WELCOME To: MODULE 7

NETWORKING, SERVICES AND SYSTEM UPDATES

Internet Access to VM

- Open Virtualbox Manager
- Select the machine you cannot get internet on in the left pane
- Click the **Settings** button in the top menu
- Click Network in the left pane in the settings window
- Switched to Bridged Adaptor in the Attached to drop-down menu
- Hit **OK** to save your changes
- Start your VM

Network Components

- IP
- Subnet mask
- Gateway
- Static vs. DHCP

- Interface
- Interface MAC.

Network Files and Commands

- Interface Detection
- Assigning an IP address
- Interface configuration files
 - /etc/nsswitch.conf
 - /etc/hostname
 - /etc/sysconfig/network
 - /etc/sysconfig/network-scripts/ifcfg-nic
 - /etc/resolv.conf
- Network Commands
 - ping
 - ifconfig
 - ifup or ifdown
 - netstat
 - tcpdump

NIC Information

NIC = Network Interface Card

Example:

ethtool enp0s3



Other NICs

10 = The loopback device is a special interface that your computer uses to communicate with itself. It is used mainly for diagnostics and troubleshooting, and to connect to servers running on the local machine

virb0 = The virbr0, or "Virtual Bridge 0" interface is used for NAT (Network Address Translation). Virtual environments sometimes use it to connect to the outside network

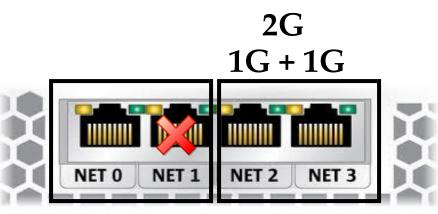
NIC Bonding

NIC = Network Interface Card (PC or laptop)



NIC(Network Interface Card) bonding is also known as Network bonding. It can be defined as the aggregation or combination of multiple NIC into a single bond interface.

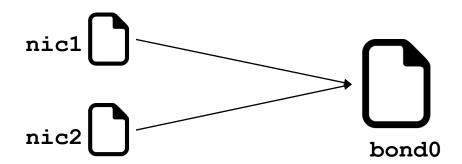
It's main purpose is to provide high availability and redundancy



Redundancy High Availability Link Aggregation

NIC Bonding Procedure

- modprobe bonding
- modinfo bonding
- Create /etc/sysconfig/network-scripts/ifcfg-bond0
- Edit /etc/sysconfig/network-scripts/ethernet1
- Edit /etc/sysconfig/network-scripts/ethernet2



• Restart network = systemctl restart network

New Network Utilities

What we will learn in this lecture...

- Getting started with NetworkManager
- Network configuration methods
 - nmtui
 - nmcli
 - nm-connection-editor
 - GNOME Settings.

New Network Utilities

✓ Getting started with NetworkManager

- NetworkManager is a service that provides set of tools designed specifically to make it easier to manage the networking configuration on Linux systems and is the default network management service on RHEL 8
- It makes network management easier
- It provides easy setup of connection to the user
- NetworkManager offers management through different tools such as **GUI**, **nmtui**, **and nmcli**.

New Network Utilities

✓ Network configuration methods

- **nmcli** Short for network manager command line interface. This tool is useful when access to a graphical environment is not available and can also be used within scripts to make network configuration changes
- **nmtui** Short for network manager text user interface. This tool can be run within any terminal window and allows changes to be made by making menu selections and entering data
- nm-connection-editor A full graphical management tool providing access to most of the NetworkManager configuration options. It can only be accessed through the desktop or console
- **GNOME Settings** The network screen of the GNOME desktop settings application allows basic network management tasks to be performed
- Let's practice in our Linux machine...



System Updates and Repos

- yum (CentOS), apt-get (other Linux)
- •rpm (Redhat Package Manager)

Advance Package Management

- Installing packages
- Upgrading
- Deleting
- View package details information
- Identify source or location information
- Packages configuration files



Download Files or Apps

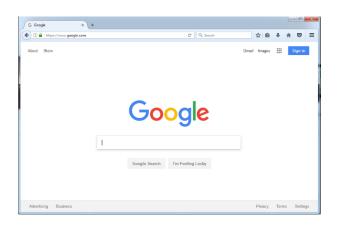
- Example of Windows browser
- Linux = wget

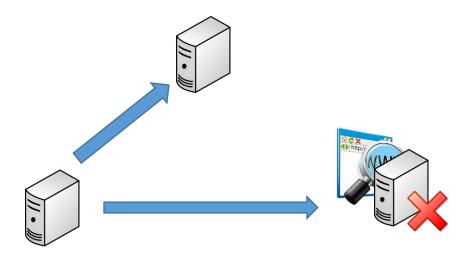


wget http://website.com/filename

• Why???

