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Man In The Middle Attack

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Agenda

1. What is a Man In The Middle (MITM)?
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3. Why attackers make MITM attacks?
4. How to protect yourself from MITM attacks?

What is a Man In The Middle (MITM)?

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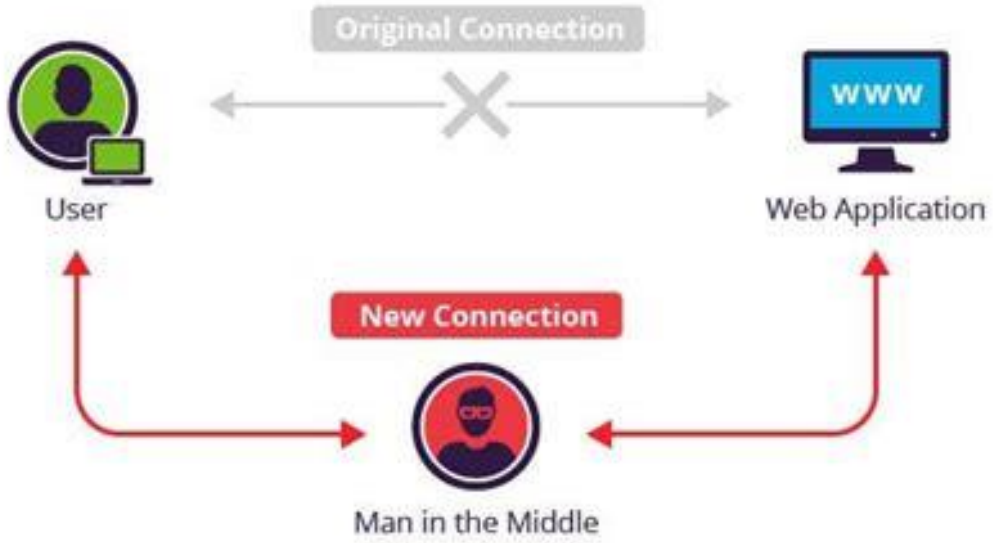
"Cyberattack where the attacker secretly relays and possibly alters the communications between two parties who believe that they are directly communicating with each other, as the attacker has inserted themselves between the two parties"

Wikipedia



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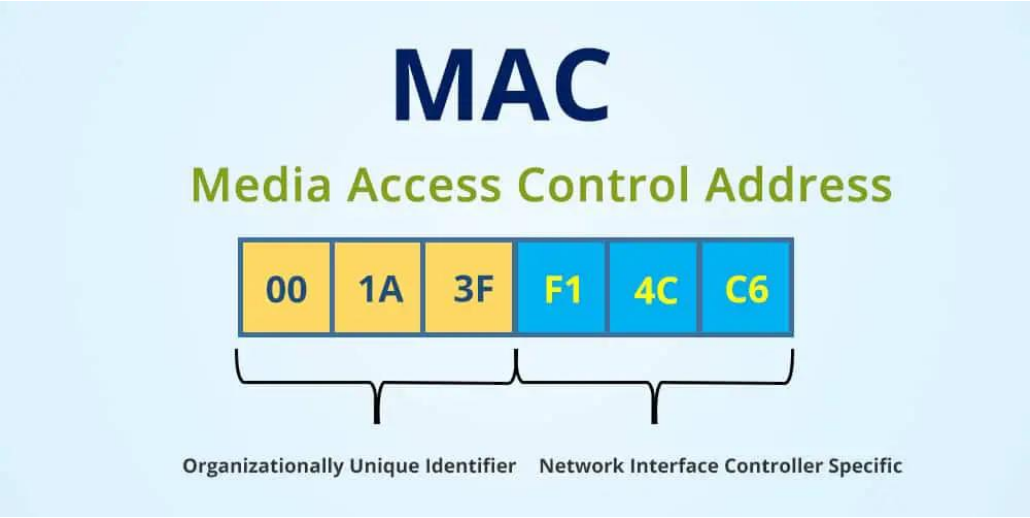

"A media access control address (MAC address) is a unique identifier assigned to a network interface controller (NIC) for use as a network address in communications within a network segment."

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Address Resolution Protocol (ARP)

