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CEL 51, DCCN, Monsoon 2020 Lab 2: Basic Network Utilities

This lab introduces some basic network monitoring/analysis tools. There are a few exercises along the way. You should write up answers to the *ping* and *traceroute* exercises and turn them in next lab. (You should try out each tool, whether it is needed for an exercise or not!).

Prerequisite: Basic understanding of command line utilities of Linux Operating system.

## Some Basic command line Networking utilities

Start with a few of the most basic command line tools. These commands are available on Unix, including Linux (and the first two, at least, are also for Windows). Some parameters or options might differ on different operating systems. Remember that you can use man <command> to get information about a command and its options.

ping — The command ping <host> sends a series of packets and expects to receieve a response to each packet. When a return packet is received, ping reports the round trip time (the time between sending the packet and receiving the response). Some routers and firewalls block ping requests, so you might get no reponse at all. Ping can be used to check whether a computer is up and running, to measure network delay time, and to check for dropped packets indicating network congestion. Note that <host> can be either a domain name or an IP address. By default, ping will send a packet every second indefinitely; stop it with Control-C

Network latency, specifically round trip time (RTT), can be measured using ping, which sends ICMP packets. The syntax for the command in Linux or Mac OS is:

ping [-c <count>] [-s <packetsize>] <hostname>

The syntax in Windows is:

ping [-n <count>] [-l <packetsize>] <hostname>

The default number of ICMP packets to send is either infinite (in Linux and Mac OS) or 4 (in Windows). The default packet size is either 64 bytes (in Linux) or 32 bytes (in Windows). You can specify either a hostname (e.g., spit.ac.in) or an IP address.

To save the output from ping to a file, include a greater than symbol and a file name at the end of the command. For example:

### **EXPERIMENTS WITH PING**

1. Ping the any hosts 10 times (i.e., packet count is 10) with a packet size of 64 bytes, 100 bytes, 500 bytes, 1000 bytes, 1400 bytes

