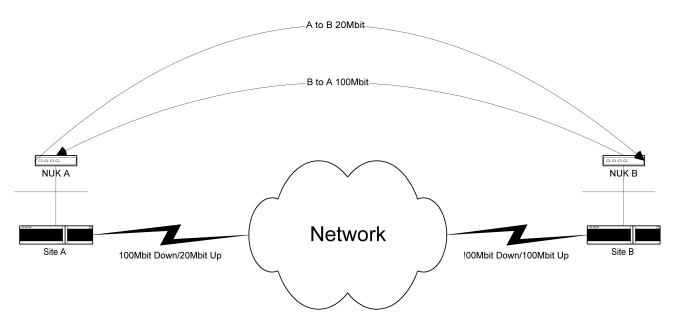
NUK Documentation – Bandwidth testing

Introduction

Bandwidth testing uses an application called iPerf. This requires iPerf running as a service on one NUK and running as a client on another NUK. We need to briefly touch on upload and download speeds to understand what results to expect from iPerf.

If you have a site that has bandwidth as 100Mbit download / 20Mbit upload, then if you run iPerf as a server on the NUK at that site, then you should expect 100Mbit speeds. If you run iPerf as a client to another site with a NUK then you should expect 20Mbit speeds.

This is because sending traffic to the site is a download (from that site's perspective) whereas sending traffic from that site to another is considered an upload (again from that site's perspective). Here's a picture to help you understand:



So to do bandwidth testing we need to load iPerf as a server on one site, then use iperf as a client to test the bandwidth to that site.

Running iPerf as a Server

To load iPerf as a server, you can use Nettools2 from the VNC menu (see NUK Documentation – VNC Menu), load iPerf as a service using Start-Services from the VNC menu, or make sure iPerf as a server is running when the NUK starts using Startup-opts from the VNC menu. If you want to add any options, then you need to run iperf-server from Net-tools2 and enter the options there. The options are set in Net-tools2, but they will take effect no matter how you start iperf. Here are all the available options:

	port		server port to listen on/connect to
-f,	format	[kmgKMG]	format to report: Kbits, Mbits, KBytes, MBytes
-i,	interval	#	seconds between periodic bandwidth reports
-F,	file name		xmit/recv the specified file
-A,	affinity	n/n,m	set CPU affinity
-B,	bind	<host></host>	bind to a specific interface
-V,	verbose		more detailed output
-J,	json		output in JSON format
-d,	debug		emit debugging output
-v,	version		show version information and quit
-h,	help		show this message and quit
-D,	daemon		run the server as a daemon
-1,	one-off		handle one client connection then exit

You really shouldn't need any options. You might want to change the time between bandwidth reports ("-i n"), or change what unit of bandwidth is used ("-f [kmgKMG]").. DON'T start iperf-server as a daemon as you won't be able to stop it if you want to. Once you have iPerf running you should see this. This shows the "Server listening on 5201" message as well as a 3Mbit UDP connection between two sites on the East Coast.

Server	listening on	5201						
Accepted connection from <east coast2="">, port 56633</east>								
					<east coast2=""> port 31936</east>			
	Interval		Transfer	Bandwidth	Jitter Lost/Total			
Datagr								
[5]		sec			620.465 ms 0/27 (0%)			
[5]		sec			70.082 ms 0/44 (0%)			
[5]		sec			36.200 ms 0/43 (0%)			
[5]					34.670 ms 0/45 (0%)			
[5]		sec			32.327 ms 0/44 (0%)			
[5]		sec		2.87 Mbits/sec				
[5]		sec		2.97 Mbits/sec				
[5]				2.86 Mbits/sec	· · · ·			
[5]				3.01 Mbits/sec	· · · ·			
	9.01-10.01			2.89 Mbits/sec				
[5]	10.01-10.62	sec	216 KBytes	2.92 Mbits/sec	34.125 ms 0/27 (0%)			
 [TD]	Interval		 Transfer	Bandwidth	Jitter Lost/Total			
Datagr				Danantach				
[5]		sec	0.00 Bytes	0.00 bits/sec 34	4.125 ms 0/453 (0%)			
Server	listening on	5201						

The "Server listening on 5201" part is the important part. Watch out for lines like "Segmentation fault – program aborted" or any other line that suggests that iPerf isn't running. "A segmentation fault is a fatal error and if you see it you'll know iPerf isn't running. The above test is You can also test that iPerf is running by using Putty (or telnet on any Unix machine or Mac) to connect to the NUK on port 5201.

