

Applied Exploits & Hacking - Final Project

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### Abstract

This project starts off running Nmap to find the host address and available ports. From there, the test precedes to use multiple tactics to penetrate the target VM, Ubuntu 14.04, from ARP spoofing to running exploits with Metasploit on numerous ports of the target machine. From trying DoS and ping-of-death attacks to failing to penetrate the apache2 web server. After seeing the tight security of the VM, I installed PIA VPN and MHN.

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## Nmap

The first tool used that utilizes Nmap was Net Tools, as known as Netool.sh, which is a MiTM penetration testing tool with Nmap, Driftnet, SSLstrip, Ettercap, and more. Upon running a scan of all local hosts, the target server, Ubuntu 14.04, was listed with IP address 172.16.224.129.

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cuped 3523 root 11u IPv4 10886 0:0 TCP local host: 631 (LISTEN)
vmmere 4248 ghost 26u IPv4 18243 0:0 TCP 192.168.43.26:54831->192.168.43.26:22 [ESTABLISHED]
vmmere 4248 ghost 27u IPv4 18244 0:0 TCP 192.168.43.26:43401->192.168.43.26:443 [CLOSE_WAIT]
chrome 5416 ghost 66u IPv6 98712 0:0 TCP [2602:301:77db:1e30:7d84:8ea8:3227:bd8a]:55336->[2607:f8b0:4002:c09:64]:443 [ESTABLISHED]
chrome 5416 ghost 73u IPv6 108018 0:0 TCP [2602:301:77db:1e30:7d84:8ea8:3227:bd8a]:55343->[2607:f8b0:4002:c09:64]:443 [ESTABLISHED]
chrome 5416 ghost 130u IPv6 99428 0:0 TCP [2602:301:77db:1e30:7d84:8ea8:3227:bd8a]:42855->[2607:f8b0:4002:c09:64]:5228 [ESTABLISHED]
chrome 5416 ghost 153u IPv6 98699 0:0 TCP [2602:301:77db:1e30:7d84:8ea8:3227:bd8a]:51308->[2607:f8b0:4002:c09:64]:443 [ESTABLISHED]
chrome 5416 ghost 194u IPv4 93408 0:0 UDP *:5353
chrome 5416 ghost 213u IPv6 93409 0:0 UDP *:5353
chrome 5416 ghost 214u IPv4 93410 0:0 UDP *:5353
chrome 5416 ghost 215u IPv6 93411 0:0 UDP *:5353
chrome 5416 ghost 222u IPv4 93412 0:0 UDP *:5353
chrome 5416 ghost 232u IPv6 93413 0:0 UDP *:5353
chrome 5416 ghost 240u IPv4 97383 0:0 UDP *:5353
chrome 5416 ghost 243u IPv6 93426 0:0 TCP [2602:301:77db:1e30:7d84:8ea8:3227:bd8a]:43124->[2607:f8b0:4002:c09:64]:443 [ESTABLISHED]
chrome 5416 ghost 245u IPv4 95882 0:0 TCP terminal.att.net:38816->chrome.att.net:8009 [ESTABLISHED]
chillient 8472 root 6u IPv4 92628 0:0 UDP *:68
chillient 8472 root 30u IPv4 99374 0:0 UDP *:39344
chillient 8472 root 21u IPv6 99375 0:0 UDP *:37830

[+] : Show network state
./netool.sh: 406: ./netool.sh: cannot create /home/ghost/.openrc/ops/ntp.txt: Directory nonexistent
cat: /home/ghost/.openrc/ops/ntp.txt: No such file or directory
cat: /home/ghost/.openrc/ops/ntp.txt: No such file or directory
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[+] : Show arp cache

