CAPTURING AND ANALYZING NETWORK TRAFFIC USING A SNIFFER

ETHICAL HACKING & LAB 3

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Executive Summary

Highlights

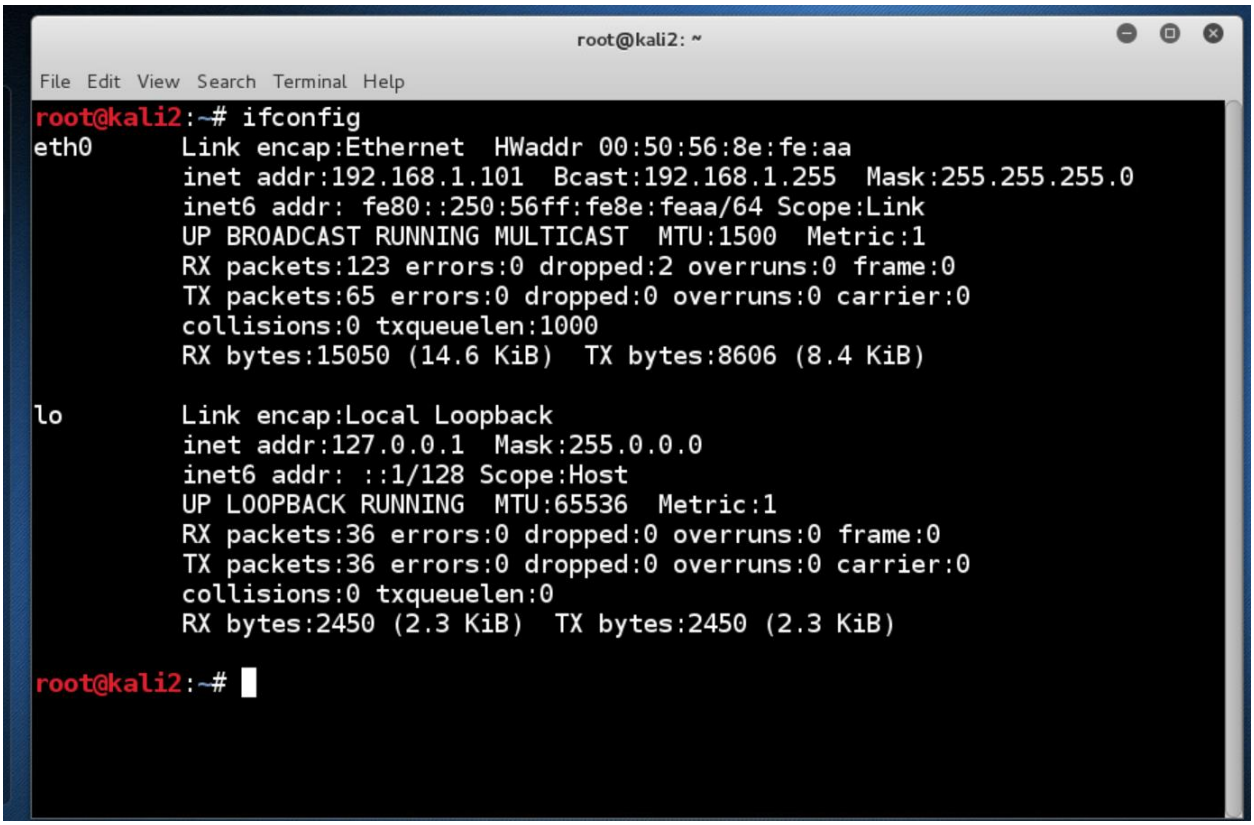
In this lab, I will use Wireshark to capture and analyze network traffic. I will configure the network interface, generate traffic using FTP, Telnet, and Mail protocols, and then analyze the captured traffic.

Objectives

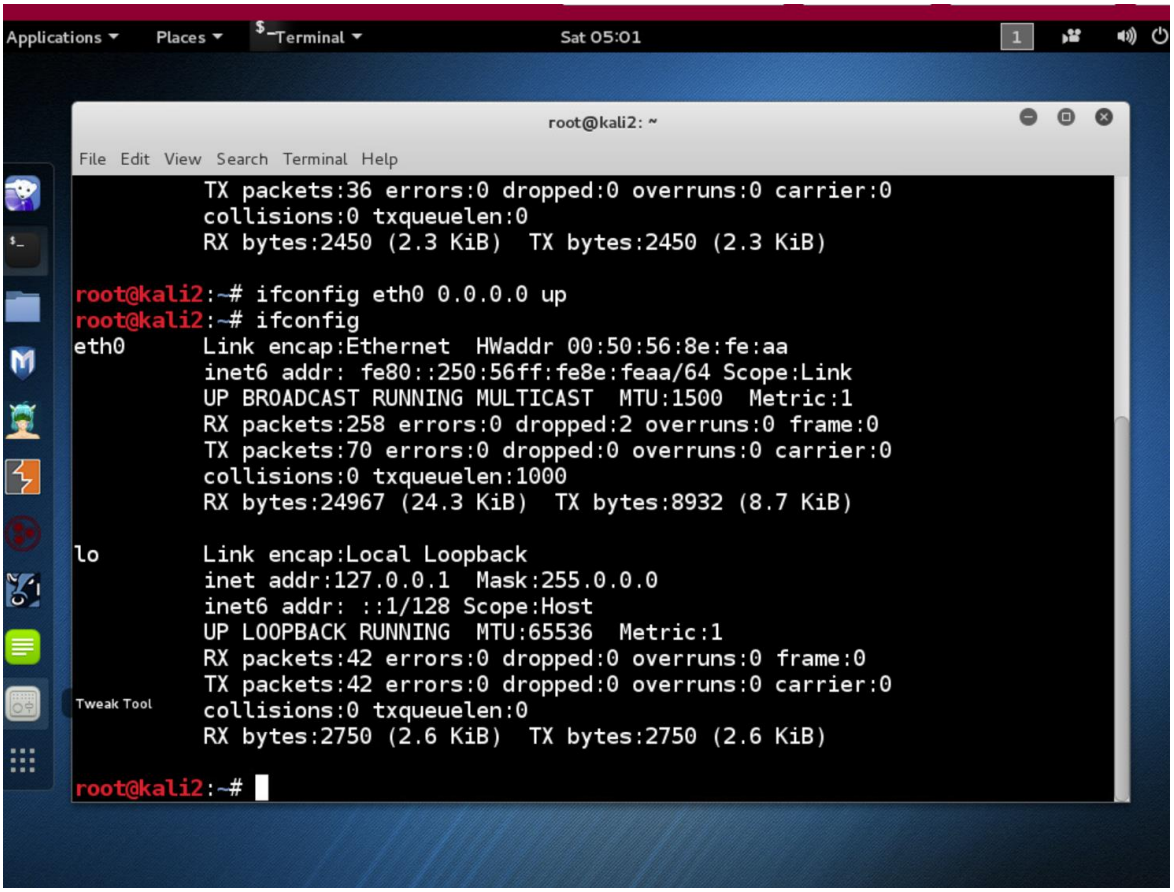
The objective of this lab is to configure a sniffer to capture live network traffic and analyze the data using Wireshark to understand the protocols and traffic patterns within the network.

Lab Description Details

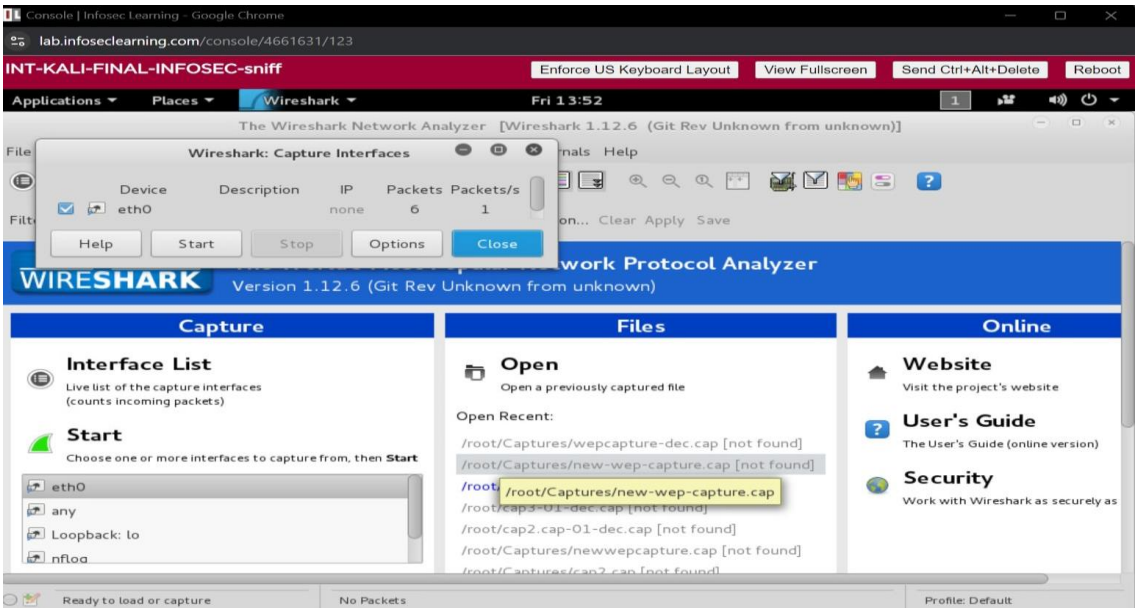
The kali linux machine configuration had been checked and the ethernet had been setup.



