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FYI on a Network Management Tool Catalog:
Tools for Monitoring and Debugging TCP/IP Internets
and Interconnected Devices

Status of this Memo

This memo provides information for the Internet community. It does not specify an Internet standard. Distribution of this memo is unlimited.

Abstract

The goal of this FYI memo is to provide an update to FYI 2, RFC 1147 [1], which provided practical information to site administrators and network managers. New and/or updated tools are listed in this RFC. Additional descriptions are welcome, and should be sent to: noctools-entries@merit.edu.

Introduction

A static document cannot incorporate references to the latest tools nor recent revisions to the older catalog entries. To provide a more timely and responsive information source, the NOCtools catalog is available on-line via the Internet and Usenet.

news comp.networks.noctools
ftp wuarchive.wustl.edu:/doc/noctools

Because of publication delays and other factors, some of the entries in this catalog may be out of date. The reader is urged to consult the on-line service to obtain the most up-to-date information.

The index provided in this document reflects the current contents of the on-line documentation.

The NOCtools2 Working Group of the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) has compiled this revised catalog. Future revisions will be incorporated into the on-line NOCtools catalog. The reader is encouraged to submit new or revised entries for (near-immediate) electronic publication.

The tools described in this catalog are in no way endorsed by the IETF. For the most part, we have neither evaluated the tools in this catalog, nor validated their descriptions. Most of the descriptions of commercial tools have been provided by vendors. Caveat Emptor.

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Current Postings

The current contents of the NOCTools catalog may be retrieved via anonymous FTP from `wuarchive.wustl.edu`. The entries are stored as individual files in the directory `/doc/noctools`.

"No-Writeups" Appendix

This section contains references to tools which are known to exist, but which have not been fully cataloged. If anyone wishes to author an entry for one of these tools please contact us at:

`noctools-request@merit.edu`

Keep in mind that if these or other tools are included in the future, they will be available in the on-line version of the catalog.

Each mention is separated by a `<form-feed>` for improved readability. If you intend to actually print-out this section of the catalog, then you should probably strip-out the `<ff>`.

How to Submit/Update an Entry

- 1) review the template included below to determine what information you will need to collect,
- 2) review the keywords to see what your indexing options are,
- 3) assemble (update) catalog entry to include results of 1) and 2).
- 4) Submit your entry using either of the following two methods:
 - a) Post your submission to: `comp.internet.noctools.submissions`
 - b) Email your submission to: `noctools-entries@merit.edu`

New entries will be circulated automatically upon reception. As time permits, the NOCTools editors will review recent submissions and incorporate them into the master indexes. Enquiries regarding the

status of a submission should be E-Mailed to:

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Those submitting an entry to the catalog should insure that any E-mail addresses provided are correct and functional. Either the catalog editors or prospective users of your tool may wish to reach you.

TEMPLATE

NAME

<tool-name>

KEYWORDS

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[<keyword-A1>[,<keyword-A2>[,...,<keyword-An>]]];  
[<keyword-B1>[,<keyword-B2>[,...,<keyword-Bn>]]];  
[<keyword-C1>[,<keyword-C2>[,...,<keyword-Cn>]]];  
[<keyword-D1>[,<keyword-D2>[,...,<keyword-Dn>]]];  
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ABSTRACT

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<summary of the tool>  
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MECHANISM

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<high level technical details of how it works>  
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CAVEATS

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<any warnings or cautions>  
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BUGS

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Keywords

This catalog uses "keywords" for terse characterizations of the tools. Keywords are abbreviated attributes of a tool or its use. To allow cross-comparison of tools, uniform keyword definitions have been developed, and are given below. Following the definitions, there is an index of catalog entries by keyword.

Keyword Definitions

The keywords are always listed in a predefined order, sorted first by the general category into which they fall, and then alphabetically. The categories that have been defined for management tool keywords are:

- o the general management area to which a tool relates or a tool's functional role;
- o the network resources or components that are managed;
- o the mechanisms or methods a tool uses to perform its functions;
- o the operating system and hardware environment of a tool; and
- o the characteristics of a tool as a hardware product or software release.

The keywords used to describe the general management area or functional role of a tool are:

Alarm

a reporting/logging tool that can trigger on specific events within a network.

Analyzer

a traffic monitor that reconstructs and interprets protocol messages that span several packets.

Benchmark

a tool used to evaluate the performance of network components.

Control

a tool that can change the state or status of a remote network resource.

Debugger

a tool that by generating arbitrary packets and monitoring traffic, can drive a remote network component to various states and record its responses.

Generator

a traffic generation tool.

Manager

a distributed network management system or system component.

Map

a tool that can discover and report a system's topology or configuration.

Reference

a tool for documenting MIB structure or system configuration.

Routing

a packet route discovery tool.

Security

a tool for analyzing or reducing threats to security.

Status

a tool that remotely tracks the status of network components.

Traffic

a tool that monitors packet flow.

The keywords used to identify the network resources or components that a tool manages are:

Bridge

a tool for controlling or monitoring LAN bridges.

CHAOS

a tool for controlling or monitoring implementations of the CHAOS protocol suite or network components that use it.

DECnet

a tool for controlling or monitoring implementations of the DECnet protocol suite or network components that use it.

DNS

a Domain Name System debugging tool.

Ethernet

a tool for controlling or monitoring network components on ethernet LANs.

FDDI

a tool for controlling or monitoring network components on FDDI LANs or WANs.

IP

a tool for controlling or monitoring implementations of the TCP/IP protocol suite or network components that use it.

OSI

a tool for controlling or monitoring implementations of the OSI protocol suite or network components that use it.

NFS

a Network File System debugging tool.

Ring

a tool for controlling or monitoring network components on Token Ring LANs.

SMTP
an SMTP debugging tool.

Star
a tool for controlling or monitoring network components on StarLANs.

The keywords used to describe a tool's mechanism are:

CMIS
a network management system or component based on CMIS/CMIP, the Common Management Information System and Protocol.

Curses
a tool that uses the "curses" tty interface package.

Eavesdrop
a tool that silently monitors communications media (e.g., by putting an ethernet interface into "promiscuous" mode).

NMS
the tool is a component of or queries a Network Management System.

Ping
a tool that sends packet probes such as ICMP echo messages; to help distinguish tools, we do not consider NMS queries or protocol spoofing (see below) as probes.

Proprietary
a distributed tool that uses proprietary communications techniques to link its components.

RMON
a tool which employs the RMON extensions to SNMP.

SNMP
a network management system or component based on SNMP, the Simple Network Management Protocol.

Spoof
a tool that tests operation of remote protocol modules by peer-level message exchange.

X
a tool that uses X-Windows.

The keywords used to describe a tool's operating environment are:

DOS

a tool that runs under MS-DOS.

HP

a tool that runs on Hewlett-Packard systems.

Macintosh

a tool that runs on Macintosh personal computers.

OS/2

a tool that runs under the OS/2 operating system.

Standalone

an integrated hardware/software tool that requires only a network interface for operation.

Sun

a tool that runs on Sun Microsystems platforms.
(binary distribution built for use on a Sun.)

UNIX

a tool that runs under 4.xBSD UNIX or related OS.

VMS

a tool that runs under DEC's VMS operating system.

The keywords used to describe a tool's characteristics as a hardware or software acquisition are:

Free

a tool is available at no charge, though other restrictions may apply (tools that are part of an OS distribution but not otherwise available are not listed as "free").

Library

a tool packaged with either an Application Programming Interface (API) or object-level subroutines that may be loaded with programs.

Sourcelib

a collection of source code (subroutines) upon which developers may construct other tools.

Tools Indexed by Keywords

Following is an index of the most up-to-date catalog entries sorted by keyword, which is available via:

news	comp.networks.noctools.tools
ftp	wuarchive.wustl.edu:/doc/noctool

This index can be used to locate the tools with a particular attribute: tools are listed under each keyword that characterizes them. The keywords and the subordinate lists of tools under them are in alphabetical order.

Alarm

CMIP Library

Dual Manager

Eagle

EMANATE

EtherMeter

LanProbe

LANWatch

MONET

NetMetrix Load Monitor

NetMetrix Protocol Analyzer

NETMON for Windows

NETscout

NOCOL

SNMP Libraries and Utilities from Empire Technologies

SNMP Libraries and Utilities from SNMP Research

snmpd from Empire Technologies

SpiderMonitor

XNETMON from SNMP Research

xnetmon from Wellfleet

Analyzer

LANVista

LANWatch

NetMetrix Protocol Analyzer

NETscout

PacketView

Sniffer

SpiderMonitor

Benchmark

hammer & anvil

iozone

LADDIS

LANVista

nhfsstone

SPIMS

spray

ttcp

XNETMON from SNMP Research

CMIS

CMIP library

Generic Managed System

MIB Browser

Control

CMIP Library

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Eagle

MIB Manager from Empire Technologies

MONET

NETMON for Windows

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SNMP Libraries and Utilities from SNMP Research

SNMP Packaged Agent System

snmpd from Empire Technologies

TokenVIEW

XNETMON from SNMP Research

Debugger

Ethernet Box II

LANVista

NetMetrix Traffic Generator

ping from UCB

SPIMS

XNETMON from SNMP Research

Generator

hammer & anvil

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decaddrs by Wellfleet
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getone by Wellfleet
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SNMP Libraries and Utilities from SNMP Research
SNMP Packaged Agent System
snmpd from Empire Technologies
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Tricklet
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XNETMON from SNMP Research
XNETMON from Wellfleet
xnetperfmon

Map

decaddrs by Wellfleet
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XNETMON by SNMP Research
XNETMON by Wellfleet

Reference

EMANATE
ethernet-codes
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Tool Descriptions

This section is an updated collection of brief descriptions of tools for managing TCP/IP internets. These entries are in alphabetical order, by tool name.

The entries all follow a standard format. Immediately after the NAME of a tool are its associated KEYWORDS. Keywords are terse descriptions of the purposes or attributes of a tool. A more

detailed description of a tool's purpose and characteristics is given in the ABSTRACT section. The MECHANISM section describes how a tool works. In CAVEATS, warnings about tool use are given. In BUGS, known bugs or bug-report procedures are given. LIMITATIONS describes the boundaries of a tool's capabilities. HARDWARE REQUIRED and SOFTWARE REQUIRED relate the operational environment a tool needs. Finally, in AVAILABILITY, pointers to vendors, online repositories, or other sources for a tool are given.

Where tool names conflict, the vendor name is used as well. For example, MITRE, and SNMP Research each submitted an updated description of a tool called, "NETMON". These tools were independently developed, are functionally different, and run in different environments. MITRE's tool is listed as "NETMON_MITRE," and the tool from SNMP Research as "NETMON_WINDOWS_SNMP_RESEARCH".

Internet Tool Catalog

ARP

NAME

arp

KEYWORDS

routing; ethernet, IP;; UNIX, VMS; free.

ABSTRACT

Arp displays and can modify the internet-to-ethernet address translations tables used by ARP, the address resolution protocol.

MECHANISM

The arp program accesses operating system memory to read the ARP data structures.

CAVEATS

None.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

Only the super user can modify ARP entries.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

No restrictions.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

BSD UNIX or related OS, or VMS.

AVAILABILITY AND CONTACT POINT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THIS TOOL

Available via anonymous FTP from uunet.uu.net, in directory bsd-sources/src/etc. Available with 4.xBSD UNIX and related operating systems. For VMS, available as part of TGV MultiNet IP software package, as well as Wollongong's WIN/TCP and Process Software Corporation's TCPware for VMS.

CONTACT POINT FOR CHANGES TO THIS CATALOG ENTRY

This entry maintained by the NOCtools editors.
Send email to noctools-request@merit.edu.

Internet Tool Catalog

AVATAR-SNMP-TOOLKIT

NAME

SNMP Application Development Toolkit

KEYWORDS

manager;;SNMP;;sourcelib.

ABSTRACT

snmpapi is an api toolkit for developing SNMP applications and agents. The toolkit is simple and very fast that can be used for any type of application. It is very well suited for embedded systems such as bridges or routers. An example MIB II agent for Sun Sparcstations is provided. snmpapi is distributed in source form only.

MECHANISM

snmpapi is a library of C functions.

CAVEATS

None.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

None.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

No restrictions.

AVAILABILITY

Available now. For more information, send e-mail to info@avatar.com.

Internet Tool Catalog

AVATAR-SUNSNMPD

NAME

sunsnmpd

KEYWORDS

manager;;snmp;sun;.

ABSTRACT

sunsnmpd is a fully supported SNMP agent with MIB II support for Sun Sparcstations running SunOS 4.1 or higher. sunsnmpd supports both SNMP GET and SET operations.

MECHANISM

sundnmpd is a daemon process which starts up at boot time from the rc.local file. It uses /dev/kmem to access kernel structures.

CAVEATS

None.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

Must be started by a super user.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

Sun Sparcstations.

AVAILABILITY

Available now. Site licensing only. For more information, send e-mail to info@avatar.com.

Internet Tool Catalog

ChameLAN-100

NAME

ChameLAN 100

KEYWORDS

analyzer, benchmark, debugger, generator, map, reference, status, traffic; bridge, DECnet, ethernet, FDDI, IP, OSI, NFS, ring; eavesdrop, SNMP, X; standalone, UNIX.

ABSTRACT

Tekelec's ChameLAN 100 is a portable diagnostic system for monitoring and simulation of FDDI, Ethernet and Token Ring networks -- simultaneously. Protocol analysis of multiple topologies, as well as mixed topologies simultaneously, is a key feature of the product family. Tekelec's proprietary FDDI hardware guarantees complete real-time analysis of networks and network components at the full ring bandwidth of 125 Mbps. It passively connects to the network and captures 100 percent of the data, measures performance and isolates real-time problems.

The simulation option offers full bandwidth load generation that allows you to create and simulate any network condition. It gives you the ability to inject errors and misformed frames. A set of confidence tests allow simple evaluation of new equipment. A ring map feature displays network topology and status of all nodes via the SMT process.

Monitoring of FDDI, Ethernet and Token Ring allows the user to: view network status in real time; view network, node, or node pair statistics; capture frames; control capture using trigger and filter capabilities; view real-time statistics; view captured frames in decoded format; and view the last frame transmitted by each station.

The following Real-Time Network Statistics of FDDI, Ethernet and Token Ring networks is displayed: frame rate, runs, byte rate, jabbers, CRC/align errors, and collisions.

Product developers can use the ChameLAN 100 to observe

and control various events to help debug their FDDI, Ethernet and Token Ring products. End users can perform real-time monitoring to test and diagnose problems that may occur when developing, installing or managing FDDI, Ethernet and Token Ring networks and network products. End users can use the ChameLAN 100 to aid in the installation and maintenance of Ethernet and Token Ring networks. To isolate specific network trouble spots the ChameLAN 100 uses filtering and triggering techniques for data capture. Higher level protocol decode includes TCP/IP, OSI and DECnet protocol suites. Protocol decode of IPX, SNMP, XTP, and AppleTalk are also supported. Development of additional protocol decodes is also under development. The ChameLAN 100 family also offers a Protocol Management Development System (PMDS) that enables users to develop custom protocol decode suites.

The FDDI, Ethernet and Token Ring hardware interfaces feature independent processing power. Real-time data is monitored unobtrusively at full bandwidth without affecting network activity. Real-time data may also be saved to a 120MB or optional 200MB hard disk drive for later analysis. FDDI data is captured at 125 megabits per second (Mbps), Ethernet at 10 Mbps and Token Ring at 4 or 16 Mbps.

MECHANISM

This portable, standalone unit incorporates the power of UNIX, X-Windows and Motif. Its UNIX-based programming interface facilitates development of customized monitoring and simulation applications. The ChameLAN 100 may connect to the network at any location using standard equipment. Standard graphical Motif/X-Windows and TCP/IP allow remote control through Ethernet and 10Base T interfaces. Tekelec also offers a rackmounted model -- ChameLAN 100-X. Both models can be controlled via a Sun Workstation remotely.

CAVEATS

none.

BUGS

none known.

LIMITATIONS

none reported.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

None. The ChameLAN 100 is a self-contained unit, and includes its own interface cards. It installs into a network with standard interface connectors.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

None.

AVAILABILITY AND CONTACT POINT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THIS TOOL

The ChameLAN 100 product family is available commercially. For more information or a free demo, call or write:

1.800.tek.elec
Tekelec
26580 West Agoura Road
Calabasas, CA 91302
Phone: 818.880.5656
Fax: 818.880.6993

The ChameLAN 100 is listed on the GSA schedule.

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Internet Tool Catalog

CMU_SNMP

NAME

The CMU SNMP Distribution

KEYWORDS

manager, status; IP; NMS, SNMP; UNIX; free, sourcelib.

ABSTRACT

The CMU SNMP Distribution includes source code for an SNMP agent, several SNMP client applications, an ASN.1 library, and supporting documentation.

The agent compiles into about 10 KB of 68000 code. The distribution includes a full agent that runs on a Kinetics FastPath2/3/4, and is built into the KIP appletalk/ethernet gateway. The machine independent portions of this agent also run on CMU's IBM PC/AT based router.

The applications are designed to be useful in the real world. Information is collected and presented in a useful format and is suitable for everyday status monitoring. Input and output are interpreted symbolically. The tools can be used without referencing the RFCs.

MECHANISM

SNMP.

CAVEATS

None.

BUGS

None reported. Send bug reports to sw01+snmp@andrew.cmu.edu. ("sw01" is "ess double-you zero ell.")

LIMITATIONS

None reported.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

The KIP gateway agent runs on a Kinetics FastPath2/3/4. Otherwise, no restrictions.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

The code was written with efficiency and portability in mind. The applications compile and run on the follow-

ing systems: IBM PC/RT running ACIS Release 3, Sun3/50 running SUNOS 3.5, and the DEC microVax running Ultrix 2.2. They are expected to run on any system with a Berkeley socket interface.

AVAILABILITY

This distribution is copyrighted by CMU, but may be used and sold without permission. Consult the copyright notices for further information. The distribution is available by anonymous FTP from the host lancaster.andrew.cmu.edu (128.2.13.21) as the files pub/cmu-snmp.9.tar, and pub/kip-snmp.9.tar. The former includes the libraries and the applications, and the latter is the KIP SNMP agent.

Please direct questions, comments, and bug reports to sw01+snmp@andrew.cmu.edu. ("sw01" is "ess double-you zero ell.") If you pick up this package, please send a note to the above address, so that you may be notified of future enhancements/changes and additions to the set of applications (several are planned).

Internet Tool Catalog

COMPUTER-SECURITY-CHECKLIST

NAME

Computer Security Checklist

KEYWORDS

security; DOS.

ABSTRACT

This program consists of 858 computer security questions divided up in thirteen sections. The program presents the questions to the user and records their responses. After answering the questions in one of the thirteen sections, the user can generate a report from the questions and the user's answers. The thirteen sections are: telecommunications security, physical access security, personnel security, systems development security, security awareness and training practices, organizational and management security, data and program security, processing and operations security, ergonomics and error prevention, environmental security, and backup and recovery security.

The questions are weighted as to their importance, and the report generator can sort the questions by weight. This way the most important issues can be tackled first.

MECHANISM

The questions are displayed on the screen and the user is prompted for a single keystroke reply. When the end of one of the thirteen sections is reached, the answers are written to a disk file. The question file and the answer file are merged to create the report file.

CAVEATS

None.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

None reported.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

No restrictions.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

DOS operating system.

AVAILABILITY

A commercial product available from:

C.D., Ltd.

P.O. Box 58363

Seattle, WA 98138

(206) 243-8700

Internet Tool Catalog

CMIP-LIBRARY

NAME

CMIP Library

KEYWORDS

manager; osi; cmis; unix; free, sourcelib.

ABSTRACT

The CMIP Library implements the functionality of the Common Management Information Service/Protocol as in the full international standards (ISO 9595, ISO 9596) published in 1990. It is designed to work with the ISODE package and can act as a building block for the construction of CMIP-based agent and manager applications.

MECHANISM

The CMIP library uses ISO ROS, ACSE and ASN.1 presentation, as implemented in ISODE, to provide its service.

CAVEATS

None.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

None known.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

Has been tested on SUN 3 and SUN 4 architectures.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

The ISODE protocol suite, BSD UNIX.

AVAILABILITY

The CMIP library and related management tools built upon it, known as OSIMIS (OSI Management Information Service), are publicly available from University College London, England via FTP and FTAM. To obtain information regarding a copy send email to osimis-request@cs.ucl.ac.uk or call +44 71 380 7366.

Internet Tool Catalog

DECADDRS

NAME

decaddrs, decaroute, decnroute, xnsroutes, bridgetab

KEYWORDS

manager, map, routing; bridge, DECnet; NMS, SNMP; UNIX.

ABSTRACT

These commands display private MIB information from Wellfleet systems. They retrieve and format for display values of one or several MIB variables from the Wellfleet Communications private enterprise MIB, using the SNMP (RFC1098). In particular these tools are used to examine the non-IP modules (DECnet, XNS, and Bridging) of a Wellfleet system.

Decaddrs displays the DECnet configuration of a Wellfleet system acting as a DECnet router, showing the static parameters associated with each DECnet interface. Decaroute and decnroute display the DECnet inter-area and intra-area routing tables (that is area routes and node routes). Xnsroutes displays routes known to a Wellfleet system acting as an XNS router. Bridgetab displays the bridge forwarding table with the disposition of traffic arriving from or directed to each station known to the Wellfleet bridge module. All these commands take an IP address as the argument and can specify an SNMP community for the retrieval. One SNMP query is performed for each row of the table. Note that the Wellfleet system must be operating as an IP router for the SNMP to be accessible.

MECHANISM

Management information is exchanged by use of SNMP.

CAVEATS

None.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

None reported.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

Distributed and supported for Sun 3 systems.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

Distributed and supported for SunOS 3.5 and 4.x.

AVAILABILITY

Commercial product of:
Wellfleet Communications, Inc.
12 DeAngelo Drive
Bedford, MA 01730-2204
(617) 275-2400

Internet Tool Catalog

DIG

NAME

DiG

KEYWORDS

status; DNS; spoof; UNIX; free.

ABSTRACT

DiG (domain information groper), is a command line tool which queries DNS servers in either an interactive or a batch mode. It was developed to be more convenient/flexible than nslookup for gathering performance data and testing DNS servers.

MECHANISM

Dig is built on a slightly modified version of the bind resolver (release 4.8).

CAVEATS

none.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

None reported.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

No restrictions.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

BSD UNIX.

AVAILABILITY

DiG is available via anonymous FTP from venera.isi.edu in pub/dig.2.0.tar.Z.

Internet Tool Catalog

EMANATE_SNMP_RESEARCH

NAME

EMANATE: Enhanced MANagement Agent Through Extensions from SNMP Research.

KEYWORDS

alarm, control, manager, reference, security, status;
bridge, Ethernet, FDDI, IP, OSI, ring, star;
NMS, SNMP;
sourcelib.

ABSTRACT

The EMANATE system provides a run-time extensible SNMP agent that dynamically reconfigures an agent's MIB without having to recompile, relink, or restart the agent. An EMANATE capable SNMP agent can support zero, one, or many subagents and dynamically reconfigure to connect or disconnect those subagents' MIBs.

The EMANATE system consists of several logically independent components and subsystems:

- o Master SNMP agent which contains an API to communicate with subagents.
- o Subagents which implement various MIBs.
- o Subagent Developer's Kit which contains tools to assist in the implementation of subagents.
- o EMANATE libraries which provide the API for the subagent.

MECHANISM

A concise API allows a standard means of communication between the master and subagents. System dependent mechanisms are employed for transfer of information between the master and subagents.

CAVEATS

None.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

None reported.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

Multiple platforms including PC's, workstations, hosts, and servers are supported. Contact SNMP Research for more details.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

C compiler.

AVAILABILITY AND CONTACT POINT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THIS TOOL

This is a commercial product available under license from:

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Internet Tool Catalog

ETHERFIND_SUN

NAME

etherfind

KEYWORDS

traffic; ethernet, IP, NFS; eavesdrop; UNIX.

ABSTRACT

Etherfind examines the packets that traverse a network interface, and outputs a text file describing the traffic. In the file, a single line of text describes a single packet: it contains values such as protocol type, length, source, and destination. Etherfind can print out all packet traffic on the ethernet, or traffic for the local host. Further packet filtering can be done on the basis of protocol: IP, ARP, RARP, ICMP, UDP, ND, TCP, and filtering can also be done based on the source, destination addresses as well as TCP and UDP port numbers.

MECHANISM

In usual operations, and by default, etherfind puts the interface in promiscuous mode. In 4.3BSD UNIX and related OSs, it uses a Network Interface Tap (NIT) to obtain a copy of traffic on an ethernet interface.

CAVEATS

None.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

Minimal protocol information is printed. Can only be run by the super user. The syntax is painful.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

Ethernet.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

SunOS.

AVAILABILITY

Executable included in Sun OS "Networking Tools and Programs" software installation option.

Internet Tool Catalog

ETHERNET-CODES

NAME

ethernet-codes

KEYWORDS

reference;
ethernet, fddi;
;
;
;

ABSTRACT

Mike Patton of MIT LCS has compiled a very comprehensive list of the IEEE numbers used on Ethernet and FDDI (with some permutation). This file contains collected information on the various codes used on IEEE 802.3 and EtherNet. There are three "pages": type codes, vendor codes, and the uses of multicast (including broadcast) addresses.

MECHANISM

FTP the file and use it like a secret decoder ring.

CAVEATS

Since this information is from collected wisdom, there are certainly omissions.

BUGS

Mike welcomes any further additions.
They can be sent to a special mailbox that he has set up:

MAP=EtherNet-codes@LCS.MIT.Edu

LIMITATIONS

See caveats.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

No restrictions.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

No restrictions.

AVAILABILITY AND CONTACT POINT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THIS TOOL

The file is stored as flat, non-compressed ASCII text.

It can be FTP'ed from:

ftp.lcs.mit.edu

Retreive the file:

/pub/map/EtherNet-codes

To submit additions or obtain further assistance, send email to:

MAP=EtherNet-codes@LCS.MIT.Edu

CONTACT POINT FOR CHANGES TO THIS CATALOG ENTRY

This entry maintained by the NOCtools editors.

Send email to noctools-request@merit.edu

Internet Tool Catalog

GENERIC-MANAGED-SYSTEM

NAME

Generic Managed System

KEYWORDS

manager; osi; cmis; unix; free, sourcelib

ABSTRACT

The Generic Managed System (GMS) implements the functions that would be common to any OSI managed system. These include the parsing of CMIS requests, selection of managed objects according to the scoping and filtering rules, handling of notifications and event forwarding discriminators etc. The intention is that the implementors should use the GMS as a basis for their own managed object implementations. A support environment is provided to assist with this.

MECHANISM

The GMS uses the UCL CMIP library plus a library of C++ objects representing common managed objects and attribute types.

CAVEATS

The system is still experimental, is subject to change and is not yet well documented.

BUGS

See above.

LIMITATIONS

None known.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

Has been tested on SUN 3 and SUN 4 architectures.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

The ISODE protocol suite, BSD UNIX, UCL CMIP Library, GNU C++ (g++).

AVAILABILITY

The CMIP library and related management tools built upon it, known as OSIMIS (OSI Management Information Service), are publicly available from University College London, England via FTP and FTAM. To obtain information regarding a copy send email to osimis-request@cs.ucl.ac.uk or call +44 71 380 7366.

Internet Tool Catalog

GETETHERS

NAME

getethers

KEYWORDS

Traffic; Ethernet; Ping; UNIX; Free

ABSTRACT

Getethers runs through all addresses on an ethernet segment (a.b.c.1 to a.b.c.254) and pings each address, and then determines the ethernet address for that host. It produces a list, in either plain ASCII, the file format for the Excelan Lanalyzer, or the file format for the Network General Sniffer, of hostname/ethernet address pairs for all hosts on the local network. The plain ASCII list optionally includes the vendor name of the ethernet card in each system, to aid in the determination of the identity of unknown systems.

MECHANISM

Getethers uses a raw IP socket to generate ICMP echo requests and receive ICMP echo replies, and then examines the kernel ARP table to determine the ethernet address of each responding system.

CAVEATS

Assumes that the ethernet it is looking at is either a Class C IP network, or part of a Class B IP network that is subnetted with a netmask of 255.255.255.0. (This is easy to change, but it's compiled in.)

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

None.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

Has been tested on Sun-3 and Sun-4 (SPARC) systems under SunOS 4.1.x, DEC VAXes under 4.3BSD.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

Runs under SunOS 4.x and 4.3BSD; should be easy to port to any other Berkeley-like system. Requires raw sockets and the ioctl calls to get at the ARP table.

AVAILABILITY AND CONTACT POINT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THIS TOOL
Public domain, and freely distributable. Available
via anonymous FTP from harbor.ecn.purdue.edu; also has
been posted to comp.sources.unix. The current version
is Version 1.4 from May 1992.

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CONTACT POINT FOR CHANGES TO THIS CATALOG ENTRY

Dave Curry (see address above).

Internet Tool Catalog

GETONE_WELLFLEET

NAME

getone, getmany, getroute, getarp, getaddr, getif, getid.

KEYWORDS

manager, routing, status; IP; NMS, SNMP; UNIX.

ABSTRACT

These commands retrieve and format for display values of one or several MIB variables (RFC1066) using the SNMP (RFC1098). Getone and getmany retrieve arbitrary MIB variables; getroute, getarp, getaddr, and getif retrieve and display tabular information (routing tables, ARP table, interface configuration, etc.), and getid retrieves and displays system name, identification and boot time.

Getone <target> <mibvariable> retrieves and displays the value of the designated MIB variable from the specified target system. The SNMP community name to be used for the retrieval can also be specified. Getmany works similarly for groups of MIB variables rather than individual values. The name of each variable, its value and its data type is displayed. Getroute returns information from the ipRoutingTable MIB structure, displaying the retrieved information in an accessible format. Getarp behaves similarly for the address translation table; getaddr for the ipAddressTable; and getif displays information from the interfaces table, supplemented with information from the ipAddressTable. Getid displays the system name, identification, ipForwarding state, and the boot time and date. All take a system name or IP address as an argument and can specify an SNMP community for the retrieval. One SNMP query is performed for each row of the table.

MECHANISM

Queries SNMP agent(s).

CAVEATS

None.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

None reported.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

Distributed and supported for Sun 3 systems.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

Distributed and supported for SunOS 3.5 and 4.x.

AVAILABILITY

Commercial product of:
Wellfleet Communications, Inc.
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(617) 275-2400

Internet Tool Catalog

HAMMER_ANVIL

NAME

hammer & anvil

KEYWORDS

benchmark, generator; IP; DOS; free.

ABSTRACT

Hammer and Anvil are the benchmarking programs for IP routers. Using these tools, gateways have been tested for per-packet delay, router-generated traffic overhead, maximum sustained throughput, etc.

MECHANISM

Tests are performed on a gateway in an isolated testbed. Hammer generates packets at controlled rates. It can set the length and interpacket interval of a packet stream. Anvil counts packet arrivals.

CAVEATS

Hammer should not be run on a live network.

BUGS

None reported.

LIMITATIONS

Early versions of hammer could not produce inter-packet intervals shorter than 55 usec.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

Hammer runs on a PC/AT or compatible, and anvil requires a PC or clone. Both use a Micom Interlan NI5210 for LAN interface.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

MS-DOS.

AVAILABILITY

Hammer and anvil are copyrighted, though free. Copies are available from pub/eutil on husc6.harvard.edu.

Internet Tool Catalog

HOPCHECK

NAME

hopcheck

KEYWORDS

routing; IP; ping; DOS; free.

ABSTRACT

Hopcheck is a tool that lists the gateways traversed by packets sent from the hopcheck-resident PC to a destination. Hopcheck uses the same mechanism as traceroute but is for use on IBM PC compatibles that have ethernet connections. Hopcheck is part of a larger TCP/IP package that is known as ka9q that is for use with packet radio. Ka9q can coexist on a PC with other TCP/IP packages such as FTP Inc's PC/TCP, but must be used independently of other packages. Ka9q was written by Phil Karn. Hopcheck was added by Katie Stevens, dkstevens@ucdavis.edu. Unlike traceroute, which requires a UNIX kernel mod, hopcheck will run on the standard, unmodified ka9q release.

MECHANISM

See the description in traceroute.

CAVEATS

See the description in traceroute.

BUGS

None known.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

IBM PC compatible with ethernet network interface card; ethernet card supported through FTP spec packet driver.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

DOS.

AVAILABILITY

Free for radio amateurs and educational institutions; others should contact Phil Karn, karn@ka9q.bellcore.com. Available via anonymous FTP at ucdavis.edu, in the directory "dist/nethop".

Internet Tool Catalog

INTERNET_ROVER

NAME

Internet Rover

KEYWORDS

status; IP, SMTP; curses, ping, spoof; UNIX; free, sourcelib.

ABSTRACT

Internet Rover is a prototype network monitor that uses multiple protocol "modules" to test network functionality. This package consists of two primary pieces of code: the data collector and the problem display.

There is one data collector that performs a series of network tests, and maintains a list of problems with the network. There can be many display processes all displaying the current list of problems which is useful in a multi-operator NOC.

The display task uses curses, allowing many terminal types to display the problem file either locally or from a remote site. Full source is provided. The data collector is easily configured and extensible. Contributions such as additional protocol modules, and shell script extensions are welcome.

MECHANISM

A configuration file contains a list of nodes, addresses, NodeUp? protocol test (ping in most cases), and a list of further tests to be performed if the node is in fact up. Modules are included to test TELNET, FTP, and SMTP. If the configuration contains a test that isn't recognized, a generic test is assumed, and a filename is checked for existence. This way users can create scripts that create a file if there is a problem, and the data collector simply checks the existence of that file to determine if there is problem.

CAVEATS

None.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

This tool does not yet have the capability to perform actions based on the result of the test. Rather, it is intended for a multi-operator environment, and simply displays a list of what is wrong with the net.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

This software is known to run on Suns and IBM RTs.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

Curses, 4.xBSD UNIX socket programming libraries, BSD ping.

AVAILABILITY

Full source available via anonymous FTP from merit.edu (35.1.1.42) in the ~ftp/pub/inetrover directory. Source and executables are public domain and can be freely distributed for non-commercial use. This package is unsupported, but bug reports and fixes may be sent to: wbn@merit.edu.

Internet Tool Catalog

IOZONE

NAME

iozone

KEYWORDS

benchmark; nfs;; dos, hp, unix, vmx; free.

ABSTRACT

Software to assess the sequential file I/O capability of a system. May be useful as reference to compare against results obtained when files are accessed via NFS, Andrew, etc.

MECHANISM

This test writes a X MEGABYTE sequential file in Y byte chunks, then rewinds it and reads it back. [The size of the file should be big enough to factor out the effect of any disk cache.]. Finally, IOZONE deletes the temporary file. Options allow one to vary X and Y. In addition, 'auto test' runs IOZONE repeatedly using record sizes from 512 to 8192 bytes (adjustable), and file sizes from 1 to 16 megabytes (adjustable). It creates a table of results.

CAVEATS

The file is written (filling any cache buffers), and then read. If the cache is \geq X MB, then most if not all the reads will be satisfied from the cache. However, if it is less than or equal to .5X MB, then NONE of the reads will be satisfied from the cache. This is because after the file is written, a .5X MB cache will contain the upper .5 MB of the test file, but we will start reading from the beginning of the file (data which is no longer in the cache).

In order for this to be a fair test, the length of the test file must be AT LEAST 2X the amount of disk cache memory for your system. If not, you are really testing the speed at which your CPU can read blocks out of the cache (not a fair test).

BUGS

none known at this time.

LIMITATIONS

IOZONE does not normally test the raw I/O speed of your disk or system-em. It tests the speed of sequential I/O to actual files. Therefore, this measurement factors in the efficiency of you machines file system, operating system, C compiler, and C runtime library. It produces a measurement which is the number of bytes per second that your system can read or write to a file.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

This program has been ported and tested on the following computer operating systems:

Vendor	Operating System	Notes on compiling IOzone
Apollo	Domain/OS	no cc switches -- BSD domain
AT&T	UNIX System V R4	
AT&T 6386WGS	AT&T UNIX 5.3.2	define SYSTYPE_SYSV
Generic AT&T	UNIX System V R3	may need cc -DSVR3
Convergent	Unisys/AT&T SVR3	cc -DCONVERGENT -o iozone iozone.c
Digital Equipment	ULTRIX V4.1	
Digital Equipment	VAX/VMS V5.4	see below **
Digital Equipment	VAX/VMS (POSIX)	
Hewlett-Packard	HP-UX 7.05	
IBM	AIX Ver. 3 rel. 1	
Interactive	UNIX System V R3	
Microsoft	MS-DOS 3.3	tested Borland, Microsoft C
MIPS	RISCos 4.52	
NeXt	NeXt OS 2.x	
OSF	OSF/1	
Portable!	POSIX 1003.1-1988	may need to define _POSIX_SOURCE
QNX	QNX 4.0	
SCO	UNIX System V/386 3.2.2	
SCO	XENIX 2.3	
SCO	XENIX 3.2	
Silicon Graphics	UNIX	cc -DSGI -o iozone iozone.c
Sony Microsystems	UNIX	same as MIPS
Sun Microsystems	SUNOS 4.1.1	
Tandem Computers	GUARDIAN 90	1. call the source file IOZONEC 2. C/IN IOZONEC/IOZONE;RUNNABLE 3. RUN IOZONE
Tandem Computers	Non-Stop UX	

** for VMS, define iozone as a foreign command via this DCL command:

```
$IOZONE := $SYS$DISK:[ ]IOZONE.EXE
```

this lets you pass the command line arguments to IOZONE

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

OS as shown in the hardware listing above.

AVAILABILITY AND CONTACT POINT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THIS TOOL

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Availability:

This tool has been posted to comp.sources.misc.
It is available from the usual archive sites.
Program can be located using ARCHIE or other
servers.

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Internet Tool Catalog

LADDIS

NAME

LADDIS

KEYWORDS

benchmark, generator;
NFS;
spoof;
unix;
free.

ABSTRACT

"LADDIS: A Multi-Vendor and Vendor-Neutral SPEC NFS Benchmark", Bruce Nelson, LADDIS Group & Auspex Systems.

Over the past 24 months, engineers from Legato, Auspex, Data General, DEC, Interphase, and Sun (LADDIS) met regularly to create the LADDIS NFS benchmark: an unbiased, standard, vendor-independent, scalable NFS performance test.

The purpose of the LADDIS benchmark is to give users a credible and undisputed test of NFS performance, and to give vendors a publishable standard performance measure that customers can use for load planning, system configuration, and equipment buying decisions. Toward this end, the LADDIS benchmark is being adopted by SPEC (the System Performance Evaluation Cooperative, creators of SPECmarks) as the first member of SPEC's System-level File Server (SFS) benchmark suite."

"In particular, we have had unexpected interest from some router vendors in using LADDIS to both rate and stress-test IP routers. This is because LADDIS can send back-to-back full-size packet trains, and because it can generate a 90%-Ethernet util on simulated "real" NFS workloads, just like routers encounter in the real world. But LADDIS is for local Ethernet or FDDI nets only, not WAN."

MECHANISM

Generates NFS requests and measures responsiveness of the server.

CAVEATS

"LADDIS is not released yet by SPEC, although a free beta version, quite stable, is available now as PRE-LADDIS. So you might want to put PRE-LADDIS in your listing, noting that full LADDIS availability from SPEC is expected by the end of 1992."