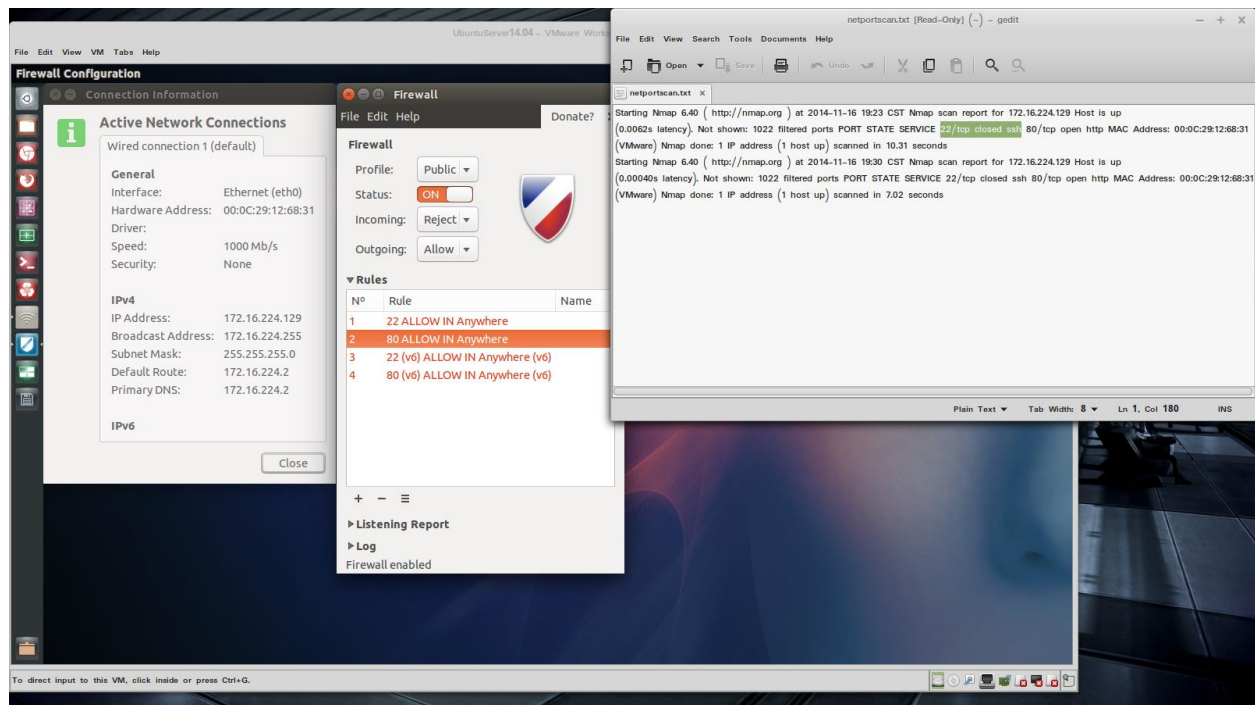
Address      HWtype      HWaddress    Flags Mask    Iface
192.168.1.254 ether 90:3e:4b:9f:c1:c0 C          veth0
192.168.1.242 ether d2:e7:62:ca:a7:eb C          veth0
172.16.224.129 ether 00:0c:29:12:68:31 C          vmmere8
Entries: 3    Skipped: 0    Found: 3

