

# NETWORK SECURITY

## HOMEWORK-5

### BYPASSING FIREWALLS USING VPN

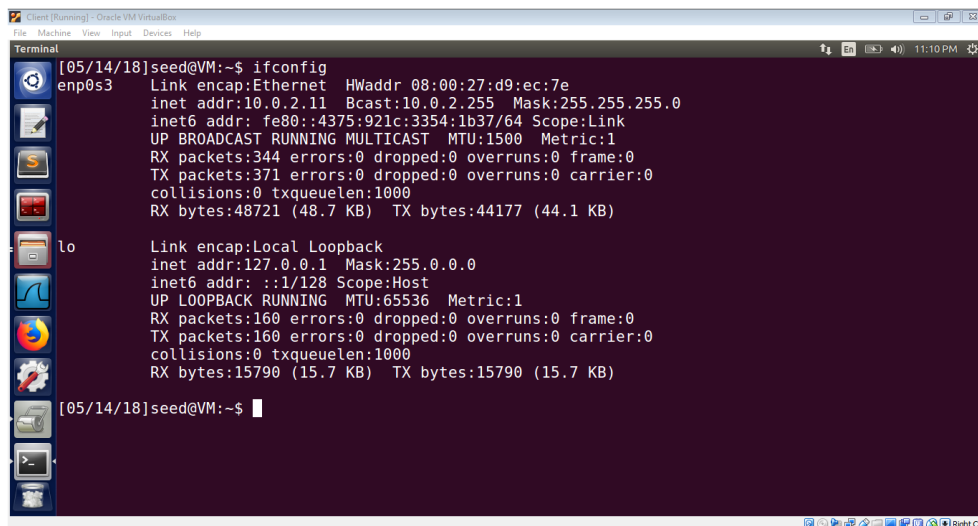
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## 2.1 TASK 1: VM SETUP

**VM1 = CLIENT MACHINE (inside the firewall)**

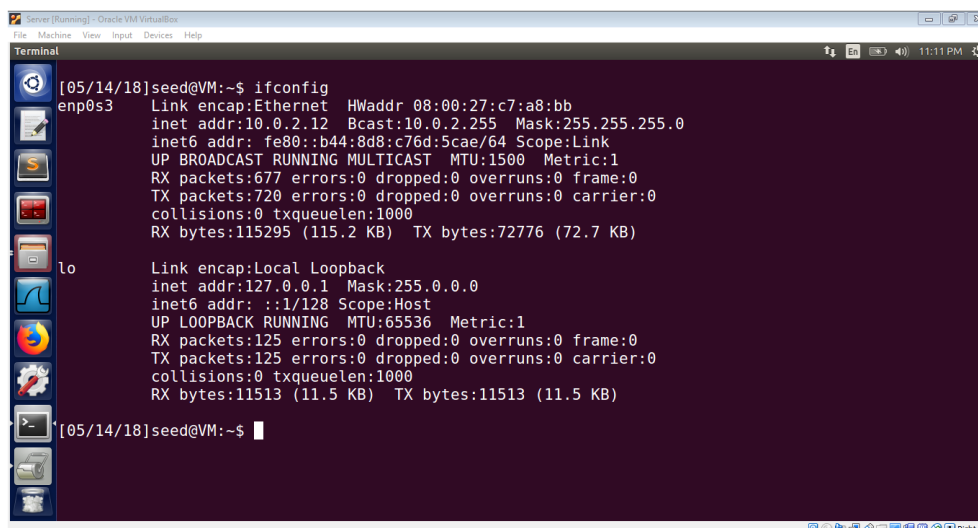


```
[05/14/18]seed@VM:~$ ifconfig
enp0s3  Link encap:Ethernet  HWaddr 08:00:27:d9:ec:7e
        inet addr:10.0.2.11  Bcast:10.0.2.255  Mask:255.255.255.0
        inet6 addr: fe80::4375:921c:3354:1b37/64 Scope:Link
        UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST  MTU:1500  Metric:1
        RX packets:344 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
        TX packets:371 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
        collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
        RX bytes:48721 (48.7 KB)  TX bytes:44177 (44.1 KB)

lo      Link encap:Local Loopback
        inet addr:127.0.0.1  Mask:255.0.0.0
        inet6 addr: ::1/128 Scope:Host
        UP LOOPBACK RUNNING  MTU:65536  Metric:1
        RX packets:160 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
        TX packets:160 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
        collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
        RX bytes:15790 (15.7 KB)  TX bytes:15790 (15.7 KB)

[05/14/18]seed@VM:~$
```

**VM2 = SERVER MACHINE (outside the firewall)**



```
[05/14/18]seed@VM:~$ ifconfig
enp0s3  Link encap:Ethernet  HWaddr 08:00:27:c7:a8:bb
        inet addr:10.0.2.12  Bcast:10.0.2.255  Mask:255.255.255.0
        inet6 addr: fe80::b44:8d8:c76d:5cae/64 Scope:Link
        UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST  MTU:1500  Metric:1
        RX packets:677 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
        TX packets:720 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
        collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
        RX bytes:115295 (115.2 KB)  TX bytes:72776 (72.7 KB)

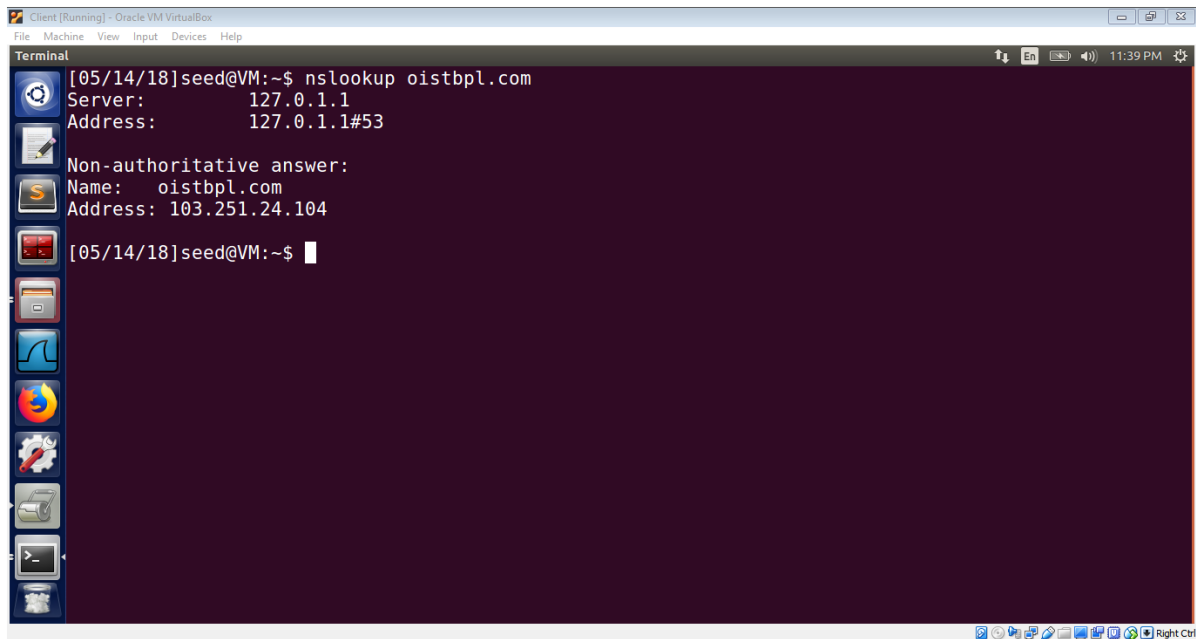
lo      Link encap:Local Loopback
        inet addr:127.0.0.1  Mask:255.0.0.0
        inet6 addr: ::1/128 Scope:Host
        UP LOOPBACK RUNNING  MTU:65536  Metric:1
        RX packets:125 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
        TX packets:125 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
        collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
        RX bytes:11513 (11.5 KB)  TX bytes:11513 (11.5 KB)

[05/14/18]seed@VM:~$
```

