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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 OVERVIEW

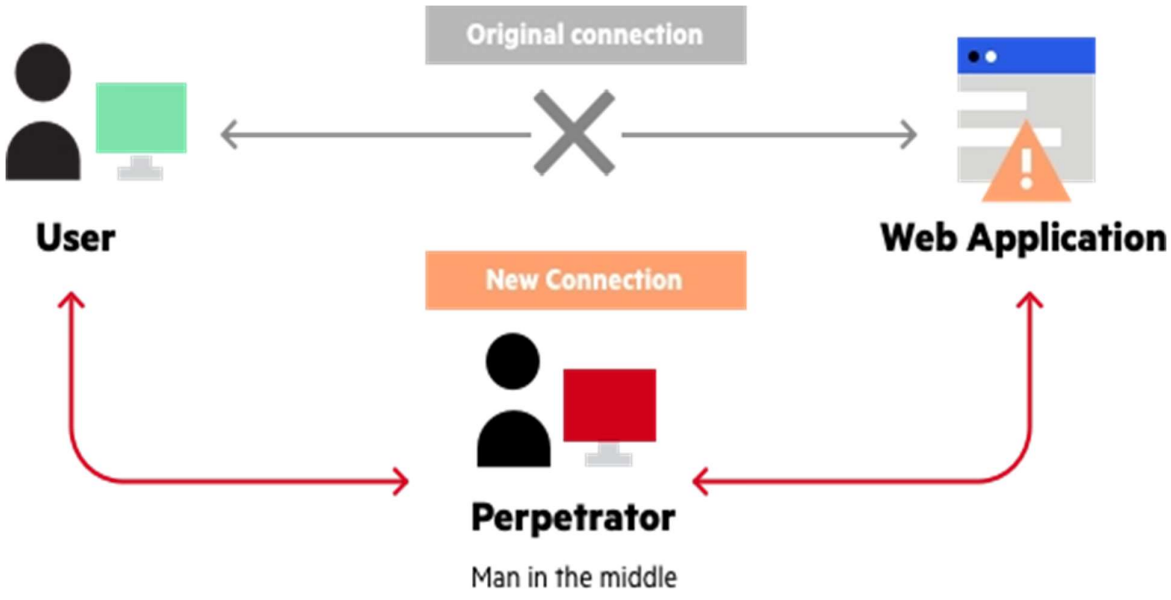
A man in the middle (MITM) attack is a general term for when a perpetrator positions himself in a conversation between a user and an application—either to eavesdrop or to impersonate one of the parties, making it appear as if a normal exchange of information is underway.

The goal of an attack is to steal personal information, such as login credentials, account details and credit card numbers. Targets are typically the users of financial applications, SaaS businesses, e-commerce sites and other websites where logging in is required.

Information obtained during an attack could be used for many purposes, including identity theft, unapproved fund transfers or an illicit password change.

Additionally, it can be used to gain a foothold inside a secured perimeter during the infiltration stage ofan advanced persistent threat (APT) assault.

Broadly speaking, a MITM attack is the equivalent of a mailman opening your bank statement, writing down your account details and then resealing the envelope and delivering it to your door.



EXISTING SYSTEM AND PROPOSED SYSTEM

With increased business mobility and use of open Wi-Fi, the consequences of an MitM attack can be quite serious and its very foremost to keep our websites or important records from the perpetrator’s loopholes so, that we are never caught off guard .

So, we need to propose a system against these perpetrators.

Although the central concept of intercepting an ongoing transfer remains the same, there are several different ways attackers can implement a man-in-the-middle attack.

Scenario 1: Intercepting Data

1. The attacker installs a packet sniffer to analyse network traffic for insecure communications.

2. When a user logs in to a site, the attacker retrieves their user information and redirects them to a fake site that mimics the real one.

3. The attacker's fake site gathers data from the user, which the attacker can then use on the real site to access the target's information.

In this scenario, an attacker intercepts a data transfer between a client and server. By tricking the client into believing it is still communicating with the server and the server into believing it is still receiving information from the client, the attacker is able to intercept data from both as well as inject their own false information into any future transfers.

Scenario 2: Gaining Access to Funds

1. The attacker sets up a fake chat service that mimics that of a well-known bank.

2. Using knowledge gained from the data intercepted in the first scenario, the attacker pretends to be the bank and starts a chat with the target.

3. The attacker then starts a chat on the real bank site, pretending to be the target and passing along the needed information to gain access to the target's account.

In this scenario, the attacker intercepts a conversation, passing along parts of the discussion to both legitimate participants.

1.2 PROBLEM STATEMENT

The security of based internet information system is a must to care about. Because the network which is public and global basically are not safe. When the data sent from a personal computer to another personal computer, the data will across several personal computers it will give another user a chance to steal the data. It almost happened every day in the whole world.

One of the way to steal the data is Man In The Middle Attack which attacks the server. Intrusion detection system is implemented with sniffing, traffic data watch process, and log traffic snort analyze are open source.

Intrusion Detection System Snort analyze all the traffic system to sniff and search for several kinds of cybercrime in the network. The research is implemented with a Live Forensic method which basically has the same traditional forensic technique that is identification of saving, analyze and presentation.

This project is expected to :

➢ get the information such as log with sets the snort into personal computer to detect attack of web server.

➢ Analyze the log file to explore the evidence forensic digital from log snort file.

➢ Generates information in the form of alerts from attacks displayed by IDS Snort that are already installed on the web server.

➢ The log file is analyzed using Wireshark for exploration of digital forensics evidence in the form of an IP Address that attacks, when the attack occurred, how the attack occurred, and where the attack occurred.

Based on the implementation of IDS Snort to detect Man in the Middle Attack. The results of the exploration of digital forensics evidence are obtained in the form of IP Address and port used by attackers to access the web server. Mitigation of attacks is done by blocking the IP Address and port used by the attacker to access the web server.

1.3 OBJECTIVES

➢ This project aims to a better understanding of the key security weaknesses in the different protocols that can be used as a target in order to perform a MiTM attack. A better understanding of the vulnerabilities involves a complete overview of their functioning as well as the understanding of the mechanisms and protocols involved.

➢ The defences, and their implementation, aim to bring a better understanding on how the problems have been addressed and fixed. This will allow for further analysis in protocol designs and their resistance to MiTM attacks.

➢ Due to the organization in layers, the corruption of the second layer will target all protocols based on it. A conclusion is that we do not need to target all protocols.

➢ As opposite to the clear-text protocols, encryption seems to provide all key elements to fight MiTM attacks, as they provide authentication, integrity and privacy to the user.

The goal of an attacker is to steal personal information and important data such as

- Login credentials.

- Account details.

- Credit card numbers.

Targets of an attackers are –

- Financial applications.

- SaaS businesses.

- E-commerce sites.

- Other websites where logging in is required and social media.

