University of Utah
School of Computing
CS 6967: Security Operations

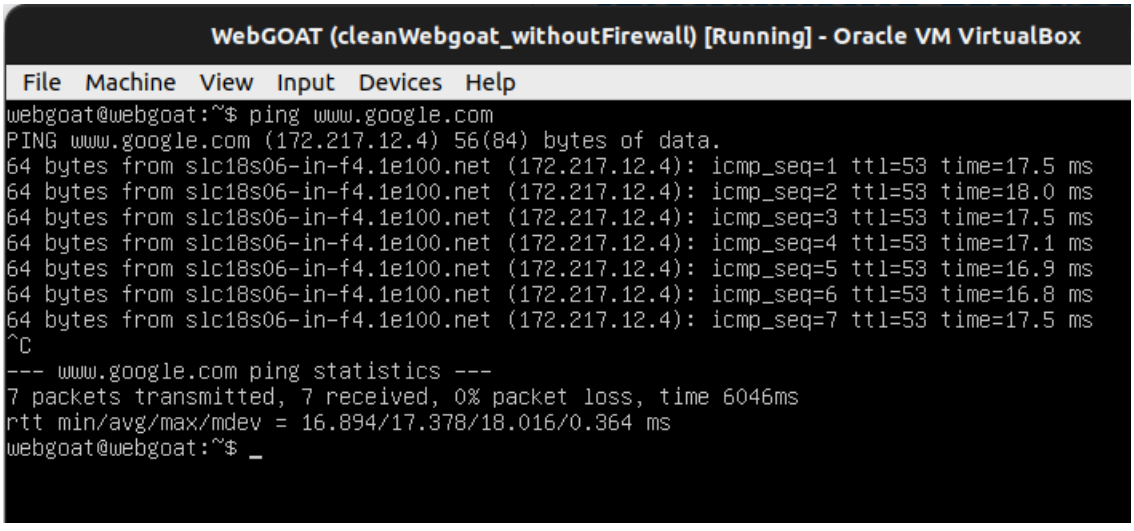
Assignment 2 Response Outline

Task 1: Set Up the LAN and WebGoat Server

Summary of task experience:

The task here is to set up the LAN and run the WebGoat Server inside the LAN. Then, we must check whether we can access the WebGoat server from our host machine. First, I added a host-only virtual network to the VirtualBox based on the DHCP protocol for the LAN. Second, I added an OpenWrt-based router for the LAN so that any server connected to the LAN can communicate with the internet through the router. Then, I added the VBox image of the WebGoat Server to the LAN and configured the WebGoat server by adding the router's IP as the default IP route for the WebGoat. Finally, I opened the terminal of the WebGoat server and ran "ping www.google.com.

Screenshot of task results:



Provide a brief explanation of the results (one to two sentences) answering the question: How does the image demonstrate that you completed the task?

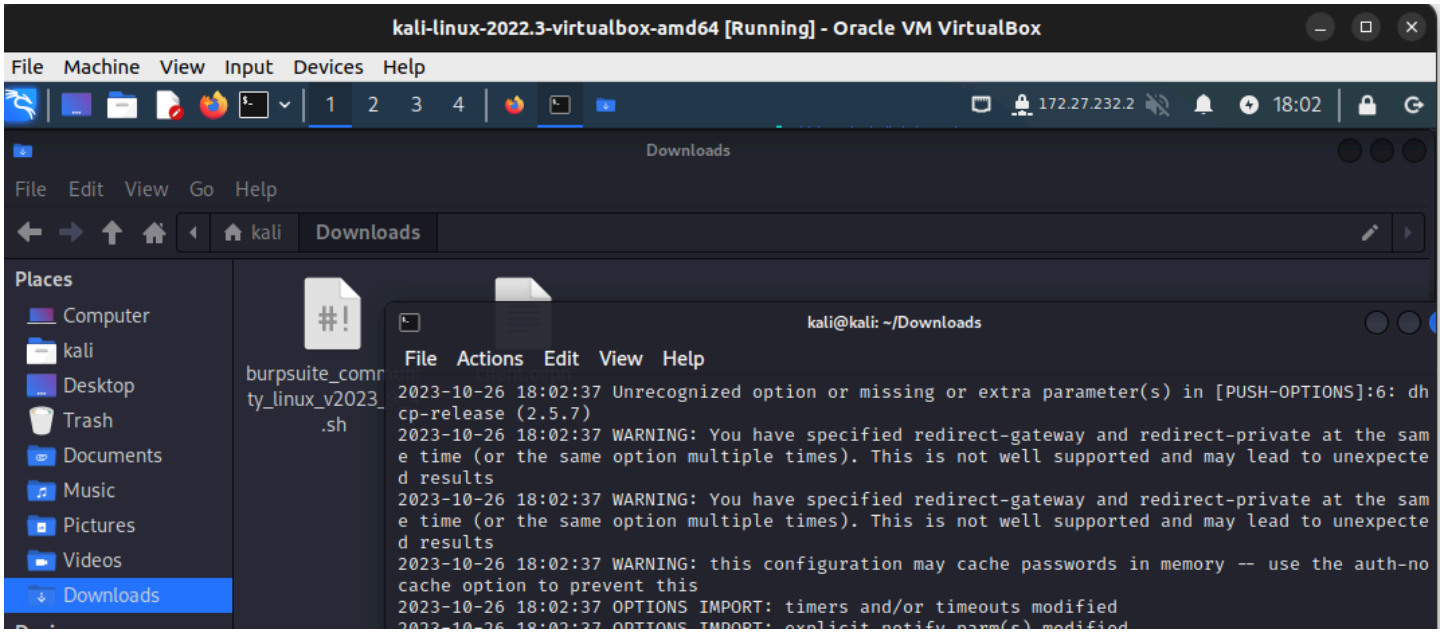
From the above screenshot, it can be seen that the WebGoat server can connect itself to the internet through the router.

Task 2: Set Up the VPN Server

Summary of task experience:

Task 2 focuses on establishing a connection between Kali and a VPN server for internet communication. I arranged an OpenVPN virtual machine and implemented port forwarding rules on the Openwrt router to facilitate VPN connectivity. Subsequently, I configured an OpenVPN client file, allowing the Kali machine to utilize the OpenVPN server.

Screenshot of task results:



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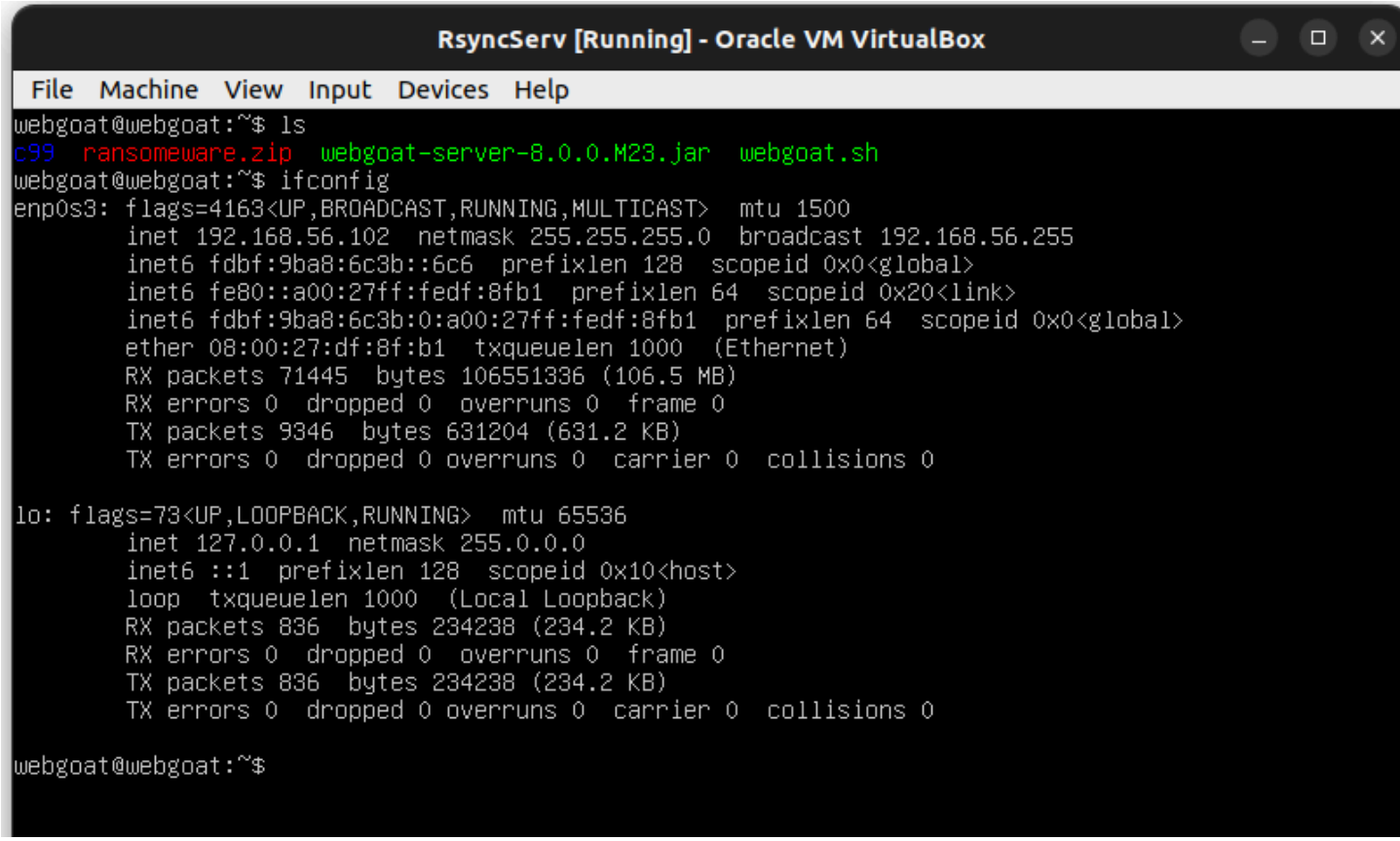
The above image shows that Kali is using the OpenVPN server, and the IP address is 172.27.232.2.

Task 3: Setup Rsync Server

Summary of task experience:

In this task, we are required to set up the Rsync server as a backup server. First, I set up a Rsync VB image. Then, I granted WebGoat SSH access to the backup server.

Screenshot of task results:



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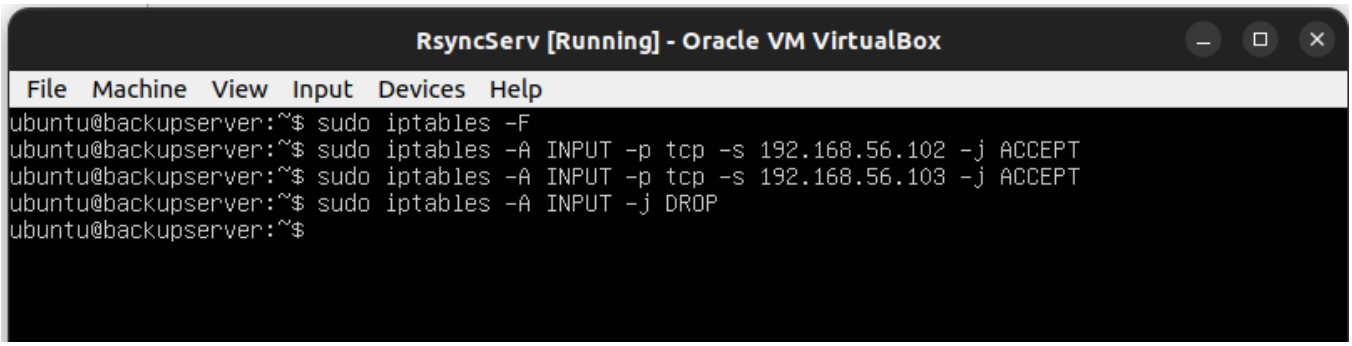
From the image provided, it's evident that the backup server is operational and successfully linked to the WebGoat server.

