Objective:

To utilize the virtualization concept of VMware and create a LAN network with DNS, DHCP and Web Servers on individual Linux virtual machines and implement networking protocols such as NFS, IPSec VPN tunnelling and ufw firewall.

Protocols implemented and their behavior:

Domain Name Server (DNS)

It is highly impractical to remember IP addresses of different hosts connected over networks. Domain name server acts a decentralized directory of internet or a private network, which contains the IP addresses of each domain names. When a user request to access a client host or server using domain name, it is forwarded to DNS server of domain which maps the IP address corresponding to domain name. DNS uses UDP packets to initiate or receive requests.

Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP)

Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol is a standard client/server protocol which helps to assign dynamic IP addresses to host machines connected in a network. Since a unicast is required to access all the resources in a network, DHCP helps to achieve this by assigning unanimous gateways & address pool for each network segments. DHCP also reduces considerable amount of work in network administration by assigning dynamic IP addresses, subnets & gateways for a machine without any manual work.

Process of DHCP:

- 1. The user broadcasts a request for a DHCP server. This is the "discover" process.
- 2. An "offer" message is sent to the user by the DHCP server if the IP address is available.
- 3. The user then "requests" to lease the IP address from the DHCP server.
- 4. DHCP server sends an "acknowledged" message to the user and assigns IP address along with the

corresponding network parameters like subnet mask and default gateway.

Web Server:

A Web Server is a server software or a dedicated hardware that stores, process & deliver web pages to clients on the network. The communication between server & client happens with HTTP. In this project, we are using apache v2 as a web server for serving web content. The basic unit representing an individual website is the virtual host. When the domain is accessed by the user,

the user is directed by the apache server to a specific directory where the domain is stored and maintaining the secrecy of the fact that it has other websites stored in its repository. In this way each domain can be customized and configured individually and autonomously.

Firewall

Firewall is generally used to filter or restrict access to incoming or outgoing traffic based on certain rules. It creates a segregation between trusted local network & untrusted external network like network. In our project we have implemented firewall by using UFW (Uncomplicated Firewall), which is used to build firewalls based on IPv4 protocol.

Backup Server

Backup server generally acts as a redundant machine of main server. When there is any occurrence of catastrophe in main server, backup server takes charge. In this project backup server is configured along with automatic backup functionality that happens periodically

DHCP Implementation:

A static IP address should be set for the DHCP server: sudo nano /etc/network/interfaces

Edit the /etc/network/interfaces file:

auto lo

iface lo inet loopback

auto ens33

iface ens33 inet static

address 192.168.73.2

netmask 255.255.255.0

network 192.168.73.0

broadcast 192.168.73.255

gateway 192.168.73.3

dns-search server.project3.com

dns-nameservers 192.168.73.3

To install an DHCP server to allocate IP addresses execute the following commands:

sudo apt-get install isc-dhcp-server

sudo nano /etc/default/isc-dhcp-server

Edit the following line with the interface name of your network adapter:

INTERFACESv4="ens33"

Open the following file and edit:

sudo nano /etc/dhcp/dhcpd.conf

Uncomment the authoritative command:

Since this is the official DHCP server for our local network, the "authoritative" command #should be commented out.

authoritative;

The following configuration is added for our local subnetwork:

```
subnet 192.168.73.0 netmask 255.255.255.0 {
range 192.168.73.100 192.168.73.200;
option domain-name-servers 192.168.73.3;
option domain-name "project3.com";
option subnet-mask 255.255.255.0;
option routers 192.168.73.3;
option broadcast-address 192.168.73.255;
default-lease-time 600;
max-lease-time 7200;
}
```

- The subnet address should be changed according to our requirements.
- The default gateway should be specified to the option routers.

