THE LINUX OPERATING SYSTEM (MODULE-5)

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

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Client configuration	(2 points)

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 (iptable rules)
- Step 7 – Client Machine Configurations (adding default gateway and dns ip)

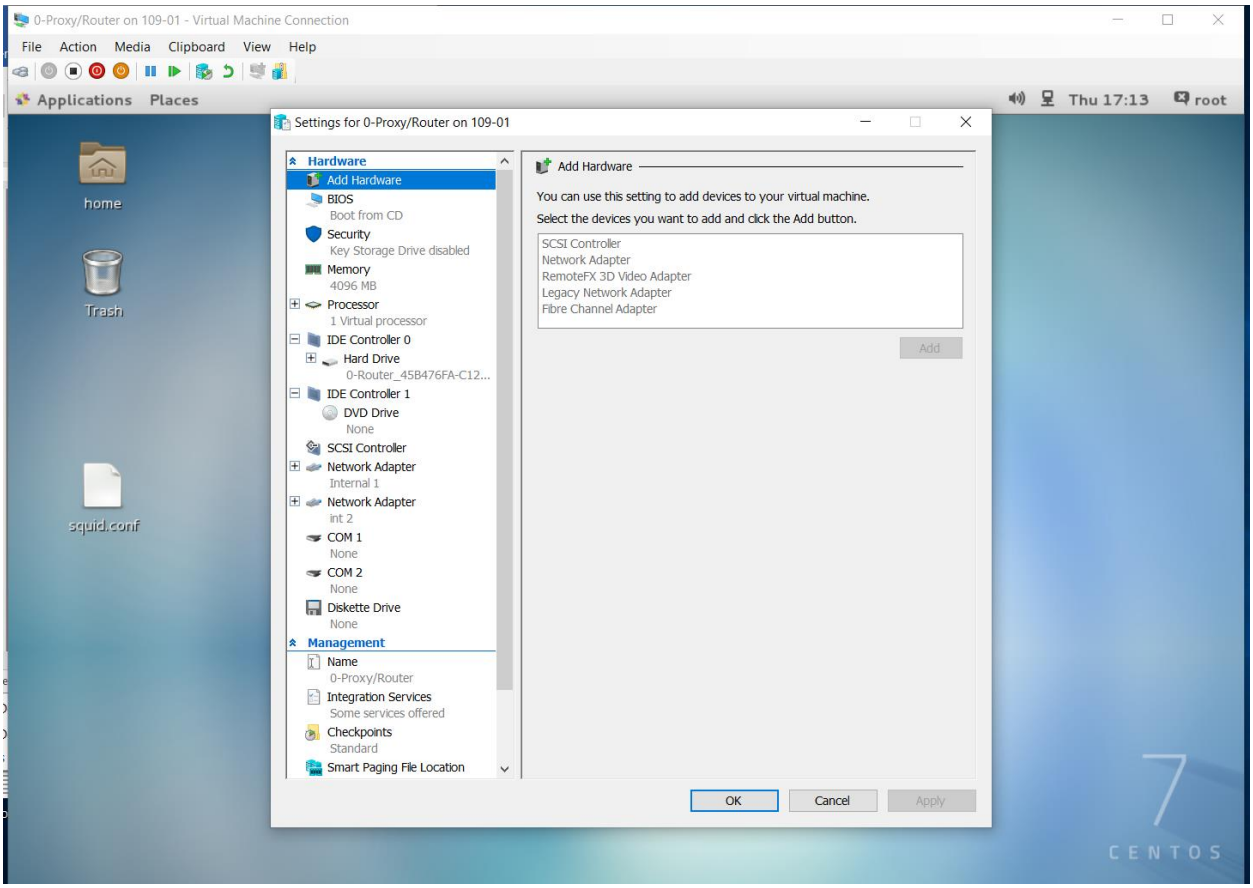
Configurations of Transparent Proxy

- 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:

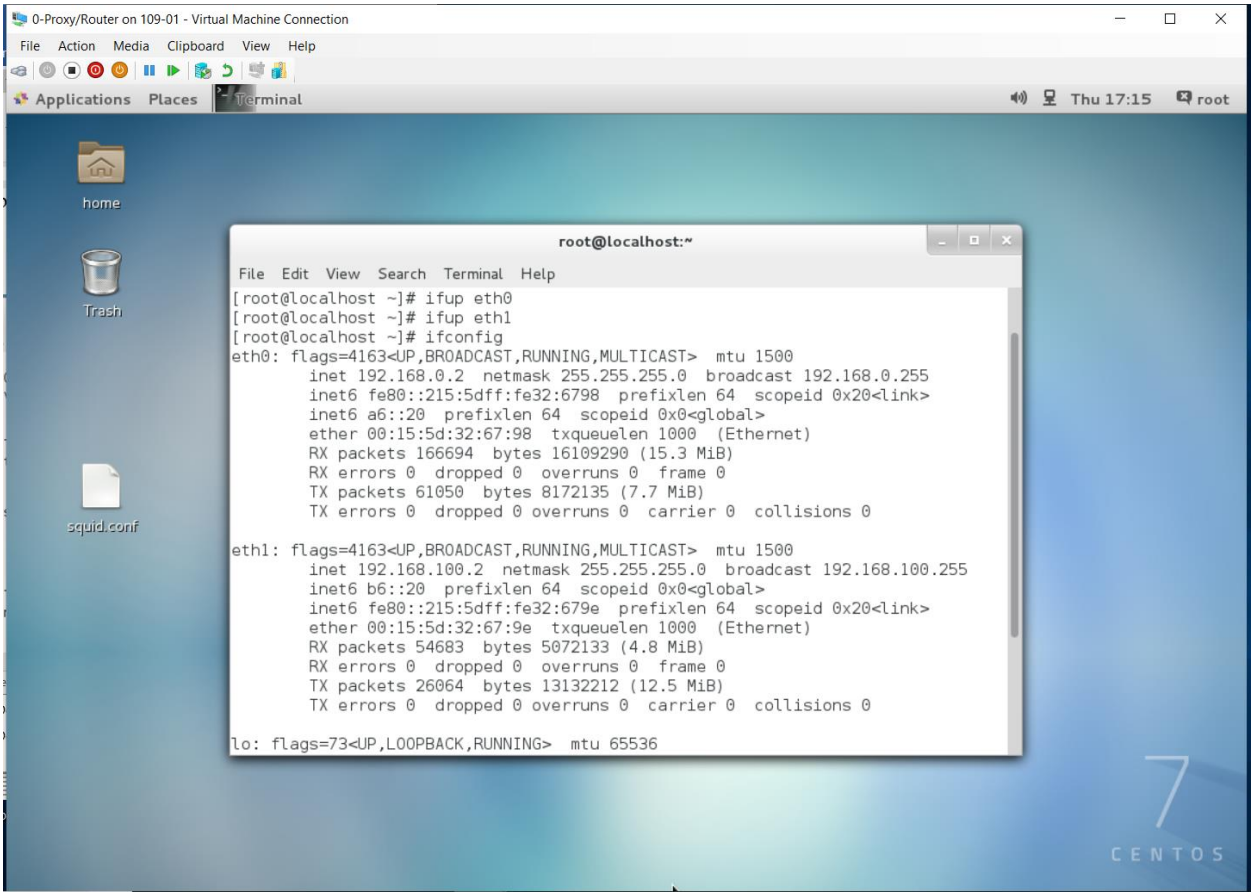
    - Iptables –F

      Or
    - Systemctl Stop Firewalld
    - Systemctl Disable Firewalld

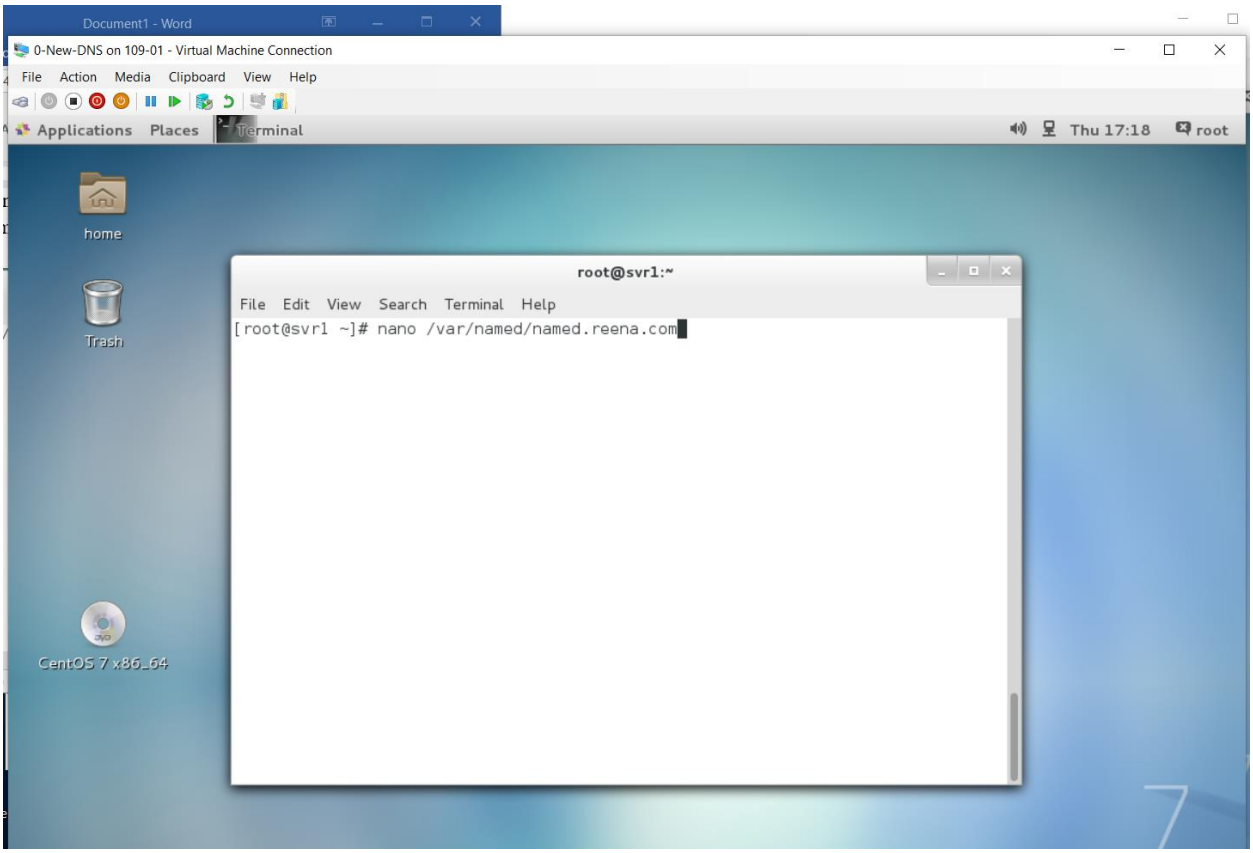
- First of All, On Proxy Server, Add 2 Network Adapters and set 2 different internal switches.
- Here, we can see that, I have added switches internal 1 and int 2



