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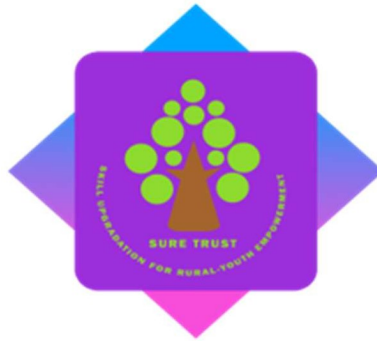
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Executive Summary

This report details the findings of a **Black Box Network Penetration** Test conducted on **30 IP addresses** to evaluate security posture from an external attacker's perspective. The assessment combined automated scanning (Nmap, OpenVAS) with manual validation to identify exploitable vulnerabilities.

Key Findings:

- Critical: Unpatched RDP (CVE-2019-0708), SSLv2/SSLv3 exposure (CVE-2016-0800), default credentials, and unsecured Telnet.
- High: OpenSSH user enumeration (CVE-2018-15473), weak TLS configurations (Logjam, BEAST, ROBOT).
- Medium: SSH command injection (CVE-2020-15778), weak ciphers (SWEET32, RC4).
- Low: Anonymous FTP access, deprecated protocols.

Vulnerabilities were manually verified with PoC evidence and mapped to CWE/OWASP Top 10 (e.g., CWE-327: Broken Crypto). Critical risks included RCE via BlueKeep and TLS downgrade attacks, while medium/low issues highlighted authentication and encryption flaws.

The results emphasize urgent risks to confidentiality, integrity, and compliance (PCI-DSS, NIST). Stakeholders must prioritize remediation to prevent exploitation.



Introduction

Background & Context

In today's evolving threat landscape, organizations face increasing risks from cyberattacks targeting exposed network infrastructure. Public-facing IP addresses, if misconfigured or unpatched, can serve as entry points for attackers, leading to data breaches, service disruptions, and compliance violations. Proactive security assessments, such as penetration testing, are critical to identifying vulnerabilities before malicious actors exploit them.

This Black Box Network Penetration Test was conducted to simulate a real-world attacker's approach, assessing the security posture of 30 public IP addresses without prior knowledge of internal systems. The engagement aligns with industry best practices (NIST SP 800-115, OWASP Testing Guide) to evaluate risks objectively.

Problem Statement

Despite advancements in cybersecurity, many organizations remain vulnerable due to:

- Outdated protocols (SSLv2/SSLv3, TLS 1.0).
 - Unpatched services (e.g., RDP, OpenSSH).
 - Weak configurations (default credentials, anonymous FTP).
- This assessment addresses these gaps by identifying exploitable weaknesses and providing actionable insights to mitigate exposure.

Scope & Limitations

- **In Scope:** 30 public IPs, focusing on open ports, services, and protocol weaknesses.
- **Out of Scope:** Internal networks, social engineering, and DoS attacks.



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Limitations:

- Point-in-time assessment (new vulnerabilities may emerge post-testing).
- False positives/negatives possible due to tool constraints.
- Non-disruptive testing (no exploitation of critical production systems).

Innovation Component

This engagement incorporated:

- Hybrid Testing: Automated scans (Nmap, OpenVAS) paired with manual exploitation to reduce false positives.
- Threat Intelligence Integration: Mapped findings to CVE/CWE and OWASP Top 10 for risk contextualization.
- Compliance-Aware Analysis: Highlighted gaps against PCI-DSS 4.0 and NIST SP 800-53 controls.



Project Objectives

Project Objective

The primary objective of this Black Box Network Penetration Testing engagement was to:

- Identify vulnerabilities in public-facing network infrastructure that could be exploited by external attackers.
- Assess security controls (firewalls, encryption, access mechanisms) for effectiveness against real-world threats.
- Simulate attacker behavior to validate risks without prior knowledge of internal systems.
- Support compliance with industry standards (PCI-DSS, NIST, ISO 27001) by uncovering gaps in configurations and protocols.

Expected Outcome

- Understand Exposure: Gain clarity on critical/high-risk vulnerabilities (e.g., RCE via BlueKeep, TLS downgrades).
- Prioritize Remediation: Focus on patching 4 Critical and 7 High risks first (e.g., SSLv2/SSLv3, OpenSSH flaws).
- Align with Best Practices: Use findings to harden systems against OWASP Top 10 and CWE-mapped threats.
- Meet Compliance: Address gaps violating PCI-DSS 4.0 (e.g., TLS 1.0/1.1) and NIST SP 800-53 (encryption standards).



Deliverables

1. Detailed Report:
 - Executive summary, methodology, and risk-rated findings.
 - Proof of Concept (PoC) for validated vulnerabilities (e.g., CVE-2019-0708 exploit steps).
 - Screenshots/Logs from tools (Nmap, OpenVAS) and manual testing.
1. Risk Prioritization Matrix:
 - Tables ranking vulnerabilities by CVSS scores, business impact, and exploit complexity.
2. Remediation Guidance:
 - Step-by-step fixes (e.g., "Disable SSLv2/SSLv3 in Apache: SSLProtocol -all +TLSv1.2").
 - Patch references (e.g., Microsoft KB4499175 for BlueKeep).
3. Compliance Mapping:
 - Cross-referenced vulnerabilities with PCI-DSS 4.0, NIST SP 800-53, and ISO 27001 controls.
4. Retesting Plan:
 - Timeline for follow-up validation after remediation.



Methodology and Results

Methods/Technology Used

The Black Box Penetration Testing methodology was employed, simulating an external attacker with no prior knowledge of the target infrastructure. The approach included:

1. Reconnaissance:

- Passive: OSINT (Open-Source Intelligence) gathering via WHOIS, DNS lookups, and search engines.
- Active: Port scanning and service enumeration to identify entry points.

2. Vulnerability Scanning: Automated and manual testing to detect misconfigurations, outdated software, and weak protocols.

3. Exploitation: Manual validation of critical/high-risk vulnerabilities (e.g., RCE, TLS downgrades) to confirm exploitability.

