Debian/GNU Linux Networking

Basics of the Networking

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Computer Networks
Transmission Principles

Broadcasting networks

- one machine sends short messages (packet)
- Broadcasting: all other machines receive the package sent
- transmission medium shared by all network participants (hosts)
- Example: Radio, television, GSM, Ethernet

Point-to-point networks

- Multiple connections between individual pairs of machines
- Message from one machine to another
- Message must be routed from source to destination
- Example: Telephone system, Internet

Range of Computer Networks

Ranges

- PAN - Personal Area Networks 1-10 m, (using Bluetooth units)
- LAN - Local Area Network: Room (10 m), building (100 m), campus (1000 m)
- MAN - Metropolitan Area Network: City (10 km) Metronet-Hgb
- WAN - Wide Area Network: Country (100 km), continent (1000 km)
- Internetwork - Combination or network of networks: Planet (10K km)

LAN

- Private network within building or complex of buildings
- Connection based on cables (hosts are attached via network cards)
- Transmission speed 0.1–1 Gbps
- Various topologies: Bus-based (Ethernet), Wireless (WLAN)

Network of Networks

Internet

Internetwork:

- Connects multiple WANs/LANs across the globe
- LANs/WANs connected to Internetworks by routers or gateways
- Each attached network may have different protocol
  - Protocol = language spoken by computers on network
- Any computer in any network can communicate with any other computer in any other network independently of physical network technologies
  - Communication based on higher level protocols

The Internet

- A worldwide internetwork that uses the TCP/IP protocol suite
- It is a packet switching network (data will be splitted in packets)

The Internet

Various groups of networks

- Backbones: large networks for connecting other networks (GEANT2)
- Regional networks: e.g. connecting universities (ACOnet)
- Commercial networks: privately owned for paying users (LIWEST)

Lot of services

- Application level: World Wide Web, eMail, file transfer, remote login
- Network level: connectionless packet delivery (UDP), reliable stream transport (TCP)

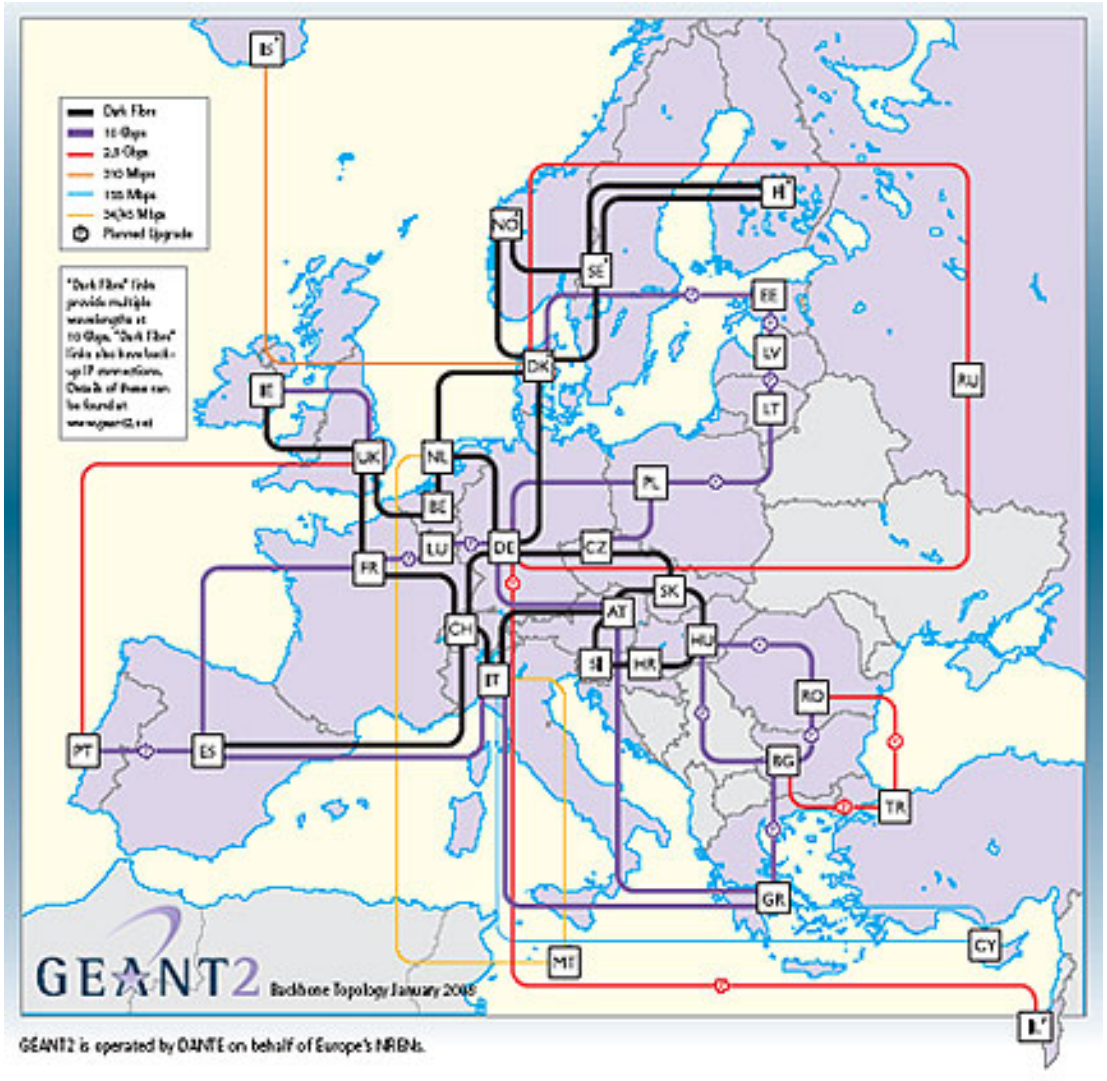
Today the Internet is a collection of commercial networks

Organisation of the Internet

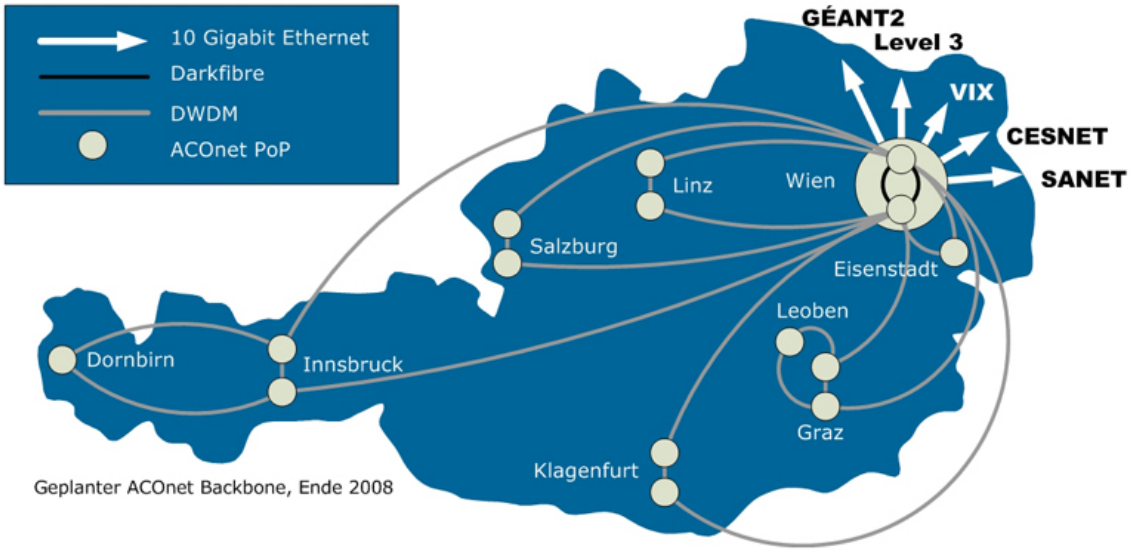
Internet Architecture Board (IAB)

- Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF)
  - Decisions about protocols, procedures, conventions
- Request for Comments (RFCs)
  - Series of reports that defines the (history of) Internet protocols
- Internet Standards
  - Defines the official Internet protocols
  - References the RFCs that define a current standard
  - Update of standards: other RFCs will be referenced
- Examples of Internet Standards:
  - IP - Internet Protocol: STD 5
  - TCP - Transmission Control Protocol: STD 7
  - DNS - Domain Name System: STD 13
  - SMTP - Simple Mail Transfer Protocol: STD 10

GEANT2 - Pan-European Education/Research Network



ACOnet - Austrian Academic Computer Network



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Ethernet

The communications medium

Ethernet

- is a family of frame-based computer networking technologies for local area networks (LANs)
  - a data packet on the wire is called a frame
- uses the Media Access Control (MAC) address to identify nodes
- allows communication of computers over a shared coaxial cable or UTP acting as a broadcast transmission medium
- all generations of Ethernet share the same frame formats
  - the same interface for higher layers

Ethernet

MAC addresses

MAC / physical / hardware Address

- each Ethernet station is given a single 48-bit unique MAC address
- is used both to specify the destination and the source of each data packet
- is six groups of two hexadecimal digits, separated by - or :
  - first three octets identify the organization
  - arbitrary but unique next three octets assigned by the organisation
- is used/valid only in LAN (network segment)

technologies which use MAC address

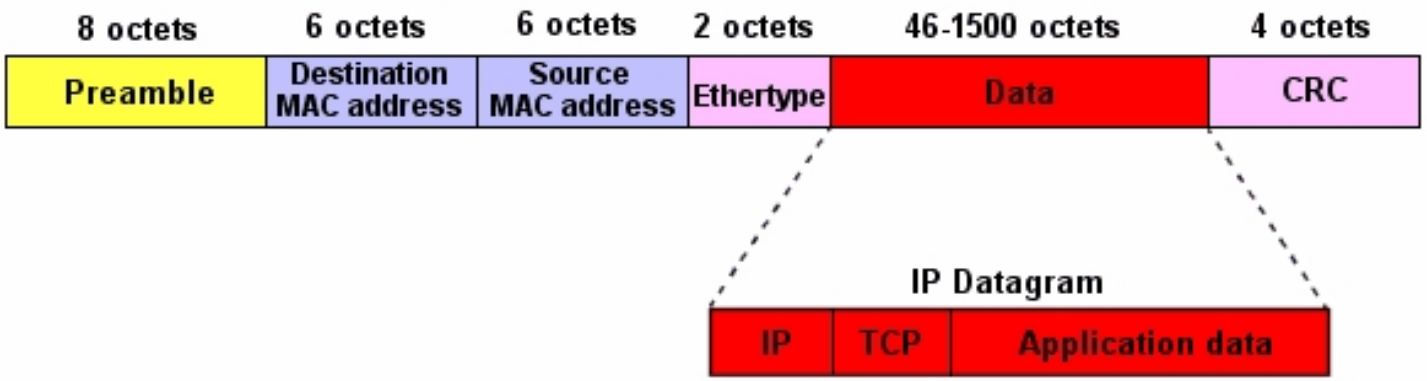
- Ethernet, 802.11 wireless networks, Bluetooth

Special MAC addresses:

- broadcast address: ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
  - packets sent to this address are received by all stations on the local network

Ethernet

The frame structure



Ethernet - MAC address

How to find a local MAC addresses

Linux - command line with /sbin/ifconfig

```
uhu:~> /sbin/ifconfig eth0
eth0      Link encap:Ethernet  HWaddr 00:16:41:16:6D:5D
          inet addr:192.168.1.115  Bcast:192.168.1.255  Mask:255.255.25
 ....
uhu:~> /sbin/ifconfig eth1
eth1      Link encap:Ethernet  HWaddr 00:16:6F:BA:3E:01
          UP BROADCAST MULTICAST  MTU:1500  Metric:1
 ....
```

