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Exploiting Vulnerabilities (Windows 2000 Server)



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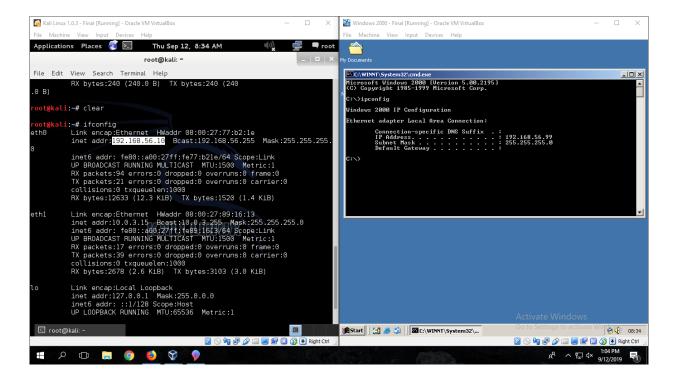
Microsoft Windows 2000 Server is a multipurpose network operating system. It is available in three versions, each geared toward variously sized organizations and applications: Windows 2000 Server—an entry-level server designed for use in small and midsize businesses as a file, print, intranet and infrastructure server.

To exploit the vulnerabilities of Windows 2000 Server we must have Kali Linux and Windows 2000 server operating systems installed in a same VM ware or both machines must be in a same network.

First of all we have to start our Linux OS and Windows 2000 and check the IP address to find out if both are on the same network.

- * Kali Linux Open Terminal and type ifconfig
- * Windows 2000 Open command prompt and type ipconfig

We can compare both network addresses to find out the network both are connected to.

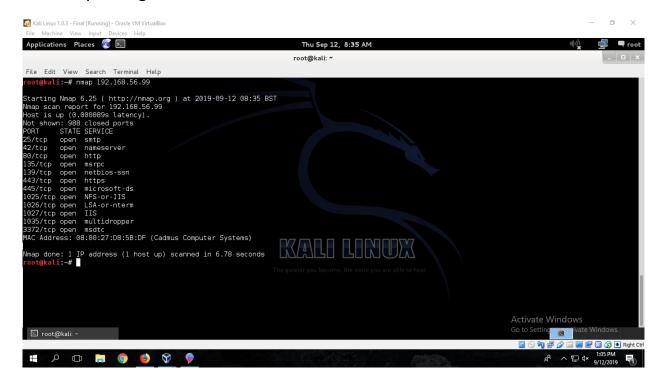


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After that we can run a nmap scan on the IP Address of windows 2000 to find out the open ports and other details

* nmap [Target IP Address]



According to the results of the nmap scan we can run out Nessus Vulnerability Scanner on the target IP address. To do that we must start the nessus service in our Kali Linux Local Host first. We can do that running command,

*service nessusd start (fig 3)

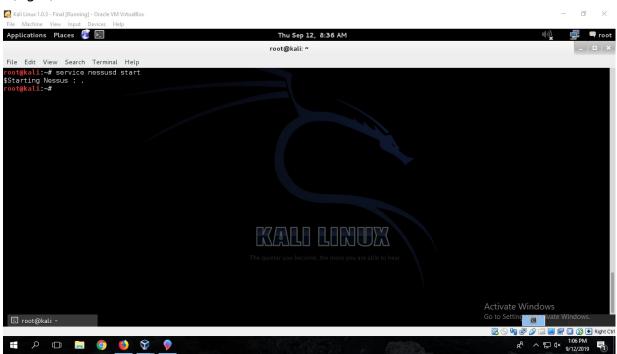
in our Kali terminal.

