

1. ICMP is a network-level standard used in network setup and testing. If you ping one computer from another computer, that ping is ICMP.
2. DHCP is used to dynamically allocate IP addresses to devices on a local network. This is necessary because there are not enough IPv4 addresses for every electronic device in circulation. Because DHCP allocates addresses dynamically, it's entirely possible that the second time your device connects to a network, the IP address it was using will be in use by another device. Therefore, your device's IP address will change.
3. There should be no more than one DHCP server per broadcast domain, so that devices are only assigned one IP address at a time.
4. While DHCP-assigned IP addresses *can* change, they will not *always* change. If the IP address your device was using previously is still available, the DHCP server can assign you the same IP address that it did last time.
5. Would you look at that: ChatGPT agrees with me on Question 3. It does so, of course, with characteristic verbosity. The two reasons it cites, "Avoid Conflicts" and "DHCP Lease Management", don't strike me as different enough to merit two separate paragraphs. However, ChatGPT also points out two scenarios in which multiple DHCP servers could be a good idea: redundancy and relay configurations. I agree that multiple DHCP (or DHCP-esque) servers could function together on a single broadcast network in either of these configurations.

How many DHCP servers should be in one broadcast domain?



Ideally, there should **only be one DHCP server per broadcast domain**. Here's why:

1. **Avoid Conflicts:** If multiple DHCP servers are running in the same broadcast domain without coordination, they might assign conflicting IP addresses, leading to IP address conflicts on the network. This could result in network outages, connection issues, or devices being unable to communicate properly.
2. **DHCP Lease Management:** A single DHCP server is responsible for managing IP address leases within the domain. If multiple servers are present and they are not properly synchronized, each server could give out different leases for the same address pool, causing inconsistencies.

Options for Redundancy and High Availability

If you need more than one DHCP server for redundancy or high availability, consider one of the following strategies:

- **DHCP Failover:** Many modern DHCP servers support a failover mechanism where two DHCP servers share the lease database. In case one server goes down, the other can continue providing IP addresses without conflicts. This is typically used for load balancing or high availability.
- **DHCP Relay Agent:** If your network is large and you need multiple DHCP servers across different segments or subnets, you can use a DHCP relay agent. The relay agent forwards DHCP requests from clients to a central DHCP server, even across routers or subnets. This way, the DHCP server still manages address assignments, but the relay agent ensures that the DHCP process can work across a larger network.

Conclusion

For simplicity and to avoid issues, you should generally have **one DHCP server per broadcast domain**. If redundancy or load balancing is required, use DHCP failover or relay agents to ensure proper functionality without causing IP conflicts.



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