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Task 1 Introduction

The aim of this room is to provide a beginner's introduction to the basic principles of networking. Networking is a *massive* topic, so this really will just be a brief overview; however, it will hopefully give you some foundational knowledge of the topic, which you can build upon for yourself.

The topics that we're going to cover in this room are:

- The OSI Model
- The TCP/IP Model
- How these models look in practice
- An introduction to basic networking tools

Answer the questions below

Let's get started!

No answer needed

✓ Correct Answer

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Which layer would choose to send data over TCP or UDP?

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✓ Correct Answer

Which layer checks received information to make sure that it hasn't been corrupted?

2

✓ Correct Answer

In which layer would data be formatted in preparation for transmission?

2

✓ Correct Answer

Which layer transmits and receives data?

1

✓ Correct Answer

Which layer encrypts, compresses, or otherwise transforms the initial data to give it a standardised format?

6

✓ Correct Answer

Which layer tracks communications between the host and receiving computers?

5

✓ Correct Answer

Which layer accepts communication requests from applications?

7

✓ Correct Answer

Which layer handles logical addressing?

3

✓ Correct Answer

When sending data over TCP, what would you call the "bite-sized" pieces of data?

Segments

✓ Correct Answer

[Research] Which layer would the FTP protocol communicate with?

7

✓ Correct Answer

Hint

Which transport layer protocol would be best suited to transmit a live video?

UDP

✓ Correct Answer

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Which model was introduced first, OSI or TCP/IP?

TCP/IP

✓ Correct Answer

Which layer of the TCP/IP model covers the functionality of the Transport layer of the OSI model (**Full Name**)?

Transport

✓ Correct Answer

Which layer of the TCP/IP model covers the functionality of the Session layer of the OSI model (**Full Name**)?

Application

✓ Correct Answer

The Network Interface layer of the TCP/IP model covers the functionality of two layers in the OSI model. These layers are Data Link, and?... (**Full Name**)?

Physical

✓ Correct Answer

Which layer of the TCP/IP model handles the functionality of the OSI network layer?

Internet

✓ Correct Answer

What kind of protocol is TCP?

Connection-based

✓ Correct Answer

What is SYN short for?

Synchronise

✓ Correct Answer

What is the second step of the three way handshake?

SYN/ACK

✓ Correct Answer

What is the short name for the "Acknowledgement" segment in the three-way handshake?

ACK

✓ Correct Answer

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Answer the questions below

What command would you use to ping the bbc.co.uk website?

ping bbc.co.uk

✓ Correct Answer

Ping *muirlandoracle.co.uk*

What is the IPv4 address?

217.160.0.152

✓ Correct Answer

What switch lets you change the interval of sent ping requests?

-i

✓ Correct Answer

What switch would allow you to restrict requests to IPv4?

-4

✓ Correct Answer

What switch would give you a more verbose output?

-v

✓ Correct Answer

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You can see that it took 13 hops to get from my router to the Google server at 216.58.205.46

Now it's your turn. As with before, all questions about switches can be answered with the man page for traceroute

`man traceroute`.

Answer the questions below

Use traceroute on tryhackme.com

Can you see the path your request has taken?

No answer needed

✓ Correct Answer

What switch would you use to specify an interface when using Traceroute?

-i

✓ Correct Answer

Hint

What switch would you use if you wanted to use TCP SYN requests when tracing the route?

-T

✓ Correct Answer

[Lateral Thinking] Which layer of the TCP/IP model will traceroute run on by default (Windows)?

Internet

✓ Correct Answer

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Answer the questions below

Perform a whois search on `facebook.com`

No answer needed

✓ Correct Answer

What is the registrant postal code for facebook.com?

94025

✓ Correct Answer

When was the facebook.com domain first registered (Format: DD/MM/YYYY)?

29/03/1997

✓ Correct Answer

Perform a whois search on `microsoft.com`

(Note: Please ensure you have read the task above before attempting the next questions.)

No answer needed

✓ Correct Answer

Which city is the registrant based in?

Redmond

✓ Correct Answer

[OSINT] What is the name of the golf course that is near the registrant address for microsoft.com?

Bellevue Golf Course

✓ Correct Answer

What is the registered Tech Email for microsoft.com?

msnhst@microsoft.com

✓ Correct Answer

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Task 8 Networking Tools Dig

Task 9 Further Reading

That's us completed our whirlwind tour of networking basics. Hopefully you've found it informative!

Networking is one of those things that you just need to learn. We've covered the very basics, but it would be a very good idea to continue to learn by yourself.

In terms of further information, feel free to reach out in the TryHackMe Discord if you want any help with the contents of this room. Additionally, if you want to expand your knowledge of networking theory, the [Cisco Self Study Guide by Steve McQuery](#) is a great resource to work from. There may be a more up to date version available; however, this edition is cheap, readily available, and most importantly, still very relevant. Whilst it is designed to as a study guide for the CCNA exam, that book serves equally well as a very rounded introduction to networking principles.

Answer the questions below

Read the final thoughts

No answer needed

✓ Correct Answer

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