# CFSS CyberSecurity & Ethical Hacking Internship Project Report

#### **Question-1: Vulnerabilities scanning:**

1. Install Nessus on your system.

#### **Nessus:**

Nessus is a remote security scanning tool, which scans a computer and raises an alert if it discovers any vulnerabilities that malicious hackers could use to gain access to any computer you have connected to a network.

Nessus is developed by Renaud Deraison in 1998. But in 2005 Tenable Network Security Converted Nessus into a Properitry Tool/ Closed-Scource Licenced Softwate.

Nessus is available in 3 types and 2 of them are Enterprice Versions which needs License/ Product Key which has to be purchased, They are:

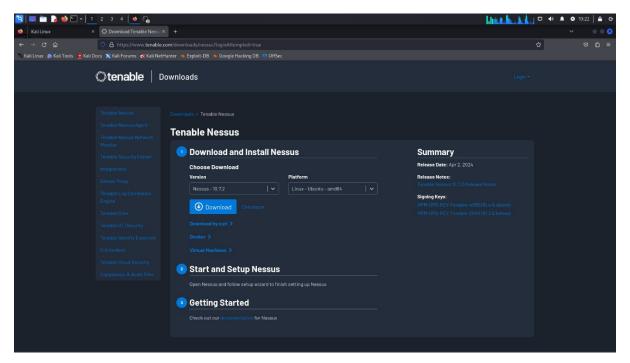
- Nessus-Professional
- Nessus-Expert

And the Free Verssion of Nessus is **Nessus-Essentials** ehich contains the tools for the regular Vulnerability scan and the scan limit for Nessus Essentials is 16 hosts (Currently).

For this Project we are using Nessus-Essentials to complete the task.

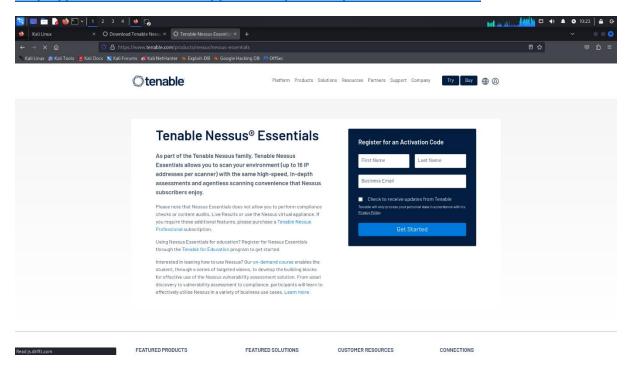
#### Installation of Nessus:

**Step-1**: Go To Firefox in your Kali machine and Enter this URL and hit Download <a href="https://www.tenable.com/downloads/nessus?loginAttempted=true">https://www.tenable.com/downloads/nessus?loginAttempted=true</a>



**Step-2**: After the installation of the Nessus Essentials You need to register for free to get a licensed access key through the following link

https://www.tenable.com/products/nessus/nessus-essentials



**Step-3**: The Downloaded file of nessus in in Zip format so we need to extract the contents in it by using the Instructions in the below pic

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

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|| cd Downloads

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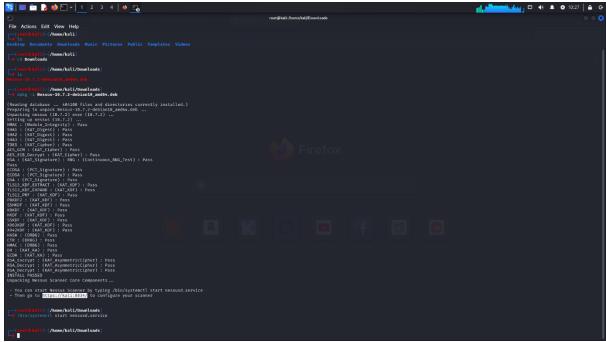
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Nessus-10.7.2-debian10_amd64.deb

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**Step-4**: After Successful extraction we need to start the Nessus Server by using the following Command "/bin/systemctl start nessused.service".

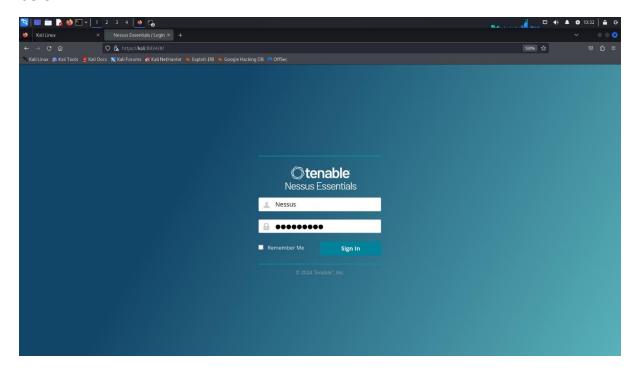
After that we need to open the link highligheted in the Below image in the firefox browser of our kali system to open the Nessus Software.



2. Perform a Vulneerability scan on the Metasploitable machine using Nessus.

To perform a Vulnerability Scan on the Metasploit environment Which was created Virtually using Nessus.

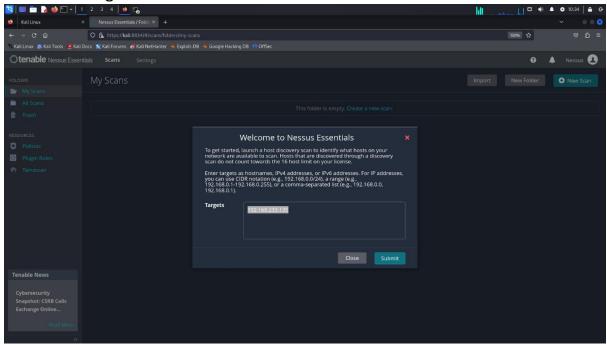
**Step-1**: Log in into Nessus by the registered Username and Password as shown below.



