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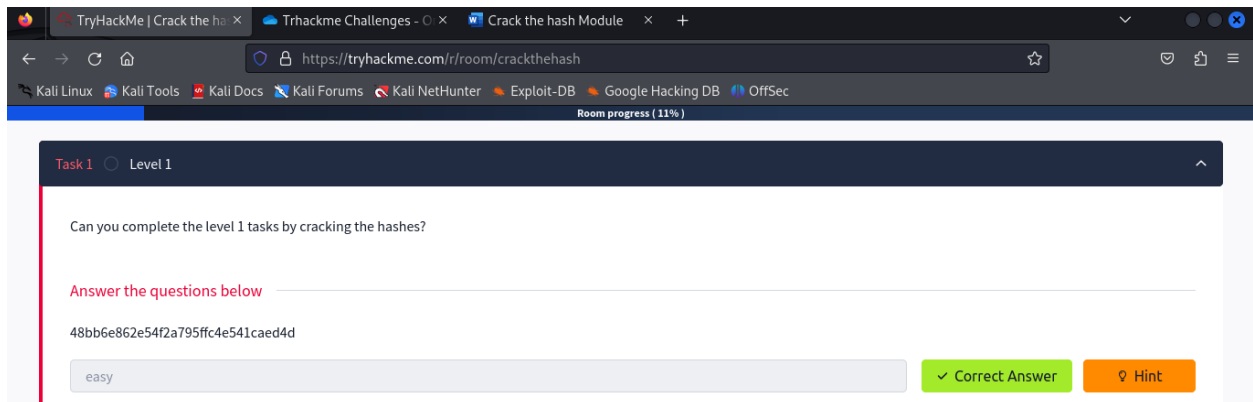
Level 1

Can you complete the level 1 tasks by cracking the hashes?

Answer the questions below

1. 48bb6e862e54f2a795ffc4e541caed4d

Answer: easy



The first this was to determine what type the hash is using a **hash-identifier** tool which comes pre-installed on kali.

- The answer was:



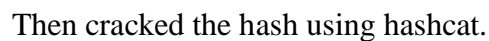
Answer: letmein

letmein

✓ Correct Answer

 Hint

The first this was to determine what type the hash is using a **hash-identifier** tool. The hash was identified as a **SHA-256** hash.



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kali@kali: ~/Desktop
File Actions Edit View Help

(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop]
└─$ sudo hashcat -m 1400 -s 0 hash.txt /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt

hashcat (v6.2.6) starting

OpenCL API (OpenCL 3.0 PoCL 6.0+debian Linux, None+Asserts, RELOC, LLVM 17.0.6, SLEEF, DISTRO, POCL_DEBUG) - Platform #1 [The pocl project]

* Device #1: cpu-sandybridge-Intel(R) Core(TM) i5-2430M CPU @ 2.40GHz, 1414/2892 MB (512 MB allocatable), 4MCU

Minimum password length supported by kernel: 0
Maximum password 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

Dictionary cache hit:
* Filename ..: /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt
* Passwords.: 14344385
* Bytes.....: 139921507
* Keyspace..: 14344385

1c8bfe8f801d79745c4631d09fff36c82aa37fc4cce4fc946683d7b336b63032:letmein

Session.....: hashcat
Status.....: Cracked
Hash.Mode.....: 1400 (SHA2-256)
Hash.Target.....: 1c8bfe8f801d79745c4631d09fff36c82aa37fc4cce4fc94668 ... b63032
Time.Started.....: Mon Jan 13 11:27:52 2025 (0 secs)
Time.Estimated...: Mon Jan 13 11:27:52 2025 (0 secs)
Kernel.Feature...: Pure Kernel
Guess.Base.....: File (/usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt)
Guess.Queue.....: 1/1 (100.00%)
Speed.#1.....: 879.3 kH/s (0.45ms) @ Accel:256 Loops:1 Thr:1 Vec:8
Recovered.....: 1/1 (100.00%) Digests (total), 1/1 (100.00%) Digests (new)
Progress.....: 1024/14344385 (0.01%)
Rejected.....: 0/1024 (0.00%)
Restore.Point....: 0/14344385 (0.00%)
Restore.Sub.#1...: Salt:0 Amplifier:0-1 Iteration:0-1
Candidate.Engine.: Device Generator
Candidates.#1....: 123456 -> bethany
Hardware.Mon.#1..: Temp: 75c Util: 30%

