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### Capstone Phase 3: Identify Vulnerabilities

## Tools for Vulnerability Scanning

### 1. Tenable Nessus

**Purpose:** Comprehensive vulnerability scanning across a wide range of systems and applications.

**Usage:**

- **Setup:** Install Nessus and configure it through the web interface
- **Scan Configuration:** Create new scans by selecting templates based on the target environment (e.g., Basic Network Scan, Advanced Scan).
- **Running Scans:** Schedule scans or run them on demand.
- **Reporting:** Analyze the results and export reports in various formats (PDF, CSV)

The screenshot displays the Tenable Nessus web interface with a dark blue header containing navigation links: Dashboard, Solutions, Analysis, Scans, Reporting, Assets, Workflow, and Users. A notification bell icon with a '3' badge is in the top right. Below the header, the main content area is titled 'Establishing a Software Inventory (SEE)' and includes a 'Refresh All' button, a 'Switch Dashboard' dropdown, and an 'Options' dropdown.

The interface is divided into several panels:

- Unsupported Product Summary - Operating Systems:** A table listing operating systems like Fedora, Ubuntu, Slackware, Debian, Mandrake, Mac OS X, CentOS, openSUSE, and Microsoft.
- Configuration Management - Detected Software:** A table showing detected software such as Windows OS, Linux OS, macOS, Other OS, OS ID Failed, Chrome, Firefox, Internet Explorer, Microsoft Edge, Safari, Software per IP, Common Apps, Open Source Apps, Apps w/VPR >7, and Unsupported.
- CIS - Installed Software:** A table showing installed software categorized by Linux, Mac OS X Software, Microsoft, and Solaris.
- Software Inventory - Active Processes and Startup Programs:** A table with columns for Plugin ID, Name, and Total, listing items like Microsoft Windows SMB Service Enumeration and WMI Available.
- Unsupported Product Summary - Applications:** A table with columns for Plugin ID, Name, Severity, and Total, listing items like Microsoft XML Parser and Apple QuickTime Unsup...
- InfoSec Team - Roadblocks Currently Gating Remediation:** A table showing various roadblocks and their counts, such as Windows Host Missing Rollup KBs (1059) and Windows Hosts with Unsupported/Missing Serv...
- CSC - Inventory of Authorized and Unauthorized Software:** A table showing the inventory of authorized and unauthorized software, including Unsupported Apps (0) and Missing Patches (3).
- Software Summary - Top Installed Software:** A table with columns for Name, Count, and Detection Method, listing top installed software like Local Administrator Password Solution and Microsoft Silverlight.
- Network Services Summary - Service Detection Summary:** A table with columns for Plugin ID, Name, Severity, and Total, listing network services like SSL Version 2 and 3 Prot...
- Unsupported Product Summary - Applications by Type and Percentage:** A table showing the percentage of unsupported applications by type, such as General (0%), Windows (28%), \*nix (0%), Databases (25%), Webservers (1%), Other Operating Systems (0%), and Other Families (0%).

**Pros:**

- Wide range of pre-configured scan templates.
- Detailed vulnerability descriptions and remediation steps.
- Regular updates with new vulnerability signatures.

## Cons:


- Licensing costs can be high
- Can be resource-intensive, potentially impacting network performance during scans.

## 2. OpenVAS

**Purpose:** Open-source vulnerability scanning solution






**Usage:**




- **Setup:** Install OpenVAS and configure it through the Greenbone Security Assistant web interface.
- **Scan Configuration:** Define scan tasks, targets, and schedules.
- **Running Scans:** Launch scans and monitor progress.
- **Reporting:** Review scan results and generate reports.

**Greenbone**  
Security Assistant

Logged in as Admin **admin** | Logout  
Tue Nov 8 01:46:08 2016 UTC




Scan Management | Asset Management | SecInfo Management | Configuration | Extras | Administration | Help

Tasks (total: 0)     vNo auto-refresh 

Filter:   --  


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Name	Status	Reports		Severity	Trend	Actions
		Total	Last			


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**Welcome dear new user!**  
To explore this powerful application and to have a quick start for doing things the first time, I am here to assist you with some hints and short-cuts.

