

PROJECT REPORT

On

Open Source Tools for Network Security, System Software Security, and Physical Security analysis of a System

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1. Introduction

In this project, I have performed the analysis and generated the report on Network Security, System Software Security, and Physical Security analysis of a System using open-source softwares.

I have used Four Open Source Softwares

- 1. Wireshark
- 2. Nmap
- 3. Lynis
- 4. WinAudit

Network Security protects your network and data from breaches, intrusions, and other threats. Network security is the set of measures and practices designed to protect computer networks from unauthorized access, misuse, modification, or destruction. Network security aims to ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of network resources, including hardware, software, and data. Network Security involves access control, virus and antivirus software, application security, network analytics, types of network-related security (endpoint, web, wireless), firewalls, VPN encryption, and more. Network Security is vital in protecting client data and information, keeping shared data secure, and ensuring reliable access and network performance as well as protection from cyber threats.

System software security refers to the set of measures and practices designed to secure the system software that is installed on a computer or other digital device. System software includes the operating system, drivers, firmware, and other software that runs at the system level and provides a foundation for running applications. System software security is important because if the system software is compromised, it can allow an attacker to gain unauthorized access to the computer, steal data, or cause other malicious actions. The goal of system software security is to safeguard the computer system against unauthorized access, data breaches, and other malicious attacks. To achieve this, various security measures are implemented, such as regular software updates, strong authentication and access control mechanisms, encryption, antivirus and anti-malware software, firewalls, and backup and recovery mechanisms. These measures are designed to prevent, detect, and respond to security threats and to protect the integrity, confidentiality, and availability of system software and data.

Physical security of a system refers to the measures and controls put in place to protect the physical assets of a computer system, such as the hardware, facilities, and infrastructure, from unauthorized

access, theft, damage, or other physical threats. Physical security of a system is an important aspect of overall security, and it refers to the measures and controls put in place to protect the physical assets of a computer system. These physical assets include the hardware, facilities, and infrastructure that support the system's operations. Physical security measures typically include access control mechanisms, environmental controls, power protection, fire suppression, and physical location. The physical security of a system is critical because a breach of physical security can result in loss of data, damage to hardware components, and disruption of business operations. Therefore, it is important to implement appropriate physical security measures based on the risk profile of the computer system and its physical assets. This includes conducting a risk assessment to identify potential threats and vulnerabilities, implementing appropriate access control mechanisms, monitoring environmental conditions, and ensuring that adequate fire suppression and power protection measures are in place. Overall, a strong physical security posture can help organizations protect their assets and ensure business continuity.

1.1 Objective of the Project

The main objective of this project is to analyze and generate a report on Network Security, System Software Security, and Physical Security analysis of a System using open-source software. The ultimate objective of this project is to improve the security of the system by identifying and addressing security vulnerabilities. This will help to reduce the risk of security breaches and protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the system and its data.

1.2 Description of the Project

In this project, I have used four open-source software to generate the report on the Network Security, Software Security, and Physical Security analysis of my system.

- 1. Wireshark
- 2. Nmap
- 3. Lynis
- 4. WinAudit

1. Wireshark

Wireshark is a powerful network protocol analyzer tool that can be used for network security analysis. It allows network administrators and security professionals to capture and analyze network traffic in real time or from a saved file. With Wireshark, they can examine network packets to identify network problems, investigate security incidents, and analyze network performance. Wireshark can be used for network forensics, which involves analyzing network traffic to identify the source of a security incident or network attack. Network forensics can help organizations to understand the scope and impact of a security incident, and to take appropriate measures to prevent similar incidents in the future.

2. Nmap

Nmap (Network Mapper) is a free and open-source network exploration and security auditing tool that is widely used by network administrators and security professionals. Nmap is a tool that can be used for network security purposes, specifically to identify potential vulnerabilities in a network. By using Nmap to perform network scans, network administrators can identify open ports, services, and potential security weaknesses that could be exploited by attackers. Nmap uses various techniques, such as port scanning and OS detection, to identify hosts and services on a network, as well as potential security vulnerabilities.

