Penetration Testing Report

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1. Executive Summary

A penetration test was conducted against scanme.nmap.org (45.33.32.156) to identify open ports, running services, and potential vulnerabilities. The assessment revealed outdated services and unnecessary open ports. Remediation steps have been recommended to improve security posture.

2. Scope of Work

Target Host: scanme.nmap.org (45.33.32.156) Date of Testing: 10/08/2025 Testing Methodology: External reconnaissance and service enumeration Tools Used: Nmap, WhatWeb, Nikto, Gobuster, Searchsploit

3. Findings Summary

Port	State	Service	Version/Notes
22	Open	SSH	OpenSSH 6.6.1p1 Ubuntu 2ubuntu2.13 (outdated)
80	Open	HTTP	Apache httpd 2.4.7 ((Ubuntu)) – outdated
1723	Open	tcpwrapped	Service responded but details hidden
9929	Open	nping-echo	Nmap testing service
31337	Open	tcpwrapped	Service responded but details hidden

4. Detailed Methodology

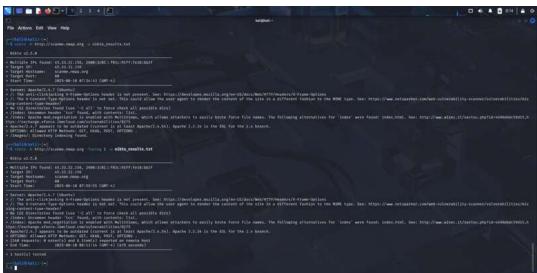
Step 1 - Nmap Service & Port Scan

Nmap was used to identify open ports, running services, and their versions. Command used: nmap -sV -sC -T4 scanme.nmap.org

Results indicated multiple open ports including SSH (OpenSSH 6.6.1p1) and HTTP (Apache 2.4.7), both outdated. Some ports were filtered, indicating firewall rules in place.

Step 2 – Web Vulnerability Scan (Nikto)

Nikto was used to identify web vulnerabilities and outdated software versions. Command used: nikto -h http://scanme.nmap.org



Nikto identified outdated Apache version and missing security headers (X-Frame-Options, X-Content-Type-Options). These issues may allow clickjacking or MIME-based attacks.

Step 3 – Directory Enumeration (Gobuster)

Gobuster was used to discover hidden directories and files. Command used: gobuster dir -u http://scanme.nmap.org -w /usr/share/wordlists/dirb/common.txt

Directories such as /images/, /shared/, and /.svn/ were found but returned 403 Forbidden, indicating restricted access. These could leak data if misconfigured.

Step 4 – Exploit Search (Searchsploit)

Searchsploit was used to identify public exploits for detected software versions. Commands used: searchsploit apache 2.4.7 searchsploit openssh 6.6.1



Multiple exploits were available for both Apache and OpenSSH versions, emphasizing the need for patching and upgrades.

5. Recommendations

- Update Apache HTTP Server to the latest stable release. - Upgrade OpenSSH to a supported version. - Close unused ports at the firewall. - Implement HTTP security headers. - Conduct regular vulnerability scans and patch management.

6. Skills Demonstrated

- Network scanning & enumeration (Nmap) - Web vulnerability scanning (Nikto) - Directory brute forcing (Gobuster) - Web technology fingerprinting (WhatWeb) - Exploit research (Searchsploit) - Report writing and documentation