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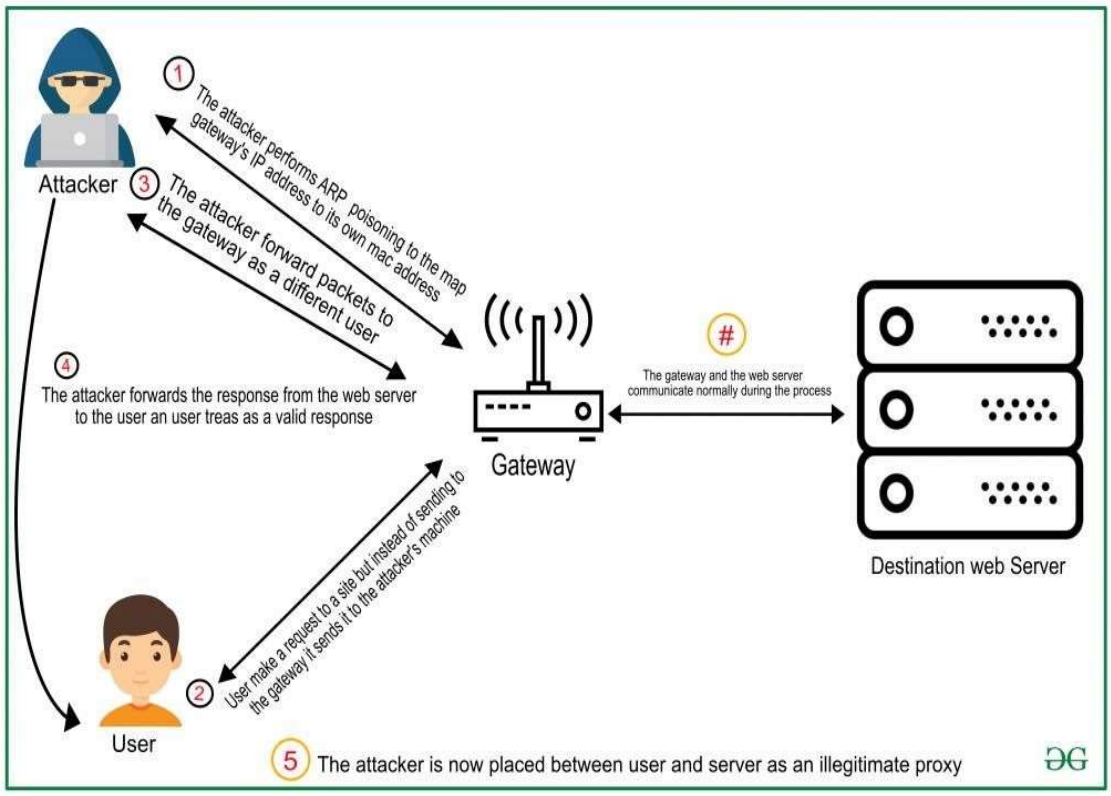
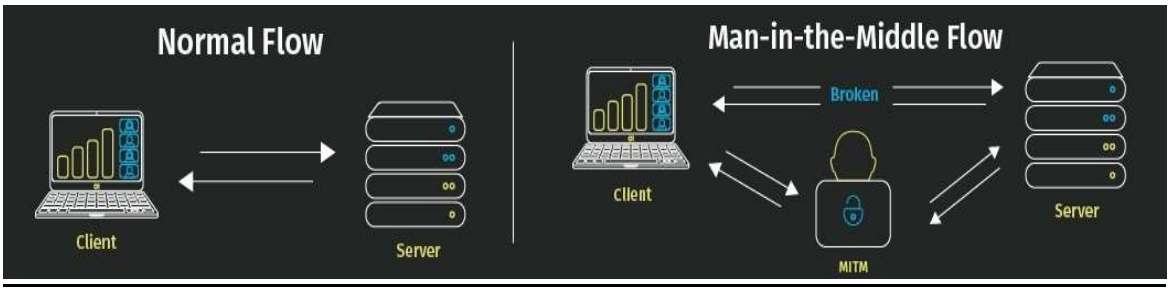
2. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE/BLOCK DIAGRAM

2.1 SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE





3. SYSTEM REQUIREMENT SPECIFICATIONS

3.1 HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

Kali Linux requires:

● A minimum of 20GB hard disk space for installation depending on the version, Version 2020.2 requires at least 20GB.

● A minimum of 2GB RAM for i386 and AMD64 architectures.

● A bootable CD-DVD drive or a USB stick.

● A minimum of an Intel Core i3 or an AMD E1 processor for good performance.

The recommended hardware specification for a smooth experience is

● 50 GB of hard disk space, SSD preferred

● At least 2GB of RAM

3.2 SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

Tools Required:

1. Wireshark

Wireshark is a free and open-source packet analyzer. It is used for network troubleshooting, analysis, software and communications protocol development, and education.

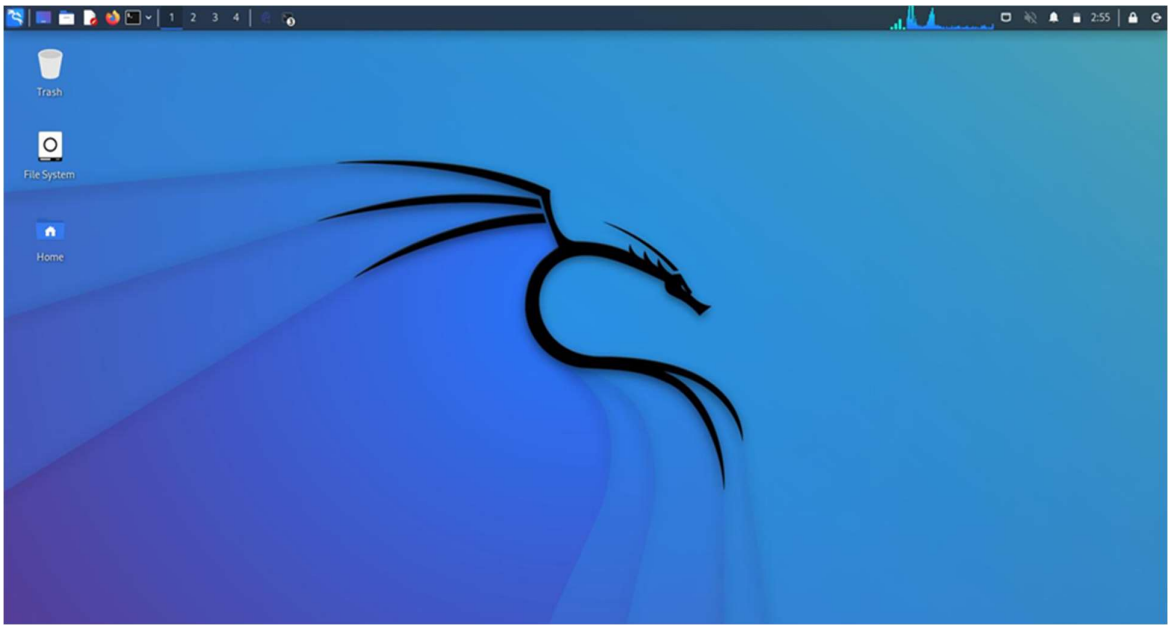
2. Ettercap

Ettercap is a comprehensive suite for man in the middle attacks.

Ettercap will be used to perform ARP and DHCP spoofing, as well as the advanced exploits, involving filtering. Ettercap provides a language to write filters making it really handy and useful.