4. Post-Exploitation: Assessing lateral movement risks (where applicable within scope).



Tools/Software Used

Category	Tools	Purpose
Scanning	Nmap, OpenVAS, Masscan	Port/service discovery, vulnerability detection.
Exploitation	Metasploit, CVE-specific exploits (e.g., BlueKeep), Burp Suite	Validating RCE, MITM, and protocol weaknesses.
Traffic Analysis	Wireshark, Tcpdump	Inspecting unencrypted traffic (e.g., Telnet, FTP).
Crypto Analysis	SSLScan, TestSSL.sh	Testing SSL/TLS configurations (e.g., DROWN, BEAST).
Reporting	Dradis, Faraday, LaTeX	Consolidating findings, generating PoCs, and report drafting.

Data Collection Approach

The penetration test focused on collecting key information, including:

- Open ports and running services
- Software versions and outdated components
- Vulnerabilities identified through scanning and exploitation



Project Architecture

1. Overview

This penetration test assessed 30 public IP addresses using a structured, phased methodology simulating an external attacker. The architecture ensured comprehensive evaluation while maintaining strict ethical boundaries.

2. Testing Phases

Phase 1: Discovery

- Passive Reconnaissance: WHOIS lookups, DNS analysis
- Active Scanning: Port/service identification (Nmap)

Phase 2: Vulnerability Assessment

- Automated scanning (OpenVAS) for known CVEs
- Manual verification of critical services (RDP, SSH, HTTPS)
- Cryptographic analysis (SSL/TLS configurations)

Phase 3: Validation

- Controlled exploitation of critical vulnerabilities
- Evidence collection (screenshots, packet captures)
- Business impact analysis

3. Scope & Boundaries

- **Targets:** Internet-facing services only (no internal networks)
- **Constraints:**
 - No DoS testing or brute-force attacks
 - No lateral movement or data exfiltration
 - Compliance with PCI-DSS/NIST/OWASP standards



4. Threat Model

- Adversary Profile: External attacker with zero privileges
- Attack Vectors:
 - Protocol exploitation (TLS/SSL weaknesses)
 - Service vulnerabilities (RDP, SSH misconfigurations)
 - Credential attacks (default/weak credentials)
 - Compliance Alignment
- Addressed key requirements of:
 - PCI-DSS (encryption, access controls)
 - NIST SP 800-53 (SC-13, AC-3)
 - OWASP Top 10 (A2, A6)

This architecture delivered actionable results while ensuring safe, ethical testing practices. The phased approach enabled clear risk prioritization and remediation guidance.



Project Findings

CRITICAL

1) AFFECTED PORT: TCP/3389

CVE-ID: CVE 2019-0708

TECHNICAL IMPACT: allows **unauthenticated remote code execution** on vulnerable **RDP servers**, enabling attackers to gain **full system control** and potentially **spread malware across networks**.

MITIGATION: **Disable RDP** if not needed or restrict access via firewalls, **Enable Network Level Authentication (NLA)** for extra security, **Regularly update systems** to ensure vulnerabilities are patched.

PROOF OF CONCEPT:

```
[root@kali:~/home/kali]
└─$ msfconsole
msf5 > use auxiliary/scanner/rdp/cve_2019_0708_bluekeep
[*] Using action scan - view all 3 actions with the show actions command
msf5 auxiliary(scanner/rdp/cve_2019_0708_bluekeep) > options

Module options (auxiliary/scanner/rdp/cve_2019_0708_bluekeep):

  Name                Current Setting  Required  Description
  ---                -
  RDP_CLIENT_IP        [REDACTED]       yes       The client IPv4 address to report during connect
  RDP_CLIENT_NAME      rdesktop        no        The client computer name to report during connect, UNSET = random
  RDP_DOMAIN           no              no        The client domain name to report during connect
  RDP_USER             no              no        The username to report during connect, UNSET = random
  RHOSTS               3389            yes       The target host(s), see https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/bu
  RPORT                3389            yes       The target port (TCP)
  THREADS              1               yes       The number of concurrent threads (max one per host)

Auxiliary actions:

  Name  Description
  ---   -
  Scan  Scan for exploitable targets

View the full module info with the info, or info -d command.

msf5 auxiliary(scanner/rdp/cve_2019_0708_bluekeep) > set RHOSTS 1[REDACTED]
RHOSTS => 1[REDACTED]
msf5 auxiliary(scanner/rdp/cve_2019_0708_bluekeep) > run
[*] [REDACTED] - The target is vulnerable. The target attempted cleanup of the incorrectly-bound MD_T120 channel
[*] [REDACTED] - Scanned 1 of 1 hosts (100% complete)
[*] Auxiliary module execution completed
```



2) AFFECTED PORT: TCP/443

CVE-ID: N/A

TECHNICAL IMPACT: If SSLv2 or SSLv3(unencrypted communciation) is offered on a server, it poses **critical security risks** and **major compliance violations** due to their severe vulnerabilities. These outdated protocols allow attackers to exploit encryption weaknesses, downgrade attacks, and compromise data confidentiality.

MITIGATION: Enable TLS 1.3:

Update your server software or TLS library (e.g., OpenSSL, GnuTLS) to a version that supports TLS 1.3.

Adjust your configuration to explicitly enable TLS 1.3.

Enable ALPN and HTTP/2:

ALPN (Application Layer Protocol Negotiation) is required for HTTP/2 support. Enable it in your server configuration.

Configure your server to support HTTP/2 for faster and more efficient web traffic.

PROOF OF CONCEPT:

```
rDNS ( ): --
Service detected: HTTP

Testing protocols via sockets except NPN+ALPN

SSLv2      offered (NOT ok), also VULNERABLE to DROWN attack -- 2 ciphers
SSLv3      offered (NOT ok)
TLS 1      not offered
TLS 1.1    not offered
TLS 1.2    offered (OK)
TLS 1.3    not offered and downgraded to a weaker protocol
NPN/SPDY   not offered
ALPN/HTTP2 not offered

Testing cipher categories

NULL ciphers (no encryption)          not offered (OK)
Anonymous NULL Ciphers (no authentication) not offered (OK)
Export ciphers (w/o ADH+NULL)         not offered (OK)
LOW: 64 Bit + DES, RC[2,4], MD5 (w/o export) offered (NOT ok)
Triple DES Ciphers / IDEA             offered
Obsoleted CBC ciphers (AES, ARIA etc.) offered
Strong encryption (AEAD ciphers) with no FS offered (OK)
Forward Secrecy strong encryption (AEAD ciphers) offered (OK)
```



3) AFFECTED PORT: TCP/443

CVE-ID: N/A

TECHNICAL IMPACT: The **technical impact** of using or offering outdated TLS versions is severe, affecting **security, compliance, and functionality**.

