

Kali Linux Setup

Overview

Kali Linux is most popular penetration testing and offensive security testing suite that comes preloaded with dozens of tools. Kali Linux is a Debian based distribution. VirtualBox is a powerful x86 and AMD64/Intel64 virtualization product. Virtualbox is a type-2 (aka hosted) hypervisor. Type-2 hypervisors run on a conventional operating systems just as other computer programs do. A guest operating system runs as a process on the host. Type-2 hypervisors abstract guest operating systems from the host operating system.

Site: <u>https://www.kali.org/</u> https://www.virtualbox.org/

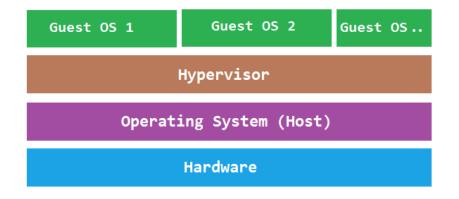
Terminology

The following table defines some of the key terms you will need to understand:

Term	Definition
Hypervisor / Virtual Machine Monitor (VMM)	A piece of computer software, firmware or hardware that creates and runs virtual machines. A computer on which a hypervisor runs one or more virtual machines is called a <i>host</i> machine, and each virtual machine is called a <i>guest</i> machine.

Architecture

The following diagram illustrates a type-2 hypervisor.





Lab Instructions

This set up comes with packages and configurations that would have been needed if choosing to install a simple image from kali. <u>https://www.kali.org/downloads/</u>

Tools and devices required for the install:

-VirtualBox: https://www.virtualbox.org/wiki/Downloads

- -Device with 8GB RAM minimum
- -Device storage with at least 50 GB empty

Set up:

Download the Kali ova from the offensive security website: <u>https://www.offensive-security.com/kali-linux-vmware-virtualbox-image-download/</u>

Click on Kali Linux VirtualBox Image.

Select the Kali Linux 64 bit VBox Image to start the download.

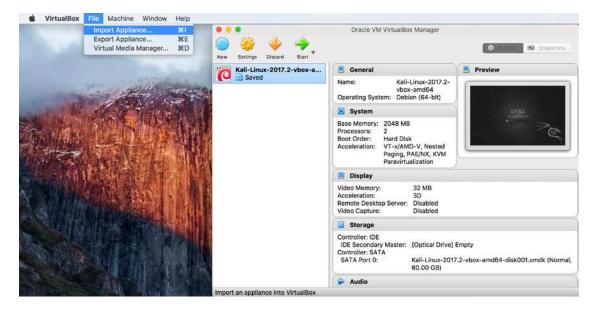
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Once the download is done, you can verify the hash under sha256sum from offensive security's website of the downloaded image. Below is the Unix command to verify the hash: shasum -a 256 <name of the downloaded ova>

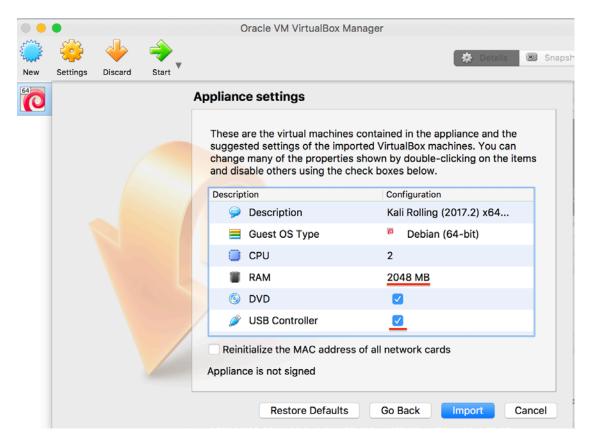
For a windows machine, please follow the instructions in the following link: <u>https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/889768/how-to-compute-the-md5-or-sha-1-</u> <u>cryptographic-hash-values-for-a-file</u>



After making sure that the two hashes are matching, open virtualbox and select "import appliance".



In the appliance settings, change the "RAM" to a higher or lower amount based on your device capacity, a minimum of 2048 MB is highly recommended. Unselect the "USB Controller".





After configuring those appliance settings, start to import the appliance. Once the import is finished, go into Settings —> Display —> Screen and change the video memory to 128 MB

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Finally, create a Shared Folder. Go into Settings —> Shared Folder —> Add a folder. Create a specific path and folder for this shared folder. Select Auto-Mount and Make Permanent -if prompted-.



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You can now start your VM, your default credentials should be root-toor.