# PENETRATION TESTING REPORT

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## Executive Summary

To conduct a penetration test in order to determine different vulnerabilities and performing other penetration tasks and determining the exposure to various attacks. All activities performed with goals of:

- Performing an external vulnerability assessment in windows 10 VM-A1
- Gaining root access.
- Cracking a high value file present in windows 10 VM-A1
- Calculating the time used to crack high value file.

Attacks were performed on the system that could allow a remote user to gain unauthorized access with able to further exploiting it by creating backdoors and getting access to other high value files. All the tests performed and actions being conducted under controlled conditions.

## Summary of Results:

Different penetration tests performed on given Windows 10 VM-A1 resulted in findings of different loopholes and vulnerabilities in the system. Passwords used in the Windows 10 VM-A1 are very easy to break even the user accounts passwords are without any special characters.

External Vulnerability assessment performed with the Nessus provides the detail that system is prone to the Man-in the middle attack because there is no requirement to signing when using SMB server. A remote user can take the advantage of unauthenticated SMB server.

On examining the user accounts of existing user accounts were bypassed through booting it with live Linux disk. High value or the secured files present in the system are less secured with taking a very few iteration can be cracked.

## Top 3 issues:

1. SSL Self Signed Certificate.
2. Opened ports in the system.
3. SMB signing disabled.

### 1. SSL Self Signed Certificate:

Vulnerability assessment is done with Nessus tool under this vulnerability main risk is for the client side. It happens when the client accepts a certificate which is not issued by the any of the trusted Certified Authority (CA). Hence it is really unsafe using SSL self-signed certificates unless:

- Each and every connection between server and system is controlled by the admin manually.
- Proper checking of the key is required.

Severity: Medium

### 2. Opened Ports on the system:

Ports opened in the system are an open invitation to the cyber-attacks like Denial of Service or Distributed Denial of services and other specific attacks which can be done like FTP and HTTP. Even having a proper discard mechanisms for opened ports is not enough to prevent the attacks. Following ports were found opened:

- Port 139: Port 139 is used for the NetBIOS in WAN. IT's a dangerous port because it provides access to the hard disk of the system to the attackers and can provide critical information about
    - Computer's Name.
    - IP addresses.
    - List of NetBIOS names.
- Port 135
- Port 369
- Port 6602

### 3. SMB signing disabled:

No signing is required for SMB hence a remote attacker can use this to exploit and perform Man in the middle attacks and can gain unauthorized access to the system.

## Summary of Techniques used:

- For external vulnerability assessment of VM-A1 Nessus tool is used in Kali.
- For scanning ports NMAP is used.
- For cracking password John the ripper and dictionary attacks are used.
- Metasploits and meterpreter techniques are used to gain access to the admin account and for the remote connections.
- Live kali bootable disk is used in forensic mode to bypass user authentication.
- Exploits are used like reverse_tcp.
- Commands used
    - Aircrack
    - Msfconsole
    - Exploit
    - Aireplay
    - John
    - Rdesktop
    - Net user
- Editing registry through command line using different commands.

## List of Findings:

- SMB signing disabled.
- Opened ports.
- SSL self-signed certificates.
- Terminal Services doesn't use Network Level Authentication (NLA) only.
- Passwords are weak. No proper password criteria is implemented.
- SSL medium cipher strengths are used.

## Recommendations / Remediation:

- Various bugs are found in SMB and SSL. These are highly critical issues and can lead to various cyber-attacks like Man in middle and Denial of service (DOS) attacks so it should be considered and updated immediately.
- Passwords criteria should be followed.

## Severity Ratings:

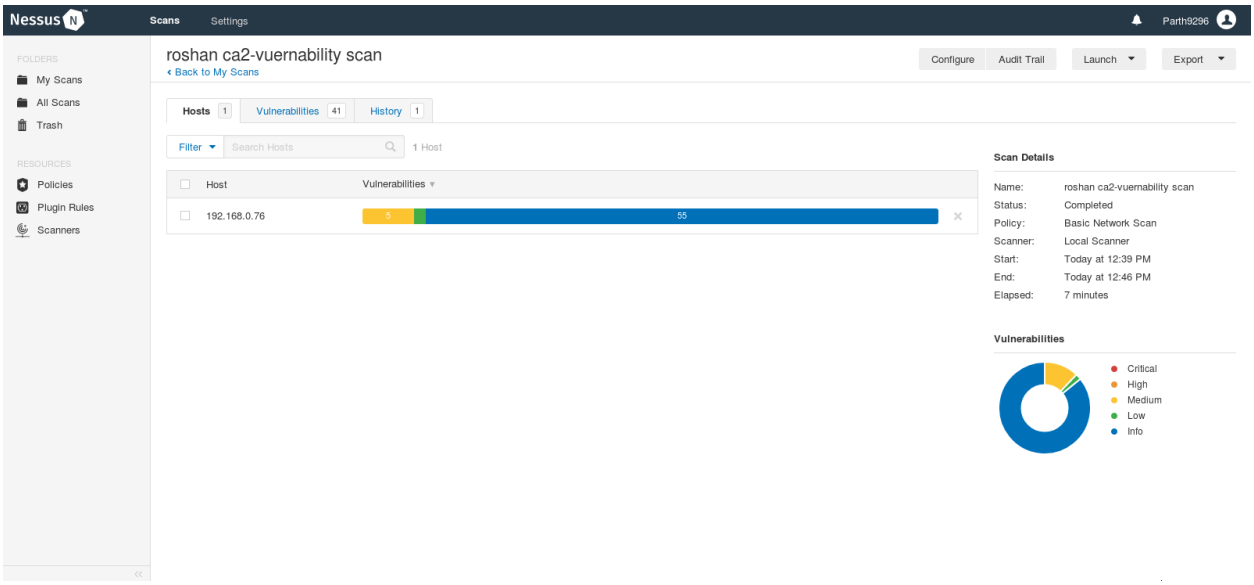
Assessment of this report is medium when VM-A1 tested with Nessus found 5 vulnerabilities which are of medium severity these are:

- SMB signing disabled.
- SSL self-signed certificates.
- SSL medium cipher strengths are used.
- Terminal doesn't use Network Level Authentication (NLA) only.

# Appendix 3

## Part 3.1

Screenshot 1:

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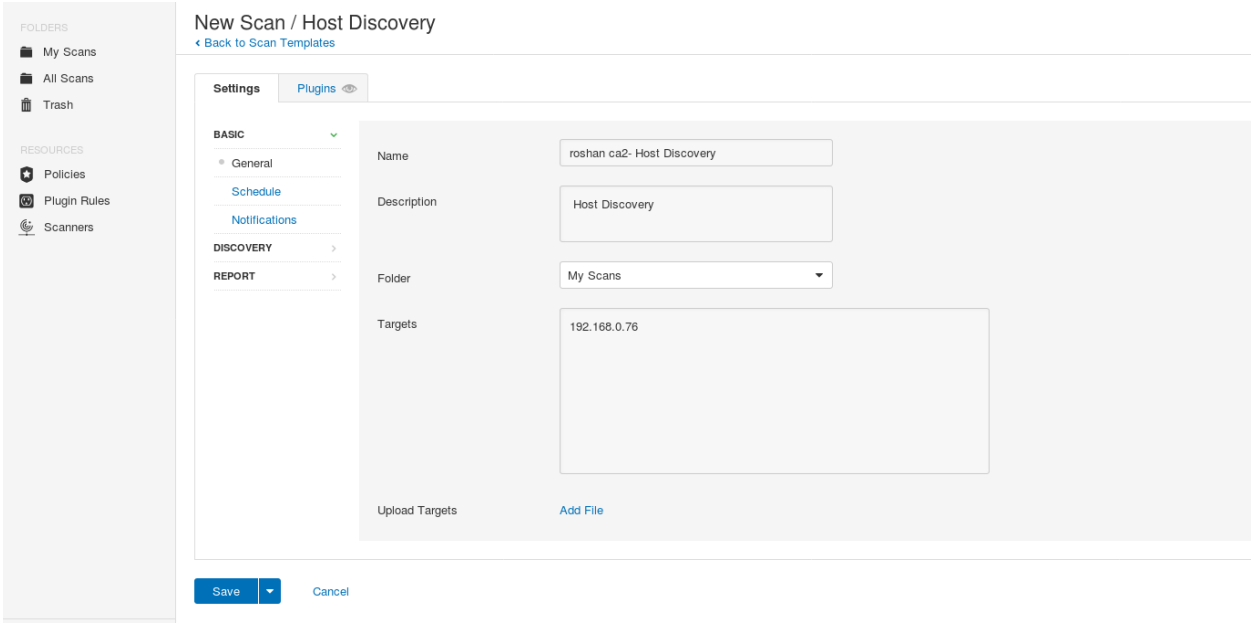


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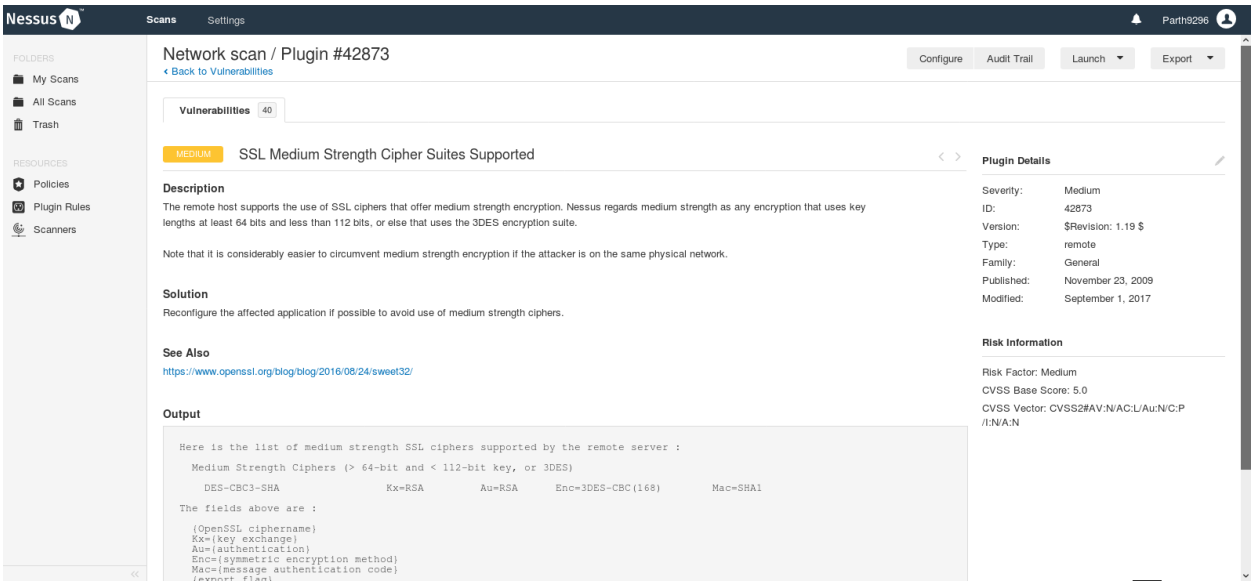


