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Topic: Vulnerability Scanning

Introduction

Vulnerability scanning is a proactive security practice that involves using specialized tools to identify weaknesses and security gaps within computer systems, networks, and applications. It scans for known vulnerabilities, misconfigurations, and outdated software versions that could potentially be exploited by malicious actors. The goal of vulnerability scanning is to provide organizations with insights into their security posture, enabling them to prioritize and remediate vulnerabilities before they are exploited, thereby reducing the risk of cyberattacks and data breaches. Regular vulnerability scanning is an essential component of maintaining a strong cybersecurity strategy.

Content

METASPLOITABLE2

Scan Details

Policy: Basic Network Scan

Status: completed

Severity Base: CVSS v3.0

Scanner: Local Scanner

Start: Today at 08:48 PM

End: Today at 09:08 PM

Elapsed: 20 minutes

Host Details

IP: 10.0.2.5

MAC: 08:00:27:8D:55:32

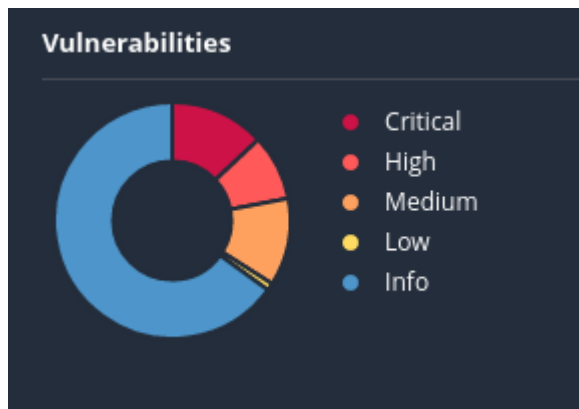
OS: Linux Kernel 2.6 on Ubuntu 8.04 (hardy)

Start: Today at 8:48 PM

End: Today at 9:08 PM

Elapsed: 20 minutes

Vulnerabilities



Critical: 13 (7%)

High: 7 (3%)

Medium: 25 (14%)

Low: 7 (3%)

Info: 134 (73%)

Metasploitable is a purposely vulnerable virtual machine (VM) that's used for training, practicing, and demonstrating various cybersecurity techniques and tools, particularly penetration testing and ethical hacking. It's designed to simulate a range of security vulnerabilities and weaknesses commonly found in real-world systems, making it an ideal environment for security professionals, students, and researchers to learn about and practice exploiting vulnerabilities in a controlled and safe setting.

The screenshot shows the Nessus interface for a scan of 'Metasploitable VM / 10.0.2.5'. The left sidebar contains navigation options like 'My Scans', 'All Scans', 'Trash', 'Policies', 'Plugin Rules', and 'Terrascan'. The main panel displays a table of 69 vulnerabilities. The table columns are 'Sev', 'CVSS', 'VPR', 'Name', 'Family', and 'Count'. The right sidebar shows 'Host Details' (IP: 10.0.2.5, MAC: 08:00:27:8D:55:32, OS: Linux Kernel 2.6 on Ubuntu 8.04 (hardy)) and a 'Vulnerabilities' donut chart. Below the table, there is a 'Tenable News' section with a link to 'Cybersecurity Snapshot: U.S. To Award Millions in ...'.

Sev	CVSS	VPR	Name	Family	Count
CRITICAL	10.0 *	5.9	NFS Exported Share Information Disclosure	RPC	1
CRITICAL	10.0		Unix Operating System Unsupported Version Detection	General	1
CRITICAL	10.0 *	7.4	UnrealIRCd Backdoor Detection	Backdoors	1
CRITICAL	10.0 *		VNC Server 'password' Password	Gain a shell remotely	1
CRITICAL	9.8		Bind Shell Backdoor Detection	Backdoors	1
MIXED	...	...	DNS (Multiple Issues)	DNS	4
MIXED	...	...	Apache Tomcat (Multiple Issues)	Web Servers	4
CRITICAL	...	...	SSL (Multiple Issues)	Gain a shell remotely	3
MIXED	...	...	SSL (Multiple Issues)	Service detection	3
HIGH	7.5		NFS Shares World Readable	RPC	1
HIGH	7.5 *	6.7	rlogin Service Detection	Service detection	1
HIGH	7.5 *	6.7	rsh Service Detection	Service detection	1

1. NFS Exported Share Information Disclosure [CRITICAL]

ID: 11356

Description:

At least one of the NFS shares exported by the remote server could be mounted by the scanning host. An attacker may be able to leverage this to read (and possibly write) files on remote host.

