

Kali Linux is the world's most powerful and popular penetration testing platform, used by security professionals in a wide range of specializations, including penetration testing, forensics, reverse engineering, and vulnerability assessment. It is the culmination of years of refinement and the result of a continuous evolution of the platform, from WHoppiX to WHAX, to BackTrack, and now to a complete penetration testing framework leveraging many features of Debian GNU/Linux and the vibrant open source community worldwide.

Kali Linux has not been built to be a simple collection of tools, but rather a flexible framework that professional penetration testers, security enthusiasts, students, and amateurs can customize to fit their specific needs.

Hacking

Hacking is identifying weakness in computer systems or networks to exploit its weaknesses to gain access. Example of Hacking: Using password cracking algorithm to gain access to a system

Computers have become mandatory to run a successful businesses. It is not enough to have isolated computers systems; they need to be networked to facilitate communication with external businesses. This exposes them to the outside world and hacking. Hacking means using computers to commit fraudulent acts such as fraud, privacy invasion, stealing corporate/personal data, etc. Cyber crimes cost many organizations millions of dollars every year. Businesses need to protect themselves against such attacks.

#### Metasploitable

Some folks may already be aware of Metasploitable, an intentionally vulnerable virtual machine designed for training, exploit testing, and general target practice. Unlike other vulnerable virtual machines, Metasploitable focuses on vulnerabilities at the operating system and network services layer instead of custom, vulnerable applications. I am happy to announce the release of Metasploitable 2, an even better punching bag for security tools like Metasploit, and a great way to practice exploiting vulnerabilities that you might find in a production environment.

For download links and a walkthrough of some of the vulnerabilities (and how to exploit them), please take a look at the <u>Metasploitable 2 Exploitability Guide</u>.

Nessus

<u>Kali Linux</u>, a Linux distribution designed specifically for penetration testing, comes prepackaged with many pen test tools. Nessus® provides a penetration tester with a wealth of capabilities that will assist in the engagement, such as:

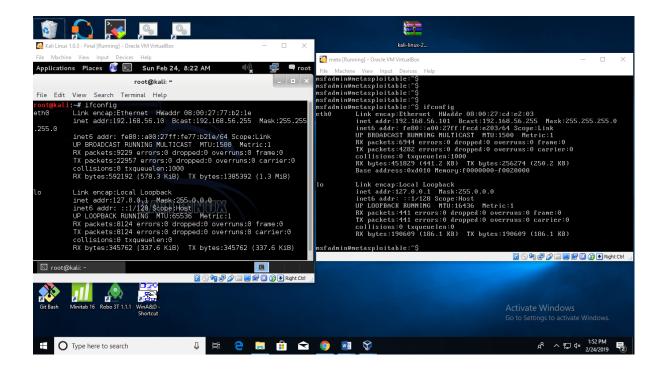
- Identifying local and remote vulnerabilities
- Configuration and compliance audits
- Checking for default credentials
- Web application scanning

Because the Kali Linux installation of Nessus has been very popular over the past several years, we decided to update the instructions to help you make the most of your pen testing environment.

Nessus isn't installed on Kali Linux by default, but this post will show you how to install Nessus and provide some suggestions for using it in a penetration testing engagement to gain a more complete understanding of your organization's security posture

## Step 1: Get the Ip address of the Kali & Meta

Type "ifconfig" in both Kali & Meta Linux terminals to find out the ip addresses of the machines.

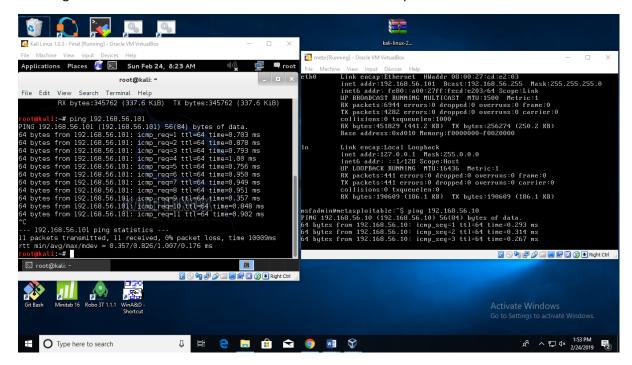


IP address of the Kali machine: 192.168.56.10

Ip address of the Meta Linux machine: 192.168.56.101

# Step 2: Ping to both machines

Use Ping command of both machines to check whether the data packets are sharable.