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Administrator: Command Prompt
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.18362.900]
(c) 2019 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
C:\WINDOWS\system32>ping -n 10 -l 64 google.com
Pinging google.com [2404:6800:4009:80c::200e] with 64 bytes of data:
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=81ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=210ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=106ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=131ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=115ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=150ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=84ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=84ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=101ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=140ms
Ping statistics for 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e:
    Packets: Sent = 10, Received = 10, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
   Minimum = 81ms, Maximum = 210ms, Average = 120ms
C:\WINDOWS\system32>ping -n 10 -l 100 google.com
Pinging google.com [2404:6800:4009:80c::200e] with 100 bytes of data:
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=112ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=216ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=131ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=115ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=169ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=212ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=108ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=221ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=119ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=109ms
Ping statistics for 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e:
    Packets: Sent = 10, Received = 10, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
    Minimum = 108ms, Maximum = 221ms, Average = 151ms
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C:\WINDOWS\system32>ping -n 10 -l 500 google.com
Pinging google.com [2404:6800:4009:80c::200e] with 500 bytes of data:
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=248ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=230ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=305ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=304ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=220ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=258ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=256ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=277ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=213ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=210ms
Ping statistics for 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e:
    Packets: Sent = 10, Received = 10, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
   Minimum = 210ms, Maximum = 305ms, Average = 252ms
C:\WINDOWS\system32>ping -n 10 -l 1000 google.com
Pinging google.com [2404:6800:4009:80c::200e] with 1000 bytes of data:
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=617ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=342ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=328ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=220ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=395ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=310ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=203ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=345ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=568ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=278ms
Ping statistics for 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e:
    Packets: Sent = 10, Received = 10, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
   Minimum = 203ms, Maximum = 617ms, Average = 360ms
C:\WINDOWS\system32>ping -n 10 -l 1400 google.com
Pinging google.com [2404:6800:4009:80c::200e] with 1400 bytes of data:
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=296ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=367ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=386ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=413ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=421ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=336ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=360ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=358ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=492ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=287ms
Ping statistics for 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e:
    Packets: Sent = 10, Received = 10, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
   Minimum = 287ms, Maximum = 492ms, Average = 371ms
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Administrator: Command Prompt
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=413ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=421ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=336ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=360ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=358ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=492ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e: time=287ms
Ping statistics for 2404:6800:4009:80c::200e:
   Packets: Sent = 10, Received = 10, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
   Minimum = 287ms, Maximum = 492ms, Average = 371ms
C:\WINDOWS\system32>ping -n 10 -l 64 yahoo.com
Pinging yahoo.com [2001:4998:124:1507::f001] with 64 bytes of data:
Reply from 2001:4998:124:1507::f001: time=489ms
Reply from 2001:4998:124:1507::f001: time=682ms
Reply from 2001:4998:124:1507::f001: time=596ms
Reply from 2001:4998:124:1507::f001: time=717ms
Reply from 2001:4998:124:1507::f001: time=515ms
Reply from 2001:4998:124:1507::f001: time=549ms
Reply from 2001:4998:124:1507::f001: time=484ms
Reply from 2001:4998:124:1507::f001: time=483ms
Reply from 2001:4998:124:1507::f001: time=811ms
Reply from 2001:4998:124:1507::f001: time=526ms
Ping statistics for 2001:4998:124:1507::f001:
   Packets: Sent = 10, Received = 10, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
   Minimum = 483ms, Maximum = 811ms, Average = 585ms
C:\WINDOWS\system32>ping -n 10 -l 100 yahoo.com
Pinging yahoo.com [2001:4998:124:1507::f001] with 100 bytes of data:
Reply from 2001:4998:124:1507::f001: time=592ms
Reply from 2001:4998:124:1507::f001: time=469ms
Reply from 2001:4998:124:1507::f001: time=486ms
Reply from 2001:4998:124:1507::f001: time=801ms
Reply from 2001:4998:124:1507::f001: time=725ms
Reply from 2001:4998:124:1507::f001: time=982ms
Reply from 2001:4998:124:1507::f001: time=1065ms
Reply from 2001:4998:124:1507::f001: time=312ms
Reply from 2001:4998:124:1507::f001: time=378ms
Reply from 2001:4998:124:1507::f001: time=356ms
```

## QUESTIONS ABOUT LATENCY

Now look at the results you gathered and answer the following questions about latency. Store your answers in a file named ping.txt.

1. Does the average RTT vary between different hosts? What aspects of latency (transmit, propagation, and queueing delay) might impact this and why?

Ans: Round-trip time (RTT) is the duration in milliseconds (ms) it takes for a network request to go from a starting point to a destination and back again to the starting point. RTT is an important metric in determining the health of a connection on a local network or the larger Internet, and is commonly utilized by network administrators to diagnose the speed and reliability of network connections.

Delay may differ slightly, depending on the location of the specific pair of communicating endpoints. Engineers usually report both the maximum and average delay, and they divide the delay into several parts:

- Processing delay time it takes a router to process the packet header, depends on the processing speed of the switch
- Queuing delay time the packet spends in routing queues depends on the number of packets, size of the packet and bandwidth
- **Transmission delay** time it takes to push the packet's bits onto the link depends on size of the packet and the bandwidth of the network.
- **Propagation delay** time for a signal to reach its destination depends on distance and propagation speed.

A certain minimum level of delay is experienced by signals due to the time it takes to transmit a packet serially through a link. This delay is extended by more variable levels of delay due to network congestion. IP network delays can range from a few milliseconds to several hundred milliseconds.

So yes, Average RTT does vary between different hosts due to queuing delay as we can see in above example the average RTT was calculated for google.com and yahoo.com differs. This can mostly be due to propagation Delay as it depends on distance and due to Queuing delay as the packet may be in queue

2. Does the average RTT vary with different packet sizes? What aspects of latency (transmit, propagation, and queueing delay) might impact this and why?

Yes, the average RTT increases with packet size as Queuing delay and Transmission delay increases as they both to rely on size of packets eventually increasing the average RTT

**Exercise 1**: Experiment with ping to find the round trip times to a variety of destinations. Write up any interesting observations, including in particular how the round trip time compares to the

physical distance. Here are few places from who to get replies: www.uw.edu, www.cornell.edu, berkeley.edu, www.uchicago.edu, www.ox.ac.uk (England), www.u-tokyo.ac.jp (Japan).

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Pinging www.washington.edu [128.95.155.197] with 100 bytes of data:
Reply from 128.95.155.197: bytes=100 time=270ms TTL=46
Reply from 128.95.155.197: bytes=100 time=256ms TTL=46
Reply from 128.95.155.197: bytes=100 time=259ms TTL=46
Reply from 128.95.155.197: bytes=100 time=260ms TTL=46
Reply from 128.95.155.197: bytes=100 time=261ms TTL=46
Reply from 128.95.155.197: bytes=100 time=257ms TTL=46
Reply from 128.95.155.197: bytes=100 time=255ms TTL=46
Reply from 128.95.155.197: bytes=100 time=258ms TTL=46
Reply from 128.95.155.197: bytes=100 time=264ms TTL=46
Reply from 128.95.155.197: bytes=100 time=253ms TTL=46
Ping statistics for 128.95.155.197:
   Packets: Sent = 10, Received = 10, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
   Minimum = 253ms, Maximum = 270ms, Average = 259ms
C:\Users\Raj>ping -n 10 -l 100 berkeley.edu
Pinging berkeley.edu [35.163.72.93] with 100 bytes of data:
Reply from 35.163.72.93: bytes=100 time=267ms TTL=32
Reply from 35.163.72.93: bytes=100 time=268ms TTL=32
Reply from 35.163.72.93: bytes=100 time=270ms TTL=32
Reply from 35.163.72.93: bytes=100 time=278ms TTL=32
Reply from 35.163.72.93: bytes=100 time=272ms TTL=32
Reply from 35.163.72.93: bytes=100 time=265ms TTL=32
Reply from 35.163.72.93: bytes=100 time=279ms TTL=32
Reply from 35.163.72.93: bytes=100 time=265ms TTL=32
Reply from 35.163.72.93: bytes=100 time=264ms TTL=32
Reply from 35.163.72.93: bytes=100 time=271ms TTL=32
Ping statistics for 35.163.72.93:
    Packets: Sent = 10, Received = 10, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
    Minimum = 264ms, Maximum = 279ms, Average = 269ms
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# List of factors affecting RTT:

The nature of the transmission medium - the way in which connections are made affects how fast the connection moves; connections made over optical fiber will behave differently than connections made over copper. Likewise, a connection made over a wireless frequency will behave differently than that of a satellite communication.

Local area network (LAN) traffic - the amount of traffic on the local area network can bottleneck a connection before it ever reaches the larger Internet. For example, if many users are using streaming video service simultaneously, round-trip time may be inhibited even though the external network has excess capacity and is functioning normally.

Server response time – the amount of time it takes a server to process and respond to a request is a potential bottleneck in network latency. When a server is overwhelmed with requests, such as during a DDoS attack, its ability to respond efficiently can be inhibited, resulting in increased RTT.

Node count and congestion – depending on the path that a connection takes across the Internet, it may be routed or "hop" through a different number of intermediate nodes. Generally speaking, the greater the number of nodes a connection touches the slower it will be. A node may also experience network congestion from other network traffic, which will slow down the connection and increase RTT.

Physical distance – although a connection optimized by a CDN can often reduce the number of hops required to reach a destination, there is no way of getting around the limitation imposed by the speed of light; the distance between a start and end point is a limiting factor in network connectivity that can only be reduced by moving content closer to the requesting users. To overcome this obstacle, a CDN will cache content closer to the requesting users, thereby reducing RTT.

**nslookup** — The command nslookup <host> will do a DNS query to find and report the IP address (or addresses) for a domain name or the domain name corresponding to an IP address. To do this, it contacts a "DNS server." Default DNS servers are part of a computer's network configuration. (For a static IP address in Linux, they are configured in the file /etc/network/interfaces that you encountered in the last lab.) You can specify a different DNS server to be used by nslokup by adding the server name or IP address to the command: nslookup <host> <server>

