

This repository documents a hands-on ethical hacking lab focused on enumerating Server Message Block (SMB) services using Enum4linux.

Enum4linux is a tool for enumerating information from Windows and Samba. Samba is an application that enables Linux and Apple clients to participate in Windows networks. It enables non-Windows clients to utilize the Server Message Block (SMB) protocol to access file and print services. Samba servers can participate in a Windows domain, both as a client and a server. The goal is to:

- Launch enum4linux and explore its capabilities.
- Identify computers with SMB services running.
- Use enum4linux to enumerate users and network file shares.
- Use smbclient to transfer files between systems.

This lab is performed in a fully controlled virtual lab environment using intentionally vulnerable machines (e.g., Metasploitable 2).

Poorly secured and managed Windows server networks are a huge security risk. Penetration testers must uncover any vulnerabilities in file and print sharing functions that can leave an organization vulnerable to attack. In this activity, you will explore the capabilities of the enum4linux tool to enumerate user and file sharing information from Samba servers. Finally, you will use the smbclient utility to transfer files between systems.

Lab Environment

Attacker: Kali Linux (Provided by CISCO NetAcad)

Tools: Enum4linux, Nmap (for initial discovery)

Step 1: Verify Installation and Review Help Options

Objective:

Confirm that Enum4linux is installed on the Kali Linux system and examine its available options to understand the tool's full capabilities.

Boot into Kali Linux and log in with the default credentials:

Username: kali

Password: kali

Open a terminal:

Elevate privileges to root (recommended for most Enum4linux operations):

In the terminal, run: sudo su

Enter the password kali when prompted.

The prompt will change to indicate root access.

Enum4linux supports targeted enumeration (e.g., -u for users, -S for shares, -G for groups).

The -a flag performs all basic enumeration tasks in one pass (commonly used).

Options like -r (enumerate users via RID cycling) and -P (password policy) are useful for deeper assessment.

The screenshot shows a terminal window titled 'root@Kali: /home/kali' with the command 'enum4linux -help' being run. The output provides usage information and a detailed list of options for the tool.

```
File Actions Edit View Help
kali@Kali: ~ x | root@Kali:/home/kali x
[(kali㉿Kali)-[~]]$ sudo su
[sudo] password for kali:
[(root㉿Kali)-[/home/kali]]# enum4linux -help
Unknown option: e
enum4linux v0.9.1 (http://labs.portcullis.co.uk/application/enum4linux/)
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Simple wrapper around the tools in the samba package to provide similar
functionality to enum.exe (formerly from www.bindview.com). Some additional
features such as RID cycling have also been added for convenience.

Usage: ./enum4linux.pl [options] ip

Options are (like "enum"):
-U      get userlist
-M      get machine list*
-S      get sharelist
-P      get password policy information
-G      get group and member list
-d      be detailed, applies to -U and -S
-u user  specify username to use (default "")
-p pass   specify password to use (default "")

The following options from enum.exe aren't implemented: -L, -N, -D, -f

Additional options:
-a      Do all simple enumeration (-U -S -G -P -r -o -n -i).
        This option is enabled if you don't provide any other options.
-h      Display this help message and exit
-r      enumerate users via RID cycling
-R range RID ranges to enumerate (default: 500-550,1000-1050, implies -r)
-K n    Keep searching RIDs until n consecutive RIDs don't correspond to
        a username. Impies RID range ends at 999999. Useful
        against DCs.
-l      Get some (limited) info via LDAP 389/TCP (for DCs only)
-s file brute force guessing for share names
-k user User(s) that exists on remote system (default: administrator,guest,krbtgt,domain admins,root,bin,n
one)
        Used to get sid with "lookupsid known_username"
        Use commas to try several users: "-k admin,user1,user2"
```

This step ensures that the tool is ready and gives a clear overview of its functionality before proceeding to active scanning.

Ethical Reminder: Always perform enumeration only on systems you own or have explicit written permission to test.

Part 2: Discovering SMB Servers with Nmap

Step 1: Scanning the Network for Potential SMB Targets

Objective:

Identify hosts on the lab network that expose SMB-related services by scanning common SMB ports. This helps locate potential targets for further enumeration with Enum4linux.

