Linux Operating System and Application

Basic Network Management

Introduction to Network Management

- What is network management?
- Importance in Linux system administration
- Tools & utilities overview (CLI-focused)

/etc/hosts File

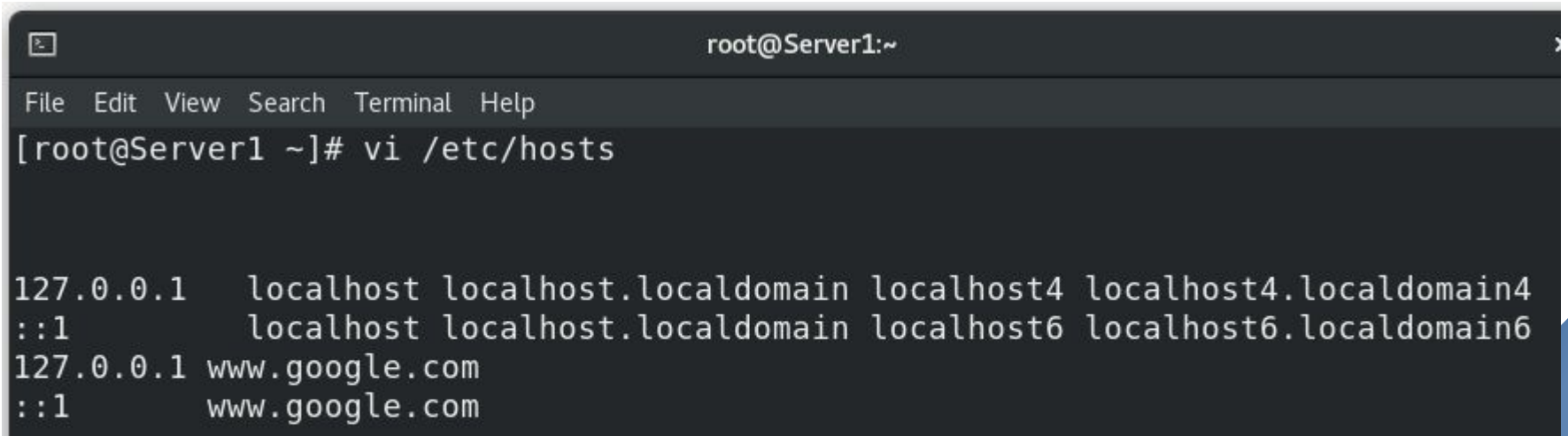
- Maps IP addresses to hostnames on the network.
- Similar to the hosts file in Windows.
- File syntax:

```
IP_address<Tab>Fully.Qualified.Domain.Name<space>[host_alias]*
```

- Example:

```
192.168.1.10      khtn.edu.vn      khtn
```

- Applications will consult this file first when resolving a hostname.



