

Parental Controls on the Network Level

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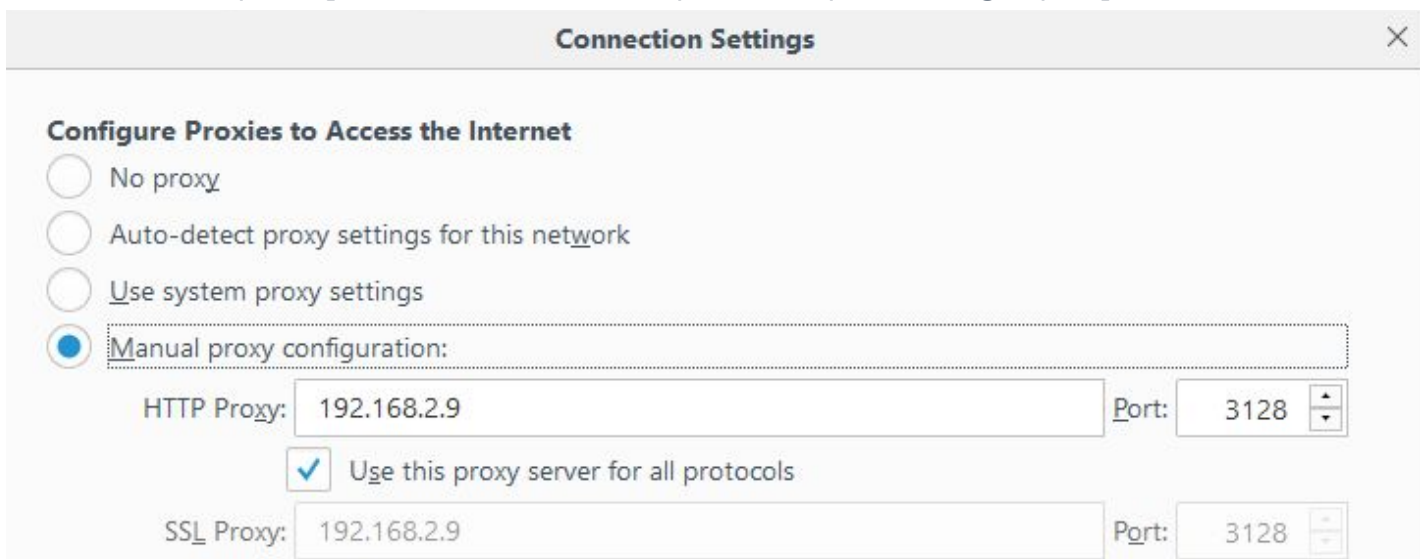
The goal of this project was to create a system where if someone is on a website for too long, then the network would stop any further connections to that specific url. Initially, the plan was to use tcpdump filters to calculate the network usage, however, there was no way to stop the network from preventing those connections. A DHCP server could be used to grab everyone on the network and split them up from there but, after spending way too long on unsuccessful run attempts, the idea was scrapped and squid proxy was used instead.

1. `$ sudo apt-get install squid`
2. `$ sudo vim /etc/squid/squid.conf`
3. Change squid.conf to the code in the github
4. `$ touch /etc/squid/ban_domains.txt`
5. In ban_domains.txt we want to specify what URLs we want to block, they have to be in the format of .example.com

```
.facebook.com  
.piazza.com
```

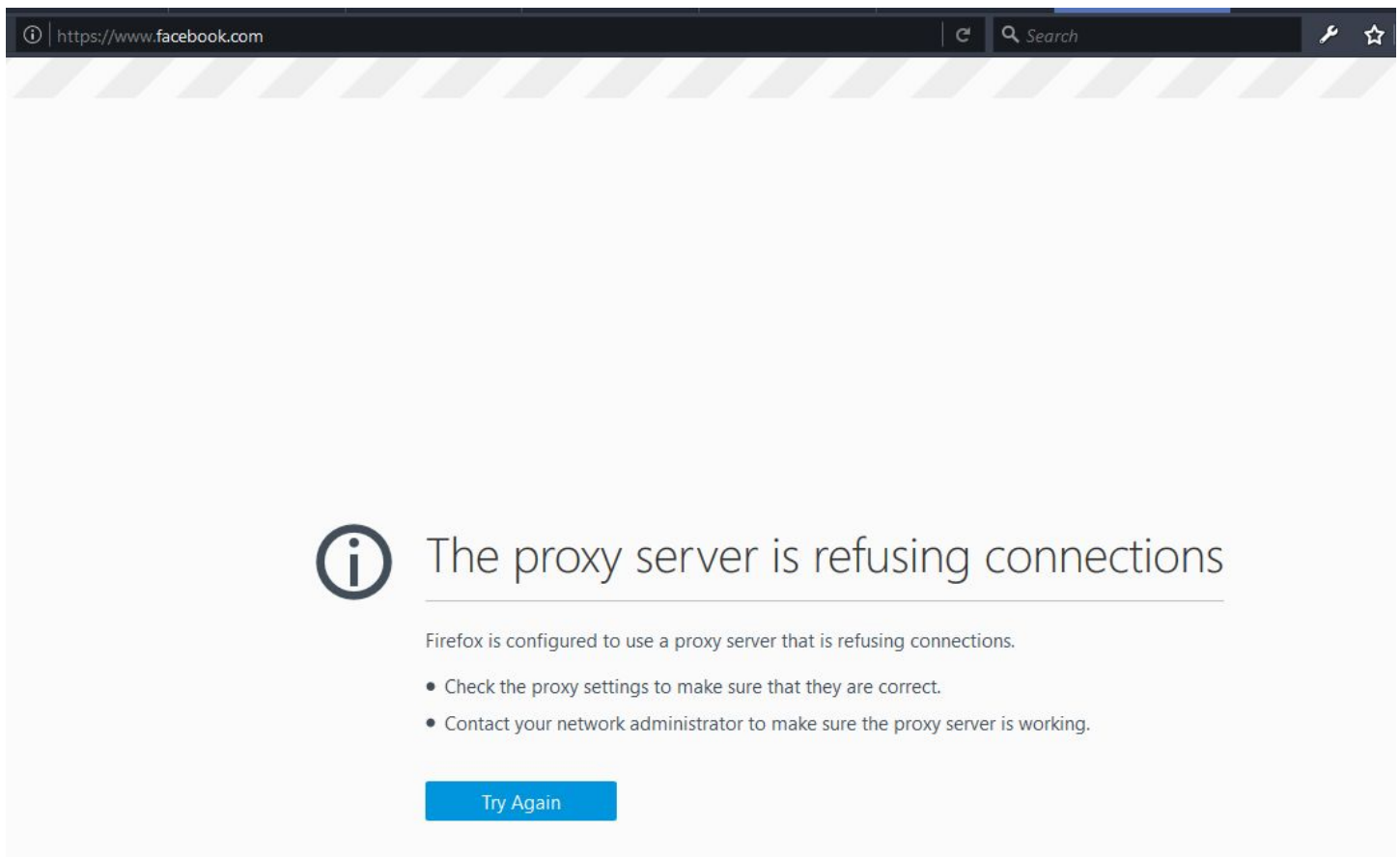
6. `$ sudo service squid restart`
7. `$ sudo service squid status`
Make sure that status shows that squid is running, otherwise goto step 2
`$ netstat -tap` ← can also be used to check if squid is running successfully on its port of 3128
8. Goto any pc on the network and set their browser's proxy settings.

Firefox's example: [192.168.2.9 is the ip of the pc hosting squid]

