CSE 232: Programming Assignment 1

Using Command-Line Utilities for Network Debugging

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1 IP Address of Network Interface

Command Used:

ifconfig

Screenshot:

```
docker0: flags=4099<UP,BROADCAST,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
         ether 02:42:06:73:f7:9d txqueuelen 0 (Ethernet)
         RX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
         TX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
         TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
eno1: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
inet 192.168.1.18 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.1.255
         inet6 fe80::5a17:70d8:6e60:760 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
inet6 2401:4900:1f31:d301:84cb:ccd8:829e:e5c7 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x0<global>
         TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
lo: flags=73<UP,L00PBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
         inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
         TX packets 462 bytes 75717 (73.9 KiB)
         TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
wlan0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
         inet6 2401:4900:1f31:d301:9ca7:7ce3:7651:89c4 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x0<global>
         ether ac:74:b1:4c:b2:fb txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
         RX packets 6699086 bytes 9\overline{0}79212816 (8.4 \overline{0}1B) RX errors 0 dropped 1805 overruns 0 frame 0
```

Figure 1: IP address of network interface

2 IP Address from Webpage

Website Used: https://www.whatismyip.com

Observation: The IP address on terminal 192.168.1.17 differs from the IP address on the website 122.179.207.70.

Explanation: The IP address from ifconfig is a private IP address assigned to my device within the local network (LAN). The IP address shown on the website is the public IP address assigned to my network by the Internet Service Provider (ISP). This difference occurs due to Network Address Translation (NAT), which allows multiple devices on a local network to share a single public IP address when accessing the internet.

3 Changing the IP Address

Command Used:

```
sudo ip addr show wlan0
sudo ip addr add 192.168.1.100/24 dev wlan0
sudo ip addr del 192.168.1.17/24 dev wlan0
sudo ip addr show wlan0
sudo ip addr del 192.168.1.100/24 dev wlan0
sudo ip addr add 192.168.1.17/24 dev wlan0
sudo ip addr show wlan0
```

Figure 2: IP address change

4 Setting up a TCP Client/Server Connection

Command Used:

nc -v -l -p 1234 (on server)
nc localhost 1234 (on client)

Screenshot:

Figure 3: TCP client/server connection

5 TCP Connection State

Command Used:

ss -an | grep 1234

```
→ ~ ss -an | grep 1234
tcp ESTAB 0 0 127.0.0.1:36388 127.0.0.1:1234
tcp ESTAB 0 0 127.0.0.1:1234 127.0.0.1:36388

→ ~ ■
```

Figure 4: TCP connection state

6 Authoritative nslookup Result

Command Used:

```
nslookup
set type=ns
google.in
server ns3.google.com
google.in
```

Screenshot:

Figure 5: Authoritative nslookup result

Explanation: The authoritative DNS record for google.in was obtained using nslookup. First, the query type was set to NS to find its authoritative name servers. Then, ns3.google.com was used as the DNS server to retrieve the authoritative records directly from Google's name server.

7 Time to Live (TTL) for a Website

Command Used:

nslookup -debug aliexpress.com

TTL Observation: The Time to Live (TTL) for the DNS entry of aliexpress.com on the local DNS server is 571 seconds.

Explanation: The TTL value indicates the remaining time (in seconds) before the DNS entry for aliexpress.com will expire from the local DNS cache. After 571 seconds, the entry will be considered stale, and the DNS server will need to query an authoritative DNS server to refresh the information. This value controls how long a DNS resolver can cache a response before needing to check for an updated record.

```
→ ~ nslookup -debug aliexpress.com
Server:
               192.168.1.1
Address:
               192.168.1.1#53
   QUESTIONS:
       aliexpress.com, type = A, class = IN
    -> aliexpress.com
       internet address = 47.246.173.237
       ttl = 571
    -> aliexpress.com
       internet address = 47.246.173.30
       ttl = 571
   AUTHORITY RECORDS:
   ADDITIONAL RECORDS:
Non-authoritative answer:
Name: aliexpress.com
Address: 47.246.173.237
Name: aliexpress.com
Address: 47.246.173.30
   QUESTIONS:
        aliexpress.com, type = AAAA, class = IN
   ANSWERS:
   AUTHORITY RECORDS:
    -> aliexpress.com
       origin = ns1.alibabadns.com
       mail addr = hostmaster.alibabadns.com
       serial = 2018051019
       refresh = 3600
       retry = 1200
       expire = 86400
       minimum = 360
       ttl = 211
   ADDITIONAL RECORDS:
```

Figure 6: Time to Live (TTL)