BUGS

The licensee is requested to direct beta test comments via electronicmail to:

"spec-preladdis-comments@riscee.pko.dec.com".

This alias will forward all comments to the SPECSFS mailing list (which includes the LADDIS Group).

LIMITATIONS

LADDIS is for local Ethernet or FDDI nets only, not WAN.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

A host with LAN connectivity. Presumably, a host with enough horsepower to generate an adequate work load.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

LADDIS is a sophisticated Unix-based NFS traffic generator program.

AVAILABILITY AND CONTACT POINT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THIS TOOL

Date: Mon, 10 Feb 92 13:12:20 PST

From: bnelson (Bruce Nelson)

Dear Person:

The SPEC PRE-LADDIS beta test process became operational on Monday, February 3, 1992. This email describes the process as announced during the LADDIS Group's presentation at UniForum '92 and also at Interop '91. The content of the beta test license and the license request process are consistent with the proposals approved by the SPEC Steering Committee at the January 1992 meeting in Milpitas, California.

The SPEC PRE-LADDIS beta test will consist of one beta test version of PRE-LADDIS distributed ONLY by electronic mail. The SPEC PRE-LADDIS Beta test software is licensed by SPEC, not by the LADDIS Group.

To obtain the PRE-LADDIS Beta test software, an individual must:

1. Request the SPEC PRE-LADDIS beta test License by electronic mail to
"spec-preladdis-beta-test@riscee.pko.dec.com" with a subject line of "Request SPEC PRE-LADDIS Beta Test License".
2. Print a hardcopy of the license and sign.
3. Attach a cover letter written on the individual's company letterhead requesting the PRE-LADDIS Beta Test Kit.
4. U.S. Mail the signed license and cover letter to:
SPEC PRE-LADDIS Beta Test
c/o NCGA, 2722 Merrilee Drive, Suite 200
Fairfax, VA 22031

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Note that PRE-LADDIS is ONLY available through electronic mail and ONLY through the process listed above in steps 1-4. If you do not have internet email available to you (which is unlikely if you are receiving THIS email), you must arrange delivery of PRE-LADDIS through some email-capable part of your organization, not through LADDIS members like Auspex, DEC, Sun, etc.

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Internet Tool Catalog

LAN_PATROL

NAME

LAN Patrol

KEYWORDS

security, traffic; ethernet, star; eavesdrop; DOS.

ABSTRACT

LAN Patrol is a full-featured network analyzer that provides essential information for effective fault and performance management. It allows network managers to easily monitor user activity, find traffic overloads, plan for growth, test cable, uncover intruders, balance network services, and so on. LAN Patrol uses state of the art data collection techniques to monitor all activity on a network, giving an accurate picture of how it is performing.

LAN Patrol's reports can be saved as ASCII files to disk, and imported into spreadsheet or database programs for further analysis.

MECHANISM

The LAN Patrol interface driver programs a standard interface card to capture all traffic on a network segment. The driver operates from the background of a standard PC, maintaining statistics for each station on the network. The information can be viewed on the PC's screen, or as a user-defined report output either to file or printer.

CAVEATS

None. Normal operation is completely passive, making LAN Patrol transparent to the network.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

LAN Patrol can monitor up to 10,000 packets/sec on an AT class PC, and is limited to monitoring a maximum of 1024 stations for intervals of up to 30 days.

Because LAN Patrol operates at the physical level, it will only see traffic for the segment on which it is installed; it cannot see traffic across bridges.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

Computer: IBM PC/XT/AT, PS/2 Model 30, or compatible.
Requires 512K memory and a hard drive or double-sided disk drive.

Display: Color or monochrome text. Color display allows color-coding of traffic information.

Ethernet, StarLAN, LattisNet, or StarLAN 10 network interface card.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

PC DOS, MS-DOS version 3.1 or greater.

AVAILABILITY

LAN Patrol may be purchased through network dealers, or directly from:

Legend Software, Inc.

Phone: (201) 227-8771

FAX: (201) 906-1151

Internet Tool Catalog

LANVista

NAME

LANVista

KEYWORDS

analyzer, benchmark, debugger, generator, manager, traffic;
DECnet, Ethernet, IP, OSI, Ring; Eavesdrop, Proprietary;
DOS, Standalone.

ABSTRACT

CXR/Digilog's LANVista family of protocol and statistical analyzers provide the tools to troubleshoot an Ethernet and Token Ring 4/16Mbps network. LANVista lets you capture frames to RAM and or disk, generate traffic for stress testing, test your network cable for fault isolation, and decode all 7 layers of many popular protocol stacks. LANVista's 100 family offers exceptional price/performance and a wide range of options. Combined with an integrated upgrade path to the fully distributed LANVista 200 system, the 100 line provides a reasonably priced entry into LAN management and protocol analysis.

All LANVista models are fully operable under Microsoft Windows. Under Windows, LANVista can be operated in the background, gathering data and alarms as other tasks are completed. Displayed data may easily be cut from LANVista and pasted into other Windows applications such as Excel, Lotus 1-2-3, Harvard Graphics, etc.

The versatile LANVista family can also be remotely controlled through the use of PC Anywhere, Commute, Carbon Copy, or other PC remote control packages. This feature allows the use of "co-pilot" mode which enables an operator at the central site to guide and train a remote operator through network management or analysis tasks.

All LANVista models provide features vital to effective network management and troubleshooting. Basic capabilities include: Network database, statistics based on the entire network and on a node basis, Token Ring functional address statistics, Bridged traffic statistics, Protocol statistics, logging of statistics to a printer or file of user definable alarms, Hardware Pre-Capture filtering, Post capture filtering, Playback of captured data, Traffic simulation and On-line context

sensitive Help.

Protocol Interpreters used for decoding network traffic supported by LANVista include: TCP/IP, DECnet, Banyan Vines, XNS/MS-Net, AppleTalk, IBM Token Ring, Novell, 3Com 3+ Open, SNMP and OSI.

MECHANISM

LANVista is available in three forms. A kit version which consists of a plug-in PC card and Master software, a self contained unit that packages the kit version in a portable PC, and a Distributed system. The LANVista distributed system allows slave units placed anywhere in the world to be controlled from a single central location for centralized management of an enterprise network. LANVista's PC cards provides a physical interface to the LAN and frame preprocessing power. The Master software controls the PC card, and the display and processing of information gathered from the network.

CAVEATS

Optimal performance of LANVista's master software is achieved with DOS 5.0 by utilizing RAMDRIVE.SYS, SMARTDRV.SYS and High memory.

BUGS

None Known.

LIMITATIONS

None Known.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

IBM PC AT, 386, 486 or compatible.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

DOS

AVAILABILITY AND CONTACT POINT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THIS TOOL

LANVista is available worldwide. For information on a local sales representative contact:

CXR/DIGILOG
900 Business Center Drive
Horsham, PA 19044
Phone 1-800-DIGILOG
FAX: 215-956-0108

GSA schedule pricing is honored.

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Internet Tool Catalog

LANPROBE

NAME

LanProbe -- the HP 4990S LanProbe Distributed Analysis System.

KEYWORDS

alarm, manager, map, status, traffic; ethernet; eavesdrop, NMS; proprietary.

ABSTRACT

The LanProbe distributed monitoring system performs remote and local monitoring of ethernet LANs in a protocol and vendor independent manner.

LanProbe discovers each active node on a segment and displays it on a map with its adapter card vendor name, ethernet address, and IP address. Additional information about the nodes, such as equipment type and physical location can be entered in to the data base by the user.

When the NodeLocator option is used, data on the actual location of nodes is automatically entered and the map becomes an accurate representation of the physical layout of the segment. Thereafter when a new node is installed and becomes active, or when a node is moved or becomes inactive, the change is detected and shown on the map in real time. The system also provides the network manager with precise cable fault information displayed on the map.

Traffic statistics are gathered and displayed and can be exported in (comma delimited) CSV format for further analysis. Alerts can be set on user defined thresholds.

Trace provides a remote protocol analyzer capability with decodes for common protocols.

Significant events (like power failure, cable breaks, new node on network, broadcast IP source address seen, etc.) are tracked in a log that is uploaded to ProbeView periodically.

ProbeView generates reports that can be manipulated by MSDOS based word processors, spreadsheets, and DBMS.

MECHANISM

The system consists of one or more LanProbe segment monitors and ProbeView software running under Microsoft Windows. The LanProbe segment monitor attaches to the end of an ethernet segment and monitors all traffic. Attachment can be direct to a thin or thick coax cable, or via an external transceiver to fiber optic or twisted pair cabling. Network data relating to the segment is transferred to a workstation running ProbeView via RS-232, ethernet, or a modem connection.

ProbeView software, which runs on a PC/AT class workstation, presents network information in graphical displays.

The HP4992A NodeLocator option attaches to the opposite end of the cable from the HP4991A LanProbe segment monitor. It automatically locates the position of nodes on the ethernet networks using coaxial cabling schemes.

CAVEATS

None.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

None reported.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

HP 4991A LanProbe segment monitor
HP 4992A NodeLocator (for optional capabilities)
80386 based PC capable of running MS-Windows

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

HP 4990A ProbeView
MSDOS 3.0 or higher and Microsoft Windows/286 2.1.

AVAILABILITY

A commercial product available from:
Hewlett-Packard Company
P.O. Box 10301,
Palo Alto, CA 94303-0890

Internet Tool Catalog

LANWATCH

NAME

LANWatch

KEYWORDS

alarm, analyzer, traffic; CHAOS, DECnet, DNS, ethernet, IP, OSI, ring, SMTP, star; eavesdrop; DOS; library, sourcelib.

ABSTRACT

LANWatch 2.0 is an inexpensive, powerful and flexible network analyzer that runs under DOS on personal computers and requires no hardware modifications to either the host or the network. LANWatch is an invaluable tool for installing, troubleshooting, and monitoring local area networks, and for developing and debugging new protocols. Network managers using LANWatch can inspect network traffic patterns and packet errors to isolate performance problems and bottlenecks. Protocol developers can use LANWatch to inspect and verify proper protocol handling. Since LANWatch is a software-only package which installs easily in existing PCs, network technicians and field service engineers can carry LANWatch in their briefcase for convenient network analysis at remote sites.

LANWatch has two operating modes: Display and Examine. In Display Mode, LANWatch traces network traffic by displaying captured packets in real time. Examine Mode allows you to scroll back through stored packets to inspect them in detail. To select a subset of packets for display, storage or retrieval, there is an extensive set of built-in filters. Using filters, LANWatch collects only packets of interest, saving the user from having to sort through all network traffic to isolate specific packets. The built-in filters include alarm, trigger, capture, load, save and search. They can be controlled separately to match on source or destination address, protocol, or packet contents at the hardware and transport layers. LANWatch also includes sufficient sourcecode so users can modify the existing filters and parsers or add new ones.

The LANWatch distribution includes executables and source for several post-processors: a TCP protocol analyzer, a node-by-node traffic analyzer and a dump file listing tool.

MECHANISM

Uses many common PC network interfaces by placing them in promiscuous mode and capturing traffic.

CAVEATS

Most PC network interfaces will not capture 100% of the traffic on a fully-loaded network (primarily missing back-to-back packets).

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

LANWatch can't analyze what it doesn't see (see Caveats).

HARDWARE REQUIRED

LANWatch requires a PC or PS/2 with a supported network interface card.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

LANWatch runs in DOS. Modification of the supplied source code or creation of additional filters and parsers requires Microsoft C 5.1

AVAILABILITY

LANWatch is commercially available from FTP Software, Incorporated, 26 Princess Street, Wakefield, MA, 01880 (617 246-0900).

Internet Tool Catalog

LLL_ENTM

NAME

ENTM -- Ethernet Traffic Monitor

KEYWORDS

traffic; ethernet, IP; eavesdrop; VMS; free.

ABSTRACT

ENTM is a screen-oriented utility that runs under VAX/VMS. It monitors local ethernet traffic and displays either a real time or cumulative, histogram showing a percent breakdown of traffic by ethernet protocol type. The information in the display can be reported based on packet count or byte count. The percent of broadcast, multicast and approximate lost packets is reported as well. The screen display is updated every three seconds. Additionally, a real time, sliding history window may be displayed showing ethernet traffic patterns for the last five minutes.

ENTM can also report IP traffic statistics by packet count or byte count. The IP histograms reflect information collected at the TCP and UDP port level, including ICMP type/code combinations. Both the ethernet and IP histograms may be sorted by ASCII protocol/port name or by percent-value. All screen displays can be saved in a file for printing later.

MECHANISM

This utility simply places the ethernet controller in promiscuous mode and monitors the local area network traffic. It preallocates 10 receive buffers and attempts to keep 22 reads pending on the ethernet device.

CAVEATS

Placing the ethernet controller in promiscuous mode may severely slow down a VAX system. Depending on the speed of the VAX system and the amount of traffic on the local ethernet, a large amount of CPU time may be spent on the Interrupt Stack. Running this code on any production system during operational hours is discouraged.

BUGS

Due to a bug in the VAX/VMS ethernet/802 device driver, IEEE 802 format packets may not always be detected. A simple test is performed to "guess" which packets are

in IEEE 802 format (DSAP equal to SSAP). Thus, some DSAP/SSAP pairs may be reported as an ethernet type, while valid ethernet types may be reported as IEEE 802 packets.

In some hardware configurations, placing an ethernet controller in promiscuous mode with automatic-restart enabled will hang the controller. Our VAX 8650 hangs running this code, while our uVAX IIs and uVAX IIIs do not.

Please report any additional bugs to the author at:
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LIMITATIONS

The user is required to have PHY_IO, TMPMBX and NETMBX privileges. When activated, the program first checks that the user process as enough quotas remaining (BYTLM, BIOLM, ASTLM and PAGFLQUO) to successfully run the program without entering into an involuntary wait state. Some quotas require a fairly generous setting.

The contents of IEEE 802 packets are not examined. Only the presence of IEEE 802 packets on the wire is reported.

The count of lost packets is approximated. If, after each read completes on the ethernet device, the utility detects that it has no reads pending on that device, the lost packet counter is incremented by one.

When the total number of bytes processed exceeds 7fffffff hex, all counters are automatically reset to zero.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

A DEC ethernet controller.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

VAX/VMS version V5.1+.

AVAILABILITY

For executables only, FTP to the ANONYMOUS account (password GUEST) on CCC.NMFECC.GOV and GET the following files:

[ANONYMOUS.PROGRAMS.ENTM]ENTM.DOC	(ASCII text)
[ANONYMOUS.PROGRAMS.ENTM]ENTM.EXE	(binary)
[ANONYMOUS.PROGRAMS.ENTM]EN_TYPES.DAT	(ASCII text)
[ANONYMOUS.PROGRAMS.ENTM]IP_TYPES.DAT	(ASCII text)

Internet Tool Catalog

Interactive Network Map

NAME

map -- Interactive Network Map

KEYWORDS

manager, map; CHAOS, ethernet, IP, ring, star; NMS, ping, SNMP, X; UNIX; free, sourcelib.

ABSTRACT

Map draws a map of network connectivity and allows interactive examination of information about various components including whether hosts can be reached over the network.

The program is supplied with complete source and is written in a modular fashion to make addition of different protocols stacks, displays, or hardcopy devices relatively easy. This is one of the reasons why the initial version supports at least two of each. Contributions of additional drivers in any of these areas will be welcome as well as porting to additional platforms.

MECHANISM

Net components are pinged by use of ICMP echo and, optionally, CHAOS status requests and SNMP "gets." The program initializes itself from static data stored in the file system and therefore does not need to access the network in order to get running (unless the static files are network mounted).

CAVEATS

As of publication, the tool is in beta release.

BUGS

Several minor nits, documented in distribution files. Bug discoveries should be reported by email to Bug-Map@LCS.MIT.Edu.

LIMITATIONS

See distribution file for an indepth discussion of system capabilities and potential.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

An X display is needed for interactive display of the map, non-graphical interaction is available in non-display mode. For hardcopy output a PostScript or Tek-

tronix 4692 printer is required.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

BSD UNIX or related OS. IP/ICMP is required;
CHAOS/STATUS and SNMP can be used but are optional.
X-Windows is required for interactive display of the
map.

AVAILABILITY

The program is Copyright MIT. It is available via
anonymous FTP with a license making it free to use and
distribute for non-commercial purposes. FTP to host
FTP.LCS.MIT.Edu, directory nets. The complete
distribution is in map.tar.Z and some short
documentation files are there (as well as in the
distribution). Of most interest are ReadMe and Intro.

To be added to the email forum that discusses the
software, or for other administrative details, send a
request to: MAP-Request@LCS.MIT.Edu

Internet Tool Catalog

MCONNECT

NAME

mconnect

KEYWORDS

status; SMTP; spoof; UNIX.

ABSTRACT

Mconnect allows an interactive session with a remote mailer. Mail delivery problems can be diagnosed by connecting to the remote mailer and issuing SMTP commands directly.

MECHANISM

Opens a TCP connection to remote SMTP on port 25. Provides local line buffering and editing, which is the distinction between mconnect and a TELNET to port 25.

CAVEATS

None.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

Mconnect is not a large improvement over using a TELNET connection to port 25.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

No restrictions.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

BSD UNIX or related OS.

AVAILABILITY

Available with 4.xBSD UNIX and related operating systems.

Internet Tool Catalog

MIB-BROWSER

NAME

MIB Browser

KEYWORDS

manager; osi; cmis, x; unix; free, sourcelib.

ABSTRACT

The MIB Browser is an X Windows HCI tool that allows you to "browse" through the objects in a Management Information Base (MIB). The browser is generic in that it can connect to a CMIS agent without having any prior knowledge of the structure of the MIB in the agent.

MECHANISM

CMIP is used to transfer the values of attributes between the managed system and the browser.

CAVEATS

None.

BUGS

Unexpected termination of the agent can cause browser to crash (ISODE bug!).

HARDWARE REQUIRED

Unix workstation, has been tested on SUN 3 and SUN 4 architectures.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

The ISODE protocol suite, BSD UNIX, X Windows, GNU C++ (g++), Interviews (2.6).

AVAILABILITY

The CMIP library and related management tools built upon it, known as OSIMIS (OSI Management Information Service), are publicly available from University College London, England via FTP and FTAM. To obtain information regarding a copy send email to osimis-request@cs.ucl.ac.uk or call +44 71 380 7366.

Internet Tool Catalog

MONET

NAME

MONET -- the Hughes LAN Systems SNMP Network Management Center (formerly the Hughes LAN Systems 9100) software product runs on a Sun SPARCStation hardware platform.

KEYWORDS

control, graphics, network topology, manager, routing, status, traffic; bridge, configuration, performance, alarm management, relational database, mib parser for RDBMS, intelligent hub management, DECnet, ethernet, IP; NMS, SNMP; UNIX.

ABSTRACT

Monet provides the capability to manage and control SNMP-based networking products from any vendor including those from Hughes LAN Systems.

A comprehensive relational database manages the data and ensures easy access and control of resources throughout the network.

Monet provides multivendor management through its advanced Mib master MIB parser that allows the parsing of enterprise MIBs (ASN.1 format per RFC1212) directly into the RDBMS for use by Monet's applications.

Major features include:

Remote access with X:

Use of the X/Motif user-interface, enabling remote access to the all applications.

Database Management

Stores and retrieves the information required to administer and configure the network. It can be used to:

- Store and recall configuration data for all devices.
- Provide availability history for devices.
- Assign new internet addresses.
- Provide administrative information such as physical location of devices, responsible person, maintenance history, asset data, hardware/software versions, etc.
- Full-function SQL interface.
- User-customizable RDBMS report generation.

Graphics and Network Mapping

The Graphics module enables the user to view the nodes in the network as "dynamic" icons in heirarchical maps. The network is represented by these heirarchical maps. Though there is a library of device icons, cities and geographical maps included, the user has access to a graphics editor that allows customizing and the creation of new icons and maps.

