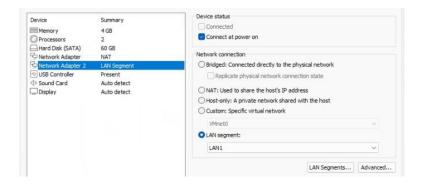
# Exercise 1 – Configuring Network Interfaces on AlmaLinux

### **Tasks to Perform on AlmaLinux:**

### Step 1:

1. In your VM configuration, add a new network interface, connect it to a new LAN segment, and name it LAN1.



# Step 2:

1. Verify that the **NetworkManager** service is successfully started.

```
$ sudo systemctl status NetworkManager
[sudo] password for gkeymole:
  NetworkManager.service - Network Manager
     Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/NetworkManager.service; enabled; preset: enabled)
     Active: active (running) since Sat 2025-03-29 18:52:00 EDT; 44s ago
      Docs: man:NetworkManager(8)
   Main PID: 1006 (NetworkManager)
      Tasks: 3 (limit: 22829)
     Memory: 10.2M
       CPU: 79ms
     CGroup: /system.slice/NetworkManager.service
Mar 29 18:52:00 server07 NetworkManager[1006]: <info> [1743288720.7779] policy: set 'ens160' (ens160) as default for
Mar 29 18:52:00 server07 NetworkManager[1006]: <info> [1743288720.7844] device (ens160): state change: ip-config ->
Mar 29 18:52:00 server07 NetworkManager[1006]: <info>
                                                      [1743288720.7876] device (ens160): state change: ip-check -> s
Mar 29 18:52:00 server07 NetworkManager[1006]: <info>
                                                      [1743288720.7879] device (ens160): state change: secondaries
Mar 29 18:52:00 server07 NetworkManager[1006]: <info>
                                                      [1743288720.7887] manager: NetworkManager state is now CONNECT
Mar 29 18:52:00 server07 NetworkManager[1006]: <info>
                                                      [1743288720.7893] device (ens160): Activation: successful, dev
Mar 29 18:52:00 server07 NetworkManager[1006]: <info>
                                                      [1743288720.7896] manager: NetworkManager state is now CONNECT
Mar 29 18:52:00 server07 NetworkManager[1006]: <info>
                                                       [1743288720.7903] manager: startup complete
Mar 29 18:52:03 server07 NetworkManager[1006]: <info>
                                                       [1743288723.2225] agent-manager: agent[1cb72489250a9440,:1.24/
    29 18:52:10 server07 NetworkManager[1006]: <info>
                                                       [1743288730.9081] agent-manager: agent[43b3950362fb4132,:1.68,
lines 1-21/21 (END)
 gkeymole@server07 ~ $ nmcli general status
```

```
gkeymole@server07 ~ $ nmcli general status
STATE CONNECTIVITY WIFI-HW WIFI WWAN-HW WWAN METERED
connected full missing enabled missing enabled no (guessed)
gkeymole@server07 ~ $
```

#### Using the **nmcli** tool:

2. List and check the status of all network interfaces on your computer.

3. List the connections of all network interfaces.

```
keymole@server07 -
                   $ nmcli connection show
NAME
        UUID
                                                        DEVICE
 gkeymole@server07 ~ $
gkeymole@server07
                   $ nmcli
        "VMware VMXNET3"
        ethernet (vmxnet3), 00:0C:29:91:68:21, hw, mtu 1500
        ip4 default
        inet4 192.168.198.128/24
        route4 192.168.198.0/24 metric 100
        route4 default via 192.168.198.2 metric 100
        inet6 fe80::20c:29ff:fe91:6821/64
        route6 fe80::/64 metric 1024
        "lo"
        loopback (unknown), 00:00:00:00:00:00, sw, mtu 65536
        inet4 127.0.0.1/8
        inet6 ::1/128
        route6 ::1/128 metric 256
DNS configuration:
        servers: 192.168.198.2
        domains: localdomain
        interface: ens160
```

