

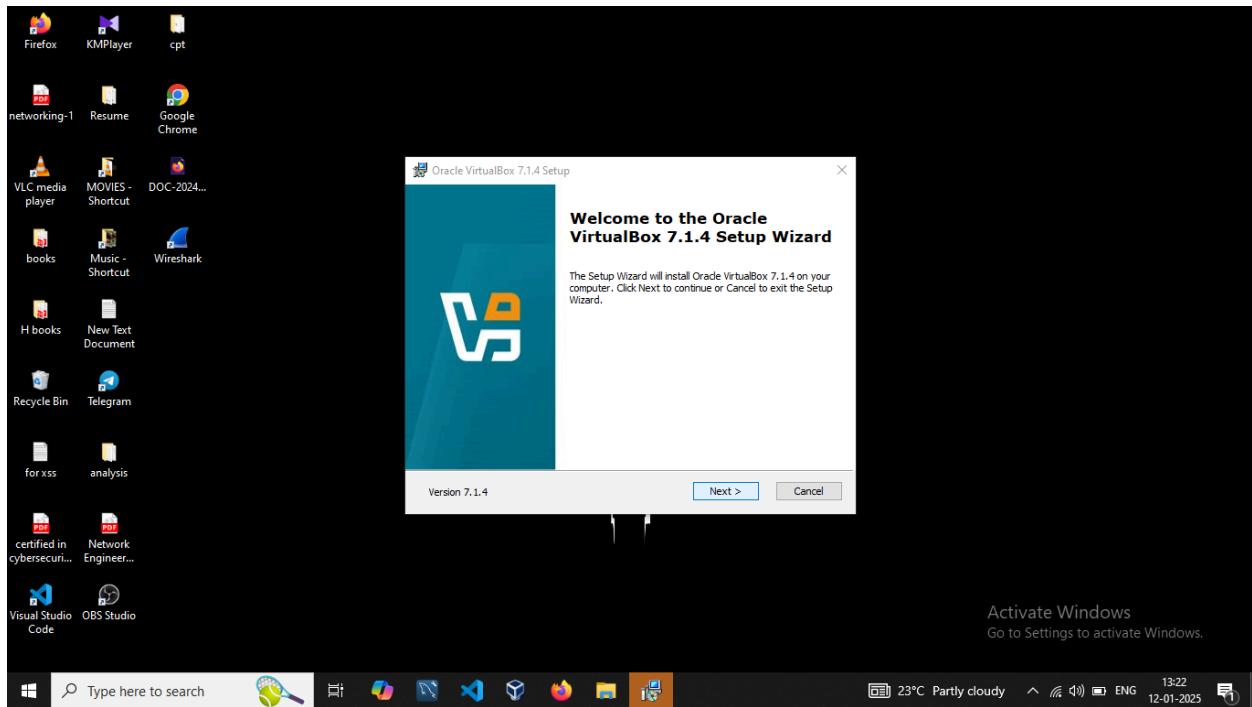
Week 1: Introduction to Cybersecurity and Virtualization.

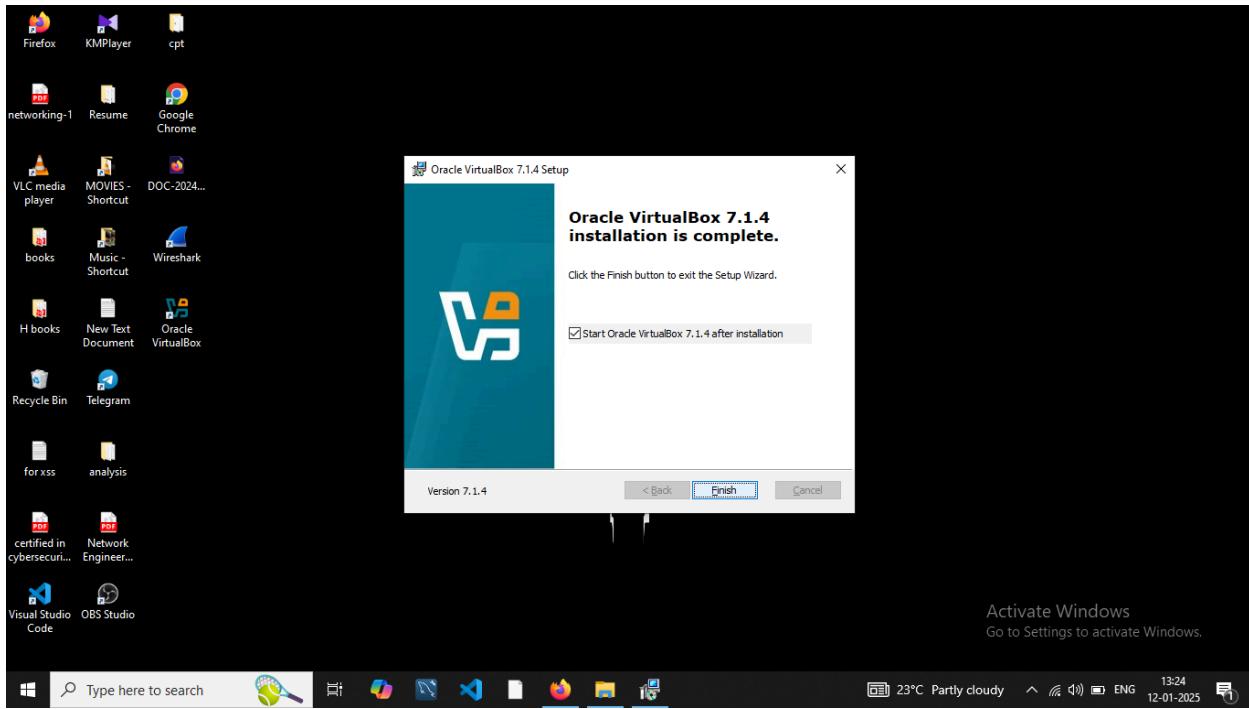
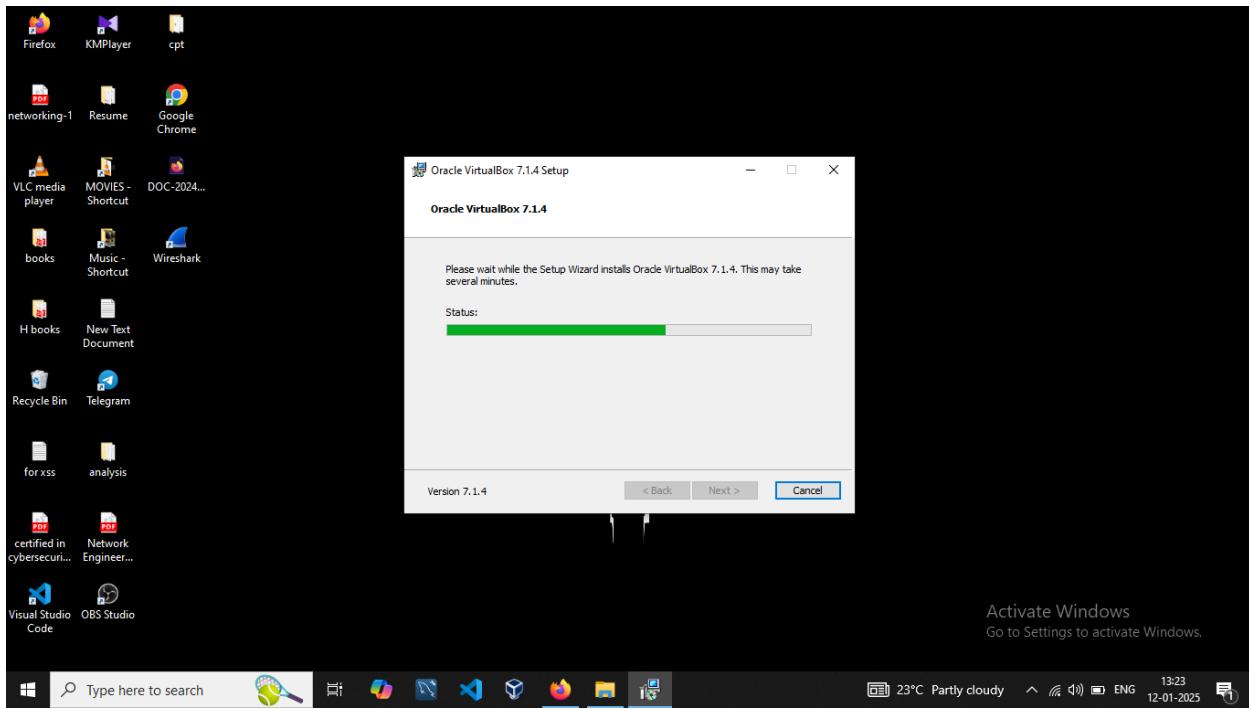
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Steps:

1. Set Up Virtualization Software:

- Downloaded Oracle virtual box from its official website: [Downloads – Oracle VirtualBox](#)
- Installing the oracle virtual box version 7.1.4 on my Windows host system with its default Configurations.



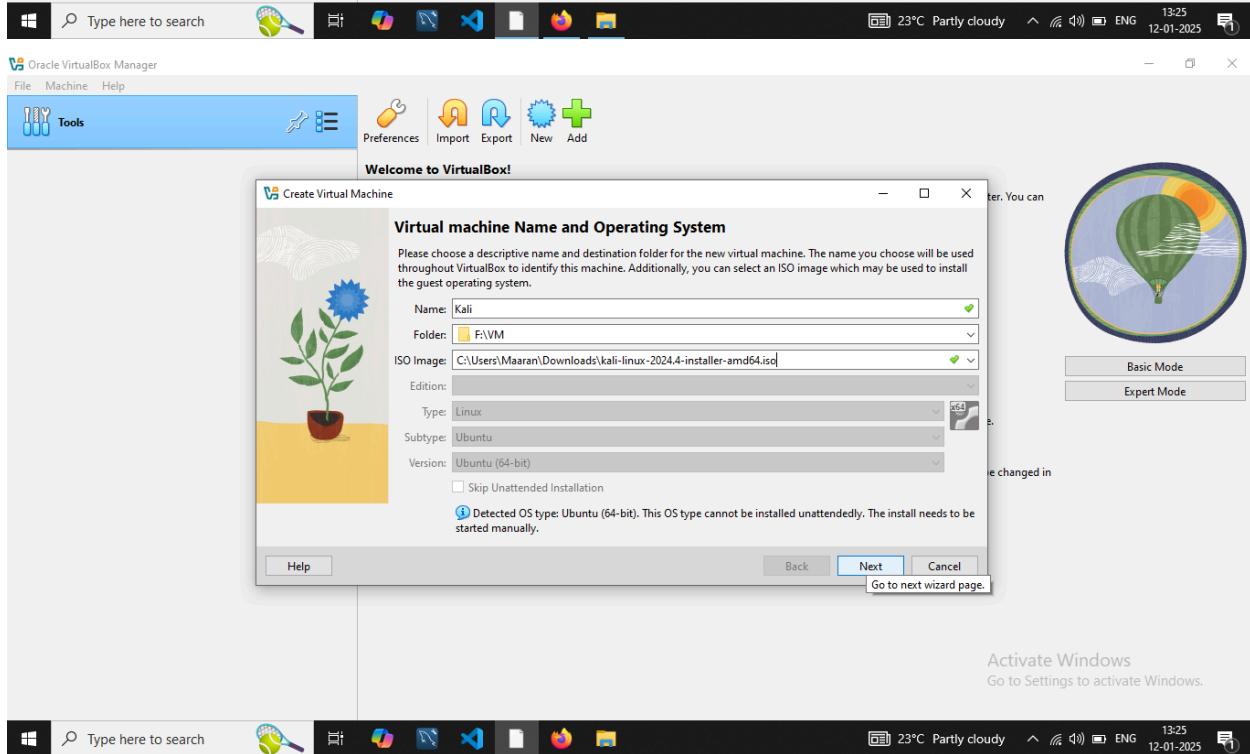
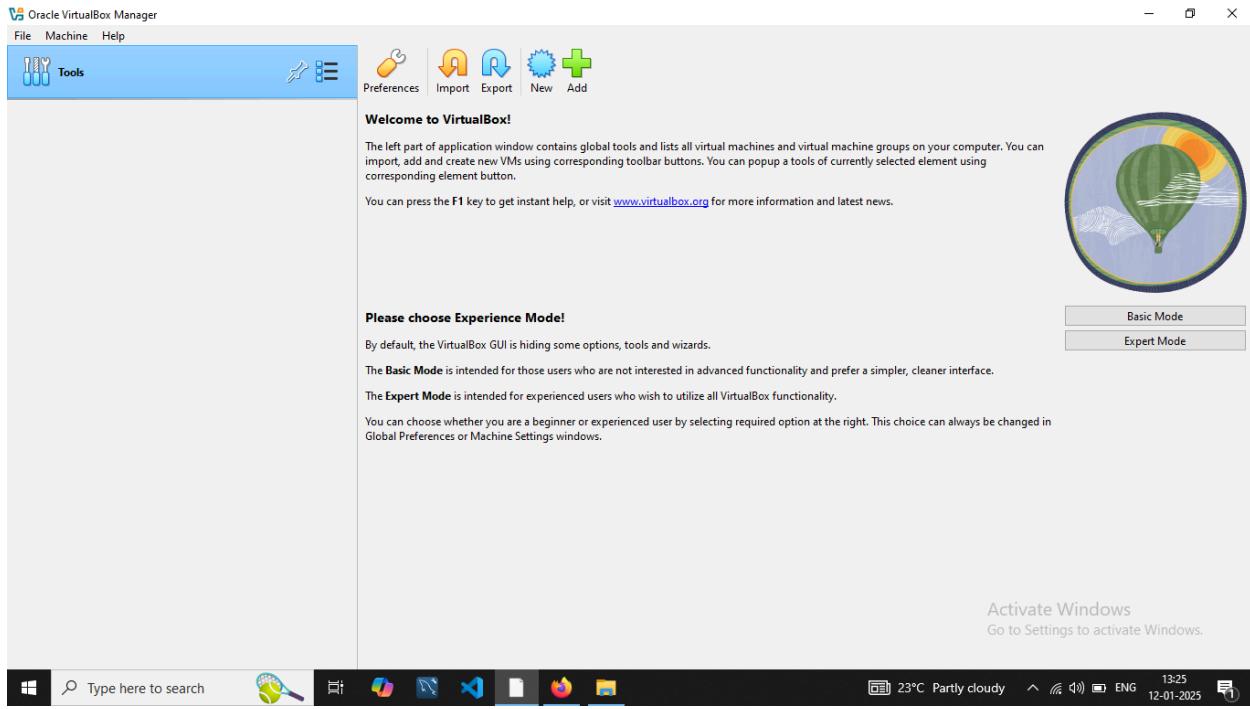


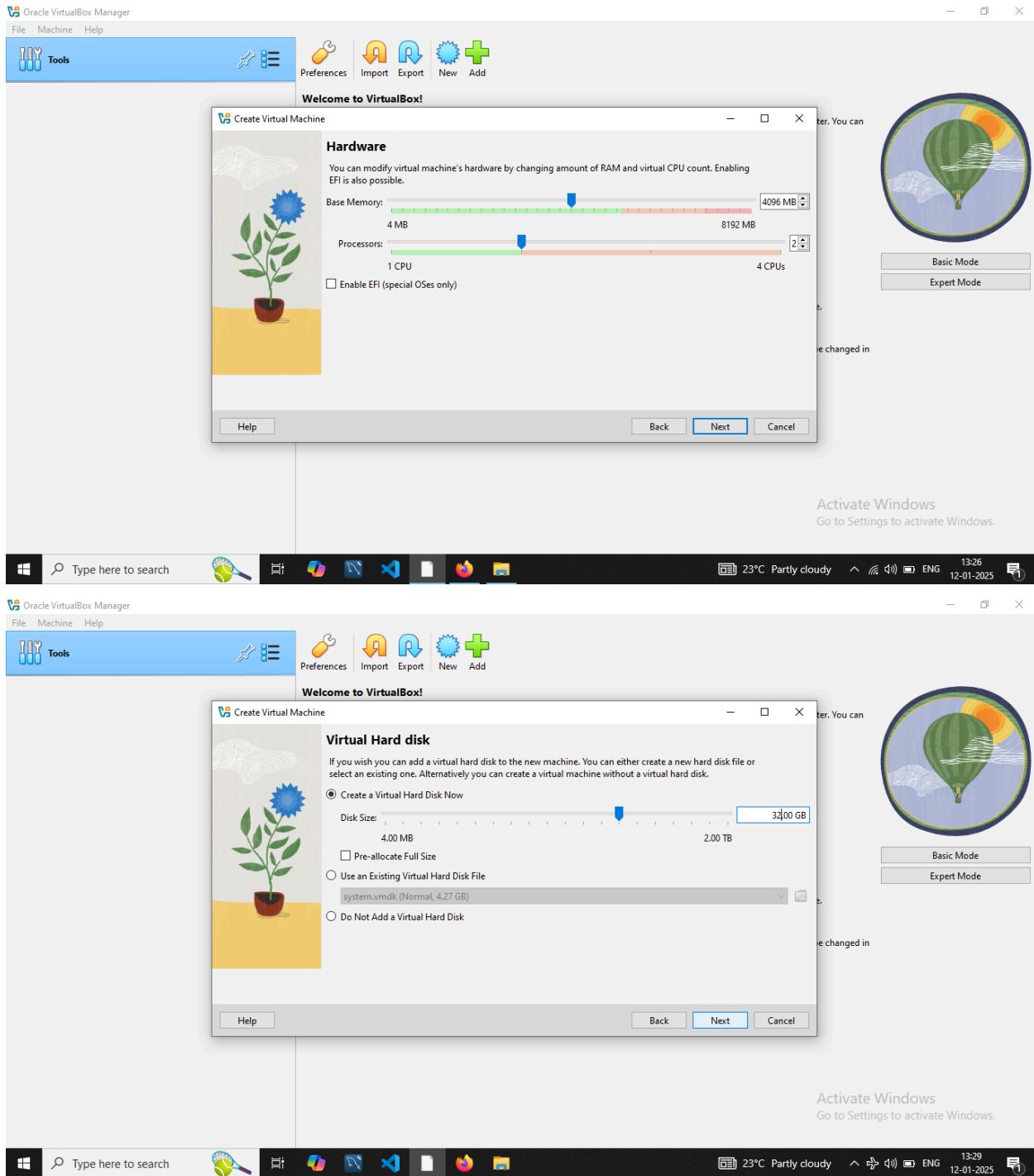
2. Download Kali Linux and Metasploitable:

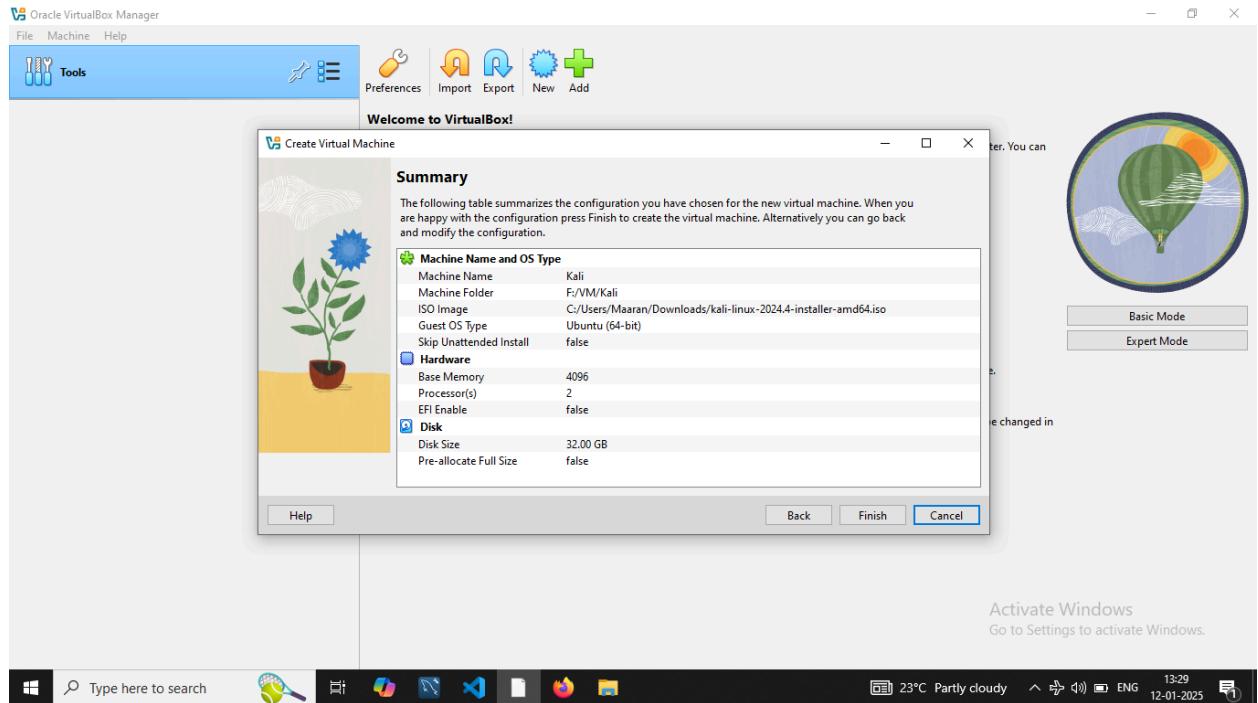
- Downloaded the latest version of Kali Linux from the official website: [Get Kali | Kali Linux](#)
- Downloaded Metasploitable from the official repository: [Metasploitable - Browse /Metasploitable2 at SourceForge.net](#)

