

THE LINUX OPERATING SYSTEM (MODULE-5)

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Task-B. Transparent proxy using squid on CentOS 7.

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Task-B

❖ Definition

- Transparent proxies are intermediary systems that sit between a user and a content provider. When a user makes a request to a web server, the transparent proxy intercepts the request to perform various actions including caching, redirection and authentication.

❖ Objective

- Transparent proxy also known as an intercepting proxy, inline proxy, or forced proxy, a transparent proxy intercepts normal application layer communication without requiring any special client configuration. Clients need not be aware of the existence of the proxy. We don't need to do any kind of configurations on client machine. But still we can access the website from web server via proxy server.

❖ Overview

- Traditionally, proxies are accessed by configuring the user's application or network settings. With transparent proxying, the proxy intercepts request by intercepting packets directed to the destination, making it seem as though the request is handled by the destination itself. This allows service providers to implement proxying without having to reconfigure the client's computer machine.
- Transparent proxies act as intermediaries between a user and a web service. When a user connects to a service, the transparent proxy intercepts the request before passing it on to the provider. Transparent proxies are considered transparent because the user isn't aware of them. On the other hand, the servers hosting the service recognize that the proxied traffic is coming from a proxy and not directly from the user.
- Squid can be configured to proxy traffic "transparently", such that the network redirects all HTTP traffic to it without the client device being aware that it is there. Firewall was used as a wrapper around ip-tables to perform port blocking and NAT-ing.

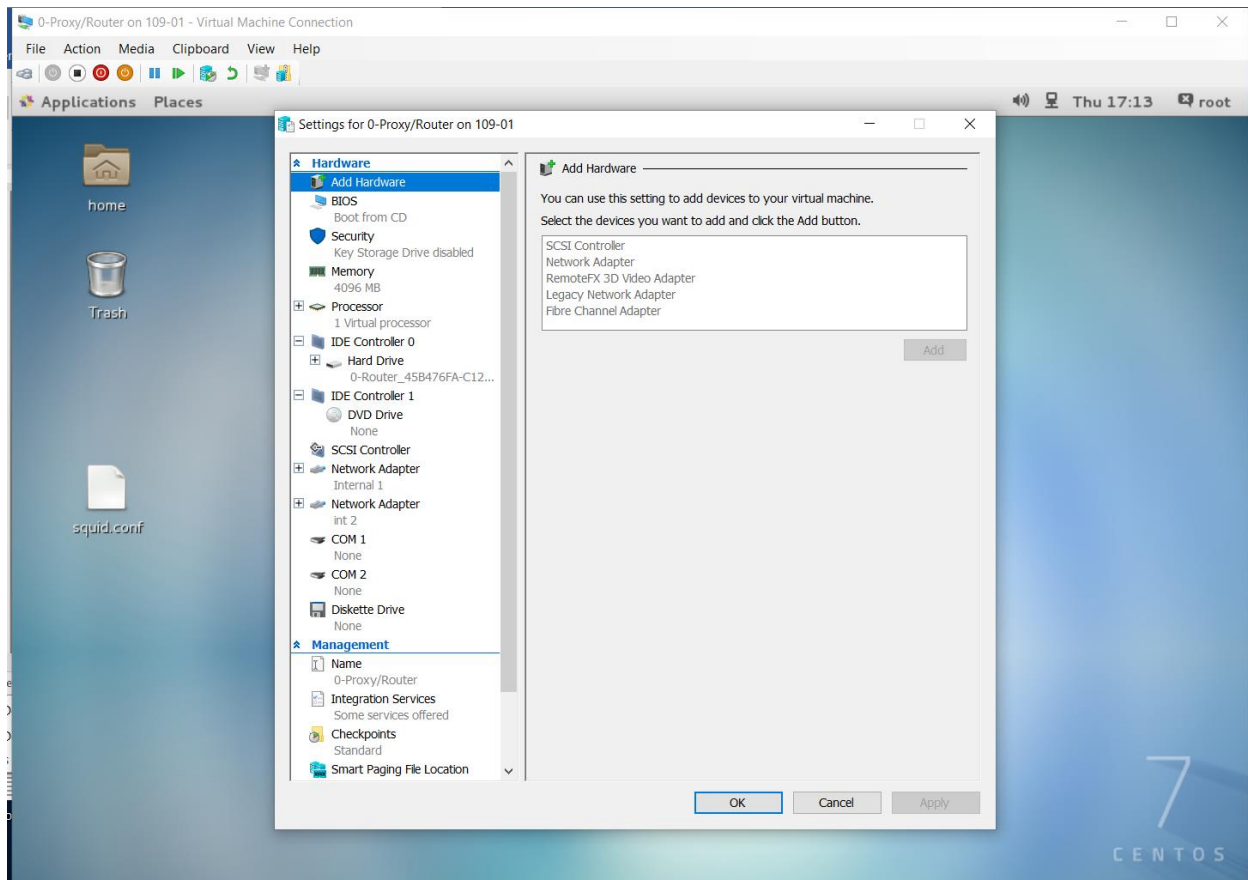
Basic Steps To Setup Transparent Proxy

- Step 1 - Basic Proxy Setup. To setup the transparent mode a functional basic proxy setup is required.
- Step 2 – DNS Server (adding records for hostname of website and making zone in named.conf).
- Step 3 – Web Server (restart httpd service).
- Step 4 – Creating Slave On Proxy Server (slave configurations on proxy server)
- Step 5 – Transparent Proxy Configurations (squid.conf)
- Step 6 – Firewall script (iptables rules)
- Step 7 – Client Machine Configurations (adding default gateway and dns ip)

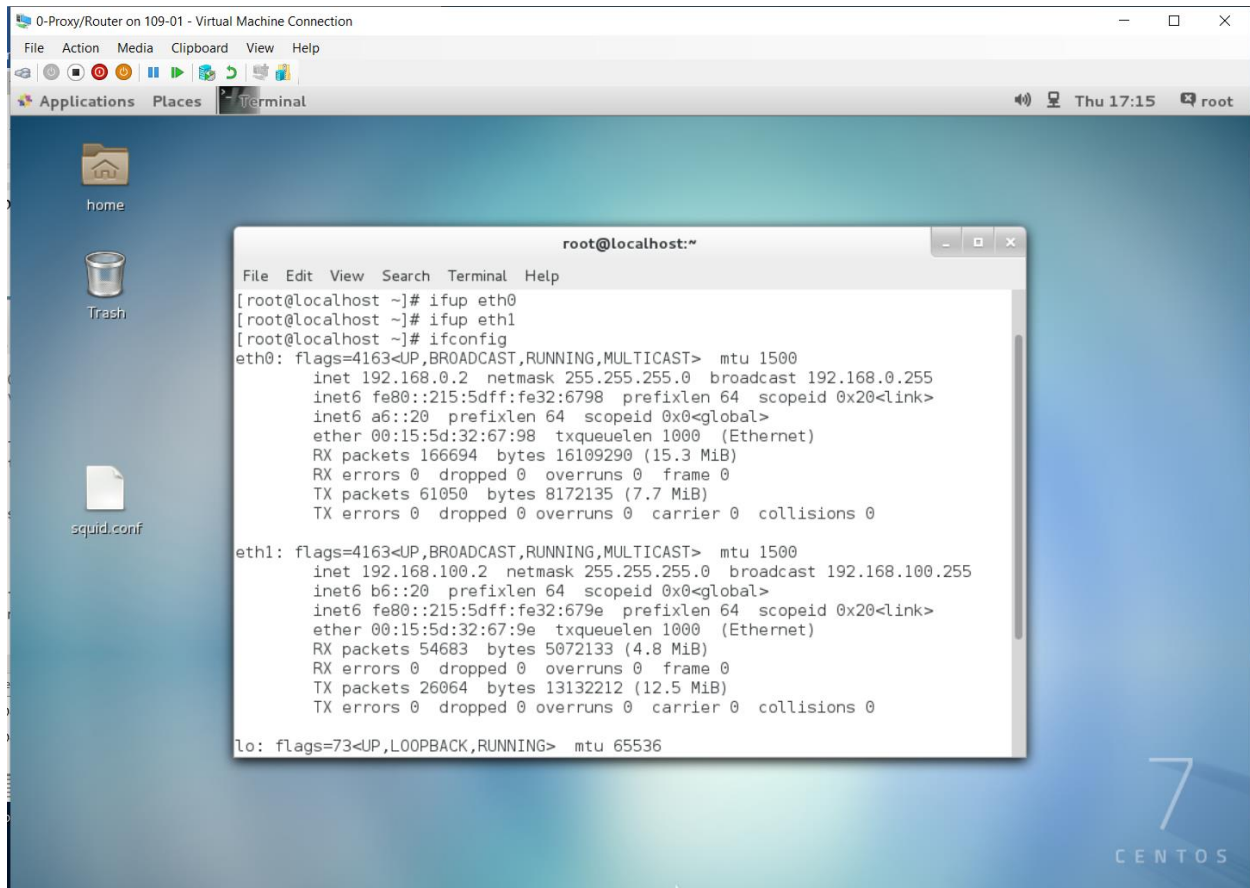
Configurations of Transparent Proxy

- First Of All, In Order To Do Transparent Proxy We Need 4 Machines : 1 Proxy Server, 1 Web Server, 1 DNS server and 1 Windows Machine (Client Machine).
- Here, I Am Configuring IP Addresses: Proxy Server: eth0: 192.168.0.2 and eth1: 192.168.100.2, Web Server: eth0: 192.168.0.251, DNS server: 192.168.0.1 and Windows Client: 192.168.100.20
- Each Machine's Firewall Should Be Off .
- To Turn Off Firewall, Follow Below Mentioned Commands:
 - Iptables -F
 - Or
 - Systemctl Stop Firewallld
 - Systemctl Disable Firewallld

- First of All, On Proxy Server, Add 2 Network Adapters and set 2 different internal switches.
- Here, we can see that, I have added switches internal 1 and int 2



