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About the Tutorial

Kali Linux is one of the best open-source security packages of an ethical hacker, containing a set of tools divided by categories. Kali Linux can be installed in a machine as an Operating System, which is discussed in this tutorial. Installing Kali Linux is a practical option as it provides more options to work and combine the tools.

This tutorial gives a complete understanding on Kali Linux and explains how to use it in practice.

Audience

This tutorial has been prepared for beginners to help them understand the fundamentals of Kali Linux. It will specifically be useful for penetration testing professionals. After completing this tutorial, you will find yourself at a moderate level of expertise from where you can take yourself to the next levels.

Prerequisites

Although this tutorial will benefit most of the beginners, it will definitely be a plus if you are familiar with the basic concepts of any Linux operating system.

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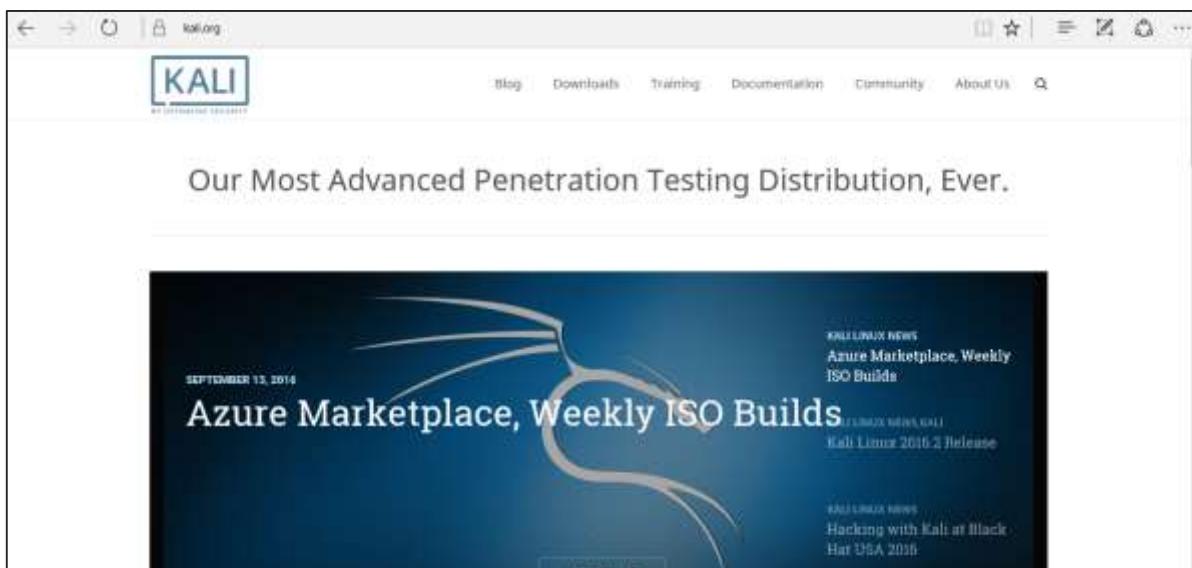
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1. Kali Linux – Installation & Configuration

Kali Linux is one of the best security packages of an ethical hacker, containing a set of tools divided by the categories. It is an open source and its official webpage is <https://www.kali.org>.

Generally, Kali Linux can be installed in a machine as an Operating System, as a virtual machine which we will discuss in the following section. Installing Kali Linux is a practical option as it provides more options to work and combine the tools. You can also create a live boot CD or USB. All this can be found in the following link: <https://www.kali.org/downloads/>

BackTrack was the old version of Kali Linux distribution. The latest release is Kali 2016.1 and it is updated very often.



To install Kali Linux –

- First, we will download the Virtual box and install it.
- Later, we will download and install Kali Linux distribution.

Download and Install the Virtual Box

A Virtual Box is particularly useful when you want to test something on Kali Linux that you are unsure of. Running Kali Linux on a Virtual Box is safe when you want to experiment with unknown packages or when you want to test a code.

With the help of a Virtual Box, you can install Kali Linux on your system (not directly in your hard disk) alongside your primary OS which can MAC or Windows or another flavor of Linux.

Let's understand how you can download and install the Virtual Box on your system.

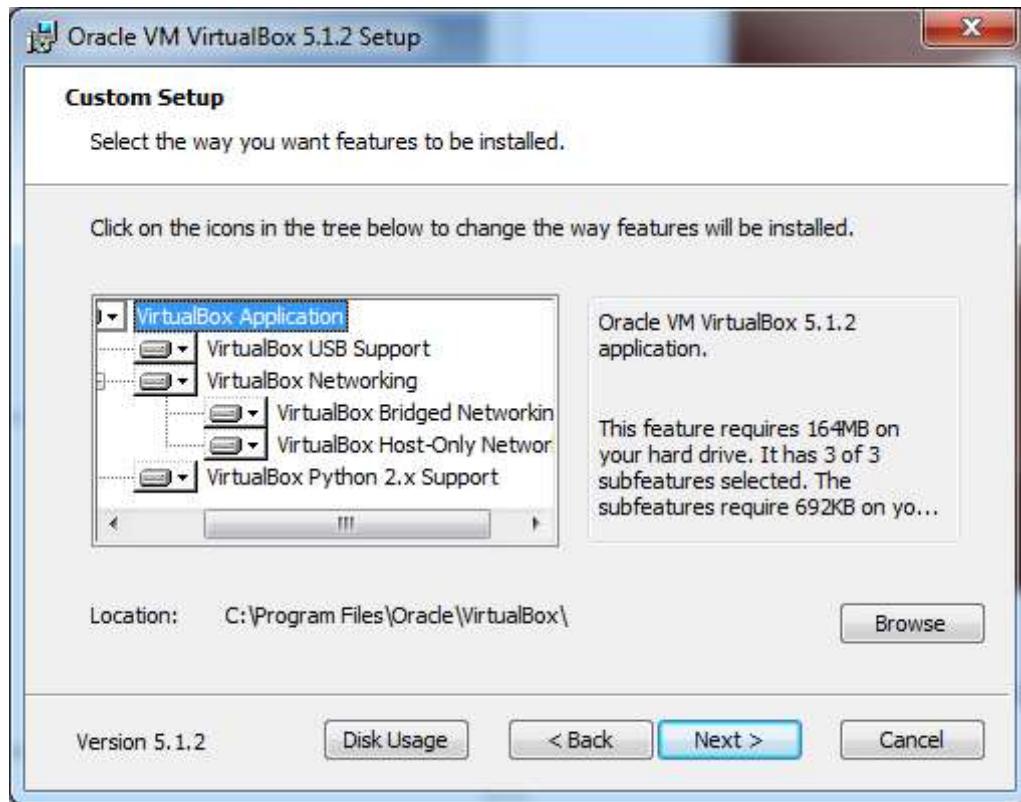
Step 1: To download, go to <https://www.virtualbox.org/wiki/Downloads>. Depending on your operating system, select the right package. In this case, it will be the first one for Windows as shown in the following screenshot.

The screenshot shows the 'VirtualBox' website with the heading 'Download VirtualBox'. Below it, a sub-section titled 'VirtualBox binaries' is visible. A note states: 'Here, you will find links to VirtualBox binaries and its source code.' Under this, there is a section for 'VirtualBox platform packages'. It lists several options, with the first item, 'VirtualBox 5.1.2 for Windows hosts x86/amd64', highlighted by a red rectangular border. The text for this item reads: 'The binaries are released under the terms of the GPL version 2.' Below this, there is a note about the Oracle VM VirtualBox Extension Pack, mentioning supported platforms, a User Manual, and download links for specific versions.

