Penetration Testing Final Report

ENPM634 - PENETRATION TESTING

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Executive Summary

The penetration test aimed to evaluate the security posture of **The Masked DJ's** IT infrastructure. The objectives were:

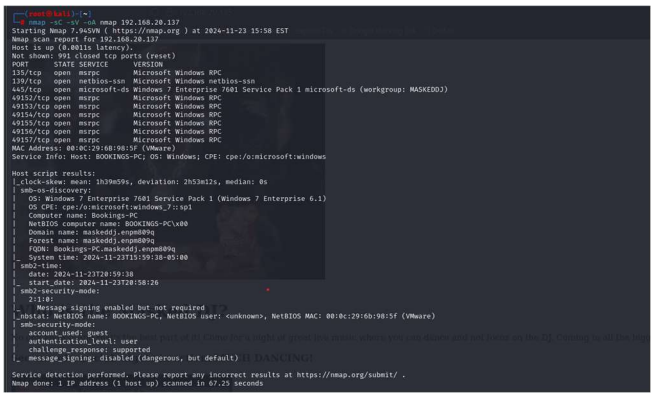
1. Determine vulnerabilities and assess the impact on confidentiality, integrity, and availability of data.
2. Exploit weaknesses to access sensitive information, including identifying the identity of "The Masked DJ."

The operation revealed critical security gaps that allowed unauthorized access to sensitive data, including employee credentials stored in plaintext. This led to the discovery of **The Masked DJ's** identity: **Professor Kevin Shivers**.

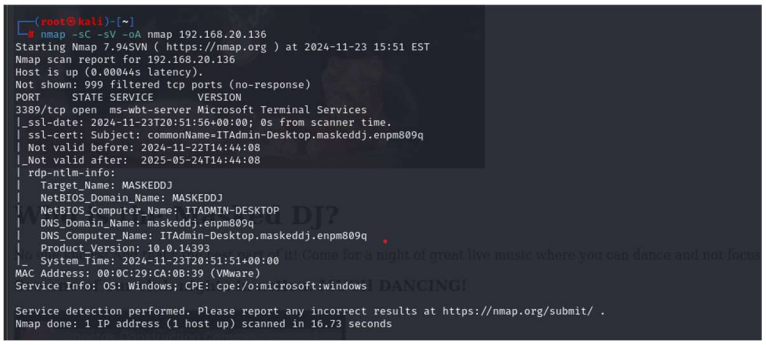
Technical Report

Initial Setup and Reconnaissance

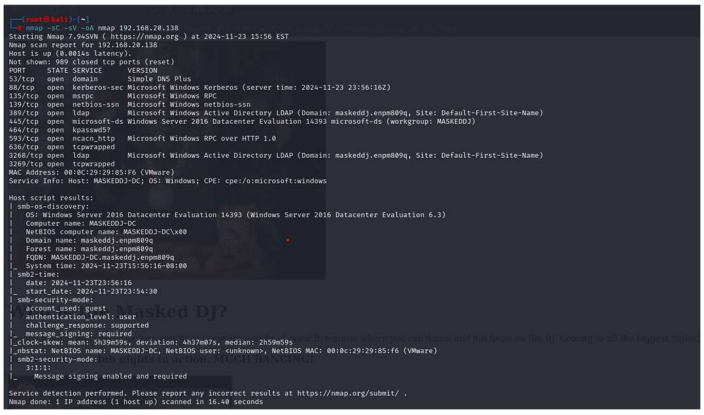
- The infrastructure consisted of four machines:
    - Windows 7 (Booking Manager)



    - Windows 10 (IT Manager)



    - Windows Server 2016 (Active Directory)



- Ubuntu (Webmaster)

```
┌──(root㉿kali)-[~]
└─# nmap -sC -sV -oA nmap 192.168.20.135
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-11-23 15:48 EST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.20.135
Host is up (0.00012s latency).
Not shown: 998 closed tcp ports (reset)
PORT   STATE SERVICE VERSION
22/tcp open  ssh     OpenSSH 7.2p2 Ubuntu 4ubuntu2.8 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
| ssh-hostkey:
|   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)
|_  256 4e:24:d9:fc:3c:70:4f:6a:0e:8b:ca:2a:34:47:d0:e0 (ED25519)
80/tcp open  http    Apache httpd 2.4.18 ((Ubuntu))
|_http-title: The Masked DJ
|_http-server-header: Apache/2.4.18 (Ubuntu)
MAC Address: 00:0C:29:48:B6:EC (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 7.04 seconds
```

- Inspection of the Ubuntu-hosted website uncovered a source code comment hinting at AWS-based data storage for a future migration.

Who is the Masked DJ?

No one knows! And that's the best part of it! Come for a night of great live music where you can dance and not focus on the DJ. Coming to all the biggest nightclubs!

See one of our club nights in action. MUCH DANCING!

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<!-- Current site
     new one has some data in AWS for the migration
     Can't wait to be done with this junky old server!
          - webmaster 11/1/19
-->

<html>
<title>The Masked DJ</title>
<body>

<img src="maskeddj.jpg" align=center width=600>
<br><br>
<h1>Who is the Masked DJ?</h1>

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<h3>See one of our club nights in action.  MUCH DANCING!</h3>

<iframe width="420" height="315" src="https://www.youtube.com/embed/t_s8biIzY5U">
</iframe>

<h3>Remaining 2019 Shows</h3>
<ul>
<li>11/18 - ENPM809Q 0101 - College Park
<li>11/21 - ENPM809Q 0201 - College Park
<li>11/23 - Space Ibiza
<li>11/26 - Cream Liverpool
<li>11/27 - Republik - Honolulu
<li>11/28 - Turkey Day @ Nation, DC (RIP!)
<li>12/7 - XS Nightclub - Las Vegas
<li>12/9 - Random Alleyway - College Park
</ul>

<h3>Unmasking 2020 Show</h3>
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Targeting Windows 7 Machine

Objective: Exploit vulnerabilities on the Windows 7 machine to gain unauthorized access.

