## CYBR 435: Cyber Risk Spring 2022

## Lab Assignment #3: Penetration Testing: Scanning and Reconnaissance

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- Release date: Feb 17, 2022 (Thursday), 2:00 pm
- Due date: Feb 24, 2022 (Thursday), 2:00 pm
- Assignment should be SUBMITTED on Blackboard before Due Date. Other submission methods will NOT be accepted.
- LATE Submission will NOT Be Accepted on Blackboard since the submission link will be closed automatically after due date;
  - o Additional submission for missing answer will NOT Be Accepted.
- It should be done INDIVIDUALLY; Show ALL your work and evidence to support your answers.
  - Answer only without evidence receives half credits.
- Total: 10 pts

#### Introduction

The key to successfully exploit or intrude a remote system is about the information you have. The first step for penetration testing is the scanning and reconnaissance. In this lab, you will learn how to use tools to scan and retrieve information from a targeting system. You will be using nmap and OpenVAS to scan a vulnerable machine and identify exploits that can be used to attack it. We will use two Linux virtual machines: one is a Kali Linux with nmap and OpenVAS installed; and the other one is intentionally vulnerable Linux. We will use the nmap and OpenVAS on Kali Linux to scan the vulnerable Linux machine.

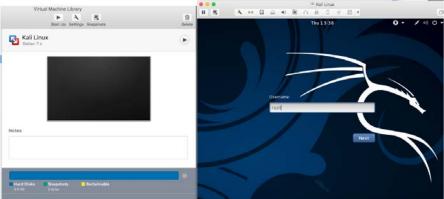
### Software Requirements

- The VMWare Software
  - <a href="https://www.vmware.com/">https://www.vmware.com/</a>
- The VirtualBox Software
  - https://www.virtualbox.org/wiki/Downloads
  - <a href="https://www.vmware.com/support/developer/ovf/">https://www.vmware.com/support/developer/ovf/</a>
  - https://www.mylearning.be/2017/12/convert-a-vmware-fusion-virtual-machine-to-virtualbox-on-mac/
- The Kali Linux, Penetration Testing Distribution <a href="https://www.kali.org/downloads/">https://www.kali.org/downloads/</a>
- Metasploitable2: Vulnerable Linux Platform
  - http://sourceforge.net/projects/metasploitable/files/Metasploitable2/
- nmap: the Network Mapper Free Security Scanner https://nmap.org/
- OpenVAS: Open Vulnerability Assessment System http://www.openvas.org/index.html

### **Starting the Lab 3 Virtual Machines**

We need to use two VMs for this lab: the Kali Linux and the Metasploitable2-Linux.

First, select the Kali Linux and press Start up

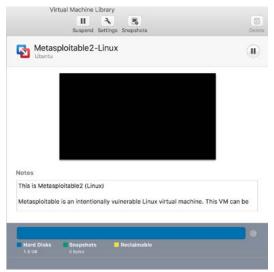


Login the Kali Linux with username root and password [default credential: kali/kali]. Below is the screen

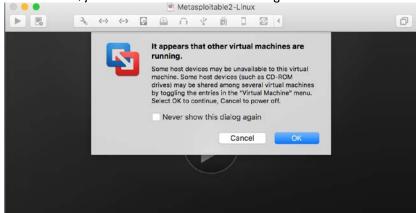
snapshot after login



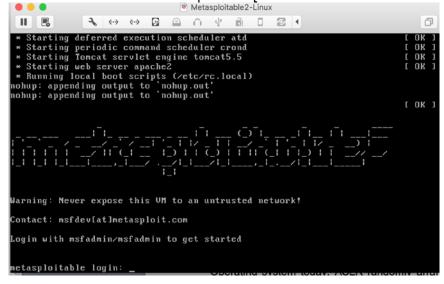
Then, you select Metasploitble2-Linux, and press Start up. This is an intentionally vulnerable Linux VM that you will attack against.



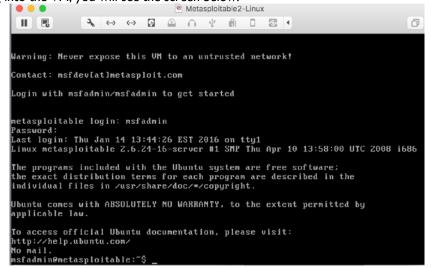
If you see the window below, just click OK. This is due to running two VM at the same time.



Log into the virtual machine with username and password [default credential: msfadmin/msfadmin].



After you log into the VM, you will see the screen below.



