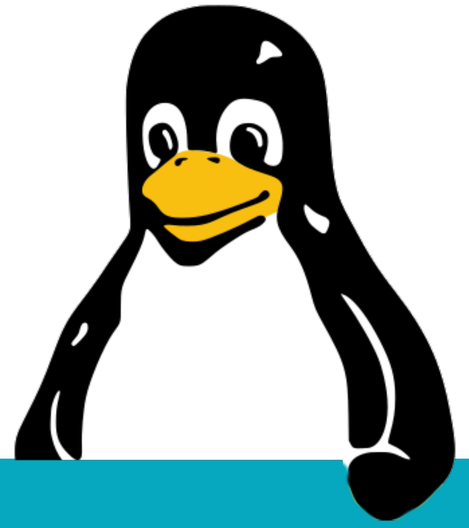
Linux, day 2
Advanced SSH operations



LAB: SSH keys, ssh-agent

SSH authentication

- Logging in we can use:
  - Password
  - SSH key pair
  - Certificates
  - MFA (multi-factor auth.)

SSH key pairs

- Asymmetric encryption
  - Private key remains on your "source" host.
  - Public key distributed to all "target" hosts.
- Login uses your private key to encrypt a secret,
  - Which the target host verifies with your pubkey.

See: SSH keys for dummies

You try!

- On your Fedora VM:

```
$ ssh-keygen -t rsa
```

- Copy the public key to your Ubuntu VM:

```
$ ssh-copy-id -i ~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub \
  tess@ubuntu
```

You try!

- Now you can login with the private key!

```
$ ssh -i ~/.ssh/id_rsa tess@ubuntu
```

Assignment

- You have two VMs.
  - Verify that SSHd runs on both servers.

- You just created an SSH key pair on one,
  - And installed the pubkey on the other.
  - Now let's do something cool.

Assignment

- On the host with the privkey:
  - Run: "*eval $(ssh-agent)*".
  - Run: "*ssh-add ~/.ssh/id_rsa*" command.
  - This should ask for the key's password once.

- Try SSH-ing to the other VM again.
  - This should not ask your password.

Assignment

- Reconfigure "*sshd_config*" on one of the VMs,
  - So it will only allow group "*sshusers*" to login.
- Give your own account the new group "*sshusers*"
- Restart the SSH daemon and test that you can login.
  - Also test sure that another user cannot.

