Network Vulnerability Assessment Reports and Final Analysis using Nessus Tool

Target : "192.168.1.56"

Tool Used : OpenVas

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Assessment Overview:

The Network Vulnerability Assessment involves a hands-on exercise and experiment for students, learners and especially for interns and IT Junior Professionals, where they are provided with a simulated network environment. This simulated environment has various benefits, which includes a practical lab, a virtual environment where the real time system or the host won't be affected if the target network is risky. They are tasked with conducting a thorough vulnerability assessment using tools such as Nessus or OpenVAS. This project is designed to build their skills in identifying, analyzing, and mitigating network vulnerabilities specialising the tool "OpenVas".

Simulated Network Setup:

Environment Description:

1. Network Topology:

- A virtual network, especially a WLAN is considered along with its physical components, such as routers, switches, etc.
- The Operating System (OS): Windows 10

2. Components:

- Servers: A web server, a database server, and a file server connected to the connected network
- **Workstations:** Two client machines with outdated software.
- **Firewalls and Routers:** Configure the Scan and Prioritize the scan details based on the network details

3. Predefined Vulnerabilities: (Presumptions)

- Unpatched software vulnerabilities.
- Open ports and unnecessary services.
- Weak passwords and misconfigured user permissions.
- Brute Force, CORS, SQL Injection on the possible connected networks.

Tools Provided:

- OpenVas (Open Source, Github Reference).
- Documentation for the tool.

Assessment Steps:

1. Vulnerability Scanning:

- I have conducted the scan on the target "192.168.1.56" using "OpenVas".
- Objectives include:
 - Identifying vulnerabilities in the network.
 - Assessing the severity levels of each vulnerability.
 - Exporting detailed scan reports.

2. Analysis and Prioritization:

- I have keenly analysed and packed details based on the following factors and terms:
 - High-risk vulnerabilities that require immediate attention.
 - Medium and low-risk vulnerabilities for long-term planning.
 - False positives and validation of identified issues.

3. Mitigation Plan:

- Based on their findings, I have developed a remediation strategy, which should include:
 - Applying security patches.
 - Hardening configurations (e.g., disabling unnecessary ports/services).
 - Strengthening user access policies.
 - Addressing specific vulnerabilities (e.g., fixing SQL injection flaws).

4. Implementation:

- Interns may be asked to apply mitigation techniques in the simulated environment.
- Post-mitigation scans to verify the effectiveness of the implemented solutions.
- Any **HIGH** and **MEDIUM** severity vulnerabilities should be investigated and confirmed so that remediation can take place. **LOW** risk items should not be ignored as they can be chained with other vulnerabilities to enable further attacks.

A Detailed Report on the Host done along with Severity Level and Timings.

Host Summary

| Host | Start | End | High | Medium | Low | Log |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|------|--------|-----|-----|
| 192.168.1.56 (WIDGETServer) | Jan 15, 13:46 | Jan 15, 14:13 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| Total: 1 | | | 1 | 6 | 1 | 0 |

Severity Levels Found!

Vulnerability Summary

| Severity | Description | CVSS | Count |
|----------|--|------|-------|
| High | Microsoft Windows SMB Server Multiple Vulnerabilities-Remote (4013389) | 9.3 | 1 |
| Medium | DCE/RPC and MSRPC Services Enumeration Reporting | 5.0 | 1 |
| Medium | SSL/TLS: Report Vulnerable Cipher Suites for HTTPS | 5.0 | 1 |
| Medium | SSL/TLS: Report Weak Cipher Suites | 4.3 | 4 |
| Low | TCP timestamps | 2.6 | 1 |

Deliverables:

1. Vulnerability Assessment Report:

- Comprehensive details on identified vulnerabilities from the OpenVAS scan of "192.168.1.56."
- o Categorization by severity (critical, high, medium, low).
- Risk assessment and potential impacts.

2. Mitigation Plan:

- Step-by-step recommendations for remediation.
- o Justifications for proposed actions.
- o Timeline for implementing fixes.