MITIGATION: Disable TLS 1.0 & 1.1 on Servers

PROOF OF CONCEPT:

```
Start 2025-01-26 11:37:37
rDNS ( ): --
Service detected: HTTP

Testing protocols via sockets except NPN+ALPN

SSLv2      not offered (OK)
SSLv3      not offered (OK)
TLS 1      offered (deprecated)
TLS 1.1    offered (deprecated)
TLS 1.2    offered (OK)
TLS 1.3    not offered and downgraded to a weaker protocol
NPN/SPDY   http/1.1 (advertised)
ALPN/HTTP2 http/1.1 (offered)

Testing cipher categories

NULL ciphers (no encryption)      not offered (OK)
Anonymous NULL Ciphers (no authentication) not offered (OK)
Export ciphers (w/o ADH+NULL)     not offered (OK)
LOW: 64 Bit + DES, RC[2,4], MD5 (w/o export) not offered (OK)
Triple DES Ciphers / IDEA         not offered
Obsoleted CBC ciphers (AES, ARIA etc.) offered
Strong encryption (AEAD ciphers) with no FS offered (OK)
Forward Secrecy strong encryption (AEAD ciphers) offered (OK)
```

4) AFFECTED PORT: TCP/23

CVE-ID: N/A

TECHNICAL IMPACT: If **Telnet** is running with **default credentials**, it poses a **severe security risk** as it allows **unauthorized access, data interception, and complete system compromise**. Telnet is an outdated, **unencrypted** protocol, making it extremely vulnerable to attacks.



PROOF OF CONCEPT:

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HIGH

1) AFFECTED PORT: TCP/22

CVE-ID: User Enumeration Vulnerabilities (CVE-2018-15473)

TECHNICAL IMPACT:

An attacker can enumerate valid usernames on a system running a vulnerable version of OpenSSH.

While it does not allow direct authentication bypass, it aids in brute-force attacks by identifying valid accounts to target.

MITIGATION: Upgrade OpenSSH to a version that mitigates user enumeration, or configure account lockout policies.

REFERENCE: <https://ubuntu.com/security/CVE-2018-15473>

PROOF OF CONCEPT:

```
[sudo] password for kali:
(root@kali)-[/home/kali]
# nmap -sV -sC
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-01-21 00:00 EST
Nmap scan report for [REDACTED]
Host is up (0.33s latency).
Not shown: 996 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh      OpenSSH 7.6p1 Ubuntu 4ubuntu0.7 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
| ssh-hostkey:
|   2048 [REDACTED]
|   256 [REDACTED]
|_  256 5a:00:20:73:04:43:01:e1:30:e0:ae:01:03:10:09:40 (ECDSA)
4444/tcp  open  http     Jetty 9.4.z-SNAPSHOT
|_ http-server-header: Jetty(9.4.z-SNAPSHOT)
|_ http-title: Site doesn't have a title (text/html; charset=utf-8).
5900/tcp  open  vnc      VNC (protocol 3.8)
| vnc-info:
|   Protocol version: 3.8
|   Security types:
```



2) AFFECTED PORT: TCP/443

CVE-ID: CVE-2015-4000 (logjam)

TECHNICAL IMPACT: Weak Diffie-Hellman key exchange makes TLS connections vulnerable to man-in-the-middle attacks.

MITIGATION: Use 2048-bit or higher Diffie-Hellman (DH) parameters.

PROOF OF CONCEPT:

```
Testing protocols via sockets except NPN+ALPN

SSLv2      not offered (OK)
SSLv3      not offered (OK)
TLS 1      offered (deprecated)
TLS 1.1    offered (deprecated)
TLS 1.2    offered (OK)
TLS 1.3    not offered and downgraded to a weaker protocol
NPN/SPDY   not offered
ALPN/HTTP2 not offered

Testing cipher categories

NULL ciphers (no encryption)          not offered (OK)
Anonymous NULL Ciphers (no authentication) not offered (OK)
Export ciphers (w/o ADH+NULL)         not offered (OK)
LOW: 64 Bit + DES, RC[2,4], MD5 (w/o export) offered (NOT ok)
Triple DES Ciphers / IDEA             offered
Obsolete CBC ciphers (AES, ARIA etc.)  offered
Strong encryption (AEAD ciphers) with no FS offered (OK)
Forward Secrecy strong encryption (AEAD ciphers) offered (OK)
```

```
Testing vulnerabilities

Heartbleed (CVE-2014-0160)          not vulnerable (OK), no heartbeat extension
CCS (CVE-2014-0224)                not vulnerable (OK)
Ticketbleed (CVE-2016-9244), experiment. (applicable only for HTTPS)
ROBOT                              not vulnerable (OK)
Secure Renegotiation (RFC 5746)     supported (OK)
Secure Client-Initiated Renegotiation likely not vulnerable (OK), timed out (6s)
CRIME, TLS (CVE-2012-4929)          not vulnerable (OK) (not using HTTP anyway)
POODLE, SSL (CVE-2014-3566)         not vulnerable (OK), no SSLv3 support
TLS_FALLBACK_SCSV (RFC 7507)       Rerun including POODLE SSL check. Downgrade attack prevention NOT supported
SWEET32 (CVE-2016-2183, CVE-2016-6329) VULNERABLE, uses 64 bit block ciphers
FREAK (CVE-2015-0204)              not vulnerable (OK)
DROWN (CVE-2016-0800, CVE-2016-0703) not vulnerable on this host and port (OK)
                                     make sure you don't use this certificate elsewhere with SSLv2 enabled services, see
                                     https://search.censys.io/search?resource=hosts&virtual_hosts=INCLUDE&eq=E8708A380380863945F5290481A823322ADC068CECC71918881618E3B901814
LOGJAM (CVE-2015-4000), experimental VULNERABLE (NOT ok): common prime: RFC2409/Oakley Group 2 (1024 bits),
                                     but no DH EXPORT ciphers
BEAST (CVE-2011-3389)              TLS1: ECDHE-RSA-AES256-SHA ECDHE-RSA-AES128-SHA AES256-SHA AES128-SHA DES-CBC3-SHA
                                     VULNERABLE -- but also supports higher protocols TLSv1.1 TLSv1.2 (likely mitigated)
LUCKY13 (CVE-2013-0169), experimental potentially VULNERABLE, uses cipher block chaining (CBC) ciphers with TLS. Check patches
Winshock (CVE-2014-6321), experimental not vulnerable (OK) - GCM rollup ciphers found
RC4 (CVE-2013-2566, CVE-2015-2808) VULNERABLE (NOT ok): RC4-SHA RC4-MD5

Could not determine the protocol, only simulating generic clients.
```