A Device's icon may be selected to:

- Register/deregister the device,
- Access the open alarms and acknowledge faults for the selected device,
- Ping the device to determine accessibility,
- Draw graphs of any of the device's numeric MIB objects, either the values as retrieved in real-time or the history values previously stored in the RDBMS by the Performance Manager,
- Telnet to the device,
- Customize the graphical dynamics (color, fill, rotation, etc.) of the device's icon by associating them to the values of the device's MIB objects.

Configuration Management

- Retrieves configuration information from SNMP devices.
- Stores device parameters in the RDBMS, with common sets of parameters used for multiple devices, or for multiple ports on a device, stored only once in the RDBMS.
- Configures devices from the parameters stored in the RDBMS, including those relating to TCP/IP, DECnet and any other protocol/feature configurable via SNMP.
- Polls devices to compare their current parameter values with those in the database and produce reports of the discrepancies.
- Collect data about the state of the network.
- Learn the parameters of the devices in the network and populate the database.

Performance Management

- Displays local network traffic graphically, by packet size, protocol, network utilization, sources and destinations of packets, etc.
- Provides for the scheduling of jobs to retrieve

MIB values of a device and store them in the RDBMS for review or summary reporting at a later time.

- Allows high/low thresholds to be set on retrieved values with alarms generated when thresholds are exceeded.

Fault Management

- Provides availability monitoring and indicates potential problems.
- Creates alarms from received SNMP traps, and from other internally-generated conditions,
- Records alarms in the alarm log in the RDBMS.
- Lists alarms for selected set of devices, according to various filter conditions,
- Possible causes and suggested actions for the alarms are listed.
- New alarms are indicated by a flashing icon and optional audio alert.
- Visual indication of alarms bubbles up the network map heirarchy.
- Cumulative reports can be produced.

Utilities Function

- View and/or terminate current NMC processes,
- Access to database maintenance utilities.

MECHANISM

SNMP.

CAVEATS

None reported.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

Maximum number of nodes that can be monitored is 18,000. This can include Hosts, Terminal Servers, PCs, Routers, and Bridges.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

The host for the NMC software is a Sun 4 desktop workstation. Recommended minimum hardware is the Sun IPX Color workstation, with a 1/4" SCSI tape drive.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

MONET V5.0, which is provided on 1/4" tape format, runs on the Sun 4.1.1 Operating System.

AVAILABILITY AND CONTACT POINT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THIS TOOL

A commercial product of:

Hughes LAN Systems Inc.
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Internet Tool Catalog

NET_MONITOR

NAME

net_monitor

KEYWORDS

routing, status; DECnet, IP; curses, ping; UNIX, VMS;
free, sourcelib.

ABSTRACT

Net_monitor uses ICMP echo (and DECnet reachability information on VAX/VMS) to monitor a network. The monitoring is very simplistic, but has proved useful. It periodically tests whether hosts are reachable and reports the results in a full-screen display. It groups hosts together in common sets. If all hosts in a set become unreachable, it makes a lot of racket with bells, since it assumes that this means that some common piece of hardware that supports that set has failed. The periodicity of the tests, hosts to test, and groupings of hosts are controlled with a single configuration file.

The idea for this program came from the PC/IP monitor facility, but is an entirely different program with different functionality.

MECHANISM

Reachability is tested using ICMP echo facilities for TCP/IP hosts (and DECnet reachability information on VAX/VMS). A DECnet node is considered reachable if it appears in the list of hosts in a "show network" command issued on a routing node.

CAVEATS

This facility has been found to be most useful when run in a window on a workstation rather than on a terminal connected to a host. It could be useful if ported to a PC (looks easy using FTP Software's programming libraries), but this has not been done. Curses is very slow and cpu intensive on VMS, but the tool has been run in a window on a VAXstation 2000. Just don't try to run it on a terminal connected to a 11/750.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

This tool is not meant to be a replacement for a more comprehensive network management facility such as is provided with SNMP.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

A host with a network connection.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

Curses, 4.xBSD UNIX socket programming libraries (limited set) and some flavor of TCP/IP that supports ICMP echo request (ping). It has been run on VAX/VMS running WIN/TCP and several flavors of 4BSD UNIX (including SunOS 3.2, 4.0, and 4.3BSD). It could be ported to any platform that provides a BSD-style programming library with an ICMP echo request facility and curses.

AVAILABILITY

Requests should be sent to the author:

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UUCP: ...hp-pcd!uoregon!dsmith
Voice: (503) 686-4394

With the source code, a makefile is provided for most any UNIX box and a VMS makefile compatible with the make distributed with PMDF. A VMS DCL command file is also provided, for use by those VMS sites without "make."

The author will attempt to fix bugs, but no support is promised. The tool is copyrighted, but free (for now).

Internet Tool Catalog

NETLABS_CMOT_AGENT

NAME

Netlabs CMOT Agent

KEYWORDS

manager, status; IP, OSI; NMS.

ABSTRACT

Netlabs' CMOT code debuted in Interop 89. The CMOT code comes with an Extensible MIB, which allows users to add new MIB variables. The code currently supports all the MIB variables in RFC 1095 via the data types in RFC 1065, as well as the emerging MIB-II, which is currently in experimental stage. The CMOT has been benchmarked at 100 Management Operations per Second (MOPS) for a 1-MIPS machine.

MECHANISM

The Netlabs CMOT agent supports the control and monitoring of network resources by use of CMOT message exchanges.

CAVEATS

None.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

None reported.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

Portable to most hardware.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

Portable to most operating systems.

AVAILABILITY

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Internet Tool Catalog

NETLABS_DUAL_MANAGER

NAME

Dual Manager

KEYWORDS

alarm, control, manager, map, security, status; IP,
OSI; NMS, SNMP, X; UNIX; library.

ABSTRACT

Netlabs' Dual Manager provides management of TCP/IP networks using both SNMP and CMOT protocols. Such management can be initiated either through the X-Windows user interface (both Motif and Openlook), or through OSI Network Management (CMIP) commands. The Dual Manager provides for configuration, fault, security and performance management. It provides extensive map management features, including scanned maps in the background. It provides simple mechanisms to extend the MIB and assign specific lists of objects to specific network elements, thereby providing for the management of all vendors' specific MIB extensions. It provides an optional relational DBMS for storing and retrieving MIB and alarm information. Finally, the Dual Manager is an open platform, in that it provides several Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) for users to extend the functionality of the Dual Manager.

The Dual Manager is expected to work as a TCP/IP "branch manager" under DEC's EMA, AT&T's UNMA and other OSI-conformant enterprise management architectures.

MECHANISM

The Netlabs Dual Manager supports the control and monitoring of network resources by use of both CMOT and SNMP message exchanges.

CAVEATS

None.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

None reported.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

Runs on Sun/3 and Sun/4s.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

Available on System V or SCO Open Desktop environments.
Uses X-Windows for the user interface.

AVAILABILITY

Commercially available from:
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Internet Tool Catalog

NETLABS_SNMP_AGENT

NAME

Netlabs SNMP Agent.

KEYWORDS

manager, status; IP; NMS, SNMP.

ABSTRACT

Netlabs' SNMP code debuted in Interop 89, where it showed interoperation of the code with several implementations on the show floor. The SNMP code comes with an Extensible MIB, which allows users to add new MIB variables. The code currently supports all the MIB variables in RFC 1066 via the data types in RFC 1065, as well as the emerging MIB-II, which is currently in experimental stage. The SNMP has been benchmarked at 200 Management Operations per Second (MOPS) for a 1-MIPS machine.

MECHANISM

The Netlabs SNMP agent supports the control and monitoring of network resources by use of SNMP message exchanges.

CAVEATS

None.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

None reported.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

Portable to most hardware.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

Portable to most operating systems.

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Internet Tool Catalog

NetMetrix-Load-Monitor

NAME

NetMetrix Load Monitor

KEYWORDS

alarm,traffic; Ethernet, FDDI, IP, Ring; Eavesdrop,
SNMP, X; UNIX;

ABSTRACT

The NetMetrix Load Monitor is a distributed client-server monitoring tool for ethernet, token ring, and FDDI networks. A unique "dual" architecture provides compatibility with both RMON and X windows. RMON allows interoperability and an enterprise-wide view, while X windows enables much more powerful, intelligent applications at remote segments and saves network bandwidth.

The Load Monitor provides extensive traffic statistics. It looks at load by time interval, source node, destination node, application, protocol or packet size. A powerful ZOOM feature allows extensive correlational analysis which is displayed in a wide variety of graphs and tables.

You can answer questions such as: Which sources are generating most of the load on the network when it is most heavily loaded and where is this load going? Which source/destination pairs generate the most traffic over the day? Where should bridges and routers be located to optimally partition the network? How much load do applications, like the X Windows protocol, put on the network and who is generating that load when it is the greatest.

A floating license allows easy access to the software tool anywhere you need it.

MECHANISM

NetMetrix turns the network interface into promiscuous mode to capture packets.

CAVEATS

none.

BUGS

none known.

LIMITATIONS

none.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

SPARC system

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

SunOS 4.0 or higher

AVAILABILITY AND CONTACT POINT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THIS TOOL

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Internet Tool Catalog

NetMetrix-NFS-Monitor

NAME

NetMetrix NFS Monitor

KEYWORDS

traffic; Ethernet, FDDI, NFS, Ring; Eavesdrop, SNMP, X;
UNIX

ABSTRACT

The NetMetrix NFS Monitor is a distributed network monitoring tool which monitors and graphs NFS load, response time, retransmits, rejects and errors by server, client, NFS procedure, or time interval. Breakdown server activity by file system and client activity by user.

A powerful ZOOM feature lets you correlate monitoring variables. You can see client/server relationships, compare server performance, evaluate NFS performance enhancement strategies.

A floating license and the X Window protocol allows monitoring of remote ethernet, token ring and FDDI segments from a central enterprise-wide display.

MECHANISM

NetMetrix turns the network interface into promiscuous mode to capture packets.

CAVEATS

none.

BUGS

none known.

LIMITATIONS

none.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

SPARC system

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

SunOS 4.0 or higher

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Internet Tool Catalog

NetMetrix-Protocol-Analyzer

NAME

NetMetrix Protocol Analyzer

KEYWORDS

alarm, analyzer, traffic; DECnet, DNS, Ethernet, FDDI, IP, OSI, NFS, Ring, SMTP; Eavesdrop, SNMP, X; UNIX; Library

ABSTRACT

The NetMetrix Protocol Analyzer is a distributed client-server monitoring tool for ethernet, token ring, and FDDI networks. A unique "dual" architecture provides compatibility with both RMON and X windows. RMON allows interoperability, while X windows enables much more powerful, intelligent applications at remote segments and saves network bandwidth.

With the Protocol Analyzer, you can decode and display packets as they are being captured. Extensive filters let you sift through packets either before or after trace capture. The capture filter may be specified by source, destination between hosts, protocol, packet size, pattern match, or by a complete expression using an extensive filter expression language.

Full 7-layer packet decodes are available for all major protocols including DECnet, Appletalk, Novell, XNS, SNA, BANYAN, OSI and TCP/IP. The decodes for the TCP/IP stack have all major protocols including NFS, YP, DNS, SNMP, OSPF, etc.

Request and reply packets are matched. Packets can be displayed in summary, detail or hex, with multiple views to see packet dialogues side by side.

A complete developers' kit is available for custom decodes.

A floating license allows easy access to the software tool anywhere you need it.

MECHANISM

NetMetrix turns the network interface into promiscuous mode to capture packets.

CAVEATS

none.

BUGS

none known.

LIMITATIONS

none.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

SPARC system

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

SunOS 4.0 or higher

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Internet Tool Catalog

NetMetrix-Traffic-Generator

NAME

NetMetrix Traffic Generator

KEYWORDS

Debugger, Generator, Traffic; Ethernet, FDDI, IP, Ring; Eavesdrop, SNMP, X; UNIX; Library

ABSTRACT

The NetMetrix Traffic Generator is a distributed software tool which allows you to simulate network load or test packet dialogues between nodes on your ethernet, token ring, or FDDI segments. The Traffic Generator can also be used to test and validate management station alarms, routers, bridges, hubs, etc.

An easy-to-use programming interface provides complete flexibility over variables such as bandwidth, packet sequence, and conditional responses.

A floating license and the X Window System protocol allows testing of remote ethernet, token ring and FDDI segments from a central console.

MECHANISM

NetMetrix turns the network interface into promiscuous mode to capture packets.

CAVEATS

none.

BUGS

none known.

LIMITATIONS

none.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

SPARC system

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

SunOS 4.0 or higher

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Internet Tool Catalog

NETMON_MITRE

NAME

NETMON and iptrace

KEYWORDS

traffic; IP; eavesdrop; UNIX; free.

ABSTRACT

NETMON is a facility to enable communication of networking events from the BSD UNIX operating system to a user-level network monitoring or management program. Iptrace is a program interfacing to NETMON which logs TCP-IP traffic for performance measurement and gateway monitoring. It is easy to build other NETMON-based tools using iptrace as a model.

NETMON resides in the 4.3BSD UNIX kernel. It is independent of hardware-specific code in UNIX. It is transparent to protocol and network type, having no internal assumptions about the network protocols being recorded. It is installed in BSD-like kernels by adding a standard function call (probe) to a few points in the input and output routines of the protocols to be logged.

NETMON is analogous to Sun Microsystems' NIT, but the interface tap function is extended by recording more context information. Aside from the timestamp, the choice of information recorded is up to the installer of the probes. The NETMON probes added to the BSD IP code supplied with the distribution include as context: input and output queue lengths, identification of the network interface, and event codes labeling packet discards. (The NETMON distribution is geared towards measuring the performance of BSD networking protocols in an IP gateway).

NETMON is designed so that it can reside within the monitored system with minimal interference to the network processing. The estimated and measured overhead is around five percent of packet processing.

The user-level tool "iptrace" is provided with NETMON. This program logs IP traffic, either at IP-level only, or as it passes through the network interface drivers as well. As a separate function, iptrace produces a host traffic matrix output. Its third type of output

is abbreviated sampling, in which only a pre-set number of packets from each new host pair is logged. The three output types are configured dynamically, in any combination.

OSITRACE, another logging tool with a NETMON interface, is available separately (and documented in a separate entry in this catalog).

MECHANISM

Access to the information logged by NETMON is through a UNIX special file, /dev/netmon. User reads are blocked until the buffer reaches a configurable level of fullness.

Several other parameters of NETMON can be tuned at compile time. A diagnostic program, netmonstat, is included in the distribution.

CAVEATS

None.

BUGS

Bug reports and questions should be addressed to:

ie-tools@gateway.mitre.org

Requests to join this mailing list:

ie-tools-request@gateway.mitre.org

Questions and suggestions can also be directed to:

Allison Mankin (703)883-7907

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LIMITATIONS

A NETMON interface for tcpdump and other UNIX protocol analyzers is not included, but it is simple to write. NETMON probes for a promiscuous ethernet interface are similarly not included.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

No restrictions.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

BSD UNIX-like network protocols or the ability to install the BSD publicly available network protocols in the system to be monitored.

AVAILABILITY

The NETMON distribution is available by anonymous FTP in pub/netmon.tar or pub/netmon.tar.Z from aelred-3.ie.org. A short user's and installation guide, NETMON.doc, is available in the same location. The NETMON distribution is provided "as is" and requires retention of a copyright text in code derived from it. It is copyrighted by the MITRE-Washington Networking Center.

Internet Tool Catalog

NETMON_WINDOWS_SNMP_RESEARCH

NAME

NETMON for Windows -- an SNMP-based network management tool that runs under Microsoft Windows 3.0 from SNMP Research.

KEYWORDS

alarm, control, manager, map, routing;
DECnet, Ethernet, IP, OSI, ring, star;
NMS, SNMP;
DOS;
sourcelib.

ABSTRACT

The NETMON application implements a powerful network management station based on a low-cost DOS platform. NETMON's network management tools for configuration, performance, security, and fault management have been used successfully with a wide assortment of wide- and local-area-network topologies and medias. Multiprotocol devices are supported including those using TCP/IP, DECnet, and OSI protocols.

Some features of NETMON's network management tools include:

- o Fault management tool displays a map of the network configuration with node and link state indicated in one of several colors to indicate current status;
- o Configuration management tool may be used to edit the network management information base stored in the NMS to reflect changes occurring in the network;
- o Graphs and tabular tools for use in fault and performance management;
- o Mechanisms by which additional variables, such as vendor-specific variables, may be added;
- o Alarms may be enabled to alert the operator of events occurring in the network;
- o Events are logged to disk;
- o Output data may be transferred via flat files for additional report generation by a variety of statistical packages.

The NETMON application comes complete with source code including a powerful set of portable libraries for generating and parsing SNMP messages.

MECHANISM

The NETMON for Windows application is based on the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP). Polling is performed via the powerful SNMP get-next operator and the SNMP get operator. Trap directed polling is used to regulate the focus and intensity of the polling.

CAVEATS

None.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

None reported.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

The minimum system is a IBM 386 computer, or compatible, with hard disk drive.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

DOS 5.0 or later, Windows 3.0 in 386 mode, and TCP/IP kernel software from FTP Software.

AVAILABILITY AND CONTACT POINT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THIS TOOL

This is a commercial product available under license from:

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Internet Tool Catalog

NETscout

NAME

NETscout (tm)

KEYWORDS

Alarm, Analyzer, Manager, Status, Traffic;
DECnet, Ethernet, IP, OSI, NFS, Ring, Star, Eavesdrop;
NMS, SNMP;
UNIX;

ABSTRACT

The NETscout family of distributed LAN Analyzer devices are intended to provide network users with a comprehensive capability to identify and isolate fault conditions in data communications networks. NETscout has the capability to collect wide ranging statistical data, to display selectively captured and fully decoded network traffic, to set user-defined alarm conditions, and to obtain real-time updates from all segments of a widely dispersed internetwork from a centralized SNMP-compatible network management console.

The NETscout family is based on standards so that operation may be realized in heterogeneous networks which constitute a multi-protocol, multi-topology, multi-vendor environment. The fundamental standards upon which NETscout is based are the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP), which defines the protocol for all inter-communications between NETscout devices, and the Remote Monitoring Management Information Base (RMON-MIB), which defines the type of information which is to be gathered and made available to the user for each network segment.

NETscout clients provide a full array of monitoring and analysis features including intelligent seven level decoding of all major protocol stacks:

DOD including TCP/IP	XNS	Novell
DECNET including LAT	ISO	APPLETALK
IBM Token Ring	Vines	NETBIOS/SMB
SNMP including RMON-MIB	SUN-NFS	SMT

NETscout agents support all nine groups of the RMON-MIB standard. NETscout agents can work with any SNMP-based network management system and currently

support Ethernet and Token Ring.

MECHANISM

The operation of the NETscout family is divided into two distinct subcategories. The first is the "Client" which is the user console from which operational commands are issued and where all results and diagnostic information are displayed. In a NETscout topology it is feasible to have multiple clients active simultaneously within a single network. The second category is the "Agent", a hardware/software device which is attached to a specific network segment and which gathers statistical information for that segment as well as providing a window into that segment where network traffic may be observed and gathered for more detailed user analysis. A typical network will have multiple segments and multiple agents up to the point of having one agent for each logical network segment.

NETscout Model 9210 is a software package which, when combined in a Sun SPARCstation in conjunction with SunNet Manager running under Open Windows, implements the NETscout client function. SunNet Manager provides the background operational tools for client operation while the NETscout software provides application-specific functions related to RMON-MIB support as well as all software necessary to perform the protocol decode function. SunNet Manager also implements a network map file which includes a topographical display of the entire network and is the mechanism for selecting network elements to perform operations.