MS Windows - fastest way

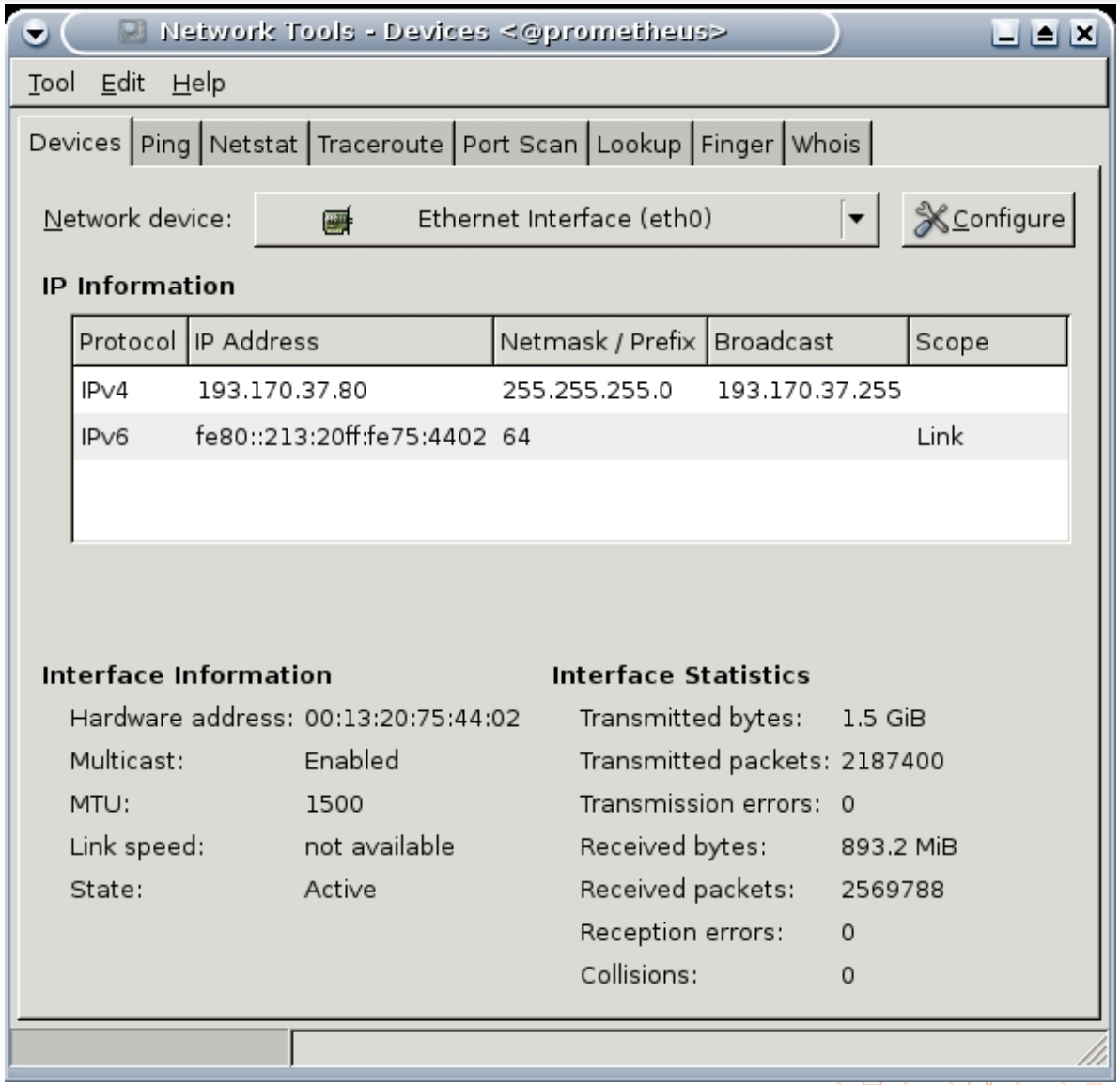
- in DOS Window by means of ipconfig /all

Linux - all units in the network segment

- arp -a (only one line listed as example):
  - crutch.risc.uni-linz.ac.at (193.170.37.76) at 00:16:35:37:5C:EC [ether] on eth0

Ethernet - MAC address

How to find a local MAC addresses - Linux with gnome-nettool



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Internet Protocols

Connectionless and Connection-oriented protocols

Connectionless protocol

- communication between two network point in which message can be sent without prior arrangement
- the transmitting device sending the message:
  - does not ensures first recipient is available and ready to receive data
  - simply sends the message to the recipient address
- often problems with transmission
- examples: IP, UDP, ICMP, IPX

Connection-oriented protocol

- delivers a stream of data in the same order as it was sent
  - first a communication section will be established
  - data stream will be send by handshaking
  - packet retransmission by error, data lost, etc.
- examples: TCP
  - phone call: user must dial first and get answer before transmitting data

IP - The Internet Protocol

Features of IP

- A standard protocol (STD 5)
- No delivery guarantuees
  - Connection-less
  - Unreliable: packets may be lost, duplicated, reordered
  - Best-effort: however, we do our best to deliver a packet
  - packets oriented
- Data from an upper layer protocol is encapsulated inside one or more packets
- IP can be used over a heterogeneous network
  - Ethernet, ATM, FDDI, Wi-Fi, token ring, etc.
- Core functionality
  - defines IP addresses und subnetting
  - defines routing in the network

IP Addressing

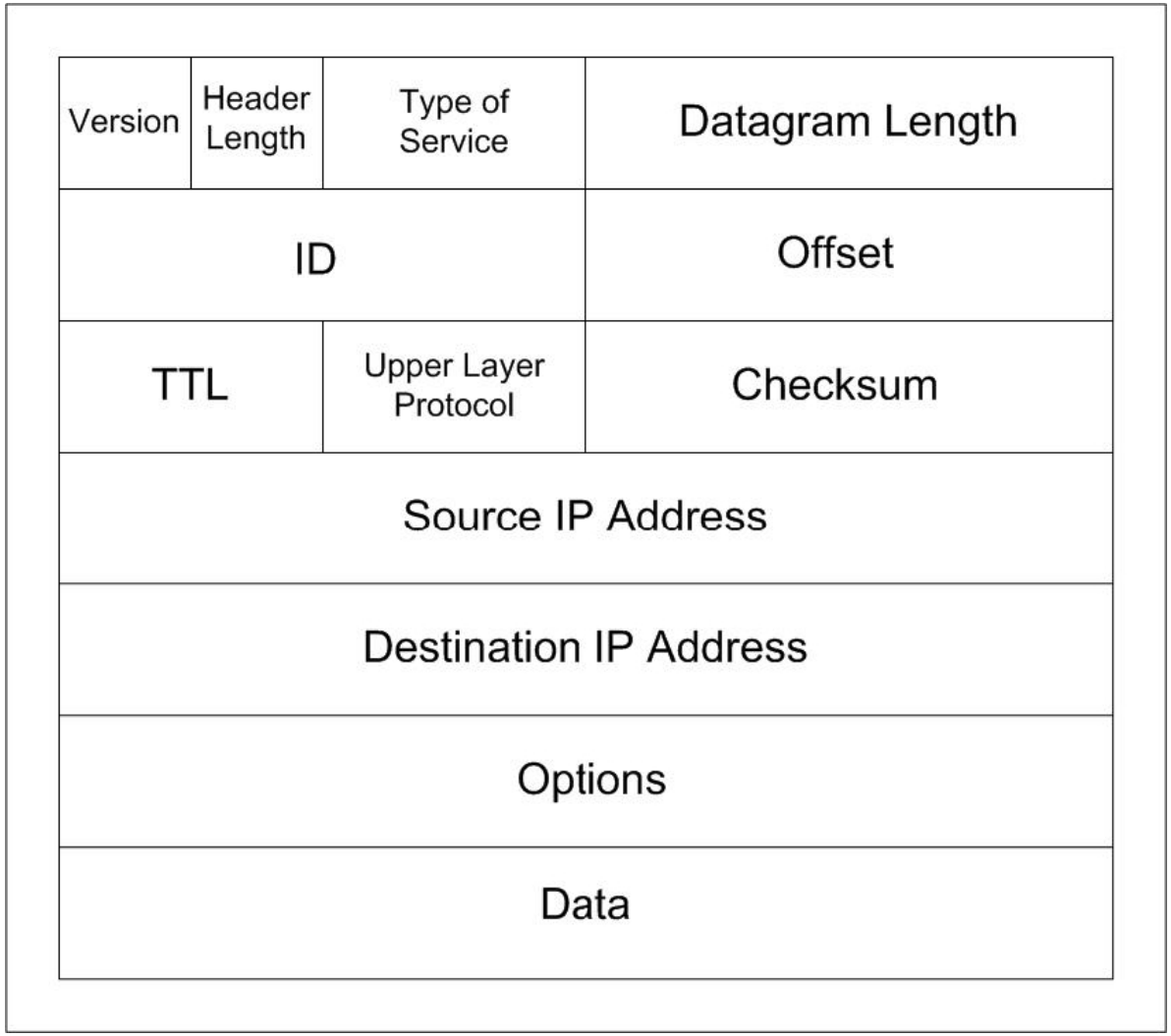
RFC 1166: Internet Numbers

- An IP address is a 32 bit unsigned integer
  - There exist $2^{32} \approx 4$ billion IP addresses
- Representation in dotted decimal notation
  - $X.X.X.X$; Each X is a decimal number, a byte of the address
- Example: 128.10.2.30: 10000000 00001010 00000010 0011110

Some addresses are reserved for special purposes

- net.0: the "network" address (not a particular host) 193.170.37.0
- default gateway: an address in this network: 193.170.37.1
- broadcast address: net.255
- 0.0.0.0: "this" host
- 127.0.0.1: loopback (not sent across network, for testing local IP setup)

IP Datagram Structure



Routers and Gateways

Features

Router: a networking device

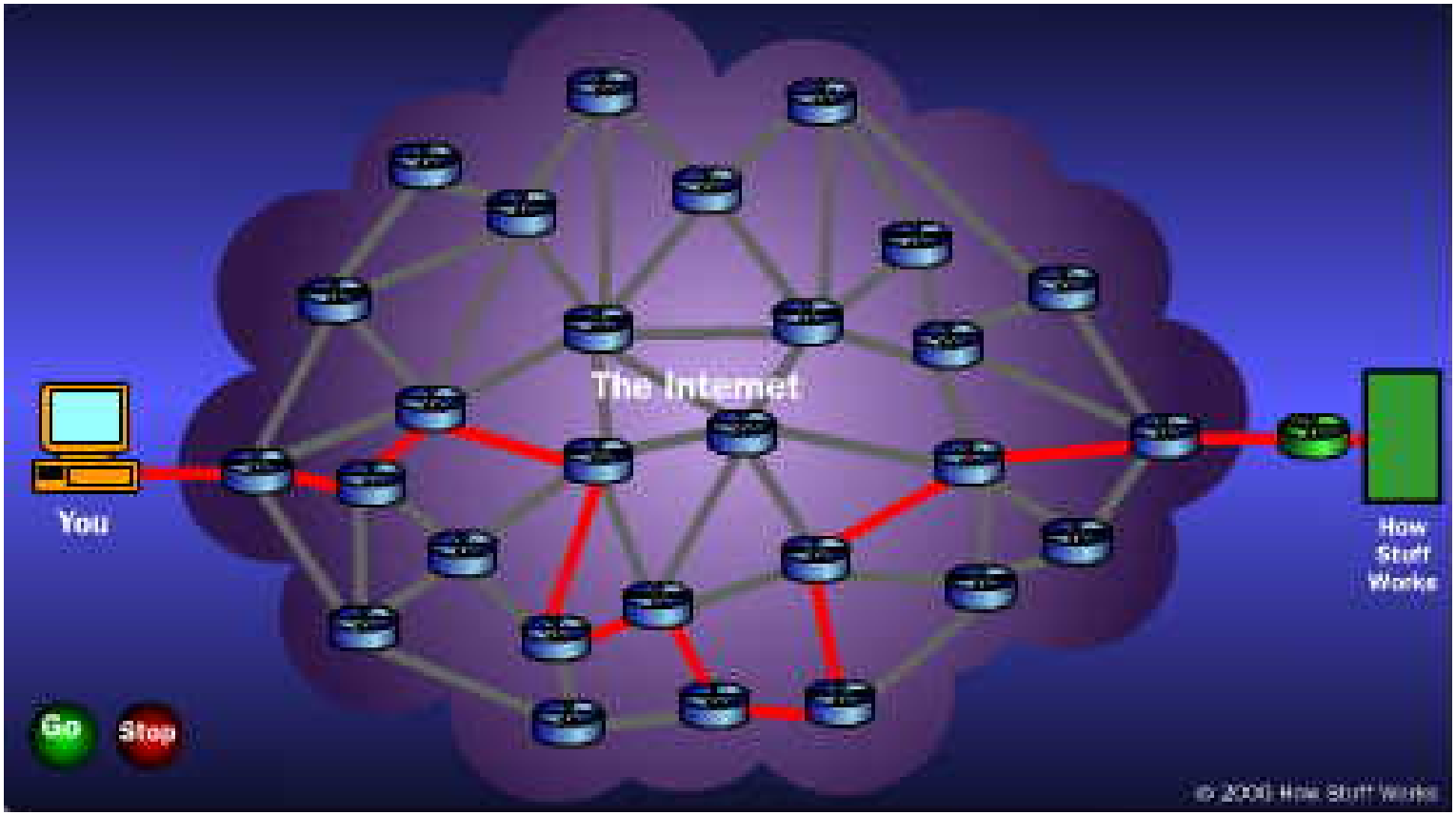
- a computer whose software and hardware are usually tailored to the tasks of routing and forwarding packets
- transfers packets only across networks using similar protocols
- contains a specialized operating system (e.g. Cisco's IOS)
- has multiple network connections
- Types of routers
  - small units (DSL router) - ISPs big multiprocessor unit

