

TASK-1

Conduct a basic vulnerability assessment on a virtual machine or network. Use tools such as nmap to identify potential vulnerabilities. Generate a report summarizing your findings and recommended mitigation.

1. First I switched on my metasploitable machine to find out potential vulnerabilities .
2. Then to get the **ip address** of my machine I ran the cmd, **ifconfig** .

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To access official Ubuntu documentation, please visit:
http://help.ubuntu.com/
No mail.
msfadmin@metasploitable:~$ ifconfig
eth0      Link encap:Ethernet  HWaddr 08:00:27:66:52:bc
          inet addr:10.0.2.5  Bcast:10.0.2.255  Mask:255.255.255.0
          inet6 addr: fe80::a00:27ff:fe66:52bc/64 Scope:Link
          UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST  MTU:1500  Metric:1
          RX packets:33 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
          TX packets:55 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
          collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
          RX bytes:4873 (4.7 KB)  TX bytes:5850 (5.7 KB)
          Base address:0xd020 Memory:f1200000-f1220000

lo        Link encap:Local Loopback
          inet addr:127.0.0.1  Mask:255.0.0.0
          inet6 addr: ::1/128 Scope:Host
          UP LOOPBACK RUNNING  MTU:16436  Metric:1
          RX packets:109 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
          TX packets:109 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
          collisions:0 txqueuelen:0
          RX bytes:22633 (22.1 KB)  TX bytes:22633 (22.1 KB)
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3. msfadmin@metasploitable:~\$ _
4. I got my **ip address** as **10.0.2.5**.
5. Now I open my kali machine and I will scan the metasploitable machine using **nmap**.
6. **nmap -sV -sC 10.0.2.5**.
 - i. **-sC** runs a default set of Nmap scripts against the target. These scripts perform various tasks such as **service enumeration**, **vulnerability detection**, and more.
 - ii. **-sV** enables **version detection**. Nmap will attempt to determine the version of services running on open ports.

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root@kali: ~  
root@kali: ~ 167x31  
root@kali: ~  
[root@kali]~  
# nmap -sV -sC 10.0.2.5  
Starting Nmap 7.92 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-04-19 12:36 EDT  
Nmap scan report for 10.0.2.5  
Host is up (0.00032s latency).  
Not shown: 977 closed tcp ports (reset)  
PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION  
21/tcp    open  ftp           vsftpd 2.3.4  
| ftp-syst:  
|   STAT:  
|   FTP server status:  
|     Connected to 10.0.2.15  
|     Logged in as ftp  
|     TYPE: ASCII  
|     No session bandwidth limit  
|     Session timeout in seconds is 300  
|     Control connection is plain text  
|     Data connections will be plain text  
|     vsFTPd 2.3.4 - secure, fast, stable  
|_ End of status  
|_ ftp-anon: Anonymous FTP login allowed (FTP code 230)  
22/tcp    open  ssh           OpenSSH 4.7p1 Debian 8ubuntu1 (protocol 2.0)  
| ssh-hostkey:  
|   1024 60:0f:cf:e1:c0:5f:6a:74:d6:90:24:fa:c4:d5:6c:cd (DSA)  
|   2048 56:56:24:0f:21:1d:de:a7:2b:ae:61:b1:24:3d:e8:f3 (RSA)  
23/tcp    open  telnet        Linux telnetd  
25/tcp    open  smtp          Postfix smtpd  
|_ ssl-date: 2024-04-19T16:36:45+00:00; +2s from scanner time.  
|_ ssl-cert: Subject: commonName=ubuntu804-base.localdomain/organizationName=OCOSA/stateOrProvinceName=There is no such thing outside US/countryName=XX  
|_ Not valid before: 2010-03-17T14:07:45  
|_ Not valid after: 2010-04-16T14:07:45  
|_ smtp-command: metasploitable.localdomain. PIPELINING. SIZE 10240000. VRFY. ETRN. STARTTLS. ENHANCEDSTATUSCODES. 8BITIME. DSN
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Text Editor  
Simple Text Editor  
root@kali: ~  
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sslv2:  
|_ SSLV2 supported  
|_ ciphers:  
|   SSL2_DES_192_EDE3_CBC_WITH_MD5  
|   SSL2_DES_64_CBC_WITH_MD5  
|   SSL2_RC2_128_CBC_WITH_MD5  
|   SSL2_RC4_128_EXPORT40_WITH_MD5  
|   SSL2_RC4_128_WITH_MD5  
|   SSL2_RC2_128_CBC_EXPORT40_WITH_MD5  
53/tcp    open  domain        ISC BIND 9.4.2  
|_ dns-nsid:  
|_ bind.version: 9.4.2  
80/tcp    open  http           Apache httpd 2.2.8 ((Ubuntu) DAV/2)  
|_ http-title: Metasploitable2 - Linux  
|_ http-server-header: Apache/2.2.8 (Ubuntu) DAV/2  
111/tcp   open  rpcbind        2 (RPC #100000)  
|_ rpcinfo:  
|   program version    port/proto  service  
|   100000 2 111/tcp     rpcbind  
|   100000 2 111/udp     rpcbind  
|   100003 2,3,4 2049/tcp    nfs  
|   100003 2,3,4 2049/udp    nfs  
|   100005 1,2,3 36908/tcp   mountd  
|   100005 1,2,3 36961/udp   mountd  
|   100021 1,3,4 48878/udp   nlockmgr  
|   100021 1,3,4 58086/tcp   nlockmgr  
|   100024 1 38732/tcp   status  
|   100024 1 41904/udp   status  
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn    Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)  
445/tcp   open  netbios-ssn    Samba smbd 3.0.20-Debian (workgroup: WORKGROUP)  
512/tcp   open  exec           netkit-rsh rexecd  
513/tcp   open  login          OpenBSD or Solaris pl0eind
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Firefox ESR
Browse the World Wide Web

