

From Spoofing to Tunneling: New Red Team's Networking Techniques for Initial Access and Evasion

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Why a public IP is brute forcing me?
How? It's an intranet server with no DNAT

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Apr 17 23:21:45 from IP=7.7.7.7 BIND dn="cn=administrator,dc=example,dc=com" RESULT err=49 text=Invalid credentials
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Oh no how!?

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Whoami



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- Graduate of NTHU
- Previous President of HackerSir

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Agenda

- Introduction & Background
- Red Teaming Techniques with IP Spoofing in Intranet
- Two Methods to Replace Initial Foothold
- BOOM! 💥 Initial Access
- Nightmare of VxLAN – Tunnel Hijacking
- Routing Protocols Running on Buggy VxLAN Leading to IP Hijacking Leading to Domain Compromises
- Conclusions & Takeaways
- Q&A



Spoofing Source IP

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Spoofing Source IP in Public

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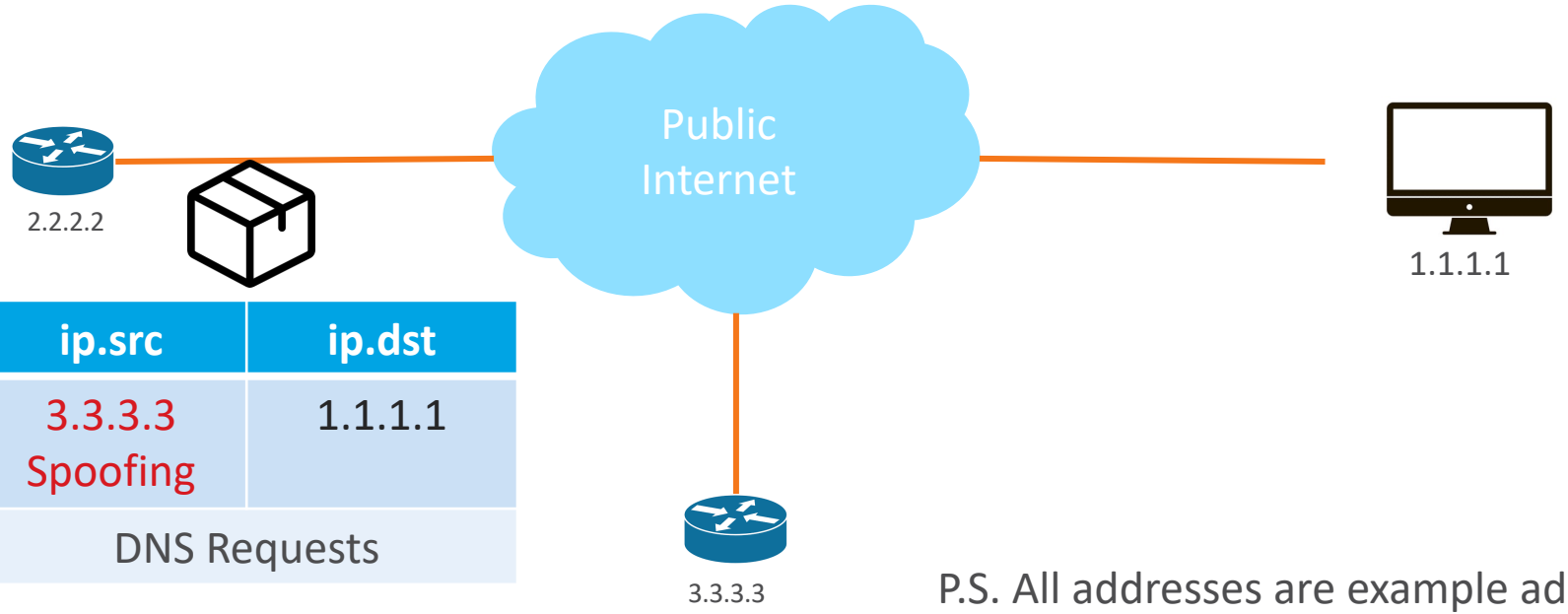

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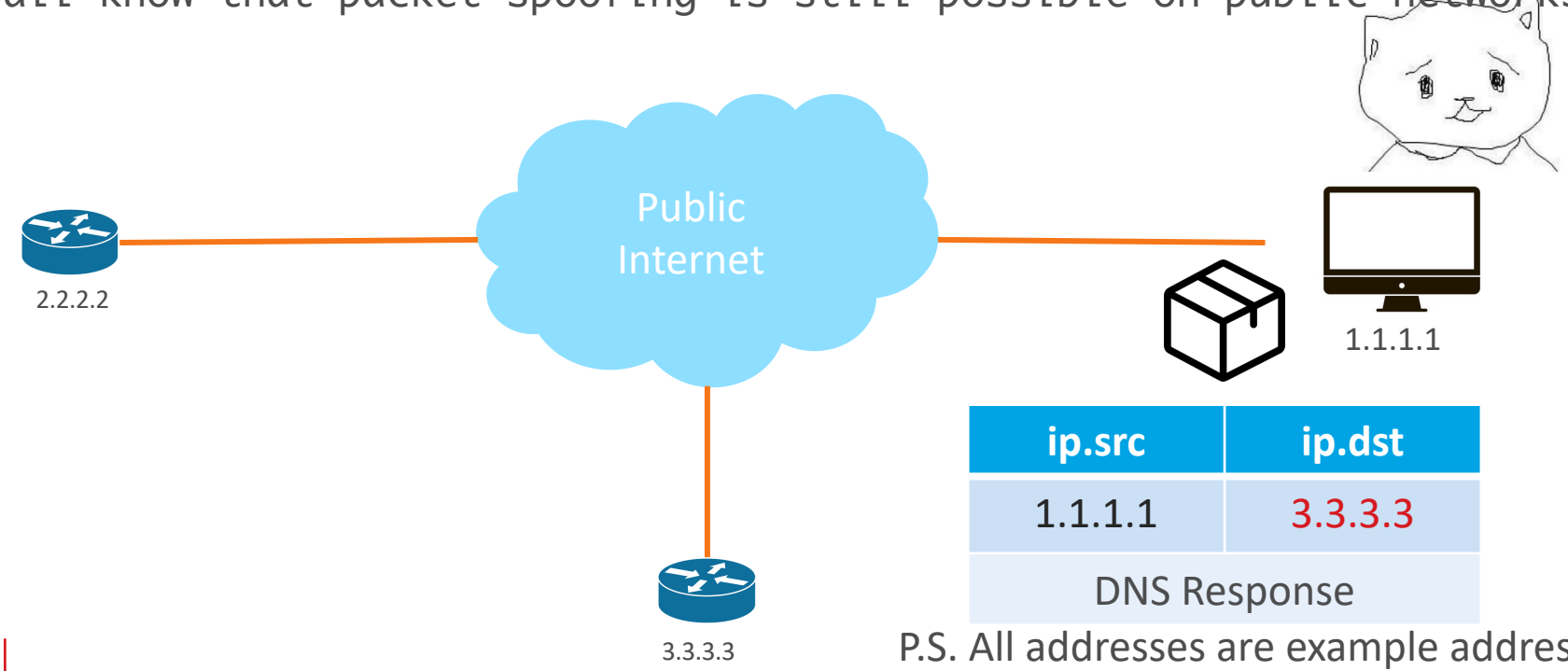

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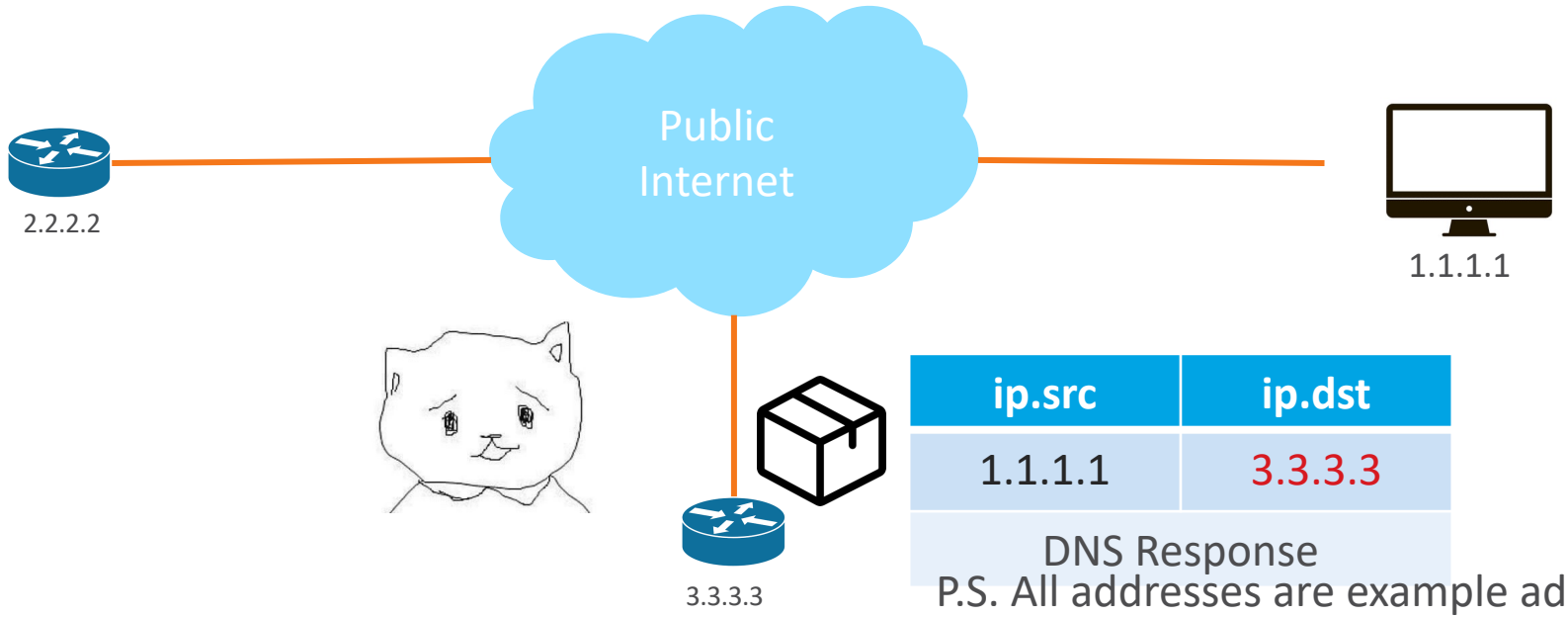
Typical DDoS DNS amplification attack



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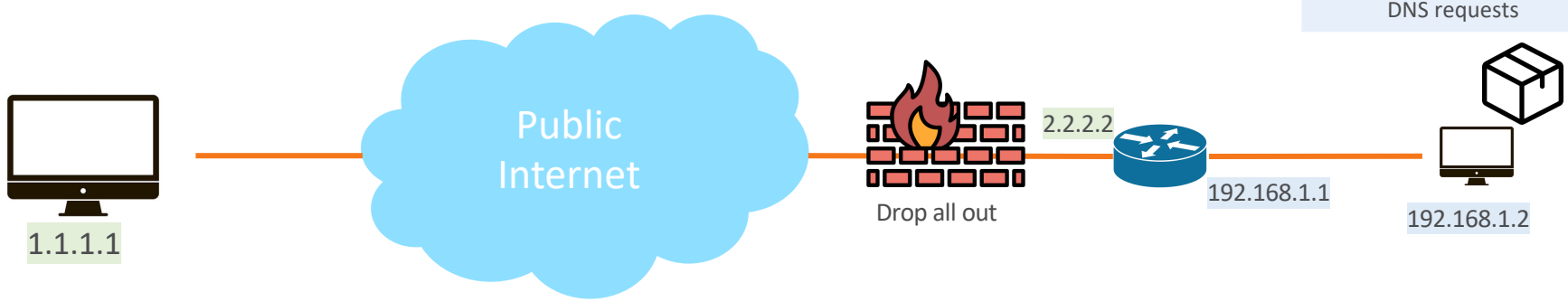
How IT Blocks Computers from Having Public Network Access

Best Practice



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DNS requests	

Example public address
Example private address

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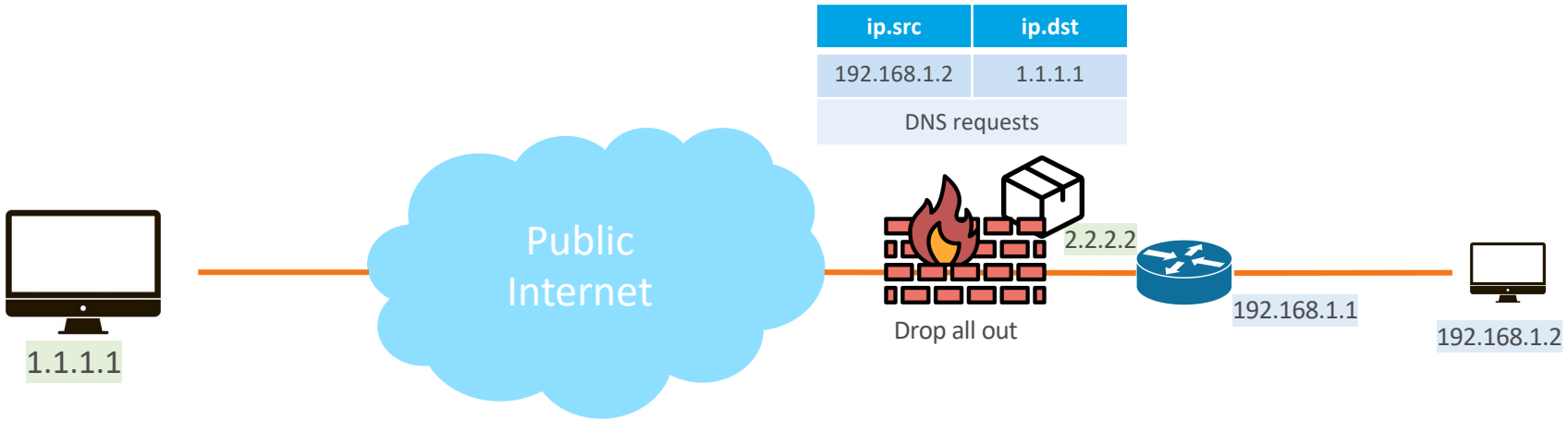

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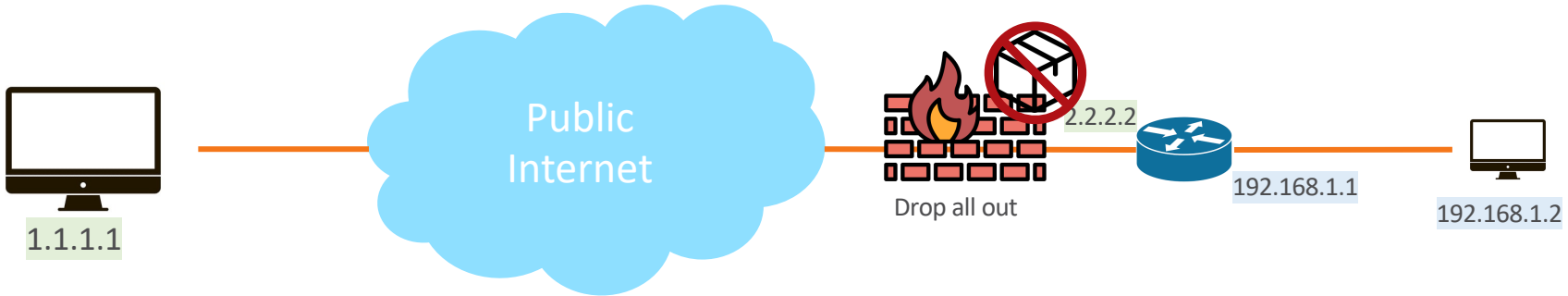

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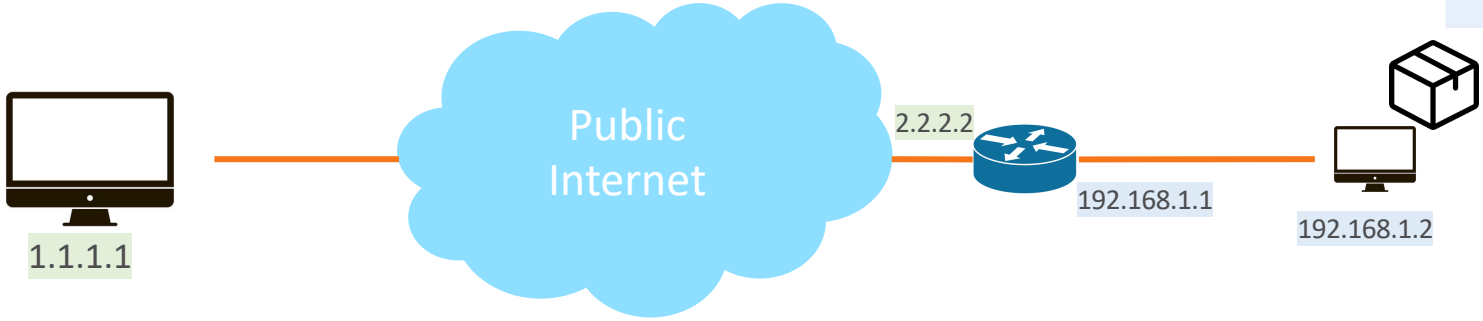
But… sometimes they just disable SNAT



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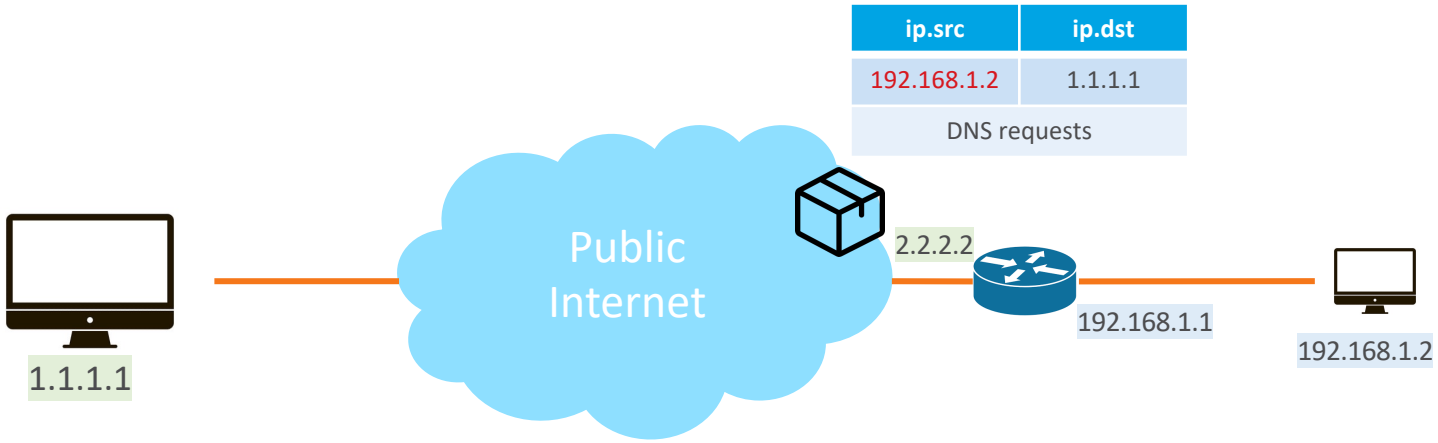

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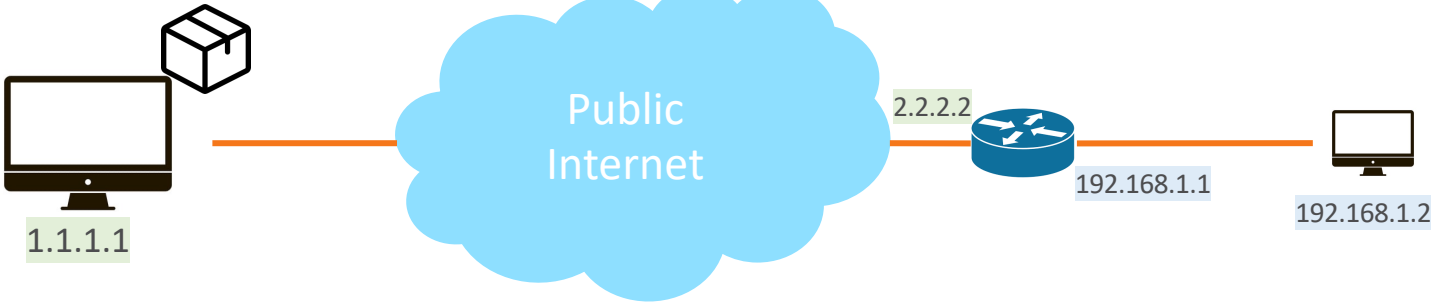

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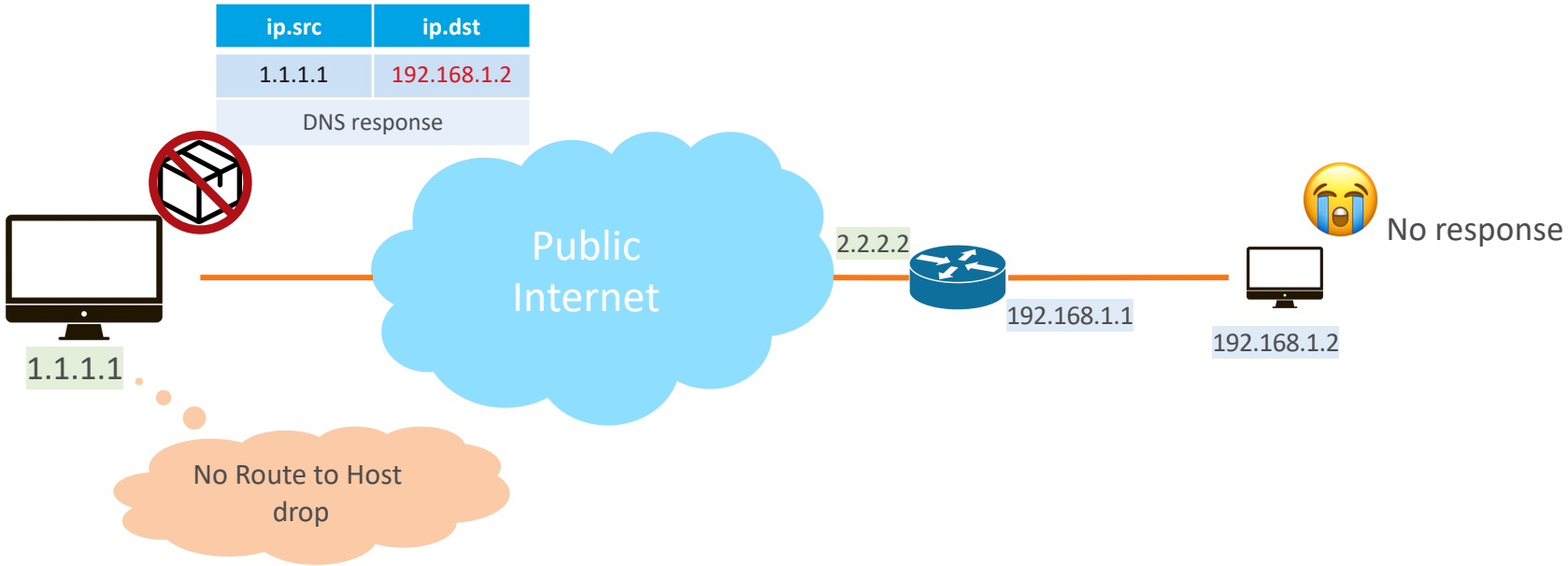