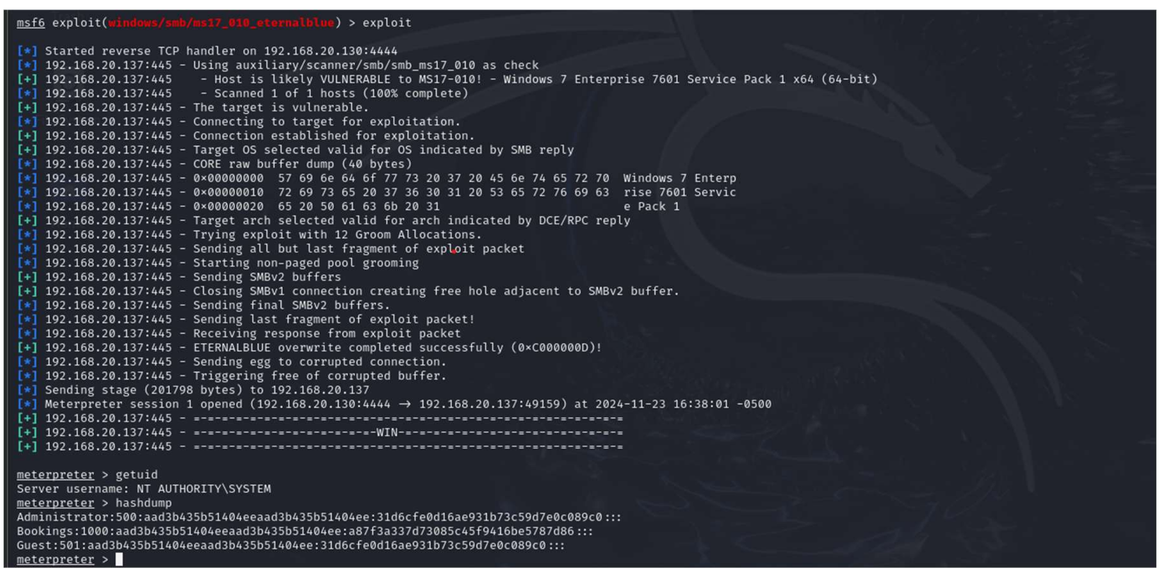
a. Identifying Vulnerabilities

The scan revealed that the Windows 7 machine was susceptible to the EternalBlue vulnerability (CVE-2017-0144), which exploits a flaw in the SMB protocol. This vulnerability is well-documented and can provide shell access to the target system.

b. Exploitation Using EternalBlue

The team leveraged a tool to execute the EternalBlue exploit:

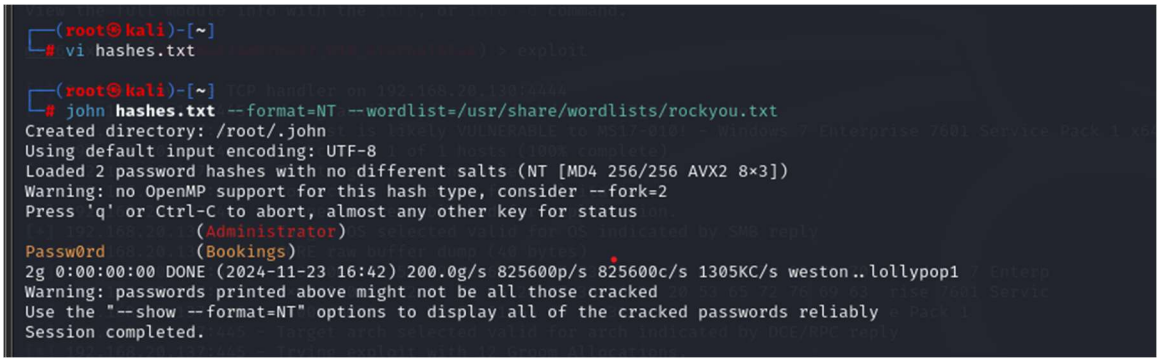
- Configured the exploit with the IP address of the Windows 7 machine.
- Established a reverse shell connection to gain access.



c. Extracting Credentials

Once inside the machine:

- Tools were used to dump password hashes from the Security Account Manager (SAM) database.
- The hashes were cracked using an online service, revealing plaintext credentials:
    - Username: Bookings
    - Password: Passw0rd



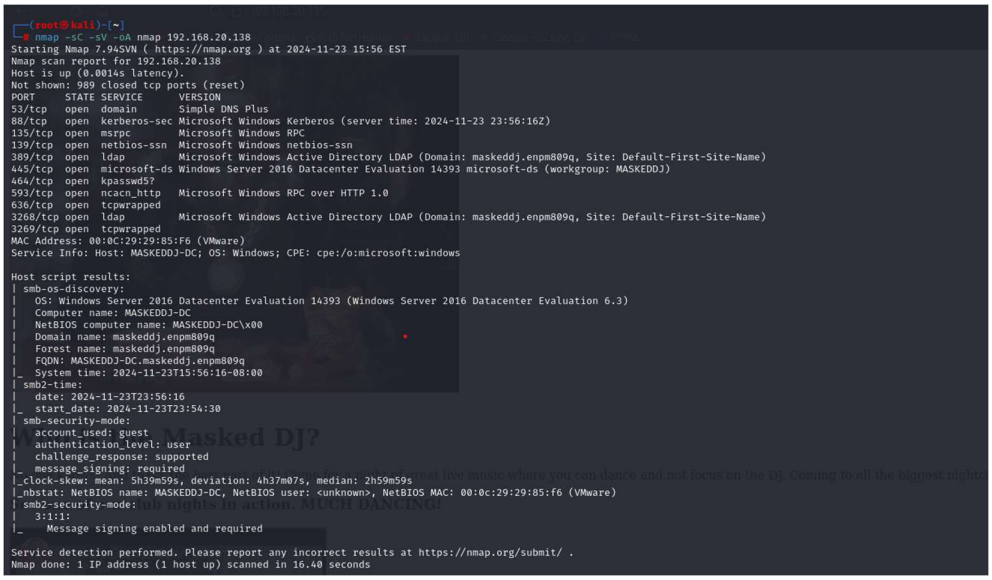
These credentials were stored in plain text, highlighting a critical security flaw.