Task 4: Configure the Iptables

Summary of task experience:

Task 4 involves setting up iptables on the rsync server to restrict incoming TCP traffic. Specifically, the objective is to block incoming TCP traffic from all machines except the WebGoat and VPN servers. In other words, the backup server should only allow TCP traffic from the WebGoat and VPN servers.

Screenshot of task results:



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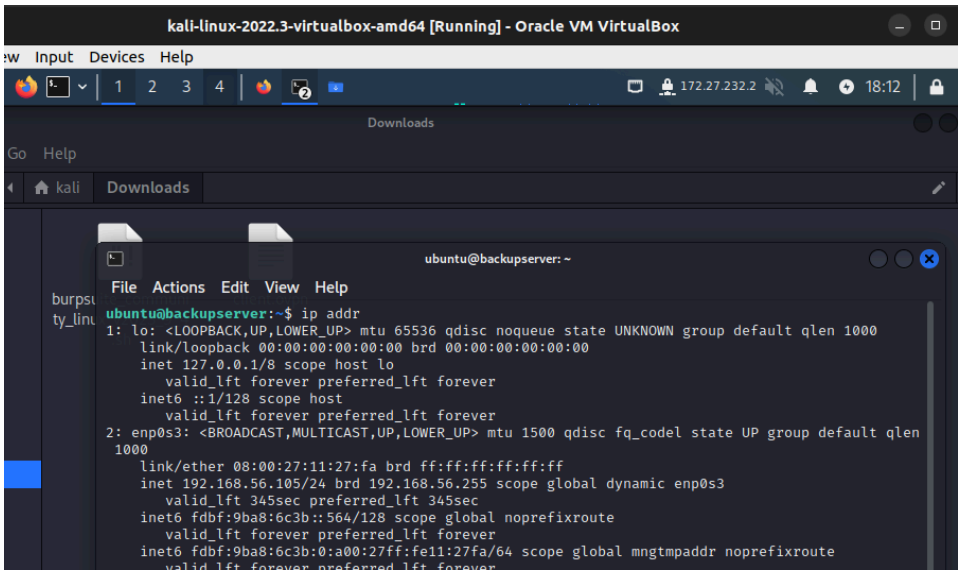
In the provided screenshot, the initial command removed all existing rules from the iptables firewall on the Rsync server. The second command allows all incoming TCP requests from the WebGoat server, the third permits TCP requests from the VPN server, and the last one denies any other incoming requests.

Task 5: Connect Kali Linux to the VPN Server

Summary of task experience:

In Task 5, we need to connect the Kali machine to the VPN server and make an SSH connection to the backup server.

Screenshot of task results:



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The provided screenshot shows that Kali uses a VPN and is connected to the Rsync backup server.

Task 6: Set up the Rsync Server to Make a Backup of the Home Folder

Summary of task experience:

The focus of Task 6 is to set up the RSync backup server so it can do a backup of the home folder on the WebGoat Server. As the backup server is Linux-based, I used the Cron system to schedule the full backup of the WebGoat's home server every ten minutes. Then, I searched the system log for the CRON job to check whether the backup command had run every 10 minutes.

