# CS-356 Computer Networks Lab Lab Session-1

# **Basic Networking Commands in Linux**

Following are some basic commands that users can use for simple network configuration tasks in Linux.

- ifconfig: The ifconfig command, short for "interface configuration," is used to view and change the configuration of network interfaces on a Linux system. Although it is being replaced by the ip command in modern Linux distributions, it is still commonly used in some cases. Here are some examples of using ifconfig
  - 1.1. You can view the IP address, MAC address and MTU (Maximum Transmission Unit) with ifconfig command.

#### Syntax:

ifconfig

```
dell1@dell1-Inspiron-15-3511:~$ ifconfig
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 3858 bytes 414752 (414.7 KB)
       RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
       TX packets 3858 bytes 414752 (414.7 KB)
       TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
wlp2s0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
       inet 192.168.29.209 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.29.255
       inet6 2405:201:3008:2176:7d02:824e:57bb:3123 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x0<global>
       inet6 fe80::64ca:399:c262:4b0f prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
       inet6 2405:201:3008:2176:e5e7:a177:bb4a:15a4 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x0<global>
       ether cc:6b:1e:5b:69:c7 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
       RX packets 161232 bytes 182085359 (182.0 MB)
       RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
       TX packets 46896 bytes 10865992 (10.8 MB)
       TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
dell1@dell1-Inspiron-15-3511:~$
```

1.2. To get the details of the specific interface, just write the interface name after the command.

```
dell1@dell1-Inspiron-15-3511:~$ ifconfig wlp2s0
wlp2s0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 192.168.29.209    netmask 255.255.255.0    broadcast 192.168.29.255
    inet6 2405:201:3008:2176:7d02:824e:57bb:3123    prefixlen 64    scopeid 0x0<global>
    inet6 fe80::64ca:399:c262:4b0f    prefixlen 64    scopeid 0x20<link>
        inet6 2405:201:3008:2176:e5e7:a177:bb4a:15a4    prefixlen 64    scopeid 0x0<global>
        ether cc:6b:1e:5b:69:c7    txqueuelen 1000    (Ethernet)
        RX packets 163253    bytes 182635042    (182.6 MB)
        RX errors 0    dropped 0    overruns 0    frame 0
        TX packets 48635    bytes 11402836    (11.4 MB)
        TX errors 0    dropped 0    overruns 0    carrier 0    collisions 0

dell1@dell1-Inspiron-15-3511:~$
```

#### 1.3. Other Options with ifconfig:

Display a shortlist of active interfaces: Using the -s option prints a shortlist of all interfaces, including those that are "down" (inactive)

```
ifconfig -s
```

Print a more detailed configuration for all interfaces: The -v option displays a more detailed configuration for all interfaces.

```
ifconfig -v
```

Assign an IP address to a network interface: To assign an IP address to a network interface, you can use the inet option followed by the IP address and netmask. For example, to assign the IP address 192.168.1.1 with a netmask 255.255.255.0 to the eth0 interface, you would run:

```
ifconfig eth0 inet 192.168.1.1 netmask 255.255.255.0
```

but these settings will be disabled after system reboot.

#### 1.4. Enable or Disable specific interface:

To enable specific interface,

```
ifup eth0
```

To disable specific interface,

```
ifdown eth0
```

#### 1.5. Setting MTU size

By default MTU (Maximum Transmission Unit) size is 1500, you can change size as per your wish.

Replace xxxx with size.

- 2. **ip command:** Linux IP command is the newer version of the ifconfig command. It is a handy tool for configuring the network interfaces for Linux administrators. It can be used to assign and remove addresses, take the interfaces up or down, and much more useful tasks.
  - 2.1. Listing the IP addresses: ip address show

```
dell1@dell1-Inspiron-15-3511:~$ ip address show
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group default qlen 1000
    link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00:00
   inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
  valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 ::1/128 scope host
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
2: wlp2s0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc noqueue state UP group default qlen 1000
    link/ether cc:6b:1e:5b:69:c7 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 192.168.29.209/24 brd 192.168.29.255 scope global dynamic noprefixroute wlp2s0
       valid_lft 85757sec preferred_lft 85757sec
    inet6 2405:201:3008:2176:e5e7:a177:bb4a:15a4/64 scope global temporary dynamic
       valid_lft 4766sec preferred_lft 4766sec
    inet6 2405:201:3008:2176:7d02:824e:57bb:3123/64 scope global dynamic mngtmpaddr noprefixroute
       valid_lft 4766sec preferred_lft 4766sec
    inet6 fe80::64ca:399:c262:4b0f/64 scope link noprefixroute
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
dell1@dell1-Inspiron-15-3511:~$
```

