CEH Lab Manual

Vulnerability Analysis

Module 05

Vulnerability Scanning

Vulnerability Scanning refers to auditing hosts, ports, and services running in a network to assess the security posture and search for security loopholes.

Lab Scenario

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☐ Tools
demonstrated in
this lab are
available in
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Earlier, all possible information about the target, such as IP address range and network topology were gathered.

Now, as an ethical hacker, or pen-tester, your next step will be to perform port scanning, network scanning, and vulnerability scanning on the IP addresses obtained in the information gathering phase. This will help in identifying IP/host name, ports, services, live hosts, vulnerabilities, and services running on the target network.

Port scanning will help in identifying the open ports and the services running on specific ports, which involves connecting to TCP and UDP system ports. Port scanning is used to find out the vulnerabilities in the services running on a port.

Vulnerability scanning determines the possibility of network security attacks. It evaluates the organization's systems and network for vulnerabilities such as missing patches, unnecessary services, weak authentication, and weak encryption. Vulnerability scanning is a critical component of any penetration testing assignment.

The labs in this module will provide you with real-time experience in network scanning and vulnerability scanning.

Lab Objectives

The objective of this lab is to help students in conducting vulnerability scanning, analyzing the network vulnerabilities, and so on.

You need to perform a network scan to:

- Check live systems and open ports
- Perform banner grabbing and OS fingerprinting
- Identify network vulnerabilities
- Draw network diagrams of vulnerable hosts

Lab Environment

In this lab, you need:

- Windows Server 2016 system
- Windows Server 2012 system
- Windows 10 system
- Windows 8 system
- Kali Linux system

- A Web browser with Internet access
- Administrative privileges to run tools and perform scans

Lab Duration

Time: 40 Minutes

Overview of Vulnerability Scanning

Vulnerability scanning is a process of identifying security vulnerabilities of systems in a network to determine if and where a system can be exploited. Network scanning is a procedure for identifying active hosts on a network, either for the purpose of attacking them or for network security assessment. Scanning procedures such as ping sweeps and port scans gather information about which IP addresses map to live hosts that are active on the network, and services running on it.

Lab Tasks



Recommended labs to assist in scanning networks:

- Vulnerability Analysis using Nessus
- Scanning for Network Vulnerabilities using the GFI LanGuard
- CGI Scanning with Nikto

Lab Analysis

Ensure you have a copy of the additional readings handed out for this lab.

Analyze and document the results related to the lab exercise. Give opinion on your target's security posture and exposure using information collected through scanning.

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Vulnerability Analysis using Nessus

Nessus allows to remotely audit a network and determine if it has been broken into or misused in some way. It also provides the ability to locally audit a specific machine for vulnerabilities.

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Lab Scenario

Different types of scanning on target network reveals open ports and services running on the target network system. Next step should be vulnerability scanning to detect possible vulnerabilities of the system in the target network. So, as a professional ethical hacker or penetration tester, you should be able to perform vulnerability scanning on the target network. This lab will demonstrate how to perform vulnerability scanning on the target network.

Lab Objectives

This lab will give real-time experience while using the Nessus tool to scan for network vulnerabilities.

Lab Environment

demonstrated in this lab are available in Z:\CEH-

Tools\CEHv10 Module 05 Vulnerability Analysis

Tools

To carry out this lab, you need:

- Nessus, located at Z:\CEH-Tools\CEHv10 Module 05 Vulnerability Analysis\Vulnerability Assessment Tools\Nessus. You can also download the latest version of Nessus from the link http://www.tenable.com/products/nessus/select-your-operatingsystem, If you decide to download the latest version, then screenshots shown in the lab might differ
- Windows Server 2016 system
- Windows Server 2012 system
- A web browser with Internet access
- Administrative privileges to run the Nessus tool

Lab Duration

Time: 20 Minutes

Overview of Vulnerability Scanning

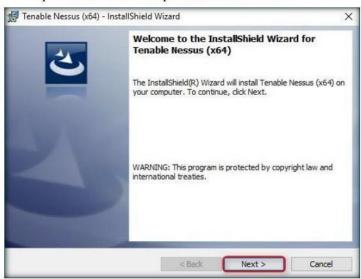
Vulnerability scanning is a type of security assessment activity performed by security professionals on their home network. It helps in finding possible network vulnerabilities.

Lab Tasks



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- 1. Launch Windows Server 2012 virtual machine before beginning this lab.
- Switch to Windows Server 2016, navigate to Z:CEH-Tools\CEHv10
 Module 05 Vulnerability Analysis\Vulnerability Assessment
 Tools\Nessus, and double-click Nessus-7.0.2-x64.msi.
- 3. If the Open File Security Warning pop-up appears, click Run.
- Tenable Nessus Installation Wizard appears. Follow the installation steps to install Nessus. Accept all installation defaults.



Nessus is designed to automate the testing and discovery of known security problems.

Nessus security scanner includes NASL (Nessus Attack Scripting Language).

FIGURE 1.1: The Nessus Install Shield Wizard

- During installation, if a Windows Security pop-up appears, click Install or skip to the next step.
- 6. During installation, if a **winPcap** pop-up appears, cancel the installation and skip to the next step.
- 7. After installation, Nessus opens in the default browser.

8. The Nessus window appears. Click Connect via SSL button to proceed.



Nessus probes a range of addresses on a network to determine which hosts are alive.

FIGURE 1.2: Nessus window

Note: Throughout the lab, the logo of Nessus and the page background may differ in your lab environment.