"Communication protocol used for discovering the link layer address, such as a MAC address, associated with a given internet layer address, typically an IPv4 address."
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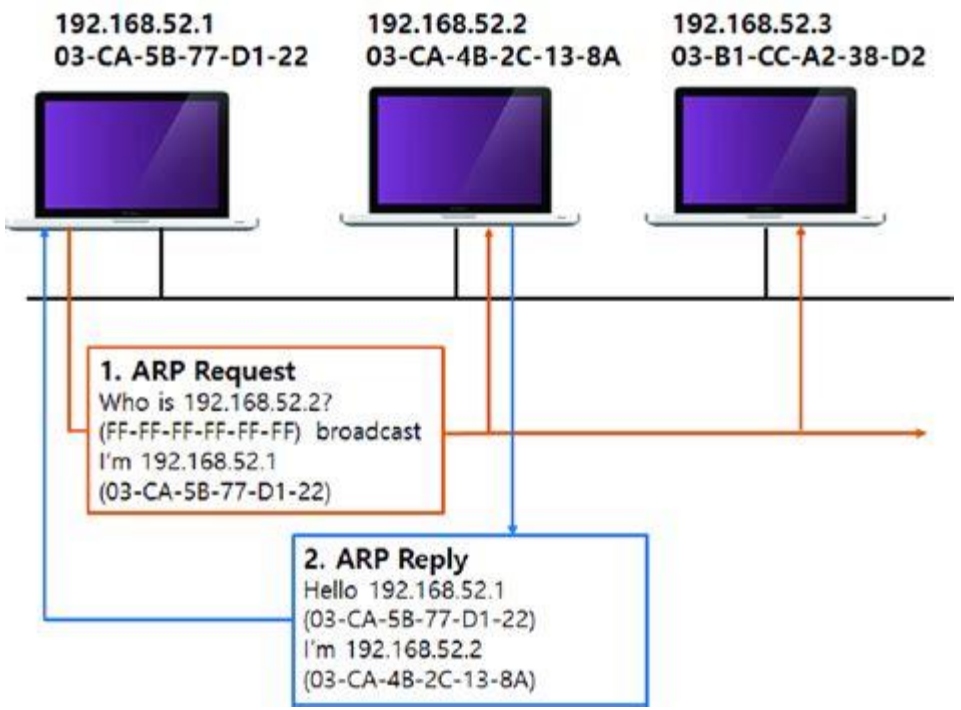
Basically, it is a mapping between a MAC address and an IPv4 address



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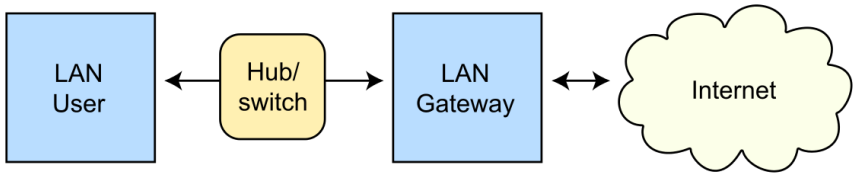
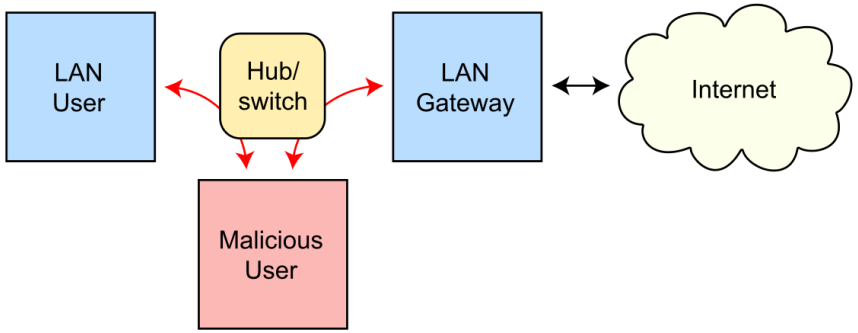
ARP does not provide methods for authenticating ARP replies on a network

ARP replies can come from systems other than the one with the required Layer 2 address

Routing under normal operation



Routing subject to ARP cache poisoning



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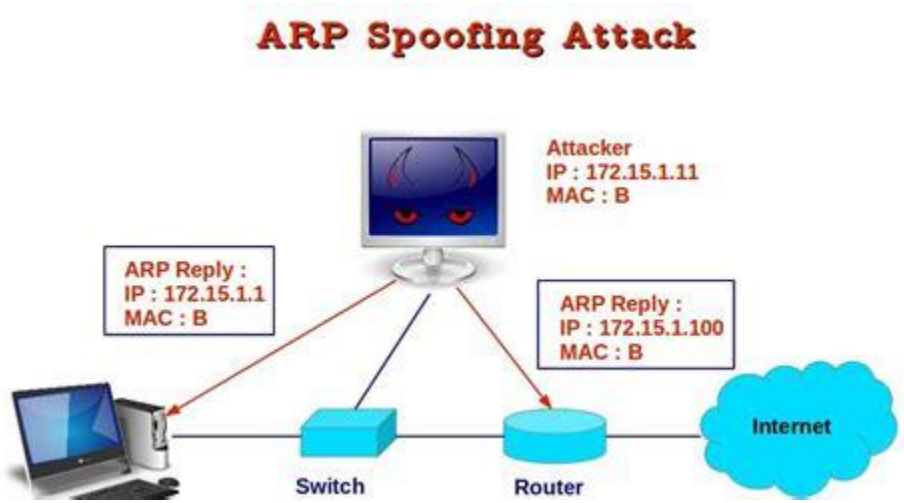

Associate the attacker's host MAC address with the IP address of a target host

- The victim will associate the attacker's host MAC address with the router's IP address using ARP Reply
- The router will associate the attacker's host MAC address with the victim's IP address using ARP Reply