#### 2.2. Display the lpv4 and lpv6 Addresses

```
dell1@dell1-Inspiron-15-3511:~$ ip -4 addr
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group default qlen 1000
   inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
    valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
2: wlp2s0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc noqueue state UP group default qlen 1000
   inet 192.168.29.209/24 brd 192.168.29.255 scope global dynamic noprefixroute wlp2s0
   valid_lft 86129sec preferred_lft 86129sec
dell1@dell1-Inspiron-15-3511:~$
```

```
dell1@dell1-Inspiron-15-3511:~$ ip -6 addr
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 state UNKNOWN qlen 1000
    inet6 ::1/128 scope host
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
2: wlp2s0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 state UP qlen 1000
    inet6 2405:201:3008:2176:e5e7:a177:bb4a:15a4/64 scope global temporary dynamic
        valid_lft 4783sec preferred_lft 4783sec
    inet6 2405:201:3008:2176:7d02:824e:57bb:3123/64 scope global dynamic mngtmpaddr noprefixroute
        valid_lft 4783sec preferred_lft 4783sec
    inet6 fe80::64ca:399:c262:4b0f/64 scope link noprefixroute
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
dell1@dell1-Inspiron-15-3511:~$
```

#### 2.3. Display a Single Interface

```
dell1@dell1-Inspiron-15-3511:-$ ip addr show dev wlp2s0
2: wlp2s0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc noqueue state UP group default qlen 1000
    link/ether cc:6b:1e:5b:69:c7 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 192.168.29.209/24 brd 192.168.29.255 scope global dynamic noprefixroute wlp2s0
        valid_lft 85360sec preferred_lft 85360sec
    inet6 2405:201:3008:2176:e5e7:a177:bb4a:15a4/64 scope global temporary dynamic
        valid_lft 4787sec preferred_lft 4787sec
    inet6 2405:201:3008:2176:7d02:824e:57bb:3123/64 scope global dynamic mngtmpaddr noprefixroute
        valid_lft 4787sec preferred_lft 4787sec
    inet6 fe80::64ca:399:c262:4b0f/64 scope link noprefixroute
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
```

#### 2.4 Add an IP address to an Interface

The 'add' and 'dev' options are used to add an IP address to an interface. We have to specify the IP address and interface to be added. For example, add the IP address "192.168.7.22" to the 'wlp6s0' interface. To add this Ip address, execute the command as follows:

```
sudo ip addr add 192.168.7.22 dev wlp2s0
```

```
dell1@dell1-Inspiron-15-3511:~$ sudo ip addr add 192.168.7.22 dev wlp2s0
dell1@dell1-Inspiron-15-3511:~$
```

The above command will add the given IP address to the specified interface. If it is successfully added, it will not produce any output.

# 2.5. Deleting an IP Address

Deleting an IP address is the same as adding, except we have to replace the 'add' option with the 'del.' To delete an IP, execute the command as follows:

```
sudo ip addr del 192.168.7.22 dev wlp2s0
```

#### 2.6. IP with Network Interfaces

We can use the **link object** for working and inspecting the network interfaces. To display the installed interface on our system, execute the below command:

```
ip link show
```

```
delli@delli-Inspiron-15-3511:~$ ip link show

1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN mode DEFAULT group default qlen 1000 link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00

2: wlp2s0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc noqueue state UP mode DORMANT group default qlen 1000 link/ether cc:6b:1e:5b:69:c7 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff

delli@delli-Inspiron-15-3511:~$
```

#### 2.7. Start or Stop a Network Interface

The 'set' option with up and down arguments is used to start and stop a network interface. Consider the below command:

```
sudo ip link set wlp2s0 down
```

