COL334 Assignment-1

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1 Networking Tools

1.1 ifconfig

I use both my ISPs in wireless configuration. So, both the IP addresses are of the wlp3s0 type.

1. ISP 1(Vodafone)

• **IPv4:** 192.168.1.102

• IPv6: fe80::98a4:e1eb:6fa1:ae04

shrey@shrey-Inspiron-7570:~/Shrey/COL334/Basic-Networking\$ ifconfig wlp3s0
wlp3s0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
 inet 192.168.1.102 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.1.255
 inet6 fe80::98a4:eleb:6fa1:ae04 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
 ether 58:a0:23:29:7f:5c txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
 RX packets 1504416 bytes 2128769414 (2.1 GB)
 RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
 TX packets 434330 bytes 57777365 (57.7 MB)
 TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

2. ISP 2(Reliance Jio)

• **IPv4:** 192.168.144.31

 \bullet **IPv6:** fe80::6c32:c7a3:e9ca:5928

shrey@shrey-Inspiron-7570:~/Shrey/COL334/Basic-Networking\$ ifconfig wlp3s0
wlp3s0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
 inet 192.168.1.102 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.1.255
 inet6 fe80::98a4:eleb:6fa1:ae04 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
 ether 58:a0:23:29:7f:5c txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
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1.2 nslookup

1.2.1 ISP 1

1. Local DNS server: 127.0.0.53

google: 172.217.19.132facebook: 31.13.79.35

```
shrey@shrey-Inspiron-7570:~/Shrey/COL334/Basic-Networking$ nslookup www.google.com
Server: 127.0.0.53
Address: 127.0.0.53#53
Non-authoritative answer:
Name: www.google.com
Address: 172.217.19.132
Name: www.google.com
Address: 2a00:1450:4000:806::2004
shrey@shrey-Inspiron-7570:~/Shrey/COL334/Basic-Networking$ nslookup www.facebook.com
Server: 127.0.0.53
Address: 127.0.0.53#53
Non-authoritative answer:
www.facebook.com
Name: star-mini.cl0r.facebook.com
Address: 31.13.79.35
Name: star-mini.cl0r.facebook.com
Address: 2a03:2880:f12f:83:face:b00c:0:25de
```

2. Public DNS server(Google): 8.8.8.8

google: 142.250.77.68facebook: 157.240.16.35

```
shrey@shrey-Inspiron-7570:~/Shrey/COL334/Basic-Networking$ nslookup www.google.com 8.8.8.8
Server: 8.8.8.8
Address: 8.8.8.8#53
Non-authoritative answer:
Name: www.google.com
Address: 142.250.77.68
Name: www.google.com
Address: 2404:65800:40909:81d::2004
shrey@shrey-Inspiron-7570:~/Shrey/COL334/Basic-Networking$ nslookup www.facebook.com 8.8.8.8
Server: 8.8.8.8
Address: 8.8.8.8#53
Non-authoritative answer:
www.facebook.com canonical name = star-mini.cl0r.facebook.com.
Name: star-mini.cl0r.facebook.com
Address: 157.240.16.35
Name: star-mini.cl0r.facebook.com
Address: 2a03:2880:fl2f:83:face:b00c:0:25de
```

3. Public DNS server(Cloudfare): 1.1.1.1

google: 142.250.192.132facebook: 157.240.7.35

```
shrey@shrey-Inspiron-7570:~/Shrey/COL334/Basic-Networking$ nslookup www.google.com 1.1.1.1
Server: 1.1.1.1
Address: 1.1.1.1#53
Non-authoritative answer:
Name: www.google.com
Address: 142.750.192.132
Name: www.google.com
Address: 2404:6800:4009:81b::2004
shrey@shrey-Inspiron-7570:~/Shrey/COL334/Basic-Networking$ nslookup www.facebook.com 1.1.1.1
Server: 1.1.1.1
Address: 1.1.1.1#53
Non-authoritative answer:
www.facebook.com canonical name = star-mini.cl0r.facebook.com.
Name: star-mini.cl0r.facebook.com
Address: 157.240.7.35
Name: star-mini.cl0r.facebook.com
Address: 2a03:2880:fl2f:83:face:b00c:0:25de
```

