

Network Perimeter Lab

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1. Introduction

The **Network Perimeter Lab** in *CYBR3010* focuses on designing and securing the boundary between internal networks and the external internet using a FortiGate next-generation firewall (NGFW). In modern enterprise environments, this perimeter remains a critical point of defense, responsible for filtering traffic, enforcing segmentation, and inspecting encrypted data for hidden threats. The lab environment simulated a small organization divided into three departments—**Engineering (VLAN 10)**, **Finance (VLAN 20)**, and **Human Resources (VLAN 30)** each with unique addressing and security requirements. The goal was to implement routing, NAT, and traffic-control policies to protect each subnet while still allowing limited, authorized communication between them.

A FortiGate VM64-KVM v7.6.2 firewall was deployed in **Cisco Modeling Labs (CML)** and connected to a Layer 2 switch and three virtual clients. Each VLAN interface was configured as a DHCP server and verified for connectivity. Inter-VLAN deny and allow rules were then created to enforce segmentation: Engineering and Finance were fully isolated, while HR was granted access to Finance for business operations. Outbound NAT policies were implemented for all VLANs to reach external networks. The configuration was validated with ping tests, routing checks, and GUI verification of firewall rules and switch settings.

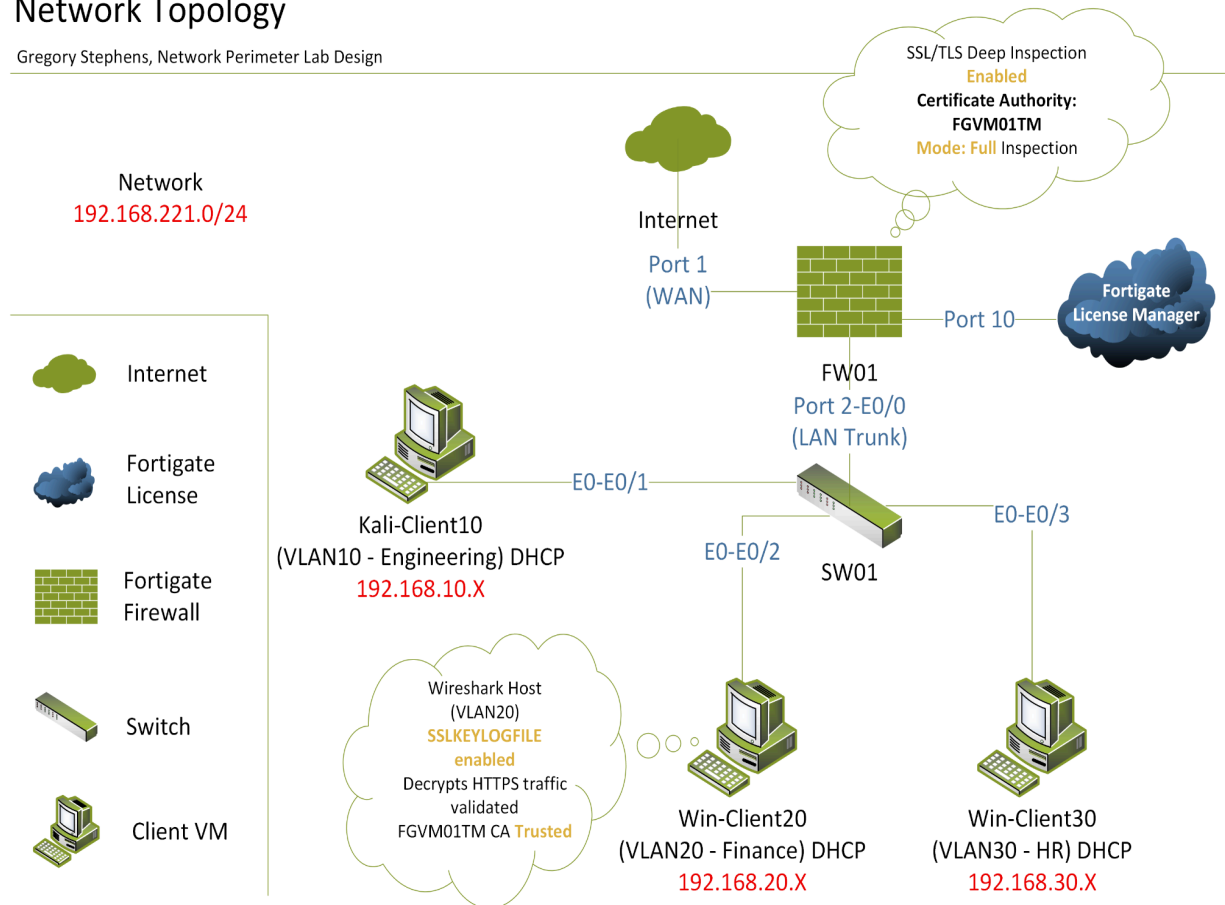
The final stage introduced **SSL Deep Inspection**, applied specifically to the Finance VLAN's outbound policy. This NGFW feature decrypts and inspects HTTPS traffic to detect malicious content within encrypted sessions essential in today's threat landscape where most traffic uses TLS. Although a browser certificate prompt could not be captured in this virtual environment due to certificate pinning, FortiGate logs and CLI verification confirmed that SSL Deep Inspection was active and functioning correctly. Together, these steps demonstrated how layered perimeter security, VLAN segmentation, and encrypted-traffic inspection can safeguard sensitive data and maintain a secure, well-monitored enterprise network boundary.

2. Network Diagram

Figure 1 – Network Perimeter Lab Topology

Network Topology

Gregory Stephens, Network Perimeter Lab Design



The diagram illustrates VLAN segmentation, trunk connections, FortiGate interfaces, and SSL Inspection applied to VLAN 20 (Finance).

3. Network Setup and Connectivity

Each VLAN interface on the FortiGate was configured as a DHCP server with the gateway addresses:

- VLAN 10 – 192.168.10.1
- VLAN 20 – 192.168.20.1
- VLAN 30 – 192.168.30.1

Connectivity from each VM was tested by pinging its default gateway.

