

Network in KVM Env

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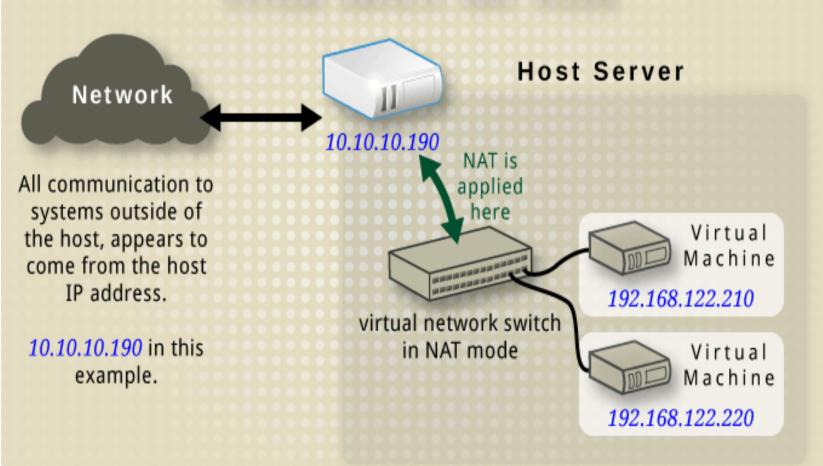
Network in KVM Env

- Userspace net (NAT)
- Bridge+tap
- Main features
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Userspace net(NAT)

- Virt nic is connected to a virtual network
- Network address translation
- Guest Port(80) <-> host port(1234)
- Doesn't request a host interface
- Routing or IP masquerading to connect with external network
- Qemu option: -net user

Virtual switch: NAT mode



Tun/tap

- Virtual network kernel devices
- Use ioctl() to access /dev/tun
- Tun → switch, tap → switch port
- Repeaters(bit), Bridges(frame), and Routers(packets)
- Qemu option: -device virtio-net-pci,netdev=nid -netdev tap,id=nid

bridge(public) 1/2

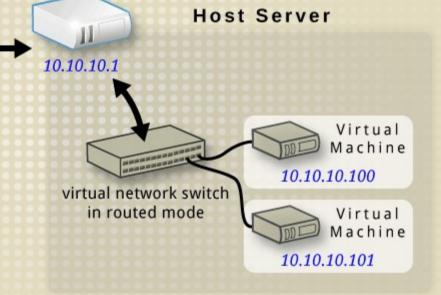
- Virt nic is bridged to the same physical network as a physical NIC
- Using unique MAC address
- Physical NIC in promiscuous mode

Virtual switch: Routed mode

The host acts as a router, letting the outside world communicate with the virtual machines by IP address.

Network

10.10.10.100, and 10.10.10.101, in this example.



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Guest VM
      tx
              rx
        \ QEMU
          tap
|Kernel/HV
        |bridge|
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bridge(public) 2/2

[root@t network-scripts]# cat ifcfg-br0

DEVICE=switch

BOOTPROTO=dhcp

ONBOOT=yes

TYPE=Bridge

[root@t network-scripts]# cat ifcfg-eth0

DEVICE=eth0

BOOTPROTO=none

ONBOOT=yes

BRIDGE=switch

IPV6_INIT=no

bridge(private) 1/2

- Libvirt use this by default
- It's convenient and independent
- Dnsmasq provides dhcp service
- Iptable forwares packets to external host

bridge(private) 2/2

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/usr/sbin/brctl addbr vbr0
echo 1 > /proc/sys/net/ipv6/conf/vbr0/disable_ipv6
echo 1 > /proc/sys/net/ipv4/ip_forward
/usr/sbin/brctl stp vbr0 on
/usr/sbin/brctl setfd vbr0 0
ifconfig $brname 192.168.58.1 up
iptables -t nat -A POSTROUTING -s 192.168.58.254/24 ! -d
192.168.58.254/24 -j MASQUERADE
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dnsmasq --strict-order --bind-interfaces --listen-address

192.168.58.1 -- dhcp-range 192.168.58.1,192.168.58.254

Main features

- Vlan
- Bonding
- Multicast
- Fragment offload
- Jumbo

Utility tools

- tcpdump -vv -i tap0 icmp and src ... (eth0 of guest, tap0, switch, eth0 of external host)
- wireshark (good analysis)
- brctl (bridge)
- ethtool (ethernet card)
- ifconfig/ip/arp
- netperf/ping/scp/wget/nfs/ftp

Q&A

Reference:

- understanding linux network internals Part IV: Bridging
- http://www.linux-kvm.org/page/Networking
- http://wiki.libvirt.org/page/VirtualNetworking