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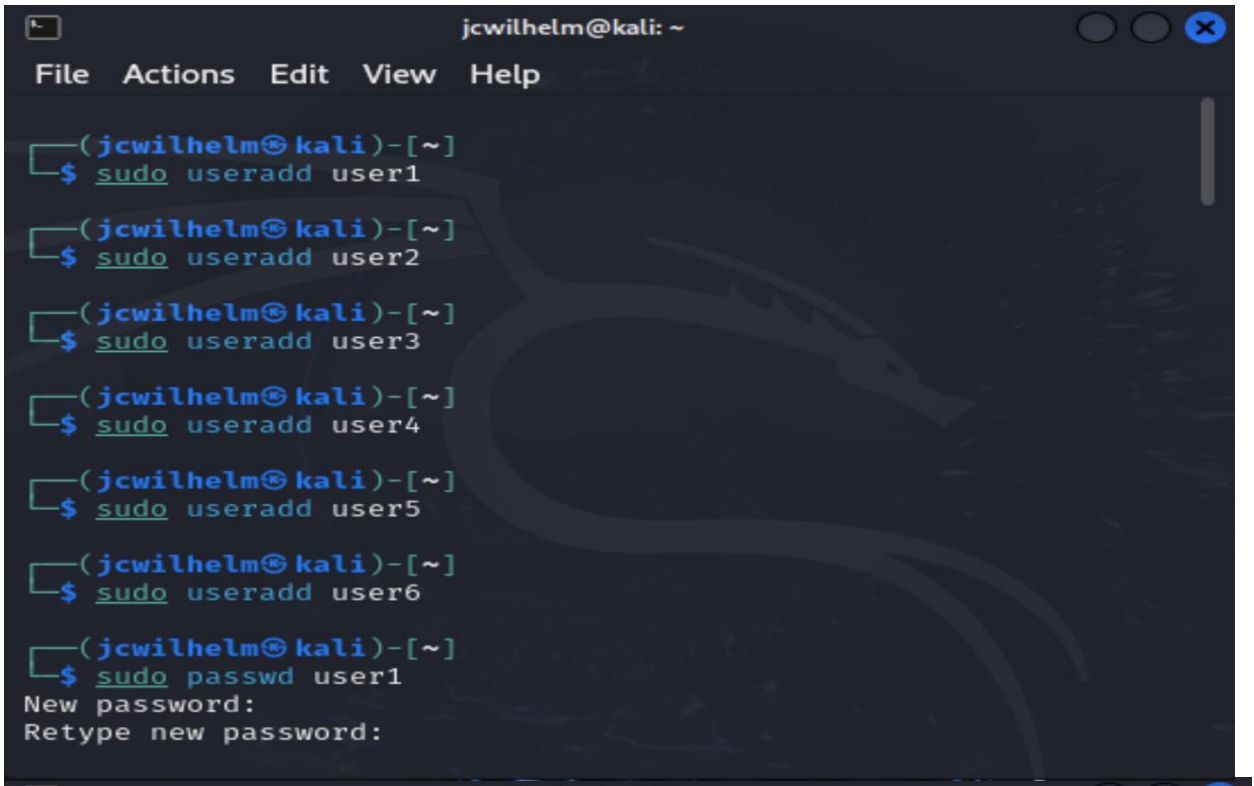
The goal of this lab is to test the strength of different passwords.

Task A – Password Cracking

1. Create **6 users** in your Linux Terminal, then set the password for each user that meets the following complexity requirement respectively. You should list the passwords created for each user. **[6 * 5 = 30 points]**.
    1. For user1, the password should be a simple dictionary word (all lowercase)
        i password
    2. For user2, the password should consist of 4 digits.
        i 123456
    3. For user3, the password should consist of a simple dictionary word of any length characters (all lowercase) + digits.
        i password1234
    4. For user4, the password should consist of a simple dictionary word characters (all lowercase) + digits + symbols.
        i p@ssword1234
    5. For user5, the password should consist of a simple dictionary word (all lowercase) + digits.
        i 9a55w0rd
    6. For user6, the password should consist of a simple dictionary word (with a combination of lower and upper case) + digits + symbols.
        i #P@ssw0rd


