



MidoNet Quick Start Guide for Ubuntu 14.04 / Juno

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MidoNet is a network virtualization software for Infrastructure-as-a-Service (IaaS) clouds.

It decouples your laaS cloud from your network hardware, creating an intelligent software abstraction layer between your end hosts and your physical network.

This guide walks through the minimum installation and configuration steps neccessary to use MidoNet with OpenStack.



Note

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Preface

Conventions

The MidoNet documentation uses several typesetting conventions.

Notices

Notices take these forms:



Note

A handy tip or reminder.



Important

Something you must be aware of before proceeding.



Warning

Critical information about the risk of data loss or security issues.

Command prompts

\$ prompt

Any user, including the root user, can run commands that are prefixed with the \$ prompt.

prompt

The root user must run commands that are prefixed with the # prompt. You can also prefix these commands with the **sudo** command, if available, to run them.

1. Architecture

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This guide assumes the following example system architecture.

OpenStack Controller Node:

Controller Node (controller)

Compute Node:

Compute Node (compute1)

Since MidoNet is a distributed system, it does not have the concept of a Network Node as being used with the default OpenStack networking plugin. Instead it uses two or more Gateway Nodes that utilize Quagga to provide connectivity to external networks via the Border Gateway Protocol (BGP).

- Gateway Node 1 (gateway1)
- Gateway Node 2 (gateway2)

Three or more hosts are being used for the MidoNet Network State Database (NSDB) cluster which utilizes ZooKeeper and Cassandra to store virtual network topology and connection state information:

- NSDB Node 1 (nsdb1)
- NSDB Node 2 (nsdb2)
- NSDB Node 3 (nsdb3)



Important

Ideally, both the ZooKeeper transaction log and Cassandra data files need their own dedicated disks, with additional disks for other services on the host. However, for small POCs and small deployments, it is ok to share the Cassandra disk with other services and just leave the ZooKeeper transaction log on its own.

The *MidoNet Agent (Midolman)* has to be installed on all nodes where traffic enters or leaves the virtual topology. In this guide this are the **controller**, **gateway1**, **gateway2** and **compute1** hosts.

The *Midonet API* can be installed on a separate host, but this guide assumes it to be installed on the **controller** host.

The *Midonet Command Line Interface (CLI)* can be installed on any host that has connectivity to the MidoNet API. This guide assumes it to be installed on the **controller** host.

The *Midonet Neutron Plugin* replaces the ML2 Plugin and has to be installed on the **controller**.

Hosts and Services

Controller Node (controller)

- General
 - Database (MariaDB)
 - Message Broker (RabbitMQ)
- OpenStack
 - Identity Service (Keystone)
 - Image Service (Glance)
 - Compute (Nova)
 - Networking (Neutron)
 - Neutron Server
 - DHCP Agent
 - Metadata Agent
 - Dashboard (Horizon)
- MidoNet
 - API
 - CLI
 - Neutron Plugin

Compute Node (compute1)

- OpenStack
 - Compute (Nova)
 - Networking (Neutron)
- MidoNet
 - Agent (Midolman)

NSDB Nodes (nsdb1, nsdb2, nsdb3)

- Network State Database (NSDB)
 - Network Topology (ZooKeeper)
 - Network State Information (Cassandra)

Gateway Nodes (gateway1, gateway2)

• BGP Daemon (Quagga)

- MidoNet
 - Agent (Midolman)

2. Basic Environment Configuration

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Networking Configuration



Important

All hostnames must be resolvable, either via DNS or locally.

This guide assumes that you follow the instructions in OpenStack Networking (neutron) of the OpenStack Documentation.

Repository Configuration

Configure necessary software repositories and update installed packages.

