

UNIX511NZA Assignment 01

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Questions

Q1) In a few sentences, describe the general architecture of your entire layout with the network monitor and interface monitors. What does each do?

Answer 01

- **Network Monitor:** The network monitor is the central system that coordinates and manages multiple interface monitors. It listens for user input, queries for the number and names of network interfaces, and starts interface monitor processes. It controls the monitoring process by instructing the interface monitors to monitor specific statistics at regular intervals. It also handles link-down events, sending instructions to bring interfaces back up, and manages graceful shutdowns.
- **Interface Monitors:** Each network interface has a corresponding interface monitor. These monitors are responsible for reading statistics from the `/sys/class/net/<interface-name>` directory, such as received and transmitted bytes, errors, and link state. If an interface goes down, the monitor sends a message to the network monitor, which instructs it to bring the link back up. The interface monitor also manages graceful shutdowns when it receives a shutdown signal from the network monitor.

Q2) Could the interface monitor and network monitor all be contained within one process, if so how?

Answer 02

Yes, it is possible for the interface monitor and network monitor to be contained within one process, though it might not be the most efficient solution. In this case, the network monitor could spawn separate threads for each interface, allowing each thread to independently monitor its respective network interface and report back to the main network monitor. However, using multiple processes allows for better isolation, scalability, and resource management.

Q3) Could the interface monitor and network monitor all be contained within one process, assuming 128 network interfaces running at several Giga-bits per second, which require a polling interval of one millisecond per interface

Answer 03

No, running 128 network interfaces at several Gbps with a polling interval of one millisecond per interface within a single process would be extremely inefficient and likely impractical. Each polling operation would need to be handled in real time, which would overwhelm a single process due to the high concurrency and the need for precise timing. A multi-process or multi-threaded approach is necessary to distribute the load efficiently and ensure the system can scale to handle the volume of traffic and the required polling frequency.

Q4) What is a software defined network? In doing so, describe the applications layer, the control layer, and the forwarding layer

Answer 04

- **Software Defined Network (SDN)** is a networking approach that centralizes network control in a software-based controller, decoupling the control plane (which makes decisions about where traffic is sent) from the data plane (which forwards traffic). SDN enables more flexible and efficient management of network resources.
- **Applications Layer:** This layer is where the network applications reside, interacting with the network to provide services such as monitoring, security, and optimization. It uses the SDN controller to communicate network requirements and receive network data.
- **Control Layer:** The control layer is the brain of the SDN, where the SDN controller resides. This layer is responsible for making decisions about how data should flow through the network based on a global view of the network's state. The controller programs the network devices (such as switches and routers) to forward traffic according to these decisions.
- **Forwarding Layer:** This is the layer where the actual physical network devices, such as switches and routers, reside. These devices forward data packets based on instructions provided by the control layer. The devices are simplified as they rely on the SDN controller for decision-making, enabling more efficient and flexible networking.

In SDN, the focus is on programmability and centralized control, allowing networks to be dynamically adjusted to meet changing needs and conditions, such as traffic loads or security requirements.