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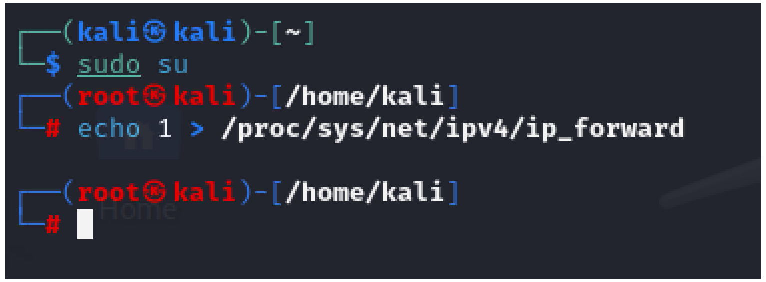
1. Allow your computer to redirect some traffic
2. Start the ARP poisoning attack



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┌──(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ sudo su
┌──(root㉿kali)-[/home/kali]
└─# echo 1 > /proc/sys/net/ipv4/ip_forward

┌──(root㉿kali)-[/home/kali]
└─# █
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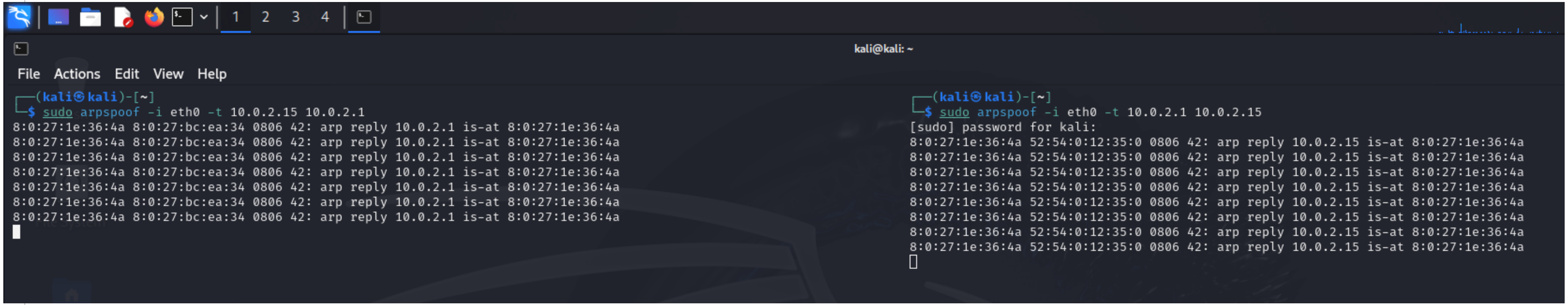

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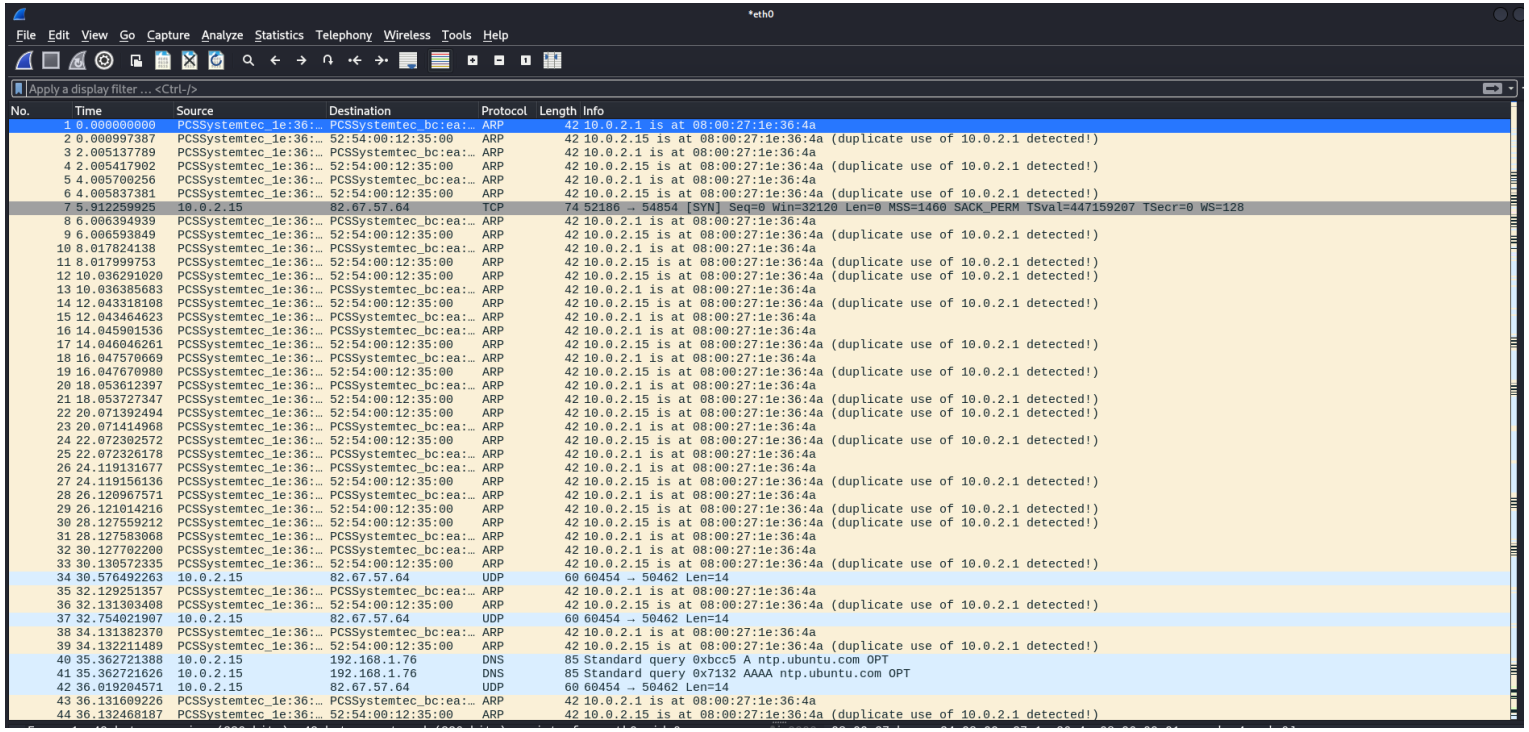

