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Week 1C - Initial Penetration Testing



Initial Pen Testing

A gentle introduction to some elemental command used when performing penetration testing.

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Question 1: Using Locate

"locate" searches through the filesystem looking for things which match the command line. It does this very quickly using a file database. The command "updatedb" refreshes the database.

Use the locate command to find the full path name of the nmap file with "stun-version" in its title. file location: //usr/share/nmap/scripts/stun-version.nse

Check Tests: Complete

Location search PASSED

Locate finds all locations which contains information related to the search parameter. Try

locate zenmap

Pipe the output through grep and locate the part of nmap which involves copyright. Use locate with zenmap and then pipe this into a grep for copyright.

file location: /usr/share/doc/zenmap/copyright

Check Tests: Complete

Copyright location PASSED

Use locate and grep to find the full pathname where the nmap executable lives. This will be a directory with "bin/" somewhere in its name.

file location: /usr/bin/nmap

Check Tests: Complete

nmap binary location PASSED

Use locate and grep to find the full pathname where the locate database lives. Hint: database files usually end with ".db".

file location: /var/lib/mlocate/mlocate.db

Check Tests: Complete

locate db location PASSED

Question 2: Network commands

Make sure you are logged into your virtual machine using at least 1 telnet or ssh session.

The ss command can be used to check network sessions running. Use the ss command and identify the remote endpoint ip number used when you ssh or telnet to a virtual machine.

Proxy IP: 10.0.1.217

Check Tests: Complete

Proxy ssh/telnet IP PASSED

The ss command with "-a" shows all current network connections. Services which are using ports will be in the LISTEN state.

How many ports are being used by services?

Service ports used: 3

Check Tests: Complete

Ports used PASSED

Use the service command to start the apache2 service.

Check Tests: Complete

Start apache2 PASSED

Use the ss command, find out which port number apache2 is running on.

Hint. Use the man page of ss to help. Look for how to see the port numbers numerically, as well as to see what processes are using which entry in ss.

Service port: 80

Check Tests: Complete

Port of apache2 PASSED apache2 still running PASSED

Use iceweasel, browse to 127.0.0.1, and fill in the blank below.

Iceweasel can be found in the application menu, Internet>Iceweasel.

Fill in the blank:

The webserver software is running but no content has been added

Check Tests: Complete

Start apache2 PASSED apache2 seems to respond PASSED blank correct PASSED

Use nano and edit the default webpage.

Use locate to find "index.html", and then pipe and greps to locate an instance with "www" and "var" in their names.

In the appropriate index.html, change "It works!" to "It does not work!". Remember to save!

Check Tests: Complete

apache2 seems to respond PASSED file edited PASSED running apache2 PASSED

Use the service command to stop the apache2 service.

Check Tests: Complete

Stop apache2 PASSED

Question 3: Networking

Use the ifconfig command. What is the interface which is connected to the local network? This will be the interface with relates to the 10.x.x.x network.

Device: eth0

Check Tests: Complete

Main network device PASSED

Again using ifconfig, what is the IP number of this machine in terms of the device identified above.

IP: 10.0.1.217

Check Tests: Complete

IP number PASSED

Question 4: Netcat

Netcat is a command for basic client/server command line configuration.

Use netcat to make a web request to linuxzoo.net on the http port. Basic netcat configuration puts the server name in parameter 1 and the port number in parameter 2. Once connected, type "GET /index.html" then type CTRL-V CTRL-M then the return key. Note when connected you don't get any

message, just a blank line... HTTP requests need to end with carriage return then a line feed, thus the need for CTRL-V CTRL-M.

Look through the resulting web document. What is on the last line?

Last line: </body>

Check Tests: Complete

> Network working PASSED **PASSED** Last

Use netcat for a chat client. Make sure you either have two terminal sessions or two command windows in your virtual machine.

In command window 1, do

netcat -1 127.0.0.1 -p 666

In command window 2, connect to this localhost service with netcat on port 666, and type some messages.

Now have a third command window. Use the ss command and find the established entry for this chat session. What is the local endpoint port number used at the client end of this network connection?

Client port number: 48709

Once passed press CTRL-C in the chat session to guit.

Check Tests: Complete

Client port number PASSED

Use

-e 'cat /etc/passwd'

at the end of the nc (which is an alias to netcat) command and run a listening server on port 777. Try connecting to this, but note that each time you do the end of the connection (when ended with CTRL-C) closes the server too.

Introduce the flag "--continuous" and restart the nc listener. Now when you end the client with CTRL-C, you can connect again without problems.

When finished, terminate the listener with a CTRL-C in that window. NOTE: Sometime in vnc mode pressing CTRL-C results in autorepeat. If it looks like a key is held down, just press any other key to fix this. This is a bug in the java vnc client.

Check Tests: Complete

> Listener gives /etc/passwd **PASSED** Listiner gives /etc/passwd (repeated for continuous) PASSED

Use your new knowledge to create a backdoor on port 789. This should be a listening port in continuous mode which runs /bin/bash when someone connects. Run this and connect to it, and try "ls"...

When finished, terminate the listener with a CTRL-C in that window.

Check

Tests: Complete

Listener gives a shell PASSED Listener gives a shell and continuous PASSED

Use your new knowledge to create a server on port 790. This should be a listening port in continuous mode which runs something which tell you how many files and directories (not including hidden files) can be found in /root. When you are counting you should ignore hidden files.

When finished, terminate the listener with a CTRL-C in that window.

Check Tests: Complete

Listener gives a count PASSED
Listener gives a count and continuous PASSED
Count seems right test1 PASSED
Count seems right test2 PASSED

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