3. Create a Virtual Machine for Kali Linux:

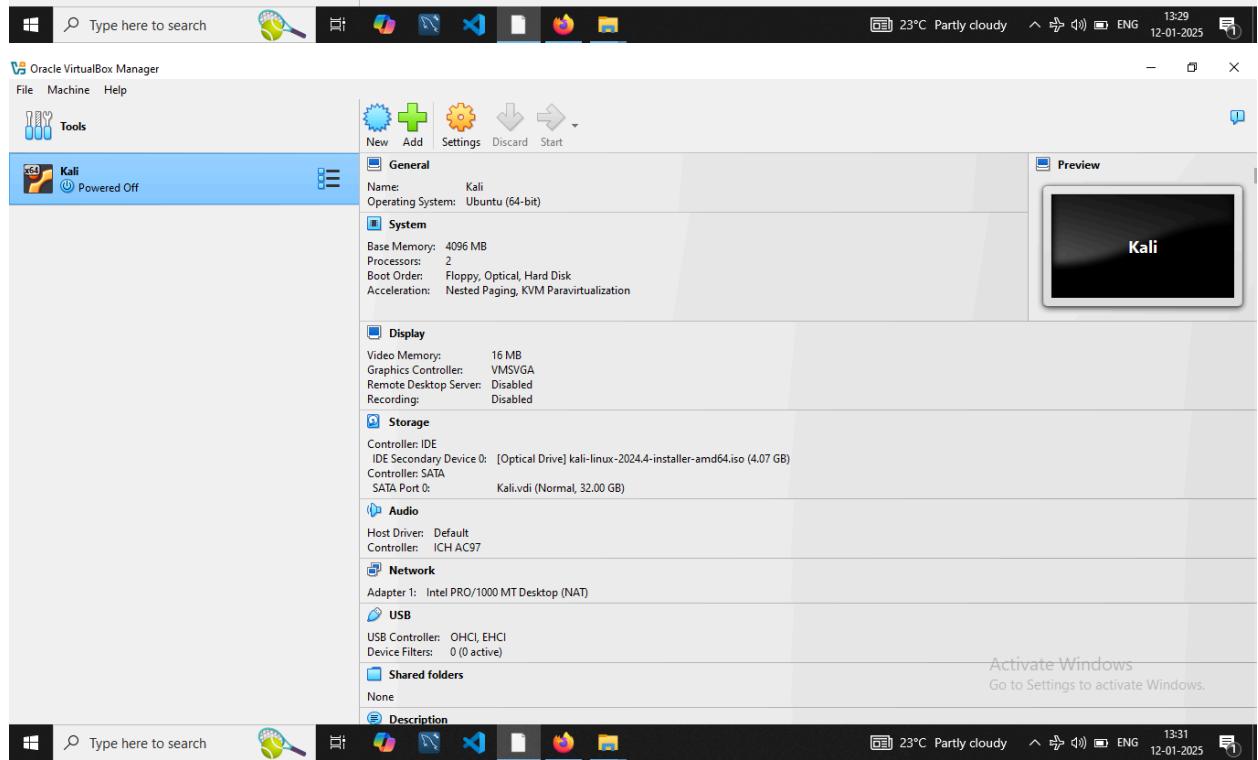
- Opened the oracle virtual box and clicked to create a new virtual machine.
- Named it as Kali, selected a folder to create the virtual harddisk and chose the Kali linux ISO image.
- In the next step allocated 4 GB of RAM and selected 2 virtual processors.
- In the 3rd step, we allocated 32 GB of storage for the virtual harddisk.
- Viewed the summary of the configuration and clicked on finish.
- After that clicked on start to run the Kali linux virtual machine.
- Selected the graphical install to install the Kali linux operating system on virtual box.
- Selected language as English, Location as India, Keyboard layout as American.
- The iso file is scanned by the virtual box application and loaded with the components for the installation.
- In the network configuration I left the hostname as vbox by default and did not enter anything in the Domain name.
- In the next step set up users and passwords, I enter my name and also for the username.
- Selected a strong password and re-entered it to confirm it.
- For the partition disk, I selected the default configurations.
- The base system is installed, for software selection I followed the defaults to install.
- Selected yes for the boot loader to install on the primary drive.
- The Kali Linux operating system is installed, clicking continue to reboot it.
- The OS is booting up and entering my credentials to login, Kali Linux operating system is installed and working fine.



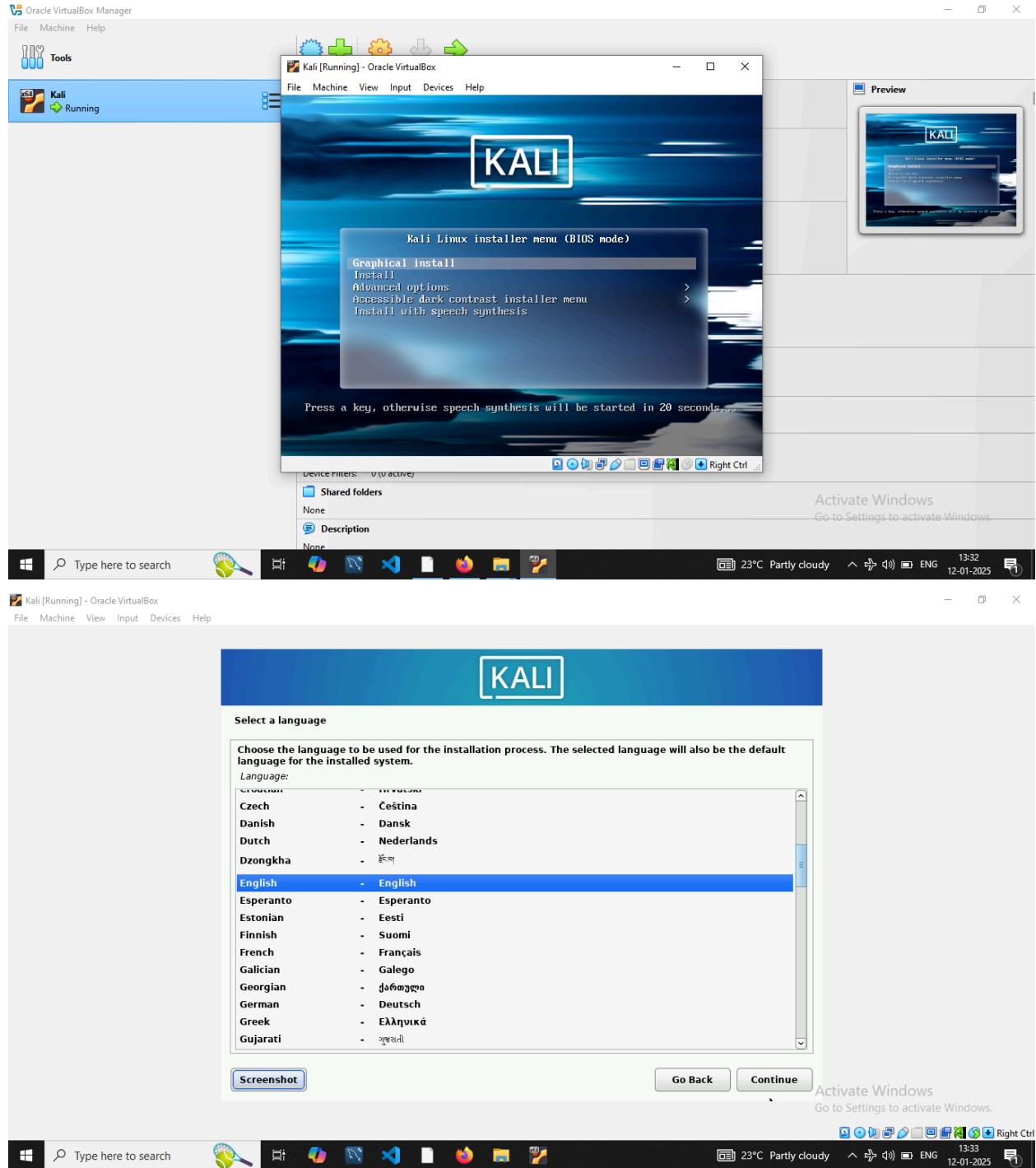


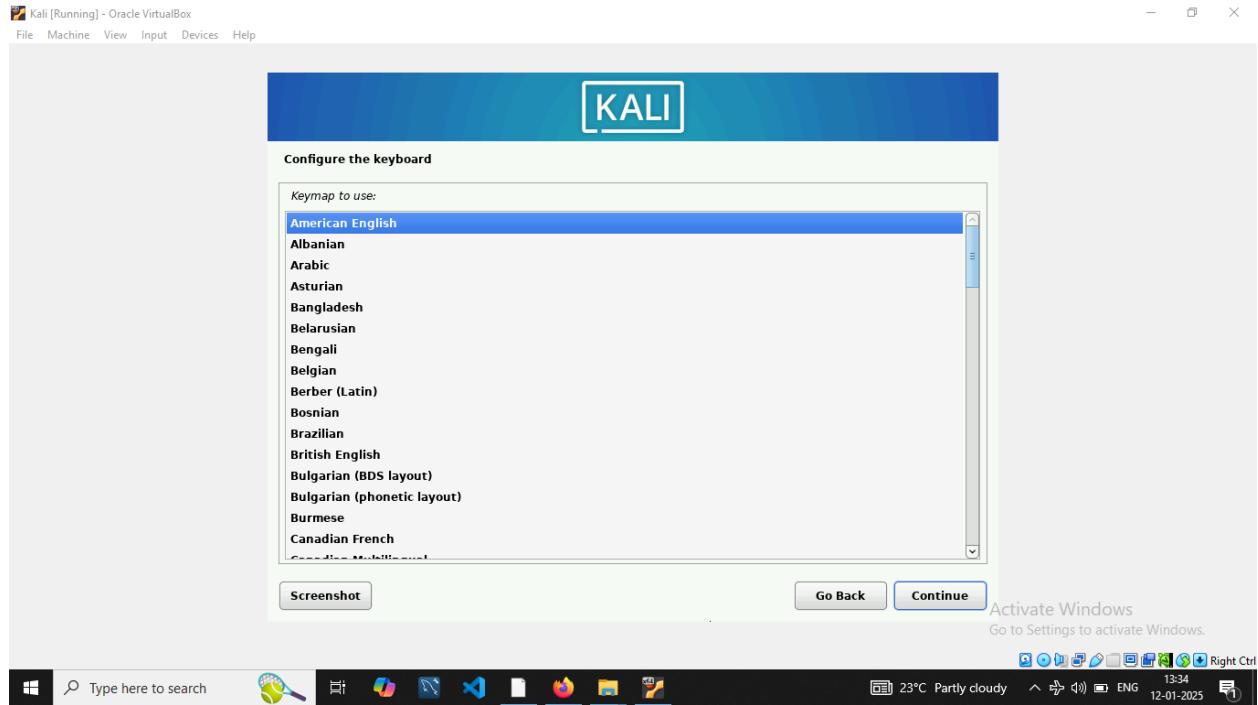
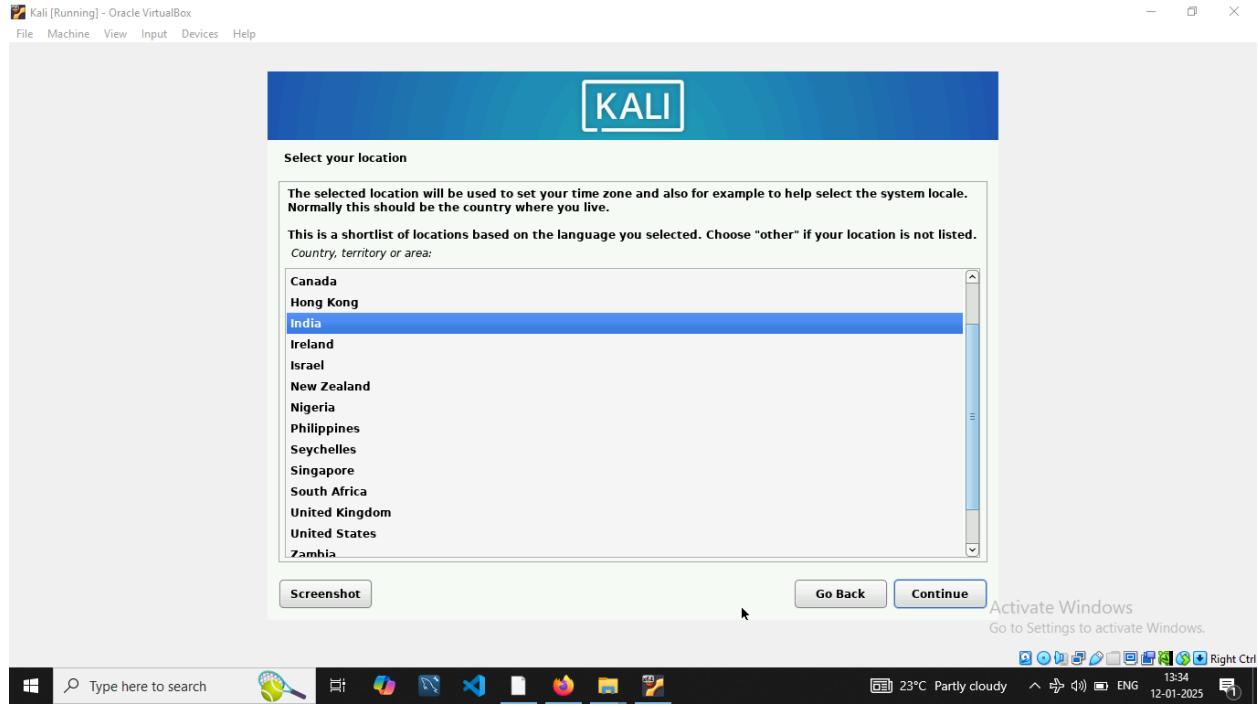


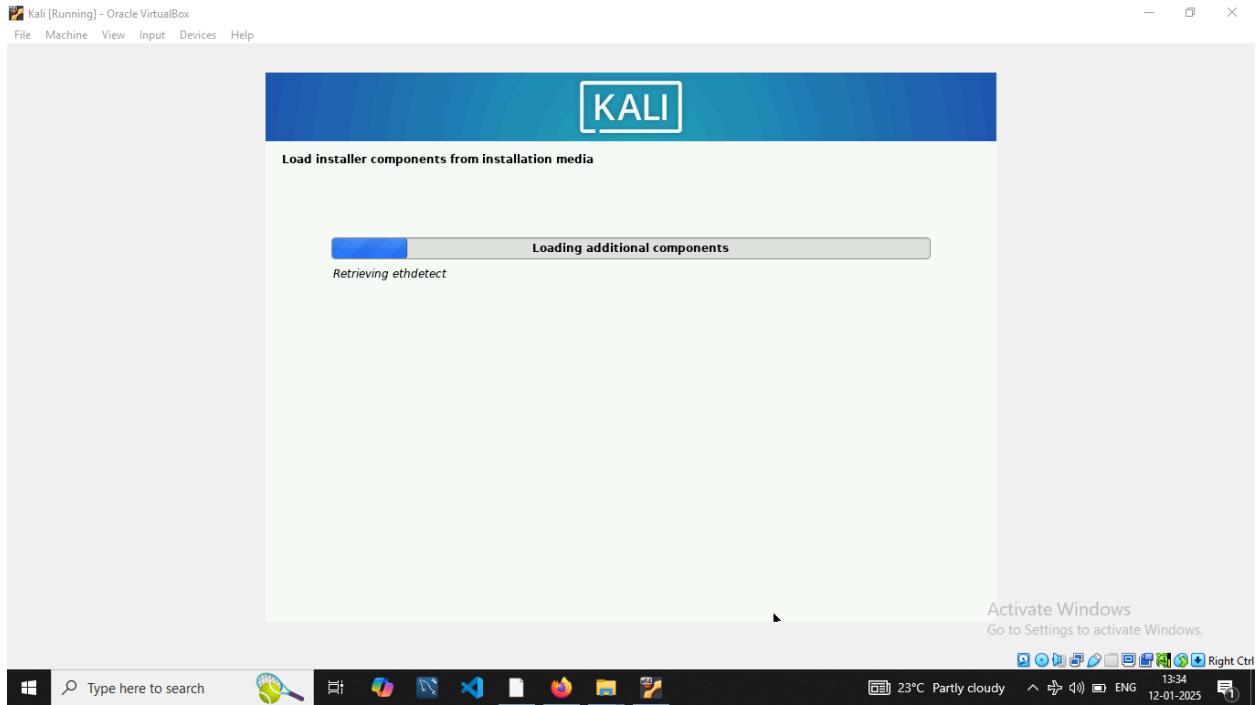
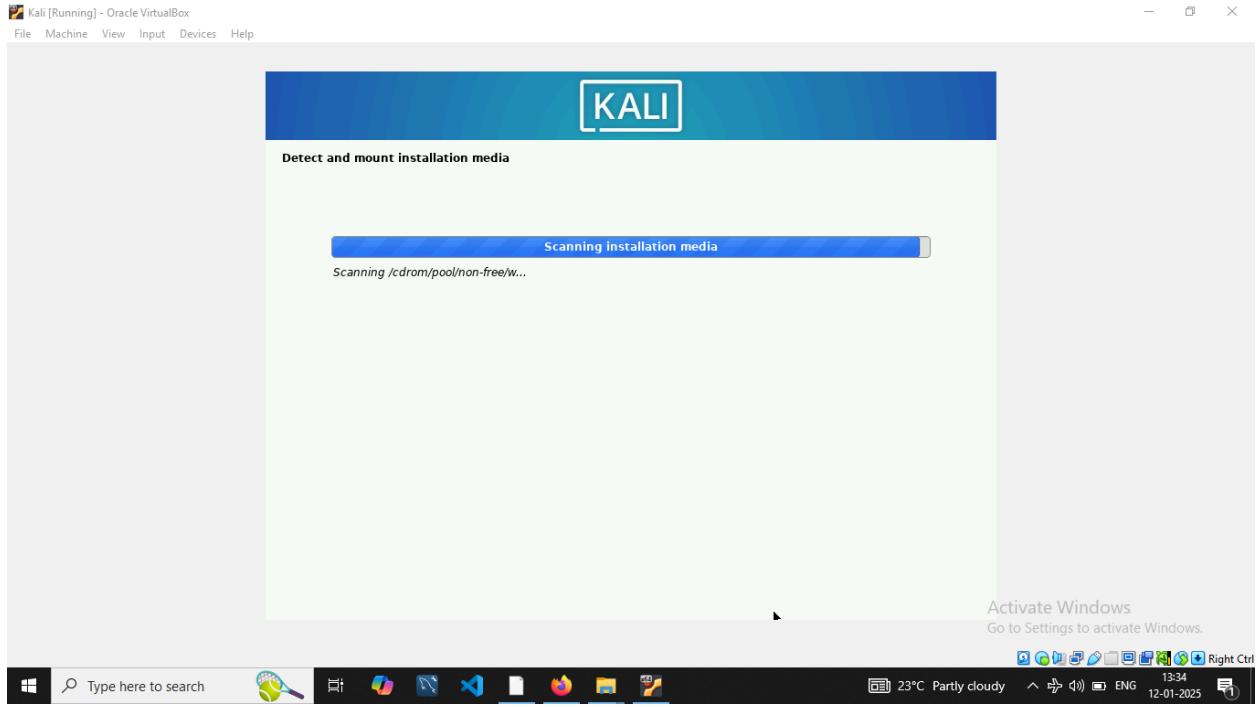
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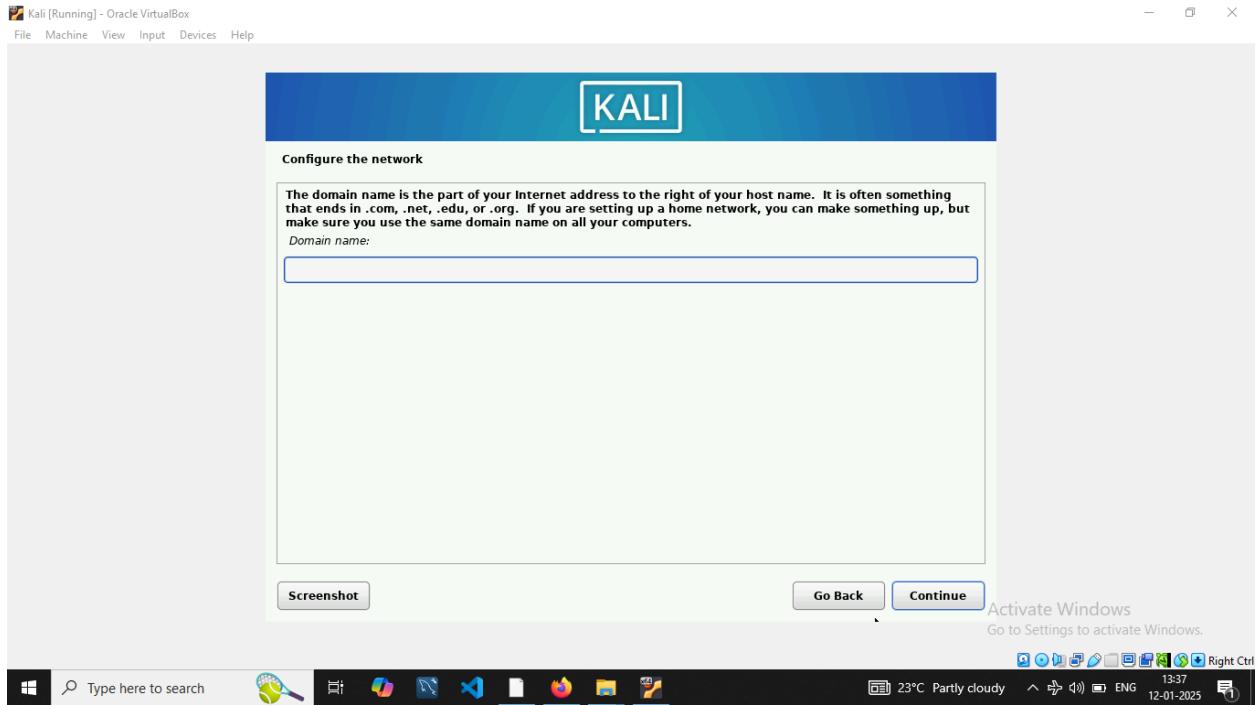
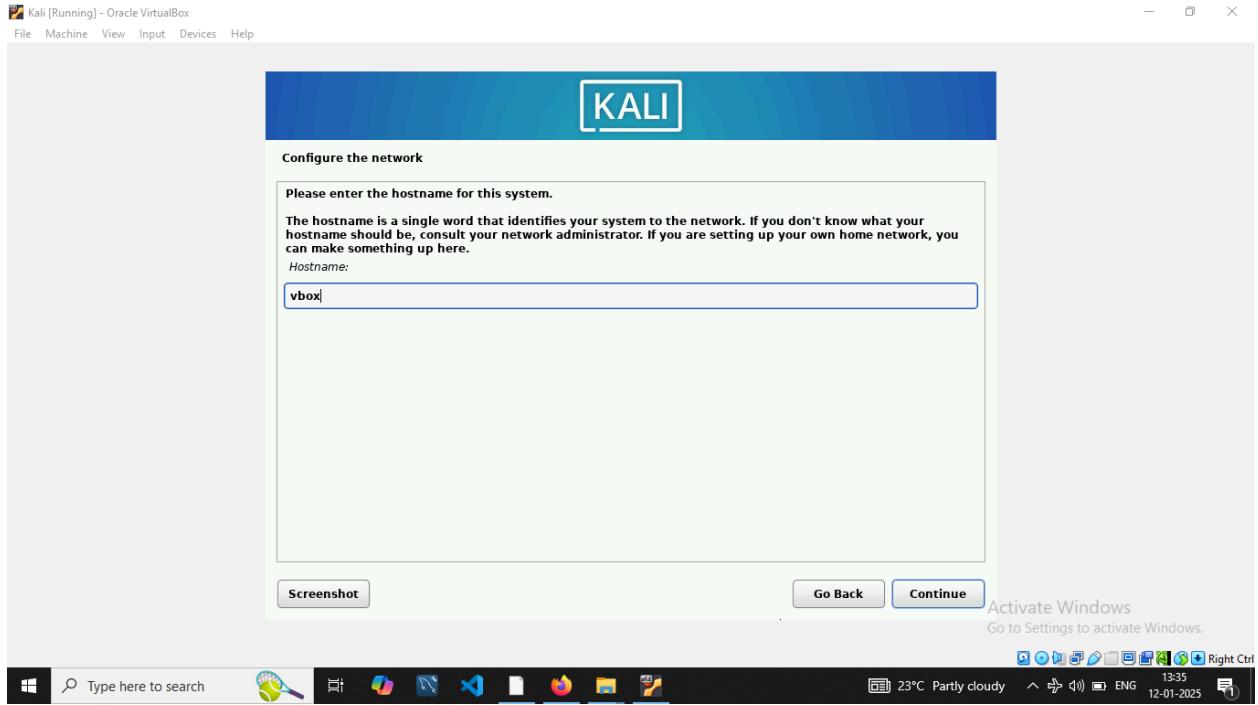