|_ Salt: r7!D.3@w[?jyC-q}
5432/tcp open  postgresql  PostgreSQL DB 8.3.0 - 8.3.7
|_ ssl-cert: Subject: commonName=ubuntu804-base.localdomain/organizationName=OCOSA/stateOrProvinceName=There is no such thing outside US/countryName=XX
|_ Not valid before: 2010-03-17T14:07:45
|_ Not valid after: 2010-04-16T14:07:45
|_ ssl-date: 2024-04-19T16:36:45+00:00; +2s from scanner time.
5900/tcp open  vnc          VNC (protocol 3.3)
|_ vnc-info:
|   Protocol version: 3.3
|   Security types:
|   |_ VNC Authentication (2)
6000/tcp open  x11          (access denied)
6667/tcp open  irc          UnrealIRCd
|_ irc-info:
|   users: 1
|   servers: 1
|   lusers: 1
|   lservers: 0
|   server: irc.Metasploitable.LAN
|   version: Unreal3.2.8.1. irc.Metasploitable.LAN
|   uptime: 0 days, 0:04:13
|   source ident: nmap
|   source host: C29CB04.EB72D3BE.7B559A54.IP
|_ error: Closing Link: flifhmtq[10.0.2.15] (Quit: flifhmtq)
8009/tcp open  ajp13        Apache Jserv (Protocol v1.3)
|_ _ajp-methods: Failed to get a valid response for the OPTION request
8180/tcp open  http         Apache Tomcat/Coyote JSP engine 1.1
|_ _http-title: Apache Tomcat/5.5
|_ _http-server-header: Apache-Coyote/1.1
|_ _http-favicon: Apache Tomcat
MAC Address: 08:00:27:66:52:BC (Oracle VirtualBox virtual NIC)

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8005/tcp open  ajp13        Apache Jserv (Protocol v1.3)
|_ _ajp-methods: Failed to get a valid response for the OPTION request
8180/tcp open  http         Apache Tomcat/Coyote JSP engine 1.1
|_ _http-title: Apache Tomcat/5.5
|_ _http-server-header: Apache-Coyote/1.1
|_ _http-favicon: Apache Tomcat
MAC Address: 08:00:27:66:52:BC (Oracle VirtualBox virtual NIC)
Service Info: Hosts: metasploitable.localdomain, irc.Metasploitable.LAN; OSs: Unix, Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel

Host script results:
|_ _clock-skew: mean: 1h00m01s, deviation: 2h00m00s, median: 1s
|_ smb-os-discovery:
|   OS: Unix (Samba 3.0.20-Debian)
|   Computer name: metasploitable
|   NetBIOS computer name:
|   Domain name: localdomain
|   FQDN: metasploitable.localdomain
|   System time: 2024-04-19T12:36:37-04:00
|_ nbstat: NetBIOS name: METASPLOITABLE, NetBIOS user: <unknown>, NetBIOS MAC: <unknown> (unknown)
|_ smb-security-mode:
|   account_used: guest
|   authentication_level: user
|   challenge_response: supported
|_ _message_signing: disabled (dangerous, but default)
|_ _smb2-time: Protocol negotiation failed (SMB2)

Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 21.09 seconds

(root@kali)~$

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Based on the Nmap scan results of the Metasploitable machine, here's a summary of potential vulnerabilities identified:

FTP Service (Port 21):

- Running vsftpd 2.3.4
- Anonymous FTP login allowed (FTP code 230)
- Potential vulnerability: Anonymous access may lead to unauthorized data access.

Telnet Service (Port 23):

- Running Linux telnetd
- Potential vulnerability: Telnet is an unencrypted protocol, making it susceptible to eavesdropping and interception of credentials.

SMTP Service (Port 25):

- Running Postfix smtpd
- Potential vulnerability: Misconfigured SMTP service may lead to email relaying or unauthorized access.

RPCBIND Service (Port 111):

- Running RPCBIND 2
- Potential vulnerability: RPC services may be vulnerable to remote code execution or denial-of-service attacks.

SMB Service (Ports 139, 445):

- Running Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X and Samba smbd 3.0.20-Debian
- Potential vulnerability: Older versions of Samba may have known vulnerabilities.

VNC Service (Port 5900):

- Running VNC (protocol 3.3)
- Potential vulnerability: Unencrypted VNC connections may expose sensitive information.

IRC Service (Port 6667):

- Running UnrealIRCd 3.2.8.1
- Potential vulnerability: IRC server may be vulnerable to remote exploits or unauthorized access.

These ports represent potential entry points for attackers to exploit vulnerabilities in the services running on the Metasploitable machine. It's important to address these vulnerabilities by patching or updating software, implementing access controls, and following security best practices to mitigate risks.

Additionally, configuring services securely and implementing access controls can help prevent unauthorized access to systems and data.