8 Traceroute to google.in

Command Used:

traceroute google.in

8.1 IP Addresses and Average Latency to Each Intermediate Host

- 192.168.1.1: Average latency = $\approx 0.802 \,\mathrm{ms}$
- 125.18.73.17: Average latency = $\approx 6.474 \,\mathrm{ms}$
- 125.21.160.21: Average latency = 6.665 ms
- 182.79.152.79: Average latency = $\approx 10.440 \,\mathrm{ms}$
- 142.250.161.56: Average latency = $\approx 11.262 \,\mathrm{ms}$
- 172.253.67.100: Average latency = $\approx 8.998 \,\mathrm{ms}$
- 192.178.83.220: Average latency = $\approx 9.938 \, \text{ms}$
- 142.250.234.126: Average latency = $\approx 27.985 \,\mathrm{ms}$
- 192.178.110.245: Average latency = $\approx 22.715 \,\mathrm{ms}$
- 142.250.226.135: Average latency = $\approx 31.583 \,\mathrm{ms}$
- 142.250.214.103: Average latency = $\approx 29.811 \, \text{ms}$
- 142.250.182.228: Average latency = $\approx 27.476 \,\mathrm{ms}$

```
→ "traceroute google.in
traceroute google.in (142.250.182.228), 30 hops max, 60 byte packets

1 _gateway (192.168.1.1) 0.594 ms 0.816 ms 0.996 ms

2 abts-north-dynamic-255.47.161.122.airtelbroadband.in (122.161.47.255) 5.554 ms 5.691 ms 5.796 ms

3 125.18.73.17 (125.18.73.17) 6.655 ms 125.21.60.21 (125.21.160.21) 6.393 ms 125.18.73.17 (125.18.73.17) 6.554 ms

4 182.79.152.79 (182.79.152.79) 11.824 ms 7.535 ms 11.904 ms

5 142.259.161.56 (142.250.161.56) 11.128 ms 10.780 ms 11.877 ms

6 **
7 172.253.67.108 (172.253.67.108) 11.704 ms 142.251.76.178 (142.251.76.178) 8.040 ms 142.258.236.54 (142.250.236.54) 7.189 ms

8 192.178.83.226 (192.178.83.229) 7.335 ms 192.178.83.226 (192.178.83.226) 12.469 ms 192.178.83.214 (192.178.83.214) 9.991 ms

9 142.259.234.126 (142.259.234.126) 27.392 ms 27.802 ms 142.259.236.116 (142.258.236.121) 28.708 ms

10 192.178.110.245 (192.178.110.245) 30.189 ms 172.253.68.121) (25.35.68.121) (25.560 ms 172.253.66.107 (172.253.66.107) 9.395 ms

11 142.259.226.135 (142.259.226.135) 31.931 ms 142.259.214.105 (142.259.214.105) 31.583 ms 192.178.110.245 (192.178.110.245) 27.508 ms

12 142.259.21-n-f4.1e10.010.net (142.250.182.228) 27.559 ms 27.233 ms 27.628 ms

13 bpm07529-in-f4.1e10.net (142.250.182.128) 27.559 ms 27.233 ms 27.628 ms
```

Figure 7: Traceroute to google.in

9 Ping Latency to google.in

Command Used:

ping -c 50 google.in

Screenshot:

```
PING google.in (2404:6800:4002:82f::2004) 56 data bytes
64 bytes from del12s11-in-x04.1e100.net (2404:6800:4002:82f::2004): icmp_seq=1 ttl=118 time=10.5 ms 64 bytes from del12s11-in-x04.1e100.net (2404:6800:4002:82f::2004): icmp_seq=2 ttl=118 time=10.7 ms
64 bytes from del12s11-in-x04.1e100.net (2404:6800:4002:82f::2004): 64 bytes from del12s11-in-x04.1e100.net (2404:6800:4002:82f::2004):
                                                                                                                icmp_seq=3 ttl=118 time=11.0 ms
64 bytes from del12s11-in-x84.1e100.net (2404:6800:4602:82f::2004): 64 bytes from del12s11-in-x04.1e100.net (2404:6800:4002:82f::2004):
                                                                                                                icmp_seq=5 ttl=118 time=12.4 ms
icmp_seq=6 ttl=118 time=11.2 ms
                                                                                                                icmp_seq=7 ttl=118 time=10.1 ms
64 bytes from del12s11-in-x04.1e100.net
64 bytes from del12s11-in-x84.1e100.net (2404:6800:4002:82f::2004):
64 bytes from del12s11-in-x04.1e100.net (2404:6800:4002:82f::2004):
                                                                                                                icmp_seq=10 ttl=118 time=10.4 ms
                                                                                                                icmp_seq=11 ttl=118 time=10.9 ms
                                                                                                                icmp_seq=14 ttl=118 time=9.84 ms
64 bytes from del12s11-in-x04.1e100.net (2404:6800:4002:82f::2004):
                                                                                                                icmp_seq=15 ttl=118 time=8.44 ms
                                                                                                                 icmp_seq=16 ttl=118 time=13.1 ms
                                                                                                                 icmp_seq=17 ttl=118 time=10.2 ms
                                                                                                                icmp_seq=18 ttl=118 time=10.2 ms
icmp_seq=19 ttl=118 time=9.69 ms
64 bytes from del12s11-in-x04.1e100.net (2404:6800:4002:82f::2004):
64 bytes from del12s11-in-x04.1e100.net
                                                                                                                icmp_seq=20 ttl=118 time=10.5 ms
                                                                                                                 icmp_seq=21 ttl=118 time=13.3 ms
64 bytes from del12s11-in-x04.1e100.net (2404:6800:4002:82f::2004):
64 bytes from del12s11-in-x04.1e100.net (2404:6800:4002:82f::2004):
                                                                                                                icmp_seq=23 ttl=118 time=9.65 ms
                                                                                                                icmp_seq=24 ttl=118 time=10.9 ms
64 bytes from del12s11-in-x04.1e100.net
                                                                                                                 icmp_seq=25 ttl=118 time=10.1 ms
64 bytes from del12s11-in-x04.1e100.net (2404:6800:4002:82f::2004): 64 bytes from del12s11-in-x04.1e100.net (2404:6800:4002:82f::2004):
                                                                                                                icmp seg=28 ttl=118 time=10.2 ms
                                                                                                                icmp_seq=29 ttl=118 time=10.1 ms
                                                                                                                icmp_seq=31 ttl=118 time=11.8 ms
icmp_seq=32 ttl=118 time=7.67 ms
64 bytes from del12s11-in-x04.1e100.net (2404:6800:4002:82f::2004):
64 bytes from del12s11-in-x04.1e100.net (2404:6800:4002:82f::2004):
                                                                                                                icmp_seq=33 ttl=118 time=9.91 ms
64 bytes from del12s11-in-x84.1e100.net (2404:6800:4002:82f::2004):
64 bytes from del12s11-in-x04.1e100.net (2404:6800:4002:82f::2004):
                                                                                                                icmp_seq=37 ttl=118 time=11.7 ms
                                                                                                                icmp_seq=38 ttl=118 time=12.5 ms
64 bytes from del12s11-in-x04.1e100.net (2404:6800:4002:82f::2004): icmp_seq=40 ttl=118 time=12.1 ms 64 bytes from del12s11-in-x04.1e100.net (2404:6800:4002:82f::2004): icmp_seq=41 ttl=118 time=14.1 ms 64 bytes from del12s11-in-x04.1e100.net (2404:6800:4002:82f::2004): icmp_seq=42 ttl=118 time=10.5 ms 64 bytes from del12s11-in-x04.1e100.net (2404:6800:4002:82f::2004): icmp_seq=42 ttl=118 time=9.19 ms 64 bytes from del12s11-in-x04.1e100.net (2404:6800:4002:82f::2004): icmp_seq=43 ttl=118 time=9.19 ms
64 bytes from del12s11-in-x04.1e100.net (2404:6800:4002:82f::2004):
64 bytes from del12s11-in-x04.1e100.net (2404:6800:4002:82f::2004):
                                                                                                                icmp_seq=44 ttl=118 time=12.6 ms
icmp_seq=45 ttl=118 time=9.55 ms
                                                                                                                icmp_seq=46 ttl=118 time=12.4 ms
64 bytes from del12s11-in-x94.1e100.net (2404:6800:4002:82f::2004): lcmp_seq=47 ttl=118 time=10.6 ms
64 bytes from del12s11-in-x94.1e100.net (2404:6800:4002:82f::2004): icmp_seq=48 ttl=118 time=10.1 ms
64 bytes from del12s11-in-x04.1e100.net (2404:6800:4002:82f::2004): icmp_seq=49 ttl=118 time=9.75 ms 64 bytes from del12s11-in-x04.1e100.net (2404:6800:4002:82f::2004): icmp_seq=50 ttl=118 time=10.3 ms
50 packets transmitted, 50 received, 0% packet loss, time 49065ms rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 7.668/10.669/14.074/1.256 ms
```

Figure 8: Ping latency to google.in

Average Latency: The average latency to google.in is 10.669 ms.

