

## LANforge Scripting Cookbook

The LANforge Scripting Cookbook provides examples of how to run LANforge scripts and LANforge script development. The scripts are written in Python and Perl. The Python scripts are written to support functionality available in Python 3.7 for support of LANforge systems running Fedora 27

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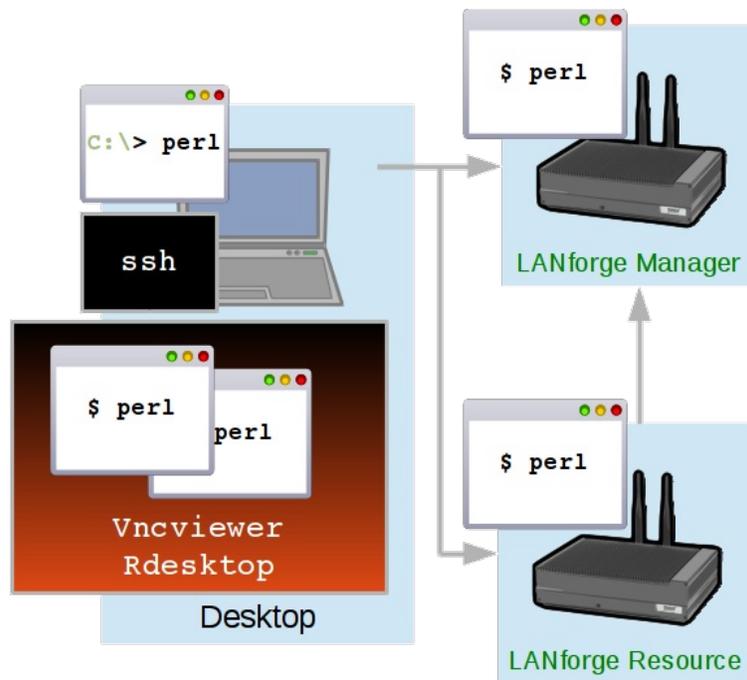
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## Places to Run CLI Commands

You do not need to operate scripts directly from the LANforge server, and this allows you to code scripts in your preferred text editing environment. Likewise, you do not need to run a copy of LANforge Server on your desktop. Scripts will create a plain-text connection to the LANforger server you specify.



### Windows Desktop

You can install a copy of the LANforge Server on your windows desktop (without a license) so that you have access to the Perl scripting libraries. Edit scripts and run them from your `C:\Program Files\LANforge-Server\scripts` directory.

### Linux Desktop

You can copy the LANforge scripts folder directly from your LANforge server to your Documents directory with `scp`.

### SSH or VNC connection to LANforge Server

Using `vncviewer`, `rdesktop` or `ssh` are all fine options to connect to the LANforge server to write and operate scripts. The LANforge server comes with a basic Linux desktop and you can use `emacs`, `vim`, `pluma`, or `gedit` text editors installed by default. When editing scripts on the LANforge server itself, be careful to back up your work before you upgrade LANforge. The LANforge install process will over-write scripts of the same name in the scripts directory.

## Requirements for Scripts

Your desktop (or other computer) running CLI scripts needs to have a reliable (wired) connection to the management port of your LANforge server. If you are engaging in long running tests, you might consider running the scripts from the LANforge manager itself if your desktop machine needs to be powered off.

### Script Libraries

CLI scripts are written using Perl. They require the libraries in `/home/lanforge/scripts/LANforge` Users may write scripts in other programming languages, such as python, but in that case, they will not be able to take direct advantage of the Perl scripts included in LANforge.

### On Windows

LANforge is more fully featured on Linux, but basic support exists on Windows as well.

You can run CLI scripts from any Windows desktop as long as you have Perl installed. You can use [ActiveState Perl](#) or [Perl from the Cygwin project](#). We also highly suggest installing [PuTTY ssh client](#) to access your LANforge server.

### On Linux/OS X

Most Linux distributions come with an `ssh` client and Perl already installed.

### LANforge Server Requirements

The following examples will create test scenarios that work on LANforge Linux systems running the LANforge software with the LANforge kernel and a sufficient license. If you are running LANforge server using another Linux kernel, you may not be able to operate some of the examples. (Features like Armageddon,

operation of WiFi-AC radios, and WanLinks all require drivers included only in Candela provided kernels.)

Please contact us at [support@candelatech.com](mailto:support@candelatech.com) if you have any questions.

## Before Starting LANforge-CLI Traffic Generation

Before attempting the examples below, ensure that you have successfully followed these software installation guides:

- [LANforge-GUI Installation](#)
- [LANforge Server Installation](#)

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It is also recommended that you back up your current running LANforge Server database so that you may safely return to your current operating state.

For instance:

```
su - root
cd /home/lanforge
tar -cvzf my_db_backup.tar.gz DB
```

- [All cookbook examples in one page. Good for printing.](#)

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