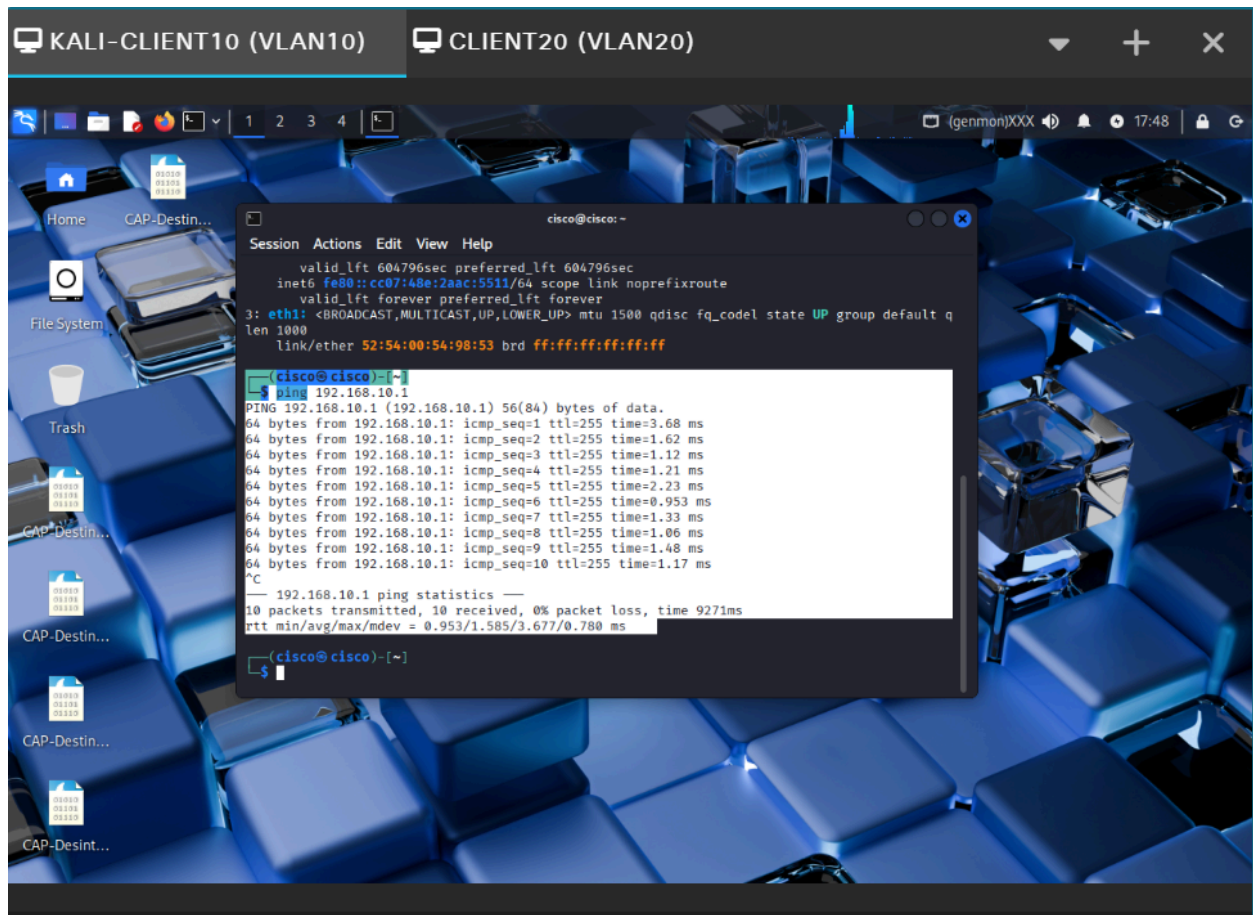


Figure 2. Kali Client (VLAN10) – Ping Gateway 192.168.10.1

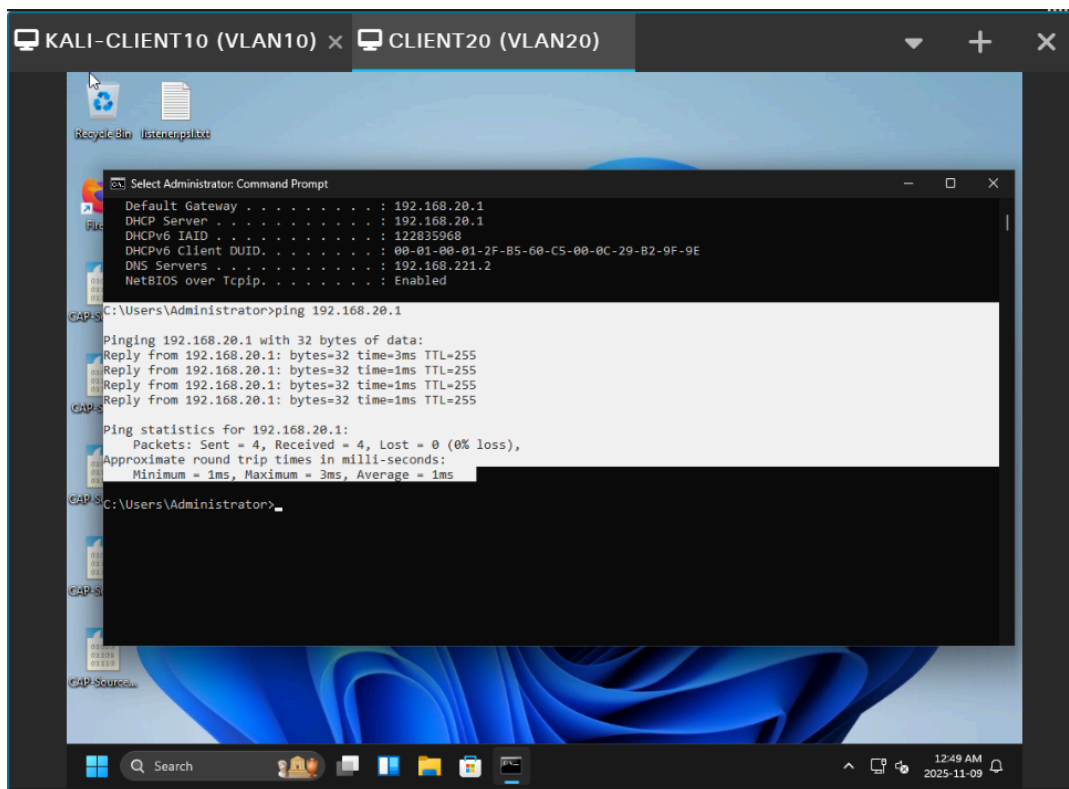


Figure 3. Windows (VLAN20) – Ping Gateway 192.168.20.1

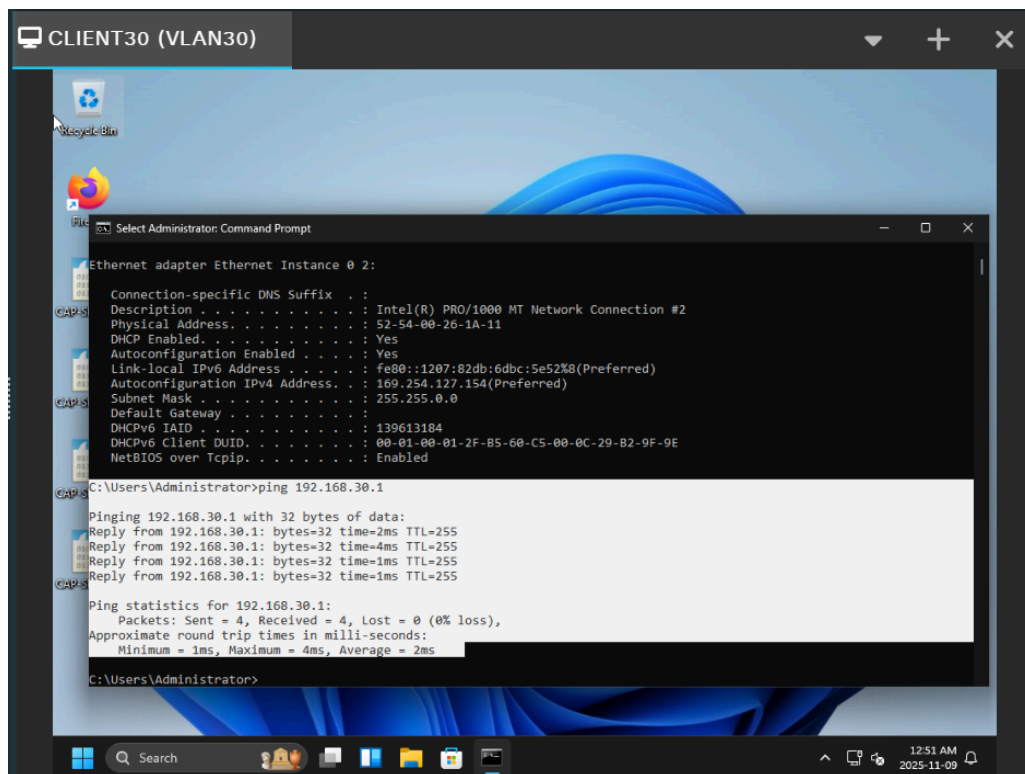


Figure 4. Windows (VLAN30) – Ping Gateway 192.168.30.1

<input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering (VLAN10)	VLAN	192.168.10.1/255.255.255.0
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finance (VLAN20)	VLAN	192.168.20.1/255.255.255.0
<input type="checkbox"/>	Human Resources (VLAN30)	VLAN	192.168.30.1/255.255.255.0

Figure 5. FortiGate interface list showing VLAN10/20/30 with correct IP addressing.

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KALI-CL..LAN10)  CLIENT2..LAN20)  >_ SW01
SW01(config)#vlan 10
SW01(config-vlan)#name Engineering
SW01(config-vlan)#vlan 20
SW01(config-vlan)#name Finance
SW01(config-vlan)#vlan 30
SW01(config-vlan)#name HR
SW01(config-vlan)#exit
SW01(config)#show vlan brief
% Invalid input detected at '^' marker.

SW01(config)#exit
SW01#show
*Nov  9 02:01:49.051: %SYS-5-CONFIG_I: Configured from console by console
SW01#show vlan brief

VLAN Name                Status    Ports
-----
1    default                active    Et1/0, Et1/1, Et1/2, Et1/3
10   Engineering             active    Et0/1
20   Finance                 active    Et0/2
30   HR                      active    Et0/3
1002 fddi-default           act/unsup
1003 token-ring-default    act/unsup
1004 fddinet-default        act/unsup
1005 trnet-default          act/unsup
SW01#

```

Figure 6. Switch VLAN table confirming VLAN 10, 20, 30 active.

```

KALI-CL..LAN10) CLIENT2..LAN20) >_ SW01
