

SCANNING PHASE

PHASE 1: NETWORK RECONNAISSANCE

Main objective: Learn a network topology

Some commands may provide some useful information!

DNS

DNS: Domain Name Server maps IP addresses to hostnames and vice versa

- DNS Interrogation: Learn location of web, email, firewall servers
- nslookup <@ip or domain> command provides information concerning machines

DNS CONTROL(S)

To Guard Security:

Don't give away information!

- Exclude internal network information in external name servers
- Eliminate HINFO records from name servers
- Prevent or restrict zone transfers to authorized machines/users

Restrict access to internal DNS from outside

- Disable inbound connections to TCP port 53: TCP zone transfer, UDP name lookups
- UDP name lookups sent as TCP requests when > 512 bytes
- Log inbound connections to port 53 to track potential attacks

traceroute: Provides list of routers between source and destination

To run:

[bash]\$ traceroute www.univ-tlse3.fr

[DOS]: tracert www.univ-tlse3.fr

traceroute can be run from multiple locations to learn multiple entry points into network

How traceroute operates:

- Traceroute uses ICMP_TIME_EXCEEDED messages
- Windows: Uses ICMP echo request packet
- UNIX: uses UDP or ICMP with –I option

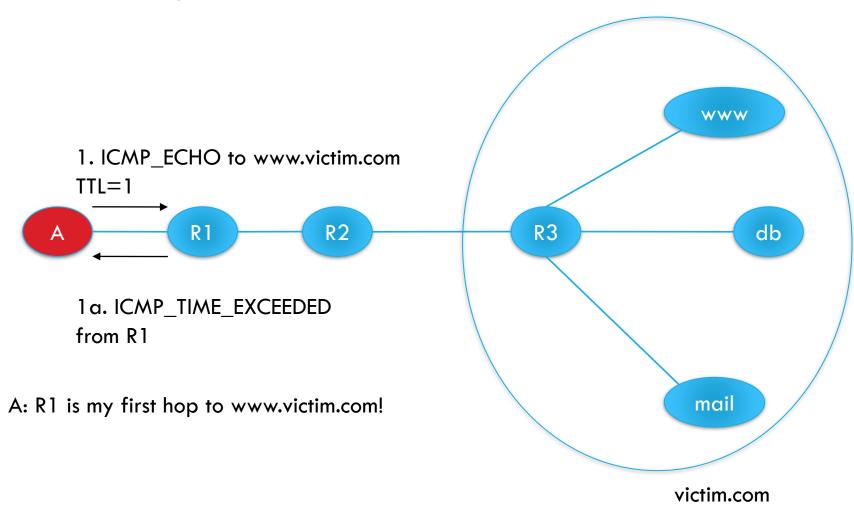
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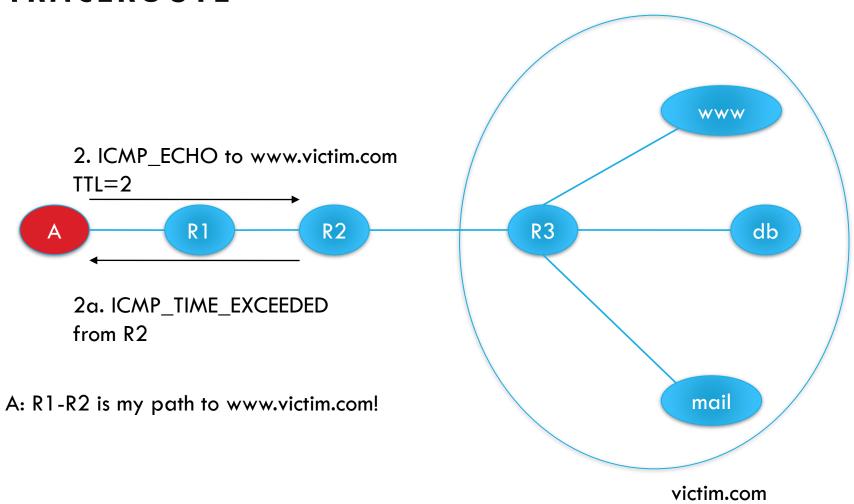
Do not permit pings from outside the network