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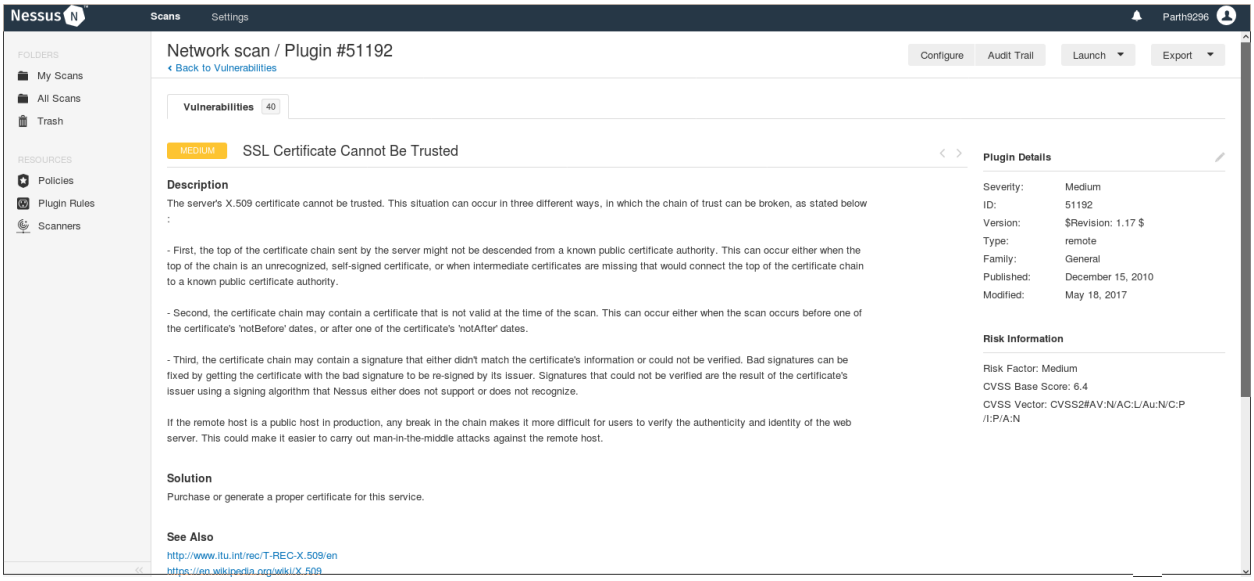

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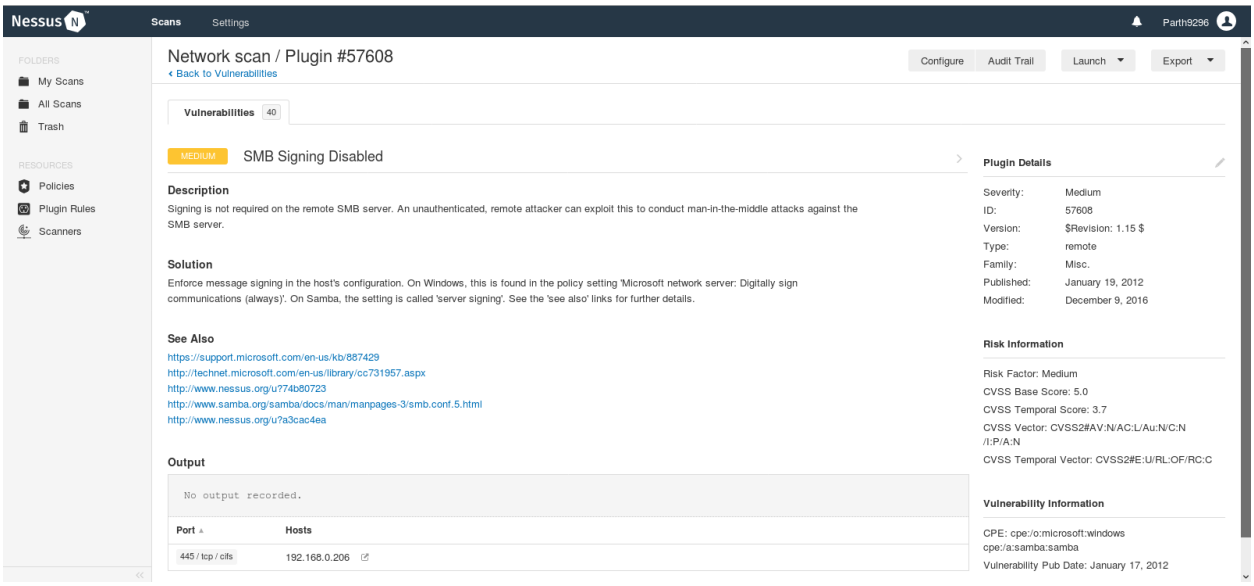


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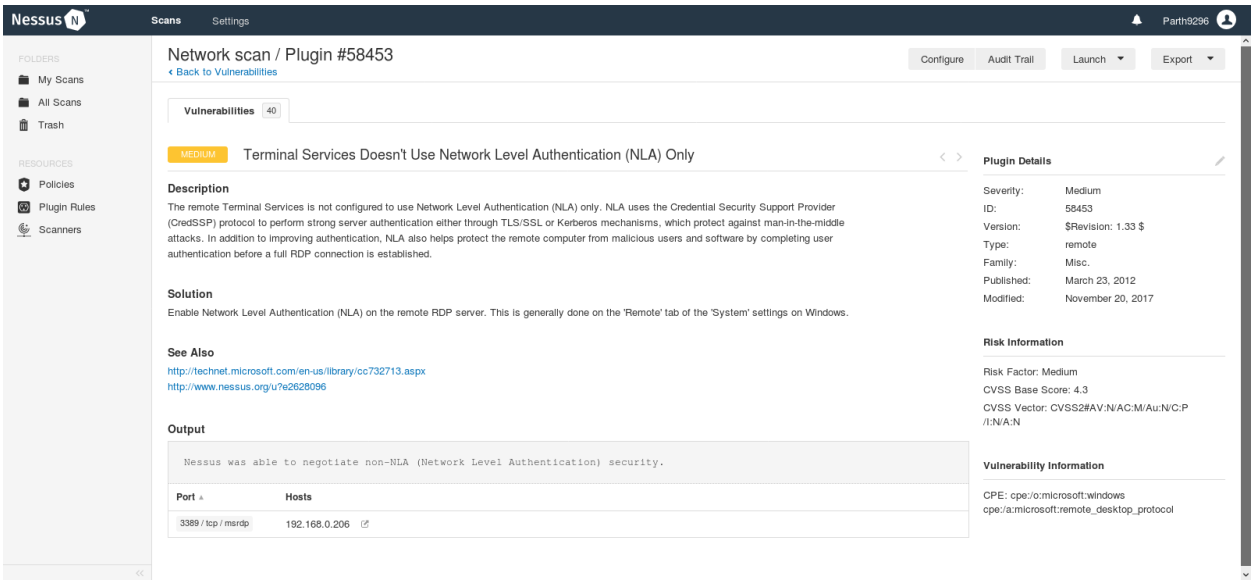


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## Part 3.2

### Attempt to gain root/admin control of VM-A1

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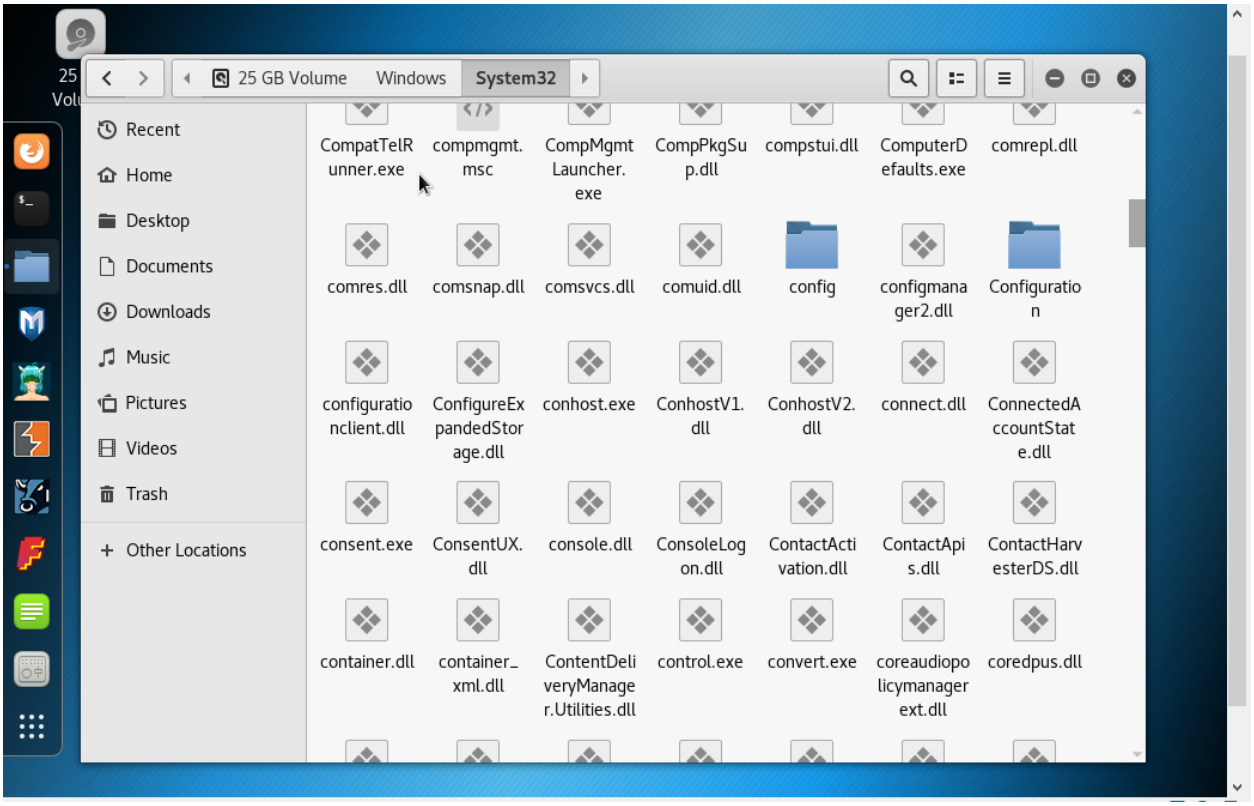

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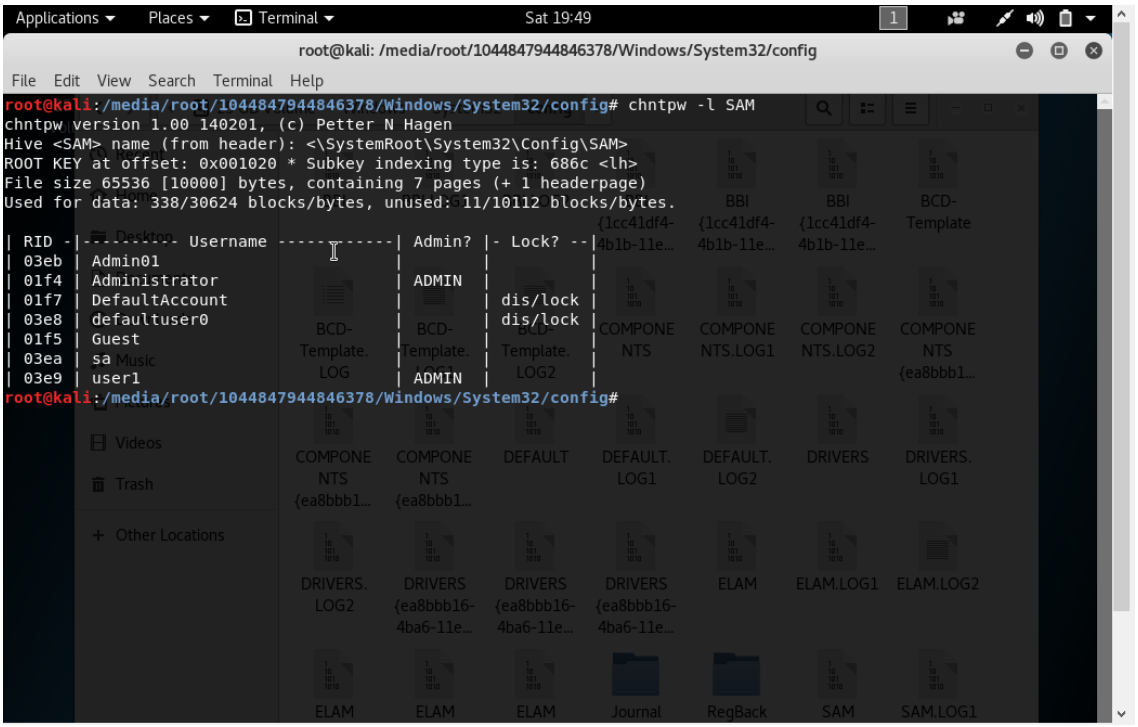


