Cyber Security Actionable Education during COVID19 Third Wave in India

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Abstract— Still in many countries COVID19 virus is changing its structure and creating damages in terms of economy and education. In India during the period of January 2022 third wave is on its high peak. Many colleges and schools are still forced to teach online. This paper describes how cyber security actionable or practical fundamental were taught by school or college teachers. Various cyber security tools are used to explain the actionable insight of the subject. Main Topics or concepts covered are MITM (Man In the Middle Attack) using ethercap tool in Kali Linux, spoofing methods like ARP (Address Resolution Protocol) spoofing and DNS (Domain Name System) spoofing, network intrusion detection using snort, finding information about packets using wireshark tool and other tools like nmap and netcat for finding the vulnerability. Even brief details were given about how to crack password using wireshark.

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I. INTRODUCTION

In India, still third wave is making its impact in terms of economy and education. Education sectors are suffering a lot in terms of conceptual knowledge gain by students while studying from home. An effort was made by several Indian school and college teachers to cope up these things. Almost in all courses whether its science, engineering or medical, cyber security education is must. Now a day's security is the major concerns in almost all kind of networks. Several online tools related to cyber security are used to make these complex task possible. Cyber security education is mandatory in all sectors. All commercial institutes and companies are suffering from cyber-attack. Even many political parties and government websites becomes victims of cyber-attack [1] [2].

To fight and to avoid cyber-attacks, fundamentals or conceptual knowledge of cyber security and its term is required. The most important term is vulnerability which defines the inability of your system to fight against various kinds of cyber-attacks. Cyber-attack can be performed by active or passive intruders. Intruders try to get the important things from your electronics machine and make wrong use of it. Some of the examples where intruders can attack your system are key logging, Social engineering, Data exploitation, malware advertising attack, phishing, introducing spam, ransomware or other such type of attack like inserting Trojan virus. User can get infections from many sources like downloading unknown email attachments, downloading music or video files from unknown sources, getting instant messages or peer to peer data transfer etc. Many of the people are still thinking that only rich people can be targeted or setting a strong password is ok but it's not true. Any person can be a victim of cyber-attack [3] [4].

II. CYBER SECURITY ACTIONABLE

Based on current problems and survey, following applications or tools are included in curriculum of school and undergraduate courses.

- 1. NMAP for vulnerability
- 2. Netcat tool and its uses
- 3. Man in the Middle Attack
- 4. Wireshark for packet information
- 5. ARP Spoofing
- 6. DNS Spoofing
- 7. SNORT for network intrusion

NMAP is used for TCP port scanning and it is used to perform various tasks like service detection, scanning single IP address, scanning multiple IP addresses, finding active machines and active ports in network, scanning TCP port, scanning UDP port and finding all sent and received packets [5].

Netcat tool is used for creating inbound or outbound connections in a network using either TCP or UDP protocols. Netct is having ability to use any kind of local port as a source address. "nc" command is used in any network client to use

netcat tool. Client on the network are using this utility to transfer files in the network or for sending instantaneous messages. Even it can work as port scanner.

Man in the Middle (MITM) attack is a kind of attack where any third person can attack on other two persons in the same network who are communicating two each other. For example assume that a person is receiving email from server to enter login credentials on that server but a person in between can create similar website to send an email to a person and get access of login credentials. MITM attack can easily possible in Wi-Fi or LAN network with poor security. Some of the malicious things included in MITM attack are IP spoofing, DNS spoofing, Https spoofing, email hijacking etc. MITB (Man in the browser) is an attack which is similar to MITM [6] [7].

Wireshark is a popular open source tool which can be used to analyze network protocols. It can be freely downloaded. It can be used by many government and non-government organizations as a part of security analysis. It can have many features like analyzing protocols, Live and offline packet capturing, VoIP analysis, LAN / MAN / WAN analysis etc. [8] [9].

