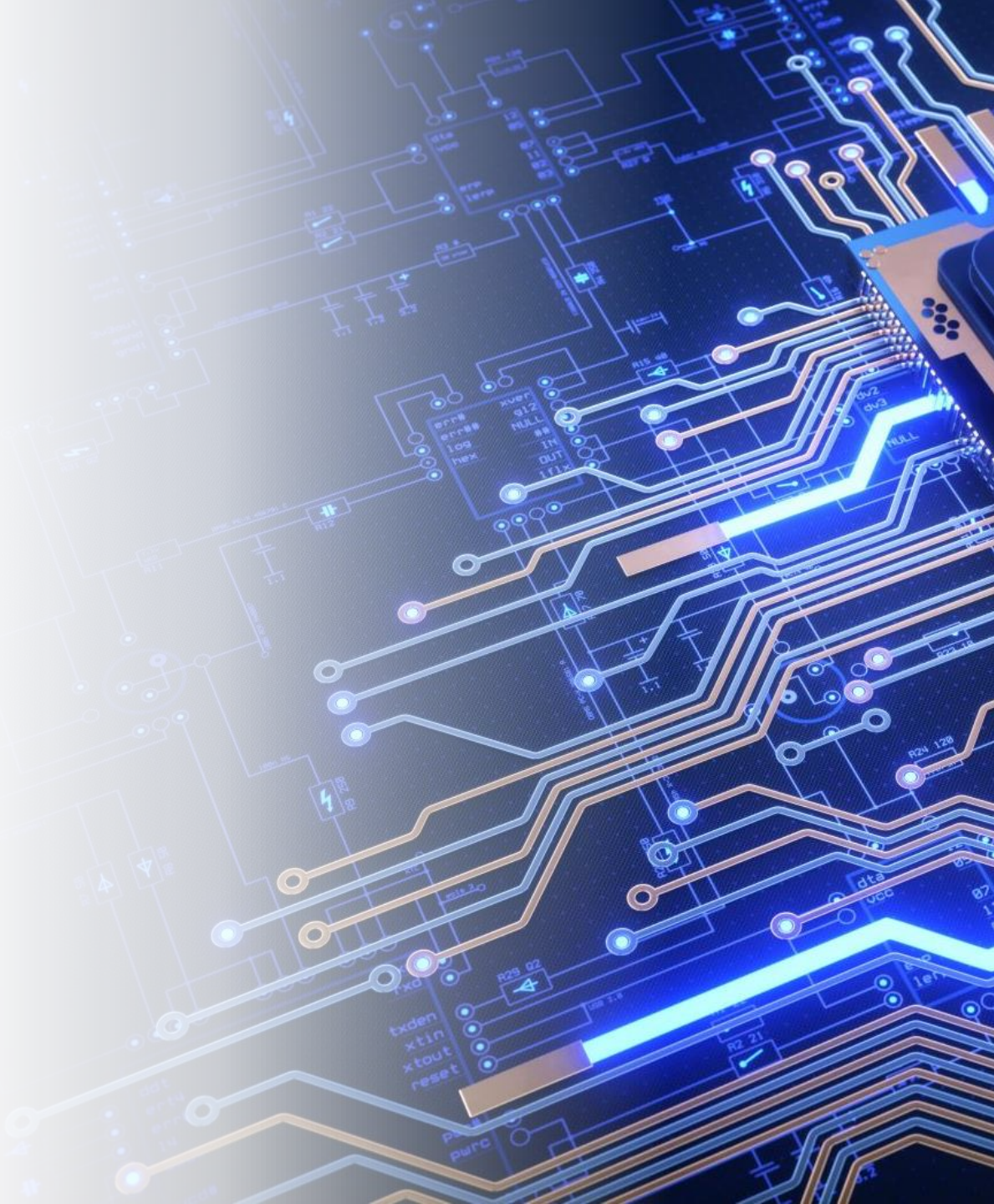
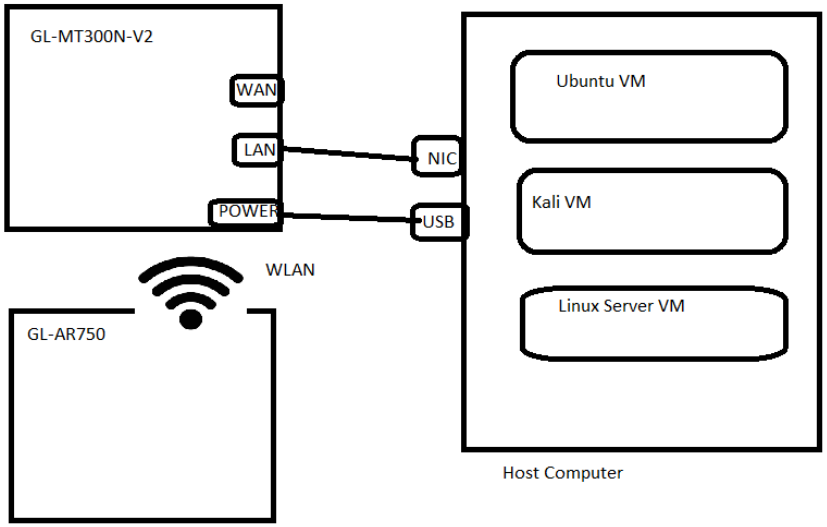
NETW200 Fundamentals of Information Technology and Networking II Course Project



The IoT is growing exponentially!

This project covers 6 areas:

- Importing Virtual Appliances into VMware
- Network Segmentation using Subnetting and V-LAN's
- Network Vulnerability Assessment
- Authentication Management
- Network Traffic Monitoring
- IP Routing & Network Expansion



Initial diagram

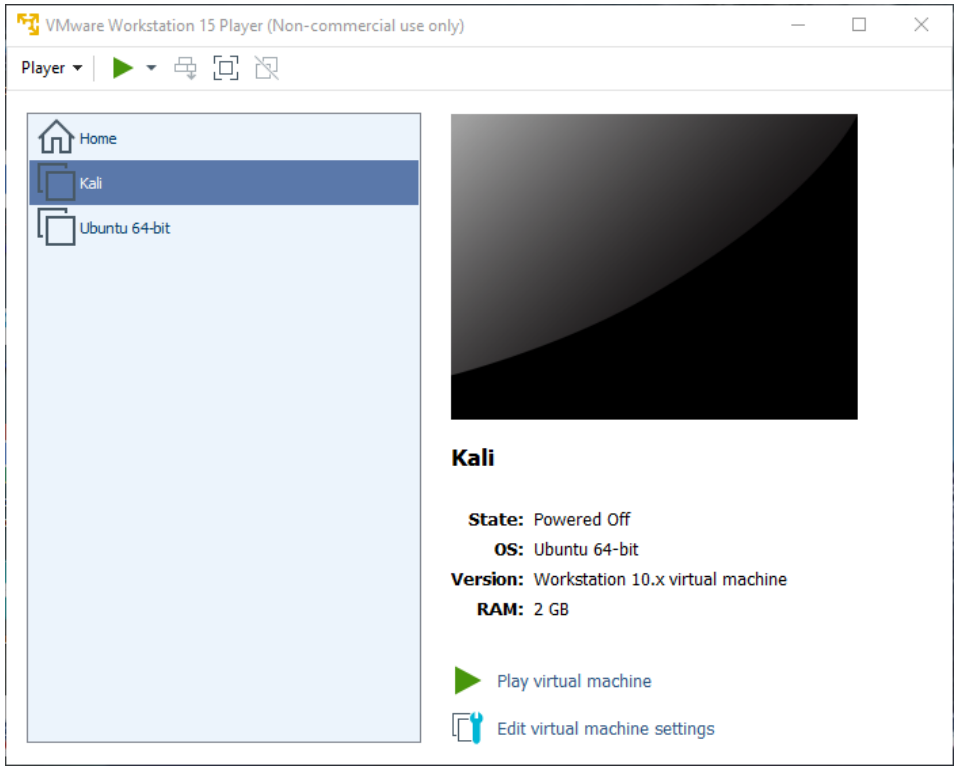
A small network that supports both IPv4 and IPv6. The network is made up of two travel routers, one Host Machine, and three Guest VMs. The Host Machine and Guest VMs will dynamically obtain their IP addresses from the travel routers.

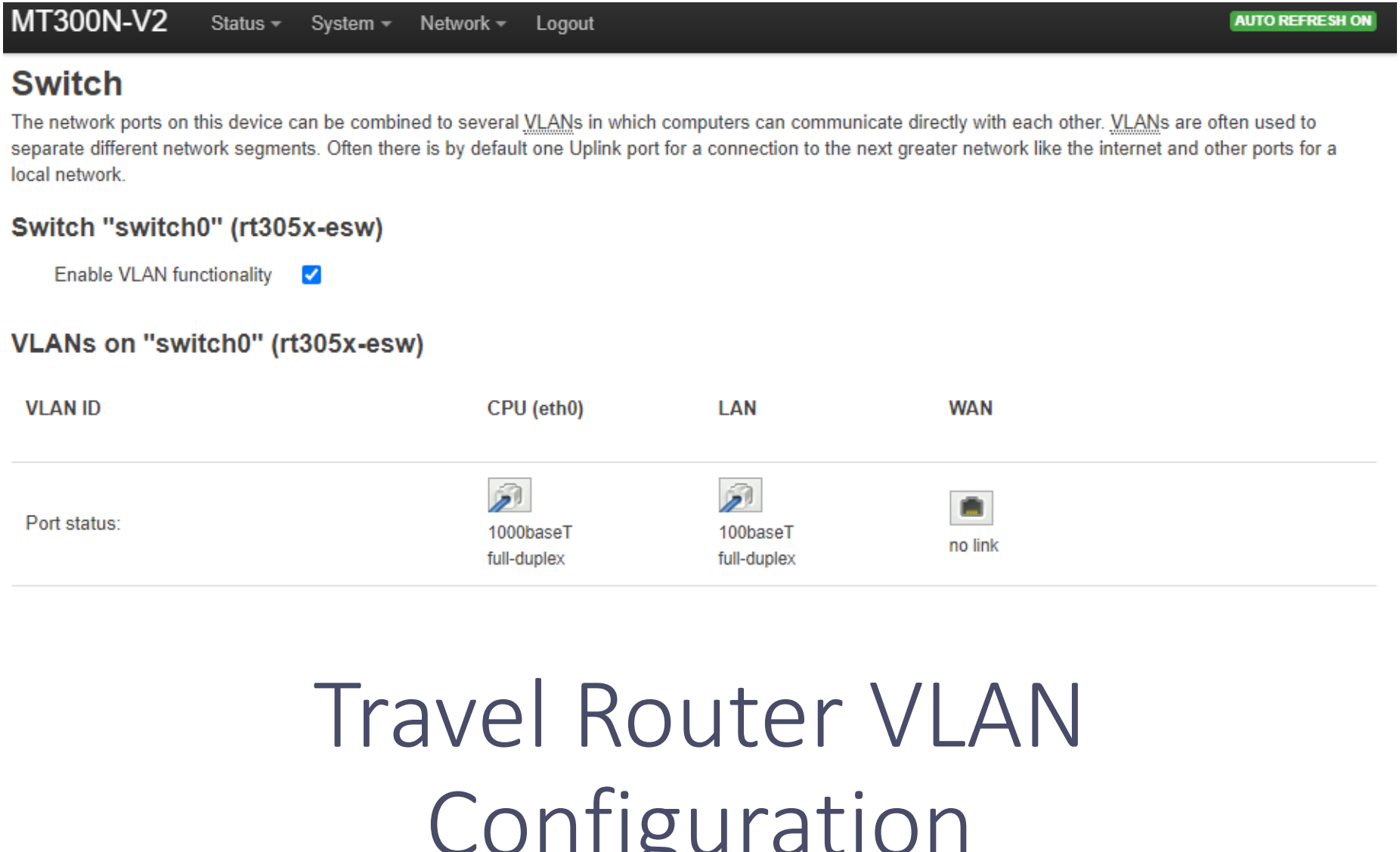
VMware player environment with both VMs

VMware Player environment with Ubuntu and Kali VMs.

- The Ubuntu OS was installed from an ISO image.

- The Kali Linux OS was imported as an OVF file.





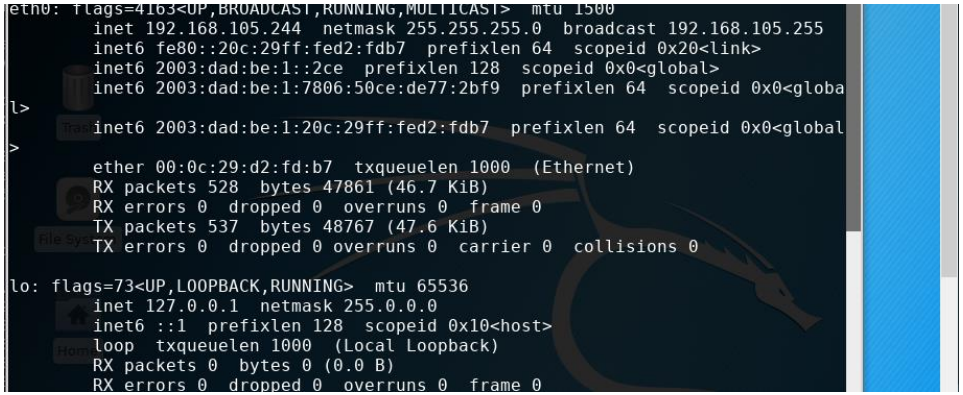
Travel Router VLAN Configuration

Can 2 OS's communicate with each other?

How do you the two VMs can communicate with each other?

- After ensuring bridging was enabled on both VMs, I performed 2 successful pings using the IPv4 addresses of Kali and Ubuntu

- The purpose of bridging the Kali Linux Network Adapter.
- After enabling bridging allowed the VM to operate as any other node on my home network.

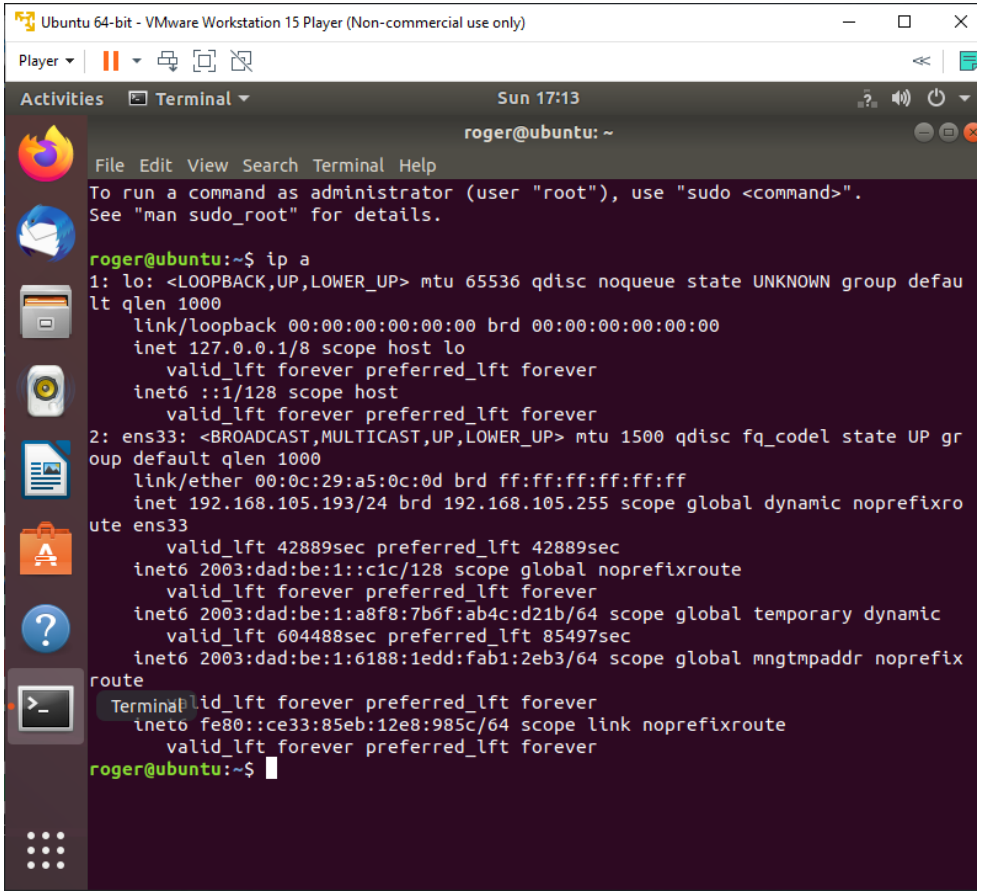


Kali VM IPv4 address

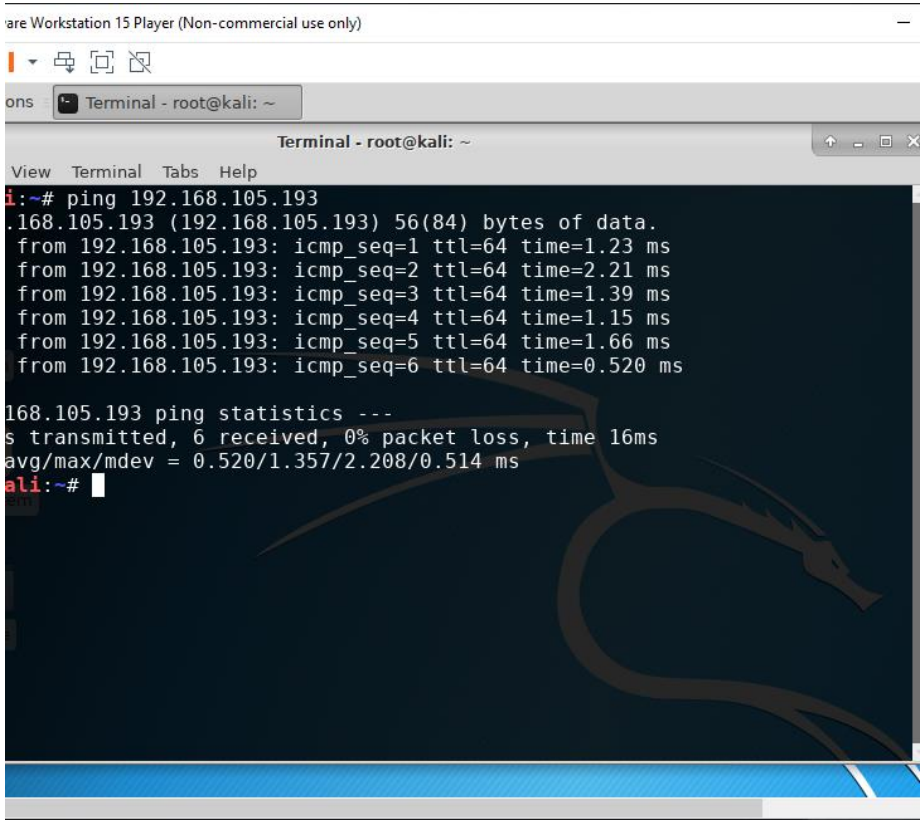
- The Kali Terminal window with correct IPv4 address from Travel Router, 192.168.105.244

