## Task-3:

- 1. What is vulnerability scanning?
- → Vulnerability scanning is an automated process of identifying security weakness in system,networks or applications. It checks for outdated software,misconfiguration ,or missing patches that attackers could exploit.
- 2. What is the difference between vulnerability scanning and penetration testing?
- → Vulnerability scanning:
- 1. Automated and broad scanning of systems for known vulnerabilities.
- 2.Identify possible risks.
- 3.Example nessus scan.
- → Penteration testing:
- 1. Manual and targeted testing to exploit vulnerabilities.
- 2. Confirm how those risks can be exploited
- 3.Example:metasploit
- 3. What are some common vulnerabilities in personal computers?
- → Outdated operating systems, Weak or reused passwords, Missing antivirus or firewall, Unpatched software (like browsers, Java, etc.), Open ports (e.g:Telnet or RDP)
- 4. How do scanners detect vulnerabilities?
- → Scanners use databases of known CVEs (Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures) and test our system against them. They check for version numbers, configurations, and responses to network probes.
- 5. What is CVSS?
- → CVSS (Common Vulnerability Scoring System) is a standardized way to rate the severity of vulnerabilities from **0 to 10**, where:
  - $0-3.9 \rightarrow Low$
  - 4.0-6.9 → Medium
  - $7.0-8.9 \rightarrow High$
  - 9.0-10 → Critical
- 6. How often should vulnerability scans be performed?
- → Ideally:

- Weekly or monthly for organizations.
- After major software updates or configuration changes.
  Regular scans ensure new vulnerabilities are detected quickly.
- 7. What is a false positive in vulnerability scanning?
- → A false positive is when a scanner reports a vulnerability that doesn't actually exist.
- 8. How do you prioritize vulnerabilities?
- →Based on CVSS score (critical > high > medium > low).

Based on asset importance (server > personal system).

Based on exploit availability (if public exploit exists  $\rightarrow$  fix faster).

## \*Results of nessus:

