

Intro to Networking & Linux Networking Commands

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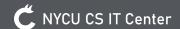
Introduction to Networking

TCP/IP Model

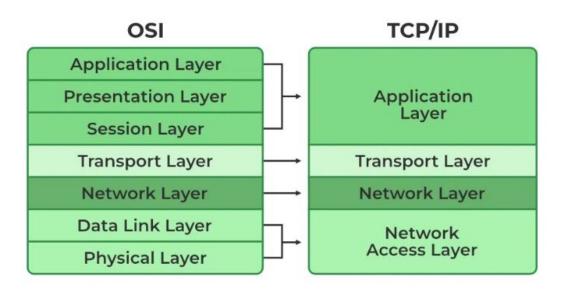
- Network Access Layer (or Link Layer, Layer-2)
 - Handles physical transmission of data frames.
 - Ethernet, IEEE 802.11 (Wi-Fi)
- Internet Layer (or Network Layer, Layer-3)
 - Routes and forwards packets across interconnected networks.
 - o IPv4, IPv6
- Transport Layer (Layer-4)
 - o TCP, UDP
- Application Layer (Layer-7)
 - o HTTP, SMTP

Network Access Layer Header Network Layer Header Transport Layer Header **Application Layer** Header Payload

▲ Illustration of encapsulation

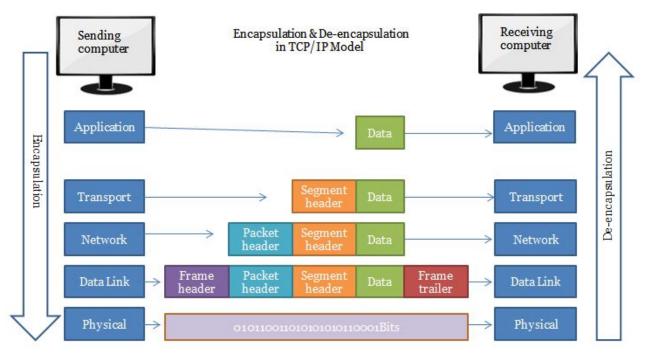


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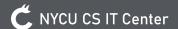


source: TCP/IP Model - GeeksforGeeks

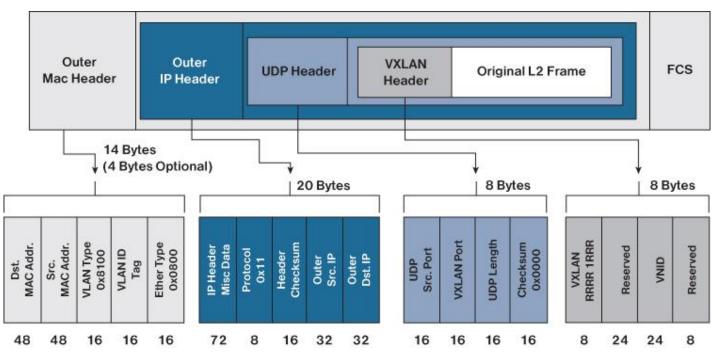
Packet Encapsulation



source: <u>Data Encapsulation and De-encapsulation Explained</u>



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source: Virtual Extensible LAN (VXLAN) Overview | Cisco Press

Layer-2 - Local Area Network (LAN)

- A network that interconnects devices within a limited area of a single broadcast domain.
 - Broadcast domain: Every device can receive frames through L2 broadcasting.
- Devices on the same LAN can **physically** communicate with each other with MAC addresses.

Layer-2 - MAC Address & ARP

- MAC (Media Access Control) address is a universally unique identifier for network interface card (NIC).
- ARP (Address Resolution Protocol) helps devices know IP-MAC mapping.

Layer-2 - MAC Learning

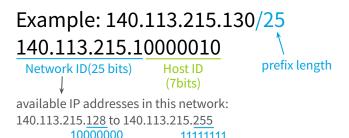
- Each NIC maintains an ARP table, which stores IP-MAC mapping.
 - When NIC wants to know the MAC address of certain IP address, it will send ARP request to ask who has the IP address.
 - The one having the requested IP address will response with an ARP reply, containing its own MAC address.
- Switch maintains MAC address table, which stores port-MAC mapping.
 - Which is "which MAC address is reachable through which port".
 - When switch sees a packet flows into a port, it records the port-MAC mapping to the table.
 - If table miss, the packet will be flooded to all ports.



source: Cisco Catalyst 2960 Series Switches

Layer-3 - IPv4 address

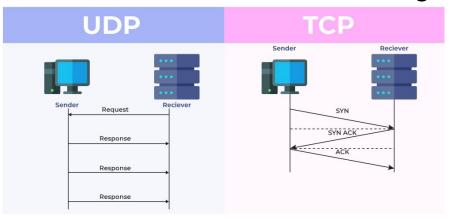
- 32 bits long, hierarchical addressing
- Consists of two parts
 - High order bits: Network ID (or Subnet ID)
 - Low order bits: Host ID
- Two special IP addresses in each network
 - First IP: Network Number, e.g. 140.113.0.0/24, 140.113.215.128/25
 - Last IP: Broadcast IP, e.g. 140.113.255.255/16, 140.113.215.127/25
 - Conventionally, we use the second-to-last IP address as gateway
- Reserved IP addresses
 - Private network: 192.168.0.0/16, 172.16.0.0/12, 10.0.0.0/8
 - Loopback addresses: 127.0.0.0/8
 - Link-local addresses, multicast addresses, etc.

