

# **Assignment Report**

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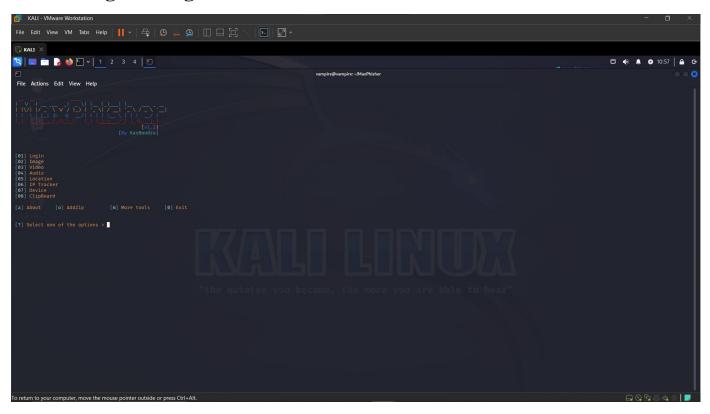
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## **Introduction**

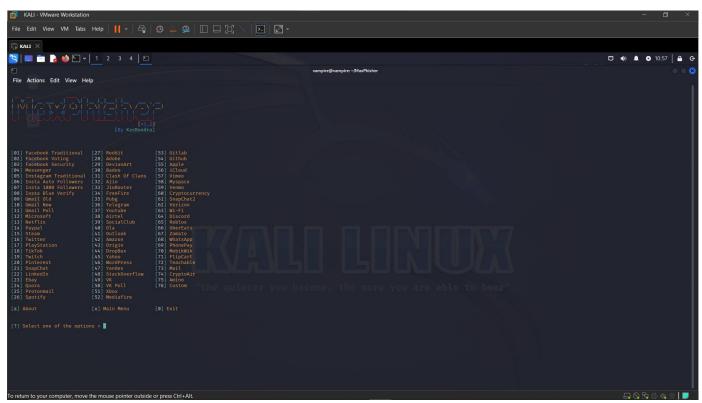
Phishing attacks are a prevalent and evolving cyber threat that jeopardize individuals and organizations' security and privacy. In these attacks, cybercriminals disguise themselves as trustworthy entities to deceive unsuspecting victims into revealing sensitive information or performing harmful actions. Phishing attacks typically occur through email, social engineering, or fraudulent websites. This poses a significant risk to personal and corporate data, financial resources, and even reputation. Therefore, it is crucial to understand these attacks and implement effective mitigation strategies to safeguard against them.

- ➤ Here we are going to use MaxPhisher tool for phishing.
- Clone the MaxPhisher tool from github in Linux terminal.

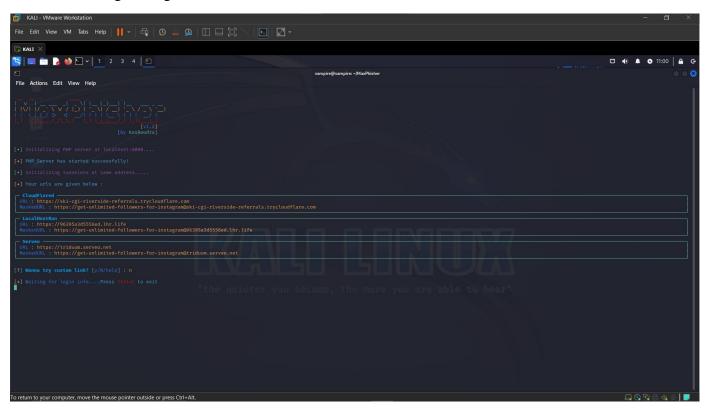
## 1. Instagram Login:



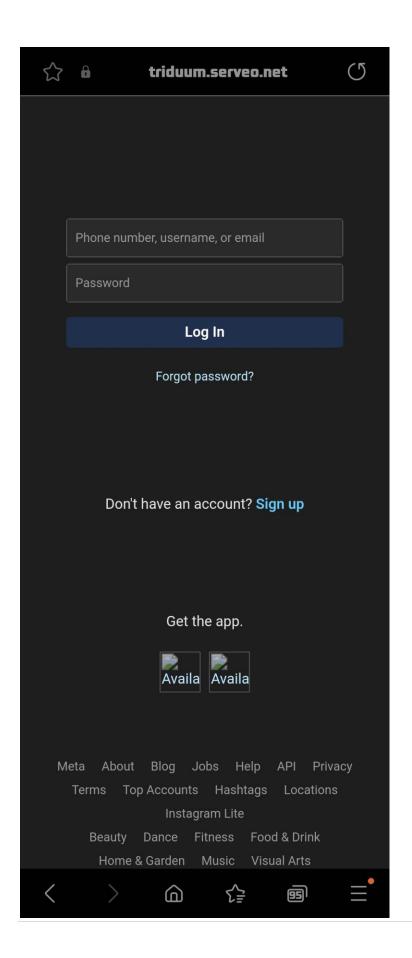
➤ Once it started running MaxPhisher, enter "01" to use login services of this tool.

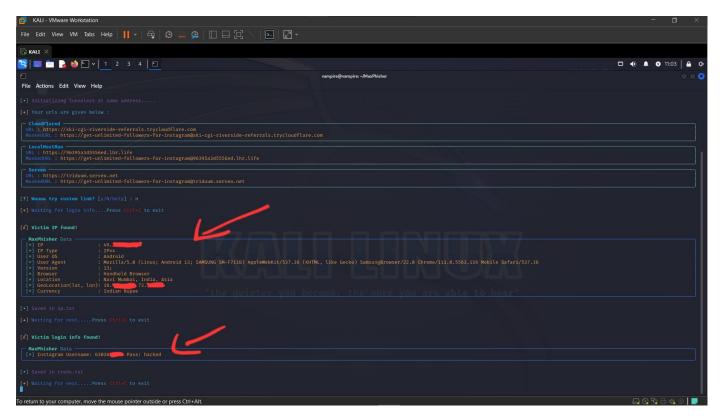


> For instagram login, enter "05" and click enter.



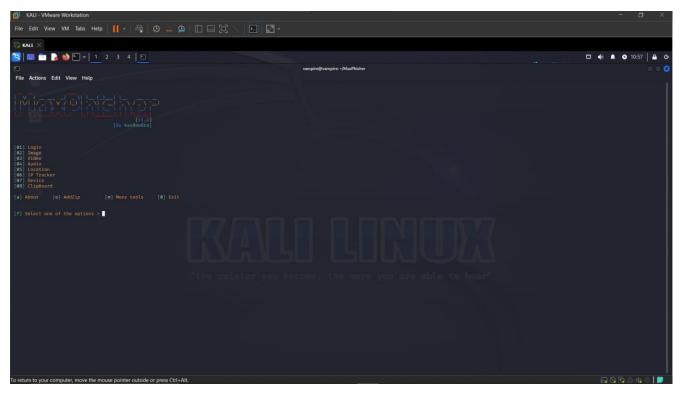
- ➤ Then it will generate the links, copy any one link and share to the target.
- > It will generate fake instagram login page where target believes it's original and enters the credentials.



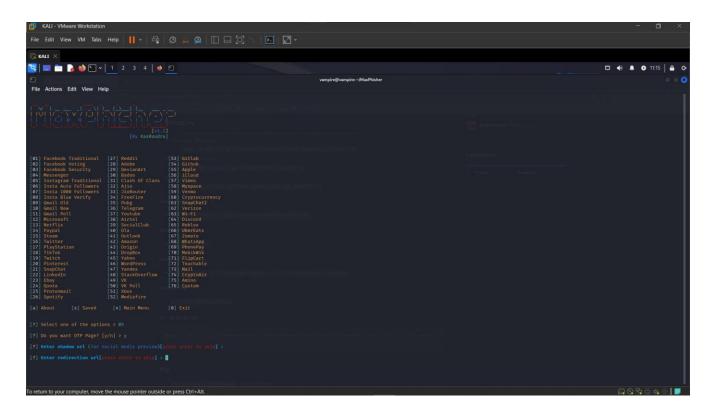


➤ Here we captured username and password of target's account when target tried to login through the link shared.

