CN Practice - Assignment 1

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Linux Commands

ifconfig:

Displays all the active interfaces details. It is also used to check the ip address. With the -a argument, it displays information of all active or inactive network interfaces

```
santi@edith:~$ ifconfig -a
eno1: flags=4098<br/>
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Expackets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
TX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

lo: flags=73<br/>
Lo: flags=10<br/>
Lo: flags=10<br/>
Lo: flags=10<br/>
Lo: flags=10<br/>
Lo: flags=10<br/>
Lo: flags=10<br/>
Lo: flags=11<br/>
Lo: flags=12<br/>
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```

traceroute:

traceroute followed by ip address or domain name prints the route that a packet takes to reach the host.

dig:

dig (Domain Information Groper) is used for querying Domain Name System (DNS) name servers. It performs DNS lookups and displays the answers that are returned from the name server that were queried.

```
santi@edith:~

santi@edith:~$ dig google.com

; <<>> DiG 9.16.1-Ubuntu <<>> google.com

;; global options: +cmd

;; Got answer:

;; ->>HEADER<-- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 61111

;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 1

;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 65494
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;google.com. IN A

;; ANSWER SECTION:
google.com. 261 IN A 172.217.167.142

;; Query time: 12 msec
;; SERVER: 127.0.0.53#53(127.0.0.53)
;; WHEN: Tue Aug 11 19:07:11 IST 2020
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 55

santi@edith:~$ []</pre>
```

telnet:

connect destination host:port via a telnet protocol if connection establishes means connectivity between two hosts is working fine.

```
santi@edith:~

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```

nslookup:

nslookup (Name Server Lookup) is a used for getting information from DNS (Domain Name System) server. It is a network administration tool for querying the DNS to obtain domain name or IP address mapping or any other specific DNS record.

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santi@edith:~$ nslookup google.com

Server: 127.0.0.53
Address: 127.0.0.53#53

Non-authoritative answer:
Name: google.com
Address: 172.217.167.142
Name: google.com
Address: 2404:6800:4002:80b::200e
```

netstat:

netstat displays various network related information such as network connections, routing tables, interface statistics, masquerade connections, multicast memberships etc.

ping:

it stands for (Packet Internet Groper). It checks connectivity between two nodes to see if a server is available. It checks if a remote host is up, or that network interfaces can be reached. It also helps checking your network connection and verifying network issues. Ping command keeps executing and sends the packet until you interrupt.

curl or wget:

used to download a file and save it in the current directory.

Syntax:

Curl -O <link> wget <link>

nmap:

It checks the opened port on the server. Used for network exploration and security auditing.

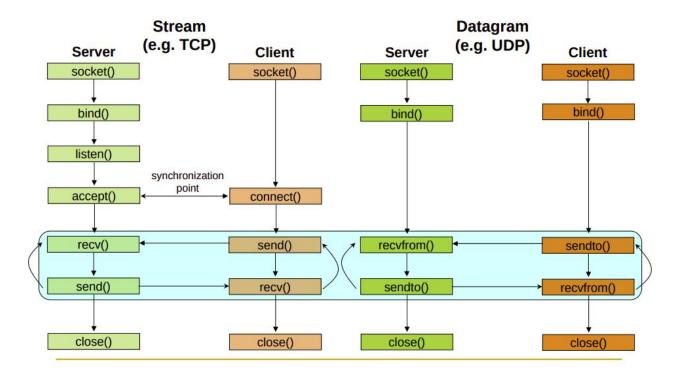
scp:

allows you to secure copy files to and from another host in the network. Syntax:

scp source_file_name username@destination_host:destination_folder

Socket API documentation

Client - Server Communication - Unix



socket():

int sockid = socket(domain, type, protocol)

domain: an integer, communication domain

e.g., AF_INET (IPv4 protocol), AF_INET6 (IPv6 protocol)

type: communication type

SOCK_STREAM for TCP(reliable, connection oriented) SOCK_DGRAM for UDP(unreliable, connectionless)

protocol: it specifies the protocol. Usually set to 0 for Internet Protocol. This is the same **number** which appears on protocol field in the IP header of a packet.

This function **returns** an integer which is a socket descriptor (just like a file-handle) when a socket has been created and returns -1 in case of failure.

Socket API defines a generic data type for addresses:

```
struct sockaddr
{
unsigned short sa_family; /* Address family (e.g. AF_INET) */
char sa_data[14]; /* Family-specific address information */
}
```

Particular form of the sockaddr used for TCP/IP addresses:

```
struct in addr
unsigned long s_addr; /* Internet address (32 bits) */
struct sockaddr_in
unsigned short sin_family; /* Internet protocol (AF_INET) */
unsigned short sin_port; /* Address port (16 bits) */
struct in_addr sin_add; /* Internet address (32 bits) */
char sin_zero[8]; /* Not used */
}
sockaddr_in can be type casted to a sockaddr
bind():
       int status = bind(sockid, &addrport, size);
sockid: integer, socket descriptor
addrport: struct sockaddr which contains the (IP) address and port of the machine
for TCP/IP server, internet address is usually set to INADDR_ANY, i.e., chooses any incoming
interface)
size: the size (in bytes) of the addrport structure
This function returns -1 upon failure.
```

listen():

int status = listen(sockid, queueLimit);

sockid: integer, socket descriptor

queueLimit: integer, number of active participants that can "wait" for a connection

returns 0 if listening, -1 if error

The listening socket (sockid) is never used for sending and receiving but only as a way to get

new sockets in TCP

connect():

The client establishes a connection with the server by calling this function.

int status = connect(sockid, &foreignAddr, addrlen);

sockid: integer, socket to be used in connection

foreignAddr: struct sockaddr: address of the passive participant

addrlen: integer, sizeof(name)

returns 0 if successful connect, -1 otherwise

accept():

The server gets a socket for an incoming client connection by calling this function.

int s = accept(sockid, &clientAddr, &addrLen);

sockid: integer, the orig. socket (being listened on)

clientAddr: struct sockaddr, address of the active participant

addrLen: sizeof(clientAddr): value/result parameter

- must be set appropriately before call
- adjusted upon return

returns an integer, the new socket (used for data-transfer)

Exchanging data with stream socket - send() and recv():

int count = send(sockid, msg, msgLen, flags);

msg: const void[], message to be transmitted

msgLen: integer, length of message (in bytes) to transmit

flags: integer, special options, usually just 0 **Returns** # bytes transmitted (-1 if error)

int count = recv(sockid, recvBuf, bufLen, flags);

recvBuf: void[], stores received bytes

bufLen: # bytes received

flags: integer, special options, usually just 0

returns # bytes received (-1 if error)

Exchanging data with dgram socket - sendto() and recvfrom():

int count = sendto(sockid, msg, msgLen, flags,&foreignAddr, addrlen);

msg, msgLen, flags, return value: same with send()

foreignAddr: struct sockaddr, address of the destination

addrLen: sizeof(foreignAddr)

int count = recvfrom(sockid, recvBuf, bufLen,flags, &clientAddr, addrlen);

recvBuf, bufLen, flags, return value: same with recv()
clientAddr: struct sockaddr, address of the client

addrLen: sizeof(clientAddr)

close():

When finished using a socket, the socket should be closed.

status = close(sockid);

sockid: the socket descriptor

Returns 0 if successful, -1 if error

Closing a socket closes a connection (for stream socket) and frees up the port used by the socket.

UDP chat program

My program uses udp to transfer data the client and the server. Both the client and the server program terminate when any one of client or server sends a "bye" message.