After starting Nessus Service we have to fire up our web browser and go to our local host IP address. (https:// 127.0.0.1) Then we can see the login page for nessus vulnerability scanner. We can use our machine logins to access the services. (fig 4)

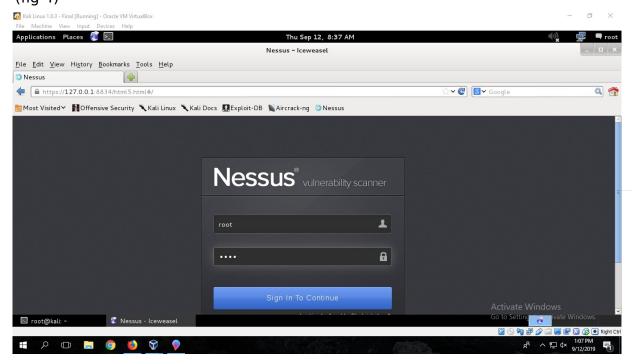
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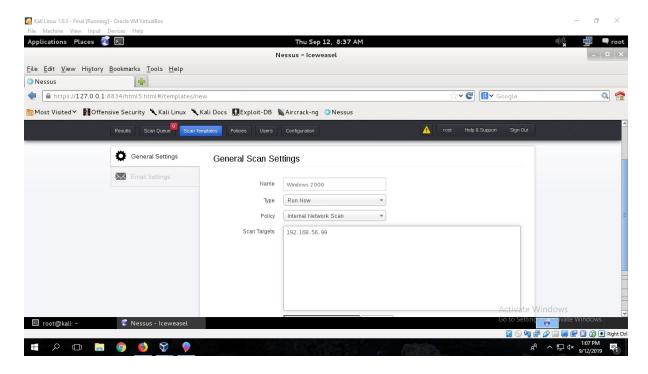


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When the login is successful we will be redirected to the home page of the Nessus and we have to select Scan queue and add a new scan to the system.

After that we have to fill up the fields and Set up the General Scan with adding the target IP for the scan target field and changing the policy to Internal Network Scan.

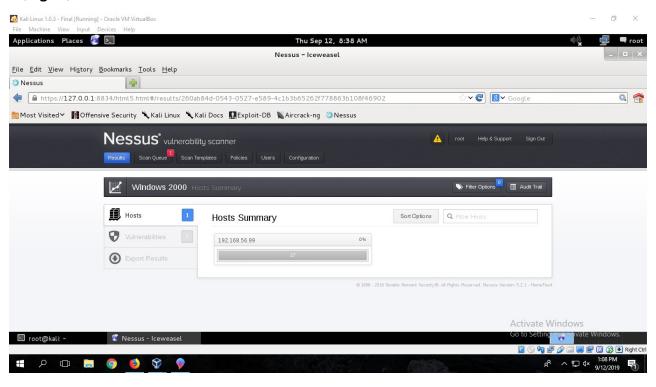


It will take some time to scan the vulnerabilities of the given system and after completion results will be displayed as Host Summary (fig 6) and we can view those vulnerabilities by clicking on vulnerabilities (fig 7).

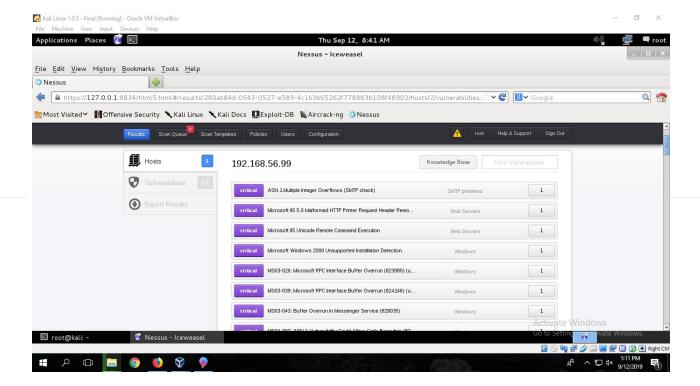
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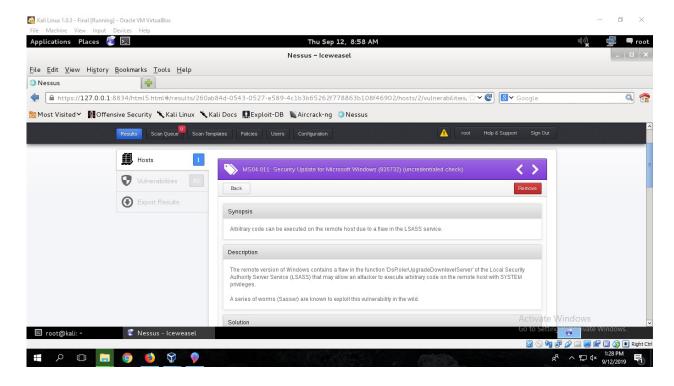
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Then we can select any vulnerability we want to exploit and if those selected vulnerabilities are critical level, there is a better chance for a successful exploitation. Critical Vulnerabilities are displayed in purple color tags in the summery. As the first attack we are going to exploit the **MS04-011 Critical Vulnerability** in Windows 2000.