```
C:\Users\Raj>nslookup google.com
Server: UnKnown
Address: 192.168.0.1

Non-authoritative answer:
Name: google.com
Addresses: 2404:6800:4009:80e::200e
172.217.166.174
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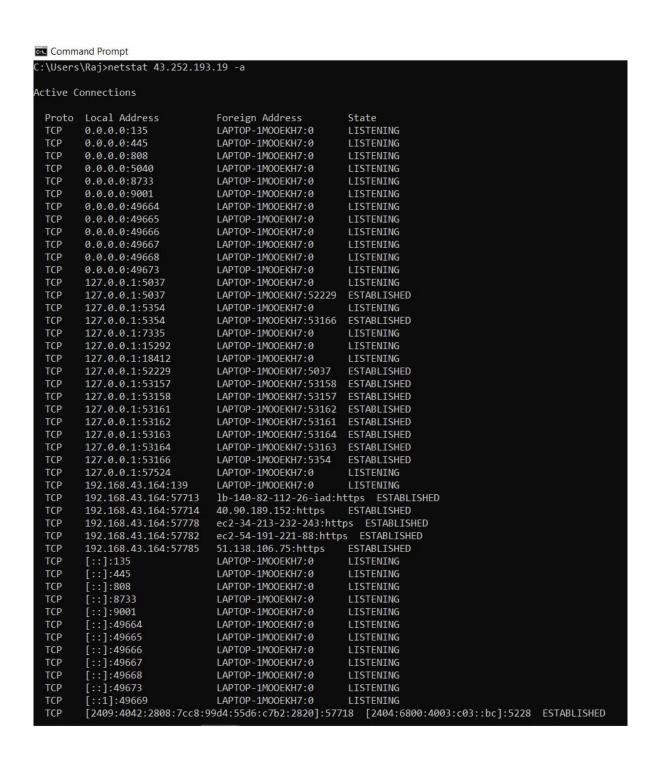
**ifconfig** — You used ifconfig in the previous lab. When used with no parameters, ifconfig reports some information about the computer's network interfaces. This usually includes lo which stands for localhost; it can be used for communication between programs running on the same computer. Linux often has an interface named eth0, which is the first ethernet card. The information is different on Mac OS and Linux, but includes the IP or "inet" address and ethernet or "hardware" address for an ethernet card. On Linux, you get the number of packets received (RX) and sent (TX), as well as the number of bytes transmitted and received. (A better place to monitor network bytes on our Linux computers is in the GUI program System Monitor, if it is installed!!!.)