Started: Mon Jan 13 11:27:25 2025
Stopped: Mon Jan 13 11:27:54 2025

(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop]
└─$
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4. \$2y\$12\$Dwt1BZj6pcyc3Dy1FWZ5ieeUznr71EeNkJkUlypTsgbX1H68wsRom

Answer: bleh

\$2y\$12\$Dwt1BZj6pcyc3Dy1FWZ5ieeUznr71EeNkJkUlypTsgbX1H68wsRom

bleh

✓ Correct Answer

🔍 Hint

I went searching from the hashcat examples page

(https://hashcat.net/wiki/doku.php?id=example_hashes) for \$2y\$ and found out that the hash was a **bcrypt** hash.

3200	bcrypt \$2*\$, Blowfish (Unix)	\$2a\$05\$LhayLxezLhK1LhWvKxCyLOj0j1u.Kj0jZ0pEmm134uzrQlFvQJLF6
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I filtered rockyou.txt to only 4-character words.

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File Actions Edit View Help
(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop]
$ cp /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt rockyou_4char.txt
(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop]
$ ls
hash.txt  rockyou_4char.txt
(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop]
$ head rockyou_4char.txt
love
1234
pink
poop
baby
sexy
alex
star
mike
blue
(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop]
$
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The used hashcat to crack the hash.

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File Actions Edit View Help
(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop]
$ sudo hashcat -m 3200 -a 0 hash.txt rockyou_4char.txt
hashcat (v6.2.6) starting
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* 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

$2y$12$Dwt1BZj6pcyc3Dy1FWZ5ieeUznr71EeNkJkUlypTsgbX1H68wsRom:bleh
Session.....: hashcat
Status.....: Cracked
Hash.Mode.....: 3200 (bcrypt $2*$, Blowfish (Unix))
Hash.Target.....: $2y$12$Dwt1BZj6pcyc3Dy1FWZ5ieeUznr71EeNkJkUlypTsgbX ... 8wsRom
Time.Started.....: Mon Jan 13 11:52:38 2025 (1 min, 7 secs)
Time.Estimated...: Mon Jan 13 11:53:45 2025 (0 secs)
Kernel.Feature...: Pure Kernel
Guess.Base.....: File (rockyou_4char.txt)
Guess.Queue.....: 1/1 (100.00%)
Speed.#1.....: 10 H/s (6.24ms) @ Accel:4 Loops:16 Thr:1 Vec:1
Recovered.....: 1/1 (100.00%) Digests (total), 1/1 (100.00%) Digests (new)
Progress.....: 656/18152 (3.61%)
Rejected.....: 0/656 (0.00%)
Restore.Point...: 640/18152 (3.53%)
Restore.Sub.#1...: Salt:0 Amplifier:0-1 Iteration:4080-4096
Candidate.Engine.: Device Generator
Candidates.#1...: Karl → 2123
Hardware.Mon.#1..: Temp: 94c Util: 92%

Started: Mon Jan 13 11:51:35 2025
Stopped: Mon Jan 13 11:53:46 2025
(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop]
$
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5. 279412f945939ba78ce0758d3fd83daa