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ip.src	
1.1.1.1	
DNS resp	



1.1.1.1

No Route to Hos
drop





No response



192.168.1.2

Example public address
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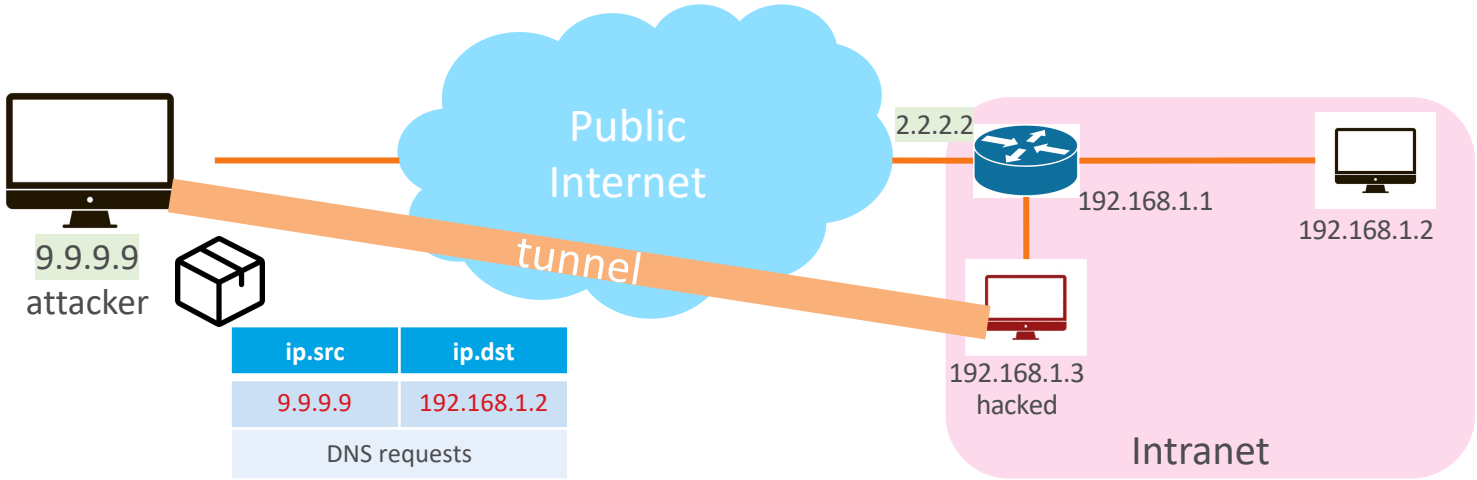
Spoofing Source IP in intranet

IP spoofing in intranet

- Create a tunnel between compromised device
- Send the network packets used for Lateral movement which ip.src is public IP



Example public address

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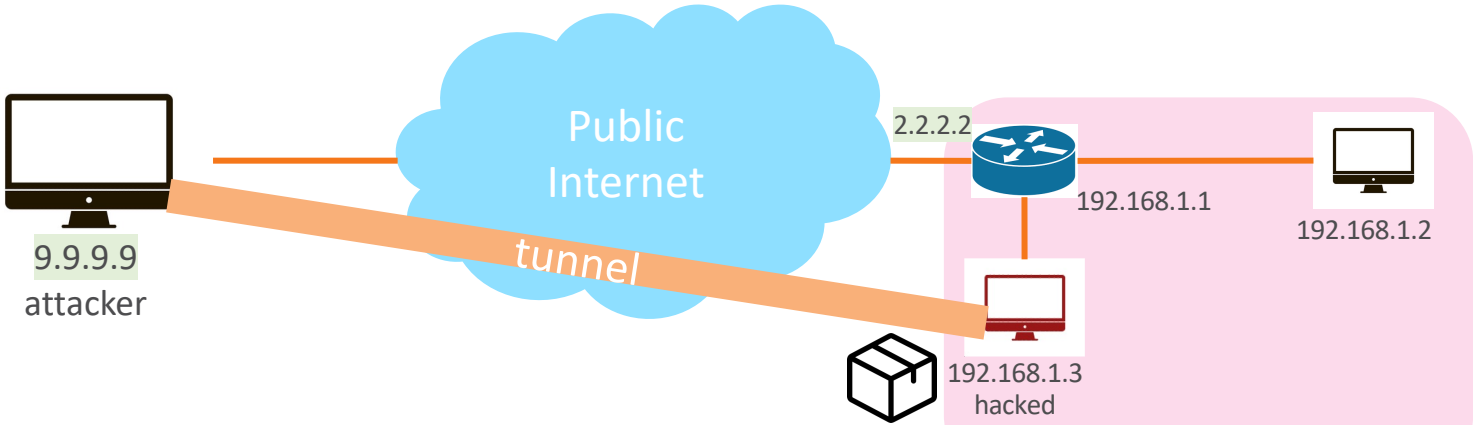
IP spoofing in intranet

- The device gets the packet and forward to the router



ip.src	ip.dst
9.9.9.9	192.168.1.2
DNS requests	

Example public address

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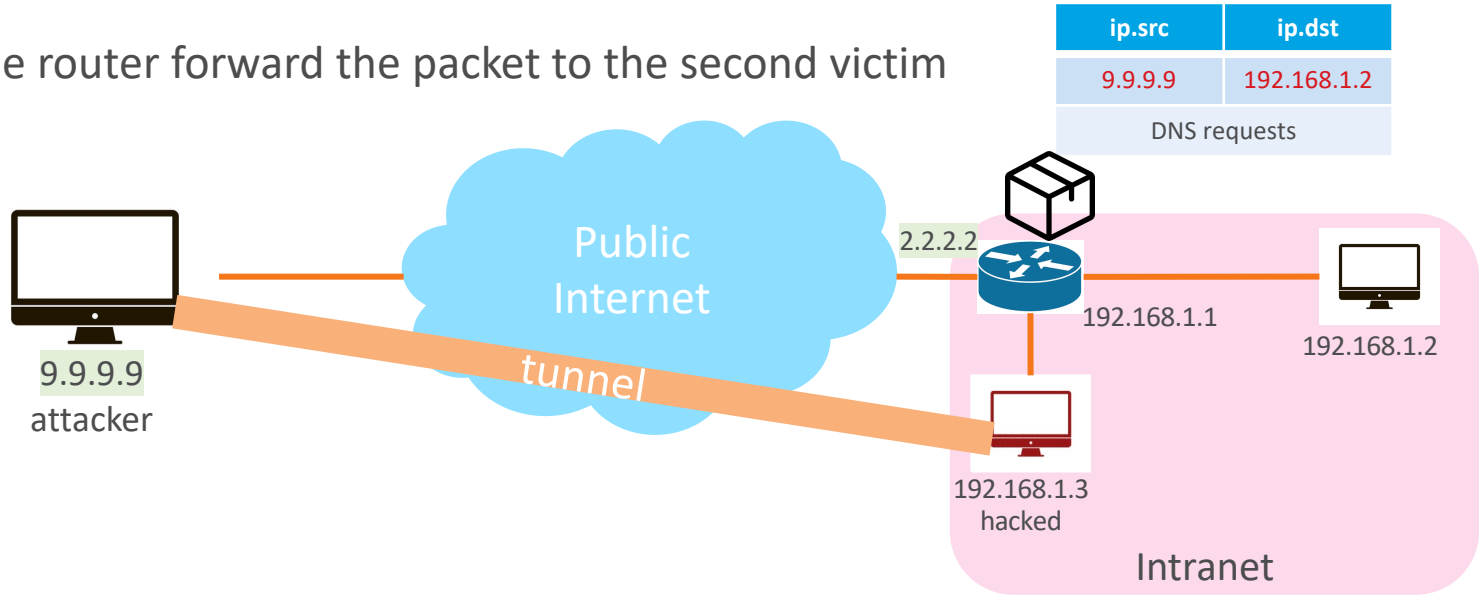
IP spoofing in intranet

- The router forward the packet to the second victim



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IP spoofing in intranet

- The victim get the packet and respond to the attacker through public internet

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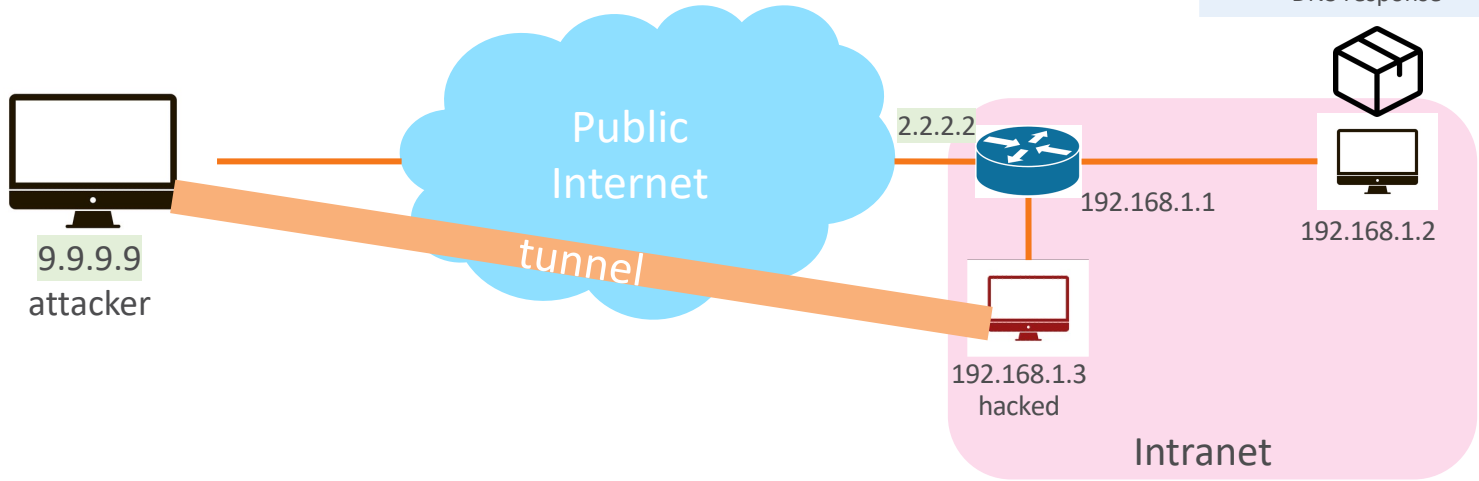
192.168.1.2	9.9.9.9
DNS response	



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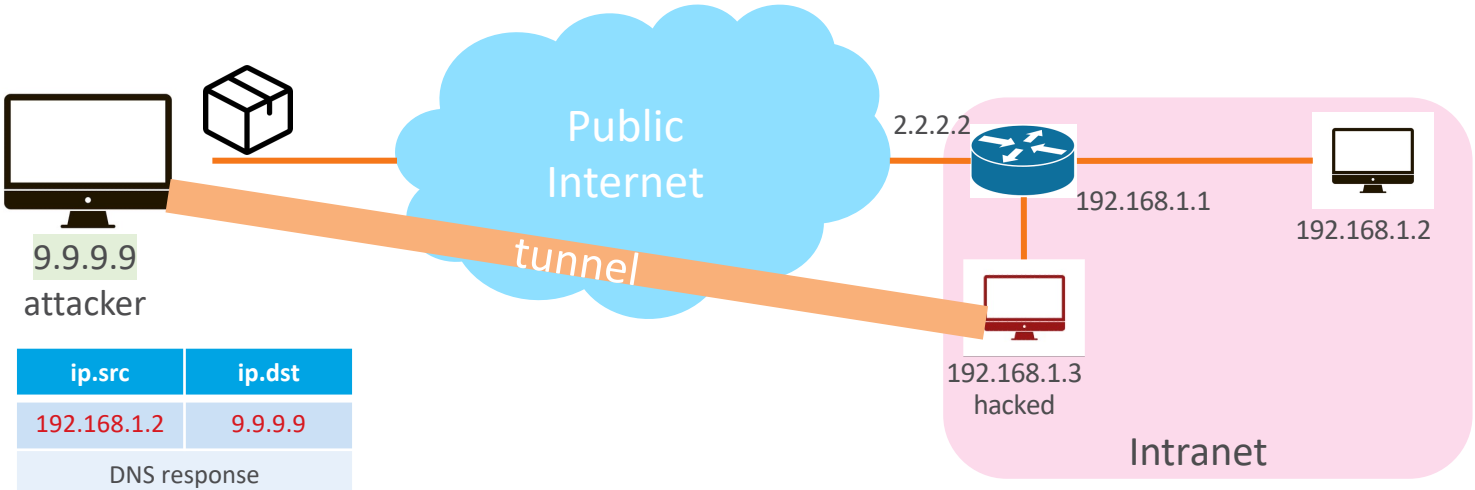
IP spoofing in intranet

- Ghost in intranet
- No one knows where the packet came from in layer 3 logger



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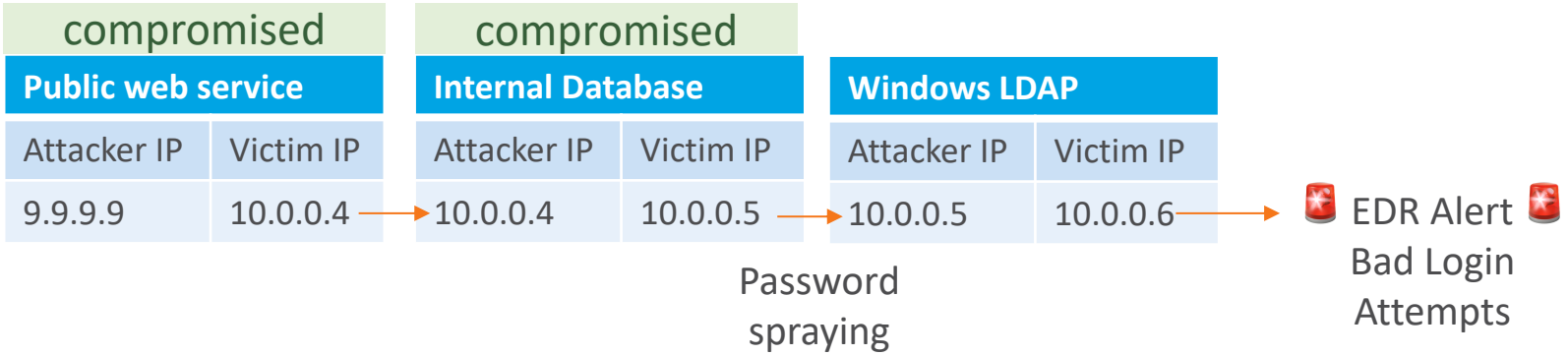
- Normal Lateral movement



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public web service	
Attacker IP	Victim IP
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compromised	
Internal Database	
Attacker IP	Victim IP
10.0.0.4	10.0.0.5

Windows LDAP	
Attacker IP	Victim IP
10.0.0.5	10.0.0.6

IR Team

Password spraying

10.1.1.5 is spraying password



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Shutdown

IR Team

The logs said the attacker is from 10.0.0.4



Why IR hard

- Normal Lateral movement

~~Public web service~~	
~~Attacker IP~~	~~Victim IP~~
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Shutdown

~~Internal Database~~	
~~Attacker IP~~	~~Victim IP~~
10.0.0.4	10.0.0.5

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Windows LDAP	
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🚨 IR Team 🚨



😭 Full Chain Dead

Why IR hard

- Lateral movement with IP Spoofing

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Spoof →

compromised	
Internal Database	
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9.9.9.10	10.0.0.5

Spoof →

Password spraying

Windows LDAP	
Attacker IP	Victim IP
9.9.9.11	10.0.0.6

→ EDR Alert Bad Login



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Windows LDAP	
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IR Team



IR teams

Why is a public IP attacking our DC?
Okay, lets ban 9.9.9.11

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Survive

Survive



Change Spoofing IP
Continue Attack

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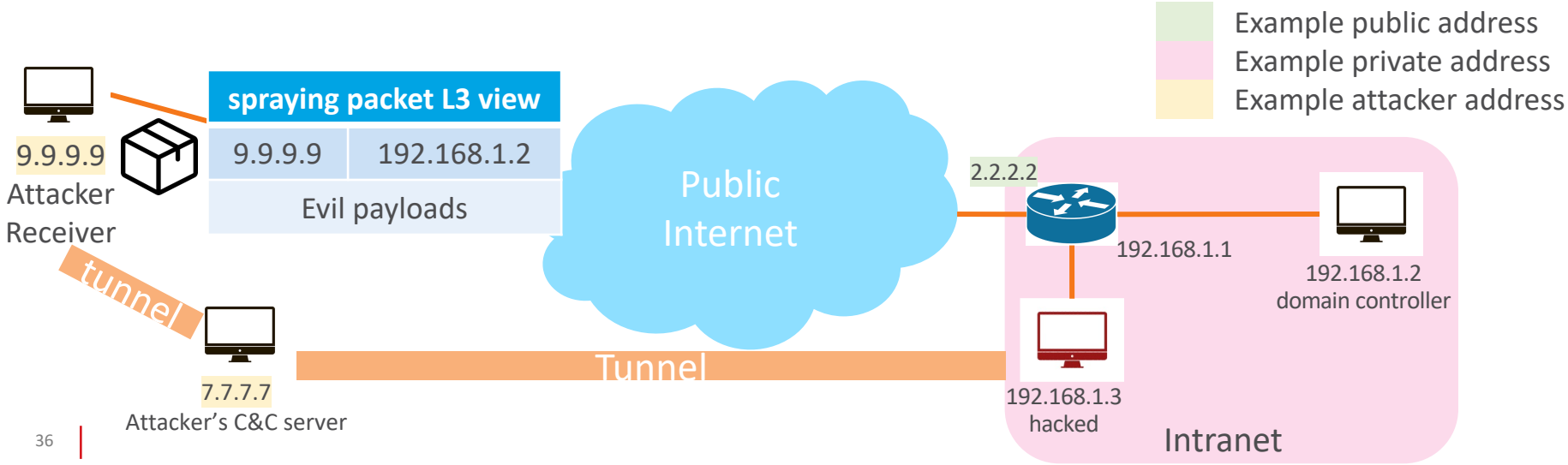
Why IR hard

- The packet always has IP: 192.168.1.2 and 9.9.9.9
  - The C&C (tunnel) server IP could be different from 9.9.9.9 (7.7.7.7)
  - No one knows the packet comes from 192.168.1.3 in the Layer 3 network logger.



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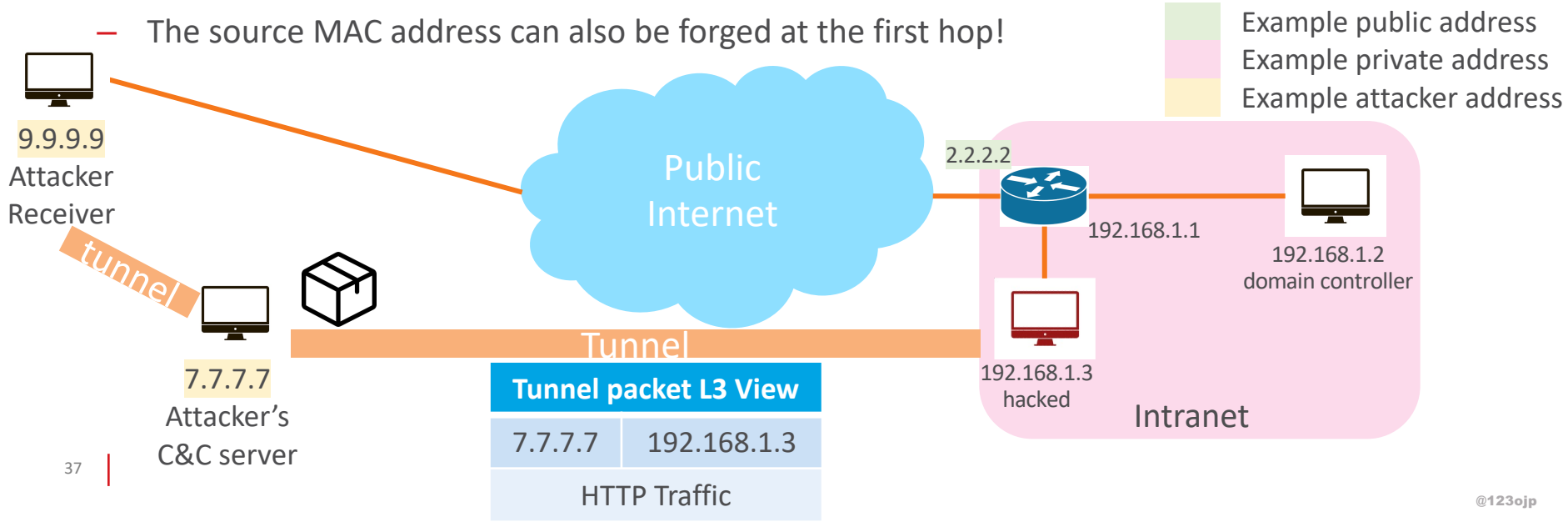
Why IR hard

- The packet always has IP: 192.168.1.2 and 9.9.9.9
  - If 9.9.9.9 is banned, the attacker can simply switch to another public IP.
  - IR team need to check every router for Layer 2 port logs to identify the hacked machine
  - The source MAC address can also be forged at the first hop!



