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

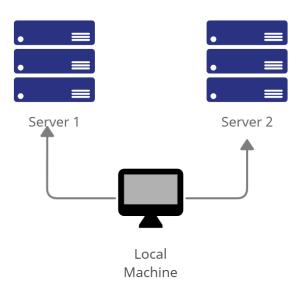
# 1. Objectives:

- 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:

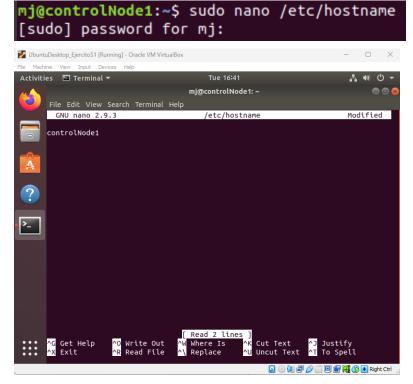
# **Network Topology:**

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).



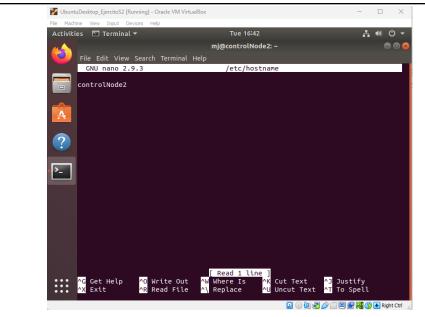
**Task 1**: Do the following on Server 1, Server 2, and Local Machine. In editing the file using nano command, press control + O to write out (save the file). Press enter when asked for the name of the file. Press control + X to end.

- 1. Change the hostname using the command sudo nano /etc/hostname
  - 1.1 Use server1 for Server 1

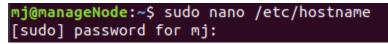


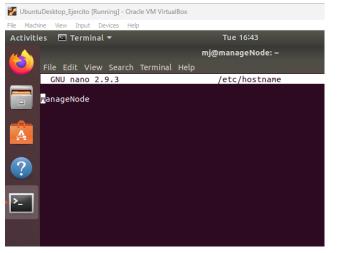
1.2 Use server2 for Server 2

mj@controlNode2:~\$ sudo nano /etc/hostname
[sudo] password for mj:

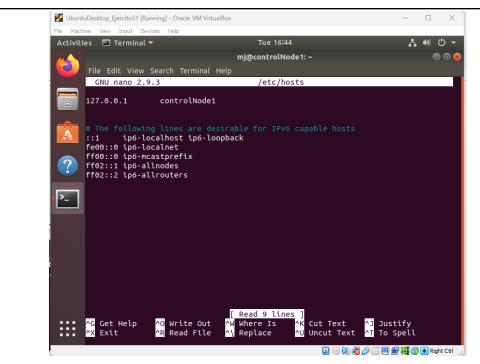


1.3 Use workstation for the Local Machine

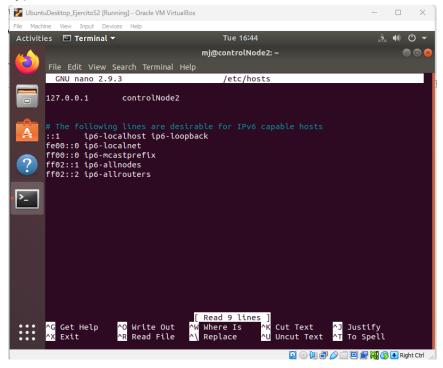




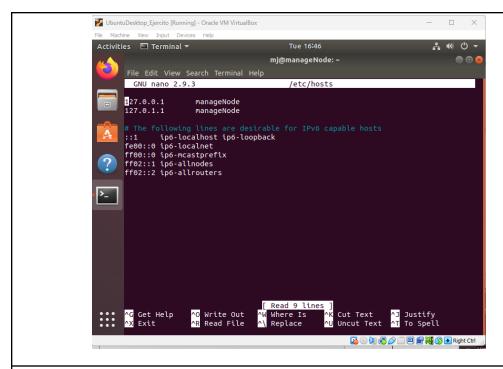
- 2. Edit the hosts using the command *sudo nano /etc/hosts*. Edit the second line.
  - 2.1 Type 127.0.0.1 server 1 for Server 1