1.2.2 ISP 2

1. Local DNS server: 127.0.0.53

google: 142.250.193.4facebook: 157.240.16.35

```
shrey@shrey-Inspiron-7570:~/Shrey/COL334/Basic-Networking$ nslookup www.google.com
Server: 127.0.0.53
Address: 127.0.0.53#53

Non-authoritative answer:
Name: www.google.com
Address: 142.250.193, 4
Name: www.google.com
Address: 2404:6800:4002:821::2004

shrey@shrey-Inspiron-7570:~/Shrey/COL334/Basic-Networking$ nslookup www.facebook.com
Server: 127.0.0.53
Address: 127.0.0.53
Non-authoritative answer:
www.facebook.com canonical name = star-mini.cl0r.facebook.com.
Name: star-mini.cl0r.facebook.com
Address: 157.240.16.35
Name: star-mini.cl0r.facebook.com
Address: 2a03:2880:fl2f:83:face:b00c:0:25de
```

2. Public DNS server(Google): 8.8.8.8

google: 142.251.42.36facebook: 31.13.79.35

```
shrey@shrey-Inspiron-7570:-/Shrey/COL334/Basic-Networking$ nslookup www.google.com 8.8.8.8
Server: 8.8.8.8.8
Address: 8.8.8.8#53
Non-authoritative answer:
Name: www.google.com
Address: 142.251.42.36
Name: www.google.com
Address: 2404:6800:4009:821::2004
shrey@shrey-Inspiron-7570:-/Shrey/COL334/Basic-Networking$ nslookup www.facebook.com 8.8.8.8
Server: 8.8.8.8
Address: 8.8.8.8#53
Non-authoritative answer:
www.facebook.com canonical name = star-mini.cl0r.facebook.com.
Name: star-mini.cl0r.facebook.com
Address: 81.13.79.35
Name: star-mini.cl0r.facebook.com
Address: 2403:2880:f12f:183:face:b00c:0:25de
```

3. Public DNS server(Cloudfare): 1.1.1.1

google: 142.250.76.196facebook: 31.13.79.35

1.2.3 Observations

1. All the above query answers are non-authoritative, which means the query for a particular domain name is requested through a non-authoritative DNS server, like the local host or the public non-authoritative server. A list of authoritative server for a particular domain can be fetched from the command:

host -t ns domainName

However, regardless of the type of server used, the IP address is the same and it is sent by the authoritative server, although in case of a non-authoritative answer, the query reply is sent indirectly i.e. forwarded through the local/public DNS server.

- 2. Different host DNS servers give different IP addresses for the same domain name, which can be attributed to the fact that the same domain name my be assigned to multiple different servers, which is natural for domains that receive heavy traffic. So, different DNS servers may access a different server with the same domain name. The same reason can be applied to explain the fact that even different access networks (i.e. ISPs) also return different IPs for the same domain name. And the number of different servers is fairly representative of the amount of traffic on that site. For instance, Google seems to have the largest number of servers as expected, followed by Facebook. While a relatively less known domain such as IITD home site seems to have a single IP address (103.27.9.24).
- 3. Even when the ISP is changed, the IP address for the local DNS server is the same i.e. 127.0.0.53#53 (53 denotes the port used by the DNS server). But 127.0.0.53 points to the system's local cache which depends on the operating system. So, all the DNS queries which use the local DNS server(provided by the ISP) ago through this cache first.

$1.3 \quad ping$

I have created a bash shell script named *ping.sh*, which uses ping command on console on different packet sizes and TTF values to perform **binary search** on the maximum value of packet size and the minimum TTL value required for the packet to reach the destination.

1.4 ISP 1

1) www.iitd.ac.in:

```
Maximum packet size = 1452 + 8 header bytes
Minimum TTL value = 16
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2) www.google.com:

```
Maximum packet size = 68 + 8 header bytes
Minimum TTL value = 18
```

3) www.facebook.com:

```
Maximum packet size = 1452 + 8 header bytes
Minimum TTL value = 9
```

1.5 ISP 2

1) www.iitd.ac.in:

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Maximum packet size = 1472 + 8 header bytes
Minimum TTL value = 21
```

2) www.google.com:

```
Maximum packet size = 68 + 8 header bytes
Minimum TTL value = 12
```

3) www.facebook.com:

```
Maximum packet size = 1452 + 8 header bytes
Minimum TTL value = 12
```

1.6 Observations

- 1. The maximum packet size may be dependent on the size allowance of the intermediate routers and switches, and since each of the packets follow different routes to reach different domains, and even same domains but on different access networks, the packet sizes are bound to be different.
- 2. Similarly, the minimum TTL value is dependent on the length of the route to the destination, and so different domains and different ISP networks have different TTL values.

1.7 traceroute

Traceroute implements the ping to send ICMP packets hop-by-hop i.e. for increasing TTL values. It exploits the feature of ping, by which if the packet doesn't reach the destination for the current hop value, then the last router on the path sends an ICMP error report(mostly) before discarding the packet. In this way, traceroute traces the path of routers and switches by their IPs until the destination. I have implemented a traceroute script using this method.

