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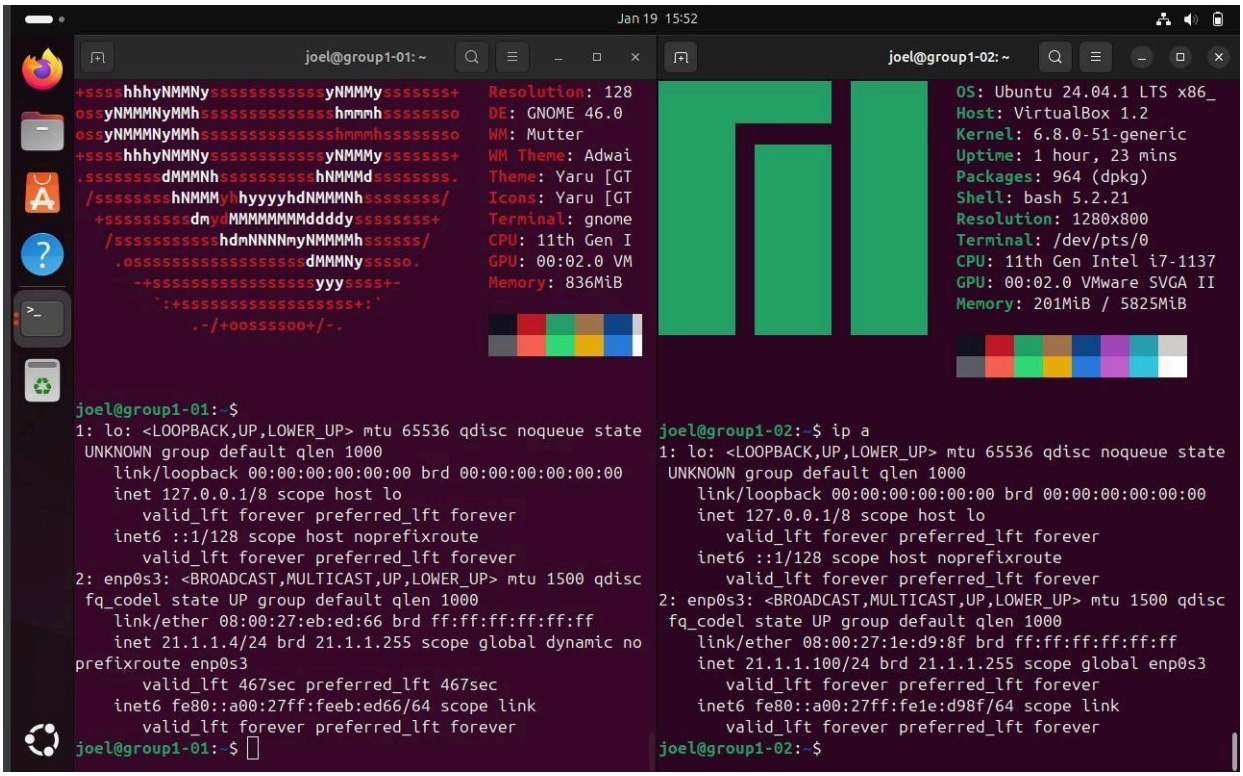
1. *Concepts and terms explanations for Sections 1,2 and 3*

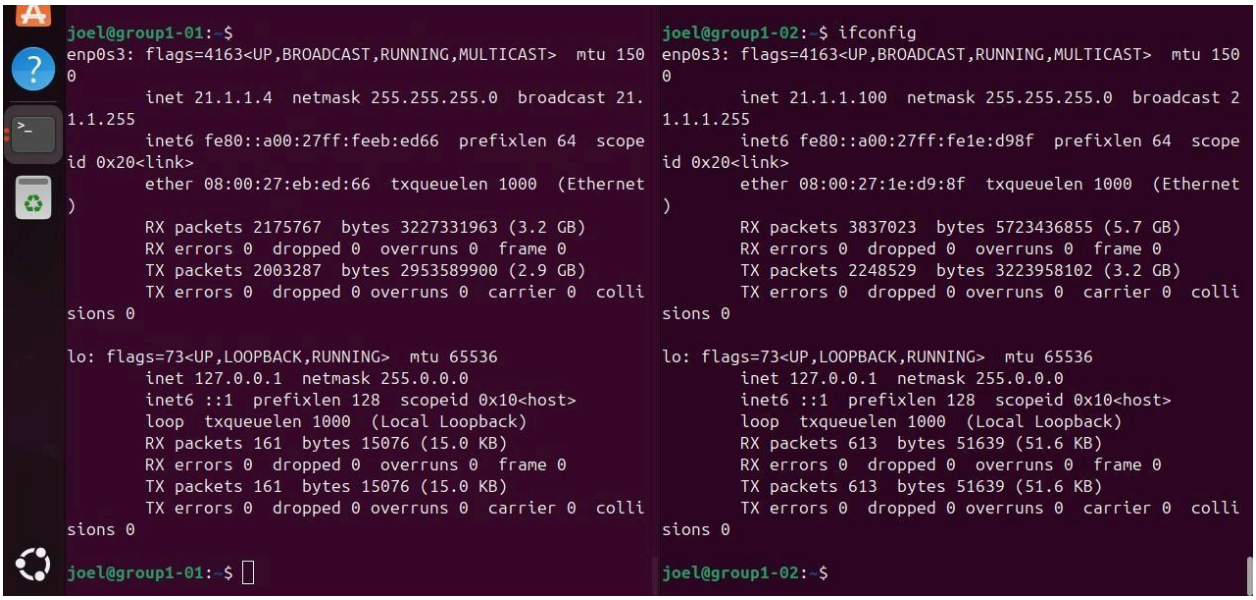
- ***NAT –*** Network Address Translation, is used to map private IP addresses in a local network to a public IP address for communication with external networks. In this use case, the Virtual NAT Network in VirtualBox enables communication between the virtual machines and external networks, such as the internet, while preserving the private IP addresses of the VMs.
- ***Subnet*** - A subnet divides a larger network into smaller segments to manage and optimize network traffic. The /24 indicates a subnet mask where the first 24 bits are used for the network identifier.
- ***2xx.xx.0/24*** – The format of the subnet address. In our case the specific address is 21.1.1.100/24. It defines a range of IP addresses for communication between devices on the network.
- ***DHCP*** – Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol, automatically assigns IP addresses and other network configurations to devices in a network. The Virtual NAT Network uses DHCP to assign IP addresses to the Ubuntu Desktop and Ubuntu Server, simplifying the network setup.
- ***DNS*** – Domain Name System, translates human-readable domain names (www.google.com) into IP addresses. DNS is configured to allow virtual machines to resolve domain names to IP addresses, facilitating internet connectivity and hostname resolution within the project.
- ***Nginx Web Server & Apache Web Server*** - These are HTTP servers used to serve web content. Nginx is known for its performance, while Apache is versatile and widely used. We installed Nginx on the Ubuntu Server to host a default web page, which is accessed from the Ubuntu Desktop Browser.
- ***OpenSSH Server*** - Allows secure remote login and file transfers using the SSH protocol. Installed on the Ubuntu Server to enable remote management from the Ubuntu Desktop using SSH.
- ***Google Chrome / Mozilla Firefox*** - These are web browsers acting as HTTP clients that send requests to web servers and display responses. We used Mozilla Firefox installed on the Ubuntu Desktop to access the web page hosted by the Nginx server on the Ubuntu Server.
- ***OpenSSH Client*** – It enables users to securely connect to an SSH server for remote management. It is pre-installed on the Ubuntu Desktop and is used to remotely access the Ubuntu Server running the OpenSSH Server.