## 2.2 TASK 2: SET UP FIREWALL

In this task we will setup a firewall on the “Client” machine to block the access to a website. The target website in this lab is “**oistbpl.com**”, which is the webpage of “ORIENTAL INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, Bhopal, India. In the below screenshot we have given a command to look for the IP address of our target website. Command that we will use for this is

- `nslookup oistbpl.com`



```
Client [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox
File Machine View Input Devices Help
Terminal
[05/14/18]seed@VM:~$ nslookup oistbpl.com
Server:      127.0.1.1
Address:     127.0.1.1#53

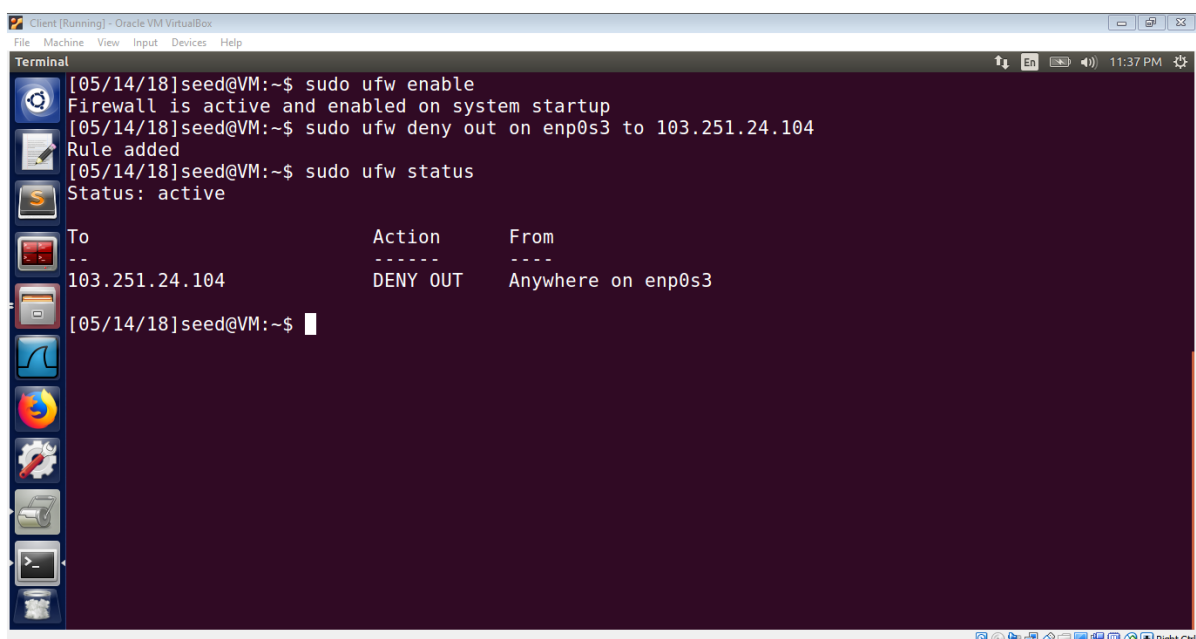
Non-authoritative answer:
Name:   oistbpl.com
Address: 103.251.24.104

[05/14/18]seed@VM:~$
```

Now for setting up the firewall rules we will use the **ufw** program. The command that we will use to block “oistbpl.com” is

- `sudo ufw deny out on enp0s3 to 103.251.24.104`

All the commands that we use to setup firewall are mentioned in the below screenshot.



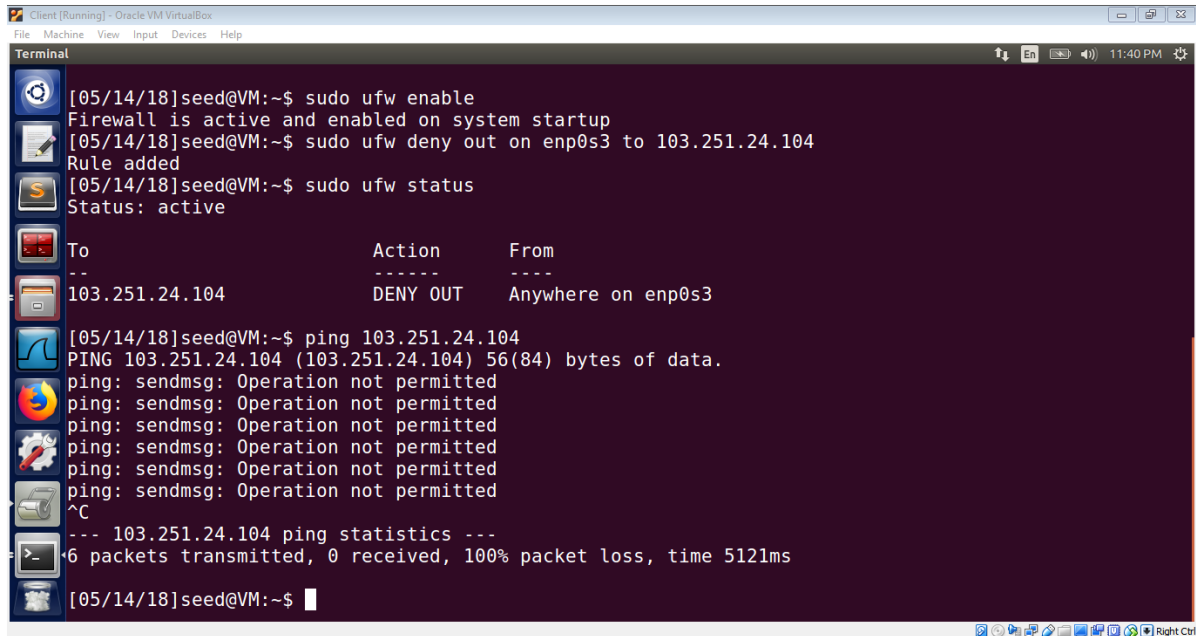
```
Client [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox
File Machine View Input Devices Help
Terminal
[05/14/18]seed@VM:~$ sudo ufw enable
Firewall is active and enabled on system startup
[05/14/18]seed@VM:~$ sudo ufw deny out on enp0s3 to 103.251.24.104
Rule added
[05/14/18]seed@VM:~$ sudo ufw status
Status: active

To           Action      From
--           -
103.251.24.104 DENY OUT    Anywhere on enp0s3

[05/14/18]seed@VM:~$
```

Now to check whether the firewall is working properly or not we will make use of ping command.