The above command will down the 'wlp2s0' interface. To display the status of the interface, execute the below command:

```
ip addr show dev wlp2s0
```

```
dell1@dell1-Inspiron-15-3511:~$ sudo ip link set wlp2s0 down
dell1@dell1-Inspiron-15-3511:~$ ip addr show dev wlp2s0
2: wlp2s0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST> mtu 1500 qdisc noqueue state DOWN group default qlen 1000
    link/ether cc:6b:1e:5b:69:c7 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:
    inet 10.203.1.224/20 brd 10.203.15.255 scope global dynamic noprefixroute wlp2s0
        valid_lft 579sec preferred_lft 579sec
    inet6 fe80::fa8c:434c:629f:4087/64 scope link tentative noprefixroute
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
dell1@dell1-Inspiron-15-3511:~$
```

To start the interface, execute the below command:

```
sudo ip link set wlp2s0 up
```

```
dell1@dell1-Inspiron-15-3511:-$ sudo ip link set wlp2s0 up
dell1@dell1-Inspiron-15-3511:-$ ip addr show dev wlp2s0
2: wlp2s0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc noqueue state UP group default qlen 1000
    link/ether cc:6b:1e:5b:69:c7 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 10.203.3.141/20 brd 10.203.15.255 scope global dynamic noprefixroute wlp2s0
        valid_lft 1113sec preferred_lft 1113sec
    inet6 fe80::fa8c:434c:629f:4087/64 scope link noprefixroute
    valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
dell1@dell1-Inspiron-15-3511:-$
```

#### 2.8 IP with Routes

The root object is used to inspect and manipulate routes. A route defines the forwarding process of network traffic and applied network interface. In the case of a shared network, the sending device can forward the packet directly. However, if the destination device is not directly connected, the sending device sends the packet to the default router. In this condition, the router deals with packets.

To display the defined routes of our system, execute the below command:

```
cse@cse-OptiPlex-7000:~$ ip route
default via 10.203.1.1 dev enp0s31f6 proto dhcp metric 100
10.203.0.0/20 dev enp0s31f6 proto kernel scope link src 10.203.4.240 metric 100
169.254.0.0/16 dev enp0s31f6 scope link metric 1000
cse@cse-OptiPlex-7000:~$
```

#### 3. traceroute command:

A network diagnostic tool used to trace the route that packets take from the source to a specified destination. It helps you identify the network path and measure the transit delays of packets across a network. This can be useful for troubleshooting network connectivity issues, identifying bottlenecks, and understanding the network topology between your computer and a target host. Utility:

- 1. **Network Path Analysis:** traceroute shows the route that packets take, listing all the intermediate routers (hops) between the source and the destination.
- 2. **Round-Trip Time (RTT) Measurement:** It displays the time taken for packets to travel from the source to each hop and back.
- 3. **Identifying Network Issues:** Helps in identifying network congestion, packet loss, or other issues by examining the delay at each hop.

#### Usage:

```
traceroute [options] destination
```

Example: traceroute www.google.com

#### Options:

-n: Display IP addresses instead of hostnames, which can speed up the process by avoiding DNS resolution delays.

```
-q (or --queries): Set the number of queries sent to each hop.
```

-m (or --max-hop): Set the maximum number of hops to reach the destination.

#### For example:

```
traceroute -n -q 3 -m 15 <a href="www.google.com">www.google.com</a>
```

**4. tracepath:** The tracepath command is the same as the traceroute command, and it is used to find network delays. Besides, it does not need root privileges. By default, it comes pre-installed in Ubuntu. It traces the path to the destination and recognizes all hops in it. It identifies the point at which the network is weak if our network is not strong enough.

Syntax:

```
tracepath <destination>
```

**5. ping**: It is short for Packet Internet Groper. The ping command is one of the widely used commands for network troubleshooting. Basically, it inspects the network connectivity between two different nodes.

Syntax:

```
ping <destination>
```

**6. netstat:** It is short for network statistics. It gives statistical figures of many interfaces, which contain open sockets, connection information, and routing tables.

Syntax:

Netstat

**7. ss**: This command is the substitution for the netstat command. The ss command is more informative and much faster than netstat. The ss command's faster response is possible because it fetches every information from inside the kernel userspace.

Syntax:

SS

**8. nslookup**: The nslookup command is an older edition of the dig command. Also, it is utilized for DNS related problems.

Syntax:

```
nslookup <domainname>
```

**9. dig:** dig is short for Domain Information Groper. The dig command is an improvised edition of the nslookup command. It is utilized in DNS lookup to reserve the DNS name server. Also, it is used to balance DNS related problems. Mainly, it is used to authorize DNS mappings, host addresses, MX records, and every other DNS record for the best DNS topography understanding.

