

Task 0 : Get Familiar with the Lab Setup

The two interfaces are checked to ensure that eth0 holds the 10.8.0.1 subnet and eth1 holds the 192.168.20.1 subnet. The following command is executed on the router/firewall and the resultant output is as shown below-

```
CS280_FIREWALL :/# ip -br address
lo                UNKNOWN      127.0.0.1/8
eth1@if25         UP           192.168.20.11/24
eth0@if27         UP           10.8.0.11/24
CS280_FIREWALL :/#
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CS280_FIREWALL :/# █
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In order to verify if the routing tables at the router/firewall are working, we add two rules as shown below-

The rules drop those packets originating from the eth1 network that are to be forwarded by the router to the destined IP address (miniclip and linkedin in this case). The internal network in B connects to the Internet via the external network A.

```
CS280_FIREWALL :/# iptables -A FORWARD -i eth1 -d 13.107.42.0/24 -j DROP
CS280_FIREWALL :/# iptables -A FORWARD -i eth1 -d 13.249.221.0/24 -j DROP
CS280_FIREWALL :/# █
```

When HostB in the internal network pings LinkedIn or Miniclip, the ICMP packets reach the router/firewall lying between eth0 and eth1's network. The firewall drops those packets pertaining to the rules mentioned above and therefore, the two pings are not successful.

```
CS280_B :/# ping www.linkedin.com
PING 1-0005.l-msedge.net (13.107.42.14) 56(84) bytes of data.
^Z
[3]+  Stopped                  ping www.linkedin.com
CS280_B :/# ping www.miniclip.com
PING www.miniclip.com (13.249.221.22) 56(84) bytes of data.
^Z
[4]+  Stopped                  ping www.miniclip.com
CS280_B :/# █
```

Task 1 : Static Port Forwarding

In this task an SSH connection is initiated between Host A in the eth1 network to HostB in the eth0 network. SSH connections are allowed b/w the two networks as the firewall does not drop those TCP packets directed to Port 22.

A connects to B; A1 and A2 tunnel into A and subsequently reach HostB.

When the below command is executed, HostA is able to connect to HostB via SSH.

```
CS280_A :/# ssh -L 0.0.0.0:8000:192.168.20.99:23 root@192.168.20.99
The authenticity of host '192.168.20.99 (192.168.20.99)' can't be established.
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:n1b+aWRC080F7l0i9dLj1tmdnSCCkYPm2TIg7SCqGoc.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added '192.168.20.99' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.
root@192.168.20.99's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 20.04.1 LTS (GNU/Linux 5.4.0-54-generic x86_64)

 * Documentation:  https://help.ubuntu.com
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 * Support:       https://ubuntu.com/advantage

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not required on a system that users do not log into.

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applicable law.

root@01bac72c5340:~# S
```

The corresponding Wireshark output can be seen below-

102	2022-11-05 05:1...	192.168.20.99	192.168.20.99	SSHv2	128 Client: [TCP Fast Retransmission], Encrypted packet (len=60)
98	2022-11-05 05:1...	192.168.20.99	192.168.20.99	SSHv2	128 Client: [TCP Fast Retransmission], Encrypted packet (len=60)
98	2022-11-05 05:1...	192.168.20.99	10.8.0.99	TCP	68 22 → 44224 [ACK] Seq=2324272734 Ack=3592901912 Win=64128 Len=...
99	2022-11-05 05:1...	192.168.20.99	10.8.0.99	TCP	68 [TCP Dup ACK 98#1] 22 → 44224 [ACK] Seq=2324272734 Ack=359290...
100	2022-11-05 05:1...	192.168.20.99	10.8.0.99	TCP	68 [TCP Dup ACK 98#2] 22 → 44224 [ACK] Seq=2324272734 Ack=359290...
101	2022-11-05 05:1...	192.168.20.99	10.8.0.99	TCP	68 [TCP Dup ACK 98#3] 22 → 44224 [ACK] Seq=2324272734 Ack=359290...
102	2022-11-05 05:1...	192.168.20.99	10.8.0.99	SSHv2	120 Server: Encrypted packet (len=52)
103	2022-11-05 05:1...	192.168.20.99	10.8.0.99	SSHv2	120 Server: [TCP Fast Retransmission], Encrypted packet (len=52)
104	2022-11-05 05:1...	192.168.20.99	10.8.0.99	SSHv2	120 Server: [TCP Fast Retransmission], Encrypted packet (len=52)
105	2022-11-05 05:1...	192.168.20.99	10.8.0.99	SSHv2	120 Server: [TCP Fast Retransmission], Encrypted packet (len=52)
106	2022-11-05 05:1...	192.168.20.99	192.168.20.99	TCP	68 44224 → 22 [ACK] Seq=3592901912 Ack=2324272786 Win=64128 Len=...
107	2022-11-05 05:1...	192.168.20.99	192.168.20.99	TCP	68 [TCP Dup ACK 106#1] 44224 → 22 [ACK] Seq=3592901912 Ack=23242...
108	2022-11-05 05:1...	192.168.20.99	192.168.20.99	TCP	68 [TCP Dup ACK 106#2] 44224 → 22 [ACK] Seq=3592901912 Ack=23242...
109	2022-11-05 05:1...	192.168.20.99	192.168.20.99	TCP	68 [TCP Dup ACK 106#3] 44224 → 22 [ACK] Seq=3592901912 Ack=23242...
110	2022-11-05 05:1...	192.168.20.99	192.168.20.99	SSHv2	152 Client: Encrypted packet (len=84)
111	2022-11-05 05:1...	192.168.20.99	192.168.20.99	TCP	152 [TCP Retransmission] 44224 → 22 [PSH, ACK] Seq=3592901912 Ack...
112	2022-11-05 05:1...	192.168.20.99	192.168.20.99	TCP	152 [TCP Retransmission] 44224 → 22 [PSH, ACK] Seq=3592901912 Ack...
113	2022-11-05 05:1...	192.168.20.99	192.168.20.99	TCP	152 [TCP Retransmission] 44224 → 22 [PSH, ACK] Seq=3592901912 Ack...
114	2022-11-05 05:1...	192.168.20.99	10.8.0.99	TCP	68 22 → 44224 [ACK] Seq=2324272786 Ack=3592901996 Win=64128 Len=...
115	2022-11-05 05:1...	192.168.20.99	10.8.0.99	TCP	68 [TCP Dup ACK 114#1] 22 → 44224 [ACK] Seq=2324272786 Ack=35929...
116	2022-11-05 05:1...	192.168.20.99	10.8.0.99	TCP	68 [TCP Dup ACK 114#2] 22 → 44224 [ACK] Seq=2324272786 Ack=35929...
117	2022-11-05 05:1...	192.168.20.99	10.8.0.99	TCP	68 [TCP Dup ACK 114#3] 22 → 44224 [ACK] Seq=2324272786 Ack=35929...
118	2022-11-05 05:1...	192.168.20.99	10.8.0.99	SSHv2	96 Server: Encrypted packet (len=28)
119	2022-11-05 05:1...	192.168.20.99	10.8.0.99	SSHv2	96 Server: [TCP Fast Retransmission], Encrypted packet (len=28)
120	2022-11-05 05:1...	192.168.20.99	10.8.0.99	SSHv2	96 Server: [TCP Fast Retransmission], Encrypted packet (len=28)
121	2022-11-05 05:1...	192.168.20.99	10.8.0.99	SSHv2	96 Server: [TCP Fast Retransmission], Encrypted packet (len=28)
122	2022-11-05 05:1...	192.168.20.99	192.168.20.99	TCP	68 44224 → 22 [ACK] Seq=3592901996 Ack=2324272814 Win=64128 Len=...
123	2022-11-05 05:1...	192.168.20.99	192.168.20.99	TCP	68 [TCP Dup ACK 122#1] 44224 → 22 [ACK] Seq=3592901996 Ack=23242...
124	2022-11-05 05:1...	192.168.20.99	192.168.20.99	TCP	68 [TCP Dup ACK 122#2] 44224 → 22 [ACK] Seq=3592901996 Ack=23242...
125	2022-11-05 05:1...	192.168.20.99	192.168.20.99	TCP	68 [TCP Dup ACK 122#3] 44224 → 22 [ACK] Seq=3592901996 Ack=23242...
126	2022-11-05 05:1...	192.168.20.99	192.168.20.99	SSHv2	180 Client: Encrypted packet (len=112)

▶ Frame 103: 120 bytes on wire (960 bits), 120 bytes captured (960 bits) on interface any, id 0
 ▶ Linux cooked capture
 ▶ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.20.99, Dst: 10.8.0.99
 ▶ Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 22, Dst Port: 44224, Seq: 2324272734, Ack: 3592901912, Len: 52
 ▶ SSH Protocol
 ▶ SSH Version 2 (encryption:chacha20-poly1305openssh.com mac:<implicit> compression:none)
 [Direction: server-to-client]

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TCP packets directed from 10.8.9.99 (HostA) reaches 192.168.20.99 (HostB) and vice versa.

When HostA A1 and A2 telnet into 10.8.0.99(HostA), they connect to HostB via the SSH tunnel that is established when HostA connects to HostB.

Therefore, although A1 and A2 cannot directly telnet into HostB, they can telnet into B via A's SSH tunnel. This is static port forwarding. The port number (8000 is where the SSH tunnel is created on HostA) is also mentioned when the telnet command is used so that the tunnelling is possible.

