BASIC NETWORK CONFIGURATION

1) trivial static and dynamic network IP configuration "https://help.ubuntu.com/lts/serverguide/network-configuration.html":

#sudo aptitude install net-tools

#vim /etc/network.interfaces

auto lo

iface lo inet loopback

auto NetInterfaceName #ordinary network config iface NetInterfaceName inet manual address 192.168.150.3 network 192.168.0.0

netmask 255.255.0.0

gateway 192.168.150.1

dns-nameservers 8.8.8.8 8.8.4.4

auto NetInterfaceName #ordinary DHCP config iface NetInterfaceName inet dhcp

2) restart network interface:

#sudo ip addr flush NetInterfaceName && sudo systemctl restart networking.service && sudo service networking restart && sudo service network-manager restart

3) temporary network interface configuration:

#sudo ifconfig NetInterfaceName 192.168.150.3 netmask 255.255.0.0

4) get NetInterfaceName details:

#sudo aptitude install ethtool && sudo ethtool NetInterfaceName

5) static name resolving:

#sudo vim /etc/hosts

10.0.0.11 server1 server1.example.com

172.217.16.4 www.google.com

6) basic local network scanner:

#sudo aptitude install nast

7) basic network interfaces traffic tool:

#sudo aptitude install bmon

8) WiFi (WPA authorization) terminal commands: "http://linux.icydog.net/wpa.php"

#sudo apt-get install wpasupplicant
#wpa_passphrase myrouter mypassphrase > wpa.conf
#sudo iwlist scan

- 1. Which wpa_supplicant wireless drivers to use for your card. Running wpa_supplicant --help lists the different drivers it has (under "drivers:"). As of 0.5.8, the useful choices are: wext, hostap, madwifi, atmel, ndiswrapper, and ipw (ipw is for old kernels only; >=2.6.13 should use wext). If you don't see a specific match for your card, try wext, as that's kind of the catch-all.
- 2. The network device of your card. This is usually eth1 or wlan0, but if you're unsure you can just run iwconfig. It will report "no wireless extensions" for non-wireless devices and will display some data for any wireless devices.
- 3. The path to the configuration file that you created in the previous step.

Now that you have this data, run (as root):

wpa_supplicant -D[driver] -i[device] -c[/path/to/config]

There are no spaces between the options and parameters. Don't include the brackets as I just added those for clarity. For example, for my laptop it looks like this:

wpa_supplicant -Dwext -ieth1 -c/root/wpa.conf

You can also run it in the background by using the -B option so that it doesn't take up your console. To get a DHCP lease, first release whatever leases you're still holding onto (as root):

dhclient -r

Then ask for a new lease (of course replacing eth1 with the name of your network device, the same one as you used in the previous section):

dhclient eth1

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