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Assignment – Basic Windows CMD Networking & Forensic Commands

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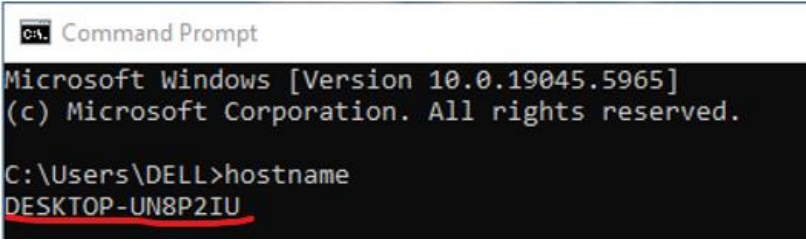
Lab 1: Assignment – Basic Windows CMD Networking & Forensic Commands

Lab Question 1: Network Scanning, Sniffing, and Identification in Windows OS

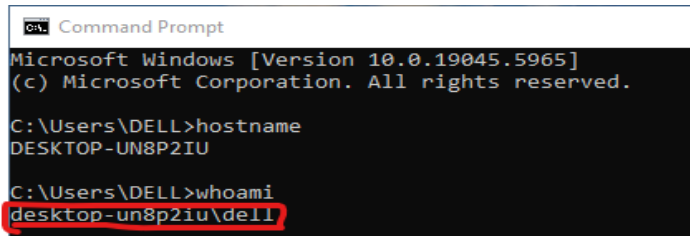
Solution :

1. System Information & Forensic

1. **hostname** → Display computer name.

Windows CMD Syntax
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• hostname
Screenshot/ Output
 <p>The screenshot shows a Windows Command Prompt window. The title bar says 'C:\ Command Prompt'. The text inside reads: 'Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.19045.5965] (c) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. C:\Users\DELL>hostname DESKTOP-UN8P2IU'. The output 'DESKTOP-UN8P2IU' is underlined in red.</p>
Objective/ Use in
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify the computer name in a network.• Verify which machine you are connected to (useful in remote sessions).
Real world Scenario/ Use Case of this Syntax :
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Used when connecting to a remote server or checking which machine you're working on in a network with multiple computers.

2. **whoami** → Show current logged-in username.

Windows CMD Syntax
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• whoami
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Objective/ Use in
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Show the currently logged-in user.

- Verify account permissions before executing sensitive commands.

Real world Scenario/ Use Case of this Syntax :

- Helpful in shared environments (like servers or corporate PCs) to confirm which user account is active before running commands.

3. **systeminfo** → Display OS, BIOS, RAM, and boot info.

Windows CMD Syntax

- **systeminfo**

Screenshot/ Output

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C:\Users\DELL>systeminfo

Host Name:                DESKTOP-UN8P2IU
OS Name:                  Microsoft Windows 10 Pro
OS Version:               10.0.19045 N/A Build 19045
OS Manufacturer:         Microsoft Corporation
OS Configuration:        Standalone Workstation
OS Build Type:             Multiprocessor Free
Registered Owner:         DELL
Registered Organization:
Product ID:                00330-80000-00000-AA149
Original Install Date:     7/30/2023, 11:18:13 AM
System Boot Time:          6/14/2025, 5:47:52 AM
System Manufacturer:       Dell Inc.
System Model:              Inspiron 3501
System Type:               x64-based PC
Processor(s):               1 Processor(s) Installed.
                           [01]: Intel64 Family 6 Model 126 Stepping 5 GenuineIntel ~1190 Mhz
BIOS Version:              Dell Inc. 1.37.0, 2/27/2025
Windows Directory:         C:\Windows
System Directory:          C:\Windows\system32
Boot Device:                \Device\HarddiskVolume5
System Locale:              en-us;English (United States)
Input Locale:               en-us;English (United States)
Time Zone:                  (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
Total Physical Memory:      3,863 MB
Available Physical Memory:  494 MB
Virtual Memory: Max Size:   9,255 MB
Virtual Memory: Available:  3,629 MB
Virtual Memory: In Use:     5,626 MB
Page File Location(s):      C:\pagefile.sys
Domain:                     WORKGROUP
Logon Server:               \\DESKTOP-UN8P2IU
Hotfix(s):                   31 Hotfix(s) Installed.
                           [01]: KB5056578
                           [02]: KB5028853
                           [03]: KB5003791
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                           [08]: KB5007273
  
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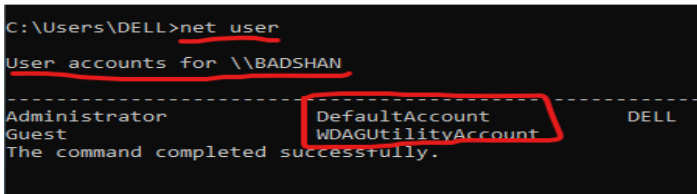
Objective/ Use in

- Display system specs (OS, BIOS, RAM, updates).
- Collect system details for troubleshooting or audits

