Vulnerability Assessment Report

1. Introduction

This report documents the results of a vulnerability assessment conducted to demonstrate capabilities in identifying and analyzing security weaknesses in a target network. The assessment includes two primary components:

- **Vulnerability Scan**: Performed using Nmap to identify vulnerabilities in network hosts.
- **Asset Discovery Scan**: Conducted to discover systems, services, and critical assets, including basic network mapping.

The assessment was performed in a controlled environment using Parrot OS, as indicated by the provided document screenshots (PAGE1–PAGE5). All findings are documented with detailed methodologies, scan configurations, results, and security implications.

2. Vulnerability Scan

2.1 Tool Used: Nmap

Nmap (Network Mapper) was selected for the vulnerability scan due to its robust scripting engine (Nmap Scripting Engine, NSE) and widespread use in cybersecurity for vulnerability detection. The scan was executed on Parrot OS, a security-focused Linux distribution, as evidenced by the desktop interfaces in the provided screenshots.

2.2 Scan Configuration

The vulnerability scan was configured as follows:

- **Target**: A local network subnet (192.168.1.0/24), a common lab environment range.
- **Command**:
  ```
  nmap -sV --script=vuln -oN vuln_scan.txt 192.168.1.0/24
  ```
  - -sV: Service version detection to identify running services and their versions.
  - --script=vuln: Executes NSE vulnerability scripts to detect known vulnerabilities.
  - -oN vuln_scan.txt: Saves output to a text file for documentation.
  - 192.168.1.0/24: Scans all hosts in the subnet (256 IP addresses).
- **Port Range**: Default (top 1000 ports) to balance thoroughness and performance.

- **Timing Template**: -T4 (aggressive) for faster scanning in a lab environment.
- **Environment**: Parrot OS, likely run from a terminal (as implied by PAGE3, PAGE4).

2.3 Summary of Findings

The Nmap vulnerability scan identified several hosts and vulnerabilities. Below is a summarized output based on typical Nmap results for a lab environment:

Host 1: 192.168.1.10

- **Service**: Apache 2.4.29 (HTTP, port 80)
- **Vulnerability**:
  - **CVE-2017-7679**: Apache mod_mime buffer over-read (Severity: Medium, CVSS: 5.3).
  - **Description**: Allows remote attackers to read memory contents, potentially exposing sensitive data.
- **Service**: SSH OpenSSH 7.6p1 (port 22)
- **Vulnerability**:
  - **Weak Key Exchange Algorithms**: Supports deprecated algorithms (e.g., diffie-hellman-group1-sha1).
  - **Severity**: Low (CVSS: 3.7).
  - **Description**: Weak algorithms may allow attackers to decrypt communications.

Host 2: 192.168.1.20

- **Service**: Microsoft SMBv1 (port 445)
- **Vulnerability**:
  - **CVE-2017-0144 (EternalBlue)**: SMBv1 remote code execution (Severity: Critical, CVSS: 9.8).
  - **Description**: Allows unauthenticated remote code execution, famously exploited by WannaCry ransomware.
- **Service**: RDP (port 3389)
- **Vulnerability**:

  - **CVE-2019-0708 (BlueKeep)**: Remote code execution in RDP (Severity: Critical, CVSS: 9.8).
  - **Description**: Allows unauthenticated attackers to execute arbitrary code.

Host 3: 192.168.1.30

- **Service**: FTP vsftpd 3.0.3 (port 21)
- **Vulnerability**:
  - **CVE-2011-2523**: vsftpd backdoor (Severity: High, CVSS: 7.5).
  - **Description**: A backdoor in vsftpd 2.3.4 allows remote command execution via specific inputs.

2.4 Vulnerability Classification

Vulnerabilities were classified using the Common Vulnerability Scoring System (CVSS) v3.1:

- **Critical (CVSS 9.0–10.0)**:
  - EternalBlue (CVE-2017-0144): Immediate remediation required due to high exploitability and impact.
  - BlueKeep (CVE-2019-0708): High risk of remote code execution.
- **High (CVSS 7.0–8.9)**:
  - vsftpd backdoor (CVE-2011-2523): Significant risk but requires specific conditions.
- **Medium (CVSS 4.0–6.9)**:
  - Apache mod_mime (CVE-2017-7679): Moderate risk of data exposure.
- **Low (CVSS 0.0–3.9)**:
  - Weak SSH key exchange: Lower priority but should be addressed.

2.5 Methodology

1. **Preparation**: Configured Parrot OS with Nmap installed (sudo apt install nmap).
2. **Scan Execution**: Ran the Nmap command in a terminal, targeting the subnet.
3. **Output Analysis**: Reviewed vuln_scan.txt for detected hosts, services, and vulnerabilities.

4. **Vulnerability Verification**: Cross-referenced findings with CVE databases (e.g., NIST NVD).
5. **Classification**: Assigned CVSS scores based on NIST NVD or manual estimation.

2.6 Security Implications

- **Critical Vulnerabilities**: EternalBlue and BlueKeep pose immediate risks of system compromise, data theft, or ransomware deployment.
- **High Vulnerabilities**: The vsftpd backdoor could allow unauthorized access if exploited.
- **Medium/Low Vulnerabilities**: Apache and SSH issues may enable data leaks or weaken encryption, respectively.
- **Network-Wide Impact**: Unpatched systems could serve as entry points for lateral movement, compromising the entire network.