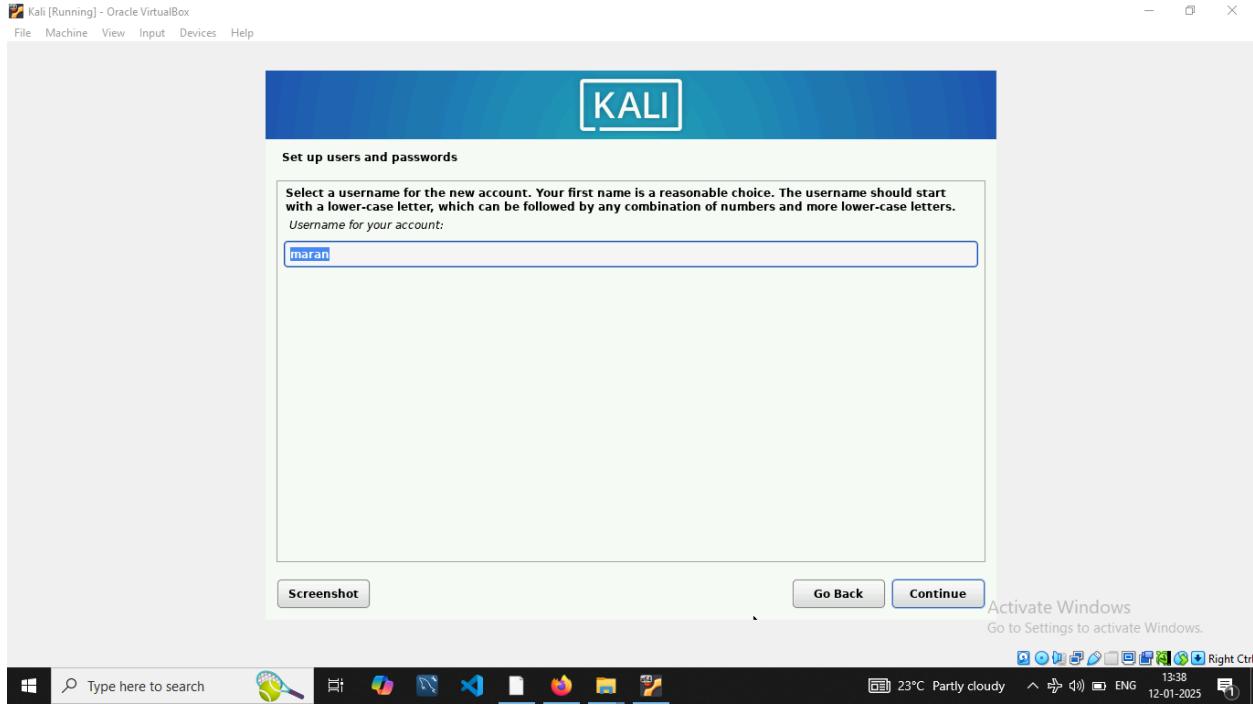
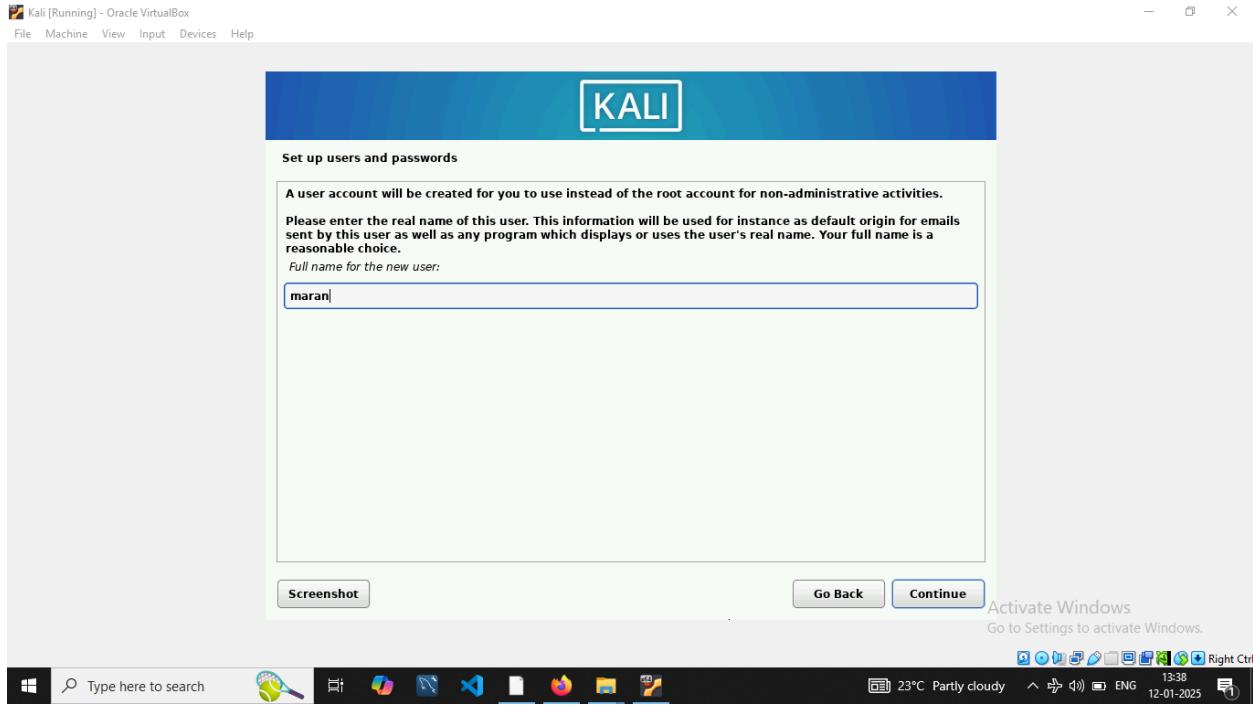
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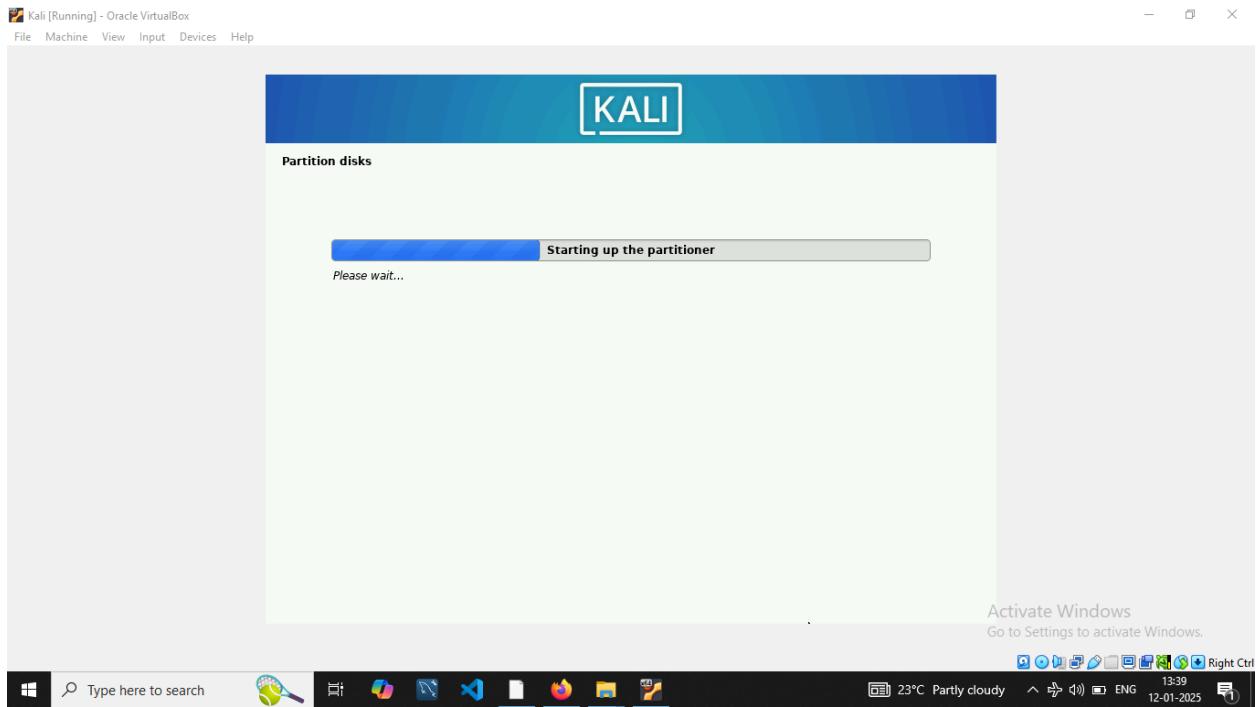
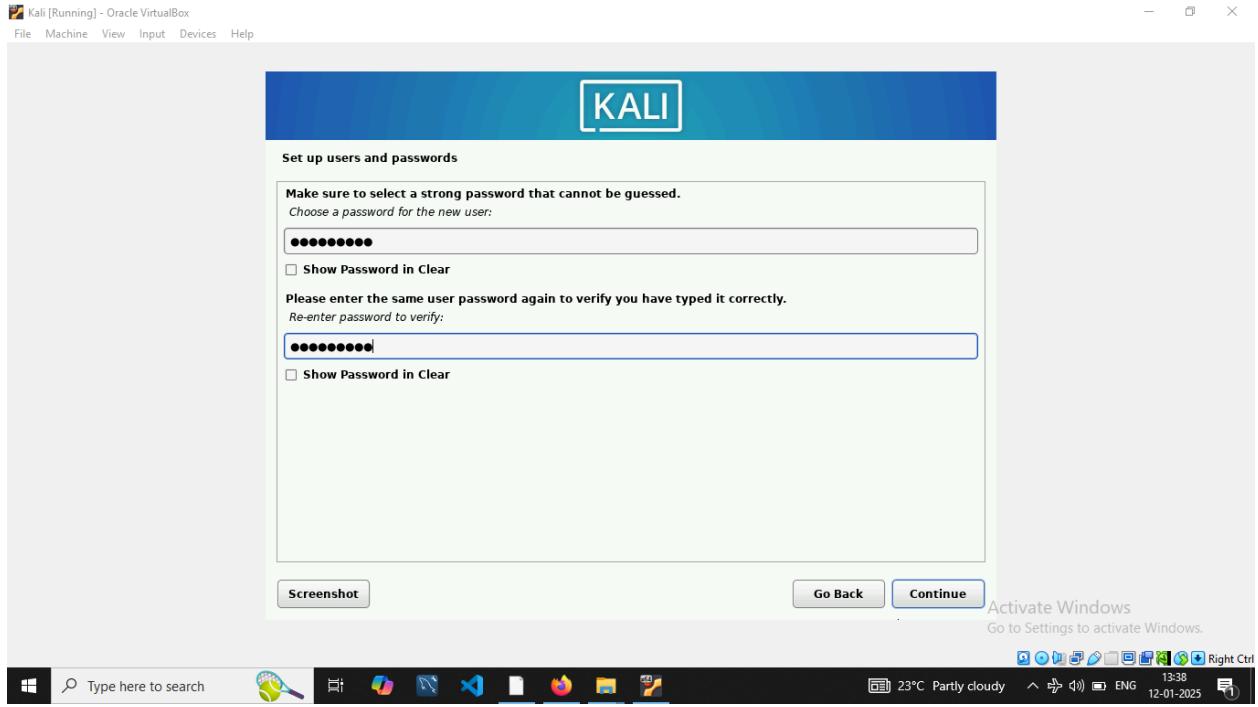


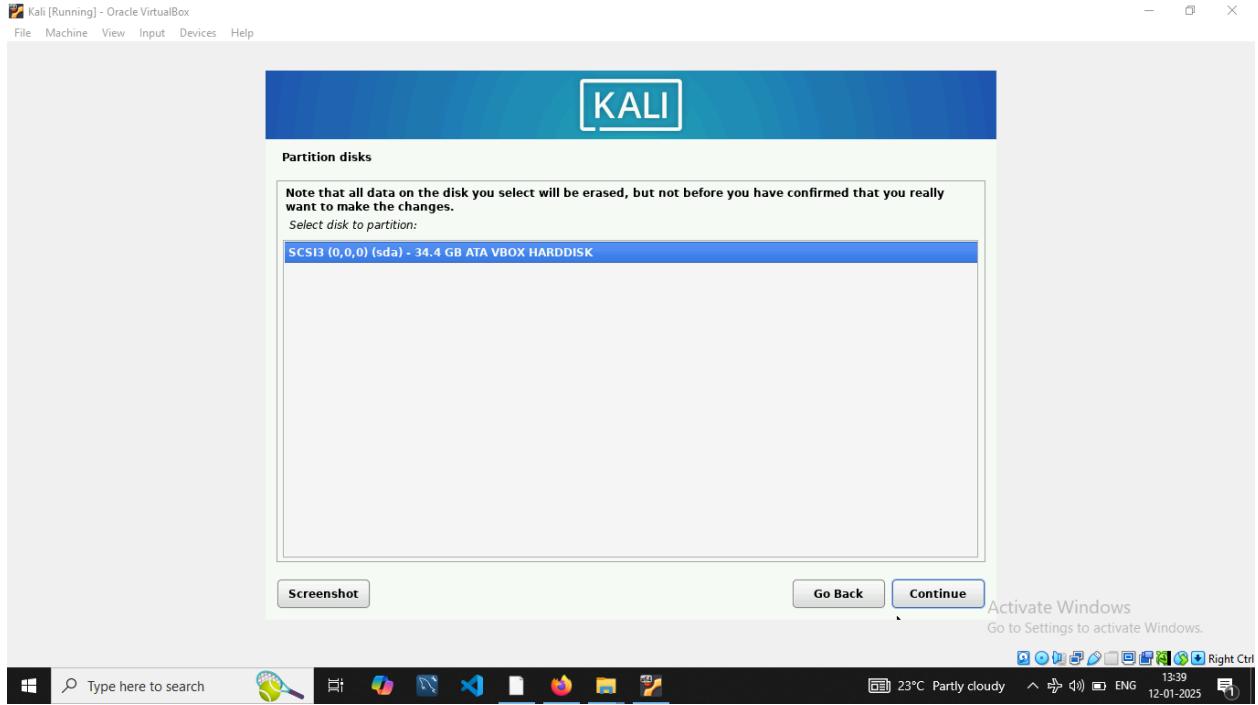
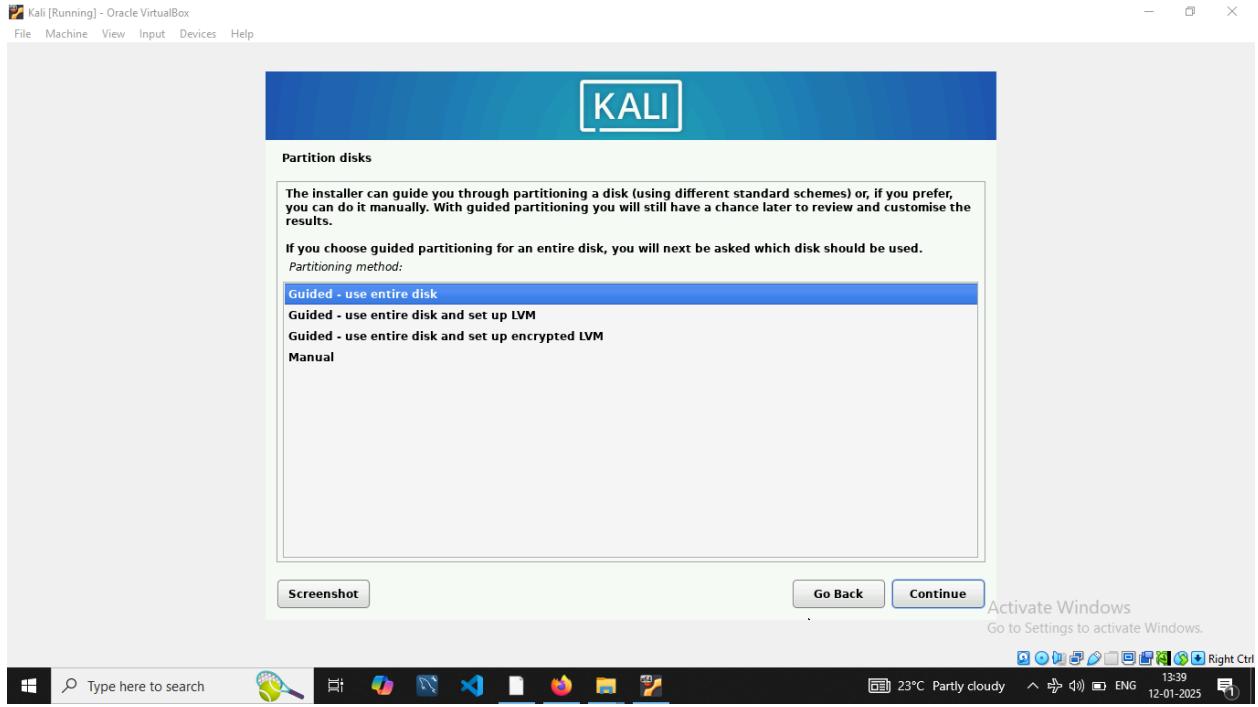


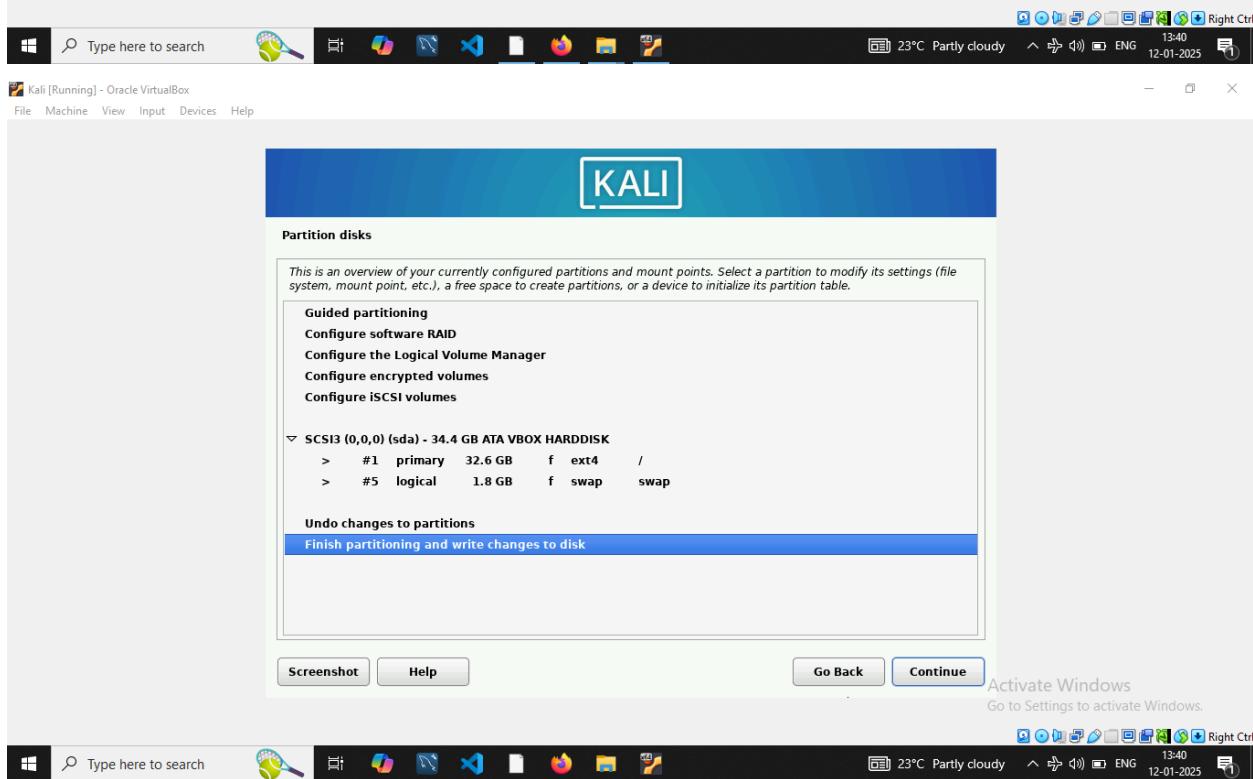
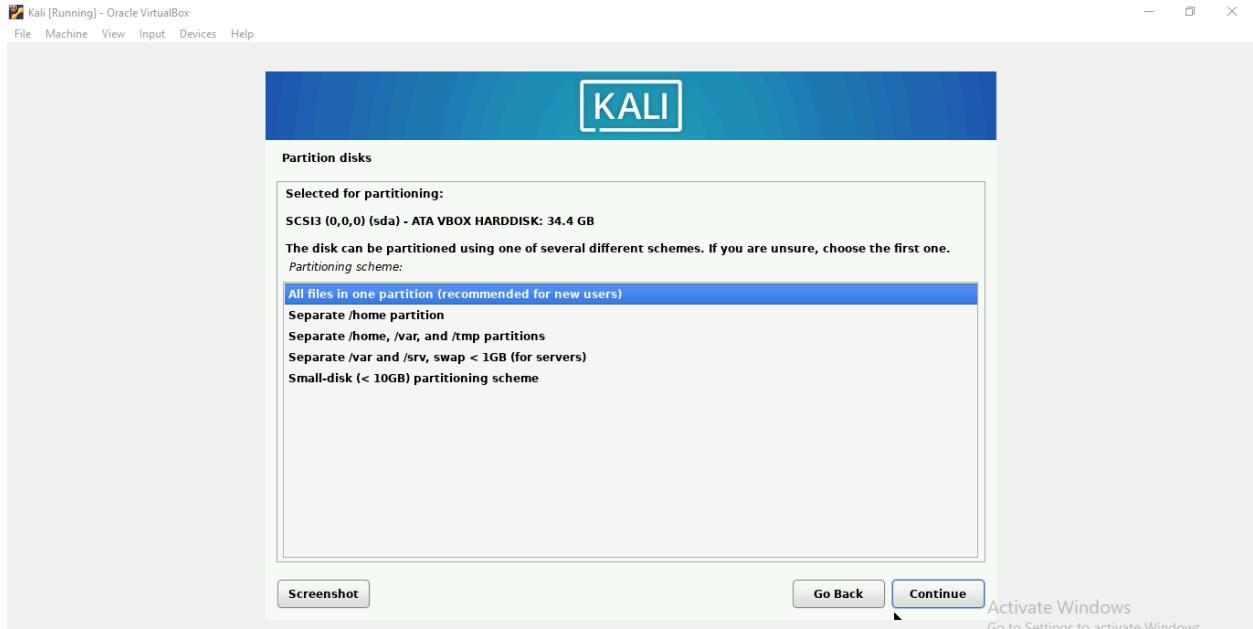


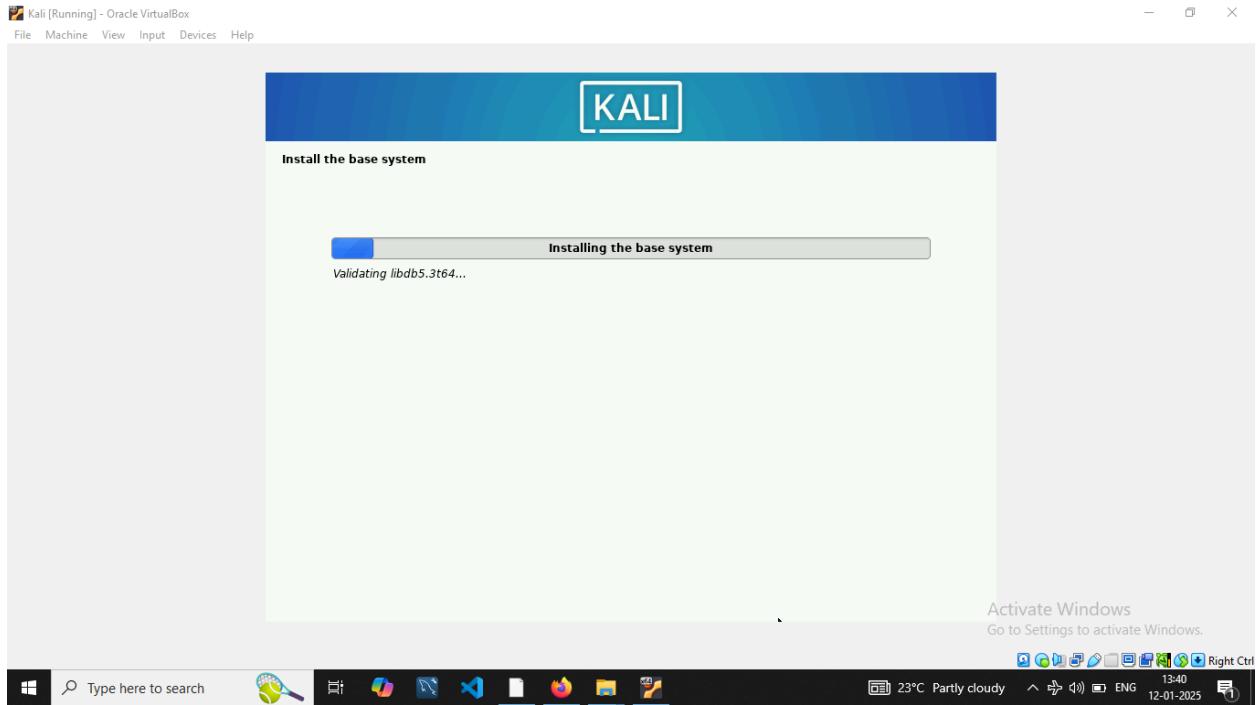
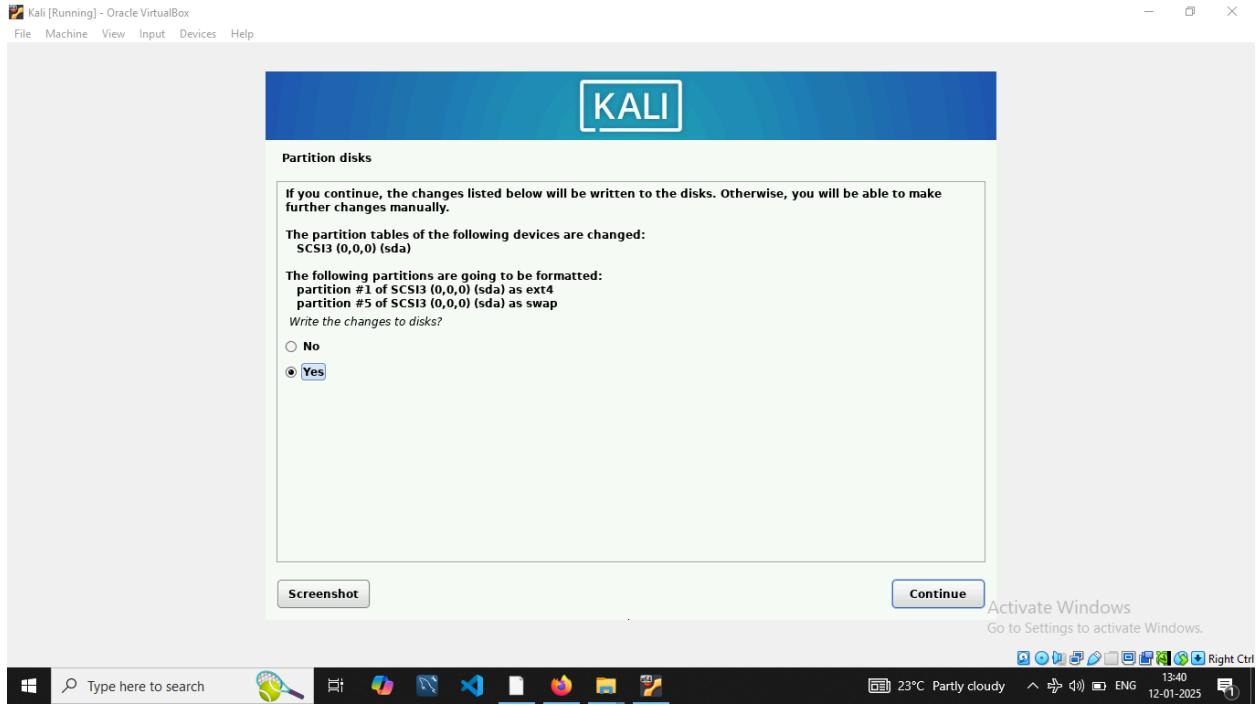


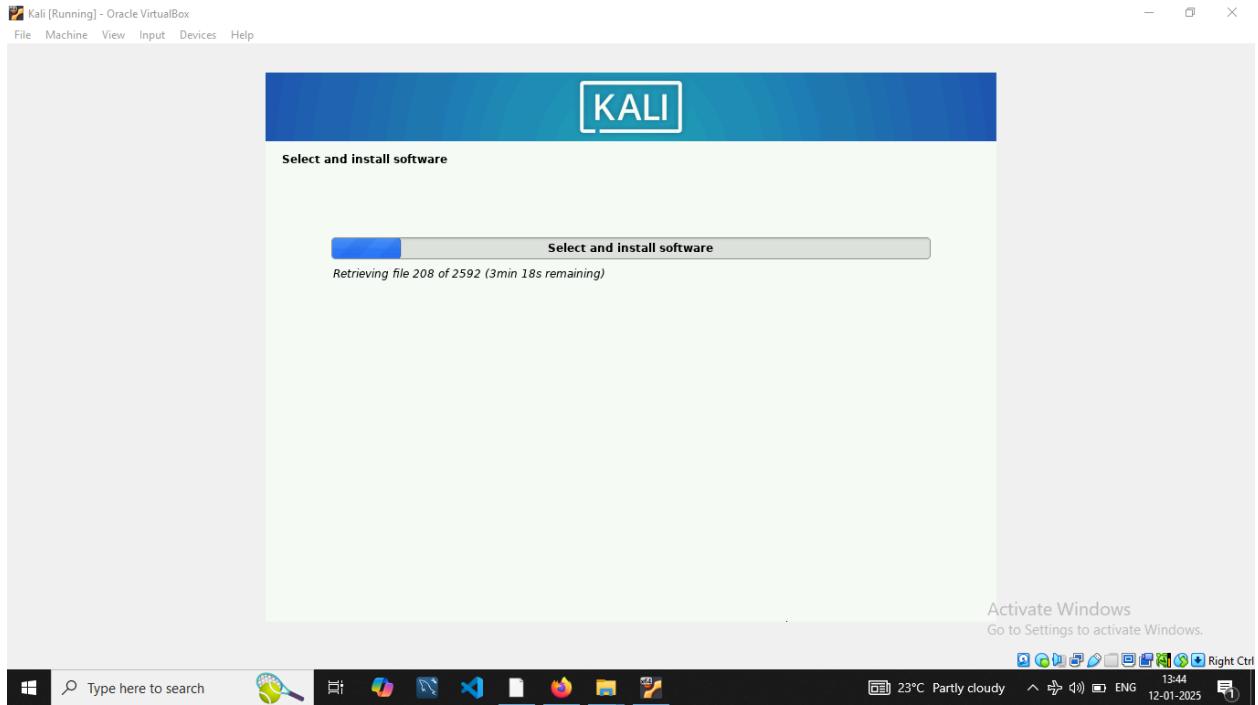
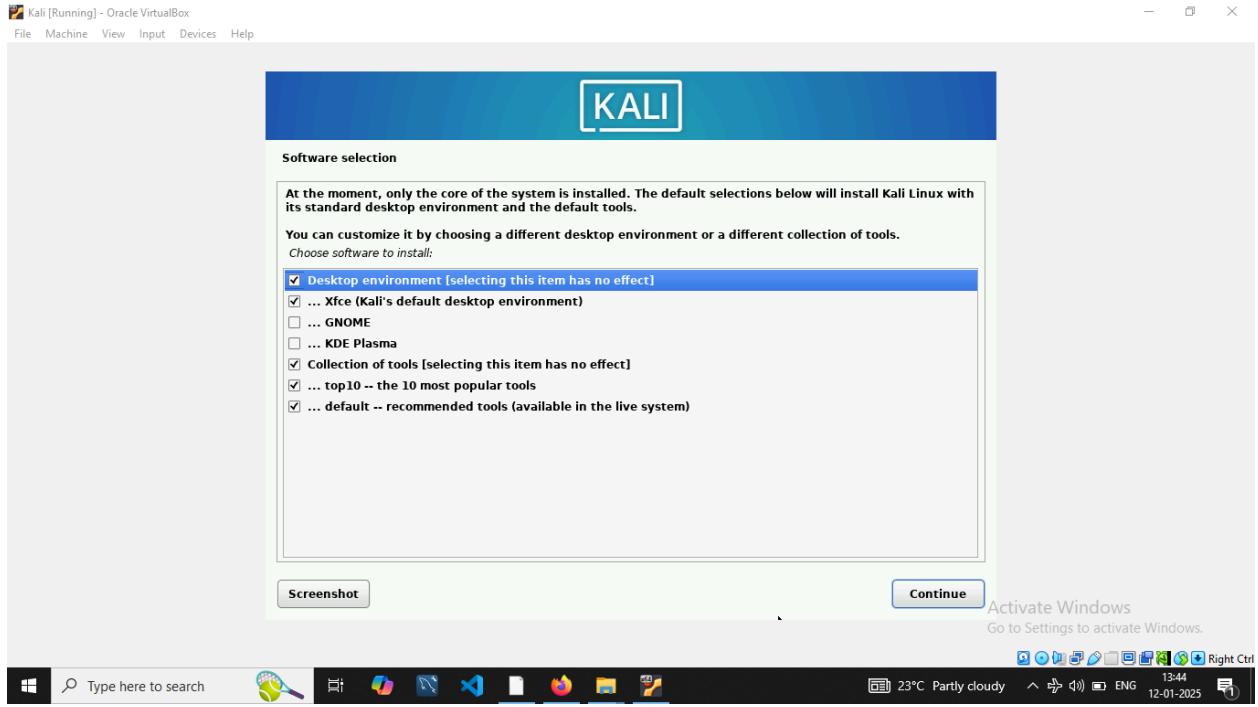


