

Cracking Windows Passwords with Ophcrack and Kali

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Ophcrack is a free Windows password cracker based on rainbow tables. It comes with a Graphical User Interface and runs on multiple platforms.

Rainbow tables are precomputed hashes of a dictionary which makes cracking much faster than a dictionary attack



Attacks

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- You have physical access to a system which is **password locked**. The tool can be used to quickly **crack** the password

We are actually cracking the password and not bypassing it



**We need to have Kali Live boot USB
(Check the lecture “Kali Linux as a bootable USB
Drive”)**

Step- 1

- ❖ Boot from Kali Linux USB drive

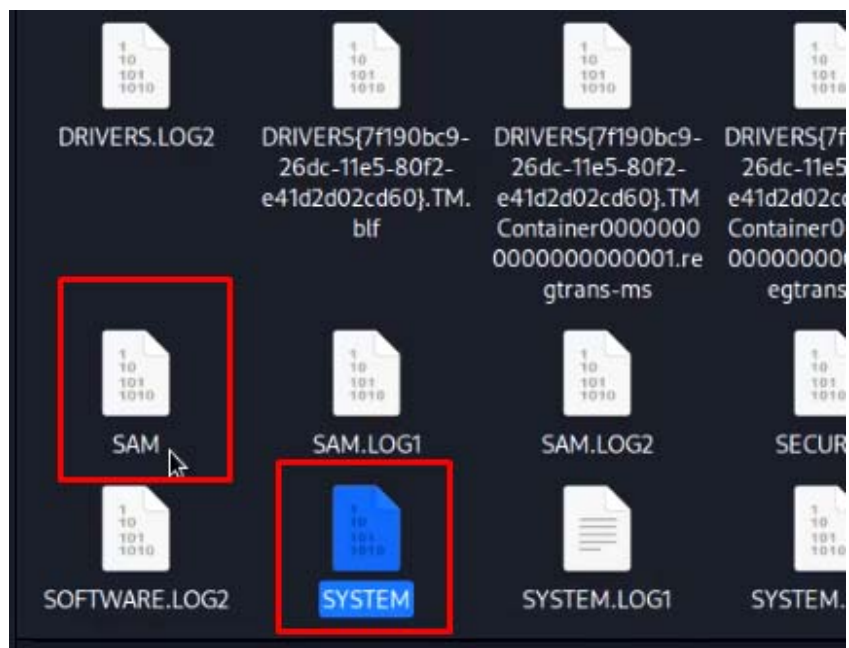
Plug in USB to target PC and Boot from USB



Step- 2

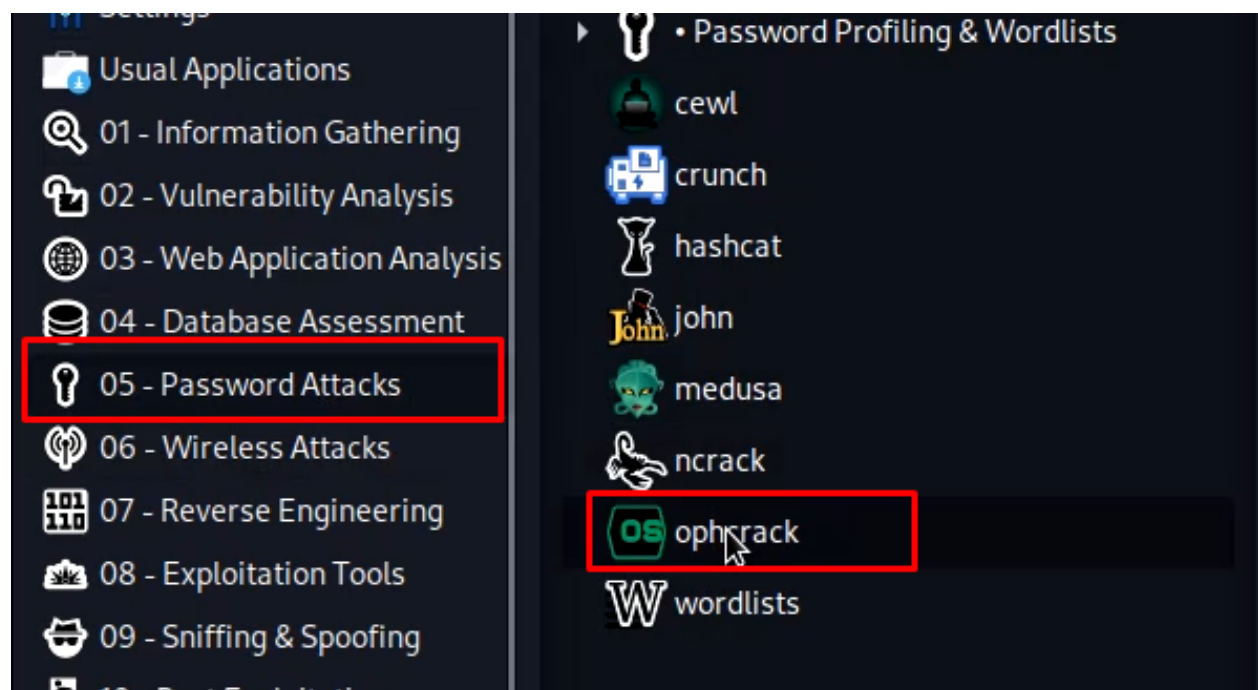
- ❖ Navigate to windows/system32/config folder and copy these files to Kali Desktop