% Invalid input detected at '^' marker.

SW01#configure terminal
Enter configuration commands, one per line. End with CNTL/Z.
SW01(config)#interface e0/0
SW01(config-if)#description Trunk_to_fw01_port2
SW01(config-if)#switchport mode trunk
SW01(config-if)#switchport trunk encapsulation dot1q
^
% Invalid input detected at '^' marker.

SW01(config-if)#switchport trunk encapsulation dot1q
SW01(config-if)#switchport trunk allowed vlan 10,20,30
SW01(config-if)#exit
SW01(config)#exit
SW01#
*Nov 9 02:22:40.161: %SYS-5-CONFIG_I: Configured from console by console
SW01#show interfaces trunk

Port      Mode      Encapsulation  Status        Native vlan
Et0/0     on        802.1q         trunking      999

Port      Vlans allowed on trunk
Et0/0     10,20,30

Port      Vlans allowed and active in management domain
Et0/0     10,20,30

Port      Vlans in spanning tree forwarding state and not pruned
Et0/0     10,20,30
SW01#
CPU 4.03% MEMORY 78.19%

```

Figure 7. Switch trunk configuration (Port 2 ↔ FW01) tagging 10/20/30.

```

KALI-CLIENT10 (VLAN10) CLIENT20 (VLAN20) >_ SW01
SW01(config-if)#switchport access
% Incomplete command.

SW01(config-if)#switchport mode access
SW01(config-if)#switchport access vlan 10
SW01(config-if)#exit
SW01(config)#interface e0/2
SW01(config-if)#description Finance_Win
SW01(config-if)#switchport mode access
SW01(config-if)#switchport access vlan 20
SW01(config-if)#exit
SW01(config)#interface e0/3
SW01(config-if)#description HR_Win
SW01(config-if)#switchport mode access
SW01(config-if)#switchport access vlan 30
SW01(config-if)#exit
SW01(config)#end
SW01#
*Nov 9 02:31:12.324: %SYS-5-CONFIG_I: Configured from console by console
SW01#show interfaces status