If you don't get an error, iPerf is running. But if you do this test, you'll see the following in the window running iPerf as a server:

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Server listening on 5201
WARNING: Size of data read does not correspond to offered length
iperf3: error - unable to receive parameters from client:
Server listening on 5201
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Now there is an error message, because you connected to iPerf's port but didn't act as an iPerf client, but the "Server listening on 5201" lets you know that everything is fine. You probably will see messages like this if your server is connected to the public Internet, but as long as you see the "Server listening on 5201" everything is fine.

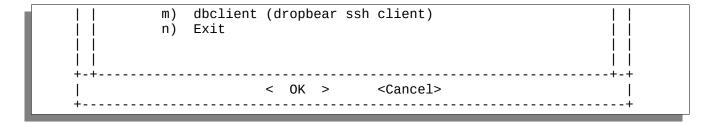
Running iPerf as a client

Now you'll go to the sending NUK, the NUK running iPerf client. You'll start this by using the nettools2 menu:



Which brings up this menu:

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           Please choose from the following:
 a) mtr (continously updating traceroute)
         nbtscan (Look up Netbios names)
      b)
         iPerf server (throughput testing)
      c)
         iPerf client (throughput testing)
      d)
         nmap (port scanner)
      e)
      f)
         rdesktop
      g)
         rinetd
      h)
         tinyproxy
         iperf server - udp mode (throughput testing)
      i)
         flood ping (5 seconds)
      j)
         telnet
      k)
      1)
         nslookup
```



Then choose choice d). You'll see an options window:

```
+----- iperf-client options -----+
| What options do you want to pass to iperf-client |
| +-----+ |
+-|-w 227k |-+
| +-----< OK >----<Cancel>----+ |
+----+
```

Here's a list of all of the possible iperf-client options:

-f,fc -i,ir -F,fi -A,af	ormat iterval le name finity i .nd	# n/n,m <host></host>	server port to listen on/connect to format to report: Kbits, Mbits, KBytes, MBytes seconds between periodic bandwidth reports xmit/recv the specified file set CPU affinity bind to a specific interface more detailed output
-J,js	son		output in JSON format
-d,de			emit debugging output
-v,ve			show version information and quit
-h,he			show this message and quit
-u,u0			use UDP rather than TCP
			target bandwidth in bits/sec (O for unlimited) (default 1 Mbit/sec for UDP, unlimited for TCP) (optional slash and packet count for burst mode)
-t,ti	me	#	time in seconds to transmit for (default 10 secs)
-n,by	'tes		number of bytes to transmit (instead of -t)
	ockcoun	t #[KMG]	number of blocks (packets) to transmit (instead of -t
or -n)		// FI/MO]	length of huffen to used on units
		#[KMG]	length of buffer to read or write (default 128 KB for TCP, 8 KB for UDP)
	rallel	#	number of parallel client streams to run
-R,re			run in reverse mode (server sends, client receives)
-W,Wİ		#[KMG]	set window size / socket buffer size
-M,se		#	set TCP maximum segment size (MTU - 40 bytes)
-N,no	ersion4		set TCP no delay, disabling Nagle's Algorithm only use IPv4
-6,Ve			only use IPv6
-S,to			set the IP 'type of service'
			use a 'zero copy' method of sending data
-0,on			omit the first n seconds
	tle str		prefix every output line with this string
get-se	erver-ou	tput	get results from server

"-w 227k" sets the send window for iperf-client. 227K is the highest window the NUK can use. Other platforms can possibly go higher. Other options are:

"-t n" run for n seconds

"-i n" report the bandwidth achieved every n seconds

"-R" Reverse mode (server sends to client)

"-O n" Ignore the first n seconds. This option is very useful because the first 2 seconds usually contain the most packet drops (especially in TCP mode)

"--get-server-output" This retrieves the output from iperf-server on the far end NUK, which saves you the trouble of connecting to said NUK

Then you're asked which IP address to connect to:

This would run iperf in TCP mode connecting to the server <East Coast3>

If you want to use UDP mode add "-u" in the options window:

and add "-b <badwidth>" after the IP address. Examples of -b:

-b 75M means 75Mbit/sec

-b 200k means 200kbit/sec

So the window would look like this:

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+----- IP Address for iperf-client -----+

| What IP address do you want to pass to iperf-client |

| +-----+ |

+-|<East Coast3> -b 3M |-+

| +-----< OK >----<Cancel>----+ |

+---+
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Which means that it would connect to the IP address <East Coast3> in UDP mode and send data at 3Mbit/second.

Fri Jul 7 20:32:14 GMT 2017							
Connecting to host <upper coast2="" east="">, port 5201</upper>							
<pre>[4] local <east coast3=""> port 64204 connected to <upper coast2="" east=""> port 5201</upper></east></pre>							
[ID] Interval Transfer Bandwidth Total Datagrams							
[4] 0.00-1.01 sec 336 KBytes 2.72 Mbits/sec 42							
[4] 1.01-2.02 sec 368 KBytes 3.01 Mbits/sec 46							
[4] 2.02-3.02 sec 368 KBytes 3.01 Mbits/sec 46							
[4] 3.02-4.02 sec 368 KBytes 3.01 Mbits/sec 46							
[4] 4.02-5.01 sec 360 KBytes 2.97 Mbits/sec 45							
[4] 5.01-6.01 sec 368 KBytes 3.01 Mbits/sec 46							
[4] 6.01-7.01 sec 368 KBytes 3.01 Mbits/sec 46							
[4] 7.01-8.02 sec 368 KBytes 3.01 Mbits/sec 46							
[4] 8.02-9.02 sec 368 KBytes 3.01 Mbits/sec 46							