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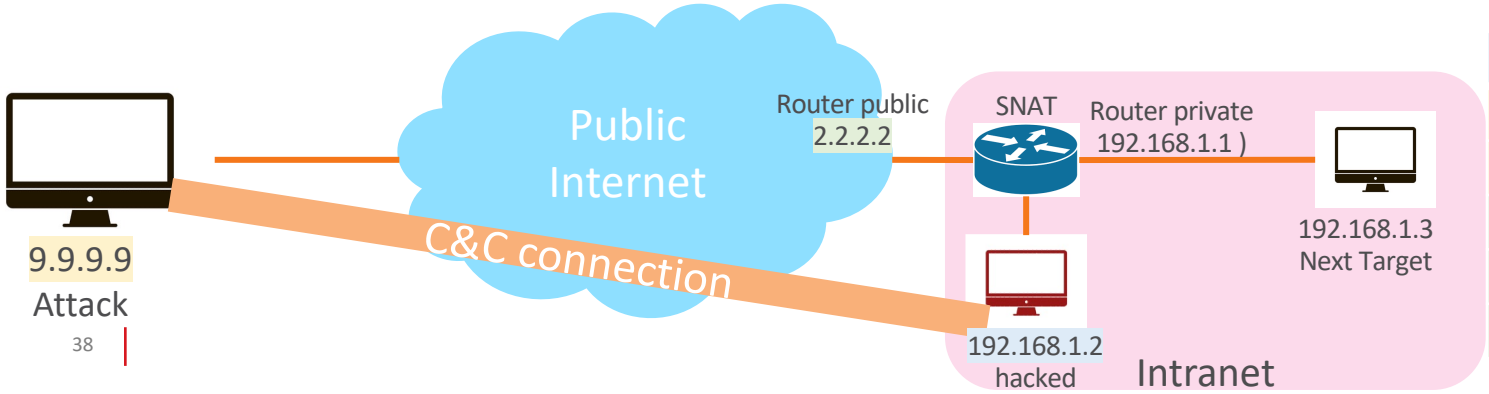
What if ISP filtered packet that Source IP is private IP

- If H.323 Passthrough is enabled
- We can send H.323 packet to trigger DNAT
- And NAT router will DNAT the 192.168.1.3:445 on 2.2.2.2:445
- Similar for NAT Slipstreaming v2.0 by @SamyKamkar
- Tools: https://github.com/123ojp/Simple-H.323-NAT-Traversal

Victim's public address
Next target address
Compromised address
Example attacker address



H.232	
ip.src	ip.dst
192.168.1.2	9.9.9.9
Port.src	Port.dst
any	1720
Payload with 192.168.1.3:445	

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```
o123ojp@CTFer-foxo:/tmp
▶ ip a |grep 192.168.83
    inet 192.168.83.241/24 brd 192.168.83.255 scope global dynamic noprefixroute ens18

o123ojp@CTFer-foxo:/tmp
▶ python3 -m http.server 8080
Serving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 8080 (http://0.0.0.0:8080/) ...
```

Webserver: 192.168.83.241
Hacked server: 192.168.83.35
Attacker Public: 154.12.177.142
Victim Public: 114.32.17.155

What if ISP Filtered Packet that Source IP is a Private IP

- Or, we can sent a spoofed TCP SYN from 192.168.1.2 with the source IP set to 192.168.1.3
- And the router will then trigger an SNAT from 192.168.1.3:445 to 2.2.2.2:445
- When a connection comes from 9.9.9.9:55555, it will be redirected to 192.168.1.3:445
- Found by Chumy Tsai (@Jimmy01240397)
- Tools: https://github.com/123ojp/Spoof-TCP-Tigger-NAT-Traversal

Victim's public address
Next target address
Compromised address
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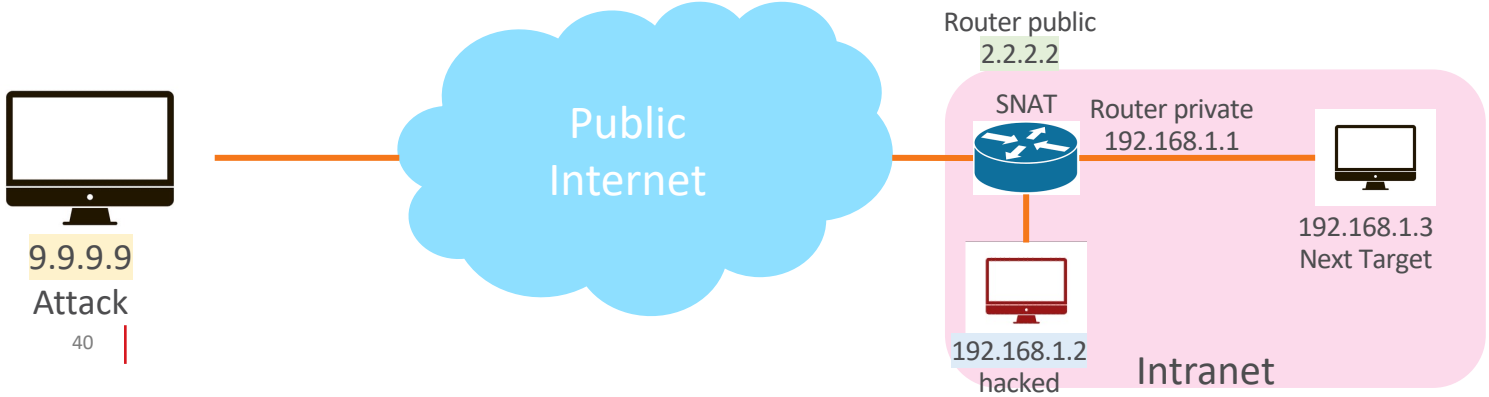

Fake TCP Send from 192.168.1.2	
ip.src	ip.dst
192.168.1.3	9.9.9.9
Port.src	Port.dst
The service attacker want (445)	Same with attacker (55555)
TCP new	



~ — o123ojp@foxo-ipv6-server: /tmp — ssh ipv6.nas

~ — o123ojp@maxwellserver: ~ — ssh 160.25.104.131

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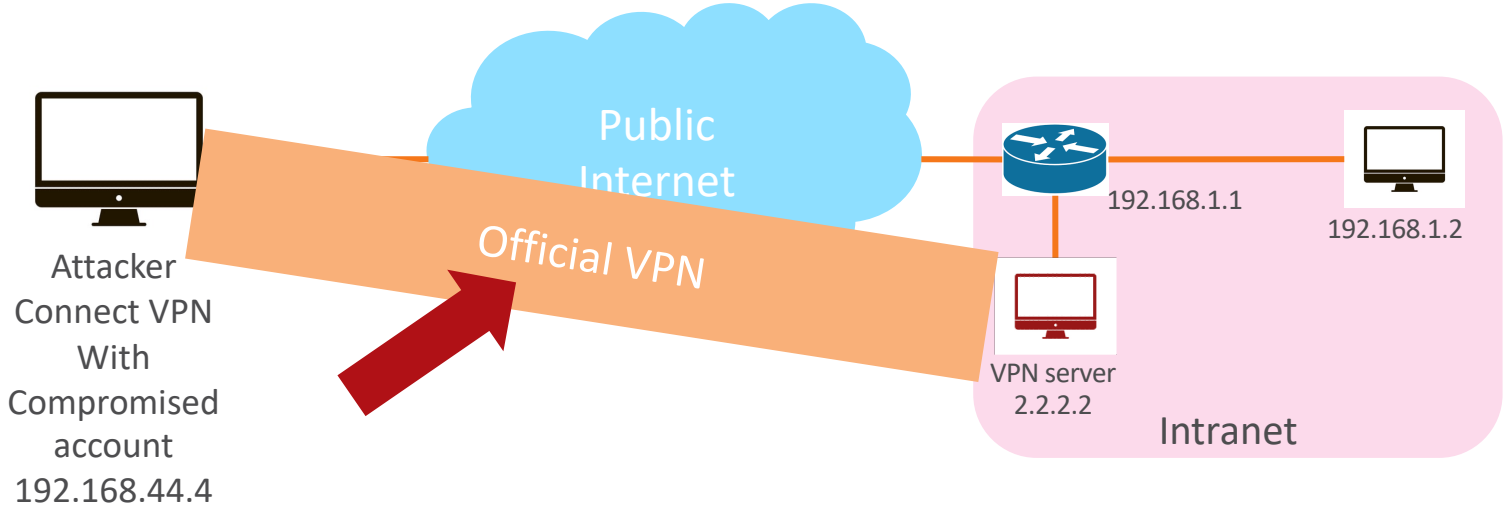
Victim Public: 114.32.17.155

```
o123ojp@foxo-ipv6-server:/tmp$ ip a|grep 192.168.83
    inet 192.168.83.35/24 brd 192.168.83.255 scope global ens18
o123ojp@foxo-ipv6-server:/tmp$
```

