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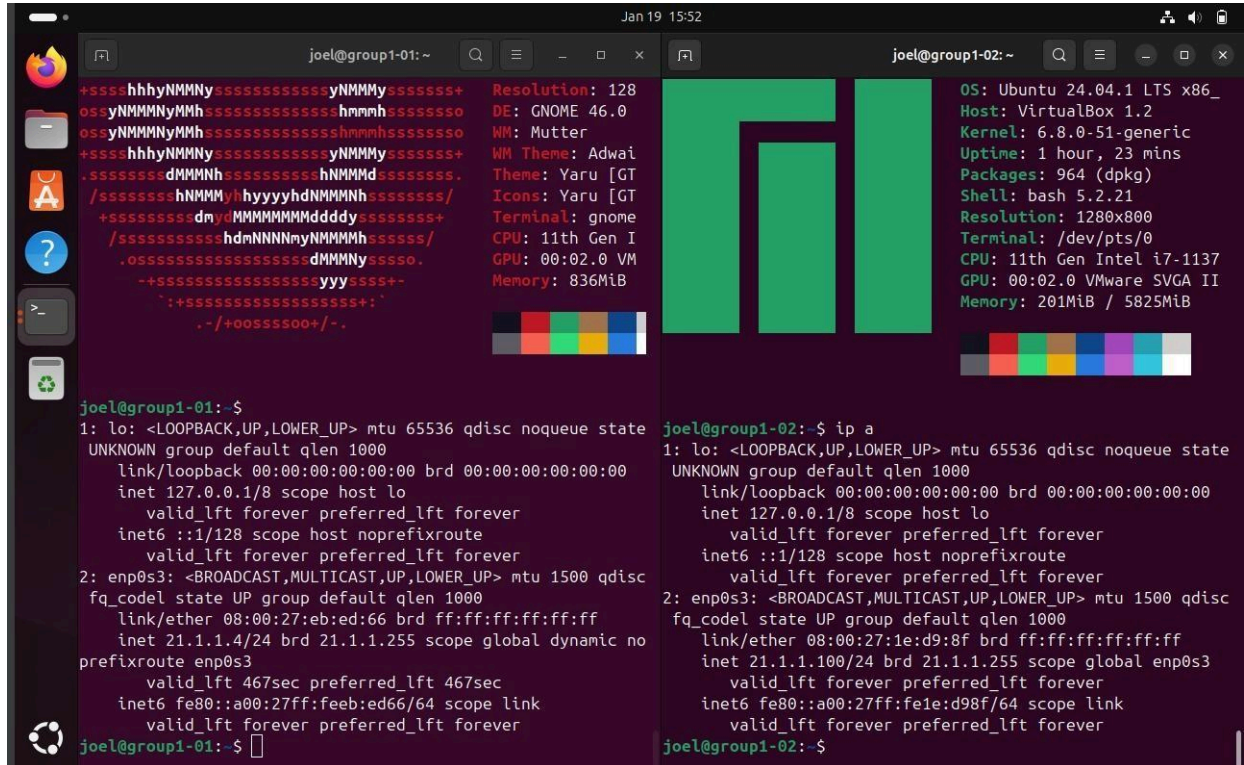
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1. Concepts and terms explanations for Sections 1,2 and 3

- ***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 two terminal windows side-by-side. The left window, titled 'joel@group1-01:~', displays system information using the 'cat /etc/os-release' command, showing Ubuntu 24.04.1 LTS. It also shows the output of the 'ip a' command for the loopback interface 'lo' and the ethernet interface 'enp0s3'. The right window, titled 'joel@group1-02:~', displays system information using the 'cat /etc/os-release' command, showing Ubuntu 24.04.1 LTS. It also shows the output of the 'ip a' command for the loopback interface 'lo' and the ethernet interface 'enp0s3'.