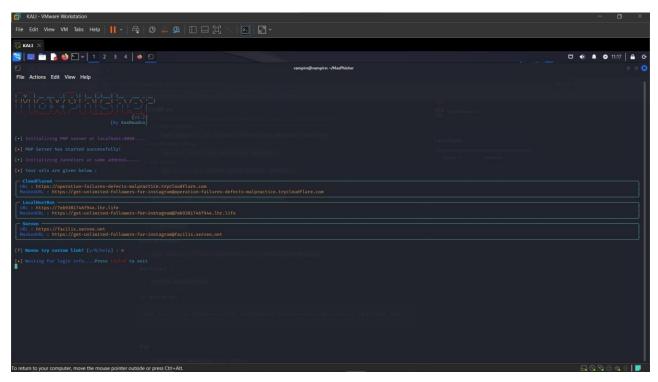
# 2. Instagram login with OTP:



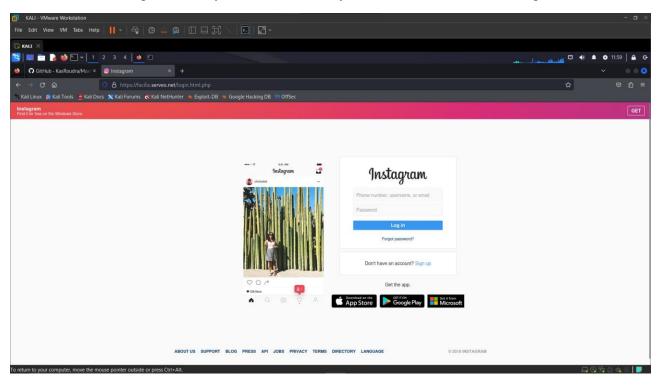
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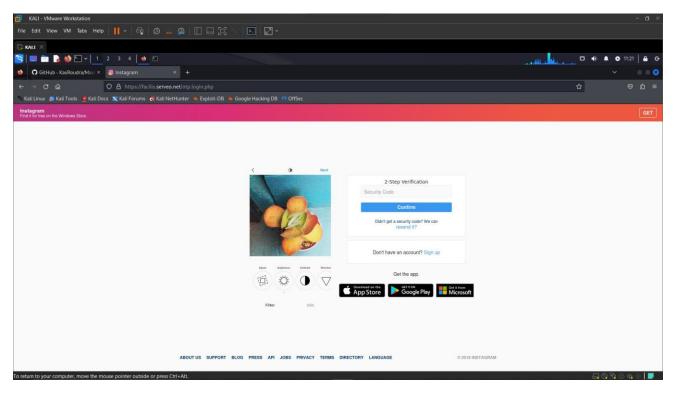
> Enter "05" for instagram phishing and click enter.



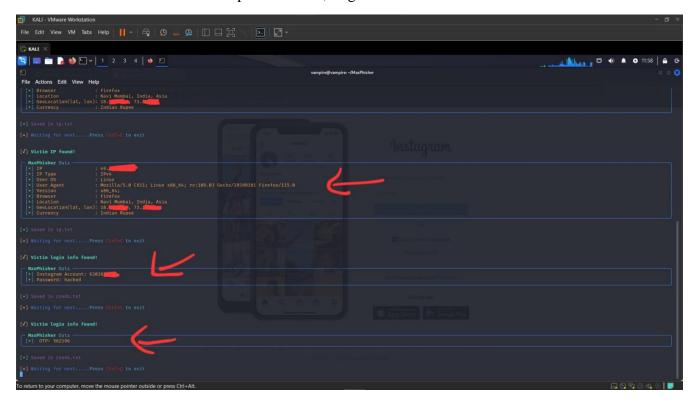
Link will be generated by this tool, share any of these link and share to target.



➤ Once target clicked the link, it will open fake instagram login page, when target enters credentials and clicked login.

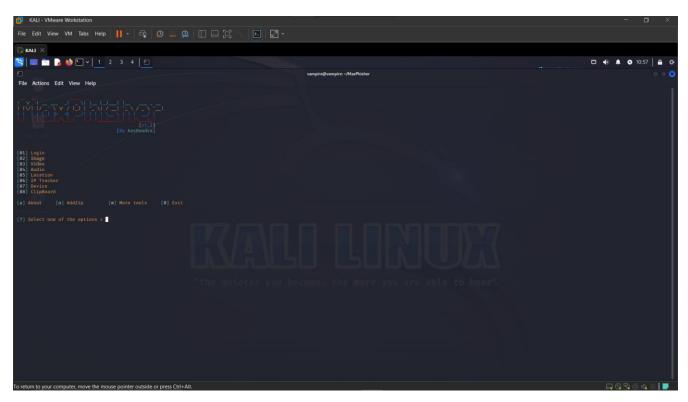


> It will ask for OTP or 2-step verification, target will enter the code and click confirm.

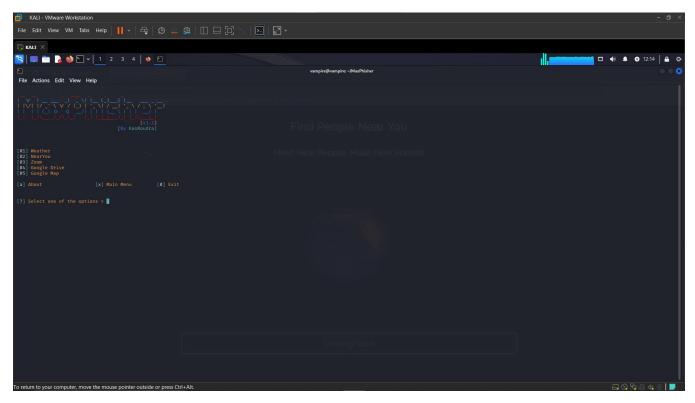


➤ Then we will get target's IP, username, password and OTP.

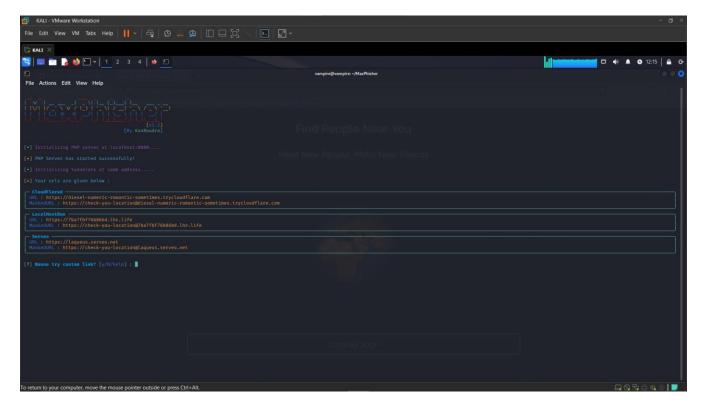
#### 3. Location:



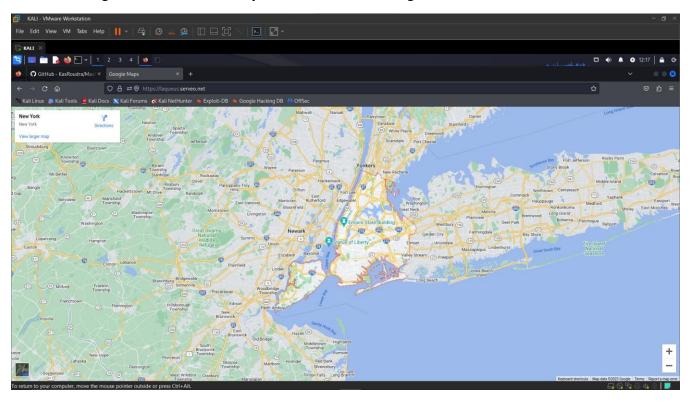
➤ Once it started running MaxPhisher, enter "05" to use location services of this tool.



