System and Network Security

Information System Security

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Security Basics



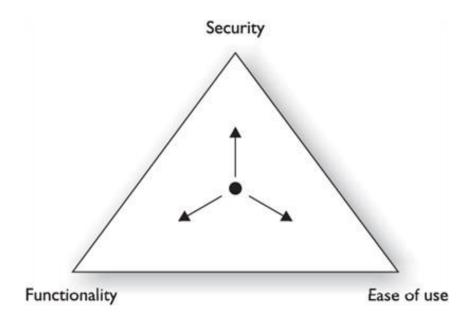
Security Basic Elements

- Confidentiality measures taken to prevent disclosure of information or data to unauthorized individuals or systems
- Integrity methods and actions taken to protect the information from unauthorized alteration
- Availability ensures the data and resources can be accessed when legitimate users need them
- Non-repudiation, authentication, ...

Security Basics



- Security, Functionality and Easy to Use Triangle
 - The more secure something is, the less usable and functional it becomes
 - The best security: Lock down, bury, without possibility to access



Defining Hacker



White Hats

Ethical hackers, hired by a customer for testing, improving their security or other defensive purposes. Well respected and don't use their skills and knowledge without prior consent.

Black Hats

Using their skills illegally for either personal gain or malicious intent. Black Hats do not ask for permission or consent.

Gray Hats

Neither good, nor bad. They are either curious about hacking or they feel like it's their duty, with or without customer permission, to demonstrate security flaws in systems without permission.

- Hacktivist
 - hacker with political or ideological motivation
- Suicide Hacker
- Ethical Hacker



Hacking Stages



- Reconnaissance
 - Gather evidence and information on the targets before attack.
 - Passive gathering without the knowledge
 - Active may or may not be discovered (more risk of discovery)
- Scanning and enumeration
 - Gather more in-depth information
- Gaining access
 - The main attack phase, bypassing security controls, abusing vulnerabilities, ...
- Escalation of privileges
 - Gaining more privileges within the system (from user to root)
- Maintaining access
 - Ensuring there is a way back to the system using backdoor
- Covering tracks
 - Hide before discovery

Testing Types



Black Box

Method of software testing without knowledge of internal structure and code
of the testing application. Usually used for purposes of testing from perspective
of real attacker. Black box testing is designed to simulate the real unknown
hacker from outside.

White Box

 Method of testing with access to internal structure of the application and/or code. It usually refers to a methodology where a tester has full knowledge of the testing application/system. . Designed to simulate internal threat – insider, disgruntled employee

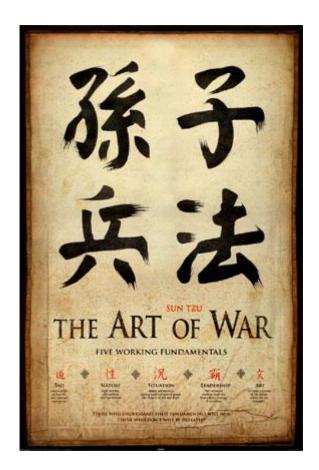
Grey Box

- Combination of black-box and white-box testing, which benefits from straightforward technique of black-box testing and combines it with the knowledge base of code oriented white-box testing method.
- Tester starts with some level of privileges targeting the escalation within the tested application, over network or system.

Reconnaissance - Vulnerabilities



- Vulnerability research
 - National Vulnerability Database (http://nvd.nist.gov)
 - Exploit Database (http://www.exploit-db.com)
 - CVE Details Database (http://ww.cvedetails.com)
 - Security Focus (http://www.securityfocus.com)
- Define victory before engaging in battle.
 - Sun Tzu The Art of War
- ExploitKits, Exploit Tools
 - Metasploit



Reconnaissance - Stages



- Seven-Step Information-Gathering Process (CEH)
 - Information gathering
 - Determining the network range
 - Identifying active machines
 - Finding open ports and access points
 - OS fingerprinting
 - Fingerprinting services
 - Mapping the network attack surface
- Social networks
- Social engineering
- Tools: nmap

Footprinting



Looking for any information, no matter how big or small, that might give a better insight into the target