Certain hosts like DNS servers and Web Servers require fixed IP addresses so that every time when these machines request an IP addresses from the DHCP server, the same IP address is assigned to them i.e. their IP addresses do not change. In order to do this, we specify the MAC addresses of these servers and assign them fixed IP addresses.

```
host dns-server1 {
    hardware ethernet 00:0c:29:f3:54:b0;
    fixed-address 192.168.73.3;
}
host dns-server2 {
    hardware ethernet 00:0c:29:3c:68:aa;
    fixed-address 192.168.73.4;
}
host web-server1 {
    hardware ethernet 00:0c:29:6a:6c:f3;
    fixed-address 192.168.73.5;
}
host web-server2 {
```

```
hardware ethernet 00:0c:29:36:31:da; fixed-address 192.168.73.6; }
```

Restart the network interface and the DHCP service and restart the system if needed: sudo systemctl restart networking sudo systemctl restart NetworkManager sudo systemctl restart isc-dhcp-server init 6

DNS Implementation:

Open the following file: sudo nano /etc/hosts

Add the IP address and its corresponding domain name: 192.168.73.3 server.project3.com server

To change the hostname of the system, open the following file: sudo nano /etc/hostname

Change it to the desired hostname:

DnsServer1

Open the following file: sudo nano /etc/resolv.conf

Make the following changes in the file by providing the DNS server IP address and the corresponding domain name:

nameserver 192.168.73.3 #IP address of the master DNS server search project3.com

Install bind9:

sudo apt-get install bind9 bind9utils bind9-doc

Add the forward and reverse zones to the named.conf.local file in the /etc/bind directory: #forward zone

zone "project3.com" {

```
type master;
file "/etc/bind/forward.project3.com";
allow-transfer { 192.168.73.4; }; #slave DNS IP
```

Copy the db.local file to forward and reverse files for the DNS database service: sudo cp db.local forward.proj3.com

Make the following changes to the forward file:

@	IN	SOA	server.project3.com. root.server.project3.com. (
		2	; Serial
		604800	; Refresh
		86400	; Retry
		241920	30; Expire
		604800	0) ; Negative Cache TTL
;			
	IN	NS	server.project3.com.
	IN	A	192.168.73.3
server	IN	A	192.168.73.3
host	IN	A	192.168.73.3
@	IN	NS	dns2.project3.com.
dns2	IN	A	192.168.73.4
www	IN	A	192.168.73.5

To create the reverse file:

sudo cp /etc/bind/forward.proj3.com /etc/bind/reverse.proj3.com

Make the following changes to the reverse file:

```
    IN SOA server.project3.com. root.server.project3.com. (
    2 ; Serial
    604800 ; Refresh
    86400 ; Retry
    2419200 ; Expire
    604800 ) ; Negative Cache TTL
```

```
NS
                   server.project3.com.
      IN
@
                   project3.com.
      IN
            PTR
                   192.168.73.3
server IN
            A
host
      IN
            A
                   192.168.73.3
                   dns2.proj3.com.
      IN
            NS
www IN
            A
                   192.168.73.5
                   server.proj3.com.
      IN
            PTR
                   dns2.proj3.com.
      IN
            PTR
      IN
            PTR
                   www.proj3.com.
```

Restart the bind9 service and the system: sudo systemctl restart bind9 init 6

To configure the Dns slave server on another machine, repeat the above steps.

Open the following file on the slave machine: sudo nano /etc/resolv.conf

Make the following changes in the file: nameserver 192.168.73.4 #IP address of the slave DNS server search project3.com

To configure the forward and reverse zones for the slave DNS server: sudo nano /etc/bind/named.conf.local

Make the following changes to the file:

Restart the bind9 service and the system: sudo systemctl restart bind9 init 6

Web Server:

Install the Apache web server: sudo apt-get install apache2

Make changes to the default webpage by changing the following file as required: sudo nano /var/www/html/index.html

Web Server backup:

To schedule a full backup of the web server to a remote machine i.e. web server 2, we should first create a local copy of the backup.

mkdir -p backup/html

Now we use tar to create a backup of the /var/www/html directory: sudo tar -czf backup/html/backup_file.tar.gz /var/www/html

Additionally, we can add the date to each of our backups using the following command: sudo tar -czf backup/html/backup_file-`date '+%m%d%y'`.tar.gz /var/www/html

In order to secure the backup to a remote server we need to use SSH. First generate the SSH key on the current machine using the following command.

ssh-keygen

In order to view the generated public key: cat .ssh/id rsa.pub

If it doesn't already exist, we need to create the following files on the remote server.

