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1 Build the architecture

From this original network topology, where the local networks (resD, resE, resF, resG) are disjoint at layer 2:

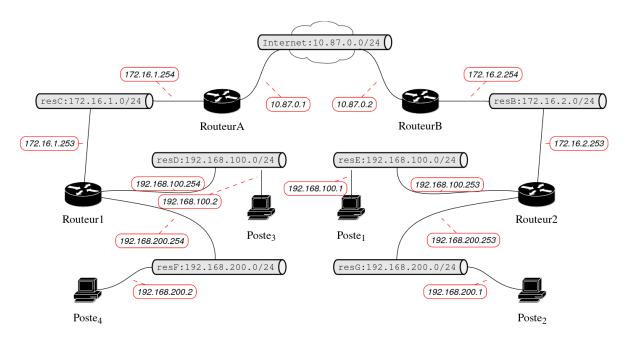


Figure 1: Original network topology

However, our goal is to make the local networks connected at layer 2 and build the following network in Figure 2 below:

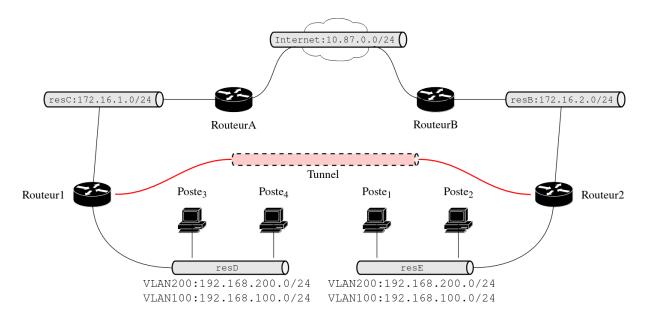


Figure 2: Desired network topology

The project starts with building the architecture. Firstly, we create the net namespaces and switches, corresponding to the routers, work stations and their networks:

```
ip netns add routA
ip netns add rout1
ip netns add rout1
ip netns add rout2
ip netns add poste1
ip netns add poste2
ip netns add poste3
ip netns add poste4

i ovs-vsctl add-br internet
ovs-vsctl add-br resB
ovs-vsctl add-br resC
ovs-vsctl add-br resD
ovs-vsctl add-br resE
```

Then, we configure each routers and hosts. This includes creating and adding the links between devices, turn the links up, assign them with IP address, configure their routing tables, etc.

Configure routA:

```
ip link add routA-eth0 type veth peer name resC-routA
ip link add routA-eth1 type veth peer name internet-routA
ip link set routA-eth0 netns routA
ip link set routA-eth1 netns routA
ovs-vsctl add-port resC resC-routA
ip link set dev resC-routA up
ovs-vsctl add-port internet internet-routA
ip link set dev internet-routA up
ip netns exec routA ip link set dev lo up
ip netns exec routA ip link set dev routA-eth0 up
ip netns exec routA ip link set dev routA-eth1 up
ip netns exec routA ip a add dev routA-eth1 10.87.0.1/24
ip netns exec routA ip r add 172.16.2.0/24 via 10.87.0.2 dev routA-eth1
ip netns exec routA sysctl net.ipv4.conf.all.forwarding=1
```

Configure routB:

```
ip link add routB-eth0 type veth peer name resB-routB
ip link add routB-eth1 type veth peer name internet-routB
ip link set routB-eth0 netns routB
ip link set routB-eth1 netns routB
ovs-vsctl add-port resB resB-routB
ip link set dev resB-routB up
ovs-vsctl add-port internet internet-routB
ip link set dev internet-routB up
ip netns exec routB ip link set dev lo up
ip netns exec routB ip link set dev routB-eth0 up
ip netns exec routB ip link set dev routB-eth1 up
ip netns exec routB ip a add dev routB-eth1 10.87.0.2/24
ip netns exec routB ip radd 172.16.1.0/24 via 10.87.0.1 dev routB-eth1
ip netns exec routB sysctl net.ipv4.conf.all.forwarding=1
```

Configure rout1:

```
ip link add rout1-eth0 type veth peer name resC-rout1
ip link add rout1-eth1 type veth peer name resD-rout1
ip link set rout1-eth0 netns rout1
ip link set rout1-eth1 netns rout1
ovs-vsctl add-port resC resC-rout1
ovs-vsctl add-port resD resD-rout1 trunks=100,200
ip link set dev resC-rout1 up
ip link set dev resD-rout1 up
ip netns exec rout1 ip link set dev lo up
ip netns exec rout1 ip link set dev rout1-eth0 up
ip netns exec rout1 ip link set dev rout1-eth1 up
ip netns exec rout1 ip a add dev rout1-eth1 up
ip netns exec rout1 ip radd 10.87.0.0/24 via 172.16.1.253/24
ip netns exec rout1 ip r add 172.16.2.0/24 via 172.16.1.254 dev rout1-eth0
ip netns exec rout1 sysctl net.ipv4.conf.all.forwarding=1
```

Configure rout2:

```
ip link add rout2-eth0 type veth peer name resB-rout2
ip link add rout2-eth1 type veth peer name resE-rout2
ip link set rout2-eth0 netns rout2
ip link set rout2-eth1 netns rout2
ovs-vsctl add-port resB resB-rout2
ovs-vsctl add-port resE resE-rout2 trunks=100,200
ip link set dev resB-rout2 up
ip link set dev resE-rout2 up
ip netns exec rout2 ip link set dev lo up
ip netns exec rout2 ip link set dev rout2-eth0 up
ip netns exec rout2 ip link set dev rout2-eth1 up
ip netns exec rout2 ip a add dev rout2-eth1 up
ip netns exec rout2 ip r add 10.87.0.0/24 via 172.16.2.253/24
ip netns exec rout2 ip r add 172.16.1.0/24 via 172.16.2.254 dev rout2-eth0
ip netns exec rout2 sysctl net.ipv4.conf.all.forwarding=1
```

Configure poste1:

```
ip link add poste1-eth0 type veth peer name resE-poste1
ip link set poste1-eth0 netns poste1
ip netns exec poste1 ip link set dev poste1-eth0 address 00:11:22:00:01:00

vos-vsctl add-port resE resE-poste1 tag=100
ip link set dev resE-poste1 up
ip netns exec poste1 ip link set dev lo up
ip netns exec poste1 ip link set dev poste1-eth0 up
ip netns exec poste1 ip a add dev poste1-eth0 192.168.100.1/24
ip netns exec poste1 ip r add default dev poste1-eth0 via 192.168.100.254
```

Configure poste2:

```
ip link add poste2-eth0 type veth peer name resE-poste2
ip link set poste2-eth0 netns poste2
ip netns exec poste2 ip link set dev poste2-eth0 address 00:11:22:00:02:00

vos-vsctl add-port resE resE-poste2 tag=200
ip link set dev resE-poste2 up
ip netns exec poste2 ip link set dev lo up
ip netns exec poste2 ip link set dev poste2-eth0 up
ip netns exec poste2 ip a add dev poste2-eth0 192.168.200.1/24
ip netns exec poste2 ip r add default dev poste2-eth0 via 192.168.200.254
```

Configure poste3:

```
ip link add poste3-eth0 type veth peer name resD-poste3

ip link set poste3-eth0 netns poste3

ip netns exec poste3 ip link set dev poste3-eth0 address 00:11:22:00:03:00

vos-vsctl add-port resD resD-poste3 tag=100

ip link set dev resD-poste3 up

ip netns exec poste3 ip link set dev lo up

ip netns exec poste3 ip link set dev poste3-eth0 up

ip netns exec poste3 ip a add dev poste3-eth0 192.168.100.2/24

ip netns exec poste3 ip r add default dev poste3-eth0 via 192.168.100.254
```