1. Configure Ubuntu repositories

Edit the /etc/apt/sources.list file to contain the following:

```
# Ubuntu Main Archive
deb http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/ trusty main
deb http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu trusty-security main

# Ubuntu Universe Archive
deb http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/ trusty universe
deb http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu trusty-security universe
```

2. Configure Ubuntu Cloud Archive repository

Create the /etc/apt/sources.list.d/cloudarchive-juno.list file and edit it to contain the following:

```
# Ubuntu Cloud Archive
deb http://ubuntu-cloud.archive.canonical.com/ubuntu trusty-updates/juno
main
```

Install the repository's key:

```
# apt-get update
# apt-get install ubuntu-cloud-keyring
```

3. Configure DataStax repository

Create the /etc/apt/sources.list.d/datastax.list file and edit it to contain the following:

```
# DataStax (Apache Cassandra)
deb http://debian.datastax.com/community stable main
```

Download and install the repository's key:

curl -L http://debian.datastax.com/debian/repo_key | apt-key add -

4. Configure MidoNet repositories

Create the /etc/apt/sources.list.d/midonet.list file and edit it to contain the following:

```
# MidoNet
deb http://repo.midonet.org/midonet/v2015.03 stable main

# MidoNet OpenStack Integration
deb http://repo.midonet.org/openstack-juno stable main

# MidoNet 3rd Party Tools and Libraries
deb http://repo.midonet.org/misc stable main
```

Download and install the repositories' key:

curl -L http://repo.midonet.org/packages.midokura.key | apt-key add -

5. Install available updates

```
# apt-get update
# apt-get dist-upgrade
```

6. If necessary, reboot the system

reboot

3. OpenStack Installation

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Important

Follow the OpenStack Juno Installation Guide for Ubuntu 14.04 (LTS), but note the following differences.

Identity Service (Keystone)



Important

Follow the OpenStack documentation's Chapter 3. Add the Identity service instructions, but note the following additions.

1. Create MidoNet API Service

As Keystone admin, execute the following command:

```
$ keystone service-create --name midonet --type midonet --description
"MidoNet API Service"
```

2. Create MidoNet Administrative User

As Keystone admin, execute the following commands:

```
$ keystone user-create --name midonet --pass MIDONET_PASS --tenant
service
$ keystone user-role-add --user midonet --role admin --tenant service
```

Compute Services (Nova)



Important

Follow the OpenStack documentation's Chapter 5. Add the Compute service instructions, but **note the following differences**.

Controller Node



Note

Follow the OpenStack documentation's Install and configure controller node instructions as is.

Compute Node



Important

Follow the OpenStack documentation's Install and configure a compute node instructions, but note the following additions.

1. Configure libvirt

Edit the /etc/libvirt/qemu.conf file to contain the following:

```
user = "root"
group = "root"

cgroup_device_acl = [
    "/dev/null", "/dev/full", "/dev/zero",
    "/dev/random", "/dev/urandom",
    "/dev/ptmx", "/dev/kvm", "/dev/kqemu",
    "/dev/rtc","/dev/hpet", "/dev/vfio/vfio",
    "/dev/net/tun"
]
```

2. Restart the libvirt service

```
# service libvirt-bin restart
```

1. Install nova-rootwrap network filters

```
# apt-get install nova-network
```

2. Restart the Compute service

service nova-compute restart

Networking Services (Neutron)



Important

Follow the OpenStack documentation's Chapter 6. OpenStack Networking (neutron) instructions, but note the following differences.

Controller Node



Important

Follow the OpenStack documentation's Install and configure controller node instructions, but note the following differences.

1. To configure prerequisites

Apply as is.

2. To install the Networking components

Do **not** apply.

a. Instead, install the following packages:

apt-get install neutron-server python-neutron-plugin-midonet

3. To configure the Networking server component

Do **not** apply step 'd. Enable the Modular Layer 2 (ML2) plug-in, router service, and overlapping IP addresses'.

a. Instead, edit the /etc/neutron/neutron.conf file and add the following key to the [DEFAULT] section:

```
[DEFAULT]
...
core_plugin = midonet.neutron.plugin.MidonetPluginV2
```



Note

Make sure to not leave any space at the starting of lines in any configuration file (this applies to all configuration files).

4. To configure the Modular Layer 2 (ML2) plug-in

Do not apply.