mkdir -p /home/santhoshvijay/.ssh

touch /home/santhoshvijay/.ssh/authorized_keys

mkdir -p /home/santhoshvijay/backup/backups

To copy the public key from the web server to remote server we use scp:

scp .ssh/id_rsa.pub santhoshvijay@192.168.73.6:/home/santhoshvijay/backup_key.pub

On the remote server, we should copy the received public key to the authorized_keys file to enable ssh without requiring a password:

cat /home/santhoshvijay/backup_key.pub >> /home/santhoshvijay/.ssh/authorized_keys

Now, we can use this to schedule backups using crontab. Open crontab using the following command:

EDITOR=nano crontab -e

Enter the following line to schedule a backup every day at 20:00: 00 20 * * * /bin/tar -czf /home/santhoshvijay/backup/html/backup_file-`date +\%m\%d\%y`.tar.gz /var/www/html;/usr/bin/scp -i /home/santhoshvijay/.ssh/id_rsa /home/santhoshvijay/backup/html/backup_file-`date +\%m\%d\%y`.tar.gz santhoshvijay@192.168.73.6:/home/santhoshvijay/backup/backups

Firewall:

To setup a firewall for the webserver, we need to install ufw. sudo apt-get install ufw

Now we need to set the default policies for the firewall: sudo ufw default deny incoming sudo ufw default allow outgoing

In order to allow SSH, HTTP, FTP and HTTPS connections, set the following policies: sudo ufw allow from 192.168.73.0/24 to any port 443 sudo ufw allow from 192.168.73.0/24 to any port 80 sudo ufw allow from 192.168.73.0/24 to any port 21 sudo ufw allow from 192.168.73.0/24 to any port 22

To disable pinging to the web server: sudo nano /etc/ufw/before.rules

Comment this line:

#-A ufw-before-input -p icmp --icmp-type echo-request -j ACCEPT

To enable the firewall, we run the following: sudo ufw enable

ADD-ONS:

NFS:

To install the NFS server:

sudo apt-get install nfs-kernel-server

Open /etc/exports:

sudo nano /etc/exports

We are going to share the /home with the two clients from the Web server. Add the following lines to the file:

```
/home 192.168.73.103(rw,sync,no_root_squash,no_subtree_check)
/home 192.168.73.104(rw,sync,no_root_squash,no_subtree_check)
```

Start the NFS service:

sudo systemctl start nfs-kernel-server

Install the NFS service on both the clients:

sudo apt-get install nfs-common

To mount the exported folders from the NFS server on the clients: sudo mount 192.168.73.6:/home /nfs/home

Execute the following command on the client machines to verify the mounted files:

df -h

Alternatively, check if the files have been mounted by changing to the /nfs/home directory: cd /nfs/home

IPSec VPN tunnel:

Install IPSec VPN using strongswan: sudo apt-get install ipsec-tools strongswan-starter

Open the /etc/ipsec.conf file and edit:

sudo nano /etc/ipsec.conf

Add the connection here:

conn ubuntu-to-ubuntu

authby=secret
auto=route
keyexchange=ike
left=192.168.73.102
right=192.168.73.103
type=tunnel

esp=aes128gcm16!

Add the RSA private keys or the password in the /etc/ipsec.secrets file:

sudo nano /etc/ipsec.secrets

Here, we add the password:

192.168.73.102 192.168.73.103 : PSK "secret"

Restart the IPSec service:

sudo systemctl restart ipsec

Repeat the above steps on the second machine by swapping the details of the two machines accordingly.

To verify, continuously ping from one server to the other and run the following command: watch ipsec statusall

Testing:

1.) DHCP Testing:

If the clients are able to get the IP addresses from the DHCP server within the range of IP addresses defined in the server pool, then the DHCP is working properly.

