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PR-1 NETWORK SECURITY LAB

Practical	4 Periods per week	Term Work	25 Marks
Total Periods	60 Periods	Term End Exam	50 Marks
Examination	3 Hours	TOTAL MARKS	75 Marks

LIST OF PRACTICALS

- 1. Installation and comparison of various anti virus software
- 2. Installation and study of various parameters of firewall.
- 3. Writing program in C to Encrypt/Decrypt using XOR key.
- 4. Study of VPN.
- 5. Study of various hacking tools.
- 6. Practical applications of digital signature

Expt1.

Installation and comparison of various anti virus software

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Camlin Page No. 02 Experiment Name / No.: . Date | | encode the structured of the proteins by which the vigues action protes coal the capsing which suggrounds and protects the genetic material and in same cases (111) any out vide envelope of lipids. The shapes of these virus particles range from simple helical and cosanedpal form tomorropow complex startuges. Must vigue species have vigions too small to be seen with an optical micro (scope and are one-hundredth the size of most backenia. Lypes of virgues: vinus is a fragment of code embaded in a legitimate program . Vigues age self replicating and to infelt other program they can wreak derigned hover in a system by modifing of dertroying files couting system crather and program malt cenchions (2) File vinu: This type of virgue infects the system by appending 20 it self to the and of a file. It changes the start of a privagian to that the control jumps to its coole After the enecution of its code the control returns back to the main program. Ots execution is noteven noticed. It is also called a paragitic vinus because it leaves no 25 file intact but also leaves the host functions. Teacher's Signature:____

Camlin Page No. 03 Experiment Name / No.: -Date 1 1 (2) Boot Gector vinu: It infects the boot sector of the system enecuting every time system is booted and before the operating system is loaded. It infects other boatable medaa live flopy disus. These are also known as memory as they go not infect the file systems vinue (3) Macza Vigue: Unline most virgues which age whitten in a low-10 level language (live on asembly language) these age wijetter in a high level language line Bayic visal These viques are triggered when a program Capable of executing a macyo is you boy example the Macyo virguses can be contained in spreadpheet Filer 14) Course Code Vinu: It looks boy source code and modifier & do include vigue and to help spread it. 5 Polymarphic Vinus. A vinus signature is nattern that can identify a vinus (a service of bytes that make up virger code) to in order to avoid detection by antivinu a polymorphic vinu changes each time it is installed. The functionality of the vigue genains the same but it's signature is changed. Teacher's Signature:___

Camlin Page No. 04 Experiment Name / No.: Date I I (6) Trojan horse: A triojan house (Topojan) is a type of malwaye that aisquires étselt as légétimete code on software. Once instale the network allacyers are able to carry out any action that a legitimade usery could performs seen as en porting siles modifying data, delecting filler or otherwise altering the contents of the device Antivique : Antivique is a kind of software used to prevent scan detect and delete vigues form a computer. Once installed most antivique softwage quine automatically in bacy ground to provide real time protection against vigue attacys. Comprishensive vigue protection program help protect help protect your files and handware form malware such as worms to Jan houser and spyware and may also offen additional protection such as costamizable wally and website blacking Types of ANTIVIRUS: AVCT :-Aver is one of the most populary antivirgue program that can be obtained for free, and it's easy quereload directly topm the Internet Aver dignis maye it make it into our main list because their Teacher's Signature:___

Camlin Page No. 05 Experiment Name / No .: . vension only encludes vinus and other malware blockage. Onee antivingue softwage usually includes. Avast Antivique: -Avait antivique definitely chould be on any quadows of the bast free antivirgue programs. The artivirgue form Avast is leanture filled antiviry. Nonton Antivinu: Nonton antivique has proven it self to be one of the best antiviques programs. One note worthy feature is its options mobile application which help everys. MCAFEE : 15 * Mcasee multisystem compatibility maltee offer protection across all your device inexpective of the opending system. Realtime malwage detection. * It is world wide leader in online protection. HOW TO INSTALL OF ANTI VIRUS: To install an antivique pragnam anyone computer. Gollow the steps below. I - It you puppchered the antivity program from a 25 getail stope, insent the CD on DVD into the computers dise officer. The installation process should start automatically, Teacher's Signature:___