- Process of gathering information on systems, applications and network
- Active Footprinting
 - Require to take actions on the target
 - Scan against computers, banner grabbing
- Passive Footprinting
 - Without interacting or communicating with the target
 - Public information, web, DNS, Social Engineering, Competitive intelligence
- Anonymous vs. Pseudonymous

DNS Footprinting



- DNS mapping service for names and IP addresses
- IANA Internet Assigned Numbers Authority
- Full of information about internal structure, IP addresses, systems

Record Types:

SRV Service

SOA Start of Authority

PTR Pointer

NS Name Server

MX Mail Exchange

CNAME Canonical Name

A Address

- DNS poisoning and DNSSEC
- Tools: whois, nslookup, dig, tracert, traceroute

DNS Footprinting



```
; <<>> DiG 9.8.4-rpz2+rl005.12-P1 <<>> kazi.fit.vutbr.cz
;; global options: +cmd
:: Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 19080
;; flags: gr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 4, ADDITIONAL: 5
;; QUESTION SECTION:
:kazi.fit.vutbr.cz.
                                      IN
                                                   Α
:: ANSWER SECTION:
kazi.fit.vutbr.cz.
                                      IN
                                                   Α
                                                                 147.229.8.12
                          5
;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
                                                                rhino.cis.vutbr.cz.
fit.vutbr.cz.
                                      IN
                                                   NS
                                                                 kazi.fit.vutbr.cz.
fit.vutbr.cz.
                                      IN
                                                   NS
fit.vutbr.cz.
                                                                guta.fit.vutbr.cz.
                                      IN
                                                   NS
fit.vutbr.cz.
                                       IN
                                                   NS
                                                                 gate.feec.vutbr.cz.
:: ADDITIONAL SECTION:
gate.feec.vutbr.cz.
                                      IN
                                                                 147.229.71.10
                                                   Α
guta.fit.vutbr.cz.
                                      IN
                                                                 147.229.9.11
                                                    Α
                                                   AAAA
quta.fit.vutbr.cz.
                                      IN
                                                                 2001:67c:1220:809::93e5:90b
rhino.cis.vutbr.cz.
                                       IN
                                                                 147,229,3,10
                                                    Α
                                                   AAAA
                                                                 2001:67c:1220:e000::93e5:30a
rhino.cis.vutbr.cz.
                                       IN
```

^{;;} Query time: 31 msec

^{;;} SERVER: 192.168.233.2#53(192.168.233.2)

^{;;} WHEN: Wed Oct 30 13:52:33 2013

^{::} MSG SIZE rcvd: 236

Google Hacking



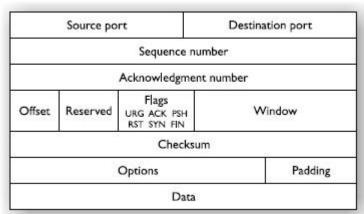
- Vulnerabilities
 - "#-Frontpage-" inurl:administrators.pwd
 - cache: "access denied for user" "using password"
- Cameras
 - inurl:"ViewerFrame?Mode="
 - inurl:control/userimage
- Server files
 - intitle:index.of
 - cache:define inurl:/conf
- Anonymous googling:
 - Use cache, "&strip=1"

Scanning and Enumeration



Process of discovering systems on network and open ports and identifying applications

- Identify live systems
 - Ping each IP address of the subnet to see which IP is alive
 - Using ICMP protocol, TCP scanning
 - Could be blocked by FW, IDS/IPS systems
- Discover open ports
 - Scanning ports of the systems to identify listening services
 - Horizontal Scan a scan of multiple hosts against one port
 - Vertical Scan scan of one host and all port
 - Port range: 0 1023 49 151 65 535
- Nmap
 - Open-source network scanning tool



