# CERT Lab 6 – Man in the Middle Attack

# **Educational Objectives**

1. Learn how ARP poisoning is performed and how to detect it

## **Tools**

1. Kali Linux VM

# Lab Task 6 – ARP Spoofing using Ettercap

- 1. Login to Kali Linux machine
- 2. Open terminal and run as root account sudo su

## Step 1 – Set up Manual Packet Forwarding

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  - a. In the terminal type in the following commands

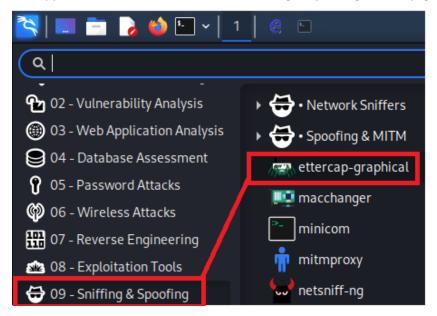
# cat /proc/sys/net/ipv4/ip\_forward

b. If the output returns **1** then you are good to go. However, if the value returns **0**, type the following command:

echo 1 > /proc/sys/net/ipv4/ip\_forward

## Step 2 – Launch Ettercap

1. Click on the Applications button and select 09 - Sniffing & Spoofing>ettercap-graphical



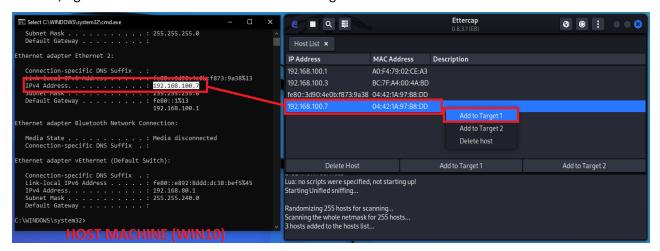
2. The GUI will pop up, leave the default settings, and press the check button on the top right corner



3. First thing that we need to do is to scan for host, click on the magnifying glass button on the top left corner of the Ettercap window

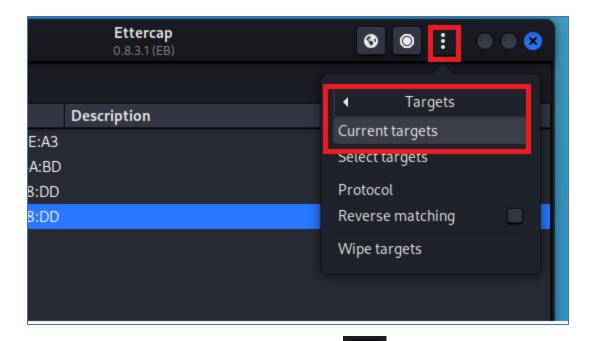


4. Once the hosts are detected, click on Host List button, then find out your host machine's IP address, right click on the host and select "Add to Target 1"

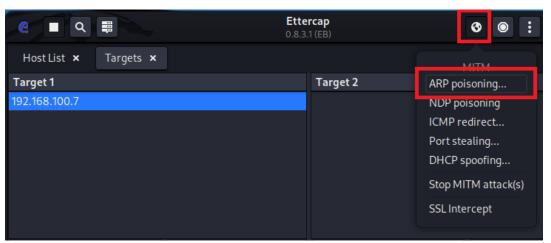


5. Ettercap will display Host 192.168.100.7 added to TARGET1 , next click on the three-dot button

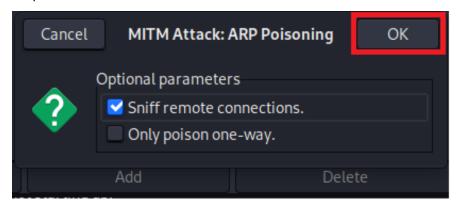
on the top right and select Targets > Current Target



6. When the target window shows, click on MiTM menu button , and select ARP Poisoning



7. Leave the option as is and click on OK



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8. The host machine is sniffed (ARP Poisoning) as shown in the log and the log does not show much output. However, once our target visits a page that sends unencrypted usernames and passwords, it will print

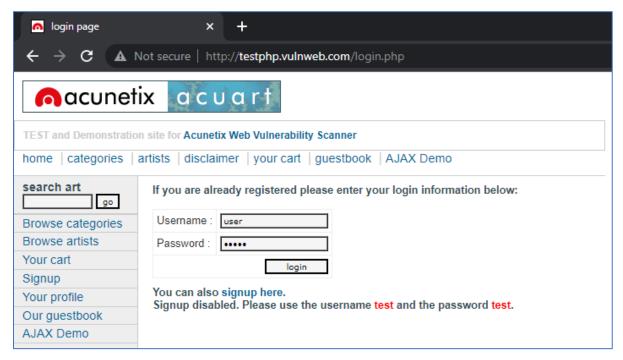
ARP poisoning victims:

GROUP 1: 192.168.100.7 04:42:1A:97:B8:DD

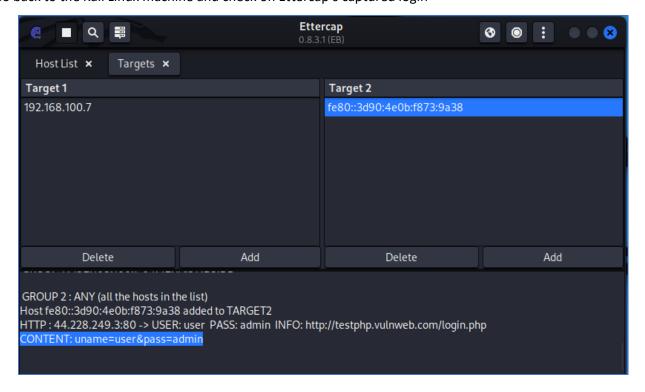
GROUP 2: ANY (all the hosts in the list)

### Step 3 - Capturing login credentials on ARP spoofed machine

- 1. On the host (victim) machine, open a browser and go to <a href="http://testphp.vulnweb.com/login.php">http://testphp.vulnweb.com/login.php</a>
- 2. Type any username and password on this page and click login



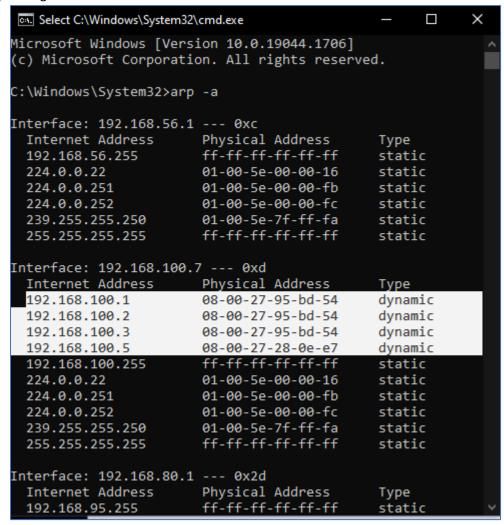
3. Go back to the Kali Linux machine and check on Ettercap's captured login



## Step 4 - Detecting if your machine is being sniffed

1. On the host (victim) machine, open cmd and type the following command

2. This will list out the ARP cache, which is, the IP addresses of the local machine on the network and their corresponding MAC addresses



a. If we observe the first 4 IP addresses in this list, they appear to have the same MAC (physical) address and that is a sign that the machine is ARP spoofed.

- 3. Switch to Kali Linux machine and close the Ettercap main window.
- 4. Go back to the cmd in host machine and enter arp -a again
- 5. When the Man in the Middle attack is stopped, we can now see that the previous IP addresses are back to having different MAC addresses

