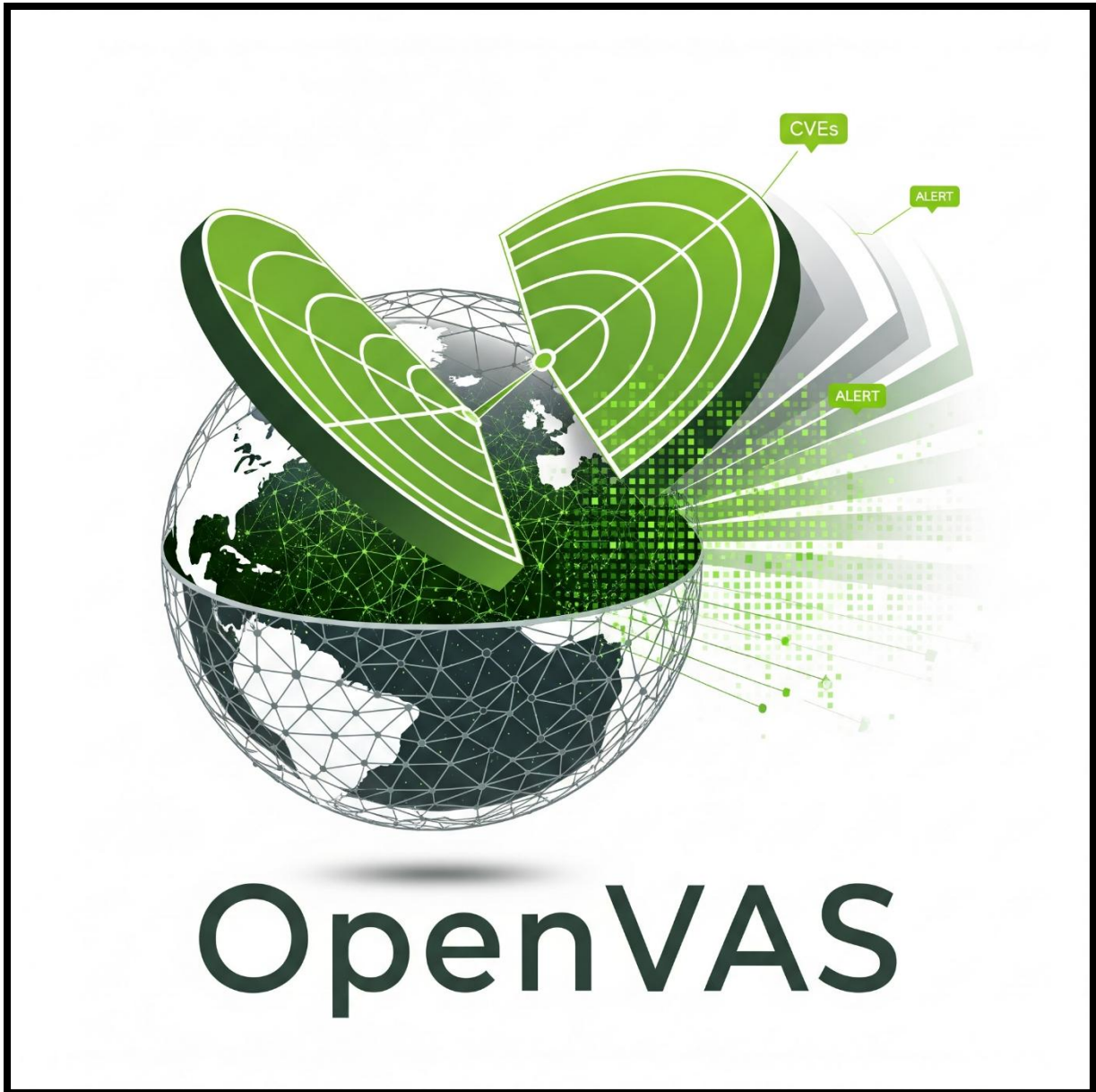


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OpenVAS: Open Source Vulnerability Scanner

Task 1:

Install & Setup OpenVAS:

```
(ayeshanadeem@ayeshanadeem)-[~]
$ sudo apt install openvas
Note, selecting 'gvm' instead of 'openvas'
gvm is already the newest version (24.11.1).
The following packages were automatically installed and are no longer needed:
  dnsmap          libconfig++9v5      libglu1-mesa-dev
  figlet           libconfig9           libglusterfs0
  finger          libdaxctl1           libglut-dev
  firebird3.0-common libdirectfb-1.7-7t64 libglut3.12
  firebird3.0-common-doc libegl-dev           libglvnd-core-dev
  fonts-liberation2 libflac12t64         libglvnd-dev
  freerdp2-x11     libfmt9              libglx-dev
  hydra-gtk        libfreerdp-client2-2t64 libgspell-1-5
  ibverbs-providers libfreerdp2-2t64     libgtk2.0-0t64
  imagemagick      libgail-common       libgtk2.0-ba
  imagemagick-6.q16 libgail18t64         libgtk2.0-co
  imagemagick-7.q16 libgdal34t64         libgtksource
  libarmadillo12   libgeos3.12.1t64    libgtksource
  libassuan0       libgeos3.13.0       libgtksource
  libavfilter9     libgfapi0            libgumbo2
  libavformat60    libgfrpc0            libhdf5-103-
  libbfio1         libgfxdr0            libhdf5-hl-
  libblosc2-4      libgl-dev            libibverbs1
  libboost-iostreams1.83.0 libgl1-mesa-dev      libice-dev
  libboost-thread1.83.0 libglapi-mesa        libimobilede
  libcapstone4     libgles-dev          libiniparse
  libcephfs2       libgles1             libjim0.82t6
Use 'sudo apt autoremove' to remove them.

Summary:
  Upgrading: 0, Installing: 0, Removing: 0, Not Upgrading: 0
```

```
(root@ayeshanadeem)-[/home/ayeshanadeem]
# sudo gvm-setup

[>] Starting PostgreSQL service
[>] Creating GVM's certificate files
[>] Creating PostgreSQL database
[*] Creating database user
[*] Creating database
[*] Creating permissions
CREATE ROLE
[*] Applying permissions
GRANT ROLE
[*] Creating extension uuid-oss
CREATE EXTENSION
[*] Creating extension pgcrypto
CREATE EXTENSION
[*] Creating extension pg-gvm
CREATE EXTENSION
[>] Migrating database
[>] Checking for GVM admin user
[*] Creating user admin for gvm
[*] Please note the generated admin password
[*] User created with password '4db0beaf-475e-4e74-a5ee-760acbbd8ccc'.
[*] Configure Feed Import Owner
[*] Define Feed Import Owner
[*] Update GVM feeds
Running as root. Switching to user '_gvm' and group '_gvm'.
Trying to acquire lock on /var/lib/openvas/feed-update.lock
[*] Checking Default scanner
[*] Modifying Default Scanner
Scanner modified.
[+] Done
[*] Please note the password for the admin user
[*] User created with password '4db0beaf-475e-4e74-a5ee-760acbbd8ccc'.
[>] You can now run gvm-check-setup to make sure everything is correctly configured
```

Task 2

Configure & Start GVM

Creating Admin & setting Password:

```
(root@ayeshanadeem)-[/home/ayeshanadeem]
# sudo gvmc --user=admin --new-password=2581
```

To create a new user:

```
(root@ayeshanadeem)-[/home/ayeshanadeem]
# sudo runuser -u _gvm -- gvmc --create-user=user1 --new-password=12345
```

Admin Password Change:

```
(root@ayeshanadeem)-[/home/ayeshanadeem]
# sudo runuser -u _gvm -- gvmc --user=admin --new-password=25811
```