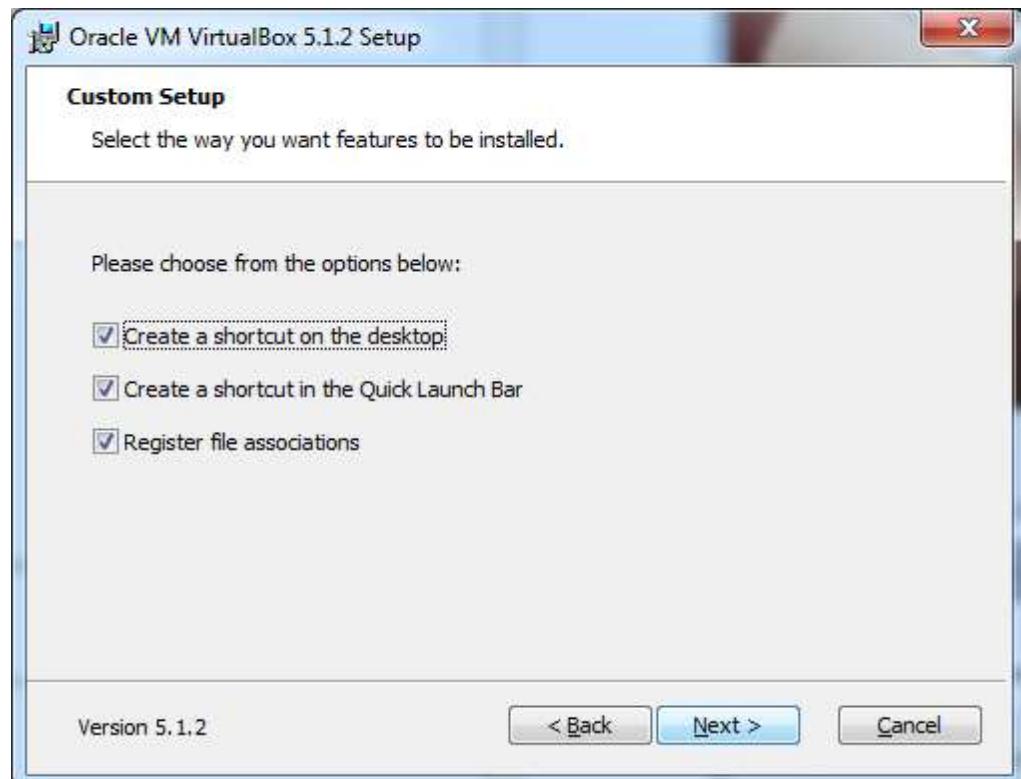
Step 2: Click **Next**.



Step 3: The next page will give you options to choose the location where you want to install the application. In this case, let us leave it as default and click **Next**.



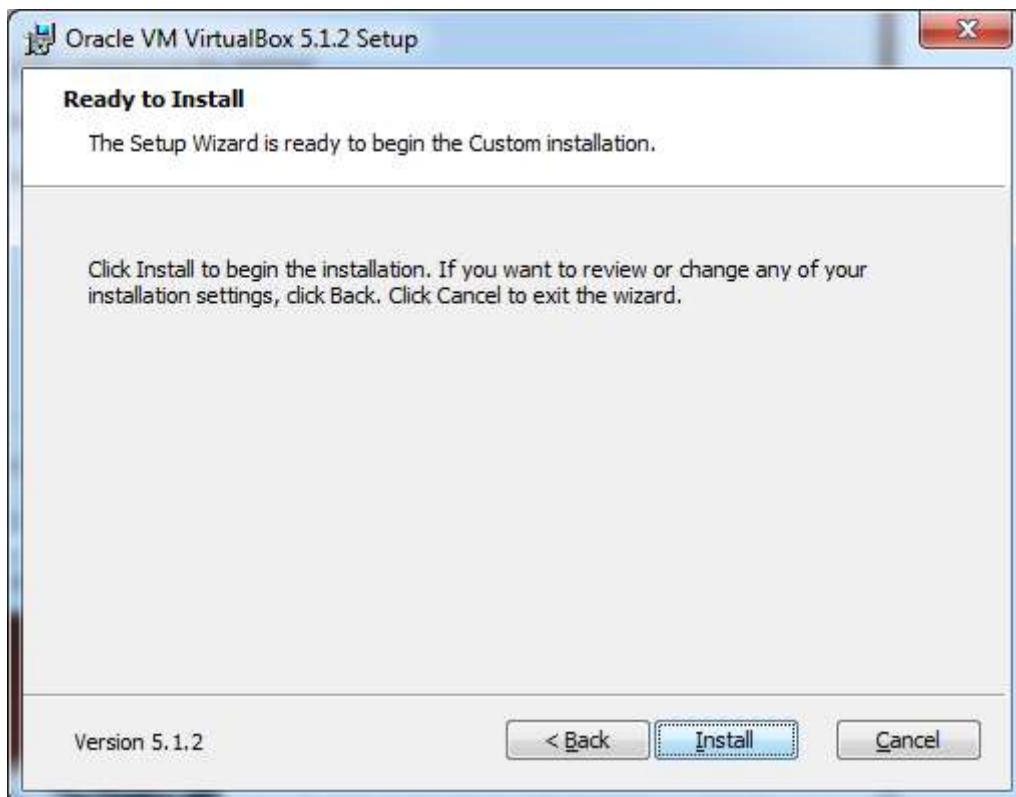
Step 4: Click **Next** and the following **Custom Setup** screenshot pops up. Select the features you want to be installed and click Next.



Step 5: Click **Yes** to proceed with the installation.



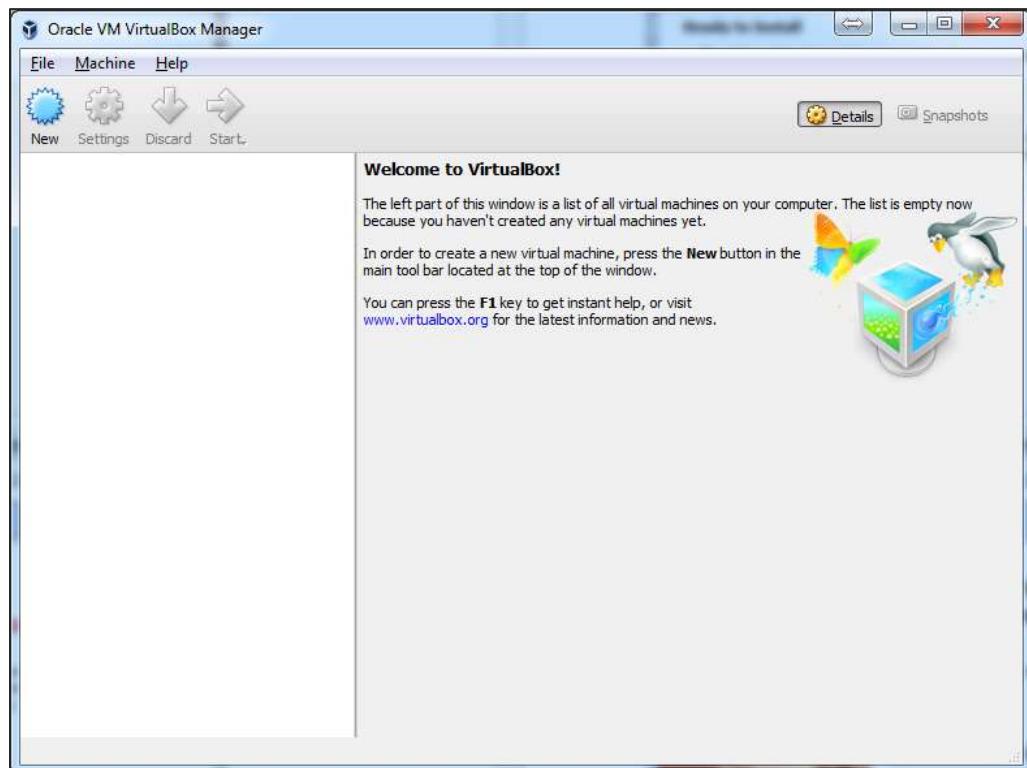
Step 6: The **Ready to Install** screen pops up. Click **Install**.



Step 7: Click the **Finish** button.



The Virtual Box application will now open as shown in the following screenshot. Now we are ready to install the rest of the hosts for this manual and this is also recommended for professional usage.



Install Kali Linux

Now that we have successfully installed the Virtual Box, let's move on to the next step and install Kali Linux.

