

RP:Red Primer

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Title DVWA IP Address 10.10.66.30

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[Task 1] Pull the lever, Kronk!

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#1	Deploy the machine!

No answer needed

[Task 2] ...I'm supposed to scan with that?

click me	click me
#1	First and foremost, what switch do we use to scan a target host?

-h

click me	click me
#2	Websites don't always properly redirect to the correct transport port and can sometimes have different issues depending on the manner in which they are scanned. How do we disable secure transport?

-nossl

click me	click me
#3	How about the opposite, how do we force secondary transport?

## -ssl

click me	click me
#4	What if we want to set a specific port to scan?

## -p

click me	click me
#5	As the web is constantly evolving, so is Nikto. A database of vulnerabilities represents a core component to this web scanner, how do we verify that this database is working and free from error?

## -dbcheck

click me	click me
#6	If instructed to, Nikto will attempt to guess a list of files within directories as well as usernames. Which switch and number do we use to set Nikto to enumerate usernames in Apache? Keep in mind that the -u option is deprecated in favor of plugins, however, it's still a great option to be aware of for situational usage.

## -mutate 3

click me	click me
#7	Suppose we know the username and password for a forum, how do we set Nikto to do a credentialed check? Suppose the username is admin and the password is PrettyAwesomePassword1234

## -id admin:PrettyAwesomePassword1234

click me	click me
#8	Let's scan our target machine, what web services can we discover and what version is it?

## Apache/2.4.7

click me	click me
#9	This box is vulnerable to very poor directory listing. How do we connect to it's web server version, what directory is indexed that really shouldn't be?

config

click me	click me
#10	Nikto scans can take a while to fully complete. Which switch do we set in order to limit the scan to end at a certain time?

-until

click me	click me
#11	But wait, there's more! How do we list all of the plugins that are available?

--list-plugins

click me	click me
#12	On the flip-side of the database, plugins represent another core component to Nikto. Which switch do we use to instruct Nikto to run plugin checks to find out of date software on the target host? Keep in mind when testing this command we need to specify the host we intend to test against. For submitting your answer, use only the base command with the switch and date option.

-plugins outdated

click me	click me
#13	Finally, what if we'd like to use our plugins to test for outdated software instead of standard tests against the target host?

-plugins tests

[Task 3] Zip ZAP!

A brief quiz and tutorial over using the OWASP Zap Scanner

click me	click me
#1	Let's start simple and launch zap. This can be done in a number of ways (Commands: owasp-zap, zaproxy) or through launching the Kali gui.

No answer needed

click me	click me
#2	Launch ZAP, what option do we set in order to specify what we are attacking?

## url to attack

click me	click me
#3	Launch the attack against our target! Through the course of this attack you may notice this is very similar to Nikto. Similar to Nessus vs. OpenVAS, Nikto and ZAP and both offer different perspectives on scanning a host and, as such, it's useful to know how to leverage both scanning tools in order to maximize your own visibility in a situation wherein 'noise' does not particularly matter.

No answer needed

click me	click me
#4	ZAP will discover a file that typically contains information which well-behaved web indexing engines will read in order to know what sections of a site to avoid. What is the name of this file? (Lucky for us, the scanner isn't what we would call 'well-behaved'!)

## robots.txt

click me	click me
#5	One entry is included in the disallow section of the robots.txt file. What is it?

## /

click me	click me
#6	ZAP will find a directory that contains images of the application, what is the path for that directory? (This is what will follow the IP of the website)

## /dvwa/images/

click me	click me
#7	This website doesn't force a secure connection and ZAP isn't pleased with it. Which related cookie is ZAP upset about?

## HttpOnly

click me	click me
#8	Featured in various rooms on TryHackMe, CrossSiteScripting is a vicious attack that is becoming ever more common on the web. What Alert does ZAP produce to let us know that this site is vulnerable to XSS? Note, there are often a couple warnings produced for this, look for the one so directly related to the web client.

## Web Browser XSS Protection Not Enabled

click me

#9

click me

The ZAP proxy spider represents the component responsible for 'crawling' the site. What site is found to be out of scope?