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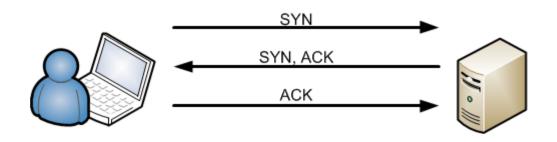
- Identify operating system and services
 - Fingerprinting analyze OS and service replies to identify operating system.
 - Banner grabbing analyzing the banner of the service to identify version, os, type of service and more

```
Starting Nmap 6.25 (http://nmap.org ) at 2013-10-30 13:54 EDT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.233.1
Host is up (0.00059s latency).
Not shown: 984 closed ports
PORT STATE SERVICE
135/tcp filtered msrpc
139/tcp filtered netbios-ssn
443/tcp open https
445/tcp filtered microsoft-ds
MAC Address: 00:50:56:C0:00:08 (VMware)
Device type: general purpose
Running: Microsoft Windows 2008|7
```

- Scan for vulnerabilities
 - Versions of services and OS with known vulnerabilities
 - Specialized tools: Nessus

Scan Types





Scan Types and TCP Flags with response

Scan Type	Initial Flags Set	Open Port Response	Closed Port Response
Full (TCP Connect)	SYN	SYN/ACK	RST
Half Open	SYN	SYN/ACK	RST
XMAS	FIN/URG/PSH	No response	RST/ACK
FIN	FIN	No response	RST/ACK
NULL	No flags set	No response	RST/ACK
ACK	ACK	RST	No response

Nmap



Determine live systems

```
nmap -sP -v 192.168.1.0/24
```

Use TCP sweep to evade ICMP blocking

```
nmap -PT 192.168.1.0/24
```

SYN scan with identifying of operating system

```
nmap -sS -0 192.168.1.100
```

UDP scan

```
nmap -sU 192.168.1.100
```

TCP Full connect scan outputting the result into file

```
nmap -sT -oN results.txt 192.168.1.100
```

Banner grabbing

HTTP/1.1 302 Found



- Commonly by telnet, proxy for web applications, and other tools
- telnet <IP address> <port>

```
Date: Wed, 30 Oct 2013 18:03:03 GMT

Server: Apache/1.3.42 Ben-SSL/1.59 (Unix) PHP/5.2.17

X-Powered-By: PHP/5.2.17

Location: http://www.feec.vutbr.cz/fakulta/home.php.cz

Connection: close

Content-Type: text/html; charset=iso-8859-2

X-Pad: avoid browser bug

220 mailserver.domain.com Microsoft ESMTP MAIL Service, Version: 5.0.2195.5329

220 192.168.1.1 FTP Server (version wu-2.6.2+Sun) ready.

SSH-2.0-OpenSSH 6.3p1-hpn14v2 FreeBSD-openssh-portable-6.3.p1,1
```

Scanning and Enumeration



Proxy

- Using specialized systems to hide IP address by replicating traffic through proxy
- TOR onion designed proxy service

IP spoofing

- Obscure the source IP address
- Spoofing IP address may lead the packet never finds its way back

Source routing

- Specifying the route of a packet regardless of route tables
- The attacker can use an IP address of another machine on the subnet and have all the return traffic sent back, regardless of which routers are in transit.
- Most firewalls and routers detect and block source-routed packets

Anonymizers

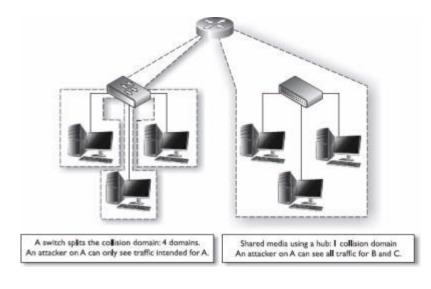
- services to hide the identity, IP address, country of origin, etc.
- http://www.anonymouse.org