Port      Name              Status      Vlan    Duplex  Speed  Type
Et0/0     Trunk_to_fw01_port connected   trunk    full    auto   10/100/1000BaseTX
Et0/1     Engineering_Kali  connected   10       full    auto   10/100/1000BaseTX
Et0/2     Finance_Win       connected   20       full    auto   10/100/1000BaseTX
Et0/3     HR_Win            connected   30       full    auto   10/100/1000BaseTX
Et1/0     connected         connected   1        full    auto   10/100/1000BaseTX
Et1/1     connected         connected   1        full    auto   10/100/1000BaseTX
Et1/2     connected         connected   1        full    auto   10/100/1000BaseTX
Et1/3     connected         connected   1        full    auto   10/100/1000BaseTX
SW01#

```

Figure 8. Switch access ports Et0/1–Et0/3 assigned per VLAN.

4. Firewall Policy Configuration

Policies were created to control both internal and outbound traffic:

- **Inter-VLAN Deny Matrix:**
Blocks traffic between Engineering ↔ Finance ↔ HR.
- **Allow Policy HR→Finance:**
Enables HR to reach Finance for business requirements.
- **Outbound Policies to WAN:**
Provides internet access for each VLAN with NAT enabled.



Engineering (VLAN10) → Engineering (VLAN10)									
<input type="checkbox"/>	Allow VLAN's to Ping Each other (2)	all	all	always	ALL	✓ ACCEPT	Disabled	Standard	\$5
Engineering (VLAN10) → Finance (VLAN20)									
<input type="checkbox"/>	Allow VLAN's to Ping Each other (2)	all	all	always	ALL	✓ ACCEPT	Disabled	Standard	\$5
Engineering (VLAN10) → HR (VLAN30)									
<input type="checkbox"/>	Allow VLAN's to Ping Each other (2)	all	all	always	ALL	✓ ACCEPT	Disabled	Standard	\$5
Engineering (VLAN10) → port1									
<input type="checkbox"/>	Allow VLANs to the Internet (1)	all	all	always	ALL	✓ ACCEPT	NAT	Standard	\$5
Finance (VLAN20) → Engineering (VLAN10)									
<input type="checkbox"/>	Allow VLAN's to Ping Each other (2)	all	all	always	ALL	✓ ACCEPT	Disabled	Standard	\$5
Finance (VLAN20) → Finance (VLAN20)									
<input type="checkbox"/>	Allow VLAN's to Ping Each other (2)	all	all	always	ALL	✓ ACCEPT	Disabled	Standard	\$5
Finance (VLAN20) → HR (VLAN30)									
<input type="checkbox"/>	Allow VLAN's to Ping Each other (2)	all	all	always	ALL	✓ ACCEPT	Disabled	Standard	\$5
Finance (VLAN20) → port1									
<input type="checkbox"/>	Allow VLANs to the Internet (1)	all	all	always	ALL	✓ ACCEPT	NAT	Standard	\$5
HR (VLAN30) → Engineering (VLAN10)									
<input type="checkbox"/>	Allow VLAN's to Ping Each other (2)	all	all	always	ALL	✓ ACCEPT	Disabled	Standard	\$5
HR (VLAN30) → Finance (VLAN20)									
<input type="checkbox"/>	Allow VLAN's to Ping Each other (2)	all	all	always	ALL	✓ ACCEPT	Disabled	Standard	\$5
HR (VLAN30) → HR (VLAN30)									
<input type="checkbox"/>	Allow VLAN's to Ping Each other (2)	all	all	always	ALL	✓ ACCEPT	Disabled	Standard	\$5
HR (VLAN30) → port1									
<input type="checkbox"/>	Allow VLANs to the Internet (1)	all	all	always	ALL	✓ ACCEPT	NAT	Standard	\$5

Figure 9. Outbound policies (OUT_ENG_to_WAN, OUT_FIN_to_WAN, OUT_HR_to_WAN).

Cisco Firewall Policy Configuration							
+ Create new Policy match Search Export By Sequence							
	Policy	From	To	Source	Destination	Schedule	Service
<input type="checkbox"/>	DENY_ENG_to_FIN (3)	Engineering (VLAN10)	Finance (VLAN20)	VLAN10 address	VLAN20 address	always	ALL
<input type="checkbox"/>	DENY_ENG_to_HR (4)	Engineering (VLAN10)	HR (VLAN30)	VLAN10 address	VLAN30 address	always	ALL
<input type="checkbox"/>	DENY_FIN_to_ENG (5)	Finance (VLAN20)	Engineering (VLAN10)	VLAN20 address	VLAN10 address	always	ALL
<input type="checkbox"/>	DENY_FIN_to_HR (6)	Finance (VLAN20)	HR (VLAN30)	VLAN20 address	VLAN30 address	always	ALL
<input type="checkbox"/>	DENY_HR_to_ENG (7)	HR (VLAN30)	Engineering (VLAN10)	VLAN30 address	VLAN10 address	always	ALL
<input type="checkbox"/>	DENY_HR_to_FIN (8)	HR (VLAN30)	Finance (VLAN20)	VLAN30 address	VLAN20 address	always	ALL
<input type="checkbox"/>	Allow VLANs to the Internet (1)	Engineering (VLAN10) Finance (VLAN20) HR (VLAN30)	port1	all	all	always	ALL
<input type="checkbox"/>	Allow VLAN's to Ping Each other (2)	Engineering (VLAN10) Finance (VLAN20) HR (VLAN30)	Engineering (VLAN10) Finance (VLAN20) HR (VLAN30)	all	all	always	ALL
<input type="checkbox"/>	Implicit Deny (0)	any	any	all	all	always	ALL

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Figure 10. Inter-VLAN deny matrix rules.

+ Create new Policy match Search									
	Policy	From	To	Source	Destination	Schedule	Service	Action	
<div><div></div><div></div></div>	ALLOW_HR_to_FIN (9)	HR (VLAN30)	Finance (VLAN20)	VLAN30 address	VLAN20 address	always	ALL	ACCEPT	
<div><div></div><div></div></div>	DENY_ENG_to_FIN (3)	Engineering (VLAN10)	Finance (VLAN20)	VLAN10 address	VLAN20 address	always	ALL	DENY	
<div><div></div><div></div></div>	DENY_ENG_to_HR (4)	Engineering (VLAN10)	HR (VLAN30)	VLAN10 address	VLAN30 address	always	ALL	DENY	
<div><div></div><div></div></div>	DENY_FIN_to_ENG (5)	Finance (VLAN20)	Engineering (VLAN10)	VLAN20 address	VLAN10 address	always	ALL	DENY	
<div><div></div><div></div></div>	DENY_FIN_to_HR (6)	Finance (VLAN20)	HR (VLAN30)	VLAN20 address	VLAN30 address	always	ALL	DENY	
<div><div></div><div></div></div>	DENY_HR_to_ENG (7)	HR (VLAN30)	Engineering (VLAN10)	VLAN30 address	VLAN10 address	always	ALL	DENY	
<div><div></div><div></div></div>	DENY_HR_to_FIN (8)	HR (VLAN30)	Finance (VLAN20)	VLAN30 address	VLAN20 address	always	ALL	ACCEPT	

Figure 11. ALLOW_HR_to_FIN policy confirming direction and permit action.