<http://www.dvwa.co.uk>

click me

#10

click me

ZAP will use primarily two methods in order to request content from a website, which of these two HTTP methods requests content?

GET

click me

#11

click me

Which option attempts to submit content to the server?

POST

**RP: Nmap**

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Part of the Red Primer series, intro to scanning.



## ***[Task 1] Deploy!***

Nmap is an incredibly valuable tool in the world of penetration testing. In this room, we will cover the basics of using Nmap to effectively scan a target, gaining insight for further attacks!

**#1**

Deploy the machine!

**No answer needed**

## ***[Task 2] Nmap Quiz***

A short quiz on the more useful switches that we can use with Nmap. All you'll need for this is the help menu for nmap. Include all parts of the switch unless otherwise specified, this includes -

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**#1**

First, how do you access the help menu?

**-h**

**#2**

Often referred to as a stealth scan, what is the first switch listed for a 'Syn Scan'?

**-sS**

**#3**

Not quite as useful but how about a 'UDP Scan'?

**-sU**

**#4**

What about operating system detection?

**-O**

**#5**

How about service version detection?

**-sV**

**#6**

Most people like to see some output to know that their scan is actually doing things, what is the verbosity flag?

**-v**

**#7**

What about 'very verbose'? (A personal favorite)

**-vv**

**#8**

Sometimes saving output in a common document format can be really handy for reporting, how do we save output in xml format?

**-oX**

**#9**

Aggressive scans can be nice when other scans just aren't getting the output that you want and you really don't care how 'loud' you are, what is the switch for enabling this?

**-A**

**#10**

How do I set the timing to the max level, sometimes called 'Insane'?

**-T5**

**#11**

What about if I want to scan a specific port?

**-p**

**#12**

How about if I want to scan every port?

**-p-**

**#13**

What if I want to enable using a script from the nmap scripting engine? For this, just include the first part of the switch without the specification of what script to run.

**--script**

**#14**

What if I want to run all scripts out of the vulnerability category?

**--script vuln**

**#15**

What switch should I include if I don't want to ping the host?

**-Pn**

## ***[Task 3] Nmap Scanning***

**Perform some basic nmap scanning and learn to read through the results**

**#1**

Let's go ahead and start with the basics and perform a syn scan on the box provided. What will this command be without the host IP address?

**nmap -sS**

**#2**

After scanning this, how many ports do we find open under 1000?

**2**

**#3**

What communication protocol is given for these ports following the port number?

**tcp**

**#4**

Perform a service version detection scan, what is the version of the software running on port 22?

**6.6.1p1**

**#5**

Perform an aggressive scan, what flag isn't set under the results for port 80?

**httponly**



**#6**

Perform a script scan of vulnerabilities associated with this box, what denial of service (DOS) attack is this box susceptible to? Answer with the name for the vulnerability that is given as the section title in the scan output. A vuln scan can take a while to complete. In case you get stuck, the answer for this question has been provided in the hint, however, it's good to still run this scan and get used to using it as it can be invaluable.

**http-slowloris-check**

## ***RP: Nessus***



**Part of the Red Primer series, learn how to set up and use Nessus**

### ***[Task 1] Deploy!***

Deploy the vulnerable machine! This one, well, it has problems.

**#1**

Deploy the virtual machine!

**No answer needed**

### ***[Task 2] Installation***

Install Nessus on a system of your system of choice! For the sake of this guide, I'll be using Ubuntu. I highly recommend installing this on a dedicated VM just for Nessus scanning. Here's a link to the Nessus documentation online: <https://docs.tenable.com/nessus/Content/GettingStarted.htm>

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**#1**

First, create a basic Ubuntu box (or any other system of your choice). Minimum 4 2GHz cores, 4 GB RAM (8 Recommended) and 30 GB of disk space.

**No answer needed**

**#2**

Next, go ahead and register for a Nessus Home license. This can be used to scan up to 16 IP addresses at a time. Be sure to keep this license information safe, you'll need it for any manual work. Here's the registration link: <https://www.tenable.com/products/nessus-home>

**No answer needed**

**#3**

Follow the installation instructions on Tenable's website, once Nessus is set up connect the machine that it lives on to the network using your VPN file.