Answer: Eternity22

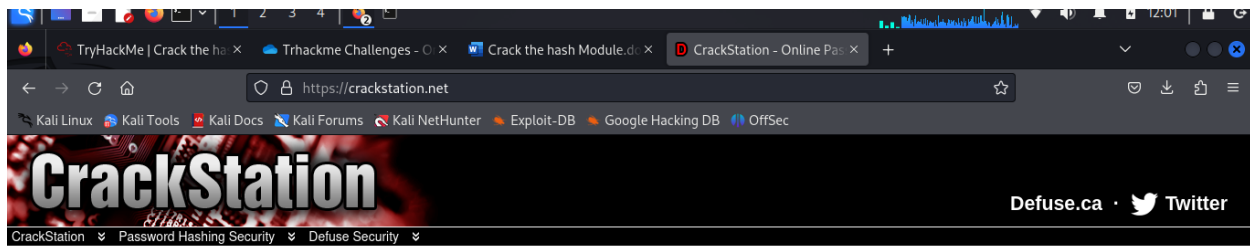
279412f945939ba78ce0758d3fd83daa

Eternity22

✓ Correct Answer

🔍 Hint

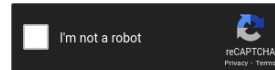
I used crackstation service online to crack this hash.



Free Password Hash Cracker

Enter up to 20 non-salted hashes, one per line:

279412f945939ba78ce0758d3fd83daa



Crack Hashes

Supports: LM, NTLM, md2, md4, md5, md5(md5_hex), md5_half, sha1, sha224, sha256, sha384, sha512, ripeMD160, whirlpool, MySQL 4.1+ (sha1 sha1_bin), QubesV3.1BackupDefaults

Hash	Type	Result
279412f945939ba78ce0758d3fd83daa	md4	Eternity22

Color Codes: ■ Exact match, ■ Partial match, ■ Not found.

[Download CrackStation's Wordlist](#)

[How CrackStation Works](#)

Level 2

Answer the questions below

1. Hash:

F09EDCB1FCEFC6DFB23DC3505A882655FF77375ED8AA2D1C13F640FCCC2D0C85

Answer: paule

Answer the questions below

Hash: F09EDCB1FCEFC6DFB23DC3505A882655FF77375ED8AA2D1C13F640FCCC2D0C85

paule

✓ Correct Answer

I used **hash-identifier** tool to determine the type of the hash which turned to be as **sha-256**.


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kali@kali: ~/Desktop
File Actions Edit View Help
(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop]
$ sudo hashcat -m 1000 -s 0 1dfeca0c002ae40b8619ecf94819cc1b /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt
hashcat (v6.2.0) starting

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Rules: 1

Optimizers applied:

* Keyspace...: 14344385

1dfeca0c002ae40b8619ecf94819cc1b:n63umy8lkf41
Session.....: hashcat
Status.....: Cracked
Hash.Mode.....: 1000 (NTLM)
Hash.Target.....: 1dfeca0c002ae40b8619ecf94819cc1b
Time.Started.....: Mon Jan 13 12:19:42 2025 (2 secs)
Time.Estimated...: Mon Jan 13 12:19:44 2025 (0 secs)
Kernel.Feature...: Pure Kernel
Guess.Base.....: File (/usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt)
Guess.Queue.....: 1/1 (100.00%)
Speed.#1.....: 2879.0 kH/s (0.09ms) @ Accel:256 Loops:1 Thr:1 Vec:8
Recovered.....: 1/1 (100.00%) Digests (total), 1/1 (100.00%) Digests (new)
Progress.....: 5239808/14344385 (36.53%)
Rejected.....: 0/5239808 (0.00%)
Restore.Point...: 5238784/14344385 (36.52%)
Restore.Sub.#1...: Salt:0 Amplifier:0-1 Iteration:0-1
Candidate.Engine.: Device Generator
Candidates.#1...: n6r12fdkgm0y -> n4athan5
Hardware.Mon.#1..: Temp: 81c Util: 55%

Started: Mon Jan 13 12:19:15 2025
Stopped: Mon Jan 13 12:19:45 2025

(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop]
$
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3.Hash:

\$6\$aReallyHardSalt\$6WKUTqzq.UQQmrm0p/T7MPpMbGNnzXPMAXi4bJMI9be.cfi3/qxIf.hs
GpS41BqMhSrHVXgMpdjS6xeKZAs02.

