Computer Networks Lab 1: Overview

1. Read the man pages for the following commands: *arp, ifconfig, route, host, ping, tcpdump and netstat.* Study the different options associated with each command. Explain each of the above commands in 2-3 sentences.

a) arp:

The *arp* command displays the ARP (Address Resolution Protocol) table in the memory which is created by the kernel. The primary use of ARP is to convert an interface's IPv4 address to the device's MAC (Media Access Control) address. For this purpose the kernel maintains an ARP table with the map between several IPv4 addresses and the corresponding MAC addresses of the devices in the same subnet.

Important Usage:

i) arp -d <address> :

Deletes an entry from the ARP table with the corresponding IP address matching the address in the command.

ii) arp -s <address> <hw_addr>:

Inserting a new table entry with IP address corresponding to address and the MAC address corresponding to hw_addr.

The ARP table can be found at /proc/net/arp.

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Terminal
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 агр
Address
                        HWtype HWaddress
                                                    Flags Mask
                                                                          Iface
192.168.0.129
                        ether
                                90:78:b2:b1:2a:81
                                                                          enp3s0
gateway
                        ether
                                3c:84:6a:ba:bd:03
                                                                          enp3s0
192.168.0.140
                        ether
                                e8:48:b8:65:14:28
                                                                          enp3s0
 via 👗 v3.9.5
```

In the following ARP table, the Address Column corresponds to the IPv4 address of an interface in the subnet, HWtype refers to the interface type, HWaddress refers to the MAC address and Iface refers to the name of the interface.

b) Ifconfig:

(short for interface configuration) This command is used to display the status of the running/active interfaces. This command is additionally used during the system boot up to initialize interfaces.

Important Usage:

i) ifconfig -a: Displays all the available interfaces i.e all the interfaces active/inactive.

ii) ifconfig <interface>:

Displays the status of the interface whose name matches with the interface name given in the command.

iii) ifconfig <up/down>:

The up flag causes interfaces to be activated and the down flag shuts down the interface.

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Terminal
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) ifconfig
docker0: flags=4099<UP,BROADCAST,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
   inet 172.17.0.1 netmask 255.255.0.0 broadcast 172.17.255.255
   ether 02:42:57:b4:1d:55 txqueuelen 0 (Ethernet)
   RX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
   RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
   TX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
             TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
 enp3s0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST>  mtu  1500
            inet 192.168.0.146 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.0.255 inet6 fe80::62c6:cd5e:d032:2b64 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link> ether 54:b2:03:00:fc:3a txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet) RX packets 135781 bytes 141469117 (141.4 MB)
             RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0
                                                                           frame 0
             TX packets 105582 bytes 32182291 (32.1 MB)
             TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
             device interrupt 19
 lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
              inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
             inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<host>
loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
RX packets 2495 bytes 230332 (230.3 KB)
             RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0 TX packets 2495 bytes 230332 (230.3 KB)
             TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
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Here we can see one of the interfaces "enp3s0" and its details. The IP address of this interface is described by the **inet** field.

c) route:

IP routing table is created by the kernel to map the topology of the network it is in. Some automated procedures in the kernel help building the IP routing table. The main use of the **route** command is to add static routes into the IP routing table and also to display the IP routing table. Static routes are the routes that are not discovered by the kernel because they are not part of the network.

Important Usage:

i) route add <name> <gateway> <address>:

For adding a static route to the IP routing table.

ii) route del <name>:

Deleting the static route from the IP routing table.

