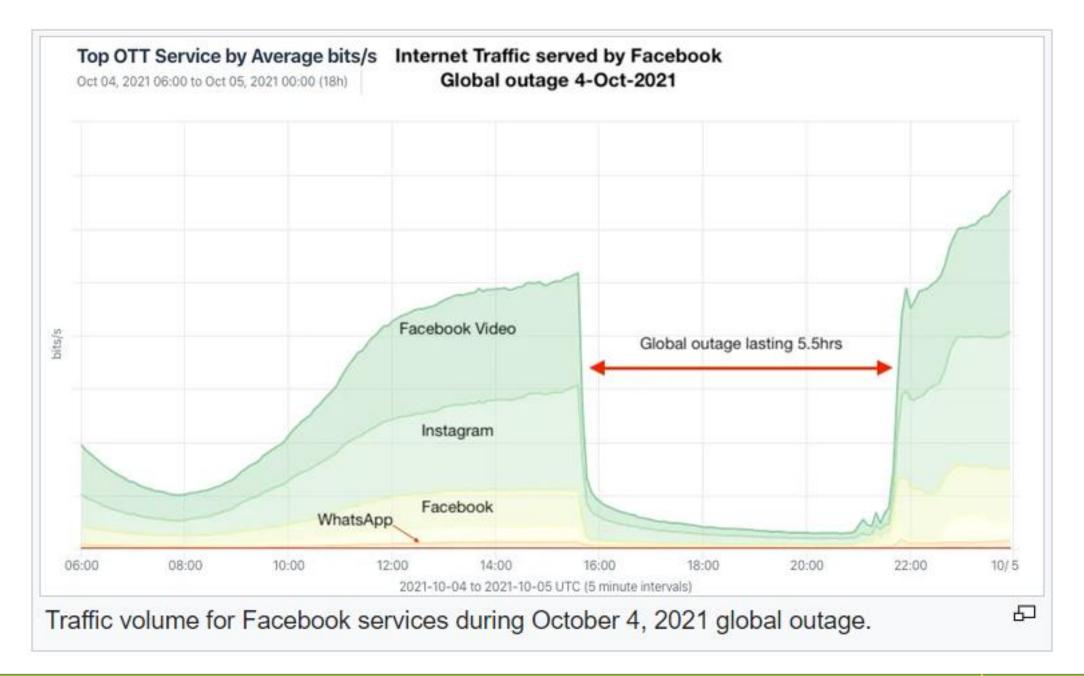
CSCI 476: Computer Security

Network Security: DNS Cache Poisoning (Part 2), Firewalls

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Lab 6



DNS Architecture



DNS is a distributed, hierarchical database that maps domain names to IP addresses

Hierarchy consists of different types of DNS servers:

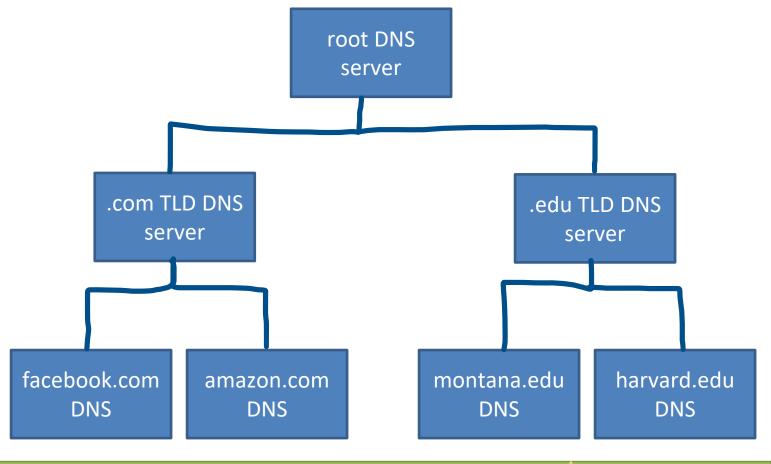
Authoritative DNS servers-

Organization's own DNS with up-todate records

Top-level domain (TLD) servers-

responsible for keeping IP addresses for authoritative DNS servers for each top-level domain (.com, .edu, .jp, etc)

Root DNS servers- responsible for maintaining IP addresses for TLD servers

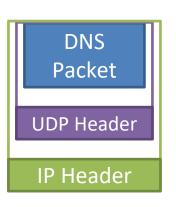


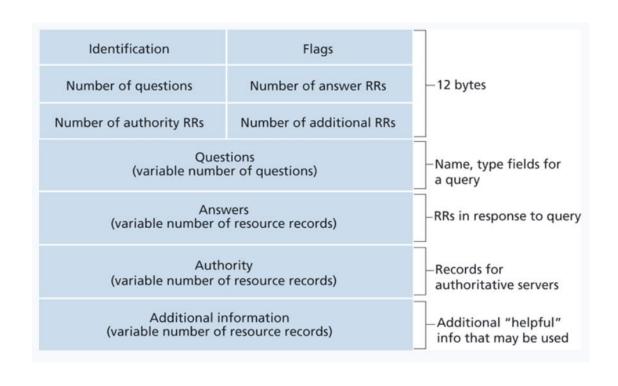
Domain Name System (DNS)