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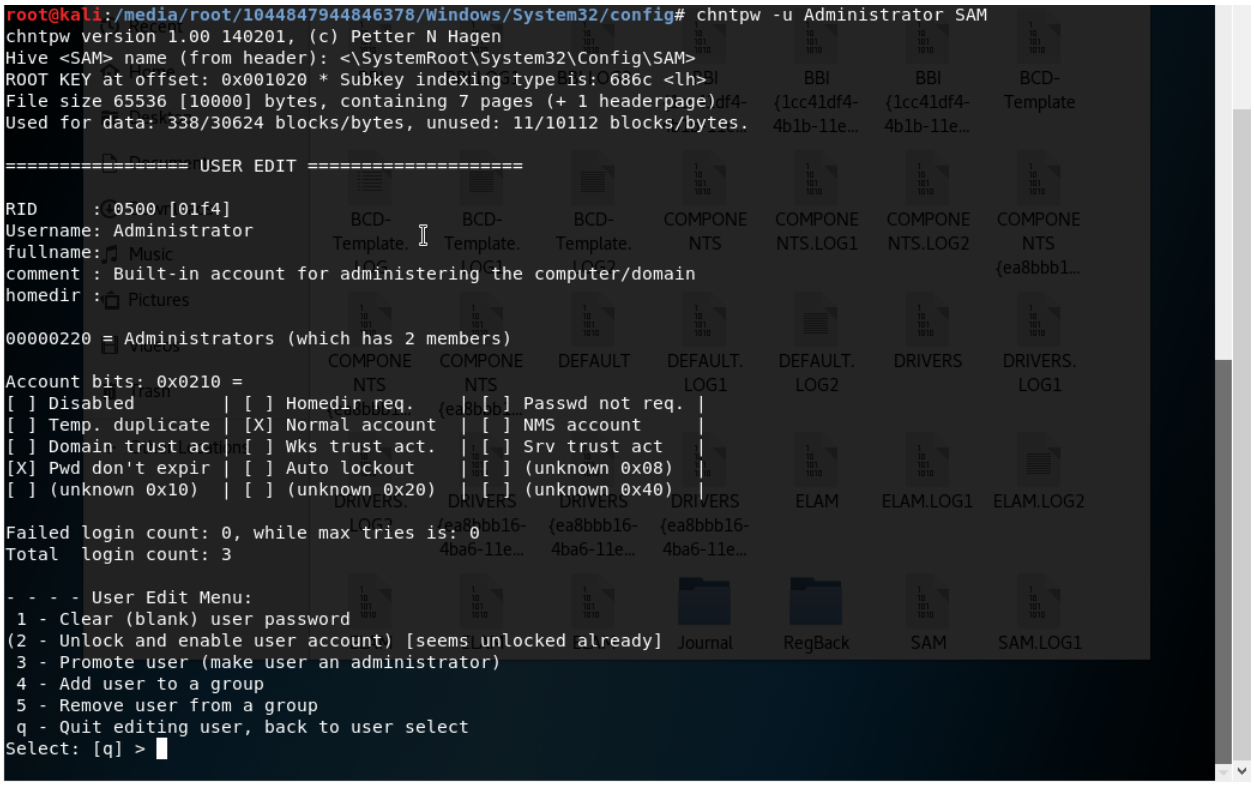

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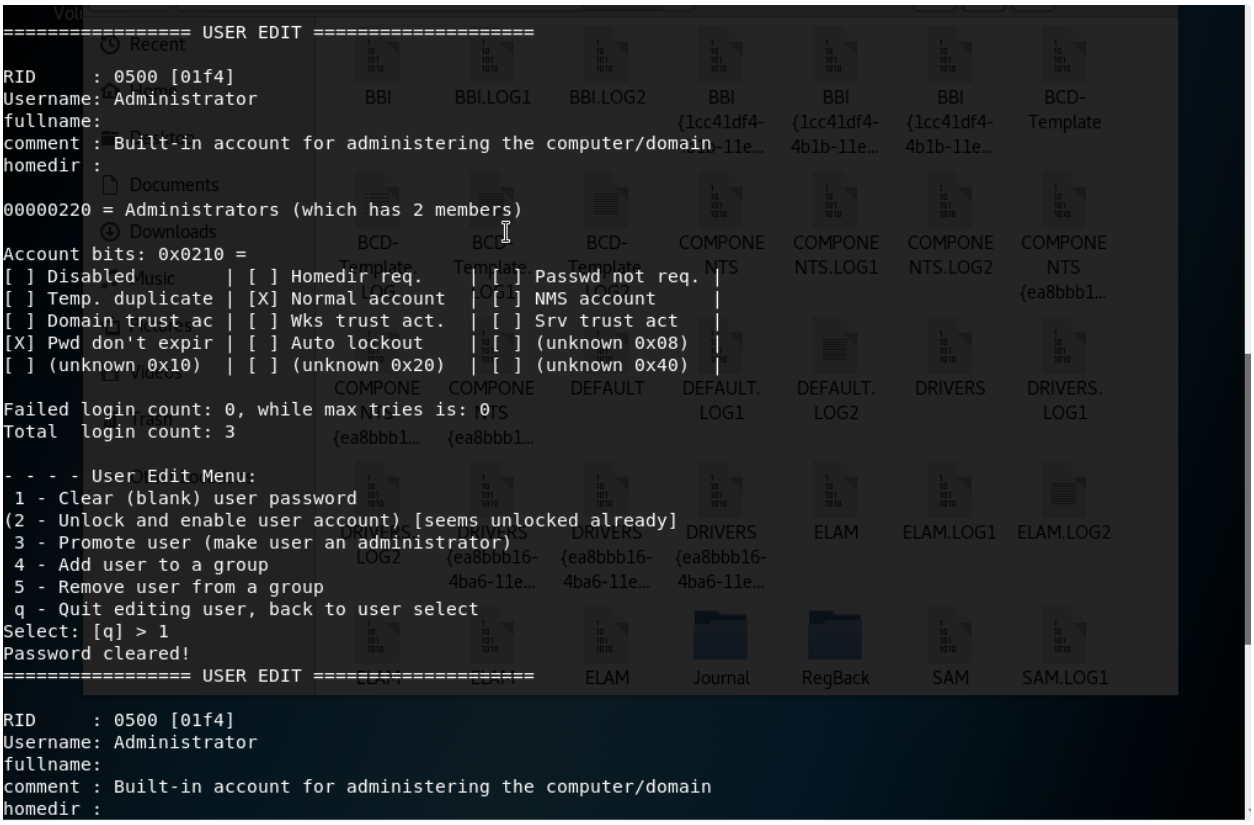
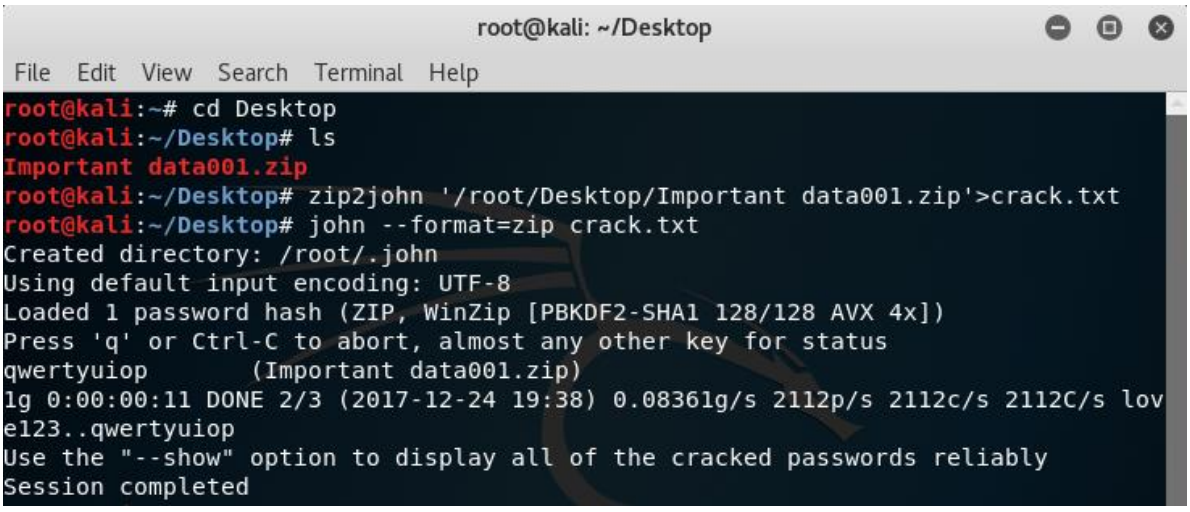



## Part 3.3 and 3.4

Attempt to crack at least one high value file found on VM-A1 and Calculate the maximum key space and the amount of time required to crack the high value file assuming the file has a 6-character password of letters and numbers and based on your computers cracking power (show your calculations).



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## Appendix 2

Using a Linux live disk, modify the system files of a Windows 10 VM to allow bypassing of the login screen.

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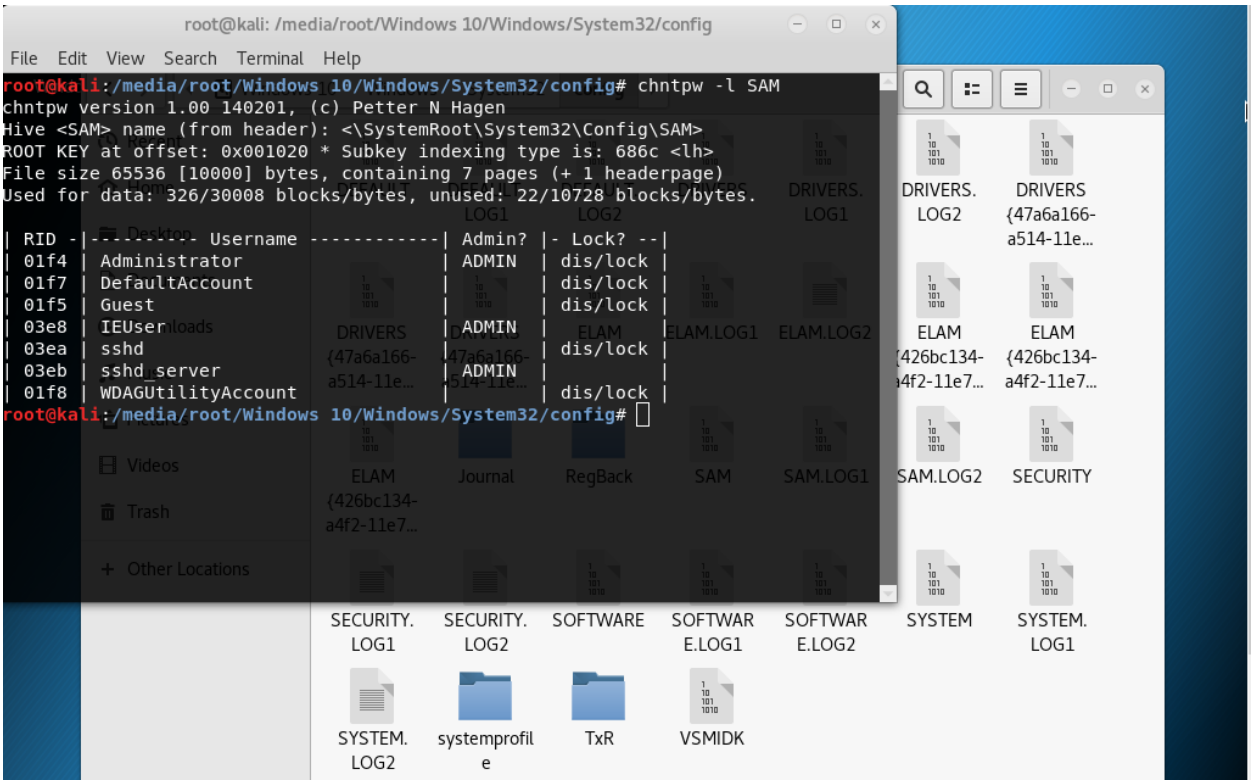