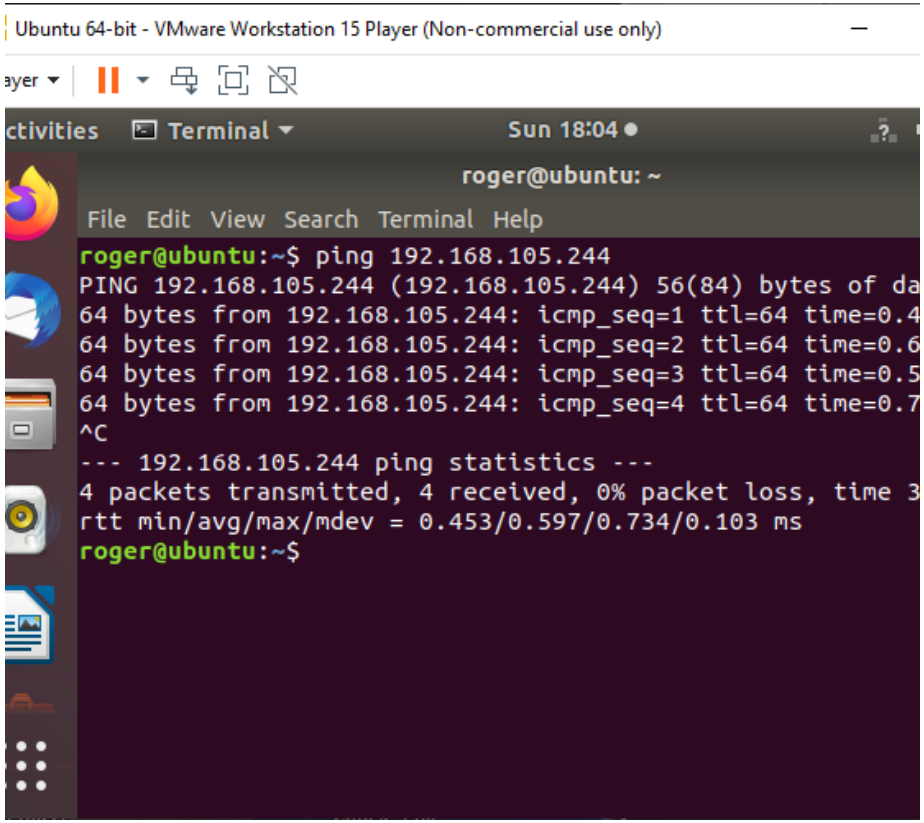
Ubuntu VM IPv4 address

- The Ubuntu Terminal window with correct IPv4 address from Travel Router, 192.168.105.193



Ping connectivity test between two VMs – Ubuntu & Kali





Network Segmentation Benefits

When a network is segmented into smaller networks, traffic on one network is separated from other network traffic.

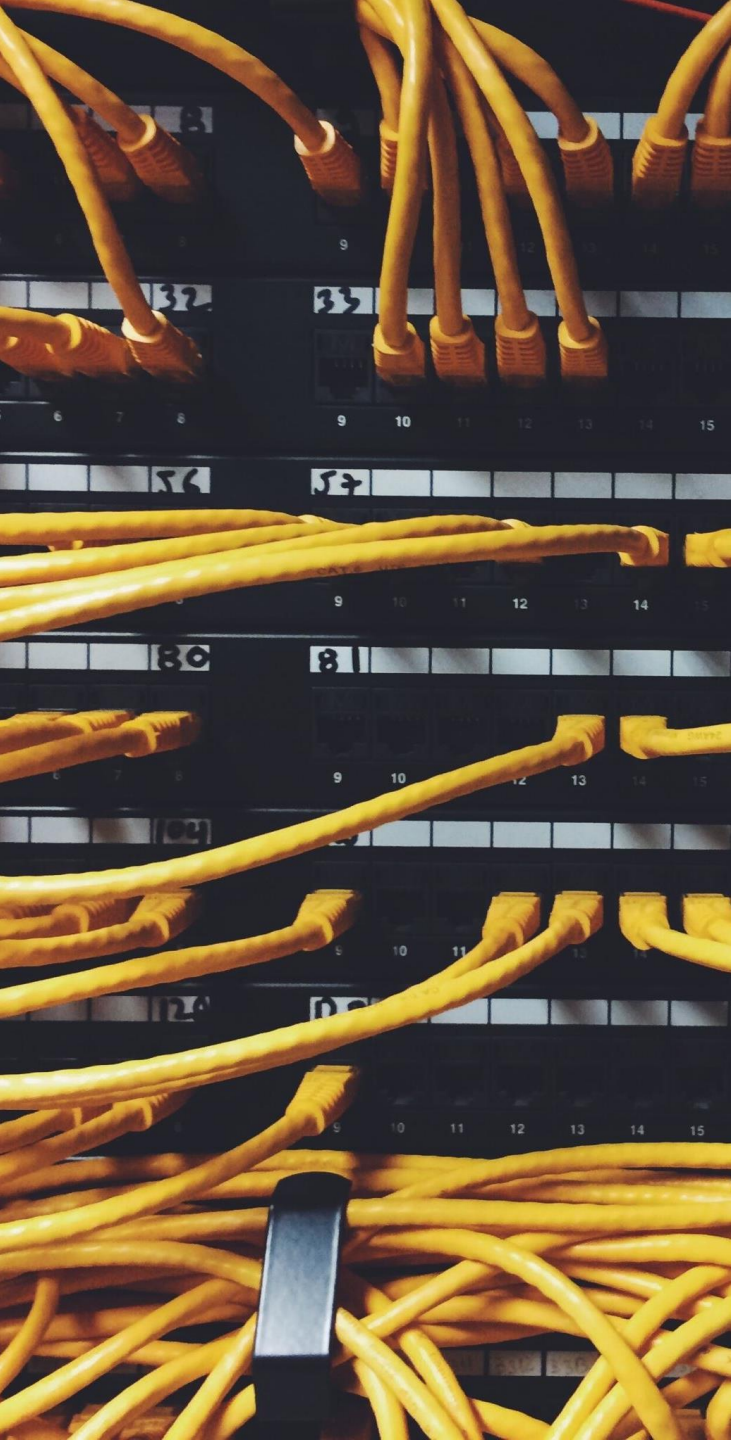
- Enhanced Security
- Improve Performance
- Simplify Troubleshooting

Determining how to segment a network

Along geographic boundaries

Along departmental boundaries

Based on device types



Subnetting

- To be able to communicate with a modern network, a device is required to have a unique identifier known as an Internet Protocol (IP) address. As organizations expand, it is the role of the network engineer to segment the original IP address into smaller Ips to ensure new devices, LAN, and WAN segments will be addressed.
- Subnetting always leads to more networks. However, each network or subnet loses two IP addresses; the network-ID, the first IP address on the subnet, and the broadcast-ID, the last IP address on the subnet. The range of addresses between these two are the usable addresses that can be assigned to devices.

Subnetting example

	Network Address 192.168.2.0/26	First Usable Host Address	Last Useable Host Address	Broadcast Address
First subnet	192.168.2.0	192.168.2.1	192.168.2.62	192.168.2.63
Second subnet	192.168.2.64	192.168.2.65	192.168.2.126	192.168.2.127
Third subnet	192.168.2.128	192.168.2.129	192.168.2.190	192.168.2.191
Fourth subnet	192.168.2.192	192.168.2.192	192.168.2.254	192.168.2.255

Vulnerability Assessment

- Assessing the security posture of the Linux-Server VM (also called Metasploitable) and examining the list of exploits available for the identified vulnerabilities.
- Using the two of the most popular security tools in the industry; Network Mapper (Nmap) and Open Vulnerability Assessment System (OpenVAS). These are used to conduct a vulnerability assessment of a server in a testing or production environment.

Types of Hackers:

- **White hat hackers** are IT security experts hired by companies to identify security vulnerabilities. Also called ethical hackers.
- **Black hat hackers** are groups or individuals that often time are malicious, cause damage, theft data, or privacy.
- **Gray hat hackers** go by of their own code of ethics. Sometimes by means of illegal activity, but their intent is to educate and help.

