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Task Group 1 – Evaluating the Security of a System

1.1. Task 1 – Determining the running and open services on the system

Nmap and Nessus scans were run to identify the open and running services.

1.1.1. Nmap scan

The Nmap scan helped us in identifying the open ports and running services on the system.

```
Applications * Places * ① Terminal **

File Edit View Search Terminal Help

root@virtualk: **

root@virtualk
```

1.1.1.1. Open Ports

- 1. PORT 22/TCP SSH (OpenSSH 6.6.1p1)
- 2. PORT 25/TCP SMTP (Postfix smtpd)
- 3. PORT 80/TCP HTTP (Apache httpd 2.4.7)
- 4. PORT 110/TCP POP3 (Dovecot POP3d)
- 5. PORT 143/TCP IMAP (Dovecot IMAP3d)
- 6. PORT 993/TCP SSL/IMAP (Dovecot IMAPd)
- 7. PORT 995/TCP SSL/POP3(Dovecot POP3d)

8. PORT 8080/TCP - HTTP (Tomcat/Coyote JSP engine 1.1)

1.1.1.2. Running services in the system

- 1. Dovecot/Postfix
- 2. MySQL
- 3. SSH
- 4. Apache2
- 5. Tomcat7

1.1.2. Nessus scan



1.2. Task 2 – Access the system by exploiting a vulnerable running or open service

- 1. The password for enpmuser account was guessed. This provided initial access to the system
 - a. Password was enpmuser
- 2. Found the rest of the users by navigating to /home directory. Users found were
 - a. smithy
 - b. ppan
 - c. chook
 - d. admin
 - e. enpmuser
- 3. DirtyCow local exploit used to gain root access
- 4. Brute Forced the password for smithy using Hydra
 - a. The password was password
- 5. Exploited SQL Injection vulnerability in the running DVWA to find the credentials for users **ppan** and **chook.**
 - a. SQLMap was used to perform SQL Injection and retrieve database
 - b. The passwords were
 - i. ppan NotTelling
 - ii. chook JollyRoger
- 6. Found the credentials for Tomcat7
 - a. tomcat t0mcat
 - b. admin @dm!n

1.2.1. Root Password

We made many attempts to find the root password. Initially we tried to brute force for the password using various detailed word lists.

After we received the hint that the password is a 14-character long string from a song in the movie 'My Fair Lady', we took up all the song lyrics and wrote a script to strip each line of any spaces or special characters. Then we found 14-character long strings. We then tried all these strings in all the cases.

After we received the final hint, we narrowed down the song to be 'The rain in Spain'. We found 14-character strings - "the rain in spain", up and down until", in spain in spain, one a.m. two a.m."

Then we used the below script to replace characters with numbers and metacharacters to create an exhaustive wordlist.



This script 3 generated the below wordlist, which we used to crack the root password.



Unfortunately, we were not able to find the password for root

1.3. Task 3 – Detail the Flaws in the webserver running on the system

The web server running on the system is Apache 2.4.7. The various flaws associated with the same are

1.3.1. Version is not up to date

The system uses Apache 2.4.7 which is an outdated version and has a number of vulnerabilities and attacks like DOS, XSS, Overflows and Remote code executions are easy. Apache 2.4.33 is the latest version available and is better than the older versions.

1.3.2. Possible compromise through Apache misconfiguration

The default files and services provide a means for an attacker to reveal sensitive information and may also be used to elevate privileges. One way to prevent this is regular independent configuration assessments.

1.3.3. Compromise through a vulnerability of the application

The functional level of the application may cause problems by selecting the valid and invalid inputs. Better is to not allow read/write access or compiler.

1.3.4. Compromising the system to vulnerabilities in DVWA and Mutillidae

DVWA and Mutillidae are present which can be easy targets for the attackers. They are full of vulnerabilities and can allow easy attacks like SQL injections, Cross-Site Scripting (XSS), etc.

