SEC290 Fundamentals of Infrastructure Security

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Introduction

This project covers fundamentals of infrastructure security. It includes activities such as configuring firewall rules, deploying Snort sensors for network intrusion detection, exploring SSL encryption, analyzing traffic to detect attacks, exploiting Microsoft vulnerabilities, and conducting live memory analysis.

The presentation concludes with Challenges, Career Skills obtained, a Conclusion, and References.

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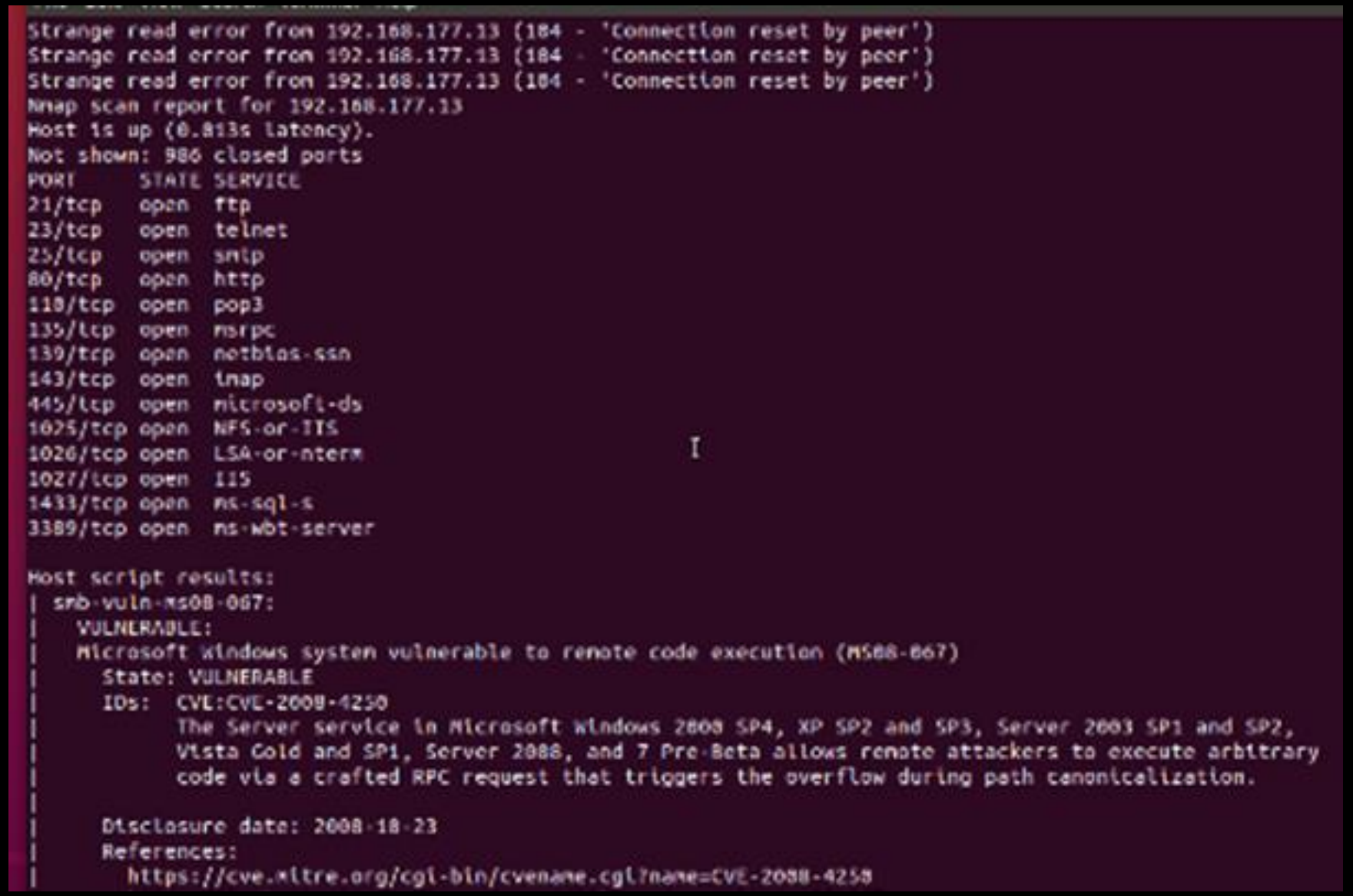
Module 1

Manual Vulnerability Analysis (on a test VM network)

The next three slides show:
1) Microsoft Windows Bulletin MS08-067 vulnerability,
2) Microsoft Windows Bulletin MS17-010 vulnerability; and,
3) Meterpreter Session Command Output.

Microsoft Windows Bulletin MS08-067 vulnerability

This screenshot shows that a vulnerability exists on the test VM.



