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## Objective

The `ifconfig` command has been deprecated and thus missing by default on Debian Linux, starting from Debian stretch.

```
# ifconfig
-bash: ifconfig: command not found
```

The new and recommended alternative for examining a network configuration on Debian Linux is `ip` command. For example to use `ip` command to display a network configuration run the following:

```
# ip address
```

The above `ip` command can be abbreviated to:

```
# ip a
```

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