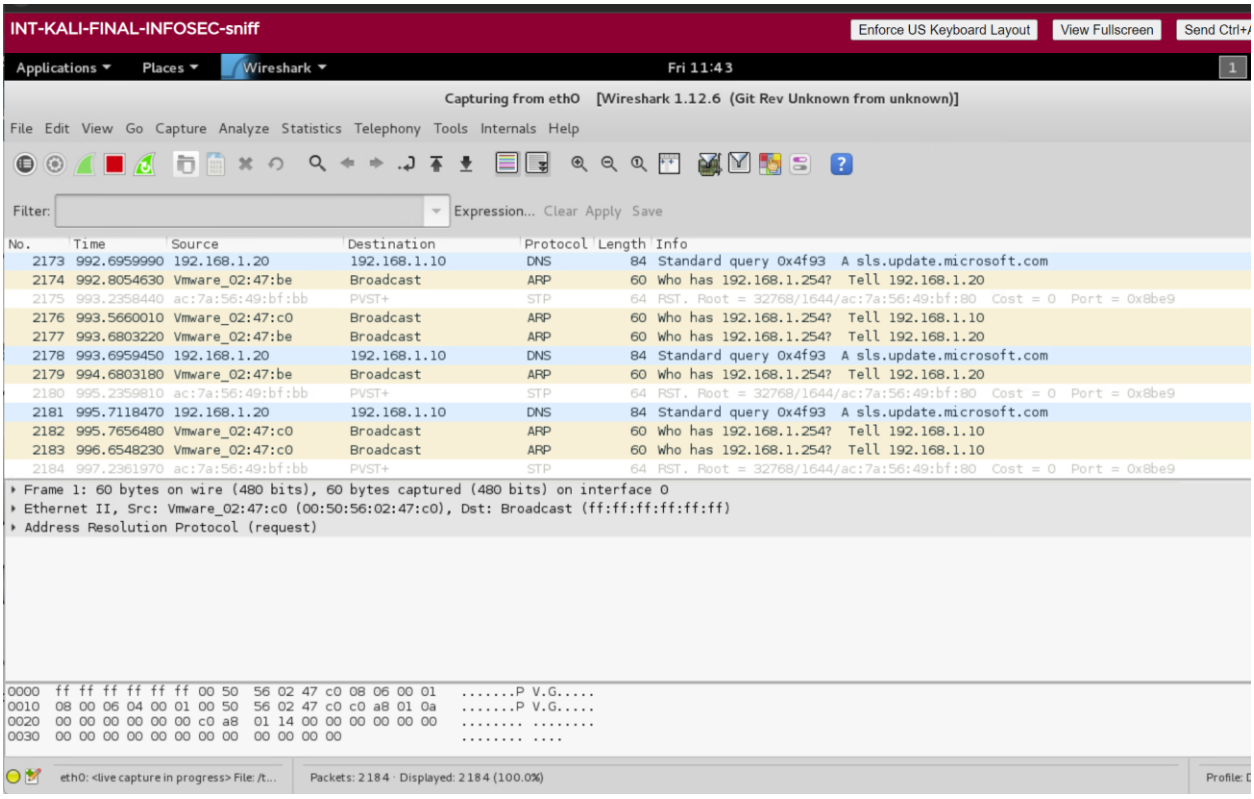
The ip address had been configured by setting up ethernet(eth0)



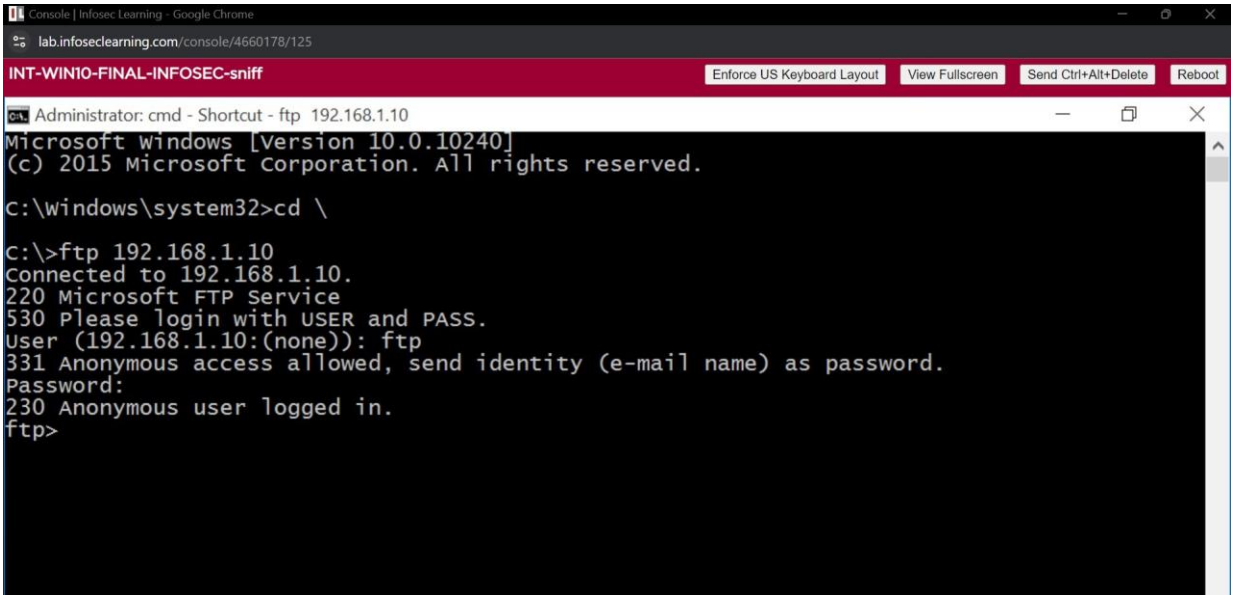
Wireshark had been started to capture interfaces



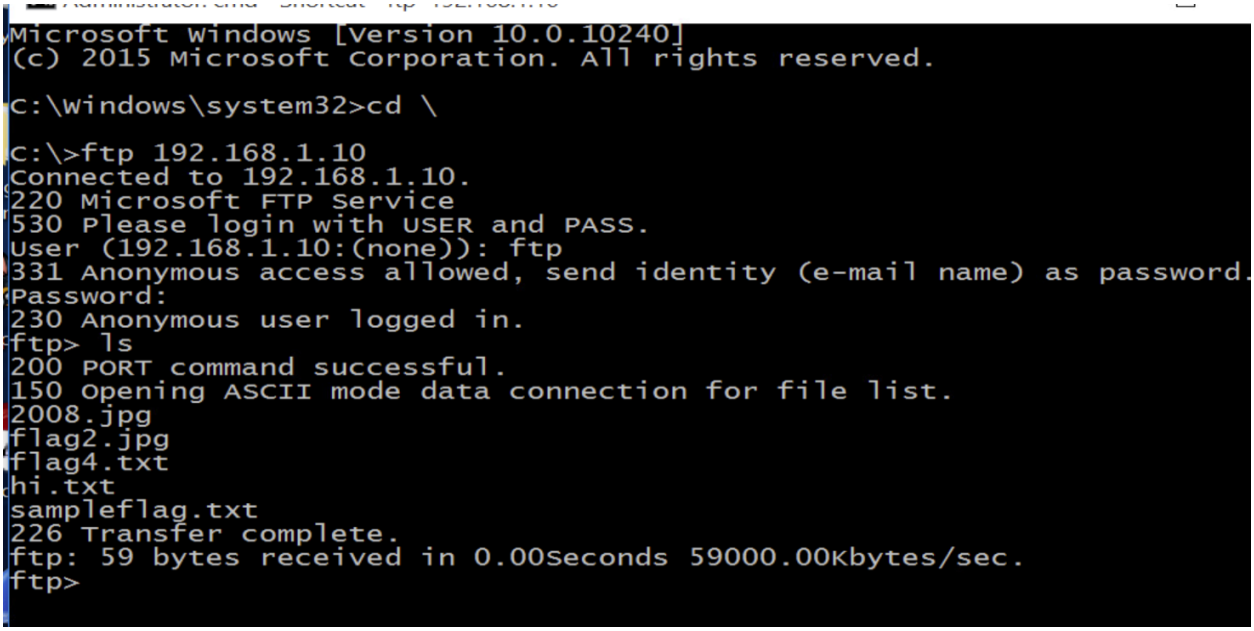
The Traffic is getting captured in the wireshark