Camlin Page No. 06 Experiment Name / No.: Date I I with a window opening to help quide you through the Enstall proceed. 2- 95 you downloaded the antivirus program on the internet, find the downloaded tile on your compuler - OF the downloaded file is a zip-file, unzip the file to endpact & access the installation files. Tooy fag a file named setup, ene, install reace, or something similar, then double clicy that file. The installation process should start, 10 with a window opening to help guide you through the install process. 3-91 the ingtallation process window, follow the steps provided to install the antiviry program. The install process provides recommended options so the antivirus program will function properly, which in most cases can be accepted as is the one boy integrat browsens on other helpful programs ton your computer. It prompted to install other software with the antivirus program, unchech all bones or deceilere the install of those energy program. no additional programs should be needed for the antivipue program to install & your successfully on your computer. y- when the install process is complete, close out of the install window. 5-94 year, nemove the CD on DVD From the computers Disc Daire. Teacher's Signature:__

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Experiment Name / No.: Camlin Page No. 08 Date 1 1 Conclusion: From this above emperiment we have successfully studied about how to enstall antivique on our computer of comparision of various antiviryus software.

Expt.2: Installation and study of various parameters of firewall.

Camlin Page No. 09 Experiment Name / No.: ____ 02 Date 1 AIM OF THE EXPERIMENT: Installation and crudy of various parameters of fine wall. System requirement TRAM - JOB (Secondary Memory; 512076 Definition : A Finewall is a device of a combination of systems that supervises 10 the flow of traffic between distinctive parts of the network. A finewall is not only used to protect the system from enterior threats but the threat can be internall as well. Therefore we need protection at each level of the hierarchy of networking systems. for Example, a figurall always enists between a private network and the Interpret which is a public networky thus Filters packets coming in and out. Finewall as a bangieg between the Integret and LAN: (Selecting a pracise Figewall is critical in building up retworking system. Finewall provisions the security appointing gestgicting trattic, authentication, address translation, and allowing and content security Teacher's Signature:

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Camlin Page No. 10 Experiment Name / No.: Date Handware figewall protects the entire network of an organization using it from external threats only. In case, it an employee of the organization is connected to the network via his laptop then he can't avail the protection, On the other hand, sattware figewall provision host-based recurity as the continuage is installed on each of the device connected to the networky, there by protecting the system from enternal at well as integral threats. It is most widely used by mobile users 10 to digitally protect their handset from malicious attacks. Figewall Protection. In ismall networks, we can make each of our network device secured by ensuring that all the software patches are 15 installed, unwanted services are disabled, and security s/w are properly installed within it. In this situation, as also shown in the figure the figure wall siw is mounted on each machine & server and configuree 20 in such a manney that only disted traffic an come in and out of the device. But this works efficiently in small-scale networups only Teacher's Signature:

10 Figewall Protection is small Scale Network an another t and the second in inter 23 major "man anity she shows that loand in L 10 0 31961 PC2. incel 1-silveri Neine 6 riora Work group PC1 Swltch enciation that 2df in the , arrivance DIVID Fele PC-3in , as anyo the senven and the second baco in training in some filter tratic can 1201812112 there wonder althought in small . Put Finewall S/w

Experiment Name / No.: _ Camlin Page No. 11 Date 1 1 On a large-scale networky, it is almost next to impossible to manually conitigure the firewall protection on each mode. The centralized recurity system is a solution to provide a recure s network to big networks. with the help of an enample, it is in the below figure that the figewall wolution is imposed shown with the youter itself, and it becomes simple to handle creangity pollcies. The policies of traffic come in and out into device and can be handled sallely by one device. the 10 This mayer the overfall (security system cost-effective Finewall Protection in Big Hetwonys: PC2 Worry group Internet Routen PC1 Switch File DC 3 Server Teacher's Signature:

Camlin Page No. 12 Experiment Name / No.: Date 1 Dealing with Integnal Threads most of the allacy on the network occurs from inside the system so to deal with its sigewall system ishould be capable of securing from internal threads also. Tew kinds of internal threats are described below. (1) Malicioup cyber-allacts are the most common type of internal cy. The system administration on any employee from the IT depart tment who is having access to the network system can plant some vinuer to steal crucial network enformation on to damage the networking system. (2) Any of the host computers of the internal network of the organization can download malicion internet content with a lacy of knowledge at downloading the vigue also with it. Thus the host systems should have limited access to the internet. All unnecessary browsing (chauled be blocked. (3) Information longe from any of the host PC through pen drives, hand disy, on CD-ROM is also a networky threat to the system This can lead to cycial database leavage of the organization the the outer would on competitors. This can be controlled by disabling the USB ports of host device so that they can't take out any data from the crystem. Components of a firewall System The building blocks of a good finewall system are as dollows: · Perliketer yoular • VPN . Figewall . . IDS. Teacher's Signature:

Camlin Page No. 13 Experiment Name / No.: Date 1 1 · Perimeter router :-The main reason for using it is to provide a ling to a public networking crystem live the integral, of a distinctive organization It perforting the nowing of gata packets by following an appro spriate youting protocol. It also provisions the filtering of pacyets and addressed translations. • Figewall :-An affscurred earlier also its main tarm is to provision distinctive 10 levely of security and supervises traffic among each level. Most of the finewall ensists near the nouter to provide security brom nal threats but sometimes present in the internal network to protect from integral attacks. 15 • VPN --Its function is to provisions a secured connection among two machines of network of a machine and a networky. This consists of encryption, authentication, and pacyet- reliability assurgance. It provisions the secure remote access of the network, there by connecting two 20 WAN networks on the same platform while not being physically connected. • IDS:-Ats function is to identify, produde, investigate, and resolve unauthorized 25 ed altacys. A hacycy can attacy the network on voying ways. It can enecute a Dos attacy on an attacy from the bacyside of the network through some unauthorized access. An IDS, solution should be Teacher's Signature:

Experiment Name / No.: Camlin Page No. 14 Date 1 Figewall Categories Bayed on the Filtening of Halfic there are many categories of the figurall, some are employined below: #1) Pacyot Filtering Figewall: It is a kind of yould which is having the ability to filter the few of the substance of the data pacyets. When wing pacyet. filtening, the rules are classified on the firewall. These rules fing out from the pacyets which traffic is permitted and which are not. #2) Stateful Finewall: It is also called as dynamic packet filleging, it inspects the status of active connections and we that data to find out which of the pacyets should be perimitted through the organall and which are not The flyewall inspects the packet down to the applications layer. By tracing the region glata like IP address and port number of the data packet it can provide much strong security to the network It also inspects both incoming and outgoing traffic they havenes found It difficult to interfere in the networky using this finewall #3) Prony Figewall: These are also known as application gateway tinjewally. The stateful figewall is unable to protect the system Grom HILP based attacks. Therefore provy tigewall is introduced in the manyet. Teacher's Signature:

Camlin Page No. 15 Experiment Name / No .: . Date 1 It Encludes the features of stateful inspection plus having the capability of closely analyzing application layer protocals. Thus it can monitory traffic from HTTP and FIP and find out the possibili-5 ty of altacys. Thus figewall behaves as a priority means the client initiates a connection with the tigewall and the figewall in return initiades a croke link with the creater on the client's side. Finewall in Windows 7:-Windows 7 comes with two figewalls that wory together One is the windows figewall & the other is windows figewall with Advanced Gecunity (WEAS). with finewall in windows I we cantigure inbound 15 outbound quees. By deafult. all authound traffic is allowed, & inbound response to that traffic are also allowed. Inbound mattic initiated from external course is automatically blocked There are three different network profiles available. * Public * Home /worry-private networry Domain - used within a domain . We choose those locations when we connect to a networky. we 25 Can always change the location in the network & sharing center. In control panel. The Domain profile can be automatically Teacher's Signature:

Add a program Celect the program you want to add, on clicy Browsen to find one that is not listed, of then clicy on. Priograms: Bo Greate a system Repair Disc E Internet explorer @ Microsoft web platform Installer Volume activation management Tool 0 Windows DVD mayer De Windows fam & scan E windows media center 0-12 windows genote assistance Di Windows system Image manager A xps viewer Path C: Windows Chome Schome Behshell ence Bnowsey ... what are the risks of unblocking a program? You can choose which now location types to add this program Networm location type [Add] [Cancel] Robannihner Ormuchiany

