

# Fondamenti di Internet: “Aspetti pratici delle reti di telecomunicazioni”



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# First Part

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  - ✓ Emulation of computer networks: Netkit
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  - ✓ Analyzing of network traffic: Wireshark & Tcpdump
  - ✓ Examples of network traffic: Scapy, Ping

# Why Linux ?

- Open Source Philosophy: no secret for the user
- Widely used in networks
  - ✓ Routers
  - ✓ Embedded systems
  - ✓ Servers
- Free distribution
- Large support and documentation
- ...and “User Mode Linux”



# Linux in a nutshell



## Kernel

FS

Net

shell  
\$ o #

Driver

Scheduler

## Operating System

glibc

GCC

Base Utils(GNU)

Desktop Environment  
(KDE, Gnome..)

Services/daemons

## Programs

Packet Manager  
(apt, portage, rpm ...)

Games

Office (e.g. OpenOffice)

Graphics (e.g. Gimp)

Others ...

## Distributions

Live Distro (e.g. Knoppix)

Slackware

Debian

Ubuntu

Mandriva

Arch

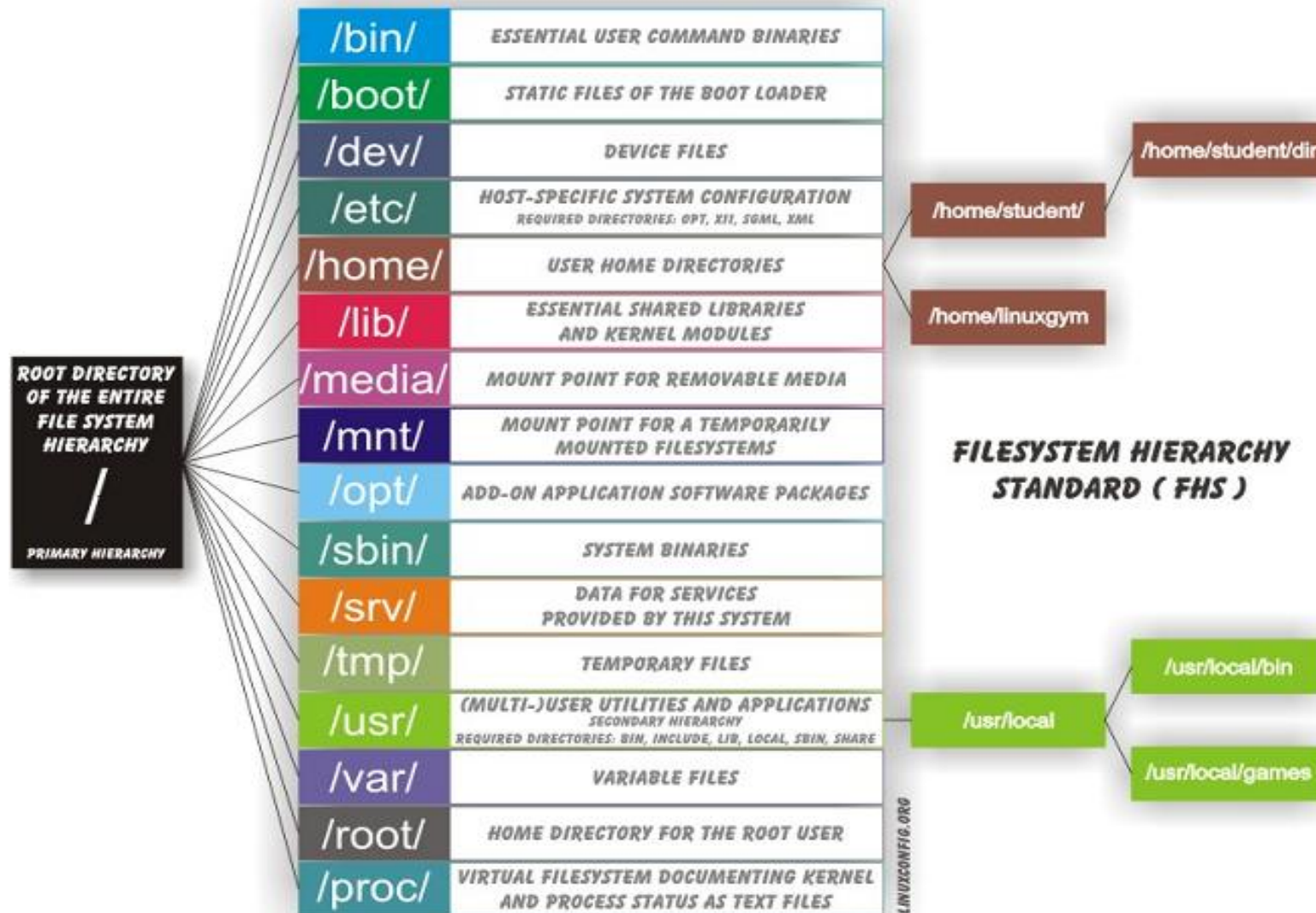
Fedora

Suse

Red Hat

Gentoo

# Linux (typical) directory tree



# Usefull shell commmands

ls	“List” file/directory contained in the current directory. Usefull options: “-al”
cd <DIRECTORY>	Change current Directory . Usefull: “cd ..”
mkdir <NEW_DIRECTORY>	Create a new directory
rm <FILE>	Remove file. Usefull options “-rf” to remove also directory
touch <FILE>	Create a new, empty, file
nano <FILE>	edit a file (or create if it does not exist)
cp <ORIG> <DEST>	copy a file. Usefull options “-r” to copy also directory
mv <ORIG> <DEST>	move or rename a file/directory

# Support

## The Magic Word

man

## Documentation

Linux User Guide

<http://www.pluto.it/files/ildp/guide/GuidaUtente/index.html>

Distro Specific guides (e.g. <http://help.ubuntu-it.org/> )

