

Computer and Information Security  
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Homework 4

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Instructions - **read all carefully:**

- **DON'T SCREW UP:** Read each question carefully and be sure to answer all parts. Some questions are a mix of explanation and questions, so pay close attention to where you are being asked for something. It is recommended to answer the questions in the order they are asked, as they build on each other.
- **COMPUTERS YOU WILL NEED:**
  - The assignment will make use of the computers described below.
  - VMs you already have on the Duke VCM service:
    - The Ubuntu 18.04 VM; which we'll call your Linux VM.
    - The Windows 10 VM; which we'll call your Windows VM.
    - The Kali Linux VM; which we'll call your Kali VM.
  - A new throw-away VM with Ubuntu 18.04, which we'll call your backup server.
  - Your own machine on Duke wifi: your personal computer (any OS).
- **WRITTEN PORTION DIRECTIONS:**
  - This assignment is designed to be copied into a new document so you can answer questions inline (either as a Google doc or in a local word processor).
  - This assignment should be submitted as a PDF through Gradescope. Other formats or methods of submission will not be accepted.
  - When you submit, the tool will ask you to mark which pages contain which questions. This is easiest if you avoid having two questions on one page and keep the large question headers intact. Be sure to mark your answer pages appropriately.
- **PROGRAMMING PORTION DIRECTIONS:**
  - There is a buffer overflow programming project in this assignment; your code for this will be submitted as a separate file via the Sakai assignment facility. See the question itself for details.
- **CITE YOUR SOURCES:** Make sure you document any resources you may use when answering the questions, including classmates and the textbook. Please use authoritative sources like RFCs, ISOs, NIST SPs, man pages, etc. for your references.

This assignment is adapted from material by Samuel Carter (NCSU).

### Question 0: Accessing the Homework (0 points, but necessary)

To get here, you found the URL via one of two steganography methods. [Did you find this hint file along the way?](#)

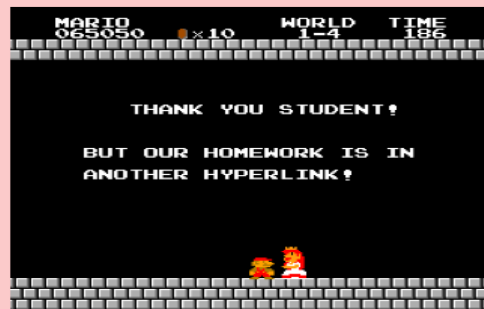
Yes, I did.

### Question 1: Show your work from Question 0 (2 points)

Below, show the code and/or image work you did to get here.

At first I did `cat homework4.png` for the provided image which directed me to the link [https://docs.google.com/document/d/16RgAXAox1entA3aORk2ADBhM\\_Ek60\\_SwGa1eqQoMmbc/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/16RgAXAox1entA3aORk2ADBhM_Ek60_SwGa1eqQoMmbc/edit) which had the following clue.

## Homework 4 hint file



This is not homework 4.

I mean, of course it's not. Steganography isn't just "jam a URL into a picture where everyone can see it".

But this file does have some tips.

The real homework link is embedded in the provided PNG image file in two different ways:

1. Proper image steganography as described [here](#) and [here](#). You can begin to decode this by noting the parity of bits in the upper left row of pixels.
2. A low-visibility watermark which will appear in the image if you play with it in an image editing program.

Either link will get you to the homework, but if you decode the URL encoded using method #1, you will also obtain a secret message worth a few points of extra credit.

I used ColorSync Utility to play around with the provided picture. By increasing the exposure and reducing the saturation of the image significantly, I was able to obtain the link required to access the HW. The link was <https://tinyurl.com/sec590h4>



OPTIONAL: For 5 points of extra credit, give the secret message included with the URL in the bitwise-encoded message. See the [hints file](#) for details.

## Question 2: Endpoint security (9 points)

Let's explore how a defender could have hardened the web server from Question 1 of the previous homework ("Victimco").

### Set up vulnerable web server (1pt)

On your Linux VM, perform the following steps to recreate the Victimco web server setup.

Fully update the environment:

```
sudo apt update && sudo apt dist-upgrade && sudo apt autoremove
```

*Note: if asked to update or replace a file relating to grub or apt, choose "keep the local version". Duke VCM has environment-specific settings in these files we'll want to preserve.*

Install Apache web server, PHP, and the whois tool<sup>1</sup>:

```
sudo apt install tasksel  
sudo tasksel install lamp-server  
sudo apt install whois
```

Navigate to your VCM node in a local web browser and confirm you see the “Apache2 Ubuntu Default Page”.

Remove the “Apache2 Ubuntu Default Page” page by deleting `/var/www/html/index.html`.

As root, download [vco-web.tgz](#) and extract it to `/var/www/html/`.

Note: don’t put the `.tgz` file itself into `/var/www/html/`!

Edit `/etc/apache2/apache2.conf` so that `AllowOverride` for `/var/www` is as follows. This allows our `.htaccess` file to specify simple password login to prevent being compromised from random internet people and/or bots.

```
<Directory /var/www/>  
    Options Indexes FollowSymLinks  
    AllowOverride AuthConfig  
    Require all granted  
</Directory>
```

Restart Apache to make the setting change take effect.

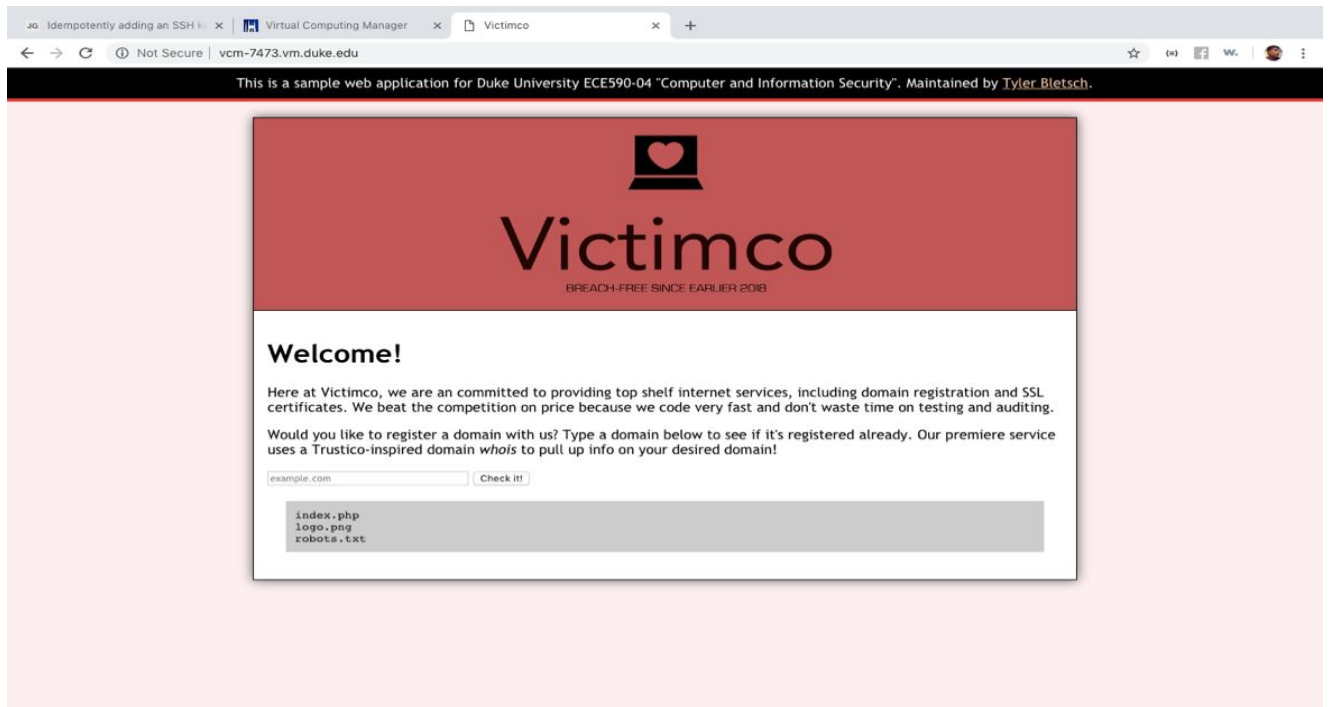
```
sudo apachectl restart
```

Navigate to your Linux VM in a web browser and confirm that the Victimco page is working and vulnerable as before (including simple password authentication!).

For all of the above, you just need to post a screenshot showing the Victimco page up and running on your VM.

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<sup>1</sup> You may wonder why we don’t just `apt install` Apache and PHP directly using `apt`. It would indeed be wise to do so, but the `tasksel` command is a common recommendation if you google “install php ubuntu”, so let’s do it this naive way for now. We’ll remove needless things later as we harden the server.



Victimco is up and running, albeit vulnerable

### Enable automatic updates (1pt)

While automatic updates won't fix our particular web application flaw, it will close other holes at the OS and core application level. Duke VCM already enables automatic updates, but let's walk through the procedure to double-check.

Follow [this procedure](#) and succinctly document confirmation that the documented changes (or equivalent) are already present on your VM.

```

rg239@vcm-7473:~$ sudo unattended-upgrades --dry-run --debug
Initial blacklisted packages:
Initial whitelisted packages:
Starting unattended upgrades script
Allowed origins are: o=Ubuntu,a=bionic-security, o=Ubuntu,a=bionic-updates
Using (^linux-image|^linux-headers|^linux-image-extra|^linux-modules|^linux-modu
es-.*|^linux-modules-.*|^linux-tools|^linux-cloud-tools) regexp to find kernel p
Using (^linux-image.*4.15.0-20-generic|^linux-headers.*4.15.0-20-generic|^linux-
.*4.15.0-20-generic|^kfreebsd-image.*4.15.0-20-generic|^kfreebsd-headers.*4.15.0
s-.*.*4.15.0-20-generic|^linux-modules-.*.*4.15.0-20-generic|^linux-tools.*4.15.
pkgs that look like they should be upgraded:
Fetched 0 B in 0s (0 B/s)
fetch.run() result: 0
blacklist: []
whitelist: []
No packages found that can be upgraded unattended and no pending auto-removals
rg239@vcm-7473:~$

```

```

Unattended-Upgrade::MinimalSteps "true";

// Install all unattended-upgrades when the machine is shutting down
// instead of doing it in the background while the machine is running
// This will (obviously) make shutdown slower
//Unattended-Upgrade::InstallOnShutdown "true";

// Send email to this address for problems or packages upgrades
// If empty or unset then no email is sent, make sure that you
// have a working mail setup on your system. A package that provides
// 'mailx' must be installed. E.g. "user@example.com"
Unattended-Upgrade::Mail "rg239@duke.edu";

// Set this value to "true" to get emails only on errors. Default
// is to always send a mail if Unattended-Upgrade::Mail is set
Unattended-Upgrade::MailOnlyOnError "true";

// Do automatic removal of new unused dependencies after the upgrade
// (equivalent to apt-get autoremove)
Unattended-Upgrade::Remove-Unused-Dependencies "true";

// Automatically reboot *WITHOUT CONFIRMATION*
// if the file /var/run/reboot-required is found after the upgrade
Unattended-Upgrade::Automatic-Reboot "true";

// If automatic reboot is enabled and needed, reboot at the specific
// time instead of immediately
// Default: "now"
Unattended-Upgrade::Automatic-Reboot-Time "02:38";

```

All the required Unattended-Upgrade were already uncommented. The updates line was already uncommented.

```

APT::Periodic::Update-Package-Lists "1";
APT::Periodic::Download-Upgradeable-Packages "1";
APT::Periodic::AutocleanInterval "7";
APT::Periodic::Unattended-Upgrade "1";

```

Added the two lines:

```
APT::Periodic::Download-Upgradeable-Packages "1";  
APT::Periodic::AutocleanInterval "7";
```

### Ensure correct settings (1pt)

Our vulnerable web application is a bit too small to have a large number of configuration options, but there is one thing you could consider changing: the HTTP authentication password. If you leave it with the provided default of username “student” and password “sec@590”, other students could compromise your VM.

Research the htpasswd tool and Apache authentication in general and change your HTTP authentication password for your site. Document how you do this.

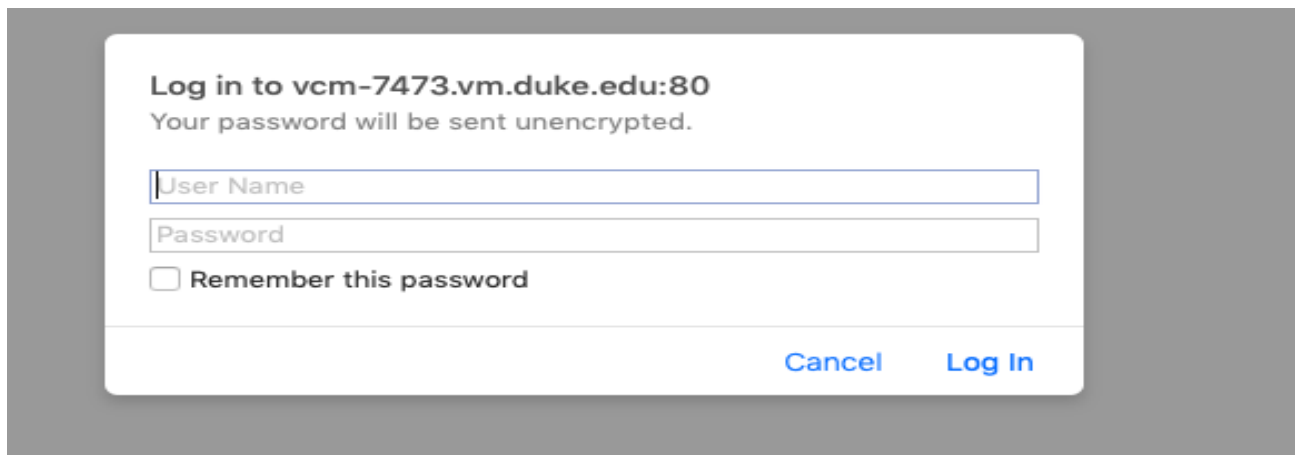
First, I created a password file which cannot be accessible from the web. To create the file, I used the command:

```
[rg239@vcm-7473:~$ sudo htpasswd -c /usr/local/apache/passwd/passwords rijish  
New password:  
Re-type new password:  
Adding password for user rijish  
[rg239@vcm-7473:~$ sudo emacs /var/www/html/.htaccess  
[rg239@vcm-7473:~$ cd /usr/local/apache/passwd/
```

Next, I had to configure the server to request a password and tell the server which users are allowed to access. I created a .htaccess file in the directory /var/www/html/

Contents of the .htaccess file:

```
AuthType Basic
AuthName "Restricted Files"
# (Following line optional)
AuthBasicProvider file
AuthUserFile "/usr/local/apache/passwd/passwords"
Require user rijish
```



Log in to vcm-7473.vm.duke.edu:80  
Your password will be sent unencrypted.