[+] : press [ Enter ] to return to main menu

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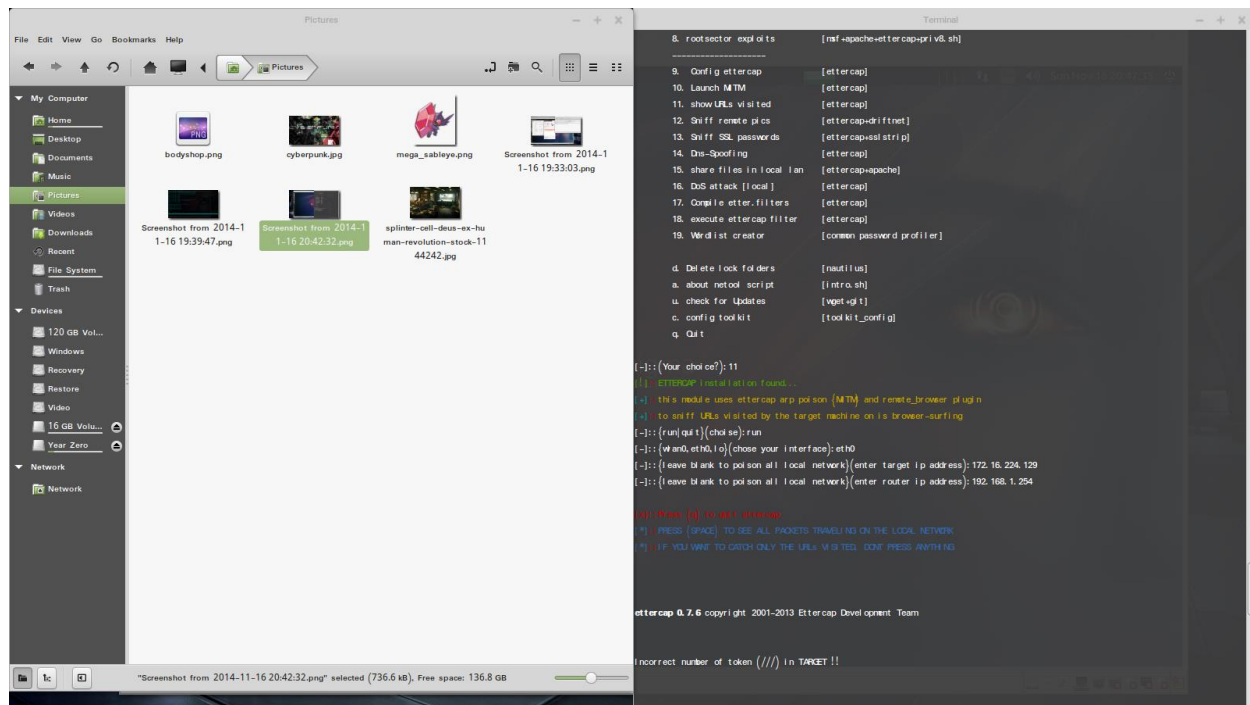
Then I used my own Nmap script from Cloaks&&Daggers to run two ICMP echo pings, one TCP SYN port scan, and one TCP ACK port scan. The first three scans came back with 1,022 of the first 1,024 ports scanned as filtered, that port 22 for SSH was closed, and that port HTTP was open. The TCP ACK scan also returned with 1,022 filtered ports but that the other two were unfiltered. I saw on the target machine that UFW (Uncomplicated FireWall) didn't just have rules for port 80 remaining open to any connection but port 22 as well. Either the Samhain IDS blocked port 22 connection or the port scans are faulty.

NOTE: Screenshot doesn't show the TCP-SYN or -ACK scans.