Microsoft Windows Bulletin MS17-010 vulnerability

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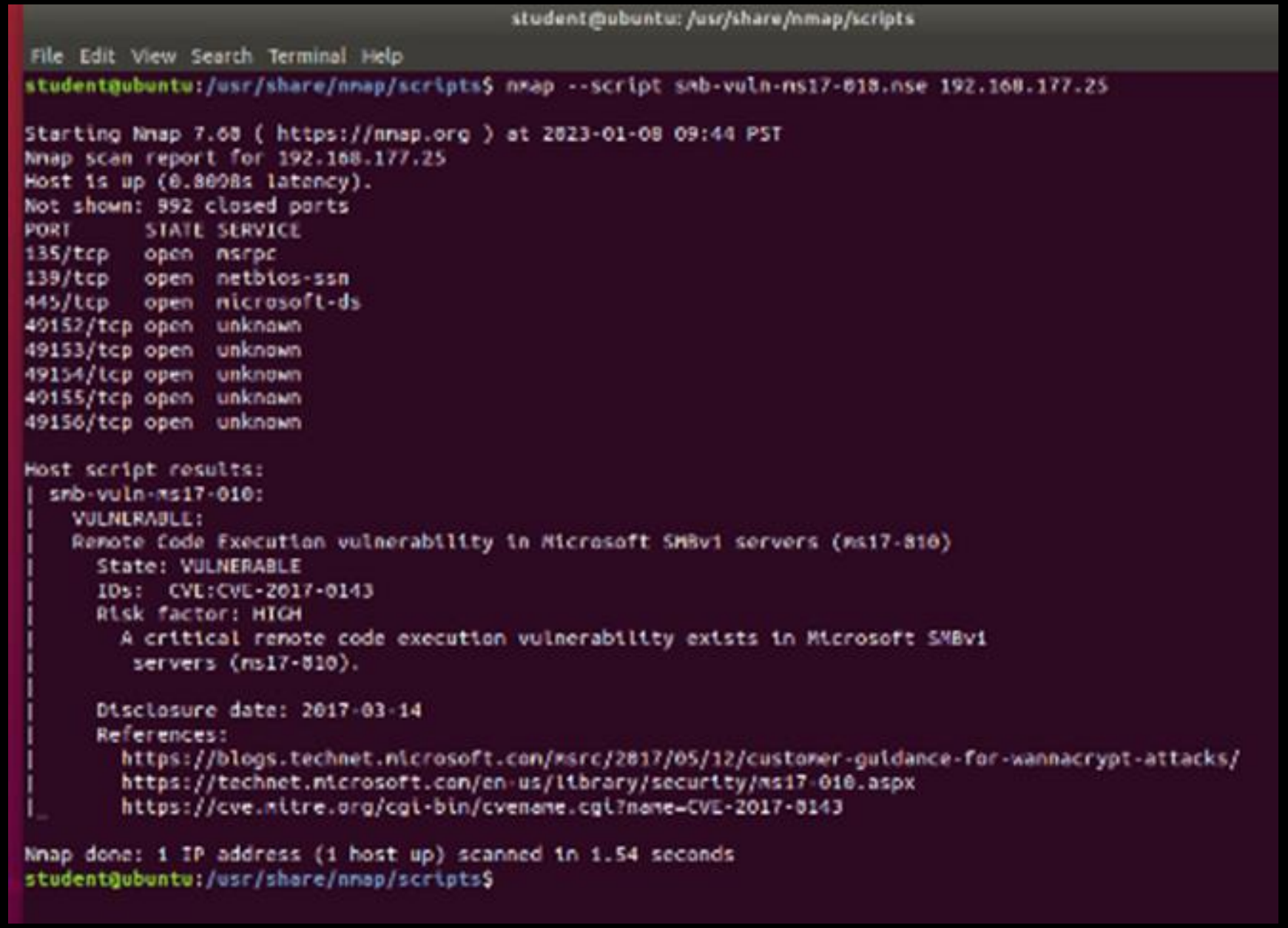
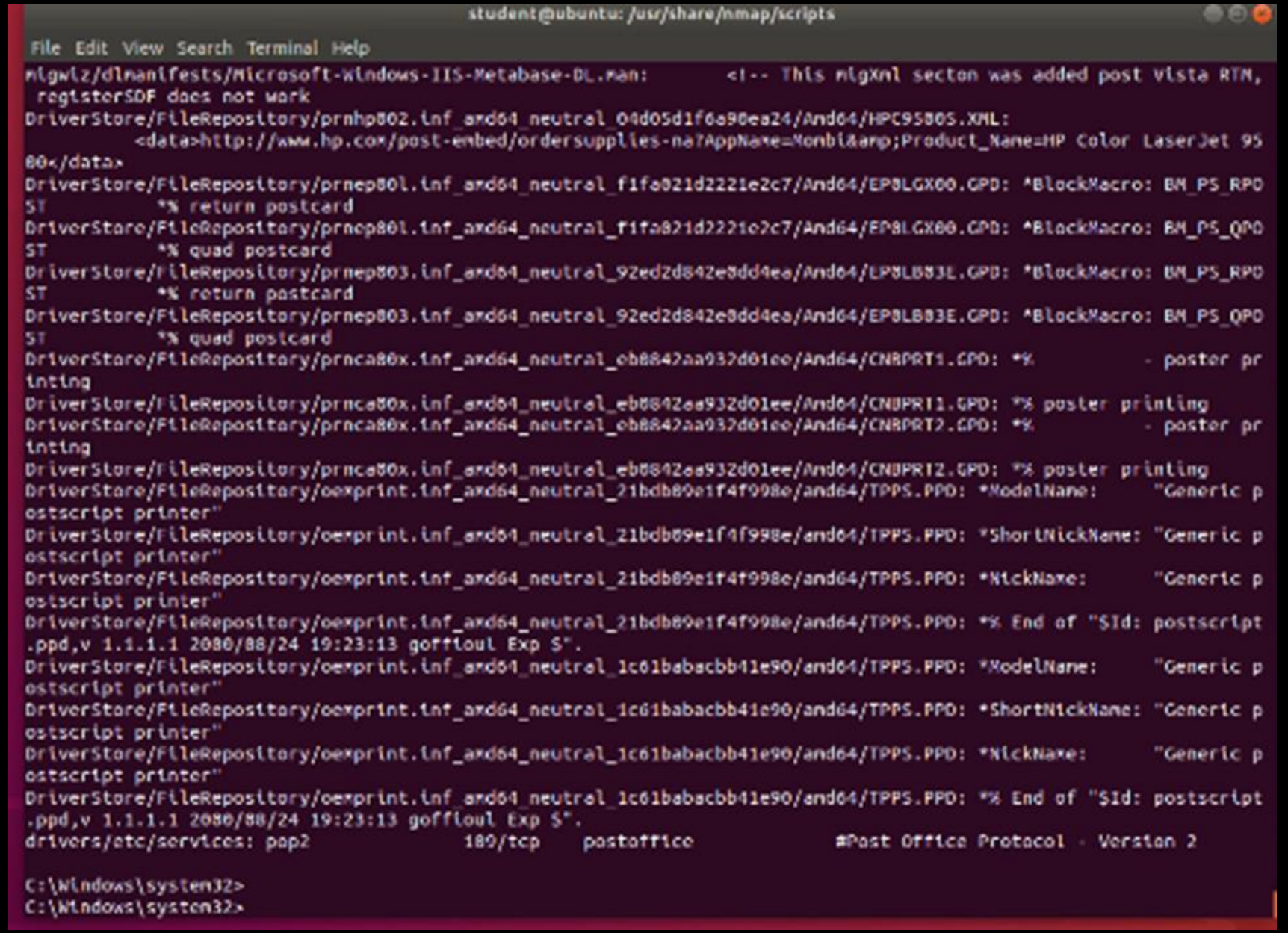


Meterpreter session command output

This screenshot shows the output of the meterpreter session commands.



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Module 2

Intrusion Analysis using Wireshark

The next two slides show a Basic Attack Analysis.

Basic attack analysis

1. Look at captures no. 20 and 22. (You can use the “Go” link at the top of the Wireshark screen to quickly go to a specific capture) Both packets are ICMP traffic but there are subtle differences between them. Compare the time-to-live and data field sizes in the two packets. What differences do you see?

64 for 20 and 128 for 22

2. Do a little Internet research to discover which operating systems use the specific values in their ping commands. What operating system generated the echo request in capture 20?

Linux, this is based on reviewing https:ostechnix.com/identify-operating-system-ttl-ping

3. Review packet no. 37 and beyond, what do you think is taking place here? _____

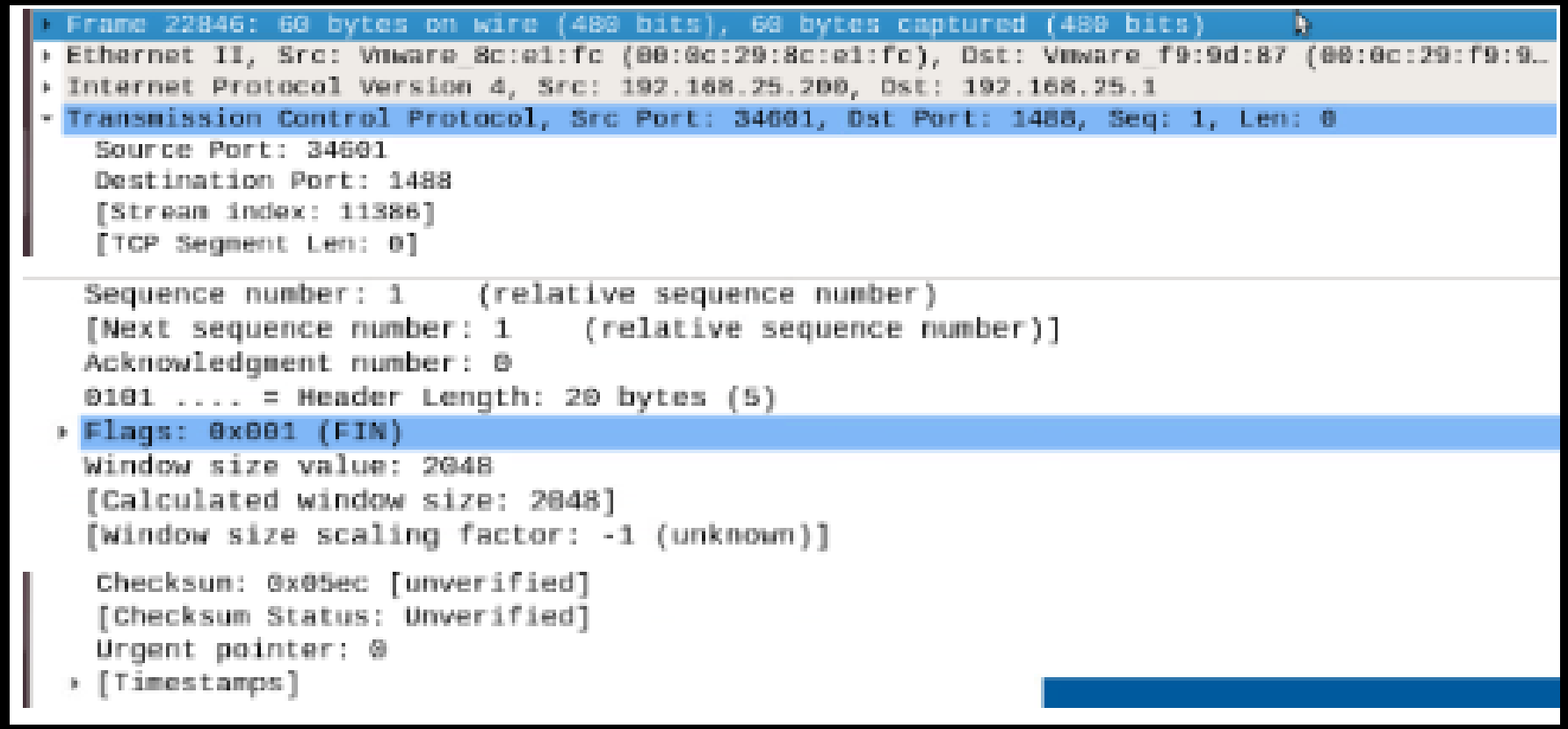
a DDoS attack because there are multiple SYN packets being sent without waiting for an ACK. You can see the request is repeated in lines 38, 39 and probably the lines below as well.