## 2.2 Type 127.0.0.1 server 2 for Server 2



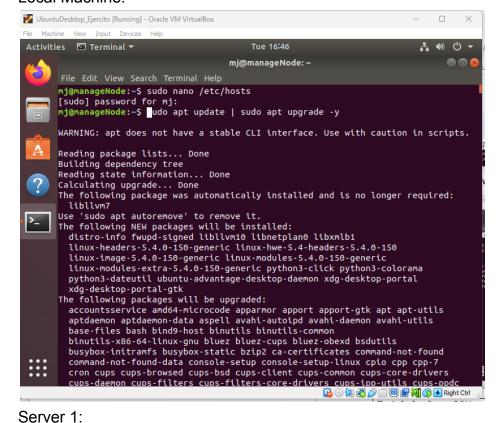
2.3 Type 127.0.0.1 workstation for the Local Machine

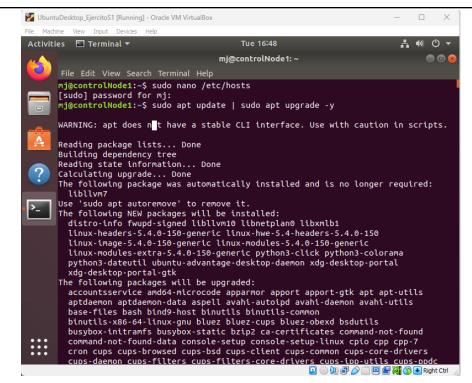


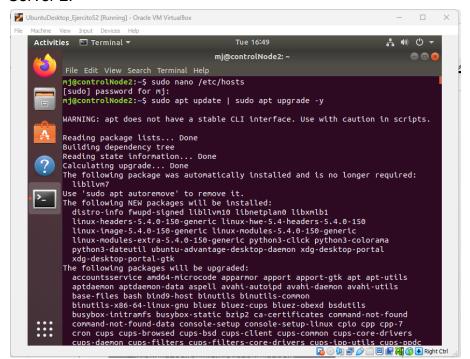
Task 2: Configure SSH on Server 1, Server 2, and Local Machine. Do the following:

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

Local Machine:







2. Install the SSH server using the command *sudo apt install openssh-server*. Local Machine:

```
mj@manageNode:~$ sudo apt install openssh-server
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
The following package was automatically installed and is no longer required:
  libllvm7
Use 'sudo apt autoremove' to remove it.
The following additional packages will be installed:
  ncurses-term openssh-sftp-server ssh-import-id
Suggested packages:
  molly-guard monkeysphere rssh ssh-askpass
The following NEW packages will be installed:
 ncurses-term openssh-server openssh-sftp-server ssh-import-id
0 upgraded, 4 newly installed, 0 to remove and 0 not upgraded.
Need to get 637 kB of archives.
After this operation, 5,320 kB of additional disk space will be used.
Do you want to continue? [Y/n] y
Get:1 http://ph.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic-updates/main amd64 ncurses-ter
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p-server amd64 1:7.6p1-4ubuntu0.7 [45.5 kB]
Get:3 http://ph.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic-updates/main amd64 openssh-ser
ver amd64 1:7.6p1-4ubuntu0.7 [332 kB]
Get:4 http://ph.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic-updates/main amd64 ssh-import-
id all 5.7-0ubuntu1.1 [10.9 kB]
Fetched 637 kB in 15s (42.2 kB/s)
```

```
m Files trolNode1:~$ sudo apt install openssh-server
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
The following package was automatically installed and is no longer required:
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id all 5.7-0ubuntu1.1 [10.9 kB]
Fetched 637 kB in 18s (35.2 kB/s)
Preconfiguring packages
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```
mj@controlNode2:~$ sudo apt install openssh-server
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
The following package was automatically installed and is no longer required:
libllvm7
Use 'sudo apt autoremove' to remove it.
The following additional packages will be installed:
 ncurses-term openssh-sftp-server ssh-import-id
Suggested packages:
 molly-guard monkeysphere rssh ssh-askpass
The following NEW packages will be installed:
 ncurses-term openssh-server openssh-sftp-server ssh-import-id
0 upgraded, 4 newly installed, 0 to remove and 0 not upgraded.

Need to get 637 kB of archives.

After this operation, 5,320 kB of additional disk space will be used.
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id all 5.7-0ubuntu1.1 [10.9 kB]
Fetched 637 kB in 5s (124 kB/s)
Preconfiaurina packaaes ...
```