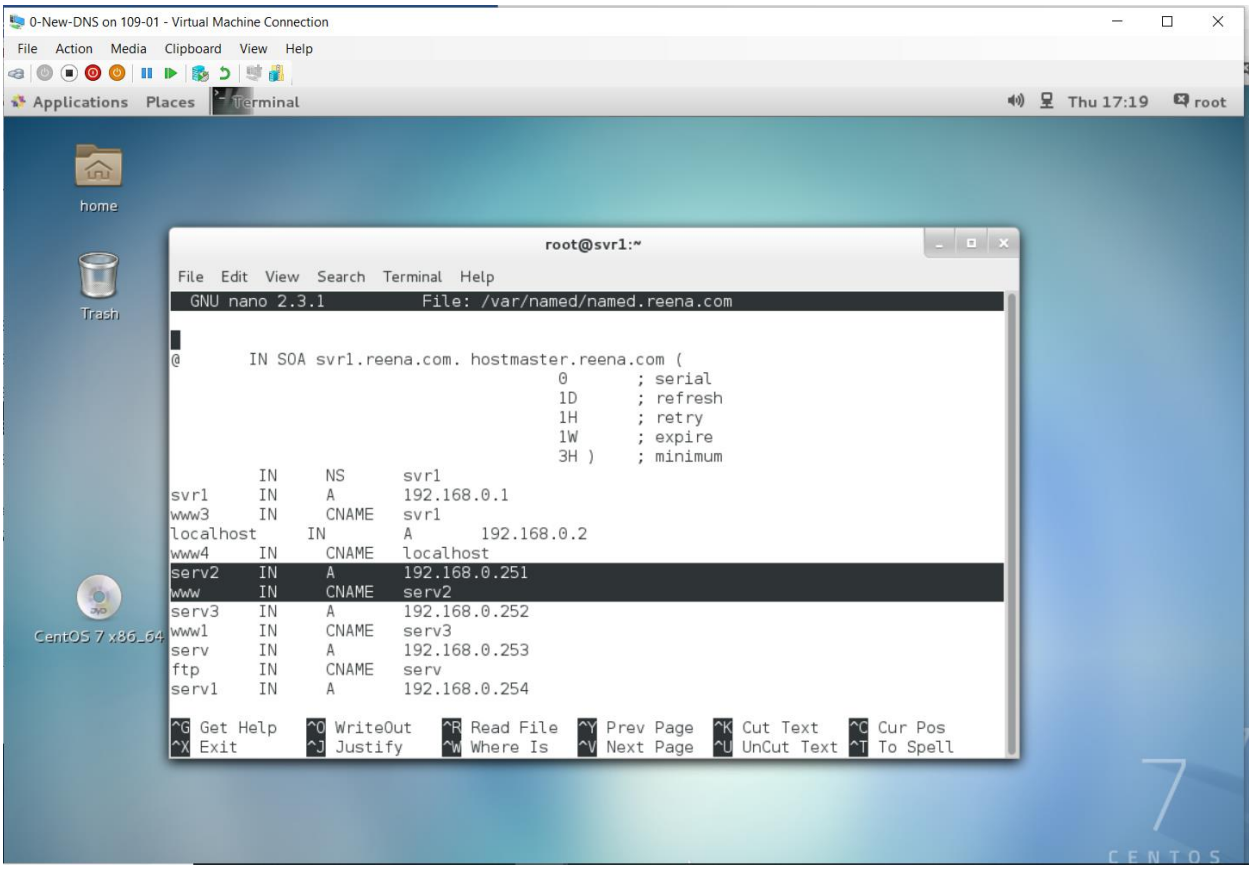
- Now, On Proxy Server, I am doing ifconfig in order to check IP addresses that I have given
- Here, we can see that, both IP addresses have different net id
- 1st id will point to web server and 2nd will point to client.



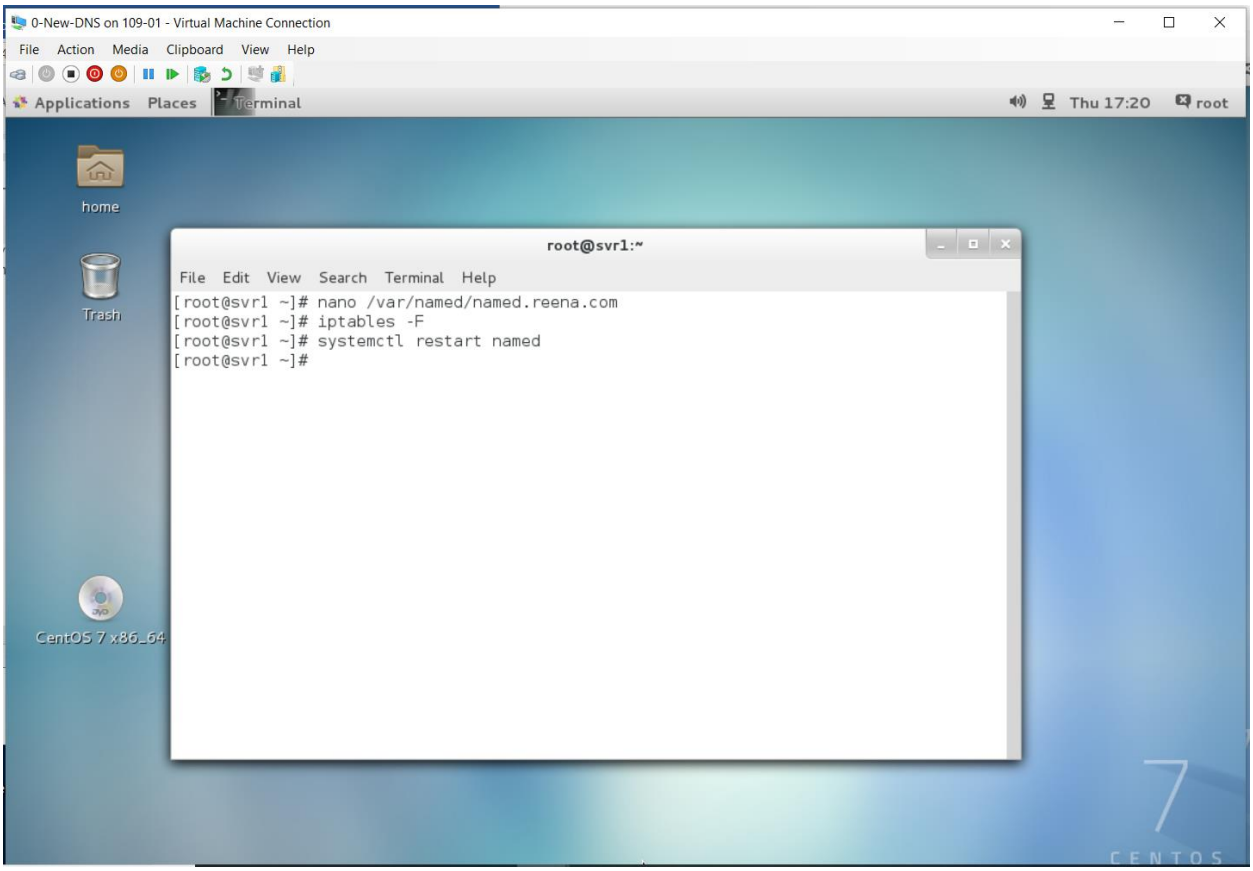
- Now, go to DNS server
- And, open file named.reena.com by using command: nano /var/named/named.reena.com



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



- Now, restart the service.