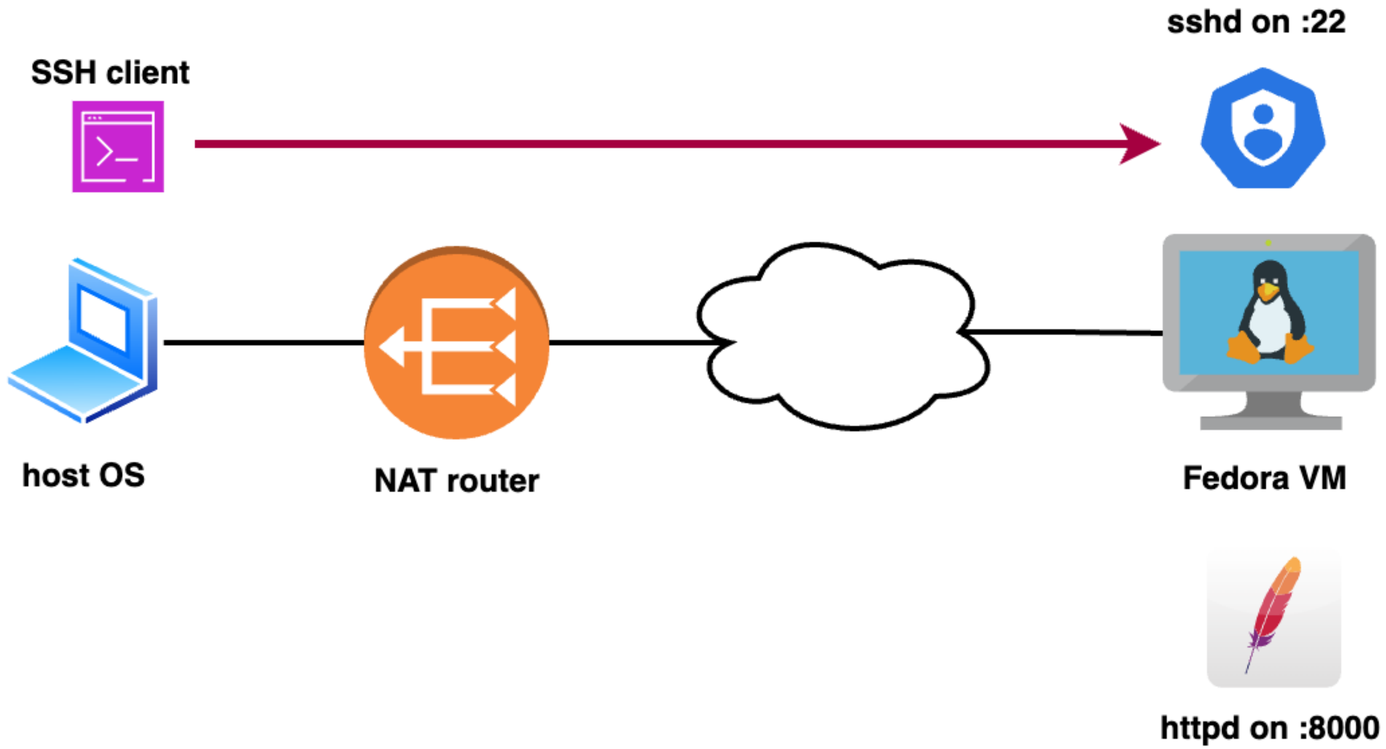
SSH and more possibilities

Scary stuff!

- SSH can be used to setup port forwards.
  - Both forward (outbound, from the source)
  - And reverse (inbound, from the target)
  - X11 as a special use-case
  - SOCKS5 proxy for fun-and-profit

SSH port forwarding

- Let's access a web server behind NAT!