9. Your connection is not private window appears. Click ADVANCED.

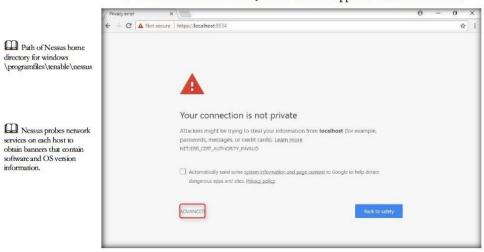
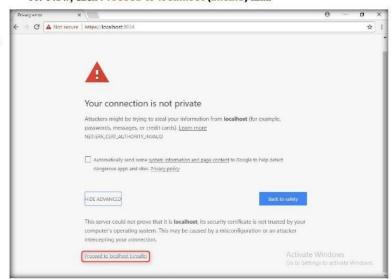


FIGURE 1.3: Browser Security Webpage

10. Now, click Proceed to localhost (unsafe) link.

During the installation and daily operation of Nessus, manipulating the Nessus service is generally not required

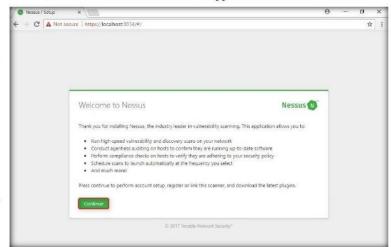


Nessus is public Domain software licensed under the GPL.

FIGURE 1.4: Browser Security Webpage

11. The Welcome to Nessus window appears. Click the Continue button.

Due to the technical implementation of SSL certificates, it is not possible to ship a certificate with Nessus that would be trusted to browsers.

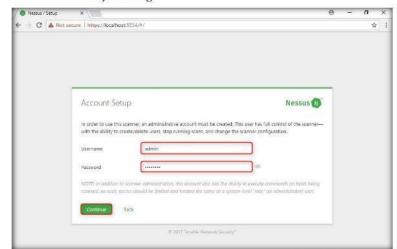


The Nessus Server
Manager used in Nessus 4 has
been deprecated

FIGURE 1.5: Welcome to Nessus window

- 12. Account Setup window appears.
- Nessus has the ability to test SSLized services such as http, smtps, imaps and more.
- 13. Create credentials for administrative control of the scanner. You can use "admin" and "password" here, then click Continue.

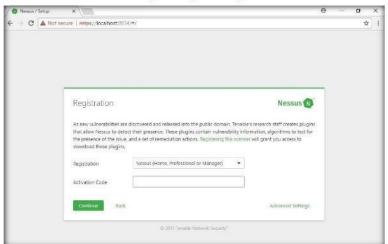
14. These credentials will be used to log in to Nessus at the time of vulnerability scanning.



warning, a custom certificate to your organization must be used.

FIGURE 1.6: Account Setup window

15. The Registration window appears, enter an activation code in that. Navigate to the Tenable web page and register for an activation code. Proceed to the next step to complete the process.



If you are using the Tenable SecurityCenter, the Activation Code and plugin updates are managed from SecurityCenter. Nessus needs to be started to be able to communicate with SecurityCenter, which it will normally not do without a valid Activation Code and plugins.

FIGURE 1.7: Plugin Feed Registration window

 Open a new tab in the browser and type the link http://www.tenable.com/products/nessus-home in the address bar. Press Enter. 17. The Nessus home page appears. Enter the details under Register for an Activation Code, fill in the required details and click Register. You can use an alias, but you will need a valid e-mail to retrieve the activation code. Consider creating an alias e-mail account if you do not have one.



If you do not register your copy of Nessus, you will not receive any new plugins and will be unable to start the Nessus server. Note: The Activation Code is not case sensitive.

FIGURE 1.8: Registering with Nessus for an activation code

- 18. Once it's done, close the window.
- Log in to your email account, open the mail from Tenable Nessus, and copy the activation code.

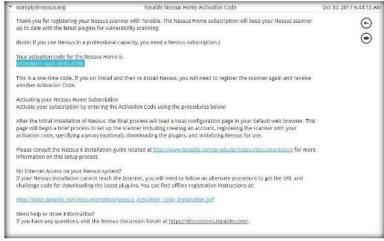


FIGURE 1.9: Activation code sent to your personal mail

The updated Nessus

security checks database is can be retrieved with

commands nessus-updated-

plugins.

20. Switch to the Registration window, and paste the activation code in the Activation Code text field. Click Continue.

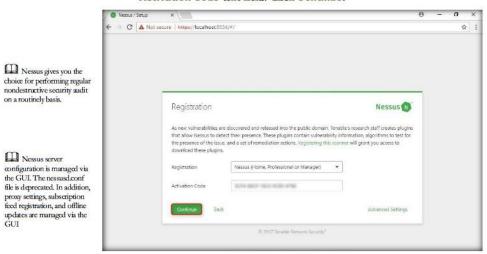


FIGURE 1.10: Registration window

21. Nessus will start fetching the plugins and will install them. It will take time to download plugins and perform the initialization.



FIGURE 1.11: Nessus fetching the newest plugin set

compiled, the Nessus GUI will initialize and the Nessus server will start.

Once the plugins have been downloaded and

Nessus server

22. Nessus begins to initialize, it takes some time to initialize.



FIGURE 1.12: Nessus being initialized

23. On completion of initialization, the Nessus Log In page appears.



FIGURE 1.13: Nessus Log In screen

☐ To add a new policy, dick Policies → Add Policy.

For the item SSH user name, enter the name of the account that is dedicated to Nessus on each of the scan target systems.

New policies are configured using the Credentials tab. 24. Enter the Username and Password from the prior Initial Account Setup step (Recommended User: admin; Password: password), and click Sign In.