4. List the details of your active connection.

```
ver07 ~ $ nmcli connection show ens160
connection.id:
connection.uuid:
                                        4flea044-afb6-319d-bb0b-7d899f8f71e7
connection.stable-id:
connection.type:
                                        802-3-ethernet
connection.interface-name:
connection.autoconnect:
                                        yes
connection.autoconnect-priority:
                                        -999
connection.autoconnect-retries:
                                        -1 (default)
connection.multi-connect:
                                        0 (default)
connection.auth-retries:
                                        1743288720
connection.timestamp:
connection.permissions:
connection.controller:
connection.master:
connection.slave-type:
connection.port-type:
connection.autoconnect-slaves:
                                        -1 (default)
connection.autoconnect-ports:
                                        -1 (default)
                                        -1 (default)
connection.down-on-poweroff:
connection.secondaries:
connection.gateway-ping-timeout:
connection.metered:
                                        unknown
connection.lldp:
                                        default
connection.mdns:
                                        -1 (default)
connection.llmnr:
                                        -1 (default)
connection.dns-over-tls:
                                        -1 (default)
gkeymole@server07 ~ $ nmcli connection show ens160 | grep IP
GENERAL.IP-IFACE:
                                          ens160
IP4.ADDRESS[1]:
                                          192.168.198.128/24
IP4.GATEWAY:
                                          192.168.198.2
IP4.ROUTE[1]:
                                          dst = 192.168.198.0/24, nh = 0.0.0.0, mt = 100
                                          dst = 0.0.0.0/0, nh = 192.168.198.2, mt = 100
IP4.ROUTE[2]:
                                          192.168.198.2
IP4.DNS[1]:
IP4.DOMAIN[1]:
                                          localdomain
IP6.ADDRESS[1]:
                                          fe80::20c:29ff:fe91:6821/64
IP6.GATEWAY:
IP6.ROUTE[1]:
                                          dst = fe80::/64, nh = ::, mt = 1024
```

- 5. Create a new connection for the new interface added in Step 1, with the following details:
  - a. Connection name: LAN1
  - b. Manual IP address: 192.168.50.10/24

```
gkeymole@server07 ~ $ nmcli connection add type ethernet con-name LAN1 ifname ens192 ip4 192.168.50.10/24
Connection 'LAN1' (3b7aa2ad-88a5-475c-8c51-bf6ea4b7c903) successfully added.
gkeymole@server07 ~ $
```

6. List the details of this new LAN1 network connection (with the new configuration)

```
$ nmcli connection show LAN1
connection.id:
                                         LAN1
connection.uuid:
                                         3b7aa2ad-88a5-475c-8c51-bf6ea4b7c903
connection.stable-id:
connection.type:
                                         802-3-ethernet
connection.interface-name:
                                         ens192
connection.autoconnect:
connection.autoconnect-priority:
                                         -1 (default)
connection.autoconnect-retries:
connection.multi-connect:
                                         0 (default)
connection.auth-retries:
                                         1743290772
connection.timestamp:
connection.permissions:
connection.master:
connection.slave-type:
connection.port-type:
connection.autoconnect-slaves:
                                         -1 (default)
                                         -1 (default)
connection.autoconnect-ports:
connection.down-on-poweroff:
                                         -1 (default)
connection.secondaries:
connection.gateway-ping-timeout:
connection.metered:
                                         unknown
connection.lldp:
                                         default
                                         -1 (default)
connection.mdns:
connection.llmnr:
```

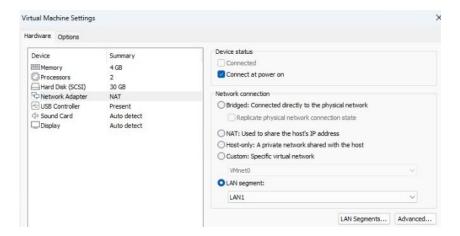
Note: Keep the session open on AlmaLinux and log in on the Ubuntu machine.