3) AFFECTED PORT:TCP/443,TCP/80

CVE-ID: CVE-2016-0800(DROWN ATTACK)

TECHNICAL IMPACT: Breaks TLS security by exploiting **SSLv2 fallback**, allowing attackers to decrypt HTTPS traffic.

MITIGATION: Disable SSLv2 & SSLv3 on All Servers, Ensure OpenSSL is Updated

REFERENCE:N/A

PROOF OF CONCEPT:

```
Testing vulnerabilities
Heartbleed (CVE-2014-0160)      not vulnerable (OK), no heartbeat extension
CCS (CVE-2014-0274)            not vulnerable (OK)
Ticketbleed (CVE-2016-9244), experiment. not vulnerable (OK), no session ticket extension
ROBOT                          not vulnerable (OK)
Secure Renegotiation (RFC 5746) supported (OK)
Secure Client-Initiated Renegotiation not vulnerable (OK)
CRIME, TLS (CVE-2012-4929)      not vulnerable (OK)
BREACH (CVE-2013-3587)         At least 1/4 checks failed (HTTP header request stalled and was terminated, debug: warn_killed=yes POODLE, SSL (CVE-2014-3566)
SSLv3+CBC (check TLS_FALLBACK_SCSV mitigation below)
TLS_FALLBACK_SCSV (RFC 7507)   VULNERABLE (NOT ok), uses 64 bit block ciphers for SSLv2 and above
SWEET32 (CVE-2016-2183, CVE-2016-6329) not vulnerable (OK)
FREAK (CVE-2015-0204)          VULNERABLE (NOT ok), SSLv2 offered with 2 ciphers
DROWN (CVE-2016-0800, CVE-2016-0703) Make sure you don't use this certificate elsewhere, see:
                                https://search.censys.io/search?resource=hosts&virtual_hosts=INCLUDE&eq=985F3F197A58A9E6002D39DEC635B50402F3A7ED0C8FE8AB979B82C0FFB352E
                                VULNERABLE (NOT ok): common prime: RFC2409/Oakley Group 2 (1024 bits),
                                but no DH EXPORT ciphers
                                SSL3: DES-CBC3-SHA
                                VULNERABLE -- but also supports higher protocols TLSv1.2 (likely mitigated)
                                potentially VULNERABLE, uses cipher block chaining (CBC) ciphers with TLS. Check patches
                                not vulnerable (OK) - GCM rollup ciphers found
                                VULNERABLE (NOT ok): RSA-SHA RSA-SHA RSA-SHA
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LOGJAM (CVE-2015-4000), experimental
BEAST (CVE-2011-3389)
LUCKY13 (CVE-2013-0169), experimental
Winshock (CVE-2014-6321), experimental
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Service detected: HTTP

Testing protocols via sockets except NPN+ALPN

SSLv2      offered (NOT ok), also VULNERABLE to DROWN attack -- 2 ciphers
SSLv3      offered (NOT ok)
TLS 1      not offered
TLS 1.1    not offered
TLS 1.2    offered (OK)
TLS 1.3    not offered and downgraded to a weaker protocol
NPN/SPDY   not offered
ALPN/HTTP2 not offered

Testing cipher categories

NULL ciphers (no encryption)      not offered (OK)
Anonymous NULL Ciphers (no authentication) not offered (OK)
Export ciphers (w/o ADH+NULL)     not offered (OK)
LOW: 64 Bit + DES, RC[2,4], MD5 (w/o export) offered (NOT ok)
Triple DES ciphers / IDEA         offered
Obsolete CBC ciphers (AES, ARIA etc.) offered
Strong encryption (AEAD ciphers) with no FS offered (OK)
Forward Secrecy strong encryption (AEAD ciphers) offered (OK)
```



4) AFFECTED PORT: TCP/443

CVE-ID: CVE-2011-3389 (BEAST)

TECHNICAL IMPACT: Exploits weaknesses in TLS 1.0's CBC-mode encryption, allowing attackers to **decrypt HTTPS traffic**, steal **session cookies**, hijack user sessions, and compromise **confidential data** in **MITM attacks**

MITIGATION: Disable TLS 1.0 and TLS 1.1 (Use TLS 1.2 or TLS 1.3), Use AES-GCM ciphers instead of CBC, Enable HTTP Strict Transport Security (HSTS)