FIGURE 1.14: Signing into Nessus

25. After successful login, the Nessus/ Scans window opens, as shown in the screenshot below:

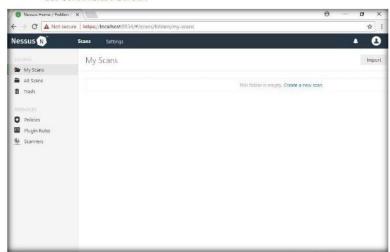


FIGURE 1.15: The Nessus Scans window

Add a Network

26. To add a new policy, click **Policies** button in the **RESOURCES** menu on the left pane.



FIGURE 1.16: The Nessus Policies window

27. The Nessus/ Policies window opens; click Create a new policy.



FIGURE 1.17: Adding a new policy in Nessus

28. Policy Templates window appears, click Advanced Scan.

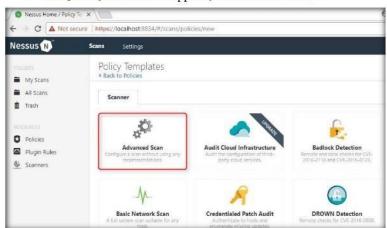


FIGURE 1.18: Choosing Advance Policy from the policy templates

Configure a
Network Policy

29. The Policy General Settings section with BASIC setting type appears, specify a policy name in the Name field (NetworkScan_Policy), and give a Description about the policy.

WARNING: Any changes to the Nessus scanner configuration will affect ALL Nessus users. Edit these options carefully

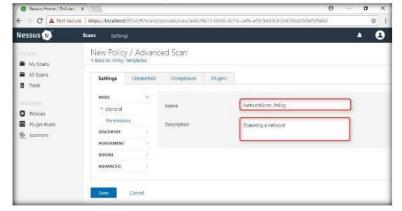


FIGURE 1.19: Customizing the general settings

 In Setting field, select Host Discovery from the DISCOVERY drop-down list. Turn off Ping the remote host option.

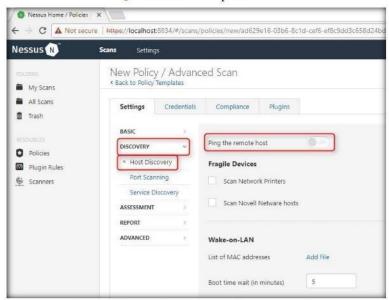


FIGURE 1.20: Policy General Settings window with Port Scanning Setting Type

31. Select Port Scanning setting type and check the Verify open TCP ports found by local port enumerators option. Leave the other fields with default options, as shown in the screenshot.

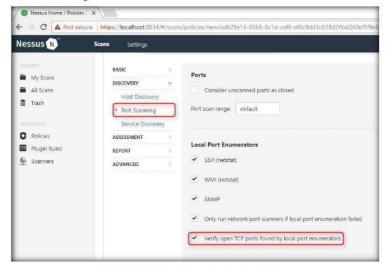


FIGURE 1.21: Customizing the Port Scanning Setting Type

- 32. In the **Setting** field, select **REPORT** and do not alter any options in this Setting type.
- 33. Proceed with default options as shown in the screenshot below:

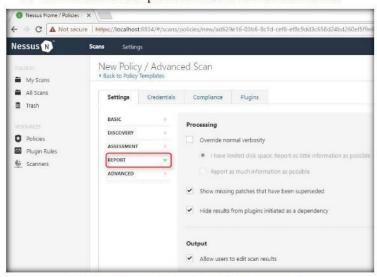


FIGURE 1.22: Policy General Settings window with Performance Setting Type

34. In the Setting field, select ADVANCED. The Policy General Settings window with Advanced Setting type appears.

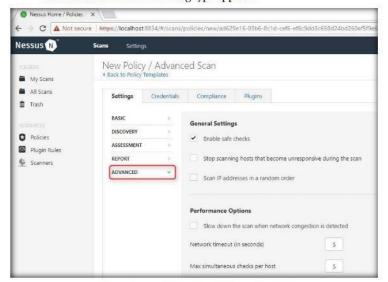


FIGURE 1.23: Customizing the Performance Setting Type

35. Set the values of Max number of concurrent TCP sessions per host and Max number of concurrent TCP sessions per scan to unlimited.

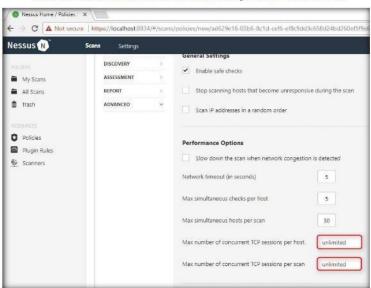


FIGURE 124: Policy General Settings window with Advanced Setting Type

The most effective credentials scans are those for which the supplied credentials have root privileges.

36. To configure the credentials of new policy, click the Credentials tab. The Policy Credentials window, with the Windows Credentials Credential Type field, is displayed, as shown in the following screenshot:

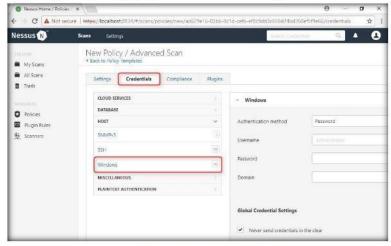


FIGURE 1.25: Adding Policies and setting Credentials

37. Specify the **Username** (same as shown in the screenshot) and **Password** in the window. Here, specify the credentials as **AD143/qwerty@123**.

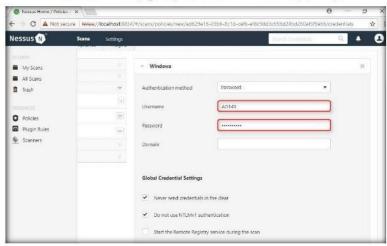
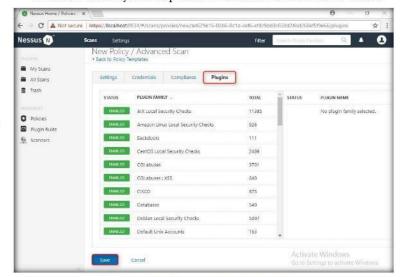


FIGURE 1.26: Customizing the windows credentials

38. To select the required plugins, click the Plugins tab.

39. Do not alter any of the options in this window and click Save button.



If the policy is successfully added, then the Nessus server displays a confirmation message.

