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## Setting Up Lab Environment

I began by configuring the virtual network settings in VMware Workstation Pro to establish an isolated and controlled environment for the virtual machines. I created a custom network (VMnet10) with the subnet 172.16.100.0/24 and disabled DHCP to enforce static IP assignments. For the MS2 virtual machine, I set up two network adapters: the first connected to a "Host-Only" network with the IP address 192.168.189.128/24, and the second assigned to the custom VMnet10 network with the IP address 172.16.100.50/24. I verified that the MAC addresses for the interfaces matched the settings in VMware Workstation Pro and updated the MS2 network configuration files accordingly. On the Kali virtual machine, I ensured its network interface was properly configured with the IP address 192.168.189.129/24 within the same subnet as MS2's first network adapter. For the Windows XP virtual machine, I assigned a static IP address of 172.16.100.100/24, aligning it with the VMnet10 subnet and MS2's second network adapter.

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(kali@kali)-[~]

ip a | grep 192

inet 192.168.189.129/24 brd 192.168.189.255
eth0

(kali@kali)-[~]

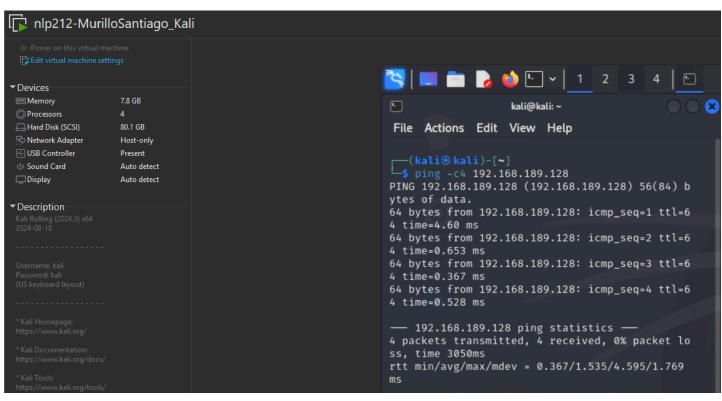
[kali@kali)-[~]
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Kali IP 192.168.189.129

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msfadmin@metasploitable:~$ ip a | grep -E "192|172"
inet 192.168.189.128/24 brd 192.168.189.255 scope global eth0
inet 172.16.100.50/24 brd 172.16.100.255 scope global eth1
msfadmin@metasploitable:~$
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XP IP 172.16.100.100

Next, to prove connectivity between the devices, I pinged them from each machine.



I successfully pinged the MS2 VM from Kali

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msfadmin@metasploitable:~$ ping -c4 192.168.189.129
PING 192.168.189.129 (192.168.189.129) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 192.168.189.129: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.359 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.189.129: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.331 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.189.129: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.502 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.189.129: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.458 ms
--- 192.168.189.129 ping statistics ---
4 packets transmitted, 4 received, 0% packet loss, time 2997ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 0.331/0.412/0.502/0.072 ms
msfadmin@metasploitable:~$
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I successfully pinged the Kali VM from the MS2 device.

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msfadmin@metasploitable:~$ ping -c4 172.16.100.100
PING 172.16.100.100 (172.16.100.100) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 172.16.100.100: icmp_seq=1 ttl=128 time=8.00 ms
64 bytes from 172.16.100.100: icmp_seq=2 ttl=128 time=0.367 ms
64 bytes from 172.16.100.100: icmp_seq=3 ttl=128 time=0.304 ms
64 bytes from 172.16.100.100: icmp_seq=4 ttl=128 time=0.354 ms

--- 172.16.100.100 ping statistics ---
4 packets transmitted, 4 received, 0% packet loss, time 3007ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 0.304/2.257/8.005/3.318 ms
msfadmin@metasploitable:~$ ___
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I was also able to ping the XP box from the same MS2 device.

## C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\ping -n 4 172.16.100.50 Pinging 172.16.100.50 with 32 bytes of data: Reply from 172.16.100.50: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=64 Ping statistics for 172.16.100.50: Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss), Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds: Minimum = 0ms, Maximum = 0ms, Average = 0ms C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\

I was able to ping the MS2 device from the XP box as well.