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

Local Machine:

```
mj@manageNode:~$ sudo service ssh start
```

Server 1:

mj@controlNode1:~\$ sudo service ssh start

Server 2:

mj@controlNode2:~\$ sudo service ssh start

3.2 sudo systemctl status ssh

Local Machine:

```
mj@manageNode:~$ sudo systemctl status ssh

ssh.service - OpenBSD Secure Shell server
Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/ssh.service; enabled; vendor preset: ena
Active: active (running) since Tue 2023-08-15 16:54:26 PST; 1min 15s ago

Main PID: 20061 (sshd)
Tasks: 1 (limit: 2318)
CGroup: /system.slice/ssh.service
20061 /usr/sbin/sshd -D

Aug 15 16:54:26 manageNode systemd[1]: Starting OpenBSD Secure Shell server...
Aug 15 16:54:26 manageNode sshd[20061]: Server listening on 0.0.0.0 port 22.
Aug 15 16:54:26 manageNode systemd[1]: Started OpenBSD Secure Shell server.

lines 1-12/12 (END)
```

```
mj@controlNode1:~$ sudo systemctl status ssh

Ssh.service - OpenBSD Secure Shell server
Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/ssh.service; enabled; vendor preset: ena
Active: active (running) since Tue 2023-08-15 16:54:24 PST; 3min 50s ago
Main PID: 19817 (sshd)
Tasks: 1 (limit: 2318)
CGroup: /system.slice/ssh.service
19817 /usr/sbin/sshd -D

Aug 15 16:54:24 controlNode1 systemd[1]: Starting OpenBSD Secure Shell server..
Aug 15 16:54:24 controlNode1 sshd[19817]: Server listening on 0.0.0.0 port 22.
Aug 15 16:54:24 controlNode1 sshd[19817]: Server listening on :: port 22.
Aug 15 16:54:24 controlNode1 systemd[1]: Started OpenBSD Secure Shell server.
Lines 1-12/12 (END)
```

```
mj@controlNode2:~$ sudo systemctl status ssh

● ssh.service - OpenBSD Secure Shell server

Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/ssh.service; enabled; vendor preset: ena
Active: active (running) since Tue 2023-08-15 16:54:04 PST; 6min ago

Main PID: 20327 (sshd)

Tasks: 1 (limit: 2318)

CGroup: /system.slice/ssh.service

-20327 /usr/sbin/sshd -D

Aug 15 16:54:04 controlNode2 systemd[1]: Starting OpenBSD Secure Shell server..

Aug 15 16:54:04 controlNode2 sshd[20327]: Server listening on 0.0.0.0 port 22.

Aug 15 16:54:04 controlNode2 systemd[1]: Started OpenBSD Secure Shell server.

Lines 1-12/12 (END)
```

4. Configure the firewall to all port 22 by issuing the following commands:

4.1 sudo ufw allow ssh

Local Machine:

```
mj@manageNode:~$ sudo ufw allow ssh
Rules updated
Rules updated (v6)
```

#### Server 1:

```
mj@controlNode1:~$ sudo ufw allow ssh
Rules updated
Rules updated (v6)
```

#### Server 2:

```
mj@controlNode2:~$ sudo ufw allow ssh
Rules updated
Rules updated (v6)
```

4.2 sudo ufw enable

Local Machine:

```
mj@manageNode:~$ sudo ufw enable
Firewall is active and enabled on system startup
```

```
mj@controlNode1:~$ sudo ufw enable
Firewall is active and enabled on system startup
```

```
mj@controlNode2:~$ sudo ufw enable
Firewall is active and enabled on system startup
```