2. Conducted Output Tests on Sections 4 and 5

4.1 Verifying IP Addresses Assigned Statically

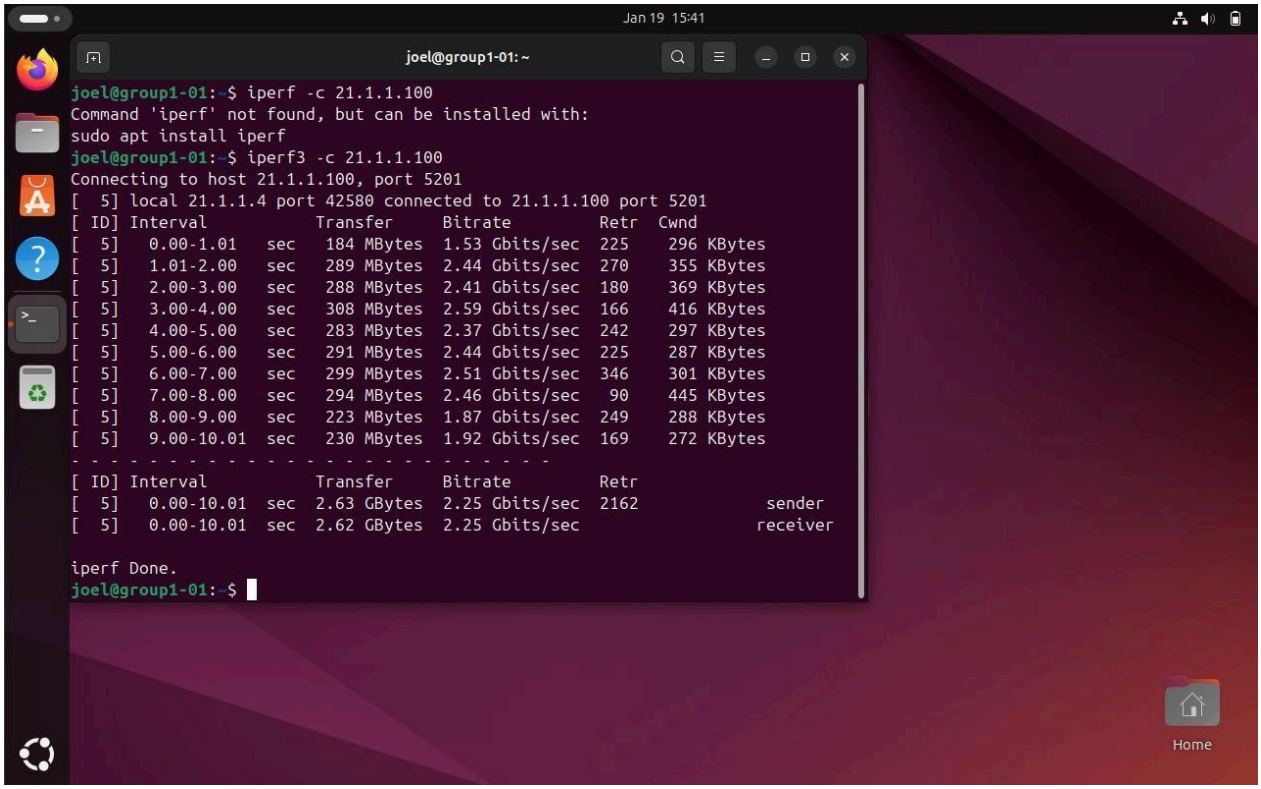


The screenshot shows the output of the *ip a* command executed on two different hosts, displaying system information and confirming the IP addresses assigned statically to both the Ubuntu Desktop and Ubuntu Server.