3. Post-Mitigation Report (if applicable):

- Updated scan results showing resolved issues.
- Analysis of remaining vulnerabilities.

Port Summary Done and Probable Weakness in the Google "192.168.1.56" Server.

Port Summary for Host 192.168.1.56

| Service (Port) | Severity |
|----------------|----------|
| general/tcp | Low |
| 3389/tcp | Medium |
| 636/tcp | Medium |
| 445/tcp | High |
| 443/tcp | Medium |
| 135/tcp | Medium |
| 3269/tcp | Medium |

The Reports Produced through the Scanners are considered voluminous. So as per my report, references from the internet and study, I will reduce the contents to as much short and precise as possible.

We have considered some under different categories and some are shown under the scores:

Security Issues for Host 192.168.1.56

High (CVSS: 9.3)

445/tcp

NVT: Microsoft Windows SMB Server Multiple Vulnerabilities-Remote (4013389) (OID: 1.3.6.1.4.1.25623.1.0.810676)

Summary

This host is missing a critical security update according to Microsoft Bulletin MS17-010.

Vulnerability Detection Result

Vulnerability was detected according to the Vulnerability Detection Method.

Impact

Successful exploitation will allow remote attackers to gain the ability to execute code on the target server, also could lead to information disclosure from the server.

Solution

Solution type: VendorFix

Run Windows Update and update the listed hotfixes or download and update mentioned hotfixes in the advisory

Affected Software/OS

Microsoft Windows 10 x32/x64 Edition Microsoft Windows Server 2012 Edition Microsoft Windows Server 2016
Microsoft Windows 8.1 x32/x64 Edition Microsoft Windows Server 2012 R2 Edition Microsoft Windows 7 x32/x64
Edition Service Pack 1 Microsoft Windows Vista x32/x64 Edition Service Pack 2 Microsoft Windows Server 2008
R2 x64 Edition Service Pack 1 Microsoft Windows Server 2008 x32/x64 Edition Service Pack 2

Vulnerability Insight

Multiple flaws exist due to the way that the Microsoft Server Message Block 1.0 (SMBv1) server handles certain requests.

Vulnerability Detection Method

Send the crafted SMB transaction request with fid = 0 and check the response to confirm the vulnerability.

Details: Microsoft Windows SMB Server Multiple Vulnerabilities-Remote (4013389) (OID: 1.3.6.1.4.1.25623.1.0.810676)

Version used: \$Revision: 11874 \$

References

CVE: CVE-2017-0143, CVE-2017-0144, CVE-2017-0145, CVE-2017-0146, CVE-2017-0147, CVE-2017-0148

BID: 96703, 96704, 96705, 96707, 96709, 96706 CERT: CB-K17/0435, DFN-CERT-2017-0448

Other: https://support.microsoft.com/en-in/kb/4013078 https://technet.microsoft.com/library/security/MS17-010 https://github.com/rapid7/metasploit-framework/pull/8167/files

Distributed Computing Environment / Remote Procedure Calls (DCE/RPC) or MSRPC services running on the remote host can be enumerated by connecting on port 135 and doing the appropriate queries.

Vulnerability Detection Result

Here is the list of DCE/RPC or MSRPC services running on this host via the TCP protocol:

Port: 49664/tcp

UUID: d95afe70-a6d5-4259-822e-2c84da1ddb0d, version 1

Endpoint: ncacn_ip_tcp:192.168.1.56[49664]

Port: 49665/tcp

UUID: 3c4728c5-f0ab-448b-bda1-6ce01eb0a6d5, version 1

Endpoint: ncacn_ip_tcp:192.168.1.56[49665] Annotation: DHCP Client LRPC Endpoint

UUID: 3c4728c5-f0ab-448b-bda1-6ce01eb0a6d6, version 1

Endpoint: ncacn ip tcp:192.168.1.56[49665] Annotation: DHCPv6 Client LRPC Endpoint