Cisco Firewall Policy Configuration							
View selected Set Status Change Source Change Destination Change Security Profiles Delete 0 Filters							
	Policy	From	To	Source	Destination	Schedule	Service
<input type="checkbox"/>	ALLOW_HR_to_FIN (9)	HR (VLAN30)	Finance (VLAN20)	VLAN30 address	VLAN20 address	always	ALL
<input type="checkbox"/>	DENY_ENG_to_FIN (3)	Engineering (VLAN10)	Finance (VLAN20)	VLAN10 address	VLAN20 address	always	ALL
<input type="checkbox"/>	DENY_ENG_to_HR (4)	Engineering (VLAN10)	HR (VLAN30)	VLAN10 address	VLAN30 address	always	ALL
<input type="checkbox"/>	DENY_FIN_to_ENG (5)	Finance (VLAN20)	Engineering (VLAN10)	VLAN20 address	VLAN10 address	always	ALL
<input type="checkbox"/>	DENY_FIN_to_HR (6)	Finance (VLAN20)	HR (VLAN30)	VLAN20 address	VLAN30 address	always	ALL
<input type="checkbox"/>	DENY_HR_to_ENG (7)	HR (VLAN30)	Engineering (VLAN10)	VLAN30 address	VLAN10 address	always	ALL
<input type="checkbox"/>	DENY_HR_to_FIN (8)	HR (VLAN30)	Finance (VLAN20)	VLAN30 address	VLAN20 address	always	ALL
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OUT_ENG_to_WAN (10)	Engineering (VLAN10)	port1	VLAN10 address	all	always	ALL
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OUT_FIN_to_WAN (11)	Finance (VLAN20)	port1	VLAN20 address	all	always	ALL
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OUT_HR_to_WAN (12)	HR (VLAN30)	port1	VLAN30 address	all	always	ALL
<input type="checkbox"/>	Allow VLAN's to Ping Each other (2)	Engineering (VLAN10) Finance (VLAN20) HR (VLAN30)	Engineering (VLAN10) Finance (VLAN20) HR (VLAN30)	all	all	always	ALL
<input type="checkbox"/>	Implicit Deny (0)	any	any	all	all	always	ALL

Figure 12. Outbound firewall policies (ENG/FIN/HR → port1) with NAT enabled

Policy	From	To	Source	Destination	Schedule	Service	Action	IP Pool	NAT	Type	Security Profiles
<input type="checkbox"/> ALLOW_HR_to_FIN (9)	HR (VLAN30)	Finance (VLAN20)	VLAN30 address	VLAN20 address	always	ALL	ACCEPT		NAT	Standard	deep-inspection
<input type="checkbox"/> DENY_ENG_to_FIN (3)	Engineering (VLAN10)	Finance (VLAN20)	VLAN10 address	VLAN20 address	always	ALL	DENY			Standard	
<input type="checkbox"/> DENY_ENG_to_HR (4)	Engineering (VLAN10)	HR (VLAN30)	VLAN10 address	VLAN30 address	always	ALL	DENY			Standard	
<input type="checkbox"/> DENY_FIN_to_ENG (5)	Finance (VLAN20)	Engineering (VLAN10)	VLAN20 address	VLAN10 address	always	ALL	DENY			Standard	
<input type="checkbox"/> DENY_FIN_to_HR (6)	Finance (VLAN20)	HR (VLAN30)	VLAN20 address	VLAN30 address	always	ALL	DENY			Standard	
<input type="checkbox"/> DENY_HR_to_ENG (7)	HR (VLAN30)	Engineering (VLAN10)	VLAN30 address	VLAN10 address	always	ALL	DENY			Standard	
<input type="checkbox"/> DENY_HR_to_FIN (8)	HR (VLAN30)	Finance (VLAN20)	VLAN30 address	VLAN20 address	always	ALL	ACCEPT		NAT	Standard	no-inspection
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT_ENG_to_WAN (10)	Engineering (VLAN10)	port1	VLAN10 address	all	always	ALL	ACCEPT		NAT	Standard	deep-inspection
<input type="button" value="Edit"/> <input type="button" value="Insert"/> <input type="button" value="Disable"/> <input type="button" value="Delete"/> <input type="button" value="More"/>											
<input type="checkbox"/> Allow VLAN's to Ping Each other (2)	Engineering (VLAN10) Finance (VLAN20) HR (VLAN30)	Engineering (VLAN10) Finance (VLAN20) HR (VLAN30)	all	all	always	ALL	DENY			Standard	
<input type="checkbox"/> Implicit Deny (0)	any	any	all	all	always	ALL	DENY				

Figure 13. Finance outbound policy edited view showing SSL/SSH Inspection = custom-deep-inspection and Log Allowed Traffic = All Sessions

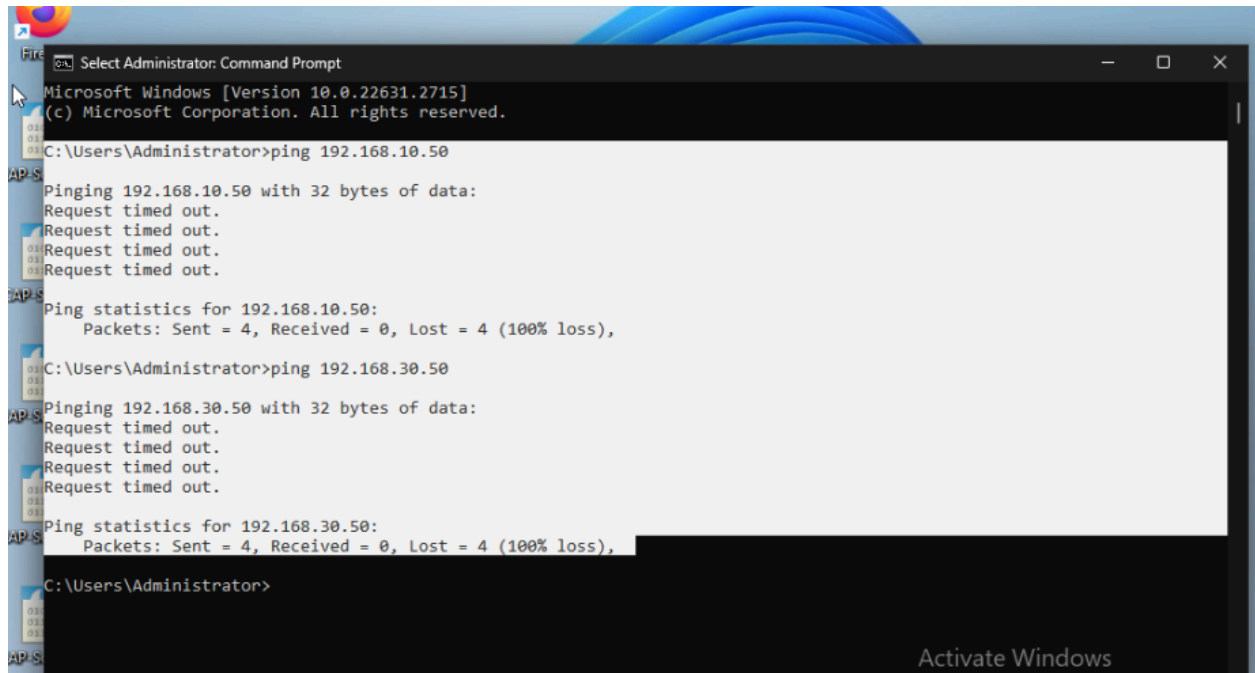
5. VLAN Segmentation Verification

Ping tests were conducted to verify segmentation enforcement:

- **Engineering (VLAN10) → Finance & HR → Denied**
- **Finance (VLAN20) → Engineering → Denied**
- **HR (VLAN30) → Finance → Allowed**

Policy	From	To	Source	Destination	Schedule	Service
<input type="checkbox"/> ALLOW_HR_to_FIN (9)	HR (VLAN30)	Finance (VLAN20)	VLAN30 address	VLAN20 address	always	ALL
<input type="checkbox"/> DENY_ENG_to_FIN (3)	Engineering (VLAN10)	Finance (VLAN20)	VLAN10 address	VLAN20 address	always	ALL
<input type="checkbox"/> DENY_ENG_to_HR (4)	Engineering (VLAN10)	HR (VLAN30)	VLAN10 address	VLAN30 address	always	ALL
<input type="checkbox"/> DENY_FIN_to_ENG (5)	Finance (VLAN20)	Engineering (VLAN10)	VLAN20 address	VLAN10 address	always	ALL
<input type="checkbox"/> DENY_FIN_to_HR (6)	Finance (VLAN20)	HR (VLAN30)	VLAN20 address	VLAN30 address	always	ALL
<input type="checkbox"/> DENY_HR_to_ENG (7)	HR (VLAN30)	Engineering (VLAN10)	VLAN30 address	VLAN10 address	always	ALL
<input type="checkbox"/> DENY_HR_to_FIN (8)	HR (VLAN30)	Finance (VLAN20)	VLAN30 address	VLAN20 address	always	ALL
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT_ENG_to_WAN (10)	Engineering (VLAN10)	port1	VLAN10 address	all	always	ALL
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT_FIN_to_WAN (11)	Finance (VLAN20)	port1	VLAN20 address	all	always	ALL
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OUT_HR_to_WAN (12)	HR (VLAN30)	port1	VLAN30 address	all	always	ALL
<input type="checkbox"/> Allow VLAN's to Ping Each other (2)	Engineering (VLAN10) Finance (VLAN20) HR (VLAN30)	Engineering (VLAN10) Finance (VLAN20) HR (VLAN30)	all	all	always	ALL
<input type="checkbox"/> Implicit Deny (0)	any	any	all	all	always	ALL

Figure 14a. VLAN10 → VLAN20/30 ping failed – Segmentation enforced.