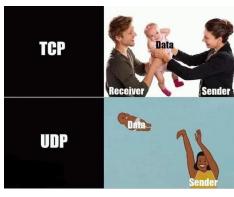


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Layer-4

- TCP (Transmission Control Protocol) ensures reliable, ordered, and error-checked delivery of data between applications.
- UDP (User Datagram Protocol) sends data without guaranteeing delivery, order, or error correction, making it faster but less reliable.





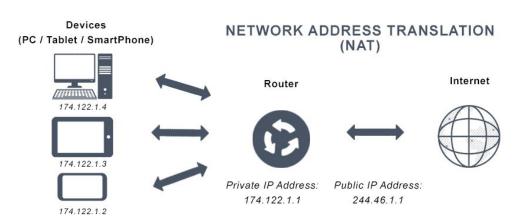
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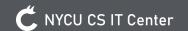


NAT

- NAT (Network Address Translation) is a technique that allows multiple devices on a local network to share a single public IP address.
- It is achieved by modifying the IP address information in packet headers as they pass through a router or firewall.



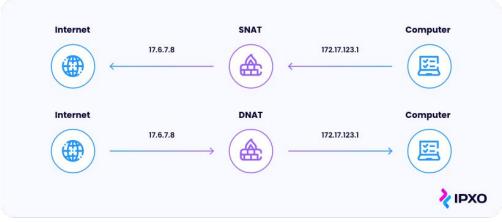
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NAT

- There are two types: SNAT (Source NAT) and DNAT (Destination NAT).
 - SNAT modifies the source IP address of outgoing packets (usually to a router's public IP).

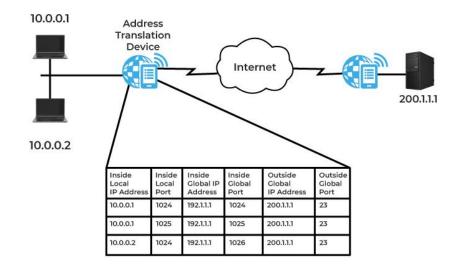
• DNAT changes the destination IP of incoming packets to direct them to specific devices within a private network.



source: What Is Network Address Translation? A Guide to NAT - IPXO

FYR - NAT Table

- Router or firewall will maintain a mapping of private address & port to public address & port.
- The mapping is called NAT table.
 - Inside Local: Host's private address
 - Inside Global: Host's address after NAT
 - Outside Global: Target host's address
 - Outside Local: Target host seen from the internal network, often the same as Outside global

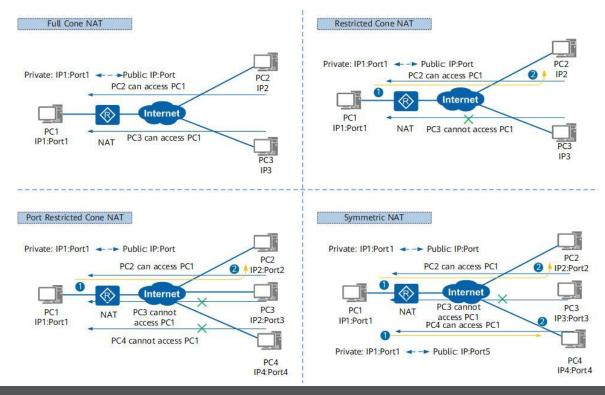


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FYR - NAT Cone Type

- For example, in a connection from PC to 1.1.1.1:22, ip1:port1 is mapped to ip2:port2.
 - Full Cone: Any external host can access ip1:port1 via ip2:port2.
 - Address Restricted Cone: Only 1.1.1.1 can access ip1:port1 via ip2:port2.
 - Port Restricted Cone: Only 1.1.1.1:22 can access ip1:port1 via ip2:port2.
 - **Symmetric**: As strict as Port Restricted Cone, but different destinations will have different public address-port pairs.

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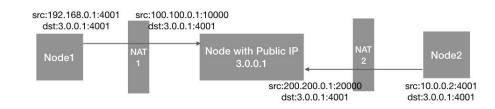
NAT Traversal

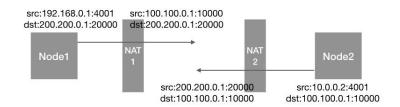
- NAT traversal enables devices behind NAT to establish and maintain peer-to-peer connections across the internet by bypassing NAT barriers.
- Methods: UDP hole punching, TURN, etc.
- <u>How NAT traversal works</u> is a great article from Tailscale, you can learn much from it.

NAT Traversal

Example: UDP hole punching.