Screenshots

In this screenshot, you can see how I am able to monitor two interfaces **lo** and **enp0s1** using the network monitor and **CTRL + C** is being handled gracefully to shut down the program.

```
● aryank1511@aryanubuntu:~/Desktop/UNIX511-Seneca/_assignments/a1$ sudo ./networkMonitor
Please specify the number of interfaces to monitor: 2
Number 1: lo
Number 2: enp0s1
[networkMonitor.cpp] Interface monitor [0] - Data received:
Interface: lo state: unknown up_count: 0 down_count: 0
rx_bytes: 67107811 rx_dropped: 0 rx_errors: 0 rx_packets: 297238
tx_bytes: 67107811 tx_dropped: 0 tx_errors: 0 tx_packets: 297238

[networkMonitor.cpp] Interface monitor [1] - Data received:
Interface: enp0s1 state: up up_count: 1 down_count: 1
rx_bytes: 881186796 rx_dropped: 0 rx_errors: 0 rx_packets: 797730
tx_bytes: 67630343 tx_dropped: 0 tx_errors: 0 tx_packets: 215078

[networkMonitor.cpp] Interface monitor [1] - Data received:
Interface: enp0s1 state: up up_count: 1 down_count: 1
rx_bytes: 881188686 rx_dropped: 0 rx_errors: 0 rx_packets: 797745
tx_bytes: 67632079 tx_dropped: 0 tx_errors: 0 tx_packets: 215090

[networkMonitor.cpp] Interface monitor [0] - Data received:
Interface: lo state: unknown up_count: 0 down_count: 0
rx_bytes: 67110316 rx_dropped: 0 rx_errors: 0 rx_packets: 297262
tx_bytes: 67110316 tx_dropped: 0 tx_errors: 0 tx_packets: 297262

[networkMonitor.cpp] Interface monitor [0] - Data received:
Interface: lo state: unknown up_count: 0 down_count: 0
rx_bytes: 67113094 rx_dropped: 0 rx_errors: 0 rx_packets: 297291
tx_bytes: 67113094 tx_dropped: 0 tx_errors: 0 tx_packets: 297291

[networkMonitor.cpp] Interface monitor [1] - Data received:
Interface: enp0s1 state: up up_count: 1 down_count: 1
rx_bytes: 881190980 rx_dropped: 0 rx_errors: 0 rx_packets: 797764
tx_bytes: 67634099 tx_dropped: 0 tx_errors: 0 tx_packets: 215106

[networkMonitor.cpp] Interface monitor [1] - Data received:
Interface: enp0s1 state: up up_count: 1 down_count: 1
rx_bytes: 881192710 rx_dropped: 0 rx_errors: 0 rx_packets: 797779
tx_bytes: 67635821 tx_dropped: 0 tx_errors: 0 tx_packets: 215119

[networkMonitor.cpp] Interface monitor [0] - Data received:
Interface: lo state: unknown up_count: 0 down_count: 0
rx_bytes: 67115210 rx_dropped: 0 rx_errors: 0 rx_packets: 297312
tx_bytes: 67115210 tx_dropped: 0 tx_errors: 0 tx_packets: 297312

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[networkMonitor.cpp] CTRL-C - shutting down
[networkMonitor.cpp] Sending SIGUSR1 signal to child process (PID: 23266)...
[networkMonitor.cpp] Sending SIGUSR1 signal to child process (PID: 23267)...
[intfMonitor.cpp] Shutting down
[intfMonitor.cpp] Shutting down
[networkMonitor.cpp] A child process has exited.
[networkMonitor.cpp] A child process has exited.
[networkMonitor.cpp] Closed monitor socket 4
[networkMonitor.cpp] Closed monitor socket 5
[networkMonitor.cpp] Master socket closed.
[networkMonitor.cpp] Socket path unlinked successfully.
● aryank1511@aryanubuntu:~/Desktop/UNIX511-Seneca/_assignments/a1$
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Here you can see the output of the network monitor side-by-side with the **ifconfig** command.

```
● aryank1511@aryanubuntu:~/Desktop/UNIX511-Seneca/_assignments/a1$ sudo ./networkMonitor
Please specify the number of interfaces to monitor: 2
Number 1: lo
Number 2: enp0s1
[networkMonitor.cpp] Interface monitor [0] - Data received:
Interface: lo state: unknown up_count: 0 down_count: 0
rx_bytes: 67263707 rx_dropped: 0 rx_errors: 0 rx_packets: 298897
tx_bytes: 67263707 tx_dropped: 0 tx_errors: 0 tx_packets: 298897

[networkMonitor.cpp] Interface monitor [1] - Data received:
Interface: enp0s1 state: up up_count: 1 down_count: 1
rx_bytes: 88132375 rx_dropped: 0 rx_errors: 0 rx_packets: 798805
tx_bytes: 67755181 tx_dropped: 0 tx_errors: 0 tx_packets: 216059

[networkMonitor.cpp] Interface monitor [0] - Data received:
Interface: lo state: unknown up_count: 0 down_count: 0
rx_bytes: 67269100 rx_dropped: 0 rx_errors: 0 rx_packets: 298940
tx_bytes: 67269100 tx_dropped: 0 tx_errors: 0 tx_packets: 298940