- ping 103.251.24.104



```
[05/14/18]seed@VM:~$ sudo ufw enable
Firewall is active and enabled on system startup
[05/14/18]seed@VM:~$ sudo ufw deny out on enp0s3 to 103.251.24.104
Rule added
[05/14/18]seed@VM:~$ sudo ufw status
Status: active

To Action From
-- Action --
103.251.24.104 DENY OUT Anywhere on enp0s3

[05/14/18]seed@VM:~$ ping 103.251.24.104
PING 103.251.24.104 (103.251.24.104) 56(84) bytes of data.
ping: sendmsg: Operation not permitted
ping: sendmsg: Operation not permitted
ping: sendmsg: Operation not permitted
ping: sendmsg: Operation not permitted
ping: sendmsg: Operation not permitted
ping: sendmsg: Operation not permitted
^C
--- 103.251.24.104 ping statistics ---
6 packets transmitted, 0 received, 100% packet loss, time 5121ms

[05/14/18]seed@VM:~$
```

On pinging the “oistbpl.com” website we are getting the following response

- ping: sendmsg: Operation not permitted (in the above screenshot)

Also, few packets are transmitted but none of them were received. So, this confirms that our **firewall setup was successful.**

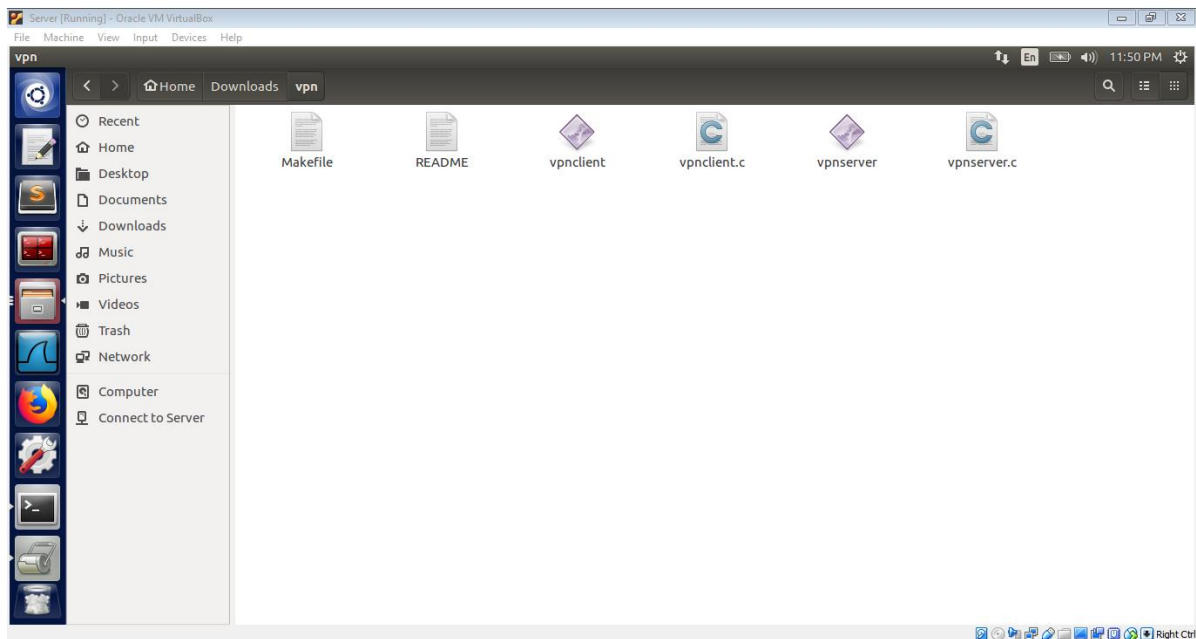
### **2.3 TASK 3: BYPASSING FIREWALL USING VPN**

Earlier we saw that we are no longer able to access “oistbpl.com” because we have blocked it using firewall. Now if we want to access the blocked site then we must first establish a VPN tunnel through which the packets from “Client” machine will reach the “Server” machine. Now from the “Server” machine the packet will be directed to the destination i.e. the target website. The response packets also follow the similar process.

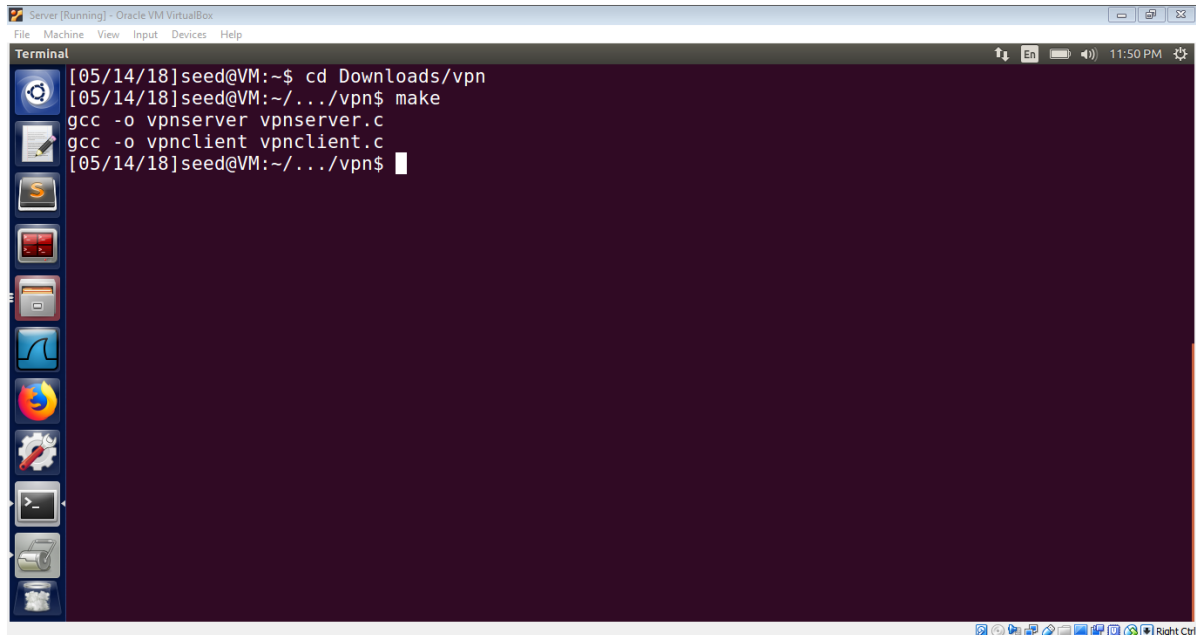
Now we will run the VPN server and VPN client program, both of which can be downloaded from the SEED labs website. **After running the server and client program a tunnel will be established between the “Client” and the “server” machine.**

## Step 1: Run VPN server

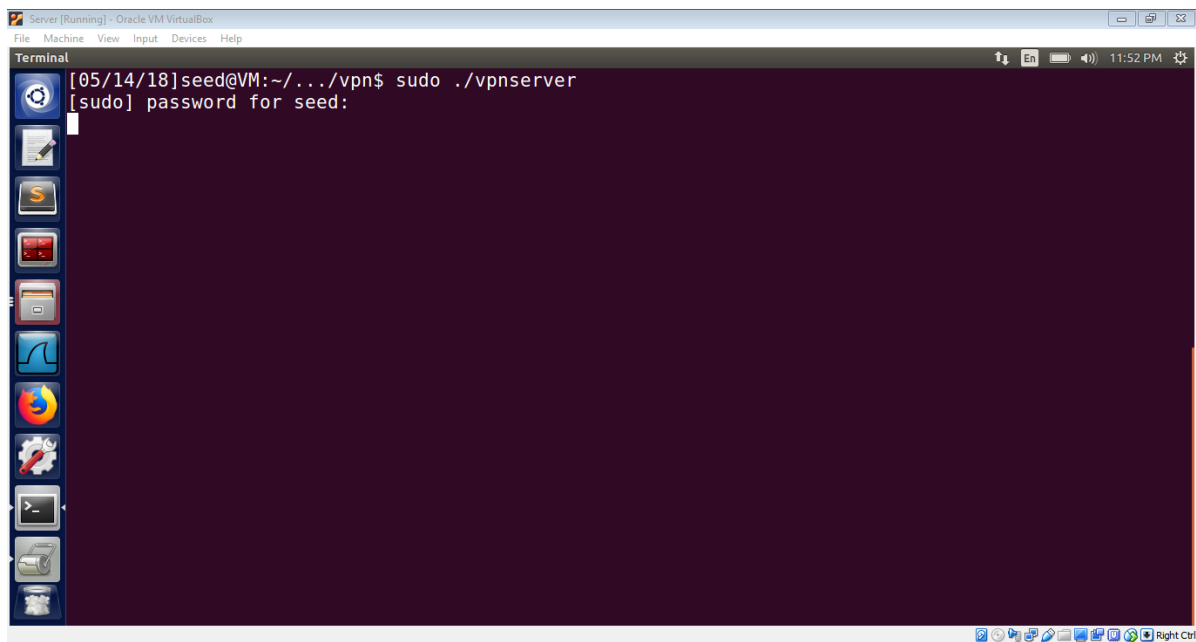
After downloading the VPN server and client program from SEED labs website, we will extract all the files from the ZIP folder.