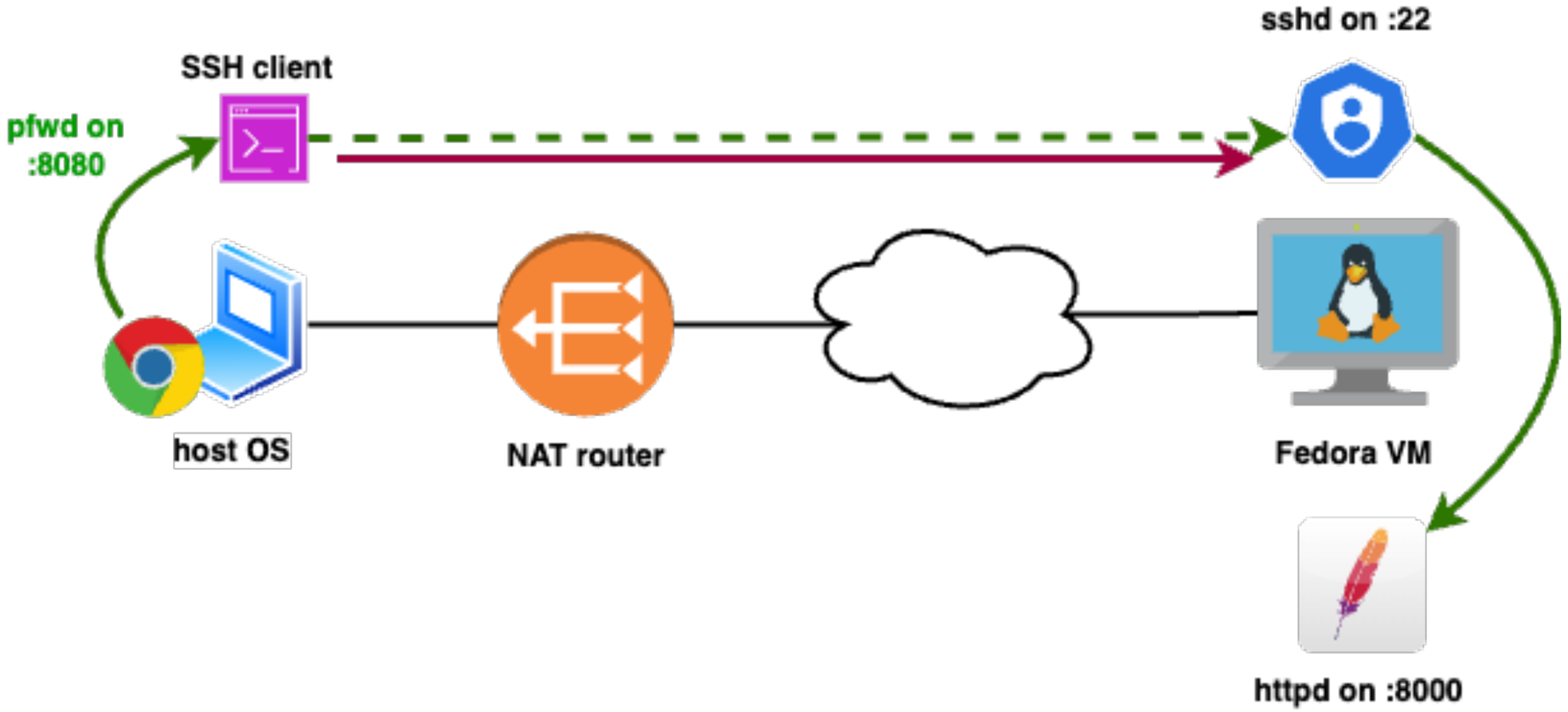
SSH port forwarding

- On your Fedora VM run:

```
$ cd ~/Downloads
$ echo "Secrets!" > index.html
$ python3 -m http.server 8000
```

SSH port forwarding

- Let’s lay some pipes!



SSH port forwarding

- Defining a port forward with -L:
  - <local port>:<target host>:<target port>

- This means:
  - SSH to the remote host, then build a forward.
  - Traffic will flow through the remote SSH box.

