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AIM:

A medium-sized enterprise is concerned about the security posture of its internal network after a recent breach. The IT security team uses OpenVAS to conduct a comprehensive vulnerability assessment of the network's servers and devices to identify exploitable vulnerabilities. Perform a vulnerability scan on a network using OpenVAS and analyse the results to identify and mitigate potential security risks.

THEORY:

OpenVAS is an open-source vulnerability scanning and management tool that helps to identify security issues like misconfigurations, outdated software, and weak passwords that could be exploited by attackers. OpenVAS is widely used by security professionals to assess and improve the security posture of their networks and is known for its effectiveness and flexibility.

Working of OpenVAS

OpenVAS consists of a server and various client-side tools for scanning and reporting. It uses a regularly updated database of known vulnerabilities and checks systems against these to detect potential weaknesses. The tool performs a comprehensive scan of the specified targets, identifying potential vulnerabilities such as outdated software, misconfigurations, and weak passwords and generates comprehensive reports detailing the identified vulnerabilities and provide recommendations for remediation.

A vulnerability assessment tool works in the following way as follows.

1. Classifies the system resources.
2. Allocates the enumerable values to the classified resources.
3. Detects the possible threats (vulnerabilities) in each resource.
4. Eliminates the vulnerabilities on a priority basis.

Components of OpenVAS architecture

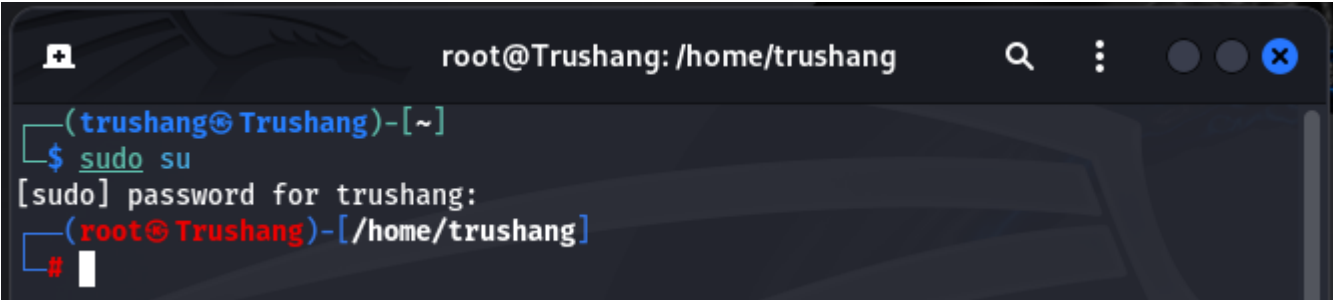
- **OpenVAS Scanner:**
 - The primary engine that performs the actual scanning of target systems. It uses Network Vulnerability Tests (NVTs) to detect security vulnerabilities.
- **OpenVAS Manager:**
 - Manages scan configurations, schedules, and stores scan results. It acts as an intermediary between the scanner and the user interfaces, handling scan requests and processing results.

- **Green bone Security Assistant (GSA):**
 - A web-based graphical user interface (GUI) that allows users to manage scans, configure settings, and view scan results. It provides an easy-to-use platform for interacting with OpenVAS.
- **OpenVAS CLI:**
 - A command-line interface for users who prefer scripting and command-line operations. It enables management of scans, targets, and results through commands and scripts.
- **Green bone Security Feed (GSF):**
 - A continuously updated feed that provides the latest Network Vulnerability Tests (NVTs) and security information. It ensures OpenVAS can detect the most recent vulnerabilities.
- **OpenVAS Libraries:**
 - These libraries provide essential functionalities required by the scanner and manager, such as network communication, data storage, and cryptographic operations.
- **Database:**
 - The database stores scan results, configurations, and other essential data. It ensures data persistence and retrieval for analysis and reporting purposes.

CODE:

- `sudo su`
- `apt update && apt upgrade`
- `apt-get update --fix-missing`
- `apt install gvm`
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OUTPUT:



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root@Trushang: /home/trushang
(trushang@Trushang)-[~]
$ sudo su
[sudo] password for trushang:
(root@Trushang)-[/home/trushang]
#
```

Figure 1: Gain root access