Now, to compile the VPN server and client program we will give the make command to run the make file. It is demonstrated in the below screenshot.



Now we will start the server program.



After the program runs we will give the following command

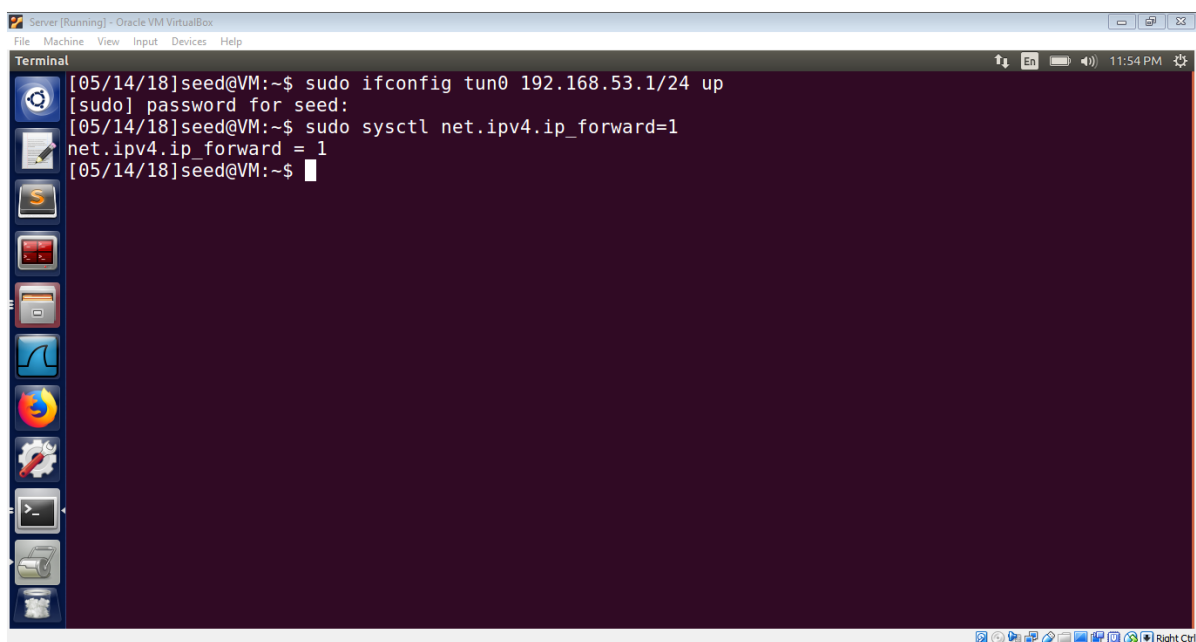
- `ifconfig -a`

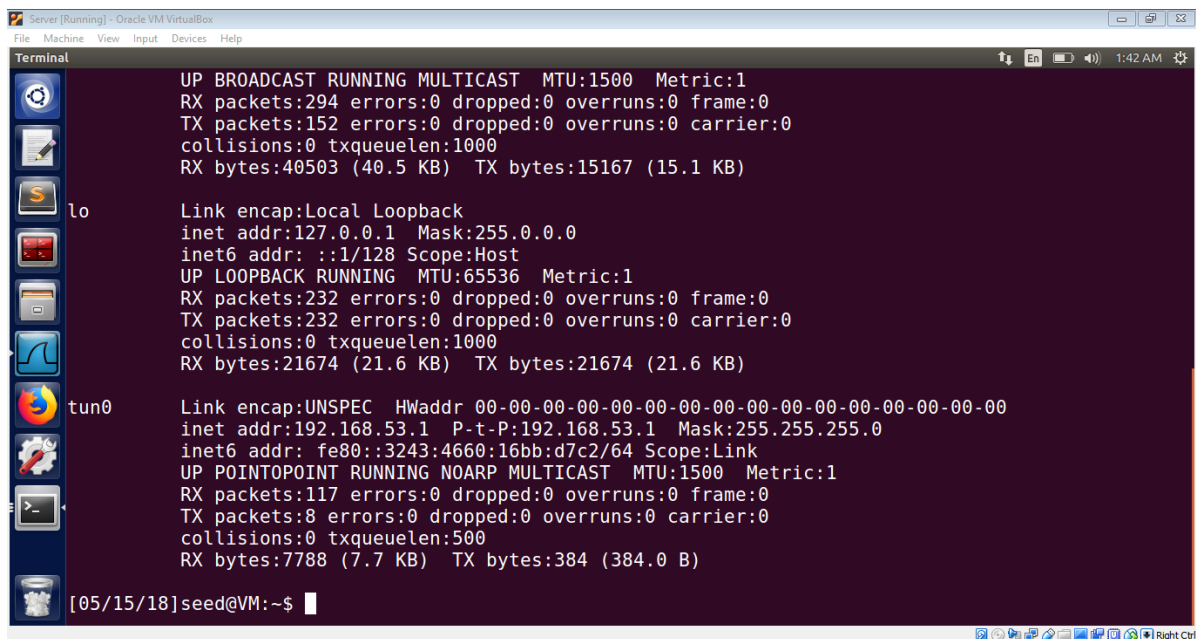
We will observe that a virtual interface is created called "tun0". Now we will move onto another terminal and will give a command to assign an IP address to the "tun0" interface on the server side and to initiate the tunnel. Command that we use is

- `sudo ifconfig tun0 192.168.53.1/24 up`

Now since the server also must forward the packets to other destination we will enable the IPv4 packet forwarding on the server side. To do this we will use the following command

- `sudo sysctl net.ipv4.ip_forward=1`





```
UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST MTU:1500 Metric:1
RX packets:294 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
TX packets:152 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
RX bytes:40503 (40.5 KB) TX bytes:15167 (15.1 KB)

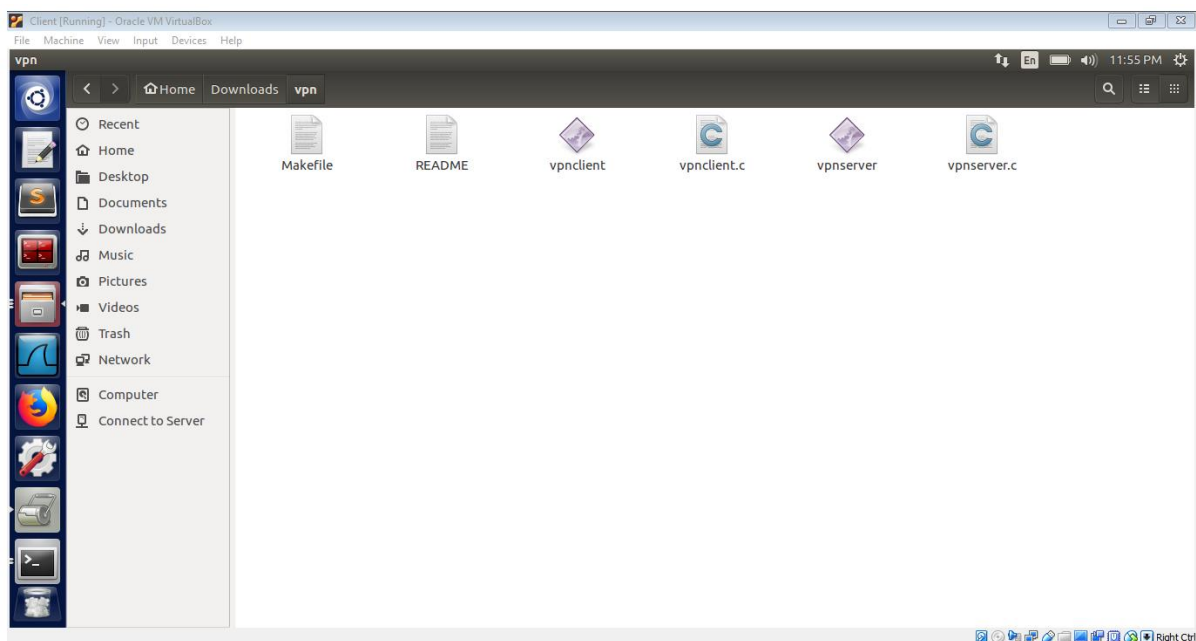
lo
Link encap:Local Loopback
inet addr:127.0.0.1 Mask:255.0.0.0
inet6 addr: ::1/128 Scope:Host
UP LOOPBACK RUNNING MTU:65536 Metric:1
RX packets:232 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
TX packets:232 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
RX bytes:21674 (21.6 KB) TX bytes:21674 (21.6 KB)

tun0
Link encap:UNSPEC HWaddr 00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00
inet addr:192.168.53.1 P-t-P:192.168.53.1 Mask:255.255.255.0
inet6 addr: fe80::3243:4660:16bb:d7c2/64 Scope:Link
UP POINTOPOINT RUNNING NOARP MULTICAST MTU:1500 Metric:1
RX packets:117 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
TX packets:8 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
collisions:0 txqueuelen:500
RX bytes:7788 (7.7 KB) TX bytes:384 (384.0 B)

[05/15/18]seed@VM:~$
```