**No answer needed**

## **[Task 3] Nessus Quiz**

**A short quiz on the features and functions of Nessus, this includes the Nessus 7 manual as well for any clarification.**

**#1**

As we log into Nessus, we are greeted with a button to launch a scan, what is the name of this button?

**New Scan**

**#2**

Nessus allows us to create custom templates that can be used during the scan selection as additional scan types, what is the name of the menu where we can set these?

**policies**

**#3**

Nessus also allows us to change plugin properties such as hiding them or changing their severity, what menu allows us to change this?

**plugin rules**

**#4**

Nessus can also be run through multiple 'Scanners' where multiple installations can work together to complete scans or run scans on remote networks, what menu allows us to see all of these installations?

## scanners

**#5**

Let's move onto the scan types, what scan allows us to see simply what hosts are 'alive'?

## host discovery

**#6**

One of the most useful scan types, which is considered to be 'suitable for any host'?

## basic network scan

**#7**

Following a few basic scans, it's often useful to run a scan wherein the scanner can authenticate to systems and evaluate their patching level. What scan allows you to do this?

## credential patch audit

**#8**

When performing Web App tests it's often useful to run which scan? This can be incredibly useful when also using nitko, zap, and burp to gain a full picture of an application.

## web application tests

# [Task 4] Scanning!

Run a basic network scan and learn to read through the results!

**#1**

Deploy the machine and connect to the network

## No answer needed

**#2**

Create a new 'Basic Network Scan' targeting the deployed VM. What option can we set under 'BASIC' to set a time for this scan to run? This can be very useful when network congestion is an issue.

## schedule

**#3**

Under discovery set the scan to cover ports 1-65535. What is this type called?

## port scan (all ports)

**#4**

As we are connected to the network via a VPN, it may be to our benefit to 'tone down' the scan a bit. What scan type can we change to under 'ADVANCED' for this lower bandwidth connection?

scan low bandwidth links

**#5**

With these options set (other than the time to run) save and launch the scan.

No answer needed

**#6**

After the scan completes, which 'Vulnerability' can we view the details of to see the open ports on this host?

Nessus SYN scanner

**#7**

There seems to be a chat server running on this machine, what port is it on?

6667

**#8**

Looks like we have a medium level vulnerability relating to SSH, what is this vulnerability named?

SSH weak algorithms supported

**#9**

What web server type and version is reported by Nessus?

Apache/2.4.99

## ***[Task 5] Wait, there's mail?***

**Add SMTP functionality into your Nessus install!**

**#1**

An optional but awesome additional step, link your Nessus box up to an SMTP server via the Settings panel. Google provides this for free if you already have a Gmail account. Adding 2-factor authentication on your account and create an app password, then link Nessus to the Gmail SMTP server via these following settings: [https://www.siteground.com/kb/google\\_free\\_smtp\\_server/](https://www.siteground.com/kb/google_free_smtp_server/)

No answer needed

## ***[Task 6] So you're telling me that's how you set up a web app...***

**Run a Web App scan against a very secure web application that has absolutely no problems!**

**#1**

Run a web application scan against this new box.

**No answer needed**

**#2**

What is the plugin id of the plugin that determines the HTTP server type and version?

**10107**

**#3**

What authentication page is discovered by the scanner that transmits credentials in cleartext?

**/login.php**

**#4**

What is the file extension of the config backup?

**.bak**

**#5**

Which directory contains example documents? (This will be in a php directory)

**/external/phpids/0.6/docs/examples/**

**#6**

What vulnerability is this application susceptible to that is associated with X-Frame-Options?

**clickjacking**

**#7**

What version of php is the server using?

**5.5.9-1ubuntu4.26**

**RP: tmux**

**[Task 1] Screens wishes it was this cool.**



# tmux

tmux, the terminal multiplexer, is easily one of the most used tools by the Linux community (and not just pentesters!). While not a malicious tool, tmux makes running simultaneous tasks throughout a pentest incredibly easy. In this primer room, we'll walk through the process of installing and using some of the most common key combinations used in tmux. (Note, the installation process in this is geared towards Kali/Ubuntu.)