```

root@Trushang: /home/trushang

(root@Trushang)-[/home/trushang]
# apt install gvm
The following packages were automatically installed and are no longer required:
chrome-gnome-shell libconfig+9v5 libgles-dev libjim0.82t64 libtag1v5 python3-pathspect
firebird3.0-common libconfig9 libgles1 libjsoncpp25 libtag1v5-vanilla python3-pluggy
firebird3.0-common-doc libdbus-glib-1-2 libglusterfs0 libb2crypt07t64 libusbmuxd6 python3-setuptools-scm
fonts-liberation2 libdirectfb-1.7-7t64 libglvnd-core-dev libb2crypt07t64 libwebRTC-audio-processing1 python3-trove-classifiers
freerdp2-x11 libegl-dev libglvnd-dev libmozjs-115-0t64 libwinpr2-2t64 python3.11
ibverbs-providers libfnt9 libglvnd-dev libmozjs-115-0t64 libzip4t64 python3.11-dev
libarmadillo12 libfreerdp-client2-2t64 libgtksourceview-3.0-1 libperl5.38t64 openjdk-17-jre python3.11-minimal
libassuan0 libfreerdp2-2t64 libgtksourceview-3.0-common libplacebo338 openjdk-17-jre-headless rwho
libavfilter9 libfwup2 libgtksourceviewmm-3.0-0v5 libplist3 openjdk-23-jre python3.11-minimal
libbfi0 libgdal34t64 libgumbo2 libpoppler134 openjdk-23-jre-headless rwho
libblosc2-3 libgeos3.12.2 libhdf5-103-1t64 libpostproc57 perl-modules-5.38 samba-vfs-modules
libboost-iostreams1.83.0 libgfat10 libhdf5-hl-100t64 libpython3.11-dev python3-appdirs python3-hatch-vcs
libboost-thread1.83.0 libgfrpc0 libibverbs1 librados2 python3-hatch-vcs python3-hatchling
libcapstone4 libgfdx0 libimobiledevice6 librdmacm1t64 python3-hatchling python3-lib2to3
libcephfs2 libgl1-mesa-dev libiniarser1 libsuperlu6 python3-lib2to3

Use 'sudo apt autoremove' to remove them.

Upgrading:
libldb2 python3-bitstruct python3-fonttools python3-msgpack python3-pycases python3-snappy python3-yarl
libnewt0.52 python3-bottleneck python3-frozenset python3-multidict python3-pycurl python3-sqlalchemy python3-zope.interface
libpython3-dev python3-brotli python3-gdal python3-mysqldb python3-pydantic python3-sqlalchemy-ext python3-zstandard
libpython3-stdlib python3-brotli python3-gdal python3-mysqldb python3-pygame python3-tables python3-samba-common
libsmclient0 python3-cairo python3-gi python3-netifaces python3-pygraphviz python3-tables-lib samba-common
libtalloc2 python3-cbor python3-gpg python3-newt python3-pymssql python3-talloc python3-tables-lib samba-common-bin
libtdb1 python3-cffi python3-greenlet python3-numexpr python3-pyqt5.sip python3-tdb python3-tables-lib samba-libs

```

Figure 2: Install gvm in your system

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root@Trushang: /home/trushang

(root@Trushang)-[/home/trushang]
# apt install openvas
Note, selecting 'gvm' instead of 'openvas'
gvm is already the newest version (24.11.1).
The following packages were automatically installed and are no longer required:
chrome-gnome-shell libconfig+9v5 libgles-dev libjim0.82t64 libtag1v5 python3-pathspect
firebird3.0-common libconfig9 libgles1 libjsoncpp25 libtag1v5-vanilla python3-pluggy
firebird3.0-common-doc libdbus-glib-1-2 libglusterfs0 libb2crypt07t64 libusbmuxd6 python3-setuptools-scm
fonts-liberation2 libdirectfb-1.7-7t64 libglvnd-core-dev libb2crypt07t64 libwebRTC-audio-processing1 python3-trove-classifiers
freerdp2-x11 libegl-dev libglvnd-dev libmozjs-115-0t64 libwinpr2-2t64 python3.11
ibverbs-providers libfnt9 libglvnd-dev libmozjs-115-0t64 libzip4t64 python3.11-dev
libarmadillo12 libfreerdp-client2-2t64 libgtksourceview-3.0-1 libperl5.38t64 openjdk-17-jre python3.11-minimal
libassuan0 libfreerdp2-2t64 libgtksourceview-3.0-common libplacebo338 openjdk-17-jre-headless rwho
libavfilter9 libfwup2 libgtksourceviewmm-3.0-0v5 libplist3 openjdk-23-jre python3.11-minimal
libbfi0 libgdal34t64 libgumbo2 libpoppler134 openjdk-23-jre-headless rwho
libblosc2-3 libgeos3.12.2 libhdf5-103-1t64 libpostproc57 perl-modules-5.38 samba-vfs-modules
libboost-iostreams1.83.0 libgfat10 libhdf5-hl-100t64 libpython3.11-dev python3-appdirs python3-hatch-vcs
libboost-thread1.83.0 libgfrpc0 libibverbs1 librados2 python3-hatch-vcs python3-hatchling
libcapstone4 libgfdx0 libimobiledevice6 librdmacm1t64 python3-hatchling python3-lib2to3
libcephfs2 libgl1-mesa-dev libiniarser1 libsuperlu6 python3-lib2to3

Use 'sudo apt autoremove' to remove them.

Summary:
Upgrading: 0, Installing: 0, Removing: 0, Not Upgrading: 93
1 not fully installed or removed.
Space needed: 0 B / 37.9 GB available

Continue? [Y/n] Y