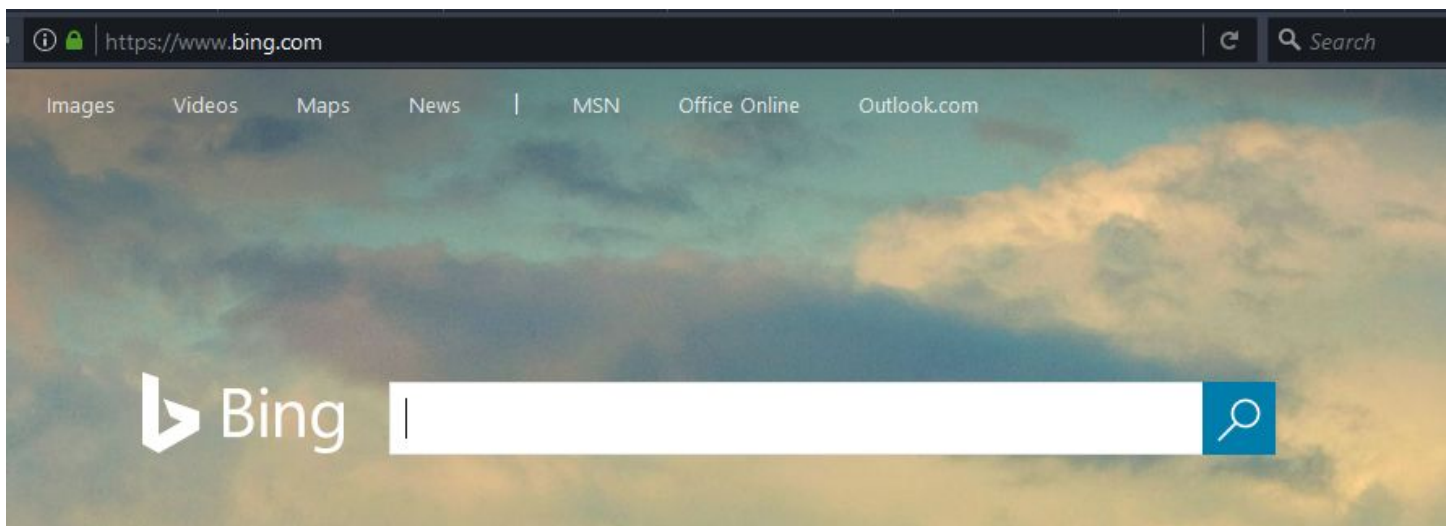


The screenshot shows the 'Connection Settings' dialog box in Firefox. Under the heading 'Configure Proxies to Access the Internet', the 'Manual proxy configuration' option is selected. The 'HTTP Proxy' field is set to '192.168.2.9' and the 'Port' is '3128'. The checkbox 'Use this proxy server for all protocols' is checked. The 'SSL Proxy' field is also set to '192.168.2.9' and the 'Port' is '3128'.

Here's how a blocked website should look:



And here's an allowed website:



In the next steps, using the log information from squid, a python script will run through and find any URLs that are breaking their allowed time limit. Then those URLs will be placed in the `ban_domains.txt` file.

9. `$ sudo chmod a+w /etc/squid/ban_domains.txt`
10. `$ sudo chmod a+r /var/log/squid/access.log`
11. `$ touch squidParser.py`
12. Edit `squidParser.py` as included in github, including time limits of various websites in the process

```
web = ["www.facebook.com", "piazza.com", "twitter"]
ifBan = [".facebook.com", ".piazza.com", ".twitter.com"] #needs format .website.____
timeLimits = [2,4,10] #in minutes
```

13. Running `squidParser.py` in python 3, we obtain the ip, website, and timestamp of each website that we wanted to keep track of:

```
192.168.2.4 visited: http://piazza.com/ on: 2017-05-13 04:35:53
192.168.2.4 visited: piazza.com:443 on: 2017-05-13 04:38:52
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192.168.2.4 visited: www.facebook.com:443 on: 2017-05-13 04:41:46
192.168.2.4 visited: piazza.com:443 on: 2017-05-13 04:41:53
192.168.2.4 visited: www.facebook.com:443 on: 2017-05-13 04:42:59
192.168.2.4 visited: piazza.com:443 on: 2017-05-13 04:44:53
192.168.2.4 visited: www.facebook.com:443 on: 2017-05-13 04:45:16
192.168.2.4 visited: piazza.com:443 on: 2017-05-13 04:47:54
192.168.2.9 visited: http://piazza.com/ on: 2017-05-13 04:48:29
```

```
time exceeded for: www.facebook.com
time exceeded for: piazza.com
```

Although any time exceeds will be automatically added to `ban_domains.txt`, it is up to us to restart the squid server in order to implement these changes.

14. `$ sudo service squid restart`

Next Steps:

The next steps in this project would be setting up squid as transparent with iptables:

```
iptables -A PREROUTING -t nat -i eth0 -p tcp --dport 80 -j REDIRECT --to-port 3128
```

It will cause everyone on the network to have to go through our squid proxy, without having to setup the proxy settings in each browser.