I will appear automatically in areas where you have created no or only a few objects. And disappear when you have more than 3 objects. You can call me with this icon  any time later on.

If you want help creating new scan tasks but also more options, you can select "Advanced Task Wizard" from the wizard selection menu at the top of this window where it currently says "Task Wizard" marked with a small arrow.

For more detailed information on functionality, please try the integrated help system. It is always available as a context sensitive link as icon .




**Quick start: Immediately scan an IP address**  
IP address or hostname:

For this short-cut I will do the following for you:

1. Create a new Target with default Port List
2. Create a new Task using this target with default Scan Configuration
3. Start this scan task right away
4. Switch the view to reload every 30 seconds so you can lean back and watch the scan progress

In fact, you must not lean back. As soon as the scan progress is beyond 1%, you can already jump into the scan report via the link in the Reports Total column and review the results collected so far.

When creating the Target and Task I will use the default Port List, Alert, OpenVAS Scan Config, Credentials, OpenVAS Scanner and Slave configured in "My Settings".

By clicking the New Task icon  you can also create a new Task yourself. However, you will need a Target first, which you can create by going to the Targets page found in the Configuration menu using the New icon there.

Backend operation: 0.22s

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## Pros:

- Free and open-source

- Regular updates and community support
- Comprehensive vulnerability database.

#### Cons:

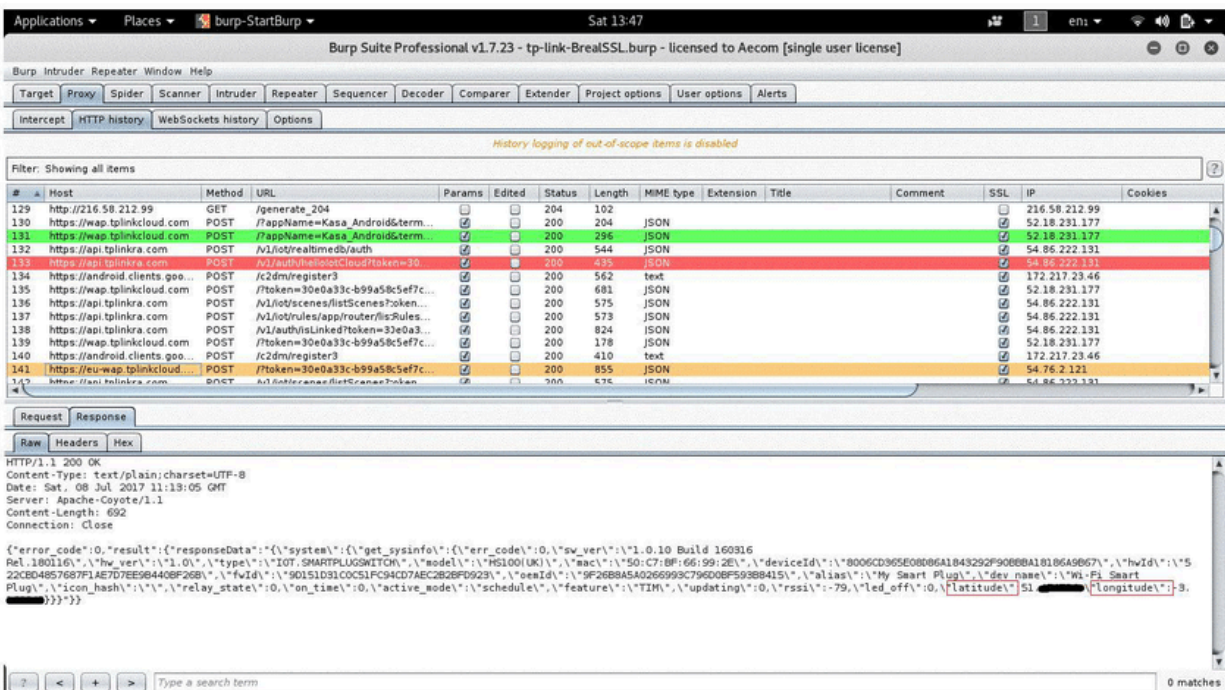
- Initial setup and configuration can be complex
- May generate more false positives compared to commercial solutions.

