Refonte Cybersecurity & DevSecOps Exercise 1

The goal of this exercise is to set up a small network, capture its traffic using Wireshark from visiting an unsecure website, analyse if there are any vulnerabilities, such as clear-text passwords or insecure protocols.

The exercise commenced with creating two virtual machines on VirtualBox virtual machine (VM) environment – Ubuntu 24.04 Desktop and Ubuntu 24.04 Server. With each machine configured to have two interface cards one "Bridged Network" and the other "NAT" modes in the virtualisation software.

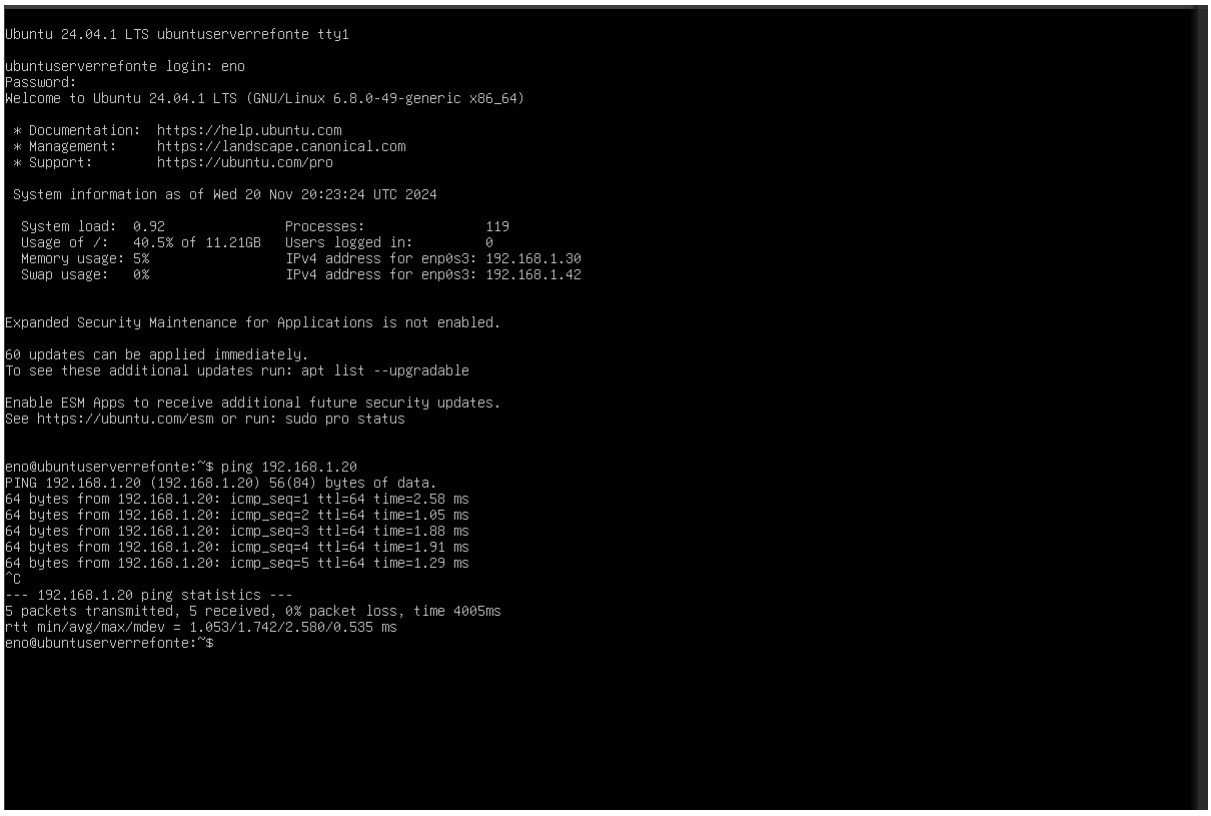
IP address for desktop is 192.168.1.20

IP address for server is 192.168.1.30

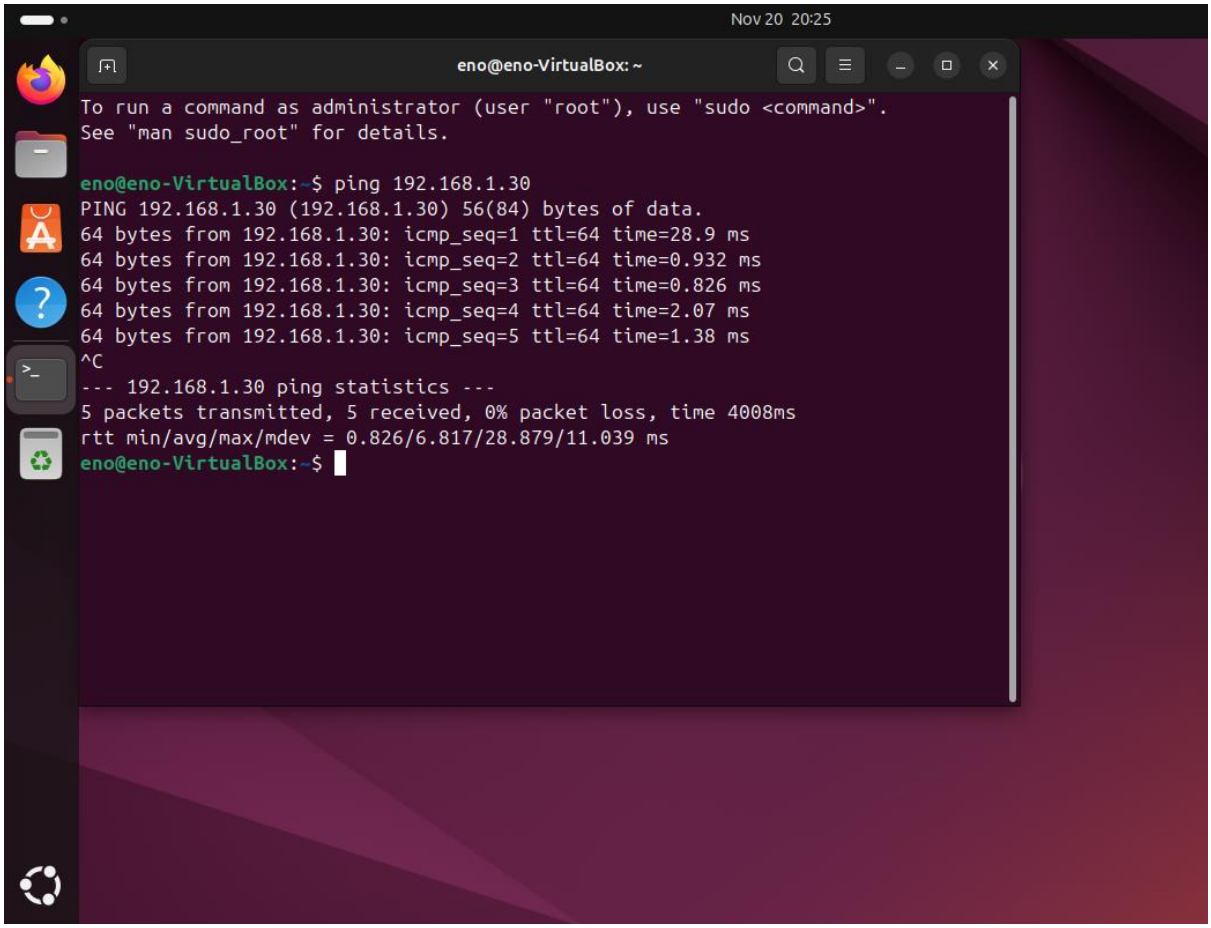
Testing for communication between both machines were then tested by pinging each other in the terminal command prompts – this succeeded perfectly.

Below is the screenshot of the successful pings.