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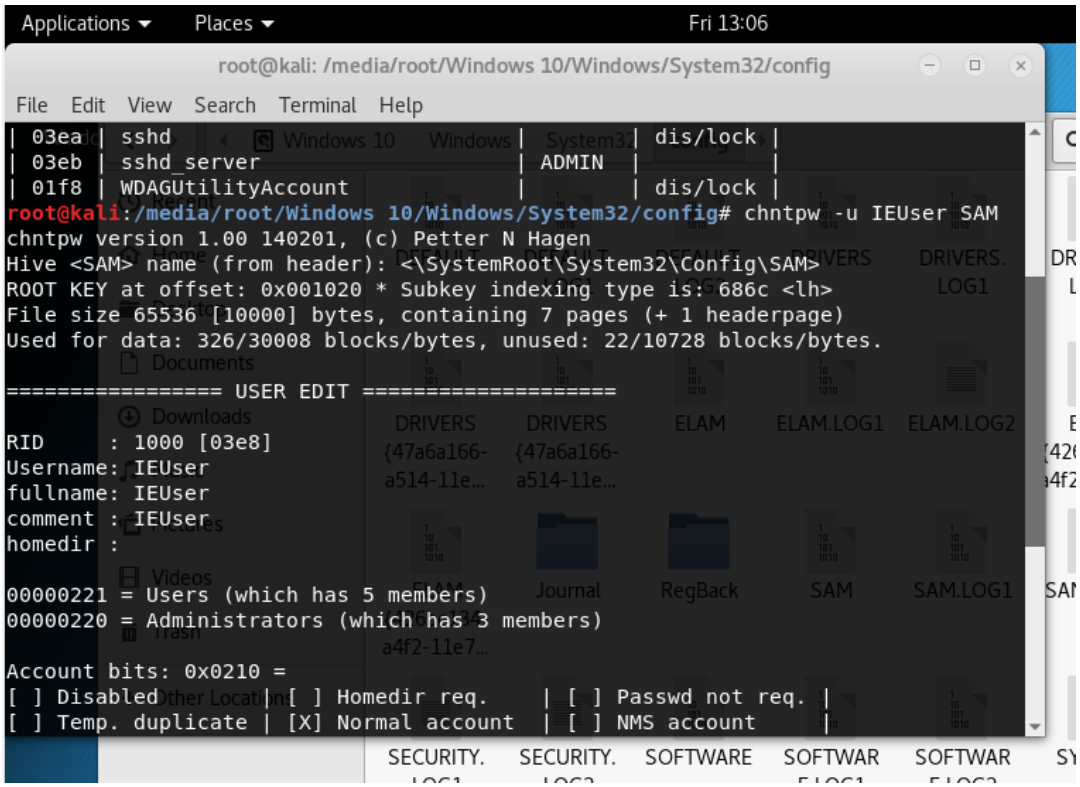


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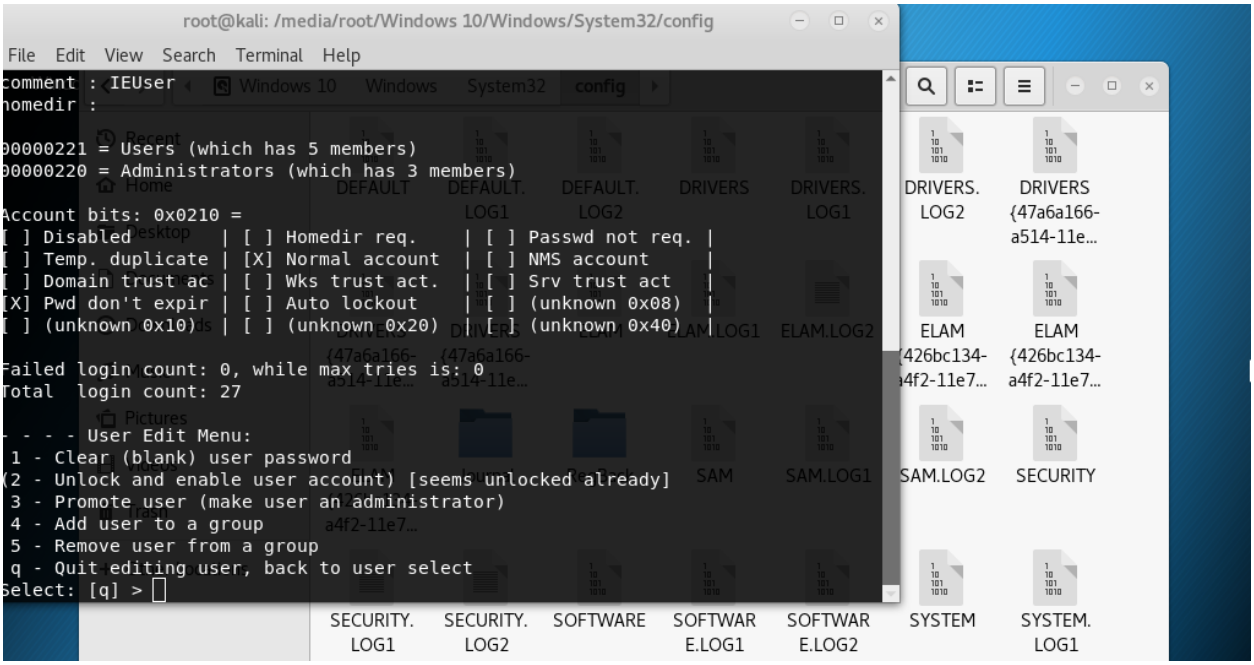

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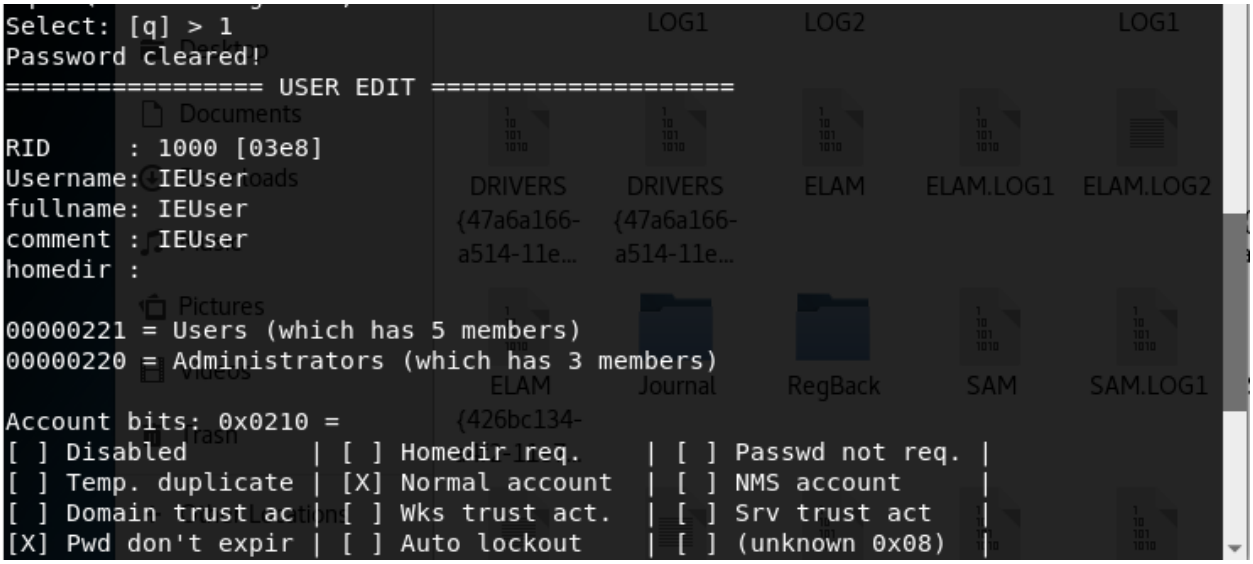

**Part 2.2**

**Create a new admin user on the Windows 10 VM and modify configuration files to best obfuscate the existence of this user from login screens and menus.**

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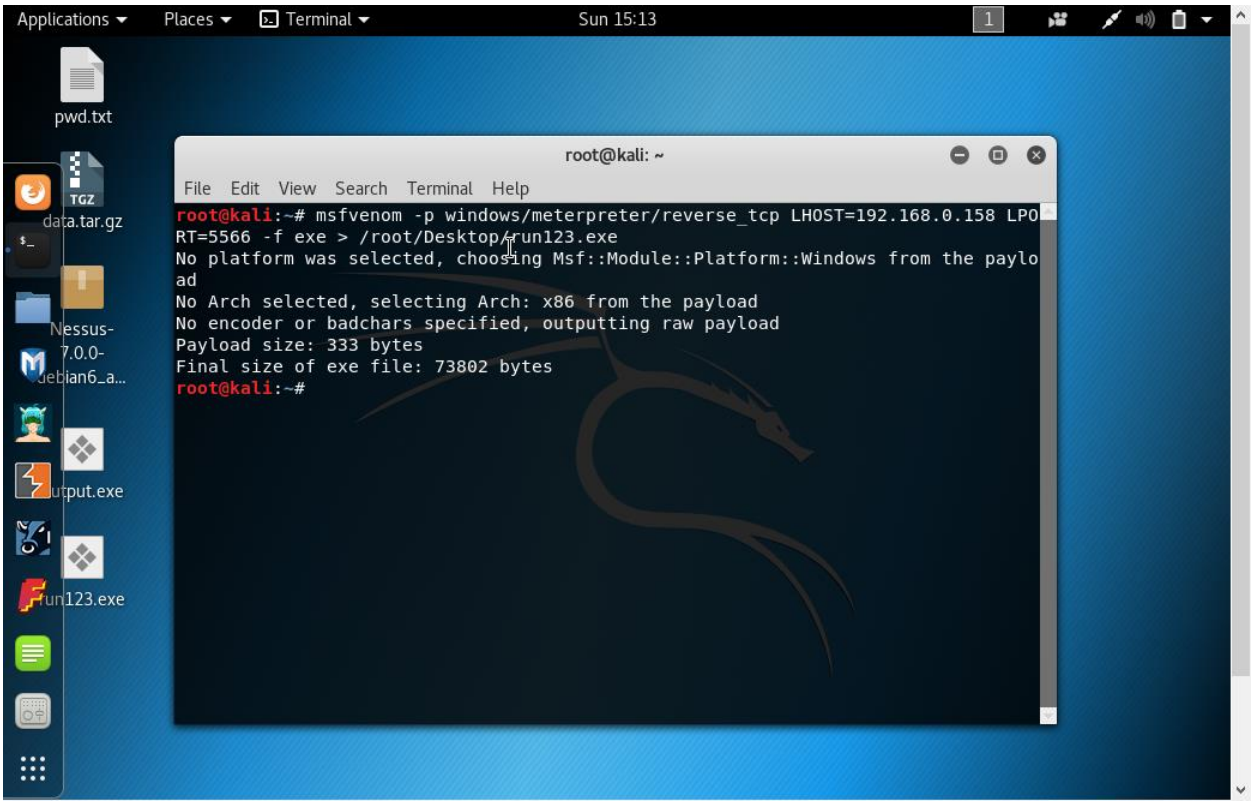

