OSCP Study Tips

to help you succeed!

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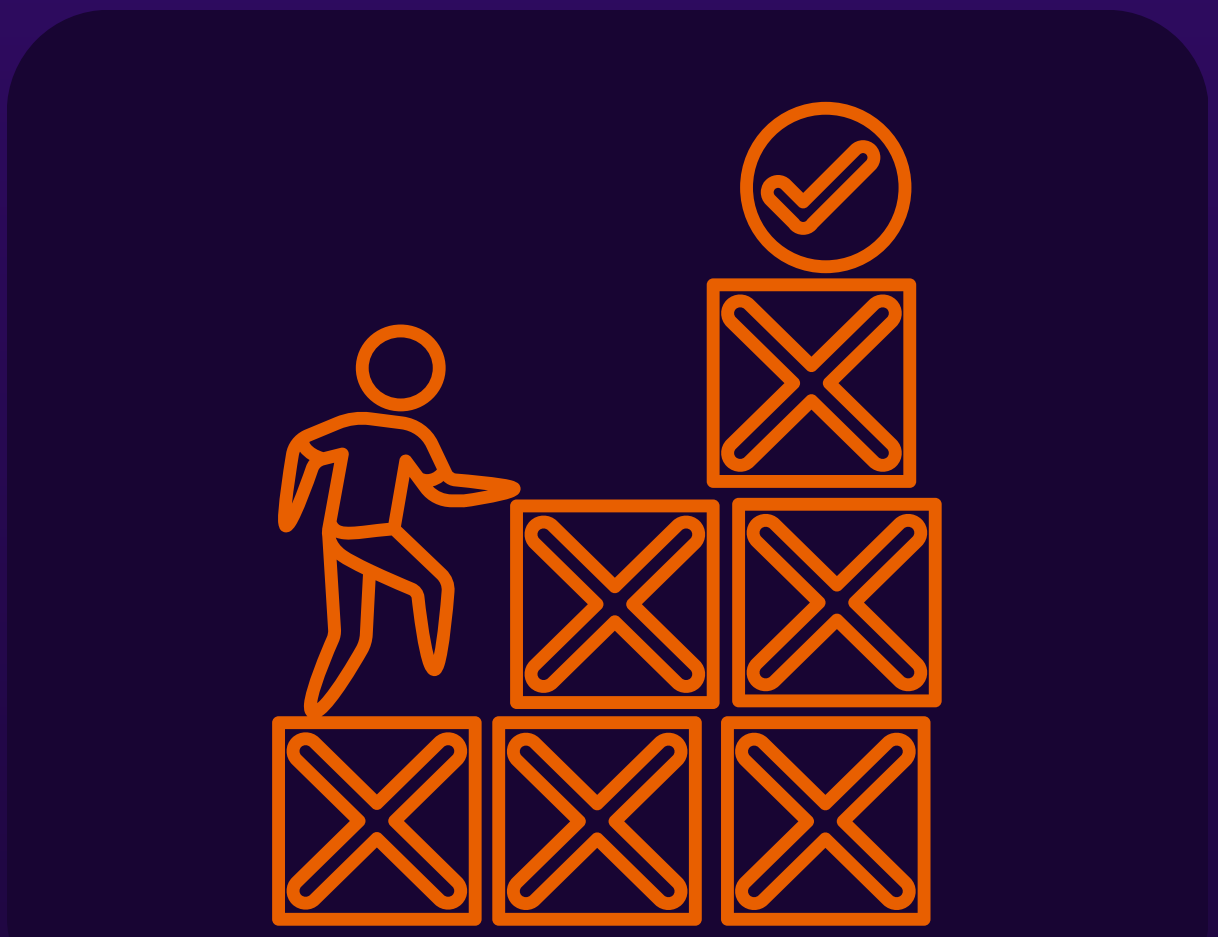
1: Practice with purpose

Use the PEN-200 materials as your foundation to master methodology, not just tools. Set clear goals for each study session and cycle topics while going deep enough to understand them.

2: Embrace your mistakes



Mistakes are powerful teachers. When something fails, stop and analyze what went wrong. Reflecting on errors strengthens your skills and builds resilience.

3: Build hands-on experience

Theory matters, but nothing beats practice. Work through labs, tackle real-world scenarios, and get comfortable applying concepts under pressure.

4: Develop strong note-taking

Keep clear, organized notes. Document processes, commands, and results so you can quickly replicate them during the exam.

5: Master time management

Balance depth with speed. Train yourself to know when to pivot, when to dig deeper, and how to pace yourself during a long exam.

6: Learn to think like an attacker

Don’t just follow steps. Approach problems creatively, map possible attack paths, and use hacker mindset strategies to uncover new angles.

7: Stay consistent

Daily, focused study beats occasional marathons. Consistency helps concepts stick and reduces stress as exam day approaches.

8: Use community and resources

Engage with peers, forums, and study groups. Learning with others exposes you to different perspectives and keeps you motivated.

9: Focus on persistence

The OSCP is challenging by design. Success comes from persistence, adaptability, and the determination to keep going when things get tough.

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