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# Lab 2: Basic Network Utilities

This lab introduces some basic network monitoring/analysis tools. There are a few exercises along the way. You should write up answers to the *ping* and *traceroute* exercises and turn them in next lab. (You should try out each tool, whether it is needed for an exercise or not!).

Prerequisite: Basic understanding of command line utilities of Linux Operating system.

# Some Basic command line Networking utilities

Start with a few of the most basic command line tools. These commands are available on Unix, including Linux (and the first two, at least, are also for Windows). Some parameters or options might differ on different operating systems. Remember that you can use man <command> to get information about a command and its options.

**ifconfig** — You used ifconfig in the previous lab. When used with no parameters, ifconfig reports some information about the computer's network interfaces. This usually includes lo which stands for localhost; it can be used for communication between programs running on the same computer. Linux often has an interface named eth0, which is the first ethernet card. The information is different on Mac OS and Linux, but includes the IP or "inet" address and ethernet or "hardware" address for an ethernet card. On Linux, you get the number of packets received (RX) and sent (TX), as well as the number of bytes transmitted and received. (A better place to monitor network bytes on our Linux computers is in the GUI program System Monitor, if it is installed!!!.)

**Experiment 0:** Experiment with ifconfig and write details about the information returned.

```
::\Users\Ritik>ipconfig
Windows IP Configuration
Ethernet adapter Ethernet:
  Media State . . . . . . . . : Media disconnected
  Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
Ethernet adapter VirtualBox Host-Only Network:
  Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
  Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . : fe80::84cb:547e:9a9c:196c%42
  IPv4 Address. . . . . . . . . : 192.168.56.1
  Default Gateway . . . . . . . :
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 .:
  Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . : fe80::ed0c:f629:947c:4538%14
  IPv4 Address. . . . . . . . . : 192.168.0.106
  Subnet Mask . . . . . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
  Default Gateway . . . . . . : 192.168.0.1
```

- lo is a special virtual network interface called loopback device. Loopback is used mainly for diagnostics and troubleshooting, and to connect to services running on local host.
- gif0 is Software Network Interface
- stf0 is 6to4 tunnel interface
- en0 is a physical interface representing Ethernet network card. It's used for communication with other computers on the network and on the Internet.
- Ether is the MAC address which is globally unique.

- mtu stands for Maximum Transmission Units is the size of each packet received by the ethernet card. The value of MTU is set to 1500 by default. The loopback device has a higher MTU value than the ethernet device
- INET 192.168.0.100 is the ipv4 address
- INET6 is the ipv6 address.
- bridge0 is a software bridge between other interfaces
- p2p0 is a point to point interface for wireless services.

# **FLAGS:**

- UP indicates that kernel modules related to the interface have been loaded and interface is activated.
- BROADCAST indicates that interface is configured to handle broadcast packets, which is required for obtaining IP address via DHCP.
- RUNNING indicates that interface is ready to accept data.
- MULTICAST indicates that interface supports multicasting.

## —END OF IFCONFIG—

ping — The command ping <host> sends a series of packets and expects to receive a response to each packet. When a return packet is received, ping reports the round trip time (the time between sending the packet and receiving the response). Some routers and firewalls block ping requests, so you might get no reponse at all. Ping can be used to check whether a computer is up and running, to measure network delay time, and to check for dropped packets indicating network congestion. Note that <host> can be either a domain name or an IP address. By default, ping will send a packet every second indefinitely; stop it with Control-C

Network latency, specifically round trip time (RTT), can be measured using ping, which sends ICMP packets. The syntax for the command in Linux or Mac OS is:

```
ping [-c <count>] [-s <packetsize>] <hostname>
```

The syntax in Windows is:

```
ping [-n <count>] [-l <packetsize>] <hostname>
```

The default number of ICMP packets to send is either infinite (in Linux and Mac OS) or 4 (in Windows). The default packet size is either 64 bytes (in Linux) or 32 bytes (in Windows). You can specify either a hostname (e.g., spit.ac.in) or an IP address.

To save the output from ping to a file, include a greater than symbol and a file name at the end of the command. For example:

```
ping -c 10 google.com >ping c10 s64 google.log
```

#### **EXPERIMENTS WITH PING**

1. Ping the any hosts 10 times (i.e., packet count is 10) with a packet size of 64 bytes, 100 bytes, 500 bytes, 1000 bytes, 1400 bytes

```
C:\Users\Ritik>ping -n 10 -l 64 google.com
Pinging google.com [142.250.67.238] with 64 bytes of data:
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=64 time=4ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=64 time=9ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=64 time=5ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=64 time=4ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=64 time=7ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=64 time=8ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=64 time=4ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=64 time=4ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=64 time=7ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=64 time=6ms TTL=118
Ping statistics for 142.250.67.238:
    Packets: Sent = 10, Received = 10, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
    Minimum = 4ms, Maximum = 9ms, Average = 5ms
```

Fig.1 Ping google.com with 64 packet size with packet count 10

```
C:\Users\Ritik>ping -n 10 -l 100 google.com
Pinging google.com [142.250.67.238] with 100 bytes of data:
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=68 (sent 100) time=23ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=68 (sent 100) time=4ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=68 (sent 100) time=5ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=68 (sent 100) time=8ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=68 (sent 100) time=7ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=68 (sent 100) time=93ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=68 (sent 100) time=5ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=68 (sent 100) time=5ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=68 (sent 100) time=7ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=68 (sent 100) time=6ms TTL=118
Ping statistics for 142.250.67.238:
    Packets: Sent = 10, Received = 10, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
   Minimum = 4ms, Maximum = 93ms, Average = 16ms
·\llsers\Ritik>
```