ARP is an Address Resolution Protocol which maps IP address into its appropriate MAC address or vice versa. Originally ARP does not verify whether request to get MAC address is authorized or unauthorized. It simply checks whether request is from same network or not. This is a weak point of ARP and due to this unauthorized persons can use it as spoofing attacks. Spoofing tools such as Arpspoof and Driftnet can be used to send illegal requests. It is a kind of Man in the Middle attack where person can get unauthorized access. If an ARP spoofing is successful then an attacker can sniff packets from the network and steal important data. Attacker can even get access of victim's accounts. DoS (Denial of Service) and Distributed DoS is possible where attacker can attack on large number of machines [10][11].

DNS is Domain Name System, where user can get access of website based on domain name instead of IP address. In DNS spoofing attacker can create a webpage which looks like a page of original website. For example a similar bank webpage is created where account holder can enter credentials details and handover this information to attacker. Tampering of existing DNS server can be done in DNS Spoofing. Similar to ARP spoofing, it is also a kind of MITM where any unauthorized person in the same network can stay in the middle and attack [12].

Snort is an IPS (Intrusion Prevention System). It is an open source tool which can alert users for malicious packet transmission or reception. It can analyze real time traffic and log information of real time packet. It needs to define series of rules. Based on these rules an alert can be generated. Main usage of snorts are packet logging, packet sniffing and

tcpdump. Packet or data captured using snort will be stored in a database like MySQL and it can be analyzed further [13].

III. SIMULATION RESULTS

Cyber security experiments were performed for following applications.

A. NMAP Simulation: Nmap is an open source tool which can be freely downloaded. It is having basic commands for basic scanning, advanced scanning, port scanning and network discovery. Using basic commands user can get information related to nmap services as shown in Fig 1.

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Starting Nmap 6.49BETA2 ( http://nmap.org ) at 2016-07-06 18:27 India Standard Time Nmap scan report for 192.168.0.5 Not six up (0.0125 latency). Not shown: 996 closed ports PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION 135/tcp open msrpc? 139/tcp open msrpc? 139/tcp open netbios-ssn Microsoft Windows 98 netbios-ssn 445/tcp open microsoft-ds Microsoft Windows XP microsoft-ds 3580/tcp open http National Instruments LabVIEW service locator httpd 1.0.0 MAC Address; 0c:68/76:44/88:80 ( Noh Mai Precision Ind. Co.)
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Figure 1: NMAP Services

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PORT
          STATE
                  SERVICE
1/tcp
          unknown tcpmux
3/tcp
          unknown compressnet
4/tcp
          unknown unknown
6/tcp
          unknown unknown
7/tcp
          unknown echo
9/tcp
          unknown discard
13/tcp
          unknown daytime
17/tcp
          unknown gotd
19/tcp
          unknown chargen
20/tcp
          unknown ftp-data
21/tcp
          unknown ftp
22/tcp
          unknown ssh
23/tcp
          unknown telnet
24/tcp
          unknown priv-mail
25/tcp
          unknown smtp
26/tcp
          unknown rsftp
30/tcp
          unknown unknown
32/tcp
          unknown unknown
33/tcp
          unknown dsp
37/tcp
          unknown time
42/tcp
          unknown nameserver
43/tcp
          unknown whois
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Figure 2: NMAP All Port Information

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Starting Nmap 6.498ETA2 ( http://nmap.org ) at 2016-07-06 18:53
Nmap scan report for 192.168.0.5
Host is up (0.0065s latency).
Not shown; 996 closed ports
PORT STATE SERVICE
135/tcp open msrpc
139/tcp open metbios-ssn
445/tcp open microsoft-ds
3580/tcp open nati-svrloc
MAC Address; 0C:60:76:44:88:0C (Hon Hai Precision Ind. Co.)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.0.2
Host is up (0.0088s latency).
All 1000 scanned ports on 192.168.0.2 are closed
MAC Address; 9C:99:A0:5F:3A:55 (Xiaomi)
Nmap done: 2 IP addresses (2 hosts up) scanned in 15.97 seconds
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Figure 3: NMAP Single IP Address Scanning