Verifying Installation:

```
File Actions Edit View Help
(ayeshanadeem@ayeshanadeem)-[~]
$ sudo gvm-check-setup
[sudo] password for ayeshanadeem:
gvm-check-setup 23.11.0
Test completeness and readiness of GVM-23.11.0
Step 1: Checking OpenVAS (Scanner)...
OK: OpenVAS Scanner is present in version 23.13.1.
OK: Notus Scanner is present in version 22.6.4.
OK: Server CA Certificate is present as /var/lib/gvm/CA/servercert.pem.
Checking permissions of /var/lib/openvas/gnupg/*
OK: _gvm owns all files in /var/lib/openvas/gnupg
OK: redis-server is present.
OK: scanner (db_address setting) is configured properly using the redis
OK: the mqtt_server_uri is defined in /etc/openvas/openvas.conf
OK: _gvm owns all files in /var/lib/openvas/plugins
OK: NVT collection in /var/lib/openvas/plugins contains 3228 NVTs.
OK: The notus directory /var/lib/notus/products contains 495 NVTs.
OK: gsad service is active.
Step 8: Checking few other requirements...
OK: nmap is present.
OK: ssh-keygen found, LSC credential generation for GNU/Linux targets is likely to work.
OK: nsis found, LSC credential package generation for Microsoft Windows targets is likely to work.
OK: xsltproc found.
WARNING: Your password policy is empty.
SUGGEST: Edit the /etc/gvm/pwppolicy.conf file to set a password policy.
Step 9: Checking greenbone-security-assistant...
OK: greenbone-security-assistant is installed

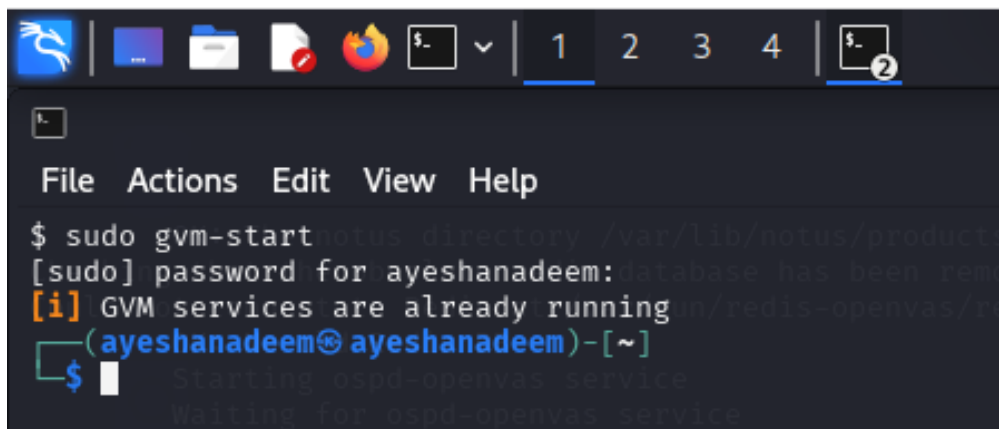
It seems like your GVM-23.11.0 installation is OK.
```