# Exercise 2 - Configuring Network Interfaces on Ubuntu

### Tasks to Perform on Ubuntu:

# Step 1:

1. In your VM configuration, modify the NAT network interface and connect it to the LAN1 segment.



# Step 2:

1. Verify that the **NetworkManager** service is successfully started.

```
keymole@client07:-$ sudo systemctl status NetworkManager
 [sudo] password for gkeymole:
 NetworkManager.service - Network Manager
      Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/NetworkManager.service; enabled; vendor preset: enabled)
      Active: active (running) since Sat 2025-03-29 19:39:42 EDT; 1min 14s ago
        Docs: man:NetworkManager(8)
   Main PID: 575 (NetworkManager)
       Tasks: 3 (limit: 4549)
      Memory: 10.6M
         CPU: 113ms
      CGroup: /system.slice/NetworkManager.service

-575 /usr/sbin/NetworkManager --no-daemon
Mar 29 19:40:28 client07 NetworkManager[575]: <warn>
Mar 29 19:40:28 client07 NetworkManager[575]: <info>
                                                                  [1743291628.6143] device (ens33): Activation: failed for connection 'Wired con
                                                                   [1743291628.6143] device (ens33): state change: failed -> disconnected (reason
Mar 29 19:40:28 client07 NetworkManager[575]: <info>
                                                                  [1743291628.6278] dhcp4 (ens33): canceled DHCP transaction
Mar 29 19:40:28 client07 NetworkManager[575]: <info>
Mar 29 19:40:28 client07 NetworkManager[575]: <info>
Mar 29 19:40:28 client07 NetworkManager[575]: <info>
                                                                   [1743291628.6282] policy: auto-activating connection 'Wired connection 1' (eb3
                                                                   [1743291628.6284] device (ens33): Activation: starting connection 'Wired conne
                                                                  [1743291628.6284] device (ens33): state change: disconnected -> prepare (reaso
Mar 29 19:40:28 client07 NetworkManager[575]: <info>
                                                                   [1743291628.6285] manager: NetworkManager state is now CONNECTING
                                                                  [1743291628.6286] device (ens33): state change: prepare -> config (reason 'non
[1743291628.6325] device (ens33): state change: config -> ip-config (reason 'n
Mar 29 19:40:28 client07 NetworkManager[575]: <info>
Mar 29 19:40:28 client07 NetworkManager[575]: <info>
Mar 29 19:40:28 client07 NetworkManager[575]: <info>
                                                                  [1743291628.6355] dhcp4 (ens33): activation: beginning transaction (timeout in
 gkeymole@client07:~$ nmcli general status
              CONNECTIVITY WIFI-HW WIFI
                                                     WWAN-HW WWAN
STATE
 gkeymole@client07:~$
```

# Using the nmcli tool:

2. List and check the status of all network interfaces on your computer.

3. List the connections of all network interfaces.

4. List the details of your active connection.

```
gkeymole@client07:-$ nmcli
ens33: disconnected
   "Intel 82545EM"
        1 connection available
        ethernet (e1000), 00:0C:29:3A:95:95, hw, mtu 1500

lo: unmanaged
        "lo"
        loopback (unknown), 00:00:00:00:00:0, sw, mtu 65536

Use "nmcli device show" to get complete information about known devices and
"nmcli connection show" to get an overview on active connection profiles.

Consult nmcli(1) and nmcli-examples(7) manual pages for complete usage details.
gkeymole@client07:-$
```

5. Delete the current connection (if any).

```
gkeymole@client07:-$ nmcli connection show

NAME UUID
Wired connection 1 eb3ccebb-a88e-3d95-966f-38a27045b6f5 ethernet --
gkeymole@client07:-$ nmcli connection delete Wired\ connection\ 1
Connection 'Wired connection 1' (eb3ccebb-a88e-3d95-966f-38a27045b6f5) successfully deleted.
gkeymole@client07:-$
```

