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Q) As a network administrator, briefly what techniques, tools, and methodologies would follow to perform testing on linux

a) Network devices security

b) Physical security

Introduction:-

Objectives

The objective of the report is to provide network administrators with an overview of the techniques, tools, and methodologies that can be used to test and enhance the security of network devices and physical environment on Linux systems. The report aims to help network administrators identify potential vulnerabilities and mitigate security threats through the use of various tools and techniques such as vulnerability scanning, network traffic analysis, access controls and authentication, regular updates and patches, security audits and risk assessments, access control systems, CCTV cameras, system hardening and configuration management, encryption, and regular security audits. By following the techniques, tools, and methodologies outlined in the report, network administrators can ensure that their Linux-based network devices and physical environment are secure and protected against potential security threats.

Description

As a network administrator, when performing testing on Kali Linux for network devices security and physical security, various techniques, tools, and methodologies can be utilized to assess the robustness and resilience of the network infrastructure against potential threats.

Scope

The scope of a project for a network administrator to perform testing on Kali Linux for network devices security and physical security typically involves conducting thorough assessments and evaluations to identify potential vulnerabilities, weaknesses, and risks in the network infrastructure. This may include the following techniques, tools, and methodologies:

a) Network Devices Security:

Vulnerability Scanning: Using tools like OpenVAS, Nikto, or Nessus to scan network devices for known vulnerabilities, misconfigurations, and weaknesses, and generating reports to prioritize and address the identified issues.

Penetration Testing: Employing tools like Metasploit or Nmap to simulate attacks and attempt to exploit vulnerabilities in network devices, mimicking real-world scenarios to identify potential entry points for unauthorized access.

Traffic Analysis: Analyzing network traffic using tools like Wireshark or tcpdump to detect any suspicious or malicious activity, such as network attacks, unauthorized access attempts, or data breaches, and investigating and mitigating any identified anomalies.

Configuration Auditing: Reviewing and auditing the configuration settings of network devices to ensure they adhere to security best practices, such as disabling unnecessary services, implementing proper authentication methods, and encrypting communications, and making necessary configuration changes.

b) Physical Security:

Physical Access Testing: Conducting tests to evaluate the effectiveness of physical security measures, such as attempting to gain unauthorized access to network devices physically, bypassing security controls, or tampering with equipment, and implementing necessary measures to address identified vulnerabilities.

Social Engineering Testing: Utilizing social engineering techniques to assess the vulnerabilities of physical security measures, such as attempting to impersonate employees, tailgating, or manipulating employees to gain unauthorized access, and implementing awareness and training programs to mitigate social engineering attacks.

Video Surveillance Analysis: Reviewing video surveillance footage to detect any security breaches or suspicious activities related to physical security, such as unauthorized access, tampering, or suspicious behavior, and taking necessary actions to address any identified security incidents.

Security Audits: Performing regular inspections and assessments of physical security measures, such as locks, alarms, access control systems, and CCTV cameras, to ensure they are functioning properly and providing adequate protection, and making necessary upgrades or improvements as needed.

Target system description

As a target system I am using my own kali linux virtual machine so

Analysis Report

a) Network Devices Security:

To ensure the security of network devices, several techniques, tools, and methodologies can be utilized, including:

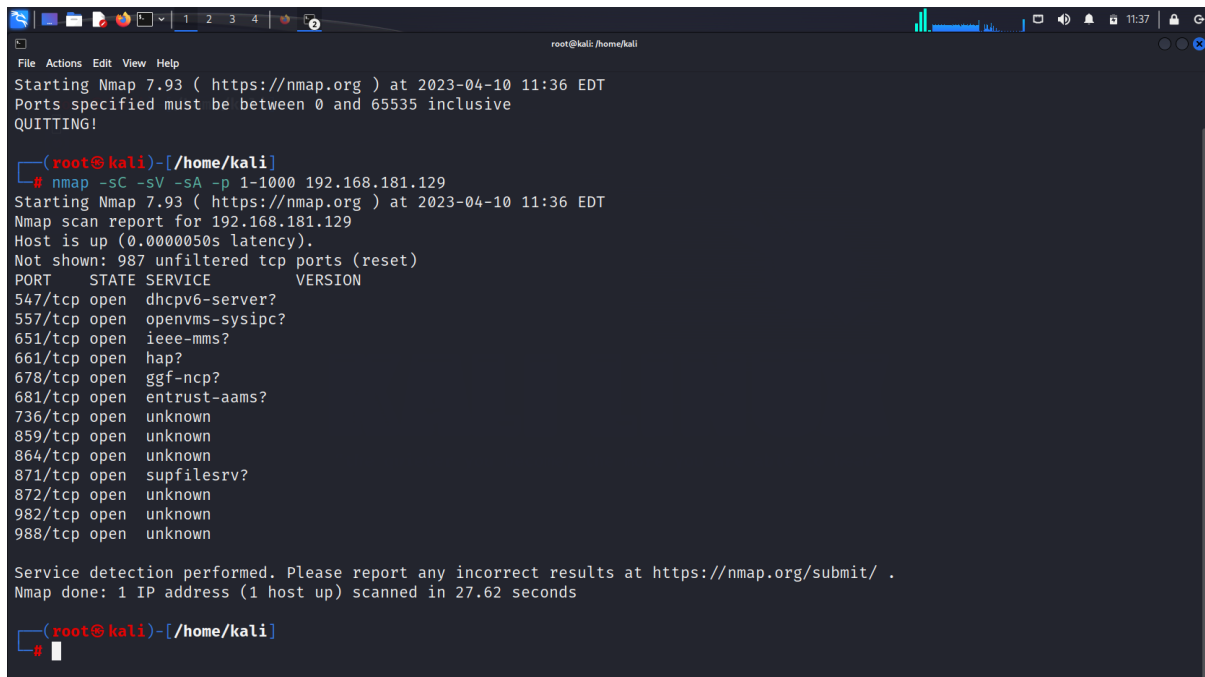
1. Vulnerability Scanning and Penetration Testing:

Vulnerability scanning and penetration testing are essential techniques to identify potential security vulnerabilities in network devices. Tools like Nmap and Metasploit can be used to perform these tests.

Example Code:

To perform a vulnerability scan using Nmap, the following command can be used:

`nmap -sV -p 1-10000 <target IP address>`



```
File Actions Edit View Help
Starting Nmap 7.93 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-04-10 11:36 EDT
Ports specified must be between 0 and 65535 inclusive
QUITTING!

(root@kali)-[/home/kali]
# nmap -sC -sV -sA -p 1-1000 192.168.181.129
Starting Nmap 7.93 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-04-10 11:36 EDT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.181.129
Host is up (0.0000050s latency).
Not shown: 987 unfiltered tcp ports (reset)
PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
547/tcp    open  dhcpv6-server?
557/tcp    open  openvms-sysipc?
651/tcp    open  ieee-mms?
661/tcp    open  hap?
678/tcp    open  ggf-ncp?
681/tcp    open  entrust-aams?
736/tcp    open  unknown
859/tcp    open  unknown
864/tcp    open  unknown
871/tcp    open  supfilesrv?
872/tcp    open  unknown
982/tcp    open  unknown
988/tcp    open  unknown

Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 27.62 seconds

(root@kali)-[/home/kali]
#
```

this command will scan the target IP address, identify open ports, and detect running services.

To perform a penetration test using Metasploit, the following command can be used:

2. Network Traffic Analysis:

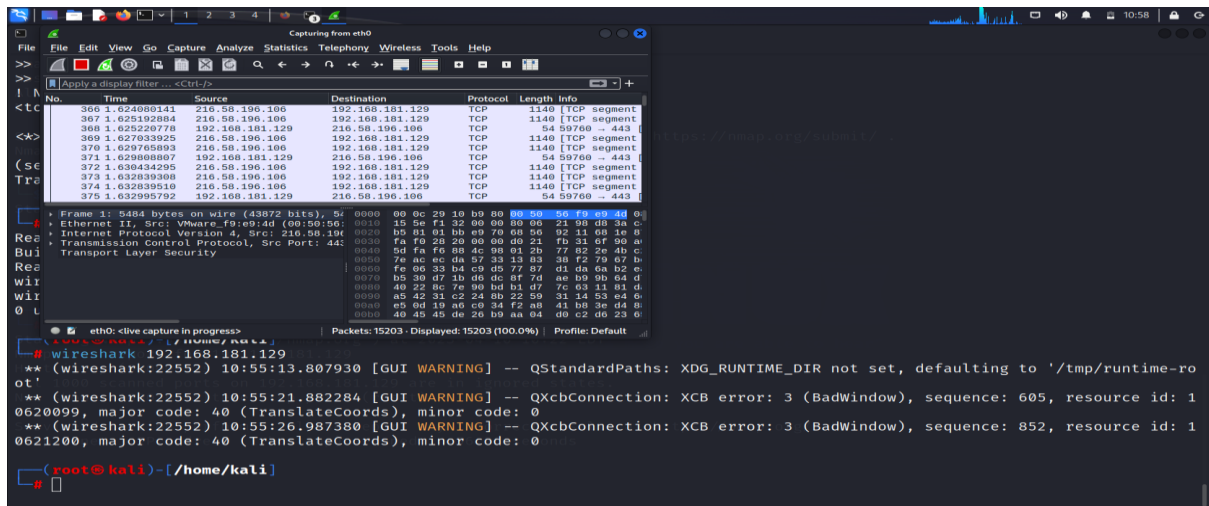
Network traffic analysis tools like Wireshark can be used to monitor network traffic and detect any suspicious activity.

Example Code:

To capture network traffic using Wireshark, the following command can be used:

Wireshark

command will launch Wireshark and allow you to capture and analyze network traffic for any suspicious activity.



3. Access Controls and Authentication:

Access controls and authentication mechanisms can be implemented to secure network devices. This includes using strong passwords, multi-factor authentication, and implementing role-based access controls.