NETscout Model 9215 is a software package that operates in conjunction with SunNet Manager and implements the statistics monitoring function only. That is, it does not include the protocol decode function or the mechanism to retrieve actual data from a remote agent. It does, however, include complete statistics gathering and event and alarm generation.

Frontier NETscout Models 9510 and 9515, and Model 9610 and 9615 are agent software packages that implement selected network diagnostic functions when loaded into a Sun SPARCstation (9510, 9515) or a SynOptics LattisNet Hub (9610, 9615) respectively which is

connected to an Ethernet network segment using conventional network interface hardware. Models 9510 and 9610 support all nine RMON-MIB groups including "filters" and "packet capture" and thus provide for complete protocol monitoring and decode when used with a client equipped with protocol decode software. Models 9515 and 9615 include support for seven RMON-MIB groups which excludes "filters" and "data capture" and therefore perform network monitoring only through collection and presentation of network statistics, events, and alarms. All models also support the MIB2 system and interface groups.

Frontier NETscout Models 9520 and 9525, and Model 9620 and 9625 are agent software packages that are identical in function to their respective models described above except that they are for use on Token Ring segments.

CAVEATS

The RMON-MIB standard for Token Ring applications has not yet been formally released and is not approved. NETscout products correspond to the latest draft for Token Ring functions and will be updated as required to conform to the standard as it is approved.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

None reported.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

Sun SPARCstation or LattisNet Hub depending upon Model number.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

Sun OS 4.1.1 for client and agent, SunNet Manager for client.

AVAILABILITY AND CONTACT POINT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THIS TOOL
NETscout products are available commercially. For
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Internet Tool Catalog

NETSTAT

NAME

netstat

KEYWORDS

routing; IP; UNIX, VMS; free.

ABSTRACT

Netstat is a program that accesses network related data structures within the kernel, then provides an ASCII format at the terminal. Netstat can provide reports on the routing table, TCP connections, TCP and UDP "listens", and protocol memory management.

MECHANISM

Netstat accesses operating system memory to read the kernel routing tables.

CAVEATS

Kernel data structures can change while netstat is running.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

None reported.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

No restrictions.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

BSD UNIX or related OS, or VMS.

AVAILABILITY

Available via anonymous FTP from uunet.uu.net, in directory bsd-sources/src/ucb. Available with 4.xBSD UNIX and related operating systems. For VMS, available as part of TGV MultiNet IP software package, as well as Wollongong's WIN/TCP.

Internet Tool Catalog

NETWORK_INTEGRATOR

NAME

Network Integrator I

KEYWORDS

map, traffic; ethernet; UNIX.

ABSTRACT

This tool monitors traffic on network segments. All information is dumped to either a log file or, for real-time viewing, to a command tool window. Data is time-stamped according to date and time. Logging can continue for up to 24 hours.

The tool is flexible in data collection and presentation. Traffic filters can be specified according to header values of numerous protocols, including those used by Apple, DEC, Sun, HP, and Apollo. Bandwidth utilization can be monitored, as well as actual load and peak throughput. Additionally, the Network Integrator can analyze a network's topology, and record the location of all operational nodes on a network.

Data can be displayed in six separate formats of bar graphs. In addition, there are several routines for producing statistical summaries of the data collected.

MECHANISM

The tools work through RPC and XDR calls.

CAVEATS

Although the tool adds only little traffic to a network, generation of statistics from captured files requires a significant portion of a workstation's CPU.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

Must be root to run monitor. There does not seem to be a limit to the number of nodes, since it monitors by segments. The only major limitation is the amount of disk space that a user can commit to the log files. The size of the log files, however, can be controlled through the tool's parameters.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

Sun3 or Sun4.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

4.0BSD UNIX or greater, or related OS.

AVAILABILITY

Copyrighted, commercially available from
Network Integrators,
(408) 927-0412.

Internet Tool Catalog

NFSSwatch

NAME

nfswatch

KEYWORDS

Traffic; Ethernet, IP, NFS; Curses, Eavesdrop; UNIX;
Free

ABSTRACT

Nfswatch monitors all incoming ethernet traffic to an NFS file server and divides it into several categories. The number and percentage of packets received in each category is displayed on the screen in a continuously updated display.

By default, nfswatch monitors all packets destined for the local host over a single network interface. Options are provided to specify the specific interface to be monitored, or all interfaces at once. NFS traffic to the local host, to a remote host, from a specific host, between two hosts, or all NFS traffic on the network may be monitored.

Categories of packets monitored and counted include: ND Read, ND Write, NFS Read, NFS Write, NFS Mount, Yellow Pages (NIS), RPC Authorization, Other RPC, TCP, UDP, ICMP, RIP, ARP, RARP, Ethernet Broadcast, and Other.

Packets are also tallied either by file system or file (specific files may be watched as an option), NFS procedure name (RPC call), or NFS client hostname.

Facilities for taking "snapshots" of the screen, as well as saving data to a log file for later analysis (the analysis tool is included) are also available.

MECHANISM

Nfswatch uses the Network Interface Tap, nit(4) under SunOS 4.x, and the Packet Filter, packetfilter(4), under Ultrix 4.x, to place the ethernet interface into promiscuous mode. It filters out NFS packets, and decodes the file handles in order to determine how to count the packet.

CAVEATS

Because the NFS file handle is a non-standard (server private) piece of data, nfswatch must be modified to understand file handles used by various implementations. It currently knows about the SunOS 4.x and Ultrix file handle formats.

BUGS

Does not monitor FDDI interfaces. (It should be a simple change, but neither author has access to a system with FDDI interfaces for testing.)

LIMITATIONS

Up to 256 exported file systems and 256 individual files can be monitored at any time.

Only NFS requests are counted; the NFS traffic generated by a server in response to those packets is not counted.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

Any Ultrix system (VAX or DEC RISC hardware)

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

Ultrix release 4.0 or later. For Ultrix 4.1, may require the patched "if_ln.o" kernel module, available from Digital's Customer Support Center.

AVAILABILITY AND CONTACT POINT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THIS TOOL

Copyrighted, but freely distributable. Available via anonymous FTP from harbor.ecn.purdue.edu, ftp.erg.sri.com, and gatekeeper.dec.com, as well as numerous other sites around the Internet. The current version is Version 3.0 from January 1991.

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Internet Tool Catalog

NHFSSTONE

NAME

nhfsstone

KEYWORDS

benchmark, generator; NFS; spoof; UNIX; free.

ABSTRACT

Nhfsstone (pronounced n-f-s-stone, the "h" is silent) is an NFS benchmarking program. It is used on an NFS client to generate an artificial load with a particular mix of NFS operations. It reports the average response time of the server in milliseconds per call and the load in calls per second. The nhfsstone distribution includes a script, "nhfsnums" that converts test results into plot(5) format so that they can be graphed using graph(1) and other tools.

MECHANISM

Nhfsstone is an NFS traffic generator. It adjusts its calling patterns based on the client's kernel NFS statistics and the elapsed time. Load can be generated over a given time or number of NFS calls.

CAVEATS

Nhfsstone will compete for system resources with other applications.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

None reported.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

No restrictions.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

4.xBSD-based UNIX

AVAILABILITY

Available via anonymous FTP from bugs.cs.wisc.edu.
Alternatively, Legato Systems will provide the program
free of charge, if certain conditions are met. Send
name and both email and U.S. mail addresses to:

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A mailing list is maintained for regular information
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uunet!legato.com!nhfsstone. To join the list:
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Internet Tool Catalog

NNSTAT

NAME

NNStat

KEYWORDS

manager, status, traffic; ethernet, IP; eavesdrop, NMS;
UNIX; free.

ABSTRACT

NNStat is a collection of programs that provides an internet statistic collecting capability. The NNStat strategy for statistic collection is to collect traffic statistics via a promiscuous ethernet tap on the local networks, versus instrumenting the gateways. If all traffic entering or leaving a network or set of networks traverses a local ethernet, then by stationing a statistic gathering agent on each local network a profile of network traffic can be gathered. Statistical data is retrieved from the local agents by a global manager.

A program called "statspy" performs the data gathering function. Essentially, statspy reads all packets on an ethernet interface and records all information of interest. Information of interest is gathered by examining each packet and determining if the source or destination IP address is one that is being monitored, typically a gateway address. If so then the contents of the packet are examined to see if they match further criteria.

A program called "collect" performs global data collection. It periodically polls various statspy processes in the domain of interest to retrieve locally logged statistical data.

The NNSTAT distribution comes with several sample awk programs which process the logged output of the collect program.

MECHANISM

Local agents (statspy processes) collect raw traffic data via a promiscuous ethernet tap. Statistical, filtered or otherwise reduced data is retrieved from the local agents by a global manager (the "collect" process).

CAVEATS

None.

BUGS

Bug fixes, extensions, and other pointers are discussed in the electronic mail forum, bytecounters. To join, send a request to bytecounters-request@venera.isi.edu. Forum exchanges are archived in the file [bytecounters/bytecounters.mail](ftp://venera.isi.edu/bytecounters/bytecounters.mail), available via anonymous FTP from [venera.isi.edu](ftp://venera.isi.edu).

LIMITATIONS

NNStat presumes a topology of one or more long haul networks gatewayed to local ethernetets.

A kernel mod required to run with SunOS4. These mods are described in the bytecounters archive.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

Ethernet interface. Sun 3, Sun 4 (SPARC), or PC RT workstation.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

Distribution is for BSD UNIX, could easily be adapted to any UNIX with promiscuous ethernet support.

AVAILABILITY

Distribution is available via anonymous FTP from [venera.isi.edu](ftp://venera.isi.edu), in file [pub/NNStat.tar.Z](ftp://venera.isi.edu/pub/NNStat.tar.Z). Documentation is in [pub/NNStat.userdoc.ms.Z](ftp://venera.isi.edu/pub/NNStat.userdoc.ms.Z).

Internet Tool Catalog

NOCOL(8)

NAME

nocol - network monitoring tools for an IP network

SYNOPSIS

This is an overview of the NOCOL software.

DESCRIPTION

NOCOL (Network Operations Center On-Line) is a collection of network monitoring programs that run on Unix systems. The software consists of a number of monitoring agents that poll various parameters from any system and put it in a format suitable for post-processing. The post-processors can be a display agent, an automated troubleshooting program, an event logging program, etc. Presently, monitors for tracking reachability, SNMP traps, data throughput rate, and nameservers have been developed and are in use. Addition of more monitoring agents is easy and they will be added as necessary. A display agent-nocol(1) using curses has already been developed. Work on an "intelligent" module is currently in progress for event logging and some automatic troubleshooting.

All data collected by the monitoring agents follows a fixed (non-readable) format. Each data entry is termed an event in NOCOL, and each event has certain flags and severity associated with it. The display agent nocol(1), displays the output of these monitoring agents depending on the severity of the event. There can be multiple displays running simultaneously and all process the same set of monitored data.

There are four levels of severity associated with an event- CRITICAL, ERROR, WARNING and INFO. The severity level is controlled independently by the monitoring agents, and the decision to raise or set an event's severity to any level depends on the logic imbedded in the monitoring agent.

As an example, for the pingmon(8) monitor, if a site is unreachable via ping, it would be assigned a severity of WARNING by pingmon, which would then elevate to CRITICAL if the site is still unreachable after some time. In the case of trapmon(8), an SNMP trap message of EGP neighbor lost would be directly assigned a severity level of CRITICAL, while a Warm Start trap is

assigned a severity of WARNING.

The display agent (and other data post-processors) would use this event severity to decide whether to display it (or troubleshoot/log it) depending on the user selected display severity level.

The software is very flexible and allows enhancements and development with a minimum amount of effort. The display module processes all the files present in the data directory, and displays them sequentially. This allows new monitoring programs to simply start generating data in the data directory and the display module will automatically start displaying the new data. The monitoring tools can be changed, and the only element that has to remain common between all the modules is the EVENT data structure.

CURRENT MODULES

NOCOL presently consists of the following modules:

nocol

which simply displays the data collected by the monitoring agents. It uses the curses screen management system to support a wide variety of terminal types. The criterion for displaying an event is:

1. Severity level of the event is higher than the severity level set in the display.
2. The display filter (if set) matches some string in the event line.

The display can be in regular 80 column mode or in extended 132 column mode. Critical events are displayed in reverse video (if the terminal type supports it). Additional features like displaying informational messages in a part of the window, automatic resizing window sizes, operator acknowledgement via a bell when a new event goes critical are also available.

ippingmon

which monitors the reachability of a site via "ICMP" ping packets (ICMP was preferred over SNMP for many obvious reasons). This program can use the default output from the system's ping program, but an accompanying program (multiping) can ping multiple IP sites at the

same time and is preferable for monitoring a large list of sites. A site is marked unreachable if a certain number of packets is lost, and the severity level is increased each time that the site tests unreachable.

osipingmon

which is similar to the ippingmon module but uses the OSI ping program instead. No multiple ping program for OSI sites has been developed at this time. The only requirement is that the system's ping program output match the typical BSD IP ping program's output.

nsmon

which monitors the nameservers (named) on the list of specified hosts. It periodically sends an SOA query for the default domain and if the queried nameservers cannot resolve the query, then the site is elevated to CRITICAL status.

tpmon

For monitoring the throughput (kbits per second) to a list of hosts. The program connects to the discard socket on the remote machine (using a STREAM socket) and sends large packets for a small amount of time to evaluate the effective throughput. It elevates a site to WARNING level if the throughput drops below a certain threshold (set in the configuration file).

trapmon

Converts all SNMP traps into a format suitable for displaying using NOCOL. The severity of the various traps is preset (and can be changed during compilation time).

PLATFORM

Any Unix system with the curses screen management library and IP (Internet Protocol) programming facility. It has been tested on Sun Sparc 4.1.1, Ultrix, and NeXT systems. Porting to other platforms might require minor adjustments depending on the vagaries of the different vendors (mostly in the include files).

AVAILABILITY

NOCOL was developed at JvNCnet and has been in use for monitoring the JvNCnet wide area network since 1989. It is available via anonymous FTP from ftp.jvnc.net under pub/jvncnet-packages/nocol.tar.Z. The system running at

JvNCet can be viewed by logging into the host `nocol.jvnc.net` with username `nocol` (an `rlogin` instead of `telnet` will handle your X window terminal types better). To be added to the NOCOL mailing list (for future updates and bug fixes), send a message to `nocol-users-request@jvnc.net` with your email address.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

Possible future enhancements are:

1. Event logging.
2. Addition of an automated troubleshooting mechanism when a site severity level reaches a particular level.
3. SNMP monitors to watch the state of certain variables (interface errors, packet rate, route state changes).

AUTHOR

The software was developed at JvNCnet over a period of time. The overall design and initial development was done by Vikas Aggarwal and Sze-Ying Wu. Additional development is being done and coordinated by Vikas Aggarwal (`vikas@jvnc.net`). Copyright 1992 JvNCnet. (See the file `COPYRIGHT` for full details)

SEE ALSO

`nocol(1)` `nocol(3)` `tpmon(8)` `tsmon(8)` `nsmon(8)`

Internet Tool Catalog

NPRV

NAME

NPRV -- IP Node/Protocol Reachability Verifier

KEYWORDS

map, routing, status; IP; ping; VMS; free.

ABSTRACT

NPRV is a full-screen, keypad-oriented utility that runs under VAX/VMS. It allows the user to quickly scan through a user-defined list of IP addresses (or domain names) and verify a node's reachability. The node's reachability is determined by performing an ICMP echo, UDP echo and a TCP echo at alternating three second intervals. The total number of packets sent and received are displayed, as well as the minimum, average and maximum round-trip times (in milliseconds) for each type of echo. Additionally, a "trace route" function is performed to determine the path from the local system to the remote host. Once all of the trace route information has filled the screen, a "snapshot" of the screen can be written to a text file. Upon exiting the utility, these text files can be used to generate a logical network map showing host and gateway interconnectivity.

MECHANISM

The ICMP echo is performed by sending ICMP ECHO REQUEST packets. The UDP and TCP echoes are performed by connecting to the UDP/TCP echo ports (port number 7). The trace route information is compiled by sending alternating ICMP ECHO REQUEST packets and UDP packets with very large destination UDP port numbers (in two passes). Each packet is initially sent with a TTL (time to live) of 1. This should cause an ICMP TIME EXCEEDED error to be generated by the first routing gateway. Then each packet is sent with a TTL of 2. This should cause an ICMP TIME EXCEEDED error to be generated by the second routing gateway. Then each packet is sent with a TTL of 3, and so on. This process continues until an ICMP ECHO REPLY or UDP PORT UNREACHABLE is received. This indicates that the remote host has been reached and that the trace route information is complete.

CAVEATS

This utility sends one echo packet per second (ICMP, UDP or TCP), as well as sending out one trace route packet per second. If a transmitted trace route packet is returned in less than one second, another trace route packet is sent in 100 milliseconds. This could cause a significant amount of contention on the local network.

BUGS

None known. Please report any discovered bugs to the author at:

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P.O. Box 808; L-561
Livermore, CA 94550
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LIMITATIONS

The user is required to have SYSPRV privilege to perform the ICMP Echo and trace route functions. The utility will still run with this privilege disabled, but only the UDP Echo and TCP Echo information will be displayed. This utility is written in C, but unfortunately it cannot be easily ported over to UNIX since many VMS system calls are used and all screen I/O is done using the VMS Screen Management Routines.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

Any network interface supported by TGV Incorporated's MultiNet software.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

VAX/VMS V5.1+ and TGV Incorporated's MultiNet version 2.0.

AVAILABILITY

For executables only, FTP to the ANONYMOUS account (password GUEST) on CCC.NMFECC.GOV (128.55.128.30) and GET the following files:

[ANONYMOUS.PROGRAMS.NPRV]NPRV.DOC	(ASCII text)
[ANONYMOUS.PROGRAMS.NPRV]NPRV.EXE	(binary)
[ANONYMOUS.PROGRAMS.NPRV]SAMPLE.IPA	(ASCII text)

Internet Tool Catalog

NSLOOKUP

NAME

nslookup

KEYWORDS

status; DNS, BIND; UNIX, VMS; free.

ABSTRACT

Nslookup is an interactive program for querying Internet Domain Name System (DNS) servers. It is essentially a user-friendly front end to the BIND "resolver" library routines.

This program is useful for converting a hostname into an IP address (and vice versa), determining the name servers for a domain, listing the contents of a domain, displaying any type of DNS record, such as MX, CNAME, SOA, etc., diagnosing name server problems.

By default, nslookup will query the default name server but you can specify a different server on the command line or from a configuration file. You can also specify different values for the options that control the resolver routines.

MECHANISM

The program formats, sends and receives DNS (RFC 1034) queries.

CAVEATS

None.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

None known.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

No restrictions.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

BSD UNIX or related OS, or VMS.

AVAILABILITY

NSLookup is included in the BIND distribution.

Available via anonymous FTP from uunet.uu.net,
in directory /networking/ip/dns/bind. Available
with 4.xBSD UNIX and related operating systems.
For VMS, available as part of TGV MultiNet IP
software package, as well as Wollongong's WIN/TCP.

Internet Tool Catalog

OSITRACE

NAME

OSITRACE

KEYWORDS

traffic; OSI; eavesdrop; UNIX; free.

ABSTRACT

OSITRACE is a network performance tool that displays information about ISO TP4 connections. One line of output is displayed for each packet indicating the time, source, destination, length, packet type, sequence number, credit, and any optional parameters contained in the packet. Numerous options are available to control the output of OSITRACE.

To obtain packets to analyze, OSITRACE uses Sun Microsystems' Network Interface Tap (NIT) in SunOS 3.4, 3.5, and 4.0.X. OSITRACE may also obtain data from the NETMON utility which is described as another tool entry.

In Sun systems, OSITRACE may be easily installed: OSI kernel support is not needed, nor is any other form of OSI software support.

MECHANISM

This tool has been designed in such a way that code to process different protocol suites may be easily added. As such, OSITRACE also has the ability to trace the DOD TCP protocols.

CAVEATS

None.

BUGS

Bug reports and questions should be addressed to: ie-tools@gateway.mitre.org

Requests to join this mailing list: ie-tools-request@gateway.mitre.org

Questions and suggestions can also be directed to: Greg Hollingsworth, gregh@gateway.mitre.org

LIMITATIONS

None reported.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

No restriction.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

SunOS 3.4, 3.5, or 4.0.X, or BSD UNIX-like network protocols with NETMON installed.

AVAILABILITY

OSITRACE is copyrighted by the MITRE-Washington Networking Center, but freely distributed "as is." It requires retention of a copyright text in code derived from it. The distribution is available by anonymous FTP in pub/pdutracer.tar or pub/pdutracer.tar.Z from aelred-3.ie.org.

Internet Tool Catalog

OVERVIEW

NAME

OverVIEW

KEYWORDS

manager, status; IP; NMS, SNMP; DOS.

ABSTRACT

Network and internet monitor; Performance monitor;
Fully Graphic user interface; Event logging; TFTP boot
server

MECHANISM

OverVIEW uses SNMP to query routers, gateways and
hosts. Also supports SGMP, PING and is committed to
CMIP/CMOT. The SNMP queries allow dynamic determina-
tion of configuration and state. Sets of related
queries allows monitoring of congestion and faults.
The hardware and software are sold as an integrated
package.

CAVEATS

None.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

256 nodes, 256 nets

HARDWARE REQUIRED

80286, 640K, EGA, mouse.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

MS-DOS, OverVIEW, Network kernel, Mouse driver, SNMP
agents for monitored devices.

AVAILABILITY

Fully supported product of Proteon, Inc. For more
information, contact:

Proteon, Inc.	Phone: (508) 898-2800
2 Technology Drive	Fax: (508) 366-8901
Westborough, MA 01581	Telex: 928124

Internet Tool Catalog

PING

NAME

ping

KEYWORDS

generator, status; IP; ping; DOS, UNIX, VMS; free.

ABSTRACT

Ping is perhaps the most basic tool for internet management. It verifies that a remote IP implementation and the intervening networks and interfaces are functional. It can be used to measure round trip delay. Numerous versions of the ping program exist.

MECHANISM

Ping is based on the ICMP ECHO_REQUEST message.

CAVEATS

If run repeatedly, ping could generate high system loads.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

PC/TCP's ping is the only implementation known support both loose and strict source routing. Though some ping implementations support the ICMP "record route" feature, the usefulness of this option for debugging routes is limited by the fact that many gateways do not correctly implement it.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

No restrictions.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

None.

AVAILABILITY

Ping is widely included in TCP/IP distributions. Public domain versions of ping are available via anonymous FTP from uunet.uu.net, in directory `bsd-sources/src/etc`, and from `venera.isi.edu`, in directory `pub`.

Internet Tool Catalog

PROCESS-TCPWARE-SNMP

NAME

SNMP agent

KEYWORDS

alarm, manager, status, traffic; IP; SNMP; VMS;.

ABSTRACT

The SNMP agent listens for and responds to network management requests sent from SNMP-conforming network management stations. The SNMP agent also sends SNMP traps, under specific conditions, to identified trap receivers. SNMP communities and generation of traps are fully configurable. The SNMP agent supports all MIB-II variables except the EGP group.

MECHANISM

Network management variables are made available for inspection and/or alteration by means of the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP).

CAVEATS

None.

BUGS

No known bugs.

LIMITATIONS

Does not yet provide the ability for sites to add extra MIB definitions.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

Supported VAX processors.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

VMS V4 or later

AVAILABILITY

The SNMP agent is included in TCPware for VMS, a commercial product available under license from:
Process Software Corporation
959 Concord Street
Framingham, MA 01701
+1 800 722 7770, +1 508 879 6994 (voice)
+1 508 879-0042 (FAX) TELEX 517891
sales@process.com

Internet Tool Catalog

PROXYD

NAME

proxyd -- SNMP proxy agent daemons from SNMP Research.

KEYWORDS

control, management, status;
bridge, Ethernet, IP, OSI, ring, star;
NMS, SNMP;
UNIX;
library, sourcelib.

ABSTRACT

SNMP proxy agents may be used to permit the monitoring and controlling of network elements which are otherwise not addressable using the SNMP management protocol (e.g., a network bridge that implements a proprietary management protocol). Similarly, SNMP proxy agents may be used to protect SNMP agents from redundant network management agents through the use of caches. Finally, SNMP proxy agents may be used to implement elaborate MIB access policies.

The proxy agent daemon:

- listens for SNMP queries and commands from logically remote network management stations,
- translates and retransmits those as appropriate network management queries or cache lookups,
- listens for and parses the responses,
- translates the responses into SNMP responses, and
- returns those responses as SNMP messages to the network management station that originated the transaction.

The proxy agent daemon also emits SNMP traps to identified trap receivers. The proxy agent daemon is designed to make the addition of additional vendor-specific variables a straight-forward task. The proxy application comes complete with source code including a powerful set of portable libraries for generating and parsing SNMP messages and a set of command line utilities.

MECHANISM

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CAVEATS

None.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

This application is a template for proxy application writers.

Only a few of the many LanBridge 100 variables are supported.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

System from Sun Microsystems, Incorporated.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

Sun OS 3.5 or 4.x.

AVAILABILITY AND CONTACT POINT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THIS TOOL

This is a commercial product available under license from:

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PROXYD_SNMP_RESEARCH

NAME

proxyd -- SNMP proxy agent daemons from SNMP Research.

KEYWORDS

control, management, status;
bridge, Ethernet, IP, OSI, ring, star;
NMS, SNMP;
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Internet Tool Catalog

QUERY

NAME

query, ripquery

KEYWORDS

routing; IP; spoof; UNIX; free.

ABSTRACT

Query allows remote viewing of a gateway's routing tables.

MECHANISM

Query formats and sends a RIP request or POLL command to a destination gateway.

CAVEATS

Query is intended to be used as a tool for debugging gateways, not for network management. SNMP is the preferred protocol for network management.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

The polled gateway must run RIP.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

No restriction.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

4.3BSD UNIX or related OS.

AVAILABILITY

Available with routed and gated distributions.

Routed may be obtained via anonymous FTP from uunet.uu.net, in file bsd-sources/src/network/routed.tar.Z.

Gated may be obtained via anonymous FTP from devvax.tn.cornell.edu. Distribution files are in directory pub/gated.

Internet Tool Catalog

SAS-CPE

NAME

SAS/CPE(tm) for Open Systems Software

KEYWORDS

manager, status;
bridge, ethernet, FDDI, IP, OSI, NFS;
X;
DOS, HP, UNIX;
library.

ABSTRACT

SAS/CPE(tm) for Open Systems software is an integrated system design
ed to facilitate the analysis and presentation of computer performance
and resource utilization data. SAS/CPE software features include:

- . Processing of raw computer and network performance data into detail-level SAS data sets.
- . Conversion and validation of logged data values to forms more useful for display and analysis (e.g., I/O counts are converted to I/O rates per second).
- . Numerous sample reports on performance data processed by SAS/CPE software.
- . Reduction of logged performance data into daily, weekly, monthly or yearly summarized values.
- . Menu-driven interface to the creation and management of multip
le performance data bases.
- . Menu-driven report designing interface that allows users with
no programming knowledge to create and manage custom reports from their performance data base. No SAS coding is needed for this interface.

MECHANISM

SAS/CPE for Open Systems processes and reports data from SNMP and other proprietary monitoring protocols, as well as du and accounting.

CAVEATS

The product is currently in alpha testing.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

None reported.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

HP, SUN or IBM Workstation

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

The SAS(r) System Base Software, SAS/GRAPH Software and
SAS/CPE for Open System Software

AVAILABILITY AND CONTACT POINT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THIS TOOL

SAS/CPE for Open Systems Software is available from:

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SAS Campus Drive

Cary, NC 27513

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Internet Tool Catalog

SNIFFER

NAME

Sniffer

KEYWORDS

analyzer, generator, traffic; DECnet, ethernet, IP, NFS, OSI, ring, SMTP, star; eavesdrop; standalone.

ABSTRACT

The Network General Sniffer is a protocol analyzer for performing LAN diagnostics, monitoring, traffic generation, and troubleshooting. The Sniffer protocol analyzer has the capability of capturing every packet on a network and of decoding all seven layers of the OSI protocol model. Capture frame selection is based on several different filters: protocol content at lower levels; node addresses; pattern matching (up to 8 logically-related patterns of 32 bytes each); and destination class. Users may extend the protocol interpretation capability of the Sniffer by writing their own customized protocol interpreters and linking them to the Sniffer software.

The Sniffer displays network traffic information and performance statistics in real time, in user-selectable formats. Numeric station addresses are translated to symbolic names or manufacturer ID names. Network activities measured include frames accepted, Kbytes accepted, and buffer use. Each network version has additional counters for activities specific to that network. Network activity is expressed as frames/second, Kbytes/second, or per cent of network bandwidth utilization.

Data collection by the Sniffer may be output to printer or stored to disk in either print-file or spread-sheet format.

Protocol suites understood by the Sniffer include: Banyan Vines, IBM Token-Ring, Novell Netware, XNS/MS-Net (3Com 3+), DECnet, TCP/IP (including SNMP and applications-layer protocols such as FTP, SMTP, and TELNET), X Windows (for X version 11), NFS, and several SUN proprietary protocols (including mount, pmap, RPC, and YP). Supported LANs include: ethernet, Token-ring (4Mb and 16Mb versions), ARCNET, StarLAN, IBM PC Network (Broadband), and Apple Localtalk Network.

MECHANISM

The Sniffer is a self-contained, portable protocol analyzer that require only AC line power and connection to a network to operate. Normally passive (except when in Traffic Generator mode), it captures images of all or of selected frames in a working buffer, ready for immediate analysis and display.

The Sniffer is a standalone device. Two platforms are available: one for use with single network topologies, the other for use with multi-network topologies. Both include Sniffer core software, a modified network interface card (or multiple cards), and optional protocol interpreter suites.

All Sniffer functions may be remotely controlled from a modem-connected PC. Output from the Sniffer can be imported to database or spreadsheet packages.

CAVEATS

In normal use, the Sniffer is a passive device, and so will not adversely effect network performance. Performance degradation will be observed, of course, if the Sniffer is set to Traffic Generator mode and connected to an active network.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

None reported.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

None. The Sniffer is a self-contained unit, and includes its own interface card. It installs into a network as would any normal workstation.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

None.

AVAILABILITY

The Sniffer is available commercially. For information on your local representative, call or write:

Network General Corporation

4200 Bohannon Drive

Menlo Park, CA 94025

Phone: 415-688-2700

Fax: 415-321-0855

For acquisition by government agencies, the Sniffer is included on the GSA schedule.

Internet Tool Catalog

SNMP_DEVELOPMENT_KIT

NAME

The SNMP Development Kit

KEYWORDS

manager, status; IP; NMS, SNMP; UNIX; free, sourcelib.

ABSTRACT

The SNMP Development Kit comprises C Language source code for a programming library that facilitates access to the management services of the SNMP (RFC 1098). Sources are also included for a few simple client applications whose main purpose is to illustrate the use of the library. Example client applications query remote SNMP agents in a variety of modes, and generate or collect SNMP traps. Code for an example SNMP agent that supports a subset of the Internet MIB (RFC 1066) is also included.

MECHANISM

The Development Kit facilitates development of SNMP-based management applications -- both clients and agents. Example applications execute SNMP management operations according to the values of command line arguments.

CAVEATS

None.

BUGS

Fixed in the next release.

LIMITATIONS

None reported.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

The SNMP library source code is highly portable and runs on a wide range of platforms.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

The SNMP library source code has almost no operating system dependencies and runs in a wide range of environments. Certain portions of the example SNMP agent code are specific to the 4.3BSD implementation of the UNIX system for the DEC MicroVAX.

AVAILABILITY

The Development Kit is available via anonymous FTP from host allspice.lcs.mit.edu. The copyright for the Development Kit is held by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and the Kit is distributed without charge according to the terms set forth in its code and documentation. The distribution takes the form of a UNIX tar file.

Bug reports, questions, suggestions, or complaints may be mailed electronically to snmp-dk@ptt.lcs.mit.edu, although no response in any form is guaranteed. Distribution via UUCP mail may be arranged by contacting the same address. Requests for hard-copy documentation or copies of the distribution on magnetic media are never honored.

Internet Tool Catalog

SNMP_Libraries_SNMP_RESEARCH

NAME

SNMP Libraries and Utilities from SNMP Research.

KEYWORDS

alarm, control, manager, map, security, status;
bridge, DECnet, Ethernet, FDDI, IP, OSI, ring, star;
NMS, SNMP;
DOS, UNIX, VMS;
sourcelib.

ABSTRACT

The SNMP Libraries and Utilities serve two purposes:

- 1) to act as building blocks for the construction of SNMP-based agent and manager applications; and
- 2) to act as network management tools for network fire fighting and report generation.

The libraries perform ASN.1 parsing and generation tasks for both network management station applications and network management agent applications. These libraries hide the details of ASN.1 parsing and generation from application writers and make it unnecessary for them to be expert in these areas. The libraries are very robust with considerable error checking designed in. The several command line utilities include applications for retrieving one or many variables, retrieving tables, or effecting commands via the setting of remote network management variables.

MECHANISM

The parsing is performed via recursive descent methods. Messages are passed via the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP).

CAVEATS

None.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

The monitored and managed nodes must implement the SNMP over UDP per RFC 1157 or must be reachable via a proxy agent.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

This software has been ported to numerous platforms including workstations, general-purpose timesharing systems, and embedded hardware in intelligent network devices such as repeaters, bridges, and routers.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

C compiler, TCP/IP library.

AVAILABILITY AND CONTACT POINT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THIS TOOL

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Internet Tool Catalog

SNMP_PACKAGED_AGENT_SNMP_RESEARCH

NAME

SNMP Packaged Agent System -- an SNMP host/gateway agent daemon including a complete protocol stack and runtime environment required to support an SNMP Agent from SNMP Research.

KEYWORDS

control, manager, status;
bridge, Ethernet, FDDI, IP, OSI, ring, star;
NMS, SNMP;
DOS, standalone, UNIX;
sourcelib.

ABSTRACT

The snmpd agent daemon listens for and responds to network management queries and commands from logically remote network management stations. The agent daemon also emits SNMP traps to identified trap receivers. The agent daemon is designed to make the addition of additional vendor-specific variables a straight-forward task. The snmpd application comes complete with source code including a powerful set of portable libraries for generating and parsing SNMP messages and a set of command line utilities.

The Packaged Agent System is designed to aid the hardware manufacturer who is not experienced with the TCP/IP protocol suite. A lightweight, non-preemptive scheduler/tasking system for faster execution and less impact on slow CPUs is included in the package. Development environment is either MS DOS or UNIX.

MECHANISM

Network management variables are made available for inspection and/or alteration by means of the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP).

CAVEATS

None.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

None reported.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

The Motorola 68XXX and the Intel 8088 and X86 platforms are fully supported. Other platforms can be supported. Contact SNMP Research for details.

This software has been ported to numerous platforms including workstations, general-purpose timesharing systems, and embedded hardware in intelligent network devices such as repeaters, bridges, and routers.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

C compiler.

AVAILABILITY AND CONTACT POINT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THIS TOOL

This is a commercial product available under license from:

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Internet Tool Catalog

SNMPD_SNMP_RESEARCH

NAME

snmpd -- an SNMP host/gateway agent daemon from SNMP Research.

KEYWORDS

control, mananger, status;
bridge, Ethernet, FDDI, IP, OSI, ring, star;
NMS, SNMP;
DOS, UNIX;
sourcelib.

ABSTRACT

The snmpd agent daemon listens for and responds to network management queries and commands from logically remote network management stations. The agent daemon also emits SNMP traps to identified trap receivers. The agent daemon is architected to make the addition of additional vendor-specific variables a straight-forward task. The snmpd application comes complete with source code including a powerful set of portable libraries for generating and parsing SNMP messages and a set of command line utilities.

MECHANISM

Network management variables are made available for inspection and/or alteration by means of the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP).

CAVEATS

None.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

Only operating system variables available without source code modifications to the operating system and device device drivers are supported.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

This software has been ported to numerous platforms including workstations, general-purpose timesharing systems, and embedded hardware in intelligent network devices such as repeaters, bridges, and routers.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED
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Internet Tool Catalog

SPIDERMONITOR

NAME

SpiderMonitor P220, K220 and
SpiderAnalyzer P320, K320

KEYWORDS

alarm, analyzer, generator, traffic; DECnet, ethernet,
IP, OSI; eavesdrop; standalone; sourcelib.

ABSTRACT

The SpiderMonitor and SpiderAnalyzer are protocol analyzers for performing ethernet LAN diagnostics, monitoring, traffic generation, and troubleshooting. The SpiderMonitor has the capability of capturing every packet on a network and of decoding the first four layers of the OSI protocol model. The SpiderAnalyzer has additional software for decoding higher protocol layers. Protocol suites understood: TCP/IP (including SNMP and applications-layer protocols), OSI, XNS, DECnet and IPX. User-definable decodes can be written in 'C' with the Microsoft version 5.0 'C' compiler. A decode guide is provided.

The SpiderAnalyzer supports multiple simultaneous filters for capturing packets using predefined patterns and error states. Filter patterns can also trigger on NOT matching 1 or more filters, an alarm, or a specified time.

The SpiderAnalyzer can also employ TDR (Time Domain Reflectometry) to find media faults, open or short circuits, or transceiver faults. It can transmit OSI, XNS, and Xerox link-level echo packets to user-specified stations, performs loop round tests.

In traffic generation mode, the SpiderAnalyzer has the ability to generate packets at random intervals of random lengths or any combination of random or fixed interval or length, generation of packets with CRC errors, or packets that are too short, or packets that are too long.

Output from the SpiderMonitor/Analyzer can be imported to database or spreadsheet packages.

MECHANISM

The SpiderMonitor and Spider Analyzer are available as stand-alone, IBM PC compatible packages based upon a Compaq III portable system, or as a plug-in boards for any IBM XT/AT compatible machine. The model 220 (SpiderMonitor) systems provide a functional base suited for most network management needs. The model 320 (SpiderAnalyzer) systems provide extended functionality in the development mode and traffic generation mode as well more filtering capabilities than the 220 models.

CAVEATS

Traffic generation will congest an operational ethernet.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

Monitoring of up to 1024 stations and buffering of up to 1500 packets. The model 220 provides for 3 filters with a filter depth of 46 bytes. The model 320 provides for 4 filters and a second level of filtering with a filter depth of 64 bytes.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

PX20s are self contained, the KX20s require an IBM PC/XT-AT compatible machine with 5 megabytes of hard disk storage and the spare slot into which the board kit is plugged.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

None. The SpiderAnalyzer requires the Microsoft 'C' Compiler, Version 5.0 for writing user defined decodes.

AVAILABILITY

The SpiderMonitor/Analyzer is available commercially. For information on your local representative, call or write:

Spider Systems, Inc.
12 New England Executive Park
Burlington, MA 01803
Telephone: 617-270-3510
FAX: 617-270-9818

Internet Tool Catalog

SPIMS

NAME

SPIMS -- the Swedish Institute of Computer Science (SICS) Protocol Implementation Measurement System tool.

KEYWORDS

benchmark, debugger; IP, OSI; spoof; UNIX.

ABSTRACT

SPIMS is used to measure the performance of protocol and "protocol-like" services including response time (two-way delay), throughput and the time to open and close connections. It has been used to:

- o benchmark alternative protocol implementations,
- o observe how performance varies when parameters in specific implementations have been varied (i.e., to tune parameters).