```
CS280 A1 :/# telnet 10.8.0.99 8000
Trying 10.8.0.99...
Connected to 10.8.0.99.
Escape character is '^]'.
Ubuntu 20.04.1 LTS
01bac72c5340 login: seed
Password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 20.04.1 LTS (GNU/Linux 5.4.0-54-generic x86_64)

 * Documentation:  https://help.ubuntu.com
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```

```
CS280 A2 :/# telnet 10.8.0.99 8000
Trying 10.8.0.99...
Connected to 10.8.0.99.
Escape character is '^]'.
Ubuntu 20.04.1 LTS
01bac72c5340 login: seed
Password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 20.04.1 LTS (GNU/Linux 5.4.0-54-generic x86_64)

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 * Management:    https://landscape.canonical.com
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This system has been minimized by removing packages and content that are
not required on a system that users do not log into.

To restore this content, you can run the 'unminimize' command.
Last login: Sat Nov  5 09:22:12 UTC 2022 from 01bac72c5340 on pts/3
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The result of the same can be observed in the Wireshark outputs for both the telnets. The screenshots of the same are shown below-

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835	2022-11-05 05:12.10.8.0.99	192.168.20.99	TCP	104 [TCP Retransmission] 44224 → 22 [PSH, ACK] Seq=3592903036 Ack=
836	2022-11-05 05:12.10.8.0.99	192.168.20.99	TCP	104 [TCP Retransmission] 44224 → 22 [PSH, ACK] Seq=3592903036 Ack=
837	2022-11-05 05:12.192.168.20.99	10.8.0.99	TCP	68 22 → 44224 [ACK] Seq=2324275802 Ack=3592903072 Win=64128 Len=
838	2022-11-05 05:12.192.168.20.99	10.8.0.99	TCP	68 [TCP Dup ACK 837#2] 22 → 44224 [ACK] Seq=2324275802 Ack=35929
839	2022-11-05 05:12.10.8.0.99	10.8.0.5	TCP	68 8000 → 56338 [ACK] Seq=826092958 Ack=1765687988 Win=65280 Len=
840	2022-11-05 05:12.10.8.0.99	10.8.0.99	TCP	68 [TCP Keep-Alive ACK] 8000 → 56338 [ACK] Seq=826092958 Ack=176
841	2022-11-05 05:12.192.168.20.99	10.8.0.99	TCP	68 [TCP Dup ACK 837#2] 22 → 44224 [ACK] Seq=2324275802 Ack=35929
842	2022-11-05 05:12.192.168.20.99	10.8.0.99	TCP	68 [TCP Dup ACK 837#3] 22 → 44224 [ACK] Seq=2324275802 Ack=35929
843	2022-11-05 05:12.10.8.0.5	10.8.0.99	TCP	68 56338 → 8000 [PSH, ACK] Seq=1765687988 Ack=826092958 Win=6425
844	2022-11-05 05:12.10.8.0.99	10.8.0.99	TCP	68 [TCP Keep-Alive] 56338 → 8000 [PSH, ACK] Seq=1765687988 Ack=826
845	2022-11-05 05:12.10.8.0.99	10.8.0.5	TCP	68 8000 → 56338 [ACK] Seq=826092958 Ack=1765687988 Win=65280 Len=
846	2022-11-05 05:12.10.8.0.99	10.8.0.5	TCP	68 [TCP Keep-Alive ACK] 8000 → 56338 [ACK] Seq=826092958 Ack=176
847	2022-11-05 05:12.10.8.0.99	192.168.20.99	SSHv2	104 Client: Encrypted packet (len=36)
848	2022-11-05 05:12.10.8.0.99	192.168.20.99	TCP	104 [TCP Retransmission] 44224 → 22 [PSH, ACK] Seq=3592903072 Ack=
849	2022-11-05 05:12.10.8.0.99	192.168.20.99	TCP	104 [TCP Retransmission] 44224 → 22 [PSH, ACK] Seq=3592903072 Ack=
850	2022-11-05 05:12.10.8.0.99	192.168.20.99	TCP	104 [TCP Retransmission] 44224 → 22 [PSH, ACK] Seq=3592903072 Ack=
851	2022-11-05 05:12.192.168.20.99	10.8.0.99	TCP	68 22 → 44224 [ACK] Seq=2324275802 Ack=3592903908 Win=64128 Len=
852	2022-11-05 05:12.192.168.20.99	10.8.0.99	TCP	68 [TCP Dup ACK 851#2] 22 → 44224 [ACK] Seq=2324275802 Ack=35929
853	2022-11-05 05:12.192.168.20.99	10.8.0.99	TCP	68 [TCP Dup ACK 851#2] 22 → 44224 [ACK] Seq=2324275802 Ack=35929
854	2022-11-05 05:12.192.168.20.99	10.8.0.99	TCP	68 [TCP Dup ACK 851#3] 22 → 44224 [ACK] Seq=2324275802 Ack=35929
855	2022-11-05 05:12.10.8.0.5	10.8.0.99	TCP	68 56338 → 8000 [PSH, ACK] Seq=1765687988 Ack=826092958 Win=6425
856	2022-11-05 05:12.10.8.0.99	10.8.0.99	TCP	68 [TCP Keep-Alive] 8000 → 56338 [ACK] Seq=826092958 Ack=1765687988
857	2022-11-05 05:12.10.8.0.99	10.8.0.5	TCP	68 8000 → 56338 [ACK] Seq=826092958 Ack=1765687988 Win=65280 Len=
858	2022-11-05 05:12.10.8.0.99	10.8.0.5	TCP	68 [TCP Keep-Alive ACK] 8000 → 56338 [ACK] Seq=826092958 Ack=176
859	2022-11-05 05:12.10.8.0.99	192.168.20.99	SSHv2	104 Client: Encrypted packet (len=36)
860	2022-11-05 05:12.10.8.0.99	192.168.20.99	TCP	104 [TCP Retransmission] 44224 → 22 [PSH, ACK] Seq=3592903072 Ack=
861	2022-11-05 05:12.10.8.0.99	192.168.20.99	TCP	104 [TCP Retransmission] 44224 → 22 [PSH, ACK] Seq=3592903072 Ack=
862	2022-11-05 05:12.10.8.0.99	192.168.20.99	TCP	104 [TCP Retransmission] 44224 → 22 [PSH, ACK] Seq=3592903072 Ack=
863	2022-11-05 05:12.192.168.20.99	10.8.0.99	TCP	68 22 → 44224 [ACK] Seq=2324275802 Ack=3592903944 Win=64128 Len=
864	2022-11-05 05:12.192.168.20.99	10.8.0.99	TCP	68 [TCP Dup ACK 863#1] 22 → 44224 [ACK] Seq=2324275802 Ack=35929
865	2022-11-05 05:12.192.168.20.99	10.8.0.99	TCP	68 [TCP Dup ACK 863#2] 22 → 44224 [ACK] Seq=2324275802 Ack=35929
Frame 843: 68 bytes on wire (552 bits), 68 bytes captured (552 bits) on interface any, id 0				
Linux cooked capture				
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.8.0.5, Dst: 10.8.0.99				
Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 56338, Dst Port: 8000, Seq: 1765687988, Ack: 826092958, Len: 1				
Source Port: 56338				
Destination Port: 8000				
[Stream Index: 3]				
[TCP Segment Len: 1]				
Sequence number: 1765687988				
[Next sequence number: 1765687989]				
Acknowledgment number: 826092958				
1000 ... = Header length: 32 bytes (8)				
Flags: 0x018 (PSH, ACK)				

for A1

946	2022-11-05 05:12.10.8.0.6	10.8.0.99	TCP	76 46586 → 8000 [SYN] Seq=1898477758 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 SA=
