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Project 4: Network Scanning and Perform MITM

Target: Windows Operating System

Hack into your windows target machine by performing Network Scanning to find exploits and Perform MITM on your windows machine. Use all the modules as we discussed

- Describe in detail about the steps followed on both the attacks.
- Find the vulnerabilities of windows machine and try to exploit the vulnerability downloading payload Exploit DB
- Take Necessary screenshots when required to justify the procedure you have followed.

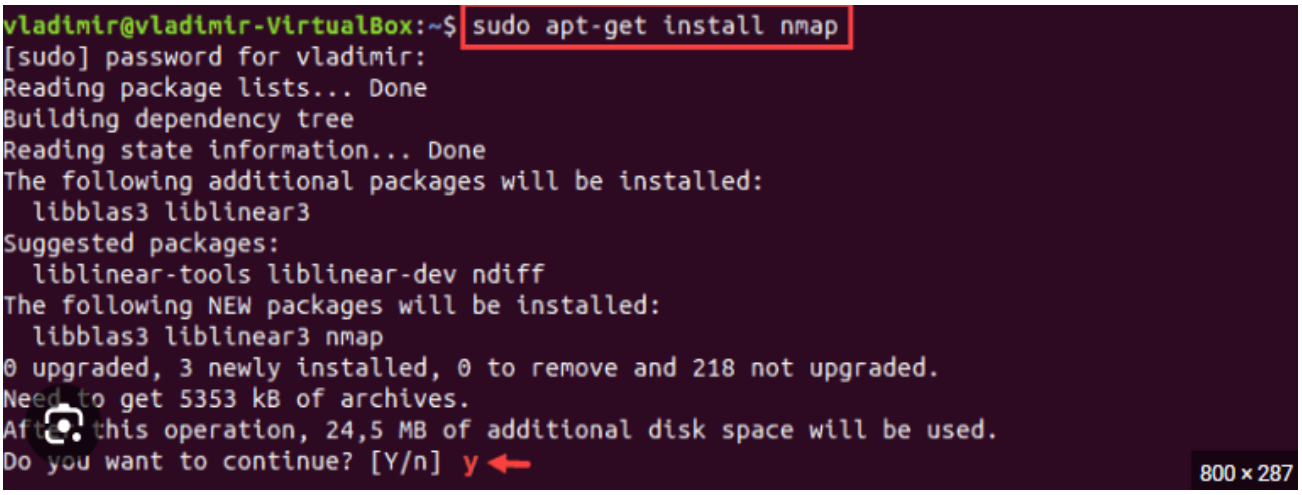
The sequence of module is the following:

(i) Network scanning using nmap
(ii) Finding vulnerability on windows
(iii) Creating payload
(iv) Perform MITM Attack

I. Network Scanning by using NMAP

The network scanning will be realised by using Nmap, because it's a versatile network for both attackers and defenders.

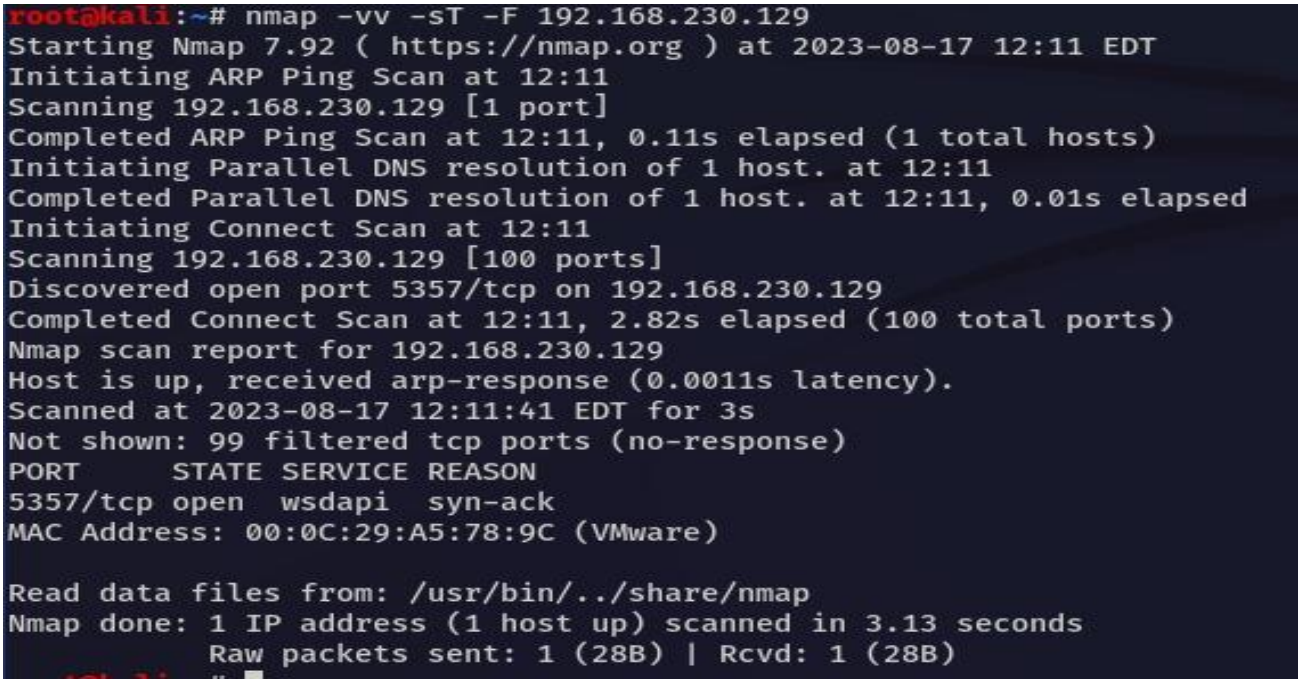
Step (1) Nmap Installation



- Installation Size : *4.38 MB*
- How to Install : *Sudo APT Install Nmap*

Step (2) Commands for Nmap on Kali Linux

- Commands: *Nmap -vv -sT -F 192.168.230.129*



- V stands for verbose mode
- sT stands for TCP connect scan
- There has been a completed ARP Ping scan. For example, in situations when Nmap tries to transmit a raw IP packet, like an ICMP echo request, then the operating system actually needs to identify the target IP's destination hardware called ARP address (nmap.org). And then this enables the proper addressing of the Ethernet frame.

Step (3) Using Nmap

- ***~ #nmap -vv -sS -F 192.168.230.129***

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root@kali:~# nmap -vv -sS -F 192.168.230.129
Starting Nmap 7.92 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-08-17 12:12 EDT
Initiating ARP Ping Scan at 12:12
Scanning 192.168.230.129 [1 port]
Completed ARP Ping Scan at 12:12, 0.07s elapsed (1 total hosts)
Initiating Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 12:12
Completed Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 12:12, 0.01s elapsed
Initiating SYN Stealth Scan at 12:12
Scanning 192.168.230.129 [100 ports]
Discovered open port 5357/tcp on 192.168.230.129
Completed SYN Stealth Scan at 12:12, 2.06s elapsed (100 total ports)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.230.129
Host is up, received arp-response (0.00046s latency).
Scanned at 2023-08-17 12:12:25 EDT for 2s
Not shown: 99 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT     STATE SERVICE REASON
5357/tcp open  wsdapi  syn-ack ttl 128
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:A5:78:9C (VMware)

Read data files from: /usr/bin/../share/nmap
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 2.32 seconds
           Raw packets sent: 200 (8.784KB) | Rcvd: 2 (72B)
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- Here the data is : *-sS stands for SYC TCP/ CONNECT SCAN*
- Is showing that the host is up and receiving arp-response. The values are: *0.000462 latency*
- Nmap was realised and 1 IP address was scanned : time - *2.32 seconds*