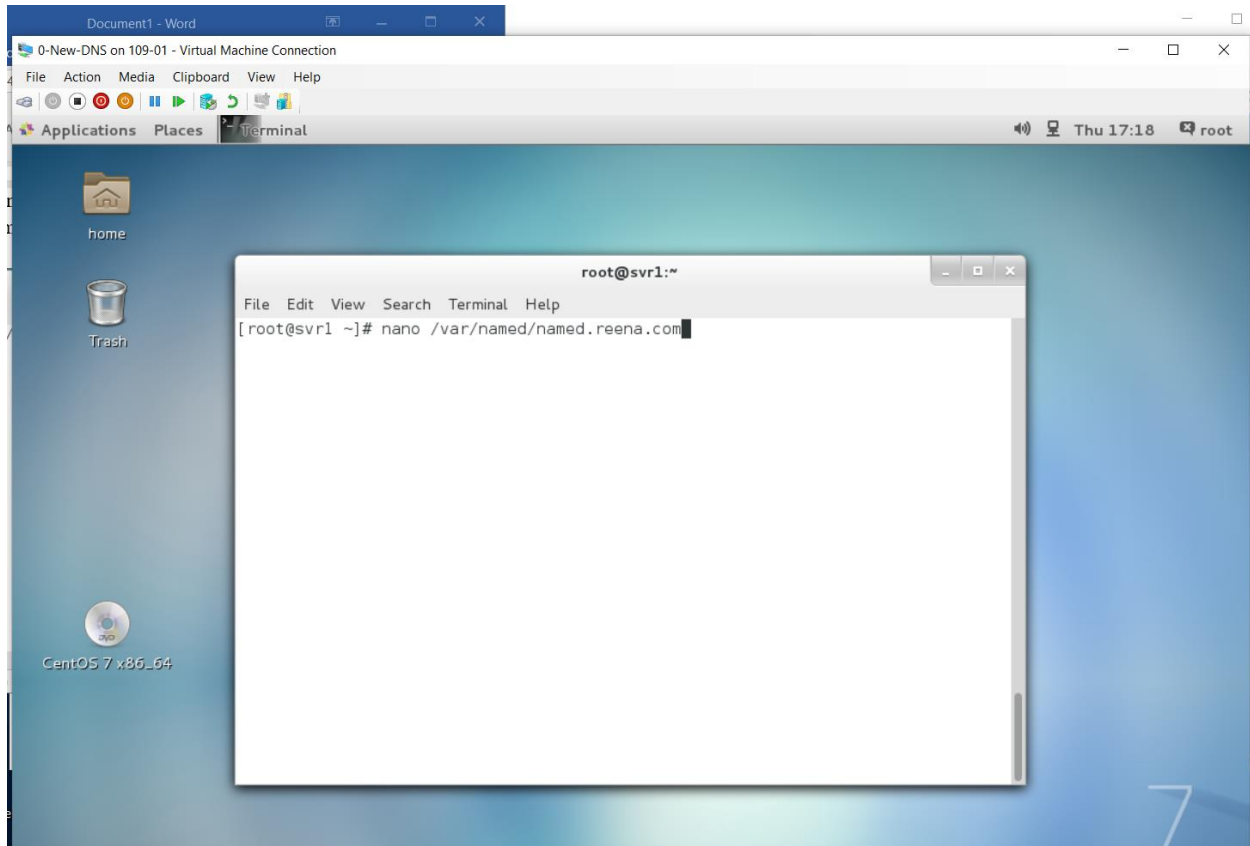
- Now, On Proxy Server, I am doing ifconfig in order to check IP addresses that I have given
- Here, we can see that, both IP addresses have different net id
- 1st id will point to web server and 2nd will point to client.



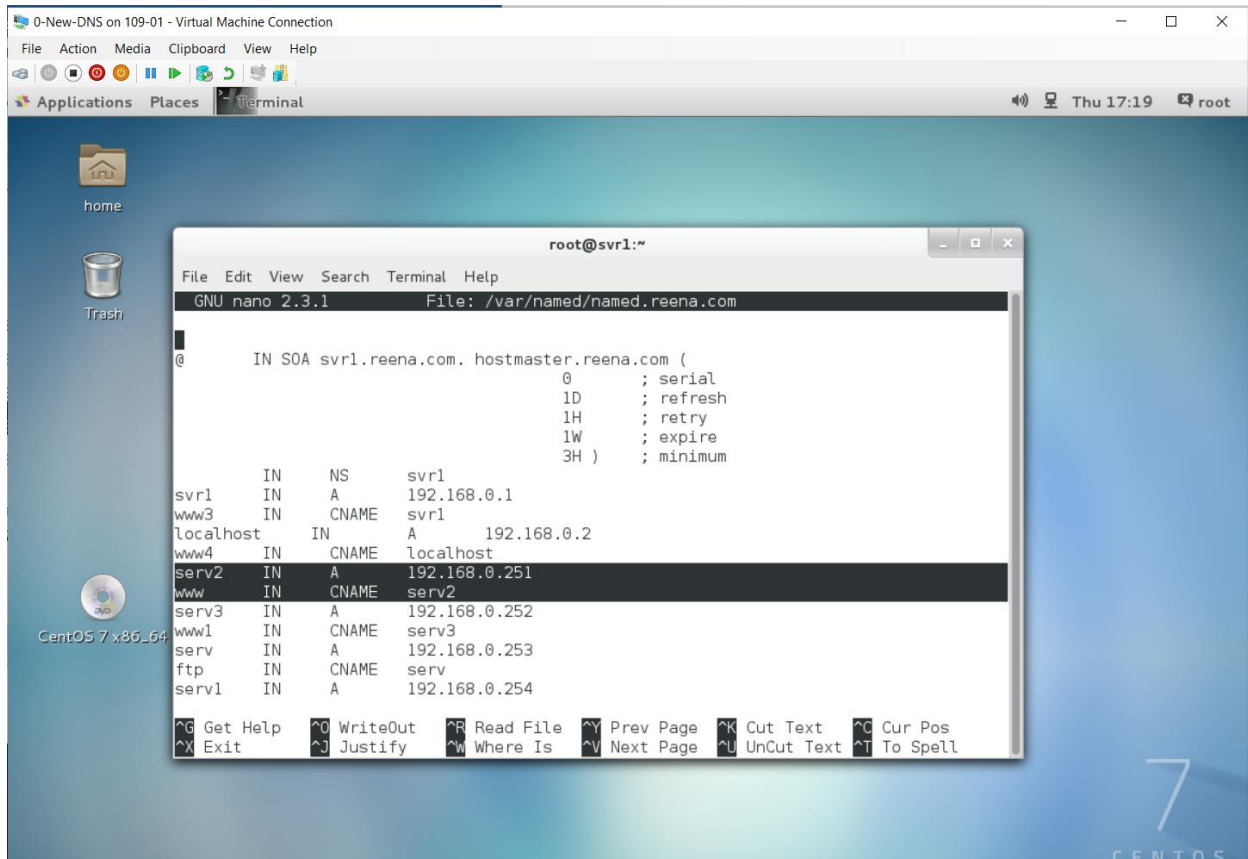
The screenshot shows a CentOS 7 desktop environment. A terminal window titled "root@localhost:~" is open, displaying the output of the ifconfig command. The desktop background is blue with a large number "7" and the word "CENTOS" in the bottom right corner. The terminal window has a menu bar with "File", "Edit", "View", "Search", "Terminal", and "Help". The desktop has icons for "home", "Trash", and "squid.conf". The top of the window shows a menu bar with "File", "Action", "Media", "Clipboard", "View", and "Help", and a status bar with "Applications", "Places", "Terminal", and "Thu 17:15 root".

```
root@localhost:~  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
[root@localhost ~]# ifup eth0  
[root@localhost ~]# ifup eth1  
[root@localhost ~]# ifconfig  
eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500  
    inet 192.168.0.2 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.0.255  
    inet6 fe80::215:5dff:fe32:6798 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>  
    inet6 a6::20 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x0<global>  
    ether 00:15:5d:32:67:98 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)  
    RX packets 166694 bytes 16109290 (15.3 MiB)  
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0  
    TX packets 61050 bytes 8172135 (7.7 MiB)  
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0  
  
eth1: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500  
    inet 192.168.100.2 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.100.255  
    inet6 b6::20 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x0<global>  
    inet6 fe80::215:5dff:fe32:679e prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>  
    ether 00:15:5d:32:67:9e txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)  
    RX packets 54683 bytes 5072133 (4.8 MiB)  
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0  
    TX packets 26064 bytes 13132212 (12.5 MiB)  
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0  
  
lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
```

- Now, go to DNS server
- And, open file named.reena.com by using command: nano /var/named/named.reena.com



- Here, we can see that I have already added record for web server 192.168.0.251 (www.reena.com)



The screenshot shows a CentOS 7 x86_64 desktop environment. A terminal window titled 'root@svr1:~' is open, displaying the contents of the file `/var/named/named.reena.com` using the nano text editor. The file contains DNS zone configuration for `svr1.reena.com`. The configuration includes an SOA record and several A and CNAME records. The record for `serv2` is highlighted, showing it points to the IP address `192.168.0.251`.