If you are using Kerberos, you must configure

a Nessus scanner to authenticate a KDC.

FIGURE 1.27: The Nessus - Policy Plugin Configurations window

40. A **Policy saved successfully** notification pop-up appears, and the policy is added in the Policies window as shown in the following screenshot:

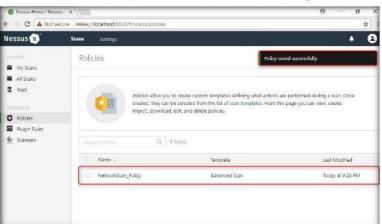


FIGURE 1.28: The Nessus - Policies window with the newly added policy

To scan the window, input the field name, type, policy, scan target, and target file.

41. Now, click Scans to open the My Scans window. Click Create a new scan option to view the Scan Templates window as shown in the screenshot.



FIGURE 1.29: Setting a new scan in Nessus

42. Now, click User Defined tab and select NetworkScan Policy.

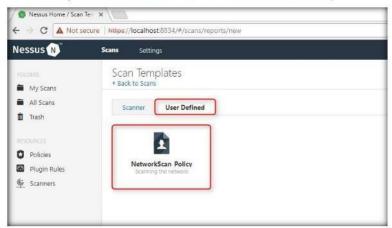


FIGURE 1.30: Setting a new scan in Nessus

43. Input the Name of the scan (here, Local Network), enter the Description for the scan, in Targets field, enter the IP address of the target on which you want to perform the vulnerability assessment. In this lab, it is Windows Server 2012 virtual machine whose IP address is 10.10.10.12.

Note: The IP addresses may vary in your lab environment.

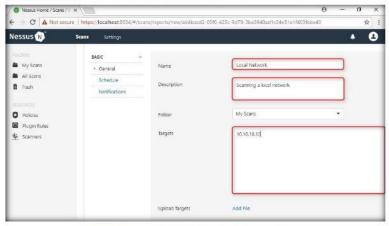


FIGURE 1.31: Configuring the basic settings in the scans window

A TASK 4 Launch a **Network Scan**

Nessus has the ability to

save configured scan policies, network targets, and reports

44. Click Schedule settings and turn off the Enabled switch, select Launch from the drop-down list to start the scan.

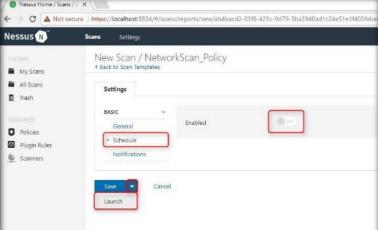


FIGURE 1.32: Setting a scan schedule

45. The scan is launched, and Nessus begins to scan the target.

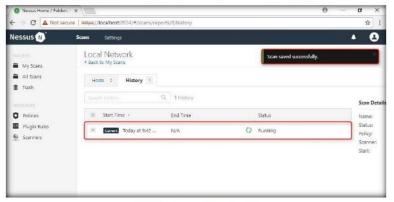


FIGURE 1.33: Local Network scanning

- 46. After the scan is complete, the status of the scan changes to Completed.
- 47. Click the tab to view the detailed results.

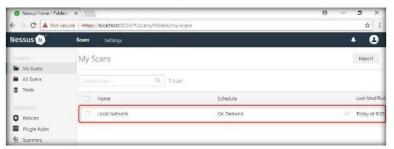


FIGURE 1.34: Selecting local network scan

A TASK 5

Vulnerabilities

Examine the

48. The Local Network window opens, displaying the summary of hosts as well as **Scan Details**, as shown in the following screenshot:

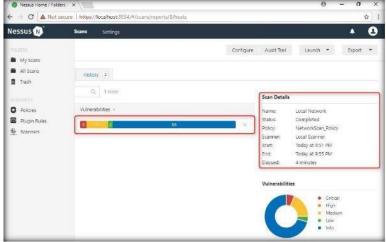


FIGURE 1.35: Hosts Summary window

49. Click the Vulnerabilities tab, and scroll down the window to view all the vulnerabilities associated with the target machine.

Note: The list of vulnerabilities may differ in your lab environment.

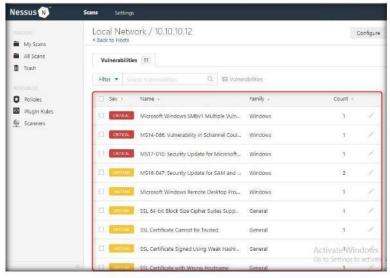


FIGURE 1.36: Vulnerability Summary window

If you are manually creating "nessusre" files, there are several parameters that can be configured to specify SSH authentications. Click these vulnerabilities to view detailed report about each of them. For instance, in this lab, Microsoft Windows SMBv1 Multiple Vulnerabilities is selected.

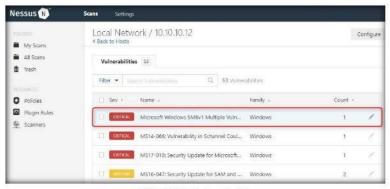


FIGURE 1.37: Selecting vulnerability

51. The report appears as shown in the following screenshot:

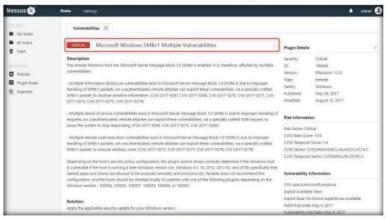


FIGURE 1.38: Vulnerability report

To stop Nessus server, open the Nessus Server Manager, and click the Stop Nessus Server button. 52. On completing the vulnerability analysis, first click Scans and then click the recently performed scan (here named as Local Network). 53. You may download the report for future reference. To download a report, login to Nessus, open the Scans section, and select the Local Network scan.



