



GETTING STARTED WITH

HACKTHEBOX

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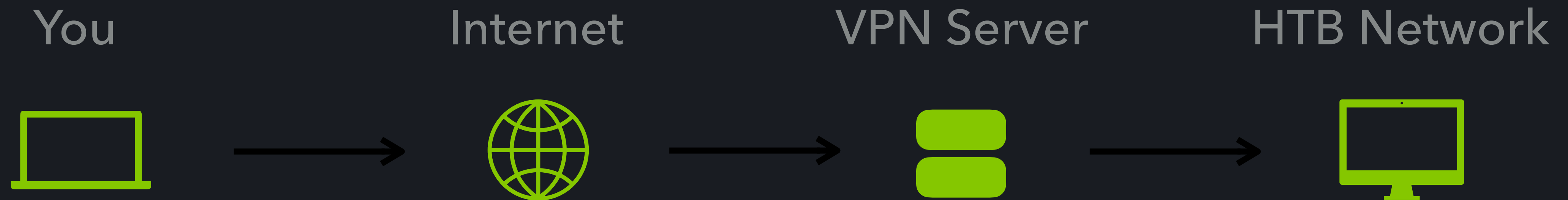
Assembled in Miami

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Work

- ▶ Full Stack Software Engineer
- ▶ Bug Bounty Program / VDP Manager
- ▶ MiamiJS meetup Founder and Co-organizer

CONNECTING TO HACKTHEBOX



```
$ sudo openvpn --version  
$ sudo apt install openvpn  
$ sudo openvpn htb.ovpn
```

HACKER METHODOLOGY

- ▶ Recon

searching for vulnerabilities that can be used to gain access

- ▶ Exploitation

Using vulnerabilities identified during by recon to gain access

- ▶ Privilege Escalation

Gain elevated access to resources that are usually protected

- ▶ Post Exploitation (not applicable to HTB)

Persistence, Data Extraction, Removing evidence of breach

RECON

► Passive

Don't interact with the target directly: OSINT, viewing a webpage and its source, googling, looking at social media, Github repos.

► Active

Interact directly with the systems in order to gather system level information.
Can be illegal. Get permission.

PORT SCANNING WITH NMAP

```
$ nmap -sV -T4 10.10.10.75
```

- ▶ **-sV**
version detection
- ▶ **-T4**
paranoid (0) | sneaky | polite |
normal (3 - default) | aggressive |
insane (5)
- ▶ **-p-**
Scan ports from 1 through 65535
- ▶ **-sC**
Performs a script scan using the
[default set of scripts](#)

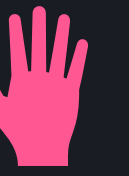


DIRECTORY & FILE DISCOVERY

Brute forcing with a wordlist to search for unlinked directories and files

- ▶ Word Lists
 - in Kali: /usr/share/wordlists
 - Daniel Miessler's [SecLists](#)

```
$ feroxbuster -u http://10.10.10.75/nibbleblog -x html php  
-w ~/labs/tools/SecLists/Discovery/Web-Content/raft-  
medium-directories.txt -s 200 204 301 -d 1
```



FINDING PUBLIC EXPLOITS

- ▶ Metasploit
penetration testing framework that helps you find and exploit vulnerabilities
- ▶ Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVE) repositories
e.g. Exploit-DB, Mitre

METASPLOIT FRAMEWORK

It is many things, but among them it is a collection of exploits that can be used to exploit known vulnerabilities from within the MSF Console

- ▶ **use**
changes context to the indicated exploit
- ▶ **show options**
displays options for current exploit and if they are required
- ▶ **set**
set option values for current payload
- ▶ **exploit**
attempts to run exploit with designated options

NETCAT REVERSE SHELL

A reverse shell is a shell session established using Remote Command Execution (RCE) from the remote victim machine instead of the attacker's.

```
$ nc -nvlp 1234
```

- | | |
|---|------------------------------|
| ▶ -l
Listen mode | ▶ -v
Verbose mode |
| ▶ -n
Disable DNS resolution for faster connection | ▶ -p
Listener port |