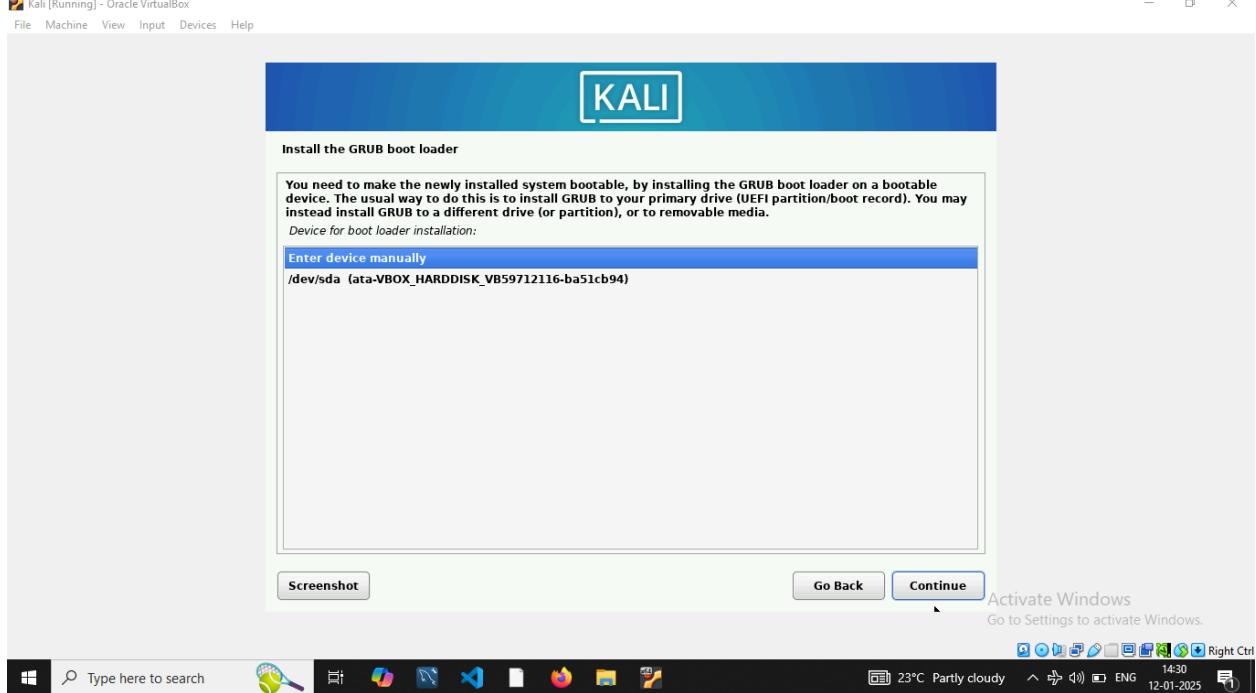
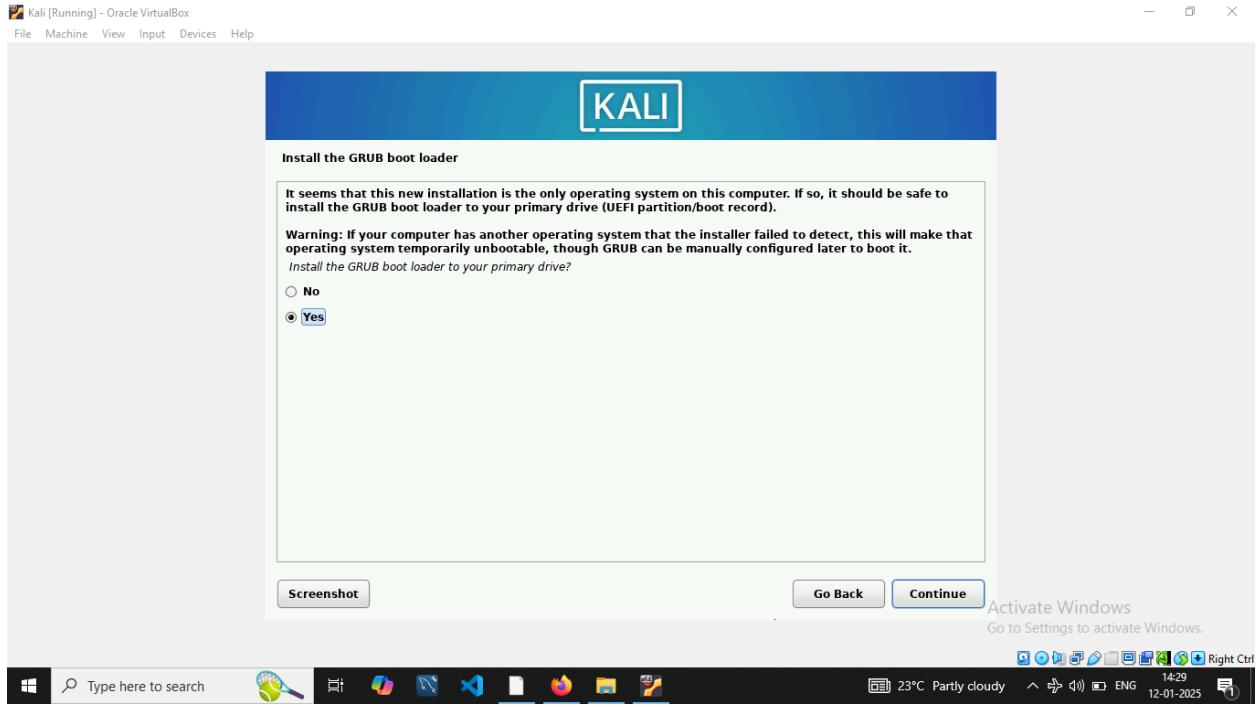


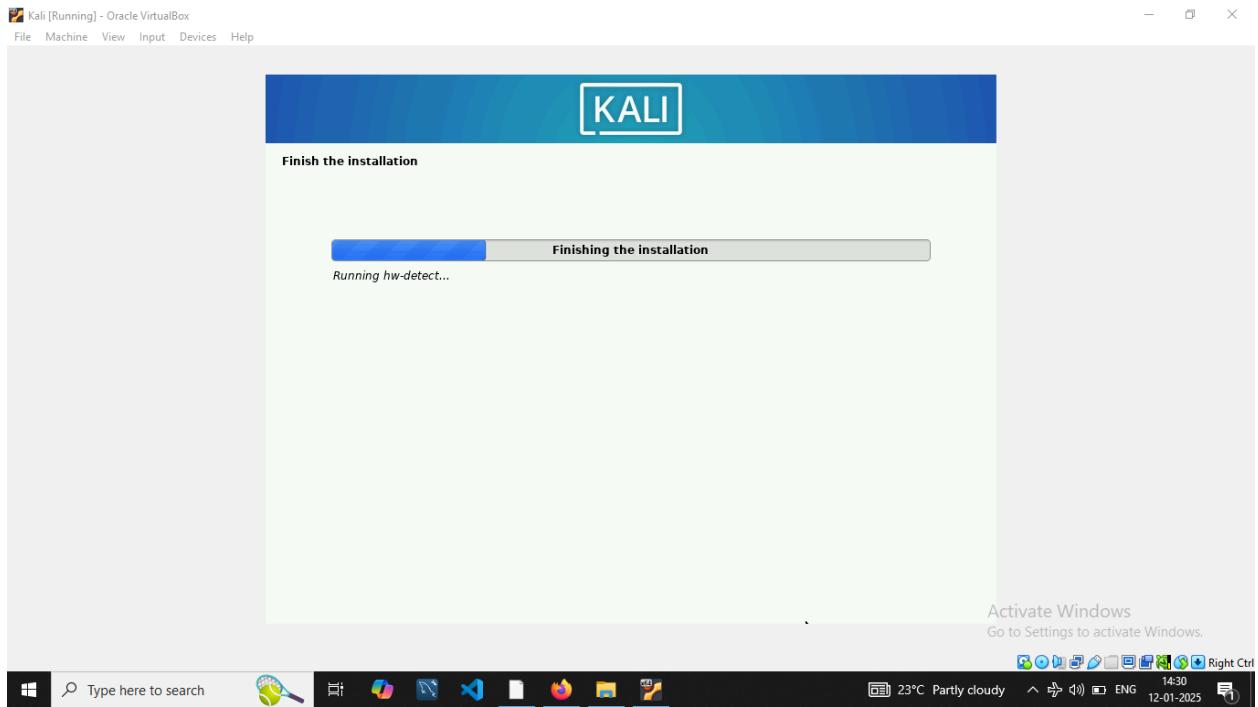
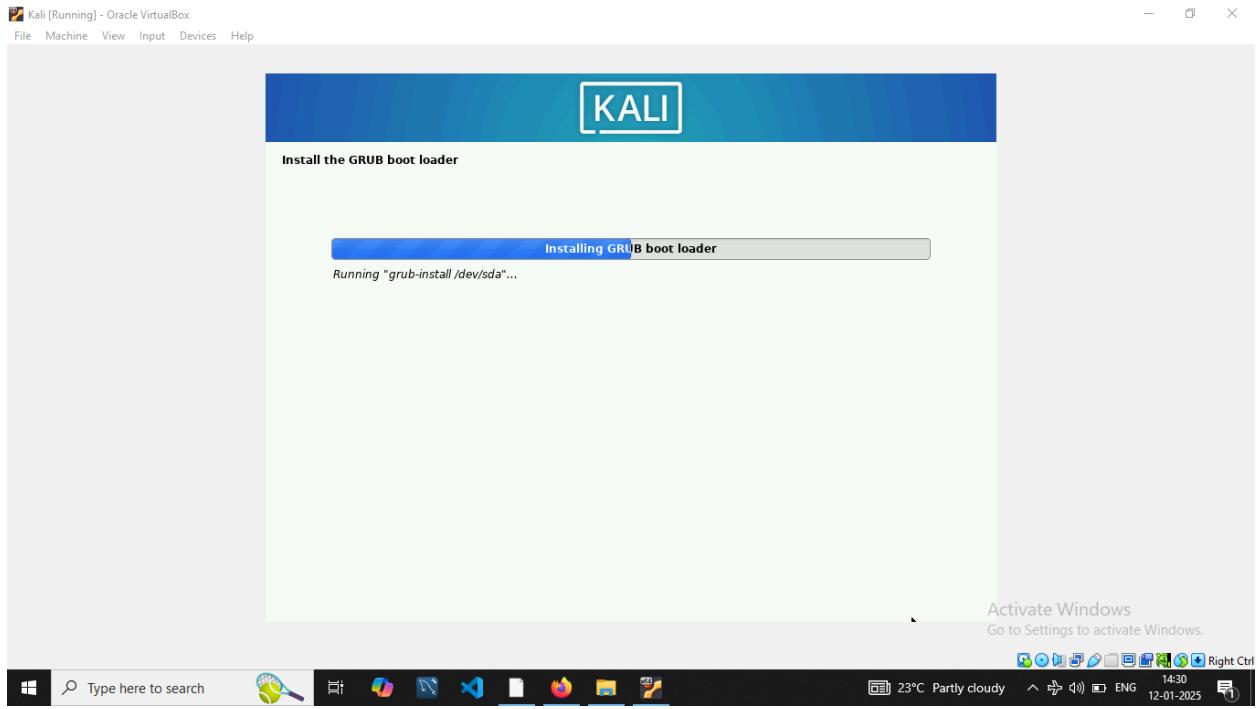


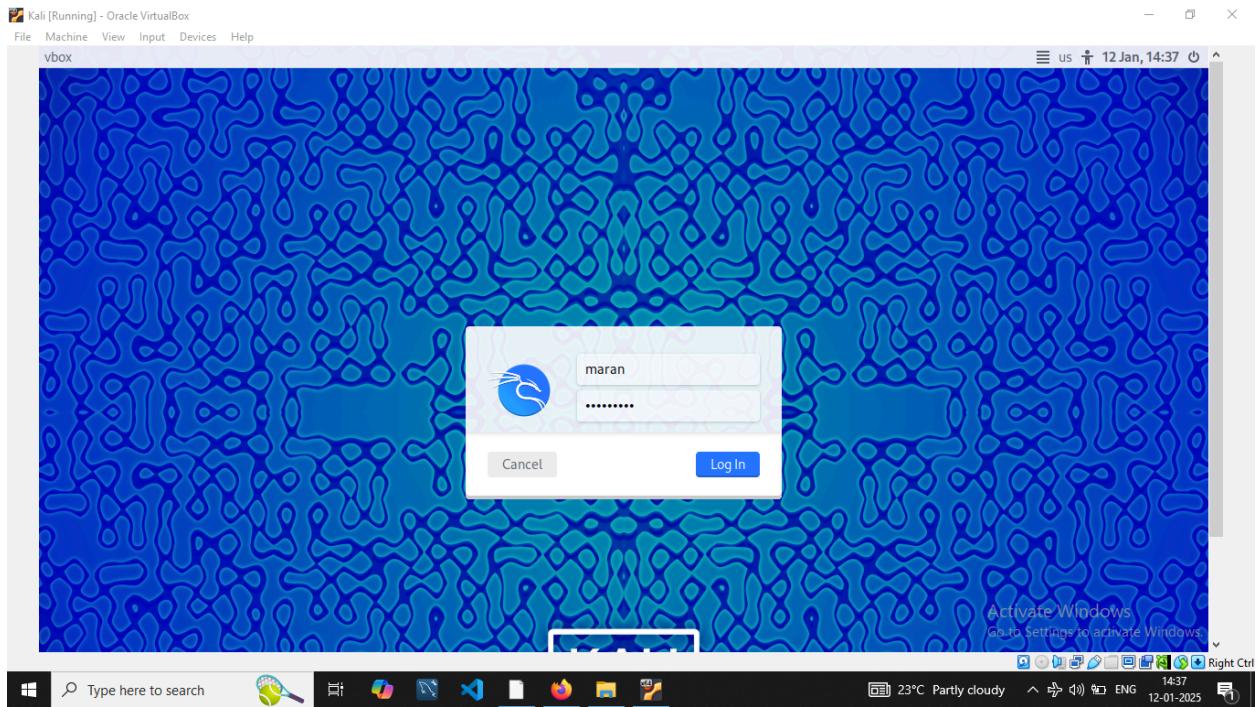
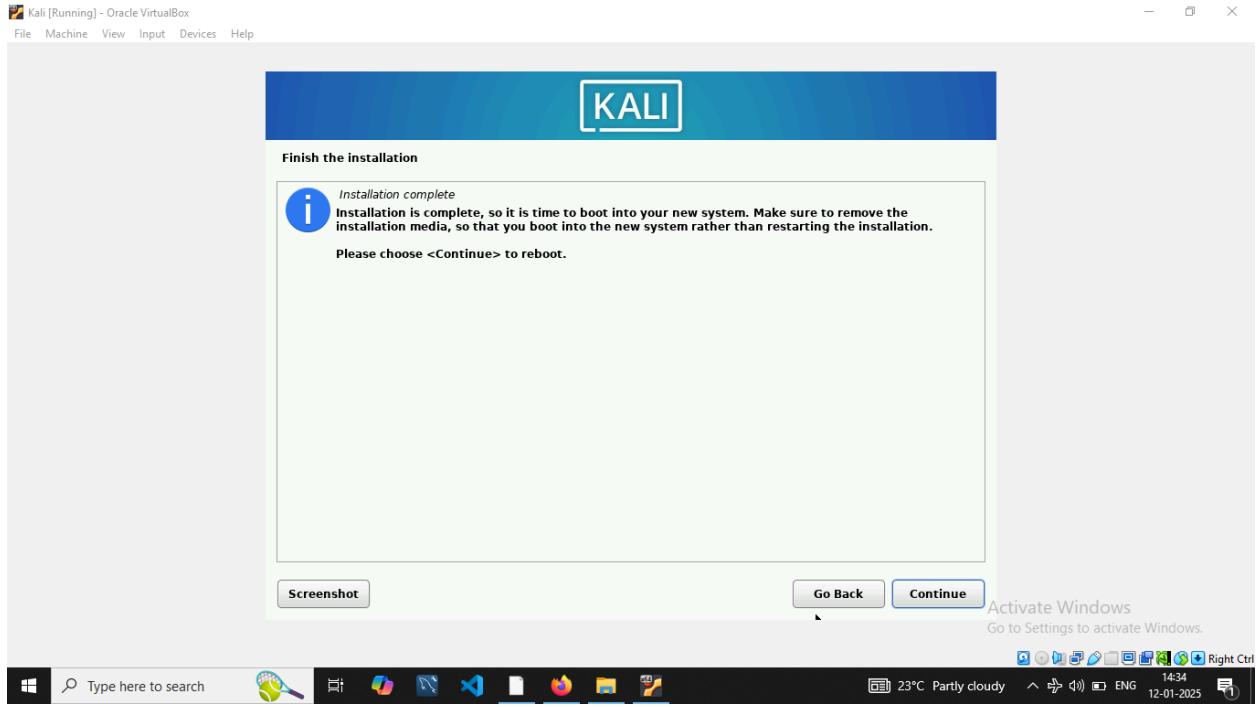