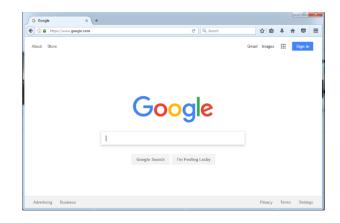
Most of the servers in corporate environment do **NOT** have internet access





curl and ping Commands

- Example of Windows browser
- Linux = curl
- Linux = ping



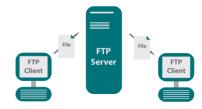
Example in Linux:

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curl http://website.com/filename
curl -O http://website.com/filename
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ping www.google.com

FTP - File Transfer Protocol

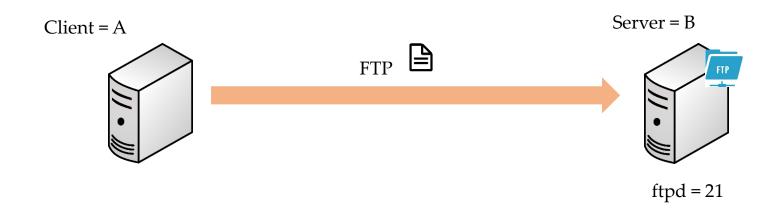
 The File Transfer Protocol is a standard network protocol used for the transfer of computer files between a client and server on a computer network. FTP is built on a client-server model architecture using separate control and data connections between the client and the server. (Wikipedia)



- Protocol = Set of rules used by computers to communicate
- Default FTP Port = 21
- For this lecture we need 2 Linux machines
 - Client = MyFirstLinuxVM
 - Server = LinuxCentOS7

FTP – File Transfer Protocol



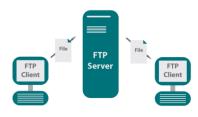


FTP - File Transfer Protocol

- Install and Configure FTP on the remote server
 - # Become root
 - # rpm -qa | grep ftp
 - # ping www.google.com
 - # yum install vsftpd
 - # vi /etc/vsftpd/vsftpd.conf

(make a copy first)

- Find the following lines and make the changes as shown below:
- ## Disable anonymous login ##
 - anonymous enable=NO
- ## Uncomment ##
 - ascii upload enable=YES
 - ascii_download_enable=YES
- ## Uncomment Enter your Welcome message This is optional ##
 - ftpd banner=Welcome to UNIXMEN FTP service.
- ## Add at the end of this file ##
 - use_localtime=YES
- # systemctl start vsftpd
- # systemctl enable vsftpd
- # systemctl stop firewalld
- # systemctl disable firewalld
- # useradd iafzal (if the user does not exist).



FTP - File Transfer Protocol

- Install FTP client on the client server
 - # Become root
 - # yum install ftp
 - # su iafzal
 - \$ touch kruger
 - Commands to transfer file to the FTP server:
 - ftp 192.168.1.x
 - Enter username and password
 - bi
 - hash
 - put kruger
 - bye.



SCP – Secure Copy Protocol

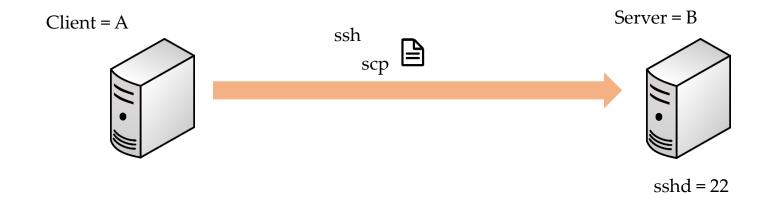
• The Secure Copy Protocol or "SCP" helps to transfer computer files securely from a local to a remote host. It is somewhat similar to the File Transfer Protocol "FTP", but it adds security and authentication



