Vulnerability Management Overview





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*** INFORMATION **

This is not a Risk Management training, the informations shown here is only about fundamentals skills related to RM process.











Who we are?

"We are an advanced national network for higher education, research and innovation. In 1992, we helped bringing the internet to Brazil and we continue promoting innovative use of Information and Communication Technologies, driving science and education for all."



- 27 Points of Presence (PoPs)
- +1500 campuses and units of education, research and health institutions throughout the country
- Benefiting more than 3.5 million users.













CAIS







Who we are?

Coordination CSIRT of Brazilian research and education network since 1997.

CAIS works in detection, resolution and prevention of network security incidents, also acting in elaborating, developing and disseminating security practices in RNP and its linked institutions.











<u>Assets</u>

Any object that have significant importance or value to the organization. That object can be physical or not.

• Ex.: Informations, systems, devices, pictures, reputation and others.



http://www.ti-e-mais.com.br/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Gestao_Ativo_TI.png http://www.abctec.com.br/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/imagem_adoti.jpg http://globaw.com.br/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/data-center-TI.jpg













Information Security Risk

It's a result of combination between likelihood and impact.

$R = L \times I$



http://www.gestaoporprocessos.com.br/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/riscos.jpg









Threats

Possible occurrence of a security incident, that can result in a damage for an asset

• Ex.: system break, hurricanes/earthquake, unavailability, etc...











<u>Vulnerabilities</u>

Weakness in a device or group of devices that can be exploited

- "The Common Vulnerability Scoring System (CVSS) is an open framework for communicating the characteristics and severity of software vulnerabilities."
 - https://www.first.org/cvss/
- "The Exploit Prediction Scoring System (EPSS) is an open, data-driven effort for predicting when software vulnerabilities will be exploited."
 - https://www.first.org/epss/
- "The mission of the CVE® Program is to identify, define, and catalog publicly disclosed cybersecurity vulnerabilities."
 - https://www.cve.org/About/Overview













Exploits & Attacks

Intention to execute non-authorized actions like:

- Destroy data;
- Leak or Theft of sensitive informations;
- Misuses of devices;



Exploits, in simple words, is a tool or group of tools they are used by malicious user to explore a vulnerability in a system.









Basic "modus-operandi" of attack

Is very close of a vulnerability assessment or pentest, but the big difference is the main objective ;)

- 1. An attacker run a scan against a target network searching for vulnerable devices and services (open ports);
- 2. After this step, **based** on results of previous step, he tries to exploit the discovered vulnerabilities;
- 3. If the exploit get success, the attacker usually start another step that can be a "lateral movement" or a "privilege scalation", for example;
- 4. System P0wn3d!!!

https://www.occupycorporatism.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Access-hacker-attack.jpg











Well... What is Vulnerability Management?

Is a group of coordinated activities with the main goal is to reduce at an acceptable levels the discovered vulnerabilities during a vulnerability analisys of an environment or devices.











Benefits of Vulnerability Management

If an organization don't have a risk management, a vulnerability management can help in many aspects related some technical decisions.

VM process don't cover aspects like "reputation".

• The reputation of an organization can be impacted in case of data leak, for example.











More Benefits of Vulnerability Management Process...

Knowledge about your environment

• A VM process enforce the needs about an updated inventory of HW and SW (ITILv3 topic)

Clearness

Clear information about any asset and what is necessary to do
 Helps process of decision

Priority











Some obstacles of Vulnerability Management Process...

(Un)Controlled environment

• Complexity, chaotic growth, lack of standards...

Operation cost

• Tools, team training, time...











Vulnerability Assessment != Pentest

Vulnerability assessments (VA) can generate false positives because they don't exploit the flaws.

 Some conditions in environment maybe don't exists in a way to possibilite real exploitation of a vulnerability

With a pentest it is possible to determine the result of the exploitation of a specific vulnerability

 It is possible to identify in a clearer way which possible forms of exploitation and which countermeasures can be applied.









