NETWORK TROUBLESHOOTING AND MONITORING

Adapted from Linux Foundation

4.1 Learning Objectives

By the end of this session, you should be able to:

- Explain network troubleshooting from a client perspective.
- Explain network troubleshooting from a server perspective.

• Test:

192.168.0.5

4.2 Networking Troubleshooting

When dealing with network services, one often has to troubleshoot problems which crop up. One should keep in mind that there is a client-side, and a server-side to each network connection:

- Network services require a working network.
- Consider client and server connectivity.

4.3 Simple Client Troubleshooting

The basics of network troubleshooting usually deal with basic connectivity testing. You can use the tools **ping**, **traceroute**, and **nmap** to test connectivity. Remember to test both **DNS** hostnames and **IP** addresses to diagnose **DNS**-related issues.

Ping

[-m mark] [-M pmtudisc option] [-N node-info option] [-w deadline] [-W timeout] [-p pattern] [-Q tos] [-s

ping [-aAbBdDfhLnOqrRUvV] [-c count] [-F flowlabel] [-i interval] [-I interface] [-l preload]

ping, ping6 - send ICMP ECHO REQUEST to network hosts

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SYNOPSIS

```
vagrant@vagrant:~$ ping www.google.com
PING www.google.com (172.217.1.36) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from ord37s07-in-f36.1e100.net (172.217.1.36): icmp_seq=1 ttl=63 time=17.8 ms
64 bytes from ord37s07-in-f36.1e100.net (172.217.1.36): icmp_seq=2 ttl=63 time=19.6 ms
64 bytes from ord37s07-in-f36.1e100.net (172.217.1.36): icmp_seq=3 ttl=63 time=19.0 ms
64 bytes from ord37s07-in-f36.1e100.net (172.217.1.36): icmp_seq=4 ttl=63 time=19.0 ms
64 bytes from ord37s07-in-f36.1e100.net (172.217.1.36): icmp_seq=4 ttl=63 time=18.2 ms
64 bytes from ord37s07-in-f36.1e100.net (172.217.1.36): icmp_seq=5 ttl=63 time=19.3 ms
64 bytes from ord37s07-in-f36.1e100.net (172.217.1.36): icmp_seq=6 ttl=63 time=19.8 ms
```

Traceroute

```
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       traceroute - print the route packets trace to network host
SYNOPSIS
       traceroute [-46dFITUnreAV] [-f first ttl] [-g gate,...]
               [-i device] [-m max ttl] [-p port] [-s src addr]
               [-q nqueries] [-N squeries] [-t tos]
               [-l flow label] [-w waittime] [-z sendwait] [-UL]
               [-P proto] [--sport=port] [-M method] [-O mod options]
               [--mtul [--back]
               host [packet len]
       traceroute6 [options]
       tcptraceroute [options]
       lft [options]
```

Traceroute

```
vagrant@vagrant:~$ traceroute www.google.com
traceroute to www.google.com (172.217.9.68), 30 hops max, 60 byte packets
   10.0.2.2 (10.0.2.2) 0.080 ms 0.128 ms 0.107 ms
   Nittany1-ve991.gw.psu.edu (104.39.0.3) 3.064 ms 3.445 ms 3.517 ms
   172.30.24.110 (172.30.24.110) 2.285 ms 2.636 ms 2.534 ms
   * 172.30.63.228 (172.30.63.228) 3.294 ms 3.218 ms
   172.30.5.102 (172.30.5.102) 3.127 ms 3.066 ms 2.859 ms
   et-11-0-5.2365.rtsw.chic.net.internet2.edu (64.57.20.16)
                                                          17.709 ms
17.545ms
   lo-0.8.rtsw2.eqch.net.internet2.edu (64.57.29.130) 17.803 ms 17.826 ms 17.869 ms
   74.125.49.146 (74.125.49.146) 19.115 ms 18.121 ms 72.14.220.117
17.880 ms
   * 108.170.243.193 (108.170.243.193) 18.642 ms 18.827 ms
   72.14.239.115 (72.14.239.115) 18.716 ms 72.14.239.123
18.740 ms
   ord38s09-in-f4.1e100.net
                                           18.846 ms
                                                      18.582 ms
```