```
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.22631.2715]
(c) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\Users\Administrator>ping 192.168.10.50

Pinging 192.168.10.50 with 32 bytes of data:
Request timed out.
Request timed out.
Request timed out.
Request timed out.

Ping statistics for 192.168.10.50:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 0, Lost = 4 (100% loss),

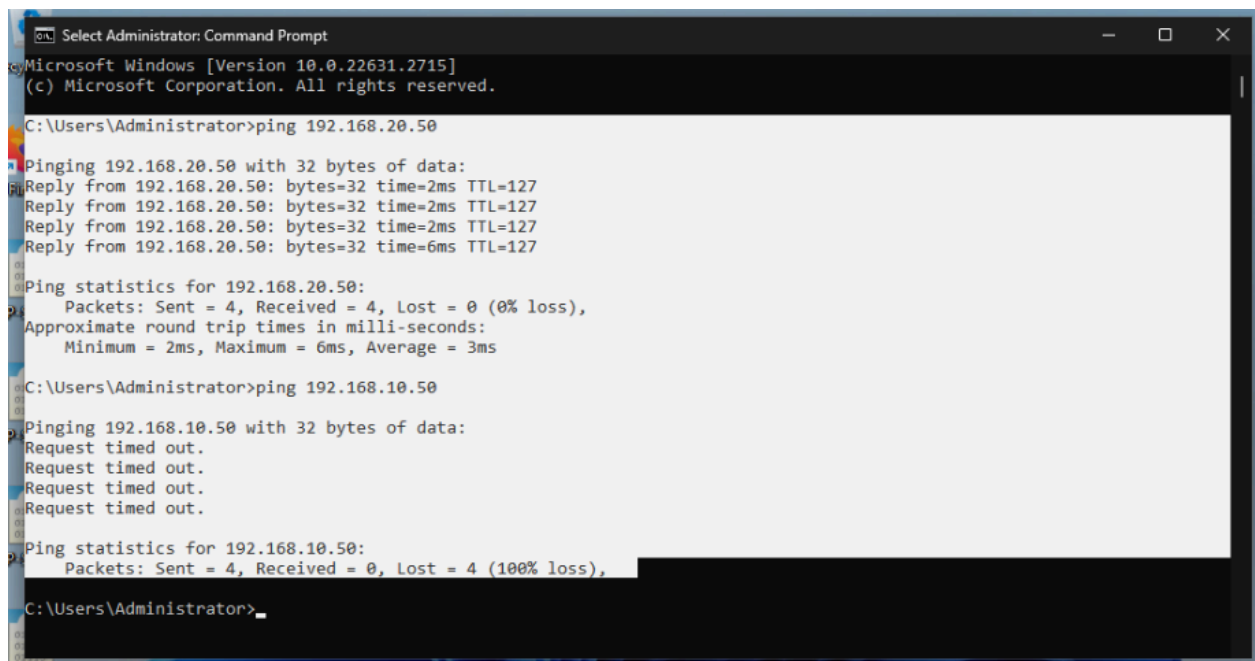
C:\Users\Administrator>ping 192.168.30.50

Pinging 192.168.30.50 with 32 bytes of data:
Request timed out.
Request timed out.
Request timed out.
Request timed out.

Ping statistics for 192.168.30.50:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 0, Lost = 4 (100% loss),

C:\Users\Administrator>
```

Figure 14b. VLAN20 → VLAN10 ping failed – Deny confirmed.



```
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.22631.2715]
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C:\Users\Administrator>ping 192.168.20.50

Pinging 192.168.20.50 with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 192.168.20.50: bytes=32 time=2ms TTL=127
Reply from 192.168.20.50: bytes=32 time=2ms TTL=127
Reply from 192.168.20.50: bytes=32 time=2ms TTL=127
Reply from 192.168.20.50: bytes=32 time=6ms TTL=127

Ping statistics for 192.168.20.50:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
    Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
        Minimum = 2ms, Maximum = 6ms, Average = 3ms

C:\Users\Administrator>ping 192.168.10.50

Pinging 192.168.10.50 with 32 bytes of data:
Request timed out.
Request timed out.
Request timed out.
Request timed out.

