

Analyzing the Results of a Credentialed Vulnerability Scan

(CompTIA Security + SY - 601)

Objectives:

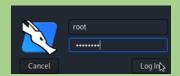
- To perform vulnerability scanning
- To analyze scan reports

Resources:

- PT1 Kali VM
- OpenVAS Scanner

Instructions:

1. Connect to the PT1-Kali VM



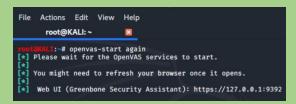
2. In the menu at the top of the desktop, select the terminal



3. In the terminal window, type openvas-start and press ENTER



4. The firefox browser automatically launches when the **openvas-service** starts. It connects to https://127.0.0.1:9392



5. Log on with username admin and password



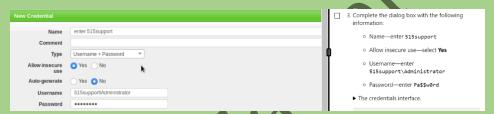
6. From the configuration menu select credentials



7. Select the blue star icon on the left to open the new credential web dialog box



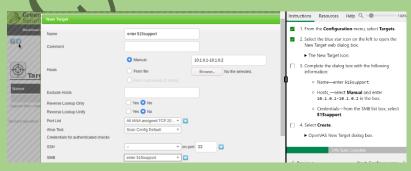
8. Complete the **dialog box** with the given information:



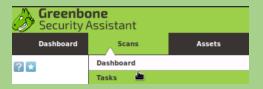
- 9. Select create
- 10. From the configuration menu select Targets



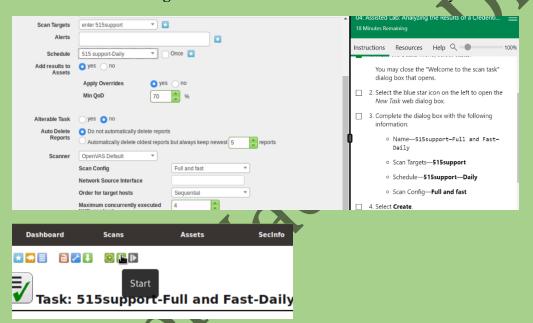
- 11. Select the blue star icon on the left to open the New Target web dialog
- 12. Complete the **dialog box** with the following information



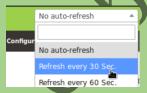
- 13. Select create
- 14. From the Scans menu, select Tasks



- 15. Select the **blue star icon** on the left to open the **New Task** web dialog box
- 16. Complete the **dialog box** with the following information:
- 17. Select create
- 18. Under name at the bottom of the screen, select the '515support-Full and Fast-Daily task
- 19. Select the **start green arrow button** to run the scan manually



20. In the No auto-refresh box in the green header bar, select Refresh every 30 seconds



21. In the Greenbone web app. Select the Dashboard link to display the current information



22. Select Scans > Reports



23. In the **Date column** at the bottom of the **Reports page**, select the task with **today's date** to view the results



24. Browse the **report** and specifically observe the **CVE** entries



25. From the **small triangle**, pull down menu by the 'ReportResults' title, choose Report: **Hosts** to display the discovered hosts and their related vulnerabilities



Observations:

- 1. The OpenVAS scanner was initiated on the PT1-Kali VM.
- 2. Credentials and targets were configured in OpenVAS.
- 3. A vulnerability scan was performed using the "Full and Fast" option.

- 4. The scan results were viewed in the Greenbone web app, displaying current vulnerabilities.
- 5. CVE entries and discovered hosts with related vulnerabilities were specifically observed in the report.

Results:

- The scan identified multiple vulnerabilities across different hosts.
- CVE entries provided detailed information about the nature and severity of the vulnerabilities.
- The report categorized vulnerabilities by host, enabling targeted analysis and remediation.

Conclusion:

The lab successfully demonstrated how to perform and analyze a credentialed vulnerability scan using OpenVAS. The process included configuring credentials and targets, running the scan, and interpreting the results, focusing on CVE entries and host vulnerabilities.

Future Work:

Future work should include deeper analysis of specific vulnerabilities, remediation steps for identified issues, and exploring more advanced scanning options within OpenVAS to cover a broader range of security checks.