Network Infrastructure Security

Penetration Testing Phase (1) Network Vulnerability Remediation Discovery **Assessment** & Reporting Threat Host Host **Exploit** Exploration Fingerprinting Development Removal **Exploit Proof** Port Services **Future** Discover Planning Scanning Identification of Concept

Threat

Classification

Privilege

Escalation

Reporting

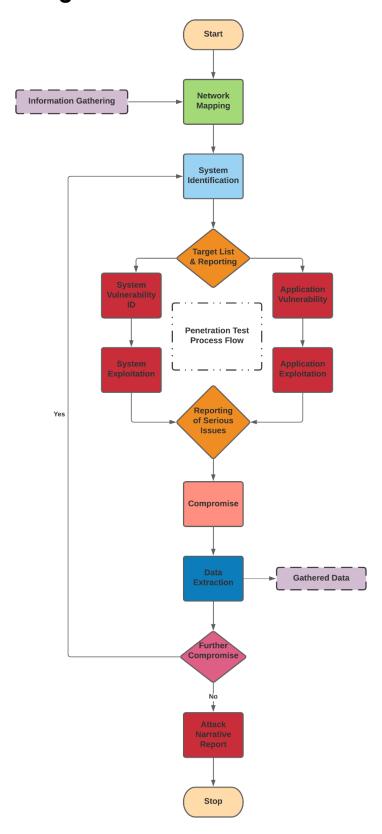
Network

Mapping

Platform

Identification

Penetration Testing Flow of Process



Methodology

• The PTES (Penetration Testing Execution Standard).

There are seven stages involved in this methodology. Following are seven stages:

- 1. Pre-engagement Interactions
- 2. Intelligence Gathering
- 3. Threat Modeling
- 4. Vulnerability Analysis
- 5. Exploitation
- 6. Post Exploitation
- 7. Reporting

1. Pre-Engagement Interactions

The pre-engagement interactions involve:

- Introduction to Scope
- Metrics for Time Estimation
- Scoping Meeting
- Questionnaires
- Specify Start and End Dates
- Specifying Ip Ranges and Domains
- Dealing with Third Parties
- Cloud Services
- ISP
- Payment Terms
- Goals
- Establish Lines of Communication
- Emergency Contact Information
- Incident Reporting Process
- Rules of Engagement
- Legal Considerations

2. Intelligence Gathering

This step involves intelligence gathering activities for penetration testing. The purpose of this document is to provide reconnaissance against a target. Following are list of tools:

| # | Tools | Platform |
|---|--------|--------------|
| 1 | Nmap | C/C++/Python |
| 2 | Telnet | C++ |
| 3 | Nikto | Perl |

3. Enumeration

The data collected in the intelligence gathering or scanning phase is then enumerated using tools like Excel or any other spreadsheet.

Using such tools mention:

- Open Ports.
- Services.
- Server Domain Names.
- Server IP.
- OS Information.

4. Vulnerability Analysis

Vulnerability testing is the process of discovering flaws in systems and applications which can be leveraged by an attacker. These flaws can range anywhere from host and service misconfiguration, or insecure application design.

| # | Tools | Platform |
|---|-------------------|------------------|
| 1 | OpenVas | С |
| 2 | Nmap Vuln Scripts | C/C++/Python |
| 3 | CVE/ CERT/ NVD | Online Databases |
| 4 | Sf∪zz | Python/ Shell |

5. Exploitation

The vulnerabilities list obtained in the Vulnerability section is very useful in executing several attacks on the targeted machine. These attacks could alter the services or to maneuver or attain unwarranted access to the data stored on targeted machine.