```
joel@group1-01:~$ cat /etc/os-release
PRETTY_NAME="Ubuntu 24.04.1 LTS"
NAME="Ubuntu"
VERSION="24.04.1 LTS (Noble Numbat)"
ID=ubuntu
ID_LIKE=debian
PRETTY_NAME="Ubuntu 24.04.1 LTS"
NAME="Ubuntu"
VERSION="24.04.1 LTS (Noble Numbat)"
ID=ubuntu
ID_LIKE=debian
PRETTY_NAME="Ubuntu 24.04.1 LTS"
NAME="Ubuntu"
VERSION="24.04.1 LTS (Noble Numbat)"
ID=ubuntu
ID_LIKE=debian

joel@group1-01:~$ ip a
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group default qlen 1000
    link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00:00
    inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 ::1/128 scope host noprefixroute
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
2: enp0s3: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc fq_codel state UP group default qlen 1000
    link/ether 08:00:27:eb:ed:66 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 21.1.1.4/24 brd 21.1.1.255 scope global dynamic noprefixroute enp0s3
        valid_lft 467sec preferred_lft 467sec
    inet6 fe80::a00:27ff:feeb:ed66/64 scope link
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever

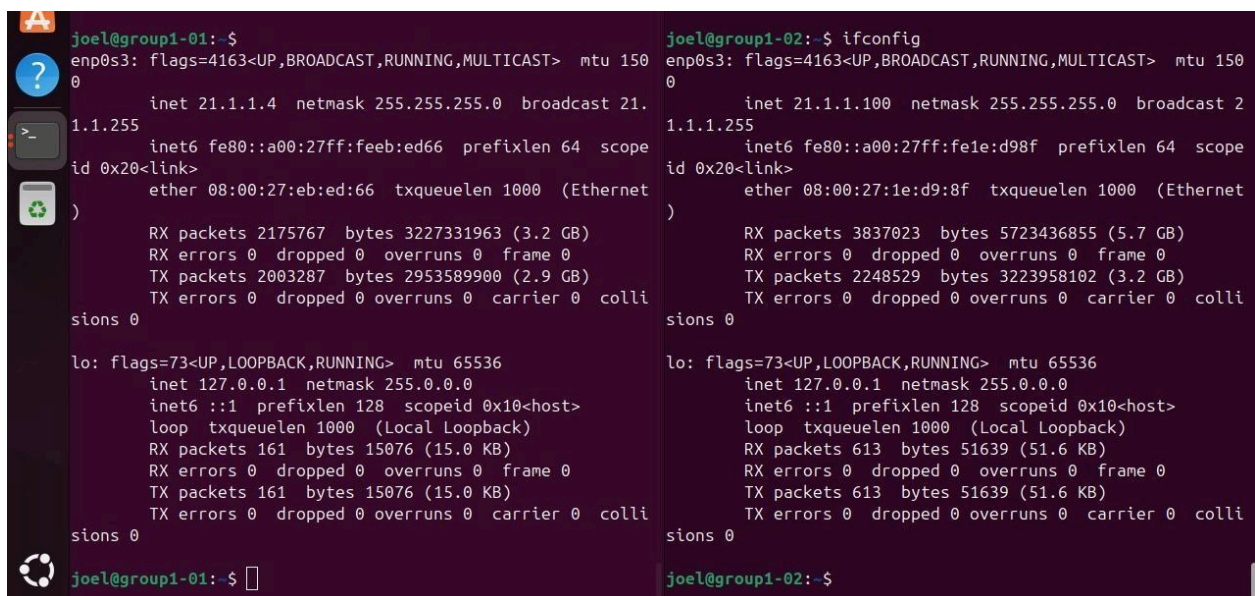
joel@group1-01:~$

joel@group1-02:~$ cat /etc/os-release
PRETTY_NAME="Ubuntu 24.04.1 LTS"
NAME="Ubuntu"
VERSION="24.04.1 LTS (Noble Numbat)"
ID=ubuntu
ID_LIKE=debian
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ID=ubuntu
ID_LIKE=debian
PRETTY_NAME="Ubuntu 24.04.1 LTS"
NAME="Ubuntu"
VERSION="24.04.1 LTS (Noble Numbat)"
ID=ubuntu
ID_LIKE=debian

joel@group1-02:~$ ip a
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group default qlen 1000
    link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00:00
    inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 ::1/128 scope host noprefixroute
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
2: enp0s3: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc fq_codel state UP group default qlen 1000
    link/ether 08:00:27:1e:d9:8f brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
    inet 21.1.1.100/24 brd 21.1.1.255 scope global enp0s3
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 fe80::a00:27ff:fe1e:d98f/64 scope link
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever

joel@group1-02:~$
```

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 shows two terminal windows side-by-side. The left window, titled 'joel@group1-01:~', displays network statistics using the 'ifconfig' command for the ethernet interface 'enp0s3' and the loopback interface 'lo'. The right window, titled 'joel@group1-02:~', displays network statistics using the 'ifconfig' command for the ethernet interface 'enp0s3' and the loopback interface 'lo'.