Application-level protocol used to map Domain Names to IP Addresses

DNS uses UDP as the transport layer protocol

- No handshake
- No guarantee that packet will arrive





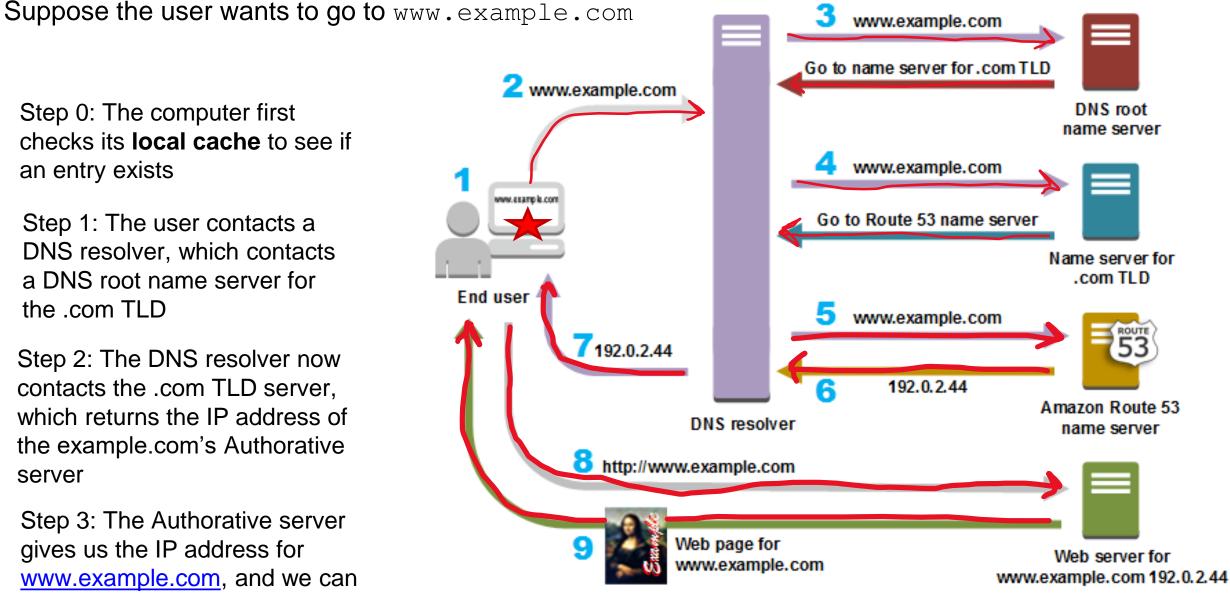
Anatomy of a DNS Packet

Step 0: The computer first checks its local cache to see if an entry exists

Step 1: The user contacts a DNS resolver, which contacts a DNS root name server for the .com TLD

Step 2: The DNS resolver now contacts the .com TLD server, which returns the IP address of the example.com's Authorative server

Step 3: The Authorative server gives us the IP address for www.example.com, and we can now send an HTTP request to that IP address!



IMPORTANT

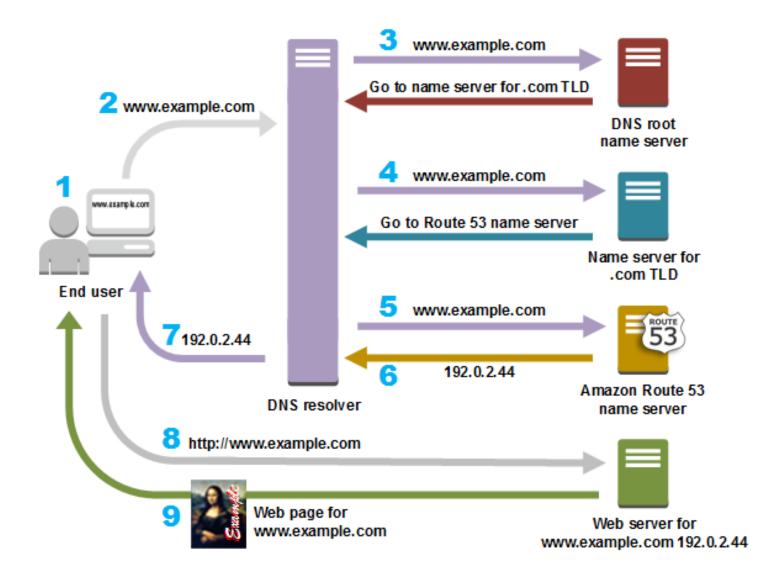
The user's machine will now save the IP address for www.example.com in its cache

Attacks on the DNS protocol

When the user sends out a DNS request for a website they want to visit, they will have to **wait** for a response from a DNS server

This process of DNS resolving can take some time...

If an attacker wanted to cause some trouble, they could spoof a packet to the user that has a malicious DNS response

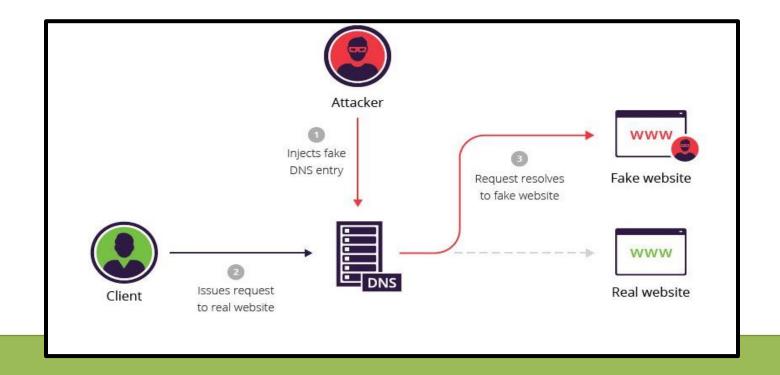


DNS Cache Poisoning Attack

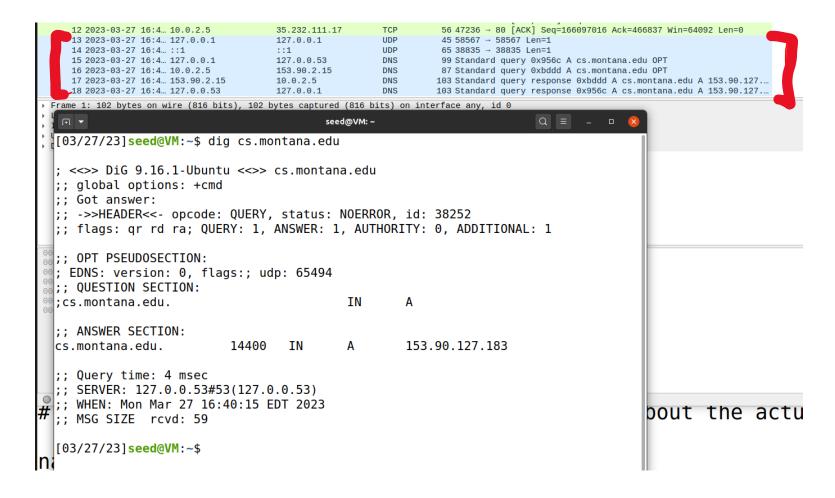
A DNS cache poisoning attack is done by tricking a server into accepting malicious, spoofed DNS information