Common SMB-Related Ports:

The following ports are typically associated with SMB and supporting services

Port	Protocol	Service Description
TCP 135	TCP	RPC (Remote Procedure Call)
TCP 139	TCP	NetBIOS Session Service
TCP 389	TCP	LDAP Server
TCP 445	TCP	SMB File Service (Direct hosting)
TCP 9389	TCP	Active Directory Web Server
TCP/UDP 137	UDP	NetBios Name Service
UDP 138	UDP	NetBIOS Datagram Service

Two virtual networks are included in the Kali VM with Docker containers. Use the nmap -sN command to find the services available on hosts in the 172.17.0.0 virtual network. Note: sudo is not required if you executed the sudo su command above.

```
└─(root㉿kali)-[/home/kali] └# nmap -sN 172.17.0.0/24
```

```
(kali㉿Kali)-[~]
$ sudo su
[sudo] password for kali:
[root㉿Kali)-[/home/kali]
# nmap -sN 172.17.0.0/24
Starting Nmap 7.94 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-12-20 00:04 UTC
Nmap scan report for metasploitable.vm (172.17.0.2)
Host is up (0.0000020s latency).
Not shown: 983 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT      STATE     SERVICE
21/tcp    open|filtered  ftp
22/tcp    open|filtered  ssh
23/tcp    open|filtered  telnet
25/tcp    open|filtered  smtp
80/tcp    open|filtered  http
111/tcp   open|filtered  rpcbind
139/tcp   open|filtered  netbios-ssn
445/tcp   open|filtered  microsoft-ds
512/tcp   open|filtered  exec
513/tcp   open|filtered  login
514/tcp   open|filtered  shell
1099/tcp  open|filtered  rmiregistry
1524/tcp  open|filtered  ingreslock
2121/tcp  open|filtered  ccproxy-ftp
3306/tcp  open|filtered  mysql
5432/tcp  open|filtered  postgresql
6667/tcp  open|filtered  irc
MAC Address: 02:42:AC:11:00:02 (Unknown)

Nmap scan report for 172.17.0.1
Host is up (0.0000090s latency).
Not shown: 998 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT      STATE     SERVICE
22/tcp    open|filtered  ssh
3000/tcp  open|filtered  ppp

Nmap done: 256 IP addresses (2 hosts up) scanned in 5.49 seconds
[root㉿Kali)-[/home/kali]
```

Conduct a nmap -sN scan on the 10.6.6.0/24 subnet. └─(root㉿kali)-[/home/kali] └#
nmap -sN 10.6.6.0/24

```
File Actions Edit View Help
[sudo] password for kali:
└─(root㉿Kali)-[/home/kali]
# nmap -sN 10.6.6.0/24
Starting Nmap 7.94 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-12-21 09:52 UTC
Nmap scan report for webgoat.vm (10.6.6.11)
Host is up (0.0000020s latency).
Not shown: 997 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT      STATE      SERVICE
8080/tcp  open|filtered  http-proxy
8888/tcp  open|filtered  sun-answerbook
9001/tcp  open|filtered  tor-orport
MAC Address: 02:42:0A:06:06:0B (Unknown)

Nmap scan report for juice-shop.vm (10.6.6.12)
Host is up (0.0000020s latency).
Not shown: 999 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT      STATE      SERVICE
3000/tcp  open|filtered  ppp
MAC Address: 02:42:0A:06:06:0C (Unknown)

Nmap scan report for dwva.vm (10.6.6.13)
Host is up (0.0000070s latency).
Not shown: 999 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT      STATE      SERVICE
80/tcp    open|filtered  http
MAC Address: 02:42:0A:06:06:0D (Unknown)

Nmap scan report for mutillidae.vm (10.6.6.14)
Host is up (0.0000030s latency).
Not shown: 998 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT      STATE      SERVICE
80/tcp    open|filtered  http
3306/tcp  open|filtered  mysql
MAC Address: 02:42:0A:06:06:0E (Unknown)

Nmap scan report for gravemind.vm (10.6.6.23)
Host is up (0.0000030s latency).
Not shown: 994 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT      STATE      SERVICE
21/tcp    open|filtered  ftp
22/tcp    open|filtered  ssh
53/tcp    open|filtered  domain
80/tcp    open|filtered  http
139/tcp   open|filtered  netbios-ssn
445/tcp   open|filtered  microsoft-ds
MAC Address: 02:42:0A:06:06:17 (Unknown)

Nmap scan report for 10.6.6.100
Host is up (0.0000020s latency).
Not shown: 999 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT      STATE      SERVICE
80/tcp    open|filtered  http
MAC Address: 02:42:0A:06:06:64 (Unknown)
```