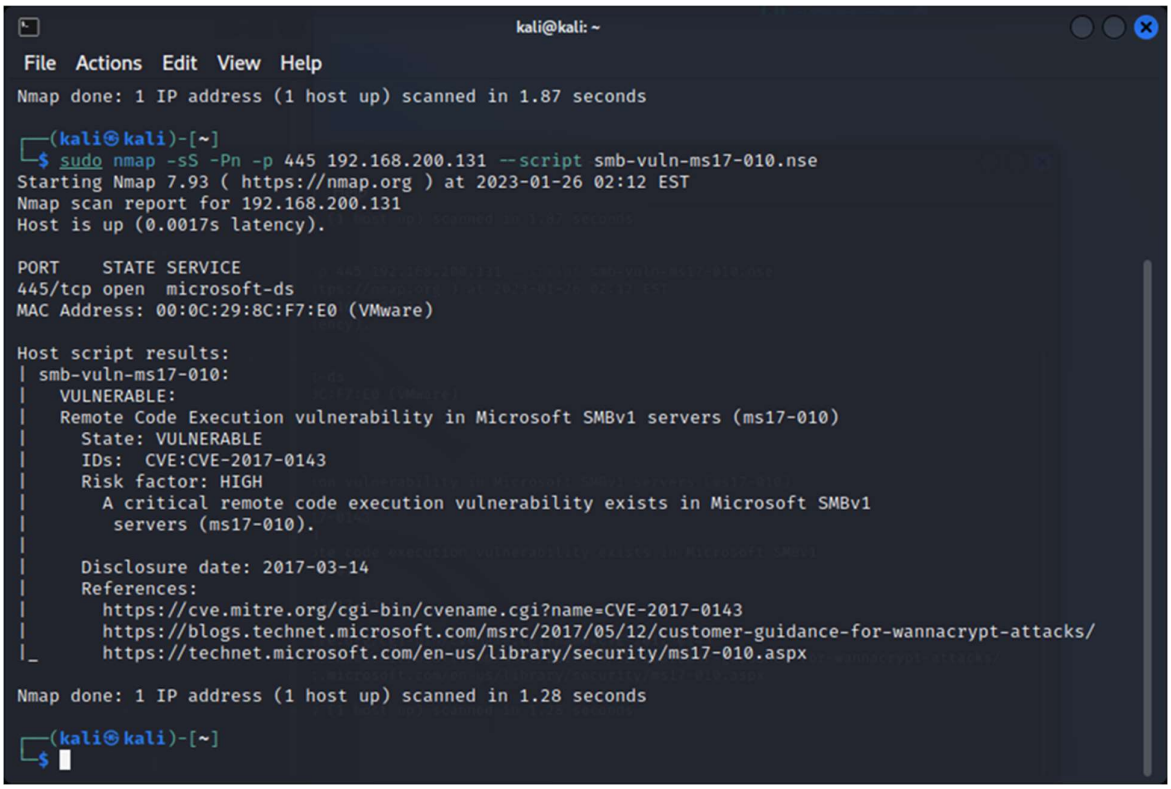
4. RESULTS/SNAPSHOTS

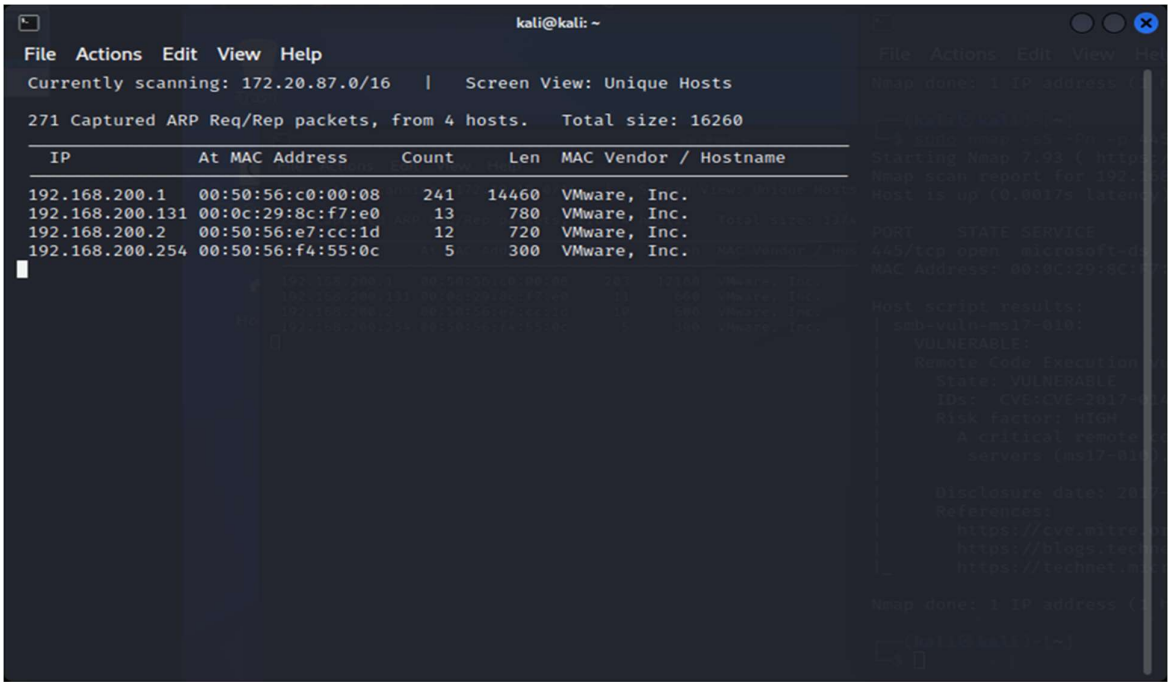
Step 1: Opening the Kali Linux operating system to use Etternet inside it.



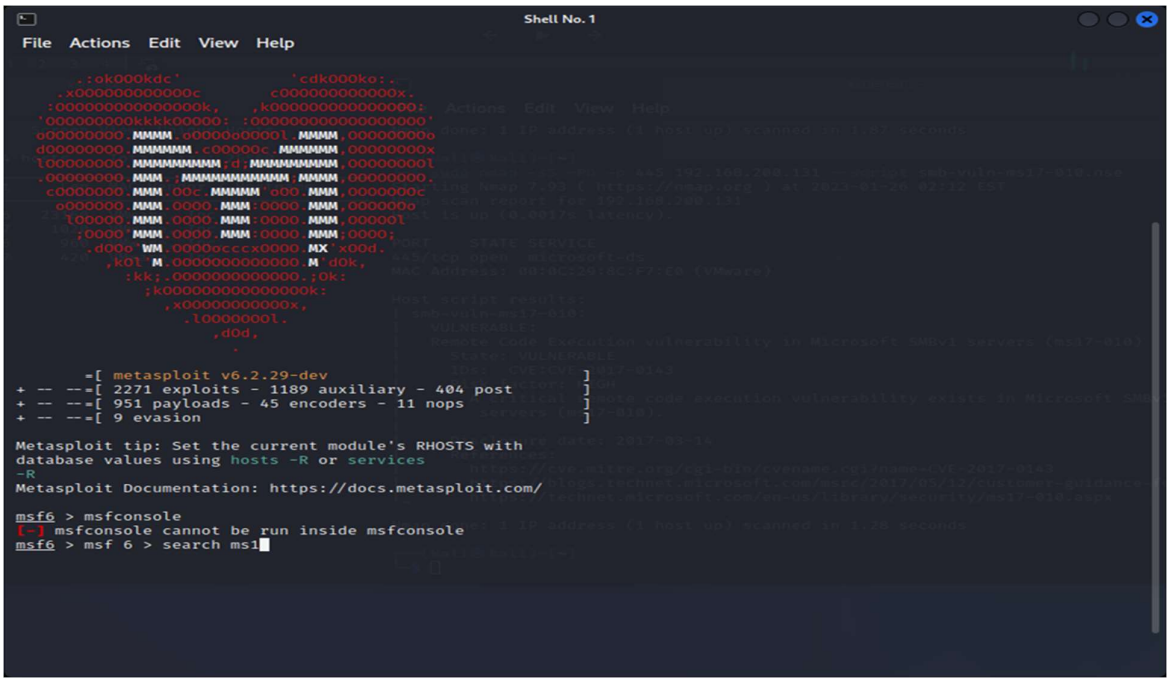
Step 2: Opening Etternet inside Kali Linux.
Applications > Sniffing and Spoofing > Etternet.

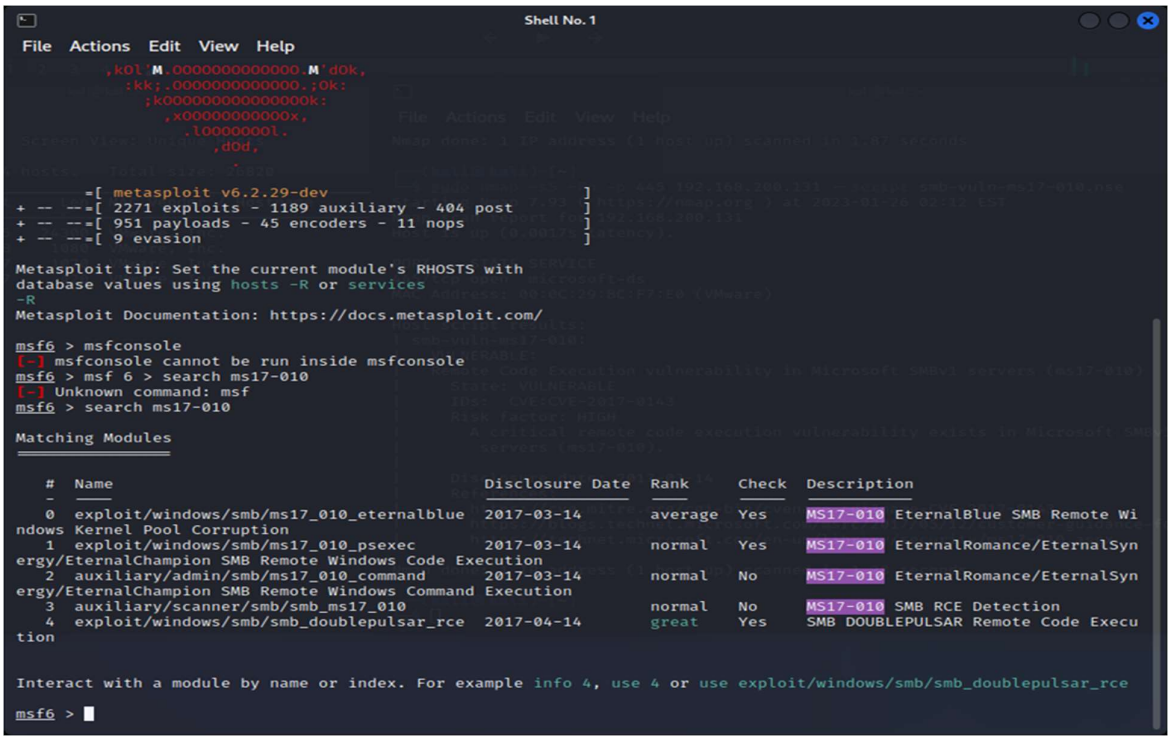
Step 3: Obtaining the password to open the windows.





Step 4: Inside the shell.