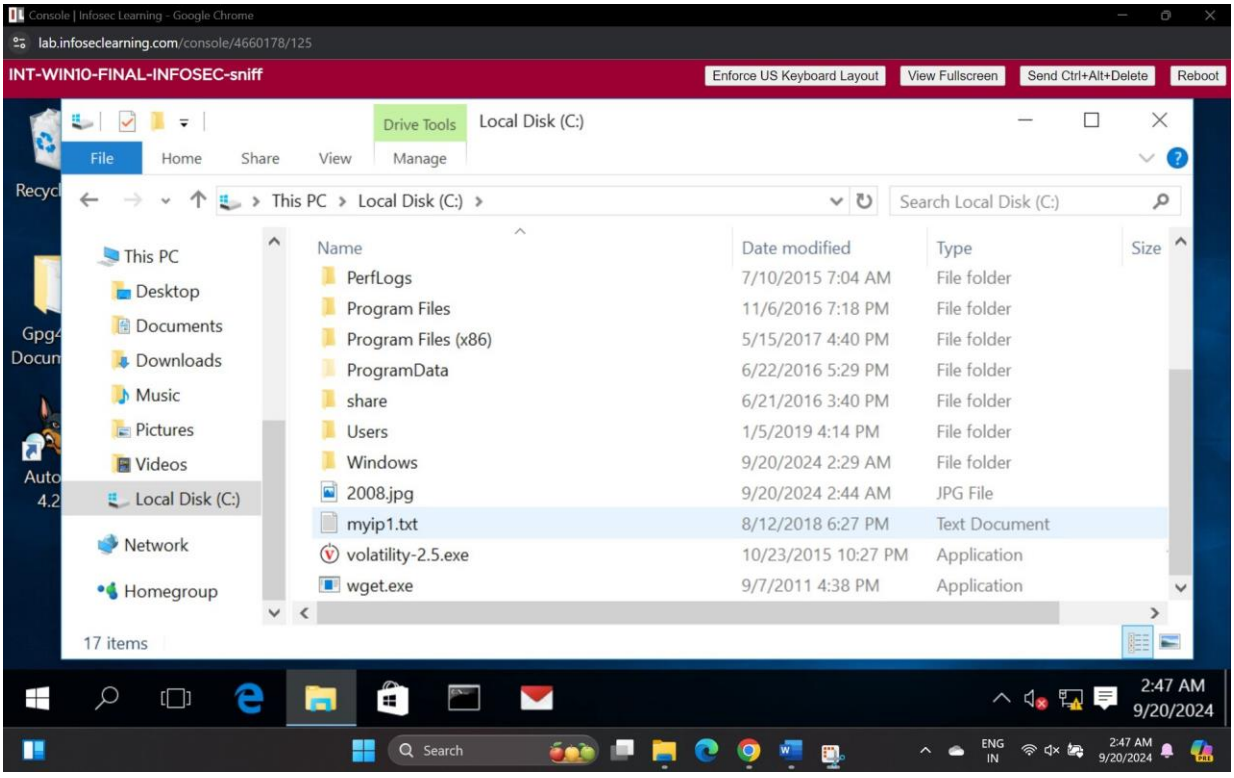
Ftp Login has been done in the windows machine



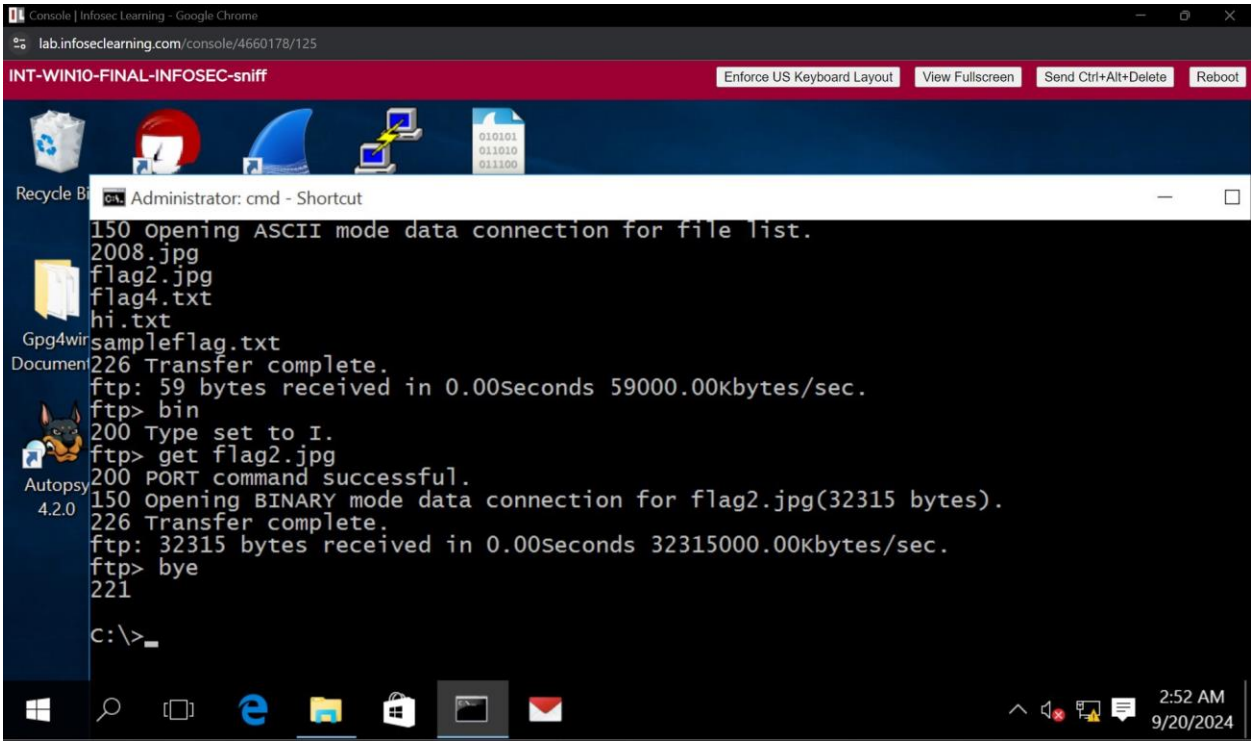
After logging in Anonymously we got to know more details about 2008.jpg by entering command get 2008.jpg



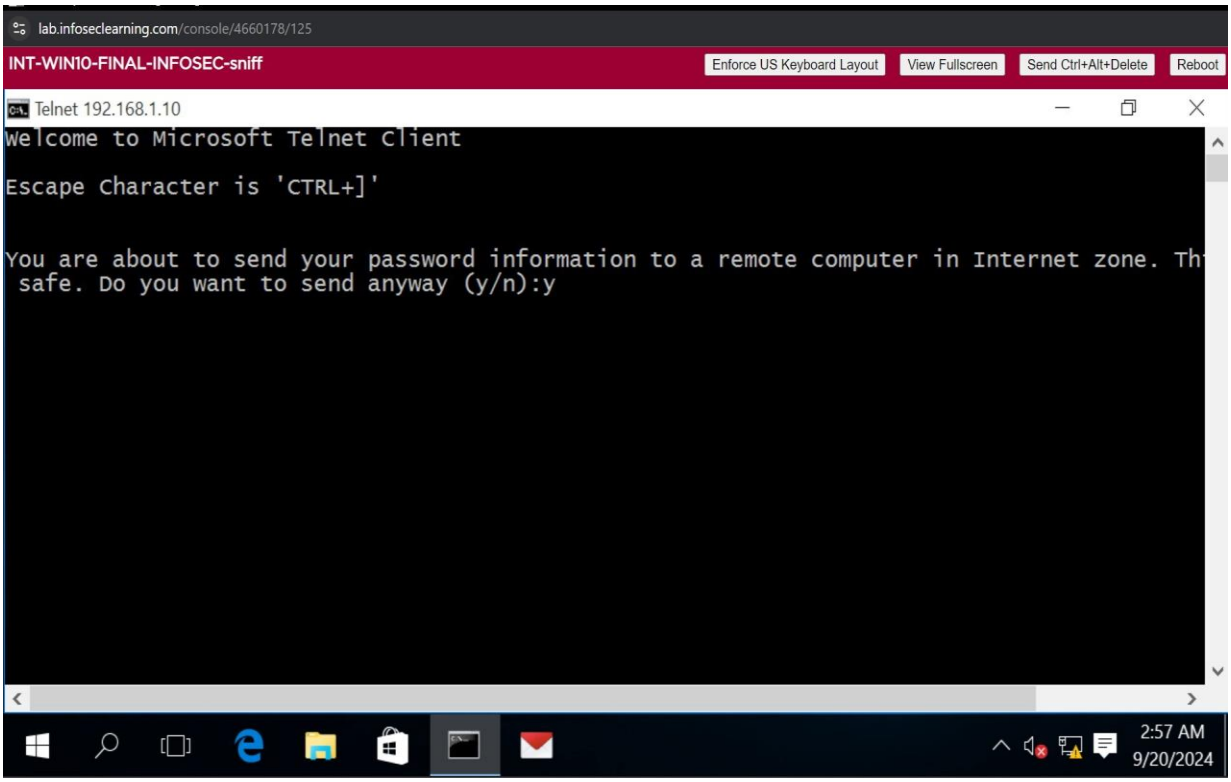
In the local disk the 2008.jpg got popped up. And the sample challenge got completed by opening the jpg file.



