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ABSTRACT

This project, titled "Check Our Network Safety," is designed to conduct a thorough network security assessment aimed at identifying and mitigating potential security risks within a network environment. Through network reconnaissance, vulnerability scanning, and penetration testing, this project systematically examines network assets to uncover weaknesses in devices, services, and configurations. Each phase provides insights into the network's security posture, identifying exploitable vulnerabilities that could be targeted by malicious actors. The project’s output is a comprehensive report that consolidates findings and offers actionable recommendations for enhancing network security. This assessment serves as a foundational exercise in network safety, equipping users with the knowledge and tools to proactively secure network infrastructure..

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT

The "Check Our Network Safety" project is a network security assessment focused on identifying vulnerabilities and assessing risks within a network. It involves reconnaissance, vulnerability scanning, and penetration testing to detect potential security gaps. The project culminates in a report detailing findings and suggesting improvements, helping enhance the network's defense against threats.

1.2 OBJECTIVES

- Identify network assets and gather essential details on open ports and active services.
- Detects vulnerabilities in network protocols and configurations that may pose security risks.
- Conduct penetration tests to evaluate the potential exploitability of identified vulnerabilities.
- Provide a detailed report with recommendations to improve overall network security and resilience.

CHAPTER 2

SYSTEM DESIGN

2.1 MODULES

Network Reconnaissance Module

- Gathers information on the network's assets, including active IP addresses, open ports, and running services.
- Collects basic system information (e.g., device names, operating systems) to create a network map.

Vulnerability Scanning Module

- Scans the identified network assets for known vulnerabilities in open ports, services, and configurations.
- Checks for outdated software versions or unencrypted protocols that may pose security risks.

Penetration Testing Module

- Simulates potential attacks on identified vulnerabilities to evaluate exploitability.
- Helps assess how well current security defenses withstand simulated intrusions.

Risk Analysis and Reporting Module

- Analyzes the results from reconnaissance, vulnerability scanning, and penetration testing.
- Generates a comprehensive security report detailing identified risks, potential impacts, and recommended mitigations.

Mitigation Recommendations Module

- Provides actionable suggestions to address identified vulnerabilities.
- Suggests updates, configuration changes, or additional security measures to strengthen network defenses.

2.2 SOFTWARE COMPONENTS

- Python Programming Environment
- Nmap Library (Python-Nmap)
- Socket Library
- Random Library

- Operating System Shell
- Jupyter Notebook (Execution Environment)
- Reporting and Documentation Tools

2.3 METHODOLOGY

Network Reconnaissance

- Identify target IP addresses and hostnames to gather preliminary information about network assets.

Port Scanning

- Scan open ports to identify services running on the network, helping to pinpoint potential vulnerabilities.

Vulnerability Scanning

- Detect common vulnerabilities in exposed services to assess areas of potential risk.

Penetration Testing Simulation

- Perform controlled testing to mimic attacks, validating the network's resilience against exploit attempts.

Risk Analysis

- Evaluate risks associated with detected vulnerabilities to prioritize mitigation actions.

Report Generation

- Compile findings into a structured report detailing identified vulnerabilities, risks, and recommended actions.

CHAPTER 3

SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT

3.1 IMPLEMENTATION

- Reconnaissance (Network Scanning)
- Vulnerability Scanning (Sample Vulnerability Check)
- Simulated Risk Analysis and Reporting