User Name

Password

☐ Remember this password

Cancel Log In

## Authentication

### Reduce attack surface: Software (2pt)

When we installed Apache and PHP, we did it by installing a “LAMP stack”, which stands for Linux, Apache, MySQL, and PHP. We aren’t using the MySQL part of the stack, so it’s a purely needless running service that brings [its own set of issues](#).

Using netstat, show that a MySQL daemon is running and listening on a TCP port.



```

[rg239@vcm-7473:~]$ netstat -paon
(Not all processes could be identified, non-owned process info
 will not be shown, you would have to be root to see it all.)
Active Internet connections (servers and established)
Proto Recv-Q Send-Q Local Address           Foreign Address         State       PID/Program name      Timer
tcp        0      0 127.0.0.1:3306          0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN      -                      off (0.00/0/0)
tcp        0      0 127.0.0.53:53           0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN      -                      off (0.00/0/0)
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:22              0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN      -                      off (0.00/0/0)
tcp        0      36 152.3.69.160:22         174.109.84.112:52585    ESTABLISHED -                      on (0.23/0/0)
tcp        0      0 152.3.69.160:22         174.109.84.112:51515    ESTABLISHED -                      keepalive (336.18/0/0)
tcp6       0      0 :::80                   :::*                     LISTEN      -                      off (0.00/0/0)
tcp6       0      0 :::22                   :::*                     LISTEN      -                      off (0.00/0/0)
udp        31488    0 127.0.0.53:53           0.0.0.0:*               7          -                      off (0.00/0/0)
raw6       0      0 :::58                   :::*                     7          -                      off (0.00/0/0)
Active UNIX domain sockets (servers and established)
Proto RefCnt Flags       Type       State       I-Node     PID/Program name      Path
unix    2      [ ACC ]     STREAM    LISTENING   231373     -                    /var/run/mysqld/mysqld.sock

```

MySQL daemon is listening at port number 3306 which is the default TCP port for MySQL.

Completely remove MySQL from your Linux VM and document how you did so.

Show the same netstat output confirming that MySQL is no longer present.

To completely remove MySQL, I executed the following commands:

**sudo apt-get remove --purge mysql\***

**sudo apt-get purge mysql\***

**sudo apt-get autoremove**

**sudo apt-get autoclean**

```

(Not all processes could be identified, non-owned process info
 will not be shown, you would have to be root to see it all.)
Active Internet connections (servers and established)
Proto Recv-Q Send-Q Local Address           Foreign Address         State       PID/Program name      Timer
tcp        0      0 127.0.0.53:53           0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN      -                      off (0.00/0/0)
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:22              0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN      -                      off (0.00/0/0)
tcp        0      440 152.3.69.160:22         174.109.84.112:52585    ESTABLISHED -                      on (0.06/0/0)
tcp6       0      0 :::80                   :::*                     LISTEN      -                      off (0.00/0/0)
tcp6       0      0 :::22                   :::*                     LISTEN      -                      off (0.00/0/0)
udp        42240    0 127.0.0.53:53           0.0.0.0:*               7          -                      off (0.00/0/0)
raw6       0      0 :::58                   :::*                     7          -                      off (0.00/0/0)
Active UNIX domain sockets (servers and established)
Proto RefCnt Flags       Type       State       I-Node     PID/Program name      Path
unix    2      [ ]       DGRAM      -           209784     5375/systemd         /run/user/1185763/systemd/notify
unix    2      [ ACC ]     SEQPACKET  LISTENING   17289     -                    /run/udev/control
unix    2      [ ACC ]     STREAM     LISTENING   209787     5375/systemd         /run/user/1185763/systemd/private
unix    2      [ ACC ]     STREAM     LISTENING   209791     5375/systemd         /run/user/1185763/gnupg/S.gpg-agent.extra
unix    2      [ ACC ]     STREAM     LISTENING   209792     5375/systemd         /run/user/1185763/gnupg/S.gpg-agent.browser
unix    2      [ ACC ]     STREAM     LISTENING   209793     5375/systemd         /run/user/1185763/gnupg/S.gpg-agent

```

MySQL daemon isn't running anymore

Reduce attack surface: Firewall (2pt)

The web server from Homework 3 was behind a NAT router with port forwarding, which made it necessary for attackers to use a reverse shell to gain persistent access. Our server, in contrast,

has a public internet IP address, so any malware we happen to get infected with can simply open listening ports on the server to allow direct access for an attacker. Confirm this by using netcat to listen on port 2000, then from your Kali VM, show that port 2000 is open.

```
[root@kali-vcn-18:~# nmap -sT vcn-7473.vcn.duke.edu
Starting Nmap 7.70 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2018-11-17 00:26 EST
Nmap scan report for vcn-7473.vcn.duke.edu (152.3.69.160)
Host is up (0.00035s latency).
Not shown: 997 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
22/tcp    open  ssh
80/tcp    open  http
2000/tcp  open  cisco-sccp
```

Let's prevent this kind of thing by deploying a software firewall.

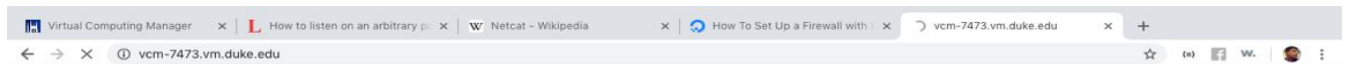
Refer to [this introduction](#) to setup "ufw" (the Ubuntu Firewall). Set the firewall to enable SSH (port 22) only and enable it<sup>2</sup>, showing your work. Confirm that your web browser is now not able to access the Victimco web interface; show a screenshot.

Work done to enable SSH (port 22)

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<sup>2</sup> NOTE: Be sure to allow access to port 22 (SSH) before you turn the firewall on, else you'll lose access to your VM! If this happens, you'll need to use the VCM interface to reload your VM from scratch and repeat the steps above, losing any data stored on the way.

```
rg239@vcm-7473:~$ sudo apt install ufw
[sudo] password for rg239:
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
ufw is already the newest version (0.35-5).
0 upgraded, 0 newly installed, 0 to remove and 0 not upgraded.
rg239@vcm-7473:~$ sudo emacs /etc/default/ufw
rg239@vcm-7473:~$ sudo ufw default deny incoming
Default incoming policy changed to 'deny'
(be sure to update your rules accordingly)
rg239@vcm-7473:~$ sudo ufw default allow outgoing
Default outgoing policy changed to 'allow'
(be sure to update your rules accordingly)
rg239@vcm-7473:~$ sudo ufw allow ssh
Rules updated
Rules updated (v6)
rg239@vcm-7473:~$ sudo ufw enable
Command may disrupt existing ssh connections. Proceed with operation (y|n)? y
Firewall is active and enabled on system startup
```



This site can't be reached

vcm-7473.vm.duke.edu took too long to respond.

- Go to <http://duke.edu/>
- Search Google for [vcm 7473 duke](#)

ERR\_CONNECTION\_TIMED\_OUT

Connecting...

The web interface cannot be accessed anymore

Now enable web access to port 80. Show how you did so. Confirm your browser is again able to access the VM.

```
rg239@vcm-7473:~$ sudo ufw allow 80
Rule added
Rule added (v6)
```

The browser is able to access the VM again.

Now, arbitrary ports are no longer available for listening. Confirm this by using netcat to listen on port 2000, then from your Kali VM, show that port 2000 is not open.

We can observe that port 2000 is not open anymore.

```
root@kali-vcm-18:~# nmap -sT vcm-7473.vm.duke.edu
Starting Nmap 7.70 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2018-11-17 00:38 EST
Nmap scan report for vcm-7473.vm.duke.edu (152.3.69.160)
Host is up (0.00036s latency).
Not shown: 998 filtered ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
22/tcp    open  ssh
80/tcp    open  http

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 4.53 seconds
```

### Limit privilege (1pt)

Linux by default already does user separation for daemons like the web server. Confirm this by identifying the username of the user running the apache2 processes in ps.

The username is www-data

```
[rg239@vcm-7473:~$ ps aux | grep apache2
root      797   0.0  1.1 335312 21292 ?        Ss   Nov16   0:00 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
www-data 3570   0.0  0.8 340568 16668 ?        S    Nov16   0:00 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
www-data 3571   0.0  0.8 340568 15748 ?        S    Nov16   0:00 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
www-data 3572   0.0  0.8 340568 16020 ?        S    Nov16   0:00 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
www-data 3573   0.0  0.8 340568 15748 ?        S    Nov16   0:00 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
www-data 3574   0.0  0.8 340568 15848 ?        S    Nov16   0:00 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
www-data 3575   0.0  0.8 340568 16020 ?        S    Nov16   0:00 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
www-data 4942   0.0  0.8 340568 15732 ?        S    Nov16   0:00 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
www-data 5713   0.0  0.6 339732 11760 ?        S    00:13   0:00 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
```

Show that this separation is helpful by exploiting the web application to get a shell, then attempting and failing to use sudo to run a command as root.

```
root@kali-vcm-18:~# socat file:`tty`,raw,echo=0 tcp-listen:4444
ls
www-data@vcm-7473:/var/www/html$ ls
index.php logo.png robots.txt
www-data@vcm-7473:/var/www/html$ ls
index.php logo.png robots.txt
www-data@vcm-7473:/var/www/html$ sudo whoami
[sudo] password for www-data:
www-data@vcm-7473:/var/www/html$
```

### Conclusion (1pt)

Did any of the steps above prevent the web-based vulnerability from working?

Nope, it didn't.

What processes above, if any, reduced the severity of impact of the web-based vulnerability?

The enabling of the firewall and the user privilege separation reduced the severity of impact of the web-based vulnerability to an extent.

A host-based intrusion detection system (HIDS) detects brute force attacks, changes to key system files, root-based installation of packages or kernel modules, the opening of newly listening ports, and more. Does triggering a reverse shell fall into any of these categories? As a result, would a HIDS have prevented an attacker from using the web server as a jumping-off point for an attack on the accounting server?

The reverse shell does not fall into any of these categories. Hence, a HIDS would not be able to prevent an attacker from using the web server as jumping-off point for an attack on accounting server.

Given the bleak answers you just gave, why were all the steps above still worth doing? What kinds of attacks *could* they mitigate?

The above countermeasures can protect the system against unauthorized users without proper credentials and prevent direct attacks by limiting access to arbitrary ports with the help of a firewall.

### Question 3: Buffer Overflow (10 points)

This question is highly flexible, so read carefully!

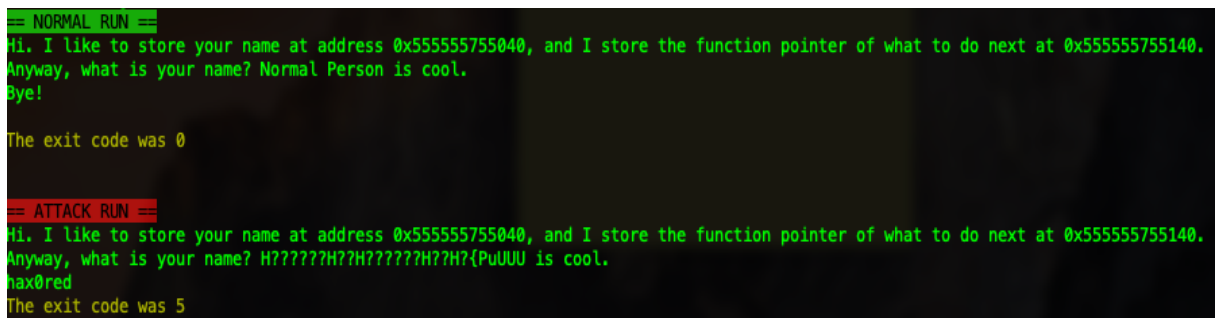
[Here's how to disable ASLR](#). [This article in the highly esteemed blog publication "Fr33k K0mPu73R"](#) explains how to turn off W^X (also known as NX support) at compile time. Note that for the provided vulnerable program, you will probably not need to disable ASLR, as our particular ASLR implementation doesn't affect the global data region, which is what will be exploited.

Here's the base problem:

- Prepare VM: In your Linux VM, install nasm ("sudo apt install nasm").
  - Note: If you want to build an attack for another OS, contact the instructors for permission, which we'll likely give, but you'll be on your own.
- Get set up: Download, extract, and test the [example exploit kit](#).
  - The Makefile is set up to build the vulnerable program with W^X disabled.
  - Read through the vulnerable program "vuln1.c" and the attack script "attack.asm" closely.
  - [Watch this walkthrough video I recorded](#).  
NOTE: This video was recorded for an earlier version of the problem, so there are slight differences, especially:
    - It claims that we need to avoid null bytes in the attack buffer, this is actually not true for a gets() exploit.
    - It claims that we have to turn off ASLR for this attack to work -- it turns out that's not true, as the ASLR implementation on Linux doesn't move the global data region, which is what we're exploiting.
  - The included attack will make the program skip saying "Bye!" and exit with status code 5 instead of the usual 0. Recall that the exit status of a program can be checked by running "echo \$?" after the program exits.
  - Assuming your VM's memory map looks like mine, you should be able to run the attack straight away by executing the including "demo" script. If it doesn't work,

you may need to update the memory location constants in the attack script, re-build, and try again.

- Make exploit: Develop an attack buffer that makes the program print “hax0red”.
  - Note: your \*exploit\* must cause it to say this -- merely having the word “hax0red” appear among the program’s usual “so-and-so is cool” output does not count.
  - You can use any tool you wish to develop the attack buffer, though using the included NASM attack.asm as a starting point is probably easiest.
  - gdb is your friend.
  - If pursuing the extra credit (see below), you may target a program *other than* the provided vulnerable program.
- Hack: Run your attack and paste a screenshot of it succeeding below.



```
== NORMAL RUN ==
Hi. I like to store your name at address 0x555555755040, and I store the function pointer of what to do next at 0x555555755140.
Anyway, what is your name? Normal Person is cool.
Bye!

The exit code was 0

== ATTACK RUN ==
Hi. I like to store your name at address 0x555555755040, and I store the function pointer of what to do next at 0x555555755140.
Anyway, what is your name? H?????H?H?????H?H?{PuUUU is cool.
hax0red
The exit code was 5
```

- Document: Make a file called “readme.txt” that lists all dependencies your attack has (packages needed to be installed, special steps to be taken, including the steps to disable ASLR and W^X)).
- Submit: Gather up \*EVERYTHING\* involved in the attack (readme.txt, the vulnerable program source and binary, the attack source code and attack binary file, and any Makefiles or helper scripts). Zip all of this up and submit it to Sakai as “<NetID>\_attack.zip”.