Configure poste4:

```
ip link add poste4-eth0 type veth peer name resD-poste4
ip link set poste4-eth0 netns poste4
ip netns exec poste4 ip link set dev poste4-eth0 address 00:11:22:00:04:00
ip netns exec poste4 ip link set tag=200
ip link set dev resD-poste4 up
ip netns exec poste4 ip link set dev lo up
ip netns exec poste4 ip link set dev poste4-eth0 up
ip netns exec poste4 ip a add dev poste4-eth0 192.168.200.2/24
ip netns exec poste4 ip r add default dev poste4-eth0 via 192.168.200.254
```

Note that in the configuration of rout1 and rout2, we created 2 VLANs with ID 100 and 200 to be able to separate the communication inside specific networks 192.168.100.0/24 and 192.168.200.0/24. For this to function, we have to add particular options trunks and tag when connecting the hosts and routers to the switches, so that the switches are configured to transfer traffic with "VLAN tagging" and "VLAN trunking":

- The "tag" option is used to configure a port to have a specific VLAN tag (or multiple tags if using the tag=VLAN1 tag=VLAN2 syntax). This means that any traffic received on this port with the specified VLAN tag(s) will be associated with the specified VLAN(s) and forwarded accordingly. Thus we apply it on the connection link between the routers and the switches.
- The "trunks" option is used to configure a port as a trunk port, which means that it will carry traffic from multiple VLANs. Any traffic received on this port will not have a specific VLAN tag associated with it, but will rather have a VLAN tag added by the switch based on the VLAN configuration. Thus we apply it on the connection link between the hosts (postes) and the switches.

Also, for the configuration to be more convenient in the following exercises, I decided to set up static MAC addresses for the network cards of the host devices (which is quite reasonable since in real life each device is also assigned with a constant MAC address instead of having random ones):

• poste1-eth0: 00:11:22:00:01:00

• poste2-eth0: 00:11:22:00:02:00

• poste3-eth0: 00:11:22:00:03:00

• poste4-eth0: 00:11:22:00:04:00

After having finished constructing the network topology, we would have this graph (since the network is quite big, the graph might need to be zoomed to be seen):

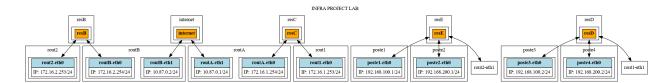


Figure 3: Network graph

2 Test the functioning of VLANs

We will try to test the functioning of VLANs configured and inspect the nature of the traffic to verify the functioning of "VLAN tagging". In this example, we will ping from poste1 to poste3 (both in VLAN100) (the process is the same in the case of VLAN200), while sniffing on 2 VLAN trunking interfaces rout1-eth1, rout1-eth2, and the interface of the destination host poste1-eth0 using tcpdump:

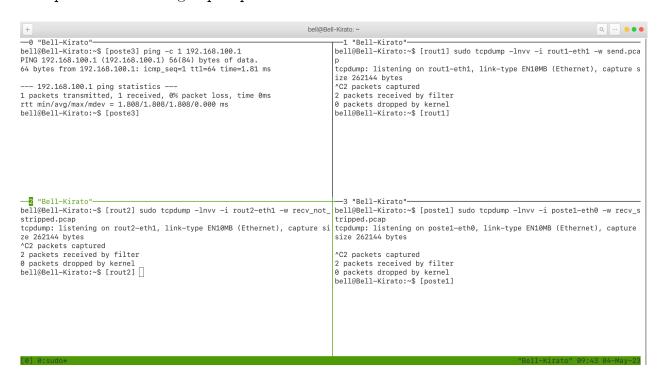


Figure 4: Ping from poste3 to poste1

Here, the packets captured are saved in .pcap files so as to be analyzed later:

- Packets received on rout1-eth1 are saved in send.pcap
- Packets received on rout2-eth1 are saved in recv_not_stripped.pcap
- Packets received on poste1-eth0 are saved in recv_stripped.pcap

Note that we have configured the MAC address of poste1 to be 00:11:22:00:01:00, and that of poste3 to be 00:11:22:00:03:00. This information will be shown in the following Figure 5.

To inspect these captured packets, scapy is utilized:



Figure 5: Analyzing packets handled by VLAN tagging with scapy

From Figure 5, we see that the packets, which are the same ICMP Request from poste3, received on interface rout1-eth1 and rout2-eth1 has an additional 802.1Q header, with a field vlan = 100. This is exactly the VLAN header (or the *VLAN tag*) which we are expecting. The process can be explained as follows:

- poste3 sends an ICMP Request to the destination 192.168.100.1 (poste1)
- The packet travels to the port resD-poste3 of switch resD which was configured with tag=100
- The packet arrives at the port and is injected with the 802.1Q header which has a tag vlan = 100, then it is forwarded to rout1
- The packet goes from rout1 to rout2 (through the tunnel, which we will discuss in the following sessions)
- The packet arrives at rout2 and continues to switch resE using interface rout2-eth1
- The packet travels to the port resE-rout2 which was configured with trunks=100,200
- Since the packet was tagged with the VLAN ID: vlan = 100, which is included in the option trunks=100,200, switch resE finds the port configured with tag=100, which is resE-poste1, or the one peered with poste1-eth0, strips the VLAN tag, and then forward the packet to that output port
- poste1 receives the packet with no VLAN tag

3 Study L2TPv3 and VXLAN technology

3.1 L2TPv3 vs VXLAN

To compare L2TPv3 and VXLAN, we will briefly study their similarities and differences.

Overall, they both encapsulate layer 2 packets inside IP packets and transport them over an IP network, for example the Internet. However, apart from this point, there are a couple of differences between their purposes and applications.

Regarding L2TPv3:

- It is an improved version of L2TP (Layer 2 Tunneling Protocol), which is a tunneling protocol.
- As a tunnel, it has 2 endpoints only: L2TP access concentrator (LAC) and the L2TP network server (LNS).
- It allows the creation of a virtual private dialup network (VPDN) to connect a remote client to its corporate network by using a shared infrastructure, which could be the Internet or a service provider's network.
- It is a layer 2 protocol, which means it was designed to provide a way to transport data link layer protocols, such as Ethernet frames, over an IP network.

On the other hand, VXLAN:

- Is a network virtualization technology.
- Is capable of creating an overlay network or tunnel.
- Can have multiple endpoints named VTEPs (VXLAN Tunnel EndPoints)
- It provides a scalable and flexible method for building virtual networks that can span
 multiple physical networks

 VXLAN plays an important role in cloud and data
 center environments.
- Is a protocol used to extend Layer 2 networks over a Layer 3 infrastructure.
- Is typically used in data center environments to provide network virtualization and overlay networks.
- It operates between layer 2 and layer $3 \longrightarrow A$ "layer 2.5" protocol.

3.2 Implement VXLAN in Linux with Open vSwitch

In order to implement VXLAN in Linux with Open vSwitch, it is essential to create a bridge with type VXLAN, configure the bridge as well as the system appropriately to connect to the VXLAN. For example, in our project, if we would like to create a VXLAN for VLAN100: On poste1:

• Create a bridge:

```
ovs-vsctl add-br br0
```

• Turn the bridge up:

```
1 ip link set br0 up
```

• Create the VXLAN interface to represent its VTEP:

```
ovs-vsctl add-port br0 vx_poste3 -- set interface vx_poste3 type=vxlan options:remote_ip=192.168.100.2 options:local_ip=192.168.100.1
```

Symmetrically, we configure poste3:

• Create a bridge:

```
ovs-vsctl add-br br0
```

• Turn the bridge up:

```
1 ip link set br0 up
```

• Create the VXLAN interface to represent its VTEP:

```
ovs-vsctl add-port br0 vx_poste1 -- set interface vx_poste1 type=vxlan options:remote_ip=192.168.100.1 options:local_ip=192.168.100.2
```

The overlay network is now operational, and everything connected to br0 on either machine will appear to be connected to the same layer 2 network.