Step 1: Download the Kali Linux package from its official website: <https://www.kali.org/downloads/>

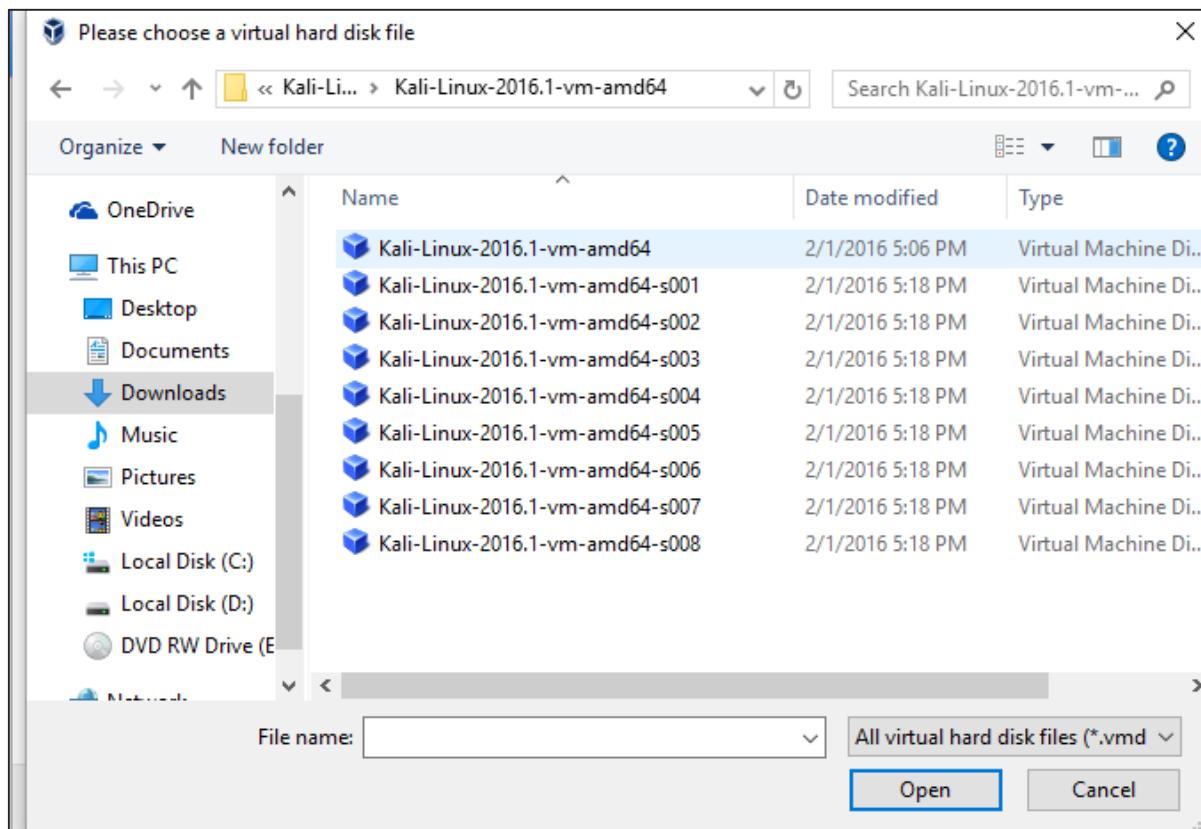
The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the offensive-security.com/kali-linux-vmware-virtualbox-image-download page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Blog, Courses, Certifications, and Online Labs. Below the navigation bar, there are two tabs: "Prebuilt Kali Linux VMware Images" and "Prebuilt Kali Linux VirtualBox Images". The "Prebuilt Kali Linux VirtualBox Images" tab is selected. A table below lists two download options:

Image Name	Torrent	Size	Version	SHA1Sum
Kali Linux 64 bit VM	Torrent	2.0G	2016.1	2b49bf1e77c11ecb5618249ca69a46f23a6f5d2d
Kali Linux 32 bit VM PAE	Torrent	2.0G	2016.1	e71867a8bbf7ad55fa437eb7c93fd69e450f6759

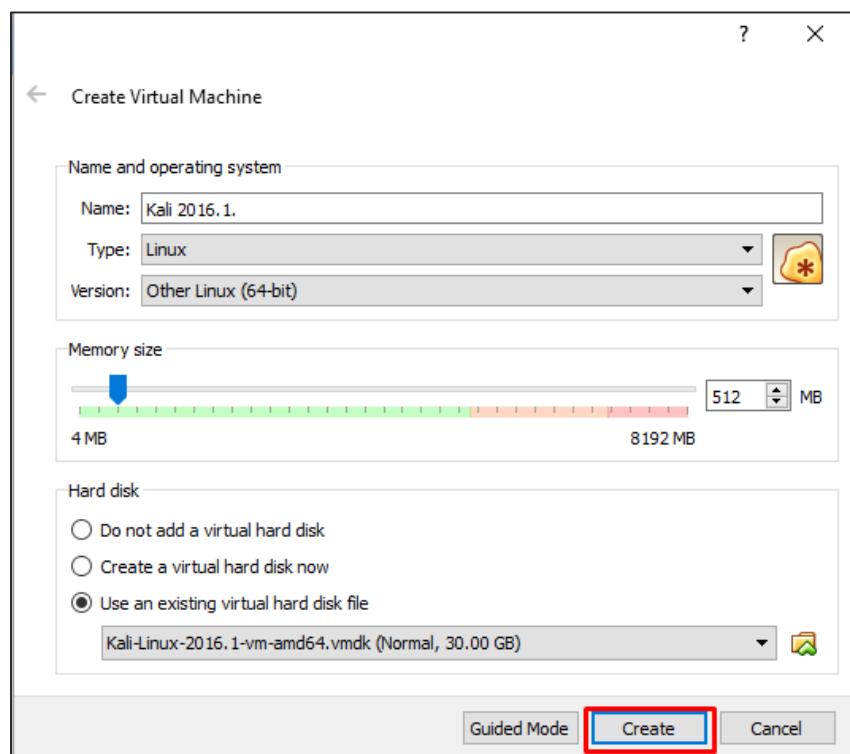
Step 2: Click **VirtualBox -> New** as shown in the following screenshot.

The screenshot shows the Oracle VM VirtualBox Manager interface. On the left, there is a tree view showing several existing virtual machines. On the right, there are configuration panels for a new virtual machine named "AC1" running "Windows 2008 (64-bit)". The "General" panel shows settings like base memory (1500 MB), boot order (Floppy, Optical, Hard Disk), and acceleration (VT-x/AMD-V, Nested Paging, Hyper-V Paravirtualization). The "Display" panel shows video memory (18 MB) and remote desktop server (Disabled). The "Storage" panel shows a SATA controller with one disk (AC1.vdi, 25.00 GB). The "Audio" panel shows Windows DirectSound as the host driver. The "Machine" menu at the top has a sub-menu open with "New..." highlighted.

Step 3: Choose the right **virtual hard disk file** and click **Open**.



Step 4: The following screenshot pops up. Click the **Create** button.



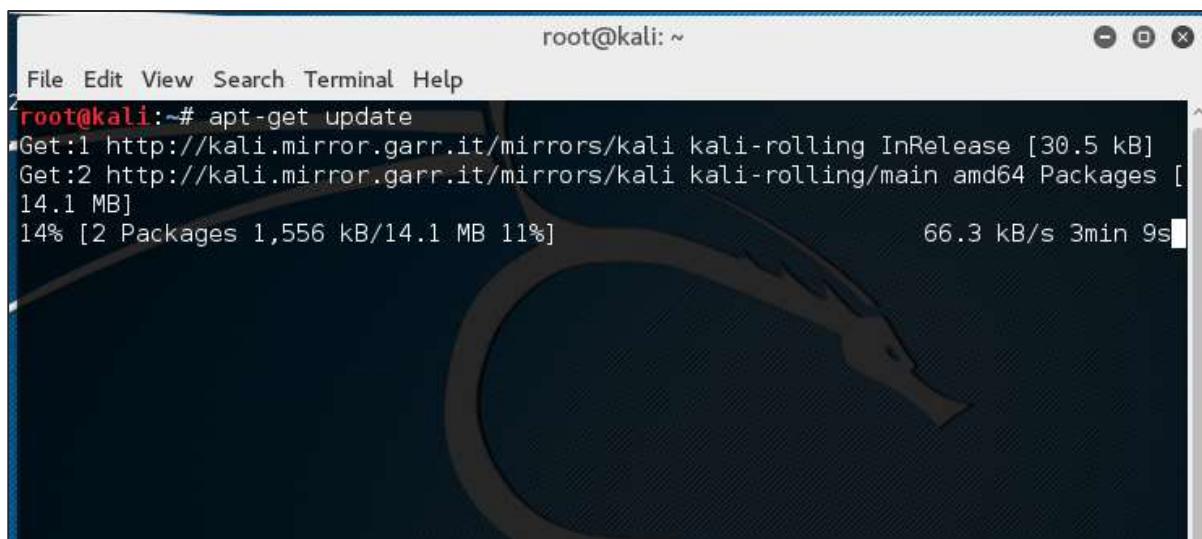
Step 5: Start Kali OS. The default username is **root** and the password is **toor**.