SAM & SYSTEM



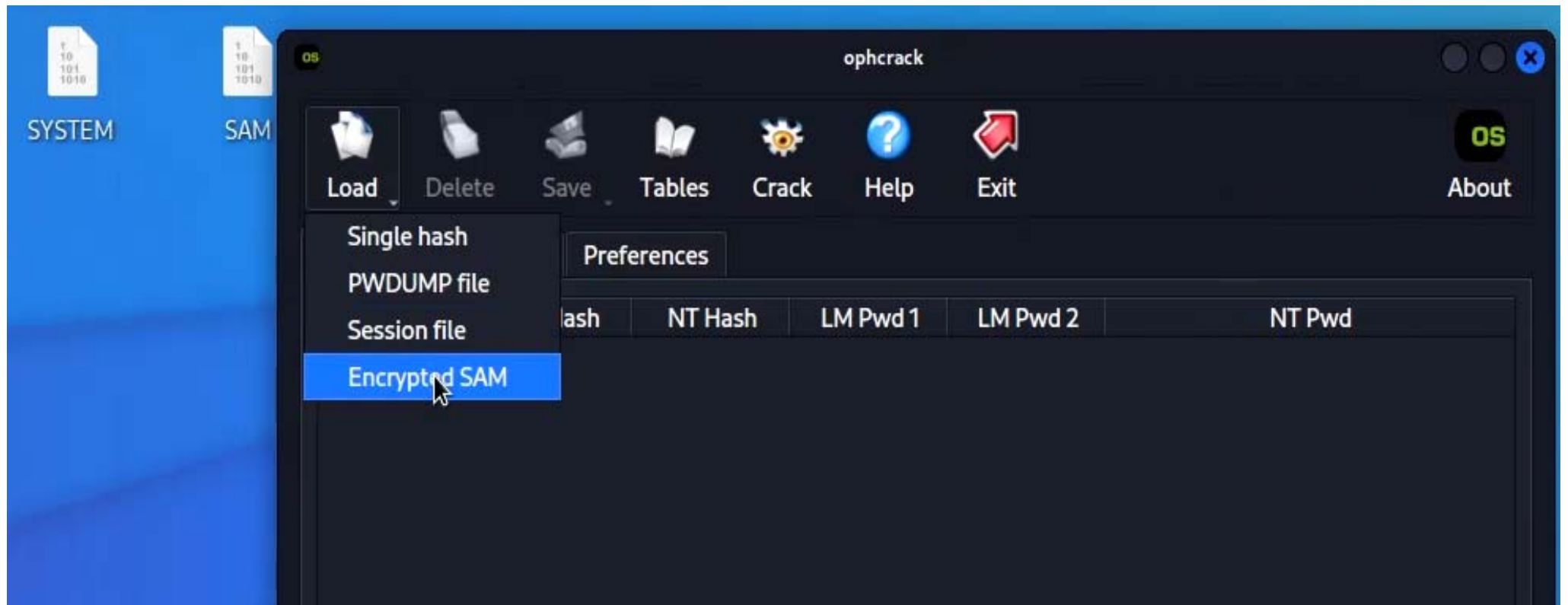
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- ❖ Run Ophcrack from Applications/password attacks



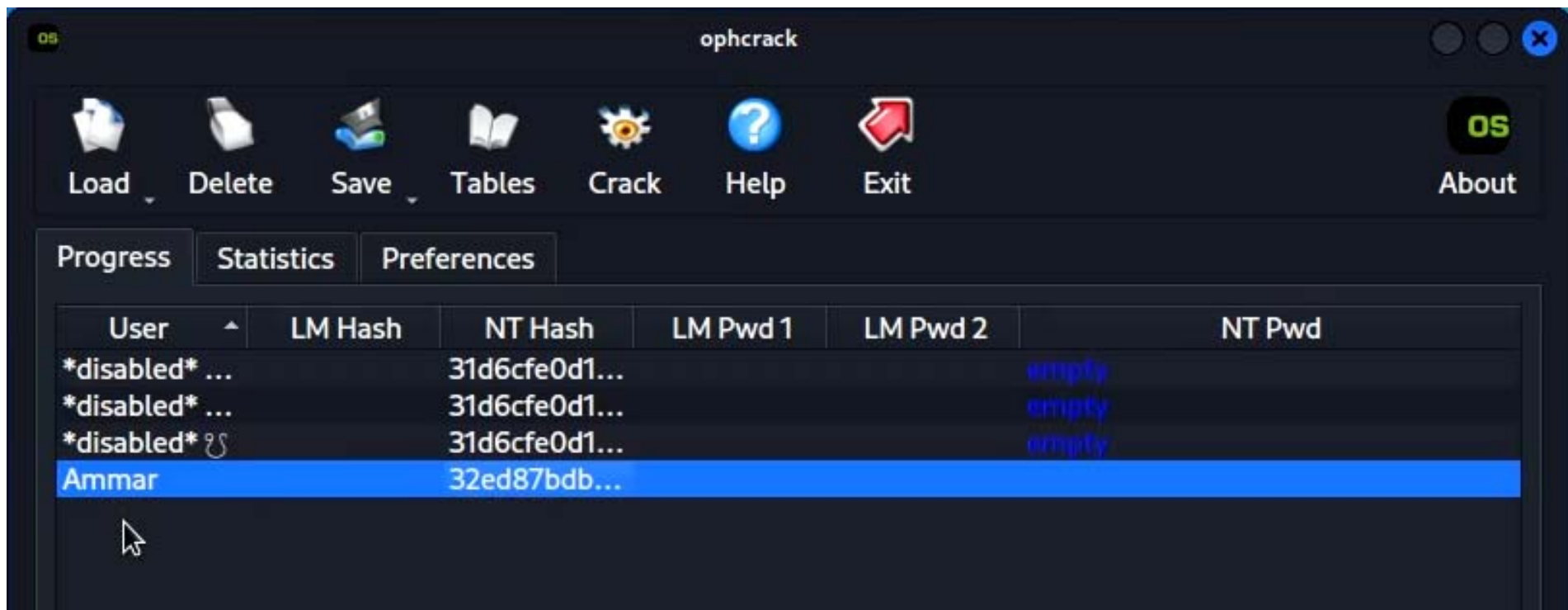
Step- 4

- ❖ Now load encrypted hashes by clicking load and then choosing encrypted SAM. Choose the desktop folder



Step- 5

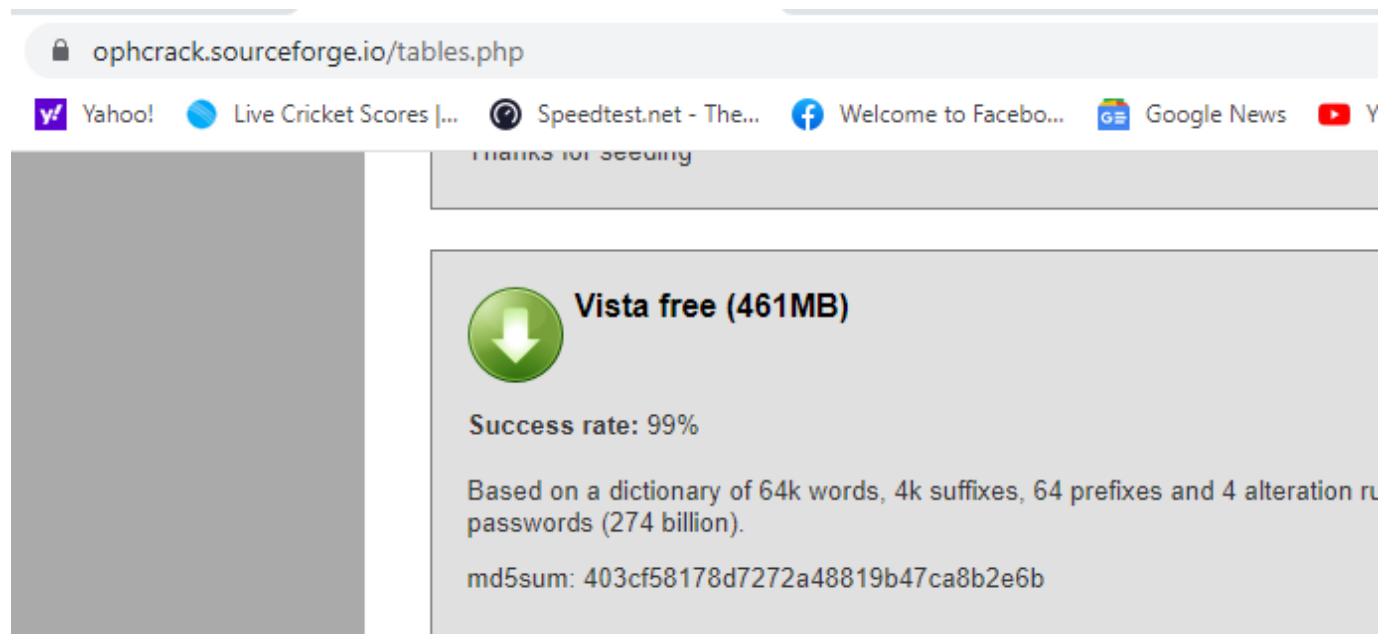
- ❖ All accounts and their Hashes will be loaded