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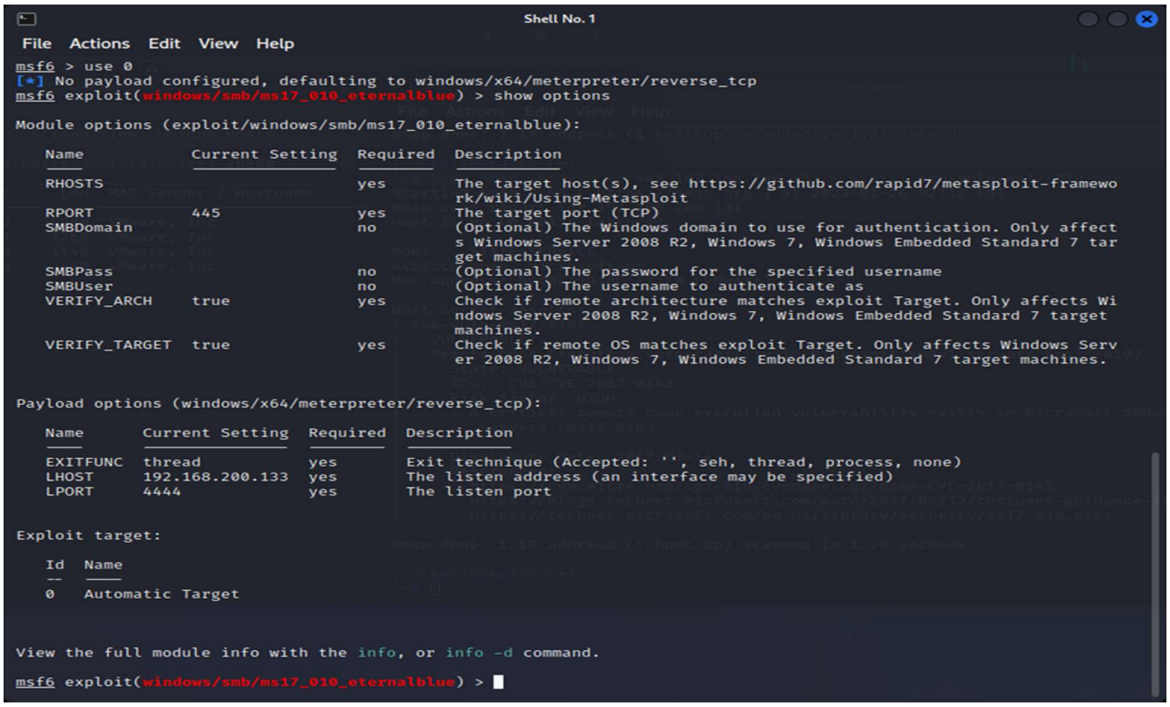

