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Mac School: Mac Computer Possibilities

Dvd-Rom: Mac OS X 10.5 Leopard Essential Training (Christopher Breen) www.lynda.com

Books: Mac OS X Leopard For Dummies (Bob LeVitus) www.amazon.com

Mac OS X 10.5 Leopard: Peachpit Learning Series (Robin Williams) www.peachpit.com

Switching to the Mac: The Missing Manual, Leopard Edition (David Pogue) www.buy.com

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Windows XP

How to configure file sharing in Windows XP: support.microsoft.com/kb/304040

How to Use Windows XP to Share a Printer with Others on Your Network:

technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/bb457001.aspx

Permissions for Files and Folders in Windows XP: support.microsoft.com/kb/308419

How to troubleshoot home networking in Windows XP: support.microsoft.com/kb/308007

Troubleshooting Connectivity Problems on Windows Networks:

www.windowsnetworking.com/articles_tutorials/Troubleshooting-Connectivity-Problems-Windows-Networks-Part1.html

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Windows Vista

File and Printer Sharing in Windows Vista: technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/bb727037.aspx

Setting up a home network:

windowshelp.microsoft.com/Windows/en-US/help/76174f4a-7522-425a-9424-324dd299265e1033.mspx 2

Mac OS X

Connecting to the Internet: support.apple.com/kb/HT1383

Troubleshooting a LAN Connection: support.apple.com/kb/TS1317

About File Sharing: support.apple.com/kb/HT1549

Creating a Small Ethernet Network: support.apple.com/kb/HT1433

Setting up Windows File Sharing: support.apple.com/kb/HT1812

Connect to Windows File Sharing: support.apple.com/kb/HT1568

Network Troubleshooting

Using NSLOOKUP for DNS Server Diagnostics:

www.windowsnetworking.com/articles_tutorials/Troubleshooting-Connectivity-Problems-Windows-Networks-Part5.html

Troubleshooting Basic TCP/IP Problems: www.windowsnetworking.com/articles_tutorials/Troubleshooting-Basic-TCP-IP.html

Using Tracert: www.windowsnetworking.com/articles_tutorials/Using-Tracert.html

Using Ping to test connectivity: [technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/cc737478\(WS.10\).aspx](http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/cc737478(WS.10).aspx)

Network Tools: network-tools.com/

Visual Traceroute: www.yougetsignal.com/tools/visual-tracert/

Security

Top 100 Security Tools: www.sectools.org

Nessus Security Scanner: www.nessus.org

Using Strong Passwords: www.microsoft.com/protect/yourself/password/create.msp

AxCrypt Software for Windows: www.axantum.com/AxCrypt/

TrueCrypt Software: www.truecrypt.org

Password Gorilla: www.fpx.de/fp/Software/Gorilla/

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NETWORKING YOUR
OFFICE COMPUTERS

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Introduction and Outline

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- What is a network?
- Types of network architectures and topologies
- Basic network hardware
- Common networking terms
- Security
- Troubleshooting tips
- Things to consider when planning
- Questions?

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Networks: what are they?

What is a network?

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- Network – collection of computers and other devices that are connected to each other (workstations, printers, servers, etc...) either by wire or wirelessly
- Allows communication between those devices
- Share resources and information across the network
 - ▣ Files, printers, applications, services and Internet connections
- LAN or WAN

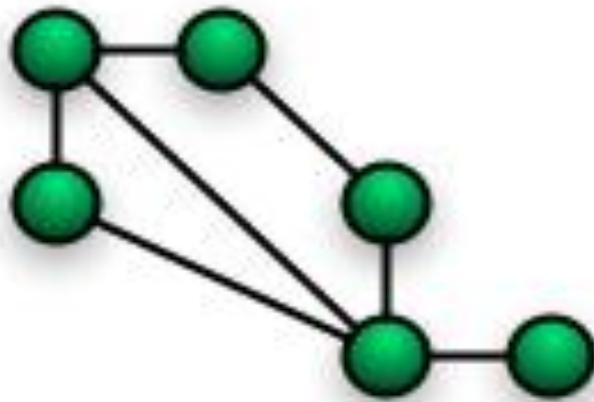
Types of Network Architectures

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- Client-Server
 - ▣ Client initiates a request for a service
 - ▣ Server provides that service over the network
 - ▣ Example: *client web browser connecting to a web server*
- Peer-to-Peer
 - ▣ Each peer node functions as both a client and server to all the other nodes
 - ▣ Share the responsibility
 - ▣ As more nodes are added, capacity increases
 - ▣ Example: *Napster, Bittorrent, streaming media*

Network Topologies

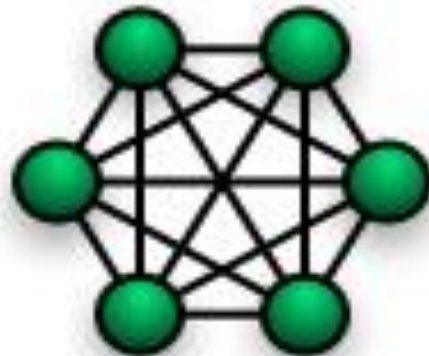
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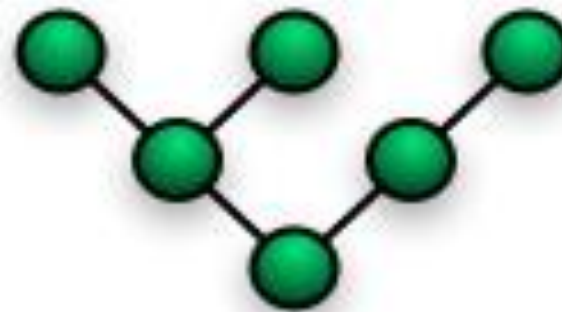
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Star



Fully Connected



Tree

Network Protocols

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- ❑ Network protocols are a set of standard rules used by computers to communicate between each other
- ❑ Differ in how they handle various aspects of the connection and error handling
- ❑ Can be secure (encrypted) or unsecure
- ❑ Most commonly used protocol on the Internet is TCP/IP
- ❑ Examples: *TCP/IP, HTTP, FTP, SSH, AFP, SMB, UDP, ICMP*

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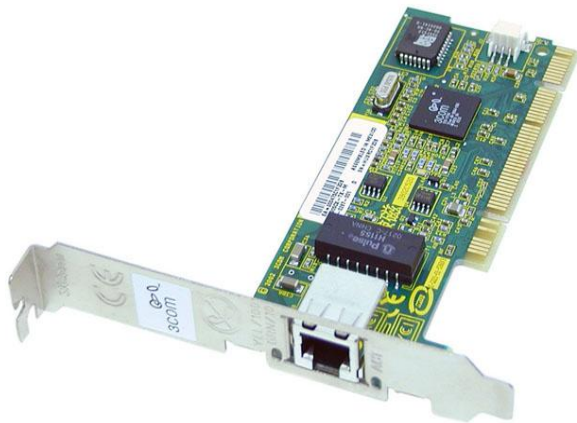
Basic Network Hardware

Hardware that is commonly found on a network

Basic Hardware

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- ❑ Ethernet Cable (Category 5, 5e, 6, RJ45)
- ❑ Network Interface Card (NIC)
- ❑ Hub – connect multiple devices, dumb, un-managed



Basic Hardware continued...

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- ❑ Switch – differing speeds, gateways, both unmanaged and managed, varied prices
- ❑ Router – connects differing networks, very smart, can be expensive
- ❑ Access Point – provide wireless connectivity to a LAN



Basic Hardware continued...

