LINUX NETWORKING MODULE 7 AND 8 ASSESSMENT SOLUTION

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3. Explore traceroute/tracert for different websites eg google.com and analyse the parameters in the output and explore different options for traceroute command

Tracert for different websites:

Various Tracert Types:

1.-d (Disable DNS Resolution) &-h Maximum Number of Hops

```
PS C:\Users\sakthi kumar> tracert -h 20 google.com
C:\Users\sakthi kumar>tracert -d google.com
                                                                  Tracing route to google.com [2404:6800:4007:82a::200e] over a maximum of 20 hops:
                                                                    Tracing route to google.com [2404:6800:4009:82d::200e]
over a maximum of 30 hops:
        4 ms
                3 ms
                          4 ms 2409:408d:4ec8:bce2::2a
  2
                         *
                                Request timed out.
     482 ms 1035 ms
                        95 ms 2405:200:394:eeee:20::44
     209 ms 639 ms
                       679 ms 2405:200:801:4f00::130
```

-w <timeout> (Wait Time in Milliseconds)

-R Trace round-trip path (IPv6-only).

```
PS C:\Users\sakthi kumar> tracert -R google.com

Tracing route to google.com [2404:6800:4007:802::200e]
over a maximum of 30 hops:

1 330 ms 306 ms 305 ms 2409:408d:4ec8:bce2::2a
2 * * Request timed out.
3 690 ms 156 ms 191 ms 2405:200:394:eeee:20::44
4 551 ms 1286 ms 719 ms 2405:200:801:4f00::136
```

In Linux:

Basic Traceroute

```
(base) sakthi-kumar-s@sakthi-kumar-s-VirtualBox:~$ traceroute google.com traceroute to google.com (142.250.196.46), 64 hops max

1 10.0.2.2 0.017ms 0.014ms 0.010ms

2 * * *

3 * * *
```

Uses ICMP Instead of UDP

nmap (For Traceroute with Service Discovery)

```
(base) sakthi-kumar-s@sakthi-kumar-s-VirtualBox:-$ sudo su
root@sakthi-kumar-s-VirtualBox:/home/sakthi-kumar-s# nmap --traceroute google.com
Starting Nmap 7-945VN (https://homap.org ) at 2025-03-15 19:42 IST
Nmap scan report for google.com (142.256.192.46)
Host is up (0.023s latency).
Other addresses for google.com (not scanned): 2404:6800:4009:81f::200e
rDNS record for 142.250.192.46: bom12515-in-f14.1e100.net
Not shown: 998 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT STATE SERVICE
80/tcp open http
443/tcp open http
443/tcp open https
TRACEROUTE (using port 80/tcp)
HOP RTT ADDRESS
1 26.15 ms bom12515-in-f14.1e100.net (142.250.192.46)
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 15.12 seconds
root@sakthi-kumar-s-VirtualBox:/home/sakthi-kumar-s#
```

tcptraceroute (For Networks Blocking Regular Traceroute)

```
(base) sakthi-kumar-s@sakthi-kumar-s-VirtualBox:-$ tcptraceroute google.com 80
Selected device enp0s3, address 10.0.2.15, port 53987 for outgoing packets
Tracing the path to google.com (142.250.192.46) on TCP port 80 (http), 30 hops max
1 bom12s15-in-f14.1e100.net (142.250.192.46) [open] 82.220 ms 98.698 ms 259.038 ms
```

Traceroute with Specific Network Interface

```
(base) sakthi-kumar-s@sakthi-kumar-s-VirtualBox:-$ traceroute -i enp0s3 google.c om traceroute to google.com (142.250.182.238), 30 hops max, 60 byte packets 1 _gateway (10.0.2.2) 33.469 ms 32.723 ms 25.878 ms 2 * * * * * * * * * * * * * *
```

TCP-based Traceroute (Bypass Firewalls)

```
(base) <mark>sakthi-kumar-s@sakthi-kumar-s-VirtualBox:-$</mark> sudo su
root@sakthi-kumar-s-VirtualBox:/home/sakthi-kumar-s# traceroute -T google.com
traceroute to google.com (142.250.205.78), 30 hops max, 60 byte packets
1 pnmaaa-ar-in-f14.1e100.net (142.250.205.78) 170.700 ms 159.428 ms 160.508 ms
```

Sets the maximum number of hops (TTL).

```
root@sakthi-kumar-s-VirtualBox:/home/sakthi-kumar-s# traceroute -m 20 google.com traceroute to google.com (142.250.205.78), 20 hops max, 60 byte packets
1 _gateway (10.0.2.2) 1.722 ms 1.236 ms 1.053 ms
2 * * *
3 * * *
```

Prevents DNS resolution, displaying only numerical IP addresses.

```
root@sakthi-kumar-s-VirtualBox:/home/sakthi-kumar-s# traceroute -n google.com
traceroute to google.com (142.250.205.78), 30 hops max, 60 byte packets
1 10.0.2.2 13.569 ms 12.141 ms 10.854 ms
2 * * *
```

Specifies the destination port (useful for UDP and TCP mode).

Sets a firewall mark on packets (useful for policy routing)

```
root@sakthi-kumar-s-VirtualBox:/home/sakthi-kumar-s# traceroute --fwmark=1 google.com
traceroute to google.com (142.250.205.78), 30 hops max, 60 byte packets
1 10.0.2.2 (10.0.2.2) 2.274 ms 1.313 ms 3.202 ms
2 * * *
3 * * *
```

Attempts to map each hop to an AS (Autonomous System) number

```
root@sakthi-kumar-s-VirtualBox:/home/sakthi-kumar-s# traceroute -A google.com
traceroute to google.com (142.250.205.78), 30 hops max, 60 byte packets
1 _gateway (10.0.2.2) [*] 20.042 ms 19.229 ms 18.509 ms
2 * * *
3 * * *
```

Probes the Path MTU (Maximum Transmission Unit) along the route

```
root@sakthi-kumar-s-VirtualBox:/home/sakthi-kumar-s# traceroute --mtu google.com
traceroute to google.com (142.250.205.78), 30 hops max, 65000 byte packets
1 _gateway (10.0.2.2) 10.287 ms F=1500 3.949 ms 7.194 ms
2 * * *
```

Displays reverse path information

```
root@sakthi-kumar-s-VirtualBox:/home/sakthi-kumar-s# traceroute --back google.com
traceroute to google.com (142.250.205.78), 30 hops max, 60 byte packets
1 _gateway (10.0.2.2) 3.939 ms 3.392 ms 2.995 ms
2 * * *
3 * * *
```

Sets the number of probe packets per hop

```
root@sakthi-kumar-s-VirtualBox:/home/sakthi-kumar-s# traceroute -q 5 google.com
traceroute to google.com (142.250.205.78), 30 hops max, 60 byte packets
1 _gateway (10.0.2.2) 3.617 ms 2.785 ms 2.546 ms 2.346 ms 2.152 ms
2 * * * * *
3 * * * * *
```

Uses UDP instead of the default ICMP/UDP mode.

```
root@sakthi-kumar-s-VirtualBox:/home/sakthi-kumar-s# traceroute -U google.com
traceroute to google.com (142.250.199.142), 30 hops max, 60 byte packets
1 _gateway (10.0.2.2) 1.872 ms 1.659 ms 1.246 ms
2 * * *
```

Specifies loose source routing

```
root@sakthi-kumar-s-VirtualBox:/home/sakthi-kumar-s# traceroute -g 10.0.2.2 google.com
traceroute to google.com (142.250.199.142), 30 hops max, 72 byte packets
1 * * *
2 * * *
```