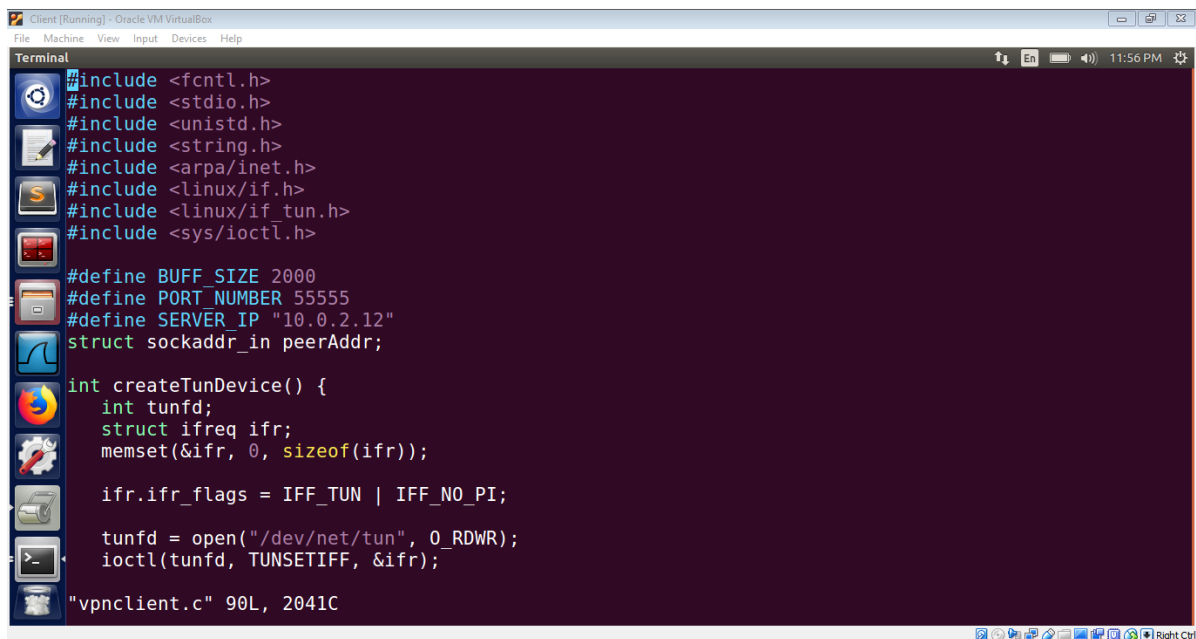
## Step 2: Run the client side

After downloading the VPN server and client program from SEED labs website, we will extract all the files from the ZIP folder.



Now we will run the VPN client program which in turn will connect this VPN client program with VPN server program running on "10.0.2.12".

But before that we will open the vpnclient.c file. Once we get access to the file we will update the SERVER\_IP as 10.0.2.12 which is our "Server" machine IP address. Once we are done with this we will save and close the file.



```
#include <fcntl.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <arpa/inet.h>
#include <linux/if.h>
#include <linux/if_tun.h>
#include <sys/ioctl.h>

#define BUFF_SIZE 2000
#define PORT_NUMBER 55555
#define SERVER_IP "10.0.2.12"
struct sockaddr_in peerAddr;

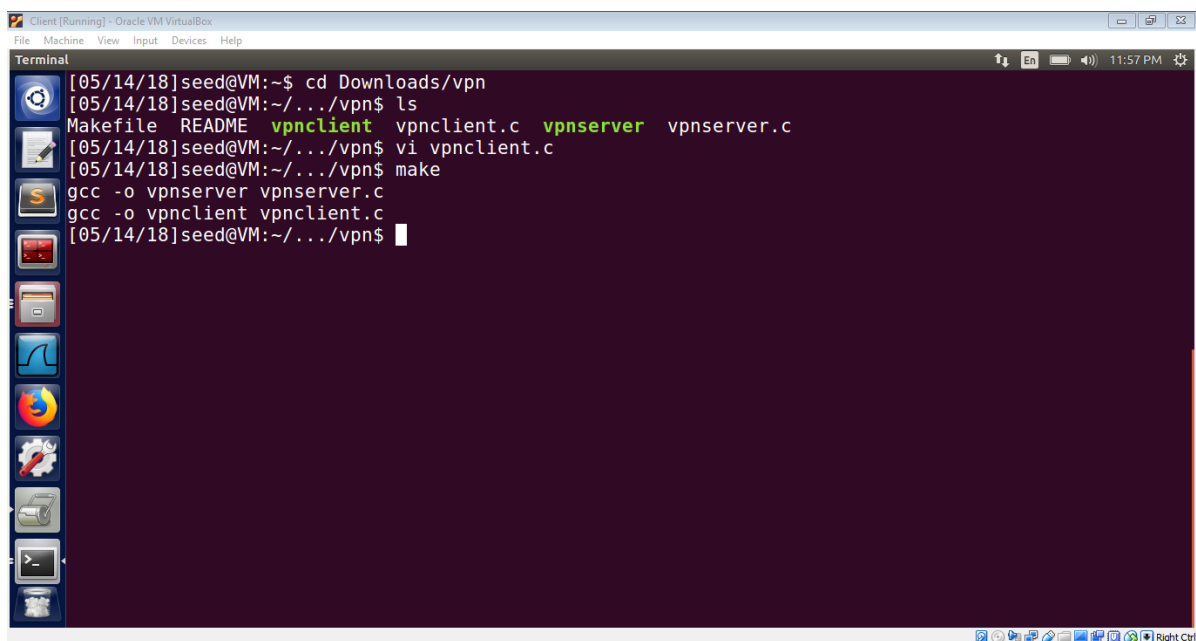
int createTunDevice() {
    int tunfd;
    struct ifreq ifr;
    memset(&ifr, 0, sizeof(ifr));

    ifr.ifr_flags = IFF_TUN | IFF_NO_PI;

    tunfd = open("/dev/net/tun", O_RDWR);
    ioctl(tunfd, TUNSETIFF, &ifr);

    "vpnclient.c" 90L, 2041C
```

Now to compile the VPN client program we will first run the make file.