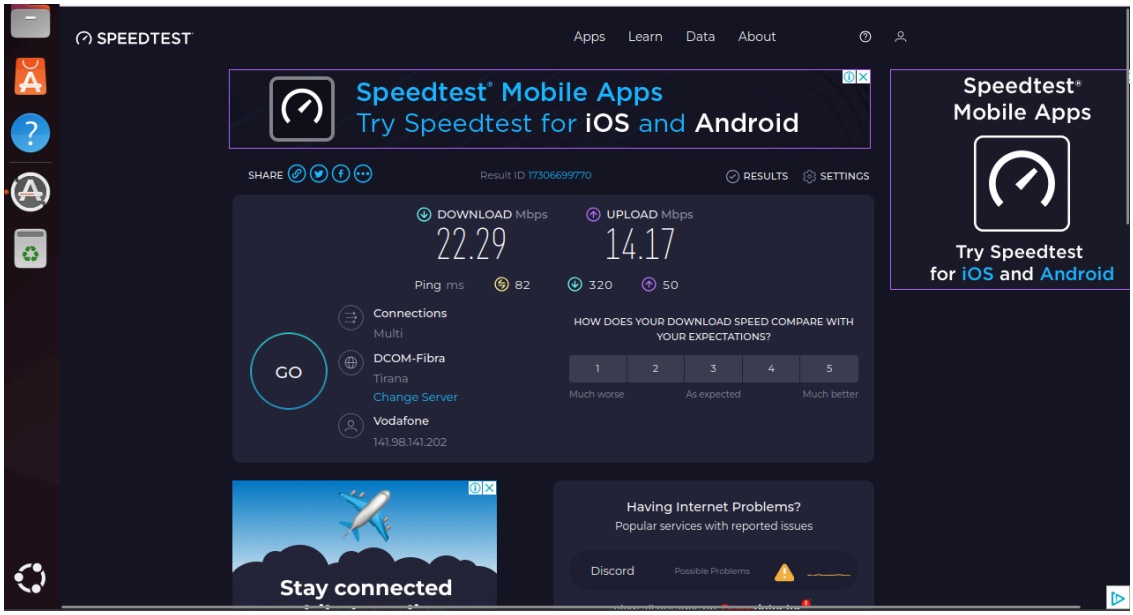


The screenshot displays the output of the *ifconfig* command executed on two different hosts. It includes detailed network interface configurations for *enp0s3* and *lo* interfaces on both hosts. For the *enp0s*3 interface, the IP addresses assigned statically are shown, confirming correct network configurations. Additionally, it includes MAC addresses, RX and TX packet statistics, and IPv6 addresses. This verifies that the IP addresses are correctly assigned statically, and the network interfaces are functioning properly on both the Ubuntu Desktop and the Ubuntu Server.

4.2 Measuring throughput



The screenshot shows the terminal window on the Ubuntu Desktop where the *iperf3* command was used to test the network bandwidth between the Ubuntu Desktop and the Ubuntu Server. The command *iperf3 -c 21.1.1.100* initiates the test, connecting to the host at IP address *21.1.1.100* on port 5201. The results show the transfer rate and bandwidth performance over a 10 second interval. This test verifies the local network connectivity between the end hosts by measuring the network's bandwidth and performance.



Measuring throughput from the server

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joel@group1-02:~$ iperf3 -c 21.1.1.4
Connecting to host 21.1.1.4, port 5201
[  5] local 21.1.1.100 port 35986 connected to 21.1.1.4 port 5201
[ ID] Interval           Transfer     Bitrate         Retr  Cwnd
[  5]   0.00-1.24   sec   130 MBytes   879 Mbits/sec  340    223 KBytes
[  5]   1.24-2.00   sec   115 MBytes  1.26 Gbits/sec  225    223 KBytes
[  5]   2.00-3.00   sec   170 MBytes  1.42 Gbits/sec  195    322 KBytes
[  5]   3.00-4.00   sec   153 MBytes  1.29 Gbits/sec  315    283 KBytes
[  5]   4.00-5.19   sec   157 MBytes  1.10 Gbits/sec  450    270 KBytes
[  5]   5.19-6.00   sec   143 MBytes  1.48 Gbits/sec  188    230 KBytes
[  5]   6.00-7.02   sec   188 MBytes  1.54 Gbits/sec  243    252 KBytes
[  5]   7.02-8.00   sec   132 MBytes  1.13 Gbits/sec  225    281 KBytes
[  5]   8.00-9.01   sec   152 MBytes  1.27 Gbits/sec  163    260 KBytes
[  5]   9.01-10.01  sec   202 MBytes  1.69 Gbits/sec  399    238 KBytes
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[ ID] Interval           Transfer     Bitrate         Retr
[  5]   0.00-10.01  sec  1.51 GBytes  1.29 Gbits/sec  2743             sender
[  5]   0.00-10.01  sec  1.50 GBytes  1.29 Gbits/sec                   receiver

iperf Done.
joel@group1-02:~$ _
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The screenshot shows the output of a *ping* command directed at IP address 21.1.1.4 to verify if the target host is reachable and to measure the response time. Additionally, it also shows the *iperf3* command on the Ubuntu Server

4.3 Using ping command to measure RTT

```
joel@group1-01:~$ ping 21.1.1.100
PING 21.1.1.100 (21.1.1.100) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 21.1.1.100: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.964 ms
64 bytes from 21.1.1.100: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.908 ms
64 bytes from 21.1.1.100: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.783 ms
64 bytes from 21.1.1.100: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.973 ms
64 bytes from 21.1.1.100: icmp_seq=5 ttl=64 time=0.735 ms
64 bytes from 21.1.1.100: icmp_seq=6 ttl=64 time=0.773 ms
64 bytes from 21.1.1.100: icmp_seq=7 ttl=64 time=0.813 ms
64 bytes from 21.1.1.100: icmp_seq=8 ttl=64 time=0.757 ms
^C
--- 21.1.1.100 ping statistics ---
8 packets transmitted, 8 received, 0% packet loss, time 7128ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 0.735/0.838/0.973/0.089 ms
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The screenshot shows the results of a **ping** command directed at the server from the desktop, measuring the **round-trip time** for packets sent to the public end host. The results indicate successful external network connectivity by displaying response times for each packet.

Server

