

Measuring the performance of a Wired network

- note throughout the following tutorial the `courier` font indicates the terminal output
 - whereas the **`courier bold`** indicates keyboard input.
 - and *italic* indicates some thought is necessary in order to enter text

Measuring the performance of a Wired network

- login to a GNU/Linux client
 - open up two terminal windows and arrange them side by side
- in the left hand window login to `moppsy.comp.glam.ac.uk` using `ssh`

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- do this by typing:

```
$ ssh moppsy.comp.glam.ac.uk
Password: yourpassword
```

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- from your browser download this: [performance monitoring tools](http://floppsie.comp.glam.ac.uk/download/notes/tools/performance.tar.gz) (`http://floppsie.comp.glam.ac.uk/download/notes/tools/performance.tar.gz`)
- and using the file manager move this downloaded archive into your home (or your top level) directory

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- unpack the archive by typing these commands into your right hand terminal window

```
$ tar xzf performance.tar.gz
$ cd performance
```

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- in the left hand window on j208-xy.isd.glam.ac.uk type:

```
$ cd performance
```

- to run these performance tests you need to have changed to the performance directory

Testing the performance of Wired Linux NFS

- in the client window (right hand window) type:

```
$ ./sendnfs
gcc -O2 -g -o bin/\`arch\`/send send.c
gcc -O2 -g -o bin/\`arch\`/rec rec.c
gcc -O2 -g -o bin/\`arch\`/sendnfs sendnfs.c
You should be on an NFS mounted directory - check mcgreg
Filesystem          1K-blocks      Used Available Use% M
etc etc etc
```

Testing the performance of Wired Linux NFS

- the command `./sendnfs` writes many blocks across the network file system to the server and reports the speed
 - if the experiment runs too quickly or too slowly increase or decrease the value of the constant in the file: `sendnfs.c`
 - alter the line 5
 - `#define NBYTES (64*1024*10)`
 - to a number 10 times larger or smaller depending on the speed

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- once you have made a change to the source code you need to type this command into the right hand window:

- ```
$ make clean
```

- when you get some interesting results you should capture the output of this test for your coursework

## Testing the performance of Wired Linux NFS

- you should now log off the left hand machine. You can do this by typing **exit** in the left hand window

- ```
$ exit
```

- your left hand window will now be logged into your local machine

Wired Linux TCP Performance

- in the left hand window on j208-xy.isd.glam.ac.uk type:

- ```
$./tcprec
The receiving host is: j208-xy.isd.glam.ac.uk, \
the port is 7000, the protocol is -tcp
```

- this confirms the host which will receive the tcp packets and it also tells you the tcp socket port number, in this case 7000

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- now on the right hand window type:

- ```
$ ./tcpsend j208-xy.isd.glam.ac.uk 7000
```

- note the sender and receiver port number must match
 - in this case it was 7000 but yours might vary

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- you should see output similar to this appear in your right hand window:

```

$ ./tcpsend j208-xy.isd.glam.ac.uk 7000
time to send    10 blocks of 67108864 bytes is 1.738 sec
time to send    20 blocks of 33554432 bytes is 1.736 sec
etc etc etc

```

- if you find the experiment taking too long then alter line 18 of the file `send.c`, which is:

```
#define NBYTES    65536*1024
```

- and divide this number by 8, or 16, (ensure that the divisor is a factor of 2)
- after modifying your test be sure to press `<ctrl> C` in both the right hand window and the left hand window
 - `<ctrl> C` terminates any test program
- also after any code modification type:

```
$ make clean
```

Wired Linux UDP Performance

- these performance results can be obtained by following the TCP performance instructions and altering every occurrence of `tcp` with `udp`
- the only significant difference is that UDP ignores errors and therefore the receiving side displays actual data received and the transmitter displays actual data sent

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- in the right hand window
- when your test has finished be sure to press `<ctrl> C` in both the right hand window and the left hand window

Tutorial help

- here is a skeleton version of the client and server: [skeleton](http://flopsie.comp.glam.ac.uk/download/notes/tools/tutorial-python.tar.gz) (<http://flopsie.comp.glam.ac.uk/download/notes/tools/tutorial-python.tar.gz>)