Here’s some random tips to help you:

- [GDB quick reference card](#).
- [Syscall numbers](#).
- Intel x86 assembly reference:
  - [The giant Intel big book](#): the authoritative source.
  - [Some site](#).
  - [NASM manual](#), including [instruction list](#).
  - Low-level conversions between hex bytes and CPU instructions: [Numeric order](#), [mnemonic order](#).

- You can use “ndisasm -b64 <file>” to do a raw disassembly of your attack buffer, with output in Intel (NASM) syntax.
- You can use “hd <file>” to get a hexdump of it, which is useful when looking for nulls or whitespace bytes that snuck into your attack buffer.



### Extra credit achievements

You may apply any combination of the following achievements to the problem for extra credit. Put an “X” in the brackets and color the whole line **red** for any of these variations that you’re claiming. Then, in your readme, explain in detail how you achieved the goals claimed.

*Note -- there are a lot of unknowns in this program, so the instructor reserves the right to adjust extra credit if there’s some trivial way to get way too many points.*

Extra credit for protections left enabled:

- [ ] (+5) Defeat ASLR: Leave ASLR on and have the vulnerable program store its data in the stack or heap instead of the global region.
- [ ] (+5) Defeat W^X: Leave W^X on.

Extra credit for choice of target:

- [ ] (+2) Custom target: Develop a significantly different sample vulnerable program from scratch. This program must use a different exploitable function instead of gets() (e.g. scanf()) and/or a different kind of control data instead of a function pointer (e.g. a return address).
- [ ] (+2) Server target: Your target program accepts the attack buffer over the network.
- [ ] (+10) Kernel target: Exploit code operating in kernel space instead of user space. In this case, your printing of the message can go to the kernel log or to another creative destination.
- [ ] (+15) Real target: Instead of a toy sample program, attack a real program. The program must have been in significant production at some point in the past 15 years. If you go with this option, your attack must still be completely from scratch -- you can’t just use metasploit or a sample script or something. You must also cite sources in your readme and explain in detail how the vulnerability and your exploit work.
- [ ] (+30) Very real target: Base your attack on a brand-new never-before-published vulnerability in a real program in significant production use. If you go with this option, you must document in detail how the vulnerability was discovered, how your exploit works, and you must submit a report to the software vendor as well as the instructors. This achievement implies “Real target”.
- [ ] (+60) Bragging rights: Awarded if you did the “Very real target” achievement and your discovery of the vulnerability results in the publication of an advisory from an industry-standard source (CVE, NVD, an article in a major vendor knowledge base such as the Microsoft KB, public bug report and patch, etc.). The instructor will also buy you dinner.

Extra credit for payload:

- [ ] (+2) Verbose hacker: If your attack prints more text than just “hax0red”, including multiple newline characters. This can be a challenge since the newline character is the delimiter for gets(), which is used in the sample vulnerable program.
- [ ] (+5) Math hack: If your payload computes and prints the first 100 Fibonacci numbers in addition to the message. Note that the attack must *compute* the numbers, not just print them from memory.
- [ ] (+5) File IO: If your payload causes the program to appear to the user to function normally in every way, except the message you’re printing is saved to a file called “0wned.txt”. (Note the zero in the filename -- this is used to indicate that we are very cool, mature people.)
- [ ] (+10) Reverse shell: If your payload connects out to a TCP host and, upon successful connection, establishes remote control of a /bin/bash shell.
- [ ] (+10) Code reuse: If your payload operates *entirely* on code reuse and does no code injection.
- [ ] (+15) Dr. Bletsch’s dissertation: If your payload operates on code reuse and does no code injection, *and* does not exploit a single ret instruction.

Extra credit wildcard:

- [ ] (+\$1000) Overachiever: If you unlock every extra credit achievement above, I will hand you a thousand dollars.
- [ ] (+?) Wildcard: If you’re doing something else fancy with your attack that you feel is worth more points, pitch it to the instructor. You will need to document this additional feature in your readme file.

#### Question 4: Buffer Overflow Prevention (5 points)

Fix it: Take whatever program you used as your target for the previous problem and fix the vulnerability. Submit the fixed code as “<NetID>\_fixed.zip” to Sakai.

Prove you actually fixed it: Paste a screenshot of the program NOT being exploited by the attack input from the previous question. Note: If a screenshot cannot show the improvement for your particular program, contact the instructor to discuss an alternative form of response.

```

[rg239@vcm-7500:~/exploitreal$ ./demo
make: Nothing to be done for 'all'.
== NORMAL RUN ==
Hi. I like to store your name at address 0x555555755040, and I store the function pointer of what to do next at 0x555555755140.
Anyway, what is your name? Normal Person
    is cool.
Bye!

The exit code was 0

== ATTACK RUN ==
Hi. I like to store your name at address 0x555555755040, and I store the function pointer of what to do next at 0x555555755140.
Anyway, what is your name? H?????H??H?????H??H?{PuUUU is cool.
Bye!

The exit code was 0

```

Prove you didn't make it worse: Paste a screenshot of the program continuing to function correctly under normal input.

```

[rg239@vcm-7500:~/exploitreal$ ./vuln1
Hi. I like to store your name at address 0x555555755040, and I store the function pointer of what to do next at 0x555555755140.
Anyway, what is your name? Rijish
Rijish
    is cool.
Bye!

```

### Question 5: SQL Injection (6 points)

Use a SQL injection attack to login to <http://sqldemo.googz.us/>. This is a simple login page written in PHP and modeled after the many intro-to-PHP guides available online.

*Note: do not modify the database in any way; just use the attack to fool the script into logging you in. Also, this is running on a production web host, so do not use brute force techniques in your attack.*

Paste the username and password you used below.

**Username:** ' or '1'='1','#,81dc9bdb52d04dc20036dbd8313ed055'

**Password:** 1234

Upon successful login, the system will give you a secret code. Paste this code below.

The secret code is 'Some Sharks Typing On A Computer'.



Extra credit +5: Find out jimmy's full name.

Extra credit +5: Find out the actual admin password.

Note: If you wish to use a tool or script to make successful requests in pursuit of the extra credit, email me first. If such a request is granted, you will need to throttle your attack to no more than one request every five (5) seconds. No tool is need to get the main part of the question.

#### Question 6: Countermeasures (4 points)

Many times in security systems administration you will run into the situation of where there is a new vulnerability out with a known exploit yet the vender has not released a patch. However, your vulnerable systems must stay online despite the risks. You should be able to provide some countermeasures for a situation like this. Follow the 3 Layer Security (prevention, detection, response) model when developing your countermeasures.

Consider the following scenario: You are using a licensing service on your Windows server to limit the number of users that can run Matlab. When a user starts Matlab, the program checks

with the license service and if less than 60 people are running Matlab, then it allows the application to start. You have just received a security alert stating there is a buffer overflow vulnerability in this license service. The vendor has not released a patch. The server has no firewall so it could be accessed by anyone. How would you provide the same access but prevent, detect, and/or respond to attacks based on this vulnerability?

Countermeasures to provide the same access but prevent, detect and respond to attacks based on this vulnerability:

- a) Prevent code execution on the stack. We can modify the organization of stack allocated data to include a canary value, which when destroyed by a stack buffer overflow, would show that a buffer preceding it in memory has been overflowed. By verifying the canary value, execution of the affected program can be terminated.
- b) We can enable some form of tagging, making sure that memory allotted for storing data wouldn't contain executable code. Certain areas of the main memory can be marked as non-allocated.
- c) Implement a firewall which only allows trusted users and limit the number of connections to 59. After that, the firewall prevents additional users from connecting. We can check the sizes for incoming packets and reject anything which seem unusual.

#### Question 7: Backups with rsnapshot (6 points)

*NOTE: This question is almost identical to one posed in my Enterprise Storage Architecture course. If you are currently or have been previously enrolled in that course, you may either (a) simply write "I did this in Enterprise Storage Architecture" for full credit, or (b) re-do the procedure from scratch on your Linux VM as described. In any case, you may not re-use material from the other course for this question.*

Let's build an automated backup system. Make an additional Linux VM in Duke VCM. (You should have a free slot to do this because you deleted throw-away Windows VM from the previous assignment.) This new Linux VM will refer to as the Backup Server. The thing we'll be backing up is your pre-existing Linux VM; this is the Backup Client, You can use [this guide](#), and note the following:

- Backup source: We're going to back up your user home directory on the backup client machine. This is /home/<NETID>.
- Backup destination: As root, make a directory /backup.

- SSH keys needed: Because the source and destination are different machines, you'll need to set up SSH keys so that the backup server can *pull* data as needed.
- Frequency: Set up nightly and weekly intervals.
- Automation: You do NOT need to do cron-based automation. Once you have rsnapshot configured, you can just run "rsnapshot nightly" to perform the backup that would happen nightly, and "rsnapshot weekly" to perform the backup that would happen weekly. You can run these commands as often as you wish; there's nothing in the software that actually needs the backups to be done nightly/weekly as opposed to every few dozen seconds (i.e., rsnapshot does not actually care that they're called "nightly" or "weekly").

Provide screenshots or a terminal log of these steps in your writeup.

Provide the relevant portions of rsnapshot.conf.

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```
# All snapshots will be stored under this root directory.
#
snapshot_root    /backup
```

```
#
cmd_cp           /bin/cp

# uncomment this to use the rm program instead of the built-in perl routine.
#
cmd_rm           /bin/rm

# rsync must be enabled for anything to work. This is the only command that
# must be enabled.
#
cmd_rsync        /usr/bin/rsync

# Uncomment this to enable remote ssh backups over rsync.
#
cmd_ssh /usr/bin/ssh

# Comment this out to disable syslog support.
#
cmd_logger       /usr/bin/logger
```

```
#####
#      BACKUP LEVELS / INTERVALS      #
# Must be unique and in ascending order #
# e.g. alpha, beta, gamma, etc.      #
#####

interval      nightly 7
interval      weekly  4
```

```
# LOCALHOST
backup rg239@vcm-7473.vm.duke.edu:/home/      rg239/
#backup /etc/      localhost/
#backup /usr/local/      localhost/
#backup /var/log/rsnapshot      localhost/
#backup /etc/passwd      localhost/
#backup /home/foo/My Documents/      localhost/
#backup /foo/bar/      localhost/      one_fs=1, rsync_short_args=-urltvpo
#backup_script /usr/local/bin/backup_pgsql.sh localhost/postgres/
# You must set linux_lvm_* parameters below before using lvm snapshots
#backup lvm://vg0/xen-home/      lvm-vg0/xen-home/
```

Let's test it. Open one terminal window as root, and another terminal window as the non-root user. Do the following, and for each step, show the process via screenshots or terminal logs. Label or otherwise identify each step you're doing in your screenshot/log.

1. As the user on the backup client, add some content to the user home directory.

```
[rg239@vcm-7473:~$ ls
Collage_of_Nine_Dogs.jpg  content  Mobile.jpg  salmonella-infection-dogs.jpg
rg239@vcm-7473:~$
```

2. As root on the backup server, do several nightly and weekly backups to populate your backups.



```
rg239@vcm-7485:/backup$ ls
nightly.0 nightly.1 nightly.2 nightly.3 nightly.4 nightly.5 nightly.6
rg239@vcm-7485:/backup$
```

```
[rg239@vcm-7485:/backup/nightly.0/rg239/home/rg239$ ls
Collage_of_Nine_Dogs.jpg content Mobile.jpg salmonella-infection-dogs.jpg
rg239@vcm-7485:/backup/nightly.0/rg239/home/rg239$ █
```

```
rg239@vcm-7473:~$ ls
Collage_of_Nine_Dogs.jpg content Mobile.jpg salmonella-infection-dogs.jpg
rg239@vcm-7473:~$
```

3. As the user on the backup client, “corrupt” an important file (overwrite or delete it).

```
[rg239@vcm-7473:~$ ls
Collage_of_Nine_Dogs.jpg content
rg239@vcm-7473:~$
```

Deleted the two files – salmonella-infection-dogs.jpg  
Mobile.jpg

4. As root on the backup server, take another few nightly backups to simulate time passing.

```
rg239@vcm-7485:/backup$ ls
nightly.0 nightly.1 nightly.2 nightly.3 nightly.4 nightly.5 nightly.6
rg239@vcm-7485:/backup$
```

5. Copy the appropriate backup from the backup server to the client’s home directory, thus restoring the damaged file.

```
rg239@vcm-7485:/backup$ scp /backup/nightly.0/rg239/home/rg239/Mobile.jpg rg239@vcm-7473.vm.duke.edu:~/
Mobile.jpg
100% 5730KB 118.9MB/s 00:00
rg239@vcm-7485:/backup$ scp /backup/nightly.0/rg239/home/rg239/salmonella-infection-dogs.jpg rg239@vcm-7473.vm.duke.edu:~/
salmonella-infection-dogs.jpg
100% 49KB 4.4MB/s 00:00
rg239@vcm-7485:/backup$ █
```

```
rg239@vcm-7473:~$ ls
Collage_of_Nine_Dogs.jpg  content  Mobile.jpg
rg239@vcm-7473:~$ ls
Collage_of_Nine_Dogs.jpg  content  Mobile.jpg  salmonella-infection-dogs.jpg
rg239@vcm-7473:~$
```

### Question 8: Run a honeypot and see what you get (8 points)

A honeypot is an intentionally-vulnerable system with monitoring. It is used to see what attackers do when they succeed in a given environment. There are many kinds of honeypots (Windows/RDP, Linux/SSH, etc.). They can be divided into “real environment” (i.e., the attacker is really breaking in, but the system they’re gaining access to is one we don’t care about) versus “simulated environment” (i.e., it looks like the real thing, but every operation is simulated and sandboxed).

#### Setup (4pts)

We’ll be setting up a simulated-environment SSH sandbox called Cowrie, [directions here](#).

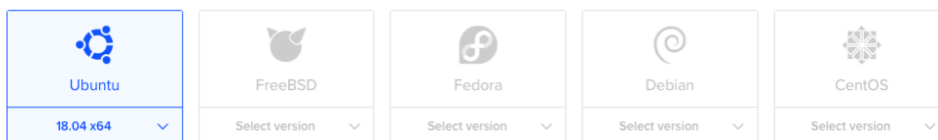
Because Duke IT has a lot of existing automated defenses, for best results, you’ll be installing to the Amazon cloud as an EC2 instance. As far as money goes, you can use the [AWS Free Tier](#) or [the AWS Educate program](#), or just give them the ~\$5 this experiment should cost. You may use another commercial cloud (Linode, Digital Ocean, Azure, etc.) if you wish. You may want to play with what geographic area you place your VM, as this can affect what kind of attacks you see.

Show the steps needed to set up this environment.

- I used Digital Ocean to set up my Ubuntu VM.

Choose an image 

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- I changed the SSH port to 60022.

