Computer Networks(Lab)

Experiment No. 2

Aim: Case Study Of Various Networking Devices and Commands.

A. <u>Networking Devices</u>

Network devices, or networking hardware, are physical devices that are required for communication and interaction between hardware on a computer network. Networking devices includes a broad range of equipment which can be classified as core network components which interconnect other network components, hybrid components which can be found in the core or border of a network and hardware or software components which typically sit on the connection point of different networks. The most common kind of networking hardware today is a copper-based Ethernet adapter which is a standard inclusion on most modern computer systems. Wireless networking has become increasingly popular, especially for portable and handheld devices.



1. Hubs:

A hub is basically a multiport repeater. A hub connects multiple wires coming from different branches, for example, the connector in star topology which connects different stations. Hubs cannot filter data, so data packets are sent to all connected devices. In other words, the collision domain of all hosts connected through Hub remains one. Also, they do not have the intelligence to find out the best path for data packets which leads to inefficiencies and wastage.



Types of Hub

1. **Active Hub:-** These are the hubs that have their own power supply and can clean, boost, and relay the signal along with the network. It serves both as a repeater as well as a wiring center. These are used to extend the maximum distance between nodes.

- 2. **Passive Hub :-** These are the hubs that collect wiring from nodes and power supply from the active hub. These hubs relay signals onto the network without cleaning and boosting them and can't be used to extend the distance between nodes.
- 3. **Intelligent Hub :-** It works like active hubs and includes remote management capabilities. They also provide flexible data rates to network devices. It also enables an administrator to monitor the traffic passing through the hub and to configure each port in the hub.

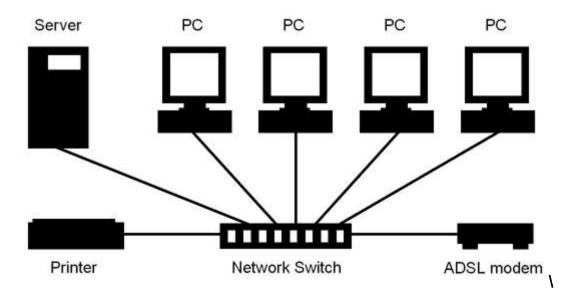
2. Routers:

A router is a device like a switch that routes data packets based on their IP addresses. The router is mainly a Network Layer device. Routers normally connect LANs and WANs together and have a dynamically updating routing table based on which they make decisions on routing the data packets. Router divide broadcast domains of hosts connected through it.



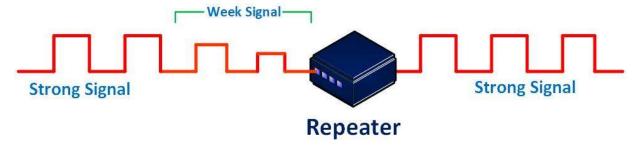
3. Switches:

Switches generally have a more intelligent role than hubs. A switch is a multiport device that improves network efficiency. The switch maintains limited routing information about nodes in the internal network, and it allows connections to systems like hubs or routers. Strands of LANs are usually connected using switches. Generally, switches can read the hardware addresses of incoming packets to transmit them to the appropriate destination. Using switches improves network efficiency over hubs or routers because of the virtual circuit capability. Switches also improve network security because the virtual circuits are more difficult to examine with network monitors. A switch can work at either the Data Link layer or the Network layer of the OSI model.



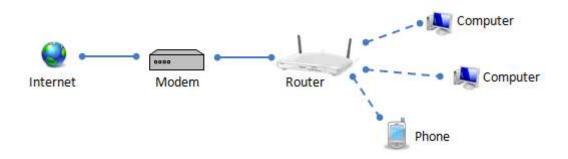
4. Repeaters:

A repeater operates at the physical layer. Its job is to regenerate the signal over the same network before the signal becomes too weak or corrupted so as to extend the length to which the signal can be transmitted over the same network. An important point to be noted about repeaters is that they do not amplify the signal. When the signal becomes weak, they copy the signal bit by bit and regenerate it at the original strength. It is a 2 port device.