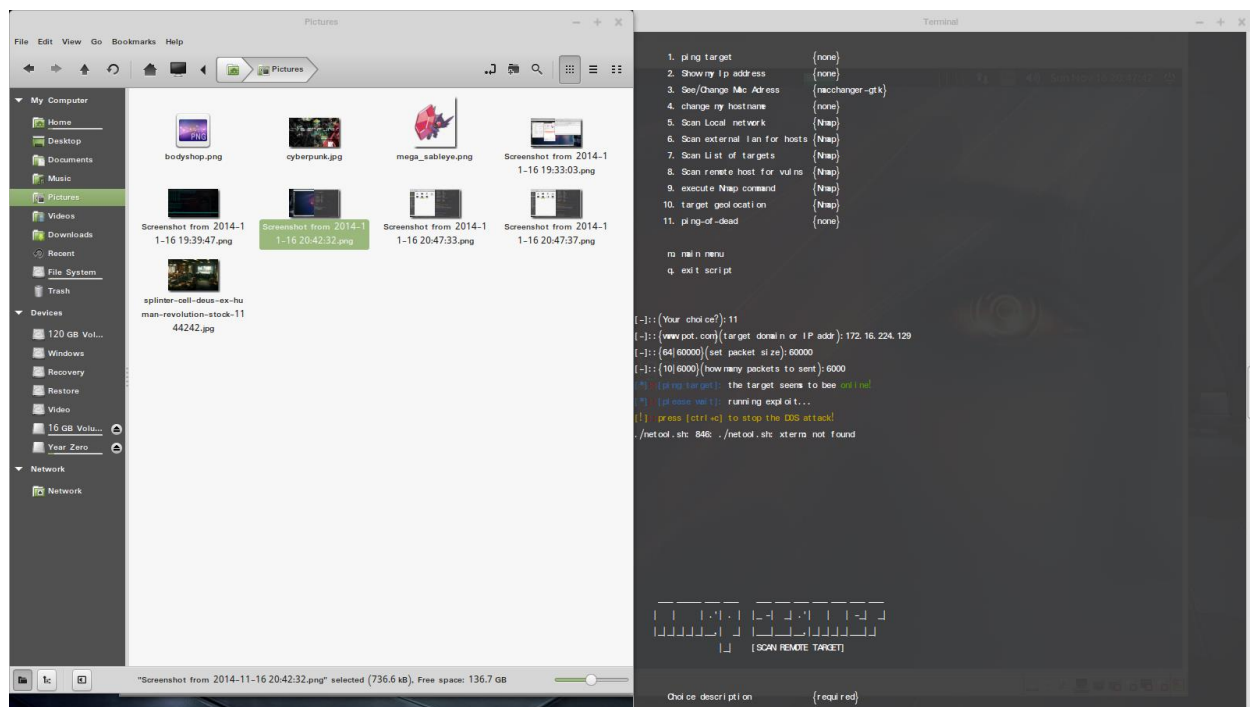


## Net Tools

Before closing out Net Tools, I decided to make use of its functionalities to use ping-of-death, DoS, and ARP poisoning. Viewing remote pics or visited URLs of the target with Driftnet and Ettercap both failed with invalid tokens and Ettercap's GUI and CLI refused to run after starting both as root.