Syntax:

```
dig <domainname>
```

**10. route:** The route command shows and employs the routing table available for our system. Basically, a router is used to detect a better way to transfer the packets around a destination.

Syntax:

route

**11. host:** The host command shows the IP address for a hostname and the domain name for an IP address. Also, it is used to get DNS lookup for DNS related issues.

Syntax:

```
host -t <resourceName>
```

**11. arp:** The arp command is short for Address Resolution Protocol. This command is used to see and include content in the ARP table of the kernel.

Syntax:

arp

**12. curl and wget**: These commands are used to download files from CLI from the internet. curl must be specified with the "O" option to get the file, while wget is directly used.

curl Syntax:

```
curl -O <fileLink>
```

wget Syntax:

```
wget <fileLink>
```

**13. mtr**: The mtr command is a mix of the traceroute and ping commands. It regularly shows information related to the packets transferred using the ping time of all hops. Also, it is used to see network problems.

Syntax:

```
mtr <path>
```

**14. whois**: The whois command fetches every website related information. We can get every information of a website, such as an owner and the registration information.

```
whois <websiteName>
```

**15. ifplugstatus**: The ifplugstatus command checks whether a cable is currently plugged into a network interface. It is not available in Ubuntu directly. We can install it with the help of the below command:

```
sudo apt-get install ifplugd
```

#### Syntax:

ifplugstatus

**16. iftop:** The iftop command is utilized in traffic monitoring.

**17. tcpdump**: The tcpdump command is widely used in network analysis with other commands of the Linux network. It analyses the traffic passing from the network interface and shows it. When balancing the network, this type of packet access will be crucial.

#### Syntax:

```
tcpdump -i <network device>
```

# **Introduction to Wireshark**

- 1. What is Wireshark?
  - Open-source network protocol analyzer.
  - Used for troubleshooting, analysis, development, and education.
- 2. Key Features:
  - Packet Capture: Captures and displays packets on a network.
  - Live Analysis: Real-time monitoring of network activities.
  - Filtering: Powerful filters for isolating specific traffic.
- 3. Supported Protocols:
  - Analyzes a wide range of protocols (TCP, UDP, HTTP, DNS, etc.).
  - Provides detailed insights into packet content.
- 4. Platform Compatibility:
  - Available for Windows, macOS, and Linux.
  - Offers a consistent user experience across platforms.
- 5. User Interface:
  - Intuitive GUI for ease of use.
  - Tabbed interface for simultaneous analysis of multiple captures.
- 6. Packet Details:
  - Displays detailed information about each packet.

Includes source/destination addresses, protocols, and payload.

#### 7. Color-coded Traffic:

• Colors packets for quick identification (e.g., green for TCP, blue for UDP).

#### 8. Statistics and Reports:

- Generates detailed statistics on network traffic.
- Provides graphical representations for easy interpretation.

#### 11. Customization:

- Customizable columns and display filters.
- Tailor the interface to suit specific analysis needs.

#### 12. Security Analysis:

- Useful for detecting and analyzing security threats.
- Identifies suspicious patterns and behaviors.

#### 13. Integration with Other Tools:

- Supports integration with third-party tools for extended functionality.
- Enhances capabilities for specialized tasks.

# **Hands-On Wireshark**

# Steps to Install Wireshark

### Step 1: Update APT

```
$ sudo apt update

younis@younis-VirtualBox:~$ sudo apt update
[sudo] password for younis:
```