Gateway

- a networking device that converts protocols among networks
- accepts a packet formatted for one protocol (AppleTalk) and converts it to a packet formatted to another protocol (TPC/IP)
- Default gateway

Routers, packets

A route of a packet in the Internet



Private Networks - Private IP Addresses

The addresses, which can be used by everyone

Private Internet Addresses

- RFC 1918: address allocation for private Internets
  - May be used internally in any organization
  - routers have to discard any packets with a private IP address in the IP header
  - gives security for private networks they are not available from the Internet

Examples

- private class A network: 10.0.0.0 - 10.255.255.255
  - Huge address range for communication within an organization
- Home network: 192.168.0.0 - 192.168.255.255
  - Cable/DSL router: 192.168.1.1

Internet Protocol - ICMP based applications

Ping and Traceroute

ping

- simplest version: ping hostname

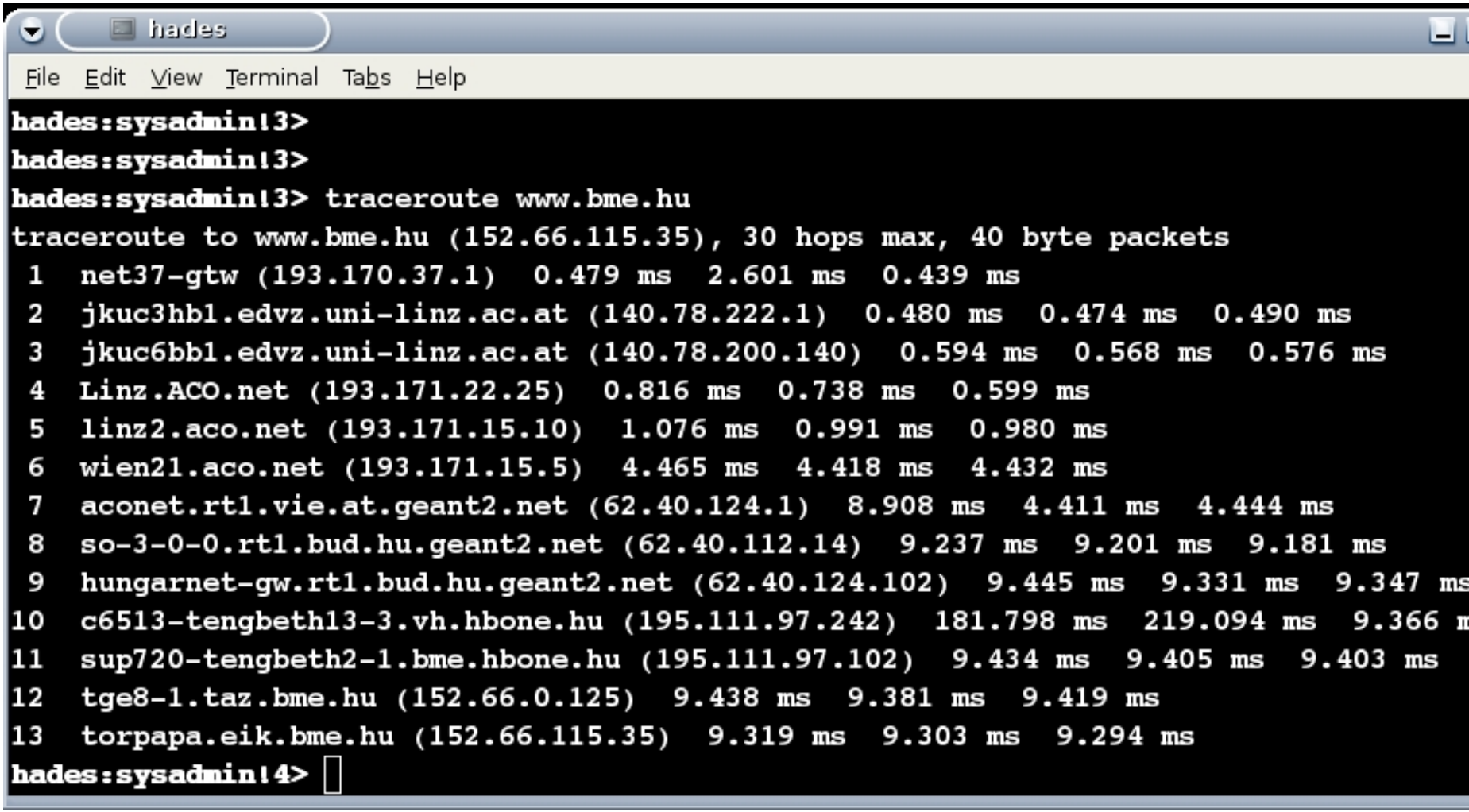
```
PING kernel.risc.uni-linz.ac.at (193.170.37.225) 56(84) bytes of da
64 bytes from kernel.risc.uni-linz.ac.at (193.170.37.225):
icmp_seq=1 ttl=245 time=25.0 ms
64 bytes from kernel.risc.uni-linz.ac.at (193.170.37.225):
icmp_seq=2 ttl=245 time=26.3 ms
--- kernel.risc.uni-linz.ac.at ping statistics ---
2 packets transmitted, 2 received, 0% packet loss, time 999ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 25.021/25.705/26.389/0.684 ms
```

traceroute

- simplest version: traceroute hostname
- try it yourself this command

Internet Protocol - ICMP based applications

Traceroute



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TCP - Transmission Control Protocol

Transport layer services

- Connection oriented
  - for data delivery first a connection must be established
- Same Order Delivery
  - data will arrive in the same order it has been sent
- Reliable data transmission
  - retransmit corrupted packages; error detection code, packet acknowledgement
- Byte orientation: not packages, but stream of byte sent
- Introducing the term port
  - port addresses multiple entities on the same location

TCP - Ports

The problem of the applications on a host to communicate

- more programs run on a computer
  - sendmail, webserver, name server, ftp-, pop server, etc.
- the computer has one unique IP address
- how to deal with the application, how to differ them
- introducing ports is the solution
  - analogy: postal address as IP address; appartement number or name is the port number

Ports

- to each services in the Internet/Computer a port is assigned
  - ports are identified by the port number
  - see in Linux the /etc/services file for numbers/services allocation
  - port number is a part of TCP packets header
- a program implement a service
  - the program LISTEN on the port for a communication

TCP - Ports

Unix port in /etc/services

```
ftp-data        20/tcp
ftp             21/tcp
ssh             22/tcp                          # SSH Remote Login Prot
telnet          23/tcp
smtp            25/tcp          mail
whois           43/tcp          nicname
domain          53/tcp                          # name-domain server
domain          53/udp
finger          79/tcp
www             80/tcp          http            # WorldWideWeb HTTP
www             80/udp                          # HyperText Transfer Pr
pop3            110/tcp         pop-3           # POP version 3
imap2           143/tcp         imap            # Interim Mail Access P
https           443/tcp                         # http protocol over TL
https           443/udp
ftps            990/tcp
telnets         992/tcp                         # Telnet over SSL
imaps           993/tcp                         # IMAP over SSL
pop3s           995/tcp                         # POP-3 over SSL
```

TCP - Transmission Control Protocol

Example: Sending email per smtp port (1)

```
hu:~> telnet bullfinch 25
Trying 193.170.37.222...
Connected to bullfinch.risc.uni-linz.ac.at.
Escape character is '^]'.
220 bullfinch.risc.uni-linz.ac.at ESMTP Sendmail 8.13.8/8.13.8/Debian-3
Mon, 3 Nov 2008 15:19:26 +0100; (No UCE/UBE) logging access from: i
uhu37.risc.uni-linz.ac.at(OK)-ke@uhu37.risc.uni-linz.ac.at [193.170.37.
helo ich-bin-s
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[193.170.37.115], pleased to meet you
mail from: k.erdei@risc.uni-linz.ac.at
250 2.1.0 k.erdei@risc.uni-linz.ac.at... Sender ok
rcpt to: karoly.erdei@jku.at
250 2.1.5 karoly.erdei@jku.at... Recipient ok
```

TCP - Transmission Control Protocol

Example: Sending email per smtp port (2)

```
data
354 Enter mail, end with "." on a line by itself
this is an email sent by telnet 25 command from the laptop to the mail
server bullfinch.risc...  demonstrating how smtp works
.
250 2.0.0 mA3EJQr4014077 Message accepted for delivery
quit
221 2.0.0 bullfinch.risc.uni-linz.ac.at closing connection
Connection closed by foreign host.
uhu:~>
```

TCP - Transmission Control Protocol

Example: Downloading file from the WWW server

Telnet to port 80 on the Web server

```
hades:www!11> telnet www 80
Trying 193.170.37.138...
Connected to crow.risc.uni-linz.ac.at.
Escape character is '^]'.
GET http://www/proba.txt

Hello! This is a test file. To get it per port access with telnet.
It succeeded to get this file per port access from the web server.
Great!

Connection closed by foreign host.
hades:www!12>
```

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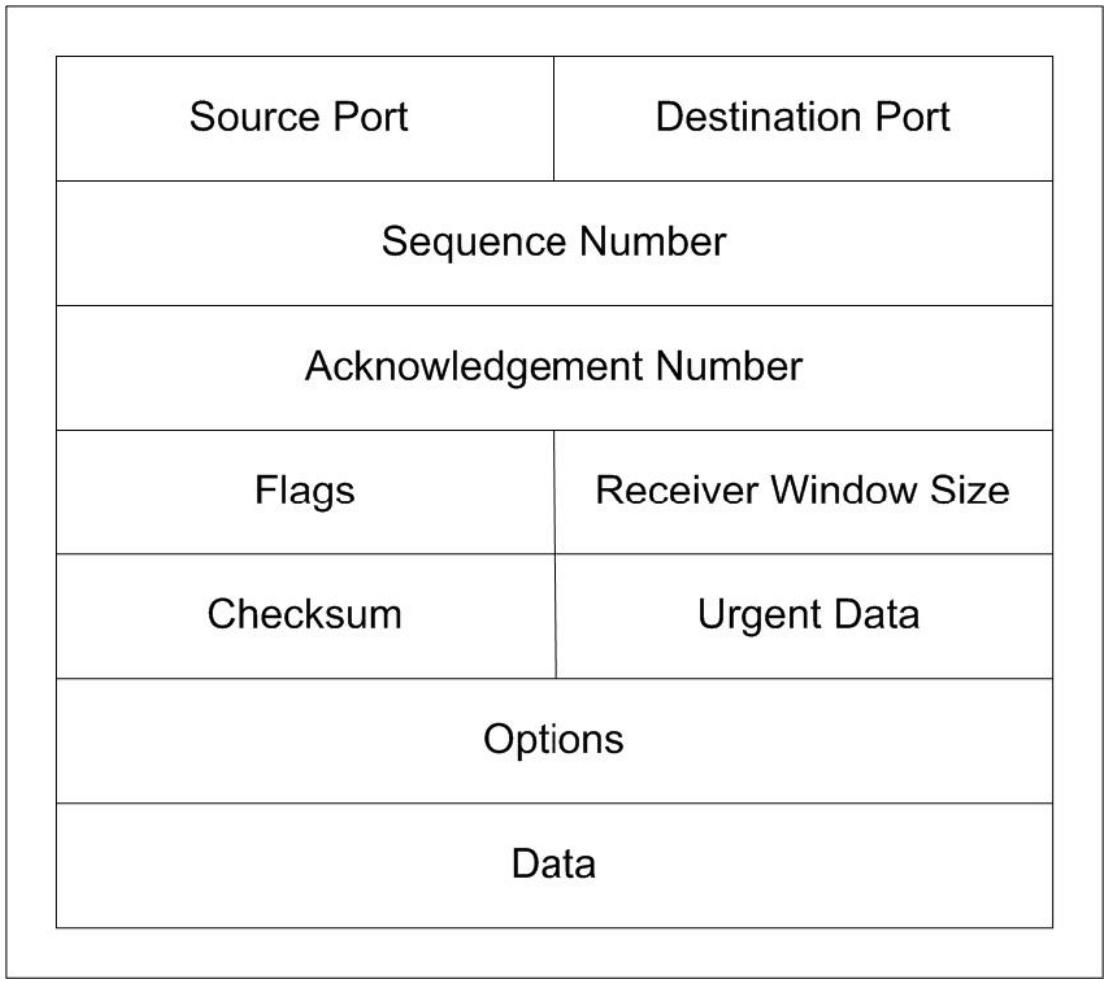