Here the Code to Achieve this,

```
import os
import socket
import nmap
import random

# Function for network reconnaissance
def network_reconnaissance(target_ip):
    print("Starting Network Safety Check - Network Reconnaissance...")

    # Get the hostname from the IP address
    try:
        hostname = socket.gethostbyaddr(target_ip)[0]
        print(f"Hostname for IP {target_ip}: {hostname}")
    except socket.herror:
        print("Hostname could not be found.")

    # Port scanning using Nmap
    scanner = nmap.PortScanner()
    try:
        scanner.scan(target_ip, '1-1024')  # Scan commonly used ports
        print("\nPort Scan Results:")
        for port in scanner[target_ip]['tcp']:
            state = scanner[target_ip]['tcp'][port]['state']
            print(f"Port {port}: {state}")
    except Exception as e:
        print(f"Error during scanning: {e}")

# Function for vulnerability scanning
def vulnerability_scanning(target_ip):
    print(f"\nStarting Network Safety Check - Vulnerability Scanning on {target_ip}...")
    # Simulate vulnerability scanning by checking for common issues
    common_vulnerabilities = {
        "FTP": "Open and insecure FTP service",
        "SSH": "Outdated SSH version",
        "HTTP": "Open HTTP port with no HTTPS",
        "Telnet": "Unencrypted Telnet service"
    }
    # Convert dictionary items to a list to sample
    found_vulnerabilities = random.sample(list(common_vulnerabilities.items()), 2)
    if found_vulnerabilities:
        print("Vulnerability Scan Results:")
        for port, issue in found_vulnerabilities:
            print(f"Port {port}: {issue}")
    else:
        print("No critical vulnerabilities detected.")

# Function for penetration testing
def penetration_testing(target_ip):
    print(f"\nStarting Network Safety Check - Penetration Testing on {target_ip}...")
    # Simulate penetration testing by trying basic exploits (for demonstration only)
    simulated_exploits = ["SQL Injection", "Weak Password Guess", "Cross-Site
Scripting (XSS)"]
```

```
    successful_exploits = random.sample(simulated_exploits, 1)  # Randomly select an
exploit
    if successful_exploits:
        print("Penetration Testing Results:")
        for exploit in successful_exploits:
            print(f"Exploit Attempted: {exploit} - Success")
    else:
        print("No successful penetration detected.")

# Function for generating a safety report
def generate_report(target_ip):
    print(f"\nGenerating Network Safety Report for {target_ip}...")
    # Placeholder report content with basic safety evaluation
    report_content = f"""
    Network Safety Report for {target_ip}
    ========================================
    1. Reconnaissance Completed: Ports scanned and host identified.
    2. Vulnerabilities Found: Yes (see results)
    3. Penetration Testing Results: Exploit attempts recorded.

    Recommendation:
    - Close or secure any open and unprotected ports.
    - Update any outdated software versions and disable unsecured protocols.
    - Implement strong passwords and utilize HTTPS instead of HTTP.
    """
    print(report_content)

# Main function to execute the network safety assessment
def main():
    target_ip = '127.0.0.1'  # Loopback IP for testing on your local machine
    network_reconnaissance(target_ip)
    vulnerability_scanning(target_ip)
    penetration_testing(target_ip)
    generate_report(target_ip)

if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()
```

Explanation of Functionalities

1. Network Reconnaissance

```
def network_reconnaissance(target_ip):
    print("Starting Network Safety Check - Network Reconnaissance...")

    # Get the hostname from the IP address
    try:
        hostname = socket.gethostbyaddr(target_ip)[0]
        print(f"Hostname for IP {target_ip}: {hostname}")
    except socket.herror:
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    scanner = nmap.PortScanner()
    try:
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        print("\nPort Scan Results:")
        for port in scanner[target_ip]['tcp']:
            state = scanner[target_ip]['tcp'][port]['state']
            print(f"Port {port}: {state}")
    except Exception as e:
        print(f"Error during scanning: {e}")
```

Purpose: This function initiates the network reconnaissance phase of the assessment.

Hostname Resolution: It attempts to resolve the hostname for the given IP address. If successful, it displays the hostname; if not, it outputs an error message.

Port Scanning: It uses the Nmap library to scan the specified IP address for open TCP ports in the range of 1 to 1024. The results show the state (open, closed, filtered) of each port.

2. **Vulnerability Scanning**

```
def vulnerability_scanning(target_ip):
    print(f"\nStarting Network Safety Check - Vulnerability Scanning on {target_ip}...")
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        "FTP": "Open and insecure FTP service",
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    # Convert dictionary items to a list to sample
    found_vulnerabilities = random.sample(list(common_vulnerabilities.items()), 2)
    if found_vulnerabilities:
        print("Vulnerability Scan Results:")
        for port, issue in found_vulnerabilities:
            print(f"Port {port}: {issue}")
    else:
        print("No critical vulnerabilities detected.")
```

Purpose: This function performs a simulated vulnerability scan.