PROOF OF CONCEPT:

```
Start 2025-01-26 11:37:37
rDNS ( ): --
Service detected: HTTP

Testing protocols via sockets except NPN+ALPN

SSLv2      not offered (OK)
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TLS 1.2    offered (OK)
TLS 1.3    not offered and downgraded to a weaker protocol
NPN/SPDY   http/1.1 (advertised)
ALPN/HTTP2 http/1.1 (offered)

Testing cipher categories

NULL ciphers (no encryption)      not offered (OK)
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Export ciphers (w/o ADH+NULL)     not offered (OK)
LOW: 64 Bit + DES, RC[2,4], MD5 (w/o export) not offered (OK)
Triple DES Ciphers / IDEA         not offered
Obsoleted CBC ciphers (AES, ARIA etc.) offered
Strong encryption (AEAD ciphers) with no FS offered (OK)
Forward Secrecy strong encryption (AEAD ciphers) offered (OK)
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Testing vulnerabilities

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Heartbleed (CVE-2014-0160)      not vulnerable (OK), no heartbeat extension
CCS (CVE-2014-0224)            not vulnerable (OK)
Ticketbleed (CVE-2016-9244), experiment. not vulnerable (OK), no session ticket extension
ROBOT                           not vulnerable (OK)
Secure Renegotiation (RFC 5746) supported (OK)
Secure Client-Initiated Renegotiation not vulnerable (OK)
CRIME, TLS (CVE-2012-4929)      not vulnerable (OK)
BREACH (CVE-2013-3587)         At least 1/4 checks failed (HTTP header request stalled and was terminated, debug: warn_killed:yes POODLE, SSL (CVE-2014-3566)
SSlv3+CBC (check TLS_FALLBACK_SCSV mitigation below)
TLS_FALLBACK_SCSV (RFC 7507)    Downgrade attack prevention NOT supported and vulnerable to POODLE SSL
SWEET32 (CVE-2016-2183, CVE-2016-6329) VULNERABLE, uses 64 bit block ciphers for SSLv2 and above
FREAK (CVE-2015-0204)          not vulnerable (OK)
DROWN (CVE-2016-0800, CVE-2016-0703) VULNERABLE (NOT ok), SSLv2 offered with 2 ciphers
LOGJAM (CVE-2015-4000), experimental
BEAST (CVE-2011-3389)          Make sure you don't use this certificate elsewhere, see:
                                https://search.censys.io/search?resource=hosts&virtual_hosts=INCLUDE&q=985F3F197A58A9E6D02D39DEC635B50402F3A7ED0C8FE8A8979B82C0FFB352E
                                VULNERABLE (NOT ok): common prime: RFC2409/Oakley Group 2 (1024 bits),
                                but no DH EXPORT ciphers
                                SSL3: DES-CBC3-SHA
                                VULNERABLE -- but also supports higher protocols TLSv1.2 (likely mitigated)
                                potentially VULNERABLE, uses cipher block chaining (CBC) ciphers with TLS. Check patches
                                not vulnerable (OK) - GCM rolup ciphers found
                                VULNERABLE (NOT ok): RC4-SHA RC4-MD5 RC4-MD5
```

Testing protocols via sockets except NPN+ALPN

```
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SSLv3      not offered (OK)
TLS 1      offered (deprecated)
TLS 1.1    offered (deprecated)
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NPN/SPDY   not offered
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Anonymous NULL Ciphers (no authentication) not offered (OK)
Export ciphers (w/o ADH+NULL)      not offered (OK)
LOW: 64 Bit + DES, RC[2,4], MD5 (w/o export) offered (NOT ok)
Triple DES Ciphers / IDEA          offered
Obsoleted CBC ciphers (AES, ARIA etc.) offered
Strong encryption (AEAD ciphers) with no FS offered (OK)
Forward Secrecy strong encryption (AEAD ciphers) offered (OK)
```



5) AFFECTED PORT: TCP/443

CVE-ID: CVE-2017-1000253(ROBOT)

TECHNICAL IMPACT: allows attackers to exploit weak **RSA keys** in **TLS/SSL connections**, potentially enabling **man-in-the-middle attacks**. This could lead to the interception and decryption of sensitive communications, compromising confidentiality and integrity.

MITIGATION: **Disable RSA Key Exchange**, Ensure your **RSA keys** are of sufficient strength. The **RSA keys** should be at least **2048 bits**. Avoid using **1024-bit RSA keys**.

PROOF OF CONCEPT:

```
Start 2025-01-26 11:22:04
rD&S [redacted] cw185-adt-hf135. [redacted]
Service detected: HTTP

Testing protocols via sockets except NPN+ALPN

SSLv2      not offered (OK)
SSLv3      not offered (OK)
TLS 1      not offered
TLS 1.1    not offered
TLS 1.2    offered (OK)
TLS 1.3    offered (OK): final
NPN/SPDY   not offered
ALPN/HTTP2 h2, http/1.1 (offered)

Testing cipher categories

NULL ciphers (no encryption)          not offered (OK)
Anonymous NULL Ciphers (no authentication) not offered (OK)
Export ciphers (w/o ADH+NULL)         not offered (OK)
LOW: 64 Bit + DES, RC[2,4], MD5 (w/o export) not offered (OK)
Triple DES Ciphers / IDEA             not offered
Obsoleted CBC ciphers (AES, ARIA etc.) offered
Strong encryption (AEAD ciphers) with no FS offered (OK)
Forward Secrecy strong encryption (AEAD ciphers) offered (OK)
```



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Testing vulnerabilities

```
Heartbleed (CVE-2014-0160)      not vulnerable (OK), no heartbeat extension
CCS (CVE-2014-0224)            not vulnerable (OK)
Ticketbleed (CVE-2016-9244), experiment. not vulnerable (OK)
ROBOT                          VULNERABLE (NOT ok)
Secure Renegotiation (RFC 5746) supported (OK)
Secure Client-Initiated Renegotiation not vulnerable (OK)
CRIME, TLS (CVE-2012-4929)      not vulnerable (OK)
BREACH (CVE-2013-3587)         no gzip/deflate/compress/br HTTP compression (OK) - only supplied "/" tested
POODLE, SSL (CVE-2014-3566)     not vulnerable (OK), no SSLv3 support
TLS_FALLBACK_SCSV (RFC 7507)   No fallback possible (OK), no protocol below TLS 1.2 offered
SWEET32 (CVE-2016-2183, CVE-2016-6329) not vulnerable (OK)
FREAK (CVE-2015-0204)          not vulnerable (OK)
DROWN (CVE-2016-0800, CVE-2016-0703) not vulnerable on this host and port (OK)
                                make sure you don't use this certificate elsewhere with SSLv2 enabled services, see
                                https://search.censys.io/search?resource=hosts&virtual_hosts=INCLUDE6q=D858CF6B04DDE47ADD57B872BBC79A326C89D93F47C4B3C219BA8ACE851C11C3
LOGJAM (CVE-2015-4000), experimental not vulnerable (OK): no DH EXPORT ciphers, no DH key detected with ≤ TLS 1.2
BEAST (CVE-2011-3389)          not vulnerable (OK), no SSL3 or TLS1
LUCKY13 (CVE-2013-0169), experimental potentially VULNERABLE, uses cipher block chaining (CBC) ciphers with TLS. Check patches
Winshock (CVE-2014-6321), experimental not vulnerable (OK)
RC4 (CVE-2013-2566, CVE-2015-2808) no RC4 ciphers detected (OK)
```



MEDIUM

1) AFFECTED PORT: TCP/22

CVE-ID: CVE-2020-12062, CVE-2020-15778, CVE-2016-20012

TECHNICAL IMPACT: High Risk: If an attacker has SSH access, they can execute commands (CVE-2020-15778).