[networkMonitor.cpp] Interface monitor [1] - Data received:
Interface: enp0s1 state: up up_count: 1 down_count: 1
rx_bytes: 88131847 rx_dropped: 0 rx_errors: 0 rx_packets: 798847
tx_bytes: 67760931 tx_dropped: 0 tx_errors: 0 tx_packets: 216098

[networkMonitor.cpp] Interface monitor [0] - Data received:
Interface: lo state: unknown up_count: 0 down_count: 0
rx_bytes: 67280944 rx_dropped: 0 rx_errors: 0 rx_packets: 298994
tx_bytes: 67280944 tx_dropped: 0 tx_errors: 0 tx_packets: 298994

[networkMonitor.cpp] Interface monitor [1] - Data received:
Interface: enp0s1 state: up up_count: 1 down_count: 1
rx_bytes: 88132321 rx_dropped: 0 rx_errors: 0 rx_packets: 798888
tx_bytes: 67770567 tx_dropped: 0 tx_errors: 0 tx_packets: 216130

[networkMonitor.cpp] Interface monitor [0] - Data received:
Interface: lo state: unknown up_count: 0 down_count: 0
rx_bytes: 67283154 rx_dropped: 0 rx_errors: 0 rx_packets: 299017
tx_bytes: 67283154 tx_dropped: 0 tx_errors: 0 tx_packets: 299017

[networkMonitor.cpp] Interface monitor [1] - Data received:
Interface: enp0s1 state: up up_count: 1 down_count: 1
rx_bytes: 88132569 rx_dropped: 0 rx_errors: 0 rx_packets: 798903
tx_bytes: 67772339 tx_dropped: 0 tx_errors: 0 tx_packets: 216144

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[networkMonitor.cpp] CTRL-C - shutting down
[networkMonitor.cpp] Sending SIGUSR1 signal to child process (PID: 23487)...
[networkMonitor.cpp] Sending SIGUSR1 signal to child process (PID: 23488)...
[intfMonitor.cpp] Shutting down
[intfMonitor.cpp] Shutting down
[networkMonitor.cpp] A child process has exited.
[networkMonitor.cpp] A child process has exited.
[networkMonitor.cpp] Closed monitor socket 4
[networkMonitor.cpp] Closed monitor socket 5
[networkMonitor.cpp] Master socket closed.
[networkMonitor.cpp] Socket path unlinked successfully.
● aryank1511@aryanubuntu:~/Desktop/UNIX511-Seneca/_assignments/a1$
```

```
● aryank1511@aryanubuntu:~/Desktop/UNIX511-Seneca/_assignments$ ifconfig
docker0: flags=4099<UP,BROADCAST,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 172.17.0.1 netmask 255.255.0.0 broadcast 172.17.255.255
    ether 02:42:f8:a0:d2:40 txqueuelen 0 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

enp0s1: flags=67<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING> mtu 1500
    inet 192.168.64.6 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.64.255
    inet6 fd19:c8d5:23a9:ab21:e877:3019:f600:ed01 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x0<global>
    inet6 fe80::60aa:fbff:fe47:9a35 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    inet6 fd19:c8d5:23a9:ab21:60aa:fbff:fe47:9a35 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x0<global>
    ether 62:aa:fb:47:9a:35 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 798500 bytes 881276200 (881.2 MB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 215810 bytes 67719983 (67.7 MB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
    inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
    inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<host>
    loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
    RX packets 298458 bytes 67220211 (67.2 MB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 298458 bytes 67220211 (67.2 MB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

● aryank1511@aryanubuntu:~/Desktop/UNIX511-Seneca/_assignments$
```

Here, you can see how there is one **networkMonitor** process and two **intfMonitor** child processes since we are monitoring two network interfaces.