- 1. Clients send a request to a public node.
- The public node knows the NAT address-port pairs of the clients.
- The public node tells the clients where each other is.
- The clients directly send messages to the NAT endpoint.





source: Proposal for NAT UDP hole-punching · Issue #433 · libp2p/go-libp2p · GitHub



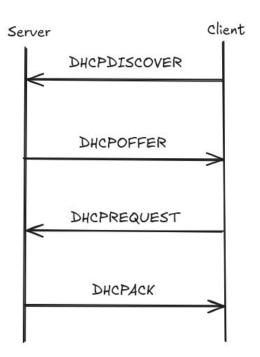
DHCP

- DHCP (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol) provides a framework for passing configuration information to hosts on a TCP/IP network
 - o It can pass IP address, hostname, gateway, DNS server, etc.
- DHCP is based on the Bootstrap Protocol (BOOTP).

DHCP - Client-Server Interaction

- 1. Client broadcasts DHCPDISCOVER message
- 2. Server responds with DHCPOFFER message
- 3. Client sends DHCPREQUEST message to server
- 4. Server replies with DHCPACK message

Finally, the client gets an IP address (DHCP lease).

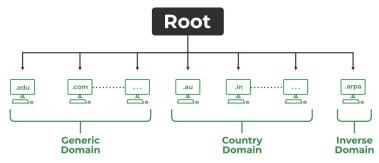


DHCP - Server

- DHCP server has a pool of IP addresses, which can be assigned to clients.
- When DHCP server offers an IP address to client, it remembers the IP-MAC mapping of that client.
- With the records, the DHCP server knows which IP addresses are still available.
 - Note: If you set an IP address in DHCP pool to an interface, the DHCP server will not know about this, and it can lead to IP address conflict.

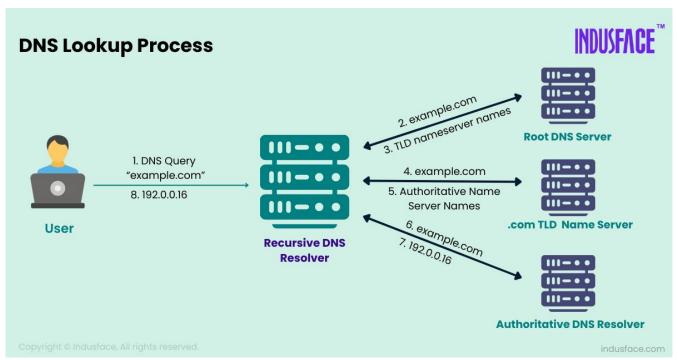
DNS

- DNS (Domain Name System) translates human-friendly domain names (like example.com) into IP addresses, the identifier on Internet.
 - The Internet's phonebook
- A domain name is hierarchical; the rightmost part is the highest level in the hierarchy.
- The resolution starts from the highest level.



source: <u>Domain Name System (DNS) - GeeksforGeeks</u>

DNS



source: Understanding DNS: What It Is & How It Works | Indusface



DNS - Roles

- Client: Sends DNS queries to server.
- Resolver: Accepts your DNS queries and resolve the name for you.
- Root DNS server: Directs DNS queries to the appropriate TLD servers based on the extension of a domain name (like .com).
- **TLD Server**: Points to the authoritative DNS servers responsible for specific domain names within its TLD zone.
 - TLD: Top Level Domain
- Authoritative DNS Server: Holds the actual DNS records for a domain and provides final, trusted answers to DNS queries.

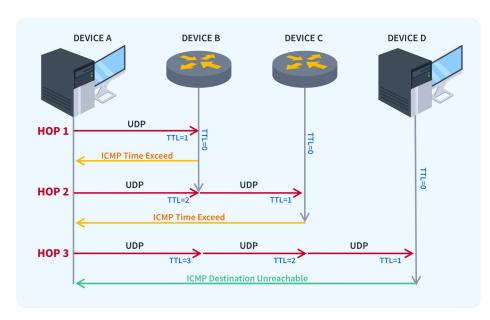
DNS - Record Types

- SOA: The primary authoritative DNS server, administrative information like the domain's serial number, refresh rate, and contact details
- A: The IPv4 address of a domain name
- AAAA: IPv6 version of A record
- NS: A list of the authoritative DNS servers
- MX: The mail server responsible for receiving email on behalf of a domain
- TXT: Arbitrary text data

Linux Networking Tools

traceroute

- It prints every hop packets flows to, from you to a given host.
- It's often used when you want to troubleshoot reachability and routing.