- Protocol = Set of rules used by computers to communicate
- Default SCP Port = 22 (same as SSH)
- For this lecture we need 2 Linux machines
 - Client = MyFirstLinuxVM
 - Server = LinuxCentOS7

SCP – Secure Copy





SCP – Secure Copy

- SCP commands to transfer file to the remote server:
 - Login as yourself (iafzal)
 - touch jack
 - scp jack iafzal@192.168.1.x:/home/iafzal
 - Enter username and password



rsync - Remote Synchronization

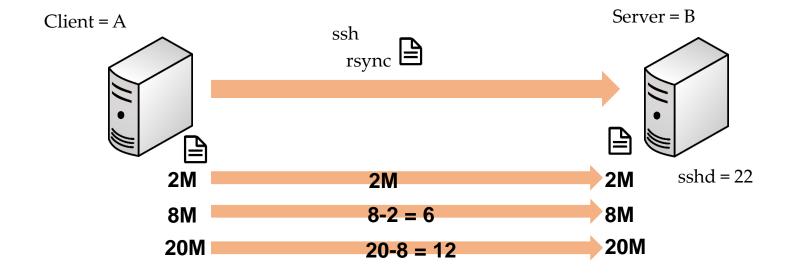
• **rsync** is a utility for efficiently transferring and synchronizing files within the same computer or to a remote computer by comparing the modification times and sizes of files



- rsync is a lot faster than ftp or scp
- This utility is mostly used to backup the files and directories from one server to another
- Default rsync Port = 22 (same as SSH)
- For this lecture we need 2 Linux machines
 - Client = MyFirstLinuxVM
 - Server = LinuxCentOS7

rsync - Remote Synchronization





rsync - Remote Synchronization

- Basic syntax of rsync command
 - # rsync options source destination
- Install rsync in your Linux machine (check if it already exists)
 - # yum install rsync (On CentOS/Redhat based systems)
 - # apt-get install rsync (On Ubuntu/Debian based systems)
- rsync a file on a local machine
 - \$ tar cvf backup.tar . (tar the entire home directory (/home/iafzal)
 - \$ mkdir /tmp/backups
 - \$ rsync -zvh backup.tar /tmp/backups/
- rsync a directory on a local machine
 - \$ rsync -azvh /home/iafzal /tmp/backups/
- rsync a file to a remote machine
 - \$ mkdir /tmp/backups (create /tmp/backups dir on remote server)
 - \$ rsync -avz backup.tar iafzal@192.168.1.x:/tmp/backups
- rsync a file from a remote machine
 - \$ touch serverfile
 - \$ rsync -avzh iafzal@192.168.1.x:/home/iafzal/serverfile /tmp/backups



System Upgrade/Patch Management

Two type of upgrades
 Major version = 5, 6, 7
 Minor version = 7.3 to 7.4

Major version = yum mmand

Minor version = yum update

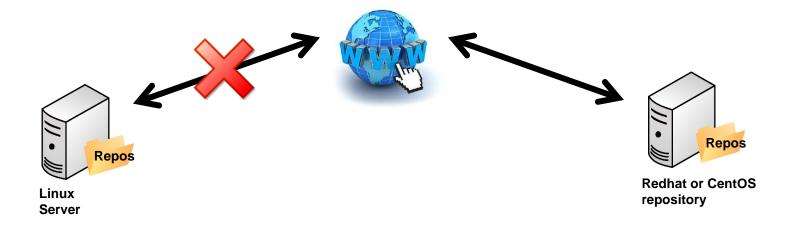
Example:

yum update -y

yum update vs. upgrade

CREATE LOCAL REPOSITORY FROM DVD

What is local repository?



Command createrepo

SSH AND TELNET

- Telnet = Un-secured connection between computers
- SSH = Secured
- Two type of packages for most of the services
 - Client package
 - Server package



SSH without a Password

- SSH is a secure way to login from host A to host B
- Repetitive tasks require login without a password

What we will learn...

- How to generate SSH keys on the server
- Add SSH keys to the client
- Verify by logging through SSH.