SSH port forwarding

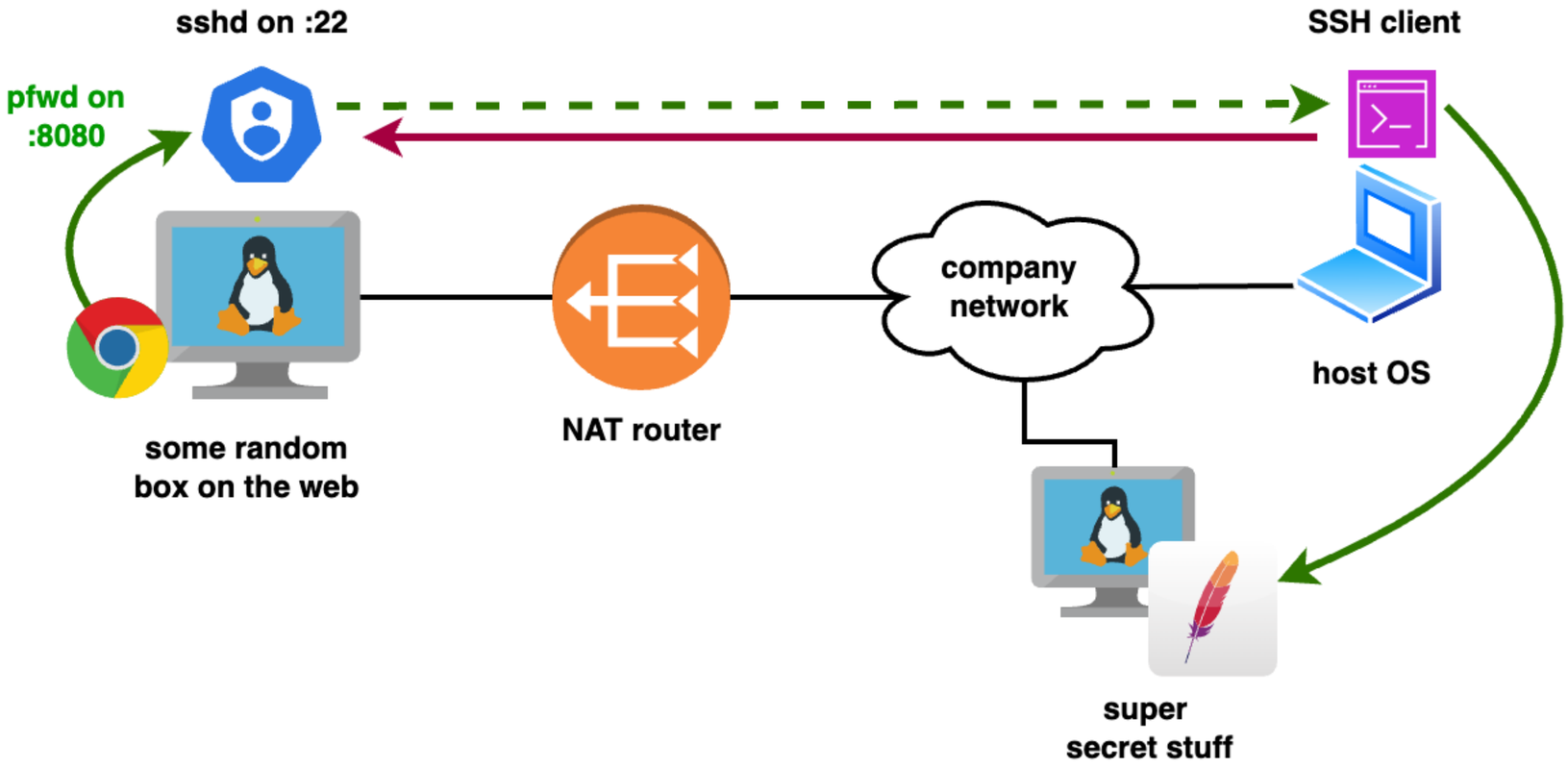
- On your host OS run (adjust guest IP):

```
$ ssh -L 8080:10.0.2.15:8000 tess@fedoravm
```

- On the host OS browse http://localhost:8080

SSH reverse port forward

- Even scarier…



SSH reverse port forwarding

- For example:
  - You working at the office, with secret stuff.
  - You SSH from work to your home PC.
  - You setup a reverse port forward, to the secrets.
  - You accessing work secrets, at home.