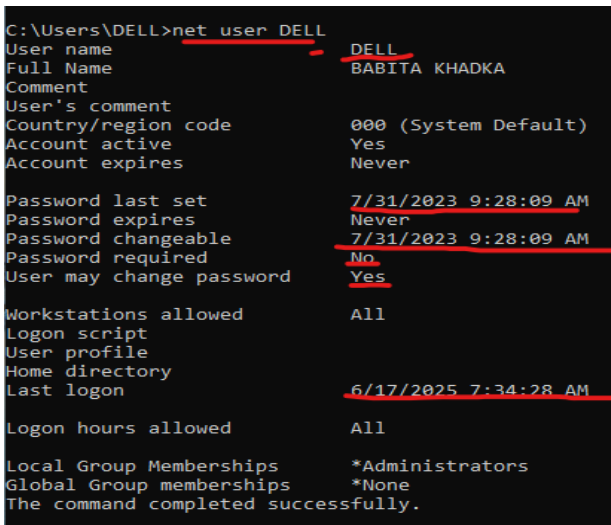
Real world Scenario/ Use Case of this Syntax :

- Useful for troubleshooting, auditing system specs, or verifying requirements before installing software.

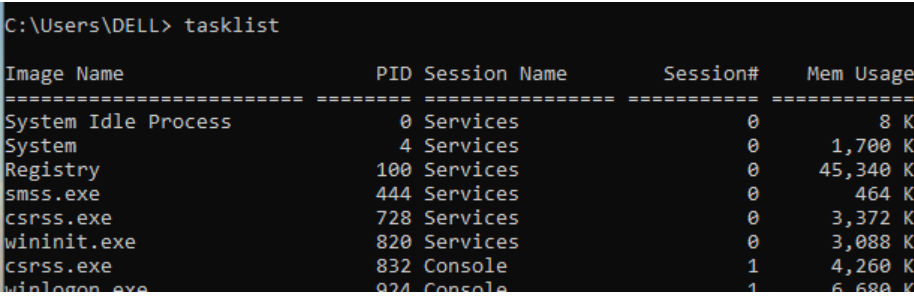
4. **net user** → List all local users on the system.

Windows CMD Syntax
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> net user
Screenshot/ Output

Objective/ Use in
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> List all local users on a system. Detect unauthorized or inactive accounts.
<p>Real world Scenario/ Use Case of this Syntax :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Used by IT admins to quickly check which user accounts exist on a system (e.g., finding unused or suspicious accounts).

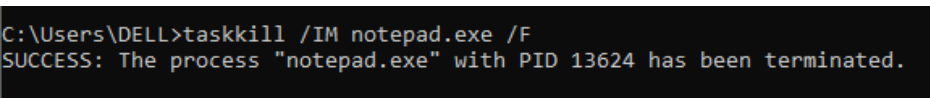
5. **net user <username>** → Show details of a specific user.

Windows CMD Syntax
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> net user DELL
Screenshot/ Output

Objective/ Use in
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Show details of a specific account (e.g., last logon, password rules). Troubleshoot login issues or verify account status.
<p>Real world Scenario/ Use Case of this Syntax :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helpful for verifying account details like password rules, last logon, or account status when troubleshooting login issues.

6. **tasklist** → Display all running processes.

Windows CMD Syntax
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• tasklist
Screenshot/ Output

Objective/ Use in
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Display all running processes.• Check for resource-heavy or suspicious tasks.
Real world Scenario/ Use Case of this Syntax :
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Used to monitor active applications and background services, especially when diagnosing system slowness.

7. **taskkill /PID <id> /F** → Terminate a running process.

Windows CMD Syntax
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• taskkill /IM notepad.exe /F
Screenshot/ Output

Objective/ Use in
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forcefully terminate unresponsive programs.• Stop malware or unauthorized applications.
Real world Scenario/ Use Case of this Syntax :
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Helpful to forcefully close frozen or malicious programs that aren't responding through Task Manager.

8. **wmic qfe list** → Show installed Windows updates (patch history).

Windows CMD Syntax
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• wmic qfe list

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2. Network Configuration & Troubleshooting

9. **ipconfig** → Show IP address, subnet, gateway.

Windows CMD Syntax
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ipconfig
Screenshot/ Output

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C:\Users\DELL>ipconfig

Windows IP Configuration

Ethernet adapter Ethernet:

    Media State . . . . . : Media disconnected
    Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . :

Ethernet adapter Ethernet 2:

    Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . :
    Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::727f:fd4:2275:cb36%10
    IPv4 Address. . . . . : 192.168.56.1
    Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
    Default Gateway . . . . . :

Wireless LAN adapter Local Area Connection* 13:

    Media State . . . . . : Media disconnected
    Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . :

Wireless LAN adapter Local Area Connection* 14:

    Media State . . . . . : Media disconnected
    Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . :

Ethernet adapter VMware Network Adapter VMnet1:

    Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . :
    Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::337a:af18:9f21:b598%2
    IPv4 Address. . . . . : 192.168.247.1
    Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
    Default Gateway . . . . . :

Ethernet adapter VMware Network Adapter VMnet8:

    Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . :
    Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::9592:da94:9b82:d6e5%19
    IPv4 Address. . . . . : 192.168.159.1
    Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0

```

Objective/ Use in

- Show current IP address, subnet, and gateway.
- Quickly check network configuration for troubleshooting.

Real world Scenario/ Use Case of this Syntax :

- Used to quickly check your computer's current network configuration, e.g., when diagnosing internet issues.

10. **ipconfig /all** → Display full network details (MAC, DNS, DHCP).

Windows CMD Syntax

- ipconfig/all

Screenshot/ Output