SPIMS currently has interfaces to the DoD Internet Protocols: UDP, TCP, FTP, SunRPC, the OSI protocols from the ISODE 4.0 distribution package: FTAM, ROSE, ISO TP0 and to Sunlink 5.2 ISO TP4 as well as Stanford's VMTP. Also available are a rudimentary set of benchmarks, stubs for new protocol interfaces and a user manual.

For an example of the use of SPIMS to tune protocols, see:

Nordmark & Cheriton, "Experiences from VMTP: How to achieve low response time," IFIP WG6.1/6.4: Protocols for High-Speed Networks, May 1989, Zurich. To be published.

For an example of how SPIMS can be used to benchmark protocols, see:

Gunningberg, Bjorkman, Nordmark, Sjodin, Pink & Stromqvist "Application Protocols and Performance Benchmarks", IEEE Communications Magazine, June 1989, Vol. 27, No.6, pp 30-36.

Sjodin, Gunningberg, Nordmark, & Pink, "Towards Protocol Benchmarks", IFIP WG6.1/6.4 Protocols for High-Speed Networks, May 1989, Zurich, pp 57-67

MECHANISM

SPIMS runs as user processes and uses a TCP connection for measurement set-up. Measurements take place between processes over the measured protocol. SPIMS generates messages and transfers them via the measured protocol service according to a user-supplied specification. SPIMS has a unique measurement specification language that is used to specify a measurement session. In the language there are constructs for different application types (e.g., bulk data transfer), for specifying frequency and sequence of messages, for distribution over message sizes and for combining basic specifications. These specifications are independent of both protocols and protocol implementations and can be used for benchmarking. For more details on the internals of SPIMS, see:

Nordmark & Gunningberg, "SPIMS: A Tool for Protocol Implementation Performance Measurements" Proc. of 13:th Conf. on Local Computer Networks, Minneapolis 1989, pp 222-229.

CAVEATS

None.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

None reported.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

No restrictions.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

SPIMS is implemented on UNIX, including SunOS 4., 4.3BSD UNIX, DN (UNIX System V, with extensions) and Ultrix 2.0/3.0. It requires a TCP connection for measurement set-up. No kernel modifications or any modifications to measured protocols are required.

AVAILABILITY AND CONTACT POINT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THIS TOOL

SPIMS is not in the public domain and the software is covered by licenses. Use of the SPIMS software represents acceptance of the terms and conditions of the licenses.

The licenses are enclosed in the distribution package. Licenses and SPIMS cover letter can also be obtained via an Internet FTP connection without getting the whole software. The retrieval procedure is identical to the below university distribution via FTP. The file to retrieve is pub/spims-dist/licenses.tar.Z

There are two different distribution classes depending on requesting organization:

1. Universities and non-profit organizations.

To these organizations, SPIMS source code is distributed free of charge. There are two ways to get the software:

1. FTP.

If you have an Internet FTP connection, you can use anonymous FTP to sics.se [192.16.123.90], and retrieve the file pub/spims-dist/dist910304.tar.Z (this is a .6MB compressed tar image) in BINARY mode. Log in as user anonymous and at the password prompt, use your complete electronic mail address.

2. On a Sun 1/4-inch cartridge tape.

For mailing, a handling fee of US\$150.00 will be charged. Submit a bank check with the request. Do not send tapes or envelopes.

2. Commercial organizations.

These organizations can chose between a license for commercial use, or a license for internal research only and no commercial use whatsoever.

For internal research use only:

The SPIMS source code is distributed for a one time fee of US\$500.00. Organizations interested in the research prototype need to contact us via e-mail and briefly motivate why they qualify (non-commercial use) for the

research prototype.

They will thereafter get a permission to obtain a copy from the same distribution source as for universities.

Commercial use:

A commercial version of SPIMS will eventually be distributed and supported by a commercial partner. In the meantime we will distribute the research prototype (source code) to interested organizations without any guaranty or support. Contact SICS for further information.

For more information about the research prototype distribution and about a commercial license, contact:

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Internet Tool Catalog

SPRAY_SUN

NAME

spray

KEYWORDS

benchmark, generator; IP; ping; UNIX.

ABSTRACT

Spray is a traffic generation tool that generates RPC or UDP packets, or ICMP Echo Requests. The packets are sent to a remote procedure call application at the destination host. The count of received packets is retrieved from the remote application after a certain number of packets have been transmitted. The difference in packets received versus packets sent represents (on a LAN) the packets that the destination host had to drop due to increasing queue length. A measure of throughput relative to system speed and network load can thus be obtained.

MECHANISM

See above.

CAVEATS

Spray can congest a network.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

None reported.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

No restrictions.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

SunOS

AVAILABILITY

Supplied with SunOS.

Internet Tool Catalog

TCPDUMP

NAME

tcpdump

KEYWORDS

traffic; ethernet, IP, NFS; UNIX, VMS; free.

ABSTRACT

Tcpdump can interpret and print headers for the following protocols: ethernet, IP, ICMP, TCP, UDP, NFS, ND, ARP/RARP, AppleTalk. Tcpdump has proven useful for examining and evaluating the retransmission and window management operations of TCP implementations.

MECHANISM

Much like etherfind, tcpdump writes a log file of the frames traversing an ethernet interface. Each output line includes the time a packet is received, the type of packet, and various values from its header.

CAVEATS

None.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

Public domain version requires a kernel patch for SunOS. TCPware for VMS - currently interprets headers for IP, TCP, UDP, and ICMP only.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

Any Ultrix system (VAX or DEC RISC hardware)

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

Ultrix release 4.0 or later. For Ultrix 4.1, may require the patched "if_ln.o" kernel module, available from Digital's Customer Support Center.

AVAILABILITY

Available, though subject to copyright restrictions, via anonymous FTP from ftp.ee.lbl.gov. The source and documentation for the tool is in compressed tar format, in file tcpdump.tar.Z. Also available from spam.itstd.sri.com, in directory pub. For VMS hosts with DEC ethernet controllers, available as part of TGV MultiNet IP software package and TCPware for VMS from Process Software Corporation.

Internet Tool Catalog

TCPLOGGER

NAME

tcplogger

KEYWORDS

traffic; IP; eavesdrop; UNIX; free.

ABSTRACT

Tcplogger consists of modifications to the 4.3BSD UNIX source code, and a large library of post-processing software. Tcplogger records timestamped information from TCP and IP packets that are sent and received on a specified connection. For each TCP packet, information such as sequence number, acknowledgement sequence number, packet size, and header flags is recorded. For an IP packet, header length, packet length and TTL values are recorded. Customized use of the TCP option field allows the detection of lost or duplicate packets.

MECHANISM

Routines of 4.3BSD UNIX in the netinet directory have been modified to append information to a log in memory. The log is read continuously by a user process and written to a file. A TCP option has been added to start the logging of a connection. Lots of post-processing software has been written to analyze the data.

CAVEATS

None.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

To get a log at both ends of the connection, the modified kernel should be run at both the hosts.

All connections are logged in a single file, but software is provided to filter out the record of a single connection.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

No restrictions.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

4.3BSD UNIX (as modified for this tool).

AVAILABILITY

Free, although a 4.3BSD license is required. Contact
Olafur Gudmundsson (ogud@cs.umd.edu).

Internet Tool Catalog

TOKENVIEW_PROTEON

NAME

TokenVIEW

KEYWORDS

control, manager, status; ring; NMS, proprietary; DOS.

ABSTRACT

Network Management tool for 4/16 Mbit IEEE 802.5 Token Ring Networks. Monitors active nodes and ring errors. Maintains database of nodes, wire centers and their connections. Separate network management ring allows remote configuration of wire centers.

MECHANISM

A separate network management ring used with Proteon Intelligent Wire Centers allows wire center configuration information to be read and modified from a single remote workstation. A log of network events used with a database contain nodes, wire centers and their connections, facilitates tracking and correction of network errors. Requires an "E" series PROM, sold with package.

CAVEATS

Currently, only ISA bus cards support the required E series PROM.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

256 nodes, 1 net.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

512K RAM, CGA or better, hard disk, mouse supported.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

MS-DOS, optional mouse driver

AVAILABILITY

Fully supported product of Proteon, Inc. Previously sold as Advanced Network Manager (ANM). For more information, contact:

Proteon, Inc.	Phone: (508) 898-2800
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Westborough, MA 01581	Telex: 928124

Internet Tool Catalog

TRACEROUTE

NAME

traceroute

KEYWORDS

routing; IP; ping; UNIX, VMS; free.

ABSTRACT

Traceroute is a tool that allows the route taken by packets from source to destination to be discovered. It can be used for situations where the IP record route option would fail, such as intermediate gateways discarding packets, routes that exceed the capacity of an datagram, or intermediate IP implementations that don't support record route. Round trip delays between the source and intermediate gateways are also reported allowing the determination of individual gateways contribution to end-to-end delay.

Enhanced versions of traceroute have been developed that allow specification of loose source routes for datagrams. This allows one to investigate the return path from remote machines back to the local host.

MECHANISM

Traceroute relies on the ICMP TIME_EXCEEDED error reporting mechanism. When an IP packet is received by an gateway with a time-to-live value of 0, an ICMP packet is sent to the host which generated the packet. By sending packets to a destination with a TTL of 0, the next hop can be identified as the source of the ICMP TIME_EXCEEDED message. By incrementing the TTL field the subsequent hops can be identified. Each packet sent out is also time stamped. The time stamp is returned as part of the ICMP packet so a round trip delay can be calculated.

CAVEATS

Some IP implementations forward packets with a TTL of 0, thus escaping identification. Others use the TTL field in the arriving packet as the TTL for the ICMP error reply, which delays identification.

Sending datagrams with the source route option will cause some gateways to crash. It is considered poor form to repeat this behavior.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

Most versions of UNIX have errors in the raw IP code that require kernel mods for the standard version of traceroute to work. A version of traceroute exists that runs without kernel mods under SunOS 3.5 (see below), but it only operates over an ethernet interface.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

No restrictions.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

BSD UNIX or related OS, or VMS.

AVAILABILITY

Available by anonymous FTP from ftp.ee.lbl.gov, in file traceroute.tar.Z. It is also available from uc.msc.umn.edu.

A version of traceroute that supports Loose Source Record Route, along with the source code of the required kernel modifications and a Makefile for installing them, is available via anonymous FTP from zerkalo.harvard.edu, in directory pub, file traceroute_pkg.tar.Z.

A version of traceroute that runs under SunOS 3.5 and does NOT require kernel mods is available via anonymous FTP from dopey.cs.unc.edu, in file ~ftp/pub/traceroute.tar.Z.

For VMS, traceroute is available as part of TGV MultiNet IP software package.

Internet Tool Catalog

TRPT

NAME

TRPT -- transliterate protocol trace

KEYWORDS

traffic; IP; eavesdrop; UNIX; free.

ABSTRACT

TRPT displays a trace of a TCP socket events. When no options are supplied, TRPT prints all the trace records found in a system, grouped according to TCP connection protocol control block (PCB).

An example of TRPT output is:

```
38241 ESTABLISHED:input
[e0531003..e0531203)@6cc5b402(win=4000)<ACK> -> ESTA-
BLISHED
38241 ESTABLISHED:user RCVD -> ESTABLISHED
38266 ESTABLISHED:output
6cc5b402@e0531203(win=4000)<ACK> -> ESTABLISHED
38331 ESTABLISHED:input
[e0531203..e0531403)@6cc5b402(win=4000)<ACK,FIN,PUSH>
-> CLOSE_WAIT
38331 CLOSE_WAIT:output
6cc5b402@e0531404(win=3dfff)<ACK> -> CLOSE_WAIT
38331 CLOSE_WAIT:user RCVD -> CLOSE_WAIT
38343 LAST_ACK:output
6cc5b402@e0531404(win=4000)<ACK,FIN> -> LAST_ACK
38343 CLOSE_WAIT:user DISCONNECT -> LAST_ACK
38343 LAST_ACK:user DETACH -> LAST_ACK
```

MECHANISM

TRPT interrogates the buffer of TCP trace records that is created when a TCP socket is marked for debugging.

CAVEATS

Prior to using TRPT, an analyst should take steps to isolate the problem connection and find the address of its protocol control blocks.

BUGS

None reported.

LIMITATIONS

A socket must have the debugging option set for TRPT to operate. Another problem is that the output format of TRPT is difficult.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

No restrictions.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

BSD UNIX or related OS.

AVAILABILITY

Included with BSD and SunOS distributions. Available via anonymous FTP from uunet.uu.net, in file bsd-sources/src/etc/trpt.tar.Z.

Internet Tool Catalog

TTCP

NAME

TTCP

KEYWORDS

benchmark, generator; IP; ping; UNIX, VMS; free.

ABSTRACT

TTCP is a traffic generator that can be used for testing end-to-end throughput. It is good for evaluating TCP/IP implementations.

MECHANISM

Cooperating processes are started on two hosts. The open a TCP connection and transfer a high volume of data. Delay and throughput are calculated.

CAVEATS

Will greatly increase system load.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

None reported.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

No restrictions.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

BSD UNIX or related OS, or VMS.

AVAILABILITY

Source for BSD UNIX is available via anonymous FTP from vgr.brl.mil, in file ftp/pub/ttcp.c, and from sgi.com, in file sgi/src/ttcp.c. A version of TTCP has also been submitted to the USENET news group comp.sources.unix. For VMS, ttcp.c is included in the MultiNet Programmer's Kit, a standard feature of TGV MultiNet IP software package.

Internet Tool Catalog

UNISYS-PARAMAX

NAME

Paramax Network Security Server

KEYWORDS

alarm, control, manager, security, status;
ethernet, FDDI, IP; X; UNIX.

ABSTRACT

The Paramax Network Security Server (NSS) is a security officer's tool for centralized security management of TCP/IP-based networks. The NSS provides capability for collection, on-line storage, maintenance, and correlation of audit data from hosts, workstations, servers, and network devices. Through the X window based user interface, a security officer can review and analyze this audit data at the NSS, select and request filtered portions of host audit data, and receive and analyze security alerts from across the network. The NSS supports centralized access control of network resources through its capability to create and update user and host access permissions data. The user access permissions data identifies network addresses that each user is permitted to access. The host access permissions data identifies network addresses between which communication is permitted. The NSS supports centralized management of user authentication data (user IDs and passwords) and other user data for use by hosts, workstations, and servers in the network. It generates pseudo-random pronounceable passwords for selection and assignment to users by the security officer.

The NSS deadman timer locks the NSS screen or logs the security officer off the NSS after periods of inactivity. A biometric authentication device is optional for rigorous fingerprint authentication of users at the NSS, and logins to the NSS itself are permitted only at the console. The NSS currently provides centralized security management for a System High Network. It is being upgraded for a Compartmented Mode environment.

MECHANISM

The NSS uses the Audit Information Transfer Protocol (AITP) for the transfer of security alerts and audit data. AITP is NOT proprietary, and the specification is available from the address listed below. Access to the NSS audit database is provided via the Structured Query Language (SQL).

CAVEATS

None.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

None reported.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

Hardware required is a Sun 4 (SPARCStation) with a color monitor, at least 600 MB disk, and 150 MB 1/4" cartridge tape drive.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

SunOS Version 4.1.1 running the Sun OpenWindows X windowing environment and the SYBASE Relational Database Management System.

AVAILABILITY AND CONTACT POINT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THIS TOOL

Commercially available from:

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Internet Tool Catalog

WOLLONGONG-MANAGER

NAME

Management Station, Release 3.0

KEYWORDS

manager; ; snmp, x; sun, dec, dos;.

ABSTRACT

Management Station is a network management software product that supports SNMP. Release 3.0 implements a distributed network management architecture that helps solve the scalability and reliability limitations of using a single cpu for all SNMP management tasks. Additionally, there are many applications provided that are all user-configurable. The following applications and their functionality is listed below:

General Info:

X Windows, 11.4 based implemented with OSF/Motif 1.1.1 toolkit. X Windows interface for all configuration files. Most applications have "verbose" mode for display of SNMP PDU traffic. On-line help and Reference manual pages. ANSI C compliant.

Network Management Daemon:

Responsible for device discovery, trap/alarm management and fault monitoring for the network map. Connection with other distributed daemons and any connected stations is accomplished with SNMP/TCP. Configured via Manager MIB; also incorporates SMUX MIB (RFC 1227). Sends any information to INGRES, Oracle or Sybase via an ESQL interface. User-defined actions include: send alarm to map; send info to flat file; execute ESQL command; call any UNIX system command; forward traps and filter user-defined alarms. User-defined alarms can use any boolean expression and MIB variable expressions can be combined with AND/OR statements.

MIB Compiler

ASN.1 MIB compiler with X Windows interface. Accepts RFC 1155 and 1212 format. Most vendor-specific MIBs and proposed Internet standard MIBs already included.

Network Map

Comprehensive network monitoring map with click and drag interface, hierarchical and virtual views. Toolkit and preferences applications, device discovery. Uses /etc/hosts file, NIS or DNS for device resolution. Background pixmapping capability, user-definable menu bar, network manager and console operator modes via UNIX group permissions. Multiple map use without limitation.

MIB Form and MIB Form Editor

User-designed, X-based SNMP applications. Alias for MIB variables and interprets returned values. GET NEXT and SET capability. User-defined polling and multi-device [agent] capability. Configured via X interface.

MIB Chart and MIB Chart Editor

Choice of strip chart, packed strip chart or bar graphs. User-specified polling interval, MIB variable(s) or MIB expressions using arithmetic operands. Plot actual value, delta or delta/interval. Plot multiple MIB expressions from multiple agents simultaneously. X Windows interface. Pause polling and grid options.

MIB Tool

X Windows application for the general viewing and 'walking' of MIB trees. GET NEXT and SET options. Window for viewing RFC 1212 MIB definitions. Command line interface option.

Application Programming Interface

Complete set of APIs for developers to write SNMP applications in character mode or X Windows.

MECHANISM

Management Station uses SNMP and ICMP Echo Request to monitor and control SNMP Agents. Network management daemon implements Wollongong's Manager MIB, SNMP over TCP and the SMUX protocol.

CAVEATS

none.

BUGS

See Product Release Notice.

LIMITATIONS

Limitations on number of management agents and network management daemons not known at this time.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

Sun SPARC workstations and servers
DEC DECstations and DECsystems
Motorola MPC (Delta 8000 series)
3/486 PC and PC-compatible

16 MB RAM
n20 MB free disk space for installation
Color monitor strongly recommended

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

SunOS 4.1-1 or greater & OpenWindows 2.0 or greater (SUN)
X Windows, 11.4 or greater
RISC ULTRIX 4.1 or greater (DEC)
R32V2 (Motorola)
Open Desktop 1.1 or greater (3/486)

Provided on 1/4" cartridge, TK-50 or 3 1/2" diskettes,
as appropriate, in cpio format.

AVAILABILITY

A commercial product of:

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Internet Tool Catalog

XNETDB

NAME

Xnetdb

KEYWORDS

database, manager, map, monitoring, status; IP; Ping, SNMP, Unix, X; free.

ABSTRACT

Xnetdb is a network monitoring tool based on X Windows and SNMP which also has integrated database and statistic viewing capabilities. Xnetdb will determine and display the status of routers and circuits it has been told to monitor by querying the designated sites and displaying the result. It can also query the status of certain designated SNMP variables, such as a default route for an important router. Additionally, it also has integrated database functionality in that it can display additional information about a site or circuit such as the equipment at the site, the contact person(s) for the site, and other useful information. Finally it can gather designated statistical information about a circuit and display it on demand.

MECHANISM

Xnetdb uses SNMP or ping to monitor things which its configured to monitor. It dynamically builds a network map on its display by querying entities and obtaining IP addresses and subnet masks. A configuration file tells xnetdb which IP hosts you want to monitor.

CAVEATS

While "ping" can be used to monitor hosts, more useful results are obtained using SNMP.