Salt: aReallyHardSalt

\$6\$ signature is used by the SHA512crypt hashing algorithm. I

7400	sha256crypt \$5\$, SHA256 (Unix)	Operating System
1800	sha512crypt \$6\$, SHA512 (Unix)	Operating System
24600	SQLCipher	Database Server

I cracked this hash using mode **-m 1800** in hashcat.

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File Actions Edit View Help

(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop]
└─$ sudo hashcat -m 1800 -d 0 hash.txt rockyou.txt
hashcat (v6.2.6) starting

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* Device #1: cpu-sandybridge-Intel(R) Core(TM) i5-2430M CPU @ 2.40GHz, 1414/2892 MB (512 MB allocatable), 4MCU

$6$aReallyHardSalt$6WKUTqzq.UQQmrm0p/T7MPpMbGNzXPMAX14bJmL9be.cfi3/qxIf.hsGpS41BqMhSrHVXgMpdjS6xeKZAs02.:waka99
Session.....: hashcat
Status.....: Cracked
Hash.Mode.....: 1800 (sha512crypt $6$, SHA512 (Unix))
Hash.Target.....: $6$aReallyHardSalt$6WKUTqzq.UQQmrm0p/T7MPpMbGNzXPM... ZAs02.
Time.Started.....: Mon Jan 13 13:49:51 2025 (0 secs)
Time.Estimated...: Mon Jan 13 13:49:51 2025 (0 secs)
Kernel.Feature...: Pure Kernel
Guess.Base.....: File (rockyou.txt)
Guess.Queue.....: 1/1 (100.00%)
Speed.#1.....: 150 H/s (0.55ms) @ Accel:32 Loops:512 Thr:1 Vec:4
Recovered.....: 1/1 (100.00%) Digests (total), 1/1 (100.00%) Digests (new)
Progress.....: 1/1 (100.00%)
Rejected.....: 0/1 (0.00%)
Restore.Point...: 0/1 (0.00%)
Restore.Sub.#1...: Salt:0 Amplifier:0-1 Iteration:4608-5000
Candidate.Engine.: Device Generator
Candidates.#1...: waka99 → waka99
Hardware.Mon.#1...: Temp: 87c Util: 47%

Started: Mon Jan 13 13:49:46 2025
Stopped: Mon Jan 13 13:49:53 2025

(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop]
└─$
```

4. Hash: e5d8870e5bdd26602cab8dbe07a942c8669e56d6

Salt: tryhackme

Answer: 481616481616

Hash: e5d8870e5bdd26602cab8dbe07a942c8669e56d6

Salt: tryhackme

481616481616

✓ Correct Answer

🔍 Hint

I first tried to identify the hash type using hash-identifier tool. It was identified as a sha-1.

identify the type of hash and apply the appropriate cracking method using various tools such as **Hashcat**, **John the Ripper**, and online services like **CrackStation**.

In Level 1, I started with basic hashes like **MD5**, **SHA-1**, and **SHA-256**, and learned how to identify these hash types using tools like **hash-identifier**. By applying dictionary attacks with **rockyou.txt**, I was able to successfully crack the passwords. Additionally, for bcrypt hashes, I filtered the wordlist to 4-character words, further enhancing my skills in customizing wordlists for specific use cases.

In Level 2, I faced more complex hash types such as **SHA-512crypt** and **NTLM**, which deepened my understanding of advanced hashing algorithms. I used the **-m 1800** mode in Hashcat for **SHA-512 crypt** hashes and **-m 1000** for **NTLM**, which allowed me to efficiently crack the hashes. I also learned how important it is to choose the right tools and methods based on the hash type and available hints.