

Action at a distance: network tools

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Why talk about the internet?

- Lots of resources are available over the internet
 - Data sets
 - Workstations
 - Computing clusters
- Three activities of interest
 - Testing a connection
 - Remotely logging into a computer
 - Transferring files (both uploading and downloading)

Architecture of the internet



IP Address: ###.###.###.### Domain name: [[:alnum:]_]+(\.[[:alnum:]_]+){2,}

> IP Address: 132.206.51.6 Domain name: inkido.cs.mcgill.ca

ping: testing a connection

- ping <internet address>
- ping -c # <internet address>
- Sends individual packets to the address and tells you if it received responses (one response per packet)

traceroute: mapping the route to a computer

- traceroute <internet address>
- Print out all the routers and computers a packet passes through on its way to a specific address.



ssh: Remotely logging into a computer

- ssh <login name>@<remote computer internet address>
 - ssh terminus.cs.mcgill.ca
- Connect to a remote (UNIX) computer and start a command prompt
- From this point on, you can interact with it using any of the commands we've learned on the command line
- GUIs (Graphical User Interfaces) are NOT available (this is where *pico* becomes useful)

scp: copying files to/from a remote server

- scp <source> <destination>
 - In concept, works just like "cp" (cp <source> <destination>)
 - Source and destination have the following format:
 - If local: <path>
 - If remote: <*computer address*>*:*<*path on remote computer*>
 - Or: <username>@<computer address>:<path on remote computer>
- Exercises
 - Copy the local file foo.txt to the file ~/foo_remote.txt on terminus.cs.mcgill.ca
 - Copy the directory angelia_emails on terminus.cs.mcgill.ca to ~/ on your computer.

curl: Getting general stuff off the internet

- curl <thing you want to download>
 - curl <u>http://www.nd.edu/~networks/resources/www/www.dat.gz</u> > <u>www.data.gz</u>
- Question: Do we have what we need to download all the emails from here?
 - http://www.eastangliaemails.com/index.php