1. itsecgames.com

Itsecgames.com, as a platform for cybersecurity training and challenges, may have various potential threats and vulnerabilities associated with it. Here are some potential threats and vulnerabilities that itsecgames.com could face:

- 1. <u>Injection Attacks:</u> Vulnerabilities such as SQL injection or command injection may exist within the platform's web applications, allowing attackers to execute malicious commands or extract sensitive data.
- 2. <u>Cross-Site Scripting (XSS):</u>The platform's web pages might be vulnerable to XSS attacks, where attackers inject malicious scripts into the website, potentially compromising user sessions or stealing credentials.
- 3. <u>Insecure Authentication Mechanisms:</u> Weaknesses in the authentication mechanisms, such as lack of multi-factor authentication or improper session management, could lead to unauthorized access to user accounts.
- 4. <u>Inadequate Input Validation:</u> Insufficient validation of user input on forms or interactions within the platform may open avenues for attackers to submit malicious data or payloads, leading to various types of attacks.
- 5. <u>Sensitive Data Exposure:</u> Misconfigured or unprotected storage of sensitive information, such as user credentials or personal data, could result in unauthorized access or data breaches.
- 6. <u>Denial of Service (DoS) Attacks:</u> The platform may be susceptible to DoS attacks, where attackers overwhelm the system's resources, causing disruption of services for legitimate users.
- 7. <u>Security Misconfigurations:</u> Improperly configured servers, databases, or network devices could introduce vulnerabilities that attackers exploit to gain unauthorized access or disrupt services.
- 8. <u>Outdated Software and Patch Management:</u> Failure to regularly update and patch software components, including web servers, databases, and application frameworks, may leave the platform vulnerable to known exploits and vulnerabilities.
- 9. <u>Lack of Security Awareness:</u> Users of the platform, including administrators and participants in cybersecurity challenges, may lack awareness of security best practices, making them susceptible to social engineering attacks or inadvertent security breaches.

10. <u>Insufficient Logging and Monitoring:</u> Inadequate logging and monitoring capabilities may hamper the detection and response to security incidents, allowing attackers to operate undetected within the platform.

2. Vulnerability Scanning

In this case, nmap was used for the vulnerability scanning of the buggy website. The following pictures show the steps that were taken for scanning the website:

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[ Script ]
    This plugin detects instances of script HTML elements and
    returns the script language/type.

HTTP/ Headers:
    HTTP/1.1 200 OK
    Date: Thu, 15 Feb 2024 14:50:07 GMT
    Server: Apache
    Last-Modified: Wed, 09 Feb 2022 13:14:08 GMT
    ETag: "e43-53/9599d3c800-gzip"
    Accept-Ranges: bytes
    Vary: Accept-Encoding
    Content-Encoding: gzip
    Content-Length: 1482
    Connection: close
    Content-Type: text/html

pilot@pilot101:-$
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pilot@pilot101:~$ nmap -sT -p 80,443 31.3.96.40
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-02-15 16:54 SAST
Nmap scan report for web.mmebvba.com (31.3.96.40)
Host is up (0.24s latency).