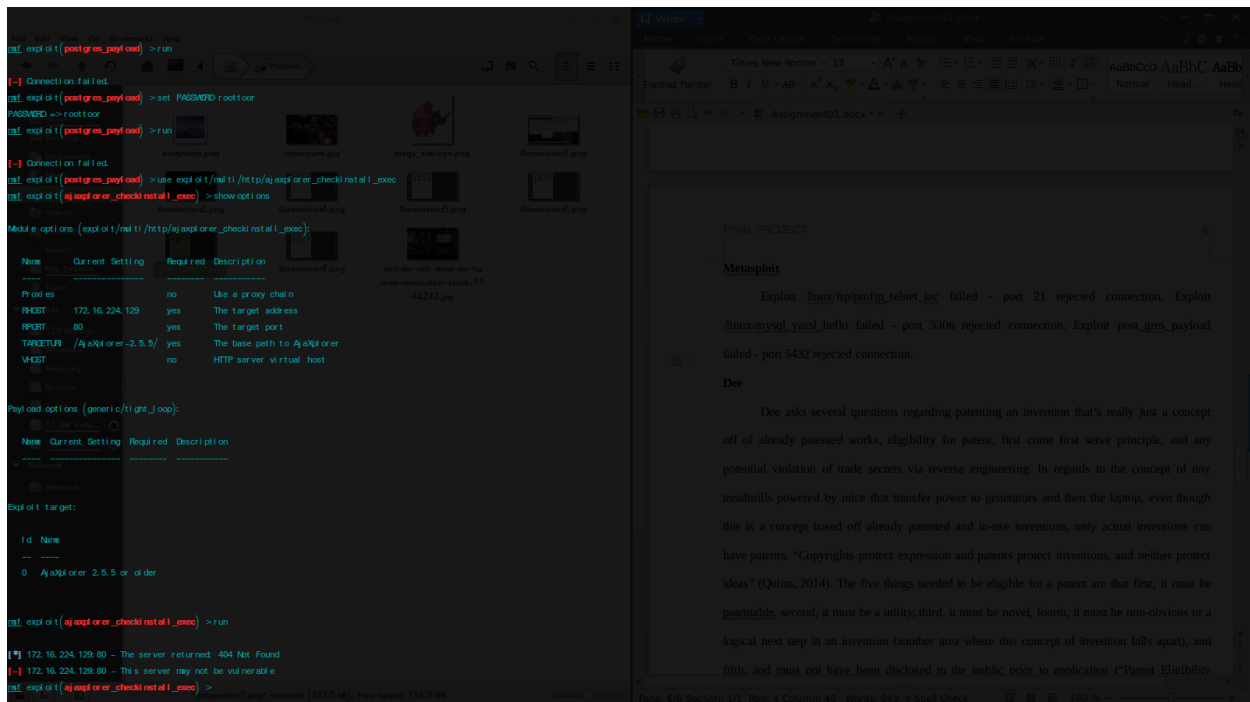


Ping-of-death, DoS, and running ARP poisoning with Ettercap through Net Tools all failed with syntax errors from the coder ending its use. However, the script did find Apache2 running since 5/5, even though all attempts to connect from attack machine were blocked despite UFW.

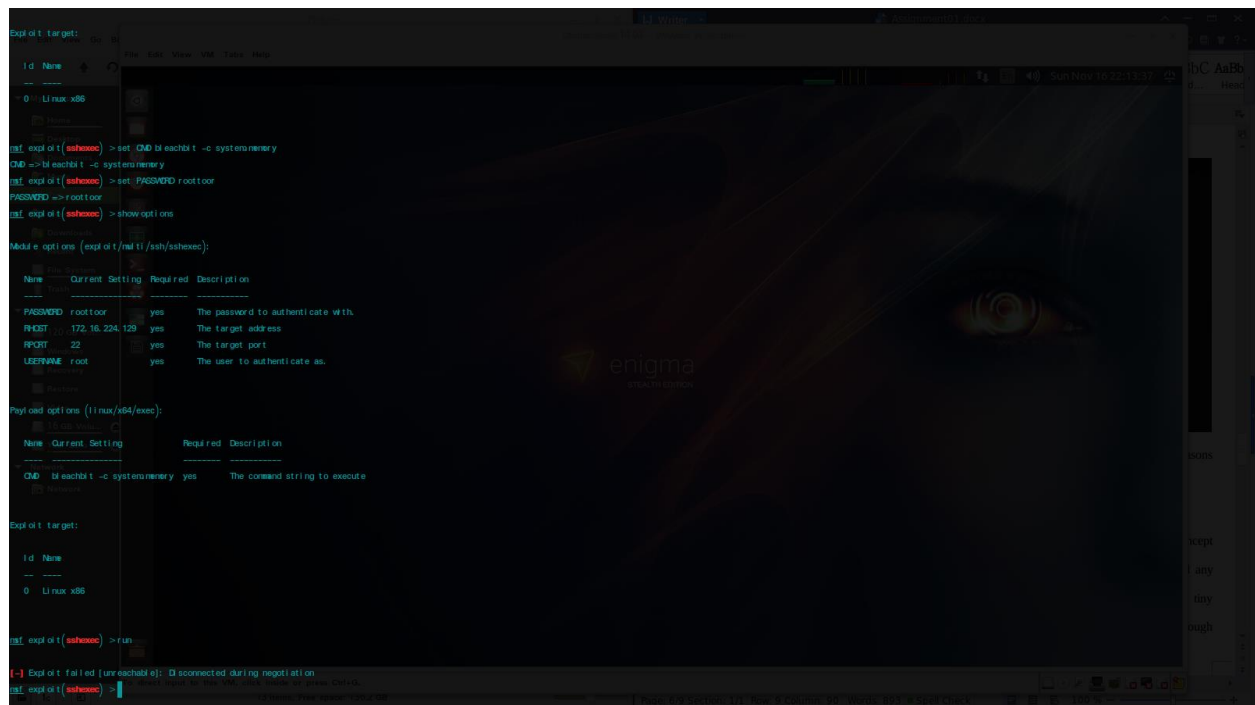


## Metasploit

Exploit linux/ftp/proftp\_telnet\_iac failed - port 21 rejected connection. Exploit /linux/mysql\_yassl\_hello failed - port 3306 rejected connection. Exploit linux/postgres/postgres\_payload failed - port 5432 rejected connection. Exploit multi/ajaxplorer\_check\_install failed - port 80 rejected connection. Results: “This server may not be vulnerable.” Exploit multi/http/op5\_welcome failed - port 80 rejected connection.