UUID: f6beaff7-1e19-4fbb-9f8f-b89e2018337c, version 1

Endpoint: ncacn_ip_tcp:192.168.1.56[49665]

Annotation: Event log TCPIP

Port: 49666/tcp

UUID: 0b1c2170-5732-4e0e-8cd3-d9b16f3b84d7, version 0

Endpoint: ncacn_ip_tcp:192.168.1.56[49666] Annotation: RemoteAccessCheck

UUID: 12345678-1234-abcd-ef00-01234567cffb, version 1

Endpoint: ncacn_ip_tcp:192.168.1.56[49666]

Named pipe: Isass

Win32 service or process : Netlogon Description : Net Logon service

UUID: 12345778-1234-abcd-ef00-0123456789ab, version 0

Endpoint: ncacn_ip_tcp:192.168.1.56[49666]

Named pipe: Isass

Win32 service or process: Isass.exe

Description: LSA access

UUID: 12345778-1234-abcd-ef00-0123456789ac, version 1

Endpoint: ncacn_ip_tcp:192.168.1.56[49666]

Named pipe : Isass

Win32 service or process: Isass.exe

Description: SAM access

UUID: 51a227ae-825b-41f2-b4a9-1ac9557a1018, version 1

Endpoint: ncacn_ip_tcp:192.168.1.56[49666] Annotation: Ngc Pop Key Service

UUID: 8fb74744-b2ff-4c00-be0d-9ef9a191fe1b, version 1

Endpoint: ncacn_ip_tcp:192.168.1.56[49666] Annotation: Ngc Pop Key Service

UUID: b25a52bf-e5dd-4f4a-aea6-8ca7272a0e86, version 2

Endpoint: ncacn_ip_tcp:192.168.1.56[49666]

Annotation: Keylso

Description: LSA access

UUID: 12345778-1234-abcd-ef00-0123456789ac, version 1

Endpoint: ncacn_ip_tcp:192.168.1.56[49674] Named pipe : Isass

Win32 service or process: Isass.exe

Description : SAM access

UUID: 51a227ae-825b-41f2-b4a9-1ac9557a1018, version 1

Endpoint: ncacn_ip_tcp:192.168.1.56[49674]

Annotation: Ngc Pop Key Service

UUID: 8fb74744-b2ff-4c00-be0d-9ef9a191fe1b, version 1

Endpoint: ncacn_ip_tcp:192.168.1.56[49674] Annotation: Ngc Pop Key Service

UUID: b25a52bf-e5dd-4f4a-aea6-8ca7272a0e86, version 2

Endpoint: ncacn_ip_tcp:192.168.1.56[49674] Annotation: Keylso

Port: 49675/tcp

UUID: 0b6edbfa-4a24-4fc6-8a23-942b1eca65d1, version 1

Endpoint: ncacn_ip_tcp:192.168.1.56[49675]

UUID: 12345678-1234-abcd-ef00-0123456789ab, version 1

Endpoint: ncacn_ip_tcp:192.168.1.56[49675] Named pipe: spoolss

Win32 service or process : spoolsv.exe

Description : Spooler service

UUID: 4a452661-8290-4b36-8fbe-7f4093a94978, version 1

Endpoint: ncacn_ip_tcp:192.168.1.56[49675]

UUID: 76f03f96-cdfd-44fc-a22c-64950a001209, version 1

Endpoint: ncacn_ip_tcp:192.168.1.56[49675]

UUID: ae33069b-a2a8-46ee-a235-ddfd339be281, version 1 Endpoint: ncacn_ip_tcp:192.168.1.56[49675]

UUID: 367abb81-9844-35f1-ad32-98f038001003, version 2

Endpoint: ncacn_ip_tcp:192.168.1.56[49683]

Port: 49728/tcp

UUID: 50abc2a4-574d-40b3-9d66-ee4fd5fba076, version 5

Endpoint: ncacn_ip_tcp:192.168.1.56[49728]