```

C:\Users\DELL>ipconfig/all

Windows IP Configuration

Host Name . . . . . : Badshan
Primary Dns Suffix . . . . . :
Node Type . . . . . : Hybrid
IP Routing Enabled. . . . . : No
WINS Proxy Enabled. . . . . : No

Ethernet adapter Ethernet:

Media State . . . . . : Media disconnected
Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :
Description . . . . . : Realtek PCIe FE Family Controller
Physical Address. . . . . : 30-D0-42-19-00-0F
DHCP Enabled. . . . . : Yes
Autoconfiguration Enabled . . . . : Yes

Wireless LAN adapter Local Area Connection* 13:

Media State . . . . . : Media disconnected
Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :
Description . . . . . : Microsoft Wi-Fi Direct Virtual Adapter #5
Physical Address. . . . . : A6-97-B1-18-64-C3
DHCP Enabled. . . . . : Yes
Autoconfiguration Enabled . . . . : Yes

Wireless LAN adapter Local Area Connection* 14:

Media State . . . . . : Media disconnected
Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :
Description . . . . . : Microsoft Wi-Fi Direct Virtual Adapter #6
Physical Address. . . . . : B6-97-B1-18-64-C3
DHCP Enabled. . . . . : Yes
Autoconfiguration Enabled . . . . : Yes

Ethernet adapter VMware Network Adapter VMnet1:

Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :
Description . . . . . : VMware Virtual Ethernet Adapter for VMnet1
Physical Address. . . . . : 00-50-56-C0-00-01

```

Objective/ Use in

- Display detailed network info (DNS, MAC, DHCP).
- Provide IT support with full adapter configuration.

Real world Scenario/ Use Case of this Syntax :

- Helpful when IT support asks for detailed network info to resolve connection or DNS problems.

11. **ipconfig /release** → Release the current IP address.

Windows CMD Syntax

- **ipconfig /release**

Screenshot/ Output

```

C:\Users\DELL>ipconfig /release

Windows IP Configuration

No operation can be performed on Ethernet while it has its media disconnected.
No operation can be performed on Local Area Connection* 13 while it has its media disconnected.
No operation can be performed on Local Area Connection* 14 while it has its media disconnected.
No operation can be performed on Bluetooth Network Connection while it has its media disconnected.

Ethernet adapter Ethernet:

    Media State . . . . . : Media disconnected
    Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . :

Ethernet adapter Ethernet 2:

    Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . :
    Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::727f:fd4:2275:cb36%10
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    Default Gateway . . . . . :

Wireless LAN adapter Local Area Connection* 13:

    Media State . . . . . : Media disconnected
    Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . :

Wireless LAN adapter Local Area Connection* 14:

    Media State . . . . . : Media disconnected
    Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . :

Ethernet adapter VMware Network Adapter VMnet1:

```

Objective/ Use in

- Release the current IP address.
- Disconnect from network to resolve IP conflicts.

Real world Scenario/ Use Case of this Syntax :

- Used when you want to disconnect from the network or reset your IP address before requesting a new one.

12. **ipconfig /renew** → Request a new IP from DHCP.

Windows CMD Syntax

- **ipconfig /renew**

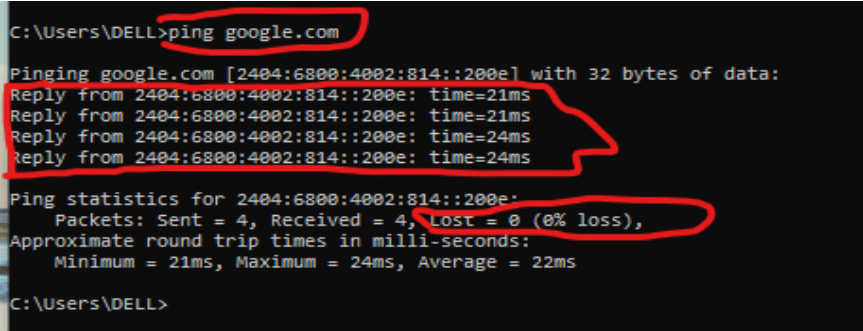
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<pre> C:\Users\DELL>ipconfig /renew Windows IP Configuration No operation can be performed on Ethernet while it has its media disconnected. No operation can be performed on Local Area Connection* 13 while it has its media disconnected. No operation can be performed on Local Area Connection* 14 while it has its media disconnected. No operation can be performed on Bluetooth Network Connection while it has its media disconnected. Ethernet adapter Ethernet: Media State : Media disconnected Connection-specific DNS Suffix . : Ethernet adapter Ethernet 2: Connection-specific DNS Suffix . : Link-local IPv6 Address : fe80::727f:fd4:2275:cb36%10 IPv4 Address. : 192.168.56.1 Subnet Mask : 255.255.255.0 Default Gateway : Wireless LAN adapter Local Area Connection* 13: Media State : Media disconnected Connection-specific DNS Suffix . : Wireless LAN adapter Local Area Connection* 14: Media State : Media disconnected Connection-specific DNS Suffix . : Ethernet adapter VMware Network Adapter VMnet1: Connection-specific DNS Suffix . : Link-local IPv6 Address : fe80::337a:af18:9f21:b598%2 IPv4 Address. : 192.168.247.1 Subnet Mask : 255.255.255.0 </pre>	
<p>Objective/ Use in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Request a new IP from DHCP server. ● Fix “limited/no internet” issues. 	
<p>Real world Scenario/ Use Case of this Syntax :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Commonly used after /release to fix "no internet" issues caused by IP conflicts. 	

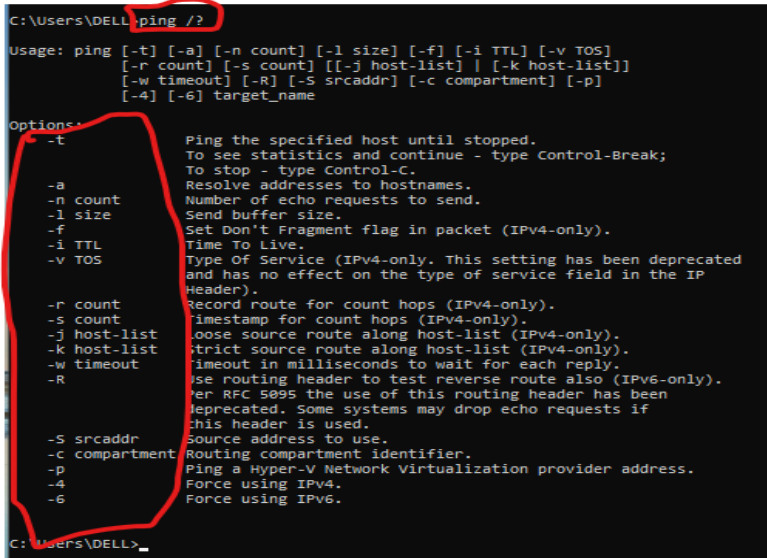
13. `ipconfig /flushdns` → Clear DNS cache (used to fix DNS errors).

<p>Windows CMD Syntax</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <code>ipconfig /flushdns</code>
<p>Screenshot/ Output</p>	<pre> C:\Users\DELL>ipconfig /flushdns Windows IP Configuration Successfully flushed the DNS Resolver Cache. </pre>
<p>Objective/ Use in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Clear DNS cache to resolve website loading errors. ● Remove outdated DNS entries for fresh resolution. 	<p>Real world Scenario/ Use Case of this Syntax :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Useful when websites aren't loading correctly due to cached DNS errors.

14. `ping <IP/hostname>` → Test connectivity to another host.

Windows CMD Syntax
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ping google.com
Screenshot/ Output
 <pre> C:\Users\DELL>ping google.com Pinging google.com [2404:6800:4002:814::200e] with 32 bytes of data: Reply from 2404:6800:4002:814::200e: time=21ms Reply from 2404:6800:4002:814::200e: time=21ms Reply from 2404:6800:4002:814::200e: time=24ms Reply from 2404:6800:4002:814::200e: time=24ms Ping statistics for 2404:6800:4002:814::200e: Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss), Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds: Minimum = 21ms, Maximum = 24ms, Average = 22ms C:\Users\DELL> </pre>
Objective/ Use in
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Test basic connectivity to another host. Measure response time and detect packet loss.
Real world Scenario/ Use Case of this Syntax :
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First step in network troubleshooting to check if another computer, server, or website is reachable.

15. **ping /?** → Display ping command options.

Windows CMD Syntax
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ping/?
Screenshot/ Output
 <pre> C:\Users\DELL>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: -t 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 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 route also (IPv6-only). Over RFC 5095 the use of this routing header has been deprecated. Some systems may drop echo requests if this header is used. -S srcaddr Source address to use. -c compartm Routing compartment identifier. -p Ping a Hyper-V Network Virtualization provider address. -4 Force using IPv4. -6 Force using IPv6. C:\Users\DELL> </pre>
Objective/ Use in
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Display available ping options. Learn syntax for advanced ping testing.

Real world Scenario/ Use Case of this Syntax :

- Used when you forget specific flags (like setting packet count or timeout).

16. **tracert** <hostname> → Trace the route packets take to reach a host.

Windows CMD Syntax

- **tracert** www.google.com

Screenshot/ Output

```
C:\Users\DELL>tracert www.google.com

Tracing route to www.google.com [2404:6800:4009:831::2004]
over a maximum of 30 hops:

  0  3 ms    3 ms    3 ms    2400:74e0:0:e0b6::1
  1  6 ms    6 ms    8 ms    2001:df6:2380:f000::4
  2  5 ms    7 ms    7 ms    2001:df6:2380:f000::182
  3  10 ms   8 ms    7 ms    2404:a800:1a00:209::189
  4  61 ms   60 ms   60 ms   2404:a800::92
  5  *        *        *        Request timed out.
  6  67 ms   64 ms   66 ms   2404:6800:8201:140::1
  7  100 ms  66 ms   79 ms   2001:4860:0:1::ac6
  8  96 ms   70 ms   70 ms   2001:4860:0:1::8806
  9  96 ms   67 ms   64 ms   2001:4860::9:4002:d27c
 10  65 ms   63 ms   66 ms   2001:4860::9:4001:7734
 11  *        64 ms   67 ms   2001:4860:0:1::870f
 12  67 ms   67 ms   66 ms   2001:4860:0:1::5c07
 13  65 ms   65 ms   65 ms   bom12s21-in-x04.1e100.net [2404:6800:4009:831::2004]
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Trace complete.
```

Objective/ Use in

- Trace the route packets take to a destination.
- Identify where delays or failures occur in the path.

Real world Scenario/ Use Case of this Syntax :

- Helps identify where a connection is slowing or failing between your PC and a remote server.

17. **pathping** <hostname> → Trace + analyze packet loss on each hop.

Windows CMD Syntax

- **pathping** www.google.com

Screenshot/ Output

```
C:\Users\DELL>pathping www.google.com

Tracing route to www.google.com [2404:6800:4009:831::2004]
over a maximum of 30 hops:
  0  Badshan [2400:74e0:0:e0b6:908f:5522:3e8f:4cb4]
  1  2400:74e0:0:e0b6::1
  2  2001:df6:2380:f000::4
  3  2001:df6:2380:f000::182
  4  2404:a800:1a00:209::189
  5  2404:a800::92
  6  *        *        *
```

Objective/ Use in

- Trace packet route with additional packet loss analysis.

- Troubleshoot unstable or high-latency network connections.

Real world Scenario/ Use Case of this Syntax :

- Used for deeper troubleshooting to find out if packet loss occurs at a specific router along the path.

3. Network Scanning & Connections

18. **netstat -an** → Show all active network connections and ports.

Windows CMD Syntax

- netstat -an

Screenshot/ Output

```
C:\Users\DELL>netstat -an

Active Connections

 Proto Local Address           Foreign Address         State
 TCP   0.0.0.0:135             0.0.0.0:0               LISTENING
 TCP   0.0.0.0:445             0.0.0.0:0               LISTENING
 TCP   0.0.0.0:902             0.0.0.0:0               LISTENING
 TCP   0.0.0.0:912             0.0.0.0:0               LISTENING
 TCP   0.0.0.0:5040            0.0.0.0:0               LISTENING
 TCP   0.0.0.0:49664           0.0.0.0:0               LISTENING
 TCP   0.0.0.0:49665           0.0.0.0:0               LISTENING
 TCP   0.0.0.0:49666           0.0.0.0:0               LISTENING
 TCP   0.0.0.0:49667           0.0.0.0:0               LISTENING
 TCP   0.0.0.0:49668           0.0.0.0:0               LISTENING
 TCP   0.0.0.0:49670           0.0.0.0:0               LISTENING
 TCP   127.0.0.1:1434          0.0.0.0:0               LISTENING
 TCP   127.0.0.1:50104         0.0.0.0:0               LISTENING
 TCP   127.0.0.1:60404        0.0.0.0:0               LISTENING
 TCP   192.168.1.72:139        0.0.0.0:0               LISTENING
 TCP   192.168.1.72:50123     3.33.193.183:443        ESTABLISHED
```

Objective/ Use in

- Show all active network connections and ports.
- Detect unusual or unauthorized connections.

Real world Scenario/ Use Case of this Syntax :

- Helpful to see if unknown or suspicious connections are open on your system.

19. **netstat -b** → Show which programs opened connections.

Windows CMD Syntax

- netstat -b

Screenshot/ Output

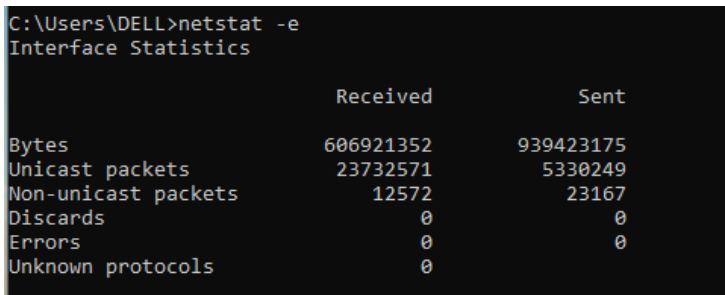
```
C:\Users\DELL>netstat -b
The requested operation requires elevation.