Mitigating vulnerabilities

Mitigating vulnerabilities on the Metasploitable machine involves several steps to improve security and reduce the risk of exploitation. Here are some mitigation measures for the identified vulnerabilities:

FTP Service (Port 21):

- Disable anonymous FTP access or restrict it to specific directories.
- Implement strong password policies for FTP users.
- Regularly monitor FTP logs for suspicious activities.

SSH Service (Port 22):

- Update SSH to the latest version to address known vulnerabilities.
- Disable root login and use SSH keys for authentication.
- Configure SSH to use strong encryption algorithms and disable insecure options.
- Implement rate limiting and IP address whitelisting to prevent brute-force attacks.

Telnet Service (Port 23):

- Disable the Telnet service and use SSH for secure remote access.
- If Telnet is necessary, implement network segmentation and access controls to restrict access to trusted users only.

SMTP Service (Port 25):

- Update Postfix to the latest version to address known vulnerabilities.
- Implement email authentication mechanisms such as SPF, DKIM, and DMARC to prevent email spoofing and phishing attacks.
- Regularly monitor email logs for suspicious activities.

DNS Service (Port 53):

- Update BIND to the latest version to address known vulnerabilities.
- Configure BIND to restrict zone transfers and recursive queries to trusted sources only.
- Implement DNSSEC to authenticate DNS responses and prevent DNS spoofing attacks.

NetBIOS-SSN Service (Ports 139, 445):

- Update Samba to the latest version to address known vulnerabilities.
- Configure Samba to use strong authentication mechanisms such as LDAP or Kerberos.
- Implement network segmentation to isolate Samba servers from untrusted networks.

These mitigation measures aim to strengthen the security posture of the Metasploitable VM and reduce the risk of exploitation by malicious actors. It's important to regularly assess and update security controls to address new threats and vulnerabilities as they emerge.

TASK-2

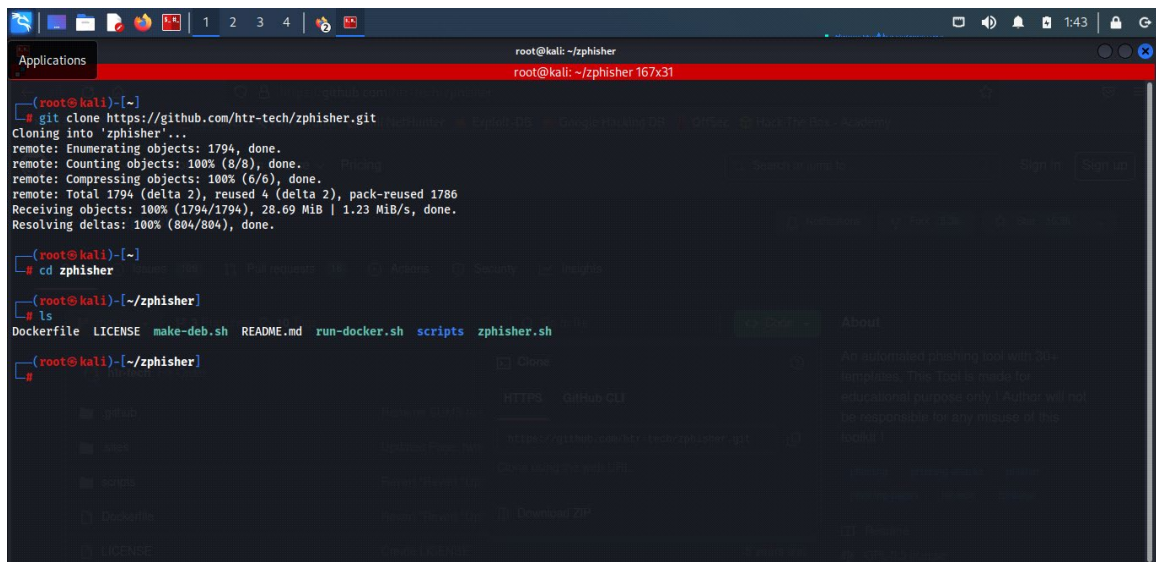
Analyze password security in a given environment. Assess password policies, strength and potential vulnerabilities. Provide recommendation for enhancing password security.

1. First, we'll need access to all the devices and accounts in our home. Then, we'll start by **analysing** the passwords and checking for any passwords that are weak, reused, or just plain old. Next, we'll **assess** the security settings on the devices and accounts to see if there are any vulnerabilities we can exploit.
2. Once we've identified any we'll change passwords, update security settings, and maybe even install some new security software or hardware to beef up your defenses. And of course, make sure to educate everyone in the house about the importance of password security and how to stay safe online.
3. After this we'll monitor the situation and make sure everything stays secure.
4. Now take a look at your existing password policies, if they are strong enough? Do they have a **mix of upper and lower case letters**, numbers, and special characters? If yes then perfect, if not,
5. Next, let's **assess the strength** of your passwords. Are they long and complex enough to resist brute force attacks? Or are they more like "password123"? If it's the latter, we will have to consider changing them ASAP.
6. Now, onto **potential vulnerabilities**. Are you using default passwords on any of your devices? Have you ever shared your passwords with anyone? And are you using the same password for multiple accounts? If so, you could be putting yourself at risk.
7. To **enhance your password security, I'd recommend** implementing stricter password policies, using a password manager to generate and store complex passwords, and enabling multi-factor authentication wherever possible. And of course, make sure to educate yourself and your family members about the importance of strong password security. After all, it only takes one weak password to compromise your entire online presence!