3. Lynis

Lynis is a security auditing tool that can be used to improve system software security by identifying potential vulnerabilities and providing recommendations for hardening the system. One of the key areas of focus for Lynis is system software security. It performs a wide range of tests and audits to identify potential vulnerabilities in the system software, including file permissions, configuration settings, and software versions. By identifying potential vulnerabilities in the system software, Lynis can help system administrators to take corrective action to improve system security. This may involve updating software versions, modifying configuration settings, or changing file permissions to reduce the attack surface of the system.

4. WinAudit

WinAudit can be used to improve both system software security and physical security by providing detailed information about the system components and configuration. By identifying these potential

vulnerabilities, system administrators can take corrective action to improve the security of the system software. WinAudit can be used to track and manage hardware components, which can be important for physical security.

1.3 Scope of the project

The scope of this project would be to use these open-source software tools to assess the network security, system software security, and physical security of the system. The project would involve installing and configuring the software tools, performing scans and audits, and generating reports. The reports would be used to identify security vulnerabilities and provide recommendations for improving the security of the system. The project could be expanded to include remediation of the identified vulnerabilities, such as applying software patches or implementing security controls. Overall, the scope of the project would be to assess the security of the system from multiple angles and generate comprehensive reports that identify potential vulnerabilities and provide recommendations for improving security. The project would require expertise in network security, system software security, and physical security, as well as proficiency in using open-source security tools to assess and analyze the system.

2. System Description

In this section, I am going to give a brief description of the open-source softwares that I have used for analyzing Network Security, Software Security, and Physical Security of my system.

2.1 Target system description

I have used four Open source softwares to analyze the Network Security, Software Security, and Physical Security of my system.

- 1. Wireshark
- 2. Nmap
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2.1.1 Wireshark

Wireshark is a widely-used open-source network packet analyzer tool that can help improve the network security of a system. It is designed to capture and analyze network traffic in real-time,

allowing security professionals to monitor network activity and identify potential security threats. Wireshark supports a variety of network protocols, including TCP/IP, HTTP, DNS, and FTP, among others. With Wireshark, network administrators and security professionals can examine network packets to identify network problems, investigate security incidents, and analyze network performance. It enables them to see the details of each packet, such as its source and destination addresses, protocol type, packet length, and more. They can also filter packets based on various criteria, such as protocol type, IP address, port number, and more.

Features:

- Packet capture and analysis: Wireshark can capture packets from a network interface and
 provide detailed information about each packet, including the source and destination addresses,
 protocols used, and data payloads. This information can be used to identify security threats and
 vulnerabilities in the network.
- 2. Protocol decoding: Wireshark supports a wide range of network protocols and can decode each packet to provide a detailed view of the protocol in use. This can help security professionals to identify anomalies and inconsistencies in network traffic that may indicate a security breach.
- 3. Filters and search: Wireshark provides powerful filtering and search capabilities that allow security professionals to quickly identify relevant packets and network traffic. Filters can be based on specific protocols, addresses, and other criteria, while search capabilities allow for more complex queries.
- 4. Real-time analysis: Wireshark can be used to monitor network traffic in real time, providing instant feedback on network activity and potential security threats. This can help security professionals to respond quickly to potential threats and prevent security breaches.
- 5. Customization: Wireshark is highly customizable and can be extended with plugins and scripts to provide additional functionality. This makes it a versatile tool that can be adapted to meet the specific needs of a security professional.

2.1.2 Nmap

Nmap is a free and open-source network exploration and security auditing tool that is widely used by network administrators and security professionals. Nmap uses various techniques, such as port scanning and OS detection, to identify hosts and services on a network, as well as potential security vulnerabilities. One of the primary uses of Nmap is to identify open ports on a network, which can help network administrators to identify potential security vulnerabilities. For example, if a network device has an open port for Telnet, which is an unencrypted protocol, it may be vulnerable to a brute-

force attack. By identifying these vulnerabilities, network administrators can take steps to mitigate them and improve network security. Nmap is a powerful network exploration and security auditing tool that provides network administrators and security professionals with a range of features to identify and manage network security risks.