1.3.4.1. DVWA Vulnerabilities

1. Brute-force login

- 2. Command Execution
- 3. CSRF (Cross Site Request Forgery)
- 4. File Inclusion
- 5. File Upload
- 6. SQL Injection
- 7. Cross-Site scripting(XSS)
- 8. Insecure CAPTCHA
- 9. Weak Session IDs

1.3.4.2. Multillidae Vulnerabilities

- 1. Cross-site scripting
- 2. SQL injection
- 3. Broken authentication
- 4. Broken Access control
- 5. Sensitive Data Exposure

1.4. Task 4 – Crack Passwords

User	Password
enpmuser	enpmuser
ppan	NotTelling
smithy	password
chook	JollyRoger
root	

1.5. Task 5 – Find information stored in specific file

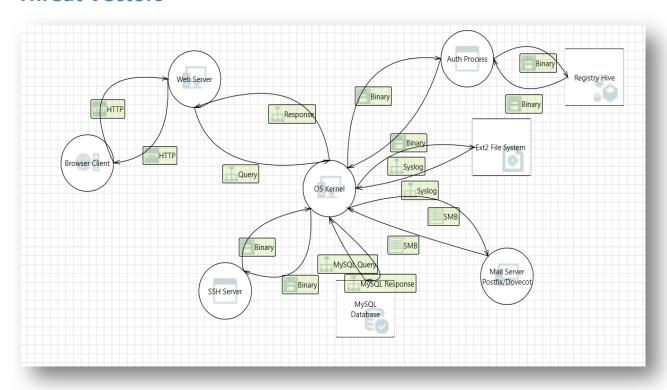
This task was waived off because there was no such file in the machine

1.6. Task 6 – Define Attack Surface of the System

The attack surface of the system is the open ports which an attacker can use as a source to get into the system.

- 22/TCP SSH
- 25/TCP SMTP
- 80/TCP HTTP
- 110/TCP POP3
- 143/TCP IMAP
- 993/TCP IMAPS
- 995/TCP POP3S
- 8080/TCP HTTP-PROXY

1.7. Task 7 – Develop Threat Model for the system and detail various Threat Vectors



1.7.1. General Threats

- 1. Weak passwords
- 2. Man-in-the-Middle attack
- 3. Sniffing of traffic
- 4. SQL injection
- 5. Cross-site scripting
- 6. Denial of service
- 7. Brute-Force
- 8. Dictionary attacks
- 9. Overflows
- 10. Remote code injection

1.7.2. Threats to Open Ports

1.7.2.1. Port 22 – SSH

- 1. Weak passwords can make SSH and port 22 easy targets
- 2. Default or easily guessed user names and passwords

1.7.2.2. PORT 25 – SMTP

1. Attacks using account enumeration

Allow attackers to verify what mailing lists exist on a server.

2. E-mail header disclosures

The attackers might find critical pieces of information like Internal IP address of the e-mail client machine, Software versions of the client and e-mail server along with their vulnerabilities as well as hostnames that can divulge the network naming convention

3. Malware

Mail systems are regularly attacked by such malware as viruses and worms. This generally happens if there is no antivirus software or if it's not working.

4. RELAY

SMTP relay lets users send e-mails through external servers. Open e-mail relays aren't the problem they used to be, but we still need to check for them. Spammers and hackers can use an e-mail server to send spam or malware through e-mail under the guise of the unsuspecting open-relay owner.

1.7.2.3. PORT 80 – HTTP

- 1. A number of Trojans/backdoors can be used on this port
- 2. Denial of Service
- 3. Sniffing of traffic
- 4. SQL injections, Cross site scripting attacks, Cross-site request forgery
- 5. Information leakage

1.7.2.4. Port 110 – POP3

- 1. No auditing of connections and attempts
- 2. Buffer overflows that allow compromise during login
- 3. Format string vulnerability allows attackers to execute arbitrary code
- 4. POP3 on port 110 is the older of the two popular protocols used to retrieve email from remote mail servers
- 5. Brute Force
- 6. Denial of service
- 7. Banner grabbing

1.7.2.5. Port 143 – IMAP

- 1. Format string vulnerability allows attackers to execute arbitrary code.
- 2. Remote attackers can cause Denial of service.

1.7.2.6. Dovecot IMAP

- 1. Brute force attacks
- 2. Denial of service attacks
- 3. Parse attacks

1.7.2.7. Postfix SMTP

- 1. TLS based attacks (renegotiation attacks)
- 2. DoS
- 3. Unauthorized access
- 4. Server port kept busy by Storm zombies
- 5. SQL Injection
- 6. Man-in-the-Middle attacks to insert commands into encrypted SMTP sessions by sending a cleartext command that is processed after TLS is in place, related to a "plaintext command injection" attack.

