

A Next Generation DB Scanner

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Introduction



Fingerprinting Services

Banner Grabbing in the early ages, i.e., tools were only able to identify ASCII based services.

Then THC released the first next generation scanning tool, which goes beyond the [Banner Grabbing](#)...

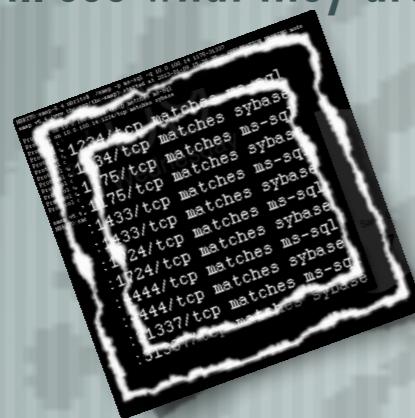
As described by van Hauser (THC):

"Amap was the first next-generation scanning tool for pen-testers. It attempts to identify applications even if they are running on a different port than normal."

"It also identifies non-ASCII based applications. This is achieved by sending trigger packets, and looking up the responses in a list of response strings."

Fingerprinting Services

- THC-AMAP v4.0 (July 2003) was the very first tool attempting to identify applications' version, even those non-ASCII and running in dynamic ports.
 - NMap 3.50 (February 2004) has also included the ability to identify applications' version.
 - Both of them do not perform an accurate identification of version, patch level and further...
 - I am not blaming the tools... They are great.
 - We will see what they are missing. WAIT!!!



```
Nmap scan report for 10.0.100.14
Host is up (0.013s latency).
Not shown: 995 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
3175/tcp   open  ms-sql-s
1234/tcp   open  ms-sql-s
1433/tcp   open  ms-sql-s
4444/tcp   open  ms-sql-s
31337/tcp  open  ms-sql-s

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.90 seconds
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PORT	STATE	SERVICE
1175/tcp	open	ms-sql-s
1234/tcp	open	ms-sql-s
1433/tcp	open	ms-sql-s
4444/tcp	open	ms-sql-s
31337/tcp	open	ms-sql-s

Motivation



The [IN]s Problems

PCI-DSS

HIPAA

HITECH

FISMA

Sarbanes-Oxley

ISO/IEC 15408

ISO/IEC 27001



[V | P | D] Scanners

- [Vulnerability | Port] Scanners target hosts instead of the actual databases, i.e., they “usually” do not look for database instances and/or do not report an accurate version, as well as patch level.
- In the real world, one single host may have multiple databases, with multiple instances, multiple versions and multiple patch levels



Database Scanners often require a valid and privileged user account to perform such task.

Questions:

— Does it work for a penetration test?

— Does it work for an audit and vulnerability assessment?

— Would you ask DBA's password to show how lame he is?

[V | P | D] Scanners



Dave Aitel <dave@immunityinc.com> February 6, 2013 6:07 PM
To: dailydave@lists.immunityinc.com
[Dailydave] Catch22's in Vulnerability Management
Security: Signed with unknown key (0xDA25B44B) Hide Details All Mail

I love both our Qualys and Tenable friends, but I have to say, I worry about "authenticated scans". Perhaps my worry is unwarranted, but having a domain admin that is connecting to and trying to authenticate to every host on the network seems like a very bad idea.

For example:

- What if you do a NTLM proxy attack?
- What if you downgrade your accepted protocols to NTLMv1 and then crack the hash and now are domain admin for free?
- What if there is some vulnerability in the web apps or host box that supports these programs?
- When Qualys, for example, logs into MS SQL, and I have MITM on that network, why can't I just take over the connection and be admin from then on?

<https://community.qualys.com/docs/DOC-4095>
http://static.tenable.com/documentation/nessus_credential_checks.pdf

If these attacks work, it's a bit of a catch22. In order to achieve compliance, you must be out of compliance!