Compromising Windows Server 2016

Objective: Use information from the Windows 7 machine to access sensitive files on the Windows Server.

a. Identifying SMB Vulnerabilities

The scan revealed open SMB ports (445) on the Windows Server 2016 machine. This indicated potential access to shared folders.



b. Accessing Shared Folders

Using the credentials from the Windows 7 machine, the team accessed shared folders via SMB.

```
┌──(root㉿kali)-[~]
└─# smbclient -L 192.168.20.138 -U Bookings
Password for [WORKGROUP\Bookings]:

        Sharename       Type      Comment
        ---------       ----      -------
        ADMIN$          Disk      Remote Admin
        C$              Disk      Default share
        Files           Disk      Where our Files are stored
        IPC$            IPC       Remote IPC
        NETLOGON        Disk      Logon server share
        SYSVOL          Disk      Logon server share
Reconnecting with SMB1 for workgroup listing.
do_connect: Connection to 192.168.20.138 failed (Error NT_STATUS_RESOURCE_NAME_NOT_FOUND)
Unable to connect with SMB1 -- no workgroup available

┌──(root㉿kali)-[~]
└─# smbclient \\\\192.168.20.138\\Files -U Bookings
Password for [WORKGROUP\Bookings]:
Try "help" to get a list of possible commands.
smb: \> ls
  .                                   D        0  Sun Nov 10 12:57:40 2019
  ..                                  D        0  Sun Nov 10 12:57:40 2019
  Backup                              D        0  Sun Nov 10 13:11:17 2019
  New-Password-Policy.txt             A      366  Sun Nov 10 12:53:35 2019
  User-Directory.rtf                  A      609  Sun Nov 10 12:56:56 2019

                10340607 blocks of size 4096. 7417757 blocks available
```

This revealed:

- A folder named **Backup**, containing:
    - NTDS (Active Directory) files.
    - Password policy documents.

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smb: \> get User-Directory.rtf
getting file \User-Directory.rtf of size 609 as User-Directory.rtf (18.0 KiloBytes/sec) (average 18.0 KiloBytes/sec)
smb: \> get Backup
NT_STATUS_FILE_IS_A_DIRECTORY opening remote file \Backup
smb: \> ls
  .                                   D        0  Sun Nov 10 12:57:40 2019
  ..                                  D        0  Sun Nov 10 12:57:40 2019
  Backup                              D        0  Sun Nov 10 13:11:17 2019
  New-Password-Policy.txt             A      366  Sun Nov 10 12:53:35 2019
  User-Directory.rtf                  A      609  Sun Nov 10 12:56:56 2019

                10340607 blocks of size 4096. 7370610 blocks available
smb: \> cd Backup
smb: \Backup\> ls
  .                                   D        0  Sun Nov 10 13:11:17 2019
  ..                                  D        0  Sun Nov 10 13:11:17 2019
  Active Directory                    D        0  Sun Nov 10 13:10:12 2019
  Backup-Plan.txt                     A      153  Sun Nov 10 13:11:55 2019
  registry                            D        0  Sun Nov 10 13:10:14 2019

