ENPM 685 Picture, Inc. Penetration Test

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Scope of Engagement

- Use any tools you feel are appropriate to properly test ENPM685 Pictures, Inc.'s computers for security vulnerabilities.
- Asking other people to assist you with this project is **OUT OF SCOPE**. However, if you are stuck you may ask the professor for a hint. You are given **ONE** hint that will not affect your grade. If that hint is not enough that "hint" will be valid until you are able to find one of the flags. You may ask for (and be provided) more hints for additional flags if needed but extra hints will affect your grade. Technical issues with resolving installing, running, or connecting the Virtual Machines do not count towards your hint count.
- Booting any VM into a single user/recovery mode for any reason is OUT OF SCOPE.
- Changing a password of any kind is OUT OF SCOPE.
- Brute forcing the CEO's email account is **OUT OF SCOPE**.
- Phishing the CEO's email account is in scope however sending the CEO any kind of malware/exploit kit/etc. is OUT OF SCOPE.
- The CEO checks his email account at least once a day but usually twice a day, once around lunch time and once in the evening. He is not the most technically savvy so a basic well-crafted phishing attempt will most likely work.

Executive Summary

As a final project for ENPM 685, I was tasked with performing a penetration test for ENPM 685 Pictures, Inc. ENPM 685 Picture, Inc. is a small movie production studio that specializes in low budget "mockbusters." All activities were conducted in a manner that were in scope with the assignment, which was to assess the current state ENPM 685 Picture, Inc. IT security posture with the goals of:

- Finding 5 flags that were spread out across the computers on ENPM 685 Picture, Inc.'s network.
- Perform an assessment of the status of ENPM 685 Picture, Inc.'s networks
- Provide recommendations for the improvement of current IT security posture

Efforts were placed to discover all flags that were spread out on the networks to provide a foundation for the improvements needed on the systems. In addition, efforts to identify and exploit security weaknesses that were present on the networks, which could allow a remote attacker to gain unauthorized access to pertinent company information.

Penetration Test Process

Steps Taken

From the initial access of the computer systems on the network showed that there were certain ports open that were vulnerable to attack. The open ports provided a gateway to target the computers on the ENPM 685 Picture, Inc.'s network. However, before attacking these open ports, I gathered as much information as possible about the systems on the network. After gathering as much information as possible without poking into the network, I ran all IP addresses to determine the possible targets and to make sure that they were alive.

Furthermore, using the information gathered, I captured the IP addresses that were alive and doing so, captured the target IP addresses. Once discovered, I began to analyze the ports that were open to see how to gain remote access to the computers on the network. Using the IP addresses, I mapped out the running services of the Linux server and found hidden clues within the network map. I accessed certain pertinent information such as, the CEO's email address. This allowed me to send a very simple phishing email to the CEO, who then provided me with his password, this in turn allowed me to continue my search for the first flag.

Also, the CEO desktop is running Windows XP Service Pack 3 and had three ports open, which were very vulnerable. An example of the ports open was port 445, also known as SMB. In Metasploit, there is an exploit that allows for back-door access into the desktop, or what's also known as a shell (windows/ms08_067_netapi exploit). This allowed for me to access directories and files within the desktop. Doing so, allowed for me to find the first flag, which was on the CEO's desktop. In addition, once gaining access I was also able to do a hashdump, a list of files that contain hashes of passwords on the CEO desktop. After discovering the hashes, I copied the results of the hashdump (the hashes) and created a file for these hashes to see if I could crack them using John the Ripper. In doing so, I also find the second flag that was hidden within the hashdump.

Additionally, after perusing around the Linux server and its different running services, I found something very interesting; its known as the C99 shell. This shell allows for instant backdoor access to any server that contains this PHP file. Using this file, I accessed files such as index.php. upload.php, and flag4.php, among others. The flag4.php lead me to a page that contained PHP code within the page provided clues to the fourth flag. As, the executive summary states, one of the goals was to find all five flags on the systems. Therefore, I continued to search for more flags on the Linux server. This lead me to find other services that were running on the server such as an LSA (security administration) and safe mode wasn't enabled. In addition, there was a link to the /etc/passwd file in the LSA section. I didn't need a password to access the /etc/passwd file that was on the page. After finding the fourth flag, I also found the username and password to the SQL database that was on the server. This allowed me to know the SQL version that is running on the server as well as the different databases on the server. Finding the SQL server username and password also lead me to the third flag, which consisted of employee names, social security numbers, their title and salary.