1.7.3. STRIDE Model

	SPOOFING	TAMPERING	REPUDIATION	INFORMATIO N DISCLOSURE	DENIAL OF SERVICE	ELEVATION OF PRIVILEGE
Port 22(SSH)	Yes If the attacker can replace the SSH keys, he can spoof the user identity.	Yes Attacker can get access to the SSH code and tamper with it.	Yes Attacker can use someone's else credentials and later deny.	Yes Disclose info about the protocol version, ubuntu version.	Yes Connection can be refused. Users can be blocked after certain attempts	Yes Attacker can compromise the SSH code running with high privilege and cause EOP.
PORT 110(POP3)	Yes Attackers can spoof the mails by simply setting the display name or "from" field of outgoing messages to show a name or address other than the actual one which the message is sent.	Yes Attackers can use the format string vulnerabilitie s and access the system	Yes It is possible that the sender will deny that he sent the message. can be dealt by using SSL/TLS.	Yes Attackers can use banners to leak information regarding the system.	Yes Remote attackers can cause denial of service.	Yes The attackers can send phishing emails and ask the users for their credentials.
PORT 143(IMAP)	Yes Attackers can spoof the mails by	Yes Attackers can use the format string	Yes A sender can deny that a particular	Yes If attackers use format string vulnerability	Yes Remote attackers can cause	Yes The attackers can send phishing

	simply setting the display name or "from" field of outgoing messages to show a name or address other than the actual one which the message is sent.	vulnerabilitie s and access the system.	message came from him.	present, they can leak any information they want.	dos.	emails and ask the users for their credentials.
PORT 25- SMTP	Yes Attackers can exploit SMTP by setting up their own MTA (message transfer agent	Yes Attackers can use the vulnerabilities in the mail server and access the system	Yes A sender can deny that a particular message came from him.	Yes Attackers can use account enumeration to get information about the mailing lists.	Yes An attacker can use a flooding attack to cause denial of service.	Yes The attackers can send phishing emails and ask the users for their credentials.
Port 80 HTTP	Yes Attackers can use HTTP Flood attacks and cause IP spoofing.	Yes If web server gets access to memory or given the ability to control what browser client executes		Yes The attacker can grab banners and disclose file paths.	Yes The attacker can use HTTP GET or POST requests to cause a DDOS attack	Yes
Port 8080 Apache tomcat	Yes Attackers can use the vulnerabilities in tomcat to spoof the name of the target user and client IP address	Yes Attackers can use SQL injection, CSRF, memory corruption and tamper with the information.		Yes Attackers can use vulnerabilities in tomcat to get access to sensitive information	Yes Attackers can use vulnerabilitie s in common file uploads and cause denial of service.	Yes Attackers can get unrestricted access to global resources.
Web server	Yes Web Server may be	Yes The web server could	Yes Web Server claims that it did	Yes Sniffing attacks are very	Yes The attacker	Yes An attacker may pass

	spoofed by an attacker and this may lead to unauthorized access to Authentication Process	be a subject to a cross-site scripting attack because it does not sanitize untrusted input	not receive data from a source outside the trust boundary	common	can cause the web server to halt, stop or run slowly.	data into web server in order to change the program flow execution.
Mail Server	Yes The attacker can use the user credentials to send email to other users	Yes Attacker can edit the mail boxes.	Yes Attacker can send a mail on behalf of a legitimate user and later deny it	Yes The attacker can get access to the mail server and get the information in the mails	Yes The attacker can change user password and stop them from accessing the system	Yes Attacker can get access to the code behind the mail server and cause EOP.
Browser Client	Yes Browser Client may be spoofed by an attacker and this may lead to unauthorized access to Web Server.	_	Yes The client might deny that it tried accessing the web server.	-	-	_
MySQL Server	Yes Attackers can access to the server if weak passwords are used.	Yes SQL injection attacks are possible if vulnerabilities are found		Yes Credentials / data flow can be sniffed by the attacker.	Yes Requests can be timed out if resource consumption n attacks are not dealt with	Yes the attacker can use SQL injection, unauthorized access or eavesdroppin g to elevate privilege.
Authentica tion Process	Yes Authentication Process may be spoofed by an attacker and this may lead to	Yes The authentication process could be a subject to a cross-site scripting attack	Yes Authentication Process claims that it did not receive data from a source outside the trust	Yes Credentials / data flow can be sniffed by the attacker	Yes Requests can be timed out if resource consumption attacks are not dealt with.	Yes Authentication Process may be able to remotely execute code for Web Server
	information disclosure by Web Server	because it does not sanitize untrusted input	boundary			