```
# This is the sshd server system-wide configuration file. See
# sshd_config(5) for more information.

# This sshd was compiled with PATH=/usr/bin:/bin:/usr/sbin:/sbin

# The strategy used for options in the default sshd_config shipped with
# OpenSSH is to specify options with their default value where
# possible, but leave them commented. Uncommented options override the
# default value.

Port 60022
#AddressFamily any
#ListenAddress 0.0.0.0
```

- Run the commands:  
apt update  
sudo apt-get install git python-virtualenv libssl-dev libffi-dev build-essential libpython3-dev python3-minimal authbind [Download Python virtual environment and other dependencies]
- Add a non-root user  
sudo adduser --disabled-password cowrie  
su – cowrie
- Download the program:  
git clone <http://github.com/cowrie/cowrie>
- Create the virtual environment and install packages  
virtualenv --python=python3 cowrie-env  
pip install --upgrade pip  
pip install --upgrade -r requirements.txt  
Configure the Cowrie daemon:  
cp etc/cowrie.cfg.dist cowrie.cfg

- Change Hostname and enable telnet

```
# Hostname for the honeypot. Displayed by the shell prompt of the virtual
# environment
# (default: svr04)
hostname = testserver5
```

```
[telnet]
# Enable Telnet support, disabled by default
enabled = true
```

- Start the cowrie daemon by running the command:  
bin/cowrie start
- Redirect traffic from 22 and 23 to 2222 and 2223 using iptables

```
iptables -t nat -A PREROUTING -p tcp --dport 22 -j REDIRECT --to-port 2222
iptables -t nat -A PREROUTING -p tcp --dport 23 -j REDIRECT --to-port 2223
```

Set up your VM with Cowrie listening on port 22 and the real SSH daemon listening on port 60022. Be sure your cloud's network settings allow access on both ports.

Login to your own honeypot and look around. Can you tell it's simulated?

No, I couldn't tell that it was simulated.

```
Rijishs-Air:~ rijishgangu$ ssh root@206.81.7.176
Password:

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

Debian GNU/Linux comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent
permitted by applicable law.
root@testserver05:~#
```

From outside the honeypot, show that you can find logs of your attempted “intrusion”.

```
2018-11-22T04:31:31.083278+0000 [SSHSservice b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,3,24.60.59.73] login attempt [b'root'/b'asphyxiatel'] succeeded
2018-11-22T04:31:31.083929+0000 [SSHSservice b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,3,24.60.59.73] Initialized emulated server as architecture: linux-x64-lsb
2018-11-22T04:31:31.084317+0000 [SSHSservice b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,3,24.60.59.73] b'root' authenticated with b'keyboard-interactive'
2018-11-22T04:31:31.084561+0000 [SSHSservice b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,3,24.60.59.73] starting service b'ssh-connection'
2018-11-22T04:31:31.140810+0000 [SSHSservice b'ssh-connection' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,3,24.60.59.73] got channel b'session' request
2018-11-22T04:31:31.141229+0000 [SSHSchannel session (0) on SSHService b'ssh-connection' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,3,24.60.59.73] channel open
2018-11-22T04:31:31.141436+0000 [SSHSservice b'ssh-connection' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,3,24.60.59.73] got global b'no-more-sessions@openssh.com' request
2018-11-22T04:31:31.543405+0000 [SSHSchannel session (0) on SSHService b'ssh-connection' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,3,24.60.59.73] pty request: b'xterm-256color' (24, 80, 560, 360)
2018-11-22T04:31:31.543617+0000 [SSHSchannel session (0) on SSHService b'ssh-connection' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,3,24.60.59.73] Terminal Size: 24 80
2018-11-22T04:31:31.544416+0000 [SSHSchannel session (0) on SSHService b'ssh-connection' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,3,24.60.59.73] request_env: b'LANG=b'en_US.UTF-8'
2018-11-22T04:31:31.545055+0000 [SSHSchannel session (0) on SSHService b'ssh-connection' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,3,24.60.59.73] getting shell
2018-11-22T04:31:52.311979+0000 [SSHSchannel session (0) on SSHService b'ssh-connection' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,3,24.60.59.73] CMD: ls
2018-11-22T04:31:52.312677+0000 [SSHSchannel session (0) on SSHService b'ssh-connection' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,3,24.60.59.73] Command found: ls
2018-11-22T04:31:53.561365+0000 [SSHSchannel session (0) on SSHService b'ssh-connection' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,3,24.60.59.73] CMD: clear
2018-11-22T04:31:53.562043+0000 [SSHSchannel session (0) on SSHService b'ssh-connection' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,3,24.60.59.73] Command found: clear
2018-11-22T04:31:53.999478+0000 [SSHSchannel session (0) on SSHService b'ssh-connection' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,3,24.60.59.73] CMD: ls
2018-11-22T04:31:54.000309+0000 [SSHSchannel session (0) on SSHService b'ssh-connection' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,3,24.60.59.73] Command found: ls
```

My public IP address – 24.60.59.73

Once you're happy it's set up well, let it run for at least ~3 days or until you get several attacks logged!

## Results (4pts)

Take a look at what attackers did. How many attacks did you capture? What kinds of things did attackers tend to do?

I captured 433 login attempts.


```
cowrie.json cowrie.json:2018-11-22 cowrie.log cowrie.log:2018-11-22
cowrie@rijish45:~/cowrie/var/log/cowrie$ grep "login attempt" ./cowrie.log | wc -l
433
cowrie@rijish45:~/cowrie/var/log/cowrie$
```

```
2018-11-23T01:13:02.194879+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,200,121.124.124.73] login attempt [b'service'/b'service'] failed
2018-11-23T01:13:08.871867+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,201,121.124.124.73] login attempt [b'ubnt'/b'password'] failed
2018-11-23T01:13:17.538259+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,202,121.124.124.73] login attempt [b'root'/b'welcome'] succeeded
2018-11-23T01:13:22.003885+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,203,121.124.124.73] login attempt [b'root'/b'welcome'] succeeded
2018-11-23T02:45:59.941628+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,212,157.255.51.106] login attempt [b'shipping'/b'shipping'] failed
2018-11-23T02:48:26.445343+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,213,198.50.179.83] login attempt [b'root'/b'BIBI@641508'] succeeded
2018-11-23T03:17:04.127298+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,215,27.72.138.165] login attempt [b'admin'/b'admin'] failed
2018-11-23T05:07:52.401303+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,227,54.38.195.161] login attempt [b'root'/b'Aal23456'] succeeded
2018-11-23T05:18:37.042916+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,230,58.218.92.42] login attempt [b'root'/b'wubao'] succeeded
2018-11-23T05:34:56.200053+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,234,54.39.99.246] login attempt [b'master'/b'Cvtybpa55word'] failed
2018-11-23T05:35:00.104313+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,235,54.39.99.246] login attempt [b'digi-user'/b'12345'] failed
2018-11-23T05:35:04.427890+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,236,54.39.99.246] login attempt [b'postgres'/b'postgres'] failed
2018-11-23T05:35:08.621106+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,237,54.39.99.246] login attempt [b'root'/b'root'] succeeded
2018-11-23T05:35:12.364113+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,238,54.39.99.246] login attempt [b'root'/b'123456'] succeeded
2018-11-23T05:35:16.403414+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,239,54.39.99.246] login attempt [b'digi-user'/b'digi-user'] failed
2018-11-23T05:35:20.195457+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,240,54.39.99.246] login attempt [b'postgres'/b'123456'] failed
2018-11-23T05:35:23.783827+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,241,54.39.99.246] login attempt [b'postgres'/b'Carpediem12345'] failed
2018-11-23T05:35:27.742844+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,242,54.39.99.246] login attempt [b'superman'/b'superman'] failed
2018-11-23T05:35:31.848178+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,243,54.39.99.246] login attempt [b'root'/b'root'] succeeded
2018-11-23T05:35:36.848342+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,244,54.39.99.246] login attempt [b'root'/b't00r'] succeeded
2018-11-23T05:35:39.426485+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,245,54.39.99.246] login attempt [b'vagrant'/b'vagrant'] failed
2018-11-23T05:35:42.868889+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,246,54.39.99.246] login attempt [b'postgres'/b'postgres'] failed
2018-11-23T05:35:46.760261+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,247,54.39.99.246] login attempt [b'git'/b'git'] failed
2018-11-23T05:35:50.495826+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,248,54.39.99.246] login attempt [b'nagios'/b'nagios'] failed
2018-11-23T05:35:54.231607+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,249,54.39.99.246] login attempt [b'minecraft'/b'minecraft'] failed
2018-11-23T05:35:57.944634+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,250,54.39.99.246] login attempt [b'oracle'/b'oracle'] failed
2018-11-23T05:36:01.887773+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,251,54.39.99.246] login attempt [b'linux'/b'linux'] failed
2018-11-23T05:36:05.435463+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,252,54.39.99.246] login attempt [b'test'/b'test'] failed
2018-11-23T05:36:09.310946+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,253,54.39.99.246] login attempt [b'mysql'/b'mysql'] failed
2018-11-23T05:36:13.039662+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,254,54.39.99.246] login attempt [b'hadoop'/b'hadoop'] failed
2018-11-23T05:36:17.215969+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,255,54.39.99.246] login attempt [b'git'/b'git123'] failed
2018-11-23T05:36:21.098063+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,256,54.39.99.246] login attempt [b'admin'/b'admin'] failed
2018-11-23T05:36:25.031749+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,257,54.39.99.246] login attempt [b'minecraft'/b'root'] failed
2018-11-23T05:36:28.684526+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,258,54.39.99.246] login attempt [b'minecraft'/b'minecraft'] failed
2018-11-23T05:36:32.124869+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,259,54.39.99.246] login attempt [b'hdunder'/b'hdunder'] failed
2018-11-23T05:36:35.978403+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,260,54.39.99.246] login attempt [b'minecraft'/b'123456'] failed
2018-11-23T05:36:40.041028+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,261,54.39.99.246] login attempt [b'minecraft'/b'123'] failed
2018-11-23T05:36:43.768774+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,262,54.39.99.246] login attempt [b'hdunder'/b'hdunder'] failed
2018-11-23T05:36:47.153750+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,263,54.39.99.246] login attempt [b'minecraft'/b'minecrafty'] failed
2018-11-23T05:36:50.777863+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,264,54.39.99.246] login attempt [b'test'/b'test123'] failed
2018-11-23T05:36:54.795381+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,265,54.39.99.246] login attempt [b'test'/b'lqaz2wsx'] failed
2018-11-23T05:36:58.687997+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,266,54.39.99.246] login attempt [b'test'/b'lqaz@WSX'] failed
2018-11-23T05:37:02.560302+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,267,54.39.99.246] login attempt [b'test'/b'111111'] failed
2018-11-23T05:37:06.456889+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,268,54.39.99.246] login attempt [b'test'/b'123456'] failed
2018-11-23T05:37:10.452991+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,269,54.39.99.246] login attempt [b'test'/b'1234qwer'] failed
2018-11-23T05:37:14.634255+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,270,54.39.99.246] login attempt [b'test'/b'12345qwert'] failed
2018-11-23T05:37:18.436384+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,271,54.39.99.246] login attempt [b'test'/b'testtest'] failed
2018-11-23T05:37:22.137022+0000 [SSHSERVICE b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,272,54.39.99.246] login attempt [b'test'/b'test1'] failed
```

Pick a particular attack and describe:

Particular successful attack from 54.38.195.161

- The network origin (IP address organization and geolocation)

IP Address	Country	Region	City
54.38.195.161	France 	Hauts-de-France	Roubaix
ISP	Organization	Latitude	Longitude
OVH SAS	Not Available	50.6942	3.1746

- The steps carried out