Instead, perform the following steps.

a. Create the directory for the MidoNet plugin:

```
mkdir /etc/neutron/plugins/midonet
```

b. Create the /etc/neutron/plugins/midonet/midonet.ini file and edit it to contain the following:

```
[DATABASE]
sql_connection = mysql://neutron:NEUTRON_DBPASS@controller/neutron

[MIDONET]
# MidoNet API URL
midonet_uri = http://controller:8080/midonet-api
# MidoNet administrative user in Keystone
username = midonet
password = MIDONET_PASS
# MidoNet administrative user's tenant
project_id = service
```

c. Edit the /etc/default/neutron-server file to contain the following:

NEUTRON_PLUGIN_CONFIG="/etc/neutron/plugins/midonet/midonet.ini"

5. To configure Compute to use Networking

Apply as is.

6. To finalize installation

Apply as is.

DHCP Agent



Note

Since MidoNet does not have the concept of a Network Node like with the default OpenStack networking plugin, the DHCP Agent is going to be installed on the Controller Node.

1. Install the DHCP agent

```
# apt-get install neutron-dhcp-agent
```

2. Configure the DHCP agent

Edit the /etc/neutron/dhcp_agent.ini file to contain the following:

```
[DEFAULT]
interface_driver = neutron.agent.linux.interface.MidonetInterfaceDriver
dhcp_driver = midonet.neutron.agent.midonet_driver.DhcpNoOpDriver
use_namespaces = True
enable_isolated_metadata = True

[MIDONET]
# MidoNet API URL
midonet_uri = http://controller:8080/midonet-api
# MidoNet administrative user in Keystone
username = midonet
password = MIDONET_PASS
# MidoNet administrative user's tenant
project_id = service
```

3. Restart the service

service neutron-dhcp-agent restart

Metadata Agent



Note

Since MidoNet does not have the concept of a Network Node like with the default OpenStack networking plugin, the Metadata Agent is going to be installed on the Controller Node.

1. Install the Metadata agent

```
# apt-get install neutron-metadata-agent
```

2. Configure the Metadata Agent

Configure the agent according to the "To configure the metadata agent" section in the OpenStack documentation's Install and configure network node instructions.

3. Restart the services

```
# service neutron-metadata-agent restart
# service nova-api restart
```

Compute Node



Important

Follow the OpenStack documentation's Install and configure compute node instructions, but **note the following differences**.

1. To configure prerequisites

Apply as is.

2. To install the Networking components

Do **not** apply.

a. Instead, install the following package:

apt-get install neutron-common

3. To configure the Networking common components

Do **not** apply step 'd. Enable the Modular Layer 2 (ML2) plug-in, router service, and overlapping IP addresses'.

4. To configure the Modular Layer 2 (ML2) plug-in

Do **not** apply.

5. To configure the Open vSwitch (OVS) service

Do not apply.

6. To configure Compute to use Networking

Apply as is.

7. To finalize the installation

Do **not** apply.

a. Instead, restart the following service:

service nova-compute restart

4. MidoNet Installation

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NSDB Nodes

ZooKeeper Installation

1. Install ZooKeeper packages

```
# apt-get install zookeeper zookeeperd zkdump
```

2. Configure ZooKeeper

a. Common Configuration

Edit the /etc/zookeeper/conf/zoo.cfg file to contain the following:

```
server.1=nsdb1:2888:3888
server.2=nsdb2:2888:3888
server.3=nsdb3:2888:3888
```



Important

For production deployments it is recommended to configure the storage of snapshots in a different disk than the commit log. This can be set by changing the parameter dataDir in zoo.cfg to a different disk

b. Node-specific Configuration

i. NSDB Node 1

Create the /var/lib/zookeeper/myid file and edit it to contain the host's ID:

```
# echo 1 > /var/lib/zookeeper/myid
```

ii. NSDB Node 2

Create the /var/lib/zookeeper/myid file and edit it to contain the host's ID:

```
# echo 2 > /var/lib/zookeeper/myid
```

iii. NSDB Node 3

Create the /var/lib/zookeeper/myid file and edit it to contain the host's ID:

```
# echo 3 > /var/lib/zookeeper/myid
```

3. Restart ZooKeeper

```
# service zookeeper restart
```

4. Verify ZooKeeper Operation

After installation of all nodes has been completed, verify that ZooKeeper is operating properly.