**Step -2**: After logging in to the Nessus it will automatically asks for the IP address of the device which we want to scan.

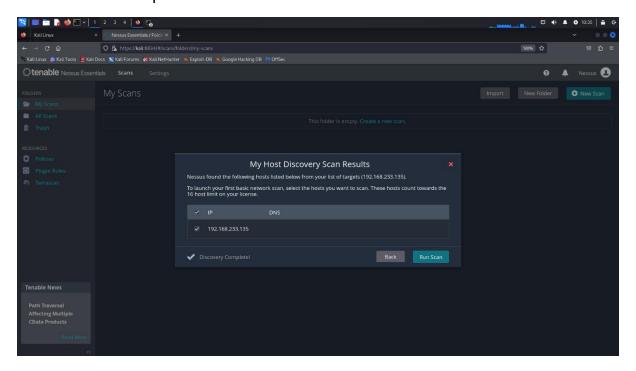
Here the IP address of my metasploit machine is 192.168.233.135.

After Entering the IP address click submit

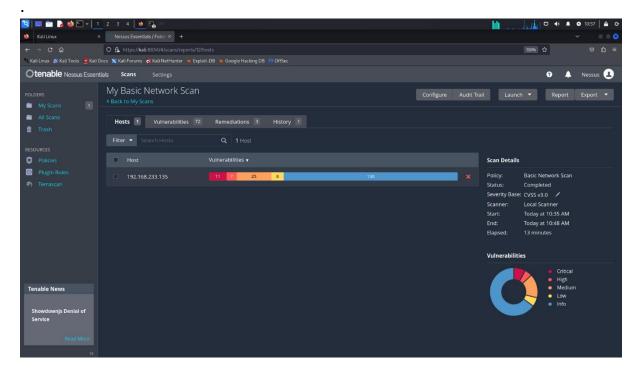


**Step-3**: Here we are performing Host Discovery scan and the Below image shows the dialogue box of the IP address of the machine we want to scan and to start the scan Click on 'Run Scan'

After Running the scan the Nessus will take a some time to scan the machine and after the completion of the scan it will show the results.



**Step-4**: After the scan the Results of the scan are like this as shown in the figure below.

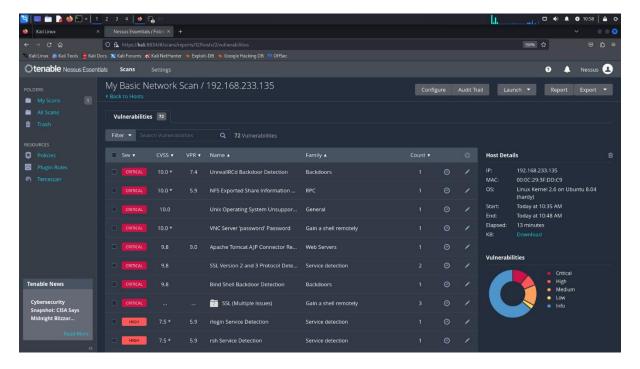


Here, it shows us the findings of the scan which includes Hosts, vulnerabilities, remidations and History of th scan .

The Vulnerabilities of the scan are classified into different groups based on the seriousness of the Vulnerability which are classified into Critical, High, Medium, and Low.

In the Above image it also shows a pie chart which shows the result of the scanned vulnerabilities.

The below image shows the list of vulnereabilities that are identified by the Nessus throug scanning.



Question-2:Utilize Various Tools Such as Sublist3r and Maltego along with the Netcraft Browser, To scan and Discover of the target "bbc.com".

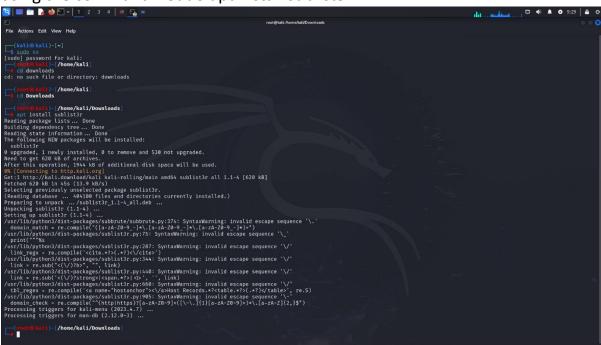
# Scanning Subdomains of bbc.com using Sublist3r:

#### Sublist3r:

Sublist3r is a python tool designed to enumerate subdomains of websites using OSINT. Sublist3r enumerates subdomains using many search engines such as Google, Yahoo, Bing, Baidu and Ask. Sublist3r also enumerates subdomains using Netcraft, Virustotal, ThreatCrowd, DNSdumpster and ReverseDNS.

# Procedure for scanning Subdomains of the Website bbc.com using Sublist3r:

**Step-1**: Install the Sublist3r in our Kali Machine using the root kali terminal by using the command "Sudo apt install sublist3r".

