# Pentest II: Wireless Attacks exercises

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Note: exercises marked with  $\triangle$  are considered important. These contain subjects that are essential for the course. Even if you don't work through the exercise, you might want to know the subjects covered by these.

Exercises marked with **3** are considered optional. These contain subjects that are related to the course, but less important. You may want to browse these and if interested work through them. They may require more time than we have available during the course.

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# **Preface**

This material is prepared for use in *PROSA Pentest workshops* and was prepared by Henrik Kramselund, http://www.zencurity.com . It describes the networking setup and applications for trainings and courses where hands-on exercises are needed.

Further a presentation is used which is available as PDF from kramse@Github Look for pentest-III-exercises in the repo security-courses.

These exercises are expected to be performed in a training setting with network connected systems. The exercises use a number of tools which can be copied and reused after training. A lot is described about setting up your workstation in the repo

https://github.com/kramse/kramse-labs

# **Prerequisites**

This material expect that participants have a working knowledge of TCP/IP from a user perspective. Basic concepts such as web site addresses and email should be known as well as IP-addresses and common protocols like DHCP.

Have fun and learn

# **Exercise content**

Most exercises follow the same procedure and has the following content:

- **Objective:** What is the exercise about, the objective
- Purpose: What is to be the expected outcome and goal of doing this exercise
- Suggested method: suggest a way to get started
- Hints: one or more hints and tips or even description how to do the actual exercises
- Solution: one possible solution is specified
- Discussion: Further things to note about the exercises, things to remember and discuss

Please note that the method and contents are similar to real life scenarios and does not detail every step of doing the exercises. Entering commands directly from a book only teaches typing, while the exercises are designed to help you become able to learn and actually research solutions.

# **⚠** Check your Debian Linux VM 10 min



#### Objective:

Make sure your Debian virtual machine is in working order.

We need a Debian 11 Linux for running a few extra tools during the course.

#### Purpose:

If your VM is not installed and updated we will run into trouble later.

#### Suggested method:

Go to https://github.com/kramse/kramse-labs/

Read the instructions for the setup of a Debian VM.

#### Hints:

Go to download from the link https://debian-handbook.info/ Read and follow the instructions for downloading the book.

#### Solution:

When you have a updated Debian Linux, then we are good.

#### **Discussion:**

Linux is free and everywhere. The tools we will run in this course are made for Unix, so they run great on Linux.

# ▲ Check your Kali VM, run Kali Linux 30 min



#### **Objective:**

Make sure your virtual machine is in working order.

We need a Kali Linux for running tools during the course.

#### Purpose:

If your VM is not installed and updated we will run into trouble later.

#### Suggested method:

Go to https://github.com/kramse/kramse-labs/

Read the instructions for the setup of a Kali VM.

#### Hints:

If you allocate enough memory and disk you wont have problems.

#### Solution

When you have a updated virtualisation software and Kali Linux, then we are good.

#### **Discussion:**

Linux is free and everywhere. The tools we will run in this course are made for Unix, so they run great on Linux.

Kali Linux includes many hacker tools and should be known by anyone working in infosec.

# ▲ Wardriving Up to 60min

#### **Objective:**

Try putting a network card in monitor mode and sniff wireless networks.

#### **Purpose:**

See that wireless networks dont encrypt MACs addresses and other characteristics - what can be found just by turning on the radio.

#### Suggested method:

Insert USB wireless card, make sure your VM has USB 2.0 Hub and allow VM to control the card.

Start monitor mode - maybe card is not wlan0!:

airmon-ng start wlan0

Start airodump-ng: airodump-ng wlan0mon

See the data

#### Hints:

Selecting a specific channel can be done using –channel and writing captured packets can be done using -w

#### Solution:

When you have an overview of nearby networks you are done.

#### **Discussion:**

Lots of information is available on the internet. One recommended site is: http://www.aircrack-ng.org

# Aircrack-ng 30 min

#### **Objective:**

See the program aircrack-ng being used for cracking WEP and WPA-PSK keys.

#### **Purpose:**

Some methods previously used to protect wireless networks should not be used anymore.