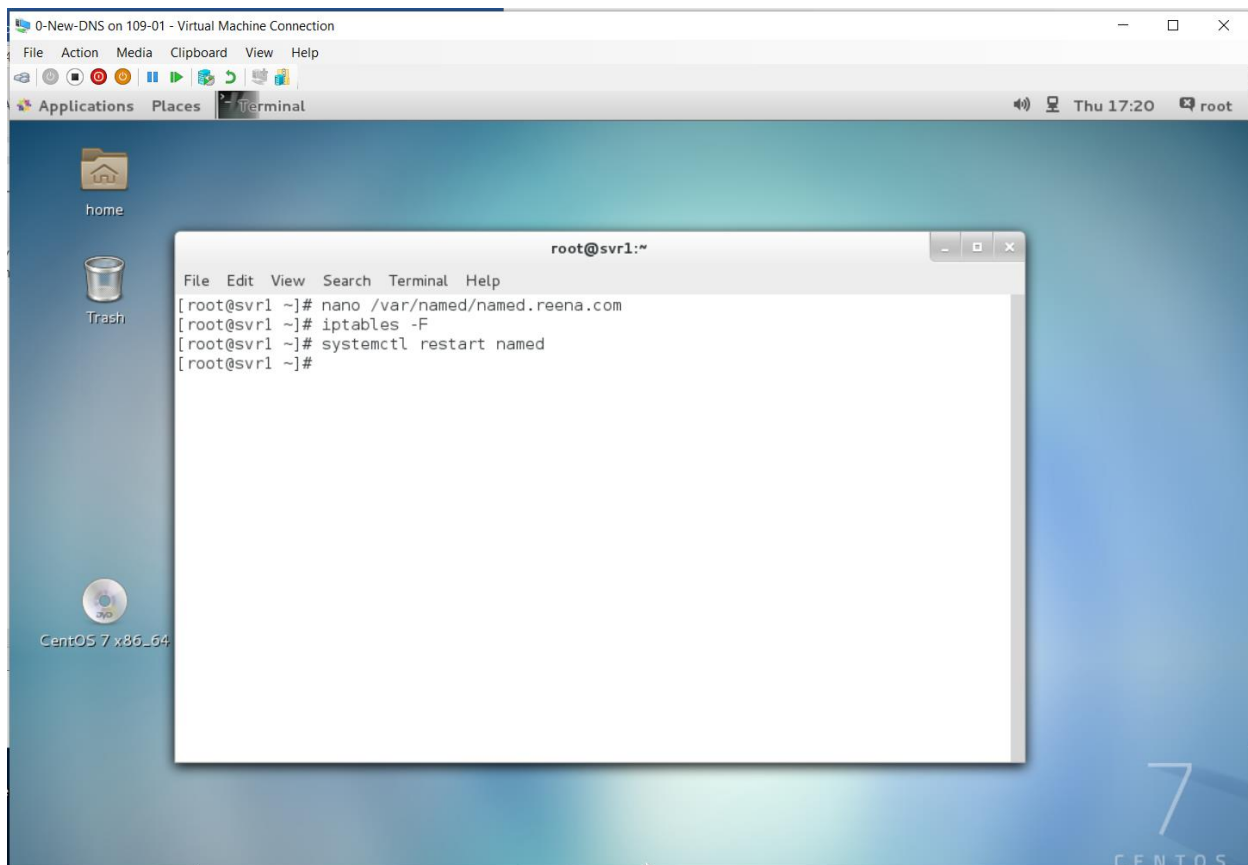
```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
GNU nano 2.3.1 File: /var/named/named.reena.com

@      IN SOA svr1.reena.com. hostmaster.reena.com (
                                0      ; serial
                                1D     ; refresh
                                1H     ; retry
                                1W     ; expire
                                3H )   ; minimum

svr1    IN      NS       svr1
svr1    IN      A        192.168.0.1
www3    IN      CNAME    svr1
localhost IN    IN      A        192.168.0.2
www4    IN      CNAME    localhost
serv2   IN      A        192.168.0.251
www     IN      CNAME    serv2
serv3   IN      A        192.168.0.252
www1    IN      CNAME    serv3
serv    IN      A        192.168.0.253
ftp     IN      CNAME    serv
serv1   IN      A        192.168.0.254

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- Now, restart the service.



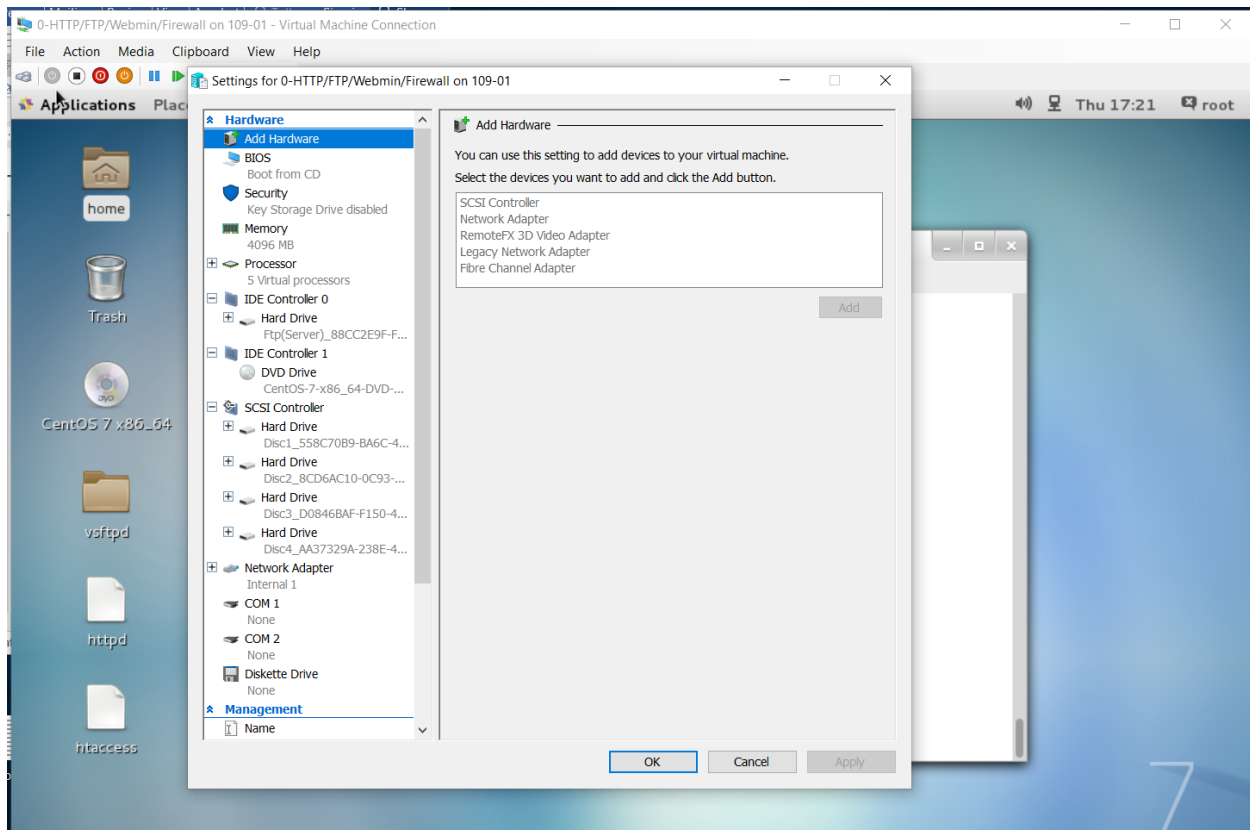
- Now, go to named.conf it is in etc so go in etc directory then use nano named.conf command. inside that edit internal zone.

- ```
#cd /etc
#nano named.conf
internal
 zone "reena.com" {
 type master;
 file "named.reena.com" ;
 allow-transfer { 192.168.0.2; };
 };
```

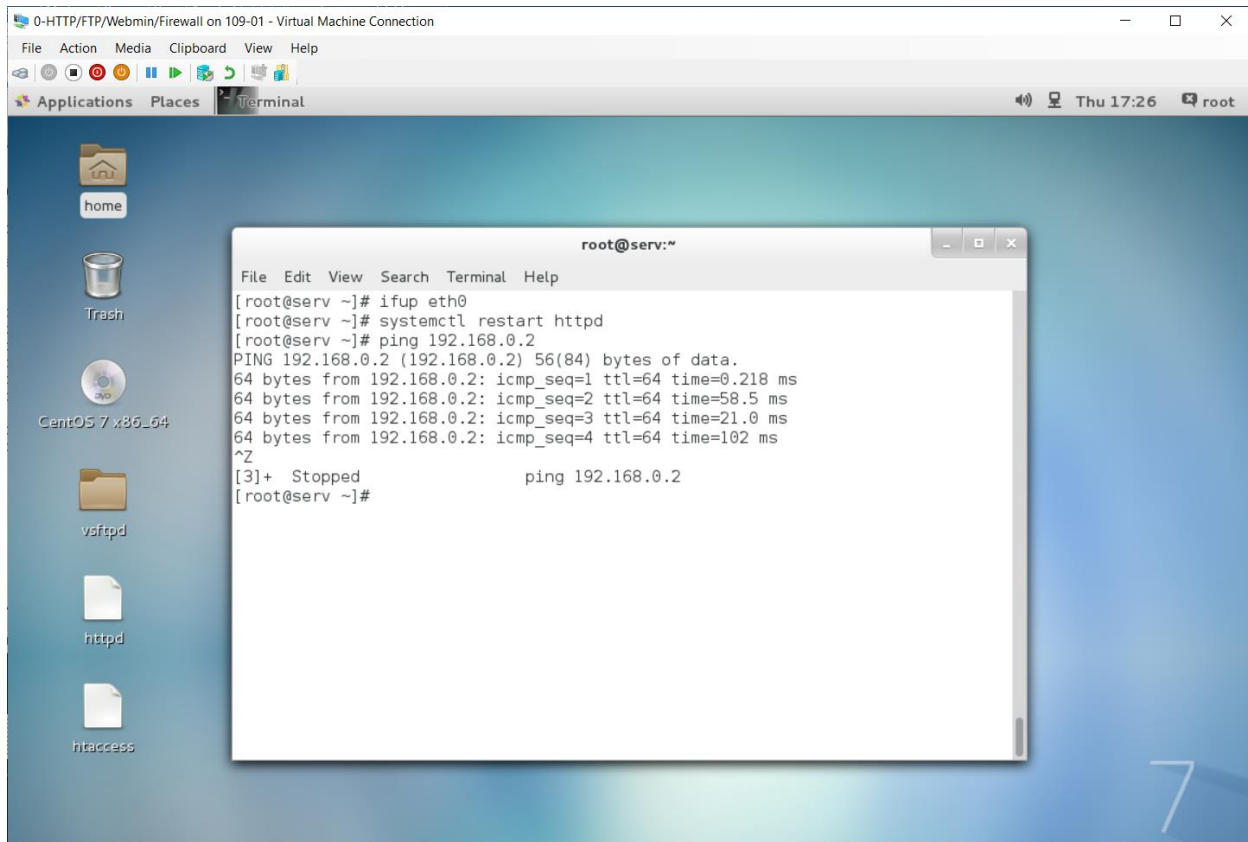
- Then, restart the named service.



- Now, go to web server
- As we can see, Here I have added network adapter on internal 1



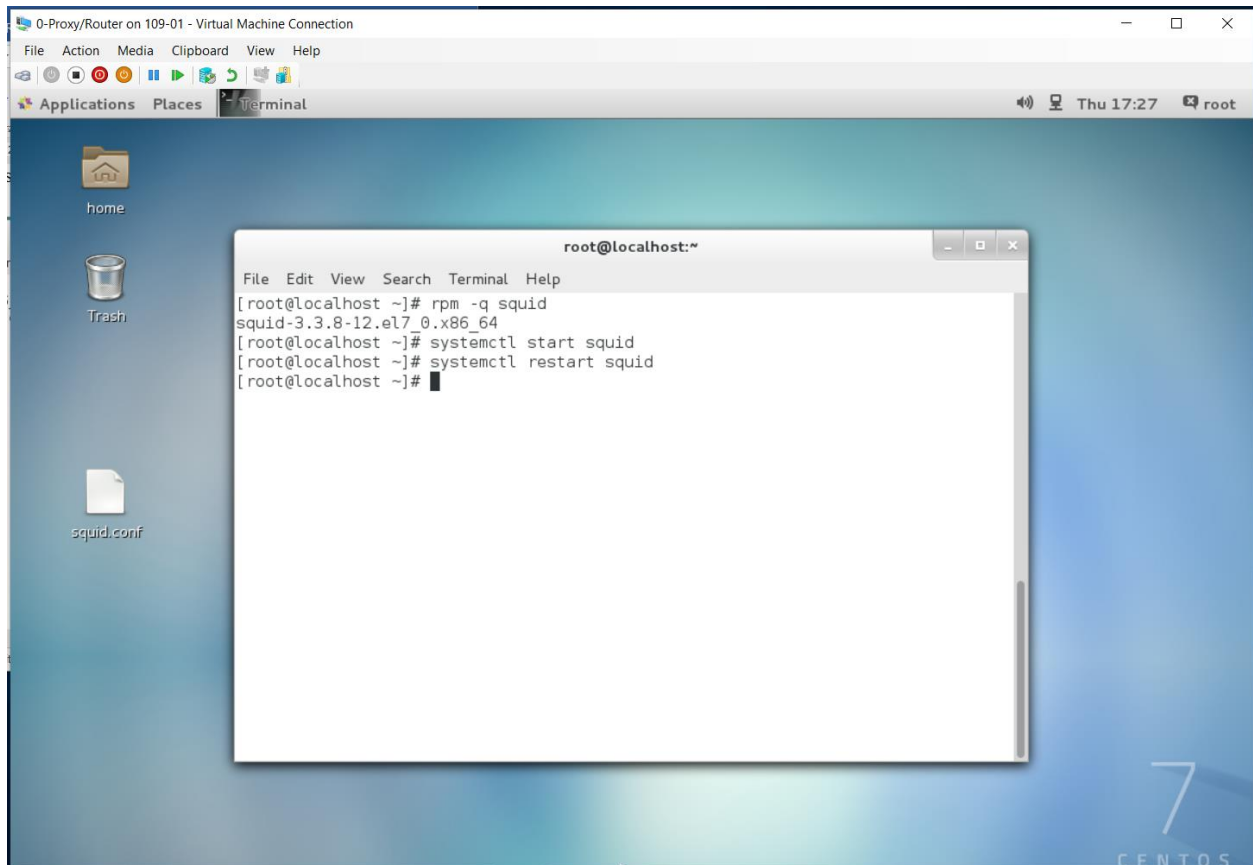
- Now, I need to restart the httpd service
- And I am trying to ping Proxy server
- We can see that I can ping proxy server because both are on same network adapter.



The screenshot shows a CentOS 7 x86\_64 virtual machine desktop. The desktop has a blue background with icons for 'home', 'Trash', 'CentOS 7 x86\_64', 'vsftpd', 'httpd', and 'htaccess'. A terminal window titled 'root@serv:~' is open, displaying the following commands and output:

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[root@serv ~]# ifup eth0
[root@serv ~]# systemctl restart httpd
[root@serv ~]# ping 192.168.0.2
PING 192.168.0.2 (192.168.0.2) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 192.168.0.2: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.218 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.0.2: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=58.5 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.0.2: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=21.0 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.0.2: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=102 ms
^Z
[3]+ Stopped ping 192.168.0.2
[root@serv ~]#
```

