

TEAM – ALPHA CSA S.O.C ANALYST GROWTH INTERNSHIP PROJECT02 REPORT

Project Title:

Network Vulnerability Assessment for A More Secured Environment

Project Objective:

conduct a comprehensive vulnerability assessment of a simulated version of O-Enterprises' network environment using **Nmap** and **Nessus** to identify open ports, misconfigurations and known vulnerabilities. Provide actionable insights to improve the network's security posture.

Project Scope:

The task requires leveraging network scanning and vulnerability assessment tools and simulated real-world environment to help the client organization O-Enterprises identify and address security gaps effectively

Executive Summary:

- **Vulnerability Assessment ID:** CSA-SOC-MAY-2025-17
- **Assessment Risk Categories:** Critical/High/Medium/Low Risks

O – Enterprises noticed several discrepancies in its network environment possibly arising from misconfigurations and unpatched vulnerabilities from softwares and services in use. This gave rise to the need for a comprehensive vulnerability assessment using Nmap and Nessus to identify and mitigate these potential risks, improve overall network's security resilience and posture.

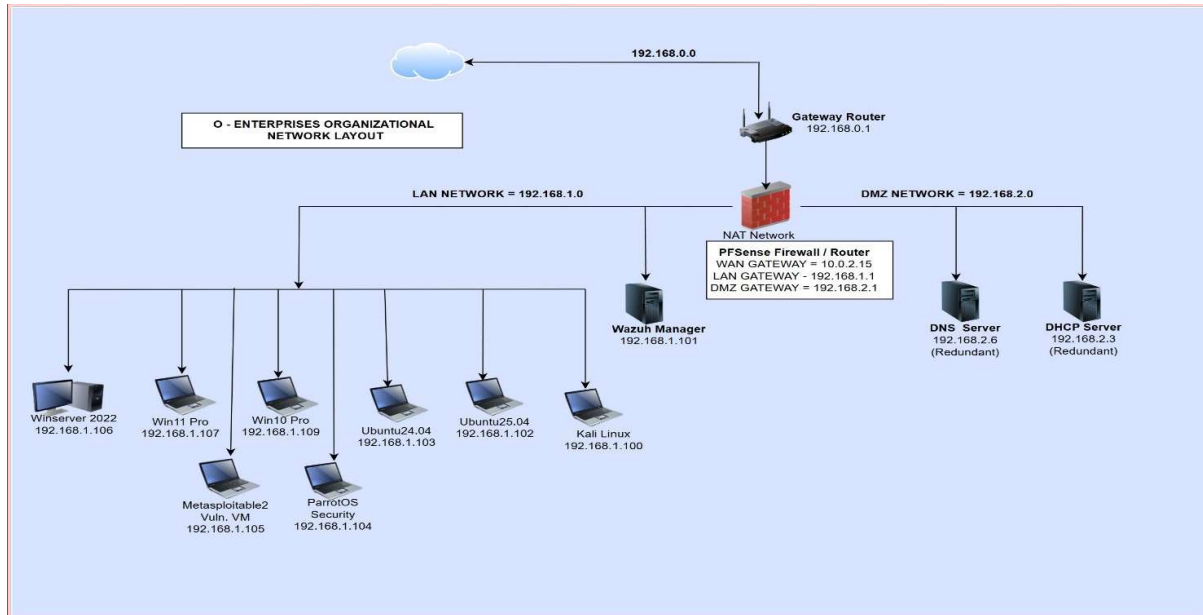
After setting studying the network environment, a thorough network scanning with Nmap was done. Several network ports were found to be open such Ports 21-FTP, 22-SSH, 80-HTTP, 443-HTTPS, 139/445-SMB and several others. Some of these ports are needed for day-to-day operations while some are not needed, left their current state due either misconfigurations or negligence.

Tenable-Nessus was also used to scan these hosts and the opened ports to determine the associated vulnerabilities and potential risk exposures. The identified risk categories ranged from critical to low and commensurate recommendations have been made to mitigate them before they are exploited by threat actors.