A basic check can be done by executing the ruok (Are you ok?) command on all nodes. This will reply with imok (I am ok.) if the server is running in a non-error state:

```
$ echo ruok | nc 127.0.0.1 2181 imok
```

More detailed information can be requested with the stat command, which lists statistics about performance and connected clients:

```
$ echo stat | nc 127.0.0.1 2181
Zookeeper version: 3.4.5--1, built on 06/10/2013 17:26 GMT
Clients:
    /127.0.0.1:34768[0](queued=0,recved=1,sent=0)
    /192.0.2.1:49703[1](queued=0,recved=1053,sent=1053)

Latency min/avg/max: 0/4/255
Received: 1055
Sent: 1054
Connections: 2
Outstanding: 0
Zxid: 0x260000013d
Mode: follower
Node count: 3647
```

Cassandra Installation

1. Install Cassandra packages

```
# apt-get install openjdk-7-jre-headless
# apt-get install dsc20=2.0.10-1 cassandra=2.0.10
# apt-mark hold dsc20 cassandra
```

2. Configure Cassandra

a. Common Configuration

Edit the /etc/cassandra/cassandra.yaml file to contain the following:

b. Node-specific Configuration

i. NSDB Node 1

Edit the /etc/cassandra/cassandra.yaml file to contain the following:

```
# Address to bind to and tell other Cassandra nodes to connect to.
listen_address: nsdb1
....
# The address to bind the Thrift RPC service.
rpc_address: nsdb1
```

ii. NSDB Node 2

Edit the /etc/cassandra/cassandra.yaml file to contain the following:

```
# Address to bind to and tell other Cassandra nodes to connect to.
listen_address: nsdb2
...
# The address to bind the Thrift RPC service.
rpc_address: nsdb2
```

iii. NSDB Node 3

Edit the /etc/cassandra/cassandra.yaml file to contain the following:

```
# Address to bind to and tell other Cassandra nodes to connect to.
listen_address: nsdb3
...
# The address to bind the Thrift RPC service.
rpc_address: nsdb3
```

3. Clean existing data and restart Cassandra

```
# service cassandra stop
# rm -rf /var/lib/cassandra/*
# service cassandra start
```

4. Verify Cassandra Operation

After installation of all nodes has been completed, verify that Cassandra is operating properly.

A basic check can be done by executing the nodetool status command. This will reply with UN (Up / Normal) in the first column if the servers are running in a non-error state:

```
UN 192.0.2.3 345.67 KB 256 33.4%
3333333-4444-5555-6666-77777777777 rack1
```

Controller Node

MidoNet API Installation

1. Install MidoNet API package

```
# apt-get install midonet-api
```

2. Configure MidoNet API

Edit the /usr/share/midonet-api/WEB-INF/web.xml file to contain the following:

```
<context-param>
   <param-name>rest_api-base_uri</param-name>
    <param-value>http://controller:8080/midonet-api</param-value>
</context-param>
<context-param>
    <param-name>keystone-service_host</param-name>
    <param-value>controller</param-value>
</context-param>
<context-param>
   <param-name>keystone-admin_token</param-name>
    <param-value>ADMIN_TOKEN</param-value>
</context-param>
<context-param>
    <param-name>zookeeper-zookeeper_hosts</param-name>
    <param-value>nsdb1:2181,nsdb2:2181,nsdb3:2181</param-value>
</context-param>
```

3. Install Tomcat package

```
# apt-get install tomcat7
```

4. Configure Tomcat's Entropy Source

Edit the /usr/share/tomcat7/bin/catalina.sh file to contain the following:

```
JAVA_OPTS="$JAVA_OPTS -Djava.security.egd=file:/dev/./urandom"
```

5. Configure Tomcat's Maximum HTTP Header Size

Edit the /etc/tomcat7/server.xml file and adjust the maximum header size for the HTTP connector:

6. Configure MidoNet API context

Create the /etc/tomcat7/Catalina/localhost/midonet-api.xml file and edit it to contain the following:

```
<Context
   path="/midonet-api"
   docBase="/usr/share/midonet-api"
   antiResourceLocking="false"
   privileged="true"
/>
```

7. Restart Tomcat

service tomcat7 restart

MidoNet CLI Installation

1. Install MidoNet CLI package

```
# apt-get install python-midonetclient
```

2. Configure MidoNet CLI

Create the ~/.midonetrc file and edit it to contain the following:

```
[cli]
api_url = http://controller:8080/midonet-api
username = admin
password = ADMIN_PASS
project_id = admin
```

Midolman Installation

The *MidoNet Agent (Midolman)* has to be installed on all nodes where traffic enters or leaves the virtual topology, in this guide this are the **controller**, **gateway1**, **gateway2** and **compute1** nodes.