FIGURE 1.39: Selecting Local Network Scan

54. Click the **Export** tab, and choose a file format (here, **HTML**) from the drop-down list. By downloading a report, you can access it anytime, instead of logging in to Nessus again and again.

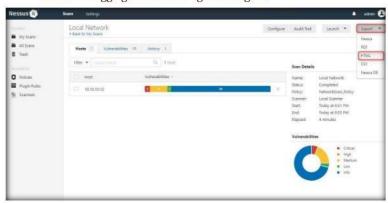


FIGURE 1.40: Exporting Report to HTML Format

55. The Export as HTML window opens with Executive Summary as default report type, click Export to download the report.



FIGURE 1.41: Export as HTML window appears

56. When the Report download completes, click the downloaded content to open it.



FIGURE 1.42: Chapters Added to Report Content

57. Choose a browser to view the HTML file.

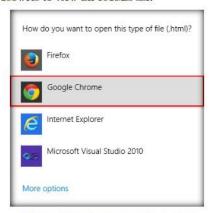


FIGURE 1.43: Choosing a browser to view the HTML

- 58. The Nessus Scan Report appears in the web browser as shown in the following screenshot:
 - Note: Screenshots might differ in your lab environment.



FIGURE 1.44: Vulnerability Report Displayed in HTML Format

59. You can choose a chapter from the Table Of Contents by clicking on it.



FIGURE 1.45: Viewing a Vulnerability in the Report

60. The selected vulnerability details are listed, as shown in the following screenshot:



FIGURE 1.46: Details of the Selected Vulnerability

61. In this way, you can select a vulnerability of your choice to view the complete details.

62. Once the vulnerability analysis is done, click admin → Sign Out.



FIGURE 1.47: Signing out of Nessus

63. Once the session is successfully logged out, the following window appears stating: Signed out successfully. Goodbye, admin. Close the browser.

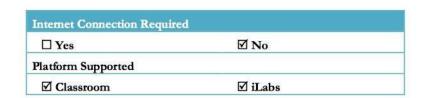


FIGURE 1.48: Signed out successfully

Lab Analysis

Document all the results and reports gathered during the lab.

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Scanning for Network Vulnerabilities using the GFI LanGuard

GFI LanGuard scans networks and ports to detect, assess, and correct any security vulnerabilities found.

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■ Web exercise

Workbook review

Lab Scenario

Scanning vulnerabilities using only one vulnerability-scanning tool might not be sufficient. As a professional ethical hacker or pen-tester, you should always try to perform vulnerability scanning with different kinds of vulnerability scanning tools. It is important to become proficient in using different kinds of vulnerability scanning tools and techniques. This lab demonstrates the vulnerability scanning with another vulnerability-scanning tool.

Lab Objectives

The objective of this lab is to help students conduct vulnerability scanning using GFI LanGuard network vulnerability scanner.

Lab Environment

The following are required to perform this lab:

- Register on the GFI website http://www.gfi.com/products-and-solutions/network-security-solutions/gfi-languard/download to obtain a license key
- For subscription and activation code, you will receive an email with an activation code
- If the latest version is downloaded, then screenshots shown in the lab might differ
- Windows Server 2016 system required
- Windows 10 in a virtual machine

Tools
demonstrated in
this lab are
available in
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You can download GFI LanGuard from http://www.gfi.com. Administrator privileges to run the GFI LanGuard Network Security Scanner

Lab Duration

Time: 15 Minutes

Overview of GFI LanGuard

GFI LanGuard can help in discovering and listing vulnerabilities of the operating system on remote computers (missing security patches), as well as vulnerabilities of installed software, system configuration, and so on.

Lab Tasks

- Launch a web browser, type the URL http://www.gfi.com/products-andsolutions/network-security-solutions/gfi-languard/download in the address bar, and press Enter.
- The GFI LanGuard registration page appears. Enter details, and click GET STARTED FOR FREE.



FIGURE 2.1: GFI LanGuard Registration page

CFI LanGuard compatibly works on Microsoft Windows Server 2008 Standard/Enterprise, Windows Server 2003 Standard/Enterprise, Windows 7 Ultimate, Microsoft Small Business Server 2008 Standard, Small Business Server 2008 Standard, Small Business Server 2000 (SP2).

Register and Download GFI LanGuard

GFI LanGuard includes default configuration settings that allow you to run immediate scans soon after you have completed the installation.

3. You will be redirected to the download page, click Download Now.

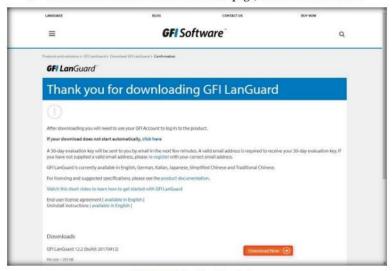


FIGURE 2.2: GFI Lan Guard Download page



 The application is downloaded on the local drive. Navigate to the download location and double-click languard.exe to install.



FIGURE 2.3: GFI LanGuard exe file

- 5. If the Open File Security Warning pop-up appears, click Run.
- 6. GFI LanGuard dialog box appears, select preferred language and click OK.

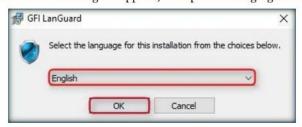


FIGURE 2.4: Selecting a language

 GFI LanGuard wizard appears with selected components for installation, click Next to proceed.



FIGURE 2.5: Installation wizard

Database Configuration window opens, key in the SQL server name (here, .\SQLEXPRESS). Click OK.

Note: The SQL server name might differ in your lab environment.