DNS = Domain Name System

• Purpose?

```
Hostname to IP (A Record)

IP to Hostname (PTR Record)

Hostname to Hostname (CNAME Record)
```

• Files

```
/etc/named.conf
/var/named
```

• Service

systemctl restart named

Download, Install and Configure DNS

- Create a snapshot of your virtual machine
- Setup:
 - Master DNS
 - Secondary or Slave DNS
 - Client
- Domain Name = lab.local
- IP address = My local IP address on enp0s3
- Install DNS package
 - yum install bind bind-utils -y
- Configure DNS (Summary)
 - Modify /etc/named.conf
 - Create two zone files (forward.lab and reverse.lab)
 - Modify DNS file permissions and start the service
- Revert back to snapshot

HOSTNAME/IP LOOKUP

- Commands used for DNS lookup
 - nslookup
 - dig

NTP

```
• Purpose?

Time synchronization
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File /etc/ntp.conf

• Service systematl restart ntpd

• Command ntpq

chronyd

- Purpose? = Time synchronization
- Package name = chronyd
- Configuration file = /etc/chronyd.conf
- Log file = /var/log/chrony
- Service = systemctl start/restart chronyd
- Program command = chronyd.

New System Utility Command (timedatectl)

- The timedatect1 command is a new utility for RHEL/CentOS 7/8 based distributions, which comes as a part of the systemd system and service manager
- It is a replacement for old traditional date command
- The timedatect1 command shows/change date, time, and timezone
- It synchronizes the time with NTP server as well
 - You can either use chronyd or ntpd and make the ntp setting in timedatectl as yes
 - Or you can use **systemd-timesyncd** daemon to synchronize time which is a replacement for ntpd and chronyd

Please note:

Redhat/CentOS does not provide this daemon in its standard repo. You will have to download it separately.

New System Utility Command (timedatectl)

Lab exercise:

- To check time status
 - timedatectl
- To view all available time zones
 - timedatectl list-timezones
- To set the time zone
 - timedatectl set-timezone "America/New York"
- To set date
 - timedatectl set-time YYYY-MM-DD
- To set date and time
 - timedatectl set-time '2015-11-20 16:14:50'
- To start automatic time synchronization with a remote NTP server
 - timedatectl set-ntp true.

Sendmail - OLD