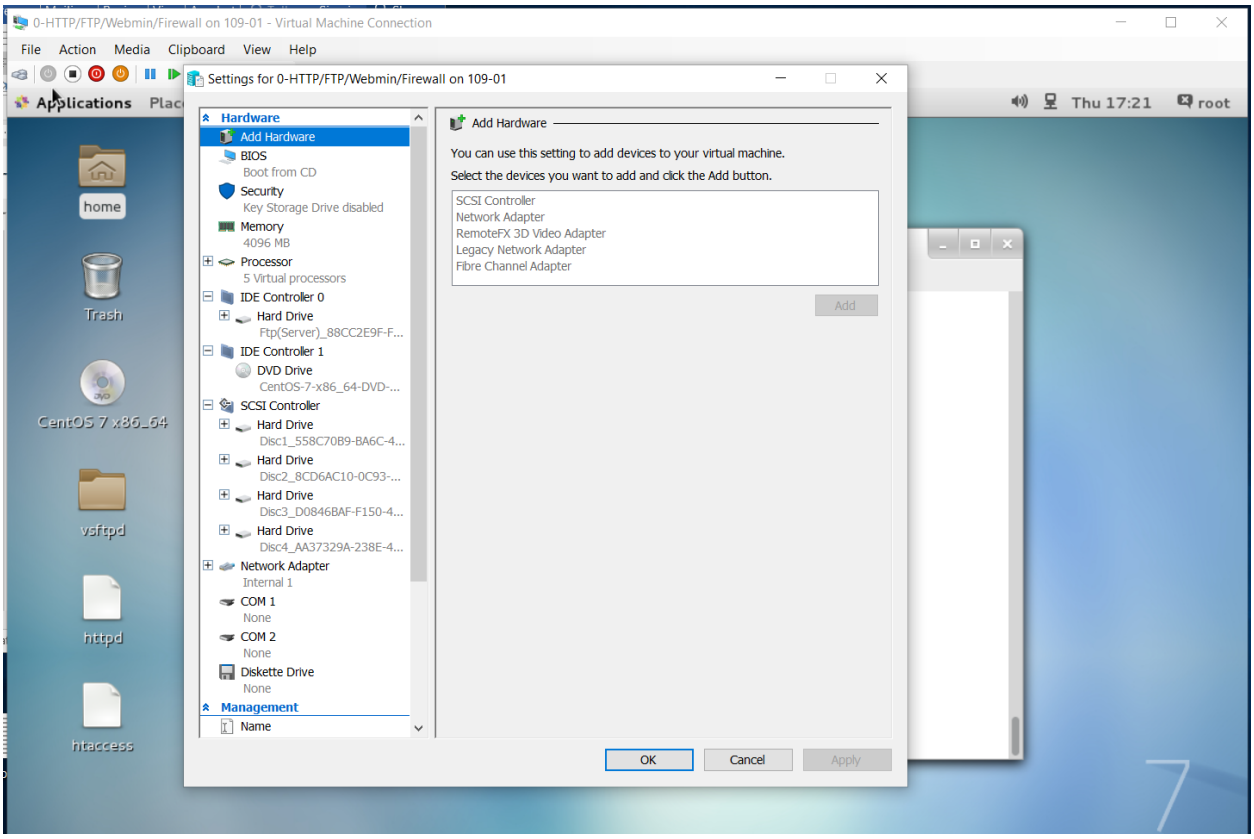


- Now, go to named.conf it is in etc so go in etc directory then use nano named.conf command. inside that edit internal zone.

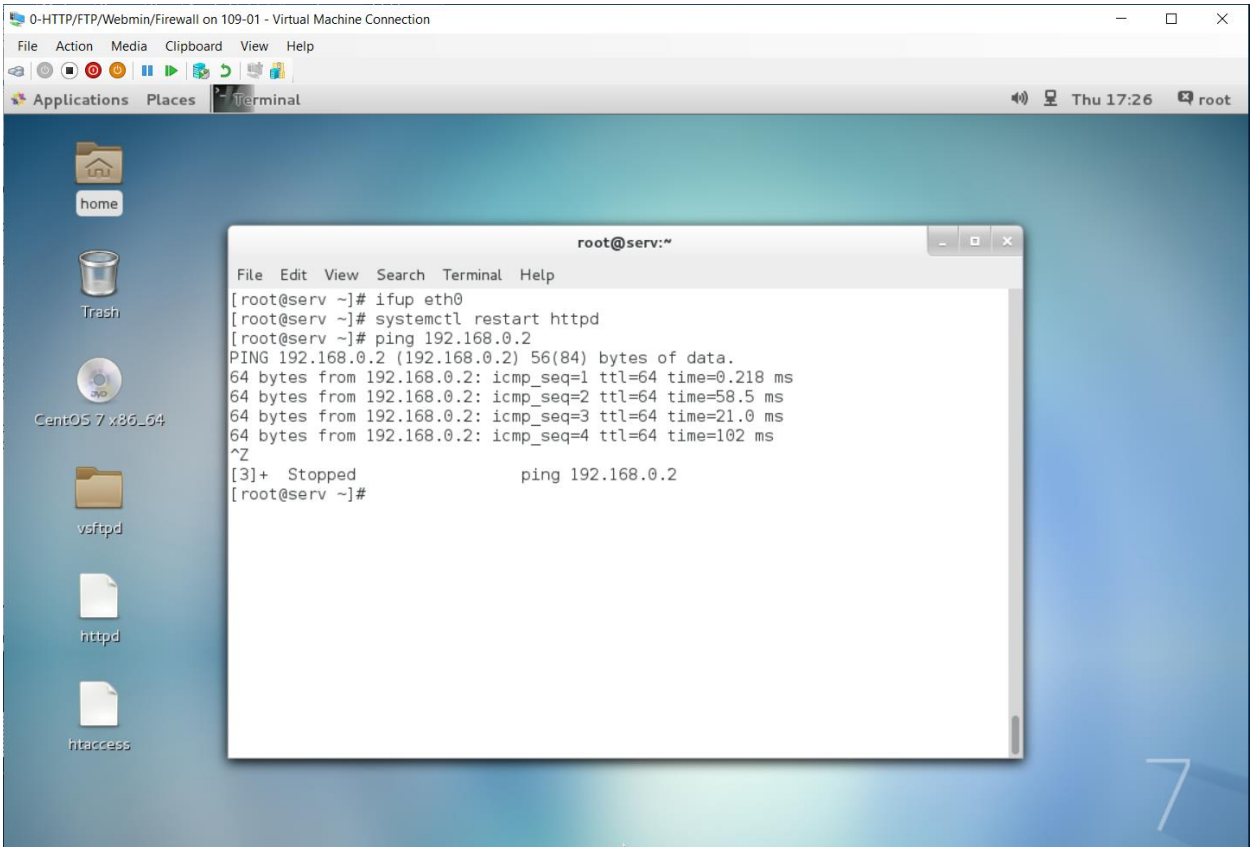
  - #cd /etc
    #nano named.conf
    internal
    zone “reena.com” {
    type master;
    file “named.reena.com” ;
    allow-transfer { 192.168.0.2; };
    };

- Then, restart the named service.

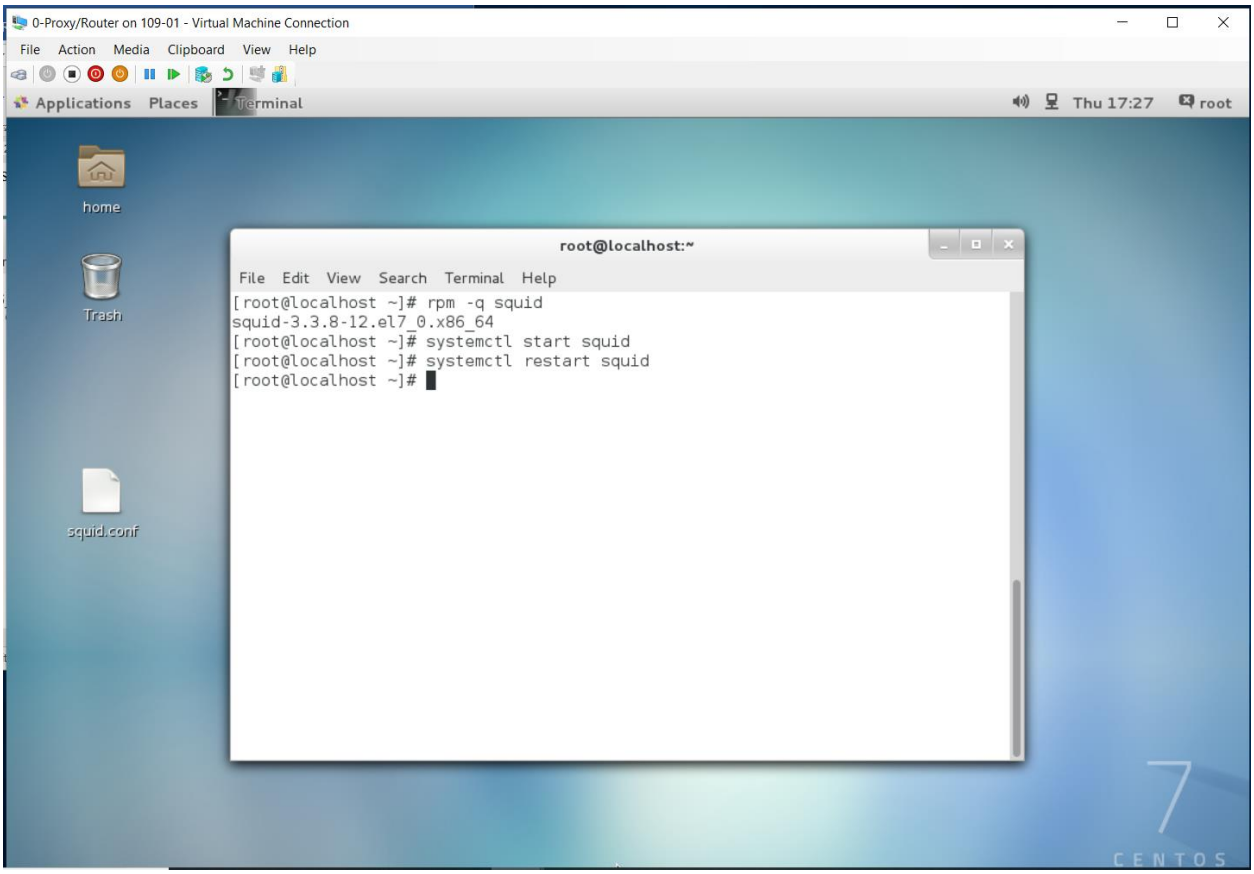
- Now, go to web server
- As we can see, Here I have added network adapter on internal 1



- 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.