Source: What is the Traceroute Command in Linux?

traceroute

- Frequently used options
 - -n: Do not try to print hostname for each hop. Only showing numeric IP address.
 - -I/-T: Using ICMP ECHO/TCP SYN packet for probing route
 - Traceroute use UDP as default. But Firewall may blocked UDP.
 - -z sendwait: Waiting sendwait between each probe packet
 - If sendwait <= 10, the unit will be second. Otherwise unit will be milisecond.</p>

mtr (My TraceRoute)

- It provides a prettier interface for traceroute.
- It can repeatedly preform traceroute and automatically caculate summarized statistics.

source: mtr (My TraceRoute) — usage and practice

tcpdump

- A tool for capturing packets through NIC and dumping captured packets.
- Filter expression allows users to capture packets that satisfy some conditions.
 - Such expression is called pcap-filter. See manual.
- Frequently used options
 - o **-i** *interface*: monitor on *interface*. Usually require root permission.
 - -q/-v/-vv/-vvv: output quietly / verbosly / more verbosly / much more verbosly
 - -A/-x/-X: print captured packet header and content in ASCII / HEX / both.
 - -w file: save captured packet in file (in PCAP Capture File Format, binary)
 - ∘ -r file: read packet info from file.
- For example, tcpdump -i eth0 dst port 80 captures packets passing through the eth0 interface where the destination port is 80.

FYR: WireShark

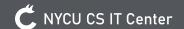
It can be viewed as tcpdump with GUI.

You can dump the packets with tcpdump -w and open the PCAP file with

WireShark.

Apply a display filter ... <Ctrl-/> Expression... Protocol Length Info 6.204622 TLSv1.2 166 Application Data 66 443 - 37022 [ACK] Seq=399 Ack=727 Win=373 Len=0 TSval=3700939030 TSecr=82844624 6.231284 TCP 6.231313 TCP 74 443 - 43032 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=26847 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM=1 TSval=2 6.231346 TCP 66 43032 - 443 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=29312 Len=0 TSval=82844631 TSecr=2216552151 6.232757 TLSv1.2 583 Client Hello 6.282236 TCP 74 443 - 43034 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=26847 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM=1 TSval=22 6.282284 TCP 66 43034 - 443 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=29312 Len=0 TSval=82844644 TSecr=2216552191 6.283618 TLSv1.2 583 Client Hello 6 324864 TCD 66 443 - 43032 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=518 Win=30464 Len=0 TSval=2216552202 TSecr=82844631 6.324900 TLSv1.2 1514 Server Hello 6.324922 TCP 66 43032 - 443 [ACK] Seq=518 Ack=1449 Win=32128 Len=0 TSval=82844654 TSecr=2216552202 6.324945 TLSv1.2 1514 Certificate[TCP segment of a reassembled PDU] 6.324958 TCP 66 43032 - 443 [ACK] Seg=518 Ack=2897 Win=35072 Len=0 TSval=82844654 TSecr=2216552202 6.324968 TLSv1.2 184 Server Key Exchange, Server Hello Done 6.324979 TCP 66 43032 - 443 [ACK] Seq=518 Ack=3015 Win=35072 Len=0 TSval=82844654 TSecr=2216552202 6.329104 TLSv1.2 192 Client Key Exchange, Change Cipher Spec, Hello Request, Hello Request 6.345243 TLSv1.2 856 Application Data 6.345299 TLSv1.2 1484 Application Data 6.345330 TCP 66 37022 - 443 [ACK] Seg=727 Ack=2607 Win=2605 Len=0 TSval=82844659 TSecr=3700939144 6.345362 TLSv1.2 1484 Application Data 6.347691 TLSv1.2 1484 Application Data 6.347749 TCP 66 37022 - 443 [ACK] Seq=727 Ack=5443 Win=2605 Len=0 TSval=82844660 TSecr=3700939144 6.347781 TLSv1.2 1484 Application Data 6.347807 TLSv1.2 1484 Application Data 6.347829 TCP 66 37022 - 443 [ACK] Seq=727 Ack=8279 Win=2605 Len=0 TSval=82844660 TSecr=3700939144 ▶ Frame 205: 1484 bytes on wire (11872 bits), 1484 bytes captured (11872 bits) ▶ Ethernet II, Src: Tp-LinkT_95:d8:3e (c4:6e:1f:95:d8:3e), Dst: IntelCor_00:d1:60 (3c:a9:f4:00:d1:60) ▶ Internet Protocol Version 4. Src: 172,217,13,100, Dst: 192,168,1,170 ▶ Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 443, Dst Port: 37022, Seq: 82934, Ack: 1254, Len: 1418 ▶ Secure Sockets Layer 30 30 39 T4 00 d1 60 c4 60 1T 95 d8 30 08 00 45 00 <.....n ...>..E. 05 be 3d 44 00 00 39 06 c2 66 ac d9 0d 64 c0 a8 ..=D..9. .f...d. 01 aa 01 bb 90 9e 18 e1 c8 de 99 9e 67 49 80 18gI. 01 84 e5 86 00 00 01 01 08 0a dc 97 da b6 04 f0 1c 3b 17 03 03 05 85 8e 9d 34 7f 7d a7 ba 7c c9 .;.....4.}..|
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source: How I use Wireshark



dig

- A tool to perform **DNS lookups** and display the answers
 - Another useful tool for similar functionality is <u>nslookup</u>.
- Syntax: dig @server name type
 - You can also use dig @server -t type name to eliminate ambiguity
 - The types can be A, AAAA, MX, TXT, etc., and the default is A.
- Frequently used options
 - -x addr: performs reverse DNS lookup for addr
 - You do not need to provide name and type, if using this options.
 - +noall +answer: displays only answer section
 - +short: displays only rightmost column of answer section