Example Code:

To implement access controls and authentication mechanisms, the following commands can be used:

```

root@kali:~/home/kali
File Actions Edit View Help

(root@kali)-[/home/kali]
# telnet 192.168.181.121
Trying 192.168.181.121...
telnet: Unable to connect to remote host: No route to host

(root@kali)-[/home/kali]
# sudo systemctl start fail2ban

(root@kali)-[/home/kali]
# sudo systemctl enable fail2ban

Synchronizing state of fail2ban.service with SysV service script with /lib/systemd/systemd-sysv-install.
Executing: /lib/systemd/systemd-sysv-install enable fail2ban
Created symlink /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/fail2ban.service → /lib/systemd/system/fail2ban.service.

(root@kali)-[/home/kali]
# sudo systemctl start sshguard

(root@kali)-[/home/kali]
# sudo systemctl enable sshguard

Synchronizing state of sshguard.service with SysV service script with /lib/systemd/systemd-sysv-install.
Executing: /lib/systemd/systemd-sysv-install enable sshguard
Created symlink /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/sshguard.service → /lib/systemd/system/sshguard.service.

(root@kali)-[/home/kali]
#

```

1. **Configure Fail2Ban:** Fail2Ban is a log-parsing application that can automatically block IP addresses that show signs of malicious activity, such as repeated failed login attempts. After installation, you can configure Fail2Ban by editing its configuration file located at `/etc/fail2ban/jail.conf` or `/etc/fail2ban/jail.d/` directory. You can specify the services you want to protect, set parameters such as the ban time, and customize the action to be taken when an IP is banned (e.g., adding it to the firewall blacklist).

2. Start and enable Fail2Ban: After configuring Fail2Ban, you can start and enable it as a service so that it runs automatically on system boot. You can use the following commands:

```
sudo apt-get install fail2ban sudo apt-get install sshguard
```

Configure Sshguard: sshguard is a similar tool to Fail2Ban that protects against brute-force attacks specifically targeting SSH (Secure Shell) service. After installation, you can configure sshguard by editing its configuration file located at `/etc/sshguard/sshguard.conf`. You can specify various parameters such as the ban time, the log file to monitor, and the action to be taken when an ip is banned.

Start and enable sshguard: After configuring sshguard, you can start and enable it as a service using the following commands:

These commands will install fail2ban and sshguard, which are tools that can be used to implement access controls and authentication mechanisms.

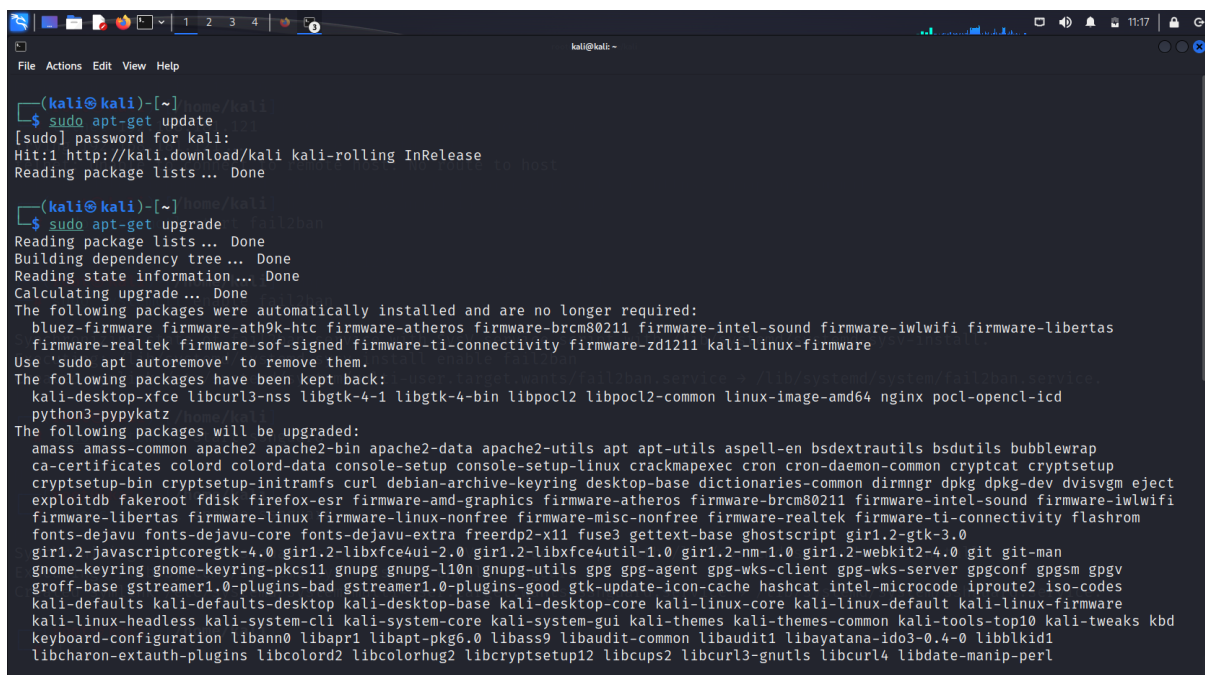
4. Regular Updates and Patches:

Regular updates and patches must be applied to network devices to address known vulnerabilities and security issues.