```

Figure 3: Install OpenVAS in your system

```

(root@Trushang)-[/home/trushang]
# gvm-setup

[>] Starting PostgreSQL service
[-] ERROR: The default PostgreSQL version (16) is not 17 that is required by libgvm
[-] ERROR: libgvm needs PostgreSQL 17 to use the port 5432
[-] ERROR: Use pg_upgradecluster to update your PostgreSQL cluster

```

Figure 4: We have to change the port of PostgreSQL

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(root@Trushang)~[/home/trushang]
# pg_dropcluster 16
Usage: /usr/bin/pg_dropcluster [--stop] <version> <cluster>

(root@Trushang)~[/home/trushang]
# pg_dropcluster --stop 16 main

(root@Trushang)~[/home/trushang]
# pg_dropcluster --stop 17 main

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# l
Desktop/ Documents/ Downloads/ Music/ Pictures/ Public/ Templates/ Videos/

(root@Trushang)~[/home/trushang]
# pg_lsclusters
Ver Cluster Port Status Owner Data directory Log file

(root@Trushang)~[/home/trushang]
# pg_createcluster --start 17 main
Creating new PostgreSQL cluster 17/main ...
/usr/lib/postgresql/17/bin/initdb -D /var/lib/postgresql/17/main --auth-local peer --auth-host scram-sha-256 --no-instructions
The files belonging to this database system will be owned by user "postgres".
This user must also own the server process.

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Figure 5: Delete PostgreSQL 16 and 17 and then create 17 main cluster

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(root@Trushang)~[/home/trushang]
# gvm-setup