nmap

```
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nmap - Network exploration tool and security / port scanner

SYNOPSIS

nmap [Scan Type...] [Options] {target specification}
```

```
Nmap Network Scanning: The Official Nmap Project Guide to Network Discovery and Security Scanning https://nmap.org/book/
```

```
Host is up (0.029s latency).
rDNS record for 74.207.244.221: li86-221.members.linode.com
Not shown: 995 closed ports
PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION
22/tcp open ssh OpenSSH 5.3p1 Debian 3ubuntu7 (protocol 2.0)
| ssh-hostkey: 1024 8d:60:f1:7c:ca:b7:3d:0a:d6:67:54:9d:69:d9:b9:dd (DSA)
| 2048 79:f8:09:ac:d4:e2:32:42:10:49:d3:bd:20:82:85:ec (RSA)
80/tcp open
                http Apache httpd 2.2.14 ((Ubuntu))
| http-title: Go ahead and ScanMe!
646/tcp filtered ldp
1720/tcp filtered H.323/Q.931
9929/tcp open nping-echo Nping echo
Device type: general purpose
Running: Linux 2.6.X
OS CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux kernel:2.6.39
OS details: Linux 2.6.39
Network Distance: 11 hops
Service Info: OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:kernel
TRACEROUTE (using port 53/tcp)
HOP RTT ADDRESS
[Cut first 10 hops for brevity]
11 17.65 ms li86-221.members.linode.com (74.207.244.221)
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 14.40 seconds
```

Nmap scan report for scanme.nmap.org (74.207.244.221)

Example 1. A representative Nmap scan
nmap -A -T4 scanme.nmap.org

nmap

4.4 Intermediate Client Troubleshooting

Test plain-text protocols by using the **telnet** command:

```
$ telnet example.com 80 Trying 192.0.43.10...
Connected to example.com.
Escape character is '^]'.
GET /
<html>
<head><title>welcome to example.com</title></head>
<body>
<h1>welcome to example.com</h1>
</body>
</html>
You can also do the same with SSL or TLS protocols.
$ openssl s client -connect www.example.com:443
Use the arp command to check the link-layer connectivity.
```

Telnet

```
telnet — user interface to the TELNET protocol
SYNOPSIS
     telnet [-468ELadr] [-S tos] [-b address] [-e escapechar]
tracefilel [host [port]]
DESCRIPTION
     The telnet command is used for interactive communication with another
host using the TELNET protocol. It begins in command mode, where it prints a
telnet prompt ("telnet> "). If telnet is invoked with a <u>host</u> argument, it
performs an open command implicitly; see the description below.
     Options:
             Force IPv4 address resolution.
             Force IPv6 address resolution.
             Request 8-bit operation. This causes an attempt to negotiate the
TELNET BINARY option for both input and output. By default telnet is not 8-bit
clean.
             Disables the escape character functionality; that is, sets the
escape character to ``no character''.
```

```
vagrant@vagrant:~$ telnet www.google.com
Trying 216.58.216.228...
                                               Telnet
Connected to www.google.com.
Escape character is '^1'.
HTTP/1.0 400 Bad Request
Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8
Referrer-Policy: no-referrer
Content-Length: 1555
Date: Thu. 22 Feb 2018 18:10:49 GMT
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang=en>
  <meta charset=utf-8>
  <meta name=viewport content="initial-scale=1, minimum-scale=1, width=device-width">
  <title>Error 400 (Bad Request)!!1</title>
 <style>
    *{margin:0;padding:0}html,code{font:15px/22px arial,sans-serif}html{background:#fff;color:#222;padding:
15px}body{margin:7% auto 0;max-width:390px;min-height:180px;padding:30px 0 15px}* > body{background:url(//
www.google.com/images/errors/robot.png) 100% 5px no-repeat;padding-right:205px}p{margin:11px 0
22px;overflow:hidden}ins{color:#777;text-decoration:none}a img{border:0}@media screen and (max-width:772px)
{body{background:none;margin-top:0;max-width:none;padding-right:0}}#logo{background:url(//www.google.com/
images/branding/googlelogo/1x/googlelogo color 150x54dp.png) no-repeat;margin-left:-5px}@media only screen
and (min-resolution:192dpi){#logo{background:url(//www.google.com/images/branding/googlelogo/2x/
googlelogo color 150x54dp.png) no-repeat 0% 0%/100% 100%;-moz-border-image:url(//www.google.com/images/
branding/googlelogo/2x/googlelogo color 150x54dp.png) 0}}@media only screen and (-webkit-min-device-pixel-
ratio:2){#logo{background:url(//www.google.com/images/branding/googlelogo/2x/googlelogo color 150x54dp.png)
no-repeat;-webkit-background-size:100% 100%}}#logo{display:inline-block;height:54px;width:150px}
  </style>
  <a href=//www.google.com/><span id=logo aria-label=Google></span></a>
  <b>400.</b> <ins>That's an error.</ins>
  Your client has issued a malformed or illegal request.
```