## Linux User Group

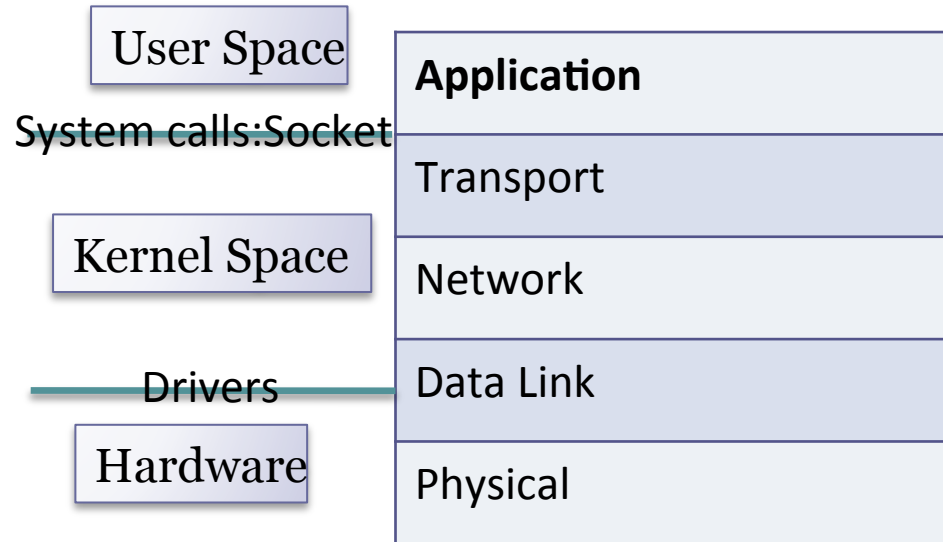
<http://www.torlug.org>

**Download the netkit live distribution:**

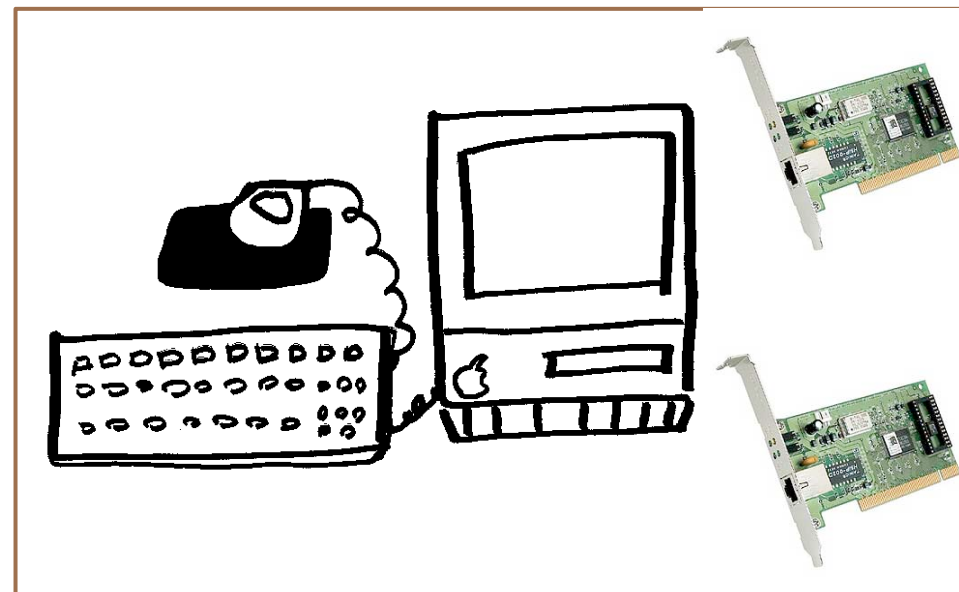
[http://wiki.netkit.org/index.php/Download\\_Official](http://wiki.netkit.org/index.php/Download_Official)



# Linux and Networking



## Interface Mapping



↔ eth0

↔ eth1

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# Simulation vs. Emulation

Emulation and simulation systems put at user's disposal a virtual environment that can be exploited for tests, experiments, measures

## SIMULATION

simulation systems aim at reproducing the performance of a real-life system (latency time, packet loss, etc.)

- e.g.: ns, omnet++, ...

## EMULATION

emulation systems aim at accurately reproducing the functionalities of a real-life system (configurations, architectures, protocols), with limited attention to performance