```
joel@group1-01:~$ ifconfig
enp0s3: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    ether 08:00:27:eb:ed:66 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 2175767 bytes 3227331963 (3.2 GB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 2003287 bytes 2953589900 (2.9 GB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
    inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
    inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<host>
    loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
    RX packets 161 bytes 15076 (15.0 KB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 161 bytes 15076 (15.0 KB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

joel@group1-01:~$

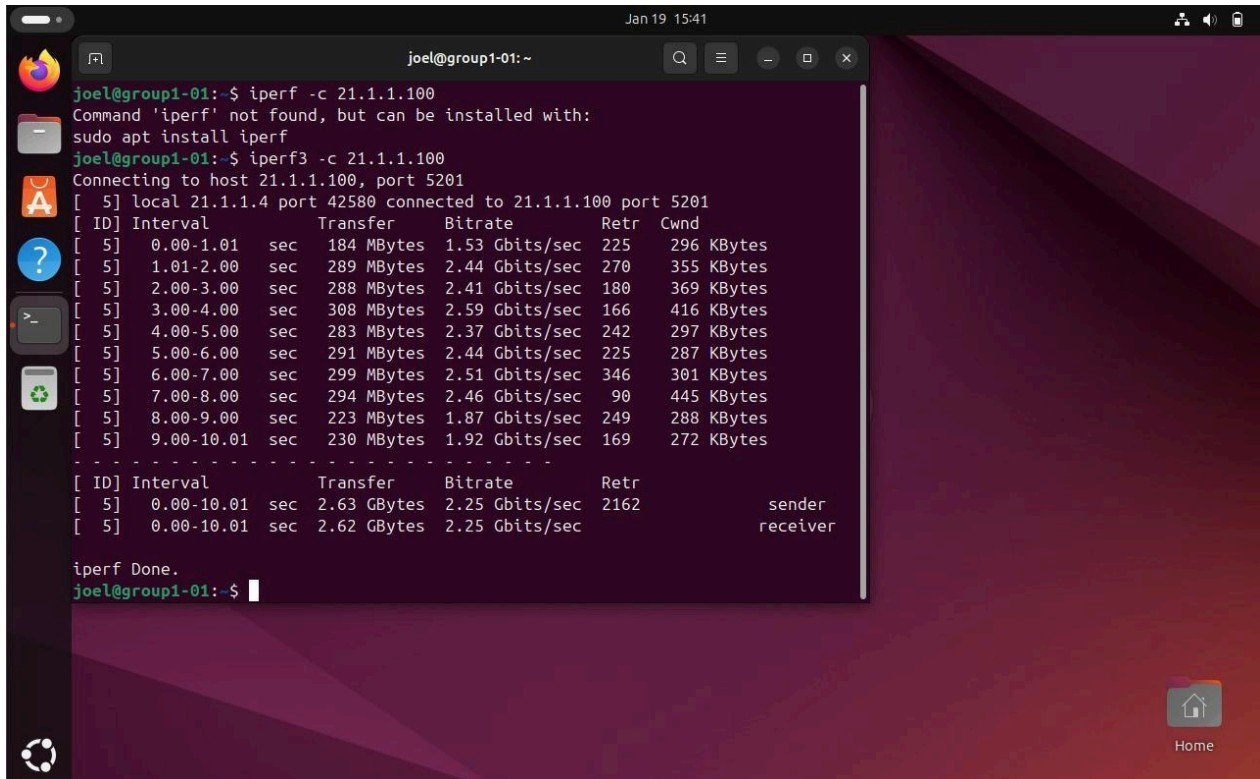
joel@group1-02:~$ ifconfig
enp0s3: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    ether 08:00:27:1e:d9:8f txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 3837023 bytes 5723436855 (5.7 GB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 2248529 bytes 3223958102 (3.2 GB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
    inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
    inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<host>
    loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
    RX packets 613 bytes 51639 (51.6 KB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 613 bytes 51639 (51.6 KB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

joel@group1-02:~$
```

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 *enp0s3* 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.