947	2022-11-05 05:12.10.8.0.6	10.8.0.99	TCP	76 [TCP Out-Of-Order] 46586 → 8000 [SYN] Seq=1898477758 Win=6424
948	2022-11-05 05:12.10.8.0.99	10.8.0.6	TCP	76 8000 → 46586 [SYN, ACK] Seq=2811668222 Ack=1898477759 Win=651
949	2022-11-05 05:12.10.8.0.99	10.8.0.6	TCP	76 [TCP Out-Of-Order] 8000 → 46586 [SYN, ACK] Seq=2811668222 Ack=
950	2022-11-05 05:12.10.8.0.6	10.8.0.99	TCP	68 46586 → 8000 [ACK] Seq=1898477759 Ack=2811668223 Win=64256 Le...
951	2022-11-05 05:12.10.8.0.6	10.8.0.99	TCP	68 [TCP Dup ACK 950#1] 46586 → 8000 [ACK] Seq=1898477759 Ack=281
952	2022-11-05 05:12.10.8.0.99	192.168.20.99	SSHv2	160 Client: Encrypted packet (len=92)
953	2022-11-05 05:12.10.8.0.99	192.168.20.99	TCP	160 [TCP Retransmission] 44224 → 22 [PSH, ACK] Seq=3592904016 Ack=
954	2022-11-05 05:12.10.8.0.99	192.168.20.99	TCP	160 [TCP Retransmission] 44224 → 22 [PSH, ACK] Seq=3592904016 Ack=
955	2022-11-05 05:12.10.8.0.99	192.168.20.99	TCP	160 [TCP Retransmission] 44224 → 22 [PSH, ACK] Seq=3592904016 Ack=
956	2022-11-05 05:12.192.168.20.99	10.8.0.99	TCP	68 22 → 44224 [ACK] Seq=2324276658 Ack=3592904108 Win=64128 Len=
957	2022-11-05 05:12.192.168.20.99	10.8.0.99	TCP	68 [TCP Dup ACK 956#1] 22 → 44224 [ACK] Seq=2324276658 Ack=35929
958	2022-11-05 05:12.192.168.20.99	10.8.0.99	TCP	68 [TCP Dup ACK 956#2] 22 → 44224 [ACK] Seq=2324276658 Ack=35929
959	2022-11-05 05:12.192.168.20.99	10.8.0.99	TCP	68 [TCP Dup ACK 956#3] 22 → 44224 [ACK] Seq=2324276658 Ack=35929
960	2022-11-05 05:12.192.168.20.99	10.8.0.99	SSHv2	112 Server: Encrypted packet (len=44)
961	2022-11-05 05:12.192.168.20.99	10.8.0.99	SSHv2	112 Server: [TCP Fast Retransmission], Encrypted packet (len=44)
962	2022-11-05 05:12.192.168.20.99	10.8.0.99	SSHv2	112 Server: [TCP Fast Retransmission], Encrypted packet (len=44)
963	2022-11-05 05:12.192.168.20.99	10.8.0.99	SSHv2	112 Server: [TCP Fast Retransmission], Encrypted packet (len=44)
964	2022-11-05 05:12.10.8.0.99	192.168.20.99	TCP	68 44224 → 22 [ACK] Seq=3592904108 Ack=2324276702 Win=64128 Len=
965	2022-11-05 05:12.10.8.0.99	192.168.20.99	TCP	68 [TCP Dup ACK 964#1] 44224 → 22 [ACK] Seq=3592904108 Ack=23242
966	2022-11-05 05:12.10.8.0.99	192.168.20.99	TCP	68 [TCP Dup ACK 964#2] 44224 → 22 [ACK] Seq=3592904108 Ack=23242
967	2022-11-05 05:12.10.8.0.99	192.168.20.99	TCP	68 [TCP Dup ACK 964#3] 44224 → 22 [ACK] Seq=3592904108 Ack=23242
968	2022-11-05 05:12.192.168.20.99	10.8.0.99	SSHv2	120 Server: Encrypted packet (len=52)
969	2022-11-05 05:12.192.168.20.99	10.8.0.99	SSHv2	120 Server: [TCP Fast Retransmission], Encrypted packet (len=52)
970	2022-11-05 05:12.192.168.20.99	10.8.0.99	SSHv2	120 Server: [TCP Fast Retransmission], Encrypted packet (len=52)
971	2022-11-05 05:12.192.168.20.99	10.8.0.99	SSHv2	120 Server: [TCP Fast Retransmission], Encrypted packet (len=52)
972	2022-11-05 05:12.10.8.0.99	192.168.20.99	TCP	68 44224 → 22 [ACK] Seq=3592904108 Ack=2324276754 Win=64128 Len=
973	2022-11-05 05:12.10.8.0.99	192.168.20.99	TCP	68 [TCP Dup ACK 972#1] 44224 → 22 [ACK] Seq=3592904108 Ack=23242
974	2022-11-05 05:12.10.8.0.99	192.168.20.99	TCP	68 [TCP Dup ACK 972#2] 44224 → 22 [ACK] Seq=3592904108 Ack=23242
975	2022-11-05 05:12.10.8.0.99	192.168.20.99	TCP	68 [TCP Dup ACK 972#3] 44224 → 22 [ACK] Seq=3592904108 Ack=23242
976	2022-11-05 05:12.10.8.0.6	10.8.0.6	TCP	80 8000 → 46586 [PSH, ACK] Seq=2811668223 Ack=1898477759 Win=652
Frame 721: 68 bytes on wire (544 bits), 68 bytes captured (544 bits) on interface any, id 0				
Linux cooked capture				
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.8.0.5, Dst: 10.8.0.99				
Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 56338, Dst Port: 8000, Seq: 1765687981, Ack: 826092942, Len: 0				

For A2

As seen above, TCP packets are first sent from the respective hosts (A1 and A2) to HostA. Via SSH tunnelling, those packets are tunnelled and forwarded via the SSH tunnel to HostB (past the firewall). The ACK packets for every TCP packet received are sent back from HostB to HostA and eventually to HostA1/HostA2.

- (1) **How many TCP connections are involved in this entire process. You should run Wireshark or Tcpdump to capture the network traffic, and then point out all the involved TCP connections from the captured traffic.**

Soln: As explained above, two TCP connections are involved in the process. The first connection is between the host (HostA1 or HostA2) and Host A. This can be inferred from the communication seen on Wireshark. The second TCP connection is between Host A and HostB.

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(2) Why can this tunnel successfully help users evade the firewall rule specified in the lab setup?

Soln: The firewall allows SSH connection/session between the hosts of the two networks (eth0 and eth1) and blocks any telnet connections b/w them. HostA's SSH connection with B is allowed. HostA1 telnets to HostA, from which it tunnels to HostB via the SSH tunnel. Therefore, there is no direct violation of the router firewall rules, so the firewall does not drop any packets, thereby making this attack/access successful.

Task 2: Dynamic Port Forwarding**Task 2.1: Setting Up Dynamic Port Forwarding**

In the previous task, we used static port forwarding to create an SSH tunnel. A static port tunnel can help several hosts on one side of the firewall tunnel into one specific server (at a specific port) on the other end of it. If the user intends to connect to multiple servers at the other end, then dynamic port forwarding is used.

An SSH session/tunnel (allowing for dynamic port forwarding) is established from HostB to HostA in this case.