SSH reverse port forwarding

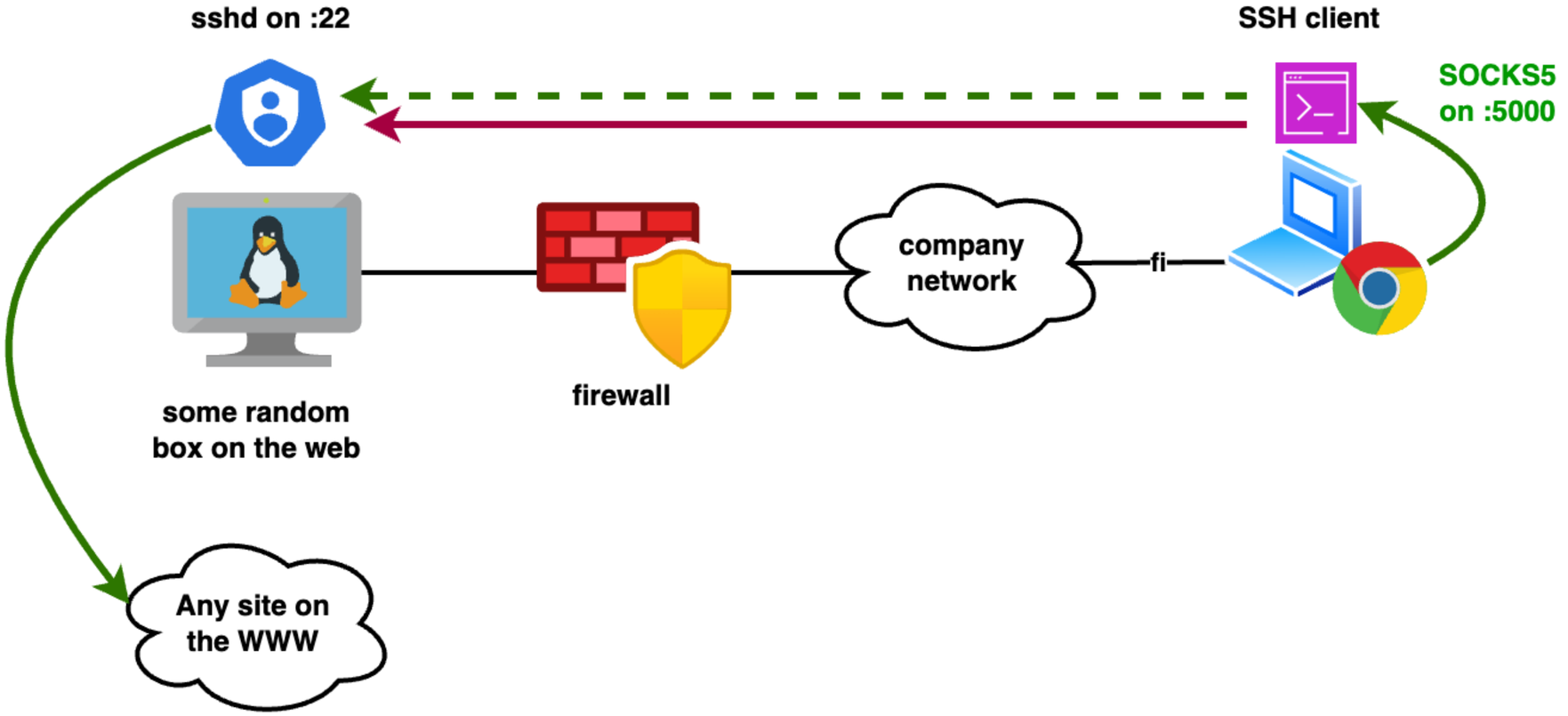
- On your host OS install & run an sshd.
- Find your host OS IP address.
- On the Fedora VM run:

```
$ ssh -R 8080:10.0.2.15:8000 tess@laptop
```

- Then on the host OS, browse http://localhost:8080.

SOCKS5 proxy

- You like browsing the web?



SOCKS5 proxy

- On your host OS run:

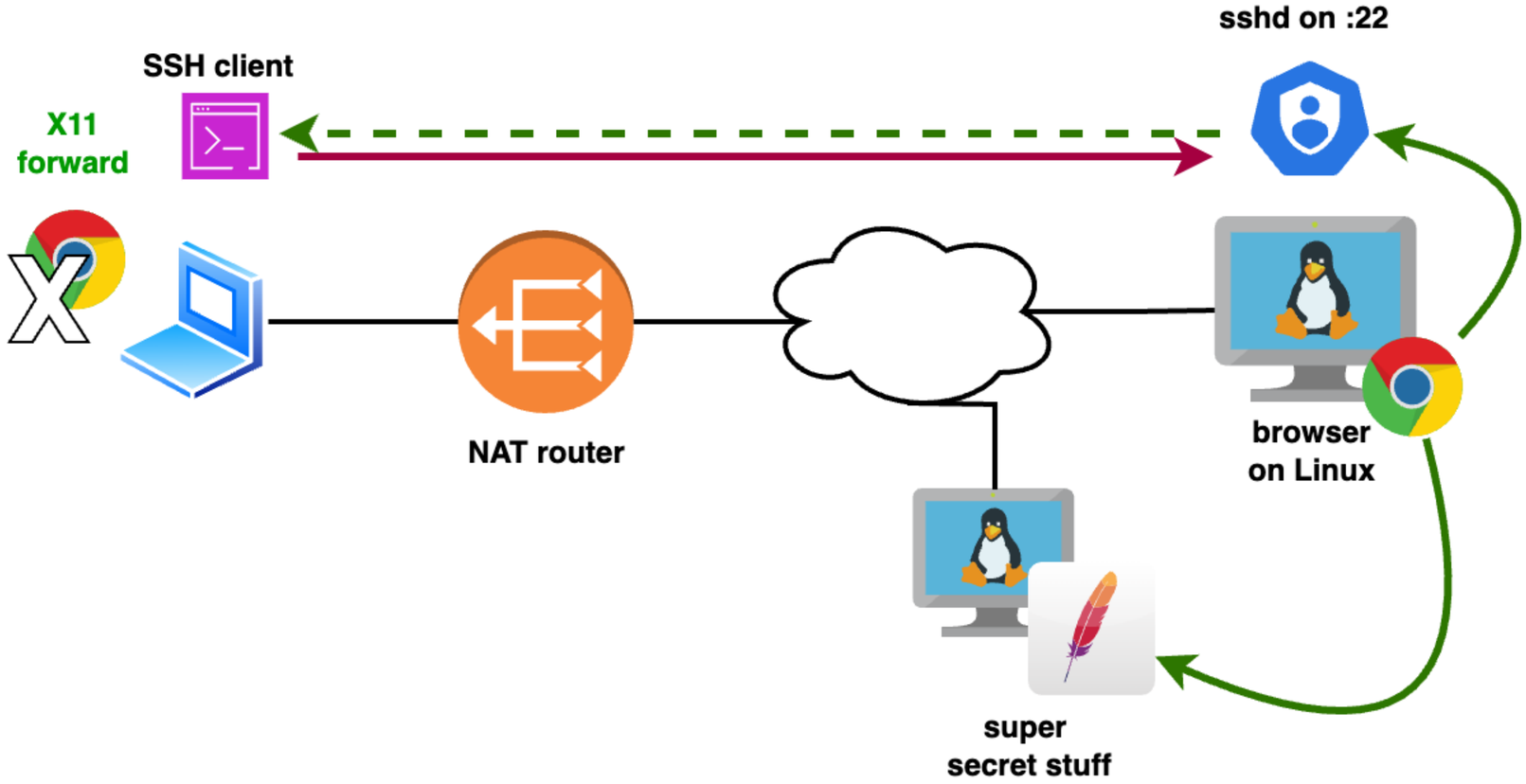
```
$ ssh -D 3128 tess@fedoravm
```

- Browse to http://10.0.2.4:8000 using the proxy:

```
$ curl --preproxy http://localhost:3128 \
       http://10.0.2.4:8000
```

X11 tunneling

- Watch graphical apps remotely. NOT RDP!