Attempt methods used by Hackers:

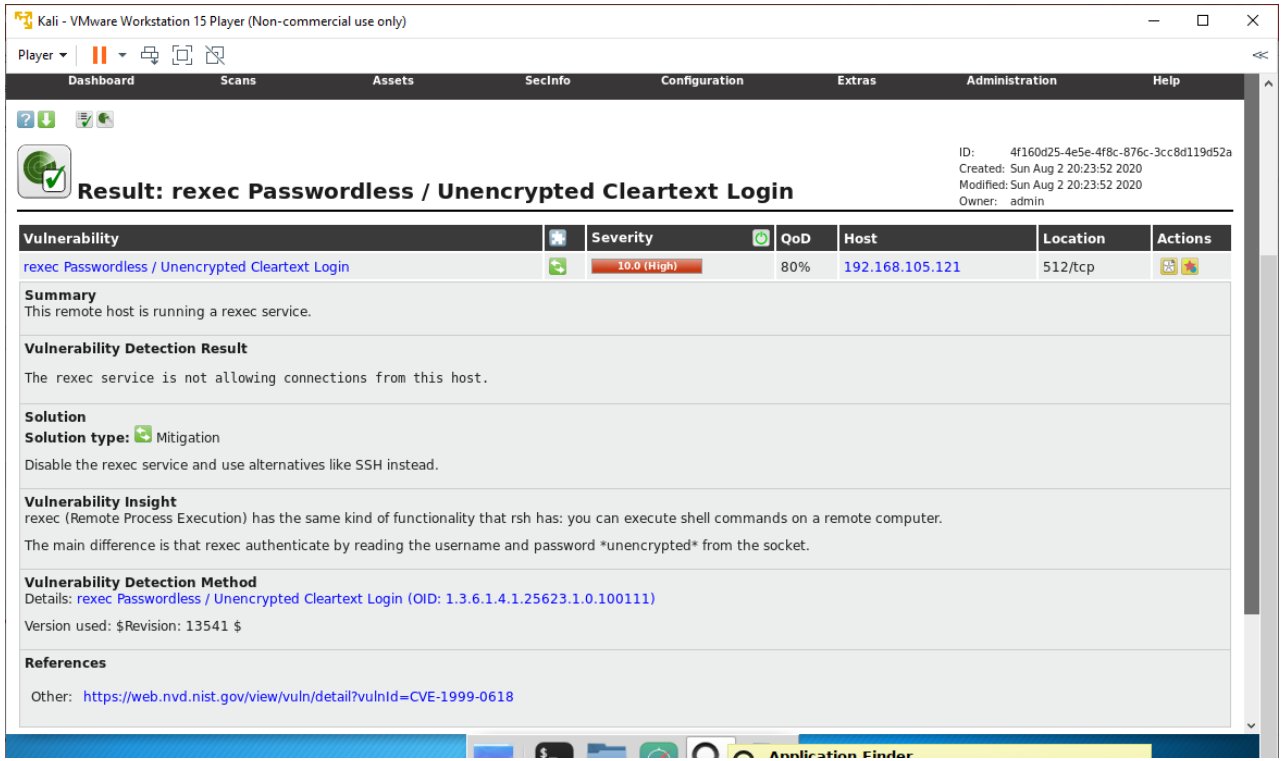
1. **Vulnerability scanning, or vulnerability assessment**, is used to identify vulnerabilities in a network. Two types of vulnerability scans are:
    - Authenticated scanning: Attackers are given the same access as a trusted user would.
    - Unauthenticated scanning: Attackers start on the perimeter of the network, looking for vulnerabilities that do not require trusted privileges.
2. **Penetration testing** uses security tools to find network vulnerabilities and attempts to exploit them.
3. **Red team-blue team exercise** has the red team conduct the attack, and the blue team attempts to defend the network.

Scanning tools used for network vulnerability

NMAP (network mapper) is designed to scan large networks and provide information about a network and its hosts.

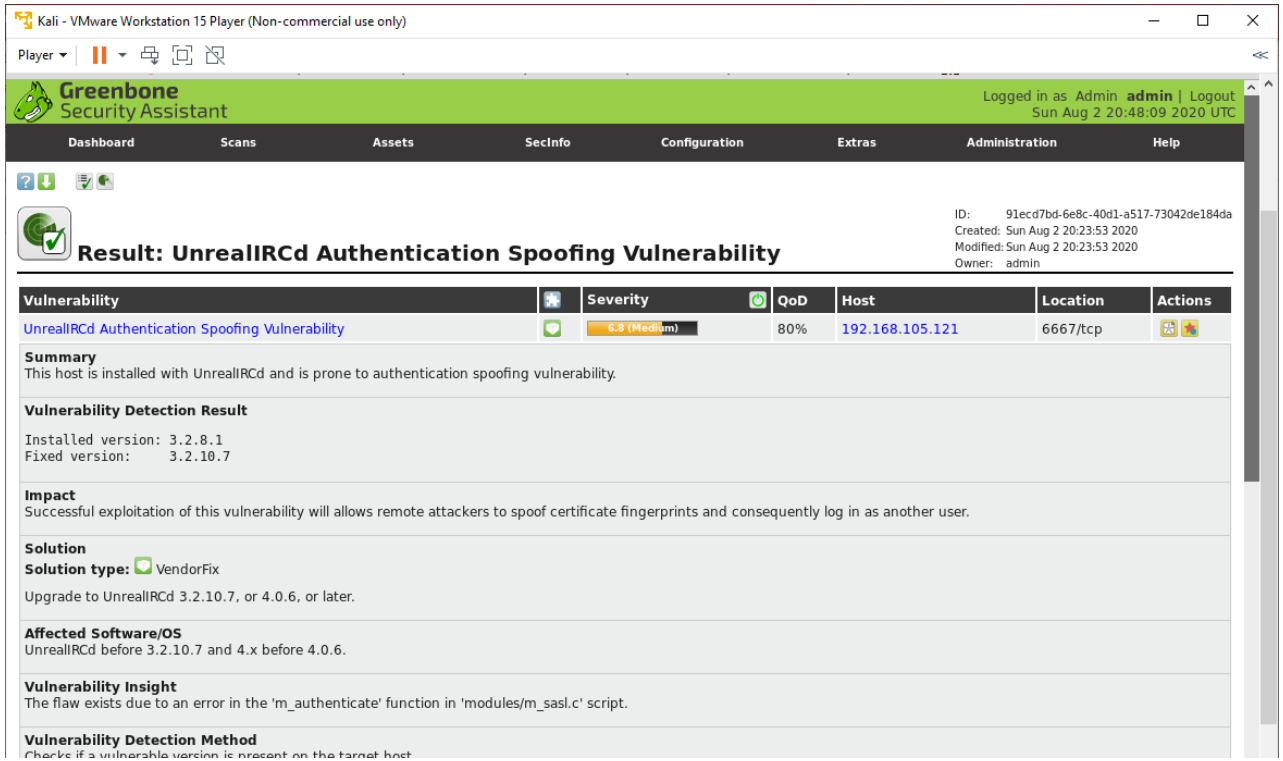
Nessus performs more sophisticated scans than NMAP. It can provide information about the types of vulnerabilities available and if security patches exist to protect against the identified vulnerabilities. It can even identity unencrypted sensitive data saved on the hosts.

Metasploit combines known scanning and exploit techniques to explore potentially new attack routes.



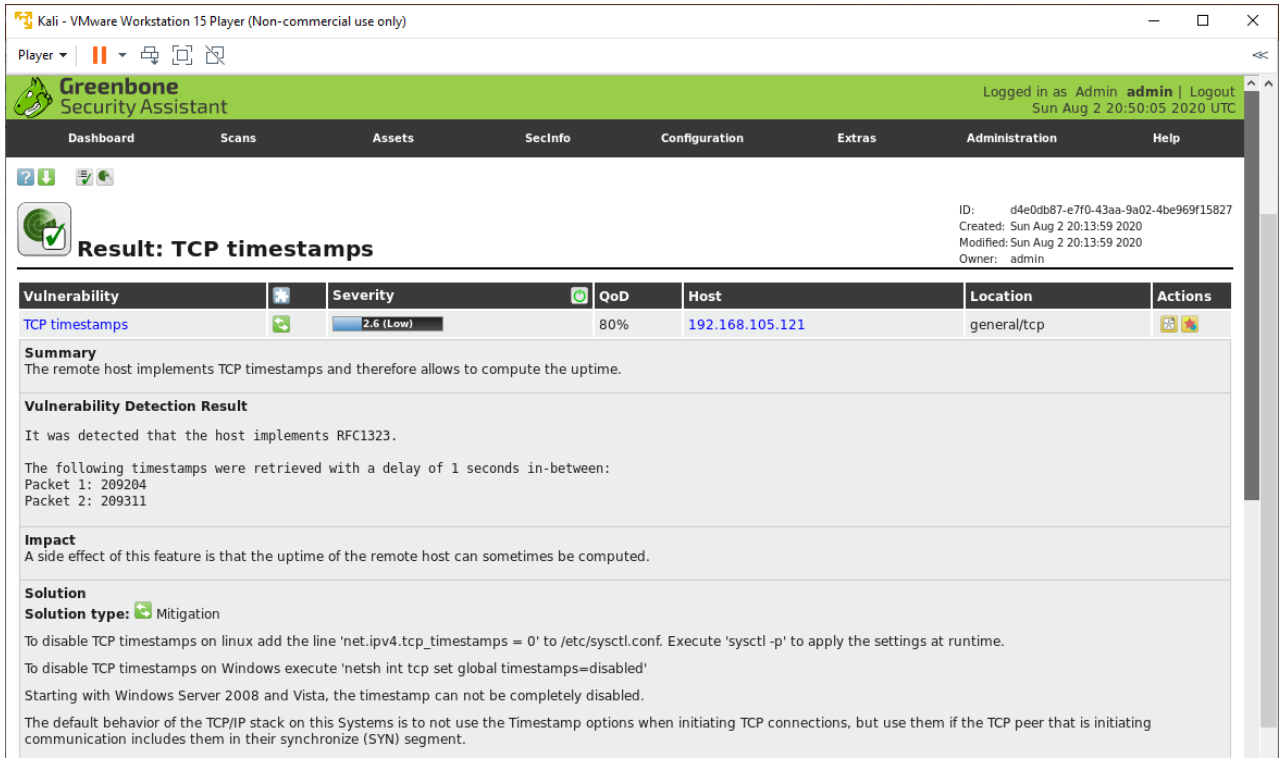
Solution: Disable rexec service and use alternate like SSH instead

High Severity Rating Vulnerability



Solution: Upgrade to UnrealRCd 3.2.10.7. or 4.0.6 or later.

