FIT5037 Network Security Assignment 2

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Abstract

This report presents the design, implementation, testing, and ethical utilization of a secure corporate network – containing several servers, firewalls, routers, clients etc. - for Monash University. The network spreads across three campuses: Caufield, Clayton, and Peninsula. The network is designed to span the three Monash campuses using GNS3. The architecture of the network emphasizes security considerations and establishes interconnectivity between the three campuses through the perimeter firewalls or routers present.

Secure Network Design and Implementation

For all the new added containers, the essential networking tools has been installed using the below command:

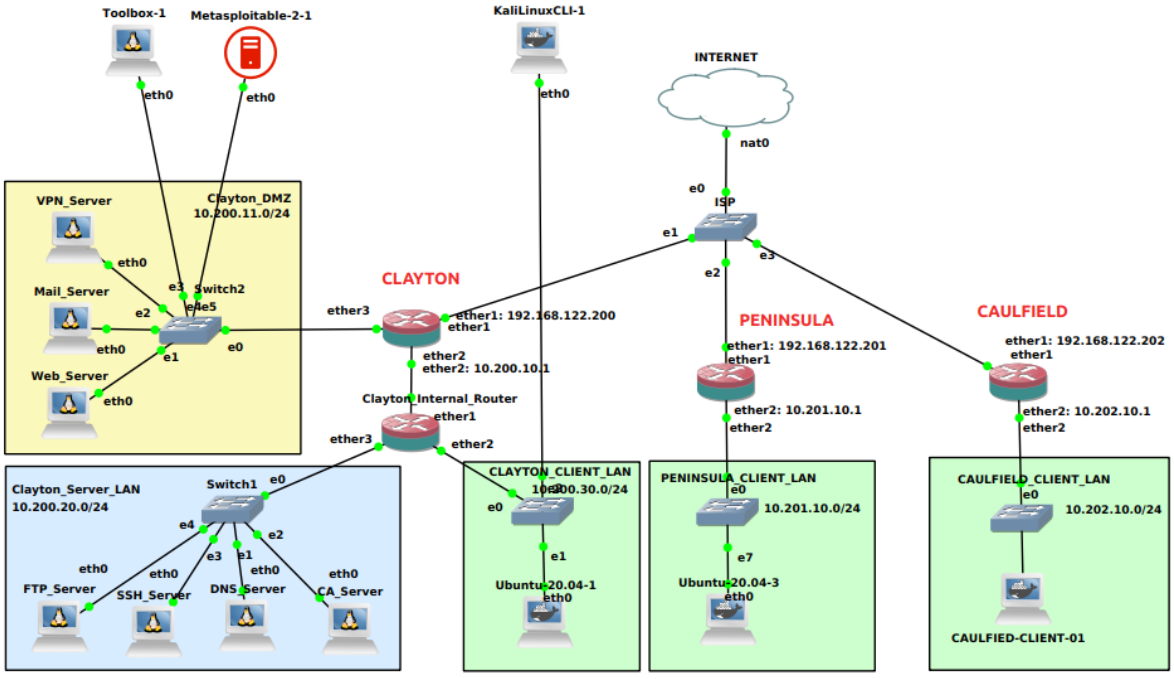
```
apt update
apt install -y iputils-ping iproute2 dnsutils nano
```

Video demonstrations and the GNS3 are available at:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1H7AjJ-LbwKwR6NJvoqMX8DxQFPLlVKer?usp=sharing

Network Topology

Based on the requirements, each campus in the network must have a perimeter router/firewall, and each campus must also have a Client LAN with at least one client machine. The servers for DNS, CA, FTP, SSH, WEB, MAIL, and VPN are deployed in Monash's main campus, Clayton. Moreover, each campus has its distinct subnet, and routers and firewalls need to be configured accordingly with specific rules. Notably, WEB and MAIL servers require the deployment of TLS. Given the above requirements, the network topology demonstrated in this report is roughly divided into three security levels: External > DMZ > Internal, with the DMZ serving as a buffer zone between the public internet and the private network. Of all the servers, WEB, MAIL, and VPN are accessible to everyone, and the WEB and VPN servers cannot initiate a connection to the internal network. At the same time, the DNS server is only accessible to all internal clients. Therefore, servers are allocated as follows: DMZ includes WEB, MAIL, and VPN; Internal includes DNS, FTP, CA, and SSH.



In this topology, servers have utilized open-source toolboxes, which were downloaded from the marketplace.

Perimeter router

Within the network structure, the MikroTik routers in various zones play a pivotal role in managing DHCP settings and ensuring connectivity.

Clayton Internal Firewall: The DHCP settings for the Clayton internal firewall have been configured with a DNS server at 10.200.20.53. The relevant settings reveal that the DHCP interface is tethered to ether2, with a lease time of 12 hours. The DHCP pool is set as dhcp_pool0, and the network's detailed configuration specifies an IP address range of 10.200.10.0/24 with the gateway at 10.200.10.1.

```
[admin@MikroTik] > ip dhcp-server network set 0 dns-server=10.200.20.53
[admin@MikroTik] > ip dhcp-server pri detail
Flags: D - dynamic, X - disabled, I - invalid
 0    name="dhcp1" interface=ether2 lease-time=12h address-pool=dhcp_pool0
      authoritative=yes use-radius=no lease-script=""
[admin@MikroTik] > ip dhcp-server network pri detail
Flags: D - dynamic
 0   address=10.200.10.0/24 gateway=10.200.10.1 dns-server=10.200.20.53
     wins-server="" ntp-server="" caps-manager="" dhcp-option=""
[admin@MikroTik] >
```

Similarly, the Peninsula router's DHCP server has been set to use the DNS server at 10.200.20.53. A connectivity test was performed to ensure the DNS server was reachable from the Peninsula zone, with all pings successfully reaching the target in approximately 45ms, evidencing stable and prompt connectivity.

```
[admin@MikroTik] > ip dhcp-server network set 0 dns-server=10.200.20.53
[admin@MikroTik] > ping 10.200.20.53
  SEQ HOST                                     SIZE TTL TIME  STATUS
    0 10.200.20.53                               56  62 45ms
    1 10.200.20.53                               56  62 14ms
    2 10.200.20.53                               56  62 4ms
    sent=3 received=3 packet-loss=0% min-rtt=4ms avg-rtt=21ms max-rtt=45ms

[admin@MikroTik] >
```

The DHCP configuration for the Caulfield region was also set to utilize the DNS server at 10.200.20.53. Upon testing, it was confirmed that the DNS server is accessible from this zone, with an average response time of 12ms, highlighting efficient network performance in this area.

The consistent DHCP configurations across different zones, paired with successful connectivity tests, validate the reliability and uniformity of our network setup, ensuring seamless operations and communications throughout the various regions.

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DNS Server

To configure the DNS server, begin by installing the necessary DNS service:

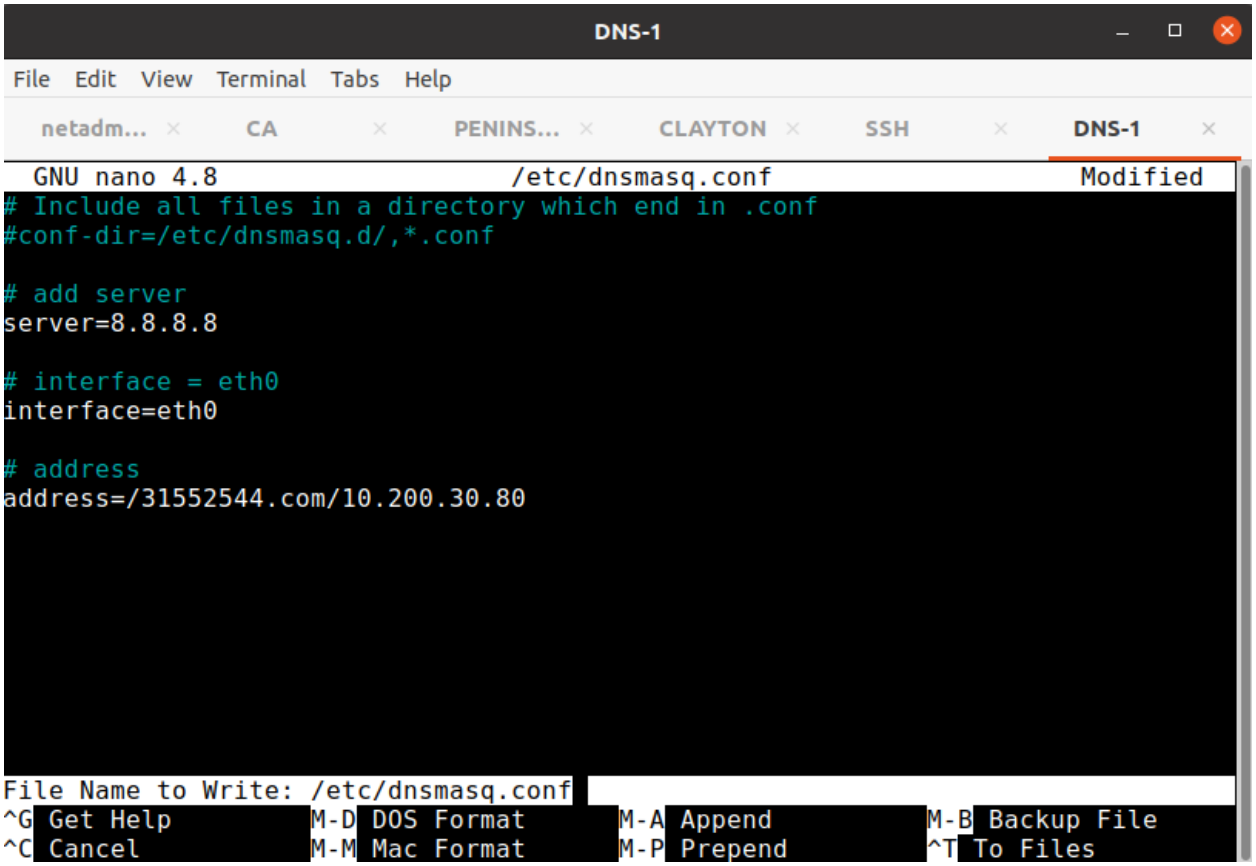
```
apt install dnsmasq
```

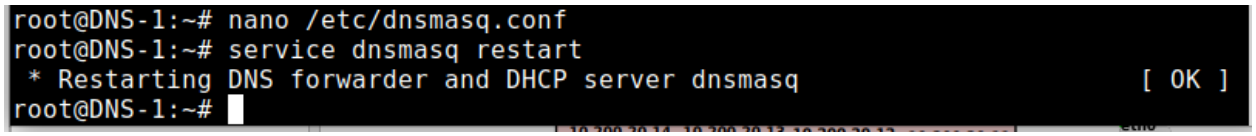
Once installed, proceed to modify its configuration file using the nano editor:

```
nano /etc/dnsmasq.conf
```

In the configuration, add the following lines to specify the upstream DNS server, bind the DNS service to a specific interface, and set a domain to resolve to a particular IP address:

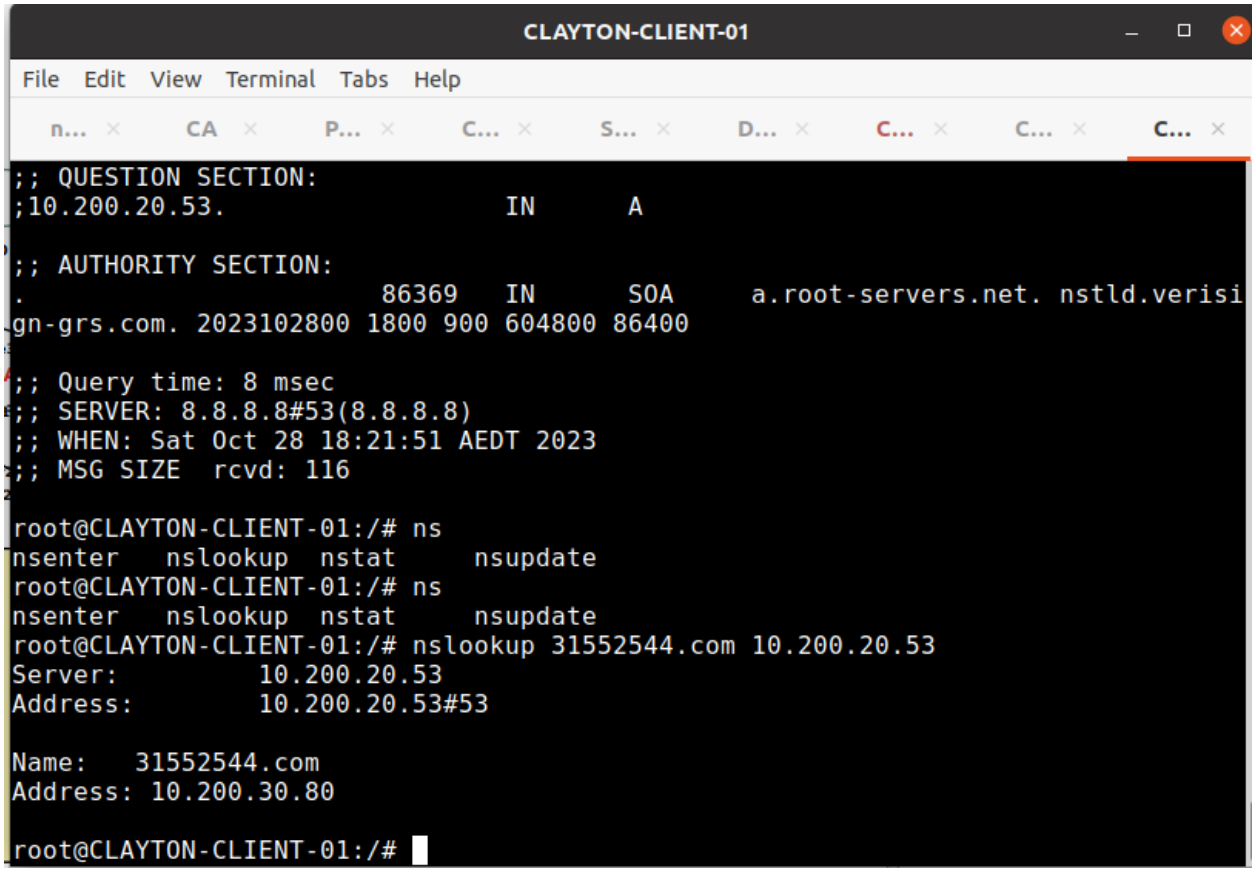
```
server=8.8.8.8
interface = eth0
address=/31552544.com/10.200.30.80
```





To test the configuration, use a client machine in the Clayton campus. First, update the client's package list and install the DNS utilities. Then, test the DNS resolution using the nslookup command:

```
apt update
apt install dnsutils
nslookup 31552544.com 10.200.20.53
```