3.3 L2TPv3 traffic encryption solutions

Compared to the original L2TP, L2TPv3 supports encryption of tunnel traffic using a variety of encryption algorithms, such as 3DES, AES, and Blowfish, therefore provides improved security through the use of IPsec encryption and authentication, which can be used to protect the L2TPv3 control and data packets. When IPsec is used for encryption, it provides security at the network layer and creates a virtual private network (VPN) tunnel between the L2TPv3 tunnel endpoints. This enables secure transmission of data over the public Internet. This type of combination is well-known as "L2TPv3 over IPSec", which we might see later. Besides IPSec, there are several other options such as SSL/TLS, MACsec, AAA, etc.

3.4 L2TPv3/VXLAN vs MPLS

In comparison, they have a few similarities:

- All of them allows for the creation of VPNs (Virtual Private Networks) by using labels to segregate traffic from different VPNs, offering secure and scalable connectivity between geographically dispersed sites.
- They make routing decisions for packets by labelling the packet with an additional header.
- All three protocols support encryption and other security mechanisms to protect data in transit.

However, there are some significant differences:

- L2TPv3 is layer 2 protocol, VLAN and MPLS are layer 2.5 technologies.
- Encapsulation:
 - L2TPv3 and VXLAN: encapsulate Layer 2 frames within IP packets
 - MPLS encapsulates IP packets within MPLS headers
- Main purposes:
 - MPLS is designed to improve the performance and efficiency of packet forwarding by using labels to route packets through the network (used to transport layer 3 packets).
 - L2TPv3 is designed to provide a way to transport data link layer protocols over an IP network (used to transport layer 2 packets).
 - VXLAN is designed to building overlaying virtual networks that can span multiple physical networks (used to transport layer 2 packets).
- Along the path of the packet:
 - MPLS: all immediate routers have to examine the label to determine the next hop, the final router in the path removes the label and forwards the packet to its destination → MPLS uses label-switching to forward traffic.
 - L2TPv3 and VXLAN: only the endpoints (tunnel endpoints in the case of L2TPv3, VTEPs in the case of VXLAN) have to look at the label, remove it and forwards the packet to its destination → L2TPv3 and VXLAN use traditional routing protocols.
- To provide end-to-end connectivity for IP-based services:
 - L2TPv3 and VXLAN are widely used within data center and enterprise networks
 - MPLS is usually used within service provider networks

4 Implementing L2TPv3 tunnel

The process of creating the L2TPv3 tunnel in IP encapsulation mode was very well-guided in the subject document.

We implement the tunnel on rout1 side:

```
# Config tunnel rout1
2 ip netns exec rout1 ip 12tp add tunnel remote 172.16.2.253 local
     172.16.1.253 encap ip tunnel_id 3000 peer_tunnel_id 4000
3 ip netns exec rout1 ip 12tp add session tunnel_id 3000 session_id 1000
     peer_session_id 2000
4 ip netns exec rout1 ip link set 12tpeth0 up
5 ip netns exec rout1 ip a flush dev rout1-eth1
6 ip netns exec rout1 brctl addbr tunnel
7 ip netns exec rout1 brctl addif tunnel 12tpeth0
8 ip netns exec rout1 brctl addif tunnel rout1-eth1
9 ip netns exec rout1 ip link set tunnel up
10 ip netns exec rout1 ip link add link tunnel name tunnel.100 type vlan id
     100
11 ip netns exec rout1 ip link set tunnel.100 up
12 ip netns exec rout1 ip link add link tunnel name tunnel.200 type vlan id
13 ip netns exec rout1 ip link set tunnel.200 up
14 ip netns exec rout1 ip addr add 192.168.100.254/24 dev tunnel.100
15 ip netns exec rout1 ip addr add 192.168.200.254/24 dev tunnel.200
16 ip netns exec rout1 ip link set dev 12tpeth0 mtu 1500
```

Symmetrically, we implement the tunnel on rout2 side:

```
# Config tunnel rout2
2 ip netns exec rout2 ip 12tp add tunnel remote 172.16.1.253 local
     172.16.2.253 encap ip tunnel_id 4000 peer_tunnel_id 3000
3 ip netns exec rout2 ip 12tp add session tunnel_id 4000 session_id 2000
     peer_session_id 1000
4 ip netns exec rout2 ip link set 12tpeth0 up
5 ip netns exec rout2 ip a flush dev rout2-eth1
6 ip netns exec rout2 brctl addbr tunnel
7 ip netns exec rout2 brctl addif tunnel 12tpeth0
8 ip netns exec rout2 brctl addif tunnel rout2-eth1
9 ip netns exec rout2 ip link set tunnel up
10 ip netns exec rout2 ip link add link tunnel name tunnel.100 type vlan id
11 ip netns exec rout2 ip link set tunnel.100 up
12 ip netns exec rout2 ip link add link tunnel name tunnel.200 type vlan id
     200
13 ip netns exec rout2 ip link set tunnel.200 up
14 ip netns exec rout2 ip addr add 192.168.100.253/24 dev tunnel.100
15 ip netns exec rout2 ip addr add 192.168.200.253/24 dev tunnel.200
ip netns exec rout2 ip link set 12tpeth0 mtu 1500
```

Now that the tunnel has been configured, we can try to see if it was installed successfully and functions well.

4.1 Verify ARP protocol's functioning

First, we will verify to see if the ARP protocol works normally for the discovery of machines regardless of their side connection to the Internet.

In this example, we will try to send ARP Requests from poste1 to rout1 (same side) and poste3 (opposite side, same VLAN) using the arping command.

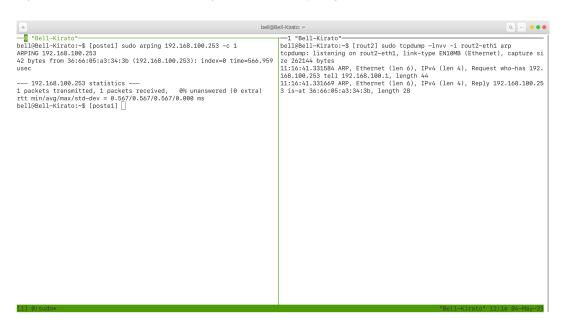


Figure 6: ARP Protocol between poste1 and rout1 (same side)

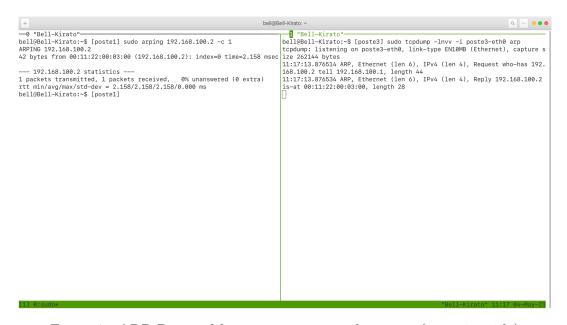


Figure 7: ARP Protocol between poste1 and poste3 (opposite side)

It can be seen from Figure 6 and Figure 8 that the ARP Protocol works well in this case.

4.2 Verify the DHCP service

We will implement a DHCP server on rout1 and verify that the DHCP service can be offered to all 4 hosts regardless of their side connection to the internet. Firstly, all the pre-registered IP addresses of the hosts should be flushed:

```
$\text{sudo ip netns exec poste1 ip a flush dev poste1-eth0}$
$\text{sudo ip netns exec poste2 ip a flush dev poste2-eth0}$
$\text{sudo ip netns exec poste3 ip a flush dev poste3-eth0}$
$\text{sudo ip netns exec poste4 ip a flush dev poste4-eth0}$
```

We check that all the IP addresses of the network interfaces of the hosts are deleted:

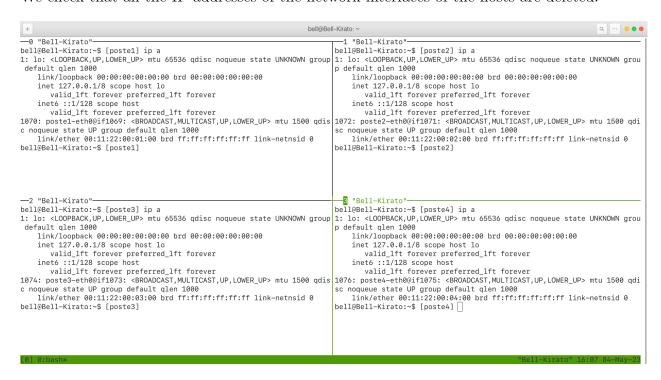


Figure 8: Flush all network interfaces of poste1, poste2, poste3, and poste4

To configure the DHCP server on rout1, we configure the file /etc/dnsmasq.conf by adding these lines:

```
dhcp-range=192.168.100.1,192.168.100.2,12h
dhcp-range=192.168.200.1,192.168.200.2,12h
dhcp-host=00:11:22:00:01:00,192.168.100.1,12h
dhcp-host=00:11:22:00:02:00,192.168.200.1,12h
dhcp-host=00:11:22:00:03:00,192.168.100.2,12h
dhcp-host=00:11:22:00:04:00,192.168.200.2,12h
```

We used option dhcp-host in order to configure static IP addresses for the hosts using their MAC address, and option dhcp-range to specify the possible IP address range to assign. This is also the reason why I configure static IP addresses for the hosts at the beginning.

After that, we start the DHCP Server on rout1 using dnsmasq command:

```
$ sudo ip netns exec rout1 dnsmasq -d -z
dnsmasq: started, version 2.80 cachesize 150
dnsmasq: compile time options: IPv6 GNU-getopt DBus i18n IDN DHCP DHCPv6
    no-Lua TFTP conntrack ipset auth nettlehash DNSSEC loop-detect inotify dumpfile
dnsmasq-dhcp: DHCP, IP range 192.168.200.1 -- 192.168.200.2, lease time 12 h
dnsmasq-dhcp: DHCP, IP range 192.168.100.1 -- 192.168.100.2, lease time 12 h
dnsmasq: reading /etc/resolv.conf
dnsmasq: reading /etc/resolv.conf
dnsmasq: using nameserver 127.0.0.53#53
dnsmasq: read /etc/hosts - 7 addresses
```

On each host, we request IP address using dhclient:

```
$ [poste1] sudo dhclient -v poste1-eth0
2 $ [poste2] sudo dhclient -v poste2-eth0
3 $ [poste3] sudo dhclient -v poste3-eth0
4 $ [poste4] sudo dhclient -v poste4-eth0
```

We can confirm that the DHCP Protocol, including DHCP DISCOVER, DHCP OFFER, DHCP REQUEST, DHCP PACK messages, are carried out normally for all 4 hosts, regardless of their side connection to the Internet:



Figure 9: The DHCP Protocol captured on rout1 and poste1, poste2, poste3, and poste4

4.3 Establish TCP connection through the tunnel

We also can verify the functioning of the tunnel by establishing a TCP connection between rout1 and poste1 using socat:

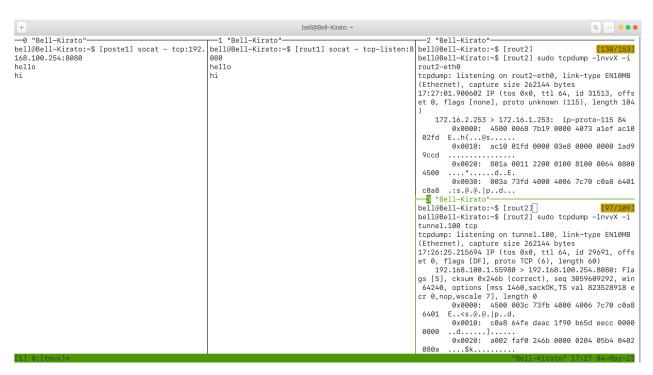


Figure 10: TCP connection established between rout1 and poste1

The TCP connection was established successfully between rout1 and poste1. In Figure 13, it can be seen that when we capture the packets on rout2, the TCP packets arrives on interface tunnel.100 in their original form (TCP packets), while the packets arrives on interface rout2-eth0 were encapsulated using L2TP protocol (ip-proto-115).

5 Compare different tunnel options

5.1 IP encapsulation vs. UDP encapsulation

Here we would try to compare 2 encapsulation modes for the tunnel: IP and UDP.

IP encapsulation mode is originally applied:

After the network architecture is built successfully, we listen on interface routA-ethO of routA, so as to capture the packet encapsulated in IP mode and save them in the file encap_ip.pcap:

```
$ sudo ip netns exec routA tcpdump -lnvvX -i routA-eth0 -w encap_ip.pcap

Then we send a ping from poste3 to poste1:

$ sudo ip netns exec poste3 ping 192.168.100.1 -c 1
```

To use UDP encapsulation mode, we have to change the encap ip argument to encap udp, and we also need to specify the UDP ports which the routers on each end of the tunnel use to communicate. In this example, we will choose port 8888 for rout1 and port 9999 for rout2:

```
ip netns exec rout1 ip 12tp add tunnel remote 172.16.2.253 local
    172.16.1.253 encap udp udp_sport 8888 udp_dport 9999 tunnel_id 3000
    peer_tunnel_id 4000

ip netns exec rout2 ip 12tp add tunnel remote 172.16.1.253 local
    172.16.2.253 encap udp udp_sport 9999 udp_dport 8888 tunnel_id 4000
    peer_tunnel_id 3000
```

After the network architecture is re-built successfully, we do the same process as above to capture the packet encapsulated in UDP mode and save them in the file encap_udp.pcap:

```
$ sudo ip netns exec routA tcpdump -lnvvX -i routA-eth0 -w encap_udp.pcap

Then once again, we send a ping from poste3 to poste1:

$ sudo ip netns exec poste3 ping 192.168.100.1 -c 1
```

Once we have the packets captures in the two .pcap files, we can utilize scapy to analyze and compare them:

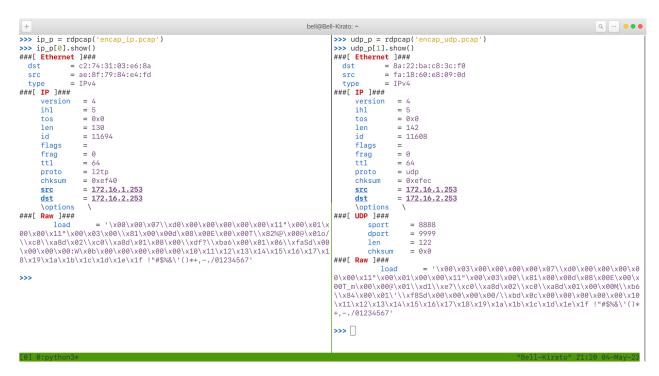


Figure 11: Encapsulated packet in IP encapsulation mode vs. UDP encapsulation mode

The MAC address in these two packets are not the same because we re-built the network architecture to change the tunnel mode, and since we were not interested in specifying static MAC address for routA and routB, they are assigned with another random MAC address after the network is re-built.