Connection closed by foreign host.

Openssl



Openssl

```
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       openssl - OpenSSL command line tool
SYNOPSIS
       openssl command [ command opts ] [ command args ]
       openssl [ list-standard-commands | list-message-digest-commands
cipher-algorithms | list-message-digest-
       algorithms | list-public-key-algorithms]
      openssl no-XXX [ arbitrary options ]
DESCRIPTION
      OpenSSL is a cryptography toolkit implementing the Secure Sockets Layer (SSL v2/v3) and Transport
Layer Security (TLS v1) network protocols and related cryptography standards required by them.
       The openssl program is a command line tool for using the various cryptography functions of OpenSSI
crypto library from the shell. It can be used for
        o Creation and management of private keys, public keys and parameters
          Public key cryptographic operations
          Creation of X.509 certificates, CSRs and CRLs
          Calculation of Message Digests
           Encryption and Decryption with Ciphers
          SSL/TLS Client and Server Tests
          Handling of S/MIME signed or encrypted mail
          Time Stamp requests, generation and verification
```

openssl

rsa RSA key management.

rsautl RSA utility for signing, verification, encryption, and decryption. Superseded by pkeyutl

s_client This implements a generic SSL/TLS client which can establish a transparent connection to a remote server speaking SSL/TLS. It's intended for testing purposes only and provides only rudimentary interface functionality but internally uses mostly all functionality of the OpenSSL ssl library.

s_server This implements a generic SSL/TLS server which accepts connections from remote clients speaking SSL/TLS. It's intended for testing purposes only and provides only rudimentary interface functionality but internally uses mostly all functionality of the OpenSSL ssl library. It provides both an own command line oriented protocol for testing SSL functions and a simple HTTP response facility to emulate an SSL/TLS-aware webserver.