As we can see the routing table consists of the destination address for each of the interfaces it is connected to hence getting the overall network topology.

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Terminal
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Kernel IP routing table
                              0.0.0.0
255
Destination Gateway
                                              Flags Metric Ref
                                                                 Use Iface
                                                   100 0
               _gateway
                                             UG
default
                                                                 0 enp3s0
172.17.0.0 0.0.0.0
192.168.0.0 0.0.0.0
                              255.255.0.0 U
255.255.0.0 U
                                                   1000 0
0 0
             0.0.0.0
                                                                  0 enp3s0
                                                                   0 docker0
                              255.255.255.0 U
                                                    100 0
                                                                   0 enp3s0
 via 🐍 v3.9.5
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d) host:

The host command is used for performing Domain Name System (DNS) lookups. DNS converts a domain name into the IP address of the corresponding interface. But host is also used for performing reverse DNS lookups i.e converting the IP address of the interface into the domain name of the host it is connected to.

Important Usage:

i) host <name>:

Displays the IP address associated with the corresponding domain name.

ii) host <address>: (Reverse DNS lookup)

Displays the name of the host corresponding to the ip address.

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Terminal

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host pal.iitpkd.ac.in

pal.iitpkd.ac.in has address 61.0.251.23

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e) ping:

This command is used to test if a device in the network is reachable or not. The ping command sends a request over the network to the corresponding device and upon successful ping, the corresponding device sends back a response indicating that the ping was successful and the device is reachable in the network.

f) tcpdump:

This command prints out the details about the live packets that are passing through the network interface. It filters the packets and prints out only a select few which satisfy a specific boolean condition.

Important Usage:

i) sudo tcdump -i <interface name> :

Prints out packets received by the particular interface.

ii) sudo tcpdump -D: Checks all the available interfaces for tcpdump.

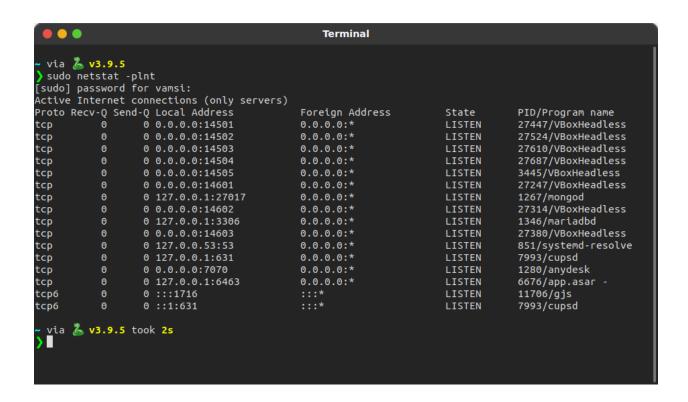
e) netstat :

(network statistics) netstat is a command that is used to display the network connections, routing tables, and other network statistics. This is mainly used for finding the amount of traffic on the network for performance measurements.

Important Usage:

i) netstat -I : Lists all the listening portsii) netstat -s: Displays statistics by protocol

iii) netstat -plnt: Displays the ports on which services are running



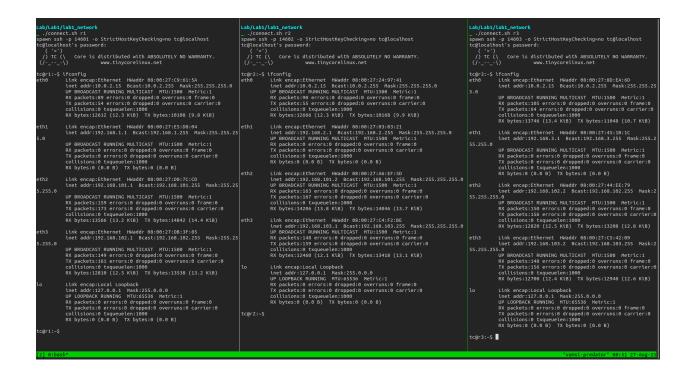
- 2. Follow the below instructions to set up a virtual network and write down the interfaces (along with IP address) of each of the VMs in this network:
 - Download the file "lab1 network.tar.xz" from the folder lab1.
 - Extract this file and step into the extracted directory.
 - Setup the virtual machines by issuing the command "./setupVMs.sh"
 - Start the virtual machines by issuing the command "./startVMs.sh"
 - There are 6 VMs in this network namely h1, h2, h3, h4, h5, r1, r2, r3. The first 5 VMs are hosts and the rest are routers. You can connect to VM x by issuing the command "./connect.sh x".

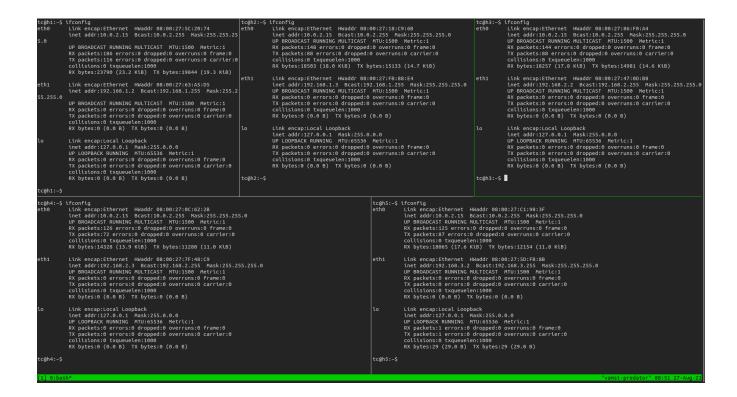
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Lab/Lab1/lab1_network
) ls
connect.sh setupVMs.sh startVMs.sh stopVMs.sh Wintuoliox

Lab/Lab1/lab1_network
) ./setupVMs.sh
Copying VM configuration...

Lab/Lab1/lab1_network
) ./startVMs.sh
Starting the VMs...
Waiting for VM "r1" to power on...
VM "r1" has been successfully started.
Waiting for VM "r2" to power on...
VM "r2" has been successfully started.
Waiting for VM "r3" to power on...
VM "r3" has been successfully started.
Waiting for VM "h1" to power on...
VM "h1" has been successfully started.
Waiting for VM "h2" to power on...
VM "h1" has been successfully started.
Waiting for VM "h2" to power on...
VM "h2" has been successfully started.
Waiting for VM "h3" to power on...
VM "h3" has been successfully started.
Waiting for VM "h4" to power on...
VM "h4" has been successfully started.
Waiting for VM "h5" to power on...
VM "h4" has been successfully started.
Waiting for VM "h5" to power on...
VM "h5" has been successfully started.
Waiting for VM "h5" to power on...
VM "h5" has been successfully started.
Waiting for VM "h5" to power on...
VM "h5" has been successfully started.
Waiting for VM "h5" to power on...
VM "h5" has been successfully started.
Waiting for VM "h5" to power on...
VM "h5" has been successfully started.
Waiting for VM "h5" to power on...
VM "h5" has been successfully started.
```