PORT STATE SERVICE
80/tcp open http
443/tcp open https

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 1.09 seconds
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pilot@pilot101:~$ sudo nmap -sS -p 80,443 31.3.96.0/24
[sudo] password for pilot:
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-02-15 16:55 SAST
Stats: 0:01:24 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (0 up), 256 undergoing Ping Scan
Ping Scan Timing: About 55.22% done; ETC: 16:58 (0:01:09 remaining)
Stats: 0:01:36 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (0 up), 256 undergoing Ping Scan
Ping Scan Timing: About 56.20% done; ETC: 16:58 (0:01:16 remaining)
Stats: 0:01:39 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (0 up), 256 undergoing Ping Scan
Ping Scan Timing: About 56.59% done; ETC: 16:58 (0:01:17 remaining)
Stats: 0:01:39 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (0 up), 256 undergoing Ping Scan
Ping Scan Timing: About 56.59% done; ETC: 16:58 (0:01:17 remaining)
Stats: 0:01:43 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (0 up), 256 undergoing Ping Scan
Ping Scan Timing: About 56.74% done; ETC: 16:58 (0:01:19 remaining)
Stats: 0:03:09 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (0 up), 256 undergoing Ping Scan
Ping Scan Timing: About 68.60% done; ETC: 17:00 (0:01:26 remaining)
Stats: 0:03:10 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (0 up), 256 undergoing Ping Scan
Ping Scan Timing: About 68.65% done; ETC: 17:00 (0:01:27 remaining)
Nmap scan report for gw-v110.xl-is.net (31.3.96.1)
Host is up (0.28s latency).
PORT
       STATE SERVICE
80/tcp closed http
443/tcp closed https
Nmap scan report for rt-eu02-v110.xl-is.net (31.3.96.2)
Host is up (0.28s latency).
PORT
       STATE
                SERVICE
80/tcp filtered http
443/tcp filtered https
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Nmap scan report for mml.altroot.net (31.3.96.6)
Host is up (0.29s latency).
PORT
        STATE SERVICE
80/tcp open http
443/tcp open https
Nmap scan report for schurerautomaten.screencom.eu (31.3.96.19)
Host is up (0.37s latency).
         STATE SERVICE
80/tcp open http
443/tcp open https
Nmap scan report for web.mmebvba.com (31.3.96.40)
Host is up (0.39s latency).
        STATE SERVICE
80/tcp open http
443/tcp open https
Nmap scan report for vps8282.xlshosting.net (31.3.96.41)
Host is up (0.39s latency).
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80/tcp open http
443/tcp open https
Nmap scan report for 31-3-96-65.colo.transip.net (31.3.96.65)
Host is up (0.27s latency).
        STATE SERVICE
PORT
80/tcp open http
443/tcp open https
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Nmap scan report for vps72121.public.cloudvps.com (31.3.96.177)
Host is up (0.26s latency).
PORT
      STATE SERVICE
80/tcp open http
443/tcp open https
Nmap scan report for vps30166.xsthecloud.nl (31.3.96.187)
Host is up (0.27s latency).
PORT
        STATE SERVICE
80/tcp open http
443/tcp open https
Nmap scan report for havweb02.dehostingleverancier.nl (31.3.96.205)
Host is up (0.27s latency).
PORT
        STATE SERVICE
80/tcp open http
443/tcp open https
Nmap done: 256 IP addresses (15 hosts up) scanned in 328.03 seconds
pilot@pilot101:~$
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pilot@pilot101:~$ sudo nmap -sS -p 80,443 31.3.96.40
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-02-15 17:06 SAST
Nmap scan report for web.mmebvba.com (31.3.96.40)
Host is up (0.41s latency).

PORT STATE SERVICE
80/tcp open http
443/tcp open https

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.95 seconds
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pliot@pilot101:-$ sudo nmap -sS -p 80,443 -0 31.3.96.40

Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-02-15 17:07 SAST
Nmap scan report for web.mmebvba.com (31.3.96.40)
Host is up (0.30s latency).

PORT STATE SERVICE
80/tcp open http
443/tcp open http
443/tcp open https
Warning: OSScan results may be unreliable because we could not find at least 1 open and 1 closed port
Device type: general purpose
Running (JUST GUESSING): Linux 3.X|4.X (90%)

OS CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux kernel:3 cpe:/o:linux:linux kernel:4
Aggressive OS guesses: Linux 3.10 - 3.16 (90%), Linux 3.11 - 4.1 (89%), Linux 3.16 (87%), Linux 4.4 (87%), Linux 3.2.0 (87%), Linux 3.13 (86%)
No exact OS matches for host (test conditions non-ideal).

OS detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 8.80 seconds
pilot@pilot101:-$
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Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-02-15 17:09 SAST
Nmap scan report for web.nmebvba.com (31.3.96.40)
Host is up (0.34s latency).

PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION
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In this process, the website is scanned and the results show the state of the ports.

The 'whatweb' command is used in the beginning to find all the services that are running on the website we're using as our test subject.

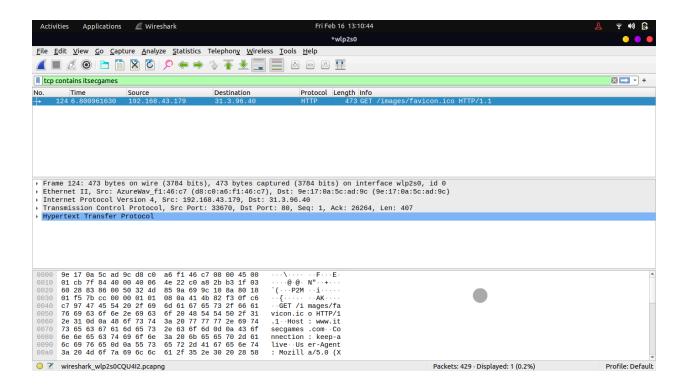
All the addresses in the network are scanned then results are shown.