Example Code:

To update and patch network devices, the following command can be used:

```
sudo apt-get updatesudo apt-get upgrade
```



```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ sudo apt-get upgrade
[sudo] password for kali:
Hit:1 http://kali.download/kali kali-rolling InRelease
Reading package lists... Done

(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ sudo apt-get upgrade
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
Calculating upgrade... Done

The following packages were automatically installed and are no longer required:
  bluez-firmware firmware-ath9k-htc firmware-atheros firmware-brcm80211 firmware-intel-sound firmware-iwlwifi firmware-libertas
  firmware-realtek firmware-sof-signed firmware-ti-connectivity firmware-zd1211 kali-linux-firmware
Use 'sudo apt autoremove' to remove them.
The following packages have been kept back:
  kali-desktop-xfce libcurl3-nss libgtk-4-1 libgtk-4-bin libpocl2 libpocl2-common linux-image-amd64 nginx pocl-openc1-icd
  python3-pypykatz
The following packages will be upgraded:
  amass amass-common apache2 apache2-bin apache2-data apache2-utils apt apt-utils aspell-en bsdxtrautils bsduutils bubblewrap
  ca-certificates colord colord-data console-setup console-setup-linux crackmapexec cron cron-daemon-common cryptcat cryptsetup
  cryptsetup-bin cryptsetup-initramfs curl debian-archive-keyring desktop-base dictionaries-common dirnmgr dpkg dpkg-dev dvisvgm eject
  exploitdb fakeroot fdisk firefox-esr firmware-amd-graphics firmware-atheros firmware-brcm80211 firmware-intel-sound firmware-iwlwifi
  firmware-libertas firmware-linux firmware-linux-nonfree firmware-misc-nonfree firmware-realtek firmware-ti-connectivity flashrom
  fonts-dejavu fonts-dejavu-core fonts-dejavu-extra freerdp2-x11 fuse3 gettext-base ghostscript gir1.2-gtk-3.0
  gir1.2-javascriptcoregtk-4.0 gir1.2-libxfce4ui-2.0 gir1.2-libxfce4util-1.0 gir1.2-nm-1.0 gir1.2-webkit2-4.0 git git-man
  gnome-keyring gnome-keyring-pkcs11 gnupg gnupg-l10n gnupg-utils gpg gpg-agent gpg-wks-client gpg-wks-server gpgconf gpgsm gpgv
  groff-base gstreamer1.0-plugins-bad gstreamer1.0-plugins-good gtk-update-icon-cache hashcat intel-microcode iproute2 iso-codes
  kali-defaults kali-defaults-desktop kali-desktop-base kali-desktop-core kali-linux-core kali-linux-default kali-linux-firmware
  kali-linux-headless kali-system-cli kali-system-core kali-system-gui kali-themes kali-themes-common kali-tools-top10 kali-tweaks kbd
  keyboard-configuration libann0 libapr1 libapt-pkg6.0 libass9 libaudit-common libaudit1 libayatana-ido3-0.4-0 libblkid1
  libbch-charon-extauth-plugins libcolor2 libcolorhug2 libcryptsetup12 lib cups2 libcurl3-gnutls libcurl4 libdate-manip-perl
```

These commands will update and upgrade the software and firmware of network devices to ensure that they are secure.

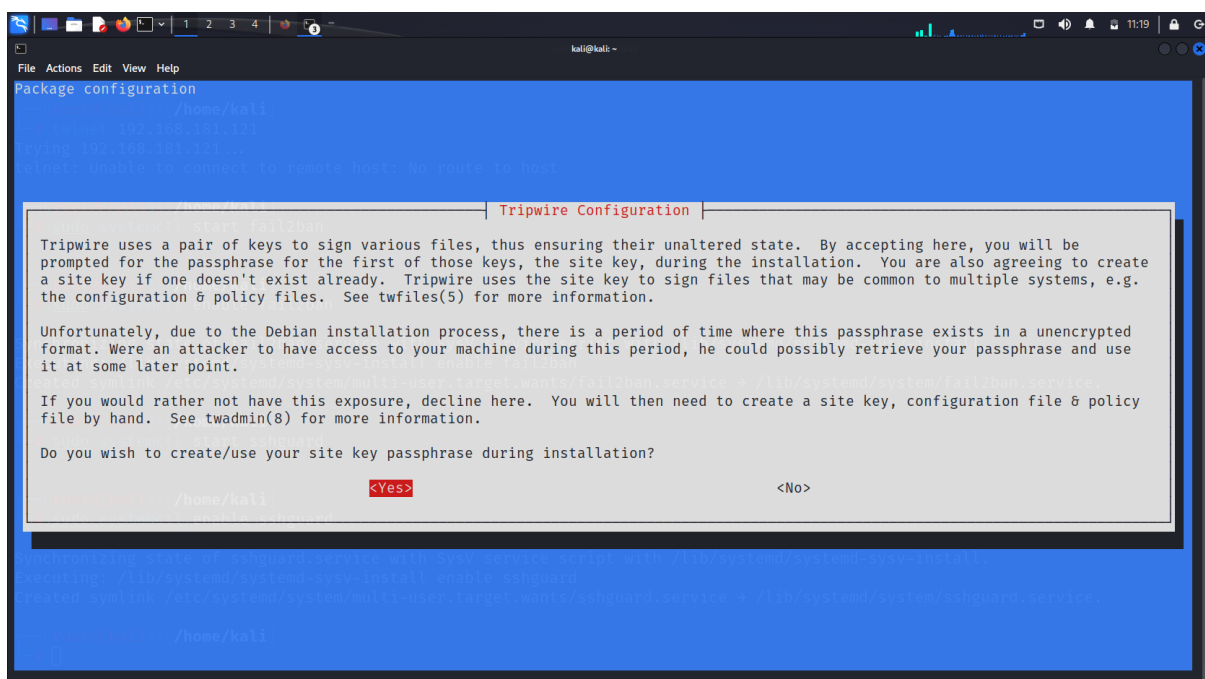
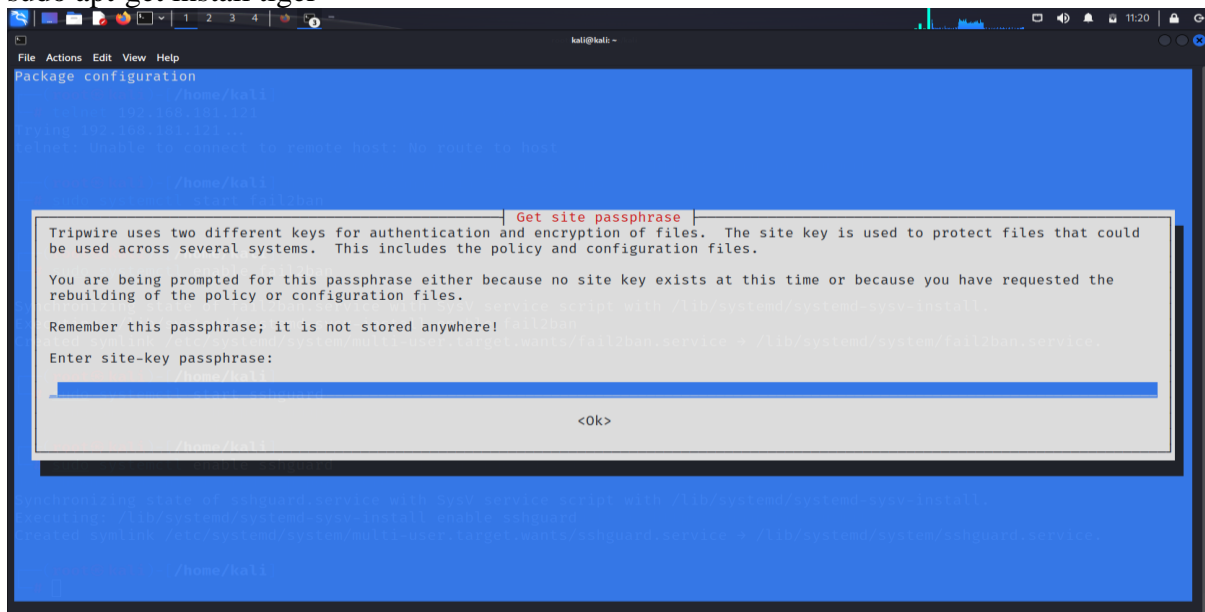
5. Security Audits and Risk Assessments:

Regular security audits and risk assessments must be conducted to identify and mitigate potential security threats.

Example Code:

To conduct a security audit, the following command can be used:

`sudo apt-get install tiger`



is command will install tiger, a tool that can be used to perform security audits and identify potential security threats.

b) Physical Security:

Physical security is equally important as network devices security. To ensure the physical security of network devices, several techniques, tools, and methodologies can be utilized, including:

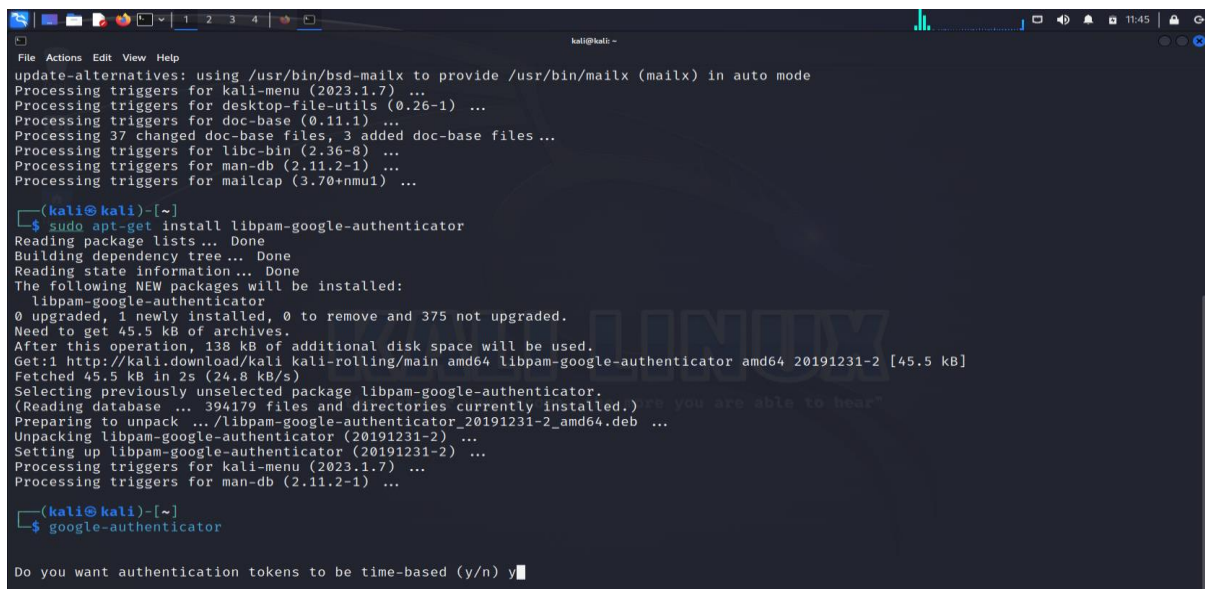
1. Access Control Systems:

Access control systems can be implemented to restrict physical access to network devices.