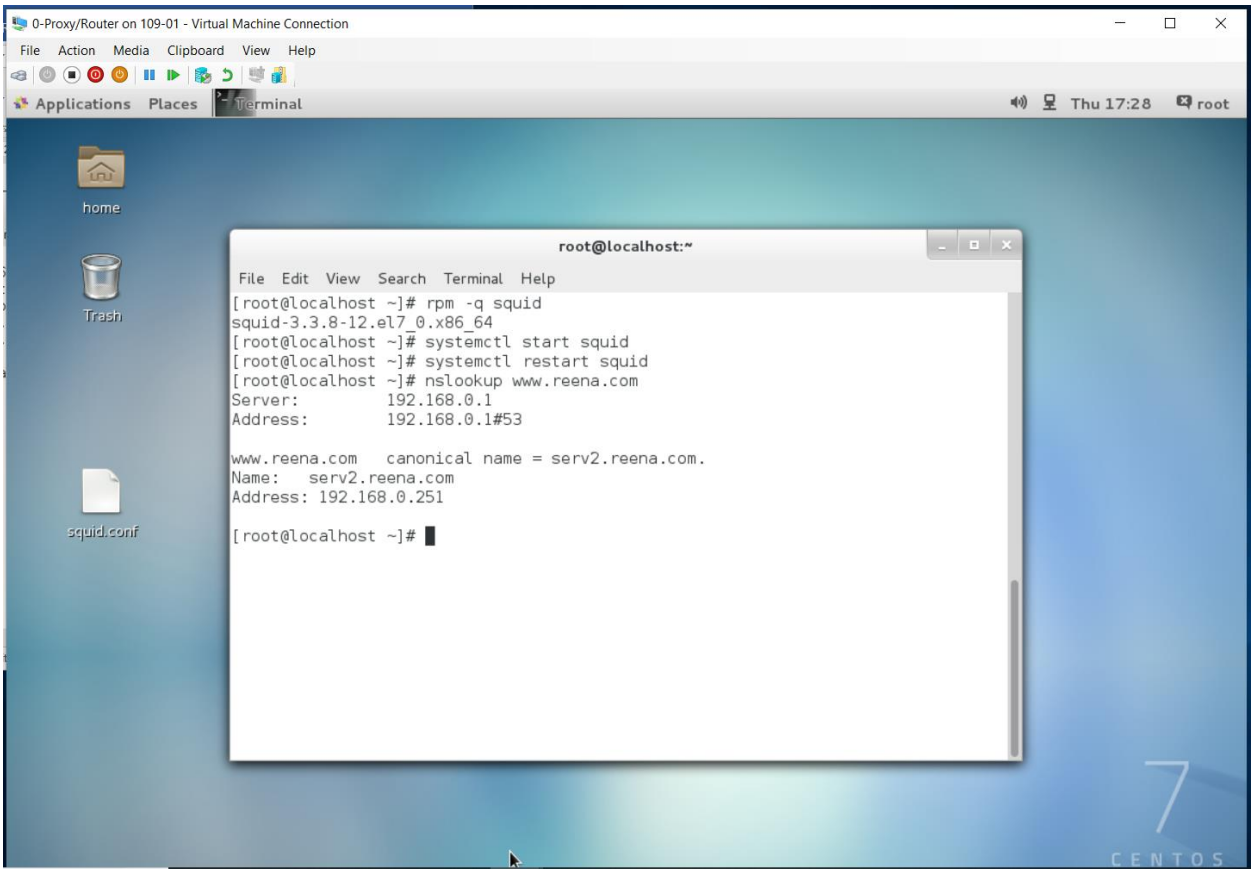


- Now, On Proxy Server, we need to check that squid is installed or not if squid is not installed then we have to install it.
- But here we can see that squid is already installed.
- And then start the service



- 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.

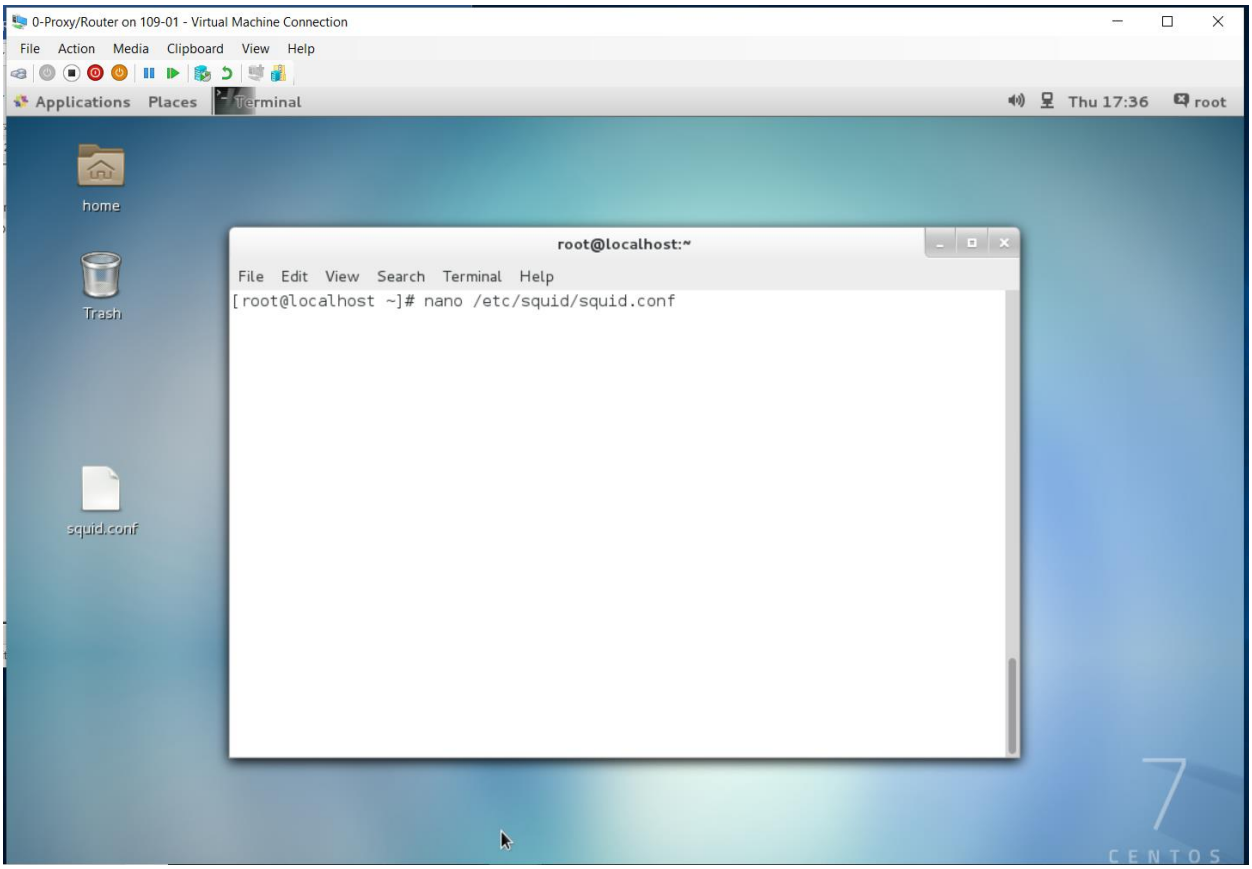


- Now, in order to access website by hostname on client machine, we need to make proxy server, a slave server for that, I have to do some configurations to make it slave of dns server on proxy server.
- Here on proxy server, go to named.conf it is in etc so go in etc directory then use nano named.conf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

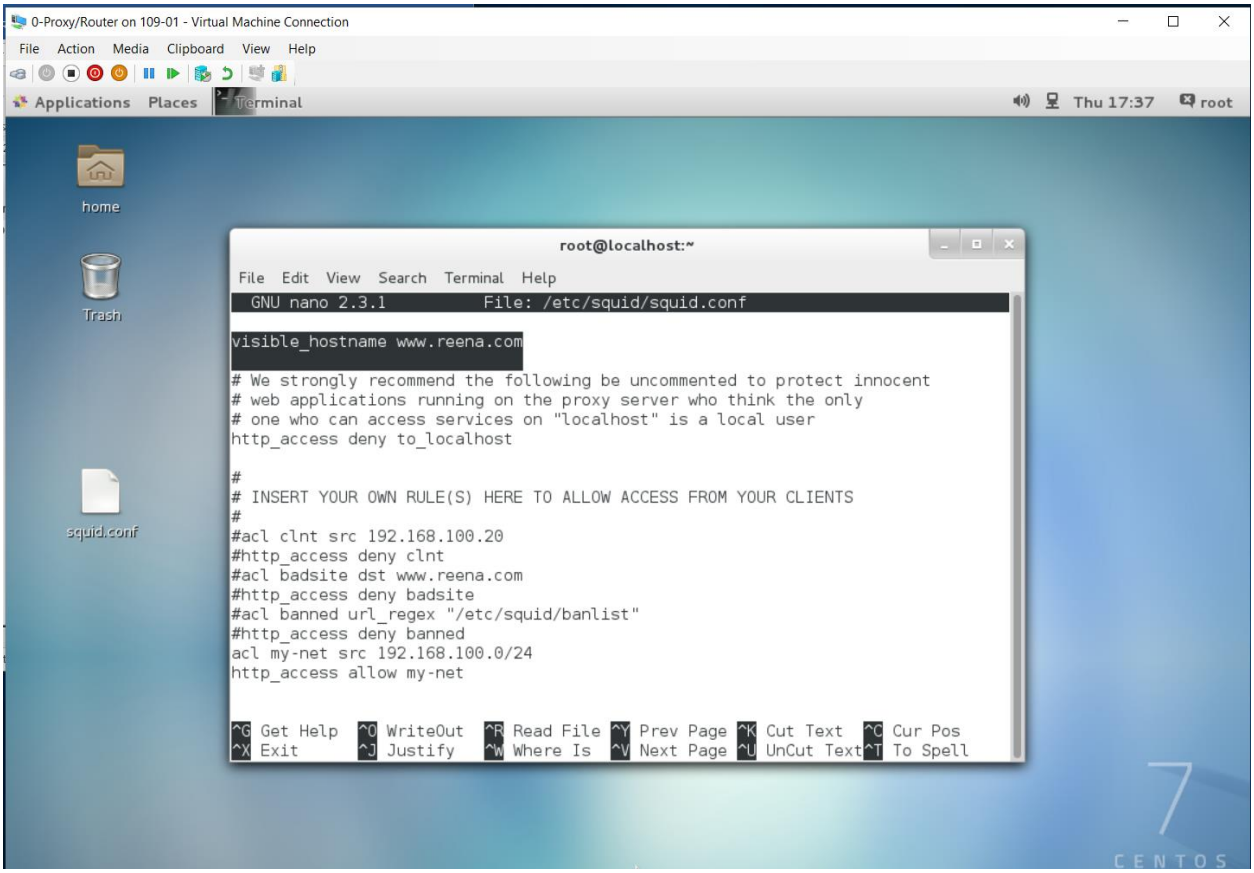
    - #cd /etc
      #nano named.conf
        internal
          zone “reena.com” {
          type slave;
          file “slaves/named.reena.com” ;
          masters { 192.168.0.1; }; };

