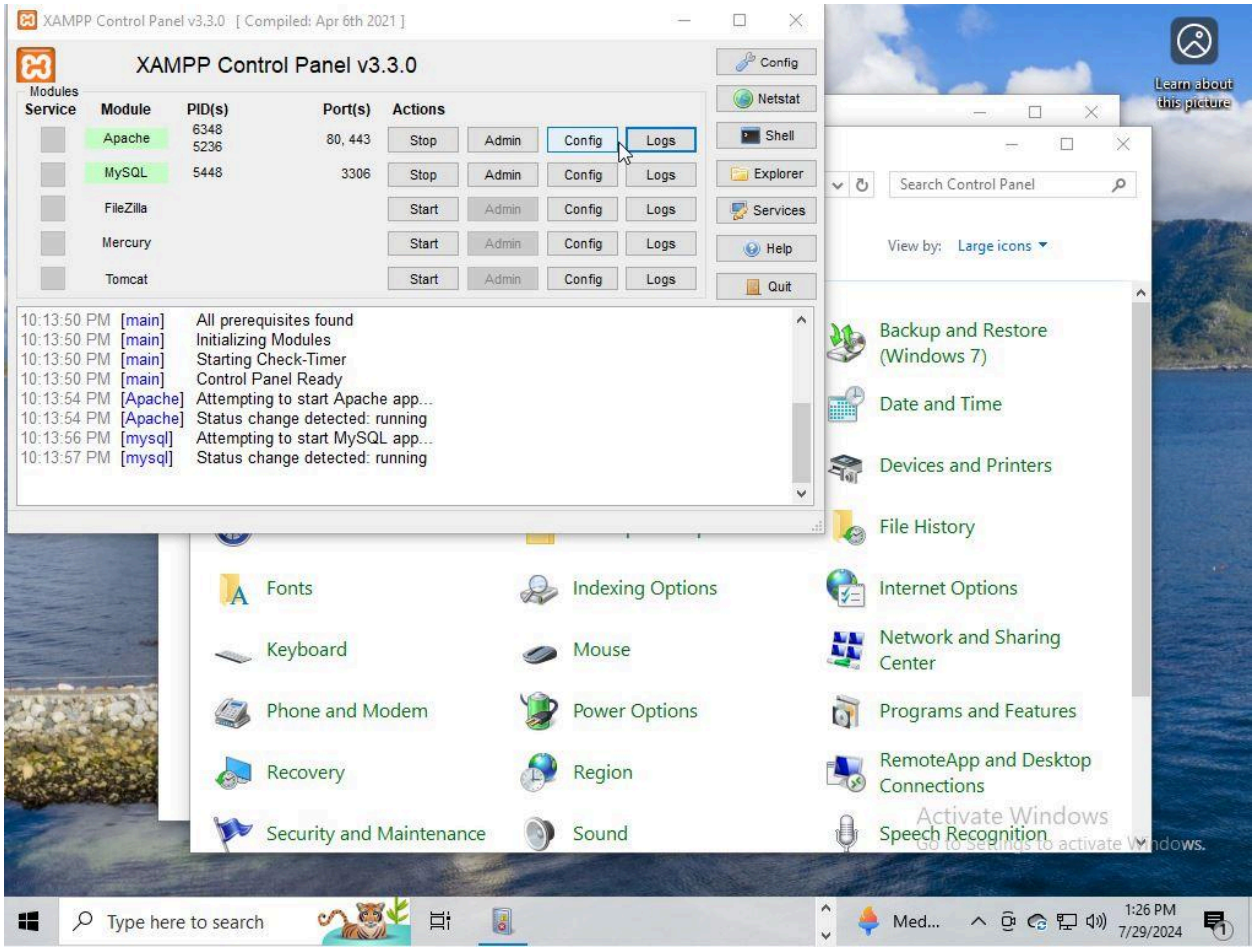
Objective

This phase has the objective of deploying a Kali Linux as an attack machine while deploying a Windows 10 VM as a web server using XAMPP. The goal is to find and exploit vulnerabilities in the web server on the Windows 10 VM.

Deployment and Configuration

Windows 10 VM

- Successful installation of Windows 10 on VMWare.
- Successful installation and implementation of XAMPP.
- Configured XAMPP to run Apache and MySQL.
- Creation of PHP file to test the Web Server's Setup.
- Enable Logging on the Virtual Machine.



Kali Linux VM

- Successful installation of Kali Linux on VMWare.
- Successful update and upgrade of Kali Linux, including Nmap and Metasploit used for the Penetration Test.

- Successful installation of Nessus & Armitage.

Network Configuration

- Successfully set both VMs to use a NAT network, ensuring that they are on the shared network. Used Ping and Nmap as a test from the attacking machine to ensure the connection is active.