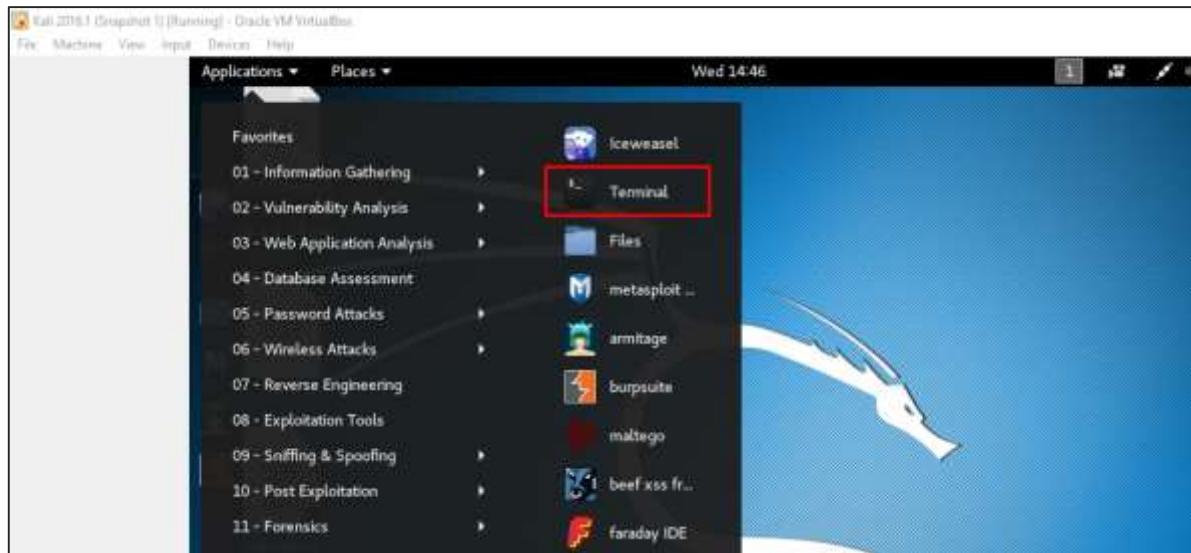


Update Kali

It is important to keep updating Kali Linux and its tools to the new versions, to remain functional. Following are the steps to update Kali.

Step 1: Go to Application -> Terminal. Then, type “apt-get update” and the update will take place as shown in the following screenshot.





Step 2: Now to upgrade the tools, type “apt-get upgrade” and the new packages will be downloaded.

```

root@kali:~# apt-get upgrade
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
Calculating upgrade... Done
The following packages were automatically installed and are no longer required:
  castxml gccxml gdebi-core libasn1-8-heimdal libgssapi3-heimdal
  libcrypto4-heimdal libhdb9-heimdal libheimbase1-heimdal
  libheimntlm0-heimdal libhx509-5-heimdal libkdc2-heimdal libkrb5-26-heimdal
  libntdb1 libroken18-heimdal libwind0-heimdal python-ctypeslib python-ecdsa
  python-ntdb python-pyatspi python-tidylib vlc-plugin-notify vlc-plugin-samba
Use 'apt autoremove' to remove them.
The following packages have been kept back:
  adwaita-icon-theme apktool backdoor-factory bind9-host binwalk bluez
  bluez-obexd bundler cadaver couchdb cpp cpp-5 cutycapt default-jdk
  default-jre default-jre-headless dnsutils dradis driftnet erlang ASN1
  erlang-base erlang-crypto erlang-eunit erlang-inets erlang-mnesia
  erlang-os-mon erlang-public-key erlang-runtime-tools erlang-snmp erlang-ssl
  erlang-syntax-tools erlang-tools erlang-xmerl evolution-data-server
  evolution-data-server-common file folks-common ftp g++ g++-5 gcc gcc-5
  gcc-5-base gdm3 gedit gedit-common ghostscript girl1.2-gdkpixbuf-2.0
  girl1.2-gnomedesktop-3.0 girl1.2-gst-plugins-base-1.0 girl1.2-gstreamer-1.0
  girl1.2-gtksourceview2-4.0 girl1.2-mutter-3.0 girl1.2-totem-1.0

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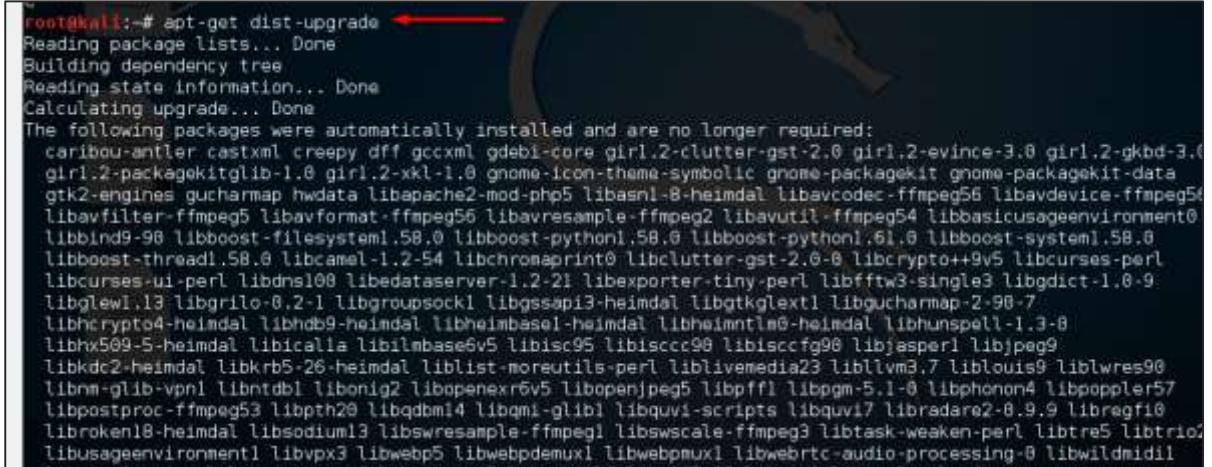
Step 3: It will ask if you want to continue. Type “Y” and “Enter”.

```

zsh-common
1264 upgraded, 0 newly installed, 0 to remove and 488 not upgraded.
Need to get 955 MB of archives.
After this operation, 162 MB of additional disk space will be used.
Do you want to continue? [Y/n] Y

```

Step 4: To upgrade to a newer version of Operating System, type “**apt-get dist-upgrade**”.

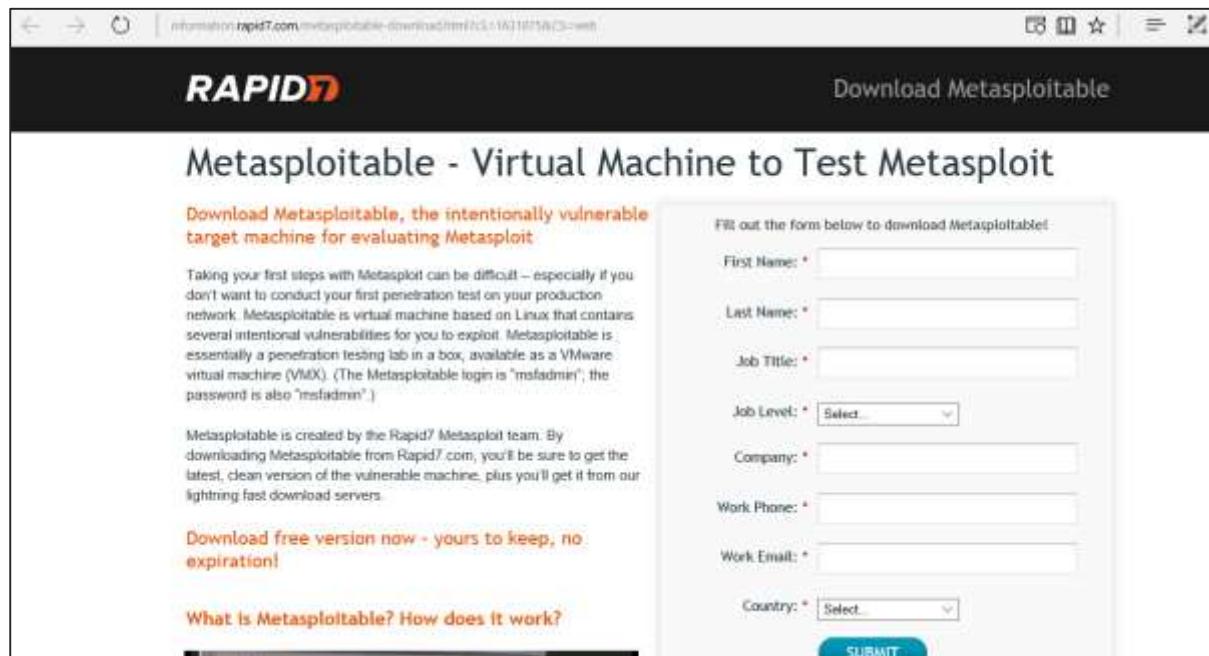