### 4.3 sudo ufw status

### Local Machine:

## Server 1:

## Server 2:

**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 Local Machine IP address: 192.168.56.103

```
mj@manageNode:~$ ifconfig
enp0s3: flags=4163cUP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 10.0.2.15 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 10.0.2.255
    inet6 fe80::eb3a:b011:71af:b27b prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether 08:00:27:c4:05:23 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 849178 bytes 1280807009 (1.2 GB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 169448 bytes 10490478 (10.4 MB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

enp0s8: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 192.168.56.103 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.56.255
    inet6 fe80::4f:9573:992e:c28c prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether 08:00:27:8d:26:ec txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 270 bytes 38661 (38.6 KB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 125 bytes 17595 (17.5 KB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```

## 1.2 Server 1 IP address: 192.168.56.102

```
mj@controlNode1:~$ ifconfig
enp0s3: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 10.0.2.15    netmask 255.255.255.0    broadcast 10.0.2.255
    inet6 fe80::e7bf:fa0d:6545:c618    prefixlen 64    scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether 08:00:27:8e:cb:61    txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 850315    bytes 1281128630 (1.2 GB)
    RX errors 0    dropped 0    overruns 0    frame 0
    TX packets 207052    bytes 12828790 (12.8 MB)
    TX errors 0    dropped 0    overruns 0    carrier 0    collisions 0

enp0s8: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 192.168.56.102    netmask 255.255.255.0    broadcast 192.168.56.255
    inet6 fe80::fld0:2866:48ef:bfe    prefixlen 64    scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether 08:00:27:8f:a6:20    txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 354    bytes 48727 (48.7 KB)
    RX errors 0    dropped 0    overruns 0    frame 0
    TX packets 128    bytes 17875 (17.8 KB)
    TX errors 0    dropped 0    overruns 0    carrier 0    collisions 0
```

#### 1.3 Server 2 IP address: 192.168.56.101

```
mj@controlNode2:~$ ifconfig
enp0s3: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 10.0.2.15 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 10.0.2.255
    inet6 fe80::db35:7b4e:3330:3379 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether 08:00:27:dc:2f:da txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 850330 bytes 1281147071 (1.2 GB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 170215 bytes 10622221 (10.6 MB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

enp0s8: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 192.168.56.101 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.56.255
    inet6 fe80::1c3a:a79a:5da0:3a17 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether 08:00:27:e8:43:bc txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 305 bytes 41428 (41.4 KB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 126 bytes 17723 (17.7 KB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```