Step (4) Using Nmap: *~# nmap -vv -O -F 192.168.230.129*

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root@kali:~# nmap -vv -O -F 192.168.230.129
Starting Nmap 7.92 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-08-17 12:13 EDT
Initiating ARP Ping Scan at 12:13
Scanning 192.168.230.129 [1 port]
Completed ARP Ping Scan at 12:13, 0.09s elapsed (1 total hosts)
Initiating Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 12:13
Completed Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 12:13, 0.03s elapsed
Initiating SYN Stealth Scan at 12:13
Scanning 192.168.230.129 [100 ports]
Discovered open port 5357/tcp on 192.168.230.129
Completed SYN Stealth Scan at 12:13, 2.07s elapsed (100 total ports)
Initiating OS detection (try #1) against 192.168.230.129
Retrying OS detection (try #2) against 192.168.230.129
Nmap scan report for 192.168.230.129
Host is up, received arp-response (0.00094s latency).
Scanned at 2023-08-17 12:13:50 EDT for 7s
Not shown: 99 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT     STATE SERVICE REASON
5357/tcp open  wsdapi  syn-ack ttl 128
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:A5:78:9C (VMware)
Warning: OSScan results may be unreliable because we could not find at least 1 open and 1 closed port
Device type: general purpose|specialized
Running (JUST GUESSING): Microsoft Windows XP (92%), AVtech embedded (87%), FreeBSD 6.X|10.X (86%)
OS CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows_xp::sp3 cpe:/o:freebsd:freebsd:6.2 cpe:/o:freebsd:freebsd:10.3
OS fingerprint not ideal because: Missing a closed TCP port so results incomplete
Aggressive OS guesses: Microsoft Windows XP SP3 (92%), AVtech Room Alert 26W environmental monitor (87%), FreeBSD 6.2-RELEASE (86%), FreeBSD 10.3-STABLE (85%), Microsoft Windows XP SP2 (85%)
No exact OS matches for host (test conditions non-ideal).
TCP/IP fingerprint:
SCAN(V=7.92%E=4%D=8/17%OT=5357%CT=%CU=%PV=Y%DS=1%DC=D%G=N%M=000C29%TM=64DE4745%P=x86_64-pc-linux-gnu)
SEQ(SP=101%GCD=1%ISR=107%TI=I%TS=U)
OPS(O1=M5B4NW8NNS%O2=M5B4NW8NNS%O3=M5B4NW8%O4=M5B4NW8NNS%O5=M5B4NW8NNS%O6=M5B4NNS)
WIN(W1=FFFF%W2=FFFF%W3=FFFF%W4=FFFF%W5=FFFF%W6=FF70)
ECN(R=Y%DF=Y%TG=80%W=FFFF%O=M5B4NW8NNS%CC=N%Q=)
T1(R=Y%DF=Y%TG=80%S=O%A=S+%F=AS%RD=0%Q=)
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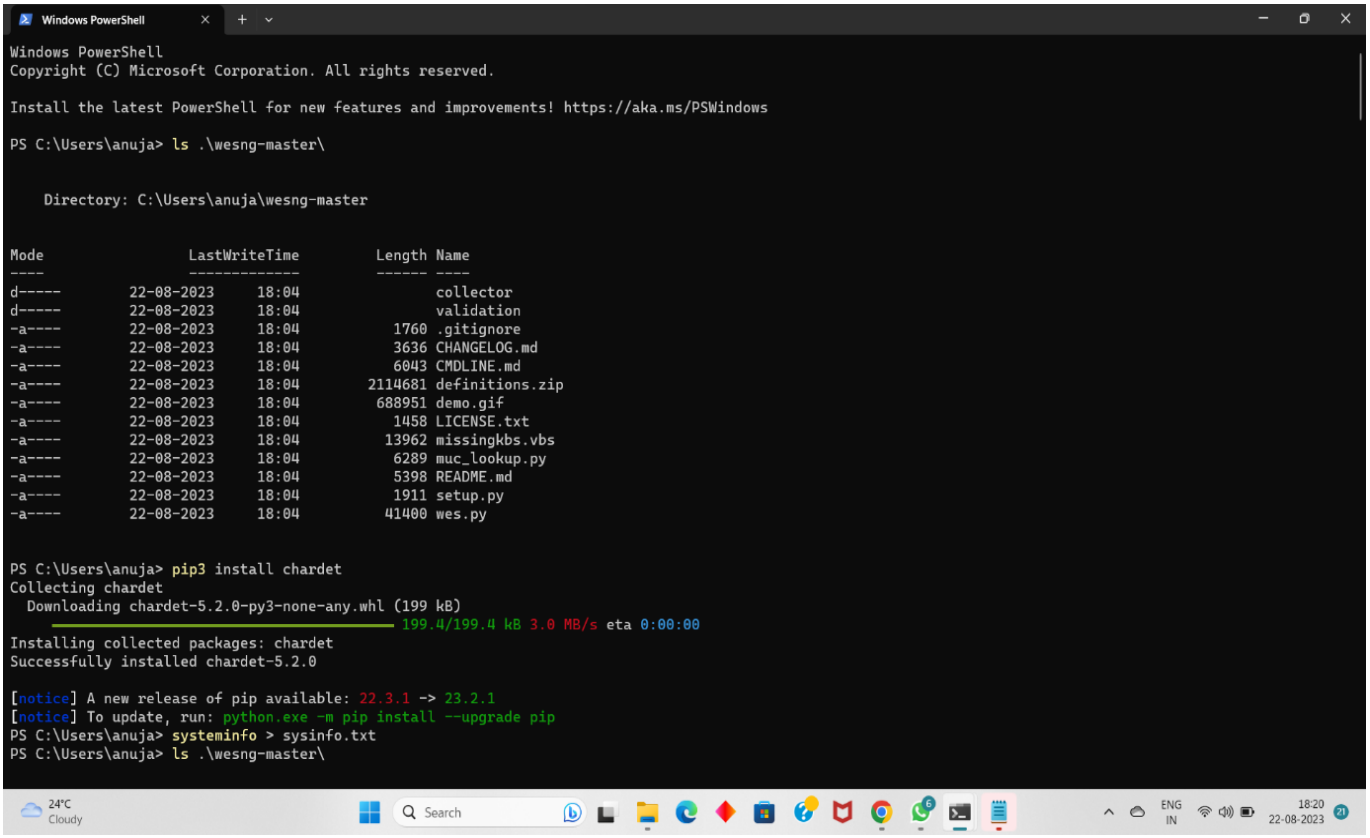
- O - stands for (OPERATING SYSTEM)
- In this simulation, based on the data provided couldn't be found 1 open and 1 closed port

II. Finding vulnerability on windows

A system may have many vulnerabilities. Therefore, how many exploits are available for them and how many of them are critical will be explained by using a quick method.

In this process it will be used as a tool the 'Windows Exploit Suggester — Next Generation (WES-NG)' which is developed on Python in order to show the critical situations. Some vulnerabilities will be provided by using this tool.



The process will include the following steps:

(i) Download the program and then install one package that is named **'chardet'.**
(ii) Store the systeminfo output in a file.
(iii) Use the **'>'** symbol to store the output of the **'systeminfo command'** :

> systeminfo > sysinfo.txt

Model representation extracted from Windows Powershell:

Fig. 1. Screenshot (step i)

- Access the data from: *https://github.com/bitsadmin/wesng*
- Vulnerabilities found

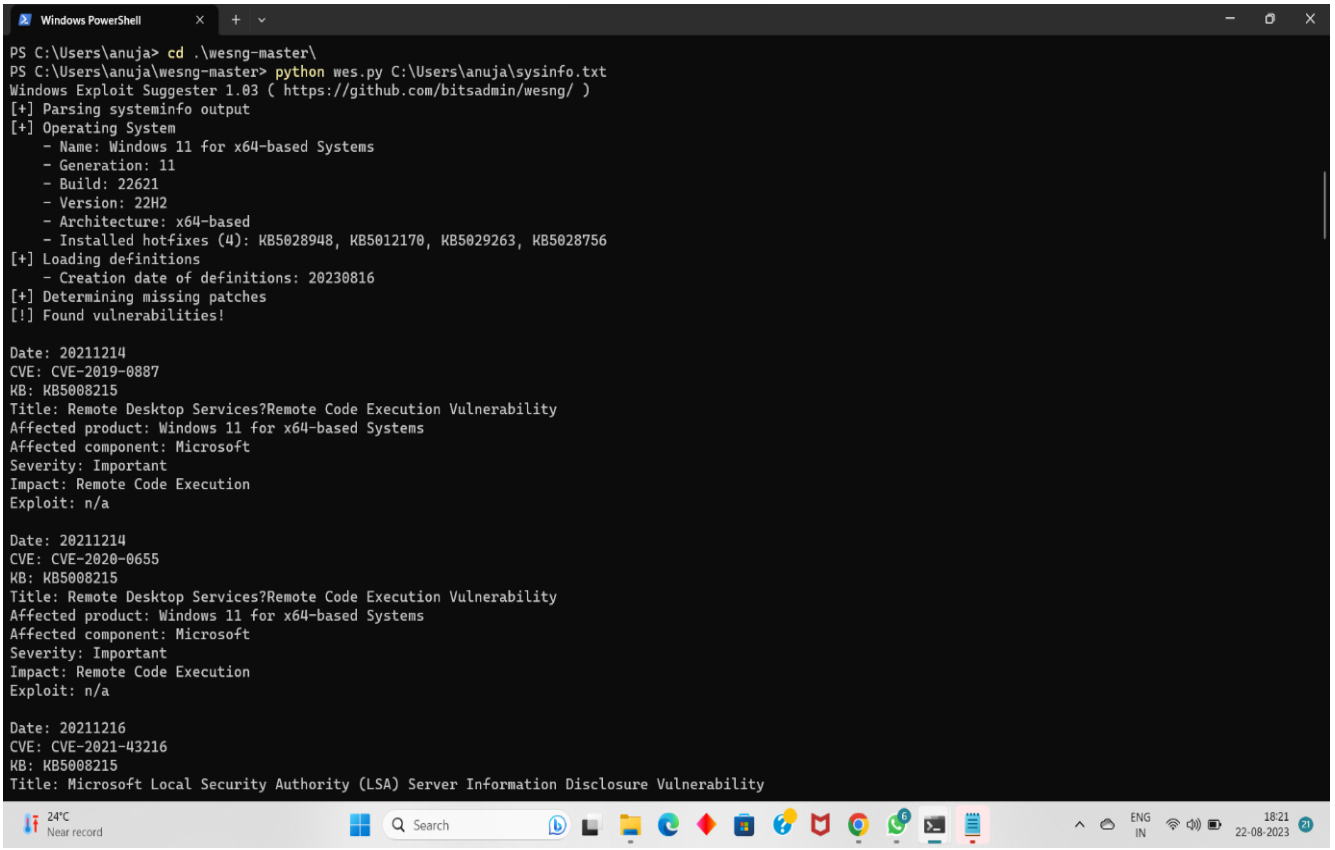


Fig. 2. Screenshot (step ii)

- The affected product is : *Windows 11 for x64-based Systems*

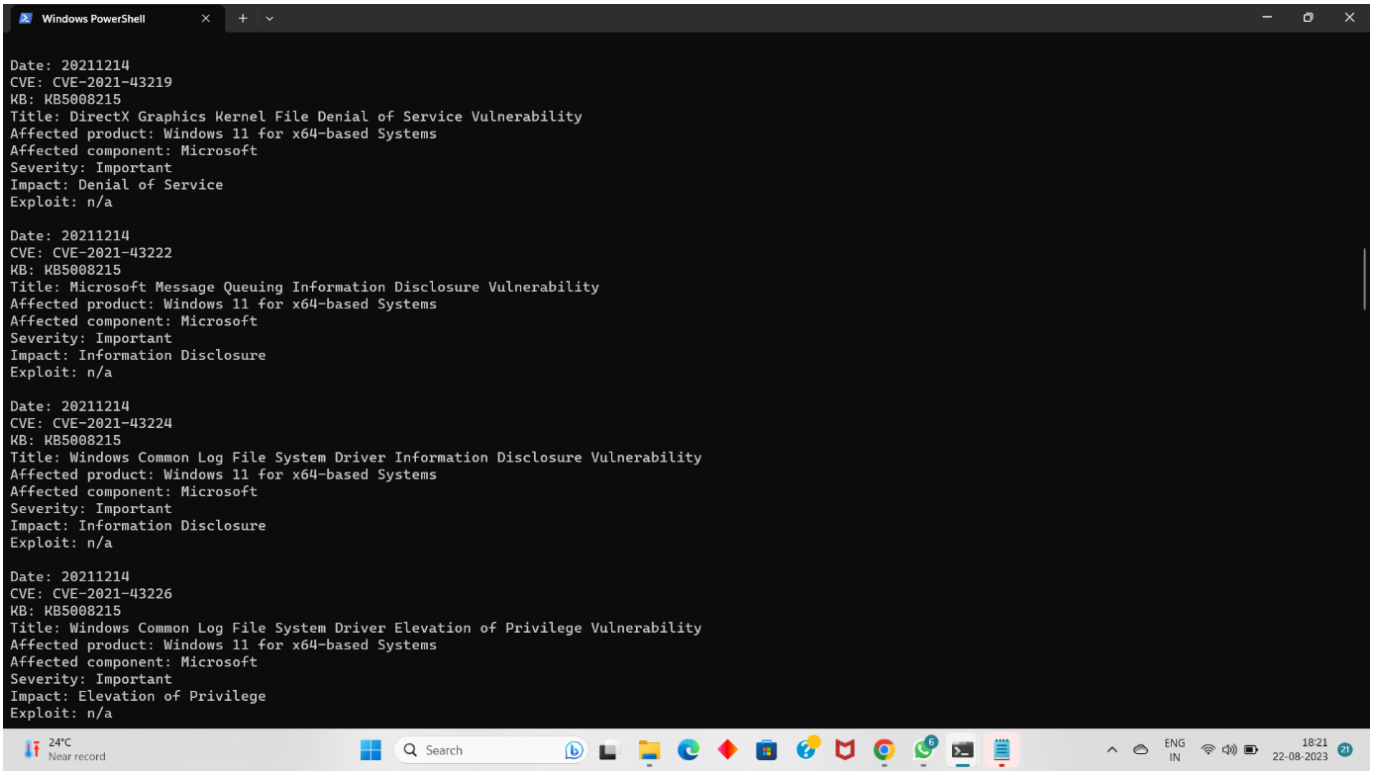


Fig. 3. Screenshot (step iii)