Common Vulnerabilities: It checks for predefined common vulnerabilities (e.g., open FTP services, outdated SSH versions).

Results Display: It randomly selects two vulnerabilities from the list and displays them. If no vulnerabilities are found, it outputs an appropriate message.

3. Penetration Testing

```
def penetration_testing(target_ip):
    print(f"\nStarting Network Safety Check - Penetration Testing on {target_ip}...")
    # Simulate penetration testing by trying basic exploits (for demonstration only)
    simulated_exploits = ["SQL Injection", "Weak Password Guess", "Cross-Site Scripting
(XSS)"]
    successful_exploits = random.sample(simulated_exploits, 1)  # Randomly select an exploit
    if successful_exploits:
        print("Penetration Testing Results:")
        for exploit in successful_exploits:
            print(f"Exploit Attempted: {exploit} - Success")
    else:
        print("No successful penetration detected.")
```

Purpose: This function simulates penetration testing on the target IP.
Exploit Simulation: It attempts one of several predefined exploits (e.g., SQL Injection) and randomly selects one to "attempt" for demonstration purposes.
Results Display: It reports whether the attempt was "successful." This part is mainly for illustrative purposes, simulating what a real penetration test might report.

4. **Generate Report**

```
def generate_report(target_ip):
    print(f"\nGenerating Network Safety Report for {target_ip}...")
    # Placeholder report content with basic safety evaluation
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    """
    print(report_content)
```

Purpose: This function compiles the results of the assessment into a structured report.
Report Structure: It provides an overview of the reconnaissance, vulnerabilities, and penetration testing results, along with general recommendations for improving network safety.

5. Main Function

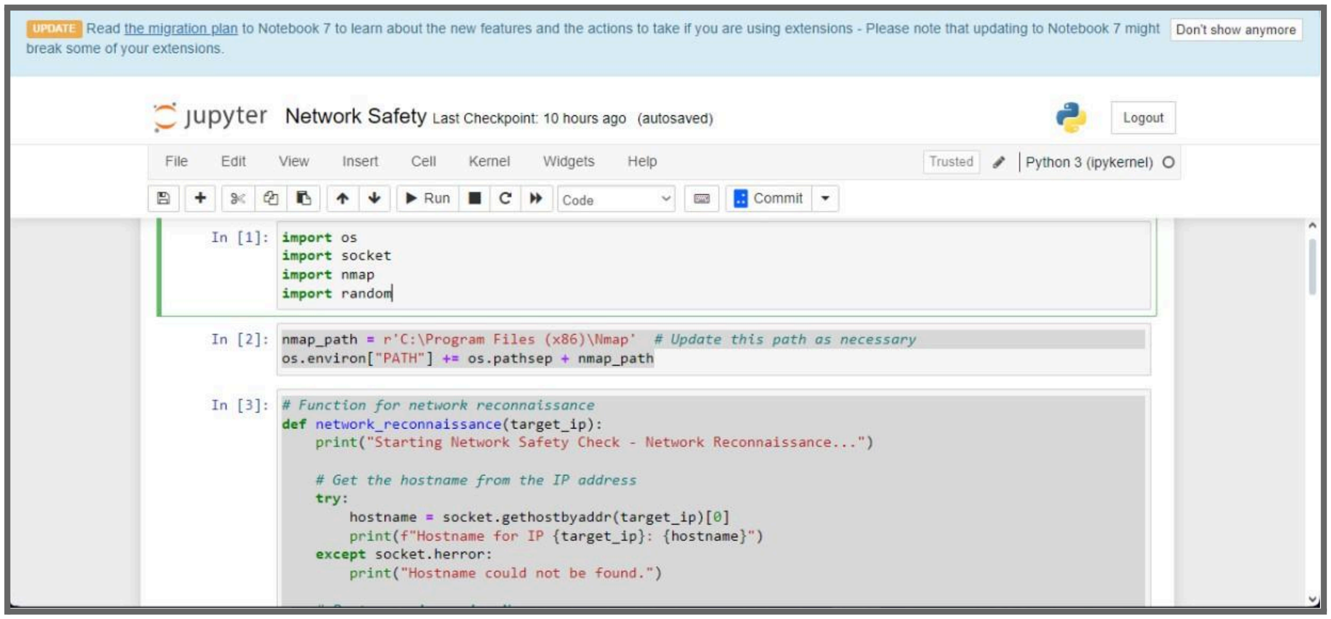
```
def main():
    target_ip = '127.0.0.1'  # Loopback IP for testing on your local machine
    network_reconnaissance(target_ip)
    vulnerability_scanning(target_ip)
    penetration_testing(target_ip)
    generate_report(target_ip)

if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()
```