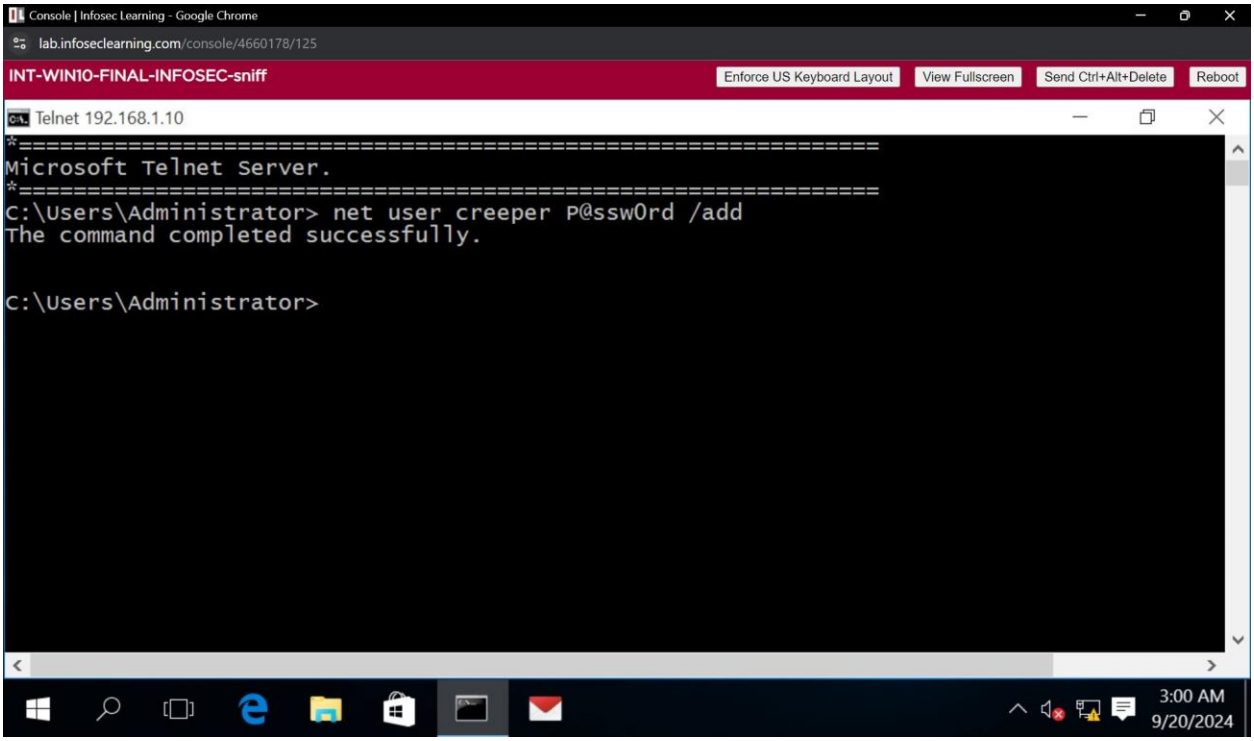
Similarly I performed same steps for flag2.jpg



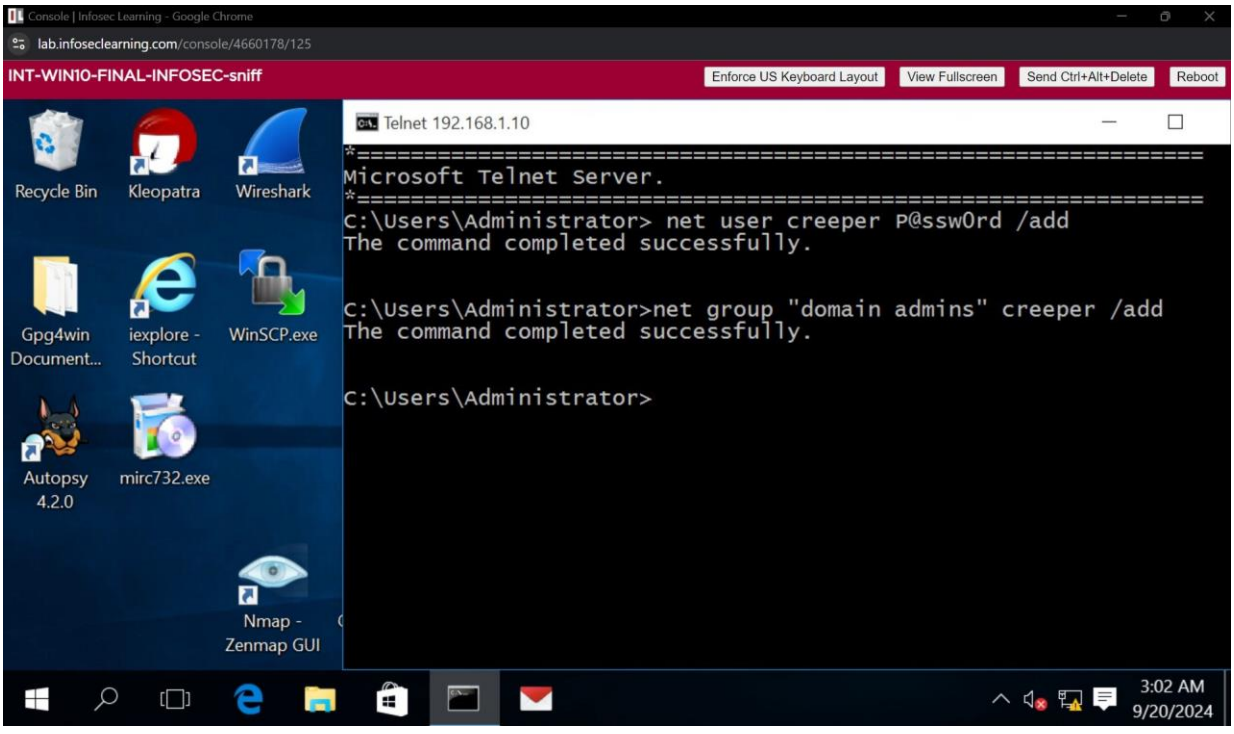
In the windows machine command prompt we are starting telnet .

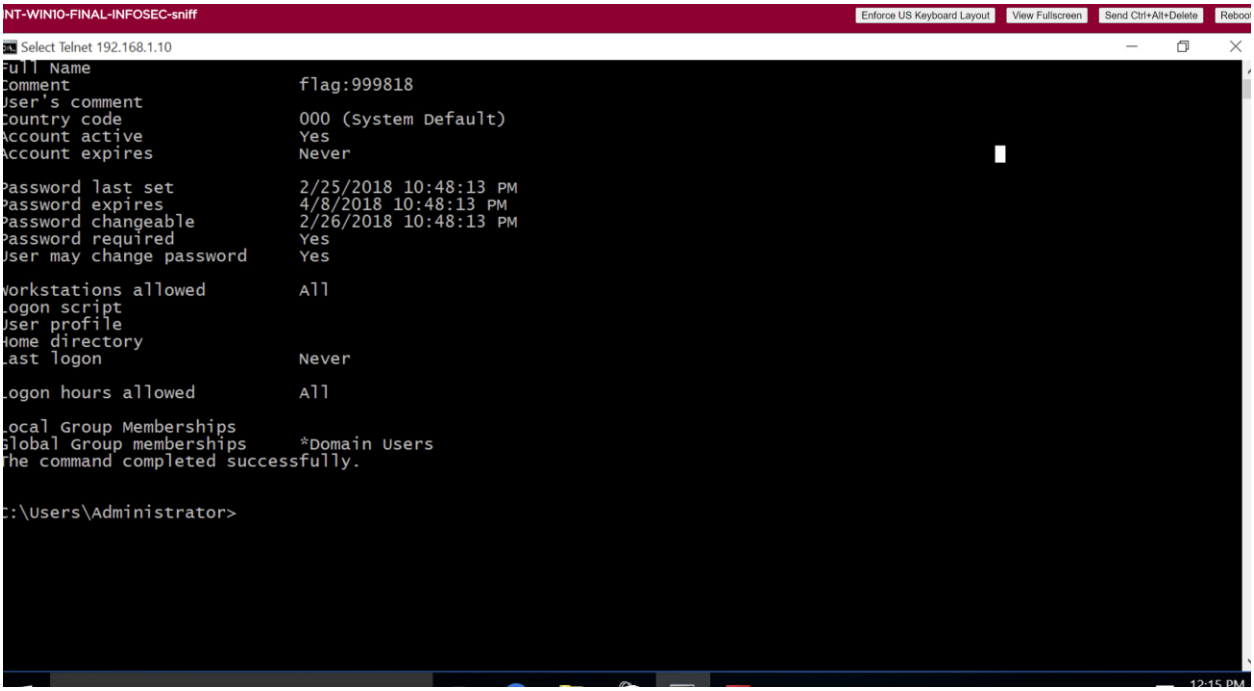


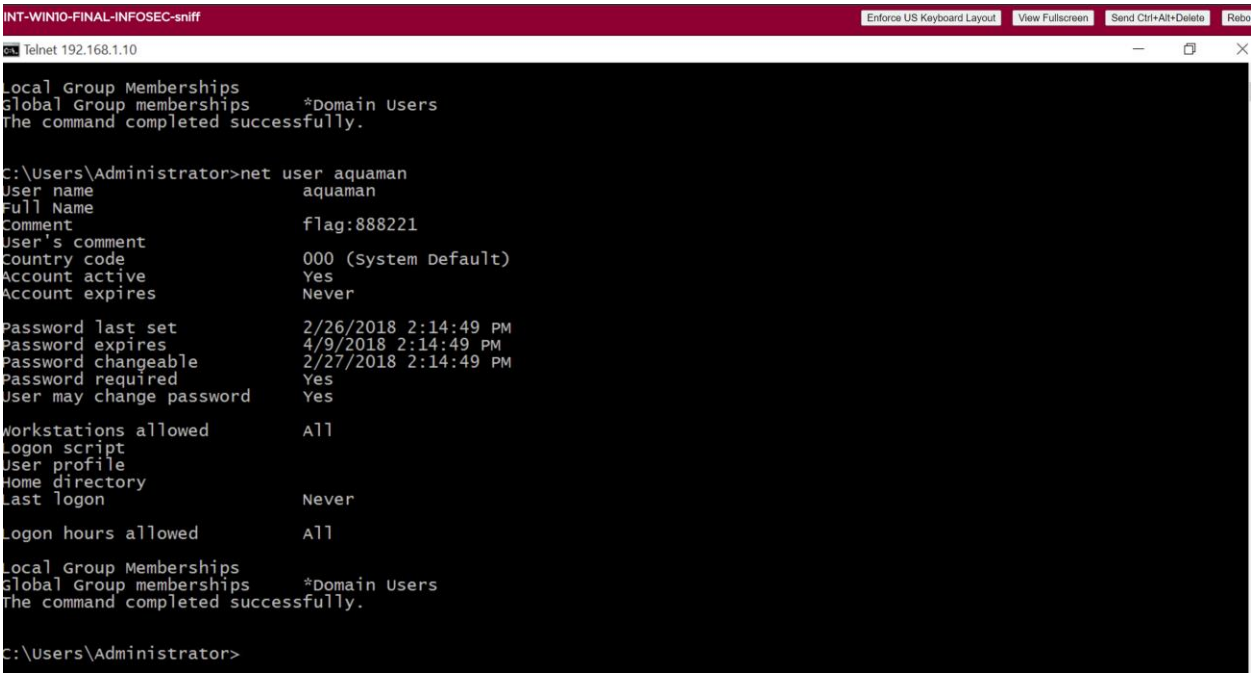
Opened the command prompt by administrator rights and entered into telnet service by entering telnet 192.168.1.10