Still, while on these systems I continued to poke around to see if there were any other vulnerabilities that could be exposed or exploited by an attacker. As mentioned before, there was a C99 shell on the Linux server. Using this to my advantage, I decided to peruse around even further. The C99 shell allowed access to the PHP version, which could be another vector for the attacker to use. In addition, there were other information open such as the process list and directory listings. After finding the root password it would've been easy for an attacker to gain access to these sensitive files.

Penetration Test Phases

The 5 Phases

Phase #1 – Reconnaissance

This phase is when preliminary data is gathered on the target(s). The data is gathered so that an attack plan can be formed. There are two ways that this can be accomplished. One is actively and the other is passively. I used Ettercap to know how many IP addresses are alive and which ones were the target addresses.

Phase #2 – Scanning

This stage is where other applications are used to gather more information on the target. Typically, this is accomplished by running a vulnerability scanner, which tells the attacker what ports are open. Tools used were Nmap, Nikto and Nessus. Nmap was used the scan the IP addresses that were found in Ettercap. Using Nmap it was determined that two of the five IP addresses that Ettercap captured were the target addresses. Nikto was used to find vulnerabilities in the Linux server, as well as any other important information. Lastly, Nessus was used to scan for all vulnerabilities present on both the Linux server and the CEO Desktop.

Phase#3 – Exploitation

This stage is primarily focuses on taking control of the systems via either a network vulnerability or other means to extract data from the targets. Throughout this stage I heavily utilized Metasploit and the target and auxiliary database embedded in the framework. Using Metasploit I gained a shell into the CEO desktop. Another tool that was used was John the Ripper, which provided me with at least two account usernames and passwords of the CEO desktop. Lastly, I consider the C99 shell as an asset that allowed me to gain access to the Linux server seamlessly.

Phase#4 – Creating Persistence

This stage focuses on keeping persistence on the targets to gather as much information as possible. The tools used to create and keep persistence were Metasploit and the C99 shell. These tools allowed for continued access to the system. Using meterpreter within Metasploit I had

continued access to the Windows XP CEO desktop and its contents. Also, using the C99 shell, if the Linux server was alive, I had full access to the server contents.

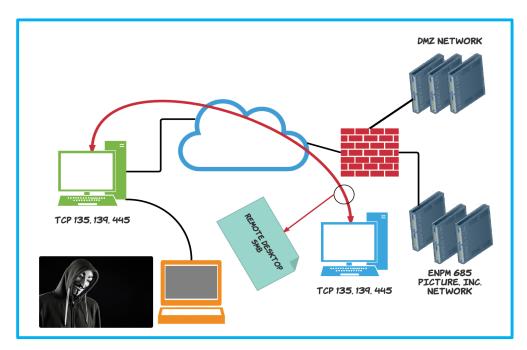
Phase#5 – Covering Tracks

As the title of this phase specifically denotes, this phase is about removing all traces that I infiltrated the systems on the network. Using the C99 shell I erased any new files that were created as a result of the penetration test. If there were any changes made they were returned to the state before the penetration test.

Networks Discovered

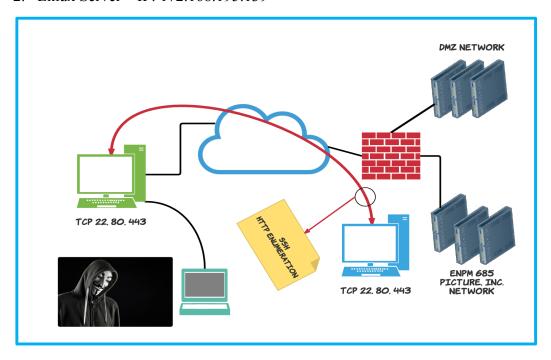
Network Maps

1. CEO Desktop – IP: 172.16.195.138



A simple network diagram of one of the ports open on the CEO Desktop

2. Linux Server – IP: 172.168.195.139



Hosts Discovered

1. CEO Desktop

The CEO Desktop has the IP address of 172.16.195.138. The hostname for the desktop is "ceo-7dda887690d." It is running Windows XP Service Pack 3 and has 3 ports open. These ports are port 135, 139, and 445. The versions that are running are Microsoft Windows RPC, Windows 98 netbios-ssn, and Microsoft Windows XP Microsoft-ds.