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5	4.005700256	PCSSystemtec_1e:36:…	PCSSystemtec_bc:ea:…	ARP	42	10.0.2.1 is at 08:00:27:1e:36:4a
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7	5.912259925	10.0.2.15	82.67.57.64	TCP	74	52186 → 54854 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=32120 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM TSval=447159207 TSecr=0 WS=128
8	6.006394939	PCSSystemtec_1e:36:…	PCSSystemtec_bc:ea:…	ARP	42	10.0.2.1 is at 08:00:27:1e:36:4a
9	6.006593849	PCSSystemtec_1e:36:…	52:54:00:12:35:00	ARP	42	10.0.2.15 is at 08:00:27:1e:36:4a (duplicate use of 10.0.2.1 detected!)
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33	30.130572335	PCSSystemtec_1e:36:…	52:54:00:12:35:00	ARP	42	10.0.2.15 is at 08:00:27:1e:36:4a (duplicate use of 10.0.2.1 detected!)
34	30.576492263	10.0.2.15	82.67.57.64	UDP	60	60454 → 50462 Len=14
35	32.129251357	PCSSystemtec_1e:36:…	PCSSystemtec_bc:ea:…	ARP	42	10.0.2.1 is at 08:00:27:1e:36:4a
36	32.131303408	PCSSystemtec_1e:36:…	52:54:00:12:35:00	ARP	42	10.0.2.15 is at 08:00:27:1e:36:4a (duplicate use of 10.0.2.1 detected!)
37	32.754021907	10.0.2.15	82.67.57.64	UDP	60	60454 → 50462 Len=14
38	34.131382370	PCSSystemtec_1e:36:…	PCSSystemtec_bc:ea:…	ARP	42	10.0.2.1 is at 08:00:27:1e:36:4a
39	34.132211489	PCSSystemtec_1e:36:…	52:54:00:12:35:00	ARP	42	10.0.2.15 is at 08:00:27:1e:36:4a (duplicate use of 10.0.2.1 detected!)
40	35.362721388	10.0.2.15	192.168.1.76	DNS	85	Standard query 0xbcc5 A ntp.ubuntu.com OPT
41	35.362721626	10.0.2.15	192.168.1.76	DNS	85	Standard query 0x7132 AAAA ntp.ubuntu.com OPT
42	36.019204571	10.0.2.15	82.67.57.64	UDP	60	60454 → 50462 Len=14
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You can see all the ARP requests with wireshark

There are a lot…

Why attackers make MITM attacks?

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Common examples of MITM attack

- Network sniffing
- HTTPS spoofing
- DNS spoofing
- DNS poisoning
- JavaScript injection
- Session Hijacking
- And a lot of more…

With bad configurations, an attacker can steal a lot of your data and in the worst-case scenario get some of your passwords

It is very important to prevent it!