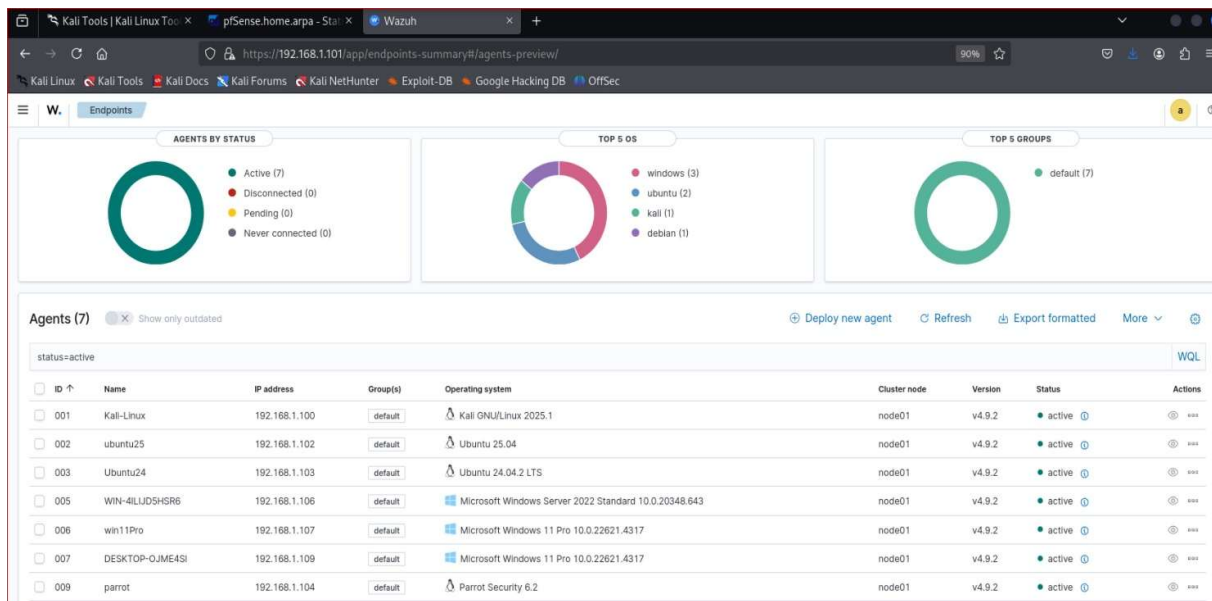
Set up of O-Enterprise network environment

The network landscape of O-Enterprise was setup in a virtual environment. Nmap and Nessus tools were installed and setup for the vulnerability assessment, tested and confirmed working in good condition. We had mix of Virtual Machine (VMs) running through the PFsense firewall and monitored on Wazuh dashboard and all were tested.

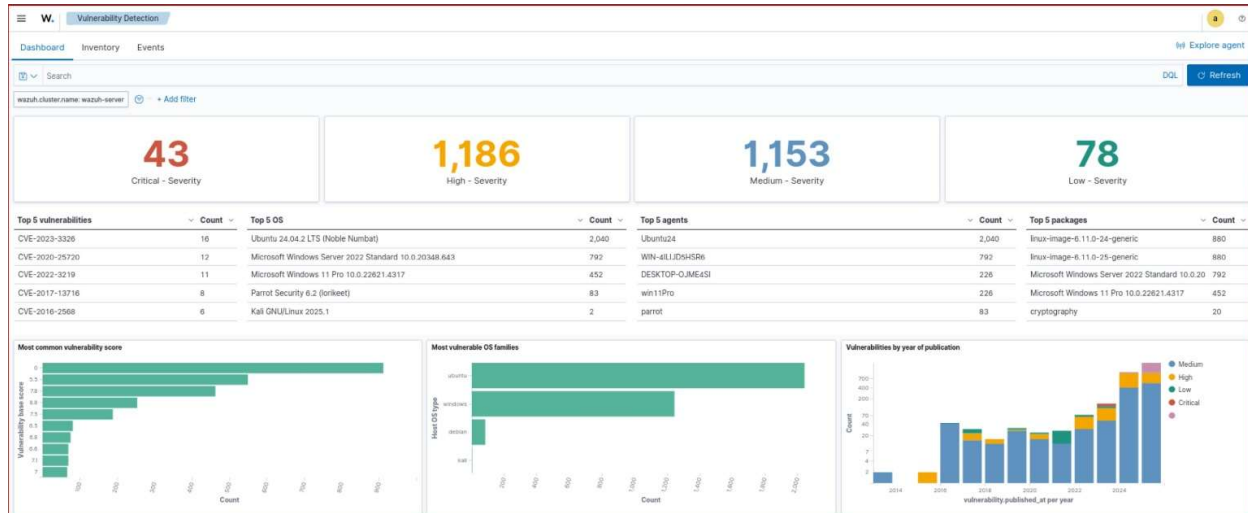
O-Enterprise Organizational network layout