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DHCP - Dynamic Host Control Protocol

Client - Server application

DHCP Client - Server communication flow

- DHCP is used to obtain parameters necessary for IP networking
- client: broadcasts a DHCPDISCOVER request
  - Asks for a DHCP server on the network segment
  - Asks for a lease and for an IP address
  - Lease: the length of time for the allocation is valid
- server: sends a DHCPOFFER message
  - Checks if the MAC of client is registered
  - Marks an IP from the spool
- client: broadcasts a DHCPREQUEST on the network
  - The IP of the server is in the packet
- server: sends the client the data
  - Reservers the IP for the time of the lease
  - Other servers delete the mark for the IP

DHCP - Dynamic Host Control Protocol

DHCP server

- has a pool of IP addresses
- manages other network parameters for networking by client
  - options are widely configurable
- checks the MAC of the client, if configured
- lease time is configurable (max;min)

Client requests periodically

- Client has to request again before lease time is over
  - a new IP or request the same IP
- By booting must suspend other processes
  - without IP no network connection

DHCP server is implemented in Home/DSL/Cable routers

DHCP - Dynamic Host Control Protocol

DHCP Server data table

Assigned data by DHCP server at RISC

- Network configurations parameter at RISC
  - IP Address
  - Lease
  - Domain Name (risc.uni-linz.ac.at)
  - Default Gateway address (193.170.38.1)
  - Name server IP address (193.170.37.225)
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  - WINS servers (phoebe.risc.uni-linz.ac.at)
  - WINS servers (samba-dc1.risc.uni-linz.ac.at)
  - NTP servers (time.risc.uni-linz.ac.at)
  - SMTP server (mail.risc.uni-linz.ac.at)
  - POP server (pop.risc.uni-linz.ac.at)

NAT - Network Address Translation

How NAT works

- general definition
  - a technique that hides an entire address space, usually consisting of private network addresses (RFC 1918), behind a single IP address in another, (often) public address space.
- implemented in a router - connected to private/public network
  - uses translation tables to map/remap the addresses
  - translation table are created by the outgoing requests
  - rewrites the outgoing IP packets as sent from the router
  - Assigns to each connection a different source port
- NAT introduces complications in communication, performance
  - it has to rewrite checksum, reassemble packets, fragment them again, etc.
- The NAT box - the Internet router
  - for SOHO Network (Small Office Home Office)
  - Cable/DSL router: a firewall is always integrated

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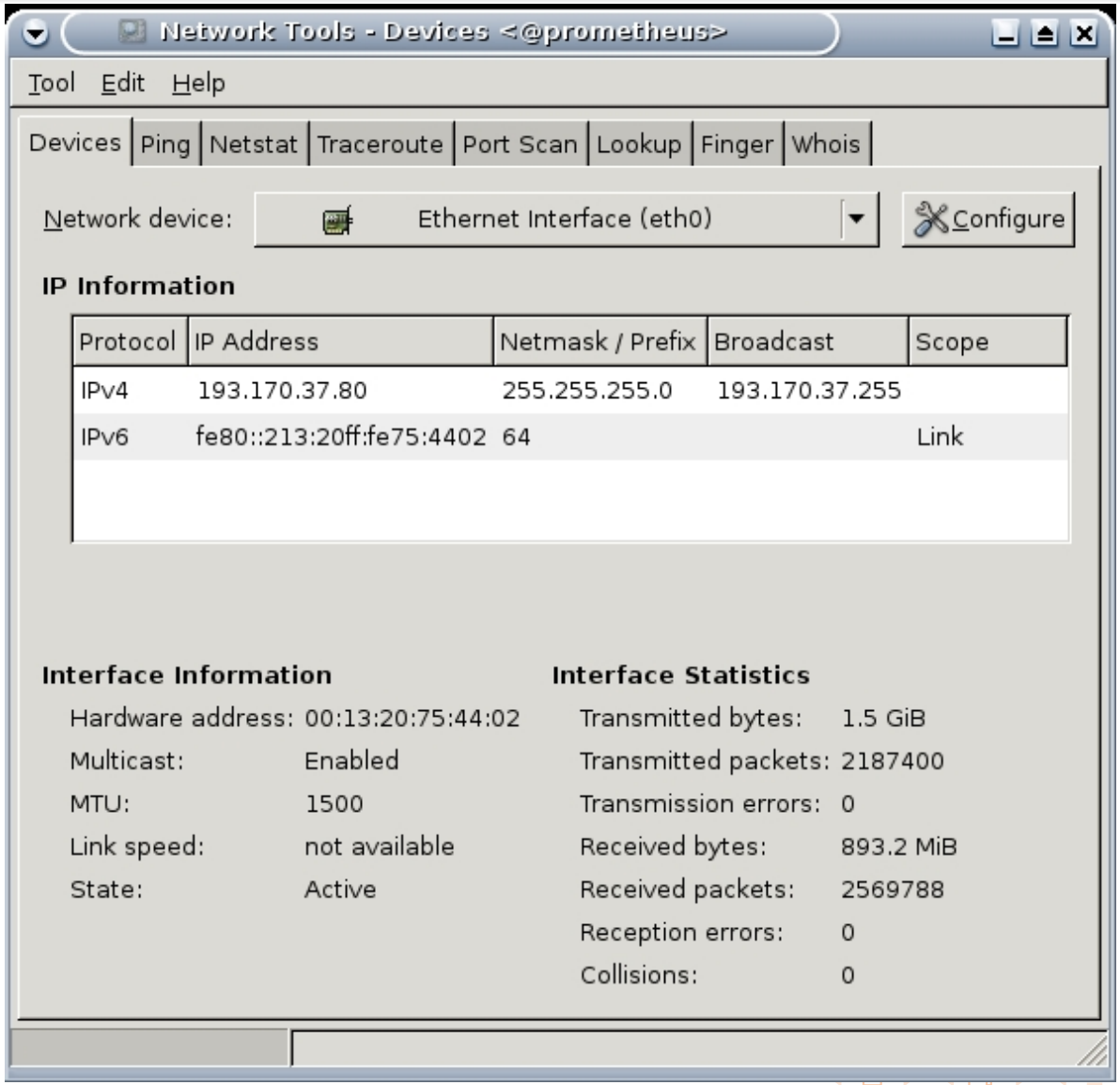
Checking Network Connections

gnome-nettool, devices



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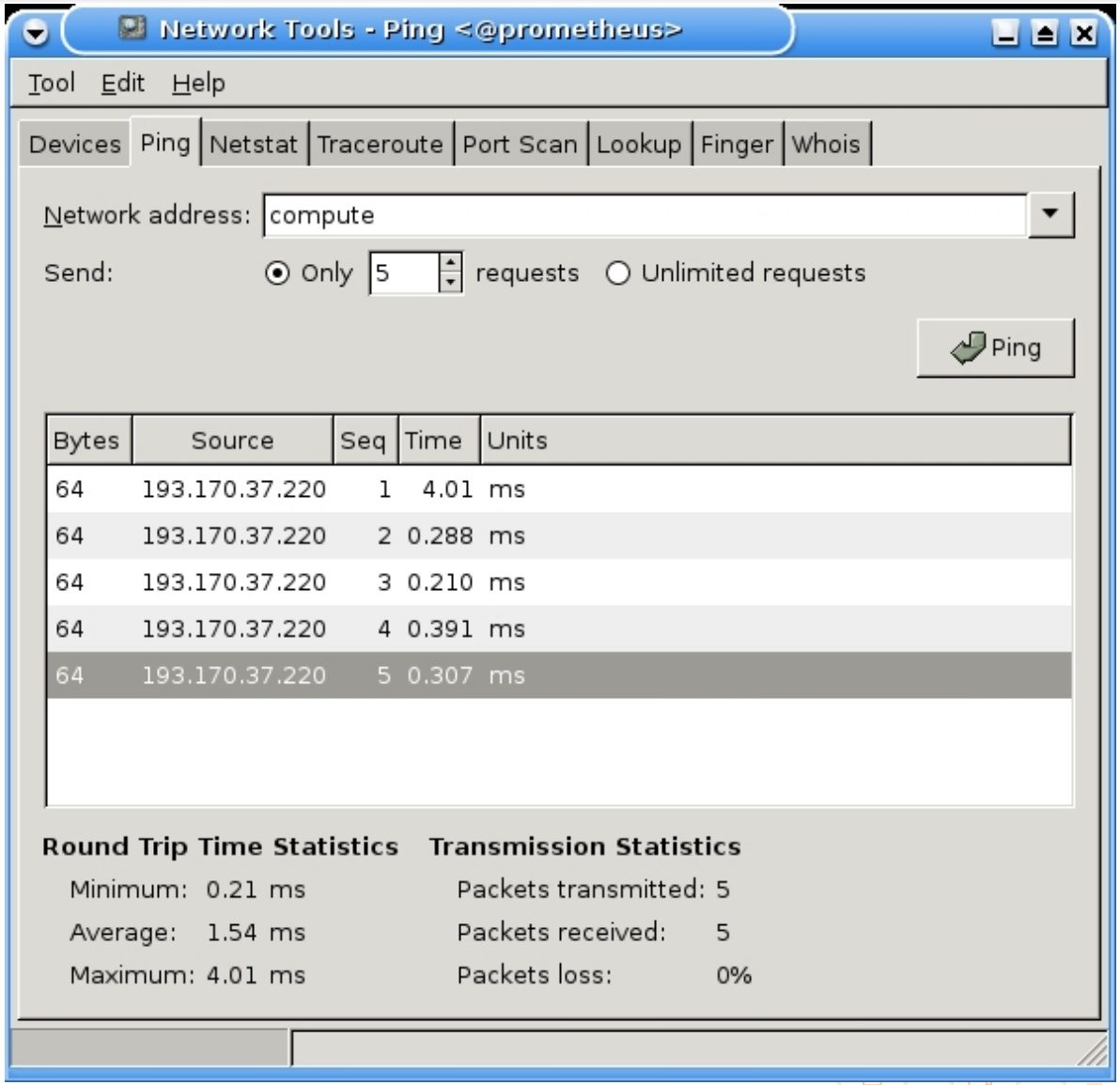

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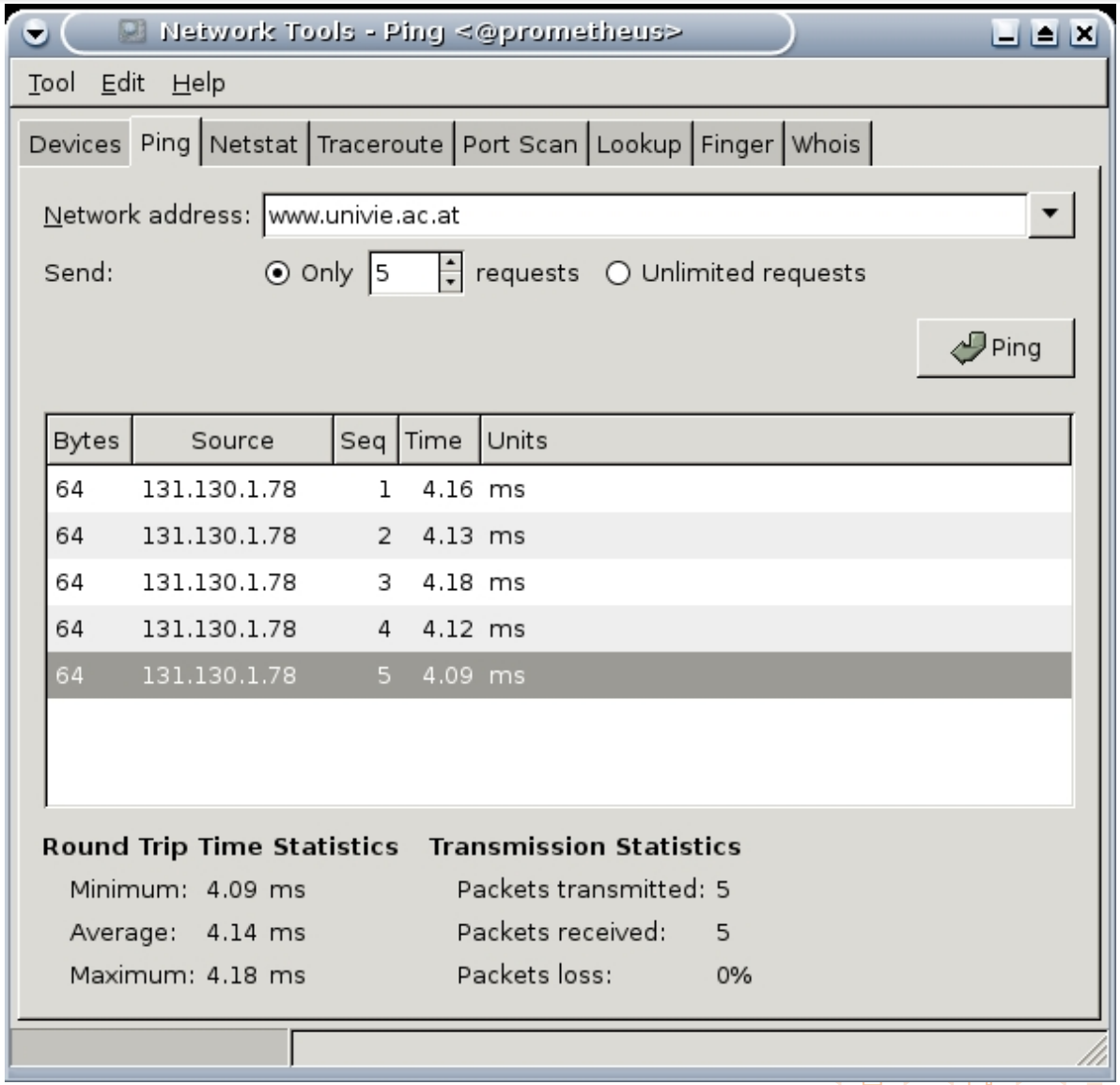

