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Bandwidth monitoring

Useful console programs

- bwm-ng - Bandwidth Monitor NG (Next Generation), a live bandwidth monitor for network and disk io
- iftop - display bandwidth usage on an interface by host
- nethogs - Net top tool grouping bandwidth per process
- nload - displays the current network usage

To install them all:

```
sudo apt install bwm-ng iftop nethogs nload
```

Useful gui programs

- [nutty](#)

FreeRADIUS

Message-Authenticator and Mikrotik

As of [RouterOS version 7.15 changelog](#), Mikrotik introduced the following two changes:

- *) radius - added "require-message-auth" option that requires "Message-Authenticator" in receive
- *) radius - include "Message-Authenticator" in any RADIUS communication messages besides account

When you upgrade from a previous version, currently Mikrotik sets the require-message-auth=yes instead of no. This means that if you're running FreeRADIUS, most likely you won't be able to login to your routers anymore using RADIUS authentication. I hope you know what the local credentials are!

It's taken much too long to learn how to get FreeRADIUS to add the Message-Authenticator attribute in response messages.

```
# Ubuntu 22.04 - /etc/freeradius/3.0/mods-config/files/authorize
# Add the following to the end of the file, and make sure you're not breaking anything else in
the process
DEFAULT
    Message-Authenticator = 0
```

ImageMagick

Use [ImageMagick](#) to create, edit, compose, and convert digital images. Resize an image, crop it, change its shades and colors, add captions, and more.

Resizing files in a directory

```
nice -n 19 mogrify -path . -filter Triangle -define filter:support=2 -unsharp  
0.25x0.25+8+0.065 -dither None -posterize 136 -quality 82 -define jpeg:fancy-upsampling=off -  
define png:compression-filter=5 -define png:compression-level=9 -define png:compression-  
strategy=1 -define png:exclude-chunk=all -interlace none -colorspace sRGB -strip *.jpg
```

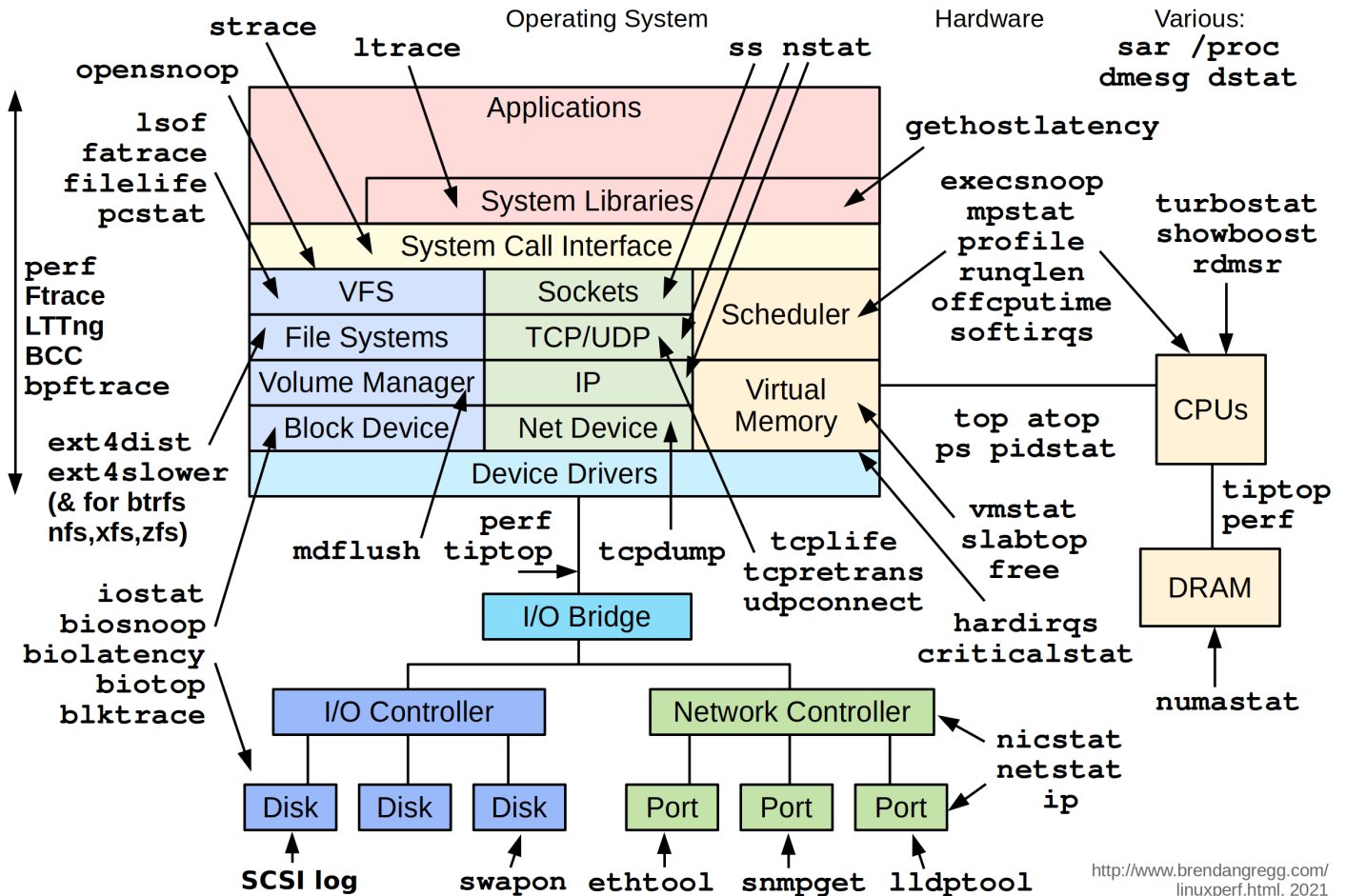
[[Source](#)]