10 Latency Comparison

10.1 Sum of Latencies from Intermediate Hosts

Total Latency: The sum of the latencies from all intermediate hosts is 193.149 ms.

10.2 Comparison with Ping Latency

Ping Latency: The average latency to google.in from the ping command is 10.669 ms.

10.3 Explanation

The sum of the latencies from the intermediate hosts is much higher than the average latency observed from the ping command. This is because the ping command measures the round-trip time, which doesn't directly add up the times from each hop. The traceroute provides insight into the latency at each hop, but these latencies don't sum to give the round-trip time directly.

11 Maximum Ping Latency

11.1 Maximum Latency from Intermediate Hosts

Maximum Latency: The maximum latency among the intermediate hosts is 31.583 ms from IP address 142.250.226.135.

11.2 Comparison with Ping Latency

Ping Latency: The average latency to google.in from the ping command is 10.669 ms.

11.3 Explanation

The maximum latency from the intermediate hosts is higher than the average latency observed from the ping command. This is because the maximum latency reflects the delay at a specific hop, while the average ping latency measures the overall round-trip time. These two metrics serve different purposes and thus may differ significantly.

12 Multiple Entries for a Single Hop

Explanation: Multiple entries for a single hop in the traceroute output indicate the presence of multiple potential paths or routes through the network at that particular hop. This is typically due to load balancing, where traffic is distributed across several paths to optimize network performance, or because of variations in ICMP responses from different interfaces or routes.

13 Ping Latency to stanford.edu

Command Used:

ping -c 50 stanford.edu

Screenshot:

```
PING stanford.edu (2607:f6d0:0:925a::ab43:d7c8) 56 data bytes
64 bytes from web.stanford.edu (2607:f6d0:0:925a::ab43:d7c8): icmp_seq=1 ttl=55 time=338 ms
64 bytes from web.stanford.edu (2607:f6d0:0:925a::ab43:d7c8): icmp_seq=3 ttl=55 time=331 ms
64 bytes from web.stanford.edu (2607:f6d0:0:925a::ab43:d7c8): icmp_seq=4 ttl=55 time=250 ms
64 bytes from web.stanford.edu (2607:f6d0:0:925a::ab43:d7c8): icmp_seq=5 ttl=55 time=273 ms
64 bytes from web.stanford.edu (2607:f6d0:0:925a::ab43:d7c8): icmp_seq=7 ttl=55 time=319 ms
64 bytes from web.stanford.edu (2607:f6d0:0:925a::ab43:d7c8): icmp_seq=8 ttl=55 time=342 ms
64 bytes from web.stanford.edu (2607:f6d0:0:925a::ab43:d7c8): icmp_seq=9 ttl=55 time=262 ms
64 bytes from web.stanford.edu (2607:f6d0:0:925a::ab43:d7c8): icmp_seq=10 ttl=55 time=285 ms 64 bytes from web.stanford.edu (2607:f6d0:0:925a::ab43:d7c8): icmp_seq=11 ttl=55 time=309 ms
64 bytes from web.stanford.edu (2607:f6d0:0:925a::ab43:d7c8): icmp_seq=13 ttl=55 time=252 ms
64 bytes from web.stanford.edu (2607:f6d0:0:925a::ab43:d7c8): icmp_seq=14 ttl=55 time=275 ms 64 bytes from web.stanford.edu (2607:f6d0:0:925a::ab43:d7c8): icmp_seq=15 ttl=55 time=299 ms
64 bytes from web.stanford.edu (2607:f6d0:0:925a::ab43:d7c8): icmp_seq=17 ttl=55 time=333 ms
64 bytes from web.stanford.edu (2607:f6d0:0:925a::ab43:d7c8): icmp_seq=19 ttl=55 time=290 ms
64 bytes from web.stanford.edu (2607:f6d0:0:925a::ab43:d7c8): icmp_seq=20 ttl=55 time=310 ms
64 bytes from web.stanford.edu (2607:f6d0:0:925a::ab43:d7c8): icmp_seq=21 ttl=55 time=318 ms
64 bytes from web.stanford.edu (2607:f6d0:0:925a::ab43:d7c8): icmp_seq=22 ttl=55 time=254 ms
64 bytes from web.stanford.edu (2607:f6d0:0:925a::ab43:d7c8): icmp_seq=23 ttl=55 time=277 ms
64 bytes from web.stanford.edu (2607:f6d0:0:925a::ab43:d7c8): icmp_seq=24 ttl=55 time=300 ms 64 bytes from web.stanford.edu (2607:f6d0:0:925a::ab43:d7c8): icmp_seq=25 ttl=55 time=325 ms
64 bytes from web.stanford.edu (2607:f6d0:0:925a::ab43:d7c8): icmp_seq=26 ttl=55 time=243 ms
64 bytes from web.stanford.edu (2607:f6d0:0:925a::ab43:d7c8): icmp_seq=28 ttl=55 time=288 ms 64 bytes from web.stanford.edu (2607:f6d0:0:925a::ab43:d7c8): icmp_seq=29 ttl=55 time=311 ms
64 bytes from web.stanford.edu (2607:f6d0:0:925a::ab43:d7c8): icmp_seq=32 ttl=55 time=278 ms 64 bytes from web.stanford.edu (2607:f6d0:0:925a::ab43:d7c8): icmp_seq=33 ttl=55 time=302 ms
64 bytes from web.stanford.edu (2607:f6d0:0:925a::ab43:d7c8): icmp_seq=34 ttl=55 time=304 ms
64 bytes from web.stanford.edu (2607:f6d0:0:925a::ab43:d7c8): icmp_seq=36 ttl=55 time=268 ms 64 bytes from web.stanford.edu (2607:f6d0:0:925a::ab43:d7c8): icmp_seq=37 ttl=55 time=290 ms
64 bytes from web.stanford.edu (2607:f6d0:0:925a::ab43:d7c8): icmp_seq=39 ttl=55 time=336 ms
64 bytes from web.stanford.edu (2607:f6d0:0:925a::ab43:d7c8): icmp_seq=41 ttl=55 time=280 ms
64 bytes from web.stanford.edu (2607:f6d0:0:925a::ab43:d7c8): icmp_seq=43 ttl=55 time=326 ms
64 bytes from web.stanford.edu (2607:f6d0:0:925a::ab43:d7c8): icmp_seq=44 ttl=55 time=247 ms
64 bytes from web.stanford.edu (2607:f6d0:0:925a::ab43:d7c8): icmp_seq=45 ttl=55 time=270 ms
64 bytes from web.stanford.edu (2607:f6d0:0:925a::ab43:d7c8): icmp_seq=46 ttl=55 time=292 ms 64 bytes from web.stanford.edu (2607:f6d0:0:925a::ab43:d7c8): icmp_seq=47 ttl=55 time=316 ms
64 bytes from web.stanford.edu (2607:f6d0:0:925a::ab43:d7c8): icmp_seq=48 ttl=55 time=289 ms
64 bytes from web.stanford.edu (2607:f6d0:0:925a::ab43:d7c8): icmp_seq=49 ttl=55 time=260 ms
64 bytes from web.stanford.edu (2607:f6d0:0:925a::ab43:d7c8): icmp_seq=50 ttl=55 time=284 ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 236.569/290.316/341.609/29.009 ms
```