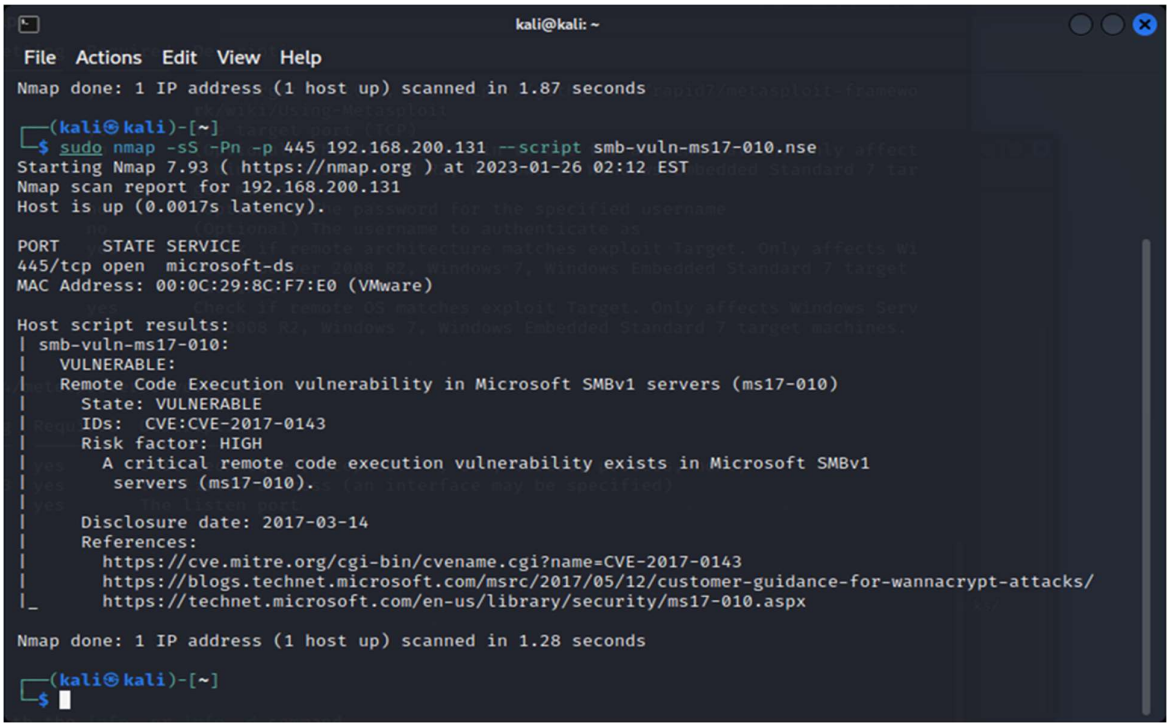

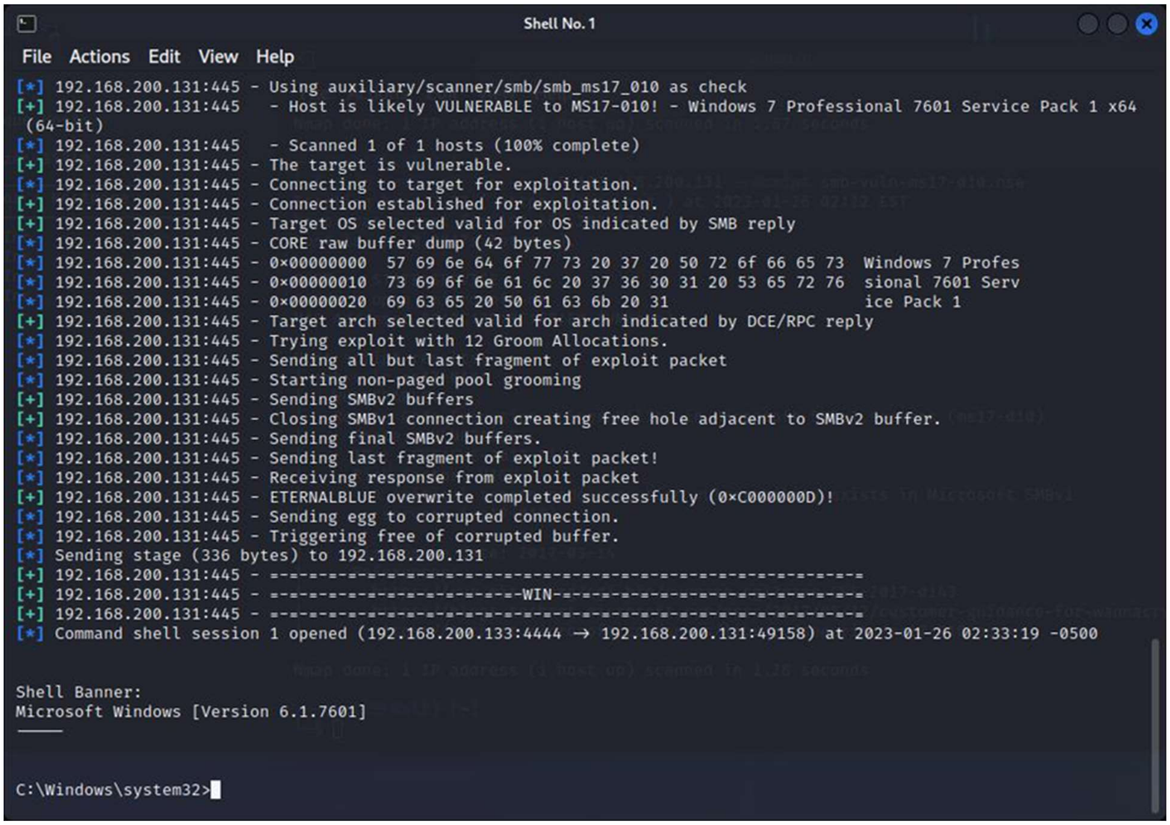
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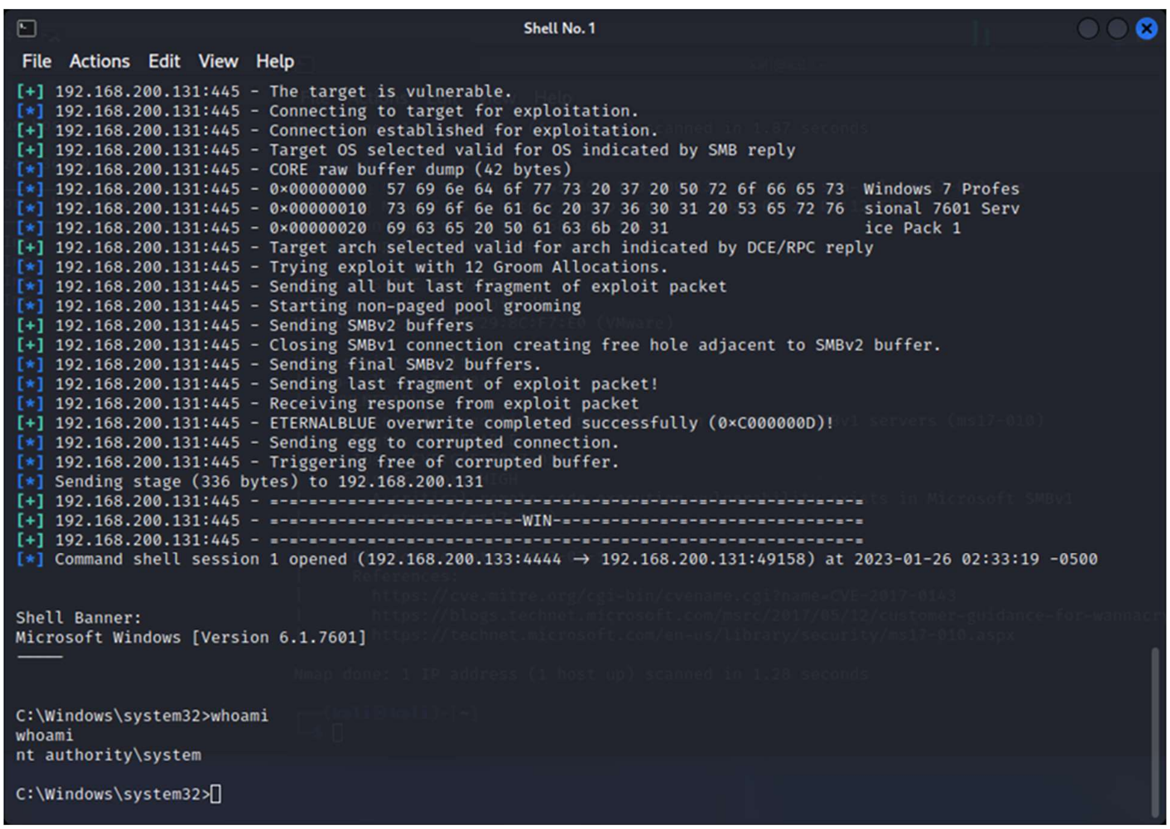
Shell Banner:
Microsoft Windows [Version 6.1.7601]
C:\Windows\system32>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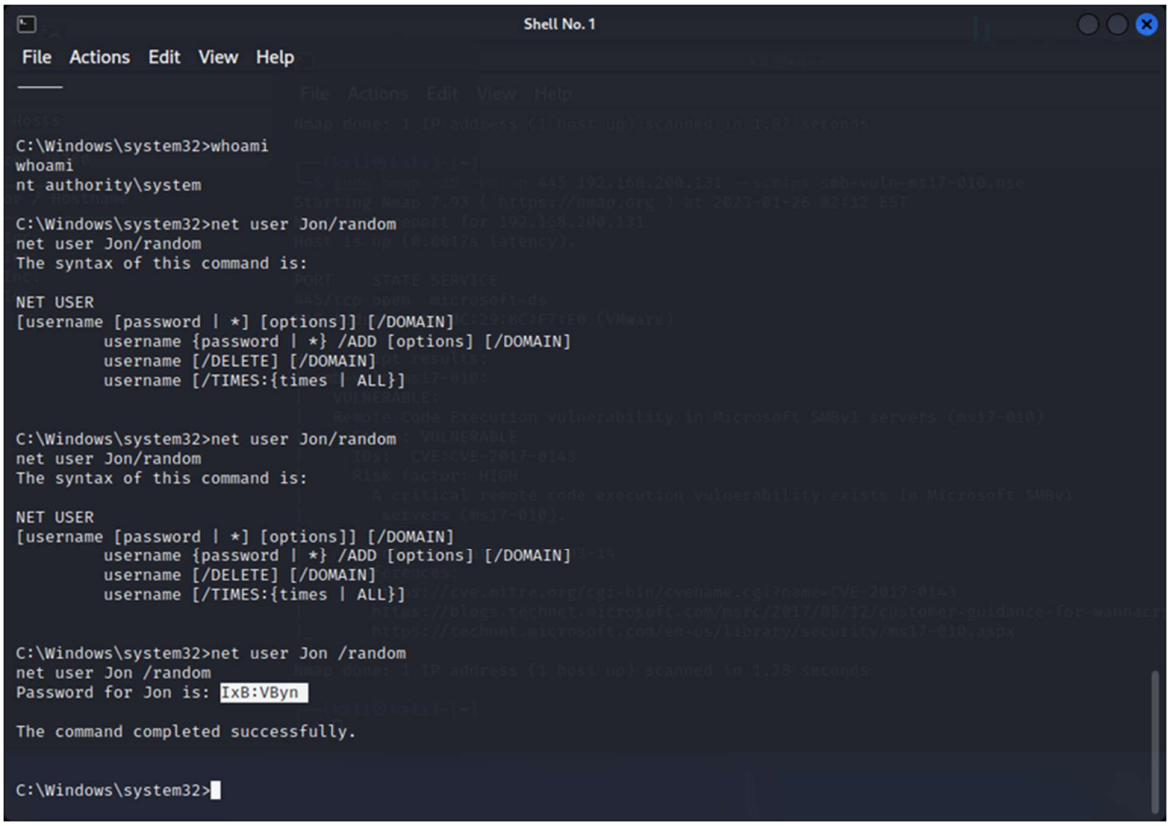
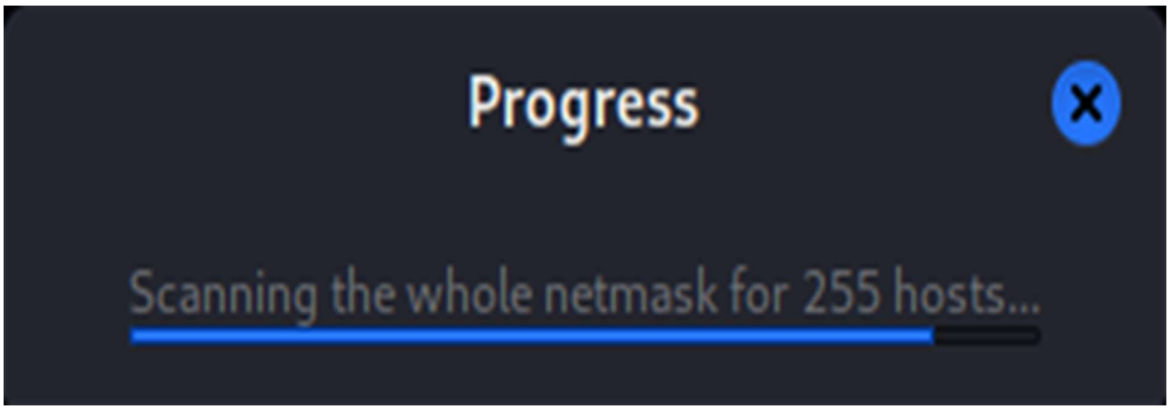


