Digital Forensics - Lab 5

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Question 1:

Experiment with a few basic commands using the windows command line tool, Use both internal and external commands, and show the output.

path — This command is used to display the path to the current folder in which the terminal has been opened.

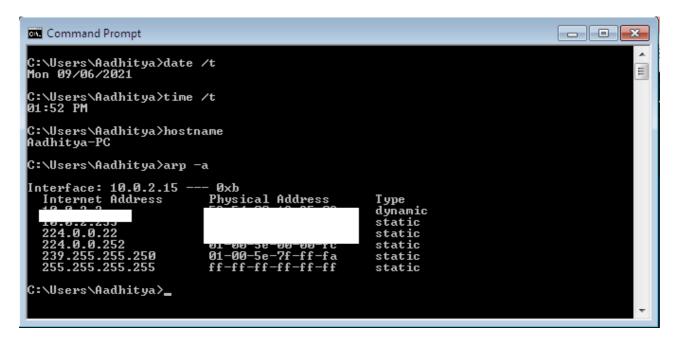
dir — This command is used to list of all the files and folders in the current directory.

date — This command is used to display the current date in the timezone where the computer is placed.

time — This command is used to display the current time in the timezone where the computer is placed.

hostname — This command is used to display the hostname of the computer which is the unique name of the computer in the network in which it is connected.

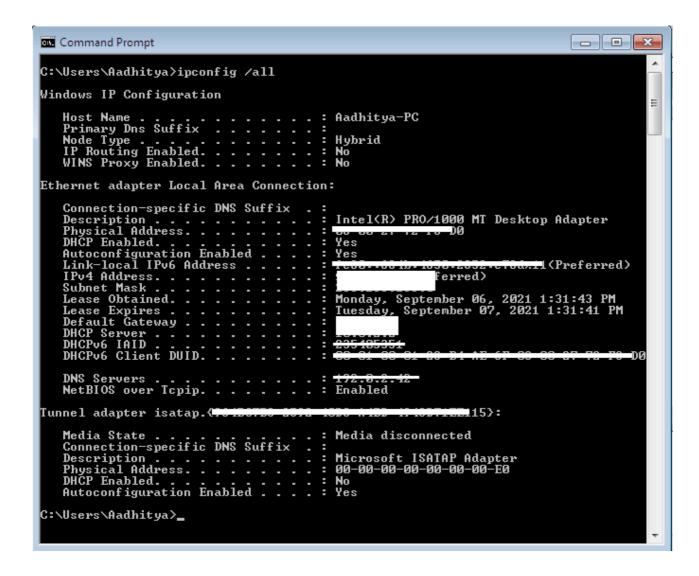
arp -a — This command is used to display the Address Resolution Protocol Table. The ARP (Address Resolution Protocol) cache is a collection of ARP entries (mostly dynamic) that are created when a hostname is resolved to an IP address and then an IP address is resolved to a MAC address.



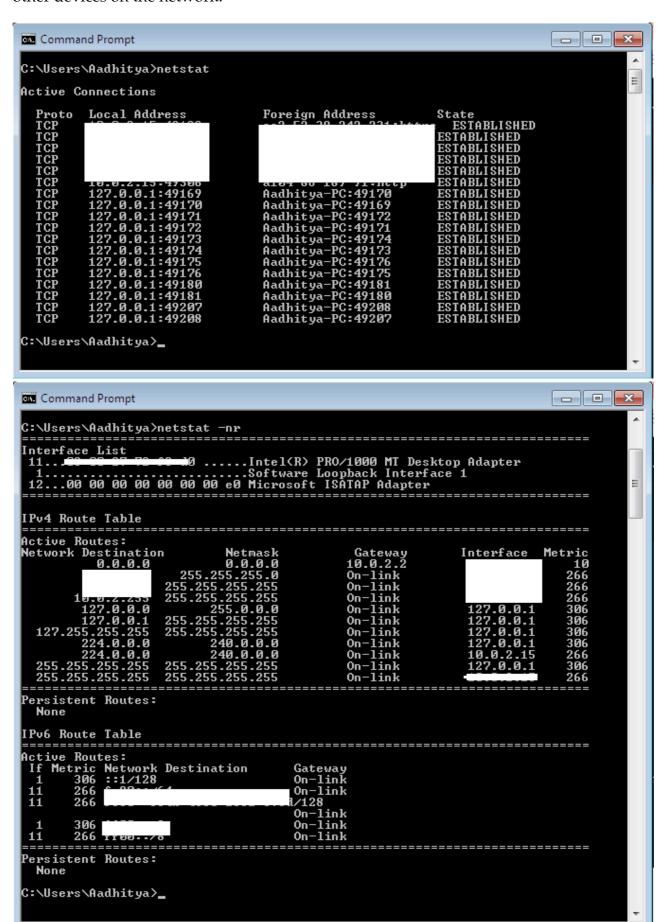
net view — This command is used to display the list of computers in the network.

