### LAB 2: DNS PHARMING

### **DETAILS**

# Network security

- DNS: translates hostnames to IP addresses
- DNS pharming attacks: misdirects users to malicious websites

### Environment setup

- 3 vms: DNS server, attacker, client
- Virtual network that connects the machines together: <a href="www.netsec-week3.com">www.netsec-week3.com</a> (using that as the website the user wants to access)

#### Tools:

- Netwag/netwox: tests ethernet/IP network- includes network library for administrators and hackers
  - Creates network programs
  - Supports spoofing, sniffing, client and server creation
- Bind9
  - Implements DNS protocols for the internet
  - Berkeley internet name domain
  - Production grade software

### **OBJECTIVES**

- Pharming attacks: redirect user to a fake malicious website
  - Attacker fools user's machine with a faked DNS reply as the user's machine issues out a DNS query to find the IP address of the webpage

### STEPS:

- a. Disconnect the internet from the server virtual machine before the lab starts
- b. Type in sudo rndc flush on the terminal- ensures all cache on server machine is cleared
- c. Type in dig <a href="https://www.netsec-week3.com">www.netsec-week3.com</a>

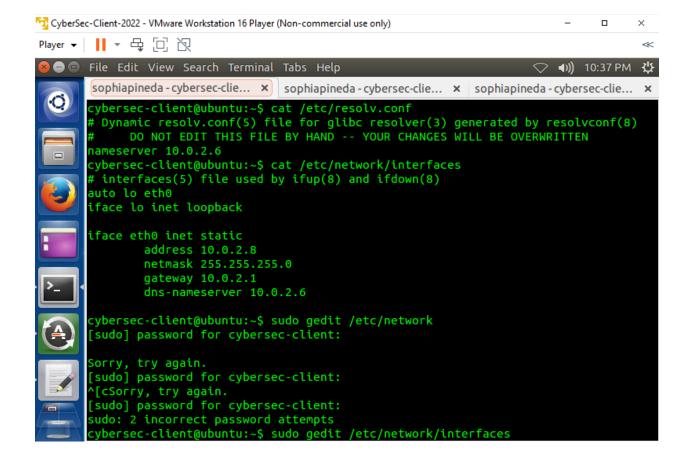
### TASK 1: ATTACK BY MODIFYING HOSTS FILE

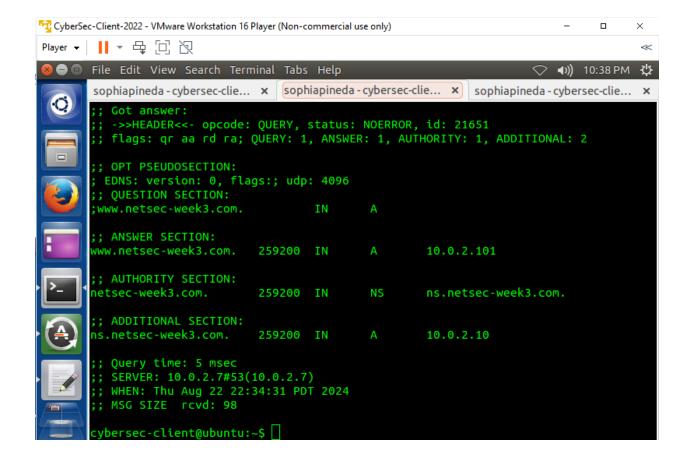
• If attacker modifies local file, system ignores lookup data received from the DNS server

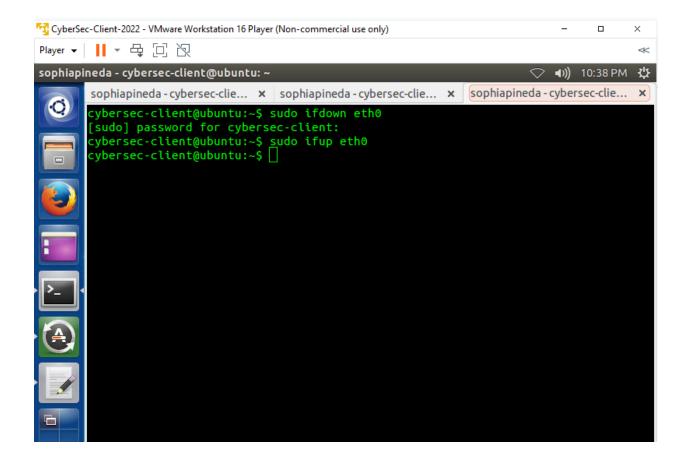
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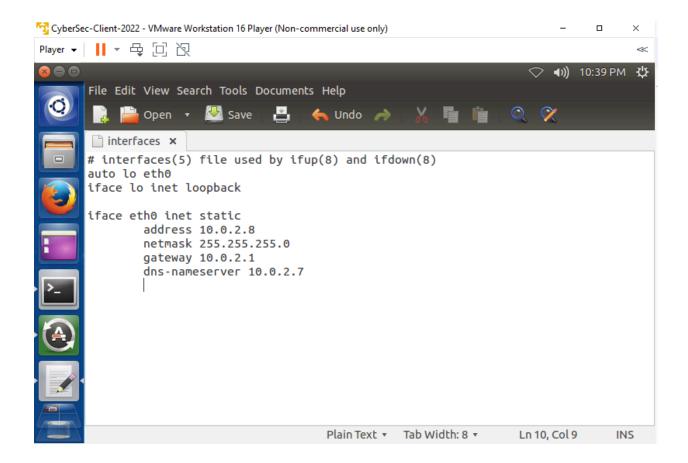
- Dig link: DNS LOOKUP- Domain Information Groper
- Server VM's IP
- Attacker, client and DNS server all in one network
- Name resolution: modifies files