```
root@kali:~# apt-get dist-upgrade
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
Calculating upgrade... Done
The following packages were automatically installed and are no longer required:
  caribou-antler castxml creepy dff gccxml gdebi-core girl.2-clutter-gst-2.0 girl.2-evince-3.0 girl.2-gkbd-3.0
  girl.2-packagekitglib-1.0 girl.2-xkl-1.0 gnome-icon-theme-symbolic gnome-packagekit gnome-packagekit-data
  gtk2-engines_gucharmap hwdata libapache2-mod-php5 libasnl-8-heimdal libavcodec-ffmpeg56 libavdevice-ffmpeg56
  libavfilter-ffmpeg5 libavformat-ffmpeg56 libavresample-ffmpeg2 libavutil-ffmpeg54 libbasicusageenvironment0
  libbind9-98 libboost/filesystem1.58.0 libboost-python1.58.0 libboost-python1.61.0 libboost-system1.58.0
  libboost-thread1.58.0 libcamel-1.2-54 libchromaprint0 libclutter-gst-2.0-0 libcrypto++9v5 libcurses-perl
  libcurl-perl libdns108 libedata-server-1.2-21 libexporter-tiny-perl libfftw3-single3 libgdict-1.0-9
  libglew1.13 libgrilo-0.2-1 libgroupsock1 libgssapi3-heimdal libgtkglext1 libgucharmap-2.90-7
  libhcrypto4-heimdal libhdb9-heimdal libheimbase-heimdal libheimntlm-heimdal libhunspell-1.3-8
  libhx509-5-heimdal libicalia libilmbase6v5 libisc95 libisccr90 libiscfg90 libjasper libjpeg9
  libkdc2-heimdal libkrb5-26-heimdal liblist-moreutils-perl liblivemedia23 liblolv3.7 liblouis9 liblwres90
  libnm-glib-vpn1 libnmd1 libonig2 libopenexr6v5 libopenjpeg5 libpffi libpm-5.1-0 libphonon4 libpoppler57
  libpostproc-ffmpeg53 libpth20 libqdbm4 libqmi-glib libquvi-scripts libquvi7 libredare2-0.9.9 libregf10
  libroken18-heimdal libsodium13 libswresample-ffmpeg3 libswscale-ffmpeg3 libtask-weaken-perl libtre5 libtrio1