#### Suggested method:

Get access to a WEP encrypted dump of wireless network traffic and break encryption. Get access to a WPA handshake and try cracking it.

#### Hints:

Kali includes the aircrack-ng program and some test data in /pentest/wireless/aircrack-ng/test

#### Solution:

When you have cracked a network from either testdata or real nearby - our lab network.

#### **Discussion:**

There is a lot of information available about aircrack-ng at the web site: http://www.aircrack-ng.org/

Another tool available is pyrit and cpyrit which can break WPA-PSK using CUDA enabled graphic cards - instead of 100s of keys/second this may allow 10000s keys/second.

Hashcat also is able to crack WPA https://hashcat.net/hashcat/

# ▲ Identify Session Tokens 30 min

```
Cookie: login=CustomerId=900180&LanguageId=9; OldBrowser=%220%22; Pool=rosalina; ShowNativeLogin=true; DebugCustomerId=900180; DebugPersonId=400954; OnboardingCompletedFeatures=h=1c744782963a2478d5db92a9981d401a&ofc_47=True&ofd_49=True; ASP.NET_SessionId=u0245fara4x3qmkli5refddg;...
```

#### **Objective:**

Look at a real application and identify session tokens.

Verify session settings, like Anti-XSS and Anti-CSRF tokens, if present.

Note: First, look for session tokens, later we may repeat this exercise, with focus on CSRF tokens.

#### **Purpose:**

Web applications are *faking sessions*, each request are independent by design of the protocol. This is done using session cookies and similar methods.

Running wireshark with unencrypted traffic, HTTP you can see these.

Running Burp while performing a login will allow you to look into session identifiers.

Running a test using Mozilla Observatory first will allow you to analyse the settings for the web site.

Some things to look for

- Cookie settings, Secure Flag and http-only
- HSTS header https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HTTP\_Strict\_Transport\_Security
- Random how to check that?

If you will be checking multiple sites, I can recommend installing the command line version of Mozilla Observatory

```
$ observatory --format report kea-fronter.itslearning.com
observatory [WARN] retrying in 1 second (attempt 1/10)
observatory [WARN] retrying in 1 second (attempt 6/10)
HTTP Observatory Report: kea-fronter.itslearning.com
Score Rule
                               Description
 -20 content-security-policy Content Security Policy (CSP) implemented unsafely.
  -5 cookies
                               Cookies set without using the Secure flag,
                               but transmission over HTTP prevented by HSTS.
  -5 referrer-policy
                               Referrer-Policy header set unsafely to "origin",
                               "origin-when-cross-origin", or "unsafe-url".
                               X-Frame-Options (XFO) implemented via the CSP frame-ancestors directive.
   5 x-frame-options
Score: 70
Grade: B
Full Report Url: https://observatory.mozilla.org/analyze.html?host=kea-fronter.itslearning.com
```

We referenced further scanners in exercise  $\triangle$  Internet scanners 15 min on page 20.

#### Suggested method:

Run the Burp program from your Kali Linux VM and login to a site.

Alternatively use Wireshark to sniff a HTTP session.

#### Hints:

Look in the header section, and look for Cookie: Common ones are ASP.NET\_SessionId or PHPSESSID

#### Solution:

When you have identified session cookies and checked the settings using a scanner, test web site or similar you are done. It is recommended though to dive a bit into the application and how these are used.

#### Discussion:

Most sites today have switched to using HTTPS, but some are not according to best practice. To prevent the use of credentials or cookies over insecure connections, we should not allow calls to happen over HTTP.

Various tools like OWASP Zap and Burp suite can also be used for analyzing the session cookies, for randomness/entropy:

https://portswigger.net/burp/documentation/desktop/tools/sequencer/getting-started

Checkout the story of the old extension Firesheep on wikipedia, what could happen when session cookies were not protected:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Firesheep

# ▲ Execute nmap TCP and UDP port scan 20 min

#### **Objective:**

Use nmap to discover important open ports on active systems

#### **Purpose:**

Finding open ports will allow you to find vulnerabilities on these ports.

#### Suggested method:

Use nmap -p 1-1024 server to scan the first 1024 TCP ports and use Nmap without ports. What is scanned then?