jcwilhelm@kali: ~
File Actions Edit View Help
┌──(jcwilhelm㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ sudo useradd user1
┌──(jcwilhelm㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ sudo useradd user2
┌──(jcwilhelm㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ sudo useradd user3
┌──(jcwilhelm㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ sudo useradd user4
┌──(jcwilhelm㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ sudo useradd user5
┌──(jcwilhelm㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ sudo useradd user6
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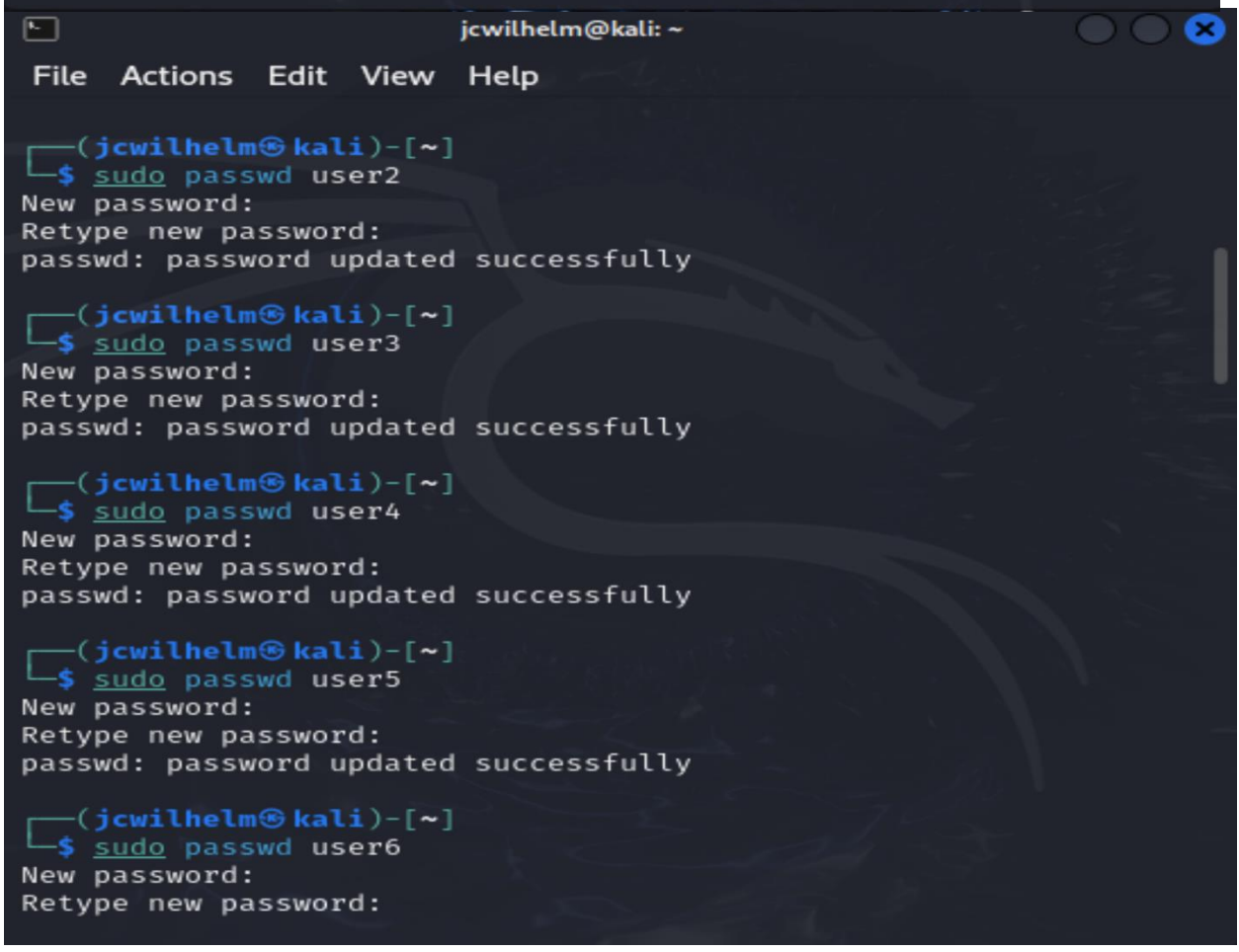
└─$ sudo passwd user1
New password:
Retype new password:


jcwilhelm@kali: ~
File Actions Edit View Help
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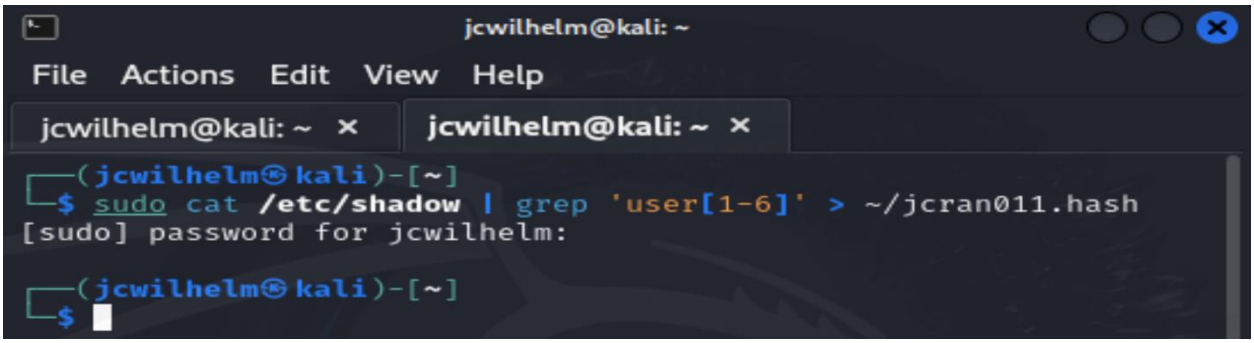
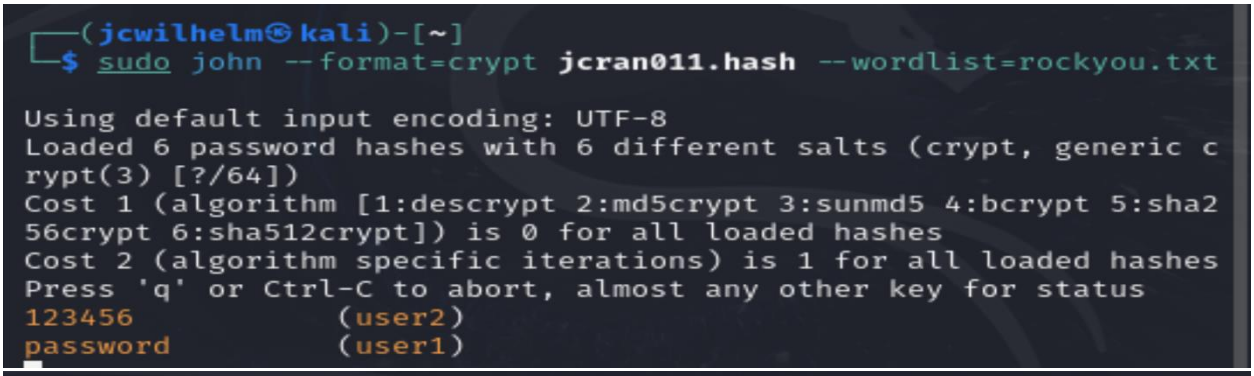
└─$ sudo passwd user2
New password:
Retype new password:
passwd: password updated successfully
┌──(jcwilhelm㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ sudo passwd user3
New password:
Retype new password:
passwd: password updated successfully
┌──(jcwilhelm㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ sudo passwd user4
New password:
Retype new password:
passwd: password updated successfully
┌──(jcwilhelm㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ sudo passwd user5
New password:
Retype new password:
passwd: password updated successfully
┌──(jcwilhelm㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ sudo passwd user6
New password:
Retype new password:

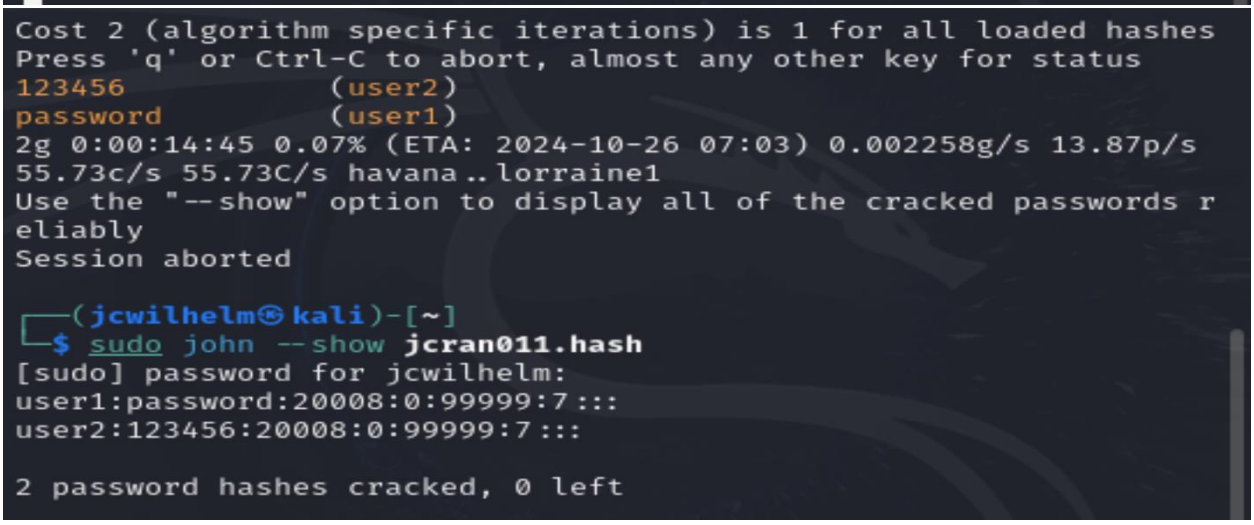
Remember, do not use the passwords for your real-world accounts.

2. Export above users' hashes into a file named **xxx.hash** **(replace xxx with your MIDAS name)** and use John the Ripper tool to crack their passwords in wordlist mode (use rockyou.txt). **[40 points]**



3. Keep your john the ripper cracking for 10 minutes. How many passwords have been successfully cracked? **[30 points]**





After 10 minutes, only users 1 & 2 were cracked.

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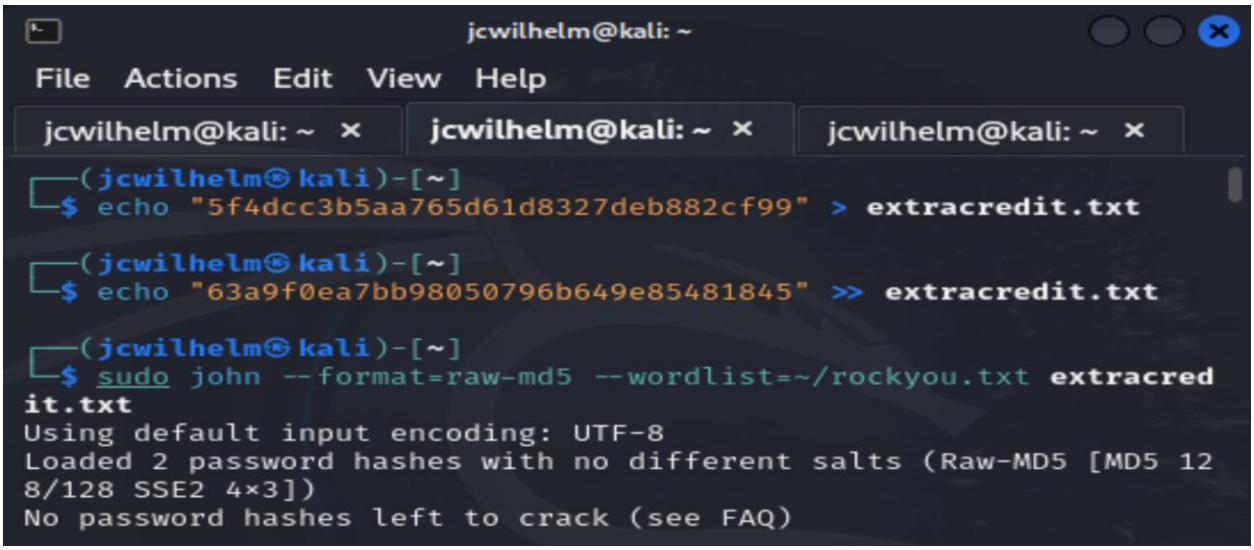
Extra credit (10 points):

1. Find and use the proper format in John the ripper to crack the following **MD5 hash**. Show your steps and results.
   a. 5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99
   b. 63a9f0ea7bb98050796b649e85481845



I was unable to crack the hashes, but these were the steps taken to attempt to do so.