```
[0] 0:python3*                                    "foxo-ipv6-server" 12:56 09-Jun-25
```

Can we replace this tunnel with official VPN?

- Use compromised account and get access to VPN
- Yes, in some cases



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Common VPN allow IP spoofing

- Commercial SSL VPN
  - (CYBERSEC 2025 - Ta-Lun Yen - VPN Gremlin: User Impersonation Attack in Multiple SSL VPNs)

Cisco	CVE-2023-20275
Fortinet	CVE-2023-45586
Palo Alto Networks	CVE-2024-3388
SonicWall	CVE-2023-41715

- Opensource VPN, depends on Config
  - Wireguard, OpenVPN …

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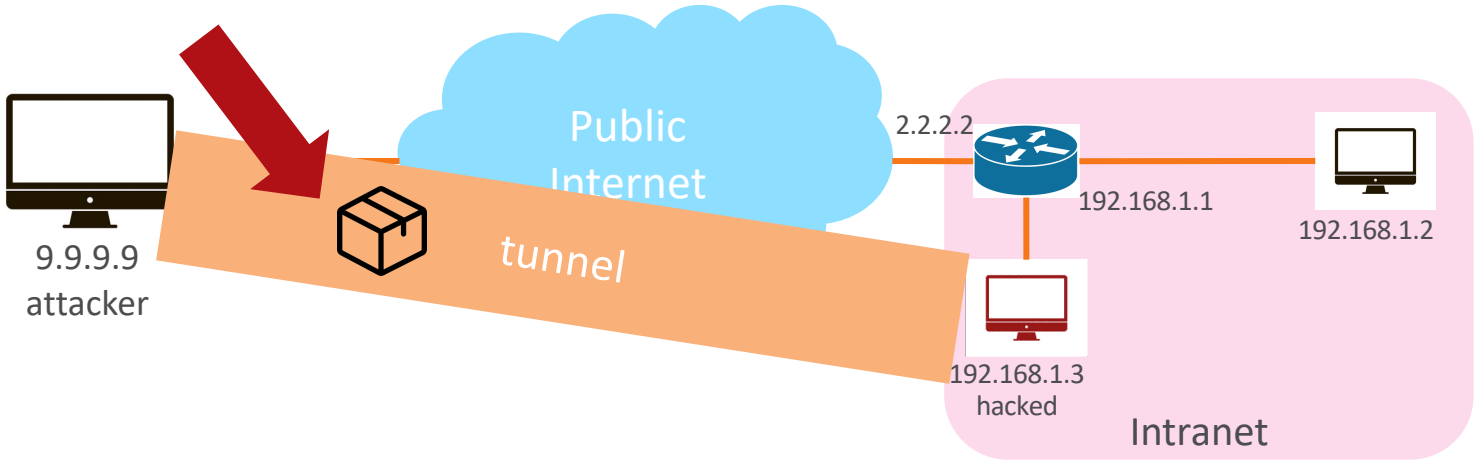
Where‘s the initial access

- So, the problem is the orange tunnel
- Do we have a chance to do this without a foothold in the intranet?
- Can we use any existing tunnel?



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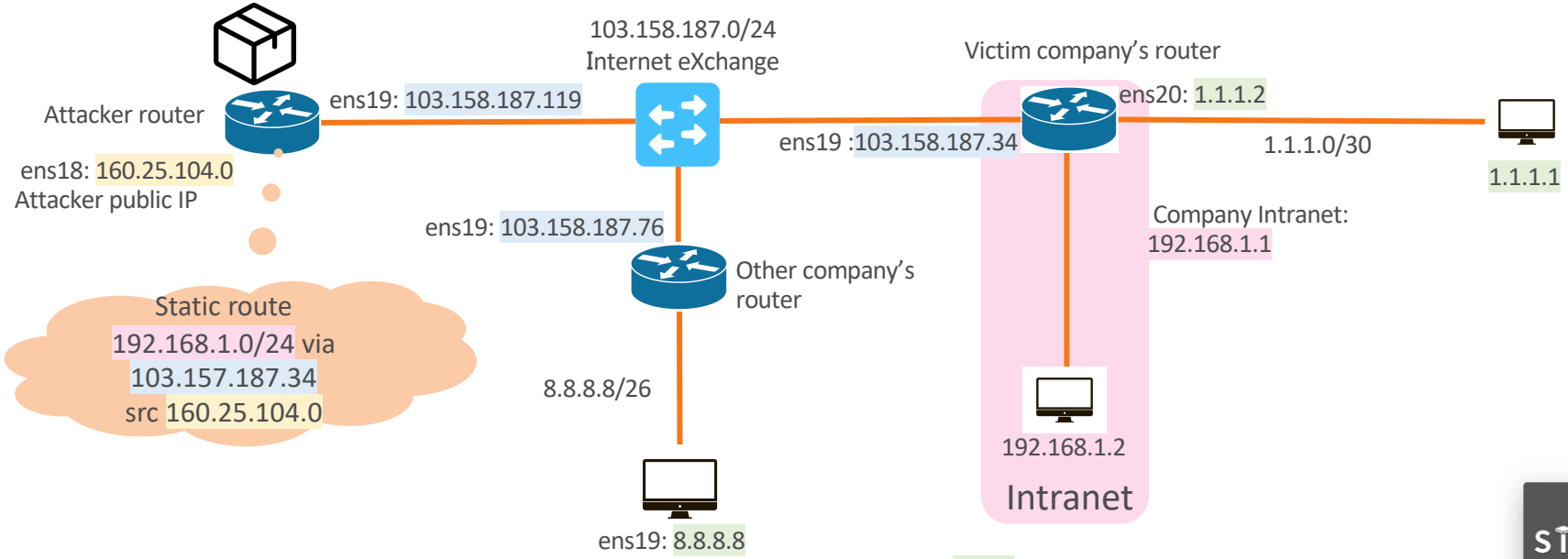
Yes!

- IX everyone is in same L2
  - Set 10.0.0.0/8 next-hop to router which company you want to attack
- Use existing tunnel
  - GRE, IPIP, SIT



- But again, a good firewall configuration could cause it to fail.

Static route private subnet in internet exchange



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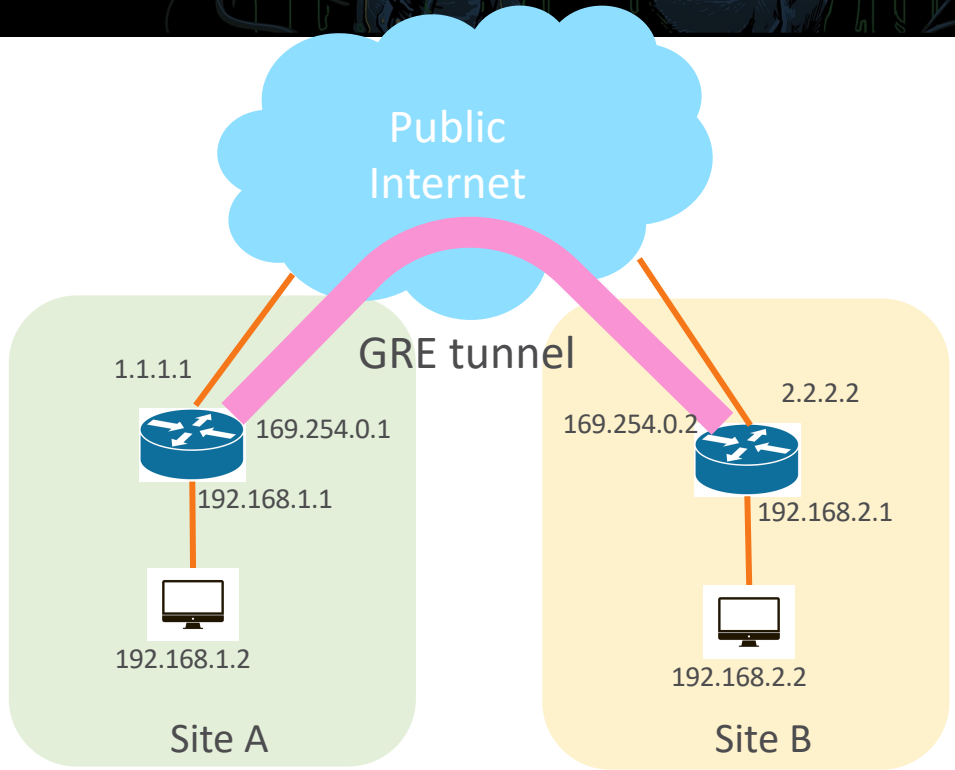
Use existing tunnel - Spoof IP.src in GRE tunnel

What is GRE tunnel

- Layer 3 tunnel
- Stateless
- No encryption
- Common
- Setup easy
  - Protocol (GRE)
  - Public IP & GRE interface IP
  - Route table (next-hop)



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Who use GRE tunnel now

- Cloudflare Magic Transit
  - And its customers 😁
  - Can choose IPsec or GRE (IPsec is safe)
- AWS Transit Gateway
  - But used in internal networking only 😭
- APT Groups
  - Salt Typhoon
- A lot of companies
  - 🤫

Cloudflare Magic Transit dashboard with GRE tunnel

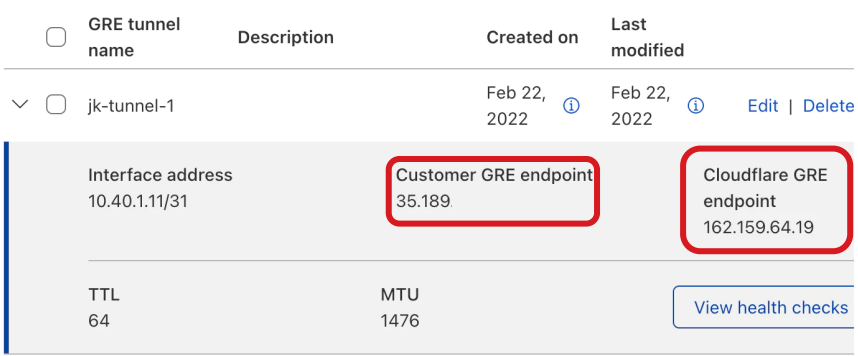

Image from: https://blog.kingsmill.io/2022/07/setting-up-cloudflare-magic-transit/

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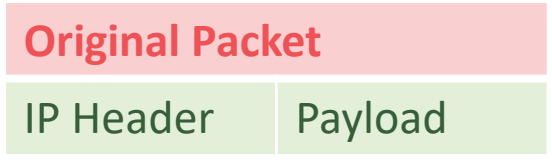
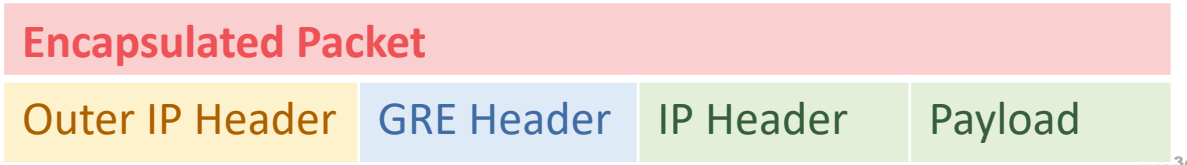
How GRE Tunnel Works?

- Sender
  - If packet next-hop to GRE tunnel
  - Pack the packet into Encapsulated Packet
- Receiver
  - Unpack GRE packet
  - Throw out the packet by route table
- Stateless, No encryption = SPOOF IT





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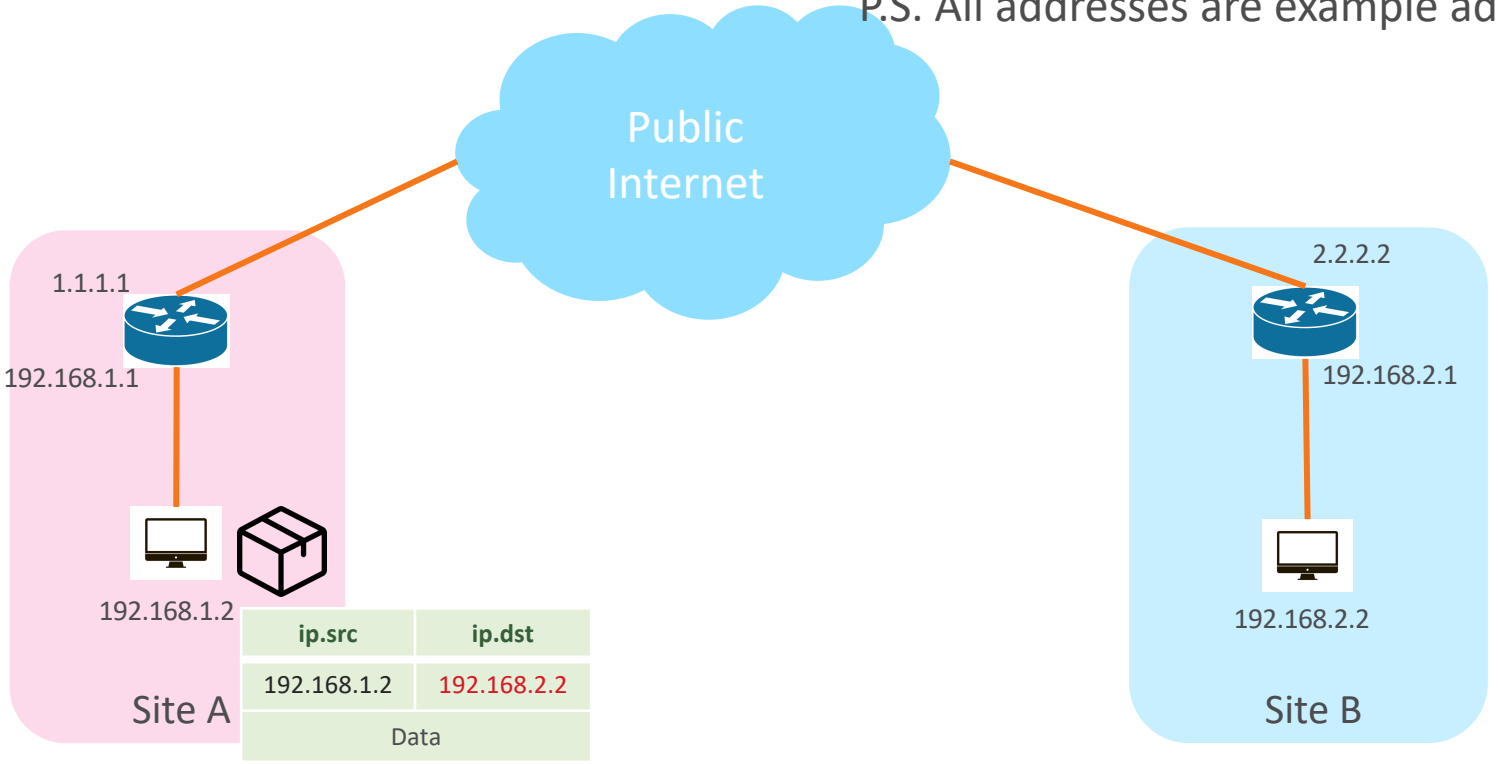

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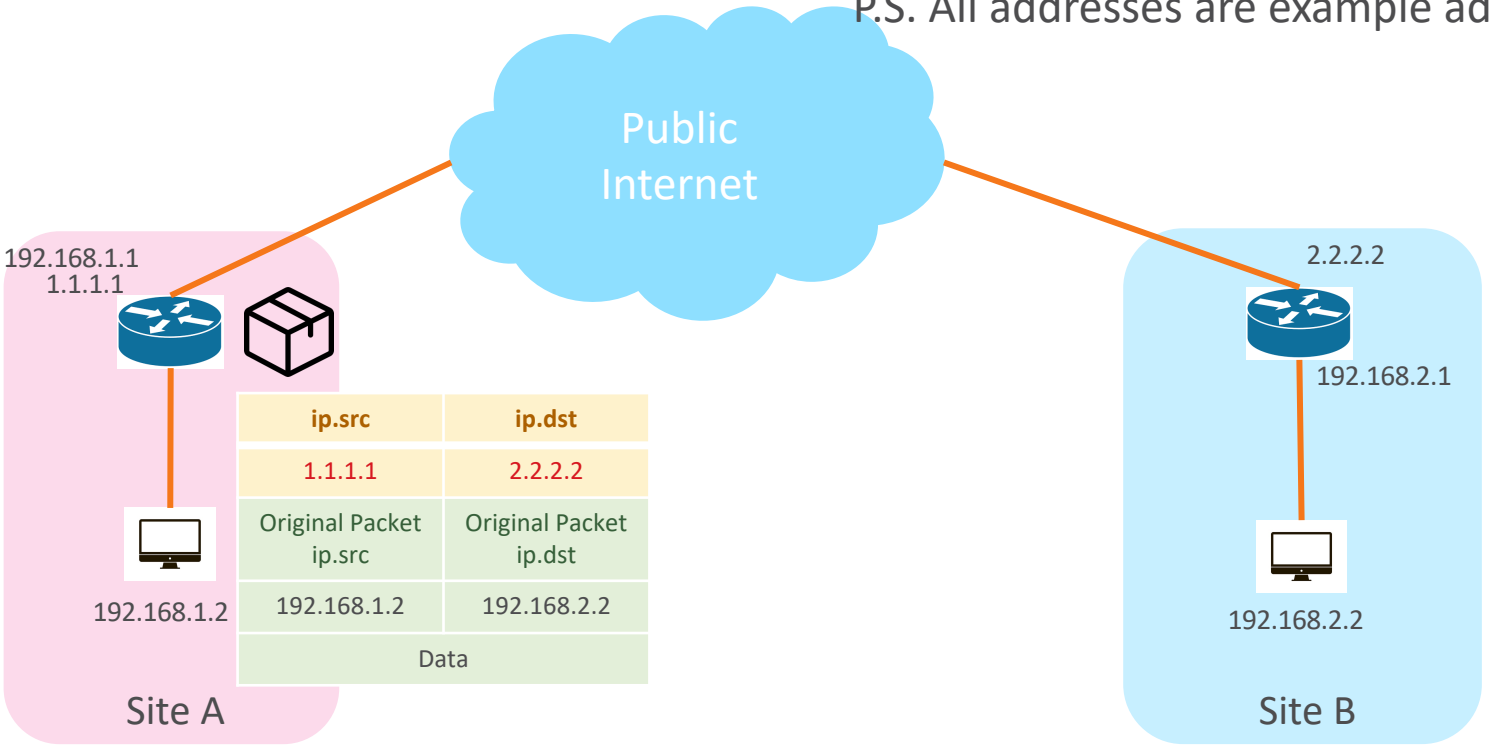

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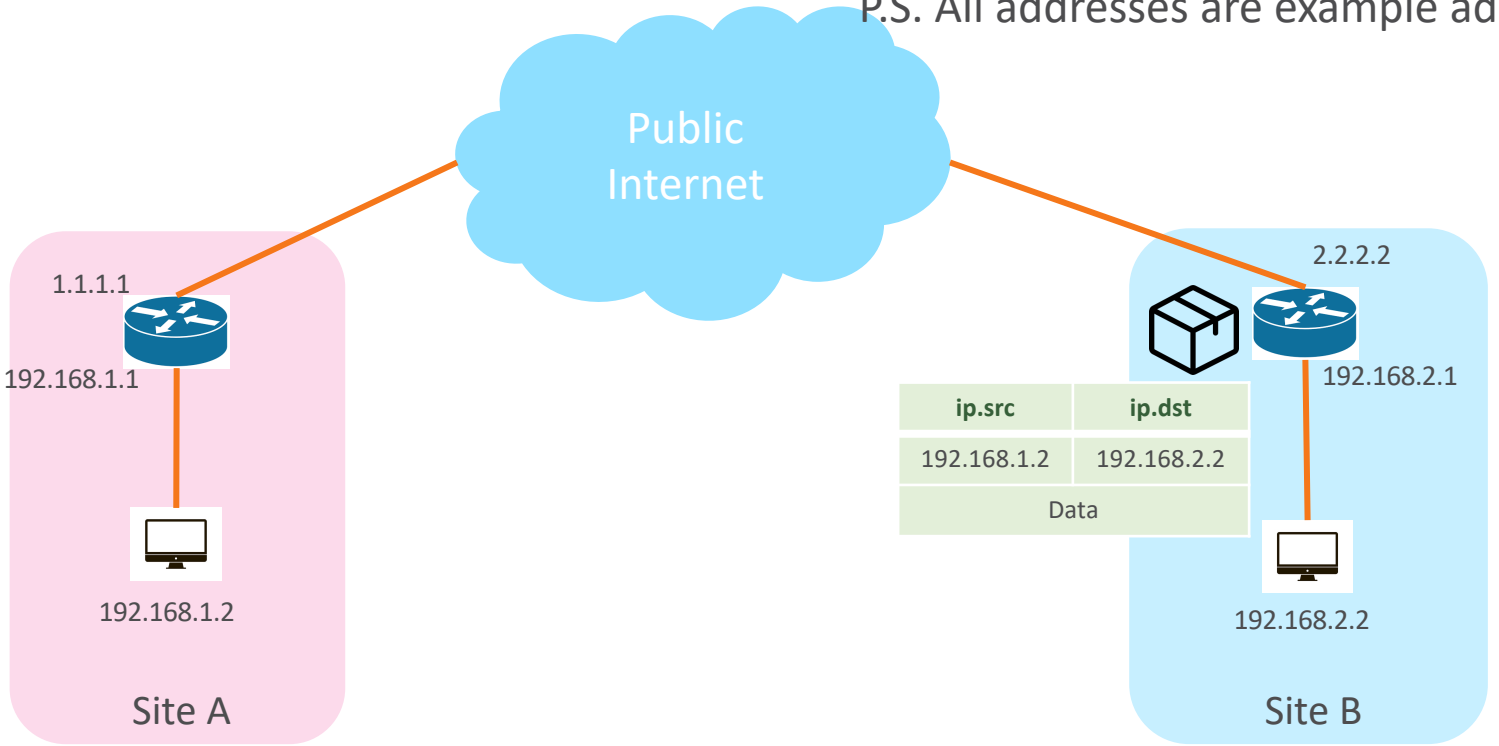

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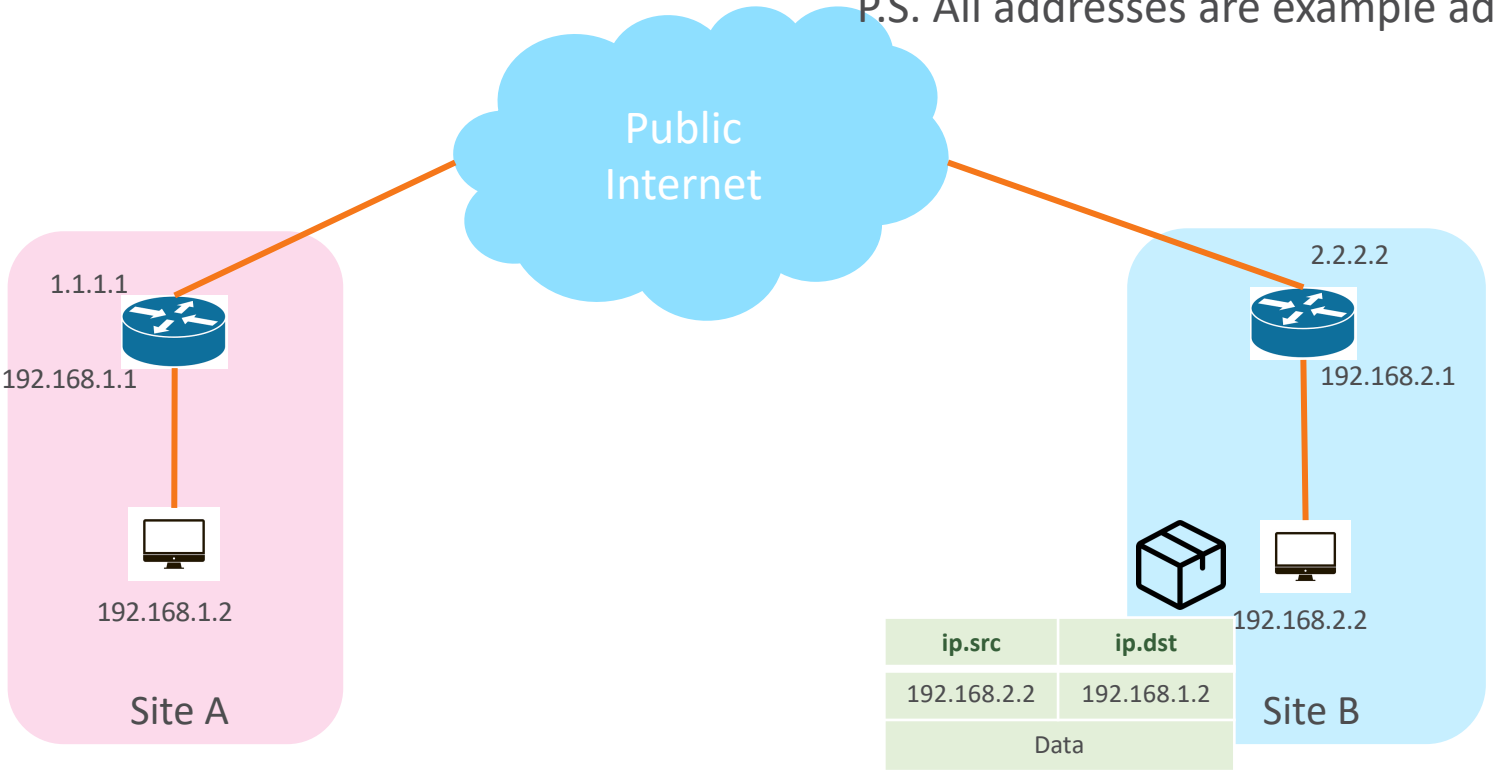

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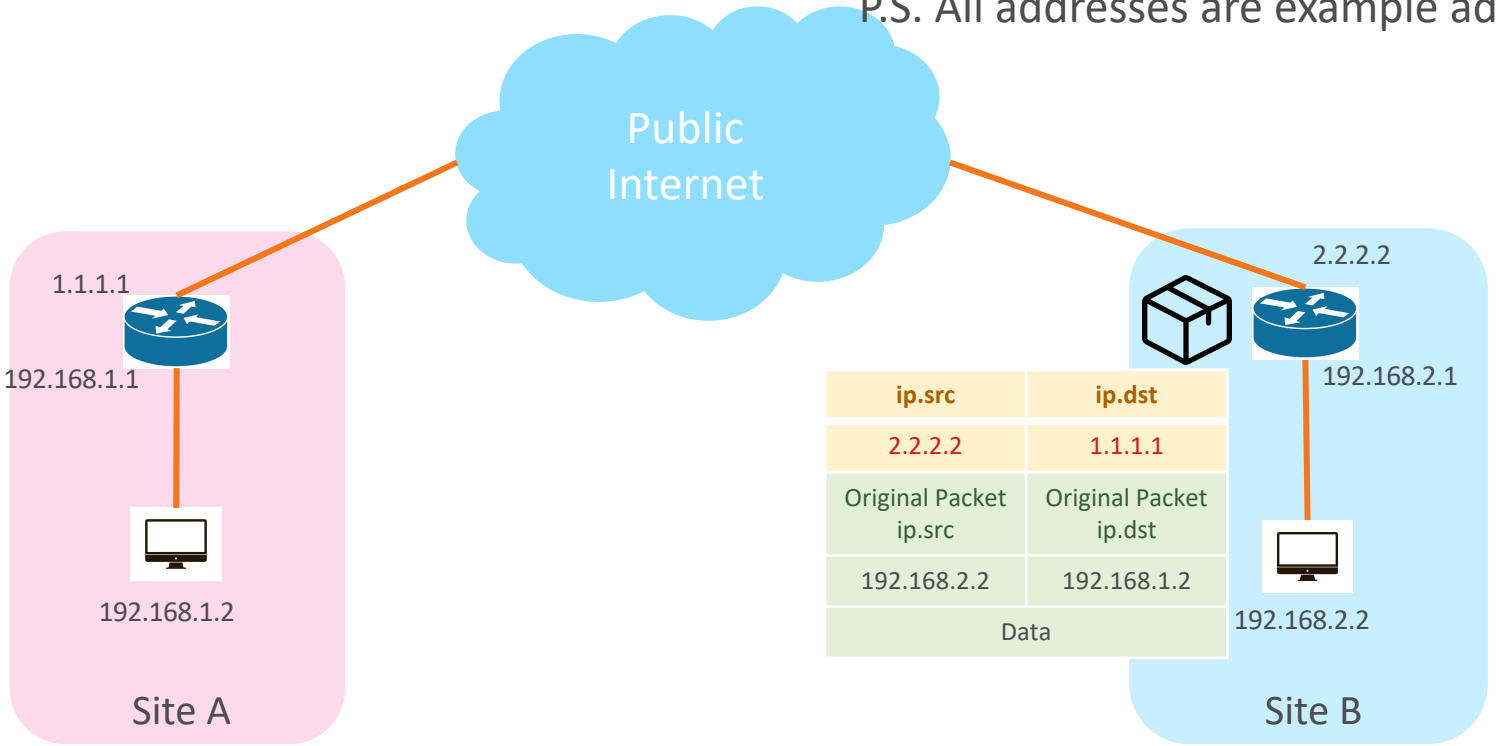

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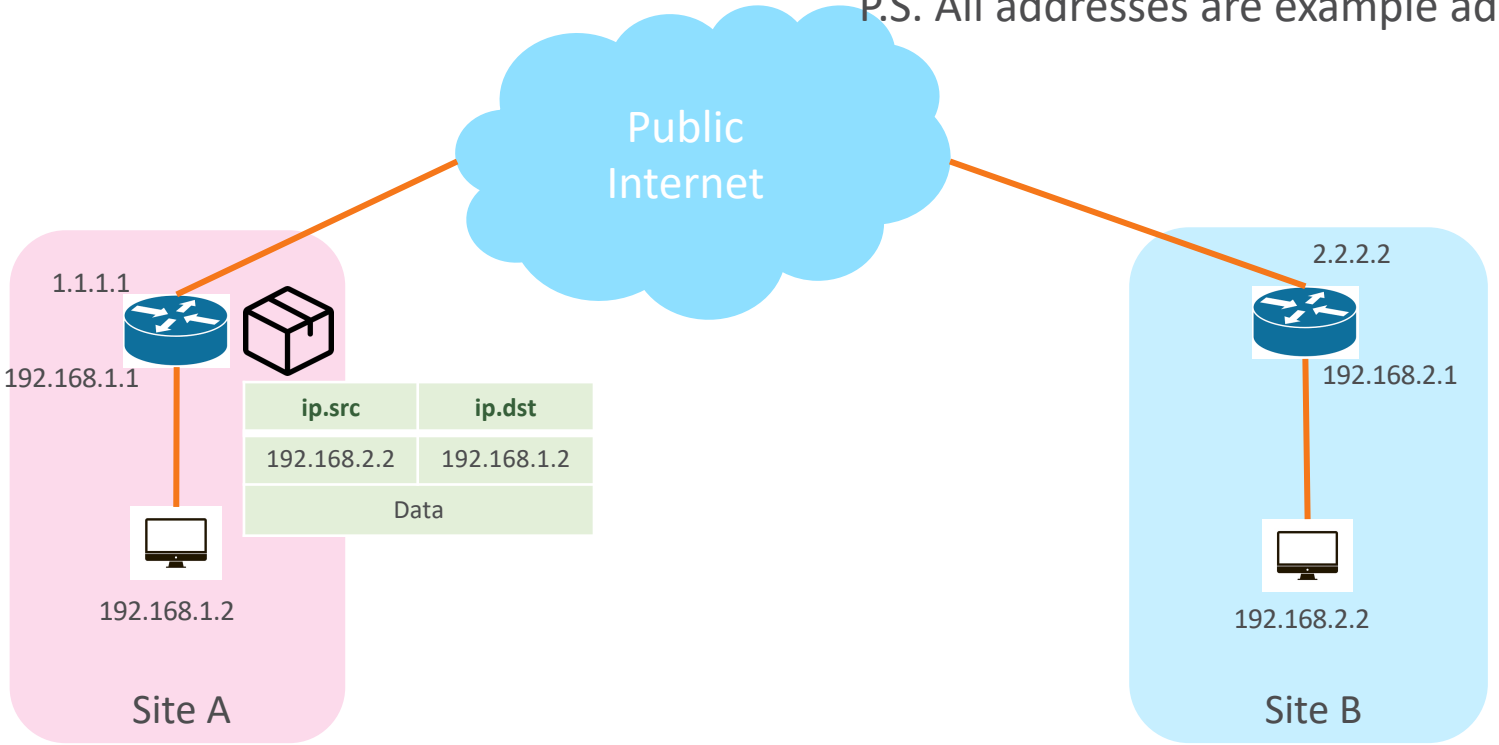

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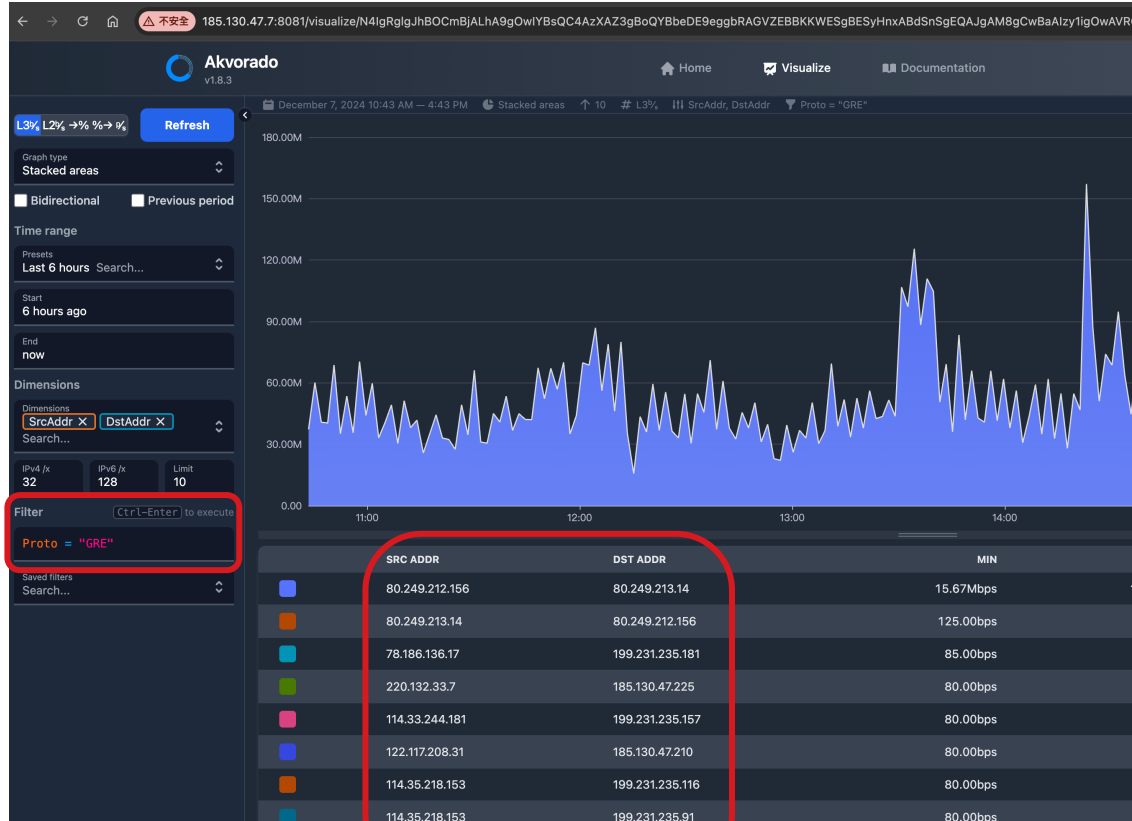
How 2 Find GRE Tunnel（by OSINT）

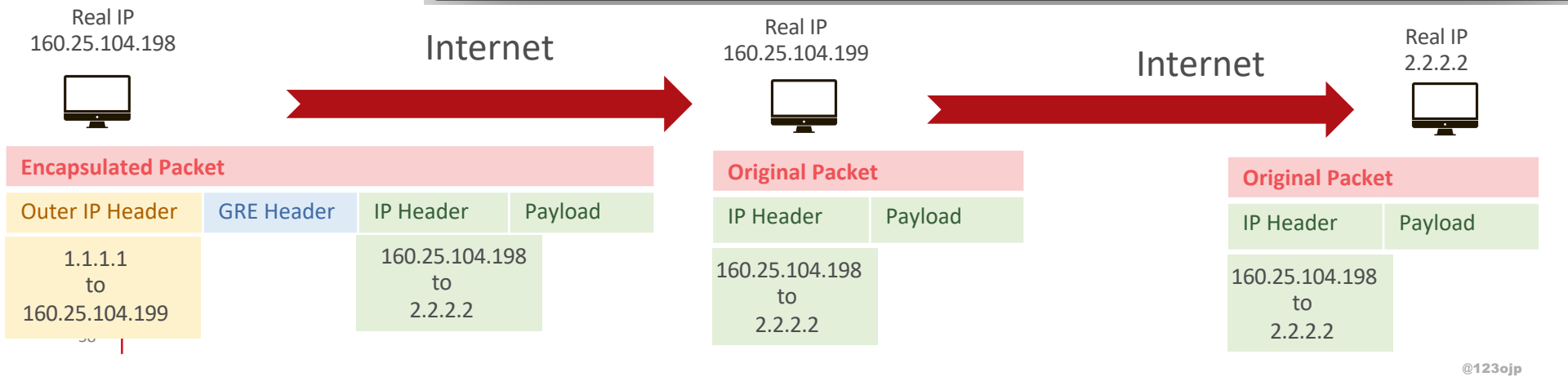
- Find by netflow
  - intitle: Akvorado
  - Filter “GRE”
- OSINT techniques



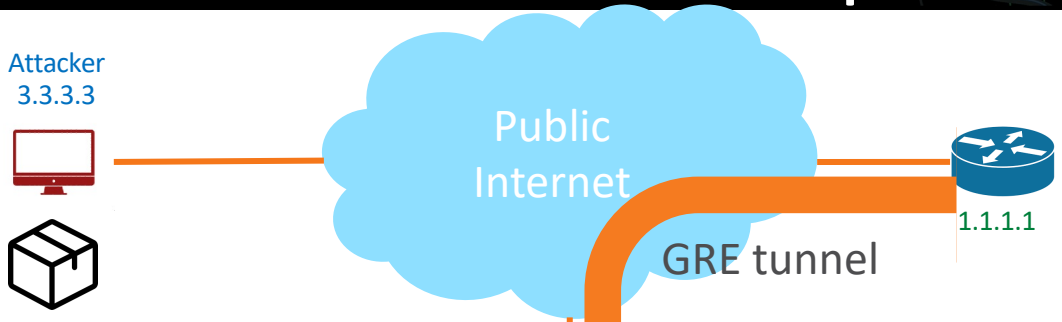
How to Fake GRE packet

- Attacker