Features:

- 1. Host discovery: Nmap can be used to identify hosts that are connected to a network. It can scan the entire network to find available hosts and generate a report on the same.
- 2. Port scanning: Nmap can be used to scan open ports on the network. It can detect the services that are running on each port and provide information about the operating system that is being used.
- 3. Service and version detection: Nmap can detect the services and versions running on each host that is discovered on the network. This information can be used to identify vulnerabilities and potential security risks.
- 4. OS detection: Nmap can be used to identify the operating system that is running on each host. This information can be used to identify potential security risks based on known vulnerabilities associated with that particular operating system.
- 5. Scripting engine: Nmap's scripting engine allows users to develop custom scripts to automate security tests, and gather additional information that can be used to assess the security of the network.

2.1.3 Lynis

Lynis is an open-source security auditing tool that can be used for system hardening, vulnerability scanning, and compliance testing. It is designed to identify security weaknesses in Linux and Unix systems and provide recommendations for improving system security. Lynis works by performing a series of security tests and audits to identify potential vulnerabilities in the system. These tests cover a wide range of security areas, including system configuration, file permissions, network settings, and user accounts. One of the key features of Lynis is its ability to provide detailed security reports that can be used by system administrators to prioritize and address security issues. These reports can help system administrators to identify potential security weaknesses and take corrective action to improve system security.

Features:

1. Authentication and Authorization: Lynis can check the system for password policies, default passwords, and insecure authentication mechanisms. It can also identify unauthorized

- accounts and groups and check for file and directory permissions.
- 2. Firewalls and Packet Filters: Lynis can check the system for configured firewalls and packet filters, their rules, and the status of the firewall.
- 3. File Integrity Monitoring: Lynis can perform file integrity checks by comparing hashes of
- 4. known good files with those of files on the system.
- 5. Network Services: Lynis can check for open ports and services that may pose a security risk.
- 6. Operating System Security: Lynis can check for vulnerabilities and misconfigurations in the operating system.
- 7. Software Security: Lynis can check for vulnerabilities and misconfigurations in installed software, including web servers, databases, and applications.
- 8. User and Group Management: Lynis can check the system for unauthorized users and groups and ensure that permissions are correctly set.
- System Hardening: Lynis can check for security best practices, such as disabling unnecessary services and protocols, securing network services, and removing insecure software.

2.1.4 WinAudit

WinAudit is a free and open-source software utility that can be used to collect detailed information about a Windows computer system. It can be used to perform system audits, inventory management, and compliance testing. WinAudit can provide detailed information about installed software and identify potential vulnerabilities, such as outdated software versions or missing security patches. By identifying these potential vulnerabilities, system administrators can take corrective action to improve the security of the system software. WinAudit can be used to track and manage hardware components, which can be important for physical security.

Features:

- 1. Hardware Inventory: WinAudit can inventory the hardware components of a Windows-based system, such as the processor, RAM, hard drive, and other peripherals.
- 2. Software Inventory: WinAudit can inventory the software applications installed on a Windows-based system.
- 3. Patch Management: WinAudit can identify missing security patches and updates for the Windows operating system and installed software applications.
- 4. User Account Management: WinAudit can audit and report on user accounts configured on a Windows-based system.
- 5. Physical Inventory: WinAudit can also inventory physical components of a system, such as

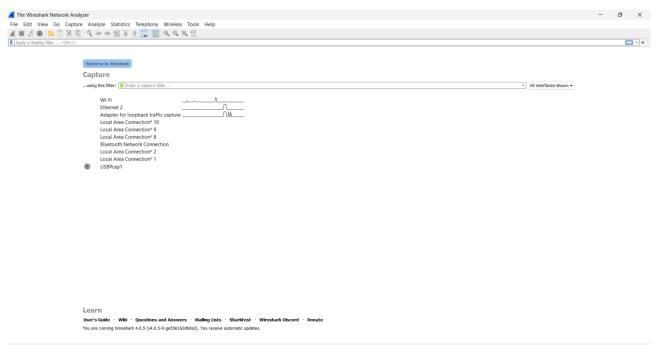
- 6. monitors, keyboards, and mice.
- 7. Reporting: WinAudit can generate customizable reports in various formats, including CSV, HTML, and PDF.
- 8. Command-Line Interface: WinAudit also has a command-line interface that can be used to automate system auditing tasks.
- 9. Remote Auditing: WinAudit can perform audits on remote systems over a network.
- 10. Portable: WinAudit can be run from a USB drive or other portable storage device, making it easy to use on multiple systems.