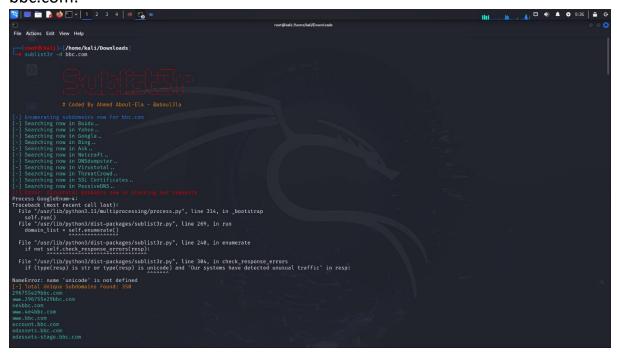


**Step-2**: We can view the help secession of the sublist3r by using the command "sublist3r -help" or we can also use the command "man sublist3r".



**Step-3**: We can scan view the subdomains of the webiste bbc.com bu using the following command "sublist3r -d bbc.com".

Here we can see that the sublist3r tool finds 350 subdomains of the website bbc.com.



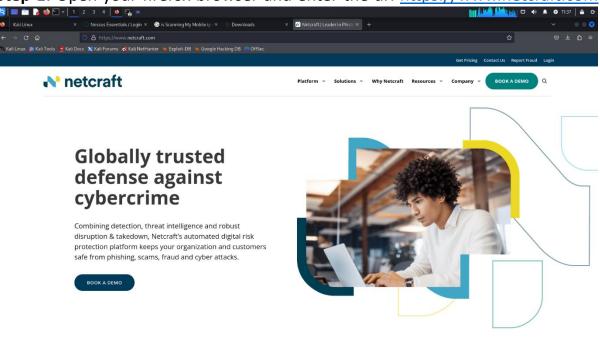
# Scanning Subdomains of bbc.com using Netcraft Search Engine:

#### Netcraft:

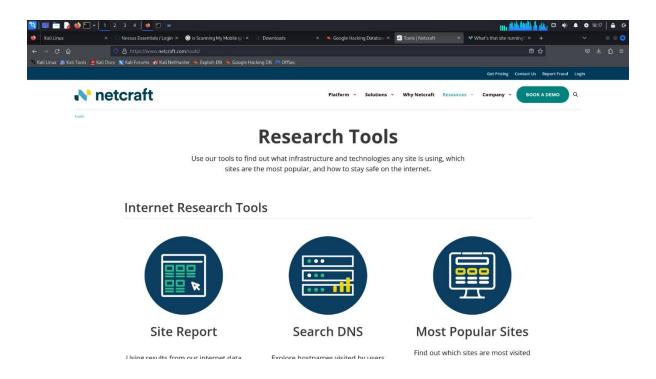
Netcraft's automated detection operates around the clock to identify malicious websites as well as fraudulent domains, social media profiles, email campaigns and more.

# Procedure for scanning Subdomains of the Website bbc.com using Netcraft:

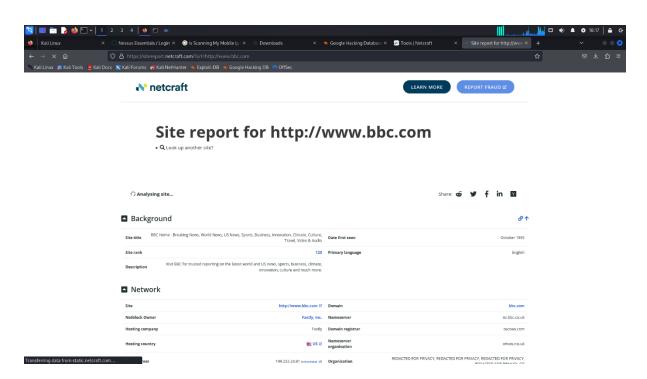
**Step-1:** Open your firefox browser and enter the url https://www.netcraft.com



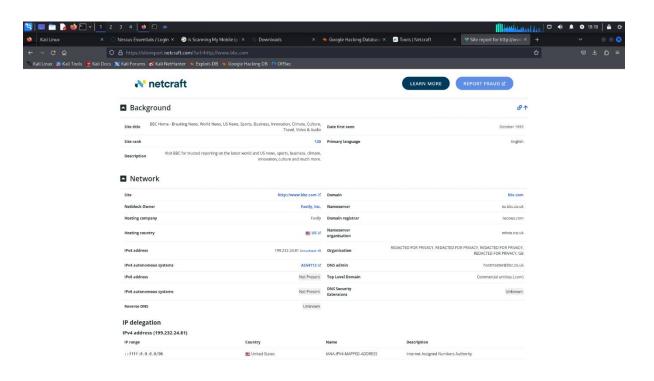
**Step-2**: Now navigate to Resources > Research Tools.



**Step-3**: Now click on Site Report and in that search for <a href="http://www.bbc.com">http://www.bbc.com</a>. The tool will search and genrates a detailed report of the webpage bbc.com.

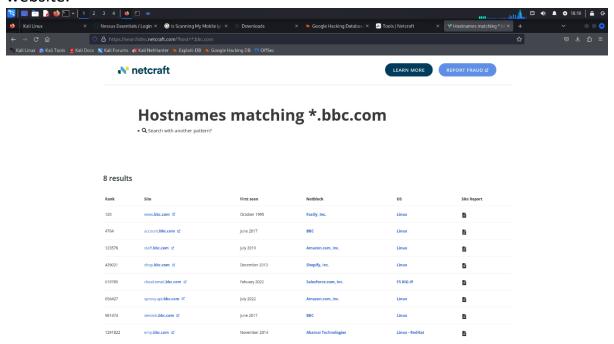


**Step-4**: Now scroll down in the report and find the network reports and under domain you will find the domains.



**Step-5**: Click on domains and you will be prompted to the a page where you can find the subdomains of bbc.com.

You can also able to see the site report of the subdomain sites of the host website.



