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#:/bin/basn
check_command() {
   if [ $? -ne 0 ]; then
       echo "Error: $1 failed to execute."
# Gather hostname information
echo "Hostname Information:"
hostname || check_command "hostname"
echo "Network Interfaces:"
ifconfig -a &>/dev/null
if [ $? -ne 0 ]; then
   echo "Error: ifconfig command failed. Trying 'ip addr show' as an alternative."
   ip addr show || check_command "ip addr show"
   ifconfig -a
echo "-----"
# Display routing table information
echo "Routing Table:"
netstat -rn &>/dev/null
if [ $? -ne 0 ]; then
   echo "Error: netstat command failed. Trying 'ip route' as an alternative."
   ip route || check_command "ip route"
   netstat -rn
echo "IP Address Information:
ip addr show || check_command "ip addr show"
echo "------
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echo "IP Address Information:"
ip addr show || check_command "ip addr show"
echo "-----"
# Display DNS settings
echo "DNS Information:"
if [ -f /etc/resolv.conf ]; then
   cat /etc/resolv.conf || check_command "cat /etc/resolv.conf"
   echo "Error: /etc/resolv.conf file not found."
fi
echo "-----"
# Display default gateway
echo "Default Gateway:"
ip route | grep default &>/dev/null
if [ $? -ne 0 ]; then
   echo "Error: Unable to retrieve default gateway information."
else
   ip route | grep default
fi
echo "-----"
# Display open ports and listening services
echo "Open Ports and Listening Services:"
netstat -tuln &>/dev/null
if [ $? -ne 0 ]; then
   echo "Error: netstat command failed. Trying 'ss -tuln' as an alternative."
   ss -tuln || check_command "ss -tuln"
else
   netstat -tuln
fi
echo "-----"
echo "Active Network Connections:"
netstat -an &>/dev/null
if [ $? -ne 0 ]; then
   echo "Error: netstat command failed. Trying 'ss -an' as an alternative."
   ss -an || check_command "ss -an"
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# Display active network connections
echo "Active Network Connections:"
netstat -an &>/dev/null
if [ $? -ne 0 ]; then
   echo "Error: netstat command failed. Trying 'ss -an' as an alternative."
   ss -an || check_command "ss -an"
else
   netstat -an
fi
echo "-----"
# Gather ARP table information
echo "ARP Table:"
arp -a &>/dev/null
if [ $? -ne 0 ]; then
   echo "Error: arp command failed. Trying 'ip neigh' as an alternative."
   ip neigh || check_command "ip neigh"
else
   arp -a
fi
echo "------"
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Explanation of the Error Handling

- 1. check_command Function: This function checks if the last command executed successfully (using \$?). If it didn't, it prints an error message.
- 2. Alternative Commands: If certain commands (ifconfig, netstat, arp) are unavailable, the script tries alternatives (ip addr show, ss, ip neigh). This ensures compatibility across different systems.
- 3. **File Existence Check**: For DNS information, it checks if /etc/resolv.conf exists before attempting to read it.
- 4. **Output Redirection**: &>/dev/null suppresses command output for error checking, avoiding unnecessary messages if the primary command fails.

This enhanced script provides more robust error handling and alternative commands, making it more adaptable across various Linux distributions.