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<b>_ new sessions</b> tmux tmux new tmux new-session tmux new -s sessionname	<b>_ remove sessions</b> tmux kill-ses tmux kill-session -t sessionname	<b>_ windows are like tabs in a browser. Windows exist in sessions and occupy the space of a session screen.</b>	<b>_ key bindings</b> Ctrl + B 9 select window by number Ctrl + B * select window by name Ctrl + B - change window number Ctrl + B . rename window Ctrl + B F search windows Ctrl + B & kill window Ctrl + B W list windows
<b>_ attach sessions</b> tmux a tmux att tmux attach tmux attach-session tmux a -t sessionname	<b>_ key bindings</b> Ctrl + B \$ rename session Ctrl + B D detach session Ctrl + B ) next session Ctrl + B ( previous session	<b>_ key bindings</b> Ctrl + B C create window Ctrl + B N move to next window Ctrl + B P move to previous window Ctrl + B L move to window last used	
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<b>_ panes are sections of windows that have been split into different screens - just like the panes of a real window!</b>	<b>_ key bindings</b> Ctrl + B % vertical split Ctrl + B = horizontal split Ctrl + B → move to pane to the right Ctrl + B ← move to pane to the left	<b>_ key bindings</b> Ctrl + B ↑ move up to pane Ctrl + B ↓ move down to pane Ctrl + B O go to next pane Ctrl + B ; go to last active pane Ctrl + B } move pane right Ctrl + B { move pane left Ctrl + B ! convert pane to window Ctrl + B X kill pane	<b>_ copy mode commands</b> space start selection enter copy selection Esc clear selection g go to top G go to bottom h move cursor left j move cursor down k move cursor up l move cursor right / search # list paste buffers q quit

Link to the above cheat sheet: [Link](#)

Original credit for the cheat sheet goes to Linux Academy

For another excellent resource on learning tmux, check out IppSec's video: [Link](#)

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click me

#1

click me

First things first, let's go ahead and install tmux. This should be done on Ubuntu/Kali with the command: apt-get install tmux

No answer needed

click me

#2

click me

Once tmux is installed, what command do we use to launch a new session?

tmux

click me

#3

click me

All tmux commands are preceded by a key combination. What is the first key in this combination?

control

click me

#4

click me

How about the second key? What key combination is pressed at the same time and released before the first key?

B

click me

#5

click me

Lets go ahead and create a new session. What key do we need to add to the combination?

D

click me

#6

click me

Well shoot, we've de-attached from the session. How do we list all of our sessions?

tmux ls

click me

#7

click me

What did our session name end with? What did our session name end with? What did our session name end with? one without a set name?

0

click me

#8

click me

Now that we've found the session, how do we attach to it?

tmux a -t 0

click me

#9

click me

Let's go ahead and run a command in the session. What key do we add to the combo in order to run a command?

C

click me

#10

click me

Seems like we have them up with. Let's remedy that problem by and nmap scan against it. Deploy the VM

No answer needed

click me

#11

click me

Run the following s  
TARGET\_IP

No answer needed

click me

#12

click me

Whew! Plenty of ou  
with a relatively small terminal like me, this  
once. To fix that, let's enter 'copy mode'. Wh  
enter copy mode?

[

click me

#13

click me

Copy mode is very  
up and down using the arrow keys. What if v

g

click me

#14

click me

How about the bott

G

click me

#15

click me

What key do we pre  
mode'?

q

click me

#16

click me

This window we're  
need an upgrade. What key do we add to th

%

click me

#17

click me

How about horizon

"

click me

#18

click me

We can now move k  
combo and arrow keys, try it out!

No answer needed



click me

#19

click me

We can also resize  
combo and pressing the arrow keys, try it ou

No answer needed

click me

#20

click me

Wait a minute, we'  
window! We can go back it using the key co  
Try going back to this original window and t  
one!

No answer needed

click me

#21

click me

Say one of these n  
unresponsive or we're just done working in i  
'kill' the pane?

X

click me

#22

click me

Now that's we've fir  
close the session?

exit

click me

#23

click me

Last but now least,  
session named 'neat'?

tmux new -s neat