  libusageenvironment1 libvpx3 libwebp5 libwebpdemux1 libwebrtc-audio-processing-0 libwildmid1
```

Laboratory Setup

In this section, we will set up another testing machine to perform the tests with the help of tools of Kali Linux.

Step 1: Download **Metasploitable**, which is a Linux machine. It can be downloaded from the official webpage of **Rapid7**: <https://information.rapid7.com/metasploitable-download.html?LS=1631875&CS=web>



Download Metasploitable

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Taking your first steps with Metasploit can be difficult – especially if you don't want to conduct your first penetration test on your production network. Metasploitable is virtual machine based on Linux that contains several intentional vulnerabilities for you to exploit. Metasploitable is essentially a penetration testing lab in a box, available as a VMware virtual machine (VMDK). (The Metasploitable login is "msfadmin", the password is also "msfadmin".)

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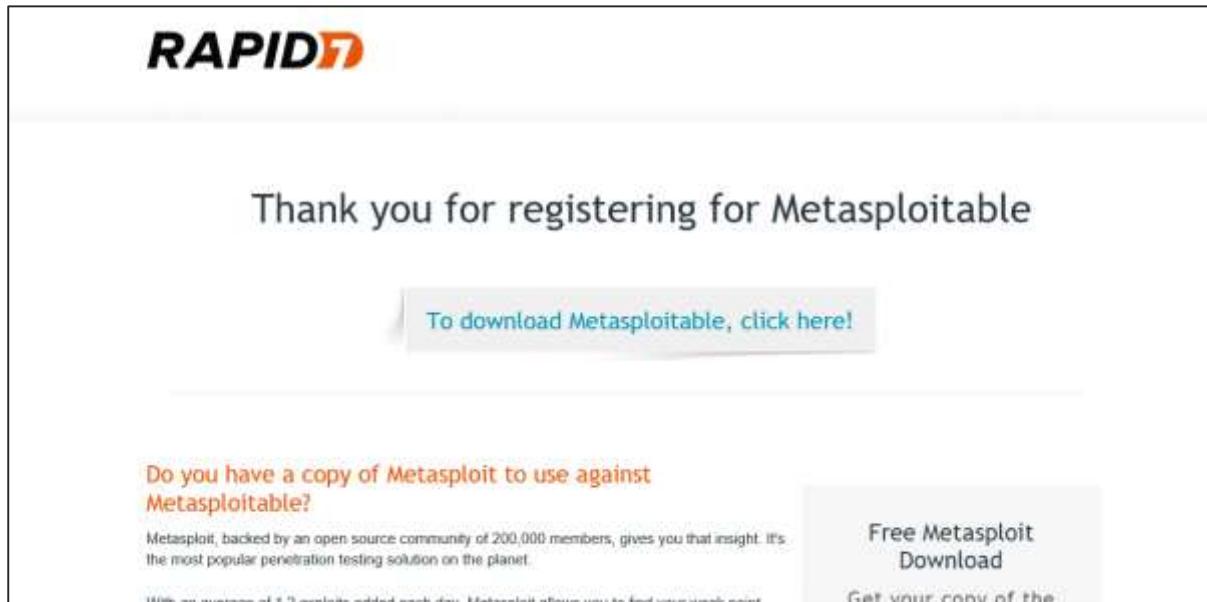
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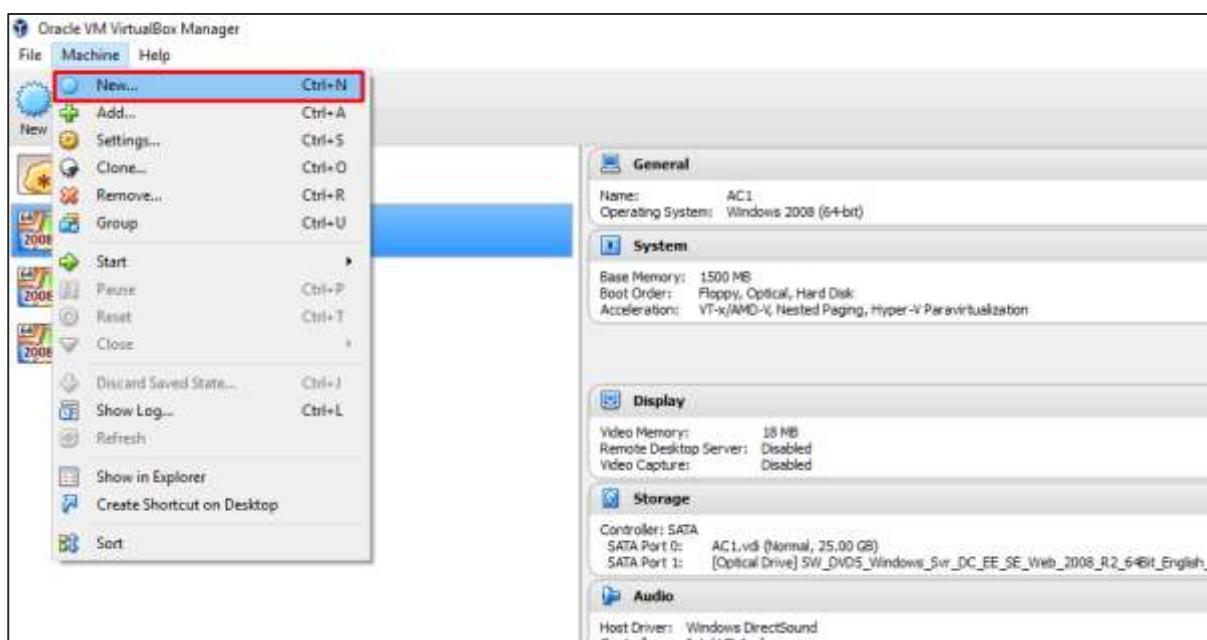
Country: *

SUBMIT

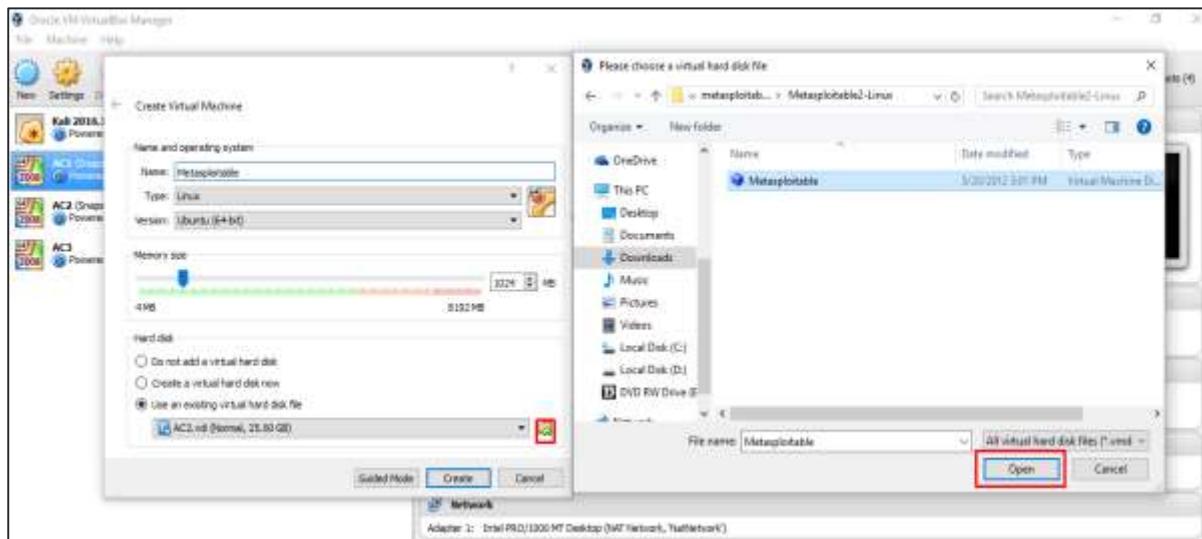
Step 2: Register by supplying your details. After filling the above form, we can download the software.



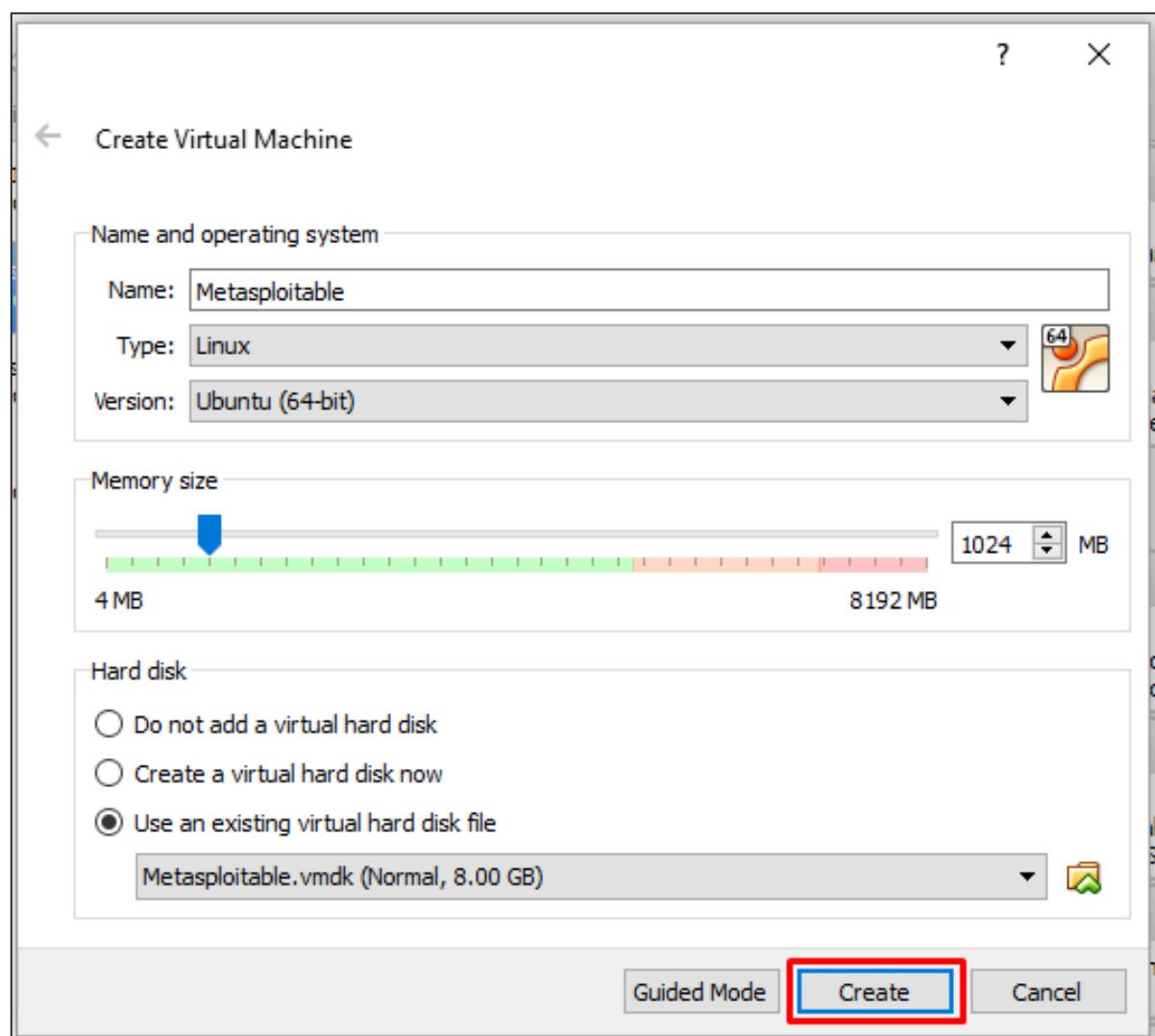
Step 3: Click **VirtualBox** -> **New**.



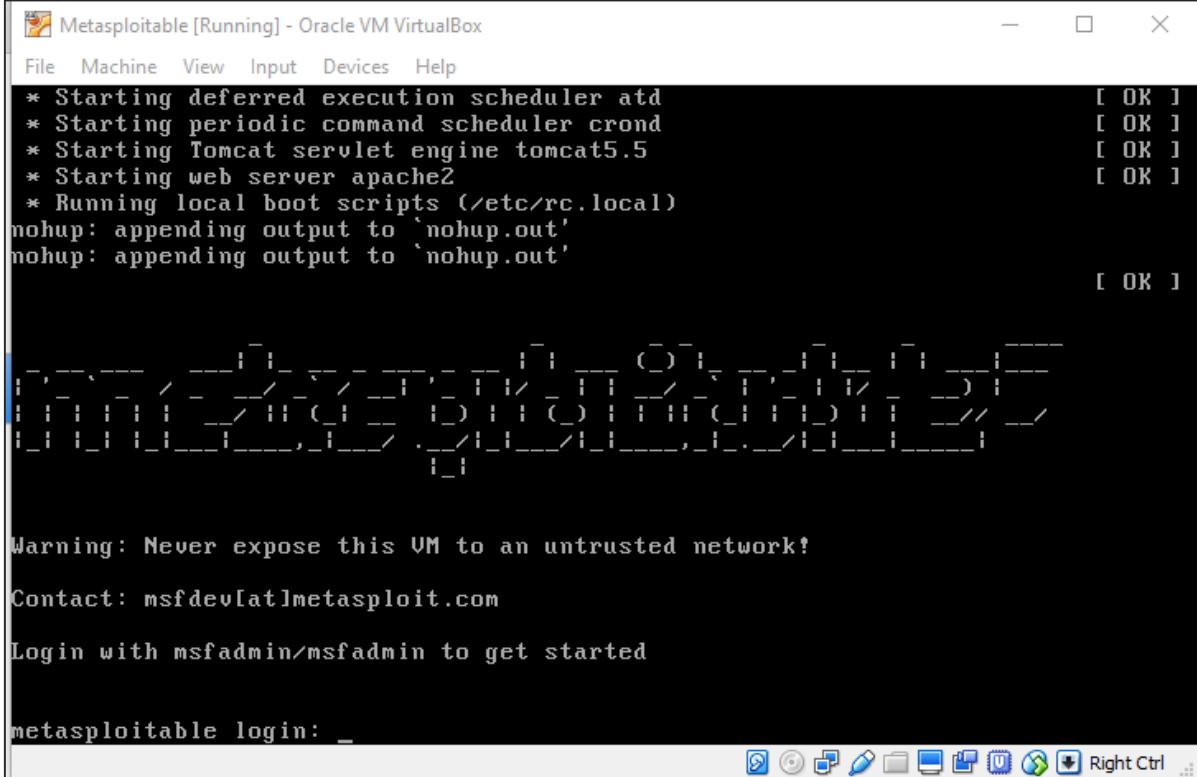
Step 4: Click “Use an existing virtual hard disk file”. Browse the file where you have downloaded **Metasploitable** and click **Open**.



Step 5: A screen to create a virtual machine pops up. Click “Create”.



The default username is **msfadmin** and the password is **msfadmin**.



