SIMULATING ATTACKS AND DEFENDING AGAINST THEM.

Objective: Simulating network attacks using arpspoof or ping floods in a virtual environment to analyze detection and mitigation techniques.

Tools used:

- Virtualbox or Vmware (Download from www.virtualbox.com or www.vmware.com)
- Kali linux. (Download from www.kali.org).
- Ubuntu (Download from www.ubuntu.com)
- Installing dsniff to your kali linux.
- Installing Wireshark on Ubuntu.

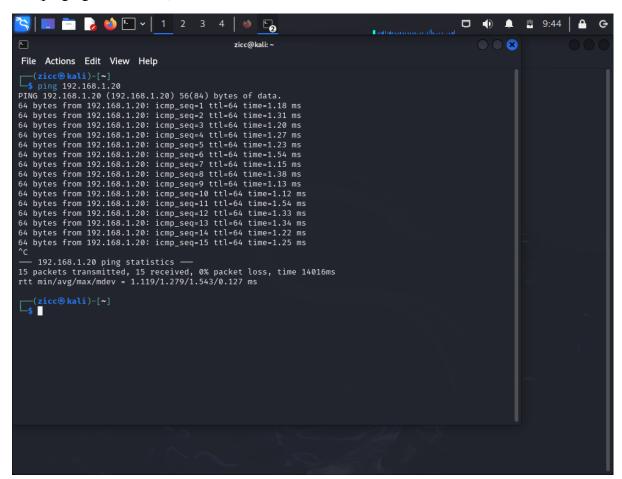
Steps:

- Your downloaded kali linux and Ubuntu will be installed on your Virtualbox. The Kali linux for the purpose of this project will be the attacker and the Ubuntu will be the defender.
- Ensure both servers are configured to be on the same network so that they will be able to communicate with each other. (if you will be using NAT for both servers, ensure they are set to the same network or if you will be using Host-Only, ensure they are both set to Host-Only). You do this by going to the settings of each servers, click network and configure it. You can also create your own network under the NAT-Network. It all depends on you.
- Open the terminal of both servers and input **ifconfig.** As you can see, I setup two connections for my kali and Ubuntu, but I will be using the IP addresses 192.168.1.10 for the attacker(kali) and 192.168.1.20 for my defender(ubuntu).



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zicc@Ubuntu:~
zicc@Ubuntu:~$ ifconfig
enp0s3: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
        inet 192.168.1.20 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.1.255 ether 08:00:27:1e:bf:7c txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet) RX packets 17052 bytes 24559136 (24.5 MB)
        RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
         TX packets 3908 bytes 271969 (271.9 KB)
         TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
         inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
         inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<host>
         loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
        RX packets 218 bytes 22294 (22.2 KB)
        RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
         TX packets 218 bytes 22294 (22.2 KB)
        TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
zicc@Ubuntu:~$
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 We will then ping the attacker and victim system to ensure they can communicate with each other. Using ping 192.168.1.20(pinging the victim) and ping 192.168.1.10 (pinging the attacker)