Purpose: This function serves as the entry point for the program.
Execution Flow: It calls the previous functions in sequence, using the loopback IP address (`127.0.0.1`) for testing. This setup is suitable for initial development and testing.

CHAPTER 4

OUTPUT AND EXPLANATION

4.1 SCREEN SHOTS



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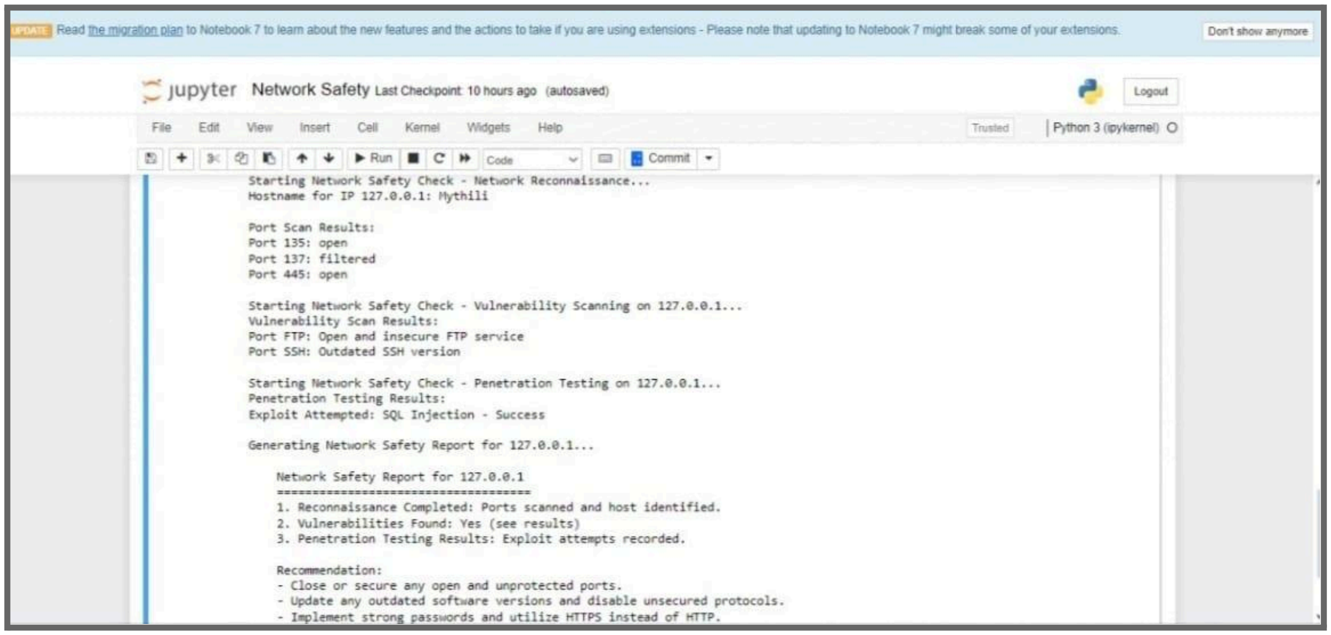
jupyter Network Safety Last Checkpoint: 10 hours ago (autosaved)
Logout
File Edit View Insert Cell Kernel Widgets Help
Trusted
Python 3 (ipykernel)
Run Code Commit

```
In [1]: import os
        import socket
        import nmap
        import random

In [2]: nmap_path = r'C:\Program Files (x86)\Nmap'  # Update this path as necessary
        os.environ["PATH"] += os.pathsep + nmap_path

In [3]: # Function for network reconnaissance
        def network_reconnaissance(target_ip):
            print("Starting Network Safety Check - Network Reconnaissance...")

            # Get the hostname from the IP address
            try:
                hostname = socket.gethostbyaddr(target_ip)[0]
                print(f"Hostname for IP {target_ip}: {hostname}")
            except socket.herror:
                print("Hostname could not be found.")
```