```
• Purpose?
       Send and receive emails
• Files
       /etc/mail/sendmail.mc
       /etc/mail/sendmail.cf
       /etc/mail
• Service
       systemctl restart sendmail
```

mail -s "subject line" email@mydomain.com

Command

Sendmail

• Sendmail is a program in Linux operating systems that allows systems administrator to send email from the Linux system



- It uses SMTP (Simple Mail Transfer Protocol)
- SMTP port = 25
- It attempts to deliver the mail to the intended recipient immediately and, if the recipient is not present, it queues messages for later delivery.

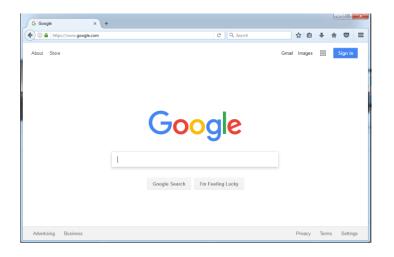
Sendmail

- Sendmail installation and configuration
 - # su (Login as root)
 - # rpm -qa | grep sendmail (verify if it is already installed)
 - # yum install sendmail-cf
 - # vi /etc/mail/sendmail.mc
 - # systemctl start sendmail
 - # systemctl enable sendmail
 - # systemctl stop firewalld
 - # systemctl disable firewalld



Web Server (httpd)

• Purpose = Serve webpages





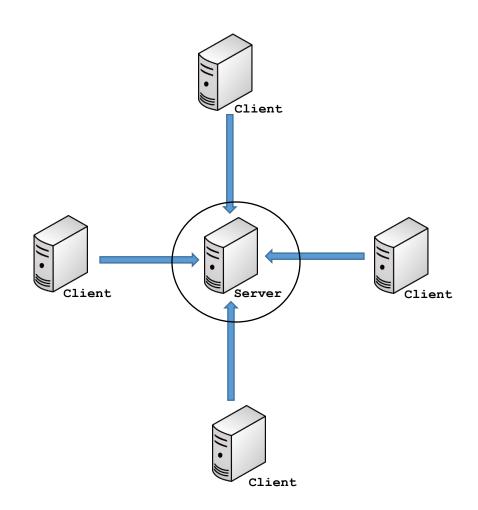
- Service or Package name = httpd
- Service
 systemctl restart httpd
 systemctl enable httpd

• Log Files = /var/log/httpd/

CENTRAL LOGGER (RSYSLOG)

- Purpose = Generate logs or collect logs from other servers
- Service or package name = rsyslog
- Configuration file=/etc/syslog.conf
- Service

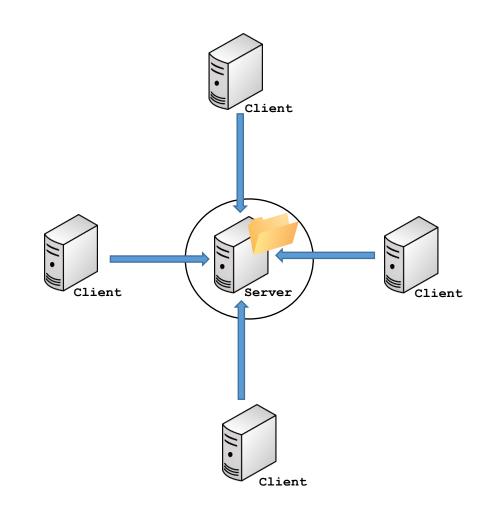
systemctl restart rsyslog
systemctl enable rsyslog



NETWORK FILE SYSTEM (NFS)

- Purpose = Share files or directories (filesystem)
- Service or package name = nfs-utils
- Configuration file =
 /etc/fstab, /etc/exports,
 /etc/sysconfig/nfs

Service
 systemctl restart nfs-server
 systemctl enable nfs-server



LINUX OS HARDENING



- User Account
- Remove un-wanted packages
- Stop un-used Services
- Check on Listening Ports
- Secure SSH Configuration
- Enable Firewall (iptables/firewalld)
- Enable SELinux
- Change Listening Services Port Numbers
- Keep your OS up to date (security patching)

OpenLDAP Installation

- What is OpenLDAP?
- OpenLDAP Service
 - slapd
- Start or stop the service
 - systemctl start slapd
 - systemctl enable slapd
- Configuration Files
 - /etc/openldap/slapd.d

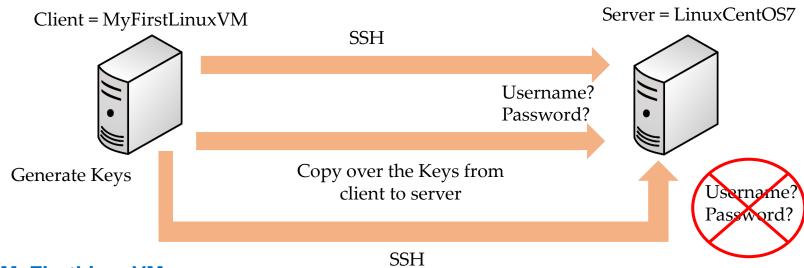
Trace Network Traffic (traceroute)

- The traceroute command is used in Linux to map the journey that a packet of information undertakes from its source to its destination. One use for traceroute is to locate when data loss occurs throughout a network, which could signify a node that's down.
- Because each hop in the record reflects a new server or router between the originating PC and the intended target, reviewing the results of a traceroute scan also lets you identify slow points that may adversely affect your network traffic.
- Example
- # traceroute www.google.com

Access Remote Server without Password (SSH-Keys)

- Two reasons to access a remote machine
 - Repetitive logins
 - Automation through scripts
- Keys are generated at user level
 - iafzal
 - root

Access Remote Server without Password (SSH-Keys)



Client = MyFirstLinuxVM

Step 1 — Generate the Key

ssh-keygen

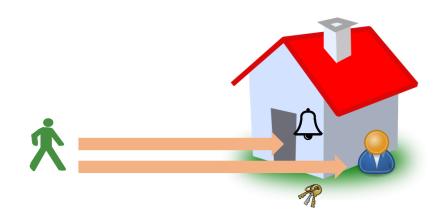
Step 2 — Copy the Key to the server

ssh-copy-id root@192.168.1.x

Step 3 — Login from client to server

ssh root@192.168.1.x

ssh -l root 192.168.1.x



Cockpit

• Cockpit is a server administration tool sponsored by Red Hat, focused on providing a modern-looking and user-friendly interface to manage and administer servers



- Cockpit is the easy-to-use, integrated, glanceable, and open web-based interface for your servers
- The application is available in most of the Linux distributions such as, CentOS, Redhat, Ubuntu and Fedora
- It is installed in Redhat 8 by default and it is optional in version 7
- It can monitor system resources, add or remove accounts, monitor system usage, shut down the system and perform quite a few other tasks all through a very accessible web connection

Install, Configure and Manage Cockpit

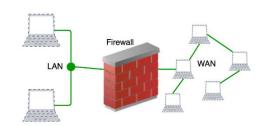
- Check for network connectivity
 - ping www.google.com