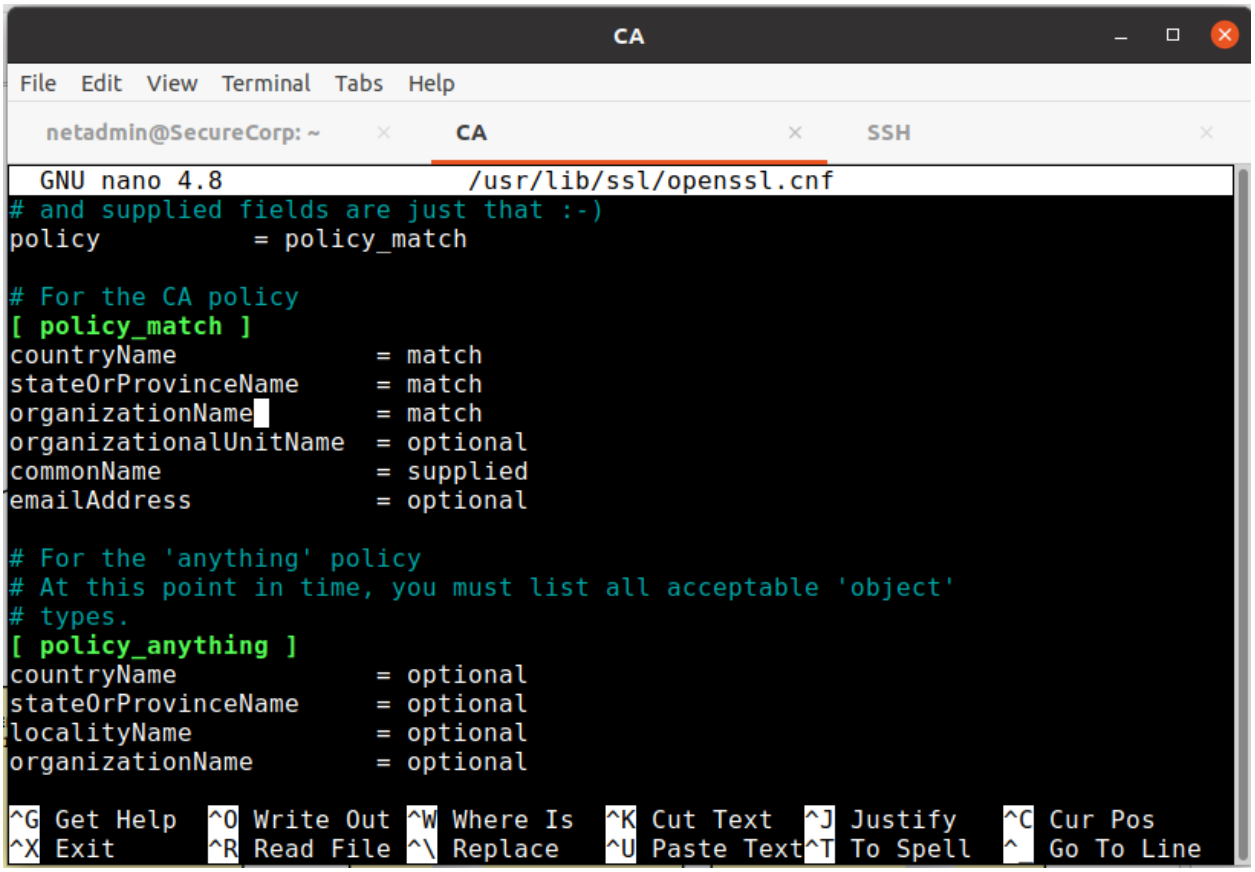


The domain correctly resolves to the server, which indicates that the configuration is successful.

```
curl https://31552544.com -k
```

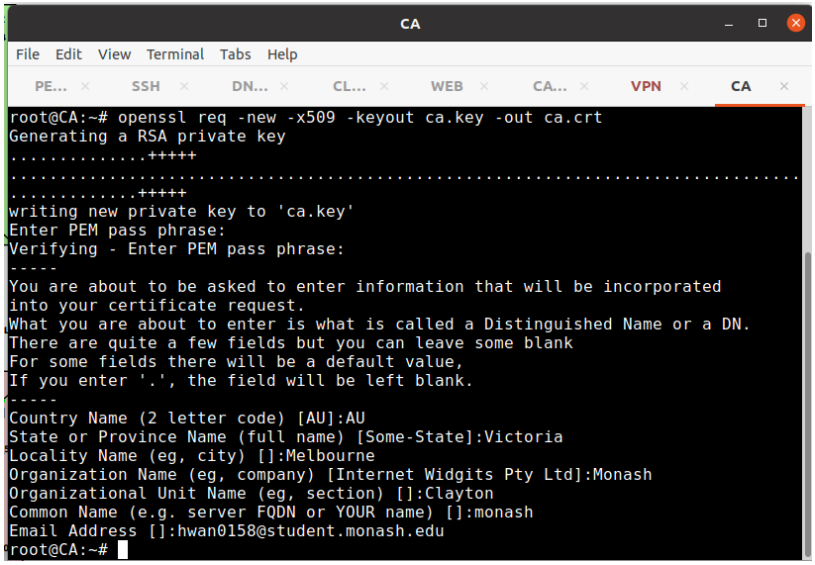
CA (Certificate Authority)

In this network setup, a CA server is used as the root CA instead of a commercial CA. This root CA issues certificates for other servers and has a self-signed certificate that's fully trusted. The openssl configuration file can be found at /usr/lib/ssl/openssl.cnf:



To establish its credibility, a self-signed CA certificate is generated, which designates it as a trusted root certificate. The command executed for this process is:

```
oepnssl req -new -x509 -keyout ca.key -out ca.crt
```



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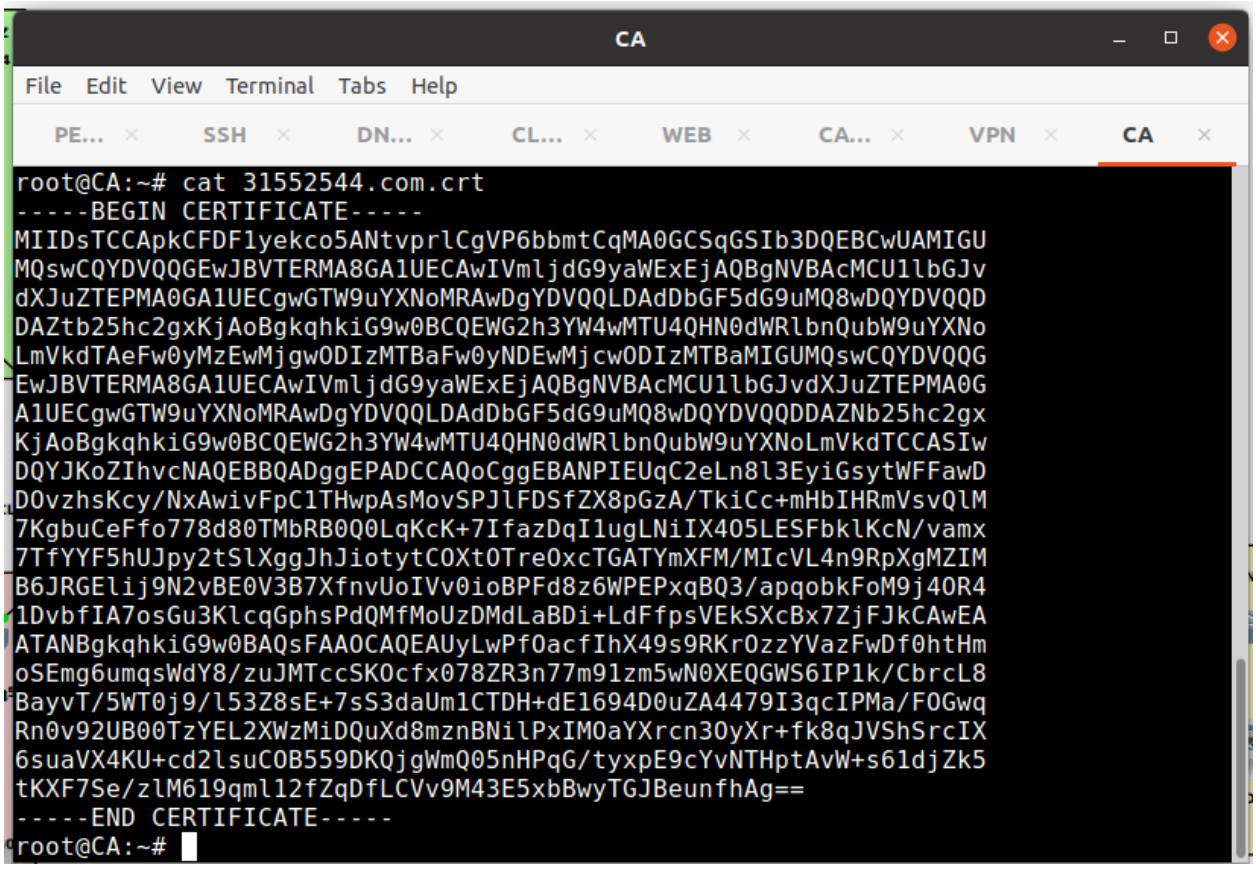
For security, a passphrase was set for the certificate:

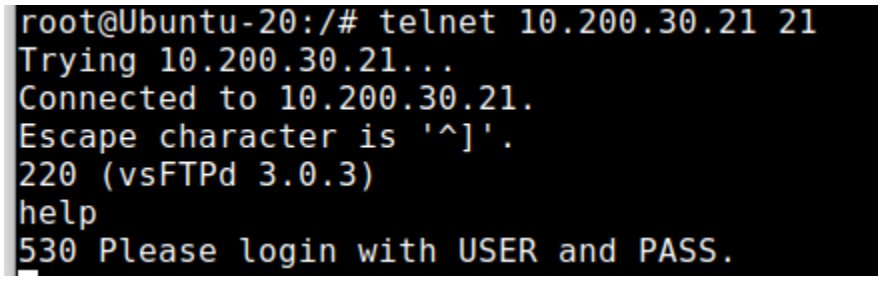
password: 1234

Following the certificate's generation (ca.crt), it was then copied to the appropriate web server for deployment:



After generating the root CA certificate (ca.crt), it was essential to ensure that this certificate was made available to the appropriate servers. Firstly, the certificate was copied to the web server, allowing for secure connections authenticated by the self-hosted root CA. This step is vital in verifying the authenticity of servers within the network and fostering trust with end-users accessing resources on the web server.

FTP Server



Upon testing the FTP server, a connection was successfully established using the telnet command targeted at the IP address 10.200.30.21 on port 21. The server responded, confirming its identity as vsFTPd version 3.0.3. Once connected, an attempt to use the 'help' command was made, to which the server responded with a prompt to login using appropriate USER and PASS credentials. This indicates that the server is configured securely, not allowing unauthorized users to retrieve any vital information without first logging in.

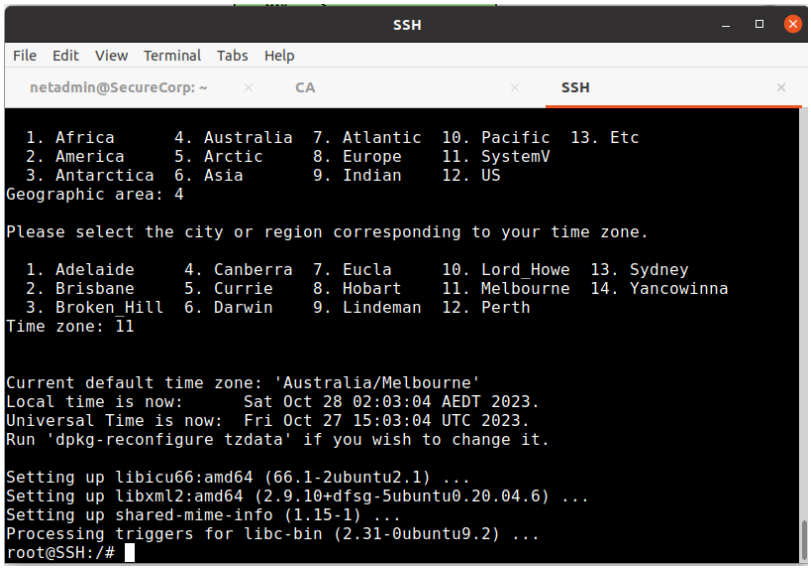
SSH Server

For secure remote access to the system, an OpenSSH server has been deployed at the Clayton campus. The OpenSSH server provides encrypted communication sessions over a computer network using the SSH protocol. To configure this server, the following steps and commands were employed:

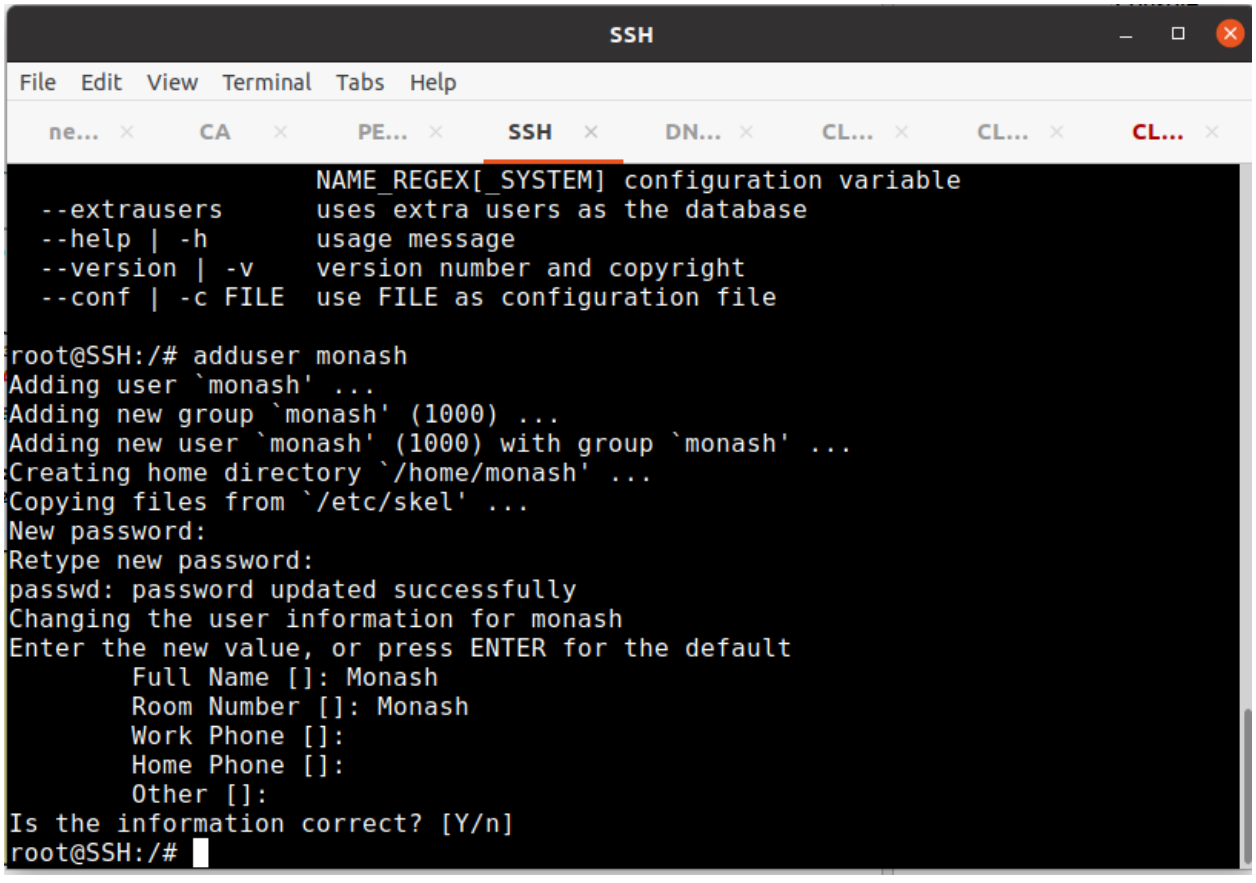
1. Installation:

```
apt update
apt install openssh-server
```

