HackLab 101:
The Quick Guide to Setting Up Your Pentest Space

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How to setup VM

Step 1: Download and Install Virtualization Software
- For Windows, download and install either VirtualBox or VMware Workstation. You can find VirtualBox at virtualbox.org and VMware Workstation at vmware.com.

Step 2: Download Pre-built Kali Linux Virtual Machine
- Visit the official Kali Linux website at kali.org.
- Download the pre-built Kali Linux Virtual Machine image specifically designed for VMware or VirtualBox.
Note: Pre-built images come with default credentials. The username is "kali," and the password is also "kali."

Step 3: Launch Virtualization Software
- Open VirtualBox or VMware Workstation on your Windows machine.

Step 4: Import Kali Linux VM Image
- In VirtualBox, click on "File" > "Import Appliance" and select the downloaded Kali Linux OVA file.
- In VMware Workstation, click on "File" > "Open" and choose the Kali Linux VMX file.

Step 5: Start the Kali Linux VM
- Power on the imported Kali Linux virtual machine.

Step 6: Update and Upgrade
- Once Kali Linux is running, open a terminal and run sudo apt update && sudo apt upgrade to ensure your system is up to date.

Step 7: Run PimpMyKali Script (Optional)
- Check and run the PimpMyKali script from its GitHub repository to enhance your Kali Linux environment. You can find the script at github.com/Dewalt-arch/pimpmykali.
- Follow the instructions provided with the script for setup or issue resolution.