Understanding Network Interfaces

- Types of network interfaces (e.g., `eth0`, `ens33`, `lo`)
- Check interfaces with:

```
ip link show

ip link show [network_interface]
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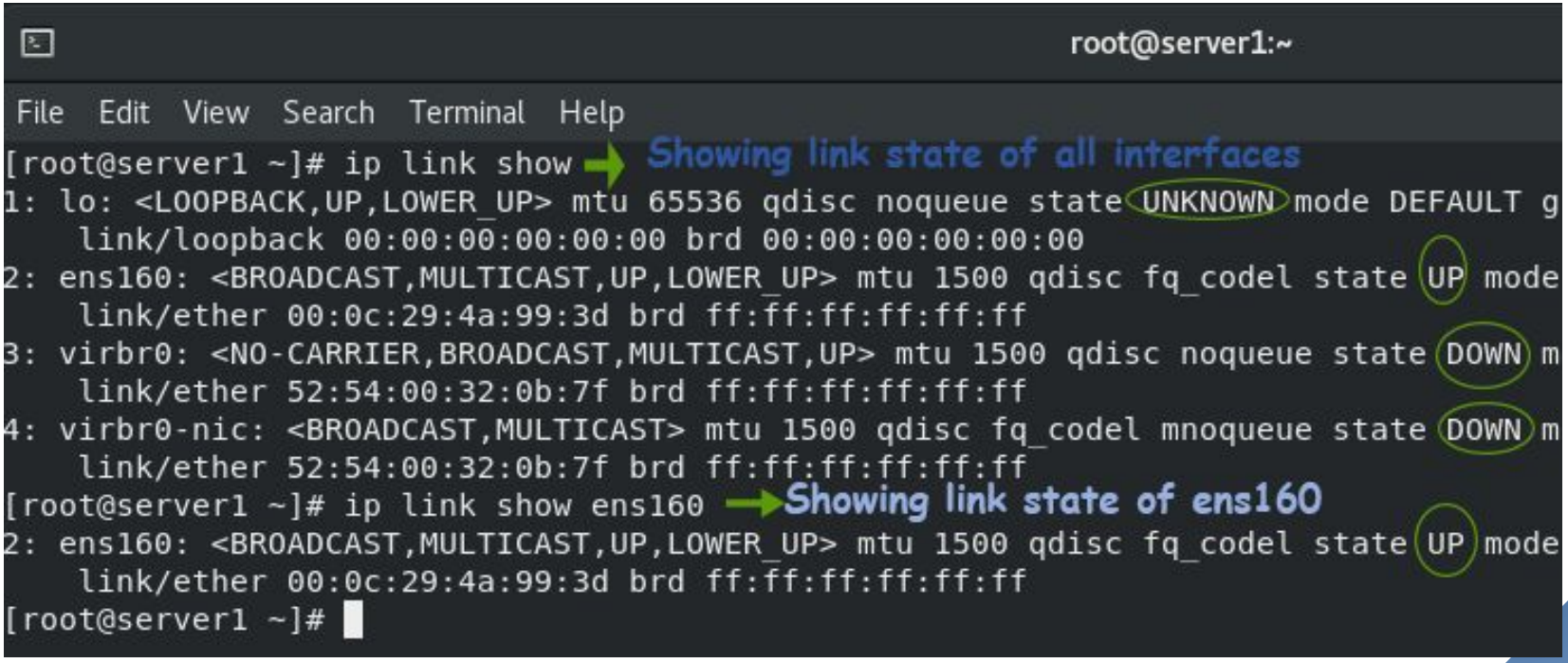
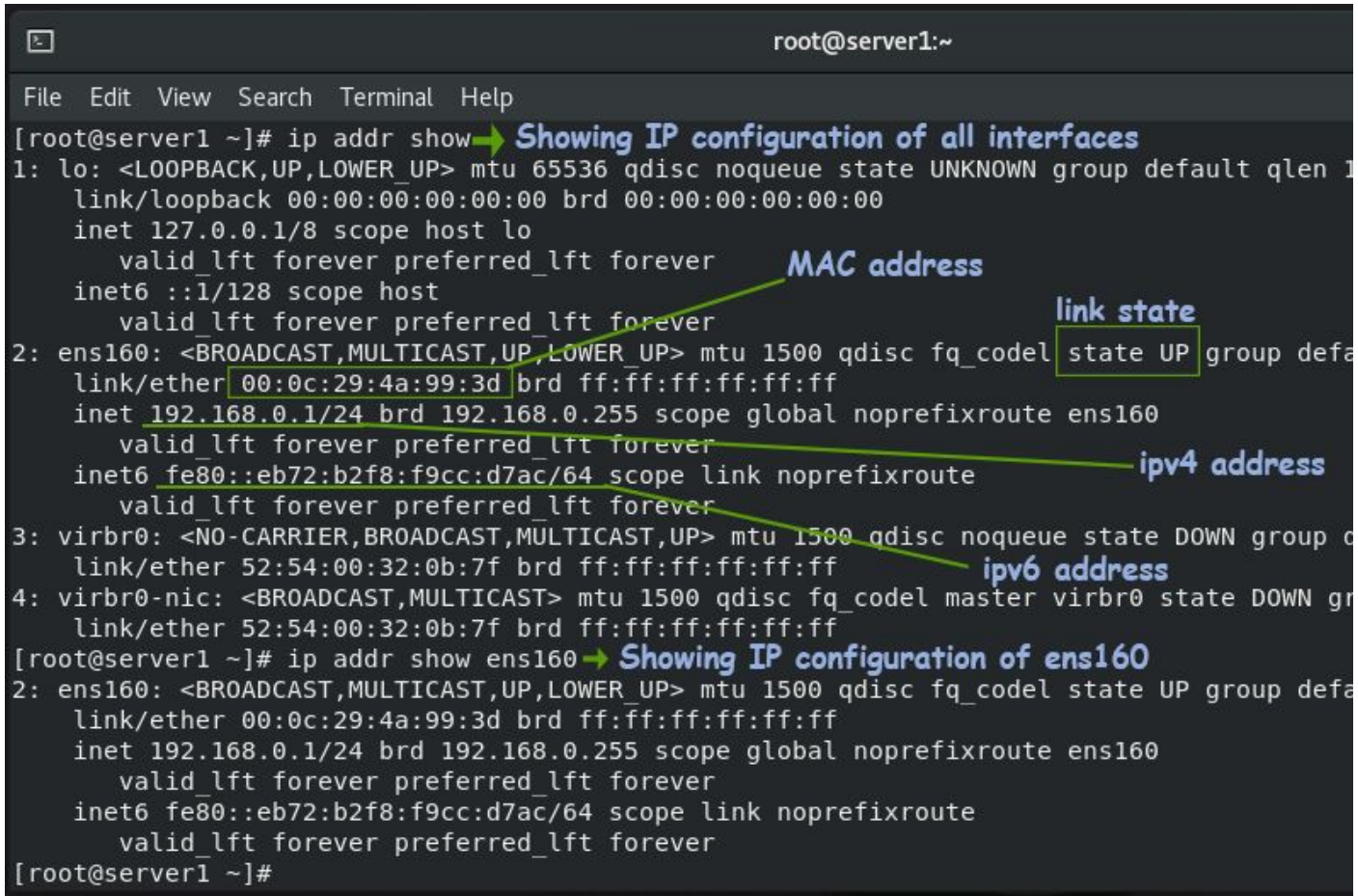


Checking IP Configuration

- View IP addresses:

```
ip addr show
ip addr show [network_interface]
```

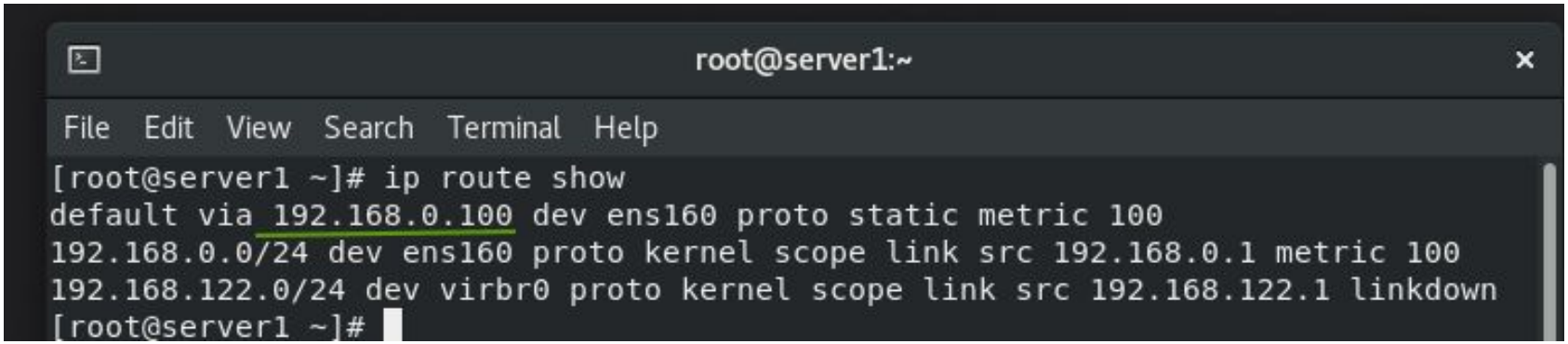


Checking IP Configuration

- Show routing table:

```
ip route show
```

This command displays the default gateway IP address. The default gateway connects the host to the remote network.

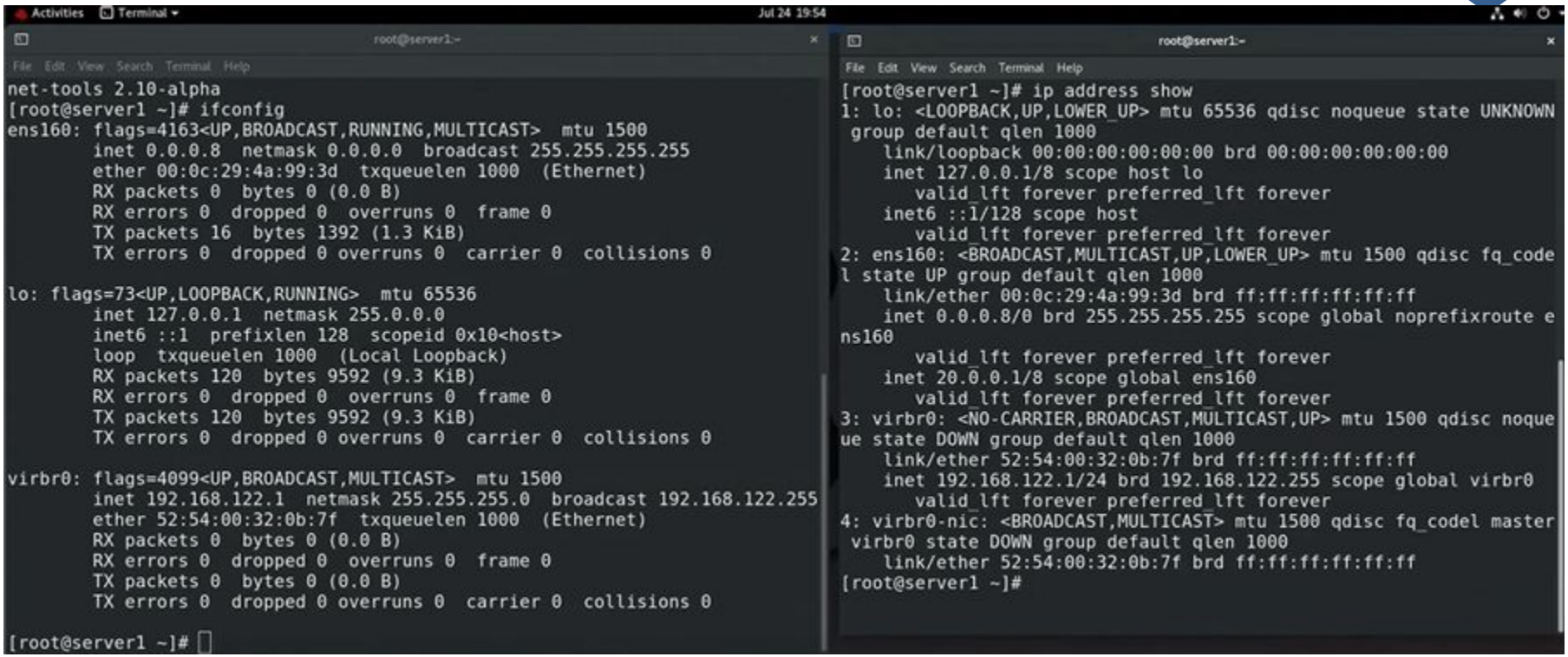


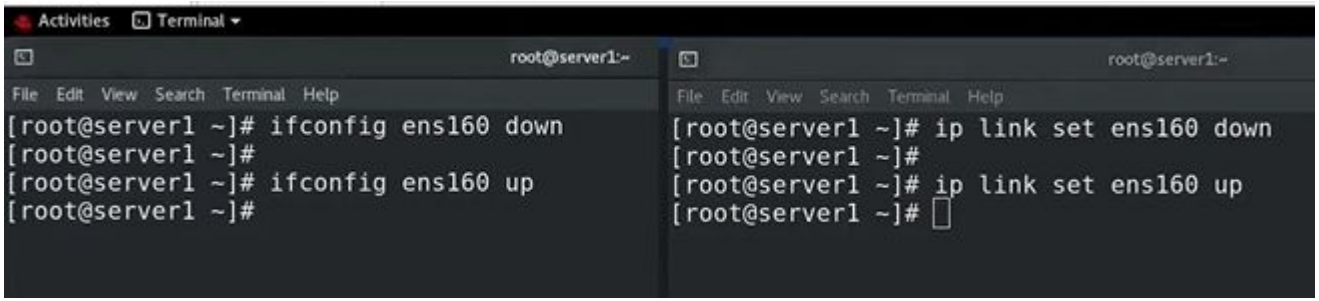
ifconfig Command (deprecated)

- The **ifconfig** command is deprecated. The **ip** command replaces the **ifconfig** command.
- In earlier versions of Linux, the **ifconfig** command was the default utility for checking and verifying IP configuration.

ifconfig command	Task	ip command
ifconfig	Show ip configuration of all interfaces	ip address show
ifconfig [*interface*]	Show ip configuration of the specified interface	ip address [*interface*]
ifconfig [*interface*] down	Bring the specified interface down	ip link set [*interface*] down