2. Set up the location:



User Configuration: To provide authenticated access, a user named 'monash' was added to the system. The commands used for this purpose were:



```
adduser monash
```

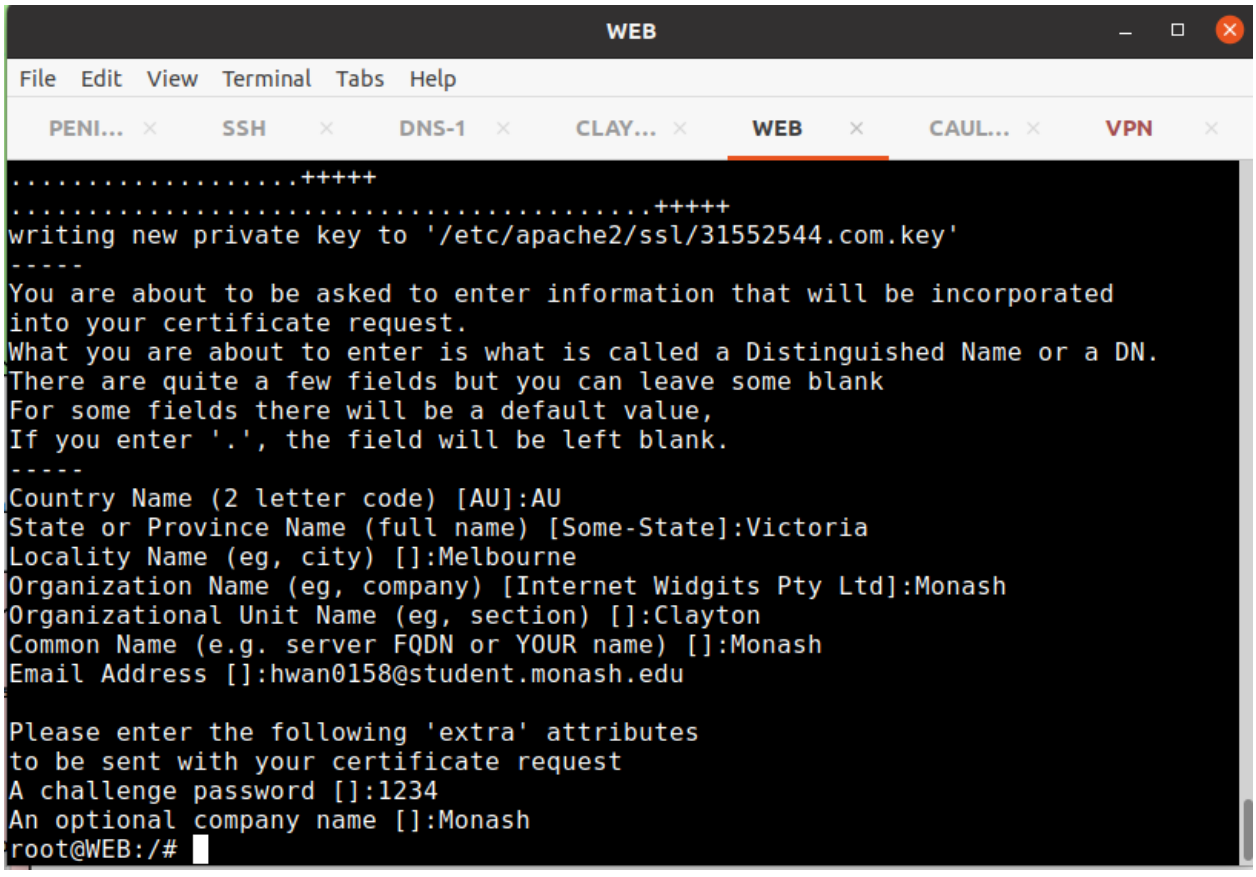
For this user, both the username and password were set to'monash'.

```
root@CLAYTON-CLIENT-01:/# ssh monash@10.200.20.13 'pwd'
monash@10.200.20.13's password:
/home/monash
root@CLAYTON-CLIENT-01:/#
```

The successful execution of the SSH command confirms the proper functionality of the SSH server, ensuring that it is ready for secure remote accesses.

WEB Server

The WEB server has been set up to use TLS, ensuring encrypted communications. The certificates for this encryption are issued by the in-house CA, and the domain name assigned to the WEB server is 31552544.com.



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Firstly, install and setup openssl, then enable the SSL module for Apache. Create a directory for SSL configurations and generate a private key and Certificate Signing Request (CSR) for the domain 31552544.com:

```
#Update system packages:
apt update

#Install Apache2 and OpenSSL:
apt install apache2 openssl

#Activate the SSL module for Apache:
a2enmod ssl

#Establish a directory dedicated to SSL configurations:
mkdir /etc/apache2/ssl
```

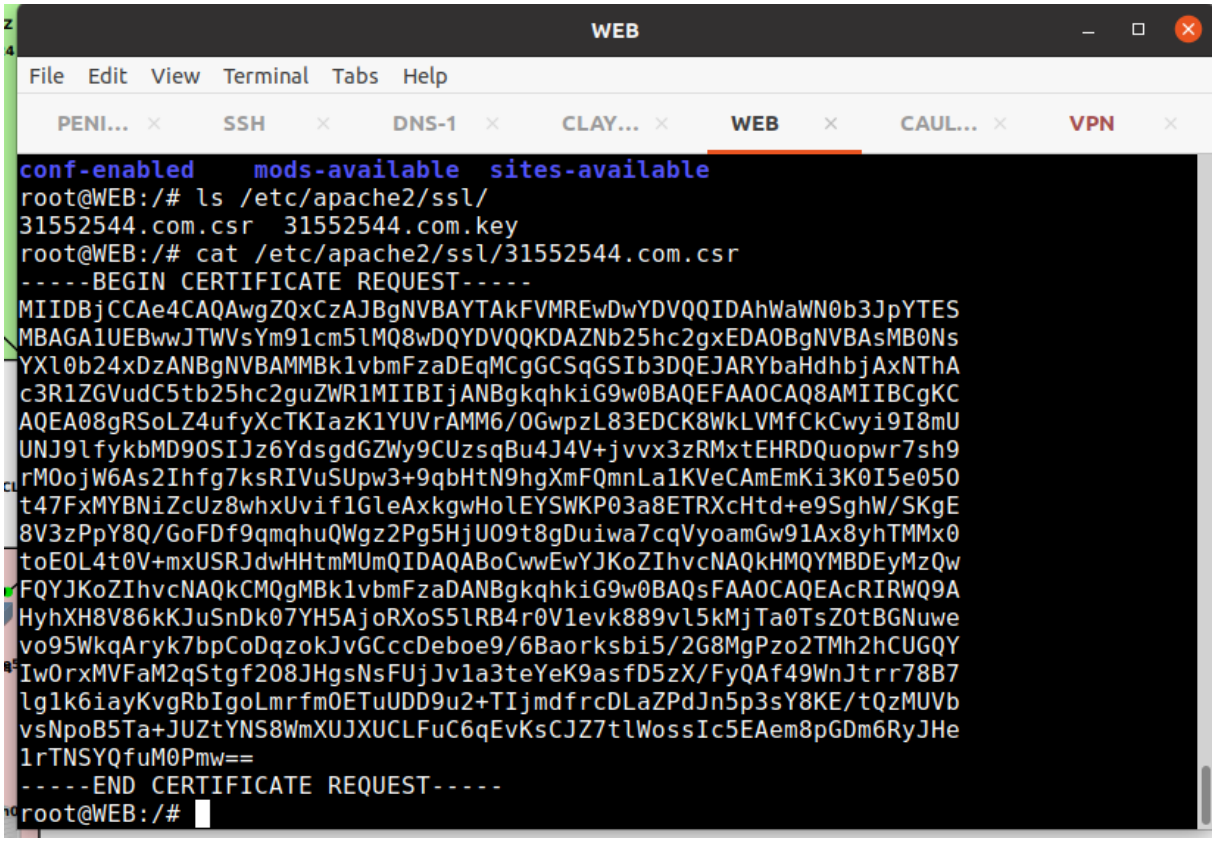
Then Generate a private key and CSR for domain 31552544.com, and display the generated CSR to transfer it to the CA server:

```
openssl req -new -newkey rsa:2048 -nodes -keyout
/etc/apache2/ssl/31552544.com.key -out
/etc/apache2/ssl/31552544.com.csr

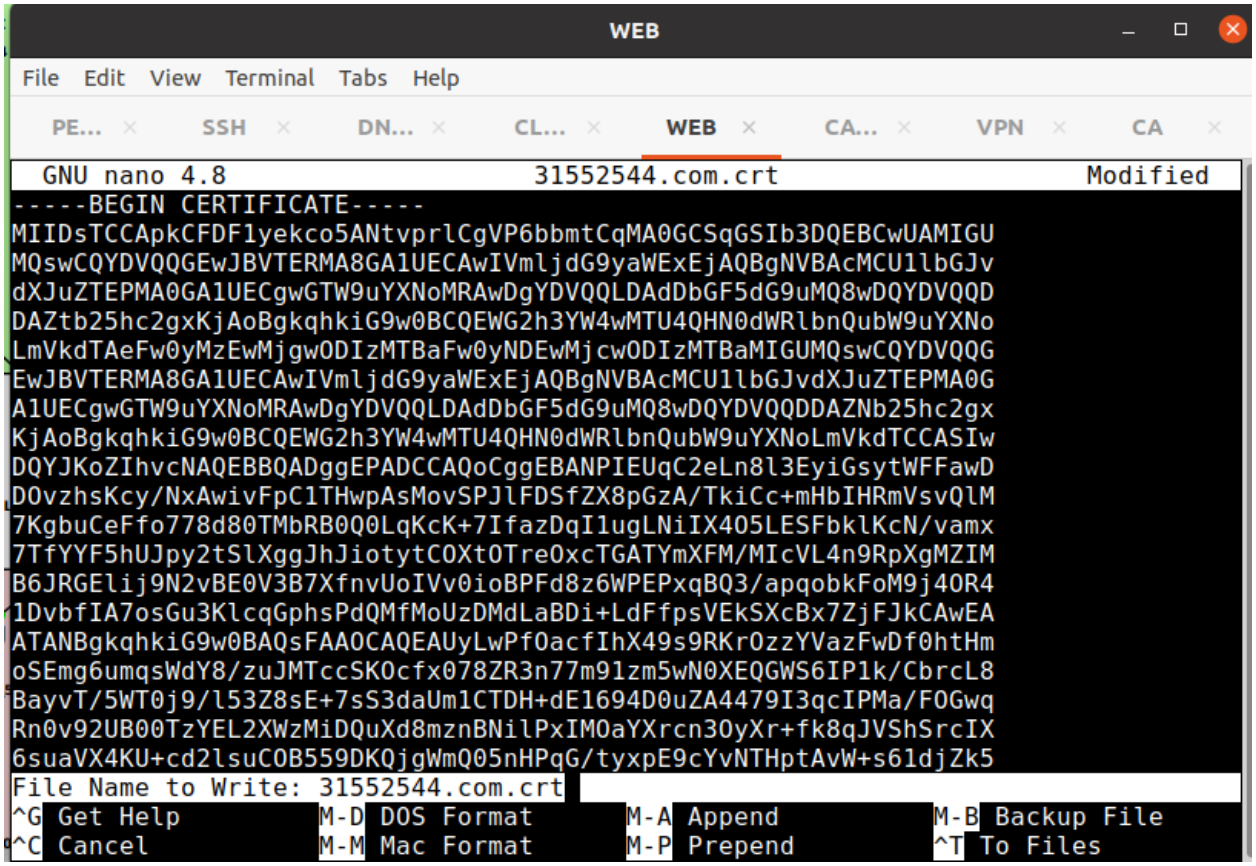
# Display the CSR to be sent to the CA:
cat /etc/apache2/ssl/31552544.com.csr
```

Note: Challenge password is set as "monash".

Then on the CA server, the CSR is signed using the CA's private key,



then transfer the signed certificate back to the WEB server.



Return to the Web server and perform the following:

Enable Apache's SSL module and set up the SSL virtual host:

```
a2enmod ssl
nano /etc/apache2/sites-available/31552544.com.conf
```

Add the following configuration:

```
<VirtualHost *:443>
    ServerName 31552544.com
    DocumentRoot /var/www/html

    SSLEngine On
    SSLCertificateFile /etc/apache2/ssl/31552544.com.crt
    SSLCertificateKeyFile /etc/apache2/ssl/31552544.com.key

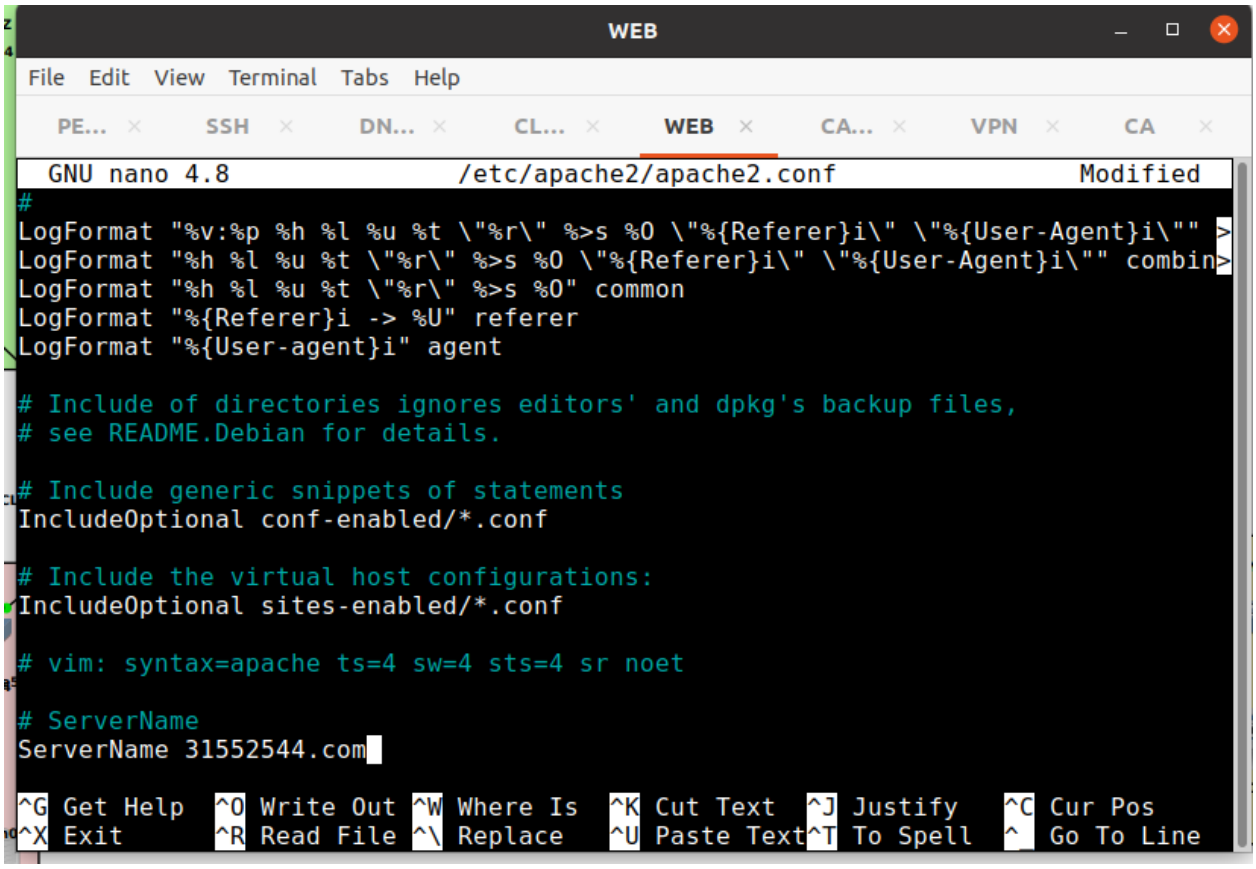
    ErrorLog ${APACHE_LOG_DIR}/error.log
    CustomLog ${APACHE_LOG_DIR}/access.log combined
```

```
</VirtualHost>
```

Enable the new virtual host configuration and restart Apache:

```
a2ensite 31552544.com.conf
service apache2 restart
```

Upon completion, accessing https://31552544.com will serve the site using the certificate signed by the CA. Prior to the above steps, a ServerName is set in Apache's primary configuration file.



