

Exercise 1 – Basic network stuff

Difficulty: Easy

arp command manipulates the System's ARP cache. It also allows a complete dump of the ARP cache. ARP stands for Address Resolution Protocol. The primary function of this protocol is to resolve the IP address of a system to its mac address, and hence it works between level 2(Data link layer) and level 3(Network layer).

```
C:\Windows\system32>arp -a

Interface: 192.168.56.1 --- 0xf
    Internet Address      Physical Address      Type
    192.168.56.255        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: 192.168.1.6 --- 0x13
    Internet Address      Physical Address      Type
    192.168.1.1           c4-48-fa-8c-68-b0    dynamic
    192.168.1.2           fc-d5-d9-d6-45-28    dynamic
    192.168.1.4           30-9c-23-c7-25-91    dynamic
    192.168.1.8           30-cd-a7-99-c3-e0    dynamic
    192.168.1.255         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: 172.19.16.1 --- 0x3c
    Internet Address      Physical Address      Type
    172.19.31.255         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
    239.255.255.250       01-00-5e-7f-ff-fa    static

C:\Windows\system32>
```

To display the routing table on Windows, we can use `route print` or `netstat -r` command. The output of both commands is identical. However, the `route` command has command options to filter the output to show the routing table for IPv4 or IPv6 separately.

```
C:\Windows\system32>route print
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Interface List
19...3c 7c 3f 5d f5 b5 .....Realtek PCIe GbE Family Controller
15...0a 00 27 00 00 0f .....VirtualBox Host-Only Ethernet Adapter
11...c8 e2 65 8b 6e 1f .....Intel(R) Wi-Fi 6 AX201 160MHz
 4...c8 e2 65 8b 6e 20 .....Microsoft Wi-Fi Direct Virtual Adapter
14...ca e2 65 8b 6e 1f .....Microsoft Wi-Fi Direct Virtual Adapter #2
 1.....Software Loopback Interface 1
60...00 15 5d fb 89 27 .....Hyper-V Virtual Ethernet Adapter
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IPv4 Route Table
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Active Routes:
Network Destination        Netmask          Gateway          Interface        Metric
0.0.0.0                    0.0.0.0          192.168.1.1      192.168.1.6       25
127.0.0.0                  255.0.0.0        On-link          127.0.0.1         331
127.0.0.1                  255.255.255.255  On-link          127.0.0.1         331
127.255.255.255            255.255.255.255  On-link          127.0.0.1         331
172.19.16.0                 255.255.240.0    On-link          172.19.16.1       5256
172.19.16.1                 255.255.255.255  On-link          172.19.16.1       5256
172.19.31.255               255.255.255.255  On-link          172.19.16.1       5256
192.168.1.0                 255.255.255.0    On-link          192.168.1.6       281
192.168.1.6                 255.255.255.255  On-link          192.168.1.6       281
192.168.1.255               255.255.255.255  On-link          192.168.1.6       281
192.168.56.0                255.255.255.0    On-link          192.168.56.1      281
192.168.56.1                255.255.255.255  On-link          192.168.56.1      281
192.168.56.255              255.255.255.255  On-link          192.168.56.1      281
224.0.0.0                   240.0.0.0        On-link          127.0.0.1         331
224.0.0.0                   240.0.0.0        On-link          192.168.56.1      281
224.0.0.0                   240.0.0.0        On-link          172.19.16.1       5256
224.0.0.0                   240.0.0.0        On-link          192.168.1.6       281
255.255.255.255             255.255.255.255  On-link          127.0.0.1         331
255.255.255.255             255.255.255.255  On-link          192.168.56.1      281
255.255.255.255             255.255.255.255  On-link          172.19.16.1       5256
255.255.255.255             255.255.255.255  On-link          192.168.1.6       281
=====
Persistent Routes:
    None

IPv6 Route Table
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Active Routes:
If Metric Network Destination      Gateway
1       331 ::1/128                      On-link
15      281 fe80::/64                    On-link
60      5256 fe80::/64                    On-link
19      281 fe80::/64                    On-link
19      281 fe80::524:7897:58b5:f8e/128
                                           On-link
15      281 fe80::4400:8972:81db:1b25/128
                                           On-link
60      5256 fe80::528c:87b3:8341:c8fe/128
```

The Windows Tracert tool determines the route to a destination by sending ICMP packets to the destination. In these packets, Tracert uses varying IP Time-To-Live (TTL) values. The TTL is effectively a hop counter, where a hop is a location that the packet stops at, to reach the destination.

```
C:\Windows\system32>tracert 8.8.8.8

Tracing route to dns.google [8.8.8.8]
over a maximum of 30 hops:

  1  <1 ms    <1 ms    <1 ms    dsldevice.lan [192.168.1.1]
  2  1 ms     1 ms     1 ms     10.105.52.2
  3  *         *         *         Request timed out.
  4  *         *         *         Request timed out.
  5  5 ms     4 ms     4 ms     212-39-66-222.ip.btc-net.bg [212.39.66.222]
  6  6 ms     6 ms     6 ms     142.251.244.109
  7  5 ms     4 ms     4 ms     172.253.65.41
  8  5 ms     4 ms     4 ms     dns.google [8.8.8.8]

Trace complete.

C:\Windows\system32>
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Why would you need to use the ping command?

Answer:

I would use the ping command to quickly determine whether a machine has internet access and can communicate with other computers or network devices.

You can also use a series of pings to locate and resolve issues.

Write down the TCP/UDP ports of the most commonly used services below in the form of TCP[PORT] or UDP[PORT].

As an example, the first two answers have been filled in:

HTTP – TCP80

SNMP – UDP161

HTTPS - TCP 443

DNS client – Port range 1024 -655

DNS zone transfer – TCP 53

SMTP – TCP 1701

SSH – TCP 1194

FTP – TCP 1337

Telnet – TCP 1433-1434

MSSQL – TCP port 1433

MySQL – TCP port 3306

PostgreSQL – TCP port 5432

RDP (Remote Desktop Protocol) – TCP port 3389

NTP – TCP 123

NFS – TCP port 2049