#end

Linux Performance Observability

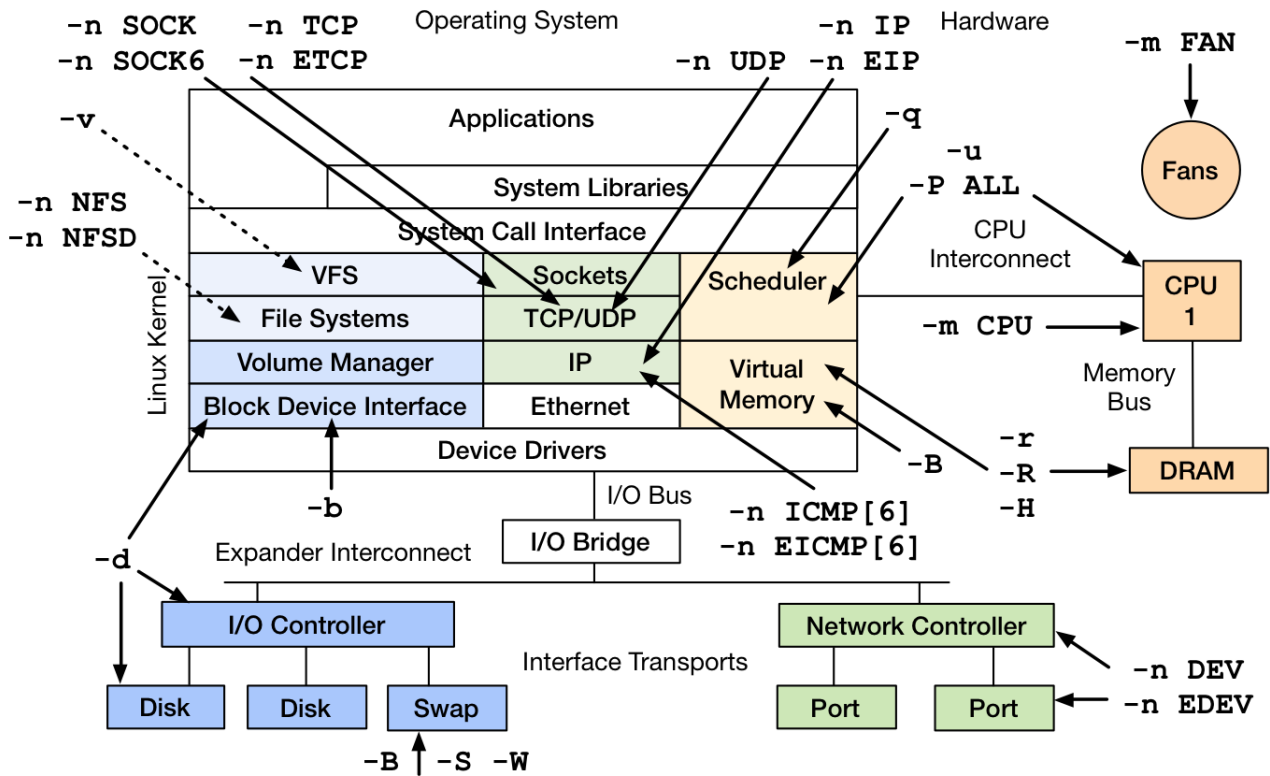
<https://www.brendangregg.com/linuxperf.html>

Linux Performance Observability Tools



<http://www.brendangregg.com/linuxperf.html>, 2021

Linux Performance Observability: sar



<http://www.brendangregg.com/linuxperf.html> 2016

#end


```
└─user@local in ~ took 9ms
```

```
└─λ grep IPTS /proc/bus/input/devices
```

```
N: Name="IPTS 1B96:0979 Touchscreen"
```

```
N: Name="IPTS 1B96:0979"
```

```
N: Name="IPTS Touch"
```

```
N: Name="IPTS Stylus"
```


SSH load key error in libcrypto

Occasionally on Ubuntu 22.04 I've experienced the error message shown below when trying to connect to a server using an ssh key:

```
$ ssh user@server.com -i ~/.ssh/id_ed25519  
Load key "id_ed25519": error in libcrypto
```

I finally realized the problem was the presence of DOS style CRLF end of line designators. Using `dos2unix` to convert the end of line designators resolved the issue.

```
$ dos2unix ~/.ssh/id_ed25519
```

#end

Sway

Ubuntu Sway Remix

Recording changes I make to the default configuration in Ubuntu Sway Remix

bind keys

```
# /etc/sway/modes/default.conf
$bindsym Ctrl+Alt+delete exec nwg-bar -x
```

brightness control

```
# from /etc/sway/variables
# brightness control - very fine grained control
set $brightness_step bash -c 'echo $(( $(light -Mr) / 100 * 1 < 100 ? 50 : $( $(light -Mr) / 100 * 2 )) )'
```

```
set $brightness_up light -r -A $($brightness_step) && $onscreen_bar $(light -G | cut -d'.' -f1)
set $brightness_down light -r -U $($brightness_step) && $onscreen_bar $(light -G | cut -d'.' -f1)
```

idle configuration

Set \$idle_timeout to 300, \$locking_timeout to 3600, and \$screen_timeout to 600.