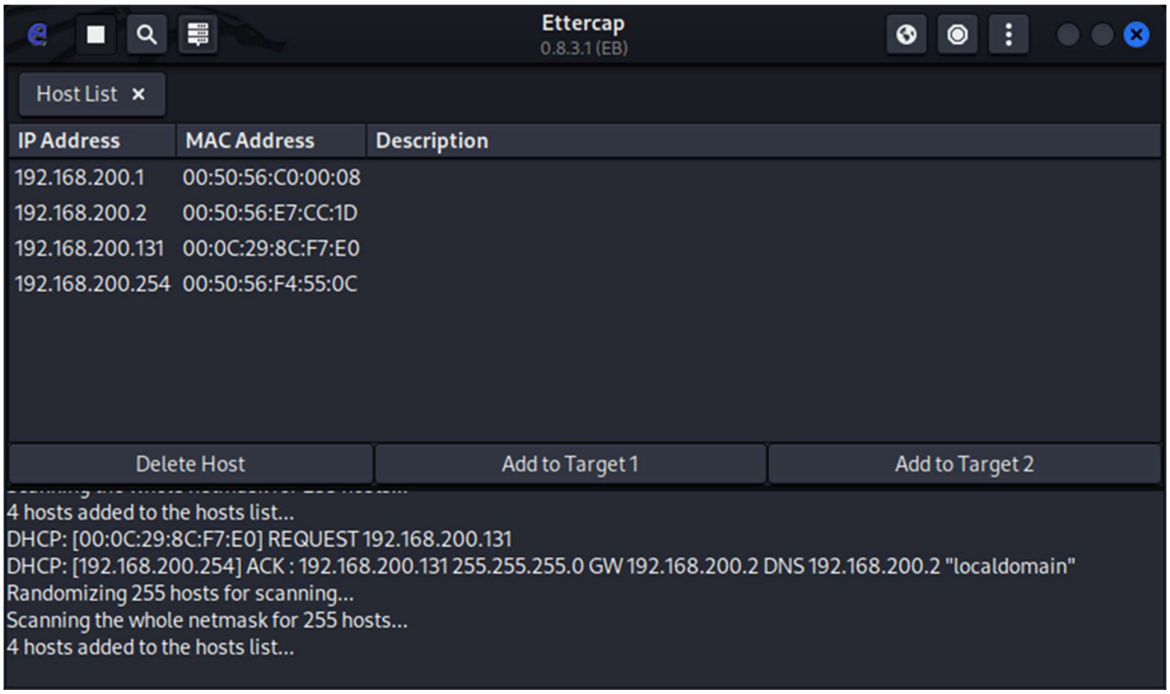
Step 5: Selecting Unified Sniffing under Sniff data.
Selecting the required interface. We have selected eth0 here.

Step 6: Scanning for host, by selecting Scan for host under the Hosts menu.

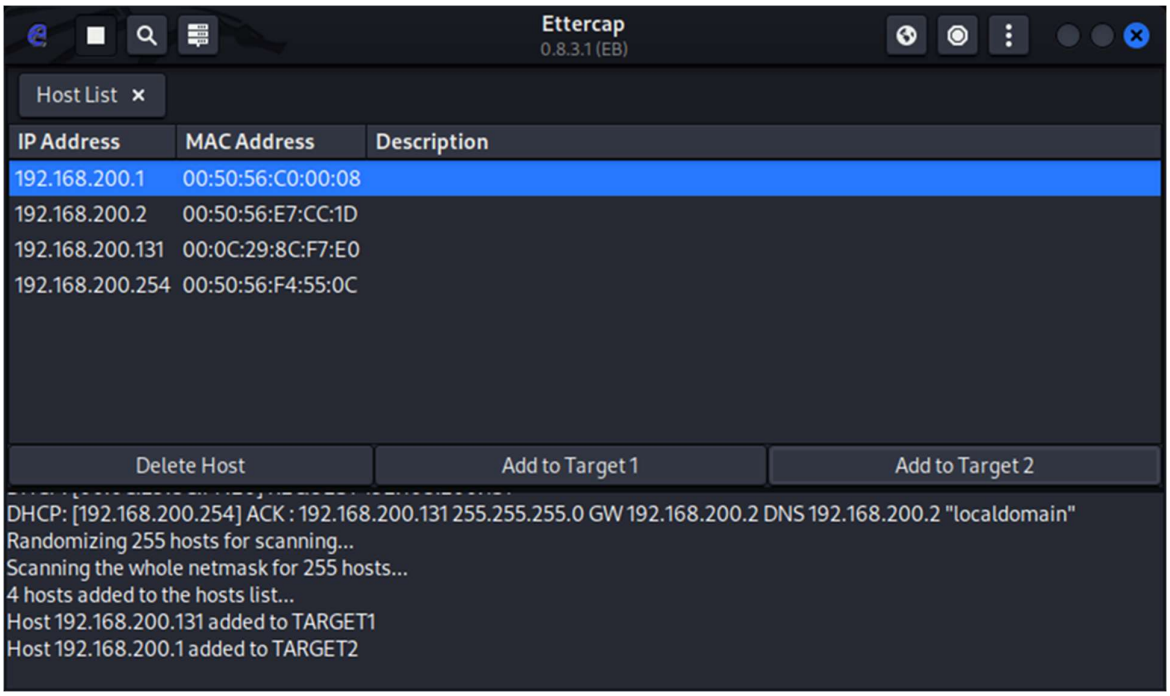


Step 7: It shows that 4 hosts have been added.

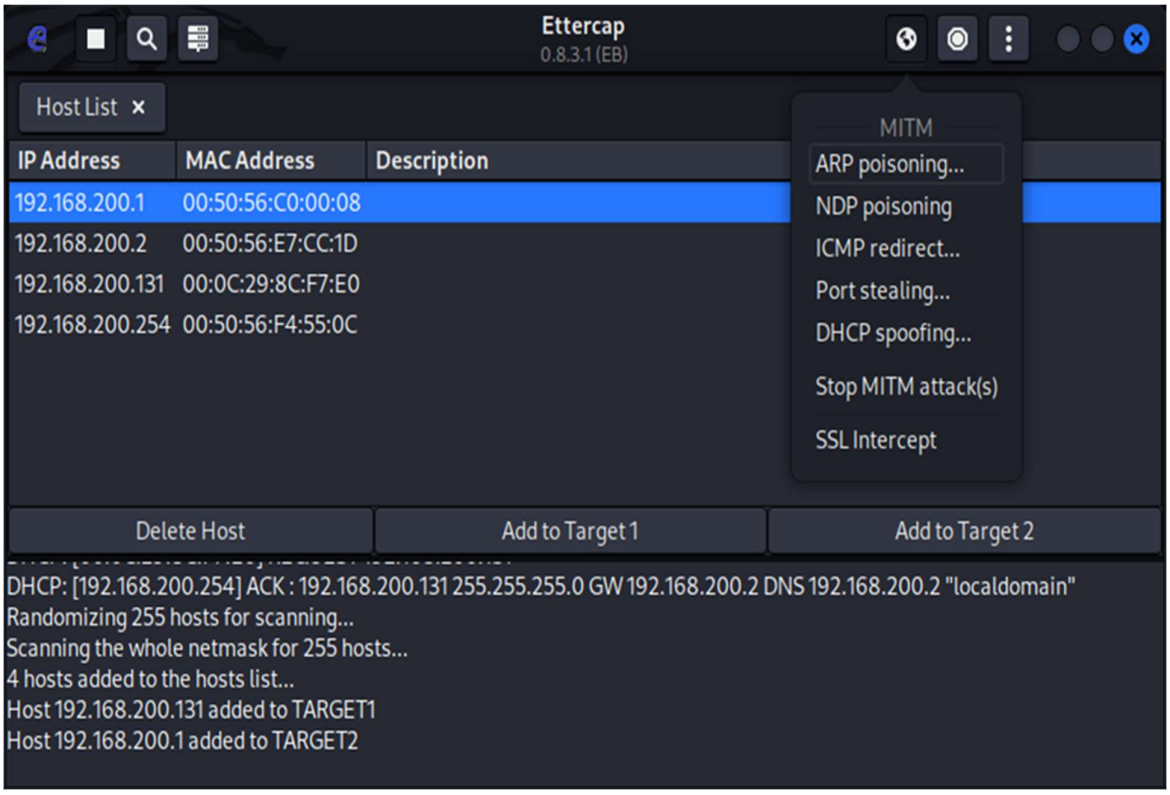
Step 8: Checking the IP addresses of all 4 hosts.
Selecting the victim's IP address and adding it as Target 1.

