PEN-200 and the OSCP
All prerequisites for PEN-200 can be found in Network Penetration Testing Essentials, part of a Learn One annual subscription.

Modules include:

- Linux Basics
- Network Scripting
- Troubleshooting
- Intro to Active Directory
- Cryptography
- Bash Scripting Basics
Deepen Your Understanding

With **PEN-200 (2023)**, each Module has been restructured, allowing you to deepen your understanding of OffSec's penetration testing methodology and mindset before you test your skills in the new Challenge Labs.
Challenge Labs are designed to help you work through particular penetration testing problems.

You'll encounter progressively more difficult and more varied sets of machines with greater complexity and dependencies.

In the final challenges, you'll have to compromise a large and rich network.
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The Adversarial Mindset

Mental Models of Hackers

Observations of the system and its components

[Ambiguity tolerance]

[Diagramming]

[Creativity]

Patterns of relationships among interrelated parts throughout the system

Recognized trends and patterns of operation

[Curiosity]

[Domain Expertise]

Assumptions, generalizations, and images influencing my understanding of the system and its functionality

How We Teach Hacking

On one hand, we're trying to teach technical information like what it means to attack web applications. On the other, there is this whole concept of mindset, adversarial thinking, and how we're going about the process.

"...hackers express a desire and interest in solving problems that lack definition and appear not to have a solution."

Learn from Failure

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Set a timer for some arbitrary amount of time, say for three hours. Your goal is to attack a chosen machine and compromise it within the allotted time.

If you are able to compromise the target, then you have succeeded. Pick a more difficult machine or reduce the time period and try again. At some point, some combination of target and time period will inevitably cause you to fail.

When you do, write down what you have learned during the process, and particularly what your failed attempts might tell you about the machine.

Your failure contributes to your global progress and makes you a better cybersecurity professional.
Remember to Pause

STOP and take a

Your brain is not designed to run non-stop.

A 5-15 minute break every hour or so can:
- Improve memory
- Increase productivity
- Reduce stress
- Reignite your creativity
1.0 Penetration Testing with Kali Linux: General Course

Welcome to the *Penetration Testing with Kali Linux* (PWK) course!

PWK was created for System and Network Administrators and security professionals to take a serious and meaningful step into the world of professional penetration testing. It is designed to help you better understand the attacks and techniques that are used by malicious actors to target computers and networks.

The ultimate purpose of the course is to provide an understanding of, and intuition for, deep enough level to be able to replicate them. By leveraging the ability to perform penetration testing, you gain a powerful insight into what kind of security defenses are important and how to avoid or mitigate them.

Congratulations on taking that first step. We're excited you're here.

**First PEN-200 Module**

**OSCP Exam with AD**

**Agenda**
- OSCP Exam Changes
- OSCP Exam Preparation
- OSCP Exam Tips
- OSCP Exam Scheduling
- Proctoring Process
- QA

**OSCP Exam Prep Slides**