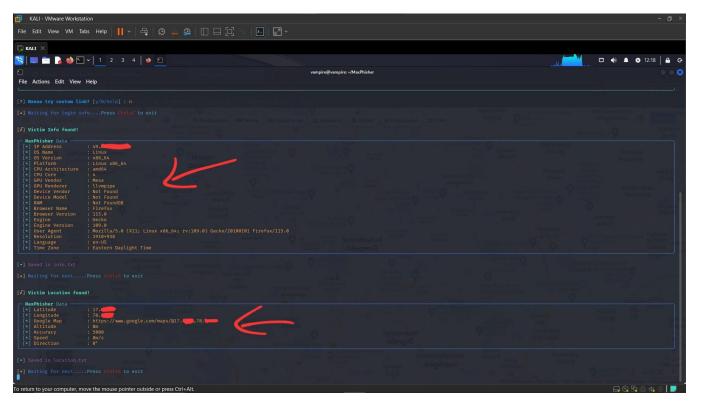
➤ Then enter "05" and click enter for Google map.



➤ It will generate links, share any one of these link to target.



➤ When target click the link, it will show them like this.



➤ We will get their IP, device details and location in our terminal.

### **Mitigation**

- **1. Education and Awareness:** The first line of defense against phishing attacks is education and awareness. Training employees and individuals to recognize phishing attempts is critical. They should be able to identify suspicious email addresses, subject lines, and content. Regular security awareness programs and simulated phishing exercises can help reinforce these skills.
- **2. Email Filtering:** Employ advanced email filtering systems that can detect and block phishing emails. These systems use machine learning algorithms to analyze email content, sender reputation, and attachment behavior, effectively reducing the number of malicious emails that reach inboxes.
- **3. Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA):** Implementing MFA adds an extra layer of security by requiring users to provide multiple forms of identification before accessing an account. Even if attackers obtain login credentials, MFA can prevent unauthorized access.
- **4. Strong Password Policies:** Enforce strong password policies and encourage users to create complex, unique passwords. Password managers can help individuals maintain a secure password repository.
- **5. Regular Software Updates:** Keep operating systems and software up to date to patch vulnerabilities that cybercriminals might exploit. Phishing attacks can target unpatched systems.
- **6. HTTPS and Website Validation:** Always verify the legitimacy of websites by checking for the "https" in the URL, indicating a secure connection. Look for visual cues, such as padlock icons, and avoid clicking on links from suspicious sources.
- **7. Implement DMARC:** Domain-based Message Authentication, Reporting, and Conformance (DMARC) is a protocol that helps protect your domain from being used in phishing attacks. It allows you to set policies to validate email senders and prevent domain spoofing.

- **8. Incident Response Plan:** Develop a comprehensive incident response plan to address phishing attacks promptly. This plan should include steps to isolate compromised systems, inform stakeholders, and work with law enforcement.
- **9. Reporting Mechanisms:** Make it easy for users to report suspected phishing attempts. Timely reporting can help security teams respond quickly and prevent further damage.
- **10. Security Software:** Employ up-to-date anti-phishing and antivirus software to provide an additional layer of protection against known threats.

#### **Conclusion**

Phishing attacks are persistent and ever-evolving threats in the digital landscape. They target the human element, making it essential for individuals and organizations to take proactive measures to defend against them. By educating users, implementing robust security measures, and staying vigilant, it is possible to reduce the risk of falling victim to phishing attacks. It's important to remember that phishing attacks will continue to adapt, so ongoing awareness and security improvements are crucial to maintaining a strong defense against this type of cyber threat.