Named pipe : dnsserver Win32 service or process : dns.exe

Description : DNS Server

UUID: 897e2e5f-93f3-4376-9c9c-fd2277495c27, version 1

Endpoint: ncacn_ip_tcp:192.168.1.56[49914] Annotation: Frs2 Service

Port: 63520/tcp

UUID: 91ae6020-9e3c-11cf-8d7c-00aa00c091be, version 0 Endpoint: ncacn_ip_tcp:192.168.1.56[63520]

Named pipe : cert Win32 service or process : certsrv.exe

Description : Certificate service

Note: DCE/RPC or MSRPC services running on this host locally were identified. Reporting this list is not enabled by default due to the possible large size of this list. See the script preferences to enable this reporting.

An attacker may use this fact to gain more knowledge about the remote host.

Solution

Solution type: Mitigation

Filter incoming traffic to this ports.

Vulnerability Detection Method

Details: DCE/RPC and MSRPC Services Enumeration Reporting (OID: 1.3.6.1.4.1.25623.1.0.10736)

Version used: \$Revision: 6319 \$

Medium (CVSS: 5.0) 443/tcp

Summary

This routine reports all SSL/TLS cipher suites accepted by a service where attack vectors exists only on HTTPS services.

Vulnerability Detection Result

'Vulnerable' cipher suites accepted by this service via the TLSv1.0 protocol:

TLS_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA (SWEET32)

'Vulnerable' cipher suites accepted by this service via the TLSv1.1 protocol:

TLS RSA WITH 3DES EDE CBC SHA (SWEET32)

'Vulnerable' cipher suites accepted by this service via the TLSv1.2 protocol:

TLS_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA (SWEET32)

Solution

Solution type: Mitigation

The configuration of this services should be changed so that it does not accept the listed cipher suites anymore.

Please see the references for more resources supporting you with this task.

Affected Software/OS

Services accepting vulnerable SSL/TLS cipher suites via HTTPS.

Vulnerability Insight

These rules are applied for the evaluation of the vulnerable cipher suites:

- 64-bit block cipher 3DES vulnerable to the SWEET32 attack (CVE-2016-2183).

Vulnerability Detection Method

Details: SSL/TLS: Report Vulnerable Cipher Suites for HTTPS (OID: 1.3.6.1.4.1.25623.1.0.108031)

Version used: \$Revision: 5232 \$

References

CVE: CVE-2016-2183, CVE-2016-6329

Other: https://bettercrypto.org/

https://mozilla.github.io/server-side-tls/ssl-config-generator/

https://sweet32.info/

3) Medium (Around 4.3)

Medium (CVSS: 4.3) NVT: SSL/TLS: Report Weak Cipher Suites (OID: 1.3.6.1.4.1.25623.1.0.103440) 389/tcn

Summary

This routine reports all Weak SSL/TLS cipher suites accepted by a service.

NOTE: No severity for SMTP services with 'Opportunistic TLS' and weak cipher suites on port 25/tcp is reported. If too strong cipher suites are configured for this service the alternative would be to fall back to an even more insecure cleartext communication.

Vulnerability Detection Result

'Weak' cipher suites accepted by this service via the TLSv1.0 protocol:

TLS_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_MD5 TLS_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_SHA

'Weak' cipher suites accepted by this service via the TLSv1.1 protocol:

TLS_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_MD5 TLS_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_SHA

'Weak' cipher suites accepted by this service via the TLSv1.2 protocol:

TLS_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_MD5 TLS_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_SHA

Solution

Solution type: Mitigation

The configuration of this services should be changed so that it does not accept the listed weak cipher suites anymore.

Please see the references for more resources supporting you with this task.