Medium Severity Rating Vulnerability



Solution: Staring with Windows Server 2008 and Vista, the timestamp can not be completely disabled.

Low Severity Rating Vulnerability

Vulnerability assessment

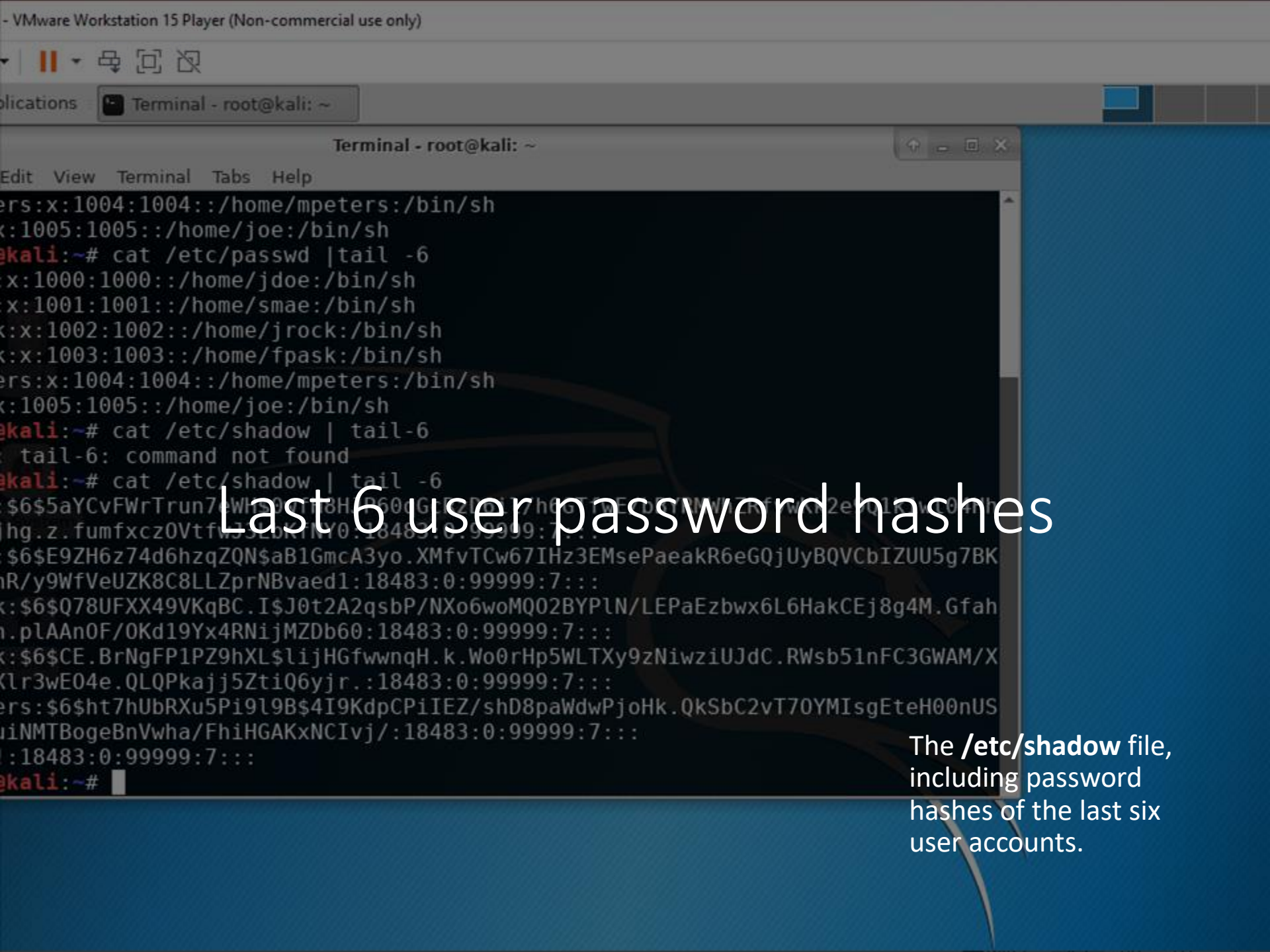
- Hosts found in the Nmap scan result:
- Router 192.168.105.1, Linux Server VM 192.168.105.121, HP laptop 192.168.105.153, Kali VM 192.168.105.244

- Ranking of vulnerabilities is important to bring the most crucial weaknesses to your attention.

Password Management

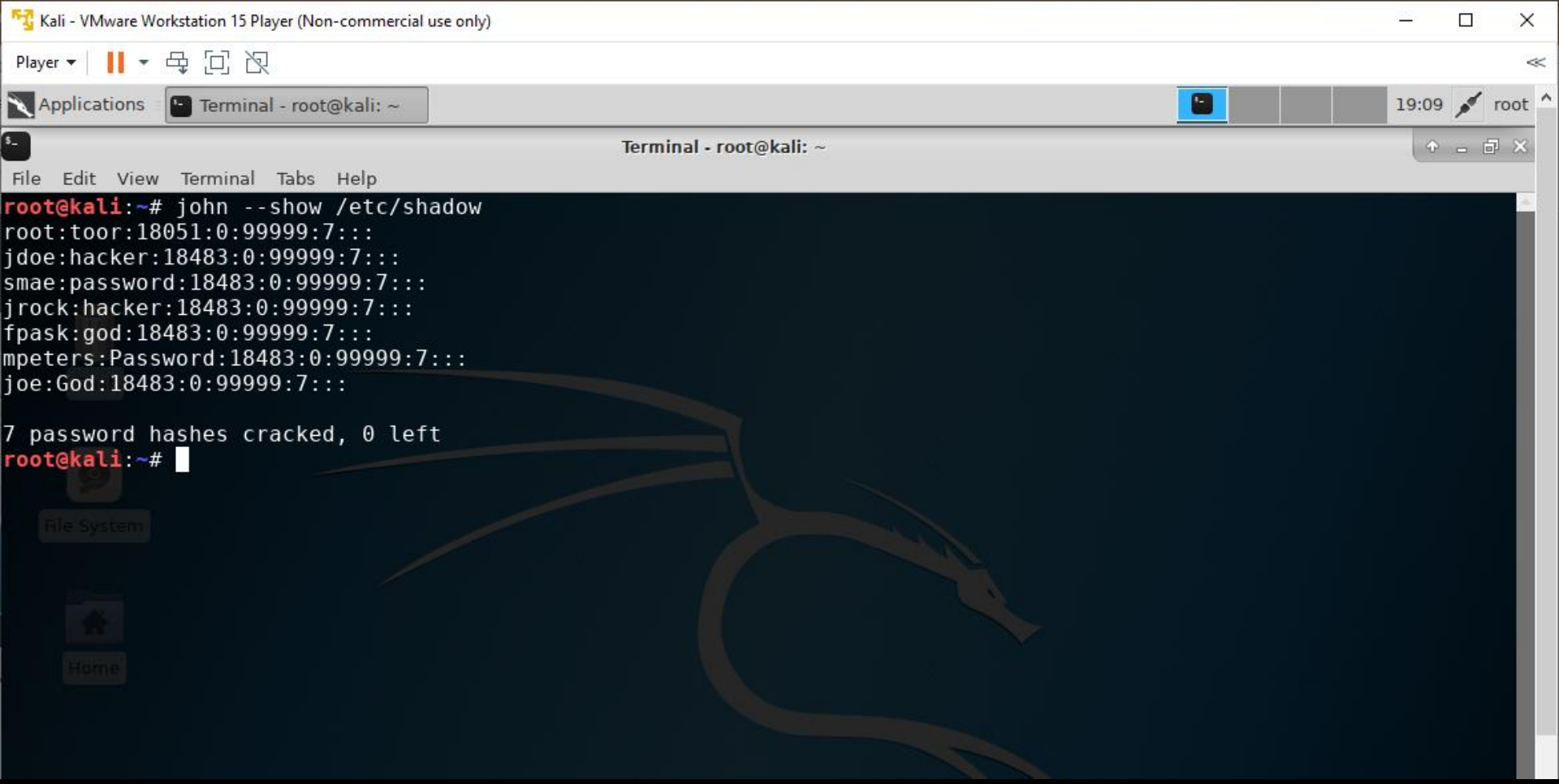
To access resources, a user or device is required to have a unique credential set. The most common credential set is username and password. Network administrators audit their servers' password databases to uncover weak passwords before an attacker discovers.