created creeper and added and created the domain admins group

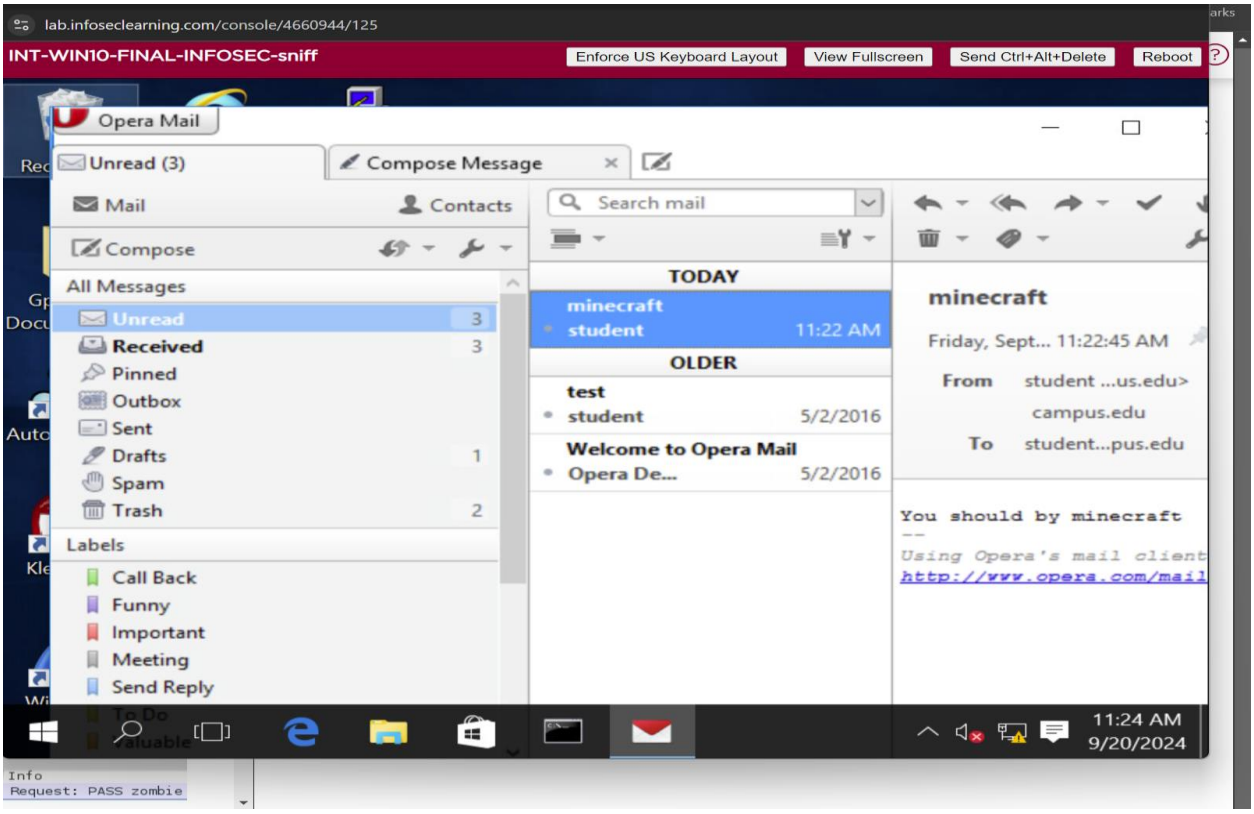



INT-WIN10-FINAL-INFOSEC-sniff
Enforce US Keyboard Layout
View Fullscreen
Send Ctrl+Alt+Delete
Select Telnet 192.168.1.10
Full Name
Comment flag:999818
User's comment
Country code 000 (System Default)
Account active Yes
Account expires Never
Password last set 2/25/2018 10:48:13 PM
Password expires 4/8/2018 10:48:13 PM
Password changeable 2/26/2018 10:48:13 PM
Password required Yes
User may change password Yes
Workstations allowed All
Logon script
User profile
Home directory
Last logon Never
Logon hours allowed All
Local Group Memberships
Global Group memberships *Domain Users
The command completed successfully.
C:\Users\Administrator>

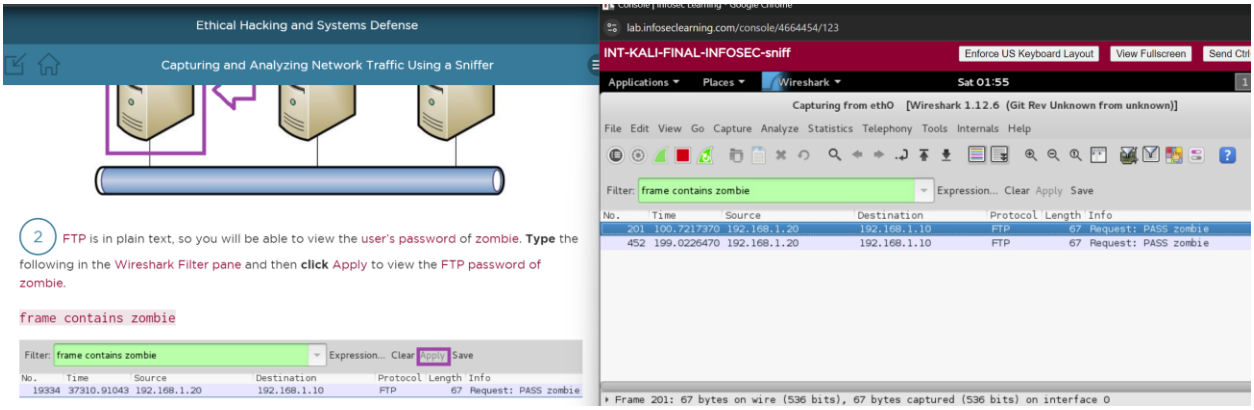

INT-WIN10-FINAL-INFOSEC-sniff
Enforce US Keyboard Layout
View Fullscreen
Send Ctrl+Alt+Delete
Telnet 192.168.1.10
Local Group Memberships
Global Group memberships *Domain Users
The command completed successfully.
C:\Users\Administrator>net user aquaman
User name aquaman
Full Name
Comment flag:888221
User's comment
Country code 000 (System Default)
Account active Yes
Account expires Never
Password last set 2/26/2018 2:14:49 PM
Password expires 4/9/2018 2:14:49 PM
Password changeable 2/27/2018 2:14:49 PM
Password required Yes
User may change password Yes
Workstations allowed All
Logon script
User profile
Home directory
Last logon Never
Logon hours allowed All
Local Group Memberships
Global Group memberships *Domain Users
The command completed successfully.
C:\Users\Administrator>

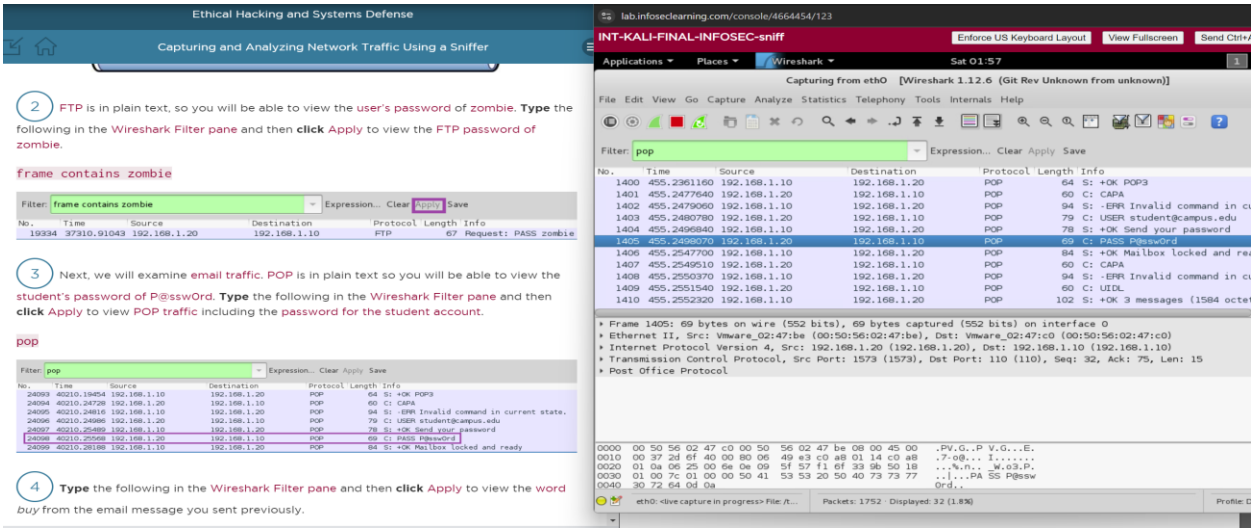
We opened the opera mail in the windows machine and composed a mail to student@campus.edu as entering the subject as Minecraft and entering the body of mail as “You should buy Minecraft”. And We had sent it.

