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### **ENCRYPTION CRYPTO101**

### **PROCEDURE**

1. Log in to TryHackMe

Go to <a href="https://tryhackme.com">https://tryhackme.com</a>, log in or sign up if you don't already have an account.

#### 2. Search and Join the Room

Use the search bar and type "Crypto" or "Encryption" to find rooms like:

- "Intro to Crypto"
- "Cryptography"
- "Encryption"
- "RSA", "Hashing", or "Cyber Defense Cryptography" Click on the room you want to start with and then hit "Join Room".

### 3. Start the Machine (If Required)

Some rooms offer a target machine. If so, click "Start Machine" and note the IP. For most crypto rooms, you'll solve challenges without needing a machine, just using the AttackBox or your own terminal.

- 4. Connect to TryHackMe Network (if needed) Use either:
  - AttackBox (just launch from the browser already connected)
     Or connect your own VM using:

bash

CopyEdit

sudo openvpn your-vpn-file.ovpn

### 5. Go Through Each Task

Each task teaches a cryptographic concept. Common topics include:

Topic Learn About

**Encoding vs Encryption Base64, Hex, ASCII** 

Hashing MD5, SHA1, SHA256, Hashcat basics

Symmetric Encryption Caesar cipher, Vigenère, AES

Asymmetric Encryption RSA, Public/Private Keys

Steganography Hiding messages in files/images

Frequency Analysis Cracking substitution ciphers

- 6. Use Tools and Commands Learn and apply tools such as:
  - base64, xxd, md5sum, sha256sum
  - openssl to encrypt/decrypt messages
  - hashcat or john for cracking hashes
  - Online tools like CyberChef or dcode.fr (as allowed)
  - gpg for key encryption Example: bash CopyEdit

echo "Hello" | base64 # Encoding echo "SGVsbG8=" | base64 -d echo -n "password" | md5sum # Hashing

7. Solve Challenges & Submit Answers Each task usually ends with a question like:

"What is the plaintext message?"

"Crack this hash."

"What encryption algorithm is used?"

Use your tools, commands, and clues to figure out the answer and submit it.

### 8. Mark the Room as Completed

Once all answers are submitted correctly, the room will be marked as "Completed".

### **INTRO**

Note: to actually become familiar with Linux, you need to be using it daily. Make sure you have it installed (whether that be as your host system, a dual reboot, or on a <u>virtual machine</u>). For pentesting, most people prefer to use <u>Kali</u>.

The name "Linux" is actually an umbrella term for multiple OS's that are based on UNIX (another operating system). Thanks to UNIX being open-source, variants of Linux come in all shapes and sizes, suited best for what the system is being used for.

For example, Ubuntu & Debian are some of the more commonplace distributions of Linux because it is so extensible. I.e. you can run Ubuntu as a server (such as websites & web applications) or as a fullyfledged desktop. For this series, we're going to be using Ubuntu.

The first version of Linux was released in 1991.

### **Basic Commands**

Some basic commands include pwd, ls, cd, and more.

I have listed commands and their usages in my Gitbook <u>here</u>.

### **An Introduction To Shell Operators**

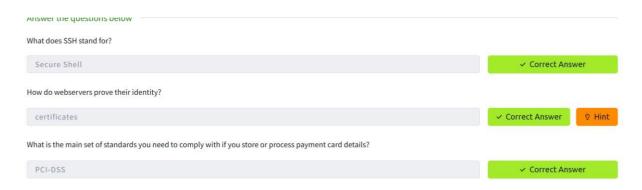
Some shell operators include &, &&, >, and >>.

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### **TASKS**

# Task 2Key terms Answer the questions below I agree not to complain too much about how theory heavy this room is. No answer needed Are SSH keys protected with a passphrase or a password? passphrase Correct Answer Hint

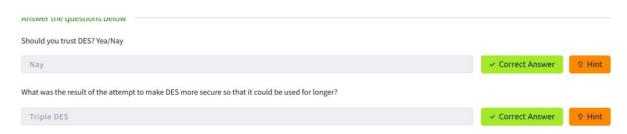
# Task 3Why is Encryption important?



# **Task 4Crucial Crypto Maths**



### **Task 5Types of Encryption**



## Task 6 RSA - Rivest Shamir Adleman



# Task 7Establishing Keys Using Asymmetric Cryptography



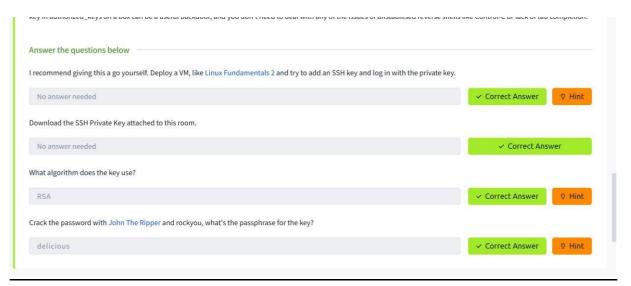
# Task 8Digital signatures and Certificates

What can you use to verify that a file has not been modified and is the authentic file as the author intended?

Digital Signature

Correct Answer

# **Task 9SSH Authentication**



# Task 10Explaining Diffie Hellman Key Exchange Answer the questions below I understand how Diffie Hellman Key Exchange works at a basic level No answer needed \*\*Correct Answer\* Task 11PGP, GPG and AES Time to try some GPG. Download the archive attached and extract it somewhere sensible. No answer needed \*\*Correct Answer\* You have the private key, and a file encrypted with the public key. Decrypt the file. What's the secret word? Pineapple \*\*Correct Answer\* O Hint

# **RESULT**

Thus the introduction to Encryption crypto 101 has been successfully studied and implemented successfully