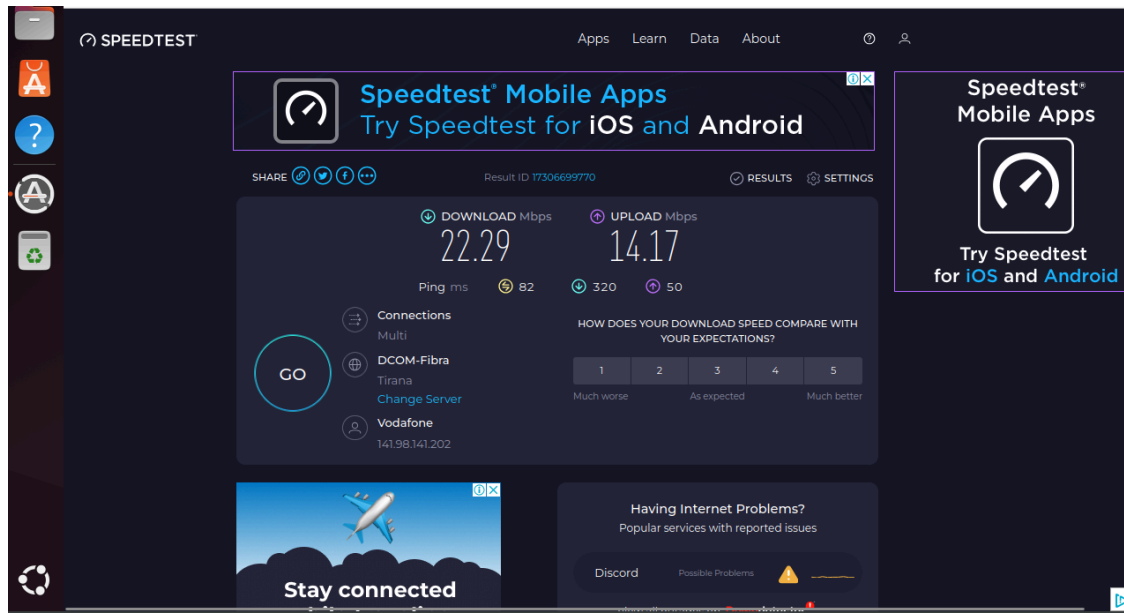
4.2 Measuring throughput



```
joel@group1-01: ~$ iperf -c 21.1.1.100
Command 'iperf' not found, but can be installed with:
sudo apt install iperf
joel@group1-01: ~$ iperf3 -c 21.1.1.100
Connecting to host 21.1.1.100, port 5201
[ 5] local 21.1.1.4 port 42580 connected to 21.1.1.100 port 5201
[ ID] Interval      Transfer    Bitrate      Retr    Cwnd
[ 5]  0.00-1.01    sec    184 MBytes  1.53 Gbits/sec  225    296 KBytes
[ 5]  1.01-2.00    sec    289 MBytes  2.44 Gbits/sec  270    355 KBytes
[ 5]  2.00-3.00    sec    288 MBytes  2.41 Gbits/sec  180    369 KBytes
[ 5]  3.00-4.00    sec    308 MBytes  2.59 Gbits/sec  166    416 KBytes
[ 5]  4.00-5.00    sec    283 MBytes  2.37 Gbits/sec  242    297 KBytes
[ 5]  5.00-6.00    sec    291 MBytes  2.44 Gbits/sec  225    287 KBytes
[ 5]  6.00-7.00    sec    299 MBytes  2.51 Gbits/sec  346    301 KBytes
[ 5]  7.00-8.00    sec    294 MBytes  2.46 Gbits/sec   90    445 KBytes
[ 5]  8.00-9.00    sec    223 MBytes  1.87 Gbits/sec  249    288 KBytes
[ 5]  9.00-10.01   sec    230 MBytes  1.92 Gbits/sec  169    272 KBytes
-----
[ ID] Interval      Transfer    Bitrate      Retr
[ 5]  0.00-10.01   sec    2.63 GBytes  2.25 Gbits/sec  2162
[ 5]  0.00-10.01   sec    2.62 GBytes  2.25 Gbits/sec
                                sender
                                receiver

iperf Done.
joel@group1-01: ~$
```