Wazuh server dashboard showing all the VMs in service



Wazuh Server vulnerability detection on the dashboard



Comprehensive VMs / network scanning Using Nmap

A comprehensive Nmap scan was done on the virtual machines to identify their open ports and corresponding network services. Kali-Linux machine was used for all scanning activities on the targeted machines. The VMs scanned were a vulnerable Linux (Metasploit2), Windows server 2022, Ubuntu Linux, windows 11 Pro and ParrotOS security including the Kali itself. Below are snapshots of some of the findings

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(root@Kali-Linux)-[/home/f90b11]
# nmap 192.168.1.105 -sV
Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-05-05 22:44 BST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.105
Host is up (0.0081s latency).
Not shown: 977 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
21/tcp    open  ftp          vsftpd 2.3.4
22/tcp    open  ssh          OpenSSH 4.7p1 Debian 8ubuntu1 (protocol 2.0)
23/tcp    open  telnet       Linux telnetd
25/tcp    open  smtp         Postfix smtpd
53/tcp    open  domain       ISC BIND 9.4.2
80/tcp    open  http         Apache httpd 2.2.8 ((Ubuntu) DAV/2)
111/tcp   open  rpcbind      2 (KRPC #100000)
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn  Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
445/tcp   open  netbios-ssn  Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
512/tcp   open  exec         netkit-rsh rexecd
513/tcp   open  login
514/tcp   open  tcpwrapped
1099/tcp  open  java-rmi     GNU Classpath grmiregistry
1524/tcp  open  bindshell    Metasploitable root shell
2049/tcp  open  nfs          2-4 (RPC #100003)
2121/tcp  open  ftp          ProFTPD 1.3.1
3306/tcp  open  mysql        MySQL 5.0.51a-3ubuntu5
5432/tcp  open  postgresql   PostgreSQL DB 8.3.0 - 8.3.7
5900/tcp  open  vnc          VNC (protocol 3.3)
6000/tcp  open  X11          (access denied)
6667/tcp  open  irc          UnrealIRCd
8009/tcp  open  ajp13        Apache Jserv (Protocol v1.3)
8180/tcp  open  http         Apache Tomcat/Coyote JSP engine 1.1
MAC Address: 08:00:27:B2:9D:F8 (PCS Systemtechnik/Oracle VirtualBox virtual NIC)
Service Info: Hosts: metasploitable.localdomain, irc.Metasploitable.LAN; OSs: Unix, Linux;
CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel

Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 11.94 seconds
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NMAP SCAN ON METASPLOITABLE2 LINUX VM

Vulnerable Linux VM open ports and their service versions

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(root@Kali-Linux)-[/home/f9obi1]
# nmap 192.168.1.106 -sV Winserver2022 NMAP scan

Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-05-05 22:46 BST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.106
Host is up (0.00065s latency).
Not shown: 991 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT      STATE SERVICE        VERSION
53/tcp    open  domain         Simple DNS Plus
80/tcp    open  http           Microsoft IIS httpd 10.0
135/tcp   open  msrpc          Microsoft Windows RPC
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn    Microsoft Windows netbios-ssn
443/tcp   open  ssl/http       Microsoft IIS httpd 10.0
445/tcp   open  microsoft-ds   Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2 - 2012 microsoft-ds (workgroup:
WORKGROUP)
593/tcp   open  ncacn_http     Microsoft Windows RPC over HTTP 1.0
5357/tcp  open  http           Microsoft HTTPAPI httpd 2.0 (SSDP/UPnP)
5985/tcp  open  http           Microsoft HTTPAPI httpd 2.0 (SSDP/UPnP)
MAC Address: 08:00:27:66:B7:E7 (PCS Systemtechnik/Oracle VirtualBox virtual NIC)
Service Info: Host: WIN-4ILIJD5HSR6; OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows

Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/
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Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 16.94 seconds
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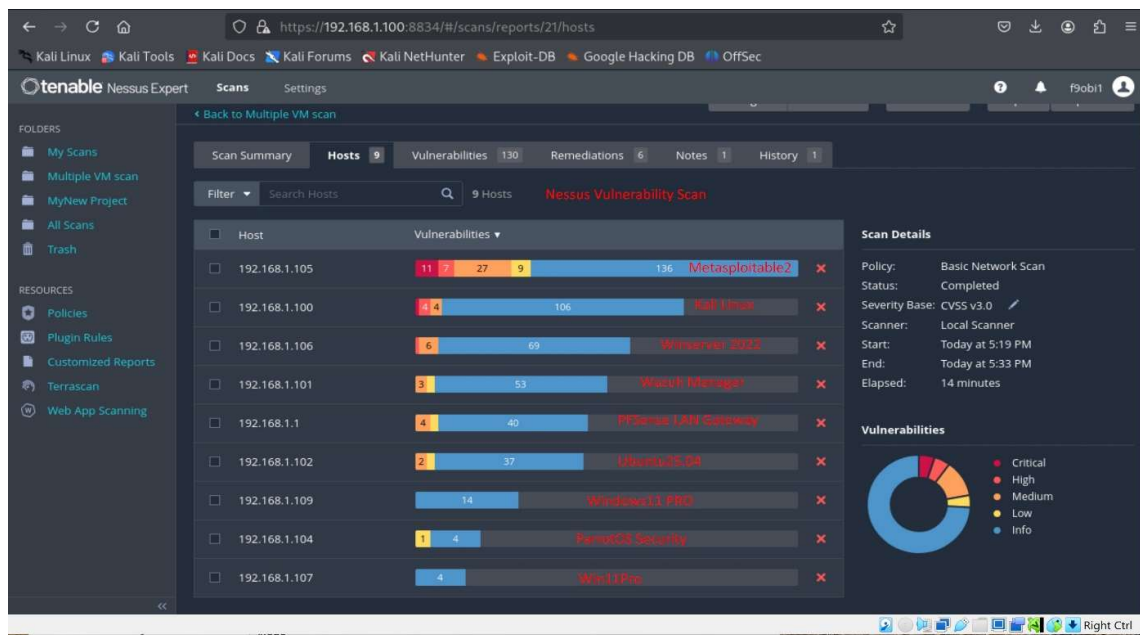
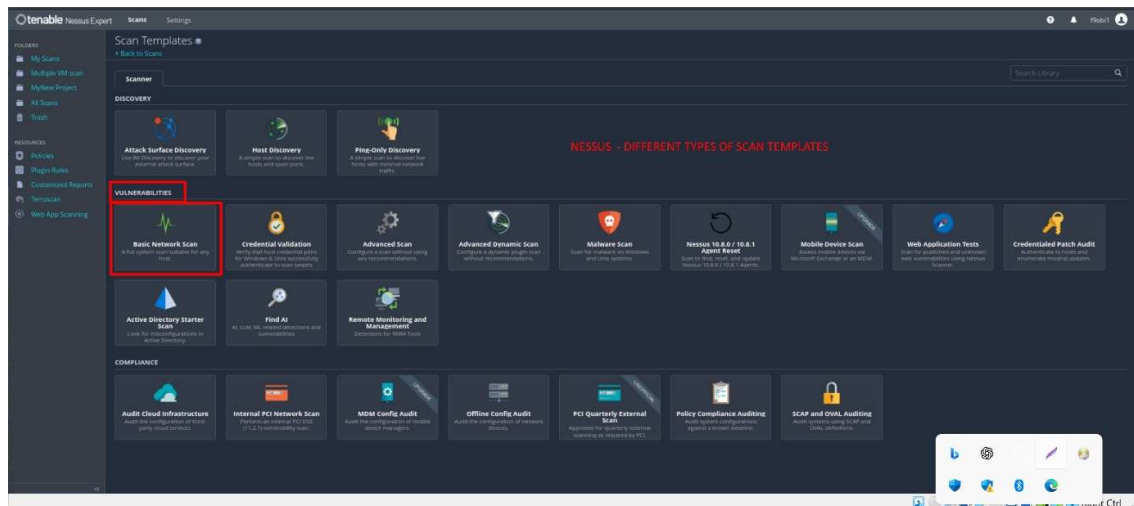
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(root@Kali-Linux)-[/home/f9obi1]
# nmap 192.168.1.100 -sV Kali Linux NMAP scan

Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-05-05 22:48 BST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.100
Host is up (0.000020s latency).
Not shown: 997 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT      STATE SERVICE        VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh            OpenSSH 9.9p2 Debian 2 (protocol 2.0)
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn    Samba smbd 4
445/tcp   open  netbios-ssn    Samba smbd 4
Service Info: OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel

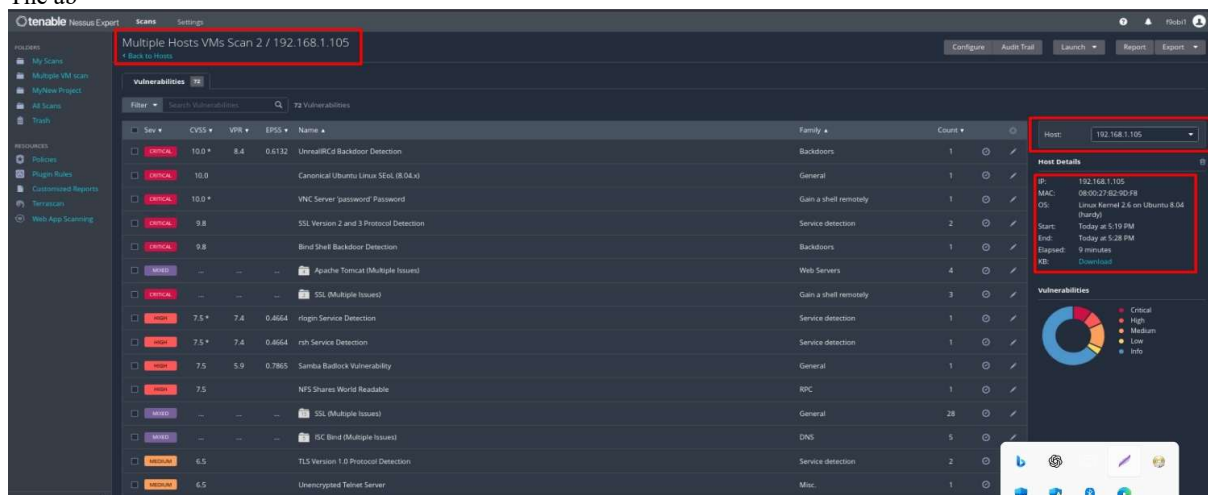
Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/
.
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 11.24 seconds
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Comprehensive vulnerability scans using Nessus

A comprehensive vulnerability scan was done on the targeted VMs and opened ports using the simple network scan template of the Nessus. Several results were obtained showing their vulnerabilities, issue descriptions, possible remediations, corresponding CVE & CVSS numbers. See some excerpts below;



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Validation of findings and correlation of results

The target hosts/open service ports from Nmap scan are matched with scan results from the Nessus vulnerability scan. The correlations matched as shown in the MS Excel table below. Nessus was also able to generate the CVE/CVSS numbers, synopsis, descriptions and solutions -

Plugin ID	CVE	Risk	Host	Protocol	Port	Name	Synopsis	Description	Solution	CVSS v3.0 Base Score
33447	CVE-2008-3447	Medium	192.168.1.1	udp	53	Multiple Vendor DNS Query ID Field Prediction Cache Poisoning	The remote name resolver (or the server it uses upstream) is affected.	The remote DNS resolver does not use random ports when making queries (the server's X.509 certificate cannot be trusted). This situation can occur in three different ways, in which the chain of trust can be broken, as stated below:	Contact your DNS server vendor for a patch.	6.8
		Critical	192.168.1.1	tcp	443	SSL Certificate Cannot Be Trusted	The SSL certificate for this service cannot be trusted.	The X.509 certificate chain for this service is not signed by a recognized certificate authority. If the remote host is a public host in production, this nullifies the use of SSL as anyone could establish a man-in-the-middle attack against the remote host.	Purchase or generate a proper SSL certificate for this service.	6.5
57582		Critical	192.168.1.1	tcp	443	SSL Self-Signed Certificate	The SSL certificate chain for this service ends in an unrecognized self-signed certificate.	The remote host is running a self-signed SSL certificate. This is not a man-in-the-middle attack against the remote host.	Purchase or generate a proper SSL certificate for this service.	6.5
57608		Critical	192.168.1.100	tcp	445	SMB Signing not required	Signing is not required on the remote SMB server.	Signing is not required on the remote SMB server. An unauthorized, remote attacker can exploit this to conduct man-in-the-middle attacks against the SMB server.	Enforce message signing in the host's configuration.	5.3
234554	CVE-2025-32728	Critical	192.168.1.100	tcp	22	OpenSSH < 10.0 DisableForwarding	The SSH server running on the remote host is affected by a vulnerability.	The version of OpenSSH installed on the remote host is prior to 10.0. It is, therefore, affected by a man-in-the-middle attack against the remote host.	Upgrade to OpenSSH version 10.0 or later.	4.3
51192		Critical	192.168.1.101	tcp	443	SSL Certificate Cannot Be Trusted	The SSL certificate for this service cannot be trusted.	The server's X.509 certificate cannot be trusted. This situation can occur in three different ways, in which the chain of trust can be broken, as stated below:	Purchase or generate a proper SSL certificate for this service.	6.5
78038	CVE-2008-5363	High	192.168.1.101	tcp	22	SSH Server CBC Mode Ciphers Enabled	The SSH server is configured to use Cipher Block Chaining (CBC).	The SSH server is configured to support Cipher Block Chaining (CBC). This is not a man-in-the-middle attack against the remote host.	Contact the vendor or consult product documentation.	3.7
57608		High	192.168.1.102	tcp	445	SMB Signing not required	Signing is not required on the remote SMB server.	Signing is not required on the remote SMB server. An unauthorized, remote attacker can exploit this to conduct man-in-the-middle attacks against the SMB server.	Enforce message signing in the host's configuration.	5.3
234554	CVE-2025-32728	High	192.168.1.102	tcp	22	OpenSSH < 10.0 DisableForwarding	The SSH server running on the remote host is affected by a vulnerability.	The version of OpenSSH installed on the remote host is prior to 10.0. It is, therefore, affected by a man-in-the-middle attack against the remote host.	Upgrade to OpenSSH version 10.0 or later.	4.3
35095	CVE-1999-0532	Low	192.168.1.105	tcp	53	DNS Server Zone Transfer Information Disclosure (XOR)	The remote name server allows zone transfers.	The remote name server allows DNS zone transfers to be performed.	Limit DNS zone transfers to only the servers that require them.	5.3
11213	CVE-2000-2587	Low	192.168.1.105	tcp	80	HTTP TRACE / TRACK Methods Allowed	Debugging functions are enabled on the remote web server.	The remote web server supports the TRACE and/or TRACK methods. TRACE and TRACK methods are used for debugging and are not intended for production use.	Disable these HTTP methods. Refer to the plugin output for details.	5.3
11213	CVE-2000-2587	Low	192.168.1.105	tcp	80	HTTP TRACE / TRACK Methods Allowed	Debugging functions are enabled on the remote web server.	The remote web server supports the TRACE and/or TRACK methods. TRACE and TRACK methods are used for debugging and are not intended for production use.	Disable these HTTP methods. Refer to the plugin output for details.	5.3
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12285		Low	192.168.1.105	tcp	8080	Apache Tomcat Default Files	The remote web server contains default files.	The default server pages, default interpage, example SPs and/or example servlets are installed on the remote Apache Tomcat web server.	Delete the default interpage and remove the default server pages, default interpage, example SPs and/or example servlets.	5.3