Are there any potential target computers on this subnet running SMB services? Which computer or computers? How do you know? Yes, 10.6.6.23. It has ports 139 and 445 open

I did further enum on Ports 139 and 445 using nmap -sV 172.17.0.2

The respective ports with the versions are shown Samba smbd 3.x -4.x

```
[root@Kali]~# nmap -sV 172.17.0.2
Starting Nmap 7.94 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-12-20 14:20 UTC
Nmap scan report for metasploitable.vm (172.17.0.2)
Host is up (0.0000020s latency).
Not shown: 981 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
21/tcp    open  ftp          vsftpd 2.3.4
22/tcp    open  ssh          OpenSSH 4.7p1 Debian 8ubuntu1 (protocol 2.0)
23/tcp    open  telnet       Linux telnetd
25/tcp    open  smtp         Postfix smtpd
80/tcp    open  http         Apache httpd 2.2.8 ((Ubuntu) DAV/2)
111/tcp   open  rpcbind     2 (RPC #100000)
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
445/tcp   open  netbios-ssn Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
512/tcp   open  exec         netkit-rsh rexecd
513/tcp   open  login        login
514/tcp   open  tcpwrapped
1099/tcp  open  java-rmi   GNU Classpath grmiregistry
1524/tcp  open  bindshell   Metasploitable root shell
2121/tcp  open  ftp          ProFTPD 1.3.1
3306/tcp  open  mysql        MySQL 5.0.51a-3ubuntu5
5432/tcp  open  postgresql  PostgreSQL DB 8.3.0 - 8.3.7
6667/tcp  open  irc          UnrealIRCd
8009/tcp  open  ajp13       Apache Jserv (Protocol v1.3)
8180/tcp  open  http         Apache Tomcat/Coyote JSP engine 1.1
MAC Address: 02:42:AC:11:00:02 (Unknown)
Service Info: Hosts: metasploitable.localdomain, irc.Metasploitable.LAN; OSs: Unix, Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel

Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 11.69 seconds
[root@Kali]~#
```

Use enum4linux to enumerate users and network file shares.

Step 1: Perform an enum4linux scan on target 172.17.0.2.

In Part 1, Step 1c, you used the enum4linux help page to learn about the options available to enumerate potential targets. The most common options are: -U find configured users -S get a list of file shares -G get a list of the groups and their members -P list the password policies -i get a list of printers

Use the enum4linux -U option to list the users configured on the target 172.17.0.2. Remember that enum4linux commands require root permissions to execute.

```
[root@Kali]~# enum4linux -U 172.17.0.2
```

The output of this command can generate multiple screens of information if many users are discovered. Enum4linux aggregates output from multiple Samba tools to produce a concise result.

```
enum4linux -U 172.17.0.2
```

Breakdown

enum4linux → SMB enumeration tool

-U → Enumerate user accounts

172.17.0.2 → Target IP address

What information it tries to retrieve:

If SMB allows it, this will attempt to list:

-Local Windows/Samba usernames

- Domain users (if the host is domain-joined)

-Users accessible via anonymous (null session) or guest access

Possible outcomes & what they mean

Users are listed

This usually means:

SMB allows anonymous enumeration

Weak or legacy SMB configuration

This is valuable for:

Password spraying

Brute-force attacks

Further privilege escalation

```
[root@Kali :~]# enum4linux -U 172.17.0.2
Starting enum4linux v0.9.1 ( http://labs.portcullis.co.uk/application/enum4linux/ ) on Sat Dec 20 14:45:58 2025
=====
( Target Information )
=====
Target ..... 172.17.0.2
RID Range ..... 500-550,1000-1050
Username ..... ''
Password ..... ''
Known Usernames .. administrator, guest, krbtgt, domain admins, root, bin, none

=====
( Enumerating Workgroup/Domain on 172.17.0.2 )
=====
Home
[+] Got domain/workgroup name: WORKGROUP

=====
( Session Check on 172.17.0.2 )
=====
[+] Server 172.17.0.2 allows sessions using username '', password ''

=====
( Getting domain SID for 172.17.0.2 )
=====
Domain Name: WORKGROUP
Domain Sid: (NULL SID)

[+] Can't determine if host is part of domain or part of a workgroup

=====
( Users on 172.17.0.2 )
=====
index: 0x1 RID: 0x3f2 acb: 0x00000011 Account: games      Name: games      Desc: (null)
index: 0x2 RID: 0x1f5 acb: 0x00000011 Account: nobody     Name: nobody     Desc: (null)
index: 0x3 RID: 0x4ba acb: 0x00000011 Account: bind       Name: (null)    Desc: (null)
index: 0x4 RID: 0x402 acb: 0x00000011 Account: proxy      Name: proxy      Desc: (null)
index: 0x5 RID: 0x4b4 acb: 0x00000011 Account: syslog     Name: (null)    Desc: (null)
index: 0x6 RID: 0xbba acb: 0x00000010 Account: user       Name: just a user,111,, Desc: (null)
index: 0x7 RID: 0x42a acb: 0x00000011 Account: www-data   Name: www-data   Desc: (null)
index: 0x8 RID: 0x3e8 acb: 0x00000011 Account: root       Name: root       Desc: (null)
index: 0x9 RID: 0x3fa acb: 0x00000011 Account: news      Name: news      Desc: (null)
index: 0xa RID: 0x4c0 acb: 0x00000011 Account: postgres   Name: PostgreSQL administrator,,, Desc: (null)
index: 0xb RID: 0x3ec acb: 0x00000011 Account: bin        Name: bin        Desc: (null)
index: 0xc RID: 0x3f8 acb: 0x00000011 Account: mail       Name: mail       Desc: (null)
index: 0xd RID: 0x4c6 acb: 0x00000011 Account: distccd   Name: (null)    Desc: (null)
index: 0xe RID: 0x4ca acb: 0x00000011 Account: proftpd   Name: (null)    Desc: (null)
index: 0xf RID: 0x4b2 acb: 0x00000011 Account: dhcp       Name: (null)    Desc: (null)
index: 0x10 RID: 0x3ea acb: 0x00000011 Account: daemon    Name: daemon    Desc: (null)
index: 0x11 RID: 0x4b8 acb: 0x00000011 Account: sshd      Name: (null)    Desc: (null)
```

```

root@Kali: /home/kali
File Actions Edit View Help
index: 0x10 RID: 0x3ea acb: 0x00000011 Account: daemon Name: daemon Desc: (null)
index: 0x11 RID: 0x4b8 acb: 0x00000011 Account: sshd Name: (null) Desc: (null)
index: 0x12 RID: 0x3f4 acb: 0x00000011 Account: man Name: man Desc: (null)
index: 0x13 RID: 0x3f6 acb: 0x00000011 Account: lp Name: lp Desc: (null)
index: 0x14 RID: 0x4c2 acb: 0x00000011 Account: mysql Name: MySQL Server,,, Desc: (null)
index: 0x15 RID: 0x43a acb: 0x00000011 Account: gnats Name: Gnats Bug-Reporting System (admin) Desc: (null)
index: 0x16 RID: 0x4b0 acb: 0x00000011 Account: libuuuid Name: (null) Desc: (null)
index: 0x17 RID: 0x42c acb: 0x00000011 Account: backup Name: backup Desc: (null)
index: 0x18 RID: 0xbb8 acb: 0x00000010 Account: msfadmin Name: msfadmin,,, Desc: (null)
index: 0x19 RID: 0x4c8 acb: 0x00000011 Account: telnetd Name: (null) Desc: (null)
index: 0x1a RID: 0x3ee acb: 0x00000011 Account: sys Name: sys Desc: (null)
index: 0x1b RID: 0x4b6 acb: 0x00000011 Account: klog Name: (null) Desc: (null)
index: 0x1c RID: 0x4bc acb: 0x00000011 Account: postfix Name: (null) Desc: (null)
index: 0x1d RID: 0xbbc acb: 0x00000011 Account: service Name: ,,, Desc: (null)
index: 0x1e RID: 0x434 acb: 0x00000011 Account: list Name: Mailing List Manager Desc: (null)
index: 0x1f RID: 0x436 acb: 0x00000011 Account: irc Name: ircd Desc: (null)
index: 0x20 RID: 0x4be acb: 0x00000011 Account: ftp Name: (null) Desc: (null)
index: 0x21 RID: 0x4c4 acb: 0x00000011 Account: tomcat55 Name: (null) Desc: (null)
index: 0x22 RID: 0x3f0 acb: 0x00000011 Account: sync Name: sync Desc: (null)
index: 0x23 RID: 0x3fc acb: 0x00000011 Account: uucp Name: uucp Desc: (null)

user:[games] rid:[0x3f2]
user:[nobody] rid:[0x1f5]
user:[bind] rid:[0x4ba]
user:[proxy] rid:[0x402]
user:[syslog] rid:[0x4b4]
user:[user] rid:[0xba]
user:[www-data] rid:[0x42a]
user:[root] rid:[0x3e8]
user:[news] rid:[0x3fa]
user:[postgres] rid:[0x4c0]
user:[bin] rid:[0x3ec]
user:[mail] rid:[0x3f8]
user:[distccd] rid:[0x4c6]
user:[proftpd] rid:[0x4ca]
user:[dhcp] rid:[0x4b2]
user:[daemon] rid:[0x3ea]
user:[sshd] rid:[0x4b8]
user:[man] rid:[0x3f4]
user:[lp] rid:[0x3f6]
user:[mysql] rid:[0x4c2]
user:[gnats] rid:[0x43a]
user:[libuuuid] rid:[0x4b0]
user:[backup] rid:[0x42c]
user:[msfadmin] rid:[0xbb8]
user:[telnetd] rid:[0x4c8]
user:[sys] rid:[0x3ee]
user:[klog] rid:[0x4b6]
user:[postfix] rid:[0x4bc]
user:[service] rid:[0xbbc]
user:[list] rid:[0x434]
user:[irc] rid:[0x436]

