Introduction to Pentesting

Make sure you have Kali ready :)



Women in Cybersecurity Chapter Planning

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Aspiring Leaders are wanted to establish a new **Women in Cybersecurity Chapter at UMass**

 (Participation is not mutually exclusive with the UMass Cybersecurity Club)

Great Benefits!

- Scholarships
- Job Fairs & Career Workshops
- Exclusive Conferences & Competitions
- Skillbuilding
- Advocacy



Interest Form (Leadership or Members)



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What is Pentesting?

Ethical Hacking: A company hires you to simulate being an attacker, in order to find, exploit, and report vulnerabilities.

• "Pretending to be evil".





Stages of Pentesting

Open Source Intelligence (OSINT)

• Gather publicly available information on target

Enumeration

• Run various scanning tools on target, and gather information about running services, software they run, etc

Exploitation

• Use the previously gathered information to exploit a vulnerability you found to gain control over the system

Post Exploitation

• Escalate privileges and pivot to other machines in the network to gain **complete control over the entire network**



Some Essential Networking Knowledge: IP

- **IP Address:** identifies device on network or the internet so data can be routed to correct destination.
 - **IPv4**: 4 numbers (each between 0 to 255) separated by dots.
 - localhost: 127.0.0.1
 - *ifconfig:* Linux command to get IP address



IPv4 IP Address example



Some Essential Networking Knowledge: Ports

Port: Each IP address has 65535 ports that help with sorting network traffic.

Different network protocols happen different at port numbers (0-1023 are well defined)

Network Protocol	Port Number(s)
SSH	22
HTTP/HTTPS	80/443
SMB	139/445



Netcat

A powerful networking tool to send and receive information over different protocols.

• Main tool used to catch reverse shells.

> Demo Time!



Netcat Demo

Try it yourself! See if you can connect to yourself as localhost and then connect to our device on:

IP - 52.72.210.209

Port - 12345

Listener - nc -lvp <PORT #>

Client - nc <IP Address> <PORT #>



Some More Essential Knowledge: Server

A specialized device or software that provides functionality for other devices.

Example: web servers, email servers, Minecraft servers, etc.

Client - requests services/information from server





Virtual Private Network - VPN

Creates a tunnel between us and another network.





Nmap

Mostly wide used port scanner used to get information about targets

Provide an IP address and will identify ports and their service version

Includes a scripting engine for finding specific exploits





Nmap Practice

Try doing a nmap scan on **52.72.210.209** and discuss the following with the people around you:

- Number of services open
- Port numbers

Then try doing it with the -sV for service enumeration and discuss what happens:



Finding Exploitable Services

- Use Google to search for versions of service and look for vulnerabilities
 - *Example*: Apache 2.2.11 exploit
- Large public database <u>exploit-db.com</u>
- Searchsploit search for exploits using enumerated info
 - o <u>manual</u>
- Online cheat sheets Google: *hacktricks <service name>*



Shell and Reverse Shell

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Shell: program that can execute commands that interact with your computer's operating system

Reverse Shell: a shell connection that allows you to make commands to a remote machine (<u>revshells.com</u> - DEMO on netcat)



Metasploit!

Multifunctional Pentesting tool used to automate process of running and finding exploits

> **DEMO TIME!!!** icecast

Open by typing in Kali terminal: msfconsole

Cheatsheet



Collegiate Pentesting Competition (CPTC)

- Given fictional company infrastructure to hack and team that finds the most vulnerabilities
- Defending New England Champion
- Talk to us <u>ASAP</u> (after the workshop) if interested!
 - We have a deadline of
 tomorrow to finalize the team!





Hands on Practice

Blue Lab: https://tryhackme.com/room/blue

- 1. Register and login to TryHackMe.
- 2. Go to the room by visiting the link above.
- 3. Click "Start Machine".
- 4. CONNECT USING THE OPENVPN CONFIG. VERY IMPORTANT!
- 5. Use **Nmap** to see what services are running.
- 6. Run vulnerability checks with **Nmap.**
- 7. Exploit with *msfconsole*.



How to Learn More?

- Vulnerable machines to hack: <u>hackthebox.com</u>
 - Write-ups for retired boxes can be found here: <u>lppSec</u>
- TryHackMe: tryhackme.com
- **Red Team/Blue Team Simulations** (one this Friday).
- **COMPSCI 561**: System Defense and Test

