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# Red Hat Enterprise Linux Release 9.2 Manual Pages on 'ethers.5' command

## \$ man ethers.5

ETHERS(5) Linux System Administrator's Manual ETHERS(5)

## NAME

ethers - Ethernet address to IP number database

## DESCRIPTION

/etc/ethers contains 48 bit Ethernet addresses and their corresponding

IP numbers, one line for each IP number:

Ethernet-address IP-number

The two items are separated by any number of SPACE and/or TAB charac? ters. A # at the beginning of a line starts a comment which extends to the end of the line. The Ethernet-address is written as x:x:x:x:x; where x is a hexadecimal number between 0 and ff which represents one byte of the address, which is in network byte order (big-endian). The IP-number may be a hostname which can be resolved by DNS or a dot sepa? rated number.

## EXAMPLES

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