### 3. Burp Suite

**Purpose:** Web application security testing and vulnerability scanning.

**Usage:**

- **Setup:** Install Burp Suite and configure it for intercepting and analyzing web traffic.
- **Scan Configuration:** Use the scanner to perform automated vulnerability scans on web applications.
- **Manual Testing:** Utilize various Burp Suite tools (e.g., Intruder, Repeater) for manual testing.
- **Reporting:** Generate detailed reports on discovered vulnerabilities.



#### Pros:

- Comprehensive toolset for web application security testing
- Strong support for manual testing and exploitation
- Regular updates with new features and vulnerabilities.

## Cons:

- Requires a good understanding of web application security.
- Can be time-consuming for large applications.

## 4. Nmap with NSE Scripts

**Purpose:** Network scanning and vulnerability detection using Nmap Scripting Engine (NSE).

### Usage:

- **Setup:** Install Nmap and run commands from the command line.
- **Scan Configuration:** Use NSE scripts for vulnerability scanning (e.g., `nmap -script vuln 192.168.1.1`).
- **Custom Scripts:** Write and use custom NSE scripts for specific vulnerabilities.
- **Reporting:** Analyze scan outputs for identified vulnerabilities.

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George
File Edit View Terminal Tabs Help
Currently scanning: 192.168.7.0/16 | Screen View: Unique Hosts

6 Captured ARP Req/Rep packets, from 4 hosts. Total size: 360
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IP           At MAC Address  Count  Len  MAC Vendor / Hostname
-----
192.168.1.1  34:e3:80:43:05:88  2      120  Genexis B.V.
192.168.1.5  84:c3:b0:34:e9:b9  1       60  Intel Corporate
192.168.1.6  08:00:20:68:ad:6b  2      120  VMware, Inc.
192.168.1.4  d8:32:e3:54:d6:e4  1       60  Unknown vendor

~ took 7s
ping 192.168.1.6
PING 192.168.1.6 (192.168.1.6) 56(84) bytes of data:
64 bytes from 192.168.1.6: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=8.90 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.1.6: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.408 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.1.6: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.370 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.1.6: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.299 ms
^C
--- 192.168.1.6 ping statistics ---
4 packets transmitted, 4 received, 0% packet loss, time 3048ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 0.299/2.496/8.907/3.701 ms

~ took 3s

~
nmap -sV -T4 192.168.1.6

Starting Nmap 7.60 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-03-26 12:40 IST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.6
Host is up (0.00035s latency).
Not shown: 977 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
21/tcp    open  ftp      vsftpd 2.3.4
22/tcp    open  ssh      OpenSSH 4.7p1 Debian 8ubuntu1 (protocol 2.0)
23/tcp    open  telnet   Linux telnetd
25/tcp    open  smtp     Postfix smtpd
53/tcp    open  domain   ISC BIND 9.4.2
80/tcp    open  http     Apache httpd 2.2.8 ((Ubuntu) DAV/2)
111/tcp   open  rpcbind  2 (RPC #100000)
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
445/tcp   open  netbios-ssn Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
512/tcp   open  exec     netkit-rsh rshexecd
513/tcp   open  login?    Netkit rshd
514/tcp   open  shell     Netkit rshd
1099/tcp  open  rairegistry GNU Classpath gmicregistry
1524/tcp  open  shell     Metasploitable root shell
2049/tcp  open  nfs       2-4 (RPC #100003)
2121/tcp  open  ftp       ProFTPD 1.3.1
3306/tcp  open  mysql     MySQL 5.0.51a-3ubuntu5
5432/tcp  open  postgresql PostgreSQL DB 8.3.0 - 8.3.7
5900/tcp  open  vnc       VNC (protocol 3.3)
6000/tcp  open  XI1       (access denied)
6667/tcp  open  irc       UnrealIRCd
8080/tcp  open  ajp13     Apache Jserv (Protocol v1.3)
8180/tcp  open  http     Apache Tomcat/Coyote JSP engine 1.1

Service Info: Hosts: metasploitable.localdomain, localhost, irc.Metasploitable.LAN; OS: Unix
, 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 58.15 seconds

~ took 58s
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## Pros:

- Highly flexible and customizable.
- Can perform both general and specific vulnerability scans.
- Widely used and well-documented.