```
CS280_B :/# ssh -4 -D 0.0.0.0:8000 root@10.8.0.99 -f -N
The authenticity of host '10.8.0.99 (10.8.0.99)' can't be established.
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:n1b+aWRC080F7l0i9dLjltmdnSCCkYPm2TIg7SCqGoc.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added '10.8.0.99' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.
root@10.8.0.99's password:
CS280_B :/#
```

When curl is executed on HostB and details of example.com (which is blocked by the firewall) are sought, the result is as shown below-

```
CS280_B :/# curl -x socks5h://0.0.0.0:8000 http://www.example.com
<!doctype html>
<html>
<head>
  <title>Example Domain</title>

  <meta charset="utf-8" />
  <meta http-equiv="Content-type" content="text/html; charset=utf-8" />
  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1" />
  <style type="text/css">
    body {
      background-color: #f0f0f2;
      margin: 0;
      padding: 0;
      font-family: -apple-system, system-ui, BlinkMacSystemFont, "Segoe UI", "Open Sans", "Helvetica Neue", Helvetica, Arial, sans-serif;
    }
    div {
      width: 600px;
      margin: 5em auto;
      padding: 2em;
      background-color: #fdfdff;
      border-radius: 0.5em;
      box-shadow: 2px 3px 7px rgba(0,0,0,0.02);
    }
    a:link, a:visited {
      color: #38488f;
      text-decoration: none;
    }
    @media (max-width: 700px) {
      div {
        margin: 0 auto;
        width: auto;
      }
    }
    a:link, a:visited {
      color: #38488f;
      text-decoration: none;
    }
    @media (max-width: 700px) {
      div {
        margin: 0 auto;
        width: auto;
      }
    }
  </style>
</head>
<body>
<div>
  <h1>Example Domain</h1>
  <p>This domain is for use in illustrative examples in documents. You may use this
  domain in literature without prior coordination or asking for permission.</p>
  <p><a href="https://www.iana.org/domains/example">More information...</a></p>
</div>
</body>
</html>
CS280_B :/#
```

The corresponding HTML page of that site is directed back to the HostB. In this port forwarding, the destination port is not explicitly specified as the port no. can vary for different websites. The source port at which the tunnel exists is however specified.

B1 cannot access example.com on its own because of the firewall filtering. However, when it tunnels into HostB it connects to HostA which in turn connects to the Internet and sends across the request, response packets. B acts as an intermediary to the HTTP requests made by B1 and therefore, B is acting as the proxy in this case.

The result is the same for B2 as can be shown below→

B1:

```
CS280_B1 :/# curl -x socks5h://192.168.20.99:8080 http://www.example.com
<!doctype html>
<html>
<head>
<title>Example Domain</title>

<meta charset="utf-8" />
<meta http-equiv="Content-type" content="text/html; charset=utf-8" />
<meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1" />
<style type="text/css">
  body {
    background-color: #f0f0f2;
    margin: 0;
    padding: 0;
    font-family: -apple-system, system-ui, BlinkMacSystemFont, "Segoe UI", "Open Sans", "Helvetica Neue", Helvetica, Arial, sans-serif;
  }
  div {
    width: 600px;
    margin: 5em auto;
    padding: 2em;
    background-color: #fdfdff;
    border-radius: 0.5em;
    box-shadow: 2px 3px 7px 2px rgba(0,0,0,0.02);
  }
  a:link, a:visited {
    color: #38488f;
    text-decoration: none;
  }
</style>
</head>
<body>
<div>
<h1>Example Domain</h1>
<p>This domain is for use in illustrative examples in documents. You may use this
domain in literature without prior coordination or asking for permission.</p>
<p><a href="https://www.iana.org/domains/example">More information...</a></p>
</div>
</body>
</html>
CS280_B1 :/#
```

B2:

```

  div {
    width: 600px;
    margin: 5em auto;
    padding: 2em;
    background-color: #fdfdff;
    border-radius: 0.5em;
    box-shadow: 2px 3px 7px 2px rgba(0,0,0,0.02);
  }
  a:link, a:visited {
    color: #38488f;
    text-decoration: none;
  }
  @media (max-width: 700px) {
    div {
      margin: 0 auto;
      width: auto;
    }
  }
</style>
</head>
<body>
<div>
<h1>Example Domain</h1>
<p>This domain is for use in illustrative examples in documents. You may use this
domain in literature without prior coordination or asking for permission.</p>
<p><a href="https://www.iana.org/domains/example">More information...</a></p>
</div>
</body>
</html>
CS280_B2 :/#
```

(3) Which computer establishes the actual connection with the intended web server?

Soln: HostA establishes the actual connection with the intended server. HostB connects to HostA and HostB1/B2 connects to HostB.

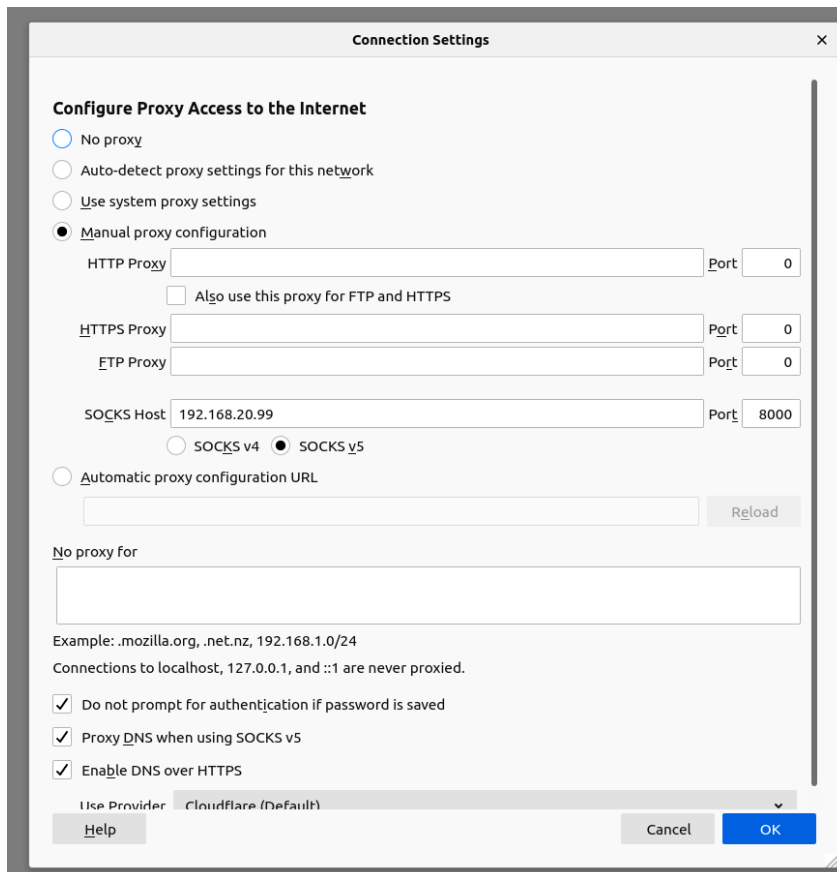
(4) How does this computer know which server it should connect to?

Soln: HTTP requests sent in turn have the destination IP address and the port number that the packet is intended to. When HostA receives this packet via the tunnel, it sends

this packet out to the Internet, realising that this packet is not meant for any host systems inside its local network.

Task 2.2: Testing the Tunnel Using Browser

The PROXY settings of the web browser on HostVM are changed. By allowing custom configurations, the SSH tunnel that was previously connected is used as the tunnel to allow hosts to connect to servers on the Internet. The result of the action is shown below-



When <https://www.google.com> is entered on the URL, the resultant traffic data seen on the router/firewall is displayed by tcpdump. The result is as shown below-