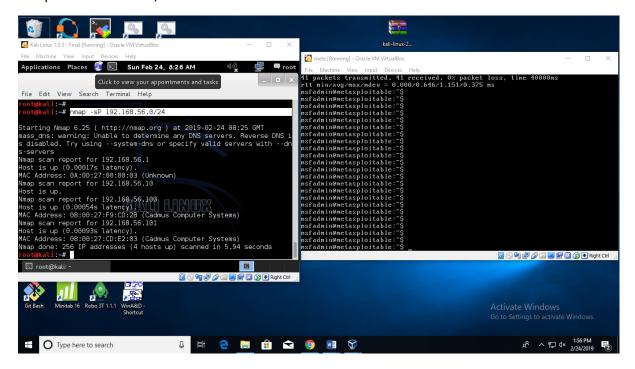


# Step 3: nmap commands

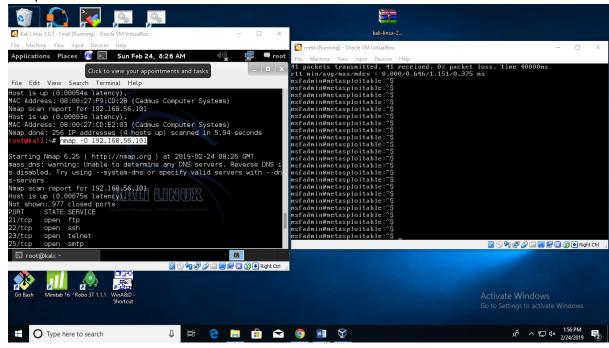
Type nmap command in Kali machine in order to find the machines which are on up state currently.

The full command is given below.

