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Open Transport 1.0.x and bootp Server Issue (11/95)

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TOPIC -----

Bootp doesn't seem to work with Open Transport 1.0.x Packet trace readings show no anomalies, just that the bootp client is not picking up the reply, even though the reply is correct and formatted properly.

DISCUSSION -----

In the current implementation of Open Transport (1.0.8 or earlier) we are not picking up a bootp reply sent to the unicast (subnet broadcast) address (that is, xxx.xx.x.255). This problem will be fixed in version 1.1 of Open Transport. The fix has been incorporated into Open Transport 1.1b8.

Workaround

The best of the two workarounds is, if possible, to configure the bootp server software with the hardware address of the client. This is because the server will send the bootp reply directly to the hardware address of the client requesting bootp services.

The second workaround is, if possible, to configure bootp server software to broadcast to the all-nets broadcast address (255.255.255).

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