```
#### Create Fake Tunnel ####
ip addr add  1.1.1.1/32 dev eth0
ip r add 160.25.104.199 dev eth0 src 1.1.1.1
ip tunnel add gre1 mode gre local 1.1.1.1 remote 160.25.104.199 ttl 255
ip link set gre1 up mtu 1280
```



How 2 Scan GRE via Fake ip.src



ip.src	ip.dst
1.2.3.4 <SCAN>	1.1.1.1 (victim)
ICMP Packet ip.src	ICMP Packet ip.dst
3.3.3.3	1.1.1.1
ping requests With information 1.2.3.4	

Fake ip.src
IP address

Example Public address
Example Attacker address
Example Spoofed address
Example Victim address

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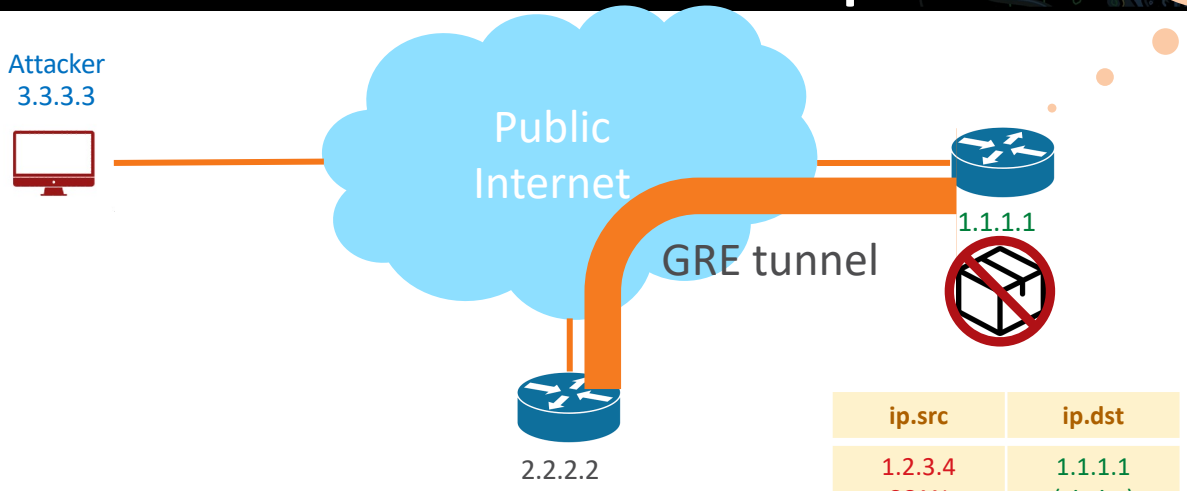

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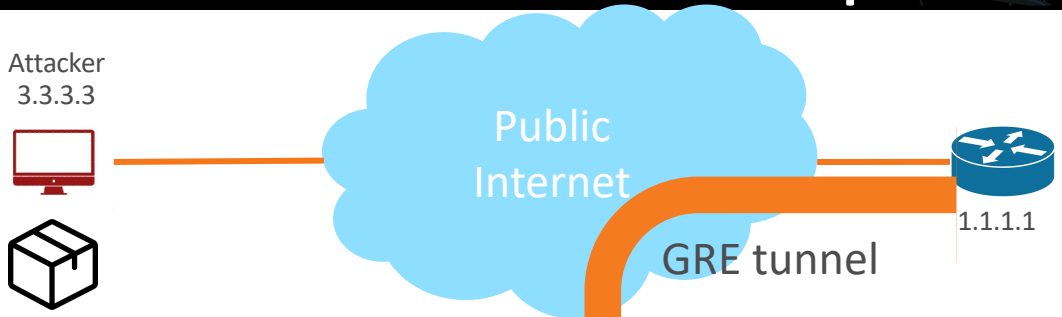

ip.src	ip.dst
2.2.2.2 <SCAN>	1.1.1.1 (victim)
ICMP Packet ip.src	ICMP Packet ip.dst
3.3.3.3	1.1.1.1
ping requests With information 2.2.2.2	

Fake ip.src
IP address

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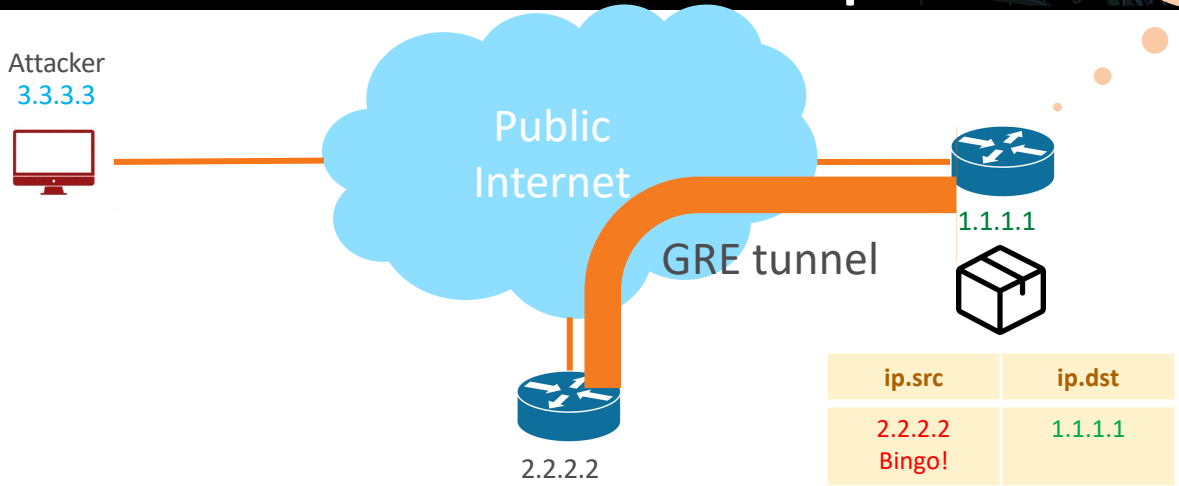

Yeah I have GRE with 2.2.2.2 Use that packet

ip.src	ip.dst
2.2.2.2 Bingo!	1.1.1.1
ICMP Packet ip.src	ICMP Packet ip.dst
3.3.3.3	1.1.1.1
ping requests With information 2.2.2.2	

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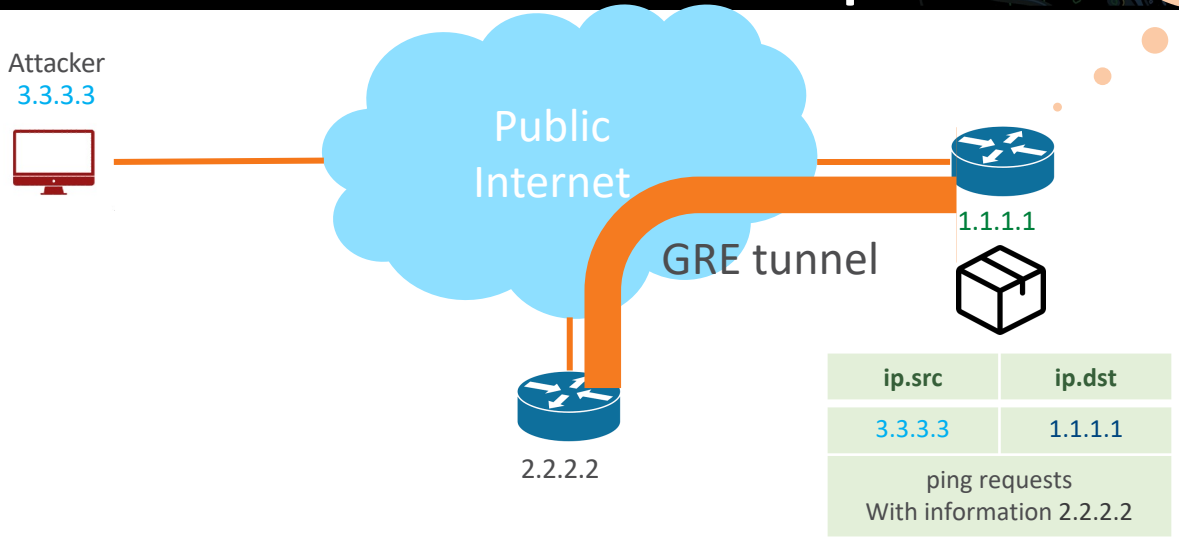

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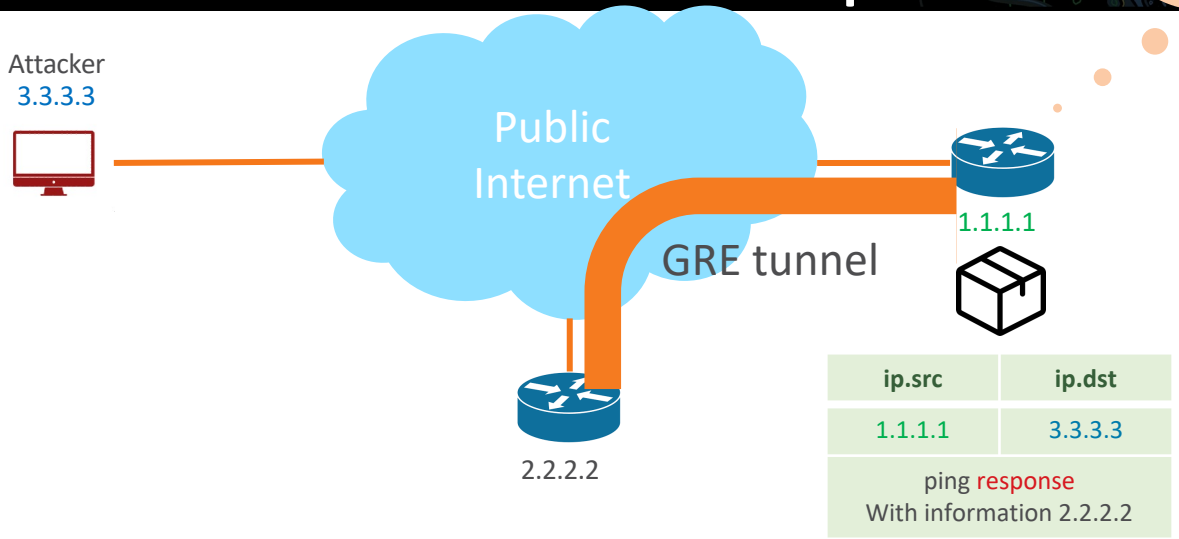

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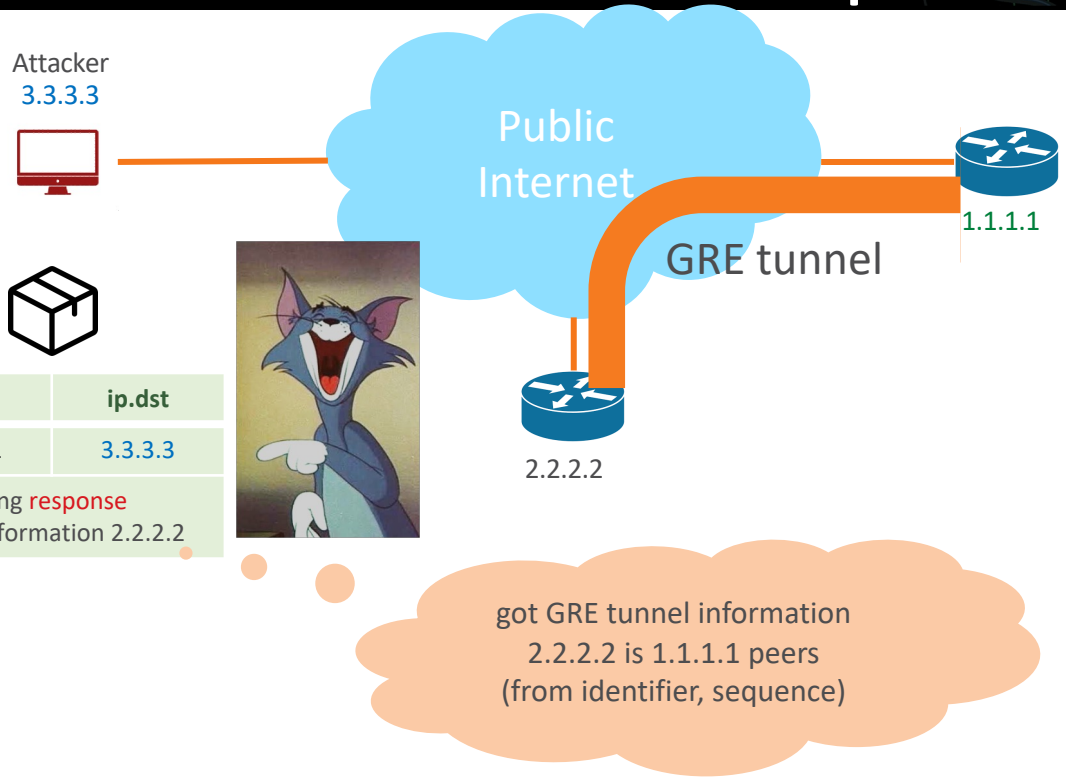

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Example Victim address

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How 2 Scan GRE via Fake ip.src

- ICMP
  - `Identifier range: 256`^{2}
  - `Sequence range: 256`^{2}
- ICMP Sender
  - Place fake GRE Source IP divide into identifier, sequence in ping
  - Send all 256^4 IPs to target
- ICMP Receiver
  - Filtered ICMP packet from target and recover ip.src IP from identifier, sequence to get who is GRE peer

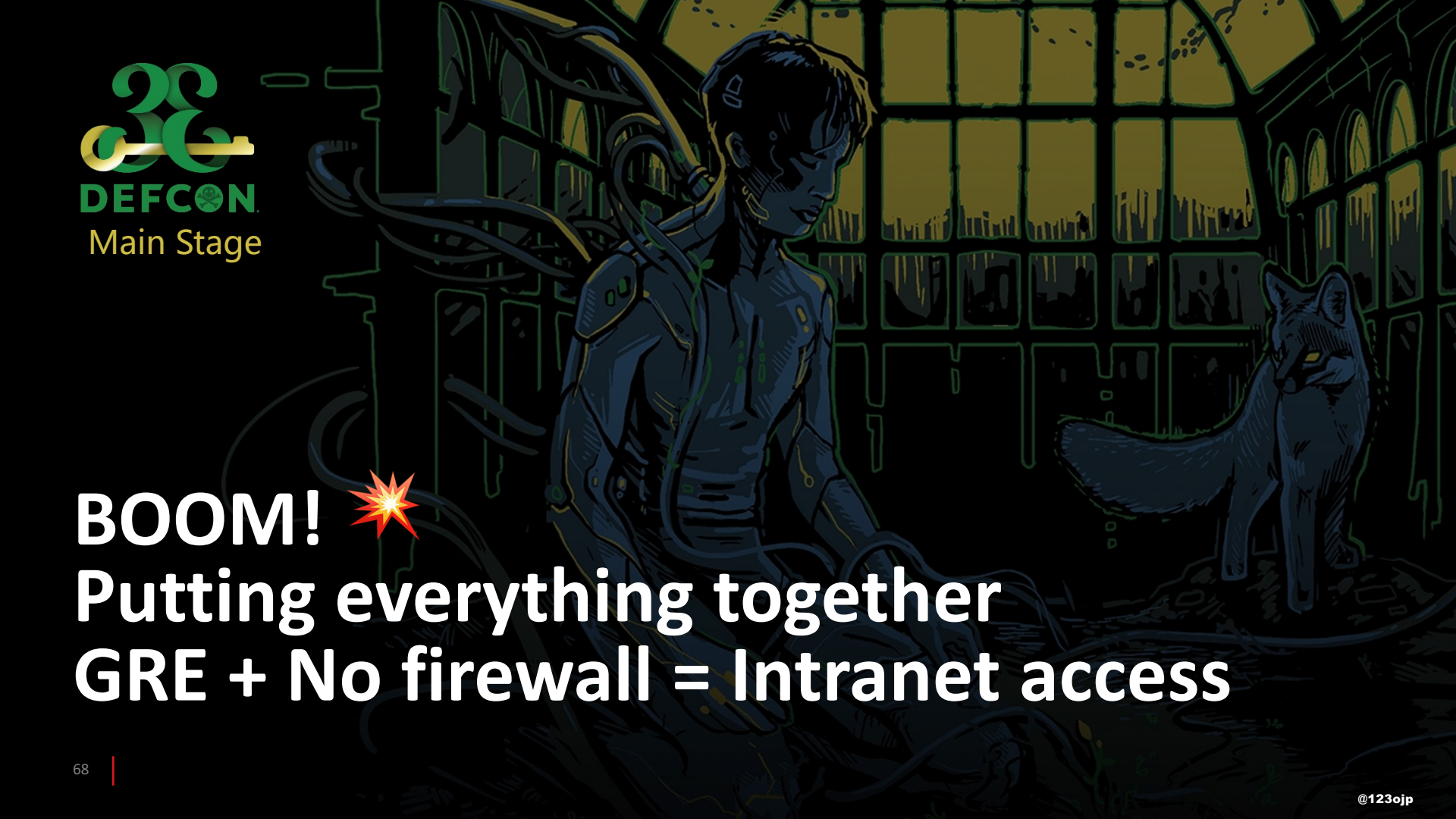
GRE scanner

Attacker listen host | Spoof src.ip | Victim (also scannable)

