



Cracking
Common Hashes

HACK THE BOX
FRIDAY

LINUX SHADOW FILE

- /etc/shadow is where Linux stores all of its encrypted passwords
- It requires root access to view
- All fields in a shadow entry are separated by colons

```
vivek:$1$fnfffc$pGteyHdicpGOfffXX4ow#5:13064:0:99999:7:::
```

1

2

3

4

5

6

1: Username

2: Password

3: Last Password Change

4: Minimum days between passwords

5: Maximum days the password is valid

6: User is warned this many days before expiration

Not shown

7: Number of days after the password expires before the account is disabled

8: Date of the expiration of the account

SHADOW FILE PASSWORD SELECTION



- The password section of the shadow entry starts with a \$, then a number, letter, or both, then another \$. This lets you know what kind of hash it is.
 - \$1\$ MD5
 - \$2a\$ Blowfish
 - \$2y\$ Blowfish
 - \$5\$ SHA-256
 - \$6\$ SHA-512
 - \$y\$ yescrypt
- If we look at this shadow entry:
 - root:\$6\$tOA0cyybhb/Hr7DN\$htr2vffCWiPGnyFOicJiXJVMbk1muPORR.eRGYfBYUnNPUjWABGPFiphjljJC5xPfFUASlbVKDAHS3vTW1qU.1:18285:0:99999:7:::
- This is the part that we'll want to crack
 - \$6\$tOA0cyybhb/Hr7DN\$htr2vffCWiPGnyFOicJiXJVMbk1muPORR.eRGYfBYUnNPUjWABGPFiphjljJC5xPfFUASlbVKDAHS3vTW1qU.1
- Broken down:
 - SHA-512
 - \$6\$
 - Salt
 - tOA0cyybhb/Hr7DN
 - Hash
 - htr2vffCWiPGnyFOicJiXJVMbk1muPORR.eRGYfBYUnNPUjWABGPFiphjljJC5xPfFUASlbVKDAHS3vTW1qU.1

Active Directory



LM

LANman, we should **NEVER** use LM for anything.

It's super old and can be cracked in literal seconds

- 14 char max and case insensitive
- There are better tools than hashcat to crack these

Example:

- e52cac67419a9a224a3b108f3fa6cb6d



NTLM

Usually dumped from memory using a tool like Mimikatz

- But you don't need Mimikatz to do this!

Example:

- 7100a909c7ff05b266af3c42ec058c33



NetNTLMv2

Typically gathered with on-path (MITM) attack tools like Responder

Format:

- username::domain:challenge:response

Example:

- admin::N46iSNekpT:08ca45b7d7ea58ee:88dcbe4446168966a153a0064958dac6:5c7830315c78303100000000000000b45c67103d07d7b95acd12ffa11230e000000052920b85f78d013c31cdb3b92f5d765c783030

HTB Challenge



- Create the hash file

```
echo '7106812752615cdfe427e01b98cd4083' > ntlm.hash
```
- Identify the hash (to get the mode)

```
hashid ntlm.hash -m
```
- Crack the file

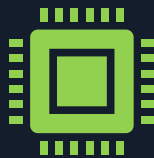
```
hashcat -a 0 -m 1000 ntlm.hash /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt.gz  
-r <SOME RULE GOES HERE!>
```

JohnTheRipper (jtr, john) Tools



JohnTheRipper is another tool for password cracking.

Most people prefer john if they don't have a GPU



It's useful to people who use hashcat as well because it comes with a suite of tools which compliment password cracking capabilities



Some of the most useful tools are:

Unshadow	Combines /etc/passwd and /etc/shadow so john can crack them
SSH2John	Converts SSH private keys into a format that john can crack
ZIP2John	Extracts password hashes from zip files
PDF2John	Extract password hashes from pdf files
7Z2John	Extracts password hashes from 7z files
OFFICE2John	Extracts password hashes from M\$ Office files





Installing and Using John Tools

- To get the tools, we have to install the whole thing
 - This takes a little bit to compile.
 - Oneliner:
 - `sudo git clone https://github.com/magnumripper/JohnTheRipper.git && cd JohnTheRipper/src && sudo ./configure && sudo make`
- Using the tools is incredibly easy.
 - Usually, it's just the tool's name + the file from where you wish to extract the hash.
 - Ex:
 - `office2john password_protected_document.docx`
 - `zip2john password_protected_zipfile.zip`
 - `7z2john password_protected_7zfile.7z`

HTB Challenge



- Extract the password hash from the 7z file
`7z2john hashcat.7z`
- Identify the hash (to get the mode)
`hashid 7z.hash -m`
- Crack the file
`hashcat -a 0 -m 11600 7z.hash /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt.gz`
- Open the zip file with the password
`7z x hashcat.7z`