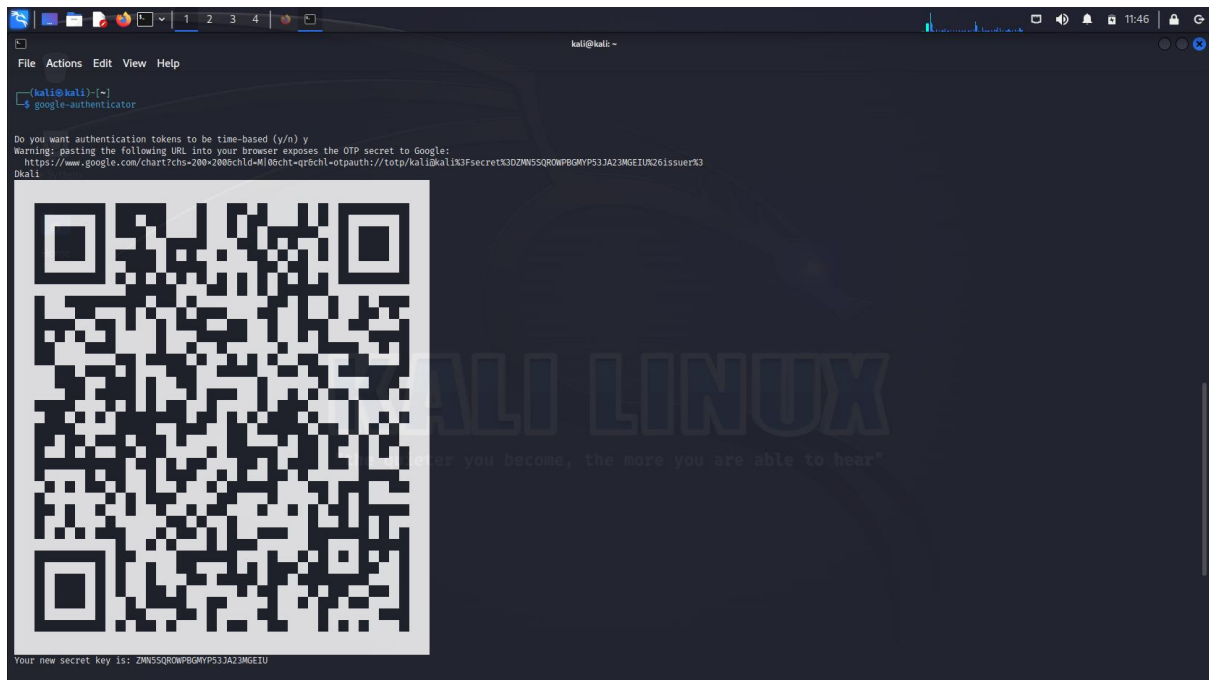
Example Code:

To implement an access control system, the following command can be used:

```
sudo apt-get install libpam-google-authenticator
```



```
kali@kali ~  
File Actions Edit View Help  
update-alternatives: using /usr/bin/bsd-mailx to provide /usr/bin/mailx (mailx) in auto mode  
Processing triggers for kali-menu (2023.1.7) ...  
Processing triggers for desktop-file-utils (0.26-1) ...  
Processing triggers for doc-base (0.11.1) ...  
Processing 37 changed doc-base files, 3 added doc-base files ...  
Processing triggers for libc-bin (2.36-8) ...  
Processing triggers for man-db (2.11.2-1) ...  
Processing triggers for mailcap (3.70+nmui) ...  
  
(kali@kali)~  
$ sudo apt-get install libpam-google-authenticator  
Reading package lists... Done  
Building dependency tree ... Done  
Reading state information... Done  
The following NEW packages will be installed:  
  libpam-google-authenticator  
0 upgraded, 1 newly installed, 0 to remove and 375 not upgraded.  
Need to get 45.5 kB of archives.  
After this operation, 138 kB of additional disk space will be used.  
Get:1 http://kali.download/kali kali-rolling/main amd64 libpam-google-authenticator amd64 20191231-2 [45.5 kB]  
Fetched 45.5 kB in 2s (24.8 kB/s)  
Selecting previously unselected package libpam-google-authenticator.  
(Reading database ... 394179 files and directories currently installed.)  
Preparing to unpack .../libpam-google-authenticator_20191231-2_amd64.deb ...  
Unpacking libpam-google-authenticator (20191231-2) ...  
Setting up libpam-google-authenticator (20191231-2) ...  
Processing triggers for kali-menu (2023.1.7) ...  
Processing triggers for man-db (2.11.2-1) ...  
  
(kali@kali)~  
$ google-authenticator  
Do you want authentication tokens to be time-based (y/n) y
```

```
sudo nano /etc/pam.d/sshd
```

```
auth required pam_google_authenticator.so
```

```
sudo service ssh restart
```

This command will install the Google Authenticator PAM module, which can be used to implement multi-factor authentication for physical access to network devices.

2. CCTV cameras:

CCTV cameras can be used to monitor physical access to network devices.