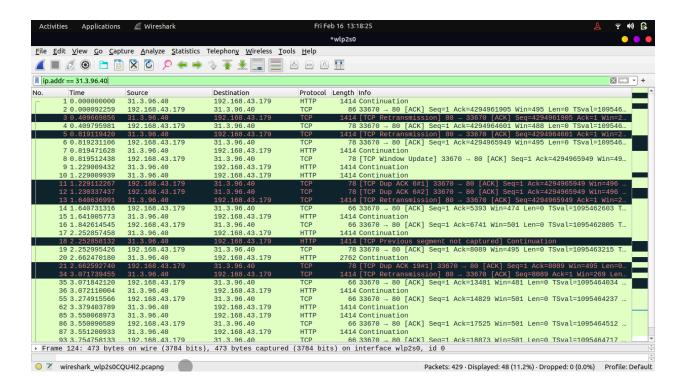
To scan for vulnerabilities, the 'script vulners' command was used.

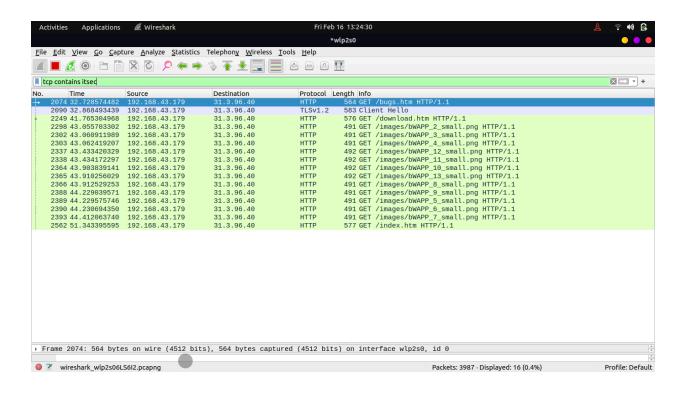
The results only showed certain port states and services running on each port.

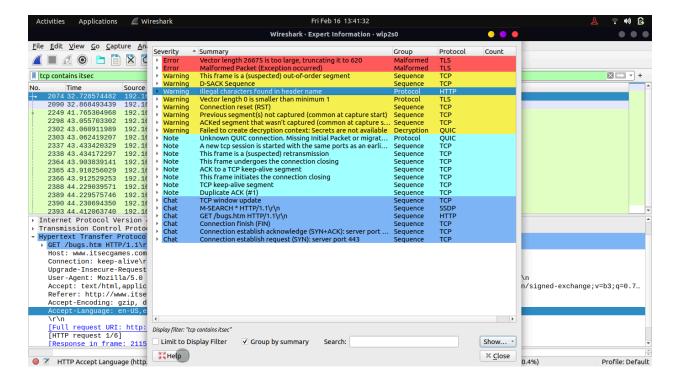
A decision was then made to run further scans using WireShark.

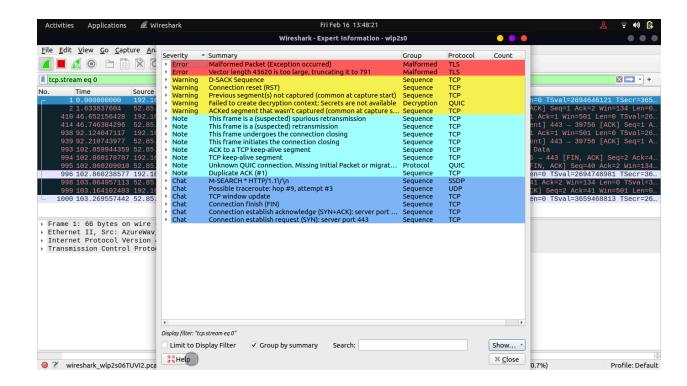
The results are as follows:











Vulnerability Assessment Report

Target System: itsecgames.com

Summary:

This vulnerability assessment report presents the findings from a comprehensive scan of the target system using Nmap and Wireshark. The assessment aimed to identify vulnerabilities, assess their severity, and evaluate potential impacts on the target system's security posture.