```
PROBLEMS OUTPUT TERMINAL PORTS SERIAL MONITOR DEBUG CONSOLE
● aryank1511@aryanubuntu:~/Desktop/UNIX511-Seneca/_assignments/a1$ sudo ./networkMonitor
Please specify the number of interfaces to monitor: 2
Number 1: lo
Number 2: enp0s1
[networkMonitor.cpp] Interface monitor [0] - Data received:
Interface: lo state: unknown up_count: 0 down_count: 0
rx_bytes: 67450707 rx_dropped: 0 rx_errors: 0 rx_packets: 300791
tx_bytes: 67450707 tx_dropped: 0 tx_errors: 0 tx_packets: 300791

[networkMonitor.cpp] Interface monitor [1] - Data received:
Interface: enp0s1 state: up up_count: 1 down_count: 1
rx_bytes: 881458163 rx_dropped: 0 rx_errors: 0 rx_packets: 800054
tx_bytes: 67901009 tx_dropped: 0 tx_errors: 0 tx_packets: 217134

[networkMonitor.cpp] Interface monitor [0] - Data received:
Interface: lo state: unknown up_count: 0 down_count: 0
rx_bytes: 67453777 rx_dropped: 0 rx_errors: 0 rx_packets: 300824
tx_bytes: 67453777 tx_dropped: 0 tx_errors: 0 tx_packets: 300824

[networkMonitor.cpp] Interface monitor [1] - Data received:
Interface: enp0s1 state: up up_count: 1 down_count: 1
rx_bytes: 881460239 rx_dropped: 0 rx_errors: 0 rx_packets: 800072
tx_bytes: 67903225 tx_dropped: 0 tx_errors: 0 tx_packets: 217150

[networkMonitor.cpp] Interface monitor [1] - Data received:
Interface: enp0s1 state: up up_count: 1 down_count: 1
rx_bytes: 881463953 rx_dropped: 0 rx_errors: 0 rx_packets: 800103
tx_bytes: 67906915 tx_dropped: 0 tx_errors: 0 tx_packets: 217175

[networkMonitor.cpp] Interface monitor [0] - Data received:
Interface: lo state: unknown up_count: 0 down_count: 0
rx_bytes: 67458701 rx_dropped: 0 rx_errors: 0 rx_packets: 300870
tx_bytes: 67458701 tx_dropped: 0 tx_errors: 0 tx_packets: 300870

[networkMonitor.cpp] Interface monitor [1] - Data received:
Interface: enp0s1 state: up up_count: 1 down_count: 1
rx_bytes: 881465749 rx_dropped: 0 rx_errors: 0 rx_packets: 800119
tx_bytes: 67908811 tx_dropped: 0 tx_errors: 0 tx_packets: 217189

[networkMonitor.cpp] Interface monitor [0] - Data received:
Interface: lo state: unknown up_count: 0 down_count: 0
rx_bytes: 67461146 rx_dropped: 0 rx_errors: 0 rx_packets: 300896
tx_bytes: 67461146 tx_dropped: 0 tx_errors: 0 tx_packets: 300896

[networkMonitor.cpp] Interface monitor [1] - Data received:
Interface: enp0s1 state: up up_count: 1 down_count: 1
rx_bytes: 881467605 rx_dropped: 0 rx_errors: 0 rx_packets: 800135
tx_bytes: 67910533 tx_dropped: 0 tx_errors: 0 tx_packets: 217202

[networkMonitor.cpp] Interface monitor [0] - Data received:
Interface: lo state: unknown up_count: 0 down_count: 0
rx_bytes: 67463557 rx_dropped: 0 rx_errors: 0 rx_packets: 300920
tx_bytes: 67463445 tx_dropped: 0 tx_errors: 0 tx_packets: 300920