- Install cockpit package as root
 - yum/dnf install cockpit -y (For RH or CentOS)
 - apt-get install cockpit (For Ubuntu)
- Start and enable the service
 - systemctl start|enable cockpit
- Check the status of the service
 - systemctl status cockpit
- Access the web-interface
 - https://192.168.1.x:9090

Introduction to Firewall

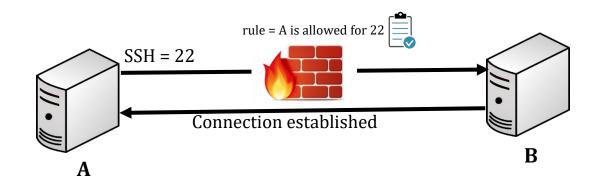
- What is Firewall
 - A wall that prevents the spread of fire
 - When data moves in and out of a server its packet information is tested against the firewall rules to see if it should be allowed or not
 - In simple words, a firewall is like a watchman, a bouncer, or a shield that has a set of rules given and based on that rule they decide who can enter and leave
 - There are 2 type of firewalls in IT

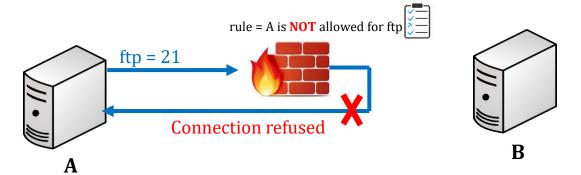
Software = Runs on operating system

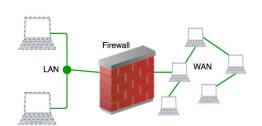
• Hardware = A dedicated appliance with firewall software



Introduction to Firewall







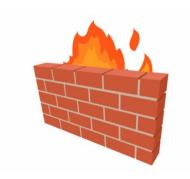
Firewall (firewalld)

- Firewalld works the same way as iptables but of course it has it own commands
 - firewall-cmd
- It has a few pre-defined service rules that are very easy to turn on and off
 - Services such as: NFS, NTP, HTTPD etc.
- Firewalld also has the following:
 - Table
 - Chains
 - Rules
 - Targets



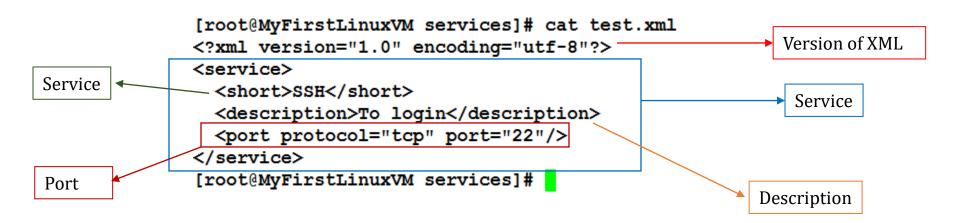
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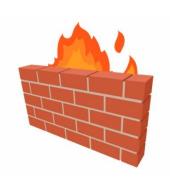
- You can run one or the other
 - iptables or firewalld
- Make sure iptables is stopped, disabled and mask
 - systemctl stop iptables
 - systemctl disable iptables
 - systemctl mask iptables
- Now check if filewalld package is installed
 - rpm -qa | grep firewalld
- Start firewalld
 - systemctl start/enable firewalld
- Check the rule of firewalld
 - firewall-cmd --list-all
- Get the listing of all services firewalld is aware of:
 - firewall-cmd --get-services
- To make firewalld re-read the configuration added
 - firewall-cmd --reload



Firewall (firewalld - Practical Examples)

- The firewalld has multiple zone, to get a list of all zones
 - firewall-cmd --get-zones
- To get a list of active zones
 - firewall-cmd --get-active-zones
- To get firewall rules for public zone
 - firewall-cmd --zone=public --list-all OR
 - firewall-cmd --list-all
- All services are pre-defined by firewalld. What if you want to add a 3rd party service
 - /usr/lib/firewalld/services/allservices.xml
 - · Simply cp any .xml file and change the service and port number



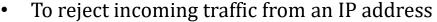


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- To add a service (http)
 - firewall-cmd --add-service=http
- To remove a service
 - firewall-cmd --remove-service=http
- To reload the firewalld configuration
 - firewall-cmd --reload
- To add or remove a service permanently
 - firewall-cmd --add-service=http --permanent
 - firewall-cmd --remove-service=http --permanent
- To add a service that is not pre-defined by firewalld
 - /usr/lib/firewalld/services/allservices.xml
 - Simply cp any .xml file sap.xml and change the service and port number (32)
 - systemctl restart firewalld
 - firewall-cmd --get-services (to verify new service)
 - Firewall-cmd --add-service=sap



- To add a port
 - firewall-cmd --add-port=1110/tcp
- To remove a port
 - firewall-cmd --remove-port=1110/tcp



- firewall-cmd --add-rich-rule='rule family="ipv4" source address="192.168.0.25" reject'
- To block and unblock ICMP incoming traffic
 - firewall-cmd --add-icmp-block-inversion
 - firewall-cmd --remove-icmp-block-inversion
- To block outgoing traffic to a specific website/IP address
 - host -t a www.facebook.com = find IP address
 - firewall-cmd --direct --add-rule ipv4 filter OUTPUT 0 -d 31.13.71.36 -j DROP



Tune System Performance

Linux system comes fined tunned by default when you install, however there are a few tweaks that can be done based on system performance and application requirements

In this lesson we will learn...

- Optimize system performance by selecting a tuning profile managed by the tuned daemon