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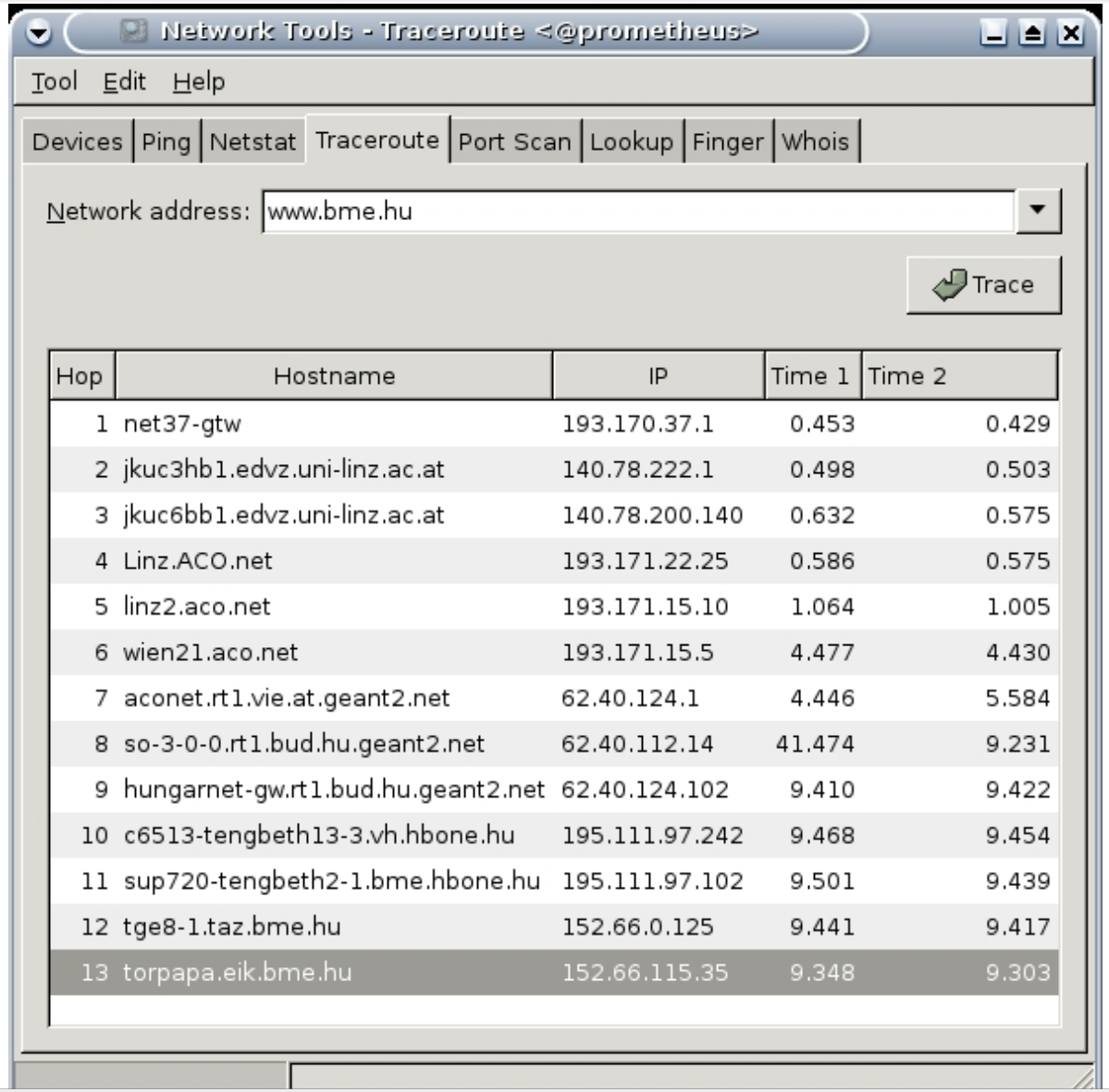

Hop	Hostname	IP	Time 1	Time 2
1	net37-gtw	193.170.37.1	0.453	0.429
2	jkuc3hb1.edvz.uni-linz.ac.at	140.78.222.1	0.498	0.503
3	jkuc6bb1.edvz.uni-linz.ac.at	140.78.200.140	0.632	0.575
4	Linz.ACO.net	193.171.22.25	0.586	0.575
5	linz2.aco.net	193.171.15.10	1.064	1.005
6	wien21.aco.net	193.171.15.5	4.477	4.430
7	aconet.rt1.vie.at.geant2.net	62.40.124.1	4.446	5.584
8	so-3-0-0.rt1.bud.hu.geant2.net	62.40.112.14	41.474	9.231
9	hungarnet-gw.rt1.bud.hu.geant2.net	62.40.124.102	9.410	9.422
10	c6513-tengbeth13-3.vh.hbone.hu	195.111.97.242	9.468	9.454
11	sup720-tengbeth2-1.bme.hbone.hu	195.111.97.102	9.501	9.439
12	tge8-1.taz.bme.hu	152.66.0.125	9.441	9.417
13	torpapa.eik.bme.hu	152.66.115.35	9.348	9.303

Network Connections - Routing

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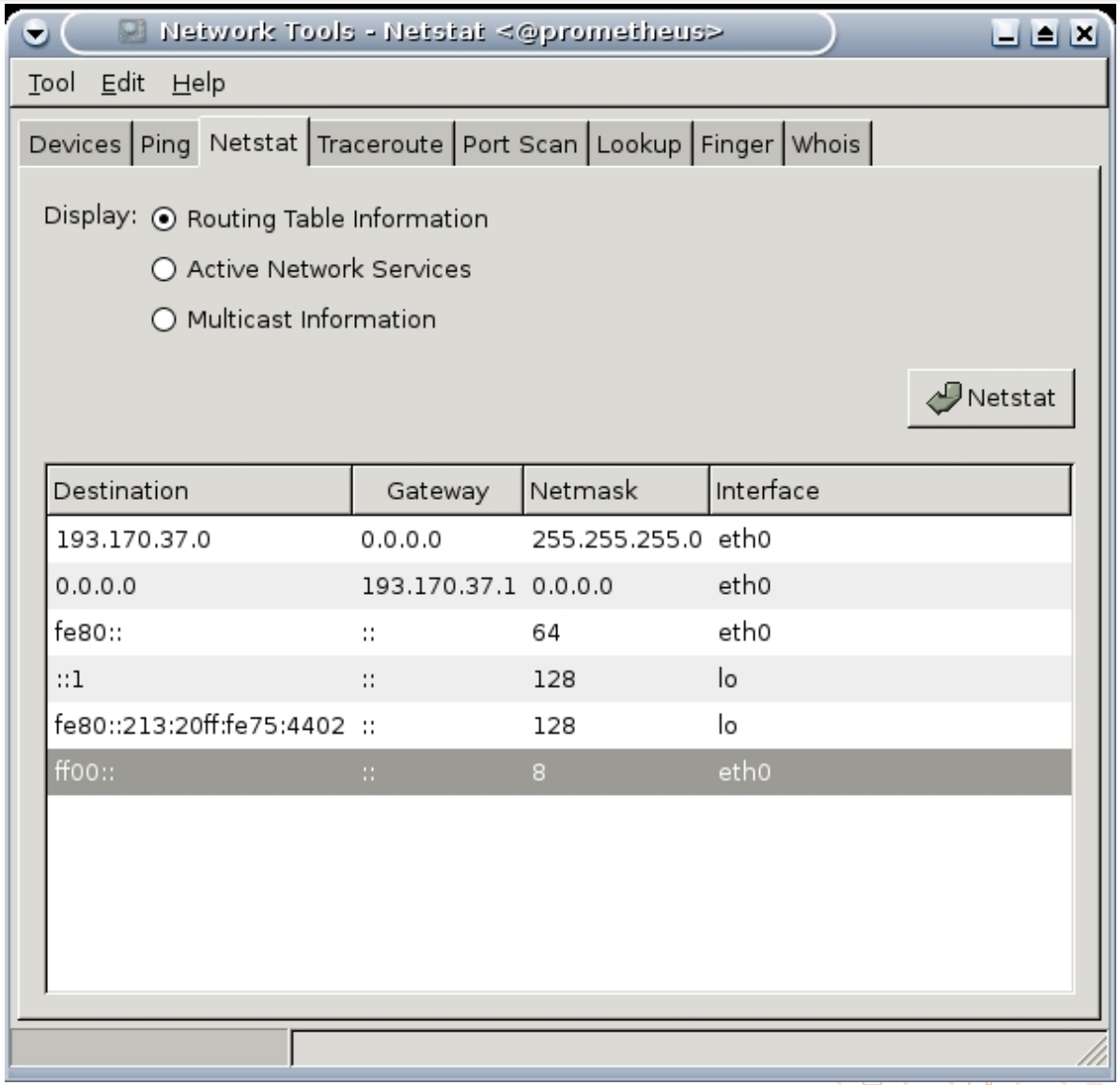

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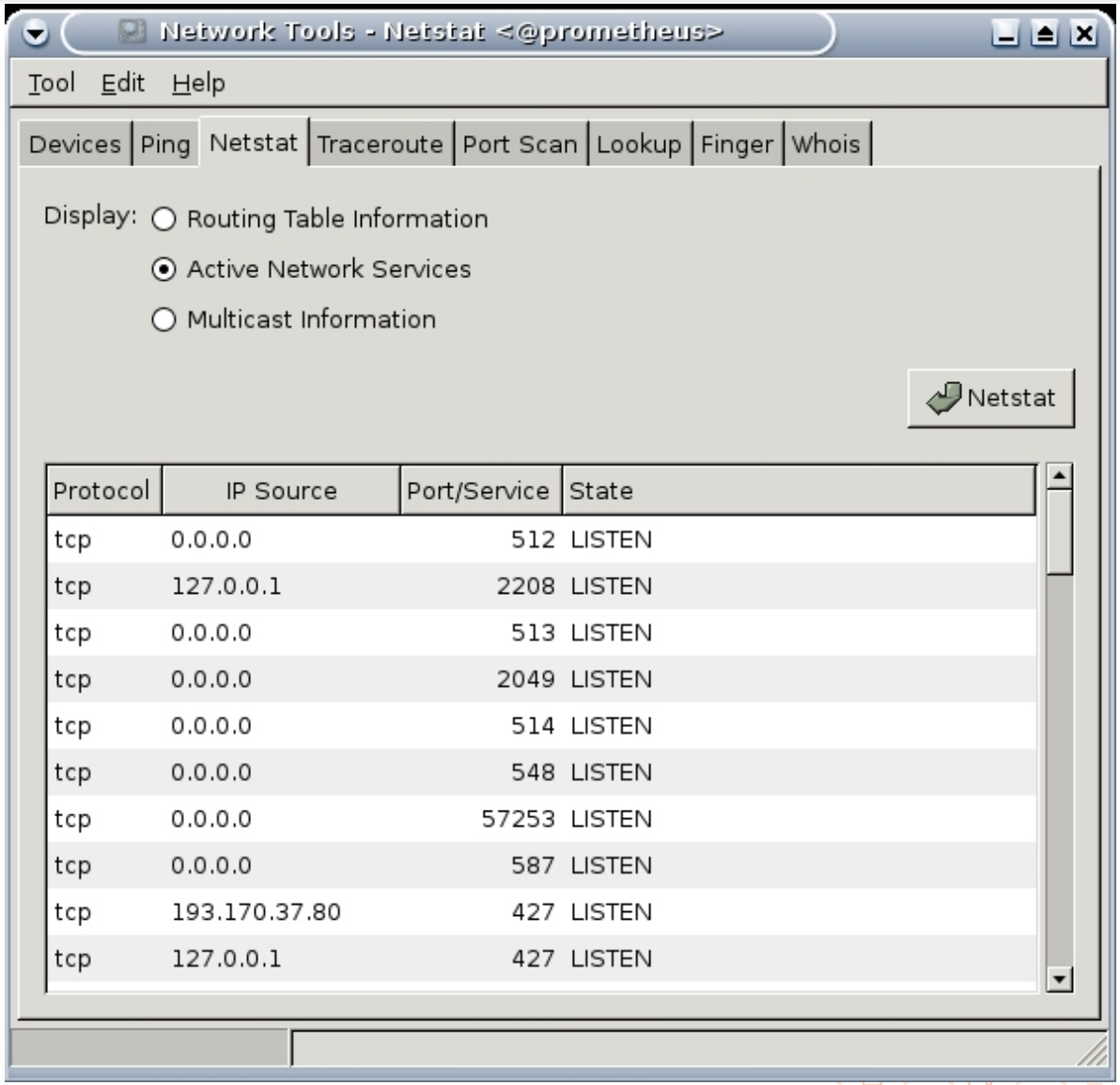