```

2018-11-23T17:11:48.603280+0000 [HoneyPotSSHTransport,500,54.38.195.161] Remote SSH version: b'SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_7.2p2 Ubuntu-4ubuntu2.4'
2018-11-23T17:11:48.705608+0000 [HoneyPotSSHTransport,500,54.38.195.161] SSH client hash fingerprint: 68e0ba85e1a818f7c49ea3f4b849bd15
2018-11-23T17:11:48.707051+0000 [HoneyPotSSHTransport,500,54.38.195.161] Kex alg, key alg: b'ecdh-sha2-nistp256' b'ssh-rsa'
2018-11-23T17:11:48.707149+0000 [HoneyPotSSHTransport,500,54.38.195.161] outgoing: b'aes128-ctr' b'hmac-sha1' b'none'
2018-11-23T17:11:48.707269+0000 [HoneyPotSSHTransport,500,54.38.195.161] incoming: b'aes128-ctr' b'hmac-sha1' b'none'
2018-11-23T17:11:48.926126+0000 [HoneyPotSSHTransport,500,54.38.195.161] NEW KEYS
2018-11-23T17:11:49.069804+0000 [HoneyPotSSHTransport,500,54.38.195.161] starting service b'ssh-userauth'
2018-11-23T17:11:49.172664+0000 [SSHService b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,500,54.38.195.161] b'root' trying auth b'none'
2018-11-23T17:11:49.172664+0000 [SSHService b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,500,54.38.195.161] b'root' trying auth b'keyboard-interactive'
2018-11-23T17:11:49.379008+0000 [SSHService b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,500,54.38.195.161] Could not read etc/userdb.txt, default database activated
2018-11-23T17:11:49.379353+0000 [SSHService b'ssh-userauth' on HoneyPotSSHTransport,500,54.38.195.161] login attempt [b'root'/b'Aa123456'] succeeded

```

- Does it appear to be automated or manual?

54.38.195.161 (ns3122206.ip-54-38-195.eu)

[Summary](#)
[WHOIS](#)
[Raw Data](#)

### Basic Information

OS	Ubuntu
Network	OVH (FR)
Routing	54.38.0.0/16 via AS16276
Protocols	80/HTTP, 587/SMTP

### 80/HTTP

GET /

Server	Apache httpd 2.4.18
Status Line	403 Forbidden
Page Title	403 Forbidden
GET /	<a href="#">[view page]</a>

### 587/SMTP

Banner Grab and StartTLS Initiation

Server	Exim
Banner	220 ns3122206.ip-54-38-195.eu ESMTP Exim 4.89_1 Tue, 04 Sep 2018 20:50:37 +0200
EHLO	250-ns3122206.ip-54-38-195.eu Hello worker-17.sjf.corp.censys.io [198.108.67.32] 250-SIZE 20971520 250-8BITMIME

### Geographic Location

Country	Poland (PL)
Lat/Long	52.2394, 21.0362
Timezone	Europe/Warsaw

The attack seemed to be manual

- What appears to have been the attacker's goal?

The intruder attempted to connect to the target IP on port 80 but the request was discarded several times.

- If they downloaded file(s), analyze these

No files were downloaded.

#### Question 9: VPN (6 points)

A Virtual Private Network (VPN) allows all network traffic to tunnel to an endpoint and be routed from there, and the tunnel usually encrypts the traffic. This allows a secure way to connect to otherwise private networks, and unlike SSH tunneling, it includes *all* network traffic generated by a client.

VPNs are very commonly deployed. However, there's a lot of cryptography setup and other configuration choices involved in setting up a VPN, and [it's easy to do it in a way that subtly compromises security](#).

[Algo](#) is a set of scripts to automate deployment of a VPN target. Deploy Algo on your Linux VM (or to a cloud-based VM), then configure your personal computer to connect to it.

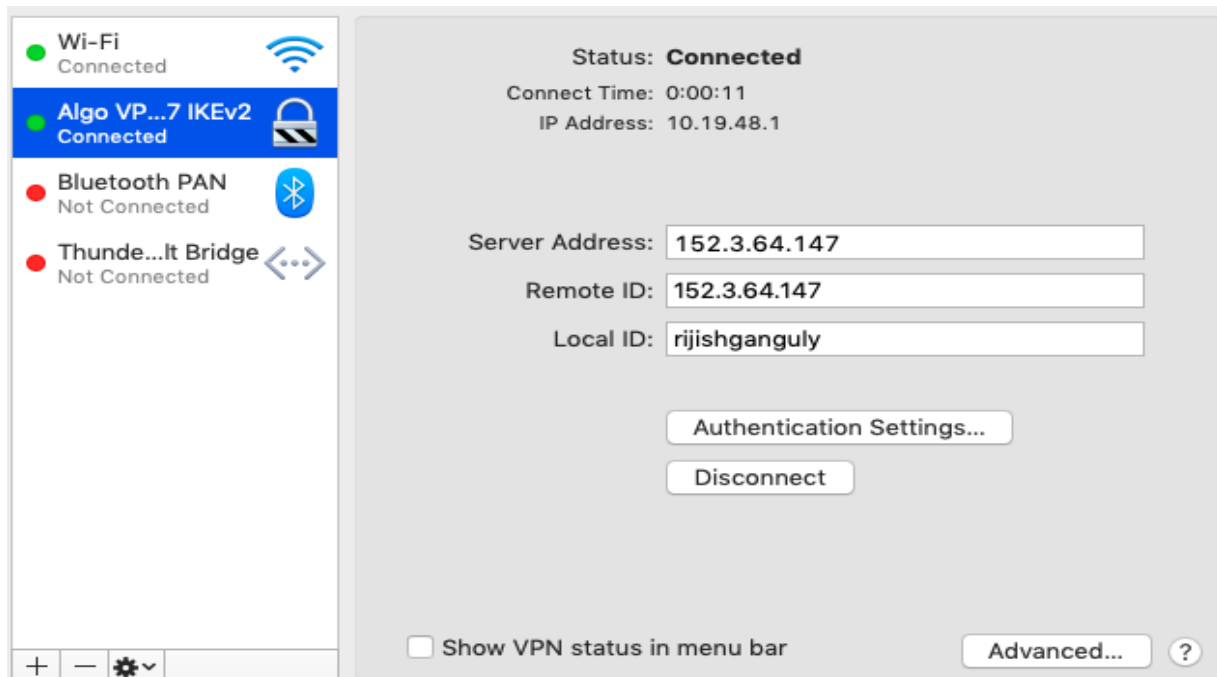
```

TASK [debug] *****
ok: [localhost] => {
  "msg": [
    [
      "\"#           Congratulations!           #\"",
      "\"#           Your Algo server is running.           #\"",
      "\"#   Config files and certificates are in the ./configs/ directory.   #\"",
      "\"#           Go to https://whoer.net/ after connecting           #\"",
      "\"#           and ensure that all your traffic passes through the VPN.   #\"",
      "\"#           Local DNS resolver 172.16.0.1           #\"",
      "\"\"\"
    ],
    "  \"#           The p12 and SSH keys password for new users is dCAeI02h           #\"",
    "  \"#           The CA key password is 629a478c9ecb816661cd49dd2641b32d           #\"",
    "  \"\"\"
  ]
}

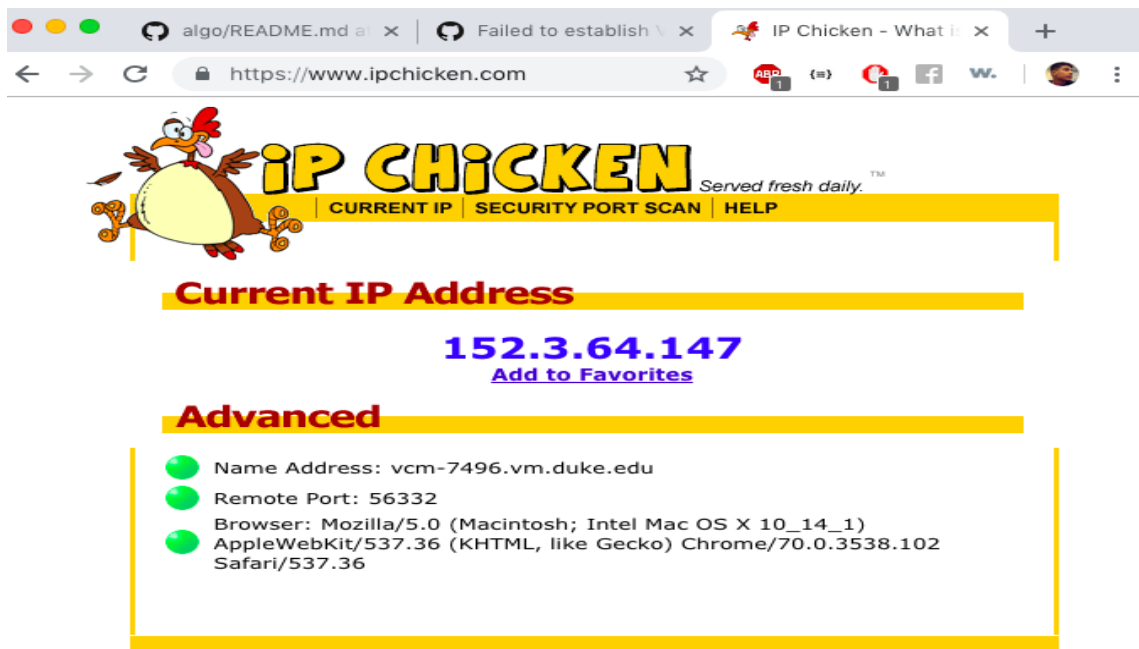
```



Show a screenshot of your personal computer's VPN client software showing the successful connection.



Show a screenshot of a browser on your personal computer visiting an IP address identifier site like IPChicken.com.



#### Question 10: Denial of Service attack using TorsHammer (6 points)

Perform the following steps on your Linux VM.

Download the torshammer.tgz from <https://sourceforge.net/projects/torshammer/>

To launch an attack, use the torshammer.py file and pass the necessary parameters to it.  
# ./torshammer.py

If you haven't already, install the Apache web server on the VM. Attack yourself over the loopback adapter.

Show the output of `netstat` and `ps aux` before versus during an attack.

From another host, use the `time` and `curl` commands a few times roughly gauge the latency of HTTP responses before, during, and after the attack.

- Before attack:  
command:  
**`netstat -aon`**

```

[rg239@vcm-7473:~/Torshammer 1.0$ netstat -aon
Active Internet connections (servers and established)
Proto Recv-Q Send-Q Local Address           Foreign Address         State       Timer
tcp        0      0 127.0.0.53:53           0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN      off (0.00/0/0)
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:22              0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN      off (0.00/0/0)
tcp        0    180 152.3.69.160:22         10.197.90.151:62110     ESTABLISHED on (0.20/0/0)
tcp6       0      0 :::22                   :::*                     LISTEN      off (0.00/0/0)
tcp6       0      0 :::80                    :::*                     LISTEN      off (0.00/0/0)
udp       12288    0 127.0.0.53:53           0.0.0.0:*               off (0.00/0/0)
raw6       0      0 :::58                    :::*                     7           off (0.00/0/0)

Active UNIX domain sockets (servers and established)
Proto RefCnt Flags     Type       State      I-Node   Path
unix   2      [ ]       DGRAM      LISTENING  62793    /run/user/1185763/systemd/notify
unix   2      [ ACC ]   SEQPACKET  LISTENING  16899    /run/udev/control
unix   2      [ ACC ]   STREAM     LISTENING  62796    /run/user/1185763/systemd/private
unix   2      [ ACC ]   STREAM     LISTENING  62800    /run/user/1185763/gnupg/S.gpg-agent.extra
unix   2      [ ACC ]   STREAM     LISTENING  64046    /run/user/1185763/gnupg/S.gpg-agent
unix   2      [ ACC ]   STREAM     LISTENING  64047    /run/user/1185763/gnupg/S.gpg-agent.ssh
unix   2      [ ACC ]   STREAM     LISTENING  64048    /run/user/1185763/gnupg/S.gpg-agent.browser
unix   2      [ ACC ]   STREAM     LISTENING  64049    /run/user/1185763/gnupg/S.dirmgr
unix   2      [ ACC ]   STREAM     LISTENING  20224    @irqbalance656.sock
unix   3      [ ]       DGRAM      LISTENING  16890    /run/systemd/notify
unix   2      [ ACC ]   STREAM     LISTENING  20705    /var/run/dbus/system_bus_socket
unix   2      [ ACC ]   STREAM     LISTENING  20717    /run/uuid/request
unix   2      [ ACC ]   STREAM     LISTENING  16893    /run/systemd/private
unix   2      [ ]       DGRAM      LISTENING  16901    /run/systemd/journal/syslog
unix   2      [ ACC ]   STREAM     LISTENING  16903    /run/lvm/lvmpolld.socket
unix   2      [ ACC ]   STREAM     LISTENING  16905    /run/lvm/lvmstatd.socket
unix   7      [ ]       DGRAM      LISTENING  16913    /run/systemd/journal/dev-log
unix   2      [ ACC ]   STREAM     LISTENING  16915    /run/systemd/journal/stdout
unix   9      [ ]       DGRAM      LISTENING  16917    /run/systemd/journal/socket
unix   2      [ ACC ]   STREAM     LISTENING  20179    /var/run/vmware/guestServicePipe
unix   3      [ ]       STREAM     CONNECTED  64032
unix   2      [ ]       DGRAM      CONNECTED  18643
unix   3      [ ]       STREAM     CONNECTED  17740    /run/systemd/journal/stdout
unix   2      [ ]       DGRAM      CONNECTED  21136
unix   3      [ ]       STREAM     CONNECTED  62766    /run/systemd/journal/stdout
unix   3      [ ]       STREAM     CONNECTED  21142
unix   2      [ ]       DGRAM      CONNECTED  20483
unix   2      [ ]       DGRAM      CONNECTED  64038
unix   3      [ ]       STREAM     CONNECTED  21143    /var/run/dbus/system_bus_socket
unix   3      [ ]       STREAM     CONNECTED  20716
unix   3      [ ]       DGRAM      CONNECTED  62794
unix   3      [ ]       DGRAM      CONNECTED  17762
unix   3      [ ]       STREAM     CONNECTED  20715
unix   3      [ ]       DGRAM      CONNECTED  18299
unix   3      [ ]       DGRAM      CONNECTED  18194
unix   3      [ ]       STREAM     CONNECTED  18303    /run/systemd/journal/stdout
unix   2      [ ]       DGRAM      CONNECTED  18184
unix   3      [ ]       DGRAM      CONNECTED  62795
unix   3      [ ]       STREAM     CONNECTED  21786
unix   3      [ ]       DGRAM      CONNECTED  18193
unix   2      [ ]       DGRAM      CONNECTED  62777
unix   3      [ ]       STREAM     CONNECTED  19259
unix   3      [ ]       STREAM     CONNECTED  60390
unix   3      [ ]       DGRAM      CONNECTED  18195
unix   3      [ ]       STREAM     CONNECTED  20945    /var/run/dbus/system_bus_socket
unix   3      [ ]       DGRAM      CONNECTED  18196
unix   3      [ ]       STREAM     CONNECTED  18182    /run/systemd/journal/stdout

```

- During the attack:

command:  
**netstat -aon**

```

rg239@vcm-7473:~$ netstat -aon
Active Internet connections (servers and established)
Proto Recv-Q Send-Q Local Address           Foreign Address         State       Timer
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.53:53          0.0.0.0:*              LISTEN      off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 0.0.0.0:22            0.0.0.0:*              LISTEN      off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46524        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46956        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46686        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46892        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46576        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46902        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46732        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46898        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46850        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46692        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      690    0 127.0.0.1:46484        127.0.0.1:80           CLOSE_WAIT  off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46818        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46872        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      690    0 127.0.0.1:46518        127.0.0.1:80           CLOSE_WAIT  off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46890        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46648        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46550        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46816        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46594        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46888        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46924        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46562        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46768        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46740        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      690    0 127.0.0.1:46510        127.0.0.1:80           CLOSE_WAIT  off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46748        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46792        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46658        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      690    0 127.0.0.1:46514        127.0.0.1:80           CLOSE_WAIT  off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46822        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46910        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46588        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      690    0 127.0.0.1:46432        127.0.0.1:80           CLOSE_WAIT  off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46814        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46916        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46810        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46852        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46894        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46520        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46536        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46800        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46698        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46930        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46864        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46626        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46750        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46896        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46710        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46808        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46762        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:46752        127.0.0.1:80           ESTABLISHED off (0.00/0/0)

```

- Before attack:

command:  
ps aux