ifconfig [*interface*]	up Bring the specified interface up	ip link set [*interface*] up
ifconfig [*interface*] [*ip address*] ifconfig [*interface*] [*subnet mask*]	Assign a temporary IP address to the specified interface	ip address add [*ip address/subnet mask*] dev [*interface*]

ifconfig Command vs ip Command





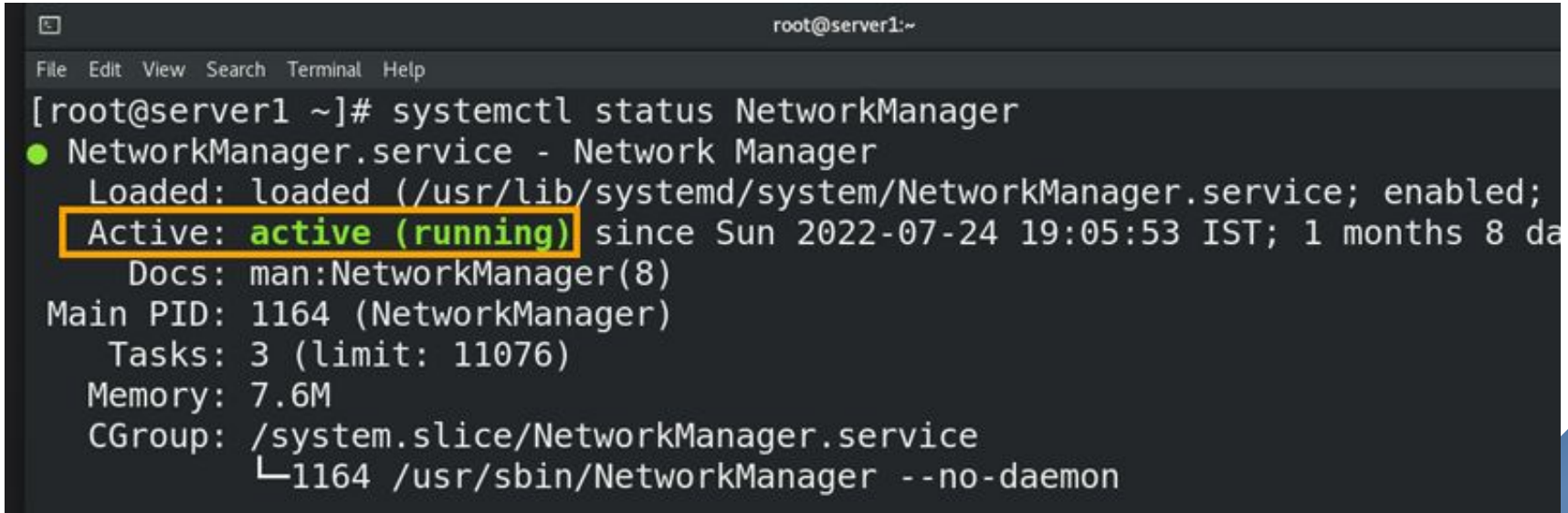
Managing Network Services (systemd & NetworkManager)

`NetworkManager:` A tool for managing network connections on Linux.

- It can manage wired (Ethernet), wireless (Wi-Fi), VPN connections...
- Main tools: nmcli and nmtui
- Start/enable/disable/restart networking service:

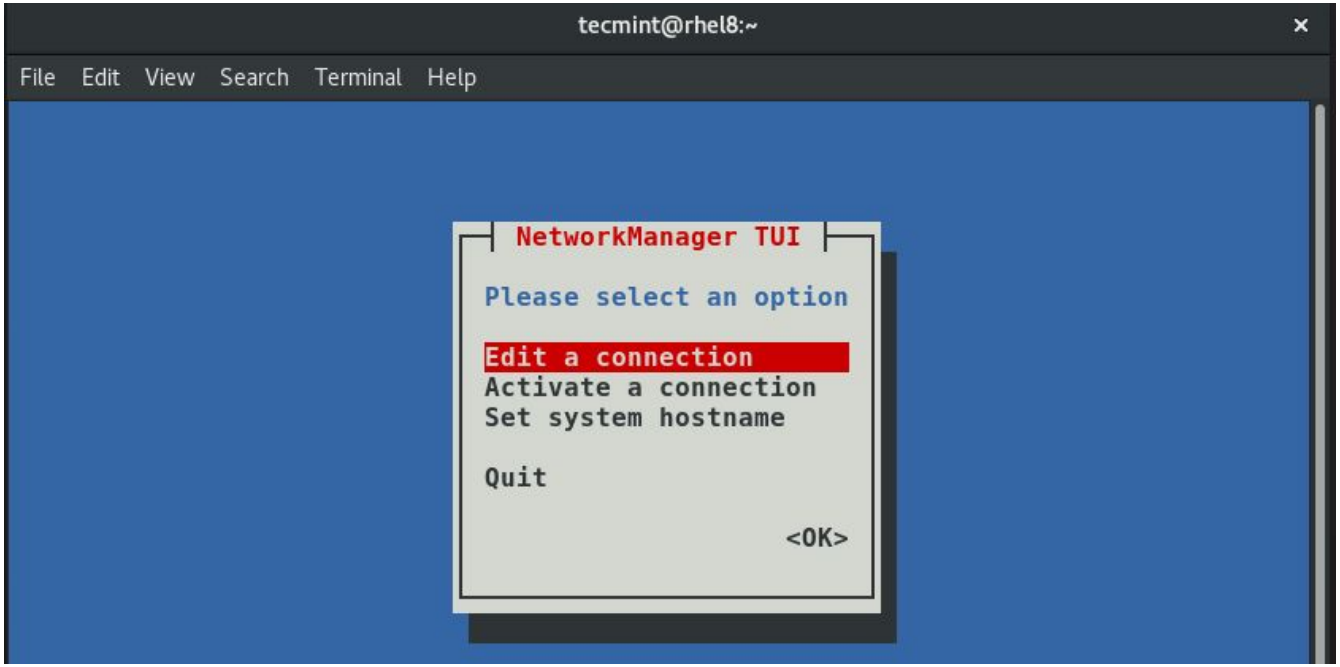
```
systemctl restart NetworkManager