Fig.2 Ping google.com with 100 packet size with packet count 10

```
C:\Users\Ritik>ping -n 10 -l 500 google.com
Pinging google.com [142.250.67.238] with 500 bytes of data:
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=68 (sent 500) time=131ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=68 (sent 500) time=109ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=68 (sent 500) time=8ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=68 (sent 500) time=7ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=68 (sent 500) time=7ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=68 (sent 500) time=6ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=68 (sent 500) time=8ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=68 (sent 500) time=4ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=68 (sent 500) time=6ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=68 (sent 500) time=5ms TTL=118
Ping statistics for 142.250.67.238:
   Packets: Sent = 10, Received = 10, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
   Minimum = 4ms, Maximum = 131ms, Average = 29ms
```

Fig.3 Ping google.com with 500 packet size 10 times

```
C:\Users\Ritik>ping -n 10 -l 1400 google.com
Pinging google.com [142.250.67.238] with 1400 bytes of data:
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=68 (sent 1400) time=5ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=68 (sent 1400) time=15ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=68 (sent 1400) time=69ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=68 (sent 1400) time=7ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=68 (sent 1400) time=45ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=68 (sent 1400) time=9ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=68 (sent 1400) time=5ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=68 (sent 1400) time=59ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=68 (sent 1400) time=17ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=68 (sent 1400) time=9ms TTL=118
Ping statistics for 142.250.67.238:
   Packets: Sent = 10, Received = 10, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
   Minimum = 5ms, Maximum = 69ms, Average = 24ms
```

Fig.4 Ping google.com with 1400 packet size with a packet count of 10

```
C:\Users\Ritik>ping -n 10 -l 1000 google.com
Pinging google.com [142.250.67.238] with 1000 bytes of data:
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=68 (sent 1000) time=34ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=68 (sent 1000) time=19ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=68 (sent 1000) time=48ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=68 (sent 1000) time=6ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=68 (sent 1000) time=5ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=68 (sent 1000) time=7ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=68 (sent 1000) time=45ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=68 (sent 1000) time=12ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=68 (sent 1000) time=67ms TTL=118
Reply from 142.250.67.238: bytes=68 (sent 1000) time=9ms TTL=118
Ping statistics for 142.250.67.238:
   Packets: Sent = 10, Received = 10, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
   Minimum = 5ms, Maximum = 67ms, Average = 25ms
```

Fig. 5 Ping google.com with 1000 packet size with a packet count of 10

```
C:\Users\Ritik>ping -n 10 -l 1000 yahoo.com
Pinging yahoo.com [98.137.11.164] with 1000 bytes of data:
Reply from 98.137.11.164: bytes=1000 time=340ms TTL=46
Reply from 98.137.11.164: bytes=1000 time=268ms TTL=46
Reply from 98.137.11.164: bytes=1000 time=359ms TTL=46
Reply from 98.137.11.164: bytes=1000 time=324ms TTL=46
Reply from 98.137.11.164: bytes=1000 time=296ms TTL=46
Reply from 98.137.11.164: bytes=1000 time=308ms TTL=46
Reply from 98.137.11.164: bytes=1000 time=287ms TTL=46
Reply from 98.137.11.164: bytes=1000 time=296ms TTL=46
Reply from 98.137.11.164: bytes=1000 time=298ms TTL=46
Reply from 98.137.11.164: bytes=1000 time=269ms TTL=46
Ping statistics for 98.137.11.164:
   Packets: Sent = 10, Received = 10, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
   Minimum = 268ms, Maximum = 359ms, Average = 304ms
```

Fig.6 Ping yahoo.com with 1000 packet size with a packet count of 10

#### **QUESTIONS ABOUT LATENCY**

Now look at the results you gathered and answer the following questions about latency. Store your answers in a file named ping.txt.

- 1. Does the average RTT vary between different hosts? What aspects of latency (transmit, propagation, and queueing delay) might impact this and why?
  - Round-trip time (RTT) is the duration in milliseconds (ms) it takes for a network request to go from a starting point to a destination and back again to the starting point. RTT is an important metric in determining the health of a connection on a local network or the larger Internet, and is commonly utilised by network administrators to diagnose the speed and reliability of network connections.
  - Delay may differ slightly, depending on the location of the specific pair of communicating endpoints. Engineers usually report both the maximum and average delay, and they divide the delay into several parts:
- Processing delay time it takes a router to process the packet header, depends on the processing speed of the switch
- Queuing delay time the packet spends in routing queues depends on the number of packets, size of the packet and bandwidth
- Transmission delay time it takes to push the packet's bits onto the link depends on size of the packet and the bandwidth of the network.
- Propagation delay time for a signal to reach its destination depends on distance and propagation speed.
  - A certain minimum level of delay is experienced by signals due to the time it takes to transmit a packet serially through a link. This delay is extended by more variable levels of delay due to network congestion. IP network delays can range from a few milliseconds to several hundred milliseconds.
  - So yes, Average RTT does vary between different hosts due to queuing delay as we can see in above example the average RTT was calculated for google.com and yahoo.com differs. This is due to propagation delay as it depends on distance and due to queuing delay as the packet may be in queue.
- 2. Does the average RTT vary with different packet sizes? What aspects of latency (transmit, propagation, and queueing delay) might impact this and why?
  - Yes, the average RTT increases with packet size as Queuing delay and Transmission delay increases as they both rely on size of packets eventually increasing the average RTT's.