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smb: \Backup\> get Backup-plan.txt
getting file \Backup\Backup-plan.txt of size 153 as Backup-plan.txt (1.8 KiloBytes/sec) (average 6.5 KiloBytes/sec)
smb: \Backup\>
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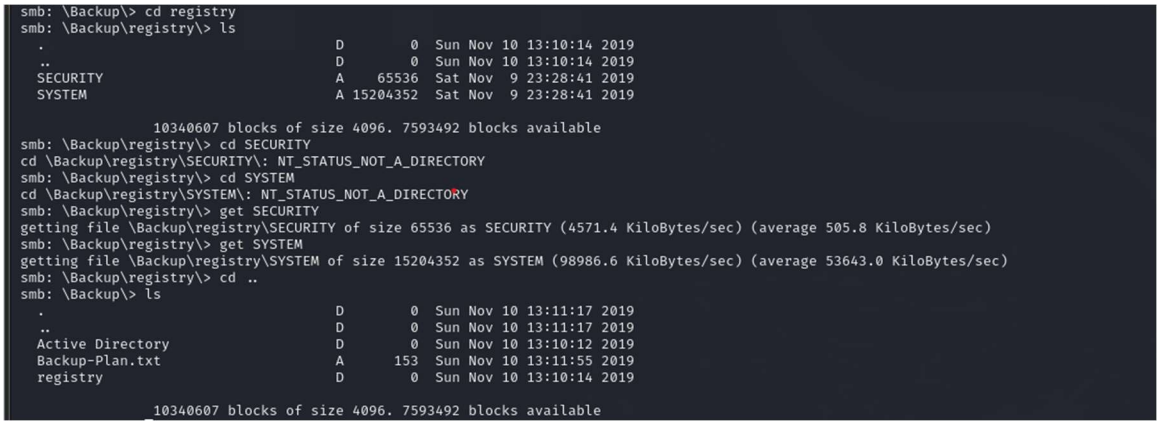

```
smb: \Backup\> cd registry
smb: \Backup\registry\> ls
  .                                   D        0  Sun Nov 10 13:10:14 2019
  ..                                  D        0  Sun Nov 10 13:10:14 2019
  SECURITY                            A    65536  Sat Nov  9 23:28:41 2019
  SYSTEM                              A 15204352  Sat Nov  9 23:28:41 2019

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smb: \Backup\registry\> cd SECURITY
cd \Backup\registry\SECURITY\: NT_STATUS_NOT_A_DIRECTORY
smb: \Backup\registry\> cd SYSTEM
cd \Backup\registry\SYSTEM\: NT_STATUS_NOT_A_DIRECTORY
smb: \Backup\registry\> get SECURITY
getting file \Backup\registry\SECURITY of size 65536 as SECURITY (4571.4 KiloBytes/sec) (average 505.8 KiloBytes/sec)
smb: \Backup\registry\> get SYSTEM
getting file \Backup\registry\SYSTEM of size 15204352 as SYSTEM (98986.6 KiloBytes/sec) (average 53643.0 KiloBytes/sec)
smb: \Backup\registry\> cd ..
smb: \Backup\> ls
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  ..                                  D        0  Sun Nov 10 13:11:17 2019
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  Backup-Plan.txt                     A      153  Sun Nov 10 13:11:55 2019
  registry                            D        0  Sun Nov 10 13:10:14 2019

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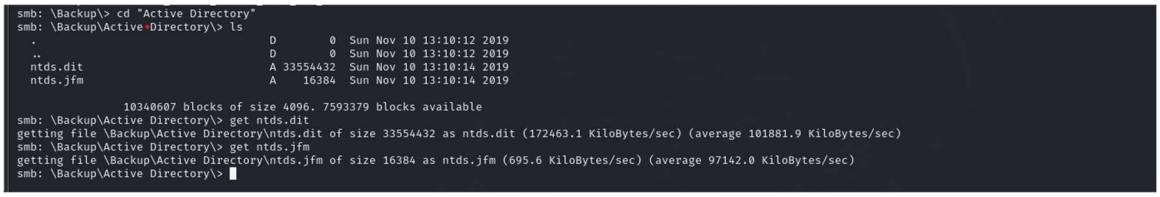
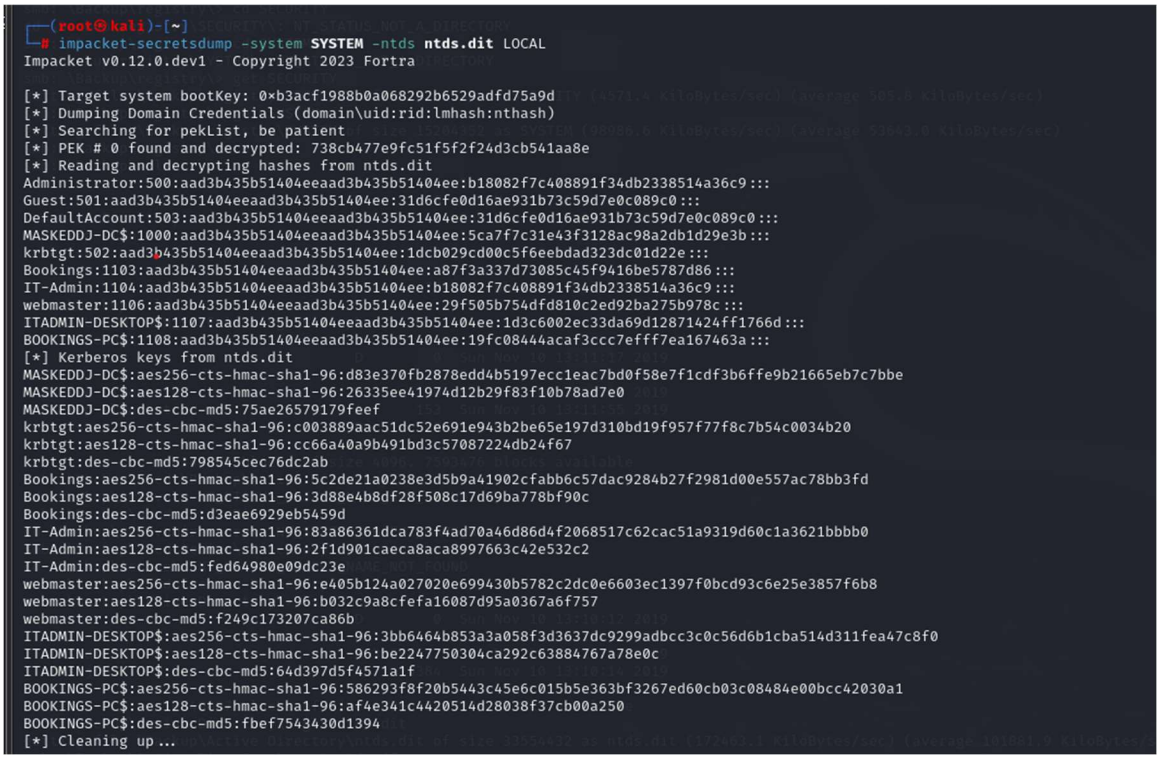
c. Extracting and Analyzing Data

The NTDS files contained hashed credentials for users in the Active Directory. Initial attempts to crack the hashes using brute-force techniques were unsuccessful due to their complexity.

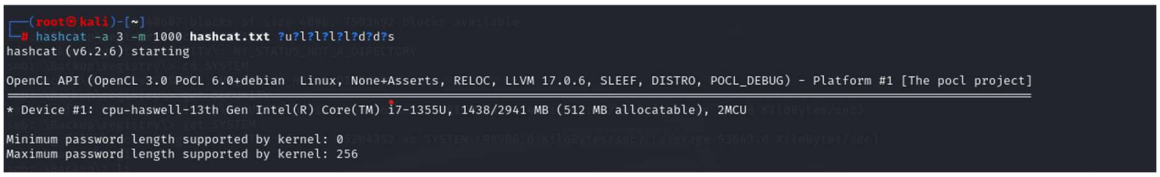


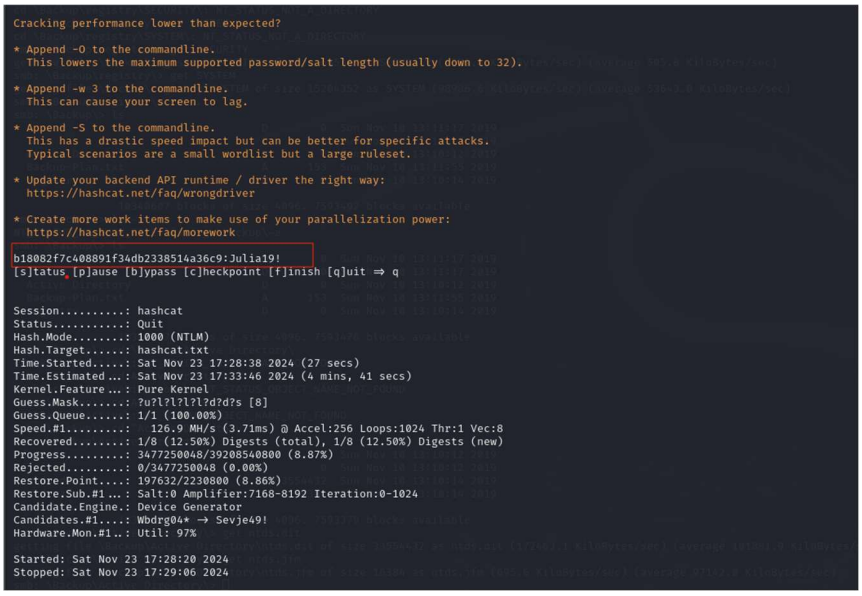


d. Leveraging Password Policy

The **Password Policy** document contained guidelines for creating user passwords. Based on these rules, the team generated custom combinations and successfully cracked the hash for the IT Manager:

- **Username:** IT-Admin
- **Password:** Julia19!



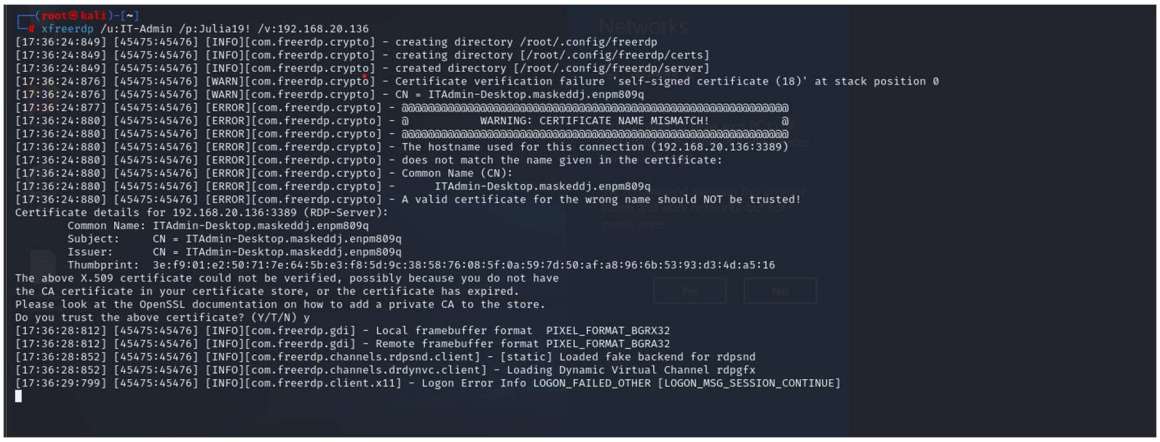


Enumerating IT-Admin (Windows 10) Machine

Objective: Gain access to the IT Manager's machine and retrieve more credentials.

a. Exploiting RDP

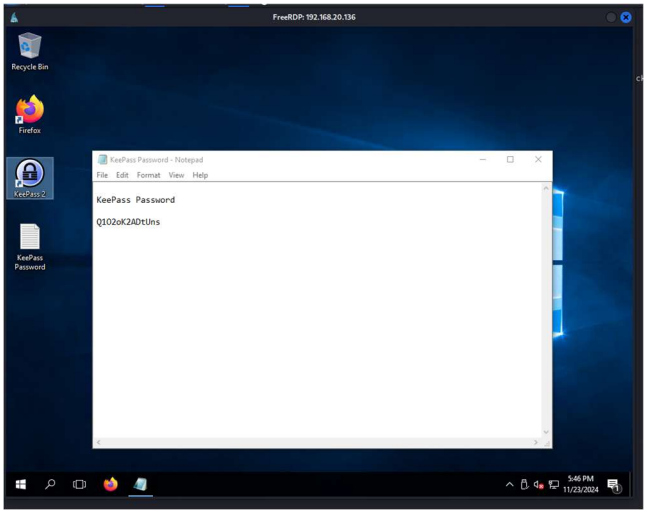
The scan indicated that the Windows 10 machine had RDP (Remote Desktop Protocol) enabled on port 3389. Using the cracked credentials, the team successfully established an RDP session.

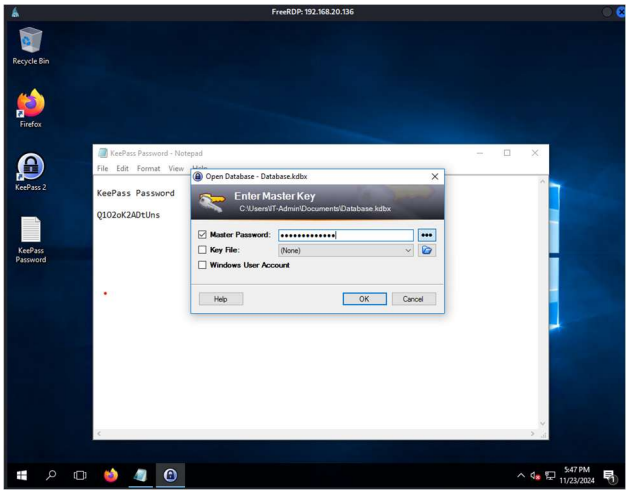


b. Discovering Password Manager

On the IT-Admin's desktop, the team found:

- A password manager application (**KeePass 2**).
- A plaintext file containing the master password:
    - **KeePass Password:** Q102oK2ADtUns

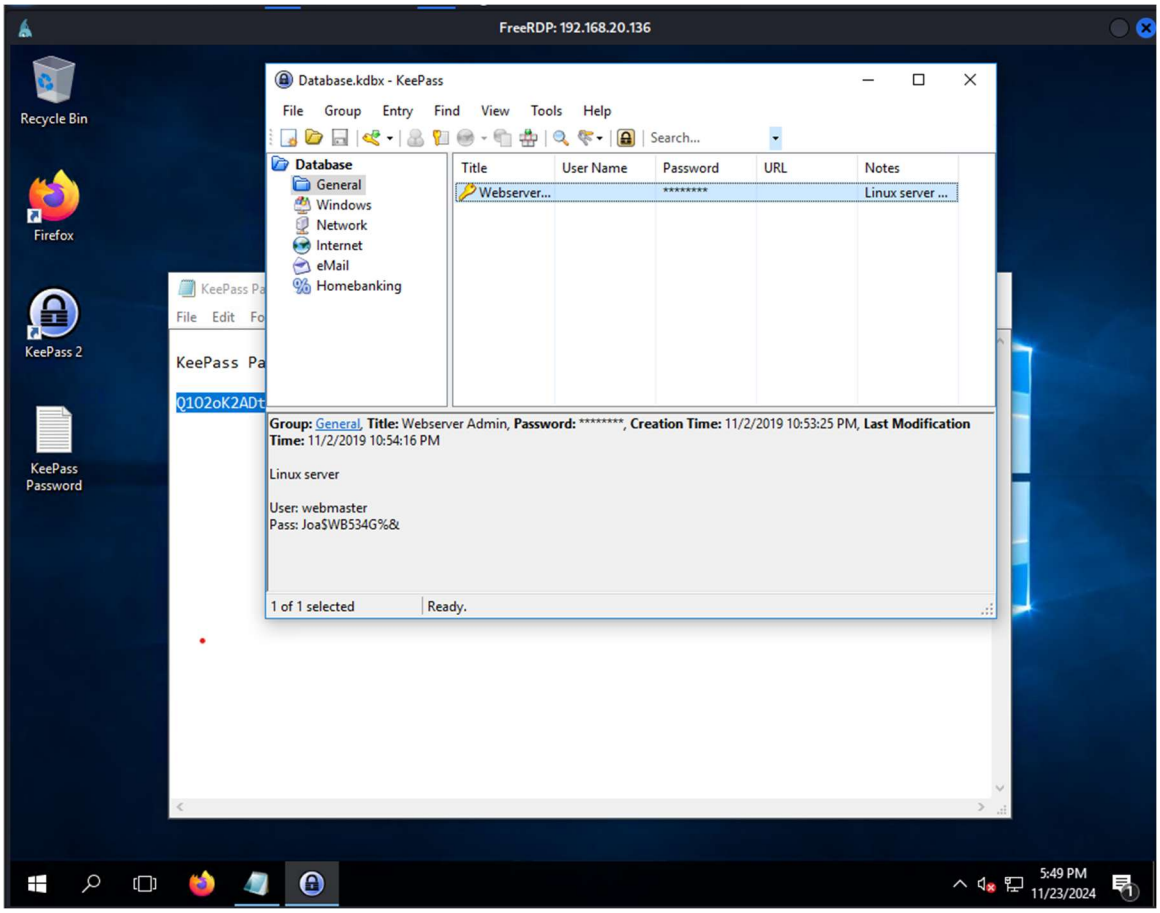




c. Extracting Additional Credentials

The KeePass database contained credentials for the Ubuntu machine:

- **Username:** webmaster
- **Password:** Joa$WB534G%&

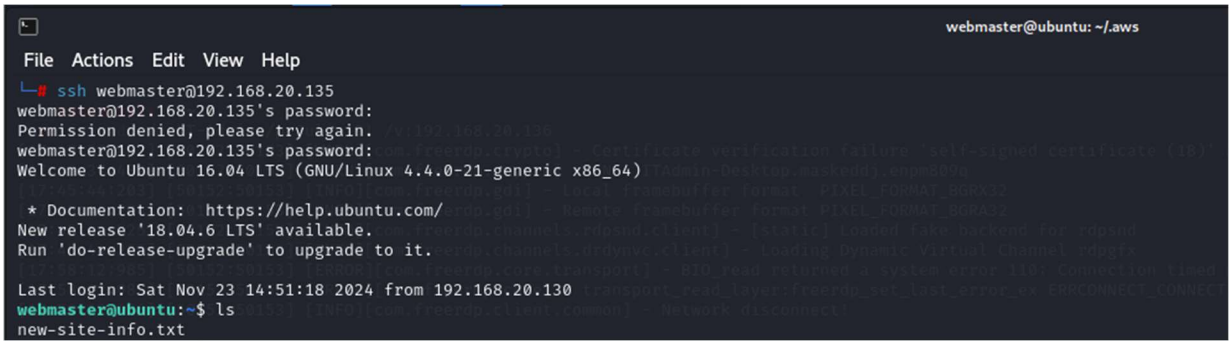


Enumerating Linux Machine (Ubuntu)

Objective: Access the Ubuntu machine and retrieve sensitive data.

a. Gaining SSH Access

Using the credentials from the KeePass database, the team established an SSH session with the Ubuntu machine.



b. Discovering AWS Credentials

During enumeration, a file named new-site-info.txt suggested that sensitive images were stored in an AWS S3 bucket. Further investigation revealed:

- AWS credentials stored in a configuration file on the machine.

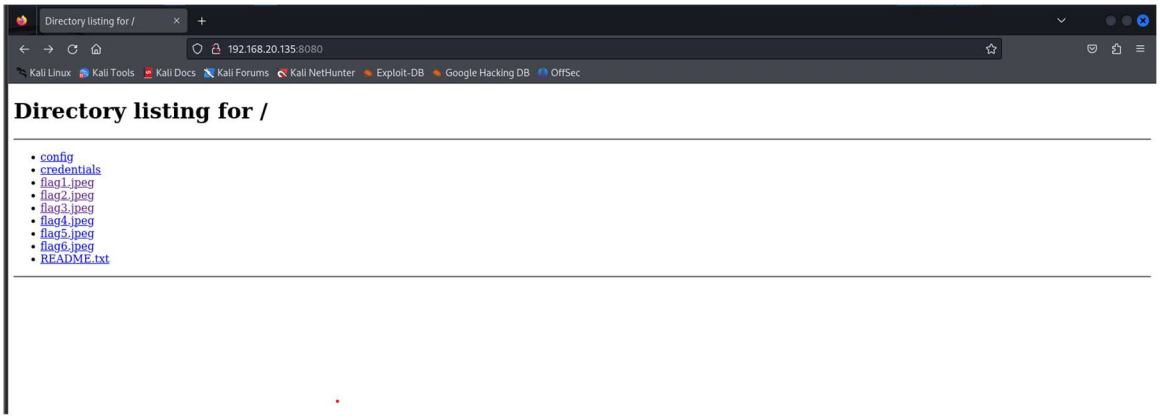
c. Accessing S3 Bucket

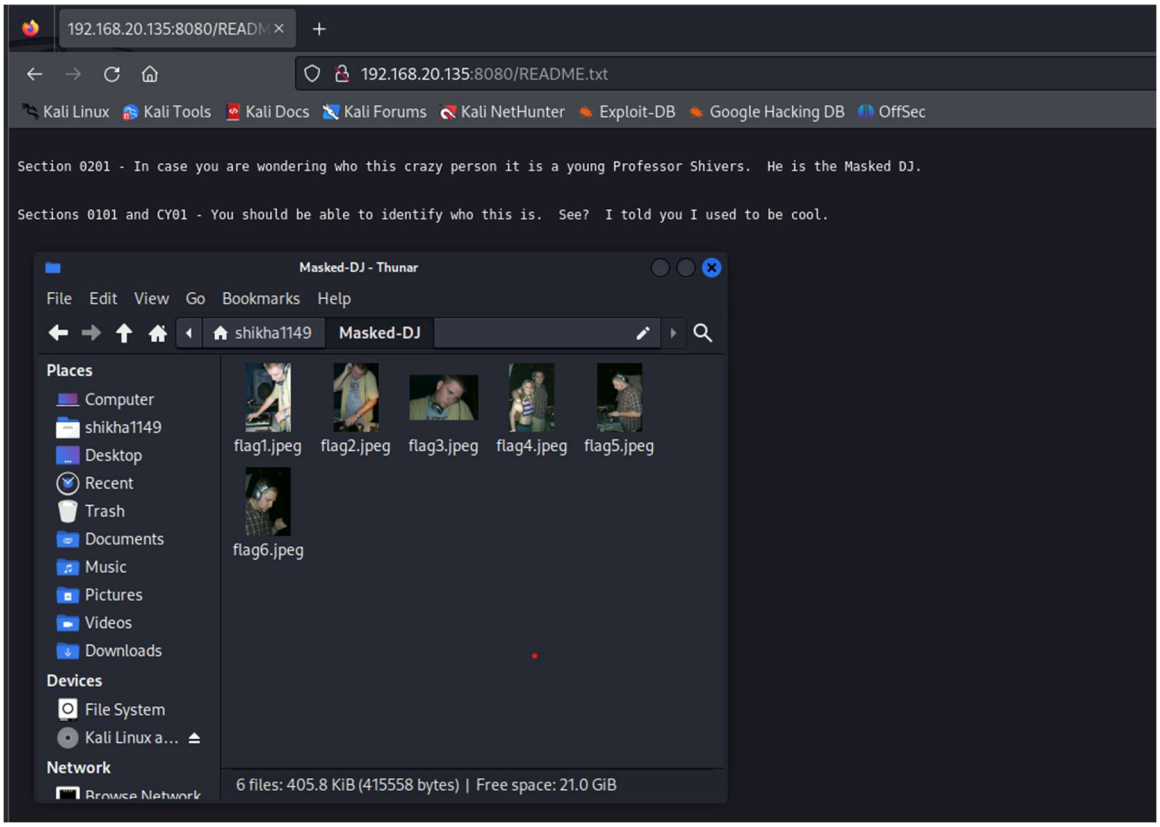
With the AWS credentials, the team listed and downloaded files from the S3 bucket. This included:

- A README file.
- Six JPEG images labeled flag1 to flag6.

d. Synchronizing Files

The files were transferred to the team's local machine for analysis. The README file and images confirmed the identity of The Masked DJ as **Professor Kevin Shivers**.

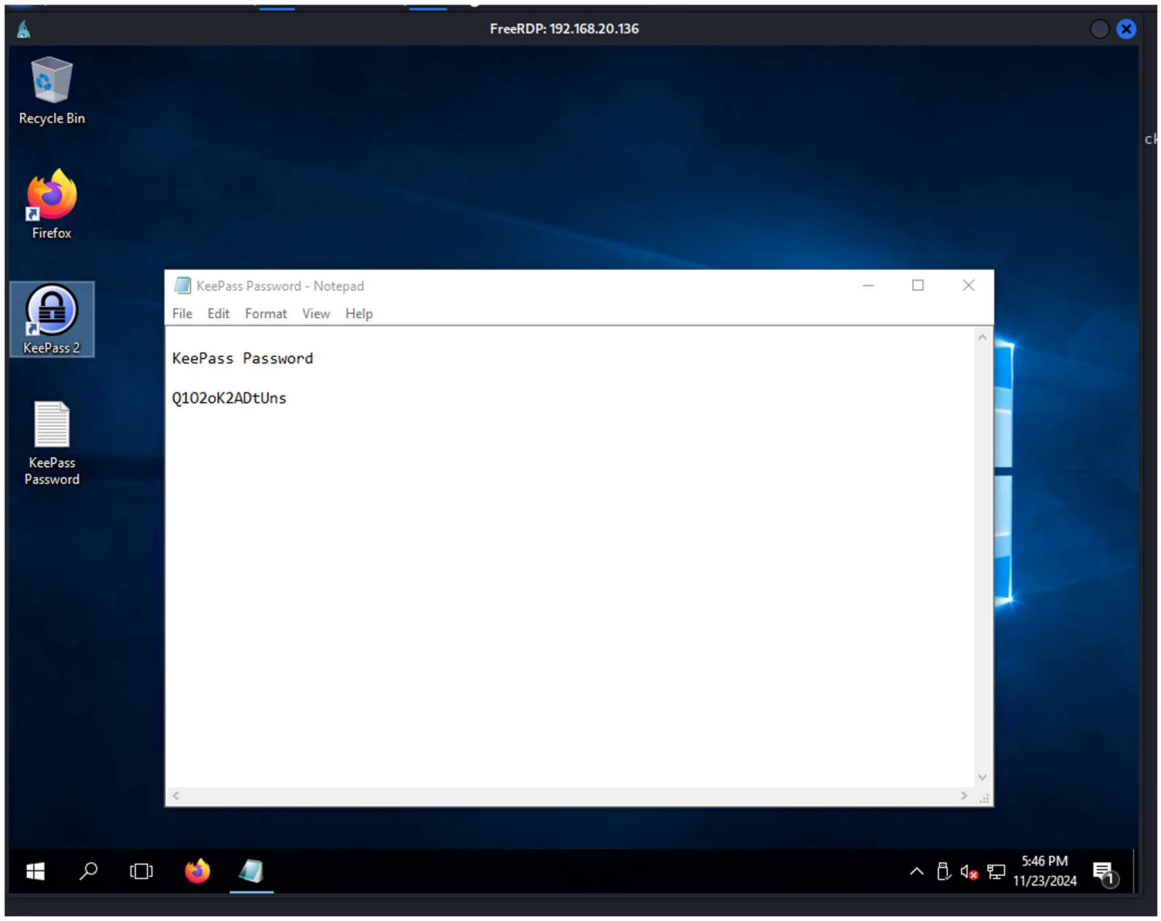




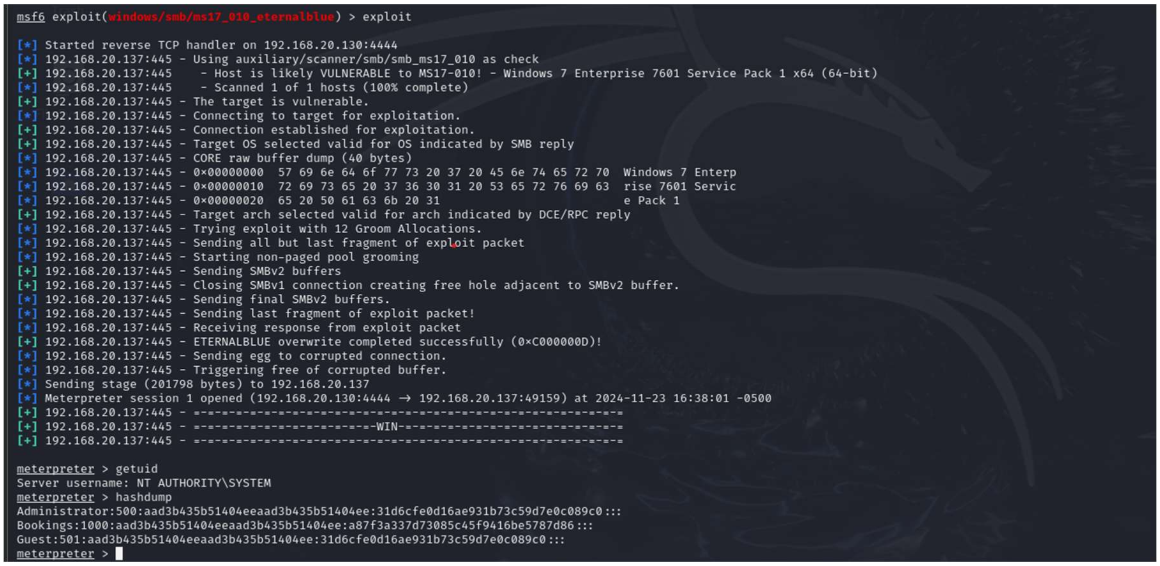