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Command Prompt
C:\Users\Raj>ipconfig
Windows TP Configuration
Ethernet adapter Ethernet:
   Media State . . . . . . . . . : Media disconnected Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :
 ireless LAN adapter Local Area Connection* 1:
   Media State . .
                                      . . : Media disconnected
   Vireless LAN adapter Local Area Connection* 2:
   Media State . . . . . . . : Media disconnected Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :
Wireless LAN adapter Wi-Fi:
  Connection-specific DNS Suffix :
IPv6 Address . . . : 2409:4042:2808:7cc8:7949:a882:3316:712c
Temporary IPv6 Address . . : 2409:4042:2808:7cc8:9976:6334:afa9:b49
Link-local IPv6 Address . . : fe80::7949:a882:3316:712c%8
IPv4 Address . . . : 192.168.43.164
  Ethernet adapter Bluetooth Network Connection:
   Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
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```
Administrator: Command Prompt
C:\WINDOWS\system32>ipconfig /?
USAGE:
    ipconfig [/allcompartments] [/? | /all |
                                  /renew [adapter] | /release [adapter] |
                                  /renew6 [adapter] | /release6 [adapter] |
                                  /flushdns | /displaydns | /registerdns |
                                  /showclassid adapter |
                                  /setclassid adapter [classid] |
                                  /showclassid6 adapter
                                  /setclassid6 adapter [classid] ]
where
                        Connection name
   adapter
                       (wildcard characters * and ? allowed, see examples)
   Options:
                        Display this help message
       /?
       /all
                        Display full configuration information.
       /release
                        Release the IPv4 address for the specified adapter.
                        Release the IPv6 address for the specified adapter.
       /release6
                        Renew the IPv4 address for the specified adapter.
       /renew
       /renew6
                        Renew the IPv6 address for the specified adapter.
       /flushdns
                        Purges the DNS Resolver cache.
       /registerdns
                        Refreshes all DHCP leases and re-registers DNS names
       /displaydns
                        Display the contents of the DNS Resolver Cache.
       /showclassid
                        Displays all the dhcp class IDs allowed for adapter.
                        Modifies the dhcp class id.
       /setclassid
                        Displays all the IPv6 DHCP class IDs allowed for adapter.
       /showclassid6
       /setclassid6
                        Modifies the IPv6 DHCP class id.
The default is to display only the IP address, subnet mask and
default gateway for each adapter bound to TCP/IP.
For Release and Renew, if no adapter name is specified, then the IP address
leases for all adapters bound to TCP/IP will be released or renewed.
For Setclassid and Setclassid6, if no ClassId is specified, then the ClassId is removed.
Examples:
   > ipconfig
                                     ... Show information
   > ipconfig /all
                                     ... Show detailed information
   > ipconfig /renew
                                     ... renew all adapters
   > ipconfig /renew EL*
                                     ... renew any connection that has its
                                         name starting with EL
                                     ... release all matching connections,
eg. "Wired Ethernet Connection 1" or
   > ipconfig /release *Con*
                                              "Wired Ethernet Connection 2"
   > ipconfig /allcompartments
                                      ... Show information about all
                                          compartments
    > ipconfig /allcompartments /all ... Show detailed information about all
```

**netstat** — The netstat command gives information about network connections. I often use netstat -t -n which lists currently open TCP connections (that's the "-t" option) by IP address rather than domain name (that's the "-n" option). Add the option "-l" (lower case ell) to list

listening sockets, that is sockets that have been opened by server programs to wait for connection requests from clients: netstat -t -n -l. (On Mac, use netstat -p tcp to list tcp connections, and add "-a" to include listening sockets in the list.



### Command Prompt

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[::]:49673
                                 LAPTOP-1MOOEKH7:0
                                                        LISTENING
  TCP
  TCP
         [::1]:49669
                                LAPTOP-1MOOEKH7:0
                                                        LISTENING
                                                           [2404:6800:4003:c03::bc]:5228
  TCP
         [2409:4042:2808:7cc8:99d4:55d6:c7b2:2820]:57718
                                                                                           ESTABLISHED
  TCP
         [2409:4042:2808:7cc8:99d4:55d6:c7b2:2820]:57719
                                                           [2404:6800:4003:c03::bc]:5228
                                                                                           ESTABLISHED
         [2409:4042:2808:7cc8:99d4:55d6:c7b2:2820]:57769 whatsapp-cdn6-shv-02-bom1:https ESTABLISHED
  TCP
         0.0.0.0:500
 UDP
         0.0.0.0:4500
 UDP
         0.0.0.0:5050
 UDP
         0.0.0.0:5353
 UDP
         0.0.0.0:5353
 UDP
         0.0.0.0:5353
 UDP
         0.0.0.0:5353
 UDP
         0.0.0.0:5353
 UDP
         0.0.0.0:5355
 UDP
         0.0.0.0:49666
 UDP
         0.0.0.0:52196
         0.0.0.0:59282
 UDP
         0.0.0.0:60134
 UDP
         0.0.0.0:61193
 UDP
         0.0.0.0:63033
 UDP
         0.0.0.0:64238
 UDP
         127.0.0.1:1900
 UDP
         127.0.0.1:49668
 LIDP
         127.0.0.1:51116
 UDP
         192.168.43.164:137
 UDP
         192.168.43.164:138
         192.168.43.164:1900
         192.168.43.164:2177
         192.168.43.164:5353
 UDP
         192.168.43.164:51115
 UDP
         [::]:500
 UDP
         [::]:4500
         [::]:5353
 UDP
 UDP
         [::]:5353
 UDP
         [::]:5353
         [::]:5355
 UDP
 UDP
         [::]:49667
 UDP
         [::]:63033
         [::1]:1900
         [::1]:5353
 UDP
         [::1]:51114
 UDP
         [2409:4042:2808:7cc8:7949:a882:3316:712c]:2177
 UDP
         [2409:4042:2808:7cc8:99d4:55d6:c7b2:2820]:2177
         [fe80::7949:a882:3316:712c%8]:1900 *:*
 UDP
 UDP
         [fe80::7949:a882:3316:712c%8]:2177
         [fe80::7949:a882:3316:712c%8]:51113 *:*
Active Connections
  Proto Local Address
                                Foreign Address
                                                        State
         0.0.0.0:135
                                LAPTOP-1MOOEKH7:0
                                                        LISTENING
                                LAPTOP-1M00EKH7:0
  TCP
         0.0.0.0:445
                                                        LISTENING
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telnet — Telnet is an old program for remote login. It's not used so much for that any more, since it has no security features. But basically, all it does is open a connection to a server and allow server and client to send lines of plain text to each other. It can be used to check that it's possible to connect to a server and, if the server communicates in plain text, even to interact with the server by hand. Since the Web uses a plain text protocol, you can use telnet to connect to a web

client and play the part of the web browser. I will suggest that you to do this with your own web server when you write it, but you might want to try it now. When you use telnet in this way, you need to specify both the host and the port number to which you want to connect: telent <host> <port>. For example, to connect to the web server on www.spit.ac.in: telnet spit.ac.in 80

A blank command prompt screen appears showing that the connection is established.

traceroute — Traceroute is discussed in man utility. The command traceroute <host> will show routers encountered by packets on their way from your computer to a specified <host>. For each n = 1, 2, 3,..., traceroute sends a packet with "time-to-live" (ttl) equal to n. Every time a router forwards a packet, it decreases the ttl of the packet by one. If the ttl drops to zero, the router discards the packet and sends an error message back to the sender of the packet. (Again, as with ping, the packets might be blocked or might not even be sent, so that the error messages will never be received.) The sender gets the identity of the router from the source of the error message. Traceroute will send packets until n reaches some set upper bound or until a packet actually gets through to the destination. It actually does this three times for each n. In this way, it identifies routers that are one step, two steps, three steps, ... away from the source computer. A packet for which no response is received is indicated in the output as a \*.

Traceroute is installed on the computers. If was not installed in your virtual server last week, but you can install it with the command sudo apt-get install traceroute

The path taken through a network, can be measured using traceroute. The syntax for the command in Linux is:

### traceroute < hostname>

The syntax in Windows is:

## tracert < hostname>

You can specify either a hostname (e.g., cs.iitb.ac.in) or an IP address (e.g., 128.105.2.6).

# 1.2.1 EXPERIMENTS WITH TRACEROUTE

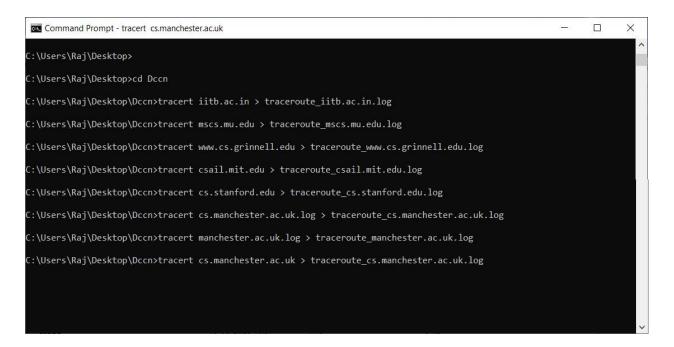
From **your machine** traceroute to the following hosts:

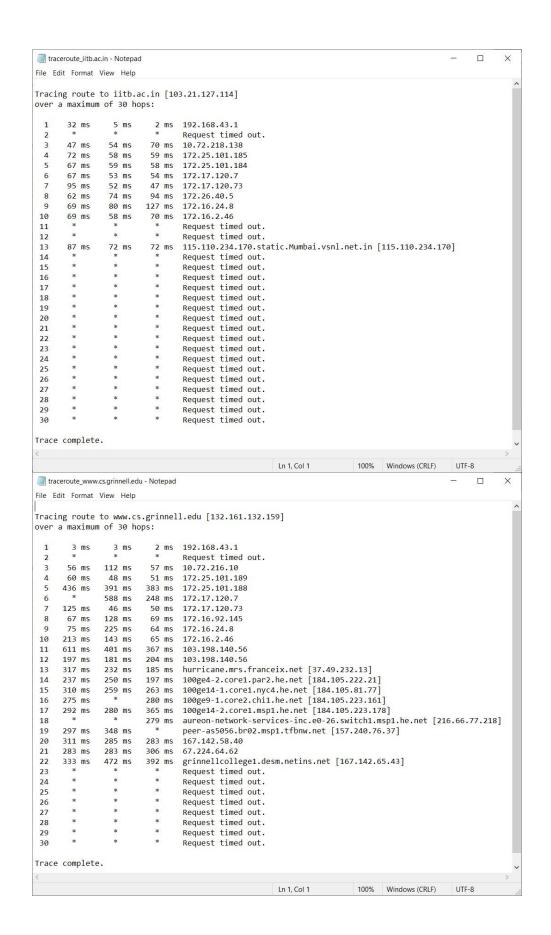
- 1. ee.iitb.ac.in
- 2. mscs.mu.edu
- 3. www.cs.grinnell.edu
- 4. csail.mit.edu
- 5. cs.stanford.edu

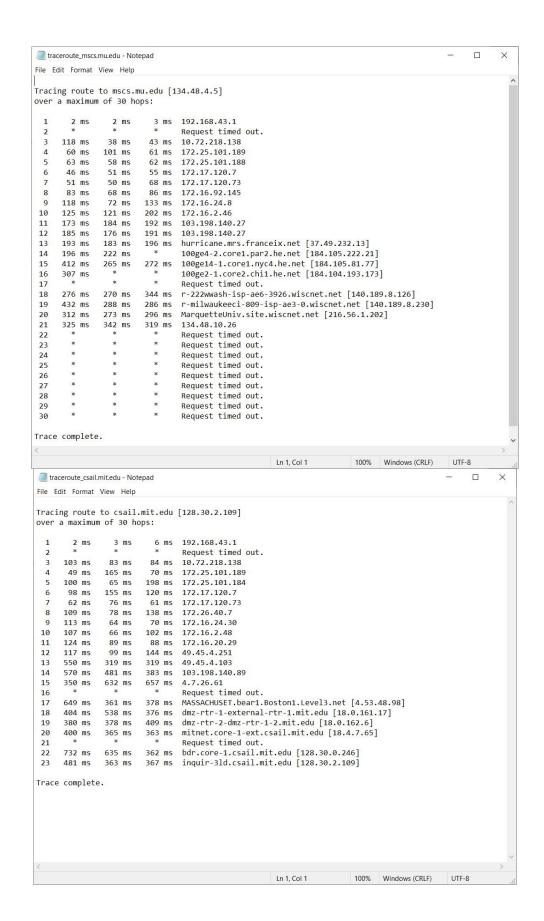
### 6. cs.manchester.ac.uk

Store the output of each traceroute command in a separate file named traceroute\_HOSTNAME.log, replacing HOSTNAME with the hostname for end-host you pinged

(e.g., traceroute\_ee.iitb.ac.in.log).