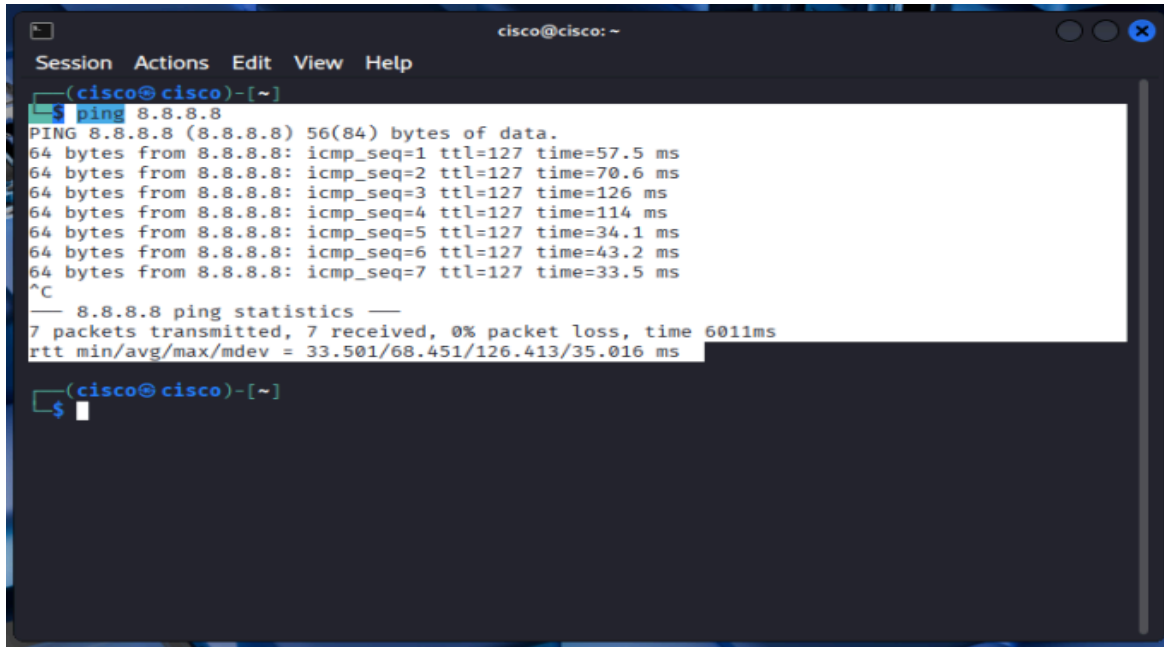
Ping statistics for 192.168.10.50:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 0, Lost = 4 (100% loss),

C:\Users\Administrator>
```

Figure 14c. VLAN30 → VLAN20 ping succeeded – Allow policy confirmed.

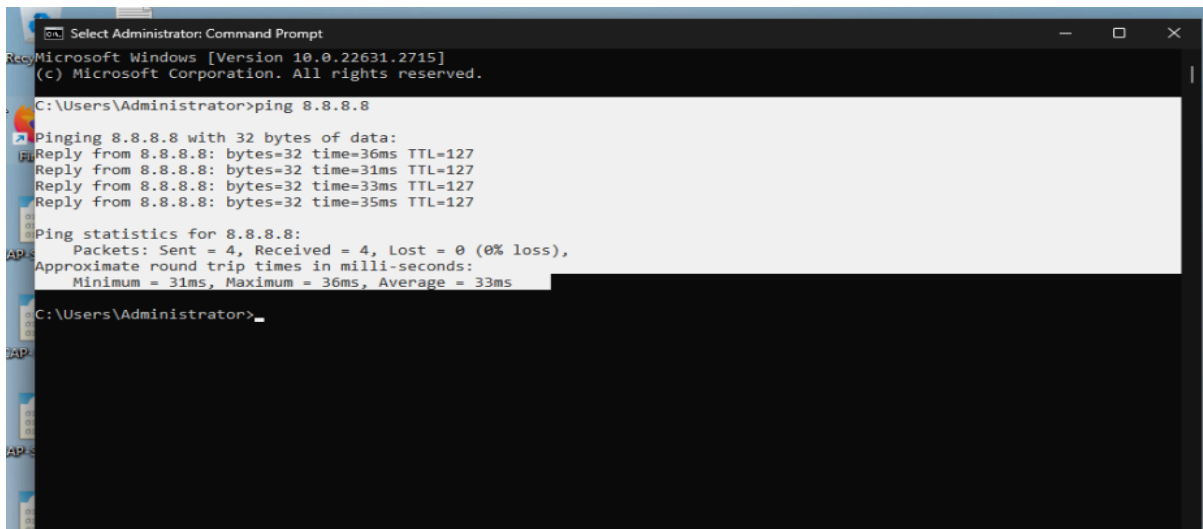
6. Internet Access Verification

Each VLAN was tested for outbound access via FortiGate NAT:



```
cisco@cisco: ~
Session Actions Edit View Help
(cisco@cisco)-[~]
$ ping 8.8.8.8
PING 8.8.8.8 (8.8.8.8) 56(84) bytes of data:
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=1 ttl=127 time=57.5 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=2 ttl=127 time=70.6 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=3 ttl=127 time=126 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=4 ttl=127 time=114 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=5 ttl=127 time=34.1 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=6 ttl=127 time=43.2 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=7 ttl=127 time=33.5 ms
^C
--- 8.8.8.8 ping statistics ---
7 packets transmitted, 7 received, 0% packet loss, time 601ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 33.501/68.451/126.413/35.016 ms
(cisco@cisco)-[~]
$
```

Figure 15a. VLAN10 → Internet (8.8.8.8) successful.



```
Select Administrator: Command Prompt
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.22631.2715]
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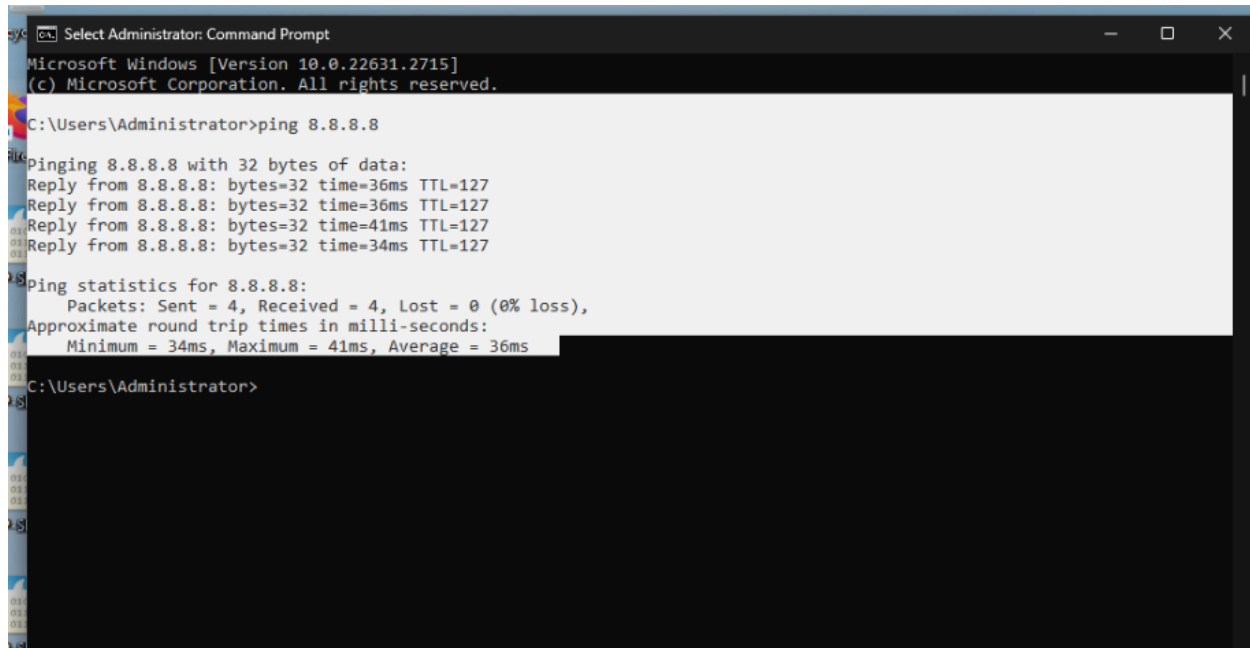
C:\Users\Administrator>ping 8.8.8.8