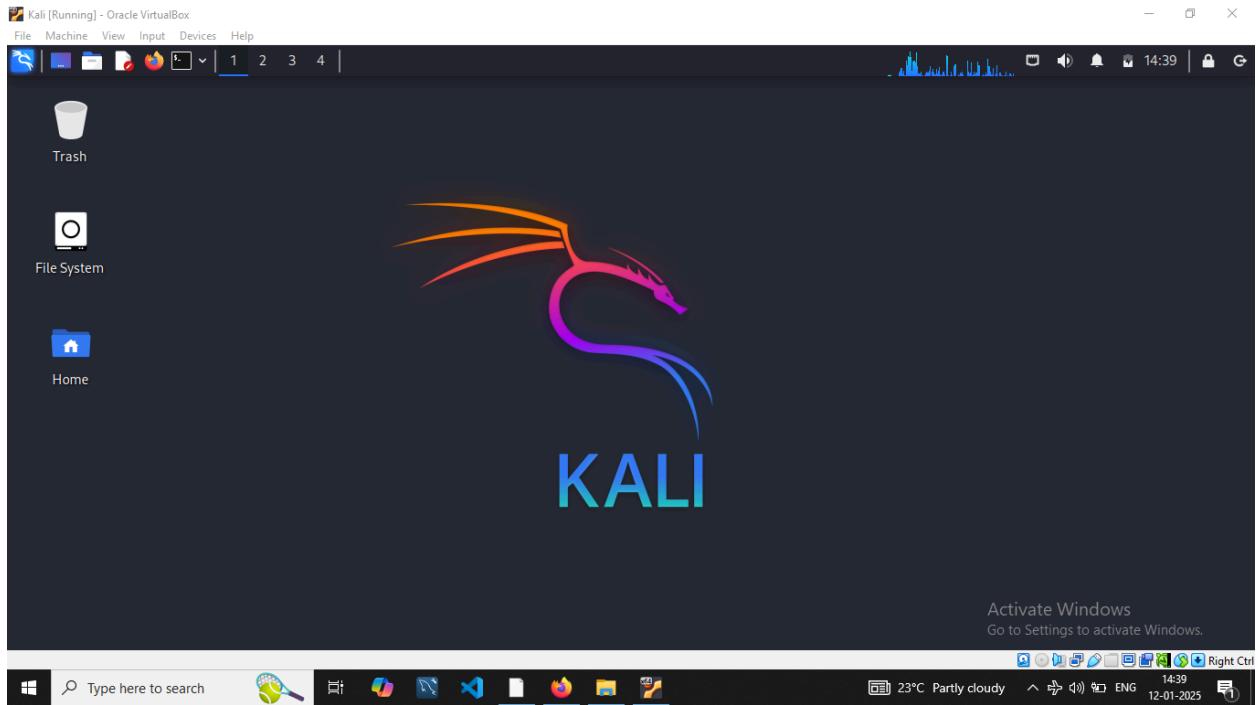






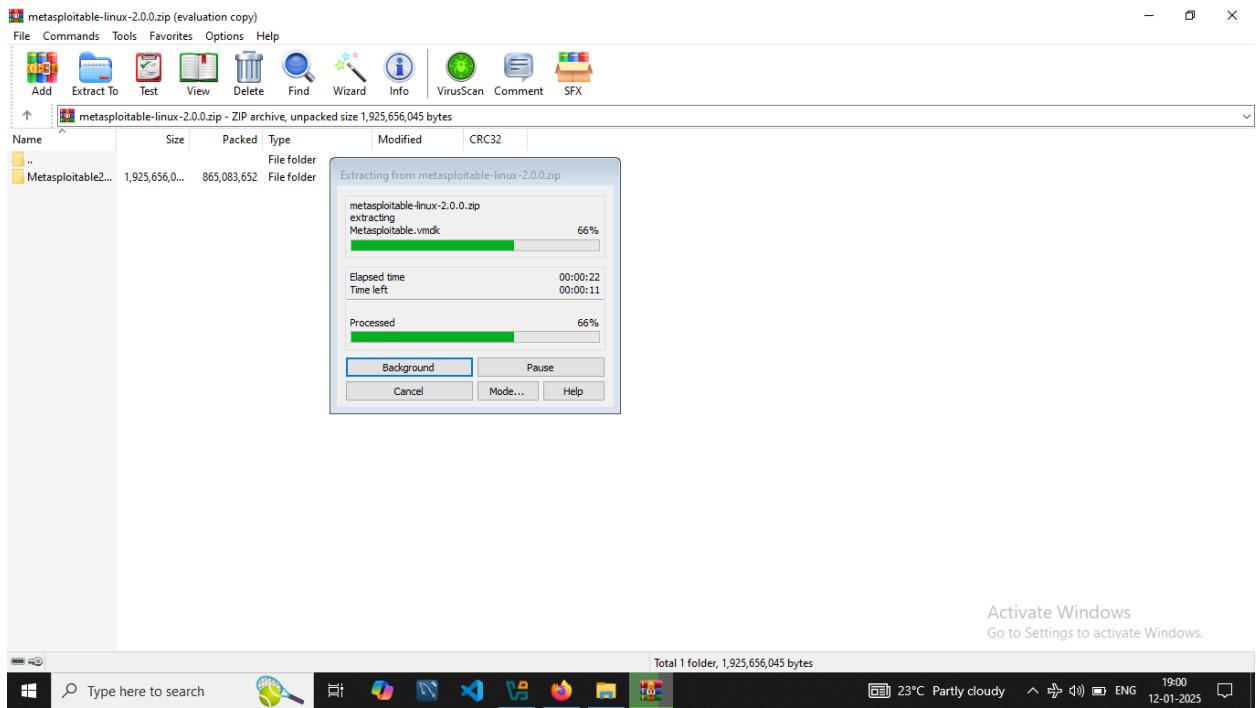


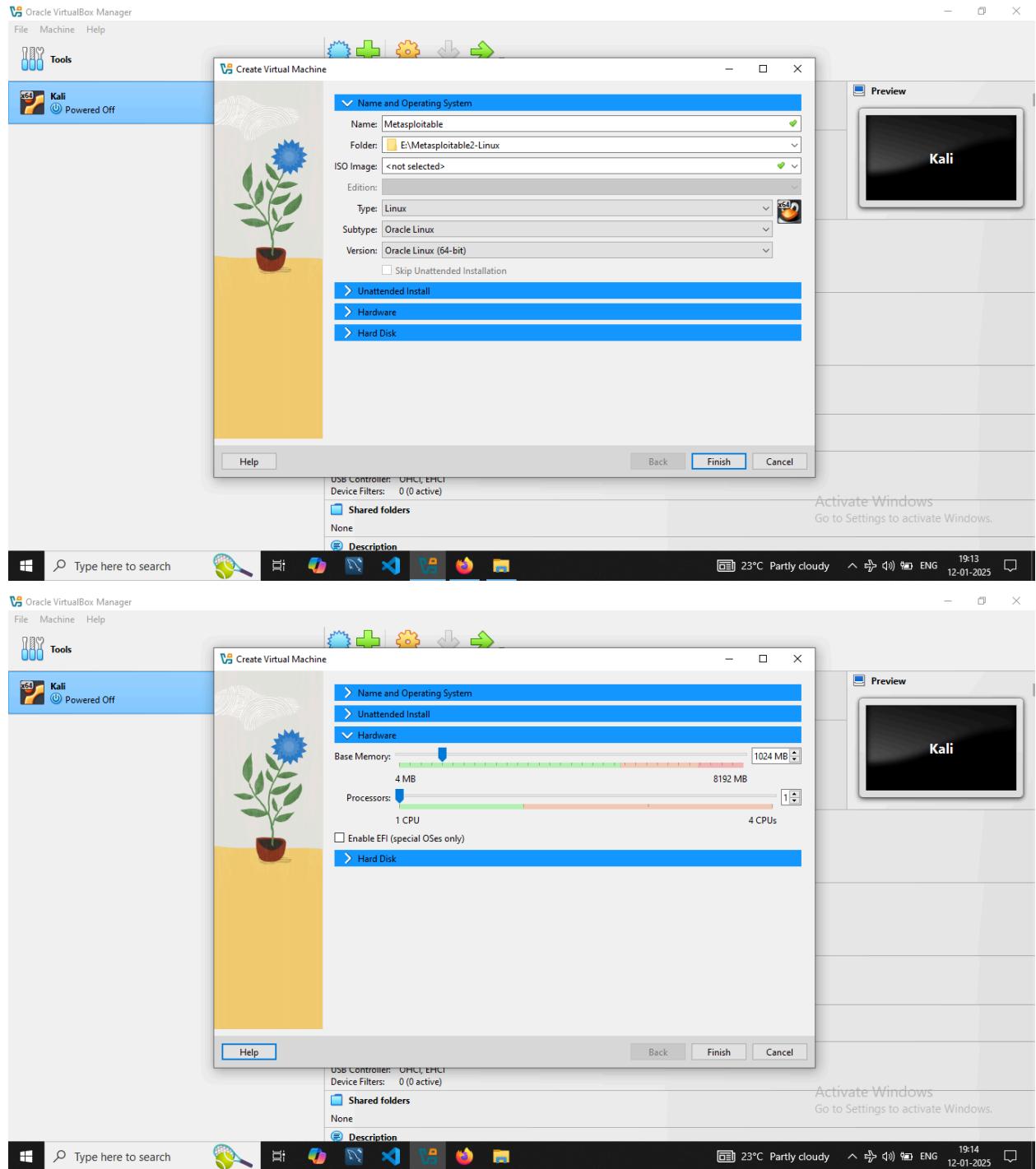


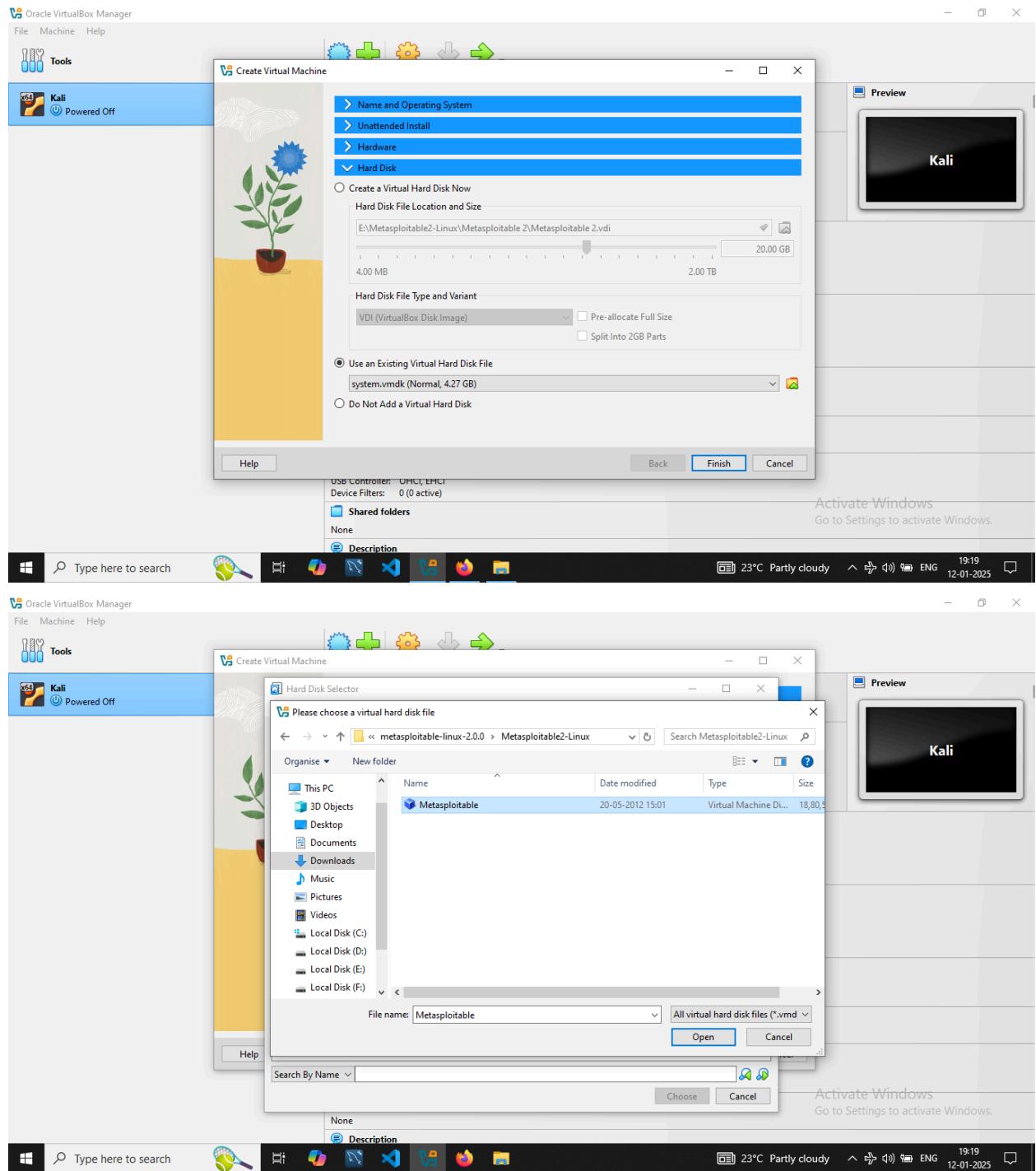


4. Create a Virtual Machine for Metasploitable:

- Unzipping the Metasploitable file using the Winrar.
- Opened the oracle virtual box and clicked to create a new virtual machine.
- Named as Metasploitable 2, selected a folder to create the virtual harddisk.
- Selected OS type as Linux, OS subtype Oracle Linux, Version as Oracle Linux (64- bit).
- In the next step allocated 1 GB of RAM and selected 1 virtual processor.
- In the 3rd step, Select use an existing virtual box harddisk file.
- Opening the unzipped Metasploitable.vmdk file, clicking finish.
- After that clicked on start to run the Metasploitable 2 virtual machine.
- Metasploitable 2 is booting up and entering the default credentials to login, Metasploitable 2 is installed and working fine.
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Oracle VirtualBox Manager

File Machine Help

Tools

Kali Powered Off

Create Virtual Machine

Hard Disk Selector

Medium Selector

Name	Virtual Size	Actual Size
Attached		
Kali.vdi	32.00 GB	15.16 GB
Not Attached		
data.vmdk	12.79 GB	2.63 MB
Metasploitable.vmdk	8.00 GB	1.79 GB
system.vmdk	4.27 GB	1.47 GB

Search By Name

Choose Cancel Attach the selected medium to the drive Settings to activate Windows.

None Description

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File Machine Help

Tools

Kali Powered Off

Metasploitable 2 Powered Off

New Add Settings Discard Start

General

Name: Metasploitable 2
Operating System: Oracle Linux (64-bit)

System

Base Memory: 1024 MB
Boot Order: Floppy, Optical, Hard Disk
Acceleration: Nested Paging, PAE/NX, KVM Paravirtualization

Display

Video Memory: 16 MB
Graphics Controller: VMSVGA
Remote Desktop Server: Disabled
Recording: Disabled

Storage

Controller: IDE
IDE Secondary Device 0: [Optical Drive] Empty
Controller: SATA
SATA Port 0: Metasploitable.vmdk (Normal, 8.00 GB)

Audio

Host Driver: Default
Controller: ICH AC97

Network

Adapter 1: Intel PRO/1000 MT Desktop (NAT)

USB

USB Controller: OHCI, EHCI
Device Filters: 0 (0 active)

Shared folders

None

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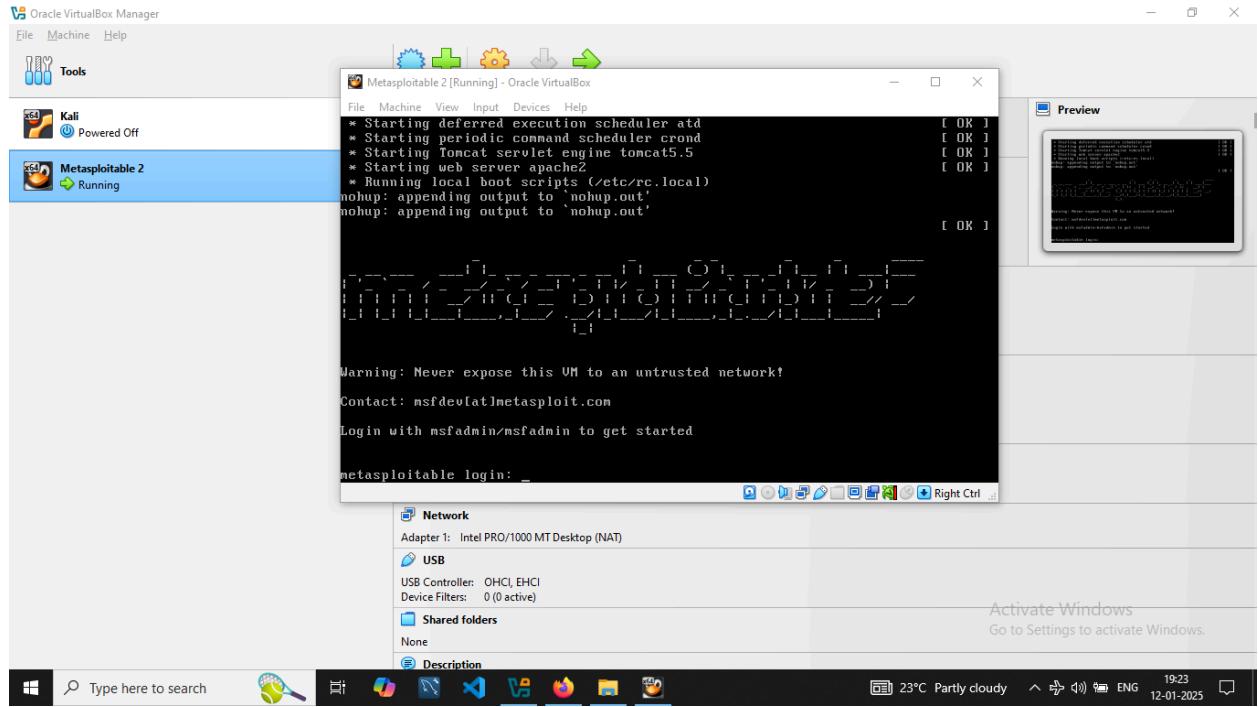
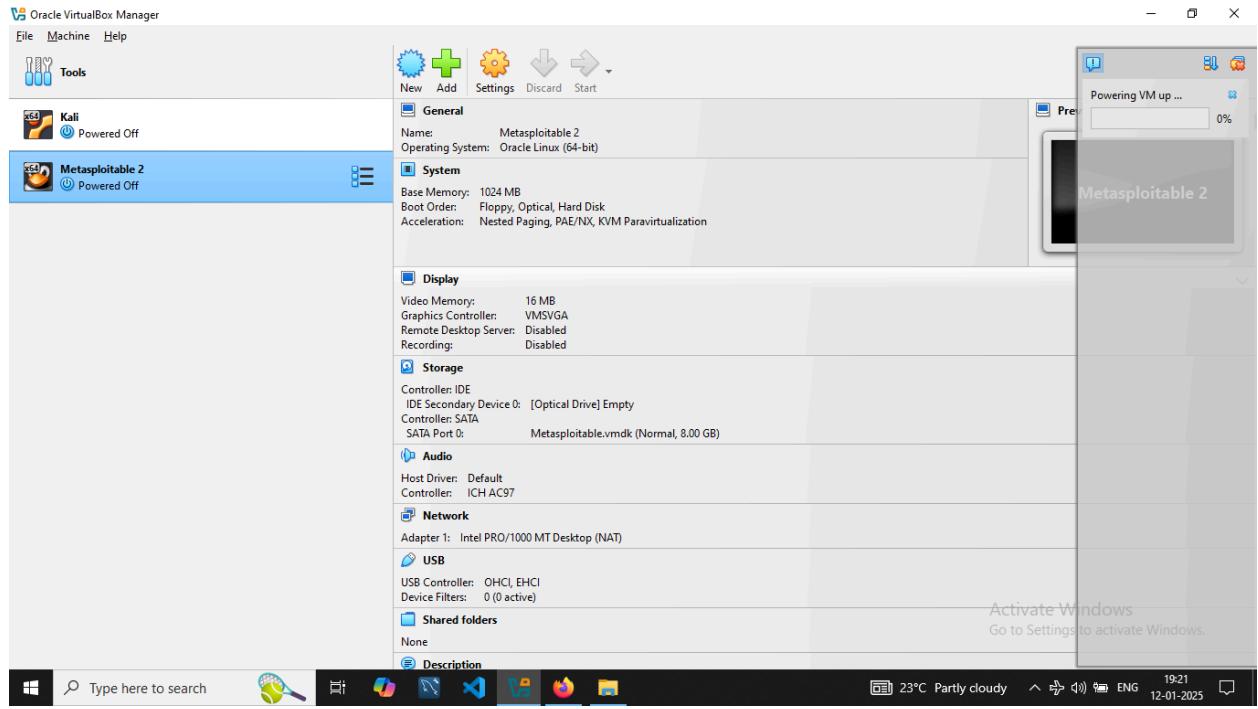
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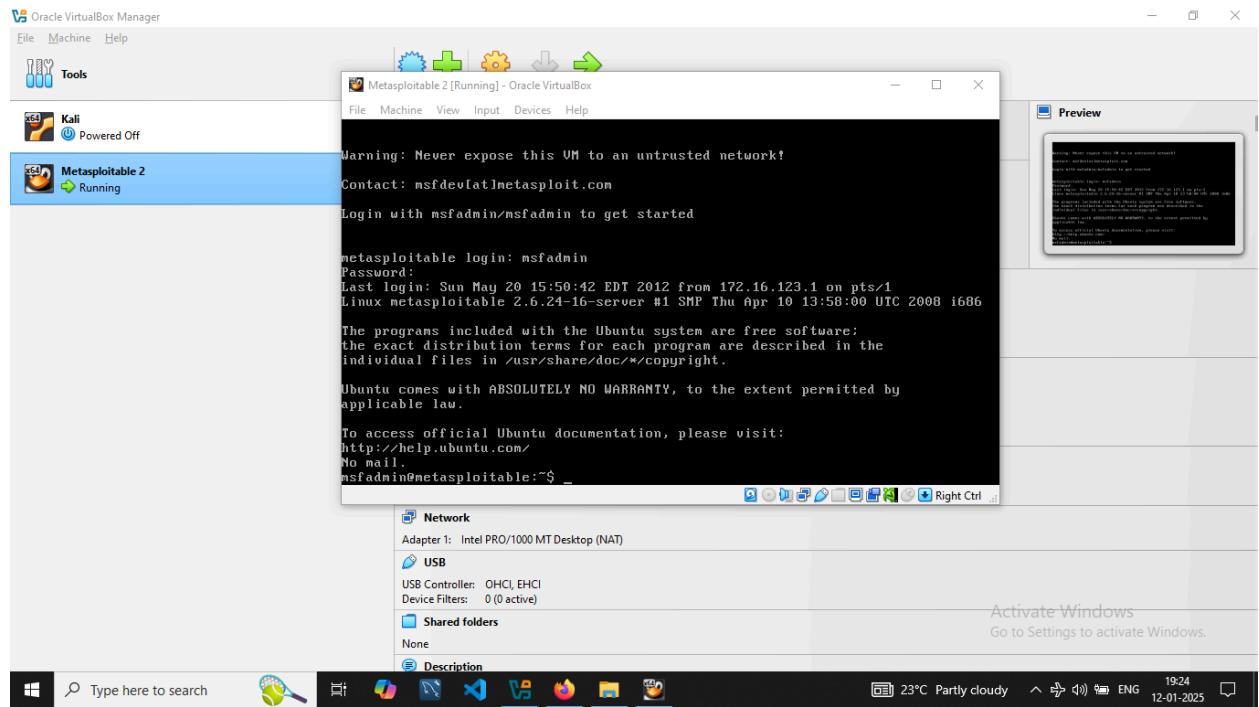
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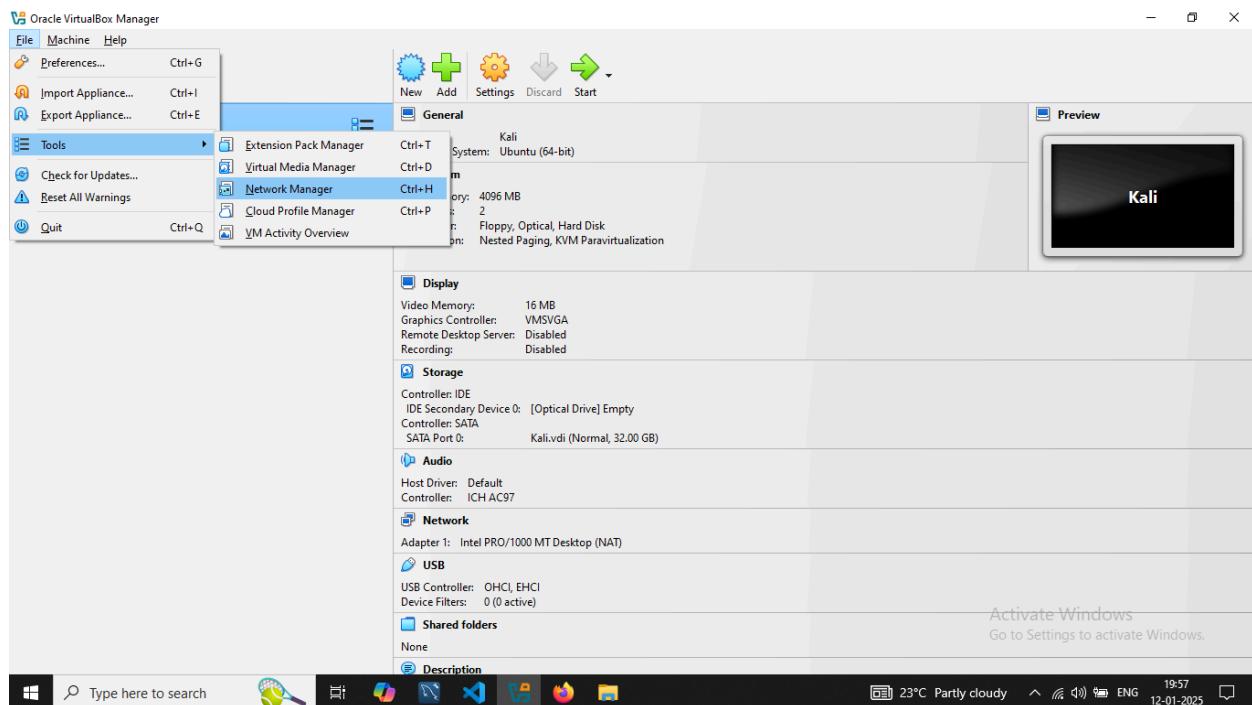
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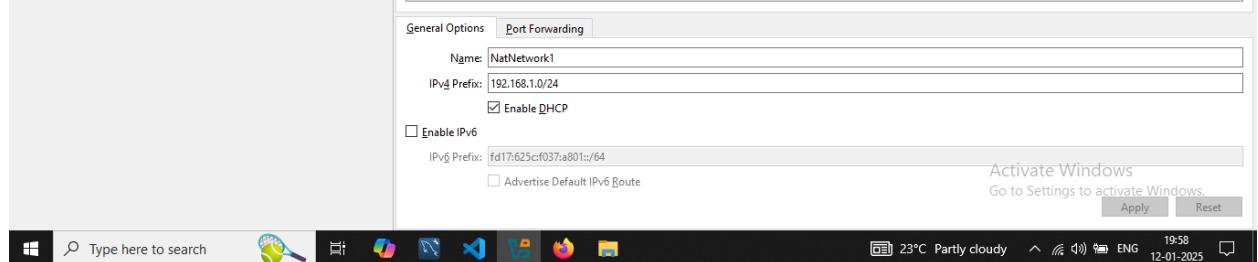
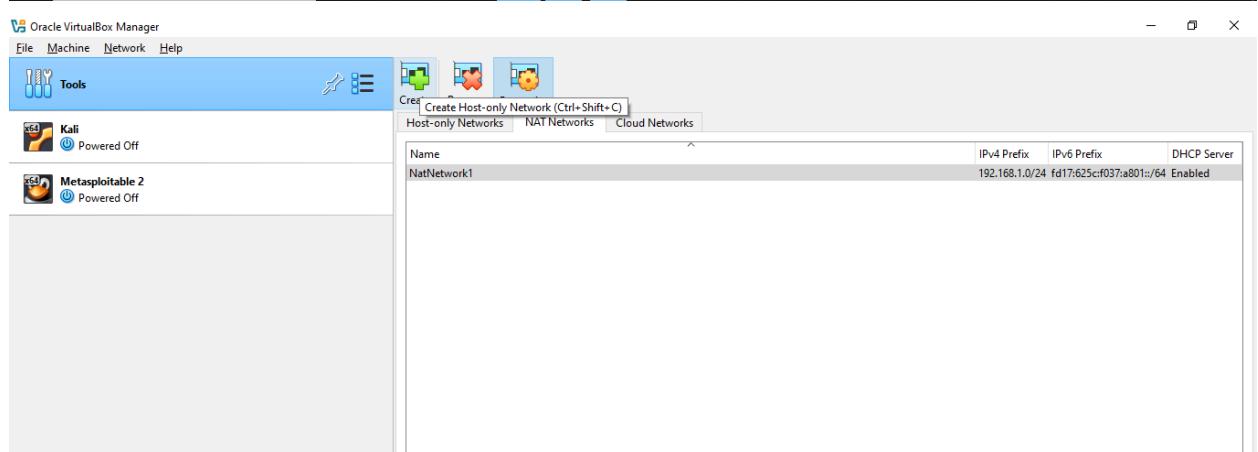
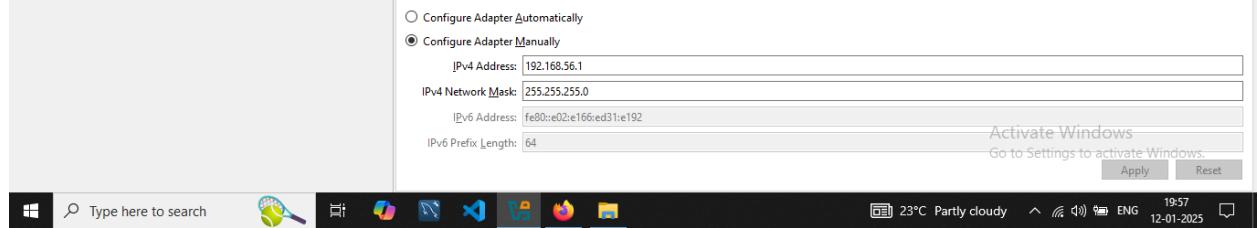
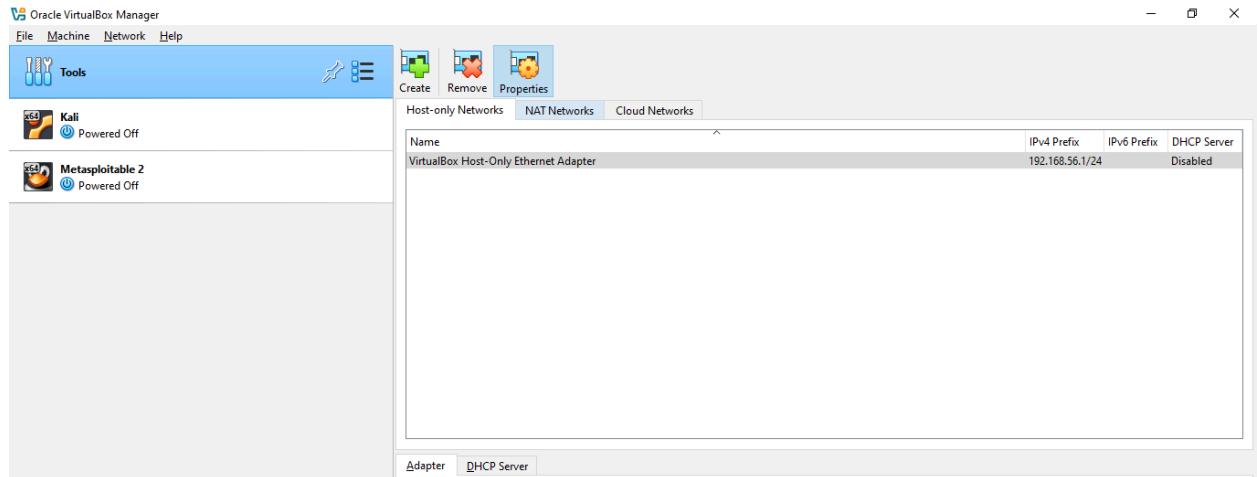