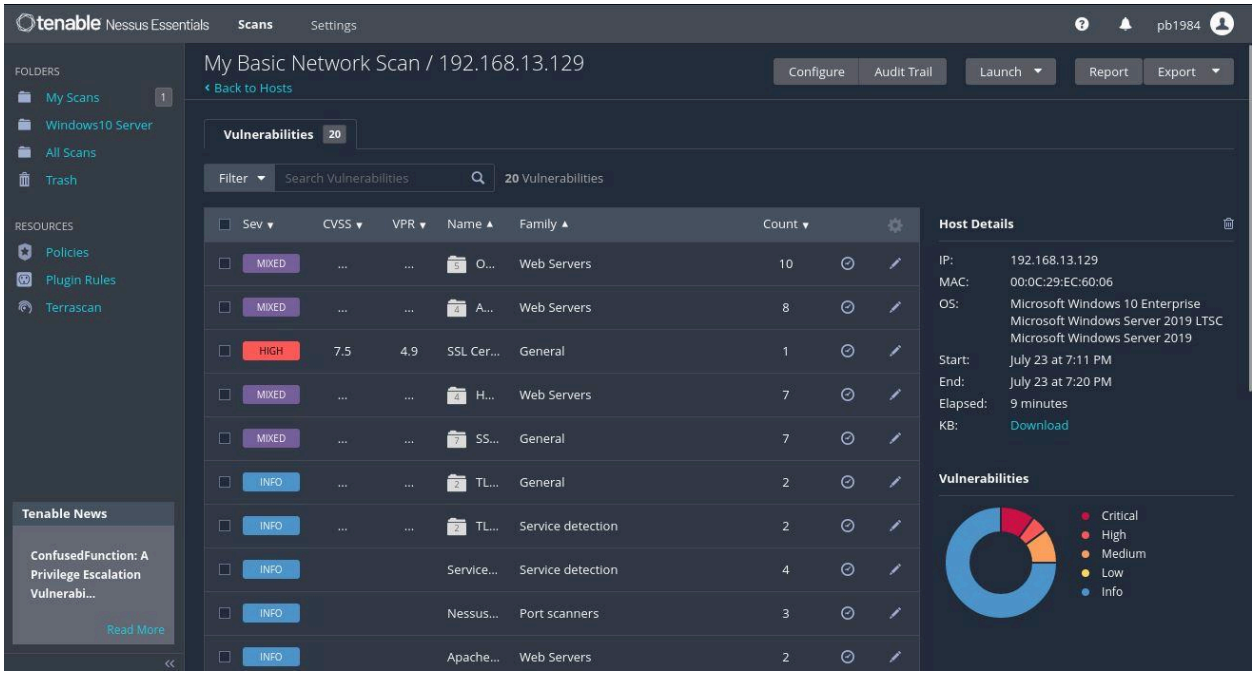
Problem Solving - Initial Test

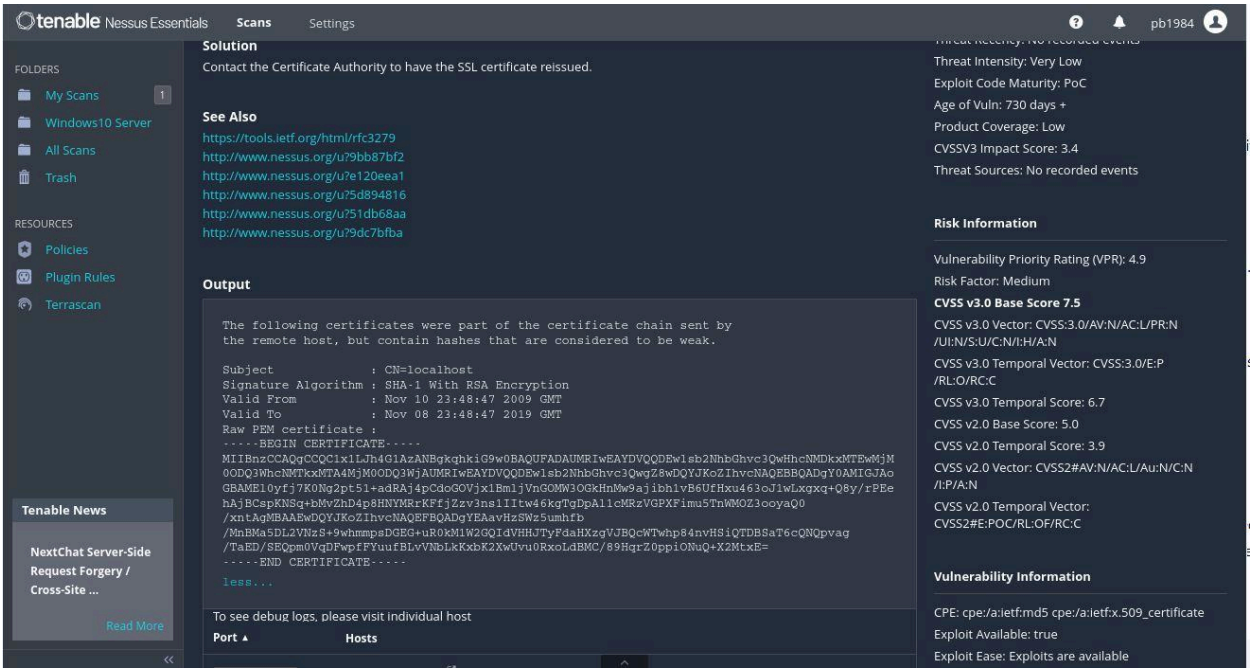
Reconnaissance

- Ran a ping command to confirm the active connection between VMs.
- Ran an Nmap scan with ‘nmap -sS -O 192.168.13.129’.

Vulnerability Scanning

- Ran a Nessus vulnerability scan to 192.168.13.129, resulting in 20 vulnerabilities.
- The scan showed several Critical and High vulnerabilities.





Analysis

Vulnerability Assessment

- As noted in the screenshots above, OpenSSL vulnerabilities were a gigantic part of the scanning through Nessus, cross-referenced with the CVE databases.

Exploitation

Metasploit

- Ran Armitage as a GUI to run Metasploit on the Target Machine.

Challenges

Connection Issues

- Difficulty connecting the network initially.
- I changed the network adapter setting to NAT, allowing the network to work properly.

Software Installation

- Did not have Armitage, Zenmap, or Nessus.
- I downloaded and installed all three of the programs after a fair amount of trial and error.

Armitage/Metasploit Issues

- I couldn't remember how to use some of the attacks needed.
- This is an ongoing issue that will be remedied during the Testing Phase with more practice.