Step- 6

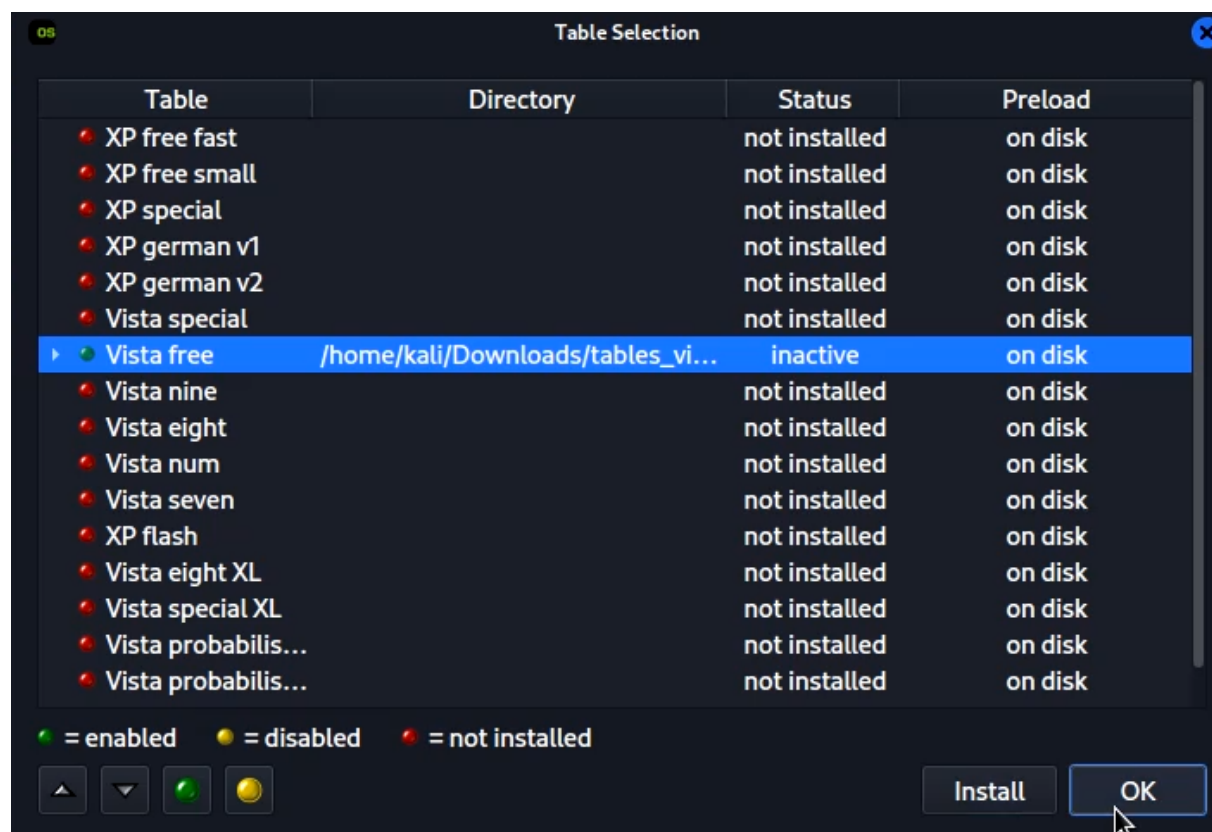
- ❖ Now visit following website and download vista free rainbow tables and extract them