4. Look at capture 22846. What is suspicious about the flag settings in this packet?

The flag represents an Urgent Pointer and what is suspicious is that the checksum doesn’t match which is why it is unverified

(4 and 5 with capture 22846 continued on next slide)

This is the capture from 22846



5. What is the IP address of the host being targeted?

192.188.25.200 or 192.168.25.1

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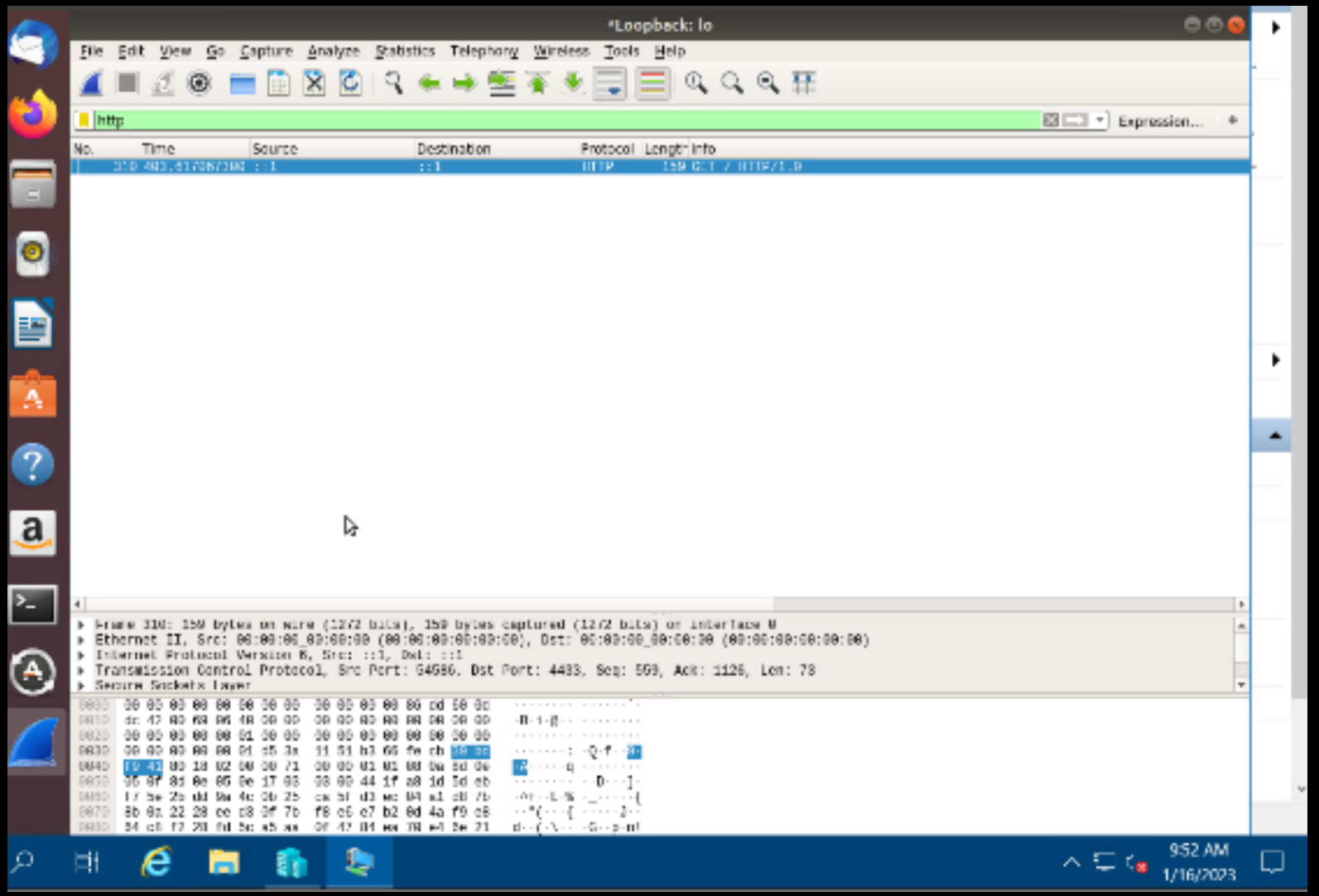
Module 3

Open SSL

The next two slides show:
1) Creating and testing an SSL/TLS file; and,
2) The GET request and the decrypted SSL stream.

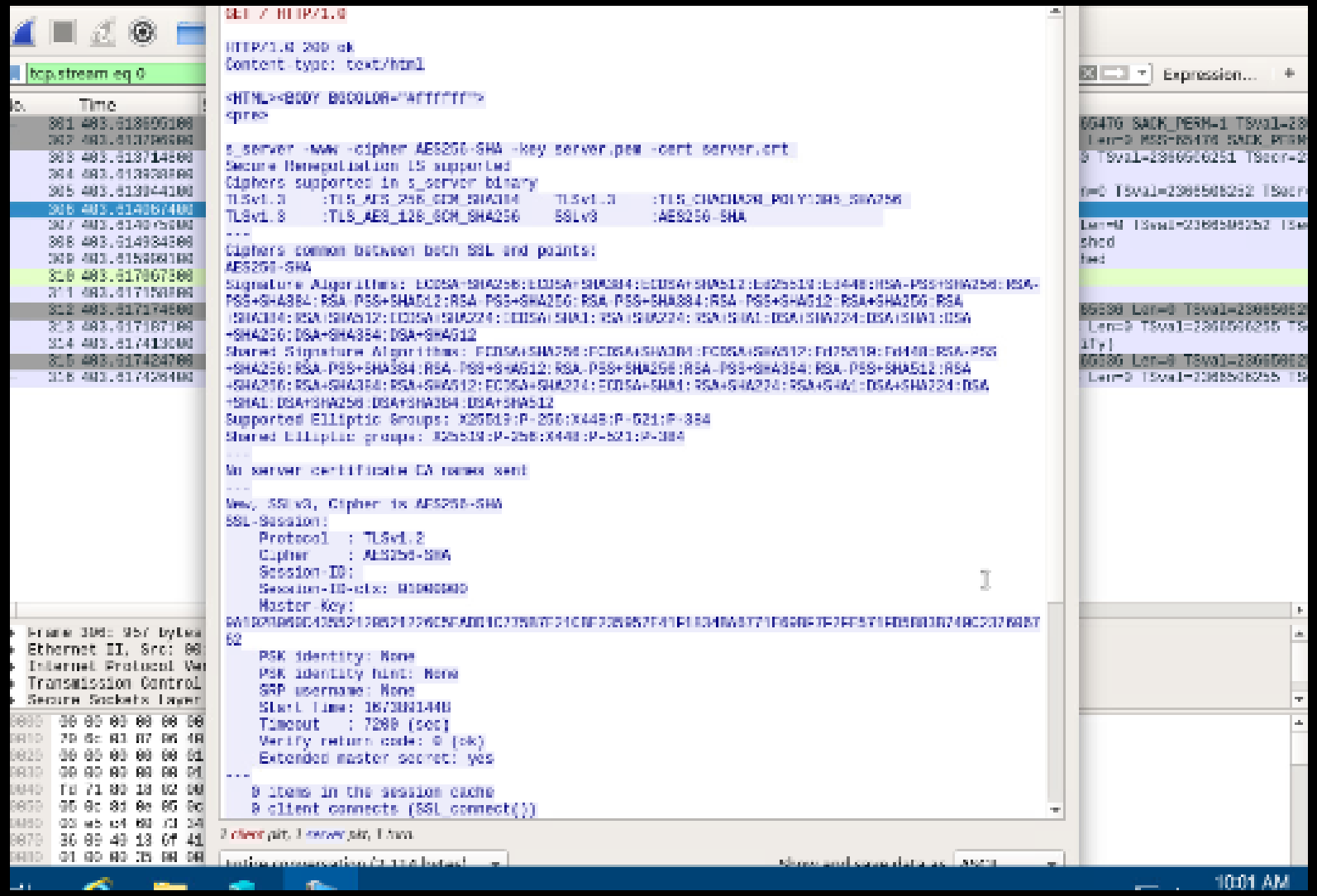
Creating and testing an SSL/TLS file

This screenshot shows the output of the GET request in the Info column.