We can already spot the difference between the two modes: the encapsulated packets in UDP encapsulation mode has an additional UDP header injected between the IP header and the L2TP encapsulated packet (as specified by the field proto, or simply saying "next header" in the IP header of the packets). The UDP header specifies the source port and the destination port that the 2 routers at 2 ends of the tunnel used to communicate.

We can also try to retrieve the original packet from the payload of the encapsulated packets. For those in IP encapsulation mode, the original packet content is located after the 8^{th} byte of the payload, while in UDP encapsulation mode, it is located after the 12^{th} byte:

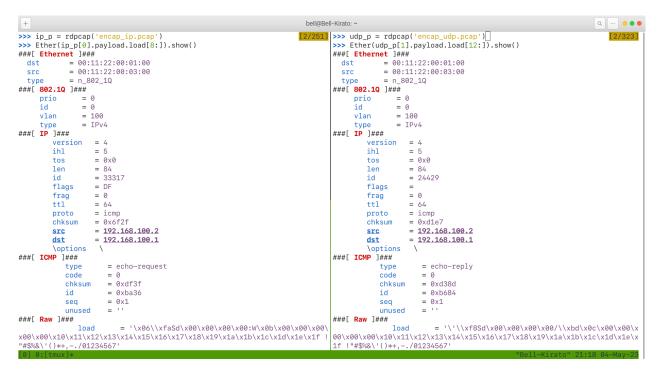


Figure 12: Obtaining original packet from payload in IP vs. UDP encap modes

5.2 Compare to tunnel made with GRE in GRETAP mode

Instead of L2TPv3 tunnel, it is also possible to set up GRE tunnel in GRETAP mode. To configure rout1:

```
1 $ sudo ip netns exec rout1 ip 1 add eoip1 type gretap remote 172.16.2.253
     local 172.16.1.253 nopmtudisc
sudo ip netns exec rout1 ip 1 set dev eoip1 up
   sudo ip netns exec rout1 brctl addbr tunnel
   sudo ip netns exec rout1 brctl addif tunnel eoip1
    sudo ip netns exec rout1 brctl addif tunnel rout1-eth1
    sudo ip netns exec rout1 ip 1 set tunnel up
    sudo ip netns exec rout1 ip 1 add link tunnel name tunnel.100 type vlan
     id 100
   sudo ip netns exec rout1 ip 1 set tunnel.100 up
   sudo ip netns exec rout1 ip 1 add link tunnel name tunnel.200 type vlan
     id 200
10 $
    sudo ip netns exec rout1 ip 1 set tunnel.200 up
11 $ sudo ip netns exec rout1 ip a add 192.168.100.254/24 dev tunnel.100
12 $ sudo ip netns exec rout1 ip a add 192.168.200.254/24 dev tunnel.200
```

To configure rout2:

```
1 $ sudo ip netns exec rout2 ip 1 add eoip1 type gretap remote 172.16.1.253
     local 172.16.2.253 nopmtudisc
    sudo ip netns exec rout2 ip 1 set dev eoip1 up
3 $ sudo ip netns exec rout2 brctl addbr tunnel
4 $ sudo ip netns exec rout2 brctl addif tunnel eoip1
   sudo ip netns exec rout2 brctl addif tunnel rout2-eth1
6 $
   sudo ip netns exec rout2 ip 1 set tunnel up
   sudo ip netns exec rout2 ip 1 add link tunnel name tunnel.100 type vlan
     id 100
   sudo ip netns exec rout2 ip 1 set tunnel.100 up
   sudo ip netns exec rout2 ip 1 add link tunnel name tunnel.200 type vlan
     id 200
10 $
   sudo ip netns exec rout2 ip 1 set tunnel.200 up
11 $ sudo ip netns exec rout2 ip a add 192.168.100.253/24 dev tunnel.100
12 $ sudo ip netns exec rout2 ip a add 192.168.200.253/24 dev tunnel.200
```

After having finished configuring the tunnel for rout1 and rout2, we can try to capture the traffic. In this example, once again we will capture the packets arrive at interface routA-eth0 of routA, while sending ICMP requests from poste3 to poste1:

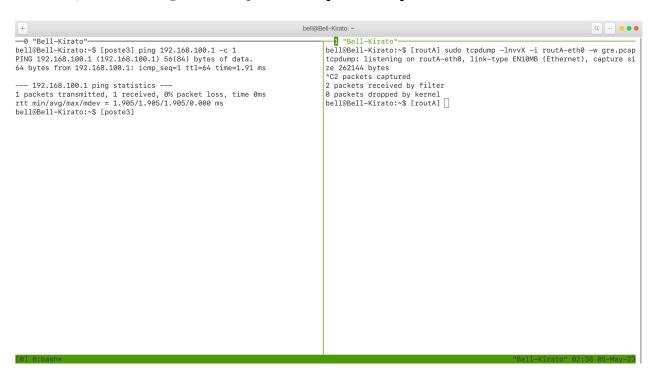


Figure 13: Capture traffic on routA-eth0 after setting up GRETAP tunnel

Then, we can use **scapy** to analyze the difference between the packets encapsulated using L2TPv3 protocol and GRETAP protocol:

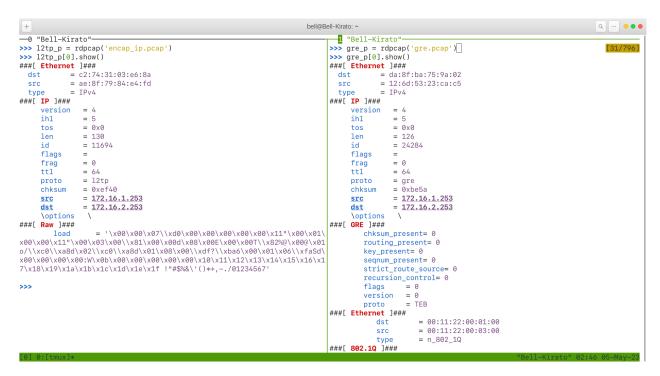


Figure 14: Packets encapsulated using L2TPv3 vs. GRETAP

Notice how the original packet remains its original form (with its own Ethernet header, 802.1Q or VLAN header, etc.) and are encapsulated with an additional GRE header, then another IP header and Ethernet header, instead of being encapsulated in the payload of the new packet in the form of raw bytes as in the case of L2TP protocol.

We can also see that the MTU on the tunnel interfaces of the routers are reduced to 1462, instead of 1500, due to the increasing information in packet headers.

```
$ sudo ip netns exec rout1 ip l show eoip1

5: eoip1@NONE: <BROADCAST, MULTICAST, UP, LOWER_UP > mtu 1462 qdisc fq_codel
master tunnel state UNKNOWN mode DEFAULT group default qlen 1000

link/ether ee:de:d5:f0:73:ea brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
```

6 Setting up IPsec encryption on L2TPv3 tunnel

In order to set up IPsec encryption, combining both AH (Authentication Header) and ESP (Encapsulating Security Payload) in "transport" mode, on the L2TPv3 tunnel between rout1 and rout2, we will utilize the ip xfrm command. Each protocol requires its own SA for each direction, so 4 SAs are needed to a VPN using AH+ESP.