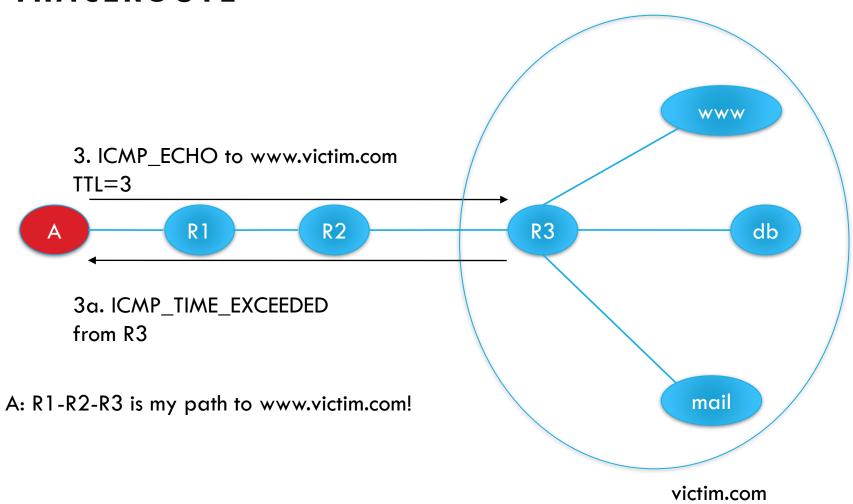
- Block ICMP and UDP at network edge (firewall or router)
- Note: Blocking only ICMP or UDP may allow access, since both may be used

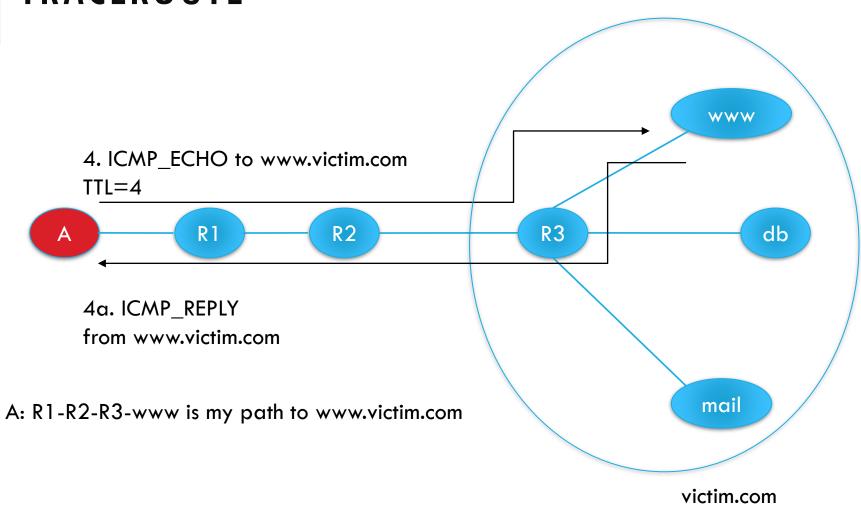
Detect attacks

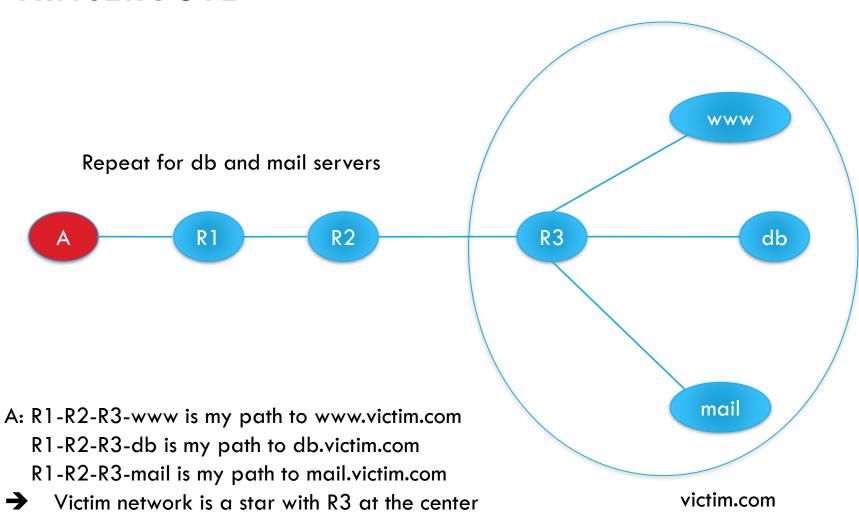
- Use IDS systems to detect traceroute requests
- <u>www.snort.org</u>: a free IDS program that detects these











RECONNAISSANCE: WHOIS

Whois provides information on:

Registrar: Sponsoring company

Organizational/Point of contact: Contact information

Whois databases include:

https://www.afnic.fr/fr/produits-et-services/services/whois/

https://www.ripe.net

Guard Security by:

Posting fictitious name in whois database

Keep contact information, contact registration in registry up-to-date

ASSIGNMENT

Find all information you can retrieve from **univ-toulouse.fr** domain

(IP addresses, mail servers, DNS, Names, phone numbers, ...)