I assume people are using authenticated scans, because without it, you're generally getting lots of false positives to weed through, which is annoying (and for which we sell CANVAS plugins >).

-dave

Beyond the HOST



MSSQLSERVER

Beyond the HOST



MSSQLSERVER
(1433/TCP)



BillingDB
(1234/TCP)



CreditCardDB
(1175/TCP)



DBPayroll
(1337/TCP)



EvaluationDB
(1724/TCP)



FinancialDB
(2016/TCP)

Microsoft SQL Server

— [“SQL Server 2000 introduces the ability to host multiple instances [...] the multiple instances cannot all use the standard SQL Server session port. While the default instance listens on TCP port 1433, named instances listen on any port assigned to them.”] —

— [“The SQL Server Resolution Service [...] provides a way for clients to query for the appropriate network endpoints to use for a particular instance of SQL Server.”] —

Microsoft SQL Server version can be gathered and fingerprinted using:

SQL Server Resolution Protocol (SSRP)

Tabular Data Stream Protocol (TDS)

NOTE: No authentication and valuable information.



Beyond the TRUE & FALSE

- [Information Security (just like the world for that matter) goes beyond white and black..... Or true and false!
- There are “A thousand shades of gray”.

0
(FALSE)

1
(TRUE)

Beyond the TRUE & FALSE

- [Information Security (just like the world for that matter) goes beyond white and black..... Or true and false!
- There are “A thousand shades of gray”.
- Risk is not restricted to true and false.

0%

1% 2% [...] 98% 99%

100%

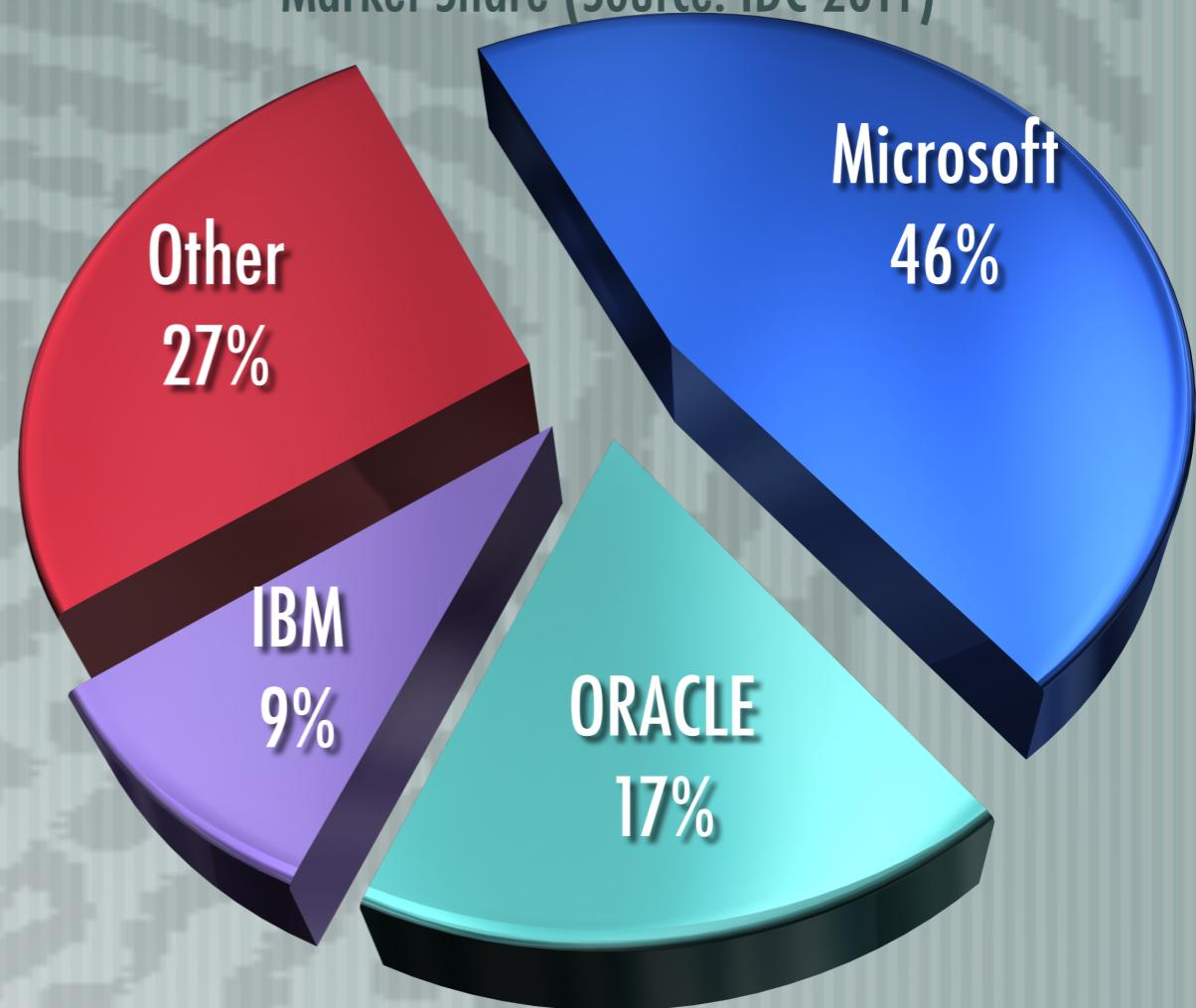
Microsoft SQL Server



Microsoft SQL Server

- Heavily used by Mission Critical Operations, Business Intelligence, Big Data, Data Warehouse, etc..
- Widely deployed in the Brazilian Market, as seen in Case Studies on Microsoft's website.
- Installed (by “default”) with some Microsoft’s Applications:
 - Microsoft Visual Studio, Microsoft Office, etc...

Market Share (Source: IDC 2011)



What if... Map the versions?

Microsoft SQL Server

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Microsoft SQL Server

10

What if... Map the versions?

Microsoft SQL Server

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2008

What if... Map the versions?

Microsoft SQL Server

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R2

What if... Map the versions?

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SP1 GDR (MS12-070)

VSAM and ESAM



VSAM and ESAM

[VERSION Scoring Algorithm Mechanism:

- Targets the database instances.

[EXPLOIT Scoring Algorithm Mechanism:

- Targets the host, based on the previous VSAM results, i.e., the database instances.

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VSAM( 1): 16% Microsoft
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ESAM( 3): 33% KB307540
ESAM( 6): 66% KB317748
ESAM( 4): 33% MS00-092
ESAM( 5): 33% MS01-032
ESAM( 5): 33% MS01-041
ESAM( 6): 33% MS01-060
ESAM( 7): 66% MS02-007
ESAM( 9): 66% MS02-020
ESAM( 7): 66% MS02-030
ESAM( 7): 66% MS02-034
ESAM( 7): 66% MS02-038
ESAM( 9): 50% MS02-039
ESAM( 9): 66% MS02-043
ESAM( 8): 66% MS02-056
ESAM( 9): 66% MS02-061
ESAM( 8): 83% MS03-031
ESAM( 9): 100% MS08-040
ESAM(10): 100% MS09-004
ESAM( 5): 83% MS12-070
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Version	BillingDB	CreditCardDB	DBPayroll	Evaluation	FinancialDB	MSSQLSERVER	TOTAL
8.0.311				✓			16%
8.0.382					✓		16%
8.0.534	✓						16%
8.0.636			✓				16%
8.0.766						✓	16%
8.0.2039	✓						16%

Version	BillingDB	CreditCardDB	DBPayroll	Evaluation	FinancialDB	MSSQLSERVER	TOTAL
RTMa				✓			16%
SP1 Beta					✓		16%
