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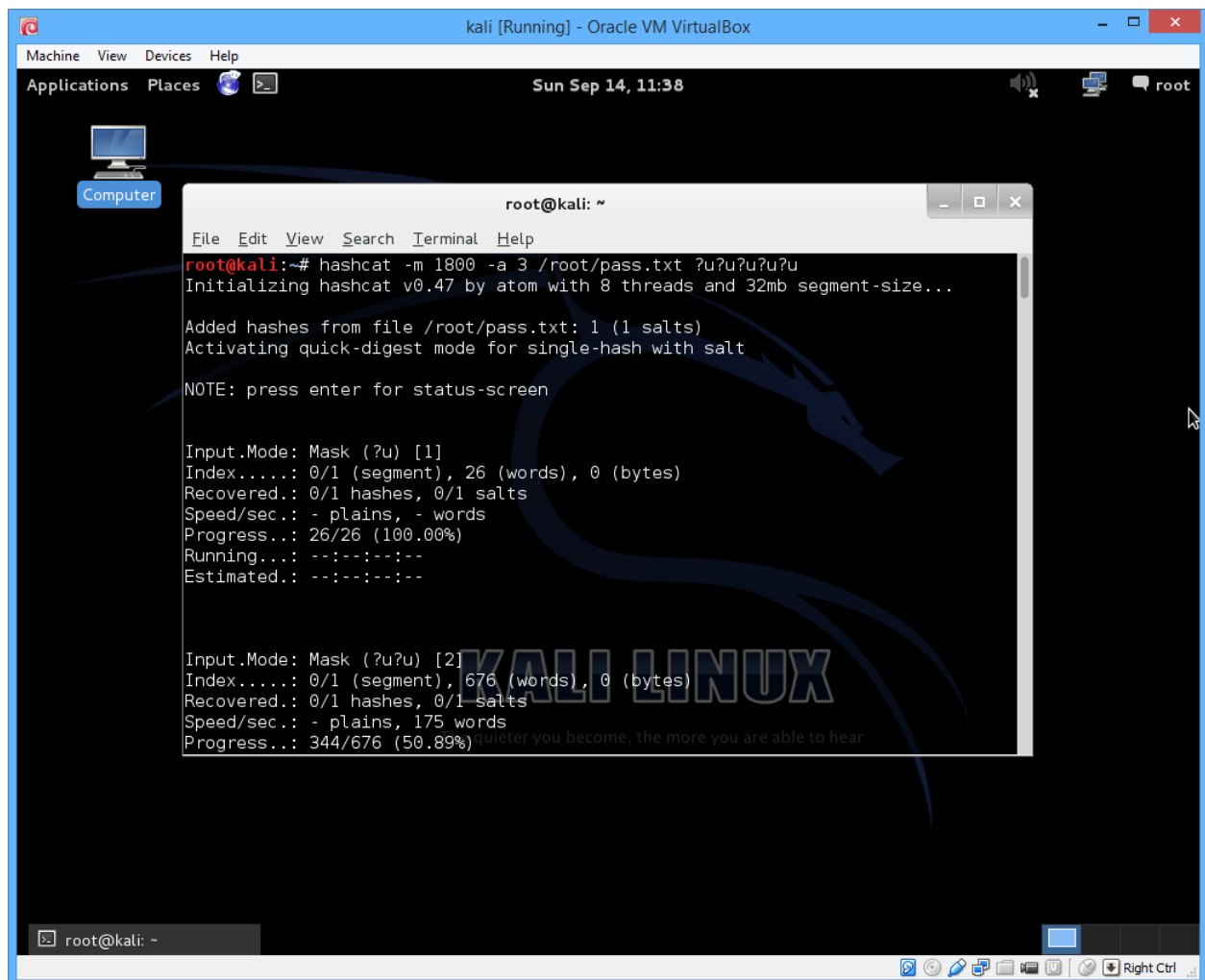
1 Task 1

Find the password hash for the root account on your Kali Linux virtual machine (hint -look at '/etc/shadow' as root). Place the hash in your own file (hint - consult online documentation for shadow file format and look in '/etc/login.defs'). Use hashcat to bruteforce the password (hint - use 'hashcat -h' and online documentation). Provide the following for your answer:

1.1 Hash type used by Kali Linux. [1]

Hashtype : SHA-512

1.2 Hashcat command line with parameters used. [4]



```
kali [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox
Machine View Devices Help
Applications Places Sun Sep 14, 11:38 root

root@kali: ~
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
root@kali:~# hashcat -m 1800 -a 3 /root/pass.txt ?u?u?u?u
Initializing hashcat v0.47 by atom with 8 threads and 32mb segment-size...

Added hashes from file /root/pass.txt: 1 (1 salts)
Activating quick-digest mode for single-hash with salt

NOTE: press enter for status-screen

Input.Mode: Mask (?u) [1]
Index.....: 0/1 (segment), 26 (words), 0 (bytes)
Recovered..: 0/1 hashes, 0/1 salts
Speed/sec.: - plains, - words
Progress...: 26/26 (100.00%)
Running....: --:--:--:--
Estimated..: --:--:--:--

Input.Mode: Mask (?u?u) [2]
Index.....: 0/1 (segment), 676 (words), 0 (bytes)
Recovered..: 0/1 hashes, 0/1 salts
Speed/sec.: - plains, 175 words
Progress...: 344/676 (50.89%)
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Figure 1: task 1b

1.3 Screenshot of hashcat clearly showing the retrieved password (root) and time elapsed. [2]

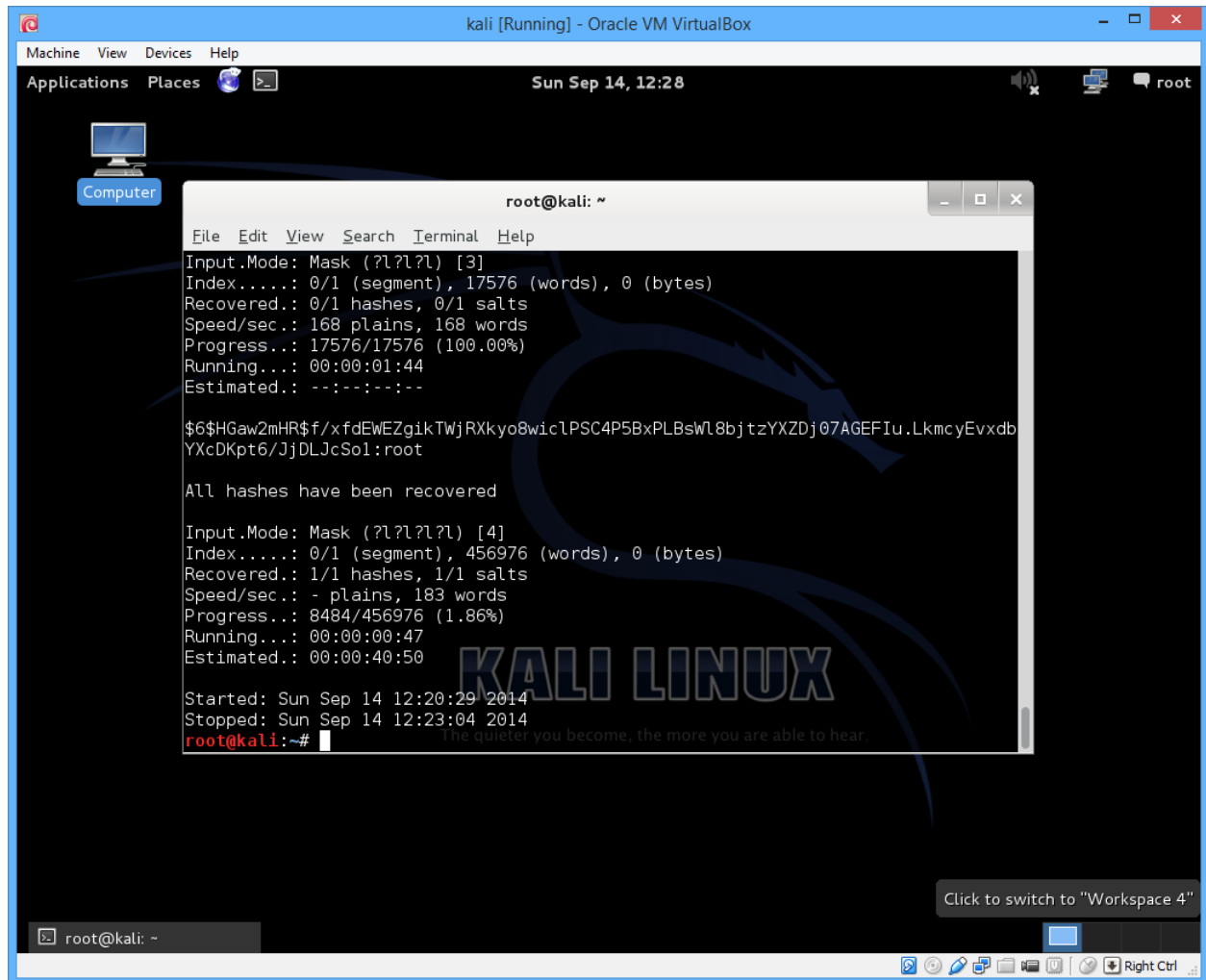