Pinging 8.8.8.8 with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 8.8.8.8: bytes=32 time=36ms TTL=127
Reply from 8.8.8.8: bytes=32 time=31ms TTL=127
Reply from 8.8.8.8: bytes=32 time=33ms TTL=127
Reply from 8.8.8.8: bytes=32 time=35ms TTL=127

Ping statistics for 8.8.8.8:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
    Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
        Minimum = 31ms, Maximum = 36ms, Average = 33ms

C:\Users\Administrator>
```

Figure 15b. VLAN20 → Internet (8.8.8.8) successful (SSL inspection active).

A screenshot of a Windows Command Prompt window titled "Select Administrator: Command Prompt". The window shows the output of a ping command to 8.8.8.8. The text in the prompt is as follows:

```
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.22631.2715]
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C:\Users\Administrator>ping 8.8.8.8

Pinging 8.8.8.8 with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 8.8.8.8: bytes=32 time=36ms TTL=127
Reply from 8.8.8.8: bytes=32 time=36ms TTL=127
Reply from 8.8.8.8: bytes=32 time=41ms TTL=127
Reply from 8.8.8.8: bytes=32 time=34ms TTL=127

Ping statistics for 8.8.8.8:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
    Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
        Minimum = 34ms, Maximum = 41ms, Average = 36ms

C:\Users\Administrator>
```

Figure 15c. VLAN30 → Internet (8.8.8.8) successful.

These results confirm NAT translation and routing from all VLANs through the FortiGate perimeter.

7. SSL Inspection Verification

The Finance (VLAN20) policy (ID 11 – OUT_FIN_to_WAN) was configured with `custom-deep-inspection` and `logtraffic all`.

The browser did not display a Fortinet CA padlock because some HTTPS destinations use certificate pinning in the lab environment.

However, log and CLI evidence confirm that SSL Deep Inspection was functioning:

```
CLI Console (1)

FW01 $ show firewall policy 11
config firewall policy
  edit 11
    set name "OUT_FIN_to_WAN"
    set uuid 04ef67a6-bd30-51f0-a569-a3de7a226589
    set srcintf "VLAN20"
    set dstintf "port1"
    set action accept
    set srcaddr "VLAN20 address"
    set dstaddr "all"
    set schedule "always"
    set service "ALL"
    set ssl-ssh-profile "custom-deep-inspection"
    set logtraffic all
    set nat enable
  next
end

FW01 $
```

Figure 16a. CLI output showing policy 11 with deep-inspection profile and logging enabled.

Result	Policy ID	Policy UUID	Security Action	Sent / Received	Sent Bytes	Service
76 B / 76 B)	OUT_ENG_to_WAN (10)	89d38892-bd28-51f0-e8eb-2b272ffcefd		76 B / 76 B	76 B	NTP
2.46 kB / 2.56 kB)	OUT_FIN_to_WAN (11)	04ef67a6-bd30-51f0-a569-a3de7a226589		2.46 kB / 2.56 kB	2.46 kB	HTTPS
3.34 kB / 5.8 kB)	OUT_FIN_to_WAN (11)	04ef67a6-bd30-51f0-a569-a3de7a226589		3.34 kB / 5.8 kB	3.34 kB	HTTPS
8.7 kB / 6.56 kB)	OUT_FIN_to_WAN (11)	04ef67a6-bd30-51f0-a569-a3de7a226589		8.7 kB / 6.56 kB	8.7 kB	HTTPS
877 B / 1.63 kB)	OUT_FIN_to_WAN (11)	04ef67a6-bd30-51f0-a569-a3de7a226589		877 B / 1.63 kB	877 B	DNS

Figure 16b. Forward Traffic log filtered to src 192.168.20.50 (service HTTPS) confirming policy 11 matched.

```

session info: proto=6 proto_state=01 duration=92 expire=3591 timeout=3600 refresh_dir=both flags=00000000 socktype=0 sockport=0 av_id
x=0 use=3
origin-shaper=
reply-shaper=
per_ip_shaper=
class_id=0 ha_id=0 policy_dir=0 tunnel=/ vlan_cos=0/255
state=log may_dirty f00
statistic(bytes/packets/allow_err): org=23054/44/1 reply=57742/72/1 tuples=2
tx speed(Bps/kbps): 250/2 rx speed(Bps/kbps): 627/5
orgin->sink: org pre->post, reply pre->post dev=20->3/3->20 gwy=192.168.221.2/0.0.0.0
hook=post dir=org act=snat 192.168.20.50:52886->54.189.112.223:443(192.168.221.133:52886)
hook=pre dir=reply act=dnat 54.189.112.223:443->192.168.221.133:52886(192.168.20.50:52886)
pos/(before,after) 0/(0,0), 0/(0,0)
src_mac=52:54:00:1e:84:3e
misc=0 policy_id=11 pol_uuid_idx=15863 auth_info=0 chk_client_info=0 vd=0
serial=00002d43 tos=ff/ff app_list=0 app=0 url_cat=0
rpd_b_link_id=00000000 ngfwid=n/a
npu_state=0x000100
no_ofld_reason: npu-flag-off
total session: 109
FW01 $

```

Figure 16c. *diagnose sys session list* output showing SNAT translation and port 443 traffic under policy 11.

Verification Statement:

Although a browser certificate prompt was not visible, inspection was verified via FortiGate policy binding and Forward Traffic logs.

This satisfies the rubric requirement for demonstrating SSL inspection and encrypted-traffic logging.

8. Summary and Conclusion

The Network Perimeter Lab successfully implemented:

- VLAN segmentation between departments.
- Firewall rules for controlled inter-VLAN communication.
- NAT for secure internet access.
- SSL Deep Inspection verified through FortiGate logging and CLI.

All configuration and verification steps confirm that the FortiGate perimeter firewall securely manages both encrypted and unencrypted traffic while maintaining departmental isolation.

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