Practical Computer Networks and Applications

Exercise 1 – IP Version 4 Networks

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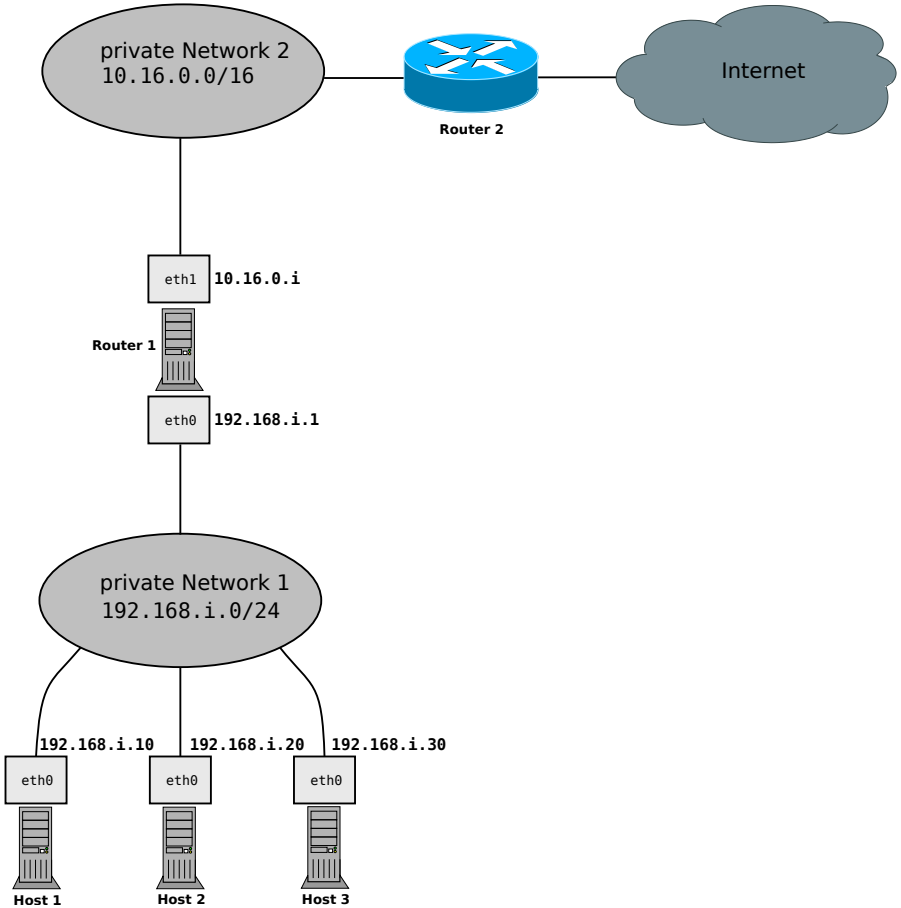


Network Topology of lab exercise 1

Private Network 1:

`192.168.i.0/24`

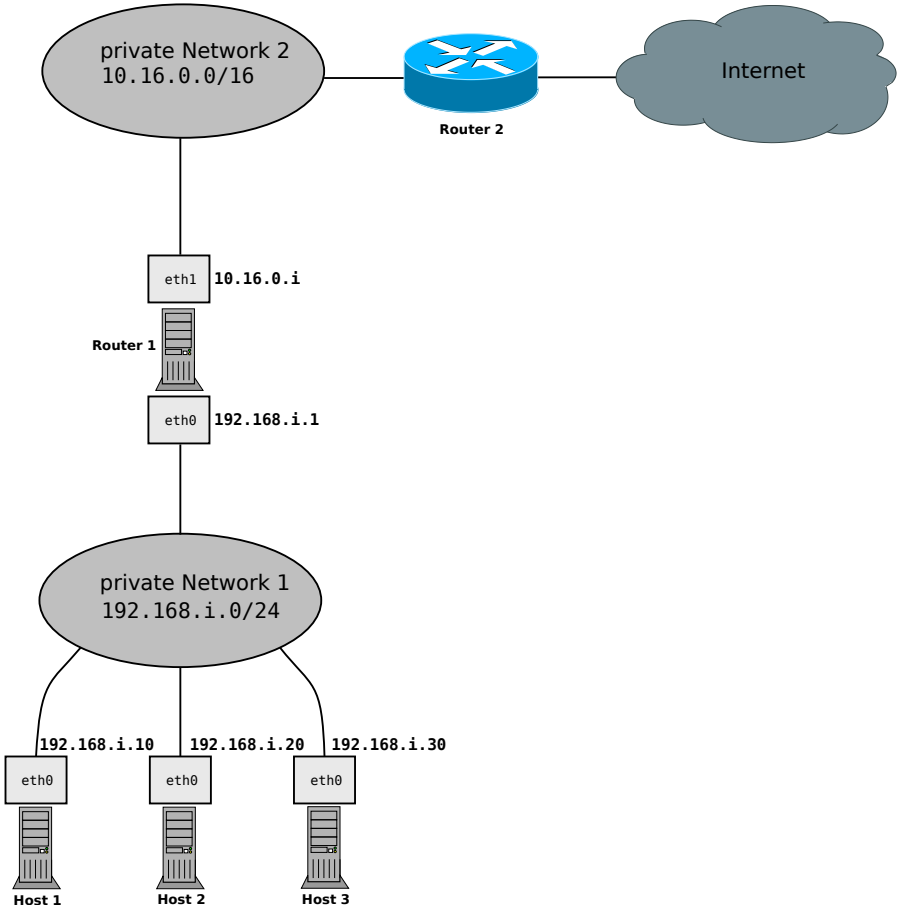
Private Network for host machines and router

Private Network 2:

`10.16.0.0/16`

Private Network spanning all networks

Network Topology – Private Network 2



Network Topology of lab exercise 1

Private Network 2:

`10.16.0.0/16`

Router 2:

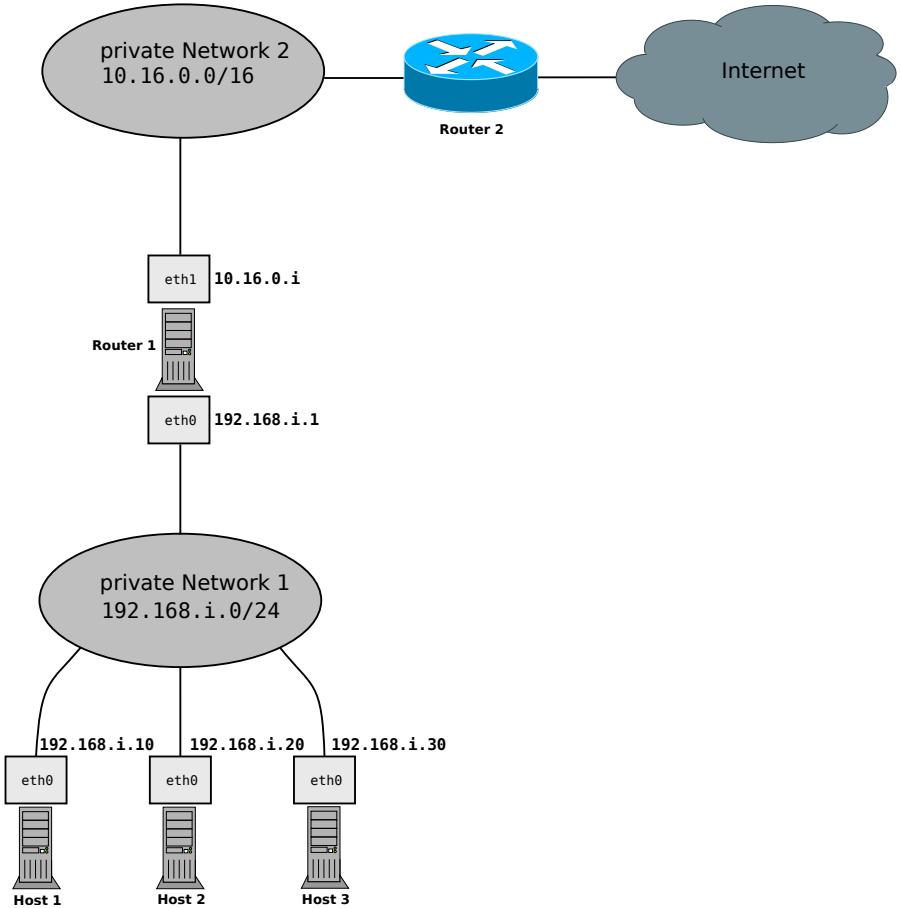
Address – `10.16.0.200`

Router 2 is the gateway for all routers in private network 1!

The route to **Router 2** needs to be configured on **Router 1**!

Is running a web server on **port 80**!

Network Topology – Private Network 1



Network Topology of lab exercise 1

Private Network 1:

`192.168.i.0/24`

Router 1:

1. Interface `eth0` – `192.168.i.1`
2. Interface `eth1` – `10.16.0.i`

Host Network:

Router 1 – `192.168.i.1`

Host 1 – `192.168.i.10`

Host 2 – `192.168.i.20`

Host 3 – `192.168.i.30`

Network Topology – Exercise 1 – Objectives

In the lab exercise you need to accomplish...

- a successful static configuration of the machines!
- working static routing on the machines!
- reachability of all machines (all hosts including **Router 1** and **2**)!
- captures of various protocols using Wireshark!

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Network Interface Names in Linux

The network interfaces in Linux can be configured with the tool `ip`

- In the literature and the internet you often find the interface names `eth0`, `eth1`,..., `ethX`!
- In practice the device names differ and often the naming schemes `enp1sXfX` or `enoX` can be seen![1]

[1] This is a good source of information: `https://www.freedesktop.org/wiki/Software/systemd/PredictableNetworkInterfaceNames/`

Name Resolution in Linux

The name resolution is configured in the file `/etc/resolv.conf`!

The entry of that file is used to resolve domain names into IP addresses![2]

The format of the entries is `nameserver <IP ADDRESS>`!

The most commonly known entry is `8.8.8.8` and refers to a Google name server!

[2] More detailed information on the name resolution in the lecture slides!

Commandline-tools for Networking in Linux (1/4)

The `ip` command from the `iproute2` package is a very powerful tool and replaces the deprecated `ifconfig` tool!
Its primary use cases are:

- statistics of the network links
- network configuration tasks (address assignment, ARP cache inspection, routing tables, etc.)
- configuration of static routes

Importance of the `ip` command

Please get familiar with the `ip` command and its options, since it plays a pivotal role in the configuration of the machines for lab exercise 1!

Commandline-tools for Networking in Linux (2/4)

The `ip`[3] command:

- `ip link ...` – configuration of interfaces
- `ip addr ...` – configuration of addresses
- `ip route ...` – configuration of routes

[3] The manpage of `ip` gives you the full list of functions and options!

Commandline-tools for Networking in Linux (3/4)

The `ping`[4] command is used to send ICMP packets to a host machine in the network! Its primary use cases are:

- gathering statistics on the network
- testing the reachability of a host and the network link
- first step in debugging of network errors

[4] The manpage of `ping` gives you the full list of functions and options!

Commandline-tools for Networking in Linux (4/4)

`traceroute` – tracks the route of packets to the destination

`curl` – a tool to transfer data over multiple protocols (HTTP, FTP, etc.)

`ss` (`socket statistics`) – generates statistics on transport layer protocols

`nc` (`netcat`) – listens and analyzes transport layer protocols

`nmap` – a tool for network analysis and port scanning

`dig` – displays the domain name lookups and the available name servers

IP forwarding in Linux routers

In order to enable routing in Linux ip forwarding needs to be activated!
This can be done by setting the Kernel parameter:

```
net.ipv4.ip_forward=1
```

alternatively

```
/proc/sys/net/ipv4/ip_forward
```

Setting Kernel parameters

The options presented above can be set by using `sysctl -w` followed by the parameter to set (here `net.ipv4.ip_forward=1`). Alternatively the parameter can be set by using `cat` and writing the value `1` to the file `/proc/sys/net/ipv4/ip_forward`!

