

Assignment - III

Title :- Subnetting

Problem statement :-

Write a program in java or python to demonstrate subnetting & find the subnet masks.

Objective :- To be able to

- Understand the concept of subnetting & subnet masks.
- Understand class-less & class-full addressing.

Outcome :- students will be able to

- Implement code to find subnet mask of the given IP address.
- To understand concept of class-less & class-full addressing scheme.

S/W & H/W requirements :- 64 bit system with Fedora OS, Eclipse IDE, J2SE/python.

Theory :-

Netmask : A netmask is a 32-bit mask used to divide a IP address into subnets & specify the networks ~~and~~ available hosts.

In network mask, 2 bits are always automatically assigned & can't be used (0 & 255)

The no. of networks a netmask can support are

$$\frac{2^{(\text{netmask length} - \text{no. of used segments})}}{2} - 2$$

Ex.:- A 24-bit netmask is

Netmask →	255	255	255	0
Binary →	11111111	11111111	11111111	00000000
Netmask length →	8	8	8	---

$$\text{total no. of networks} = \frac{2^{24-3}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{2^{21}}{2}$$

$$= 2097150$$

~~two~~ 2 are subtracted because of network & broadcast address that are already used.

No. of host a netmask can support are

$$\frac{2^{(\text{no. of zeros})}}{2}$$

ex. For the 24 bit net mask,

$$\text{no. of hosts} = 2^8 - 2 = 254$$

Given below are commonly used network classes they are also called class-full addressing as the no. of bits reserved for network id or the netmask length is fixed.

class	Netmask length	No. of networks	No. of hosts
class A	8	$2^8 - 2$	$2^{24} - 2$
class B	16	$2^{16} - 2$	$2^{16} - 2$
class C	24	$2^{24} - 2$	$2^8 - 2$

Netmask of class A \rightarrow 255.0.0.0

class B \rightarrow 255.255.0.0

class C \rightarrow 255.255.255.0

For class-less addressing, netmask length is mentioned in the address & it is calculated by the binary conversion of no. of bits.

Ex. 192.168.2.0 /20

Binary \rightarrow 11111111 | 11111111 | 11110000 | 00000000
 Netmask \rightarrow 255 | 255 | 240 | 0

Subnet Mask :-

- It is used to determine what subnet an IP address belongs to.
- Subnet mask is a data used for bitwise operation on a network of IP address that has been divided into 2 or more groups. This process is called subnetting, which divides IP network into blocks of logical addresses.

Ex. 192.168.2.0 /20

Consider no. of subnet = 4 (binary \rightarrow 100)
 8 bit from host bits are borrowed

Binary →	11111111	11111111	11111110	00000000
Subnetmask →	255	255	254	0

Algorithm :-

1. Get the IP address of network & no. of subnets from user.
2. Check which type of addressing, the given address belongs to & if it is valid address.
3. Calculate the network mask, network address, broadcast address & display them.
4. Verify if given no. of subnets can be formed.
5. Calculate no. of bits borrowed, subnet mask, subnet IP's & range of subnets & display them.
6. Get source & destination address from user & verify if they belong to the given network.
7. Check whether the source & destination address belongs to the same subnet or not & display the same.
8. Repeat 1-7 if user wants to continue.
9. Exit.

Test Cases :-

I/P	O/P	Expected O/P	Result
IP = 192.168.5.0/20 subnet = 7	class-less Netmask 255.255.255.192	— —	Success

source

192.168.5.1

subnet mask

255.255.255.248

destination

192.168.5.5

Subnet IP's :-

192.168.5.0,

192.168.5.8,

192.168.5.16,

192.168.5.24,

192.168.5.32,

192.168.5.40,

192.168.5.48

192.168.5.56

~~192.168.5~~

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Success

They are in same Subnet

IP : 192.168.5.0

Conclusion :-

We have successfully calculated the subnet mask of given IP address.