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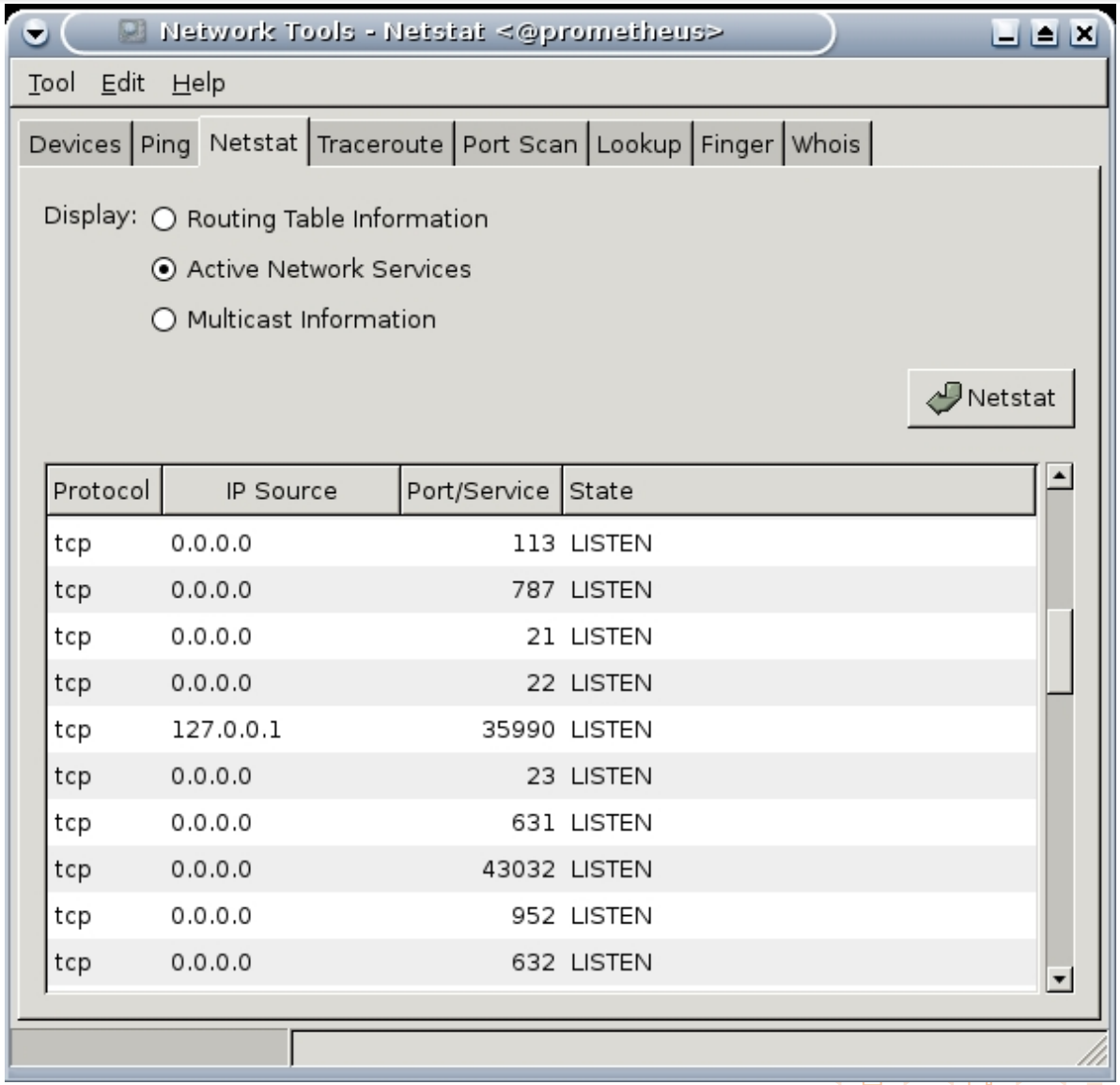

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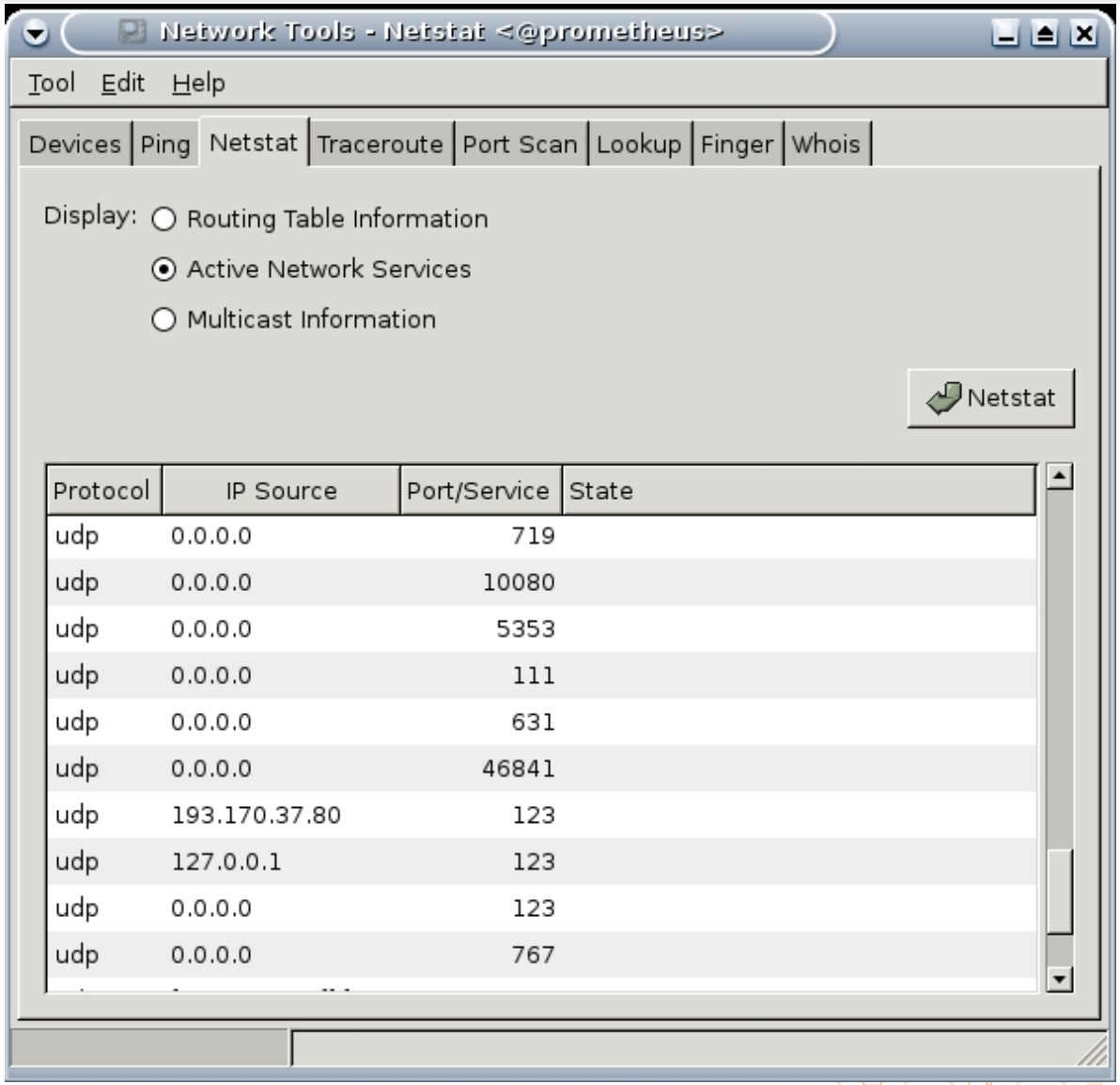

Network Connections - portscan

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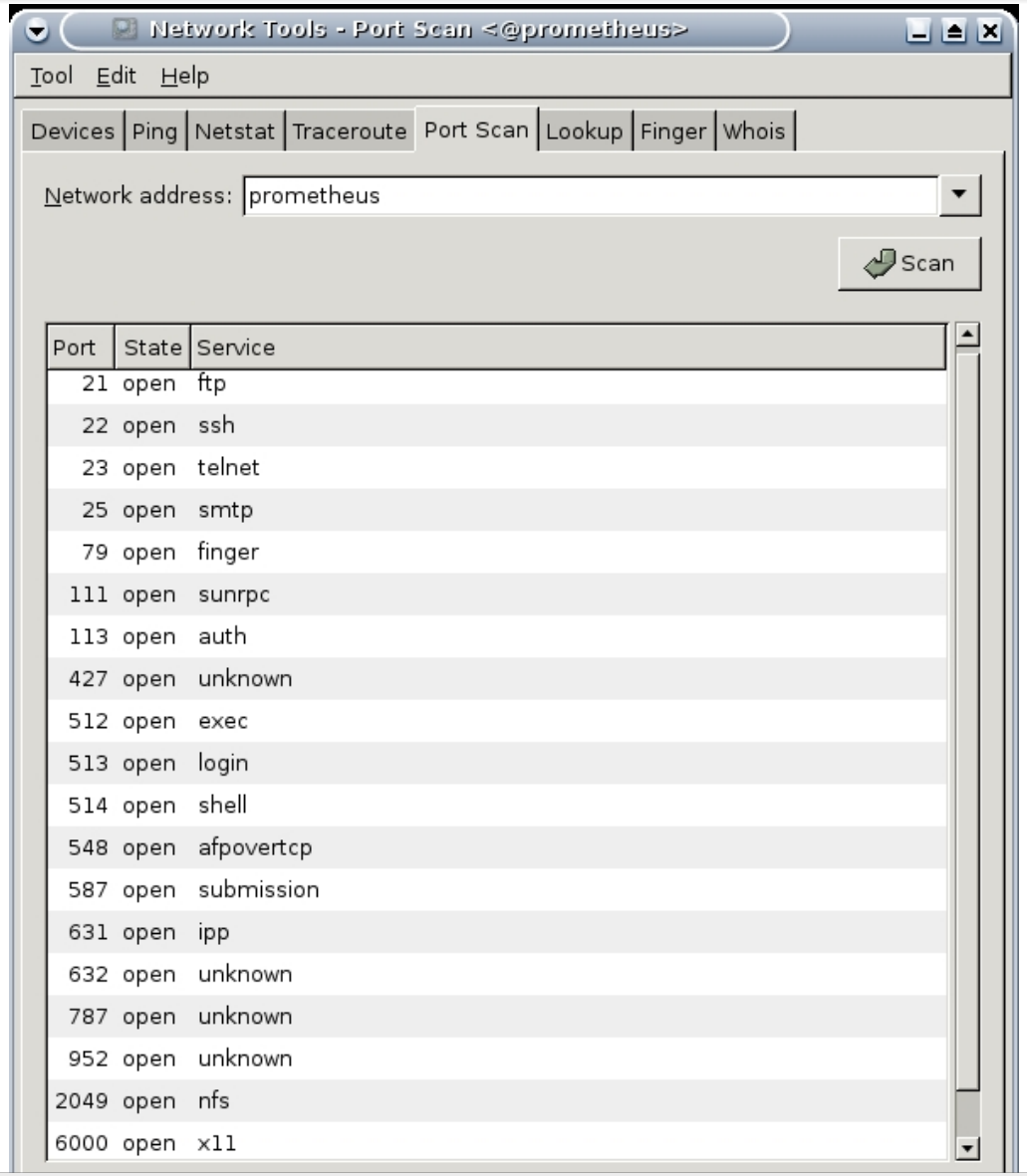