| # | Tools | Platform |
|----|-----------------|---------------|
| 1 | Metasploit | Ruby |
| 2 | Dirbuster | Jar – Java |
| 3 | SQLMap | Python |
| 4 | Medusa | Shell |
| 5 | John The Ripper | Python/Shell |
| 6 | Hydra | С |
| 7 | LOIC | Shell |
| 8 | ArpSpoof | C++ |
| 9 | TcpDump | С |
| 10 | Sfuzz | Python/ Shell |
| 11 | Wireshark | С |
| 12 | Aircrack-ng | Shell |

6. Post Exploitation

The post exploitation is based on the report providing a detailed analysis of the penetration testing activities. It is explained that how the vulnerabilities are found and how they are exploited. The consequences of these vulnerabilities are also explained in the report. At the end, recommendations are provided for mitigating or removing the risk to make the system secure.

STANDARD OPEARTION PROCEDURE

Information Gathering

Web Search:

Input:

Target's Name.

Tools:

Search Engines (Google, Yahoo, MSN etc.).

Steps:

- 1. Enter target's name on the search bar and hit enter.
- 2. Browse through each and every possible information obtained by the target's home page and from third party sources.
- 3. Save all the relevant information obtained in the previous step.

Expected Output:

The possible information that could be obtained is target's location, contact details including email, mobile numbers and address etc.

Whois Lookup:

Input:

IP Address.

Tools:

Whois Command, Kali Terminal.

Steps:

- 1. Open kali Linux terminal.
- 2. Enter Whois commands with <IP address>.
- 3. Browse finding and save required information in the file.

Expected Output:

The information may include the name of the target's owner, organization, address, contact details including mobile, email etc., domain, server's name and admin's name.

Domain Name Lookup:

Input:

IP address.

Tools:

Dig Command, Kali Terminal.

Steps:

- 1. Open kali Linux Terminal.
- 2. Enter dig command along with an <IP address>.

3. Gather the information and save it in the file.

Expected Output:

The output will include DNS name servers information about its host addresses, name servers, mail exchanges, and related information.

Sub-Domain Lookup:

Input:

Web Address.

Tools:

www.netcraft.com

Steps:

- 1. Go to website i.e. www.netcraft.com
- 2. Under what's site running, type the target's web address.
- 3. Save the required findings in a file.

Expected Output:

Gather information regarding target's IP address, DNS Admin, OS, web server, domain etc.

Active OS Fingerprinting:

Input:

IP address.

Tools:

Xprobe2 command, Kali Terminal.

Steps:

- 1. Open kali Linux Terminal.
- 2. Enter command and <IP address>, hit enter.
- 3. Save the information regarding OS in a file.

Expected Output:

This command will provide the information regarding which OS is running on the target machine.

Scanning and Enumeration

In scanning we will find the information regarding open ports on the target machine and their states whether they are opened or not also to learn which services they are running. We will compile our results in a systemic order so that we can find the vulnerabilities of the target system.

Scanning:

Identifying Live Hosts and Services:

Input:

IP address.

Tools:

NMap command, kali Terminal.

Steps:

- 1. Open kali Linux Terminal.
- 2. Type nmap [parameter] (optional parameter] <IP address>.
- 3. Save the required information in a file.

Expected Output:

This command will provide us information regarding the open ports and services running by them, also it give the reasons for the state of the port, and it will also provide us with information of OS running on the target.

Banner Grabbing:

Input:

IP address, Port Number.

Tools:

TelNet command, kali Terminal.

Steps:

- 1. Open kali Linux Terminal.
- 2. Use Telnet command as telent <IP address> [port].
- 3. Type in HEAD HTTP and hit enter.
- 4. Save the useful information in a file.

Expected Output:

This command will provide us information related to server machine which that target machine is using and with the help of this information we can find the known vulnerabilities in that server.

Enumeration:

Collecting Information:

Input:

The data obtained from the information gathering and scanning phase.

Tools:

Excel spreadsheet or any other spreadsheet.

Steps:

- 1. Open spreadsheet.
- 2. Make columns and fill information related to servers found:
 - > Open ports.
 - > Services.
 - > Server Domain names.
 - Server IP.
 - > OS information.
- 3. Save the findings in the final results sheet.