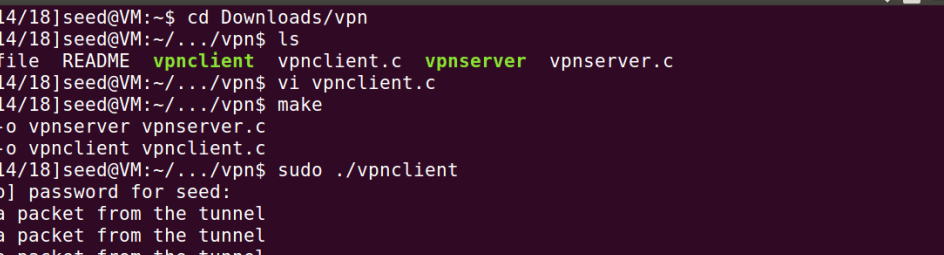
```
[05/14/18]seed@VM:~$ cd Downloads/vpn
[05/14/18]seed@VM:~/.../vpn$ ls
Makefile  README  vpnclient  vpnclient.c  vpnserver  vpnserver.c
[05/14/18]seed@VM:~/.../vpn$ vi vpnclient.c
[05/14/18]seed@VM:~/.../vpn$ make
gcc -o vpnserver vpnserver.c
gcc -o vpnclient vpnclient.c
[05/14/18]seed@VM:~/.../vpn$
```

Now we will run the client program. To do this we will give the following command

- `sudo ./vpnclient`

And again, in another terminal we will give a command to assign an IP address to “tun0” interface.

- `Sudo ifconfig tun0 192.168.53.5/24 up`



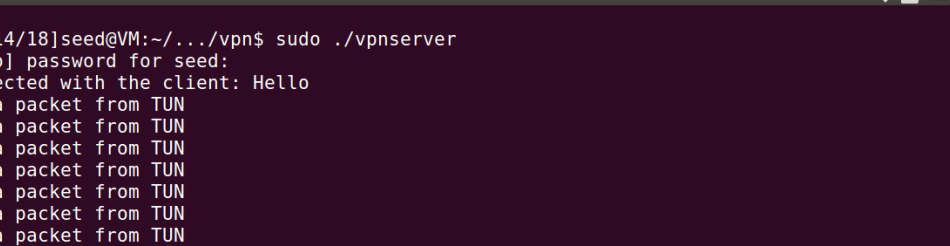
The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "Terminal" with a dark background. The terminal output is as follows:

```
[05/14/18]seed@VM:~$ cd Downloads/vpn
[05/14/18]seed@VM:~/.../vpn$ ls
Makefile  README  vpnclient  vpnserver.c  vpnserver.c
[05/14/18]seed@VM:~/.../vpn$ vi vpnclient.c
[05/14/18]seed@VM:~/.../vpn$ make
gcc -o vpnserver vpnserver.c
gcc -o vpnclient vpnclient.c
[05/14/18]seed@VM:~/.../vpn$ sudo ./vpnclient
[sudo] password for seed:
Got a packet from the tunnel
Got a packet from the tunnel
Got a packet from the tunnel
Got a packet from the tunnel
Got a packet from the tunnel
Got a packet from the tunnel
Got a packet from the tunnel
```

The terminal window is part of an Oracle VM VirtualBox environment, as indicated by the title bar. The left sidebar shows various application icons, and the bottom status bar displays system information and a "Right Click" menu.

From the above screenshot we can observe that as soon as we run the VPN client program, **we see that the tunnel is established, and few packets are going from the client to the server side.**

On the server side (see the below screenshot), we see that it shows the message **“Connected with the client: Hello”**, and it is receiving packets from the server. It confirms that the tunnel is created.

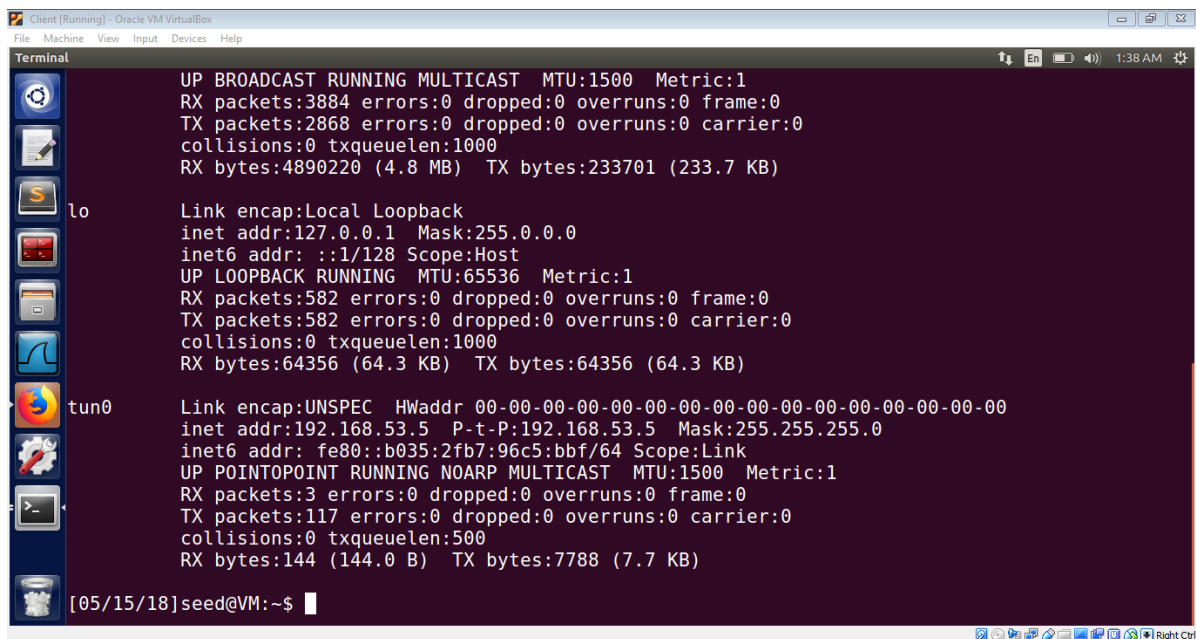


The screenshot shows a VirtualBox window titled "Server [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox". The menu bar includes File, Machine, View, Input, Devices, and Help. The main area is a terminal window titled "Terminal" with a dark purple background. The terminal shows the following commands and output:

```
[05/14/18]seed@VM:~/../vpn$ sudo ./vpnserv
[sudo] password for seed:
Connected with the client: Hello
Got a packet from TUN
Got a packet from TUN
Got a packet from TUN
Got a packet from TUN
Got a packet from TUN
Got a packet from TUN
```

On the left side of the terminal window, there is a vertical dock with several application icons: a gear (Settings), a notepad (Text Editor), a terminal (Terminal), a file manager (Files), a web browser (Firefox), a system monitor (System Monitor), a network manager (Network Manager), a power button (Power), and a help icon (Help). The bottom of the screen shows the Windows taskbar with various system icons and the date/time display.



