# Remote connection to your Raspberry Pi

### Checking your IP address from the terminal

We can use a command to check the different internet connections available on our system: ifconfig or ifconfig -a.

```
$ ifconfig
```

This command allows to know the IP addresses assigned to our RPi. The *wlan0*, indicates the status of the WiFi, and *eth0* shows the status of the Ethernet (wired) connection). In the next screen shoot shows an example of a RPi connected to the internet using the ethernet port. The red oval shows where to find the IP address assigned to the RPi.

```
ifconfig
eth0
         Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr b8:27:eb:8a:16:3c
          inet addr:155.198 Bcast:155.198
         inet6 addr: 2001:630:12:1027:c5c0:89b:49f9:3256/64 Scope:Global
         inet6 addr: fe80::113e:d0e3:ce3c:eb0c/64 Scope:Link
         UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST MTU:1500 Metric:1
         RX packets:8908137 errors:0 dropped:222 overruns:0 frame:0
         TX packets:3734940 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
         collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
         RX bytes:1349950831 (1.2 GiB) TX bytes:2241920928 (2.0 GiB)
lo
         Link encap:Local Loopback
         inet addr:127.0.0.1 Mask:255.0.0.0
          inet6 addr: ::1/128 Scope:Host
         UP LOOPBACK RUNNING MTU:65536 Metric:1
         RX packets:208 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
         TX packets:208 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
         collisions:0 txqueuelen:1
         RX bytes:17240 (16.8 KiB) TX bytes:17240 (16.8 KiB)
wlan0
         Link encap: Ethernet HWaddr b8:27:eb:df:43:69
         inet6 addr: fe80::ccdf:6559:a515:3c0f/64 Scope:Link
         UP BROADCAST MULTICAST MTU:1500 Metric:1
         RX packets:1786884 errors:0 dropped:4 overruns:0 frame:0
         TX packets:0 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
         collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
         RX bytes:605441611 (577.3 MiB) TX bytes:0 (0.0 B)
```

If you do not know what is an **IP address**, please go to the next link for a quick explanation. The IPs can be dynamic or static, but what is the difference? When a device is assigned a static IP address, the address does not change. Most devices use dynamic IP addresses, which are assigned by the network when they connect and change over time.

# Why do I need to know my IP address?

We already know how to connect through weaved service, but we know the connection last just 30 minutes and lets just to work on a terminal session at the time. Therefore, with the help of weave and another command we can connect to or RPi for longer and using multiple terminals.

- First connect as usual to your weaved account and then connect to your RPi using the terminal of your laptop of desktop as you already did when you set up weaved.
- Then, you need to know the IP address assigned to your RPi:

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#### \$ ifconfig

Once you know the IP (e.g. your IP is 192.31.123.122), you can access using other terminal to the RPi as:

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$ ssh pi@192.31.123.122
```

Remember that the **root username** is **pi**, the syntax for the ssh command is: ssh username@IP or ssh username@machine\_name.

**Note:** Since at Imperial network the IPs are dynamic, the IP is constantly changing, so could be that the IP changes in a day or hours (could be sometimes longer) and you need to repeat the procedure using weaved.

## Copying files from my laptop to my RPi

### Using terminal

If are programing in your laptop and you want to transfer your code to test it in your RPi, you can use either Security Shell (ssh) or File Transfer Protocol (sftp).

#### SSH

Commands	Description	Example	Syntax
scp	Copy files from your machine to your RPi.	<pre>scp program.py pi@123.232.232.3:/home/pi</pre>	<pre>scp filename username@IP_of_machine:/path/where/to/Co</pre>
scp -r	Copy folders from your machine to your RPi.	scp -r code pi@123.232.232.3:/home/pi	<pre>scp -r folder username@IP_of_machine:/path/where/to/Co</pre>

#### **SFTP**

Commands	Description	Example	Syntax
sftp	Establishing SFTP session.	sftp pi@123.232.232.3	sftp username@remote_hostname_or_I
		sftp pi@123.232.232.3:/home/pi/code	<pre>sftp username@remote_hostname_or_IP:/pa</pre>

Establishing	
SFTP	
session	
from where	
we want to	
get or put a	
file.	

Once establish the connection through SFTP, we can transfer files as:

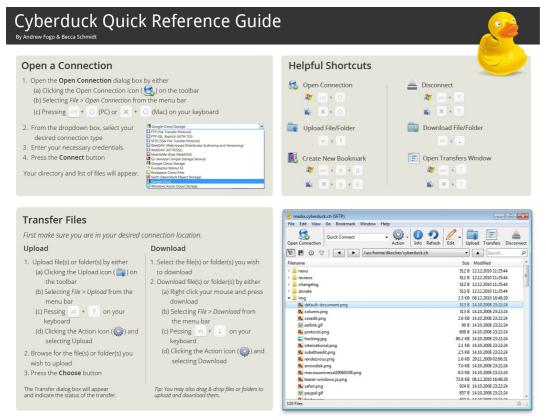
Description	Description	Syntax	
Transferring Remote Files to the Local System			
	Copy the remote file to a different name by specifying the name afterwards.	get remoteFile localFile	
	Copy a directory and all of its contents by specifying the recursive option.	get -r someDirectory	
Transferring Local Files to the Remote System	We can use the command "put".	put localFile	
	The same flags that work with "get" apply to "put". So to copy an entire local directory	put -r localDirectory	

Note: More details and examples of SFTP in this link.

### **Using Software**

Instead a terminal, we can use to transfer files using a software that mounts any remote server storage as a local disk in the Finder.app on Mac and the File Explorer on Windows. We suggest:

Cyberduck



**Foot Note:** The next command is for updating and upgrading the Linux packages in the operative system, but it won't be executed during the workshop since it can take a while. It is always good to keep the system up to date:

\$ sudo apt-get -y update && sudo apt-get -y upgrade