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● aryank1511@aryanubuntu:~/Desktop/UNIX511-Seneca/_assignments$ ps -a
PID TTY TIME CMD
2857 tty2 00:00:00 gnome-session-b
2739 pts/0 00:00:00 sudo
2741 pts/3 00:00:00 networkMonitor
2801 pts/3 00:00:00 intfMonitor
2803 pts/3 00:00:00 intfMonitor
2823 pts/5 00:00:00 ps
● aryank1511@aryanubuntu:~/Desktop/UNIX511-Seneca/_assignments$
```

Lastly, you can see how the interface monitor turns the interface back up if it goes down.

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PROBLEMS OUTPUT TERMINAL PORTS SERIAL MONITOR DEBUG CONSOLE
Interface: lo state: unknown up_count: 0 down_count: 0
rx_bytes: 67628846 rx_dropped: 0 rx_errors: 0 rx_packets: 382642
tx_bytes: 67628846 tx_dropped: 0 tx_errors: 0 tx_packets: 382642

[networkMonitor.cpp] Interface monitor [0] - Data received:
Interface: enp0s1 state: up up_count: 1 down_count: 1
rx_bytes: 881599404 rx_dropped: 0 rx_errors: 0 rx_packets: 881281
tx_bytes: 68040507 tx_dropped: 0 tx_errors: 0 tx_packets: 218282

[networkMonitor.cpp] Interface monitor [0] - Data received:
Interface: enp0s1 state: up up_count: 1 down_count: 1
rx_bytes: 881604354 rx_dropped: 0 rx_errors: 0 rx_packets: 881324
tx_bytes: 68044685 tx_dropped: 0 tx_errors: 0 tx_packets: 218233

[networkMonitor.cpp] Interface monitor [1] - Data received:
Interface: lo state: unknown up_count: 0 down_count: 0
rx_bytes: 67634563 rx_dropped: 0 rx_errors: 0 rx_packets: 382701
tx_bytes: 67634563 tx_dropped: 0 tx_errors: 0 tx_packets: 382701

[networkMonitor.cpp] Interface monitor [1] - Data received:
Interface: lo state: unknown up_count: 0 down_count: 0
rx_bytes: 67638232 rx_dropped: 0 rx_errors: 0 rx_packets: 382738
tx_bytes: 67638232 tx_dropped: 0 tx_errors: 0 tx_packets: 382738

[networkMonitor.cpp] Interface monitor [0] - Data received:
Interface: enp0s1 state: down up_count: 1 down_count: 1
rx_bytes: 881606980 rx_dropped: 0 rx_errors: 0 rx_packets: 881347
tx_bytes: 68047195 tx_dropped: 0 tx_errors: 0 tx_packets: 218252

[networkMonitor.cpp] Interface monitor [1] - Data received:
Interface: lo state: unknown up_count: 0 down_count: 0
rx_bytes: 67641416 rx_dropped: 0 rx_errors: 0 rx_packets: 382770
tx_bytes: 67641416 tx_dropped: 0 tx_errors: 0 tx_packets: 382770

[networkMonitor.cpp] Interface monitor [0] - Data received:
Interface: enp0s1 state: up up_count: 1 down_count: 1
rx_bytes: 881609654 rx_dropped: 0 rx_errors: 0 rx_packets: 881368
tx_bytes: 68051460 tx_dropped: 0 tx_errors: 0 tx_packets: 218283

[networkMonitor.cpp] Interface monitor [1] - Data received:
Interface: lo state: unknown up_count: 0 down_count: 0
rx_bytes: 67644210 rx_dropped: 0 rx_errors: 0 rx_packets: 382799
tx_bytes: 67644210 tx_dropped: 0 tx_errors: 0 tx_packets: 382799

[networkMonitor.cpp] Interface monitor [0] - Data received:
Interface: enp0s1 state: up up_count: 1 down_count: 1
rx_bytes: 881611768 rx_dropped: 0 rx_errors: 0 rx_packets: 881386
tx_bytes: 68053752 tx_dropped: 0 tx_errors: 0 tx_packets: 218302

[networkMonitor.cpp] Interface monitor [0] - Data received:
Interface: enp0s1 state: up up_count: 1 down_count: 1
rx_bytes: 881613796 rx_dropped: 0 rx_errors: 0 rx_packets: 881404
tx_bytes: 68055926 tx_dropped: 0 tx_errors: 0 tx_packets: 218319

[networkMonitor.cpp] Interface monitor [1] - Data received:
Interface: lo state: unknown up_count: 0 down_count: 0
rx_bytes: 67646549 rx_dropped: 0 rx_errors: 0 rx_packets: 382823
tx_bytes: 67646549 tx_dropped: 0 tx_errors: 0 tx_packets: 382823
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aryank1511@aryanubuntu:~/Desktop/UDG11-Seneca/_assignments$ sudo ip link set enp0s1 down
[sudo] password for aryank1511:
aryank1511@aryanubuntu:~/Desktop/UDG11-Seneca/_assignments$
```