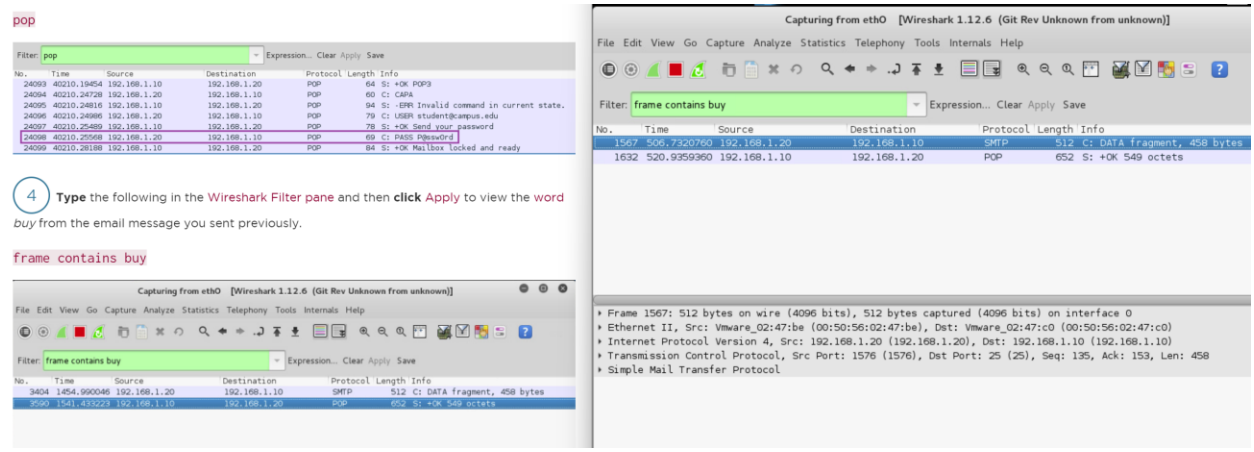
By checking the opera mail and checked all mail we’ll find the mail which we sent.



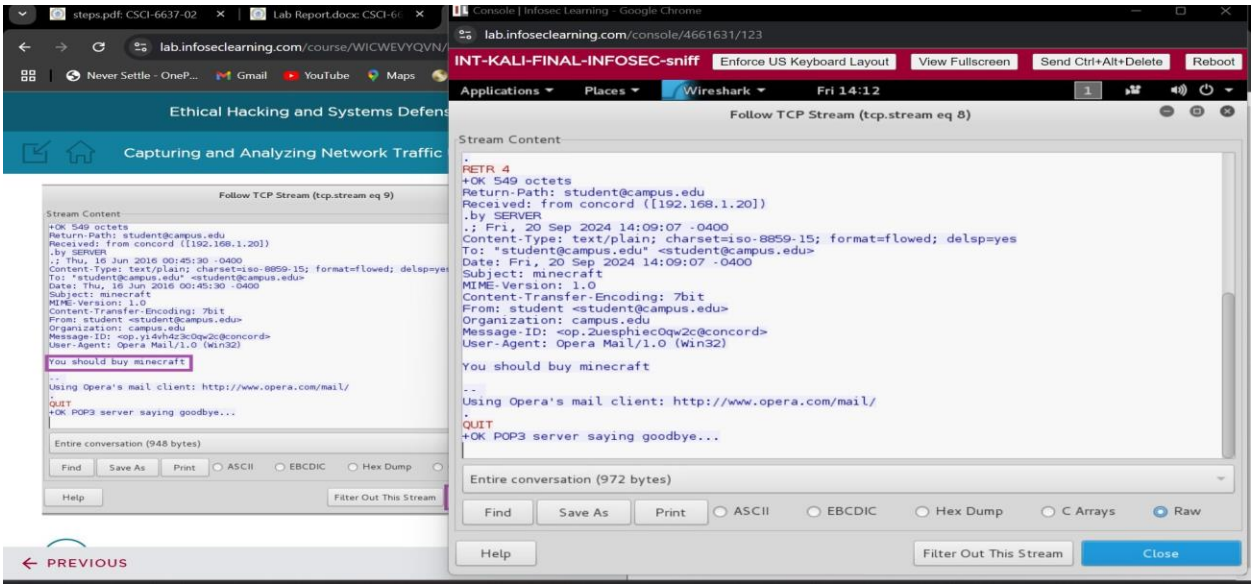
Coming back to the linux machine where wireshark had been running we gonna check the “frame contains zombie”, ”pop”, ”frame contains buy”.



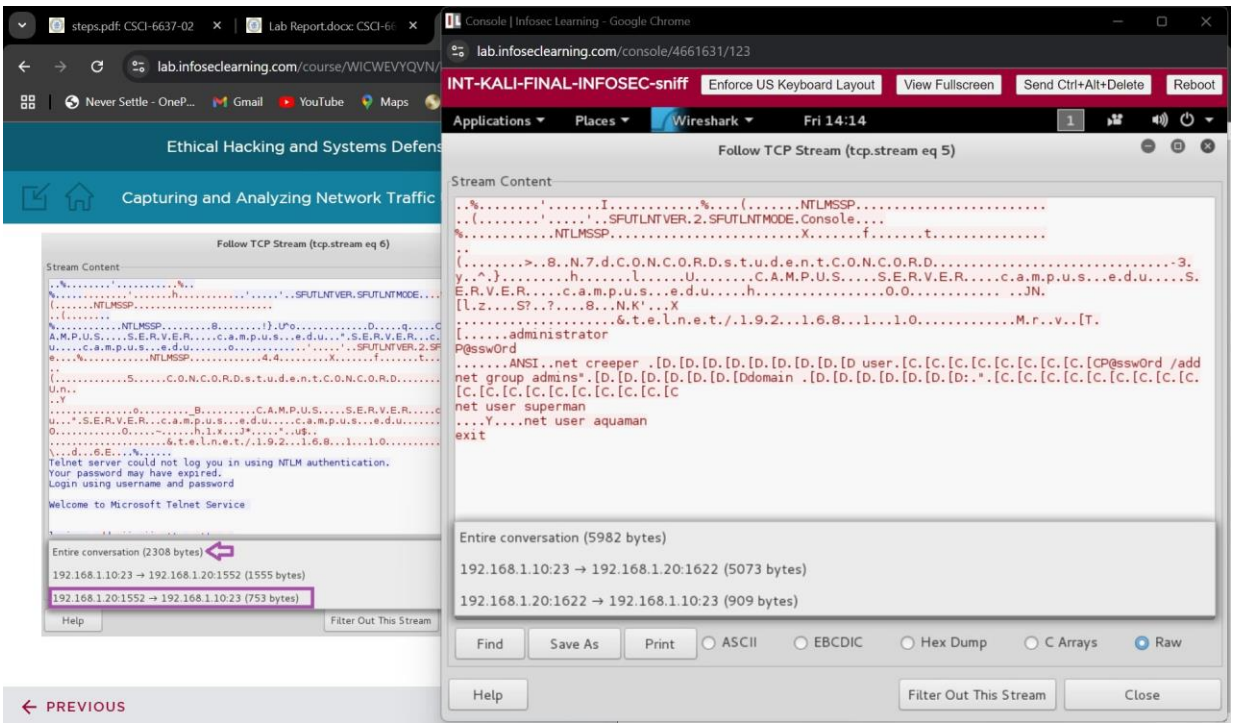




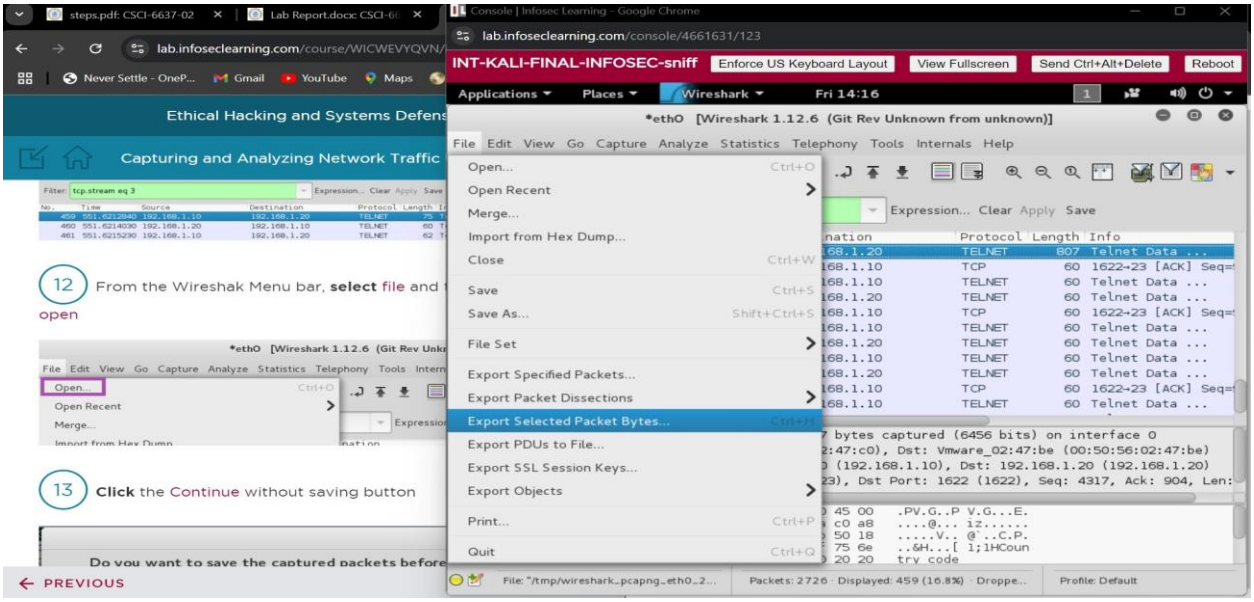
We checked TCP stream for pop as we can see “You should buy Minecraft” in it.