Vulnerability Insight

These rules are applied for the evaluation of the cryptographic strength:

- RC4 is considered to be weak (CVE-2013-2566, CVE-2015-2808).
- Ciphers using 64 bit or less are considered to be vulnerable to brute force methods and therefore considered as weak (CVE-2015-4000).
- 1024 bit RSA authentication is considered to be insecure and therefore as weak.
- Any cipher considered to be secure for only the next 10 years is considered as medium
- Any other cipher is considered as strong

Vulnerability Detection Method

Details: SSL/TLS: Report Weak Cipher Suites (OID: 1.3.6.1.4.1.25623.1.0.103440)

Version used: \$Revision: 11135 \$

References

CVE: CVE-2013-2566, CVE-2015-2808, CVE-2015-4000

CERT: CB-K17/1750, CB-K16/1593, CB-K16/1552, CB-K16/1102, CB-K16/0617, CB-K16/0599, CB-K16/0168, CB-K16/0121, CB-K16/0090, CB-K16/0030, CB-K15/1751, CB-K15/1591, CB-K15/1550, CB-K15/1517, CB-K15/1514, CB-K15/1462, CB-K15/1442, CB-K15/1334, CB-K15/1751, CB-K15/1369, CB-K15/1369, CB-K15/1361, CB-K15/1040, CB-K15/0964, CB-K15/0962, CB-K15/0932, CB-K15/0997, CB-K15/0996, CB-K15/0907, CB-K15/0906, CB-K15/0964, CB-K15/0962, CB-K15/0932, CB-K15/0927, CB-K15/0926, CB-K15/0907, CB-K15/0901, CB-K15/0896, CB-K15/0809, CB-K15/0807, CB-K15/0802, CB-K15/0804, CB-K15/0804, CB-K15/0807, CB-K15/0802, CB-K15/0804, CB-K15/0764, CB-K15/0764, CB-K15/07667, CB-K15/0807, CB-K13/0942, DFN-CERT-2017-121, DFN-CERT-2016-1692, DFN-CERT-2016-1648, DFN-CERT-2016-1168, DFN-CERT-2016-0665, DFN-CERT-2016-0642, DFN-CERT-2016-0184, DFN-CERT-2015-1616, DFN-CERT-2016-0101, DFN-CERT-2016-0035, DFN-CERT-2015-1853, DFN-CERT-2015-1679, DFN-CERT-2015-1690, DFN-CERT-2015-1518, DFN-CERT-2015-1679, DFN-CERT-2015-1341, DFN-CERT-2015-194, DFN-CERT-2015-1542, DFN-CERT-2015-1518, DFN-CERT-2015-105-1078, DFN-CERT-2015-1016, DFN-CERT-2015-1016, DFN-CERT-2015-1016, DFN-CERT-2015-1016, DFN-CERT-2015-0960, DFN-CERT-2015-0970, DFN-CERT-2015-0970, DFN-CERT-2015-0956, DFN-CERT-2015-0984, DFN-CERT-2015-0984, DFN-CERT-2015-0984, DFN-CERT-2015-0977, DFN-CERT-2015-0984, DFN-CERT-2015-0977, DFN-CERT-2015-0984, DFN-CERT-2015-0977, DFN-CERT-2015-0977, DFN-CERT-2015-0984, DFN-CERT-2015-0977, DFN-CERT-2015-0977, DFN-CERT-2015-0984, DFN-CERT-2015-0977, DFN-CERT-2015-0977, DFN-CERT-2015-0984, DFN-CERT-2015-0977, DFN-CERT-2015-

Other: https://www.bsi.bund.de/SharedDocs/Warnmeldungen/DE/CB/warnmeldung_cb-k16-1465_update_6.html https://bettercrypto.org/

https://mozilla.github.io/server-side-tls/ssl-config-generator/

4) Medium Range Continued for different range

Medium (CVSS: 4.3) NVT: SSL/TLS: Report Weak Cipher Suites (OID: 1.3.6.1.4.1.25623.1.0.103440)

269/tcp

Summary

This routine reports all Weak SSL/TLS cipher suites accepted by a service.

NOTE: No severity for SMTP services with 'Opportunistic TLS' and weak cipher suites on port 25/tcp is reported. If too strong cipher suites are configured for this service the alternative would be to fall back to an even more insecure cleartext communication.