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```
vagrant@vagrant:~$ openssl s client -connect www.google.com:443
CONNECTED (00000003)
depth=2 C = US, O = GeoTrust Inc., CN = GeoTrust Global CA
verify return:1
depth=1 C = US, \overline{0} = Google Inc, CN = Google Internet Authority G2
verify return:1
depth=0 C = US, ST = California, L = Mountain View, O = Google Inc, CN =
www.google.com
verify return:1
Certificate chain
 0 s:/C=US/ST=California/L=Mountain View/O=Google Inc/CN=www.google.com
  i:/C=US/O=Google Inc/CN=Google Internet Authority G2
 1 s:/C=US/O=Google Inc/CN=Google Internet Authority G2
  i:/C=US/O=GeoTrust Inc./CN=GeoTrust Global CA
 2 s:/C=US/O=GeoTrust Inc./CN=GeoTrust Global CA
  i:/C=US/O=Equifax/OU=Equifax Secure Certificate Authority
```

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```
Server certificate
    -BEGIN CERTIFICATE-
MIIEdjCCA16gAwIBAgIINC+Y7yLd9OswDQYJKoZIhvcNAQELBQAwSTELMAkGA1UE
BhMCVVMxEzARBgNVBAoTCkdvb2dsZSBJbmMxJTAjBgNVBAMTHEdvb2dsZSBJbnRl
cm5ldCBBdXRob3JpdHkgRzIwHhcNMTgwMjA3MjExMzI5WhcNMTgwNTAyMjExMTAw
WjBoMQswCQYDVQQGEwJVUzETMBEGA1UECAwKQ2FsaWZvcm5pYTEWMBQGA1UEBwwN
TW91bnRhaW4gVmlldzETMBEGA1UECgwKR29vZ2xlIEluYzEXMBUGA1UEAww0d3d3
Lmdvb2dsZS5jb20wggEjMA0GCSqGSIb3D0EBA0UAA4IBDwAwggEKAoIBA0C7lA0c
gsUECzoiJfpnAtq9qxAeTWBS8KYCd3ESvd7255YXW8FUiGTi9MYSSJ30lYOvvU1I
NmnIXNU7BnhUBbY1kW4+GXc5RimwiIW5VsWftt1XOVZh5mR08DhYQjdQqI3IhK6r
FTS6/6BvFcjWMT/rVQv59XDaQLqWXSomEzOr1vDRXZSbAPr+YAGKUj+K0TjgZNW1
8xo8Lyp8kDjFxrWaThfwFMosbFw5HnnzpT1WSHfmXmF1mvvk4cJ+U2m3+K2pRki8
nNnWafLPdT408XoXrbWLVeEVSIQQH5z93uoj5lESal05pnOY5vYUJ+vmHdY7jOBh
sT9HaGzl3kD2J+1BAgMBAAGjggFBMIIBPTATBgNVHSUEDDAKBggrBgEFBQcDATAZ
BgNVHREEEjAQgg53d3cuZ29vZ2xlLmNvbTBoBggrBgEFBQcBAQRcMFowKwYIKwYB
BQUHMAKGH2h0dHA6Ly9wa2kuZ29vZ2xlLmNvbS9HSUFHMi5jcnQwKwYIKwYBBQUH
MAGGH2h0dHA6Ly9jbGllbnRzMS5nb29nbGUuY29tL29jc3AwHQYDVR00BBYEFNGB
jzGWH9WkzeHj88Q0o3gBTBs+MAwGA1UdEwEB/wQCMAAwHwYDVR0jBBgwFoAUSt0G
Fhu89mi1dvWBtrtiGrpagS8wIQYDVR0gBBowGDAMBgorBgEEAdZ5AgUBMAgGBmeB
```

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```
subject=/C=US/ST=California/L=Mountain View/O=Google Inc/CN=www.google.com
issuer=/C=US/O=Google Inc/CN=Google Internet Authority G2
---
No client certificate CA names sent
Peer signing digest: SHA256
Server Temp Key: ECDH, P-256, 256 bits
---
SSL handshake has read 3822 bytes and written 431 bytes
---
```

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```
New, TLSv1/SSLv3, Cipher is ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256
Server public key is 2048 bit
Secure Renegotiation IS supported
Compression: NONE
Expansion: NONE
No ALPN negotiated
SSL-Session:
   Protocol : TLSv1.2
   Cipher : ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256
   Session-ID:
E0153255AF5676E6DC0813733D322570D5C2EAF9807AA4A7D2AB0CD6992734C9
   Session-ID-ctx:
   Master-Key:
3D7A63ACCD0D2C5E82639D9B0D0015189FFA82E27C3E39766E96B1E706E6CA3DE0FDB66197CD9F
CB71FB804896018E88
   Key-Arg : None
   PSK identity: None
   PSK identity hint: None
```

SRP username: None

arp

```
SYNOPSIS

arp [-vn] [-H type] [-i if] [-a] [hostname]

arp [-v] [-i if] -d hostname [pub]

arp [-v] [-H type] [-i if] -s hostname hw_addr [temp]

arp [-v] [-H type] [-i if] -s hostname hw_addr [netmask nm] pub

arp [-v] [-H type] [-i if] -Ds hostname ifname [netmask nm] pub

arp [-vnD] [-H type] [-i if] -f [filename]
```

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```
virsh dumpxml cse544_15 | grep address arp -n | grep 52:54:00:f4:ff:14 

ssh cse544@192.168.122.84
```

arp

```
      vagrant@vagrant:~$ arp -n

      Address
      HWtype HWaddress
      Flags Mask
      Iface

      10.0.2.2
      ether 52:54:00:12:35:02
      C
      eth0

      10.0.2.3
      ether 52:54:00:12:35:03
      C
      eth0
```

4.5 Advanced Client Troubleshooting

The **tcpdump** command and **wireshark** tool are useful when you need to dig deeper into a protocol. The command line-based **tcpdump** truncates packets by default and generates **pcap** files.

wireshark uses the graphical interface to capture packets. It can capture and analyze packets in realtime. It is useful to analyze pcap files, but you may not want wireshark installed on the system you are troubleshooting.

To capture packets with **tcpdump** for use with **wireshark**, use:

```
# tcpdump -i eth0 -s 65535 -w capture.pcap port 22
```

Tcpdump

```
tcpdump - dump traffic on a network
SYNOPSIS
      tcpdump
               [ -AbdDefhHIJKlLnNOpqStuUvxX#
               [ -c count ]
                 -C file size ]
                               [ -G rotate seconds ]
                 -i interface
                               [ -j tstamp type ] [ -m module
                 --number ] [ -Q in|out|inout ]
                                        [ -s snaplen
                 -W filecount
                 -E spi@ipaddr algo:secret,...
                 -y datalinktype ] [ -z postrotate-command
                 --time-stamp-precision=tstamp precision ]
                 --immediate-mode | [ --version
                 expression ]
```

tcpdump

```
vagrant@vagrant:~$ sudo tcpdump
tcpdump: verbose output suppressed, use -v or -vv for full protocol decode
listening on eth0, link-type EN10MB (Ethernet), capture size 262144 bytes
18:30:50.787754 IP 10.0.2.15.ssh > 10.0.2.2.56208: Flags [P.], seg 872529436:872529512.
ack 848018319, win 42960, length 76
18:30:50.787957 IP 10.0.2.2.56208 > 10.0.2.15.ssh: Flags [.], ack 76, win 65535, length 0
18:30:50.788147    IP 10.0.2.15.ssh > 10.0.2.2.56208: Flags [P.]. seg 76:112. ack 1. win
42960, length 36
18:30:50.788253 IP 10.0.2.2.56208 > 10.0.2.15.ssh: Flags [.], ack 112, win 65535, length 0,
18:30:50.788523 IP 10.0.2.15.ssh > 10.0.2.2.56208: Flags
                                                         [P.]. seg 112:196. ack 1. win
42960, length 84
18:30:50.788605 IP 10.0.2.15.ssh > 10.0.2.2.56208: Flags
42960, length 36
18:30:50.788660 IP 10.0.2.2.56208 > 10.0.2.15.ssh: Flags
                                                              ack 196. win 65535. length
```

4.6 Common Client Side Problems

Some common networking issues found at the client side include:

- DNS issues Can you ping the IP address but not the hostname?
- Firewall issues A firewall on the client side which is rejecting the return traffic from a network request will cause problems.
- Incorrect network settings.
- Make sure the IP address is correct. Does it match the DNS host name?
- If the route is wrong or missing, traffic will not get to the other network node.
- Netmasks determine network routes, thus it is important to have the netmask of your host correct.

4.7 Basic Server Troubleshooting

To perform basic server troubleshooting, test the network connectivity from the server's point of view.

The **netstat** command lists which daemons are listening on which ports.