From the following result, the configuration was executed successfully.

```
root@CLAYTON-CLIENT-01:/# curl https://31552544.com -k

<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN" "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
  <!--
    Modified from the Debian original for Ubuntu
    Last updated: 2016-11-16
    See: https://launchpad.net/bugs/1288690
  -->
  <head>
    <meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html; charset=UTF-8" />
    <title>Apache2 Ubuntu Default Page: It works</title>
    <style type="text/css" media="screen">
  * {
    margin: 0px 0px 0px 0px;
    padding: 0px 0px 0px 0px;
  }

  body, html {
    padding: 3px 3px 3px 3px;

    background-color: #D8DBE2;
```

MAIL Server

The MAIL server has been set up with TLS, ensuring encrypted communications with the certificates procured from the CA. The domain name associated with the WEB server is 31552544.com. The MAIL server also features a minimum of two configured email recipients.

Firstly, generate a private key and CSR for the domain:

```
openssl req -new -newkey rsa:2048 -nodes -keyout ~/31552544.com.key
-out ~/31552544.com.csr
```

Note: The password used is "monash".

On the CA server, create a new file and copy the CSR:

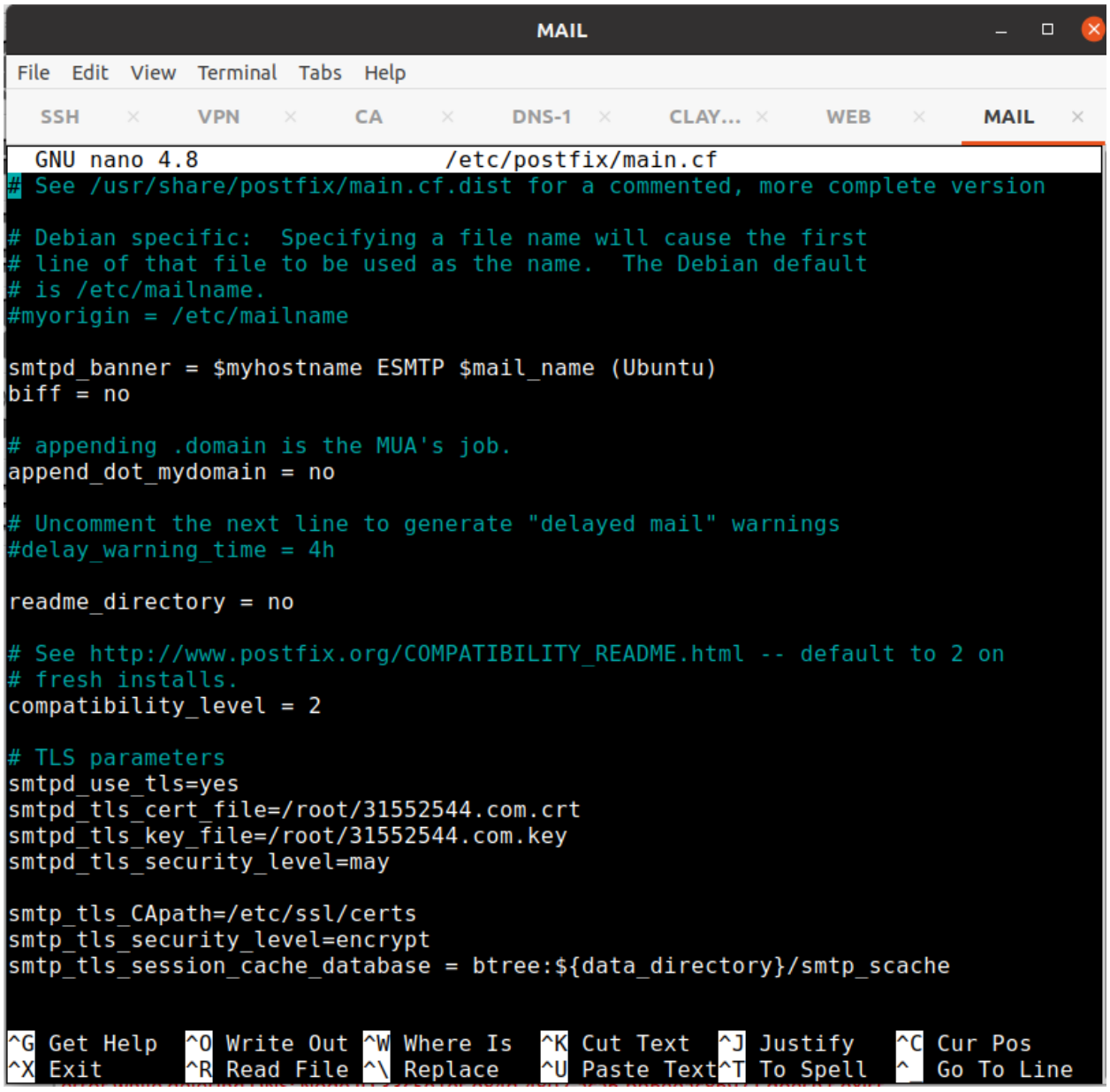
```
touch mail.31552544.com.csr
```

Use the following command to sign the CSR using the CA's credentials:

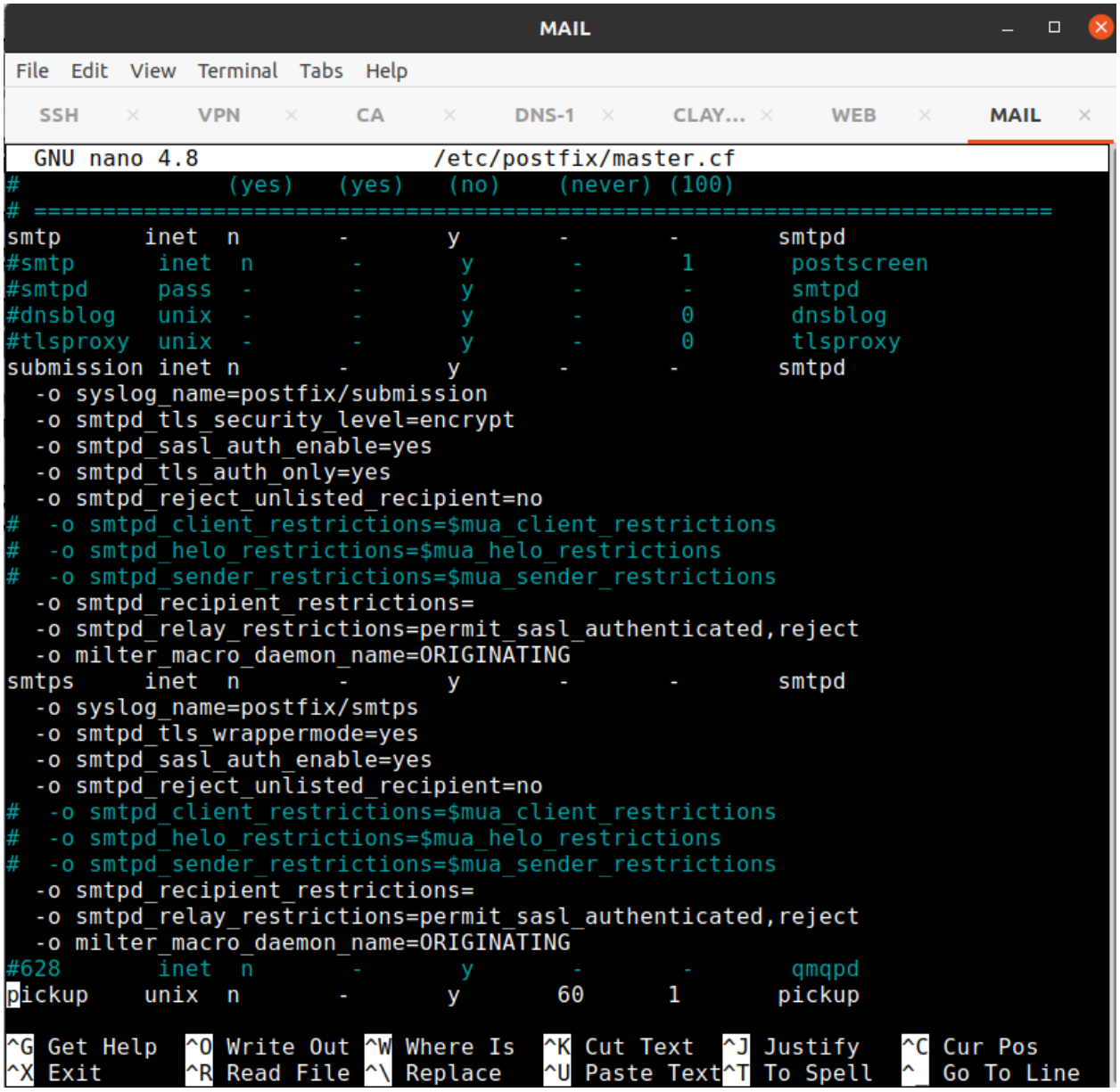
```
openssl x509 -req -in mail.31552544.com.csr -CA ca.crt -CAkey ca.key
-CAcreateserial -out mail.31552544.com.crt -days 365
```

To activate TLS encryption for the MAIL server, certain modifications are required:

Firstly, amend the ‘main.cf’ configuration file:



Then alter the ‘master.cf’ file:

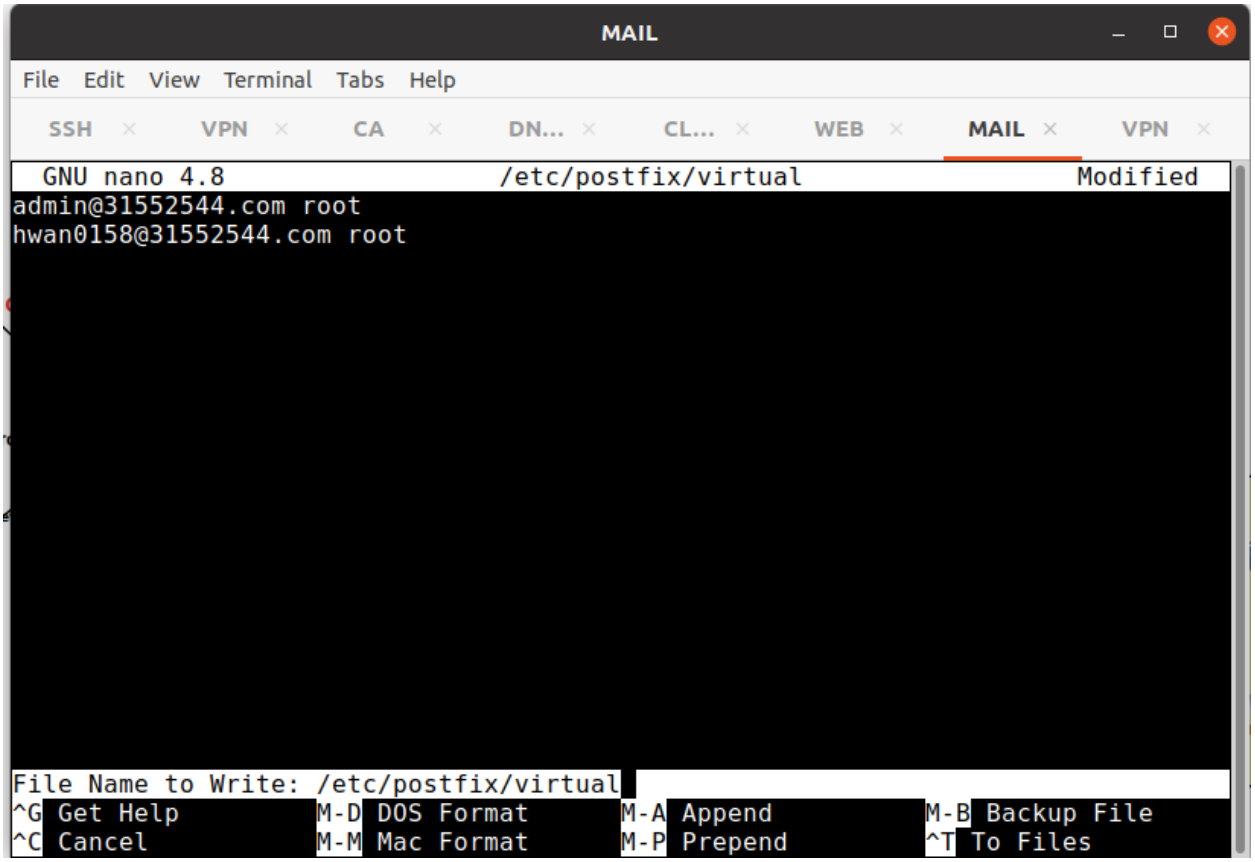


Reload and restart the postfix service:

```
service postfix reload
service postfix restart
```

Then add accounts in Postfix:

```
postconf -e 'home_mailbox= monash/'
postconf -e 'virtual_alias_maps= hash:/etc/postfix/virtual'
nano /etc/postfix/virtual
```



After adding the desired mappings, apply them with:

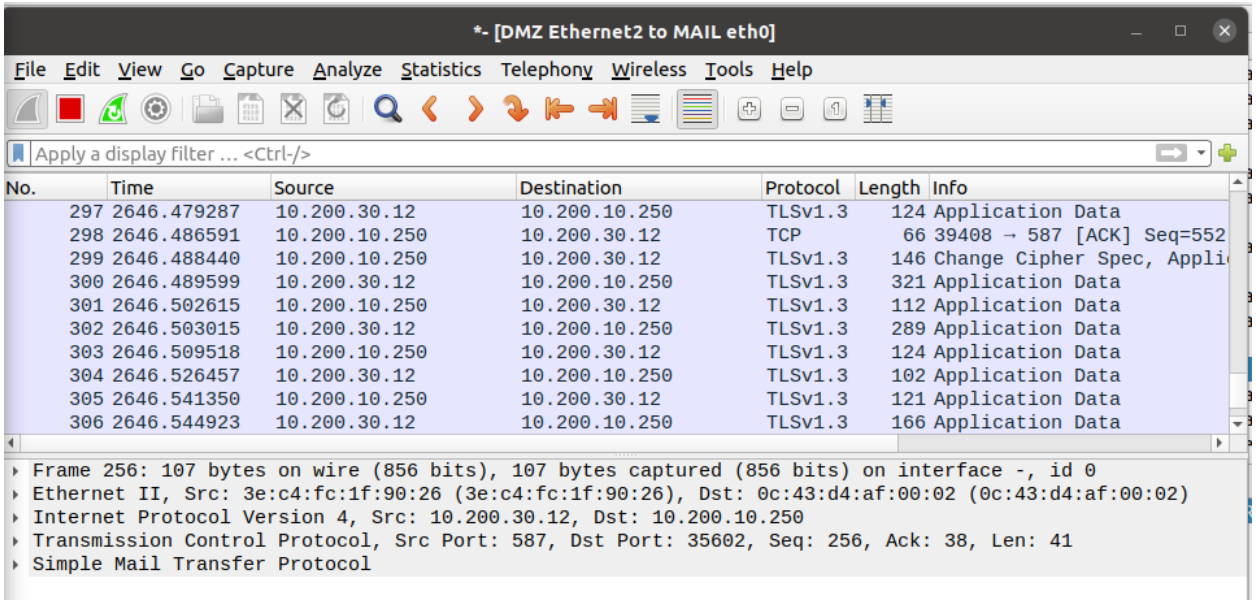
```
postmap /etc/postfix/virtual
```

On the Clayton client machine, install swaks for email testing.