```
root@CTFer-foxo:~# python3 grescanner.py -i wg444 -lh 160.25.104.198 -s 1.1.1.0/30 -d 160.25.104.199 -l3
2024-12-28 00:57:43,565 - INFO - sending gresrc 1.1.1.0, gredst 160.25.104.199
2024-12-28 00:57:43,566 - INFO - sending gresrc 1.1.1.1, gredst 160.25.104.199
2024-12-28 00:57:43,568 - INFO - sending gresrc 1.1.1.2, gredst 160.25.104.199
2024-12-28 00:57:43,569 - INFO - sending gresrc 1.1.1.3, gredst 160.25.104.199
2024-12-28 00:57:43,691 - CRITICAL - Received reply from 160.25.104.199 GRE peer: 1.1.1.1
```

Received ICMP
ip.src: 160.25.104.199
Peer IP: 1.1.1.1
(from identifier, sequence)

https://github.com/123ojp/GREtunnel-scanner



BOOM! 💥
Putting everything together
GRE + No firewall = Intranet access

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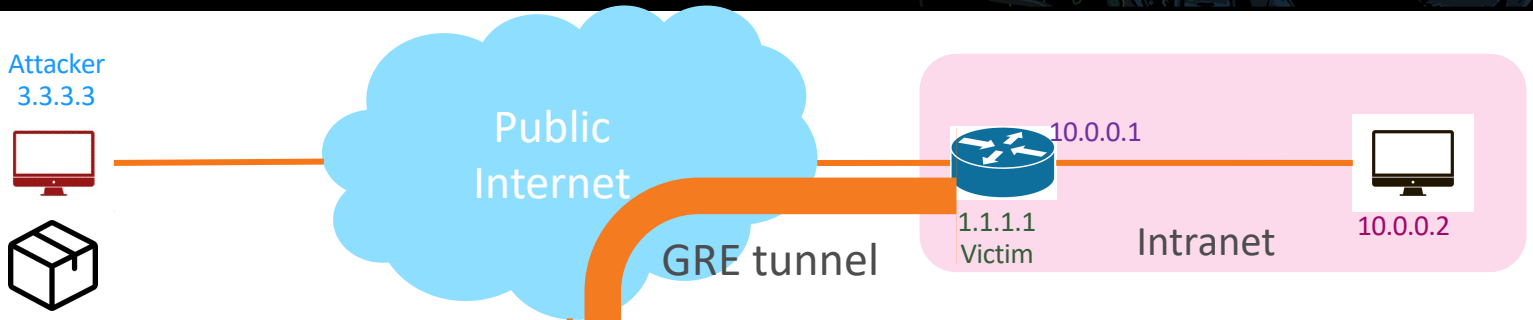
Attack Scenario



GRE ip.src	GRE ip.dst
2.2.2.2	1.1.1.1
UDP Packet ip.src	UDP Packet ip.dst
3.3.3.3	10.0.0.2
DNS requests	

Fake ip.src
IP address

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Example Private address

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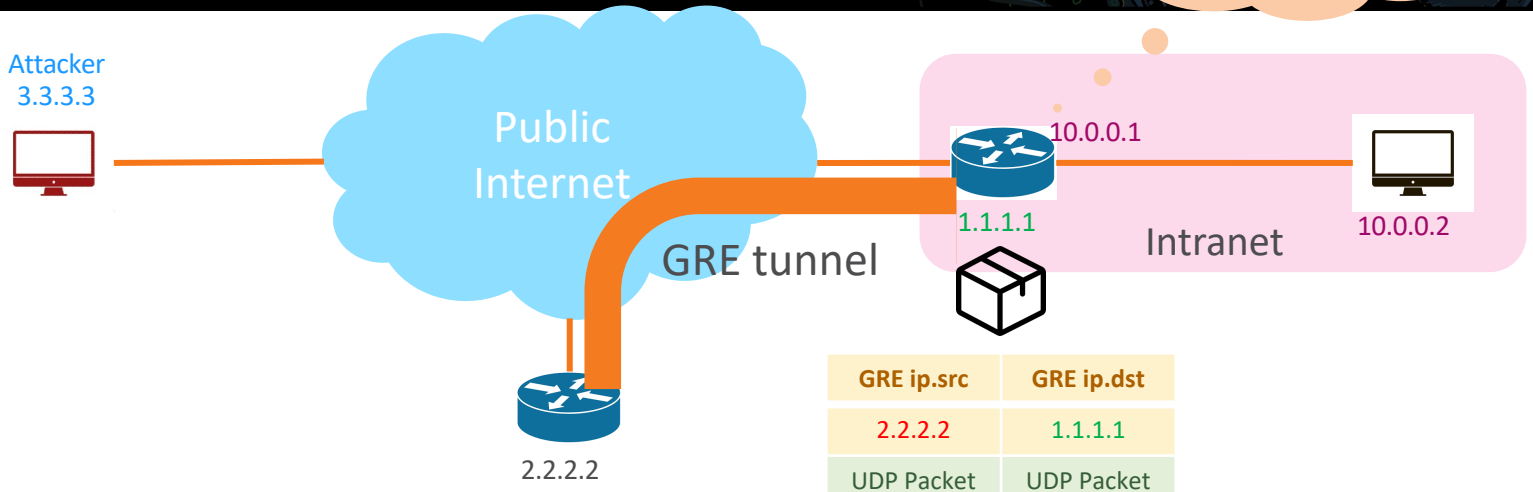

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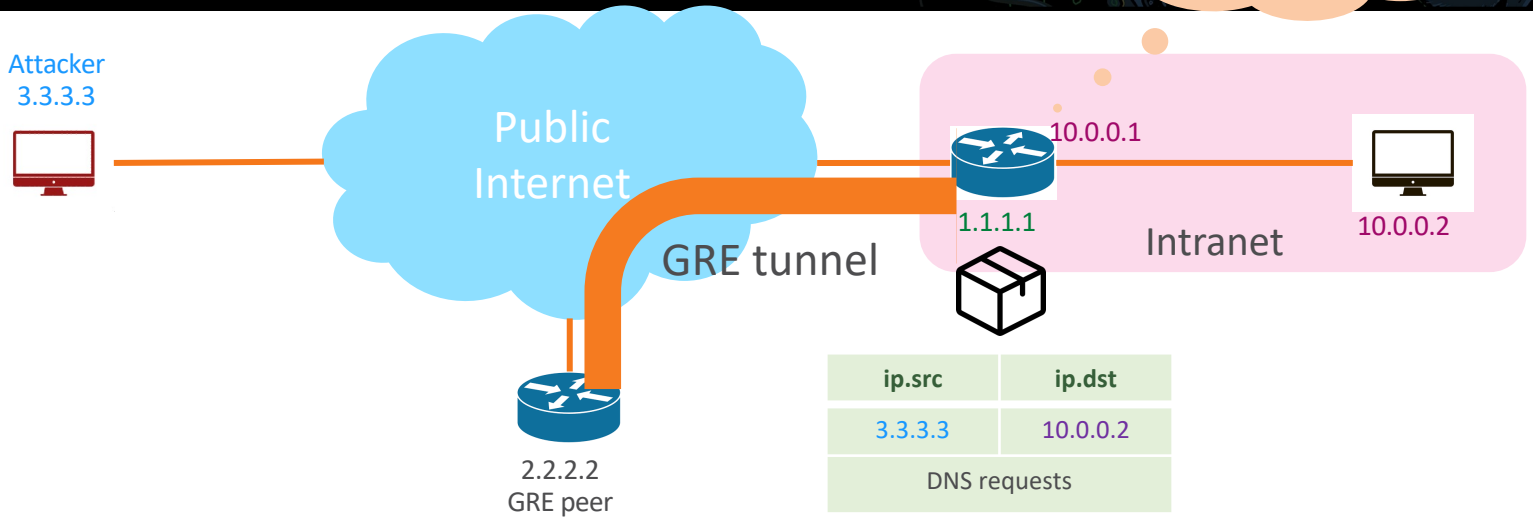

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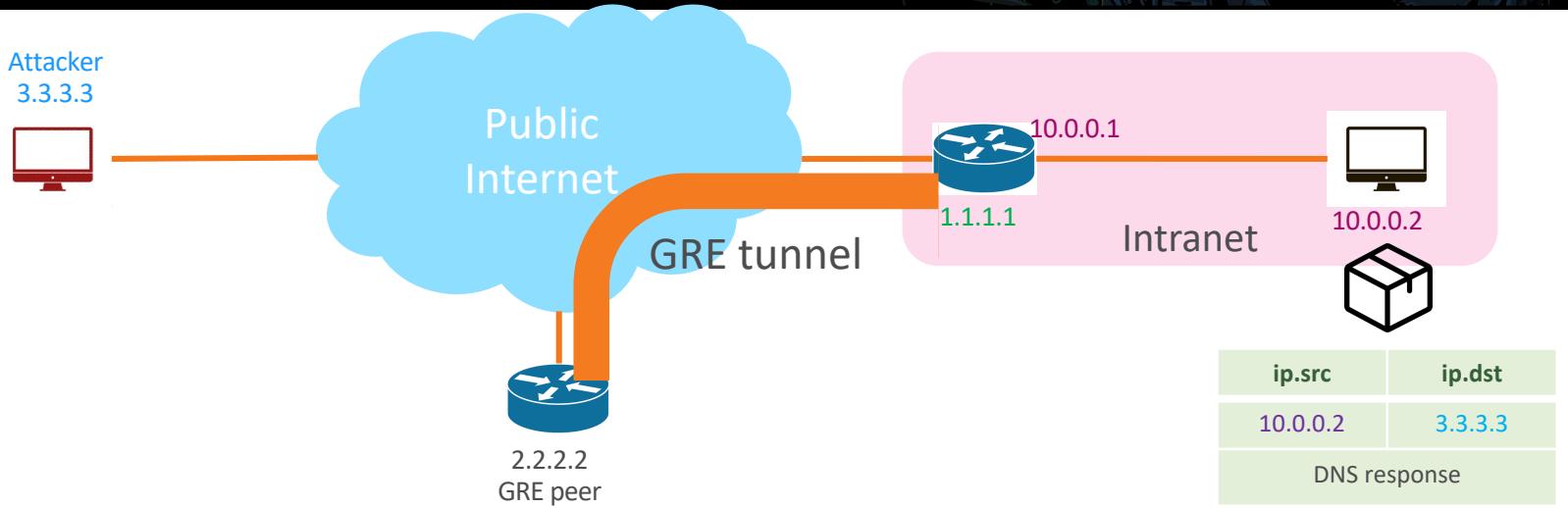

ip.src	ip.dst
10.0.0.2	3.3.3.3
DNS response	

Example Public address
Example Attacker address
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Example Victim address
Example Private address

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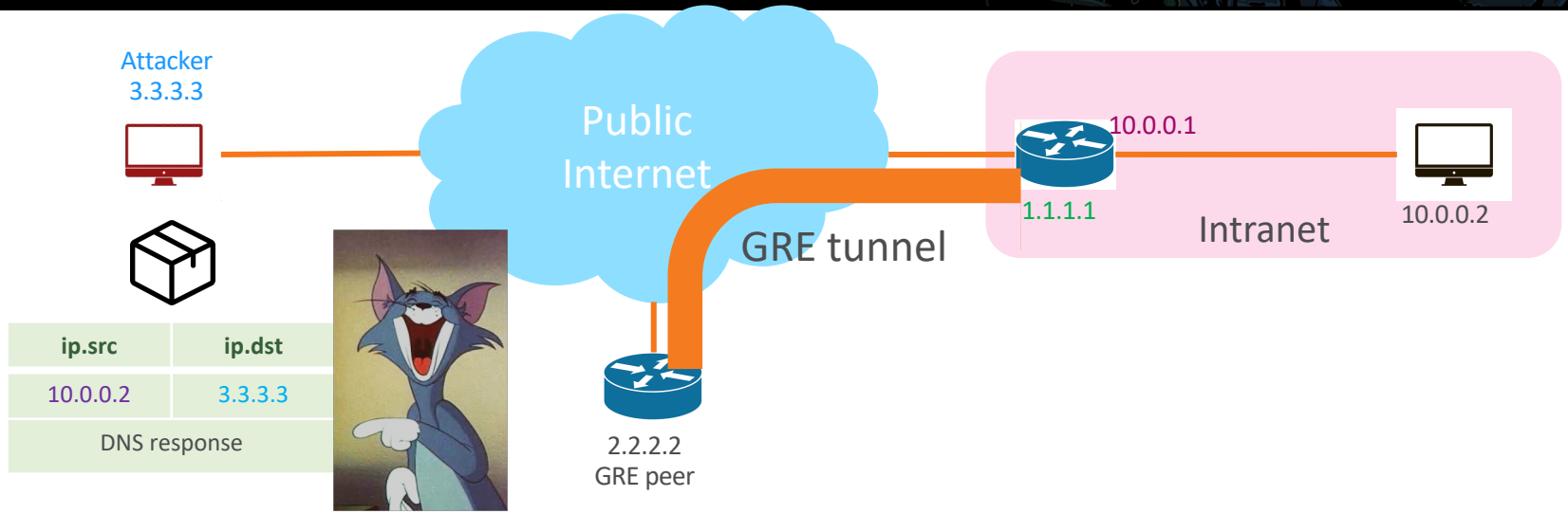

Example Public address
Example Attacker address
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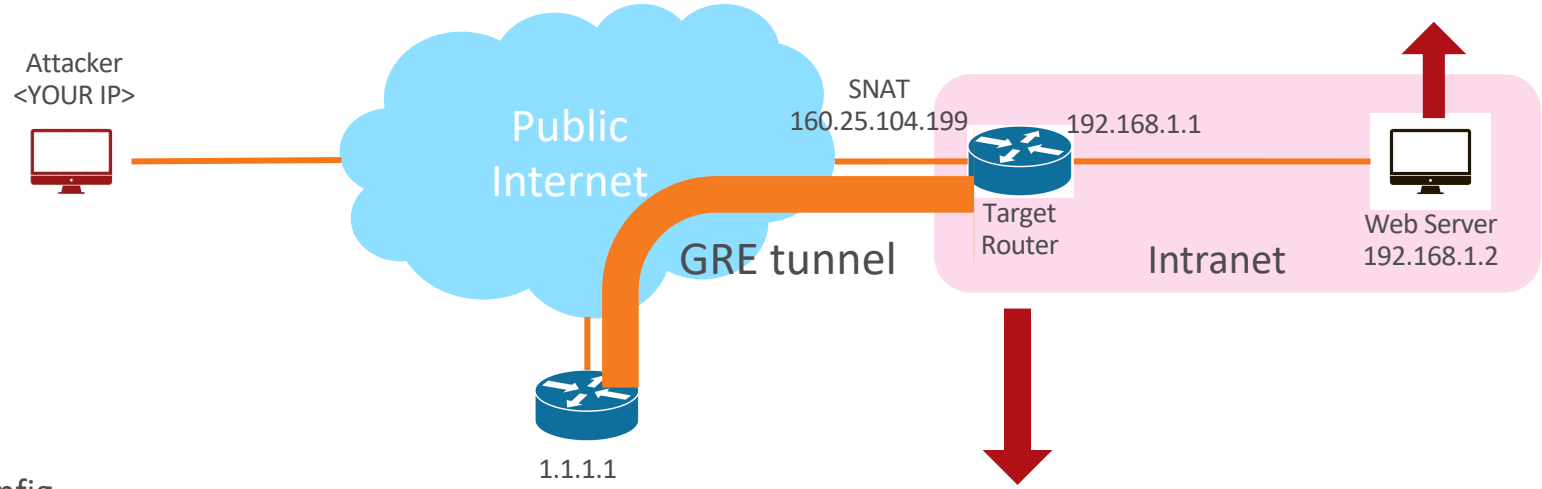
Lab

Web server config

```
ip r add 0.0.0.0/0 via 192.168.1.1
caddy run -config /etc/caddy/Caddyfile
```



Router config

```
# start gre
ip tunnel add gre1 mode gre remote 1.1.1.1 local 160.25.104.199 ttl 255
ip link set gre1 up mtu 1280
ip addr add 169.254.0.1/30 dev gre1
# nat
iptables -t nat -A POSTROUTING -s 192.168.1.0/24 -j SNAT --to-source 160.25.104.199
```

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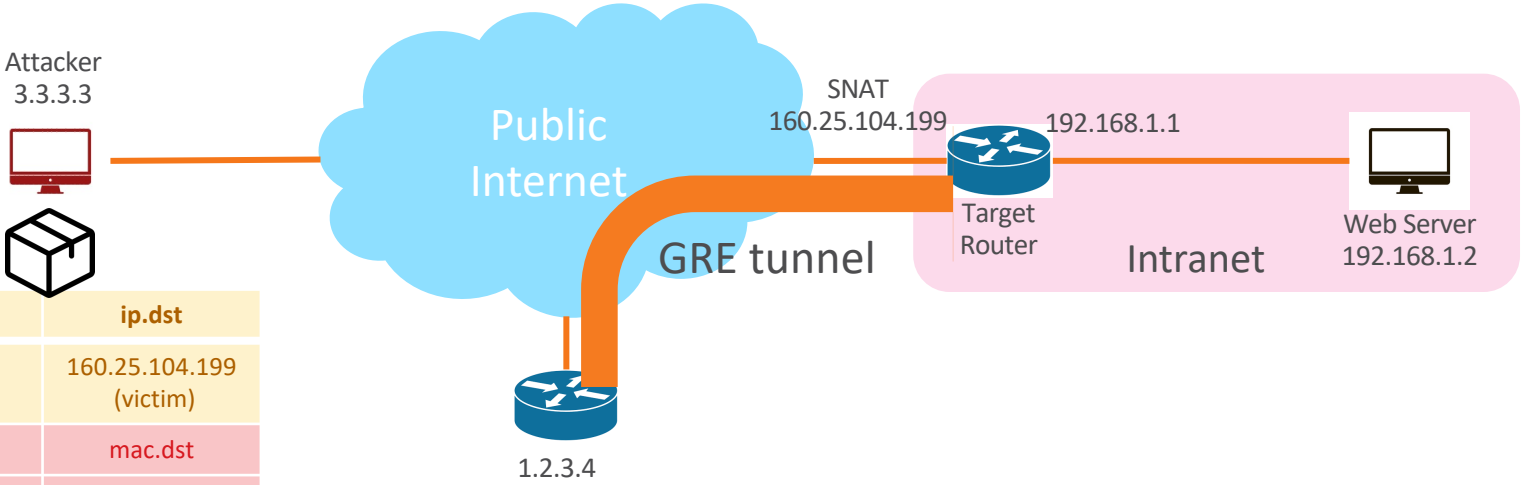
~ — root@gre: / — ssh 192.168.83.23 | ~ — root@web: / — ssh 192.168.83.23 | hk2.as208223.eu.org

```
root@web:/# curl 127.0.0.1
```

Webserver: 192.168.1.2
Victim Public IP: 160.25.104.200
Router Private IP: 192.168.1.1
Spoof IP (GRE peer): 1.1.1.1
Attacker Public: 154.12.177.142

Layer 2 tunnel GRETAP



ip.src	ip.dst
1.2.3.4	160.25.104.199 (victim)
mac.src	mac.dst
any	?
ICMP Packet ip.src	ICMP Packet ip.dst
3.3.3.3	1.1.1.1
ping requests With information 1.2.3.4	

Leak by OSINT or SNMP

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TL;DR of attack condition

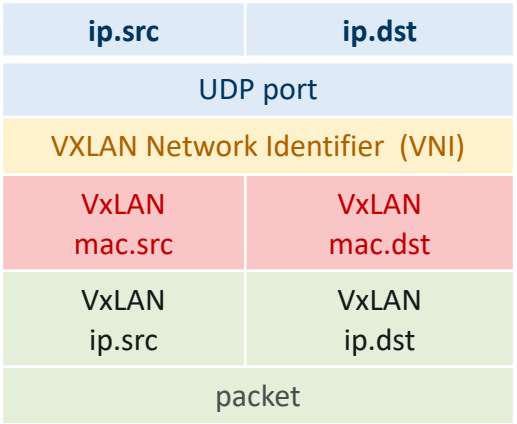
- Bad firewall configuration
- Use stateless, unencrypted, L3 tunnel (GRE, IPIP, SIT…)
- Use stateless, unencrypted, L2 tunnel (GRETAP) + mac leak (snmp)
- Even if one end has disabled the tunnel (Legacy configuration)
- BOOM!💥
  - Intranet access from hacker without foothold
- IR is hard (IP Source are not reliable)



Nightmare of VxLAN

What's VxLAN?

- Stateless L2 tunnel
- Encapsulating Layer 2 Ethernet frames into a Layer 4 User Datagram Protocol (UDP) packet
- Each segmented subnet is uniquely identified by a VXLAN Network Identifier (VNI).



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The vulnerable config

RouterOS version

```
[admin@MikroTik] > ip/address/export where interface=vxlan1
/ip address
add address=10.0.0.1/24 disabled=no interface=vxlan1 network=10.0.0.0
[admin@MikroTik] > interface/vxlan/export
/interface vxlan
add mac-address=FA:10:04:A1:E1:CF name=vxlan1 port=8472 vni=42 vrf=main vteps-ip-version=ipv4
/interface vxlan vteps
add interface=vxlan1 remote-ip=1.1.1.1
```

Linux version

```
MYPUBIP=160.25.104.200
DSTADDR=1.1.1.1
DPORT=8472
VID=42
IF_NAME=vxlan-test
ip link add $IF_NAME type vlan id $VID remote $DSTADDR local $MYPUBIP dstport $DPORT
ip link set up dev $IF_NAME
ip addr add 10.0.0.1/24 dev $IF_NAME
```



How to config a normal peer

```
MYPUBIP=1.1.1.1
DSTADDR=160.25.104.200
DPORT=8472
VID=42
IF_NAME=vxlan-test
ip link add $IF_NAME type vlan id $VID remote $DSTADDR local $MYPUBIP dstport $DPORT
ip link set up dev $IF_NAME
ip addr add 10.0.0.2/24 dev $IF_NAME
ping -c 1 10.0.0.1
```



How to hijack VxLAN

```
MYPUBIP=9.9.9.9
DSTADDR=160.25.104.200
DPORT=8472
VID=42
IF_NAME=vxlan-test
ip link add $IF_NAME type vlan id $VID remote $DSTADDR local $MYPUBIP dstport $DPORT
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```

Yeah, here's the only difference



Why?

- Linux Kernel does not check the IP Source of VxLAN?
  - Why it accept the VxLAN packet if the VNI && Port match one of its VxLAN interface

```
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```

Match This

Don't Check ?

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~~Bug~~ Feature!

- ip-link(8) — Linux manual page (VxLAN)

  [no]learning - specifies if unknown source link layer addresses and IP addresses are entered into the VXLAN device forwarding database.

- Insecure default configuration
- Linux - default on
  - Can Disable
- RouterOS - ~~always~~ default on
  - ~~Cannot Disable~~ Fixed (CVE-2025-6443)

```
4171            } else if (!changelink) {
4172                    /* default to learn on a new device */
4173                    conf->flags |= VXLAN_F_LEARN;
4174            }
```

https://github.com/torvalds/linux/blob/master/drivers/net/vxlan/vxlan_core.c

What's happened when learning is enable

- When a valid VxLAN packet with the valid VNI && port
- Kernel will add the outer remote IP and VxLAN mac in to a Forwarding Database table (FDB)
- Next time when a packet destination mac address is in the FDB it will send to the remote

valid





Router OS
1.1.1.1
VxLAN peer
2.2.2.2

ip.src	ip.dst
2.2.2.2	1.1.1.1
UDP port	VNI
4789	10
mac.src	mac.dst
00:12:34:56:78:99	<any>
Inner Packet	

Match This

```
/interface vxlan
add name=vxlan1 port=4789 vni=10
```

Port and VNI match interface vxlan1
Use that packet
And write to table

Mac	Remote IP	Interface
00:12:34:56:78:99	2.2.2.2	Vxlan1 (port: 4789 vni:10)

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ip.src	ip.dst
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UDP port	VNI
4789	10
mac.src	mac.dst
99:88:77:66:55:44	<any>
Inner Packet	

```
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Match This

Port and VNI match interface vxlan1
Use that packet and write to table

Still add into FDB

Mac	Remote IP	Interface
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What's happened when learning is enable

- Thus, an attacker can create a VxLAN packet with mac address FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF
- The Linux Kernel will append the mac in to the list.

invalid





Router OS
1.1.1.1
VxLAN peer
2.2.2.2

ip.src	ip.dst
9.9.9.9	1.1.1.1
UDP port	VNI
4789	10
mac.src	mac.dst
FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF	<any>
Inner Packet	

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FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF	9.9.9.9	Vxlan1 (port: 4789 vni:10)

What's happened when learning is enable

- when the kernel wants to send a broadcast packet on the VXLAN interface
- It will look up the FDB table and send it to 9.9.9.9 (the attacker's address)



Router OS
1.1.1.1
VxLAN peer
2.2.2.2



ip.src	ip.dst
1.1.1.1	9.9.9.9
UDP port	VNI
4789	10
mac.src	mac.dst
RouterOS's mac	FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF
Inner Packet	

Okay I want to send a destination mac address FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF
The FDB table tell me to send to 9.9.9.9

Mac	Remote IP	Interface
00:12:34:56:78:99	2.2.2.2	Vxlan1 (port: 4789 vni:10)
FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF	9.9.9.9	Vxlan1 (port: 4789 vni:10)

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So, what attacker don’t know for a hijack?

```
MYPUBIP=9.9.9.9
DSTADDR=160.25.104.200
DPORT=8472
VID=42
IF_NAME=vxlan-test
ip link add $IF_NAME type vlan id $VID remote $DSTADDR local $MYPUBIP dstport $DPORT
ip link set up dev $IF_NAME
ip addr add 10.0.0.2/24 dev $IF_NAME
ping -c 1 10.0.0.1
```

However, all this information can be obtained by a simple scan (a packet)

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These three can know by sending numerous packet



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Let's focus on how to get this

Gathering information (passive) – Broadcast mac

- Send VxLAN, which Mac is broadcasting (FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF)
- Wait for broadcast packet, e.g., ARP requests

```
15:18:19.863901 IP 3[redacted].36980 > 160.25.104.201.8472: OTV, flags [I] (0x08), overlay 0, instance 1
ARP, Request who-has 45.[redacted].248 tell 45.[redacted].1, length 46
```









Mac	Remote IP	Interface
FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF	9.9.9.9	Vxlan1

ip.src	ip.dst
9.9.9.9	1.1.1.1
UDP port	VNI
4789	10
mac.src	mac.dst
FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF	FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF
Any	

Router With VxLAN

ip.src	ip.dst
1.1.1.1	9.9.9.9
UDP port	VNI
4789	10
mac.src	mac.dst
Victim's mac	FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF
ARP requests information with IP range	

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Gathering information (active) – The magic 5678

- Mikrotik Neighbor Discovery Protocol on UDP 5678 port
- When RouterOS receives a broadcast Neighbor Discovery message
- it will reply the message with its IP, Mac by broadcasting (FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF)



ip.src	ip.dst
9.9.9.9	1.1.1.1
UDP port	VNI
4789	10
mac.src	mac.dst
FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF	FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF
Inner Packet ip.src	Inner Packet ip.dst
0.0.0.0	255.255.255.255
Mikrotik Neighbor Discovery Protocol Discover	

Router OS
1.1.1.1
VxLAN peer
2.2.2.2

ip.src	ip.dst
1.1.1.1	9.9.9.9
UDP port	VNI
4789	10
mac.src	mac.dst
RouterOS's mac	FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF
Inner Packet ip.src	Inner Packet ip.dst
RouterOS VxLAN IP	255.255.255.255
Mikrotik Neighbor Discovery Protocol Response	