```
# netstat -taupe | grep httpd
tcp 0 0 *:http *:* LISTEN root 23390 5543/httpd
```

The **ss** command is another socket statistics utility. It may be a replacement to **netstat** although it is missing some socket types. A similar command to the **netstat** example shown would be:

```
# ss -ltp | grep httpd
```

Verify that the daemon is running, using the **chkconfig**, **service**, **ps** commands, or the **init** script.

One of the first steps in troubleshooting a server-side daemon should be to check the log files. Log messages will tell you exactly what is wrong, without having to do much debugging.

Netstat

```
vagrant@vagrant:~$ netstat -taupe
(Not all processes could be identified, non-owned process info
will not be shown, you would have to be root to see it all.)
Active Internet connections (servers and established)
     Recv-O Send-O Local Address
                                               Foreign Address
                                                                         State
                                                                                                               PID/
                                                                                      User
                                                                                                  Inode
Program name
                     localhost:6379
                                                                         LISTEN
                                                                                      redis
                                                                                                  289460
tcp
                     *:pop3
                                                                         LISTEN
                                                                                                  276708
tcp
                                                                                      root
tcp
                     *:imap2
                                                                         LISTEN
                                                                                      root
                                                                                                  276737
tcp
                     192.168.122.1:domain
                                                                         LISTEN
                                                                                                  277380
                                                                                      root
tcp
                     *:ssh
                                                                         LISTEN
                                                                                                  270351
                                                                                      root
tcp
                     *:3000
                                                                         LISTEN
                                                                                                  298227
                                                                                      root
                                                                         ESTABLISHED root
                   0 localhost:44688
                                               localhost:6379
                                                                                                  297897
tcp
tcp
                     localhost:44686
                                               localhost:6379
                                                                         ESTABLISHED
                                                                                      root
                                                                                                  297894
tcp
            0
                   0 localhost:6379
                                               localhost:44686
                                                                         ESTABLISHED
                                                                                      redis
                                                                                                  297895
tcp
                   0 10.0.2.15:ssh
                                               10.0.2.2:56208
                                                                         ESTABLISHED
                                                                                                  175752
                                                                                      root
            0
                     localhost:6379
                                               localhost:44688
                                                                         ESTABLISHED redis
                                                                                                  297898
tcp
tcp6
                     [::]:pop3
                                                [::]:*
                                                                         LISTEN
                                                                                                  276709
                                                                                      root
tcp6
                     [::]:imap2
                                                                         LISTEN
                                                                                      root
                                                                                                  276738
tcp6
                                                                         LISTEN
                                                                                                  286597
                      [::]:http
                                                                                      root
tcp6
                     [::]:ftp
                                                                         LISTEN
                                                                                                  15412
                                                                                      root
tcp6
                                                                         LISTEN
                                                                                                  270360
                     [::1:ssh
                                                                                      root
                      ::]:https
                                                                         LISTEN
                                                                                                  290545
tcp6
                                                                                      root
```

netstat

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```
netstat - Print network connections, routing tables, interface statistics, masquerade
connections, and multicast memberships
SYNOPSIS
      netstat [address family options] [--tcp|-t] [--udp|-u] [--raw|
all|-a| [--numeric|-n] [--numeric-hosts] [--numeric-
       ports] [--numeric-users] [--symbolic|-N] [--extend|-e[--extend|-e]] [--timers|-o] [--
program[-p] [--verbose[-v] [--continuous[-c]
      netstat {--route|-r} [address family options] [--extend|-e[--extend
numeric|-n] [--numeric-hosts] [--numeric-ports]
       [--numeric-users] [--continuous|-c]
      netstat {--interfaces|-i} [--all|-a] [--extend|-e[--extend|-e]] [--verbose|-v] [--
program[-p] [--numeric[-n] [--numeric-hosts] [--numeric-
       ports] [--numeric-users] [--continuous|-c]
      netstat {--groups|-g} [--numeric|-n] [--numeric-hosts] [--numeric-ports]
[--continuous|-c]
       netstat {--masquerade|-M} [--extend|-e] [--numeric|-n] [--numeric-hosts] [--numeric-ports]
[--numeric-users] [--continuous|-c]
      netstat {--statistics|-s} [--tcp|-t] [--udp|-u] [--rawl-w]
      netstat {--version|-V}
       netstat {--help|-h}
       address family options:
       [-4] [-6] [--protocol={inet,unix,ipx,ax25,netrom,ddp
     [--ipx] [--netrom] [--ddp]
```

SS

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```
SYNOPSIS

ss [options] [ FILTER ]

