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CSS lab

Aim: a) Study the use of network reconnaissance tools like whois, dig, traceroute, nslookup to gather information about networks and domain registration.

b) Download and install nmap. Use it with different options to scan open ports, perform OS finger pointing, do a ping scan, tcp port scan, udp port scan, xmas scan, etc.

c) Setup personal firewall using iptables.

Theory:

a) Network Reconnaissance.

i) whois:

It gives information about any property on internet like. whois on google gives its domain information.

2) Traceroute:

It is used to show the route data packets take to reach their destination.

3) Dig:

The domain information groper (dig) is a flexible tool for interrogating DNS name servers.

4) Nslookup:

It is used to trouble shoot DNS. It is a network administration command line tool for querying the Domain Name system to obtain the mapping between domain name & IP addresses.

or other DNS records.

b) NMap :

It is used to discover hosts and services on a computer network by sending packets and analyzing the responses. It provides a number of features for probing computer network including:

- 1) Host Discovery : identify host on network
- 2) Port scanning : Enumerating the open ports on one or more target hosts.
- 3) Version detection : Interrogating listening network services listening on remote devices to determine the application name & version number.
- 4) OS Detection : Remotely determining the operating system and some hardware characteristics of network devices.

→ Basic commands working in Nmap:

- 1) For target specifications: `nmap <target URL or IP address>`
- 2) For OS detection:  
`nmap -O <target URL OR IP>`
- 3) For version detection:  
`nmap -sV <target host's URL or IP>`

### c) Firewalls:

- 1) All modern operating systems come equipped with a firewall software application that regulates network traffic to a computer.
- 2) Firewall creates a barrier between a trusted network and an untrusted network.
- 3) Firewalls work by doing rules that govern which traffic is allowed and which is blocked.
- 4) The utility firewall developed for Linux system is iptables.

#### Steps:

- 1) sudo iptables -L: To check current iptables ruleset.
- 2) Logging to the server as root user.
- 3) a) Follow the syntax below for various iptables rules.  
b) Add iptables rule to block IP Address.  
c) Add iptables rule to block IP address to access a specific port.

iptables -A input -s IP-Address - here -p tcp --destination port port-number -j DROP

- d) Drop / remove iptables rule to unblock IP Address.

iptables -D input -s IP-Address - here -j DROP

- e) DROP / remove iptables rule to block IP Address access to a specific port.

iptables -D Input -s IP-Address - here -p tcp --destination -port port-number -j DROP.

2) After adding/ removing any of the above rules we need to save the iptables rules by the following command `iptables - save`.

\* Conclusion:

Thus, I have successfully implemented network reconnaissance tools, nmap and personal firewall.