nmap -sP 192.168.56.0/24



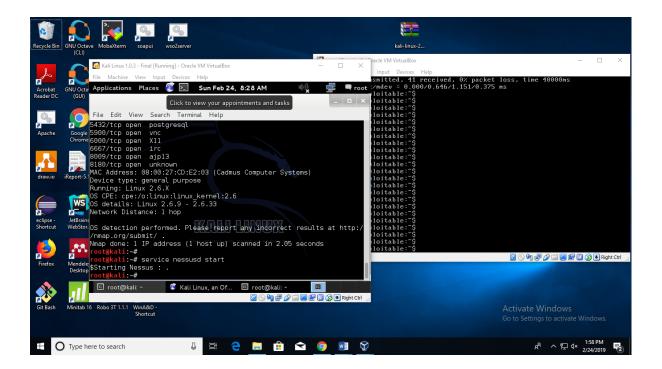
#### nmap -O 192.168.56.101



### Step 3: Start Nessus

Type the command given below in order to start Nessus

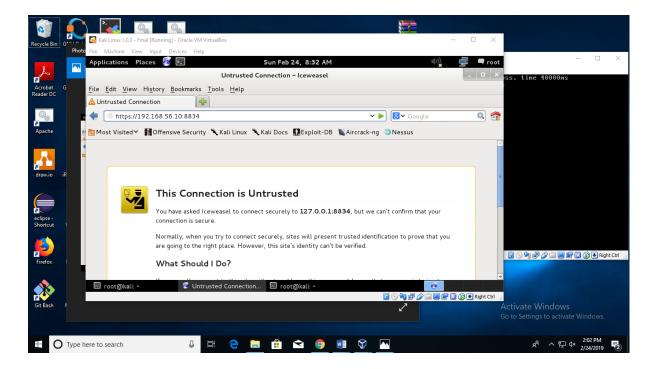
Service nessusd start



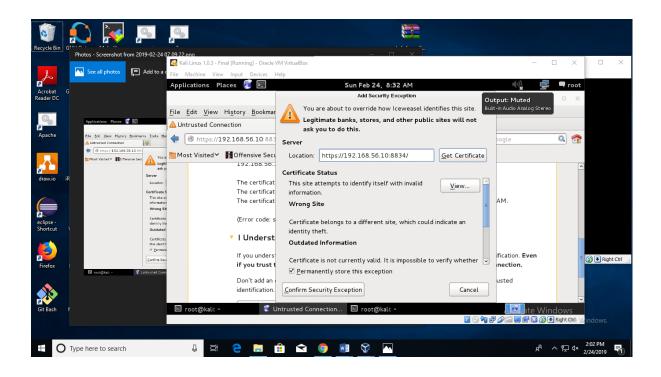
Open the web browser and type the url given below

https://192.168.56.10:8834

This web url will open the Nessus login page

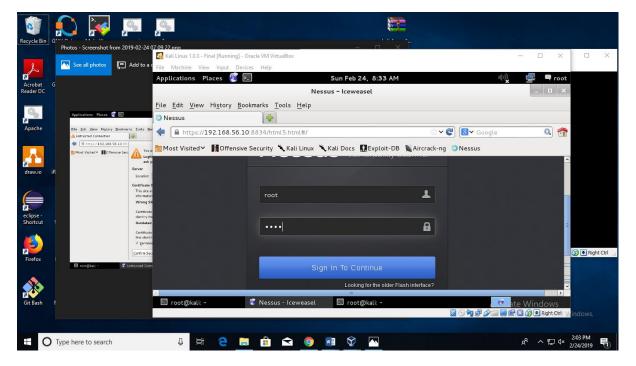


Click [Advanced > Add Exception]



#### Click [Confirm Security Exception]

After that the browser will direct you to the Nessus login page

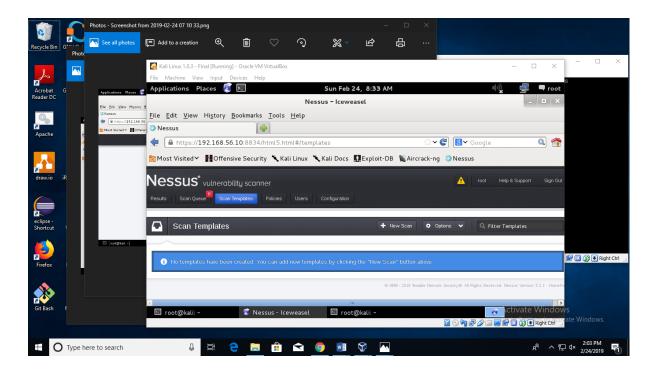


Type the username and the password

User name: root

Password: toor

The page given below will appear after the verification of the username and password

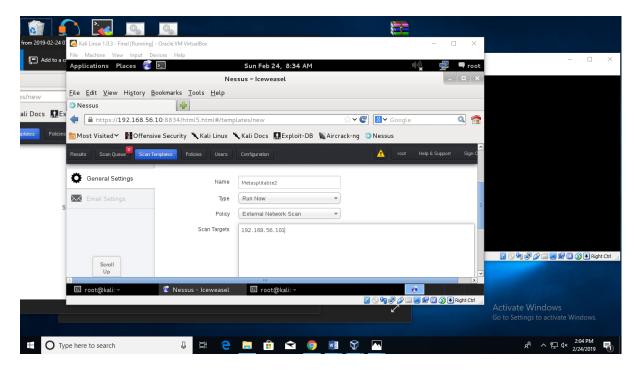


Click [Scan Template > New scan]