- Firewalls – implemented as hardware or software to block unauthorized network access to resources
 - ▣ Set of rules defined that allow or deny based on specific criteria
 - ▣ Examples of firewall products:
 - Software – Microsoft Windows firewall, ipf (FreeBSD), iptables (Linux), pf (OpenBSD)
 - Hardware – Cisco PIX, SonicWALL, Linksys
- Server – provide service(s) to the network
- Client – device requesting the use of a service

Common Networking Terms

Terms that you will come across when building and using computer networks

Common Networking Terms

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- IP Address – a unique numerical identification for a device on an IP based network
 - ▣ Used to locate that device on the network
 - ▣ Example: www.rhema.org has an IP of 70.169.219.100
 - ▣ Some addresses have been set aside for use in private networks such as a home or office using
 - ▣ Private range example: 192.168.0.0-192.168.255.255
- Subnet – network devices located on a common logically routed network
 - ▣ Used to break up a network into smaller segments to cut down on traffic in that segment
 - ▣ Notation example: subnet mask of 255.255.255.0

Common Networking Terms

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- ❑ Media Access Control address (MAC) – a unique identifier that is assigned to a network card by the manufacturer
- ❑ Also known as “Ethernet Address” or “Machine Address”
- ❑ Example: 00:18:8B:82:5A:EA for a *Broadcom NIC*
- ❑ First half of the number is the ID for the manufacturer and the second half is the serial number assigned to the device
- ❑ Required to be unique on a network
- ❑ Unlike an IP address, the MAC remains fixed for the life of the device

Common Networking Terms continued...

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```
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe
None
C:\>ipconfig /all

Windows IP Configuration

    Host Name . . . . . : lappy
    Primary Dns Suffix . . . . . :
    Mode Type . . . . . : Unknown
    IP Routing Enabled. . . . . : No
    WINS Proxy Enabled. . . . . : No
    DNS Suffix Search List. . . . . : rhema.local

Ethernet adapter Primary Network:

    Media State . . . . . : Media disconnected
    Description . . . . . : Marvell Yukon 88E8058 PCI-E Gigabit
Ethernet Controller
    Physical Address. . . . . : 00-22-41-2B-E4-A1

Ethernet adapter Bluetooth Network Connection:

    Media State . . . . . : Media disconnected
    Description . . . . . : Bluetooth Device (Personal Area Netw
ork)
    Physical Address. . . . . : 00-22-41-FD-A0-84

Ethernet adapter Primary Wireless:

    Connection-specific DNS Suffix . : rhema.local
    Description . . . . . : Broadcom 802.11n Network Adapter
    Physical Address. . . . . : 00-21-E9-E1-5A-BD
    Dhcp Enabled. . . . . : Yes
    Autoconfiguration Enabled . . . . : Yes
    IP Address. . . . . : 10.0.150.13
    Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.192
    Default Gateway . . . . . : 10.0.150.1
    DHCP Server . . . . . : 10.0.150.1
    DNS Servers . . . . . : 172.16.0.3
    . . . . . : 172.16.0.4
    Lease Obtained. . . . . : Thursday, June 04, 2009 1:42:12 PM
    Lease Expires . . . . . : Friday, June 05, 2009 1:42:12 PM