You can use any tool you want ©

PHASE 2: SCANNING & ENUMERATION

Scanning

Host Scanning: Which IP addresses are valid?

Network Scanning: How is the network routing system organized?

Port Scanning: Which services are running on which ports?

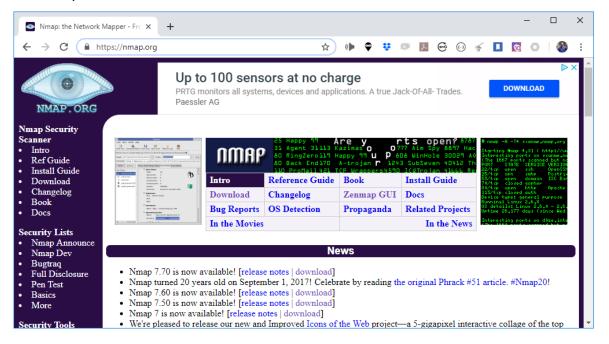
Enumeration

Fingerprinting: Which software versions are running on different sockets?

- Active fingerprinting: Send specific messages & observe replies
- Passive fingerprinting: Observe patterns in IP packets
- Stealth scanning: Slow scanning stays under intrusion detection radar screen

AN ANSWER ... NMAP (& ZENMAP)

Remember that ... it's illegal to use this in France (except on your own network)



https://www.cyberciti.biz/security/nmap-command-examples-tutorials/

HOST DISCOVERY

One of very first steps in network reconnaissance mission to reduce a (sometimes huge) set of IP ranges into a list of active or interesting hosts

- administrator uses an ICMP ping to locate hosts on internal network
- external penetration uses a diverse set of "probes" in an attempt to evade firewall restrictions
- Aka "ping" scan, but goes beyond ICMP echo request packets

PORT SCANNING

Goal of port scanning: find out which ports are open, closed, or filtered

- e.g., find out if a remote host is providing a service that is vulnerable to buffer overflow attack
- port scanning may involve all 65,535 ports or only the ports that are well-known to provide services vulnerable to security-related exploits

PORT SCANNING

A port is **open** on a machine if there is a running (server) process on the machine and the port is assigned to this process

 if a port on a remote host is open for incoming connection requests and you send it a SYN packet, the remote host will respond back with a SYN+ACK packet

A port is **filtered** if packets passing through that port are subject to filtering rules of a firewall

– if a port is filtered with something like an iptables based packet filter and you send it a SYN packet or an ICMP ping packet, you may not get back anything at all

If a port on a remote host is **closed** and you send it a SYN packet, the remote host will respond back with a RST packet

NMAP

nmap is more than just a port scanner

- listing open ports on a network
- trying to construct an inventory of all services running in a network
- trying to detect as to which operating system is running on each machine

NMAP

nmap comes with a large number of options for carrying out different security scans of a network such as:

- -sT: carries out a TCP connect() scan
- -sU: sends a dataless UDP header to every port (state of the port is inferred from the ICMP response packet [if there is such a response at all])
- -sP: "ping scanning" to determine which machines are up in a network
- -sV: "version detection"

DEFENSE AGAINST PORT SCANNING

- Close all unused ports
- Remove all unnecessary services
- Filter out all unnecessary traffic
- Find openings before the attackers do
- Use smart filtering, based on client's IP

VULNERABILITY SCANNING

The attacker knows OS and applications installed on live hosts

- He can now find for each combination
 - Vulnerability exploits
 - Common configuration errors
 - Default configuration

Vulnerability scanning tool uses a database of known vulnerabilities to generate packets

Vulnerability scanning is also used for sysadmin

DEFENSE AGAINST VULNERABILITY SCANNING

- Close your ports and keep systems patched
- Find your vulnerabilities before the attackers do

ENUMERATION CONTROLS

To Guard Security:

Evaluate computer from the inside

 Enumeration tools help the administrator to determine available services and evaluate vulnerabilities

Evaluate computer from the outside

- Scan to find unnecessary services from outside FW
 - -Can use **nmap** to scan your own machine or network

Disable all unnecessary services

- UNIX: comment out unnecessary services in /etc/init.d
- WINDOWS: Disable services via Control Panel/Services

AT THE END OF SCANNING PHASE

- Attacker has a list of "live" IP addresses
- Open ports and applications at live machines
- Some information about OS type and version of live machines
- Some information about application versions at open ports
- Information about network topology
- Information about firewall configuration

ASSIGNMENT

- Create a local network
- Plug some computers (yours and RPi for instance)

Scan your network and try to find vulnerabilities!