3. Deduce and write down the complete network topology, including details about interfaces, IP address, subnet, and MAC address.





IP Address Table:

Machine	Interface: eth1	Interface: eth2	Interface: eth3
r1	192.168.1.1	192.168.101.1	192.168.102.1
r2	192.168.2.1	192.168.101.2	192.168.103.1
r3	192.168.3.1	192.168.102.2	192.168.103.2
h1	192.168.1.2		
h2	192.168.1.3		
h3	192.168.2.2		
h4	192.168.2.3		
h5	192.168.3.2		

MAC Address Tables:

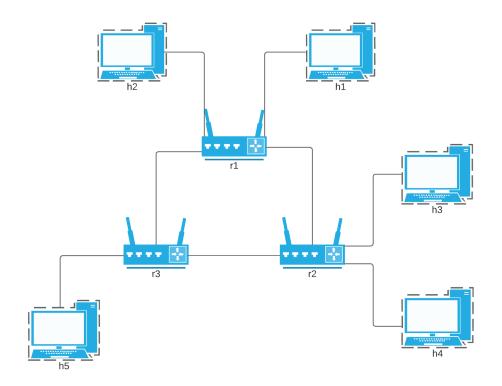
Machine	MAC Address
h1	08:00:27:63:A5:D5
h2	08:00:27:FB:88:E4
h3	08:00:27:47:0D:B8
h4	08:00:27:7F:48:C9
h5	08:00:27:5D:FB:8B

Machine	Interface: eth1	Interface: eth2	Interface: eth3
r1	08:00:27:E5:D8:04	08:00:27:D0:7C:CD	08:00:27:DB:3F:85
r2	08:00:27:03:03:21	08:00:27:A6:EF:5D	08:00:27:C4:F2:BE
r3	08:00:27:45:1B:1C	08:00:27:44:EE:79	08:00:27:C5:42:09

Subnets:

Subnets	Machines
192.168.1.0/24	r1, h1, h2
192.168.2.0/24	r2, h3, h4
192.168.3.0/24	r3, h5
192.168.101.0/24	r1, r2
192.168.102.0/24	r3, r1
192.168.103.0/24	r2, r3

Network Topology:



About the network topology:

From the **ifconfig** command we can extract a lot of information, like interface details, IP addresses, Subnet Mask, MAC addresses etc,...,. Interface **eth0** is used for setting up the virtual network, interface **eth1** is used by the hosts to connect to the routers. Routers have more than one interface, and hence the interfaces **eth2**, **eth3** are used by the routers to connect with each other. Every interface has a link layer address (MAC Address) and a network address (IP address) and hence we can see that a single router will be having 3 different MAC addresses the router has three interfaces. To be more specific an ethernet card has a unique MAC address, and with this we can say that the router has 3 cards each of which creates an interface.