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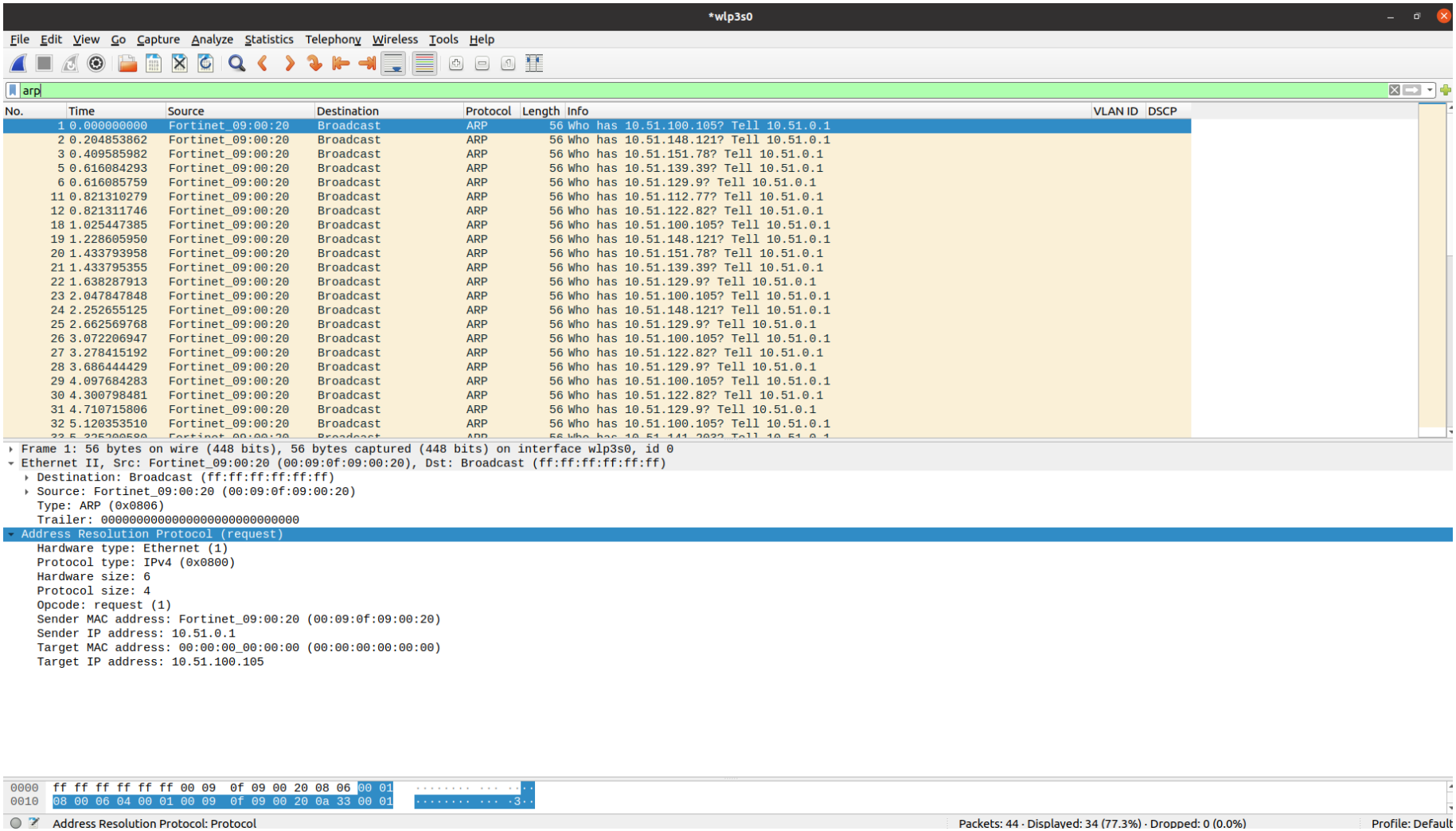
Wireshark