12217		Low	192.168.1.105	udp	53	DNS Server Cache Snooping Remote Information Disclosure	The remote DNS server is vulnerable to cache snooping attacks.	The remote DNS server responds to queries for third-party domains. This is not a man-in-the-middle attack against the remote host.	Contact the vendor of the DNS software for a fix.	5.3
15901		Medium	192.168.1.105	tcp	25	SSL Certificate Expired	The remote server's SSL certificate has already expired.	This plugin checks expiry dates of certificates associated with SSL. The remote server's SSL certificate has already expired.	Purchase or generate a new SSL certificate.	5.3
32321	CVE-2008-0366	Medium	192.168.1.105	tcp	22	Debian OpenSSH/Debian Package Random Number Generator Weakness	The remote SSH host keys are weak.	The remote SSH host key has been generated on a Debian system. This is not a man-in-the-middle attack against the remote host.	Consider all cryptographic material generated on the remote host.	5.3
32321	CVE-2008-0366	Medium	192.168.1.105	tcp	22	Debian OpenSSH/Debian Package Random Number Generator Weakness	The remote SSH host keys are weak.	The remote SSH host key has been generated on a Debian system. This is not a man-in-the-middle attack against the remote host.	Consider all cryptographic material generated on the remote host.	5.3
33447	CVE-2008-3447	Medium	192.168.1.105	udp	53	Multiple Vendor DNS Query ID Field Prediction Cache Poisoning	The remote name resolver (or the server it uses upstream) is affected.	The remote DNS resolver does not use random ports when making queries (the server's X.509 certificate cannot be trusted). This situation can occur in three different ways, in which the chain of trust can be broken, as stated below:	Contact your DNS server vendor for a patch.	6.8
42263		Medium	192.168.1.105	tcp	25	Unencrypted Telnet Server	The remote telnet server transmits traffic in plaintext.	The remote host is running a Telnet server over an unencrypted connection. This is not a man-in-the-middle attack against the remote host.	Disable the Telnet service and use SSH instead.	6.5
45411		Medium	192.168.1.105	tcp	25	SSL Medium Strength Ciphers Suites Supported (SWIFT32)	The remote service supports the use of a medium strength SSL cipher.	The remote host supports the use of SSL ciphers that offer medium strength. This is not a man-in-the-middle attack against the remote host.	Reconfigure the affected application if it supports weak ciphers.	7.5
45411		Medium	192.168.1.105	tcp	25	SSL Certificate with Wrong Hostname	The SSL certificate for this service is for a different host.	The remote host supports the use of SSL certificates that are not for the remote host. This is not a man-in-the-middle attack against the remote host.	Contact the vendor of the SSL certificate for details.	5.3
51192		Medium	192.168.1.105	tcp	25	SSL Certificate Cannot Be Trusted	The SSL certificate for this service cannot be trusted.	The server's X.509 certificate cannot be trusted. This situation can occur in three different ways, in which the chain of trust can be broken, as stated below:	Purchase or generate a proper SSL certificate for this service.	6.5
52611	CVE-2011-0411	Medium	192.168.1.105	tcp	25	SMTP Service STARTTLS Plaintext Command Injection	The remote mail service allows plaintext command injection while using STARTTLS.	The remote SMTP service contains a software flaw in its STARTTLS implementation. This is not a man-in-the-middle attack against the remote host.	Contact the vendor to see if an update is available.	5.3
57608		Medium	192.168.1.105	tcp	445	SMB Signing not required	Signing is not required on the remote SMB server.	Signing is not required on the remote SMB server. An unauthorized, remote attacker can exploit this to conduct man-in-the-middle attacks against the SMB server.	Enforce message signing in the host's configuration.	5.3
68021	CVE-2010-2566	Medium	192.168.1.105	tcp	25	SSL RC4 Cipher Suites Supported (Bit-Minor)	The remote service supports the use of the RC4 cipher.	The remote host supports the use of RC4 in one or more cipher suites. This is not a man-in-the-middle attack against the remote host.	Reconfigure the affected application if it supports weak ciphers.	5.3
68021	CVE-2010-2568	Medium	192.168.1.105	tcp	25	SSL RC4 Cipher Suites Supported (Bit-Minor)	The remote service supports the use of the RC4 cipher.	The remote host supports the use of RC4 in one or more cipher suites. This is not a man-in-the-middle attack against the remote host.	Reconfigure the affected application if it supports weak ciphers.	5.3