Camlin Page No. 16 Experiment Name / No .: Date 1 anigned by the NCA (require when we log on to an Active Directory domain. Note that we must have administrative Tights onden to configure finewall in windows 5 Configuring Windows firewall :-To open windows figewall we change to start? Control panel > windows Figewall. Enceptions :-To change crettings in this windows we have to click the "change crettings" button, we can also see the defaile the list by the celecting it & then of the étems in dicying the Detaily button. Detail: -Of we have a programme on our computer that is not in this list, we can manually add clicying ČF. on the "Allow another program" button. Add a program . Here we have to browse to the eneculable of our program & then clicy the cold button. Notice that we can also choose location types on which this program will be allowed to communicate by clicying on the "networky 25 location types" button. Teacher's Signature:

choose Networmiclocation Types × Allow this program on port to communicate through windows finewall For the selected networky locations: E yome/wory (private) : Networys at home of wory where you know & Trust the people & devices on the network + D Public: Networks in public places such as air ports on coffee shops. what are networky locations? Cancel on

Camlin Page No. 17 Experiment Name / No.: Date 1 1 Turn on or off windows figewall :-Windows figewall can be turned off completely. To do that we can crelect the "Twyn windows Figewall off" option from the menu on the laft." How to start & use the windows figewall with advanced recurity The windows sigewall with advanced (security is a too) which gives us detailed control over the gules that are applied by the windows figewall, we can view all rules that are used by the windows figewall. We view all the river that are used by the windows finewall change their properties, create new quee of disable ensisting Oner. On this tuborial we will charge how to open the Window Finewall with advanced recurrity, how to find us way around It & faly about the types of quiles that age available und of traffic they filter. Windows Figewall with advance (Security :-The windows sigewall with advanced recurity is a tool which give up detailed control over the ruley that are applied by the windows Figewall. going To open the Andarof wholews figewall wholew by to "control panel -> system & crecupity -> windows figewall then, clicy to tap advanced Getting Teacher's Signature

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Camlin Paga No. 18 Experiment Name / No.: . Date | | CONCLUSION :-On the above enperiment we have crtudied various figewalls & installation of figewalls. 10

Expt.3:

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Writing program in C to Encrypt/Decrypt using XOR key.
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
void encryptDecrypt(char *input, const char *key) {
  int inputLen = strlen(input);
  int keyLen = strlen(key);
  int i;
  for (i = 0; i < inputLen; i++) {
    input[i] = input[i] ^ key[i % keyLen]; // XOR operation with key
  }
}
int main() {
  char input[100];
  char key[100];
  int choice;
  printf("Enter input string: ");
  gets(input);
  printf("Enter key: ");
  gets(key);
  printf("Select operation:\n");
  printf("1. Encrypt\n");
  printf("2. Decrypt\n");
  printf("Enter your choice: ");
  scanf("%d", &choice);
  switch (choice) {
    case 1:
      encryptDecrypt(input, key);
      printf("Encrypted string: %s\n", input);
      break;
    case 2:
      encryptDecrypt(input, key);
      printf("Decrypted string: %s\n", input);
      break;
    default:
      printf("Invalid choice. Exiting...\n");
  }
 return 0;
}
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Expt. 4:

Study of VPN

VPN

VPN stands for "Virtual Private Network" and describes the opportunity to establish a protected network connection when using public networks. VPNs encrypt your internet traffic and disguise online identity. This makes it more difficult for third parties to track the activities online and steal data. The encryption takes place in **real time**.

Working of VPN

A VPN hides the IP address by letting the network redirect it through a specially configured remote server run by a VPN host. This means that if we surf online with a VPN, the VPN server becomes the source of your data. This means our Internet Service Provider (ISP) and other third parties cannot see which websites you visit or what data you send and receive online.

The benefits of a VPN connection

A VPN connection disguises the data traffic online and protects it from external access. Unencrypted data can be viewed by anyone who has network access and wants to see it. With a VPN, hackers and cyber criminals can't decipher this data.

Secure encryption: To read the data, there is a need of an *encryption key*. With the help of a VPN, our online activities are hidden even on public networks.