### Finding the IP Address of the Attacking Target

For the purpose of this lab, it uses Metasploitable2-Linux as the attacking target. First, we need to find the host IP address of the target to launch a scanning. You can use the command "ifconfig" (ipconfig is the windows equivalent). This command allows you to find all the connected interfaces and network cards.

Go to the Metasploitable2-Linux VM, and execute the following command

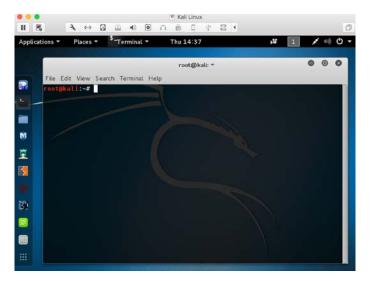
### \$ ifconfig

From the screenshot above, we can see that the IP address of the network interface, eth0, is I72.16.108.172. This is the IP address for the target that you will use later in this lab. When you work on the lab in the classroom, you will get a different IP address for your Metaploitable2-Linux VM. Note that this is not a public IP but we can access it within the subset.

### Scanning the Target Using nmap

nmap ("Network Mapper") is an open source tool for network exploration and security auditing. Though it was designed to rapidly scan large networks, we use it for scanning the target host in this lab.

Go to the Kali Linux, and open up a terminal by clicking the icon

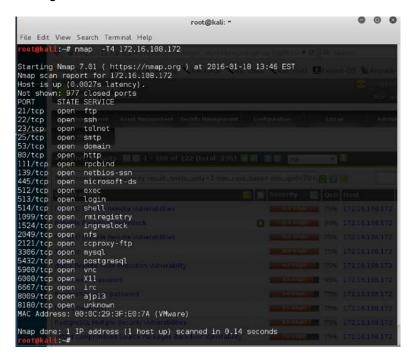


Since nmap has been installed on the Kali Linux, we can just launch the scanning in the terminal by typing the following command:

\$ nmap -T4 172.16.108.172

nmap is the execution command; option -T4 means faster execution; and 172.16.108.172 is the IP address of the target. As mentioned, you will have a different

IP address when working on this with the VMs in the classroom.



The screenshot above shows a quick scan of the target machine using nmap. We can see that there are many open ports and services on the target system including FTP, SSH, HTTP, and MySQL. These services may contain vulnerabilities that you can exploit.

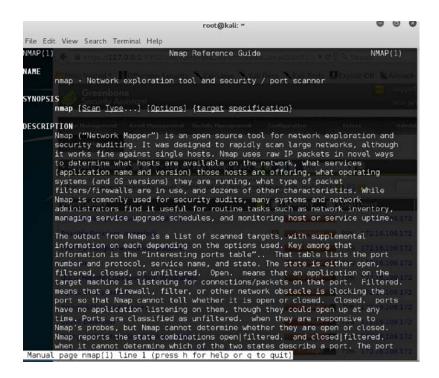
nmap provides many useful functions that we can use. You can find more information from the man page of nmap

from this link: http://linux.die.net/man/1/nmap

Or execute the following command in a terminal:

\$ man nmap





The screenshot above shows the man page of nmap.

### **Vulnerability Scanning Using OpenVAS**

OpenVAS is an open-source framework of several services and tools offering a comprehensive and powerful vulnerability scanning and vulnerability management solution. In our Kali Linux image, OpenVAS has been installed and setup for you.

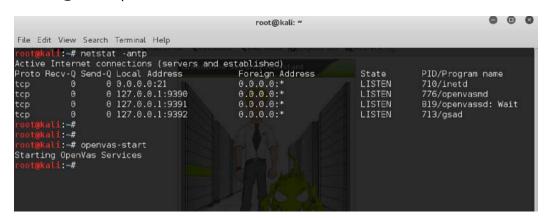
If you want to setup OpenVAS in your own machine, you can follow the steps below.