- Cat /etc/resolv.conf
- Cat /etc/network/interfaces
- Sudo gedit /etc/network/interfaces
- 2.6 to 2.7
- Network configuration
- Sudo ifdown eth0







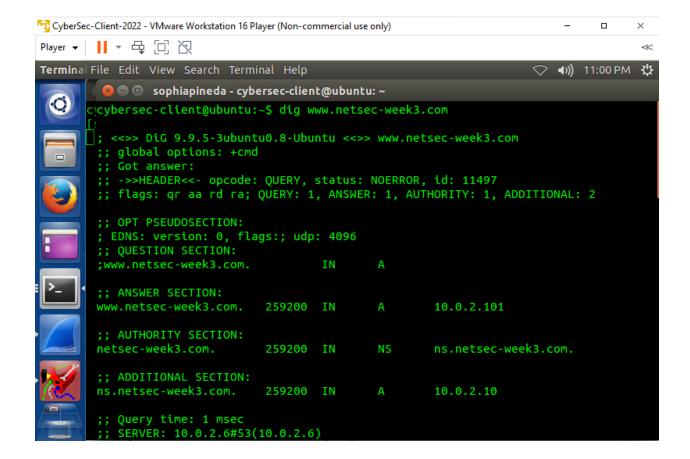


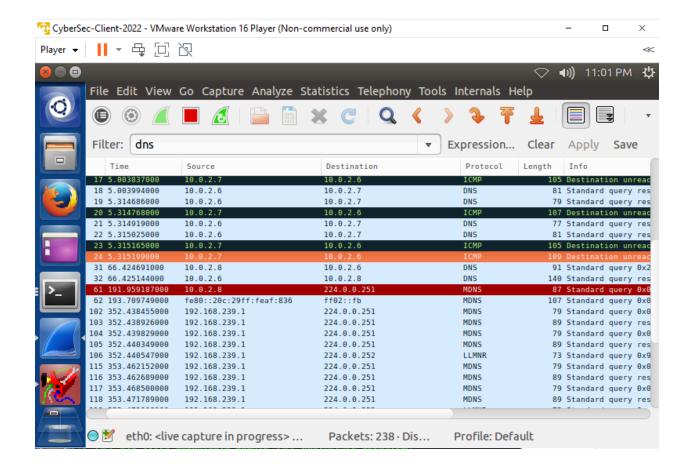
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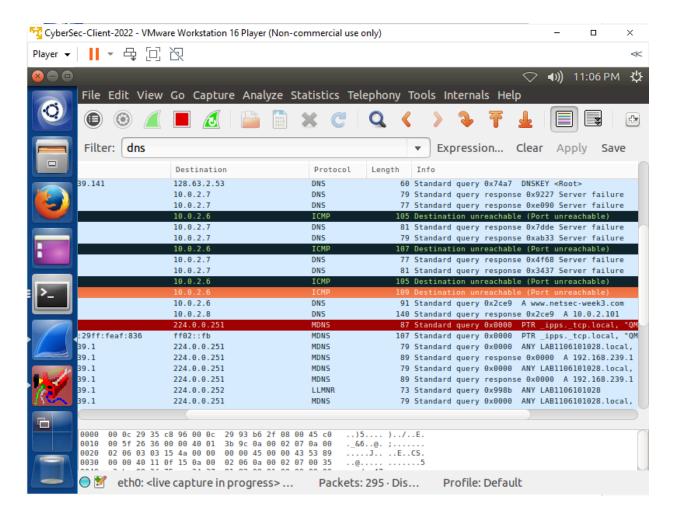
- Editing IP address through changing it in the file
- Restarting after changing IP address