We are using **Metasploit Framework** in Kali Linux for exploit those vulnerabilities. The Metasploit Project is a computer security project that provides information about security vulnerabilities and aids in penetration testing and IDS signature development.

Before start using Metasploit Framework, we have to start the Apache Service and Postgre SQL service in Kali Linux from our terminal.

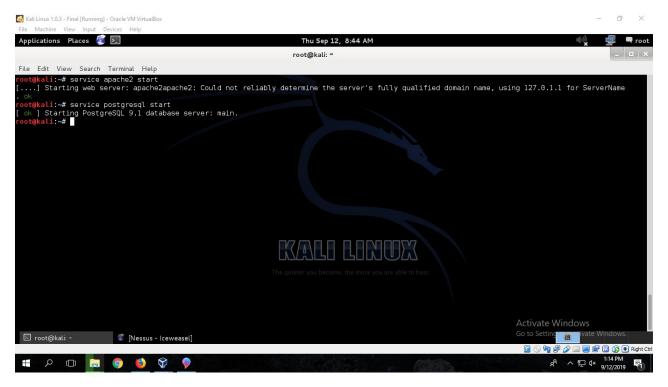
Then we can start Metasploit Framework by typing *msfconsole in our terminal. (fig 10)

^{*}service apache2 start
*service postgresql start (fig 9)

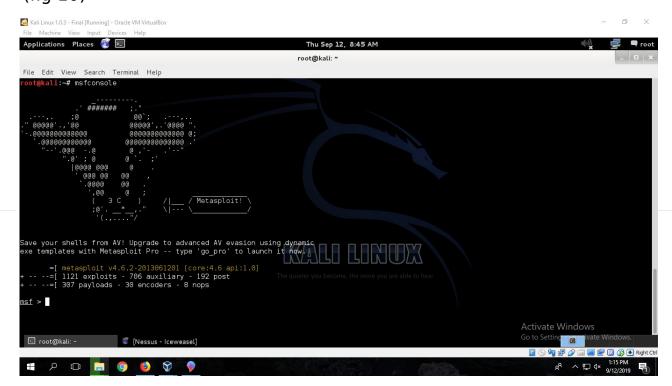
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In the msfconsole we have to search for the exploits that available for the selected vulnerability.

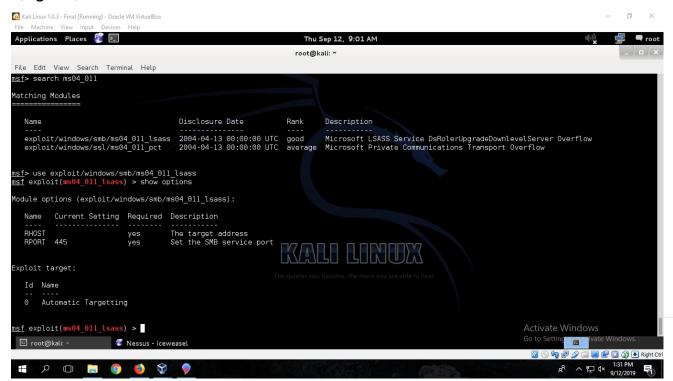
(in msf>) * search [vulnerability ID or Name]

in this case we are searching for the MS04-011 as the result we can see some matching modules for the selected vulnerability. (fig 11)

We have to use the best ranked exploitation to have best chance in successful attack. In here we are using MS04-011 Microsoft LSASS Service DsRolerUpgradeDownlevelServer Overflow exploit to create a shell and ave access to the windows machine. We can select the path of the exploitation and use it in msfconsole.