Step 2: Download and Install Wireshark

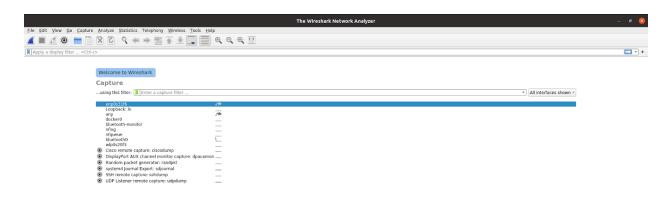
# \$ sudo apt install wireshark younis@younis-VirtualBox:-\$ sudo apt install wireshark Reading package lists... Done Building dependency tree Reading state information... Done The following additional packages will be installed: libc-ares2 libdouble-conversion3 liblua5.2-0 libpcre2-16-0 libqtScore5a libqtSdbus5 libqtSgui5 libqtSmultimedia5 libqtSmultimedia5-plugins libqtSmultimediagsttools5 libqtSmultimediawidgets5 libqtSnetwork5 libqtSopengl5 libqtSprintsupport5 libqtSsvg5 libqtSwidgets5 libsmi2ldbl libspandsp2 libwlreshark-data libwlreshark13 libwlretap10 libwsutil11 libxcb-xinerama0 libxcb-xinput0 qt5-gtk-platformtheme qttranslations5-l10n wireshark-common wireshark-qt Suggested packages: qt5-image-formats-plugins qtwayland5 snmp-mibs-downloader geoipupdate geoip-database geoip-database-extra libjs-leaflet libjs-leaflet.markercluster wireshark-doc The following NEW packages will be installed: libc-ares2 libdouble-conversion3 liblua5.2-0 libpcre2-16-0 libqtScore5a libqtSdbus5 libqtSgui5 libqtSmultimedla5 libqtSmultimedia5-plugins libqtSmultimedlagsttools5 libqtSmultimedtawldgets5 libqtSmetwork5 libqtSpopengl5 libqtSprintsupport5 libqtSsys5 libqtSwidgets5 libsmi2ldbl libspandsp2 libwlreshark-data libwlreshark13 libwlretap10 libwsutil11 libxcb-xinerama0 libxcb-xinput0 qt5-gtk-platforntheme qttranslations5-l10m wireshark wireshark-common wireshark-qt 0 upgraded, 29 newly installed, 0 to remove and 0 not upgraded. Need to get 32.7 MB of archives. After this operation, 163 MB of additional disk space will be used. Do you want to continue? [Y/n] y Cet:1 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal/universe amd64 libdouble-conversion3 amd64 3.1.5-4ubuntu [37.9 kB] Get:2 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal/universe amd64 libqtScore5a amd64 5.12.8+dfsg-0ubuntu1 [ 2,005 kB] % 13 libqtScore5a 1.309 kB/2.005 kB 65%1

Step 3: Run Wireshark

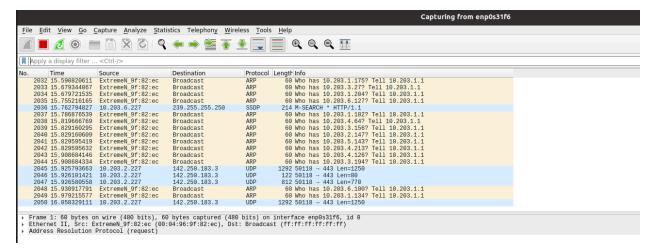
# :/opt/CodeField\$ sudo wireshark

# Interface and Working on Wireshark

Choose the interface whose traffic you want to capture



List of packets and their information



- Command Menu
- Listing of captured packets
- Details of selected packet header
- Packet contents in hexadecimal and ASCII

#### Color code to identify the types of packet



## Optimizing Wireshark Searches with Filter Strategies

#### 1. Protocol Filters:

- tcp: Filters for TCP packets.
- udp: Filters for UDP packets.
- o icmp: Filters for ICMP packets.

#### 2. Address Filters:

- o ip.addr == 192.168.1.1: Filters packets with a specific IP address.
- o ip.src == 10.0.0.1: Filters packets with a specific source IP address.
- ip.dst == 172.16.0.1: Filters packets with a specific destination IP address.

#### 3. Port Filters:

- o tcp.port == 80: Filters TCP packets on port 80 (HTTP).
- o udp.port == 53: Filters UDP packets on port 53 (DNS).

# 4. Combining Filters:

o ip.addr == 192.168.1.1 && tcp.port == 80: Combines IP and port filters.

#### 5. Display Filters:

- http: Filters for HTTP packets.
- o dns: Filters for DNS packets.
- o ssl: Filters for SSL/TLS encrypted traffic.

#### 6. Time Filters:

 frame.time\_relative > 5: Filters packets occurring more than 5 seconds after the start.

#### 7. Conversation Filters:

o ip.addr == 192.168.1.1 && ip.addr == 192.168.1.2: Filters packets between two specific IP addresses.

#### 8. Logical Operators:

== (equal), != (not equal), > (greater than), < (less than), && (logical AND), || (logical OR).</li>

# 9. Display Specific Fields:

- o http.request.method: Displays only HTTP request methods.
- o dns.qry.name: Displays only DNS query names.