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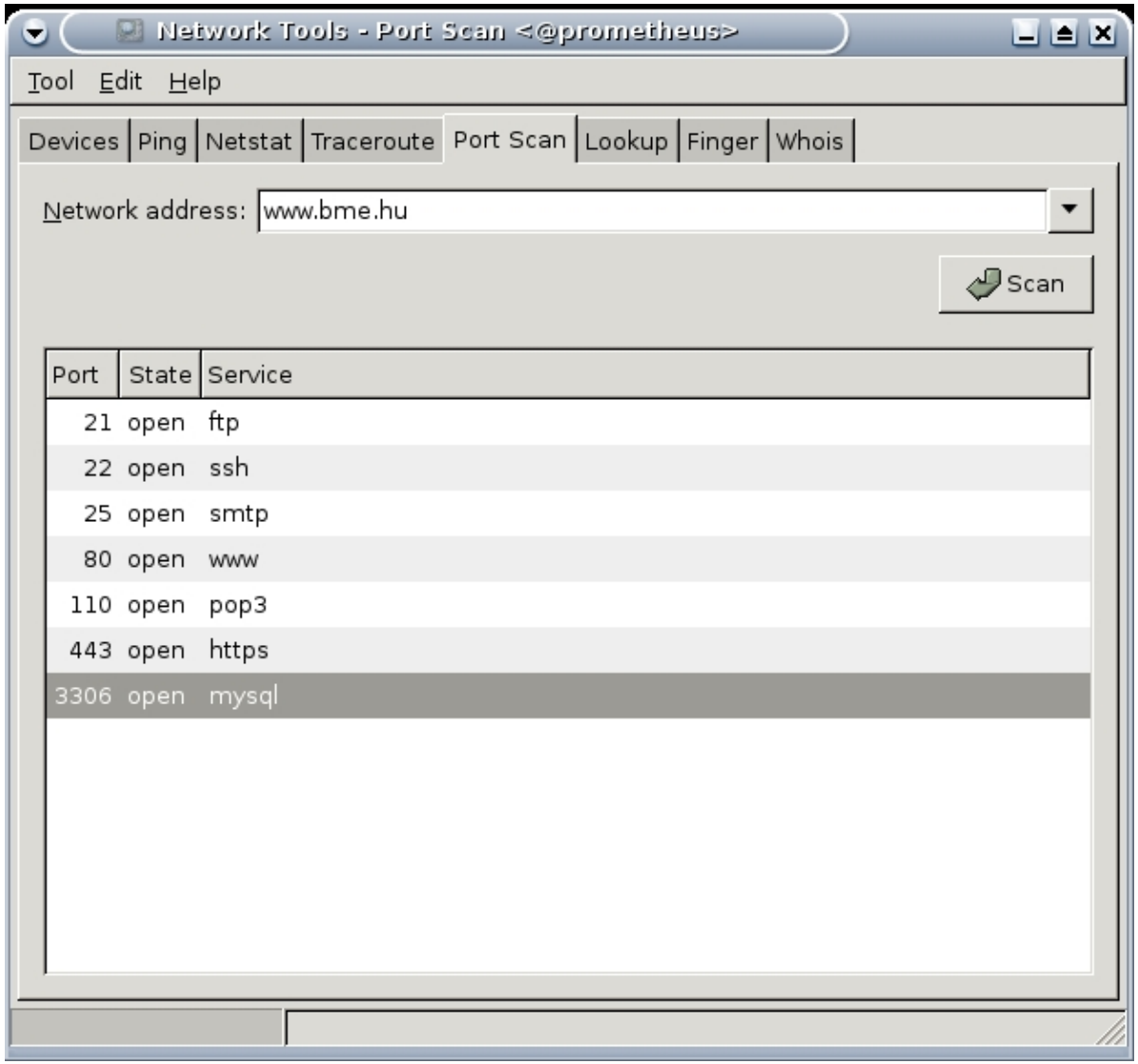

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Connecting Computers to the Network

General remarks

Connecting automatically by DHCP

- the most confortable solution
  - if DHCP server is available for the domain, for the LAN segment
  - if the DHCP server is not restricted to known hosts
  - the hardware address (MAC address) of ethernet/wireless interface needed for access

Connecting manually with fixed IP address

- this solution always works (local help (IP) needed)
- needs more knowledge about the OS, configuration files, etc.
- the only possibility if no DCHP server available

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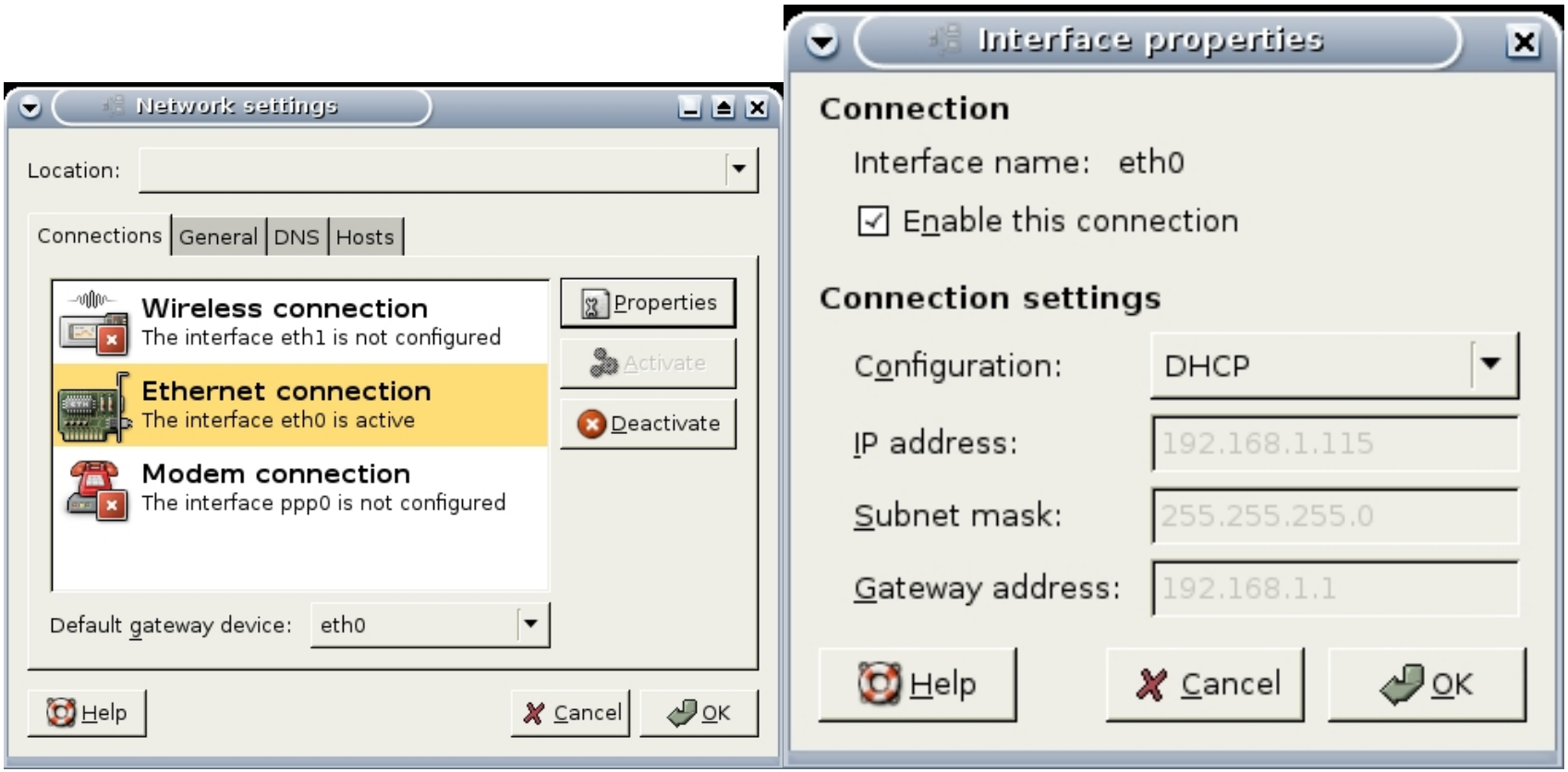
Using DHCP

Linux Configuration with network-admin



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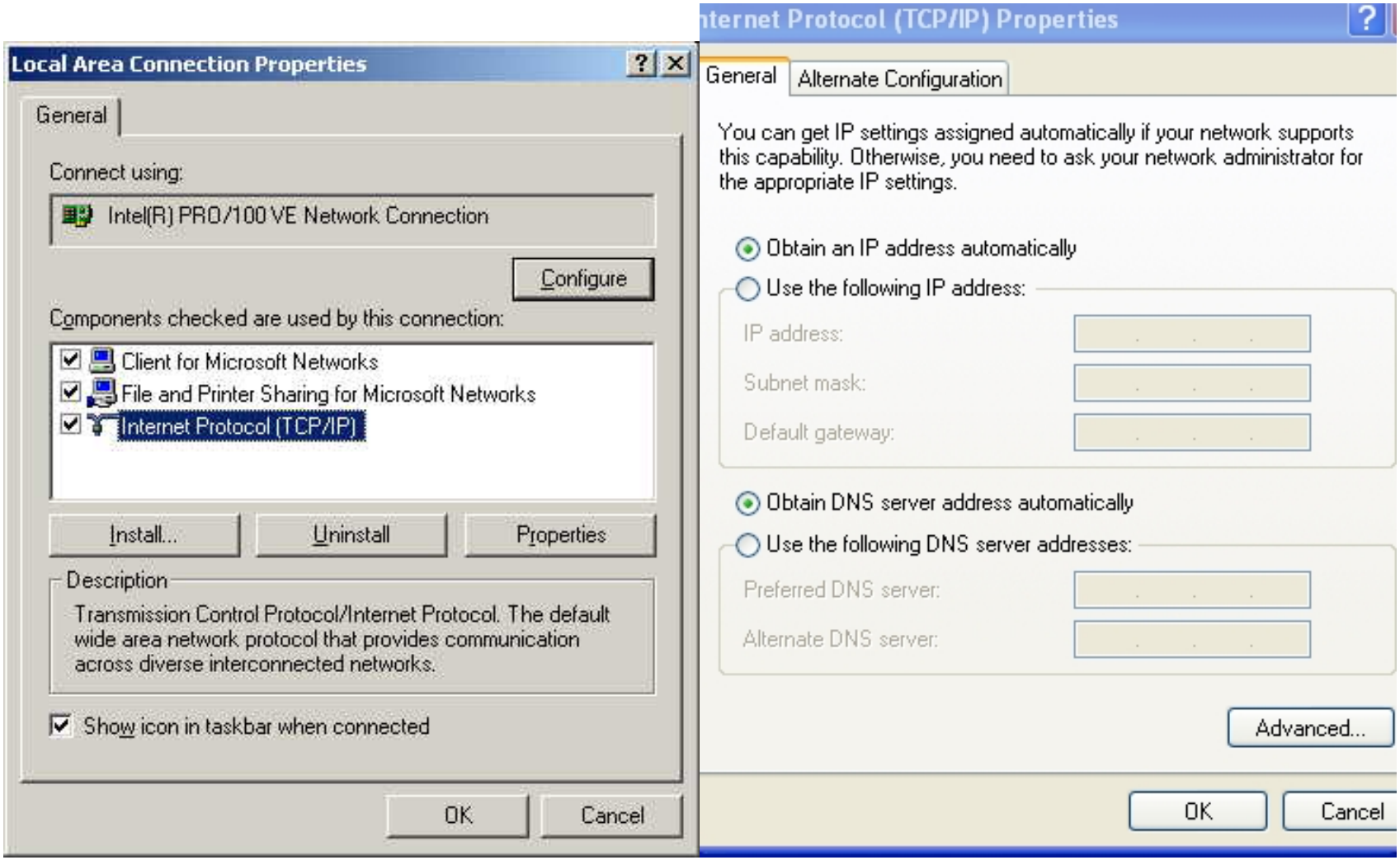