Update the timeout \$idle_timeout action to set the idle light level to 1 instead of 10.

```
### Idle configuration
# This will lock your screen after 300 seconds of inactivity, then turn off
# your displays after another 300 seconds, and turn your screens back on when
# resumed. It will also lock your screen before your computer goes to sleep.
#
set $lock ~/.config/swaylock/lock.sh
```

```
set $idle_timeout 300
set $locking_timeout 3600
set $screen_timeout 600
set $idle swayidle -w \
    timeout $idle_timeout 'light -G > /tmp/brightness && light -S 1' resume 'light -S $([ -f
/tmp/brightness ] && cat /tmp/brightness || echo 100%)' \
    timeout $locking_timeout $lock \
    timeout $screen_timeout 'swaymsg "output * dpms off"' \
    resume 'swaymsg "output * dpms on"' \
    before-sleep 'playerctl pause' \
    before-sleep $lock & \
    lock $lock &
```

power alert

Add the following to ~/.config/mako/config and then reload sway:

```
[app-name="pocalertd"]
invisible=1
```

background

```
#!/usr/bin/env bash
# file: ~/.azotebg
pkill swaybg
#swaybg -o '*' -i "/usr/share/wallpapers/warty-final-ubuntuway.png" -m fill &
swaybg -o '*' -c \#003366
```

#end

Ubuntu console-setup for setting console font

By default, on a Surface laptop running Ubuntu Sway Remix, the console font is waaay too small for my aging eyes, so I set off to learn how to change it.

```
sudo dpkg-reconfigure console-setup
```

- UTF-8
- Guess optimal character set
- Do not change the boot/kernel font

Results in the following `/etc/default/console-setup` contents:

```
ACTIVE_CONSOLES="/dev/tty[1-6]"
```

```
CHARMAP="UTF-8"
```

```
CODESET="guess"
```

```
FONTFACE=""
```

```
FONTSIZE=""
```

```
VIDEOMODE=
```

```
#end
```

Ubuntu desktop launchers

[Recognized desktop entry keys](#)

Mikrotik The Dude

The Dude runs well under Wine. Running the installer will generate all needed desktop launchers.

```
[Desktop Entry]
Name=The Dude 7.15.2
Exec=env WINEPREFIX="/home/msharp/.wine-dude-7.15.2" wine C:\\\\Dude-7.15.2\\\\dude.exe
#Exec=wine C:\\\\Dude\\\\dude.exe
Type=Application
StartupNotify=true
Icon=/usr/share/icons/Mikrotik/thedude.png
```

Mikrotik Winbox

~/local/share/applications/winbox.desktop

```
[Desktop Entry]
Name=Winbox
Path=~/bin
Exec=wine-stable winbox.exe
Type=Application
StartupNotify=true
Keywords=winbox;
```

or

```
[Desktop Entry]
Name=Winbox
Comment=Mikrotik Winbox
Exec=wine "C:\\\\Scripts\\\\winbox.exe"

# Name=Winbox64
```

```
# Comment=Mikrotik Winbox64
# Exec=wine "C:\\\\Scripts\\\\winbox64.exe"

Icon=wine
Terminal=false
Type=Application
Categories=Wine;
StartupNotify=true
```

/usr/share/applications/winbox.desktop

```
# Make sure winbox.exe has been saved to /usr/local/bin/winbox.exe

[Desktop Entry]
Name=Winbox
#Path=/usr/local/bin
Exec=wine-stable winbox.exe
Type=Application
StartupNotify=true
Keywords=winbox;
```

#end

Useful system commands

Hardware related

Memory

```
# Show maximum capacity and number of RAM slots
```

```
sudo dmidecode -t 16
```

```
# Show information on RAM in slots
```

```
sudo dmidecode -t 17
```

```
# Shows all memory related information in the system. Slow as it polls all hardware first.
```

```
sudo lshw -class memory
```

VBAN for Linux

<https://github.com/quiniouben/vban>

I've used Voicemeeter Banana and Potato for a long time to do advanced audio management on my various computers, including streaming audio from various computers in the house to my laptop and vice versa.

VBAN for Linux allows me to incorporate some older laptops (that have trouble running Windows but no problem running Ubuntu Desktop) into my various setups. Primarily I use a second laptop to stream Youtube or Udemy videos while I'm using my primary Windows laptop. Bluetooth headset is connected to the primary laptop and all other audio sources are sinked to it. ☐☐

Configuring Ubuntu 20.04 to sink audio and use vban_emitter to stream to a VBAN receiver

Preparing Pulseaudio

```
#!/bin/bash

pactl load-module module-null-sink sink_name=vbanmix

# use "pactl info" or "pactl list" to find the proper alsa_output interface
pactl load-module module-combine-sink channels=2 slaves=vbanmix,alsa_output.pci-0000_00_1b.0.analog-stereo

pactl set-default-source vbanmix.monitor
```

Running vban_emitter

```
#!/bin/bash

IPADDR=10.10.10.10
UDPPORT=6980
STREAMNAME=Linux_Laptop
SAMPLERATE=48000

AUDIOBACKEND=pulseaudio
```



```
vban_emitter --ipaddress=$IPADDR --port=$UDPPORT --streamname=$STREAMNAME --  
backend=$AUDIOBACKEND --rate=$SAMPLERATE
```

Running on a headless system

After banging my head against the wall for weeks trying to figure out how to get vban_emitter working on a Raspberry Pi and an f80a, here's what I found.

By default, Pulseaudio only works with a user logged in directly to the system. After trying to get Pulseaudio setup to run in system mode, I realized it's much easier to just leverage ALSA directly.

The default ALSA configuration is set to use CARD 0. When using USB devices, these are inserted as CARD 1. In order to use this, you need to either update or create the `/etc/asound.conf` file with the information below:

```
# /etc/asound.conf  
defaults.pcm.card 1  
defaults.ctl.card 1
```

Here's the vban_emitter command to use:

```
vban_emitter -i IP_ADDRESS -p 6789 -s STREAM_NAME -b alsa
```

-end

Wayland

While trying out Ubuntu 23.04 via Ubuntu Sway Remix 23.04, I've noticed a lot of issues with blurry programs. After doing some research, I've found that this is due to applications using the X11 protocols to access the display via Xwayland instead of using the native Wayland protocols. I didn't have this issue running Ubuntu Sway Remix 22.04, so I'm very curious what has changed.

I'm starting to document what I'm learning here and adding links.