getmac — This command is used to display the Mac address of the current computer.

ipconfig — This command is used to display all the network configuration of the computer when connected to a network, namely its IP address, its subnet mask, etc.



netstat — It displays the network statistics namely how the computer communicates with other devices on the network.



ping — This command is used to ping a website, another network device, we can use this for troubleshooting the network, and also for other forensic purposes to find traces of bad actors over the network.

```
C:\Users\Aadhitya\ping www.google.com

Pinging www.google.com [142.250.192.1641 with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 142.250.192.164: bytes=32 time=57ms TTL=127
Reply from 142.250.192.164: bytes=32 time=58ms TTL=127
Reply from 142.250.192.164: bytes=32 time=57ms TTL=127
Reply from 142.250.192.164: bytes=32 time=58ms TTL=127
Reply from 142.250.192.164: bytes=32 time=58ms TTL=127

Ping statistics for 142.250.192.164:
Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
Minimum = 57ms, Maximum = 58ms, Average = 57ms

C:\Users\Aadhitya\)
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We can also ping our router to get more information on our local network, in order to do this we first use the ipconfig command to know the default gateway, and then use this to ping the router for more details. It is illustrated as follows:

```
C:\Users\Aadhitya\ipconfig

Windows IP Configuration

Ethernet adapter Local Area Connection:

Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
Link-local IPv6 Address ...
Subnet Mask ... ... 255.255.25 .8

Default Gateway ... ... 10.0.2.2

Tunnel adapter isatap.

Media State ... ... Media disconnected
Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
C:\Users\Aadhitya\ping 10.0.2.2

Pinging 10.0.2.2 with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 10.0.2.2: bytes=32 time(1ms TIL=128
Reply
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Question 2:

Use commands to find the IPv4 address and subnet mask of your computer.

In the previous experiment, we have observed and used multiple commands that provide many functionalities and help us in different aspects. Here in this experiment, we will modify one such tool used above and try to obtain the results from there.

The **ipconfig** command is used to know the basic network information of the computer, we the use the "**findstr**" command to search for the required portion of the output which is then displayed as the output. We thus use this combination to search for "IPv4" for the IPv4 address, and "Subnet Mask" to find the mask from the ipconfig output.

When this combination of commands are run, the outputs are as follows, where we get the IPv4 address and the subnet mask of the computer in the network:

Question 3:

U Create a batch file that will capture the following volatile information from an evidence system and store it a file.

Current IPv4 address, Current date, Current time, ARP table, and the Network connection information

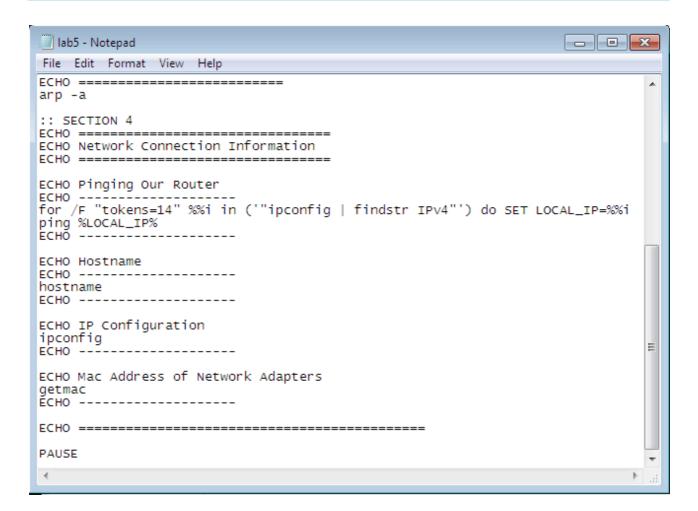
Take screenshots in both cases and include them in your submission.