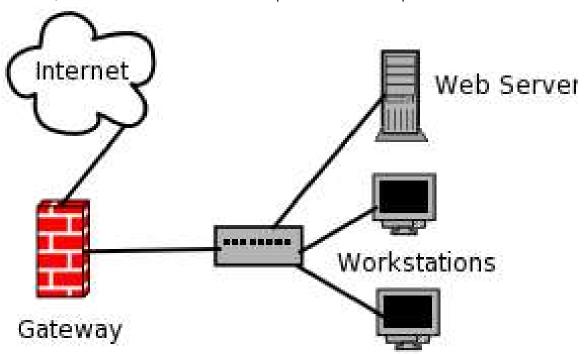
5. Modems:

Modem is a device that enables a computer to send or receive data over telephone or cable lines. The data stored on the computer is digital whereas a telephone line or cable wire can transmit only analog data. The main function of the modem is to convert digital signal into analog and vice versa. Modem is a combination of two devices – modulator and demodulator. The modulator converts digital data into analog data when the data is being sent by the computer. The demodulator converts analog data signals into digital data when it is being received by the computer.



6. Gateways:

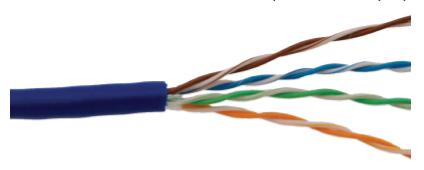
Gateways normally work at the Transport and Session layers of the OSI model. At the Transport layer and above, there are numerous protocols and standards from different vendors; gateways are used to deal with them. Gateways provide translation between networking technologies such as Open System Interconnection (OSI) and Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP). Because of this, gateways connect two or more autonomous networks, each with its own routing algorithms, protocols, topology, domain name service, and network administration procedures and policies.



7. Types of Network Cables:

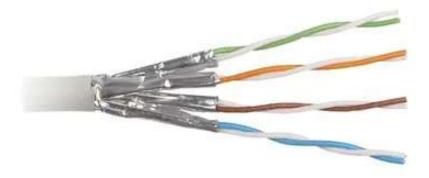
a. Unshielded Twisted Pair Cable

Unshielded twisted pair (UTP) cables are widely used in the computer and telecommunications industry as Ethernet cables and telephone wires. In an UTP cable, conductors which form a single circuit are twisted around each other in order to cancel out electromagnetic interference (EMI) from external sources. Unshielded means no additional shielding like meshes or aluminum foil, which add bulk, are used. UTP cables are often groups of twisted pairs grouped together with color coded insulators, the number of which depends on the purpose.



b. Shielded Twisted Pair Cable

STP is similar to unshielded twisted pair (UTP); however, it contains an extra foil wrapping or copper braid jacket to help shield the cable signals from interference. STP cables are costlier when compared to UTP, but has the advantage of being capable of supporting higher transmission rates across longer distances.



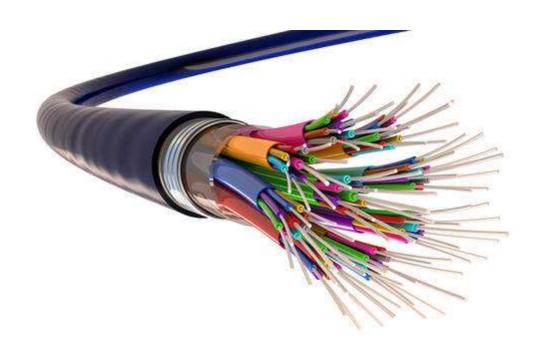
c. Coaxial Cable

Coaxial cable is a type of copper cable specially built with a metal shield and other components engineered to block signal interference. It is primarily used by cable TV companies to connect their satellite antenna facilities to customer homes and businesses. It is also sometimes used by telephone companies to connect central offices to telephone poles near customers. Some homes and offices use coaxial cable, too, but its widespread use as an Ethernet connectivity medium in enterprises and data centers has been supplanted by the deployment of twisted pair cabling.