- Prioritize or de-prioritize specific processes with the **nice** and **renice** commands

Tune System Performance

What is tuned?

- Tuned pronounced as tune-d
- <u>Tune</u> is for system tuning and <u>d</u> is for daemon
- It is **systemd** service that is used to tune Linux system performance
- It is installed in CentOS/Redhat version 7 and 8 by default
- tuned package name is tuned
- The tuned service comes with pre-defined profiles and settings (List of profile will be discussed in the next page)
- Based on selected profile the **tuned** service automictically adjust system to get the best performance. E.g. **tuned** will adjust networking if you are downloading a large file or it will adjust IO settings if it detects high storage read/write
- The tuned daemon applies system settings when the service starts or upon selection of a new tuning profile.

(tuned profiles)

Tuned profile	Purpose
balanced	deal for systems that require a compromise between power saving and performance
desktop	Derived from the balanced profile. Provides faster response of interactive applications
Throughput-performance	Tunes the system for maximum throughput
Latency-performance	Ideal for server systems that require low latency at the expense of power consumption
network-latency	Derived from the latency-performance profile. It enables additional network tuning parameters to provide low network latency
Network-throughput	Derived from the throughput-performance profile. Additional network tuning parameters are applied for maximum network throughput
powersave	Tunes the system for maximum power saving
oracle	Optimized for Oracle database loads based on the throughput-performance profile
virtual-guest	Tunes the system for maximum performance if it runs on a virtual machine
virtual-host	Tunes the system for maximum performance if it acts as a host for virtual machines

- Check if tuned package has been installed rpm -qa | grep tuned
- Install tuned package if NOT installed already yum install tuned
- Check tuned service status

 systemctl status|enable|start tuned

 systemctl enable tuned (To enable at boot time)
- Command to change setting for tuned daemon tuned-adm
- To check which profile is active tuned-adm active
- To list available profiles tuned-adm list.

- To change to desired profile tuned-adm profile profile-name
- Check for tuned recommendation tuned-adm recommend
- Turn off tuned setting daemon tuned-adm off
- Change profile through web console
 Login to https://192.168.1.x:9090
 Overview → Configuration → Performance profile

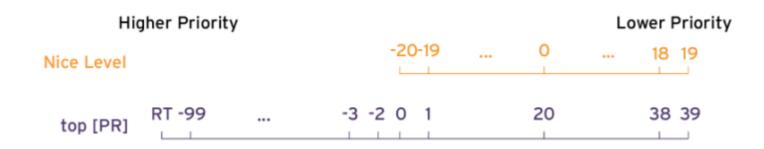
(nice/renince)

- Another way of keeping your system fine-tuned is by prioritizing processes through
 nice and renice command
- If a server has 1 CPU then it can execute **1** computation/process at a time as they come in *(first come first served)* while other processes must wait
- With **nice** and **renice** commands we can make the system to give preference to certain processes than others
- This priority can be set at 40 different levels
- The nice level values range from -20 (highest priority) to 19 (lowest priority) and by default, processes inherit their nice level from their parent, which is usually 0.

(nice/renince)

Tune System Performance

To check process priority
 top



Nice value is a user-space and priority PR is the process's actual priority that use by Linux kernel. In Linux system priorities are 0 to 139 in which 0 to 99 for real time and 100 to 139 for users

• Process priority can be viewed through ps command as well with the right options \$ ps axo pid,comm,nice,cls --sort=-nice

(nice/renince)

- To set the process priority
 nice -n # process-name
 e.g. nice -n -15 top
- To change the process priority renice -n # process-name e.g. renice -n 12 PID.

What is a Container?

• The term container and the concept came from the shipping container



- These containers are shipped from city to city and country to country
- No matter which part of the world you go to, you will find these containers with the exact same measurements... **YOU KNOW WHY???**
