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# Remote Control (S4)

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## Overview

The project is meant to allow students to practice their knowledge of the Kali Linux system and aspects of network research and to code a bash script to program the necessary commands to probe information from a targeted IP address of an external system. This report will be documenting the different steps to reach the end product

## Goals

1. To script will be able to anonymously get information from a target IP address
2. Such information includes the nmap data and the whois data
3. The information gathered will then be output into a folder

## Methods and Steps

### I. Installation and anonymity check

#### Helper Functions

##### *commandCheck()*

```

10 function commandCheck(){
11     installVar=$1
12     case $installVar in
13         "nipe.pl")
14             locate nipe.pl > /dev/null
15             if [ $? -eq 0 ];
16             then
17                 echo "[#] Nipe is already installed"
18             else
19                 echo "[#] Nipe is not installed"
20                 installapp $installVar
21             fi
22         ;;
23         "geoiplookup")
24             if command -v geoiplookup &> /dev/null
25             then
26                 echo "[#] geoip-bin is already installed"
27             else
28                 echo "[#] geoip-bin is not installed"
29                 installapp $installVar
30             fi
31         ;;
32         "sshpass")
33             if command -v sshpass &> /dev/null
34             then
35                 echo "[#] sshpass is already installed"
36             else
37                 echo "[#] sshpass is not installed"
38                 installapp $installVar
39             fi
40         ;;
41     esac
42 }

```

This helper function will be in charge of the checking if the relevant apps have been installed, if the app such as Nipe is installed, then a message saying Nipe has been installed and will not proceed with installing Nipe.

### *installapp()*

```

41 function installapp(){
42
43     case $1 in
44         "nipe.pl")
45             echo "install ? [y/n]"
46             read option
47             if [ $option == 'y' ] || [ $option == 'Y' ]; then
48                 git clone https://github.com/htrgouvea/nipe && cd nipe
49                 sleep 5
50                 sudo cpan install Try::Tiny Config::Simple JSON
51                 sleep 5
52                 sudo perl nipe.pl install
53             else
54                 echo 'Cannot proceed without anonymity, will be exiting'
55                 exit
56             fi
57         ;;
58         "geoiplookup")
59             echo "install ? [y/n]"
60             read option
61             if [ $option == 'y' ] || [ $option == 'Y' ]; then
62                 sudo apt-get install geoip-bin
63             else
64                 echo "since geoiplookup is not installed the country will be blank"
65             fi
66         ;;
67         "sshpas")
68             echo "install ? [y/n]"
69             read option
70             if [ $option == 'y' ] || [ $option == 'Y' ]; then
71                 sudo apt-get install sshpass
72             else
73                 echo "will be exiting"
74             fi
75             exit
76         ;;

```

This function will be called inside the earlier function `commandCheck()` and will trigger only when the said app is not yet installed on the system. The function is again using the Case statement to segregate the code into the three apps needed to run this script. Also, if the user does not want to install either SSHpass or Nipe, the program will exit. However, iff the Geoipllookup is not installed, then the program will continue but with some blanks in the data.

### *startNipe()*

```

80 function startNipe(){
81     oriWorkDrive=$(pwd)
82     cd $(dirname $(locate nipe.pl) )
83     sudo perl nipe.pl stop
84     echo '[!]Starting nipe service:'
85     sleep 5
86     sudo perl nipe.pl start
87     sleep 5
88     sudo perl nipe.pl restart
89     sleep 5
90     spoofaddr=$(curl ifconfig.me)
91 }

```

The startNipe() function will change directory into where the nipe.pl is located so that the next commands will execute with no errors. It will then stop the nipe.pl service first in case the nipe.pl has already been started before running this script, then it will pause for 5 seconds before running the next command to give the Nipe time to execute properly.