Solution:

Configure NFS on the remote host so that only authorized hosts can mount its remote shares.

Port: 2049 / udp / rpc-nfs

Tools to exploit: Metasploit (NFS Mount Scanner)

CVE: [CVE-1999-0170](#), [CVE-1999-0211](#), [CVE-1999-0554](#)

2. Unix Operating System Unsupported Version Detected [CRITICAL]

ID: 33850

Description:

According to its self-reported version number, the Unix operating system running on the remote host is no longer supported.

Lack of support implies that no new security patches for the product will be released by the vendor. As a result, it is likely to contain security vulnerabilities.

Solution:

Upgrade to a version of the Unix operating system that is currently supported.

Port: N/A

Tools to exploit: N/A

3. UnrealIRCd Backdoor Detection [CRITICAL]

ID: 46882

Description:

The remote IRC server is a version of UnrealIRCd with a backdoor that allows an attacker to execute arbitrary code on the affected host.

Solution:

Re-download the software, verify it using the published MD5 / SHA1 checksums, and re-install it.

Port: 6667 / tcp / irc

Tools to exploit: Metasploit (UnrealIRCd 3.2.8.1 Backdoor Command Execution), CANVAS ()

CVE: [CVE-2010-2075](#)

4. VNC Server 'password' Password [CRITICAL]

ID: 61708

Port: 5900 / tcp / vnc

5. Bind Shell Backdoor Detection [CRITICAL]

ID: 51988

Port: 1524 / tcp / wild_shell

6. SSL (Multiple Issues) [CRITICAL]

a) Debian OpenSSH/OpenSSL Package Random Number Generator Weakness (SSL check) [CRITICAL]

ID: 32321

Port: 5432 / tcp / postgresql
25 / tcp / smtp

Tools to exploit: Core Impact

CVE: [CVE-2008-0166](#)

b) Debian OpenSSH/OpenSSL Package Random Number Generator Weakness [CRITICAL]

ID: 32314

Port: 22 / tcp / ssh

Tools to exploit: Core Impact

CVE: [CVE-2008-0166](#)

7. NFS Shares World Readable [HIGH]

ID: 42256

Port: 2049 / tcp / rpc-nfs

8. rlogin Service Detection [HIGH]

ID: 10205

Port: 513 / tcp / rlogin

9. rsh Service Detection [HIGH]

ID: 10245

Port: 514 / tcp / rsh

Tools to exploit: Metasploit (rlogin Authentication Scanner)

CVE: [CVE-1999-0651](#)

10. Samba Badlock Vulnerability [HIGH]

ID: 90509

Port: 445 / tcp / cifs

Tools to exploit: No known exploits are available

CVE: [CVE-2016-2118](#)

11. TLS Version 1.0 Protocol Detection [MEDIUM]

ID: 104743

Port: 5432 / tcp / postgresql

25 / tcp / smtp

12. Unencrypted Telnet Server [MEDIUM]

ID: 42263

Port: 23 / tcp / telnet

13. SSL Drown Attack Vulnerability (Decrypting RSA with Obsolete and Weakend eNcryption) [MEDIUM]

ID: 89058

Port: 25 / tcp / smtp

Tools to exploit: No known exploits are available

CVE: [CVE-2016-0800](#)