Strong passwords protect against password attacks including dictionary, rainbow table, and brute-force attacks.



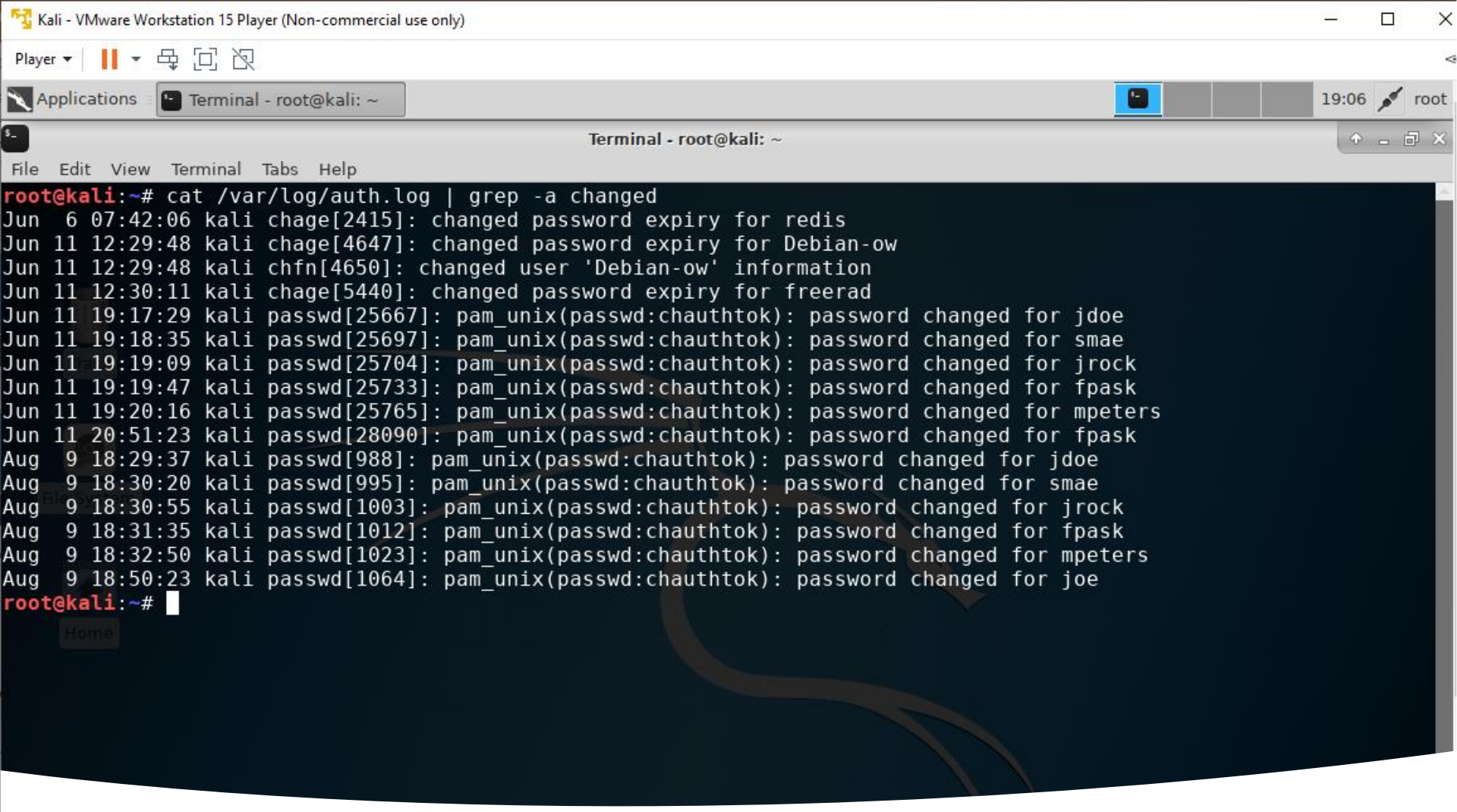
Last 6 user password hashes

The **/etc/shadow** file, including password hashes of the last six user accounts.



John the Ripper security tool in action

The cracked user passwords by using the John the Ripper security tool one of the most used password cracking tools in IT security, to assess the strength of passwords in your system.

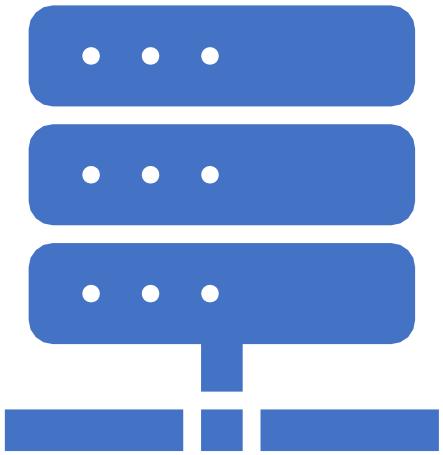


Account modification in the **Auth.log** File

The **/var/log/auth.log** file with information on account modification.

Password management assessment

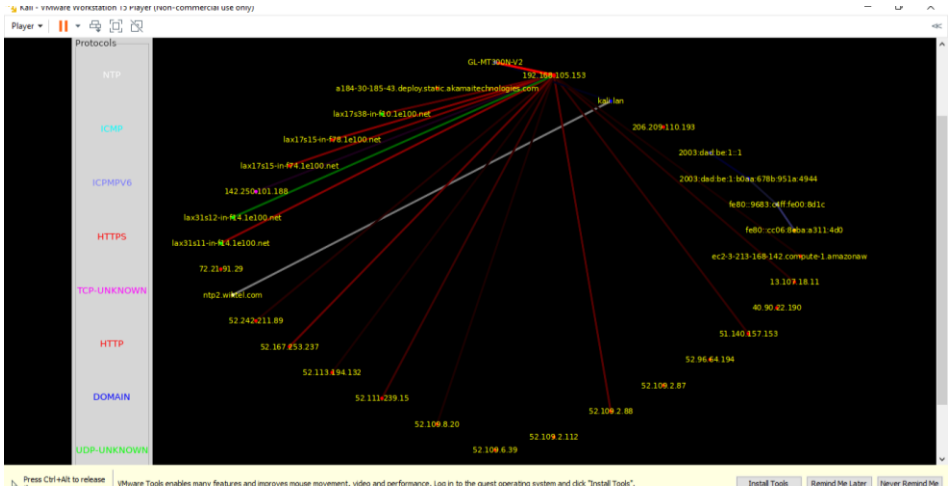
- Even though ***jdoe*** and ***jrock*** have the same password (i.e., hacker), their password hashes in the /etc/shadow file are different.
- The passwords are salted. When salting is random data unique to the user , it is saved with their password and used in the hashing process of storing and verifying the password.

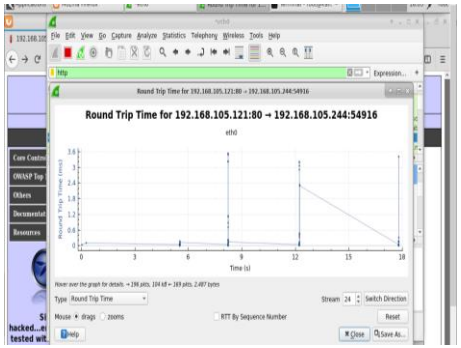


Network Traffic Monitoring

Today's networks must ensure many things and also provide connectivity from source to destination endpoints. Users often use realtime, transaction-based, and non-real-time applications. Each application may require a different level of service. It is crucial for engineers to monitor the network activities to ensure that the network meets the bussinesses needs. Some of the requirements in modern networks include performance, reliability, scalability, adaptability, security, manageability.

Monitorix, Wireshark, and Etherape can be used to monitor the health of a network.

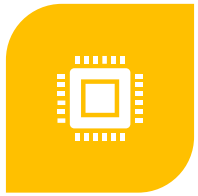




IP Routing

CONFIGURE TWO LOOPBACK INTERFACES ON THE GL-MT300N-V2 TRAVEL ROUTER. ·

CONFIGURE THE GL AR-750 TRAVEL ROUTER AS A REPEATER TO EXTEND THE REACH OF A WLAN SEGMENT.