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

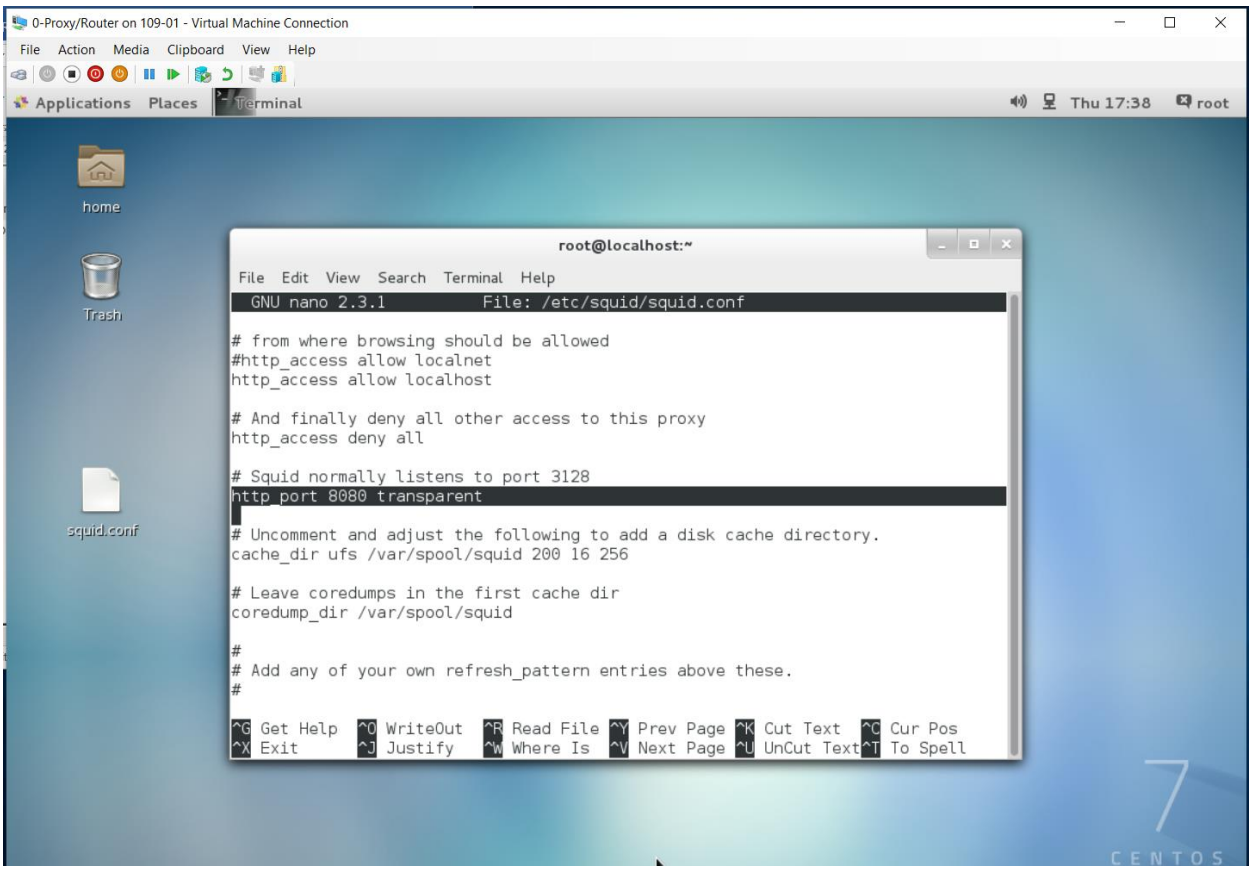
- Now, open squid.conf by using command: nano /etc/squid/squid.conf



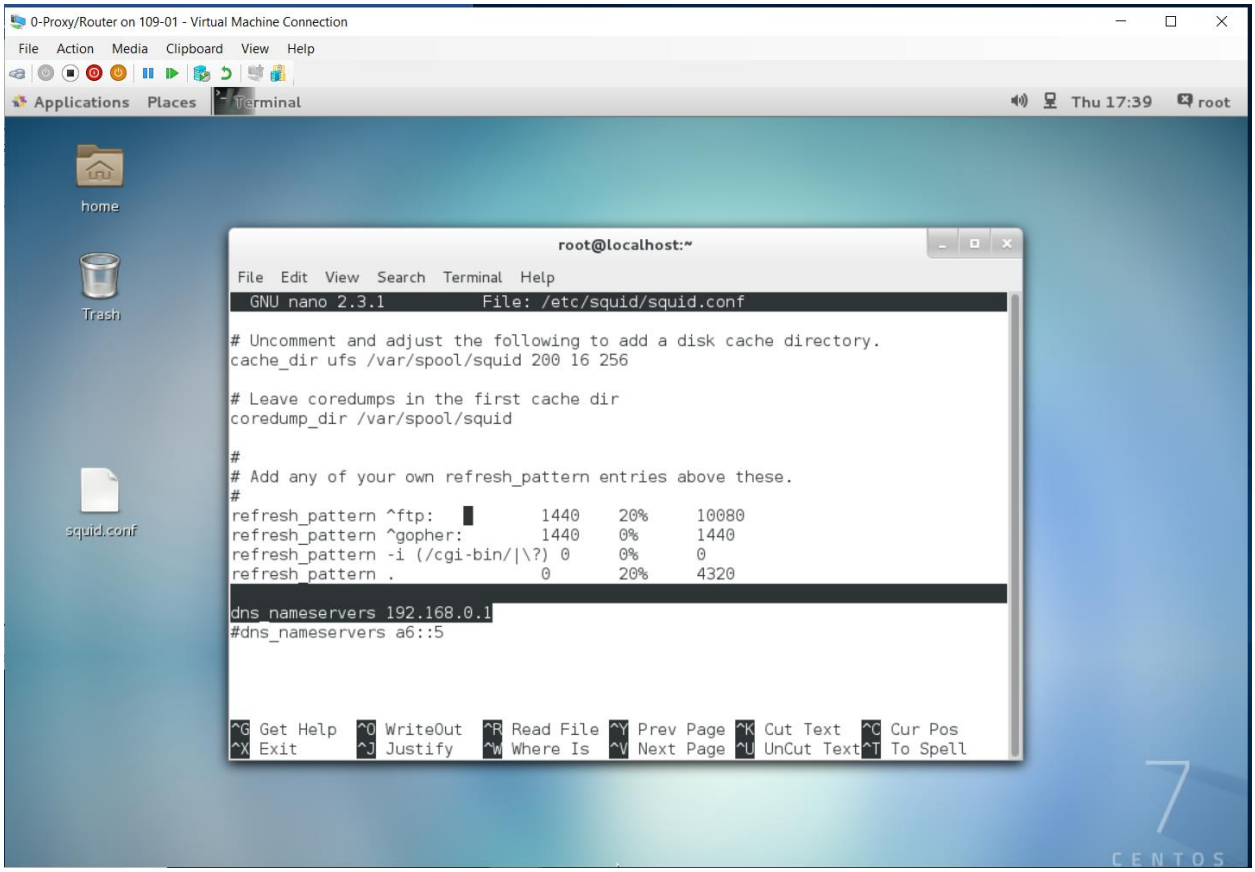
- Here we need to edit squid.conf file and also need to do some configurations.
- Here I am adding hostname of web server (www.reena.com)



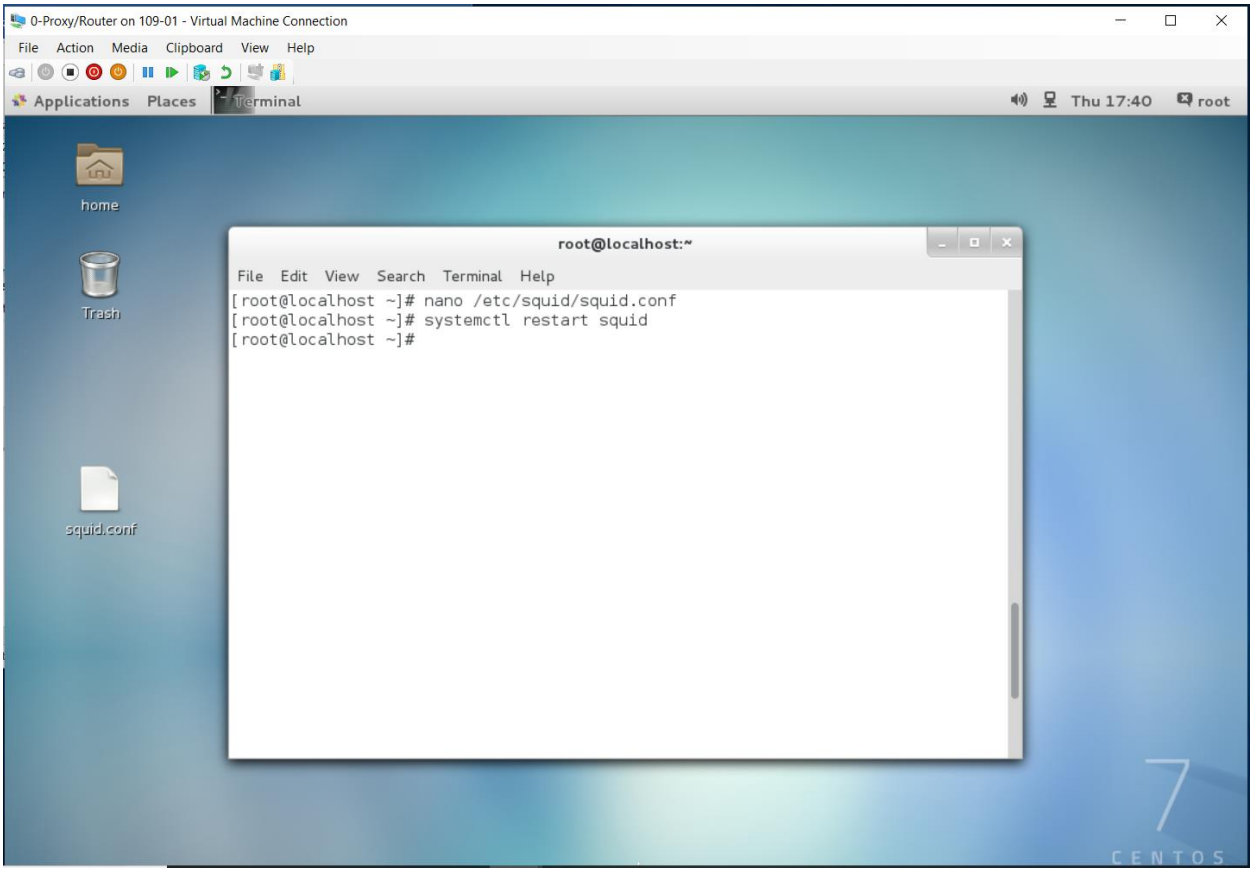
- Here I am adding port number of transparent proxy