Try to use nmap -sU to scan using UDP ports, not really possible if a firewall is in place.

If a firewall blocks ICMP you might need to add -Pn to make nmap scan even if there are no Ping responses

#### Hints:

Sample command: nmap -Pn -sU -p1-1024 server UDP port scanning 1024 ports without doing a Ping first

#### Solution:

Discover some active systems and most interesting ports, which are 1-1024 and the built-in list of popular ports.

#### Discussion:

There is a lot of documentation about the nmap portscanner, even a book by the author of nmap. Make sure to visit http://www.nmap.org

TCP and UDP is very different when scanning. TCP is connection/flow oriented and requires a handshake which is very easy to identify. UDP does not have a handshake and most applications will not respond to probes from nmap. If there is no firewall the operating system will respond to UDP probes on closed ports - and the ones that do not respond must be open.

When doing UDP scan on the internet you will almost never get a response, so you cannot tell open (not responding services) from blocked ports (firewall drop packets). Instead try using specific service programs for the services, sample program could be nsping which sends DNS packets, and will often get a response from a DNS server running on UDP port 53.

# 15 Discover active systems ping and port sweep 15 min



#### **Objective:**

Use nmap to discover active systems and ports

#### Purpose:

Know how to use nmap to scan networks for active systems. These ports receive traffic from the internet and can be used for DDoS attacks.

Tip: Yes, filtering traffic further out removes it from processing in routers, firewalls, load balancers, etc. So making a stateless filter on the edge may be recommended.

#### Suggested method:

Try different scans,

- Ping sweep to find active systems
- Port sweeps to find active systems with specific ports

#### Hints:

Try nmap in sweep mode - and you may run this from Zenmap

#### Solution:

Use the command below as examples:

- Ping sweep ICMP and port probes: nmap -sP 10.0.45.\*
- Port sweeps 80/tcp and 443/tcp: nmap -p 80 10.0.45.\*
- Port sweeps UDP scans can be done: nmap -sU -p 161 10.0.45.\*

The addresses shown are an example, you can use nmap -p 80,443 www.kramse.org

#### **Discussion:**

Quick scans quickly reveal interesting hosts, ports and services

Also now make sure you understand difference between single host scan 10.0.45.123/32, a whole subnet /24 250 hosts 10.0.45.0/24 and other more advanced targeteting like 10.0.45.0/25 and 10.0.45.1-10

We will now assume port 80/443 are open, as well as a few UDP services - maybe we can use them in amplification attacks later.

# Perform nmap OS detection

#### **Objective:**

Use nmap OS detection and see if you can guess the brand of devices on the network

#### **Purpose:**

Getting the operating system of a system will allow you to focus your next attacks.

#### Suggested method:

Look at the list of active systems, or do a ping sweep.

Then add the OS detection using the option -0

Better to use -A all the time, includes even more scripts and advanced stuff See the next exercise.

#### Hints:

The nmap can send a lot of packets that will get different responses, depending on the operating system. TCP/IP is implemented using various constants chosen by the implementors, they have chosen different standard packet TTL etc.

#### Solution:

Use a command like nmap -0 -p1-100 10.0.45.45 or nmap -A -p1-100 10.0.45.45

#### **Discussion:**

nmap OS detection is not a full proof way of knowing the actual operating system, but in most cases in can detect the family and in some cases it can identify the exact patch level of the system.

# 1 Perform nmap service scan

#### **Objective:**

Use more advanced features in Nmap to discover services.

#### **Purpose:**

Getting more intimate with the system will allow more precise discovery of the vulnerabilities and also allow you to select the next tools to run.

#### Suggested method:

Use nmap -A option for enabling service detection and scripts

#### Hints:

Look into the manual page of nmap or the web site book about nmap scanning

#### Solution:

Run nmap and get results.

#### **Discussion:**

Some services will show software versions allowing an attacker easy lookup at web sites to known vulnerabilities and often exploits that will have a high probability of success.

Make sure you know the difference between a vulnerability which is discovered, but not really there, a false positive, and a vulnerability not found due to limitations in the testing tool/method, a false negative.

A sample false positive might be reporting that a Windows server has a vulnerability that you know only to exist in Unix systems.