systemctl enable NetworkManager
```



nmtui (NetworkManager Text User Interface)

- nmtui
  - Activate a connection: Enable or disable network connections.
  - Edit a connection: Create, modify, or delete network connections (Ethernet, Wi-Fi).
  - Set system hostname: Configure the system's hostname.



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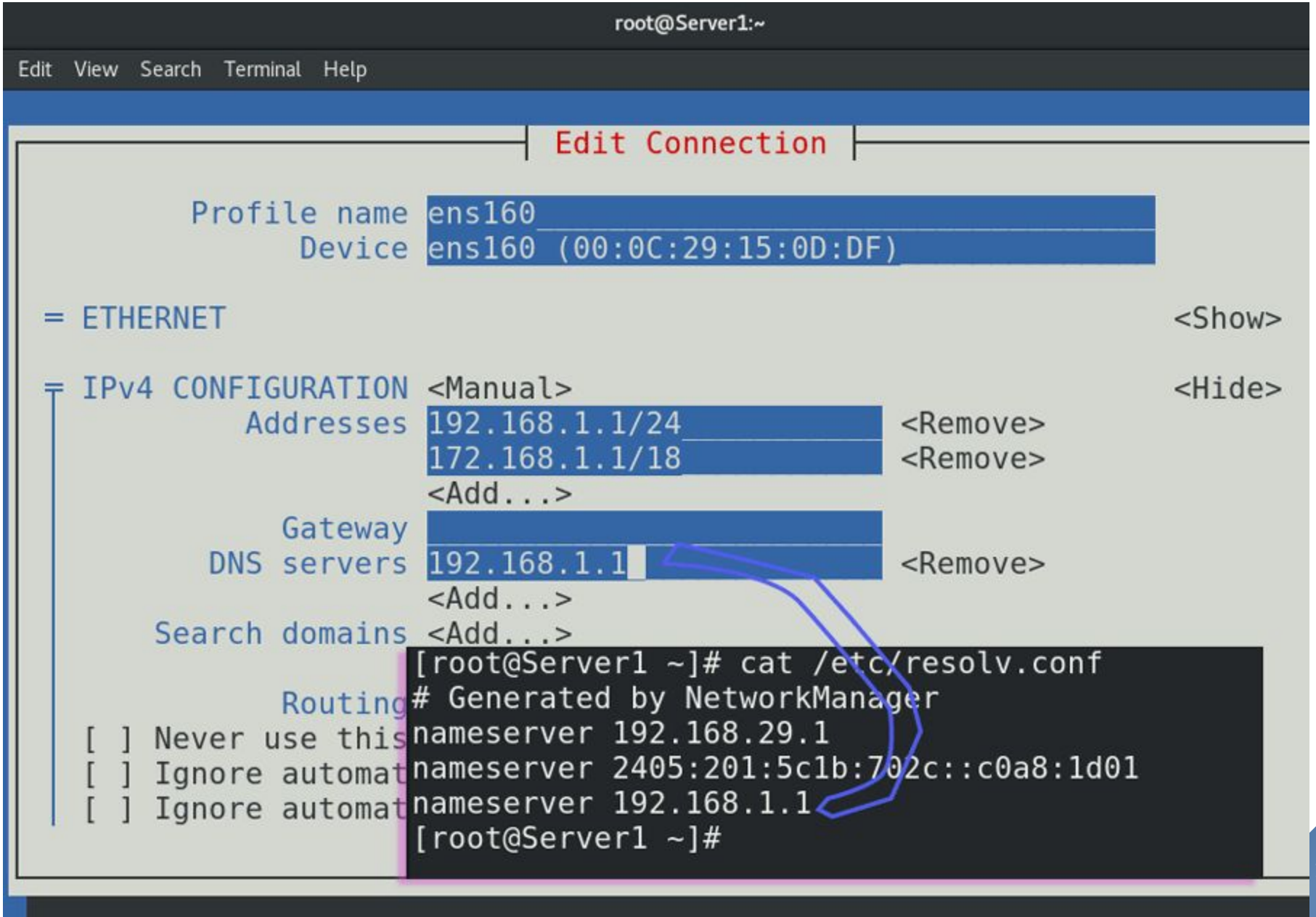


Assigning Static IP Address (CLI)

- Files to Edit: /etc/sysconfig/network-scripts/ifcfg-<interface>
- Example:

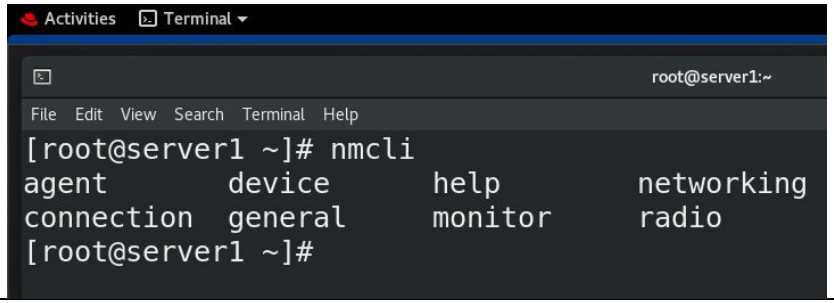
```
BOOTPROTO=static
ONBOOT=yes
IPADDR=192.168.1.100
NETMASK=255.255.255.0
GATEWAY=192.168.1.1
DNS1=8.8.8.8
```

- Reload settings:

```
# nmcli connection reload
# systemctl restart NetworkManager
```

nmcli Command

- Syntax: #nmcli [options] [section] [action]
- Section:



Section	Description
help	Used to get help related to the nmcli options and parameters
general	Used to get the status and global configuration of the NetworkManager
networking	Used to start, restart, and manage NetworkManager
radio	Used to manage wireless devices and protocols
connection	Used to manage connections
device	Used to manage network devices
agent	Used to configure and manage various security settings
monitor	Used to monitor network changes

nmcli Command Examples

- List all available network devices and their current status

  # nmcli dev status

```
[root@server1 ~]# nmcli dev status
DEVICE      TYPE      STATE                   CONNECTION
ens160      ethernet  connected               ens160
virbr0      bridge    connected (externally)  virbr0
lo          loopback  unmanaged               --
virbr0-nic  tun       unmanaged               --
[root@server1 ~]#
```

- A device can have multiple connections, view all of them.

  # nmcli con show

```
[root@server1 ~]# nmcli con show
NAME    UUID                                  TYPE      DEVICE
ens160  ed943550-b2fd-4247-89ef-cfc1384162cf  ethernet  ens160
virbr0  f3b19b6b-e1c3-499a-94eb-5db388e56f52  bridge    virbr0
[root@server1 ~]#
```

nmcli Command Examples

- Lists all configured values of the **ens160** connection

  # nmcli con show ens160