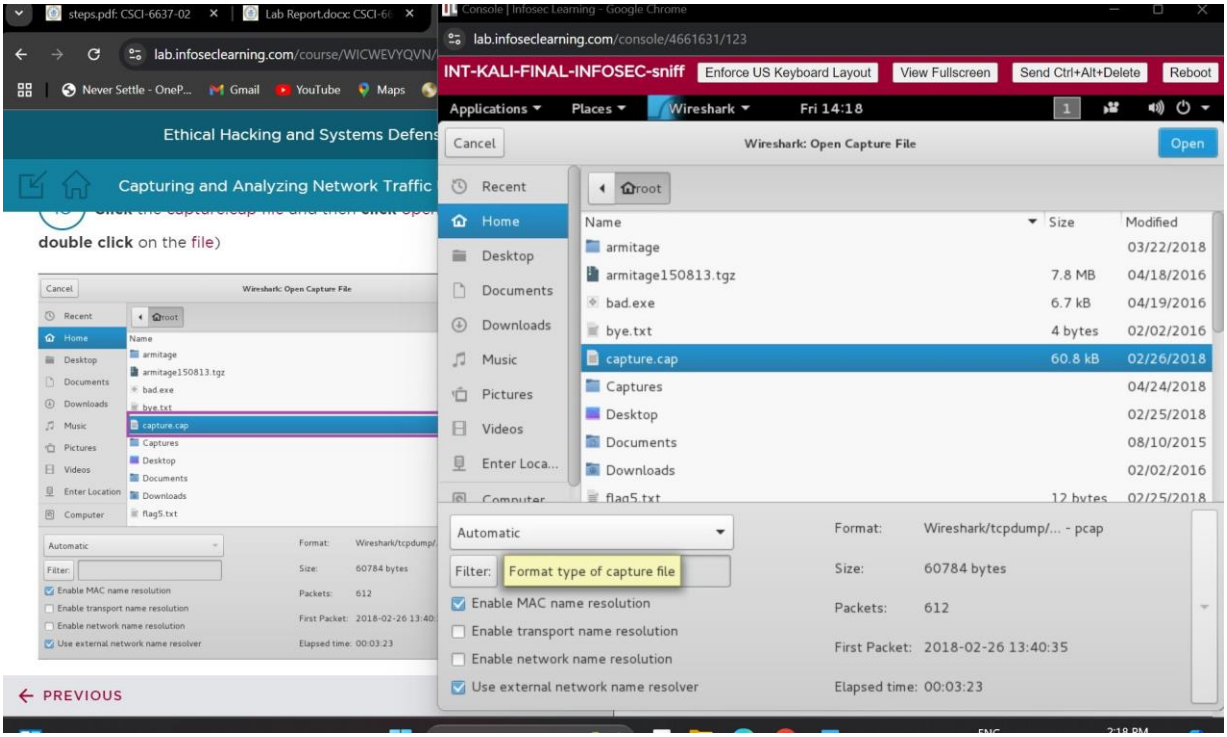
We had found the P@ssw0rd creeper and found both the users Superman and Aquaman in the group.



Telnet we opened the new file by stopping the capture .

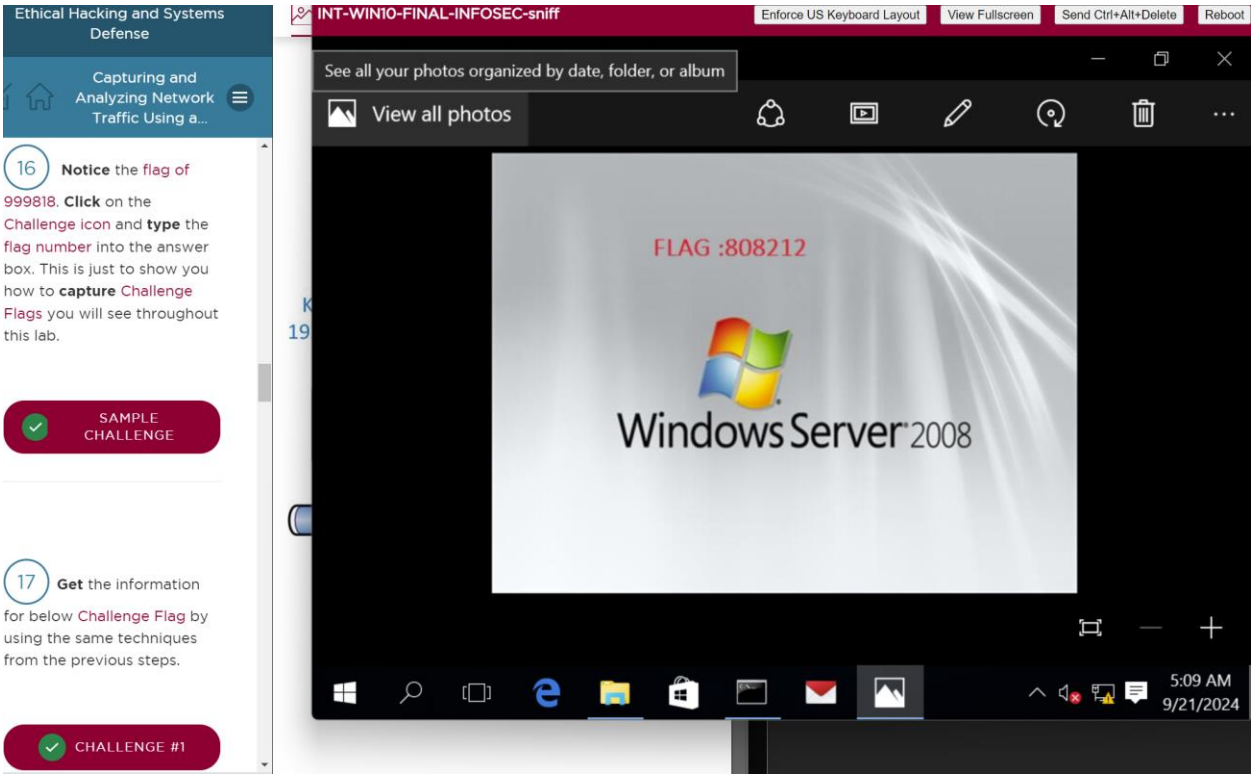


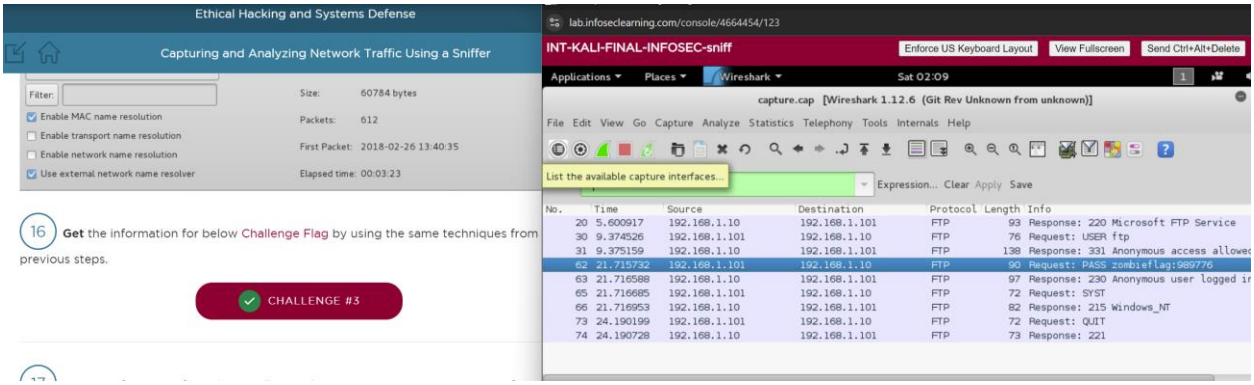
We now open the capture.cap file in the home



Supporting Evidence

These are the screenshots of challenges that were encountered while performing the lab

