Week 4 lab and tute (SNA, UG/PG, S2, 2021)

The key points

- hosted virtualisation vs native virtualisation
- VirtualBox: how to share resources, CPU, RAM, and I/O
- Where the virtual disk file is? Where the virtual machine configuration file is?
- Virtual network modes

Mode	VM→Host	VM←Host	VM1↔VM2	VM→Net/LAN	VM←Net/LAN
Host-only	+	+	+	-	-
Internal	-	-	+	-	-
Bridged	+	+	+	+	+
NAT	+	Port forward	-	+	Port forward
NATservice	+	Port forward	+	+	Port forward

Whenever in need, read the manual: <u>Oracle VM VirtualBox User Manual</u> – only the needed pages and sections

Activities

Volunteers needed to bring in questions, issues, possible difficulties encountered, and experiences and lessons learned.

[discussion tasks]

W04A1: discussion on host RAM impact when multiple virtual machines running at the same time

W04A2: discussion on the differences of virtual network modes: host-only, internal, bridged, and NAT

• How to manually allocation an IP address, the network mask, and the default gateway to a virtual machine if it is on 192.168.3.0/24 subnet?

By now, we have completed the design phase. In next 3 weeks, you will be on hands-on tasks. These tasks contribute directly to your Assignment 2.

[hands-on tasks, homework]

W04A3: (*purpose: practise for Assignment 2*) set up 2 virtual machines and installing Windows and Linux operating systems.

W04A4: (purpose: learn how to port virtual to a different computer) copy the virtual hard disk file of a virtual machine to a portable storage device, give it to your group mate, ask him/her to re-create the virtual machine by connecting to the backed up virtual machine file.

Preferably, you can have a go before next week's lab session. You will then bring your questions and queries to your lab session, and your tutor will help you out.