2. Linux Server

The Linux server has the IP address of 172.16.195.139. The hostname for the server is "Linux ubuntu 3.2.0-23 generic" and is running Ubuntu 12.04 LTS. This server has 3 open ports; these ports are 22, 80, and 443. These ports are for the following services: ssh, http, and ssl/http. The versions they are running are OpenSSH 5.9pl Debian 5, Apache httpd 2.2.22 for both ports 80 and 443.

Vulnerabilities

While performing the penetration test on the ENPM 685 Picture, Inc.'s network several vulnerabilities were found. The most critical vulnerabilities found on the CEO desktop are the following:

- 1. MS08-067 Microsoft Windows Server Service Crafted RPC Request
 - This vulnerability allows for remote code execution to be executed on the server, which than could allow an attacker access into the server.
- 2. MS 09-001 Microsoft Windows SMB Vulnerabilities Remote Code Execution
 - This vulnerability is almost identical to the first vulnerability listed. This vulnerability
 allows for the attacker to gain access to the server via SMB and view, change or
 delete data on the server.
- 3. Microsoft Windows SMB NULL Session Authentication
 - Allowing an SMB Null session means that an attacker can login to the system without any credentials. Therefore, it allows for an unauthenticated user access to the server.

In addition, below are the most critical vulnerabilities found on the Linux server:

- 1. SSL Self-Signed Certificate
 - Self-signed SSL certificates means that the certificate hasn't been verified by a
 certificate authority. Therefore, it means that the website/server doesn't secure their
 credentials.
- 2. SSH Weak Algorithms Supported
 - Using weak algorithms for SSH allows for either weak or no algorithm at all. This can make it even easier for an attacker to access the system, as the algorithm is either outdated or no algorithm at all is being used with the ssh on the server.
- 3. Backported Security Patch Detection (PHP)
 - This vulnerability is what was used to gain access to much of the server. This
 backported security patch, is rather an all-inclusive backdoor to the server, which
 makes the server very vulnerable and easy to attack and exploit.

^{*}These are not all the vulnerabilities found. A separate report of a full list of vulnerabilities will be provided in the appendix. *

Systems Accessed

The systems accessed throughout this penetration test are the computers that are currently on the ENPM 685 Picture, Inc.'s network. These systems are the CEO's desktop and the Linux server. Provided below are screenshots of how the systems were accessed.

1. CEO Desktop

```
[*] Automatically detecting the target...
[*] Fingerprint: Windows XP - Service Pack 3 - lang:English
       Selected Target: Windows XP SP3 English (AlwaysOn NX)
       Attempting to trigger the vulnerability...
Sending stage (885806 bytes) to 172.16.195.138
[*] Meterpreter session 2 opened (172.16.195.150:4444 -> 172.16.195.138:1123) at 2016-12-12 23:26:39 -0500
isting: C:\
                                                                              2016-06-29 21:03:07 -0400 CONFIG.SYS
2016-06-29 21:04:52 -0400 Documents and Settings
                                                                           2016-06-29 21:04:52 -0400 Documents and 2016-06-29 21:03:07 -0400 IO.SYS 2016-06-29 21:03:07 -0400 MSDOS.SYS 2008-04-14 08:00:00 -0400 NTDETECT.COM 2016-11-18 20:55:28 -0500 Program Files 2016-06-29 21:04:43 -0400 System Volume 2016-11-18 20:55:50 -0500 WINDOWS 2016-06-29 21:01:23 -0400 boot.ini 2016-07-21 12:22:32 -0400 not-flag1.txt 2008-04-14 08:00:00 -0400 not-flag1.txt 2016-12-11 19:50:57 .0500
100444/r--r--r--
100444/r--r--r--
                                                                                                                                            System Volume Information
 .00444/r--r--r--
<u>meterpreter</u> > ls
                                                                               2016-06-29 21:03:07 -0400
                                                                                                                                             AUTOEXEC.BAT
                                                                              2016-06-29 21:03:07 -0400 CONFIG.SYS
2016-06-29 21:03:07 -0400 Documents
2016-06-29 21:03:07 -0400 IO.SYS
2016-06-29 21:03:07 -0400 MSDOS.SYS
                                                                                                                                            CONFIG.SYS
                                                                              2016-06-29 21:03:07 -0400 MSDUS.ST:

2008-04-14 08:00:00 -0400 NTDETECT

2016-11-18 20:55:28 -0500 Program |

2016-06-29 21:04:43 -0400 System V

2016-06-29 21:01:23 -0400 WINDOWS

2016-07-21 12:22:32 -0400 not-flag
                                                                                                                                            Program Files
                                                                                  008-04-14 08:00:00 -0400
<u>meterpreter</u> > shell
Process 1964 created.
 Microsoft Windows XP [Version 5.1.2600]
(C) Copyright 1985-2001 Microsoft Corp.
```