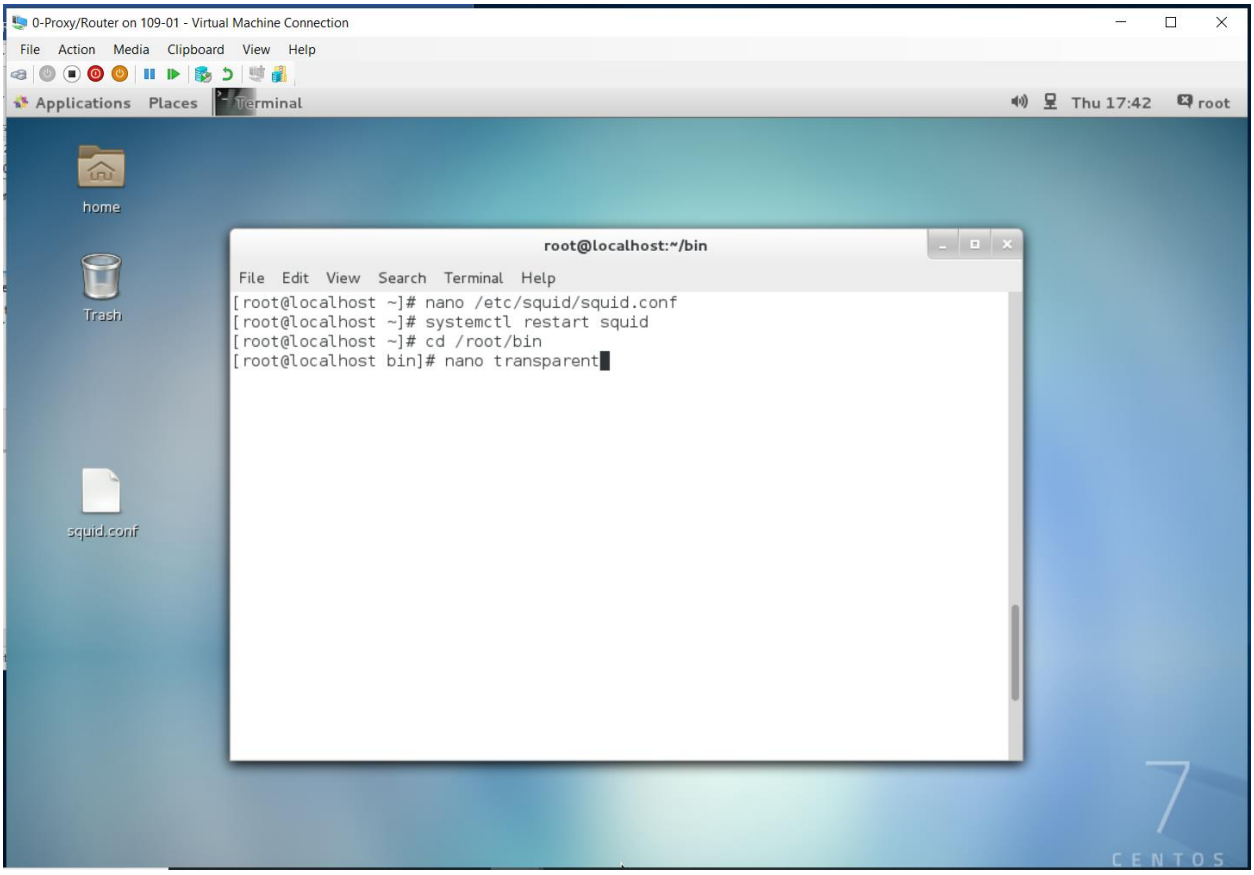
- Here I am adding Ip address of DNS (dns_nameservers 192.168.0.1)



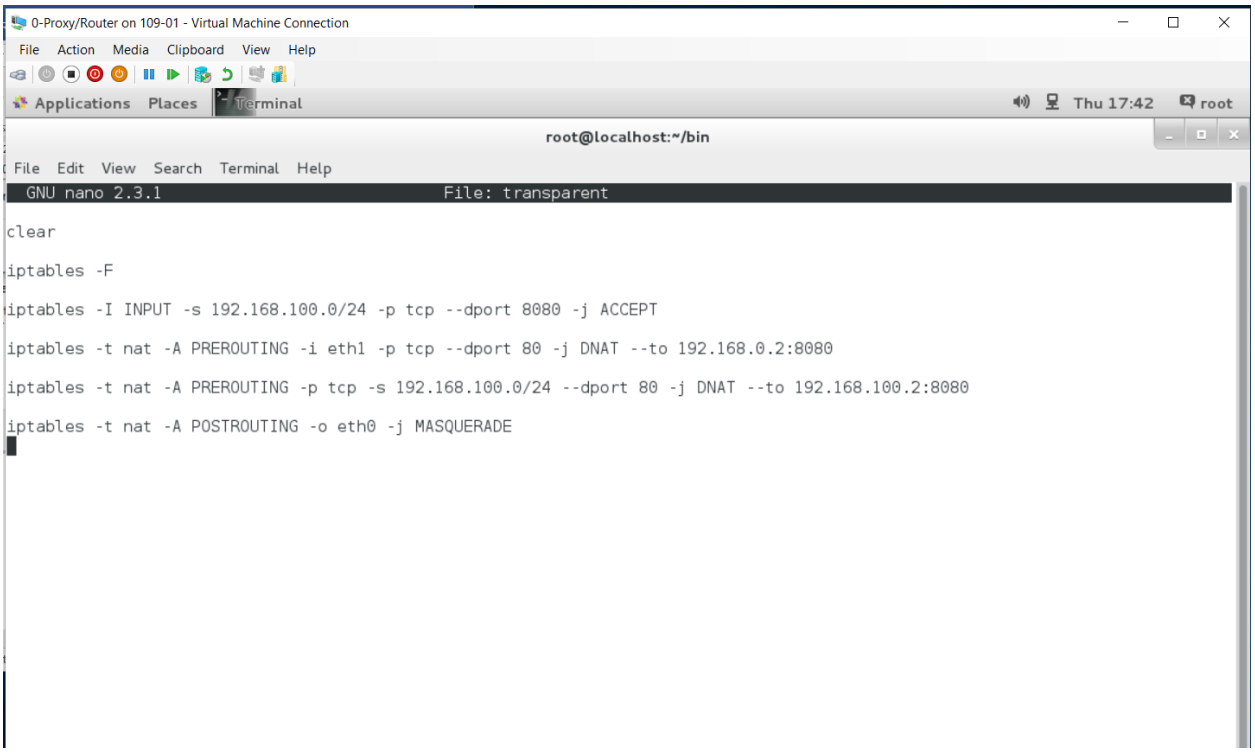
- Then save it and restart the service by using command: systemctl restart squid



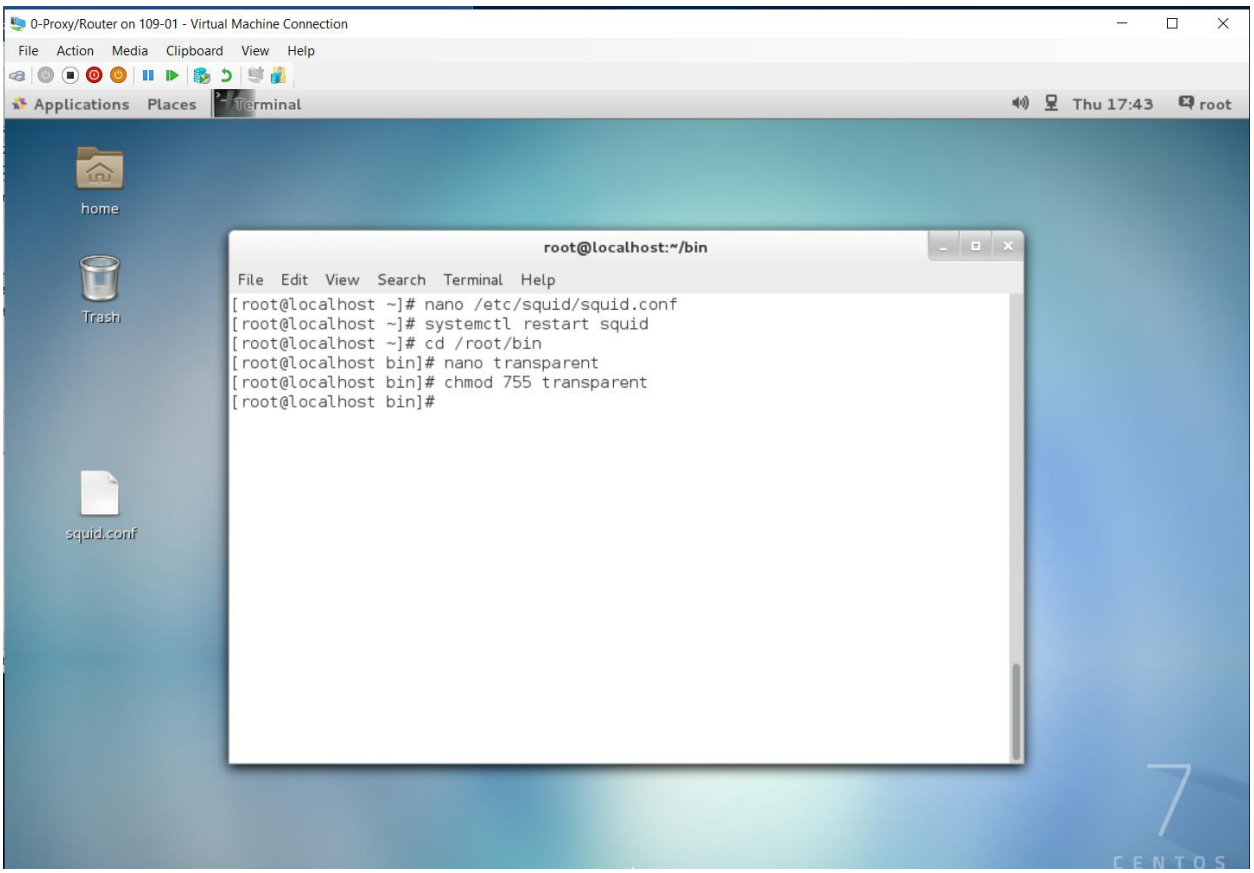
- Now, I am going to cd /root/bin and creating firewall script such as: nano transparent