C:\>
```

Common Networking Terms

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- ❑ Gateway – a network device that interfaces with another network using differing protocols
- ❑ Acts as an entrance to another network
- ❑ Main job is to join or convert those two networks
- ❑ Usually appears at the edge of the network
- ❑ In smaller networks, the gateway will often be used to connect your LAN to the Internet
- ❑ Can be implemented with hardware or software
- ❑ Example: a *firewall* or *wireless access point*

Common Networking Terms continued...

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- Route – a selected path for network traffic to travel on
 - ▣ Smaller networks might have a single route
 - ▣ Large networks will have complex routing tables with many different routes
- Packet – a block of data on the network that has a source and destination

Common Networking Terms continued...

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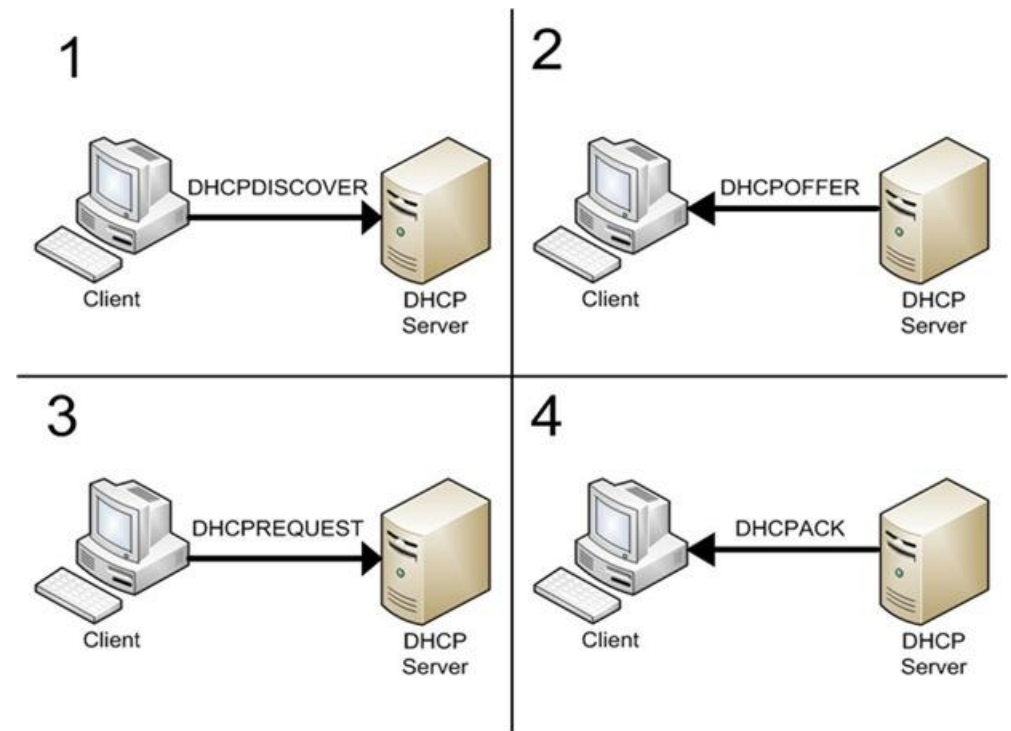
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C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe
C:\>netstat -rn

Route Table
=====
Interface List
0x1 ..... MS TCP Loopback interface
0x2 ...00 22 41 2b e4 a1 ..... Marvell Yukon 88E8058 PCI-E Gigabit Ethernet Con
troller - Packet Scheduler Miniport
0x10004 ...00 22 41 fd a0 84 ..... Bluetooth Device (Personal Area Network)
0x10005 ...00 21 e9 e1 5a bd ..... Broadcom 802.11n Network Adapter - Packet Sc
heduler Miniport
=====
Active Routes:
Network Destination        Netmask          Gateway           Interface         Metric
0.0.0.0                    0.0.0.0          10.0.150.1        10.0.150.13       25
10.0.150.0                 255.255.255.192  10.0.150.13       10.0.150.13       25
10.0.150.13                255.255.255.255  127.0.0.1         127.0.0.1         25
10.255.255.255            255.255.255.255  10.0.150.13       10.0.150.13       25
127.0.0.0                  255.0.0.0        127.0.0.1         127.0.0.1         1
169.254.0.0                255.255.0.0      10.0.150.13       10.0.150.13       20
224.0.0.0                  240.0.0.0        10.0.150.13       10.0.150.13       25
255.255.255.255           255.255.255.255  10.0.150.13       2                  1
255.255.255.255           255.255.255.255  10.0.150.13       10004              1
255.255.255.255           255.255.255.255  10.0.150.13       10.0.150.13       1
Default Gateway:          10.0.150.1
=====
Persistent Routes:
None
C:\>
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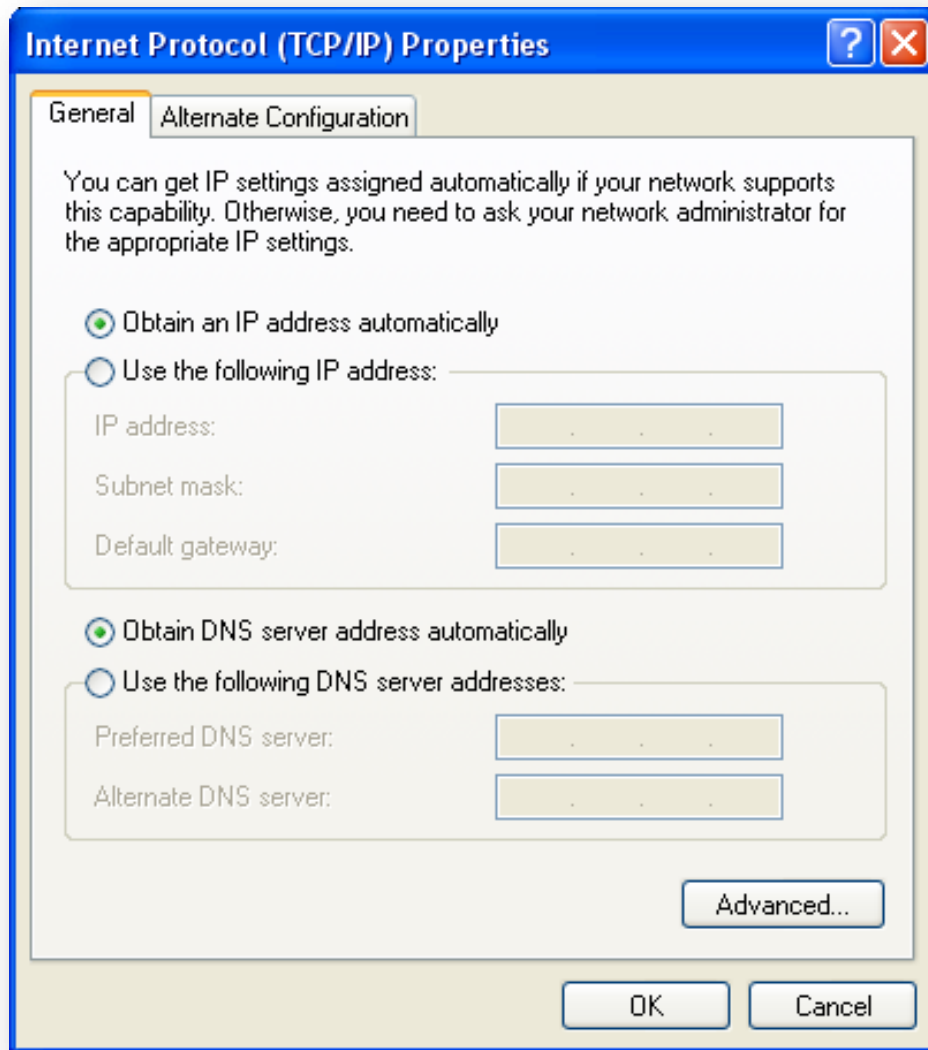
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- DHCP (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol) is used by clients to automatically configure network parameters for operation
- Greatly reduces administration overhead
- Devices can be added to and removed from a network easily using DHCP
- IP address could change after a reboot



Common Networking Terms continued...

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- ❑ Static IP address is manually assigned by a network administrator
- ❑ The IP address will never change, even after a reboot
- ❑ Should be used for important devices that need not change their address (servers, switches, printers)

Common Networking Terms

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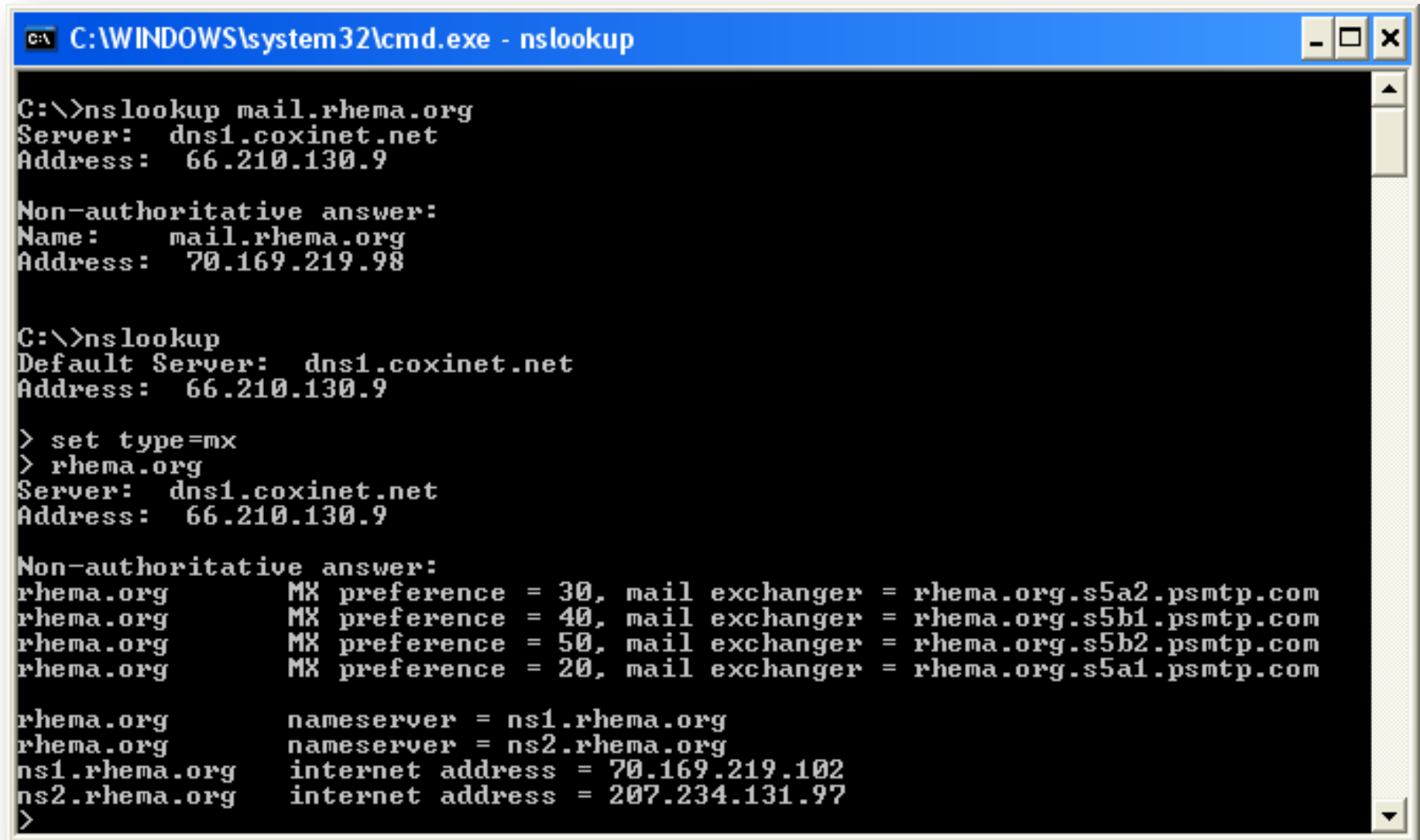
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- ❑ DNS (Domain Name System) – hierarchical system that translates an IP address to a more human readable name for the purpose of locating that device on a network
- ❑ Considered to be the “phone book” of the Internet
- ❑ Hostname is the DNS short name for a network device
- ❑ Impossible to remember IP addresses for all devices, so DNS was developed
- ❑ The “authority” over a block of addresses is handled by a Name Server
- ❑ Example: mail.rhema.org “resolves to” 70.169.219.98
- ❑ Resolving a hostname to IP is called “forward lookup”
- ❑ Resolving an IP to hostname is called “reverse lookup”

Common Networking Terms

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```
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe - nslookup

C:\>nslookup mail.rhema.org
Server:      dns1.coxinet.net
Address:    66.210.130.9

Non-authoritative answer:
Name:       mail.rhema.org
Address:    70.169.219.98

C:\>nslookup
Default Server:  dns1.coxinet.net
Address: 66.210.130.9

> set type=mx
> rhema.org
Server:      dns1.coxinet.net
Address:    66.210.130.9

Non-authoritative answer:
rhema.org    MX preference = 30, mail exchanger = rhema.org.s5a2.psmt.com
rhema.org    MX preference = 40, mail exchanger = rhema.org.s5b1.psmt.com
rhema.org    MX preference = 50, mail exchanger = rhema.org.s5b2.psmt.com
rhema.org    MX preference = 20, mail exchanger = rhema.org.s5a1.psmt.com

rhema.org    nameserver = ns1.rhema.org
rhema.org    nameserver = ns2.rhema.org
ns1.rhema.org internet address = 70.169.219.102
ns2.rhema.org internet address = 207.234.131.97
>
```