Figure 9: Ping latency to stanford.edu

Average Latency: The average latency to stanford.edu is 290.316 ms.

14 Traceroute to stanford.edu

Command Used:

traceroute stanford.edu

Screenshot:

Figure 10: Traceroute to stanford.edu

14.1 Observation

Number of Hops:

• google.in: 13 hops

• stanford.edu: 12 hops

14.2 Comparison

The traceroute to stanford.edu has one fewer hop compared to the traceroute to google.in. This indicates a slightly shorter network path to stanford.edu in terms of the number of devices traversed.

15 Latency Difference Explanation

Explanation: The latency difference between <code>google.in</code> and <code>stanford.edu</code> is primarily due to geographical distance and network routing. <code>stanford.edu</code> is located in the United States, which is significantly farther from the client compared to <code>google.in</code>, likely located in India or a nearby region. The increased distance and the complexity of international network paths result in higher latency for <code>stanford.edu</code>. Additionally, factors such as server load and intermediate network congestion may further contribute to the observed latency differences.

16 Making Ping Fail for 127.0.0.1

Command Used:

sudo iptables -A OUTPUT -p icmp --icmp-type echo-request -j DROP

Screenshot:

```
→ ~ sudo iptables -A OUTPUT -p icmp --icmp-type echo-request -j DROP
[sudo] password for xegtor:
→ ~ ping -w 5 127.0.0.1
PING 127.0.0.1 (127.0.0.1) 56(84) bytes of data.
--- 127.0.0.1 ping statistics ---
5 packets transmitted, 0 received, 100% packet loss, time 4059ms
```

Figure 11: Ping failure for 127.0.0.1

16.1 Explanation

To make the ping command fail for 127.0.0.1 with 100% packet loss, I used the iptables command to drop all ICMP echo request packets sent from my system. This effectively blocks all ping requests to 127.0.0.1, resulting in 100% packet loss.