

CYSE 270 Assignment 4- Task A

Task A – Password Cracking

Step 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.

user1 pw – rocket

user2 pw – 3654

user3 pw – oil26

user4 pw – tire58!@

user5 pw – computer0978

user 6 pw – hoUSe163#\$



The screenshot shows a terminal window titled 'Cysse_Kali (CYSE Lab 1) (Running) - Oracle VM VirtualBox'. The terminal session is as follows:

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File Actions Edit View Help
[mark@kali:~]
└─$ sudo useradd user1
[sudo] password for mark:
[mark@kali:~]
└─$ sudo passwd user1
New password:
Retype new password:
passwd: password updated successfully
[mark@kali:~]
└─$ sudo useradd user2
[mark@kali:~]
└─$ useradd user2
useradd: Permission denied.
useradd: cannot lock /etc/passwd; try again later.
[mark@kali:~]
└─$ sudo passwd user2
New password:
Retype new password:
passwd: password updated successfully
[mark@kali:~]
└─$ sudo useradd user3
[mark@kali:~]
└─$ sudo passwd user3
New password:
Retype new password:
passwd: password updated successfully
[mark@kali:~]
└─$ sudo useradd user4
[mark@kali:~]
└─$ sudo passwd user4
New password:
Retype new password:
passwd: password updated successfully
[mark@kali:~]
└─$ sudo useradd user5
[mark@kali:~]
└─$ sudo passwd user5
New password:
Retype new password:
passwd: password updated successfully
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used sudo useradd for six users and sudo passwd to add passwords.

Step 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).

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used sudo cat /etc/shadow > /root/mprat.hash
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Step 3 - Keep your john the ripper cracking for 10 minutes. How many passwords have been successfully cracked? Only 3 passwords cracked after 10 minutes. Only one created user.

User1

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used sudo john -wordlist=/usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt -format=crypt /root/mprat.hash
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Step 4 - Find and use the proper format in John the ripper to crack the following MD5 hash.

Show your steps and results.

a. 5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99 = password

b. 63a9f0ea7bb98050796b649e85481845 = root

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(root㉿kali)-[~]
# ls -l
total 12
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 79 Oct  8 18:20 extrahash.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 4018 Oct  8 16:51 mprat007.hash
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 2095 Oct  8 17:05 mprat.hash

(root㉿kali)-[~]
# cat extrahash.txt
user7:5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99
user8:63a9f0ea7bb98050796b649e854818845

(root㉿kali)-[~]
# sudo john --wordlist=/usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt --format=raw-md5 extrahash.txt
Using default input encoding: UTF-8
Loaded 2 password hashes with no different salts (Raw-MD5 [MD5 256/256 AVX2 8x3])
Press 'q' or Ctrl-C to abort, almost any other key for status
password: (user8)
1g 0:00:00:00 DONE (2025-10-08 18:22) 50.00g/s 19200p/s 19200c/s 123456..michael1
Use the "--show --format=Raw-MD5" options to display all of the cracked passwords reliably
Session completed.

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Remaining 1 password hash
Press 'q' or Ctrl-C to abort, almost any other key for status
root: (user8)
1g 0:00:00:00 DONE (2025-10-08 18:29) 9.090g/s 7337Kp/s 7337Kc/s 7337KC/s rory17..ronald918
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Session completed.

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used echo to create new users then used

sudo john --wordlist=/usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt --format=raw-md5 extrahash.txt to crack provided hashes.