Wireshark is an open-source tool for network analysis

Wireshark features the following functions:

- Graphical user interface
- Collection of transmited data
- Detailed view of each packet and protocol
- Enables a detailed analysis of network traffic

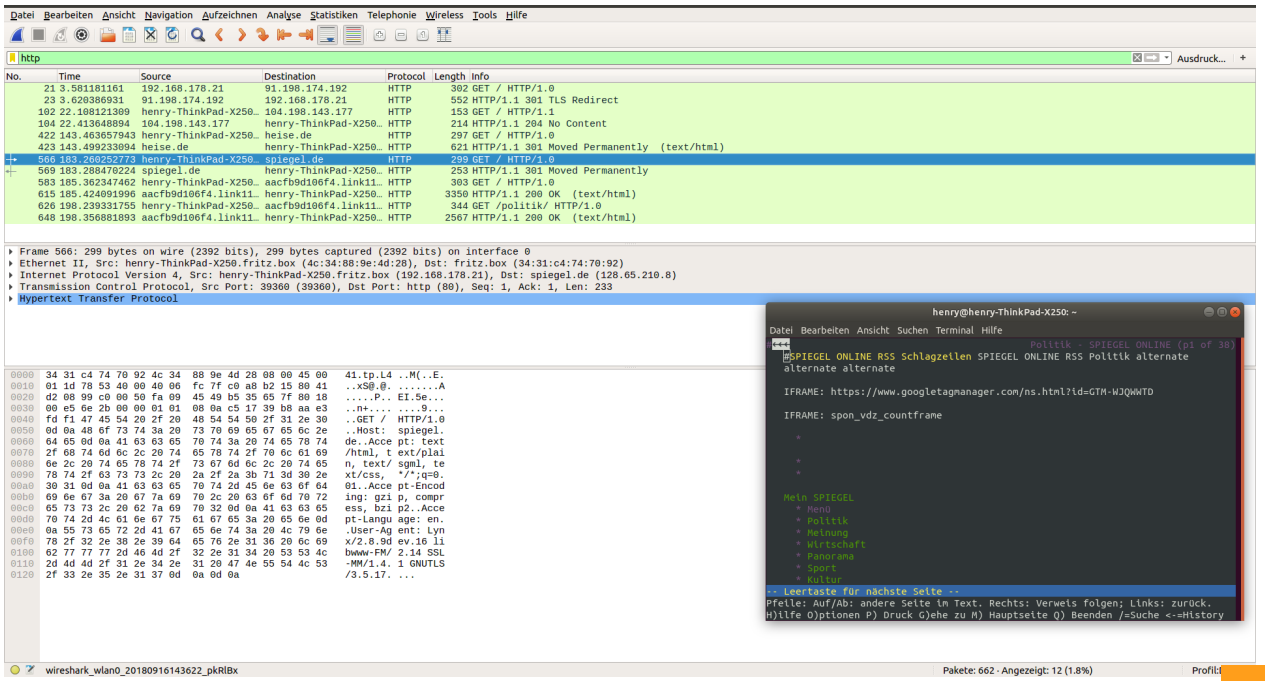
Wireshark



Wireshark Desktop

An Example on Using Wireshark

The picture shows Wireshark collecting data for a HTTP-connection using `lynx` to access `www.heise.de`.



Data collected with Wireshark using `lynx`

Configuration of the machines

Please follow these rules:

Make your configurations statically! Use the tool `ip` exclusively!

Save your static configuration on file! Use an USB-Drive for the extraction!

Test your setup and document it accurately! Demonstrate it in the lab exercise!

Make slides of your configurations! Use the command-line snippets, screenshots and Wireshark captures for your documentation!

Non persistent configuration on machines

Please be aware, that the configurations on the machines are static and will be deleted after a reboot! Make sure to save your progress on an external drive!