- Now, On Proxy Server, we need to check that squid is installed or not if squid is not installed then we have to install it.
- But here we can see that squid is already installed.
- And then start the service



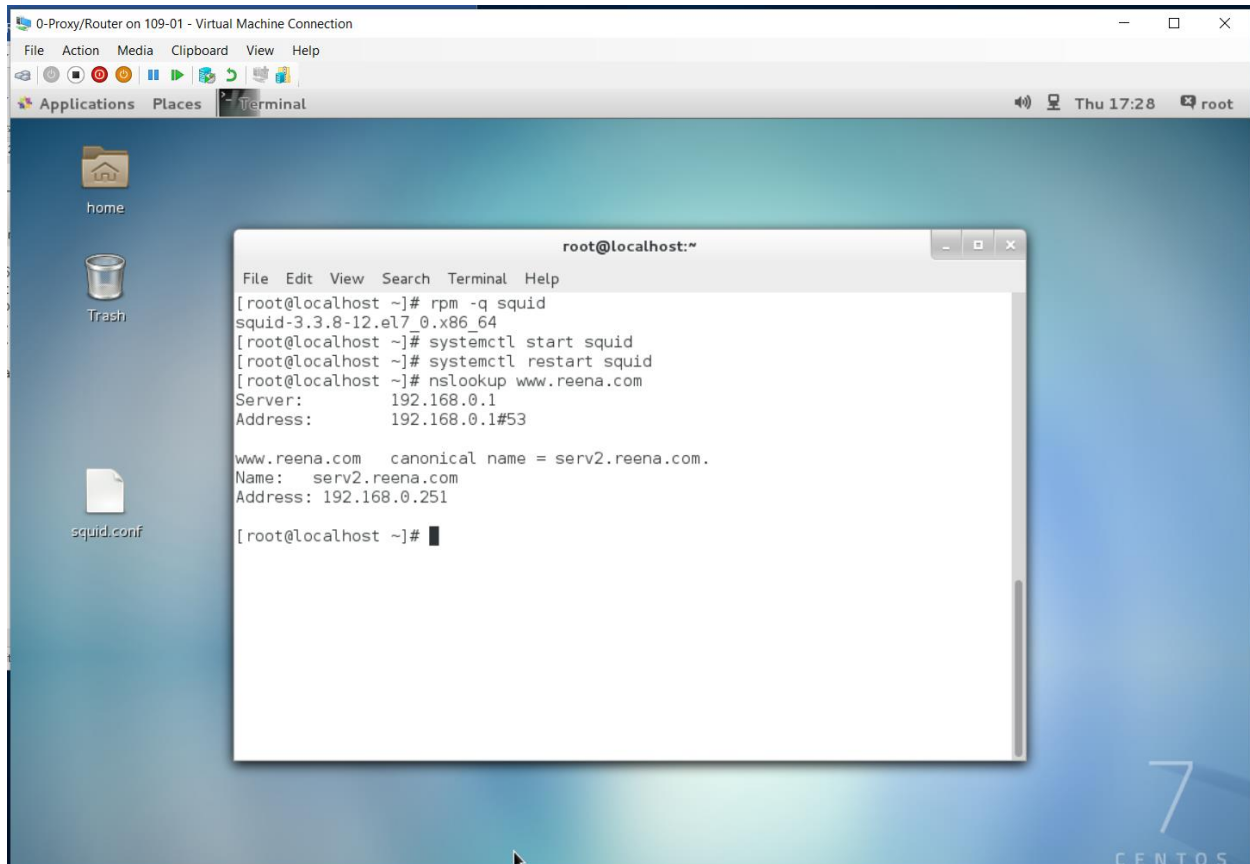
The screenshot shows a virtual machine window titled "O-Proxy/Router on 109-01 - Virtual Machine Connection". The desktop is CentOS 7 with a blue background. A terminal window is open, displaying the following commands and output:

```
root@localhost:~
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[root@localhost ~]# rpm -q squid
squid-3.3.8-12.el7_0.x86_64
[root@localhost ~]# systemctl start squid
[root@localhost ~]# systemctl restart squid
[root@localhost ~]#
```

The desktop also shows icons for "home", "Trash", and a file named "squid.conf". The system clock in the top right corner indicates "Thu 17:27" and the user is "root".

- Here, on proxy server we also need to add ip address of DNS in resolv.conf file by using command: `nano /etc/resolv.conf` so, we can access the web site from web server.

- Now, I am doing nslookup in order to check the connection between proxy and web server.



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[root@localhost ~]# systemctl start squid
[root@localhost ~]# systemctl restart squid
[root@localhost ~]# nslookup www.reena.com
Server: 192.168.0.1
Address: 192.168.0.1#53

www.reena.com canonical name = serv2.reena.com.
Name: serv2.reena.com
Address: 192.168.0.251