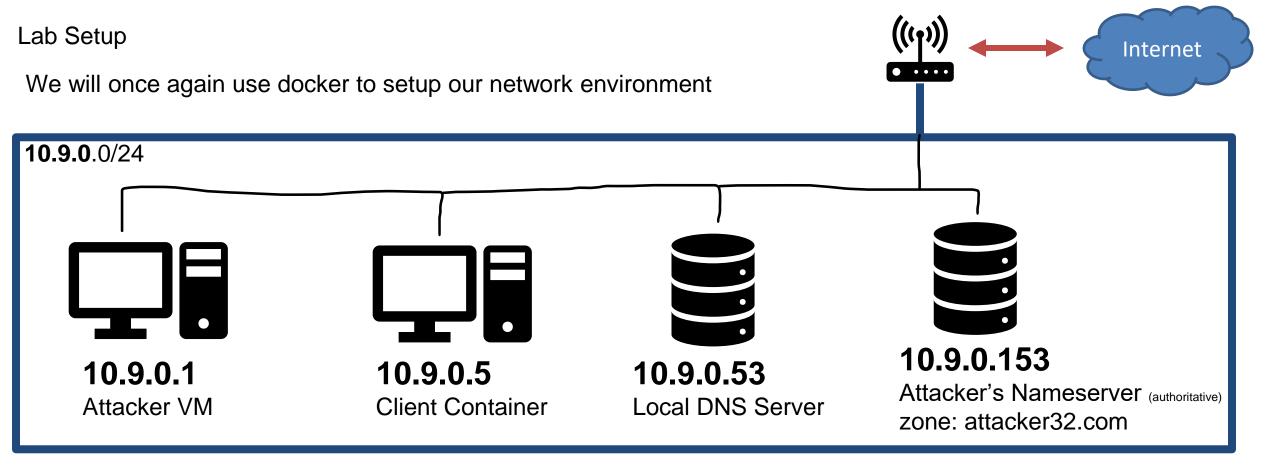
Instead of going to the IP address of the legitime website, they will go to the IP address that we place in our malicious DNS response (spoofed)

The DNS response is CACHED, which means the user will visit the malicious website in future visits**

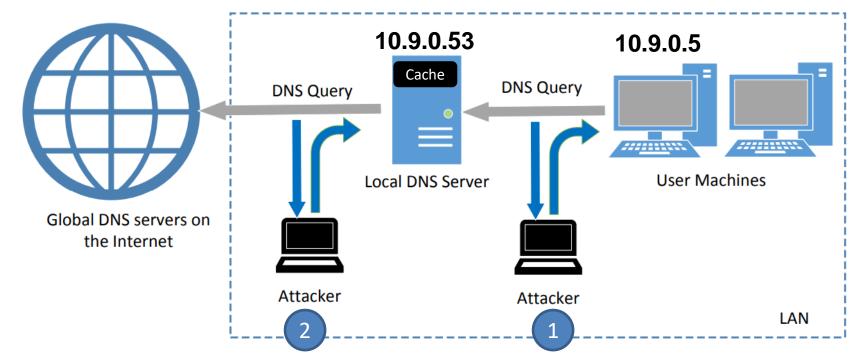


The dig command is used to issue DNS requests via the command line





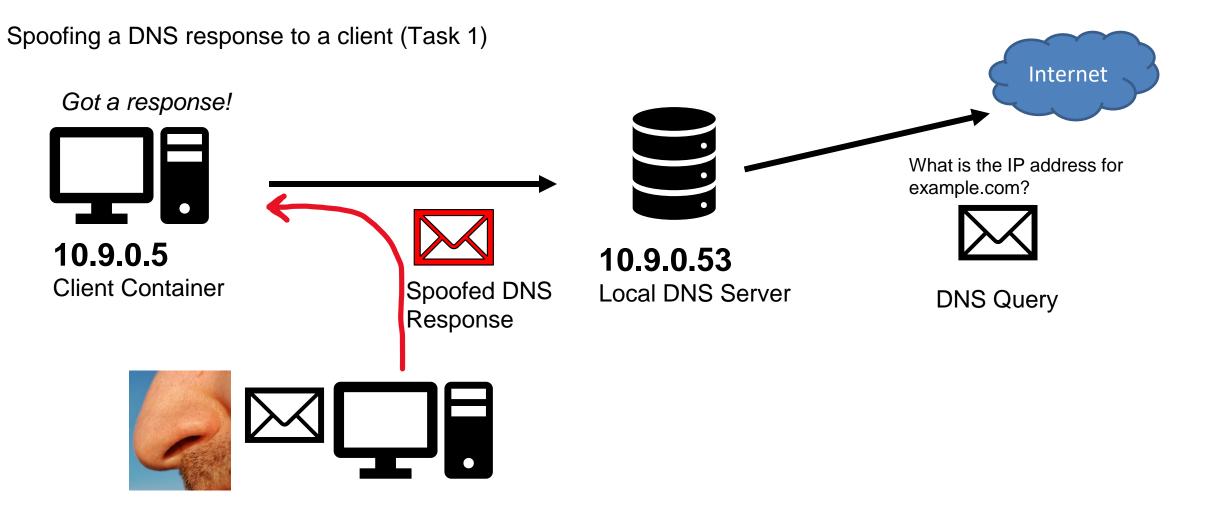
Because all these devices are on the same network (10.9.0.X), we can **sniff** their traffic!



We have 2 options:

Figure 2: Local DNS Poisoning Attack

- 1. Send a spoofed DNS response packet to the **client** (10.9.0.5) that looks like it came from the **local DNS server** (10.9.0.53)
- 2. Send a spoofed DNS response packet to the **local DNS server** (10.9.0.53) that looks like it came from a **global DNS server** (????)