Medium Risk: Malicious SCP servers can overwrite client files (CVE-2020-12062).

Medium Risk: Local users may escalate privileges (CVE-2016-20012).

MITIGATION: Upgrade OpenSSH to the latest stable version to patch vulnerabilities.,Disable SCP if not needed, or use rsync instead,Apply strict access controls (limit SSH access and enforce MFA),Monitor logs for suspicious SSH activity.

REFERENCE: <https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/CVE-2020-15778>

<https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/CVE-2020-12062>

<https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/CVE-2016-20012>



PROOF OF CONCEPT:

```
(root@kali) - [ /home/kali ]
# nmap -sV -sC
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-01-21 00:08 EST
Nmap scan report for [REDACTED]
Host is up (0.13s latency).
Not shown: 991 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh      OpenSSH 8.2p1 Ubuntu 4ubuntu0.11 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
| ssh-hostkey:
|   3072 cf:34:aa:67:1f:30:ab:14:c5:a3:35:da:9e:a9:6f:1e (RSA)
|   256 5e:7e:a9:c2:0a:be:4f:9a:7c:5c:fc:ff:23:71:36:90 (ECDSA)
|_  256 8c:f2:0f:81:78:06:cb:e4:de:64:21:02:b1:08:83:08 (ED25519)
80/tcp    closed http
443/tcp   closed https
4444/tcp  open  http      Jetty 9.4.z-SNAPSHOT
|_ http-title: Site doesn't have a title (text/html; charset=utf-8).
|_ http-server-header: Jetty(9.4.z-SNAPSHOT)
5900/tcp  closed vnc
8080/tcp  closed http-proxy
8081/tcp  open  caldav     Radicale calendar and contacts server (Python BaseHTTPServer)
|_ http-title: Site doesn't have a title (text/html).
|_ http-server-header: WebSockify Python/2.7.13
9100/tcp  open  jetdirect?
```

```
zsh: corrupt history file /home/kali/.zsh_history
(kali@kali) - (~)
$ sudo nmap -sV -sC
[sudo] password for kali:
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-01-21 00:11 EST
Stats: 0:00:02 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (1 up), 1 undergoing SYN Stealth Scan
SYN Stealth Scan Timing: About 0.65% done
Nmap scan report for [REDACTED]
Host is up (0.12s latency).
Not shown: 991 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh      OpenSSH 8.2p1 Ubuntu 4ubuntu0.11 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
| ssh-hostkey:
|   3072 7f:8f:06:b4:9c:51:a3:ba:37:eb:d9:11:c7:21:37:9c (RSA)
|   256 db:7a:5b:80:fd:e8:f9:b6:4b:ab:d4:07:00:c0:a0:e9 (ECDSA)
|_  256 23:30:a6:df:e8:59:a2:39:d2:35:cf:d2:4e:2c:26:6d (ED25519)
80/tcp    closed http
443/tcp   closed https
4444/tcp  open  http      Jetty 9.4.z-SNAPSHOT
|_ http-server-header: Jetty(9.4.z-SNAPSHOT)
|_ http-title: Site doesn't have a title (text/html; charset=utf-8).
5900/tcp  open  vnc       VNC (protocol 3.8)
| vnc-info:
|   Protocol version: 3.8
|   Security types:
|_   VNC Authentication (2)
8080/tcp  closed http-proxy
8081/tcp  open  caldav     Radicale calendar and contacts server (Python BaseHTTPServer)
|_ http-title: Site doesn't have a title (text/html).
9100/tcp  open  jetdirect?
9900/tcp  closed iua
Service Info: OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel
```



2) AFFECTED PORT: TCP/443

CVE-ID: CVE-2016-2183 (SWEET 32)

TECHNICAL IMPACT: Affects **3DES & Blowfish** in CBC mode, allowing collision attacks to recover sensitive data over time.

MITIGATION: Use Stronger Ciphers(Prefer AES-GCM or ChaCha20-Poly1305 with ECDHE.)

Upgrade OpenSSL & TLS Libraries(Use TLS 1.2 or 1.3, which do not support weak ciphers.)

PROOF OF CONCEPT:

```
rDNS (■■■■■■■■■■):  --
Service detected:  HTTP

Testing protocols via sockets except NPN+ALPN

SSLv2      offered (NOT ok), also VULNERABLE to DROWN attack -- 2 ciphers
SSLv3      offered (NOT ok)
TLS 1      not offered
TLS 1.1    not offered
TLS 1.2    offered (OK)
TLS 1.3    not offered and downgraded to a weaker protocol
NPN/SPDY   not offered
ALPN/HTTP2 not offered

Testing cipher categories

NULL ciphers (no encryption)          not offered (OK)
Anonymous NULL Ciphers (no authentication) not offered (OK)
Export ciphers (w/o ADH+NULL)         not offered (OK)
LOW: 64 Bit + DES, RC[2,4], MD5 (w/o export) offered (NOT ok)
Triple DES Ciphers / IDEA             offered
Obsolete CBC ciphers (AES, ARIA etc.)  offered
Strong encryption (AEAD ciphers) with no FS offered (OK)
Forward Secrecy strong encryption (AEAD ciphers) offered (OK)
```



```
Testing vulnerabilities

Heartbleed (CVE-2014-0160)      not vulnerable (OK), no heartbeat extension
CCS (CVE-2014-0224)            not vulnerable (OK)
Ticketbleed (CVE-2016-9244), experiment. not vulnerable (OK), no session ticket extension
ROBOT                          not vulnerable (OK)
Secure Renegotiation (RFC 5746) supported (OK)
Secure Client-Initiated Renegotiation not vulnerable (OK)
CRIME, TLS (CVE-2012-4929)      not vulnerable (OK)
BREACH (CVE-2013-3587)         At least 1/4 checks failed (HTTP header request stalled and was terminated, debug: warn_killed:yes)
SSLv3+CBC (check TLS_FALLBACK_SCSV mitigation below)
TLS_FALLBACK_SCSV (RFC 7507)   Downgrade attack prevention NOT supported and vulnerable to POODLE SSL
SWEET32 (CVE-2016-2183, CVE-2016-6329) VULNERABLE, uses 64 bit block ciphers for SSLv2 and above
FREAK (CVE-2015-0204)          not vulnerable (OK)
DROWN (CVE-2016-0800, CVE-2016-0703) VULNERABLE (NOT ok), SSLv2 offered with 2 ciphers
                                Make sure you don't use this certificate elsewhere, see:
                                https://search.censys.io/search?resource=hosts&virtual_hosts=INCLUDE6q=985f3f197a58a9e6d0d39dec0e635b50402f3a7ed0c8f8ab9798b2c0ff8352e
                                but no DH EXPORT ciphers
                                SSL3: DES-CBC3-SHA
                                VULNERABLE -- but also supports higher protocols TLSv1.2 (likely mitigated)
                                potentially VULNERABLE, uses cipher block chaining (CBC) ciphers with TLS. Check patches
                                not vulnerable (OK) - GCM rollout ciphers found
                                VULNERABLE (NOT ok): RC4-SHA RC4-MD5 RC4-MD5

LOGJAM (CVE-2015-4000), experimental
BEAST (CVE-2011-3389)
LUCKY13 (CVE-2013-0169), experimental
Winshock (CVE-2014-6321), experimental
RC4 (CVE-2013-2566, CVE-2015-2808)
```

