

ARTEMIS GAS, INC Penetration Test Phase 3: Identify Vulnerabilities

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Phase 3 Introduction

Phase 3 will use input from Phase 1 and 2 in order to run vulnerability assessments and identify vulnerabilities in the target network. Client provided information should continue to be limited in order to maintain external perspective.

Activities conducted during Phase 3 may alert client's monitoring systems. Effort will be made by the testers in order to minimize disruptive traffic to client network/s. The client should continue to follow regular security protocols when systems are alerted. Findings and activities will be disclosed at the end of penetration testing activities in a final report.

Objective

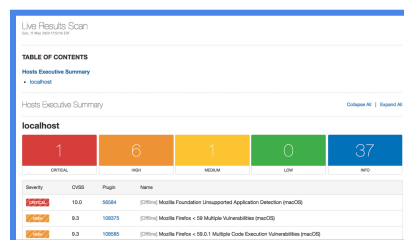
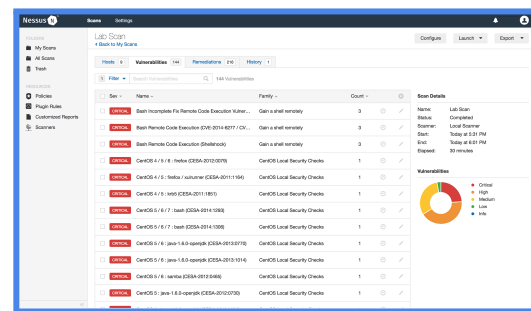
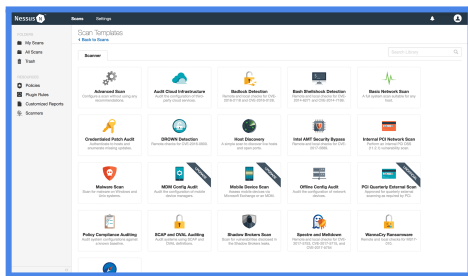
- Perform comprehensive vulnerability assessment scans to identify security weaknesses, misconfigurations, and security gaps in target systems

Vulnerability assessment tools to be used are:

1. [Nessus by Tenable](#) (*Network and Web*)
2. [GVM](#) (*Network and Web*)
3. [BurpSuite](#) (*Application*)
4. [ZAP Zed Attack Proxy](#) (*Network and Web*)
5. [OpenSCAP](#) (*Compliance*)

Nessus by Tenable

Source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.tenable.com/products/nessus
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Scans, define a target using IP, IP range, or domain • Select External Network Scan • Select Critical Systems Scan • Select Zero-Day Scan • In Scans, review Vulnerabilities to see found vulnerabilities with severity ratings • Choose Export to export reports for review
Pros	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides extensive vulnerability coverage • Paid version includes customer support
Cons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced features are locked in the paid Professional subscription • Higher learning curve for new Nessus users than compared to OpenVAS



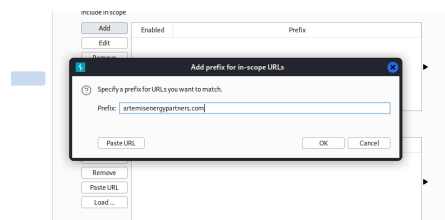
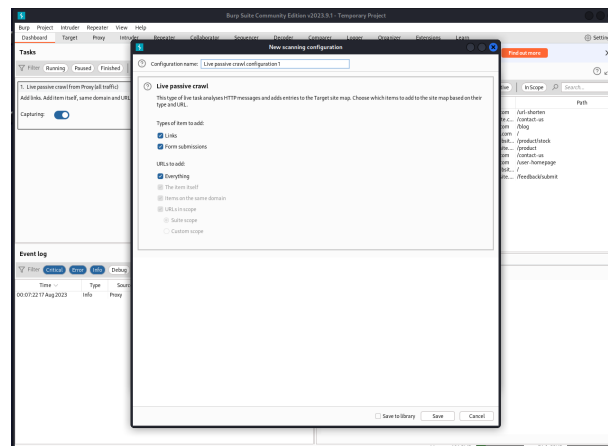
GVM (OpenVAS)

Source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.kali.org/tools/gvm/ • https://openvas.org/
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Targets, define (or import) target ip address range • In Assets, perform Asset Discovery to discover all assets in the network • In Scans, begin scan and select scan configuration • In Configurations, define and customize scan configurations • Review scan results in Results and comb through any false positives • Generate a comprehensive report in Reports • If any credentials are in possession, configure a scan to perform authenticated scan
Pros	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open-source • Comprehensive and customizable scanning
Cons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses a lot of computing resources • False positives and negatives need to be manually identified

The image displays two screenshots of the OpenVAS web interface. The left screenshot shows the 'New Target' form, which includes fields for Name, Comment, Hosts, Exclude Hosts, Port List, and Alive Test. The right screenshot shows the 'New Host' form, which includes fields for IP Address and Comment.

