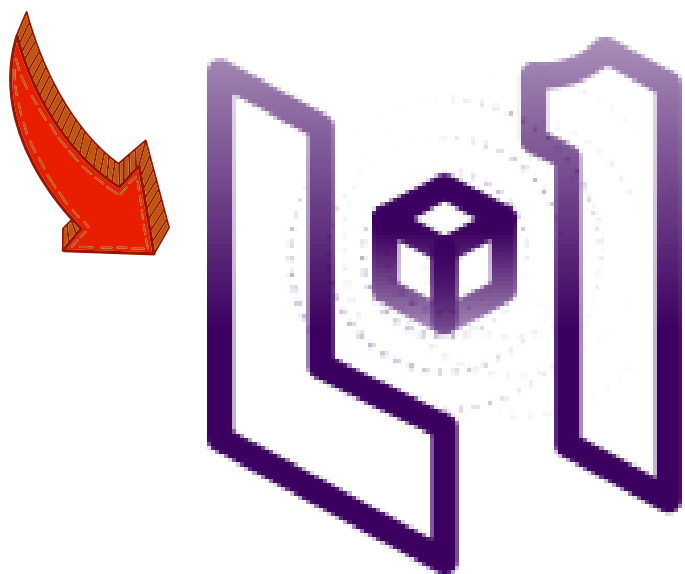


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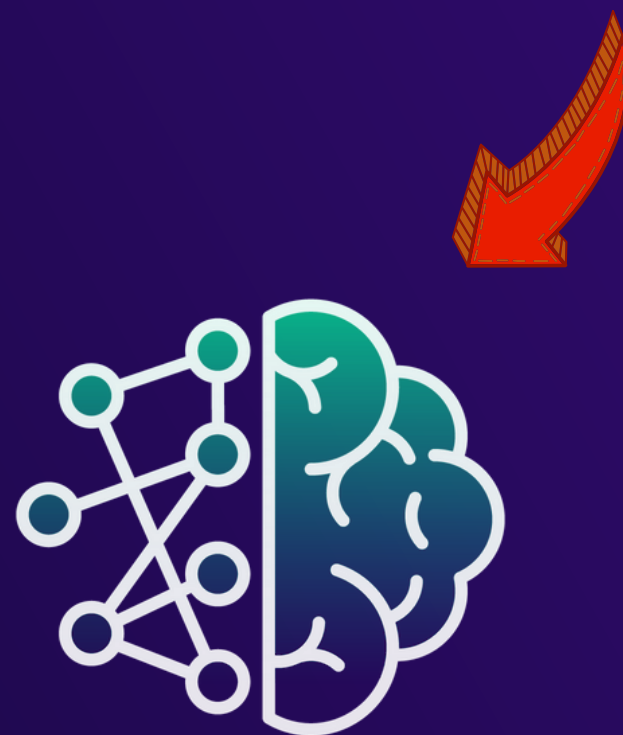
## LEARN ONE SUBSCRIPTION



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

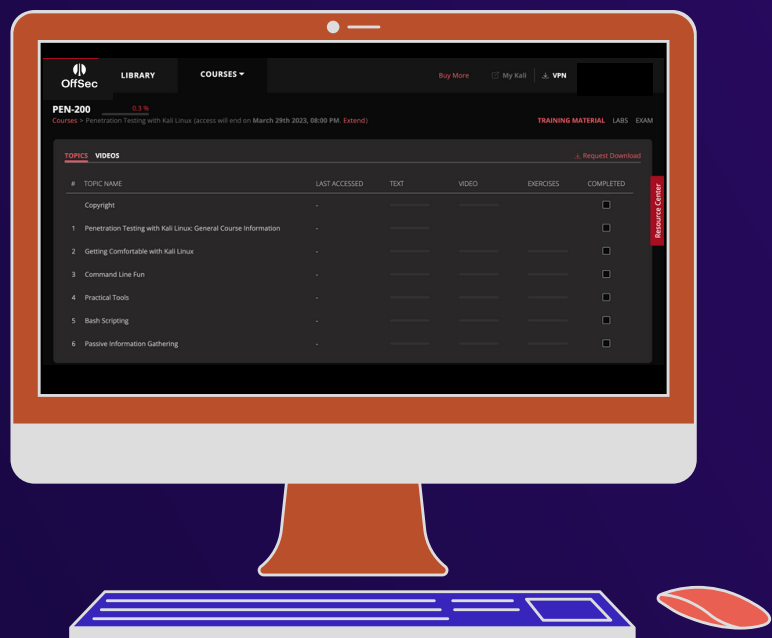
### Modules include:

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



# Deepen Your Understanding

## Learning Module



- Learning Units
- Learning Objectives
- Module Exercises
- Capstone Exercises

↙ 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.



# ENGAGE WITH THE COMMUNITY



Learn from walkthroughs of course Modules & Proving Grounds machines

 [offs.ec/youtube](https://offs.ec/youtube)

 [twitch.tv/offsecofficial](https://twitch.tv/offsecofficial)

## Join the OffSec Community on Discord

 [discord.com/invite/offsec](https://discord.com/invite/offsec)

### The Importance of Community

From Jeremy Miller's Reflections on Failure, Part Two

"People in information security tend to have a strong sense of community, and indeed "community" is one of OffSec's core values. But learning security can often feel lonely.

If I could ask one thing of the reader, it would be to please never hesitate to reach out to others in the space for practical and emotional support – there are plenty of infosec community members who are more than happy to help out."

# 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

Image adapted from Summers, Timothy. How Hackers Think: A Mixed Method Study of Mental Models and Cognitive Patterns of High-Tech Wizards. May 2015, etd.ohiolink.edu/apexprod/rws\_etd/send\_file/send?accession=case1427809862.

## 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.



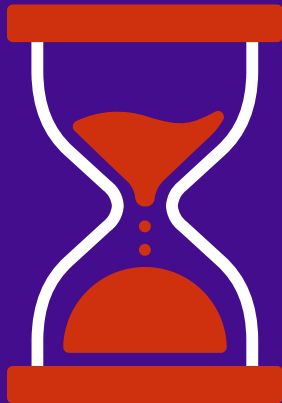
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# Learn from Failure

From Jeremy Miller's Reflections on Failure, Part Two



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.

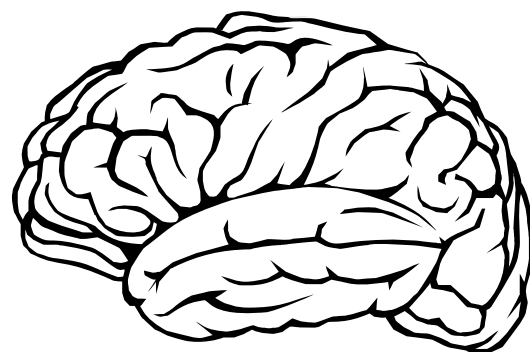
Your failure contributes to your global progress and makes you a better cybersecurity professional.



# Remember to Pause



and take a



Your brain is not designed to run non-stop.

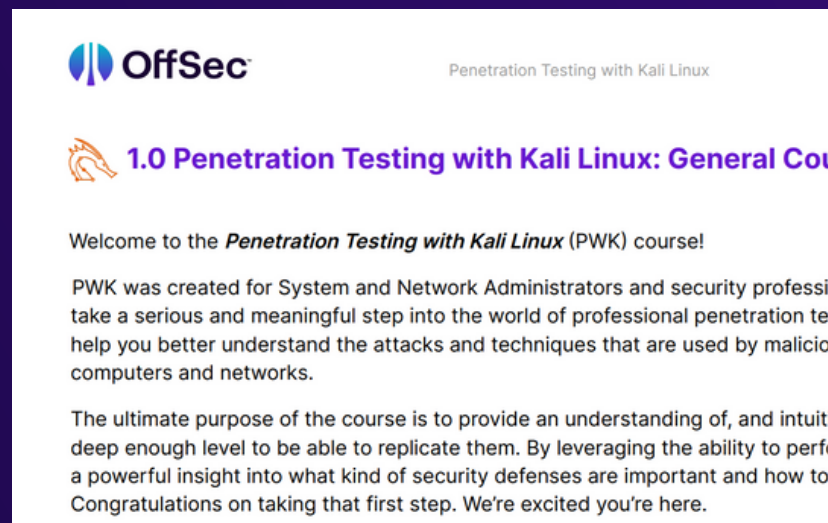
A 5-15 minute break every hour or so can:

- Improve memory
- Increase productivity
- Reduce stress
- Reignite your creativity

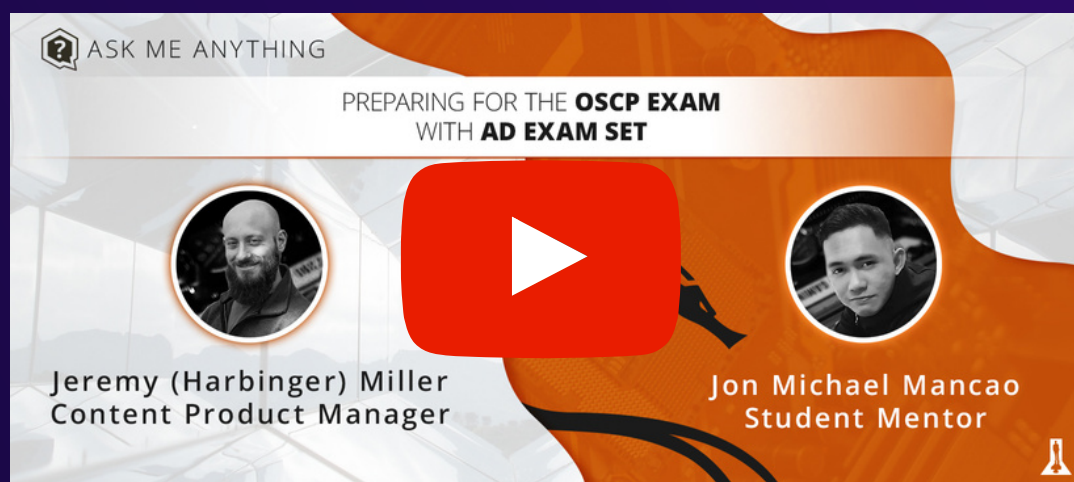




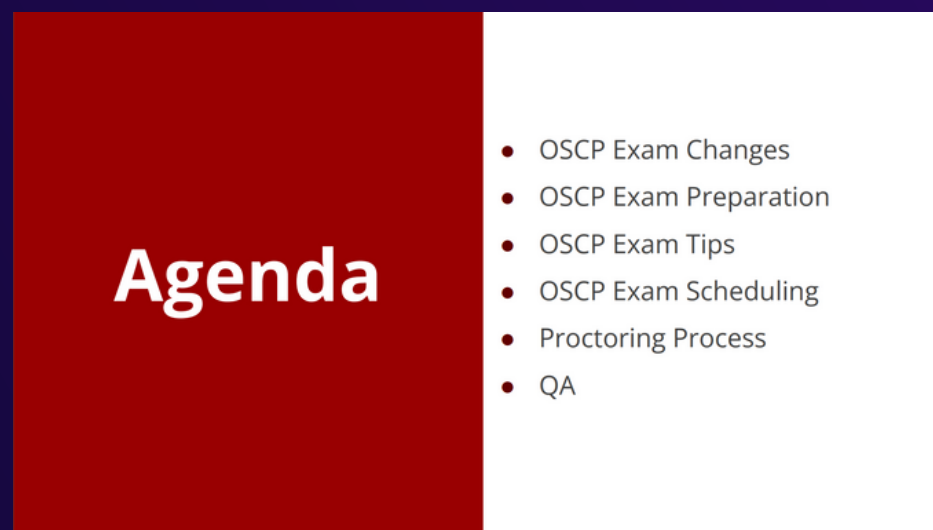
# Course & Exam Resources



## First PEN-200 Module



## OSCP Exam with AD



## OSCP Exam Prep Slides