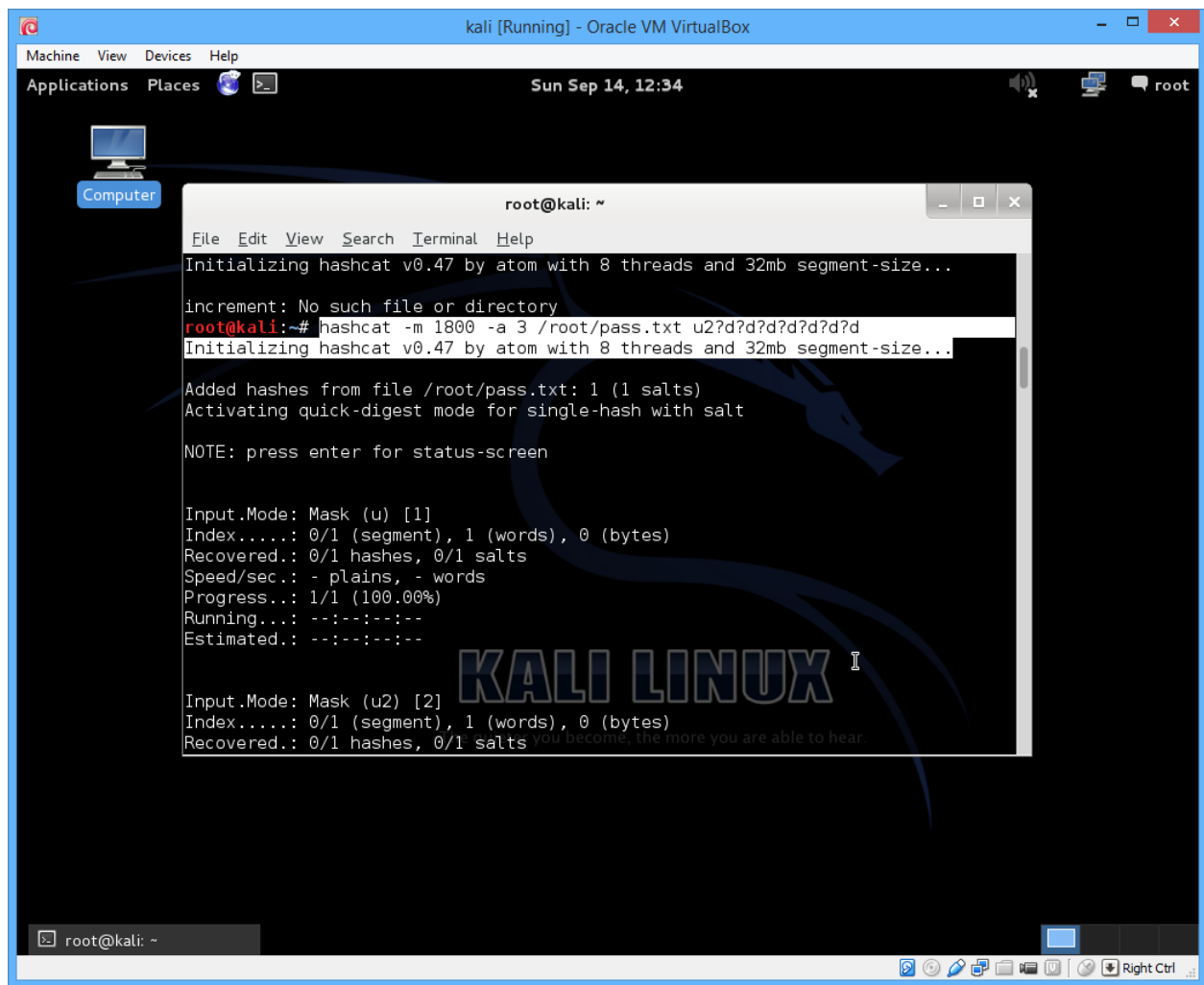


Figure 2: task 1c

2 Task 2

Now use hashcat on the password hash of your own account. Show that the chosen password is weak if the format is known. Provide the following for your answer:

2.1 Hashcat command line with parameters used. [4]



The screenshot shows a Kali Linux virtual machine running in Oracle VM VirtualBox. The terminal window displays the execution of the hashcat command and its output. The command used is `hashcat -m 1800 -a 3 /root/pass.txt u2?d?d?d?d?d?d?d`. The output shows the initialization of hashcat v0.47, the addition of hashes from the file `/root/pass.txt`, and the activation of quick-digest mode. The status screen shows the input mode as Mask (u) [1], the index as 0/1 (segment), 1 (words), 0 (bytes), and the progress as 1/1 (100.00%).