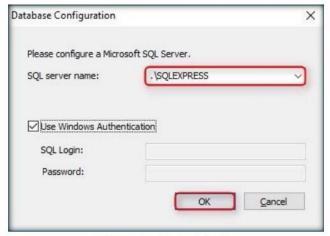


FIGURE 2.6: GFI LanGuard installation window

 Wait until the necessary files are downloaded. Log in to the mail account created at the time of registration, open the received mail sent from GFI Downloads, and copy the license key.

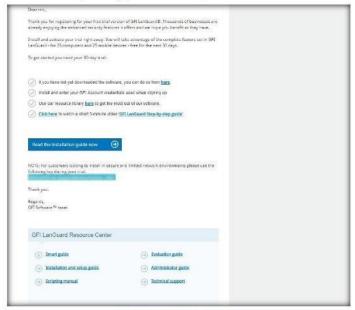


FIGURE 2.7: GFI LanGuard Trial Key

 Now, maximize the GFI LanGuard Liscense Key window. Specify the License Key received. Click OK.

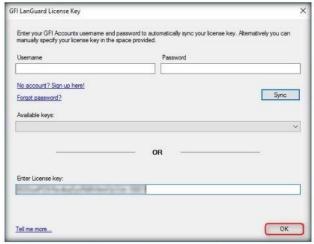


FIGURE 2.8: GFI LanGuard License window

11. The GFI LanGuard Setup window opens; click Next.



FIGURE 29: GFI LanGuard Setup window

 End-User License Agreement window appears, accept the terms and click Next.



FIGURE 2.10: GFI LanGuard License agreement

13. In the Attendant service credentials section, leave the Name field (Administrator user account) set to its default, and enter the Password of the admin account; and click Next >.

Note: The Name field might differ in your lab environment.



FIGURE 2.11: GFI LanGuard Attendant service credentials section

14. In the Choose Destination Location section, select the location where you want to install the application, and click Install.



FIGURE 2.12: Choosing a folder location

 The GFI LanGuard Central Management Server Setup window opens; click Next.



FIGURE 2.13: GFI LanGuard Central Management Server Setup window

16. In the Service logon information section, leave the User Name field (Administrator user account) set to its default, and enter the Password of the admin account, and click Next.

Note: The Name field might differ in your lab environment.



FIGURE 2.14: GFI LanGuard Service logon information section

17. HTTPS Settings section appears, leave the name to default and click

Note: The Name field might differ in your lab environment.



FIGURE 2.15: GFI LanGuard HTTPS Settings section

18. In the **Destination Folder** section, choose the location where you want to install the application, and click **Next**.

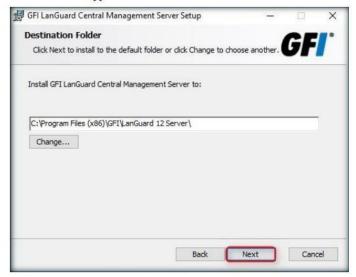


FIGURE 2.16: Choosing a folder destination

19. The Ready to install section appears, click Install to proceed.



FIGURE 2.17: GFI LanGuard Central Management Server Setup window

- Once the installation is complete, it takes some time for the application to load.
- A GFI LanGuard pop-up appears on the main window of the application.
 Click Continue evaluation.



software (IDS) is running during scans, GFI LanGuard sets off a multitude of IDS warnings and intrusion alerts in these applications.

If intrusion detection

FIGURE 2.18: GFI LanGuard pop-up

A TASK 3

Configure GFI LanGuard

- 22. The GFI LanGuard main window opens, and it begins to inspect the security status of the local computer.
- 23. Click Launch a Scan or View details.

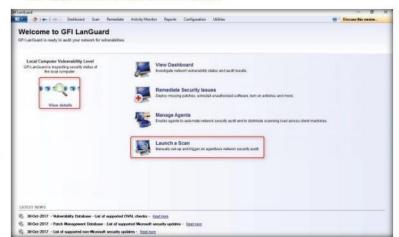


FIGURE 2.19: Launching a scan in GFI LanGuard

24. A window indicates that a scan on the local machine is already in progress.

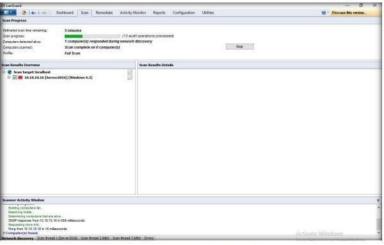


FIGURE 2.20: GFI LanGuard scanning the local machine

Note: You may allow the scan to finish analyzing vulnerabilities in the host machine.

- Custom scans are recommended:
- When performing a onetime scan with particular scanning parameters/profiles
- When performing a scan for particular network threats and/or system information
- To perform a target computer scan using a specific scan profile

For large network environments, a Microsoft SQL Server/MSDE database backend is recommended instead of the Microsoft Access database.

25. Click **Stop** to halt the vulnerability scan on the host machine.

Quick scans have relatively short scan duration times compared to full scans, mainly because quick scans perform vulnerability checks of only a subset of the entire database. It is recommended to run a quick scan at least once a week.

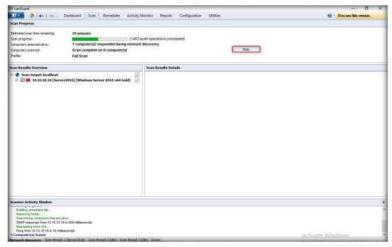


FIGURE 2.21: Stopping the scan

26. A Stop scanning confirmation window appears. Click Yes.

- Types of scans:
 Scan a single computer: Scans a local host or one specific computer.
 Scan a range of
- Scan a range of computers: Scans a number of computers defined through an IP range.
- Scan a list of computers: Imports a list of targets from a file or to select targets from a network list.
- Scan computers in text file: Scans targets enumerated in a specific text file.
- Scan a domain or workgroup: Scans all targets connected to a domain or workgroup.