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Using fixed IP addresses

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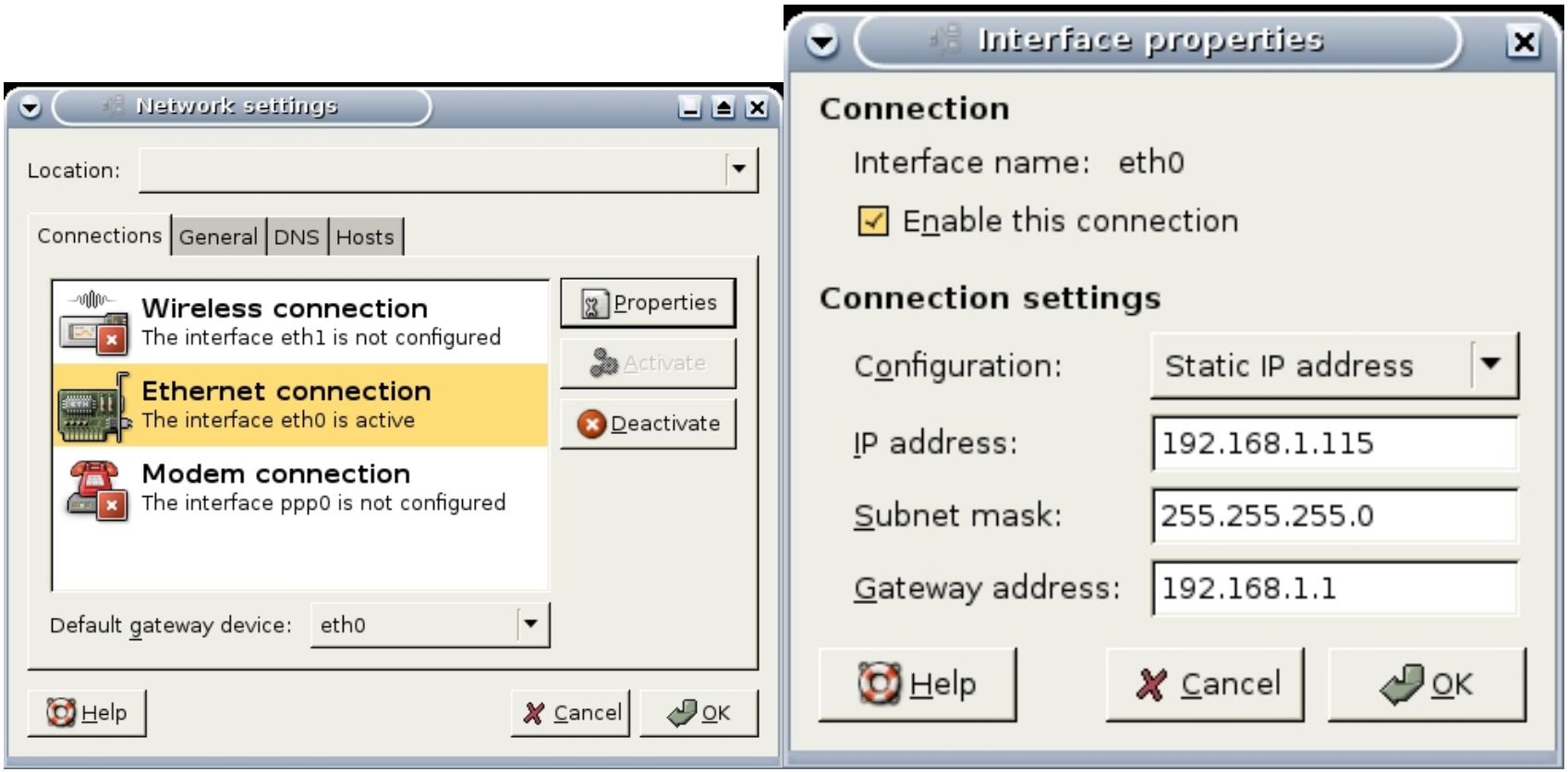

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The Name Server

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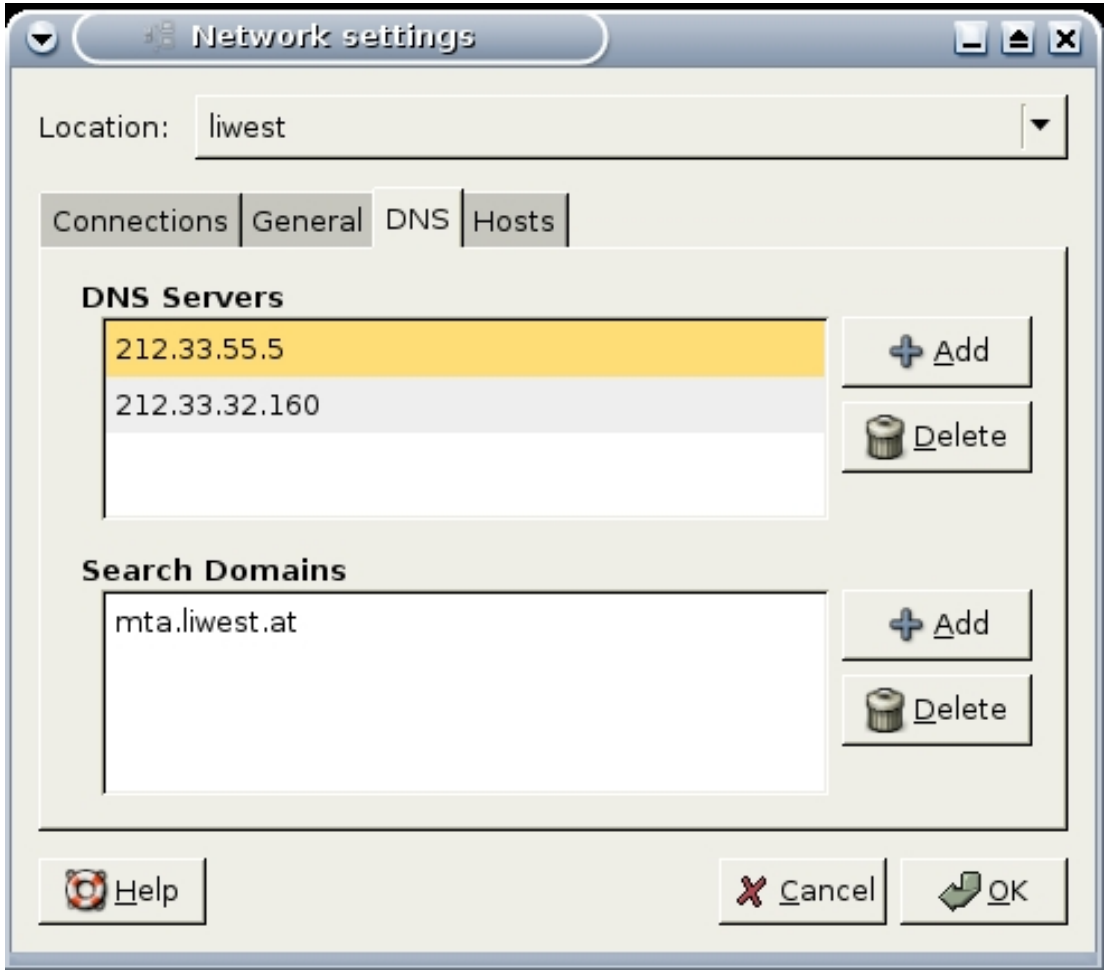
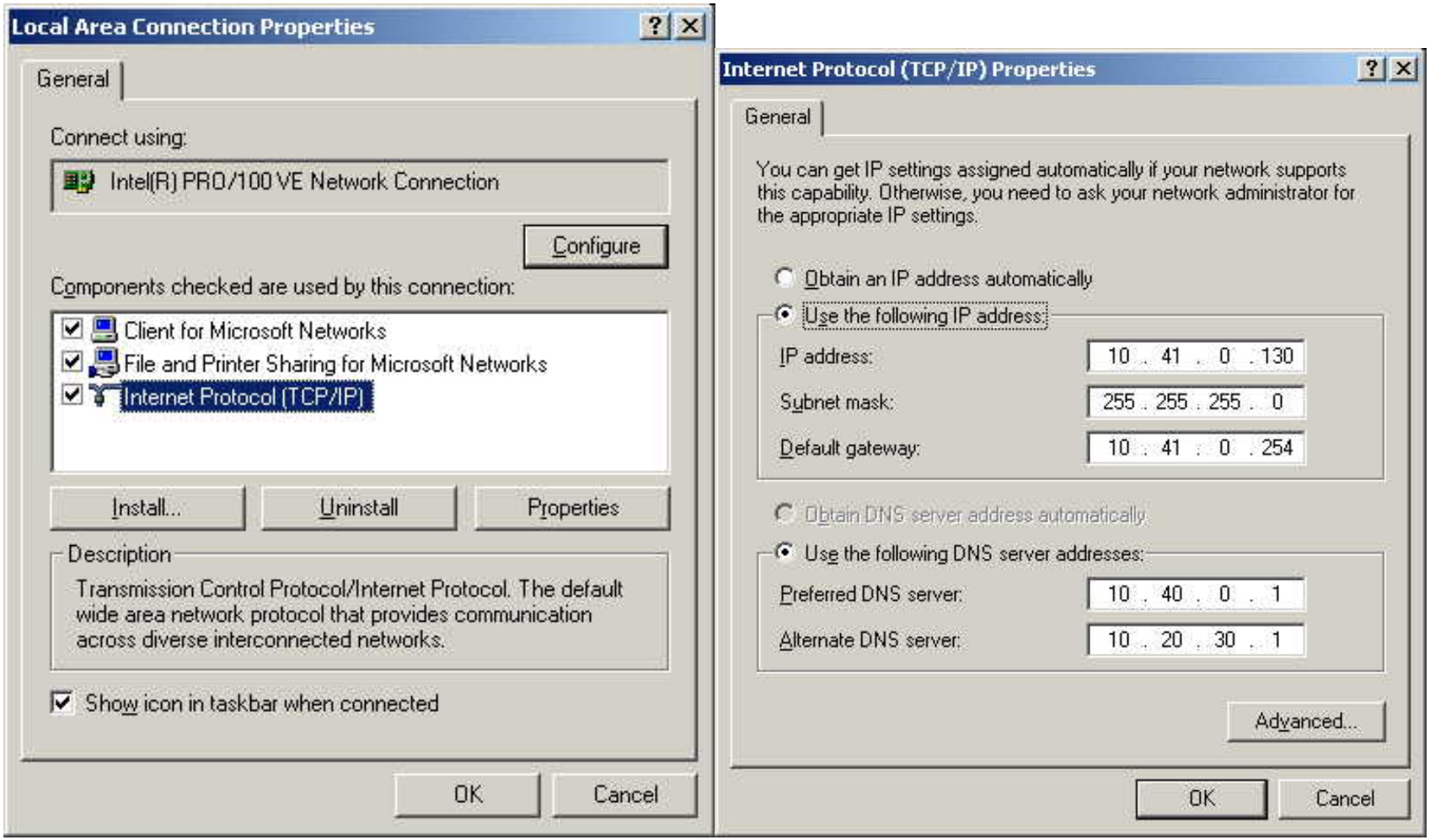


Connecting Computers to the Network

by static IP for MS Windows



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Linux computer with Fixed IP addresses

Manual (command line) solution

- Changing the appropriate files
- Files responsible for connection:
  - /etc/network/interfaces
  - /etc/hosts
  - /etc/resolv.conf
- Other files for the host configuration
  - /etc/hostname
- File /etc/hosts

```
127.0.0.1       localhost
193.170.37.225          kernel.risc.uni-linz.ac.at      kernel
```

- File /etc/hostname
  - kernel

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By fixed IP address

File /etc/network/interfaces for fixed IP address

```
# This file describes the network interfaces available on your system
# and how to activate them. For more information, see interfaces(5).
# The loopback network interface
auto lo
iface lo inet loopback

# The primary network interface
# allow-hotplug eth0
auto eth0
iface eth0 inet static

address 193.170.37.115
netmask  255.255.255.0
broadcast  193.170.37.255
network  193.170.37.0
gateway 193.170.37.1
```

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Using DHCP

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# The loopback network interface
auto lo
iface lo inet loopback

# The primary network interface
# allow-hotplug eth0
auto eth0
iface eth0 inet dhcp
```

Linux Configuration, on Command line

- change the /etc/network/interfaces file
- stop and start the interface: ifdown eth0; ifup eth0
- you will see the messages in the command line from `ifup` command

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Using DHCP

File /etc/resolv.conf

- for fixed IP configuration it consist the nameservers and domain name

```
search risc.uni-linz.ac.at
# nameserver 193.170.37.224
nameserver 193.170.37.222
nameserver 193.170.37.138
```

- for DHCP connection it will be created by DHCP
- the contents is the same as above

End of Network Basics

Thanks for your attention !