What about "Risk Management"?

According to what we saw earlier, the VM process is similar to the RM process. But, VM process has focus in IT environment

According **ISO27001**, RM is described by:

"Coordinated activities to direct and control an organization with regard to risk"









Prerequisites to Vulnerability Management

Looking for establish a minimal efective VM process, we need some basic points. Let's see :

- Asset Inventory & Scope definition
- Type of Scans & Authorization
 - Ondemand X Periodic Scans
- Mitigation process
 - Vulnerability Classification X Mitigation (update) schedule
- Status report process
- Restart...









Basic activities flow

A basic activities flow should also be defined. This make clear to the entire organization what the overall vulnerability management process is.











VM Process - Asset Inventory

- HW inventory SW inventory Asset contact owner
- Licensing and support information
 How often and how to update asset inventory?
 What services or group of services each asset or group of assets support
- Help for RM process









Scope definition

If you are running a VA for the first time, it is recommended to reduce the scan scope.

- With a small scope, is possible to adequate the scan with some specific aspects of environment.
- We can reduce the types of vulnerabilities too. Instead of run a "fullscan", we can select some vulnerabilities to scan, like:
 - Services vulnerabilities (NTP, RDP, WWW...)
 - OS vulnerabilities (Linux, Windows...)

Is very difficult define a scope without assets inventory 21









Scope definition

In specific cases, we can use spreadshets to help us with assets inventory.



Scope: Web Site / infra

Hardware				
Asset	Function	IP address	OS	
SRV01-WWW	Organization Web Site	200.1.2.3	Linux	
SRV03-DB	DataBase Client	200.3.2.1	Windows	
SRV10-SSH	Bastion Host	200.2.1.3	Linux	









About assets inventory...

Described on ISO27001

• It's fundamental for the organization know your assets and know each service or system supported for these assets

If the asset inventory is not updated we can use some tools to help us discover devices in our network

- fping
- NMAP

• GreenBone Vulnerability Management (GVM OpenVAS)









fping I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I	254 targets 5 alive 249 unreachable 0 unknown addresses
	249 timeouts (waiting for response) 1001 ICMP Echos sent 5 ICMP Echo Replies received 996 other ICMP received
	0.03 ms (min round trip time) 0.24 ms (avg round trip time) 0.48 ms (max round trip time)
192.168.56.100 192.168.56.103 192.168.56.104 192.168.56.105	12.995 sec (elapsed real time)
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GVM O	penV	AS

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Greenbone Security Assistant			
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Name 🔺			
Base (Basic configuration template with a	a minimum set of NVTs required for a scan.	. Version 20200827.)	
Discovery (Network Discovery scan configurat	ion. Version 20201215.)		
empty (Empty and static configuration tem	plate. Version 20201215.)		
Full and fast (Most NVT's; optimized by using pr	eviously collected information. Version 202	01215.)	
Host Discovery (Network Host Discovery scan confi	guration. Version 20201215.)		
System Discovery (Network System Discovery scan co	infiguration. Version 20201215.)		









Type of scans and Authorization

We can have different scan schedules in according to type of assets or group of assets

Authorization

 Before start a scan, we must inform the owners of assets assets about scan

The owners of assets they are interested in receive reports immediately at the end of scans or the results must be presented in a status report meeting?

False Positve X "PATCH NOW!"









Scanning....

Commercial Tools

- Nexpose, Nessus, QualysGuard (Infrastructure Web with additional modules)
- N-Stalker, Acunetix, Burp Suite (Web Applications)

Open/free Tools

- GreenBone Vulnerability Manager (GVM OpenVAS) & NMAP (+NSE) (Infrastructure – Web with limitations);
- w3af, OWASP ZAP, wapiti, arachni (Web Applications);









Vulnerability Analisys - RUN VA Scan... RUN!!!