[root@localhost ~]#
```

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- Now, in order to access website by hostname on client machine, we need to make proxy server, a slave server for that, I have to do some configurations to make it slave of dns server on proxy server.
- Here on proxy server, go to named.conf it is in etc so go in etc directory then use nano named.conf command. inside that edit internal zone as shown below → then, restart named service (systemctl restart named)

- #cd /etc  
#nano named.conf  
internal  
zone "reena.com" {  
type slave;  
file "slaves/named.reena.com";  
masters { 192.168.0.1; };

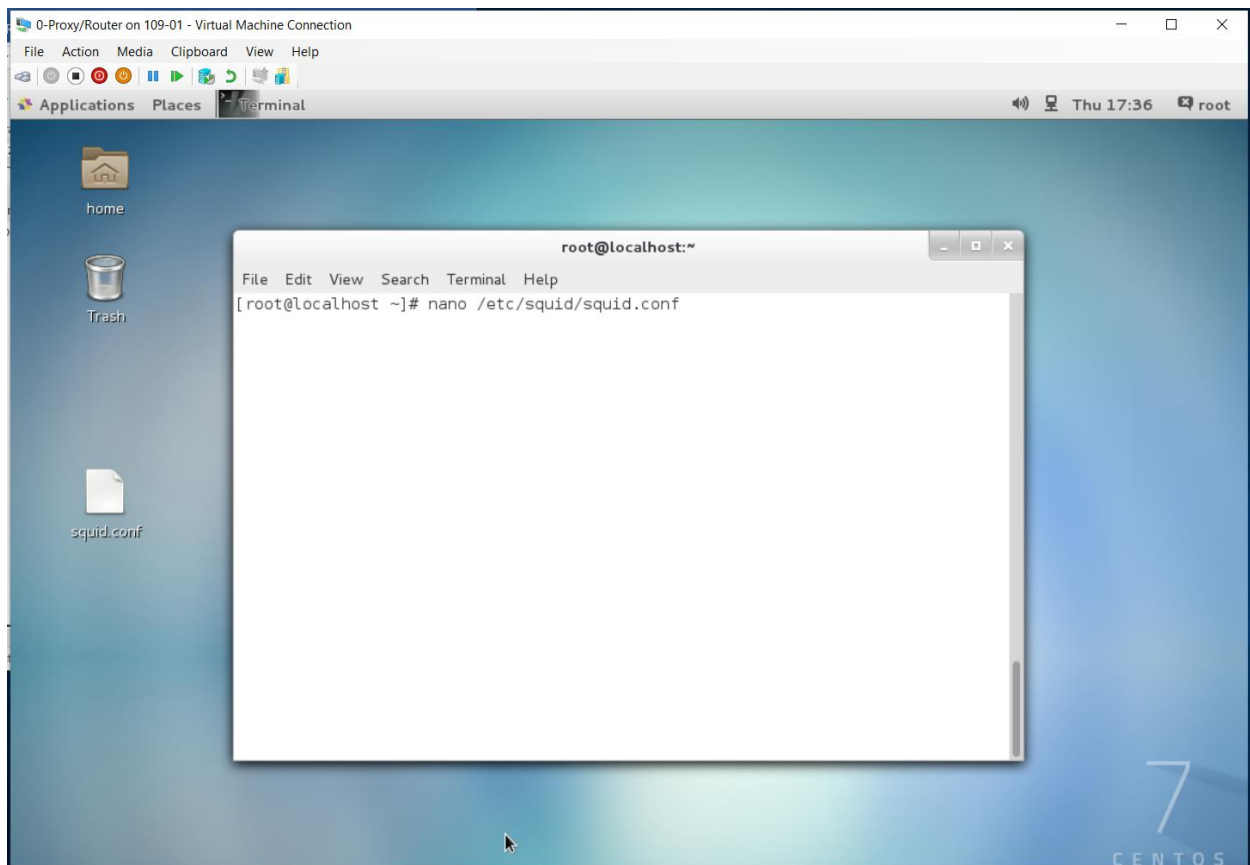
```
GNU nano 2.3.1 File: named.conf
#
};
zone "my.ddns.internal.zone" {
type master;
allow-update { key ddns_key; };
file "slaves/my.ddns.internal.zone.db";
// put dynamically updateable zones in the slaves/ directory so named can update them
};
zone "reena.com" {
 type slave;
 file "slaves/named.reena.com";
 masters { 192.168.0.1; };
};
#zone "0.168.192.in-addr.arpa" {
type master;
file "named.192.168.0";
#};
#};
#key ddns_key
#{
algorithm hmac-md5;
secret "use /usr/sbin/dns-keygen to generate TSIG keys";
#};
view "external"
{
/* This view will contain zones you want to serve only to "external" clients
* that have addresses that are not on your directly attached LAN interface subnets:
*/
match-clients { any; };
match-destinations { any; };

recursion no;
// you'd probably want to deny recursion to external clients, so you don't
// end up providing free DNS service to all takers

allow-query-cache { none; };
// Disable lookups for any cached data and root hints
}
```

- Now, Go To Cd /Var/Named/Slaves
- Then do ls -l
- Here We will able to See Named.Reena.Com in Slaves

➤ Now, open squid.conf by using command: nano /etc/squid/squid.conf



- Here we need to edit squid.conf file and also need to do some configurations.
- Here I am adding hostname of web server (www.reena.com)

```
O-Proxy/Router on 109-01 - Virtual Machine Connection
File Action Media Clipboard View Help
Applications Places Terminal Thu 17:37 root

root@localhost:~
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
GNU nano 2.3.1 File: /etc/squid/squid.conf

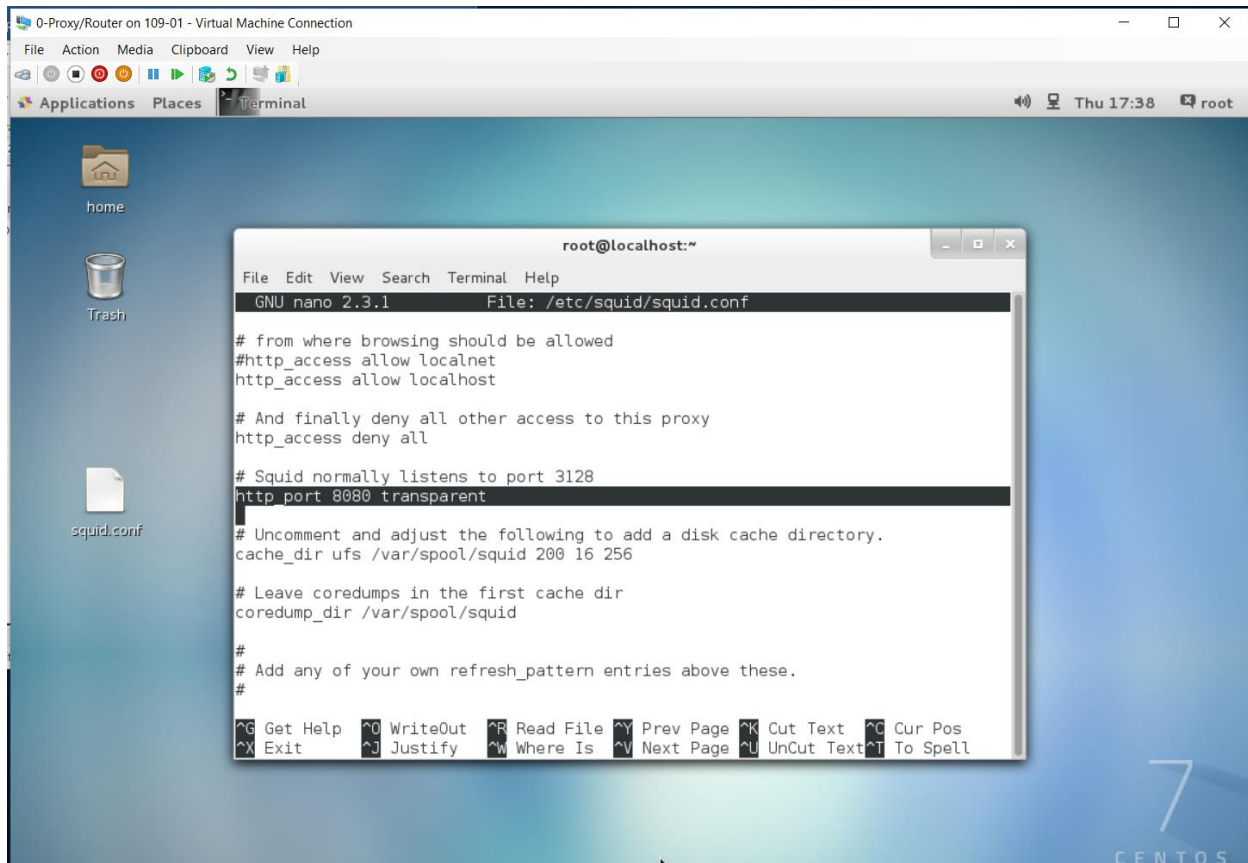
visible_hostname www.reena.com

We strongly recommend the following be uncommented to protect innocent
web applications running on the proxy server who think the only
one who can access services on "localhost" is a local user
http_access deny to_localhost

#
INSERT YOUR OWN RULE(S) HERE TO ALLOW ACCESS FROM YOUR CLIENTS
#
#acl clnt src 192.168.100.20
#http_access deny clnt
#acl badsite dst www.reena.com
#http_access deny badsite
#acl banned url_regex "/etc/squid/banlist"
#http_access deny banned
acl my-net src 192.168.100.0/24
http_access allow my-net