BUGS

Bugs and other assorted topics are discussed on the xnetdb mailing list. To join, send a note to "xnetdb-request@oar.net".

LIMITATIONS

None.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

No restrictions.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

Most any variety of UNIX plus X-Windows and/or OpenWindows.

AVAILABILITY

Available via anonymous ftp from ftp.oar.net (currently 131.187.1.102) in the directory /pub/src. Special arrangements can be made for sites without direct IP access by sending a note to "xnetdb-request@oar.net". There are minimal licensing restrictions - these are detailed within the package.

Internet Tool Catalog

XNETMON_SNMP_RESEARCH

NAME

XNETMON -- an X windows based SNMP network management station from SNMP Research.

KEYWORDS

alarm, benchmark, control, debugger, manager, map, reference, security, status, traffic; bridge, DECnet, Ethernet, FDDI, IP, OSI, ring, star; NMS, Ping, SNMP, X; UNIX; Sourcelib.

ABSTRACT

The XNETMON application implements a powerful network management station based on the X window system. XNETMON's network management tools for configuration, performance, security, and fault management have been used successfully with a wide assortment of wide- and local-area-network topologies and medias. Multiprotocol devices are supported including those using TCP/IP, DECnet, and OSI protocols.

Some features of XNETMON's network management tools include:

- o Fault management tool displays a map of the network configuration with node and link state indicated in one of several colors to indicate current status;
- o Configuration management tool may be used to edit the network management information base stored in the NMS to reflect changes occurring in the network;
- o Graphs and tabular tools for use in fault and performance management (e.g. XNETPERFMON);
- o Mechanisms by which additional variables, such as vendor-specific variables, may be added;
- o Alarms may be enabled to alert the operator of events occurring in the network;
- o Events are logged to disk;
- o Output data may be transferred via flat files for additional report generation by a variety of statistical packages.

The XNETMON application comes complete with source code including a powerful set of portable libraries for generating and parsing SNMP messages.

MECHANISM

XNETMON is based on the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP). Polling is performed via the powerful SNMP get-next operator and the SNMP get operator. Trap-directed polling is used to regulate focus and intensity of the polling.

CAVEATS

None.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

Monitored and managed nodes must implement the SNMP over UDP per RFC 1157 or must be reachable via a proxy agent.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

X windows workstation with UDP socket library.
Monochrome is acceptable, but color is far superior.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

X windows version 11 release 4 or later or MOTIF.

AVAILABILITY AND CONTACT POINT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THIS TOOL

This is a commercial product available under license from:

SNMP Research
3001 Kimberlin Heights Road
Knoxville, TN 37920-9716
Attn: John Southwood, Sales and Marketing
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Internet Tool Catalog

XNETMON_WELLFLEET

NAME

xnetmon, xpmon

KEYWORDS

alarm, manager, map, status; IP; NMS, SNMP; UNIX.

ABSTRACT

Xnetmon and xpmon provide graphical representation of performance and status of SNMP-capable network elements. Xnetmon presents a schematic network map representing the up/down status of network elements; xpmon draws a pen plot style graph of the change over time of any arbitrary MIB object (RFC1066). Both xnetmon and xpmon use the SNMP (RFC1098) for retrieving status and performance data.

MECHANISM

Xnetmon polls network elements for the status of their interfaces on a controllable polling interval. Pop-up windows displaying the values of any MIB variable are supported by separate polls. When SNMP traps are received from a network element, that element and all adjacent elements are immediately re-pollled to update their status. The layout of the network map is statically configured. Xpmon repeatedly polls (using SNMP) the designated network element for the value of the designated MIB variable on the user-specified interval. The change in the variable is then plotted on the strip chart. The strip chart regularly adjusts its scale to the current maximum value on the graph.

CAVEATS

Polling intervals should be chosen with care so as not to affect system performance adversely.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

None reported.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

Distributed and supported for Sun-3 systems.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

SunOS 3.5 or 4.x; X11, release 2 or 3.

AVAILABILITY

Commercial product of:
Wellfleet Communications, Inc.
12 DeAngelo Drive
Bedford, MA 01730-2204
(617) 275-2400

Internet Tool Catalog

XNETPERFMON_SNMP_RESEARCH

NAME

xnetperfmon -- a graphical network performance and fault management tool from SNMP Research.

KEYWORDS

manager, security, status;
DECnet, Ethernet, IP, OSI, ring, star;
NMS, SNMP, X;
DOS, UNIX, VMS;
sourcelib.

ABSTRACT

Xnetperfmon is a XNETMON tool used to produce plots of SNMP variables in graphical displays. The manager may easily customize the labels, step size, update interval, and variables to be plotted to produce graphs for fault and performance management. Scales automatically adjust whenever a point to be plotted would go off scale.

MECHANISM

The xnetperfmon application communicates with remote agents or proxy agents via the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP).

CAVEATS

All plots for a single invocation of xnetperfmon must be for variables provided by a single network management agent. However, multiple invocations of xnetperfmon may be active on a single display simultaneously or proxy agents may be used to summarize information at a common point.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

None reported.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

Systems supporting X windows.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

XNETMON from SNMP Research and X Version 11 release 4 or later (option MOTIF)

AVAILABILITY AND CONTACT POINT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THIS TOOL

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Internet Tool Catalog

XUP_HP

NAME

xup

KEYWORDS

status; ping, X; HP.

ABSTRACT

Xup uses the X-Windows to display the status of an "interesting" set of hosts.

MECHANISM

Xup uses ping to determine host status.

CAVEATS

Polling for status increases network load.

BUGS

None known.

LIMITATIONS

None reported.

HARDWARE REQUIRED

Runs only on HP series 300 and 800 workstations.

SOFTWARE REQUIRED

Version 10 of X-Windows.

AVAILABILITY

A standard command for the HP 300 & 800 Workstations.

Appendix: "No-Writeups"

This section contains references to tools which are known to exist, but which have not been fully cataloged. If anyone wishes to author an entry for one of these tools please contact: noctools-request@merit.edu.

Each mention is separated by a <form-feed> for improved readability. If you intend to actually print-out this section of the catalog, then you should probably strip-out the <ff>.

tuecho.c

```
/*
 * Send / receive TCP or UDP echos in any of a number of bizzare ways.
 *
 * Joel P. Bion, March 1990
 * Copyright (c) 1990 cisco Systems. All rights reserved.
 *
 * This "tuecho" program is distributed in the hope that it will be
 * useful, but WITHOUT ANY WARRANTY; without even the implied warranty
 * of MERCHANTABILITY or FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.
 *
 * Prompts as:
 * Host: -- host to send echos to -- can be name or a.b.c.d --
 * Enter protocol (0 = UDP, 1 = TCP) [0]: -- UDP or TCP
 * Size of data portion (bytes) [100]: -- bytes in data, excluding
 * headers -- Number of bursts [5]: -- number of bursts of packets to
 * send -- Packets per burst [1]: -- packets per burst, all sent AT
 * ONCE -- Timeout (seconds) [2]: -- how long to wait for data
 * Pause interval (seconds) [0]: -- Pause interval between bursts of
 * frames
 * Type of pattern (specify = 0, increment = 1) [1]:
 * -- if 0 specified, allow you to specify a 16bit pattern
 * -- as four hex digits (see below). If 1, will create a
 * -- "incrementing", cycling pattern from 0x0000 -> 0xffff
 * -- ->.
 * Enter pattern (hex value) [abcd]: -- if "0" specified above
 */
```

Availability:

ftp.uu.net:/networking/cisco/tuecho.c
ftp.cisco.com:tuecho.c

SPY An NFS monitoring/tracing tool

Availability:

A postscript file describing SPY is located on
ftp.uu.net:/networking/ip/nfs/spy.ps.Z

NFSTRACE

This is the rpcspy/nfstrace package.

It is described in detail in the paper "NFS Tracing by Passive Network Monitoring", which appeared in the January, 1992 USENIX conference.

You'll need either a DEC machine running ULTRIX (with the packetfilter installed in the kernel) or a Sun running SunOS 4.x (with NIT). Or you'll need to do a bit of hacking.

The package differs slightly from the version in the paper:

- The handle->name translation facility has been removed. It's just too fragile to include in the general release. If you need it, contact me directly and I'll be happy to mail you the code.
- The output format is a wee-bit different.
- The IBM-RT Enet filter version is also not included, since I seem to be the only person in the world running it. RTs are really too slow for this anyway.

To configure the package, edit the makefile in the obvious (to me at least) way.

Note that the not all versions of SunOS NIT have working versions of the packet timestamp mechanism. Try to set the -DSTAMPS option in the makefile, and if that doesn't work, take it out.

If you are actually going to use this to gather traces, I'd like to hear from you! Please send email, and share your results/traces if your organization will allow it. I maintain a mailing list of users for updates, etc. Send me mail to be added to it.

Happy tracing.

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Availability:

ftp.uu.net:/networking/ip/nfs/nfstrace.shar (or check archie)

LAMER

```
#  Lame delegation notifier
#  Author:  Bryan Beecher
#  Last Modified:  6/25/92
#
#  To make use of this software, you need to be running the
#  University of Michigan release of BIND 4.8.3, or any version
#  of named that supports the LAME_DELEGATION patches posted to
#  USENET.  The U-M release is available via anonymous ftp from
#  terminator.cc.umich.edu:/unix/dns/bind4.8.3.tar.Z.
#
#  You must also have a copy of query(1) and host(1).  These
#  are also available via anonymous ftp in the aforementioned
#  place.
#  -----
#
#  -----
#  handle arguments
#  -----
#
#      -d <day>
#      This flag is used to append a dot-day suffix to the LOGFILE.
#      Handy where log files are kept around for the last week
#      and contain a day suffix.
#
#      -f <logfile>
#      Change the LOGFILE value altogether.
#
#      -w
#      Count up all of the DNS statistics for the whole week.
#
#      -v
#      Be verbose.
#
#      -t
#      Test mode.  Do not send mail to the lame delegation
#      hostmasters.
```

Availability:

ftp.uu.net:/networking/ip/dns/lamer.tar.Z (or check archie)

HOST

host - look up host names using domain server

SYNOPSIS

```
host [-v] [-a] [-t querytype] [options] name [server]
host [-v] [-a] [-t querytype] [options] -l domain [server]
host [-v] [options] -H [-D] [-E] [-G] domain
host [-v] [options] -C domain
host [-v] [options] -A host
```

DESCRIPTION

host looks for information about Internet hosts or domains. It gets this information from a set of interconnected servers that are spread across the world. By default, it simply converts between host names and Internet addresses. However, with the -t, -a and -v options, it can be used to find all of the information about hosts or domains that is maintained by the domain nameserver.

```
/*
 * Extensively modified by E. Wassenaar, Nikhef-H, <e07@nikhef.nl>
 *
 * The officially maintained source of this program is available
 * via anonymous ftp from machine 'ftp.nikhef.nl' [192.16.199.1]
 * in the directory '/pub/network' as 'host.tar.Z'
 *
 * Also available in this directory are patched versions of the
 * BIND 4.8.3 nameserver and resolver library which you may need
 * to fully exploit the features of this program, although they
 * are not mandatory. See the file 'README_FIRST' for details.
 *
 * You are kindly requested to report bugs and make suggestions
 * for improvements to the author at the given email address,
 * and to not re-distribute your own modifications to others.
 */
/*
 *
 * New features
 *
 * - Major overhaul of the whole code.
 * - Very rigid error checking, with more verbose error messages.
 * - Zone listing section completely rewritten.
 * - It is now possible to do recursive listings into subdomains.
 * - Maintain resource record statistics during zone listings.
 * - Maintain count of hosts during zone listings.
 * - Exploit multiple server addresses if available.
 * - Option to exploit only primary server for zone transfers.
 * - Option to exclude info from names that do not reside in a domain.
```

- * - Implement timeout handling during connect and read.
- * - Write resource record output to optional logfile.
- * - Special MB tracing by recursively expanding MR and MG records.
- * - Special mode to check SOA records at each nameserver for domain.
- * - Special mode to check inverse mappings of host addresses.
- * - Code is extensively documented.
- */

PINGs

Many many versions of the PING program exist.
Each implementation has its own set of additional features.
Here are a few more PINGs that are worth taking a look at.

Version on ftp.cc.berkeley.edu:pub/ping:

This version has duplicate packet detection, Record Route, ability to specify data pattern for packets, flood pinging, an interval option, Multicast support, etc.

Version on nikhefh.nikhef.nl:/pub/network/rping.tar.Z:

'rping' is just like 'ping', but only a single probe packet is sent to test the reachability of a destination.

As an option, the loose source routing facility is used to show the roundtrip route the packet has taken.

Multiple addresses of remote hosts are tried until one responds. As an option, each of multiple addresses can be probed unconditionally.

Contains a patch for making loose source routing work in case you have a SUN with an OMNINET ethernet controller.

VRFY

vrify.tar.Z (Version 921021)

'vrify' is a tool to verify email addresses and mailing lists. In its simplest form it takes an address "user@domain", figures out the MX hosts for "domain", and issues the SMTP command VRFY at the primary MX host (optionally all), or at "domain" itself if no MX hosts exist. Without "domain" it goes to "localhost". More complex capabilities are: recursively expanding forward files or mailing lists, and detecting mail forwarding loops. Full-blown RFC822 address specifications are understood. Syntax checking can be carried out either locally or remotely. Various options are provided to exploit alternative protocol suites if necessary, and to print many forms of verbose output. Obvious limitations exist, but on average it works pretty well. Needless to say you need internet (nameserver and SMTP) access. See the man page and the extensive documentation in the source for further details.

Please send comments and suggestions to Eric Wassenaar <e07@nikhef.nl>

If you want to receive notification of updates, please send an email with the keyword "subscribe" in the subject or the body to the address <net-dist-request@nikhef.nl>

available as: nikhefh.nikhef.nl:/pub/network/vrify.tar.Z

XNETLOAD

NAME

xnetload - ethernet load average display for X

SYNOPSIS

xnetload[-toolkitoption ...] [-scale integer]
[-update seconds] [-hl color] [-highlight color]
[-jumpscroll pixels] [-label string] [-nolabel] host

DESCRIPTION

The xnetload program displays a periodically updating histogram of the ethernet load average for the specified host. The resulting graph is scaled as 0% to 100%, where 0% corresponds to 0mbs and 100% corresponds to 10mbs. NOTE: The specified host must be running rpc.etherd.

This program has been run using X11R4 and X11R5, under the following operating systems:

SUNOS 4.1.0
SUNOS 4.1.1
ULTRIX V4.2
IRIX 3.3.2

Assuming the Imake templates and Rules are in order and in the proper place on your system, these programs should compile and link straightforward by running the following sequence:

xmkmf
make

Then, as root, issue the following:

make install
make install.man

Then, on your host system, (or on any other system you can rlogin or rsh into) start the etherd daemon with the following (must be root):

/usr/etc/rpc.etherd le0 &

where le0 is the mnemonic for the primary ethernet interface.

To start the xnetload program, the following command line is suggested:

./xnetload -hl red host &

where "host" is the name of any reachable network node (including LOCALHOST) that is running the etherd daemon. A small xload window should appear on your local display with nine horizontal lines. The label:

"Ethernet Load %"

should appear in the upper left hand corner, just below any additional title bars or other decorations provided by your window manager. If the program comes up without the nine lines, or without the "Ethernet Load" label, then either your resource file is not properly installed in the appropriate app-defaults directory, or you may have picked up the wrong xnetload image. Try re-running "make install" as root, or be sure to include the "./" in front of the command name.

Good Luck!

The following changes have been made to this directory since R3:

- o Now use Athena StripChart widget.
- o Understands WM_DELETE_WINDOW.
- o 3-26-92 Modified from xload to xnetload by Roger Smith, Sterling Software at NASA-Ames Research Center, Mountain View, Calif. rsmith@proteus.arc.nasa.gov

Availability:

ftp proteus.arc.nasa.gov:pub/XEnetload.tar.Z (or check archie)

NETTEST

nettest, nettestd - Performs client and server functions for timing data throughput

The nettest and nettestd commands invoke client and server programs that are used for timing data throughput of various methods of interprocess communication. For TCP and OSI connections, the nettest program establishes a connection with the nettestd program, and then it does count writes of size bytes, followed by count reads of size bytes. For UDP, the nettest program performs only writes; reads are not performed. The nettestd program, if used with UDP connections, reads the data packets and prints a message for each data packet it receives. The number and size of the reads and writes may not correlate with the number and size of the actual data packets that are transferred; it depends on the protocol that is chosen. If you append an optional k (or K) to the size, count, or bufsize value, the number specified is multiplied by 1024.

This source for nettest and nettestd are provided on an "as is" basis. Cray Research does not provide any support for this code (unless you are a customer who has purchased the UNICOS operating system).

We will gladly take bug reports for nettest/nettestd. Suggested fixes are preferred to just bug reports. Changes to allow nettest/nettestd to run on other architectures are also welcomed. We will try to incorporate bugfixes and update the publicly available code, but we can make no guarantees.

For copyright information, see the notice in each source file.

Send bug-reports/fixes to:

E-mail: dab@cray.com
U.S. Mail: David Borman
Cray Research, Inc.
655F Lone Oak Drive
Eagan, MN 55121

Notes:

- 1) The -b option to nettestd has not been tested...
- 2) The ISO code should work on a 4.4BSD system, but the gethostinfo() routine is specific to UNICOS...

Availability:

ftp sgi.com:/sgi/src/nettest

ETHERCK

etherck is a simple program that displays Sun ethernet statistics. If you have a high percents of input errors that are due to "out of buffers", then you can run the "iepatch" script to patch a kernel that uses the Intel ethernet chip ("ie"). A back of the envelope calculation shows that a .25% input error rate gives about a 10% degradation of NFS performance if 8k packets are being used.

In our environment at Legato, patching the ie buffer allocation made the input error rate drop more than 2 orders of magnitude. This was after we had applied other networking fixes (e.g., using Prestoserve, going from thin wire to twisted pair) and pushed a higher load on the server.

Note that both etherck and iepatch must be run by root (or you can make etherck setgid kmem).

Availability:

send EMAIL to: request@legato.com
with a Subject line: send unsupported etherck

The following is part of the 'help' file from the Legato Email Server:

This message comes to you from the request server at Legato.COM, request@Legato.COM. It received a message from you asking for help.

The request server is a mail-response program. That means that you mail it a request, and it mails back the response.

The request server is a very dumb program. It does not have much error checking. If you don't send it the commands that it understands, it will just answer "I don't understand you".

The request server has 4 commands. Each command must be the first word on a line. The request server reads your entire message before it does anything, so you can have several different commands in a single message. The request server treats the "Subject:" header line just like any other line of the message. You can use any combination of upper and lower case letters in the commands.

The request server's files are organized into a series of directories and subdirectories. Each directory has an index, and each subdirectory has an index. The top-level index gives you an overview of what is in the subdirectories, and the index for each subdirectory tells you what is in it.

The server has 4 commands:

"help" command: The command "help" or "send help" causes the server to send you the help file. You already know this, of course, because you are reading the help file. No other commands are honored in a message that asks for help (the server figures that you had better read the help message before you do anything else).

SEND a request to Legato to get the rest of the help file!

NETCK

netck is a shar file that contains the sources to build "netck", a network checker that uses the rstat(3R) protocol to gather and print statistics from machines on the network. netck is useful to help understand what part of what machines are potential NFS bottlenecks. To get this file, send email to the request server with the command "send unsupported netck".

Availability:

same as ETHERCK (send email To: request@legato.com; subject: HELP)

References

- [1] Stine, R., Editor, "FYI on a Network Management Tool Catalog: Tools for Monitoring and Debugging TCP/IP Internets and Interconnected Devices", FYI 2, RFC 1147, Sparta, Inc., April 1990.

Security Considerations

Security issues are not discussed in this memo.

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