```
traceroute_cs.stanford.edu - Notepad
                                                                                                     П
File Edit Format View Help
Tracing route to cs.stanford.edu [171.64.64.64]
over a maximum of 30 hops:
                           2 ms 192.168.43.1
                 3 ms
        3 ms
                                 Request timed out.
       47 ms
                 58 ms
                          52 ms
                                 10.72.216.10
 4
       56 ms
                60 ms
                         104 ms
                                 172.25.101.189
 5
       55 ms
                53 ms
                         73 ms
                                 172.25.101.184
 6
                          49 ms
                                 172.17.120.7
      102 ms
                74 ms
                                 172.17.120.77
                44 ms
                          63 ms
 7
      53 ms
 8
       74 ms
                72 ms
                          63 ms
                                 172.16.92.145
               266 ms
                          67 ms
                                 172.16.24.10
       88 ms
10
      65 ms
                86 ms
                          78 ms
                                 172.16.2.46
11
      174 ms
               168 ms
                         161 ms
                                 103.198.140.56
12
      182 ms
               169 ms
                         180 ms
                                 103.198.140.56
                                 hurricane.mrs.franceix.net [37.49.232.13]
               168 ms
                         165 ms
13
      178 ms
      209 ms
                         185 ms
                                 100ge4-2.core1.par2.he.net [184.105.222.21]
14
               181 ms
                         289 ms
                                 100ge10-2.core1.ash1.he.net [184.105.213.173]
15
      260 ms
               305 ms
      329 ms
               307 ms
                         309 ms
                                 100ge7-2.core1.pao1.he.net [184.105.222.41]
17
      300 ms
               334 ms
                         293 ms
                                 stanford-university.100gigabitethernet5-1.core1.pao1.he.net [184.105.17
                                 csee-west-rtr-vl3.SUNet [171.66.255.140]
18
      313 ms
               295 ms
                         517 ms
                         316 ms CS.stanford.edu [171.64.64.64]
19
      309 ms
               304 ms
Trace complete.
<
                                                       Ln 1, Col 1
                                                                          100%
                                                                               Windows (CRLF)
                                                                                                UTF-8
traceroute_cs.manchester.ac.uk - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
Tracing route to cs.manchester.ac.uk [130.88.101.49]
over a maximum of 30 hops:
                           3 ms 192.168.43.1
                  3 ms
        2 ms
                                  Request timed out.
      108 ms
                437 ms
                         100 ms
                                  10.72.218.138
  4
       74 ms
                 79 ms
                          84 ms
                                 172.25.101.189
  5
      103 ms
               104 ms
                         678 ms
                                 172.25.101.184
                84 ms
      106 ms
                          85 ms
                                 172.17.120.7
  6
      163 ms
                 80 ms
                          83 ms
                                 172.17.120.77
      635 ms
                373 ms
                         636 ms
                                 172.26.40.5
       65 ms
                70 ms
                          76 ms
                                 172.16.24.10
 10
       95 ms
                 91 ms
                          82 ms
                                 172.16.2.46
                         207 ms
                                 103.198.140.45
 11
      228 ms
               217 ms
 12
      206 ms
                255 ms
                         588 ms
                                 103.198.140.56
 13
      201 ms
                208 ms
                         210 ms
                                 103.198.140.107
 14
      239 ms
               194 ms
                         224 ms
                                 103.198.140.45
 15
      232 ms
               208 ms
                         251 ms
                                 hu0-4-0-1.agr21.lhr01.atlas.cogentco.com [149.14.196.81]
                                 be3672.ccr52.lhr01.atlas.cogentco.com [130.117.48.145]
be3488.ccr42.lon13.atlas.cogentco.com [154.54.60.13]
 16
      221 ms
               206 ms
                         216 ms
 17
      212 ms
               226 ms
                         214 ms
 18
      212 ms
               196 ms
                         222 ms
                                  be2871.ccr21.lon01.atlas.cogentco.com [154.54.58.186]
 19
      228 ms
               286 ms
                         230 ms
                                  ldn-b1-link.telia.net [62.115.9.28]
 20
      197 ms
               209 ms
                         254 ms
*
                                 ldn-bb3-link.telia.net [62.115.120.74]
 21
      363 ms
               211 ms
                                  ldn-b2-link.telia.net [62.115.122.189]
                                 jisc-ic-345131-ldn-b4.c.telia.net [62.115.175.131]
      199 ms
                         203 ms
 22
               269 ms
 23
      210 ms
               197 ms
                         226 ms
                                 ae24.londhx-sbr1.ja.net [146.97.35.197]
 24
      224 ms
                195 ms
                         392 ms
                                 ae29.londpg-sbr2.ja.net [146.97.33.2]
 25
      224 ms
                324 ms
                         251 ms
                                 ae31.erdiss-sbr2.ja.net [146.97.33.22]
                                 ae29.manckh-sbr2.ja.net [146.97.33.42]
 26
      182 ms
               230 ms
                         221 ms
                                 ae23.mancrh-rbr1.ja.net [146.97.38.42]
 27
      263 ms
               252 ms
                         429 ms
                                 universityofmanchester.ja.net [146.97.169.2]
                         205 ms
 28
                208 ms
                                 130.88.249.194
                         248 ms
 30
                                 Request timed out.
Trace complete.
                                                       Ln 1, Col 1
                                                                         100% Windows (CRLF)
                                                                                               UTF-8
```

<u>Exercise 2:</u> (Very short.) Use traceroute to trace the route from your computer to math.hws.edu and to www.hws.edu. Explain the difference in the results.

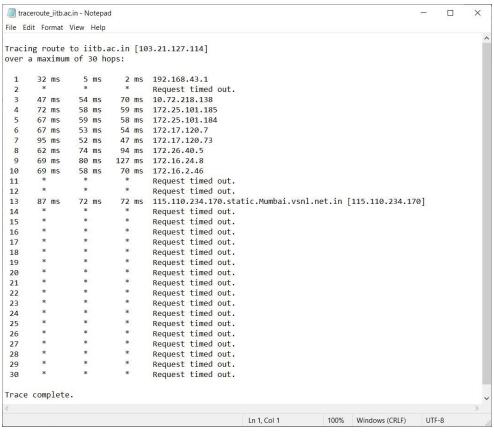
```
Command Prompt
C:\Users\Raj>tracert math.hws.edu
Tracing route to math.hws.edu [64.89.144.237]
over a maximum of 30 hops:
       3 ms
                2 ms
                          3 ms 192.168.43.1
 2
                                Request timed out.
                        91 ms
      57 ms
                62 ms
                               10.72.218.138
               91 ms
      54 ms
                         86 ms 172.25.101.191
     107 ms
                75 ms
                         45 ms 172.25.101.190
 6
      76 ms
              120 ms
                         90 ms 172.17.120.7
      65 ms
               86 ms
                         89 ms 172.17.120.73
 8
      82 ms
               81 ms
                         76 ms
                               172.16.92.145
 9
      73 ms
                73 ms
                         80 ms
                               172.16.24.8
10
      67 ms
               71 ms
                         74 ms
                               172.16.2.46
11
     196 ms
              241 ms
                        230 ms 103.198.140.45
12
     242 ms
              233 ms
                        182 ms 103.198.140.56
13
     255 ms
              266 ms
                        255 ms 103.198.140.107
14
     259 ms
              198 ms
                        246 ms 103.198.140.45
15
     555 ms
                        235 ms hu0-4-0-1.agr21.lhr01.atlas.cogentco.com [149.14.196.81]
              256 ms
16
     249 ms
              193 ms
                        247 ms be3672.ccr52.lhr01.atlas.cogentco.com [130.117.48.145]
     189 ms
17
              188 ms
                        174 ms
                               be3488.ccr42.lon13.atlas.cogentco.com [154.54.60.13]
18
     195 ms
                        187 ms
                               be2869.ccr22.lon01.atlas.cogentco.com [154.54.57.162]
              190 ms
19
                               ae-7.edge7.London1.Level3.net [4.68.62.41]
     266 ms
              208 ms
                        238 ms
20
     203 ms
              199 ms
                        231 ms
                               ae-227-3603.edge3.London15.Level3.net [4.69.167.98]
                        237 ms ae-227-3603.edge3.London15.Level3.net [4.69.167.98]
21
     264 ms
              196 ms
22
     322 ms
              200 ms
                        193 ms ae4.ar8.lon15.Level3.net [4.68.111.254]
23
     361 ms
                        336 ms roc1-ar5-xe-11-0-0-0.us.twtelecom.net [35.248.1.162]
              334 ms
24
     313 ms
              315 ms
                        311 ms 66-195-65-170.static.ctl.one [66.195.65.170]
25
     328 ms
              345 ms
                        359 ms nat.hws.edu [64.89.144.100]
26
                          *
                                Request timed out.
27
                                Request timed out.
28
                                Request timed out.
29
                                Request timed out.
30
                                Request timed out.
race complete.
```

### Command Prompt