Expected Output:

This procedure will aid the penetration tester to find the information regarding server and the relationship of the server machine with other network devices so that he/she could perform vulnerability scan to get the potential results for vulnerabilities.

Vulnerability Identification and Analysis

In this section-n we will find the vulnerabilities in our target's system, services and OS which can be exploited by identifying potential threats to each resource.

OpenVAS:

Input:

IP address.

Tools:

OpenVAS.

Steps:

- 1. Open the terminal to initialize OpenVAS.
- 2. Check the username and password.
- 3. If not redirected to the browser automatically then go to http://127.0.0.1:9392.
- 4. Log in to Greenbone Security Assistant.
- 5. Go to immediate scan and type the target's IP address.
- 6. The results will start to appear on the screen after sometime, click to explore the information.
- 7. Save all the results in form of a report under 'Report' section and save it in PDF and XML format.

Expected Output:

The report will include the list of vulnerabilities along with a specified port number. It will also tell the score of severity and its impact. Moreover the report will also explains the algorithms and will provide a feasible mitigation strategy. It is also expected that the results may contain false positive scenarios and penetration tester must look in to it and exclude the information.

Examine Vulnerabilities Exposed Online:

Input:

CVE Number and Keywords.

Tools:

CVE and CERT databases.

Steps:

- 1. Go to https://www.cvedetails.com/.
- 2. Enter CVE number obtained from the report or enter any keywords related to the target.
- 3. Save relevant information in the file.

Expected Output:

The expected output will give the evidence of the known vulnerabilities in the target's machine also if any exploit was done previously that would also be mentioned.

Manual Vulnerability Scanning:

Input:

Information acquired in enumeration phase.

Tools:

Excel spreadsheet or any other spreadsheet.

Steps:

- 1. Search for the vulnerabilities from data obtained through:
 - > Open ports.
 - > Services provided by them.
 - > Operating system.
 - > Banner grabbing.
- 2. Save the finding in a file.

Expected Output:

The expected output will be the list of the known vulnerabilities of the system.

Summarize Vulnerability Scan:

Input:

Information obtained by the automatic and manual vulnerability scan.

Tools:

Spreadsheet.

Steps:

- 1. Review all the vulnerabilities and rate them based on the severity level.
- 2. Sort them according to the level of their risk.

Expected Output:

This will be the final list of the known vulnerabilities.

Target Exploitation

In this section we will check all possible vulnerabilities we could exploit and try to find a break through to get access in or perform a sort of unauthorized action to the system.

Planning the Exploits:

Input:

Data obtained in the precious section.

Tools:

Spreadsheet.

Steps:

- 1. Identify vulnerabilities to exploit.
- 2. Try to exploit each and every possible vulnerability found.

Expected Output:

This will save a lot of time in the exploitation process

Metasploit:

Input:

XML file generated by OpenVAS.

Tools:

Metasploit.

Steps:

- 1. Open Metasploit.
- 2. Import the saved XML file in Metasploit.
- 3. Search for the exploitable vulnerabilities.
- 4. Load each exploit.
- 5. Set the parameters for every exploit accordingly.
- 6. Run the exploits.

Expected Output:

If exploits penetrates through then the test is successful and find the saving for postexploitation phase.

DOS Attack:

Input:

<IP address>.

Tools:

Metasploit.

Steps:

- 1. Open Metasploit.
- 2. Search 'synflood'.

- 3. Use that auxiliary.
- 4. Set the parameters and run.
- 5. Now check the browser and again look for the target IP.

Expected Result:

The browser will give no respond and similarly by pinging there would be either severe loss in the data packets or no response from the target.

Brute Force Attack:

Input:

File with list of passwords, Username, <IP address>.

Tools:

Ncrack command, Kali Terminal.