Question-3: Explain the wayback machine and how it functions. Describe the process of retrieving sensitive data from the wayback machine. Provide a screenshot of how the website 'bbc.com' appeared in 2010, obtained from the wayback machine.

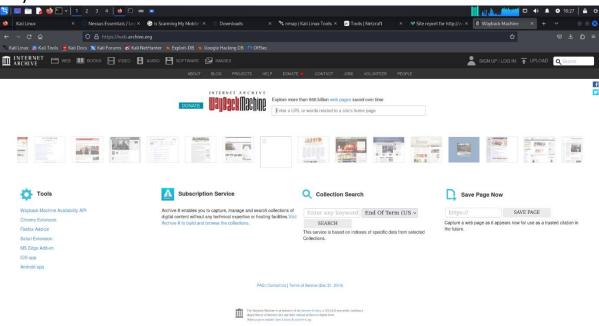
#### **Wayback Machine:**

The Wayback Machine is a digital archive of the World Wide Web founded by the Internet Archive, an American nonprofit organization based in San Francisco, California. Created in 1996 and launched to the public in 2001, it allows the user to go "back in time" to see how websites looked in the past.

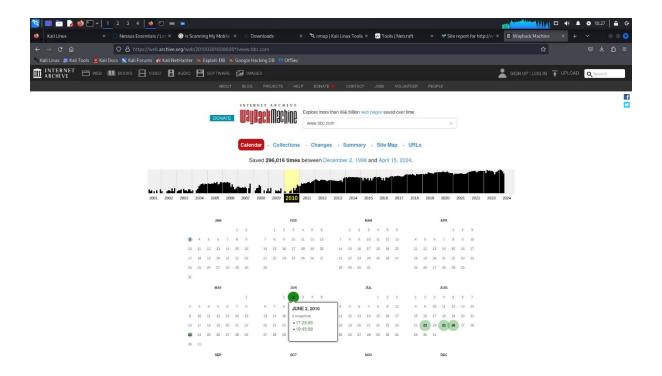
Wayback machine helps in retrieving the sensitive date if it was deleted and it will be available in the past so the people can retrive that data by using wayack machine.

# Procedure to retrive the image of bbc.com in 2010:

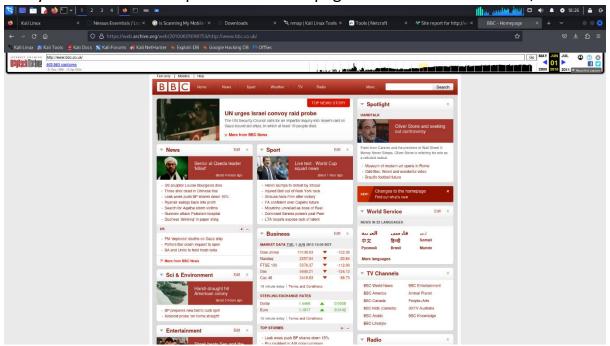
**Step-1**: Go to the website <a href="https://web.archive.org">https://web.archive.org</a> and you will be redricted to wayback machine.



**Step-2**: Now enter the website url link that you want to view i.e bbc.com. now under clender section select the year thst you want to see the webiste representation.



**Step-3**: Select the date and the year from the calender under it shows when the snapshots are taken on the webpage bbc.com select one of it and click on view and you can see the snapshot of the webpage bbc.com back in June 2, 2010.



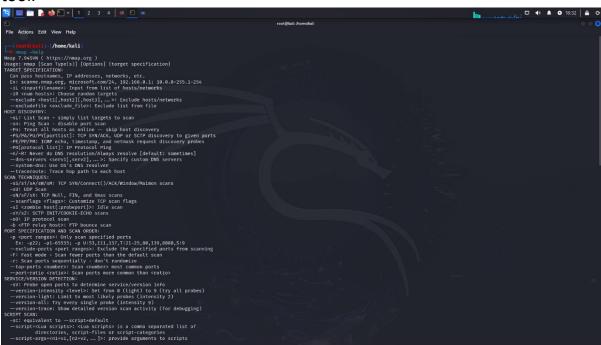
Question-4: Establish a connection to a local area network (LAN) via Wi-Fi. Utilize the NMAP tool to determine the number of devices currently connected to the LAN. Please include the specfic command you used for this task and provide a screenshot of your terminal showing the results.

#### Nmap:

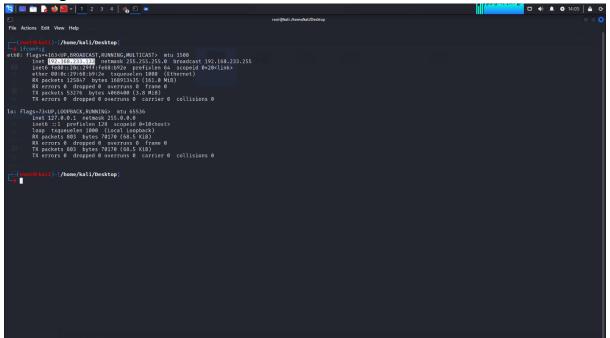
Nmap is a network scanning tool—an open source Linux command-line tool—used for network exploration, host discovery, and security auditing.

#### Procedure to scan for devices that are connected over the Wi-Fi network:

**Step-1**: Start the nmap by opening the terminal and use the command "nmap – help" this will show the help session of the nmap tool that shows how to use this tool.