```
joel@group1-02:~$ ping 21.1.1.4
PING 21.1.1.4 (21.1.1.4) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 21.1.1.4: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=2.44 ms
64 bytes from 21.1.1.4: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.575 ms
64 bytes from 21.1.1.4: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.722 ms
64 bytes from 21.1.1.4: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=1.68 ms
64 bytes from 21.1.1.4: icmp_seq=5 ttl=64 time=0.696 ms
64 bytes from 21.1.1.4: icmp_seq=6 ttl=64 time=0.510 ms
64 bytes from 21.1.1.4: icmp_seq=7 ttl=64 time=2.31 ms
^C
--- 21.1.1.4 ping statistics ---
7 packets transmitted, 7 received, 0% packet loss, time 20250ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 0.510/1.277/2.444/0.786 ms
joel@group1-02:~$ _
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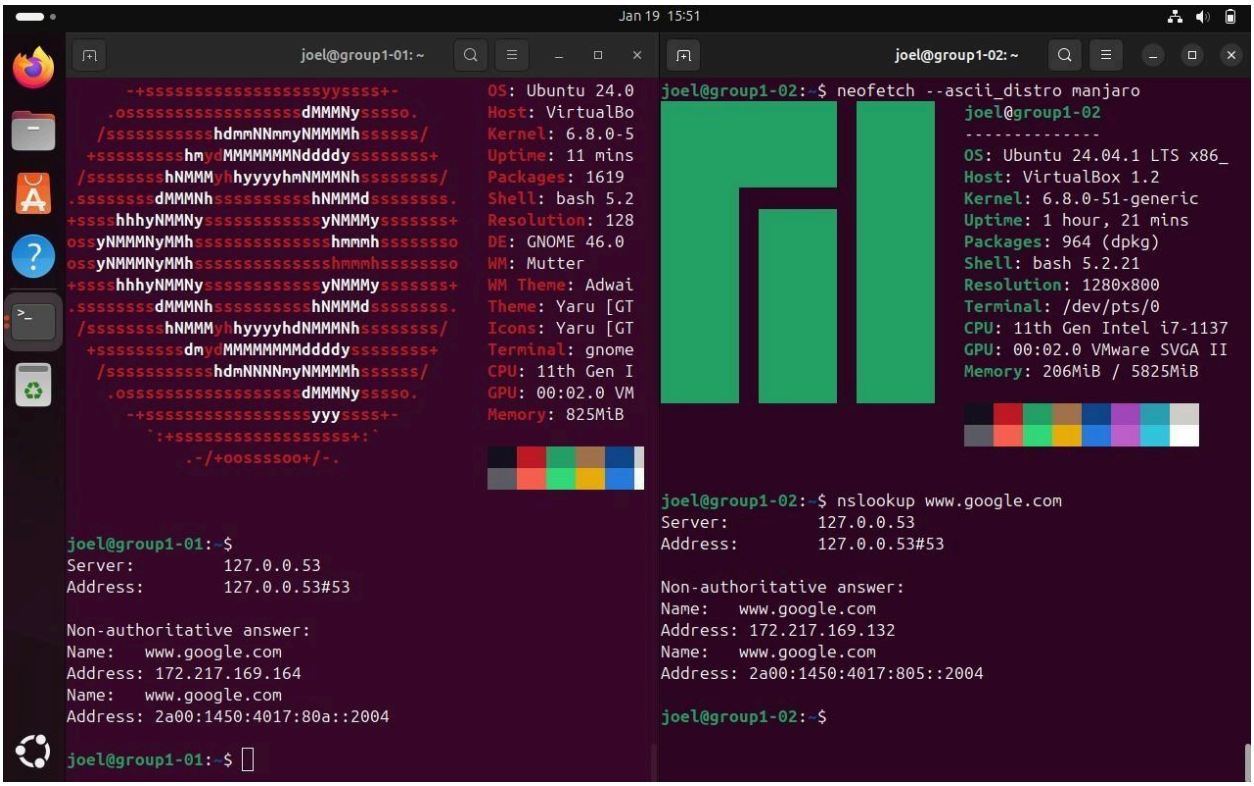
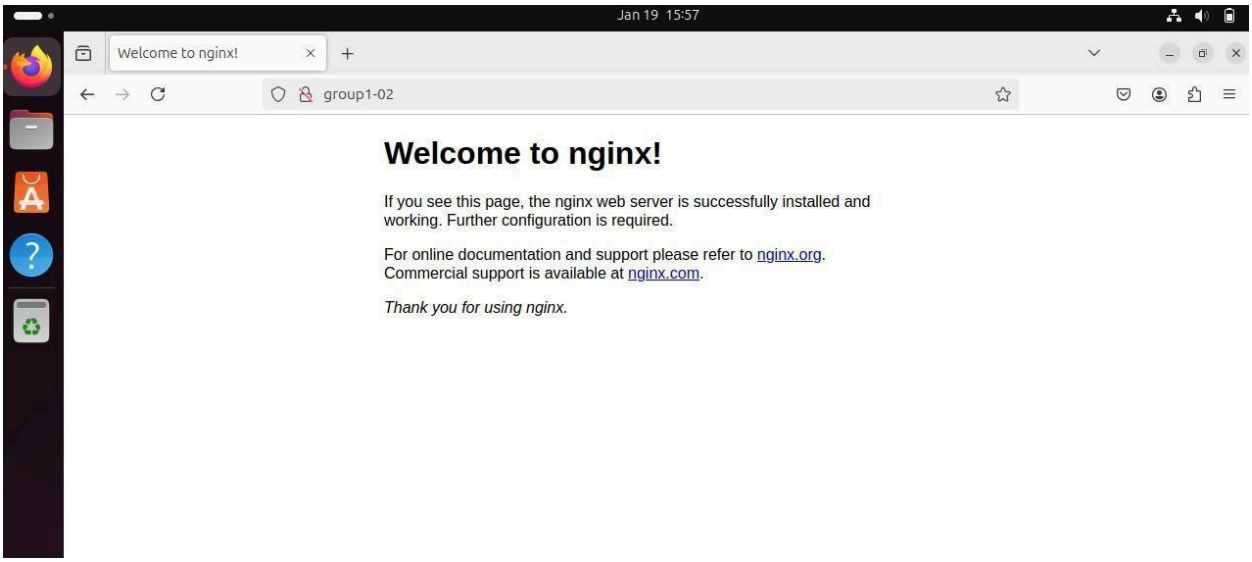
The server view of the same *ping* command but this time from the server to the desktop.