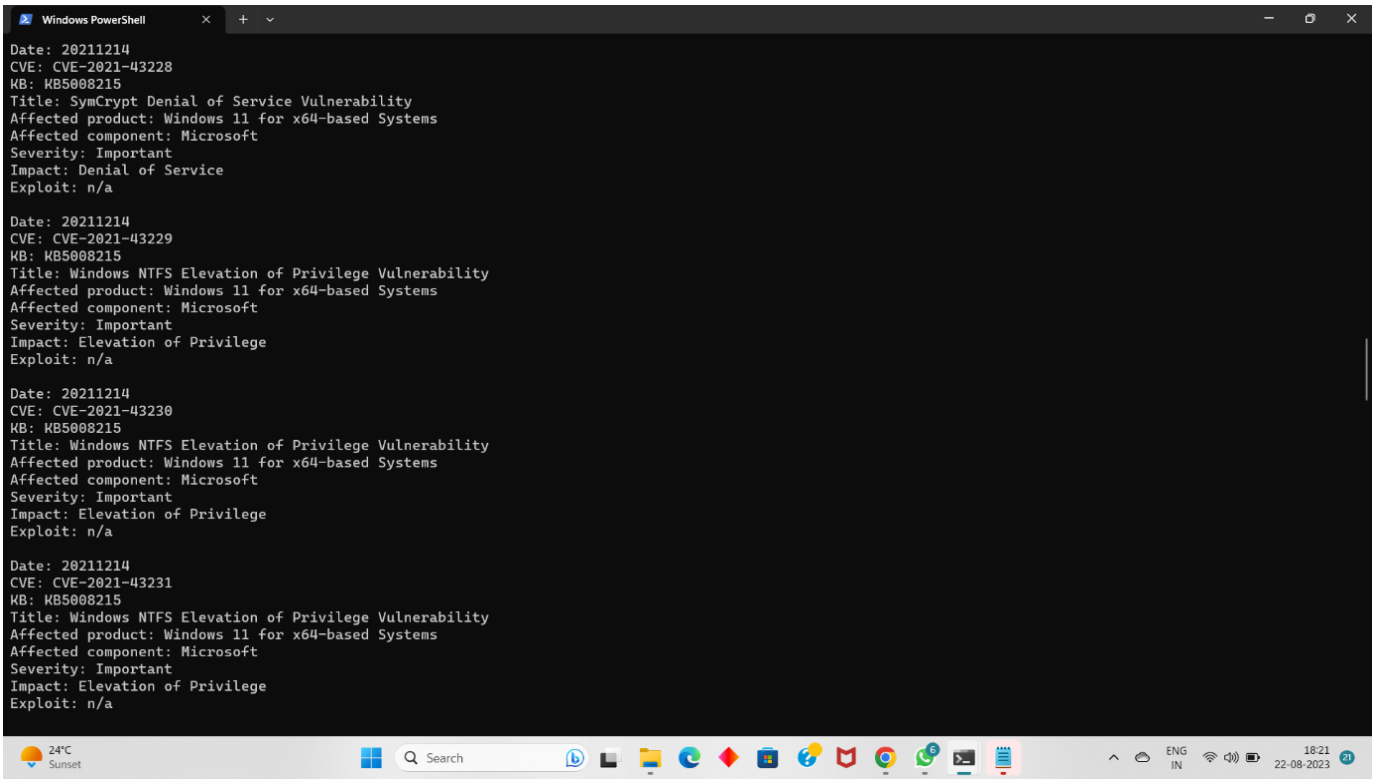
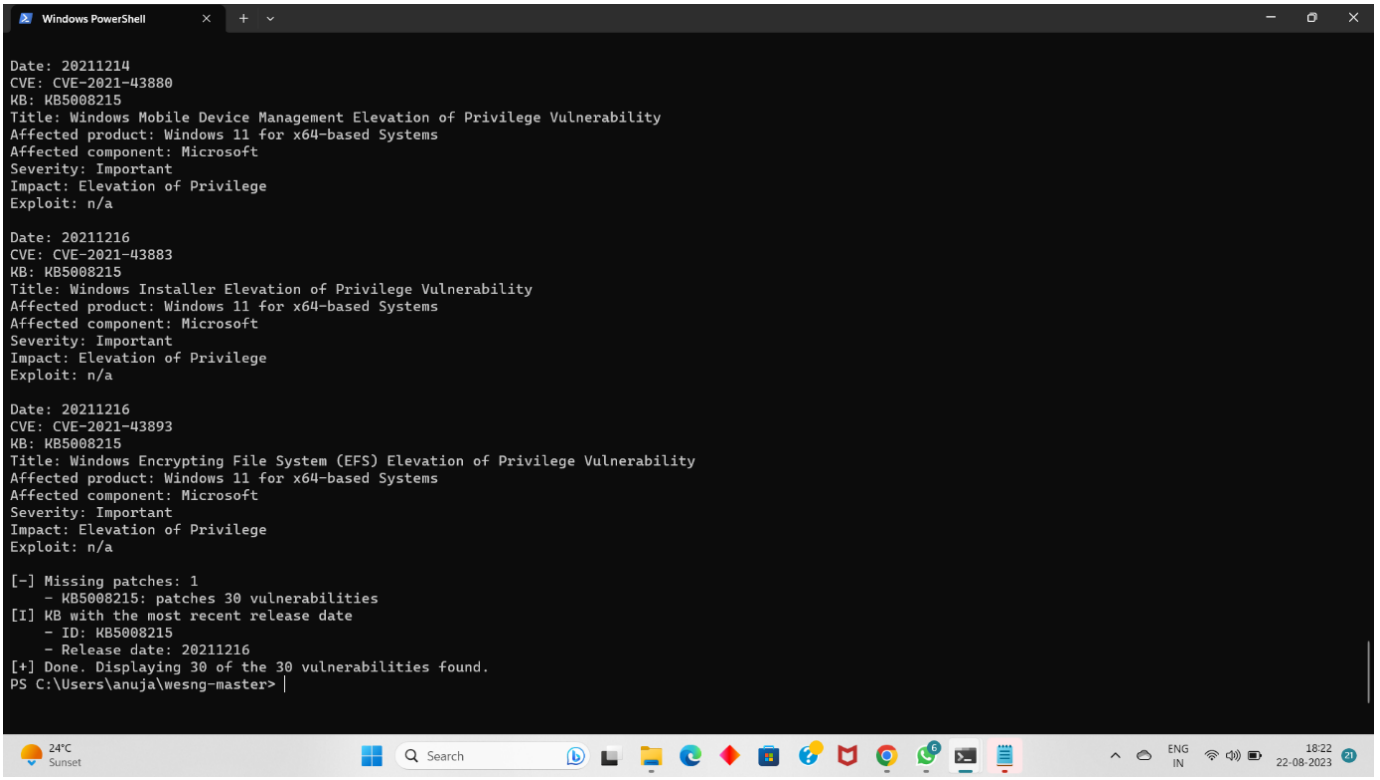


Fig. 4. Screenshot (step iv)

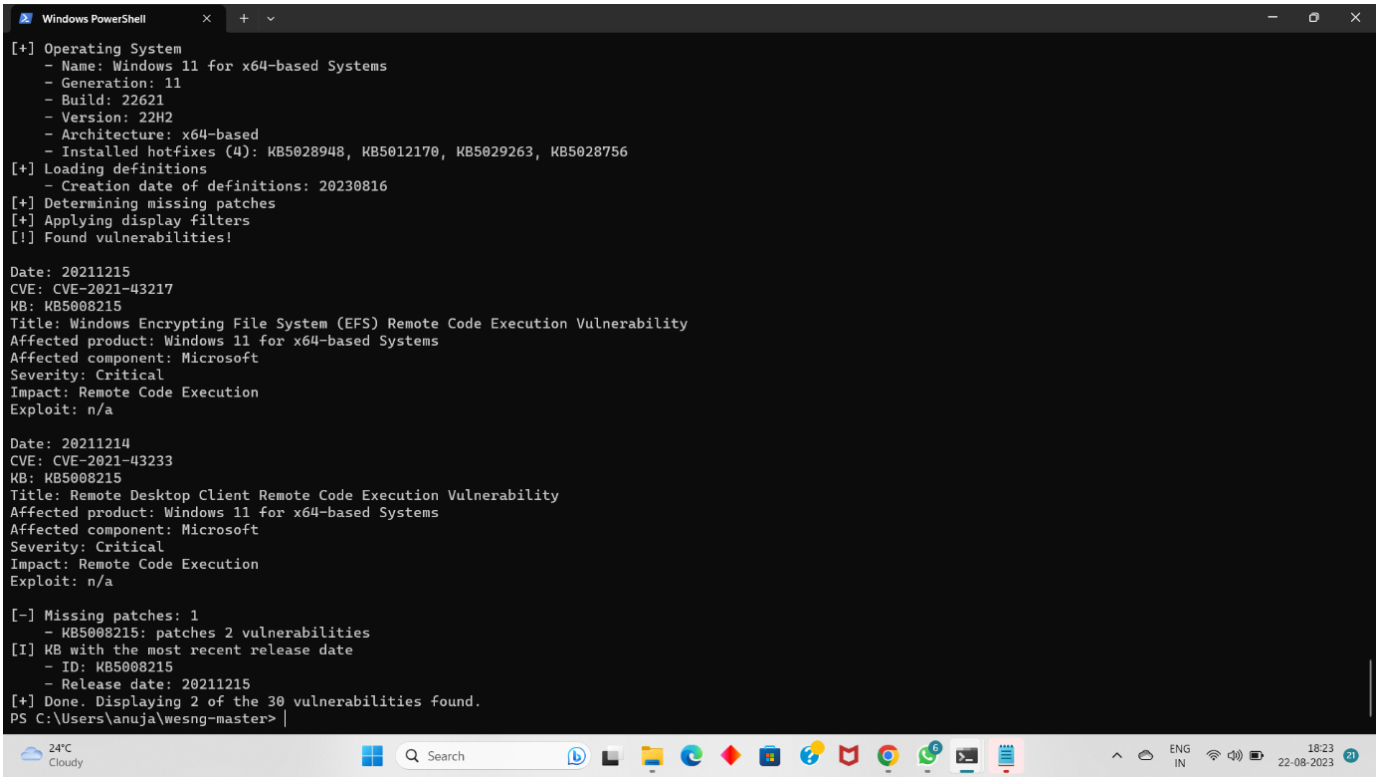
- There have been found 30 vulnerabilities



Note: The results are that we found a total of 30 Vulnerabilities in Windows11.