Resources

- [Running programs natively under Wayland](#) - from the swaywm project
- [Environment variables for Wayland hackers](#) - Canonical forum post

Individual applications

atlauncher on Arch / Garuda Linux

In order for atlauncher to run properly in Sway or SwayFX on Wayland, you need to tweak the Exec line by adding `env _JAVA_AWT_WM_NONREParenting=1` as shown below. This is the launcher file located at `/usr/share/applications/atlauncher.desktop`

Install atlauncher, java jre21, and Visual Studio Code (editor)

```
pacman -S atlauncher jre21-openjdk visual-studio-code-bin
```

From a console, use VSCode to edit the atlauncher.desktop file to match the contents shown below.

```
# use Visual Studio Code to edit the atlauncher.desktop file
EDITOR="code -w" sudoedit /usr/share/applications/atlauncher.desktop
```

Reference content of the `atlauncher.desktop` file:

```
[Desktop Entry]
Name=ATLauncher
GenericName=ATLauncher
```

```
Comment=A launcher for Minecraft which integrates multiple different modpacks to allow you to
down
load and install modpacks easily and quickly.
Exec=env _JAVA_AWT_WM_NONREParenting=1 atlauncher
Icon=atlauncher
Terminal=false
Type=Application
Categories=Game;
Keywords=game;Minecraft;
```

Flatpak

VS Code

Adding "--enable-features=UseOzonePlatform --ozone-platform=wayland" to the code launcher fixes the issue. I updated all of the /usr/share/applications/code*.desktop files appropriately.

Wayvnc

Make sure you change the username and password in the configuration file you create.

RSA-AES encryption configuration

```
mkdir ~/.config/wayvnc
ssh-keygen -m pem -f ~/.config/wayvnc/rsa_key.pem -t rsa -N ""
```

```
cat <<EOF > ~/.config/wayvnc/config
use_relative_paths=true
address=0.0.0.0
enable_auth=true
username=luser
password=p455w0rd
rsa_private_key_file=rsa_key.pem
```

TLS encryption configuration

```
# creating a self-signed key pair
mkdir ~/.config/wayvnc
openssl req -x509 -newkey ec -pkeyopt ec_paramgen_curve:secp384r1 -sha384 \
    -days 3650 -nodes \
    -keyout ~/.config/wayvnc/tls_key.pem \
    -out ~/.config/wayvnc/tls_cert.pem \
    -subj /CN=`hostname` \
    -addext subjectAltName=DNS:localhost,DNS:localhost,IP:127.0.0.1
```

```
use_relative_paths=true
address=0.0.0.0
enable_auth=true
username=luser
password=p455w0rd
private_key_file=tls_key.pem
certificate_file=tls_cert.pem
```

RealVNC Viewer is the only Windows viewer that has support for RSA-AES and TLS encryption. To make the connection stable make the following configuration changes in RealVNC:

- General -> Security -> Encryption: Always on
- Options -> General -> Picture quality: Medium

-end

Arch Linux, Gnome-Keyring and 1Password

[Source](#)

I've been playing with Garuda Sway linux recently because I like their Sway/SwayFX configuration and layout. The "downside" is that I've had to learn the ins and outs of an Arch Linux based distribution.

1Password will not work "properly" out of the box. When you enter your OTP codes, you will see the message "1password was unable to save your two-factor token" at the bottom of the screen. The changes below will fix the glitch.

Needed changes

1. Configure PAM as shown below.
2. Logout.
3. Login.
4. Create a gnome-keyring and set it as default. This can easily be done with seahorse, as referenced in the source link above.
 1. Run seahorse
 2. Create a new Password keyring
 3. Set the new Password keyring as default
5. Re-open 1Password and enter the requested authentication tokens. It will now be able to save the authentication tokens to the gnome-keyring

Configure PAM

[Source](#)

File: /etc/pam.d/login

```
#%PAM-1.0

auth      requisite    pam_nologin.so
auth      include      system-local-login
```

| | | |
|----------|----------|---------------------------------|
| auth | optional | pam_gnome_keyring.so |
| account | include | system-local-login |
| session | include | system-local-login |
| session | optional | pam_gnome_keyring.so auto_start |
| password | include | system-local-login |

File: /etc/pam.d/greetd

```
##PAM-1.0

auth      required      pam_securetty.so
auth      requisite     pam_nologin.so
auth      include       system-local-login
auth      optional      pam_gnome_keyring.so
account   include       system-local-login
session   include       system-local-login
session   optional      pam_gnome_keyring.so auto_start
```

dnssdist DNS proxy

[dnssdist](#) is a highly configurable DNS-, DoS- and abuse-aware loadbalancer.