SP2a		✓					16%
SP2+MS02-039			✓				16%
SP3a						✓	16%
SP4	✓						16%

Vulnerability	RTMa	SP1 Beta	SP2a	SP2+MS02-039	SP3a	SP4	TOTAL
KB307540	✓	✓					33%
KB317748	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		66%
MS00-092	✓	✓					33%
MS01-032	✓	✓					33%
MS01-041	✓	✓					33%
MS01-060	✓	✓					33%
MS02-007	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		66%
MS02-020	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		66%
MS02-030	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		66%
MS02-034	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		66%
MS02-038	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		66%
MS02-039	✓	✓	✓				50%
MS02-043	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		66%
MS02-056	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		66%
MS02-061	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		66%
MS03-031	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	83%
MS08-040	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
MS09-004	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
MS12-070	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	83%

Vulnerability	Evaluation	FinancialDB	CreditCardDB	DBPayroll	MSSQLSERVER	BillingDB	TOTAL
KB307540	✓	✓					33%
KB317748	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		66%
MS00-092	✓	✓					33%
MS01-032	✓	✓					33%
MS01-041	✓	✓					33%
MS01-060	✓	✓					33%
MS02-007	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		66%
MS02-020	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		66%
MS02-030	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		66%
MS02-034	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		66%
MS02-038	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		66%
MS02-039	✓	✓	✓				50%
MS02-043	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		66%
MS02-056	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		66%
MS02-061	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		66%
MS03-031	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	83%
MS08-040	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
MS09-004	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
MS12-070	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	83%

Demonstration



Touching the UNTOUCHABLE!

SQL Server 2000	SQL Server 2000	SQL Server 2000	SQL Server 2000	SQL Server 2008 R2	SQL Server 2014
 	 	 	 	 	
10.100.100.11	10.100.100.12	10.100.100.13	10.100.100.14	10.100.100.15	10.100.100.16
1434/UDP	1175/TCP	1175/TCP	1175/TCP	1337/TCP	1433/TCP
1433/TCP	1234/TCP	1234/TCP	1234/TCP	1433/TCP	1434/UDP
	1337/TCP	1337/TCP	1337/TCP	1434/UDP	
	1434/UDP	1433/TCP	1433/TCP		
	1433/TCP	1434/UDP	1434/UDP		
	1724/TCP	1724/TCP	1724/TCP		
	2016/TCP	2016/TCP	2016/TCP		

Questions and Answers



Questions???

COUNTDOWN



Competencies	Results	
Residual Evidence Rate	0%	
Harmful Scanning Rate	0%	
Version/Vulnerability Detection Rate	99,99%	
HIPS/NIPS Blocking Rate	0%	
Traffic Behavior	Nonmalicious	
Database Credentials	NONE	
Technique	Fingerprinting	Scanning (-S)
Full (SSRP* / TDS)	$((\# \text{ of Instances} \times 2) + 1)$ X $(\# \text{ of Hosts})$	$((\# \text{ of Instances} \times 2) + 1)$ X $(\# \text{ of Hosts})$
Pre-Login (-P) (SSRP** / TDS)	$(\# \text{ of Instances} + 1)$ X $(\# \text{ of Hosts})$	$(\# \text{ of Instances} + 1)$ X $(\# \text{ of Hosts})$
Pre-Login*** (Default Instance)	# of Hosts	# of Hosts
Brute Force (-b) (TDS Only)	$(\# \text{ of Ports})$ X $(\# \text{ of Hosts})$	$(\# \text{ of Ports})$ X $(\# \text{ of Hosts})$

Thank you!

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