DESCRIPTION

ss is used to dump socket statistics. It allows showing information similar to netstat. It can display more TCP and state informations than other tools.
```

SS

lvagrant@	vagrant:	~\$ ss -1tp		
State LISTEN		-Q Send-Q	Local Address:Port	Peer Address:Port
	8	128	127.0.0.1:6379	*:*
LISTEN	Θ	199	*:pop3	*;*
LISTEN	8	199	*: 1map2	#1#
LISTEN	8	5	192.168.122.1: donain	*:*
LISTEN	9	128	*:ssh	*:*
LISTEN	8	128	*:3900	*:*
LISTEN	8	199	:::pop3	1117
LISTEN	0	100	::: imap2	222*
LISTEN	8	128	:::http	111*
LISTEN	θ	32	:::ftp	111*
LISTEN	8	128	:::ssh	111*

4.8 Intermediate Server Troubleshooting

With intermediate server troubleshooting, the server side firewall configuration needs to take into account that:

- New traffic is allowed in.
- Return traffic is allowed in.
- Unwanted traffic is filtered.

Access control systems may also cause troubleshooting problems. Check the settings of tools such as TCP wrappers. (/etc/hosts.allow and /etc/hosts.deny)

Consult man 5 hosts_access for additional details.

Application settings can also cause problems. Make sure there are not any restrictions, blacklists or other application configuration errors.

4.9 Advanced Server Troubleshooting

For advanced server troubleshooting, the /proc filesystem has settings that affect the network stack:

- /proc/sys/net/ipv4/ip forward
- Allows for network traffic to be forwarded from one interface to another.
- /proc/sys/net/ipv4/conf/*/accept redirects
- Accepting ICMP redirects from a router to find better routes. This setting has the potential to be exploited by a malicious party to redirect your traffic.
- /proc/sys/net/ipv4/icmp echo ignore all
- Changing this setting will affect the host's visibility to ICMP ping packets.
- /proc/sys/net/ipv4/icmp echo ignore broadcasts
- This setting will change the host's visibility to broadcast ICMP ping packets.
- /proc/net/arp
- Contains the current arp table.

These settings are not persistent across reboots. To make the changes persistent, edit the /etc/sysctl.conf configuration file, or a .conf file in the /etc/sysctl.d directory.

The syntax for /etc/sysctl.conf matches the path for the file in /proc/sys with the . character instead of /.

netstat

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/proc/net/dev -- device information
/proc/net/raw -- raw socket information
/proc/net/tcp -- TCP socket information
/proc/net/udp -- UDP socket information
/proc/net/igmp -- IGMP multicast information
/proc/net/unix -- Unix domain socket information
/proc/net/ipx -- IPX socket information
/proc/net/ax25 -- AX25 socket information
/proc/net/appletalk -- DDP (appletalk) socket information
/proc/net/nr -- NET/ROM socket information
/proc/net/route -- IP routing information
/proc/net/ax25 route -- AX25 routing information
/proc/net/ipx route -- IPX routing information
/proc/net/nr nodes -- NET/ROM nodelist
/proc/net/nr neigh -- NET/ROM neighbours
/proc/net/ip masquerade -- masqueraded connections
/proc/net/snmp -- statistics
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4.10 Common Server Problems

Common server problems include broken **DNS**, overzealous firewall rules, incorrect network settings, and the daemon not listening on the right interface/port.

Some access control systems require that **Reverse DNS** be properly set up.

When enabling new traffic to pass through a firewall, pay attention to the type of protocol (**UDP** over **TCP** for example) used.

Some protocols break when return traffic comes back from a different **IP** address. Verify that your egress route is correct.

4.11 Network Monitoring

For network monitoring, the **iptraf** tool is a real-time network traffic analyzer. It recognizes the following protocols:

- IP
- TCP
- UDP
- ICMP
- IGMP
- IGP
- IGRP
- OSPF
- ARP
- RARP.

Snort is a network intrusion detection system. In addition to being a network monitor, it can help pinpoint unwanted traffic inside of a network.

ntop is an application and web app for monitoring network usage. It can pinpoint bandwidth use, display network statistics, and more.