Here's an example configuration file:

```
-- File: /etc/dnssdist/dnssdist.conf

-- listen for console connection with the given secret key
controlSocket("0.0.0.0:53530")
setKey("supersecretAPIkey")
setConsoleACL({"172.16.16.0/24", "192.168.168.0/24", "10.10.20.0/24"})

-- start and configure the web server
webserver("0.0.0.0:8053")
setWebserverConfig({password="supersecretpassword", apiKey="supersecretAPIkey"},
acl="172.16.16.0/24,192.168.168.0/24,10.10.20.0/24")

-- accept DNS queries on UDP/53 and TCP/53
addLocal("0.0.0.0:53")
-- accept DNS queries on UDP/5200 and TCP/5200
-- addLocal("0.0.0.0:5200")

-- fix up possibly badly truncated answers from pdns 2.9.22
truncateTC(true)

-- Log message
warnlog(string.format("Script starting %s", "up!"))

-- define the server pools
-- public-google
newServer({address="8.8.8.8", pool="public-google", checkInterval=300})
newServer({address="8.8.4.4", pool="public-google", checkInterval=300})

-- public-cloudflare
newServer({address="1.1.1.1", pool="public-cloudflare", checkInterval=300})

-- public-quad9
```

```

newServer({address="9.9.9.9", pool="public-quad9", checkInterval=300})
newServer({address="149.112.112.112", pool="public-quad9", checkInterval=300})

-- internal pools
newServer({address="192.168.1.53", pool="company1-auth", checkInterval=300})
newServer({address="192.168.2.53", pool="company2-auth", checkInterval=300})
newServer({address="192.168.3.53", pool="company3-auth", checkInterval=300})

-- local router
newServer({address="172.16.16.254", pool="router", checkInterval=300})

newServer({address="127.0.0.1:53531", pool="nodeapp1", checkInterval=300})

-- switch the server balancing policy to round robin,
-- the default being least outstanding queries
setServerPolicy(roundrobin)

addAction({"camera.project1.loc.", "device.project1.loc."}, PoolAction("nodeapp1"))
addAction({"company1.loc"}, PoolAction("company1-auth"))
addAction({"company2.loc"}, PoolAction("company2-auth"))
addAction({"company3.loc"}, PoolAction("company3-auth"))

addAction(AllRule(), PoolAction("public-google"))
-- addAction(AllRule(), PoolAction("public-cloudflare"))
-- addAction(AllRule(), PoolAction("public-quad9"))
-- addAction(AllRule(), PoolAction("router"))

-- refuse all queries not having exactly one question
-- addAction(NotRule(RecordsCountRule(DNSSection.Question, 1, 1)),
RCodeAction(DNSRCode.REFUSED))

-- return 'refused' for domains matching the regex evil[0-9]{4,}.powerdns.com$
-- addAction(RegexRule("evil[0-9]{4,}\\..powerdns\\.com$"), RCodeAction(DNSRCode.REFUSED))

-- spoof responses for A, AAAA and ANY for spoof.powerdns.com.
-- A queries will get 192.0.2.1, AAAA 2001:DB8::1 and ANY both
-- addAction("spoof.powerdns.com.", SpoofAction({"192.0.2.1", "2001:DB8::1"}))

-- spoof responses will multiple records
-- A will get 192.0.2.1 and 192.0.2.2, AAAA 20B8::1 and 2001:DB8::2

```



```

-- ANY all of that
-- addAction("spoofer.powerdns.com", SpoofAction({"192.0.2.1", "192.0.2.2", "20B8::1",
"2001:DB8::2"}))

-- spoof responses with a CNAME
-- addAction("cnamespoof.powerdns.com.", SpoofCNAMEAction("cname.powerdns.com."))

-- spoof responses in Lua
--[[
    function spoof1rule(dq)
        if(dq.qtype==1) -- A
        then
            return DNSAction.Spoof, "192.0.2.1"
        elseif(dq.qtype == 28) -- AAAA
        then
            return DNSAction.Spoof, "2001:DB8::1"
        else
            return DNSAction.None, ""
        end
    end
end
function spoof2rule(dq)
    return DNSAction.Spoof, "spoofed.powerdns.com."
end
addAction("luaspoof1.powerdns.com.", LuaAction(spoof1rule))
addAction("luaspoof2.powerdns.com.", LuaAction(spoof2rule))

--]]

-- alter a protobuf response for anonymization purposes
--[[
function alterProtobuf(dq, protobuf)
    requestor = newCA(dq.remoteaddr.toString())
    if requestor:isIPv4() then
        requestor:truncate(24)
    else
        requestor:truncate(56)
    end
    protobuf:setRequestor(requestor)
end
end

```

```
rl = newRemoteLogger("127.0.0.1:4242")  
addAction(AllRule(), RemoteLogAction(rl, alterProtobuf))  
--]]
```

-end

AppImage

What is AppImage

"Download an application, make it executable, and run! No need to install. No system libraries or system preferences are altered. Can also run in a sandbox like Firejail"

System Prep

Ubuntu 22.04 / 24.04

AppImage expects libfuse2. Ubuntu by default installed libfuse3.

```
apt install libfuse2
```

Applications

Helix Editor

The script below downloads the 0.10.1 version appimage of nvim and places files where they need to be. Make sure you run this as root as most of the commands need to be elevated.

The script below will only work for x64 version of linux. Currently there is no nvim appimage support for arm64.

```
ReleaseURL="https://github.com/helix-editor/helix/releases/download/24.07/helix-24.07-x86_64.AppImage" &&
OUTFILE="helix-24.07-x86_64.AppImage" &&
wget $ReleaseURL -O $OUTFILE &&
chmod 755 $OUTFILE &&
./$OUTFILE --appimage-extract &&
chown -R root:root $OUTFILE squashfs-root &&
cp squashfs-root/usr/share/applications/Helix.desktop /usr/share/applications/ &&
cp squashfs-root/helix.png /usr/share/icons/ &&
```

```
rm -rf squashfs-root &&
mkdir -p /usr/local/bin &&
cp $OUTFILE /usr/local/bin/ &&
ln -s /usr/local/bin/$OUTFILE /usr/local/bin/helix.appimage &&
ln -s /usr/local/bin/$OUTFILE /usr/local/bin/hx &&
ls -l /usr/local/bin/hx* /usr/share/applications/Helix.desktop /usr/share/icons/helix.png
```

Neovim / nvim

The script below downloads the 0.10.1 version appimage of nvim and places files where they need to be. Make sure you run this as root as most of the commands need to be elevated.

