

HolePunch-UDPTunnel

An UDP tunnel system using NAT hole-punching to provide point-to-point tunnels between two clients across networks, through the use of an intermediary information server for punching, then creating a VPN tunnel interface and forwarding all traffic through the hole-punched UDP ports.

Project Structure

The project consists of two linked golang projects, HolePunchUDPTunnel is the main project and it calls the executable produced by UDPTunnel:

- HolePunchUDPTunnel
 - Server mode: runs the hole-punch info exchange server.
 - Client mode: presents text user interface to select a client to connect to, performs hole-punch and launches the UDPTunnel.
- UDPTunnel
 - Runs a tunnel client/server with the given IP/ports, creates a vpn between clients when launched automatically by HolePunchUDPTunnel.

Directory Tree

Below is the directory tree of the project:

```
.
├── bin
│   └── HolePunch-UDPTunnel
├── holepunchudptunnel
│   ├── go.mod
│   ├── go.sum
│   ├── go.work
│   ├── main.go
│   ├── natholepunch
│   │   ├── clientdata.go
│   │   ├── client.go
│   │   ├── go.mod
│   │   └── server.go
│   ├── tui
│   │   ├── go.mod
│   │   ├── logging.go
│   │   └── ui.go
│   └── tunnelman
│       ├── go.mod
│       ├── tunneldata.go
│       ├── tunnelexec.go
│       ├── tunnelman.go
│       └── udptunnel
├── LICENSE
├── Makefile
├── README.md
└── udptunnel
    ├── filter.go
    ├── go.mod
    ├── go.sum
    ├── LICENSE.md
    ├── logger.go
    ├── main.go
    └── tunnel.go
```

7 directories, 27 files

Module Function Description

- **HolePunchUDPTunnel**
 - Main program source directory, relies on compiled executable of support program UDPTunnel
 - **main.go**
 - Starts hole-punch server or hole-punch client plus text user interface (TUI) in client mode
 - **natholepunch**
 - Sub-module for hole-punch server and client code
 - **server.go**
 - Code for running the hole-punch information exchange server
 - **client.go**
 - Code for running the hole-punch client and performing UDP hole-punching

- **clientdata.go**
 - Defines structs that hold client data for both client and server
- **tui**
 - Sub-module for TUI code
 - **ui.go**
 - Code for displaying, rendering and updating the TUI with the information from the other sub-modules
 - **logging.go**
 - Code for redirecting StdOut output from other modules into a text view inside the TUI
- **tunnelman**
 - Sub-module for UDPTunnel manager code
 - **tunnelman.go**
 - Code for managing UDPTunnel configuration and creating UDPTunnel configuration based on hole-punch operation
 - **tunnelexec.go**
 - Code for executing the UDPTunnel program
 - The binary executable compiled from the UDPTunnel directory is embedded into our HolePunchUDPTunnel executable from this file.
 - **tunneldata.go**
 - Defines structs that hold UDPTunnel configuration data
- **UDPTunnel**
 - Support program source directory, embedded into and called by HolePunchUDPTunnel
 - **main.go**
 - Reads configuration file and launches a tunnel server/client
 - **tunnel.go**
 - Creates a new tunnel interface (such as tun0) and listens to trafic
 - Forwards raw packets to tunnel interface (local client -> UDPTunnel -> remote client)
 - Accepts raw packets from tunnel interface (local client <- UDPTunnel <- remote client)
 - **filter.go**
 - Security filter to only allow specified ports through the UDP tunnel
 - **logger.go**
 - Prints log and UDP tunnel traffic statistics

Count Lines of Code

Below is the result of counting the lines of code (generated by gocloc):

Language	files	blank	comment	code
Go	13	378	643	1789
Markdown	3	36	0	176
Makefile	1	11	8	34
TOTAL	17	425	651	1999

Compilation

1. Begin by going to the project directory.
2. Compile the code by running `make all` (if compiling outside of China, change `prepare-cn` to `prepare` in `Makefile` line 12).
3. Go to the `bin` directory by running `cd bin`.
4. The compiled project executable binary is found as `HolePunch-UDPTunnel` here.