[>] Starting PostgreSQL service
[>] Creating GVM's certificate files
[>] Creating PostgreSQL database
[*] Creating database user
[*] Creating database
[*] Creating permissions
CREATE ROLE
[*] Applying permissions
GRANT ROLE
[*] Creating extension uuid-oss
CREATE EXTENSION
[*] Creating extension pgcrypto
CREATE EXTENSION
[*] Creating extension pg-gvm
CREATE EXTENSION

```

Figure 6: Start GVM setup

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root@Trushang: /home/trushang

(root@Trushang)~[/home/trushang]
# gvm-feed-update
[>] This script is now deprecated
[>] Please use 'sudo greenbone-feed-sync' instead

(root@Trushang)~[/home/trushang]
# greenbone-feed-sync
Running as root. Switching to user 'gvm' and group 'gvm'.
Trying to acquire lock on /var/lib/openvas/feed-update.lock
Acquired lock on /var/lib/openvas/feed-update.lock
: Downloading Notus files from rsync://feed.community.greenbone.net/community/vulnerability-feed/22.04/vt-data/notus/ to /var/lib/notus
: Downloading NASL files from rsync://feed.community.greenbone.net/community/vulnerability-feed/22.04/vt-data/nasl/ to /var/lib/openvas/plugins
Releasing lock on /var/lib/openvas/feed-update.lock

Trying to acquire lock on /var/lib/gvm/feed-update.lock
Acquired lock on /var/lib/gvm/feed-update.lock
: Downloading SCAP data from rsync://feed.community.greenbone.net/community/vulnerability-feed/22.04/scap-data/ to /var/lib/gvm/scap-data
: Downloading CERT-Bund data from rsync://feed.community.greenbone.net/community/vulnerability-feed/22.04/cert-data/ to /var/lib/gvm/cert-data
: Downloading gvm data from rsync://feed.community.greenbone.net/community/data-feed/22.04/ to /var/lib/gvm/data-objects/gvmd/22.04
Releasing lock on /var/lib/gvm/feed-update.lock

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Figure 7: Sync NVT, SCAP, CERT, GVMD_DATA



Figure 8: Start GVM

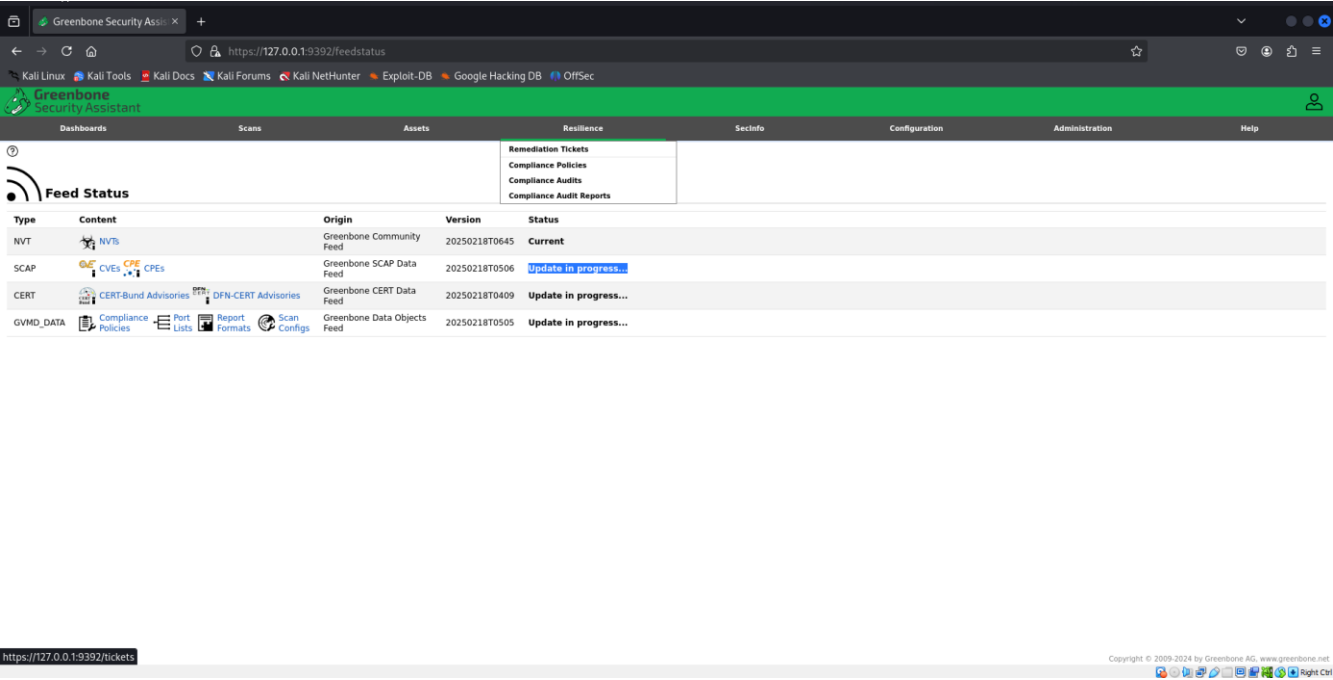


Figure 9: Check feed status

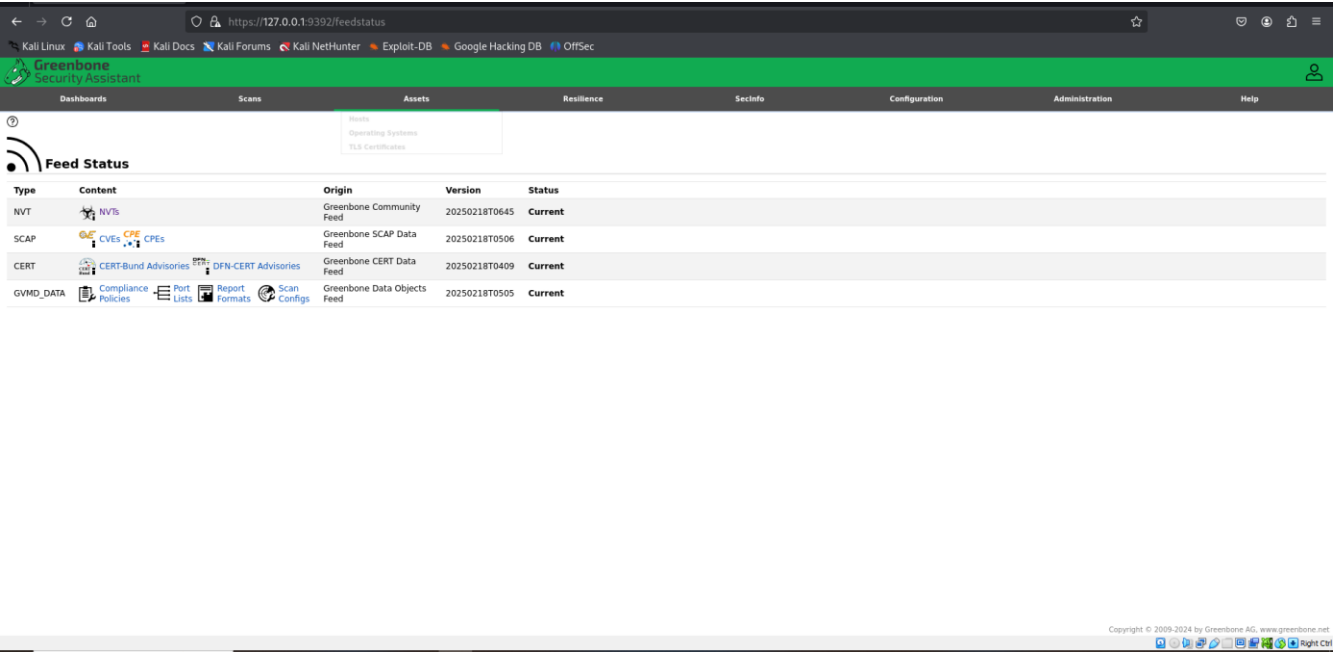


Figure 10: Feed status is now current

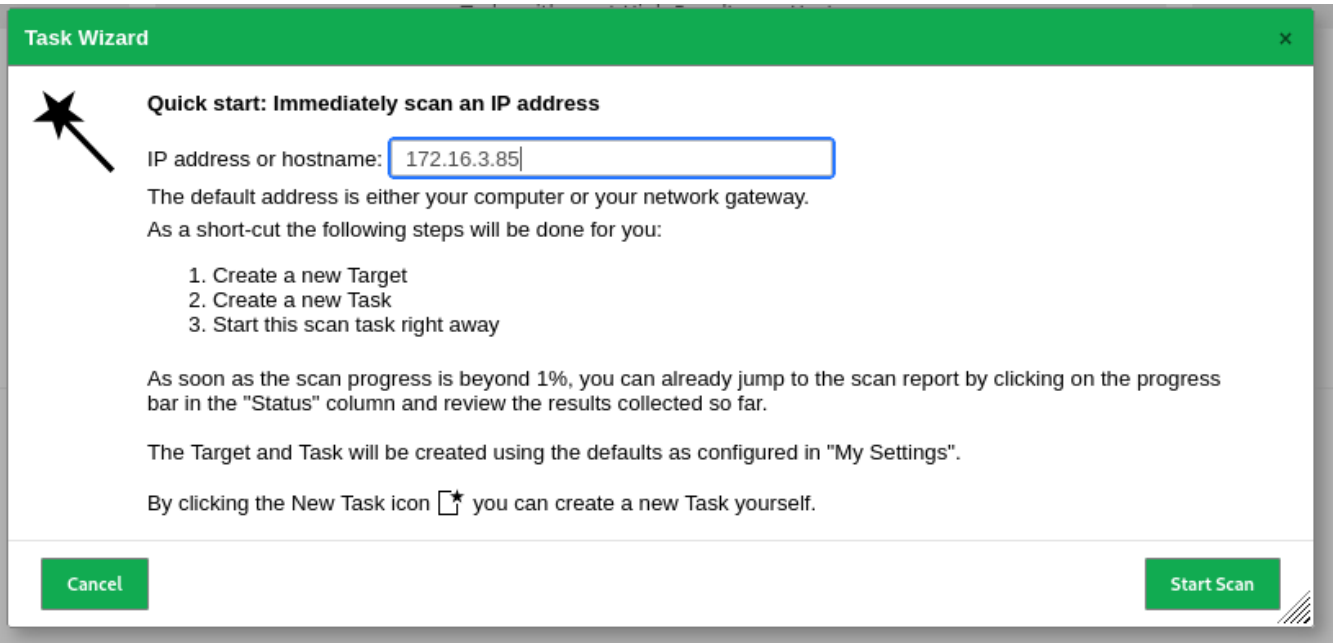


Figure 11: Write IP address for scan

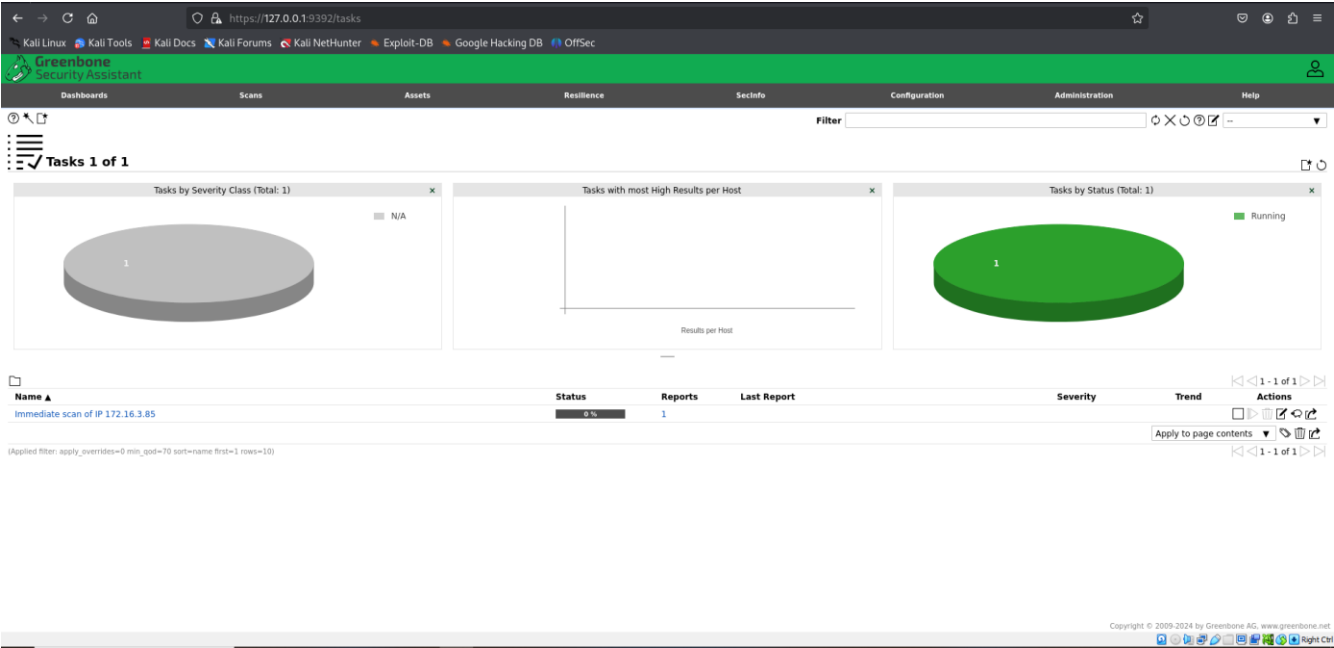
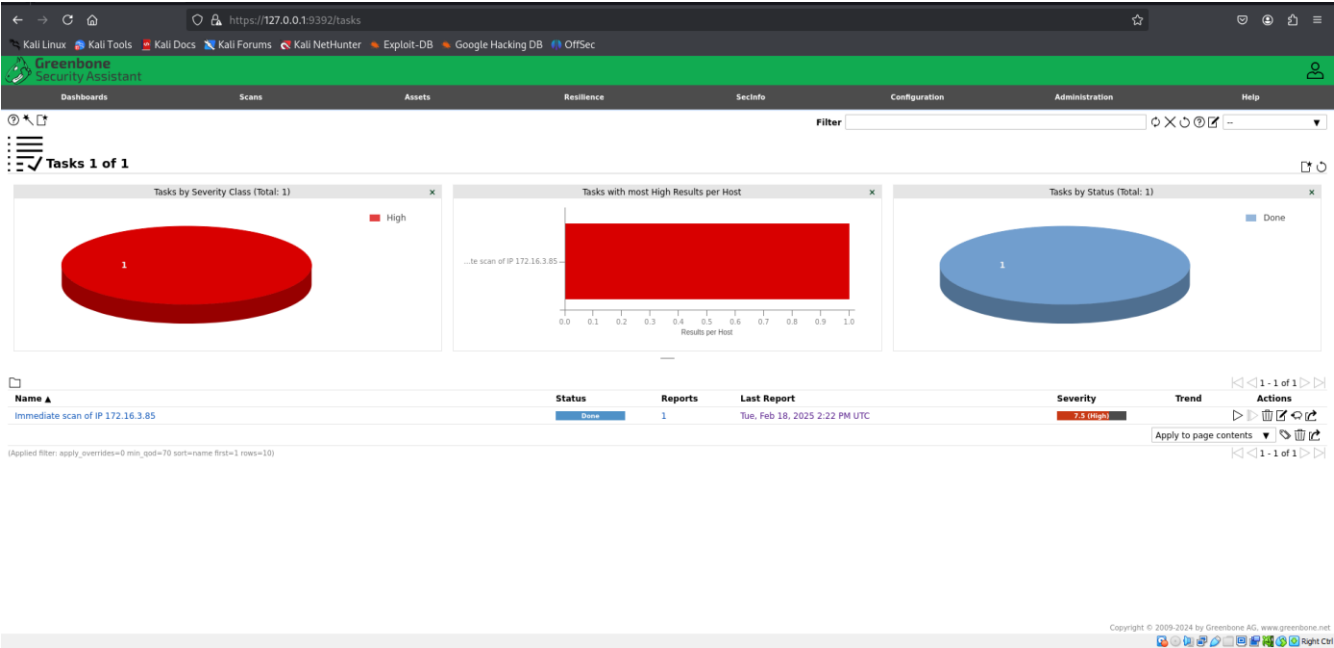
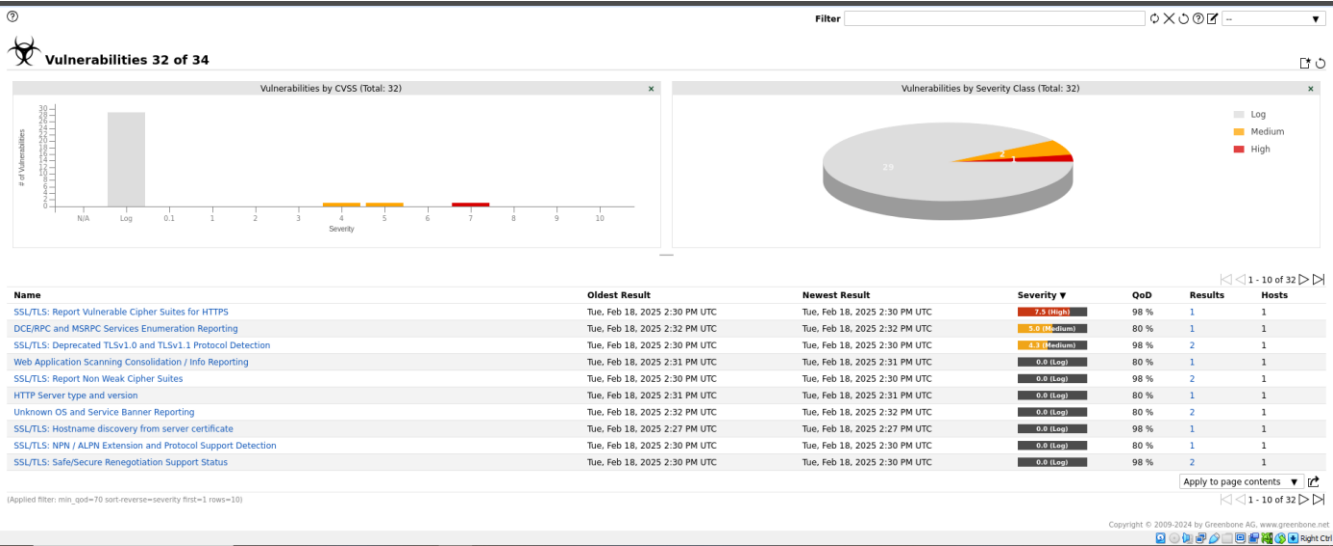
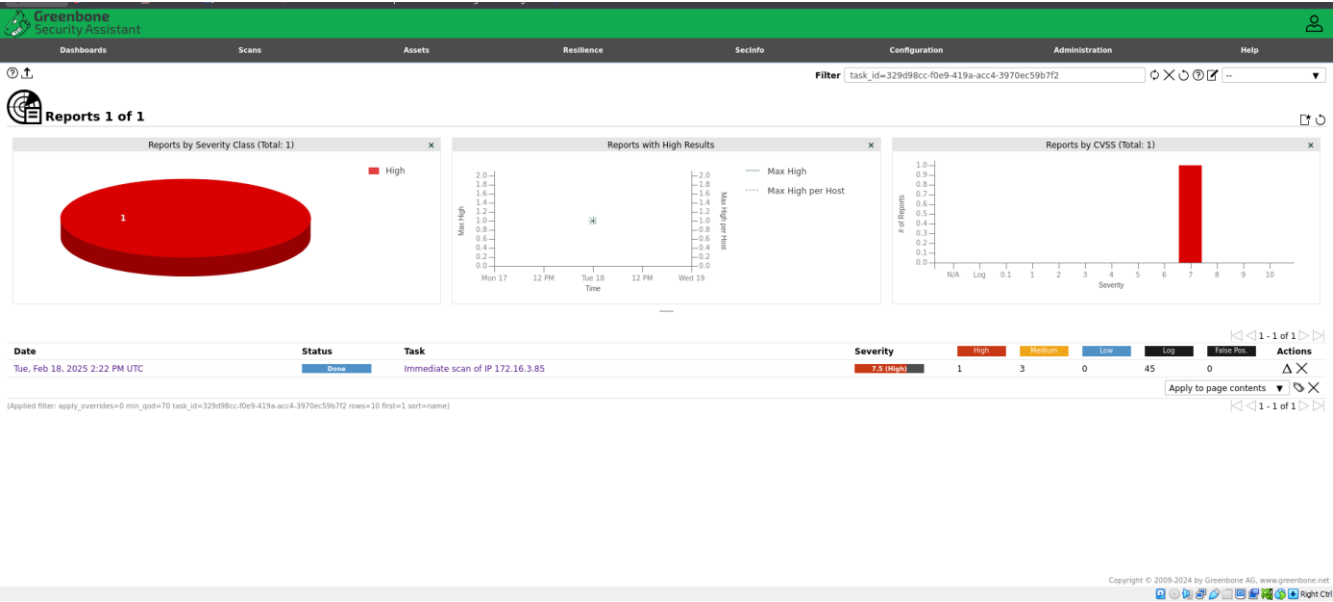


Figure 12: Scanning IP address