The next step will be to check how many of them are critical. For that, it will be used the following command:

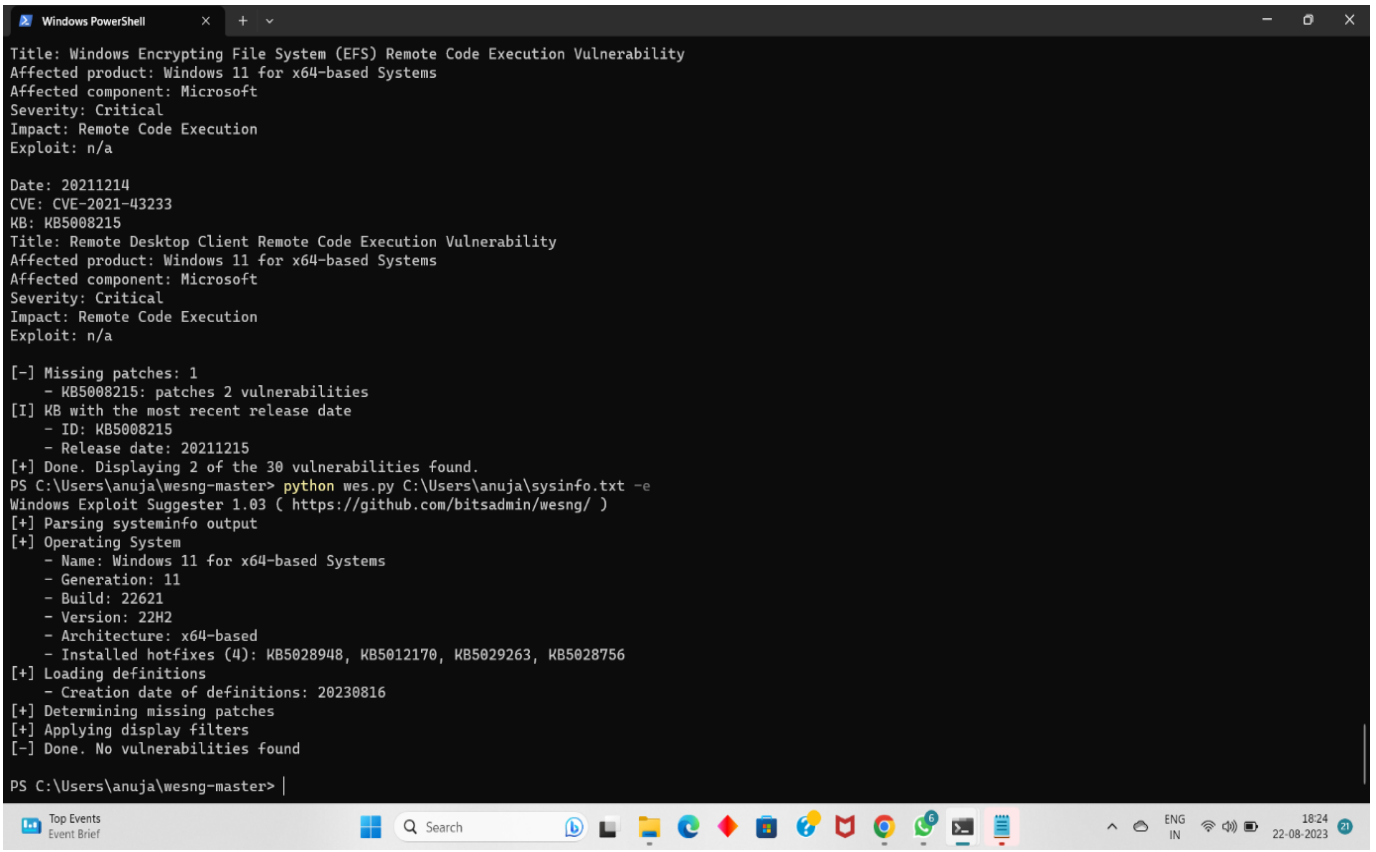
- **'python wes.py sysinfo.txt -s critical' command**



Now, there have been found 2 vulnerabilities which are critical among all 30.

The next step will include to filter to print only exploit available critical vulnerabilities with '-e', below:

> python wes.py sysinfo.txt -e



Note: There are no such vulnerabilities in Windows11. Hence all the vulnerabilities are without exploitation.

III. Creating Payloads by using Veil Framework

Fig. 1. Creating payloads with veil framework

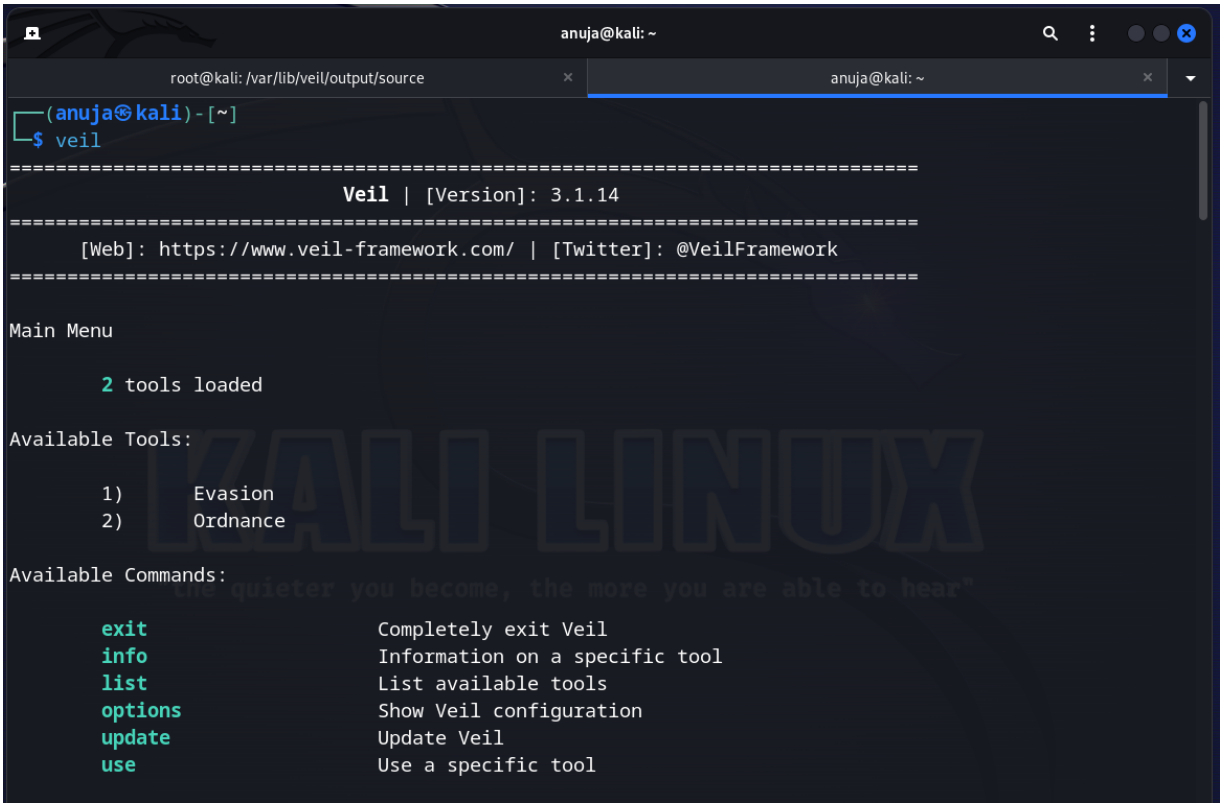


Fig. 2. List of some payloads under Veil - Evasion

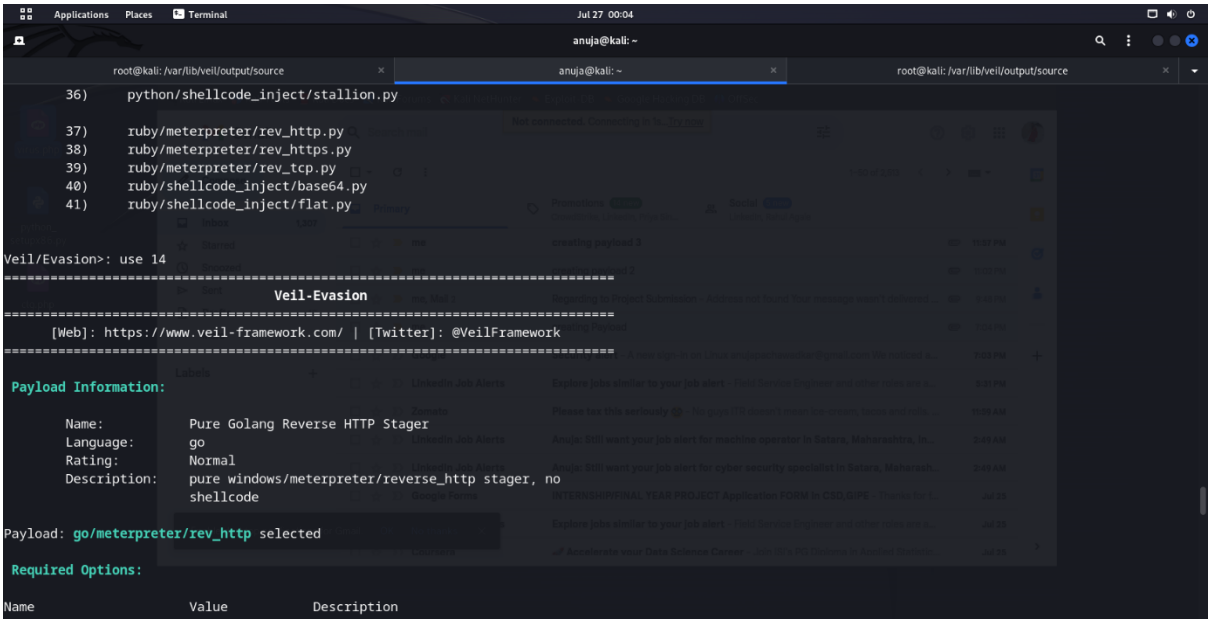


Fig. 3. Steps of selection process:

- Firstly access: **go/meterpreter/rev_http**
- The idea is to offer various options for selected payload as in the following example:

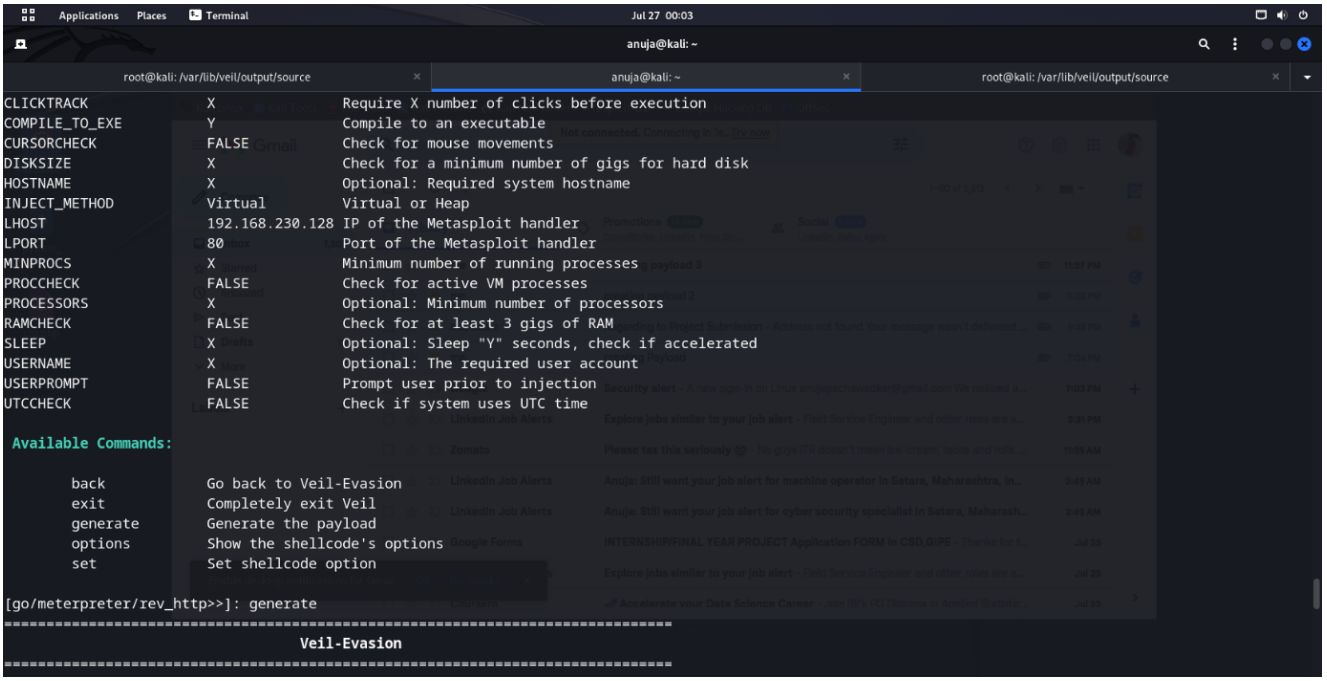


Fig. 4. Generate the payload

There will be used the ‘generate command’ to realise the task.

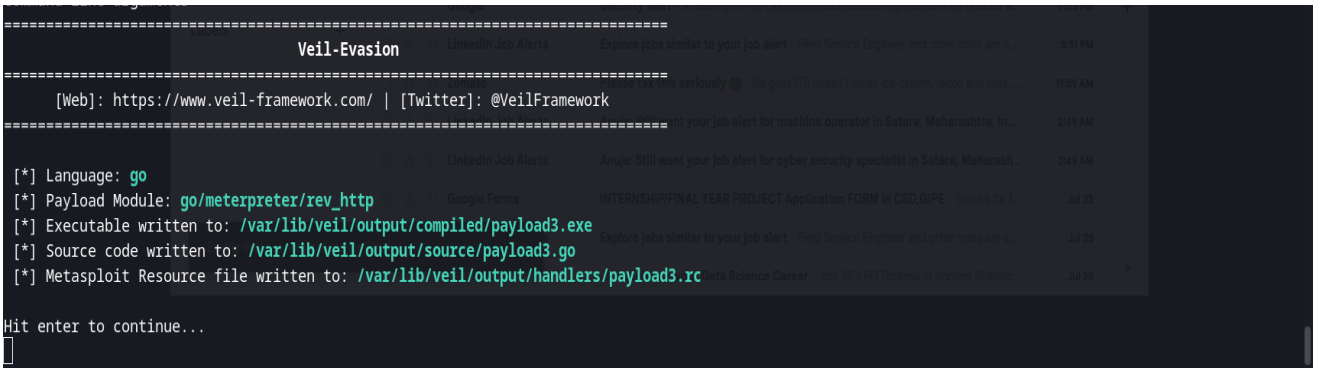


Fig. 5. Case of using MSFconsole (step i)

Selecting ‘MSFconsole’ as this is the primary interface to the Metasploit framework (i.e. it is the Command-Line Interface (CLI) and can interact with the Metasploit).

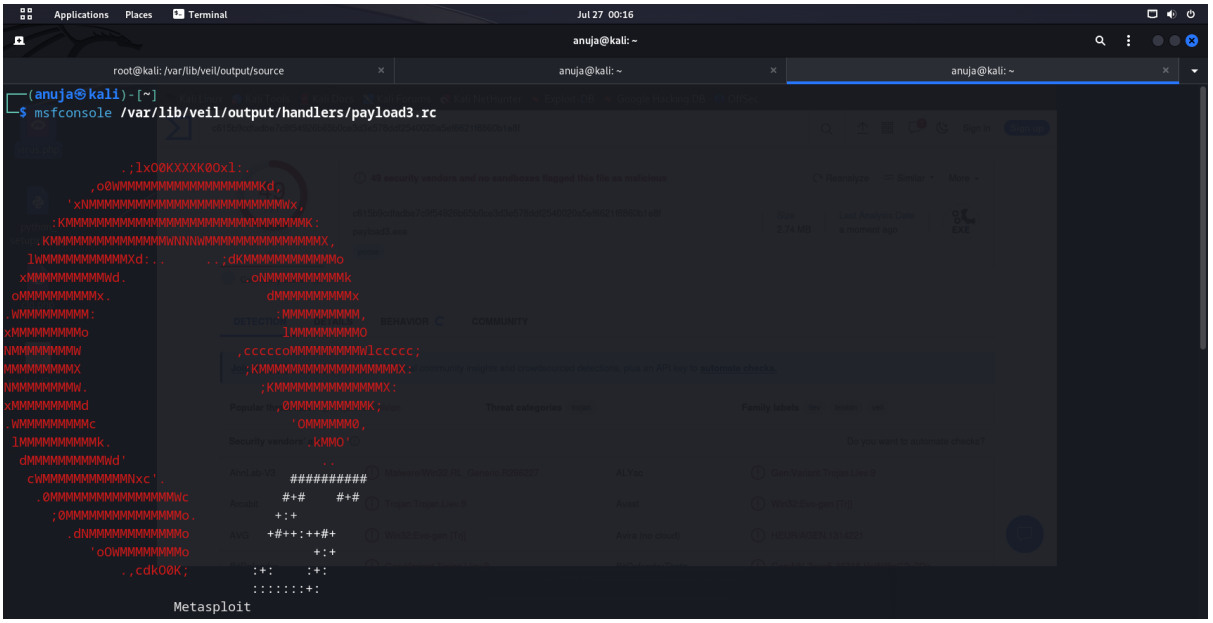


Fig. 6. Case of using msfconsole (step ii)

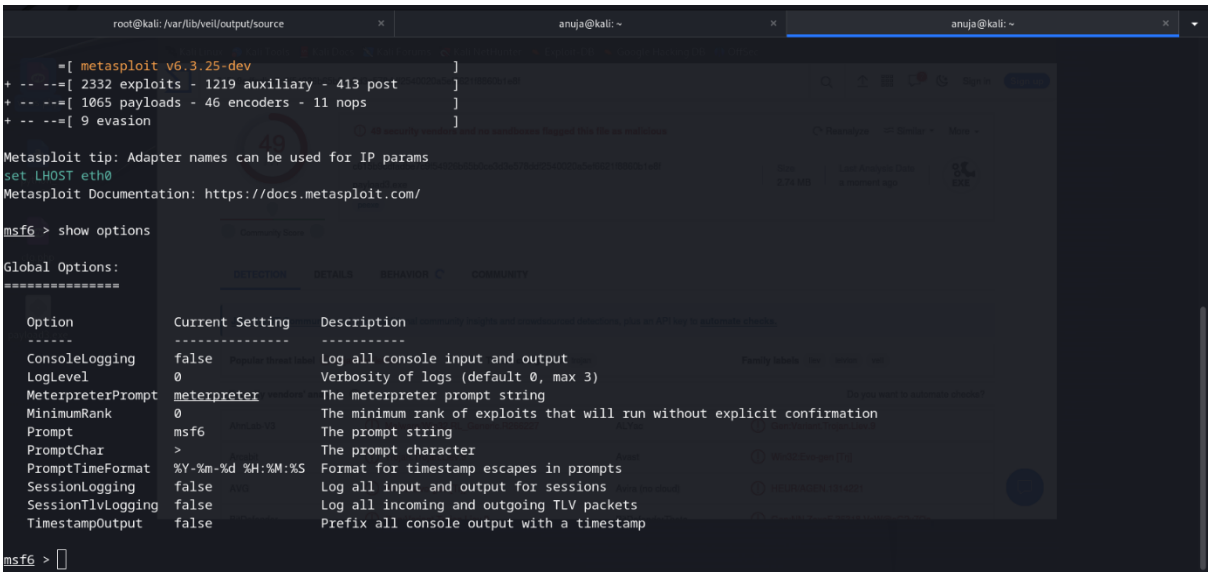
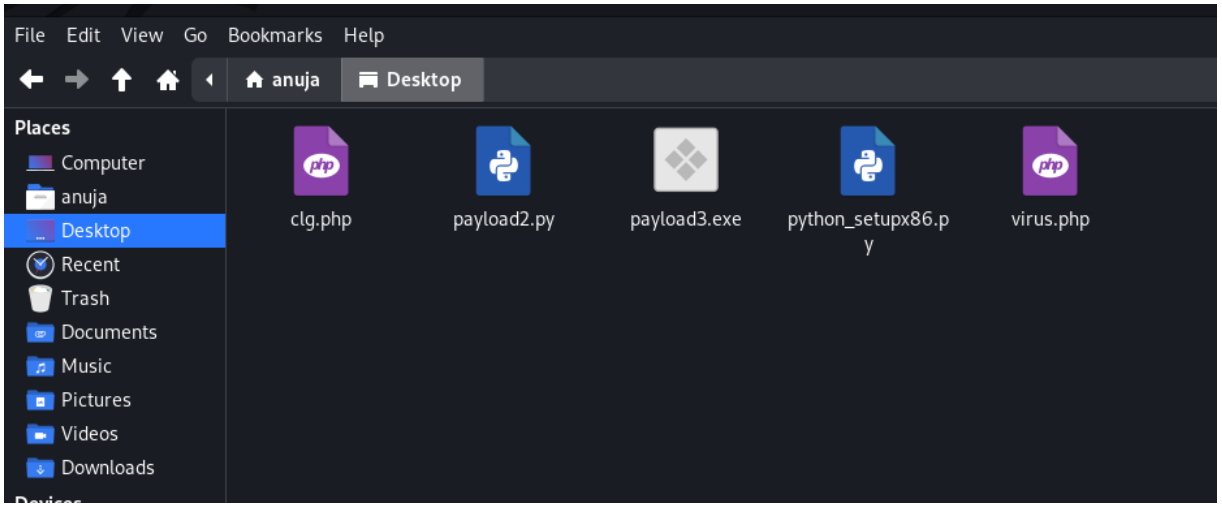