Server pinging desktop



Desktop pinging server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eno@eno-VirtualBox: ~
To run a command as administrator (user "root"), use "sudo <command>".
See "man sudo_root" for details.
eno@eno-VirtualBox:~$ ping 192.168.1.30
PING 192.168.1.30 (192.168.1.30) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 192.168.1.30: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=28.9 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.1.30: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.932 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.1.30: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.826 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.1.30: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=2.07 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.1.30: icmp_seq=5 ttl=64 time=1.38 ms
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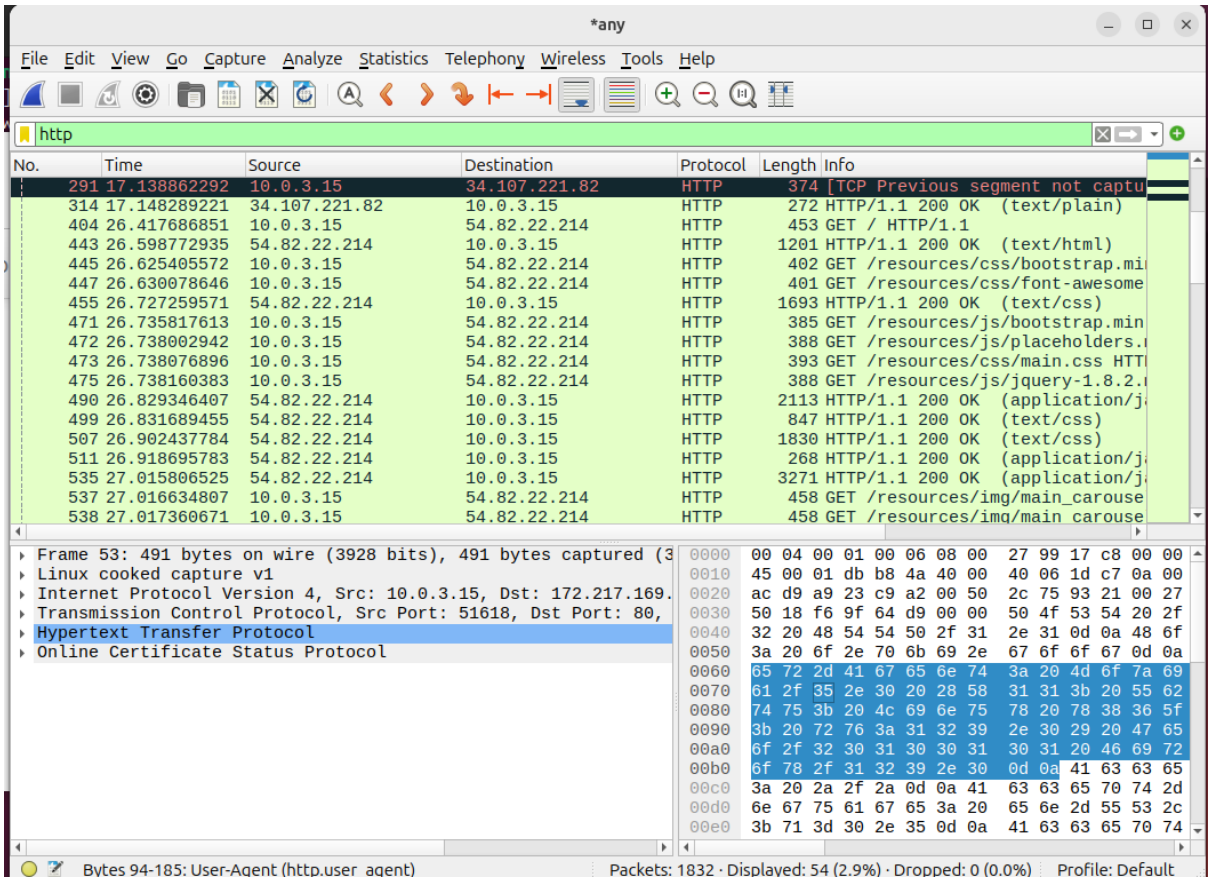
--- 192.168.1.30 ping statistics ---
5 packets transmitted, 5 received, 0% packet loss, time 4008ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 0.826/6.817/28.879/11.039 ms
eno@eno-VirtualBox:~$

Capturing Packets using Wireshark

A traffic capture was started and then browsed to an unsecure http website as well as sending messages in an online form. A filter on http shows the results in the screenshot below



The website visited is unsecured as it uses only http and if it required login credentials to access the system behind it, the username passwords will definitely be captured.

Filtering for usernames and passwords revealed no results as seen in the screenshot below. Since there was no successful logins to the website with existing credentials, the credentials were not captured but the website is definitely not secure.