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```

- Here I am adding port number of transparent proxy



```
root@localhost:~
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
GNU nano 2.3.1 File: /etc/squid/squid.conf

from where browsing should be allowed
#http_access allow localnet
http_access allow localhost

And finally deny all other access to this proxy
http_access deny all

Squid normally listens to port 3128
http_port 8080 transparent

Uncomment and adjust the following to add a disk cache directory.
cache_dir ufs /var/spool/squid 200 16 256

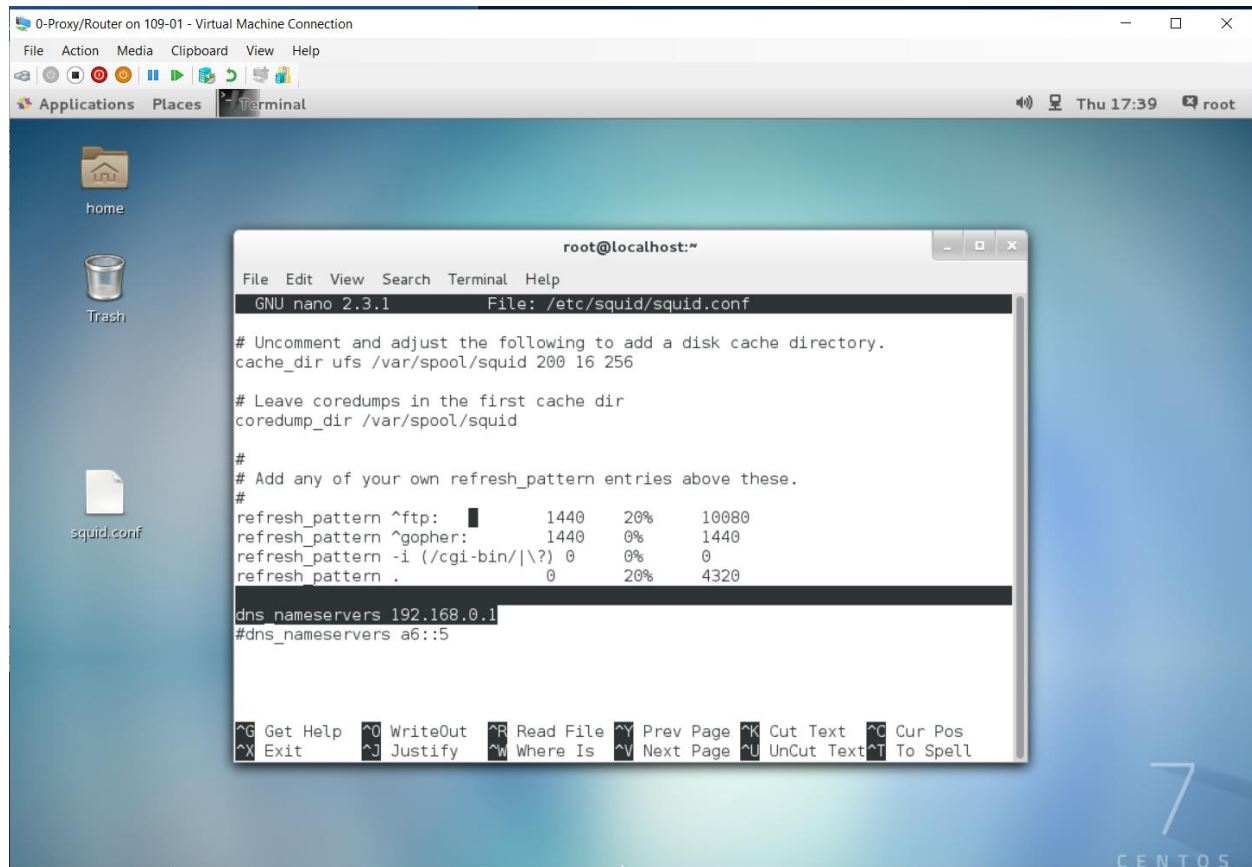
Leave coredumps in the first cache dir
coredump_dir /var/spool/squid

Add any of your own refresh_pattern entries above these.

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➤ Here I am adding Ip address of DNS (dns\_nameservers 192.168.0.1)



The screenshot shows a CentOS 7 desktop environment. A terminal window titled "root@localhost:~" is open, displaying the GNU nano 2.3.1 text editor editing the file /etc/squid/squid.conf. The editor shows the following configuration:

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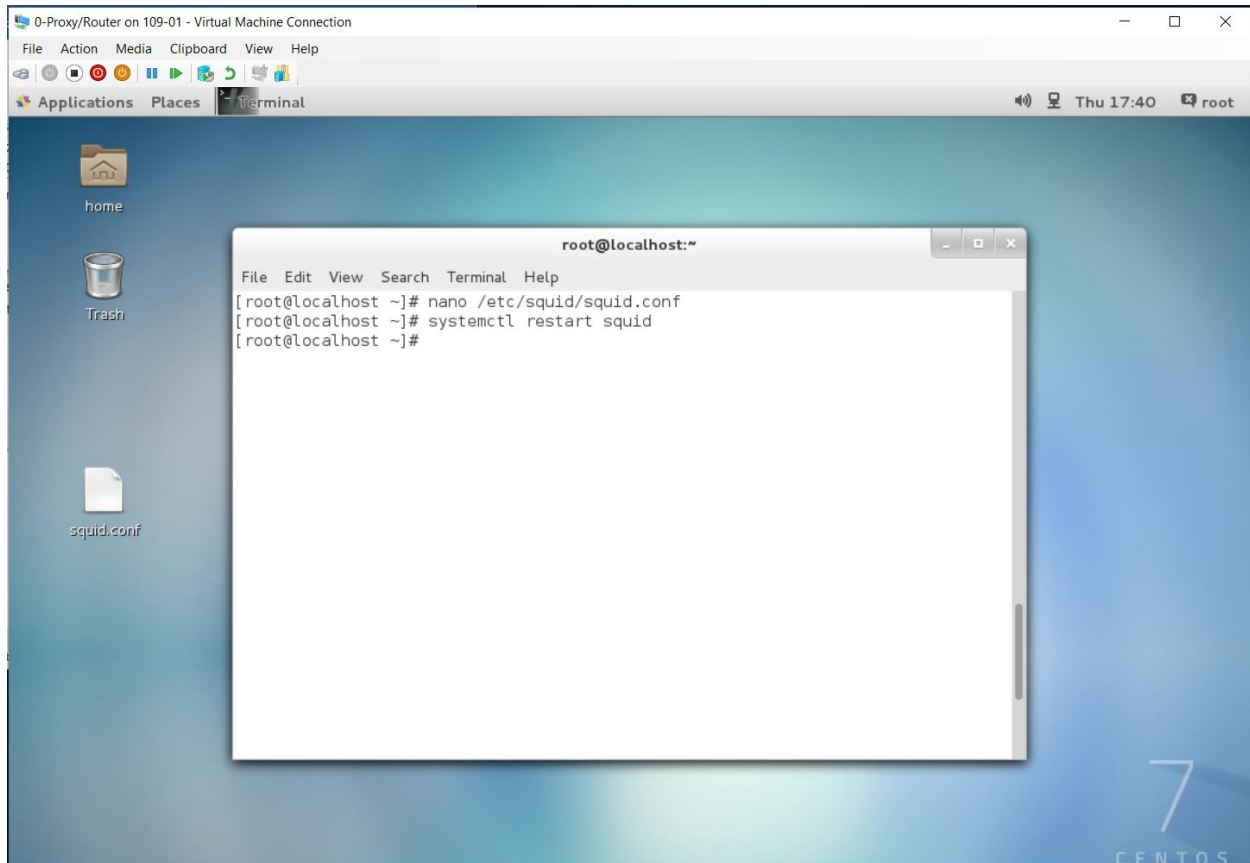
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#
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#
refresh_pattern ^ftp: 1440 20% 10080
refresh_pattern ^gopher: 1440 0% 1440
refresh_pattern -i (/cgi-bin/|\?) 0 0% 0
refresh_pattern . 0 20% 4320

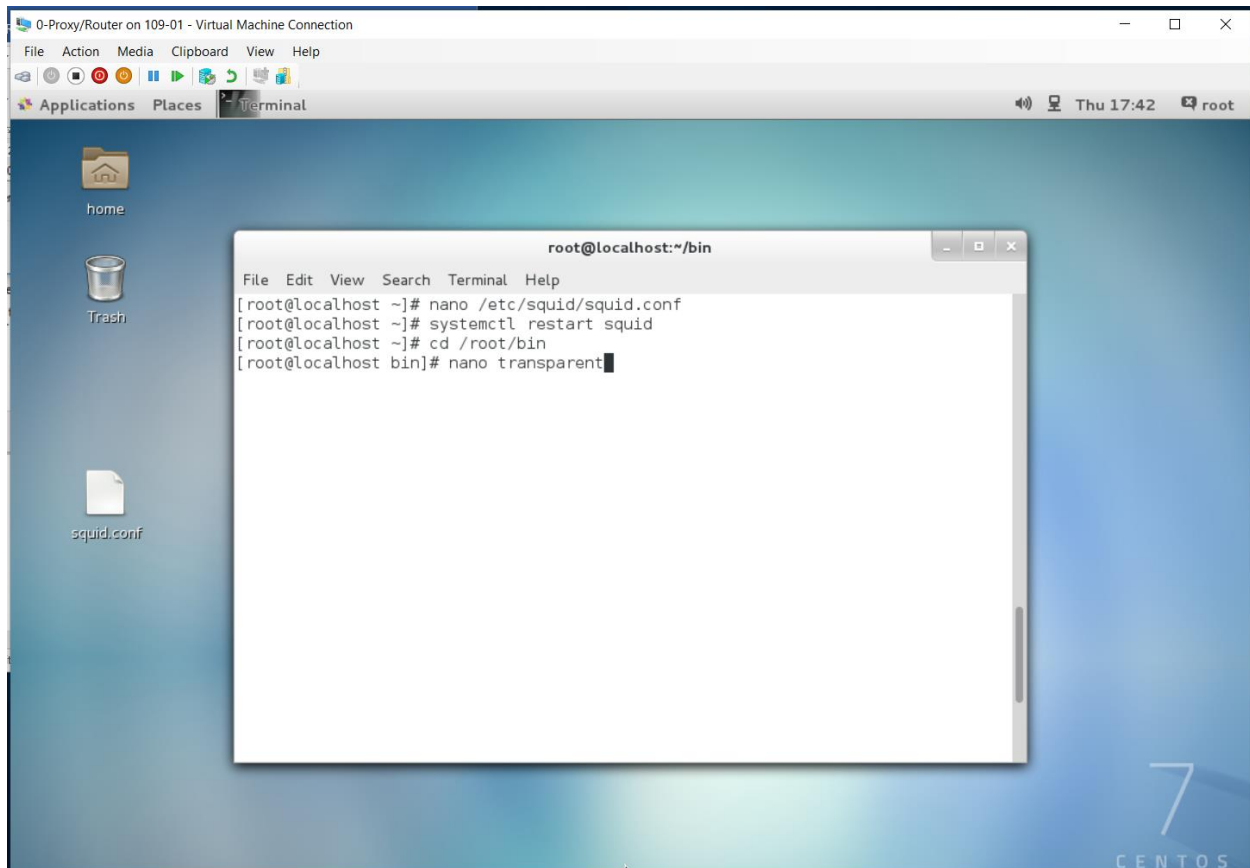
dns_nameservers 192.168.0.1
#dns_nameservers a6::5
```

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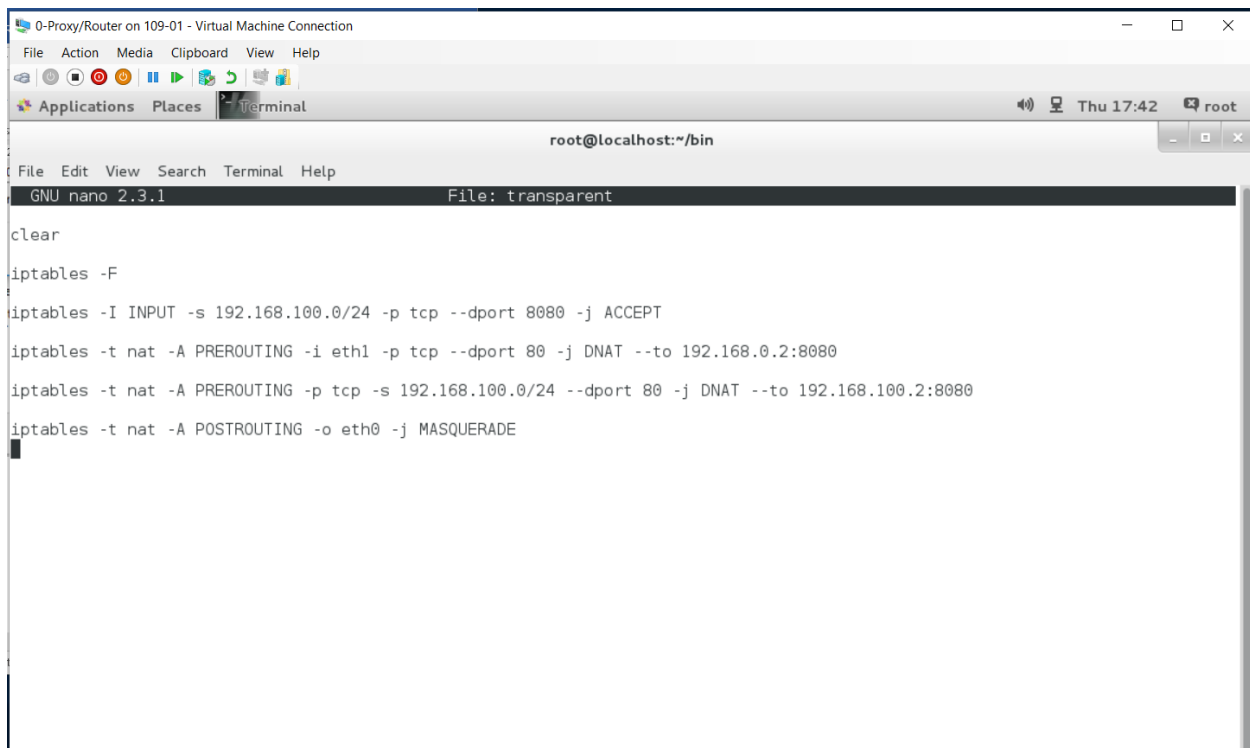
- Then save it and restart the service by using command: `systemctl restart squid`