Common Networking Terms continued...

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- Network port – communications endpoint used by TCP or UDP protocols
- Identified by a number known as the port number
- Service is said to “listen” on that port number for incoming requests
- Ports 1 to 1024 are “reserved”, anything above 1024 is considered unreserved
- Examples: *HTTP port 80, HTTPS port 443, FTP port 21, SMTP port 25*

Some very brief security practices that apply to both network and computer security in general

Security

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- ❑ Security is VERY IMPORTANT!
- ❑ Limit physical access to network devices
- ❑ Do NOT use WEP, use WPA2 for wireless network encryption
- ❑ Firewall all your outward facing network devices
- ❑ Regularly scan your network with a security scanner (Nessus)
- ❑ Install anti-virus software on ALL machines that access the network
- ❑ Leave a documented trail of any change made to the network

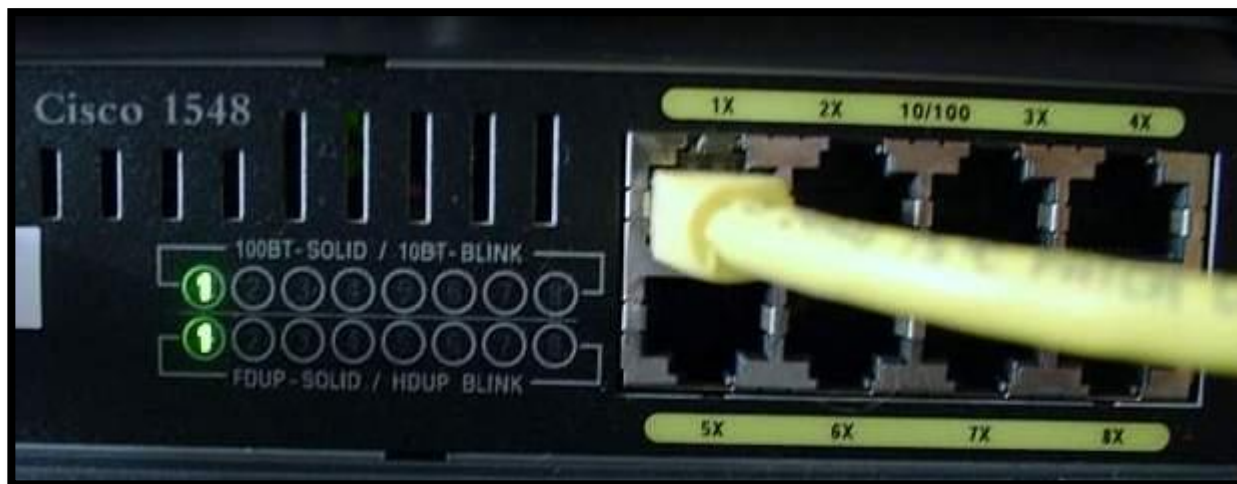
Troubleshooting Tips

A few tips to help you troubleshoot common network problems

Troubleshooting Tips

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- ❑ Do you have a physical connection?
- ❑ Link light on both ends of the connection?
- ❑ Does the network device you are directly connected to appear to be working properly?



Troubleshooting Tips continued...

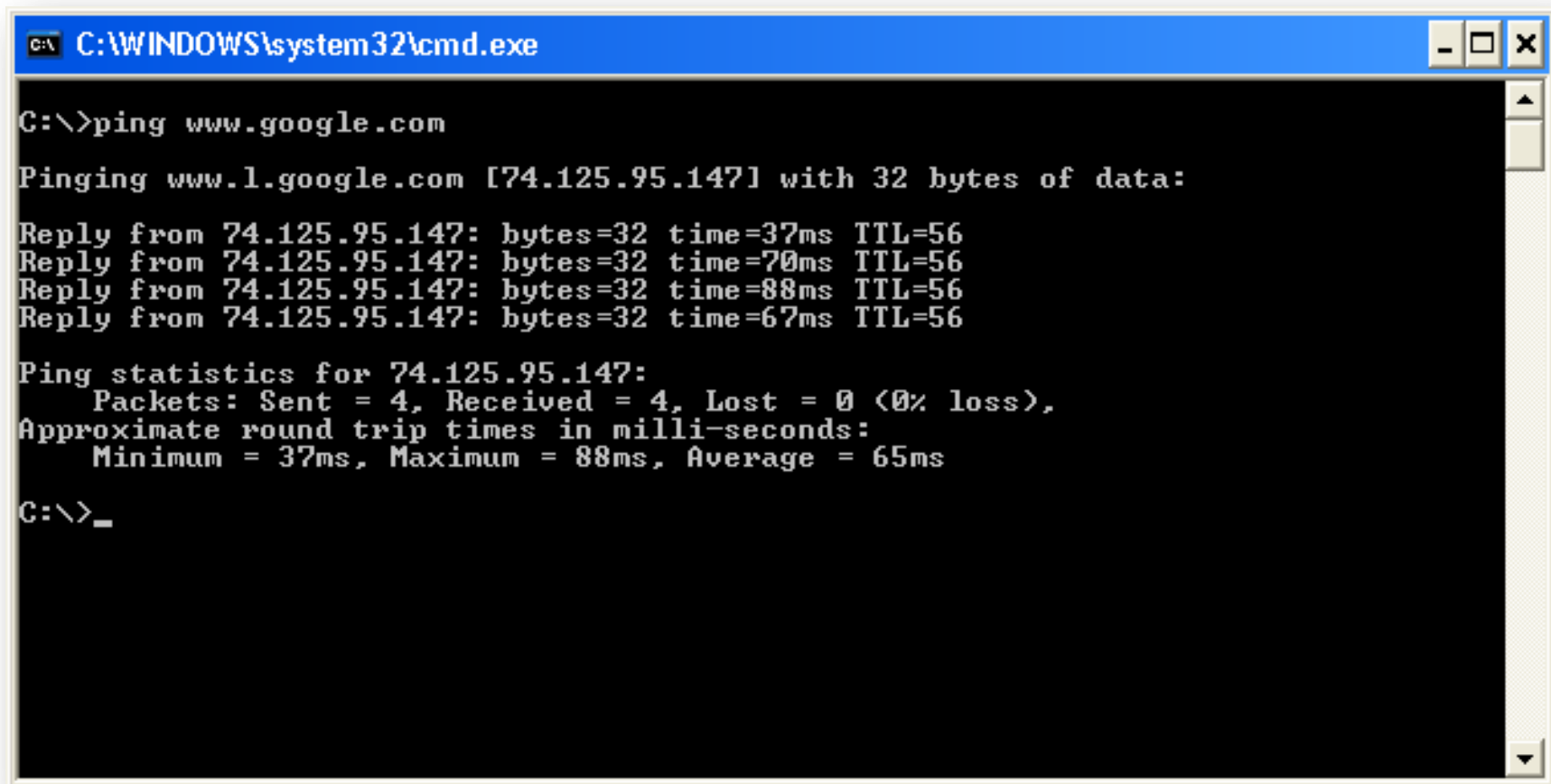
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- ❑ Is your network device assigned an IP address?
- ❑ Can you reach the nearest network device? Work your way out from there
 - ❑ Local machine, then switch, then gateway, then Internet
- ❑ Can you lookup hostnames via nslookup?

