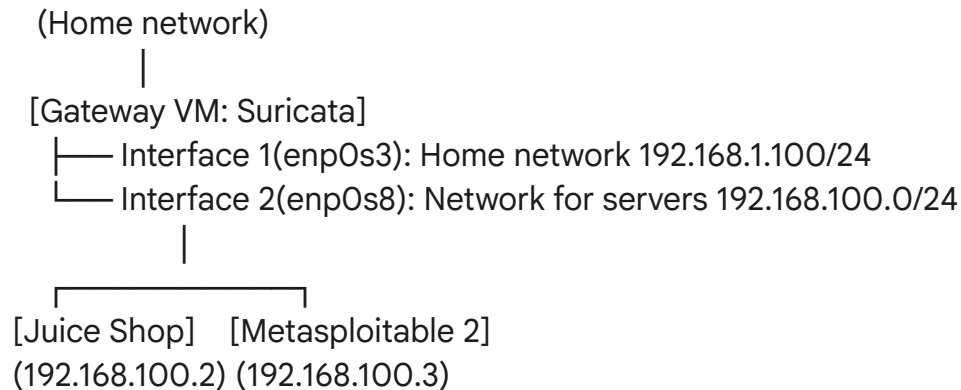


Virtual Lab Configuration Report

1. Network Topology Overview


I configured a virtual lab environment in VirtualBox with the following topology:



2. Suricata Gateway Configuration

On the Suricata VM:

- Enabled IP forwarding to allow routing between interfaces:
`sudo sysctl -w net.ipv4.ip_forward=1`
- Made it persistent in `/etc/sysctl.conf`:
`net.ipv4.ip_forward=1`
- Configured NAT (Masquerading) with iptables:
`sudo iptables -t nat -A POSTROUTING -o enp0s3 -j MASQUERADE`
`sudo iptables -A FORWARD -i enp0s8 -o enp0s3 -j ACCEPT`
`sudo iptables -A FORWARD -i enp0s3 -o enp0s8 -m state --state RELATED,ESTABLISHED -j ACCEPT`

 "ip a" from Suricata VM confirming both interfaces are up and routing is set:

```

2: enp0s3: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc fq_codel state UP group def
ault qlen 1000
    link/ether 08:00:27:ad:54:16 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 192.168.1.103/24 brd 192.168.1.255 scope global dynamic noprefixroute enp0s3
        valid_lft 2272sec preferred_lft 2272sec
    inet6 fe80::a00:27ff:fead:5416/64 scope link noprefixroute
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
3: enp0s8: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc fq_codel state UP group def
ault qlen 1000
    link/ether 08:00:27:b0:7a:50 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 192.168.100.1/24 scope global enp0s8
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever

```

 : *iptables -t nat -L -v showing active MASQUERADE rule*

```

Chain POSTROUTING (policy ACCEPT 0 packets, 0 bytes)
  pkts bytes target     prot opt in     out     source               destination
 346 54323 MASQUERADE all  --  any    enp0s3 anywhere             anywhere

```

3. Juice Shop and Metasploitable 2 Configuration

On the Juice Shop VM:

```

root@vbox:~# cat /etc/network/interfaces
# This file describes the network interfaces available on your system
# and how to activate them. For more information, see interfaces(5).

source /etc/network/interfaces.d/*

# The loopback network interface
auto lo
iface lo inet loopback

auto enp0s3
iface enp0s3 inet static
    address 192.168.100.2
    netmask 255.255.255.0
    gateway 192.168.100.1
    dns-nameservers 1.1.1.1 8.8.8.8

```

On the Metasploitable 2 VM:

```

msfadmin@metasploitable:~$ sudo cat /etc/network/interfaces
[sudo] password for msfadmin:
# This file describes the network interfaces available on your system
# and how to activate them. For more information, see interfaces(5).

# The loopback network interface
auto lo
iface lo inet loopback

# The primary network interface
iface eth0 inet static
    address 192.168.100.3
    netmask 255.255.255.0
    gateway 192.168.100.1
    dns-nameservers 1.1.1.1 8.8.8.8

```

- Configured /etc/network/interfaces accordingly and restarted the interface:
sudo ifdown enp0s3 && sudo ifup enp0s3

4. Host Access to Internal Network

To access the internal web service hosted on 192.168.100.2 and 192.168.100.3 via Kali linux that is in home network:

- Verified that Suricata forwards traffic correctly.
- Configured routing or port forwarding if needed.

