



Sysadmin's networking cheat sheet

A sysadmin manages servers and networks. The following utilities and commands are common Linux tools that make a sysadmin's daily tasks easy.

Ping: verify connectivity between you and a remote system

<code>ping 8.8.8.8</code>	Ping a server at 8.8.8.8 over IPv4
<code>ping6 example.com</code>	Ping a server at example.com over IPv6

Traceroute: trace the path from one system to another, including routers in between

<code>traceroute 8.8.8.8</code>	<code>traceroute example.com</code>
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Nslookup: query Internet name servers

<code>nslookup example.com</code>	Display your DNS server and target IP address
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Telnet & OpenSSL: connect to ports and query them for functionality

<code>telnet example.com 110</code>	<code>openssl s_client -starttls smtp \</code> <code>-connect example.com:587</code>
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Netstat: analyze interface, port, protocol statistics, and routing tables

<code>netstat --listening</code>	<code>-l</code>	List ports in listening mode
<code>netstat --all</code>	<code>-a</code>	List all ports
<code>netstat --route</code>	<code>-r</code>	Display routing tables
<code>netstat --interfaces</code>	<code>-i</code>	Display TX/RX packet statistics for each interface

General

<code>systemctl restart network</code>	Restart network service
<code>tcpdump -i eth0</code>	Show live packets from interface eth0



Network manager

<code>nmcli device</code>	Display network devices
<code>nmcli device show eth0</code>	Show information about eth0 device
<code>nmcli connection</code>	Show network connections
<code>nmcli connection up foo</code>	Bring connection foo up
<code>nmcli device wifi connect foo</code>	Connect to wireless network foo

Routing

<code>ip route</code>	Show current routes
<code>route add default gw 10.0.0.1</code>	Add 10.0.0.1 as default gateway to routing table
<code>ip addr show</code>	Show your local IP address
<code>ip neighbor show</code>	Show neighbors
<code>arp</code>	Show neighbors

Firewall

<code>firewall-cmd --get-active-zones</code>	List active firewall zones
<code>--change-interface eth0 --zone=example</code>	Place eth0 into example zone
<code>--get-services</code>	List all defined services
<code>--add-service samba --zone=example</code>	Add samba ports to example zone
<code>--add-port=123/tcp --zone=example</code>	Add port 123 to example zone
<code>--permanent</code>	Add this flag to make a change persistent