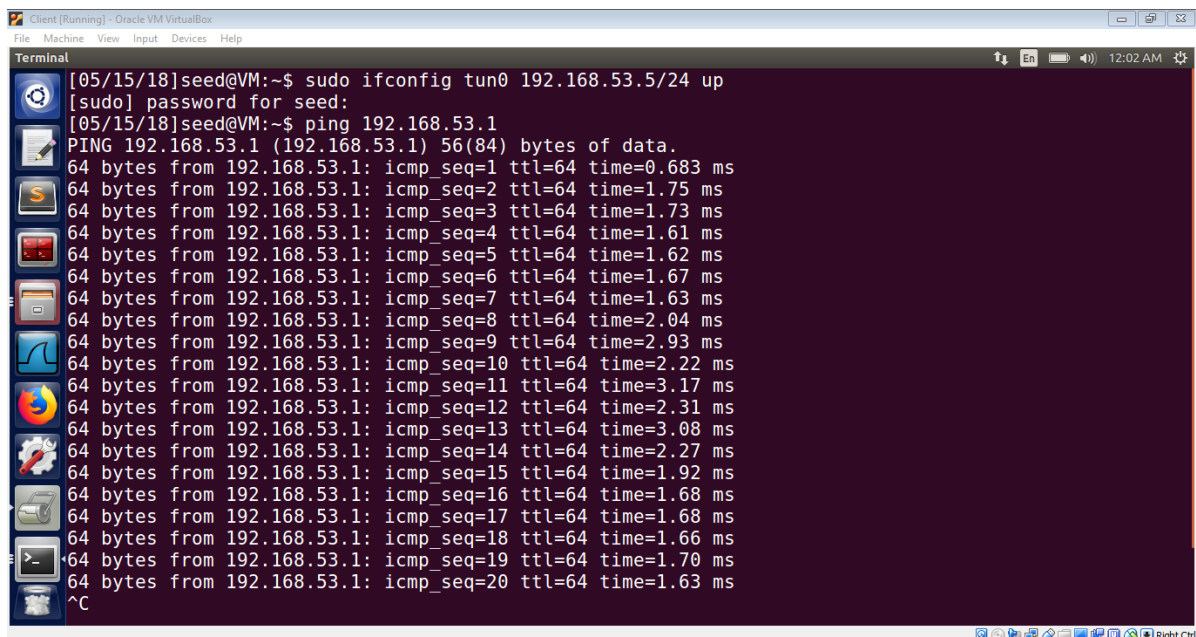


```
UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST MTU:1500 Metric:1
RX packets:3884 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
TX packets:2868 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
RX bytes:4890220 (4.8 MB) TX bytes:233701 (233.7 KB)

lo
Link encap:Local Loopback
inet addr:127.0.0.1 Mask:255.0.0.0
inet6 addr: ::1/128 Scope:Host
UP LOOPBACK RUNNING MTU:65536 Metric:1
RX packets:582 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
TX packets:582 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
RX bytes:64356 (64.3 KB) TX bytes:64356 (64.3 KB)

tun0
Link encap:UNSPEC HWaddr 00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00
inet addr:192.168.53.5 P-t-P:192.168.53.5 Mask:255.255.255.0
inet6 addr: fe80::b035:2fb7:96c5:bbf/64 Scope:Link
UP POINTOPOINT RUNNING NOARP MULTICAST MTU:1500 Metric:1
RX packets:3 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
TX packets:117 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
collisions:0 txqueuelen:500
RX bytes:144 (144.0 B) TX bytes:7788 (7.7 KB)

[05/15/18]seed@VM:~$
```



```
[05/15/18]seed@VM:~$ sudo ifconfig tun0 192.168.53.5/24 up
[sudo] password for seed:
[05/15/18]seed@VM:~$ ping 192.168.53.1
PING 192.168.53.1 (192.168.53.1) 56(84) bytes of data:
64 bytes from 192.168.53.1: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.683 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.53.1: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=1.75 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.53.1: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=1.73 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.53.1: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=1.61 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.53.1: icmp_seq=5 ttl=64 time=1.62 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.53.1: icmp_seq=6 ttl=64 time=1.67 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.53.1: icmp_seq=7 ttl=64 time=1.63 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.53.1: icmp_seq=8 ttl=64 time=2.04 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.53.1: icmp_seq=9 ttl=64 time=2.93 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.53.1: icmp_seq=10 ttl=64 time=2.22 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.53.1: icmp_seq=11 ttl=64 time=3.17 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.53.1: icmp_seq=12 ttl=64 time=2.31 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.53.1: icmp_seq=13 ttl=64 time=3.08 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.53.1: icmp_seq=14 ttl=64 time=2.27 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.53.1: icmp_seq=15 ttl=64 time=1.92 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.53.1: icmp_seq=16 ttl=64 time=1.68 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.53.1: icmp_seq=17 ttl=64 time=1.68 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.53.1: icmp_seq=18 ttl=64 time=1.66 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.53.1: icmp_seq=19 ttl=64 time=1.70 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.53.1: icmp_seq=20 ttl=64 time=1.63 ms
^C
```

The above screenshot shows commands that we use to assign IP address to the tunnel interface on the client side. Also, **we will use the ping command** to check whether the packets are going through tunnel or not. After pinging we see that packet are being transmitted that means **the tunnel is successfully established between the VPN client and VPN server**.

### Step 3: Set up Routing on Client VM

After the tunnel is established we will set up a routing path on the Client VM so that the traffic we want to pass through the tunnel can pass through it. **We want the packet destined to “103.251.24.104” to pass through the interface “tun0”**. The below screenshot demonstrates the command we use to do this.

```
Client [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox
File Machine View Input Devices Help

Terminal
[05/15/18]seed@VM:~$ sudo route add -host 103.251.24.104 tun0
[sudo] password for seed:
[05/15/18]seed@VM:~$
```

#### Step 4: Setup NAT on server VM

##### Why the packet will reach the VPN server first?

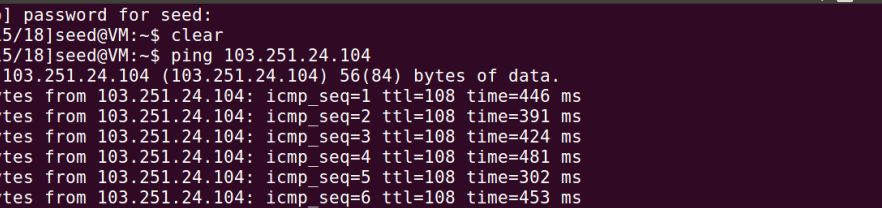
Because we will enable the NAT on the “Server” machine. So, when the packet is sent to destination from the server as it leaves the server because of NAT, its private IP is changed to Public IP address, which is the IP address of the server. So now whenever the response from the website will come then it will be directed to the public IP address of the “Server” machine. Now as it passes the NAT again the response packet will be directed to the private address of VPN server.

Now we will give the following commands (shown in the below screenshot) to enable the NAT on the server VM. Using this we won’t require to fool the NAT anymore by using the ARP cache poisoning.

```
Server [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox
File Machine View Input Devices Help

Terminal
[05/15/18]seed@VM:~$ sudo iptables -F
[sudo] password for seed:
[05/15/18]seed@VM:~$ sudo iptables -t nat -F
[05/15/18]seed@VM:~$ sudo iptables -t nat -A POSTROUTING -j MASQUERADE -o enp0s3
iptables v1.6.0: unknown option "-o"
Try 'iptables -h' or 'iptables --help' for more information.
[05/15/18]seed@VM:~$ sudo iptables -t nat -A POSTROUTING -j MASQUERADE -o enp0s3
[05/15/18]seed@VM:~$
```

Now, the tunnel is successfully created, and all the required routes are added. Now we will check whether we are able to bypass the firewall by using VPN server. For this we will ping the "oistbpl.com" again