```

www-data  831  0.0  0.5 339756 11280 ?      S   13:42  0:00 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
www-data  832  0.0  0.8 340304 16012 ?      S   13:42  0:00 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
www-data  833  0.0  0.5 339756 11280 ?      S   13:42  0:00 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
www-data  834  0.0  0.5 339764 11280 ?      S   13:42  0:00 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
www-data  835  0.0  0.5 339772 11280 ?      S   13:42  0:00 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
www-data 1610  0.0  0.8 340304 15340 ?      S   13:46  0:00 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
root      5045  0.0  0.0      0      0 ?      I   16:33  0:00 [kworker/0:3]
root      9082  0.0  0.0      0      0 ?      I   17:35  0:00 [kworker/u4:3]
root      9988  0.0  0.3 72296  5864 ?      Ss  18:09  0:00 /usr/sbin/sshd -D
root     10134  0.0  0.0      0      0 ?      I   18:22  0:00 [kworker/u4:0]
root     10136  0.0  0.0      0      0 ?      I   18:24  0:00 [kworker/1:2]
root     10157  0.0  0.0      0      0 ?      I   18:27  0:00 [kworker/u4:2]
root     10220  0.0  0.0      0      0 ?      I   18:29  0:00 [kworker/0:1]
root     10221  0.0  0.4 114356  8016 ?      Ss  18:29  0:00 sshd: rg239 [priv]
rg239    10223  0.0  0.4 76620  7648 ?      Ss  18:29  0:00 /lib/systemd/systemd --user
rg239    10224  0.0  0.1 274672  2460 ?      S   18:29  0:00 (sd-pam)
rg239    10272  0.0  0.2 114356  4764 ?      R   18:29  0:00 sshd: rg239@pts/0
rg239    10273  0.0  0.2 22764  5472 pts/0    Ss  18:29  0:00 -bash
root     10295  0.0  0.0      0      0 ?      I   18:31  0:00 [kworker/1:0]
root     10300  0.0  0.0      0      0 ?      I   18:36  0:00 [kworker/1:1]
rg239    10305  0.0  0.1 39664  3720 pts/0    R+  18:37  0:00 ps aux

```

- After Attack:

command:  
ps aux

[illegible]

### Checking the latency:

Using the command

```
curl -o /dev/null -s -w 'Total: %{time_total}\n' https://www.google.com
```

We can measure the response time of the curl request

Before attack:

```
rg239@vcm-7485:~$ curl -o /dev/null -s -w 'Total: %{time_total}\n' https://www.google.com
Total: 0.099576
rg239@vcm-7485:~$ curl -o /dev/null -s -w 'Total: %{time_total}\n' https://www.google.com
Total: 0.100523
```

During attack:

```
Total: 0.100046
rg239@vcm-7485:~$ curl -o /dev/null -s -w 'Total: %{time_total}\n' https://www.google.com
Total: 0.168376
rg239@vcm-7485:~$ curl -o /dev/null -s -w 'Total: %{time_total}\n' https://www.google.com
Total: 0.099313
```

After attack:

```
Total: 0.101922
rg239@vcm-7485:~$ curl -o /dev/null -s -w 'Total: %{time_total}\n' https://www.google.com
Total: 0.098461
rg239@vcm-7485:~$ curl -o /dev/null -s -w 'Total: %{time_total}\n' https://www.google.com
Total: 0.098000
```

**Resource used:** <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/18215389/how-do-i-measure-request-and-response-times-at-once-using-curl>

#### Question 11: Reading some security literature (5 points)

I've made a few references to the hacking journal [PoC||GTFO](#). This journal does a fantastic job of presenting concrete, real-world feats of security engineering (and you are welcome to either embrace or ignore the church parody overtones). Check it out and pick a substantive article (i.e.,



not one of the sermons, one-pagers, historical ads, poems, etc.). Write a one paragraph summary and a one paragraph reflection on how the work relates to concepts we've learned in class (both foundational, e.g. the CIA model, and technical, e.g. cryptography).

Note: if you like this sort of thing, they sell a gilded, leather-bound print edition: [volume 1](#) and [volume 2](#).

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## **Burning a Phone**

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In this article, the author delves into destroying phones beyond repair using software tricks. The attacks are focused on the arch/arm/mach-msm subsystem and breaking the commonplace NAND Flash and SD Card hardware components. The Linux power regulation framework defines voltage parameters for specific hardware connected to the PCB and the framework regulates PMIC and other control devices to ensure specific hardware is given the correct voltages. The framework directly interacts with both the kernel and the physical PCB. The PCB has some protections against voltage manipulations. Moreover, the kernel, has a robust framework to detect thermal issues ensuring device safety. On the Sony Xperia Z platform, all NAND Flash and all SDCard interactions are controlled by the Qualcomm MSM 7X00A SDCC hardware. By implementing a patch to the kernel, we can increase the voltage supply to the 7X00A from 2.95V to 5.9V. By doing this, we can ensure that voltage pushed to the NAND or SD-Card during read / write operations is well above the defined specification. The internal battery cannot actually deliver 5.9 V. However, the PMIC will try to and what we get as an end result is NAND Flash chip that corrupts nearly every block of storage it attempts to write or read.

According to the CIA triad, System Integrity is defined as the quality that a system has when it performs its intended function in an unimpaired manner, free from unauthorized manipulation of the system and Availability is defined as ensuring timely and reliable access to and use of information. The above attack violates the CIA triad by compromising Availability and System Integrity. The asset here is the Sony Xperia Z. With two small values changed in the code base of the kernel this attack ensures that all persistent data is basically unusable and untrustworthy. There is no possible way to recover from this attack as rebooting makes the situation much worse by corrupting large swaths of the codebase on disk during the read operation.

## Question 12: Wireless Security (5 points)

### Router hardening

Router manufacturer TP-Link has web-based simulators for various model's web interfaces. [This link simulates the “Archer C9” model wireless router](#). This is a real device and can be purchased [here on Amazon](#).

Using the simulator, show and describe in detail 6 different configuration changes you would make to securely set up and harden this type of wireless router. Be sure to describe any relevant assumptions you may be making about the environment in which the device is being set up.

The screenshot shows the WAN Connection Type configuration screen in the TP-Link Archer C9 simulator. At the top, a progress bar indicates the current step is 'WAN Connection Type', with other steps being 'Region and Time zone', 'Wireless Settings', 'Summary', and 'Test Your Connection'. Below the progress bar, there are two tabs: 'Auto Detect' and 'PPPoE'. The 'PPPoE' tab is selected, and a list of radio buttons shows 'PPPoE' as the chosen option. Below the list, a note states: 'Note: If you are not sure which WAN Connection Type you have, use **Auto Detect** or contact your Internet Service Provider (ISP) for assistance.' At the bottom right, there are 'Back' and 'Next' buttons.

WAN Connection Type

Region and Time zone

Wireless Settings

Summary

Test Your Connection

Auto Detect

PPPoE

☐ Dynamic IP

☐ Static IP

☒ PPPoE

☐ L2TP

☐ PPTP

Note: If you are not sure which WAN Connection Type you have, use **Auto Detect** or contact your Internet Service Provider (ISP) for assistance.

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### WAN Connection Type – PPPoE

Setting up the WAN connection type as PPPoE. Point-to-Point Protocol over Ethernet is a specification for connecting multiple computer users on an Ethernet local area network to a remote site through common customer premises equipment. The PPP protocol information is encapsulated within an Ethernet frame.

**WAN Connection Type:**

PPPoE/Russia PPPoE



Detect

**PPPoE Connection:**

**User Name:**

rijish

**Password:**

.....

**Confirm Password:**

.....

**Secondary Connection:**

☒ Disabled ☐ Dynamic IP ☐ Static IP (For Dual Access/Russia PPPoE)

**Wan Connection Mode:**

☐ Connect on Demand

Max Idle Time:  minutes (0 means remain active at all times.)

☒ Connect Automatically

☐ Time-based Connecting

Period of Time: from  :  (HH:MM) to  :  (HH:MM)

☐ Connect Manually

Max Idle Time:  minutes (0 means remain active at all times.)

## Setting up a password and WAN Connection Mode

## PPPoE Advanced Settings

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<b>MTU Size (in bytes):</b>	<input type="text" value="1480"/>	(The default is 1480, do not change unless necessary.)
<b>Service Name:</b>	<input type="text"/>	
<b>AC Name:</b>	<input type="text"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Use IP Address Specified by ISP
<b>ISP Specified IP Address:</b>	<input type="text" value="0.0.0.0"/>	
<b>Detect Online Interval:</b>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	Seconds (0 ~ 120 seconds, the default is 0, 0 means not detecting.)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Use The Following DNS Servers
<b>Primary DNS:</b>	<input type="text"/>	
<b>Secondary DNS:</b>	<input type="text"/>	(Optional)

---

Save

Back

## PPPoE Advanced Settings

## Wireless Settings (2.4GHz)

**Wireless Network Name:**  (Also called the SSID)

**Region:**  ▼

**Warning:** Ensure you select a correct country to conform local law.  
Incorrect settings may cause interference.

**Mode:**  ▼

**Channel Width:**  ▼

**Channel:**  ▼

☒ Enable SSID Broadcast

☐ Enable WDS Bridging

Save

## Wireless Settings 2.4Ghz

### ● WPA/WPA2 - Personal(Recommended)

**Version:**  ▼

**Encryption:**  ▼

**Wireless Password:**

(You can enter ASCII characters between 8 and 63 or Hexadecimal characters between 8 and 64.)

**Group Key Update Period:**  Seconds (Keep it default if you are not sure, minimum is 30, 0 means no update)

## WPA/WPA2 – Personal

WPA2 is currently the most secure choice. I chose AES encryption as it's a worldwide encryption standard that's even been adopted by the US government.

## NAT Boost

Status:

Enabled

Disable

Note: 1. If the NAT Boost is enabled, the router will have the best throughput;

2. If the NAT Boost is disabled, the **Bandwidth Control** can take effect, and it also allows the **statistics data** been collected;

3. We do recommend to enable NAT Boost for the best performance in normal operation.

### Enabling NAT boost

The NAT boost enables the router to have the best throughput.

## Basic Security

### Firewall

SPI Firewall:



Enable



Disable

### VPN

PPTP Passthrough:



Enable



Disable

L2TP Passthrough:



Enable



Disable

IPSec Passthrough:



Enable



Disable

### ALG

FTP ALG:



Enable



Disable

TFTP ALG:



Enable



Disable

H323 ALG:



Enable



Disable

RTSP ALG:



Enable



Disable

Save

### Enabling Firewall

A stateful firewall keeps track of the state of network connections (such as TCP streams or UDP communication) and is able to hold significant attributes of each connection in memory. These

attributes are collectively known as the state of the connection and may include such details as the IP addresses and ports involved in the connection and the sequence numbers of the packets traversing the connection.

## Advanced Security

**Packets Statistics Interval (5 ~ 60):**



Seconds

**DoS Protection:**



Disable



Enable

☒ Enable ICMP-FLOOD Attack Filtering

**ICMP-FLOOD Packets Threshold (5 ~ 3600):**

Packets/Secs

☒ Enable UDP-FLOOD Filtering

**UDP-FLOOD Packets Threshold (5 ~ 3600):**

Packets/Secs

☒ Enable TCP-SYN-FLOOD Attack Filtering

**TCP-SYN-FLOOD Packets Threshold (5 ~ 3600):**

Packets/Secs

☐ Ignore Ping Packet from WAN Port to Router

☒ Forbid Ping Packet from LAN Port to Router

Prevent **DoS** attacks by enabling:

1. ICMP-FLOOD Attack Filtering
2. UDP-FLOOD Filtering
3. TCP-SYN-FLOOD Attack Filtering

## Wireless MAC Filtering

Wireless MAC Filtering:

Disabled

Enable

### Filtering Rules

- ☒ Deny the stations specified by any enabled entries in the list to access.
- ☐ Allow the stations specified by any enabled entries in the list to access.

ID	MAC Address	Status	Description	Modify
1	00-0A-EB-08-C7-65	Enabled	TP-LINK_Test_Device_1	<a href="#">Modify</a> <a href="#">Delete</a>

Add New...

Enable All

Disable All

Delete All

Enabling Wireless MAC Filtering lets us define a list of devices and only these devices can connect on our Wi-Fi network. We configure a list of allowed MAC addresses.

### Additional configuration options

Suppose someone outside the wireless network (WAN) needs to access to a Windows machine (192.168.0.222) inside the wireless network (WLAN) via RDP? What configuration could allow this? Show a screenshot of adding such a configuration. (Note: this simulator won't save settings, so just show the dialog where you've input the settings before clicking 'Save'.)



## Add or Modify a Virtual Server Entry



Service Port:	<input type="text" value="3389"/>	(XX-XX or XX)
Internal Port:	<input type="text" value="3389"/>	(XX, Only valid for single Service Port or leave it blank)
IP Address:	<input type="text" value="192.168.0.222"/>	
Protocol:	<input type="text" value="TCP"/>	▼
Status:	<input type="text" value="Enabled"/>	▼
Common Service Port:	<input type="text" value="--Select One--"/>	▼

Save

Back

### RDP port: 3389

#### Question 13: File permissions (6 points)

From Problem 4.5: UNIX treats file directories in the same fashion as files; that is, both are defined by the same type of data structure, called an inode. As with files, directories include a nine-bit protection string. If care is not taken, this can create access control problems. For example, consider a file with the protection mode 644 (octal) contained in a directory with protection mode 773.

Explain the interpretation of the 9-bit protection string, for both files and directories

```
-rw-r--r--@ 1 rijishganguly staff 8.0K Nov 17 20:34 .DS_Store
-rw-r--r--@ 1 rijishganguly staff 7.6M Nov 15 17:37 13-ids-ips.pdf
-rw-r--r--@ 1 rijishganguly staff 2.6M Nov 20 01:25 14-reverse.pdf
-rw-r--r--@ 1 rijishganguly staff 1.6M Nov 20 01:25 15-wireless.pdf
-rw-r--r--@ 1 rijishganguly staff 4.0M Nov 20 01:25 16-phys-org-audit-legal-
ethical.pdf
-rw-r--r--@ 1 rijishganguly staff 1.2M Nov 20 01:23 17-human.pdf
```

The 9 protection characters can be broken up into 3 triplets ("rw-", "r--", and "r--" for the file reverse.pdf). Each triplet specifies the file protection for a different set of people. The first triplet ("rw-") specifies what the owner of the file may do with the file. The middle triplet ("r--") specifies what users in the same group as the file may do with the file. The last triplet ("r--") specifies what everyone else can do with the file.

Each character in the triplets can be either a letter or a dash ("-"). If the first character in a triplet is an "r", the set of users corresponding to the triplet (owner, group, or world) can read the file. If the second character in a triplet is a "w", the corresponding set of users can write to the file. If

the third character in a triplet is an "x", the corresponding set of users can execute the file. The lack of one of these access privileges is designated by the dash ("-").