4.4 Performing DNS Request/Response



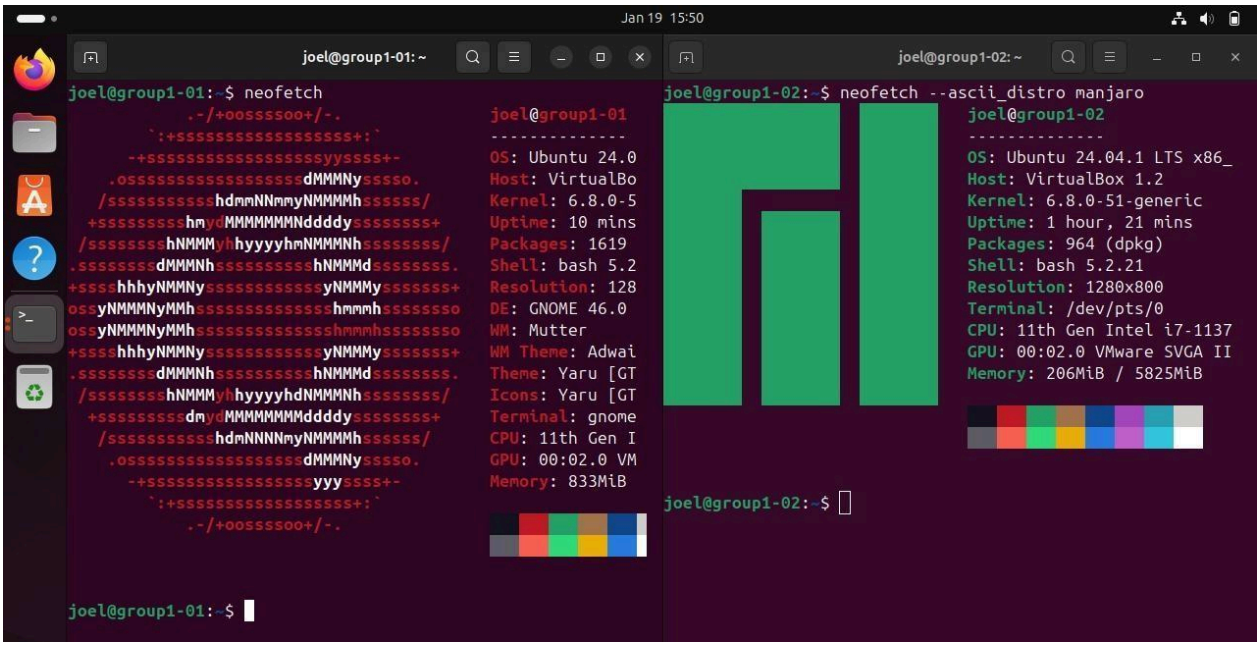
The screenshot shows the results of the *nslookup* command executed on two different hosts. The command queries the DNS for the IP address corresponding to the hostname *www.google.com*, verifying that DNS is accessible and responds correctly to the requests from both local end hosts.

5.1 Accessing Nginx Web Page



The screenshot shows the default welcome page for the nginx web server accessed from a web browser. This confirms that nginx is successfully installed and operational on the Ubuntu Server.

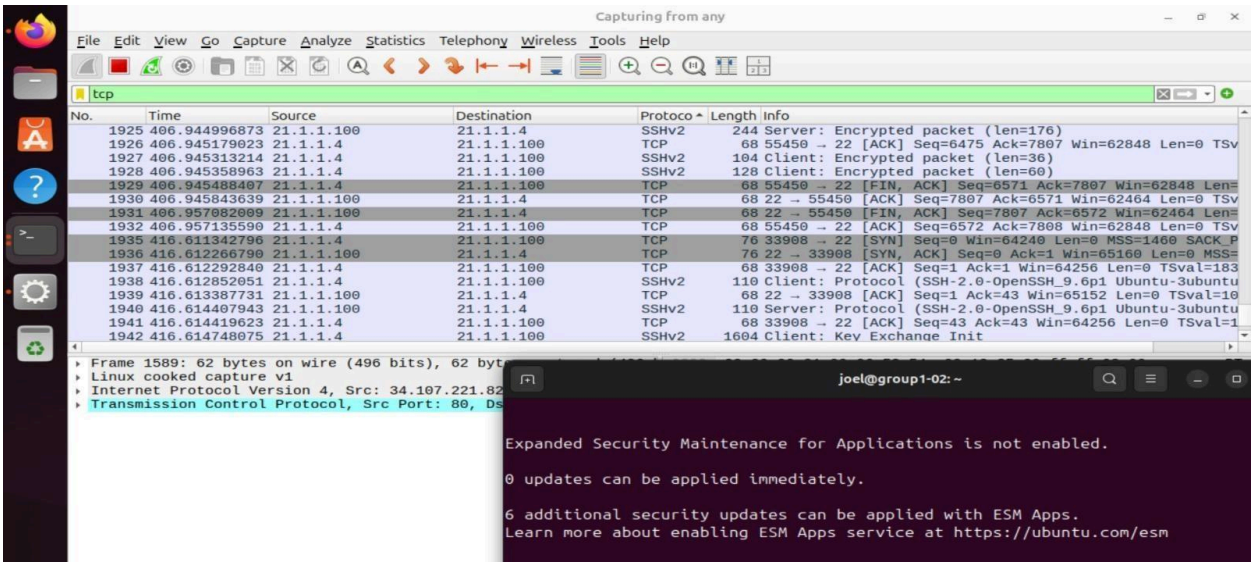
5.2 OpenSSH



The screenshot mainly shows the connection between the Desktop and the Server through OpenSSH. It also shows the output of the *neofetch* command executed on two different hosts.