[4] 9.02-10.02 sec 368 KBytes 3.01 Mbits/sec 46							
[ID] Interval Transfer Bandwidth Jitter Lost/Total							
Datagrams							
[4] 0.00-10.02 sec 3.55 MBytes 2.98 Mbits/sec 8.529 ms 0/455 (0%)							
[4] Sent 455 datagrams							
iperf Done.							
Fri Jul 7 20:32:25 GMT 2017							

The most important part of the output is bolded and in a larger font. As long as that number is 0, then the Bandwidth number is valid. If that number and percentage get high, you have to multiply 100 minus that percentage by the bandwidth number to get the actual bandwidth achieved. For example if we up the bandwidth considerably, we'll see slightly different results:

Fri Jul 14 22:57:31 GMT 2017									
	Connecting to host 74.103.91.203, port 5201								
	•								
	<pre>[4] local <east coast=""> port 65533 connected to 74.103.91.203 port 5201</east></pre>								
[ID]				Bandwidth					
[4]	0.00-1.00	sec	8.23 MBytes	68.9 Mbits/sec	5910 (om	itted)			
[4]	1.00-2.01	sec	9.09 MBytes	75.3 Mbits/sec	6525 (om	itted)			
[4]		sec	9.19 MBytes	77.1 Mbits/sec	6603				
[4]	1.00-2.00	sec	9.01 MBytes	75.6 Mbits/sec	6469				
[4]	2.00-3.01	sec	8.56 MBytes	71.4 Mbits/sec	6149				
[4]	3.01-4.00	sec	9.09 MBytes	76.7 Mbits/sec	6529				
[4]	4.00-5.00	sec	8.85 MBytes	74.3 Mbits/sec	6357				
[ID]	Interval		Transfer	Bandwidth	Jitter	Lost/Total			
Datag	rams								
[4]	0.00-5.00	sec	44.7 MBytes	75.0 Mbits/sec	0.167 ms	268/32104 (0.83%)			
[4]	Sent 32104 da	atagra	ms						

iperf Done. Fri Jul 14 22:57:39 GMT 2017

In this instance, the actual bandwidth achieved is (100-0.83)% or 99.17% of 75 Mbits/sec or 74.38Mbit. In cases where the NUK's are close together, geographically, or are on the same network provider, then there can be situations where there are no dropped (lost) packets. The example above involves two sites that are within 15 miles of each other.

Here are the options passed to iperf-client:

Interpreting the options from left to right, we get: "Ignore the first two seconds of testing, test for 5 seconds, use UDP mode, and get the output from the server"

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Fri Jul 14 23:16:27 GMT 2017
Connecting to host 74.103.91.203, port 5201
   4] local <East Coast> port 65529 connected to 74.103.91.203 port 5201
 ID]IntervalTransferBandwidthTotal Datagrams4]0.00-1.01sec8.90MBytes73.8Mbits/sec6390(omitted)

      1.01-2.01
      sec
      9.59 MBytes
      80.3 Mbits/sec
      6886

      0.00-1.00
      sec
      9.43 MBytes
      79.0 Mbits/sec
      6773

      1.00-2.00
      sec
      9.55 MBytes
      80.0 Mbits/sec
      6862

      2.00-3.01
      sec
      9.54 MBytes
      79.9 Mbits/sec
      6850

      3.01-4.00
      sec
      9.69 MBytes
      81.7 Mbits/sec
      6957

[
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   4]
                                                                             (omitted)
   4]
   4]
   41
[
[
   4]
          4.00-5.00 sec 9.42 MBytes 79.1 Mbits/sec 6768
   4]
  [ ID] Interval
                                Transfer
                                                                     Jitter
                                                                                   Lost/Total
                                                Bandwidth
Datagrams
          0.00-5.00 sec 47.6 MBytes 79.9 Mbits/sec 0.165 ms 666/34210 (1.9%)
  4]
  4] Sent 34210 datagrams
Server output:
Accepted connection from <East Coast>, port 65530
[ 5] local 74.103.91.203 port 5201 connected to <East Coast> port 65529
[ ID] Interval
                                Transfer
                                                Bandwidth
                                                                      Jitter
                                                                                   Lost/Total