We can use cctv as physical security so it can help us to so it can help the mediator

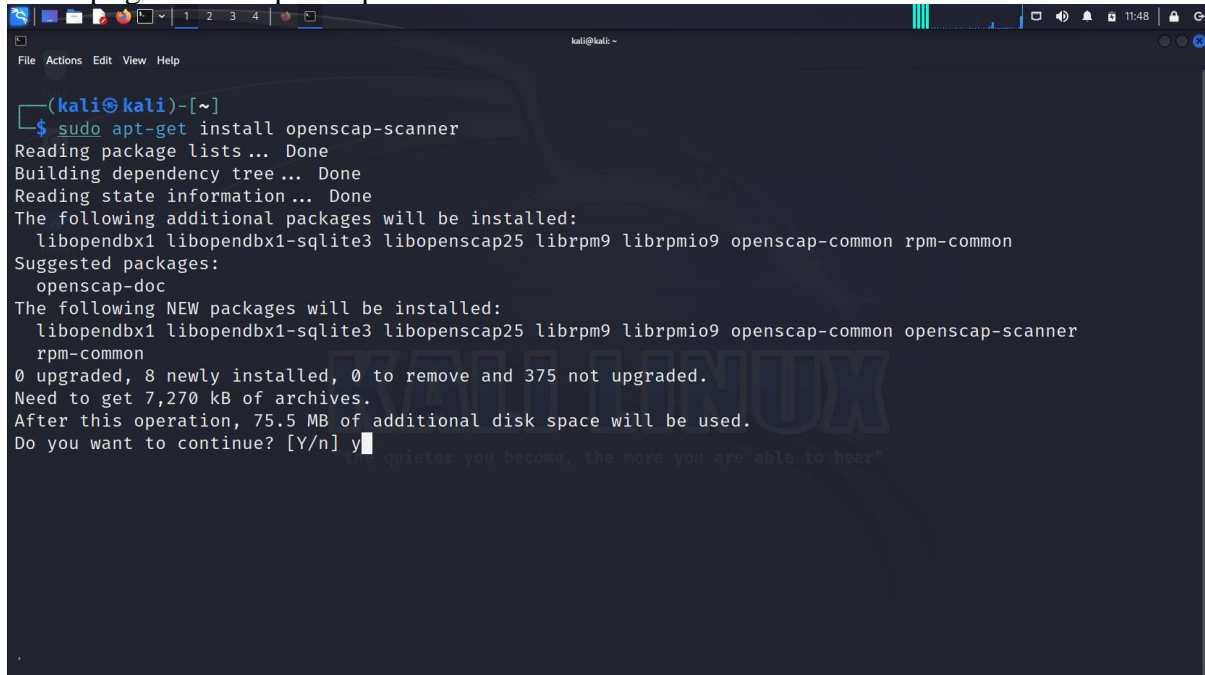
3. System Hardening and Configuration Management:

System hardening and configuration management tools like OpenSCAP and Lynis can be used to ensure that network devices are properly configured and secure.

Example Code:

To perform system hardening and configuration management using OpenSCAP, the following command can be used:

sudo apt-get install openscap-scanner

A terminal window on a Kali Linux system showing the command 'sudo apt-get install openscap-scanner' being executed. The output shows the package lists being read, the dependency tree being built, and the state information being read. It then lists additional packages to be installed: libopendbx1, libopendbx1-sqlite3, libopenscap25, librpm9, librpmio9, openscap-common, and rpm-common. It also lists suggested packages: openscap-doc. The terminal then shows the new packages to be installed: libopendbx1, libopendbx1-sqlite3, libopenscap25, librpm9, librpmio9, openscap-common, openscap-scanner, and rpm-common. It states that 0 packages will be upgraded, 8 new packages will be installed, and 0 packages will be removed. It also shows the disk space requirements: 7,270 kB of archives and 75.5 MB of additional disk space. The prompt 'Do you want to continue? [Y/n]' is shown with 'y' entered.

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ sudo apt-get install openscap-scanner
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
The following additional packages will be installed:
  libopendbx1 libopendbx1-sqlite3 libopenscap25 librpm9 librpmio9 openscap-common rpm-common
Suggested packages:
  openscap-doc
The following NEW packages will be installed:
  libopendbx1 libopendbx1-sqlite3 libopenscap25 librpm9 librpmio9 openscap-common openscap-scanner
  rpm-common
0 upgraded, 8 newly installed, 0 to remove and 375 not upgraded.
Need to get 7,270 kB of archives.
After this operation, 75.5 MB of additional disk space will be used.
Do you want to continue? [Y/n] y
```

command on a Linux system, you can use it to perform security compliance scanning and assessment of the system against predefined security policies. OpenSCAP (Security Content Automation Protocol) is a standard for automating the assessment, measurement, and enforcement of security baselines on systems.

oscap scanner <path/to/security_policy.xml>

Review the generated report to identify any security issues that need to be addressed on the system.

Take appropriate actions to remediate the identified security issues. This may involve modifying system configurations, applying patches or updates, or implementing other security measures as needed.

Optionally, you can schedule periodic scans using OpenSCAP Scanner to continuously monitor the system's compliance with the defined security policy and take corrective actions as needed.

This command will install the OpenSCAP scanner, which can be used to perform system hardening and configuration management on network devices.

4. Encryption:

Encryption mechanisms must be implemented to protect sensitive data stored on network devices.

Example Code:

To implement encryption, the following command can be used:

`sudo apt-get install truecrypt`

that TrueCrypt is a deprecated encryption software and is no longer actively maintained or recommended for use. It is recommended to use alternative encryption tools that are actively maintained and have undergone security audits.

This command will install TrueCrypt, a tool that can be used to encrypt data stored on network devices.

5. Regular Security Audits:

Regular security audits must be conducted to ensure that physical security measures are effective in mitigating threats.

Configuration assessment with lynis : use lynis to assess the configuration settings of linux systems .for example

This command installs lynis and performs a system audit providing a report with finding and recommendations for improving security settings



```
kali@kali: ~  
File Actions Edit View Help  
Processing 1 added doc-base file ...  
Processing triggers for man-db (2.11.2-1) ...  
Processing triggers for mailcap (3.70+nmui) ...  
Processing triggers for menu (2.1.49) ...  
  