<https://ophcrack.sourceforge.io/tables.php>



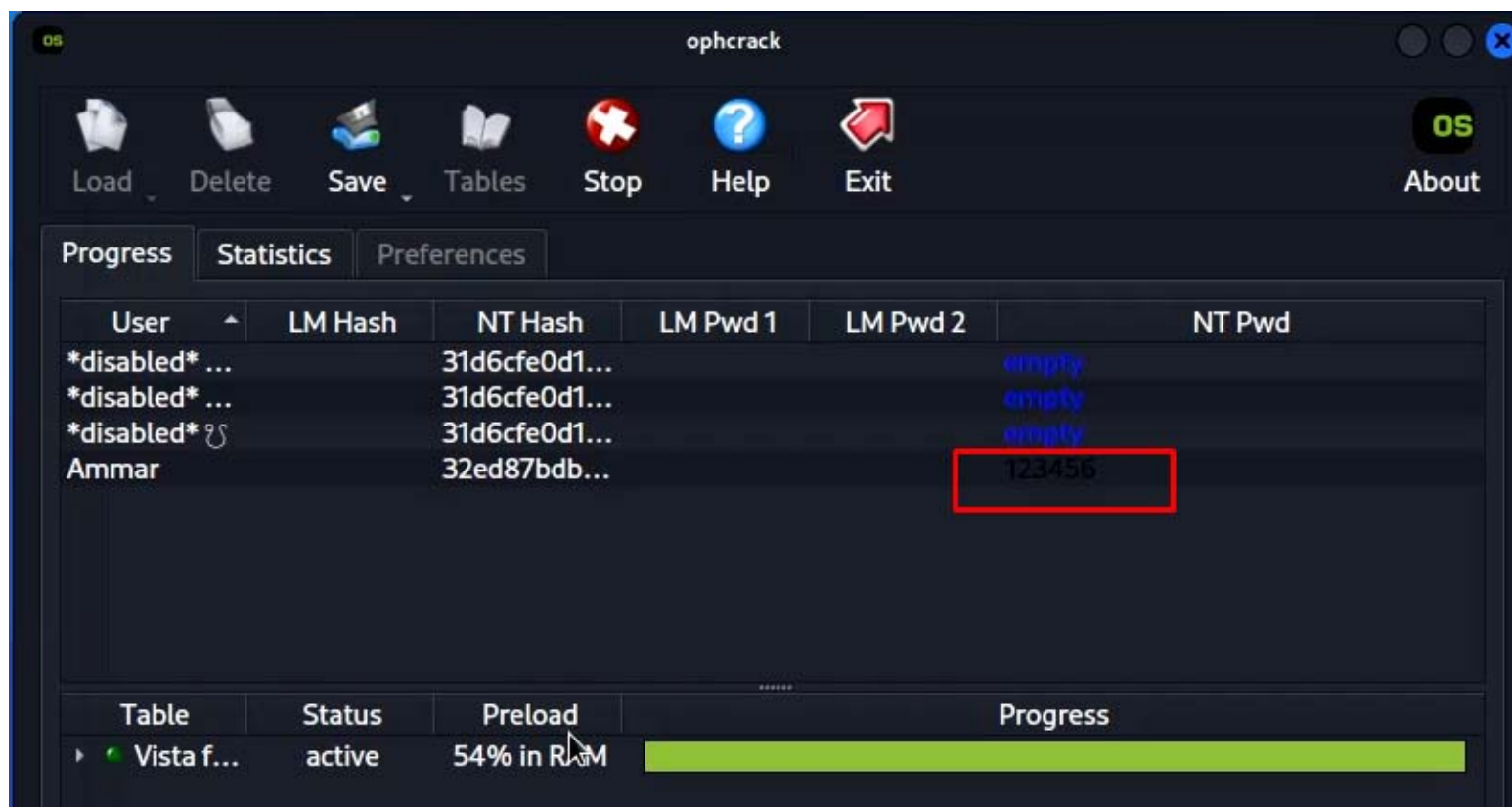
Step- 7

❖ In Ophcrack click on tables, and install the tables



Step- 8

- ❖ Click on crack and the utility will crack your password





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