# **Explore any 10 networking commands**

### 1. ping

- **Usage:** ping [hostname or IP address]
- **Description**: Sends ICMP echo requests to check if a host is reachable. It helps diagnose network connectivity issues by measuring the response time between the source and destination.

### 2. ifconfig

- Usage: ifconfig [interface]
- **Description**: Displays or configures network interfaces. Commonly used to check the IP address, subnet mask, and status of network interfaces.

## 3. ip

- Usage: ip addr show, ip route show, ip link show
- **Description**: A powerful tool for network management, allowing configuration and display of IP addresses, routes, and network interfaces. It's a modern replacement for ifconfig.

#### 4. netstat

- Usage: netstat -an, netstat -rn
- **Description**: Shows network connections, routing tables, and interface statistics. It helps identify open ports, active connections, and routing information.

### 5. traceroute

- **Usage:** traceroute [hostname or IP address]
- **Description**: Tracks the path packets take to reach a host, showing each hop and the delay between them. Useful for diagnosing where delays or connection issues occur.

#### 6. nslookup

- Usage: nslookup [domain name]
- **Description**: Queries DNS to get the IP address associated with a domain name. Useful for diagnosing DNS-related issues or verifying DNS configuration.

#### 7. dig

- **Usage:** dig [domain name]
- **Description**: Retrieves DNS information, similar to nslookup but provides more detailed output. It can display different record types like A, MX, TXT, and more.

#### 8. arp

- Usage: arp -a
- **Description**: Displays or modifies the ARP (Address Resolution Protocol) table, which maps IP addresses to MAC addresses on a local network. It's useful for troubleshooting local network issues.

## 9. tcpdump

- **Usage:** tcpdump -i [interface]
- **Description**: Captures network packets on a specified interface for detailed analysis. Useful for diagnosing network issues, analyzing traffic, and detecting intrusions.

### 10. ss

- Usage: ss -tuln
- **Description**: Displays socket statistics, similar to netstat, but faster and with more features. Commonly used to view active connections and open ports.