Usage

Make sure to launch the executable from the same folder as the executable (i.e. `cd bin && ./HolePunch-UDPTunnel`) To use this project, at least three devices are required:

- Hole-punch info exchange server
 - Must be run on a server with a public IP
 - Run `./HolePunch-UDPTunnel --server`
- Hole-punch client (2 or more)
 - Run on clients behind NATs
 - Shows text user interface (TUI) to user
 - Run `./HolePunch-UDPTunnel -a <Hole-Punch Server Public IP>`
 - replace `<Hole-Punch Server Public IP>` to the actual public IP of the server running the hole-punch info exchange.
 - Default username is taken to be the OS username
 - Other options available through `./HolePunch-UDPTunnel --help`

Usage of bin/HolePunch-UDPTunnel:

```
-a string
    Info exchange server IP address to connect to (default "127.0.0.1")
-l string
    Specify Local side ID (default "luigipizzolito")
-p string
    Info exchange server port to listen on or connect to (default "10001")
-r string
    (optional) Specify remote side ID to tunnel to
-server
    Run in info exchange server mode (run this on a publicly accessible IP)
-t duration
    Specify reconnection timeout (default 2s)
```

Server TUI

- After running a hole-punch server, the client info, logs and connection history can be seen:

The screenshot shows the Server TUI interface with three main panels: Clients Queue, Client Info, and Connection History. The Clients Queue panel lists two clients: (1) **jesus** (Idle) and (2) **luigipizzolito** (Idle). The Client Info panel shows details for the selected client **jesus**, including its Name and Remote Address (udp://64.176.43.30:51500). The Logs panel displays a series of log messages, including the server starting, new clients connecting, and punch requests.

Clients Queue	Client Info	Connection History
(1) jesus Idle	Name: jesus Remote Address: udp://64.176.43.30:51500	
(2) luigipizzolito Idle		

Logs:

```
17:37:01 INFO Hole Punch UDP Tunnel V0.2
17:37:01 INFO Info Exchange Server mode
17:37:01 INFO Running server at udp://0.0.0.0:10001
17:37:13 INFO New client: luigipizzolito@114.246.206.133:52603
17:37:16 INFO New client: jesus@64.176.43.30:60728
```

The screenshot shows the Server TUI interface after several client disconnections and new connections. The Clients Queue panel is empty, indicating no clients are currently selected. The Client Info panel shows "No clients selected." The Logs panel displays a series of log messages, including punch requests, disconnections, and new client connections. The Connection History panel shows a list of recent connections and disconnections.

Clients Queue	Client Info	Connection History
	No clients selected.	

Logs:

```
17:37:48 INFO Punch request: jesus -> luigipizzolito
17:37:48 INFO jesus disconnected.
17:37:50 INFO New client: jesus@64.176.43.30:58781
17:37:50 INFO Punch request: jesus -> luigipizzolito
17:37:50 INFO jesus disconnected.
17:38:11 INFO New client: jesus@64.176.43.30:30302
17:38:11 INFO Punch request: jesus -> luigipizzolito
17:38:11 INFO jesus disconnected.
17:38:22 INFO New client: jesus@64.176.43.30:40565
17:38:22 INFO Punch request: jesus -> luigipizzolito
17:38:22 INFO jesus disconnected.
17:38:33 INFO New client: jesus@64.176.43.30:57003
17:38:33 INFO Punch request: jesus -> luigipizzolito
17:38:33 INFO jesus disconnected.
17:38:44 INFO New client: jesus@64.176.43.30:59608
17:38:44 INFO Punch request: jesus -> luigipizzolito
17:38:45 INFO jesus disconnected.
17:38:48 INFO jesus disconnected.
17:38:53 INFO luigipizzolito disconnected.
17:38:54 INFO New client: luigipizzolito@114.246.206.133:64759
17:39:01 INFO New client: jesus@64.176.43.30:46761
17:39:00 INFO Punch request: jesus -> luigipizzolito
17:39:00 INFO Punch request: jesus -> luigipizzolito
17:39:00 INFO luigipizzolito disconnected.
17:39:10 INFO jesus disconnected.
17:39:11 INFO New client: luigipizzolito@114.246.206.133:51789
17:39:12 INFO New client: jesus@64.176.43.30:47304
17:39:12 INFO Punch request: jesus -> luigipizzolito
17:39:12 INFO luigipizzolito disconnected.
17:39:12 INFO jesus disconnected.
```

Connection History:

```
17:37:48 jesus -> luigipizzolito
17:37:48 jesus -> luigipizzolito
17:37:50 jesus -> luigipizzolito
17:38:11 jesus -> luigipizzolito
17:38:22 jesus -> luigipizzolito
17:38:33 jesus -> luigipizzolito
17:38:44 jesus -> luigipizzolito
17:39:00 jesus -> luigipizzolito
17:39:00 jesus -> luigipizzolito
17:39:12 jesus -> luigipizzolito
```

Client TUI

- After running a hole-punch client, the TUI can be seen:

- Click, press enter, or press a number key to select a client to connect to.