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Results by Severity Class (Total: 49)

Severity	Count
Low	45
Medium	3
High	1

Results by CVSS (Total: 49)

CVSS Score	Count
0.0	45
3.0	3
7.0	1

Vulnerability	Severity	QoD	Host IP	Name	Location	Created
CPE Inventory	0.0 (Log)	80 %	172.16.3.85		general/CPE-T	Tue, Feb 18, 2025 2:45 PM UTC
DCE/RPC and MSRPC Services Enumeration	0.0 (Log)	80 %	172.16.3.85		135/tcp	Tue, Feb 18, 2025 2:26 PM UTC
DCE/RPC and MSRPC Services Enumeration Reporting	3.0 (Medium)	80 %	172.16.3.85		135/tcp	Tue, Feb 18, 2025 2:32 PM UTC
Hostname Determination Reporting	0.0 (Log)	80 %	172.16.3.85		general/tcp	Tue, Feb 18, 2025 2:45 PM UTC
HTTP Security Headers Detection	0.0 (Log)	80 %	172.16.3.85		5986/tcp	Tue, Feb 18, 2025 2:31 PM UTC
HTTP Server Banner Enumeration	0.0 (Log)	80 %	172.16.3.85		5986/tcp	Tue, Feb 18, 2025 2:31 PM UTC
HTTP Server type and version	0.0 (Log)	80 %	172.16.3.85		5986/tcp	Tue, Feb 18, 2025 2:31 PM UTC
Microsoft Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP) Detection	0.0 (Log)	80 %	172.16.3.85		3389/tcp	Tue, Feb 18, 2025 2:26 PM UTC