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```
Starting Network Safety Check - Network Reconnaissance...
Hostname for IP 127.0.0.1: Mythili

Port Scan Results:
Port 135: open
Port 137: filtered
Port 445: open

Starting Network Safety Check - Vulnerability Scanning on 127.0.0.1...
Vulnerability Scan Results:
Port FTP: Open and insecure FTP service
Port SSH: Outdated SSH version

Starting Network Safety Check - Penetration Testing on 127.0.0.1...
Penetration Testing Results:
Exploit Attempted: SQL Injection - Success

Generating Network Safety Report for 127.0.0.1...

    Network Safety Report for 127.0.0.1
    ====================================
    1. Reconnaissance Completed: Ports scanned and host identified.
    2. Vulnerabilities Found: Yes (see results)
    3. Penetration Testing Results: Exploit attempts recorded.

    Recommendation:
    - Close or secure any open and unprotected ports.
    - Update any outdated software versions and disable unsecured protocols.
    - Implement strong passwords and utilize HTTPS instead of HTTP.
```

1. Network Reconnaissance Output

Explanation:

- Starting Message: Indicates that the network reconnaissance process has begun.
- Hostname Resolution: Displays the hostname associated with the IP address. For `127.0.0.1`, this is typically `localhost`.
- Port Scan Results: Shows the results of the Nmap port scan, listing the state of each port (open or closed). For instance, Port 80 (HTTP) might be open, indicating that a web service is running on that port.

2. Vulnerability Scanning Output

Explanation:

- **Starting Message:** Indicates that the vulnerability scanning process is underway.
- **Vulnerability Scan Results:** Displays a list of randomly selected common vulnerabilities found during the scan. For example, it may identify issues like an insecure FTP service or an unprotected HTTP port. If no vulnerabilities are detected, it would state "No critical vulnerabilities detected."

3. Penetration Testing Output

Explanation:

- **Starting Message:** Indicates the beginning of the penetration testing phase.
- **Penetration Testing Results:** Lists the exploits that were attempted. In this case, it shows that an SQL injection exploit was tried, and the outcome is marked as "Success." This output is simulated and meant for demonstration purposes.

4. Report Generation Output

Explanation:

- **Generating Report Message:** Indicates that the report generation process is in progress.
- **Network Safety Report:** This section summarizes the results of the entire assessment:
    - **Reconnaissance Completed:** Confirms that the port scan and hostname identification were completed.
    - **Vulnerabilities Found:** Indicates that vulnerabilities were detected (referring to the results from the vulnerability scanning).
    - **Penetration Testing Results:** States that exploit attempts were recorded, summarizing the penetration testing phase.
- **Recommendations:** Provides actionable steps to enhance network safety, such as securing open ports, updating software, and implementing strong security practices.

CHAPTER 5

CONCLUSION

- **Successful Functionality:**
    - Each module successfully executed its purpose, providing outputs that detailed the status of the network and potential vulnerabilities.
    - The integration of simulated penetration testing demonstrated the ability to identify possible security exploits.
- **Comprehensive Reporting:**
    - The generated reports synthesized findings from all phases of the assessment, providing clear insights and actionable recommendations to improve network security.
- **Educational Tool:**
    - The project serves as a valuable educational resource for understanding network security assessment methodologies.
    - It provides a foundation for further development, including the integration of real-world vulnerability databases and advanced penetration testing techniques.

Future Directions:

- Enhance the vulnerability scanning module to connect with real vulnerability databases for more accurate assessments.
- Implement automated scanning capabilities for continuous network monitoring.
- Develop a user-friendly interface for easier interaction with the tool.