```
Tracing route to www.hws.edu [64.89.145.159]
over a maximum of 30 hops:
       32 ms
                 4 ms
                          3 ms 192.168.43.1
 2
                                Request timed out.
      65 ms
               88 ms
                         88 ms 10.72.216.10
      50 ms
               46 ms
                         59 ms 172.25.101.191
 4
      64 ms
               92 ms
                         85 ms 172.25.101.190
      54 ms
 6
                         36 ms 172.17.120.7
                83 ms
      38 ms
                         74 ms 172.17.120.77
                62 ms
      114 ms
                84 ms
                         86 ms 172.26.40.7
 9
      54 ms
                74 ms
                        89 ms 172.16.24.32
10
      88 ms
                89 ms
                        88 ms 172.16.2.48
                        186 ms
                                103.198.140.45
11
      298 ms
               196 ms
                                103.198.140.27
12
      238 ms
               202 ms
                        190 ms
13
      219 ms
               194 ms
                        252 ms
                                103.198.140.107
14
      195 ms
               278 ms
                        188 ms
                                103.198.140.45
15
      239 ms
               243 ms
                        194 ms
                                hu0-4-0-1.agr21.lhr01.atlas.cogentco.com [149.14.196.81]
                                be3671.ccr51.lhr01.atlas.cogentco.com [130.117.48.137]
16
      204 ms
               238 ms
                        189 ms
                                be3487.ccr41.lon13.atlas.cogentco.com [154.54.60.5]
17
      187 ms
               211 ms
                        252 ms
18
                        251 ms
                                be2868.ccr21.lon01.atlas.cogentco.com [154.54.57.154]
      185 ms
               179 ms
19
                                Request timed out.
20
                                ae-116-3502.edge3.London15.Level3.net [4.69.167.78]
      219 ms
               193 ms
                        193 ms
21
                                ae-116-3502.edge3.London15.Level3.net [4.69.167.78]
      229 ms
               185 ms
                        201 ms
                                ae4.ar8.lon15.Level3.net [4.68.111.254]
      246 ms
               263 ms
                        233 ms
      322 ms
               312 ms
                        317 ms
                                roc1-ar5-xe-11-0-0-0.us.twtelecom.net [35.248.1.162]
24
      690 ms
               459 ms
                        621 ms 66-195-65-170.static.ctl.one [66.195.65.170]
25
      661 ms
               489 ms
                        362 ms nat.hws.edu [64.89.144.100]
                                Request timed out.
26
                         *
       *
                                Request timed out.
27
       *
28
                                Request timed out.
                                Request timed out.
29
30
                                Request timed out.
Trace complete.
:\Users\Raj>
```

Even if both the addresses are hosted on the same servers the response time that is trip time is different for both.

**Exercise 3:** Two packets sent from the same source to the same destination do not necessarily follow the same path through the net. Experiment with some sources that are fairly far away. Can you find cases where packets sent to the same destination follow different paths? How likely does it seem to be? What about when the packets are sent at very different times? Save some of the outputs from traceroute. (You can copy them from the Terminal window by highlighting and right-clicking, then paste into a text editor.) Come back sometime next week, try the same destinations again, and compare the results with the results from today. Report your observations.