C:\Users\DELL>
```

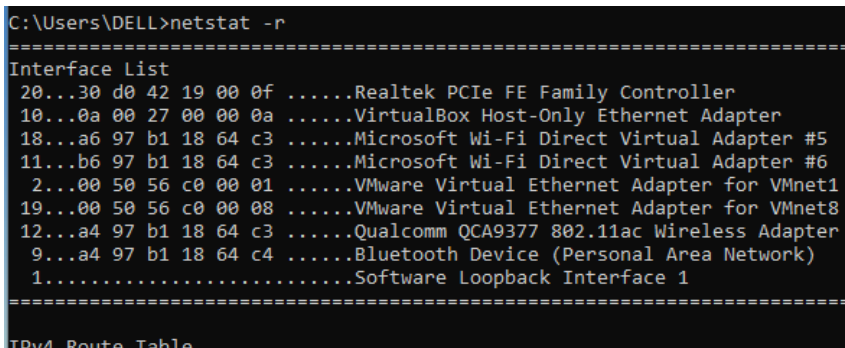
Objective/ Use in

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Display which programs opened network connections. • Identify malware or suspicious software behavior.
<p>Real world Scenario/ Use Case of this Syntax :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Used in security checks to identify which apps are using the internet, e.g., spotting malware connections.

20. **netstat -e** → Show Ethernet statistics (packets sent/received).

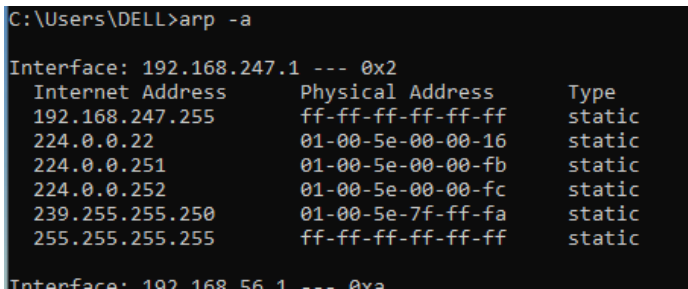
Windows CMD Syntax
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • netstat -e
Screenshot/ Output
 <pre> C:\Users\DELL>netstat -e Interface Statistics Received Sent Bytes 606921352 939423175 Unicast packets 23732571 5330249 Non-unicast packets 12572 23167 Discards 0 0 Errors 0 0 Unknown protocols 0 </pre>
<p>Objective/ Use in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show Ethernet stats (packets sent/received). • Monitor network card activity and detect dropped packets.
<p>Real world Scenario/ Use Case of this Syntax :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Useful for monitoring if data is flowing properly over your network card, e.g., checking if packets are being dropped.

21. **netstat -r** or **route print** → Show routing table of your system.

Windows CMD Syntax
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • netstat -r
Screenshot/ Output
 <pre> C:\Users\DELL>netstat -r ===== Interface List 20...30 d0 42 19 00 0fRealtek PCIe FE Family Controller 10...0a 00 27 00 00 0aVirtualBox Host-Only Ethernet Adapter 18...a6 97 b1 18 64 c3Microsoft Wi-Fi Direct Virtual Adapter #5 11...b6 97 b1 18 64 c3Microsoft Wi-Fi Direct Virtual Adapter #6 2...00 50 56 c0 00 01VMware Virtual Ethernet Adapter for VMnet1 19...00 50 56 c0 00 08VMware Virtual Ethernet Adapter for VMnet8 12...a4 97 b1 18 64 c3Qualcomm QCA9377 802.11ac Wireless Adapter 9...a4 97 b1 18 64 c4Bluetooth Device (Personal Area Network) 1.....Software Loopback Interface 1 ===== IPv4 Route Table </pre>

Objective/ Use in
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Display routing table. • Verify correct gateway and route configurations.
Real world Scenario/ Use Case of this Syntax :
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helps network admins troubleshoot how traffic is being routed (e.g., verifying default gateway issues).

22. **arp -a** → Display MAC addresses of devices in the local network.

Windows CMD Syntax
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • arp -a
Screenshot/ Output
 <pre> C:\Users\DELL>arp -a Interface: 192.168.247.1 --- 0x2 Internet Address Physical Address Type 192.168.247.255 ff-ff-ff-ff-ff-ff static 224.0.0.22 01-00-5e-00-00-16 static 224.0.0.251 01-00-5e-00-00-fb static 224.0.0.252 01-00-5e-00-00-fc static 239.255.255.250 01-00-5e-7f-ff-fa static 255.255.255.255 ff-ff-ff-ff-ff-ff static Interface: 192.168.56.1 --- 0x2 </pre>
Objective/ Use in
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show MAC addresses of local devices. • Detect unknown devices on LAN for security checks.
Real world Scenario/ Use Case of this Syntax :
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commonly used to detect devices on the same LAN, useful for network troubleshooting or spotting unknown devices.

4. Wireless & Firewall Investigation

23. **netsh wlan show profiles** → Show all saved Wi-Fi profiles.

Windows CMD Syntax
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • netsh wlan show profiles
Screenshot/ Output


```
C:\Users\DELL>netsh wlan show profiles

Profiles on interface Wi-Fi:

Group policy profiles (read only)
-----
<None>

User profiles
-----
All User Profile : St. Xavier
All User Profile : Computer
All User Profile : mandipkdk1_5
All User Profile : potato
All User Profile : ALHN-2FEF-5
All User Profile : ALHN-2FEF
All User Profile : carrot
All User Profile : what
All User Profile : Big D
All User Profile : NTFiber_C4A8_2.4G
```

Objective/ Use in

- Show saved Wi-Fi networks.
- Check history of previously connected networks.

Real world Scenario/ Use Case of this Syntax :

- Handy to see which Wi-Fi networks a laptop has previously connected to.

24. `netsh wlan show profile name=<SSID> key=clear` → Show Wi-Fi password of a saved profile.

Windows CMD Syntax

- `netsh wlan show profile name= "Big D" key=clear`

Screenshot/ Output

