# DAY10 advent of the cyber

#### 10.2. Today's Learning Objectives:

Learn about the basics of network file sharing protocols before getting hands-on with Samba, where you will be enumerating "tbfc-smb-01": a vulnerable Samba server to gain un-authorised access.

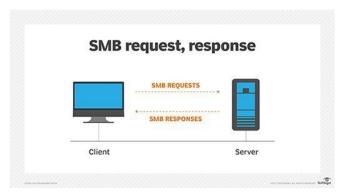
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#### 10.3. What is Samba & where is it Used?

Whilst we learnt about one of the most commonplace protocols that are used for file-sharing on Day 10, we'll be covering an alternative technology for file-sharing that is most used within organisation/company networks. Offering encryption as standard, this technology consists of two protocols:

- SMB (Server Message Block) Natively supported by Windows and not Linux
- NFS (Network File System) Natively supported by Linux and not Windows

Protocols such as SMB send "requests" and "responses" when communicating with each other, as illustrated below:



(TechTarget., 2017)

What makes Samba so popular and useful is that it removes the differences between these two protocols, meaning that the two operating systems can now share resources including files amongst each other. Simply, Samba connects to a "share" (think of this as a virtual folder) and is capable of day-to-day activities like deleting, moving or uploading files.

Samba is flexible in the sense it can be useful for both you and me or businesses with thousands of employees. For example, employees can access documents from a central computer rather than each employee storing their own copy. As previously mentioned, this technology is encrypted enabling sensitive data like username and passwords used in the authentication process (and the data itself) to be communicated between client/server securely.

Unlike FTP, other IT devices such as network printers can also be shared between client/server.

#### 10.4. Searching for Samba Shares

We're going to be using the enum4linux tool that is already provided to you on the THM AttackBox. Let's get our hands dirty!

- 1. Open a terminal prompt and navigate to enum4linux: cd /root/Desktop/Tools/Miscellaneous
- 2. Run enum4linux and list all the possible options we could use, take time to study these for anything interesting: ./enum4linux.pl -h

Note how we can use options like -s to list shares or -U (note the uppercase) to list possible users. In my example, I want to find out who can be used to access the server through Samba: ./enum4linux.pl -U 10.10.54.135

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      Users on 192.168.1.200
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index: 0×1 RID: 0×3e8 acb: 0×00000010 Account: jjohns
index: 0×2 RID: 0×3ea acb: 0×00000010 Account: lbutton
                                                                                         Desc:
                                                                              Name:
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                                                                                         Desc:
index: 0×3 RID: 0×3e9 acb: 0×00000010 Account: jfrost index: 0×4 RID: 0×3eb acb: 0×00000010 Account: cmnatic
                                                                                         Desc:
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user:[jjohns] rid:[0×3e8]
user:[lbutton] rid:[0×3ea]
user:[jfrost] rid:[0×3e9]
user:[cmnatic] rid:[0×3eb]
    m<del>4linux comp</del>lete on Thu Nov 12 00:53:47 2020
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Note how enum4linux has discovered four users in my example...One of these users may have a weak password such as "password123" that we can log in with and access sensitive data as.

- 1. jjohns
- 2. lbutton
- jfrost
- 4. cmnatic

And as a result of further enumeration with enum4linux, we've discovered the following three shares!

- 1. homes
- 2. share1
- 3. IPC\$

Now it's your turn, scan your Instance (10.10.54.135) to answer Question #1 and Question #2. Remember the options that we can use with enum4linux.pl !

#### 10.5. Connecting to a Share

We've already learnt two key pieces of information from the previous section:

- Usernames to authenticate as
- Shares that we can access (remembering that shares most likely contain data)

However, a very common and easy to cause vulnerability by administrators is wrong permissions. You may be able to access a share and its data without logging in at all, such as we will demonstrate below:

- 1. Remember that the IP address of the Samba server is that of the Instance you deployed (10.10.54.135)
- 2. Use the *smbclient* tool to begin accessing the Samba server and its shares, replacing "sharename" with the name of the share you wish to access: smbclient //REPLACE\_INSTANCE\_IP\_ADDRESS/\*\*sharename\*\*
- 3. You will be asked for a password, the easiest password is no password! We can just press "Enter" to test this theory. If successful, this means that the share requires no authentication and we are now logged in.

For example, accessing "share1" on another device:

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rootakalt:~# smbclient //192.168.1.200/share1
Enter WORKGROUP\root's password:
Try "help" to get a list of possible commands.
smb: \>
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You can use the help command to list some of the commands you can run whilst connected to the Samba share. Here's a quick rundown of the fundamentals:

Command Description

ls List files and directories in the current location cd <directory> Change our working directory pwd Output the full path to our working directory

more <filename> Find out more about the contents of a file. To close the open file, you press [19]

get <filename> Download a file from a share put <filename> Upload a file from a share

You can now proceed to answer Question #3 and Question #4

#### 10.6. Conclusion, where to go from here and additional Material:

You've learned the fundamentals of how a very commonplace protocol used by computing devices works, and ultimately, can be leveraged through the use of enumeration and misconfiguration. With this said, you might be surprised to learn that even printers can use the protocols behind Samba. Swafox has created a lovely room on Printer Hacking 101.

There's no truer statement in pentesting that practice makes perfect. Not only can you use the tools within this room, why not give a few others a try and apply your knowledge in the "Kenobi" Walkthrough room or the "Anonymous" Challenge room (CTF)

### "users" on samba server:

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Enumerating Workgroup/Domain on 10.10.54.135 |

Session Check on 1
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## "shares" on samba server:

trying to login with easy/no passwords: