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**Networking Glossary:** Before we begin discussing networking with any depth, we must define some common terms that you will see throughout this guide, and in other guides and documentation regarding networking.

**Connection:** In networking, a connection refers to pieces of related information that are transferred through a network. This generally infers that a connection is built before the data transfer (by following the procedures laid out in a protocol) and then is deconstructed at the end of the data transfer

• **Packet:** A packet is, generally speaking, the most basic unit that is transferred over a network. When communicating over a network, packets are the envelopes that carry your data (in pieces) from one end point to the other. Packets have a header portion that contains information about the packet including the source and destination, timestamps, network hops, etc. The main portion of a packet contains the actual data being transferred. It is sometimes called the body or the payload.

**Network Interface:** A network interface can refer to any kind of software interface to networking hardware. For instance, if you have two network cards in your computer, you can control and configure each network interface associated with them individually. A network interface may be associated with a physical device, or it may be a representation of a virtual interface. The "loopback" device, which is a virtual interface to the local machine, is an example of this.

**LAN:** LAN stands for "local area network". It refers to a network or a portion of a network that is not publicly accessible to the greater internet. A home or office network is an example of a LAN.

**WAN:** WAN stands for "wide area network". It means a network that is much more extensive than a LAN. While WAN is the relevant term to use to describe large, dispersed networks in general, it is usually meant to mean the internet, as a whole. If an interface is said to be connected to the WAN, it is generally assumed that it is reachable through the internet.

**Protocol:** A protocol is a set of rules and standards that basically define a language that devices can use to communicate. There are a great number of protocols in use extensively in networking, and they are often implemented in different layers. Some low level protocols are TCP, UDP, IP, and ICMP. Some familiar examples of application layer protocols, built on these lower protocols, are HTTP (for accessing web content), SSH, TLS/SSL, and FTP. Port: A port is an address on a single machine that can be tied to a specific piece of software. It is not a physical interface or location, but it allows your server to be able to communicate using more than one application.

**Firewall:** A firewall is a program that decides whether traffic coming into a server or going out should be allowed. A firewall usually works by creating rules for which type of traffic is acceptable on which ports. Generally, firewalls block ports that are not used by a specific application on a server.

**NAT:** NAT stands for network address translation. It is a way to translate requests that are incoming into a routing server to the relevant devices or servers that it knows about in the LAN. This is usually implemented in physical LANs as a way to route requests through one IP address to the necessary backend servers

• **VPN:** VPN stands for virtual private network. It is a means of connecting separate LANs through the internet, while maintaining privacy. This is used as a means of connecting remote systems as if they were on a local network, often for security reasons.

**Interfaces:** Interfaces are networking communication points for your computer. Each interface is associated with a physical or virtual networking device. Typically, your server will have one configurable network interface for each Ethernet or wireless internet card you have. In addition, it will define a virtual network interface called the "loopback" or localhost interface. This is used as an interface to connect applications and processes on a single computer to other applications and processes. You can see this referenced as the "lo" interface in many tools. Many times,

administrators configure one interface to service traffic to the internet and another interface for a LAN or private network.

**Protocols:** Networking works by piggybacking a number of different protocols on top of each other. In this way, one piece of data can be transmitted using multiple protocols encapsulated within one another. We will talk about some of the more common protocols that you may come across and attempt to explain the difference, as well as give context as to what part of the process they are involved with. We will start with protocols implemented on the lower networking layers and work our way up to protocols with higher abstraction.

### 4. Exercises

When importing a module if there is an error it means that the module needs to be installed.