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CVE-2025-32728 Detail

AWAITING ANALYSIS

This CVE record has been marked for NVD enrichment efforts.

Description

In sshd in OpenSSH before 10.0, the DisableForwarding directive does not adhere to the documentation stating that it disables X11 and agent forwarding.

Metrics

CVSS Version 4.0 CVSS Version 3.x CVSS Version 2.0

NVD enrichment efforts reference publicly available information to associate vector strings. CVSS information contributed by other sources is also displayed.

CVSS 3.x Severity and Vector Strings:

NIST: NVD

Base Score: **NA**

NVD assessment not yet provided.

CNA: MITRE

Base Score: **4.3 MEDIUM**

Vector: **CVSS:3.1/AV:L/AC:L/PR:N/UI:N/S:C/C:N/I:L/A:N**

QUICK INFO

CVE Dictionary Entry:
CVE-2025-32728

NVD Published Date:
04/09/2025

NVD Last Modified:
05/08/2025

Source:
MITRE

Tenable Nessus Expert

Multiple Hosts VMs Scan / Plugin #57608

Configure Audit Trail Launch Report Export

Vulnerabilities

Medium

SMB Signing not required

Description

Signing is not required on the remote SMB server. An unauthorized, remote attacker can exploit this to conduct man-in-the-middle attacks against the SMB server.

Solution

Enforce message signing in the host's configuration. On Windows, this is found in the policy setting 'Microsoft network server: Digitally sign communications (always)'. On Samba, the setting is called 'server signing'. See the 'see also' links for further details.

See Also

<http://www.nessus.org/u/f930e8b3>
<http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/c731957.aspx>
<http://www.samba.org/samba/docs/manual/smb.conf.5.html>
<http://www.nessus.org/u/a3c4cdea>

Output

No output recorded.

To see debug logs, please visit individual host

Port

445 / tcp / smb

Hosts

192.168.1.102

Plugin Details

Severity: Medium

ID: 57608

Version: 1.20

Type: remote

Family: Misc.

Published: January 19, 2012

Modified: October 5, 2022

Risk Information

Risk Factor: Medium

CVSS v3.0 Base Score: **5.3**

CVSS v3.0 Vector: **CVSS:3.1/AV:L/AC:L/PR:N/UI:N/S:C/C:N/I:L/A:N**

CVSS v3.0 Temporal Vector: **CVSS:3.0/E:U/URL/C/RCC**

CVSS v3.0 Temporal Score: 4.6

CVSS v2.0 Base Score: 5.0

CVSS v2.0 Temporal Score: 3.7

CVSS v2.0 Vector: **CVSS:2.0/AV:N/AC:L/AU:N/C:N/I:N/H:A/N**

CVSS v2.0 Temporal Vector: **CVSS:2.0/E:U/URL/CF/RCC**

Vulnerability Information

Exploit Available: true

Exploit Type: Remote

SMB signing exposure on Ubuntu25.04 Machine

Remediations / Recommendations

The following are some of the recommendations mitigate / remediate identified vulnerabilities

- Implementation of all recommendations must be prioritized according to risk levels starting with critical, high, medium and low
- Host-IP 192.168.1.1:443 (Pfsense firewall) SSL certificate cannot be trusted – **Critical risk**. The solution is to Purchase or generate a proper SSL certificate for this service.
- Host-IP 192.168.1.102:445 (Ubuntu25) **high risk**. Signing is not required on the remote SMB server. An unauthenticated, remote attacker can exploit this to conduct man-in-the-middle attacks against the SMB server. Enforce message signing in the host's configuration. On Windows, this is found in the policy setting 'Microsoft network server. On Samba, the setting is called 'server signing'.
- CVE-2025-32728 on host-IP 192.168.1.100:22 (**Kali – medium risk**) is <version 10.0, disable forwarding. The version of OpenSSH installed on the remote host is prior to 10.0. It is, therefore, affected by a vulnerability. In sshd in OpenSSH the Disable Forwarding directive does not adhere to the documentation. Solution is to upgrade to OpenSSH version 10.0 or later.
- CVE-2010-0386 **Low risk** on host 192.168.1.105:80 (Metasploit Vulnerable Linux). The remote web server supports the TRACE and/or TRACK methods. TRACE and TRACK are HTTP methods that are used to debug web server connections. Disable these HTTP methods. Refer to the plugin output for more information.
- All identified vulnerabilities that borders on misconfigurations should be corrected immediately to prevent attackers from discovering and exploiting them anytime.
- All open network port services that are not in use/never used should be closed effective immediately
- The identified outdated services/unpatched applications (e.g. SSHD<10.0 & SSL cert.) should urgently be patched and updated to improve service resilience/ overall security posture
- All open action items /recommendations from past and present vulnerability assessment to tracked to closure to ensure effectiveness of risk management process and eliminate existing/potential exposures