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

```
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
-----
[ ID] Interval      Transfer    Bitrate      Retr
[ 5]  0.00-10.01   sec     1.51 GBytes  1.29 Gbits/sec  2743
[ 5]  0.00-10.01   sec     1.50 GBytes  1.29 Gbits/sec
                                     sender
                                     receiver

iperf Done.
joel@group1-02:~$ _
```

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
```

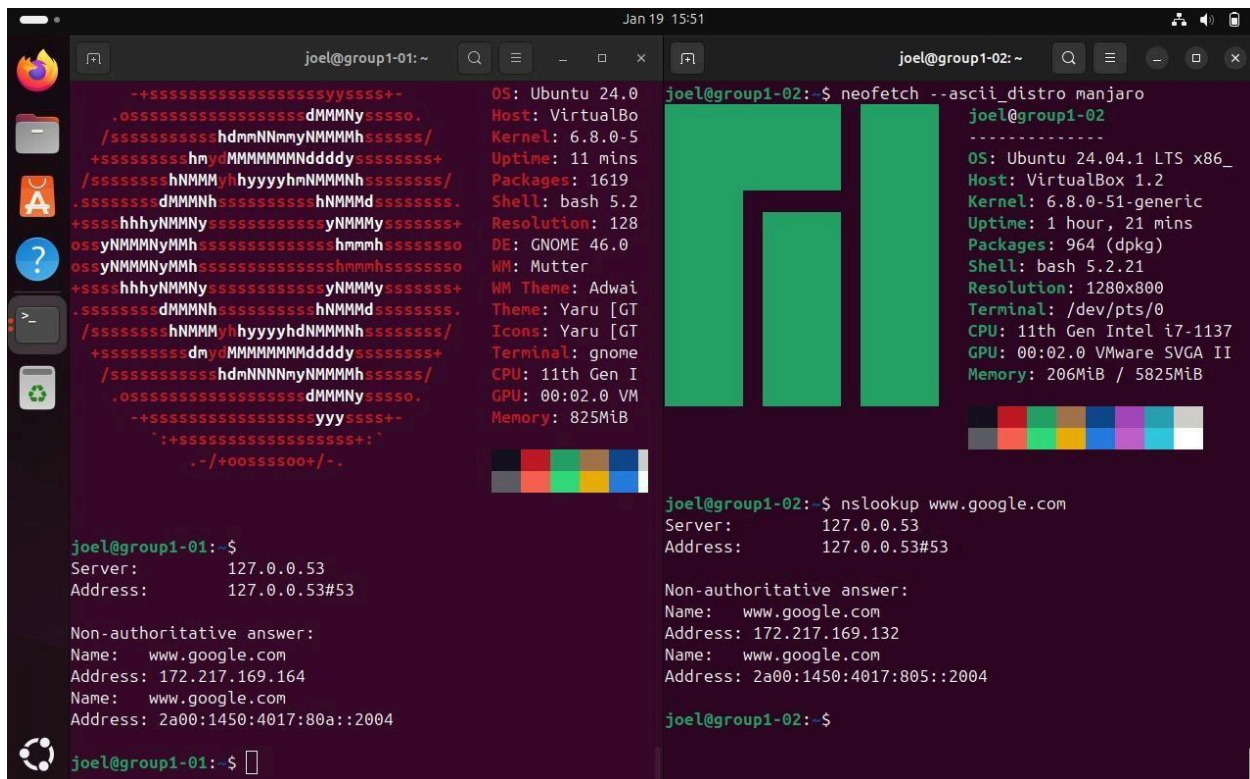
The screenshot shows the results of a **ping** command directed at the server from the desktop, measuring the **round-trip time** for packets sent to the public end host. The results indicate successful external network connectivity by displaying response times for each packet.

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:~$ _
```

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 displays two terminal windows from a desktop environment. The left window, titled 'joel@group1-01:~', shows the output of the 'neofetch' command, which displays system statistics and a stylized ASCII art logo. The right window, titled 'joel@group1-02:~', shows the output of the 'nslookup www.google.com' command, which provides DNS lookup details for the specified domain.

```
joel@group1-01:~$ neofetch --ascii_distro manjaro
OS: Ubuntu 24.0
Host: VirtualBo
Kernel: 6.8.0-5
Uptime: 11 mins
Packages: 1619
Shell: bash 5.2
Resolution: 128