# • Nmap full scan

#### **Objective:**

Documenting the security level of a network often requires extensive testing. Below are some examples of the scanning methodology needed.

#### Purpose:

Doing a port scan often requires you to run multiple Nmap scans.

#### Suggested method:

Use Zenmap to do:

- 1. A few quick scans, to get web servers and start web scanners/crawlers
- 2. Full scan of all TCP ports, -p 1-65535
- 3. Full or limited UDP scan, nmap -sU --top-ports 100
- 4. Specialized scans, like specific source ports

#### Hints:

Using a specific source ports using -g/-source-port <portnum>: Use given port number with ports like FTP 20, DNS 53 can sometimes get around router filters and other stateless Access Control Lists

#### Solution:

Run multiple nmap and get results. At least TCP and UDP top-ports 10.

#### Discussion:

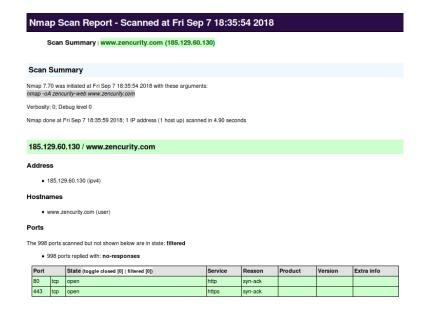
Recommendation it is highly recommended to always use:

```
-iL <inputfilename>: Input from list of hosts/networks
-oA outputbasename: output in all formats, see later
```

Some examples of real life Nmaps I have run recently:

```
dns-scan: nmap -sU -p 53 --script=dns-recursion -iL targets -oA dns-recursive bgpscan: nmap -A -p 179 -oA bgpscan -iL targets dns-recursive: nmap -sU -p 53 --script=dns-recursion -iL targets -oA dns-recursive php-scan: nmap -sV --script=http-php-version -p80,443 -oA php-scan -iL targets scan-vtep-tcp: nmap -A -p 1-65535 -oA scan-vtep-tcp 10.1.2.3 192.0.2.123 snmp-10.x.y.0.gnmap: nmap -sV -A -p 161 -sU --script=snmp-info -oA snmp-10xy 10.x.y.0/19 snmpscan: nmap -sU -p 161 -oA snmpscan --script=snmp-interfaces -iL targets sshscan: nmap -A -p 22 -oA sshscan -iL targets vncscan: nmap -A -p 5900-5905 -oA vncscan -iL targets
```

# Reporting HTML



#### **Objective:**

Show the use of XML output and convert to HTML

#### **Purpose:**

Reporting data is very important. Using the oA option Nmap can export data in three formats easily, each have their use. They are normal, XML, and grepable formats at once.

#### Suggested method:

```
sudo nmap -oA zencurity-web www.zencurity.com
xsltproc zencurity-web.xml > zencurity-web.html
```

#### Hints:

Nmap includes the stylesheet in XML and makes it very easy to create HTML.

#### Solution:

Run XML through xsltproc, command line XSLT processor, or another tool

#### **Discussion:**

Options you can use to change defaults:

```
--stylesheet <path/URL>: XSL stylesheet to transform XML output to HTML --webxml: Reference stylesheet from Nmap.Org for more portable XML
```

Also check out the Ndiff tool

```
hlk@cornerstone03:~$ ndiff zencurity-web.xml zencurity-web-2.xml
-Nmap 7.70 scan initiated Fri Sep 07 18:35:54 2018 as: nmap -oA zencurity-web www.zencurity.com
+Nmap 7.70 scan initiated Fri Sep 07 18:46:01 2018 as: nmap -oA zencurity-web-2 www.zencurity.com

www.zencurity.com (185.129.60.130):
PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION
+443/tcp open https
```

(I ran a scan, removed a port from the first XML file and re-scanned)

# Buffer Overflow 101 - 30-40min

#### **Objective:**

Run a demo program with invalid input - too long.

#### **Purpose:**

See how easy it is to cause an exception.

If you have an older Raspberry Pi it might be much easier to try on this.

#### Suggested method:

Instructor will walk through this!