From the IP addresses we can infer that the VMs h1, h2, r1 are under a single subnet with the IP 192.168.1.0/24 since the first 24 bits of the IP addresses of h1,h2,r1 are equal which indicates that they are connected together and form a subnet. And in a similar manner h3, h4, r2 are connected with the subnet IP 192.168.2.0/24 and h5, r2 are connected together with the subnet IP 192.168.3.0/24. The routers are connected to each other in a cyclic manner which forms 3 different subnets with 192.168.101.0/24 (r1, r2), 192.168.102.0/24 (r3, r1), 192.168.103.0/24 (r2, r3).

4. Does this network have an authoritative DNS server? If yes, give its IP and the port it is listening on.

```
tc@h5:~$ sudo netstat -plnt
Active Internet connections (only servers)
Proto Recv-Q Send-Q Local Address
                                            Foreign Address
                                                                    State
                                                                                 PID/Program name
                0 192.168.3.2:53
          0
                                            0.0.0.0:*
                                                                    LISTEN
                                                                                 1397/named
          0
                                                                                 1397/named
1397/named
tcp
                 0 10.0.2.15:53
                                            0.0.0.0:*
                                                                    LISTEN
tcp
          0
                 0 127.0.0.1:53
                                            0.0.0.0:*
                                                                     LISTEN
                                                                                 1401/sshd
tcp
                 0 0.0.0.0:22
                                            0.0.0.0:*
                                                                    LISTEN
netstat: /proc/net/tcp6: No such file or directory
tc@h5:~$
```

The machine h5 has the DNS program called named which provides the DNS utility to the entire network and hence making it the DNS server. This program is listening on port 53, and the IP address of the server is 192.168.3.2.

```
tc@h5:/etc$ ls
fstab
               inittab
                              mtab
                                             protocols
                                                            skel/
                                             resolv.conf
                              nsswitch.conf
group
               issue
                                                            sudoers
               ld.so.cache
gshadow
                              os-release
                                             грс
                                                            sysconfig/
                                                            udev/
host.conf
              ld.so.conf
                              passwd
                                             securetty
              mke2fs.conf
hostname
                              pcmcia/
                                             services
hosts
              modprobe.conf
                              profile
                                             shadow
init.d/
              motd
                              profile.d/
                                             shells
tc@h5:/etc$ cat resolv.conf
nameserver 192.168.3.2
nameserver 10.0.2.3
tc@h5:/etc$
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The named program is responsible for converting the DNS into IP address anywhere in the network i.e if we call a dns lookup in any other machine in the network the query is broadcasted to the DNS server, VM h5 in this case, and the domain name is converted into its corresponding IP address and is sent as a response.

5. Find out the IP address for domain "www.google.com". What is the IP address of the first hop node on the path to "www.google.com"?

```
tc@r2:~$ traceroute www.google.com
traceroute to www.google.com (142.250.195.228), 30 hops max, 38 byte packets

1 10.0.2.2 (10.0.2.2) 0.285 ms 1.707 ms 0.162 ms

2 _gateway (192.168.0.1) 2.707 ms 1.451 ms 1.920 ms

3 10.141.0.1 (10.141.0.1) 8.550 ms 3.350 ms 3.065 ms

4 * broadband.actcorp.in (183.83.249.10) 58.416 ms 23.102 ms

5 * * *

6 broadband.actcorp.in (183.82.14.34) 17.838 ms 15.880 ms 16.680 ms

7 108.170.253.97 (108.170.253.97) 17.515 ms 108.170.253.113 (108.170.253.113) 16.172 ms 108.170.253.

97 (108.170.253.97) 17.355 ms

8 142.250.224.7 (142.250.224.7) 16.150 ms 15.499 ms 216.239.56.71 (216.239.56.71) 16.097 ms

9 maa03s43-in-f4.1e100.net (142.250.195.228) 17.188 ms 16.853 ms 16.551 ms

tc@r2:~$
```

Running the command on VM:

First Hop Node IP Address - 10.0.2.2

Running the command on machine:

Fist Hop Node IP Address - 192.168.0.1

6. List the ports on which services are listening on each VMs, and also identify these services.