As seen above the CEO desktop was accessed without even inputting a username or password, this was done using the MS08-067 vulnerability, which is included in the Metasploit database. After choosing to use this vulnerability to exploit the system, steps to gain a shell into the desktop was seamless. This was done by setting the RHOST (target host) to the IP address of the CEO desktop and then exploiting the vulnerability. Doing so, allowed access not only just to the desktop, but also all pertinent directories, files, and programs that are on the desktop.

2. Linux Server

```
root@kall:~# nmap --script=http-enum -p80 -n 172.16.195.139

Starting Nmap 7.01 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2016-12-07 23:02 EST
Nmap scan report for 172.16.195.139
Host is up (0.00026s latency).
PORT STATE SERVICE
80/tcp open http
| http-enum:
|    /upload/scp/ajax.php: osTicket / AJAX File Upload
|    /upload/data/settings.cdb: CF Image Hosting DB
|    /upload/includes/js/files/upload.php: Digital College/File upload
|    /index/: Potentially interesting folder
|    /upload/: Potentially interesting folder
|    /uploads/: Potentially interesting directory w/ listing on 'apache/2.2.22 (ubuntu)'
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:0E:71:C4 (VMware)

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.91 seconds
root@kall:~#
```





The Linux server was accessed by using Nmap and the C99 shell. Like the CEO desktop, it wasn't necessary to input a username or password. After accessing the C99 shell, there were plenty of more information that could be used to gain even further access into the server such as the /etc/passwd file and the SQL password found in one of the other PHP files on the server. This one backdoor PHP file provided enough privileges to gain entry to other pertinent information.

Flags

Out of the five flags on the network, I found four of the five flags. Please see below screenshots of those flags found.

1. Flag #1 – This flag was on the CEO desktop and needed a special program and password to decrypt the contents of the file.

```
This is a flag, there are many like it but this is the first one.

flag1:

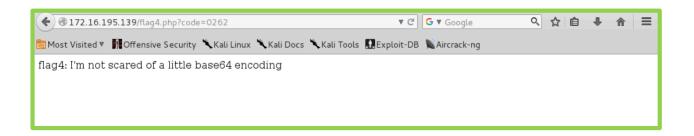
"My great movie idea -- Sharkcane: It's like a tornado of sharks -- BUT BIGGER!"
```

2. Flag #2 – This flag was also on the CEO desktop; it was discovered after attempting to crack the hashes of passwords found on the desktop.

3. Flag #3 – This flag was on the Linux server; it was found after discovering the password to the SQL database. Once inputting the password, I discovered a table named flag 3.



4. Flag #4 – This flag was also found on the Linux server. However, it was a bit trickier as there was a need to decrypt the code before discovering the flag.



Recommendations

1. CEO Desktop

 As seen in the vulnerabilities page, ports 135, 139 and 445 should be closed. If these ports can't be closed, then at least usernames and passwords should be required for these ports. It won't solve the problem that these vulnerabilities exist in Windows XP SP3, but it would help to ease the number of attacks the system is vulnerable to. In addition, for port 445 the Null sessions that are enabled should be disabled. As with null sessions anyone can access the SMB on the server then gain full access to the desktop. Furthermore, SMB signing should be enabled as well as any metadata that was leaked should be taken care of. These recommendations should be taken into consideration. However, this desktop is running Windows XP SP3, which is no longer supported by Microsoft. Therefore, instead of hardening the ports that are open the desktop should be upgraded to a newer and supported operating system.