- Make sure that they can ping each other.
  - 2.1 Connectivity test for Local Machine 1 to Server 1: ☐ Successful ☐ Not Successful

```
mj@manageNode:~$ ping 192.168.56.102
PING 192.168.56.102 (192.168.56.102) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 192.168.56.102: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.728 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.56.102: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.425 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.56.102: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.329 ms 64 bytes from 192.168.56.102: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.930 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.56.102: icmp seq=5 ttl=64 time=1.54 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.56.102: icmp_seq=6 ttl=64 time=1.22 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.56.102: icmp_seq=7 ttl=64 time=0.498 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.56.102: icmp_seq=8 ttl=64 time=0.577 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.56.102: icmp_seq=9 ttl=64 time=1.40 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.56.102: icmp_seq=10 ttl=64 time=0.704 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.56.102: icmp_seq=11 ttl=64 time=0.388 ms 64 bytes from 192.168.56.102: icmp_seq=12 ttl=64 time=0.695 ms 64 bytes from 192.168.56.102: icmp_seq=13 ttl=64 time=0.625 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.56.102: icmp_seq=14 ttl=64 time=0.700 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.56.102: icmp_seq=15 ttl=64 time=0.899 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.56.102: icmp_seq=16 ttl=64 time=2.01 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.56.102: icmp_seq=17 ttl=64 time=1.24 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.56.102: icmp seq=18 ttl=64 time=0.910 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.56.102: icmp_seq=19 ttl=64 time=0.870 ms
 --- 192.168.56.102 ping statistics ---
19 packets transmitted, 19 received, 0% packet loss, time 18228ms
rtt min/avg/max/m<u>d</u>ev = 0.329/0.879/2.018/0.427 ms
2.2 Connectivity test for Local Machine 1 to Server 2: 

Successful 

Not
    Successful
mj@manageNode:~$ ping 192.168.56.101
PING 192.168.56.101 (192.168.56.101) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 192.168.56.101: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=1.16 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.56.101: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=1.67 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.56.101: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.409 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.56.101: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=1.51 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.56.101: icmp_seq=5 ttl=64 time=0.343 ms
^C
 --- 192.168.56.101 ping statistics ---
5 packets transmitted, 5 received, 0% packet loss, time 4035ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 0.343/1.023/1.678/0.553 ms
mj@manageNode:~$
2.3 Connectivity test for Server 1 to Server 2: 

Successful 

Not
    Successful
mj@controlNode1:~$ ping 192.168.56.101
PING 192.168.56.101 (192.168.56.101) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 192.168.56.101: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=1.07 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.56.101: icmp seq=2 ttl=64 time=1.37 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.56.101: icmp seq=3 ttl=64 time=1.31 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.56.101: icmp seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.472 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.56.101: icmp_seq=5 ttl=64 time=0.472 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.56.101: icmp_seq=6 ttl=64 time=0.800 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.56.101: icmp seq=7 ttl=64 time=0.455 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.56.101: icmp_seq=8 ttl=64 time=0.764 ms
```

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 mj@manageNode:~\$ ssh mj@192.168.56.102 The authenticity of host '192.168.56.102 (192.168.56.102)' can't be established ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:ZpoI4S5Y3kD3NmRXgvvz+sHLatLsNTEF2mNhLxORzdQ. Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? y Please type 'yes' or 'no': yes 1.2 Enter the password for server 1 when prompted mj@192.168.56.102's password: Welcome to Ubuntu 18.04.6 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.18.0-15-generic x86 64) \* Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com https://landscape.canonical.com \* Management: \* Support: https://ubuntu.com/advantage 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. \*\*\* System restart required \*\*\* 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.

mi@controlNode1:~S

1.3 Verify that you are in server 1. The user should be in this format user@server1. For example, jvtaylar@server1

```
mj@controlNode1:~$
```

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

```
mj@controlNode1:~$ logout
Connection to 192.168.56.102 closed.
mj@manageNode:~$
```

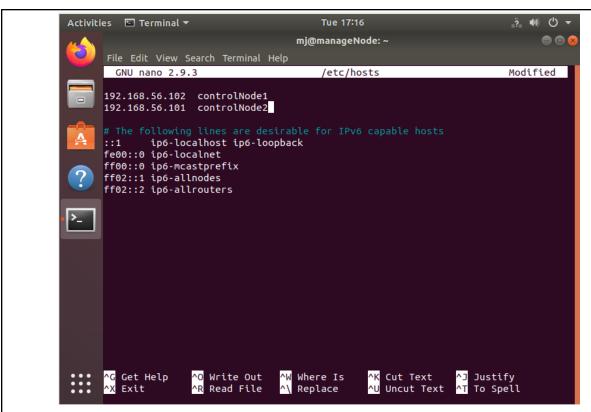
3. Do the same for Server 2.

```
mj@manageNode:~$ ssh mj@192.168.56.101
The authenticity of host '192.168.56.101 (192.168.56.101)' can't be established
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:VbCJPAxGrrVHRAqMKKQbe7g8YWdL25UkdfbvR5S858I.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? y
Please type 'yes' or 'no': yes
Warning: Permanently added '192.168.56.101' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.
mj@192.168.56.101's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 18.04.6 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.18.0-15-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.
0 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.
*** System restart required ***
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.
```

