

Optimisation del ancho de banda (Intro Monitoring, 1st part)



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Monitoring

- Why does it mean “*monitoring the network*”?
- Why is it important to monitor the network?
- How can we monitor the network?
- What information do we need to better understand the status of the network? Do we only need to monitor the network?

Quick intro/review of basic Linux/Fedora concepts

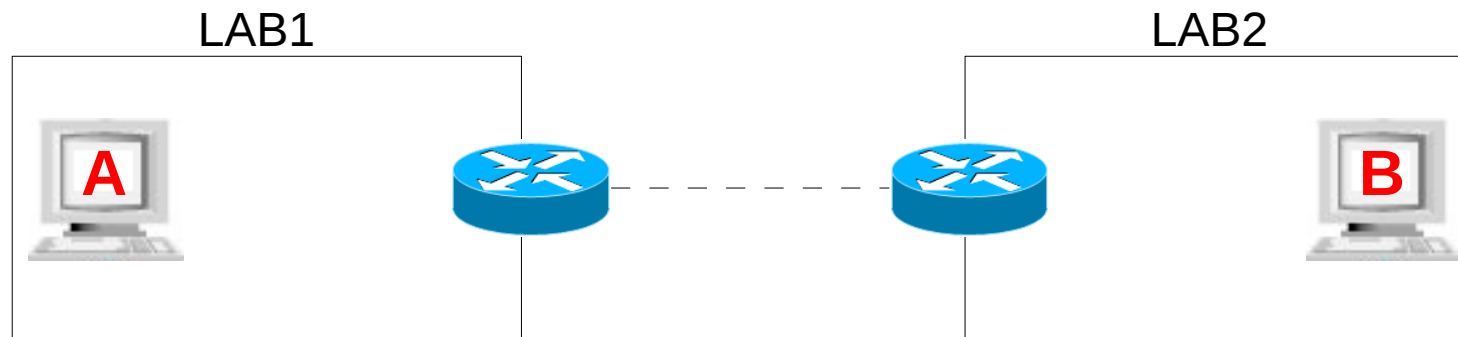
- Basic packages managements (*rpm, yum*)
 - Starting/stopping a system service
 - *service <service_name> status|start|stop*
 - Crond/Crontab
 - Logfiles (*syslog, /var/log/....*)
 - Configuration files (*/etc*)
 - Net utils (*ping, traceroute, ...*)
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- SNMP
 - RRDtool (Round Robin Database tool)
 - Mysql

Monitoring - **tcpdump**

- Simple but powerful text-based packet analyzer
 - No TCP-only
 - Many options

Exercise - tcpdump

- User *unan* can not ping from host A in LAB1 to host B in LAB2.



- The net-admin of LAB1 says he has configured everything in LAB1 to make this possible, therefore *unan* suspects ... what?
 - How can user *unan* use tcpdump to prove his theory?
 - OPTIONAL: how could user *unan* send (by email) the proofs of his theory to the netadmin?

Monitoring - Wireshark

- The most powerful protocol analyzer
 - Powerfull
 - Actively maintained
 - Constantly updated

Exercise - Wireshark

- User *unan* can not access the web with Firefox, but he can ping the gateway 192.168.1.1 and the local DNS X.Y.Z.K without problems.
 - What could be the problem?
 - User *unan* suspects ... XXX ... and he decides to use Wireshark to prove it. HOW?

Monitoring - iptraf

- Simple and basic text-based monitoring tool
- It only shows the current state (no statistics/history)



The screenshot shows the IPtraf application window. The title bar is blue and contains the text "IPtraf". The main area is grey. A blue menu box is centered, containing the following text:

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IP traffic monitor
General interface statistics
Detailed interface statistics
Statistical breakdowns...
LAN station monitor

Filters...

Configure...

Exit
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At the bottom of the window, there is a cyan bar with the text "Displays current IP traffic information" and a blue bar with the text "Up/Down-Move selector Enter-execute".

Monitoring - Network Top (**NTOP**) (1/3)

- Mainly used to monitor the interfaces on the local host
- It can also monitor remote interfaces through the Netflow/sFlow protocols
- Powerful traffic classification
- Web interface
 - Embedded http/https server (ie, no need for Apache)
- Graphs based on RRDtool

Monitoring - Network TOP (NTOPT) (2/2)

- **Exercise 1**

- Check if it is already installed
 - *rpm -qi ntop*
- Install it if necessary
 - *yum install ntop*
- Identify the configuration file/s AND the init file
 - *rpm -ql ntop | grep etc*
- Start it

- **Exercise 2**

- Add all local devices to the configuration

Monitoring - Network TOP (NTOP) (3/3)

- **Exercise 3**

- Connect with the browser to a remote *ntop* instance (for example the one running on the group's router or the lab's router).
 - Config users so that only admin can modify the config.

- **Exercise 4**

- Why can't I see the MAC address of all hosts?
- What can I say about those hosts that have the TX counters much bigger than the RX counters (and viceversa)?
- Does NTOP run as a daemon?
- How can I check what port does it listen to?

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