Exercise 1: Experiment with ping to find the round trip times to a variety of destinations. Write up any interesting observations, including in particular how the round trip time compares to the physical distance. Here are few places from who to get replies: www.uw.edu, www.cornell.edu, berkeley.edu, www.uchicago.edu, www.ox.ac.uk (England), www.u-tokyo.ac.jp (Japan).

```
C:\Users\Ritik>ping www.uw.edu

Pinging www.washington.edu [128.95.155.135] with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 128.95.155.135: bytes=32 time=259ms TTL=50
Reply from 128.95.155.135: bytes=32 time=294ms TTL=50
Reply from 128.95.155.135: bytes=32 time=248ms TTL=50
Reply from 128.95.155.135: bytes=32 time=266ms TTL=50

Ping statistics for 128.95.155.135:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
    Minimum = 248ms, Maximum = 294ms, Average = 266ms
```

Fig. 7 Ping uw.edu with 64 packet size with packet count 10

```
C:\Users\Ritik>ping cornell.edu
Pinging cornell.edu [128.253.173.247] with 32 bytes of data:
Request timed out.
Request timed out.
Request timed out.
Request timed out.
Ping statistics for 128.253.173.247:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 0, Lost = 4 (100% loss),
C:\Users\Ritik>
```

Fig.8 Ping cornell.edu with 64 packet size with packet count 10

```
C:\Users\Ritik>ping berkeley.edu

Pinging berkeley.edu [35.163.72.93] with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 35.163.72.93: bytes=32 time=365ms TTL=37
Reply from 35.163.72.93: bytes=32 time=265ms TTL=37
Reply from 35.163.72.93: bytes=32 time=271ms TTL=37
Reply from 35.163.72.93: bytes=32 time=263ms TTL=37

Ping statistics for 35.163.72.93:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
    Minimum = 263ms, Maximum = 365ms, Average = 291ms
```

Fig.9 Ping berkeley.edu with 64 packet size with packet count 10

```
C:\Users\Ritik>ping www.u-tokyo.ac.jp
Pinging www.u-tokyo.ac.jp [210.152.243.234] with 32 bytes of data:
Request timed out.
Request timed out.
Request timed out.
Request timed out.
Ping statistics for 210.152.243.234:
        Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 0, Lost = 4 (100% loss),
```

Fig. 10 Ping <u>u-tokyo.ac.jp</u> with 64 packet size with packet count 10

```
C:\Users\Ritik>ping uchicago.edu
Pinging uchicago.edu [34.200.129.209] with 32 bytes of data:
Request timed out.
Ping statistics for 34.200.129.209:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 0, Lost = 4 (100% loss),
```

Fig.11 Ping uchicago.edu with 64 packet size with packet count 10

## Interesting Observations:

The average RTT varies for different destinations for the same packet size.

The reasons for this are:

Nature of the transmission medium - the way in which connections are made affects how fast the connection moves; connections made over optical fiber will behave differently than connections made over copper. Likewise, a connection made over a wireless frequency will behave differently than that of a satellite communication.

Physical Distance: Physical distance between two hosts is defined as the length of the great circle arc connecting their locations on the surface of the Earth. The sum of per-hop distances would not significantly diverge from the actual distance between hosts. However, several studies have shown that the sum of per-hop distances may greatly exceed the great circle distance between two end hosts. The only solution to this is to get the content closer to the users.

Server response time – the amount of time it takes a server to process and respond to a request is a potential bottleneck in network latency. When a server is overwhelmed with requests, such as during a DDoS attack, its ability to respond efficiently can be inhibited, resulting in increased RTT.

nslookup — The command nslookup <host> will do a DNS query to find and report the IP address (or addresses) for a domain name or the domain name corresponding to an IP address. To do this, it contacts a "DNS server." Default DNS servers are part of a computer's network configuration. (For a static IP address in Linux, they are configured in the file /etc/network/ interfaces that you encountered in the last lab.) You can specify a different DNS server to be used by nslokup by adding the server name or IP address to the command: nslookup <host> <server>

**netstat** — The netstat command gives information about network connections. I often use netstat -t -n which lists currently open TCP connections (that's the "-t" option) by IP address rather than domain name (that's the "-n" option). Add the option "-l" (lower case ell) to list listening sockets, that is sockets that have been opened by server programs to wait for connection requests from clients: netstat -t -n -l. (On Mac, use netstat -p tcp to list tcp connections, and add "-a" to include listening sockets in the list.)

telnet — Telnet is an old program for remote login. It's not used so much for that any more, since it has no security features. But basically, all it does is open a connection to a server and allow server and client to send lines of plain text to each other. It can be used to check that it's possible to connect to a server and, if the server communicates in plain text, even to interact with the server by hand. Since the Web uses a plain text protocol, you can use telnet to connect to a web client and play the part of the web browser. I will suggest that you to do this with your own web server when you write it, but you might want to try it now. When you use telnet in this way, you need to specify both the host and the port number to which you want to connect: telent <host> cport>. For example, to connect to the web server on www.spit.ac.in: telnet spit.ac.in 80

traceroute — Traceroute is discussed in man utility. The command traceroute <host> will show routers encountered by packets on their way from your computer to a specified <host>. For each n = 1, 2, 3,..., traceroute sends a packet with "time-to-live" (ttl) equal to n. Every time a router forwards a packet, it decreases the ttl of the packet by one. If the ttl drops to zero, the router discards the packet and sends an error message back to the sender of the packet. (Again, as with ping, the packets might be blocked or might not even be sent, so that the error messages will never be received.) The sender gets the identity of the router from the source of the error message. Traceroute will send packets until n reaches some set upper bound or until a packet actually gets through to the destination. It actually does this three times for each n. In this way, it identifies routers that are one step, two steps, three steps, ... away from the source computer. A packet for which no response is received is indicated in the output as a \*.

Traceroute is installed on the computers. If was not installed in your virtual server last week, but you can install it with the command sudo apt-get install traceroute

The path taken through a network, can be measured using traceroute. The syntax for the command in Linux is:

traceroute <hostname>

The syntax in Windows is:

tracert <hostname>

You can specify either a hostname (e.g., cs.iitb.ac.in) or an IP address (e.g., 128.105.2.6).