```

enum4linux -M 172.17.0.2

What -M tries to enumerate

The -M option attempts to gather **machine-level information**, such as:

- Computer / machine name
- Domain or workgroup membership
- Machine account details
- Trust relationships (if any)
- Domain SID (Security Identifier)

```
Ethical-Hacker-Kali [Running] - Oracle VirtualBox
File Machine View Input Devices Help
File | 1 2 3 4 | root@Kali: /home/kali
File Actions Edit View Help
└─(root@Kali)-[~/home/kali]
  └─# enum4linux -M 172.17.0.2
Starting enum4linux v0.9.1 ( http://labs.portcullis.co.uk/application/enum4linux/ ) on Sat Dec 20 14:57:01 2025
  └─( Target Information )
    Target ..... 172.17.0.2
    RID Range ..... 500-550,1000-1050
    Username ..... ''
    Password ..... ''
    Known Usernames .. administrator, guest, krbtgt, domain admins, root, bin, none
  └─( Enumerating Workgroup/Domain on 172.17.0.2 ):
    [+] Got domain/workgroup name: WORKGROUP
  └─( Session Check on 172.17.0.2 )
    [+] Server 172.17.0.2 allows sessions using username '', password ''
  └─( Getting domain SID for 172.17.0.2 )
    Domain Name: WORKGROUP
    Domain Sid: (NULL SID)
    [+] Can't determine if host is part of domain or part of a workgroup
  └─( Machine Enumeration on 172.17.0.2 )
    [E] Not implemented in this version of enum4linux.
enum4linux complete on Sat Dec 20 14:57:01 2025
└─(root@Kali)-[~/home/kali]
  └─# setoolkit
```

Enumerate SMB shares - This check **what folders/services are exposed over SMB**, and whether they are accessible anonymous.