**Exercise 4.1:** Enumerating interfaces on your machine

Create python scrip using the syntax below (save as list\_network\_interfaces.py):

```
list_network_interfaces.py
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                                                                                  import sys
import socket
import fcntl
import struct
import array
SIOCGIFCONF = 0x8912 #from C library sockios.h
STUCT SIZE 32 = 32
STUCT_SIZE_64 = 40
PLATFORM 32 MAX NUMBER = 2**32
DEFAULT INTERFACES = 8
def list_interfaces():
    interfaces = []
    max_interfaces = DEFAULT_INTERFACES
    is 64bits = sys.maxsize > PLATFORM 32 MAX NUMBER
    struct_size = STUCT_SIZE_64 if is_64bits else STUCT_SIZE_32
    sock = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_DGRAM)
        bytes = max_interfaces * struct_size
        interface_names = array.array('B', '\0' * bytes)
        sock_info = fcntl.ioctl(sock.fileno(),SIOCGIFCONF,struct.pack('iL',bytes.
interface_names.buffer_info()[0]) )
          outbytes = struct.unpack('iL', sock_info)[0]
        if outbytes == bytes:
            max interfaces *= 2
        else:
            break
    namestr = interface_names.tostring()
    for i in range(0, outbytes, struct_size):
        interfaces.append((namestr[i:i+16].split('\0', 1)[0]))
    return interfaces
if name == ' main ':
    interfaces = list interfaces()
    print ("This machine has %s network interfaces: %s."%(len(interfaces), interfaces))
```

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maskur@maskur-VirtualBox:~/networklab_IT18021$ ls

get_interface_ip_address.py list_network_interfaces.py maskur.py

maskur@maskur-VirtualBox:~/networklab_IT18021$ python list_network_interfaces.py

IThis machine has 2 network interfaces: ['lo', 'enp0s3'].

maskur@maskur-VirtualBox:~/networklab_IT18021$
```

#### **Verify output with ifconfig:**

```
maskur@maskur-VirtualBox:~/networklab_IT18021$ ifconfig
enp0s3: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST>
       inet 10.0.2.15 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 10.0.2.255
       inet6 fe80::faf1:242d:e294:9081 prefixlen 64
                                                      scopeid 0x20<link>
       ether 08:00:27:b3:81:c9 txqueuelen 1000
       RX packets 27372 bytes 34771363 (34.7 MB)
       RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
       TX packets 18356 bytes 1620296 (1.6 MB)
       TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
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 8657
                        bytes 477970 (477.9 KB)
       RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
                        bytes 477970 (477.9 KB)
       TX packets 8657
       TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
maskur@maskur-VirtualBox:~/networklab_IT18021$
```

Exercise 4.2: Finding the IP address for a specific interface on your machine

Create python scrip using the syntax below (save as get\_interface\_ip\_address.py):Run the script, which is the output? Which variable you need to provide? What is the

#### purpose of parse module?

Here from the previous code my computer have two interface = 'lo ,enp0s3' . We need to pass the value of –ifname to get the interface ip.

A **parser** is a software component that takes input data (frequently text) and builds a data structure – often some kind of **parse** tree, abstract syntax tree or other hierarchical structure, giving a structural representation of the input while checking for correct syntax.

```
get_interface_ip_address.py
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import argparse
import sys
import socket
import fcntl
import struct
import array
def get_ip_address(ifname):
    s = socket.socket(socket.AF INET, socket.SOCK DGRAM)
   return socket.inet_ntoa(fcntl.ioctl(s.fileno(), 0x8915, struct.pack('256s', ifname[:
15]))[20:24])
if __name__ == '__main__':
    parser = argparse.ArgumentParser(description='Python networking utils')
    parser.add_argument('--ifname', action="store", dest="ifname",required=True)
    given_args = parser.parse_args()
    ifname = given args.ifname
    print ("Interface [%s] --> IP: %s" %(ifname, get ip address(ifname)))
```

## Output :

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maskur@maskur-VirtualBox: ~/networklab_IT18021$ ls

detect_inactive_machines.py get_interface_ip_address.py maskur.py

find_network_interface_status.py list_network_interfaces.py

maskur@maskur-VirtualBox: ~/networklab_IT18021$ python get_interface_ip_address.py

--ifname=lo
Interface [lo] --> IP: 127.0.0.1

maskur@maskur-VirtualBox: ~/networklab_IT18021$
```