Steps:

- 1. Find a list of passwords from the internet.
- 2. Open terminal.
- 3. Type command as ncrack--user [username] -p [password list] <IP address>.

Expected Output:

If the exploit is successful we shall have the required password and we can easily gain access to the system.

Getting Directories:

Tools:

Dirbuster.

Steps:

- 1. Open Dirbuster.
- 2. Enter target URL i.e. http://<IP address>:port.
- 3. Select 'list based brute force'.
- 4. Browse and go to 'Dirbuster' directory and in 'wordlists' directory load the last file.
- 5. Start the execution and wait.
- 6. After getting the results go through the file system.

Expected Output:

The Dirbuster will reveal all the files from where we can easily find the confidential information.

SQL Injection:

Input:

URL, SQL Map commands.

Tools:

Kali Terminal.

Steps:

1. Open Kali Linux Terminal.

- 2. Type salmap -u [URL] --dbs, it will open the databases.
- 3. Type sqlmap -u [URL] -D [database name] --tables, it will show the list of tables.

4. Go through tables and get the required information.

Expected Output:

This procedure will give more confidential information and will allow access to open a particular target's website so one could easily change the settings and posts etc.

Post-Exploitation

The purpose of this phase is know how much is the machine being compromised and what necessary steps should be taken to maintain control of the machine for later use.

Exploitation Report:

This report contains all the possible exploits performed on the target also tells the mitigation strategies to that should be implemented to secure those vulnerabilities.

DNS Report:

The DNS report will give information regarding the DNS servers that have been compromised and has revealed the sensitive information.

ATTACK NARRATIVE

1) Denial of Service (DoS) ATTACK:

During the initial phase of vulnerability detection, it was discovered the server is running Apache 1.3.37 and by looking at the CVE database, I have discovered that sever denial of service attacks are possible and by using METASPLOIT, SYN Flood was done on the target. The target stop responding to requests and upon pinging there was also a packet loss which shows the success of DOS attack.

The screenshots of this attack is provided in the appendix and mitigation strategy for this vulnerability is provided in the Mitigation Strategies section.

2) Revealed Unsecure Files:

The target is running PHP 4.4.4 on port 80 found during the initial scanning. It is discovered that this PHP version is vulnerable to multiple vulnerabilities. The vulnerabilities allows the attacker to reveal all the system files which would compromise the system integrity and no authentication is required to exploit this vulnerability. The imap_body function in PHP before 4.4.4 does not implement safemode or open_basedir checks, which allows local users to read arbitrary files or list arbitrary directory contents and to exploit this vulnerability I have used **dirbuster** and to get the directories, the target address is provided and wordlist in dirbuster folder which revealed the list of the directories on the target.

The screenshots of this attack is provided in the appendix and mitigation strategy for this vulnerability is provided in the Mitigation Strategies section.

3) Access to User Credentials:

Using **dirbuster**, I have scanned number of directories and found a **true** named directory under which I have accessed the user credential file along with the **base/sql** files revealing the database structure and numerous credentials which is considered to be a severe attack on the system.

The screenshots of this attack is provided in the appendix and mitigation strategy for this vulnerability is provided in the Mitigation Strategies section.

4) Gaining System's Access:

I have gained the system's access by using the credentials found in the previous step and tried connecting using port 22 which was running ssh, I have gained the system's access and attempt was successful. Now as I am in the system so I could easily access all of the files and by pretending to be that particular user could also put a malicious code in the system.

The screenshots of this attack is provided in the appendix and mitigation strategy for this vulnerability is provided in the Mitigation Strategies section.

5) Access to MySQL(phpMyAdmin):

During the scanning I also discovered a port 3306 which was open to MySQL, so after successful gaining access to the system, I tried to open databases using MySQL and successfully I got all the databases. On further scanning I found a wp_users table in wordpress database which I accessed and got username admin and password which was md5 protected and I cracked that hash online and got a password. After getting the credentials I tried logging in using the site URL found in wp_options table and I logged in to site by changing localhost to target ip address in URL and successfully logged into site and changed the post on the site. After all this procedure I tried to log in directly from the browser and successfully open the phpMyadmin panel in GUI form and performed the same procedure.