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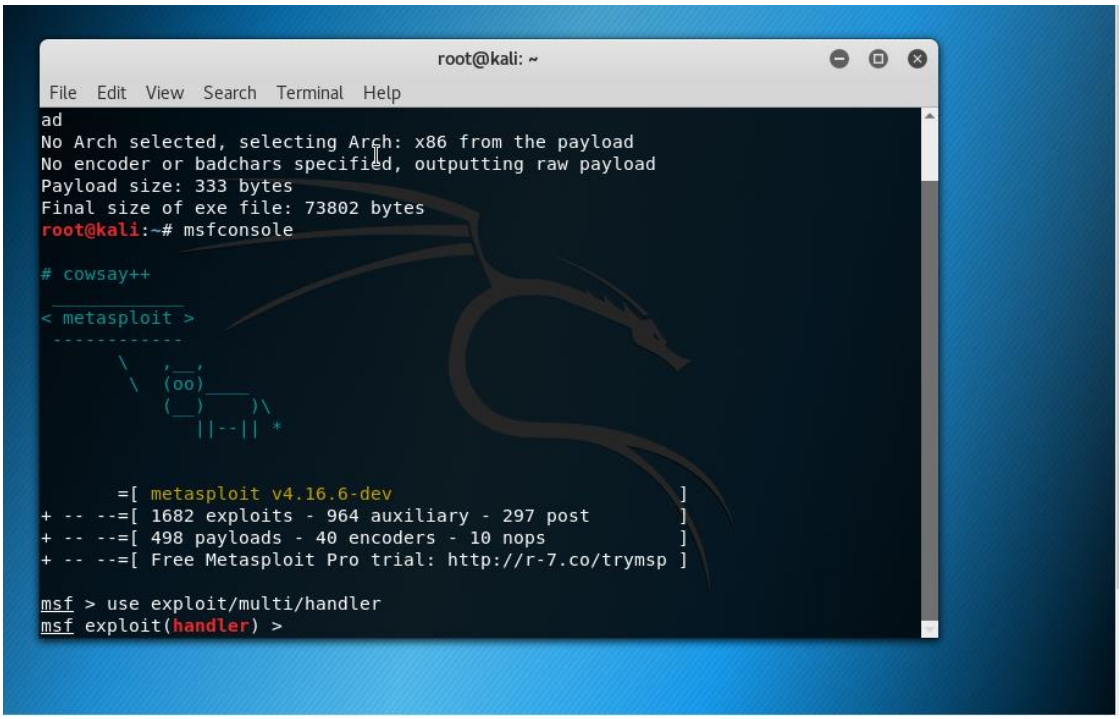


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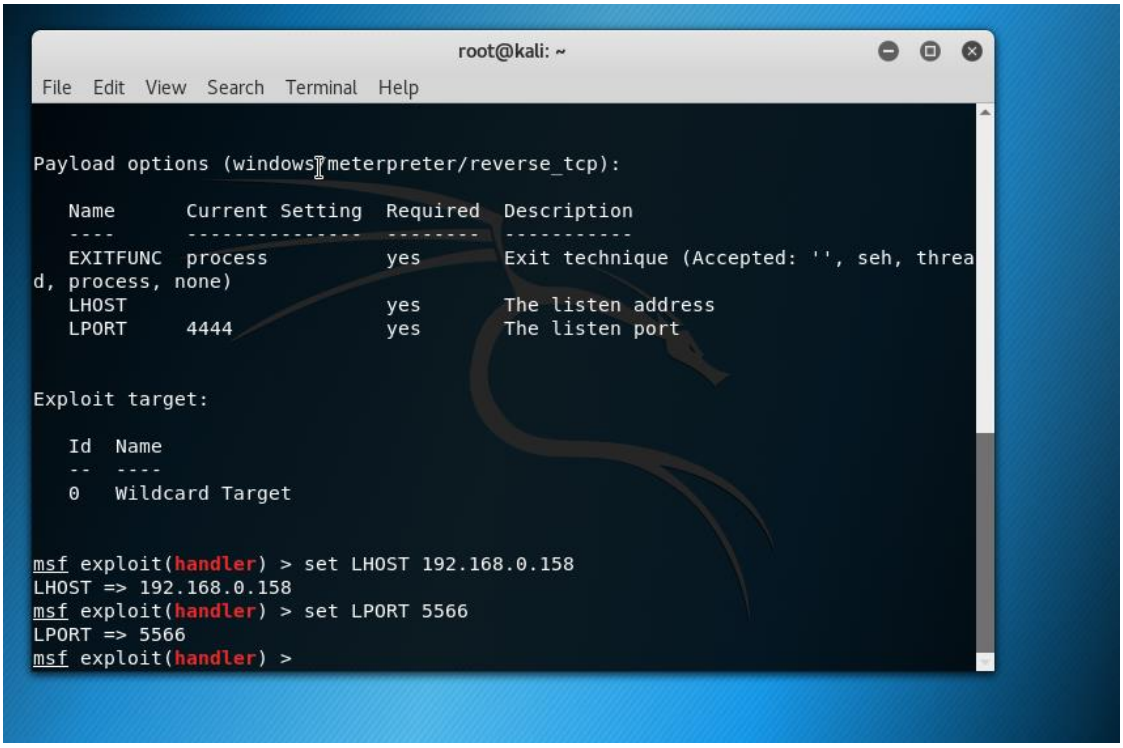

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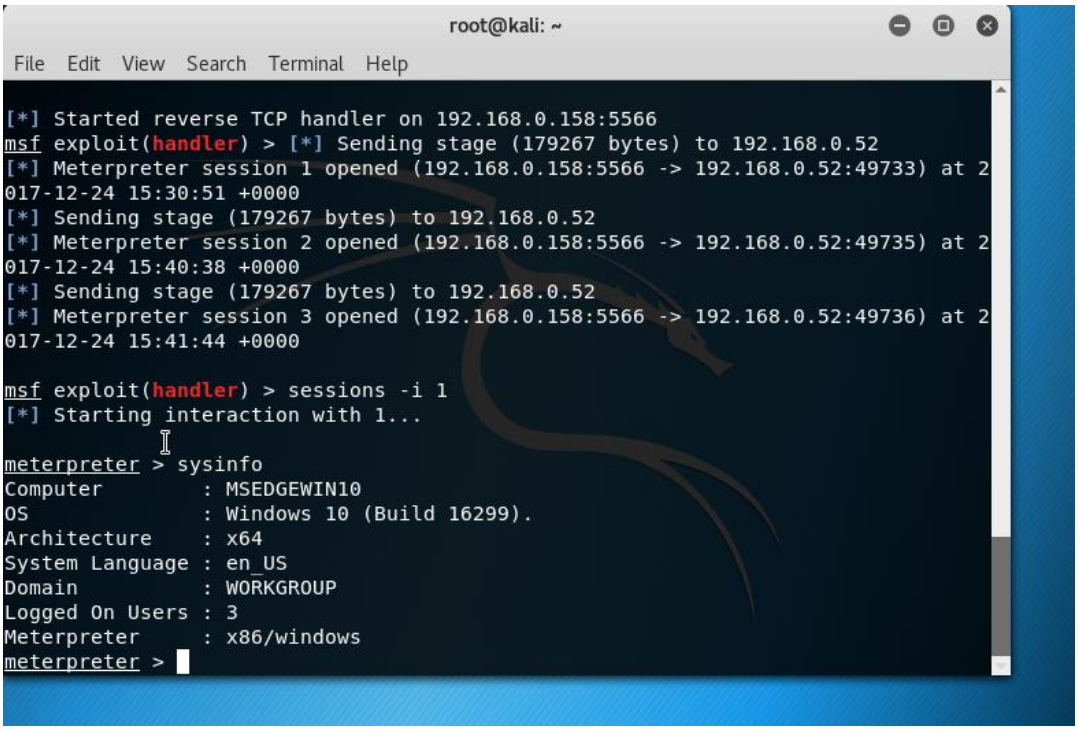


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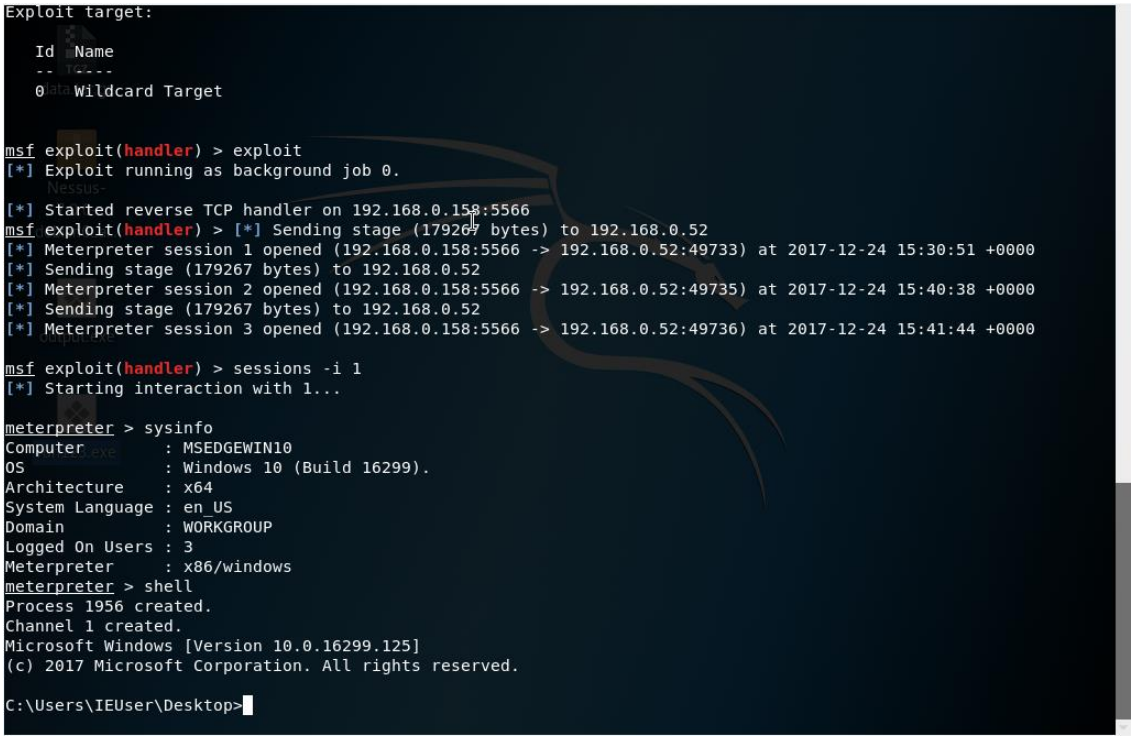