Clients Online	Client Info
<pre>(1) luigipizzolito Waiting for jesu</pre>	<pre>Name: luigipizzolito Remote Address: udp://114.246.206.133:63163 Status: Tunnel Inactive tunnelman.ClientTunnelData{TunnelOn:false, TunnelAddr:"", TunnelPorts:[]int(nil), Ping:"", EndPIP:"", EndPPort:"", EndPAPorts:[]int(nil)}</pre>

Logs
<pre>17:37:16 INFO Hole Punch UDP Tunnel V0.2 17:37:16 INFO Hole-Punch & UDP Tunnel Client mode</pre>

- The hole-punch operation will begin, and pings will be sent in between clients:

Client Info
<pre>Name: luigipizzolito Remote Address: udp://114.246.206.133:51789 Status: Tunnel Inactive tunnelman.ClientTunnelData{TunnelOn:false, TunnelAddr:"", TunnelPorts:[]int(nil), Ping:"", EndPIP:"", EndPPort:"", EndPAPorts: []int(nil)}</pre>

Logs
<pre>17:39:05 INFO Request for hole punch to luigipizzolito 17:39:05 WARN Remote client does not want to connect 17:39:05 INFO Remote client is Idle 17:39:05 INFO Please ask remote client to connect to you too 17:39:05 INFO Waiting in loop for luigipizzolito 17:39:09 INFO luigipizzolito accepted our connection, performing punch now 17:39:09 INFO Hole punching to luigipizzolito 17:39:12 INFO Got hole-punch addr from exchange server: luigipizzolito@114.246.206.133:51789 17:39:13 INFO Ping sent to luigipizzolito@114.246.206.133:51789 17:39:13 INFO received ping from jesu 17:39:13 INFO Ping: 56.733178ms 17:39:14 INFO Ping sent to luigipizzolito@114.246.206.133:51789 17:39:15 INFO received ping from jesu 17:39:15 INFO Ping: 331.457479ms 17:39:16 INFO Ping sent to luigipizzolito@114.246.206.133:51789 17:39:16 INFO received ping from jesu 17:39:16 INFO Ping: 23.662097ms</pre>

- After successful hole-punch, `sudo` password is prompted, enter sudo password to launch the UDP tunnel:

```
Client Info
Name: luigipizzolito
Remote Address: udp://114.246.206.133:51789
Status: Tunnel Inactive
Ping: 23.745256ms
tunnelman.ClientTunnelData{TunnelOn:false, TunnelAddr:"<ip_here>", TunnelPorts:[]int{}, Ping:"23.745256ms",
EndPIP:"114.246.206.133", EndPPort:"51789", EndPAPorts:[]int{}}

Logs
17:39:18 INFO Completed 5 pings
17:39:18 INFO Ready to open tunnel
17:39:18 INFO Determined to be tunnel server
17:39:18 WARN Elevating privileges to open tunnel
17:39:18 WARN Enter Sudo Password:
17:39:21 INFO Tunnel server connected to :47304
17:39:21 INFO Wrote configuration file for UDP tunnel
17:39:21 INFO Starting Tunnel Daemon now
17:39:21 INFO Extracted udptunnel executable to /tmp/embedded-executable-1883575105
17:39:21 INFO File copied successfully.
17:39:21 INFO Copied config file to /tmp
17:39:21 INFO 2024/01/11 17:39:21 main.go:178: loaded config:
{
17:39:21 INFO 2024/01/11 17:39:21 main.go:238: embedded-executable-1883575105 starting in server mode

17:39:21 INFO 2024/01/11 17:39:21 tunnel.go:77: created tun device: tun0
```

- After launching UDP tunnel, one client is assigned IP `10.0.0.1` and the other client is assigned IP `10.0.0.2`
- You may now access the other client with any application or protocol (including TCP) directly by using their IP.
- For example, SSHing into the other client:

```
[jesus@fedora ~]$ ssh luigipizzolito@10.0.0.2
luigipizzolito@10.0.0.2's password: █
```

```
> neofetch
```



✓ system luigipizzolito@LPArchLinuxWorkstation 18:09:40 100%