Fig. 7. Examples of Payloads that have been created



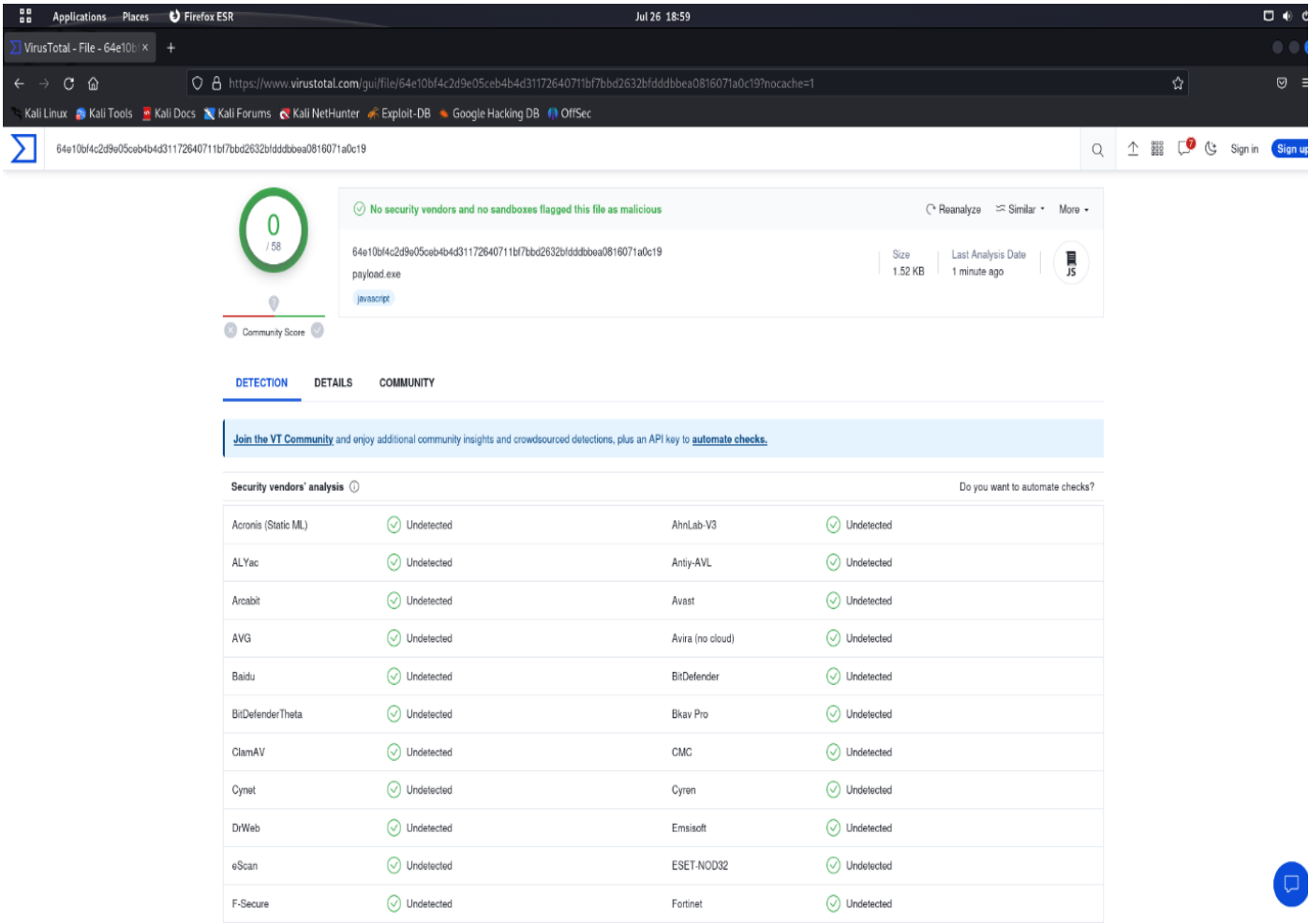
Examples:

(i) clg.php
(ii) payload2.py
(iii) payload3.exe
(iv) python_setupx86.py
(v) virus.php

Fig. 8. Checking on “virustotal.com” to detect the payload

(i) However, after checking the process there have been found some payloads with defects.

(ii) The final step will include creating the payload which is not blocked by any antivirus.



III. MITM (Man In The Middle Attack)

An MITM is a form of active eavesdropping in which the attacker makes independent connections with the victims and relays messages between them, making them believe that they are talking directly to each other over a private connection, when in fact the entire conversation is controlled by the attacker. MITM attacks come in many variations.

The **objectives** are:

(i) Sniff network traffic and perform ARP poisoning.
(ii) Launch Man-in-the-Middle attack.
(iii) Sniff network traffic for passwords.

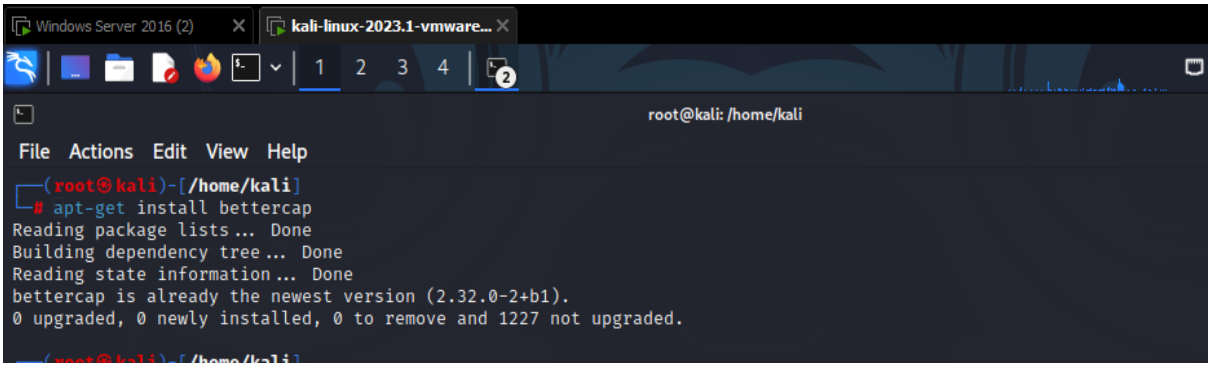
The **requisites** are:

(i) Kali Linux virtual machine.
(ii) Any Windows virtual machine (7, 8, 10 or Server).

The process of this will include multiple steps:

Step (1) Install BetterCAP

- *apt-get update*
  apt-get install bettercap



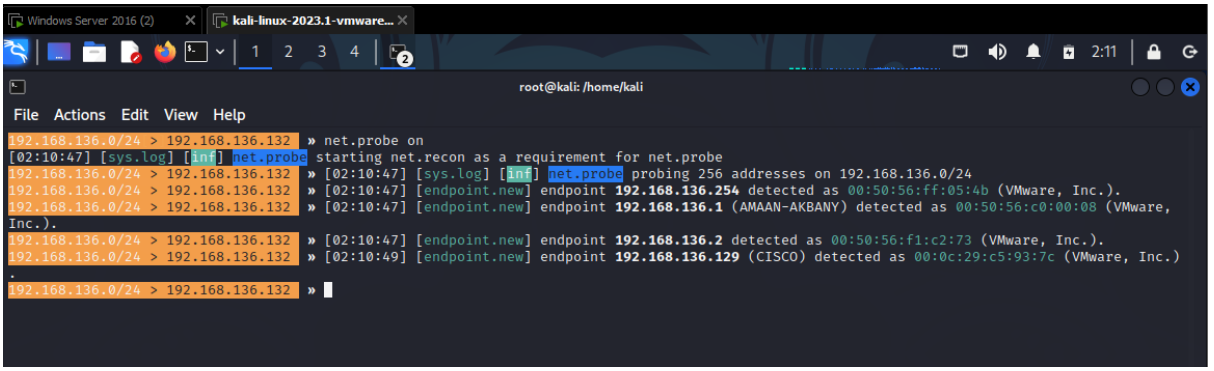
Step (2) BetterCAP modules

- *bettercap -iface eth0*

Step (3) Setting up the Modules to perform an ARP spoofing

(a) Firstly, start the prober module:

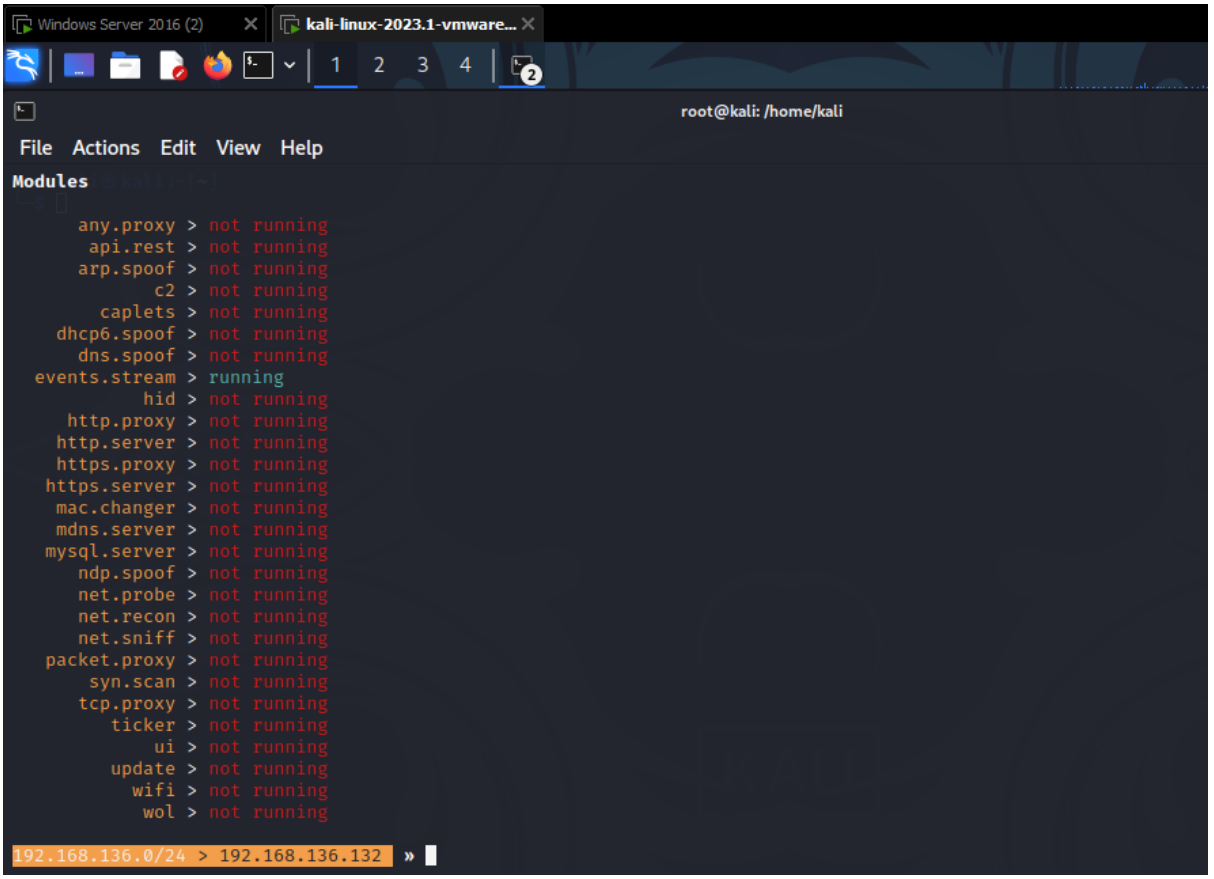
- use *net.probe* on
- data extracted (i.e. image below)



- for example, in my case, the **192.168.136.129** is my Windows virtual machine

(b) Secondly, start network hosts discovery:

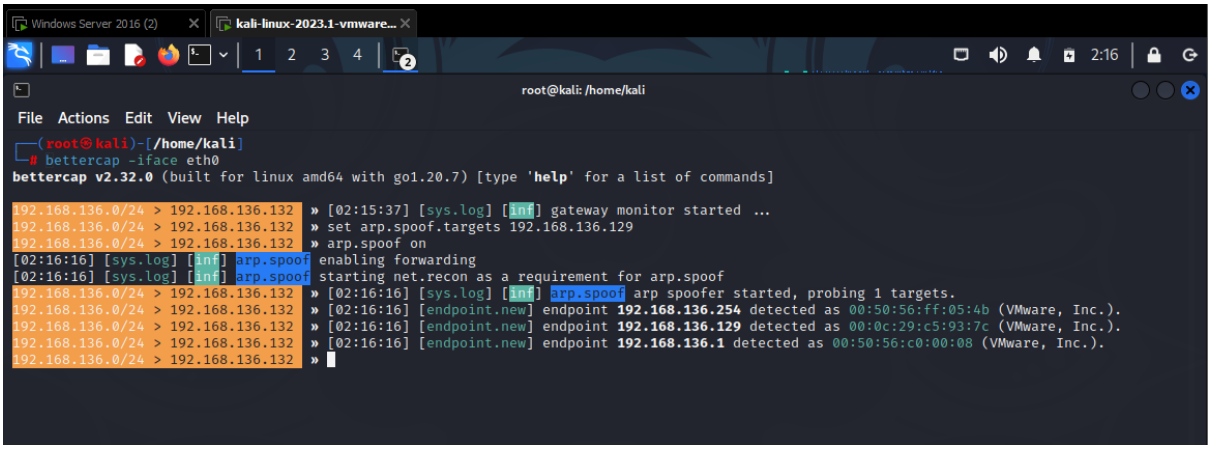
- *net.recon* on



- then, *type net.show* to view all the connected clients viewing the IP addresses and MAC addresses.

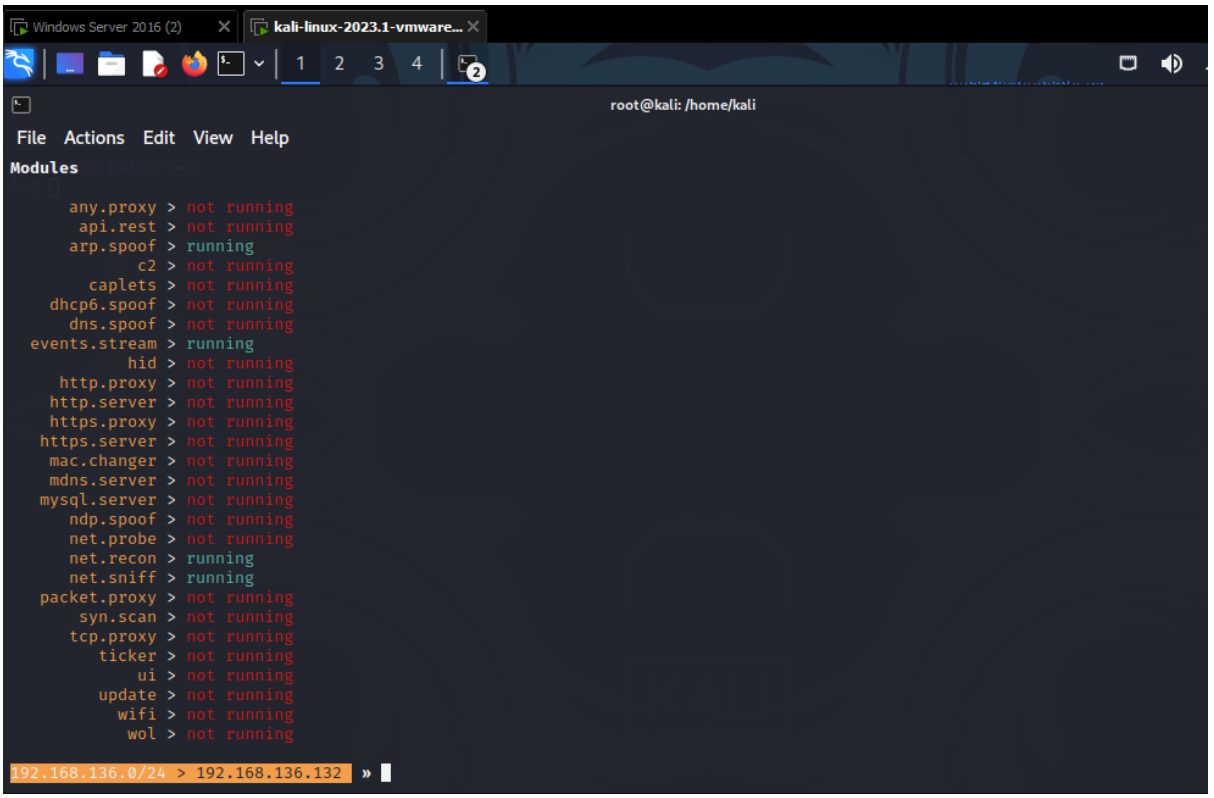
(c) Thirdly, it will be necessary to start ARP spoofer:

- *arp.spoof* on



(d) Then, start the packet sniffer tool will be needed (i.e. is the protocol analyser, that will read the data packets which are traversing the network)

- change to *net.sniff* on
- type help to list the modules running as in the following image:



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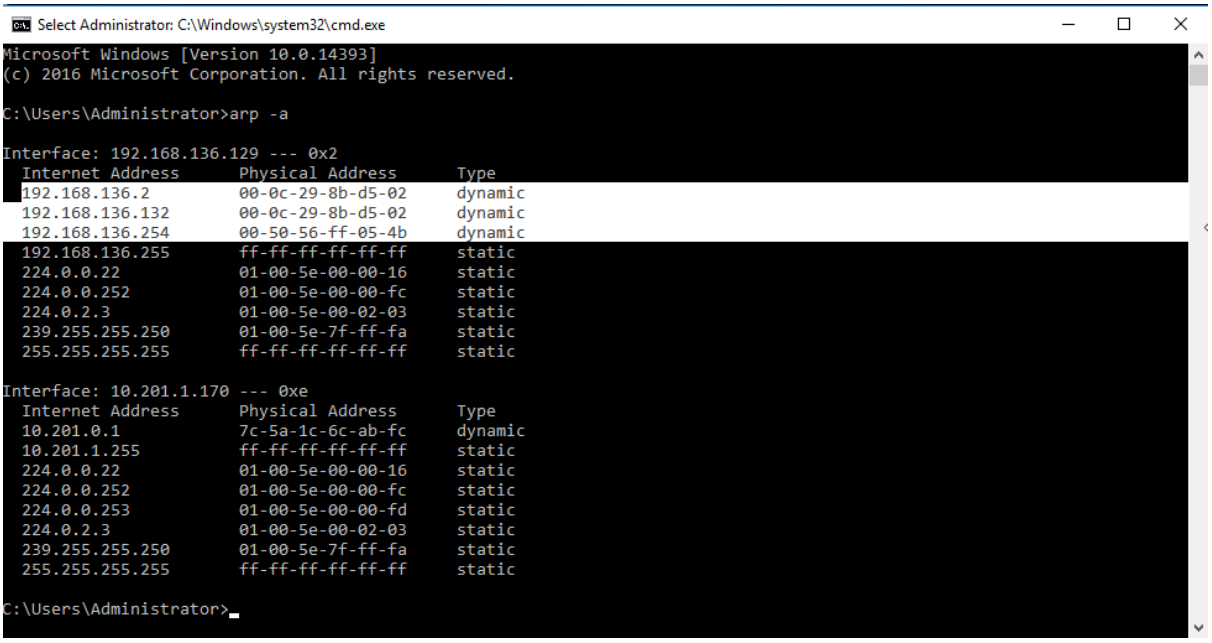
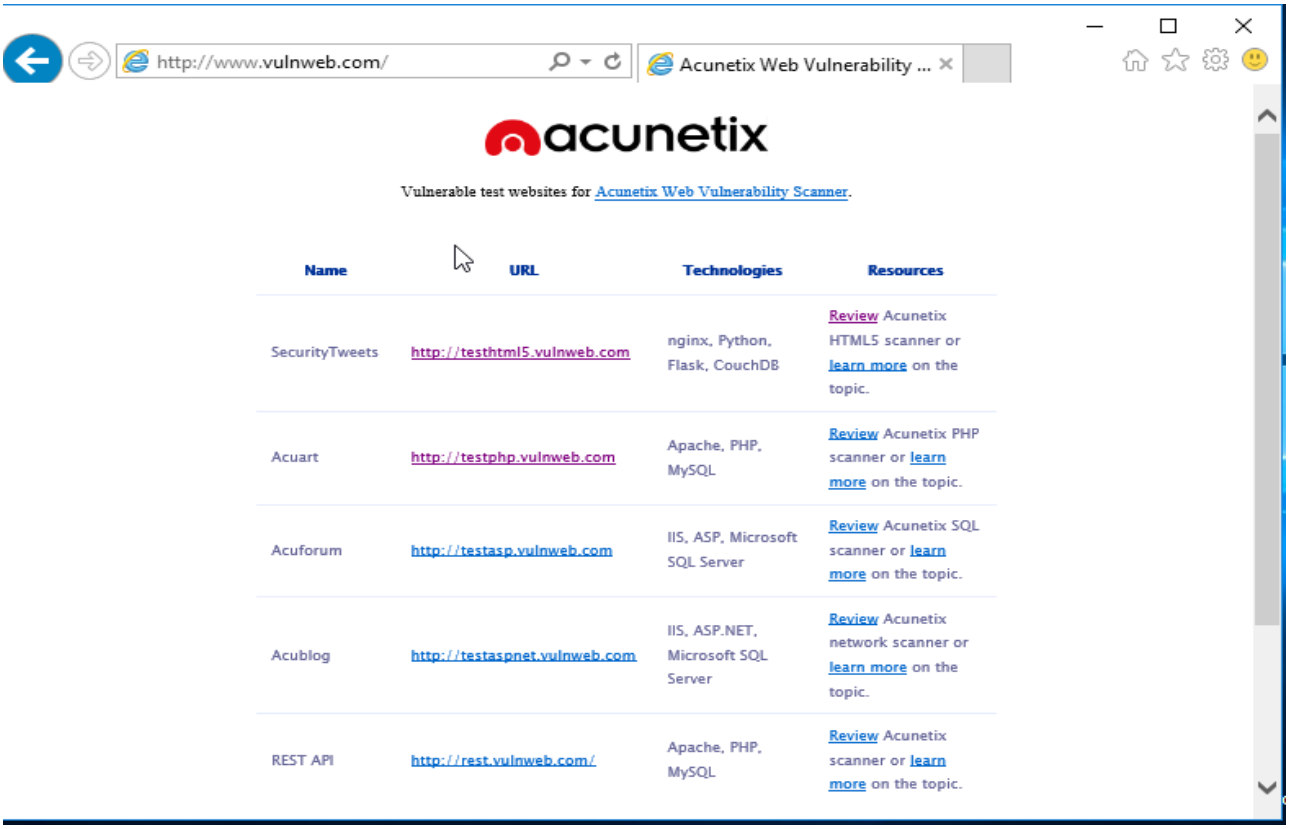
Step (4) Use the 'arp table command' to see what is going on (i.e. this will be open on the Windows machine):



How to use:

1. Generate some generic traffic on the Target machine.
2. Log into your Windows virtual machine.
3. Launch the browser and type the URL: *http://testhtml5.vulnweb.com*
4. Login into this vulnerable-testing-website with sample credentials: *user: admin | password: password.*
5. Results will be the following:

    a. access *vulnweb.com* in order to understand the security breaches that can occur due to a wide range of errors, vulnerabilities.

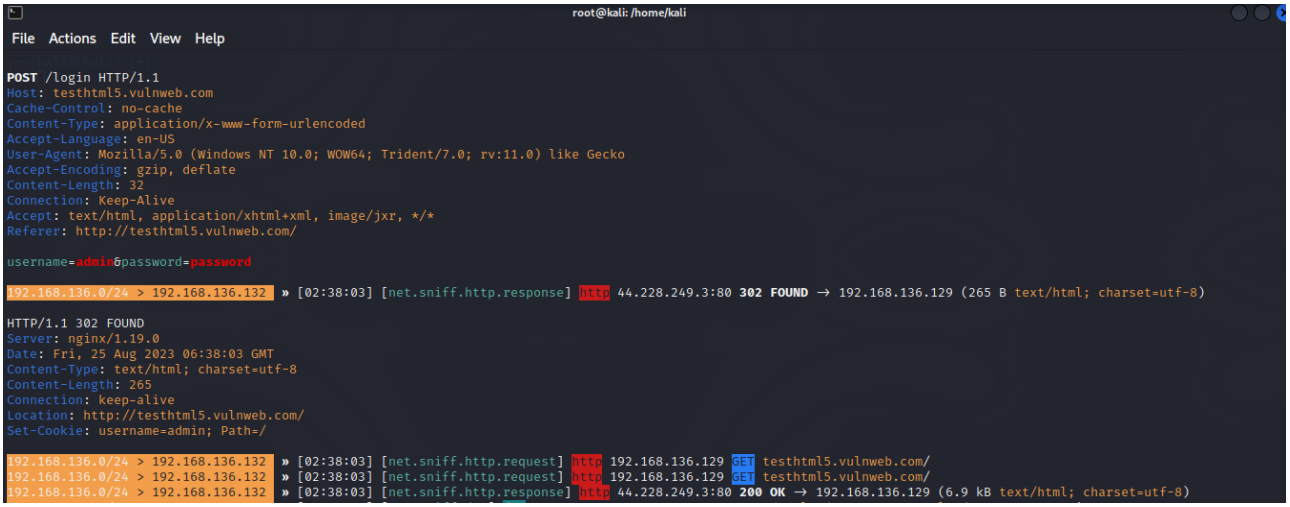


    b. make a test of vulnerabilities (using an username and password)

Step (5) Capture the credentials sent to the website as below:

- Fig. 1. Test Html5. vulnweb.com

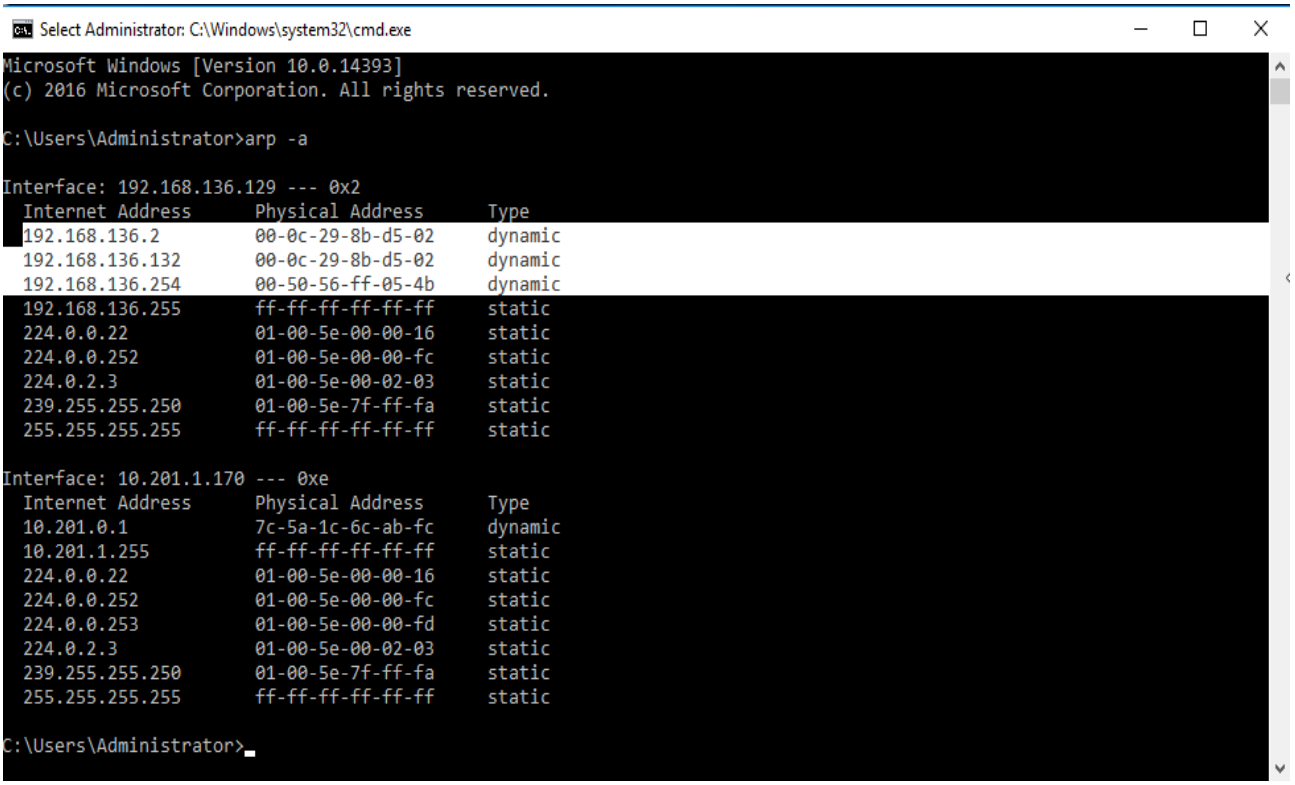
- Fig. 2. Test Html5. vulnweb.com



Step (7) The results extracted (i.e. from Microsoft Windows - version 10.0.14393)

There can be seen the next schema:

a. Internet Address
b. Physical Address
c. Type



IV. Conclusion

In this report, the objective was to use different methods to find vulnerabilities and be capable of exploiting them.

First thing that was done was to use Network Scanning to find exploits and this was realised by using Nmap 7.92 [2021-08-07] as a tool which also helped in detecting vulnerabilities.

Secondly, Windows Exploit Suggester - Next Generation (WES-NG) was used and involved a process in 3 steps to be done.

Next, we tried to create payloads with a veil framework and payloads under Veil - Evasion have been shown. Then we generated the payload with a command. Therefore, the Metasploit Framework ConsoleMSFConsole has been used in Kali Linux. Lastly, we enlisted the payloads that were created.

After that, we tried to perform the MITM Attack and used BetterCAP, because it's a flexible tool that can execute diverse attacks on a network.

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