SS

- A tool used to dump socket statistics
- Frequently used options
 - -n: show numeric port number
 - o -r: show hostname instead of IP address
 - -4/-6: show IPv4/6
 - -t/-u/-x: show TCP/UDP/Unix domain socket
 - -p: show process which uses socket
 - -1: show listening socket

SS

- ss supports advanced filtering.
- The filter can be combined with the options.
- For example,
 - ss state listening: filter the sockets in listening state
 - ss -t dst :22: filter the TCP sockets connected to 22 port of any host
 - ss dst :5432 and src 127.0.0.1: filter the sockets connected to 5432 port of any host and initiate from 127.0.0.1

FYR - netstat

- netstat is an old tool, and ss is its modern alternative.
 - In some old machines, you can only use netstat.
- For example,
 - netstat -1: list the listening sockets
 - o netstat -nt | grep ':5432': list TCP connections and grep 5432 port

SSH

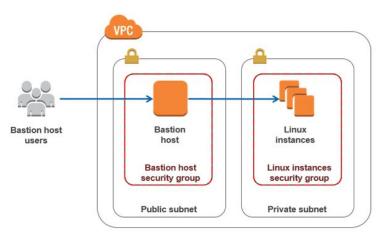
- Perhaps the most useful tool for login into a remote host machine
 - Besides CLI arguments, you can also use config file to manage ssh options, per host basis.
- Frequently used options
 - -1 username: tried login remote machine as username
 - -p port: specify port on remote machine to connect to.
 - or you can write as: [user@]dst_hostname[:port]
 - o **-i** id_file: specify id_file as private key file for public key authentication
 - -J [user@]dst[:port]: first connect to dst, then connect to host from dst.
 - useful when host is public unreachable, and dst is a entrypoint of such intranet.
 - -L/-R: SSH port forwarding. Details on following pages.
 - You can also read this great <u>article</u> for more info.

SSH

- You can use SSH key to login without password.
- The steps:
 - Use ssh-keygen to generate a key pair.
 - Copy the public key to ~/.ssh/authorized_keys on remote host.
 - Try ssh again and you should be able to login without password.

SSH

- If you have a SSH bastion, you can use -J to access internal hosts via the bastion.
- For example, ssh -J <user>@<bastion> <user>@<target host>.



source: <u>Understanding the Purpose and Secure deployment of an SSH Bastion!!</u>



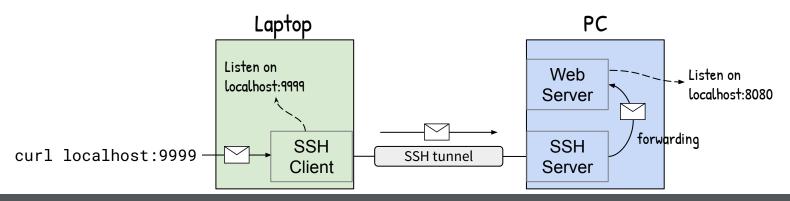
SSH - Local Port Forwarding

- You're doing your homework with an laptop at coffee shop.
 - That is, your laptop is very likely behind NAT, which is **not publicly reachable**.
- Your nginx is running on your PC in your dorm with a public IP.
 - The nginx server is listening request on 127.0.0.1:8080.
- You want to access your nginx from your laptop.



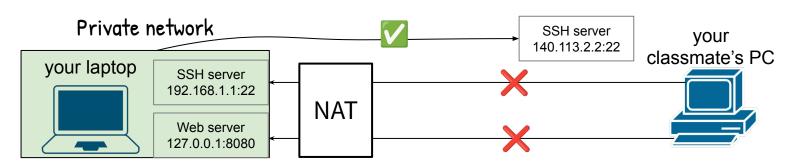
SSH - Local Port Forwarding

- -L [bind_address:]port:host:hostport
 - Example: client runs ssh <server_addr> -L 9999:localhost:5432
 - 9999: laptop's port
 - localhost: 5432: the address remote host (PC) sees
 - SSH client will listen on local address, and forward packet to SSH server.
 - SSH server will transmit forwarded packet to remote address.



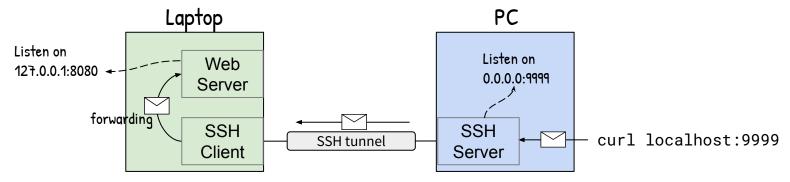
SSH - Remote Port Forwarding

- Your classmate wants to connect to the web server on your laptop, but your laptop is behind NAT.
- Why local port forwarding is impossible in this case?
 - Since your laptop is behind NAT, your classmate cannot SSH onto your laptop.
- Solution: Remote port forwarding