*use exploit/windows/smb/ms_04_011_lsass (fig 11)

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By typing *show options we can see the option list that available for the exploit and we have to assign the target IP (Windows 2000) with, *set RHOST [Target IP Address]

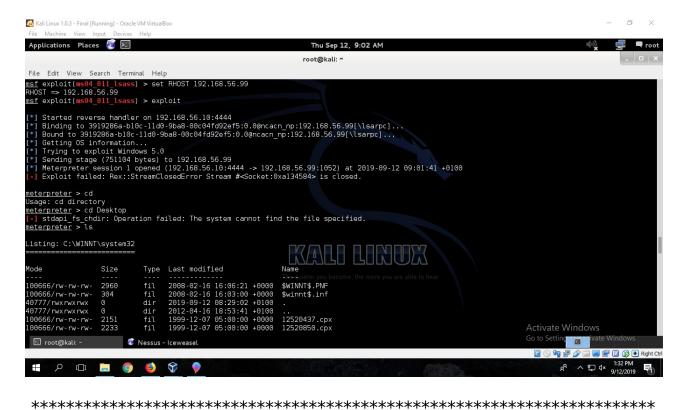
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It will be set for the IP address that we ave given and we just have to exploit the whole thing by typing,

*exploit or *run in the msfconsole. Then it will create a shell from an available port for us. We can manipulate the files using that shell.

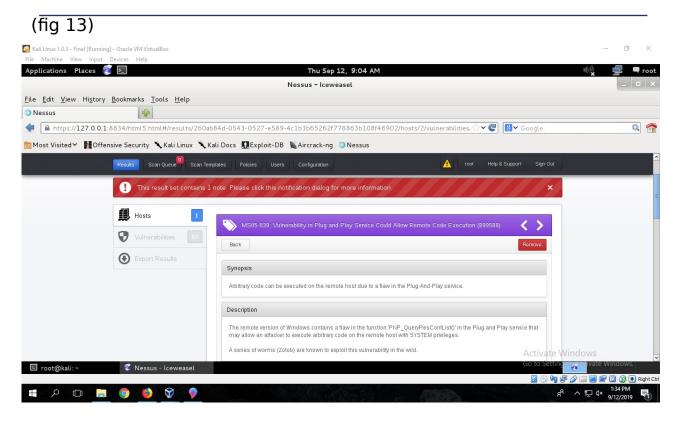
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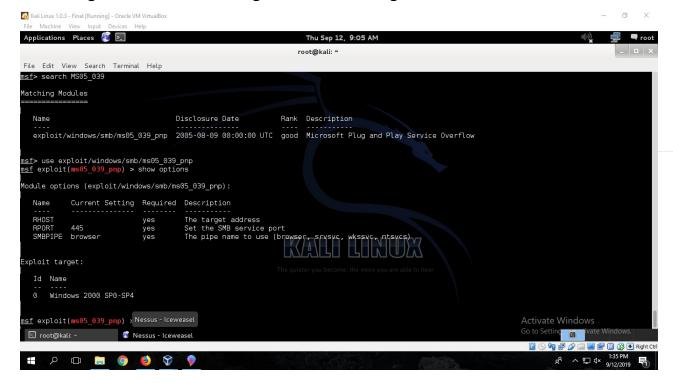
That is not the only way to have access to the windows 2000 machine. For Demonstrations we can use the **MS05-039 Critical Vulnerability** to have a same result as last attack. (fig 13)