The script below will only work for x64 version of linux. Currently there is no nvim appimage support for arm64.

```
NVIMURL="https://github.com/neovim/neovim/releases/download/v0.10.1/nvim.appimage" &&
OUTFILE="nvim.0.10.1.appimage" &&
wget $NVIMURL -O $OUTFILE &&
chmod 755 $OUTFILE &&
./$OUTFILE --appimage-extract &&
chown -R root:root $OUTFILE squashfs-root &&
cp squashfs-root/usr/share/applications/nvim.desktop /usr/share/applications/nvim.desktop &&
cp squashfs-root/nvim.png /usr/share/icons/ &&
rm -rf squashfs-root &&
mkdir -p /usr/local/bin &&
cp $OUTFILE /usr/local/bin/ &&
ln -s /usr/local/bin/nvim.0.10.1.appimage /usr/local/bin/nvim.appimage &&
ln -s /usr/local/bin/nvim.appimage /usr/local/bin/nvim &&
ls -l /usr/local/bin/nvim* /usr/share/applications/nvim.desktop /usr/share/icons/nvim.png
```

-end

NUT - Network UPS Tools

Ubuntu 24.04 Issues

Out of the box, you receive the following errors when running nut-scanner:

```
$ nut-scanner -U
Cannot load USB library (libusb-1.0.so) : file not found. USB search disabled.
Cannot load SNMP library (libnetsnmp.so) : file not found. SNMP search disabled.
Cannot load XML library (libneon.so) : file not found. XML search disabled.
Cannot load AVAHI library (libavahi-client.so) : file not found. AVAHI search disabled.
Cannot load IPMI library (libfreeipmi.so) : file not found. IPMI search disabled.
Cannot load NUT library (libupsclient.so) : file not found. NUT search disabled.
nut-scanner : utility for detection of available power devices.
```

OPTIONS:

```
-C, --complete_scan: Scan all available devices except serial ports (default).
* Options for USB devices scan not enabled: library not detected.
* Options for SNMP devices scan not enabled: library not detected.
* Options for XML/HTTP devices scan not enabled: library not detected.
-O, --oldnut_scan: Scan NUT devices (old method).
* Options for NUT devices (avahi method) scan not enabled: library not detected.
* Options for IPMI devices scan not enabled: library not detected.
-E, --eaton_serial <serial ports list>: Scan serial Eaton devices (XCP, SHUT and Q1).
-T, --thread <max number of threads>: Limit the amount of scanning threads running
simultaneously (default: 512).
```

Note: many scanning options depend on further loadable libraries.

Run-time loadable library search paths used by this build of NUT:

□NOTE: Reporting filtered (existing unique) built-in paths:

□Built-in:□/usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu

□Built-in:□/usr/lib64

□Built-in:□/usr/lib

□Built-in:□/usr/local/lib

```
❏Built-in:❏/usr/lib/gcc/x86_64-linux-
```

The only issue I could find posted was [Libraries not found \(Ubuntu 24.04 Server arm\) #2431](#), yet it didn't seem to have a resolution. I haven't read every bit of the issue, but the root of cause is pretty obvious that some package is no longer providing the symlinks that are expected to exist.

The easy solution is to create symlinks for the files its looking for to the files that actually exist.

```
pushd /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/  
sudo ln -s libusb-1.0.so.0 libusb-1.0.so  
sudo ln -s libnetsnmp.so.40 libnetsnmp.so  
sudo ln -s libavahi-client.so.3 libavahi-client.so  
sudo ln -s libfreeipmi.so.17 libfreeipmi.so  
sudo ln -s libneon-gnutls.so.27 libneon.so  
popd
```

After creating the symlinks, everything is working like a champ.

CyberPower CP1000PFCLCDa UPS Configuration

```
# /etc/nut/nut.conf  
MODE=standalone  
#MODE=netserver
```

```
# /etc/nut/ups.conf  
maxretry = 3  
  
# use "nut-scanner -U" to scan for connected UPS's  
  
[cyberpower1]  
    driver = "usbhid-ups"  
    port = "auto"  
    vendorid = "0764"  
    productid = "0601"
```

```
product = "CP1000PFCLCDa"  
serial = "CX1KP2001248"  
vendor = "CPS"  
bus = "001"  
pollinterval = 15
```

```
# /etc/nut/upsd.conf  
LISTEN 0.0.0.0 3493
```

```
# /etc/nut/upsd.users  
  
[monuser]  
password = REDACTED  
admin master
```

```
# /etc/nut/upsmon.conf  
MINSUPPLIES 1  
SHUTDOWNCMD "/sbin/shutdown -h +0"  
POLLFREQ 5  
POLLFREQUALERT 5  
HOSTSYNC 15  
DEADTIME 25  
POWERDOWNFLAG /etc/killpower  
RBWARNTIME 43200  
NOCOMMWARNTIME 300  
FINALDELAY 5
```

Actual logs from a power-related shutdown

These are the logs from a DELL Latitude 5500 connected to a Smart UPS 750 via USB. The UPS was on battery for ~7 minutes before hitting battery low state and initiating an automatic power-fail shutdown.

```
2024-11-06T00:09:54.168676-06:00 server1 nut-monitor[1203]: UPS smartups750@localhost on
battery
2024-11-06T00:09:54.179395-06:00 server1 nut-monitor[366128]: PIPEFN must be set before any
ATs in the config file!
2024-11-06T00:09:54.179755-06:00 server1 nut-monitor[366128]: PIPEFN must be set before any
ATs in the config file!
2024-11-06T00:09:54.179958-06:00 server1 upssched[366128]: PIPEFN must be set before any ATs
in the config file!
2024-11-06T00:09:54.181207-06:00 server1 nut-monitor[366124]: Network UPS Tools upsmon 2.8.1
2024-11-06T00:16:54.235149-06:00 server1 nut-monitor[1203]: UPS smartups750@localhost battery
is low
2024-11-06T00:16:54.236230-06:00 server1 nut-monitor[1203]: FSD set on UPS
smartups750@localhost failed: ERR ACCESS-DENIED
2024-11-06T00:16:54.236442-06:00 server1 nut-monitor[1203]: Executing automatic power-fail
shutdown
2024-11-06T00:16:54.242982-06:00 server1 nut-monitor[1203]: Auto logout and shutdown
proceeding
```

-end

Fancy console

Components

- bash
- Nerd Fonts
- [starship](#)
 - preset: [Pastel Powerline Preset](#)
 - customize: see below
- tmux
 - tmux plugin manager
 - bacula theme with top bar formatting
- [bat](#) - a cat clone with wings (syntax highlighting +++)