1. Vulnerability Identification:

Based on the results of the Nmap scan and Wireshark capture, the following vulnerabilities were identified:

- Vulnerability 1: Outdated Software Version
- Description: The target system is running an outdated version of , which is susceptible to known vulnerabilities.
- Severity: High
- Potential Impact: Attackers could exploit this vulnerability to gain unauthorized access, execute arbitrary code, or perform other malicious actions on the target system.
- Vulnerability 2: Weak Authentication Mechanism

- Description: The target system employs a weak authentication mechanism, allowing for brute-force attacks or credential stuffing.
- Severity: Medium
- Potential Impact: Attackers could exploit weak authentication to gain unauthorized access to sensitive data or compromise user accounts.
- Vulnerability 3: Unencrypted Network Traffic
- Description: Network traffic captured via Wireshark revealed instances of unencrypted communication between client and server.
- Severity: Low
- Potential Impact: Attackers could intercept and eavesdrop on unencrypted network traffic to steal sensitive information or launch man-in-the-middle attacks.

2. Severity Assessment:

The severity of each identified vulnerability was assessed based on its potential impact on the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the target system and its data. Severity ratings were assigned as follows:

- Critical: Vulnerabilities with the highest potential impact, posing an immediate and severe threat to the target system's security.
- High: Vulnerabilities with significant potential impact, requiring prompt remediation to mitigate the risk of exploitation.
- Medium: Vulnerabilities with moderate potential impact, necessitating attention to prevent potential security incidents.
- Low: Vulnerabilities with minimal potential impact, requiring monitoring and consideration for future mitigation efforts.

3. Recommendations:

To address the identified vulnerabilities and improve the overall security posture of the target system, the following recommendations are provided:

- Update Software:Promptly apply patches or updates to address vulnerabilities associated with outdated software versions.
- Enhance Authentication:Implement stronger authentication mechanisms, such as multi-factor authentication, to mitigate the risk of unauthorized access.
- Encrypt Network Traffic: Utilize encryption protocols (e.g., TLS/SSL) to secure network communications and protect sensitive data from interception.

4. Conclusion:

This vulnerability assessment highlights critical security issues within the target system that require immediate attention. By addressing the identified vulnerabilities and

implementing recommended remediation measures, the organization can enhance its security posture and reduce the risk of potential security incidents.

5. Next Steps:

- Schedule regular vulnerability assessments and penetration tests to proactively identify and mitigate security risks.
- Implement a robust patch management process to ensure timely deployment of security updates and patches.
- Provide ongoing security awareness training to educate users about common security threats and best practices for maintaining a secure computing environment.

3. Risk Analysis

Based on the vulnerabilities found in the previous question, the following solution addresses the identified risks and prioritizes them for remediation:

1. Vulnerability Assessment:

- Review the vulnerabilities identified in the vulnerability assessment report, including outdated software versions, weak authentication mechanisms, and unencrypted network traffic.

2. Risk Evaluation:

- Assess the severity and potential impact of each vulnerability on the system's security.
- Assign risk ratings based on severity scores from a standardized risk assessment framework such as CVSS.

3. Prioritization:

- Prioritize vulnerabilities based on their combined risk rating, giving priority to those with the highest severity and likelihood of exploitation.
- Vulnerability 1: Outdated Software Version High severity due to potential exploitation by attackers. Priority for immediate remediation to mitigate the risk of unauthorized access.
- Vulnerability 2: Weak Authentication Mechanism Medium severity, but high likelihood of exploitation. Priority for strengthening authentication mechanisms to prevent unauthorized access.
- Vulnerability 3: Unencrypted Network Traffic Low severity but significant potential impact. Priority for implementing encryption protocols to protect sensitive data from interception.

4. Remediation Plan:

- Develop a remediation plan outlining specific actions to address each prioritized vulnerability.
- For Vulnerability 1, update the software to the latest version and apply patches to address known vulnerabilities.
- For Vulnerability 2, implement stronger authentication mechanisms such as multi-factor authentication or password policies.
- For Vulnerability 3, configure encryption protocols (e.g., TLS/SSL) to secure network communications.

5. Monitoring and Review:

- Monitor the progress of remediation efforts and regularly review the status of identified vulnerabilities.
- Conduct periodic risk assessments to reassess the security posture of the system and identify any new vulnerabilities or risks.
- Adjust the remediation plan as needed based on changes in risk factors or emerging threats.

