Fall 2022: ITIS 6167/8167: Network Security Project 2: VPN

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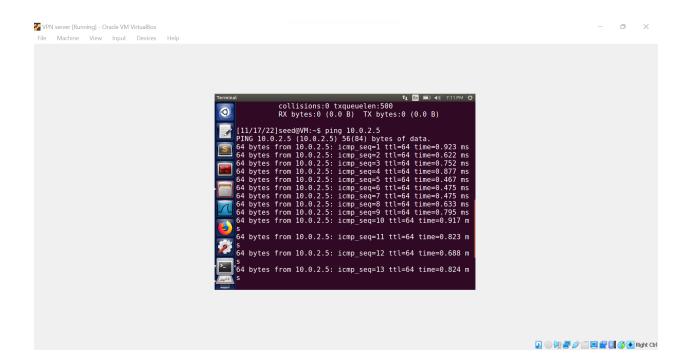
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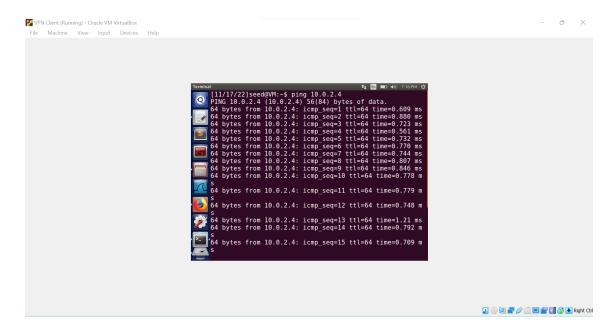
Answers:

A) Take screenshots of the following:

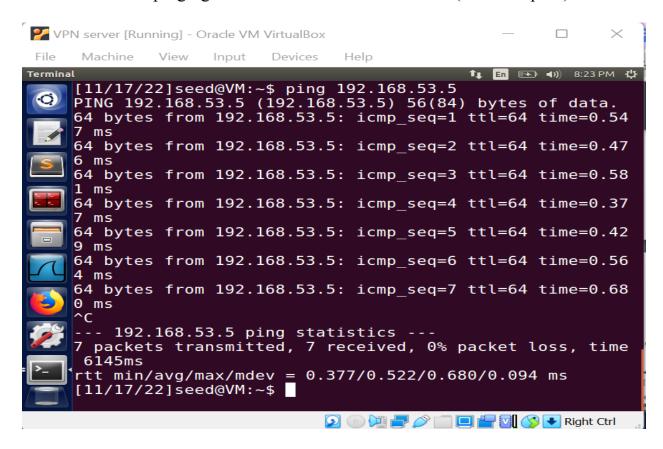
a. The VPN Server pinging the VPN Client's enp0s3 interface (recall Step 14)



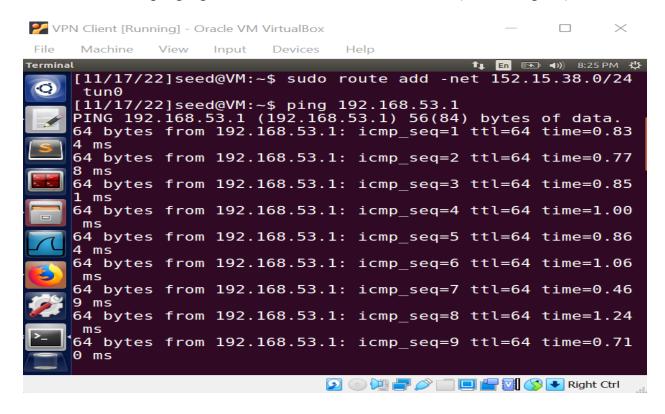
b. The VPN Client pinging the VPN Server's enp0s3 interface (recall Step 14)