In the above experiments, we have witnessed how commands can be run directly from inside the shell, now we shall take a look at how we can run scripts, which can be essentially a group of commands and ask the shell to run at once. This also provides higher functionalities like variables, conditional and iterative construct of statements.

In this experiment, we will write a batch script file for finding the Current IPv4 address, Current date, Current time, ARP table, and also to know the Network connection information. Many of the commands that will be used here have already been dealt with in the previous experiments, so we will proceed with writing and executing the file.

The batch file looks as follows:

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File Edit Format View Help
@ECHO OFF
:: BATCH FILE FOR LAB 5 EXPERIMENT
TITLE Lab 5 Experiment
:: SECTION 1
FCHO ===========
ECHO Current IPv4 address
ECHO ===========
ipconfig | findstr IPv4
:: SECTION 2
ECHO ===========
ECHO Current Date and Time
ECHO ==========
for /F "tokens=2" %%i in ('date /t') do set mydate=%%i
set mytime=%time%
ECHO Current Date is %mydate%
ECHO Current Time is %mytime%
:: SECTION 3
FCHO ==========
ECHO ARP Table
ECHO ==========
arp -a
:: SECTION 4
ECHO ==========
ECHO Network Connection Information
ECHO ===========
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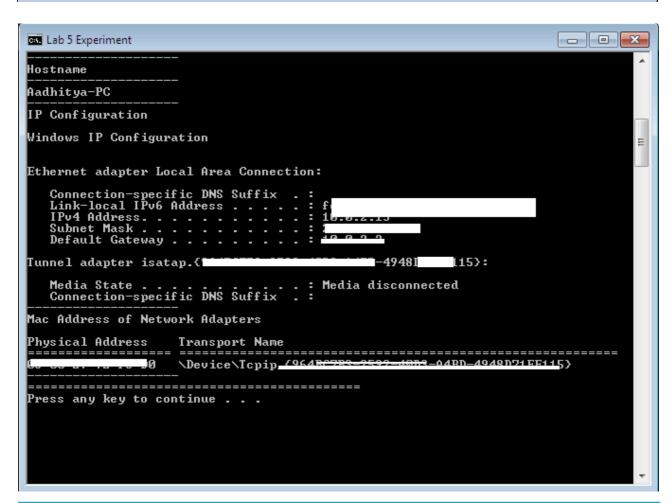


The **PAUSE** command in the final line is used to hold the output terminal until we would like to exit, if this is absent, then the output window will close in an instant.

When executed, a new window similar to the command line opens, with the title that we have mentioned, and it displays all the outputs of all the mentioned commands, which in this case also includes some formatting to get a better understanding of the output.

The output when this is executed is as follows:

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- - X
Lab 5 Experiment
  ==========
Current IPv4 address
    IPv4 Address. . . . .
                                                . . . : 10...
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Current Date and Time
       ______
Current Date is 09/06/2021
Current Time is 14:17:52.31
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ARP Table
  _____
Interface: 10.0.2.15 --- 0xb
Internet Address Phys:
                                   Physical Address
52
ff
-f
01
-1
                                                                        Type
                                                                        dynamic
                                                                        static
                                                             -16
                                                                        static
                                      01
                                                                       static
                                                             -fc
                                      01
                                                                        static
                                     ff
                                                                        static
   Z55.Z55.Z55.Z55
Network Connection Information
Pinging Our Router
                          with 32 bytes of data:
: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=128
: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=128
: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=128
15: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=128
Pinging
Reply from
Reply from
Reply from
Reply from
Ping statistics for 10.0.2.15:
Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
Approximate round trip times in milli—seconds:
Minimum = 0ms, Maximum = 0ms, Average = 0ms
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CONCLUSION

In this lab experiments, we have dealt with and seen how the command line tools and the shell commands are run, a few examples of how powerful they are, and also seen how such commands can be grouped together and executed at once like executing scripts using batch files which provide useful functionalities for the ease of forensic analysis.

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