Results

Key Findings:

- **Sensitive credentials** were stored in plaintext, exposing them to unauthorized access.



- Systems were vulnerable to known exploits like **EternalBlue** due to a lack of patching.



- Poor password policies led to weak and easily guessable credentials.
- AWS cloud storage was inadequately secured, exposing confidential data.

Outcome:

The team successfully identified and exploited vulnerabilities, uncovering the identity of **The Masked DJ** and demonstrating the critical need for improved security measures.

Recommendations for Enhanced Security

1. **Enhanced Password Management:** Enforce the use of strong, complex passwords with regular updates and implement advanced password management tools to prevent plaintext storage of credentials.

2. **Improved Network Security:** Deploy robust intrusion detection and prevention systems and segment the network to isolate critical systems from less sensitive areas.

3. **Regular Vulnerability Assessments:** Schedule periodic penetration tests and vulnerability scans to proactively identify and address security weaknesses.

4. **Data Encryption:** Ensure all sensitive and confidential data is encrypted both at rest and in transit to prevent unauthorized access.

5. **Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA):** Require MFA for all critical systems, especially for administrative and remote access, to add an extra layer of security.

Conclusion

The penetration test successfully identified critical vulnerabilities in **The Masked DJ's** IT infrastructure. Through systematic reconnaissance, exploitation, and enumeration, the team was able to demonstrate the real-world implications of these weaknesses, including unauthorized access to sensitive systems and data.

Key findings from the test revealed:

- Unpatched vulnerabilities, such as EternalBlue, leaving systems susceptible to compromise.
- Weak password management practices, including plaintext storage and poor password policies.
- Inadequate protection of cloud resources, resulting in exposure of confidential data.
- Lack of sufficient monitoring and segmentation within the network.

By exploiting these gaps, the team uncovered the identity of **The Masked DJ**, exposing the risks associated with improper security measures in an organization managing sensitive data.

The results underscore the necessity for proactive security measures, including regular vulnerability assessments, robust employee training, and implementation of modern security technologies like multi-factor authentication and data encryption. Addressing these issues will significantly reduce the attack surface and protect against advanced threats.

The penetration test highlights the importance of a comprehensive security strategy in safeguarding critical infrastructure and sensitive information.