Exercise 4.3: Finding whether an interface is up on your machine

Create python scrip using the syntax below (save as find\_network\_interface\_status.py):Run the script providing the interface to be tested, which is the output?

```
find_network_interface_status.py
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import argparse
import socket
import struct
import fcntl
import nmap
SAMPLE PORTS = '21-23'
def get interface status(ifname):
    sock = socket.socket(socket.AF INET,socket.SOCK DGRAM)
    ip address = socket.inet ntoa(fcntl.ioctl(sock.fileno().
0x8915,struct.pack('256s',ifname[:15]))[20:24])
    nm = nmap.PortScanner()
    nm.scan(ip address, SAMPLE PORTS)
   return nm[ip address].state()
if name ==' main ':
    parser = argparse.ArgumentParser(description='Python networking utils')
    parser.add_argument('--ifname',action="store",dest="ifname",required=True)
   qiven args =parser.parse args()
   ifname=given args.ifname
    print("Interface [%s] is : %s"%(ifname,get_interface_status(ifname)))
```

Here we need to install the nmap module . To do this Use : sudo apt-get install nmap

or:\$ pip install python-nmap

```
maskur@maskur-VirtualBox:~/networklab_IT18021$ nmap
Nmap 7.60 ( https://nmap.org )
Usage: nmap [Scan Type(s)] [Options] {target specification}
TARGET SPECIFICATION:
   Can pass hostnames, IP addresses, networks, etc.
   Ex: scanme.nmap.org, microsoft.com/24, 192.168.0.1; 10.0.0-
```

```
maskur@maskur-VirtualBox:~/networklab_IT18021$ nmap --version

Nmap version 7.60 ( https://nmap.org )
Platform: x86_64-pc-linux-gnu
Compiled with: liblua-5.3.3 openssl-1.1.0g nmap-libssh2-1.8.0 libz-1.2.8 lillubreap-1.8.1 nmap-libdnet-1.12 ipv6
Compiled without:
Available nsock engines: epoll poll select
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```

#### Now we run the program and the output is:

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maskur@maskur-VirtualBox: ~/ networklab_IT18021$ python find_network_interface_stat

us.py --ifname=lo
Interface [lo] is : up

maskur@maskur-VirtualBox: ~/ networklab_IT18021$ python find_network_interface_stat

sus.py --ifname=enp0s3
Interface [enp0s3] is : up

maskur@maskur-VirtualBox: ~/ networklab_IT18021$
```

Write a script that provides the interfaces, IP and status (save as exercise43\_solution.py)?

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The code is given below:
import sys
import socket
import fcntl
import struct
import array
import argparse
import sys
import nmap
#this is the starting part of finding the interface
SIOCGIFCONF = 0x8912 #from C library sockios.h
STUCT_SIZE_32 = 32
STUCT_SIZE_64 = 40
PLATFORM 32 MAX NUMBER = 2**32
DEFAULT_INTERFACES = 8
def list_interfaces():
  interfaces = []
```

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max interfaces = DEFAULT INTERFACES
  is_64bits = sys.maxsize > PLATFORM_32_MAX_NUMBER
  struct_size = STUCT_SIZE_64 if is_64bits else STUCT_SIZE_32
  sock = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_DGRAM)
  while True:
    bytes = max_interfaces * struct_size
    interface_names = array.array('B', '\0' * bytes)
    sock_info = fcntl.ioctl(sock.fileno(),SIOCGIFCONF,struct.pack('iL',bytes,
interface_names.buffer_info()[0]) )
    outbytes = struct.unpack('iL', sock_info)[0]
    if outbytes == bytes:
       max interfaces *= 2
    else:
       break
  namestr = interface_names.tostring()
  for i in range(0, outbytes, struct_size):
    interfaces.append((namestr[i:i+16].split('\0', 1)[0]))
  return interfaces
#this method is to find the ip address of interface
def get_ip_address(ifname):
  s = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_DGRAM)
  return socket.inet_ntoa(fcntl.ioctl(s.fileno(), 0x8915, struct.pack('256s', ifname[:15]))[20:24])
#this is the mthod for finding the status of interface
SAMPLE_PORTS = '21-23'
def get_interface_status(ifname):
  sock = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET,socket.SOCK_DGRAM)
  ip_address = socket.inet_ntoa(fcntl.ioctl(sock.fileno(),0x8915,struct.pack('256s',ifname[:15]))
[20:24])
  nm = nmap.PortScanner()
```

```
nm.scan(ip_address,SAMPLE_PORTS)

return nm[ip_address].state()

if __name__ == '__main__':
    interfaces = list_interfaces()
    print ("This machine has %s network interfaces: %s."%(len(interfaces), interfaces))
    for i in interfaces:
        print ("Interface [%s] --> IP: %s" %(i, get_ip_address(i)))
        print("Interface [%s] is : %s"%(i,get_interface_status(i)))
```