Disguising where-abouts: VPN servers essentially act as proxies on the internet. Because the demographic location data comes from a server in another country, the actual location of the user cannot be determined. In addition, most VPN services do not store logs of user activities. Some providers, on the other hand, record the user's behavior, but do not pass this information on to third parties. This means that any potential record of user behavior remains permanently hidden.

Access to regional content: Regional web content is not always accessible from everywhere. Services and websites often contain content that can only be accessed from certain parts of the world. Standard connections use local servers in the country to determine the user's location. This means that the user cannot access content at home while traveling, and cannot access international content from home. With VPN location **spoofing**, the user can switch to a server to another country and effectively "change" the location.

Secure data transfer: If the user works remotely, he/she may need to access important files on company's network. For security reasons, this kind of information requires a secure connection. To gain access to the network, a VPN connection is often required. VPN services connect to private servers and use encryption methods to reduce the risk of data leakage.

Reason of VPN connection:

The ISP usually sets up the connection when we connect to the internet. It tracks the user via an IP address. The network traffic is routed through the ISP's servers, which can log and display everything the user does online.

The ISP may share the browsing history with advertisers, the police or government, and/or other third parties. ISPs can also fall victim to attacks by cyber criminals: If they are hacked, the personal and private data of the user can be compromised.

Responsibility of VPN:

VPN should perform one or more tasks. The VPN itself should also be protected against compromise. These are the features of VPN solution:

- Encryption of IP address: The primary job of a VPN is to hide IP address of the user from the ISP and other third parties. This allows the user to send and receive information online without the risk of anyone but the user and the VPN provider seeing it.
- Encryption of protocols: A VPN should also prevent the user from leaving traces, for example, in the form of internet history, search history and cookies. The encryption of cookies is especially important because it prevents third parties from gaining access to confidential information such as personal data, financial information and other content on websites.
- **Kill switch:** If the VPN connection is suddenly interrupted, the secure connection will also be interrupted. A good VPN can detect this sudden downtime and terminate preselected programs, reducing the likelihood that data is compromised.
- Two-factor authentication: By using a variety of authentication methods, a strong VPN checks everyone who tries to log in. For example, you might be prompted to enter a password, after which a code is sent to your mobile device. This makes it difficult for uninvited third parties to access your secure connection.

The history of VPNs

Since humans have been using the internet, there has been a movement to protect and encrypt internet browser data. The US Department of Defense already got involved in projects working on the encryption of internet communication data back in the 1960s.

The predecessors of the VPN

Their efforts led to the creation of **ARPANET** (Advanced Research Projects Agency Network), a packet switching network, which in turn led to the development of the Transfer Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP).

The **TCP/IP** had four levels: **Link**, **internet**, **transport** and **application**. At the internet level, local networks and devices could be connected to the universal network – and this is where the risk of exposure became clear. In 1993, a team from Columbia University and AT&T Bell Labs finally succeeded in creating a kind of first version of the modern VPN, known as swIPe: Software IP encryption protocol.

VPNs and their current use

According to the *GlobalWebIndex*, the number of VPN users worldwide increased more than fourfold between 2016 and 2018. In countries such as Thailand, Indonesia and China, where internet use is restricted and censored, **one in fiveinternet users** uses a VPN. In the USA, Great Britain and Germany, the proportion of VPN users is **lowerat around 5%**, but is growing.

One of the biggest drivers for VPN adoption in recent years has been the increasing demand for content with geographical access restrictions. For example, video streaming services such as Netflix or YouTube make certain videos available only in certain countries.

How to surf securely with a VPN

A VPN encrypts the surfing behavior, which can only be decoded with the help of a key. Only the user's computer and the VPN know this key, so the ISP cannot recognize where the user is surfing. Different VPNs use different encryption processes, but generally function in three steps:

- 1. Once the user is online, start the VPN. The VPN acts as a secure tunnel between the user and the internet. The ISP and other third parties cannot detect this tunnel.
- 2. The user's device is now on the local network of the VPN, and the IP address can be changed to an IP address provided by the VPN server.
- 3. The user can now surf the internet at will, as the VPN protects all the personal data.

Types of VPN:

There are many different types of VPNs, but you should definitely be familiar with the three main types:

SSL VPN

Often not all employees of a company have access to a company laptop they can use to work from home. During the corona crisis in Spring 2020, many companies faced the problem of not having enough equipment for their employees. In such cases, use of a private device (PC, laptop, tablet, mobile phone) is often resorted to. In this case, companies fall back on an **SSL-VPN** solution, which is usually implemented via a corresponding hardware box.