- Now, I am going to cd /root/bin and creating firewall script such as: nano transparent



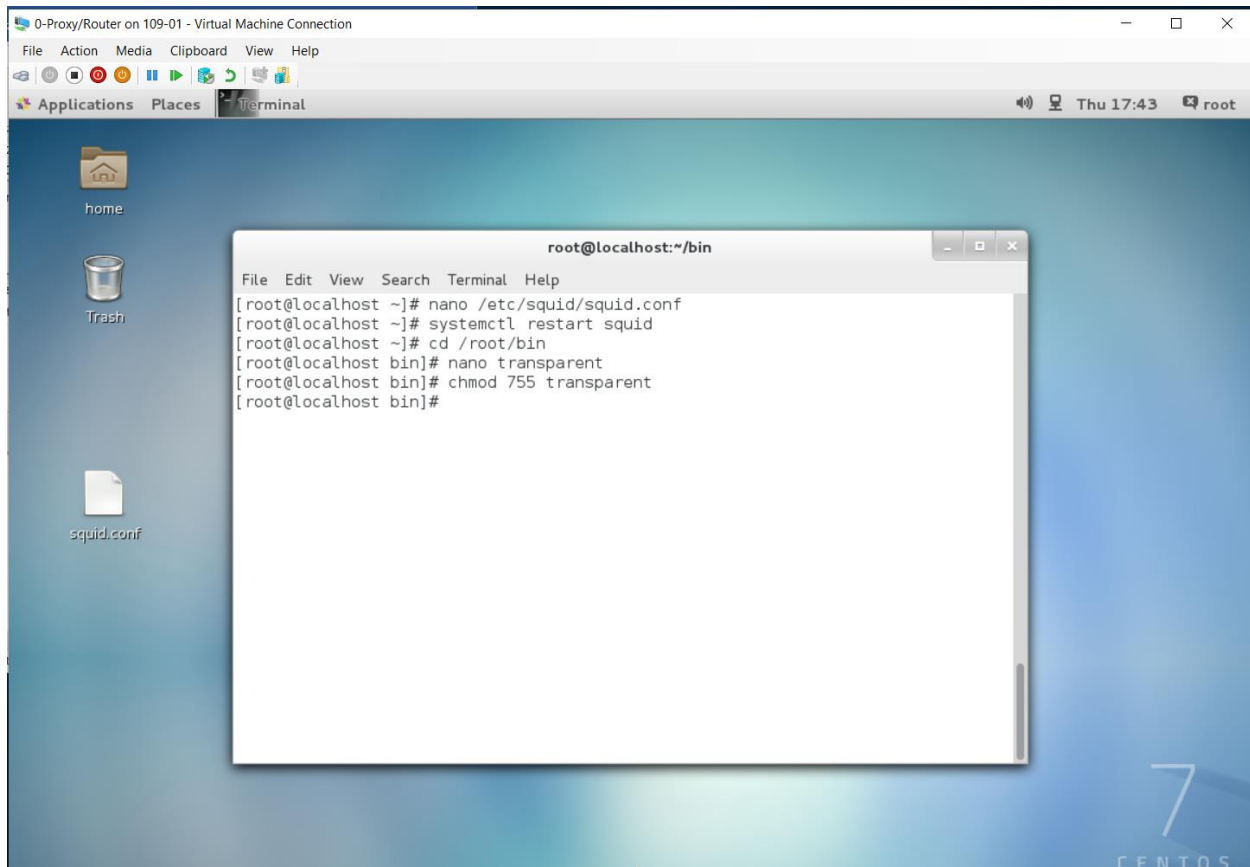
➤ As per below mentioned image, I am creating firewall script



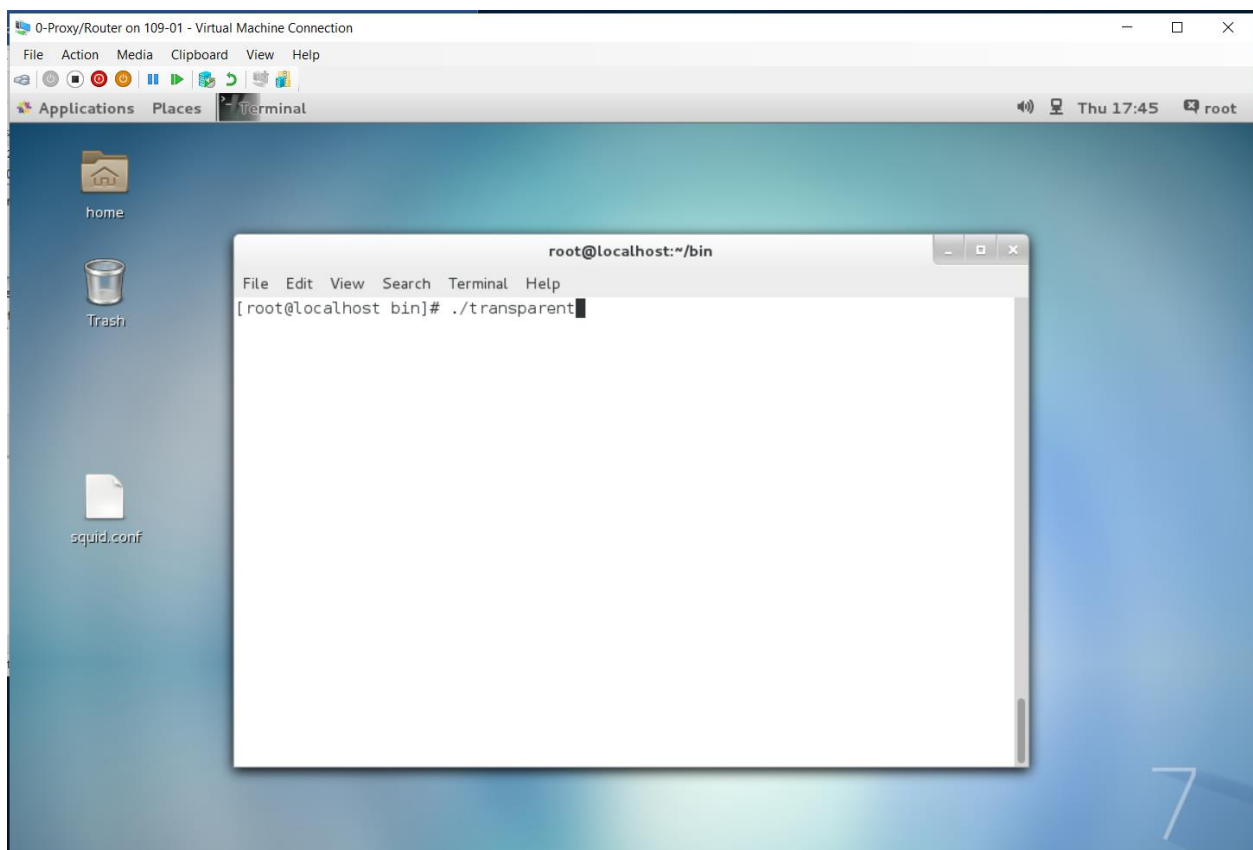
The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "0-Proxy/Router on 109-01 - Virtual Machine Connection". The terminal is running the nano text editor, editing a file named "transparent". The user is root@localhost. The script content is as follows:

```
clear
iptables -F
iptables -I INPUT -s 192.168.100.0/24 -p tcp --dport 8080 -j ACCEPT
iptables -t nat -A PREROUTING -i eth1 -p tcp --dport 80 -j DNAT --to 192.168.0.2:8080
iptables -t nat -A PREROUTING -p tcp -s 192.168.100.0/24 --dport 80 -j DNAT --to 192.168.100.2:8080
iptables -t nat -A POSTROUTING -o eth0 -j MASQUERADE
```