```
C:\Users\DELL>netsh wlan show profile name="Big D" key=clear

Profile Big D on interface Wi-Fi:
=====

Applied: All User Profile

Profile information
-----
Version : 1
Type : Wireless LAN
Name : Big D
Control options :
    Connection mode : Connect automatically
    Network broadcast : Connect only if this network is broadcasting
    AutoSwitch : Do not switch to other networks
    MAC Randomization : Disabled
```

Objective/ Use in

- Display Wi-Fi password for a saved network.
- Recover forgotten Wi-Fi credentials.

Real world Scenario/ Use Case of this Syntax :

- Useful when you forget your Wi-Fi password but need to share it with someone else.

25. `netsh advfirewall show allprofiles` → Show firewall status for all profiles.

Windows CMD Syntax
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> netsh advfirewall show allprofiles
Screenshot/ Output
<pre> C:\Users\DELL>netsh advfirewall show allprofiles Domain Profile Settings: ----- State ON Firewall Policy BlockInbound,AllowOutbound LocalFirewallRules N/A (GPO-store only) LocalConSecRules N/A (GPO-store only) InboundUserNotification Enable RemoteManagement Disable UnicastResponseToMulticast Enable Logging: ----- </pre>
Objective/ Use in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Show firewall status for all profiles. Verify firewall rules and protection state.
Real world Scenario/ Use Case of this Syntax : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Used by admins to check if Windows Firewall is enabled across all profiles (Domain, Private, Public).

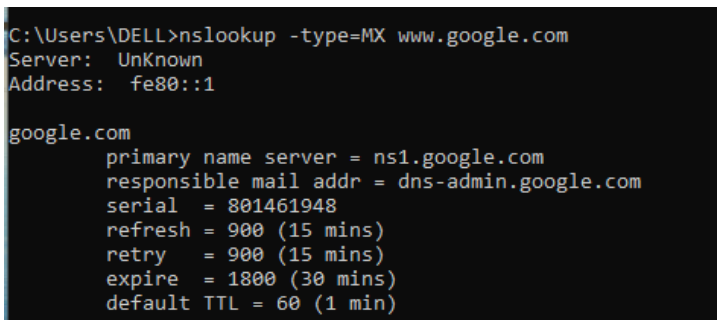
5. DNS & Domain Investigation

26. nslookup <domain> → Check DNS resolution of a website.

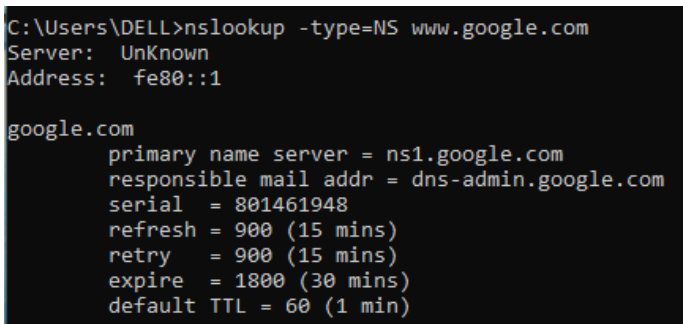
Windows CMD Syntax
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> nslookup www.sxc.edu.np
Screenshot/ Output
<pre> C:\Users\DELL>nslookup www.sxc.edu.np Server: UnKnown Address: fe80::1 Non-authoritative answer: Name: www.sxc.edu.np Addresses: 2606:4700:3030::6815:7001 2606:4700:3030::6815:2001 2606:4700:3030::6815:3001 2606:4700:3030::6815:5001 </pre>
Objective/ Use in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check DNS resolution of a website. Troubleshoot website access issues.
Real world Scenario/ Use Case of this Syntax : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First step when a website doesn't load — verifies if DNS is resolving the hostname to an IP.

27. nslookup -type=MX <domain> → Find mail server records.

Windows CMD Syntax

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● nslookup -type=MX www.google.com
Screenshot/ Output
 <pre> C:\Users\DELL>nslookup -type=MX www.google.com Server: UnKnown Address: fe80::1 google.com primary name server = ns1.google.com responsible mail addr = dns-admin.google.com serial = 801461948 refresh = 900 (15 mins) retry = 900 (15 mins) expire = 1800 (30 mins) default TTL = 60 (1 min) </pre>
<p>Objective/ Use in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Find mail server records for a domain. ● Verify email configuration during troubleshooting.
<p>Real world Scenario/ Use Case of this Syntax :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Helpful for IT/email admins when diagnosing email delivery issues.

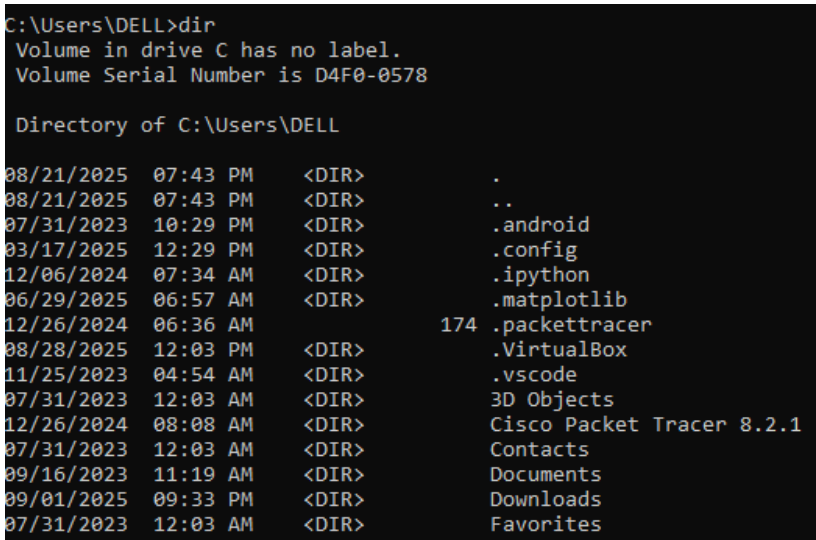
28. nslookup -type=NS <domain> → Find authoritative name servers.

Windows CMD Syntax
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● nslookup -type=NS www.google.com
Screenshot/ Output
 <pre> C:\Users\DELL>nslookup -type=NS www.google.com Server: UnKnown Address: fe80::1 google.com primary name server = ns1.google.com responsible mail addr = dns-admin.google.com serial = 801461948 refresh = 900 (15 mins) retry = 900 (15 mins) expire = 1800 (30 mins) default TTL = 60 (1 min) </pre>