Creating and testing an SSL/TLS file cont'd

This screenshot sows the output of the decrypted SSL stream.



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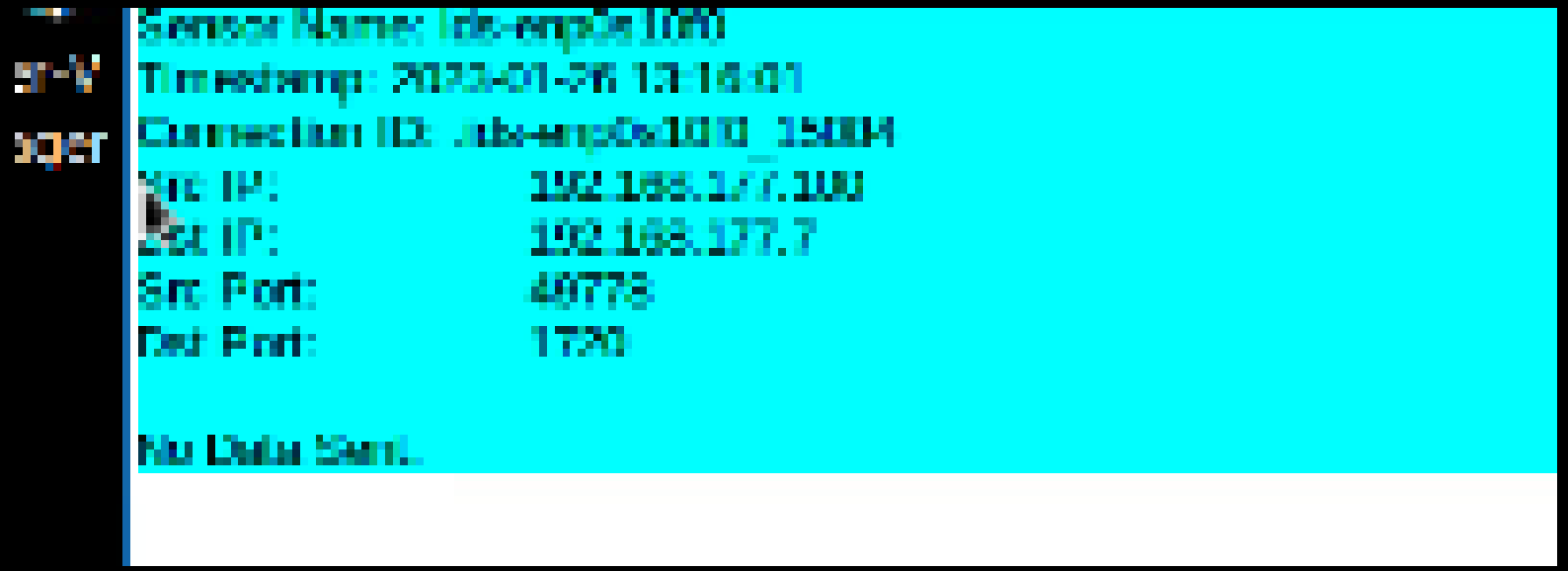
Snort (open-source network intrusion detection system)

The next four slides show:
1) Testing Snort rules showing the transcript of a XMAS scan alert,
2) the TCP packets generated by the XMAS scan,
3) the ping activity alert; and,
4) the ICMP packets generated by the ping activity.

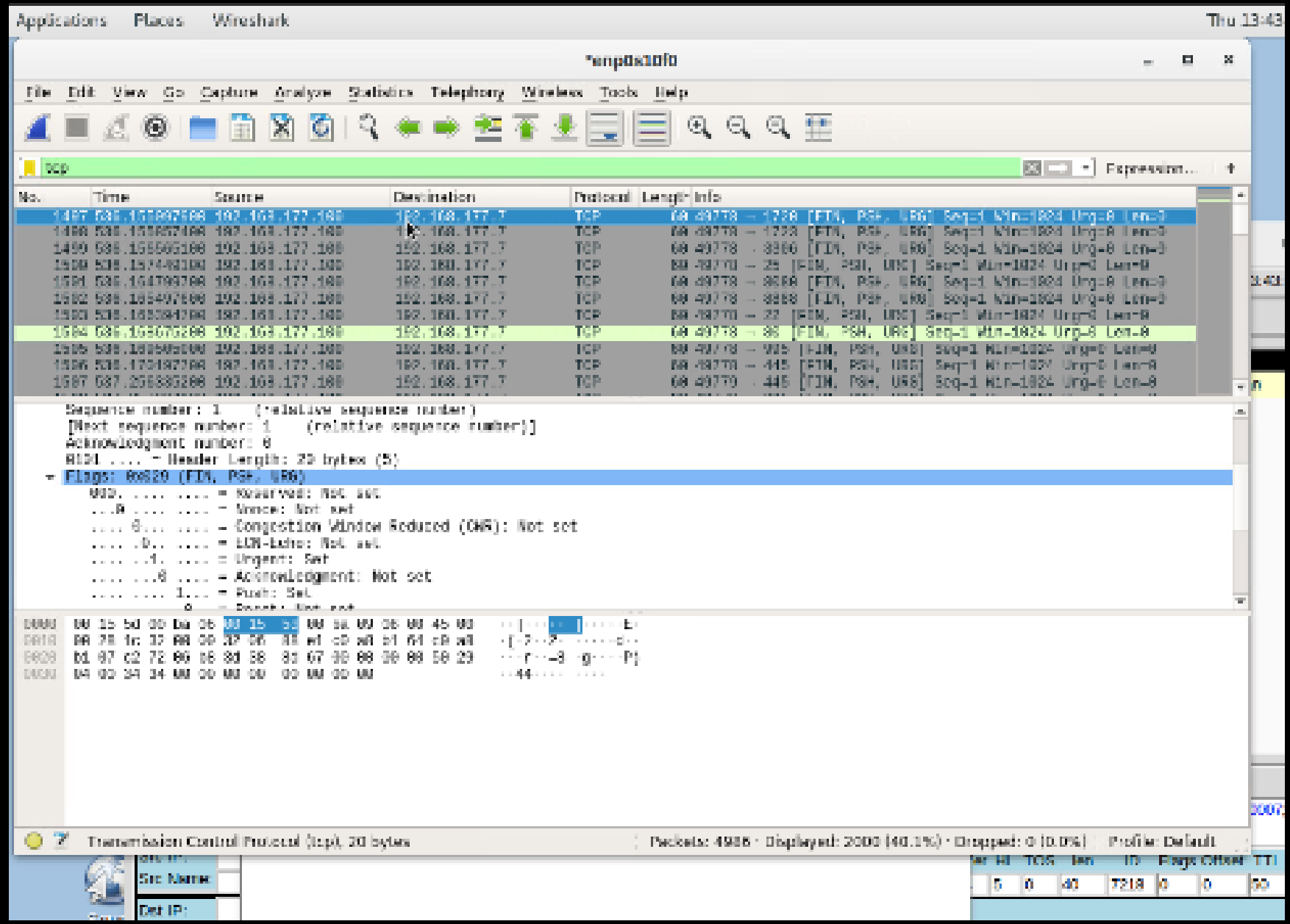
Testing Snort rules

This is a screenshot of the output showing the transcript of a XMAS scan alert.