6. Create a new connection with the following details:

a. Connection name: LAN1

b. Manual IP address: 192.168.50.20/24

c. Default Gateway: 192.168.50.10

d. DNS server: 8.8.8.8

7. List the details of this new network connection (with the new configuration).

```
keymole@client07:~$ nmcli
             "Intel 82545EM"
            ethernet (e1000), 00:0C:29:3A:95:95, hw, mtu 1500
            ip4 default
            inet4 192.168.50.20/24
            route4 192.168.50.0/24 metric 100
            route4 default via 192.168.50.10 metric 20100
            route4 169.254.0.0/16 metric 1000
            inet6 fe80::6737:a195:3fb7:2bf1/64
            route6 fe80::/64 metric 1024
                                                                                                                 :-<u>$ nmcli</u>connection show LAN1 | grep IP
                                                                                              GENERAL.IP-IFACE:
IP4.ADDRESS[1]:
                                                                                                                                           ens33
192.168.50.20/24
lo: unmanaged
                                                                                                                                          192.168.50.074
192.168.50.094
dst = 192.168.50.0/24, nh = 0.0.0.0, mt = 100
dst = 0.0.0.0/0, nh = 192.168.50.10, mt = 20100
dst = 169.254.0.0/16, nh = 0.0.0.0, mt = 1000
8.8.8.8
fe80::6737:a195:3fb7:2bf1/64
                                                                                                P4.GATEWAY:
P4.ROUTE[1]
             "lo"
            loopback (unknown), 00:00:00:00:00:00, sw, mtu 65536
                                                                                                4.ROUTE[2]
                                                                                                4.ROUTE[2]:
4.ROUTE[3]:
4.DNS[1]:
6.ADDRESS[1]:
6.GATEWAY:
DNS configuration:
            servers: 8.8.8.8
                                                                                                                                           dst = fe80::/64, nh = ::, mt = 1024
                                                                                                6.ROUTE[1]:
            interface: ens33
```

#### Step 3: Testing the connectivity between the two VMs:

1. Use the ping command to test the connection with the AlmaLinux VM.

```
ping 192.168.50.10
```

You must successfully ping the AlmaLinux VM.

```
gkeymole@client07:-$ ping -c 4 192.168.50.10
PING 192.168.50.10 (192.168.50.10) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 192.168.50.10: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.329 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.50.10: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.229 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.50.10: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.219 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.50.10: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.265 ms
--- 192.168.50.10 ping statistics ---
4 packets transmitted, 4 received, 0% packet loss, time 3081ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 0.219/0.260/0.329/0.043 ms
gkeymole@client07:-$
```

2. Return to the AlmaLinux machine and test the connection with the Ubuntu VM.

```
ping 192.168.50.20
```

You must also successfully ping the Ubuntu VM.

```
gkeymole@server07 - $ ping -c 4 192.168.50.20

PING 192.168.50.20 (192.168.50.20) 56(84) bytes of data.

64 bytes from 192.168.50.20: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=6.78 ms

64 bytes from 192.168.50.20: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.213 ms

64 bytes from 192.168.50.20: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.216 ms

64 bytes from 192.168.50.20: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.252 ms

--- 192.168.50.20 ping statistics ---

4 packets transmitted, 4 received, 0% packet loss, time 3073ms

rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 0.213/1.864/6.777/2.836 ms

gkeymole@server07 - $
```

# Exercise 3 - Routing Configuration

#### Tasks to Perform on AlmaLinux:

1. Enable IP forwarding in the kernel settings and ensure it remains active after reboot.

```
[root@server07 ~]# sysctl -w net.ipv4.ip_forward=1
net.ipv4.ip_forward = 1
[root@server07 ~]# echo "net.ipv4.ip_forward=1" >> /etc/sysctl.conf
[root@server07 ~]#
```