1.7.1 ISP 1: 192.168.1.102

```
shrey@shrey-Inspiron-7570:~/Shrey/CoL334/Basic-Networking/Part1$ traceroute www.iitd.ac.in -I
traceroute to www.iitd.ac.in (103.27.9.24), 64 hops max
1    192.168.1.1   4.531ms   3.851ms   1.993ms
2    192.168.0.1   2.194ms   2.101ms   1.961ms
3    100.76.0.1   13.736ms   11.339ms   16.915ms
4    203.187.200.184   16.307ms   15.269ms   17.230ms
5    118.185.41.10   12.888ms   11.008ms   11.363ms
6    182.19.106.103   21.609ms   25.558ms   22.673ms
7    14.142.18.97   22.770ms   22.509ms   22.367ms
8    * * *
9    * * *
10    14.140.210.22   36.134ms   36.297ms   36.505ms
11    * * *
12    * * *
13    * * *
14    103.27.9.24   37.901ms   43.561ms   45.224ms
```

1.7.2 ISP 2: 192.168.144.31

1.7.3 Observations:

1. According to the implementation of the traceroute, the total number of intermediate routers that the traceroute should encounter must be equal to the minimum TTL value, because this TTL value is the exact length of the route between the source and the destination.

However, in the case of www.iitd.ac.in, I obtained the number of hops to be equal to 2 less than the minimum TTL value, and on verifying with the ping command, I found that the

the last three hops in both ISPs all correspond to the routers whose IP address matches with the destination IP address. This might suggest that the Linux implementation of traceroute might be trying to find the first matching IP address for finding the destination instead of the actual destination based on the TTL values.

For instance, the TTL value for ISP 1 is 16, but the hop count of traceroute is 14, while the same for ISP 2 is 21 and its hop count is 19.

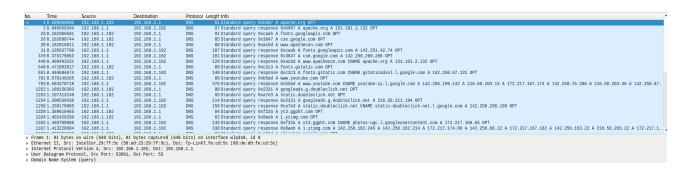
2. For the traceroute to get the information regarding the IP address of an intermediate router, the router must send back necessary information back to the source after discarding the packet. However some routers either don't respond to the pings or are not able able to send back the request before the timeout (which is set to 3 by default). The traceroute command sends the next ping and classifies the current router as private/hidden if it doesn't send any response before the timeout.

So, one way to allow the identification of more routers on the path is to increase the timeout value of every ping. This can be done by using -w tag followed by the desired timeout value. However, this strategy might not be useful for routers which don't respond at all. This might be fixed by using the -I tag to prompt the traceroute to send ICMP packets instead of UDP packets as the routers sometimes don't respond to them because of unreliability.

3. The traceroutes for more traffic heavy domains like Google consist of variable number of hops because of existence of multiple different servers and therefore multiple routes and destinations. However, I found that the number of hidden/private routers are comparatively lesser in these cases, the reason of which is not quite clear to me.

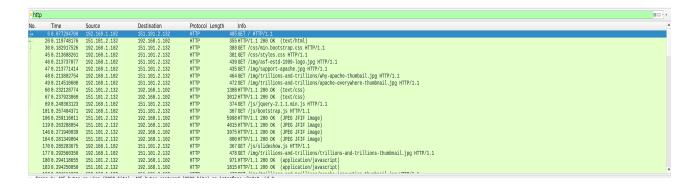
2 Packet Analysis

2.1 DNS filter



According to the figure, 192.168.1.102 = Local IP192.168.1.1 = Local DNS server Time of first request from host = 0.00 sTime of first response from DNS server = 0.041 sSo, Difference = 0.041 seconds

2.2 HTTP filter



Packets: 2940 · Displayed: 61 (2.1%)

Observations:

The total number of packets are 61. Most of these packets are transferred between the local host(192.168.1.102) and the IP address 151.101.2.132 (apache.org). All of them are either requests made by the local host to the web site to fetch some content, or are the responses of the website to these requests in the form of sending text or graphics files. The general order of sending the packets seems to be: First, the HTML source file of the website arrives, followed by the CSS and Javascript files which contain information for styles and links/references to other websites. The larger files, like the graphics files containing fonts, icons and images(png) seem to arrive later as expected. So, the simpler framework arrives earlier while the more complex elements arrive later. In fact, the last content delivered to the host by the website is an image file.