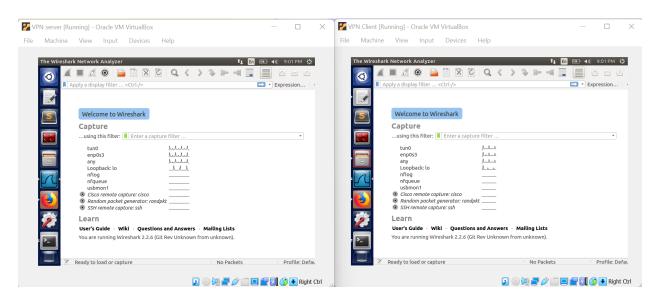
c. The VPN Server pinging the VPN Client's tun0 interface (recall Step 40)



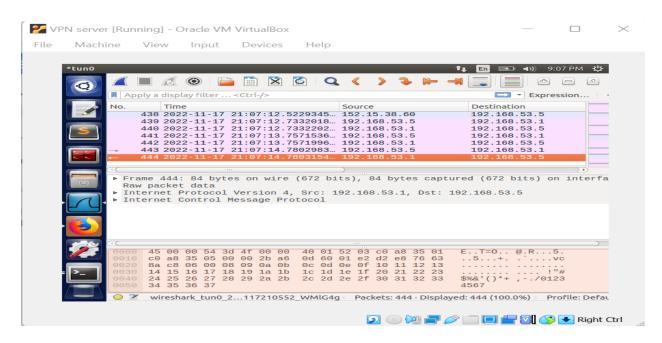
d. The VPN Client pinging the VPN Server's tun0 interface (recall Step 40)



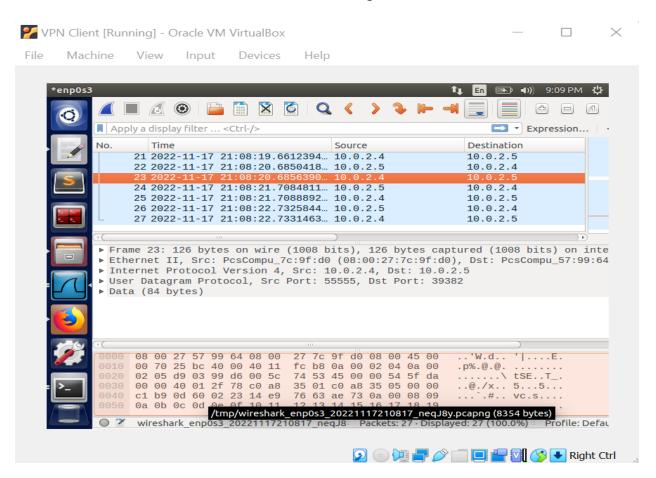
- B) Follow the below steps, then answer the question that follows:
 - a. Open Wireshark on both the VPN Server and VPN Client



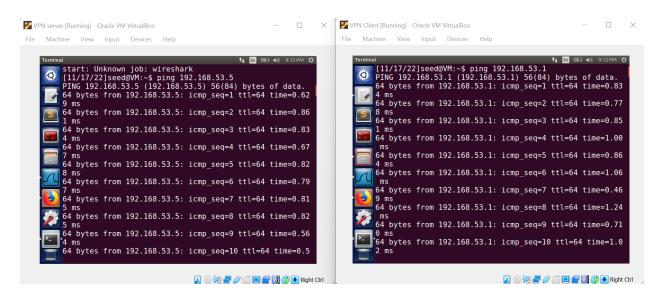
b. On the VPN Server's Wireshark, listen to the tun0 interface



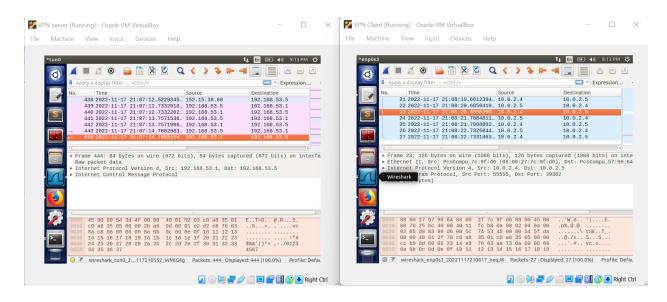
c. On the VPN Client's Wireshark, listen to the enps0s3 interface



d. Have the VPN Server ping the VPN Client's tun0 interface's IP address.



e. Take screenshots of what you see on Wireshark on both the VPN Server and VPN Client



Question:Based on what you see on Wireshark on both virtual machines, how does VPN tunneling hide an IP packet within another IP packet? Please explain using the screenshots you took.