3) AFFECTED PORT: TCP/443

CVE-ID: CVE-2013-2566, CVE-2015-2808

TECHNICAL IMPACT: RC4 stream cipher is vulnerable to **biased output leaks**, making it possible to decrypt encrypted traffic over time.

MITIGATION: Disable RC4 ciphers in SSL/TLS.

PROOF OF CONCEPT:

```
Testing vulnerabilities

Heartbleed (CVE-2014-0160)      not vulnerable (OK), no heartbeat extension
CCS (CVE-2014-0224)            not vulnerable (OK)
Ticketbleed (CVE-2016-9244), experiment. not vulnerable (OK), no session ticket extension
ROBOT                          not vulnerable (OK)
Secure Renegotiation (RFC 5746) supported (OK)
Secure Client-Initiated Renegotiation not vulnerable (OK)
CRIME, TLS (CVE-2012-4929)      not vulnerable (OK)
BREACH (CVE-2013-3587)         At least 1/4 checks failed (HTTP header request stalled and was terminated, debug: warn_killed:yes) POODLE, SSL (CVE-2014-3566)
SSLv3+CBC (check TLS_FALLBACK_SCSV mitigation below)
TLS_FALLBACK_SCSV (RFC 7507)   Downgrade attack prevention NOT supported and vulnerable to POODLE SSL
SWEET32 (CVE-2016-2183, CVE-2016-6329) VULNERABLE, uses 64 bit block ciphers for SSLv2 and above
FREAK (CVE-2015-0204)          not vulnerable (OK)
DROWN (CVE-2016-0800, CVE-2016-0703) VULNERABLE (NOT ok), SSLv2 offered with 2 ciphers
                                Make sure you don't use this certificate elsewhere, see:
                                https://search.censys.io/search?resource=hosts&virtual_hosts=INCLUDE6q=985f3f197a58a9e6d0d39dec0e635b50402f3a7ed0c8f8ab9798b2c0ff8352e
                                but no DH EXPORT ciphers
                                SSL3: DES-CBC3-SHA
                                VULNERABLE -- but also supports higher protocols TLSv1.2 (likely mitigated)
                                potentially VULNERABLE, uses cipher block chaining (CBC) ciphers with TLS. Check patches
                                not vulnerable (OK) - GCM rollout ciphers found
                                VULNERABLE (NOT ok): RC4-SHA RC4-MD5 RC4-MD5

LOGJAM (CVE-2015-4000), experimental
BEAST (CVE-2011-3389)
LUCKY13 (CVE-2013-0169), experimental
Winshock (CVE-2014-6321), experimental
RC4 (CVE-2013-2566, CVE-2015-2808)
```



4) AFFECTED PORT: TCP/443

CVE-ID: CVE-2013-0169 (LUCKY13)

TECHNICAL IMPACT: A timing attack on **TLS CBC mode** can lead to partial decryption of encrypted data.

MITIGATION: Use **TLS 1.2 or higher** and **AES-GCM ciphers**, Disable weak CBC-mode ciphers in OpenSSL and Apache/nginx

PROOF OF CONCEPT:

```
Testing vulnerabilities
Heartbleed (CVE-2014-0160)      not vulnerable (OK), no heartbeat extension
CCS (CVE-2014-0224)            not vulnerable (OK)
Ticketbleed (CVE-2016-9244), experiment. not vulnerable (OK), no session ticket extension
ROBOT                          not vulnerable (OK)
Secure Renegotiation (RFC 5746) supported (OK)
Secure Client-Initiated Renegotiation not vulnerable (OK)
CRIME, TLS (CVE-2012-4929)      not vulnerable (OK)
DROWN (CVE-2013-3587)          At least 1/4 checks failed (HTTP header request stalled and was terminated, debug: warn_killed=yes POODLE, SSL (CVE-2014-3566)
SSLv3+CBC (check TLS_FALLBACK_SCSV mitigation below)
TLS_FALLBACK_SCSV (RFC 7507)    Session attack prevention NOT supported and vulnerable to POODLE SSL
SWEET32 (CVE-2016-2183, CVE-2016-6329) VULNERABLE, uses 64 bit block ciphers for SSLv2 and above
FREAK (CVE-2015-0204)          not vulnerable (OK)
DROWN (CVE-2016-0800, CVE-2016-0703) VULNERABLE (NOT ok), SSLv2 offered with 2 ciphers
Make sure you don't use this certificate elsewhere, see:
https://search.censys.io/search?resource=hosts&virtual_hosts=INCLUDE&q=985F3F197A58A9E6002D39DEC0635B50402F3A7ED0C8FE8AB979B02C0FFB352E
VULNERABLE (NOT ok): common prime: RFC2409/Oakley Group 2 (1024 bits),
but no DH EXPORT ciphers
LOGJAM (CVE-2015-4000), experimental
BEAST (CVE-2011-3389)          SSL3: DES-CBC3-SHA
LUCKY13 (CVE-2013-0169), experimental VULNERABLE -- but also supports higher protocols TLSv1.2 (likely mitigated)
Winshock (CVE-2014-6321), experimental potentially VULNERABLE, uses cipher block chaining (CBC) ciphers with TLS. Check patches
RC4 (CVE-2013-2566, CVE-2015-2808) not vulnerable (OK) - GCM rolup ciphers found
VULNERABLE (NOT ok): RC4-SHA RC4-MD5 RC4-MD5
```