Starting GVM:

```
(ayeshanadeem@ayeshanadeem)-[~]
$ sudo rm -f /var/lib/gvm/feed-update.lock

(ayeshanadeem@ayeshanadeem)-[~]
$ sudo -u _gvm greenbone-feed-sync --type all
Trying to acquire lock on /var/lib/openvas/feed-update.lock
Acquired lock on /var/lib/openvas/feed-update.lock
: Downloading Notus files from rsync://feed.community.greenbone.net/community/vulnerability-feed/22.04/vt-data/notus/ to /var/lib/notus
: Downloading NASL files from rsync://feed.community.greenbone.net/community/vulnerability-feed/22.04/vt-data/nasl/ to /var/lib/openvas/plugins
Releasing lock on /var/lib/openvas/feed-update.lock

Trying to acquire lock on /var/lib/gvm/feed-update.lock
Acquired lock on /var/lib/gvm/feed-update.lock
: Downloading SCAP data from rsync://feed.community.greenbone.net/community/vulnerability-feed/22.04/scap-data/ to /var/lib/gvm/scap-data
: Downloading CERT-Bund data from rsync://feed.community.greenbone.net/community/vulnerability-feed/22.04/cert-data/ to /var/lib/gvm/cert-data
: Downloading gvmdata data from rsync://feed.community.greenbone.net/community/data-feed/22.04/ to /var/lib/gvm/data-objects/gvmd/22.04
Releasing lock on /var/lib/gvm/feed-update.lock
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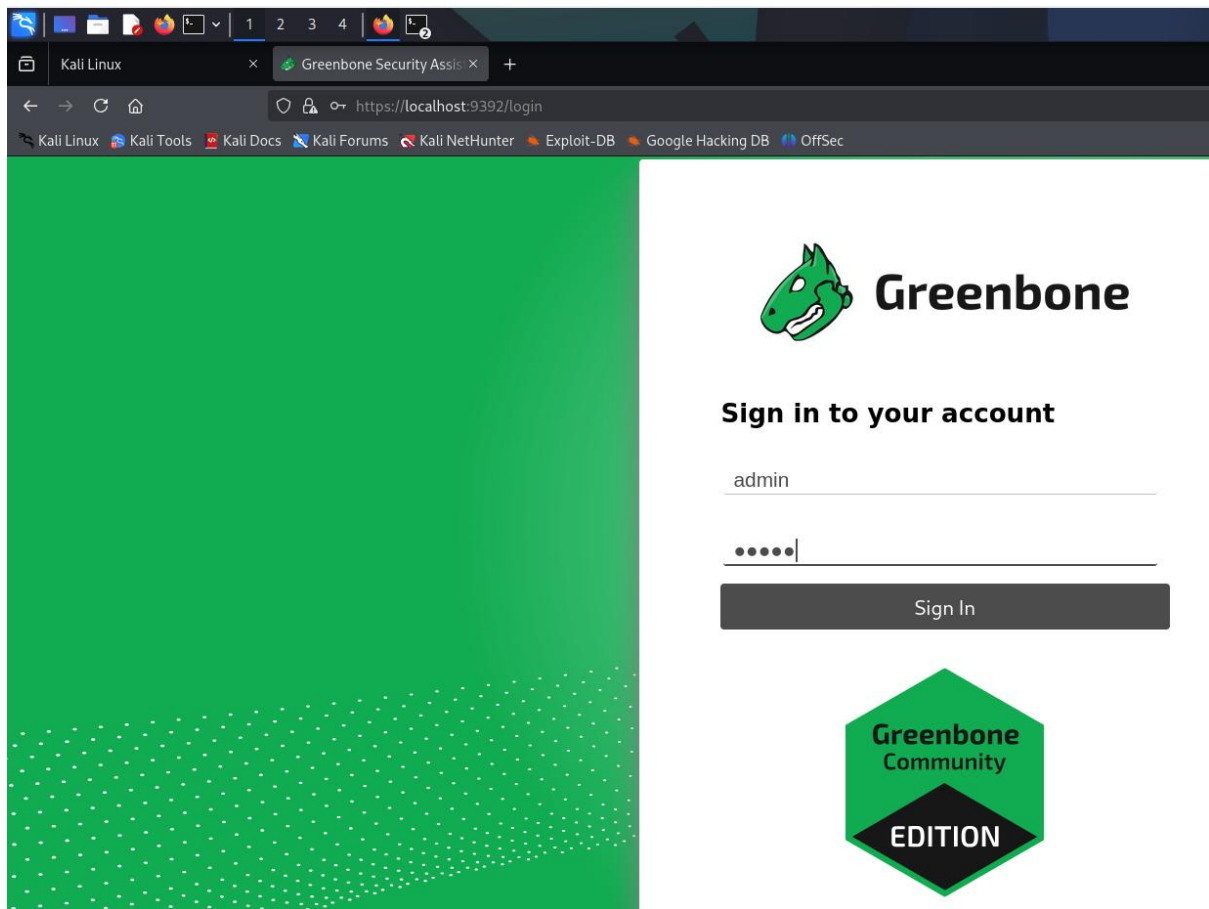


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$ sudo gvm-start notus directory /var/lib/notus/products
[sudo] password for ayeshanadeem: database has been removed
[i] GVM services are already running in /redis-openvas/redis
(ayeshanadeem@ayeshanadeem)-[~]
$ sudo systemctl start ospsd-openvas
Starting ospsd-openvas service
Waiting for ospsd-openvas service
```