#### Output:

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maskur@maskur-VirtualBox: ~/networklab_IT18021$ python exercise43_solution.py
This machine has 2 network interfaces: ['lo', 'enp0s3'].

Interface [lo] --> IP: 127.0.0.1

Interface [lo] is : up

Interface [enp0s3] --> IP: 10.0.2.15

Interface [enp0s3] is : up

maskur@maskur-VirtualBox: ~/networklab_IT18021$
```

**Exercise 4.4: Detecting inactive machines on your network** 

Create python scrip using the syntax below (save as detect\_inactive\_machines.py):

```
import argparse
import time
import sched
from scapy.all import sr, srp, IP, UDP, ICMP, TCP, ARP, Ether
# from scapy.all import sr, srp, IP, UDP, ICMP, TCP, ARP, Ether
RUN FREQUENCY = 10
scheduler = sched.scheduler(time.time, time.sleep)
def detect_inactive_hosts(scan_hosts):
    """ Scans the network to find scan
    _hosts are live or dead scan_hosts can
   be like 10.0.2.2-4 to cover range. See Scapy
    docs for specifying targets. ""
   global scheduler
   scheduler.enter(RUN_FREQUENCY,1,detect_inactive_hosts,(scan_hosts))
   inactive\ hosts = []
   try:
        ans,unans=sr(IP(dst=scan hosts)/ICMP(),retry=0,timeout=1)
        ans.summary(lambda (s,r): r.sprintf("%IP.src% is alive"))
        for inactive in unans:
            print("%s is inactive" % inactive.dst)
            inactive hosts.append(inactive.dst)
        print("Total %d hosts are inactive" % (len(inactive_hosts)))
   except KeyboardInterrupt:
       exit(0)
if __name__=='__main__':
   parser = argparse.ArgumentParser(description="Python networkin utils")
   parser.add argument('--scan-hosts',action="store",dest="scan hosts",required=True)
   given_args=parser.parse_args()
   scan_hosts=given_args.scan_hosts
    scheduler.enter(1,1,detect_inactive_hosts,(scan_hosts, ))
   scheduler.run()
```

```
maskur@maskur-VirtualBox:~/networklab_IT18021$ sudo python detect_inactive_machi
nes.py --scan-hosts=10.0.2.2-4
[sudo] password for maskur:
Begin emission:
Finished sending 3 packets.
.*.*.*
Received 6 packets, got 3 answers, remaining 0 packets
10.0.2.2 is alive
10.0.2.3 is alive
10.0.2.4 is alive
Total 0 hosts are inactive
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "detect_inactive_machines.py", line 32, in <module>
    scheduler.run()
  File "/usr/lib/python2.7/sched.py", line 117, in run
    action(*argument)
```

Discussion: Really this lab report is not so easy to me as the previous It takes time and hard work to do this. I was stuck at the first moment how to install the fcntl module. In my pycharm all module can easily be installed except this one. It shows error. After trying long hours I came back to my virual linux and write the code again and hopefully completed this.