2. Assign the network interfaces in the appropriate **Firewall zones**.

```
[root@server07 ~]# nmcli connection show

NAME UUID TYPE DEVICE
ens160 4flea044-afb6-319d-bb0b-7d899f8f71e7 ethernet ens160

LAN1 3b7aa2ad-88a5-475c-8c51-bf6ea4b7c903 ethernet ens192
lo 57e46995-2bf2-47f6-9a9e-224bc840ad8e loopback lo
[root@server07 ~]# nmcli connection modify ens160 connection.id NAT
[root@server07 ~]# nmcli connection show

NAME UUID TYPE DEVICE

NAT 4flea044-afb6-319d-bb0b-7d899f8f71e7 ethernet ens160

LAN1 3b7aa2ad-88a5-475c-8c51-bf6ea4b7c903 ethernet ens192
lo 57e46995-2bf2-47f6-9a9e-224bc840ad8e loopback lo
[root@server07 ~]#
```

```
[root@server07 ~]# firewall-cmd --get-zones
block dmz drop external home internal nm-shared public trusted work
[root@server07 ~]# nmcli connection modify NAT con.zone external
[root@server07 ~]# nmcli connection down NAT | nmcli connection up NAT
Connection successfully activated (D-Bus active path: /org/freedesktop/NetworkManager/ActiveConnection/7)
[root@server07 ~]# nmcli connection down NAT; nmcli connection up NAT
Connection 'NAT' successfully deactivated (D-Bus active path: /org/freedesktop/NetworkManager/ActiveConnection/7)
Connection successfully activated (D-Bus active path: /org/freedesktop/NetworkManager/ActiveConnection/8)
[root@server07 ~]#
```

```
[root@server07 ~]# nmcli connection modify LAN1 con.zone nm-shared
[root@server07 ~]# nmcli connection down LAN1 ; nmcli connection up LAN1
Connection 'LAN1' successfully deactivated (D-Bus active path: /org/freedesktop/NetworkManager/ActiveConnection/6)
Connection successfully activated (D-Bus active path: /org/freedesktop/NetworkManager/ActiveConnection/9)
[root@server07 ~]#
```

3. Verify that the interfaces are correctly assigned to their respective Firewall zones.

```
[root@server07 ~]# firewall-cmd --get-active-zones
external
  interfaces: ens160
nm-shared
  interfaces: ens192
[root@server07 ~]#
```

4. List the firewall rules associated with each zone.

```
[root@server07 ~]# firewall-cmd --list-all --zone=external
external (active)
  target: default
  icmp-block-inversion: no
  interfaces: ens160
  sources:
  services: ssh
  ports:
  protocols:
  forward: yes
 masquerade: yes
  forward-ports:
  source-ports:
  icmp-blocks:
  rich rules:
 root@server07 ~]#
```

```
[root@server07 ~]# firewall-cmd --list-all --zone=nm-shared
nm-shared (active)
  target: ACCEPT
  icmp-block-inversion: no
  interfaces: ens192
  sources:
  services: dhcp dns ssh
 ports:
 protocols: icmp ipv6-icmp
  forward: no
 masquerade: no
  forward-ports:
  source-ports:
 icmp-blocks:
  rich rules:
        rule priority="32767" reject
root@server07 ~]#
```

## Tasks to Perform on Ubuntu:

1. Send three ping requests to any **external website**. This must work. If not, recheck your configuration on the AlmaLinux side.

```
gkeymole@client07:-$ ping -c' 3 google.com
PING google.com (142.250.69.78) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from tzyula-aa-in-f14.1e100.net (142.250.69.78): icmp_seq=1 ttl=127 time=2.06 ms
64 bytes from tzyula-aa-in-f14.1e100.net (142.250.69.78): icmp_seq=2 ttl=127 time=1.93 ms
64 bytes from tzyula-aa-in-f14.1e100.net (142.250.69.78): icmp_seq=3 ttl=127 time=1.76 ms
--- google.com ping statistics ---
3 packets transmitted, 3 received, 0% packet loss, time 2004ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 1.759/1.914/2.059/0.122 ms
gkeymole@client07:-$
```

2. Open **Firefox** and try to connect to the internet. It must work. If not, verify the AlmaLinux settings again.