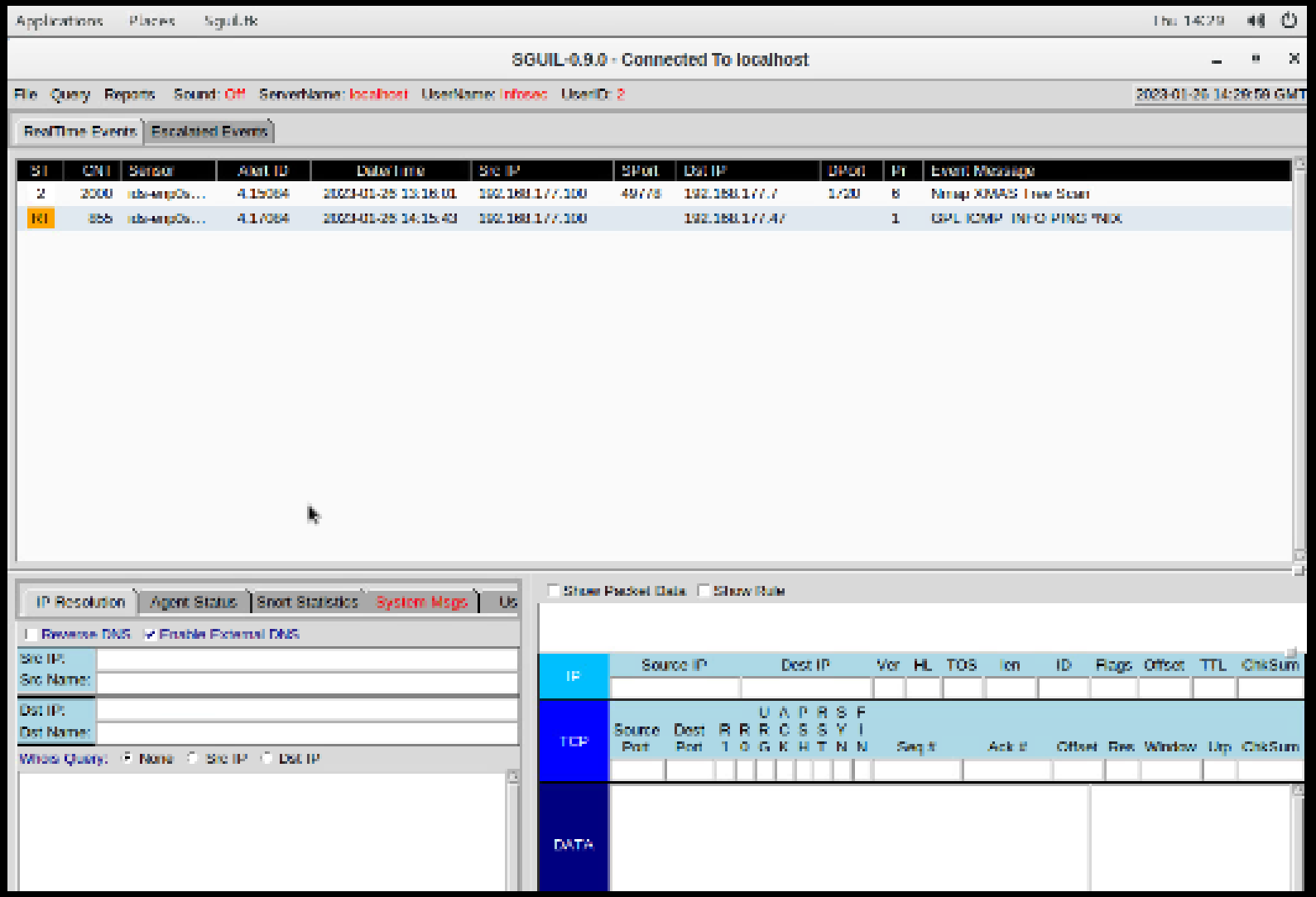
Testing Snort rules cont'd

This screenshot shows the TCP packets generated by the XMAS scan.



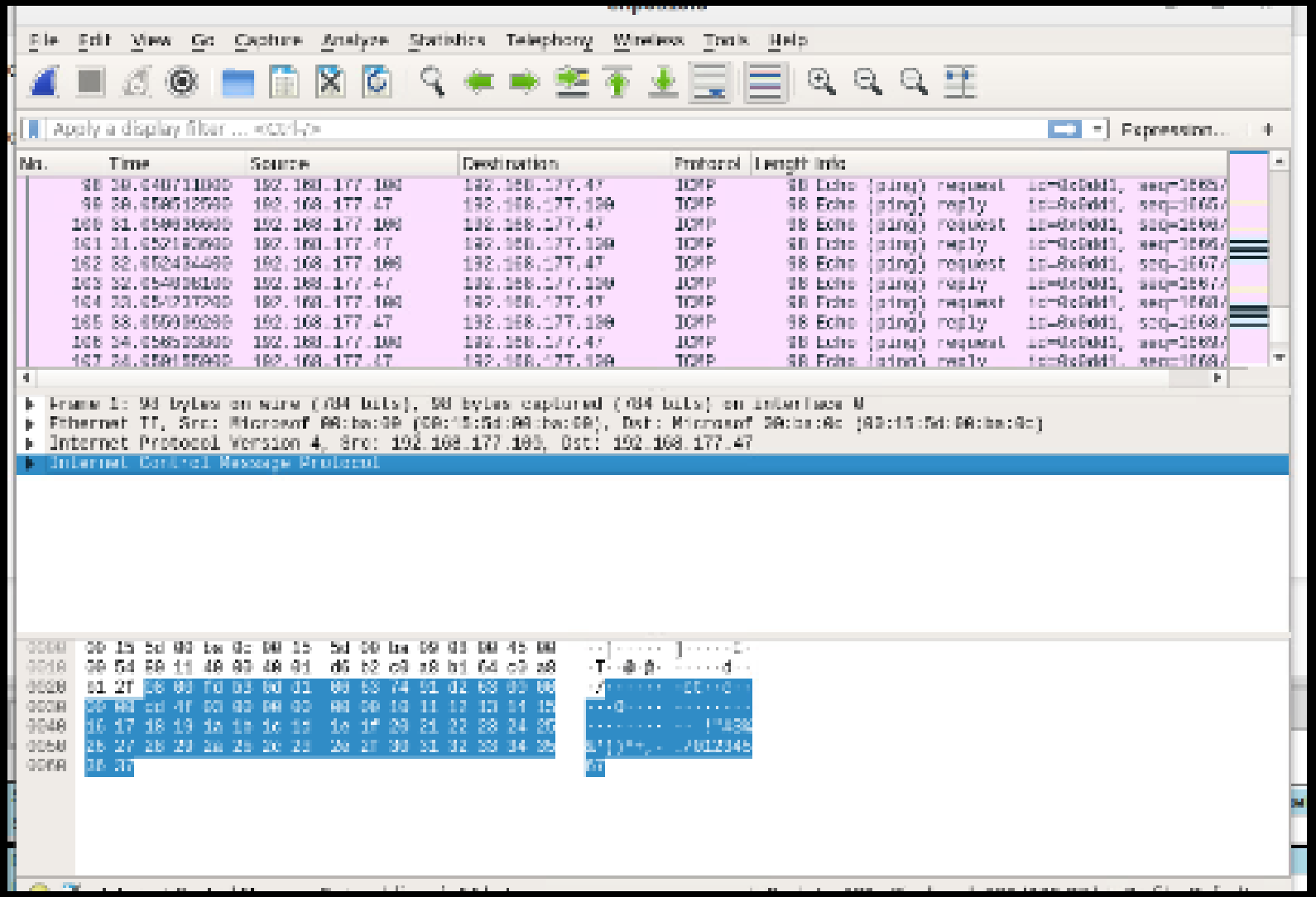
Creating Snort rules

This screenshot shows the ping activity alert.



Creating Snort rules cont’d

This screenshot shows the ICMP packets generated by the ping activity.