The VA scan can be different focus and some tools that fits better, depending of your goals. IE:

- Network scan + Simple vulnerability discover : NMAP + NSE Scripts
- Vulnerability Assessment System: GVM OpenVAS
- Web Application vulnerability scan: OWASP ZAP & wapiti















Scanning tools - NMAP

"Nmap ("Network Mapper") is a free and open source (license) utility for network discovery and security auditing."

- https://nmap.org/
- ZENMap (frontend)
- XML reports
 - XML to HTML with xsltproc tool

(tandime poseidon)-[~]
 nmap 192.168.56.103
Starting Nmap 7.91 (https://nmap.org)
Nmap scan report for 192.168.56.103
Host is up (0.00014s latency).
Not shown: 998 closed ports
PORT STATE SERVICE
22/tcp open ssh
80/tcp open http









Scanning tools - NMAP + NSE scripts

- SMTP Relay
- DNS Recursion

root@kali-cais-infra: # nmap -sS -p 25 --script /usr/share/nmap/scripts/smtp-open-relay.nse
Starting Nmap 6.47 (http://nmap.org) at 2015-10-12 15:55 BRT
Nmap scan report for .rnp.br (200.)
Host is up (0.00065s latency).
PORT STATE SERVICE
25/tcp open smtp
[_smtp-open-relay: Server is an open relay (16/16 tests)
MAC Address: 00:0C:29: : : (VMware)
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 1.04 seconds
root@kali-cais-infra: #

root@kali-cais-infra:~# nmap -sU -p 53 --script /usr/share/nmap/scripts/dns-recursion.nse

.rnp.br

Starting Nmap 6.47 (http://nmap.org) at 2015-10-12 15:53 BRT Nmap scan report for .rnp.br (200.: !) Host is up (0.00051s latency). PORT STATE SERVICE 53/udp open domain | dns-recursion: Recursion appears to be enabled .rnp.br









Scanning tools - GVM OpenVAS

From web site (https://www.openvas.org/)

- "Open Vulnerability Assessment Scanner (OpenVAS) is a full-featured vulnerability scanner. Its capabilities include unauthenticated and authenticated testing, various high-level and low-level internet and industrial protocols, performance tuning for large-scale scans and a powerful internal programming language to implement any type of vulnerability test."
- "OpenVAS has been developed and driven forward by the company Greenbone Networks since 2006. As part of the commercial vulnerability management product family "Greenbone Security Manager" (GSM), the scanner forms the Greenbone Vulnerability Management together with other Open Source modules." 32









Scanning tools - GVM OpenVAS

Born from Nessus (fork from old open-source version); More than 100k Network Vulnerability Tests (NVTs); Nowadays is on version 22.4

- Source Code download
- Cloud server
- Commercial platform



GVM OpenVAS

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es) Greenbone æ Security Assistant Dashboards Scans Resilience SecInfo Administration Assets Configuration Help ⑦ ★ [* OXUOR -Filter . 10 Tasks with most High Results per Host Tasks by Severity Class (Total: 19) Tasks by Status (Total: 19) Log MA Low New ANI EM High ND N/A EM/ Results per Host 1 - 19 of 19 Reports Last Report Actions Name Status A Severity Trend 40 ODDICOC TSK-PERIODICA-27 Sun, Oct 17, 2021 9:00 PM -03 5.0 (Medium) \rightarrow 40 DDDDCOC TSK-DEMANDA-D Fri, Jun 11, 2021 12:15 AM -03 2.6 (Low) 1 ODDICOC TSK-PERIODICA-40 10 Wed, Oct 20, 2021 3:37 PM -03 \rightarrow 0.0 (Log) 40 OD TO ROW TSK-PERIODICA-21 Tue, Oct 19, 2021 1:00 AM -03 ledium) \rightarrow 60 DDDDC TSK-DEMANDA-G 2 Tue, Sep 7, 2021 9:13 AM -03 edium) R O ODDICOC TSK-PERIODICA-6 Sat, Oct 9, 2021 11:00 PM -03 edium) \rightarrow