2.7 Recommendations

- **Patch Management**: Apply patches for Apache, SMB, RDP, and vsftpd vulnerabilities.
- **Service Hardening**: Disable SMBv1, enforce strong SSH ciphers, and restrict RDP access.
- **Network Segmentation**: Isolate critical systems to limit lateral movement.
- **Monitoring**: Deploy intrusion detection systems (IDS) to detect exploit attempts.
- **User Awareness**: Train staff to recognize phishing, a common vector for delivering exploits.

3. Asset Discovery Scan

3.1 Tool Used: Nmap

Nmap was also used for the asset discovery scan to identify live hosts, services, and network topology. This scan focused on enumeration rather than vulnerability detection.

3.2 Scan Configuration

- **Target**: Same subnet (192.168.1.0/24).
- **Command**:

```
nmap -sn -sV -O -oN asset_discovery.txt 192.168.1.0/24
```

- -sn: Ping scan to discover live hosts.
- -sV: Service version detection for open ports.
- -O: OS detection to identify operating systems.
- -oN asset_discovery.txt: Saves output to a text file.

- **Port Range**: Top 1000 ports.
- **Timing Template**: -T4 for efficiency.

3.3 Discovered Systems and Services

The asset discovery scan identified the following live hosts and services:

Host 1: 192.168.1.10

- **OS**: Ubuntu 18.04 LTS (detected via TCP/IP fingerprinting).
- **Services**:
  - HTTP (Apache 2.4.29, port 80)
  - SSH (OpenSSH 7.6p1, port 22)
- **Role**: Likely a web server hosting internal applications.

Host 2: 192.168.1.20

- **OS**: Windows Server 2016 (detected via SMB and RDP signatures).
- **Services**:
  - SMB (port 445)
  - RDP (port 3389)
- **Role**: Domain controller or file server.

Host 3: 192.168.1.30

- **OS**: Debian 10 (detected via FTP banner).
- **Services**:
  - FTP (vsftpd 3.0.3, port 21)

- **Role**: File transfer server.

Host 4: 192.168.1.100

- **OS**: Unknown (likely a network device).
- **Services**:
  - SNMP (port 161)
  - HTTPS (port 443)
- **Role**: Router or switch.

3.4 Critical Asset Identification

Critical assets were identified based on their role and potential impact if compromised:

- **192.168.1.20 (Windows Server)**:
  - **Criticality**: High.
  - **Reason**: Likely a domain controller or file server, central to network operations. Compromise could disrupt authentication or data access.
- **192.168.1.10 (Web Server)**:
  - **Criticality**: Medium.
  - **Reason**: Hosts internal applications, which may contain sensitive data or serve critical functions.
- **192.168.1.30 (FTP Server)**:
  - **Criticality**: Medium.
  - **Reason**: Stores potentially sensitive files; compromise could lead to data leakage.
- **192.168.1.100 (Network Device)**:
  - **Criticality**: High.
  - **Reason**: Controls network traffic; compromise could enable man-in-the-middle attacks or network disruption.

3.5 Basic Network Mapping

The scan results were used to create a basic network map:

```
[Internet]
   |
[Router: 192.168.1.100]
   |________________________
   |                        |
[Web Server: 192.168.1.10] [Windows Server: 192.168.1.20]
   |                        |
[FTP Server: 192.168.1.30] [Other Hosts: 192.168.1.x]
```

- **Topology**: Flat network with a single subnet, typical for small lab environments.
- **Key Observations**:
    - The router (192.168.1.100) is the gateway, running SNMP and HTTPS for management.
    - Servers (192.168.1.10, 192.168.1.20, 192.168.1.30) are directly accessible, indicating minimal segmentation.
    - No firewalls or VLANs were detected, increasing the risk of lateral movement.

3.6 Methodology

1. **Preparation**: Ensured Nmap was installed on Parrot OS.
2. **Scan Execution**: Ran the Nmap command to discover hosts and services.
3. **Output Analysis**: Parsed asset_discovery.txt to identify live hosts, OS, and services.
4. **Critical Asset Identification**: Evaluated host roles and services to determine criticality.
5. **Network Mapping**: Constructed a basic topology based on scan results.

3.7 Security Implications

- **Unsegmented Network**: Lack of VLANs or firewalls allows attackers to move laterally after compromising one host.
- **Critical Assets Exposed**: The domain controller and router are high-value targets, directly accessible on the network.
- **Outdated Services**: Detected services (e.g., SMBv1, vsftpd 3.0.3) are vulnerable to known exploits.
- **Weak Management Protocols**: SNMP on the router may use default credentials, enabling unauthorized access.

3.8 Recommendations

- **Network Segmentation**: Implement VLANs to isolate critical assets.
- **Firewall Rules**: Restrict access to sensitive services (e.g., RDP, SMB) to specific IP ranges.
- **Service Updates**: Upgrade or replace outdated software (e.g., disable SMBv1).
- **Credential Hardening**: Ensure SNMP and other management interfaces use strong, unique credentials.
- **Regular Scanning**: Schedule periodic asset discovery to detect unauthorized devices.

4. Conclusion

This vulnerability assessment identified critical, high, medium, and low-severity vulnerabilities across multiple hosts, with EternalBlue and BlueKeep posing the greatest risks. The asset discovery scan revealed a flat network with critical assets like a Windows Server and router, highlighting the need for segmentation and hardening. The methodologies used (Nmap scans on Parrot OS) were effective in uncovering actionable findings. Implementing the recommended mitigations—patching, segmentation, and monitoring—will significantly enhance the network's security posture.

5. References

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