This exercise is meant to show how binary exploitation is done at a low level. If this is the first time you ever meet this, don't worry about it. You need to know this can happen, but you are not expected to be able to explain details during the exam!

Running on a modern Linux has a lot of protection, making it hard to exploit. Using a Raspberry Pi instead makes it quite easy. Choose what you have available.

Using another processor architecture like MIPS or ARM creates other problems.

- Small demo program demo.c
- Has built-in shell code, function the\_shell
- Compile: gcc -o demo demo.c
- Run program ./demo test
- Goal: Break and insert return address

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
int main(int argc, char **argv)
{    char buf[10];
        strcpy(buf, argv[1]);
        printf("%s\n",buf);
}
int the_shell()
{    system("/bin/dash"); }
```

NOTE: this demo is using the dash shell, not bash - since bash drops privileges and won't work.

Use GDB to repeat the demo by the instructor.

#### Hints:

First make sure it compiles:

```
\$ gcc -o demo demo.c
\$ ./demo hejsa
hejsa
```

Make sure you have tools installed:

```
apt-get install gdb
```

Then run with debugger:

```
\$ gdb demo
GNU gdb (Debian 7.12-6) 7.12.0.20161007-git
Copyright (C) 2016 Free Software Foundation, Inc.
License GPLv3+: GNU GPL version 3 or later <a href="http://gnu.org/licenses/gpl.html">http://gnu.org/licenses/gpl.html</a>>
This is free software: you are free to change and redistribute it.
There is NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by law. Type "show copying"
and "show warranty" for details.
This GDB was configured as "x86_64-linux-gnu".
Type "show configuration" for configuration details.
For bug reporting instructions, please see:
<http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/bugs/>.
Find the GDB manual and other documentation resources online at:
<http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/documentation/>.
For help, type "help".
Type "apropos word" to search for commands related to "word"...
Reading symbols from demo...(no debugging symbols found)...done.
(gdb) run `perl -e "print 'A'x22; print 'B'; print 'C'"`}
Starting program: /home/user/demo/demo `perl -e "print 'A'x22; print 'B'; print 'C'"`
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAABC
Program received signal SIGSEGV, Segmentation fault.
0x0000434241414141 in ?? ()
(gdb)
// OR
(gdb) {\bf
(gdb) run $(perl -e "print 'A'x22; print 'B'; print 'C'")}
Starting program: /home/user/demo/demo `perl -e "print 'A'x22; print 'B'; print 'C'"`
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAABC
Program received signal SIGSEGV, Segmentation fault.
0x0000434241414141 in ?? ()
(gdb)
```

Note how we can see the program trying to jump to address with our data. Next step would be to make sure the correct values end up on the stack.

#### Solution:

When you can run the program with debugger as shown, you are done.

#### **Discussion:**

the layout of the program - and the address of the  ${\tt the\_shell}$  function can be seen using the command  ${\tt nm}$ :

```
0000000000000640 t deregister_tm_clones
00000000000006d0 t __do_global_dtors_aux
{\tt 0000000000200de0~t~\_\_do\_global\_dtors\_aux\_fini\_array\_entry}
0000000000201038 D __dso_handle 0000000000200df0 d _DYNAMIC
0000000000201040 D _edata
00000000000201048 B _end
00000000000000804 T _fini
00000000000000710 t frame_dummy
0000000000200dd8 t __frame_dummy_init_array_entry
00000000000000988 r __FRAME_END_
0000000000201000 d _GLOBAL_OFFSET_TABLE_
                 w __gmon_start_
000000000000081c r __GNU_EH_FRAME_HDR
00000000000005a0 T _init
0000000000200de0 t __init_array_end
0000000000200dd8 t __init_array_start
00000000000000810 R _IO_stdin_used
                 w _ITM_deregisterTMCloneTable
                 w _ITM_registerTMCloneTable
0000000000200de8 d __JCR_END__
0000000000200de8 d __JCR_LIST__
                 w _Jv_RegisterClasses
00000000000000740 T main
                 U puts@@GLIBC_2.2.5
00000000000000680 t register_tm_clones
00000000000000610 T _start
                 U strcpy@@GLIBC_2.2.5
                 U system@@GLIBC_2.2.5
000000000000077c T the shell
0000000000201040 D __TMC_END_
```

The bad news is that this function is at an address 00000000000077c which is hard to input using our buffer overflow, please try ©We cannot write zeroes, since strcpy stop when reaching a null byte.

We can compile our program as 32-bit using this, and disable things like ASLR, stack protection also:

```
sudo apt-get install gcc-multilib
sudo bash -c 'echo 0 > /proc/sys/kernel/randomize_va_space'
gcc -m32 -o demo demo.c -fno-stack-protector -z execstack -no-pie
```

Then you can produce 32-bit executables:

```
// Before:
user@debian-9-lab:~/demo$ file demo
demo: ELF 64-bit LSB shared object, x86-64, version 1 (SYSV), dynamically linked, interpreter /lib64/ld-linux-x86-
// After - 32-bit
user@debian-9-lab:~/demo$ gcc -m32 -o demo demo.c
user@debian-9-lab:~/demo$ file demo
demo: ELF 32-bit LSB shared object, Intel 80386, version 1 (SYSV), dynamically linked, interpreter /lib/ld-linux.s
```

And layout:

```
0804a024 B __bss_start
0804a024 b completed.6587
0804a01c D __data_start
```

```
0804a01c W data_start
...
080484c0 T the_shell
0804a024 D __TMC_END__
080484eb T __x86.get_pc_thunk.ax
080483a0 T __x86.get_pc_thunk.bx
```

Successful execution would look like this - from a Raspberry Pi:

Started a new shell.

you can now run the "exploit" - which is the shell function AND the misdirection of the instruction flow by overflow:

# SSL/TLS scanners 15 min

#### **Objective:**

Try the Online Qualys SSLLabs scanner https://www.ssllabs.com/ Try the command line tool sslscan checking servers - can check both HTTPS and non-HTTPS protocols!

SSLscan is available on Kali Linux and Debian

#### **Purpose:**

Learn how to efficiently check TLS settings on remote services.

#### Suggested method:

Run the tool against a couple of sites of your choice.

Also run it without options to see the possibilities – and see if you can find the options to run against SMTPTLS if possible.

#### Hints:

Originally sslscan is from http://www.titania.co.uk but use the version on Kali, install with apt if not installed –  $sudo\ apt\ install\ sslscan$ 

SMTP TLS is *opportunistic encryption*, if both ends support encryption it will be used. Vulnerable to active man in the middle attacks, but works well in practice.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Opportunistic\_encryption

#### Solution:

When you can run and basically understand what the tool does, you are done.

#### Discussion:

SSLscan can check your own sites, using hostname or IP while Qualys SSLLabs only can test from hostname

Further SSLscan can be used against multiple database systems and mail systems.

# A Internet scanners 15 min

#### **Objective:**

Try the Online scanners https://internet.nl/ and a few more.

#### Purpose:

Learn how to efficiently check settings on remote services.

#### Suggested method:

There are multiple portals and testing services which allow you to check a domain, mail settings or web site. Others exist, feel free to suggest some.

Run tools against a couple of sites of your choice.

- https://internet.nl/ Generic checker
- https://www.hardenize.com/ Generic checker
- https://www.wormly.com/test\_ssl Test TLS
- https://observatory.mozilla.org/ Web site headers check
- https://dnsviz.net/ DNS zone check
- https://rpki.cloudflare.com/ Check RPKI route validator enter IP address
  More information about this: https://labs.ripe.net/author/nathalie\_nathalie/rpki-test/

#### Hints:

Especially the Mozilla Observatory is usefull for checking web site headers! I use their command line tool, https://github.com/mozilla/observatory-cli:

```
$ observatory --format report www.kramse.dk
observatory [WARN] retrying in 1 second (attempt 1/10)
observatory [WARN] retrying in 1 second (attempt 2/10)

HTTP Observatory Report: www.kramse.dk

Score Rule Description
5 content-security-policy Content Security Policy (CSP) implemented without 'unsafe-inline' or 'unsafe-eval'.
5 referrer-policy Referrer-Policy header set to "no-referrer", "same-origin", "strict-origin" or "str
5 x-frame-options X-Frame-Options (XFO) implemented via the CSP frame-ancestors directive.