enum4linux - S 172.17.0.2

```

--(root㉿Kali)-[~/home/kali]
# enum4linux -S 172.17.0.2
Starting enum4linux v0.9.1 ( http://labs.portcullis.co.uk/application/enum4linux/ ) on Sat Dec 20 15:05:10 2025
                                         ( Target Information )

Target ..... 172.17.0.2
RID Range ..... 500-550,1000-1050
Username ..... ''
Password ..... ''
Known Usernames .. administrator, guest, krbtgt, domain admins, root, bin, none

                                         ( Enumerating Workgroup/Domain on 172.17.0.2 )
Home
[+] Got domain/workgroup name: WORKGROUP

                                         ( Session Check on 172.17.0.2 )

[+] Server 172.17.0.2 allows sessions using username '', password ''

                                         ( Getting domain SID for 172.17.0.2 )

Domain Name: WORKGROUP
Domain Sid: (NULL SID)

[+] Can't determine if host is part of domain or part of a workgroup

                                         ( Share Enumeration on 172.17.0.2 )

      Sharename      Type      Comment
print$        Disk      Printer Drivers
tmp           Disk      oh noes!
opt           Disk
IPC$          IPC       IPC Service (metasploitable server (Samba 3.0.20-Debian))
ADMIN$        IPC       IPC Service (metasploitable server (Samba 3.0.20-Debian))
Reconnecting with SMB1 for workgroup listing.

root@Kali: /home/kali
File Actions Edit View Help
                                         ( Getting domain SID for 172.17.0.2 )

Domain Name: WORKGROUP
Domain Sid: (NULL SID)

[+] Can't determine if host is part of domain or part of a workgroup

File System
                                         ( Share Enumeration on 172.17.0.2 )

      Sharename      Type      Comment
print$        Disk      Printer Drivers
tmp           Disk      oh noes!
opt           Disk
IPC$          IPC       IPC Service (metasploitable server (Samba 3.0.20-Debian))
ADMIN$        IPC       IPC Service (metasploitable server (Samba 3.0.20-Debian))
Reconnecting with SMB1 for workgroup listing.

      Server      Comment
Workgroup
WORKGROUP      METASPLOITABLE

[+] Attempting to map shares on 172.17.0.2

//172.17.0.2/print$    Mapping: DENIED Listing: N/A Writing: N/A
//172.17.0.2/tmp         Mapping: OK Listing: OK Writing: N/A
//172.17.0.2/opt         Mapping: DENIED Listing: N/A Writing: N/A

[E] Can't understand response:

NT_STATUS_NETWORK_ACCESS_DENIED listing \*
//172.17.0.2/IPC$        Mapping: N/A Listing: N/A Writing: N/A
//172.17.0.2/ADMIN$      Mapping: DENIED Listing: N/A Writing: N/A
enum4linux complete on Sat Dec 20 15:05:11 2025

--(root㉿Kali)-[~/home/kali]
# 

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The **-P** flag enumerates the SMB password policy of the target system.

enum4linux - P 172.17.0.2

If allowed, it will show things like:

- **Minimum password length**
- **Maximum password age**
- **Password history length**
- **Account lockout threshold**
- **Lockout duration**
- **Whether complexity is enforced**

```
[root@Kali]~[/home/kali]
# enum4linux -P 172.17.0.2
Starting enum4linux v0.9.1 ( http://labs.portcullis.co.uk/application/enum4linux/ ) on Sat Dec 20 17:24:50 2025

----- ( Target Information ) -----

Target ..... 172.17.0.2
RID Range ..... 500-550,1000-1050
Username ..... ''
Password ..... ''
Known Usernames .. administrator, guest, krbtgt, domain admins, root, bin, none

----- ( Enumerating Workgroup/Domain on 172.17.0.2 ) -----

[+] Got domain/workgroup name: WORKGROUP

----- ( Session Check on 172.17.0.2 ) -----

[+] Server 172.17.0.2 allows sessions using username '', password ''

----- ( Getting domain SID for 172.17.0.2 ) -----

Domain Name: WORKGROUP
Domain Sid: (NULL SID)