Step 1. Sniff for DNS traffic going to the local DNS server

Step 2. Spoof a DNS response to the client with using information from the packet we sniffed!

Step 3. The user receives a packet that looks like it came from the Local DNS server, and the client accepts the packet and uses the IP address

Spoofing a DNS Response Code

Attacker VM (10.9.0.1)

[03/29/23]seed@VM:~/.../07_dns_attacks\$ sudo python3 spoof_answer.py 10.9.0.5

1. On the attacker VM, run the sniff/spoof python script

4. Our sniffer picks up the DNS query, and spoofs a response to the Victim

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5. The response of our Dig command should be 1.2.3.4 (the malicious IP that came from our spoofed packet)!

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;; flags: qr aa rd; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 0
;; WARNING: recursion requested but not available
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;www.example.com. IN A
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Spoot

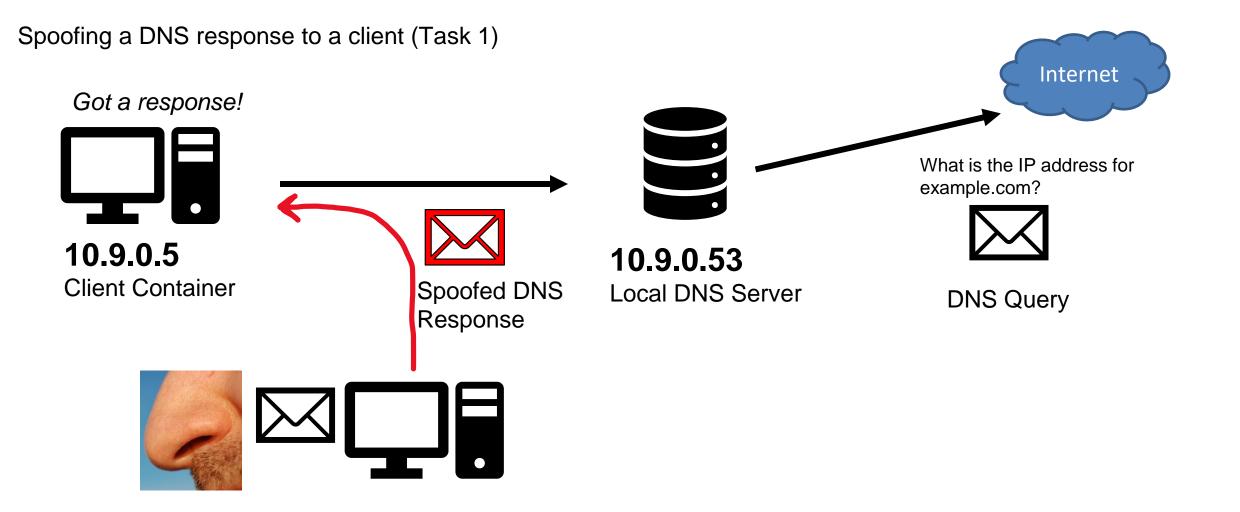
Instead of going to the actual IP address for example.com (93.184.216.34), they will now go to the malicious IP address from the spoofed packet (1.2.3.4) which is an IP address the

attacker controls!!

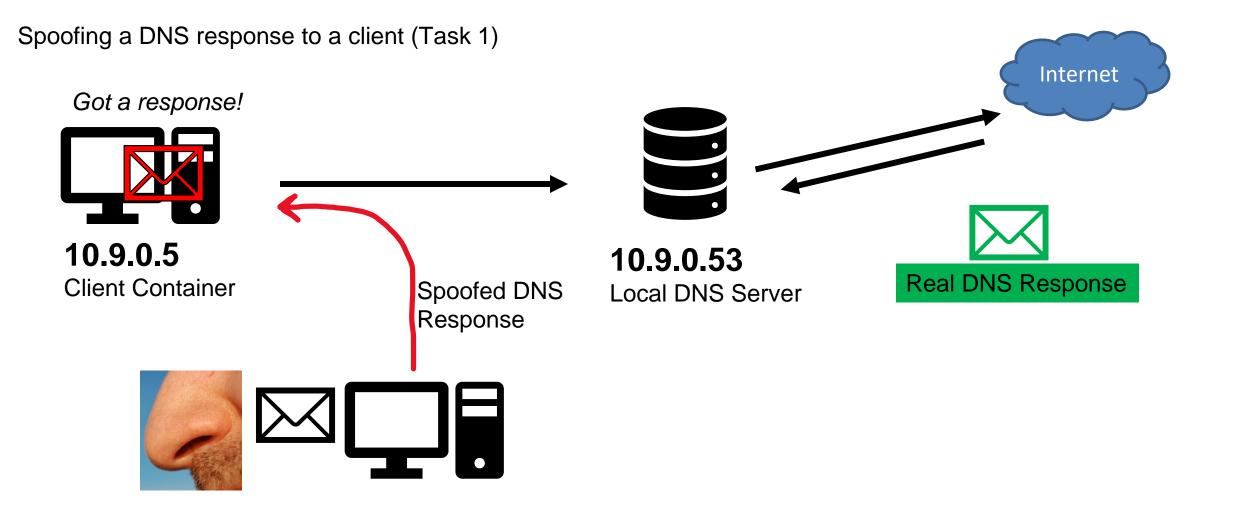
(We won't design this evil website, but it really could be anything we want (we control it!))