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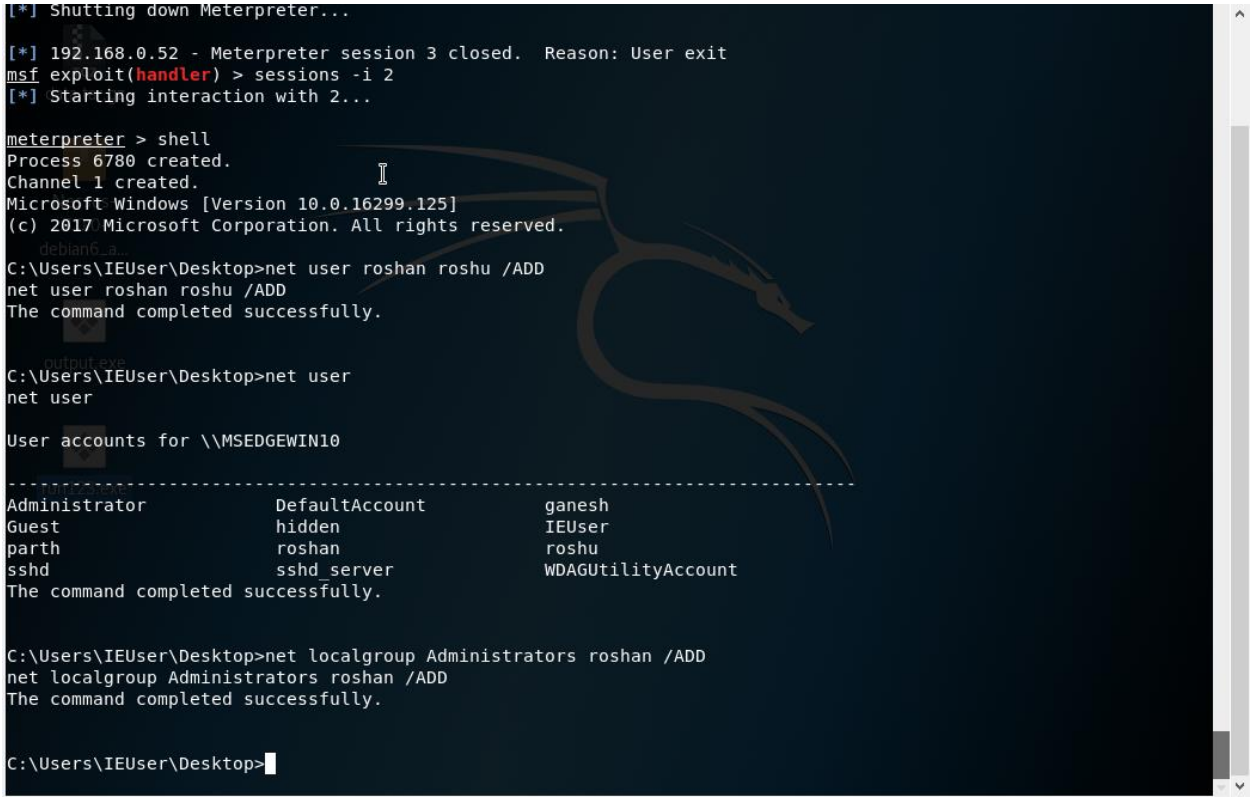

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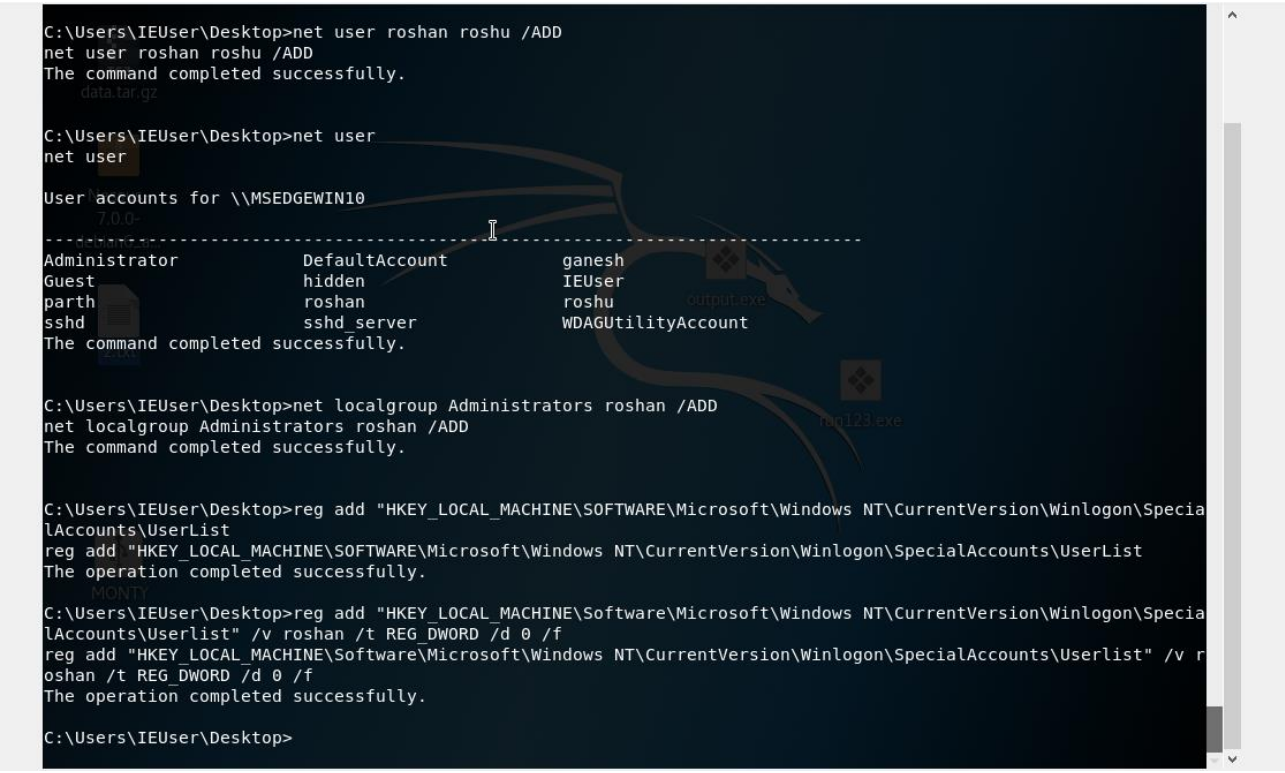

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**Part 2.3**

Using a command line utility remotely connect with your newly created user to the Windows 10 machine and configure it to launch a script which will cause the VM to be trapped in a boot loop.

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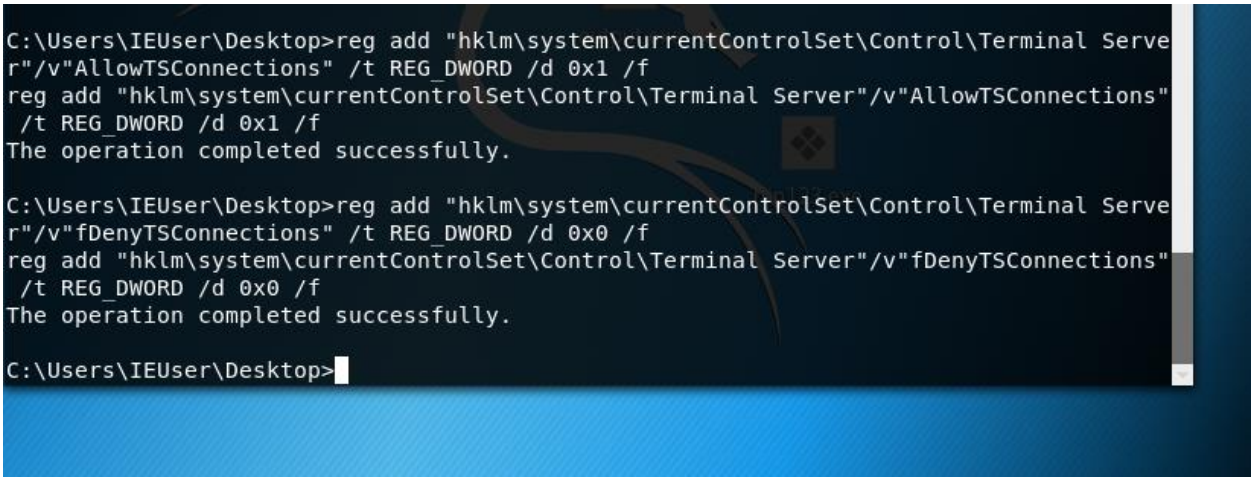

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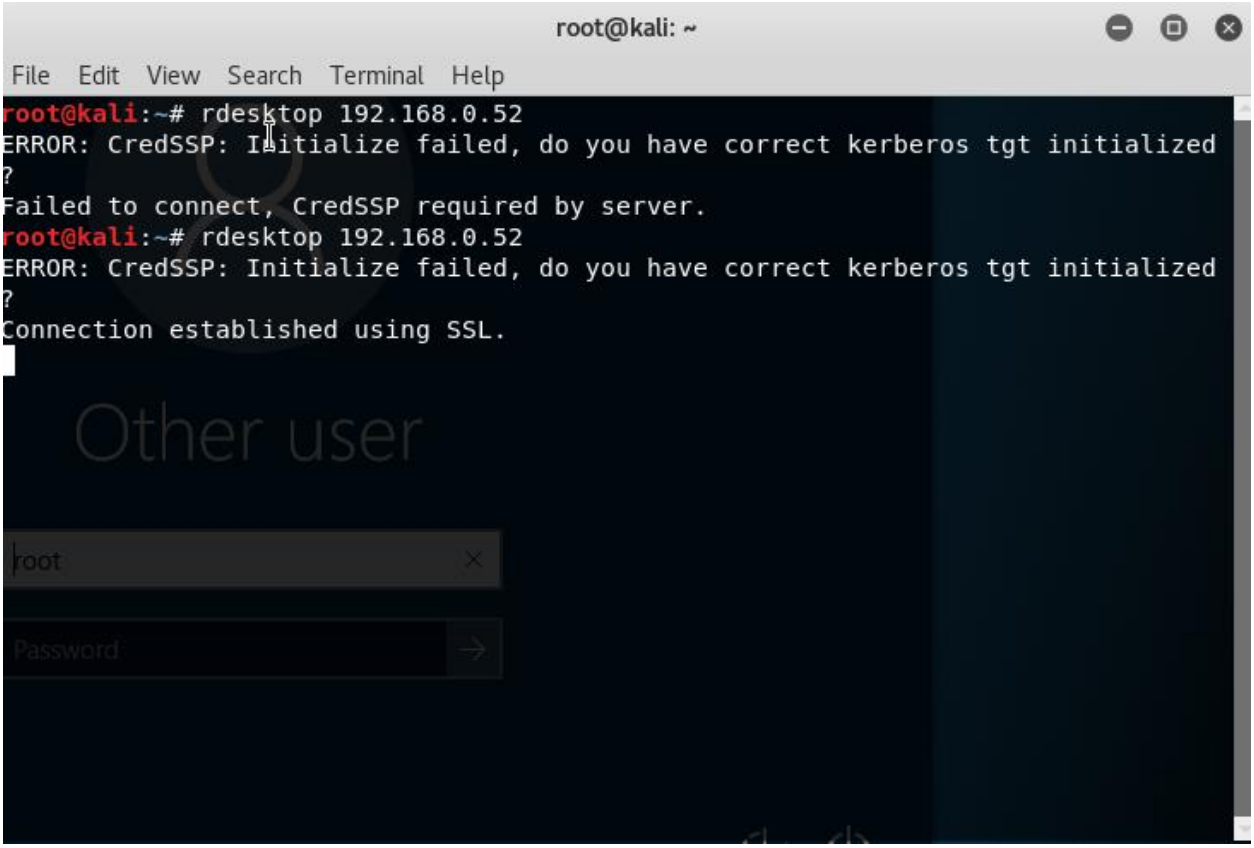