SSH - Remote Port Forwarding

- -R [bind_address:]port:host:hostport
 - Example: client runs ssh server_addr -R 0.0.0.0:9999:127.0.0.1:5432
 - 0.0.0.0:9999: listen address of remote PC
 - 127.0.0.1:5432: service address of the laptop
 - SSH server will listen on remote address, and forward packet to SSH client
 - SSH client will transmit forwarded packet into local address





iproute2

- A tool can manage various network objects.
- Mostly used:

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    ip address: manage address on a device. (man)
    ip link: configure network device, or create virtual device. (man)
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- o **ip route**: configure routing table. (man)
- For reference of other objects, see <u>ip(8)</u>
- Frequently used options:
 - -c: print result in color.

iproute2 - ip link

- ip link show: show all interfaces (show can be omitted)
- **ip link show** *bridge*: show bridge interfaces
- ip link add name dum0 type dummy: add a dummy dev called dum0
- **ip link add name** veth11 **type** veth **peer name** veth22
 - Add a veth pair, one end named veth11 and other end name veth22
- ip link set eth0 up/down: bring eth0 up/down
- ip link set veth11 master br0: connect ve11 onto bridge br0
- ip link del dum0: delete dev dum0

iproute2 - ip address

- ip addr show: show addresses of all interfaces
- ip addr show up: show addresses of up interfaces
- ip a add 192.168.100.1/24 brd 192.168.100.255 dev eth0
 - Add such address to dev eth0
 - o brd can also be replaced with +, which represents last the IP address in the subnet.
- **ip a del** 192.168.100.1/24 **dev** eth0: Remove such address
- ip a flush dev eth0: remove all address on eth0

- **ip route** [show]: print the routing table
- ip route add 10.1.100.0/24 via 192.168.2.254 dev tun0
 - Add a route: for packet destination prefix with 10.1.100.0/24, send it from tun0 and use 192.168.2.254 as next hop.
- ip route add default via 192.168.1.254 dev eth0
 - Set default gateway to 192.168.1.254.
- ip route del 10.1.100.0/24 via 192.168.2.254 dev tun0
 - Delete such route.
- **ip** route **get** to 8.8.8.8
 - Show which route will be chosen for 8.8.8.8
 - Useful when debug



default via 172.18.23.254 dev wlo1 proto dhcp src 172.18.16.1 metric 600 172.18.16.0/21 dev wlo1 proto kernel scope link src 172.18.16.1 metric 600 172.18.16.0/24 dev wlo2 proto static scope link src 172.18.16.2

- The output of ip route is shown above.
- The first field is destination prefix.
 - For most common case, packet route is decided by its destination.
 - If the prefix of packet destination matchs a route, the route will be a candicate.
 - o If there are multiple candidates, the route with **longest prefix** will be chosen.
 - o default is an alias for 0.0.0.0/0, which covers all IPv4 addresses.
 - For example,
 - 172.18.17.1 matches 1st and 2nd route. The 2nd route will be chosen since it has prefix length 21.
 - 172.18.16.1 matches 1st, 2nd & 3rd route. The 3rd route will be chosen since it has prefix length 24.

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- dev means the interface the packet will go to.
- proto indicates the method to obtain this route
 - o kernel means it is from auto configuration.
 - static means it is manually set.
- via means the address of next hop
 - i.e. gateway, i.e. "the next router this packet should go to"
 - Route with no next hop implies destination should resides in same subnet (LAN).



- If you want to make your Linux machine a router:
 - Besides well configured routing table, you should also <u>enable packet forwarding</u>.
 - Perhaps you should also configure netfilter.
- In default, packet route is decided based on destination address
 - If you want to use source address or other info on packet for routing decision, consider
 Policy-based routing
 - For more info, read this article, ip-rule(8), and table option of ip-route(8)



FYR - nmap

- A tool for network discovery and security auditing
- You can use it to quickly found reachable host and their open port.
 - onmap can also infer what service is actually running on this port, see manual.
- USED WITH CAUTION. You may get banned. Especially in school.
 - You can use scanme.nmap.org as target, for testing and practicing.

-sn: only host discovery	-n: do not perforn DNS resolve	-v: verbose output	-e interface: use which interface
-0: show host OS version	-sV: probing for version of service	-ss: use TCP SYN for port scanning	-p portsRange: scan only portsRange

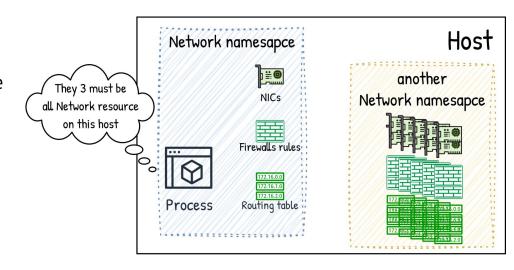
FYR - iperf3

- iperf3 is used to measure network traffic, including throughput and latency.
 - FYR: iperf2 and iperf3 are different projects, maintained by different teams, with different goals.
 - We will only cover iperf3.
- iperf allows you test network between client and server.
 - Both need to run iperf. server runs iperf -s, while client runs iperf -c serverAddr.
- Frequently used options
 - -p port: run iperf on specified port; The default value is 5201.
 - -D: server only; making iperf3 server run as daemon (at background)
 - **-b** *n*[*KMGT*]: client only; set target bitrate to *n* bits/sec
 - -t time/-n n[KMGT]: client only; run for time seconds / run until send n bytes

Linux Networking Features

Network Namespace

- Network namespace
 - Fundamental of container network
 - Logically separate network resource
 - Each namespace has its own:
 - Routing table
 - Firewall rules
 - Network devices (NICs)
- Process can only see and manipulate network resource within its namespace.