First, we choose an arbitrary SPI (Security Parameters Index) for the SAs (Security Associations), and randomly generate the the keys for SHA256 and AES protocols. AH SAs use 256-bit long and ESP SAs use 160-bit long keys:

```
# Choose a random SPI (Security Parameters Index)
index=0x12345678

# Generate random secret keys for symmetric encryption: AH SAs using 256
    bit (32 byte) long and ESP SAs using 160 bit (20 byte) long keys
ah_key_1=$(openssl rand -hex 32)
esp_key_1=$(openssl rand -hex 20)
ah_key_2=$(openssl rand -hex 32)
esp_key_2=$(openssl rand -hex 20)
```

After having the keys and SPI, we can configure the SAD (Security Association Database) using ip xfrm state and SPD (Security Policy Database) using ip xfrm policy. On rout1:

```
# # Config IPsec on rout1 end
2 # Flush the SAD and SPD
3 sudo ip netns exec rout1 ip xfrm state flush
4 sudo ip netns exec rout1 ip xfrm policy flush
6 # Security association
7 sudo ip netns exec rout1 ip xfrm state add src 172.16.1.253 dst
     172.16.2.253 proto esp spi $index reqid $index mode transport auth
     sha256 0x$ah_key_1 enc "rfc3686(ctr(aes))" 0x$esp_key_1
8 sudo ip netns exec rout1 ip xfrm state add src 172.16.2.253 dst
     172.16.1.253 proto esp spi $index regid $index mode transport auth
     sha256 0x$ah_key_2 enc "rfc3686(ctr(aes))" 0x$esp_key_2
10 # Security policies
11 sudo ip netns exec rout1 ip xfrm policy add src 172.16.1.253 dst
     172.16.2.253 dir out tmpl src 172.16.1.253 dst 172.16.2.253 proto esp
     reqid $index mode transport
12 sudo ip netns exec rout1 ip xfrm policy add src 172.16.2.253 dst
     172.16.1.253 dir in tmpl src 172.16.2.253 dst 172.16.1.253 proto esp
     reqid $index mode transport
```

Symmetrically, on rout2:

```
# # Config IPsec on rout2 end
2 # Flush the SAD and SPD
3 sudo ip netns exec rout2 ip xfrm state flush
4 sudo ip netns exec rout2 ip xfrm policy flush
6 # Security association
7 sudo ip netns exec rout2 ip xfrm state add src 172.16.1.253 dst
     172.16.2.253 proto esp spi $index reqid $index mode transport auth
     sha256 0x$ah_key_1 enc "rfc3686(ctr(aes))" 0x$esp_key_1
8 sudo ip netns exec rout2 ip xfrm state add src 172.16.2.253 dst
     172.16.1.253 proto esp spi $index reqid $index mode transport auth
     sha256 0x$ah_key_2 enc "rfc3686(ctr(aes))" 0x$esp_key_2
10 # Security policies
11 sudo ip netns exec rout2 ip xfrm policy add src 172.16.1.253 dst
     172.16.2.253 dir in tmpl src 172.16.1.253 dst 172.16.2.253 proto esp
     reqid $index mode transport
12 sudo ip netns exec rout2 ip xfrm policy add src 172.16.2.253 dst
     172.16.1.253 dir out tmpl src 172.16.2.253 dst 172.16.1.253 proto esp
    reqid $index mode transport
```

All the configurations are in the file config_ipsec.

We can check if the SAs are configured correctly using ip xfrm policy and ip xfrm state:

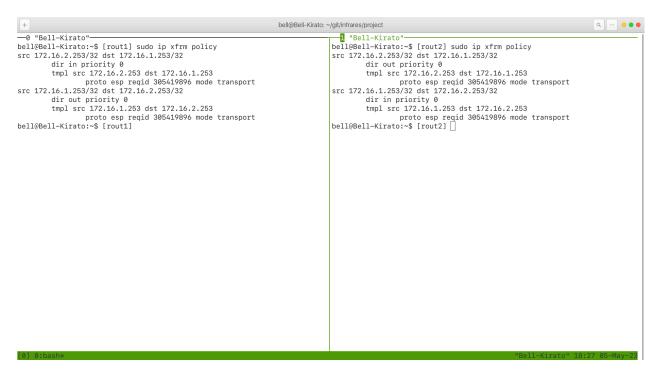


Figure 15: Verify IPsec policy on rout1 and rout2

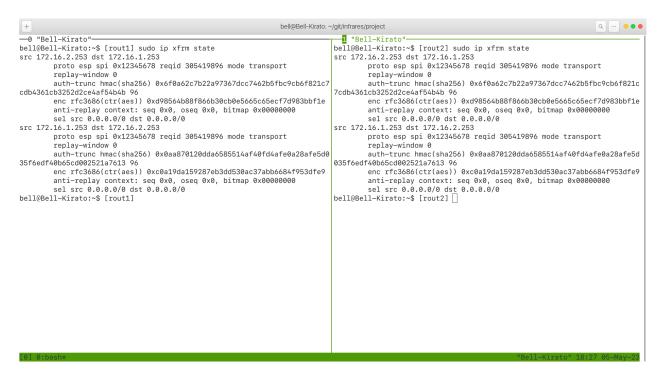


Figure 16: Verify IPsec state on rout1 and rout2

After verifying that IPsec is configured on rout1 and rout2 appropriately, the packets are captured on routA's interface routA-eth0 with tcpdump. We will try to ping from poste1 to rout1 and inspect the traffic:

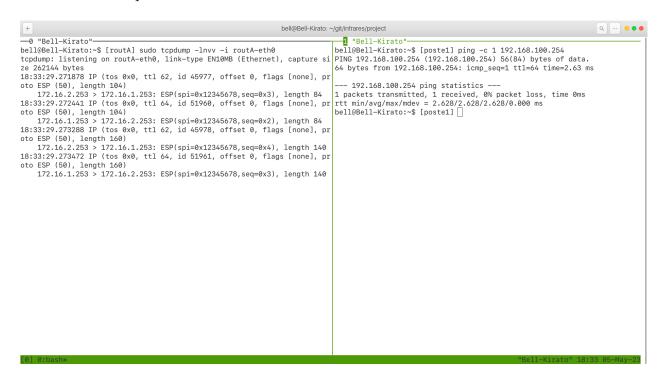


Figure 17: Inspect traffic going through routA after implementing IPsec on L2TPv3 tunnel

It can be seen from Figure 25 that the packets are now ESP packets, which were encrypted with ESP protocol, instead of ip-proto-115 packets as we have seen before.

We cannot access the content of the encrypted packets captured on an intermediary (routA in this case) even if we try to use scapy, as the content of original packet was encrypted and can be seen from the field data of the ESP header:

```
Scapy 2.5.0.dev27
+
>>> ipsec = rdpcap('ipsec.pcap')
>>> ipsec[0].show()
###[ Ethernet ]###
 dst
            = 2e:4b:2d:8e:0f:9e
            = 32:6b:df:37:04:c5
  src
  type
            = IPv4
###[ IP ]###
     version
               = 4
     ihl
               = 5
               = 0 \times 0
     tos
     len
               = 160
     id
               = 45994
     flags
     frag
               = 0
               = 62
     ttl
     proto
               = esp
               = 0x6b67
     chksum
               = 172.16.2.253
     src
     dst
               = 172.16.1.253
     \options
###[ ESP ]###
        spi
                  = 0x12345678
                  = 20
        seq
                  = a1cce1dc7f085b6ae135c095b999a1b04fa017ea07781f2
        data
92654baf6f21df5841d3d51fb65072e6a4f55b6b50ba82217eb3ac491c2f098ae50
138c87ed79d6fa480252a97da84a4e8b84dc19df796c5ca75b1079bc0e8a5629e01
7265dcc7c1f728d28e203c5f2d1dbd556f45eb1a5a56b752d36eafa05d4fd36715a
706fdab5fd445bb4
>>>
```

Figure 18: Analyze the encrypted packet captured on an intermediary

The bandwidth between poste1 and rout1 sharply decreased after applying IPsec, due to the encrypting process:

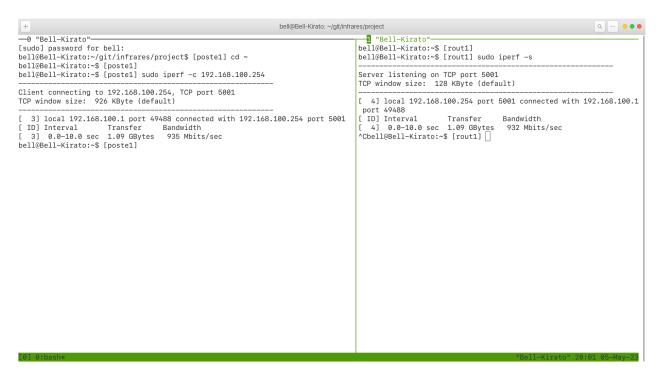


Figure 19: Transfer speed and bandwidth before implementing IPsec

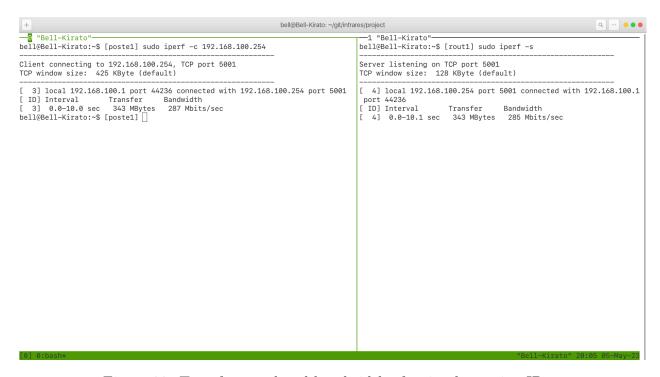


Figure 20: Transfer speed and bandwidth after implementing IPsec

7 "Smart" Internet Access

7.1 Provide Internet access to the local network

To connect our virtual network to the real Internet, an interface veth0 on the real Linux machine is created to connect itself to the switch internet, thus connect our local virtual network to the real Linux machine. We also need to assign an IP address to the interface veth0, which we choose to be 10.87.0.254.

```
# Provide Internet access through the internet switch
ip 1 add veth0 type veth peer name internet-real
ovs-vsctl add-port internet internet-real
ip 1 set dev internet-real up
ip 1 set dev veth0 up
ip a add dev veth0 10.87.0.254/24
```

Then we modify the routing tables of the real Linux machine and the routers to enable the traffic between them, and we need to enable IPv4 forwarding on the Linux machine as well:

```
# Config the routing tables for the routers
ip netns exec routA ip r add default via 10.87.0.254 dev routA-eth1
ip netns exec rout1 ip r add default via 172.16.1.254 dev rout1-eth0
ip netns exec routB ip r add default via 10.87.0.254 dev routB-eth1
ip netns exec rout2 ip r add default via 172.16.2.254 dev rout2-eth0

# Config the routing table of the Linux machine
sysctl net.ipv4.conf.all.forwarding=1
ip r add 172.16.1.0/24 via 10.87.0.1 dev veth0
ip r add 172.16.2.0/24 via 10.87.0.2 dev veth0
```

Finally, we add the NetFilter rules to MASQUERADE all outgoing packets from the real Linux machine's network interface wlo1, which is connected to the internet, since the local network is private, if MASQUERADE is not used, the Internet would not know how to return packets to IP addresses coming from it.

```
iptables -t nat -A POSTROUTING -o wlo1 -j MASQUERADE
```

Now, we can try to send a ping to the internet from the local network. Let's say we want to ping 8.8.8.8 from rout1:

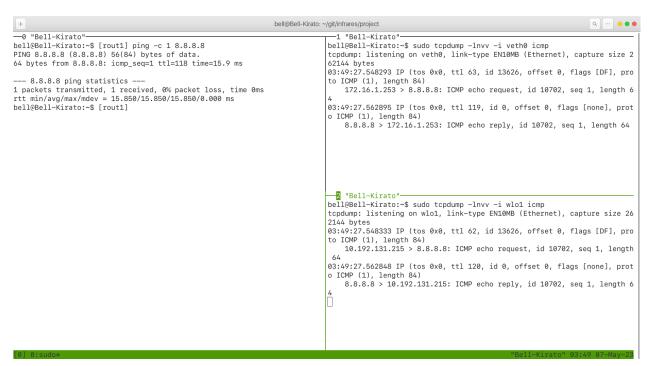


Figure 21: Ping from rout1 to 8.8.8.8

We can see that the traffic is well-transferred. The MASQUERADE also functions as expected, as we sniff on both interfaces veth0 (connecting the real Linux machine to the local virtual network) and wlo1 (connecting the real Linux machine to the Internet).

7.2 Provide Internet access to the hosts

To provide Internet to the hosts from both VLANs: poste1, poste2, poste3, and poste4, we need to not only MASQUERADE the packets coming out of our real Linux machine, but also those coming out of rout1 and rout2, to go to the internet switch as well. The reason is the same as before: the Linux machine does not know how to route packets to our hosts yet, so either we add specific routes to the the routing table of the real Linux machine to route packets directly to those hosts, or we MASQUERADE those coming out of rout1 and rout2. Here the second solution is chosen.

```
ip netns exec rout1 iptables -t nat -A POSTROUTING -o rout1-eth0 -j
    MASQUERADE
ip netns exec rout2 iptables -t nat -A POSTROUTING -o rout2-eth0 -j
    MASQUERADE
```

The second line is actually unnecessary at this point, since the traffic from poste1 and poste2 would first be redirected through the tunnel to rout1, then goes to the Internet. In brief, the right-hand side network will communicate with the Internet through rout1, so there is no need to MASQUERADE traffic coming out of interface rout2-eth0 of rout2 at this point. But it is still added as we are going to use it in the upcoming part of the exercise.

We can verify that the communication between poste1 and the Internet is well-passed through rout1:

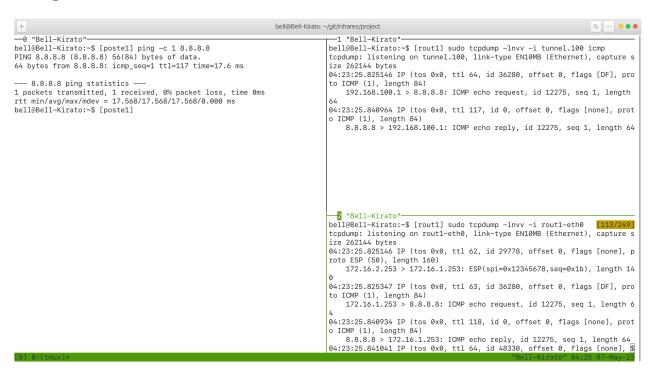


Figure 22: Ping from postel to 8.8.8.8

7.3 Configure default gateway for the hosts

In this part, we have to provide the hosts with proper configuration using the DHCP server, so that the communication of poste1 and poste2 goes through rout2 instead of rout1 to optimize the Internet access.

First of all, this is where the MASQUERADE traffic from rout2 becomes useful, as previously mentioned in Subsection 7.2, since if we are going to communicate to the Internet directly through rout2, it is necessary to MASQUERADE traffic coming out of rout2-eth0, for the same reason as in the case of rout1.

