Linux Network Configuration: Hands-On Exploration

Learning Objectives

- Understand fundamental network interface concepts
- Learn basic Linux network configuration commands
- Develop practical networking skills
- Explore network security principles

Networking Foundations (15 minutes)

Complete the following diagnostic assessment to gauge your current networking knowledge:

Network Basics Quiz

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2. Explain the purpose of a network interface in your own words:

Command Line Network Exploration (20 minutes)

Linux Network Command Challenge

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```
$ ip addr show
$ ifconfig
$ netstat -i
```

Record your findings in the table below:

Interface	IP Address	Status

Network Security Investigation (25 minutes)

Analyze potential network vulnerabilities and propose mitigation strategies:

Security Scenario Analysis

1. Identify potential risks in an open network configuration:

   Potential Risks: □ Unauthorized access □ Data interception □ Network performance degradation

2. Describe three methods to improve network security:

Network Topology Design Challenge (20 minutes)

Design a secure network layout for a small school computer lab:

Network Design Requirements

- Create a diagram showing network connections
- Include at least 5 devices
- Implement basic security measures

[Space for network topology diagram]

Reflection and Learning Summary (10 minutes)

Complete the following reflection questions:

1. What was the most challenging concept you encountered today?

2. How might network configuration skills be useful in future careers?

Advanced Network Configuration (30 minutes)

Advanced Learning Objectives

- Configure complex network interfaces
- Understand DHCP and static IP assignment
- Implement network routing principles
- Explore advanced Linux networking tools

Advanced Network Configuration Challenge

```
$ sudo nmcli connection modify eth0 ipv4.method manual
$ sudo nmcli connection modify eth0 ipv4.addresses 192.168.1.100/24
$ sudo nmcli connection modify eth0 ipv4.gateway 192.168.1.1
```

Configuration Parameter	Assigned Value	Verification Status
IP Address		
Subnet Mask		

Network Routing Principles (25 minutes)

Explore routing tables and network path analysis

```
$ route -n
$ ip route show
$ traceroute google.com
```

Routing Concepts

- Understanding routing tables
- Path determination mechanisms
- Network hop analysis

Routing Path Analysis: [Diagram/Trace Route Details]

Network Security Deep Dive (40 minutes)

Security Configuration Objectives

- Implement firewall rules
- Configure network access controls
- Understand packet filtering
- Explore intrusion detection principles

Firewall Configuration Challenge

```
$ sudo ufw enable
$ sudo ufw default deny incoming
$ sudo ufw allow ssh
$ sudo ufw allow 80/tcp
$ sudo ufw status
```

Port	Service	Status
22	SSH	Allowed
80	HTTP	Allowed

Security Threat Modeling

Identify and categorize potential network vulnerabilities

Threat Analysis Matrix: [Vulnerability Type | Risk Level | Mitigation Strategy]

Network Performance Optimization (35 minutes)

Performance Tuning Objectives

- Analyze network bandwidth
- Understand latency measurement
- Implement network optimization techniques
- Explore traffic management

Network Performance Analysis Tools

```
$ iperf3 -c server.example.com
$ ping -c 10 google.com
$ netstat -s | grep packets
```

Metric	Measurement	Interpretation
Bandwidth		
Latency		

Performance Optimization Strategies

Develop strategies to improve network efficiency

Optimization Techniques: 1. [Technique] 2. [Expected Improvement] 3. [Implementation Steps]

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