

Lab 2 - Network attacks

CSE 4481 4.0 Security Lab, Fall 2010

Due: Monday, Oct 11th, 2010, 11:59pm.

Format: Individual

Learning objective: Familiarization with network protocols (IP, TCP, ARP). Students will use sniffing tools to monitor user sessions on other hosts in the network, and perform active attacks, such as redirecting traffic and issuing a denial of service attack.

In this lab, we will use the infrastructure developed in Lab 1.

1 Passive Attacks

- Using Wireshark, create a CaptureFilter that captures only TCP traffic. Create a DisplayFilter which shows only traffic from telnet. Design a test case scenario that demonstrates the correctness of both filters. Hint: Use any utility that generates non-TCP traffic, such as ping.

Report: Explain the difference between CaptureFilter and DisplayFilter and provide rules for when to apply one or the other. Describe the test case scenario you used to show the correctness of the two filters you created. Provide appropriate screenshots.

- Use Wireshark to capture all traffic that is sent/received by Linux and Windows workstations during the boot up sequence.

Report: Analyze the captured traffic and provide answers to the following questions: What are types of network traffic sent/received by both OSs? How would you identify what OS is present from analyzing the capture log?

- Use nmap to discover open ports in the three company machines (Windows Server, and the two workstations). Experiment with various parameters for nmap in order to discover as much information as possible about the three machines, e.g. the version of the operating system.

Report: Provide all the information you collected about the three machines including a list of open ports. Provide screenshots that show the `nmap` parameters you used.

- Reverse engineer the `netcat` protocol by executing `netcat` with different parameters, capturing the data, and analyzing the protocol.

Report: Explain the communication patterns of `netcat`. Include all three phases: connection, termination and data traffic.

2 Active attacks

You must perform the following tasks:

- Assume that you have gained root access to the Linux workstation. Your task is to redirect all http traffic from the Linux workstation to an attacker host for further analyzing of the collected data. Find a way to do this. Hint: Use the `tcpdump` utility for sniffing http traffic.

Report: Include the commands executed on the Linux machine and the commands executed on the attacker host.

- Design a Denial of Service attack using any of the available tools, deploy it, and observe the attack using sniffer tools.

Report: Provide a precise description of your attack. Include screenshots that show the correctness of your attack.

What to Submit

Before the deadline, submit electronically the report you created. To submit, navigate to the directory that contains the report, and give a command like the following

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submit 4481 lab2 lab2.pdf
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where `lab2.pdf` is your report.

Also, drop off a hard copy of the report into the CSE 4481 assignment dropoff box located on the first floor of CSEB. The hard copy will be the one to be marked. The electronic copy will be used for record keeping.