WLAN Game Server

Wireless Game Server example with open-source Xonotic as the game



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Hardware

- Intel i7 (6700) 8-cores
- Intel H170 chipset
- 64Gigs DDR4
- 1TB SSD (Debian-12)
- Two 2.5 NIC's (bond0)



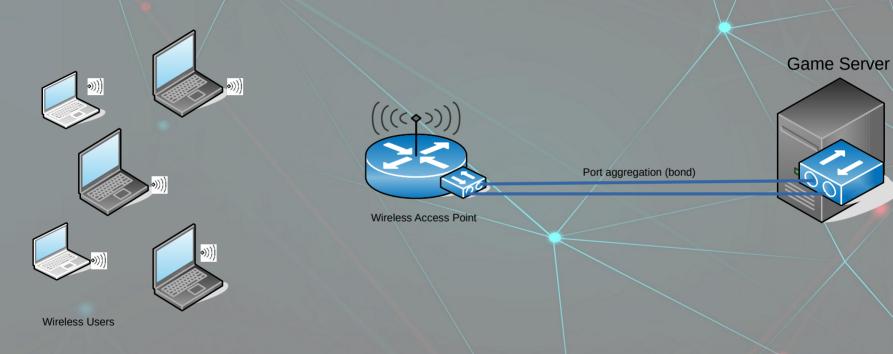
Hardware

- Router RT-AC88U
- 1.4 dual core, 516RAM
- 802.11a/b/g/n/ac
- 2.4 & 5GHz
- 8-port BaseT 1000
- Supports 64 IP addresses
- FTP USB has the zip file





Topography



Basically everyone will access the Game_Server via a wireless signal a/b/g/n/ac.
 (11Mbps on b),(54Mbps on a and g) if you have anything higher.

Network

- Find the alternate name of your NIC cards.
- Use the command :~# ip address to see the interfaces in your machine.
 - 1: lo: <LOOPBACK, UP,LOWER UP> inet 127.0.0.1/8
 - 2: ens2: = use the altname provided "enp2s0"
 - 3: ens3: = use the altname provided "enp4s0"
 - 4: ensl0: = your motherboard nic (not used)

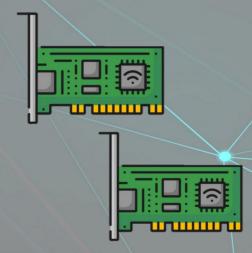
Creating a bond0

 Use an editor and edit the /network/interfaces file: root@machine:~# nano /etc/network/interfaces

auto enp2s0 iface enp2s0 inet manual bond-master bond0 bond-mode balance-rr

auto enp4s0 iface enp4s0 inet manual bond-master bond0 bond-mode balance-rr

auto bond0
iface bond0 inet static
Address 192.168.2.16
netmask 255.255.255.0
network 8.8.8.8
Gateway 192.168.2.1
bond-slaves enp2s0 enp4s0
bond-mode balance-rr
bond-miimon 100
bond-downdelay 200
bond-updelay 200



Checking the bond0

Check the bond has loaded by using:

:~# sudo Ismod | grep bond

The result should be a something like this:

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Bonding 221184 0
tls 135168 1 bonding
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IF the bond0 is not active, send this command:

:~# sudo Ifup bond0

Checking the bond0

- Check the settings in your bond0.
- Use :~# sudo ethtool bond@

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Settings for bond0:
        Supported ports: [ ]
        Supported link modes:
                                Not reported
        Supported pause frame use: No
        Supports auto-negotiation: No
        Supported FEC modes: Not reported
        Advertised link modes: Not reported
        Advertised pause frame use: No
        Advertised auto-negotiation: No
        Advertised FEC modes: Not reported
        Speed: 2000Mb/s
        Duplex: Full
        Auto-negotiation: off
        Port: Other
        PHYAD: 0
        Transceiver: internal
        Link detected: yes
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Network

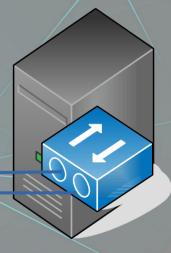
192.168.2.1



Port aggregation (bond)

Wireless Access Point

SSID = Game_Server Password = JaxLUG2024 192.168.2.16



Xonotic Game_Server

Game Download

- GO to xonotic.org/download/ and select one of the mirror sites.
- The zip file is 1.2 GB
- The router will have a copy

- The .ORG is Germany.
- Xonotic 0.8.6 is the current version.



Game Installation

There are two ways to install Xonotic into your machine.

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#1 Use GIT repository to build from source. (painful)
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#2 Download the .zip and unzip it to your Home directory.

- Extract, create, and move to (/Home/Xonotic) folder.
- ./xonotic-linux32-sdl for 32 bit.

Server Configuration

- By downloading the zip file and uncompress to the /Home/Xonotic/ directory, you have ALL the files required for a server or game.
- For a server setup, you need to move 2 files
 - "server_linux.sh"
 - "server.cfg"

Both files are already in the /Home/Xonotic/server/ folder.

Server Configuration

1. Copy the "server_linux.sh" file, from /Xonotic/server/ folder into the main game directory /Xonotic/.

This will allow shell script to launch the game executable in the server mode.

2. Copy the "server.cfg" file, from /Xonotic/server/ folder into the /Xonotic/data/ folder.

This will be the server configuration file you need to manualy edit.

Test the server

To test a session during Troubleshooting you can cd /Home/Xonotic and execute:

./server_linux.sh -sessionid-test

To run the server side, cd /Home/Xonotic and execute:

./xonotic-linux64-dedicated

Check other settings

- Other terminal commands that help troubleshoot
 - netstat -inet -ap
 - netstat -rn
 - netstat -anp tcp
 - netstat -anp udp

- You must manually edit the "server.cfg" and activate sv_public 1
- Port is 26000 UDP & TCP and it needs to point to your server IP.

Client side /etc/hosts

- Open the the /etc/hosts file utilizing the editor of your choice (vi, nano, emacs etc...)
- Inside the file, after the the last IPV4 address in the file, add:
- 192.168.2.16 game_server gs

OK Let's Play

- Connect to SSID: Game_Server (192.168.2.1)
- Password = JaxLUG2024
- Launch your Xonotic game in your laptop
- Go to Multiplayer
- In address at the bottom, type "gs" or (192.168.2.16)
- Be patient because is wireless!!!!