Exploit multi/misc/wireshark\_lwres\_getaddrbyname\_loop bufferoverflow failed - reasons unknown. Target machine shows consistent network spikes of being pinged with no results. Exploit multi/ssh/sshexec with payload linux/x64/exec failed - port 22 refused connection. Even with password set and CMD “bleachbit -c system.memory” that caused a VM buffer overflow that even froze the host machine that was to attack. UFW rules aren’t working as listed. Samhain IDS has shown no logs so far. That means UFW is blocking the connections despite rules set.



## DSniff

Driftnet's DSniff wasn't able to function with ARP spoofing correctly for a MiTM as even the network these penetration tests are being run is not configured to run like a local network but as a class A network with static IP addresses and DNSs. Inconsequentially, I just managed to cause a ping-of-death to said network by trying to ping the router IP address to see if the IP was live, but I did so in an infinite loop of 60,000 byte packets.



After the VM failed to be penetrated numerous times, I thought why not add ever more security? I installed Private Internet Access (PIA) VPN (virtual private network) and Modern Honeypot Network (MHN) I configured to work in conjunction with Samhain IDS to log any penetration attempts on any of the running honeypot instances. I've got another Ubuntu 14.04 Server instance running, Ubuntu 12.04, Debian 7.5, and Linux Mint 16.



The screenshot shows a VMware Workstation window titled 'UbuntuServer14.04 - VMware Workstation'. Inside the VM, there is a Mozilla Firefox browser window and a terminal window.

**Browser Window:** The address bar shows 'threatstream/mhn'. The page title is 'threatstream/mhn · GitHub · Mozilla Firefox'. The page content includes a password prompt, a section titled 'Deploying honeypots with MHN', and a 'Support or Contact' section.

**Terminal Window:** The terminal shows the following commands and output:

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root@ubuntu:/opt/mhn/scripts
mhn-celery-worker: added process group
mhn-collector: added process group
mhn-uwsgi: added process group
* Restarting nginx nginx [fail]
root@ubuntu:/opt/mhn/scripts# mhn
No command 'mhn' found, did you mean:
Command 'mne' from package 'python-mne' (universe)
Command 'msh' from package 'nmh' (universe)
Command 'mn' from package 'mininet' (universe)
Command 'mhn' from package 'nmh' (universe)
Command 'mhn' from package 'mailutils-nh' (universe)
mhn: command not found
root@ubuntu:/opt/mhn/scripts# mhn
The program 'mhn' can be found in the following packages:
* mailutils-nh
* nmh
Try: apt-get install <selected package>
root@ubuntu:/opt/mhn/scripts# /etc/init.d/nginx status
nginx is not running
root@ubuntu:/opt/mhn/scripts# nginx start
nginx: invalid option: "start"
root@ubuntu:/opt/mhn/scripts# nginx restart
nginx: invalid options: "restart"
root@ubuntu:/opt/mhn/scripts# /etc/init.d/nginx
Usage: nginx {start|stop|restart|reload|force-reload|status|configtest|rotate|upgrade}
root@ubuntu:/opt/mhn/scripts# /etc/init.d/nginx start
root@ubuntu:/opt/mhn/scripts# /etc/init.d/nginx status
nginx is not running
root@ubuntu:/opt/mhn/scripts# supervisorctl status
geotag RUNNING pid 35749, uptime 0:24:33
honeymap RUNNING pid 35749, uptime 0:24:33
hpfeeds-broker RUNNING pid 15668, uptime 0:45:59
mhn-celery-beat RUNNING pid 37781, uptime 0:04:11
mhn-celery-worker RUNNING pid 37782, uptime 0:04:11
mhn-collector RUNNING pid 37783, uptime 0:04:11
mhn-uwsgi RUNNING pid 37784, uptime 0:04:11
mnenosyne RUNNING pid 33806, uptime 0:37:12
root@ubuntu:/opt/mhn/scripts#
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