#### 1.2.1 EXPERIMENTS WITH TRACEROUTE

From **your machine** traceroute to the following hosts:

- 1. ee.iitb.ac.in
- mscs.mu.edu

- 3. www.cs.grinnell.edu
- 4. csail.mit.edu
- 5. cs.stanford.edu
- 6. cs.manchester.ac.uk

Store the output of each traceroute command in a separate file named <code>traceroute\_HOSTNAME.log</code>, replacing <code>HOSTNAME</code> with the hostname for end-host you pinged

(e.g., traceroute ee.iitb.ac.in.log).

```
C:\Users\Ritik>tracert www.iitb.ac.in
Tracing route to www.iitb.ac.in [103.21.127.114]
over a maximum of 30 hops:
  1
        5 ms
                  7 ms
                            1 ms
                                   192.168.0.1
  2
        2 ms
                  3 ms
                            3 ms
                                   103.209.38.170
  3
                                   237-62-106-27.mysipl.com [27.106.62
                  6 ms
       77 ms
                            5 ms
                                  42-97-87-183.mysipl.com [183.87.97
  4
                 47 ms
  5
                                   Request timed out.
                            *
        *
                  *
  6
                                   Request timed out.
                            5 ms
  7
       32 ms
                                   115.110.234.170.static.Mumbai.vsnl
                  6 ms
        *
  8
                                   Request timed out.
 9
        *
                  *
                            *
                                   Request timed out.
10
                            *
                                   Request timed out.
        *
                  *
                            *
 11
                                   Request timed out.
12
                                   Request timed out.
        *
                  *
                            *
13
                                   Request timed out.
        *
                  *
                            *
                                   Request timed out.
14
                  *
 15
                                   Request timed out.
        *
                  *
                            *
16
                                   Request timed out.
17
                                   Request timed out.
18
        *
                  *
                            *
                                   Request timed out.
19
                            *
                                   Request timed out.
        *
                  *
                            *
                                   Request timed out.
 20
21
                                   Request timed out.
                  *
 22
                                   Request timed out.
        *
                  *
                            *
 23
                                   Request timed out.
        *
 24
                                   Request timed out.
 25
        *
                  *
                            *
                                   Request timed out.
                                   Request timed out.
 26
        *
                  *
                            *
 27
                                   Request timed out.
                                   Request timed out.
 28
        *
                  *
                            *
 29
                                   Request timed out.
 30
                                   Request timed out.
Trace complete.
```

Fig.12 traceroute for iitb.ac.in

```
::\Users\Ritik>tracert mscs.mu.edu
Tracing route to mscs.mu.edu [134.48.4.5]
over a maximum of 30 hops:
       13 ms
                  7 ms
                            3 ms
                                   192.168.0.1
  2
        3 ms
                  8 ms
                            4 ms
                                   103.209.38.170
                                   Request timed out.
        5 ms
                 11 ms
                            3 ms
                                   38-97-87-183.mysipl.com [183.87.97.38]
                                   Request timed out.
        5 ms
                  4 ms
                            4 ms
                                   ix-ae-0-100.tcore1.mlv-mumbai.as6453.net [180.87.38.5]
      161 ms
                123 ms
                                   if-ae-29-8.tcore1.wyn-marseille.as6453.net [80.231.217.110]
                                   if-ae-21-2.tcore1.pye-paris.as6453.net [80.231.154.208] if-ae-11-2.tcore1.pvu-paris.as6453.net [80.231.153.49]
  8
                244 ms
                          125 ms
      113 ms
 9
                          183 ms
      116 ms
                188 ms
 10
                            *
                                   Request timed out.
                                   Request timed out.
11
      360 ms
                226 ms
                                   MARQUETTE-U.ear3.Chicago2.Level3.net [4.16.38.70]
12
                          268 ms
                                   134.48.10.26
13
      224 ms
                232 ms
                          343 ms
                            *
14
                  *
                                   Request timed out.
15
                                   Request timed out.
        *
                  *
                                   Request timed out.
16
                                   Request timed out.
17
        *
                  *
18
                                   Request timed out.
 19
                                   Request timed out.
        *
                  *
                            *
 20
                                   Request timed out.
                                   Request timed out.
 21
                                   Request timed out.
22
 23
                                   Request timed out.
                  *
 24
                                   Request timed out.
                                   Request timed out.
 25
                                   Request timed out.
26
        *
27
                                   Request timed out.
                                   Request timed out.
 28
 29
                                   Request timed out.
                                   Request timed out.
 30
Trace complete.
```

Fig.13 traceroute for mscs.mu.edu

```
C:\Users\Ritik>tracert www.cs.grinnell.edu
Tracing route to www.cs.grinnell.edu [132.161.132.159]
over a maximum of 30 hops:
                 1 ms
                           1 ms
        1 ms
                                 192.168.0.1
  2
        4 ms
                11 ms
                           4 ms
                                 103.209.38.170
                 *
                                 Request timed out.
       25 ms
                                 38-97-87-183.mysipl.com [183.87.97.38]
 4
                 8 ms
                           3 ms
  5
                                 Request timed out.
                                 Request timed out.
                         23 ms
                                 ix-ae-4-2.tcore2.cxr-chennai.as6453.net [180.87.37.1]
 7
       48 ms
                48 ms
      329 ms
               236 ms
                         242 ms
                                 if-ae-9-2.tcore2.mlv-mumbai.as6453.net [180.87.37.10]
 9
      290 ms
                                 if-ae-2-2.tcore1.mlv-mumbai.as6453.net [180.87.38.1]
               322 ms
                         243 ms
                                 Request timed out.
10
      275 ms
               391 ms
                         310 ms
                                 if-ae-2-2.tcore2.wyn-marseille.as6453.net [80.231.217.2]
                                 if-ae-9-2.tcore2.178-london.as6453.net [80.231.200.14]
12
      416 ms
               513 ms
13
      483 ms
                         238 ms
                                 if-ae-15-2.tcore2.ldn-london.as6453.net [80.231.131.118]
      265 ms
                                 if-ae-32-2.tcore2.nto-newyork.as6453.net [63.243.216.22]
14
               302 ms
                         304 ms
15
      333 ms
               299 ms
                         239 ms
                                 if-ae-26-2.tcore1.ct8-chicago.as6453.net [216.6.81.29]
16
                                 Request timed out.
17
                                 Request timed out.
                         250 ms
      274 ms
               250 ms
18
                                 et3-1-0-0.agr03.desm01-ia.us.windstream.net [40.128.250.43]
 19
               263 ms
                         275 ms
                                 ae4-0.pe04.grnl01-ia.us.windstream.net [40.128.248.35]
      272
         ms
20
      345 ms
               303 ms
                         248 ms
                                 ae7-0.pe05.grnl01-ia.us.windstream.net [40.138.127.29]
                                 Request timed out.
21
22
                                 Request timed out.
        *
23
                                 Request timed out.
24
                                 Request timed out.
 25
                                 Request timed out.
                                 Request timed out.
26
27
                                 Request timed out.
                 *
28
                                 Request timed out.
                                 Request timed out.
29
 30
                                 Request timed out.
Trace complete.
```