Answer:The ICMP request as well as ICMP reply between both the tun0 IP addresses of the VPN Client and VPN Server are visible in the tun0 Wireshark capture. Because of Wireshark connection we used to collect the

information is tun0, we can view the tun0 IP addresses between both machines here. We are unable to view the same traffic while attempting to perform the same on the VPN Client's enp0s5 interface. Using a tunnel is a way to send a foreign protocol through a network that wouldn't typically support it. With the use of tunneling protocols, you could, for instance, transfer another protocol via IP in the IP datagram's "data" section. The majority of tunneling protocols work at layer 4, which means they are implemented as an alternative protocol to TCP or UDP. The communication in our current case took place over tun0 IP. This packet transfers the original packet over layer 4 while encasing it in its payload. This packet is decapsulated and then forwarded onto the internal network at the destination. Now that the VPN server's address is the packet's source address, responses can return to it. The packets that are being transferred between the enps0s5 interfaces of the VPN Client and VPN Server are visible. The VPN inserts the frame through into data field when an ICMP request is sent. The screenshots that follow demonstrate the way it is enclosed.

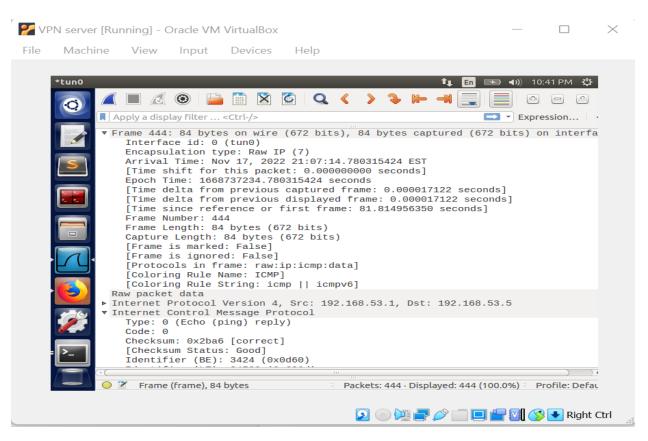


Figure B(e): VPN Server's tun0 interface packet

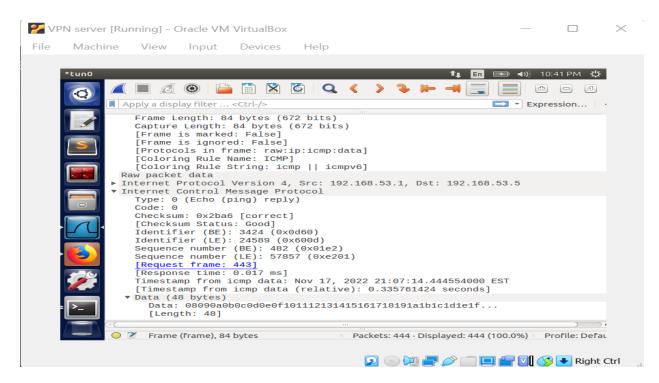


Figure B(e1): VPN Server's tun0 interface packet

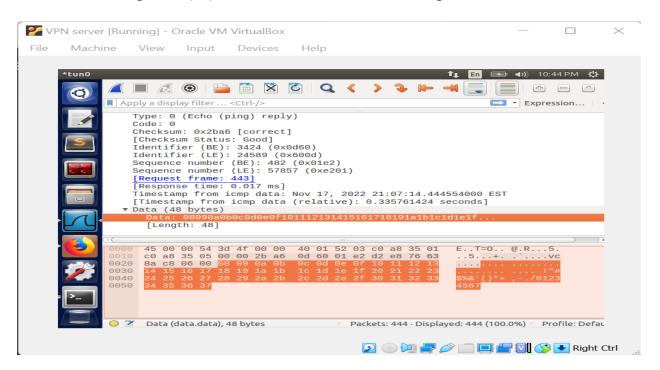
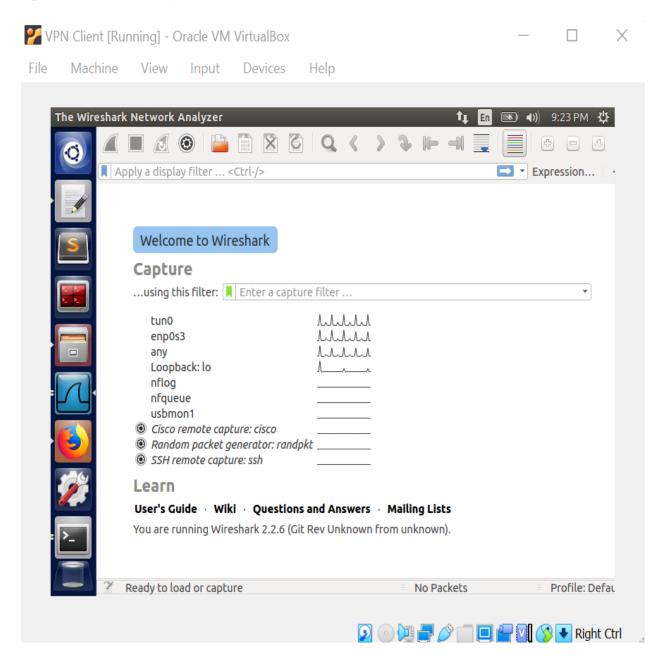
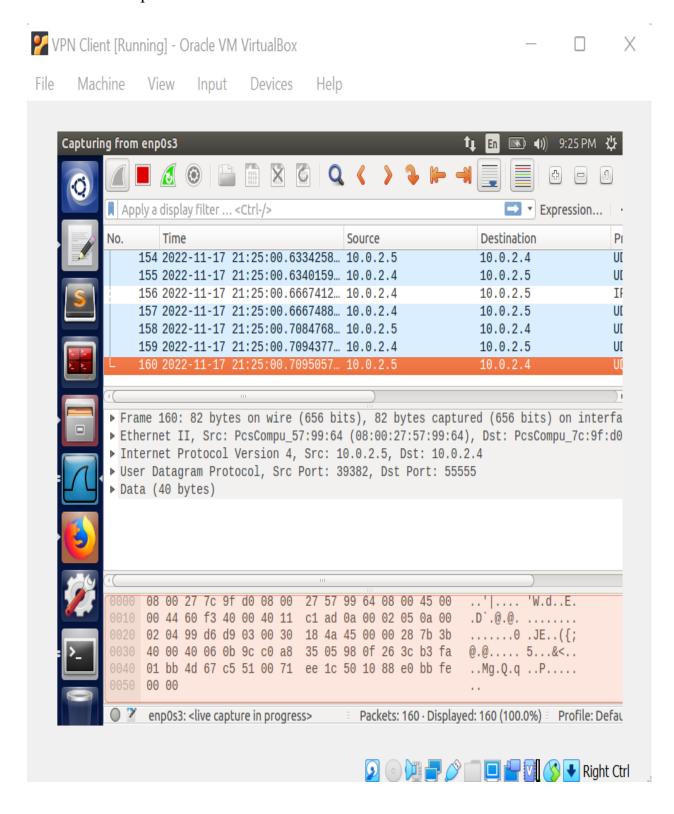