```
drwxr-xr-x 18 rijishganguly staff 576B Nov 7 02:09 Extra Lectures
```

Directories are indicated by a "d" in the first character of the protection string. "r" means you can read the contents of the directory. "w" means you can write to the directory. You can create, rename, and remove files contained in the directory (regardless of their individual protections). "x" means you can access files in the directory, subject to their individual permissions.

Explain the meaning of the octal protection string of 644 for a file, and 773 for a directory.

644 for a file means rw-rw-r-- which implies that owner and group can read and write the file, whereas others can only read the file.

773 for a directory means rwxrwx-wx which implies that everyone can access the files in the directory, write to the directory but only the user and group can read the contents of the directory.

Do an experiment: Can non-owner non-group users list the contents of the directory? Can such users create new files in the directory?

The non-owner, non-group users cannot list the contents of the directory. However, they can create new files in the directory, since creating new files require permission to write to the directory ("w").

Consider the ls output below.

```
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 1.6M Sep 25 16:58 gosh.tar.gz
```

Explain in detail what each element this line means.

The -rw-r--r-- suggests that gosh.tar.gz is a file with the owner having read and write permissions. Group and other user have only reading permissions.

1 suggests that number of files within this file.

The user and owner of the file is root.

The group this file belongs to is root.

The file is 1.6 MB in size.

The file was last modified at 16:58 pm

The name of the file is gosh.tar.gz

What command would you use to change the access rights to allow any user to edit the file?

```
chmod u+w,g+w,o+w gosh.tar.gz
```

or

```
chmod a+w gosh.tar.gz
```

What command would you use to take full ownership from root to yourself?

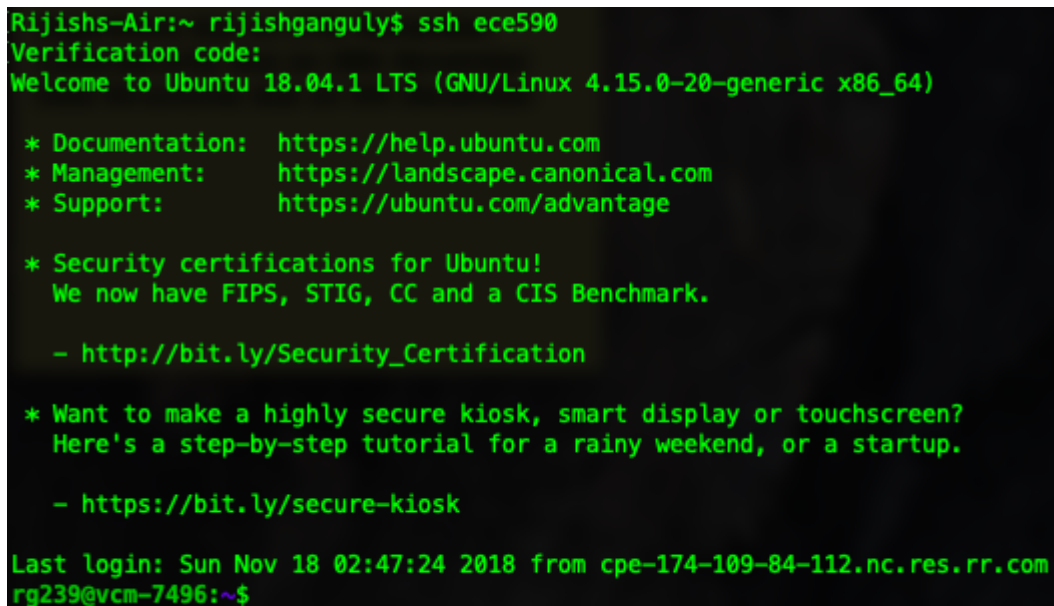
```
sudo chown rijishganguly gosh.tar.gz
```

#### Question 14: SSH with MFA (5 points)

On your Linux VM, you are going to add some extra protections to the SSH server by adding Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) to your account.

Some research will tell you how to do this using Google Authenticator or the desktop app Authy.

Show a screenshot of your SSH login with MFA code.



```
Rijishs-Air:~ rijishganguly$ ssh ece590
Verification code:
Welcome to Ubuntu 18.04.1 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.15.0-20-generic x86_64)

 * Documentation:  https://help.ubuntu.com
 * Management:    https://landscape.canonical.com
 * Support:       https://ubuntu.com/advantage

 * Security certifications for Ubuntu!
   We now have FIPS, STIG, CC and a CIS Benchmark.

   - http://bit.ly/Security_Certification

 * Want to make a highly secure kiosk, smart display or touchscreen?
   Here's a step-by-step tutorial for a rainy weekend, or a startup.

   - https://bit.ly/secure-kiosk

Last login: Sun Nov 18 02:47:24 2018 from cpe-174-109-84-112.nc.res.rr.com
rg239@vcm-7496:~$
```



Google Authenticator code

### Question 15: Decrypting SSL/TLS Traffic with Wireshark and Session Keys (5 points)

Follow [this guide](#) to decrypt some SSL/TLS traffic on your Windows VM. You will need to install Wireshark and Firefox. After setting up the necessary configuration of with environment variables and Wireshark, do the following.

Capture some SSL traffic and show the encrypted and decrypted traffic.

1094	11.982236	52.10.130.148	67.159.88.70	TLSv1.2	264 Application Data
1095	11.987806	67.159.88.70	208.80.154.224	TLSv1.2	139 Client Key Exchange, Change Cipher Spec, Finished
1096	11.989156	174.109.84.112	67.159.88.70	TLSv1.2	127 Application Data
1097	11.989157	174.109.84.112	67.159.88.70	TLSv1.2	127 Application Data
1099	11.995177	67.159.88.70	174.109.84.112	TLSv1.2	714 Application Data
1102	12.001293	174.109.84.112	67.159.88.70	TLSv1.2	127 Application Data
1103	12.001414	174.109.84.112	67.159.88.70	TLSv1.2	127 Application Data
1105	12.014633	208.80.154.224	67.159.88.70	TLSv1.2	97 Change Cipher Spec, Finished
1106	12.014733	208.80.154.224	67.159.88.70	HTTP2	115 SETTINGS[0], WINDOW_UPDATE[0]
1108	12.019749	67.159.88.70	208.80.154.224	HTTP2	223 Magic, SETTINGS[0], WINDOW_UPDATE[0], PRIORITY[3], PRIOR

Checksum: 0x0786 [unverified]	
[Checksum Status: Unverified]	
Urgent pointer: 0	
>	[SEQ/ACK analysis]
>	[Timestamps]
TCP payload (85 bytes)	
>	Secure Sockets Layer

0010	00 7d 7d 59 40 00 80 06	00 00 43 9f 58 46 d0 50	}}Y@...C·XF·P
0020	9a e0 c9 4e 01 bb a2 62	37 82 a6 b0 ab 7f 50 18	...N...b 7.....P·
0030	04 02 07 86 00 00 16 03	03 00 25 10 00 00 21 20	.....%...!
0040	32 48 fe 70 de 90 3b 29	84 6e 2b eb ba a1 ad b3	2H·p·;·)·n+.....
0050	5d 89 0d 35 80 11 34 ae	37 dd ad 01 1d 83 5b 4b	]·5·4· 7·...[K
0060	14 03 03 00 01 01 16 03	03 00 20 75 18 cb 3a 8a	.....u·...·
0070	74 d9 87 ca 28 f7 08 5f	42 1b ee f8 71 96 31 60	t·...·B·...q·1`
0080	b4 04 17 c8 11 a4 4f 2e	7e 13 e7	.....0·...~

Frame (139 bytes)	Decrypted SSL (16 bytes)
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1090	11.969322	208.80.154.224	67.159.88.70	TLSv1.2	1062 Certificate Status, Server Key Exchange, Server Hello Done
1094	11.982236	52.10.130.148	67.159.88.70	TLSv1.2	264 Application Data
1095	11.987806	67.159.88.70	208.80.154.224	TLSv1.2	139 Client Key Exchange, Change Cipher Spec, Finished
1096	11.989156	174.109.84.112	67.159.88.70	TLSv1.2	127 Application Data
1097	11.989157	174.109.84.112	67.159.88.70	TLSv1.2	127 Application Data
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Checksum: 0x0786 [unverified]  
[Checksum Status: Unverified]  
Urgent pointer: 0  
> [SEQ/ACK analysis]  
> [Timestamps]  
TCP payload (85 bytes)  
Secure Sockets Layer

00 14 00 00 0c 4d c8 d9 9a 36 99 ea 57 90 c8 69 bf ...M... 6..W..i.

ame (139 bytes)    Decrypted SSL (16 bytes)

Try to show a decrypt password that would be used to log in to a “secure” website.

6042	20.019590	67.159.88.70	45.79.151.246	HTTP	665 GET /login HTTP/1.1
6058	20.071897	45.79.151.246	67.159.88.70	HTTP	599 HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
7975	35.795370	67.159.88.70	45.79.151.246	HTTP	775 POST /login HTTP/1.1 (application/json)
8065	36.002355	45.79.151.246	67.159.88.70	HTTP	896 HTTP/1.1 200 OK (application/json)
8089	36.027014	67.159.88.70	45.79.151.246	HTTP	670 GET /project HTTP/1.1
8166	36.212883	45.79.151.246	67.159.88.70	HTTP	381 HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
8355	36.734821	67.159.88.70	45.79.151.246	HTTP	798 POST /event/loads_v2_dash HTTP/1.1 (application/json)
8364	36.779842	45.79.151.246	67.159.88.70	HTTP	919 HTTP/1.1 204 No Content
8423	37.007411	67.159.88.70	45.79.151.246	HTTP	616 GET /user/emails HTTP/1.1
8424	37.009856	67.159.88.70	45.79.151.246	HTTP	616 GET /user/emails HTTP/1.1
8457	37.123904	45.79.151.246	67.159.88.70	HTTP	1237 HTTP/1.1 200 OK (application/json)

File Data: 98 bytes  
JavaScript Object Notation: application/json  
Object  
> Member Key: \_csrf  
> Member Key: email  
> Member Key: password

0240 36 38 37 30 39 36 3b 20 5f 67 61 74 3d 31 0d 0a 687096; \_gat=1...  
0250 0d 0a 7b 22 5f 63 73 72 66 22 3a 22 6e 62 76 74 ..{"\_csrf f":"nbvt  
0260 64 63 63 6e 2d 33 38 36 68 70 4d 4b 2d 44 56 51 dccn-386 hpMK-DVQ  
0270 52 4a 78 4d 70 34 57 6a 53 57 54 6f 4c 42 69 4d RJxMp4Wj SWToLBiM  
0280 22 2c 22 65 6d 61 69 6c 22 3a 22 72 69 6a 69 73 ", "email ":"rijis  
0290 68 34 35 40 62 75 2e 65 64 75 22 2c 22 70 61 73 h45@bu.e du", "pas  
02a0 73 77 6f 72 64 22 3a 22 48 41 64 6f 75 6b 65 6e sword":" HAdouken  
02b0 31 2a 22 7d 1\*"}

Website – Overleaf.com

Show a sample from the session key file you set up as well.

```
# SSL/TLS secrets log file, generated by NSS
CLIENT_HANDSHAKE_TRAFFIC_SECRET e28d3efcf84daa2f6144d86a4c78cfe5d6ec539a3457f1c7103f746c37733b10
558476bf683005beff0c6d012f477bee03c83bb1b910f05f07b8974d9bd7a69c
SERVER_HANDSHAKE_TRAFFIC_SECRET e28d3efcf84daa2f6144d86a4c78cfe5d6ec539a3457f1c7103f746c37733b10
75a0fc050d7af6c586677dcd749ee63593522dda1218958b9363b34222f6064a
CLIENT_TRAFFIC_SECRET_0 e28d3efcf84daa2f6144d86a4c78cfe5d6ec539a3457f1c7103f746c37733b10
0b900e78a0d3f9ba67e04d0ab891ae5edbdfe34affe4378a6d4c95fae6ce24ba
SERVER_TRAFFIC_SECRET_0 e28d3efcf84daa2f6144d86a4c78cfe5d6ec539a3457f1c7103f746c37733b10
49b9dec97fe7aea6213b7d2773cf7c921802ecfcea37d48aa8ba1a895670e70
EXPORTER_SECRET e28d3efcf84daa2f6144d86a4c78cfe5d6ec539a3457f1c7103f746c37733b10 3f02f562705067198db57c7a48c24fa92fd13c5846ee8539d5abc0dea506b1af
CLIENT_HANDSHAKE_TRAFFIC_SECRET db5cdcaad3767a2970ac4eb74a482ed00cff2f0264db211082c3fb3f334f1787c
ce70d29087a53143a79d6727dad9f3ab8d22bbc7650071d6dfb961613fd8e60e
SERVER_HANDSHAKE_TRAFFIC_SECRET db5cdcaad3767a2970ac4eb74a482ed00cff2f0264db211082c3fb3f334f1787c
37acd379216ca670c88ccc82c5ce3d46b7757417f1e51b8bd31ad6e0ed3cac64
CLIENT_TRAFFIC_SECRET_0 db5cdcaad3767a2970ac4eb74a482ed00cff2f0264db211082c3fb3f334f1787c
59a71384671df6feb581fc42f8071cb03d76e6084facf204cc261beed1c94d79
SERVER_TRAFFIC_SECRET_0 db5cdcaad3767a2970ac4eb74a482ed00cff2f0264db211082c3fb3f334f1787c
9d9b8a0e51d841ac270258d8fa72c51347554ca6da55a3bbe5ed3bc0559da26e
EXPORTER_SECRET db5cdcaad3767a2970ac4eb74a482ed00cff2f0264db211082c3fb3f334f1787c eef70da4f6e65b40f76d75155aa69227b9c0462889556dae885b3bd5e1f4728c
CLIENT_RANDOM 8382ad83a542c61529b7487f865622821ae78ebf346e4657fba4159748b71d9d
1e80b414e186dfe332ecdffca652ce5175e2e19368d40f5551c94adf1f9fec68fd0ebff3411315c2a35287bccac0bc28f
CLIENT_RANDOM 927e06071b74b70e69dfe4e28a61bd84f9b72160114061132d74ff1d98c52c78
f236a9a5bb5ec7979f122596e6bf98cdfbd1a188418336f7157094c9afbff275be87ebcf7ec76ae6f579ee04ff2c5
CLIENT_RANDOM 40b0edda4fe38d8822bf359c605768c35f014f4289ffe934fd26986c0c827042
7025a70b6147b8a22ebb1972280910fc105675f5dcd7883c89511f44f78fb7cb132e2bf7a1d0ad3d415474af6744a37b
CLIENT_RANDOM 0f3ce50c68829e0a8a8268616be9697a829367aebb7e4515454b97ffa7ce5829
e5927f5124781bbcb7aa0540f0631738302ff3f010253ab13e20b3e16f16d79e2680a3edcc7ee0aa71f4edb01eb4b53a2
CLIENT_RANDOM 537e54bfbd17304c0996e2dbb417982087bf177fbab105e1f61c6dbd823d1
9dc34ac45f4528e684ffce9154625fb95cf75fb683f62b963155288fafc2ad283413c638f1583084488cbddedc751ca7
CLIENT_RANDOM a831cdcd199f5cc2747f1cabff2cc291e0bd411d3ffe45e8f61a2c762e917e47
ce94c8b014246038758a1e924f97e8246893f0cf51c31864425e374e3aa6ebdf02301f6e31719757e78746f660bc96c0
```

Note: Do not show us anything *actually* sensitive or important to you!

## Question 16: Reverse Engineering (6 points)

Download this Linux binary called [saltymd5](#). It is a program in the same tradition as the autograders from homeworks 2 and 3 -- it hashes a “secret salt” (which we now know is actually an HMAC key) plus the content of a provided file using the MD5 algorithm.

Use the tools of your choice to determine what the HMAC key is. Here is an example of how to check your answer:

```
$ (echo -n MyGuessOfWhatTheSaltIs ; cat somefile) | md5sum -
d451ed8c5d854d7f014d107756fa259a -
$ ./saltymd5 somefile
0059a25e8f40099235e1e6335df0c9bd somefile
```

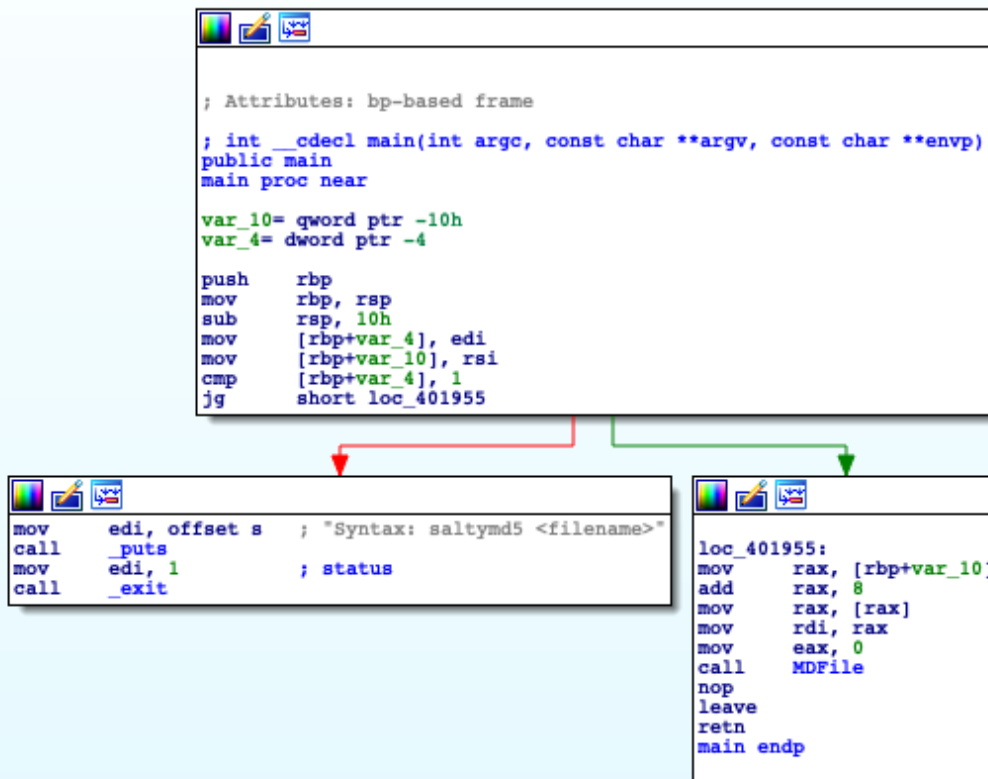
When you prepend the correct HMAC key to the input, regular old md5sum will give the same output as saltymd5. The hashes above don't match, so "MyGuessOfWhatTheSaltIs" isn't the correct HMAC key.

What is the HMAC key ("secret salt")? Show how you obtained your answer.

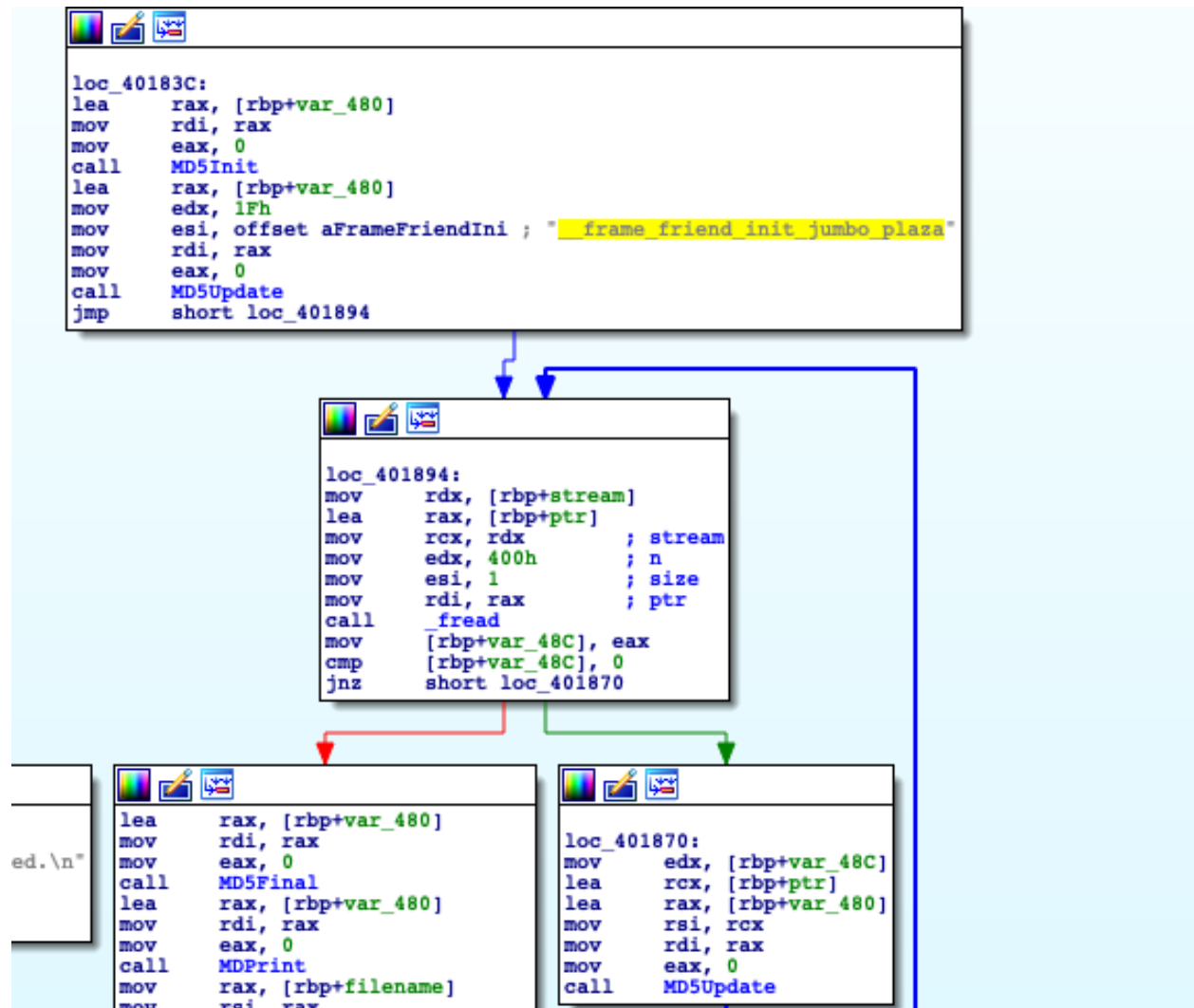
The HMAC key is `__frame_friend_init_jumbo_plaza`

```
[rg239@vcm-7500:~$ (echo -n '__frame_friend_init_jumbo_plaza'; cat text.txt) | md5sum -
44d78bb5ae76edab0a245832645ddbcb -
[rg239@vcm-7500:~$ ./saltymd5 text.txt
44d78bb5ae76edab0a245832645ddbcb text.txt
[rg239@vcm-7500:~$ █
```

I disassembled the binary using IDA Pro and started analyzing the program flow. In the main function, we see a function call- MDFile



When we analyze the MDFile function, we can observe that there is a loop in action which helps in traversing over the entire content of the file. The HMAC key is stored as offset aFrameFriendIni in the register rsi and gets prepended to the content of the file before the MD5 hash is applied.



HINT: The free version of IDA Pro can make quick work of this problem.



### Question 17: Social Engineering (5 points)

It is common for people to use URL shorteners to make long URLs easier to remember and to fit them in limited space, such as a tweet or QR code. A URL shortener is a simple service that takes a URL and gives an alias which, when visited, will redirect to the original URL.

At the same time, a common step in social engineering is to get a target to visit a URL. This could be to infect them with some form of malware, but most often it's just a simple and innocuous way to get the target's IP address and basic browser/OS details.

In this question, you will use a URL shortening service we have provided, and you will be able to login to create shortened URLs and see the IP addresses and User Agent strings of visitors to the URLs you create. You will induce someone you know to visit a shortened URL of your creation, and note the IP address and browser details in a screenshot.

**Important note:** You must follow the procedure below in order to complete this question within the bounds of the ethics agreement to which you have agreed.

#### Requirements:

- Choice of target: You must already know the “target” (the person who you’re inducing to visit the URL), but they may not be another student enrolled in this course. The system the target is using must not be especially sensitive (e.g. a corporate-owned workstation, point of sale system, etc.).
- Duty to disclose: You must disclose that you are enrolled in a computer security course and want to show them a security demo, and that they are under no obligation to participate. You must indicate that no data loss or unauthorized access to their system will be incurred from this procedure if they participate. Lastly, when the interaction is complete (whether they visited the URL or not), you must disclose the entire nature of the exercise to them, including any data that was or would have been revealed. Further, ensure the target understands that this information is automatically disclosed to every website they visit, and does not by itself constitute a threat.
- Use of the URL shortener: When you create a shortened URL, do not use a private or sensitive destination URL, or a URL that contains objectionable content. Do not modify or interfere with other URL aliases that have been created.

- Go no further: Despite it being basically public data, you must not use the information obtained in any way other than to disclose it to the target and produce it below in this assignment.
- *DON'T SCREW UP: IN GENERAL, YOU MUST USE GOOD JUDGMENT IN KEEPING WITH THE ETHICAL STANDARDS SET FORTH FOR THE COURSE!*

A URL redirect service has been set up for your use at <http://googz.us/>. When you visit that URL, you will be redirected to the admin panel for Your Own URL Shortener (YOURLS), a web-based package used to create a URL shortener service. The username is “student” with the password “sec@590”. Once you login, you can create URL aliases. I recommend you point your URL alias at something relevant to security, so that when the target arrives there, it is not obvious that the act of visiting the URL was itself the goal.



Also, YOURLS will generate alphanumerically aliases starting from ‘1’ and incrementing in base-36, meaning that by default you’ll have a URL like “googz.us/c”. To create a more realistic short URL, choose an alias manually and have it be 5 to 7 random alphanumerics, such as “googz.us/8gf3sf”.

YOURLS identifies clients as they use the service, but this information is summarized statistically rather than provided in full. Instead, to see who has visited what URL, you can view the site’s HTTP access log here: <http://googz.us/accesslog.php>. From the log, you can find the request for the shortened URL that you created that was accessed by the target.

When you have succeeded, paste the IP address and user agent obtained below.

```
174.109.84.112 - - [19/Nov/2018:16:49:30 -0800] "GET /k HTTP/1.1" 301 341 "-"
"Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like
Gecko) Chrome/64.0.3282.140 Safari/537.36 Edge/17.17134"
```

Use a [User Agent analyzer](#) to determine their exact OS and browser version, show your findings below.

Edge 17.17134	
<b>Mozilla</b>	MozillaProductSlice. Claims to be a Mozilla based user agent, which is only true for Gecko browsers like Firefox and Netscape. For all other user agents it means 'Mozilla-compatible'. In modern browsers, this is only used for historical reasons. It has no real meaning anymore
<b>5.0</b>	Mozilla version
<b>Windows NT 10.0</b>	Operating System:  Windows 10
<b>Win64</b>	(Win32 for 64-Bit-Windows) API implemented on 64-bit platforms of the Windows architecture - currently AMD64 and IA64
<b>x64</b>	64-bit windows version
<b>AppleWebKit</b>	The Web Kit provides a set of core classes to display web content in windows
<b>537.36</b>	Web Kit build
<b>KHTML</b>	Open Source HTML layout engine developed by the KDE project
<b>like Gecko</b>	like Gecko...
<b>Chrome</b>	Based on Chrome
<b>64.0.3282.140</b>	Chrome version 64.0.3282.140
<b>Safari</b>	Based on Safari
<b>537.36</b>	Safari version 537.36
<b>Edge</b>	Name :  Edge
<b>17.17134</b>	Edge version

Describe how your social interaction went. How suspicious was the target to visit the URL despite your assurances?

Initially, despite my assurance, the target was reluctant to visit the link. However, after showing him the instructions for this question, he agreed to visit the link.

Without attempting to do so, describe how an attacker could induce a stranger to visit such a link, especially a stranger in a corporate or other firewalled environment. What strategies could help an attacker be successful in this pursuit?

An attacker can induce a stranger to visit such a link by creating a custom link with the organization name included within the link. Suppose an employee works at Fidelity Investments. I can create a link such as <http://googz.us/fidelityorg>  
Creating a link with extension names of a reputable organization might increase the chance of the stranger clicking the link.