TASK-3

Design and Execute a simple phishing simulation. Create phishing emails and assess the organizations susceptibility. Summarize the results and propose strategies to improve anti-phishing emails.

1. To design a phishing simulation, I am going to use a tool called **ZPHISHER**.
2. So firstly I will install the tool using the following cmd,
3. **git clone https://github.com/htr-tech/zphisher.git**
4. Now change your directory from root to zphisher using **cd zphisher**.



The screenshot shows a terminal window on a Kali Linux system. The user is in the root directory (~) and has executed the command `git clone https://github.com/htr-tech/zphisher.git`. The output shows the repository being cloned successfully. Then, the user has executed `cd zphisher` to move into the cloned directory. The terminal also shows the contents of the directory, including `Dockerfile`, `LICENSE`, `make-deb.sh`, `README.md`, `run-docker.sh`, `scripts`, and `zphisher.sh`. On the right side of the terminal, there is a preview of the zphisher web interface, which includes a search bar, a sign-in button, and a list of users.

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6. Now to run zphisher use the cmd, **./zphisher**.


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root@kali: ~/zphisher
root@kali: ~/zphisher 167x31

Zphisher
Version : 2.3.5

[-] Tool Created by htr-tech (tahmid.rayat)

[::] Select An Attack For Your Victim [::]

[01] Facebook      [11] Twitch      [21] DeviantArt
[02] Instagram    [12] Pinterest  [22] Badoo
[03] Google       [13] Snapchat   [23] Origin
[04] Microsoft    [14] LinkedIn   [24] DropBox
[05] Netflix      [15] Ebay       [25] Yahoo
[06] Paypal       [16] Quora      [26] Wordpress
[07] Steam        [17] Protonmail [27] Yandex
[08] Twitter      [18] Spotify    [28] Stackoverflow
[09] Playstation  [19] Reddit     [29] Vk
[10] Tiktok       [20] Adobe      [30] XBOX
[11] Mediafire    [32] Gitlab     [33] Github
[14] Discord      [35] Roblox

[99] About      [00] Exit

[-] Select an option : 
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8. Now select any option from this for which you want to create a fake login page or anything else
9. For this example I will be choosing **facebook**.
10. After selecting the facebook option, you will get 4 more options to choose one from them.
11. I will **select fake security login page**.

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root@kali: ~/zphisher
root@kali: ~/zphisher 167x29

Zphisher
Version : 2.3.5

[-] Tool Created by htr-tech (tahmid.rayat)

[::] Select An Attack For Your Victim [::]

[01] Facebook      [11] Twitch      [21] DeviantArt
[02] Instagram    [12] Pinterest  [22] Badoo
[03] Google       [13] Snapchat   [23] Origin
[04] Microsoft    [14] LinkedIn   [24] DropBox
[05] Netflix      [15] Ebay       [25] Yahoo
[06] Paypal       [16] Quora      [26] Wordpress
[07] Steam        [17] Protonmail [27] Yandex
[08] Twitter      [18] Spotify    [28] Stackoverflow
[09] Playstation  [19] Reddit     [29] Vk
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[11] Mediafire    [32] Gitlab     [33] Github
[14] Discord      [35] Roblox

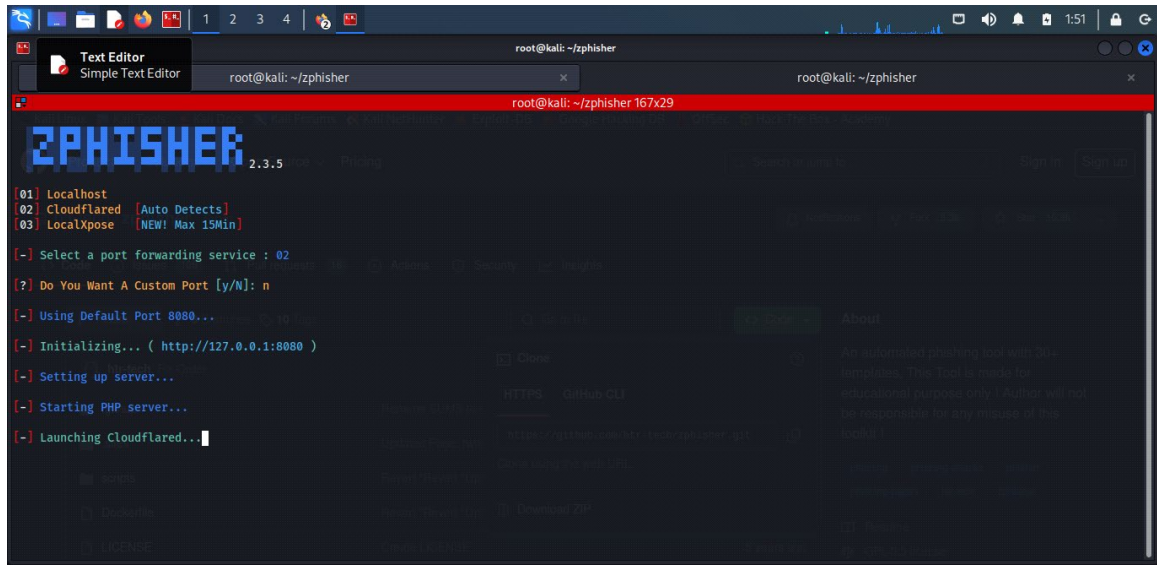
[99] About      [00] Exit

[-] Select an option : 01

[01] Traditional Login Page
[02] Advanced Voting Poll Login Page
[03] Fake Security Login Page
[04] Facebook Messenger Login Page

[-] Select an option : 03
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13. After selecting the 3rd option it will ask me to select a port forwarding service, for this example I will select **cloudflared**.
14. It will then ask me whether i want to create a custom port, for now i am going to use the default port.