Troubleshooting Tips continued...

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- ❑ Can you “ping” your IP address?
- ❑ Ping the gateway? Ping a website?



```
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe

C:\>ping www.google.com

Pinging www.l.google.com [74.125.95.147] with 32 bytes of data:

Reply from 74.125.95.147: bytes=32 time=37ms TTL=56
Reply from 74.125.95.147: bytes=32 time=70ms TTL=56
Reply from 74.125.95.147: bytes=32 time=88ms TTL=56
Reply from 74.125.95.147: bytes=32 time=67ms TTL=56

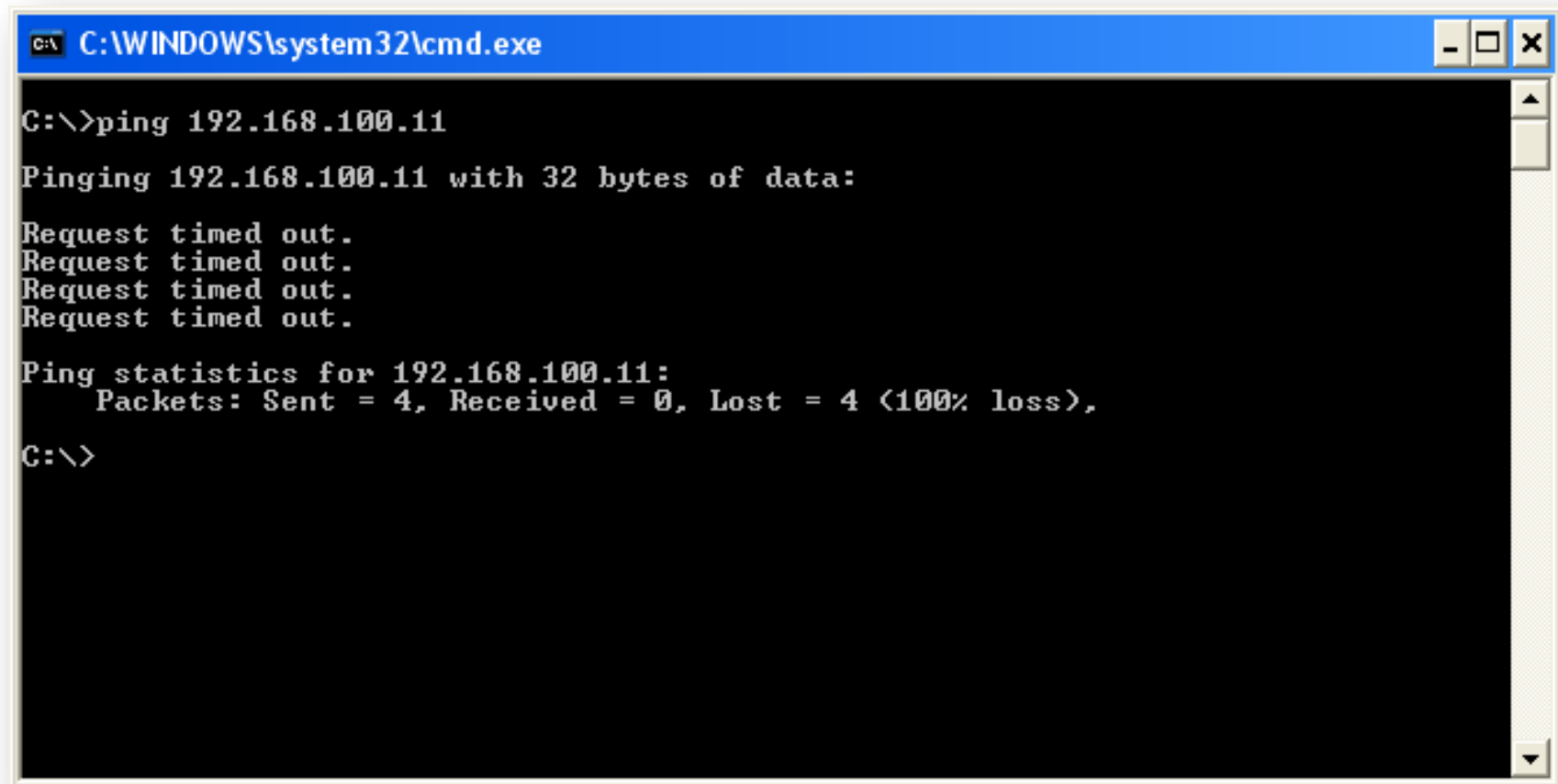
Ping statistics for 74.125.95.147:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
    Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
        Minimum = 37ms, Maximum = 88ms, Average = 65ms

C:\>_
```


Troubleshooting Tips ...