Vulnerability Detection Result

'Weak' cipher suites accepted by this service via the TLSv1.0 protocol:

TLS_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_MD5 TLS_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_SHA

'Weak' cipher suites accepted by this service via the TLSv1.1 protocol:

TLS_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_MD5 TLS_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_SHA

'Weak' cipher suites accepted by this service via the TLSv1.2 protocol:

TLS_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_MD5 TLS_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_SHA

Solution

Solution type: Mitigation

The configuration of this services should be changed so that it does not accept the listed weak cipher suites anymore.

Please see the references for more resources supporting you with this task.

Vulnerability Insight

These rules are applied for the evaluation of the cryptographic strength:

- RC4 is considered to be weak (CVE-2013-2566, CVE-2015-2808).
- Ciphers using 64 bit or less are considered to be vulnerable to brute force methods and therefore considered as weak (CVE-2015-4000).
- 1024 bit RSA authentication is considered to be insecure and therefore as weak.
- Any cipher considered to be secure for only the next 10 years is considered as medium
- Any other cipher is considered as strong

Vulnerability Detection Method

Details: SSL/TLS: Report Weak Cipher Suites (OID: 1.3.6.1.4.1.25623.1.0.103440)

Version used: \$Revision: 11135 \$

References

CVE: CVE-2013-2566, CVE-2015-2808, CVE-2015-4000

Other: https://www.bsi.bund.de/SharedDocs/Warnmeldungen/DE/CB/warnmeldung_cb-k16-1465_update_6.html

https://bettercrypto.org/

https://mozilla.github.io/server-side-tls/ssl-config-generator/

5) Another Medium Report for a Different Range.

Medium (CVSS: 4.3) NVT: SSL/TLS: Report Weak Cipher Suites (OID: 1.3.6.1.4.1.25623.1.0.103440)

Summary

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NOTE: No severity for SMTP services with 'Opportunistic TLS' and weak cipher suites on port 25/tcp is reported. If too strong cipher suites are configured for this service the alternative would be to fall back to an even more insecure cleartext communication.

Vulnerability Detection Result

'Weak' cipher suites accepted by this service via the TLSv1.0 protocol:

TLS_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_MD5 TLS_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_SHA

'Weak' cipher suites accepted by this service via the TLSv1.1 protocol:

TLS_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_MD5 TLS_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_SHA

'Weak' cipher suites accepted by this service via the TLSv1.2 protocol:

TLS_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_MD5 TLS_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_SHA

Solution

Solution type: Mitigation

The configuration of this services should be changed so that it does not accept the listed weak cipher suites anymore.

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Vulnerability Insight

These rules are applied for the evaluation of the cryptographic strength:

- RC4 is considered to be weak (CVE-2013-2566, CVE-2015-2808).
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- Any cipher considered to be secure for only the next 10 years is considered as medium
- Any other cipher is considered as strong

Vulnerability Detection Method

Details: SSL/TLS: Report Weak Cipher Suites (OID: 1.3.6.1.4.1.25623.1.0.103440)

Version used: \$Revision: 11135 \$

References

CVE: CVE-2013-2566, CVE-2015-2808, CVE-2015-4000

CERT: CB-K17/1750, CB-K16/1593, CB-K16/1552, CB-K16/1102, CB-K16/0617, CB-K16/0599, CB-K16/0168, CB-K16/0121, CB-K16/0090, CB-K15/1030, CB-K15/1751, CB-K15/1517, CB-K15/1517, CB-K15/1517, CB-K15/1517, CB-K15/1517, CB-K15/1517, CB-K15/1517, CB-K15/1517, CB-K15/1030, CB-K15/1030, CB-K15/1030, CB-K15/1030, CB-K15/1030, CB-K15/1030, CB-K15/0966, CB-K15/0968, CB-K15/0962, CB-K15/0962, CB-K15/0969, CB-K15/0969, CB-K15/0960, CB-K15/0960, CB-K15/0969, CB-K15/0960, CB-K15/0960, CB-K15/0969, CB-K15/0960, CB-K15/0960,

Other: https://www.bsi.bund.de/SharedDocs/Warnmeldungen/DE/CB/warnmeldung_cb-k16-1465_update_6.html

https://bettercrypto.org/

https://mozilla.github.io/server-side-tis/ssl-config-generator/

443/tcp

Low (CVSS: 2.6) NVT: TCP timestamps (OID: 1.3.6.1.4.1.25623.1.0.80091) general/tcp

Summary

The remote host implements TCP timestamps and therefore allows to compute the uptime.