1. Install Midolman package

```
# apt-get install midolman
```

2. Set up mn-conf

Edit /etc/midolman/midolman.conf to point mn-conf to the ZooKeeper cluster:

```
[zookeeper]
zookeeper_hosts = nsdb1:2181,nsdb1:2181,nsdb1:2181
```

3. Configure access to the NSDB for all agents

This step needs to happen only once, it will set up access to the NSDB for all MidoNet Agent nodes.

Run the following command to set the cloud-wide values for the ZooKeeper and Cassandra server addresses:

```
$ cat << EOF | mn-conf set -t default
zookeeper {
    zookeeper_hosts = "nsdb1:2181,nsdb2:2181,nsdb3:2181"
}
cassandra {
    servers = "nsdb1,nsdb1,nsdb3"
}</pre>
```

EOF

Run the following command to set the Cassandra replication factor:

```
$ echo "cassandra.replication_factor : 3" | mn-conf set -t default
```

4. Start Midolman

service midolman start

MidoNet Host Registration

1. Launch MidoNet CLI

```
$ midonet-cli
midonet>
```

2. Create tunnel zone

MidoNet supports the Virtual Extensible LAN (VXLAN) and Generic Routing Encapsulation (GRE) protocols to communicate to other hosts within a tunnel zone.

To use the VXLAN protocol, create the tunnel zone with type 'vxlan':

```
midonet> tunnel-zone create name tz type vxlan tzone0
```

To use the GRE protocol, create the tunnel zone with type 'gre':

```
midonet> tunnel-zone create name tz type gre tzone0
```



Important

Make sure to allow GRE/VXLAN traffic for all hosts that belong to the tunnel zone. For VXLAN MidoNet uses UDP port 6677 as default.

1. Add hosts to tunnel zone

```
midonet> list tunnel-zone
tzone tzone0 name tz type vxlan
midonet> list host
host host0 name controller alive true
host host1 name gateway1 alive true
host host2 name gateway2 alive true
host host3 name compute1 alive true
midonet> tunnel-zone tzone0 add member host host0
address ip_address_of_host0
zone tzone0 host host0 address ip_address_of_host0
midonet> tunnel-zone tzone0 add member host host1
address ip_address_of_host1
zone tzone0 host host1 address ip_address_of_host1
midonet> tunnel-zone tzone0 add member host host2
address ip_address_of_host2
zone tzone0 host host2 address ip_address_of_host2
midonet> tunnel-zone tzone0 add member host host3
address ip_address_of_host3
```

zone tzone0 host host3 address ip_address_of_host3

5. BGP Uplink Configuration

MidoNet utilizes the Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) for external connectivity.

For production deployments it is strongly recommended to use BGP due to it's scalability and redundancy.

For demo or POC environments, alternatively static routing can be used. See the Operations Guide for details.

The following instructions assume below sample environment:

- One floating IP network
 - 192.0.2.0/24/24
- Two MidoNet gateway nodes
 - gateway1, connecting to bgp1 via eth1
 - gateway2, connecting to bgp2 via eth1
- Two remote BGP peers
 - bgp1, 198.51.100.1, AS 64513
 - bgp2, 203.0.113.1, AS 64513
- Corresponding MidoNet BGP peers
 - 198.51.100.2, AS 64512
 - 203.0.113.2, AS 64512

Follow these steps to configure the BGP uplinks.

1. Determine the Keystone admin tenant ID

Use the keystone command to determine the Keystone admin tenant's ID:

2. Launch the MidoNet CLI and find the MidoNet Provider Router

```
$ midonet-cli
midonet-cli>
```

Because the MidoNet Provider Router is not associated with a tenant, the active tenant has to be cleared (cleart) first.

```
midonet-cli> cleart

midonet-cli> router list
router router0 name MidoNet Provider Router state up
router router1 name Tenant Router state up infilter chain0 outfilter
chain1
```

In this example the MidoNet Provider Router is router0.

3. Load the admin tenant

Before continuing with further configuration, the admin tenant has to be set (sett). Use the ID you got from Keystone above.

```
midonet-cli> sett 12345678901234567890123456789012
tenant_id: 1234567890123456789012
```

4. Create virtual ports for the BGP sessions

For each remote BGP peer, create a port on the MidoNet Provider Router that is going to be used for BGP communication.

```
midonet> router router0 add port address 198.51.100.2 net 198.51.100.0/30 router0:port0

midonet> router router0 add port address 203.0.113.2 net 203.0.113.0/30 router0:port1

midonet> router router0 port list port port0 device router0 state up mac ac:ca:ba:11:11:11 address 198.51.100.2 net 198.51.100.0/30 port port1 device router0 state up mac ac:ca:ba:22:22:22 address 203.0.113.1 net 203.0.113.0/30
[...]
```

In this example the created ports are **port0** and **port1**.

5. Configure BGP on the virtual ports

```
midonet> router router0 port port0 add bgp local-AS 64512 peer-AS 64513 peer 198.51.100.1 router0:port0:bgp0

midonet> router router0 port port0 list bgp bgp bgp0 local-AS 64512 peer-AS 64513 peer 198.51.100.1

midonet> router router0 port port1 add bgp local-AS 64512 peer-AS 64513 peer 203.0.113.1 router0:port1:bgp0

midonet> router router0 port port1 list bgp bgp bgp0 local-AS 64512 peer-AS 64513 peer 203.0.113.1
```

6. Advertise routes

In order to provide external connectivity for hosted virtual machines, the floating IP network has to be advertised to the BGP peers.

```
midonet> router router0 port port0 bgp bgp0 add route net 192.0.2.0/24 router0:port0:bgp0:ad-route0

midonet> router router0 port port0 bgp bgp0 list route ad-route ad-route0 net 192.0.2.0/24

midonet> router router0 port port1 bgp bgp0 add route net 192.0.2.0/24 router0:port0:bgp0:ad-route0

midonet> router router0 port port1 bgp bgp0 list route ad-route ad-route0 net 192.0.2.0/24
```

7. Bind virtual ports to physical network interfaces

Bind the MidoNet Provider Router's virtual ports to the physical network interfaces on the Gateway Nodes.



Important

Ensure that physical interfaces are in state \mathtt{UP} and do not have an IP address assigned.

a. List the MidoNet hosts and find the Gateway Nodes:

```
midonet> host list
host host0 name gateway1 alive true
host host1 name gateway2 alive true
[...]
```

In this example the hosts are host0 and host1.

b. List the Gateway Nodes' physical interfaces:

```
midonet> host host0 list interface
[...]
iface eth1 host_id host0 status 3 addresses [] mac 01:02:03:04:05:06
mtu 1500 type Physical endpoint PHYSICAL
[...]

midonet> host host1 list interface
[...]
iface eth1 host_id host0 status 3 addresses [] mac 06:05:04:03:02:01
mtu 1500 type Physical endpoint PHYSICAL
[...]
```

c. Bind the physical host interfaces to the MidoNet Provider Router's virtual ports:

```
midonet> host host0 add binding port router0:port0 interface eth1
host host0 interface eth1 port router0:port0

midonet> host host1 add binding port router0:port1 interface eth1
host host1 interface eth1 port router0:port1
```

d. Configure a stateful port group:

```
midonet-cli> port-group create name uplink-spg stateful true pgroup0
```

e. Add the ports to the port group:

```
midonet> port-group pgroup0 add member port router0:port0
port-group pgroup0 port router0:port0

midonet> port-group pgroup0 add member port router0:port1
port-group pgroup0 port router0:port1

midonet> port-group pgroup0 list member
port-group pgroup0 port router0:port0
port-group pgroup0 port router0:port1
```

6. Further Steps

MidoNet installation and integration into OpenStack is completed.

You can now continue with the creation of initial networks in Neutron.



Note

Consult the **Operations Guide** for further instructions on operating MidoNet.