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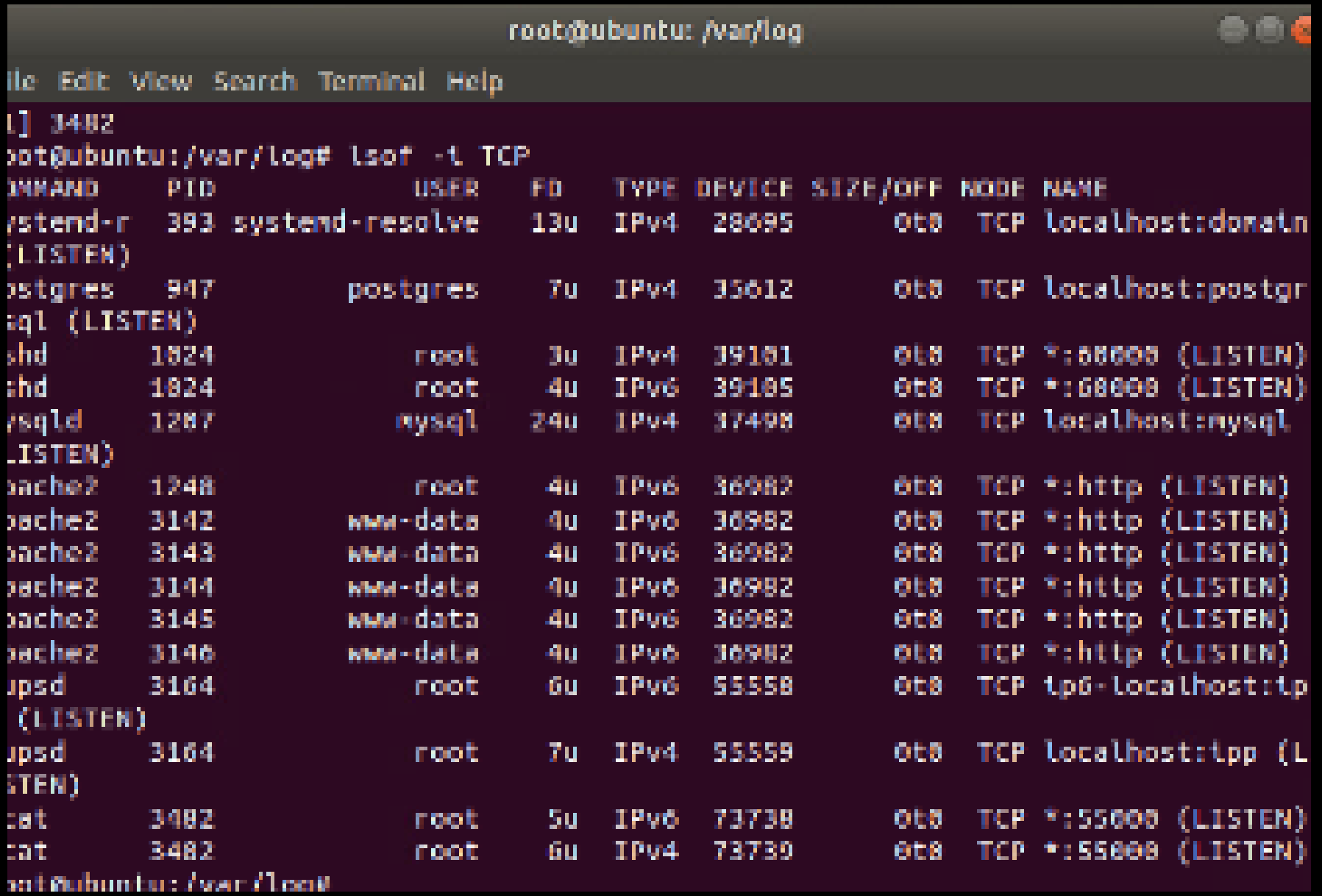
Module 5

Live Memory Analysis

The next three slides show:
1) Linux Processes with port 55000 open for both IPv4 and IPv6,
2) A Process Hacker with properties of the chosen process; and,
3) The Process Monitor with ifFaceName in the Path column and data(Roman in the Detail column).

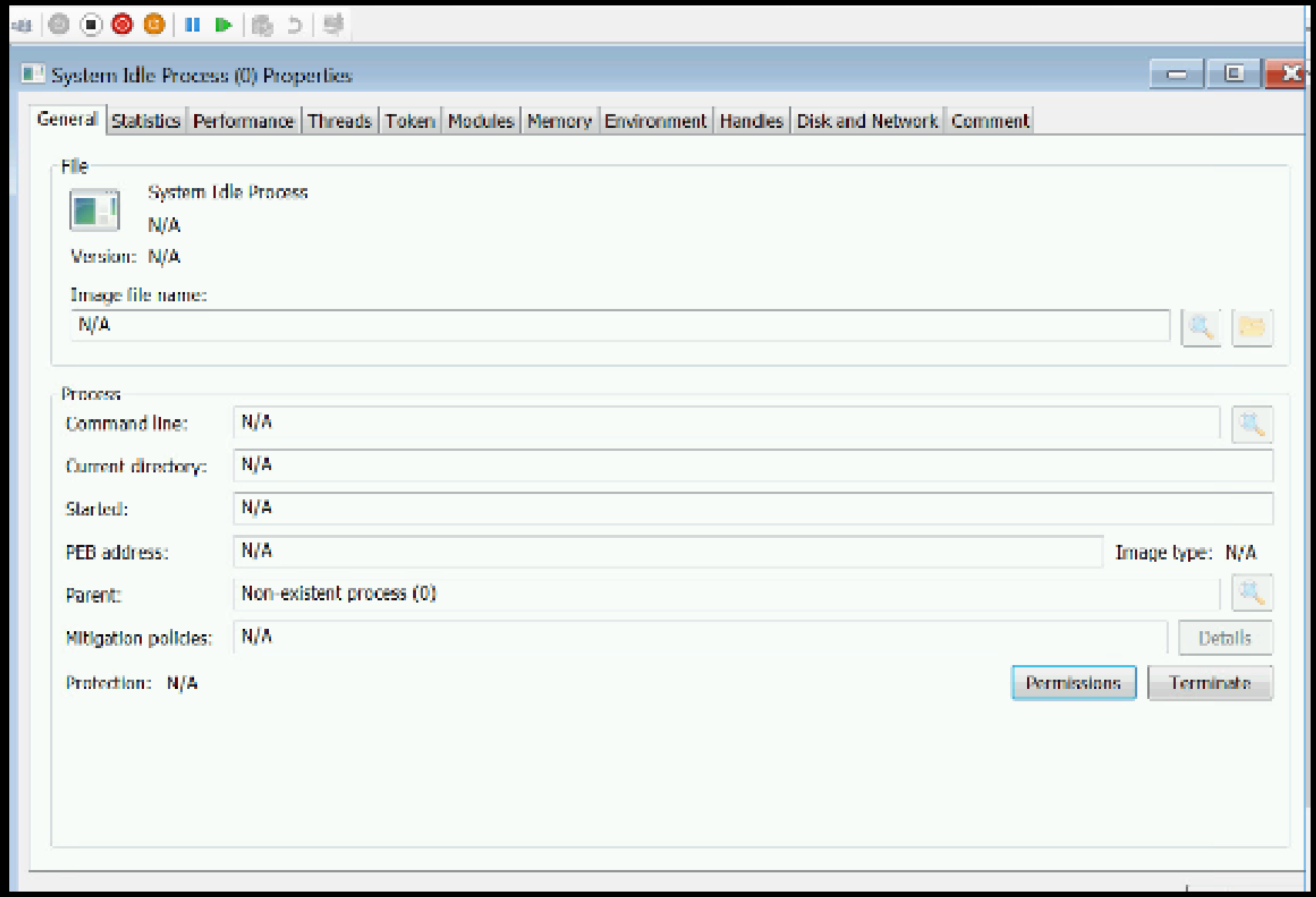
Linux Processes

This screenshot shows port 55000 open for both IPv4 and IPv6.