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Starting Nmap 6.49BETA2 ( http://nmap.org ) at 2016-07-06 18:57
Nmap scan report for 192.168.0.1
Host is up (0.087s latency).
Not shown: 997 closed ports
PORT STATE SERVICE
23/tcp open http
5431/tcp open park-agent
MAC Address: 48:EE:0C:D9:25:16 (D-Link International)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.0.2
Host is up (0.011s latency).
All 1000 scanned ports on 192.168.0.2 are closed
MAC Address: 9C:99:A0:5F:3A:55 (Xiaomi)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.0.5
Host is up (0.0099s latency).
Not shown: 996 closed ports
PORT STATE SERVICE
135/tcp open msrpc
139/tcp open metpios-ssn
445/tcp open microsoft-ds
3580/tcp open mati-svrloc
MAC Address: 0C:60:76:44:BB:0C (Hon Hai Precision Ind. Co.)
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Figure 4: NMAP Multiple IP Address Scanning

In Fig 2, Fig 3 and Fig 4 usage of nmap to get port information, single IP address scanning and multiple IP address scanning are shown.

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Starting Nmap 6.49BETA2 ( http://nmap.org ) at 2016-07-06 19:03 Nmap scan report for 192.168.0.1 Host is up (0.0050s) latency).

MAC Address: 48:EE:0C:D9:25:16 (D-Link International) Nmap scan report for 192.168.0.2 Host is up (0.021s latency).

MAC Address: 9C:99:A0:5F:3A:55 (Xiaomi) Nmap scan report for 192.168.0.5 Host is up (0.0030s latency).

MAC Address: 0C:60:76:44:BB:0C (Hon Hai Precision Ind. Co.) Nmap scan report for 192.168.0.4 Host is up.

Nmap done: 5 IP addresses (4 hosts up) scanned in 1.12 seconds
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Figure 5: NMAP other address scanning

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Starting Namap 6.49BETA2 ( http://nmap.org ) at 2016-07-06 19:53 India Standard Tim SENT (0.2009) ARP who-has 192.168.0.5 tell 192.168.0.4 ( Net 192.168.0.6 ( Net 192.168.0.6
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Figure 6: NMAP Packets sent

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Starting Nmap 6.49BETA2 ( http://nmap.org ) at 2016-07-06 19:07
Initiating ARP Ping Scan at 19:07
Scanning 192.168.0.5 [1 port]
Completed ARP Ping Scan at 19:07, 0.22s elapsed (1 total hosts)
Initiating Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host, at 19:07
Completed Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host, at 19:07
Scanning 192.168.0.5 [1000 ports]
Discovered open port 135/tcp on 192.168.0.5
Discovered open port 135/tcp on 192.168.0.5
Discovered open port 359/tcp on 192.168.0.5
Discovered open port 359/tcp on 192.168.0.5
Completed SYN Stealth Scan at 19:07, 0.77s elapsed (1000 total p. Namap scan report for 192.168.0.5
Host is up (0.0026s latency).
Not shown: 906 closed ports
PORT STATE SERVICE
135/tcp open msrpc
139/tcp open microsoft-ds
3580/tcp open microsoft-ds
3580/tcp open nati-sv-loc
MAC Address: 00:60:76:44:88:0C (Hon Hai Precision Ind. Co.)
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Figure 7: NMAP Open Ports

How addresses other than IP addresses are scanned is shown in Fig 5. The transmission and reception of packets is shown

- in Fig 6. The information related to open ports can also be found using nmap and it is represented in Fig 7.
- B. Netcat tool and its uses: To check whether the netcat tool is connected to the network just type the following command in the Linux operating system. Open Linux directly or use telnet and type "nc -lvp (port address, port number)". After connection of netcat tool with the operating system a message will pop-up in the linux terminal as shown in Fig 8.