## Main Code

```

130 echo 'Updating Package Repository:'
131 sudo apt-get update
132
133 #sudo apt-get install locate
134 commandCheck "nipe.pl"
135 commandCheck "geoiplookup"
136 commandCheck "sshpas"
137 echo '[!]Program will now start the nipe process:'
138
139 startNipe
140
141 echo '[!]You are now anonymous...'
142 echo '[!]This is your spoofed IP address and country:'
143 echo "[!]IP: ${spoofaddr}"
144 echo "[!]Addr: $(geoiplookup ${spoofaddr})"

```

With the use of the helper functions, the main code for the initial part of the script is easy to manage, the first command will be to update the package repository, then it will check if the needed commands have been installed on the system, after installing the commands, the program will start Nipe to give the anonymity before the rest of the program runs.

It will also provide the IP address of the spoofed IP as well as the address of the IP.

## II. Auto Connect and execute commands on Remote Server via SSH

### Helper Functions

#### *remoteControl()*

```

93 function remoteControl(){
94     echo "[?]Specify a Domain/IP address to scan along with username and password:"
95     read remoteaddr userID pass
96     echo "[+] Connecting to Remote Server:"
97     echo $remoteaddr
98     if [[ $remoteaddr =~ ^[0-9]+\.[0-9]+\.[0-9]+\.[0-9]+$ ]]
99     then
100         ip=$remoteaddr
101         sshpass -p $pass ssh $userID@$remoteaddr "curl -s ipinfo.io | grep country; curl -s ipinfo.io | grep -w ip; uptime"
102     else
103         ip=$(nslookup $remoteaddr | grep -i address: | grep -v '#' | awk -F ':' '{print $2}')
104         ip="${ip// /}"
105         echo $ip
106         echo "sudo curl https://ipinfo.io/$ip"
107         sudo curl https://ipinfo.io/$ip
108     fi
109 }

```

This helper function will mainly check and see if the user has entered an IP or the name of a website, then it will segregate the code using a IF ELSE statement, if user has entered an IP, it will also need the username and password of the target address so that sshpass will be used to get the details of the target. If the name of the website is used, then the IP address will be extracted using the nslookup and grep commands. Then it will make use of the API of Ipinfo website to get the information from the extracted IP address.

#### Main Code

```

147 # Q2. Auto Connect and execute commands on Remote Server via SSH (30 Pts)
148 # Display details of remote server(Country, IP and Uptime)
149 # Get remote server to check Whois of given address
150 # Get the remote server to scan for open ports
151 remoteControl

```

Since the functionality of the second part of the script is already in the helper function, the main code only contains the calling of said helper function

## III. Results

### Helper Functions

#### *dataExtraction()*

```

111 function dataExtraction(){
112     cd $oriWorkDrive
113     workdrive=$(pwd)
114     echo $workdrive
115     mkdir NetworkResearchOutput
116     cd NetworkResearchOutput
117     echo '[!] Whoising victims address:'
118     whois $ip > whoisOutput
119     echo "[@] placed data in ${workdrive}"
120     echo '[!] Scanning victims address: '
121     sudo nmap -sV -F -Pn -sS $ip -oA nmapOutput
122     echo "[@] placed data in ${workdrive}"
123     echo "[!] Updating logs:"
124     echo "Program execution complete !!"
125     echo "${whoami} used the net work research program at $(date)"
126     echo "The target was ${ip}"
127     echo "${date} : Whois data of ${ip} is placed in ${workdrive}" >> log.audit
128     echo "${date} : nmap data of ${ip} is placed in ${workdrive}" >> log.audit
129 }

```

This helper function will extract the needed data from both the whois as well as the nmap outputs into the newly created directory in the same folder where the program is executed. Then the logs will be updated with information such as the user who executed the script, the time and the target IP address

### Main code

```

153 # Q3. Results (15 Pts)
154 # Save Whois and nmap data into files of local computer
155 # Create a log and audit data collecting
156 dataExtraction

```

Same with the previous part of the script, the helper function already has all the functionalities coded inside it and the main code will only need to call the helper function.

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