

Linux networking & services

Networking commends:

netstat – the networking statics (netstat)commends tool used for troubleshooting and configuration, that can also serve as a monitoring tool for connection over the network.

Syntax:

netstat

netstat -tulpn – display list of networks, their current states, and their associated port.

t – Tcp connected sessions.

u – Udp connected sessions.

l – listening port (on TCP&UDP)

P – process ID of listening tcp\udp port

n – show IP address instead od DNS names on the listening port.

```
C:\Users\mk873>netstat
Active Connections

```

Proto	Local Address	Foreign Address	State
TCP	127.0.0.1:49716	Mano:65001	ESTABLISHED
TCP	127.0.0.1:50143	Mano:50145	ESTABLISHED
TCP	127.0.0.1:50145	Mano:50143	ESTABLISHED
TCP	127.0.0.1:65001	Mano:49716	ESTABLISHED
TCP	192.168.249.77:61219	relay-16090b25:http	ESTABLISHED
TCP	192.168.249.77:61227	pnmaaa-au-in-f14:https	ESTABLISHED
TCP	[2402:3a80:29:f867:991f:5df0:9755:2fbb]:49412	[2603:1040:a06:6::1]:https	ESTABLISHED
TCP	[2402:3a80:29:f867:991f:5df0:9755:2fbb]:61209	[64:ff9b::34e6:3c36]:https	TIME_WAIT
TCP	[2402:3a80:29:f867:991f:5df0:9755:2fbb]:61210	[64:ff9b::22c2:642]:https	ESTABLISHED
TCP	[2402:3a80:29:f867:991f:5df0:9755:2fbb]:61211	maa03s39-in-x03:https	TIME_WAIT
TCP	[2402:3a80:29:f867:991f:5df0:9755:2fbb]:61212	[64:ff9b::34e6:3c36]:https	TIME_WAIT

Ipconfig – ipconfig interface configurator.it is one of the most basic commands used in network inspection.

Config is used to initialise an interface, configure it with an IP address and enable or disable it. It also used the route and the network interface.

Basics information displayed upon using ifconfig are:

IP address

MAC address

MTU (Maximum Transmission Unit)

Using this command, you can get details of a specific interface.

```
C:\Users\mk873>ipconfig

Windows IP Configuration

Ethernet adapter Ethernet:

    Media State . . . . . : Media disconnected
    Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . :

Unknown adapter Local Area Connection:

    Media State . . . . . : Media disconnected
    Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . :

Wireless LAN adapter Local Area Connection* 1:

    Media State . . . . . : Media disconnected
    Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . :

Wireless LAN adapter Local Area Connection* 2:

    Media State . . . . . : Media disconnected
    Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . :

Wireless LAN adapter Wi-Fi:

    Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . :
    IPv6 Address. . . . . : 2402:3a80:29:f867:61d2:c3fe:e7ea:20b8
    Temporary IPv6 Address. . . . . : 2402:3a80:29:f867:991f:5df0:9755:2fbb
    Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::44c6:56c3:8a31:53b%2
    IPv4 Address. . . . . : 192.168.249.77
    Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
    Default Gateway . . . . . : fe80::743b:50ff:fe20:56fa%2
                                192.168.249.245
```

Ping – ping (packet Internet Groper) commends is used to check the network connectivity between host and server.

Commend:

ping [domain name]

ping -c 5 [domain name] -> send only 5 packets.

```
C:\Users\mk873>ping google.com

Pinging google.com [2404:6800:4007:80a::200e] with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 2404:6800:4007:80a::200e: time=47ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4007:80a::200e: time=68ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4007:80a::200e: time=70ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4007:80a::200e: time=70ms

Ping statistics for 2404:6800:4007:80a::200e:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
    Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
        Minimum = 47ms, Maximum = 70ms, Average = 63ms
```

Ip – this is the latest and updated version on ifconfig command.

IP stands for Internet protocol. This commend is used to show or manipulate routing, devices and tunnels.

Syntax:

Ip a

Ip addr

This command gives the details of all networks like the config.

These commands can also be used to get details of specific interfaces.

Syntax:

`Ip a show eth0` – show details of interface eth0

Enable or disable interface using ip commands

Syntax:

`Ip link set eth0 up` – enable interface eth0

`Ip link set eth0 down` – disable interface eth0

`traceroute` – `traceroute` commands in Linux print the route that a packet takes to reach the host.

This command is useful when you want to know about the route of all the hops that a packet takes.

Syntax:

`traceroute: google.com` – trace the route used to reach google.com

```

Tracing route to google.com [2404:6800:4007:80a::200e]
over a maximum of 30 hops:

  1    14 ms    21 ms    6 ms    2402:3a80:29:f867::d2
  2    70 ms    36 ms    39 ms    fd00:192:168:174::206
  3    56 ms    37 ms    57 ms    fd00:192:168:174::206
  4    82 ms    31 ms    53 ms    fd00:192:168:204::1
  5    48 ms    38 ms    67 ms    fd00:192:168:204::2
  6    61 ms    49 ms    60 ms    2400:5200:1800:6d::3c
  7    62 ms    46 ms    72 ms    2001:4860:1:1::1f56
  8    *        *        *        Request timed out.
  9    55 ms    *        *        2001:4860:0:1::448e
 10    65 ms    58 ms    58 ms    2001:4860:0:1::8828
 11    60 ms    48 ms    53 ms    2001:4860:0:1::880b
 12    *        57 ms    48 ms    2001:4860:0:1::163f
 13    60 ms    67 ms    61 ms    maa03s29-in-x0e.1e100.net [2404:6800:4007:80a::200e]

Trace complete.

