ETHICAL HACKING

LAB - ASSIGNMENT - 8

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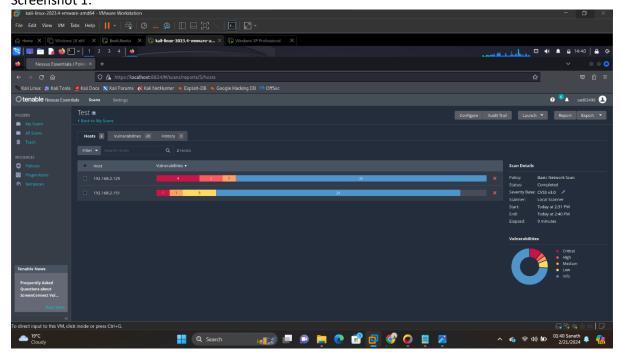
INTRODUCTION:

Nessus: Nessus is a vulnerability scanner developed by Tenable, Inc. It is widely used for assessing the security posture of networks, systems, and applications by identifying vulnerabilities, misconfigurations, and other security issues. Nessus scans can be configured to assess a wide range of targets, including servers, workstations, network devices, and web applications. Nessus provides detailed reports that help organizations prioritize and remediate security vulnerabilities to reduce their risk exposure.

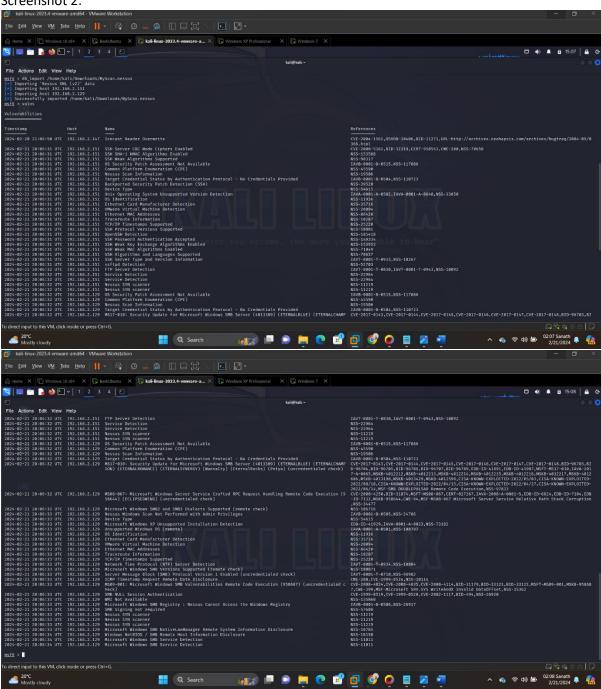
Metasploit: Metasploit is a penetration testing framework developed by Rapid7. It is used by security professionals and ethical hackers to simulate real-world attacks and test the security defenses of systems and networks. Metasploit provides a wide range of exploit modules, payloads, and auxiliary modules that can be used to exploit vulnerabilities discovered during security assessments. It also includes features for post-exploitation activities, such as privilege escalation, lateral movement, and data exfiltration. Metasploit helps security teams understand and mitigate the impact of security vulnerabilities by demonstrating how they can be exploited in a controlled environment.

While Nessus and Metasploit are separate tools, they can complement each other in a comprehensive security testing strategy. For example, Nessus can be used to identify vulnerabilities in target systems, and Metasploit can be used to validate and exploit those vulnerabilities to assess their real-world impact. Additionally, both Nessus and Metasploit support integration with other security tools and platforms, allowing for streamlined workflows and enhanced security automation.

1. Please provide screenshots for the Screenshot #1, #2. (8pt) Screenshot 1:

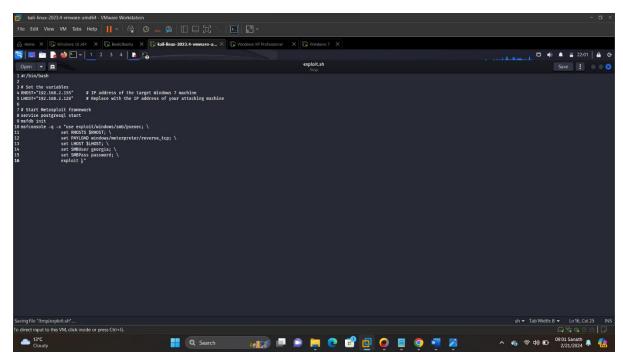


Screenshot 2:

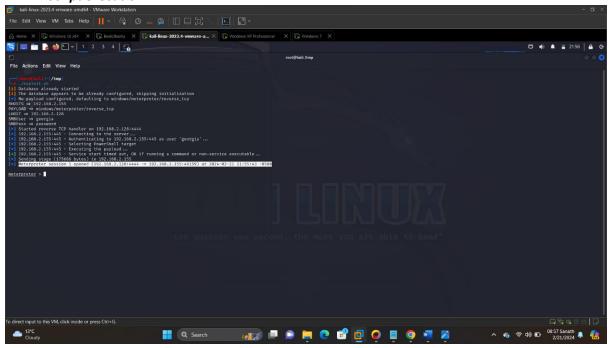


2. Using the skills learned from step 9, write a script to run the Metasploit psexec module against Windows 7 machine. Provide screenshots showing the module has been successfully executed and you got a session. (hint, you can use show options to review the options needed to configure the psexec module. Using the credentials of georgia for SMBUser and SMBPass options) (6pt)

Script:



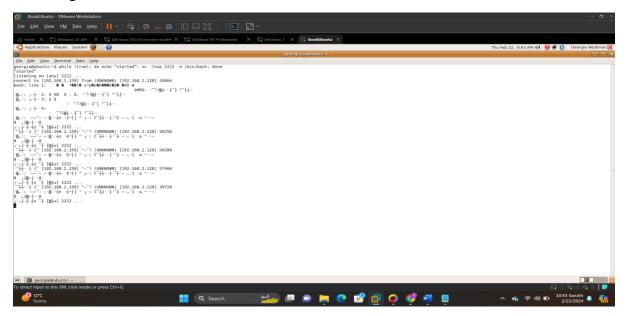
Script execution:



3. Create a simple Netcat backdoor listener on port 2222 as root on Ubuntu Linux machine (don't change the port number) # while (true); do echo "started"; nc -lnvp 2222 -e /bin/bash; done Click the New Scan button at the upper right corner of Nessus and choose Advanced Scan template Run the Nessus against the Ubuntu Linux machine. Will Nessus catch this backdoor? Provide a screenshot showing all the critical vulnerabilities Nessus finds. (6pt)

Nessus, a widely used vulnerability scanner, provides various scan templates to facilitate different types of vulnerability assessments, ranging from basic to advanced.

Advanced Network Scan: This template is designed for comprehensive scanning of network infrastructure, including servers, workstations, network devices, and services. It performs indepth vulnerability assessment, including thorough checks for common vulnerabilities and misconfigurations.



Will Nessus catch this backdoor? No, I didn't get any backdoor on nessus vulnerability scan.