WINDOWS7

Scan Details

Policy: Basic Network Scan

Status: completed

Severity Base: CVSS v3.0

Scanner: Local Scanner

Start: Today at 5:37 PM

End: Today at 5:42 PM

Elapsed: 5 minutes

Host Details

IP: 10.0.2.4

MAC: 08:00:27:9E:37:29

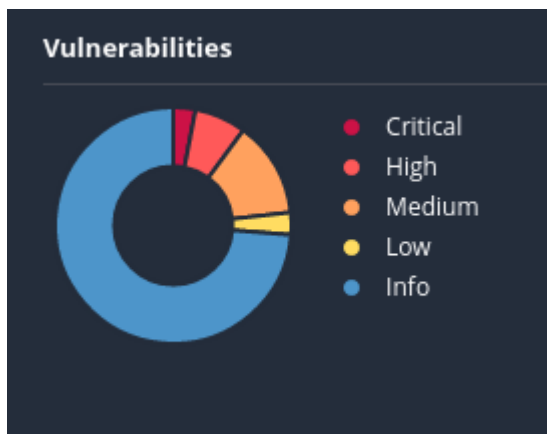
OS: Microsoft Windows 7 Ultimate

Start: Today at 5:37 PM

End: Today at 5:42 PM

Elapsed: 5 minutes

Vulnerabilities



Critical: 3 (5%)

High: 4 (6%)

Medium: 9 (14%)

Low: 1 (2%)

Info: 49 (73%)

The screenshot shows the Nessus Scans interface for a 'Windows7 VM / 10.0.2.4'. The 'Vulnerabilities' tab is selected, showing 30 vulnerabilities. The table lists the severity, CVSS score, VPR, name, family, and count for each vulnerability. On the right, there are 'Host Details' and a 'Vulnerabilities' donut chart.

Sev	CVSS	VPR	Name	Family	Count
MIXED	...	...	Microsoft Windows (Multiple Issues)	Windows	7
HIGH	7.5	5.1	SSL Certificate Signed Using Weak Hashing Algorithm	General	1
MIXED	...	...	SSL (Multiple Issues)	General	9
MEDIUM	6.5	2.5	Remote Desktop Protocol Server Man-in-the-Middle Weakness	General	1
MEDIUM	6.5	...	TLS Version 1.0 Protocol Detection	Service detection	1
MIXED	...	...	Microsoft Windows (Multiple Issues)	Misc.	3
MIXED	...	...	SMB (Multiple Issues)	Misc.	2
LOW	2.6 *	...	Terminal Services Encryption Level is not FIPS-140 Compliant	Misc.	1
INFO	...	...	SMB (Multiple Issues)	Windows	7
INFO	...	...	TLS (Multiple Issues)	General	2
INFO	...	...	DCE Services Enumeration	Windows	8
INFO	...	...	Nessus SYN scanner	Port scanners	6

Host Details:
IP: 10.0.2.4
MAC: 08:00:27:9E:37:29
OS: Microsoft Windows 7 Ultimate
Start: Today at 8:05 AM
End: Today at 8:10 AM
Elapsed: 5 minutes
KB: [Download](#)

Vulnerabilities:
Critical: 3 (5%)
High: 4 (6%)
Medium: 9 (14%)
Low: 1 (2%)
Info: 49 (73%)

1. SSL Certificate Signed Using Weak Hashing Algorithm [HIGH]

ID: 35291

Port: 3389 / tcp

CVE: [CVE-2004-2761](#)

2. Remote Desktop Protocol Server Man-in-the-Middle Weakness [MEDIUM]

ID: 18405

Port: 3389 / tcp

Tools for exploit: No known exploits are available

CVE: [CVE-2005-1794](#)

3. TLS Version 1.0 Protocol Detection [MEDIUM]

ID: 104743

Port: 3389 / tcp

scanme.nmap.org (Website)

Scan Details

Policy: Web Application Tests

Status: completed

Severity Base: CVSS v3.0

Scanner: Local Scanner

Start: Today at 8:50 PM

End: Today at 9:17 PM

Elapsed: 27 minutes

Host Details

IP: 45.33.32.156

DNS: scanme.nmap.org

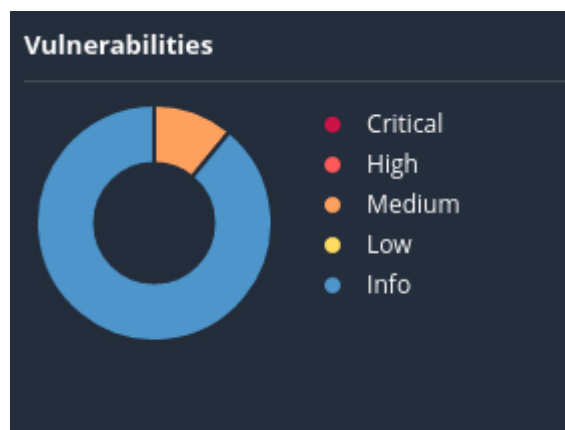
OS: Linux Kernel 3.13 on Ubuntu 14.04 (trusty)

Start: Today at 8:50 PM

End: Today at 9:17 PM

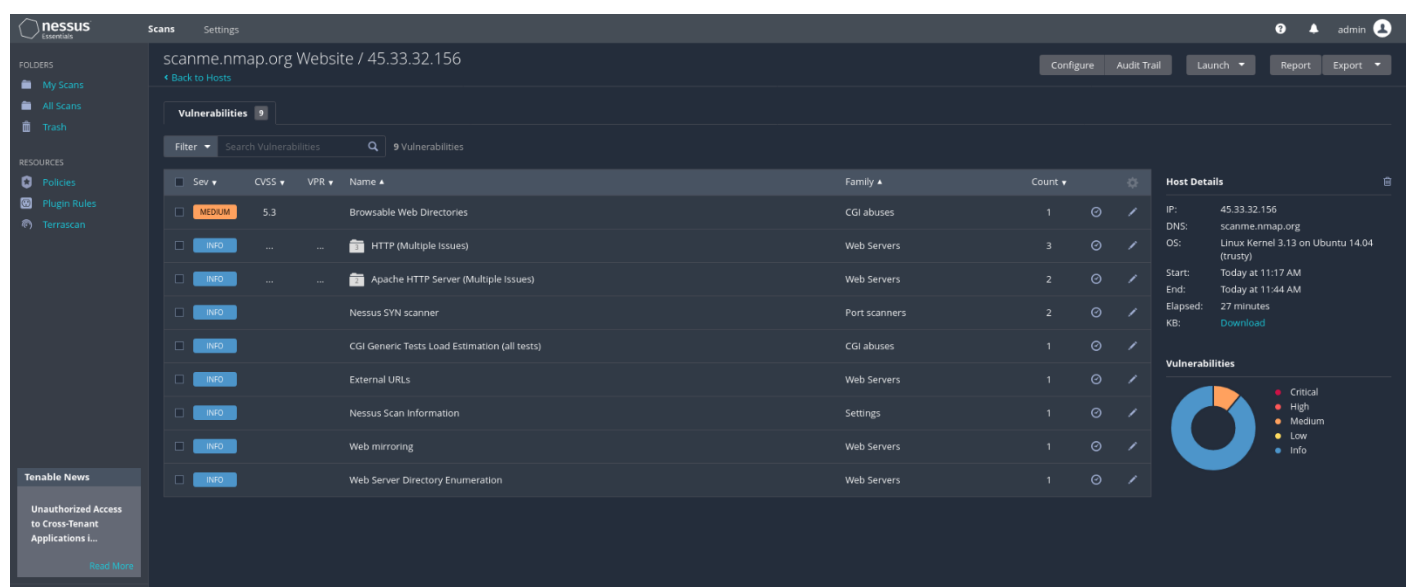
Elapsed: 27 minutes

Vulnerabilities



Medium: 1 (8%)

Info: 12 (92%)



1. **Browsable Web Directories [MEDIUM]**

Description

Multiple Nessus plugins identified directories on the web server that are browsable.

Solution

Make sure that browsable directories do not leak confidential information or give access to sensitive resources. Additionally, use access restrictions or disable directory indexing for any that do.

ID: 40984

Port: 80 / tcp

Analysis

The project report examines the implementation of vulnerability scanning utilizing Nessus as the primary tool. It delves into the process of configuring and running scans across a network to identify potential security weaknesses. The analysis highlights the effectiveness of Nessus in pinpointing vulnerabilities, discusses the significance of prompt remediation, and underscores its role in enhancing overall cybersecurity posture.

Conclusion

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References

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