Install Nerd Fonts

Here's an [installer for Linux](#). Install at least Hack and JetBrains.

```
bash -c "$(curl -fsSL https://raw.githubusercontent.com/officialrajdeepsingh/nerd-fonts-installer/main/install.sh)"
```

The script installs to the local user .fonts directory. It can be beneficial to move those fonts to the system local folder.

```
sudo mv ~/.fonts/* /usr/local/share/fonts/  
sudo fc-cache -fv
```

Update terminal config to use the Nerd Font

```
# ~/.config/foot/foot.ini  
font=Hack Nerd Font:size=10
```

Starship

Install Starship

```
curl -sS https://starship.rs/install.sh | sh
```

Configure shell to run it

```
# for BASH
cat <<EOF > ~/.bashrc
eval "$(starship init bash)"
EOF
```

```
# for FISH
cat <<EOF > ~/.config/fish/config.fish
starship init fish | source
EOF
```

```
# for PowerShell
# Add the following to the end of your PowerShell configuration (find it by running $PROFILE):
Invoke-Expression (&starship init powershell)
```

```
# for Xonsh
cat <<EOF > ~/.xonshrc
execx($(starship init xonsh))
EOF
```

```
# for
cat <<EOF > ~/

EOF
```

Configure to use preset

Make it pretty!

```
starship preset pastel-powerline -o ~/.config/starship.toml
```

Customize the preset

Adding the hostname to the prompt by editing the file `~/.config/starship.toml`

```
# Add the $hostname\ line near the beginning of the file:
# $username\
# $hostname\
#
```

```
cat <<EOF >> ~/.config/starship.toml
```

```
[hostname]
ssh_only = false
style = "bg:#9A348E"
format = '[@ $hostname ]($style)'
trim_at = '.'
disabled = false
EOF
```

tmux configuration

The configuration below includes:

- tmux plugin manager
- dracula theme with top bar formatting

```
sudo apt install tmux
```

```
mkdir ~/.config/tmux
```

```
cat <<EOF > ~/.config/tmux/tmux.conf
```

```
#improve colors
```

```
set -g default-terminal 'screen-256color'
```

```
# act like vim
```

```
setw -g mode-keys vi
```

```
bind-key h select-pane -L
```

```
bind-key j select-pane -D
```

```
bind-key k select-pane -U
```

```
bind-key l select-pane -R
```

```
bind-key -r C-h select-window -t :-
```

```
bind-key -r C-l select-window -t :+
```

```
# change prefix key because this is easier to hit
set -g prefix2 C-s

# reload config
unbind r
bind r source-file ~/.config/tmux/tmux.conf

# List of plugins
set -g @plugin 'tmux-plugins/tpm'
set -g @plugin 'tmux-plugins/tmux-sensible'

set -g @plugin 'dracula/tmux'

set -g @dracula-show-powerline true
set -g @dracula-fixed-location "Baton Rouge"
set -g @dracula-plugins "weather"
set -g @dracula-show-flags true
set -g @dracula-show-left-icon session
set -g status-position top

# Other examples:
# set -g @plugin 'github_username/plugin_name'
# set -g @plugin 'github_username/plugin_name#branch'
# set -g @plugin 'git@github.com:user/plugin'
# set -g @plugin 'git@bitbucket.com:user/plugin'

# Initialize TMUX plugin manager (keep this line at the very bottom of tmux.conf)
run '~/.tmux/plugins/tpm/tpm' EOF
```

bat / batcat

I keep forgetting about this tool.

<https://github.com/sharkdp/bat>

Pastel Powerline Modified Preset

```
cat <<EOF > ~/.config/starship.toml

# MSHARP 20240926

# Slightly modified from the Pastel Powerline Preset
# Adds the $hostname

format = """
[ ](#9A348E)\
$os\
$username\
$hostname\
[ ](bg:#DA627D fg:#9A348E)\
$directory\
[ ](fg:#DA627D bg:#FCA17D)\
$git_branch\
$git_status\
[ ](fg:#FCA17D bg:#86BBD8)\
$c\
$elixir\
$elm\
$golang\
$gradle\
$haskell\
$java\
$julia\
$nodejs\
$nim\
$rust\
$scala\
[ ](fg:#86BBD8 bg:#06969A)\
$docker_context\
[ ](fg:#06969A bg:#33658A)\
$time\
[ ](fg:#33658A)\
"""
```

```

# Disable the blank line at the start of the prompt
# add_newline = false

# You can also replace your username with a neat symbol like ☐ or disable this
# and use the os module below
[username]
show_always = true
style_user = "bg:#9A348E"
style_root = "bg:#9A348E"
format = '[$user ]($style)'
disabled = false

# An alternative to the username module which displays a symbol that
# represents the current operating system
[os]
style = "bg:#9A348E"
disabled = true # Disabled by default

[directory]
style = "bg:#DA627D"
format = "[ $path ]($style)"
truncation_length = 3
truncation_symbol = ".../"

# Here is how you can shorten some long paths by text replacement
# similar to mapped_locations in Oh My Posh:
[directory.substitutions]
"Documents" = "☐☐"
"Downloads" = "☐ "
"Music" = "☐ "
"Pictures" = "☐ "
# Keep in mind that the order matters. For example:
# "Important Documents" = " ☐☐☐"
# will not be replaced, because "Documents" was already substituted before.
# So either put "Important Documents" before "Documents" or use the substituted version:
# "Important ☐☐" = " ☐☐☐"

[c]
symbol = "☐ "