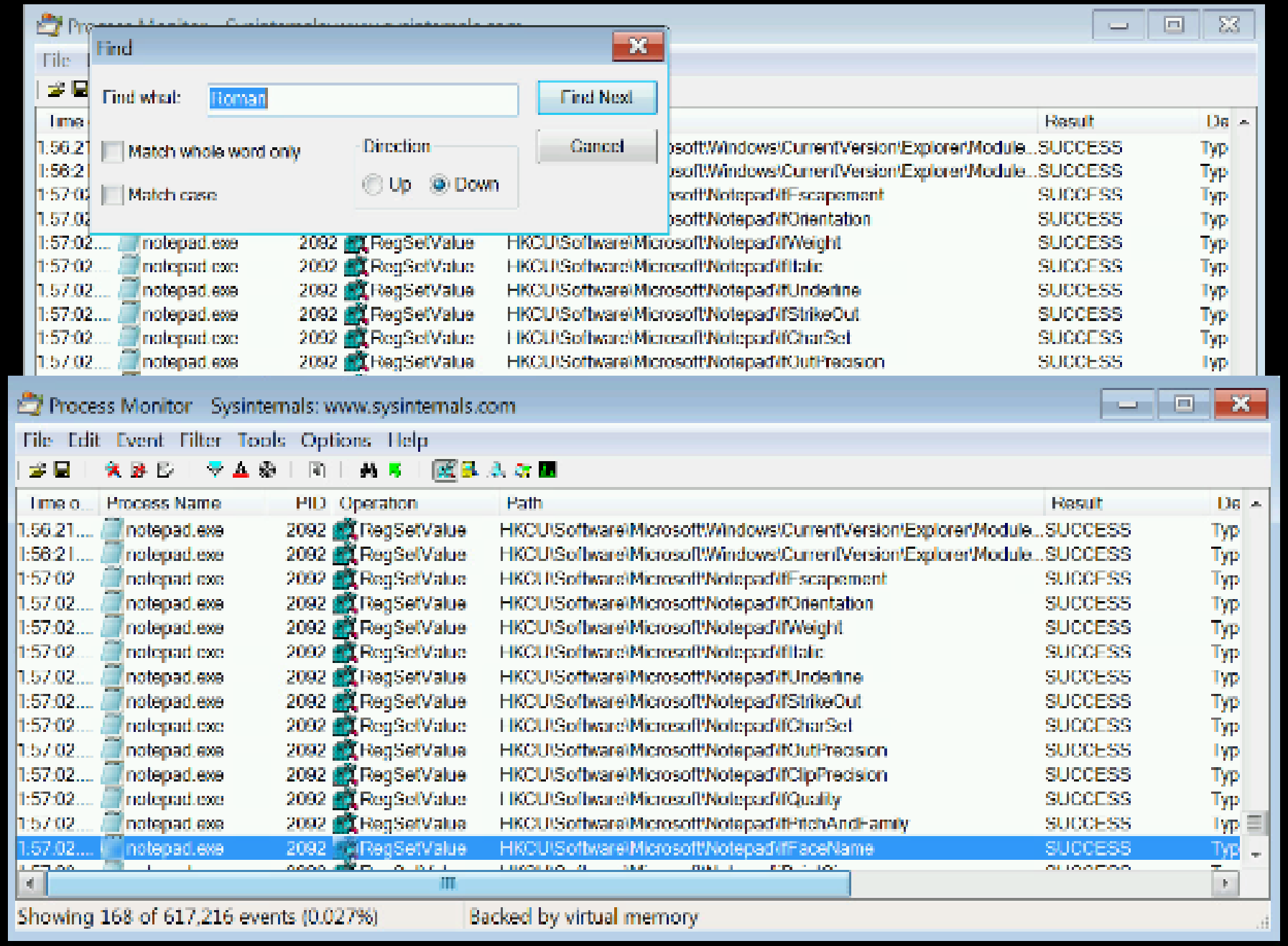
Process Hacker

This screenshot shows properties of a chosen process.



Process Monitor

This screenshot shows ifFaceName in the Path column and Data: Roman in the Detail column.



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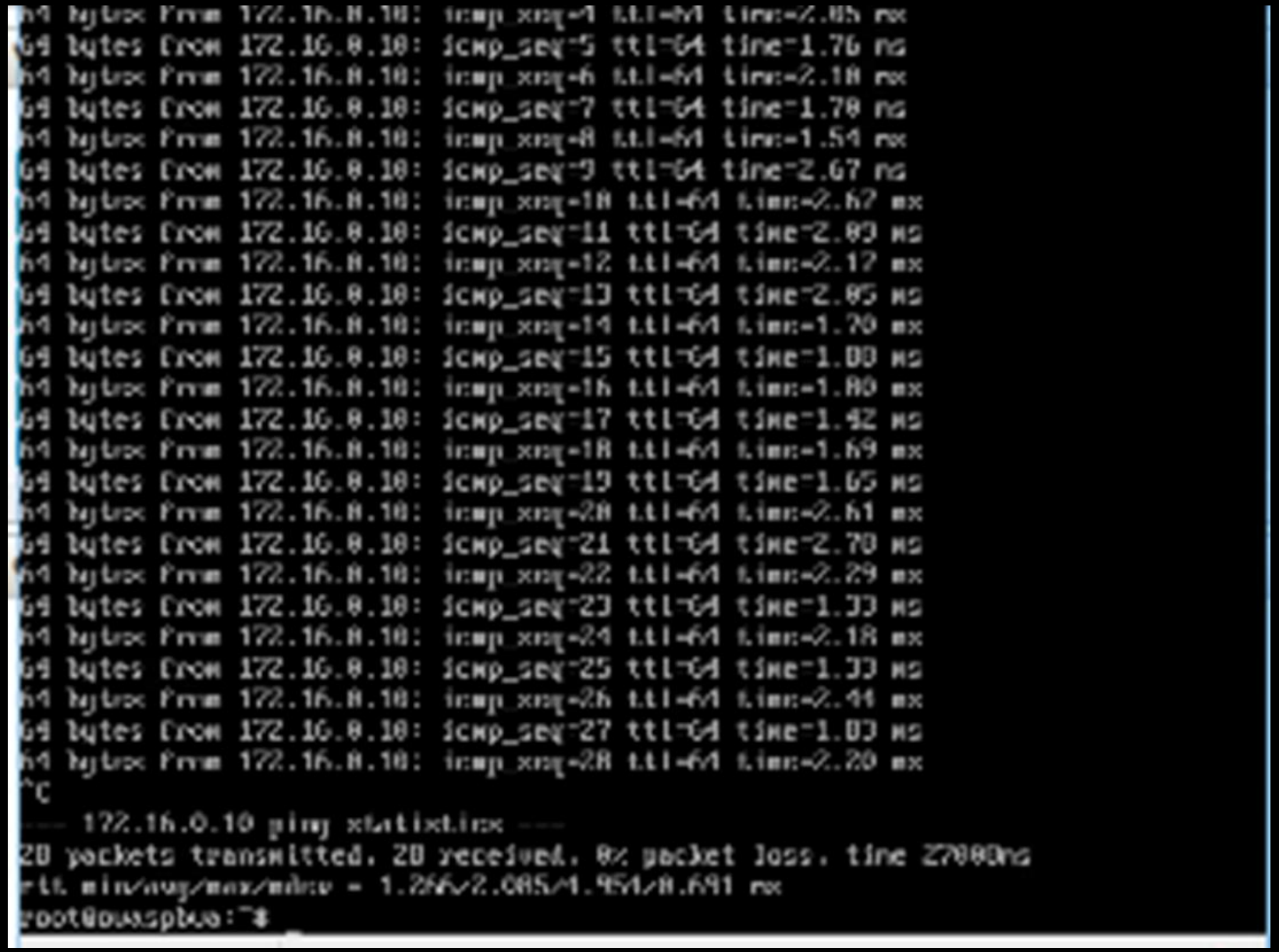
Module 6

Firewall and Time-based Access

The next three slides show:
1) The output of the DMZ Route Table,
2) A successful ping from the Ubuntu Web VM and the DMZ VM; and,
3) Two time-based access rules in the FORWARD chain.