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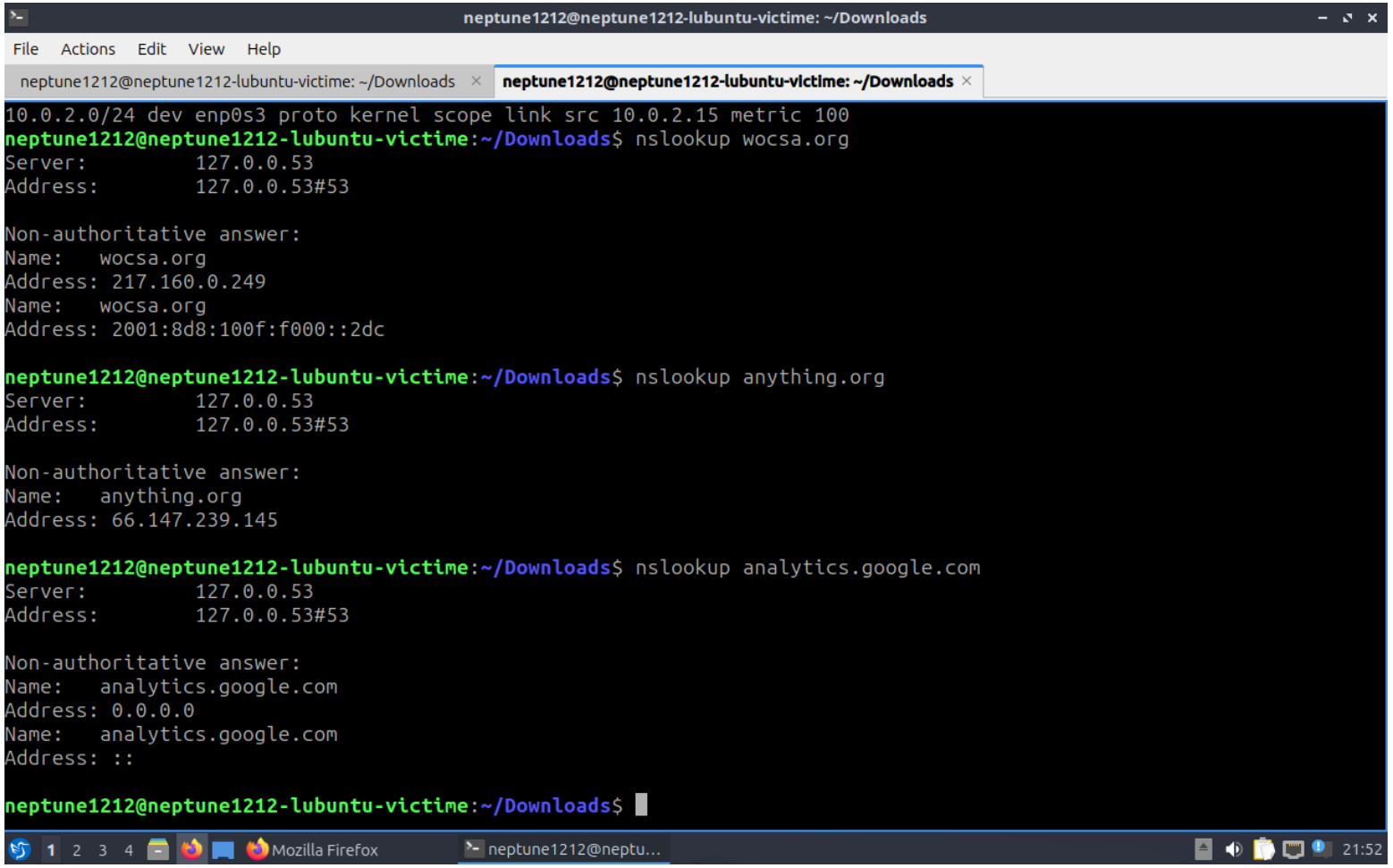
Example of unencrypted traffic

The DNS



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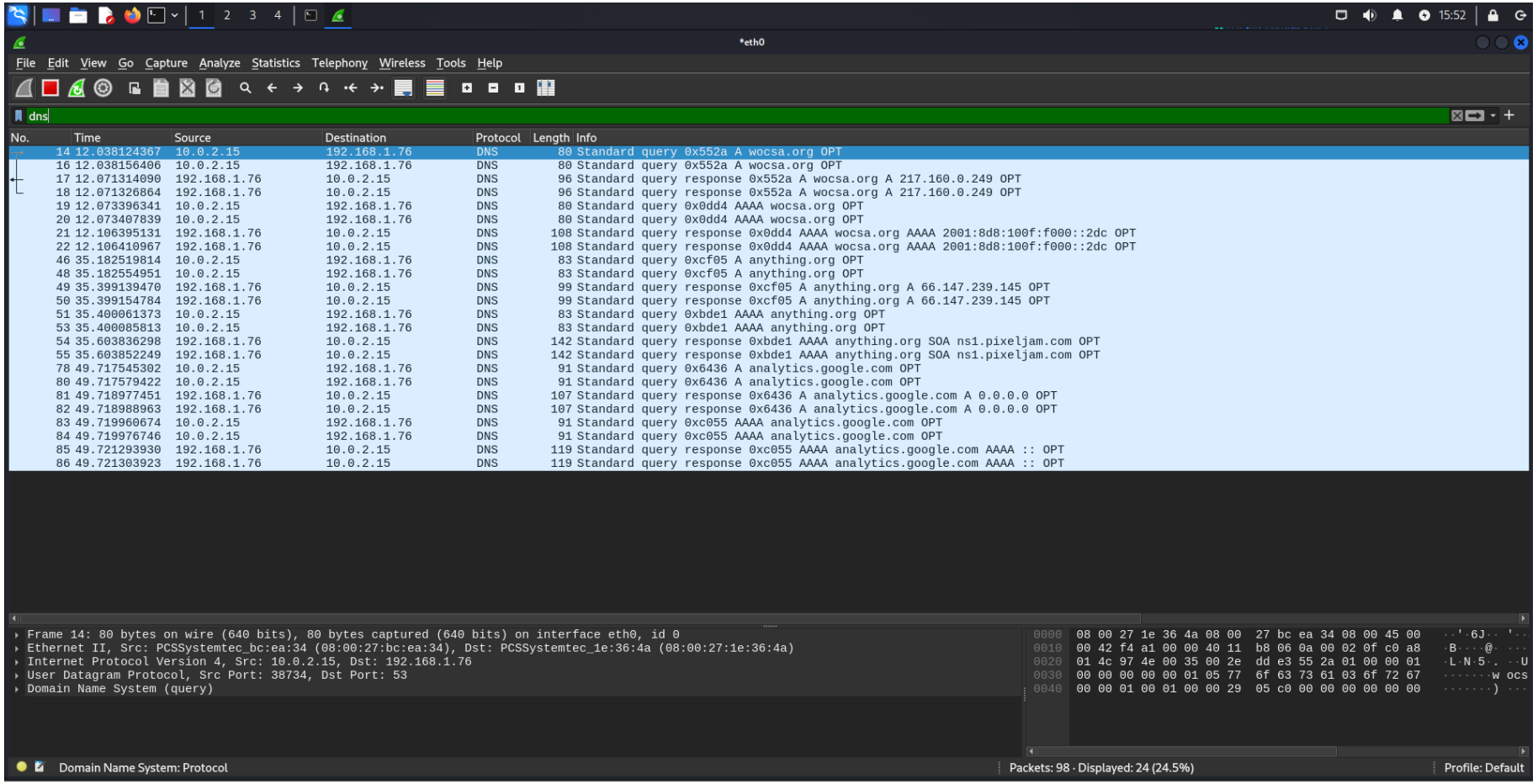

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Example of unencrypted traffic

The HTTP

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1057… 593.943827530 10.0.2.15      57.128.164.79   HTTP   438 GET / HTTP/1.1
1057… 593.967186341 57.128.164.79  10.0.2.15       HTTP   224 HTTP/1.1 401 Unauthorized  (text/plain)

▸ Frame 1057362: 438 bytes on wire (3504 bits), 438 bytes captured (3504 bits) on interface eth0, id 0
▸ Ethernet II, Src: PCSSystemtec_bc:ea:34 (08:00:27:bc:ea:34), Dst: PCSSystemtec_1e:36:4a (08:00:27:1e:36
▸ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.0.2.15, Dst: 57.128.164.79
▸ Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 46656, Dst Port: 80, Seq: 1, Ack: 1, Len: 384
▾ Hypertext Transfer Protocol
  ▸ GET / HTTP/1.1\r\n
    Host: beta.wocshack.org\r\n
    User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Ubuntu; Linux x86_64; rv:125.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/125.0\r\n
    Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8\r\n
    Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5\r\n
    Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate\r\n
    Connection: keep-alive\r\n
    Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1\r\n
  ▾ Authorization: Basic dGVzdDp0ZXN0\r\n
      Credentials: test:test
    \r\n
    [Full request URI: http://beta.wocshack.org/]
    [HTTP request 1/1]
    [Response in frame: 1057364]

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0110  2f 2a 3b 71 3d 30 2e 38  0d 0a 41 63 63 65 70 74   /*;q=0.8 ··Accept
0120  2d 4c 61 6e 67 75 61 67  65 3a 20 65 6e 2d 55 53   -Languag e: en-US
0130  2c 65 6e 3b 71 3d 30 2e  35 0d 0a 41 63 63 65 70   ,en;q=0. 5··Accep
0140  74 2d 45 6e 63 6f 64 69  6e 67 3a 20 67 7a 69 70   t-Encodi ng: gzip

Frame (438 bytes)   Basic Credentials (9 bytes)
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How to protect yourself from MITM attacks?

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How to protect yourself from MITM attacks?

Where can ARP spoofing be done ?

- On a Wi-Fi network
- On a switch/hub

You must protect yourself on networks that are not trusted!

- Coffee shop Wi-Fi
- Airport Wi-Fi
- Public Wi-Fi in general
- Weird friend's Wi-Fi
- Etc.

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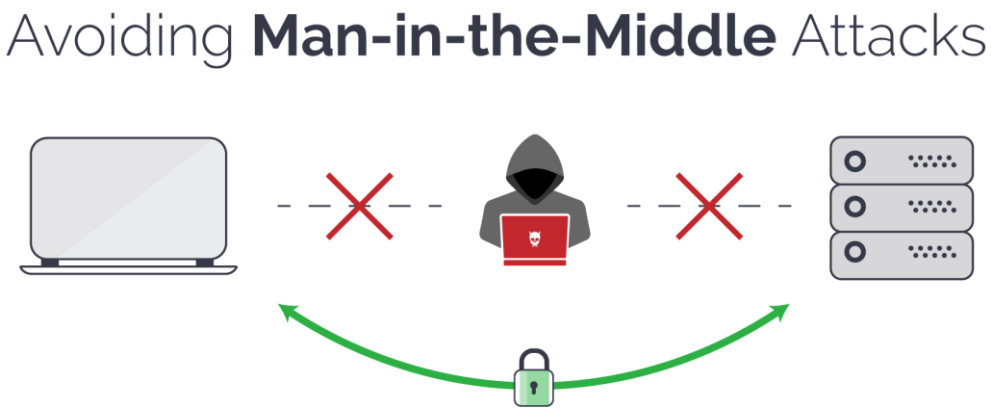
How to protect yourself from MITM attacks?

But how ?

Use an encrypted connection

- HTTPS
  - On websites
  - Your DNS still in plain text
- VPN
  - For all of your traffic
  - You have to trust your VPN server



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WARNING

Nowadays VPN are mostly used as proxy. They are able to protect you against phishing websites, ads, virus, etc…

That means that your VPN provider can see your unencrypted data!

Such as MITM…

<u>You have to trust your VPN server.</u>

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How to protect yourself from MITM attacks?

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neptune1212@neptune1212-lubuntu-victime: ~/Downloads
File  Actions  Edit  View  Help
neptune1212@neptune1212-lubuntu-victime: ~/Downloads   neptune1212@neptune1212-lubuntu-victime: ~/Downloads
neptune1212@neptune1212-lubuntu-victime:~/Downloads$ sudo openvpn config_openvpn_routed_neptune1212_victime.ovpn
2024-06-09 21:53:33 Note: option tun-ipv6 is ignored because modern operating systems do not need special IPv6 tun
 handling anymore.
2024-06-09 21:53:33 DEPRECATED OPTION: --cipher set to 'AES-128-CBC' but missing in --data-ciphers (AES-256-GCM:AE
S-128-GCM:CHACHA20-POLY1305). OpenVPN ignores --cipher for cipher negotiations.
2024-06-09 21:53:33 OpenVPN 2.6.9 x86_64-pc-linux-gnu [SSL (OpenSSL)] [LZO] [LZ4] [EPOLL] [PKCS11] [MH/PKTINFO] [A
EAD] [DCO]
2024-06-09 21:53:33 library versions: OpenSSL 3.0.13 30 Jan 2024, LZO 2.10
2024-06-09 21:53:33 DCO version: N/A
Enter Auth Username: neptune1212_victime
Enter Auth Password: (no echo)
2024-06-09 21:53:57 TCP/UDP: Preserving recently used remote address: [AF_INET]
2024-06-09 21:53:57 Attempting to establish TCP connection with [AF_INET]
2024-06-09 21:53:57 TCP connection established with [AF_INET]
2024-06-09 21:53:57 TCPv4_CLIENT link local: (not bound)
2024-06-09 21:53:57 TCPv4_CLIENT link remote: [AF_INET]
2024-06-09 21:53:57 WARNING: this configuration may cache passwords in memory -- use the auth-nocache option to pr
event this
2024-06-09 21:53:57 [Freebox OpenVPN server                                Peer Connection Initiated with [AF_I
NET]82.67.57.64:54854
2024-06-09 21:53:57 TUN/TAP device tun0 opened
2024-06-09 21:53:57 net_iface_mtu_set: mtu 1500 for tun0
2024-06-09 21:53:57 net_iface_up: set tun0 up
2024-06-09 21:53:57 net_addr_ptp_v4_add:              peer              dev tun0
2024-06-09 21:53:57 net_iface_mtu_set: mtu 1500 for tun0
2024-06-09 21:53:57 net_iface_up: set tun0 up
2024-06-09 21:53:57 net_addr_v6_add:                        dev tun0
2024-06-09 21:53:57 Initialization Sequence Completed
1 2 3 4  Mozilla Firefox  neptune1212@neptu...  21:54
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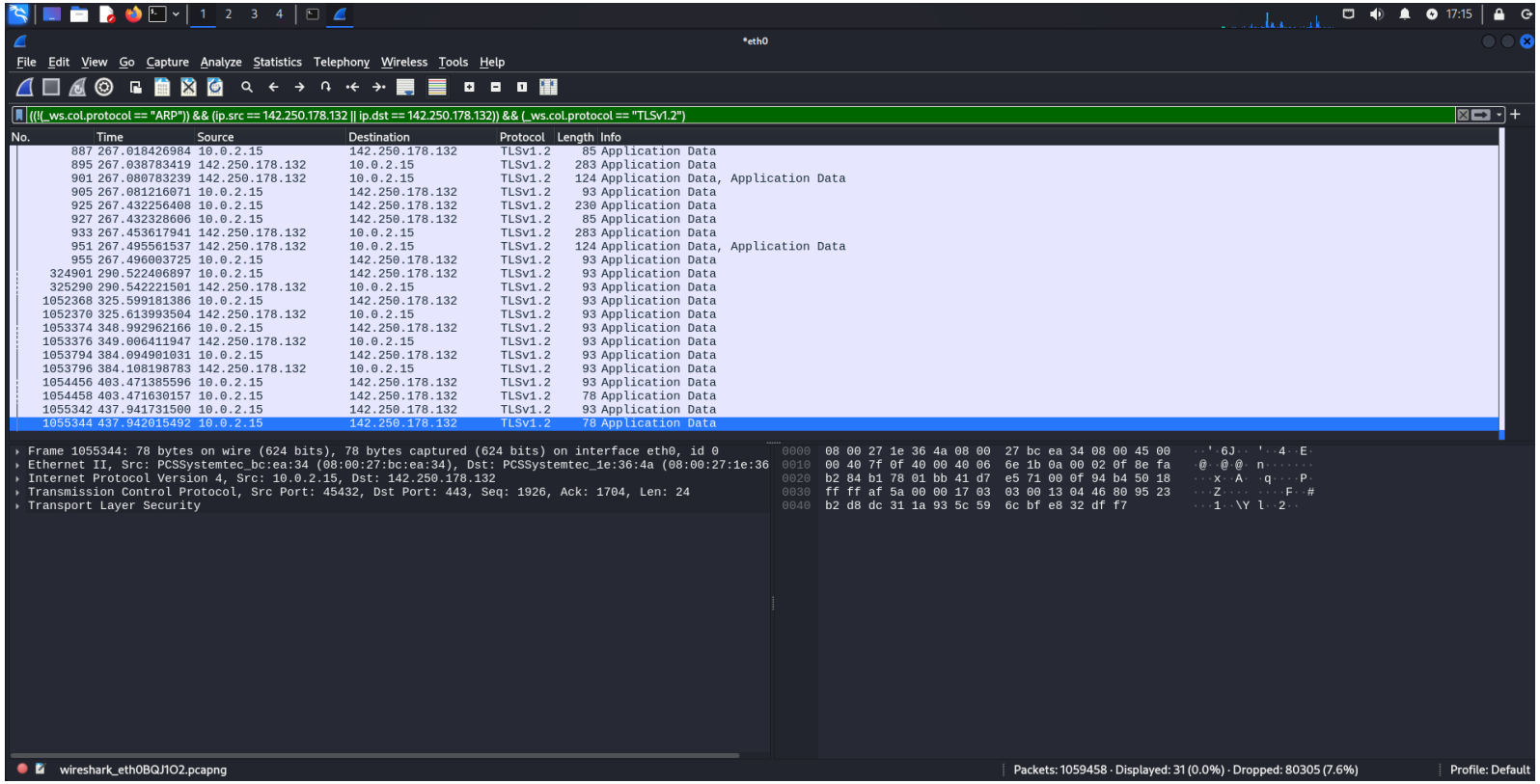
Using your own VPN

Activate your VPN

Man In The Middle Attack

How to protect yourself from MITM attacks?



Using your own VPN

What you see with the VPN activated

Man In The Middle Attack

How to protect yourself from MITM attacks?

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neptune1212@neptune1212-lubuntu-victime: ~/Downloads
File  Actions  Edit  View  Help
neptune1212@neptune1212-lubuntu-victime: ~/Downloads   neptune1212@neptune1212-lubuntu-victime: ~/Downloads

neptune1212@neptune1212-lubuntu-victime:~/Downloads$ nslookup wocsa1.org 1.1.1.1
Server:         1.1.1.1
Address:        1.1.1.1#53

** server can't find wocsa1.org: NXDOMAIN

neptune1212@neptune1212-lubuntu-victime:~/Downloads$ nslookup wocsa2.org 1.1.1.1
Server:         1.1.1.1
Address:        1.1.1.1#53

** server can't find wocsa2.org: NXDOMAIN

neptune1212@neptune1212-lubuntu-victime:~/Downloads$ nslookup wocsa3.org 1.1.1.1
Server:         1.1.1.1
Address:        1.1.1.1#53

** server can't find wocsa3.org: NXDOMAIN

neptune1212@neptune1212-lubuntu-victime:~/Downloads$
```

Using your own VPN

Make some DNS requests with and without the VPN activated

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Using your own VPN

1. wocsa1.org and wocsa3.org without VPN
2. wocsa2.org with VPN

((dns) && (ip.src == 10.0.2.15)) && (ip.dst == 1.1.1.1)

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1058…	764.749876367	10.0.2.15	1.1.1.1	DNS	70	Standard query 0x0886 A wocsa1.org
1058…	764.749889218	10.0.2.15	1.1.1.1	DNS	70	Standard query 0x0886 A wocsa1.org
1059…	813.365027583	10.0.2.15	1.1.1.1	DNS	70	Standard query 0x441c A wocsa3.org
1059…	813.365040744	10.0.2.15	1.1.1.1	DNS	70	Standard query 0x441c A wocsa3.org

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