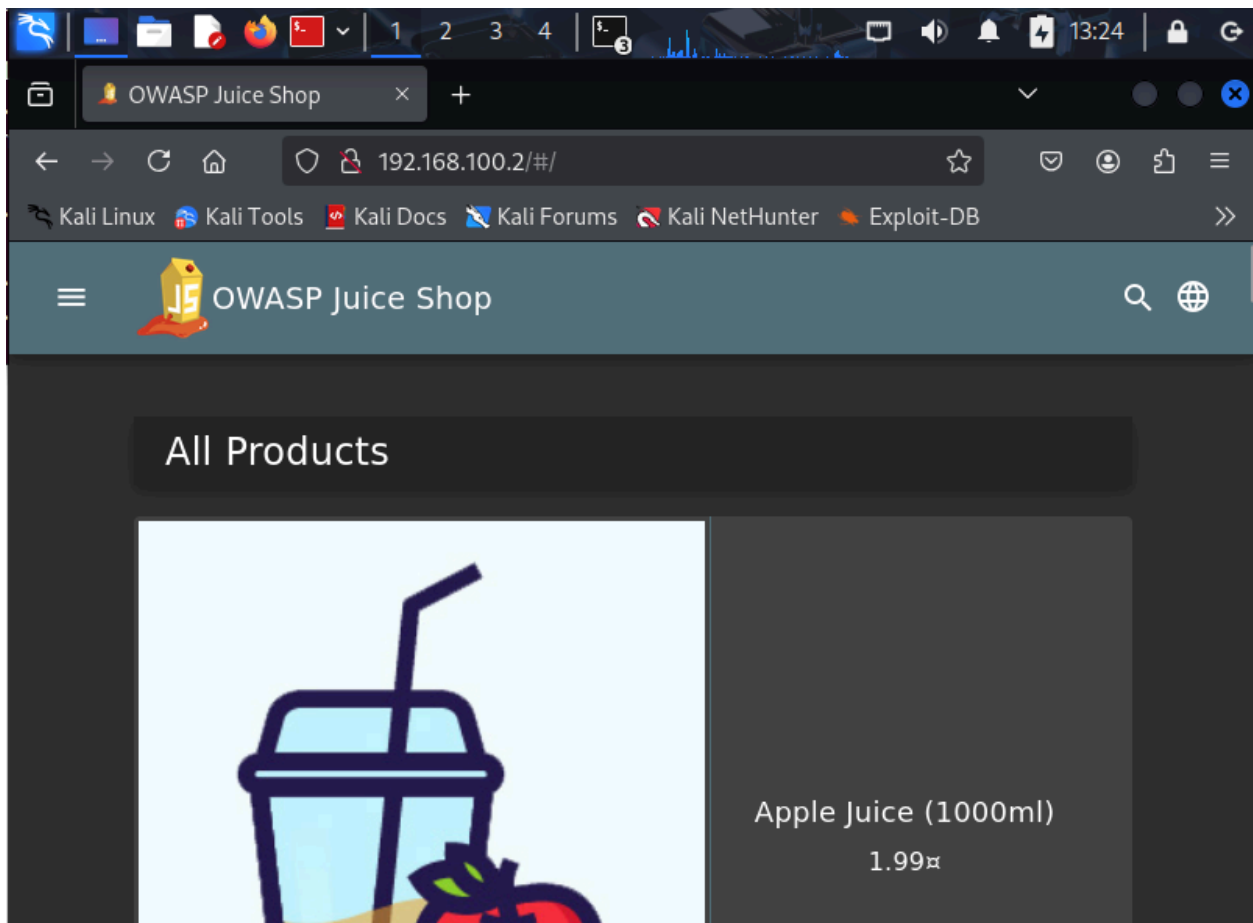
Kali Ip:

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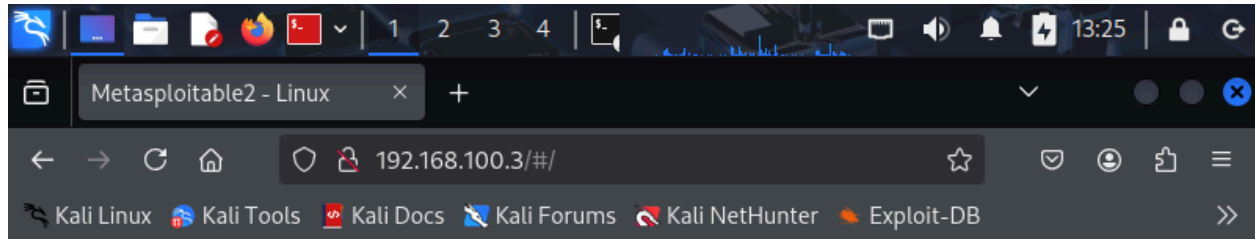
(root@kali)-[~]
# ip a
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group default qlen 1000
    link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00:00
    inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 ::1/128 scope host noprefixroute
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
2: eth0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc fq_codel state UP group default qlen 1000
    link/ether 08:00:27:b4:a1:05 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 192.168.1.104/24 brd 192.168.1.255 scope global dynamic noprefixroute eth0
        valid_lft 6532sec preferred_lft 6532sec
    inet6 fe80::f003:1278:c3ed:efa3/64 scope link noprefixroute
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever

```

📸 : Access to Juice Shop app via browser or curl from kali:



📸 : Access to Metasploitable 2 app via browser or curl from kali:



metasploitable2

Warning: Never expose this VM to an untrusted network!

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5. Result

The gateway successfully inspected and routed traffic between the internal servers and external network. The setup allowed me to simulate controlled traffic inspection, useful for future Suricata alert analysis.