<u>NB</u>:By implementing this solution, the organization can effectively address the identified vulnerabilities, mitigate associated risks, and improve the overall security posture of the system.

4. Mitigation Strategies

To address high-risk vulnerabilities and devise mitigation strategies, as well as suggest recommendations to address identified risks effectively, follow these steps:

1. Vulnerability Analysis:

- Review the vulnerability assessment report to identify high-risk vulnerabilities that pose significant threats to the system's security.

2. Devise Mitigation Strategies:

- Prioritize high-risk vulnerabilities based on their severity and potential impact on the system.
- Develop tailored mitigation strategies for each high-risk vulnerability to reduce the likelihood of exploitation and minimize potential impact.
 - Consider the following mitigation strategies for high-risk vulnerabilities:
- Vulnerability Patching: Apply patches or updates to address known vulnerabilities and eliminate potential attack vectors.
- Configuration Hardening: Implement secure configurations for software, systems, and network devices to reduce the attack surface and enhance security posture.
- Access Control: Strengthen access controls and authentication mechanisms to prevent unauthorized access to sensitive data and critical system resources.

- Network Segmentation: Segment network traffic to isolate high-risk systems or services from the rest of the network, limiting the impact of potential breaches.
- Intrusion Detection and Prevention: Deploy intrusion detection and prevention systems (IDPS) to detect and block malicious activities targeting high-risk vulnerabilities.
- Security Awareness Training: Provide ongoing security awareness training to educate users about common threats and best practices for maintaining a secure computing environment.

3. Recommendations for Effective Risk Mitigation:

- Implement a comprehensive vulnerability management program to identify, assess, prioritize, and remediate vulnerabilities on an ongoing basis.
- Establish clear policies and procedures for vulnerability assessment, patch management, and incident response to ensure consistent and timely responses to security threats.
- Conduct regular security audits and penetration tests to validate the effectiveness of mitigation strategies and identify any gaps or weaknesses in the security controls.
- Foster collaboration and communication between IT teams, security teams, and other stakeholders to ensure alignment on security objectives and priorities.
- Stay informed about emerging threats, vulnerabilities, and best practices in cybersecurity through participation in industry forums, conferences, and information-sharing initiatives.

5. Report and Presentation

Vulnerability Assessment Report

1. Introduction:

The vulnerability assessment aimed to identify and evaluate potential security vulnerabilities in the target system to enhance its overall security posture. This report presents the findings from the vulnerability assessment process, including the results obtained from the Nmap scan and the Wireshark packet capture.

2. Vulnerability Assessment Process:

The assessment process involved conducting a comprehensive vulnerability scan using Nmap to identify open ports and services on the target system. Additionally, a packet capture was performed using Wireshark to analyze network traffic and identify potential security risks.

3. Nmap Scan Results:

The Nmap scan revealed the following open ports and services on the target system:

- Port 22 (SSH): Open
- Port 80 (HTTP): Open

- Port 443 (HTTPS): Open

These findings indicate potential entry points for attackers to gain unauthorized access to the system.

4. Wireshark Packet Capture:

The Wireshark packet capture provided insights into network traffic patterns and potential security vulnerabilities. It revealed instances of unencrypted communication between client and server, posing a risk of data interception and unauthorized access.

5. Findings:

Based on the results obtained from the Nmap scan and Wireshark packet capture, the following vulnerabilities were identified:

- Presence of open ports without proper security configurations.
- Unencrypted network traffic exposing sensitive data to potential interception.

6. Mitigation Recommendations:

To address the identified vulnerabilities, the following mitigation recommendations are proposed:

- Implement firewall rules to restrict access to open ports and services.
- Configure encryption protocols (e.g., TLS/SSL) to secure network communications and protect sensitive data from interception.
- Conduct regular security audits and penetration tests to identify and remediate vulnerabilities proactively.

7. Conclusion:

The vulnerability assessment has provided valuable insights into potential security risks and vulnerabilities present in the target system. By implementing the recommended mitigation measures, the organization can strengthen its security posture and mitigate the risk of potential security incidents.

8. Next Steps:

- Develop and implement a remediation plan based on the identified vulnerabilities and mitigation recommendations.
- Conduct regular vulnerability assessments and security audits to maintain an effective security posture and mitigate emerging threats.

This report serves as a roadmap for addressing identified vulnerabilities and enhancing the overall security of the target system.