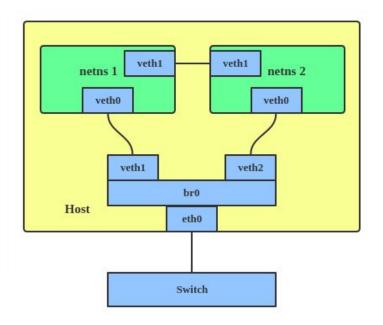
veth

- A special type of virtual interface and always comes in pair.
- Two veth interfaces can be in different namespace.
 - It enables cross-namespace communication.
- Veth transmits packet from/to peer veth
 - You can think the link between veth pair as an ethernet cable.

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Bridge

- A special type of virtual interfaces
- It acts like a lightweight virtual switch.
 - Physical/Virtual network interface can connected to it.
- Bridge can forward packets to/from connected interface.



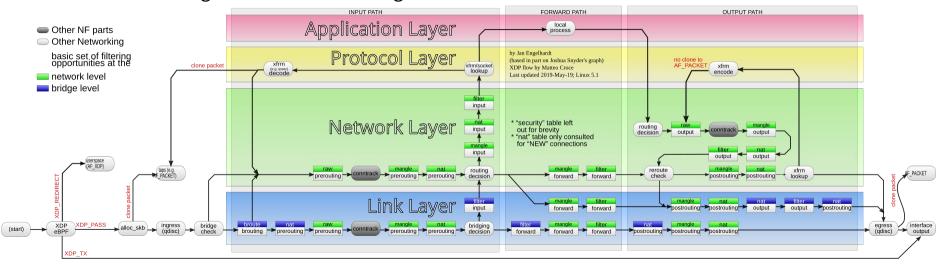
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netfilter

- Netfilter is a community-driven collaborative FOSS project.
- It provides packet filtering software for the Linux 2.4.x and later kernel.
 - Packet filtering
 - Network address (and port) translation
 - Userspace packet queueing
 - Packet mangling

netfilter

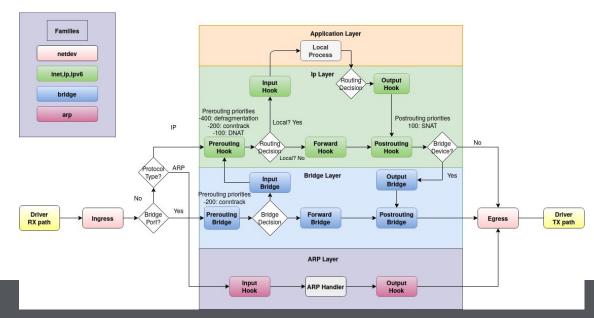
- xtables (legacy)
 - o iptables, arptables, ebtables
 - Allowing kernel modules to register callback functions





netfilter

- nftables
 - Replacing the legacy xtables with **nftables families**
 - No predefined tables in nftables framework



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systemd-networkd

- <u>System daemon</u> can manage network configurations.
 - But it's not the only option in Debian.
- It detects and configures network devices that matched some rules.
 - o It's useful for container or VM network, as they may create virtual device dynamically.
 - It can also create virtual device.
- Use three kinds of network configuration
 - network: configures network device
 - netdev: creates virtual network device
 - .link: modifies attributes of physical device (used by udev)
- <u>networkctl</u> is a CLI tool to interact with daemon.

systemd-networkd - Syntax

- Each configuration file contains multiple sections.
 - [<Section name>] indicates the start of a section
- Each section contains one or more key-value pairs
 - syntax: key=value
 - One line for one key-value pair.
- Configuration file should be placed in /etc/systemd/network/ to be recongnized by systemd-networkd.