The screenshots of this attack is provided in the appendix and mitigation strategy for this vulnerability is provided in the Mitigation Strategies section.

6) SSH Weak Encryption Algorithms:

During the analysis, it was discovered using **openvas** tool that the target is using weak ssh algorithm i.e. arcfour and arcfour with 128bits and has problems with weak keys and should not be used. The 'none' algorithm describes that no encryption is required which means no confidentiality which is why this algorithm is not recommended. As these algorithms are outdated and provides no proper encryptions due to which an attacker could easily decrypt the encryption schemes and eavesdrop the communication.

The screenshots of this attack is provided in the appendix and mitigation strategy for this vulnerability is provided in the Mitigation Strategies section.

7) Cross-Site Tracing:

It was also discovered in the **openvas** report that the host is running phpMyadmin and is prone to cross site tracing. The flaw is caused by input validation errors in error.php script. The attacker could successfully inject HTML code in the error script and conduct the phishing attacks. By using **metasploit**, I have found the successful results regarding cross site tracing.

The screenshots of this attack is provided in the appendix and mitigation strategy for this vulnerability is provided in the Mitigation Strategies section.

MITIGATION STRATEGY

- 1) To prevent the DOS attack, the Apache server should be upgraded to the latest version and also excessive page view requests should be blocked. The firewall should be configured to reject the bogus traffic and prevent the DOS attack.
- 2) The PHP version should be updated to the latest version to prevent from such attacks.

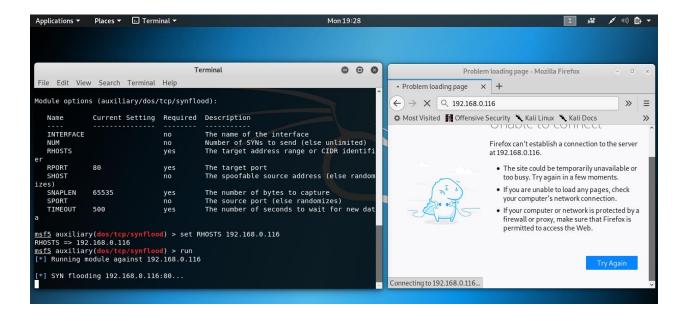
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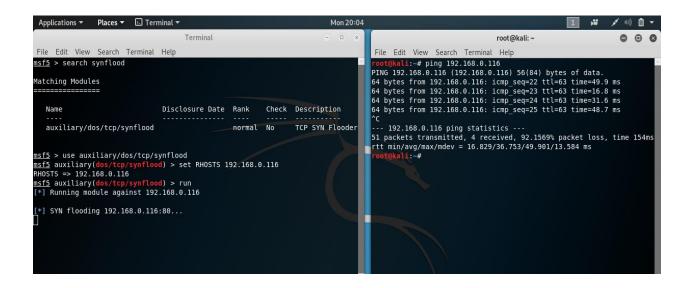
3) The user credentials file should be properly encrypted and not available for the general public as to put in a private machine.

- 4) The read/write operation must be restricted to prevent from such attack so if someone steals the credentials even than the integrity of the system files remains there.
- 5) Bind MySQL to local host and also give privilege to a specific user rather than all users.
- 6) The weak algorithms should be disabled and better algorithm should be used i.e. AES, which provides the same actual speed than RC4 with better security.
- 7) There is no specific solution to this issue but to prevent from such attack general solution is to upgrade to newer release, disable the respective features and remove or replace the product by another.