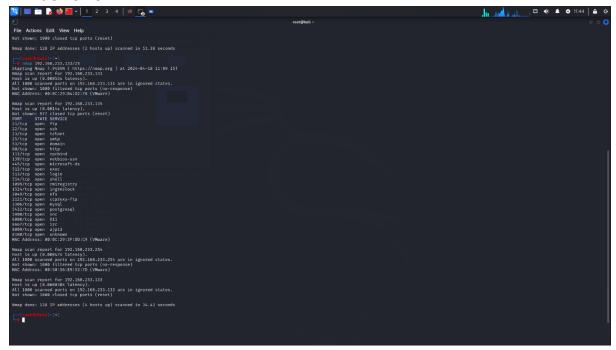


**Step-2**: Now we need to check for the local ip of the network for that use "ifconfig" command.



**Step-3**: Now use the command "nmap <ipaddress>/25" to scan the network which shows the different devices connected to the network via Wi-Fi.

Here the scan report shows 3 devices which are Metasploit, Parrot OS and Windows 10 VM.



Question-5: Perform privilege escalation on the Metasploitable machine and provide a detailed description of the process you used to achieve this. Explain how you gained elevated privelages.

#### **Privelage Escalation:**

Privelage escalation means gaining the root access through the normal user access by using msfconsole through metasploit.

# Procedure to perform privilege escalation on the Metasploitable machine:

**Step-1**: First we need to scan our Metasploitable machine to find the open ports. The scan will be performed by using Nmap tool.

The output of the scan shows tha all the open ports that provide a gateway to exploit the machine.

Here we are using the msfconsol i.e Metasploit Framework console to exploit the machine.

Here I'm using the tcp port to exploit the Metasploitable machine by using some

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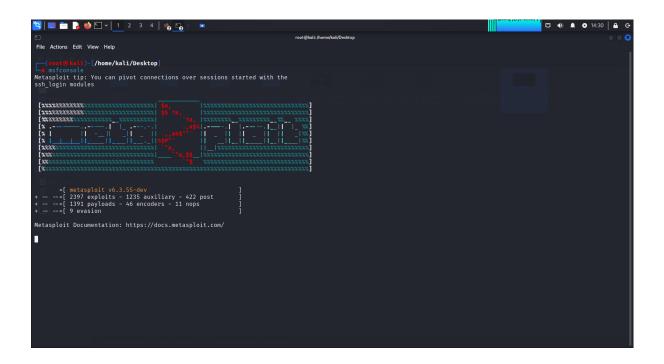
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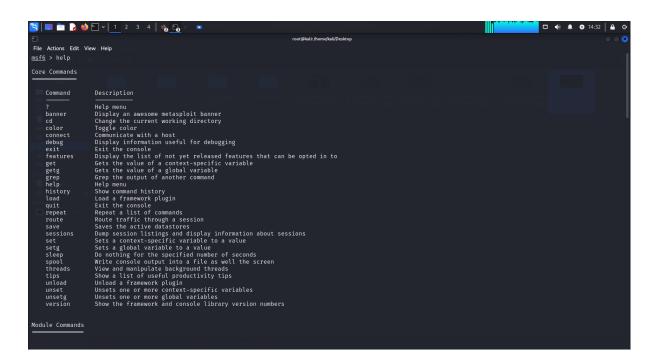
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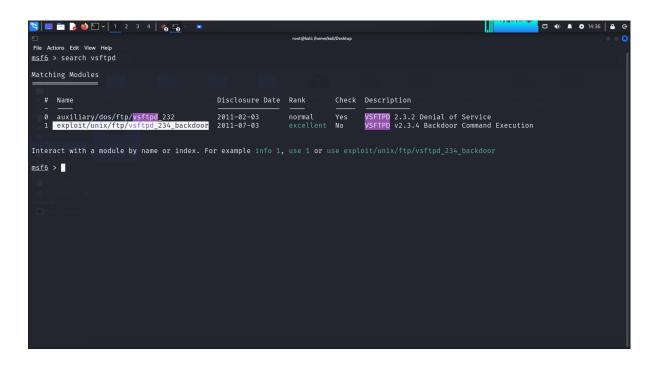
**Step-2**: To statr the msfconsole simply enter the command "msfconsole" in the root terminal.



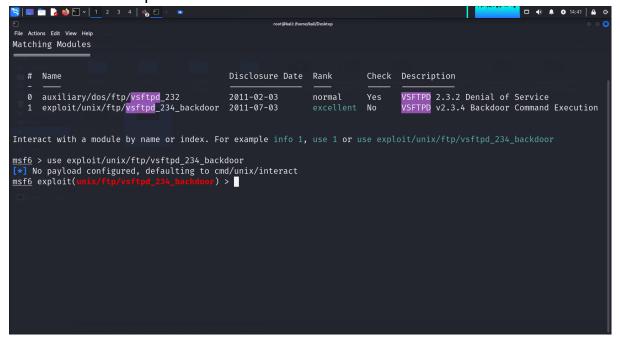
**Step-3**: Now enter the command "help" to show the help menu of the msfconsole framework.



**Step-4**: Now search for the required payloads/exploits by using the command "Search <payload/exploit keyword>", here I'm using vfstdp exploit.



**Step-5:** Here I'm using "exploit/unix/ftp/vsftpd\_234\_backdoor" to gain the user access for the Metasploitable machine. To use this exploit simply use the commad "use <exploit name>".