5. Configure Networking:

- To set up the private network click on file> Tools> Network Manager.
- In the network manager interface go to the NAT networks and click on create.
- Rename the name NatNetwork as Kali-Meta, change the address 10.0.2.0/24 as 198.162.1.0/24.
- Go to the settings of the Kali Linux virtual machine and navigate to the network, Select the Attached to as NAT Network, Select the Name as Kali-Meta.
- Go to the settings of the Metasploitable 2 virtual machine and navigate to the network, Select the Attached to as NAT Network, Select the Name as Kali-Meta.
- To ensure the connection ping the connection with the other machine.





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File Machine Network Help

Tools Create Remove Properties

Host-only Networks NAT Networks Cloud Networks

Name	IPv4 Prefix	IPv6 Prefix	DHCP Server
NatNetwork	10.0.2.0/24	192.168.1.0/24	fd17:625cf037:a801::/64 Enabled
NatNetwork1			

General Options Port Forwarding

Name: Kali-Meta
IPv4 Prefix: 10.0.2.0/24
 Enable DHCP
 Enable IPv6
IPv6 Prefix:
 Advertise Default IPv6 Route

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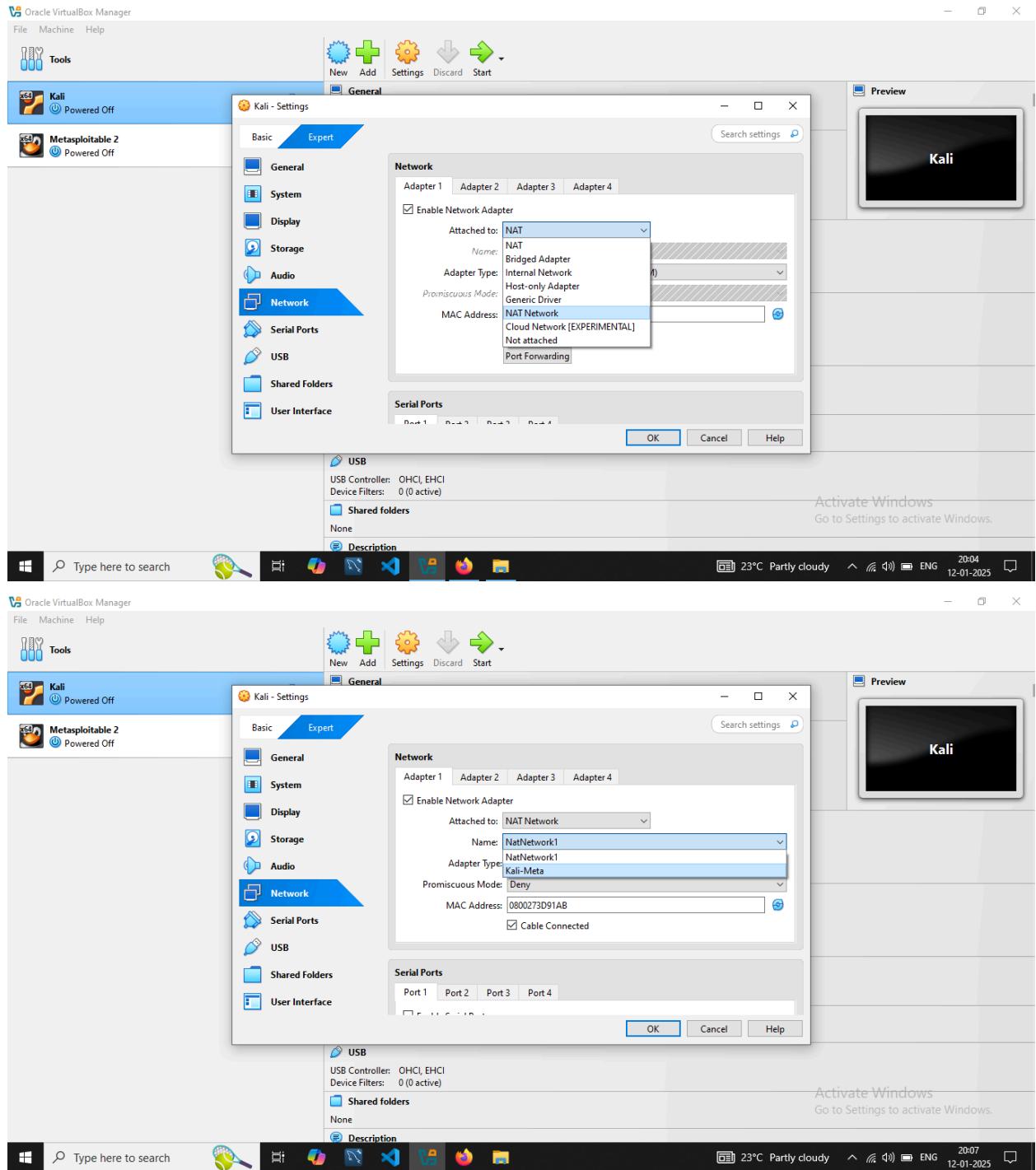
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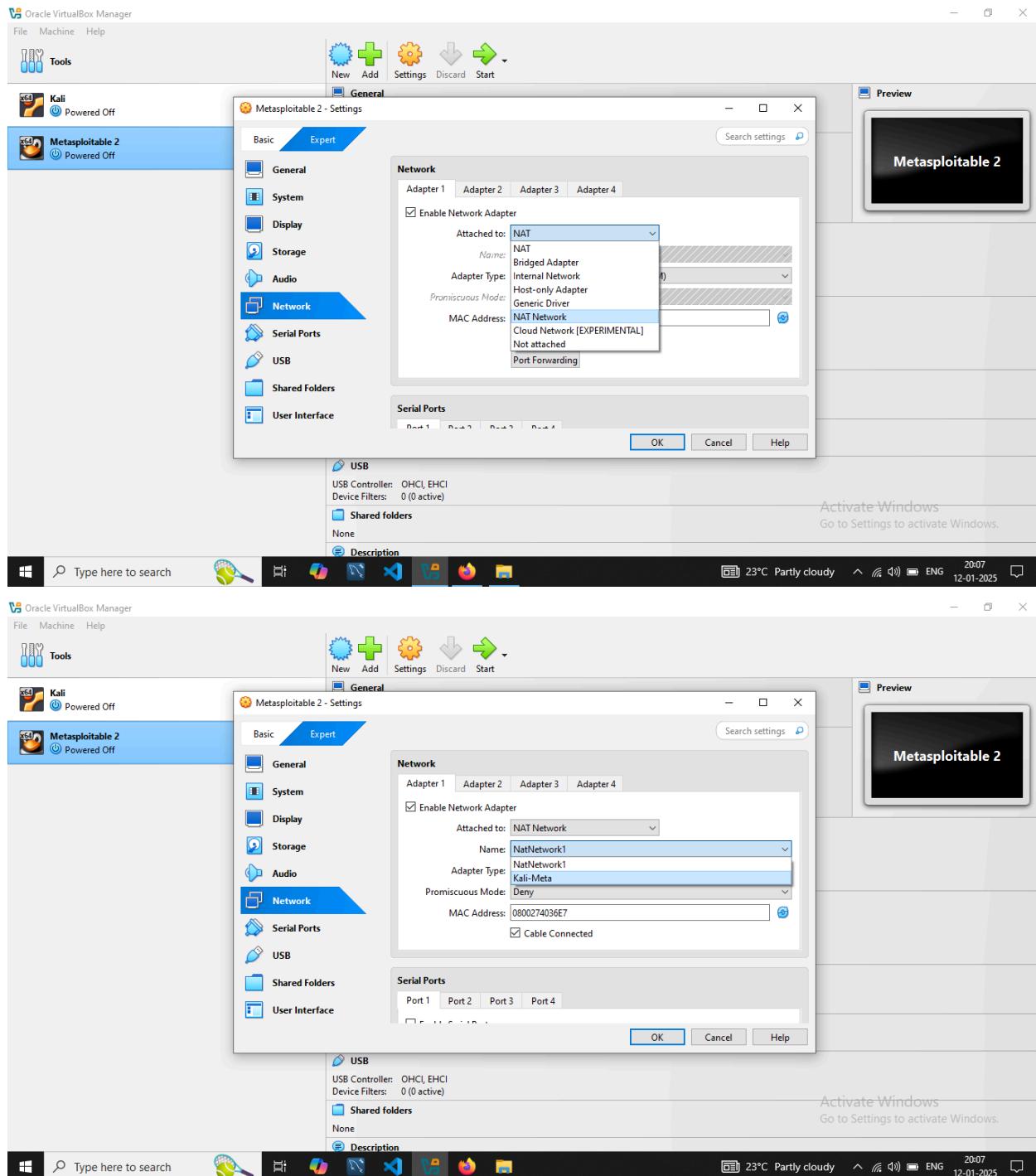
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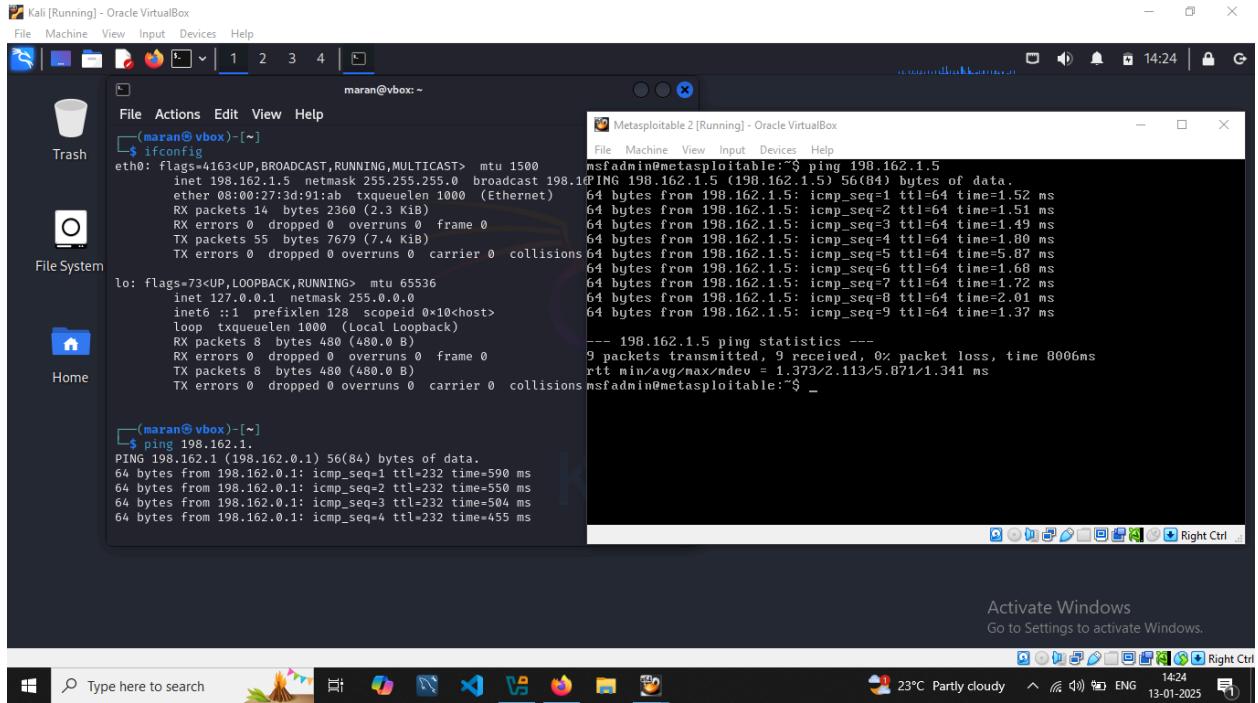
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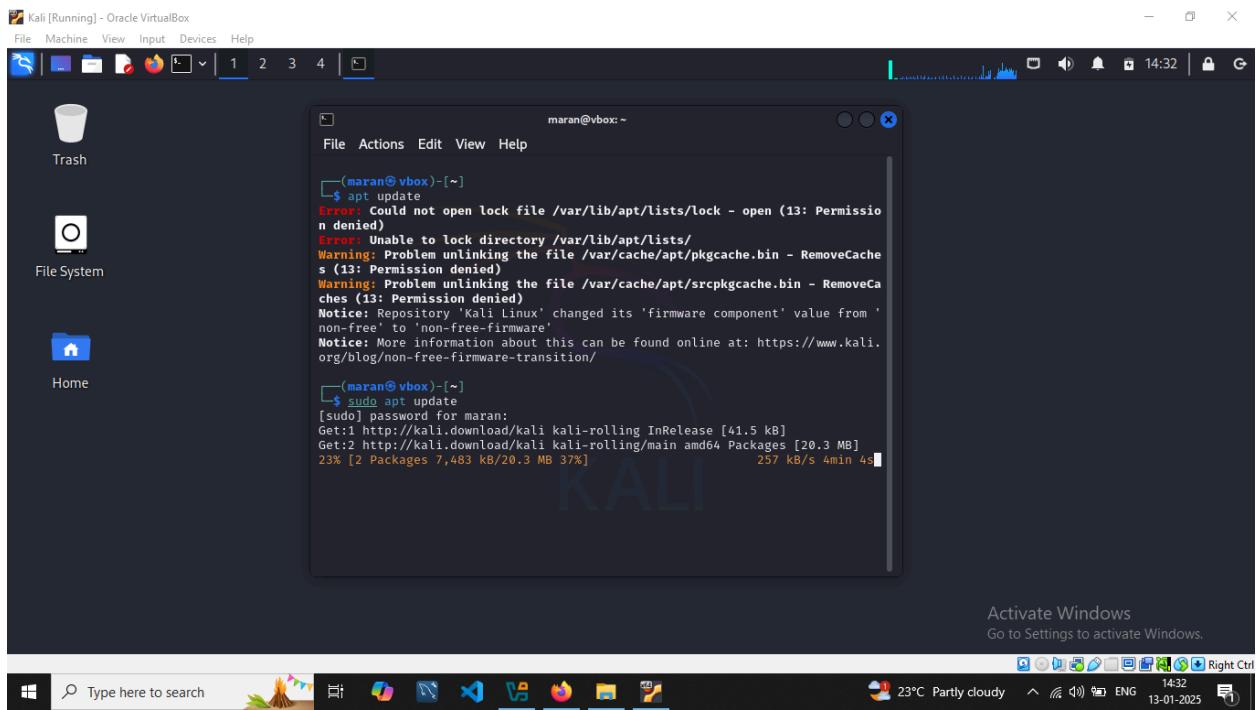






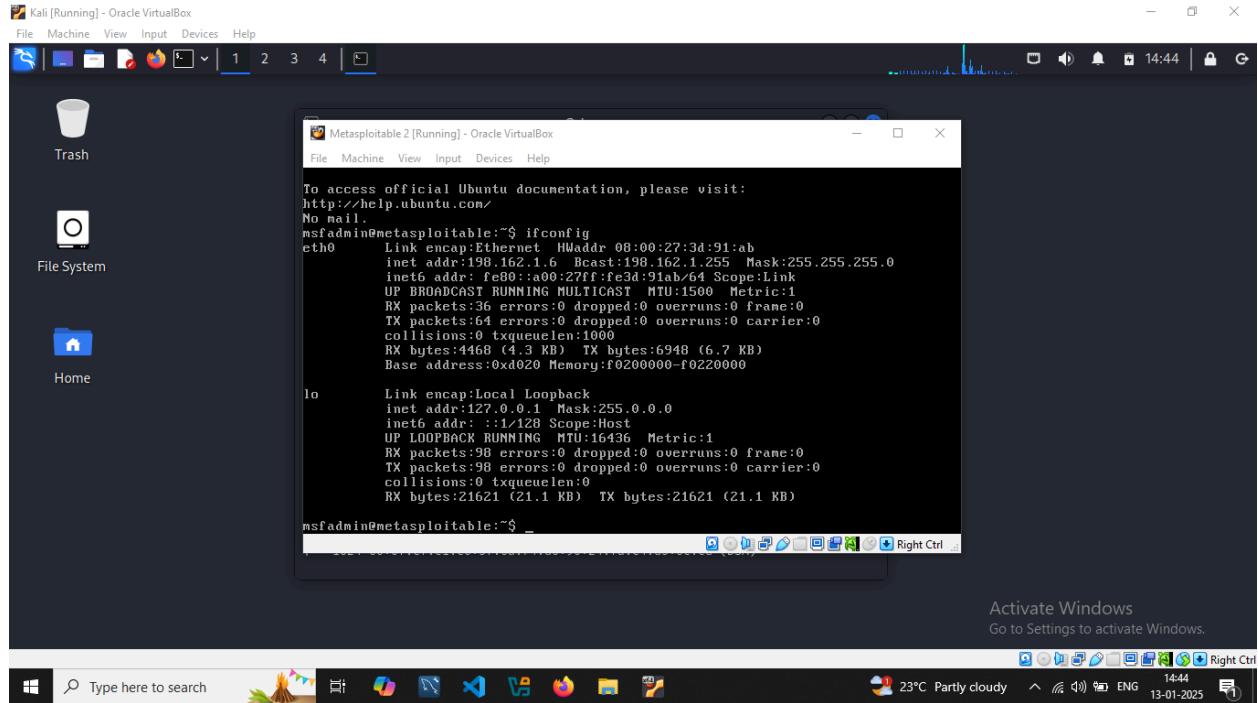
6. Update and Configure Kali Linux:

- Open the terminal in the Kali linux, enter the command: `sudo apt update` to update the Kali Linux.



7. Identify Metasploitable's IP Address:

- Start Metasploitable and log in using the default credentials.
- Finding the Metasploitable 2 IP address which is 198.162.1.6
- Noting down the IP address of Metasploitable 2.



8. Perform Initial Reconnaissance:

- Open the terminal in the Kali Linux, enter the command: nmap -A to do the initial reconnaissance to collect information about Metasploitable 2.
- Identify open ports and services with the nmap -A -v command to know open ports.

```
(maran㉿vbox) ~]$ nmap -A 198.162.1.6
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-01-13 14:44 IST
Nmap scan report for 198.162.1.6
Host is up (0.0020s latency).
Not shown: 977 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
21/tcp    open  ftp      vsftpd 2.3.4
|_ftp-syst:
| STAT:
|   FTP server status:
|     Connected to 198.162.1.5
|     Logged in as ftp
|     TYPE: ASCII
|     No session bandwidth limit
|     Session timeout in seconds is 300
|     Control connection is plain text
|     Data connections will be plain text
|     vsFTPD 2.3.4 - secure, fast, stable
|_.End of status
|_ftp-anon: Anonymous FTP login allowed (FTP code 230)
22/tcp    open  ssh      OpenSSH 4.7p1 Debian 8ubuntul (protocol 2.0)
| ssh-hostkey:
|   1024 60:0f:cfc:1:c0:5f:6a:74:d6:90:24:fa:c4:d5:6c:cd (DSA)
|   2048 56:56:24:0f:21:id:de:a7:2b:ae:61:b1:24:d8:e8:f3 (RSA)
23/tcp    open  telnet   Linux telnetd

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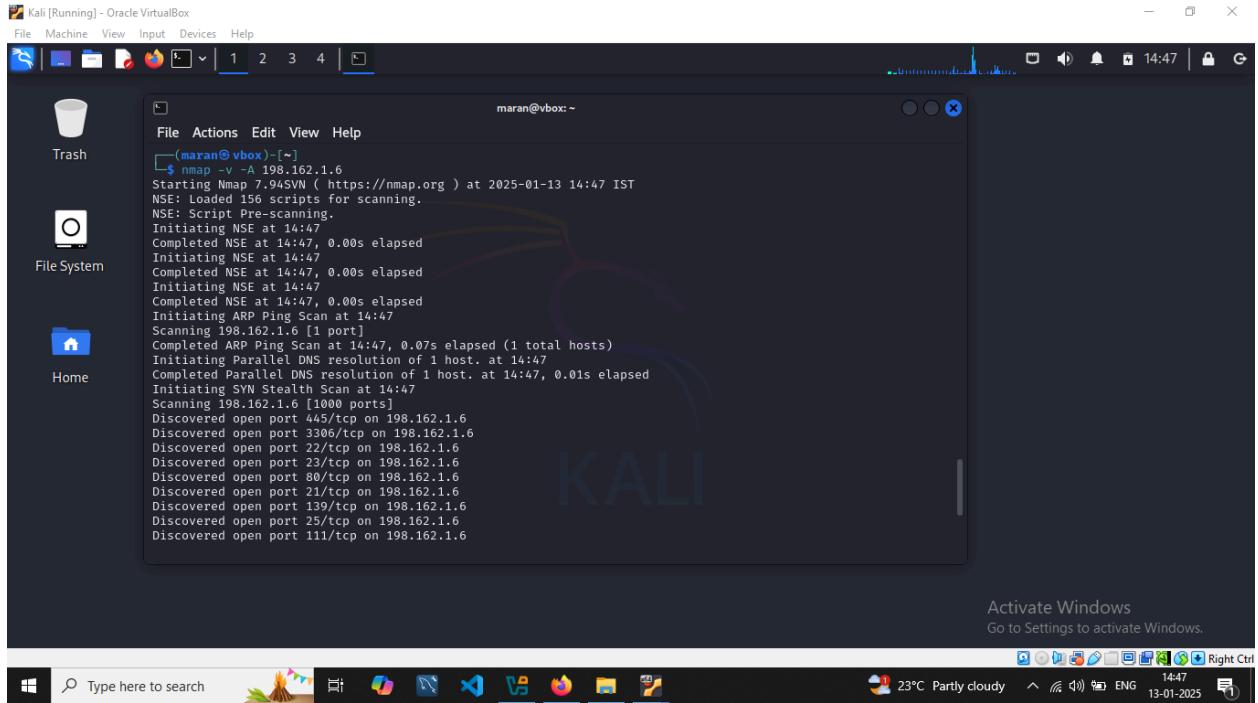
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Host script results:
| smb-security-mode:
|   account_used: <blank>
|   authentication_level: user
|   challenge_response: supported
|_ message_signing: disabled (dangerous, but default)
| smb-os-discovery:
|   OS: Unix (Samba 3.0.20-Debian)
|   Computer name: metasploitable
|   NetBIOS computer name:
|   Domain name: localdomain
|   FQDN: metasploitable.localdomain
|_ System time: 2025-01-13T04:14:47-05:00
|_smb2-time: Protocol negotiation failed (SMB2)
|_clock-skew: mean: 1h15m03s, deviation: 2h30m00s, median: 2s
|_nbstat: NetBIOS name: METASPOITABLE, NetBIOS user: <unknown>, NetBIOS MAC: <unknown> (unknown)

TRACEROUTE
HOP RTT      ADDRESS
1  2.01 ms  198.162.1.6

OS and Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 23.34 seconds

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9. Clean Up and Backup:

- Regularly taking snapshots of the virtual machines to preserve the lab state.
- Cleaned the unnecessary files, data to keep the virtual lab environment organized.

Week-1 Deliverables:

- Settled up a fully functional virtual cybersecurity lab with Kali Linux and Metasploitable in a Windows 10 host.
- Documented the setup process, including screenshots and configuration details.
- Done initial reconnaissance findings and successful penetration testing activity which is VSFTPD v2.3.4 Backdoor Command Execution documented it.

Penetration Testing activity VSFTPD v2.3.4 Backdoor Command Execution:

- Open the terminal in the Kali Linux, enter the command: nmap -A 198.162.1.6 to do the initial reconnaissance to collect basic information about Metasploitable 2.
- Identify open ports and services with the nmap -A -v 198.162.1.6 command to know open ports of Metasploitable 2.
- Identified the open port 21 which is FTP.
- Starting Metasploit framework with msfconsole.
- Searching FTP exploits with search command, there are 2 results one is for version 2.3.2 another for 2.3.4.
- Selected the version 2.3.4 with the number of search results 1, entered the command use 1.
- Redirected to exploit directory exploit(unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor).
- Entering command info to read the instructions of the exploit.
- Entering show options to view the options to set.
- Setting the mandatory option which RHOSTS to Metasploitable IP address 198.162.1.6 as set RHOSTS 198.162.1.6
- Entering command exploit to exploit the Metasploitable 2 machine.
- Exploit was successful and gained access to the backdoor of the Metasploitable 2.
- To check that entering the command whoami output is root (root of Metasploitable 2) and checking IP address with the command ifconfig the output is 198.162.1.6.
- Documented the penetration testing activity step-by-step with tools, commands, configurations and outputs.

Kali [Running] - Oracle VirtualBox

File Machine View Input Devices Help

Trash

File System

Home

Metasploitable 2 [Running] - Oracle VirtualBox

File Machine View Input Devices Help

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To access official Ubuntu documentation, please visit:  
http://help.ubuntu.com/  
No mail.  
maran@vbox:~$ ifconfig  
eth0      Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr 08:00:27:3d:91:ab  
          inet addr:198.162.1.6  Bcast:198.162.1.255  Mask:255.255.255.0  
          inet6 addr: fe80::a00:27ff:fe3d:91ab/64 Scope:Link  
             UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST  MTU:1500  Metric:1  
             RX packets:126 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0  
             TX packets:126 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0  
             collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000  
             RX bytes:9182 (8.9 KB)  TX bytes:14516 (14.1 KB)  
             Base address:0xd020 Memory:f0200000-f0220000  
  
lo       Link encap:Local Loopback  
          inet addr:127.0.0.1  Mask:255.0.0.0  
          inet6 addr: ::1/128 Scope:Host  
             UP LOOPBACK RUNNING  MTU:16436  Metric:1  
             RX packets:137 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0  
             TX packets:137 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0  
             collisions:0 txqueuelen:0  
             RX bytes:40293 (39.3 KB)  TX bytes:40293 (39.3 KB)  
maran@vbox:~$ _
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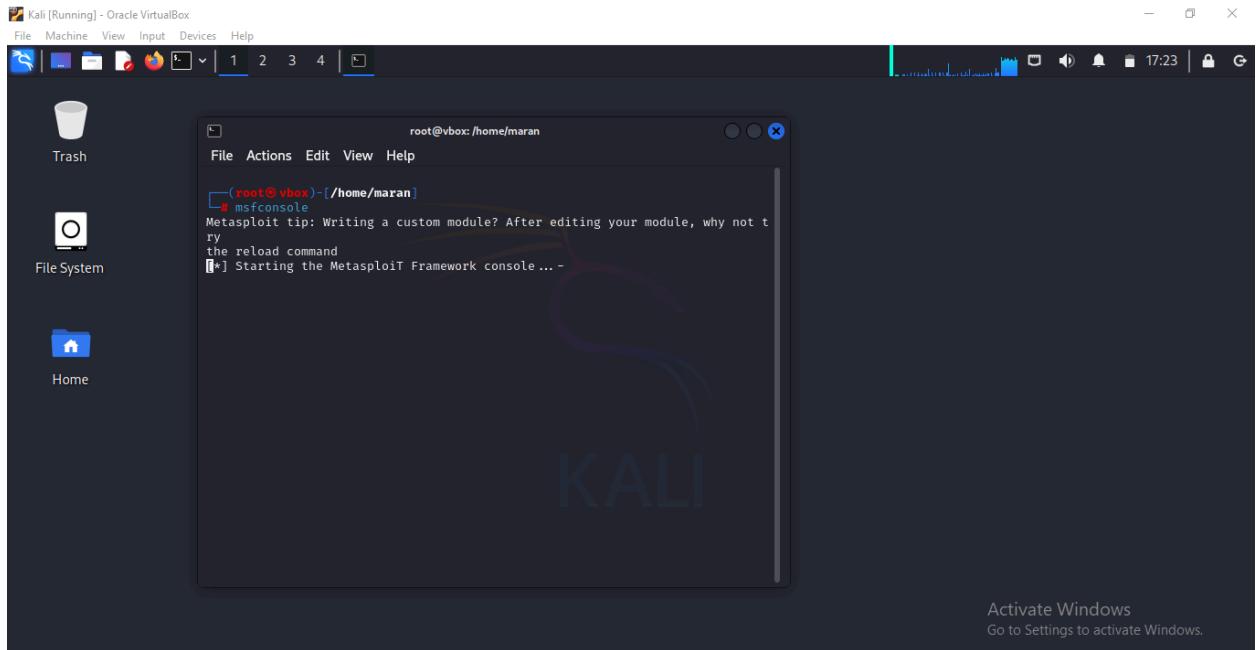
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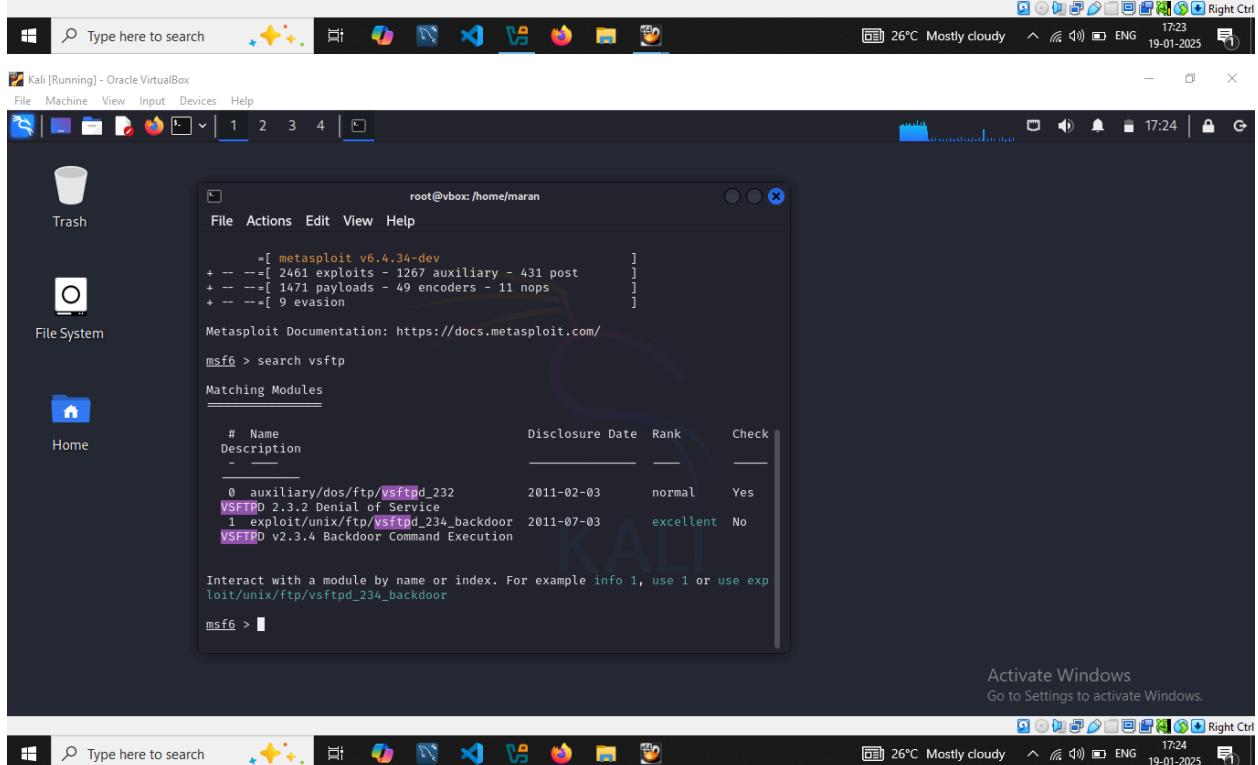
maran@vbox:~\$ nmap -v -A 198.162.1.6

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Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-01-19 17:20 IST  
NSE: Loaded 156 scripts for scanning.  
NSE: Script Pre-scanning.  
Initiating NSE at 17:20  
Completed NSE at 17:20, 0.00s elapsed  
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Initiating ARP Ping Scan at 17:20  
Scanning 198.162.1.6 [1 port]  
Completed ARP Ping Scan at 17:20, 0.13s elapsed (1 total hosts)  
Initiating Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 17:20  
Completed Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 17:21, 13.03s elapsed  
Initiating SYN Stealth Scan at 17:21  
Scanning 198.162.1.6 [1000 ports]  
Discovered open port 5900/tcp on 198.162.1.6  
Discovered open port 111/tcp on 198.162.1.6  
Discovered open port 23/tcp on 198.162.1.6  
Discovered open port 445/tcp on 198.162.1.6  
Discovered open port 139/tcp on 198.162.1.6  
Discovered open port 25/tcp on 198.162.1.6  
Discovered open port 22/tcp on 198.162.1.6  
Discovered open port 21/tcp on 198.162.1.6  
Discovered open port 53/tcp on 198.162.1.6
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Metasploit Documentation: <https://docs.metasploit.com/>

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Matching Modules

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msf6 > use 1
[*] No payload configured, defaulting to cmd/unix/interact
msf6 exploit(unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor) > |

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    Name: VSFTPD v2.3.4 Backdoor Command Execution
    Module: exploit/unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor
    Platform: Unix
    Arch: cmd
    Privileged: Yes
    License: Metasploit Framework License (BSD)
    Rank: Excellent
    Disclosed: 2011-07-03

    Provided by:
        hdm <@hdm.io>
        MC <mc@metasploit.com>

    Available targets:
        Id  Name
        --  --
        0   Automatic

    Check supported:
        No
```

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View the full module info with the info -d command.
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Module options (exploit/unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor):
Name  Current Setting  Required  Description
RHOSTS          yes      The target host(s), see https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html
RPORT          21      yes      The target port (TCP)

Exploit target:
Id  Name
--  --
0   Automatic

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