```
C:\Users\Raj>tracert iitb.ac.in
Tracing route to iitb.ac.in [103.21.127.114]
over a maximum of 30 hops:
      <1 ms
                        <1 ms 192.168.0.1
               <1 ms
 2
       1 ms
                1 ms
                         1 ms
                               103.135.6.146
                               Request timed out.
 4
                        17 ms 175.100.177.221
      10 ms
               27 ms
                        6 ms 172.16.2.101
                        17 ms 121.241.42.57.static-mumbai.vsnl.net.in [121.241.43.57]
      10 ms
               4 ms
                       6 ms 172.23.78.237
       5 ms
               17 ms
 8
       8 ms
               8 ms
                         4 ms 172.23.78.234
     102 ms
                9 ms
                       147 ms
                               115.110.234.170.static.Mumbai.vsnl.net.in [115.110.234.170]
10
                               Request timed out.
11
                               Request timed out.
12
                               Request timed out.
13
                               Request timed out.
14
                               Request timed out.
15
                               Request timed out.
       *
                *
                         *
16
                               Request timed out.
17
                               Request timed out.
18
                               Request timed out.
19
                               Request timed out.
20
                         *
                               Request timed out.
21
                               Request timed out.
22
                               Request timed out.
23
       *
                         *
                               Request timed out.
24
                               Request timed out.
                         *
25
                               Request timed out.
26
                               Request timed out.
       *
                *
                         *
27
                               Request timed out.
28
                               Request timed out.
29
                               Request timed out.
30
                               Request timed out.
race complete.
```

## **QUESTIONS ABOUT PATHS**

Now look at the results you gathered and answer the following questions about the paths taken by your packets. Store your answers in a file named traceroute.txt.

1. Is any part of the path common for all hosts you tracerouted?

**Ans**: Yes, the path to my ISP is always the same, and then the path depends on which access point is ready to respond.

2. Is there a relationship between the number of nodes that show up in the traceroute and the location of the host? If so, what is this relationship?

**Ans**: A hop is limited only to a specific distance and also depends largely on the bandwidth and the traffic present on the network. If the distance between the location of the user and that of the destination url is more, then more hops will be required in order to reach the destination as more number of access points will be used for routing.

3. Is there a relationship between the number of nodes that show up in the traceroute and latency of the host (from your ping results above)? Does the same relationship hold for all hosts?

Ans: Yes there is a direct relationship between the number of nodes and the latency of the host. If the latency of the host causes the traceroute request to get timed out even after the conventional three tries, then it keeps on sending the data packets until the host responds or upto a certain maximum hops. The same relationship may not hold for each host as it really depends on the time which the host takes to respond. If the host responds in the first request itself, the tracerouting stops with a success message.

**Whois** — The *whois* command can give detailed information about domain names and IP addresses. If it is not installed on the computers then install it with command sudo apt-get install whois in. *Whois* can tell you what organization owns or is responsible for the name or address and where to contact them. It often includes a list of domain name servers for the organization.

When using whois to look up a domain name, use the simple two-part network name, not an individual computer name (for example, whois spit.ac.in).

**Exercise 4:** (Short.) Use *whois* to investigate a well-known web site such as google.com or amazon.com, and write a couple of sentences about what you find out.

As shown in the below image, the whois command gives information about the domain name, the Registry Domain ID and some other details such as the details of the Registrar and the Registrant. For example, in case of amazon.com (domain name), the Registrant Organization is Amazon Technologies, Inc., the Registrant State/Province is NV and the Registrant Country is the United States. It also provides the domain expiry date.