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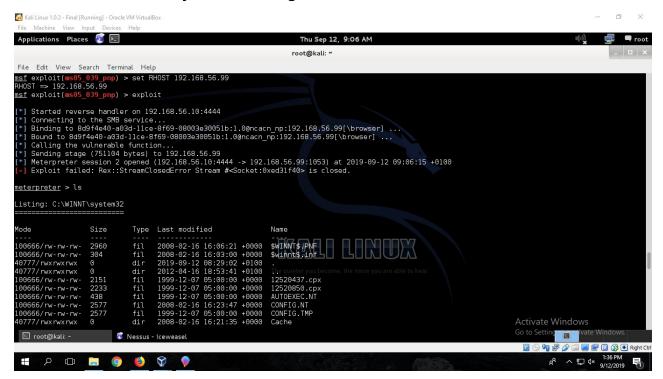
We can search for available exploits by using search command in msfconsole. We have to select the highest ranked exploit. In here we are using **Microsoft Plug and Play Service Overflow** exploit. Then we can see the available options by using show options and we have to set the target IP address using set RHOST. (fig 14)



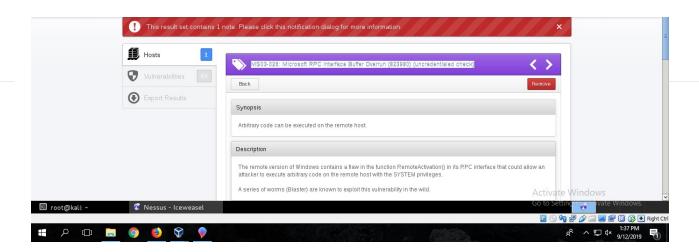
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After setting the target IP we just have to start our attack by typing exploit or run. It will create a shell in a available port and we can have access to the file system in target machine.



As the final attack we are selecting **MS03-026 critical vulnerability** for exploit.

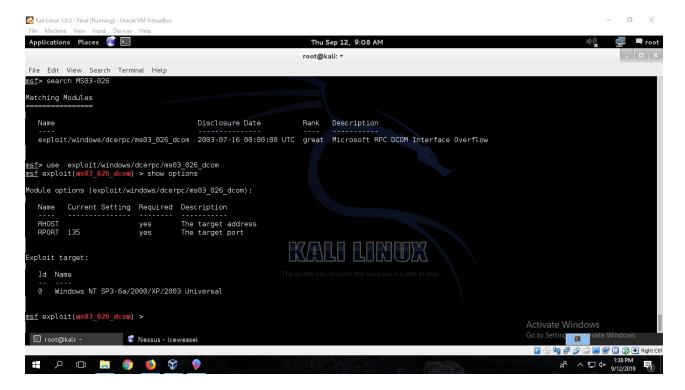


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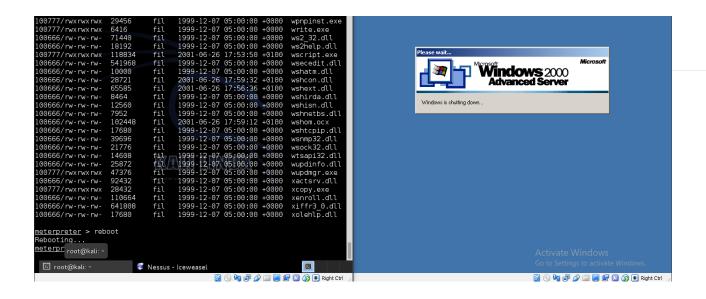
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Search for available exploits by using search command in msfconsole. We are using MS03-026: Microsoft RPC Interface Buffer Overrun (823980) (uncredentialed check)

exploit. Then we can see the available options by using show options and we have to set the target IP address using set RHOST. (fig 17)



After Exploiting this vulnerability we can have the access privileges for the target machine data. We can also manipulate the OS also.



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