```
root@kali: ~  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
Initializing hashcat v0.47 by atom with 8 threads and 32mb segment-size...  
increment: No such file or directory  
root@kali:~# hashcat -m 1800 -a 3 /root/pass.txt u2?d?d?d?d?d?d?d  
Initializing hashcat v0.47 by atom with 8 threads and 32mb segment-size...  
  
Added hashes from file /root/pass.txt: 1 (1 salts)  
Activating quick-digest mode for single-hash with salt  
  
NOTE: press enter for status-screen  
  
Input.Mode: Mask (u) [1]  
Index.....: 0/1 (segment), 1 (words), 0 (bytes)  
Recovered.: 0/1 hashes, 0/1 salts  
Speed/sec.: - plains, - words  
Progress...: 1/1 (100.00%)  
Running....: --:--:--:--  
Estimated.: --:--:--:--  
  
Input.Mode: Mask (u2) [2]  
Index.....: 0/1 (segment), 1 (words), 0 (bytes)  
Recovered.: 0/1 hashes, 0/1 salts  
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you become, the more you are able to hear.
```

Figure 3: task 2a

2.2 Screenshot of hashcat running (status) with time left estimation. [2]

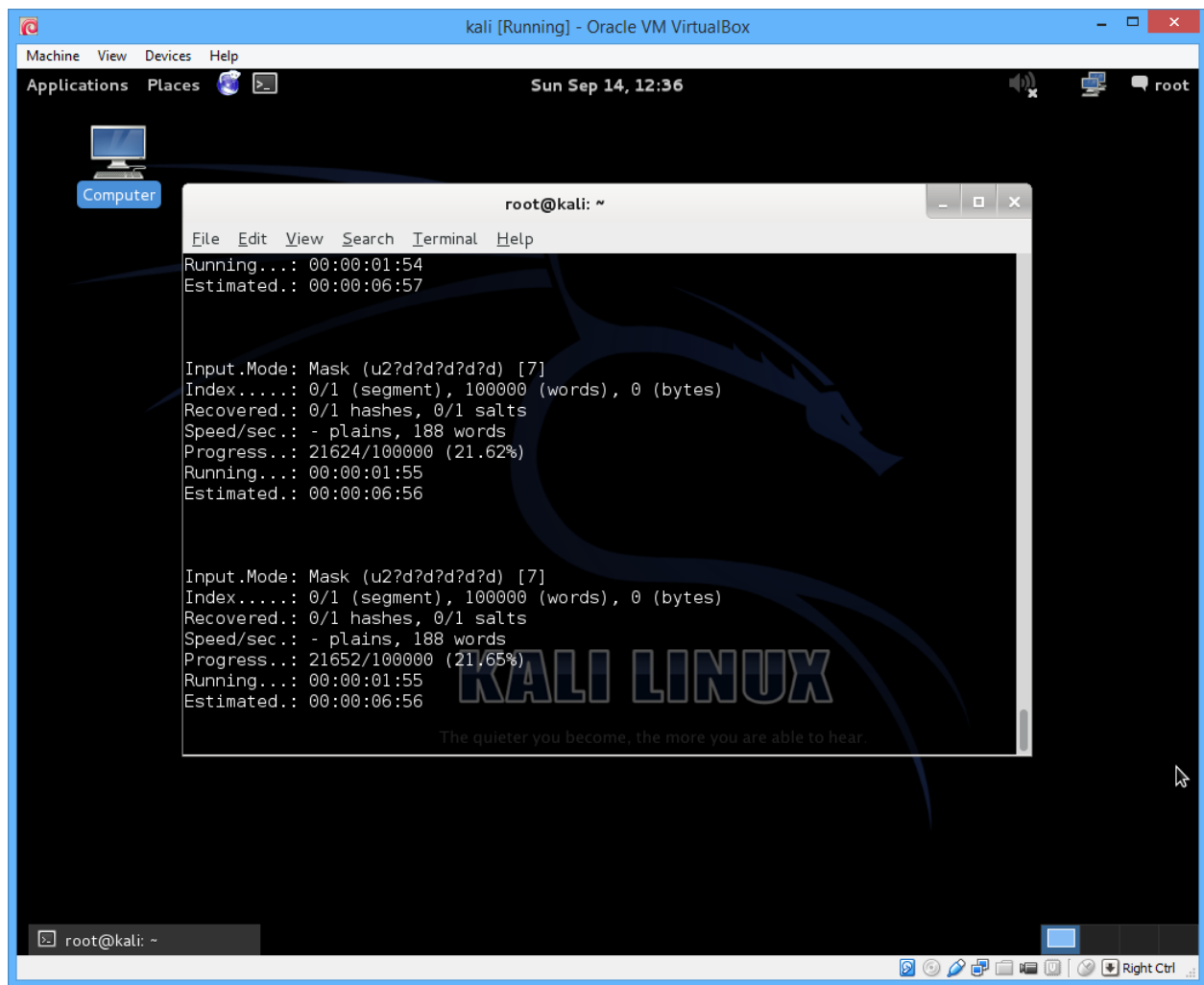


Figure 4: task 2b - running

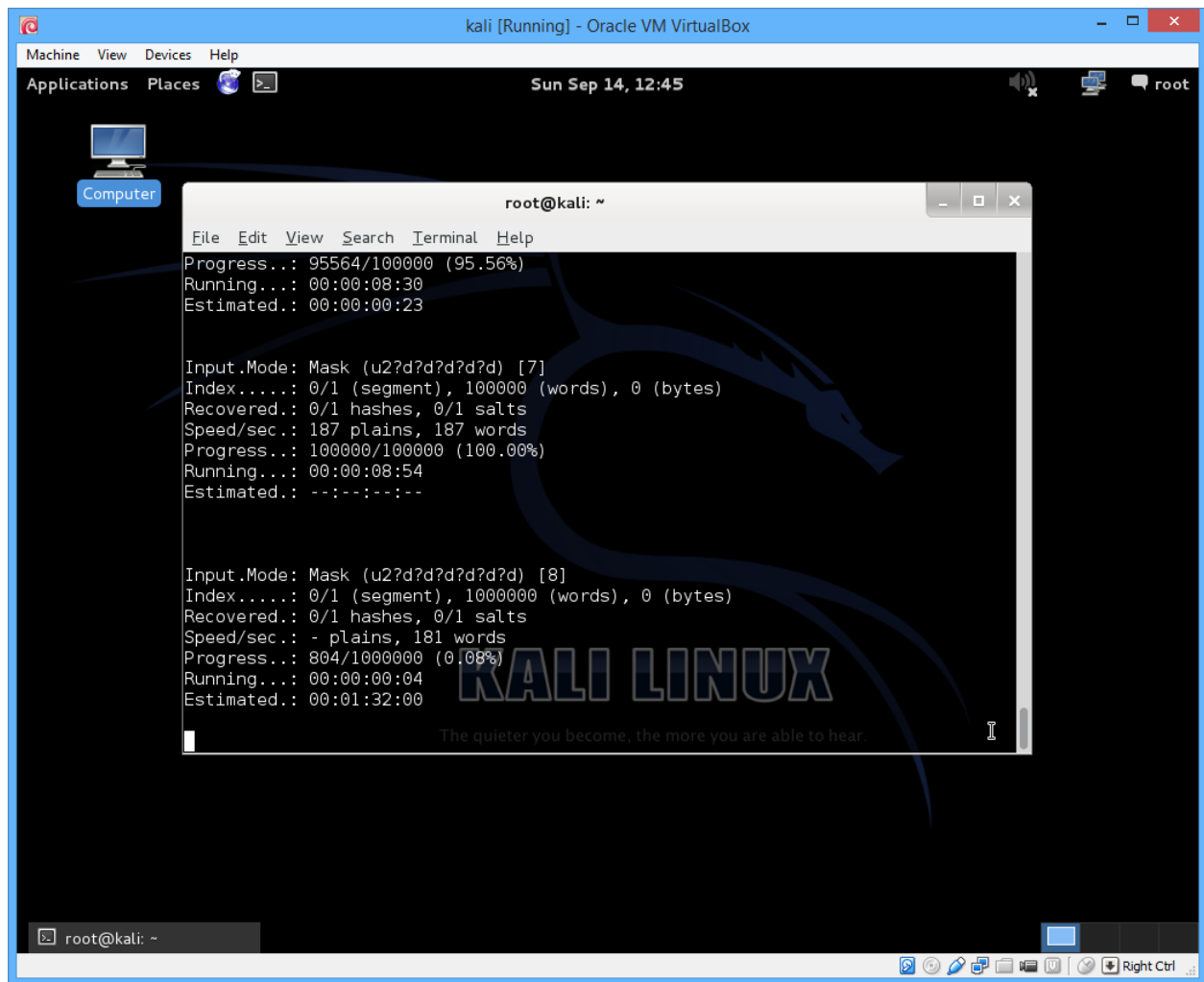


Figure 5: task 2b - running

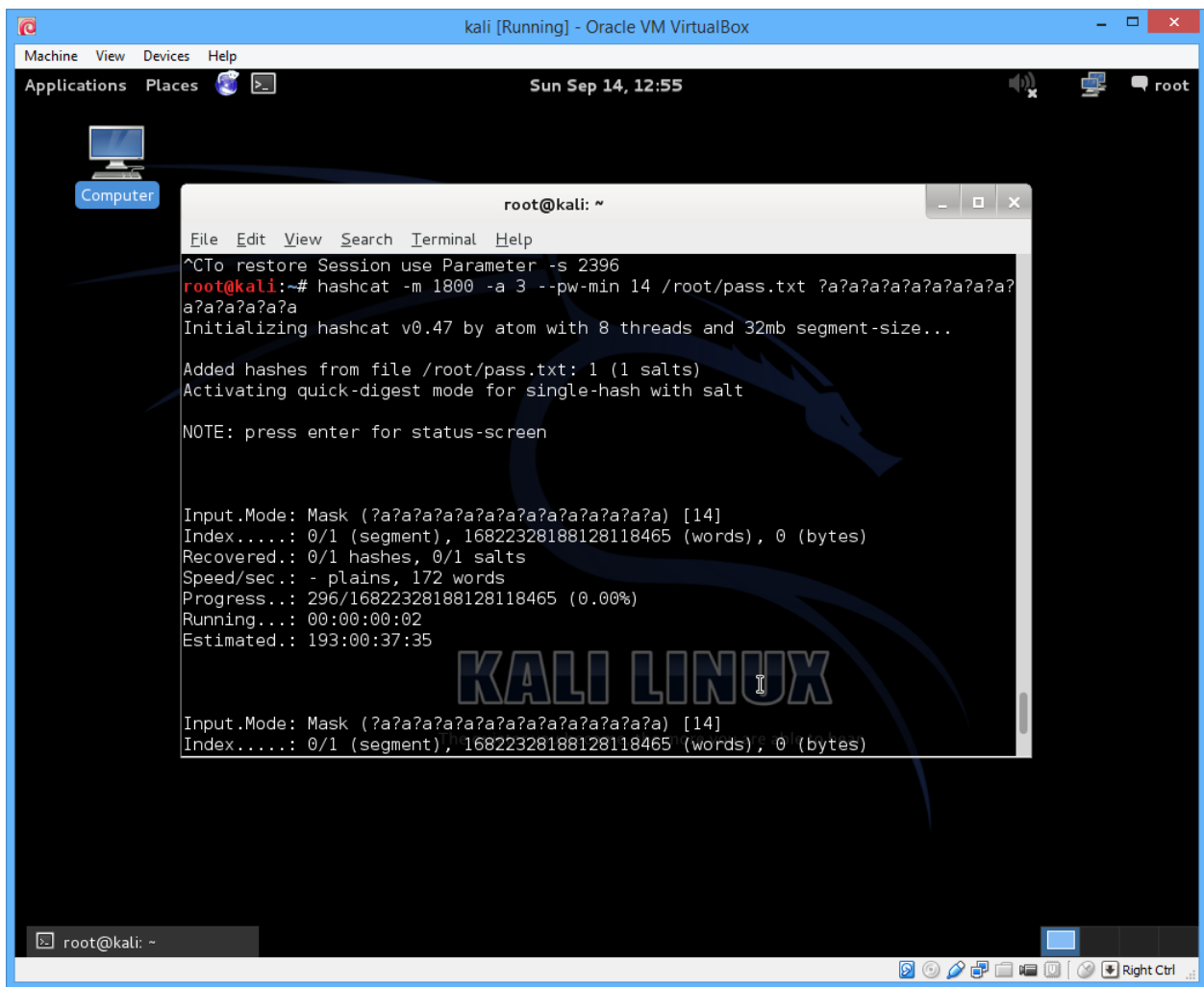
3 Task 3

Change your password to a strong password. Use hashcat to prove the password is strong. Provide the following for your answer:

3.1 Your chosen password. [1]

Chosen Password: F@.k3pSW*d!171

3.2 Hashcat command line with parameters used. [4]



The screenshot shows a Kali Linux virtual machine window titled "kali [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox". The terminal window is titled "root@kali: ~" and displays the following output:

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
^CTo restore Session use Parameter -s 2396
root@kali:~# hashcat -m 1800 -a 3 --pw-min 14 /root/pass.txt ?a?a?a?a?a?a?a?a?
a?a?a?a?a?a
Initializing hashcat v0.47 by atom with 8 threads and 32mb segment-size...

Added hashes from file /root/pass.txt: 1 (1 salts)
Activating quick-digest mode for single-hash with salt
NOTE: press enter for status-screen

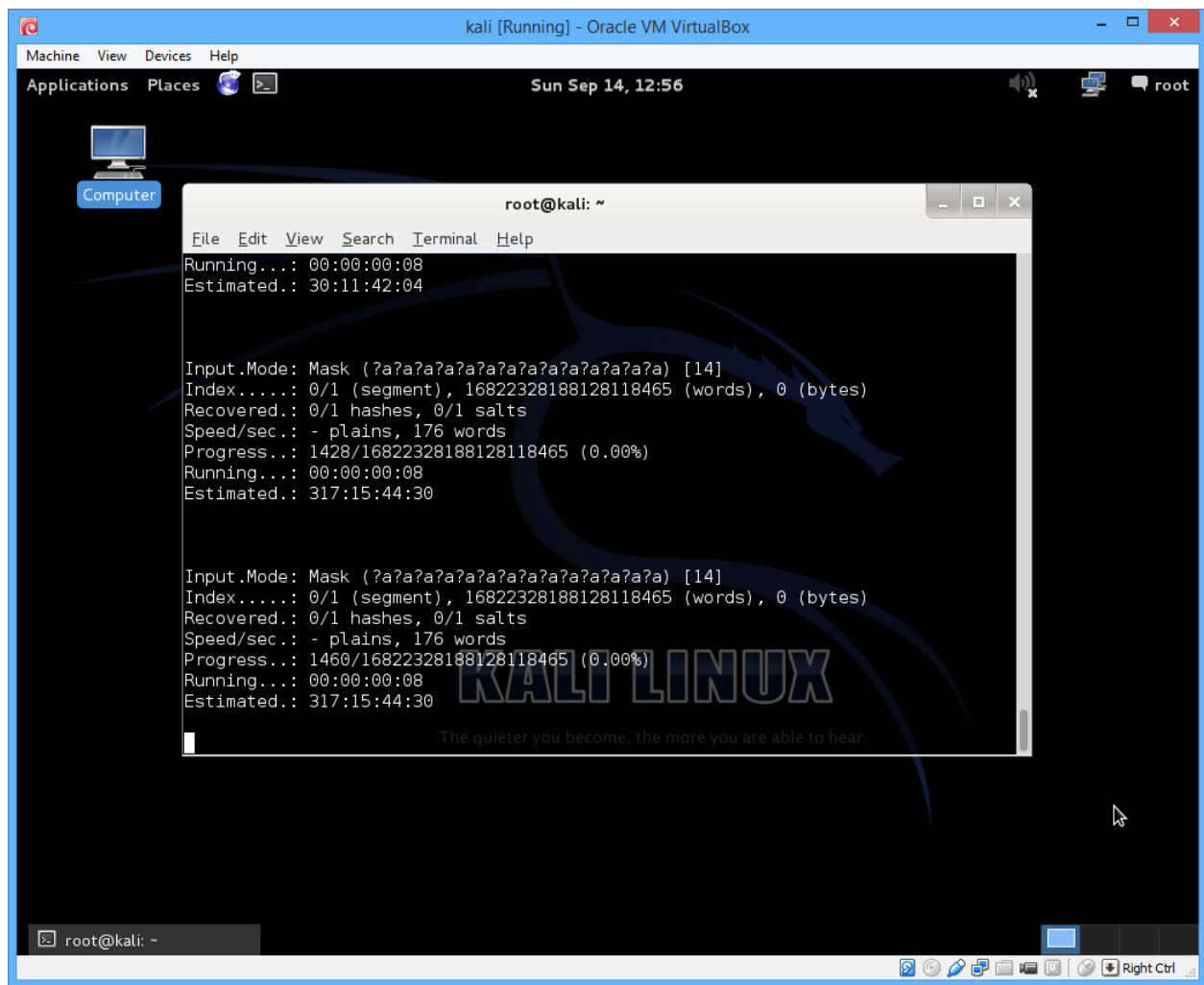
Input.Mode: Mask (?a?a?a?a?a?a?a?a?a?a?a?a?a) [14]
Index.....: 0/1 (segment), 16822328188128118465 (words), 0 (bytes)
Recovered.: 0/1 hashes, 0/1 salts
Speed/sec.: - plains, 172 words
Progress...: 296/16822328188128118465 (0.00%)
Running...: 00:00:00:02
Estimated.: 193:00:37:35

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Input.Mode: Mask (?a?a?a?a?a?a?a?a?a?a?a?a?a) [14]
Index.....: 0/1 (segment), 16822328188128118465 (words), 0 (bytes)
```

Figure 6: task 3b

3.3 Screenshot of hashcat running (status) with time left estimation. [2]



```
Machine View Devices Help
Applications Places Sun Sep 14, 12:56 root

Computer

root@kali: ~
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
Running...: 00:00:00:08
Estimated.: 30:11:42:04

Input.Mode: Mask (?a?a?a?a?a?a?a?a?a?a?a?a) [14]
Index.....: 0/1 (segment), 16822328188128118465 (words), 0 (bytes)
Recovered..: 0/1 hashes, 0/1 salts
Speed/sec.: - plains, 176 words
Progress...: 1428/16822328188128118465 (0.00%)
Running...: 00:00:00:08
Estimated.: 317:15:44:30

Input.Mode: Mask (?a?a?a?a?a?a?a?a?a?a?a?a) [14]
Index.....: 0/1 (segment), 16822328188128118465 (words), 0 (bytes)
Recovered..: 0/1 hashes, 0/1 salts
Speed/sec.: - plains, 176 words
Progress...: 1460/16822328188128118465 (0.00%)
Running...: 00:00:00:08
Estimated.: 317:15:44:30

The quieter you become, the more you are able to hear.
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Figure 7: task3c