A terminal window titled 'root@kali: ~/zphisher' showing the installation of ZPHISHER 2.3.5. The terminal displays a menu with three options: [01] Localhost, [02] Cloudflared (Auto Detects), and [03] LocalXpose (NEW! Max 15Min). The user selects option 02. The terminal then shows the process of selecting a port forwarding service, initializing the tool at http://127.0.0.1:8080, setting up the server, starting the PHP server, and launching Cloudflared. The terminal output is as follows:

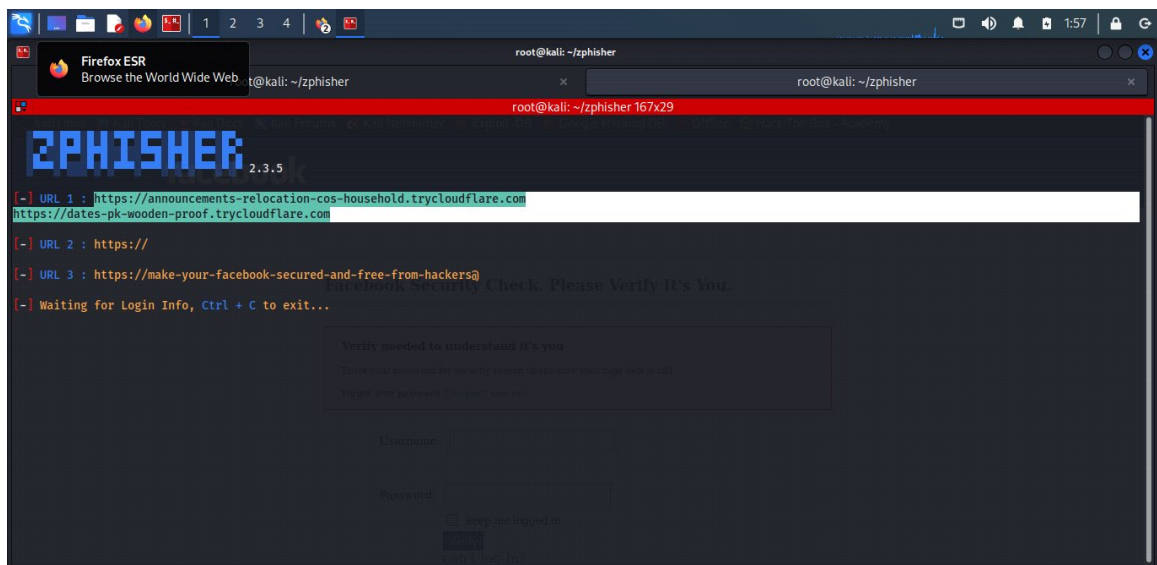
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root@kali: ~/zphisher
ZPHISHER 2.3.5
[01] Localhost
[02] Cloudflared [Auto Detects]
[03] LocalXpose [NEW! Max 15Min]

[-] Select a port forwarding service : 02
[?] Do You Want A Custom Port [y/N]: n
[-] Using Default Port 8080...
[-] Initializing... ( http://127.0.0.1:8080 )
[-] Setting up server...
[-] Starting PHP server...
[-] Launching Cloudflared...
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16. Now it will generate a few **phishing links**

17. I will use the link which is highlighted.



A terminal window titled 'root@kali: ~/zphisher' showing the generated phishing links. The terminal displays three URLs: URL 1: https://announcements-relocation-cos-household.trycloudflare.com, URL 2: https://, and URL 3: https://make-your-facebook-secured-and-free-from-hackers@. The terminal output is as follows:

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root@kali: ~/zphisher
ZPHISHER 2.3.5
[-] URL 1 : https://announcements-relocation-cos-household.trycloudflare.com
https://dates-pk-wooden-proof.trycloudflare.com
[-] URL 2 : https://
[-] URL 3 : https://make-your-facebook-secured-and-free-from-hackers@
[-] Waiting for Login Info, Ctrl + C to exit...
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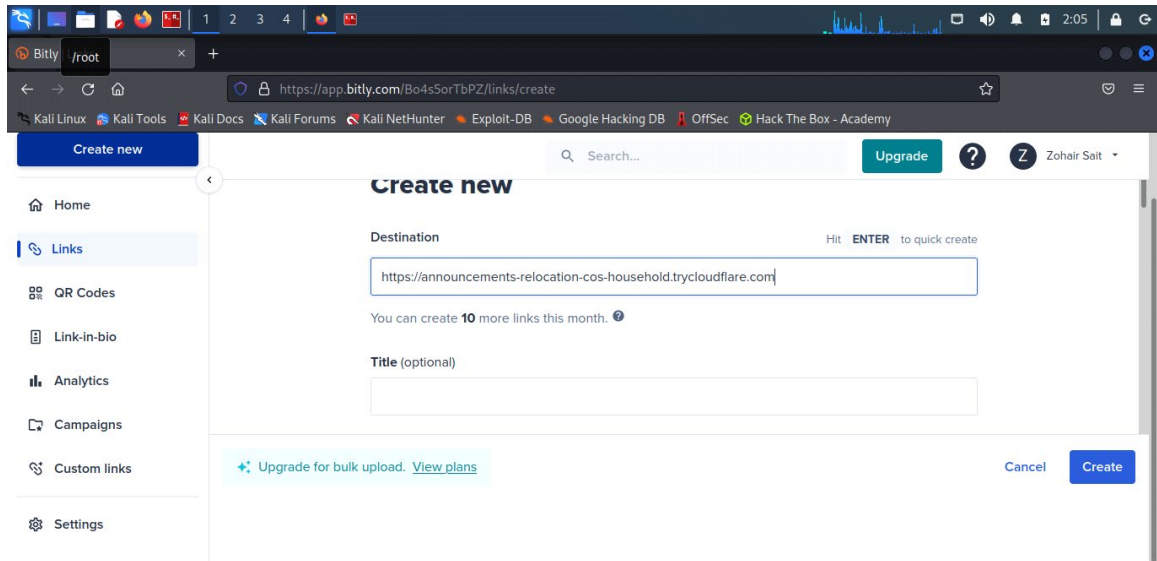
The terminal also shows a simulated login page with the title 'Facebook Security Check. Please Verify It's You.' and a form with fields for Username and Password.

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19. Now the link doesnt look like its come from facebook, to avoid people from getting suspicious we will shorten the link using **bitly**.

20. For that you will have to create an account on bitly and follow the below steps.

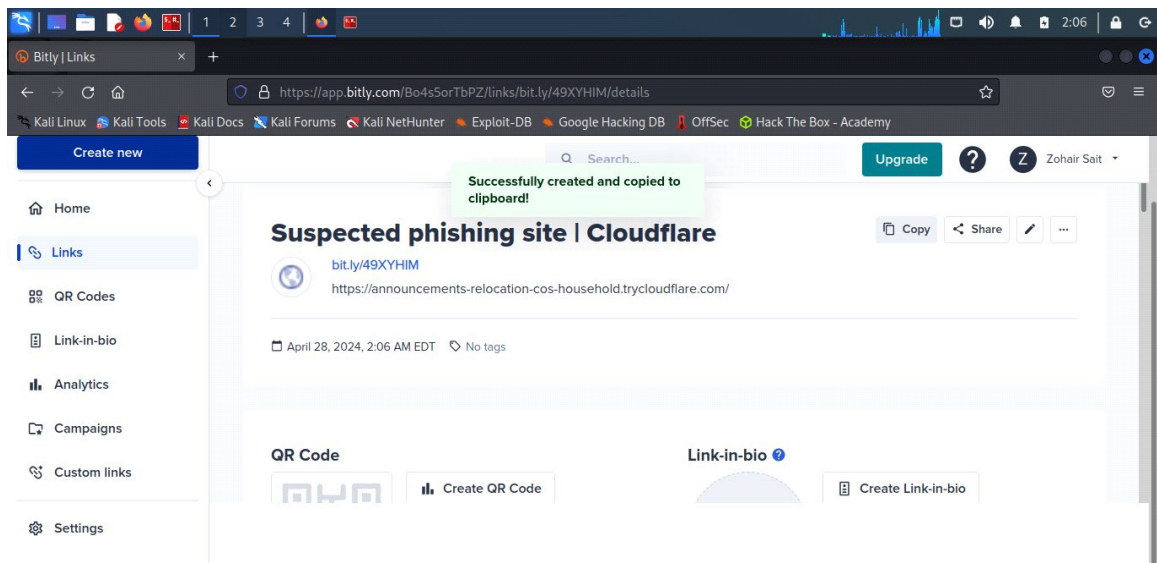
21. Copy the URL from the temrinal and paste it in bitly webiste.



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24. As you can see below the shortened link is ready.