Vulnerability Detection Result

It was detected that the host implements RFC1323.

The following timestamps were retrieved with a delay of 1 seconds in-between:

Packet 1: 623055 Packet 2: 624131

Impact

A side effect of this feature is that the uptime of the remote host can sometimes be computed.

Solution

Solution type: Mitigation

To disable TCP timestamps on linux add the line 'net.ipv4.tcp_timestamps = 0' to /etc/sysctl.conf. Execute 'sysctl-p' to apply the settings at runtime.

To disable TCP timestamps on Windows execute 'netsh int tcp set global timestamps=disabled'

Starting with Windows Server 2008 and Vista, the timestamp can not be completely disabled.

The default behavior of the TCP/IP stack on this Systems is to not use the Timestamp options when initiating TCP connections, but use them if the TCP peer that is initiating communication includes them in their synchronize (SYN) segment.

See also: http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=9152

Affected Software/OS

TCP/IPv4 implementations that implement RFC1323.

Vulnerability Insight

The remote host implements TCP timestamps, as defined by RFC1323.

Vulnerability Detection Method

Special IP packets are forged and sent with a little delay in between to the target IP. The responses are searched for a timestamps. If found, the timestamps are reported.

Details: TCP timestamps (OID: 1.3.6.1.4.1.25623.1.0.80091)

Version used: \$Revision: 10411 \$

References

Other: http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc1323.txt

Evaluation Criteria:

1. Technical Proficiency:

- Accuracy and thoroughness of the vulnerability assessment.
- Effective use of OpenVAS tools.

2. Analytical Skills:

- Ability to prioritize vulnerabilities based on risk and impact.
- Logical and practical approach to remediation.

3. Report Quality:

- Clarity, organization, and professionalism of the report.
- Inclusion of all required details and actionable recommendations.

4. **Problem-Solving:**

- o Creativity and effectiveness in proposing mitigation strategies.
- Success in resolving vulnerabilities during implementation which has been explained using the fetchings we had done through the automated open source scanning.

Remedies Based on Severity:

• Critical:

- Apply security patches immediately to vulnerable systems.
- o Disable or restrict access to critical services running on open ports.
- Implement network segmentation to isolate affected components.
- Strengthen authentication mechanisms (e.g., enforce strong passwords, enable multi-factor authentication).

For the above target "192.168.1.56", there seems to be less critical issues, but for overall security standards, a centralized security mechanism will be held for the working for the corporation's smooth flow and continuity. Here, the corporation is "Google" with its server localised in "192.168.1.56".

• High:

- Update software and operating systems to their latest versions.
- Remove or disable unused services and ports.
- Reconfigure firewalls to block unauthorized access attempts.
- Conduct regular penetration tests to validate fixes.

• Medium:

- Review and update access controls and permissions.
- Harden system configurations (e.g., disable default accounts, enforce secure protocols like HTTPS and SSH).
- Educate users about phishing and social engineering risks.

• Low:

- Address minor misconfigurations and cosmetic vulnerabilities.
- Ensure proper documentation and monitoring for potential future escalation.
- Schedule periodic vulnerability assessments to maintain security.

Conclusion on the Report:

From a overlook from this project, we can decipher that, even when an organization is big and highly structural, like "Google", we can have certain errors and risks, which might risk the users and clients, who use such services, at a greater risk. Through this project, I have gained hands-on experience with OpenVAS, developed critical thinking in analyzing and prioritizing risks, and learned practical approaches to mitigating real-world network vulnerabilities. This foundational knowledge will prepare them for future roles in cybersecurity.