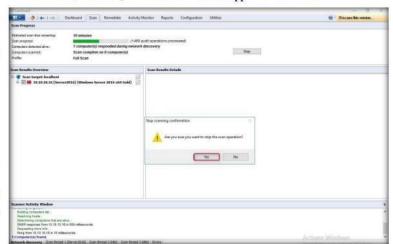


FIGURE 2.22: Stopping the scan

A TASK 4

Scan a Target

27. The Launch a New Scan section appears, specify the details required to scan a target/virtual machine.

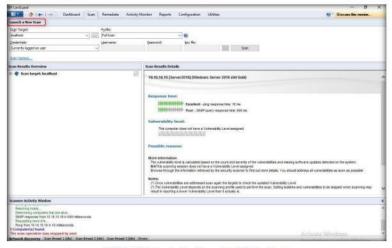


FIGURE 223: Launch a New Scan section in GFI LanGuard

28. Log on to a virtual machine, here Windows 10.



FIGURE 2.24: Windows 10 Desktop view

- 29. Switch to the host machine, and in GFI LanGuard window:
 - Enter the IP address of the virtual machine in the Scan Target field, and select Full Scan from the Profile drop-down list.
 - b. Select Alternative credentials from the Credentials drop-down list.

 Enter the credentials of the Windows 10 machine: Username: Admin; and Password: Pa\$\$w0rd. Then click Scan.



FIGURE 2.25: Customizing the scan settings

Note: The Windows 10 IP address is 10.10.10.10. This may vary in your lab environment.

 GFI LanGuard takes some time to perform the vulnerability assessment on the intended virtual machine.

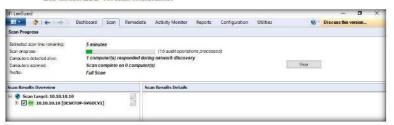


FIGURE 2.26: Vulnerability assessment being performed

31. Once the scanning is complete, Scan Results Overview and Scan Results Details are displayed, as shown in the following screenshot:

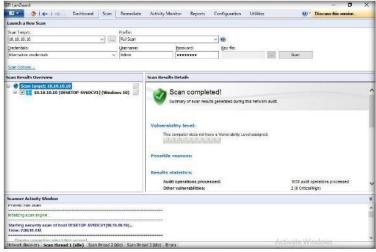


FIGURE 2.27: Scan Results displayed in GFI LanGuard

Examine the Scan Results

32. To check the Scan Result Overview, click the IP address node.

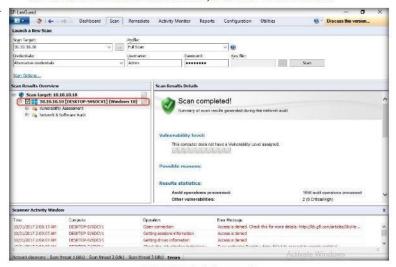


FIGURE 2.28: Viewing the scan results

It displays Vulnerability Assessment and Network & Software Audit nodes. Click Vulnerability Assessment.

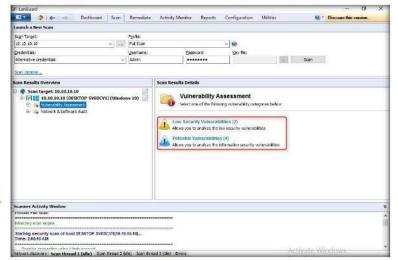
During a full scan, GFI LanGuard scans target computers to retrieve setup information and identify all security vulnerabilities, including:

- Missing Microsoft updates
- System software information, including unauthorized applications, incorrect antivirus settings and outdated signatures
- System hardware information, including connected modems and USB devices



FIGURE 2.29: Viewing the scan results

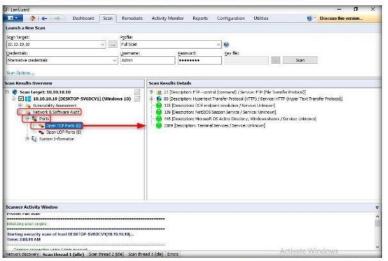
34. It shows category-wise details of **Vulnerability Assessment**. Click each category to view the vulnerabilities in the virtual machine.



Due to the large amount of information retrieved from scanned targets, full scans often tend to be lengthy. It is recommended to run a full scan at least once every two weeks.

FIGURE 2.30: Vulnerability Assessment categories

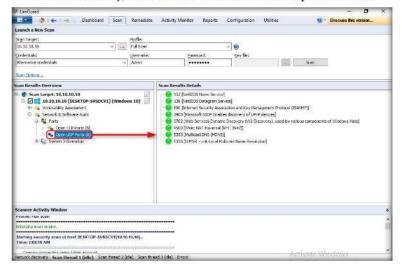
35. Expand the Network & Software Audit node in the left pane, expand Ports, and click Open TCP Ports to view all the open TCP Ports.



A scheduled scan is a network audit scheduled to run automatically on a specific date/time and at a specific frequency. Scheduled scans can be set to execute once or periodically.

FIGURE 2.31: Scan results for open TCP Ports

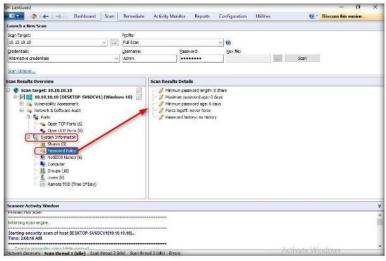
36. In the same way, click Open UDP Ports to view all the open UDP Ports.



Following a network security scan, the next job is to identify which areas and systems require your immediate attention. Do this by analyzing and correctly interpreting the information collected and generated during the security scan.

FIGURE 2.32: Scan results for open UDP Ports

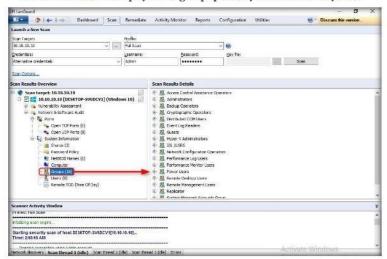
- 37. Click System Information in the left pane to display details of the system.
- 38. Click Password policy to view the password details set in the virtual machine.



A high vulnerability level is the result of vulnerabilities or missing patches whose average severity is categorized as "high."

FIGURE 2.33: Scan results for Password Policy

39. Click Groups to display all the groups presently available in the system.



It is recommended to use scheduled scans:

- To perform periodical/regular network vulnerability scans automatically and using the same scanning profiles and parameters
- To trigger scans automatically after office hours and to generate alerts and autodistribution of scan results via email
- To automatically trigger auto-remediation options, (e.g., Auto download and deploy missing updates)

FIGURE 2.34: Information about the Groups

40. Click the **Dashboard** tab to display all the scanned network information. In real time, an attacker collects the vulnerability information about the target and develops exploits suitable to break into a network or single target.



FIGURE 2.35: Overview of the Scan in Dashboard

Lab Analysis

Document all the results, threats, and vulnerabilities discovered during the scanning and auditing process.

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Internet Connection Required		
☑ Yes	□ No	
Platform Supported		
☑ Classroom	□ iLabs	



CGI Scanning with Nikto

Nikto Web Scanner is a Web server scanner that tests Web servers for dangerous files/CGIs, outdated server software and other problems.

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Lab Scenario

As an expert ethical hacker or penetration tester, you should have sound knowledge of different techniques used to scan a webserver and protect any websites/web applications before they are attacked. In this lab, you will learn to scan a web server for vulnerabilities.

Lab Objectives

This lab will help in understanding how to use nikto for web server scanning.

Lab Environment

To carry out this lab, following is required:

- Windows Server 2016 system
- Kali Linux virtual machine

Lab Duration

Time: 5 Minutes

Overview of Nikto

Nikto is an Open Source (GPL) web server scanner which performs comprehensive tests against web servers for multiple items, including over 6400 potentially dangerous files/CGIs, checks for outdated versions of over 1200 servers, and version specific problems on over 270 servers. It also scans server configuration items such as the presence of multiple index files, HTTP server options, and attempts to identify installed web servers and software. Scan items and plugins are frequently updated and can be automatically updated. Nikto is not a stealthy tool, it scans a webserver in the shortest time but gets logged in an IDS/IPS.

Lab Tasks



Run Nikto Help

 Log into the Kali Linux machine and open a Terminal window, and type nikto -H and press Enter.



FIGURE 3.1: Nikto help command

Here -H is the switch to find the available help commands within the Nikto. We will use the Tuning option to do a more deep and comprehensive scan of the target webserver.

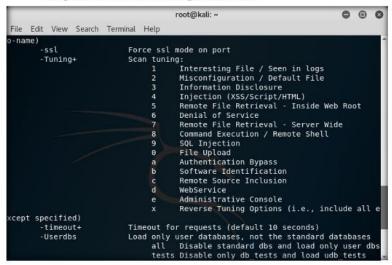


FIGURE 3.2: Nikto tuning options

In the terminal window, type nikto -h http://www.certifiedhacker.com
-Tuning x and press Enter. Nikto starts the webserver scanning with all
the tuning options enabled.



FIGURE 3.3: Nikto scan using tuning option

4. Here we find a cgi directory with OSVDB 3092 vulnerability. So, we will check for more cgi directories with the -Cgidirs option. In this option, search for specific directories or use the all option to search for all the available directories.

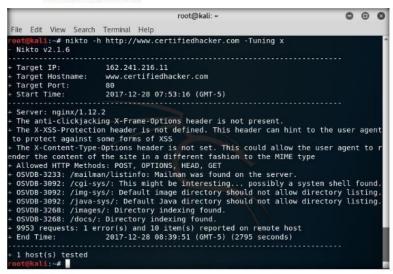


FIGURE 3.4: Nikto scan output

In the terminal window, type nikto -h http://www.certifiedhacker.com -Cgidirs all and hit Enter.



FIGURE 3.5: Nikto option to scan CGI directories

6. Nikto takes a little longer to scan the web server as it looks for vulnerable CGI directories. It scans the web server and lists out the directories as shown in the screenshot. Use the vulnerability ID to scan the vulnerability in detail.

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File Edit View Search Terminal Help

root@kali:-# nikto -h http://www.certifiedhacker.com -Cgidirs all
-Nikto v2.1.6

Target IP: 162.241.216.11
-Target Hostname: www.certifiedhacker.com
-Target Port: 80
-Start Time: 2017-12-28 07:33:33 (GMT-5)

Server: nginx/1.12.2
-The anti-clickjacking X-Frame-Options header is not present.
-The X-XSS-Protection header is not defined. This header can hint to the user agent to protect against some forms of XSS
-The X-Content-Type-Options header is not set. This could allow the user agent to render the content of the site in a different fashion to the MIME type
-Allowed HTTP Methods: POST, OPTIONS, HEAD, GET
-OSVDB-3092: /rgi-sys/: Default image directory should not allow directory listing.
-OSVDB-3092: /java-sys/: Default image directory should not allow directory listing.
-OSVDB-3092: /java-sys/: Default java directory should not allow directory listing.
-OSVDB-3268: /docs/: Directory indexing found.
-OSVDB-3268: /docs/: Directory indexing found.
-26150 requests: 1 error(s) and 10 item(s) reported on remote host
-End Time: 2017-12-29 80:20:42 (GMT-5) (60429 seconds)

1 host(s) tested
-oot@kali:-#
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FIGURE 3.6: Nikto scan results

Lab Analysis

Analyze and document the results related to this lab exercise. Provide your opinion of your target's security posture and exposure.

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