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- This slide shows that the device with IP address 192.168.100.11 cannot be reached on the network



```
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe

C:\>ping 192.168.100.11

Pinging 192.168.100.11 with 32 bytes of data:

Request timed out.
Request timed out.
Request timed out.
Request timed out.

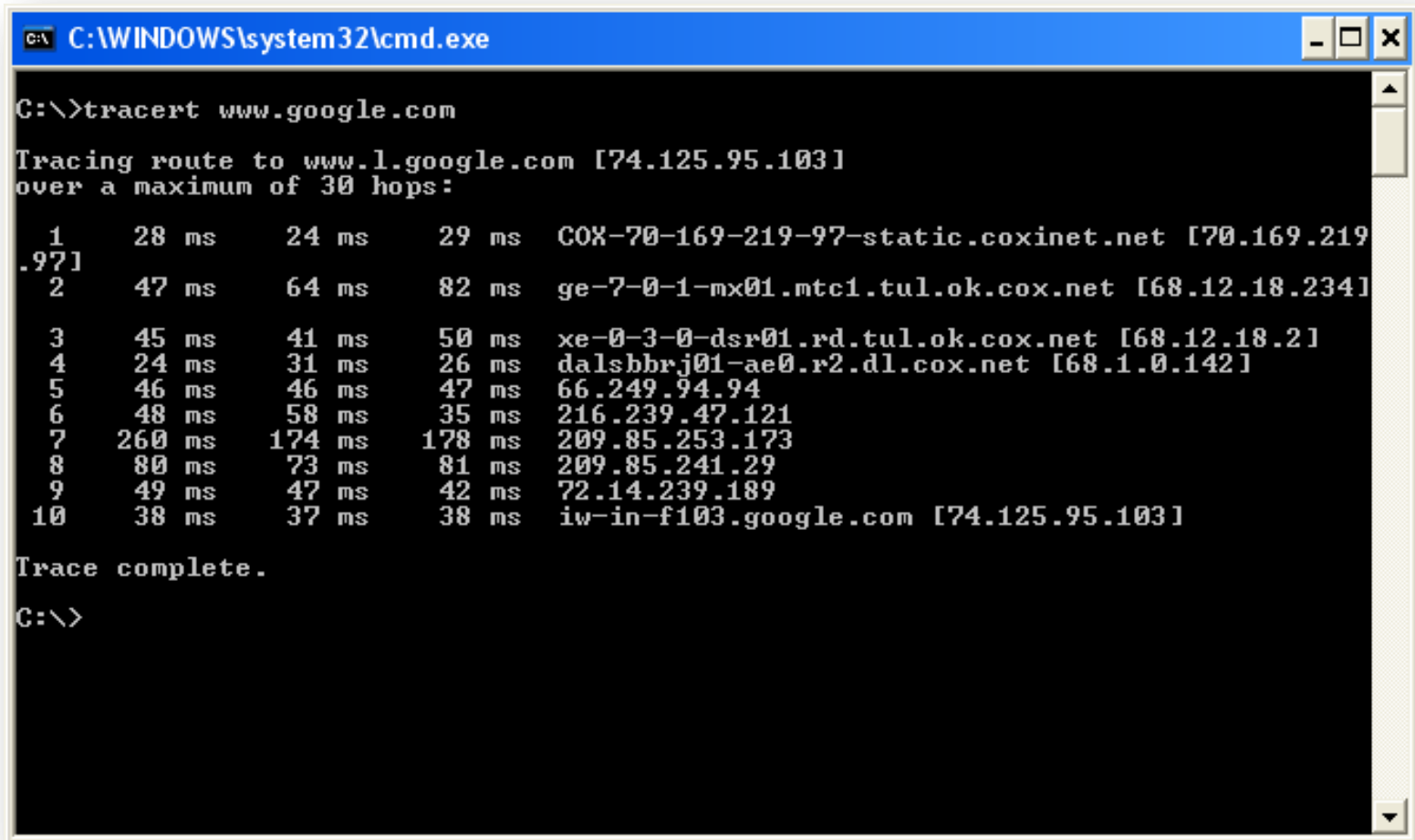
Ping statistics for 192.168.100.11:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 0, Lost = 4 (100% loss),

C:\>
```

Troubleshooting Tips continued...

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- ❑ Can you use traceroute to get outside of your network?



```
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe

C:\>tracert www.google.com

Tracing route to www.l.google.com [74.125.95.103]
over a maximum of 30 hops:

  1    28 ms    24 ms    29 ms    COX-70-169-219-97-static.coxinet.net [70.169.219
.97]
  2    47 ms    64 ms    82 ms    ge-7-0-1-mx01.mtc1.tul.ok.cox.net [68.12.18.234]

  3    45 ms    41 ms    50 ms    xe-0-3-0-dsr01.rd.tul.ok.cox.net [68.12.18.2]
  4    24 ms    31 ms    26 ms    dalsbbrj01-ae0.r2.dl.cox.net [68.1.0.142]
  5    46 ms    46 ms    47 ms    66.249.94.94
  6    48 ms    58 ms    35 ms    216.239.47.121
  7   260 ms   174 ms   178 ms    209.85.253.173
  8    80 ms    73 ms    81 ms    209.85.241.29
  9    49 ms    47 ms    42 ms    72.14.239.189
 10    38 ms    37 ms    38 ms    iw-in-f103.google.com [74.125.95.103]

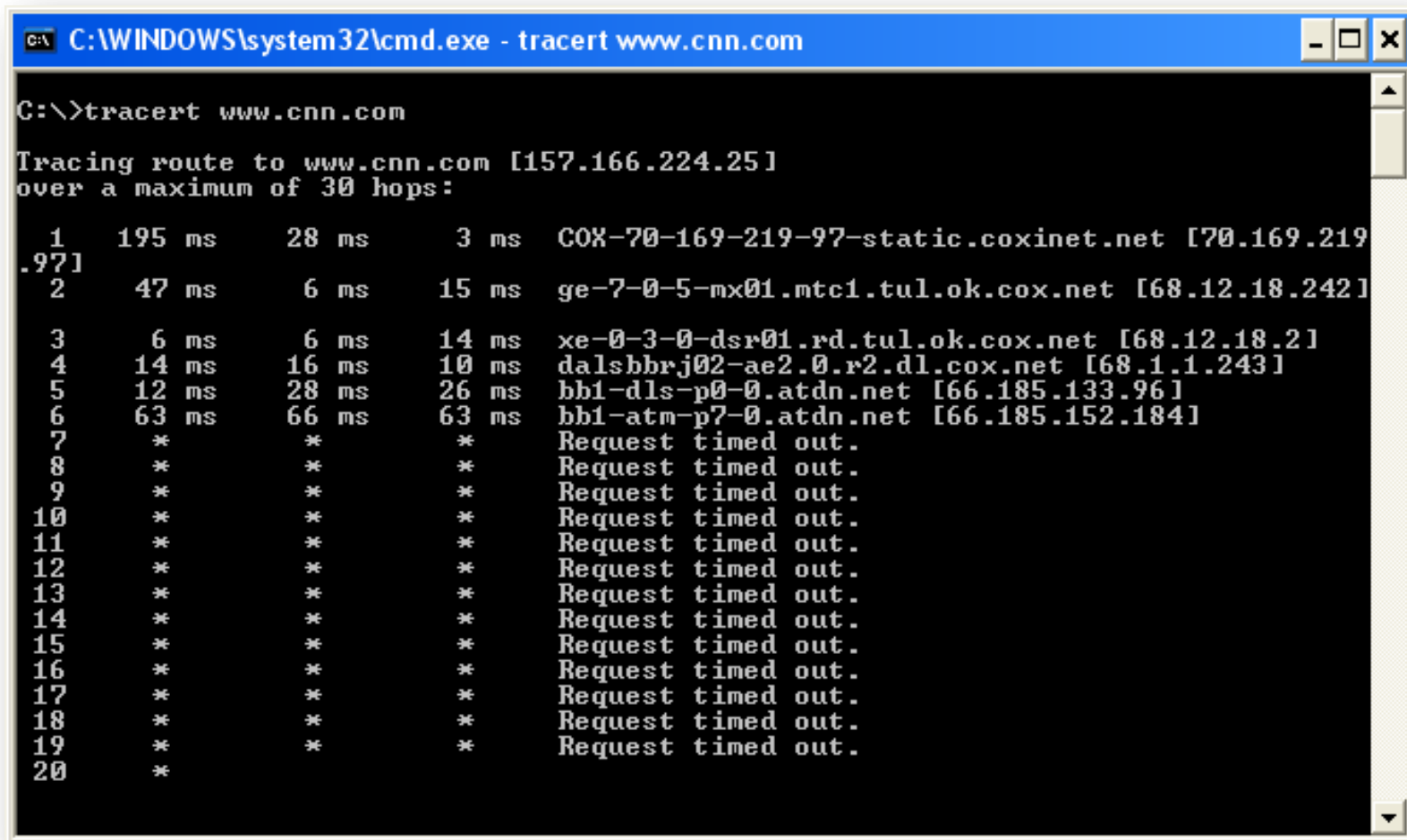
Trace complete.

C:\>
```

Troubleshooting Tips continued...