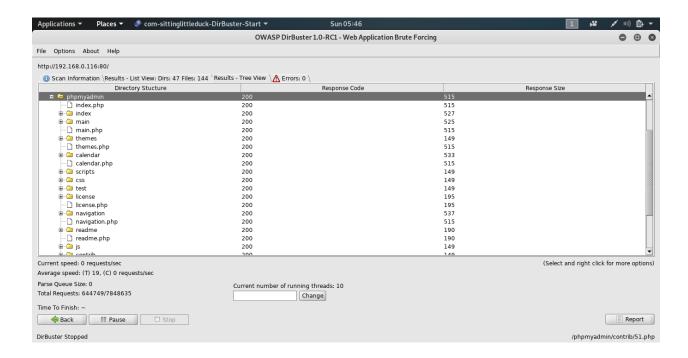
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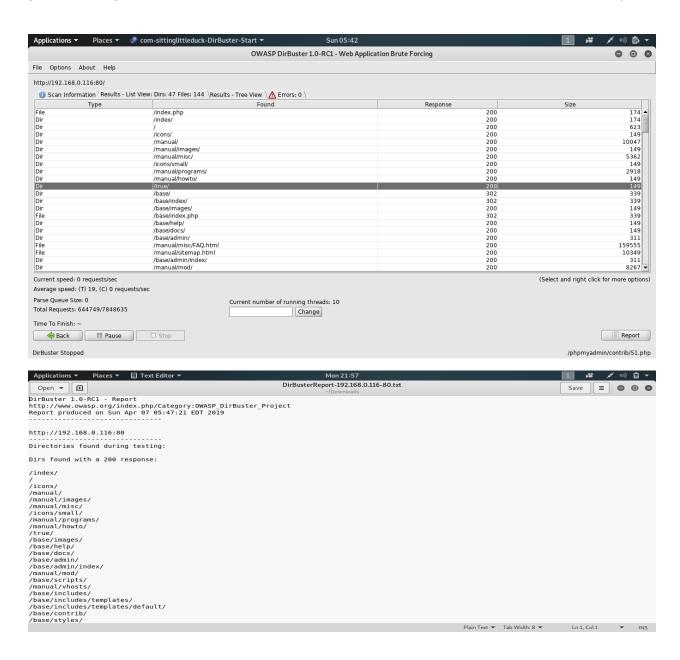
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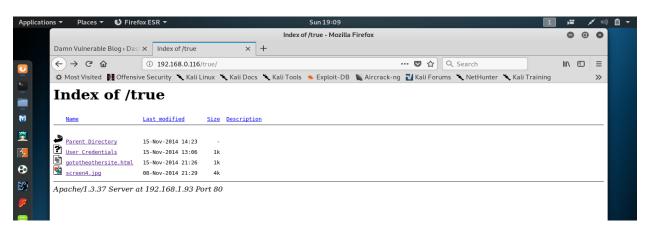




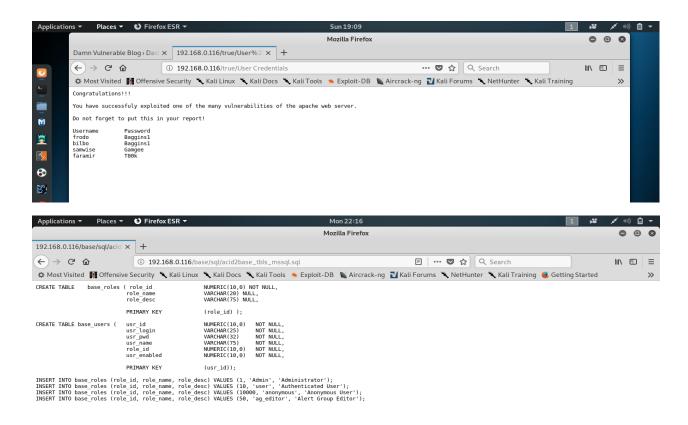
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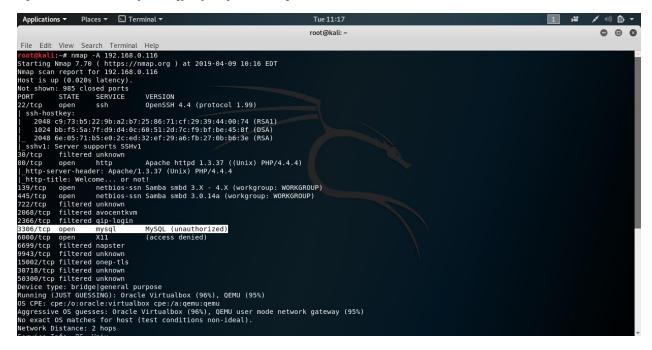