Fig. 14 traceroute for cs.grinell.edu

```
C:\Users\Ritik>tracert cs.manchester.ac.uk
Tracing route to cs.manchester.ac.uk [130.88.101.49]
over a maximum of 30 hops:
 1
        1 ms
                 1 ms
                          1 ms
                                192.168.0.1
  2
      115 ms
                 6 ms
                           2 ms
                                 103.209.38.170
                                 Request timed out.
  4
       11 ms
                 3 ms
                          4 ms
                                 38-97-87-183.mysipl.com [183.87.97.38]
                 *
  5
                                 Request timed out.
  6
       22 ms
                23 ms
                          4 ms
                                 ix-ae-0-100.tcore1.mlv-mumbai.as6453.net [180.87.38.5]
      162 ms
               112 ms
                        130 ms
                                 if-ae-29-8.tcore1.wyn-marseille.as6453.net [80.231.217.110]
 8
      198 ms
               110 ms
                         190 ms
                                 if-ae-8-1600.tcore1.pye-paris.as6453.net [80.231.217.6]
 9
      112 ms
               170 ms
                         213 ms
                                 if-ae-11-2.tcore1.pvu-paris.as6453.net [80.231.153.49]
 10
                 *
                          *
                                 Request timed out.
 11
                 *
                                 Request timed out.
               201 ms
                        223 ms
                                 JANET.bear1.Manchester1.Level3.net [212.187.174.238]
 12
      184 ms
               127 ms
                        126 ms
                                 ae22.manckh-sbr2.ja.net [146.97.35.189]
13
      278 ms
                         205 ms
                                 ae23.mancrh-rbr1.ja.net [146.97.38.42]
14
      173 ms
               200 ms
       *
                *
                         *
 15
                                 Request timed out.
               194 ms
                        130 ms
 16
      218 ms
                                 130.88.249.194
17
                                 Request timed out.
      135 ms
               127 ms
18
                        127 ms
                                 gw-jh.its.manchester.ac.uk [130.88.250.32]
19
      214 ms
               238 ms
                        165 ms
                                 eps.its.man.ac.uk [130.88.101.49]
Trace complete.
 \Ilsans\Ditil
```

Fig.15 traceroute for cs.manchester.ac.uk

```
C:\Users\Ritik>tracert csail.mit.edu
Tracing route to csail.mit.edu [128.30.2.109]
over a maximum of 30 hops:
        5 ms
 1
                 2 ms
                                192.168.0.1
                          1 ms
  2
                                103.209.38.170
        4 ms
                20 ms
                          2 ms
                                 Request timed out.
  4
                41 ms
                          3 ms
                                 38-97-87-183.mysipl.com [183.87.97.38]
        4 ms
                 *
                                 Request timed out.
                 9 ms
        6 ms
                         46 ms
                                ix-ae-0-100.tcore1.mlv-mumbai.as6453.net [180.87.38.5]
      198 ms
               199 ms
                                 if-ae-5-2.tcore1.wyn-marseille.as6453.net [80.231.217.29]
                        197 ms
  8
      204 ms
               198 ms
                                if-ae-2-2.tcore2.wyn-marseille.as6453.net [80.231.217.2]
       *
                *
                          *
                                 Request timed out.
10
      223 ms
               200 ms
                        211 ms
                                 if-ae-18-2.tcore1.nto-newyork.as6453.net [80.231.131.73]
      358 ms
               197 ms
                                 if-ae-9-2.tcore1.n75-newyork.as6453.net [63.243.128.122]
11
                        310 ms
      285 ms
               198 ms
                                 66.110.96.134
12
                        199 ms
13
      202 ms
               303 ms
                         200 ms
                                be-10390-cr02.newyork.ny.ibone.comcast.net [68.86.83.89]
14
      285 ms
               201 ms
                        712 ms
                                be-1102-cs01.newyork.ny.ibone.comcast.net [96.110.38.33]
15
      209 ms
               203 ms
                                96.110.42.2
                        211 ms
16
      217 ms
              1023 ms
                        407 ms
                                 ae0-0-eg-bstpmall74w.boston.ma.boston.comcast.net [68.86.238.34]
17
      375 ms
               315 ms
                        303 ms
                                 50-201-57-174-static.hfc.comcastbusiness.net [50.201.57.174]
      289 ms
               227 ms
                                dmz-rtr-1-external-rtr-3.mit.edu [18.0.161.13]
                        204 ms
19
      250 ms
               302 ms
                        303 ms
                                dmz-rtr-2-dmz-rtr-1-1.mit.edu [18.0.161.6]
20
      317 ms
               411 ms
                        294 ms
                                mitnet.core-1-ext.csail.mit.edu [18.4.7.65]
21
                                 Request timed out.
 22
      206 ms
               211 ms
                         208 ms
                                bdr.core-1.csail.mit.edu [128.30.0.246]
      336 ms
               273 ms
                        304 ms
                                 inquir-3ld.csail.mit.edu [128.30.2.109]
Trace complete.
```