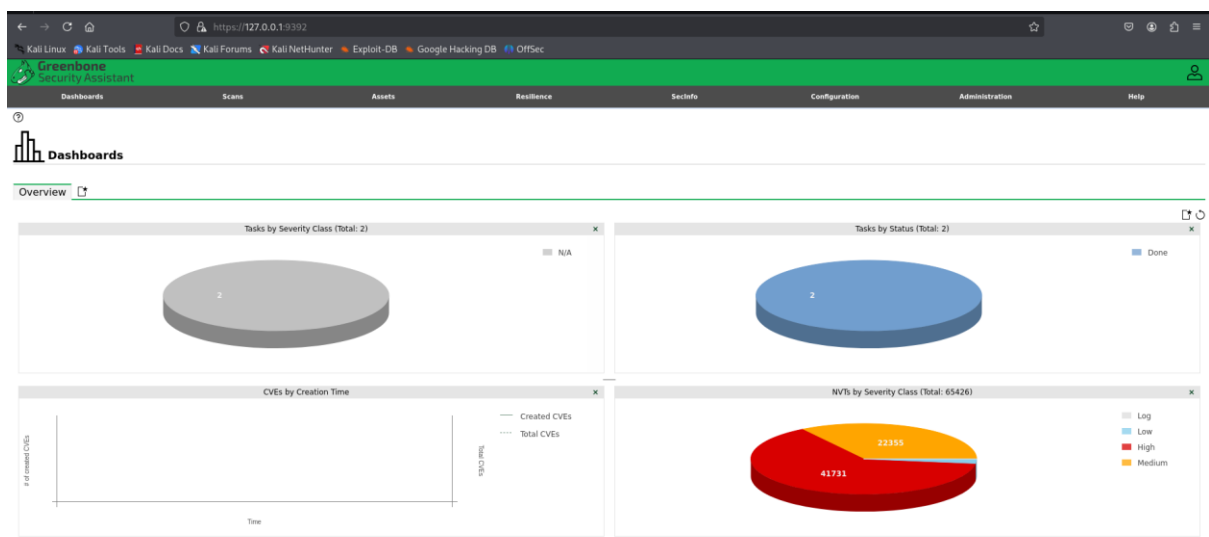
If not start automatically, type <https://localhost:9392>

Greenbone Log-in

Add admin credentials that you set above



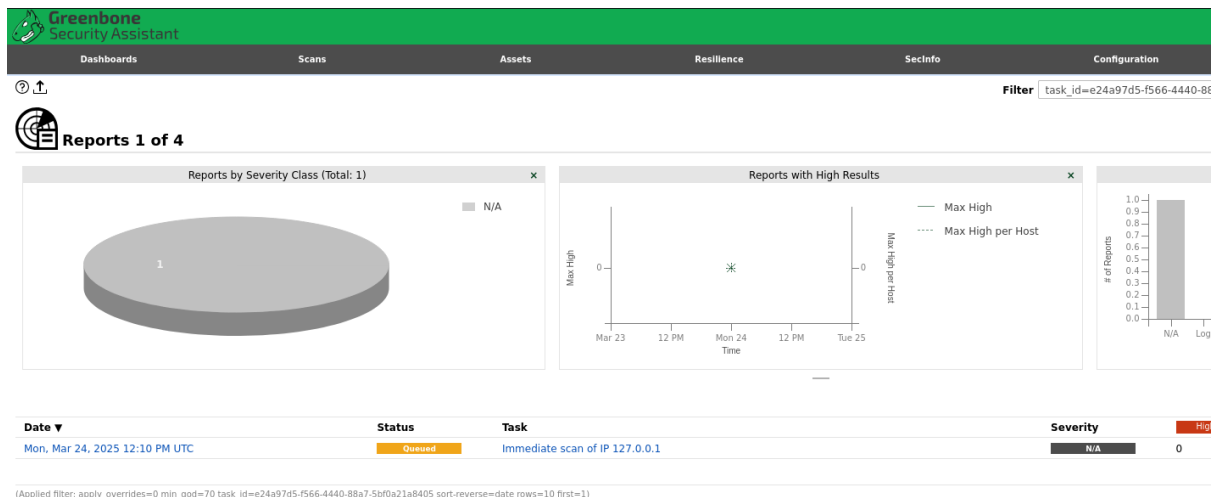
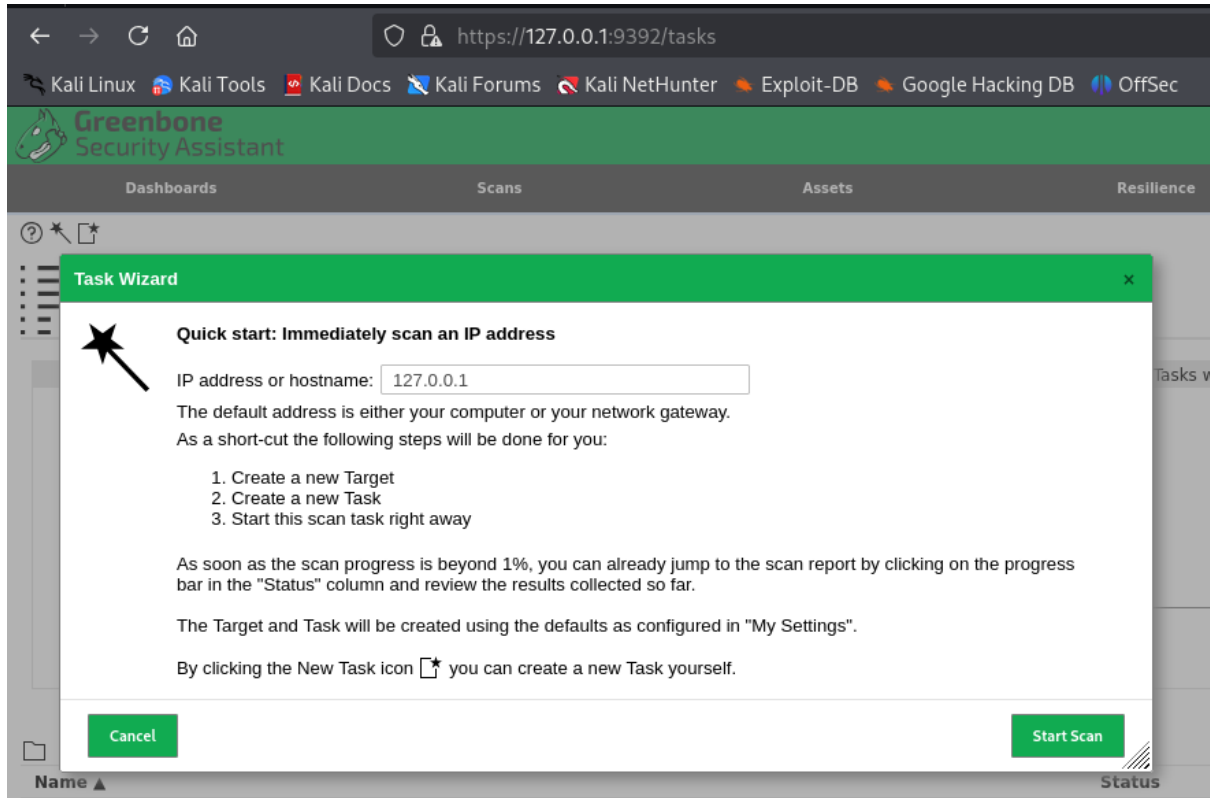
Greenbone Dashboard