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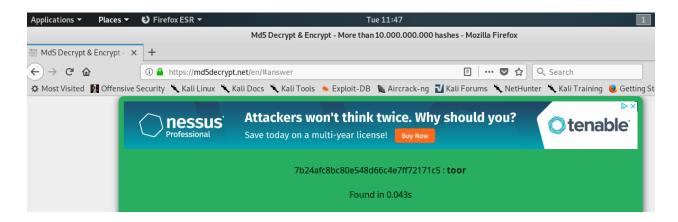


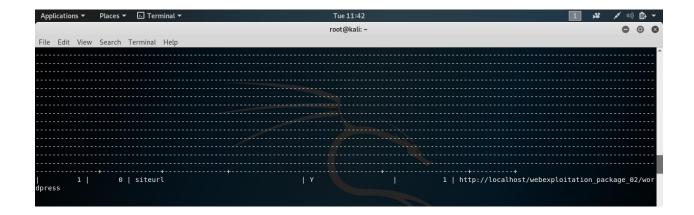


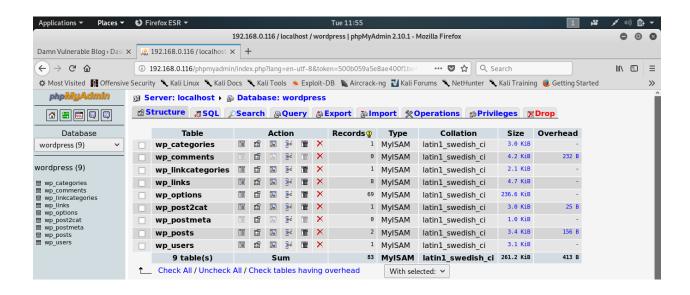
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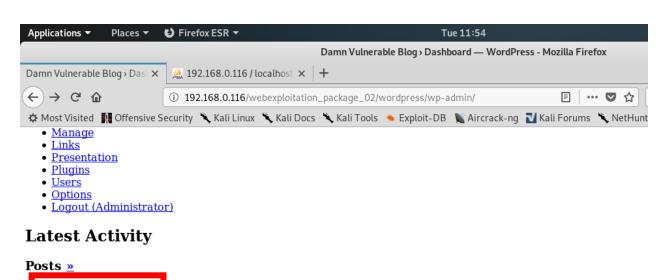












Blog Stats

Post #3

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6) SSH Weak Encryption Algorithms



7) Cross-Site Tracing

Medium (CVSS: 4.3)

NVT: phpMyAdmin 'error.php' Cross Site Scripting Vulnerability

Product detection result

cpe:/a:phpmyadmin:phpmyadmin:2.10.1

Detected by phpMyAdmin Detection (OID: 1.3.6.1.4.1.25623.1.0.900129)

Summary

The host is running phpMyAdmin and is prone to Cross-Site Scripting Vulnerability.

Vulnerability Detection Result

Vulnerability was detected according to the Vulnerability Detection Method.

Impact

Successful exploitation will allow attackers to inject arbitrary HTML code within the error page and conduct phishing attacks.

Solution

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Solution type: WillNotFix

No known solution was made available for at least one year since the disclosure of this vulnerability.

