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Due to some idle time* a couple of weeks ago, here's a quick comparison between a few network control tools for Linux.

These tools all give you some sort of network control from the Desktop - a service traditionally provided by daemons and initialisation scripts. The problem with that is roaming - it's much more common nowadays to have a laptop travel between multiple access points (Ethernet, 802.11, wireless broadband...) and many of the tasks can be automated. So what better way to use a point-and-click approach.

[The three competitors, and here's how they compare by features:](#) [2]

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