# Cybersecurity and Ethical Hacking

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# PS C:\Windows\System32> whoamint authority\system

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[root@archlinux ~/cybersec-talk]# cat agenda

- Stories, Random chats and interactions
- How something gets hacked? : A 1000 ft View
- Let's hack this box?
- Questions
- Your perspectives, feedback and more resources

#### @N got hacked!

- How I Lost My \$50,000 Twitter Username Naoki Hiroshima
- \$50,000 handle
- Simple called up the paypal guys and asked for last 4 digits of the credit card
- Brute forced the first 2 digits on GoDaddy to hijack GoDaddy, DNS and MX servers.
- Hiroshima had to give up on the username handle.

# I don't own a server. Why do I care?

- I have got nothing to hide!!
- Use facebook / instagram / snapchat?
- Snapchat was involved in a big data breach in 2014.
- Recently an Indian Researcher was awarded \$30,000 bounty for finding a logical flaw in password reset function in instagram
- Every damn application on your phone asks for your personal data and most of them don't know how to handle sensitive data.

#### Data leaks: Leaking phone numbers, emails...

- It's just a phone number.
- Is it?
- Where do you get your bank OTP
- 2 factor authentication challenges
- Bank account transaction messages
- Password reset codes from facebook, twitter?
- The more detailed profile .. bigger price for selling it!

# Yes, people are sold! : Identity markets



# So what is cybersecurity anyway?

#### Cisco

 Cybersecurity is the practice of protecting systems, networks, and programs from digital attacks. These cyber attacks are usually aimed at accessing, changing, or destroying sensitive information; extorting money from users; or interrupting normal business processes.

#### What's included?

- Computers
- Networks
- Power Grids
- Mobiles
- loT
- The Cloud

#### And Ethical Hacking?

- Ethical -- Hacking
- Legal, with good intentions and with written permission
- Hats
  - White hats
  - Black hats
  - Gray hats
- What do they do?
  - Try find vulnerabilities before the bad guys do
  - Patch them ALL
- Red team / Blue team

#### Careers in Cybersecurity

- Cybersecurity Talent Crunch To Create 3.5 Million Unfilled Jobs Globally By 2021
- There is a zero-percent unemployment rate in cybersecurity and the opportunities in this field are endless
- Roles
  - Security Architect
  - Vulnerability researcher
  - Penetration Tester
  - Threat analyst
  - Cyber security manager
  - Legal

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- Reconnaissance
- Active Scanning
- Service identification
- Exploitation
- Post exploitation
- Privilege escalation
- Covering your tracks!

#### DISCLAIMER

- This knowledge is for educational purposes only
- Only attack the lab machines and nothing outside the scope
- I will not be responsible for the damage caused

#### Reconnaissance

- Doing your research
  - Domains
    - www.victim.com, ftp.victim.com, internal.victim.com
  - IP ranges
    - **63.35.124.32-80**
  - People and their pets
  - Affiliations
    - Has ties with ABC company
    - Uses 'wordpress' to host their internal blogging website.
    - Uses kaspersky antivirus in all company computers
  - Locations

#### Active Scanning

- In reconnaissance we never touch the target directly
- Probing the target
  - Interacting with the servers
- Port scanning
  - TCP/UDP
  - Nmap
  - OS fingerprinting
- Vulnerability Scanning
  - Bulk scan for publicly disclosed vulnerabilities

#### Service Identification

- What is the role of the server in the network
- What services are running?
  - o http
  - o dns
- Any out of date services?
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- Public exploits
  - exploit-db
- Source code review and 0-day exploits

# Exploitation

- Finding and modifying publicly available exploits
- Exploit development and 0-day exploits
- Owning the target

#### Post Exploitation

- Look around, what you see? Anything that you did not have access from outside
- Password gathering and cracking
- Monitoring user activities, taking photos, keyloggers
- Persistence Creating hidden service
- Pivoting Going deeper into the network

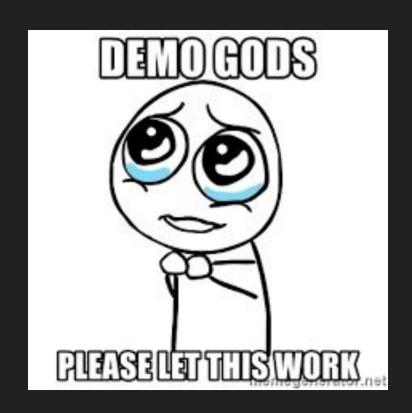
#### Privilege escalation

- What's the fun if you're not the root
- OS Exploits Are you using older versions of the operating systems?
- Configuration errors Running processes as root,
- Permission errors Not following Principle of Least Privilege

# Covering your tracks!

- Remove traces of exploits
- Clean up logs
  - o or better yet remove only your activities
- Bypassing anti-viruses

#### Demo...



# What are your perspectives? Feedback?

- Love it? Hate it? What did you like? What you didn't?
- How can we make it better?
- What else would you like to include?

#### Where can I learn more?

- Vulnerable machine images : Vulnhub.com
- Vulnerable machine labs (free and paid): Hackthebox.eu
- Challenges and learning references: Rootme.org
- Step by step self learn : overthewire.org
- Certifications and Training : <a href="https://www.offensive-security.com">https://www.offensive-security.com</a>
- Books
  - Kali Linux Revealed
  - Hacking : art of exploitation
  - Hacking Exposed
  - Fun read : Ghost in the wires, Kevin Mitnick
  - Smart girl's guide to privacy

#### References and Thanks to

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- https://medium.com/@N/how-i-lost-my-50-000-twitter-username-24eb09e026
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- https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/products/security/what-is-cybersecurity.html
- https://www.vulnhub.com/
- @DCAU7 for the base image of the vulnerable machine used in the demo

# Thank You