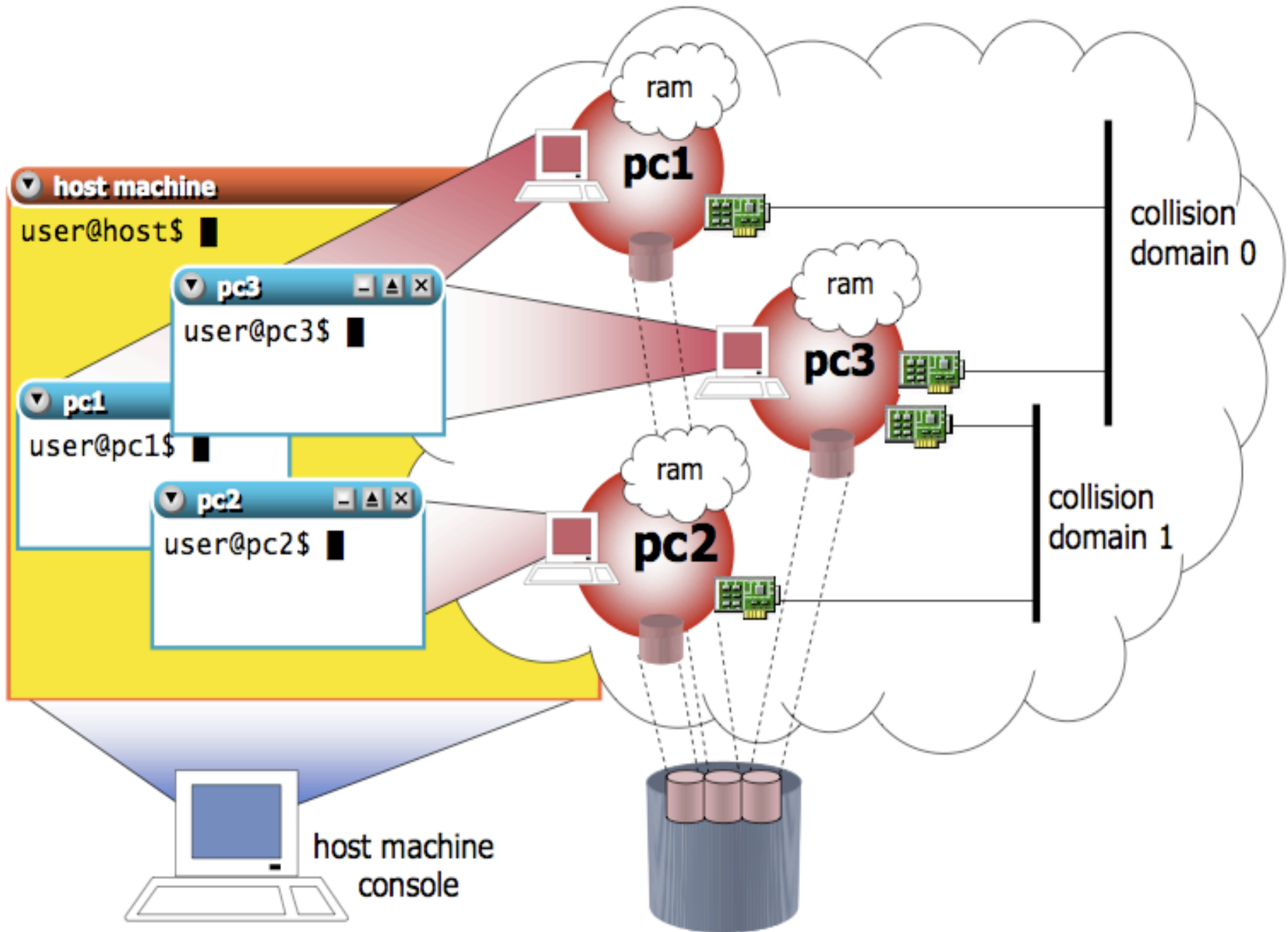
# Netkit

[wiki.netkit.org](http://wiki.netkit.org)

*"The poor man's system to experiment computer networking"*

## **WHAT'S NETKIT:**

- a system for emulating computer networks
- based on uml (user-mode linux)
  - ✓ user-mode linux is a linux kernel (inner part of the linux os) that can be executed as a user process on a standard linux box
  - ✓ a user-mode linux process is also called virtual machine (vm), while the linux box that hosts a virtual machine is called host machine (host)
- each emulated network device is a virtual linux box