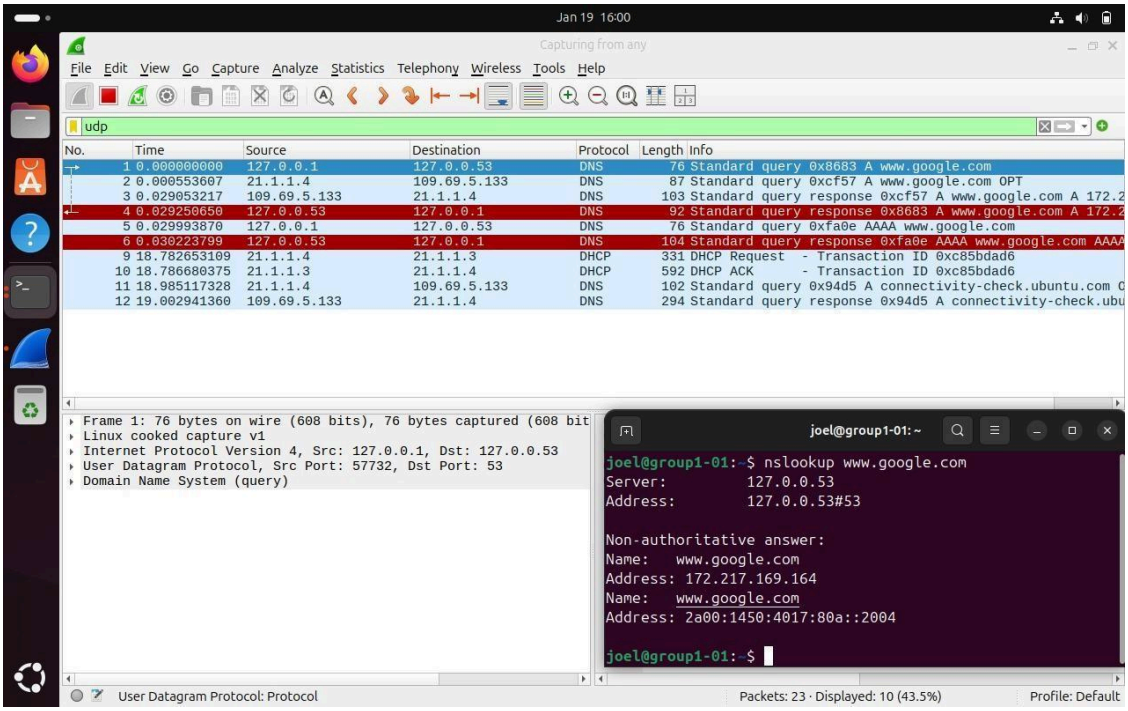
3. *Network Performance Measures and Wireshark Outputs for Section 7*

Three-way Handshake



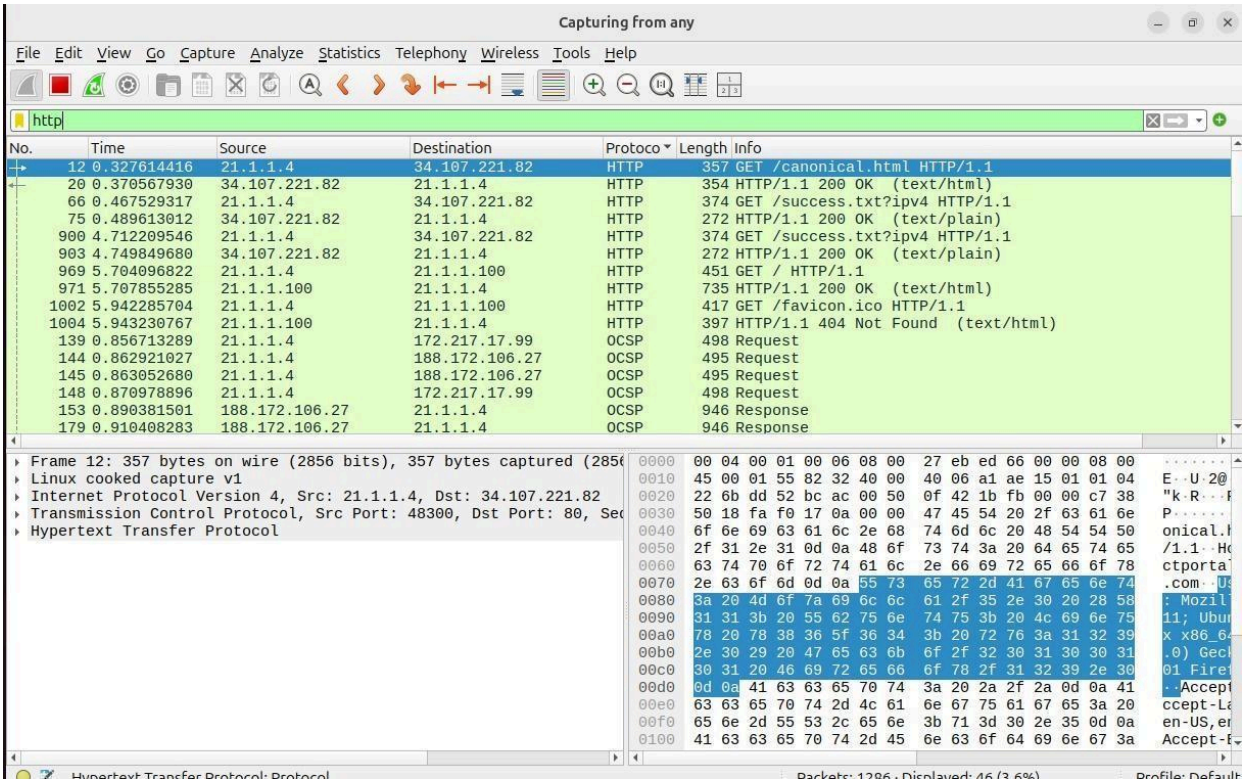
The screenshot shows the Wireshark network packet analyzer capturing the TCP three-way handshake packets between two hosts. The captured packets include SYN, SYN-ACK, and ACK flags, which are essential for establishing a TCP connection. This process ensures reliable communication between the Ubuntu Desktop and the Ubuntu Server.