Figure B(e2):VPN Client's enp0s5 interface packet

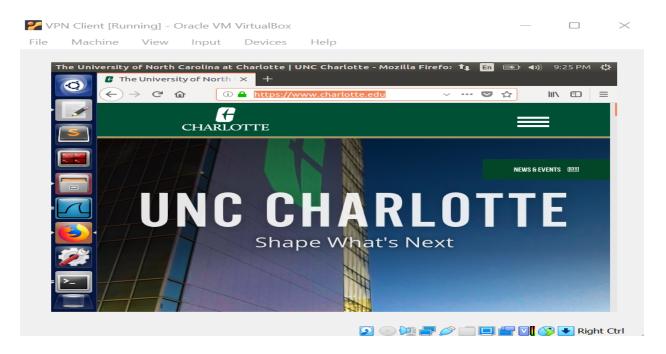
- C) Follow the below steps, then answer the question that follows:
 - a. Open Wireshark on your VPN Client



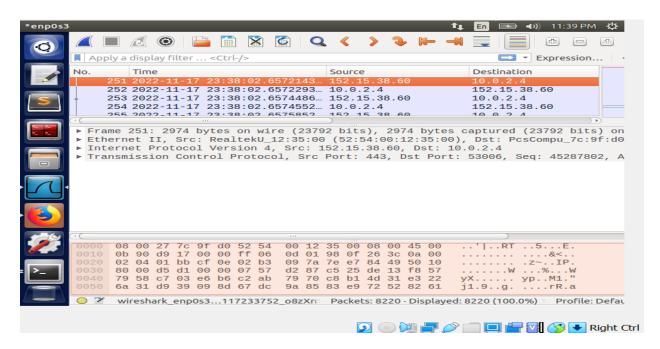
b. Listen to the enps0s3 interface



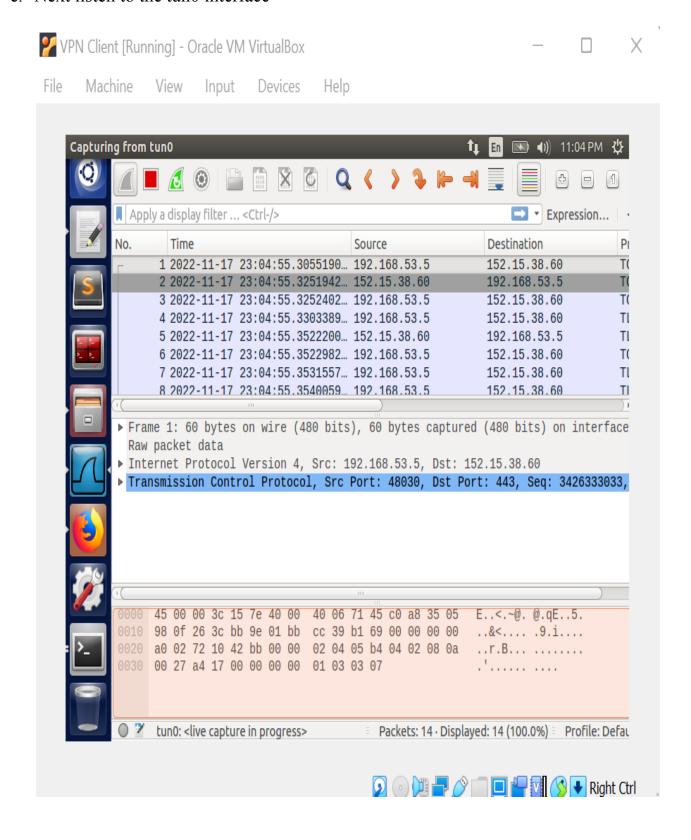
c. Visit the blocked webpage



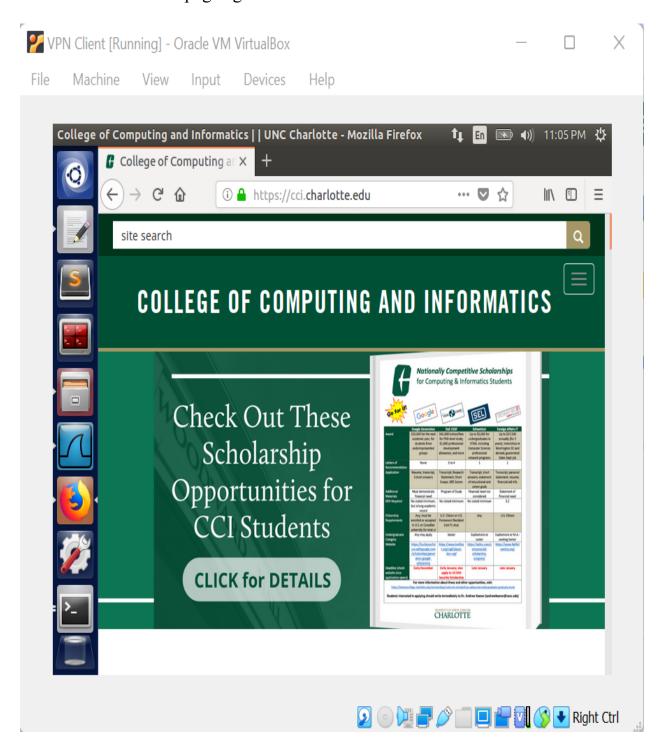
d. Take screenshot(s) of what you see on Wireshark



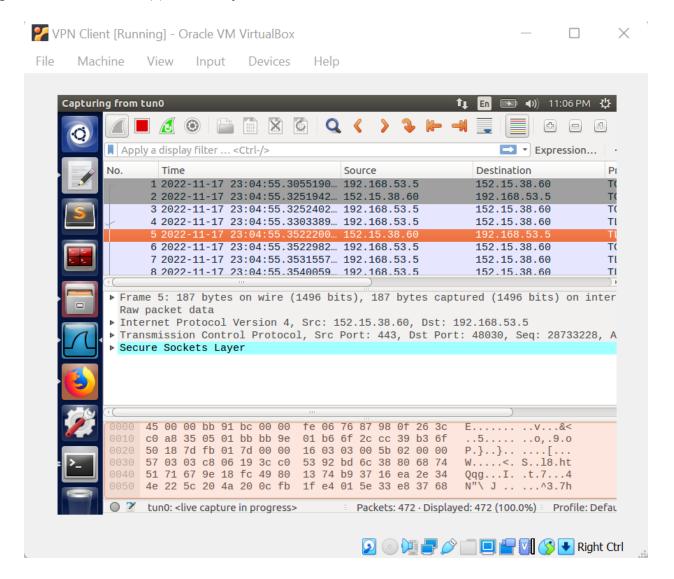
e. Next listen to the tun0 interface



f. Visit the blocked webpage again



g. Take screenshot(s) of what you see on Wireshark



Question: How is the VPN Client able to access the webpage that's blocked by its firewall? Please explain using the screenshots you took.

Answer: Observe that only packets were transferred between the tun0 interfaces of the VPN Client and VPN Server so when website was browsed in the aforementioned figures. As shown in the lines of the collected file in the figures above, traffic was sent over the tunnel when we activated the network's restricted website according to how the VPN channel was configured. In the same way that the source of the request is via tunnel, the source of the response is likewise through the tunnel, and the website is produced. By doing this, we get over the limitations imposed by the current

network. This demonstrates that the packets were transmitted over the VPN tunnel when the VPN Client attempted to contact the website so that they could be encapsulated and afterwards forwarded to the website. On enp0s5, but not on tun0, we likely added a rules to restrict the IP address of the website. Through the VPN tunnel the with tun0 IP address, the VPN Client will visit the web. It won't be possible to access the webpage via tun0 if we really add a rule to block tun0 IP address.

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