```
CS280 FIREWALL :/# tcpdump
tcpdump: verbose output suppressed, use -v or -vv for full protocol decode
listening on eth0, link-type EN10MB (Ethernet), capture size 262144 bytes
09:57:53.574899 IP B-192.168.20.99.net-192.168.20.0.44070 > A-10.8.0.99.net-10.8.0.0.ssh: Flags [P.], seq 2134695642:2134695814, ack 22752491
46, win 11394, options [nop,nop,TS val 1241148511 ecr 1528815920], length 172
09:57:53.574898 IP A-10.8.0.99.net-10.8.0.0.ssh > B-192.168.20.99.net-192.168.20.0.44070: Flags [.], ack 172, win 2489, options [nop,nop,TS v
al 1528818076 ecr 1241148511], length 0
09:57:53.608516 IP A-10.8.0.99.net-10.8.0.0.ssh > B-192.168.20.99.net-192.168.20.0.44070: Flags [P.], seq 1:157, ack 172, win 2489, options [
nop,nop,TS val 1528818110 ecr 1241148511], length 156
09:57:53.608587 IP B-192.168.20.99.net-192.168.20.0.44070 > A-10.8.0.99.net-10.8.0.0.ssh: Flags [.], ack 157, win 11394, options [nop,nop,TS
val 1241148545 ecr 1528818110], length 0
09:57:53.608829 IP A-10.8.0.99.net-10.8.0.0.ssh > B-192.168.20.99.net-192.168.20.0.44070: Flags [P.], seq 157:3053, ack 172, win 2489, option
s [nop,nop,TS val 1528818110 ecr 1241148545], length 2896
09:57:53.608844 IP B-192.168.20.99.net-192.168.20.0.44070 > A-10.8.0.99.net-10.8.0.0.ssh: Flags [.], ack 3053, win 11384, options [nop,nop,TS
val 1241148545 ecr 1528818110], length 0
09:57:53.608850 IP A-10.8.0.99.net-10.8.0.0.ssh > B-192.168.20.99.net-192.168.20.0.44070: Flags [P.], seq 3053:5949, ack 172, win 2489, optio
ns [nop,nop,TS val 1528818110 ecr 1241148545], length 2896
09:57:53.608859 IP B-192.168.20.99.net-192.168.20.0.44070 > A-10.8.0.99.net-10.8.0.0.ssh: Flags [.], ack 5949, win 11373, options [nop,nop,TS
val 1241148545 ecr 1528818110], length 0
09:57:53.608862 IP A-10.8.0.99.net-10.8.0.0.ssh > B-192.168.20.99.net-192.168.20.0.44070: Flags [P.], seq 5949:7497, ack 172, win 2489, optio
ns [nop,nop,TS val 1528818110 ecr 1241148545], length 1548
09:57:53.608869 IP B-192.168.20.99.net-192.168.20.0.44070 > A-10.8.0.99.net-10.8.0.0.ssh: Flags [.], ack 7497, win 11367, options [nop,nop,TS
val 1241148545 ecr 1528818110], length 0
```


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```
09:58:04.408055 IP B-192.168.20.99.net-192.168.20.0.44070 > A-10.8.0.99.net-10.8.0.0.ssh: Flags [P.], seq 27276:28232, ack 942849, win 11394, options [nop,nop,TS val 1241159344 ecr 1528828909], length 956
09:58:04.408061 IP A-10.8.0.99.net-10.8.0.0.ssh > B-192.168.20.99.net-192.168.20.0.44070: Flags [.], ack 28232, win 2484, options [nop,nop,TS val 1528828909 ecr 1241159344], length 0
09:58:04.408074 IP B-192.168.20.99.net-192.168.20.0.44070 > A-10.8.0.99.net-10.8.0.0.ssh: Flags [P.], seq 28232:28372, ack 942849, win 11394, options [nop,nop,TS val 1241159344 ecr 1528828909], length 140
09:58:04.408078 IP A-10.8.0.99.net-10.8.0.0.ssh > B-192.168.20.99.net-192.168.20.0.44070: Flags [.], ack 28372, win 2483, options [nop,nop,TS val 1528828909 ecr 1241159344], length 0
09:58:04.466173 IP A-10.8.0.99.net-10.8.0.0.ssh > B-192.168.20.99.net-192.168.20.0.44070: Flags [P.], seq 942849:943093, ack 28372, win 2489, options [nop,nop,TS val 1528828967 ecr 1241159344], length 244
09:58:04.466234 IP B-192.168.20.99.net-192.168.20.0.44070 > A-10.8.0.99.net-10.8.0.0.ssh: Flags [.], ack 943093, win 11394, options [nop,nop,TS val 1241159402 ecr 1528828967], length 0
09:58:04.470226 IP B-192.168.20.99.net-192.168.20.0.44070 > A-10.8.0.99.net-10.8.0.0.ssh: Flags [P.], seq 28372:28448, ack 943093, win 11394, options [nop,nop,TS val 1241159406 ecr 1528828967], length 76
09:58:04.470267 IP A-10.8.0.99.net-10.8.0.0.ssh > B-192.168.20.99.net-192.168.20.0.44070: Flags [.], ack 28448, win 2489, options [nop,nop,TS val 1528828971 ecr 1241159406], length 0
09:58:04.503987 IP A-10.8.0.99.net-10.8.0.0.ssh > B-192.168.20.99.net-192.168.20.0.44070: Flags [P.], seq 943093:943337, ack 28448, win 2489, options [nop,nop,TS val 1528829005 ecr 1241159406], length 244
09:58:04.504897 IP B-192.168.20.99.net-192.168.20.0.44070 > A-10.8.0.99.net-10.8.0.0.ssh: Flags [P.], seq 28448:28524, ack 943337, win 11394, options [nop,nop,TS val 1241159441 ecr 1528829005], length 76
09:58:04.504916 IP A-10.8.0.99.net-10.8.0.0.ssh > B-192.168.20.99.net-192.168.20.0.44070: Flags [.], ack 28524, win 2489, options [nop,nop,TS val 1528829006 ecr 1241159441], length 0
^Z
[2]+  Stopped                  tcpdump
CS280 FIREWALL :/#
```

We see the tunneling from HostB in the internal network to HostA in the external network. After the tunneling, Host B is able to connect to the web server (google.com) in our case. The resultant output is redirected back to A which is then redirected back to HostB with the ACK. The ACK packets we see above are directed from B to A.

google.com screen is not shown as it is considered moot when compared to the data revealed by tcpdump. It is of belief that those reviewing the document will not consider this a cause for penalization.