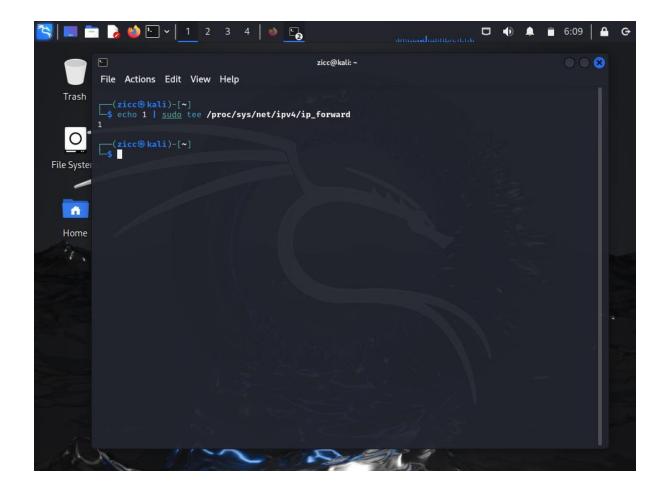
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zicc@Ubuntu:~
zicc@Ubuntu:~$ ping 192.168.1.10
PING 192.168.1.10 (192.168.1.10) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 192.168.1.10: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.585 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.1.10: icmp seq=2 ttl=64 time=1.07 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.1.10: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=1.40 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.1.10: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.522 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.1.10: icmp_seq=5 ttl=64 time=1.16 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.1.10: icmp_seq=6 ttl=64 time=1.18 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.1.10: icmp_seq=7 ttl=64 time=0.447 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.1.10: icmp_seq=8 ttl=64 time=1.31 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.1.10: icmp_seq=9 ttl=64 time=1.02 ms
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--- 192.168.1.10 ping statistics ---
9 packets transmitted, 9 received, 0% packet loss, time 8009ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 0.447/0.966/1.402/0.336 ms
zicc@Ubuntu:~$
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This shows that the attacker and the victim system can communicate with each other and their pings are successful.

I need to enable IP forwarding because I will be spoofing from the attacker system.

I used echo 1 | Sudo tee /proc/sys/net/ipv4/ip_forward

From the screenshot, the output is 1 which means it is successful.



O Next step is to install and update dnsiff using the following commands:

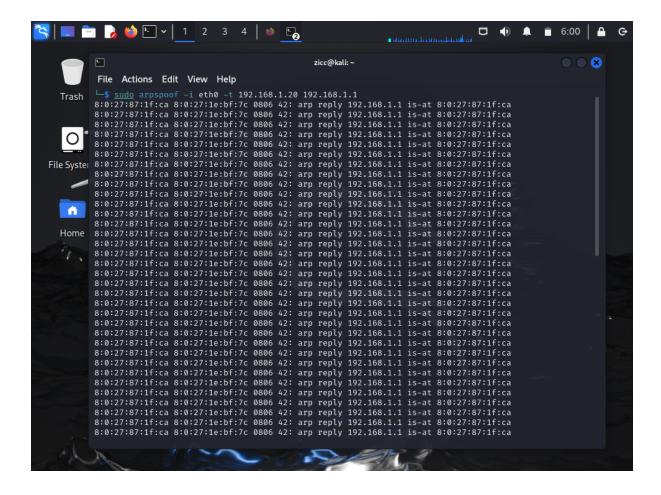
Sudo apt update

Sudo apt install Dsniff.

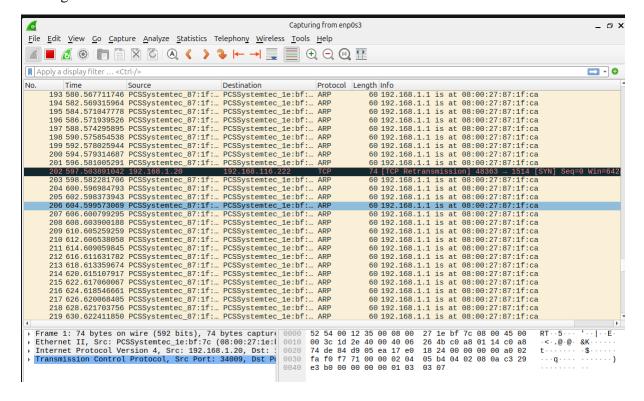
After installation of dsniff, you use the arpspoof to spoof your victim.

We use **Sudo arpspoof –i eth0 –t 192.168.1.20 192.168.1.1.**

This is to trick the victim system into internet traffic meant for the gateway we are acting as, but it goes to the attacker instead.

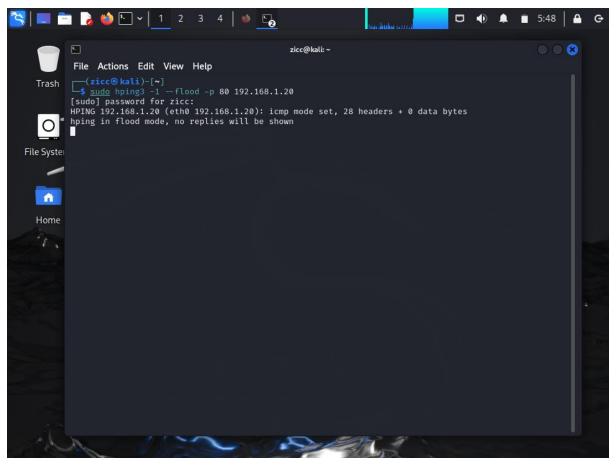


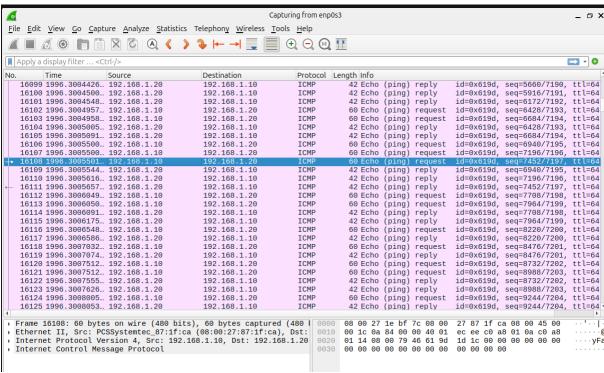
As you can see, it is feeding the gateway IP 192.168.1.1 its internet traffic but it is actually feeding the attacker.



Next is to install hping3 using **sudo apt install hping3.** This is used for aggressive flooding to the victim machine.

Sudo hping3 -1 -flood -p 80 192.168.1.20





DEFENDING AGAINST THE ATTACK.

To defend against the attack, we use iptables on Ubuntu system.

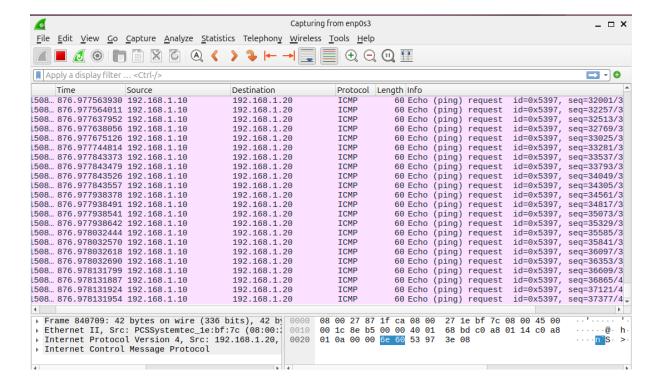
Sudo iptables –A INPUT –s 192.168.1.10 -p icmp –j DROP

This prevents all incoming ICMP Packets from the attacker's IP.

To ensure the rule was applied, Sudo iptables -L

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zicc@Ubuntu: ~
zicc@Ubuntu:~$ sudo iptables -A INPUT -s 192.168.1.10 -p icmp -j DROP
zicc@Ubuntu:~$ sudo iptables -L
Chain INPUT (policy ACCEPT)
                                        destination
target
          prot opt source
DROP
          icmp -- 192.168.1.10
                                        anywhere
Chain FORWARD (policy ACCEPT)
         prot opt source
                                        destination
target
Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT)
                                        destination
target prot_opt source
zicc@Ubuntu:~$
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This ensures that the victim system stopped responding to the ICMP packets. The attacker's system kept sending echo request but got no echo reply from the victim.



CONCLUSION.

This is a Man-in-the-Middle Attack (MITM) and it is used to intercept network traffic.

To prevent such attack:

- Always use encrypted HTTP (HTTPS)
- Always use vpn when connecting to public wifi.