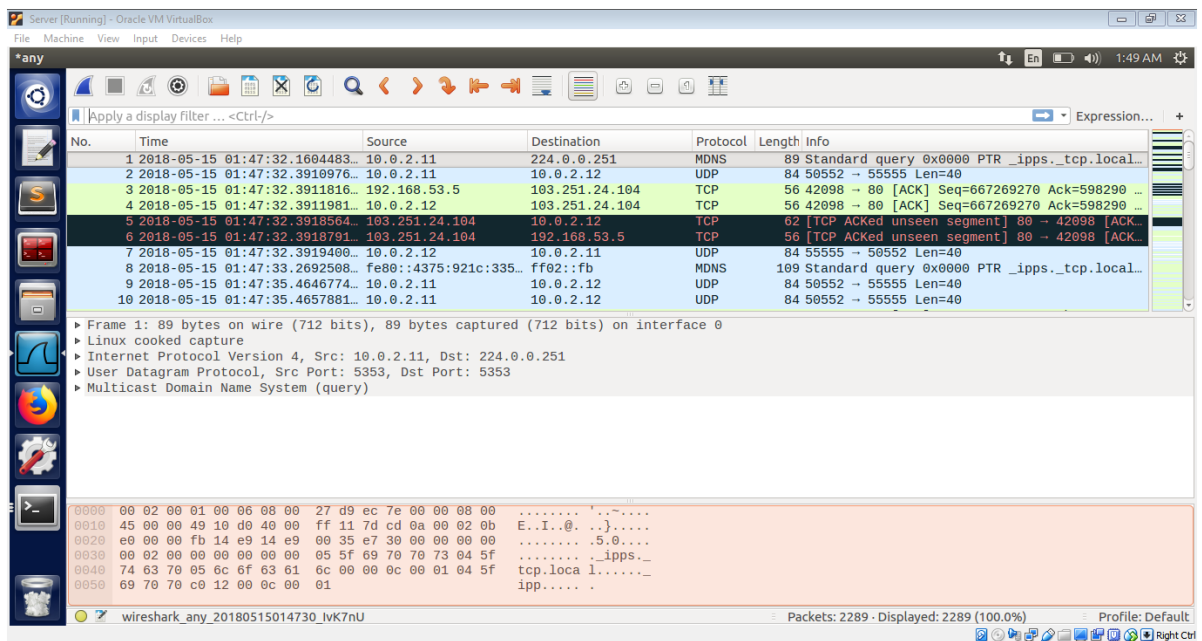
The screenshot shows a Windows 10 desktop with a VMware Workstation window open. The VMware window title is 'Client [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox'. The menu bar includes 'File', 'Machine', 'View', 'Input', 'Devices', and 'Help'. The main area displays a Linux terminal window for a VM named 'seed'. The terminal output shows the user 'seed@VM:~\$' running 'clear', then 'ping 103.251.24.104'. The ping command results in 15 successful pings, each receiving 64 bytes of data with a TTL of 108. The times for the pings range from 333 ms to 446 ms. The final line shows the ping statistics: 15 packets transmitted, 15 received, 0% packet loss, and a time of 14014ms. The round-trip times (rtt) are summarized as min/avg/max/mdev = 269.965/408.105/481.796/60.791 ms.

```
[sudo] password for seed:
[05/15/18]seed@VM:~$ clear
[05/15/18]seed@VM:~$ ping 103.251.24.104
PING 103.251.24.104 (103.251.24.104) 56(84) bytes of data:
64 bytes from 103.251.24.104: icmp_seq=1 ttl=108 time=446 ms
64 bytes from 103.251.24.104: icmp_seq=2 ttl=108 time=391 ms
64 bytes from 103.251.24.104: icmp_seq=3 ttl=108 time=424 ms
64 bytes from 103.251.24.104: icmp_seq=4 ttl=108 time=481 ms
64 bytes from 103.251.24.104: icmp_seq=5 ttl=108 time=302 ms
64 bytes from 103.251.24.104: icmp_seq=6 ttl=108 time=453 ms
64 bytes from 103.251.24.104: icmp_seq=7 ttl=108 time=269 ms
64 bytes from 103.251.24.104: icmp_seq=8 ttl=108 time=432 ms
64 bytes from 103.251.24.104: icmp_seq=9 ttl=108 time=476 ms
64 bytes from 103.251.24.104: icmp_seq=10 ttl=108 time=421 ms
64 bytes from 103.251.24.104: icmp_seq=11 ttl=108 time=460 ms
64 bytes from 103.251.24.104: icmp_seq=12 ttl=108 time=399 ms
64 bytes from 103.251.24.104: icmp_seq=13 ttl=108 time=443 ms
64 bytes from 103.251.24.104: icmp_seq=14 ttl=108 time=382 ms
64 bytes from 103.251.24.104: icmp_seq=15 ttl=108 time=333 ms
^C
--- 103.251.24.104 ping statistics ---
15 packets transmitted, 15 received, 0% packet loss, time 14014ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 269.965/408.105/481.796/60.791 ms
[05/15/18]seed@VM:~$
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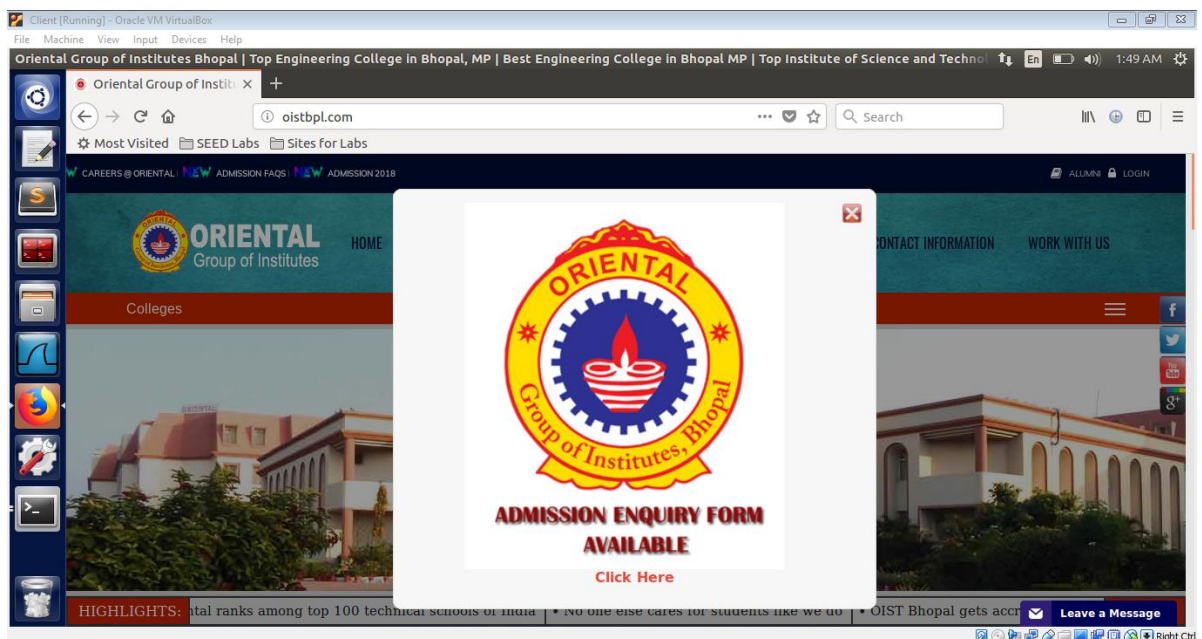
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From the above two screenshot we can say that the firewall has been bypassed successfully through the VPN tunnel, as on the “Client” machine when we ping the target website, on the “Server” machine we are receiving the packets from the tunnel.

We can also showcase that the traffic went through the tunnel only and not through any side door by capturing the packets through Wireshark.



From the above screenshot we can see that the packet is going from “192.168.53.5” i.e., from client to “oistbpl.com”. First it goes to the “Server” VM and then to the target website. The response packet from the website first goes to the “Server” VM and from there it comes to the Client tunnel interface. So, the firewall is bypassed using tunnel itself and not through any side door.



Now, when we try to access the webpage of “oistbpl.com” we see that we can access it. Although the firewall rules are still enabled on the “Client” machine which blocks the access to the webpage we requested in the above screenshot, but we successfully evaded the firewall by using the IP tunneling technology of VPN and therefore we are able to access the target website.