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Mon, Sep 27, 2021 9:37 PM -03

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TSK-DEMANDA-D

7.5 (High)

DDMROR









Scanning tools - OWASP Zed Attack Proxy

Web Application Analysis Tool;

- Automated Functions + Manual inspections
- https://owasp.org/www-project-zap/











<u>Scanning tools - Lynis</u>

Open Source Audit Tool ("Unix-like" systems)

- https://cisofy.com/lynis/
- Runs local & remote
- Excellent performance
- Perform hundreds of tests to determine the security/compliance status of a system
- No installation required
- It doesn't make corrections it just points out the issues
- The information in the report is useful for inventory.









Lvnis	[+] Users, Groups and Authentication		
<pre>root@debian6:~# egrep -i "(warning suggestion)" /var/log/lynis-report.dat suggestion[]=AUTH-9262 Install a PAM module for password strength testing lil suggestion[]=AUTH-9282 When possible set expire dates for all password protect suggestion[]=AUTH-9286 Configure password aging limits to enforce password cl warning[]=AUTH-9308 L No password set for single mode suggestion[]=AUTH-9308 Set password for single user mode to minimize physical suggestion[]=AUTH-9328 Default umask in /etc/profile could be more strict lil suggestion[]=AUTH-9328 Default umask in /etc/login.defs could be more strict : suggestion[]=AUTH-9328 Default umask in /etc/init.d/rc could be more strict : suggestion[]=AUTH-9328 Default umask in /etc/init.d/rc could be more strict :</pre>	 Search administrator accounts Checking UIDs Checking chkgrp tool Consistency check /etc/group file Test group files (grpck) Checking login shells Checking non unique group names Checking LDAP authentication support Check /etc/sudoers file [Press [ENTER] to continue, or [CTRL]+C to stop] [+] Shells	[OK] [OK] [FOUND] [OK] [OK] [OK] [OK] [OK] [NOT ENABLED] [NOT FOUND]	
<pre>suggestion[]=FILE-6310 To decrease the impact of a full /tmp file system, pla suggestion[]=STRG-1840 Disable drivers like USB storage when not used, to pre suggestion[]=STRG-1846 Disable drivers like firewire storage when not used, to warning[]=NETW-2705 L Couldn't find 2 responsive nameservers suggestion[]=NETW-2705 Check your resolv.conf file and fill in a backup names suggestion[]=FIRE-4590 Configure a firewall/packet filter to filter incoming warning[]=SSH-7412 M Root can directly login via SSH </pre>	 Checking console TTYs Checking shells from /etc/shells Result: found 6 shells (valid shells: 6). [Press [ENTER] to continue, or [CTRL]+C to stop] 	[WARNING]	
<pre>suggestion[]=BANN-7126 Add legal banner to /etc/issue, to warn unauthorized u suggestion[]=BANN-7130 Add legal banner to /etc/issue.net, to warn unauthoriz suggestion[]=ACCT-9628 Enable auditd to collect audit information </pre>	 [+] File systems 	[OK] [OK] [OK] [WARNING] [OK]	37









Scanning tools - openNetAudit

"OpenNetAudit was build with the objective of mantaining your routers secure in a easy and simple way"

Test List

Message nok Telnet is enabled, please consider removing it.

Devices supported

• CISCO, Juniper, Extreme, Huawei & Mikrotic

Rules

telnet_enabled

Severity

Message ok

Telnet is disabled, OK!

Description

Check if telnet is enabled

• https://netaudit.rnp.br/

telnet enabler

OpenNetAudit

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Solution

delete system services telnet

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Delete









Scanning tools - Microsoft Baseline Security Analyzer - MBSA

Discontinued (legacy systems) =/

- Recommendations based on MS guidelines
- Supports several MS products
- Information integrated with WUA/WSUS
- Local & Remote









MBSA	Microsoft Baseline Security Analyzer 2.3
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Start Scan Cancel









What information a report must have? How frequency ? Should critical vulnerabilities have a different process?