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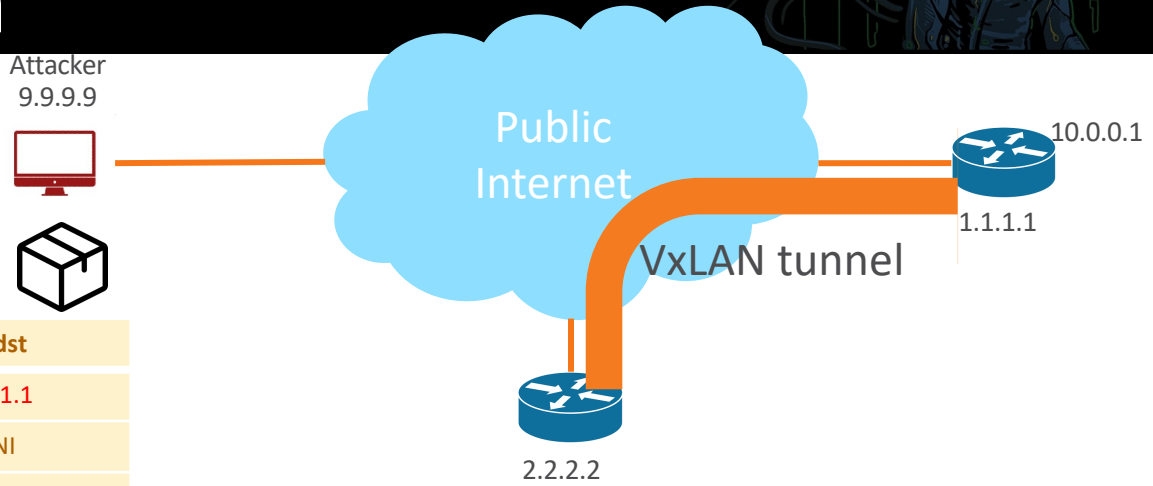
Full Chain



ip.src	ip.dst
9.9.9.9	1.1.1.1
UDP port	VNI
4789	10 (Scan until match)
mac.src	mac.dst
FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF	FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF
Inner Packet ip.src	Inner Packet ip.dst
0.0.0.0	255.255.255.255
Mikrotik Neighbor Discovery Protocol UDP port 5678 Discovery	

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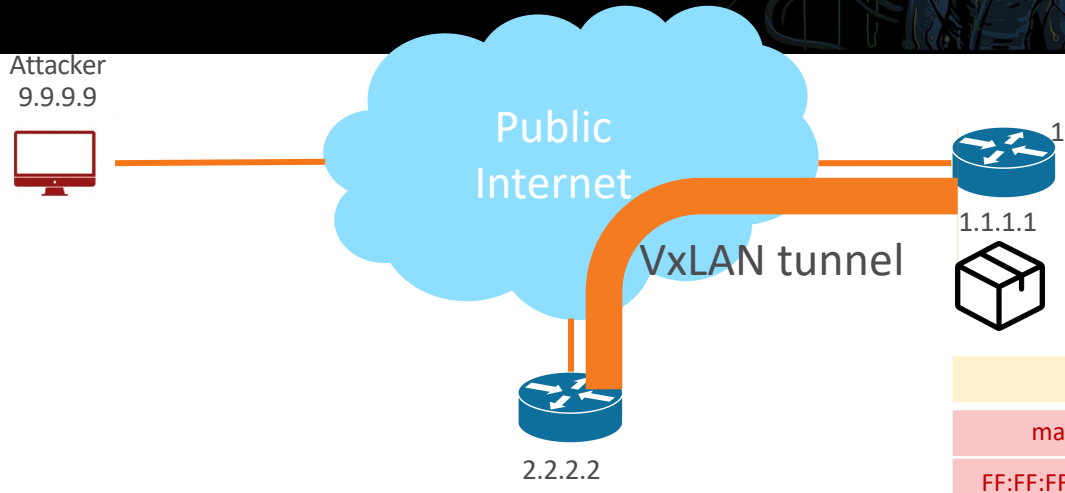

VxLAN interface	
mac.src	mac.dst
FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF	FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF
Inner Packet ip.src	Inner Packet ip.dst
0.0.0.0	255.255.255.255
Mikrotik Neighbor Discovery Protocol UDP port 5678 Discovery	

Victim add attacker to FDB table

Mac	Remote IP	Interface
00:12:34:56:78:99	2.2.2.2	Vxlan1 (port: 4789 vni:10)
FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF	9.9.9.9	Vxlan1 (port: 4789 vni:10)

Got Neighbor Discovery on VxLAN

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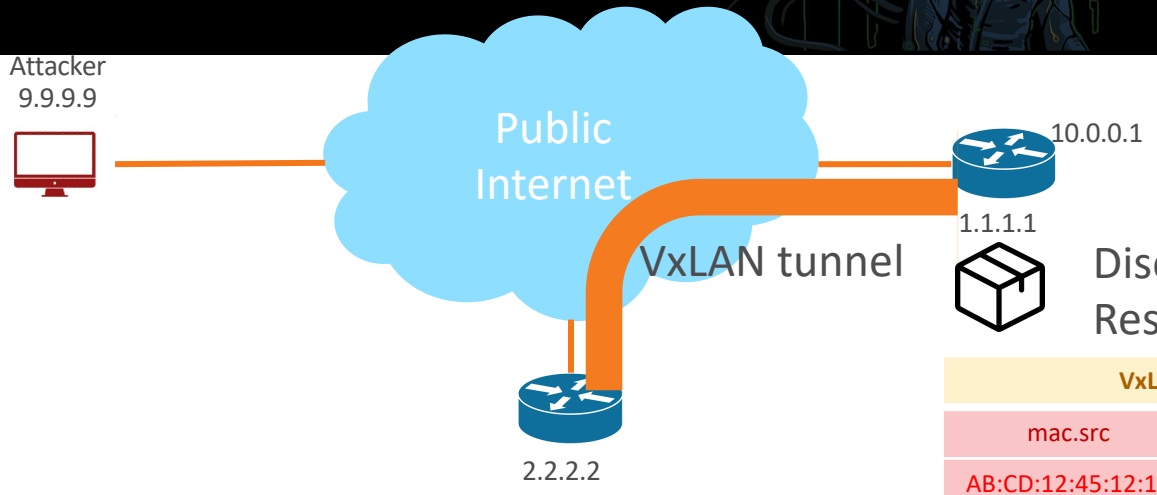

Discovery protocol
Response the packet

VxLAN interface	
mac.src	mac.dst
AB:CD:12:45:12:12	FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF
Inner Packet ip.src	Inner Packet ip.dst
10.0.0.1	255.255.255.255
Mikrotik Neighbor Discovery Protocol UDP port 5678 Response	

Lookup

Mac	Remote IP	Interface
00:12:34:56:78:99	2.2.2.2	Vxlan1 (port: 4789 vni:10)
FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF	9.9.9.9	Vxlan1 (port: 4789 vni:10)

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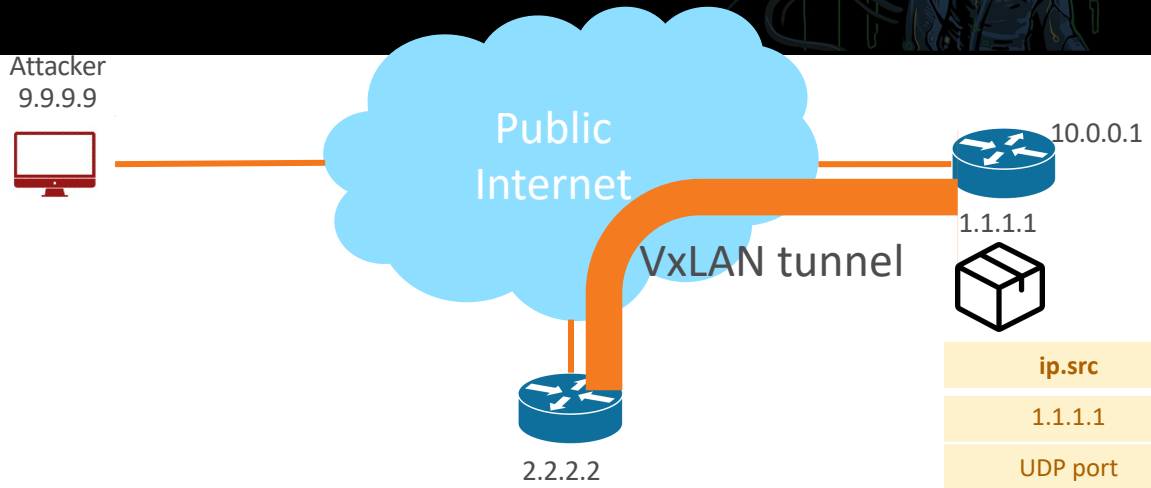
Full chain

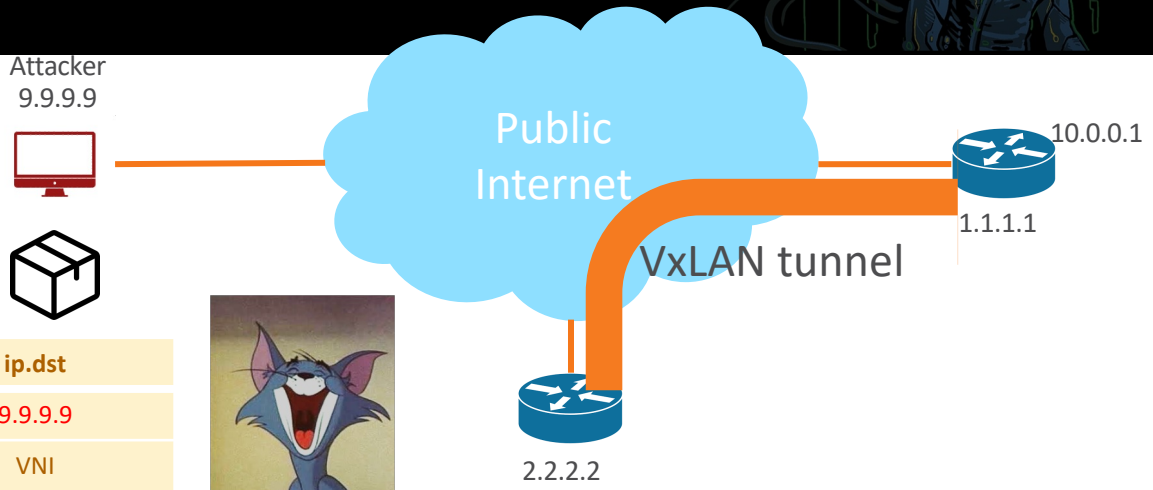


Encapsulate vxlan

ip.src	ip.dst
1.1.1.1	9.9.9.9
UDP port	VNI
4789	10
mac.src	mac.dst
AB:CD:12:45:12:12	FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF
Inner Packet ip.src	Inner Packet ip.dst
10.0.0.1	255.255.255.255
Mikrotik Neighbor Discovery Protocol UDP port 5678 Response	

Mac	Remote IP	Interface
00:12:34:56:78:99	2.2.2.2	Vxlan1 (port: 4789 vni:10)
FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF	9.9.9.9	Vxlan1 (port: 4789 vni:10)

Full chain



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Got everything to hijack tunnel

Scan for VxLAN tunnel

- We only don't know VNI, UDP port and IP
  - VNI: 1 ~ 16777214 (usually smaller then 100)
  - Port: Default 4789 or 8472
  - Destination IP ☺
- VxLAN Scanner Demo
  - Send numerous different VNI packet
  - Wait for reply
  - https://github.com/123ojp/VxLAN-Scanner

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UDP port	VNI
4789	10
mac.src	mac.dst
FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF	FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF
Inner Packet ip.src	Inner Packet ip.dst
0.0.0.0	255.255.255.255
Mikrotik Neighbor Discovery Protocol UDP port 5678 Discovery	

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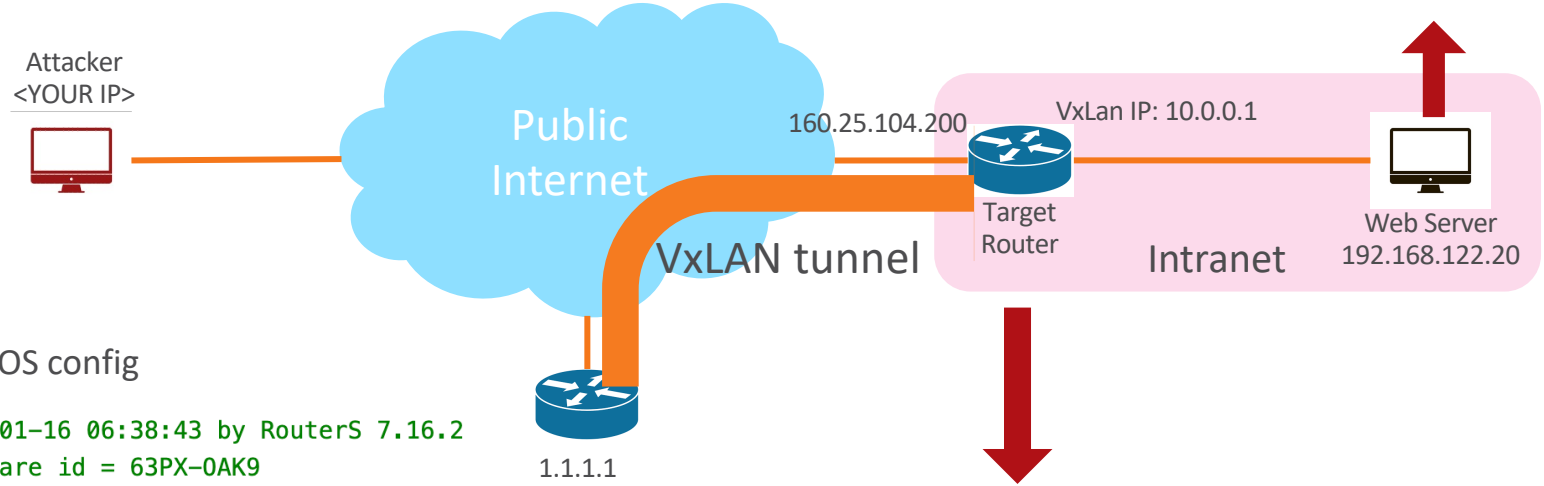
Web server config

```
ip r add 0.0.0.0/0 via 192.168.122.98
caddy run -config /etc/caddy/Caddyfile
```

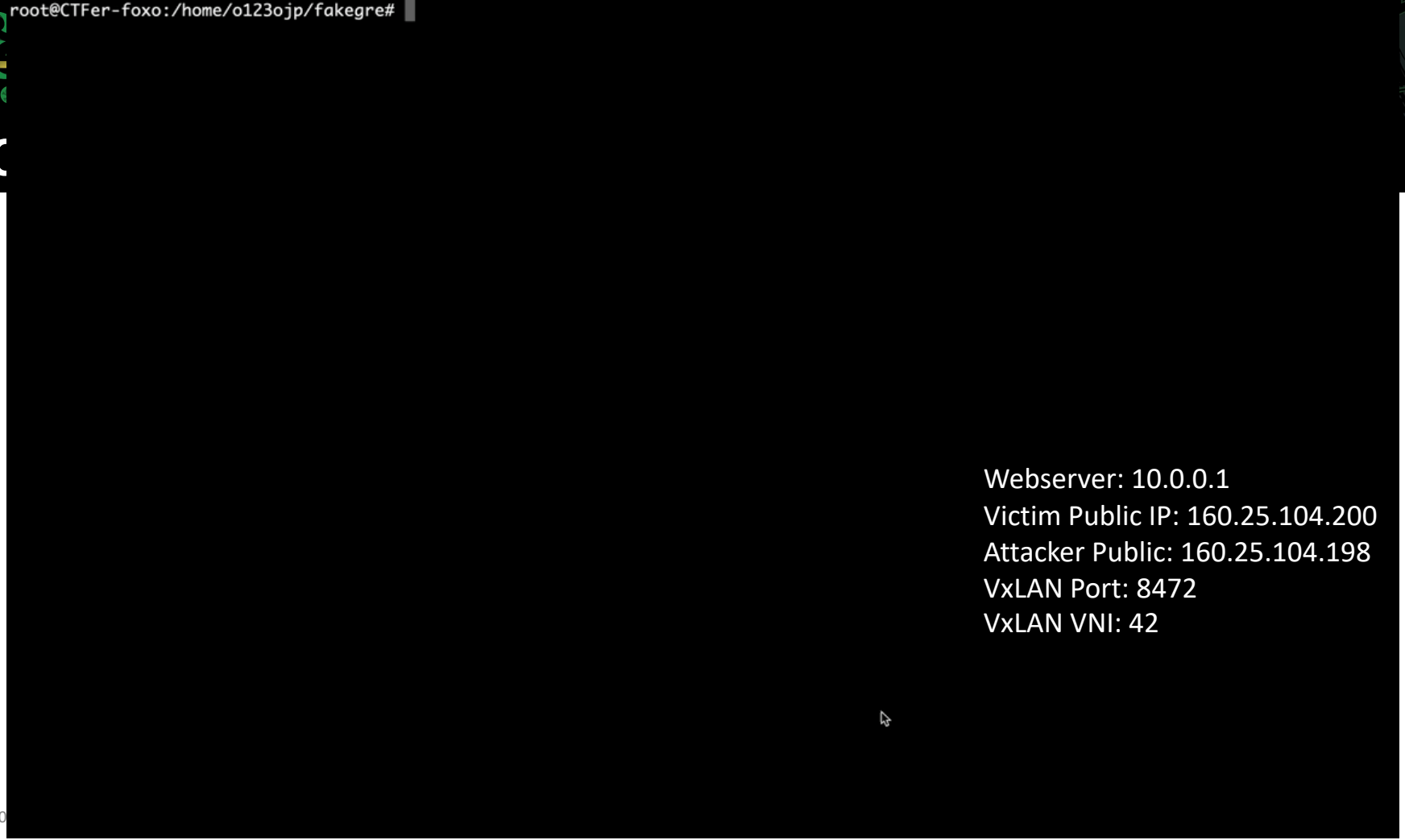


RouterOS config

```
# 2025-01-16 06:38:43 by RouterS 7.16.2
# software id = 63PX-OAK9
[admin@MikroTik] > ip/address/export
/ip address add address=192.168.122.98/24 disabled=no interface=ether1 network=192.168.122.0
/ip address add address=10.0.0.1/24 disabled=no interface=vxlan1 network=10.0.0.0
[admin@MikroTik] > interface/vxlan/export
/interface vxlan add mac-address=FA:10:04:A1:E1:CF name=vxlan1 port=8472 vni=42 vrf=main vteps-ip-version=ipv4
/interface vxlan vteps add interface=vxlan1 remote-ip=1.1.1.1
```

Vic

```
root@CTFer-foxo:/home/o123ojp/fakegre#
```



Webserver: 10.0.0.1
Victim Public IP: 160.25.104.200
Attacker Public: 160.25.104.198
VxLAN Port: 8472
VxLAN VNI: 42

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Scan VxLAN in Real World

- Scan with VNI = 1 and default ports
- 900+ of IPs reply VxLAN packets
  - 4000+ of IPs are discovered inside the tunnels.
  - Some are public IPs
    - Hijack public IPs 🤯
- Some reply with numerous broadcast packet
  - Combining this with IP spoofing can potentially lead to DDoS
- Some source IPs are private addresses.
  - 🤯 Why?