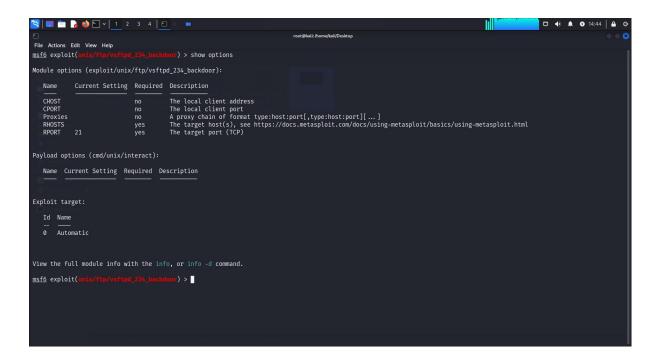
**Step-6:** Use Command "show option" to show what we need to do to perform the exploitation.

Here we need to specfi the target ipaddress and port and the port is bydefault specfied.

Use commands "set rhost <target ipaddress>" and start the exploitation.

Use command "exploit" to initialize the attack and after the exploitation you will be redricted an cli environment.

To see what privilages you have simplify use the command "whoami", here the output shows that you are root, so this mean you have the root privilages. So you can act as a admin to this machine from now.



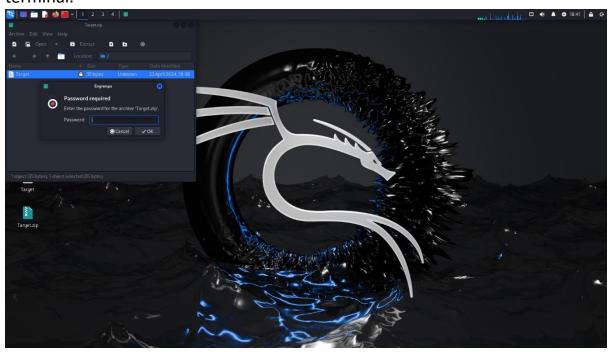
Question-6: Employ a password cracking tool such as John the Ripper or Hydra to illustrate how a weak password can be compromised. Provide a detailed explanation of the step-by-step process you followed to achieve this.

# John the Ripper:

John the Ripper (JTR) is a free, open-source software tool used by hackers, both ethical and otherwise, for password cracking. The software is typically used in a UNIV/Linux and Mac OS X environment where it can detect weak passwords. John the Ripper jumbo supports many cipher and hash types.

# Procedure to crack password of a zip file using John the Ripper:

**Step-1**: Create a zip file with a passcode in your kali VM. And open root terminal.



**Step-2**: type the command "john –help" to view the help menu of the tool John the Ripper.

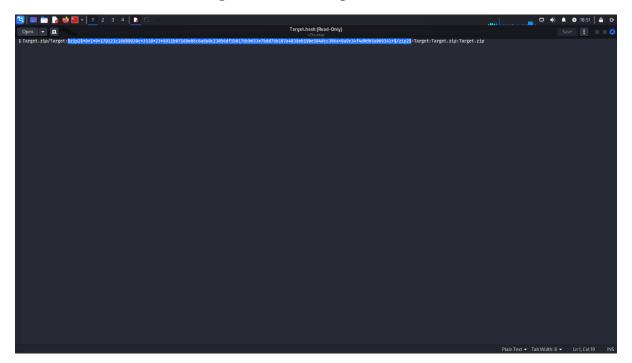


**Step-3**: Now navigate to the directory where the locked zip file is located by using the command "cd <path>".

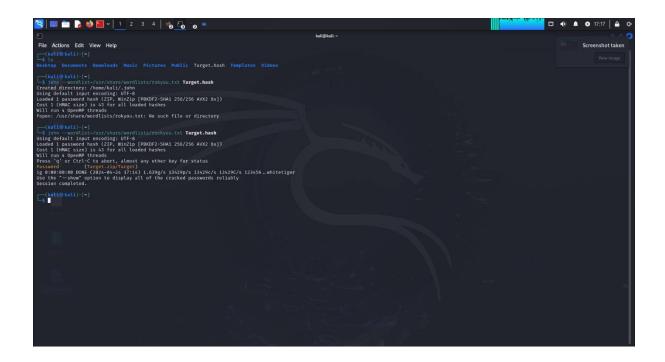
Now use the command zip2john <filename.zip> to view the hashcode of the password Which is highlighted in the image.

Use the command zip2john <filename.zip> > <filename.hash> to save the hash code in a hashfile which is used to decrypt the hashcode.

The hash file will be stored in the directory where the zip file is located and the contents of the hash file is given in the image below.



**Step-4**: To decrypt the hashcode type the command "john --wordlist=/usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt Target.hash" After the execution of this command we get the password of the zip file as 'Password'.



Question-7: Conduct a simulated phishing attack in a wide area network (WAN) environment using any suitable tool to demonstrate potential risks, specifically focusing on accessing webcams. Provide a detailed account of the steps you took during the simulation.

Additionally, explain effective strategies for educating and raising awareness among employees about safeguarding against such types of phishing attacks

# **Phishing Attacks:**

Phishing is a kind of cybercrime where attackers try to trick you into revealing sensitive details like passwords, credit card numbers, or bank account information.

# **Types of Phishing Attacks:**

# **Spear Phishing:**

This is a more targeted attack where attackers personalize emails with information specific to you. They might research your company, position, or online presence to make the email appear more believable.

# Whaling:

This targets high-profile individuals like CEOs or CFOs. Attackers put extra effort into crafting messages that appear urgent and come from a trusted source within the company or industry.

#### **Smishing and Vishing:**

These phishing attacks use your phone instead of email. Smishing involves sending deceptive text messages (SMS) that try to trick you into clicking a malicious link or providing personal information. Vishing uses phone calls where attackers impersonate legitimate organizations to obtain your information.