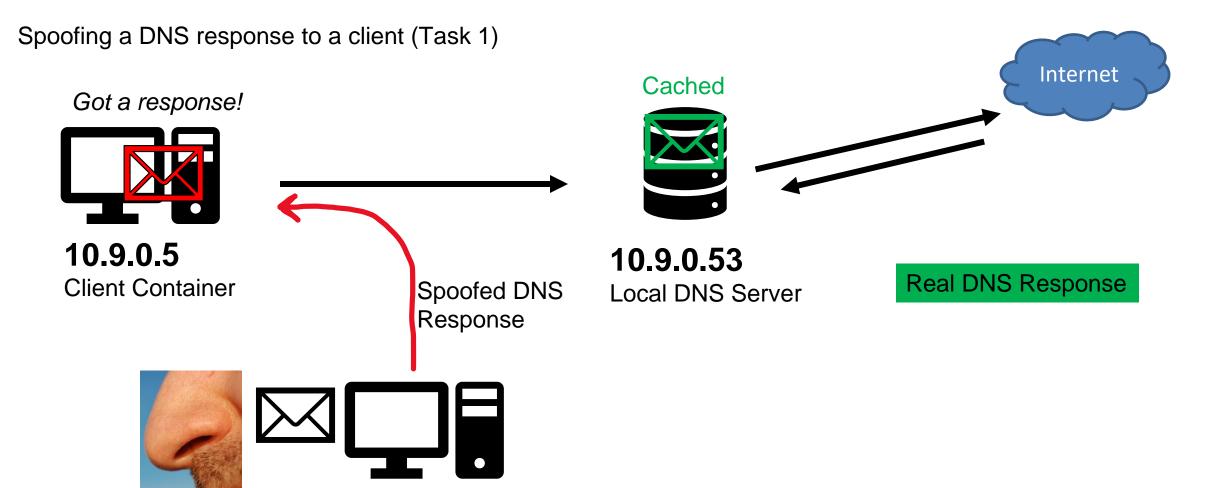
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In this attack path, our malicious response is **not** cached by the Local DNS server

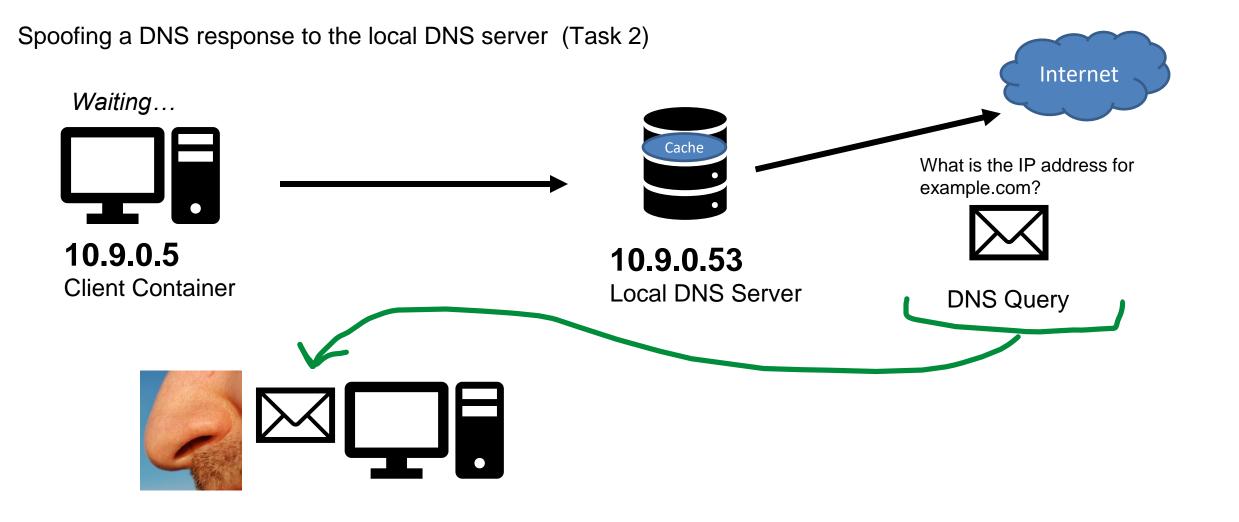


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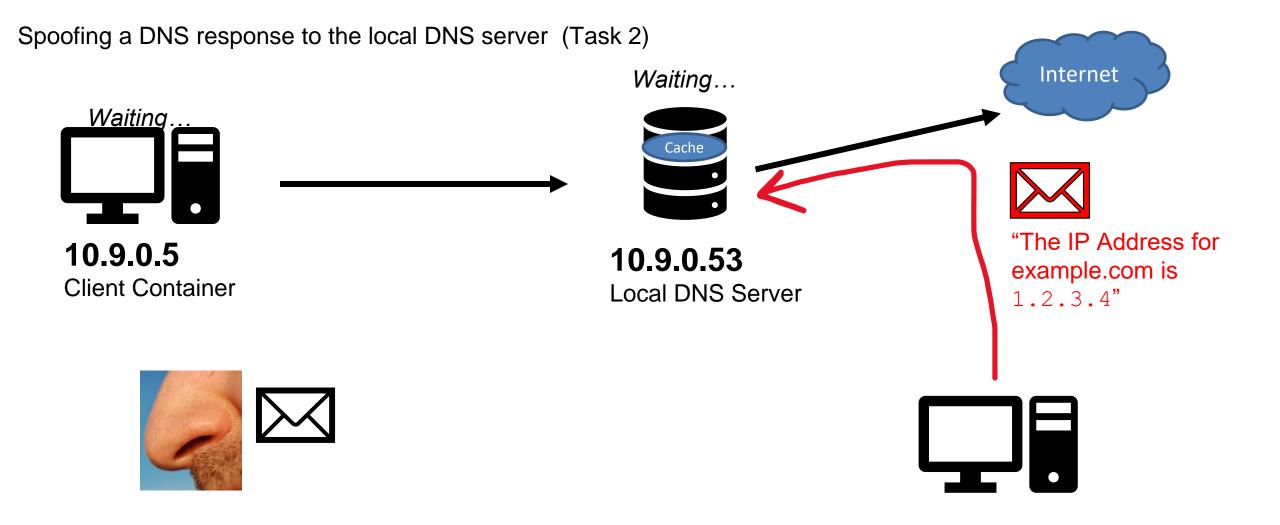