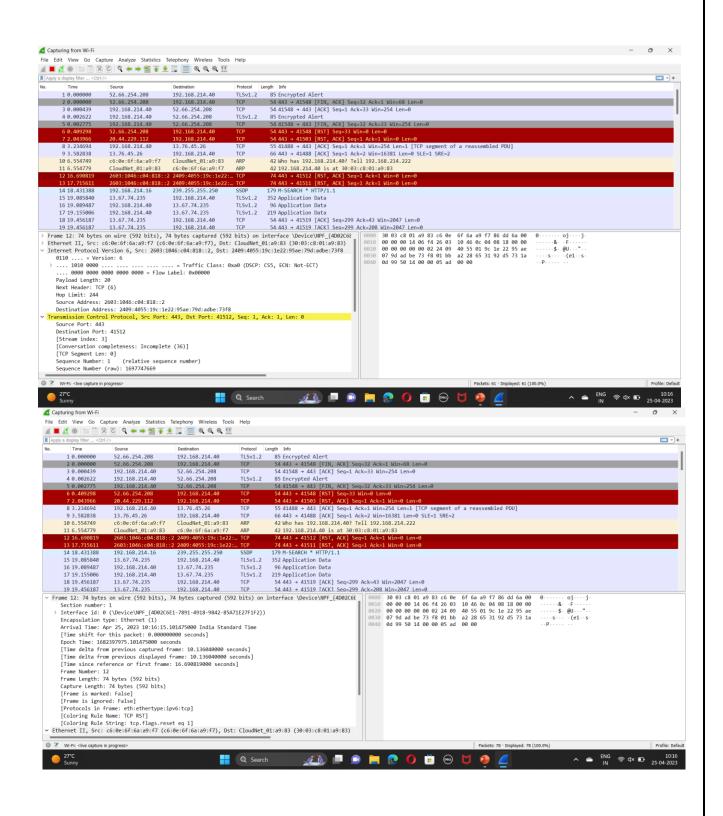
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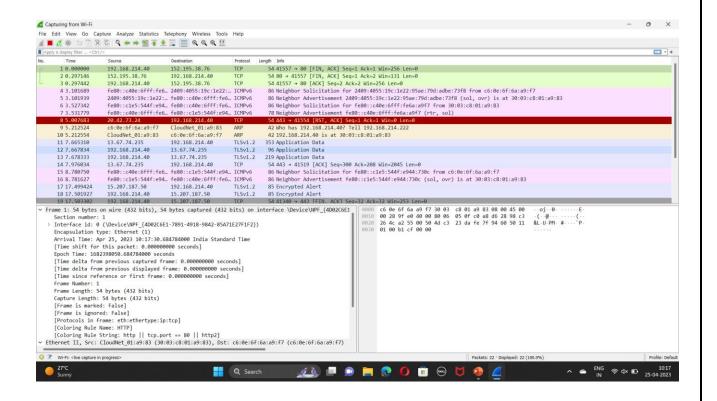
3.1 System snapshots and full analysis report

3.1.1 Wireshark

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3.1.2 Nmap

I have used Nmap for analyzing the System Software Security of my system such as scanning the ports, ip for checking the vulnerabilities of my system.