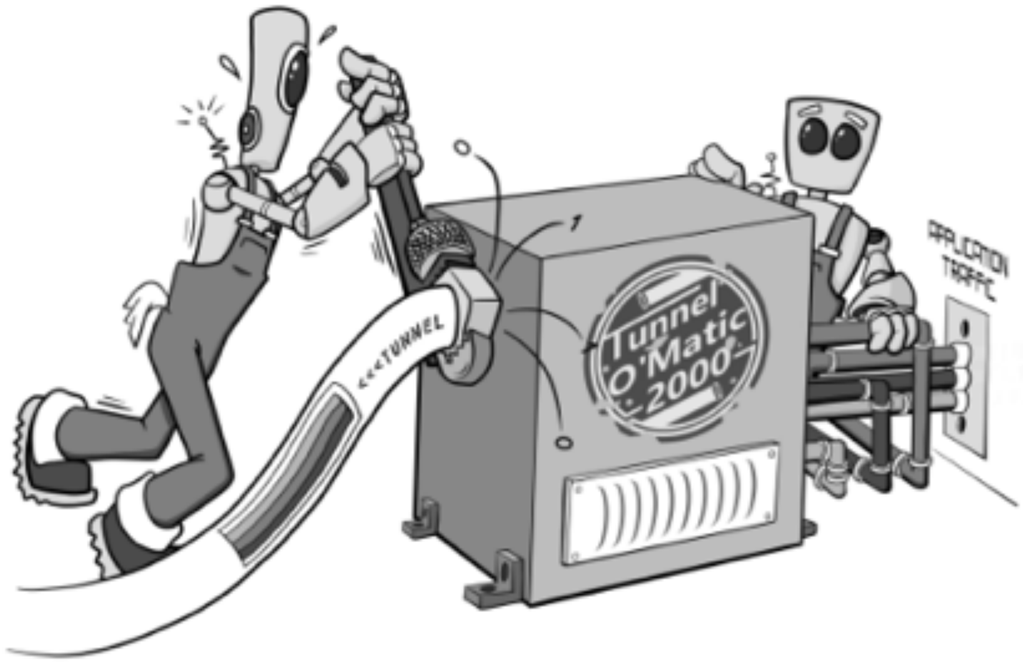
X11 Tunneling

- This requires an X11 server on your host OS.
  - XQuartz on Mac,
  - XMing or MobaXterm on Windows
- On your host OS run:

```
$ ssh -Y tess@fedoravm "xclock"
```

The SSH bible: CPH

- Brennon Thomas' awesome book.
- Free for students.
- Explains all cool SSH options.



- See: Cyber Plumber's Handbook

SSH keys and ssh-agent

Setup

- Ensure that you have two Linux VMs.
- And that you have an account on both.

Assignment

- Double-check that SSHd runs on both servers.
- Generate a new key pair on one of the accounts.
  - Make it type ECDSA, with a password.
  - Setup its pub.key for authentication on the other VM.
  - Test your SSH key authentication.

Assignment

- Start "*eval $(ssh-agent)*".
- Add / load the private key you generated into the running "*ssh-agent*", with the "*ssh-add*" command.
  - This should ask your password once.
- Try SSH-ing to the other VM again.
  - This should not ask your password.

LAB: Restricted SSH

Assignment

- Reconfigure "*sshd_config*" on one of the VMs,
  - So it will only allow group "*sshusers*" to login.
- Give your own account the new group "*sshusers*"
- Restart the SSH daemon and test that you can login.
  - Also make sure that another user cannot.

LAB: SSH as proxy

Can you perform:

- An NMap portscan,
  - Of your Linux VM,
  - From your host OS?
  - For example to find your Python httpd on port 8000.

- Unfortunately Windows can’t play. So make teams!

Hints

- You will need "proxychains" or "proxychains-ng".
- SOCKS is best suited for TCP connect scans, use "-sT".
- First limit to known-open ports (like 8000).
- A ping will fail, so use "-Pn".

Solution

- Let SSH open a SOCKS5 proxy, with "-D 3128"
- Configure proxychains to use:
  - socks5 localhost 3128

```
$ proxychains nmap -Pn -p 8000 -sT 10.0.2.15
```

Reference materials

Resources

- VirtualBox networking modes
- Stop making shell aliases for SSH!
- Download Putty
- Download WinSCP
- SSH keys for dummies
- Cyber Plumber’s Handbook