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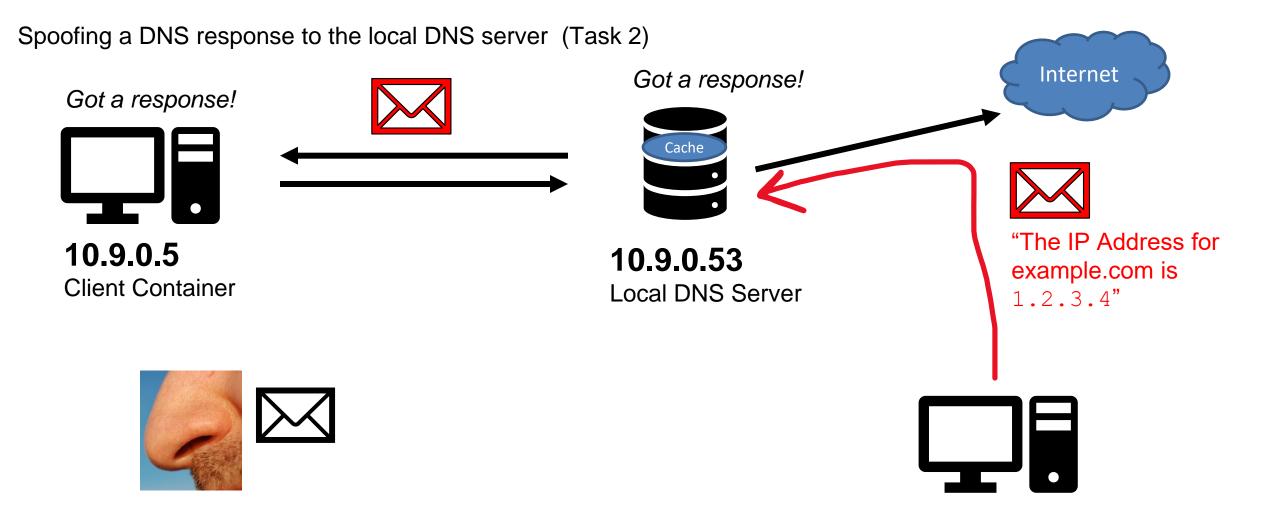
The real DNS response is received from the internet, and is eventually cached by the local DNS server



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```
#!/bin/env python3
from scapy.all import *
import sys
target = sys.argv[1]
def spoof dns(pkt):
 if (DNS in pkt and 'example.com' in pkt[DNS].qd.qname.decode('utf-8')):
   old ip = pkt[IP]
   old udp = pkt[UDP]
   old dns = pkt[DNS]
   ip = IP ( dst = old ip.src, src = old ip.dst )
   udp = UDP ( dport = old udp.sport, sport = 53 )
   Anssec = DNSRR( rrname = old dns.qd.qname, type = 'A', rdata = '1.2.3.4', ttl = 259200)
   dns = DNS(id = old dns.id, aa=1, qr=1, qdcount=1, ancount=1, qd = old dns.qd, an = Anssec)
   spoofpkt = ip/udp/dns
   send(spoofpkt)
f = 'udp and (src host {} and dst port 53)'.format(target)
pkt=sniff(iface='br-0a1341e6c3d2', filter=f, prn=spoof dns)
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We use the exact same program, but we sniff for a different IP address now (10.9.0.53)

Our attack method is the exact same, except we sniff for a different IP address

Attacker VM (10.9.0.1)

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Important: When we attack the Local DNS Sever, our spoofed DNS response gets **cached** by the DNS server

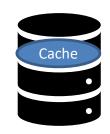
Whenever someone asks this local DNS server for the IP address of example.com, it will always return 1.2.3.4 **right away**

We have "poisoned" this DNS server



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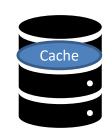
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Spoofing a DNS Response packet to the LOCAL DNS Server

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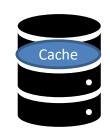
Other types:

Type AAA: IPv6 Address

Type CNAME: "Canonical name" aka an alias for another domain

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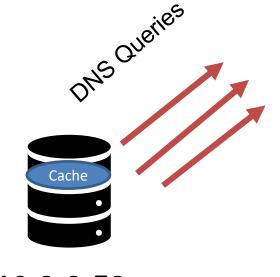
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Our next text will be to poison a local DNS cache with **NS type records**.

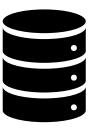
→ Visitor that want to access any webpage in the domain example.com will use the <u>attackers</u> <u>nameserver</u>

Spoofing NS Records (Task 3)









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Attacker's Nameserver (authoritative) zone: attacker32.com

www.products.example.com

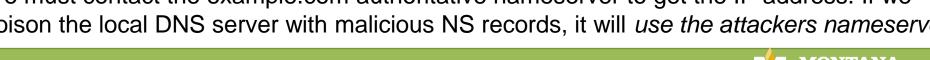
10.9.0.53 Local DNS Server

www.safe.example.com

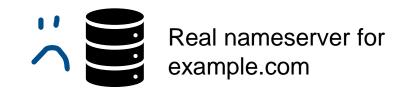
DNS Records on 10.9.0.53 (the "cache")

example.com	NS	attacker32.com
www.reese.com	А	5.6.7.8
Facebook.com	А	192.68.7.223