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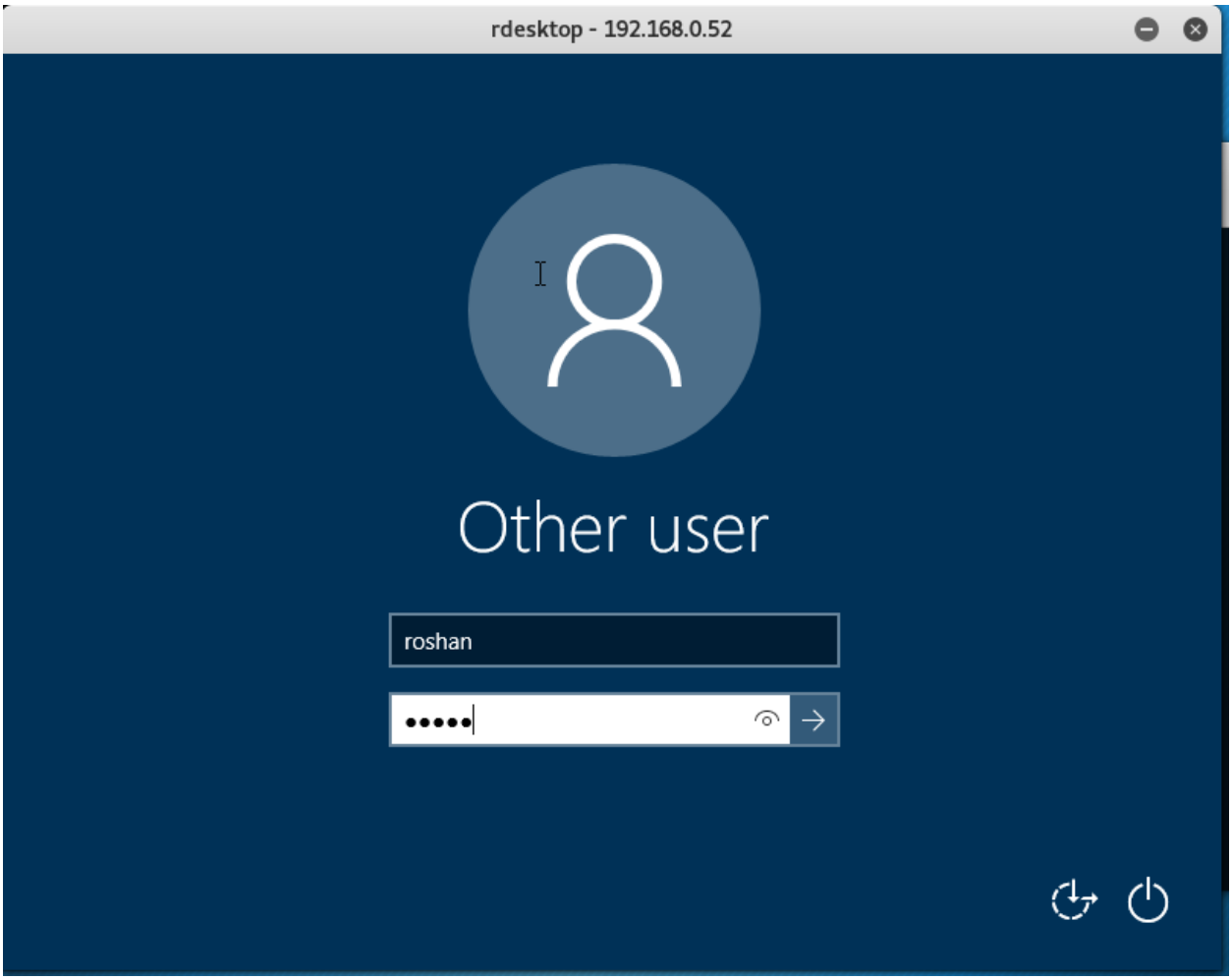


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**Appendix 1**

Part 1.1 Capture the WPA handshake from a Wi-Fi network (i.e., preferably one you own such as your home network) using appropriate Linux command line tools.

Steps Followed:

- With live Linux bootable drive the system is booted.
- Connected to Wi-Fi network
- Getting the clients connected to the network
- Performing DE authentication
- Monitoring Wi-Fi LAN port.
- Cracking the password using dictionary attack
- Using commands such as
    - **Iwconfig**
    - **Airmon**
    - **Aireplay**
    - **airodump**
    - **Aircrack**

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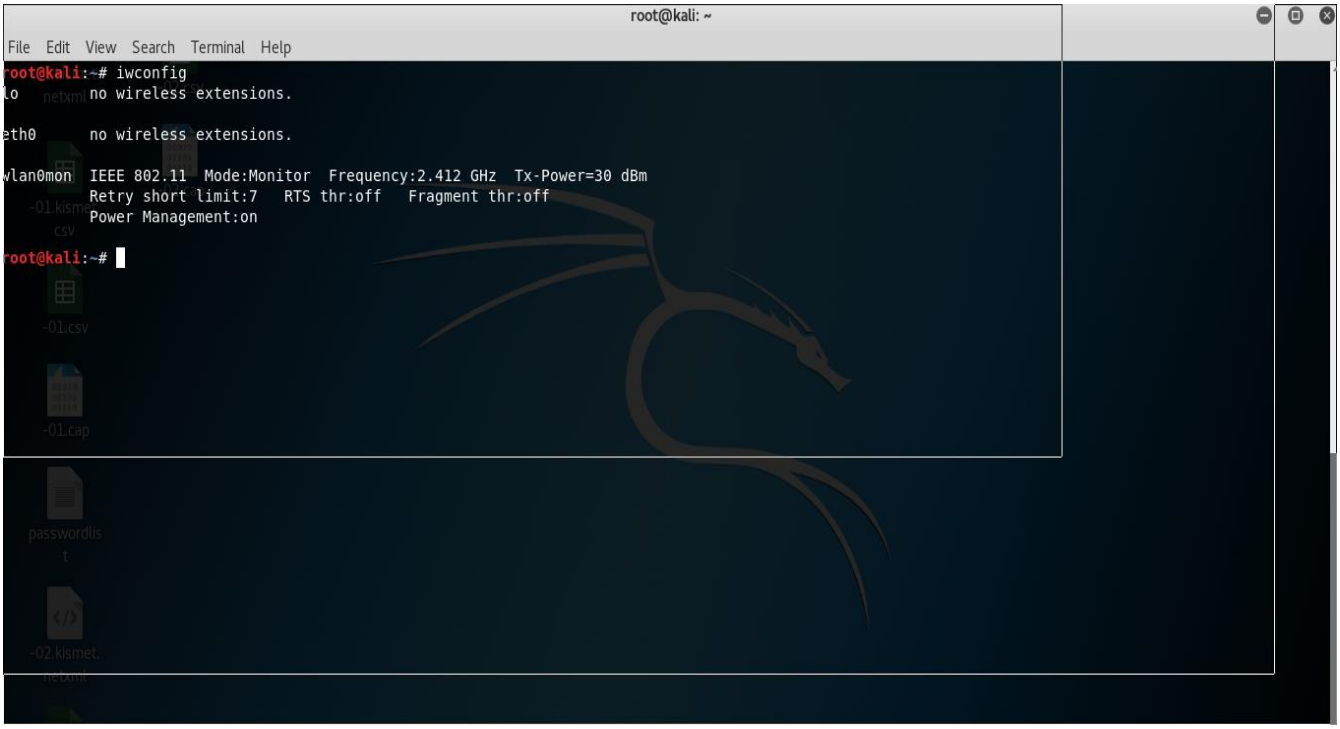


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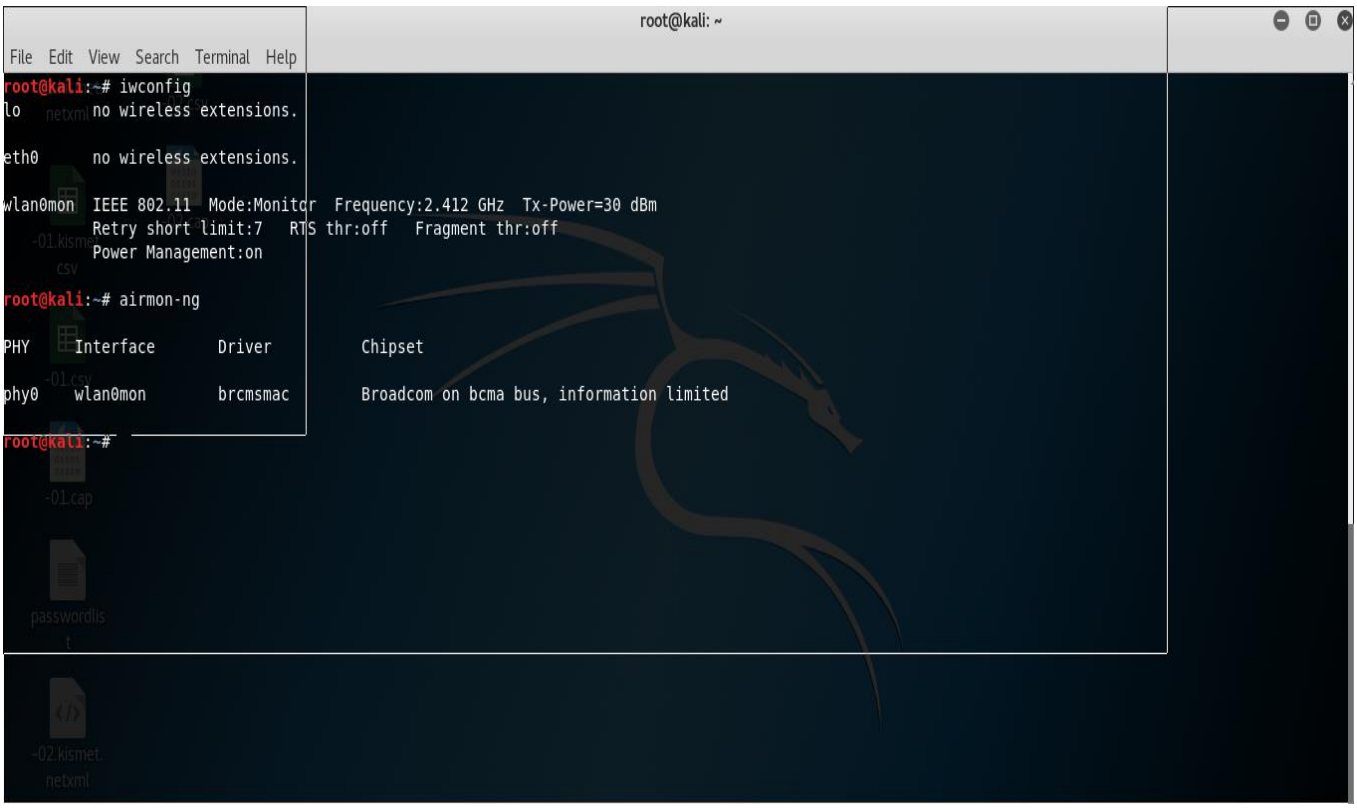