files	the text flow car on the sniffed I ystem attacker	by the if resource
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1.7.4. DREAD Model

	High - 3	Medium - 2	Low - 1
(D) – Damage potential	High damage to the	Medium damage to	Low damage to the
	system	the system	system
(R) Reproducibility	Very easy to reproduce	Requires one or two steps to be reproduced	Very hard or impossible
(E) — Exploitability	Very easy even using a browser	Tools required to perform exploits	Advanced programming knowledge required
(A) – Affected users	All the users	Many but not all users	Very few users
(D) – Discoverability	Very easy to discover vulnerability	Can be found using monitoring or guessing techniques	Very hard to find- requires source code.

1.7.4.1. PORT 22 – SSH

Threats on Port 22 (SSH)	D	R	Ε	Α	D	Risk value
SSH key replacement	3	1	1	3	1	9
Tampering SSH code	3	1	1	3	1	9
Stolen credentials	3	3	2	3	2	13
OS information disclosure	2	3	3	2	3	13
Connection refusal(DOS)	3	2	2	3	2	12
Privilege escalation using SSH code	3	1	1	3	2	10

1.7.4.2. PORT 25 – SMTP

Threats on Port 25 (SMTP)	D	R	Ε	Α	D	Risk value
Account Enumeration	2	2	3	3	2	12
Flooding attacks.	3	2	2	2	2	11

1.7.4.3. PORT 80 – HTTP

Threats on Port 80 (HTTP)	D	R	Ε	Α	D	Risk value
SQL injection	2	2	1	3	1	9
Banner grabbing	2	3	3	1	3	12
DDOS	3	2	2	3	1	11

1.7.4.4. PORT 110

Threats on Port 110	D	R	Ε	Α	D	Risk value
Format string vulnerability	3	2	1	2	3	11

Banner grabbing	2	3	3	1	3	12
Denial of service	3	2	2	3	1	11

1.7.4.5. PORT 143

Threats on Port 143(IMAP)	D	R	E	Α	D	Risk value
Format string vulnerability	3	2	1	2	3	11
Banner grabbing	2	3	3	1	3	12
Denial of service	3	2	2	3	1	11

1.7.4.6. WEB SERVER

Threats on web server	D	R	Ε	Α	D	Risk value
Unauthorized access using spoofing	3	2	2	3	2	12
Cross-site scripting	2	2	2	3	2	11
Repudiation	2	2	1	2	3	10
Sniffing attacks	1	3	2	1	2	9
Stop running due to DDOS attacks	3	2	2	3	1	11
Change the program flow execution	3	1	1	3	1	9

1.7.4.7. MAIL SERVER

Threats on Mail Server	D	R	Ε	Α	D	Risk value
Stolen credentials	2	3	2	2	2	11
Editing mail boxes	2	2	1	2	1	8
Mailing in behalf of the legitimate user	2	3	1	1	2	9
Disclosing information in mails by getting access	2	3	1	2	2	10
Change the user password cause DOS	3	2	1	3	1	10
Access to code behind server	3	1	1	3	1	9

1.7.4.8. BROWSER CLIENT

Threats on Browser Client	D	R	Ε	Α	D	Risk value
Spoofing to get unauthorized access	3	3	2	3	2	13
Deny accessing the system(repudiate)	2	2	1	3	1	9

1.7.4.9. MySQL SERVER

Threats on MySQL server	D	R	Ε	Α	D	Risk value
Weak passwords	2	3	3	1	3	12
SQL injection	2	3	1	3	1	10
Data flow sniffing	1	3	2	2	2	10
Requests timed out due to resource consumption	3	3	3	3	1	13