2. Linux Server

The Linux server has less vulnerabilities, however it has an issue with metadata being leaked through vulnerability assessments and OSINT used to gather information about the server. Due to this, any information that shouldn't be in the hands of attackers should be secured. For instance, the PHP version or http version can be known using a vulnerability scanner. Also, the SSH was pinned with weak algorithms, stronger ciphers and algorithms should be used to protect the network. Lastly, the C99.PHP shell should be removed from the server. For testing purposes this shell may be valuable, however this makes the server more susceptible to attacks and exploits. Although within this server there weren't as many critical vulnerabilities, it should also be updated to the latest Ubuntu server edition. The current Ubuntu server that is available is Ubuntu 16.04 .1 LTS.

In conclusion, for either computers ports should be closed when not in use. And if unavoidable users should be only allowed to use certain ports with usernames and passwords.

Appendix

1. Nmap of CEO Desktop

```
Nmap scan report for 172.16.195.138
Host is up (0.00033s latency).
Not shown: 997 closed ports
PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION
135/tcp open msrpc Microsoft Windows RPC
139/tcp open netbios-ssn Microsoft Windows 98 netbios-ssn
445/tcp open microsoft-ds Microsoft Windows XP microsoft-ds
MAC Address: 00:00:29:64:B7:A2 (VMware)
Service Info: OSs: Windows, Windows 98, Windows XP; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows, cpe:/o:microsoft:windows_98,
Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 8.20 seconds root@kall:~#
```

2. Nmap of Linux Server

```
oot@kal1:~# nmap -sV 172.16.195.139
Starting Nmap 7.01 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2016-12-07 10:51 EST
Whap scan report for 172.16.195.139
Host is up (0.00011s latency).
Not shown: 997 closed ports
       STATE SERVICE
PORT
                       VERSION
                       OpenSSH 5.9pl Debian Subuntul.9 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2
22/tcp open ssh
.0)
80/tcp open http
                       Apache httpd 2.2.22 ((Ubuntu))
443/tcp open ssl/http Apache httpd 2.2.22 ((Ubuntu))
1AC Address: 00:0C:29:0E:71:C4 (VMware)
Service Info: OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux kernel
Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap
.org/submit/
Whap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 13.29 seconds
oot@kal1:~#
```

3. CEO Desktop Hashdump

```
[*] Started bind handler
[*] Automatically detecting the target..
[*] Fingerprint: Windows XP - Service Pack 3 - lang:English
[*] Selected Target: Windows XP SP3 English (AlwaysOn NX)
[*] Attempting to trigger the vulnerability...
[*] Sending stage (885806 bytes) to 172.16.195.138
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (172.16.195.146:59069 -> 172.16.195.138:4444) at 2016-12-09 22:32:12 -0500
 Loading extension incognito...success.
 meterpreter > hashdump
Administrator:500:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:fb523af90674fee711478628cfa0d7b5:::
 crackme:1004:ff4bcfbbf633824eaad3b435b51404ee:77ee8944a92bb5df620875563fb29743:::
Guest:501:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0:::
 SUPPORT_388945a0:1002:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:587ba84ac798ce51dba0f66dd4b35687:::
meterpreter >
```

