

ISEC3002 Penetration Testing and Defence

Workshop 8

Using running web applications and services to get a shell to escalate the privilege

Please upload your solution with screenshots to ***Class Works and Tutorials Submission*** folder under Assessments on Blackboard. You need to include commands and screenshots in your answers.

The purpose of this workshop is to learn how to exploit a vulnerability in running services and web applications to gain root access to a system. You might need to check the tutorials provided in the reference section.

Exercise 1- VulnHub → Metasploitable 2

Follow the steps in the link below to learn how to get a shell and do privilege escalation using running web applications. You will be exploiting all the services running in Metasploitable 2.

<https://www.hackingarticles.in/comprehensive-guide-on-metasploitable-2/>

Exercise 2- CyberRange → Vulnerable Machines

Exploit the running services and web application vulnerabilities of the following machines to gain root access to the system.

- Gnisis → 192.168.2.15
- Caldera → 192.168.2.4

Reference

<https://www.hackingarticles.in/comprehensive-guide-on-metasploitable-2/>
<https://blog.g0tmi1k.com/2011/08/basic-linux-privilege-escalation/>
<https://www.hackingarticles.in/comprehensive-guide-on-dirb-tool/>
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