Score: 115
Grade: A+
```

#### Solution:

When you can run and understand what at least one tool does, you are done.

Full Report Url: https://observatory.mozilla.org/analyze.html?host=www.kramse.dk

#### **Discussion:**

Which settings are most important, which settings are your responsebility?

# Real Vulnerabilities up to 30min

#### **Objective:**

Look at real vulnerabilities. Choose a few real vulnerabilities, prioritize them.

#### **Purpose:**

See that the error types described in the books - are still causing problems.

#### Suggested method:

We will use the 2019 Exim errors as starting examples. Download the descriptions from:

- Exim RCE CVE-2019-10149 June https://www.qualys.com/2019/06/05/cve-2019-10149/return-wizard-rce-exim.txt
- Exim RCE CVE-2019-15846 September https://exim.org/static/doc/security/CVE-2019-15846.txt

When done with these think about your own dependencies. What software do you depend on? How many vulnerabilities and CVEs are for that? Each year has critical new vulnerabilities, like the 2020 and 2021 shown here.

- CVE-2020 Netlogon Elevation of Privilege https://msrc.microsoft.com/update-guide/vulnerability/CVE-2020-1472
- Log4J RCE (CVE-2021-44228) and follow up like CVE-2021-45046, also look at scanners like: https://github.com/fullhunt/log4j-scan

What is CVSS – Common Vulnerability Scoring System?

I depend on the OpenBSD operating system, and it has flaws too: https://www.openbsd.org/errata65.html

You may depend on OpenSSH from the OpenBSD project, which has had a few problems too: https://www.openssh.com/security.html

#### Hints:

Remote Code Execution can be caused by various things, but most often some kind of input validation failure.

#### Solution:

When you have identified the specific error type, is it buffer overflows? Then you are done.

#### **Discussion:**

How do you feel about running internet services. Lets discuss how we can handle running insecure code. What other methods can we use to restrict problems caused by similar vulnerabilities. A new product will often use a generic small computer and framework with security problems.

# **1** TCP SYN flooding 30min

#### **Objective:**

Start a webserver attack using SYN flooding tool hping3.

#### **Purpose:**

See how easy it is to produce packets on a network using hacker programs.

The tool we will use is very flexible and can produce ICMP, UDP and TCP using very few options. This tool is my primary one for doing professional DDoS testing.

```
-1 --icmp
ICMP mode, by default hping3 will send ICMP echo-request, you can set other ICMP type/code using --icmptype --icmpcode options.

-2 --udp
UDP mode, by default hping3 will send udp to target host port 0. UDP header tunable options are the following: --baseport, --destport, --keep.
```

TCP mode is default, so no option needed.

#### Suggested method:

Connect to the LAB network using Ethernet! Borrow a USB network card if you dont have one.

Start your Kali VM in bridged mode, try a basic TCP flooding attack against the server provided by the instructor, or your own Debian server.

Try doing the most common attacks TCP SYN flood using hping3:

```
hping3 --flood -p 80 -S 10.0.45.12
```

You should see something like this:

```
HPING 10.0.45.12: NO FLAGS are set, 40 headers + 0 data bytes
hping in flood mode, no replies will be shown
^C
--- 10.0.45.12 hping statistic ---
352339 packets transmitted, 0 packets received, 100% packet loss
round-trip min/avg/max = 0.0/0.0/0.0 ms
```

You can try different ports with TCP flooding, try port 22/tcp or HTTP(S) port 80/tcp and 443/tcp

#### Hinte:

The tool we use can do a lot of different things, and you can control the speed. You can measure at the server being attacked or what you are sending, commonly using ifpps or such programs can help.

By changing the speed we can find out how much traffic is needed to bring down a service. This measurement can then be re-checked later and see if improvements really worked.

This allows you to use the tool to test devices and find the breaking point, which is more interesting than if you can overload, because you always can.

```
-i --interval

Wait the specified number of seconds or micro seconds between sending each packet.

--interval X set wait to X seconds, --interval uX set wait to X micro seconds. The de fault is to wait one second between each packet. Using hping3 to transfer files tune this option is really important in order to increase transfer rate. Even using hping3 to perform idle/spoofing scanning you should tune this option, see HPING3-HOWTO for more information.

--fast Alias for -i u10000. Hping will send 10 packets for second.

--faster

Alias for -i u1. Faster then --fast;) (but not as fast as your computer can send pack ets due to the signal-driven design).

--flood

Sent packets as fast as possible, without taking care to show incoming replies. This is ways faster than to specify the -i u0 option.
```

#### Solution:

When your team has sent +1 million packets per second into the network, from one or two laptops - you are done.

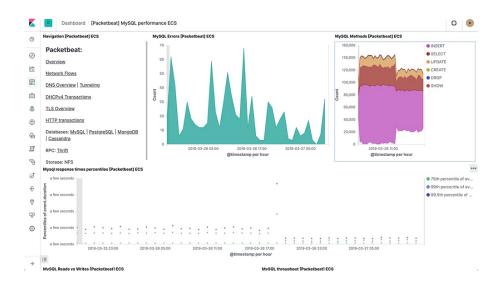
#### **Discussion:**

Gigabit Ethernet can send up to 1.4 million packets per second, pps.

There is a presentation about DDoS protection with low level technical measures to implement at https://github.com/kramse/security-courses/tree/master/presentations/network/introduction-ddos-testing

Receiving systems, and those en route to the service, should be checked for resources like CPU load, bandwidth, logging. Logging can also overload the logging infrastructure, so take care when configuring this in your own networks.

# Packetbeat monitoring 15 min



### **Objective:**

Get introduced to a small generic monitoring system, Packetbeat from Elastic.

#### **Purpose:**

Running packetbeat will allow you to analyse a few network protocols.

It can monitor multiple application protocols, namely DNS and MySQL may be of interest today.

It requires access to data at the network level, may be hard to do for cloud setups.

#### Suggested method:

Read about Packetbeat at:

https://www.elastic.co/beats/packetbeat

#### Hints:

This specific tool works with MySQL. Do a similar tool exist for other databases?

#### Solution:

When you have gone through the list of protocols, and have a reasonable understanding of the available functions, you are done.

#### **Discussion:**

What are your preferred monitoring systems?

Prometheus is getting quite popular. https://prometheus.io/

# ▲ Security.txt 15 min

#### **Objective:**

Learn how to contact sites with security problems, through security.txt files.

#### **Purpose:**

Contacting a site which has a security problem can be a difficult task. Sending information through the usual support often requires a contract, and you are helping the company?!

Also, how do you make sure people can contact YOUR organisation with security issues in your sites.

#### Summary

When security risks in web services are discovered by independent security researchers who understand the severity of the risk, they often lack the channels to disclose them properly. As a result, security issues may be left unreported. security.txt defines a standard to help organizations define the process for security researchers to disclose security vulnerabilities securely.

security.txt files have been implemented by Google, Facebook, GitHub, the UK government, and many other organisations. In addition, the UKs Ministry of Justice, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (US), the French government, the Italian government, and the Australian Cyber Security Centre endorse the use of security.txt files.

Source: https://securitytxt.org/

#### Suggested method:

Run the wizard on the site to create a template file for your own purposes.

#### Hints:

Looking at other sites can help, since they have run these for some time. So find a few examples, the web site mentions a few.

#### Solution:

When you have seen a few security.txt files, and possibly created one yourself, you are done.

#### **Discussion:**

Before this initiative there was a common set of email addresses, used for specific purposes. I still recommend them to customers:

| MAILBOX    | AREA               | USAGE                          |
|------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| ABUSE      | Customer Relations | Inappropriate public behaviour |
| NOC        | Network Operations | Network infrastructure         |
| SECURITY   | Network Security   | Security bulletins or queries  |
| MAILBOX    | SERVICE            | SPECIFICATIONS                 |
| POSTMASTER | SMTP               | [RFC821], [RFC822]             |
| HOSTMASTER | DNS                | [RFC1033-RFC1035]              |
| WEBMASTER  | HTTP               | [RFC 2068]                     |
| WWW        | HTTP               | Synonym for WEBMASTER          |