Screenshot of task results:

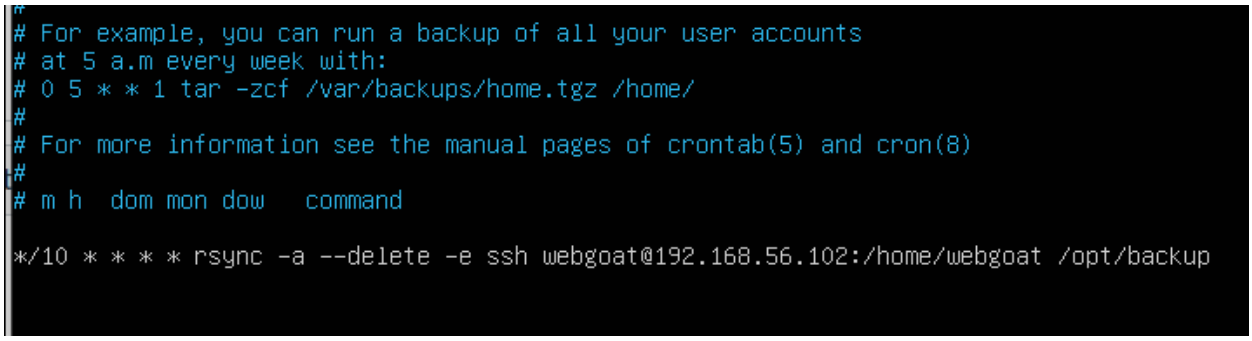

Fig 1

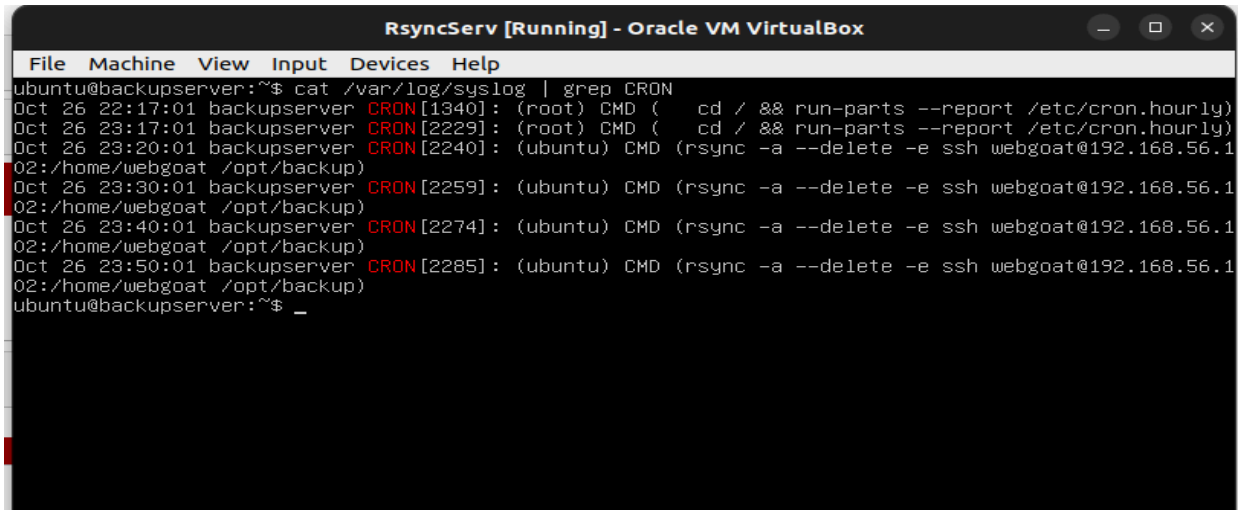

Fig 2

Provide a brief explanation of the results (one to two sentences) answering the question: How does the image demonstrate that you completed the task?

Fig 1 shows a corn job command to fully back up the WebGoat's home directory every ten minutes. From Fig 2, it can be seen that the first backup happened at 23:20:01, the second one at 23:30:01, and the fourth one at 23:50:01, fulfilling the completeness of the test.