- note: the linux os is shipped with software supporting most of the network protocols
  - ✓ hence, any linux machine can be configured to act as a bridge/switch or as a router





# Netkit Virtual Machine Commands

**vstart**: starts a new virtual machine

**vlist**: lists currently running virtual machines

**vconfig**: attaches network interfaces to running vms

**vhalt**: gracefully halts a virtual machine

**vcrash**: causes a virtual machine to crash

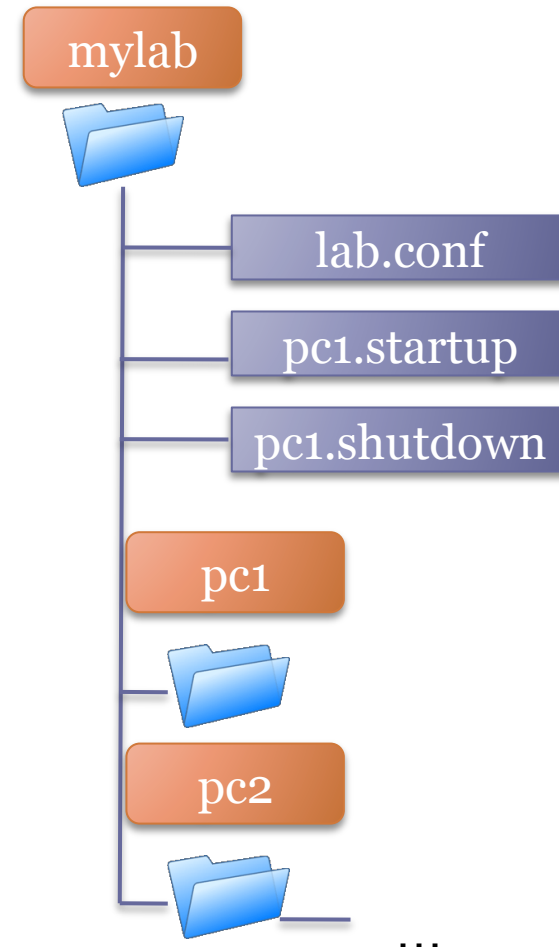
**vclean**: “panic command” to clean up all netkit processes (including vms) and configuration settings on the host machine

More Info about netkit commands? **man vstart** or visit [wiki.netkit.org](http://wiki.netkit.org)

# Setting-up a Netkit Lab

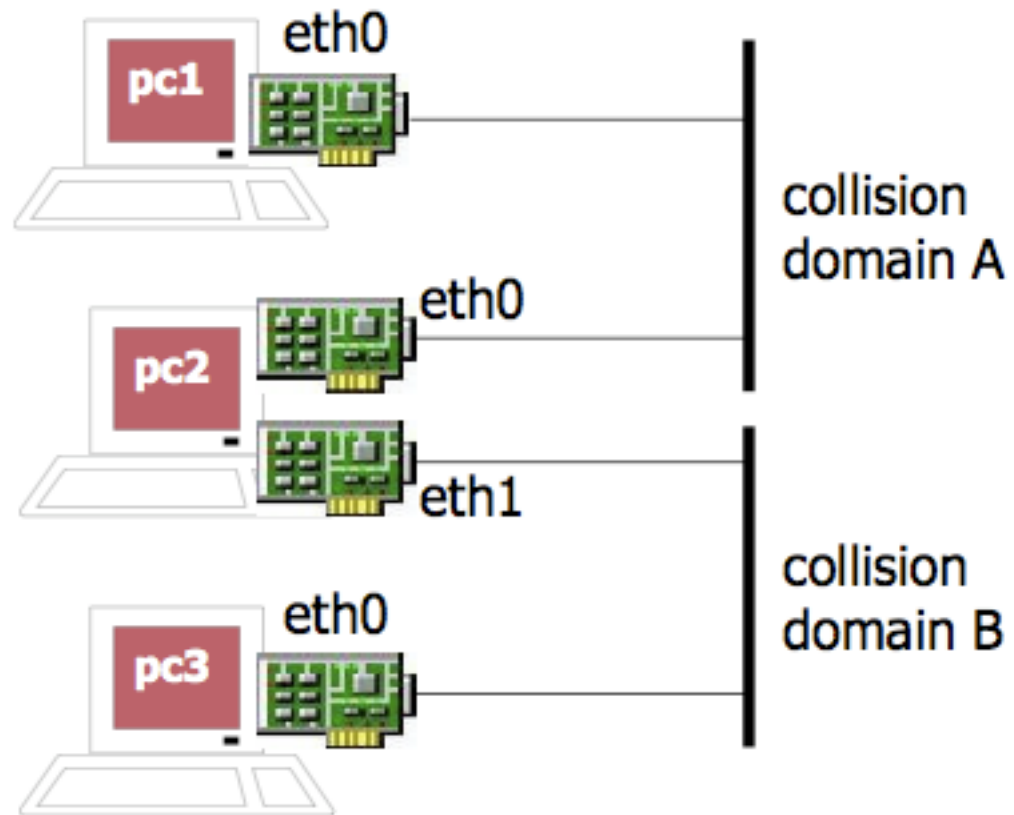
Netkit Lab: automatize multiple virtual machine startup. To create a lab we need:

- a lab configuration file describing the network topology (lab.conf)
- a set of subdirectories that contain the configuration settings for each virtual machine
- [optionally] .startup and .shutdown files that describe actions performed by virtual machines when they are started or halted
- [optionally] a lab.depfile describing dependency relationships on the startup order of virtual machines



