

LAB 2:

Network commands for testing and trouble shooting

OBJECTIVES:

- To learn and understand various network commands used for testing and troubleshooting network connectivity.
- To study the working and output of basic network diagnostic commands in the Windows operating system.

THEORY:

- Requirement – Windows Operating System

Network commands are essential tools used for testing, monitoring, and troubleshooting computer networks. These commands help network administrators and users identify connectivity issues, IP configuration problems, routing errors, and communication failures. In the Windows operating system, these commands are executed using the Command Prompt (CMD).

Some network commands are:

1. Ping
2. tracert
3. ipconfig
4. nslookup
5. netstat-a
6. pathping
7. route
8. arp-a
9. hostname
10. getmac
11. nbstat

1. Ping

syntax: **ping**<ip address domain>

```
PS C:\Users\Sushant> ping www.google.com

Pinging www.google.com [2404:6800:4002:803::2004] with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 2404:6800:4002:803::2004: time=27ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4002:803::2004: time=26ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4002:803::2004: time=24ms
Reply from 2404:6800:4002:803::2004: time=24ms

Ping statistics for 2404:6800:4002:803::2004:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
    Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
        Minimum = 24ms, Maximum = 27ms, Average = 25ms
```

Ping command is used to test connectivity between the local computer and a remote host. It check whether the destination is reachable

2. Tracert

Syntax: **tracert** Domain_name

```
PS C:\Users\Sushant> tracert www.google.com

Tracing route to www.google.com [2404:6800:4002:803::2004]
over a maximum of 30 hops:

  1      1 ms      2 ms      2 ms  2400-1a00-4b49.ip6.wlink.com.np [2400:1a00:4b49:e850::1]
  2      6 ms      7 ms      6 ms  2400-1a00-4b04.ip6.wlink.com.np [2400:1a00:4b04::1]
  3      *         *         *     Request timed out.
  4      4 ms      *         *     2400:1a00:0:40::170
  5      7 ms      6 ms      7 ms  2400:1a00:0:41::170
  6      7 ms      7 ms      7 ms  2400:1a00:0:41::128
  7     10 ms      8 ms      9 ms  2400:1a00:dccc:1:72:9:128:67
  8      *         *         *     Request timed out.
  9     25 ms     24 ms     24 ms  2001:4860:1:1::126a
 10     27 ms     27 ms     24 ms  2001:4860:0:1::2a9f
 11     26 ms     24 ms     26 ms  2001:4860:0:1::5505
 12     25 ms     23 ms     24 ms  del03s05-in-x04.1e100.net [2404:6800:4002:803::2004]
```

The tracert command traces the path taken by packets from the source to destination and shows each router along the route.

3. ipconfig

Syntax :**ipconfig**

```
PS C:\Users\Sushant> ipconfig

Windows IP Configuration


Wireless LAN adapter Local Area Connection* 9:

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

Wireless LAN adapter Local Area Connection* 10:

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

Wireless LAN adapter Wi-Fi:

    Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . : worldlink.com.np
    IPv6 Address. . . . . : 2400:1a00:4b49:e850:7b41:c0e3:2fd5:bcb8
    Temporary IPv6 Address. . . . . : 2400:1a00:4b49:e850:c171:1b3b:d540:2ef3
    Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::10f3:940b:842a:a457%18
    IPv4 Address. . . . . : 192.168.1.75
    Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
    Default Gateway . . . . . : fe80::1%18
                                192.168.1.254

Ethernet adapter Bluetooth Network Connection:

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

Ethernet adapter Ethernet:

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

The ipconfig command displays the Ip configuration details of the system, such as IP address, subnet mask, default gateway, and DNS servers.

4. nslookup

Syntax: `nslookup domain_name`

```
PS C:\Users\Sushant> nslookup www.google.com
Server:  vip6-safenet-kmd01.wlink.com.np
Address:  2400:1a00:0:32::165

Non-authoritative answer:
Name:     www.google.com
Addresses: 2404:6800:4002:803::2004
          142.251.43.164
```

The nslookup command displays DNS-related information of a system, such as the IP address of a domain name and the details of the DNS server used for name resolution.

5. netstat -a

Syntax: `netstat -a`

```
PS C:\Users\Sushant> netstat -a

Active Connections

Proto Local Address           Foreign Address         State
TCP   0.0.0.0:135             DESKTOP-EQUT110:0      LISTENING
TCP   0.0.0.0:445             DESKTOP-EQUT110:0      LISTENING
TCP   0.0.0.0:5940            DESKTOP-EQUT110:0      LISTENING
TCP   0.0.0.0:5357            DESKTOP-EQUT110:0      LISTENING
TCP   0.0.0.0:7680            DESKTOP-EQUT110:0      LISTENING
TCP   0.0.0.0:12177           DESKTOP-EQUT110:0      LISTENING
TCP   0.0.0.0:49664           DESKTOP-EQUT110:0      LISTENING
TCP   0.0.0.0:49665           DESKTOP-EQUT110:0      LISTENING
TCP   0.0.0.0:49666           DESKTOP-EQUT110:0      LISTENING
TCP   0.0.0.0:49667           DESKTOP-EQUT110:0      LISTENING
TCP   0.0.0.0:49668           DESKTOP-EQUT110:0      LISTENING
TCP   0.0.0.0:49671           DESKTOP-EQUT110:0      LISTENING
TCP   127.0.0.1:1042          DESKTOP-EQUT110:0      LISTENING
TCP   127.0.0.1:1042          DESKTOP-EQUT110:65357  ESTABLISHED
TCP   127.0.0.1:1042          DESKTOP-EQUT110:65358  ESTABLISHED
TCP   127.0.0.1:1043          DESKTOP-EQUT110:0      LISTENING
TCP   127.0.0.1:5939          DESKTOP-EQUT110:0      LISTENING
TCP   127.0.0.1:7778          DESKTOP-EQUT110:0      LISTENING
TCP   127.0.0.1:9012          DESKTOP-EQUT110:0      LISTENING
TCP   127.0.0.1:9013          DESKTOP-EQUT110:0      LISTENING
TCP   127.0.0.1:9014          DESKTOP-EQUT110:0      LISTENING
TCP   127.0.0.1:13030         DESKTOP-EQUT110:0      LISTENING
TCP   127.0.0.1:13030         DESKTOP-EQUT110:49733  ESTABLISHED
TCP   127.0.0.1:13031         DESKTOP-EQUT110:0      LISTENING
TCP   127.0.0.1:13032         DESKTOP-EQUT110:0      LISTENING
TCP   127.0.0.1:22112         DESKTOP-EQUT110:0      LISTENING
TCP   127.0.0.1:22112         DESKTOP-EQUT110:64133  ESTABLISHED
TCP   127.0.0.1:24830         DESKTOP-EQUT110:0      LISTENING
TCP   127.0.0.1:27017         DESKTOP-EQUT110:0      LISTENING
TCP   127.0.0.1:45112         DESKTOP-EQUT110:0      LISTENING
TCP   127.0.0.1:49733         DESKTOP-EQUT110:13030  ESTABLISHED
TCP   127.0.0.1:50100         DESKTOP-EQUT110:0      LISTENING
TCP   127.0.0.1:50100         DESKTOP-EQUT110:51994  ESTABLISHED
TCP   127.0.0.1:50923         DESKTOP-EQUT110:0      LISTENING
TCP   127.0.0.1:51100         DESKTOP-EQUT110:0      LISTENING
TCP   127.0.0.1:51994         DESKTOP-EQUT110:50100  ESTABLISHED
TCP   127.0.0.1:64133         DESKTOP-EQUT110:22112  ESTABLISHED
TCP   127.0.0.1:64610         DESKTOP-EQUT110:64611  ESTABLISHED
TCP   127.0.0.1:64611         DESKTOP-EQUT110:64610  ESTABLISHED
TCP   127.0.0.1:64612         DESKTOP-EQUT110:64613  ESTABLISHED
TCP   127.0.0.1:64613         DESKTOP-EQUT110:64612  ESTABLISHED
TCP   127.0.0.1:64625         DESKTOP-EQUT110:64626  ESTABLISHED
TCP   127.0.0.1:64626         DESKTOP-EQUT110:64625  ESTABLISHED
TCP   127.0.0.1:64627         DESKTOP-EQUT110:64628  ESTABLISHED
TCP   127.0.0.1:64628         DESKTOP-EQUT110:64627  ESTABLISHED
TCP   127.0.0.1:65357         DESKTOP-EQUT110:1042   ESTABLISHED
TCP   127.0.0.1:65358         DESKTOP-EQUT110:1042   ESTABLISHED
TCP   192.168.1.75:139        DESKTOP-EQUT110:0      LISTENING
TCP   192.168.1.75:49831      cdn-185-199-110-154:https ESTABLISHED
TCP   192.168.1.75:93717      ec2-52-0-252-2:https   ESTABLISHED
```

The netstat -a command displays all active network connections and listening ports on the system, showing both incoming and outgoing connections along with their status.

6. pathping

Syntax: pathping destination

```
PS C:\Users\Sushant> pathping www.google.com

Tracing route to www.google.com [2404:6800:4002:803::2004]
over a maximum of 30 hops:
 0 DESKTOP-EQUT1I0.worldlink.com.np [2400:1a00:4b49:e850:c171:1b3b:d540:2ef3]
 1 2400-1a00-4b49.ip6.wlink.com.np [2400:1a00:4b49:e850::1]
 2 2400-1a00-4b04.ip6.wlink.com.np [2400:1a00:4b04::1]
 3 2400:1a00:0:45::8
 4 * 2400:1a00:0:40::170
 5 2400:1a00:0:41::170
 6 2400:1a00:0:41::128
 7 2400:1a00:dccc:1:72:9:128:67
 8 * * *
Computing statistics for 175 seconds...
Hop  RTT      Source to Here   This Node/Link   Address
     Lost/Sent = Pct  Lost/Sent = Pct
 0                                DESKTOP-EQUT1I0.worldlink.com.np [2400:1a00:4b49:e850:c171:1b3b:d540:2ef3]
 1    3ms      0/ 100 = 0%      0/ 100 = 0%      2400-1a00-4b49.ip6.wlink.com.np [2400:1a00:4b49:e850::1]
 2   10ms      0/ 100 = 0%      0/ 100 = 0%      2400-1a00-4b04.ip6.wlink.com.np [2400:1a00:4b04::1]
 3    6ms      0/ 100 = 0%      0/ 100 = 0%      2400:1a00:0:45::8
 4    6ms      0/ 100 = 0%      0/ 100 = 0%      2400:1a00:0:40::170
 5    8ms      0/ 100 = 0%      0/ 100 = 0%      2400:1a00:0:41::170
 6    9ms      0/ 100 = 0%      0/ 100 = 0%      2400:1a00:0:41::128
 7    9ms      0/ 100 = 0%      0/ 100 = 0%      2400:1a00:dccc:1:72:9:128:67
```

The pathping command displays detailed information about the network path to a destination by combining the features of ping and tracert, helping to identify packet loss and network delays at each hop.

7. Route

Syntax: route print

```
PS C:\Users\Sushant> route print

=====
Interface List
12...c2 bf be 43 60 2d .....Microsoft Wi-Fi Direct Virtual Adapter
17...c2 bf be 43 60 3d .....Microsoft Wi-Fi Direct Virtual Adapter #2
18...c0 bf be 43 60 7d .....MediaTek Wi-Fi 6 MT7921 Wireless LAN Card
7...c0 bf be 43 60 7c .....Bluetooth Device (Personal Area Network)
11...60 cf 84 70 44 e3 .....Realtek PCIe GbE Family Controller
1.....Software Loopback Interface 1
=====

IPv4 Route Table
=====
Active Routes:
Network Destination        Netmask          Gateway           Interface        Metric
0.0.0.0                    0.0.0.0          192.168.1.254     192.168.1.75     35
127.0.0.0                  255.0.0.0        On-link           127.0.0.1        331
127.0.0.1                  255.0.0.0        On-link           127.0.0.1        331
127.255.255.255            255.255.255.255 On-link           127.0.0.1        331
192.168.1.0                 255.255.255.0    On-link           192.168.1.75     291
192.168.1.75                255.255.255.255 On-link           192.168.1.75     291
192.168.1.255               255.255.255.255 On-link           192.168.1.75     291
224.0.0.0                  240.0.0.0        On-link           192.168.1.75     291
255.255.255.255            255.255.255.255 On-link           127.0.0.1        331
255.255.255.255            255.255.255.255 On-link           192.168.1.75     291
=====
Persistent Routes:
None

IPv6 Route Table
=====
Active Routes:
If Metric Network Destination      Gateway
18 4131 :::/0 fe80::1
1 331 ::1/128 On-link
18 4131 2400:1a00:4b49:e850::/64 On-link
18 61 2400:1a00:4b49:e850::/64 fe80::1
18 291 2400:1a00:4b49:e850:7b41:c0e3:2fd5:bc8/128 On-link
18 291 2400:1a00:4b49:e850:c171:1b3b:d540:2ef3/128 On-link
18 291 fe80::/64 On-link
18 291 fe80::10f3:940b:842a:a457/128 On-link
1 331 ff00::/8 On-link
18 291 ff00::/8 On-link
=====
Persistent Routes:
None
```

The route command is used to view, add, modify, or delete entries in the IP routing table of the system, which controls how network packets are forwarded.

8. arp -a

Syntax : **arp -a**

```
PS C:\Users\Sushant> arp -a

Interface: 192.168.1.75 --- 0x12
Internet Address      Physical Address      Type
192.168.1.106         00-22-6d-e1-d4-8d     dynamic
192.168.1.254         c4-48-fa-06-54-70     dynamic
192.168.1.255         ff-ff-ff-ff-ff-ff     static
224.0.0.22            01-00-5e-00-00-16     static
224.0.0.251           01-00-5e-00-00-fb     static
224.0.0.252           01-00-5e-00-00-fc     static
239.255.255.250       01-00-5e-7f-ff-fa     static
255.255.255.255       ff-ff-ff-ff-ff-ff     static
```

The arp -a command is used to display the current ARP (Address Resolution Protocol) cache, showing the mapping of IP addresses to their corresponding MAC addresses on the local network.

9. hostname

Syntax : **hostname**

```
PS C:\Users\Sushant> hostname
DESKTOP-EQUT1I0
```

The hostname command is used to display the name of the computer or device on the network, which identifies it within a network.

10. getmac

Syntax : **getmac**

```
PS C:\Users\Sushant> getmac

Physical Address      Transport Name
=====
60-CF-84-70-44-E3     Media disconnected
C0-BF-BE-43-60-7D     \Device\Tcpip_{FCA014C6-1E24-4B1A-9D72-BB9D4C99CD81}
C0-BF-BE-43-60-7C     Media disconnected
```

The getmac command is used to display the MAC addresses of all network adapters on the system.

11. nbstat -n

Syntax: **nbstat-n**

```
PS C:\Users\Sushant> nbtstat -n

Ethernet:
Node IpAddress: [0.0.0.0] Scope Id: []

    No names in cache

Bluetooth Network Connection:
Node IpAddress: [0.0.0.0] Scope Id: []

    No names in cache

Wi-Fi:
Node IpAddress: [192.168.1.75] Scope Id: []

    NetBIOS Local Name Table

    Name                                Type      Status
    ----                                -
    DESKTOP-EQUT1I0<20>                 UNIQUE    Registered
    DESKTOP-EQUT1I0<00>                 UNIQUE    Registered
    WORKGROUP                           <00>     GROUP     Registered

Local Area Connection* 9:
Node IpAddress: [0.0.0.0] Scope Id: []

    No names in cache

Local Area Connection* 10:
Node IpAddress: [0.0.0.0] Scope Id: []

    No names in cache
```

The nbtstat -n command is used to display the NetBIOS names that are registered locally on your computer, along with their status (unique or group). This helps in troubleshooting name resolution issues on a local network.

Discussion:

The lab effectively achieved its objective of familiarizing us with important network commands used for testing and troubleshooting. By running these commands and interpreting their outputs, we gained a clearer understanding of network configuration, connectivity, routing diagnostics, and related processes.

Conclusion:

Thus, various network commands were carried out to test and troubleshoot the network.