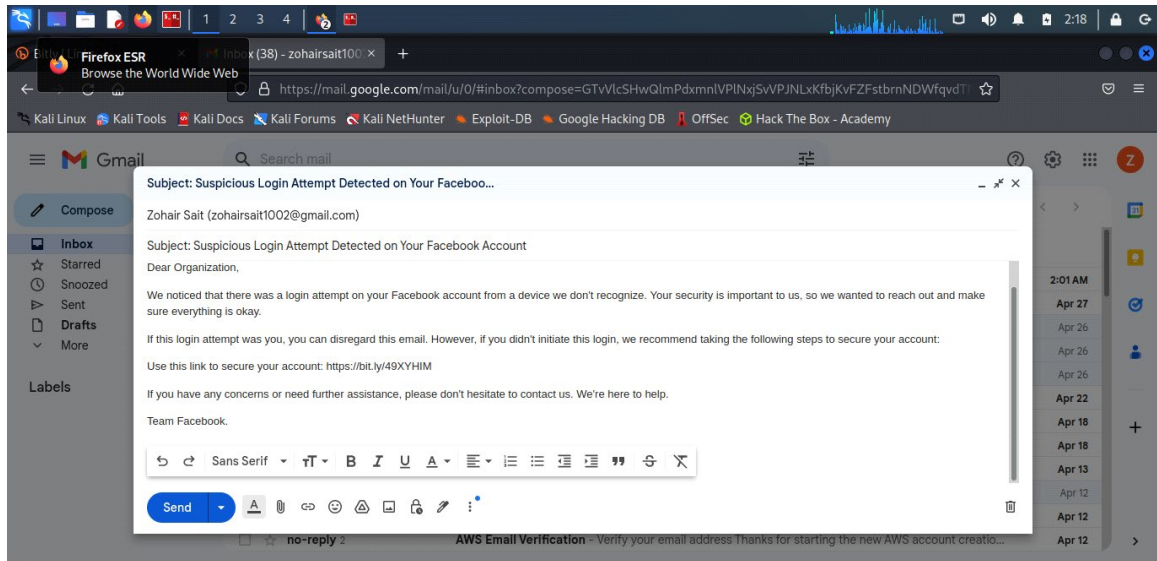


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26. Now the phishing link is ready.

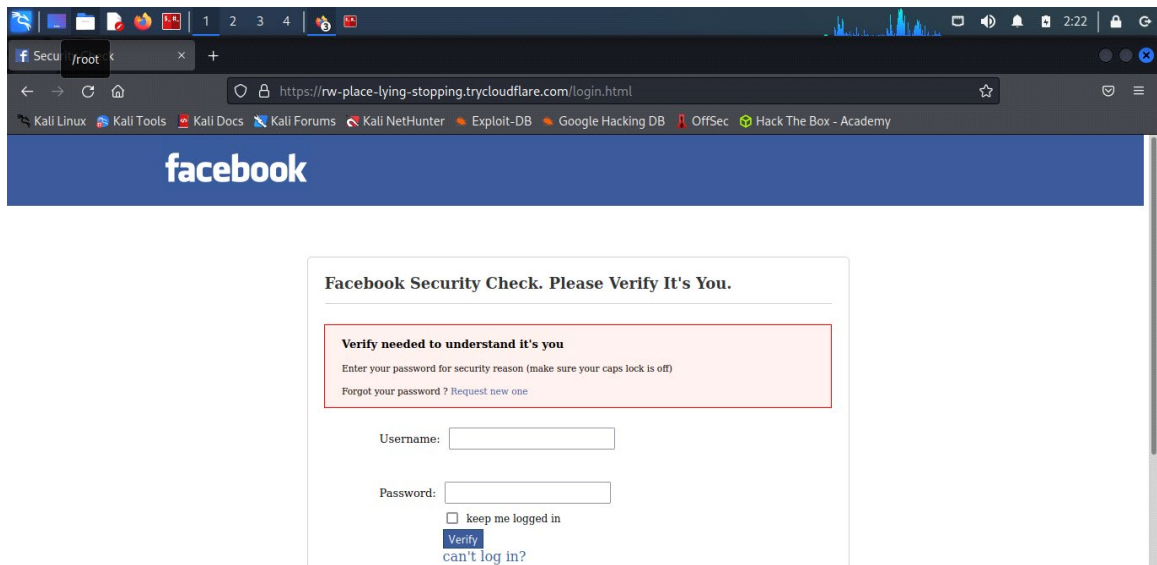
27. Now to create a phishing email I will log into my gmail account and send the link to the person/organization telling them that there facebook account is in danger.

28. Now Ive crafted a phishing email which is attached below.



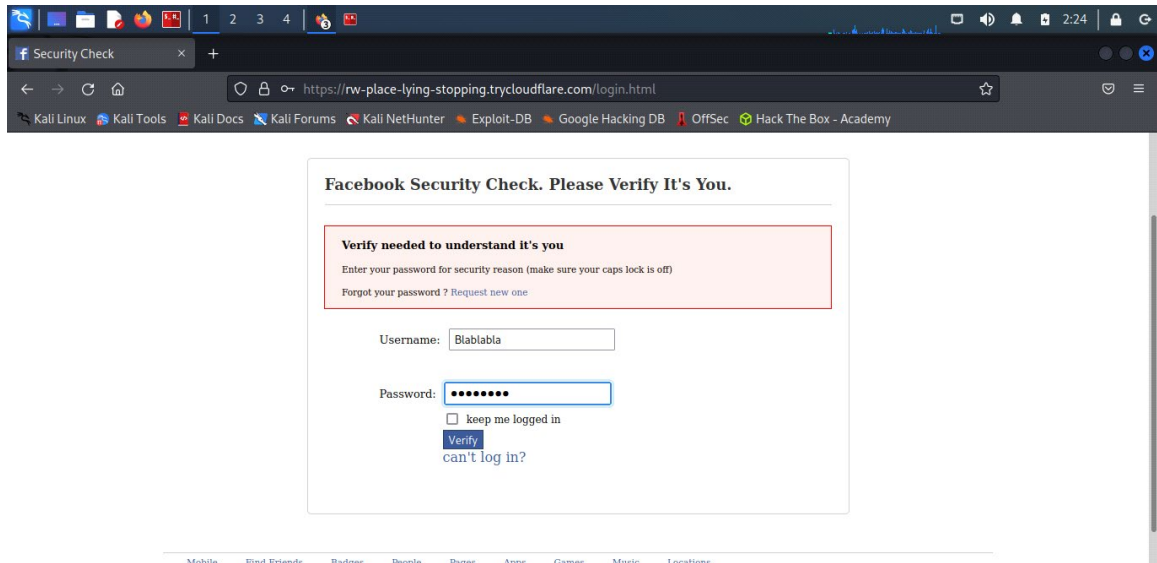
29.