INTERACTIVE SHELL

```
$ python3 -c 'import pty; pty.spawn("/bin/bash")'
```

```
– CTRL+Z
```

```
$ stty raw -echo; fg
```

```
– ENTER, ENTER
```

```
$ echo $TERM
```

```
dumb
```

```
$ stty size
```

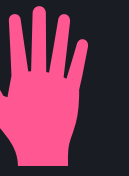
```
67 318
```

```
$ export TERM=xterm-256color
```

```
$ export stty rows 67 columns 318
```

ROOT USER

- ▶ Remove any or all files
- ▶ Change the permissions of any or all files
- ▶ Create, update and remove user accounts
- ▶ Remove or install software



PRIVILEGE ESCALATION

► Manual commands

► `id`

► `sudo -l`

► `ls -la /root`

► `ls -la /home/nibbler`

CONTINUED LEARNING



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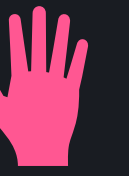
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► Courses:

- [Tib3rius' Linux Privilege Escalation](#)
- [Tib3rius' Window Privilege Escalation](#)

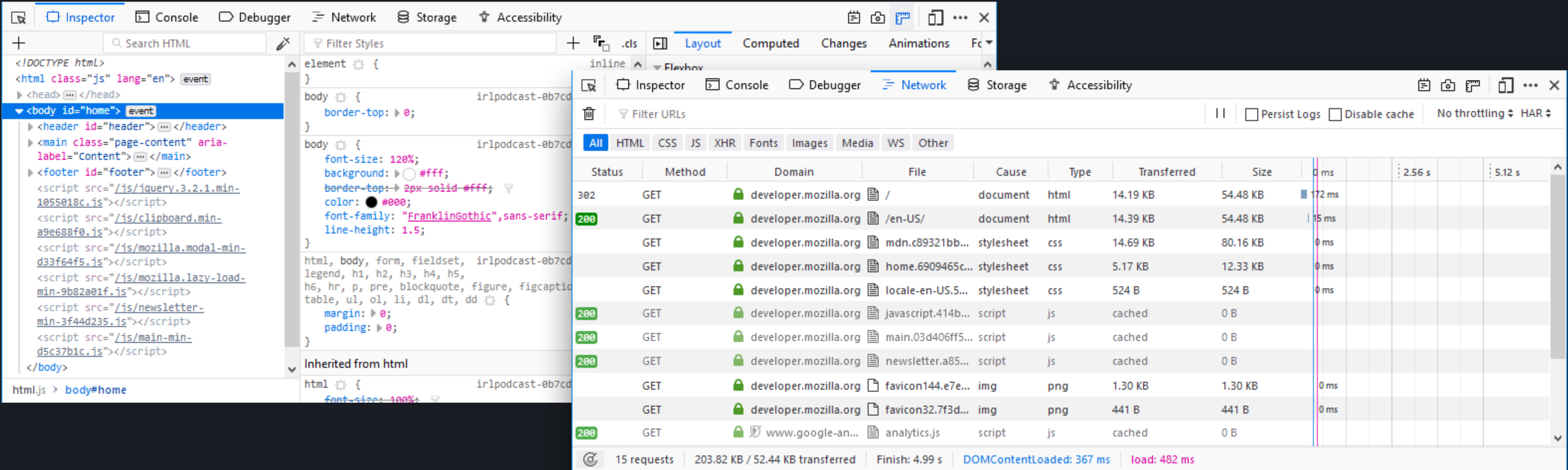


LINUX ENUMERATION SCRIPTS

- ▶ [linPEAS](#)
- ▶ [Linux Smart Enumeration](#)
- ▶ [LinEnum](#)
- ▶ [g0tmi1k's Linux Priv Esc cheat sheet](#)

MANUAL WEB ENUMERATION

- ▶ inspecting with browser's developer tools for: comments, cookies, LocalStorage, HTTP requests



BURP SUITE

- ▶ Proxy

Sits between your browser and website's server to intercept, inspect, and modify the traffic in both directions

- ▶ Repeater

Tool for manipulating and reissuing HTTP and WebSocket requests, and analyzing responses