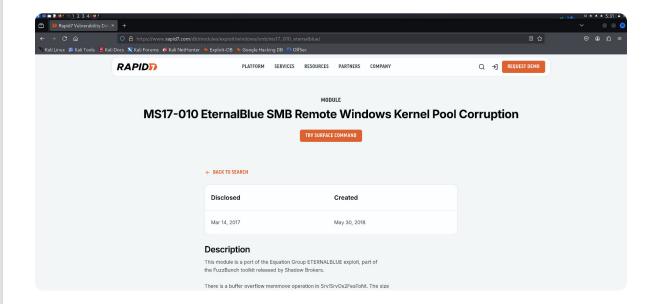
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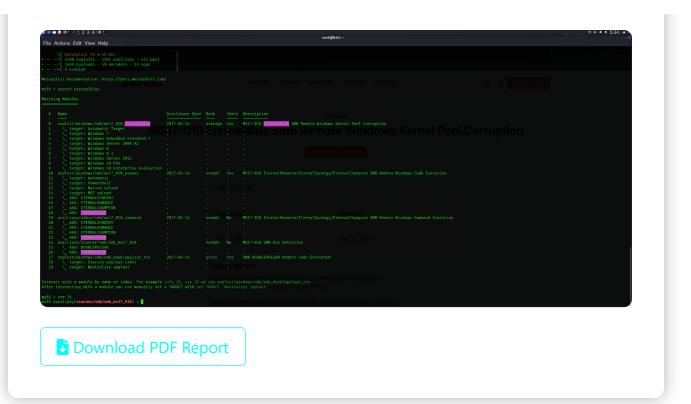
After completing the Nmap scan, we identified that the target machine (192.168.79.140) was running Microsoft Windows 7 SP1 with SMB (port 445) exposed. This was our first clue that the machine could be vulnerable to well-known exploits like MS17-010 (EternalBlue).

To investigate further, we conducted manual research. Using Google, we searched terms such as "windows 7 smb 445 vulnerability exploit". This led us to a Rapid7 blog post detailing the EternalBlue vulnerability affecting SMBv1.

To confirm the target's exposure, we used the Metasploit module auxiliary/scanner/smb/smb_pipe to enumerate named pipes. The target responded successfully, revealing accessible SMB services and confirming the OS version. This enumeration helped validate that the target was exploitable and ready for the next phase of the assessment.



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