DNS Request/Response Packets



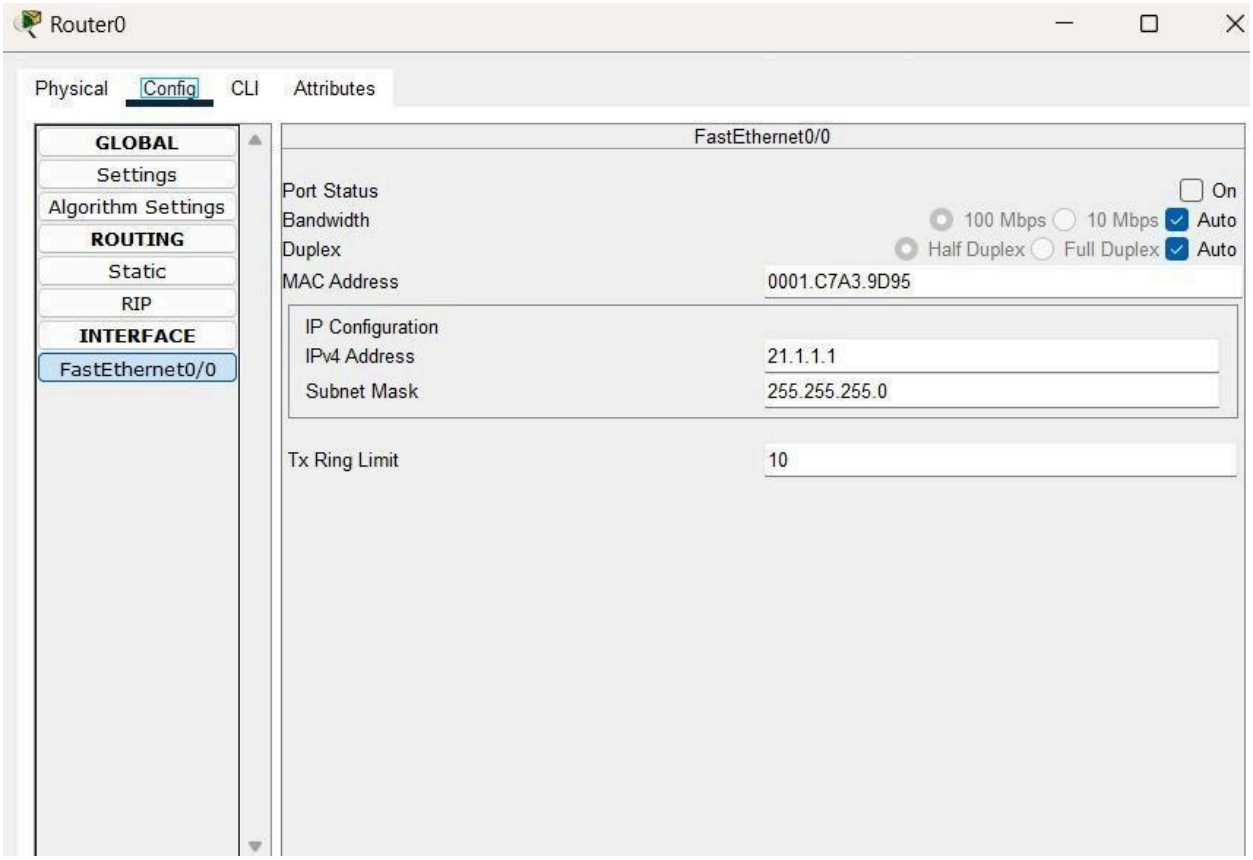
The screenshot shows the use of Wireshark to capture DNS request and response packets. It demonstrates the process of resolving the domain name *www.google.com* to its associated IP addresses by displaying the DNS queries and responses. The terminal output confirms the execution of the *nslookup www.google.com* command, and Wireshark captures the corresponding DNS traffic between the local host and the DNS server.