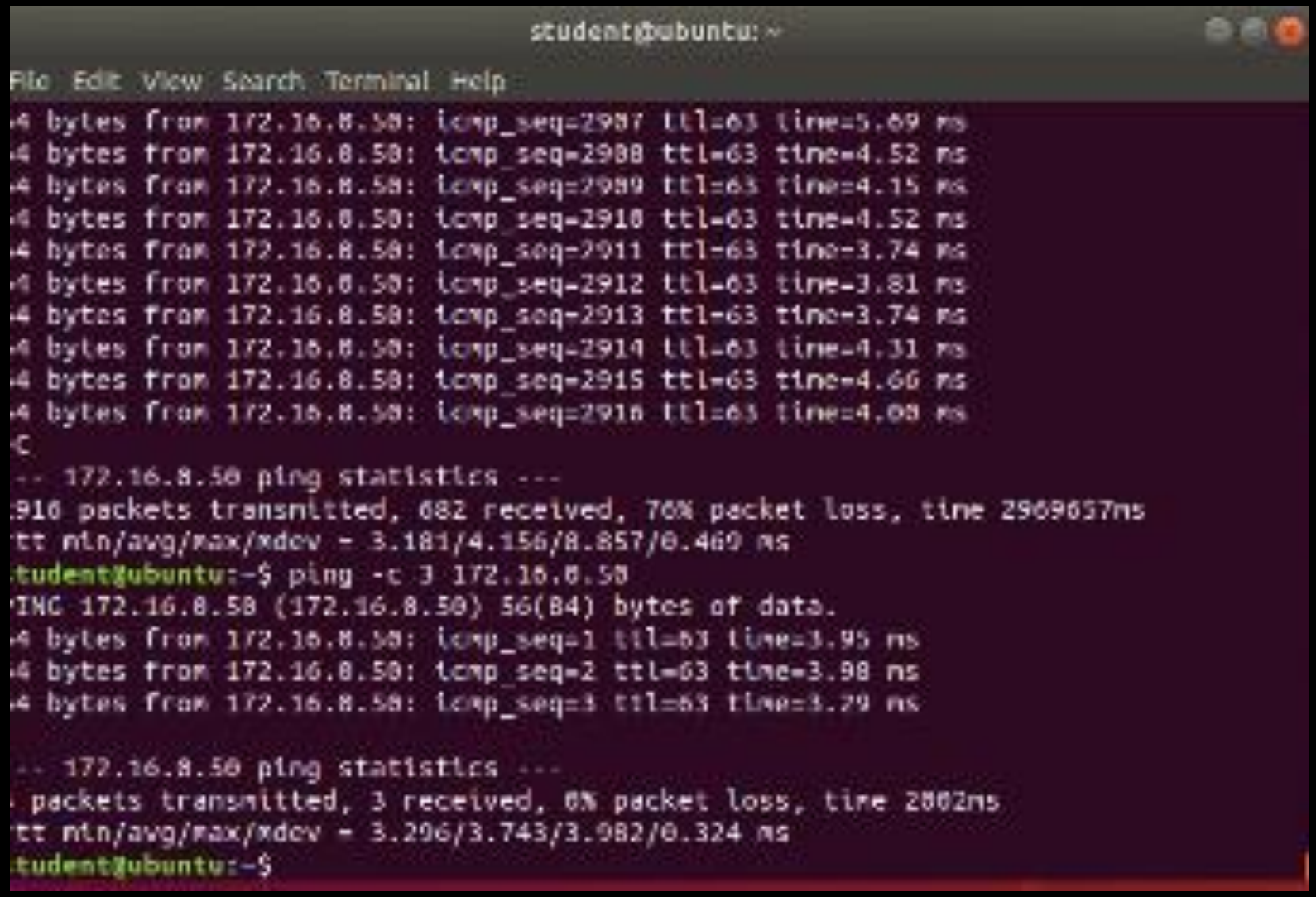
Time-based Access

This slide shows the output of the DMZ Route Table.



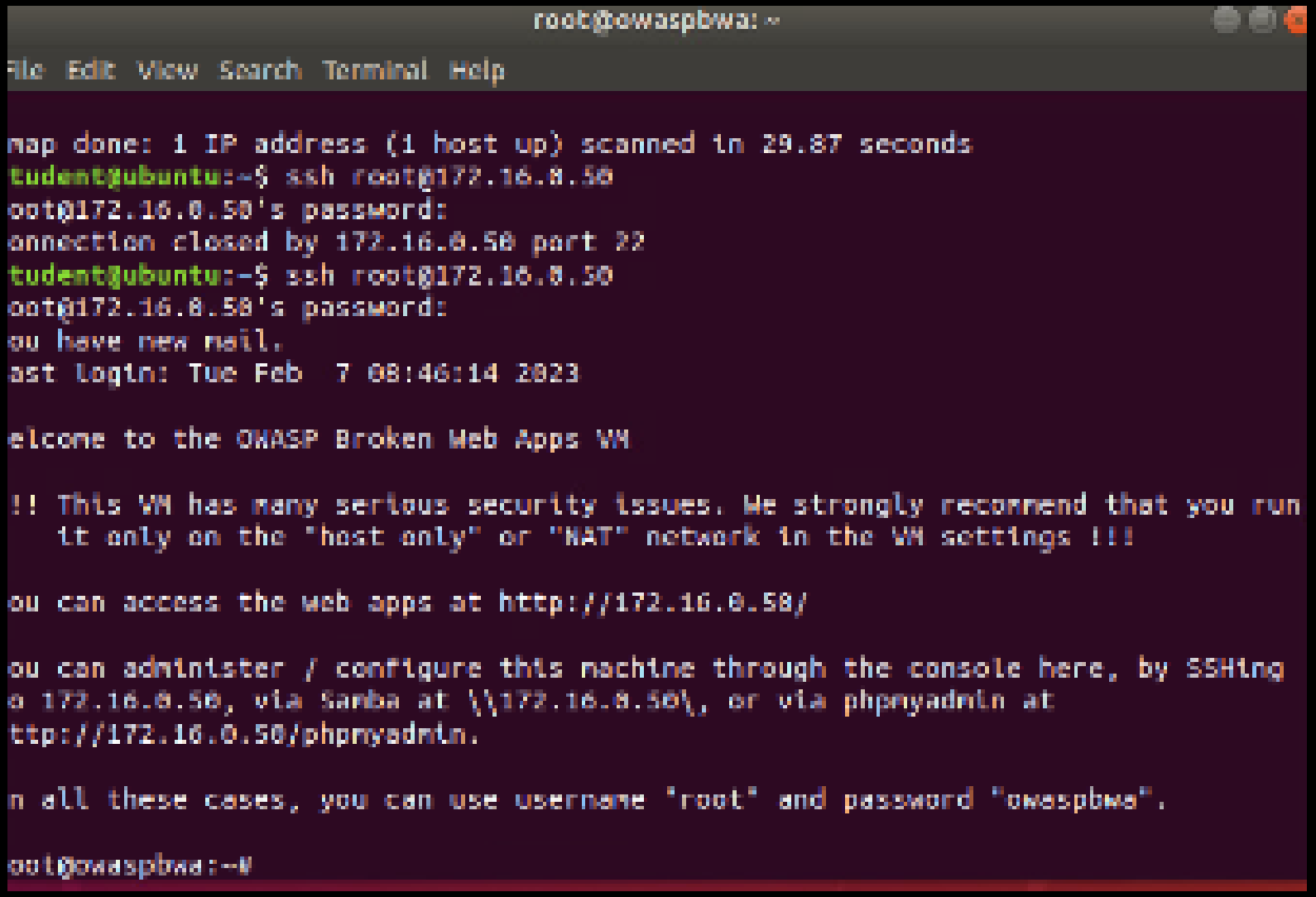
Time-based Access

This screenshot shows a successful ping from the Ubuntu Web VM and the DMZ VM.



Time-based Access

This screenshot shows two time-based access rules in the FORWARD chain.



Challenges

Identifying the proper login procedures.

Learning how to work with new programs.

Testing the additions at each stage.

Learning how to discover and analyze new data.

Career Skills

Manual Vulnerability Analysis on a test VM network.

Intrusion Analysis using Wireshark.

Open SSL by Creating and testing an SSL/TLS file.

Using Snort and Live Memory Analysis.

Firewall and Time-based Access.

Further developed basic and advanced computer skills.

Conclusion

I found learning how to configure firewall rules, deploying Snort sensors for network intrusion detection, exploring SSL encryption, analyzing traffic to detect attacks, exploiting Microsoft vulnerabilities, and conducting live memory analysis to be very educational. Cybersecurity is truly an excited field.

I feel this project will help me in the future.

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