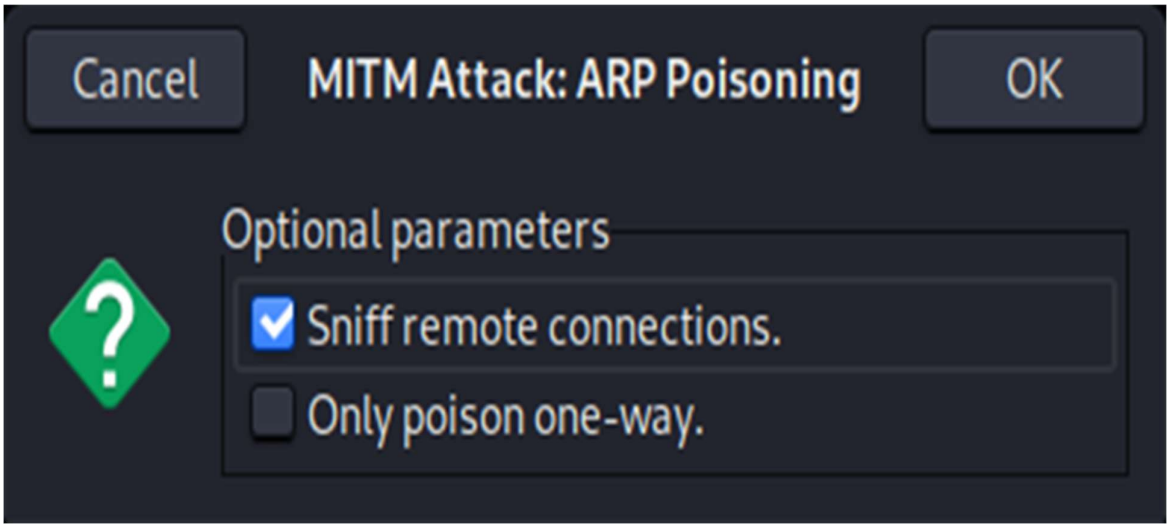


Step 9: Selecting the gateway and adding it as Target 2.

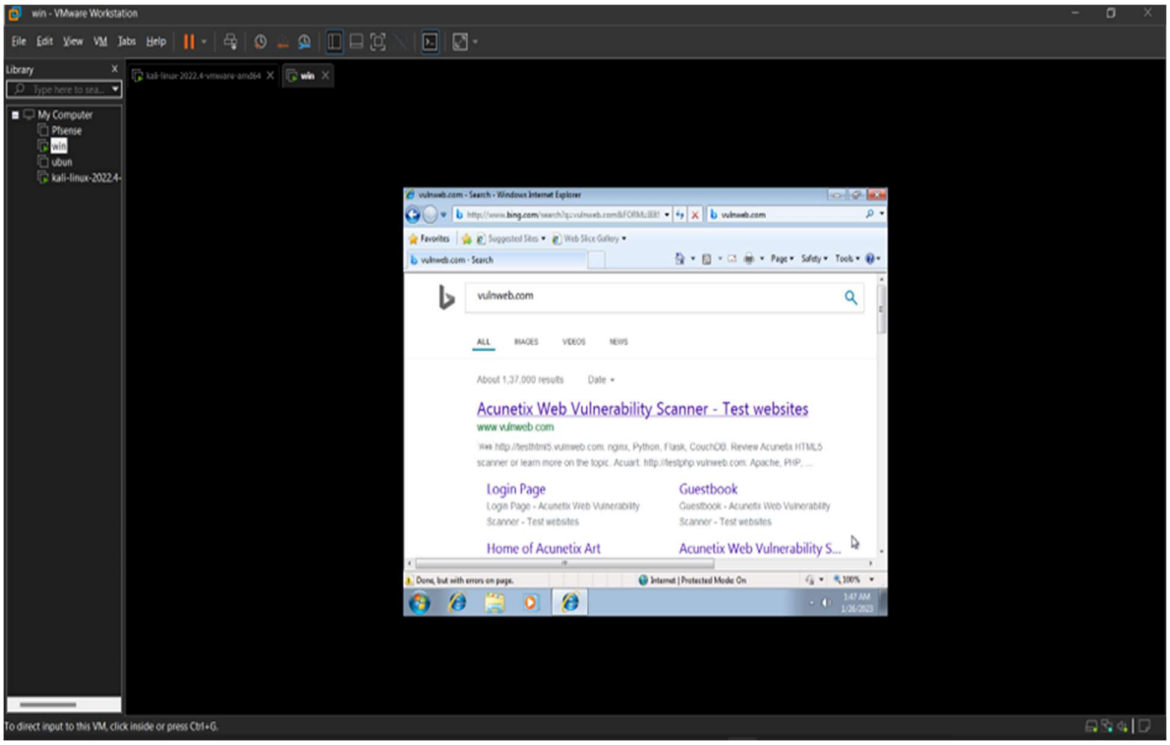


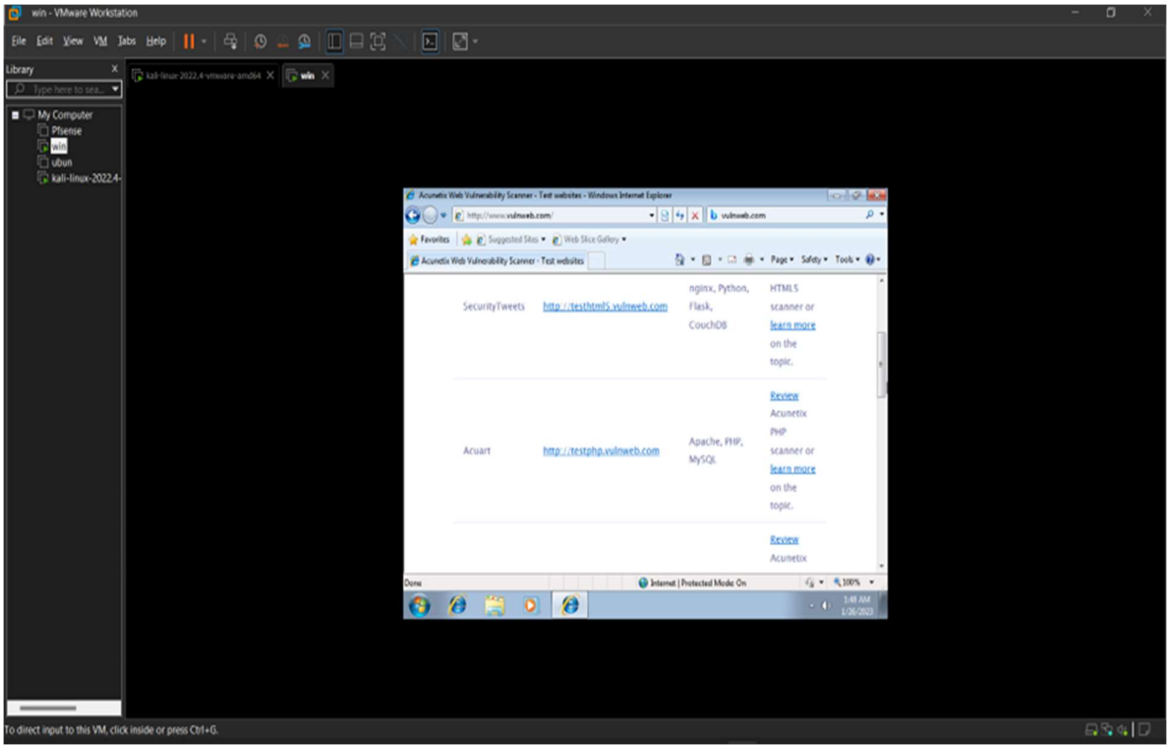
Step 10: Clicking on MITM and selecting ARP Poisoning.
Selecting Sniff Remote Connections.