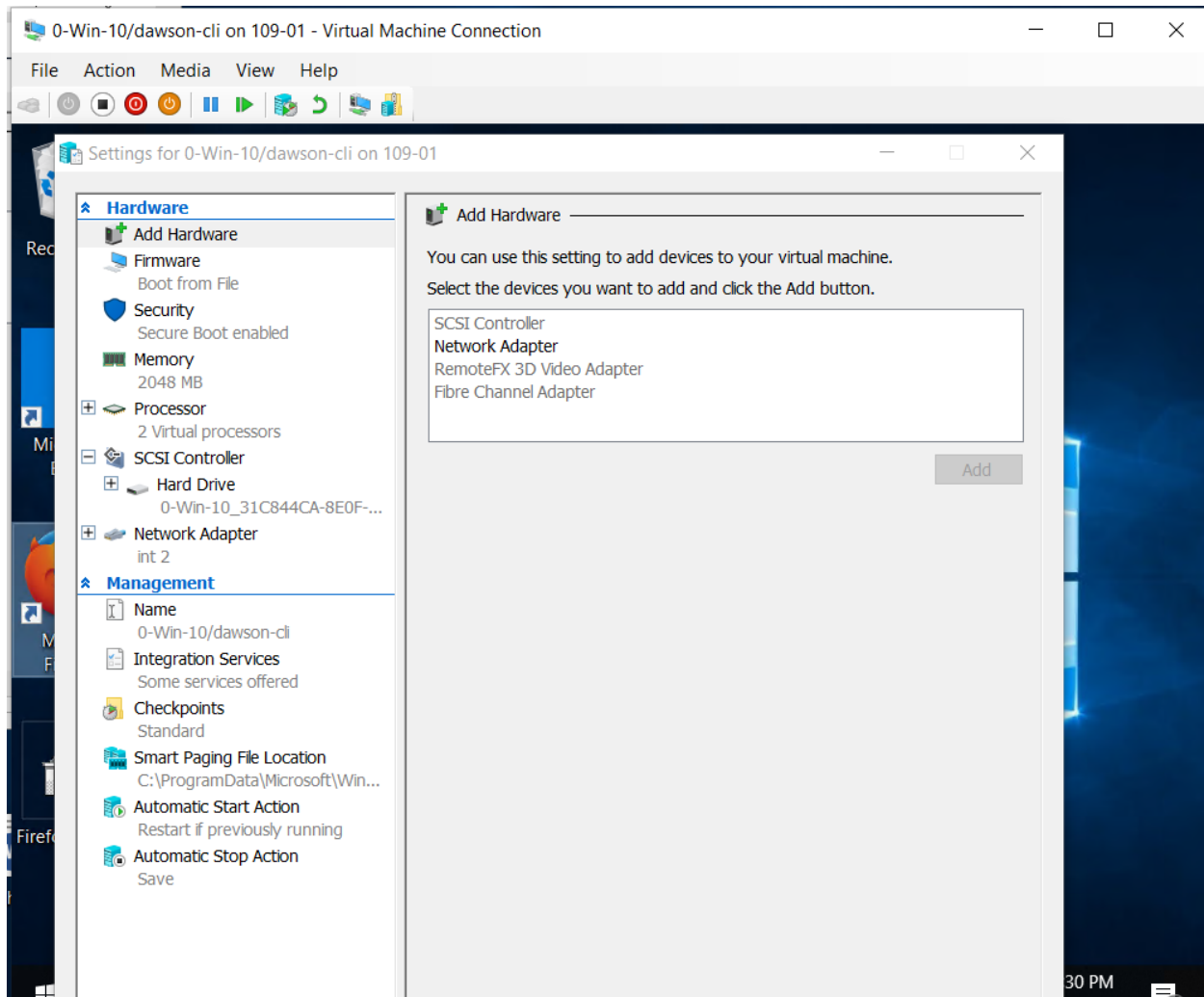
- Now, I am giving permission to transparent script: `chmod 755 transparent`



➤ Then, it's time to run the script



- Now, go to client machine
- Here, we can see that I have set network adapter on int 2



- Here on client, I am trying to ping proxy server
- We can see that client can ping proxy server successfully because both are on same network adapter.
- But it cannot ping web server

```
0-Win-10/dawson-cli on 109-01 - Virtual Machine Connection
File Action Media View Help
[Icons]

Select Administrator: C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
C:\Users\Administrator>ping 192.168.100.2

Pinging 192.168.100.2 with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 192.168.100.2: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=64
Reply from 192.168.100.2: bytes=32 time=1ms TTL=64
Reply from 192.168.100.2: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=64
Reply from 192.168.100.2: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=64

Ping statistics for 192.168.100.2:
 Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
 Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
 Minimum = 0ms, Maximum = 1ms, Average = 0ms

C:\Users\Administrator>ping 192.168.0.251

Pinging 192.168.0.251 with 32 bytes of data:
Request timed out.

Ping statistics for 192.168.0.251:
 Packets: Sent = 1, Received = 0, Lost = 1 (100% loss),
Control-C
^C
```



- Here, we can see the configurations of client machine.

Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4) Properties

General

You can get IP settings assigned automatically if your network supports this capability. Otherwise, you need to ask your network administrator for the appropriate IP settings.

☐ Obtain an IP address automatically

☒ Use the following IP address:

IP address: 192 . 168 . 100 . 20

Subnet mask: 255 . 255 . 255 . 0

Default gateway: 192 . 168 . 100 . 2

☐ Obtain DNS server address automatically

☒ Use the following DNS server addresses:

Preferred DNS server: 192 . 168 . 100 . 2

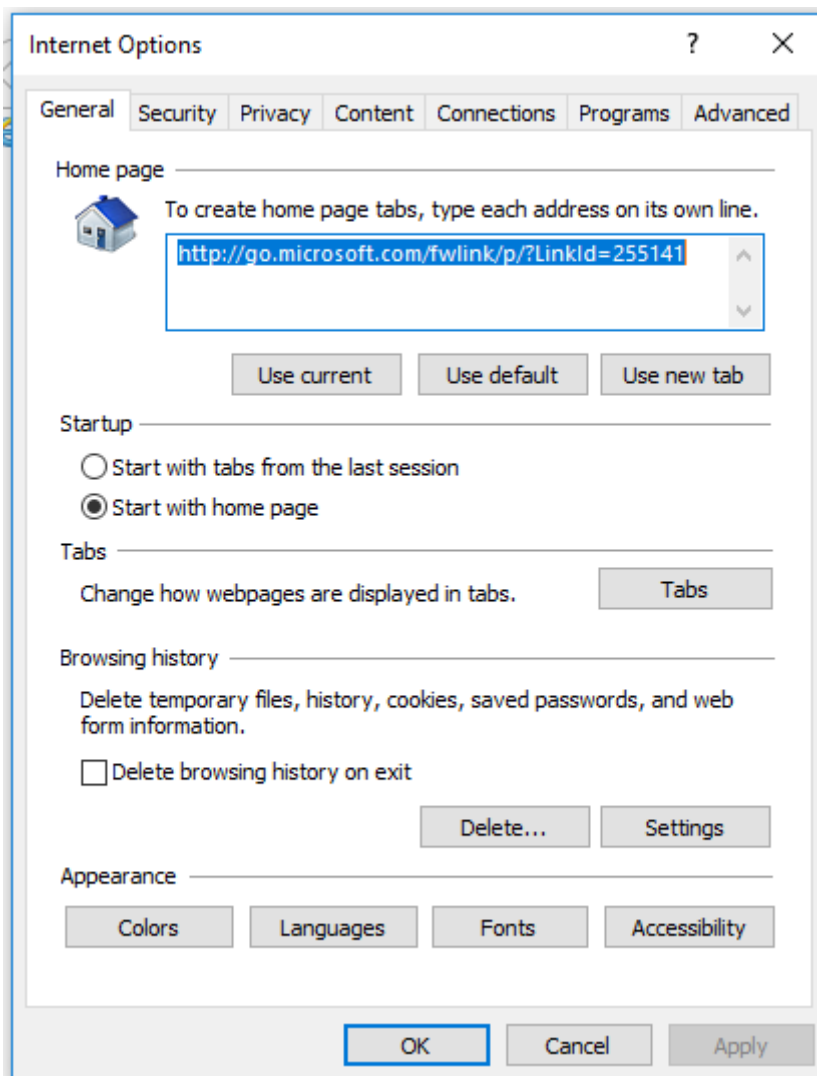
Alternate DNS server: . . .

☐ Validate settings upon exit

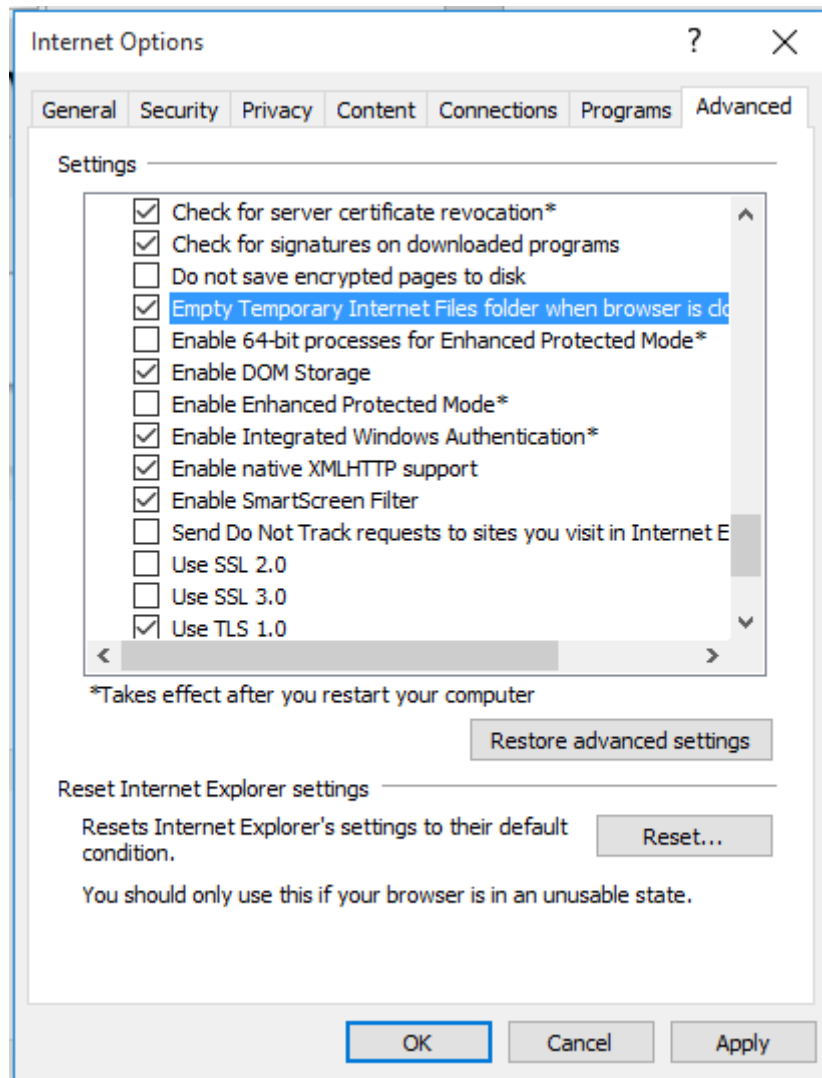
Advanced...

OK Cancel

- Open internet explorer and clear the cache
- For that go to Tools → Internet Options → General → Delete.



- Or, go to Advance Tab → Mark On Empty Temporary Internet Files Folder When browser is closed → Apply → Ok.



➤ Now open the web site [www.reena.com](http://www.reena.com)