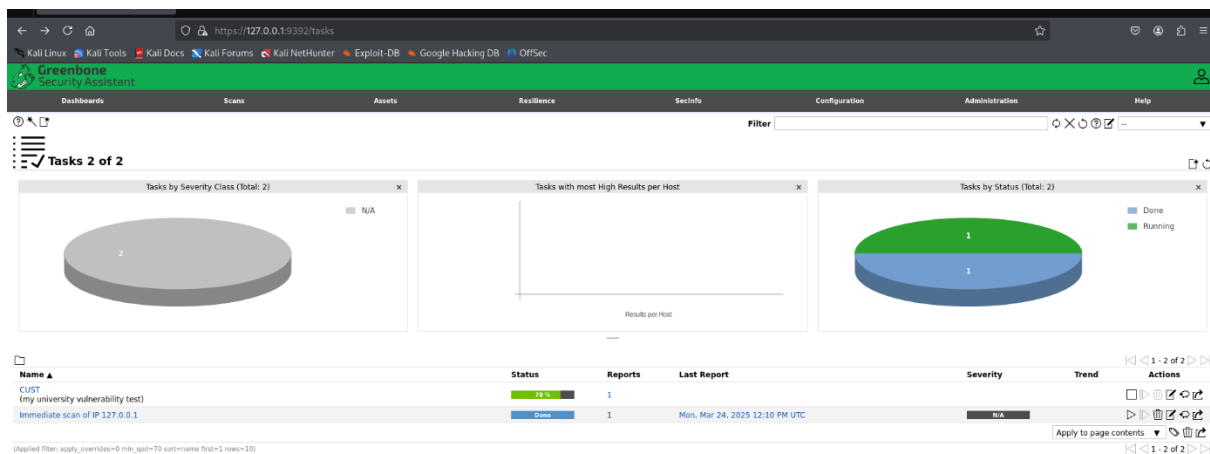
Task 3

Perform a basic scanning:

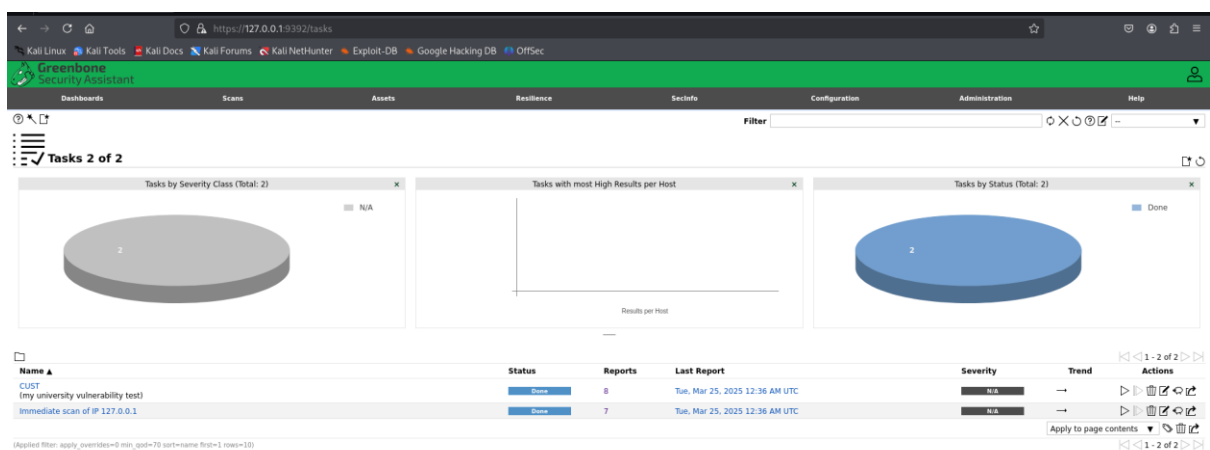
Local Host Scan



Cust IP scan



Scanned Done (of both CUST IP and local host)



Additional screen shots:

Scan Config:

The screenshot shows the Greenbone Security Assistant interface. The top navigation bar includes Dashboard, Scans, Assets, Resilience, SecInfo, Configuration, Administration, and Help. The main content area displays 'Scan Configs 7 of 7'. A table lists various scan configurations:

Name	Family	Total	Trend	NVTs	Total	Trend	Actions
Base (Basic configuration template with a minimum set of NVTs required for a scan. Version 20200827.)	1	→	0	→			
Discovery (Network Discovery scan configuration. Version 20201215.)	3	→	15	↗			
empty (Empty and static configuration template. Version 20201215.)	0	→	0	→			
Full and fast (Most NVTs; optimized by using previously collected information. Version 20201215.)	11	↗	65426	↗			
Host Discovery (Network Host Discovery scan configuration. Version 20201215.)	1	→	0	→			
Log4Shell (Configuration with checks for Log4j and CVE-2021-44228. Version 20211227.)	1	→	0	→			
System Discovery (Network System Discovery scan configuration. Version 20201215.)	1	→	0	→			

Applied filter: sort=name first=1 rows=10

Feed Status

Dashboards

Scans

Assets

Resilience

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Feed Status

Type	Content	Origin	Version	Status
NVT	<div><div></div><div>NVTs</div></div>	Greenbone Community Feed	20250324T0642	Current
SCAP	<div><div><div></div><div>CVEs</div></div><div><div></div><div>CPEs</div></div></div>	Greenbone SCAP Data Feed	20250324T0506	Current
CERT	<div><div><div></div><div>CERT-Bund Advisories</div></div><div><div></div><div>DFN-CERT Advisories</div></div></div>	Greenbone CERT Data Feed	20250324T0409	Current
GVMD_DATA	<div><div><div></div><div>Compliance Policies</div></div><div><div></div><div>Port Lists</div></div><div><div></div><div>Report Formats</div></div><div><div></div><div>Scan Configs</div></div></div>	Greenbone Data Objects Feed	20250324T0506	Current