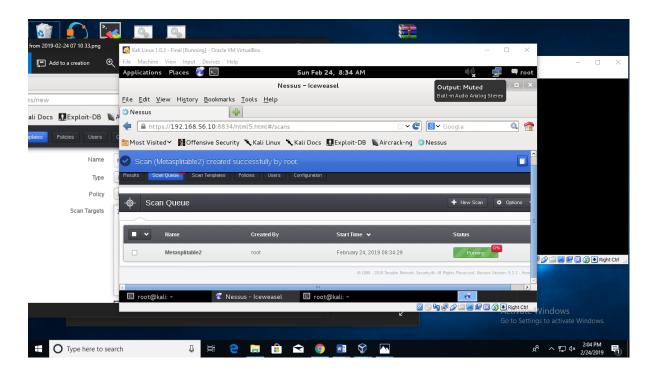
Give the information given below

Name: Metasploitable2

Scan Targets: 192.168.56.101



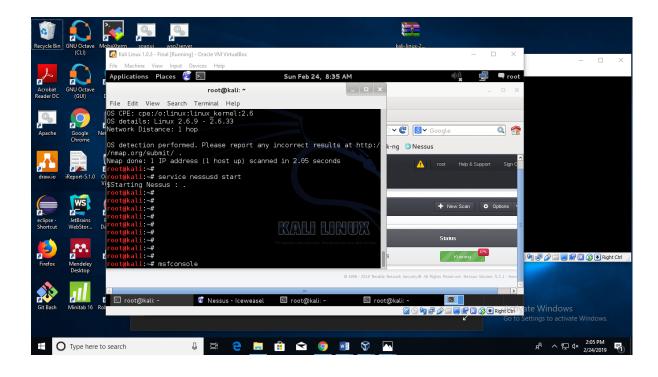
Then click [scan]



Step 4: Terminal configurations

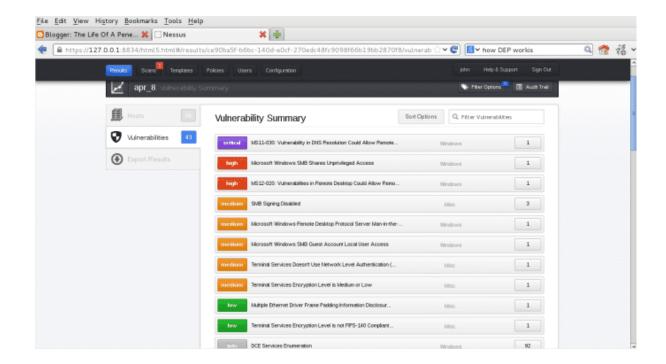
Go to the Terminal of the Kali machine and type the command given below.

msfconsole



## Step 5: Scanning process

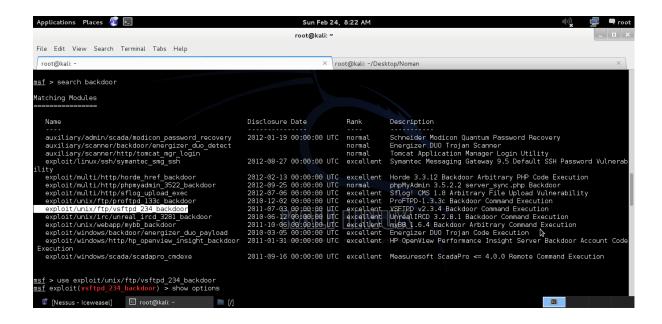
Go to the Nessus Scanning page
Click [Vulnerability Summary]
Select a critical vulnerability



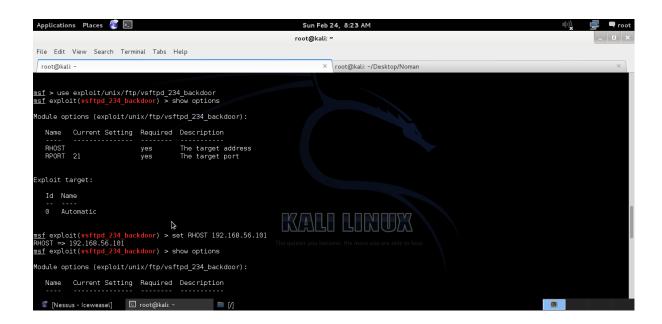
Check whether the msfconsole is working or not



Search the vulnerability which you have found in the vulnerability summary



### Click [show option]



Type [exploit