Fig. 16 traceroute for csail.mit.edu

**Exercise 2:** (Very short.) Use traceroute to trace the route from your computer to math.hws.edu and to www.hws.edu. Explain the difference in the results.

```
::\Users\Ritik>tracert math.hws.edu
Tracing route to math.hws.edu [64.89.144.237]
over a maximum of 30 hops:
        37 ms
                     3 ms
                                 3 ms
                                         192.168.0.1
                               4 ms 103.209.38.170
* Request timed out.
         5 ms
                    14 ms
 3
                     A ms
         4 ms
                                13 ms
                                         38-97-87-183.mysipl.com [183.87.97.38]
                                         Request timed out.
ix-ae-0-100.tcore1.mlv-mumbai.as6453.net [180.87.38.5]
 6 7 8
         3 ms
                     5 ms
                                 4 ms
                                         if-ae-8-1600.tcore1.myn-marseille.as6453.net [180.87.38.126]
if-ae-8-1600.tcore1.pye-paris.as6453.net [80.231.217.6]
       124 ms
                  137 ms
                              174 ms
       123 ms
                   120 ms
                              111 ms
       198 ms
                   227 ms
                               148 ms
                                         if-ae-11-2.tcore1.pvu-paris.as6453.net [80.231.153.49]
10
                                         Request timed out.
                                         ae-2-3204.edge3.Paris1.Level3.net [4.69.161.114] global-crossing-xe-level3.paris1.level3.net [4.68.63.230] roc1-ar5-xe-11-0-0-0.us.twtelecom.net [35.248.1.162] 66-195-65-170.static.ctl.one [66.195.65.170] nat.hws.edu [64.89.144.100]
       127 ms
                   110 ms
                               121 ms
       135 ms
                               166 ms
13
14
       244 ms
                              212 ms
       292 ms
                   218 ms
                              285 ms
15
       276 ms
                   208 ms
                              208 ms
16
                                         Request timed out.
                                         Request timed out.
17
                                         Request timed out.
19
                                         Request timed out.
20
                                         Request timed out.
                                         Request timed out.
                                         Request timed out.
                                         Request timed out.
24
                                         Request timed out.
                                         Request timed out.
25
                                         Request timed out.
26
27
                                         Request timed out.
                                         Request timed out.
28
29
                                         Request timed out.
30
                                         Request timed out.
race complete.
```

Fig.17 traceroute for math.hws.edu

```
::\Users\Ritik>tracert www.hws.edu
[racing route to www.hws.edu [64.89.145.159]
over a maximum of 30 hops:
                                       4 ms 192.168.0.1
19 ms 103.209.38.170
                          7 ms
          23 ms
                       22 ms
134 ms
          23 ms
  2 3 4 5
                                       * 237-62-106-27.mysipl.com [27.106.62.237]
15 ms 42-97-87-183.mysipl.com [183.87.97.42]
          19 ms
                        10 ms
                                                  Request timed out.
                                                ix-ae-0-100.tcore1.mlv-mumbai.as6453.net [180.87.38.5] if-ae-5-2.tcore1.wyn-marseille.as6453.net [80.231.217.29] if-ae-8-1600.tcore1.pye-paris.as6453.net [80.231.217.6] if-ae-11-2.tcore1.pvu-paris.as6453.net [80.231.153.49]
                                        3 ms
  6789
                                     119 ms
         111 ms
                       113 ms
                       135 ms
                       174 ms
                                     150 ms
         249 ms
 10
                                                  Request timed out.
                       169 ms
                                                 ae-1-3104.edge3.Paris1.Level3.net [4.69.161.110]
                                     228 ms
         364 ms
                                                 global-crossing-xe-level3.net [4.69.161.110]
global-crossing-xe-level3.paris1.level3.net [4.68.63.230]
roc1-ar5-xe-11-0-0-0.us.twtelecom.net [35.248.1.162]
66-195-65-170.static.ctl.one [66.195.65.170]
nat.hws.edu [64.89.144.100]
Request timed out.
                                     110 ms
         133 ms
                       114 ms
 13
14
         205 ms
                                     206 ms
         207 ms
                                     207 ms
                       208 ms
 15
                       215 ms
         216 ms
                                     208 ms
 17
                                                  Request timed out.
 18
                                                  Request timed out.
                                                  Request timed out.
                                                  Request timed out.
Request timed out.
 20
 21
22
                                                  Request timed out.
 23
                                                  Request timed out.
 24
                                                  Request timed out.
                                                  Request timed out.
                                                  Request timed out.
 27
                                                  Request timed out.
                                                  Request timed out.
 28
 29
                                                  Request timed out.
                                                  Request timed out.
Trace complete.
```

Fig. 18 traceroute for www.hws.edu

**Traceroute:** When we connect to another computer, traffic does not go directly to the machine we are attempting to connect to. Instead it goes through multiple machines on the Internet known as routers. These machines serve the sole purpose of controlling how your traffic gets to your destination. If any one connection fails, we will not be able to connect to the intended destination. Hence it is used for diagnostics. Each hop displays the time taken for each hop during its route to the destination. If a hop comes back with request timed out it denotes network congestion.