3.1.3 Lynis

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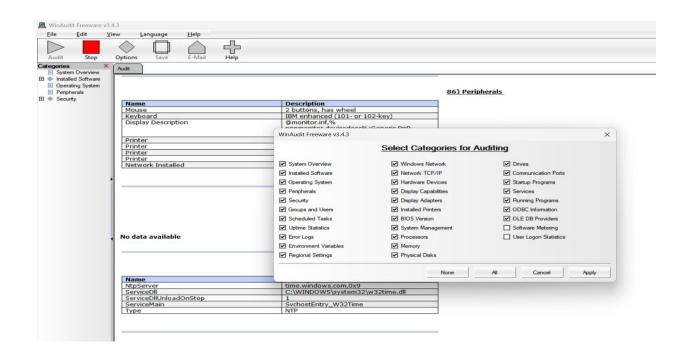
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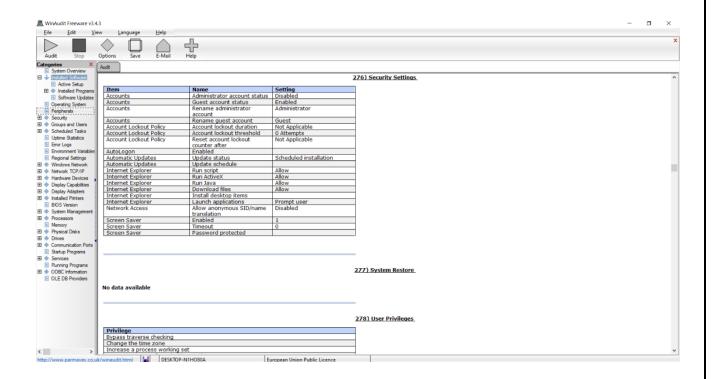
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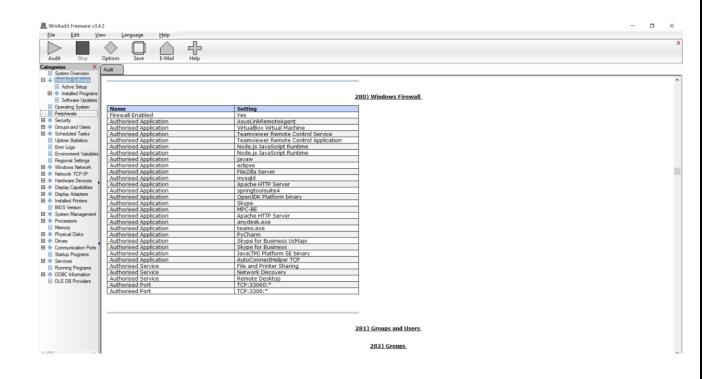
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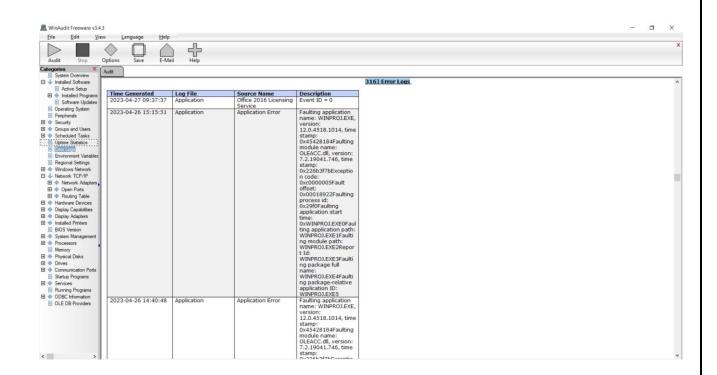
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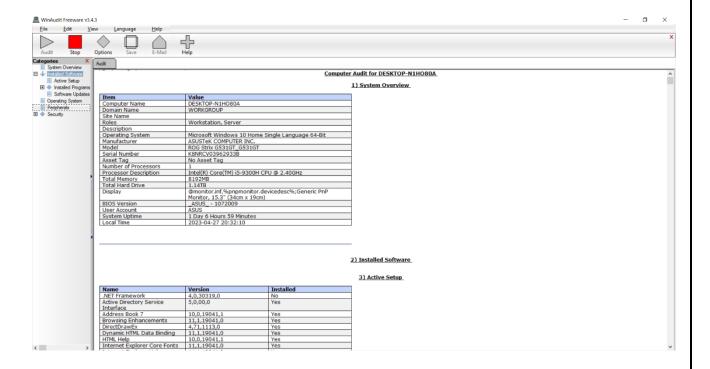
I have used WinAudit to check the physical security of my system and it performs the scan of system and gives the complete information of the system.











4. Conclusion

In conclusion, the project aimed to assess the security of a system using open-source software tools and provide recommendations for improving its security posture. Overall, the project helped to improve the security posture of the system by identifying and addressing security vulnerabilities. It helped to reduce the risk of security breaches and protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the system and its data. The project demonstrated the importance of regularly assessing the security of systems and taking appropriate measures to address identified security vulnerabilities.

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