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**Activity 1: Configure Network using Virtual Machines** 

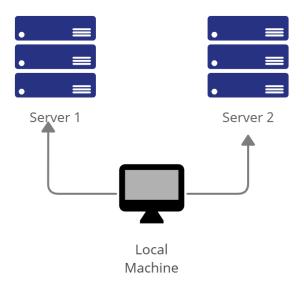
# 1. Objectives:

- 1.1. Create and configure Virtual Machines in Microsoft Azure or VirtualBox
- 1.2. Set-up a Virtual Network and Test Connectivity of VMs

### 2. Discussion:

## **Network Topology:**

Assume that you have created the following network topology in Virtual Machines, provide screenshots for each task. (Note: it is assumed that you have the prior knowledge of cloning and creating snapshots in a virtual machine).



**Task 1**: Do the following on Server 1, Server 2, and Local Machine. In editing the file using nano command, press control + O to write out (save the file). Press enter when asked for the name of the file. Press control + X to end.

1. Change the hostname using the command sudo nano /etc/hostname

```
cherwinyu@ubuntu:~$ sudo nano /etc/hostname
cherwinyu@ubuntu:~$
```

1.1 Use server1 for Server 1



1.2 Use server2 for Server 2

[ControlNode2]

- 1.3 Use workstation for the Local Machine
- 2. Edit the hosts using the command sudo nano /etc/hosts. Edit the second line.



2.1 Type 127.0.0.1 server 1 for Server 1



2.2 Type 127.0.0.1 server 2 for Server 2

127.0.0.1 ControlNode2

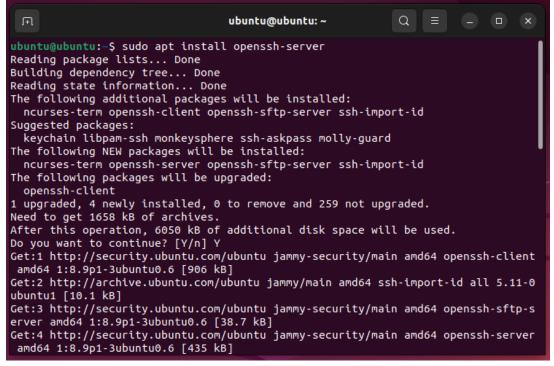
2.3 Type 127.0.0.1 workstation for the Local Machine

Task 2: Configure SSH on Server 1, Server 2, and Local Machine. Do the following:

1. Upgrade the packages by issuing the command *sudo apt update* and *sudo apt upgrade* respectively.

```
cherwinyu@ubuntu:~$ sudo apt update
Ign:1 cdrom://Ubuntu 23.04 _Lunar Lobster_ - Release amd64 (20230418) lunar InRelease
Hit:2 cdrom://Ubuntu 23.04 _Lunar Lobster_ - Release amd64 (20230418) lunar Release
Get:4 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu lunar InRelease [267 kB]
Get:5 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu lunar-security InRelease [109 kB]
Get:6 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu lunar-security/main amd64 Packages [487 kB]
Get:7 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu lunar-updates InRelease [109 kB]
Get:8 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu lunar-security/main Translation-en [108 kB]
Get:9 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu lunar-security/main amd64 DEP-11 Metadata [7,416
Get:10 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu lunar-security/main DEP-11 48x48 Icons [4,111 B
Get:11 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu lunar-security/main DEP-11 64x64 Icons [8,578 B
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Get:29 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu lunar/main amd64 DEP-11 Metadata [443 kB]
Get:30 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu lunar/main amd64 c-n-f Metadata [29.9 kB]
```

2. Install the SSH server using the command sudo apt install openssh-server.



3. Verify if the SSH service has started by issuing the following commands: 3.1 *sudo service ssh start* 

#### 3.2 sudo systemctl status ssh

- 4. Configure the firewall to all port 22 by issuing the following commands:
  - 4.1 sudo ufw allow ssh
  - 4.2 sudo ufw enable
  - 4.3 sudo ufw status

```
ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ sudo service ssh start
ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ sudo ufw enable
Firewall is active and enabled on system startup
ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ sudo ufw status
Status: active
ubuntu@ubuntu:~$
```

**Task 3:** Verify network settings on Server 1, Server 2, and Local Machine. On each device, do the following:

- 1. Record the ip address of Server 1, Server 2, and Local Machine. Issue the command *ifconfig* and check network settings. Note that the ip addresses of all the machines are in this network 192.168.56.XX.
  - 1.1 Server 1 IP address: 192.168.56.\_\_\_\_
  - 1.2 Server 2 IP address: 192.168.56.
  - 1.3 Server 3 IP address: 192.168.56.\_\_\_\_
- 2. Make sure that they can ping each other.
  - 2.1 Connectivity test for Local Machine 1 to Server 1: ☐ Successful ☐ Not Successful
  - 2.2 Connectivity test for Local Machine 1 to Server 2: ☐ Successful ☐ Not Successful
  - 2.3 Connectivity test for Server 1 to Server 2:  $\square$  Successful  $\square$  Not Successful

Task 4: Verify SSH connectivity on Server 1, Server 2, and Local Machine.

- 1. On the Local Machine, issue the following commands:
- 1.1 ssh username@ip\_address\_server1 for example, ssh jvtaylar@192.168.56.120
- 1.2 Enter the password for server 1 when prompted
- 1.3 Verify that you are in server 1. The user should be in this format user@server1. For example, *jvtaylar@server1*

```
workspace@workstation-VirtualBox:~$ ssh workspace@192.168.56.104
The authenticity of host '192.168.56.104 (192.168.56.104)' can't be established
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:oCZnjMrFhSwWrW3QWMq8Go+0Muo7TIivmt2B8DbpdKk.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? yes
Warning: Permanently added '192.168.56.104' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.
workspace@192.168.56.104's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 18.04.6 LTS (GNU/Linux 5.4.0-150-generic x86_64)
 * Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com
 * Management:
                  https://landscape.canonical.com
                  https://ubuntu.com/advantage
 * Support:
Expanded Security Maintenance for Infrastructure is not enabled.
O updates can be applied immediately.
Enable ESM Infra to receive additional future security updates.
See https://ubuntu.com/esm or run: sudo pro status
Your Hardware Enablement Stack (HWE) is supported until April 2023.
The programs included with the Ubuntu system are free software;
the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the
individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.
Ubuntu comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by
applicable law.
```

2. Logout of Server 1 by issuing the command *control* + *D*.

```
workspace@server1:~$ logout
Connection to 192.168.56.104 closed.
workspace@workstation-VirtualBox:~$
```

3. Do the same for Server 2.

```
workspace@workstation:~$ ssh workspace@192.168.56.105
vorkspace@192.168.56.105's password:
welcome to Ubuntu 18.04.6 LTS (GNU/Linux 5.4.0-150-generic x86_64)
* Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com
* Management:
                  https://landscape.canonical.com
* Support:
                  https://ubuntu.com/advantage
Expanded Security Maintenance for Infrastructure is not enabled.
updates can be applied immediately.
Enable ESM Infra to receive additional future security updates.
See https://ubuntu.com/esm or run: sudo pro status
New release '20.04.6 LTS' available.
Run 'do-release-upgrade' to upgrade to it.
Your Hardware Enablement Stack (HWE) is supported until April 2023.
Last login: Thu Aug 17 18:02:42 2023 from 192.168.56.101
workspace@server2:~$ logout
Connection to 192.168.56.105 closed.
workspace@workstation:~$
```

- 4. Edit the hosts of the Local Machine by issuing the command *sudo nano* /etc/hosts. Below all texts type the following:
- 4.1 IP\_address server 1 (provide the ip address of server 1 followed by the hostname)
- 4.2 IP\_address server 2 (provide the ip address of server 2 followed by the hostname)
- 4.3 Save the file and exit.

```
127.0.1.1 workspace
192.168.56.104 Server 1
192.168.56.105 Server 2

# The following lines are desirable for IPv6 capable hosts
::1 ip6-localhost ip6-loopback
fe00::0 ip6-localnet
ff00::0 ip6-mcastprefix
ff02::1 ip6-allnodes
ff02::2 ip6-allrouters
```

5. On the local machine, verify that you can do the SSH command but this time, use the hostname instead of typing the IP address of the servers. For example,

try to do **ssh jvtaylar@server1**. Enter the password when prompted. Verify that you have entered Server 1. Do the same for Server 2.

#### Reflections:

Answer the following:

- 1. How are we able to use the hostname instead of IP address in SSH commands?
  - Using hostnames in SSH commands is possible due to DNS, which translates human-readable domain names to IP addresses. When a hostname is specified in an SSH command, DNS resolution occurs, enabling connections with user-friendly names instead of numerical IP addresses.
- 2. How secured is SSH?
  - SSH (Secure Shell) is generally considered a secure protocol for remote access and file transfer, employing strong encryption to protect data during communication. However, its security relies on proper configuration, regular updates, and good authentication practices to mitigate potential vulnerabilities.

Screenshots.			