The prerequisite is usually an HTML-5-capable browser, which is used to call up the company's login page. HTML-5 capable browsers are available for virtually any operating system. Access is guarded with a username and password.

Site-to-site VPN

A **site-to-site VPN** is essentially a private network designed to hide private intranets and allow users of these secure networks to access each other's resources.

A site-to-site VPN is useful if there is multiple locations of a company, each with its own local area network (LAN) connected to the WAN (Wide Area Network). Site-to-site VPNs are mainly used in large companies. They are complex to implement and do not offer the same flexibility as SSL VPNs. However, they are the most effective way to ensure communication within and between large departments.

Client-to-Server VPN

Connecting via a **VPN client** can be imagined as if you were connecting your home PC to the company with an extension cable. Employees can dial into the company network from their home office via the secure connection and act as if they were sitting in the office. However, a VPN client must first be installed and configured on the computer.

The advantage of this type of VPN access is greater efficiency and universal access to company resources.

Installation of VPN on computer?

Before installing a VPN, it is important to be familiar with the different implementation methods:

VPN client

Software must be installed for standalone VPN clients. This software is configured to meet the requirements of the endpoint. When setting up the VPN, the endpoint executes the VPN link and connects to the other endpoint, creating the encryption tunnel. In companies, this step usually requires the entry of a password issued by the company or the installation of an appropriate certificate. By using a password or certificate, the firewall can recognize that this is an authorized connection. The employee then identifies him/herself by means of credentials known to him/her.

Browser extensions

VPN extensions can be added to most web browsers such as Google Chrome and Firefox. Some browsers, including Opera, even have their own integrated VPN extensions. Extensions make it easier for users to quickly switch and configure their VPN while surfing the internet.

Users are also advised to choose a reputable extension, as *data harvesters* may attempt to use fake VPN extensions. Data harvesting is the collection of personal data, such as what marketing strategists do to create a personal profile of you. Advertising content is then

personally tailored to you. Router VPN

If multiple devices are connected to the same internet connection, it may be easier to implement the VPN directly on the router than to install a separate VPN on each device. A router VPN is especially useful if you want to protect devices with an internet connection that are not easy to configure, such as smart TVs. They can even help you access geographically restricted content through your home entertainment systems.

A router VPN is easy to install, always provides security and privacy, and prevents your network from being compromised when insecure devices log on. However, it may be more difficult to manage if your router does not have its own user interface. This can lead to incoming connections being blocked.

Company VPN

A company VPN is a custom solution that requires personalized setup and technical support. The VPN is usually created for you by the company's IT team. As a user, you have no administrative influence from the VPN itself and your activities and data transfers are logged by your company. This allows the company to minimize the potential risk of data leakage. The main advantage of a corporate VPN is a fully secure connection to the company's intranet and server, even for employees who work outside the company using their own internet connection.

VPN on smartphone or other devices

There are a number of VPN options for smartphones and other internet-connected devices. A VPN can be essential for mobile device if it is used to store payment information or other personal data or even just to surf the internet. Many VPN providers also offer mobile solutions - many of which can be downloaded directly from Google Play or the Apple App Store, such as Kaspersky VPN Secure Connection.

Is a VPN secure?

It is important to note that VPNs do not function like comprehensive anti-virus software. While they protect the IP and encrypt internet history, a VPN connection does not protect the computer from outside intrusion.

It is therefore important to use a VPN together with a comprehensive anti-virus program to ensure maximum security.

Selecting a secure VPN provider

It is also important that to choose a VPN provider that can be trusted. While the ISP cannot see the internet traffic, the VPN provider can. If the VPN provider is compromised, so the user connection is compromised. For this reason, it is crucial that to choose a trusted VPN provider to ensure both the concealment of internet activities and ensure the highest level of security.

Conclusion

A VPN connection establishes a secure connection between the user and the internet. Via the VPN, all the user data traffic is routed through an encrypted virtual tunnel. This disguises the user IP address when the user use the internet, making its location invisible to everyone.

From this experiment we also studied types of VPN and its working.