```

Configure static IP

Identify ethernet interface

To configure your system to use static address assignment, create a netplan configuration in the file `/etc/netplan/99_config.yaml`. The example below assumes you are configuring your first Ethernet interface identified as `eth0`. Change the addresses, routes, and nameservers values to meet the requirements of your network.

- launch the terminal using the shortcut.
- We will need our current network details such as the current assigned IP, subnet mask, and the network adapter name so that we can apply the necessary changes in the configurations. Use the command below to find details of the available adapters and the respective IP information.

Commend: Ip a

```
zaira@Zaira:/etc/netplan$ ip a
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: bond0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,MASTER> mtu 1500 qdisc noop state DOWN group default qlen 1000
    link/ether 3a:53:de:81:be:d7 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
3: dummy0: <BROADCAST,NOARP> mtu 1500 qdisc noop state DOWN group default qlen 1000
    link/ether 1e:ba:a9:c6:ea:0f brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
4: tunl0@NONE: <NOARP> mtu 1480 qdisc noop state DOWN group default qlen 1000
    link/ipip 0.0.0.0 brd 0.0.0.0
5: sit0@NONE: <NOARP> mtu 1480 qdisc noop state DOWN group default qlen 1000
    link/sit 0.0.0.0 brd 0.0.0.0
6: eth0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc mq state UP group default qlen 1000
    link/ether 00:15:5d:df:c3:ad brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 172.23.199.129/20 brd 172.23.207.255 scope global eth0
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 fe80::215:5dff:fedf:c3ad/64 scope link
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
```

For my network, the current adapter is eth0 It could be different for your system.

- We can find the subnet mask details.

Command: ifconfig -a

```
eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 172.23.199.129 netmask 255.255.240.0 broadcast 172.23.207.255
    inet6 fe80::215:5dff:fedf:c3ad prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether 00:15:5d:df:c3:ad txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 250754 bytes 456747743 (456.7 MB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 98277 bytes 13457632 (13.4 MB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```

IP is 172.23.199.129 and the subnet mask is 255.255.240.0

Based on the class and subnet mask, the usable host IP range for my network is: 172.23.192.1 - 172.23.207.254.

Make configuration changes

- Netplan is the default network management tool for the latest Ubuntu versions. Configuration files for Netplan are written using YAML and end with the extension. yaml.
- Go to the netplan directory located at /etc/netplan.
- **ls** into the /etc/netplan directory.

create a file named 01-network-manager-all.yaml.

Apply and test the changes

We can test the changes first before permanently applying them using this command:

`Sudo netplan fry`

If there are no errors, it will ask if you want to apply these settings.

Now, finally, test the changes with the command `ip a` and you'll see that the static IP has been applied.

```
zaira@Zaira:~$ ip a
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
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2: bond0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,MASTER> mtu 1500 qdisc noop state DOWN group default qlen 1000
   link/ether 3a:53:de:81:be:d7 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
3: dummy0: <BROADCAST,NOARP> mtu 1500 qdisc noop state DOWN group default qlen 1000
   link/ether 1e:ba:a9:c6:ea:0f brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
4: tunl0@NONE: <NOARP> mtu 1480 qdisc noop state DOWN group default qlen 1000
   link/ipip 0.0.0.0 brd 0.0.0.0
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   link/sit 0.0.0.0 brd 0.0.0.0
6: eth0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc mq state UP group default qlen 1000
   link/ether 00:15:5d:df:c3:ad brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
   inet 172.23.207.254/20 brd 172.23.207.255 scope global eth0
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
   inet6 fe80::215:5dff:fedf:c3ad/64 scope link
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
```

Create custom service – systemctl

The systemctl command in Ubuntu is used to **manage systemd services and the system state**. systemd is the init system used by Ubuntu (and most modern Linux distributions) to bootstrap the user space and manage system processes after booting.

Syntax:

Systemctl [command][service-name]

Creating a Basic Service File

Step 1: Write a Script: create the script or program that you want to run as a service. This script should be executable and contain the code you want to run in the background.

For example, let's assume you have a script named my_service.sh

Step 2: Move the Script to a Suitable Location: It's a good practice to place custom service scripts in /usr/local/bin or a similar directory dedicated to user scripts. Make sure the script is executable (**chmod +x my_service.sh**).

Step 3: Create a Service Configuration File: Create a service configuration file with a .service extension in the /etc/systemd/system/ directory. You can name it something descriptive like my_service.service

sudo nano /etc/systemd/system/my_service.service

Add the following content:

[Unit]

Description=My Custom Service

After=network.target

[Service]

ExecStart=/usr/local/bin/my_service.sh

Restart=always

[Install]

WantedBy=multi-user.target

- **Description:** A description of your service.
- **After:** Specifies that this service should start after the network services have started (you can adjust this as needed).
- **ExecStart:** Specifies the command to start your service.
- **Restart:** Specifies how the service should behave when it exits (in this case, it will always restart).

Step 4: Reload Systemd: After creating the service file, reload systemd to pick up the changes:

sudo systemctl daemon-reload

Step 5: Enable and Start the Service: Enable the service to start at boot:

sudo systemctl enable my_service

- Start the service

sudo systemctl start my_service

Step 6: Check the Status:

sudo systemctl status my_service