

# Tectonic: An Academic Cyber Range

## Cheatsheet

Tectonic is a cyber range designed to provide realistic cybersecurity scenarios for education and training through the deployment of networks, systems and applications that can be used to train users on cybersecurity topics. Key functionalities include customizable network configurations, real-time monitoring and automated attack simulations.

Services are special machines that operate across all instances within a scenario. Currently, the supported services are: elastic, caldera, guacamole, moodle and bastion host.

## Scenario Management

Scenarios are defined using a [scenario description yml file](#) (usually `description.yml` inside the scenario directory) plus a [lab edition file](#) (usually `<lab_name>.yml`).

- Create scenario base images [and all services images]:  

```
tectonic -c ~/tectonic.ini <lab_edition_file> create-images [--guests=all]
```
- Deploy a scenario and all services:  

```
tectonic -c ~/tectonic.ini <lab_edition_file> deploy
```
- Destroy scenario [and base images]:  

```
tectonic -c ~/tectonic.ini <lab_edition_file> destroy [--images]
```
- Destroy services base images:  

```
tectonic -c ~/tectonic.ini <lab_edition_file> destroy \
--images --services --service_image_list=all
```

**Warning:** service base images can be reused between different scenarios. Make sure the image is not being used by other scenario when destroying it.
- Show cyber range information (access IP addresses, credentials):  

```
tectonic -c ~/tectonic.ini <lab_edition_file> info
```

## Operations on machines

Operations done on machines in the scenario, after it is deployed. Most of these commands accept [machine specification](#) options, represented as `<machine_spec>` below. These options can be a combination of: instance number (`-i`), guest (base) name (`-g`), and copy number (`-c`). Please see the corresponding [section below](#) for further details.

- Get a console on a *single* machine:  

```
tectonic -c ~/tectonic.ini <lab_edition_file> console <machine_spec>
```
- Reboot, shutdown or start machines in the scenario:  

```
tectonic -c ~/tectonic.ini <lab_edition_file> [reboot|shutdown|start] <machine_spec>
```
- Recreate machines (go back to the initial state):  

```
tectonic -c ~/tectonic.ini <lab_edition_file> recreate <machine_spec>
```
- Run an arbitrary ansible playbook:  

```
tectonic -c ~/tectonic.ini <lab_edition_file> run-ansible -p <playbook> <machine_spec>
```

**Machine specification** Most commands accept machine specification options, which can be a combination of: instance number (-i), guest (base) name (-g), and copy number (-c).

For example, to reboot all copies of the `victim` machine of instances 3 and 4, one can run:

```
tectonic -c ~/tectonic.ini <lab_edition_file> reboot -g victim -i 3,4
```

Instance and copy numbers can be specified either as a list: 1,2,3, as a range: 5-10, or as a combination: 2,4-6,8.

**Machine names** Machines in the cyber range are identified as follows:

```
<institution>-<lab_name>-<instance>-<guest>[-<copy>]
```

The copy value is optional and only appears in the name if there is more than one copy for the same guest.

For example, copy 2 of the `server` guest of instance 3 of the lab `test_lab` and institution `test_inst` is:

```
test_inst-test_lab-3-server-2
```

As another example, the `attacker` guest, which consists of a single copy, of instance 2 of the lab `test_lab` and institution `test_inst` is:

```
test_inst-test_lab-2-attacker
```

## Connectivity to the scenario

**Guacamole** If the Guacamole service was deployed as part of the scenario, the users will be able to access the instance machines through this service using a web browser. The access credentials of students for the Guacamole service are the the same as the credentials for the scenario machines. The access credentials of the teacher can be obtained with the `info` command.

## Console connections

- Teacher access: Use `tectonic console`, or connect through `ssh`:

```
ssh -J ubuntu@<teacher_access_ip> <machine_ip>
```

`teacher_access_ip` is shown after scenario deployment and in the output of `tectonic info`.

- Student access:

```
ssh -J traineeXX@<student_access_ip> <entry_point_ip>
```

`student_access_ip` is shown after scenario deployment and in the output of the `tectonic info` command.

By default student usernames are of the form `traineeXX`, where `XX` is the instance number. Credentials can be either SSH public keys, generated passwords or both.

Only machines declared as entry points are accessible to the students.

- Copy files to/from machines:

Use the `-J` option to `scp` in the same way as above.

```
scp -J traineeXX@<student_access_ip> <source> <dest>
```

**Port forwarding** It is possible to forward ports to access services withing the scenario. To do that, use the `-L` option to `ssh`:

```
ssh -L localhost:<local-port>:<remote-ip>:<remote-port> <ssh-connection-options>
```

where `<ssh-connection-options>` connects to the scenario either as student or teacher, as above.

For example, to forward local port 80443 to port 443 on machine 10.0.1.5, use:

```
ssh -L localhost:80443:10.0.1.5:443 <ssh-connection-options>
```

You can then connect to `localhost:80443` to access port 443 on machine 10.0.1.5.

**File edition** For editing files within a scenario, you can use a console based text editor or run locally a text editor that supports remote connections, such as [VSCode](https://code.visualstudio.com/docs/remote/ssh). Using the above ssh connection commands, VSCode can edit remote files, open a console and configure port forwardings. See <https://code.visualstudio.com/docs/remote/ssh> for more details.