## Cons:

- Requires knowledge of scripting for custom scans.

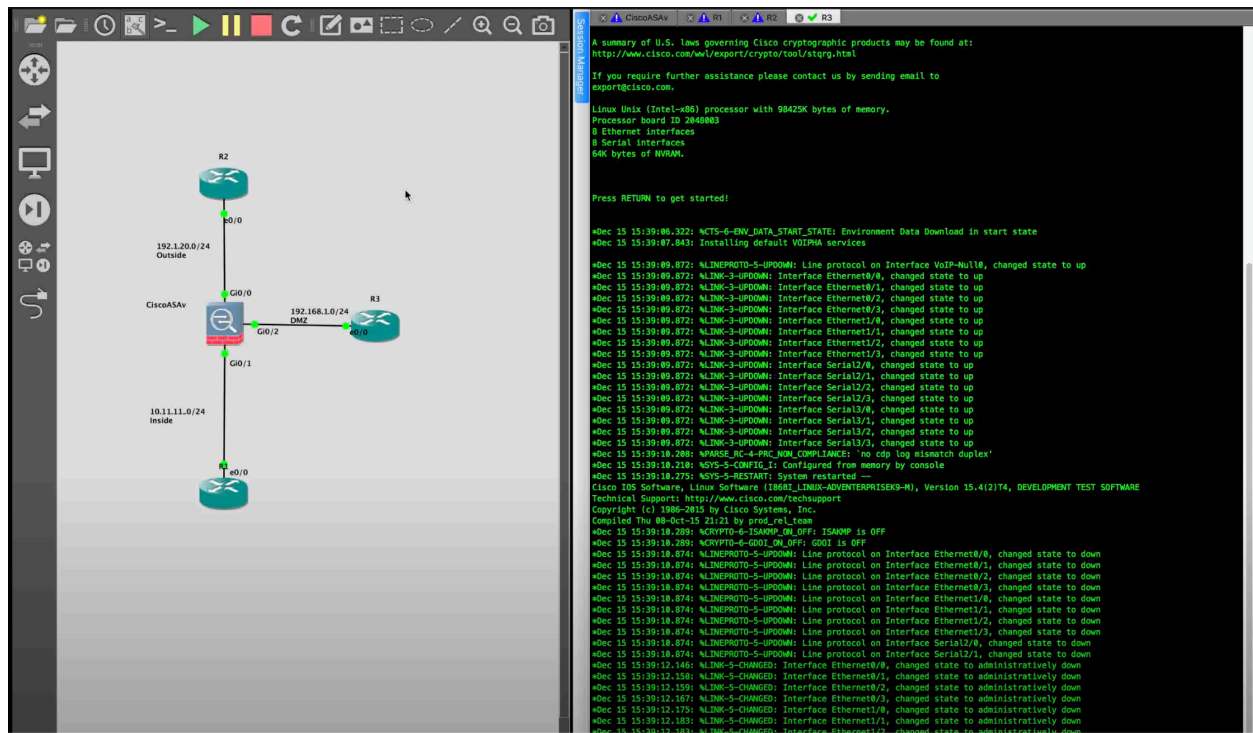
- Output can be verbose and require careful analysis.

## 5. Cisco Adaptive Security Appliance (ASA) Vulnerability Scanner

**Purpose:** Specific to Cisco ASA devices, identifying misconfigurations and vulnerabilities.

**Usage:**

- **Setup:** Install and configure the ASA scanner tool
- **Scan Configuration:** Define the IP range and credentials for scanning Cisco ASA devices.
- **Running Scans:** Launch scans and monitor progress.
- **Reporting:** Review detailed reports on configuration issues and vulnerabilities.



**Pros:**

- Tailored specifically for Cisco ASA devices.
- Identifies both vulnerabilities and misconfigurations.
- Provides actionable remediation steps.

**Cons:**

- Limited to Cisco ASA devices
- Requires specific expertise in Cisco AS configurations.