```
Domain Name: amazon.com
Registry Domain ID: 281209 DOMAIN COM-VRSN
Registrar WHOIS Server: whois.markmonitor.com
Registrar URL: http://www.markmonitor.com
Updated Date: 2019-08-26T12:19:56-0700
Creation Date: 1994-10-31T21:00:00-0800
Registrar Registration Expiration Date: 2024-10-30T00:00:00-0700
Registrar: MarkMonitor, Inc.
Registrar IANA ID: 292
Registrar Abuse Contact Email: abusecomplaints@markmonitor.com
Registrar Abuse Contact Phone: +1.2083895770
Domain Status: clientUpdateProhibited (https://www.icann.org/epp#clientUpdateProhibited)
Domain Status: clientTransferProhibited (https://www.icann.org/epp#clientTransferProhibited)
Domain Status: clientDeleteProhibited (https://www.icann.org/epp#clientDeleteProhibited)
Domain Status: serverUpdateProhibited (https://www.icann.org/epp#serverUpdateProhibited)
Domain Status: serverTransferProhibited (https://www.icann.org/epp#serverTransferProhibited)
Domain Status: serverDeleteProhibited (https://www.icann.org/epp#serverDeleteProhibited)
Registry Registrant ID:
Registrant Name: Hostmaster, Amazon Legal Dept.
Registrant Organization: Amazon Technologies, Inc.
Registrant Street: P.O. Box 8102
Registrant City: Reno
Registrant State/Province: NV
Registrant Postal Code: 89507
Registrant Country: US
Registrant Phone: +1.2062664064
Registrant Phone Ext:
Registrant Fax: +1.2062667010
Registrant Fax Ext:
Registrant Email: hostmaster@amazon.com
Registry Admin ID:
Admin Name: Hostmaster, Amazon Legal Dept.
Admin Organization: Amazon Technologies, Inc.
Admin Street: P.O. Box 8102
Admin City: Reno
Admin State/Province: NV
Admin Postal Code: 89507
Admin Country: US
Admin Phone: +1.2062664064
Admin Phone Ext:
Admin Fax: +1.2062667010
Admin Fax Ext:
Admin Email: hostmaster@amazon.com
Registry Tech ID:
Tech Name: Hostmaster, Amazon Legal Dept.
Tech Organization: Amazon Technologies, Inc.
Tech Street: P.O. Box 8102
Tech City: Reno
Tech State/Province: NV
Tech Postal Code: 89507
Tech Country: US
```

```
Admin Phone: +1.2062664064
Admin Phone Ext:
Admin Fax: +1.2062667010
Admin Fax Ext:
Admin Email: hostmaster@amazon.com
Registry Tech ID:
Tech Name: Hostmaster, Amazon Legal Dept.
Tech Organization: Amazon Technologies, Inc.
Tech Street: P.O. Box 8102
Tech City: Reno
Tech State/Province: NV
Tech Postal Code: 89507
Tech Country: US
Tech Phone: +1.2062664064
Tech Phone Ext:
Tech Fax: +1.2062667010
Tech Fax Ext:
Tech Email: hostmaster@amazon.com
Name Server: ns2.p31.dynect.net
Name Server: pdns6.ultradns.co.uk
Name Server: ns1.p31.dynect.net
Name Server: ns3.p31.dynect.net
Name Server: ns4.p31.dynect.net
Name Server: pdns1.ultradns.net
DNSSEC: unsigned
URL of the ICANN WHOIS Data Problem Reporting System: http://wdprs.internic.net/
>>> Last update of WHOIS database: 2020-09-04T02:50:58-0700 <<<
For more information on WHOIS status codes, please visit:
 https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/epp-status-codes
If you wish to contact this domainΓÇÖs Registrant, Administrative, or Technical
contact, and such email address is not visible above, you may do so via our web
form, pursuant to ΙCANNΓÇÖs Temporary Specification. To verify that you are not a
```

**Exercise 5:** (Should be short.) Because of NAT, the domain name *spit.ac.in* has a different IP address outside of SPIT than it does on campus. Using information in this lab and working on a home computer, find the outside IP address for spit.ac.in. Explain how you did it. **Ans: nslookup** command could be used to find out the ip address of spit.ac.in

```
C:\Users\Raj>nslookup www.spit.ac.in
Server: UnKnown
Address: 192.168.43.1

Non-authoritative answer:
Name: www.spit.ac.in
Address: 43.252.193.19
```

Geolocation — A geolocation service tries to tell, approximately, where a given IP address is located physically. They can't be completely accurate—but they probably get at least the country right most of the time.

This geolocation program is not installed on our computers, but you can access one on the command line using the *curl* command, which can send HTTP requests and display the response. The following command uses *curl* to contact a public web service that will look up an IP address for you: curl ipinfo.io/<IP-address>. For a specific example:curl ipinfo.io/129.64.99.200

(As you can see, you get back more than just the location.)

```
C:\WINDOWS\system32>curl ipinfo.io/129.64.99.200
{
    "ip": "129.64.99.200",
    "hostname": "websrv-prod.unet.brandeis.edu",
    "city": "Waltham",
    "region": "Massachusetts",
    "country": "US",
    "loc": "42.3765,-71.2356",
    "org": "AS10561 Brandeis University",
    "postal": "02453",
    "timezone": "America/New_York",
    "readme": "https://ipinfo.io/missingauth"
}
```

**Conclusion**: Basic network utilities which help in various functions were studied about in detail and their demonstration was done using the various exercises given to us to perform, helping us with the networking and communication using simple command line arguments.