d. Fibre Optic Cable

A fiber optic cable is a network cable that contains strands of glass fibers inside an insulated casing. They're designed for long-distance, high-performance data networking, and telecommunications. Compared to wired cables, fiber optic cables provide higher bandwidth and transmit data over longer distances. Fiber optic cables support much of the world's internet, cable television, and telephone systems. A fiber optic cable consists of one or more strands of glass, each only slightly thicker than a human hair. The center of each strand is called the core, which provides the pathway for light to travel. The core is surrounded by a layer of glass called cladding that reflects light inward to avoid loss of signal and allow the light to pass through bends in the cable.



B. Commands

8 Basic Networking and Troubleshooting Commands:

1. ping

The ping command is a Command Prompt command used to test the ability of the source computer to reach a specified destination computer. It's usually used as a simple way to verify that a computer can communicate over the network with another computer or network device.

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C:\Users\keega>ping
Usage: ping [-t] [-a] [-n count] [-l size] [-f] [-i TTL] [-v TOS]
[-r count] [-s count] [[-j host-list] | [-k host-list]]
[-w timeout] [-R] [-S srcaddr] [-c compartment] [-p]
                       [-4] [-6] target_name
Options:
                                   Ping the specified host until stopped.
                                   To see statistics and continue - type Control-Break;
                                  To stop - type Control-C.
      -a Resolve addresses to hostnames.
-n count Number of echo requests to send.
-l size Send buffer size.
-f Set Don't Fragment flag in packet (IPv4-only).
-i TTL Time To Live.
-v TOS Type Of Service (IPv4-only. This setting has been deprecated and has no effect on the type of service field in the TD
                                 and has no effect on the type of service field in the IP
      Header).

-r count Record route for count hops (IPv4-only).

-s count Timestamp for count hops (IPv4-only).

-j host-list Loose source route along host-list (IPv4-only).

-k host-list Strict source route along host-list (IPv4-only).

-w timeout Timeout in milliseconds to wait for each reply.

-R Use routing header to test reverse.
                                  Use routing header to test reverse route also (IPv6-only).
Per RFC 5095 the use of this routing header has been
       -R
                                   deprecated. Some systems may drop echo requests if
                              this header is used.
Source address to use.
       -S srcaddr
       -c compartment Routing compartment identifier.
                                Ping a Hyper-V Network Virtualization provider address.
        -p
                                   Force using IPv4.
                                   Force using IPv6.
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C:\Users\keega>ping www.google.com

Pinging www.google.com [142.250.77.36] with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 142.250.77.36: bytes=32 time=3ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.77.36: bytes=32 time=3ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.77.36: bytes=32 time=3ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.77.36: bytes=32 time=2ms TTL=118

Ping statistics for 142.250.77.36:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
    Minimum = 2ms, Maximum = 3ms, Average = 2ms
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2. tracert/traceroute

The tracert command (spelled traceroute in Unix/Linux implementations) is one of the key diagnostic tools for TCP/IP. It displays a list of all the routers that a packet must go through to get from the computer where tracert is run to any other computer on the Internet. Each one of these routers is called a hop.

3. getmac/ifconfig

We can find mac address (physical address) of a computer using the command 'getmac'. This can be used to get mac address for remote computers also.

4. ipconfiq

ipconfig (standing for "Internet Protocol configuration") is a console application program of some computer operating systems that displays all current TCP/IP network configuration values.

5. <u>nslookup</u>

nslookup (from name server lookup) is a network administration command-line tool for querying the Domain Name System (DNS) to obtain the mapping between domain name and IP address, or other DNS records.