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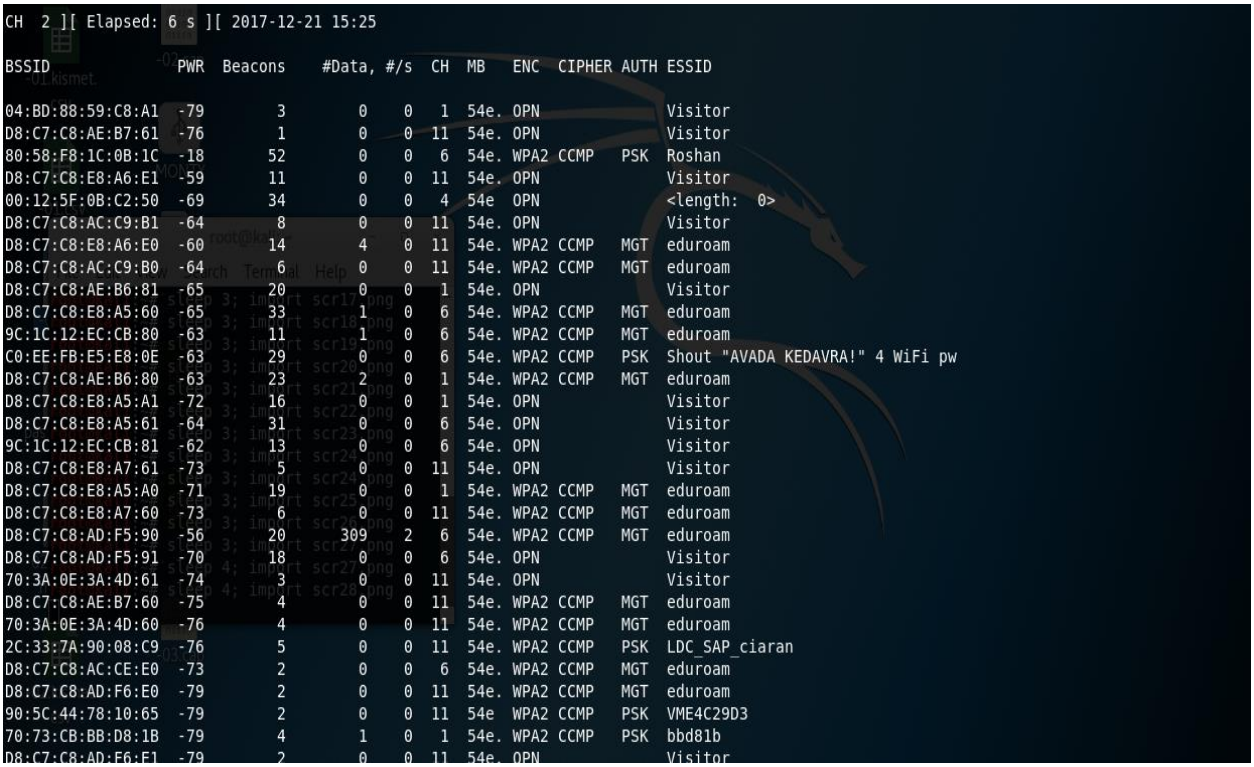

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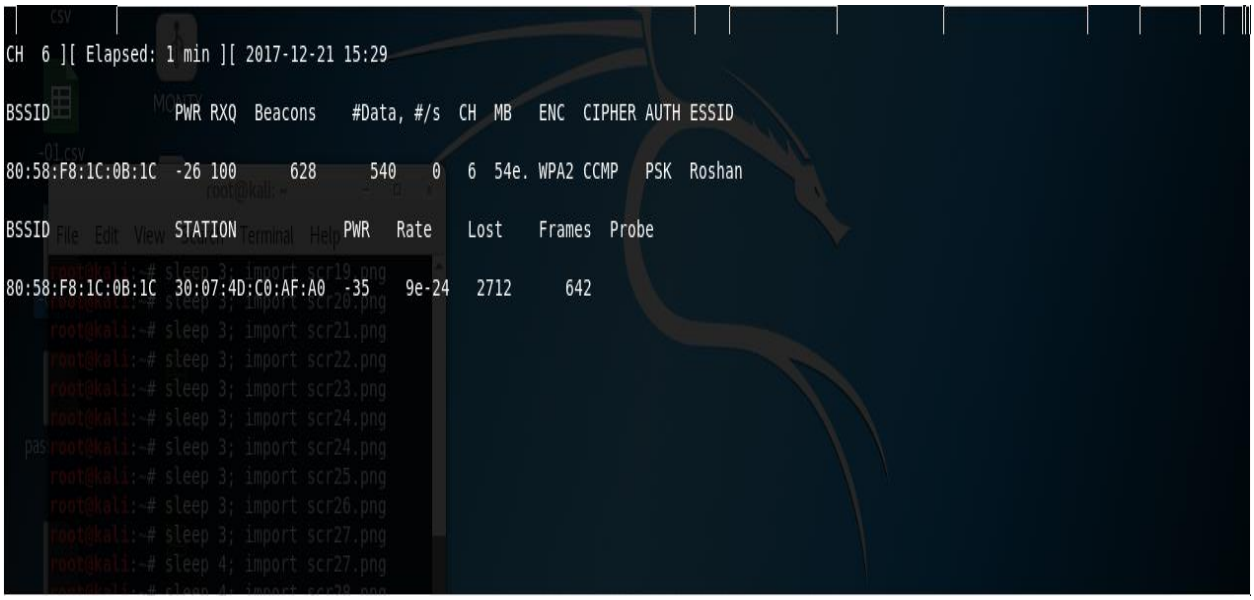


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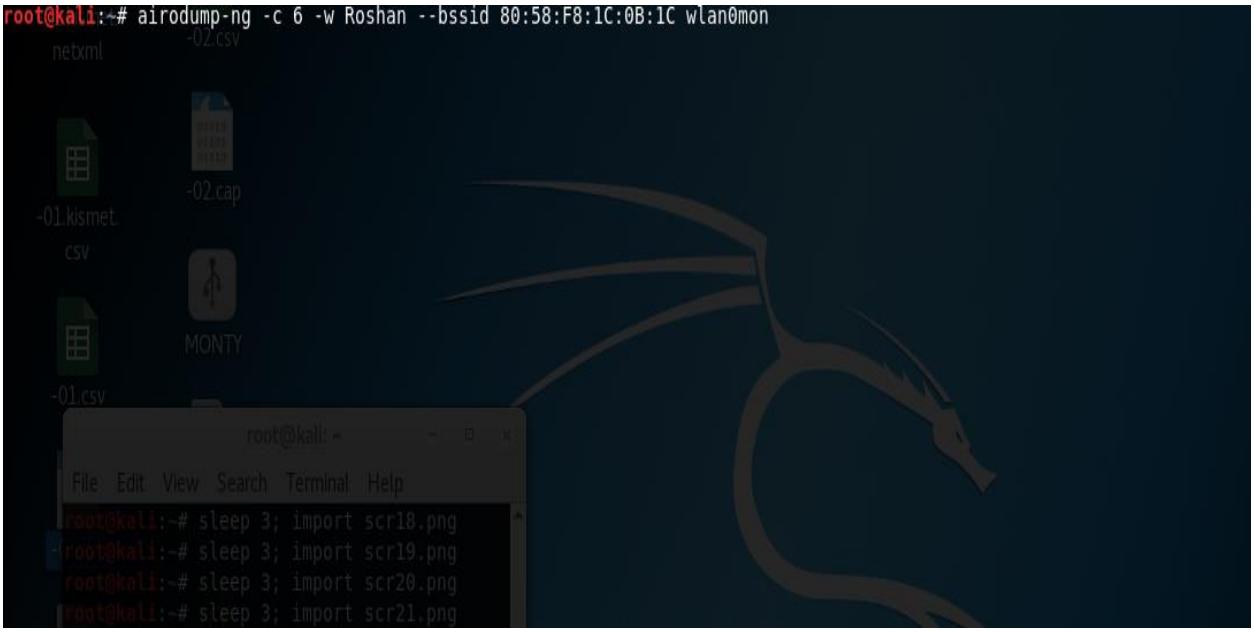

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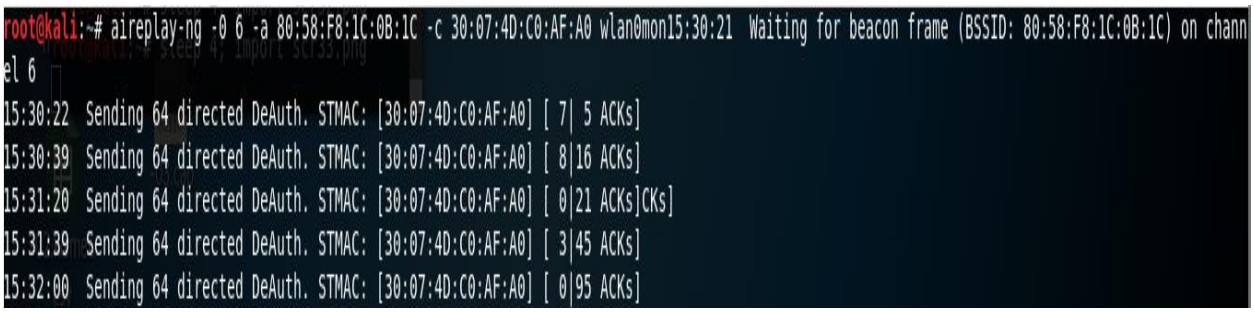


**Part 1.3 Utilize the most effective brute force algorithm to attempt to crack the WPA key**

Steps followed

- Online dictionary file downloaded containing different passwords
- With the help of aircrack command the WPA handshake password is cracked.

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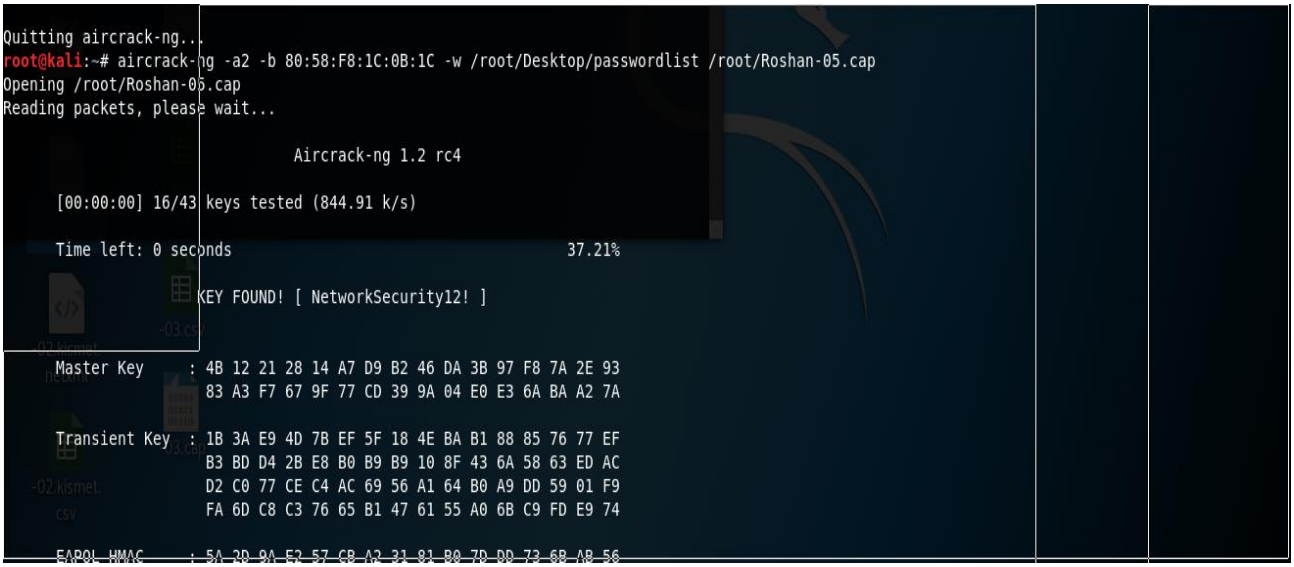

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