Datagrams
          0.00-1.00 sec 6.59 MBytes 55.2 Mbits/sec 0.255 ms 212/4942 (4.3%)
[ 5]
(omitted)
   5]
          1.00-2.00 sec 9.52 MBytes 79.9 Mbits/sec 0.157 ms 1/6837 (0.015%)
(omitted)
                         sec 9.42 MBytes 79.0 Mbits/sec 0.120 ms 83/6848 (1.2%)
   5]
          0.00-1.00
                         sec 9.44 MBytes
   51
          1.00-2.00
                                                 79.2 Mbits/sec 0.150 ms
                                                                                   62/6844 (0.91%)
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51 2.00-3.01 sec 9.36 MBytes 77.8 Mbits/sec 0.129 ms 171/6896 (2.5%) 51 3.01-4.00 sec 9.29 MBytes 78.7 Mbits/sec 0.154 ms 137/6806 (2%) [[[5] 4.00-5.00 sec 9.52 MBytes 79.8 Mbits/sec 0.155 ms 0/6837 (0%) 51 5.00-5.23 sec 2.06 MBytes 76.2 Mbits/sec 0.165 ms 0/1476 (0%) - - - - - - -- - - - - -[ID] Interval Transfer Bandwidth Jitter Lost/Total Datagrams [5] 0.00-5.23 sec 0.00 Bytes 0.00 bits/sec 0.165 ms 453/35707 (1.3%) iperf Done. Fri Jul 14 23:16:35 GMT 2017 Press Ctrl-C to close this window.

The server output is in italics, in the above text and all output below. You can see that there are some intervals where there are no dropped (lost) packets, and another interval where there was 2.5% dropped packets. This is due to the ebb and flow of traffic on the Internet.

Now below is an example where the locations are 2600 miles away. Strangely enough we see similar results.

Fri Jul 14 23:39:55 GMT 2017 Connecting to host <East Coast>, port 5201 4] local <West Coast> port 65528 connected to <East Coast> port 5201 ID] Interval Transfer Bandwidth Total Datagrams 0.00-1.01 sec 8.32 MBytes 69.3 Mbits/sec 7075 (omitted) 41 1.01-2.01 sec 8.95 MBytes 41 75.0 Mbits/sec 6431 (omitted) 0.00-1.00 sec 8.96 MBytes 75.0 Mbits/sec 6432 41 1.01-2.00 sec 9.03 MBytes 76.4 Mbits/sec 41 6488 2.00-3.02 3.02-4.01 sec 8.88 MBytes 73.6 Mbits/sec 6376 41 41 sec 9.06 MBytes 76.6 Mbits/sec 6507 4.01-5.01 41 sec 8.85 MBytes 74.1 Mbits/sec 6354 - - - - - -[ID] Interval Transfer Bandwidth Jitter Lost/Total Datagrams sec 44.7 MBytes 74.9 Mbits/sec 0.095 ms 502/32103 (1.6%) 4] 0.00-5.01 4] Sent 32103 datagrams Server output: Accepted connection from <East Coast>, port 65529 [5] local <West Coast> port 5201 connected to <East Coast> port 65528 [ID] Interval Transfer Bandwidth Jitter Lost/Total Datagrams [5] 0.00-1.00 sec 5.64 MBytes 47.3 Mbits/sec 0.251 ms 186/4238 (4.4%) (omitted) 1.00-2.00 sec 8.86 MBytes 74.4 Mbits/sec 0.156 ms 56/6418 (0.87%) 5] (omitted) 77/6414 (1.2%) 5] 0.00-1.00 sec 8.82 MBytes 74.0 Mbits/sec 0.117 ms L 8.83 MBytes 1.00-2.00 74.0 Mbits/sec 0.100 ms 47/6386 (0.74%) [5] sec 5] 2.00-3.00 sec 9.01 MBytes 75.5 Mbits/sec 0.125 ms 44/6513 (0.68%)

3.00-4.00 sec 8.99 MBytes 75.4 Mbits/sec 0.093 ms 31/6486 (0.48%) 51 51 4.00-5.00 sec 8.68 MBytes 72.8 Mbits/sec 0.178 ms 61/6297 (0.97%) Γ 51 5.00-5.26 sec 2.44 MBytes 77.4 Mbits/sec 0.095 ms 0/1754 (0%) [ID] Interval Transfer Bandwidth Jitter Lost/Total Datagrams 0.00-5.26 sec 0.00 Bytes 0.00 bits/sec 0.095 ms 260/33850 (0.77%) [5] iperf Done. Fri Jul 14 23:41:25 GMT 2017

But if we reverse the connection (from West to East, rather than East to West), we see a different picture:

Fri Jul 14 23:39:55 GMT 2017 Connecting to host <East Coast>, port 5201 4] local <West Coast> port 65528 connected to <East Coast> port 5201 ID] Interval Transfer Bandwidth Total Datagrams Г 0.00-1.01 sec 8.32 MBytes 69.3 Mbits/sec 7075 4] (omitted) 1.01-2.01sec8.32MBytes09.3MBits/sec70731.01-2.01sec8.95MBytes75.0Mbits/sec64310.00-1.00sec8.96MBytes75.0Mbits/sec64321.00-2.00sec8.96MBytes75.0Mbits/sec64332.00-3.00sec9.16MBytes77.1Mbits/sec6577 4] (omitted) [[41 41 [[[4] 3.00-4.01 sec 8.73 MBytes 72.7 Mbits/sec 6269 4] 4.01-5.01 sec 8.96 MBytes 75.0 Mbits/sec 6434 [4] [ID] Interval Transfer Bandwidth Jitter Lost/Total Datagrams [4] 0.00-5.01 sec 44.8 MBytes 75.0 Mbits/sec 0.135 ms 5429/32144 (17%) [4] Sent 32144 datagrams Server output: Server listening on 5201 Accepted connection from <West Coast>, port 65522 [5] local <East Coast> port 5201 connected to <West Coast> port 65528 [ID] Interval Transfer Bandwidth Jitter Lost/Total Datagrams 0.00-1.00 sec 5.08 MBytes 42.6 Mbits/sec 0.163 ms 1644/5293 (31%) [5] (omitted) 1.00-2.00 [5] sec 7.95 MBytes 66.7 Mbits/sec 0.124 ms 716/6427 (11%) (omitted) 51 0.00-1.00 sec 8.22 MBytes 68.9 Mbits/sec 0.128 ms 575/6477 (8.9%) [[5] 1.00-2.00 sec 8.27 MBytes 69.4 Mbits/sec 0.142 ms 461/6399 (7.2%) [5] 2.00-3.00 sec 7.92 MBytes 66.4 Mbits/sec 0.149 ms 644/6331 (10%) 3.00-4.00 [5] sec 8.23 MBytes 69.1 Mbits/sec 0.106 ms 605/6519 (9.3%) 4.00-5.00 sec 8.07 MBytes 67.7 Mbits/sec 0.122 ms 620/6414 (9.7%) [51 5.00-5.28 sec 2.26 MBytes 68.6 Mbits/sec 0.135 ms 164/1790 (9.2%) [5] [ID] Interval Transfer Bandwidth Jitter Lost/Total Datagrams 0.00-5.28 sec 0.00 Bytes 0.00 bits/sec 0.135 ms 3069/33930 (9%) 5]

iperf Done. Fri Jul 14 23:40:03 GMT 2017

First of all, the West Coast side sees 17% dropped (lost) packets, whereas the East Coast side sees 9% (note the 31% in the first interval, which was ignored (omitted). I dropped the bandwidth down to 3M, but still saw similar packet loss. The lesson to learn is that the Internet is complicated and has bottlenecks, especially when you have to cross the country. To show the reason for using UDP mode and looking at all of the lost packets, we'll try it in TCP mode. The results are laughable, so we'll leave off the –get-server-output, option.

	Sat Jul 15 00:04:17 GMT 2017							
	Connecting to host <east coast="">, port 5201</east>							
	[4]	local <west< td=""><td>Coast></td><td>• port 65514 connected to <east coast=""> port 5201</east></td><td></td></west<>	Coast>	• port 65514 connected to <east coast=""> port 5201</east>				
	[ID]	Interval		Transfer Bandwidth				
	[4]	0.00-1.00	sec	115 KBytes 944 Kbits/sec (omitted)				
	[4]	1.00-2.01	sec	0.00 Bytes 0.00 bits/sec (omitted)				
	[4]	0.00-1.01	sec	0.00 Bytes 0.00 bits/sec				
	[4]	1.01-2.01	sec	0.00 Bytes 0.00 bits/sec				
	[4]	2.01-3.01	sec	9.90 KBytes 81.8 Kbits/sec				
	[4]	3.01-4.01	sec	4.24 KBytes 34.7 Kbits/sec				
	[4]	4.01-5.01	sec	5.66 KBytes 46.3 Kbits/sec				
ŀ								
	[ID]	Interval		Transfer Bandwidth				
	[4]	0.00-5.01	sec	19.8 KBytes 32.4 Kbits/sec sender				
	[4]	0.00-5.01	sec	19.8 KBytes 32.4 Kbits/sec receiver				

We get a grand total of 32.4 KILObit per second :) Certainly not the best the circuits can do. Now reversing the direction helps, but the max we get is 22.3Mbit/second in the last interval whereas with UDP mode we were getting over 99% of 75Mbit/second.

Sat Jul 15 00:06:06 GMT 2017							
Connecting to ho	st <west coa<="" td=""><td>st>, por</td><td>t 5201</td><td></td><td></td></west>	st>, por	t 5201				
			connected to <west< td=""><td>Coast> port</td><td>5201</td></west<>	Coast> port	5201		
[ID] Interval			Bandwidth				
			4.98 Mbits/sec		(omitted)		
			9.50 Mbits/sec		(omitted)		
			12.1 Mbits/sec				
[4] 1.00-2.0			15.5 Mbits/sec				
[4] 2.01-3.0		-	17.0 Mbits/sec				
[4] 3.02-4.0			20.6 Mbits/sec				
[4] 4.01-5.0	0 sec 2.6	5 MBytes	22.3 Mbits/sec				
[ID] Interval	 Tra	nsfer	Bandwidth				
[4] 0.00-5.0	0 sec 10.	4 MBytes	17.5 Mbits/sec		sender		
[4] 0.00-5.0	0 sec 10.	7 MBytes	18.0 Mbits/sec		receiver		
iperf Done.							
Sat Jul 15 00:06	:16 GMT 2017						

Here is a table of IP addresses assigned to NUK's that you can refer to as you run iPerf.

NUK Location	NUK Mgmt IP	NUK Mgmt range	NUK Monitor1 IP	NUK Monitor 2 IP