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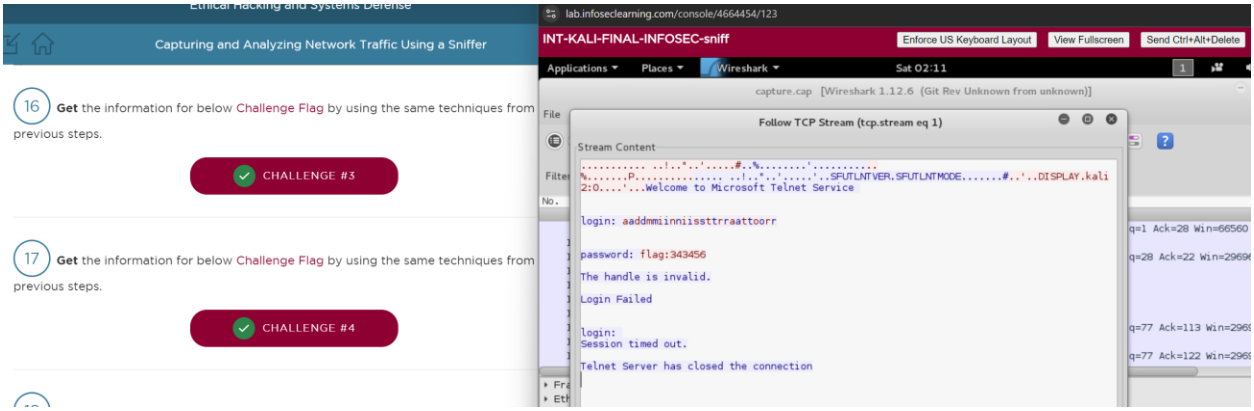
Capturing and Analyzing Network Traffic Using a Sniffer
Filter:
Enable MAC name resolution
Enable transport name resolution
Enable network name resolution
Use external network name resolver
Size: 60784 bytes
Packets: 612
First Packet: 2018-02-26 13:40:35
Elapsed time: 00:03:23
16 Get the information for below Challenge Flag by using the same techniques from previous steps.
CHALLENGE #3
lab.infoseclearning.com/console/4664454/123
INT-KALI-FINAL-INFOSEC-sniff
Enforce US Keyboard Layout
View Fullscreen
Send Ctrl+Alt+Delete
Applications Places Wireshark Sat 02:09
capture.cap [Wireshark 1.12.6 (Git Rev Unknown from unknown)]
File Edit View Go Capture Analyze Statistics Telephony Tools Internals Help
List the available capture interfaces...
Expression... Clear Apply Save
No. Time Source Destination Protocol Length Info
20 5.600917 192.168.1.10 192.168.1.101 FTP 93 Response: 220 Microsoft FTP Service
30 9.374526 192.168.1.101 192.168.1.10 FTP 76 Request: USER ftp
31 9.375159 192.168.1.10 192.168.1.101 FTP 138 Response: 331 Anonymous access allowed
62 21.715732 192.168.1.101 192.168.1.10 FTP 90 Request: PASS zombieflag:989776
63 21.716588 192.168.1.10 192.168.1.101 FTP 97 Response: 230 Anonymous user logged in
65 21.716685 192.168.1.101 192.168.1.10 FTP 72 Request: SYST
66 21.716953 192.168.1.10 192.168.1.101 FTP 82 Response: 215 Windows_NT
73 24.190199 192.168.1.101 192.168.1.10 FTP 72 Request: QUIT
74 24.190728 192.168.1.10 192.168.1.101 FTP 73 Response: 221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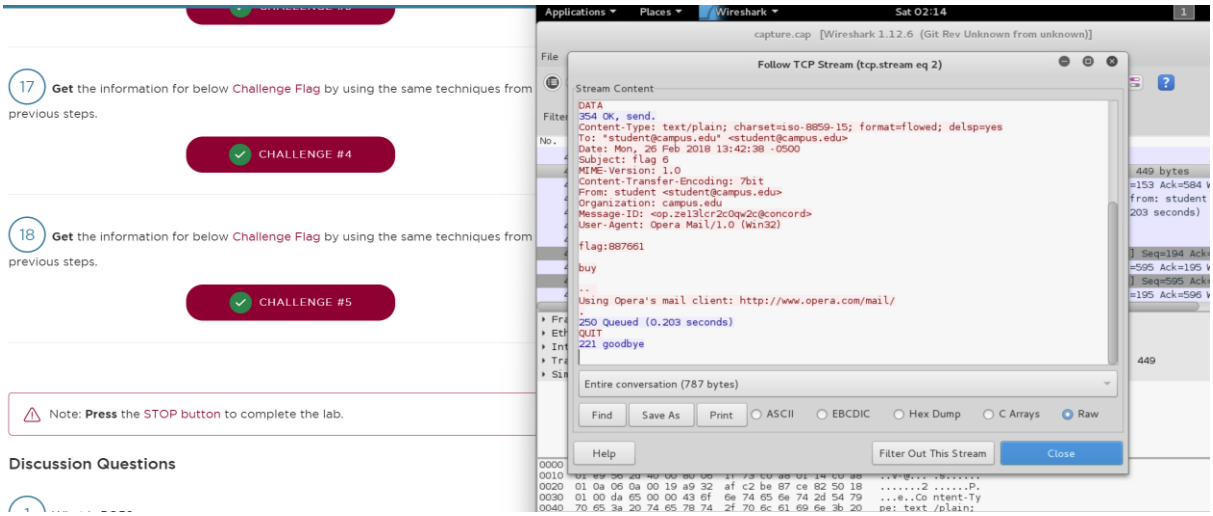
CHALLENGE #4
lab.infoseclearning.com/console/4664454/123
INT-KALI-FINAL-INFOSEC-sniff
Enforce US Keyboard Layout
View Fullscreen
Send Ctrl+Alt+Delete
Applications Places Wireshark Sat 02:11
capture.cap [Wireshark 1.12.6 (Git Rev Unknown from unknown)]
Follow TCP Stream (tcp.stream eq 1)
Stream Content
2:O....'...Welcome to Microsoft Telnet Service
login: aaddmminnisstrraattoorr
password: flag:343456
The handle is invalid.
Login Failed
login:
Session timed out.
Telnet Server has closed the connection


17 Get the information for below Challenge Flag by using the same techniques from previous steps.
CHALLENGE #4
18 Get the information for below Challenge Flag by using the same techniques from previous steps.
CHALLENGE #5
Note: Press the STOP button to complete the lab.
Discussion Questions
Applications Places Wireshark Sat 02:14
capture.cap [Wireshark 1.12.6 (Git Rev Unknown from unknown)]
Follow TCP Stream (tcp.stream eq 2)
Stream Content
DATA
354 OK, send.
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-15; format=flowed; delsp=yes
To: "student@campus.edu" <student@campus.edu>
Date: Mon, 26 Feb 2018 13:42:38 -0500
Subject: flag 6
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
From: student <student@campus.edu>
Organization: campus.edu
Message-ID: <op.ze13lcr2c0qw2c@concord>
User-Agent: Opera Mail/1.0 (Win32)
flag:887661
buy
Using Opera's mail client: http://www.opera.com/mail/
250 Queued (0.203 seconds)
QUIT
221 goodbye
Entire conversation (787 bytes)
Find Save As Print ASCII EBCDIC Hex Dump C Arrays Raw
Help Filter Out This Stream Close

for below Challenge Flag by using the same techniques from the previous steps.

CHALLENGE #2

27 **Type** the following command and **press** Enter, to leave the telnet session on the Windows server.

C:\Users\Administrator>`exit`

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C:\Users\Administrator>exit
Connection to host lost.
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User name                    aquaman
Full Name
Comment                      flag:888221
User's comment
Country code                 000 (System Default)
Account active               Yes
Account expires              Never

Password last set            2/26/2018 2:14:49 PM
Password expires             4/9/2018 2:14:49 PM
Password changeable          2/27/2018 2:14:49 PM
Password required            Yes
User may change password     Yes

Workstations allowed         All
Logon script
User profile
Home directory
Last logon                   Never

Logon hours allowed          All

Local Group Memberships
Global Group memberships     *Domain Users
The command completed successfully.
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Conclusion & Wrap-Up

Summary with:

Observations

In this lab, I observed that Wireshark successfully captured network traffic from various protocols, including FTP, Telnet, and Mail. By configuring the network interface to operate in promiscuous mode, I was able to capture all the packets transmitted on the network. The captured traffic clearly displayed the expected patterns and data, helping me understand the flow of information and how different protocols behave in a live network environment.

Identified risks
A key risk identified during this lab is the vulnerability of unencrypted protocols such as FTP and Telnet. Sensitive data, such as usernames and passwords, are sent in plain text, making them easily accessible to anyone monitoring the network. This opens up the possibility of interception and misuse by malicious actors. Additionally, the generation of excessive traffic can lead to network congestion, potentially disrupting normal operations and slowing down services for other users.

Suggested recommendations

To mitigate the risks observed, I recommend switching to encrypted protocols like SFTP and SSH, which provide secure data transmission and prevent the exposure of sensitive information. It's also important to configure and monitor SPAN ports regularly to ensure they are set up correctly, as improper configuration can result in incomplete packet capture or disruptions in the network. This practice will help maintain both security and network efficiency.

Your successes & failures

I successfully generated network traffic using various protocols and analyzed it in Wireshark. The capture of traffic was thorough once the network interface was correctly configured, and I was able to filter and analyze specific protocol data effectively. However, my initial attempt to capture traffic failed due to a misconfiguration of the network interface, leading to missed packets. Once I identified and corrected this issue, the capture proceeded as expected, highlighting the importance of correct interface setup.

Challenges

One of the main challenges I faced was configuring the network interface to capture all packets in promiscuous mode. It took some trial and error to get it right. Additionally, analyzing the captured data in Wireshark was a bit overwhelming at first due to the large amount of data and different protocols involved. Lastly, generating consistent traffic patterns across multiple protocols (FTP, Telnet, Mail) required careful planning to ensure meaningful analysis. Despite these challenges, I gained valuable hands-on experience in network traffic analysis and troubleshooting.