- Because around the world all docks, trucks, ships and warehouses are built to easily transport and store them



What is a Container?

Now when we are talking about containers in IT we are fulfilling somewhat similar purpose

Please Note:

Container technology is mostly used by developers or programmers who write codes to build applications

As a system administrator your job is to install, configure and manage them.

container anywhere that would fit on any dockyard, truck, ship or warehouse

• An OS can run single or multiple containers at the same time

What are the Container Software?



- Docker is the software used to create and manage containers
- Just like any other package, docker can be installed on your Linux system and its service or daemon can be controlled through native Linux service management tool



- Podman is an alternative to docker
- Docker is not supported in RHEL 8
- It is daemon less, open source, Linux-native tool designed to develop, manage, and run containers.

Getting Familiar with Redhat Container Technology

Red Hat provides a set of command-line tools that can operate without a container engine, these include:

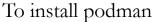
- podman for directly managing pods and container images (run, stop, start, ps, attach, etc.)
- **buildah** for building, pushing, and signing container images
- **skopeo** for copying, inspecting, deleting, and signing images
- runc for providing container run and build features to podman and buildah
- **crun** an optional runtime that can be configured and gives greater flexibility, control, and security for rootless containers.

Getting Familiar with podman Container Technology

When you hear about containers then you should know the following terms as well

- images containers can be created through images and containers can be converted to images
- **pods** Group of containers deployed together on the host. In the podman logo there are 3 seals grouped together as a pod.

Building, Running and Managing Containers,



- yum/dnf install podman -y
- yum install docker -y (For dockers)

Creating alias to docker

• alias docker=podman

Check podman version

• podman -v

Getting help

podman --help or man podman

Check podman environment and registry/repository information

• **podman info** (If you are trying to load a container image, then it will look at the local machine and then go through each registry by the order listed)

To search a specific image in repository.

podman search httpd

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To list any previously downloaded podman images

• podman images

To download available images

- podman pull docker.io/library/httpd
- podman images (Check downloaded image status)

To list podman running containers

• podman ps

To run a downloaded httpd containers

- podman run -dt -p 8080:80/tcp docker.io/library/httpd (d=detach, t=get the tty shell, p=port)
- podman ps or Check httpd through web browser

To view podman logs.

• podman logs -1

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To stop a running container

- podman stop con-name (con-name from podman ps command)
- podman ps (To list running containers)

To run a multiple containers of httpd by changing the port #

- podman run -dt -p 8081:80/tcp docker.io/library/httpd
- podman run -dt -p 8082:80/tcp docker.io/library/httpd
- podman ps

To stop and start a previously running container

podman stop|start con-name

To create a new container from the downloaded image

podman create --name httpd-con docker.io/library/httpd

To start the newly created container.

• podman start httpd-con

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Manage containers through systemd

- First you have to generate a unit file
 - podman generate systemd --new --files --name httpd-con
- Copy it systemd directory
 - cp /root/container-httpd.service /etc/systemd/system
- Enable the service
 - systemctl enable container-httpd-con.service
- Start the service.
 - systemctl start container-httpd-con.service