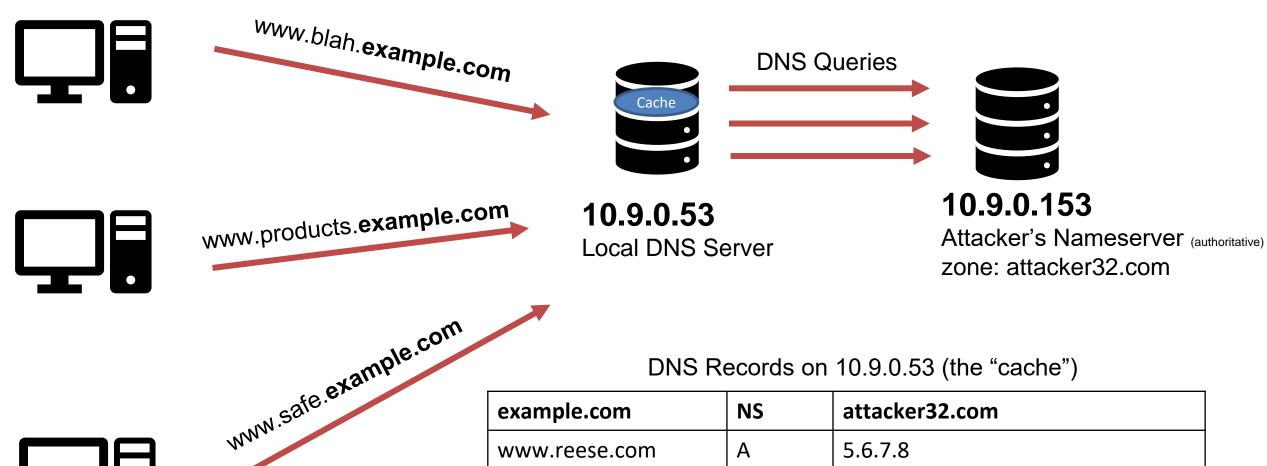
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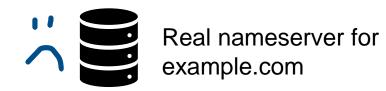
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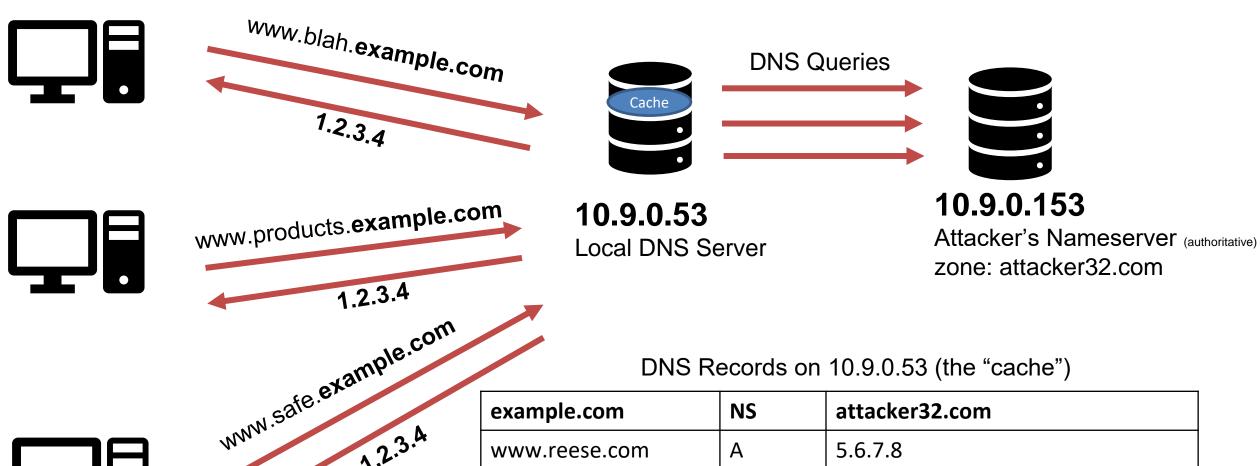
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Whenever somebody contacts a domain under example.com, it will use the attacker's nameserver!!

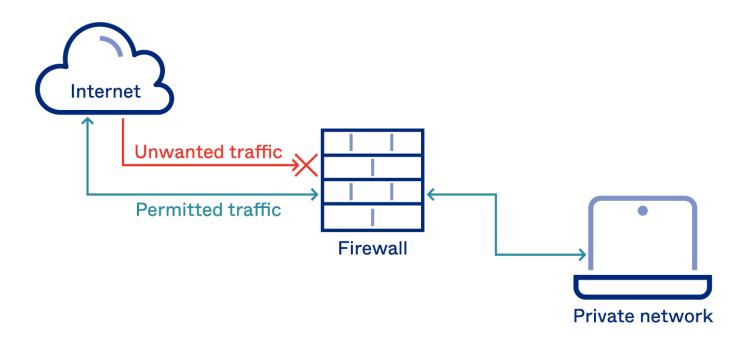
Remote DNS servers?

Packet spoofing countermeasures?

Coming soon ™

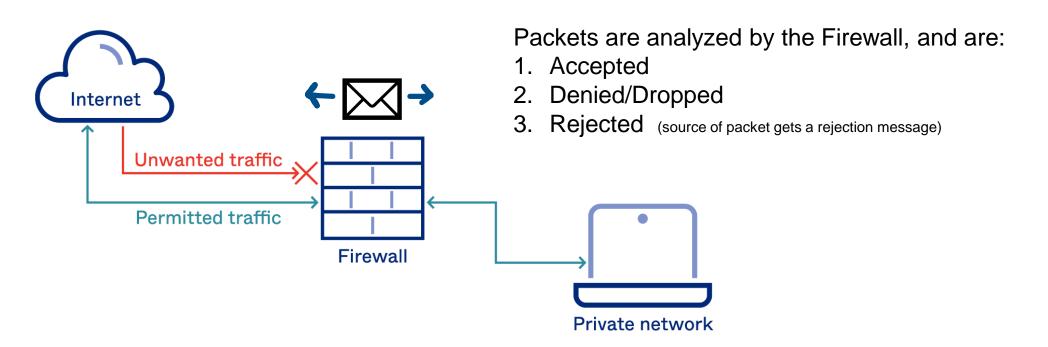
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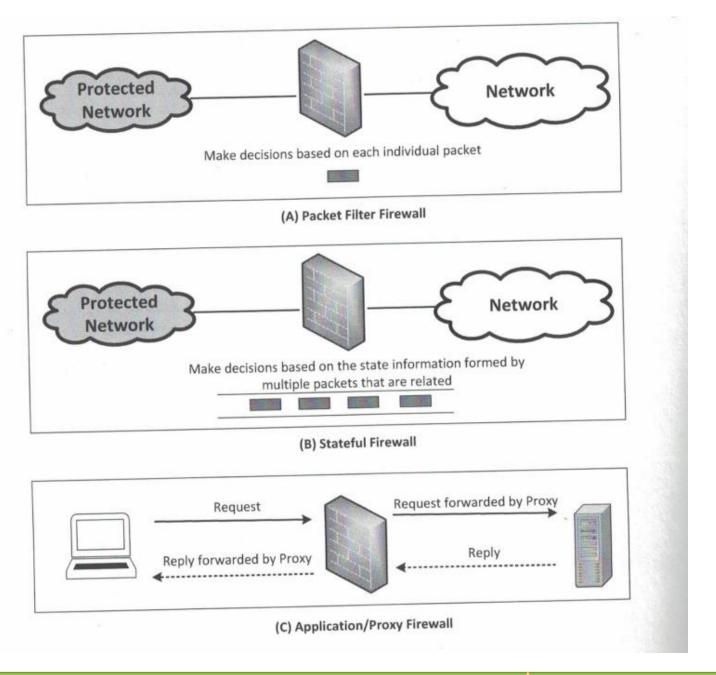
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Three types of firewalls