VNI = 1 and default port



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But some source IPs are private addresses
Why? 🤯

I use VxLAN in encrypted tunnel, so I'm safe?

```
SRCADDR=192.168.196.56
DSTADDR=192.168.196.1
DPORT=8472
VID=42
ip link add vxlan0 type vxlan id $VID remote $DSTADDR local $SRCADDR dstport $DPORT
ip link set up dev vxlan0
ip addr add 10.0.0.1/24 dev vxlan0
```

```
2: ens18: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc fq_codel state UP group default qlen 1000
    inet 160.25.104.131/27 brd 160.25.104.159 scope global ens18

3: tun0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1412 qdisc fq_codel state UP group default qlen 1000
    inet 192.168.196.56/24 brd 192.168.196.255 scope global tun0
```

Encrypted tunnels
E.g., IPSec or Wireguard

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I use VxL[illegible]rypted t[illegible]I'm safe?

```
SRCADDR=192.168.196.
DSTADDR=192.168.196.1
DPORT=8472
VID=42
ip link add vxlan0 type vxlan                    ocal $SRCADDR dstport $DPORT
ip link set up dev vxlan0
ip addr add 10.0.0.1/24 dev
```

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    inet 160.25.104.131/                         ope g

3: tun0: <BROADCAST                              mtu 1412 qdisc                  default qlen 1000
    inet 192.168.19                              6.255 scope global
```

Encrypted tunnels
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VxLAN will still accept traffic in different interfaces

```
SRCADDR=23.145.168.132
DSTADDR=160.25.104.131
DPORT=8472
VID=42
ip link add vxlan0 type vxlan id $VID remote $DSTADDR local $SRCADDR dstport $DPORT
ip link set up dev vxlan0
ip addr add 10.0.0.2/24 dev vxlan0
```

```
# tcpdump -i any "port 8472" -n
03:04:14.889560 IP 23.145.168.132.46950 > 160.25.104.131.8472: OTV, flags [I] (0x08), overlay 0, instance 42
ARP, Request who-has 10.0.0.1 tell 10.0.0.2, length 28
03:04:14.889614 IP 192.168.196.56.34993 > 23.145.168.132.8472: OTV, flags [I] (0x08), overlay 0, instance 42
ARP, Reply 10.0.0.1 is-at d2:b1:84:dc:1b:d2, length 28
```

Due to VxLAN behavior, it still can be hijack & scan

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TL;DR

- We can hijack VxLAN tunnel with only 3 properties
  - Victim IP address (EASY)
  - Victim VXLAN port (EASY, default port: 8472 or 4789)
  - VNI (Could Scan, usually smaller then 100)
- Information that the attacker does not need 🤯
  - Peer IP (or Spoof Source IP)
  - VXLAN interface Mac and IP on Victim
- If you have a public IP interface and a VxLAN on any interface, you're done.

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What can hackers do after hijacking a tunnel

What can hackers do after hijacking a tunnel

- Not only gain access to the intranet
  - Also hijack IP communication or perform MiTM between two sites
- Attacking Layer 2 Network Services (e.g., RADVD to RCE)
- IR is also hard (IP sources also cannot be trusted)
- These tunnels often run routing protocols:
  - BGP, OSPF
  - Hacker can hijack IPs that are not even transmitting through that tunnel
    - e.g., Domain controller or ESXi

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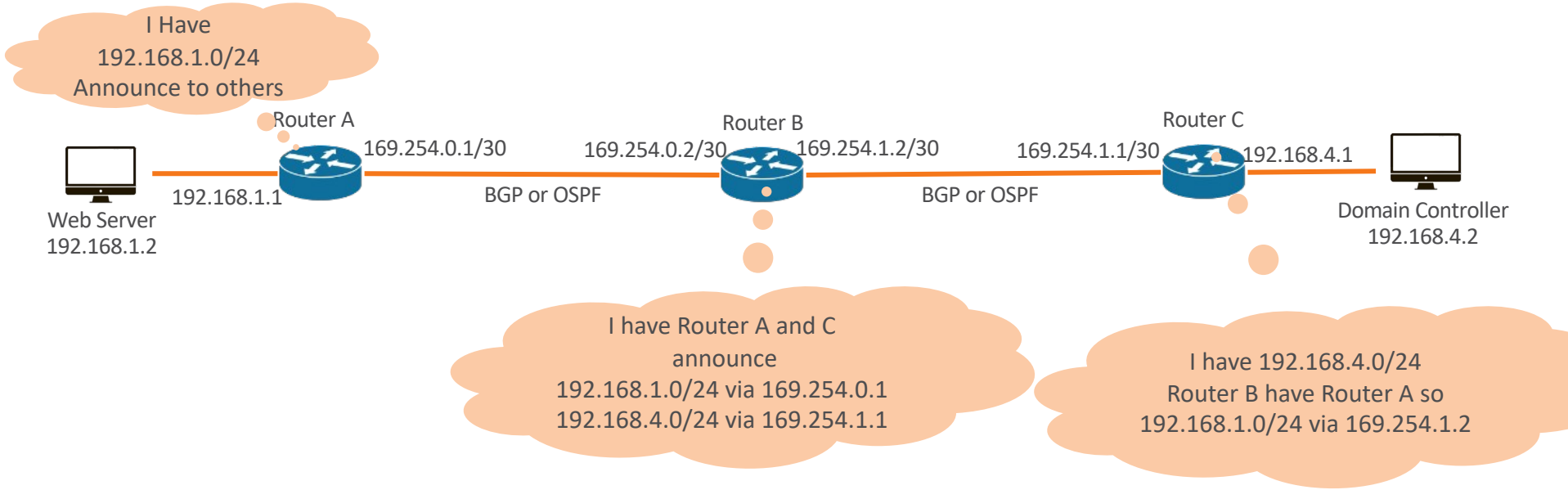
What is BGP, OSPF

- Routing Protocol (Automated IP table between Routers)



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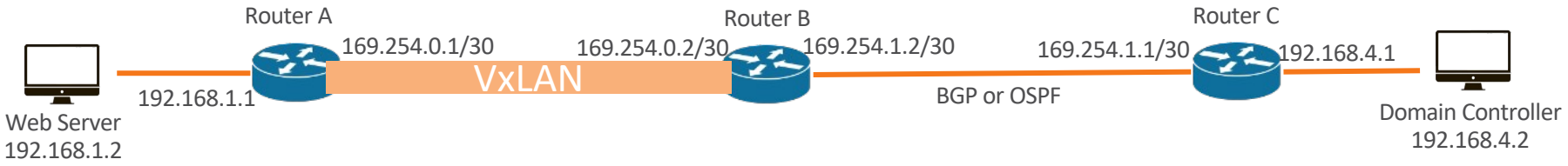
What is BGP, OSPF

- Some companies use VxLAN tunnels to connect two site



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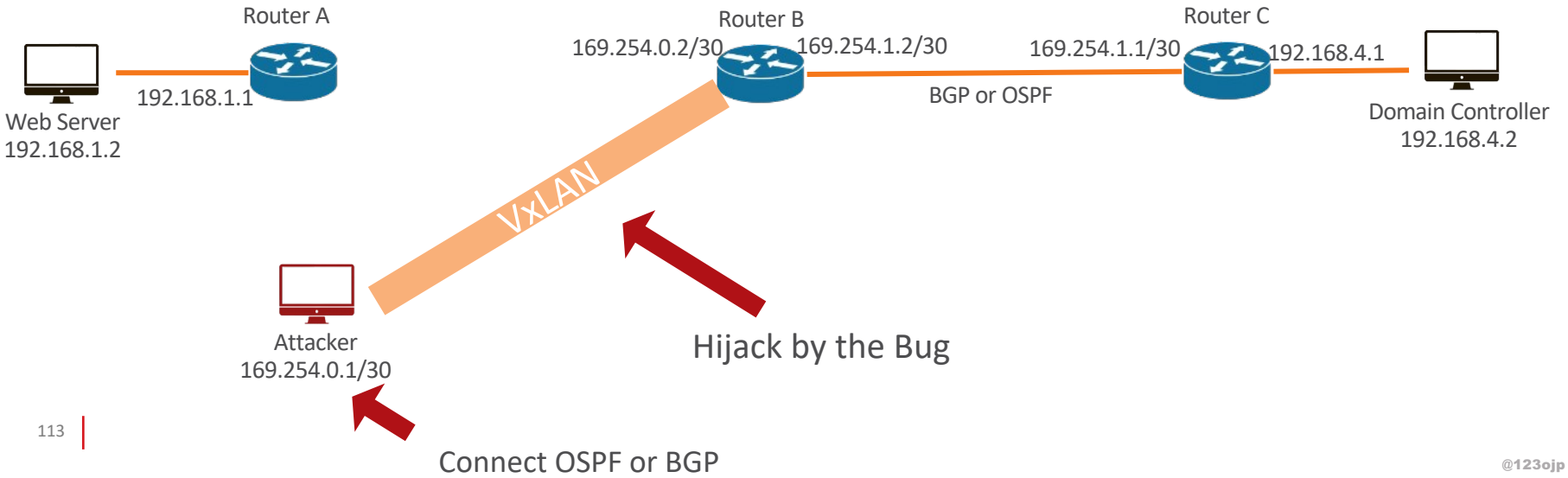
Combined with the ~~Bug~~ Feature

- But if we hijack the VxLAN we can connect the routing protocol
  - And we can announce any IP and hijack
  - Then we can hijack DC and perform NTLM relay attack



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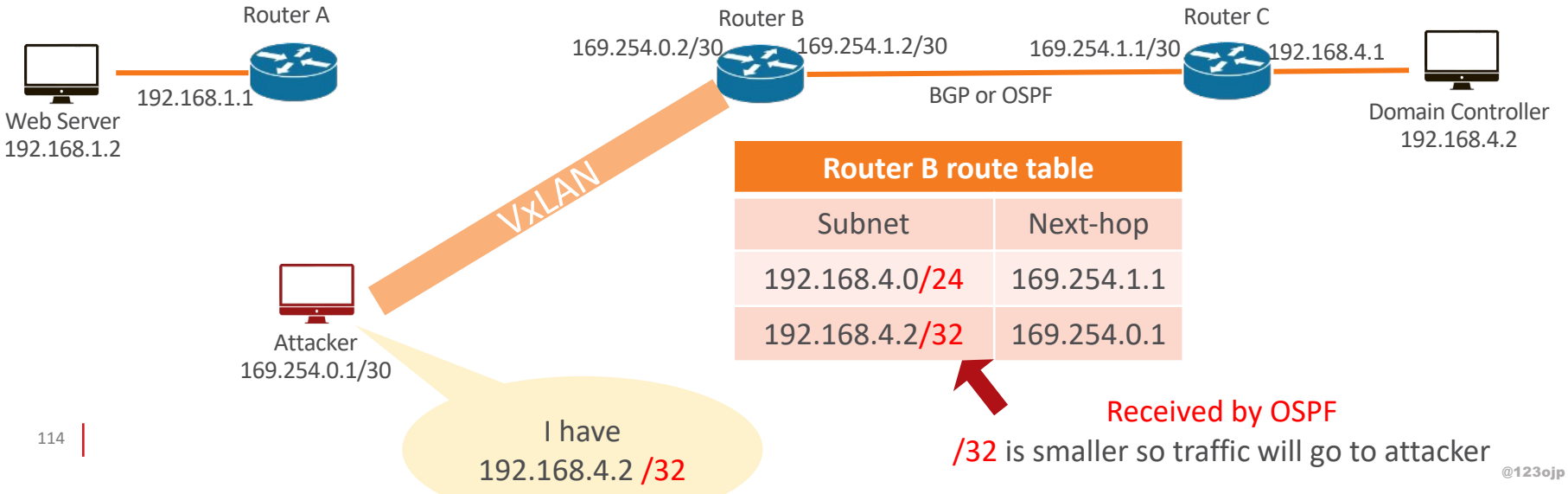

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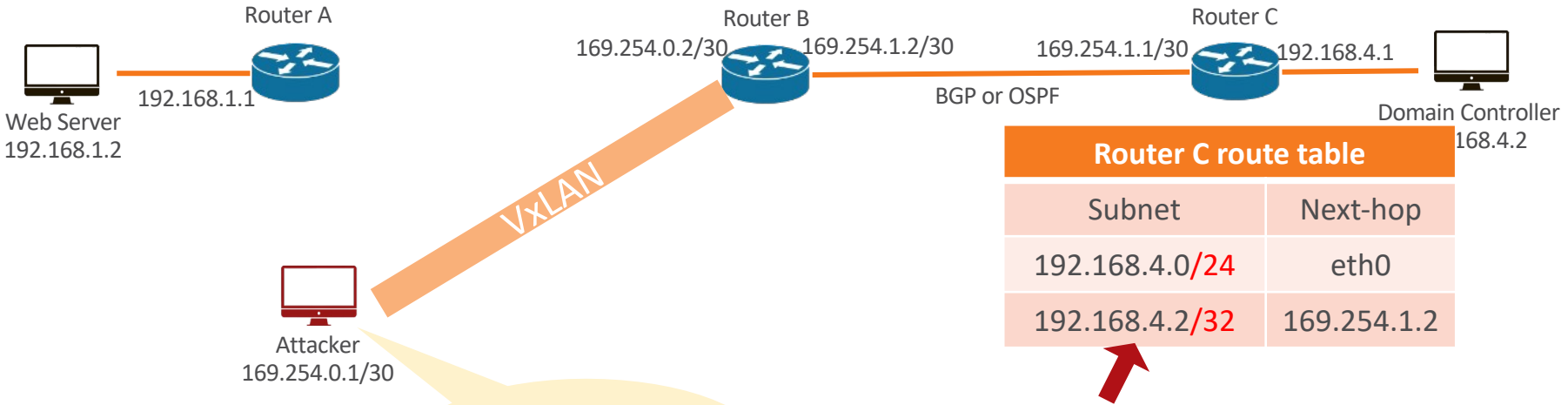

Router C route table

Subnet	Next-hop
192.168.4.0/24	eth0
192.168.4.2/32	169.254.1.2

Received by OSPF

/32 is smaller so traffic will go to attacker

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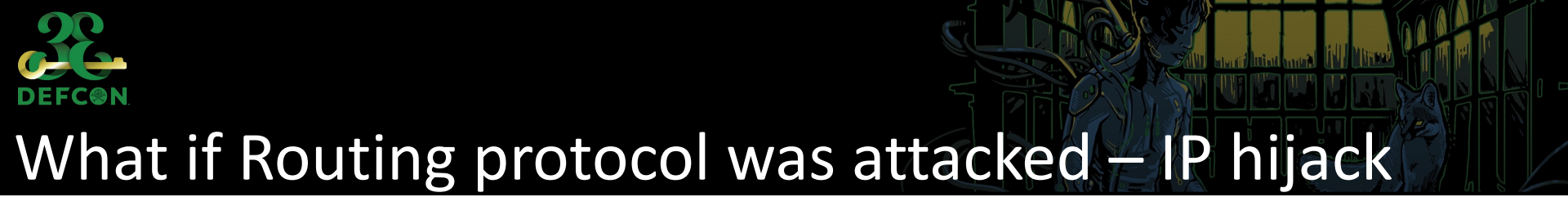

What if Routing protocol was attacked – IP hijack

Hijack Target	Requirement	Affect
Domain control with NTLM relay	Disabled SMB signing or ADCS ECS8	Domain take over
Windows services with responder	Weak password, Hashcat	User account take over
Domain control but doing nothing	None	DoS
DNS server	None	DNS hijack
vSphere / PVE / Other HTTPS Service	MITM (if the original SSL is not validated, user will not notice)	vSphere / PVE take over Account take over
SSH server	User needs to trust new ssh signature (User might not notice)	Server take over

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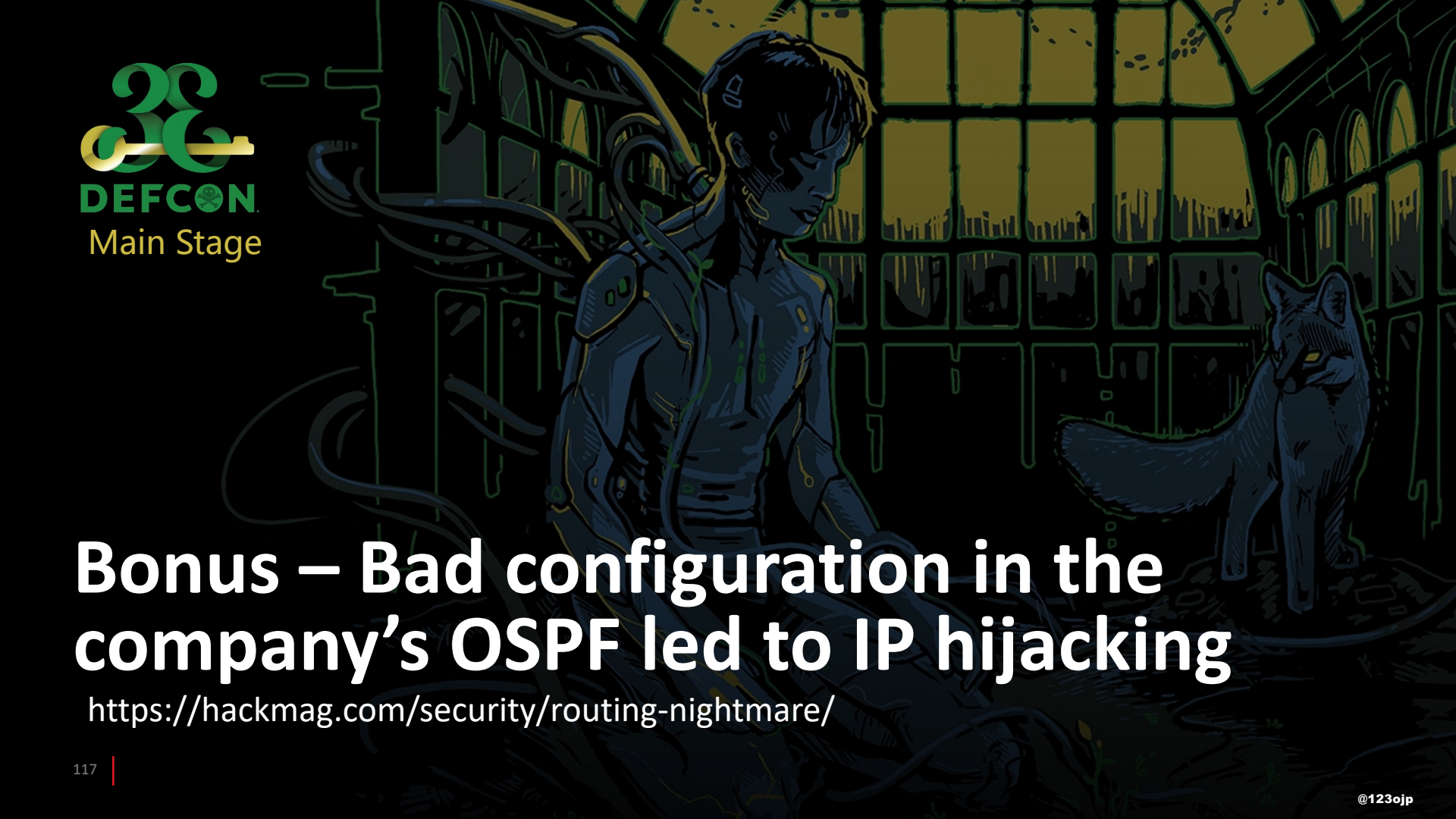

Bonus – Bad configuration in the company's OSPF led to IP hijacking

https://hackmag.com/security/routing-nightmare/

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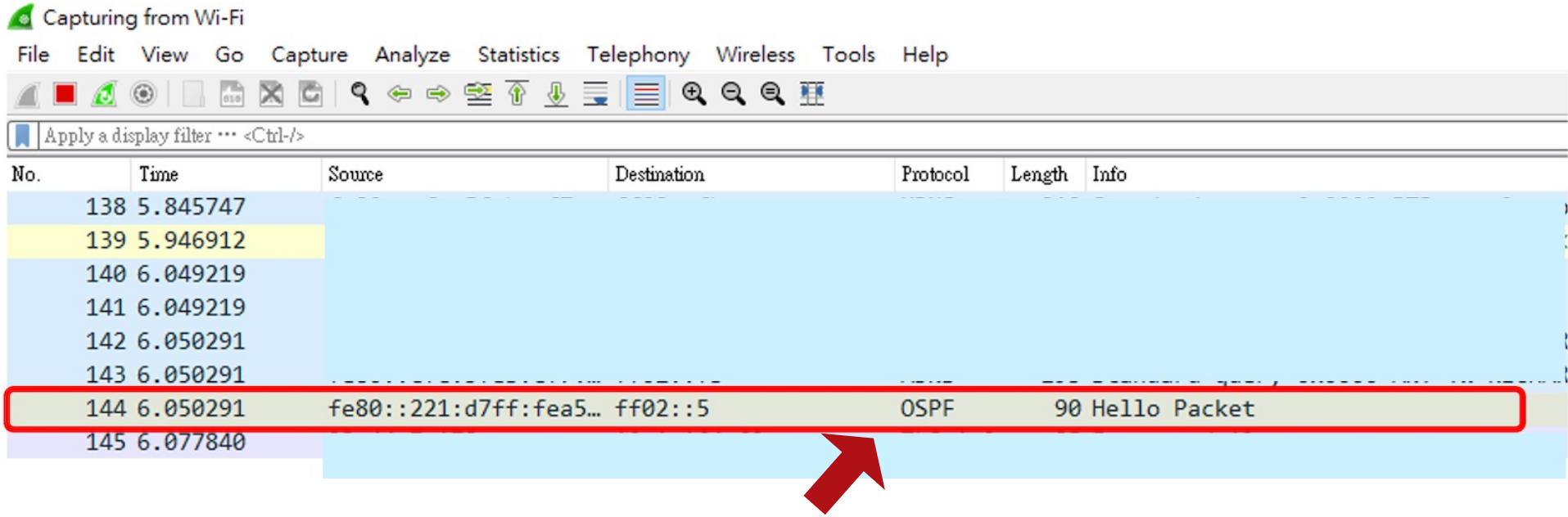
Do you check tcpdump after get into intranet?



If you see this on victim's intranet it might be vulnerable.

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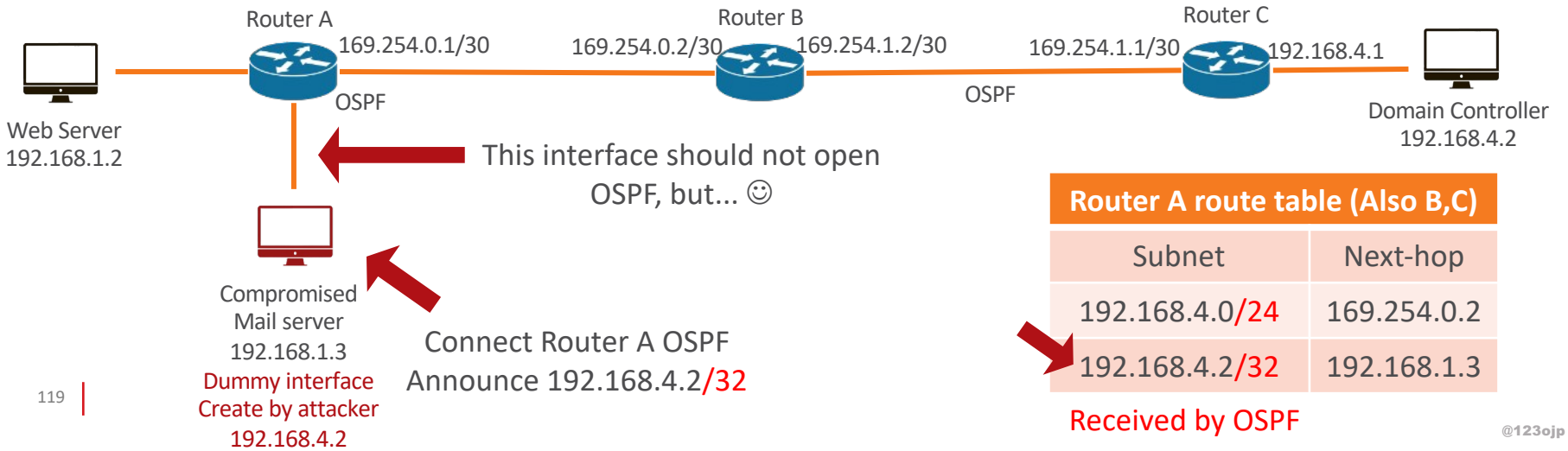
Bad configuration OSPF

- Some companies use OSFP for intranet routing
- And open to all interfaces (ports)
- Attacker could connect to OSPF and do IP hijack with any devices



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Take aways



Take aways - Blue Team

- Check all unencrypted tunnels in the company.
  - Don’t use it !
  - e.g., GRE, IPIP, SIT, GRETAP, VXLAN
- Setup secure firewall
  - Filtered intranet outbound traffic (SYN-ACK)
  - Check IP spoofing in intranet
- ALL ISPs should block IP spoofing (but it is not possible)
- Check if OSPF is only enabled on ports between routers.
- Monitor Routing Prefixes for Anomalies
  - Setup Minimum Acceptable Prefix Size in routers, e.g., /24

Take aways – Red team

- Scan or OSINT victims' unencrypted tunnels
- Once Inside the Intranet, Check Victims' Networking
  - Use Source IP Spoofing Technique During High-Risk Scanning
  - Check for OSPF Hello Messages
- Scan for misconfigured VxLAN
  - Hijack tunnel to get intranet access
  - Abuse routing protocol and hijack Ips
- Future research
- Scan, Find, Hack!

https://github.com/123ojp/GREtunnel-scanner
https://github.com/123ojp/VxLAN-Scanner



Take aways – Tools Maker

- Implement intranet IP spoofing C&C tool
  - Automated testing of IP spoofing feasibility for the target intranet.
  - Some router still do SNAT even if the packet is a server response
    - Automated correction for IP destination and IP source mismatches within the same TCP session
  - Automated sending of an H.323 or a new TCP packet to trigger the router's NAT mechanism for ISPs that filter private IP addresses as source IPs.
  - Automated OSPF IP hijack & NTLM relay to DC
- Implement a more efficient GRE scanner for global scan
  - similar to masscan


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