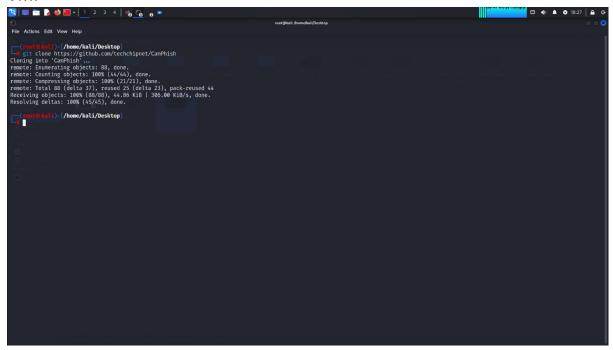
# Accessing Webcams using Phishing Attacks:

#### Camphish:

CamPhish is techniques to take cam shots of target's phone front camera or PC webcam. CamPhish Hosts a fake website on in built PHP server and uses ngrok & serveo to generate a link which we will forward to the target, which can be used on over internet. website asks for camera permission and if the target allows it, this tool grab camshots of target's device.

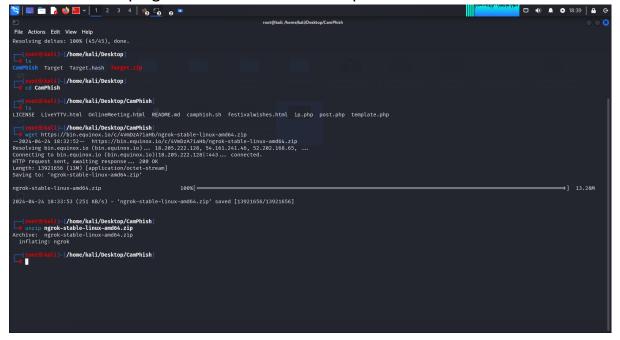
# Procedure to access webcam of a device using Camphish Tool:

**Step-1:** First we need to instll the tool Camphish in our Kali VM we can use the command "git clone <a href="https://github.com/techchipnet/CamPhish">https://github.com/techchipnet/CamPhish</a>" so this command will download the required camphish packages and tools into the VM.

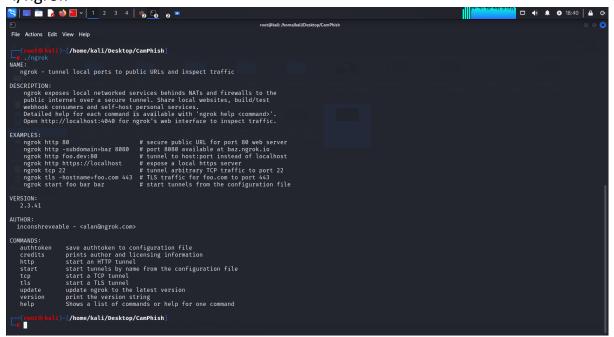


**Step-2**: Now we need navigate to the camphish directory and we need to download ngrok server zip file by using the command

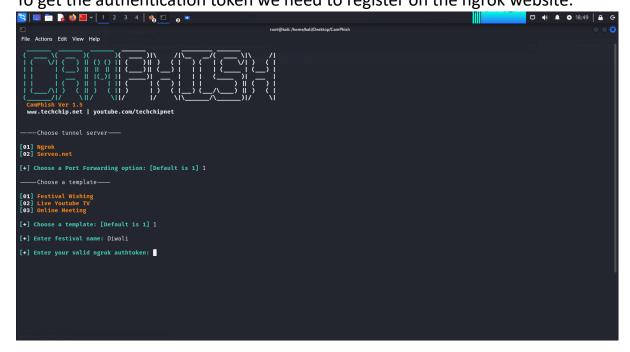
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**Step-3**: Now we need to start ngrok web server by using the command "./ngrok"



**Step-4**: Now we need to start camphish tool by using the command "bash camphish.sh". and you are prompted to the camphish tool screen. In the tool screen first we need to choose the server as ngrok by pressing 1. After that you need to choose an option by the default option given below I choose 1-festival wishing and we need to provide the festival name as Diwali. Afer that we need to provide an authentication token for ngrok server. To get the authentication token we need to register on the ngrok website.



**Step-5**: We can register for the ngrok server through its official website and we can register by using our emails after that we will receive our authentication token which we need to paste it on the authtoken in the camphish.

**Step-6**: After the registration we get the authentication token and after entering the auth token we will get a url which we want to send to the target device if the target user clicks on the url he will be prompted to a webpage and it asks for camera access permission.

**Step-7**: If the target user gives the permission then the cam on the users device automatically captures the images and sends it to the camphisher as a dump untill we stops it.

#### Question-8:

#### **Scenario:**

You work for a medium-sized e-commerce company that handles a large volume of customer data, including personal information and payment details. The company's website and backend systems are crucial for operations.

One morning, an employee notices unusual activity on the company's internal network monitoring system. After further investigation, it becomes evident that an unauthorized user has gained access to the company's customer database. The security team suspects a potential data breach.

#### Task:

As an intern in the cybersecurity and ethical hacking domain, your task is to develop an incident response plan to address this situation. The plan should outline the steps to take in case of this security incident.

Here's an incident response plan to address the potential data breach at your medium-sized e-commerce company:

#### 1. Initial Response:

As soon as the unauthorized access is detected, isolate the affected systems from the rest of the network to prevent further compromise.

Notify the relevant stakeholders, including the IT security team, management, legal counsel, and any other relevant departments.

#### 2. Assessment and Investigation:

Conduct a thorough investigation to determine the extent of the breach, including which systems and data were accessed or compromised.

Gather evidence, such as logs and network traffic analysis, to understand how the breach occurred and identify the attacker's methods.

Document all findings to support future remediation efforts and regulatory compliance requirements.

# 3. Containment and Mitigation:

Take immediate action to contain the breach and mitigate any further damage.

Change passwords and revoke access credentials for compromised accounts.

Patch or update any vulnerable systems or software that may have been exploited by the attacker.

Implement additional security controls, such as firewall rules or intrusion detection systems, to prevent similar incidents in the future.

## 4. Notification and Communication:

Comply with relevant data breach notification laws and regulations by notifying affected customers, regulatory authorities, and other stakeholders as required.

Provide clear and timely communication to customers and the public about the breach, including information on what data was compromised and what steps they can take to protect themselves.

Maintain open lines of communication with internal teams, keeping them informed of the incident's status and any actions being taken to address it.

#### **5.** Recovery and Remediation:

Restore affected systems and data from backups, ensuring that they are free from any malicious activity.

Conduct a thorough review of security policies and procedures to identify areas for improvement and prevent similar incidents in the future.

Provide additional training and awareness programs for employees to educate them about cybersecurity best practices and how to recognize and report security threats.

#### 6. Post-Incident Analysis:

Conduct a post-mortem analysis of the incident to identify lessons learned and areas for improvement in the incident response process.

Document recommendations for enhancing the company's cybersecurity posture, such as implementing additional security controls, improving monitoring and detection capabilities, or enhancing employee training programs.

Incorporate the findings from the post-incident analysis into ongoing security planning and risk management processes.

#### 7. Continuous Monitoring and Improvement:

Establish a process for continuous monitoring of network activity and security controls to detect and respond to future security incidents proactively.

Regularly review and update the incident response plan to reflect changes in the threat landscape, technology environment, and regulatory requirements.

Conduct regular security assessments, such as penetration testing and vulnerability scanning, to identify and address potential security weaknesses before they can be exploited by attackers.

By following this incident response plan, your company can effectively respond to the data breach and minimize its impact on customers, employees, and the business overall. Remember that swift and coordinated action is key to containing the breach, mitigating its effects, and restoring trust in your organization's security posture.

Question-9: Provide an in-depth explanation of the distinctions between WEP, WPA, WPA2, and WPA3 in the context of wireless networking. Additionally, please share your recommendation for the most secure option among them and elucidate the reasons behind your choice.

# **WEP (Wired Equivalent Privacy):**

WEP was the first security protocol implemented in wireless networks.

It uses a static encryption key, usually either 64 or 128 bits in length.

WEP has significant vulnerabilities and is considered highly insecure due to flaws in its encryption algorithm.

It can be easily cracked using various methods, including brute force attacks and packet sniffing.

Due to its vulnerabilities, it's no longer recommended for securing wireless networks.

# **WPA (Wi-Fi Protected Access):**

WPA was introduced as a replacement for WEP and aimed to provide stronger security.

It introduced TKIP (Temporal Key Integrity Protocol), which dynamically generates encryption keys for each packet, making it more secure than WEP.

WPA also introduced the use of a stronger hashing algorithm called MIC (Message Integrity Check) to prevent attacks on the integrity of packets.

While WPA addressed many of the vulnerabilities of WEP, it's still susceptible to certain attacks, particularly offline dictionary attacks.

WPA is considered relatively secure if configured properly, but it's now largely outdated with the availability of more advanced protocols like WPA2 and WPA3.

# WPA2 (Wi-Fi Protected Access 2):

WPA2 is the current standard for wireless security and offers significantly stronger encryption than WPA.

It uses the AES (Advanced Encryption Standard) encryption algorithm, which is highly secure and resistant to attacks.

WPA2 also supports CCMP (Counter Mode Cipher Block Chaining Message Authentication Code Protocol), which provides both encryption and authentication, enhancing security further.

WPA2 is vulnerable to certain attacks, such as KRACK (Key Reinstallation Attacks), which exploit weaknesses in the WPA2 handshake process.

Despite these vulnerabilities, WPA2 remains widely used and considered secure if strong, unique passwords are employed and network configurations are properly managed.

# WPA3 (Wi-Fi Protected Access 3):

WPA3 is the latest standard for wireless security and introduces several improvements over WPA2.

It provides stronger encryption through the use of the Simultaneous Authentication of Equals (SAE) protocol, also known as Dragonfly Key Exchange, which protects against offline dictionary attacks.

WPA3 also offers enhanced protection for open networks through individualized data encryption, preventing eavesdropping on unencrypted connections.

Another feature of WPA3 is protection against brute-force attacks, where failed authentication attempts trigger a delay, making it harder for attackers to guess passwords.

While WPA3 offers significant improvements in security, it may take time for widespread adoption due to the need for compatible hardware and software updates.

# In terms of recommendation for the most secure option among them:

WPA3 is currently the most secure option due to its advancements in encryption and authentication protocols. It addresses many of the vulnerabilities present in WPA2, such as offline dictionary attacks and brute-force attacks. Additionally, WPA3 provides enhanced security for open networks, which is particularly beneficial in public Wi-Fi settings. However, it's important to note that widespread adoption of WPA3 may still be in progress, and compatibility with existing devices may vary. Therefore, it's essential to ensure that your devices support WPA3 before transitioning to it.