# Example of lab file: mylab.conf

```
pc1[0]=A  
pc2[0]=A  
pc2[1]=B  
pc2[mem]=256  
pc3[0]=B
```







# Netkit Lab Commands

**Istart**: starts a netkit lab

**Ihalt**: gracefully halts all vms of a lab

**Icrash**: causes all the vms of a lab to crash

**Iclean**: removes temporary files from a lab directory

**Iinfo**: provides information about a lab without starting it

**Itest**: allows to run tests to check that the lab is working properly

As for the case of virtual machine, for help type **man Istart** or visit [wiki.netkit.org](http://wiki.netkit.org)



# File Exchange and Internet Connection

the directory **/hosthome** inside a virtual machine directly points to the home directory of the current user on the real host

The directory **/hostlab** is shared inside a lab

vstart can automatically configure tunnels (“tap interfaces”) by which a virtual machine can access an external network

# File .startup

1. For each VM is possible to create a “VM\_NAME”.startup file
2. VM\_NAME is the name of the virtual machine  
Example: pc1 → pc1.startup
3. The commands written in the .startup file will be executed at the end of the boot process

# TAP interface

1. A VM interface can be attached to a “tap” instead of a collision domain
2. In this case, a virtual (tap) interface will be created on the host machine and will be connected to the specific VM interface

## Example (in lab.conf)

```
pc1[0]=tap,10.0.0.1,10.0.0.2
```

In this case the eth0 interface on pc1 will be connected to a tap on the host machine with address 10.0.0.1 while eth0 on pc1 will be configured automatically with address 10.0.0.2



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# IPRoute2

*Iproute2 is a collection of utilities for controlling TCP / IP networking and traffic control in Linux. [1]*

Implemented on almost any linux system with kernel > 2.2.X

Mangle almost any network stuff:

- Interface setting up and drop down
- Routing Tables
- Arp cache
- And more...
  - Multiple routing tables
  - Policy Routing
  - Tunnels
  - NAT
  - IPsec policy and associations

Replace “old” (but still used) commands: route, arp, ifconfig

[1] <http://www.linuxfoundation.org/en/Net:Iproute2>

# IProute2: data link settings of a network interface

IProute2 command to manage data link settings

```
# ip link <command>
```

how to? # ip link help

```
ip link help
Usage: ip link set DEVICE { up | down |
        arp { on | off } |
        dynamic { on | off } |
        multicast { on | off } |
        allmulticast { on | off } |
        promisc { on | off } |
        trailers { on | off } |
        txqueuelen PACKETS |
        name NEWNAME |
        address LLADDR | broadcast LLADDR |
        mtu MTU }
ip link show [ DEVICE ]
```



# IProute2: ip link <...>, a basic usage

In a UNIX-like system, a network interface can have different names. Under Linux-based operating systems: eth0, eth1, eth2, etc. Generally **ethX**

Activating a network interface

```
# ip link set eth0 up
```

De-activating a network interface

```
# ip link set eth0 down
```

Changing the data link address (mac address)

```
# ip link set eth0 address xx:xx:xx:xx:xx:xx
```

Showing data link attributes of system network interfaces

```
# ip link show
```

# IProute2: network (IP) settings of a network interface

IProute2 command to manage network (IP, Internet Protocol) settings

```
# ip address <command>
```

how to? # ip address help

```
ip address help
Usage: ip addr {add|del} IFADDR dev STRING
       ip addr {show|flush} [ dev STRING ] [ scope SCOPE-ID ]
                               [ to PREFIX ] [ FLAG-LIST ] [ label PATTERN ]
IFADDR := PREFIX | ADDR peer PREFIX
         [ broadcast ADDR ] [ anycast ADDR ]
         [ label STRING ] [ scope SCOPE-ID ]
SCOPE-ID := [ host | link | global | NUMBER ]
FLAG-LIST := [ FLAG-LIST ] FLAG
FLAG := [ permanent | dynamic | secondary | primary |
         tentative | deprecated ]
```