We can also see the status of the DHCP servers by using the commands:

systemctl status isc-dhcp-server

dhcp-lease-list

```
### Santhoshvijay@ubuntu:-5 sudo service isc.dhcp.server status

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***Nov 29 23:000:10 ubuntu dhcpd[1043]: DHCPREGOUST for 00:00c:292:72:tbc:26 (client2) via ens33

***Nov 29 23:000:10 ubuntu dhcpd[1043]: DHCPREGOUST for 192:168.73.104 (192:168.73.254) from 60:0c:292:72:tbc:26 (client2) via ens33

***Nov 29 23:000:10 ubuntu dhcpd[1043]: DHCPREGOUST for 192:168.73.13 from 60:0c:292:69:180:180 via via ens33

***Nov 29 23:000:10 ubuntu dhcpd[1043]: DHCPREGOUST for 192:168.73.13 from 60:0c:292:69:180:180 via via ens33

***Nov 29 23:000:10 ubuntu dhcpd[1043]: DHCPREGOUST for 192:168.73.13 from 60:0c:292:69:280:207 (client1) via ens33

***Nov 29 23:000:10 ubuntu dhcpd[1043]: DHCPREGOUST for 192:168.73.13 from 60:0c:292:89:202:07 (client1) via ens33

***Nov 29 23:000:10 ubuntu dhcpd[1043]: DHCPREGOUST for 192:168.73.15 from 60:0c:292:89:202:07 (client1) via ens33

***Nov 29 23:000:10 ubuntu dhcpd[1043]: DHCPREGOUST for 192:168.73.15 from 60:0c:292:69:202:00:10 ubuntu dhcpd[1043]: DHCPREGOUST for 192:168.73.15 for 60:0c:292:69:202:00:10
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2.) DNS Testing:

For testing the functioning and effectiveness of DNS, the following commands will be useful:

Dig:

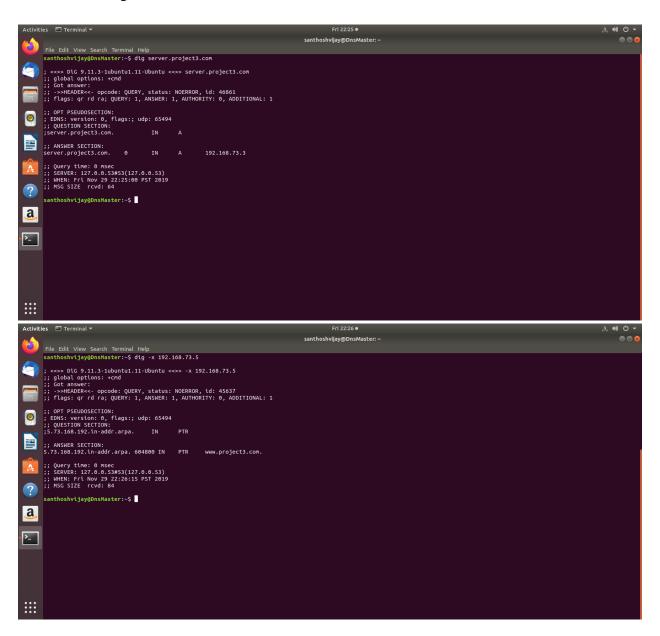
Dig is used to perform DNS lookups and returns the responses from the name servers. Execute the following command:

dig server.project3.com dig -x 192.168.73.5

This will return with the records from the master server.

Nslookup:

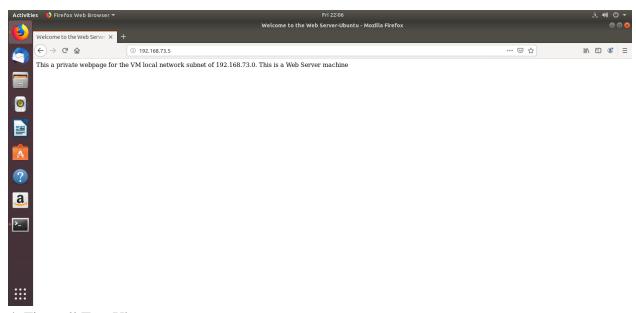
Nslookup is a command used to query DNS servers. It can be checked by executing the following command:





3. Web server Test

Open the web browser in Ubuntu and enter the host name or the local IP address. If the html page hosted locally is shown, then the web server is up and running.



4. Firewall Test Ubuntu

When the firewall is activated on web servers, then those servers cannot be pinged as per our firewall policies. Hence if we try to ping the web servers or machines, we will get "request timed out "as the response.

5. IPsec VPN Test

To test IPSEC VPN, run a continuous ping from one client to the other. Go to the other client and then run the following commands:

watch ipsec statusall

or

tcpdump esp