Test the TLS-enabled connection using:

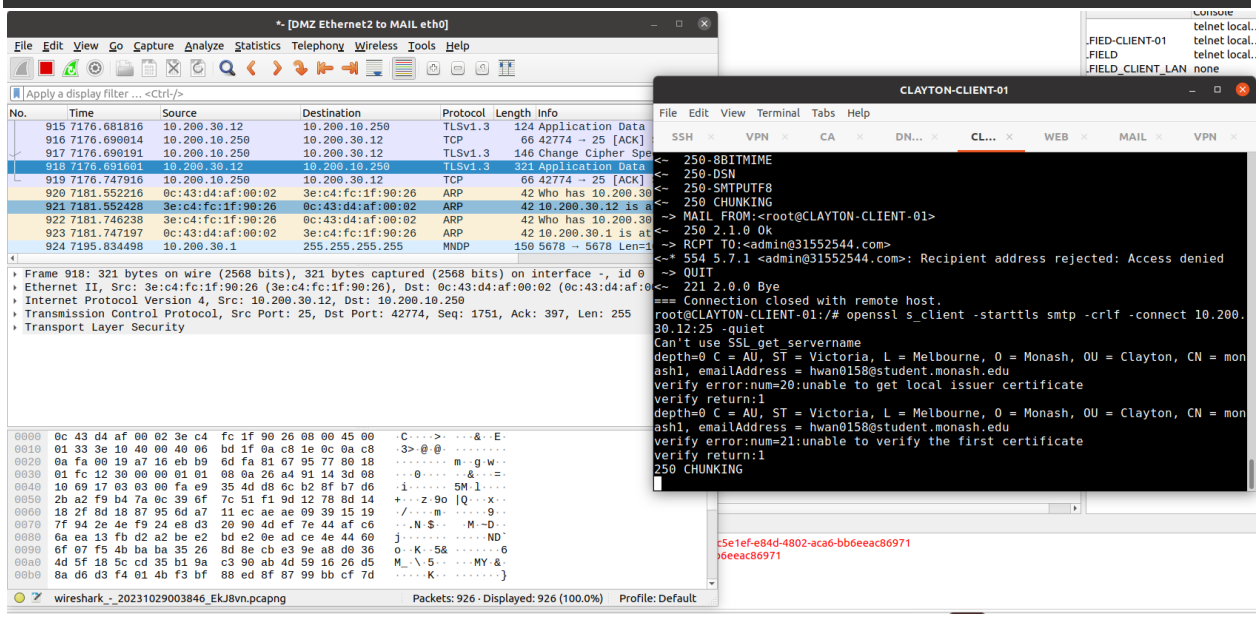
```
swaks --to hwan0158@31552544.com --server 10.200.30.12 --port 587
--tls
```

For monitoring the traffic, initiate wireshark. If the protocol displays as "tls", it indicates a successful TLS implementation.



Alternatively, the below command can also validate the TLS implementation:

```
openssl s_client -starttls smtp -crlp -connect 10.200.10.12:25 -quiet
```

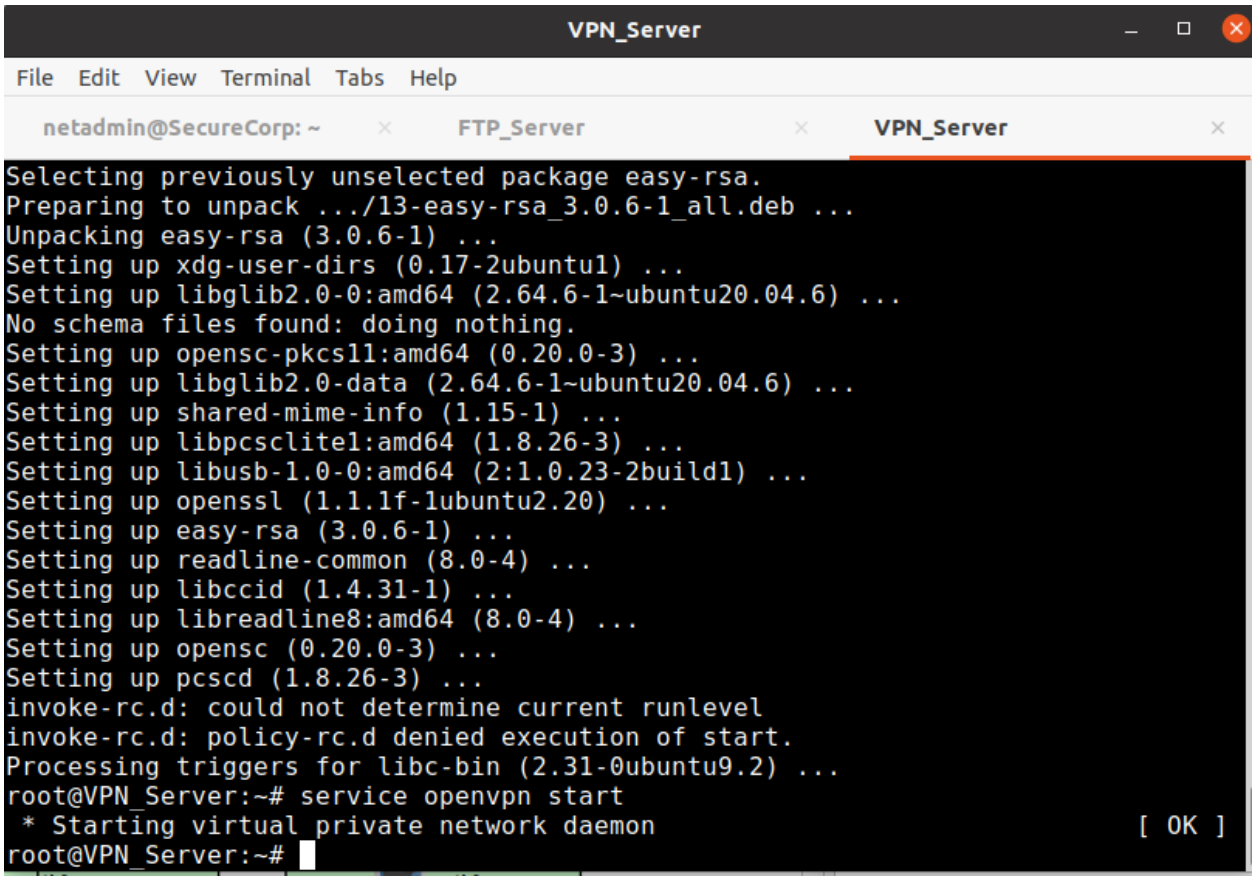


TLS has been successfully implemented for the MAIL server.

VPN Server (for external clients connecting to Monash VPN)

As outlined in the provided snapshot, the configuration process for the VPN server has been successfully initiated. Notably, the installation or configuration of the VPN server is not

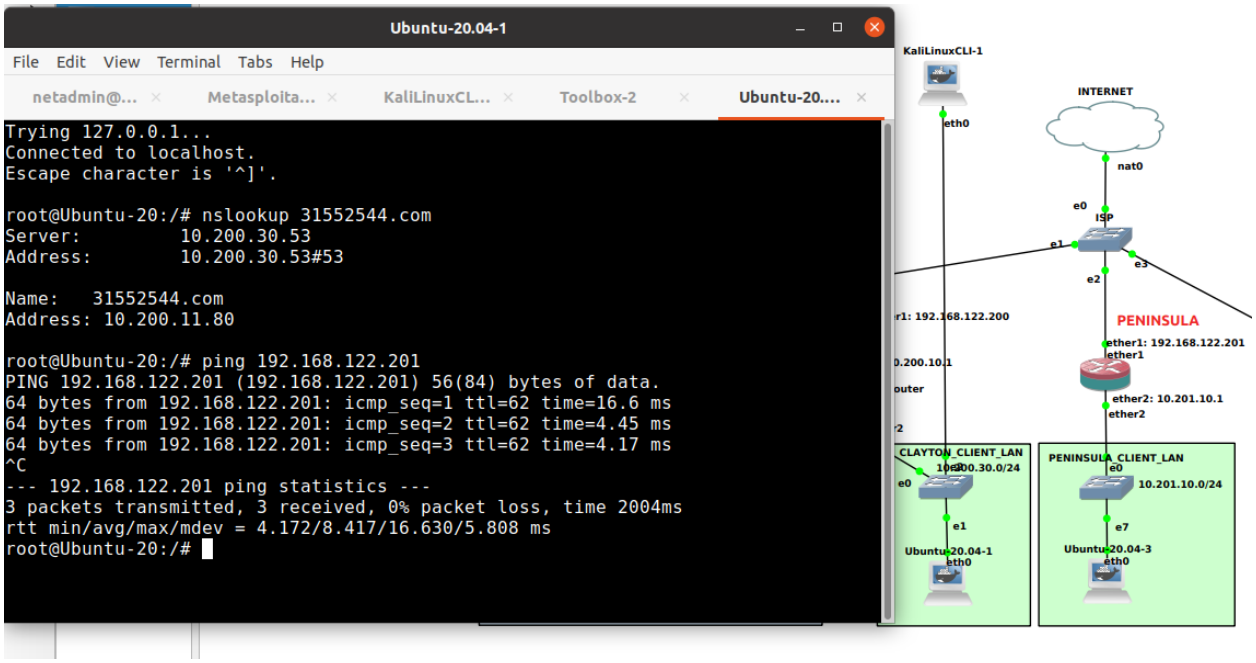
mandatory, and its operation is under the assumption that it's functioning as an SSL VPN on port 443. During the configuration process, several packages, including 'easy-rsa', were installed to set up the VPN functionalities. These packages facilitate the creation and management of RSA keys for the VPN. Moreover, additional necessary libraries and utilities, such as 'libglib2.0', 'openssl', and 'libssl1.1', were also installed to support the VPN server's operation. Toward the conclusion of the setup, the OpenVPN server service was initiated, as evidenced by the command 'service openvpn start', which completed successfully. This comprehensive process ensures that the VPN server is correctly configured and ready to provide secure communications.



Security Tests

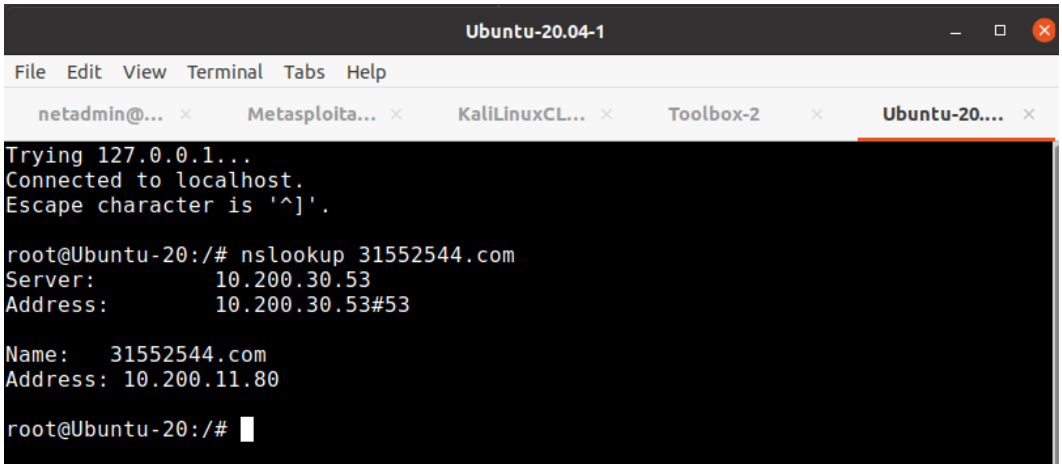
Ping tests across campuses

To test the network, a ping test from the client in the Clayton to the Peninsula is performed:



Service connectivity tests

At this stage, all devices are able to reach each other. All services (DNS, SSH etc.) is active. For example, doing nslookup 31552544.com from clayton client container returns the IP address of the web server:



VPN Configuration:

IPSec Tunnels

Site-to-site VPNs established between campuses

In the integrated network setup, IPSec tunnels have been established to facilitate secure site-to-site VPN connections among various campuses. The campuses, namely Caulfield, Clayton, and Peninsula, each have their distinct IPSec configurations, encompassing proposals, policies, and identities. Specifically, every campus' VPN setup is detailed through its IPSec proposal, policy, and identity parameters.