We will manage it better in the next lectures

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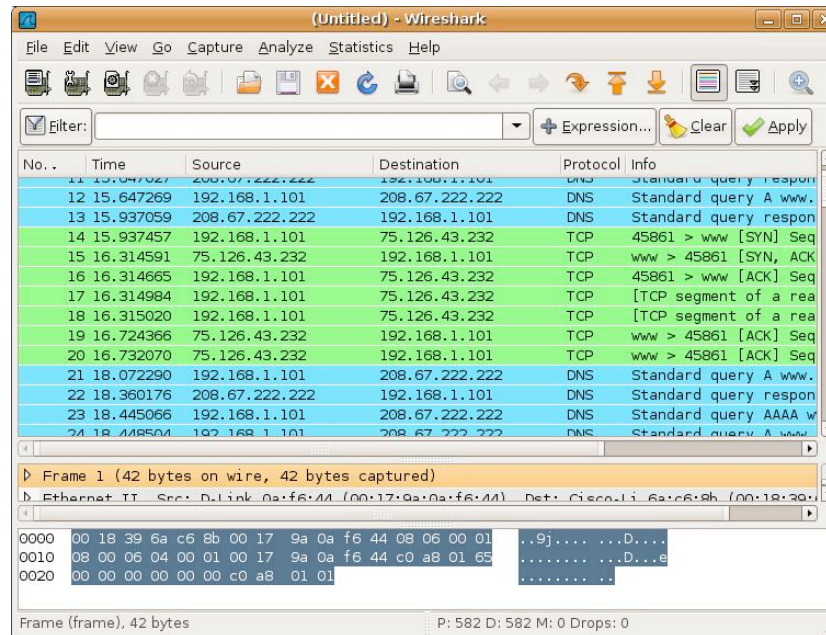


# Wireshark: “the” network analyzer

[www.wireshark.org](http://www.wireshark.org)

Wireshark is the world's foremost network protocol analyzer, and is the de facto (and often de jure) standard across many industries and educational institutions.

Wireshark development thrives thanks to the contributions of networking experts across the globe. It is the continuation of a project that started in 1998 (Ethereal).

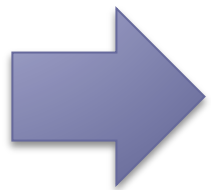


- \* Deep inspection of hundreds of protocols, with more being added all the time
- \* Live capture and offline analysis
- \* Standard three-pane packet browser
- \* Multi-platform: Runs on Windows, Linux, OS X, Solaris, FreeBSD, NetBSD, and many others
- \* Captured network data can be browsed via a GUI, or via the TTY-mode TShark utility
- \* The most powerful display filters in the industry
- \* Rich VoIP analysis
- \* Read/write many different capture file formats
- \* Capture files compressed with gzip can be decompressed on the fly
- \* Live data can be read from Ethernet, IEEE 802.11, PPP/HDLC, ATM, Bluetooth, USB, Token Ring, Frame Relay, FDDI, and others (depending on your platform)
- \* Decryption support for many protocols, including IPsec, ISAKMP, Kerberos, SNMPv3, SSL/TLS, WEP, and WPA/WPA2 (having the keys ☺ )
- \* Coloring rules can be applied to the packet list for quick, intuitive analysis
- \* Output can be exported to XML, PostScript®, CSV, or plain text

# Tcpdump: command line network analyzer

tcpdump/libpcap

```
tcpdump [ -adeflnNOpqRStuvxX ] [ -c count ]  
        [ -C file_size ] [ -F file ]  
        [ -i interface ] [ -m module ] [ -r file ]  
        [ -s snaplen ] [ -T type ] [ -w file ]  
        [ -E algo:secret ] [ expression ]
```



man tcpdump

Why using tcpdump? Netkit hasn't a graphical environment, using tcpdump to capture and Wireshark to display pkts

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# COMMUNICATING

- What is SCAPY? Scapy is a powerful interactive packet manipulation program. It is able to forge or decode packets of a wide number of protocols, send them on the wire, capture them, match requests and replies, and much more.

<http://www.secdev.org/projects/scapy/>

-What is PING? Ping is a computer network tool used to test whether a particular host is reachable across an IP network; it is also used to self test the network interface card of the computer, or as a speed test. It works by sending ICMP “echo request” packets to the target host and listening for ICMP “echo response” replies.

man ping 😊



# Example: Lab2