OS Detection Consolidation and Reporting	0.0 (Log)	80 %	172.16.3.85		general/tcp	Tue, Feb 18, 2025 2:29 PM UTC
Services	0.0 (Log)	80 %	172.16.3.85		5986/tcp	Tue, Feb 18, 2025 2:26 PM UTC

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Vulnerability	Severity ▼	QoD	Host IP	Name	Location	Created
SSL/TLS: Report Vulnerable Cipher Suites for HTTPS	7.5 (High)	98 %	172.16.3.85		5986/tcp	Tue, Feb 18, 2025 2:30 PM UTC
DCE/RPC and MSRPC Services Enumeration Reporting	5.0 (Medium)	80 %	172.16.3.85		135/tcp	Tue, Feb 18, 2025 2:32 PM UTC
SSL/TLS: Deprecated TLSv1.0 and TLSv1.1 Protocol Detection	4.0 (Medium)	98 %	172.16.3.85		3389/tcp	Tue, Feb 18, 2025 2:30 PM UTC
SSL/TLS: Deprecated TLSv1.0 and TLSv1.1 Protocol Detection	4.0 (Medium)	98 %	172.16.3.85		5986/tcp	Tue, Feb 18, 2025 2:30 PM UTC

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IP Address	Hostname	OS	Ports	Apps	Distance	Auth	Start	End	High	Medium	Low	Log	False Positive	Total	Severity
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
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5986/tcp	1	7.5 (High)
135/tcp	1	5.0 (Medium)
3389/tcp	1	4.3 (Medium)

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Application CPE										
cpe:/a:ietf:transport_layer_security:1.0		1	2							
cpe:/a:ietf:transport_layer_security:1.1		1	2							
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CVE-2016-2183 CVE-2016-6329 CVE-2020-12872

SSL/TLS: Report Vulnerable Cipher Suites for HTTPS

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7.5 (High)

CVE-2011-3389 CVE-2015-0204

SSL/TLS: Deprecated TLSv1.0 and TLSv1.1 Protocol Detection

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- Enterprise IT Security
- Cloud Security
- IoT (Internet of Things) Security
- Compliance Auditing
- Penetration Testing and Ethical Hacking
- Managed Security Service Providers (MSSPs)
- Incident Response and Forensics
- Security Automation Platforms
- Educational Institutions and Training
- Government and Defense Organizations

LEARNING OUTCOME:

In this practical, we use OpenVAS to perform vulnerability scans, analyze results, and apply security measures to protect systems from threats.

REFERENCES:

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3. Green bone: <https://greenbone.github.io/docs/latest/22.4/kali/index.html>