[+] Can't determine if host is part of domain or part of a workgroup

----- ( Password Policy Information for 172.17.0.2 ) -----

[+] Attaching to 172.17.0.2 using a NULL share
[+] Trying protocol 139/SMB...
[+] Found domain(s):
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[+] Attaching to 172.17.0.2 using a NULL share
[+] Trying protocol 139/SMB ...
[+] Found domain(s):
    File System
        [+] METASPLOITABLE
        [+] Builtin
[+] Password Info for Domain: METASPLOITABLE
    File System
        [+] Minimum password length: 5
        [+] Password history length: None
        [+] Maximum password age: Not Set
        [+] Password Complexity Flags: 000000
            [+] Domain Refuse Password Change: 0
            [+] Domain Password Store Cleartext: 0
            [+] Domain Password Lockout Admins: 0
            [+] Domain Password No Clear Change: 0
            [+] Domain Password No Anon Change: 0
            [+] Domain Password Complex: 0
        [+] Minimum password age: None
        [+] Reset Account Lockout Counter: 30 minutes
        [+] Locked Account Duration: 30 minutes
        [+] Account Lockout Threshold: None
        [+] Forced Log off Time: Not Set

[+] Retrieved partial password policy with rpcclient:

Password Complexity: Disabled
Minimum Password Length: 0

enum4linux complete on Sat Dec 20 17:24:50 2025

└─(root㉿Kali)-[/home/kali]
# enum4linux -P 192.168.121.136
Starting enum4linux v0.9.1 ( http://labs.portcullis.co.uk/application/enum4linux/ ) on Sat Dec 20 17:25:37 2025
===== ( Target Information ) =====

Target ..... 192.168.121.136
RID Range ..... 500-550,1000-1050
Username ..... ''
Password ..... ''
```

Access SMB Shares with SMBClient

smbclient is a command-line tool (like FTP for SMB) that lets you **list, connect to, and browse SMB share**

Using **-L** - list all available shares on the remote server

```
[root@Kali]~[/home/kali]
# smbclient -L //172.17.0.2
Password for [WORKGROUP\root]:
Anonymous login successful

      Sharename          Type          Comment
      print$            Disk          Printer Drivers
      tmp               Disk          oh noes!
      opt               Disk
      IPC$             IPC           IPC Service (metasploitable server (Samba 3.0.20-Debian))
      ADMIN$            IPC           IPC Service (metasploitable server (Samba 3.0.20-Debian))

Reconnecting with SMB1 for workgroup listing.
Anonymous login successful

      Server          Comment
      Workgroup        Master
      WORKGROUP        METASPLOITABLE

[root@Kali]~[/home/kali]
# smbclient -L //172.17.0.2/print$
Password for [WORKGROUP\root]:
Anonymous login successful

      Sharename          Type          Comment
      print$            Disk          Printer Drivers
      tmp               Disk          oh noes!
      opt               Disk
      IPC$             IPC           IPC Service (metasploitable server (Samba 3.0.20-Debian))
      ADMIN$            IPC           IPC Service (metasploitable server (Samba 3.0.20-Debian))

Reconnecting with SMB1 for workgroup listing.
Anonymous login successful

      Server          Comment
      Workgroup        Master
      WORKGROUP        METASPLOITABLE

[root@Kali]~[/home/kali]
#
```

Accessing the print\$ server – access was denied

```
(kali㉿Kali)-[~]
└─$ smbclient //172.17.0.2/print$ 
Password for [WORKGROUP\kali]: 
Anonymous login successful
tree connect failed: NT_STATUS_ACCESS_DENIED

(kali㉿Kali)-[~]
└─$ smbclient -L //172.17.0.2/
Password for [WORKGROUP\kali]: 
Anonymous login successful

      Sharename      Type      Comment
      _____
      print$        Disk      Printer Drivers
      tmp           Disk      oh noes!
      opt           Disk
      IPC$          IPC       IPC Service (metasploitable server (Samba 3.0.20-Debian))
      ADMIN$        IPC       IPC Service (metasploitable server (Samba 3.0.20-Debian))

Reconnecting with SMB1 for workgroup listing.
Anonymous login successful

      Server          Comment
      _____
      Workgroup       Master
      _____
      WORKGROUP       METASPLOITABLE

(kali㉿Kali)-[~]
└─$ smbclient //172.17.0.2/print$ 
Password for [WORKGROUP\kali]: 
Anonymous login successful
tree connect failed: NT_STATUS_ACCESS_DENIED