1.7.4.10. AUTHENTICATION PROCESS

Threats on Authentication Process	D	R	Ε	Α	D	Risk value
Spoofing	1	3	2	2	2	10
Cross-site scripting	2	2	2	2	2	10
Credential/data flow sniffing	1	3	2	1	2	9
Requests timed out(DOS)		3	3	3	1	11
Remote execution of code	3	1	1	3	1	9

1.7.4.11. FILE SYSTEM

Threats on		R	Ε	Α	D	Risk value
File System						
Editing files on the system	2	1	1	3	2	10
Credentials sniffed	1	3	2	1	2	9
Requests timed out (DOS)	3	2	3	3	2	12

2. Task Group 2 - Improve the Security of a System

2.1. Task 1 – Develop Threat Model and Attack Surface Analysis

2.1.1. Nmap Scan of hardened System

We first did an Nmap scan to determine the ports that are currently open in the hardened system.

```
-sV 192.168.159.138
Starting Nmap 7.70 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2018-05-13 22:15 EDT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.159.138
Host is up (0.00057s latency).
Not shown: 65530 closed ports
         STATE SERVICE
PORT
                             VERSION
22/tcp
         open ssh
                             OpenSSH 6.6.1p1 (protocol 2.0)
                             Postfix smtpd
25/tcp
         open smtp
80/tcp
         open http
                             Apache httpd
                ssl/http Apache httpd
443/tcp open
8080/tcp open http-proxy Filtered
1 service unrecognized despite returning data. If you know the service/version, please submit the following fingerprint at https://nma
p.org/cgi-bin/submit.cgi?new-service :
SF-Port8080-TCP:V=7.70%I=7%D=5/13%Time=5AF8F1AB%P=x86 64-pc-linux-gnu%r(Ge
SF:tRequest,222,"HTTP/1\.1\x20200\x200K\r\nAccept-Ranges:\x20bytes\r\nETag
SF::\x20W/\"310-1525553491000\"\r\nLast-Modified:\x20Sat,\x2005\x20May\x20
SF:2018\x2020:51:31\x20GMT\r\nContent-Type:\x20text/html\r\<mark>n</mark>Content-Length
SF::\x20310\r\nDate:\x20Mon,\x2014\x20May\x202018\x2002:17:15\x20GMT\r\nCo
SF:nnection:\x20close\r\nServer:\x20Filtered\r\n\r\n<\?xml\x20version=\"1\
SF:.0\"\x20encoding=\"ISO-8859-1\"\?>\n<!DOCTYPE\x20html\x20PUBLIC\x20\"-/
SF:/W3C//DTD\x20XHTML\x201\.0\x20Strict//EN\"\nx20\x20\x20\"http://www\.x
SF:3\.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-strict\.dtd\">\n<html\x20xmlns=\"http://www
SF:\.w3\.org/1999/xhtml\"\x20xml:lang=\"en\"\x20lang=\"en\">\n<head>\n\x20
   \x20\x20\x20<title>Apache</title>\n</head>\n\n<body>\n<h1>It\x20works\x
   20!</h1>\n</body>\n</html>\n")%r(HTTPOptions,9E,"HTTP/1\.1\x20200\x200
```

2.1.2. Attack Surface Analysis

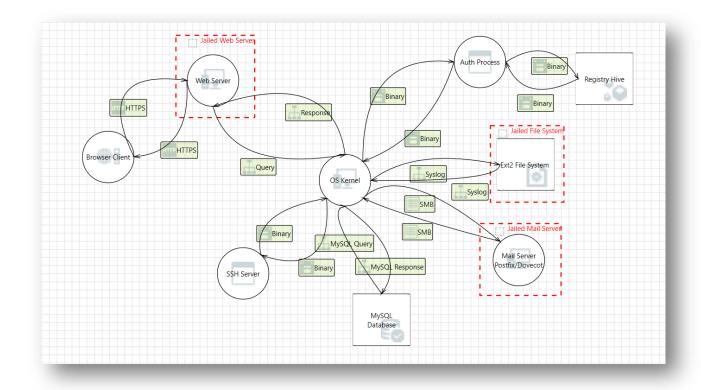
- Port 22/TCP SSH (OpenSSH 6.6.1p1)
- Port 25/TCP SMTP (Postfix SMTPD)
- Port 80/TCP Apache HTTPD
- PORT 110/TCP POP3 (Dovecot POP3d)
- PORT 143/TCP IMAP (Dovecot IMAP3d)
- Port 443/TCP Apache HTTPD
- Port 8080/TCP HTTP-Proxy (Filtered)