- The .network configuration file will only applied on matched interface.
 - We need to specify rules for matching interface.
 - Such rules should reside in [Match] section.
 - Interfaces that satisfy all rules in [Match] section will then be configured by that config file.

```
[Match]
Name=eth0 eth1
```

```
[Match]
Name=eth*
```

```
[Match]
Name=!br0
MACAddress=12:34:56:78:90:ab
Kind=Bridge
```

- systemd-networkd loads configuration files in filename lexicographic orders.
 - That is, bar.network will be processed before foo.network.
- In convention, we prefix filename with 2 digits.
 - e.g. 40-foo.network
 - This way, we can easily tell the priority of each configuration file
- Note that interface can be configured with only first matched configuration file.
 - When an interface is matched by multiple configuration files, the interface will only configured by the file with higher priority

- Every section except [Match] is used for configuring interface.
- Sections you should know:
 - [Link] corresponding with hardware properties of interface
 - [Address] setting address of interface
 - [Route] setting route of interface
 - [Network] miscellaneous
 - Contains key about DNS, DHCP, LLDP, NTP, NAT, Address, Route, Gateway, Master device (e.g. Master bridge), etc.

```
[Link]
MACAddress=12:34:56:78:9A:BC
MTUBytes=1500
ActivationPolicy=always-up
```

- It will configure interface:
 - Sets its MAC address to 12:34:56:78:9A:BC
 - Sets its MTU to 1500B
 - Makes it "always-up".

```
[Address]
Address=192.168.1.1/24
[Address]
Address=192.168.2.1/24
Broadcast=true
AddPrefixRoute=true
```

- Multiple [Address] sections = multiple addresses are configured.
 - The first will be 192.168.1.1/24, and the second will be 192.168.2.1/24
 - o Broadcast=true: broadcast address is auto derived from address. Default is true.
 - 192.168.1.255, 192.168.2.255 in this case.
 - AddPrefixRoute=true: it will add a route based on address. Default is true.
 - Routes with destination prefixes 192.168.1.0/24, 192.168.2.0/24 in this case.

```
[Route]
Destination=192.168.3.0/24
Gateway=192.168.1.254
[Route]
Destination=0.0.0.0/0
Gateway=10.2.2.2
```

- Multiple [Route] sections mean that multiple routes are configured.
 - Routes configured by this way will go out via corresponding interface.
- For example, if eth0 is matched, this config will generate 2 routes:
 - default via 10.2.2.2 dev eth0
 - 192.168.3.0/24 via 192.168.1.254 dev eth0

[Network]
Address=192.168.1.1/24
Address=192.168.2.1/24
Gateway=192.168.1.254/24
DNS=8.8.8.8
IPv4Forwarding=yes

- Address: shorthand of [Address] section with only Address key is specified
 - Specified multiple times = multiple addresses
- Gateway: shorthand of [Route] section with only
 Gateway key is specified
 - It will be default route, since destination is not specified
- DNS: address of DNS server
- IPv4Forwarding: enable packet forwarding on this interface

systemd-networkd - .netdev

- The .netdev files can be used to create virtual devices.
- We create a simple bridge interface as example.

systemd-networkd - .netdev

- First, we need a . netdev file to create the bridge interface.
 - Follow the convention, name it
 20-br0.netdev.
- After the creation, you can see the interface via ip a, but it does not have any address.

[NetDev] Name=br0 Kind=bridge

systemd-networkd - .netdev

- We next bind eth0 to br0.
 - Name it 20-br0-eth0.network.
 - Note: the .network file for eth0 should be removed.
- Finally, we set configure
 - .network file for br0.
 - Name it 20-br0.network.

```
[Match]
Name=eth0

[Network]
Bridge=br0
```

```
[Match]
Name=br0

[Network]
DHCP=yes
```

networkctl

- A CLI tool for interacting with systemd-networkd
- networkctl or networkctl list: list interface and their status
- networkctl status <interface>: print detailed status of a interface
- networkctl reload: reload configuration

networkctl

In the output of networkctl, you can see operational and setup status.

IDX	LINK	TYPE	OPERATIONAL	SETUP
1	1o	loopback	carrier	unmanaged
2	eth0	ether	degraded	configuring
3	eth1	ether	routable	configured
5	dum1	ether	off	unmanaged
6	tap0	ether	no-carrier	unmanaged



networkctl

- off: powered off
- no-carrier: powered on but has no carrier
 - E.g. for a ethernet interface, no-carrier means unplugged
- degraded: has carrier but is not routable yet
 - Definitely cannot go beyond the local network
 - E.g. has address but no gateway
- routable
 - Possibly can reach external network

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systemd-networkd - Troubleshooting

- If a network configuration seems does not applied:
 - Check output of networkctl for overview of interfaces.
 - Check output of networkctl status <interface> for more detailed information.
 - Check which configuration file is applied on such interface.
 - Use journalctl -u systemd-networkd to check log of daemon.
 - Use net tools we discussed in previous sections to diagnose network.

systemd-resolved

- A systemd service managing name resolution
- The main configuration file is /etc/systemd/resolved.conf, and all files under /etc/systemd/resolved.conf.d/ will be included.

systemd-resolved

- For DNS, most of the configuration can be done under [Resolve] section.
- Frequently used attributes
 - DNS: the main DNS servers, listed in space-separated way
 - o FallbackDNS: DNS servers used when all main DNS servers fail
 - Domain: the search domain (the domain suffix)
 - DNSSEC: enable DNSSEC or not

```
[Resolve]
DNS=1.1.1.1 8.8.8.8
FallbackDNS=8.8.4.4
Domains=cs.nycu.edu.tw
DNSSEC=yes
```

systemd-resolved - Troubleshooting

- Check the status via resolvectl status.
- Check query results via resolvectl query <domain name>.