30. Send this to the organization you are targeting, and once they open the link it will redirect them into a fake login page.



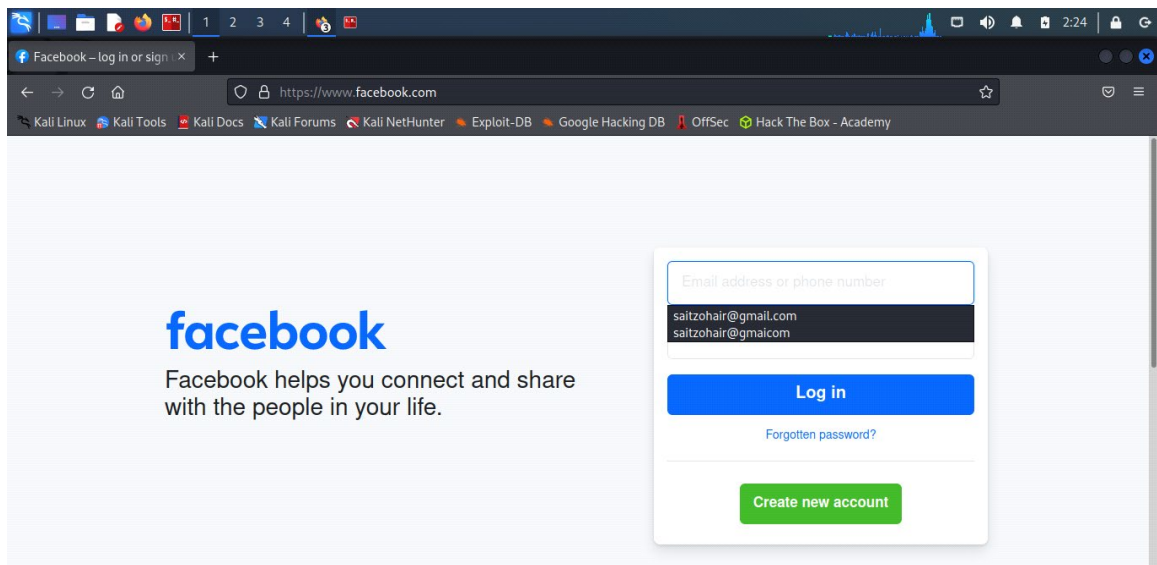
31.

32. Once they enter there credentials it will get displayed in your terminal.



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34. After hitting verify, it will take you to the original facebook website.



35.

36. And now as we can see, we managed to get the credentials of the organizations facebook account.


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ZPHISHER 2.3.5
[-] URL 1 : https://medicines-bouquet-space-noise.trycloudflare.com
[-] URL 2 : https://
[-] URL 3 : https://make-your-facebook-secured-and-free-from-hackers@
[-] Waiting for Login Info, Ctrl + C to exit...Terminated
[-] Victim IP Found !
[-] Victim's IP : 49.37.223.111
[-] Saved in : auth/ip.txt
[-] Login info Found !!
Account : blablaba
Password : qwerty1!
[-] Saved in : auth/usernames.dat
[-] Waiting for Next Login Info, Ctrl + C to exit. |
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38. As we can see the username is **blablaba** and the password is **qwerty1!**.

39. Hence we have fooled the organization by sending this fake email and we got there credentials.

PREVENTION MEASURES

1. Improving anti-phishing emails involves making them more effective at educating users about potential threats and encouraging safe behavior. Here are some strategies to enhance anti-phishing emails:
2. The first and foremost thing to do if you get an email about your account not being secure or any other device has logged into your account, try not to use the provided link if you are suspicious about that link instead **log into your account** and then change your password.
3. If u recieve any link which is in **shortened format(bitly)** then copy that link and add '+' this symbol at the end to find where that link will take you.
4. Use **Recognizable Sender Names and Addresses** to ensure that the sender name and email address are easily recognizable as legitimate sources, such as "Security Team" or "noreply@company.com." Avoid generic or suspicious sender names that could raise doubts.
5. **Educational Content**: Provide concise and informative content that educates users about common phishing tactics, warning signs of phishing emails, and best practices for identifying and avoiding phishing scams. Include examples of real phishing emails and explain how to spot them.

6. **Use of Links and Attachments**: Avoid embedding clickable links directly in the email body, as this can be a common tactic used in phishing emails. Instead, encourage users to visit the organization's official website by typing the URL directly into their browser. If links or attachments are necessary, ensure they are legitimate and securely hosted.
7. **Encourage Vigilance**: Remind users to remain vigilant and skeptical of unexpected emails, especially those requesting **sensitive information or urgent action**. Encourage them to verify the legitimacy of any requests by contacting the organization directly through official channels.
8. **Feedback Mechanism**: Provide a way for recipients to report suspected phishing emails or seek assistance if they have concerns about the legitimacy of an email. This could include a dedicated email address or a link to a reporting form on the organization's website.
9. Regular Training and Awareness: **Implement ongoing training programs and awareness** campaigns to educate employees and users about phishing threats and best practices for cybersecurity. Reinforce key messages through newsletters, training modules, and simulated phishing exercises.
10. By incorporating these strategies into anti-phishing emails, organizations can help empower users to recognize and avoid phishing scams, ultimately reducing the risk of security breaches and data loss.