2.1.3. Nessus Scan



2.1.4. Threat Modelling

Threat modelling diagram after hardening the system,



2.1.5. STRIDE Model

	SPOOFING	TAMPERING	REPUDIATI ON	INFORMATIO N DISCLOSURE	DENIAL OF SERVICE	ELEVATION OF PRIVILEGE
PORT 80 – HTTPS	No We authentica ted the server by changing the password.	Yes Man-in-the- middle attacks are still possible. Fiddler can be used.	Yes Still be possible at the origin	No Using SSH makes it encrypted.	Yes The attacker can use HTTP GET or POST requests to cause a DDOS attack	Yes We have use chroot thus the attackers can't get any privileges.
Port 25 – POSTFIX SMTP Updated	Yes Attackers can exploit SMTP by setting up their own MTA(messa ge transfer agent	Yes Although updates the attackers can use the vulnerabilities in the mail server and access the system	Yes A sender can deny that a particular message came from him.	No We removed the banner thus making it difficult to see the version.	Yes An attacker can use a flooding attack to cause denial of service.	The attackers can send phishing emails and ask the users for their credentials

PORT 22 – SSH Updated	Yes If the attacker can replace the SSH keys, he can spoof the user identity.	Yes Attacker can get access to the SSH code and tamper with it.	Yes Attacker can use someone's else credentials and later deny.	Yes Disclose info about the protocol version, ubuntu version.	No Using maxauthtri es limited the number of tries	Yes Attacker can compromise the SSH code running with high privilege and cause EOP
PORT 8080- Apache Tomcat Updated	No authentica ted tomcat changing password	Yes Attackers can use SQL injection, CSRF, memory corruption and tamper with the information.		No We removed the banner thus making it difficult to see the version	Yes Attackers can use vulnerabilitie s in common file uploads and cause denial of service.	Yes Attackers can get unrestricted access to global resources.
Port 143-IMAP	Yes Attackers can spoof the mails by simply setting the display name or "from" field of outgoing messages to show a name or address other than the actual one which the message is sent	Attackers can use the format string vulnerabilities and access the system.	No Since we set up an SSL connection difficult to do this	No We removed the banner thus making it difficult to see the version	Yes Remote attackers can cause denial of service.	The attackers can send phishing emails and ask the users for their credentials.
Port 110 -POP3 Updated.	Yes Attackers can spoof the mails by simply setting the display	Yes Attackers can use the format string vulnerabilities and access	No Since we set up an SSL connection difficult to	No We removed the banner thus making it difficult to see the	Yes Remote attackers can cause denial of service.	Yes The attackers can send phishing emails and ask the users

name or "from" field of outgoing messages to show a name or address	the system	do this.	version	for their credentials.
other than the actual one which the message is sent				

2.2. Task 2 – Lock down the Server

2.2.1. Setting up HTTPS

- 1. Enable a module using -sudo a2enmod ssl
- 2. Restart the web server after enabling the SSL sudo service apache2 restart
- 3. Create a Self-Signed SSL Certificate
 - a. Creating a subdirectory within Apache's configuration hierarchy to place the certificate files

sudo mkdir /etc/apache2/ssl

- b. sudo openssl req -x509 -nodes -days 365 -newkey rsa:2048 -keyout /etc/apache2/ssl/apache.key -out /etc/apache2/ssl/apache.crt
- c. After answering some questions, the key and certificate will be created and placed in your /etc/apache2/ssl directory.
- 4. Configure Apache to Use SSL:
 - a. Open the file with root privileges sudo nano /etc/apache2/sites-available/default-ssl.conf
 - b. Make changes as required
- 5. Activate the SSL Virtual Host sudo a2ensite default-ssl.conf

sudo service apache2 restart

This enables a new virtual host, which will serve encrypted content using the SSL certificate we created.