2.3 Total Download Time



From part 1 and the figure, Time of first request from host = 0.00 sTime when the last content file arrives = 3.217 sSo, total download time = 3.217 seconds

2.4 Comparison

<mark>■</mark> http					
No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol Length	Info
 	11 2.838111416	192.168.1.102	103.27.9.152	HTTP	493 GET / HTTP/1.1
—	132.881608852	103.27.9.152	192.168.1.102	HTTP	809 HTTP/1.1 301 Moved Permanently (text/html)

Packets: 1610 · Displayed: 2 (0.1%)

Observations:

Compared to apache.org, cse.iitd.ac.in has very few HTTP requests as evident from the figure. At first glance, it might seem to be related to the amount of content which is loaded on both sites. But both the sites contain text, graphics, etc. while one of the sites has significantly lesser number of HTTP requests. So, that is clearly not the reason. Another possible reason might be the amount of traffic on the site, meaning that because apache.org is a site which is more visited than cse.iitd.ac.in, there is more traffic on it which means that the same amount of content must be fetched using multiple requests while the same content requires only a few requests on site with less traffic. However, this is also not the case as evident from the figure where the size of the content fetched is not even nearly close to the total content of the website.

One plausible reason can be derived from the next figure in which the info in one of the HTTP requests, says that the website is moved permanently to HTTPS from HTTP. HTTPS contains an SSL or a Secure Socket Layer due to which much of its internal content is not available for sniffing. That is the reason why the exact code or graphic content of the website is not available unlike the previous case.

```
> Frame 13: 800 bytes on wire (6472 bits), 800 bytes captured (6472 bits) on interface wip380, id 0
> Ethernet II, Src: Tp-Linkf_fecdisc (0x6ded0xfacdisc), Det: IntelCor_20:7f:5c (58:80:23:29:7f:5c)

Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 183.27.9.152, Dst: 192.168.1.102
> Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 80, Dst Port: 42912, Seq: 1, Ack: 428, Len: 743

> Mypertext Transfer Protocol

vine-based text data: text/fintl (0 lines)

</pr>

</pr>

</pr>

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<pre
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<html><head>\n <title>301 Moved Permanently</title>\n

</head><body>\n

<hi>%ni>Moved Permanently/hi>\n
The document has moved here.\n

3 Traceroute using Ping

3.1 Specifications:

• Input: IP address of the destination

• Output:

- 1. List of IP addresses of the intermediate hops (console)
- 2. RTT vs Hop Number(TTL value) plot (output file)

3.2 Approach

The traceroute utility, as discussed above, traces the path that the packets of information travel from the host to the destination. The intermediate routers/switches/gateways are found by exploiting the ICMP or the Internet Control Message Protocol. An ICMP packet header has the information regarding its destination and the current Time to Live value. Whenever this packet reaches any router, the router reads the destination address and forwards it to another router on the path towards the destination and in the process, it decrements the TTL value of the packet. If the TTL value reaches zero, then the router discards the packet. However, following the ICMP protocol, some routers send an ICMP echo reply which contains the report of the discarded packet like the error type(mostly TTL exceeded in this case), along with the IP address of the router of the router itself.

3.3 Algorithm

- I have used the idea in the approach and transmit ICMP packets using the way the in-built ping utility sends packets, i.e. using a custom TTL value. We want to trace the entire path from the host to the destination, so we start with a TTL value of 1 and keep sending ICMP packets with increasing TTL values towards the destination, until it reaches the destination.
- In every iteration of sending the packet, we either receive an ICMP echo response, in which case we track the IP address of the router which sends it, thus tracing the path incrementally and noting the round trip time of every iteration, or some routers don't respond before discarding the packet, in which case, we set the round trip time of such routers to be zero.
- But how do we decide whether the packet has reached the destination? The strategy, that comparing the IP address of the intermediate router with the destination IP, seems to be plausible as our end goal is to reach the destination. But sometimes, certain destinations are preceded by gateways that mask the private IPs of certain routers in the internal network of the destination with the public IP, which here is same as the destination IP.
- Thus, finding a router with a particular IP may not guarantee that the packet has reached the destination. This can easily be confirmed by the inbuilt *ping command* which returns a TTL exceeded error message for such "seemingly" destination routers.

For instance, while tracing the route for www.iitd.ac.in, the last three IPs have the same IP address i.e. 103.27.9.24, but only the third one is the actual destination. A traceroute implementation which simply compares the IP for termination would in that case, terminate at the first IP, and not reach at the real destination.

• So, again I have used the information stored in the received ICMP packet. Each ICMP packet header also stores the type code of the error which caused the router sending this packet to discard it. The error in most of the routers is of the type "TTL exceeded" (ICMP code 11). And in the 64 byte packet, this code occupies the 20th byte. So, for termination, we simply keep checking the 20th byte of the received packet. If the ICMP code is 11, it means that the TTL value is not sufficient to reach the destination, and if it is 0, then it means that the echo response has been sent by the destination. This forms the termination condition.

3.4 Implementation

- I have used C++ sockets for sending and receiving the ICMP packets across the network. The header and message contained in the ICMP packet are defined by the ICMP struct which is already defined by the GNU library.
- Each packet header stores the information regarding the IP address of its destination, the type of ICMP request/response and the checksum value (which is used for checking the manipulation/contamination of the packet data). It also stores the ID of the process through which it was created and sent, so as to maintain synchronisation between the sending and receiving of the packets i.e. they are received in the same order in which they are sent.
- At every iteration, we use this info stored in the packet for reporting and for termination, we refer to the error type code.
- The socket settings are set for the desired TTL value of the packet to be sent. Additionally, we also need to account for the routers which don't respond to the ICMP requests. So, to avoid infinite wait times, we also fix the timeout value of the socket for the packet to be received. If no packet is received from a router within this timeout after sending, we ignore the said router.
- The round trip time for all iterations have been calculated using the chrono library of C++. We simply find the difference in times between the complete sending/receiving processes to obtain the round trip time.

Execution: The code for the traceroute can be run using the $make\ host=domainName\ command$ in the console.

3.5 Output:

I have used the sites **www.google.com**, **www.facebook.com** and **www.iitd.ac.in** as testcases. The corresponding console outputs and their plots are shown below. In each row, the first field is the hop number, the second field is the corresponding IP address and the third field is the round trip time in microseconds(for better plotting). (Continued on next page)

3.5.1 Google(142.251.42.4)

Console output:

```
Hop, IP, RTT

1, 192.168.240.42, 4835

2, *, 0

3, 56.6.253.205, 85988

4, 192.168.38.6, 29275

5, 192.168.21.235, 51410

6, 172.26.101.6, 28625

7, 172.26.100.246, 40566

8, 192.168.38.25, 39372

9, 192.168.38.25, 39671

10, 172.26.40.7, 52455

11, 172.16.25.4, 50902

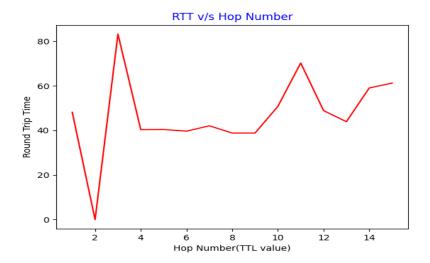
12, 172.16.1.220, 45213

13, 74.125.37.7, 56545

14, 209.85.248.61, 44576

15, 142.251.42.4, 50063
```

Plot:



3.5.2 Facebook(31.13.79.35)

Console output:

```
Hop, IP, RTT

1, 192.168.240.42, 49579

2,*,0

3, 10.72.234.133, 79913

4, 192.168.38.4,30348

5, 192.168.21.237,40410

6, 172.26.101.6,40284

7, 172.26.100.246,40492

8, 192.168.38.29,39162

9, 192.168.38.26,50590

10,172.16.92.145,38276

11,172.16.25.0,69114

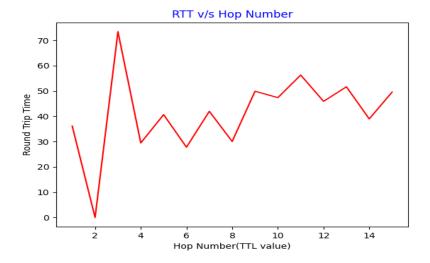
12,172.16.1.218,52163

13,157.240.53.21,61364

14,157.240.39.217,47931

15,31.13.79.35,50003
```

Plot:



3.5.3 IITD(103.27.9.24)

Console output:

```
Hop, IP, RTT

1,192.168.240.42,4124

2,*,0

3,10.72.234.145,92744

4,192.168.38.6,79176

5,192.168.38.5,85229

6,172.26.101.6,75815

7,172.26.100.247,79883

8,192.168.38.27,80680

9,192.168.38.28,78983

10,172.16.92.145,55222

11,172.16.1.218,54194

13,172.26.40.64,62841

14,115.249.214.165,57230

15,115.255.253.18,60815

16,115.249.198.97,78896

17,*,0

18,*,0

19,*,0

20,*,0

21,*,0

22,*,0

23,103.27.9.24,137432

24,103.27.9.24,74062

25,103.27.9.24,55171
```

Plot:

