

## NAME

netperf – a network performance benchmark

## SYNOPSIS

**netperf** [global options] -- [test specific options]

## DESCRIPTION

**Netperf** is a benchmark that can be used to measure various aspects of networking performance. Currently, its focus is on bulk data transfer and request/response performance using either TCP or UDP, and the Berkeley Sockets interface. In addition, tests for DLPI, and Unix Domain Sockets, tests for IPv6 may be conditionally compiled-in.

## GLOBAL OPTIONS

### **-a sizespec**

Alter the send and receive buffer alignments on the local system. This defaults to 8 bytes.

### **-A sizespec**

As -a, but for the remote system.

### **-c [rate]**

Request CPU utilization and service demand calculations for the local system. If the optional rate parameter is specified, **netperf** will use that instead of calculating the rate itself.

### **-C [rate]**

As -c, but for the remote system.

### **-d**

Increase the quantity of debugging output displayed during a test (possibly at the expense of performance).

### **-f GMKgmK**

Change the units of measure for \*\_STREAM tests. Capital letters are powers of two, lowercase are powers of ten.

### **-F fill\_file**

Pre-fill the send buffers with data from the named file. This is intended to provide a means for avoiding buffers that are filled with data which is trivially easy to compress. A good choice for a file that should be present on any system is this manpage - netperf.man. Other files may be provided as part of the distribution.

### **-h**

Display a usage string, and exit.

### **-H remote\_host,local\_host**

Set the hostname (or IP address) of the remote system. Passing a single name with no comma will only set remote\_host and will leave selection of local IP address for the control connection to the stack. Specifying ",local\_host" will only set local\_host and will leave remote\_host at the default.

### **-i max,min**

Set the maximum and minimum number of iterations when trying to reach certain confidence levels.

### **-I lvl,[intvl]**

Specify the confidence level (either 95 or 99 - 99 is the default) and the width of the confidence interval as a percentage (default 10)

### **-l testlen**

Specify the length of the test (default 10 seconds). A negative value sets the number of request/response transactions, or the number of bytes for a stream test.

**-n numcpus**

Specify the number of CPU's in the system on those systems for which netperf has no way to find the number of CPU's programatically.

**-o sizespec**

Set an offset from the alignment specified with -a.

**-O sizespec**

As -o, but for the remote system.

**-p portnum,locport**

Connect to a listening on the specified port, rather than using /etc/services. If ",locport" is specified the control connection will be established from that local port number. Specifying a single port number with no comma will specify only the remote port number and will leave local port number selection to the stack.

**-P 0|1** Show (1) or suppress (0) the test banner.

**-t testname**

Specify the test to perform. Valid testnames are (but not always compiled-in):

*TCP\_STREAM*  
*TCP\_MAERTS*  
*TCP\_RR*  
*TCP\_CRR*  
*UDP\_STREAM*  
*UDP\_RR*  
*TCPIPv6\_STREAM*  
*TCPIPv6\_RR*  
*TCPIPv6\_CRR*  
*UDPIPv6\_STREAM*  
*UDPIPv6\_RR*  
*DLCO\_STREAM*  
*DLCO\_RR*  
*DLCL\_STREAM*  
*DLCL\_RR*  
*STREAM\_STREAM*  
*STREAM\_RR*  
*DG\_STREAM*  
*DG\_RR*  
*LOC\_CPU*  
*REM\_CPU*

**-v verbosity**

Set the verbosity level for the test (only with -P).

**-V** Enable the copy-avoidance features (HP-UX 9.0 and later only).

**TEST SPECIFIC OPTIONS**

**-h** Display a usage string based on the test name set with -t, and exit.

Please consult the netperf manual *Netperf: A Network Performance Benchmark* (netperf.ps) for more information. Or you can join and mail to netperf-talk@netperf.org.

**BUGS**

There is a fairly large list of known defects and misfeatures in the manual. If you think you have found a bug, please send email to Rick Jones <raj@cup.hp.com>.

**SEE ALSO**

*Netperf: A Network Performance Benchmark*

<http://www.netperf.org/>

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Others too numerous to mention here - see the ACKNWLDGMNTS file