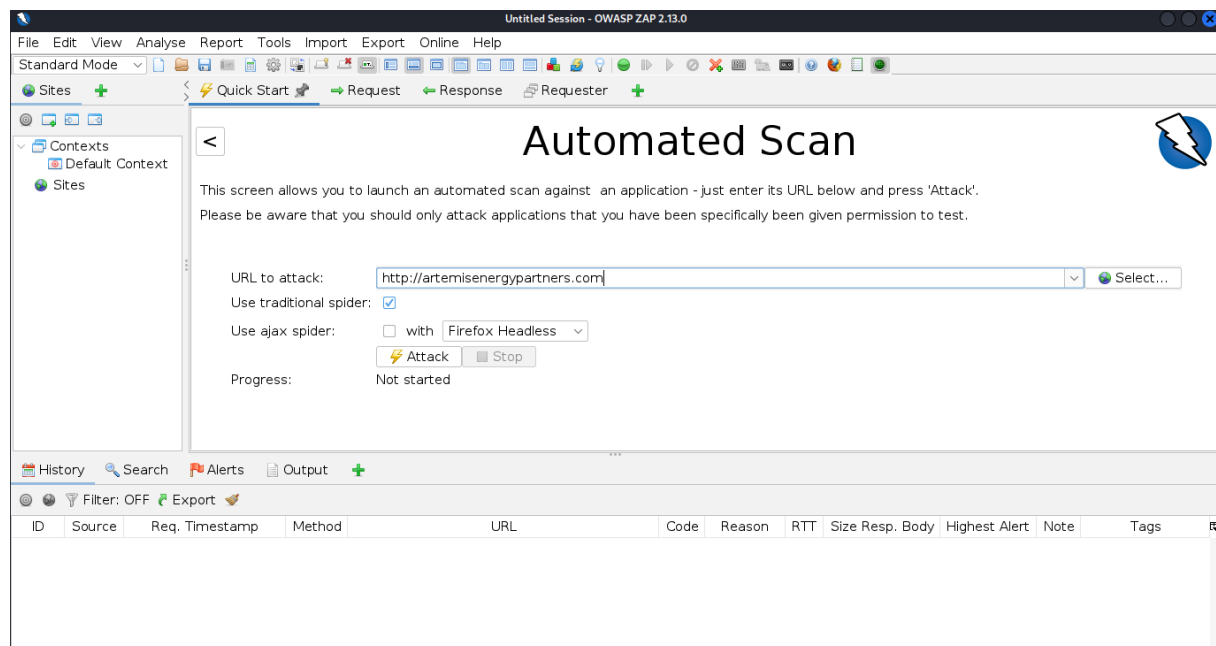
Burpsuite by PortSwigger Security

Source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.kali.org/tools/burpsuite/ • https://portswigger.net/
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use Spider to crawl web application for SQL injection vulnerabilities • Use Scanner to scan for XSS, CSRF, command injection, path traversal, file inclusion, SSRF, RCE, header injection, and sensitive data exposure vulnerabilities • User Intruder to test for authentication bypass and input validation bypass vulnerabilities
Pros	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automation of detection of common web vulnerabilities • Supports use of extensions and is updated frequently
Cons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced tools are locked in the Professional edition • Focuses on application-level testing, may not be best option for testing for network-level vulnerabilities



ZAP Zed Attack Proxy

Source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.kali.org/tools/zaproxy/ • https://www.zaproxy.org/
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In automated scan, enter URL to perform spidering and identify all related pages and components • In Proxy, use Proxy Mode to manually intercept and manipulate requests on Artemis Gas website's forms, logins, etc checking for potential manipulatable URL variables • In Reports, generate reports with findings
Pros	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open-source • Customizable scans, automation, and scripting
Cons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be resource intensive • Results will need to be analyzed for false positives and false negatives (will still require manual effort and also require manual effort in manual testing features)



OpenSCAP

Source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.open-scap.org/
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain a XCCDF XML file with defined benchmarks to assess compliance against • Check NIST Checklist Program, SCAP Security Guide, CIS Benchmarks • Run <code>oscap xccdf eval --profile selected_profile --results-arf arf.xml --report report.html [[PATH TO CXXDF BENCHMARKFILE.XML]]</code>
Pros	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automated compliance checks can reveal potential focus areas for infiltration • Generated reports can be immediately useful ‘action items’ for client in later reports
Cons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not as comprehensive for vulnerability scanning as other tools • May require authentication credentials for scanning • Vulnerabilities may need to be inferred based on non-compliance findings

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# oscap xccdf eval --profile xccdf_org.ssgproject.content_profile_rht-ccp --results-arf arf.xml --report report.html /usr/share/xml/scap/ssg/content/ssg-rhel6-ds.xml
Title Ensure /tmp Located On Separate Partition
Rule xccdf_org.ssgproject.content_rule_partition_for_tmp
Ident CCE-26435-8
Result fail

Title Ensure /var Located On Separate Partition
Rule xccdf_org.ssgproject.content_rule_partition_for_var
Ident CCE-26639-5
Result fail

Title Ensure /var/log Located On Separate Partition
Rule xccdf_org.ssgproject.content_rule_partition_for_var_log
Ident CCE-26215-4
Result fail

Title Ensure /var/log/audit Located On Separate Partition
Rule xccdf_org.ssgproject.content_rule_partition_for_var_log_audit
Ident CCE-26436-6
Result fail

Title Ensure Red Hat GPG Key Installed
Rule xccdf_org.ssgproject.content_rule_ensure_redhat_gpgkey_installed
Ident CCE-26506-6
Result fail

Title Ensure gpgcheck Enabled In Main Yum Configuration
Rule xccdf_org.ssgproject.content_rule_ensure_gpgcheck_globally_activated
Ident CCE-26709-6
Result pass

Title Ensure gpgcheck Enabled For All Yum Package Repositories
Rule xccdf_org.ssgproject.content_rule_ensure_gpgcheck_never_disabled
Ident CCE-26647-8
Result fail

Title Ensure Software Patches Installed
Rule xccdf_org.ssgproject.content_rule_security_patches_up_to_date
Ident CCE-27635-2
Result notchecked
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Phase 3 Conclusion

Phase 3 will require most time spent in system set-up and configuration. In a case where the tester is not already familiarized with a tool, additional time should be taken into consideration when scheduling.

Preparer Approval

Signature:

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Client Approval

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