Sniffing



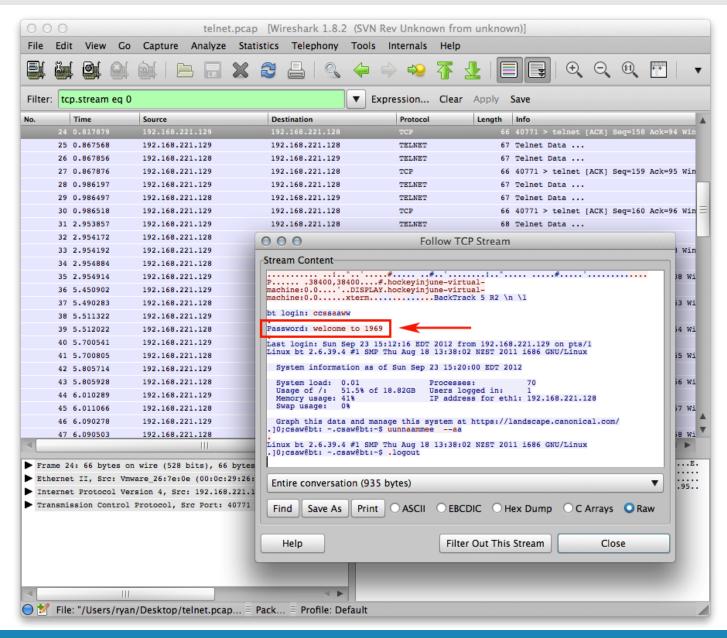
Capturing packets from wire or air to analyze and find interesting information

- Promiscuous mode of the network interface for capturing all packets regardless of source and destination IP address
 - Portable devices, phones, tablets?
- Collision domains
 - Sharing the transport medium
 - Switched network how to sniff?
- Open protocols without encryption
 - All information available for sniffer
 - HTTP without SSI.
 - Username / Passwords
- tcpdump, wireshark, ettercap



Capturing by Wireshark





Evade Security Controls



ARP protocol

- ARP is broadcast protocol for communication within collision domain
- IP address translated to MAC address
- CAM table content addressable memory, all MAC addresses

ARP Flooding

- Generating ARP packets to fill CAM table. When CAM table is full and switch receives a message with no entry in CAM table, it will broadcast the message to all ports turning itself into a hub.
- In case of multiple entries in CAM table, the last record is used.
- Port security manually assign MAC address to a specific port

MAC spoofing

Valid user with MAC 0A-1B-2C-3D-4E-6F is connected to port 2. An attacker connects to port 3 and spoof 0a-1B-2C-3D-4E-5F MAC address. The switch will notice that the MAC address of valid user, formally on port 2, seems to have moved to port 3 and updates CAM table. The attacker will see all communication to valid user as long as this is kept up.

Intrusion Detection Systems



Tools, methods, and resources to help identify, assess, and report unauthorized or unapproved network activity

- Network system for monitoring and detection network activities of malicious or unwanted behavior
- Alert administrator or other security mechanisms
- Capture and analyze communication on the network interface
- Detect malicious code
- Provides information about illegal acivity
- Passive mechanism (does not prevent the malicious behavior)
- Host, Network based IDS and IPS systems
- Evasion: IP fragmentation, Unicode characters, Slow actions

Firewalls and Honeypots



Firewalls

- Rule-based packet filters. First rule matched executes.
- Stateful inspection firewalls tracks the entire status of the connection
- ICMP blocked with error code Type 3 Code 13
- Firewalking determine what is opened on Firewall
- WAF Web Application Firewall
- HTTP Tunneling evasion technique tunneling protocols over HTTP
- ACK Tunnel communicating with ACK messages

Honeypots

- Honey pot Invitation for attackers as easy meat, often vulnerable to various types of attacks, full of services
- · Capability of obtaining lot of information about attack, malware
- Can record the attack vector, characteristics and behavior, used tools, methods, exploits
- Best way to get new type of attacks, zero-day vulnerabilities, codes, programs to further analysis

Password cracking



- Bad Passwords
 - Short, blank, usernames, common dictionary, default values
 - Dictionary words: password, Heslo123, qwerty, asdasdasd, test, ...
- Password attacks
 - Dictionary attack enumerate commonly used passwords
 - Bruteforce attack all possible combinations
 - Hybrid attack dictionary attack with variable upper/lower case, numbers
 - Replay attack Don't break hash, replay the packet/message
- Kerberos
- Keyloggers
 - Software, Hardware
 - AV software can detect?