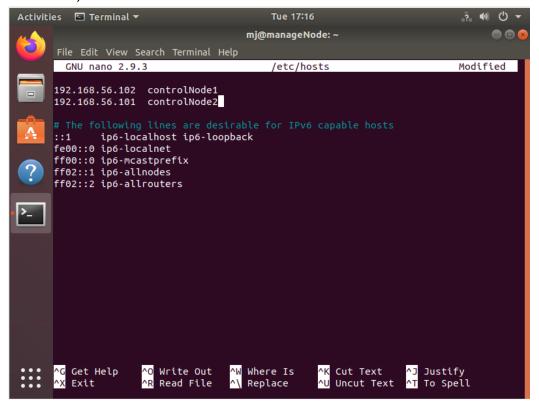
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## mj@controlNode2:~\$

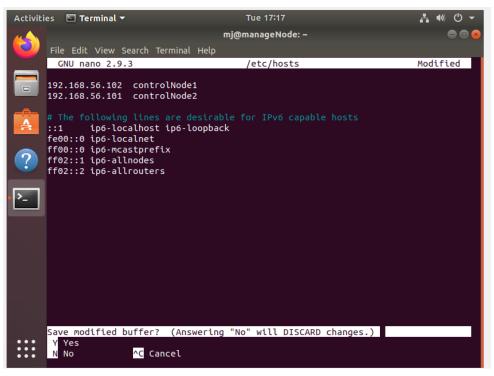
- 4. Edit the hosts of the Local Machine by issuing the command *sudo nano* /etc/hosts. Below all texts type the following:
- 4.1 IP\_address server 1 (provide the ip address of server 1 followed by the hostname)



4.2 IP\_address server 2 (provide the ip address of server 2 followed by the hostname)



4.3 Save the file and exit.



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.

```
mj@manageNode:~$ ssh mj@controlNode1
The authenticity of host 'controlnode1 (192.168.56.102)' can't be established.
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:ZpoI4S5Y3kD3NmRXgvvz+sHLatLsNTEF2mNhLxORzdQ.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? y
Please type 'yes' or 'no': yes
Warning: Permanently added 'controlnode1' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.
mj@controlnode1's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 18.04.6 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.18.0-15-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.
0 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.
*** System restart required ***
Last login: Tue Aug 15 17:11:43 2023 from 192.168.56.103
mj@controlNode1:~$
```

```
mj@manageNode:~$ ssh mj@controlNode2
The authenticity of host 'controlnode2 (192.168.56.101)' can't be established.
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:VbCJPAXGrrVHRAqMKKQbe7gBYWdL25UkdfbvR5S858I.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? y
Please type 'yes' or 'no': yes
Warning: Permanently added 'controlnode2' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.
mj@controlnode2's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 18.04.6 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.18.0-15-generic x86_64)

* Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com
  * Management: https://landscape.canonical.com
  * Support: https://lubuntu.com/advantage

Expanded Security Maintenance for Infrastructure is not enabled.
0 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.
*** System restart required ***
Last login: Tue Aug 15 17:13:49 2023 from 192.168.56.103
mj@controlNode2:~$
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#### Reflections:

Answer the following:

1. How are we able to use the hostname instead of IP address in SSH commands?

A procedure known as "hostname resolution" or "name resolution" enables your system to convert human-readable hostnames into corresponding IP addresses, allowing you to utilize hostnames instead of IP addresses in SSH commands. As we have used the "sudo nano /etc/hosts" command, we can change to map hostnames to IP addresses manually. In that case, we can use either the hostname OR the IP address, it will both work.

#### 2. How secured is SSH?

Secure Shell or Secure Socket Shell (SSH) is a strong authentication and encryption method, allowing for safe remote access and communication, because it provides strong encryption and authentication protocols, it is regarded as one of the most well-liked and secure methods of accessing and managing distant computers. As shown and demonstrated in the activity, SSH is a great tool for administrators for securing networks, and ease of access to other devices remotely.

## Conclusion:

In this activity, we were taught how to clone and configure a Linux Operating System using a Virtual Machine and we were able to manipulate files, control remotely, configure, and verify SSH.

We were able to understand how each of the network of each virtualboxes behave and we were able to test their connection through commands that were taught in this activity.

In conclusion, we were able to attain the objectives of this activity, which is to create and configure virtual machines in virtualbox, and set-up a virtual network and test connectivity of each virtualboxes.