DE: GNOME 46.0
WM: Mutter
WM Theme: Adwai
Theme: Yaru [GT
Icons: Yaru [GT
Terminal: gnome
CPU: 11th Gen I
GPU: 00:02.0 VM
Memory: 825MiB

joel@group1-01:~$ nslookup www.google.com
Server:      127.0.0.53
Address:     127.0.0.53#53

Non-authoritative answer:
Name:   www.google.com
Address: 172.217.169.164
Name:   www.google.com
Address: 2a00:1450:4017:805::2004

joel@group1-01:~$
```

```
joel@group1-02:~$ neofetch --ascii_distro manjaro
OS: Ubuntu 24.04.1 LTS x86_
Host: VirtualBox 1.2
Kernel: 6.8.0-51-generic
Uptime: 1 hour, 21 mins
Packages: 964 (dpkg)
Shell: bash 5.2.21
Resolution: 1280x800
Terminal: /dev/pts/0
CPU: 11th Gen Intel i7-1137
GPU: 00:02.0 VMware SVGA II
Memory: 206MiB / 5825MiB

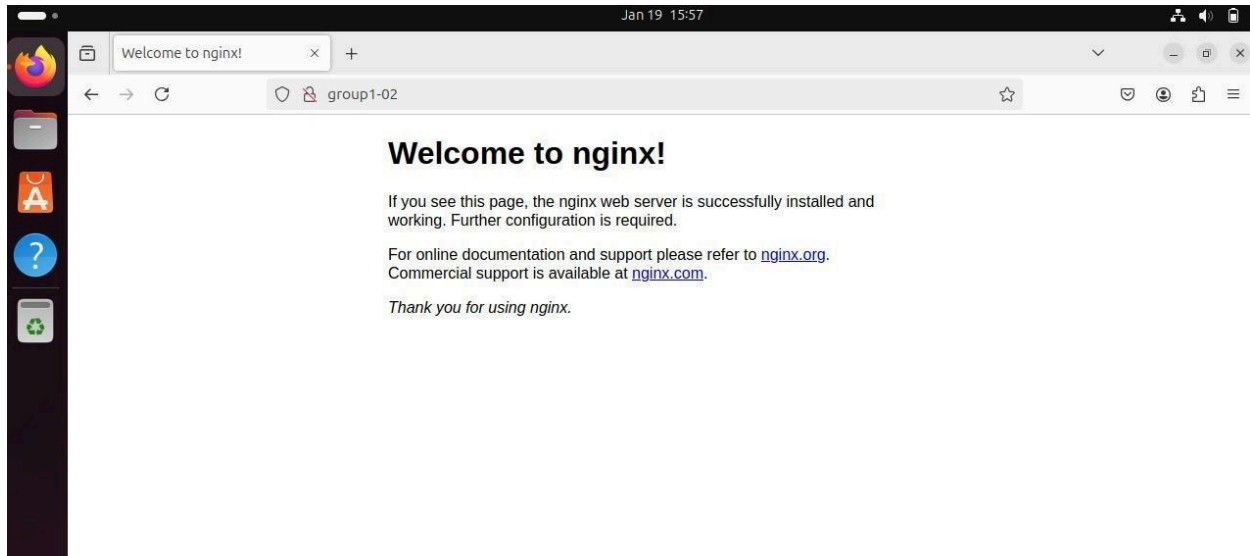
joel@group1-02:~$ nslookup www.google.com
Server:      127.0.0.53
Address:     127.0.0.53#53

Non-authoritative answer:
Name:   www.google.com
Address: 172.217.169.132
Name:   www.google.com
Address: 2a00:1450:4017:805::2004

joel@group1-02:~$
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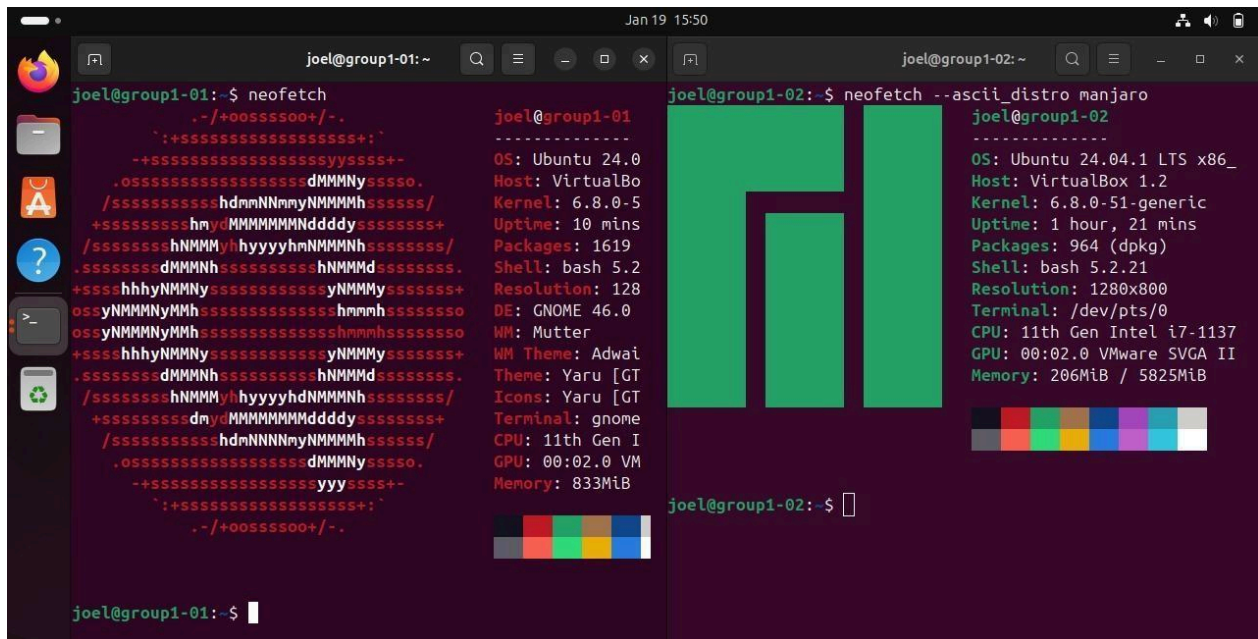
The screenshot shows the results of the *nslookup* command executed on two different hosts. The command queries the DNS for the IP address corresponding to the hostname *www.google.com*, verifying that DNS is accessible and responds correctly to the requests from both local end hosts.

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.