Exercise 3: Two packets sent from the same source to the same destination do not necessarily follow the same path through the net. Experiment with some sources that are fairly far away. Can you find cases where packets sent to the same destination follow different paths? How likely does it seem to be? What about when the packets are sent at very different times? Save some of the outputs from traceroute. (You can copy them from the Terminal window by highlighting and right-clicking, then paste into a text editor.) Come back sometime next week, try the same destinations again, and compare the results with the results from today. Report your observations.

```
::\Users\Ritik>tracert www.hws.edu
racing route to www.hws.edu [64.89.145.159]
     a maximum of 30 hops:
                       7 ms
         23 ms
                                   4 ms
                                            192.168.0.1
                   22 ms
134 ms
                                            103.209.38.170
        23 ms
                                  19 ms
                                           237-62-106-27.mysipl.com [27.106.62.237]
42-97-87-183.mysipl.com [183.87.97.42]
        19 ms
                    10 ms
                                  15 ms
                                           Request timed out.
ix-ae-0-100.tcore1.mlv-mumbai.as6453.net [180.87.38.5]
                                   3 ms
                      4 ms
                                           if-ae-5-2.tcore1.wyn-marseille.as6453.net [80.231.217.29] if-ae-8-1600.tcore1.pye-paris.as6453.net [80.231.217.6]
                    113 ms
       111 ms
                                 119 ms
                    135 ms
                    174
                                            if-ae-11-2.tcore1.pvu-paris.as6453.net [80.231.153.49]
                                            Request timed out.
       364 ms
                    169 ms
                                 228 ms
                                            ae-1-3104.edge3.Paris1.Level3.net [4.69.161.110]
                                           global-crossing-xe-level3.net [4.69.161.110]

global-crossing-xe-level3.paris1.level3.net [4.68.63.230]

roc1-ar5-xe-11-0-0-0.us.twtelecom.net [35.248.1.162]

66-195-65-170.static.ctl.one [66.195.65.170]

nat.hws.edu [64.89.144.100]
       133 ms
                    114 ms
                                 110 ms
       205 ms
                    217 ms
                                 206 ms
       207 ms
                                 207 ms
                    208 ms
       216 ms
                    215 ms
                                 208 ms
                                            Request timed out.
                                                       timed
                                            Request
                                            Request
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
                                                       timed
                                            Request
                                            Request
                                                       timed
                                            Request
                                                       timed
                                            Request
                                                       timed out
                                            Request
                                                       timed
                                            Request
                                                       timed
                                                               out.
                                            Request
                                                       timed
                                            Request
                                                       timed
                                                       timed
                                            Request timed out.
race complete.
```

Fig.19 traceroute for hws.edu

```
:\Users\Ritik>tracert math.hws.edu
Tracing route to math.hws.edu [64.89.144.237]
over a maximum of 30 hops:
         37 ms
                                         192.168.0.1
                      3 ms
                                  3 ms
          5 ms
                     14 ms
                                  4 ms
                                          103.209.38.170
  2
                                          Request timed out.
                                 13 ms
                                          38-97-87-183.mysipl.com [183.87.97.38]
            ms
                                          Request timed out.
          3 ms
                                  4 ms
                                           ix-ae-0-100.tcore1.mlv-mumbai.as6453.net [180.87.38.5]
                                          if-ae-5-6.tcore1.wyn-marseille.as6453.net [180.87.38.126]
if-ae-8-1600.tcore1.pye-paris.as6453.net [80.231.217.6]
  789
       124 ms
       123 ms
                   120 ms
                                111 ms
                                          if-ae-11-2.tcore1.pvu-paris.as6453.net [80.231.153.49]
Request timed out.
       198 ms
                    227 ms
                                148 ms
 10
                                          nequest timed out.

ae-2-3204.edge3.Paris1.Level3.net [4.69.161.114]
global-crossing-xe-level3.paris1.level3.net [4.68.63.230]
roc1-ar5-xe-11-0-0-0.us.twtelecom.net [35.248.1.162]
66-195-65-170.static.ctl.one [66.195.65.170]
       127 ms
                   110 ms
                                121 ms
 11
 12
       135 ms
                    111 ms
                                166 ms
                    307
                                212 ms
 13
       244 ms
                        ms
       292 ms
                    218 ms
                                285 ms
                    208 ms
                                208 ms
                                          nat.hws.edu [64.89.144.100]
                                          Request timed out.
 16
                                          Request timed out.
 18
                                          Request timed out.
 19
                                          Request timed out.
                                          Request timed out.
 20
                                          Request timed out.
 22
                                          Request timed out.
 23
                                          Request timed out.
 24
                                          Request timed out.
                                          Request timed out.
                                          Request timed out.
                                          Request timed out.
 28
                                          Request timed out.
                                          Request timed out.
 29
                                          Request timed out.
 30
Trace complete.
```