```

```
style = "bg:#86BBD8"
format = '[ $symbol ($version) ]($style)'

[docker_context]
symbol = "☐ "
style = "bg:#06969A"
format = '[ $symbol $context ]($style)'

[elixir]
symbol = "☐ "
style = "bg:#86BBD8"
format = '[ $symbol ($version) ]($style)'

[elm]
symbol = "☐ "
style = "bg:#86BBD8"
format = '[ $symbol ($version) ]($style)'

[git_branch]
symbol = "☐"
style = "bg:#FCA17D"
format = '[ $symbol $branch ]($style)'

[git_status]
style = "bg:#FCA17D"
format = '[ $all_status$ahead_behind ]($style)'

[golang]
symbol = "☐ "
style = "bg:#86BBD8"
format = '[ $symbol ($version) ]($style)'

[gradle]
style = "bg:#86BBD8"
format = '[ $symbol ($version) ]($style)'

[haskell]
symbol = "☐ "
style = "bg:#86BBD8"
format = '[ $symbol ($version) ]($style)'
```

```
[java]
symbol = "☐ "
style = "bg:#86BBD8"
format = '[ $symbol ($version) ]($style)'
```

```
[julia]
symbol = "☐ "
style = "bg:#86BBD8"
format = '[ $symbol ($version) ]($style)'
```

```
[nodejs]
symbol = "☐"
style = "bg:#86BBD8"
format = '[ $symbol ($version) ]($style)'
```

```
[nim]
symbol = "☐☐"
style = "bg:#86BBD8"
format = '[ $symbol ($version) ]($style)'
```

```
[rust]
symbol = "☐"
style = "bg:#86BBD8"
format = '[ $symbol ($version) ]($style)'
```

```
[scala]
symbol = "☐ "
style = "bg:#86BBD8"
format = '[ $symbol ($version) ]($style)'
```

```
[time]
disabled = false
time_format = "%R" # Hour:Minute Format
style = "bg:#33658A"
format = '[ ♥ $time ]($style)'
```

```
[hostname]
ssh_only = false
style = "bg:#9A348E"
```



```
format = '[@ $hostname ]($style)'  
trim_at = '.'  
disabled = false  
EOF
```

-end

btrfs

Example of creating and mounting multiple sub-volumes

```
mkfs.vfat /dev/sda1
mkfs.btrfs /dev/sda2 -f
mkswap /dev/sda3

mkdir /mnt-btrfs
mount /dev/sda2 /mnt-btrfs
btrfs subvolume create /mnt-btrfs/@
btrfs subvolume create /mnt-btrfs/@home
btrfs subvolume create /mnt-btrfs/@root
btrfs subvolume create /mnt-btrfs/@srv
btrfs subvolume create /mnt-btrfs/@varcache
btrfs subvolume create /mnt-btrfs/@varlog
btrfs subvolume create /mnt-btrfs/@vartmp

mkdir -p /mnt/boot/efi
mkdir -p /mnt/home
mkdir -p /mnt/root
mkdir -p /mnt/var/cache
mkdir -p /mnt/var/log
mkdir -p /mnt/var/tmp
mkdir -p /mnt/srv

mount -o compress=zstd -o subvol=@ /dev/sda2 /mnt/
mount -o compress=zstd -o subvol=@home /dev/sda2 /mnt/home
mount -o compress=zstd -o subvol=@root /dev/sda2 /mnt/root
mount -o compress=zstd -o subvol=@srv /dev/sda2 /mnt/var/srv
mount -o compress=zstd -o subvol=@varcache /dev/sda2 /mnt/var/cache
mount -o compress=zstd -o subvol=@varlog /dev/sda2 /mnt/var/log
mount -o compress=zstd -o subvol=@vartmp /dev/sda2 /mnt/var/tmp
```


Installation and Setup

These instructions are based around Ubuntu 24.04 (Ubuntu Sway Remix).

My workstation base

```
# get rid of neovim pre-0.10.1 and thunderbird just in case they're already installed
sudo apt purge neovim thunderbird
```

```
sudo apt install build-essential git pipx python3-pip vim-nox \
  fish xonsh \
  bat fzf ripgrep \
  filezilla nautilus thunar \
  remmina tshark wavemon wireshark \
  network-manager-gnome network-manager-config-connectivity-ubuntu \
  network-manager-l2tp-gnome \
  network-manager-openvpn-gnome \
  network-manager-ssh-gnome \
  network-manager-sstp-gnome \
  network-manager-strongswan \
  wireguard \
  wine wine32 wine64
```

Neovim appimage 0.10.1

```
pushd /usr/local/bin
sudo wget https://github.com/neovim/neovim/releases/download/v0.10.1/nvim.appimage
sudo chmod 775 nvim.appimage
sudo ln -s nvim.appimage nvim
ls -l nvim*
popd
```

```
sudo cat <<EOF > ~/sudo_editor.sh
export SUDO_EDITOR=nvim
EOF
sudo mv ~/sudo_editor.sh /etc/profile.d/sudo_editor.sh
source /etc/profile.d/sudo_editor.sh
```

VSCode

Download [VSCode from here](#).

```
sudo dpkg -i ~/Downloads/code*.deb
```

Google Chrome

Download [Google Chrome from here](#).

```
sudo dpkg -i ~/Downloads/google-chrome-stable*.deb
```

Microsoft Edge

Download [Microsoft Edge from here](#).

```
sudo dpkg -i ~/Downloads/microsoft-edge-stable*.deb
```

NodeJS using nvm

```
# installs nvm (Node Version Manager)
curl -o- https://raw.githubusercontent.com/nvm-sh/nvm/v0.40.0/install.sh | bash

source ~/.bashrc

# install current stable release
nvm install node
node -v
npm -v
```

nvchad

[Quickstart install](#). Make sure git, node, nvm and ripgrep are installed.

```
git clone https://github.com/NvChad/starter ~/.config/nvim && nvim
# :MasonInstallAll
# rm -rf ~/.config/nvim/.git/
```

Network applications

```
sudo apt install remmina tshark wavemon wireshark
```

VPN related packages

```
sudo apt install network-manager-config-connectivity-ubuntu network-manager-gnome network-  
manager-openvpn-gnome network-manager-l2tp-gnome network-manager-ssh-gnome network-manager-  
sstp-gnome network-manager-strongswan wireguard
```

Wine related packages

```
sudo apt install wine wine32 wine64
```

Fancy console

[Ref](#)