# TASK 2: ATTACK BY SPOOFING DNS RESPONSE

- Creating a fake DNS response
- Reaches user before the real DNS server
- Directed to malicious website



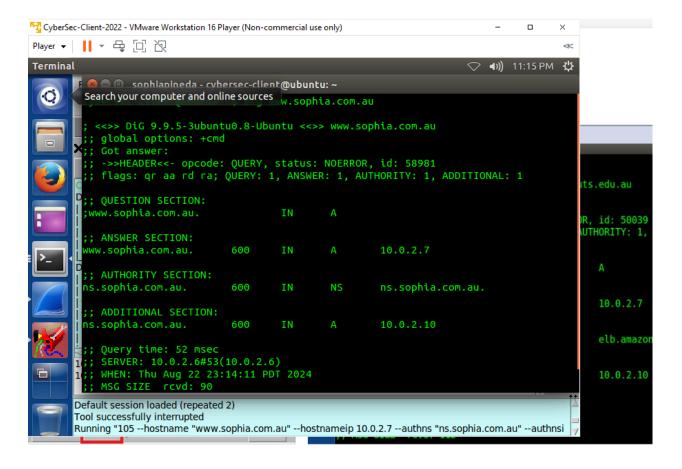


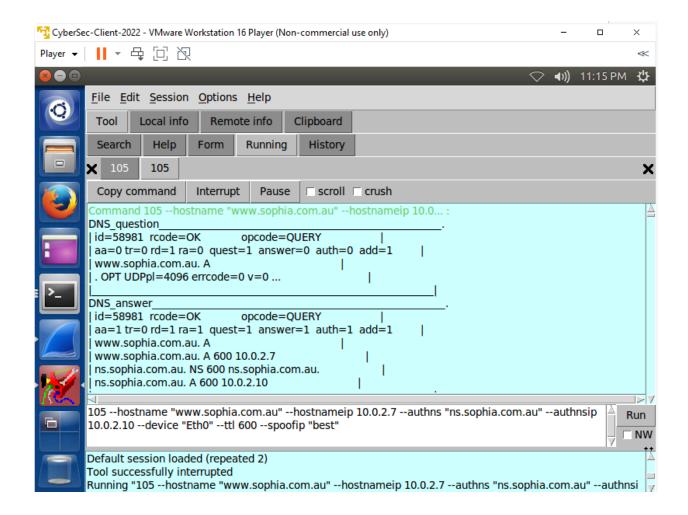


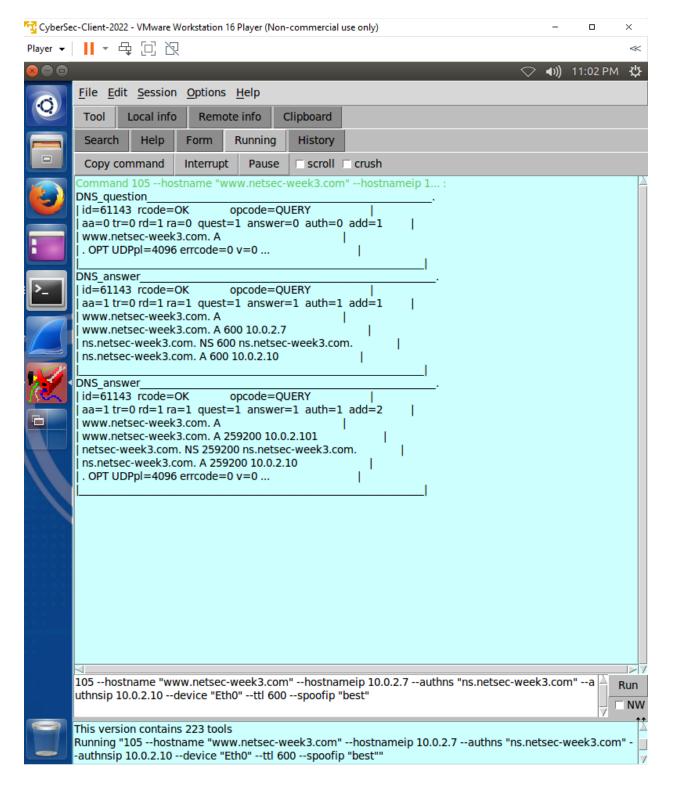
Standard query response changes

# TASK 3: DNS server cache poisoning

- Attacking server
- Inputting fake data in cache







- Making a host name
- Putting it through netwag
- Changes in sections
- Poisoned