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root@kali:~# apt-get update
root@kali:~# apt-get dist-upgrade
root@kali:~# apt-get install openvas
root@kali:~# openvas-setup
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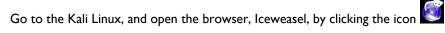
Since the Kali Linux image has everything setup for you, you don't need to run the setup commands. You can run the following command to check if the OpenVAS manager, scanner, and GSAD services are listening:

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root@kali:~# netstat -antp
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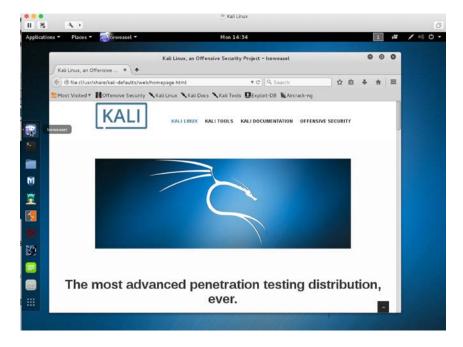
Otherwise, just start the services by executing the following command root@kali:~# openvas-start



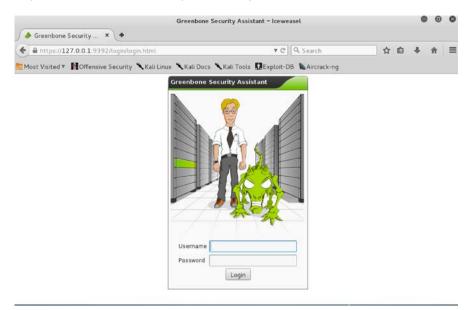
# Connecting to the OpenVAS Web Interface







Then, go to https://127.0.0.1:9392 and accept the self-signed SSL certificate.

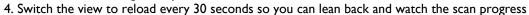


Input the username as admin and the password [the admin password was generated during the setup phase (look at the output above if you missed it) <a href="https://www.kali.org/blog/openvas-vulnerability-scanning/">https://www.kali.org/blog/openvas-vulnerability-scanning/</a>].

The screenshot on next page is the homepage of OpenVAS. Type the IP address of the target in the "Quick start" box, and press "Start Scan". It will do the following for you:

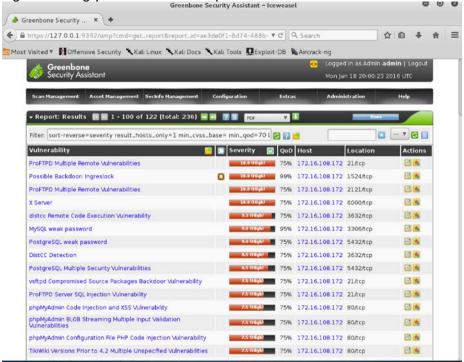
- I. Create a new Target with default Port List
- 2. Create a new Task using this target with default Scan Configuration

3. Start this scan task right away





After finishing the scanning, you can look at the reports as shown in the screenshot below.



### Questions for the Lab

Software Requirements

All required tools are packed in the provided Lab 1 virtual machine.

- VMWare Software
  - o https://www.vmware.com/
- VirtualBox Software
  - o <a href="https://www.virtualbox.org/">https://www.virtualbox.org/</a>

The Lab 3 virtual machine and Metasploitable2: Vulnerable Linux Platform can be downloaded from <a href="https://www.kali.org/get-kali/">https://www.kali.org/get-kali/</a> and <a href="http://sourceforge.net/projects/metasploitable/files/Metasploitable2/">http://sourceforge.net/projects/metasploitable/files/Metasploitable2/</a>, respectively.

- I. Read the lab instructions above and finish all the tasks. (provide a sequence of screenshots with brief screenshot descriptions to show that you have finish all the tasks.) [2 pts]
- 2. Go to <a href="https://owasp.org/www-project-vulnerable-web-applications-directory/">https://owasp.org/www-project-vulnerable-web-applications-directory/</a>, OWASP Vulnerable Web Applications Directory Project, choose one On-Line Web Application.
  - a. Use nmap to scan the target and find the software version of the server OS and the running services (applications). (provide a sequence of screenshots with brief screenshot descriptions to show your scanning.) [2 pts]
  - b. Go to web application vulnerability database (e.g., <a href="https://nvd.nist.gov/">https://nvd.nist.gov/</a>) and find the existing vulnerability of the discovered software version of the server OS. (provide clear screenshot with brief description.) [I pt]
- 3. What are the differences if we use T1, T2, T3 flags with nmap? [1 pt] How to avoid detection from an intrusion detection system (e.g., stealthy scanning)? [1 pt]
- 4. Go to <a href="https://owasp.org/www-project-vulnerable-web-applications-directory/">https://owasp.org/www-project-vulnerable-web-applications-directory/</a>, OWASP Vulnerable Web Applications Directory Project, choose one On-Line Web Application.
  - a. Use OpenVAS to find two vulnerabilities of the target. (provide a sequence of screenshots with brief screenshot descriptions to show your scanning.) [1 pt]
  - b. Briefly describe the discovered two vulnerabilities of the target. [2 pts]

Happy Scanning!