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C:\Users\keega>nslookup
Default Server: dns.google
Address: 8.8.8.8

> www.google.com
Server: dns.google
Address: 8.8.8.8

Non-authoritative answer:
Name: www.google.com
Addresses: 2404:6800:4009:813::2004
142.250.67.196
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6. netstat

The netstat command generates displays that show network status and protocol statistics. You can display the status of TCP and UDP endpoints in table format, routing table information, and interface information.

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C:\Users	\keega>netstat		
Active Connections			
Proto	Local Address	Foreign Address	State
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:49399	TIME WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:49401	TIME WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:50050	TIME WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:50725	TIME WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51312	TIME WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51315	TIME_WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51316	TIME WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51323	TIME_WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51327	TIME_WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51330	TIME_WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51332	TIME_WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51336	TIME_WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51338	TIME_WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51340	TIME_WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51343	TIME_WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51347	TIME_WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51351	TIME_WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51356	TIME_WAIT
TCP TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51365	TIME_WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120 127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51368 DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51371	TIME_WAIT TIME WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51371 DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51373	TIME_WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-OK5TB9G:51378	TIME_WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51382	TIME WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51386	TIME WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51389	TIME WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51393	TIME WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51395	TIME WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51400	TIME_WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51402	TIME_WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51405	TIME_WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51409	TIME_WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51413	TIME_WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51415	TIME_WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51417	TIME_WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51422	TIME_WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51425	TIME_WAIT
TCP TCP	127.0.0.1:1120 127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51428 DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51431	TIME_WAIT TIME WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51431 DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51439	TIME_WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51440	TIME WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51441	TIME WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51449	TIME WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51454	TIME WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51458	TIME WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51463	TIME WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51469	TIME_WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51470	TIME_WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51476	TIME_WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51481	TIME_WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51486	TIME_WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51490	TIME_WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51494	TIME_WAIT
TCP	127.0.0.1:1120	DESKTOP-QK5TB9G:51498	TIME_WAIT

7. route

The route command allows you to make manual entries into the network routing tables. The route command distinguishes between routes to hosts and routes to networks by interpreting the network address of the *Destination* variable, which can be specified either by symbolic name or numeric address.

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C:\Users\keega>route print
Interface List
 15...2c f0 5d da bc 7f .....Realtek PCIe GbE Family Controller
  1......Software Loopback Interface 1
IPv4 Route Table
Active Routes:
Network Destination Netmask Gateway Interface Me
0.0.0.0 0.0.0 192.168.0.1 192.168.0.108
127.0.0.0 255.0.0.0 On-link 127.0.0.1
127.0.0.1 255.255.255 On-link 127.0.0.1
127.255.255.255 255.255.255 On-link 127.0.0.1
192.168.0.0 255.255.255 On-link 192.168.0.108
192.168.0.108 255.255.255 On-link 192.168.0.108
192.168.0.255 255.255.255 On-link 192.168.0.108
192.168.0.255 255.255.255 On-link 192.168.0.108
224.0.0.0 240.0.0 On-link 127.0.0.1
224.0.0.0 240.0.0 On-link 192.168.0.108
255.255.255.255 255.255.255 On-link 192.168.0.108
255.255.255.255 255.255.255 On-link 192.168.0.108
Active Routes:
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 ersistent Routes:
  Network Address Netmask Gateway Address Metric
                0.0.0.0
                                            0.0.0.0 25.0.0.1 Default
IPv6 Route Table
Active Routes:
 If Metric Network Destination Gateway
       331 ::1/128 On-1i
291 fe80::/64 On-1i
291 fe80::4c37:677a:1433:323f/128
                                      On-link
On-link
                                                          On-link
       331 ff00::/8
                                                          On-link
 15 291 ff00::/8
                                                          On-link
 Persistent Routes:
 If Metric Network Destination Gateway 0 4294967295 2620:9b::/96 On-
                                                             On-link
       9000 ::/0
                                                            2620:9b::1900:1
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Conclusion: In this experiment, the case study about the different types of Networking Devices available in the market and their uses. We even learnt different basic and troubleshooting commands in networking.