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- ❑ Traceroute to www.cnn.com timed out



```
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe - tracert www.cnn.com

C:\>tracert www.cnn.com

Tracing route to www.cnn.com [157.166.224.25]
over a maximum of 30 hops:

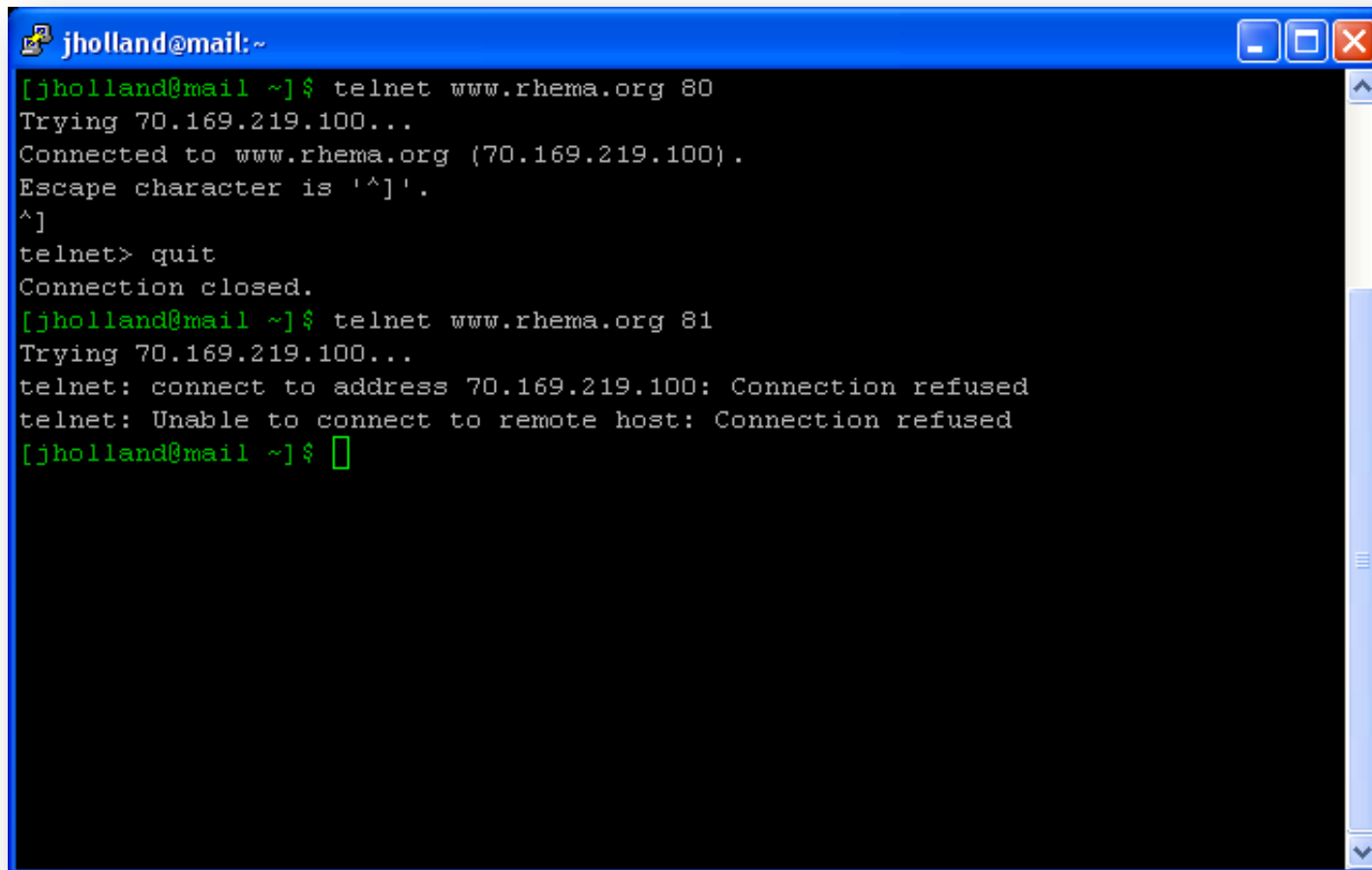
  0  195 ms    28 ms     3 ms    COX-70-169-219-97-static.coxinet.net [70.169.219
.97]
  1  47 ms     6 ms     15 ms    ge-7-0-5-mx01.mtc1.tul.ok.cox.net [68.12.18.242]

  2  6 ms      6 ms     14 ms    xe-0-3-0-dsr01.rd.tul.ok.cox.net [68.12.18.2]
  3  14 ms     16 ms    10 ms    dalsbbrj02-ae2.0.r2.dl.cox.net [68.1.1.243]
  4  12 ms     28 ms    26 ms    bb1-dls-p0-0.atdn.net [66.185.133.96]
  5  63 ms     66 ms    63 ms    bb1-atm-p7-0.atdn.net [66.185.152.184]
  6  *         *        *        Request timed out.
  7  *         *        *        Request timed out.
  8  *         *        *        Request timed out.
  9  *         *        *        Request timed out.
 10 *         *        *        Request timed out.
 11 *         *        *        Request timed out.
 12 *         *        *        Request timed out.
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 18 *         *        *        Request timed out.
 19 *         *        *        Request timed out.
 20 *         *        *        Request timed out.
```

Troubleshooting Tips continued...

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- ❑ Can you telnet to a service port on the device you are trying to reach?



```
jholland@mail:~  
[jholland@mail ~]$ telnet www.rhema.org 80  
Trying 70.169.219.100...  
Connected to www.rhema.org (70.169.219.100).  
Escape character is '^]'.  
^]  
telnet> quit  
Connection closed.  
[jholland@mail ~]$ telnet www.rhema.org 81  
Trying 70.169.219.100...  
telnet: connect to address 70.169.219.100: Connection refused  
telnet: Unable to connect to remote host: Connection refused  
[jholland@mail ~]$
```

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Things to Consider

What do I think about when planning my network?

Things To Consider When Planning

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- ❑ What are my basic needs?
- ❑ What is my budget?
- ❑ Will I grow or expand in the future?
- ❑ Is performance or speed an issue for my users?
- ❑ Redundancy? Or redundancy?
- ❑ Implement security in the planning stage!
- ❑ Purchase from a reputable vendor and don't forget the warranty!
- ❑ Who is my backup in case there are problems? Cross-training!

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Questions?!

Anyone? Bueller? Bueller?

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DATA BACKUPS AND
COMPUTER SECURITY

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Introduction and Outline

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- What is a backup?
 - Why are backups needed?
 - Common backup media
 - Simple backup examples
 - Final Thoughts
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- Why is computer security so important?
 - Common ways to secure a computer

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Backups: what are they?

“Back up my hard drive? How do I put it in reverse?” --Unknown

What is a backup?