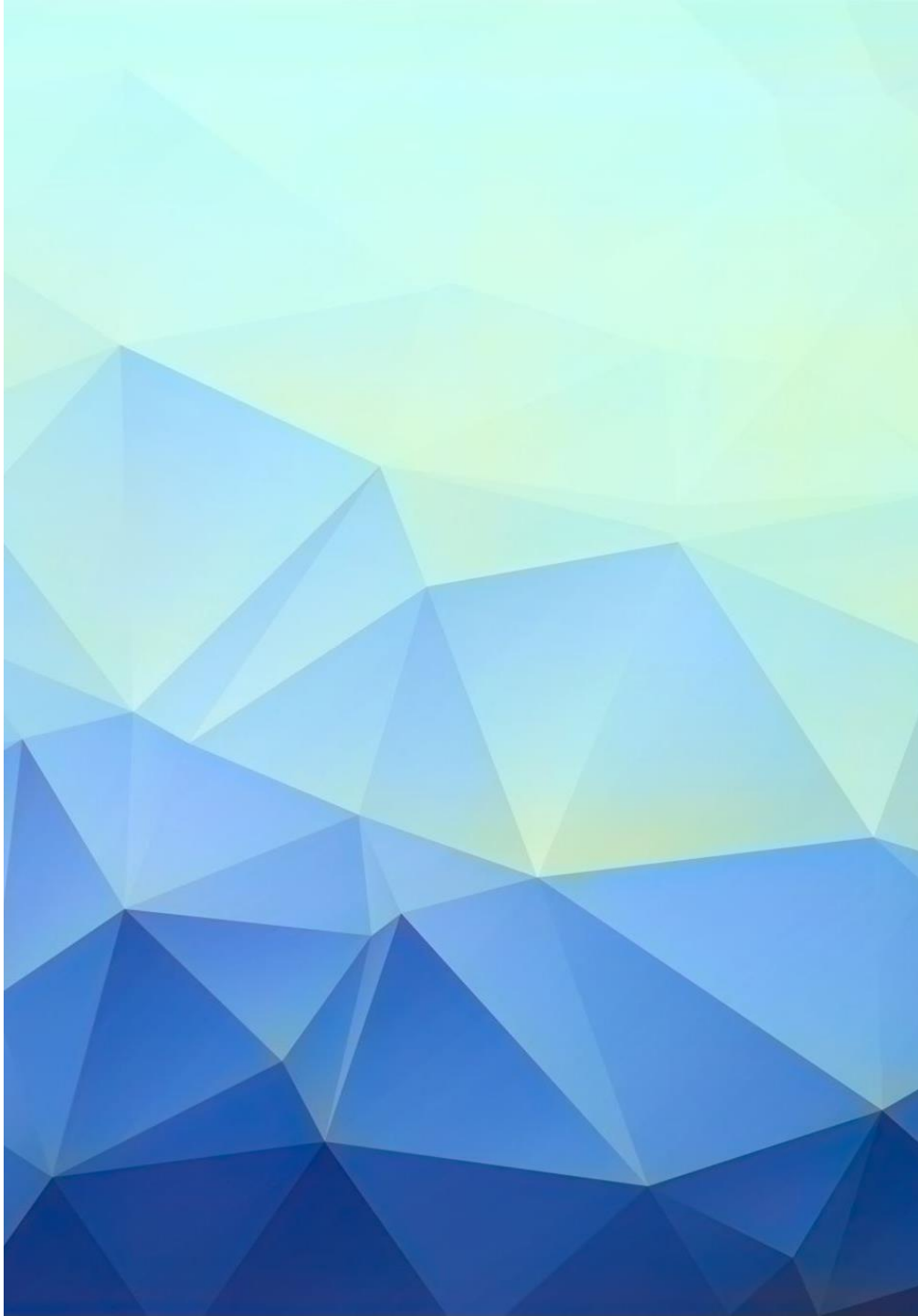


TEST CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN THE HOST COMPUTER AND GUEST VMS TO THE NEW LOOPBACK INTERFACES.

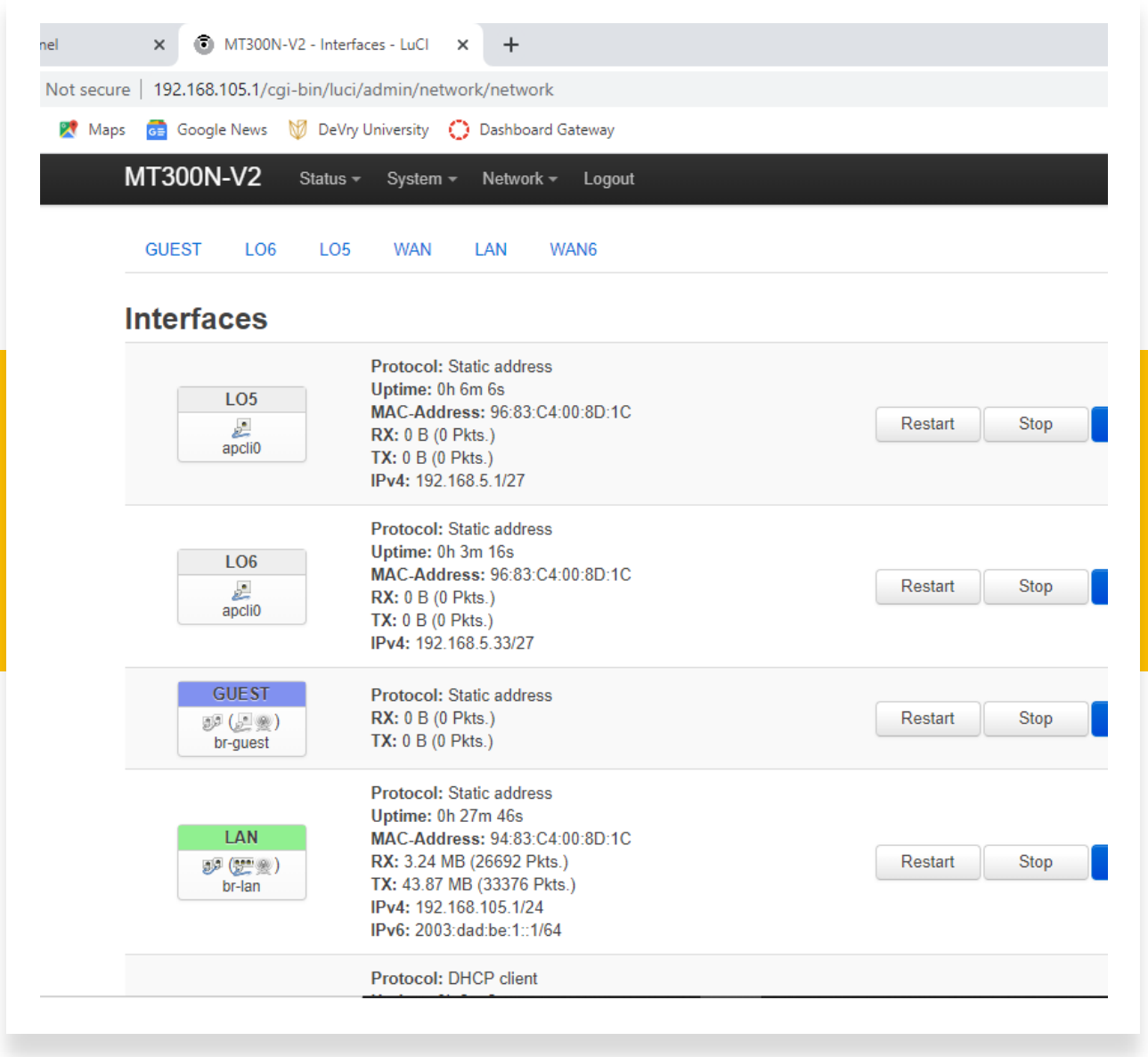
Loopback Interface

The difference between a physical interface and a loopback interface:

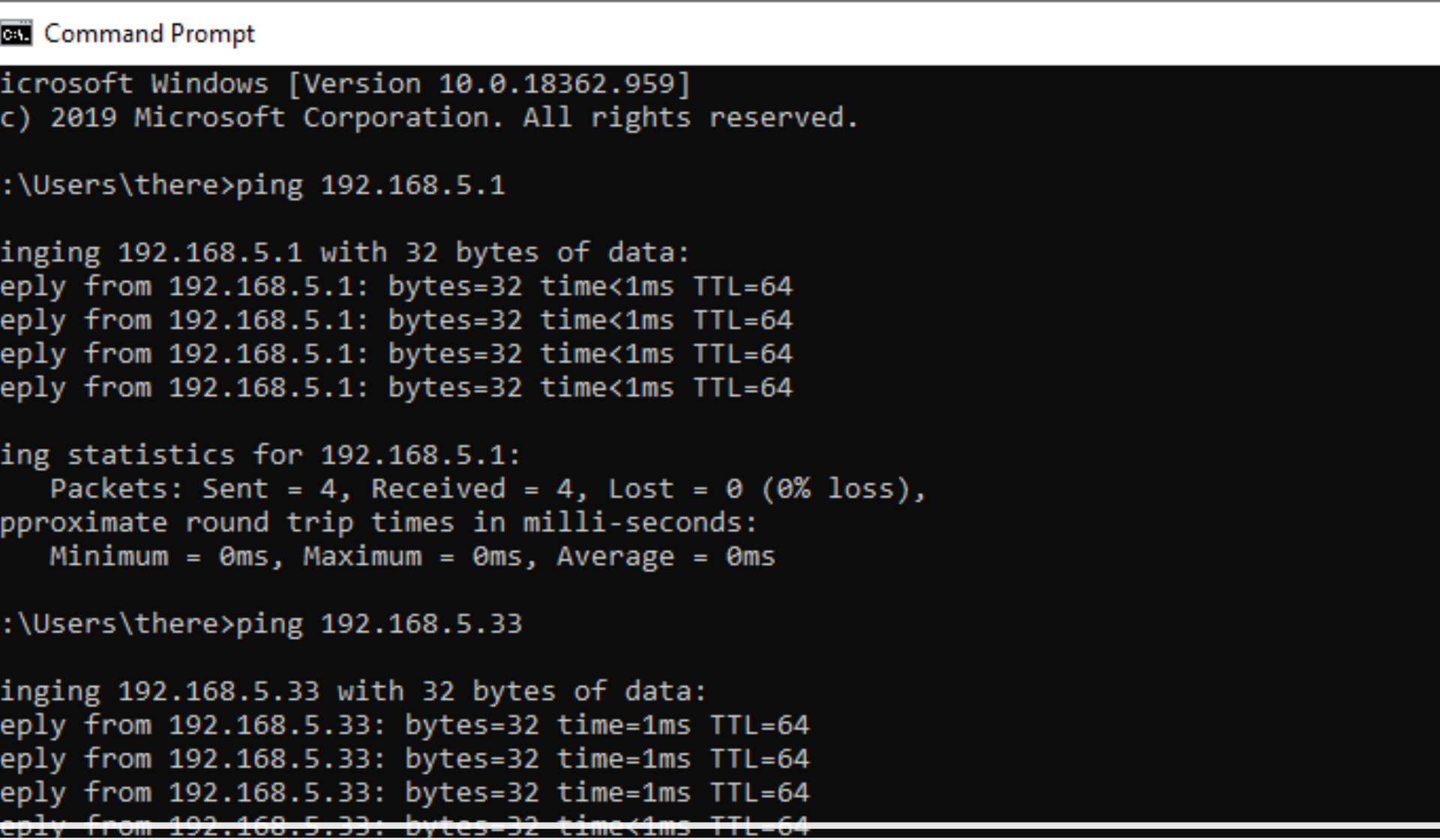
A loopback interface is a virtual interface and is used to identify a device and never changes. It will also allow still operate even if one IP address goes down and can only be shutdown if given the command.



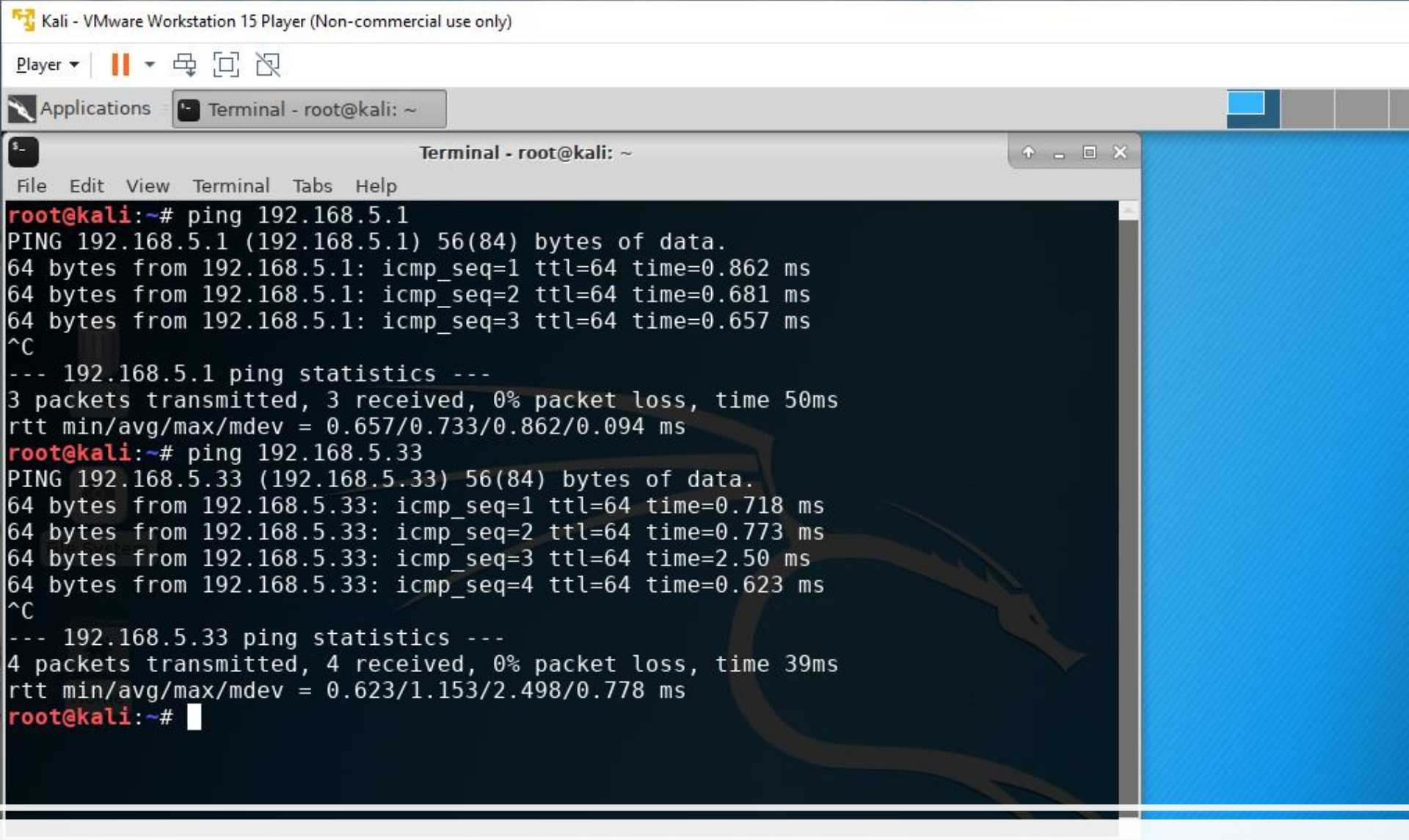
IP configurations of Lo5 and Lo6 interfaces



Loopback 5 and Loopback 6 interfaces on the GL-MT300N-V2 Router.



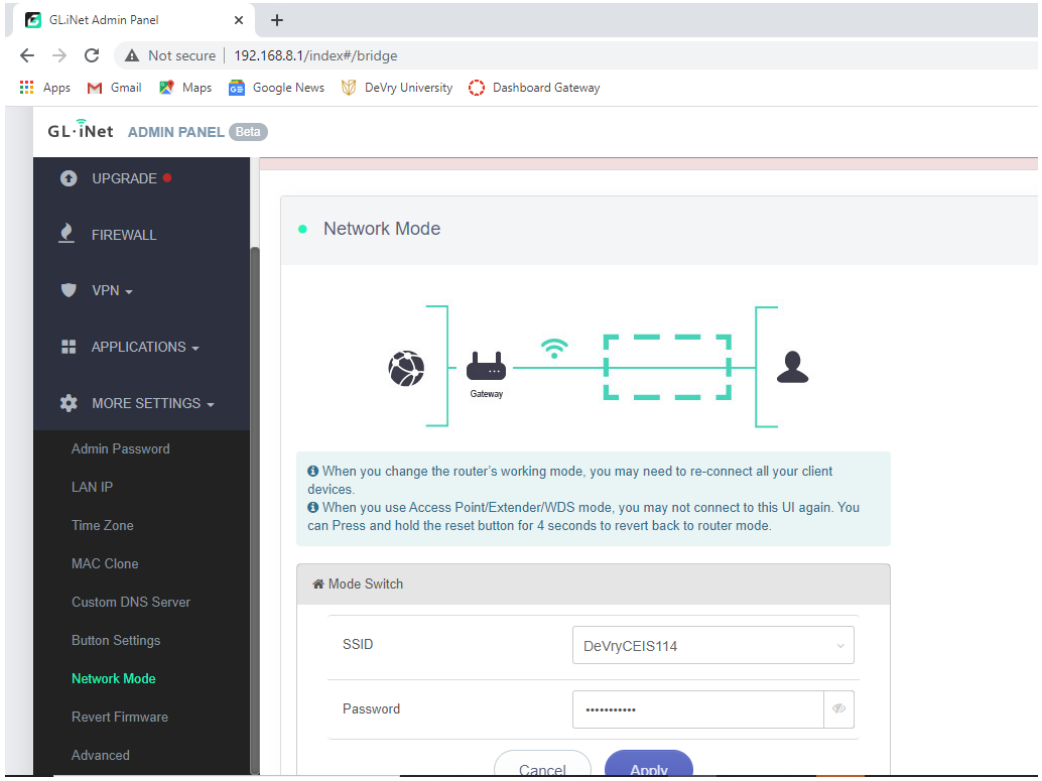
ICMP Ping results from the Host Computer to two loopback interfaces



ICMP Ping results from the Kali VM to two loopback interfaces

WLAN SSID

The WLAN SSID of the yellow GL-MT300N-V2 router shown in the extender configuration window of the GL AR-750 router.



Project Conclusion

In this project I investigated a variety of enterprise-level technologies.

- Virtualization, WLANs, network monitoring, Virtual Switching (vSwitch), Routing, and Vulnerability Management.

All these technologies work flawlessly for an organization business needs.