Fig.20 traceroute for math.hws.edu

```
Select Command Prompt
racing route to math.hws.edu [64.89.144.237]
                          1 ms
                                          1 ms 192.168.0.1
          2 ms
4 ms
3 ms
                          1 ms
1 ms
3 ms
4 ms
                                          1 ms 193.5.187.30
5 ms 103.5.187.13
3 ms dhcp-192-196-101.in2cable.com [203.192.196.101]
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
                                       10 ms dhcp-192-196-29.in2cable.com [203.192.196.29]
4 ms 115.113.165.121.static-mumbai.vsnl.net.in [115.113.165.121]
          3 ms
8 ms
*
                                         3 ms 172.23.78.237
5 ms ix-ae-0-100.tcore1.mlv-mumbai.as6453.net [180.87.38.5]
   if-ae-5-2.tcore1.wyn-marseille.as6453.net [80.231.217.29]
   Request timed out.
                          4 ms
3 ms
                       159 ms
*
                       130 ms
131 ms
127 ms
                                      133 ms if-ae-11-2.tcore1.pvu-paris.as6453.net [80.231.153.49]
137 ms 80.231.153.66
11
12
                                      13/ ms 80.231.153.05

25 ms ae-2-3204.edge3.Paris1.Level3.net [4.69.161.114]

133 ms global-crossing-xe-level3.paris1.level3.net [4.68.63.230]

208 ms roc1-ar5-xe-11-0-0-0.us.twtelecom.net [35.248.1.162]

212 ms 66-195-65-170.static.ctl.one [66.195.65.170]
        134 ms
127 ms
                       131 ms
        206 ms
214 ms
                       205 ms
210 ms
15
16
17
18
                                                     64.89.144.100
                                                     Request timed out.
Request timed out.
                                                     Request timed out.
Request timed out.
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                                                     Request timed out.
Request timed out.
22
23
24
25
                                                     Request timed out
Request timed out
                                                     Request timed out.
Request timed out.
26
27
28
29
                                                     Request timed out
                                                     Request timed out.
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                                                                                             O 🛱 🩋 🟦 💼 👩 🚾 🖭
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 ^ ▮ // ≒ 11:15 AM
19-Aug-20
 Type here to search
```

Fig.21 traceroute for math.hws.edu on 11/08/2020

```
race complete.
 :\Users\yashc>tracert www.hws.edu
 racing route to www.hws.edu [64.89.145.159]
  ver a maximum of 30 hops:
                                    <1 ms 192.168.0.1
1 ms 103.5.187.30
3 ms 103.5.187.13
      2272 ms
                         1 ms
                       2 ms
7 ms
          2 ms
                                    30 ms dhcp-192-196-101.in2cable.com [203.192.196.101]
                                               Request timed out
                                      5 ms 115.113.165.121.static-mumbai.vsnl.net.in [115.113.165.121]
                                   3 ms 172.23.78.237
3 ms ix-ae-0-100.tcore1.mlv-mumbai.as6453.net [80.231.217.29]
* if-ae-5-2.tcore1.wyn-marseille.as6453.net [80.231.217.29]
* if-ae-21-2.tcore1.pye-paris.as6453.net [80.231.154.208]
125 ms if-ae-11-2.tcore1.pyu-paris.as6453.net [80.231.153.49]
* 80.231.153.66
                        4 ms
          23 ms
                     133 ms
        126 ms
128 ms
                      126 ms
                      131 ms
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
                                    128 ms ae-1-3104.edge3.Paris1.Level3.net [4.69.161.110]
                                   125 ms global-crossing-xe-level3.paris1.level3.net [4.68.63.230]
213 ms roc1-ar5-xe-11-0-0-0.us.twtelecom.net [35.248.1.162]
293 ms 66-195-65-170.static.ctl.one [66.195.65.170]
        127 ms
210 ms
                     136 ms
227 ms
        310 ms
                      209 ms
                                               64.89.144.100
                                               Request timed out.
                                               Request timed out.
                                                Request timed out.
                                               Request timed out.
                                                Request timed out
                                                Request timed out.
                                               Request timed out
                                               Request timed out.
                                                Request timed out.
                                                Request timed out.
                                               Request timed out
                                               Request timed out.
 race complete.
```

Fig.24 traceroute for www.hws.edu on 18/08/2020

From the above experiments, I can conclude that for the same source and same destination, the packets sent at different times have different RTT's and take different paths through the net, which is clear from figure 22 and 23.

## **QUESTIONS ABOUT PATHS**

Now look at the results you gathered and answer the following questions about the paths taken by your packets. Store your answers in a file named traceroute.txt.

Is any part of the path common for all hosts you tracerouted?
 Yes, the path to my ISP is always the same, and then the path depends on which access point is ready to respond.

- 2. Is there a relationship between the number of nodes that show up in the traceroute and the location of the host? If so, what is this relationship?

  No there is no relationship.
- 3. Is there a relationship between the number of nodes that show up in the traceroute and latency of the host (from your ping results above)? Does the same relationship hold for all hosts?

There is a direct relationship between the number of nodes and the latency of the host. The amount of latency is largely dependent on how far the visitor is from the server location and how many nodes the signal has to travel through.

Whois — The *whois* command can give detailed information about domain names and IP addresses. If it is not installed on the computers then install it with command sudo apt-get install whois in. *Whois* can tell you what organization owns or is responsible for the name or address and where to contact them. It often includes a list of domain name servers for the organization.

When using *whois* to look up a domain name, use the simple two-part network name, not an individual computer name (for example, *whois spit.ac.in*).

**Exercise 4:** (Short.) Use *whois* to investigate a well-known web site such as google.com or amazon.com, and write a couple of sentences about what you find out.

**Exercise 5:** (Should be short.) Because of NAT, the domain name *spit.ac.in* has a different IP address outside of SPIT than it does on campus. Using information in this lab and working on a home computer, find the outside IP address for spit.ac.in. Explain how you did it.

Geolocation — A geolocation service tries to tell, approximately, where a given IP address is located physically. They can't be completely accurate—but they probably get at least the country right most of the time.

This geolocation program is not installed on our computers, but you can access one on the command line using the *curl* command, which can send HTTP requests and display the response. The following command uses *curl* to contact a public web service that will look up an IP address for you: curl ipinfo.io/<IP-address>. For a specific example:

curl ipinfo.io/129.64.99.200

(As you can see, you get back more than just the location.)

**Exercise 6:** Find a few IP addresses that are connected to the web server on spit.ac.in right now, and determine where those IP addresses are located. (I'm expecting that there will be several; if not, try again in a few minutes or sometime later.) Find one that is far from Geneva, NY. Explain how you did it.

References: StackOverflow, Wikipedia, StackPath

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