Now, to re-configure the hosts using DHCP protocol, we need to flush the DHCP cache memory on each of the hosts, and delete their default gateway in the routing table.

```
sudo ip netns exec poste1 dhclient -r -v

sudo ip netns exec poste1 dhclient -r poste1-eth0

sudo ip netns exec poste1 ip r del default

sudo ip netns exec poste2 dhclient -r -v

sudo ip netns exec poste2 dhclient -r poste2-eth0

sudo ip netns exec poste2 ip r del default

sudo ip netns exec poste3 dhclient -r -v

sudo ip netns exec poste3 dhclient -r -v

sudo ip netns exec poste3 dhclient -r -v

sudo ip netns exec poste3 dhclient -r poste3-eth0

sudo ip netns exec poste3 ip r del default

sudo ip netns exec poste4 dhclient -r -v

sudo ip netns exec poste4 dhclient -r poste4-eth0

sudo ip netns exec poste4 ip r del default
```

We update the configuration of the DHCP server that is set up on rout1 by modifying the file /etc/dnsmasq.conf:

```
dhcp-range=192.168.100.1,192.168.200.2,12h
dhcp-range=192.168.200.1,192.168.200.2,12h
dhcp-option=tag:rout2.100,option:router,192.168.100.253
dhcp-option=tag:rout2.200,option:router,192.168.200.253
dhcp-option=tag:rout1.100,option:router,192.168.100.254
dhcp-option=tag:rout1.200,option:router,192.168.200.254
dhcp-host=00:11:22:00:01:00,set:rout2.100,192.168.100.1,12h
dhcp-host=00:11:22:00:02:00,set:rout2.200,192.168.200.1,12h
dhcp-host=00:11:22:00:03:00,set:rout1.100,192.168.100.2,12h
dhcp-host=00:11:22:00:04:00,set:rout1.200,192.168.200.2,12h
```

The dhcp-option and set (in dhcp-host) are used to specify the default gateway for the hosts. Then, again, on rout1, we start the DHCP server:

\$ [rout1] sudo dnsmasq -d -z

and on each host, we run the dhclient:

1 \$ [<poste-name>] sudo dhclient -v <poste-name>-eth0

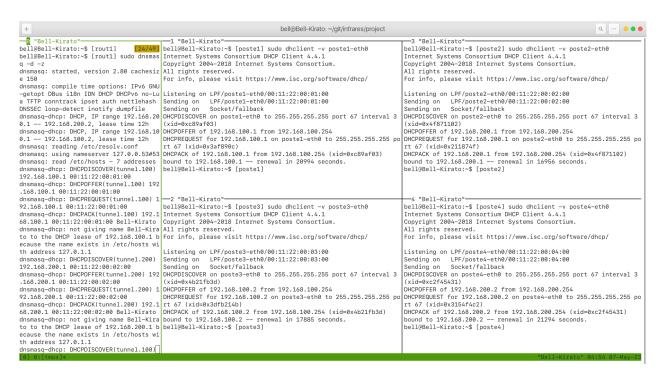


Figure 23: The DHCP Protocol captured on rout1 and poste1, poste2, poste3, and poste4 (with default gateway config by DHCP)

We can verify again that the default route on each of the hosts has changed:

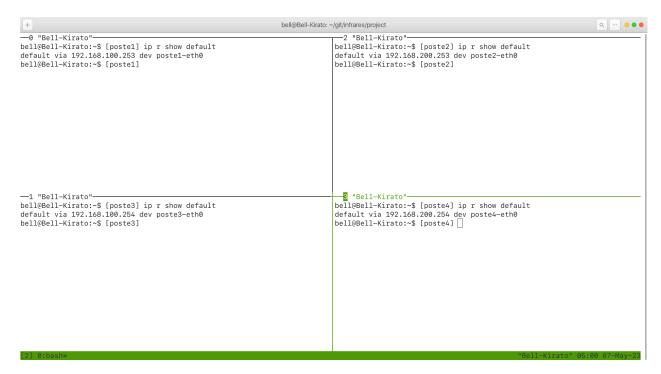


Figure 24: Modified default route on poste1, poste2, poste3, and poste4

And we verify that the traffic from poste1 to the Internet and back pass through rout2 instead of rout1:

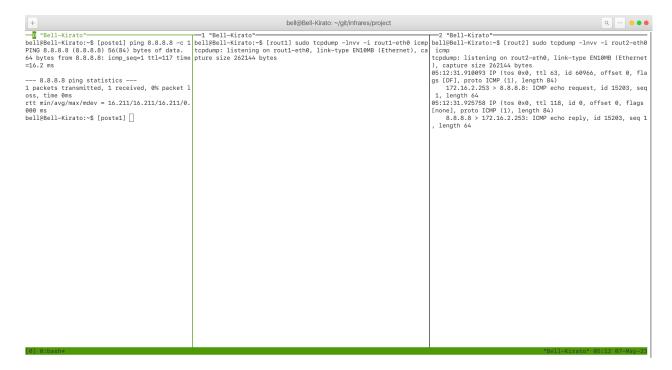


Figure 25: Communication between poste1 and the Internet pass through rout2

8 Blocking traffic between VLANs

Theoretically, traffics between different VLANs should be isolated (which is exactly the purpose of using VLAN), so we would want to block the traffic between them. We can do this either by using NetFilter or by using Routing Policy.

8.1 Using iptables rules

To isolate the traffic between VLAN100 and VLAN200, we would simply want to filter out (drop) any packets having source IP address from one VLAN and destination IP address from the other. These packets, indeed, should already have been decrypted, decapsulated from any kind of encapsulation, etc. Therefore, the configuration on rout1 and rout2 should look like this:

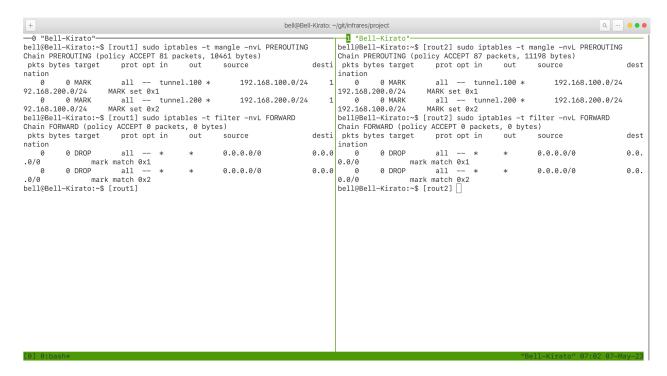


Figure 26: NetFilter rules on rout1 and rout2

8.2 Using Routing Policy

In this case, we will take advantage of the blackhole route in Routing Policy. So instead of dropping packets that are from one VLAN to another as in iptables, we create Routing Policies that put them in the blackhole route, using ip rule:

```
ip netns exec rout1 ip rule add from 192.168.100.0/24 to 192.168.200.0/24
   blackhole

ip netns exec rout1 ip rule add from 192.168.200.0/24 to 192.168.100.0/24
   blackhole

ip netns exec rout2 ip rule add from 192.168.100.0/24 to 192.168.200.0/24
   blackhole

ip netns exec rout2 ip rule add from 192.168.200.0/24 to 192.168.100.0/24
   blackhole
```

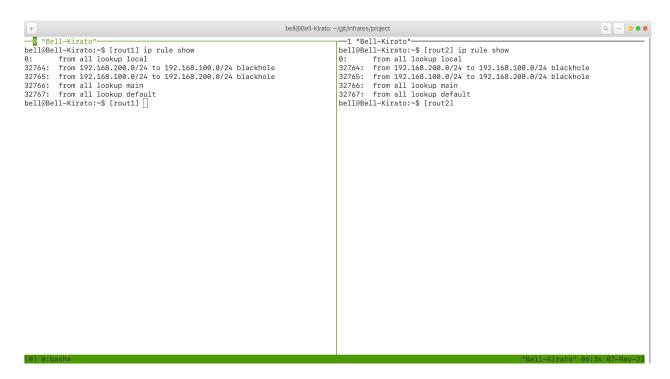


Figure 27: Routing Policies on rout1 and rout2