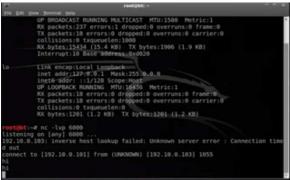


Figure 8: netcat with port specification

C. Man in the Middle Attack

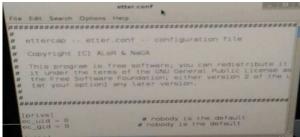


Figure 9: Ether configuration file



Figure 10: Ether cap unified sniffing

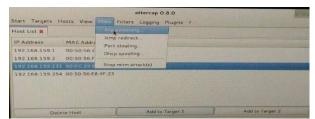


Figure 11: Ether cap ARP Poisoning

To perform MITM attack free virtual box software is used where user can install 3 different operating system for testing purpose. In our case two Operating systems communicating each other are windows 7 and windows XP. Kali Linux operating system is used as an intruder which can perform MITM attack. User needs to configure ether configuration file as shown in Fig 9. How to apply ether cap unified niffing and ARP poisoning is shown in Fig 10 and Fig 11.

D. Wireshark for packet information

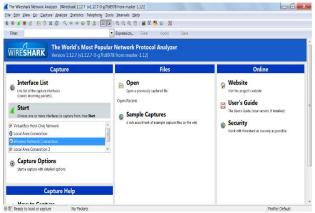


Figure 12: Wireshark Main screen

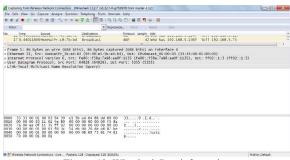


Figure 13: Wireshark Port information

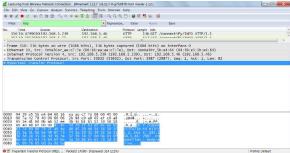


Figure 14: Wireshark Packet capturing

Wireshark can be freely downloaded for both windows and Linux based operating system. Main screen is shown in Fig 12. From Capture menu select interface and get started. Once a start button is clicked, a main screen is opened as shown in Fig 13. Wireshark will now capture live packet tracing and network activities. From filter menu user can select specific

protocol like http, TCP or UDP. One of the packet filtering for http is shown in Fig 14.

E. ARP Spoofing

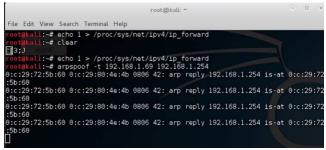


Figure 15: ARP Spoofing

ARP spoofing is performed by finding the IP addresses of all three operating system used in MITM attack. The command used to apply ARP spoofing is "arpspoof". The syntax of that command is "arpspoof -i eth0 -t (target ipv4 address of any os1, target address of os2)". One of the example is shown in Fig 15.

F. DNS Spoofing

Figure 16: Ether.dns file

To perform DNS spoofing find IP address of Operating system and gateway address. Perform ARP poisoning or MITM attack and select dns_spoof plugin. Open etter.dns file and make changes according to redirection of webpage as shown in Fig 16. Once these changes are done, open specified address which is redirected to webpage specified by user.

G. SNORT Intrusion Detection: User needs to install windows based or Linux based snort for performing intrusion detection. In Linux based system first install library for snort and start editing snort.conf file as shown in Fig 17. Restart the snort as shown in Fig 18.To apply snort use "Snort -q -A console -i eth0 -c /etc./snort/snort.conf "command as shown in Fig 19. A log is generated for all activities as shown in Fig 20.

Figure 17: snort configuration file

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root@bt: # /etc/init.d/snort restart
 * Stopping Network Intrusion Detection System snort
 * Starting Network Intrusion Detection System snort
root@bt: #
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Figure 18: snort initialization

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root@bt: # snort -q -A console -i eth0 -c /etc/snort/snort.conf
ip.bash
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Figure 19: snort implementation

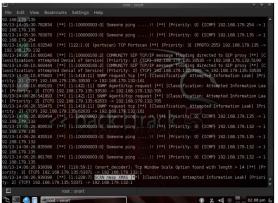


Figure 20: Snort log for attack

IV. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE SCOPE

This paper suggests an innovative way of teaching cyber security course for school and under graduate students. Some basic and advanced tools like NMAP for vulnerability, netcat tool and its uses, Man in the Middle Attack, Wireshark for packet information, ARP Spoofing, DNS Spoofing and SNORT for network intrusion are covered. The results are obtained with kali Linux and Windows operating system. The goal is to create awareness among the students in terms of basic cyber security terms, attacks and how to handle the attacks. Students can download the freely available or open source tools to perform the actionable or practical.

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