```
tc@h1:~$ sudo netstat -plnt
Active Internet connections (only servers)
Proto Recv-Q Send-Q Local Address
                                           Foreign Address
                                                                   State
                                                                              PID/Program name
                                                                              1404/sshd
                 0 0.0.0.0:22
                                           0.0.0.0:*
                                                                   LISTEN
          0
netstat: /proc/net/tcp6: No such file or directory
tc@h1:~$
tc@h2:~$ sudo netstat -plnt
Active Internet connections (only servers)
                                                                              PID/Program name
Proto Recv-Q Send-Q Local Address
                                           Foreign Address
                                                                   State
          0
                 0 0.0.0.0:22
                                           0.0.0.0:*
                                                                   LISTEN
                                                                              1376/sshd
netstat: /proc/net/tcp6: No such file or directory
tc@h2:~$
tc@h3:~$ sudo netstat -plnt
Active Internet connections (only servers)
Proto Recv-Q Send-Q Local Address
                                           Foreign Address
                                                                   State
                                                                              PID/Program name
                                                                   LISTEN
                                                                              1379/sshd
          0
                 0 0.0.0.0:22
                                           0.0.0.0:*
netstat: /proc/net/tcp6: No such file or directory
tc@h3:~$
tc@h4:~$ sudo netstat -plnt
Active Internet connections (only servers)
Proto Recv-Q Send-Q Local Address
                                           Foreign Address
                                                                   State
                                                                              PID/Program name
         0 0.0.0.0:22
                                                                   LISTEN
                                                                              1396/sshd
                                           0.0.0.0:*
netstat: /proc/net/tcp6: No such file or directory
tc@h4:~$
tc@h5:~$ sudo netstat -plnt
Active Internet connections (only servers)
Proto Recv-Q Send-Q Local Address
                                           Foreign Address
                                                                              PID/Program name
                                                                  State
        0 0 192.168.3.2:53
                                          0.0.0.0:*
                                                                  LISTEN
                                                                              1397/named
tcp
                                          0.0.0.0:*
          0
               0 10.0.2.15:53
tcp
                                                                  LISTEN
                                                                              1397/named
               0 127.0.0.1:53
tcp
                                          0.0.0.0:*
                                                                  LISTEN
                                                                              1397/named
                0 0.0.0.0:22
                                                                              1401/sshd
          0
                                           0.0.0.0:*
                                                                  LISTEN
tcp
netstat: /proc/net/tcp6: No such file or directory
tc@h5:~$
tc@r2:~$ sudo netstat -plnt
Active Internet connections (only servers)
Proto Recv-Q Send-Q Local Address
                                           Foreign Address
                                                                   State
                                                                              PID/Program name
          0 0.0.0.0:2601
                                           0.0.0.0:*
                                                                   LISTEN
                                                                               1352/zebra
tcp
                 0 0.0.0.0:2604
                                           0.0.0.0:*
                                                                   LISTEN
          0
                                                                               1353/ospfd
tcp
                 0 0.0.0.0:22
                                           0.0.0.0:*
                                                                   LISTEN
                                                                               1362/sshd
netstat: /proc/net/tcp6: No such file or directory
tc@r2:~$
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Machine	Port Number	Service
h1	22	sshd
h2	22	sshd
h3	22	sshd
h4	22	sshd
h5	53	named
h5	22	sshd
r1	22	sshd
r1	2601	zebra
r1	2604	ospfd
r2	22	sshd
r2	2601	zebra
r2	2604	ospfd
r3	22	sshd
r3	2601	zebra
r3	2604	ospfd

7. Do a reverse DNS lookup on all the IPs in the virtual network and note them down.

Command used: host <address>

IP Address	Domain Name	
192.168.1.1, 192.168.101.1, 192.168.102.1	r1.virtnet.iitpkd	
192.168.2.1, 192.168.101.2, 192.168.103.1	r2.virtnet.iitpkd	
192.168.3.1. 192.168.102.2, 192.168.103.2	r3.virtnet.iitpkd	
192.168.1.2	h1.virtnet.iitpkd	
192.168.1.3	h2.virtnet.iitpkd	
192.168.2.2	h3.virtnet.iitpkd	
192.168.2.3	h4.virtnet.iitpkd	
192.168.3.2	h5.virtnet.iitpkd	