<p>Objective/ Use in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Show authoritative name servers for a domain. ● Diagnose DNS delegation and configuration problems.
<p>Real world Scenario/ Use Case of this Syntax :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Used when checking domain configuration or troubleshooting DNS delegation problems.

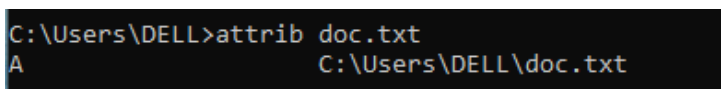
6. File & Disk Forensics

29. dir → List files and directories.

Windows CMD Syntax

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dir
Screenshot/ Output
 <pre> C:\Users\DELL>dir Volume in drive C has no label. Volume Serial Number is D4F0-0578 Directory of C:\Users\DELL 08/21/2025 07:43 PM <DIR> . 08/21/2025 07:43 PM <DIR> .. 07/31/2023 10:29 PM <DIR> .android 03/17/2025 12:29 PM <DIR> .config 12/06/2024 07:34 AM <DIR> .ipython 06/29/2025 06:57 AM <DIR> .matplotlib 12/26/2024 06:36 AM 174 .packettracer 08/28/2025 12:03 PM <DIR> .VirtualBox 11/25/2023 04:54 AM <DIR> .vscode 07/31/2023 12:03 AM <DIR> 3D Objects 12/26/2024 08:08 AM <DIR> Cisco Packet Tracer 8.2.1 07/31/2023 12:03 AM <DIR> Contacts 09/16/2023 11:19 AM <DIR> Documents 09/01/2025 09:33 PM <DIR> Downloads 07/31/2023 12:03 AM <DIR> Favorites </pre>
Objective/ Use in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List files and directories in a folder. • Quickly browse contents without File Explorer.
Real world Scenario/ Use Case of this Syntax : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyday use for browsing contents of a folder in Command Prompt.

30. **attrib <filename>** → Check file attributes (hidden, read-only).

Windows CMD Syntax
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • attrib doc.txt
Screenshot/ Output
 <pre> C:\Users\DELL>attrib doc.txt A C:\Users\DELL\doc.txt </pre>
Objective/ Use in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Display attributes of a file (hidden, read-only, system). • Modify or diagnose file permission issues.
Real world Scenario/ Use Case of this Syntax : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handy for finding out if a file is hidden, read-only, or system-protected.

31. **fsutil fsinfo drives** → Show available drives.

Windows CMD Syntax
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fsutil fsinfo drives
Screenshot/ Output

<pre>C:\Users\DELL>fsutil fsinfo drives Drives: C:\ D:\ E:\ F:\</pre>
<p>Objective/ Use in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> List all available drives on the system. Check storage device availability before backup or install.
<p>Real world Scenario/ Use Case of this Syntax :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Useful to quickly list all storage drives connected to the system.

32. **chkdsk** → Check disk health & errors.

Windows CMD Syntax
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> chkdsk
<p>Screenshot/ Output</p> <pre>C:\Windows\system32>chkdsk The type of the file system is NTFS. WARNING! /F parameter not specified. Running CHKDSK in read-only mode. Stage 1: Examining basic file system structure ... 919552 file records processed. File verification completed. Phase duration (File record verification): 16.78 seconds. 25835 large file records processed. Phase duration (Orphan file record recovery): 0.00 milliseconds. 0 bad file records processed. Phase duration (Bad file record checking): 0.30 milliseconds.</pre>
<p>Objective/ Use in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scan disk for errors and repair bad sectors. Improve performance and prevent data loss.
<p>Real world Scenario/ Use Case of this Syntax :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Run when a drive is acting slow or showing file corruption to scan and fix errors.

Conclusion

Write Key learnings from performing the lab. (Importance of CMD in networking & forensic investigation.)