Windows Essentials



Patch Management

- Most problematic security threat is out-of-date windows machine
- 0-day (zero-day) vulnerabilities and exploits Microsoft has zero day to patch the vulnerability

Passwords

- Stored in SAM file, located in c:\windows\system32\config directory.
- LAN Manager, NTLM, NTLMv2 MD5
- Rainbow Tables

Escalating Privileges

- 1. Obtain administrator password
- 2. Take advantage of found vulnerability
- 3. Use Metasploit
- 4. Social Engineering

Linux Security



- File-system security
 - Access control through users permissions

```
chmod 777 file
```

Dangerous SUID bits

```
-rwsr-xr-x 1 root root 937532 Jan 2 2013 exim4
-rwsr-xr-- 1 root dip 302176 Jun 22 2012 pppdt
```

- Passwords
 - Located in clear-text in /etc/passwd, if shadowed in /etc/shadow

```
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
user:x:500:500:Maros Barabas:/home/user:/bin/bash
user:$1$fnfffc$pGteyHdicpGOfffXX4ow#5:13064:0:9999:7:::
```

Buffer Overflow



- The faulty code does not check that the source buffer is too large to fit in the destination buffer.
- When the function returns, the CPU unwinds the stack frame and pops the (now modified) return address from the stack.
- #include <string.h>

 void f(char* s) {
 char buffer[10];
 strcpy(buffer, s);
 }
- Control does not return to the function as it should. Instead, arbitrary code (chosen by the attacker when crafting the initial input) is executed.
- Defense:
 - Code auditing
 - Non-executable stacks
 - Randomize virtual address space
- http://insecure.org/stf/smashstack.html

Security Hardening



Least Privileges

- Grant only those privileges that are necessary
- Run services with non-privileged users
- Restrict remote access to privileged accounts

Minimalize attack surface

- Stop and remove all unnecessary services
- Remove all not used personal and non-personal accounts
- Remove all unused libraries, tools, packages

Keep security high

- Set policy for password strength (8 length, characters, numbers, special chars, not dictionary)
- Set firewall with least privilege rules policy

Rootkits



Collection of software put in place by an attacker that is designed to obscure system compromise

- Application level
 - Works within the application, change application's behavior, user rights level, and actions
- Kernel level
 - Attacks boot sectors and kernel level of the operating system, most dangerous and difficult to detect
- Library level
 - Uses system-level calls to hide its existence

Human Based



- **Dumper Diving**
 - Rifling through the dumpsters, paper-recycling bins, and office trashcans
- **Impersonation**
 - Pretending to be employee, a valid user, executive (VIP)
- Technical Support
 - Form of impersonation aimed at technical support to solve problems such forgot password
- Shoulder Surfing
 - Look over the shoulder to watch them log in or access sensitive data even from long distance
- Tailgating and Piggybacking
 - Follow authorized person through open door
 - Piggybacking ask for help, convincing lost or forget badge



Computer Based



- Social networks
 - Facebook, Google+, Linkedin, Twitter, ...
 - Plenty of personal or professional information for attack
 - Friend of a friend

Phishing

- Crafting an e-mail that appears legitimate, but in fact contains malware, links to fake websites or to download malicious content
- No security technology is able to detect
- Rogue security software
 - Modern implementation of malware
 - Fake AV programs carrying malware
- Disgruntled employee
 - Easy to convince, lot of sensitive information
 - Biggest threat to company



Other Attacks



Reflected / Spoofed attack

 Spoofing target IP address and sending huge amount of SYN, SYN/ACK packets to list of zombies. They reply with RST to the target.

Ping of Death

 RFC unspecified behavior with large ping payload crashing target operating system

Smurf attack

 Sent large number of ICMP packets with source IP address of target to broadcast, all machines will reply to target use all bandwidth preventing legitimate traffic to reach the destination.

SYN flood

 Large number of SYN packets sent to target "half-open" the target connection saturating the number of connections. The client is not able to receive more connections denying legitimate ones.

Teardrop attack

 Using IP fragmentation with over-sized payloads. After re-assembling the packets on the target machine, crashing due to vulnerability in the reassembling code.

Conclusion



- Practice
 - Only on localhost, local virtual network. Never attack anyone!
 - Not even with prior consent illegal!
 - Use Kali Linux (www.kali.org)
 - Get familiar with vulnerabilities, tools, sec. technologies

- Professional Penetration Testing, 2nd edition, T. Wilhelm, 2013, ISBN: 9780124046184
- https://www.google.cz/search?q=penetration+testing+how+to
- RTFM, Google, Ask
- Do projects, alone!

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