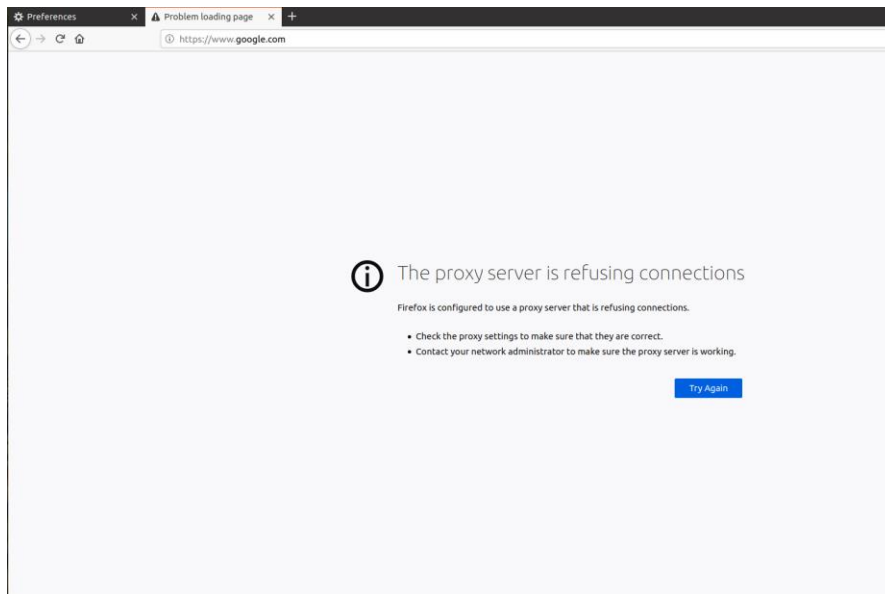
The SSH connection that is established between the two hosts must be removed. In order to do so, the following cleanup commands are used to remove all existing SSH connections that exist b/w the two systems.

```
S280_B :/# ps -eaf | grep "ssh"
root      41      1  0 08:56 ?        00:00:00 sshd: /usr/sbin/sshd [listener] 0 of 10-100 startups
root     148      1  0 09:31 ?        00:00:00 ssh -4 -D 0.0.0.0:8000 root@10.8.0.99 -f -N
root     151      1  0 09:37 ?        00:00:00 ssh -4 -D 0.0.0.0:8000 root@10.8.0.99 -f -N
root     153      1  0 09:37 ?        00:00:00 ssh -4 -D 0.0.0.0:8000 root@10.8.0.99 -f -N
```

```
CS280_B :/# kill 148
CS280_B :/# ps -eaf | grep "ssh"
root      41      1  0 08:56 ?        00:00:00 sshd: /usr/sbin/sshd [listener] 0 of 10-100 startups
root     148      1  0 09:31 ?        00:00:00 [ssh] <defunct>
root     151      1  0 09:37 ?        00:00:00 ssh -4 -D 0.0.0.0:8000 root@10.8.0.99 -f -N
root     153      1  0 09:37 ?        00:00:00 ssh -4 -D 0.0.0.0:8000 root@10.8.0.99 -f -N
```

```
CS280_B :/# kill 151
CS280_B :/# kill 153
CS280_B :/# kill 158
CS280_B :/# ps -eaf | grep "ssh"
root      41      1  0 08:56 ?        00:00:00 sshd: /usr/sbin/sshd [listener] 0 of 10-100 startups
root     148      1  0 09:31 ?        00:00:00 [ssh] <defunct>
root     151      1  0 09:37 ?        00:00:00 [ssh] <defunct>
root     153      1  0 09:37 ?        00:00:00 [ssh] <defunct>
```

Once the kill command is completed, the SSH connection is closed. Now when the user tries to access google.com from the internal network, the following output is displayed on the browser-



The proxy is closed i.e the SSH connection is terminated and therefore, there is no tunneling across the router/firewall. Therefore, no output is observed on tcpdump (no traffic).

```
CS280_FIREWALL :/# tcpdump
tcpdump: verbose output suppressed, use -v or -vv for full protocol decode
listening on eth0, link-type EN10MB (Ethernet), capture size 262144 bytes
^Z
[3]+  Stopped                  tcpdump
CS280_FIREWALL :/#
```

Task 2.3: Writing a SOCKS Client Using Python

An SSH tunnel/connection is reestablished again. The same command used earlier is used to establish such a connection between the two hosts.

```
CS280_B :/# ssh -4 -D 0.0.0.0:8000 root@10.8.0.99 -f -N
The authenticity of host '10.8.0.99 (10.8.0.99)' can't be established.
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:n1b+aWRC080F7l0i9dLj1tmdnSCCkYPm2TIg7SCqGoc.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added '10.8.0.99' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.
root@10.8.0.99's password:
CS280_B :/#
```

The first python file B-Socks-Client.py is used to first create a proxy and specify the hostname and the portnumber to which the packets must route to. It also states the HTTP action (GET,POST etc.) to be taken during the HTTP request. Details of what should be done of the response generated (stored in the buffer) is also mentioned in this file.

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When executed on B, the response obtained (HTTP OK and headers followed by the page itself) is displayed on the screen. The SSH tunnel from B to A is used for the same.

```
CS280 B :/# python3 B-Socks-Client.py
[b'HTTP/1.0 200 OK', b'Age: 81852', b'Cache-Control: max-age=604800', b'Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8', b'Date: Sat, 05 Nov 2022 09:51:41 GMT', b'Etag: "3147526947+ident"', b'Expires: Sat, 12 Nov 2022 09:51:41 GMT', b'Last-Modified: Thu, 17 Oct 2019 07:18:26 GMT', b'Server: ECS (oxr/8315)', b'Vary: Accept-Encoding', b'X-Cache: HIT', b'Content-Length: 1256', b'Connection: close', b'', b'<!doctype html>\n<html>\n<head>\n  <title>Example Domain</title>\n  <meta charset="utf-8" />\n  <meta http-equiv="Content-type" content="text/html; charset=utf-8" />\n  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1" />\n  <style type="text/css">\n    body {\n      background-color: #f0f0f2;\n      margin: 0;\n      padding: 0;\n      font-family: -apple-system, system-ui, BlinkMacSystemFont, "Segoe UI", "Open Sans", "Helvetica Neue", Helvetica, Arial, sans-serif;\n    }\n    div {\n      width: 600px;\n      margin: 5em auto;\n      padding: 2em;\n      background-color: #fdfdff;\n      border-radius: 0.5em;\n      box-shadow: 2px 3px 7px 2px rgba(0,0,0,0.02);\n    }\n    a:link, a:visited {\n      color: #38488f;\n      text-decoration: none;\n    }\n    @media (max-width: 700px) {\n      div {\n        margin: 0 auto;\n        width: auto;\n      }\n    }\n  </style>\n</head>\n<body>\n<div>\n  <h1>Example Domain</h1>\n  <p>This domain is for use in illustrative examples in documents. You may use this domain in literature without prior coordination or asking for permission.</p>\n  <p><a href="https://www.iana.org/domains/example">More information...</a></p>\n</div>\n</body>\n</html>
```

The same python program holds true for B1-B2-Socks-Client.py. The only exception is that the proxy detail is mentioned as B here, so that B1 and B2 can connect to B and in turn to A (and eventually the website).

The two python files in turn send HTTP Request packets to example.com from hosts on the internal network and the resultant responses are displayed on screen.

Output on B1

```
CS280 B1 :/# python3 B1-B2-Socks-Client.py
[b'HTTP/1.0 200 OK', b'Age: 341789', b'Cache-Control: max-age=604800', b'Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8', b'Date: Sat, 05 Nov 2022 09:52:05 GMT', b'Etag: "3147526947+ident"', b'Expires: Sat, 12 Nov 2022 09:52:05 GMT', b'Last-Modified: Thu, 17 Oct 2019 07:18:26 GMT', b'Server: ECS (oxr/831A)', b'Vary: Accept-Encoding', b'X-Cache: HIT', b'Content-Length: 1256', b'Connection: close', b'', b'<!doctype html>\n<html>\n<head>\n  <title>Example Domain</title>\n  <meta charset="utf-8" />\n  <meta http-equiv="Content-type" content="text/html; charset=utf-8" />\n  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1" />\n  <style type="text/css">\n    body {\n      background-color: #f0f0f2;\n      margin: 0;\n      padding: 0;\n      font-family: -apple-system, system-ui, BlinkMacSystemFont, "Segoe UI", "Open Sans", "Helvetica Neue", Helvetica, Arial, sans-serif;\n    }\n    div {\n      width: 600px;\n      margin: 5em auto;\n      padding: 2em;\n      background-color: #fdfdff;\n      border-radius: 0.5em;\n      box-shadow: 2px 3px 7px 2px rgba(0,0,0,0.02);\n    }\n    a:link, a:visited {\n      color: #38488f;\n      text-decoration: none;\n    }\n    @media (max-width: 700px) {\n      div {\n        margin: 0 auto;\n        width: auto;\n      }\n    }\n  </style>\n</head>\n<body>\n<div>\n  <h1>Example Domain</h1>\n  <p>This domain is for use in illustrative examples in documents. You may use this domain in literature without prior coordination or asking for permission.</p>\n  <p><a href="https://www.iana.org/domains/example">More information...</a></p>\n</div>\n</body>\n</html>
```

Output on B2:

```
CS280 B2 :/# python3 B1-B2-Socks-Client.py
[b'HTTP/1.0 200 OK', b'Age: 405964', b'Cache-Control: max-age=604800', b'Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8', b'Date: Sat, 05 Nov 2022 09:52:20 GMT', b'Etag: "3147526947+ident"', b'Expires: Sat, 12 Nov 2022 09:52:20 GMT', b'Last-Modified: Thu, 17 Oct 2019 07:18:26 GMT', b'Server: ECS (oxr/8310)', b'Vary: Accept-Encoding', b'X-Cache: HIT', b'Content-Length: 1256', b'Connection: close', b'', b'<!doctype html>\n<html>\n<head>\n  <title>Example Domain</title>\n  <meta charset="utf-8" />\n  <meta http-equiv="Content-type" content="text/html; charset=utf-8" />\n  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1" />\n  <style type="text/css">\n    body {\n      background-color: #f0f0f2;\n      margin: 0;\n      padding: 0;\n      font-family: -apple-system, system-ui, BlinkMacSystemFont, "Segoe UI", "Open Sans", "Helvetica Neue", Helvetica, Arial, sans-serif;\n    }\n    div {\n      width: 600px;\n      margin: 5em auto;\n      padding: 2em;\n      background-color: #fdfdff;\n      border-radius: 0.5em;\n      box-shadow: 2px 3px 7px 2px rgba(0,0,0,0.02);\n    }\n    a:link, a:visited {\n      color: #38488f;\n      text-decoration: none;\n    }\n    @media (max-width: 700px) {\n      div {\n        margin: 0 auto;\n        width: auto;\n      }\n    }\n  </style>\n</head>\n<body>\n<div>\n  <h1>Example Domain</h1>\n  <p>This domain is for use in illustrative examples in documents. You may use this domain in literature without prior coordination or asking for permission.</p>\n  <p><a href="https://www.iana.org/domains/example">More information...</a></p>\n</div>\n</body>\n</html>
```

The SSH connection that is established between the two hosts must be removed. In order to do so, the following cleanup commands are used to remove all existing SSH connections that exist b/w the two systems.

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```
S280_B :/# ps -eaf | grep "ssh"
root      41      1  0 08:56 ?        00:00:00 sshd: /usr/sbin/sshd [listener] 0 of 10-100 startups
root      148      1  0 09:31 ?        00:00:00 ssh -4 -D 0.0.0.0:8000 root@10.8.0.99 -f -N
root      151      1  0 09:37 ?        00:00:00 ssh -4 -D 0.0.0.0:8000 root@10.8.0.99 -f -N
root      153      1  0 09:37 ?        00:00:00 ssh -4 -D 0.0.0.0:8000 root@10.8.0.99 -f -N
```

```
CS280_B :/# kill 148
CS280_B :/# ps -eaf | grep "ssh"
root      41      1  0 08:56 ?        00:00:00 sshd: /usr/sbin/sshd [listener] 0 of 10-100 startups
root      148      1  0 09:31 ?        00:00:00 [ssh] <defunct>
root      151      1  0 09:37 ?        00:00:00 ssh -4 -D 0.0.0.0:8000 root@10.8.0.99 -f -N
root      153      1  0 09:37 ?        00:00:00 ssh -4 -D 0.0.0.0:8000 root@10.8.0.99 -f -N
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CS280_B :/# kill 151
CS280_B :/# kill 153
CS280_B :/# kill 158
CS280_B :/# ps -eaf | grep "ssh"
root      41      1  0 08:56 ?        00:00:00 sshd: /usr/sbin/sshd [listener] 0 of 10-100 startups
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Task3: SOCKS5PROXY VS VPN

<u>SOCKS5 PROXY</u>	<u>VPN</u>
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. SOCK5 uses the SSH protocol to create a tunnel b/w the user and the server. There is no additional encryption added like in VPN, thereby making this more susceptible to attack if the attacker gains access to the server details.2. These are relatively faster as there is no added burden of encryption (less security, but higher speed).3. Proxy servers hold log information of the user. If attackers are able to access this information, then user privacy is compromised. Adding malware and viruses is easier in proxy servers.4. SOCK5 Proxy allows for location spoofing i.e the users can fake their location i.e masquerade their IP address.5. SOCK5 transfers small data packets and is therefore well suited for P2P environments.6. SOCK5 proxy is application specific – one needs to ensure that all the relevant servers have the same SOCKS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A secure tunnel is created between the host/user and the private server – one that hackers, the ISP cannot snoop into. All packets that are exchanged b/w the user and the VPN are encrypted.2. VPNS are relatively slower as several encryption decryption schemes have to be implemented at different endpoints of the tunnel.3. VPN is a better option to choose when getting past firewalls. If the agenda is to protect one's online presence regardless of their online activity, then VPNS are better suited.4. VPNS provide for more stable connections. A VPN hides the user's IP address by connecting the user to an encrypted, private server.5. Preferred for use when foreign content across the world needs to be used,6. VPN masks and encrypts all kinds of traffic.

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<p>server defined to obtain consistent results.</p> <p>7. Proxy providers will give you the necessary input information for your browser, like the IP address name and port number. Once you enter the information into the system, you will connect to the proxy and browse anonymously.</p> <p>8. Used in applications where more bandwidth is required.</p>	<p>7. A user must download the VPN software and create an account before accessing VPN services.</p>
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