Caulfield ipsec proposal:

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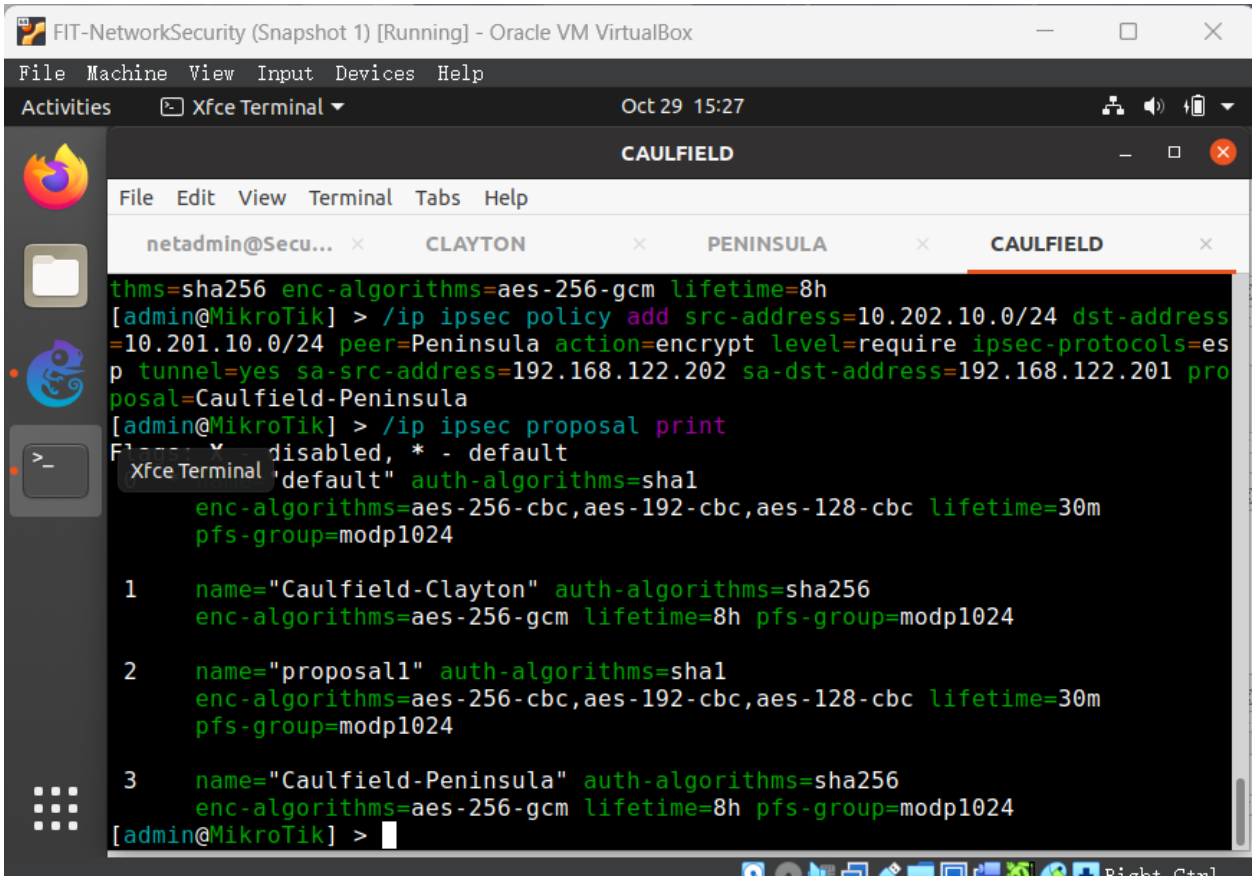
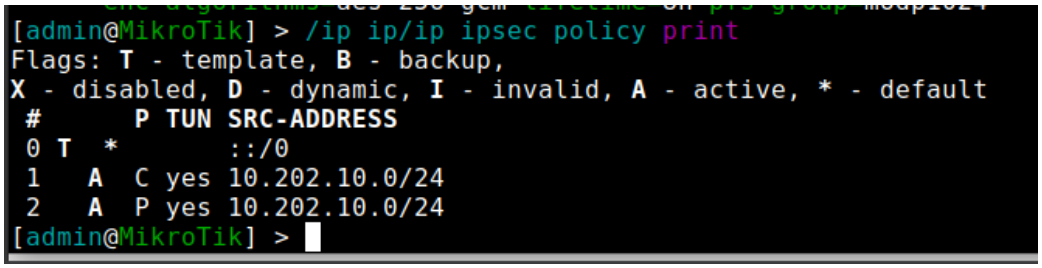


Caulfield ipsec policy:

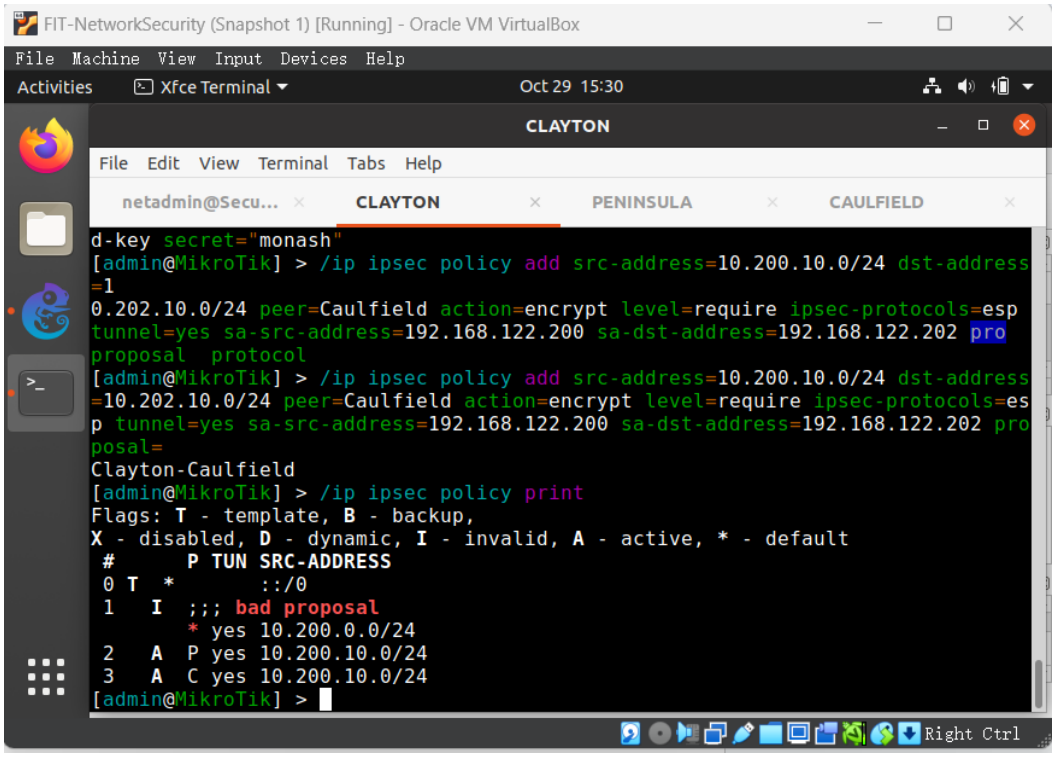


Caufield ipsec identity:

```
[admin@MikroTik] > /ip ipsec identity print
Flags: D - dynamic, X - disabled
 0    ;;; Suggestion to use stronger pre-shared key or different authenticatio
n m
ethod
      peer=Clayton auth-method=pre-shared-key secret="monash"
      generate-policy=no

 1    ;;; Suggestion to use stronger pre-shared key or different authenticatio
n m
ethod
      peer=Peninsula auth-method=pre-shared-key secret="monash"
      generate-policy=no
[admin@MikroTik] >
```

Clayton ipsec proposal:



Clayton ipsec proposal:

```
[admin@MikroTik] > /ip ipsec proposal print
Flags: X - disabled, * - default
 0  * name="default" auth-algorithms=sha1
      enc-algorithms=aes-256-cbc,aes-192-cbc,aes-128-cbc lifetime=30m
      pfs-group=modp1024

 1    name="clayton-peninsula" auth-algorithms=sha256
      enc-algorithms=aes-256-gcm lifetime=8h pfs-group=modp1024

 2    name="Clayton-Caulfield" auth-algorithms=sha256
      enc-algorithms=aes-256-gcm lifetime=8h pfs-group=modp1024
[admin@MikroTik] >
```

Clayton ipsec identity:

```
 1    ;;; Suggestion to use stronger pre-shared key or different authenticatio
n m
ethod
      peer=Peninsula auth-method=pre-shared-key secret="monash"
      generate-policy=no

 2    ;;; Suggestion to use stronger pre-shared key or different authenticatio
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ethod
      peer=Caulfield auth-method=pre-shared-key secret="monash"
      generate-policy=no
[admin@MikroTik] >
```

Peninsula ipsec proposal:

```
[admin@MikroTik] > /ip ipsec proposal print
Flags: X - disabled, * - default
 0  * name="default" auth-algorithms=sha1
      enc-algorithms=aes-256-cbc,aes-192-cbc,aes-128-cbc lifetime=30m
      pfs-group=modp1024

 1    name="Clayton-Peninsula" auth-algorithms=sha256
      enc-algorithms=aes-256-gcm lifetime=8h pfs-group=modp1024

 2    name="Peninsula-Clayton" auth-algorithms=sha256
      enc-algorithms=aes-256-gcm lifetime=8h pfs-group=modp1024

 3    name="Peninsula-Caufield" auth-algorithms=sha256
      enc-algorithms=aes-256-gcm lifetime=8h pfs-group=modp1024
[admin@MikroTik] >
```

Peninsula ipsec policy:

```
[admin@MikroTik] > /ip ipsec policy print
Flags: T - template, B - backup,
X - disabled, D - dynamic, I - invalid, A - active, * - default
 #      P TUN SRC-ADDRESS
 0 T  *       ::/0
 1   I  * yes 10.201.0.0/24
 2   A  C yes 10.201.10.0/24
 3   A  C yes 10.201.10.0/24
```

Peninsula ipsec identity:

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 1    ;;; Suggestion to use stronger pre-shared key or different authenticatio
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ethod
      peer=Clayton auth-method=pre-shared-key secret="monash"
      generate-policy=no

 2    ;;; Suggestion to use stronger pre-shared key or different authenticatio
n m
ethod
      peer=Caulfield auth-method=pre-shared-key secret="monash"
      generate-policy=no
[admin@MikroTik] >
```

/ip ipsec installed-sa print

Peninsula:

```
[admin@MikroTik] > /ip ipsec installed-sa print
Flags: H - hw-aead, A - AH, E - ESP
 0  E spi=0x7C2DBD9 src-address=192.168.122.200 dst-address=192.168.122.201
      state=mature enc-algorithm=aes-gcm enc-key-size=288
      enc-key="27ac404f842548eaef60b4f62881daccd966769de2da5384d658a6435e2f8c7f
        f7c74ff5"
      add-lifetime=6h24m12s/8h15s replay=128

 1  E spi=0xB452E0B src-address=192.168.122.201 dst-address=192.168.122.200
      state=mature enc-algorithm=aes-gcm enc-key-size=288
      enc-key="d85e6aff3f8dc1dbbdc106d8802a14fbb550a33afad58eff27d1335fb389962a
        c219db37"
      add-lifetime=6h24m12s/8h15s replay=128

 2  E spi=0x41895A1 src-address=192.168.122.202 dst-address=192.168.122.201
      state=mature enc-algorithm=aes-gcm enc-key-size=288
      enc-key="9add3414692435eb3958b8253147be0d384a2d0268c4eda6502fe42c3d5104e4
        6e40c287"
      add-lifetime=6h24m12s/8h15s replay=128

 3  E spi=0x727D681 src-address=192.168.122.201 dst-address=192.168.122.202
      state=mature enc-algorithm=aes-gcm enc-key-size=288
      enc-key="a90b3a87a453314d75f0e10ea0d86c48586e337357a4522b8759e1b911f4024d
        7195ccce"
-- [Q quit|D dump|down]
```

Clayton:

```
[admin@MikroTik] > /ip ipsec installed-sa print
Flags: H - hw-aead, A - AH, E - ESP
 0  E spi=0xB452E0B src-address=192.168.122.201 dst-address=192.168.122.200
      state=mature enc-algorithm=aes-gcm enc-key-size=288
      enc-key="d85e6aff3f8dc1dbbdc106d8802a14fbb550a33afad58eff27d1335fb389962a
        c219db37"
      add-lifetime=6h24m20s/8h25s replay=128

 1  E spi=0x7C2DBD9 src-address=192.168.122.200 dst-address=192.168.122.201
      state=mature enc-algorithm=aes-gcm enc-key-size=288
      enc-key="27ac404f842548eaef60b4f62881daccd966769de2da5384d658a6435e2f8c7f
        f7c74ff5"
      add-lifetime=6h24m20s/8h25s replay=128

 2  E spi=0x79DBC7E src-address=192.168.122.202 dst-address=192.168.122.200
      state=mature enc-algorithm=aes-gcm enc-key-size=288
      enc-key="9f4fdaae798202daad53a409df79fac3f56d404ab3c5ab38bb8811f47e90ccbf
        ce7df9c3"
      add-lifetime=6h24m23s/8h29s replay=128

 3  E spi=0xBB31602 src-address=192.168.122.200 dst-address=192.168.122.202
      state=mature enc-algorithm=aes-gcm enc-key-size=288
      enc-key="b55815ca24b28d8651f359566efcc33f85735f2b7406a56a8e13b4a4cafb146a
        dbfb551b"
-- [Q quit|D dump|down]
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Caulfield:

```
[admin@MikroTik] > /ip ipsec installed-sa print
Flags: H - hw-aead, A - AH, E - ESP
 0  E spi=0xBB31602 src-address=192.168.122.200 dst-address=192.168.122.202
      state=mature enc-algorithm=aes-gcm enc-key-size=288
      enc-key="b55815ca24b28d8651f359566efcc33f85735f2b7406a56a8e13b4a4cafb146a
        dbfb551b"
      add-lifetime=6h24m18s/8h23s replay=128

 1  E spi=0x79DBC7E src-address=192.168.122.202 dst-address=192.168.122.200
      state=mature enc-algorithm=aes-gcm enc-key-size=288
      enc-key="9f4fdaae798202daad53a409df79fac3f56d404ab3c5ab38bb8811f47e90ccbf
        ce7df9c3"
      add-lifetime=6h24m18s/8h23s replay=128

 2  E spi=0x727D681 src-address=192.168.122.201 dst-address=192.168.122.202
      state=mature enc-algorithm=aes-gcm enc-key-size=288
      enc-key="a90b3a87a453314d75f0e10ea0d86c48586e337357a4522b8759e1b911f4024d
        7195ccce"
      add-lifetime=6h24m1s/8h2s replay=128

 3  E spi=0x41895A1 src-address=192.168.122.202 dst-address=192.168.122.201
      state=mature enc-algorithm=aes-gcm enc-key-size=288
      enc-key="9add3414692435eb3958b8253147be0d384a2d0268c4eda6502fe42c3d5104e4
        6e40c287"
-- [Q quit|D dump|down]
```

Firewall Configuration:

Access Rules

Defined accessibility for WEB, MAIL, VPN, DNS, FTP, SSH servers

The firewall's configuration has been meticulously structured to define and regulate access rules for various services, including WEB, MAIL, VPN, DNS, FTP, and SSH servers. The terminal logs demonstrate the application of specific rules.

```
[admin@MikroTik] /ip firewall filter> add chain=forward src-address=10.200.20.0/
24 dst-address=10.200.30.21 protocol=tcp dst-port=21 action=accept
[admin@MikroTik] /ip firewall filter> add chain=forward dst-address=10.200.30.21
 protocol=tcp dst-port=21 action=drop
[admin@MikroTik] /ip firewall filter> add chain=forward src-address=10.202.10.0/
24 dst-address=10.200.30.22 protocol=tcp dst-port=22 action=accept
[admin@MikroTik] /ip firewall filter> add chain=forward dst-address=10.200.30.22
 protocol=tcp dst-port=22 action=drop
[admin@MikroTik] /ip firewall filter> add chain=forward src-address=10.201.10.0/
24 dst-address=10.200.11.25 protocol=tcp dst-port=25 action=accept
[admin@MikroTik] /ip firewall filter> add chain=forward dst-address=10.200.11.25
 protocol=tcp dst-port=25 action=drop
[admin@MikroTik] /ip firewall filter>
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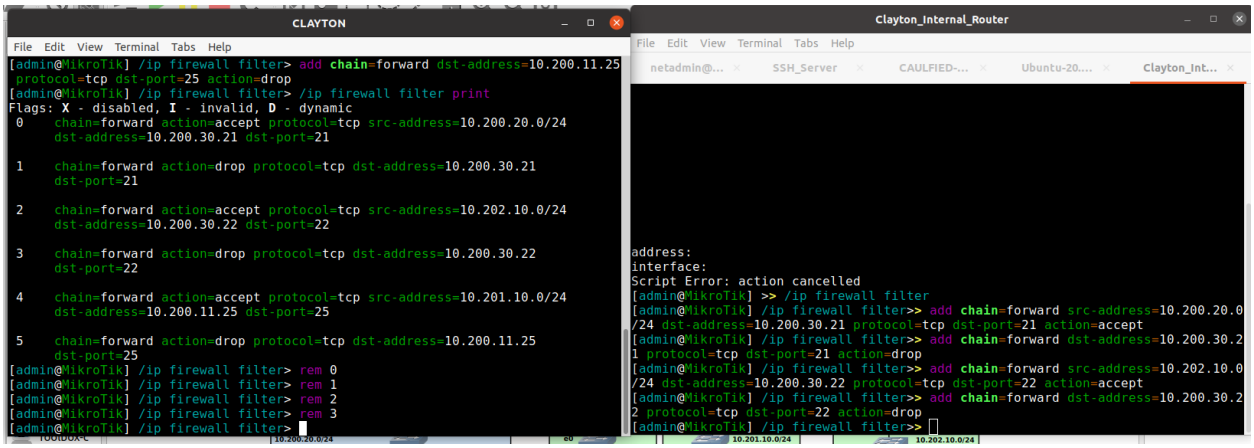


The Clayton_Internal_Router serves as the internal firewall, positioned within the network, managing and regulating internal traffic. Its rules are designed to determine actions primarily based on source addresses and destination ports, such as allowing internal communication to specific services like SMTP. This design helps in protecting against potential internal threats or misconfigurations.

Conversely, the external firewall acts as the frontline defense, handling traffic that enters and leaves the internal network. It filters and scrutinizes the traffic to ensure only approved interactions with internal resources. For instance, it might permit FTP interactions only from specific external sources.

The rationale behind employing two firewalls is multifaceted. Firstly, it establishes layered security. If threats bypass the external layer, the internal firewall stands ready to defend. Secondly, while the external firewall is responsible for blocking broader threats, the internal firewall focuses on more refined, network-specific rules. Distributing the filtering tasks between the two firewalls ensures enhanced performance; the external one manages the bulk of the traffic, allowing the internal firewall to swiftly handle specific internal traffic. Moreover, having two separate firewalls enables focused management. Different teams can be assigned to each firewall, ensuring specialized attention and more straightforward maintenance.

In essence, the dual-firewall setup, with Clayton_Internal_Router acting as the internal layer, provides a comprehensive and efficient security infrastructure.

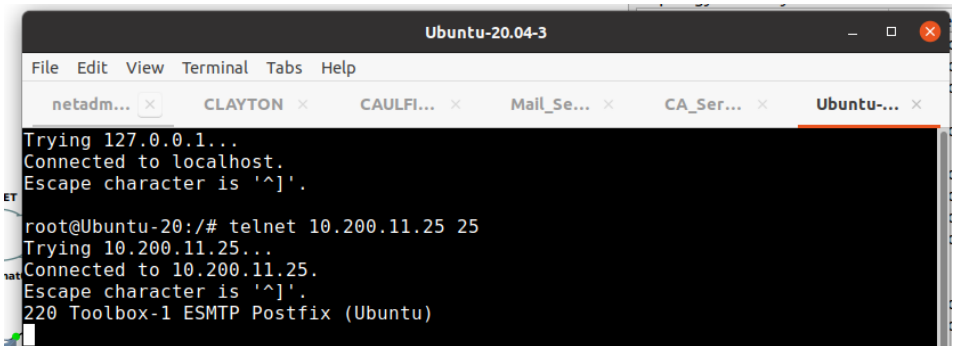
Connectivity based on firewall rules

For MAIL access:

Clients from the Peninsula campus successfully accessed the MAIL server.

However, attempts from the Caufield campus were unsuccessful, indicating that the firewall rules effectively blocked this access.

Peninsula success:



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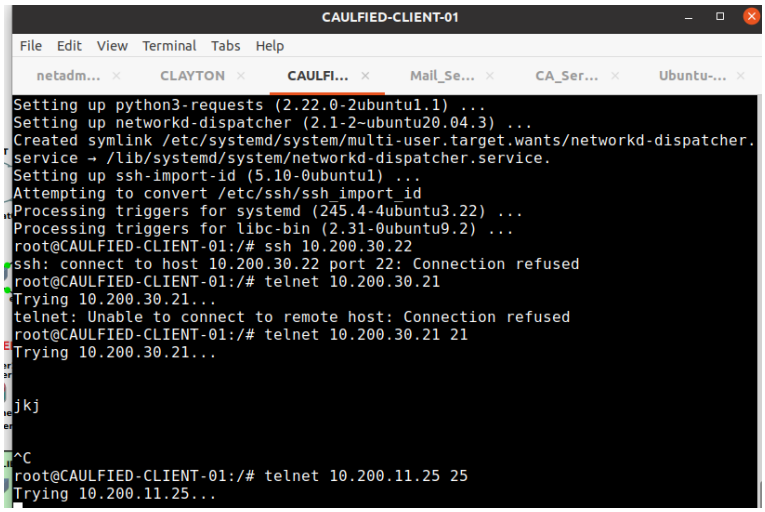

Furthermore, when limiting SSH server access exclusively to clients within the Caulfield campus:

Clients from the Caulfield campus successfully connected to the SSH server.

In contrast, attempts from the Clayton campus were denied, demonstrating the efficacy of the rule in restricting SSH access only to Caulfield.

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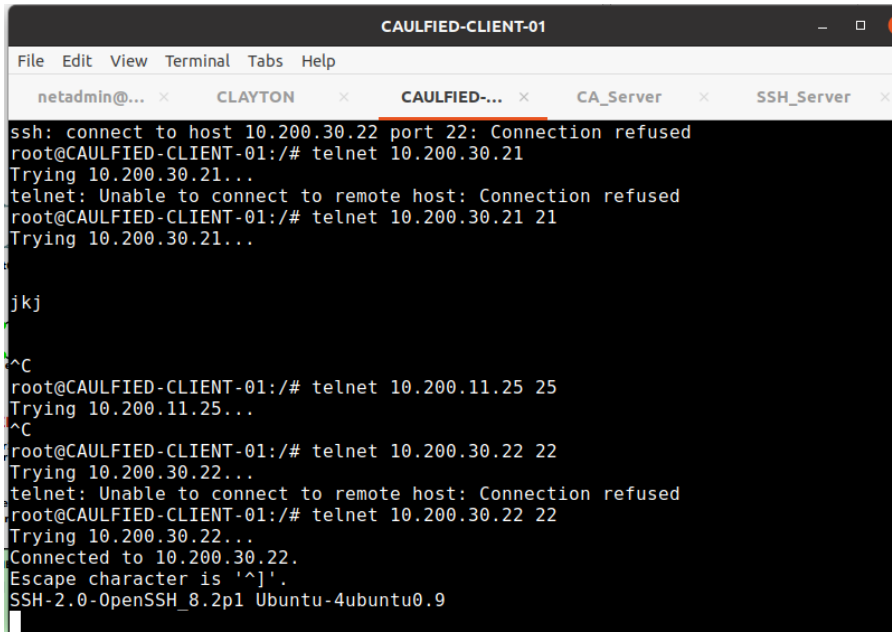

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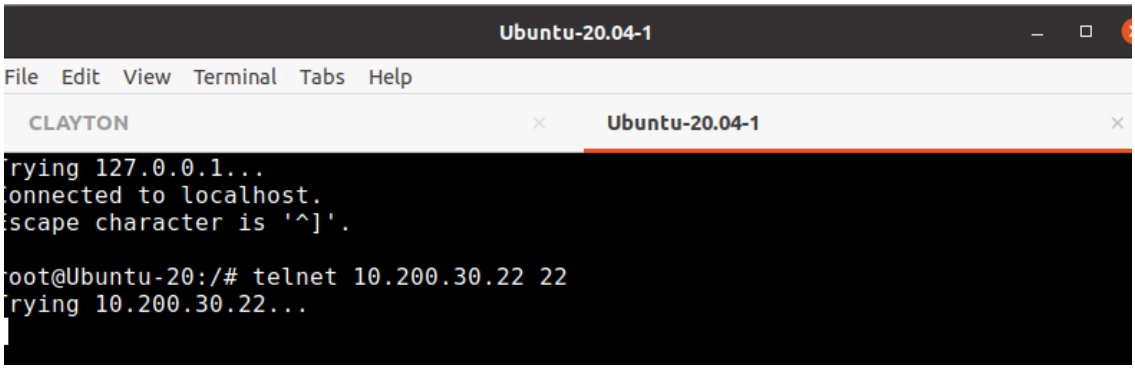

Lastly, when access to the FTP server was restricted solely to clients within the Clayton campus:

Successful access was observed from the Clayton campus.

However, attempts from the Peninsula campus were blocked, reiterating the firewall's precise and effective enforcement of the designed rules.

Clayton success:

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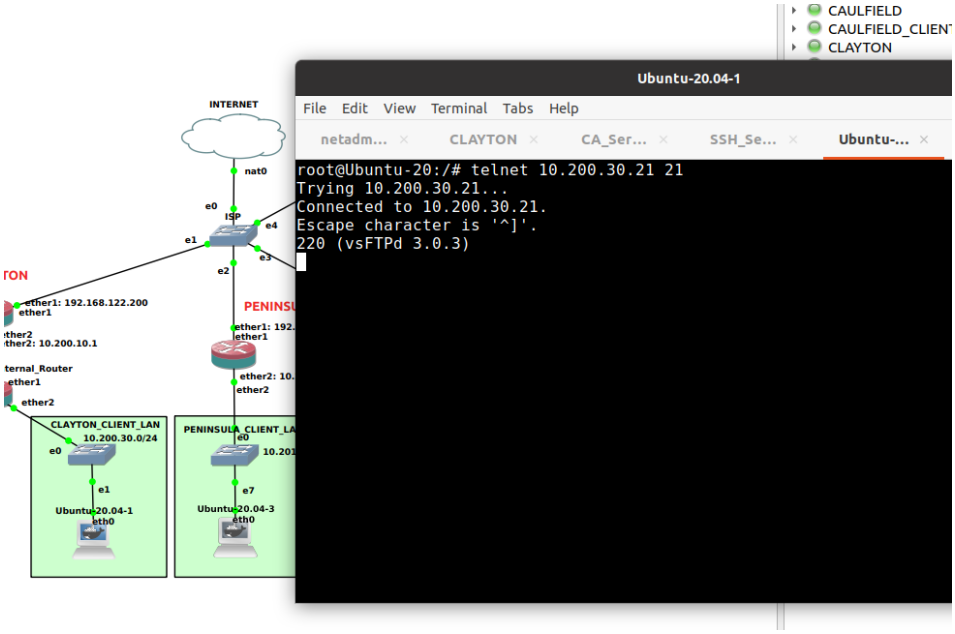

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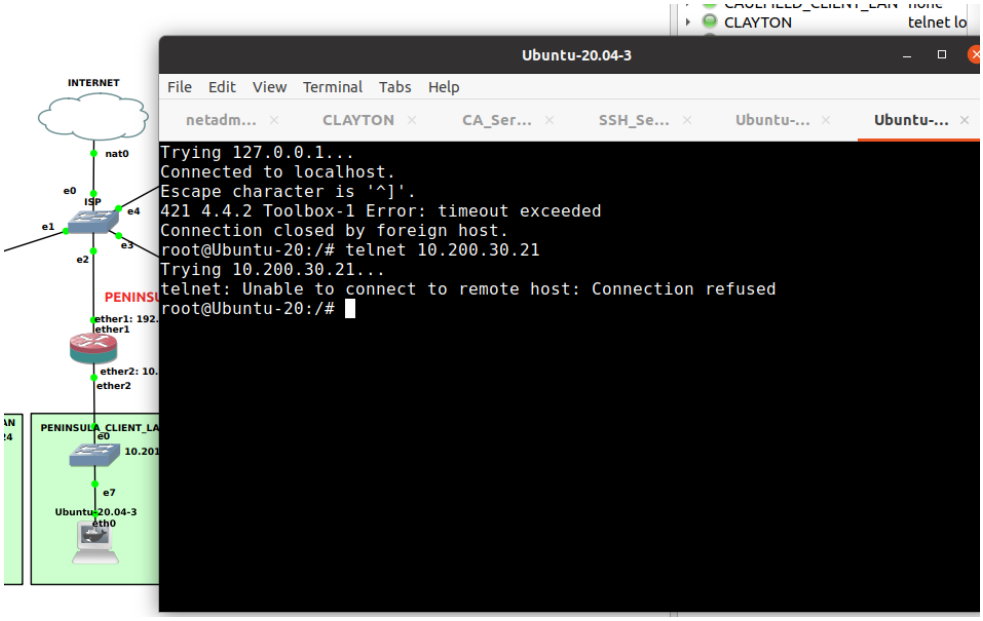


Security Analysis

Firewall Bypass Analysis & Evaluation of potential bypass methods and countermeasures

Potential bypass mechanisms might include exploiting misconfigurations or unpatched vulnerabilities. To counter this, regular audits and updates are essential. Firewall rules should also incorporate default-deny policies, where only explicitly allowed traffic is permitted.

The benefit of arranging two firewalls is that it provides layered protection for the network. An external firewall, like CLAYTON, can block a majority of potential threats, while an internal firewall, such as the Clayton_Internal_Router, offers a second line of defense for critical resources. Furthermore, having two firewalls allows an organization to implement varied security policies for the DMZ and the internal network, permitting more traffic into the DMZ while maintaining stricter controls on the internal network.

However, the current rules have some drawbacks. They impose very strict access controls, limiting access to the FTP, SSH, and MAIL servers to clients exclusively from specified campuses. This could hinder cross-campus collaboration and data sharing. To improve this, VPN access for other campuses could be considered, allowing them to securely access these resources but still with some restrictions. Another issue is the single point of failure; if a server in one campus, say the MAIL server, faces issues, the entire mail system for that campus could be impacted. Introducing load balancers and redundant servers can ensure that if one server fails, others can take over. Lastly, the current rules are rigid and based on predetermined IP addresses or networks. If there are changes in the network architecture, these rules might need manual updates. A more flexible authentication and authorization method, like role-based access control, can automatically adapt to network changes.

Additional Security Solutions and Recommendations for other security solutions to augment the network

Considering the array of servers, implementing Intrusion Detection/Prevention Systems (IDPS) would enhance security. Specifically, placing an IDPS in the DMZ would monitor traffic to the VPN, Mail, and Web servers. Furthermore, servers should be fortified with anti-malware solutions and periodic vulnerability assessments.

General Recommendations

Here are 4 suggestions for optimising security, including potential changes in network topology:

- Segment the network further, isolating sensitive servers.
- Regularly update and patch all systems.
- Consider introducing a proxy server for controlled web access.
- Implement multi-factor authentication, especially for administrative access.

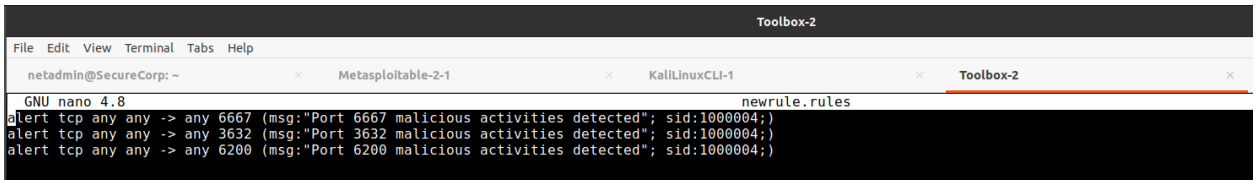
Intrusion Detection System (IDS)

Metaploitable Docker

Use of Metaploitable Docker with Snort IDS

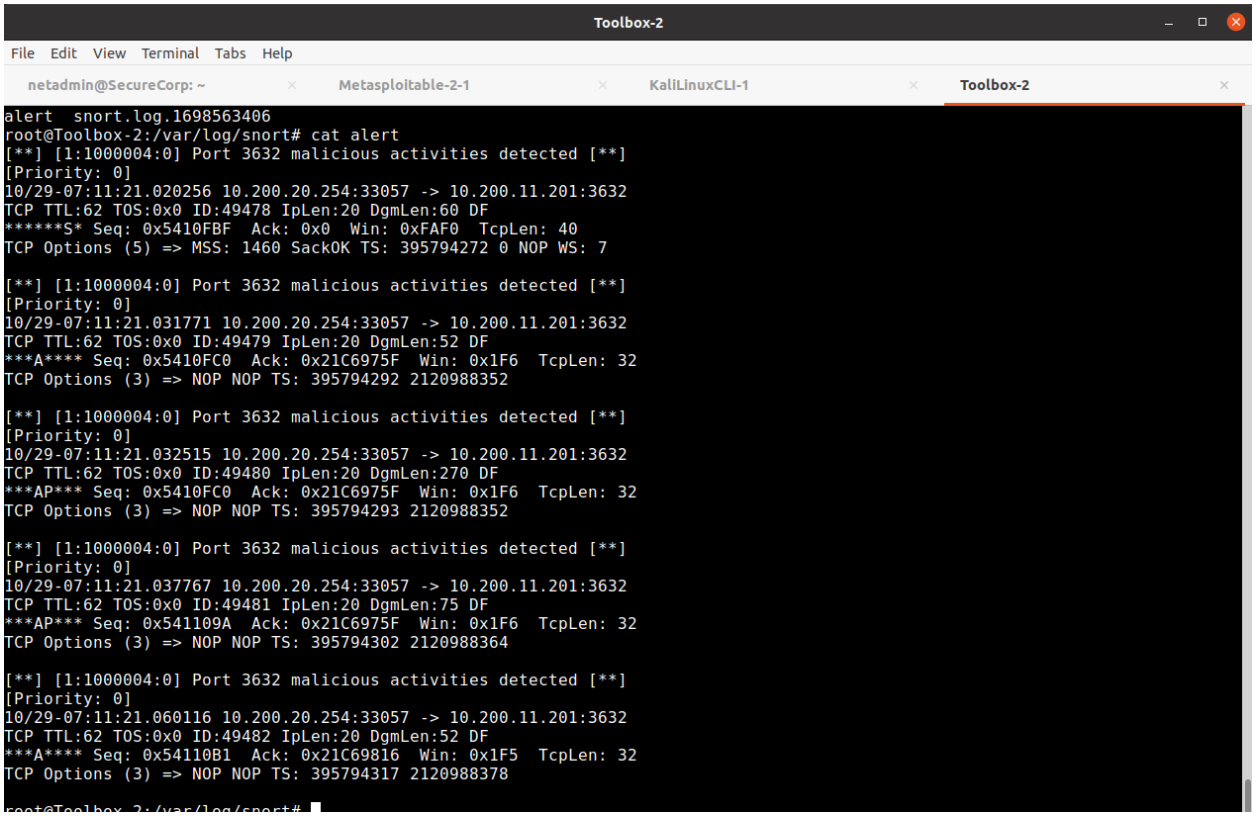
In the context of strengthening our network's security posture, we integrated an Intrusion Detection System (IDS), specifically employing Snort IDS in conjunction with the Metaploitable Docker. This setup allowed us to simulate real-world vulnerabilities and test the effectiveness of our IDS. To configure Snort, specific rules were written to alert for suspicious activities on certain ports. For instance, rules were set up to detect malicious activities on ports 6667, 3632, and 6200. Each alert was characterized by a message indicating the detection of the malevolent activity and a unique identifier, sid:1000004.

Having set the rules in Snort, we proceeded to configure the Metaploitable Docker to act as a vulnerable target. The trial on port 3632 was successful, with the target machine (Metaploitable) producing an error prompt, indicating a successful intrusion attempt. For port 6200, further results and analysis are pending.




```
alert tcp any any -> any 6667 (msg:"Port 6667 malicious activities
detected"; sid:1000004;)
alert tcp any any -> any 3632 (msg:"Port 3632 malicious activities
detected"; sid:1000004;)
alert tcp any any -> any 6200 (msg:"Port 6200 malicious activities
detected"; sid:1000004;)
```

The attempted attack on port 3632 was successful as indicated by the alerts generated in the Snort log. These alerts pinpointed malicious activities targeted at this specific port. However, while the intrusion was detected, the target machine (Metaploitable) produced an error prompt, signifying an inability to spawn a shell. This suggests that, although the initial breach was successful, the attacker faced challenges in fully exploiting the system, possibly due to inherent system defenses or misconfigurations in the attack method.



The displayed screen captures an attack using the Metasploit Framework, Here's an explanation:

Payload Selection: The attacker has multiple payload options to choose from. Payloads are scripts that execute after successfully exploiting the target. Different payloads perform different tasks, from simple command execution to spawning remote shells.

Payload Configuration: The attacker selects payload/cmd/unix/generic (line 15). This payload allows the execution of generic Unix commands.

Exploit Configuration:

The attacker sets the command (cmd) to "id" (line 16). The id command in Unix shows the user and group details of the current user.

They then set the target's IP address (RHOST) to "10.200.11.201" (line 18).

Attack Execution: The exploit unix/misc/distcc_exec is triggered (line 20). distcc is a distributed C/C++ compiler system, and this exploit targets its vulnerabilities.

Exploit Result:

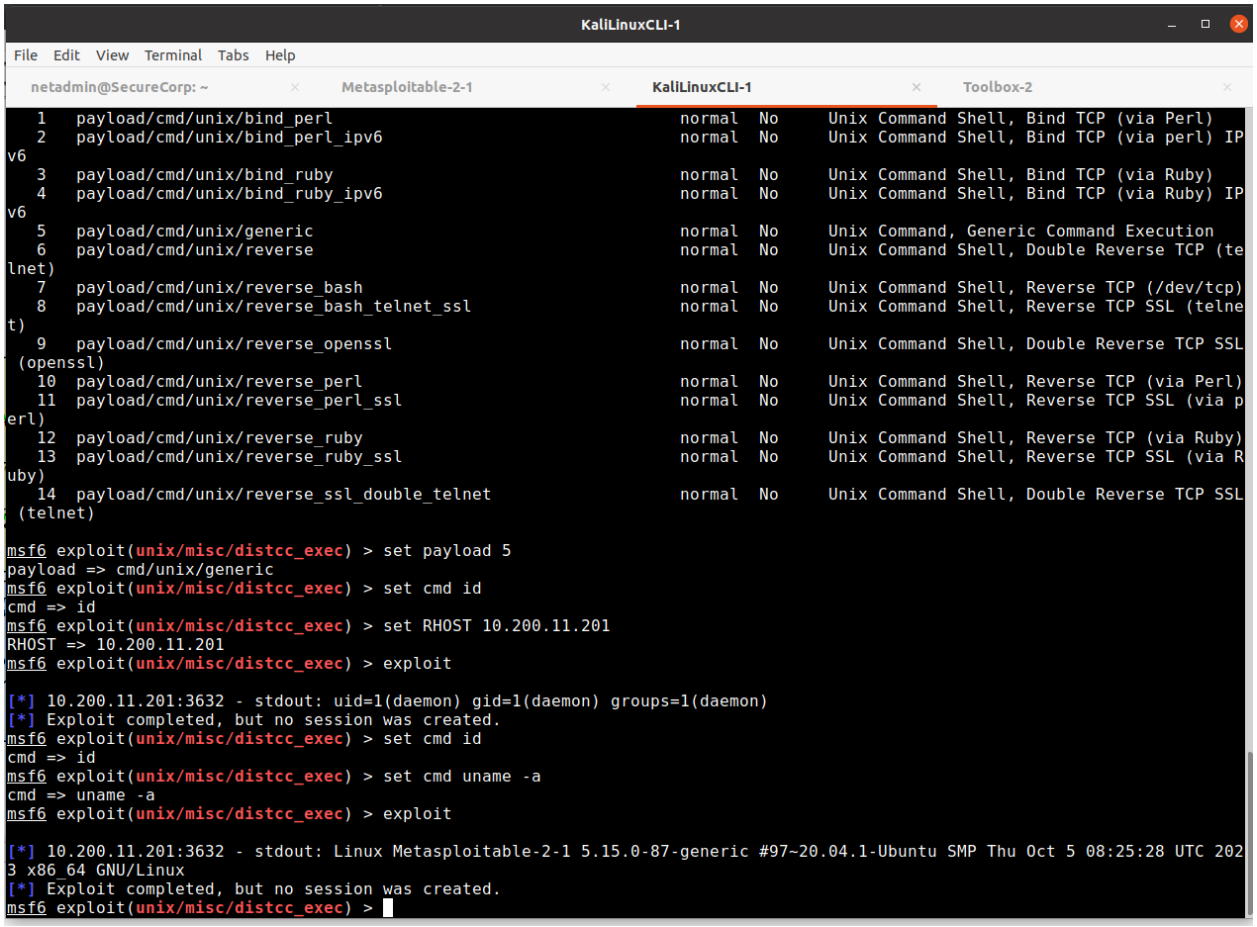
The id command is executed, showing the user identity as "daemon" (line 23). This indicates that the attack was successful in executing commands on the target system.

However, the message "Exploit completed, but no session was created" (lines 24 and 30) suggests that while the command was executed, the attacker did not gain a persistent foothold or a shell session on the target.

Further Exploration: The attacker then sets another command (cmd) to "uname -a" (line 26). This command fetches detailed system information.

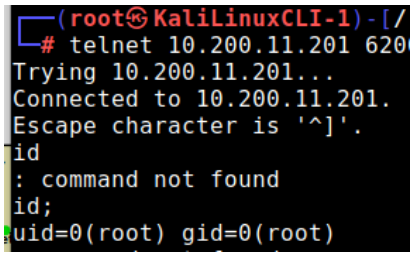
The result (line 28) reveals the target's OS details, confirming it's a "Linux Metasploitable" version.

The attack was succesfful on the target system, exploiting a vulnerability in the distcc service. However, they did not establish a persistent session. The information gathered, such as user details and system version, can be crucial for planning further attacks or understanding system vulnerabilities.

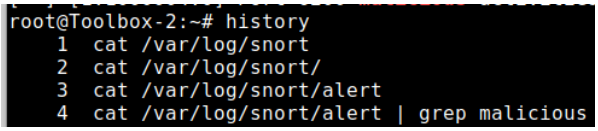


The image captures an attempt to connect to an FTP server using the telnet command. The user tries to connect to the IP address "10.200.11.201" on port 21, which is the default port for FTP. Upon connecting, the server identifies itself as "vsFTPd 2.3.4", indicating the type and version of the FTP daemon running. The user then sends the "user" command with the username "hello:)". In response, the server requests a password with the "331 Please specify the password." message. The user proceeds to enter "password" as the password. This snapshot shows a basic interaction with an FTP server, where the user is attempting to authenticate using a specific username and password. It also highlights the risk of transmitting credentials unencrypted over the network, as telnet is not a secure protocol.

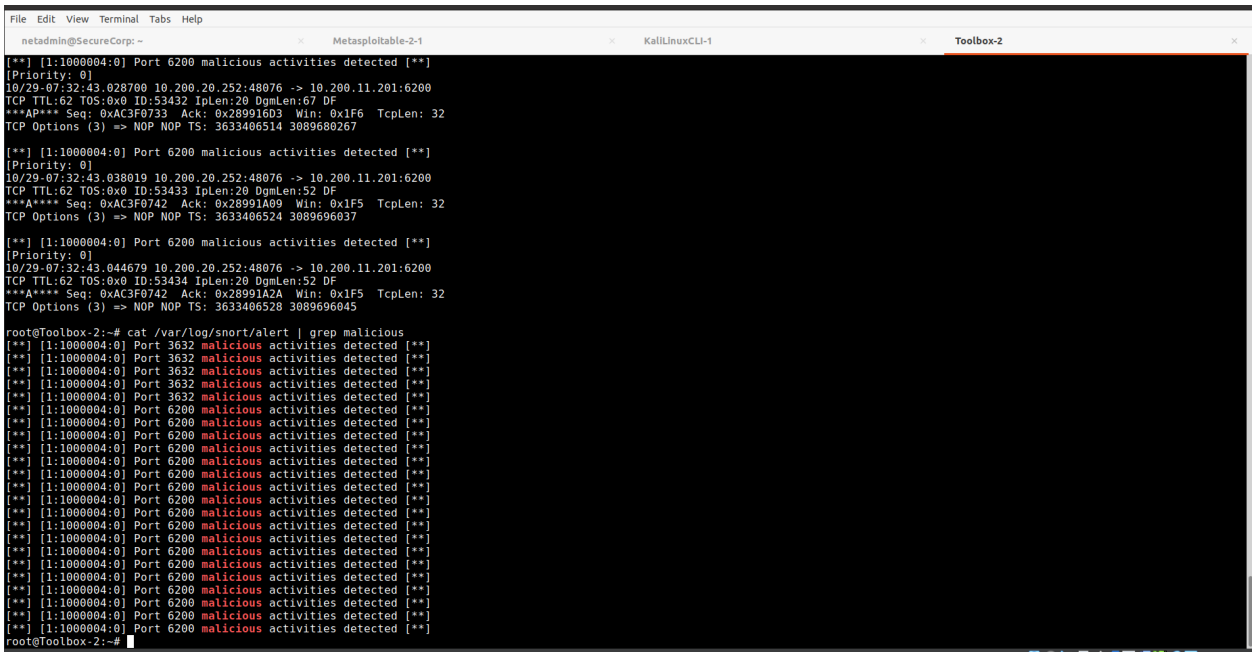
The first image showcases an attempt to connect to a service on port 6200 using telnet. After connecting, an effort is made to execute the id command, which initially fails but later succeeds, revealing root privileges:



This screenshot displays command history from a different machine, highlighting checks on Snort's log files to detect malicious activities:



The displayed logs are from Snort. They highlight malicious activity detections on ports 6200 and 3632. Each entry details the source and destination IPs, timestamps, and TCP details. The consistency of alerts suggests repeated attack attempts or network scans on these specific ports.



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