7 0.40.405.400										
72.16.195.138 Summary										
Critical	High	1	Medi	um	Low	Info		Total		
2	0		2		0	18		22		
Details										
Severity		Plugin Id		Name						
Critical (10.0)		34477				Vindows Ser e Execution				
Critical (10.0)		35362		MS09-001: Microsoft Windows SMB Vulnerabilities Remote Code Execution (958687) (uncredentialed check)						
Medium (5.0)		26920		Microsoft V	Vindows SM	MB NULL Ses	ssion Auther	ntication		
Medium (5.0)		57608		SMB Signii	ng Disabled					
Info		10114		ICMP Time	estamp Req	uest Remote	Date Disclo	sure		
Info		10150		Windows N	NetBIOS / S	MB Remote	Host Informa	ation Discl	osure	
Info		10287		Traceroute Information						
Info		10394		Microsoft V	Microsoft Windows SMB Log In Possible					
Info		10397		Microsoft Windows SMB LanMan Pipe Server Listing Disclosure						
Info		10785		Microsoft Windows SMB NativeLanManager Remote System Information Disclosure					tem Information	
Info		10884		Network Time Protocol (NTP) Server Detection						
Info		11011		Microsoft Windows SMB Service Detection						
Info		11219		Nessus SYN scanner						
Info		11936		OS Identific	OS Identification					
Info		19506		Nessus Sc	an Informat	ion				
Info		20094		VMware Vi	irtual Machir	ne Detection				
Info		24786		Nessus Wi	indows Scar	n Not Perform	ned with Adı	min Privile	ges	
Info		25220		TCP/IP Tin	nestamps S	upported				
Info		26917		Microsoft V Registry	Vindows SN	IB Registry :	Nessus Car	nnot Acces	ss the Windows	
Info		35716		Ethernet C	ard Manufa	cturer Detect	tion			
Info		45590		Common F	Platform Enu	umeration (C	PE)			
Info		54615		Device Typ	Device Type					

72.16.195.139									
ummary Critical	High		Mediu	ım Low		Info	Total		
0 Details	0		6	4		30	40		
Severity		Plugin Id		Name					
Medium (6.4)		51192		SSL Certificate Ca	annot Be Tru	ısted			
Medium (6.4)		57582		SSL Self-Signed (Certificate				
Medium (5.0)		20007		SSL Version 2 and	d 3 Protocol	Detection			
Medium (4.3)		42873		SSL Medium Stre	ngth Cipher	Suites Sup	ported		
Medium (4.3)		90317		SSH Weak Algorit	thms Suppor	ted			
Medium (4.0)		35291		SSL Certificate Si	gned Using \	Weak Hash	ing Algorithm		
Low (2.6)		65821		SSL RC4 Cipher Suites Supported (Bar Mitzvah)					
Low (2.6)		70658		SSH Server CBC	Mode Ciphe	rs Enabled			
Low (2.6)		71049		SSH Weak MAC	Algorithms E	nabled			
Low (2.6)		94437		SSL 64-bit Block	Size Cipher S	Suites Supp	ported (SWEET32)		
Info		10107		HTTP Server Type	e and Versio	n			
Info		10114		ICMP Timestamp	Request Re	mote Date	Disclosure		
Info		10267		SSH Server Type	and Version	Informatio	n		
Info		10287		Traceroute Inform	ation				
Info		10863		SSL Certificate In	formation				
Info		10881		SSH Protocol Ver	sions Suppo	rted			
Info		11219		Nessus SYN scar	ner				
Info		11936		OS Identification					
Info		18261		Apache Banner Li	nux Distribu	tion Disclos	sure		
Info		19506		Nessus Scan Info	rmation				
Info		20094	,	VMware Virtual M	achine Dete	ction			
Info		21643		SSL Cipher Suites	s Supported				
Info		22964		Service Detection					
Info		24260		HyperText Transfe	er Protocol (l	HTTP) Info	rmation		
Info		25220		TCP/IP Timestam	ps Supporte	d			
Info		35716		Ethernet Card Ma	nufacturer D	etection			

Info	39520	Backported Security Patch Detection (SSH)
Info	39521	Backported Security Patch Detection (WWW)
Info	45590	Common Platform Enumeration (CPE)
Info	48243	PHP Version
Info	50845	OpenSSL Detection
Info	51891	SSL Session Resume Supported
Info	54615	Device Type
Info	56984	SSL / TLS Versions Supported
Info	57041	SSL Perfect Forward Secrecy Cipher Suites Supported
Info	70544	SSL Cipher Block Chaining Cipher Suites Supported
Info	70657	SSH Algorithms and Languages Supported
Info	84502	HSTS Missing From HTTPS Server
Info	84574	Backported Security Patch Detection (PHP)
Info	94761	SSL Root Certification Authority Certificate Information