(kali㉿Kali)-[~]
└─$
```

Then I tried accessing tmp server – accessing was granted and got connected to smb

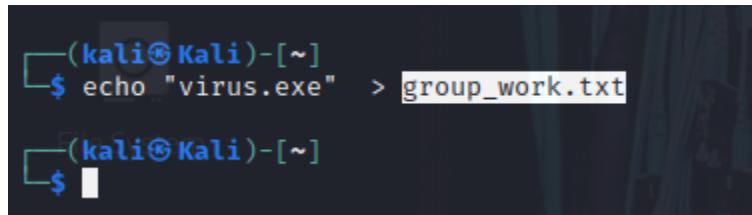
```
(kali㉿Kali)-[~]
└─$ smbclient //172.17.0.2/tmp
Password for [WORKGROUP\kali]: 
Anonymous login successful
Try "help" to get a list of possible commands.
smb: \> █
```

Open a new terminal and enter echo “virus.exe” > group_work.txt

This command does the following:

- echo “virus.exe”: prints the string virus.exe to the terminal.
- >: redirects that output into a file.
- group_work.txt: is the file being created or overwritten.

So the result is a new file named group_work.txt containing just the text:



A terminal window from Kali Linux. The prompt shows '(kali㉿Kali)-[~]'. The user runs the command '\$ echo "virus.exe" > group_work.txt'. The terminal then shows a blank line with the prompt again.

```
(kali㉿Kali)-[~]
$ echo "virus.exe" > group_work.txt
(kali㉿Kali)-[~]
$
```

Then connect to smbclient - smbclient //172.17.0.2/tmp -N

Enter login details

In prompt smb> enter put group_work.txt

This command is executed **inside an active smbclient session**

- SMB client **upload** the file group_work.txt from **local Kali machine** to the **remote SMB share** (in this case, `//172.17.0.2/tmp`).
- If successful, the file will appear in the shared folder on the remote server.

Enter dir to see the file uploaded.

This confirms that the share allows **anonymous write operations**, a major misconfiguration in real-world environments and a key finding in penetration testing lab

```
(kali㉿Kali)-[~]
$ smbclient //172.17.0.2/tmp -N
Anonymous login successful
Try "help" to get a list of possible commands.
smb: \> put test.txt
putting file test.txt as \test.txt (0.4 kb/s) (average 0.4 kb/s)
smb: \> dir
.
..
.X11-unix
.ICE-unix
.X0-lock
684.jsvc_up
695.jsvc_up
682.jsvc_up
694.jsvc_up
test.txt
826.jsvc_up
810.jsvc_up
1582.jsvc_up
1823.jsvc_up

D 0 Sun Dec 21 08:54:50 2025
DR 0 Mon Aug 14 10:39:59 2023
DH 0 Mon Aug 14 10:35:14 2023
DH 0 Sun Jan 28 03:08:08 2018
HR 11 Mon Aug 14 10:35:14 2023
R 0 Sat Dec 20 13:25:58 2025
R 0 Sat Dec 13 19:25:03 2025
R 0 Mon Aug 14 10:35:26 2023
R 0 Wed Dec 17 20:50:30 2025
A 5 Sun Dec 21 08:54:50 2025
R 0 Sun Jan 28 07:08:40 2018
R 0 Sun Jan 28 03:54:31 2018
R 0 Sun Jan 28 04:01:49 2018
R 0 Sun Jan 28 02:57:44 2018

38497656 blocks of size 1024. 9154400 blocks available
smb: \> put group_work.txt
putting file group_work.txt as \group_work.txt (2.0 kb/s) (average 0.9 kb/s)
smb: \> dir
.
..
.X11-unix
.ICE-unix
.X0-lock
684.jsvc_up
695.jsvc_up
682.jsvc_up
group_work.txt
694.jsvc_up
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R 0 Wed Dec 17 20:50:30 2025
A 5 Sun Dec 21 08:54:50 2025
R 0 Sun Jan 28 07:08:40 2018
R 0 Sun Jan 28 03:54:31 2018
R 0 Sun Jan 28 04:01:49 2018
R 0 Sun Jan 28 02:57:44 2018
```