6. Testing the Setup

2.2.2. Removing banners to eliminate identifying information that the web server gives out

- Apache default page- removing default data.
 - Editing /var/www/index.html
 - Removing the identifying information.
- Securing SSHd
 - Changing maxAuthTries = 3 will limit the brute force limit to 3 per connection and refuse connection after.
- Removing identifying information from:
 - o Mail Server Removing Postfix banner number and version information in the scan
 - Sudo vi /etc/postfix/main.cf
 - Change the smtpd banner line to "smtpd banner = \$myhostname"
 - sudo service postfix restart
 - Tomcat We made changes in the server.xml file using
 - find / -name server.xml
 - Added a server parameter to this line to specify how we want Tomcat to respond when a user asks for the system version.
 - Connector port=8080"
 - Server= "Filtered"
 - We tried to find a file named ServerInfo.properties to remove the version information of apache tomcat but couldn't find the file.

2.2.3. Jailing the web server

- Jailed the webserver and users
 - Used https://olivier.sessink.nl/jailkit/index.html#intro to download the JailKit
 - Jailing user's smithy chook enpmuser using command
 jk_init -v -j /home/jail basicshell editors extendedshell netutils ssh sftp scp
 jk_jailuser -m -j /home/jail smithy chook enpmuser
 - There were few dependency issues which were solved manually
 - o For **Jailing web server**, the commands were

jk init -v -j /home/webjail apache2

- Few dependency issues were solved manually
- Created a jail.sh bash script with contents as

jk_chrootlaunch -j /home/webjail -x /home/webjail/usr/sbin/apachectl -- start

- This Bash script was made to run on every startup by editing the /etc/rc.d/rc.local startup file
- And added this line in /etc/rc.d/rc.local sh /home/webjail/jail.sh

2.2.4. Hardening Process

- 1. Update all services as per ubuntu repository
 - a. apt update
 - b. apt upgrade
- 2. Purged and reinstalled MySQL from v5.5 to v5.6
- 3. Jailed the users enpmuser, chook admin and smithy
 - a. Installed JailKit tool and used the following commands
 - b. The jailed users were given limited bash commands and no sudo privileges
- 4. Changed the passwords for all the users
- 5. Changed passwords for tomcat users in tomcat-user.xml
- Changed the name of DVWA-master and mutillidae to ENPM695_needs_a_lot_of_security_upgrades and ENPM695 needs a lot of security upgrades as well
- 7. Kept the file ENPM 18.pdf in /root with permission as 700.
- 8. Removed sudo privileges for chook:

userdel chook sudo

9. File was placed in /root with only read, write and execute permissions for the root user: chmod 700 ENPM _18.pdf

2.3. Task 3 – Find Cogs, Inc's secret file

The nmap scan screenshot of the team we got the Virtual Machine is attached below



- SSH was hardened so that only known hosts were allowed. So hydra on SSH didn't work.
- So, we tried attacking tomcat7. First, tomcat7 credentials were cracked using metasploit auxilliary scanner module. Later, used tomcat upload vulnerability to upload a reverse shell and got access to the system
- Didn't have enough privileges to parse through the filesystem. So, used a local linux privilege escalation exploit dirty Copy On Write.
- Instantly, we got the root access. For continued access, we changed the root password to null.
- We logged in as root to find the secret file. Initially, the vm the team gave didn't include a file.
- We asked the team to verify. Later, they uploaded the new vm. I followed the same exploit method. However, this time they changed the login credentials. We changed the default wordlist and used a wordlist that was 13 Gigs big in size. We divided the file into 4 parts, and all four individually tried to crack the login credentials. Finally, it was cracked. We used this credentials for further exploit.
- After getting access to the system, we found very difficult to find the file. Asked help from the team
 11 about the location. It was in the /dev/sda3. We mounted the file and listed the directory. The File
 ENPM_11.pdf had no read, write or execute permissions for any user. So, we changed the permission
 using chmod 777 ENPM_18.pdf and later downloaded the file into thumb drive. We have also
 attached the file as a separate attachment.
- The MD5 checksum of the file is 107A462A48EAF735A78A98FA5464742F
- And the content of the file is