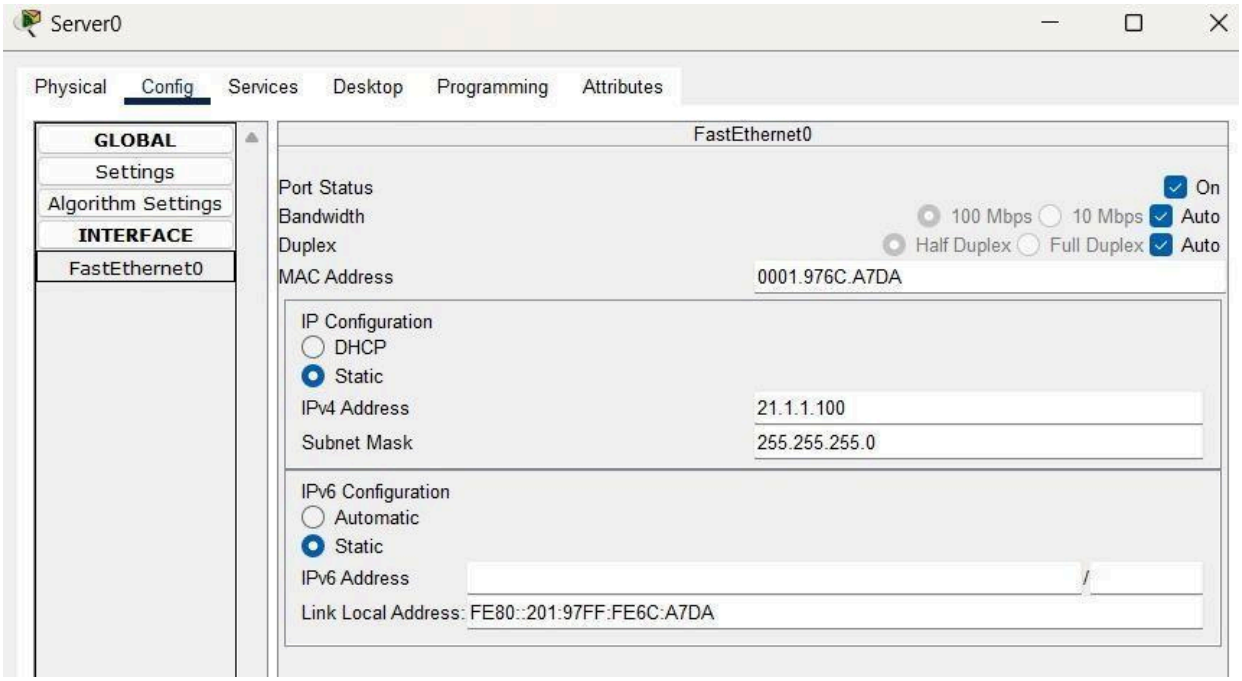
HTTP Request/Response Packets

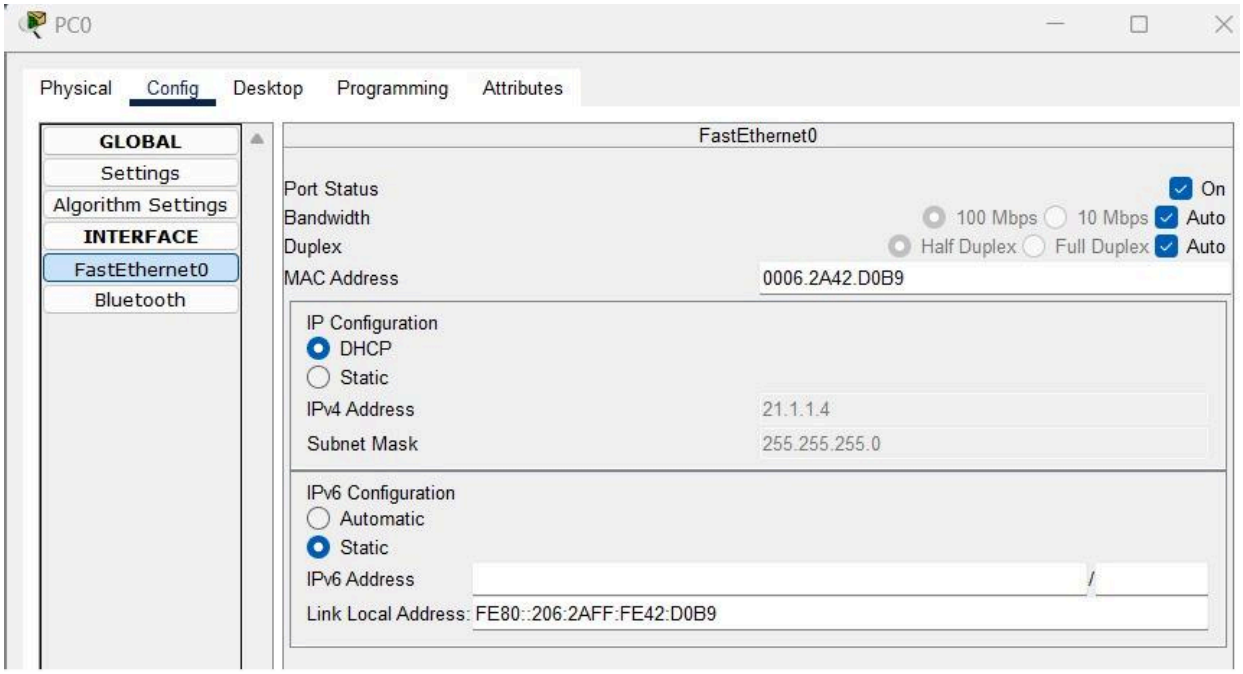


The screenshot shows Wireshark capturing HTTP traffic. It displays packets exchanged between a web browser on the Ubuntu Desktop and an HTTP server. The selected packet is an HTTP GET request for a specific resource. The detailed view includes protocol headers and data, demonstrating how the packet is structured and transmitted over the network.

4. *Cisco Packet Tracer*



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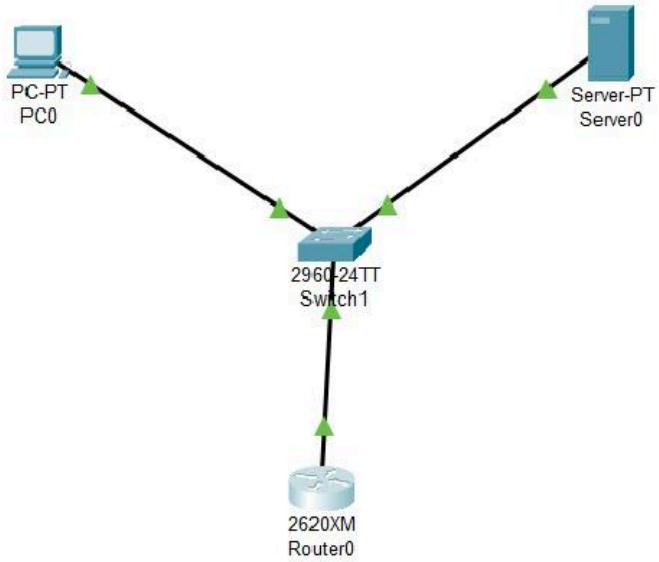
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