```
* Starting deferred execution scheduler atd [ OK ]
* Starting periodic command scheduler crond [ OK ]
* Starting Tomcat servlet engine tomcat5.5 [ OK ]
* Starting web server apache2 [ OK ]
* Running local boot scripts (/etc/rc.local)
nohup: appending output to 'nohup.out'
nohup: appending output to 'nohup.out' [ OK ]

Warning: Never expose this VM to an untrusted network!
Contact: msfdev[at]metasploit.com
Login with msfadmin/msfadmin to get started

metasploitable login: _
```

2. Kali Linux – Information Gathering Tools

In this chapter, we will discuss the information gathering tools of Kali Linux.

NMAP and ZenMAP

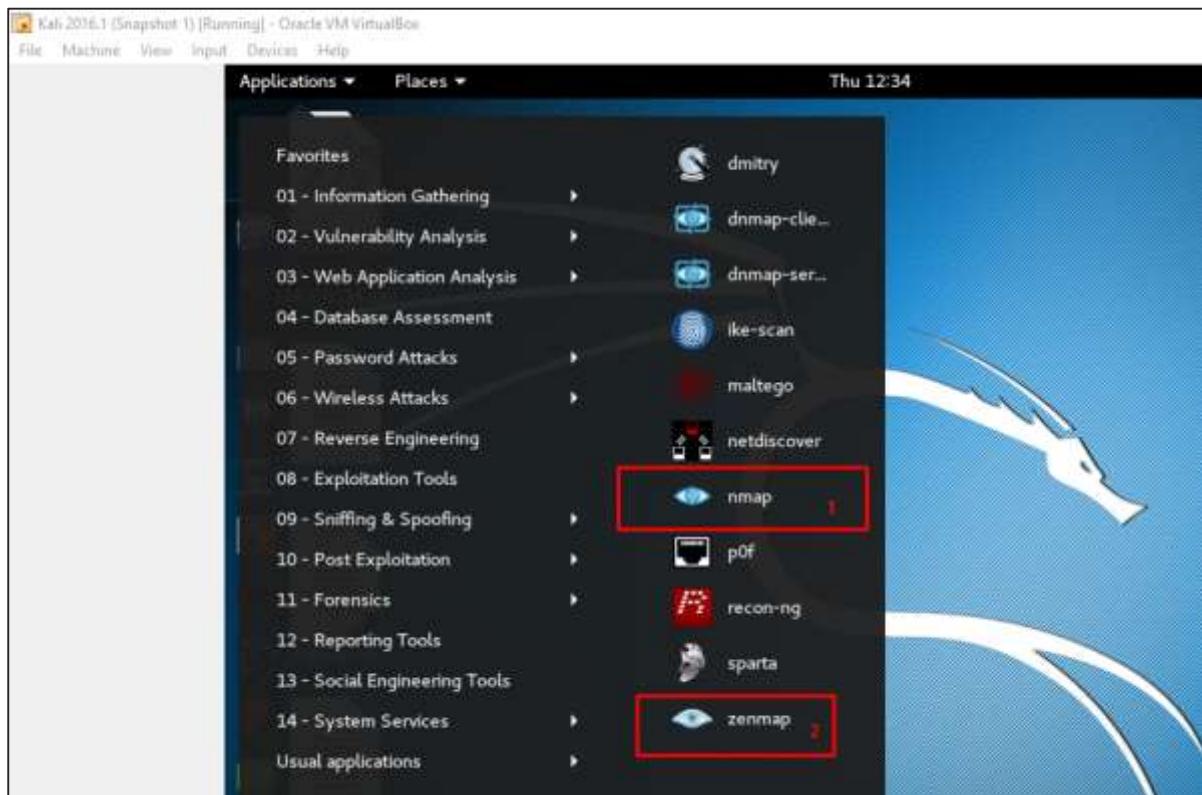
NMAP and ZenMAP are useful tools for the scanning phase of Ethical Hacking in Kali Linux. NMAP and ZenMAP are practically the same tool, however NMAP uses command line while ZenMAP has a GUI.

NMAP is a free utility tool for network discovery and security auditing. Many systems and network administrators also find it useful for tasks such as network inventory, managing service upgrade schedules, and monitoring host or service uptime.

NMAP uses raw IP packets in novel ways to determine which hosts are available on the network, what services (application name and version) those hosts are offering, which operating systems (and OS versions) they are running, what type of packet filters/firewalls are in use, etc.

Now, let's go step by step and learn how to use NMAP and ZenMAP.

Step 1: To open, go to Applications -> 01-Information Gathering -> nmap or zenmap.

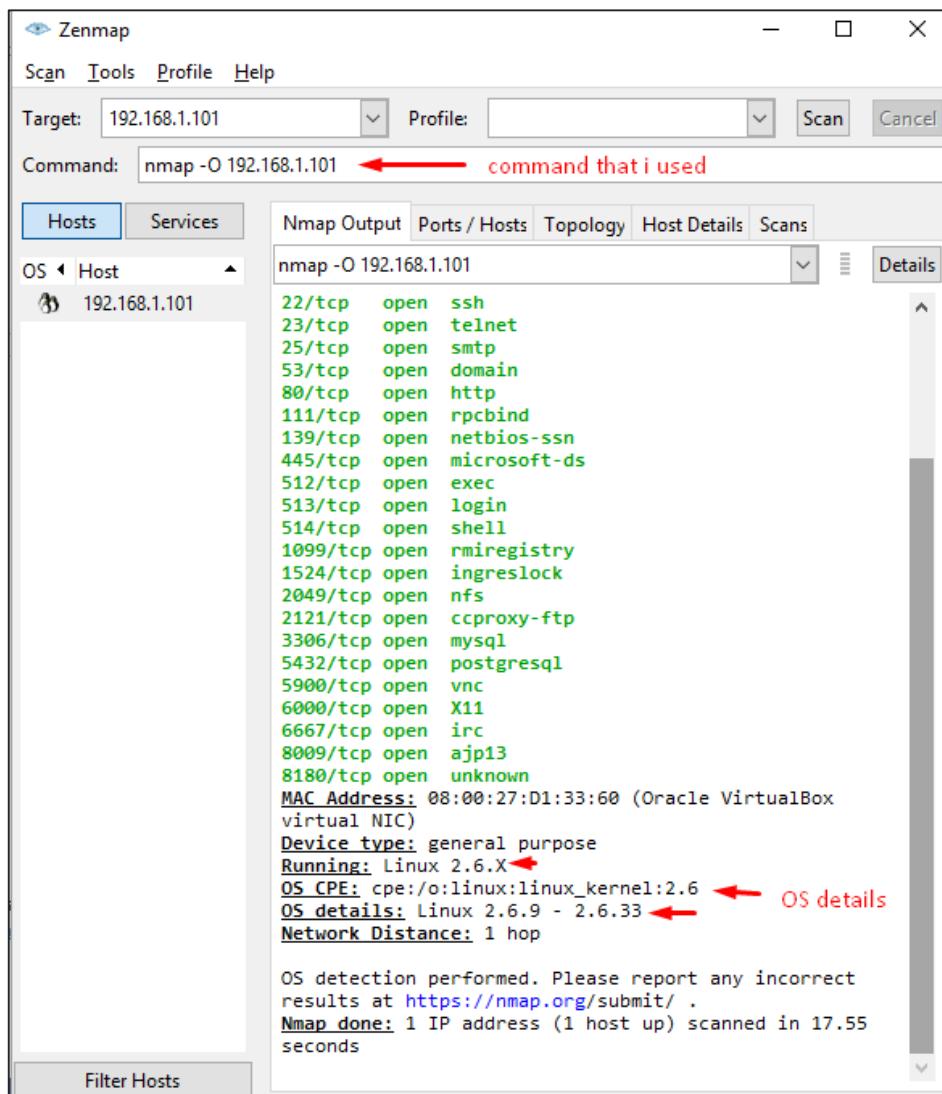


Step 2: The next step is to detect the OS type/version of the target host. Based on the help indicated by NMAP, the parameter of OS type/version detection is variable “-O”. For more information, use this link: <https://nmap.org/book/man-os-detection.html>

The command that we will use is:

```
nmap -O 192.168.1.101
```

The following screenshot shows where you need to type the above command to see the Nmap output:



Step 3: Next, open the TCP and UDP ports. To scan all the TCP ports based on NMAP, use the following command:

```
nmap -p 1-65535 -T4 192.168.1.101
```

Where the parameter “-p” indicates all the TCP ports that have to be scanned. In this case, we are scanning all the ports and “-T4” is the speed of scanning at which NMAP has to run.

Following are the results. In green are all the TCP open ports and in red are all the closed ports. However, NMAP does not show as the list is too long.

```

Target: 192.168.1.101
Profile: 
Scan: Scan
Cancel

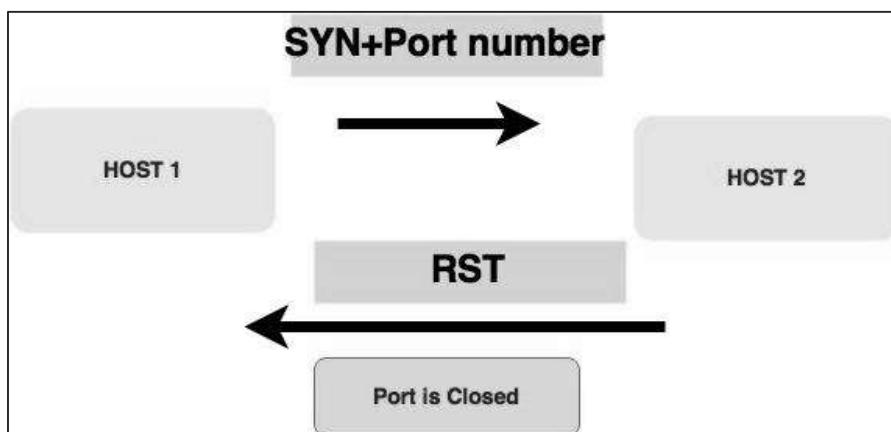
Hosts Services Nmap Output Ports / Hosts Topology Host Details Scans
OS Host 192.168.1.101
nmap -p 1-65535 -T4 192.168.1.101

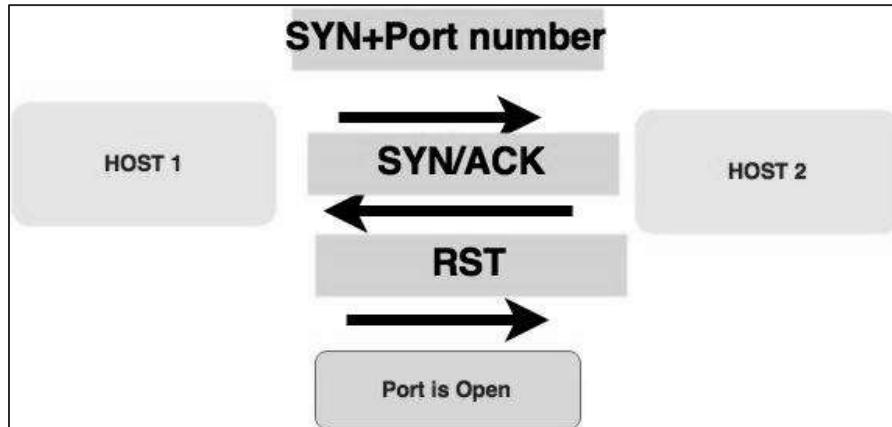
Starting Nmap 7.12 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2016-09-16
18:04 Central European Daylight Time
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.101
Host is up (0.00010s latency).
Not shown: 65505 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
21/tcp    open  ftp
22/tcp    open  ssh
23/tcp    open  telnet
25/tcp    open  smtp
53/tcp    open  domain
80/tcp    open  http
111/tcp   open  rpcbind
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn
445/tcp   open  microsoft-ds
512/tcp   open  exec
513/tcp   open  login
514/tcp   open  shell
1099/tcp  open  rmiregistry
1524/tcp  open  ingreslock
2049/tcp  open  nfs
2121/tcp  open  cccproxy-ftp
3306/tcp  open  mysql
3632/tcp  open  distccd
5432/tcp  open  postgresql
5900/tcp  open  vnc
6000/tcp  open  X11
6667/tcp  open  irc
6697/tcp  open  unknown
8009/tcp  open  ajp13
8180/tcp  open  unknown
8787/tcp  open  unknown
48285/tcp open  unknown
51161/tcp open  unknown

```

Stealth Scan

Stealth scan or SYN is also known as **half-open scan**, as it doesn't complete the TCP three-way handshake. A hacker sends a SYN packet to the target; if a SYN/ACK frame is received back, then it's assumed the target would complete the connect and the port is listening. If an RST is received back from the target, then it is assumed the port isn't active or is closed.





Now to see the SYN scan in practice, use the parameter **-sS** in NMAP. Following is the full command –

```
nmap -sS -T4 192.168.1.101
```

The following screenshot shows how to use this command:

```

nmap -sS -p 1-6500 192.168.1.101
Starting Nmap 7.12 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2016-09-16
22:34 Central European Daylight Time
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.101
Host is up (0.00030s latency).
Not shown: 6479 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
21/tcp    open  ftp
22/tcp    open  ssh
23/tcp    open  telnet
25/tcp    open  smtp
53/tcp    open  domain
80/tcp    open  http
111/tcp   open  rpcbind
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn
445/tcp   open  microsoft-ds
512/tcp   open  exec
513/tcp   open  login
514/tcp   open  shell
1099/tcp  open  rmiregistry
1524/tcp  open  ingreslock
2049/tcp  open  nfs
2121/tcp  open  ccproxy-ftp
3306/tcp  open  mysql
3632/tcp  open  distccd
5432/tcp  open  postgresql
5900/tcp  open  vnc
6000/tcp  open  X11
MAC Address: 08:00:27:D1:33:60 (Oracle VirtualBox virtual NIC)

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 16.38 seconds
  
```

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