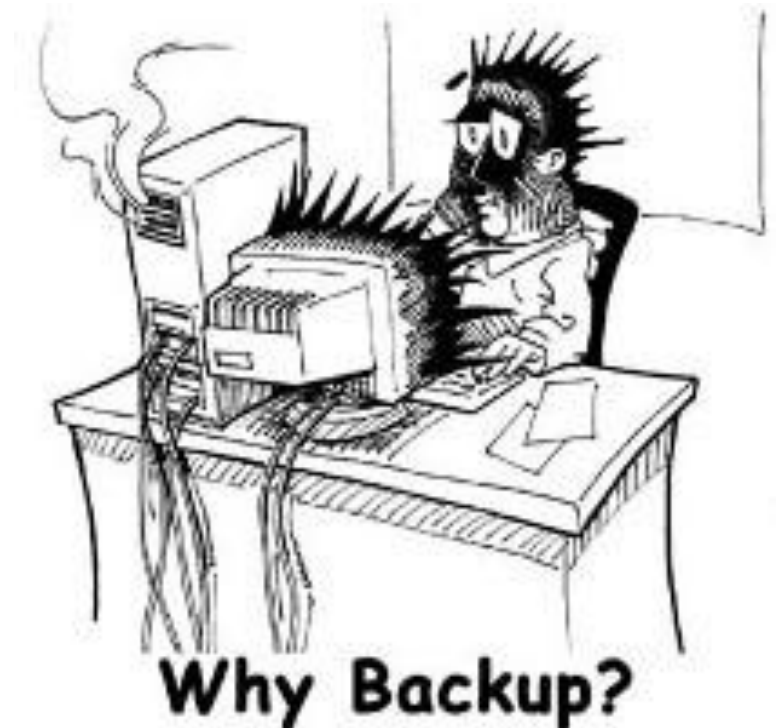
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- Backup – a copy of data made for the purpose of recovery if that data is ever lost
- Data loss is very common and can happen at any time without warning
- Data **cannot** be considered safe if it is **only** stored in one place
- If the data is important, it should be backed up
 - ▣ Your backup should contain what you cannot afford to lose!
- Often overlooked processes

Why do you need backups?

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- For two really big reasons:
 1. Disaster recovery
 2. Accidental deletion or corruption of data
- Hardware does fail, mistakes and accidents do happen
- When you lose data, the time you invested in creating that data is lost (time = money)
- Some data cannot be easily replaced
- I lost data preparing for MLH!



Why do people neglect to take backups?

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- ❑ They have never lost data in the past, false sense of security
- ❑ They don't know how to do a backup or have never been told backups are necessary
- ❑ They think backups are boring and don't want to bother with them
- ❑ They don't think they are a priority
- ❑ New employees are not trained on old procedures
- ❑ Assume someone else is doing the backups
- ❑ They simply forget

Common Backup Media

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- What media options do I have?
 - ▣ **DO NOT USE A FLOPPY DISK!**
 - ▣ Hard Drive (additional internal bays, external USB/Firewire, RAID)
 - ▣ Optical Media (CD-RW, DVD)
 - ▣ Tape (LTO Ultrium, VXA, DDS/DAT)
 - ▣ Remote Backup Service (Mozy, Skydrive, Dropbox)
 - Mozy (2GB free), Skydrive (25GB free)
 - ▣ Solid State Media (USB flash drive, CompactFlash)
- Media do have a usage life, nothing lasts forever

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Simple Backup Examples

Some really simple ways to take backups that will save you from data loss

Simple Backup Examples

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- Burn a CD each day/week/month
- Copy files to an external drive
 - ▣ Via script or some other automated method
 - ▣ Manual process
- Mozy
 - ▣ 2GB free storage
 - ▣ Install the MozyHome software and can be scheduled
- Microsoft Skydrive
 - ▣ 25GB free storage, 50MB file size limit

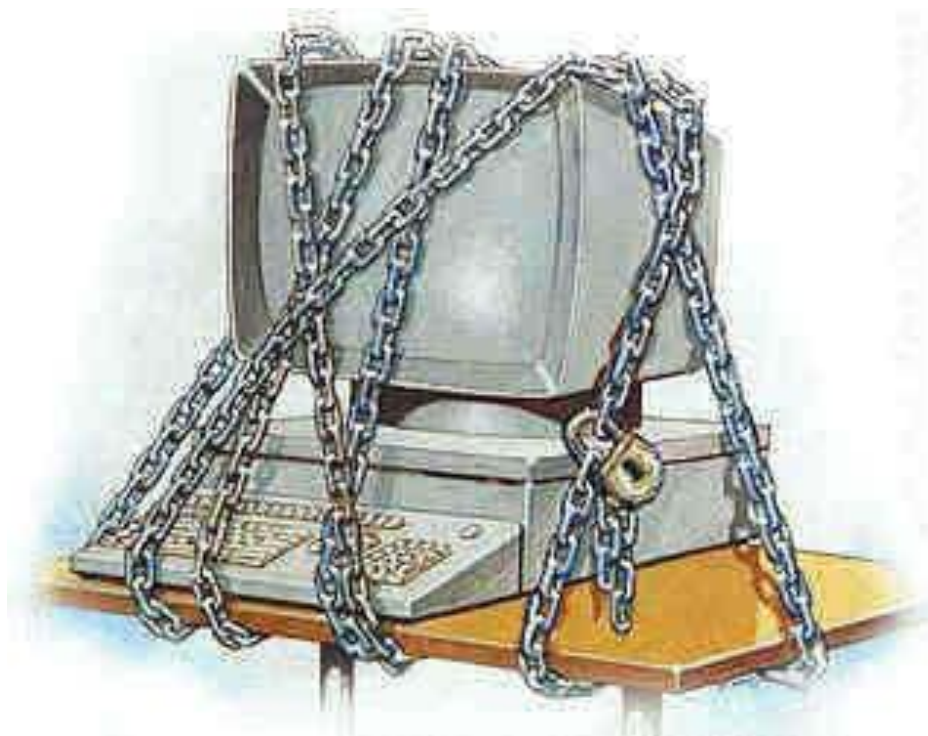
Final Thoughts On Backups

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- ❑ It is never too late to start doing backups...so start TODAY!
- ❑ Always document your backup and restore procedures
- ❑ Store some backups offsite for DR
- ❑ Test your backups regularly
- ❑ Encrypt financial and sensitive data before it is backed up, unless supported by backup software
- ❑ Regularly review what is backed up

Computer Security

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What is computer security?

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- “The objective of computer security includes protection of information and property from theft, corruption, or natural disaster, while allowing the information and property to remain accessible and productive to its intended users.”¹
- Sometimes you have to implement restrictive security policies for the benefit of the users
- Every computer user needs to be aware and proactive with computer security. We are all responsible.
- Think about the information you trust. Be critical and cautious.

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Some Security Best Practices

A few best practices for securing your computing environment

Security

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- ❑ Install and use Anti-Virus software on all computers
- ❑ Keep your computers patched and up-to-date
- ❑ Force users to change their passwords often
- ❑ Require a complex password (minimum of 8 characters, use letters+numbers+symbols)
- ❑ Reset administrative default passwords
- ❑ Use care when opening email with attachments
- ❑ Use care when downloading and installing software from the Internet

Security continued...

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- ❑ Firewall all your outward facing network devices
- ❑ Use file and share permissions and access control lists (ACL)
- ❑ Regularly scan your network devices with a security scanner (Nessus)
- ❑ Leave a trail of security and audit logs for intrusion tracking and troubleshooting
- ❑ Disable the use of insecure protocols on your network (telnet, ftp, http for certain websites)
- ❑ Turn off unused services on your network devices

Security continued...

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- ❑ For very sensitive files and for files that are on a laptop, don't rely solely on file and folder ACLs. Use encryption.
- ❑ If you store passwords in a file, encrypt that file
- ❑ Limit physical access to your servers and network equipment
- ❑ Secure your wireless network (WPA2)
- ❑ Create a "Computer Usage Policy" for users and have them read it regularly
- ❑ Never walk away from a computer and leave it unlocked

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