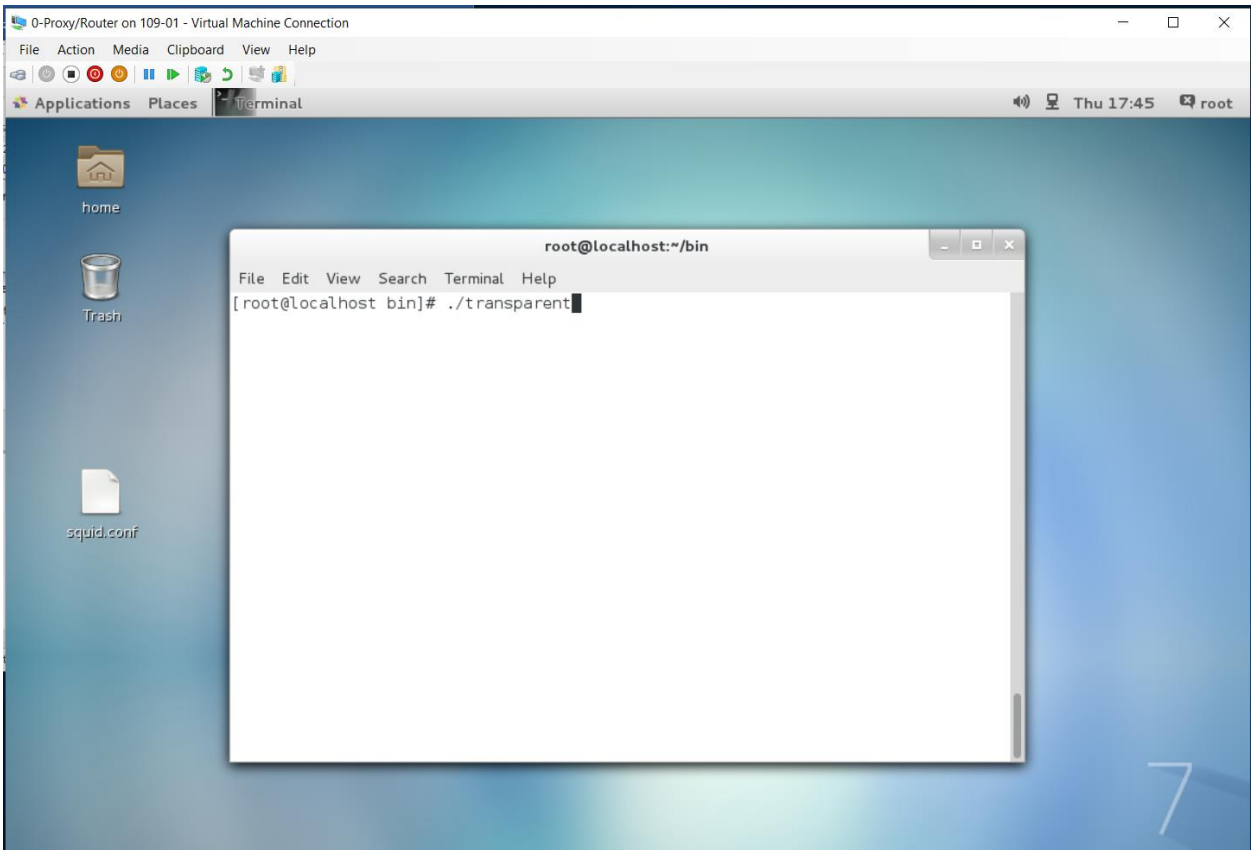
- As per below mentioned image, I am creating firewall script



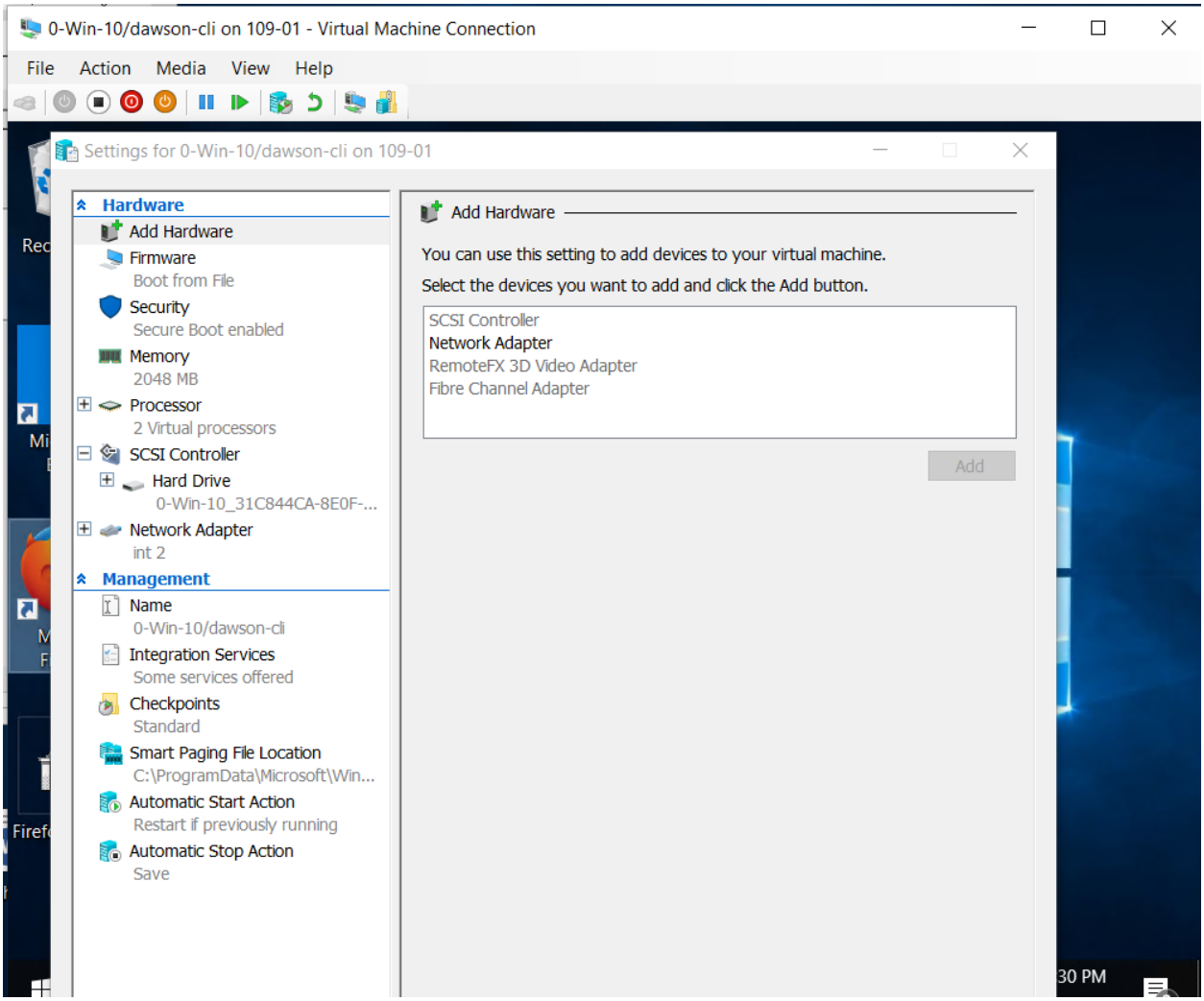
- Now, I am giving permission to transparent script: chmod 755 transparent