- 1. Packet Filter
- → Makes decisions based on information within packet (IP address, port #s, etc)
- 2. Stateful Firewall
- → Makes decisions based "sessions" and streams of related packets
- 3. Application/Proxy Firewall
- → Can inspect traffic at many layers of the OSI model
- → Acts as a middleman between sender and recipient
- → Proxy can handle authentication, which can prevent IP spoofing attacks on the server



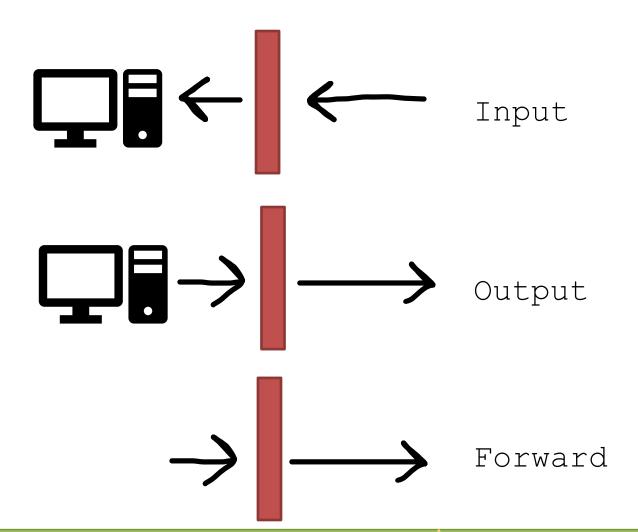
Linux has a built-in Firewall that we can play around with, called iptables

Iptables consists of three *tables*, and tables consist of *chains* (rules)

Table Name	Purpose	
filter	Packet Filtering	We will only focus on the filter table
nat	Modifying source or destination network address	
mangle	Packet content modification	

Three types of chains:

- 1. INPUT rule for incoming traffic
- 2.OUTPUT rule for outgoing traffic
- 3.FORWARD— rule for forwarding traffic



We can add a rule to a chain by following this format

Add rule to filter table (if table name is not provided, filter will be used by default)

Rule is getting Appended to the input chain, which means it's a rule for incoming traffic

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Add a rule for incoming traffic to the filter table: accept packets that have a source IP

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(There is a default rule to accept everything for all chains, so this doesn't really do anything...)

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iptables -t filter -A INPUT -s 10.9.0.1 -j DROP
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Block (drop) all incoming traffic that comes from 10.9.0.1 (The attacker VM!!)

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iptables -t filter -A INPUT -p tcp -j DROP
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Block all incoming traffic that is using the TCP protocol

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```
iptables -t filter -A INPUT -p tcp -j DROP
```

Block all incoming traffic that is using the TCP protocol
This will help prevent TCP flooding/reset/hijack... but this rule is a very bad idea

```
iptables -t filter -A input <rule information> -j action
```

We can provide a variety of flags to provide rule information

```
-s address: Source address (can be network).

-d address: Destination address (can be network).

-i interface: Name of an interface via which a packet was received.

-o interface: Name of an interface via which a packet is to be sent.

-p protocol: The protocol of the rule or of the packet to check.

The specified protocol can be tcp, udp, icmp, etc.
```

Putting this all together, we can now add a rule:

```
iptables -t filter -A INPUT -i eth0 -p tcp --dport 443 -j ACCEPT
```

We can have multiple conditions in one rule:

Accept all incoming traffic on the eth0 interface and is TCP traffic for destination port 443 (???)

```
iptables -t filter -A input <rule information> -j action
```

We can provide a variety of flags to provide rule information

Putting this all together, we can now add a rule:

```
iptables -t filter -A INPUT -i eth0 -p tcp --dport 443 -j ACCEPT
```

We can have multiple conditions in one rule:

Accept all incoming traffic on the eth0 interface and is TCP traffic for destination port 443 (HTTPS)

```
iptables -t filter -A input <rule information> -j action
```

We can provide a variety of flags to provide rule information

```
-s address: Source address (can be network).

-d address: Destination address (can be network).

-i interface: Name of an interface via which a packet was received.

-o interface: Name of an interface via which a packet is to be sent.

-p protocol: The protocol of the rule or of the packet to check.

The specified protocol can be tcp, udp, icmp, etc.
```

Putting this all together, we can now add a rule:

```
iptables -A OUTPUT -o eth0 -p tcp --dport 22 -j ACCEPT iptables -A INPUT -i eth0 -p tcp --sport 22 -j ACCEPT
```

Allow for SSH connections (port 22)

We can use iptables -n -L to view our tables + chains

```
test@ubuntu1:~$ sudo iptables -L --line-numbers
Chain INPUT (policy ACCEPT)
                                           destination
    target prot opt source
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    ACCEPT tcp -- anywhere
                                           anywhere
                                                              tcp dpt:http
    ACCEPT tcp -- anywhere
                                           anywhere
                                                               tcp dpt:ssh
    ACCEPT tcp -- anywhere
                                           anywhere
                                                              tcp dpt:http
                                                              tcp dpt:https
    ACCEPT tcp -- anywhere
                                           anywhere
    REJECT tcp -- anywhere
                                           anywhere
                                                               tcp dpt:2222 reject-w
ith icmp-port-unreachable
Chain FORWARD (policy ACCEPT)
                                           destination
    target
               prot opt source
```

Rules at the top of the chain have higher priority. If a packet matches one of the rules, it won't check the remaining rules

(so, it is very common practice to move around rules in the chain)