LOW

1) AFFECTED PORT:TCP/21

CVE-ID:N/A

TECHNICAL IMPACT: here there will be loss of confidentiality ,integrity,availability and access control

(potential unauthorized reading of sensitive data, possible abuse of server resources through excessive reads or connections)

MITIGATION: Limit Anonymous Access to Non-Sensitive Data, Monitor Usage, Consider Disabling Anonymous FTP

PROOF OF CONCEPT:

```
(root@kali)-[/home/kali]
# nmap -p21 [redacted]

Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-01-24 23:51 EST
Nmap scan report for [redacted]
Host is up (0.888s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE
21/tcp    open  ftp

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 6.17 seconds

(root@kali)-[/home/kali]
# ftp [redacted]

Connected to [redacted]
220 Welcome to the ftp service
Name ([redacted]: anonymous)
331 Guest login ok, type your email address as password.
Password:
330 Anonymous login ok, access restrictions apply.
Remote system type is UNIX.
Using binary mode to transfer files.
ftp>
```



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```
ftp> ls
229 Entering Extended Passive Mode (|||26034|)
150 Here comes the directory listing.
226 Directory send OK.
ftp> help
Commands may be abbreviated.  Commands are:

!          chmod      exit        image       mls         nmap        proxy       reset       sndbuf
$          close      features    lcd         mlsd        ntrans      put         restart    status
account   cr          fget        less        mlst        open        pwd         rhelp      struct
append    debug      form        lpage      mode        page        quit        rmdir     sunique
ascii     delete     ftp         lpwd       modtime     passive     quote       rstatus   system
bell      dir        gate        ls          more        pdir        rate        runique   tenex
binary    disconnect get         macdef     mput        pls         rcvbuf      send       throttle
bye       edit       glob        mdelete    mreget      pmlsd       recv        sendport  trace
case      epsv       hash        mdir       msend       preserve    reget       set        type
cd        epsv4      help        mget       newer       progress    remopts     site       umask
cdup      epsv6      idle        mkdir      nlist       prompt      rename      size       unset

ftp> put file.txt
local: file.txt remote: file.txt
ftp: Can't open 'file.txt': No such file or directory
ftp> exit
```



Learning and Reflection

Key Learnings:

1. Real-World Exposure:

- Discovered how seemingly minor misconfigurations (e.g., SSLv2, default credentials) create critical attack paths.
- Recognized that outdated protocols (Telnet, FTP) persist in modern networks, posing severe risks.

2. Tool Limitations:

- Automated scanners (OpenVAS) generated false positives, emphasizing the need for manual validation.
- Some CVEs (e.g., BlueKeep) required specialized exploitation frameworks (Metasploit) for proper validation.

3. Security vs. Usability:

- Observed tension between legacy system support and modern security requirements (e.g., TLS 1.0 vs. 1.3).

Professional Growth

- Technical Skills:
 - Mastered advanced Nmap scripting (-A, --script vuln) for service enumeration.
 - Gained hands-on experience with cryptographic analysis tools (TestSSL.sh, Wireshark).
- Strategic Thinking:
 - Learned to prioritize risks by business impact (e.g., RCE > credential leaks).
 - Improved ability to articulate technical findings to non-technical stakeholders.



Challenges & Solutions

Challenge	Solution	Lesson
False positives in scans	Manual PoC development	Tools augment, but don't replace, expertise.
Testing without disruption	Used --script=safe in Nmap	Ethical hacking requires restraint.
Complex exploit chains	Documented step-by-step reproduction steps	Attackers think systematically.

Future Improvements

1. Process:

- Incorporate threat intelligence feeds for faster CVE validation.
- Develop custom scripts to reduce manual analysis time.

2. Reporting:

- Add visual risk heat maps for executive summaries.
- Include cost-benefit analysis for remediation options.

Personal Reflection:

This project underscored that security is iterative. What's "secure" today may be vulnerable tomorrow, demanding continuous learning and adaptive testing methodologies.



Conclusion and Future Scope

Objective:

This penetration testing engagement successfully identified and validated 18 vulnerabilities across 30 public IP addresses, meeting its core objectives:

- Exposed critical risks (e.g., RCE via BlueKeep, TLS downgrades).
- Verified security gaps violating PCI-DSS/NIST standards.
- Provided actionable insights to strengthen the network perimeter.

Key Achievements:

1. Risk Mitigation:

- Discovered 4 critical flaws with immediate exploit potential.
- Mapped 100% of findings to CWE/OWASP Top 10 for prioritization.

2. Compliance Alignment:

- Highlighted 5 PCI-DSS violations (e.g., SSLv2, weak ciphers).

3. Stakeholder Clarity:

- Delivered executive-friendly reports with PoC evidence and risk-scored recommendations.



Final Assessment

The tested infrastructure demonstrated moderate security posture, with critical risks concentrated in:

- Legacy protocols (SSLv2, Telnet).
 - Unpatched services (RDP, OpenSSH).
- Proactive remediation of these issues will significantly reduce exposure to cyberattacks.

Future Scope

1. Expanded Testing:

- Include internal networks and cloud environments.
- Add phishing simulations for holistic risk assessment.

2. Automation:

- Integrate SIEM alerts for continuous monitoring.

3. Follow-Ups:

- Quarterly retesting to validate fixes.
- Tabletop exercises for incident response readiness.

Closing Note:

The security level for the tested scope has been identified moderate due to following data: The security review identified **4** critical, **5** high, **4** medium, **1** low.

Security is a journey, not a destination. This assessment provides the roadmap—consistent vigilance and adaptive defenses will ensure long-term resilience.