(kali@kali)-[~]  
$ sudo lynis audit system  
  
[ Lynis 3.0.8 ]  
  
#####  
Lynis comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY. This is free software, and you are  
welcome to redistribute it under the terms of the GNU General Public License.  
See the LICENSE file for details about using this software.  
  
2007-2021, CISOfy - https://cisofy.com/lynis/  
Enterprise support available (compliance, plugins, interface and tools)  
#####  
"the quieter you become, the more you are able to hear"  
  
[+] Initializing program  
-----  
- Detecting OS... [ DONE ]  
- Checking profiles... [ DONE ]  
  
-----  
Program version: 3.0.8  
Operating system: Linux  
Operating system name: Kali Linux
```

```
kali@kali: ~  
File Actions Edit View Help  
Language: en  
Test category: all  
Test group: all  
  
- Program update status ... [ NO UPDATE ]  
  
[+] System tools  
- Scanning available tools ...  
- Checking system binaries ...  
  
[+] Plugins (phase 1)  
Note: plugins have more extensive tests and may take several minutes to complete  
- Plugin: debian  
[  
[+] Debian Tests  
- Checking for system binaries that are required by Debian Tests ... you are able to hear"  
- Checking /bin ... [ FOUND ]  
- Checking /sbin ... [ FOUND ]  
- Checking /usr/bin ... [ FOUND ]  
- Checking /usr/sbin ... [ FOUND ]  
- Checking /usr/local/bin ... [ FOUND ]  
- Checking /usr/local/sbin ... [ FOUND ]  
- Authentication:  
- PAM (Pluggable Authentication Modules):  
  
[WARNING]: Test DEB-0001 had a long execution: 35.088786 seconds
```

```
kali@kali: ~  
File Actions Edit View Help  
- Checking /bin ... [ FOUND ]  
- Checking /sbin ... [ FOUND ]  
- Checking /usr/bin ... [ FOUND ]  
- Checking /usr/sbin ... [ FOUND ]  
- Checking /usr/local/bin ... [ FOUND ]  
- Checking /usr/local/sbin ... [ FOUND ]  
- Authentication:  
- PAM (Pluggable Authentication Modules):  
  
[WARNING]: Test DEB-0001 had a long execution: 35.088786 seconds  
  
- libpam-tmpdir [ Not Installed ]  
- File System Checks:  
- DM-Crypt, Cryptsetup & Cryptmount:  
- Software:  
- apt-listbugs [ Not Installed ]  
- apt-listchanges [ Not Installed ]  
- needrestart [ Not Installed ]  
- fail2ban [ Installed with jail.conf ]  
]  
"the quieter you become, the more you are able to hear"  
  
[+] Boot and services  
- Service Manager [ systemd ]  
- Checking UEFI boot [ DISABLED ]  
- Checking presence GRUB2 [ FOUND ]  
- Checking for password protection [ NONE ]  
- Check running services (systemctl) [ DONE ]  
Result: found 18 running services
```

```
File Actions Edit View Help
- ACL support root file system [ ENABLED ]
- Mount options of / [ NON DEFAULT ]
- Mount options of /dev [ PARTIALLY HARDENED ]
- Mount options of /dev/shm [ PARTIALLY HARDENED ]
- Mount options of /run [ HARDENED ]
- Total without nodev:7 noexec:10 nosuid:5 ro or noexec (W'X): 10 of total 29 [ NOT FOUND ]
- Checking Locate database [ NOT FOUND ]
- Disable kernel support of some filesystems

[+] USB Devices
- Checking usb-storage driver (modprobe config) [ NOT DISABLED ]
- Checking USB devices authorization [ ENABLED ]
- Checking USBGuard [ NOT FOUND ]

[+] Storage
- Checking firewire ohci driver (modprobe config) [ NOT DISABLED ]

[+] NFS
- Query rpc registered programs [ DONE ]
- Query NFS versions [ DONE ]
- Query NFS protocols [ DONE ]
- Check running NFS daemon [ NOT FOUND ]

[+] Name services
- Checking search domains [ FOUND ]
- Searching DNS domain name [ UNKNOWN ]
- Checking /etc/hosts
  - Duplicate entries in hosts file [ NONE ]
  - Presence of configured hostname in /etc/hosts [ FOUND ]
  - Hostname mapped to localhost [ NOT FOUND ]
  - Localhost mapping to IP address [ OK ]

[+] Ports and packages
- Searching package managers [ FOUND ]
  - Searching dpkg package manager
  - Querying package manager

[WARNING]: Test PKGS-7345 had a long execution: 28.526190 seconds
```

Reference

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