```
[root@server1 ~]# nmcli con show
NAME    UUID                                  TYPE      DEVICE
ens160  ed943550-b2fd-4247-89ef-cfc1384162cf  ethernet  ens160
virbr0  f3b19b6b-e1c3-499a-94eb-5db388e56f52  bridge    virbr0
[root@server1 ~]# nmcli con show ens160
connection.id:                          ens160
connection.uuid:                        ed943550-b2fd-4247-89ef-
connection.stable-id:                   --
connection.type:                        802-3-ethernet
connection.interface-name:              ens160
connection.autoconnect:                 yes
connection.autoconnect-priority:        0
connection.autoconnect-retries:         -1 (default)
connection.multi-connect:               0 (default)
connection.auth-retries:                -1
connection.timestamp:                   1662325376
```

nmcli Command

- Remove an active connection

  #nmcli con down [*connection name*]
- Attach a new or updated connection

  #nmcli con up [*connection name*]

DNS Configuration

- The /etc/resolv.conf file is used to define the name servers that the system will use for DNS (domain name) resolution.
- Common directives:
  - domain: Specifies the DNS domain of the system.
  - nameserver: Specifies the IP address or hostname of a name server the system will use.

```
# /etc/resolv.conf
# Our domain
domain          vbrew.com
#
# We use vlager as central nameserver:
nameserver      191.72.1.1
```

Hostname Configuration

- View current hostname:

```
hostnamectl status
```

- Change hostname:

```
hostnamectl set-hostname myserver.local
```

/etc/services File

- Contains a list of **network ports** and the **services** that use them.
- Used by various networking programs to match service names with port numbers.
- When defining a **new service**, the system administrator must add a **service name** and **port number** pair to `/etc/services`.
- **Port Ranges**
  - **Ports 0–1024**: Reserved ports (well-known, system-defined).
  - **Ports >1024**: Can be assigned as needed by applications.

```
# /etc/services: database of service names -> port/protocol
# Format: service-name  port/protocol  [aliases]  [# comment]

http          80/tcp      www        # World Wide Web HTTP
https         443/tcp                # HTTP over TLS/SSL
ssh           22/tcp                 # Secure Shell
smtp          25/tcp      mail       # Simple Mail Transfer
domain        53/udp                 # Domain Name Server
mysql         3306/tcp               # MySQL Database Service
```

Testing Network Connectivity

Tool	Purpose	Example
`ping`	Check if a host is reachable	`ping google.com`
`traceroute`	Show the path to a host	`traceroute google.com`
`curl`	Test HTTP/HTTPS request (get data)	`curl https://example.com`
`wget`	Download files from URLs	`wget https://example.com`
`dig`	Detailed DNS lookup	`dig google.com`
`nslookup`	Simple DNS query	`nslookup google.com`

Tip: Install `traceroute`, `dig`, and `nslookup` with `sudo yum install traceroute bind-utils`

Useful Network Troubleshooting Tools

Tool	Purpose	Example
`ss -tuln`	Show open TCP/UDP ports (replace `netstat`)	`ss -tuln`
`tcpdump`	Capture and analyze network traffic	`tcpdump -i eth0`
`ip -s link`	Show interface statistics (RX/TX)	`ip -s link`

Note:

- `netstat` is deprecated — use `ss` instead.
- `tcpdump` may need to be installed: `sudo yum install tcpdump`

route Command (deprecated)

Overview:

- Used to **view**, **edit**, and **manage** the system's routing table.
- Allows admins to define **custom default routes**.
- Enables manual configuration of the **default gateway**.

Use Cases:

- Configure **static routes** to specific networks.
- Set or change the system's **default gateway**.

Note:

- `route` is **deprecated** in modern systems.
- Use `ip route` instead for new configurations.

route Command

- Syntax:

```
[root@serverA /root]# route cmd type addy netmask mask gw gway dev dn
```

cmd	Either **add** or **del**, depending on whether you are adding or deleting a route. If you are deleting a route, the only other parameter you need is **addy**.
type	Either **-net** or **-host**, depending on whether **addy** represents a network address or a router address.
addy	The destination network to which you want to offer a route.
netmask *mask*	Sets the netmask of the **addy** address to ***mask***.
gw *gway*	Sets the router address for **addy** to ***gway***. Typically used for the default route.
dev *dn*	Sends all packets destined to **addy** through the network device ***dn*** as set by **ifconfig**.

route Command vs ip Command

Task	Legacy Command	Modern `ip` Command
View routing table	`route -n`	`ip route show`
Add route to network	`route add -net 192.56.76.0 netmask 255.255.255.0 eth0`	`ip route add 192.56.76.0/24 dev eth0`
Add default gateway	`route add default gw 192.168.1.254`	`ip route add default via 192.168.1.254`

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