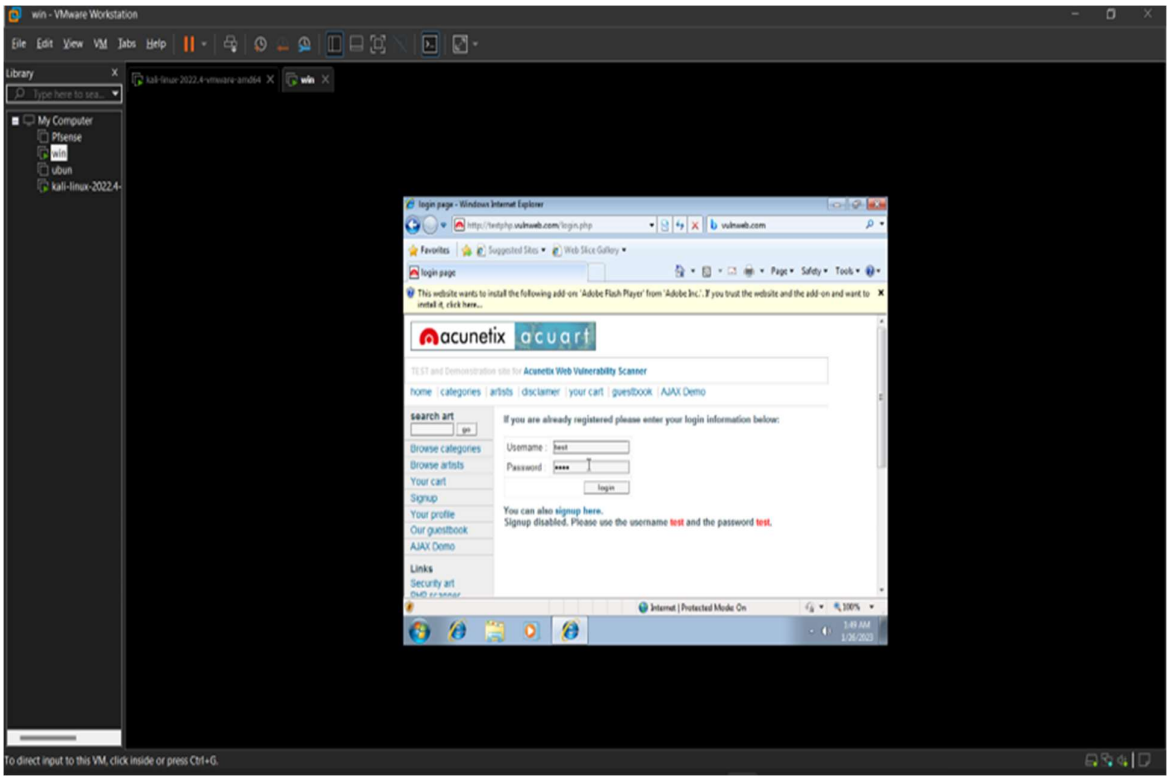


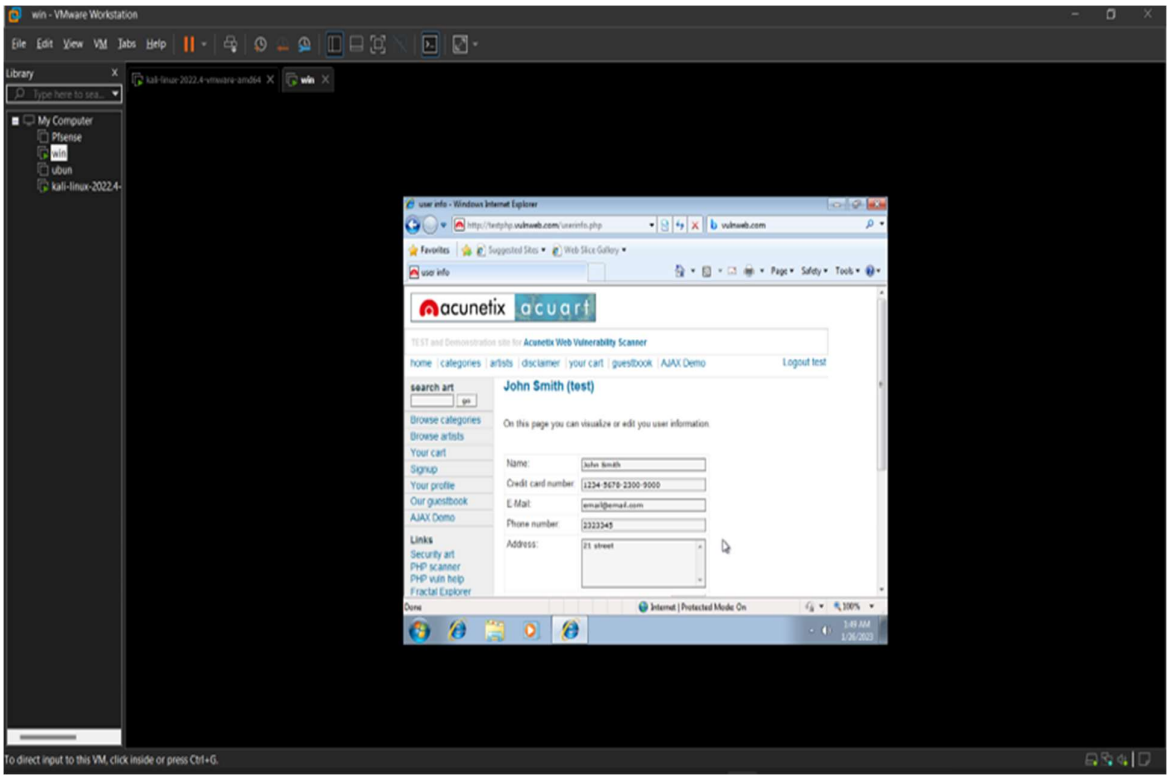
Step 11: Going Back to window's machine



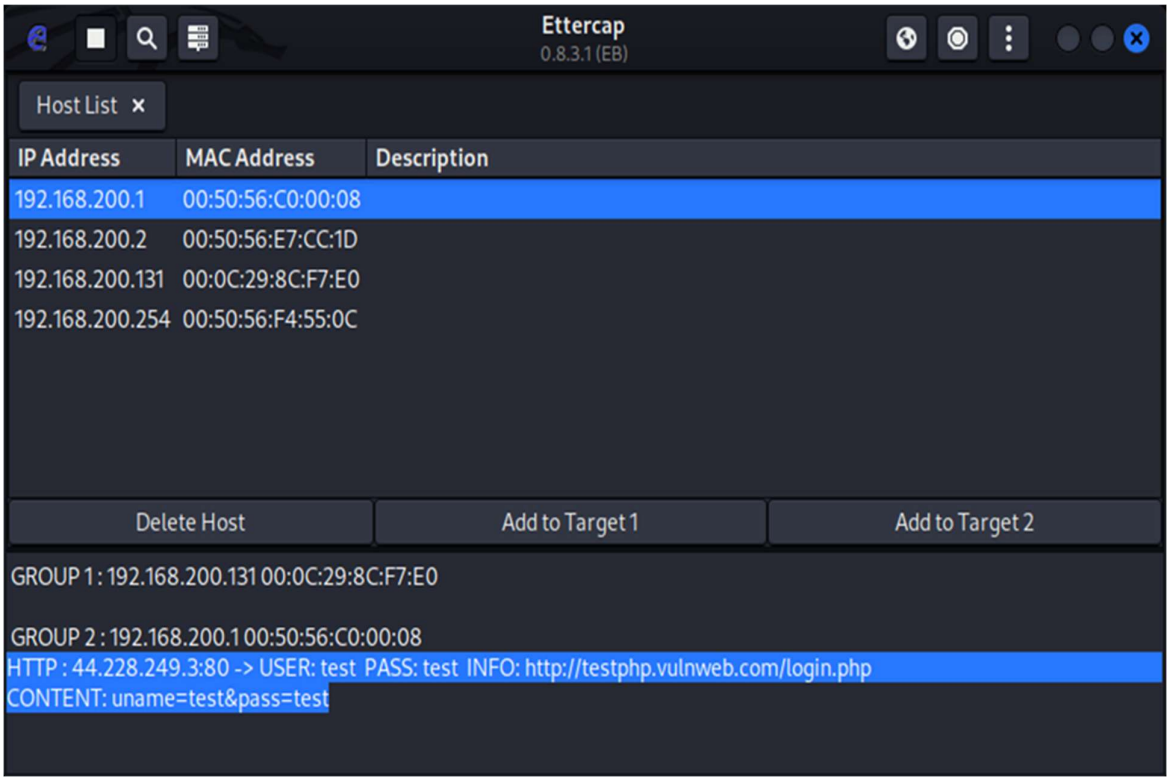


Step 12: In the window's login page enter the username and password.





Step 13: In the Kali Linux Operating System, the username and the password has been captured by Ettercap.



5. APPLICATIONS

SNO	TYPES	ATTACKS ON	PURPOSES
1	WiFi Eavesdropping (Public Wi-Fi)	System	1. Hacker to snoop on user activity. 2. Hacker can access users system.
2	DNS Spoofing	create a phony website at the new IP address that looks just like a genuine website	Access user's sensitive information and personal data.
3	Email Hijacking	social engineering (Email)	1. They may also use spear- phishing to manipulate a user to install malicious software. 2. use information from a hacked email account to impersonate an online friend
4	SSL Stripping	Creates a duplicate website for the user like- http://.	Steal the personal data
5	Man-in-theBrowser	Website	1. Hacker used to capture financial information. 2. When the user logs in to their bank account, malware captures their credentials and then modify the transaction receipt to hide the transaction
6	Session Hijacking	social media accounts	1. Attacker steals a session cookie This can happen if the user's machine is infected with malware or browser hijackers. 2. Steal the data

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