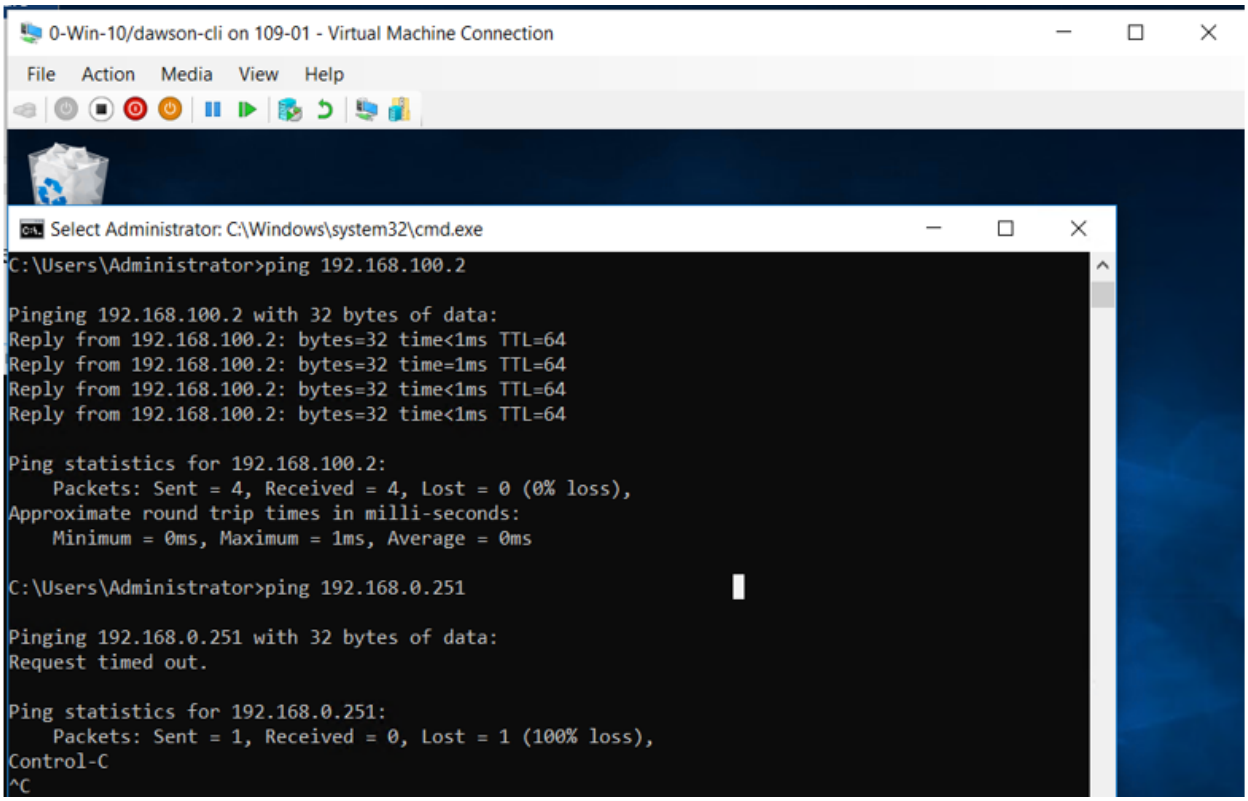
- Then, it's time to run the script



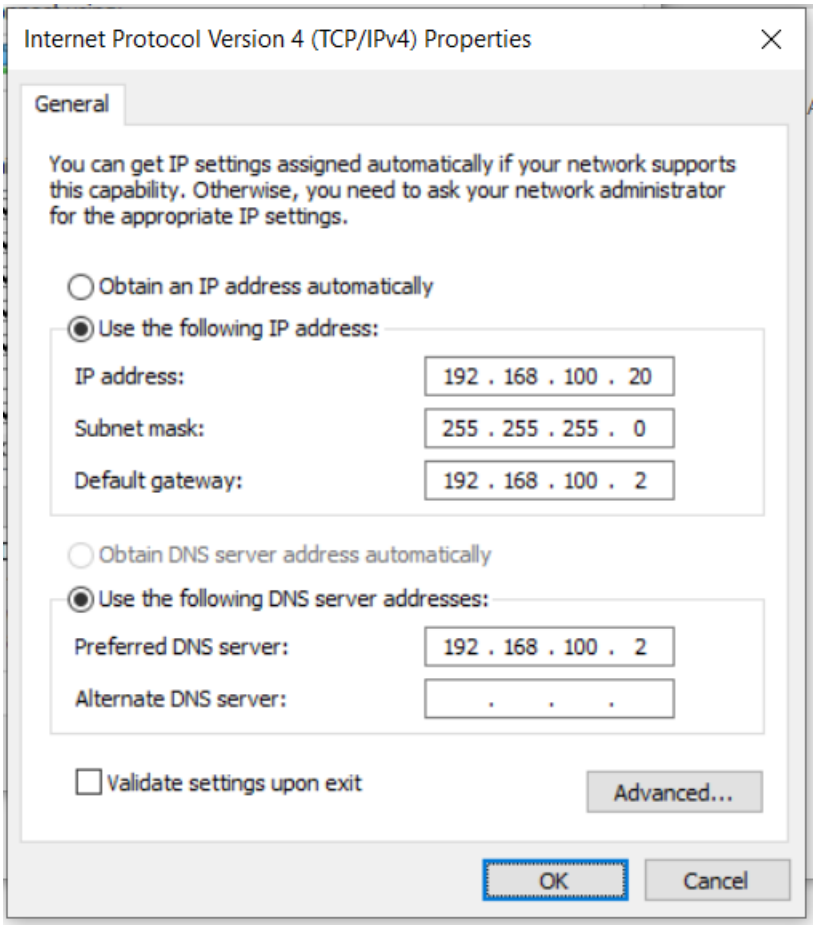
- Now, go to client machine
- Here, we can see that I have set network adapter on int 2



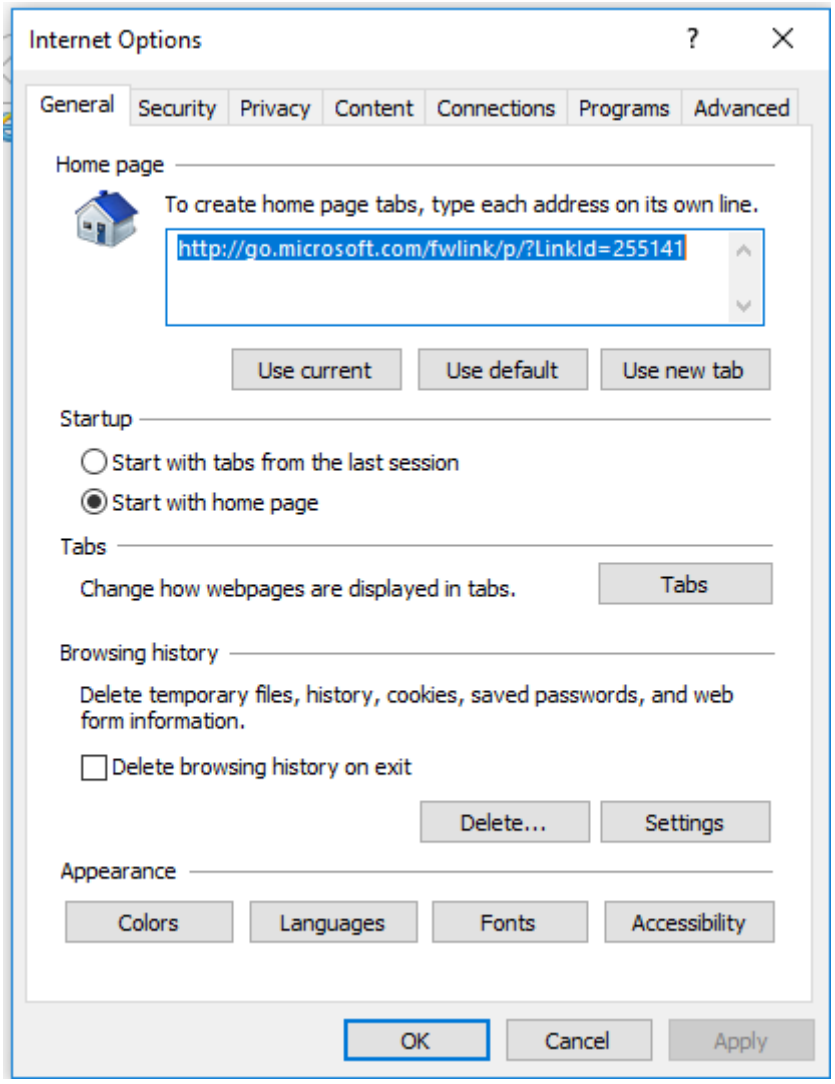
- Here on client, I am trying to ping proxy server
- We can see that client can ping proxy server successfully because both are on same network adapter.
- But it cannot ping web server



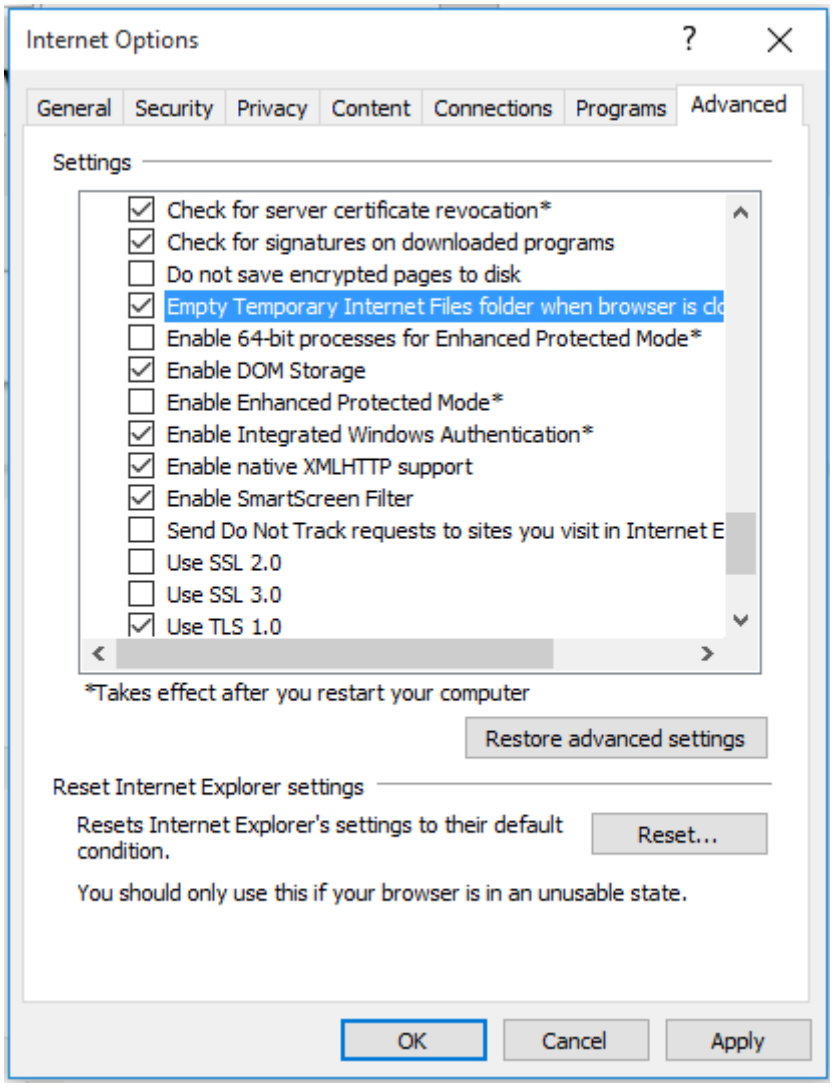
- Here, we can see the configurations of client machine.



- 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