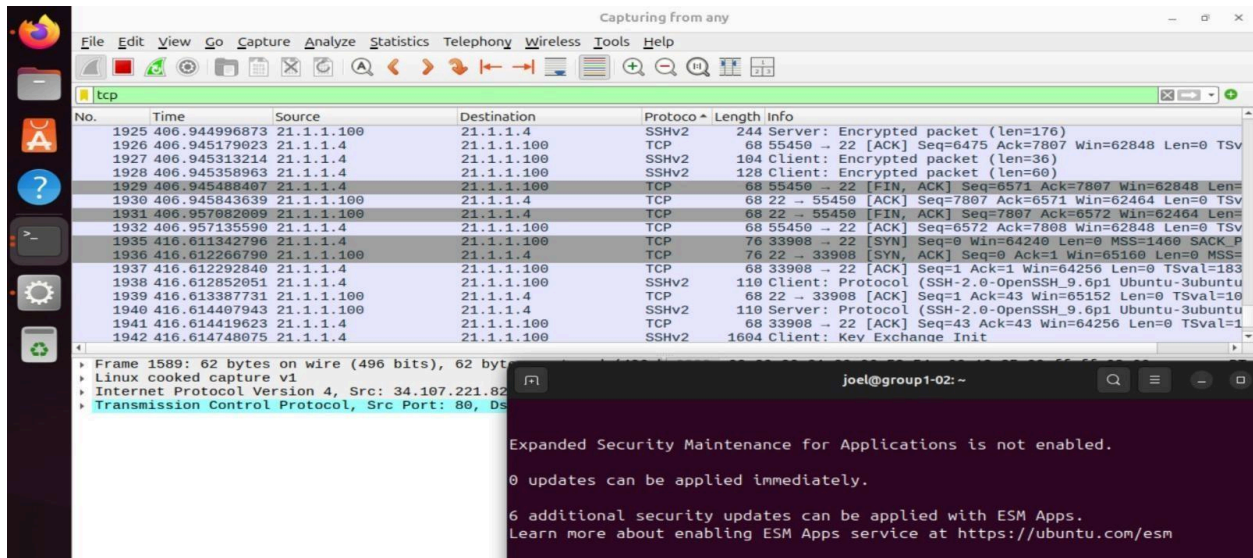
5.2 OpenSSH



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.

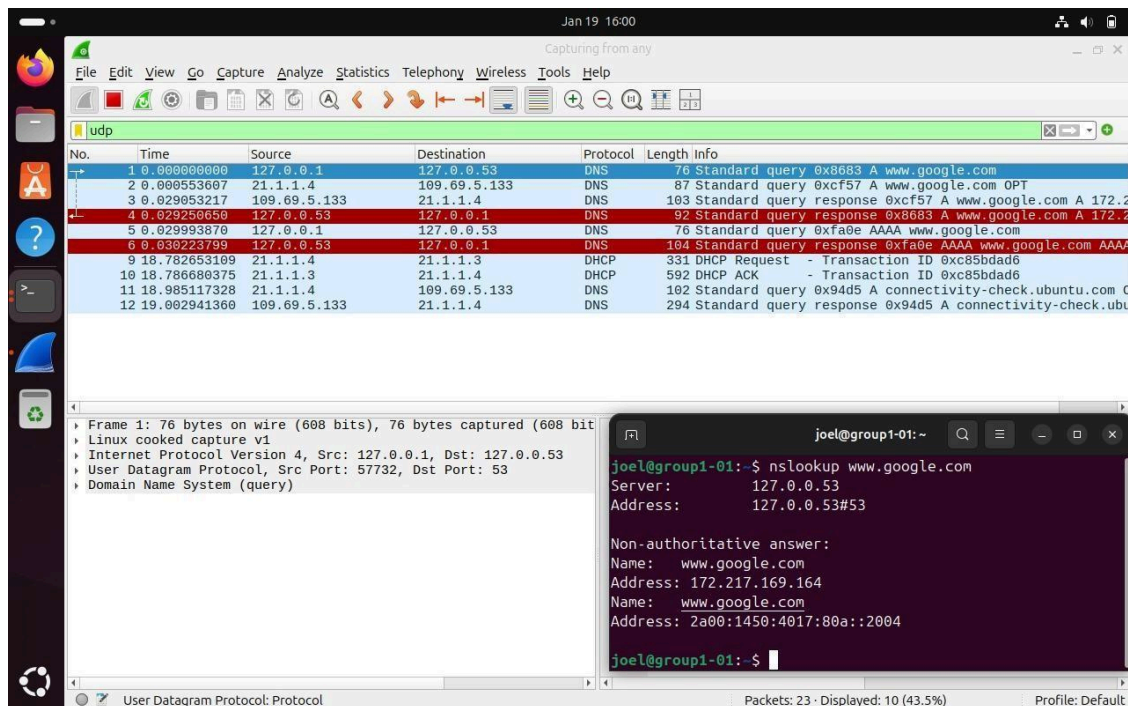
3. Network Performance Measures and Wireshark Outputs for Section 7

Three-way Handshake



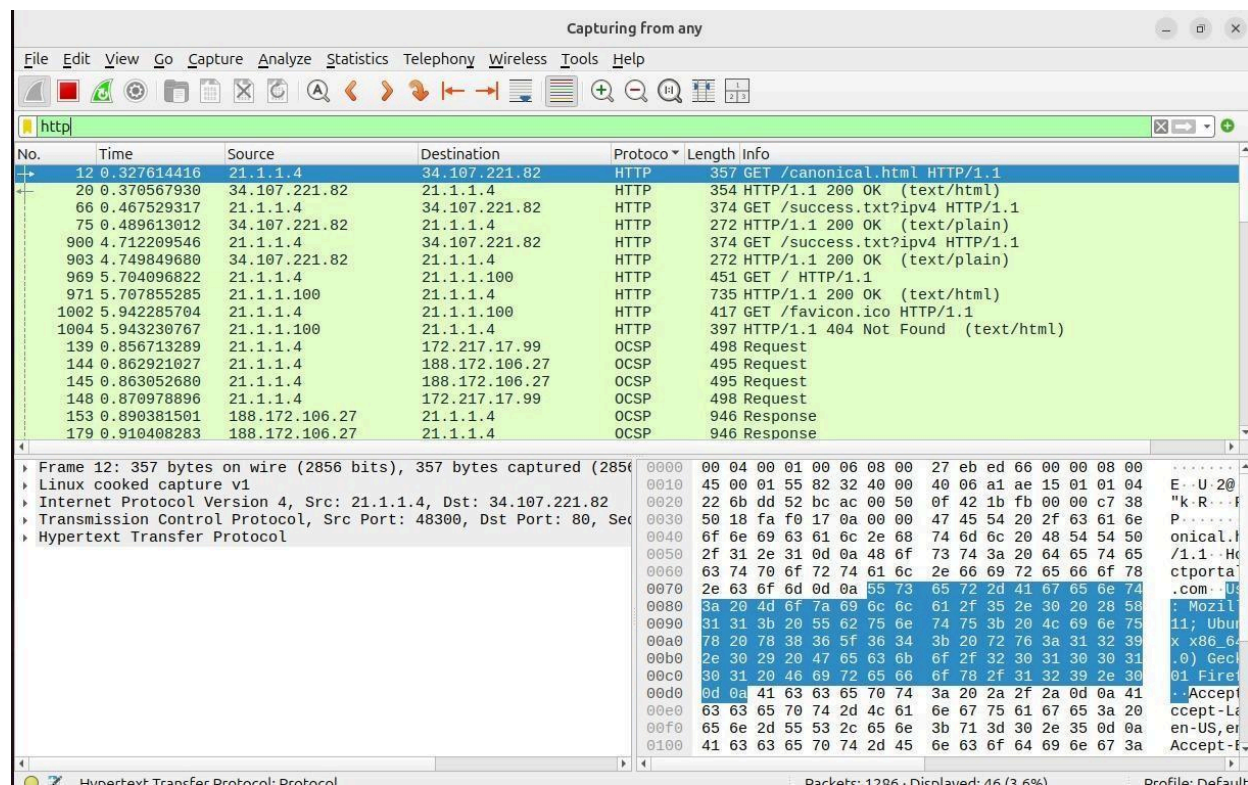
The screenshot shows the Wireshark network packet analyzer capturing the TCP three-way handshake packets between two hosts. The captured packets include SYN, SYN-ACK, and ACK flags, which are essential for establishing a TCP connection. This process ensures reliable communication between the Ubuntu Desktop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

Router0

Physical **Config** CLI Attributes

GLOBAL

Settings

Algorithm Settings

ROUTING

Static

RIP

INTERFACE

FastEthernet0/0

FastEthernet0/0

Port Status ☐ On

Bandwidth ☒ 100 Mbps ☐ 10 Mbps ☒ Auto

Duplex ☒ Half Duplex ☐ Full Duplex ☒ Auto

MAC Address 0001.C7A3.9D95

IP Configuration

IPv4 Address 21.1.1.1

Subnet Mask 255.255.255.0

Tx Ring Limit 10

Server0

Physical **Config** Services Desktop Programming Attributes

GLOBAL

Settings

Algorithm Settings

INTERFACE

FastEthernet0

FastEthernet0

Port Status ☒ On

Bandwidth ☒ 100 Mbps ☐ 10 Mbps ☒ Auto

Duplex ☒ Half Duplex ☐ Full Duplex ☒ Auto

MAC Address 0001.976C.A7DA

IP Configuration

☐ DHCP

☒ Static

IPv4 Address 21.1.1.100

Subnet Mask 255.255.255.0

IPv6 Configuration

☐ Automatic

☒ Static

IPv6 Address /

Link Local Address: FE80::201:97FF:FE6C:A7DA