- Needs to isolate environment?
- Emergencial maintenance windows









The analyst that perfomed the VA is responsible to create a report/presentation that will be delivered/presented to those responsible for the assets or systems.

- Analyst must understand the results and validate them looking to reduce the number of false positives, ensuring greater reliability to the process
- It's not recommended share automatically generated reports!!!









There are different type of reports, in different formats and types of informations

- Technical: contain detailed information about each one vulnerability discovered and how to mitigate then
- Executive: Consolidate informations about total of vulnerabilities, total for assets, severity classification, etc.

Informations must be aligned with recipients

• Managers X Analysts X Auditors









SSL/TLS:	Report Weak Cipher Suites	4		5.0 (Medium)	98 %	200.	.02		
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SSL/TLS:	Report Weak Cipher Suites	17		5.0 (M <mark>edium)</mark>	98 %	200.	8	dns1.	
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SSL/TLS:	Report Vulnerable Cipher Suites for HTTPS	な		5.0 (M <mark>edium)</mark>	98 %	200.	7		
SSL/TLS:	Report Weak Cipher Suites	11		5.0 (M <mark>edium)</mark>	98 %	200.	7		
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SSL/TLS:	Report Weak Cipher Suites	17	-	5.0 (M <mark>edium)</mark>	98 %	200.	12	dns2.	
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Can you see possible inconsistent data in previous informations?

Discussion...











Quality of information is fundamental. The informations needs focus in:

- **Public** (managers, auditors, analysts...)
- Bring relevant information to take decisions about next steps
- Show the actual scenario of vulnerabilities in defined scope









- **Recommended informations for technical staff**
 - Assets & areas affected by vulnerability
- Description of vulnerability & Severity
- Exploits information
 - Evidence of compromisse
- How the vulnerability was discovered
 - Type of scan or tool used in this case
- Countermeasures available









- Recommended informations for managers
 - Assets & areas affected by vulnerability
- Description of vulnerability & Severity
- Mitigation process
 - Scheduled maintenance X Emergencial maintenance X Downtime expected
 - Rollback plan









- Recommended informations for auditors

 Assets & areas affected by vulnerability
- Description of vulnerability & Severity
- Exploits information
- Evidence of compromisse
- Applied countermeasures & Mitigation status









Creating reports - Common mistakes

Confused mitigation informations

	20 Apache	2012-2687) O servidor TLS, de criptografia algoritmos frac ataques do tipo (ssl-weak-ciphe	/ SSL suporta pacotes baseados em os, o que pode permitir o man-in-the-middle. ers)	Para servidores web Apache com mod_ssl, edite o arquivo de configuração do Apache e altere a linha SSLCipherSuite: SSLCipherSuite ALL:! ANULL: eNULL: LOW: EXP: RC4 + RSA: + HIGH: + MEDIUM	http://ftp.openssl.org/source/
Apache	O servidor está v de CCS Injection	vulnerável a ataques (cve-2014-0224)	Realizar a seguinte conf SSLProtocol -ALL +SSLv3 SSLHonorCipherOrder C SSLCipherSuite ECDHE-F SHA384:AES256- SHA256:RC4:HIGH:!MD AESGCM (obs.: deve ser cada vhost a aplicação o	figuração: 3 +TLSv1 On RSA-AES256- 5:!aNULL:IEDH: r verificado em desta	









<u>Creating reports - Common mistakes</u>

Confused platform informations

	200.1	Ubuntu Linux 14.04
2.2.17 Apache HTTPD: WinNT M	IPM denial of service (CVE-2014-3523) (apache-httpd-cve-2014-3523)	
Description:		
A flaw was found in the WinNT MPM attacker could send carefully crafted r Affected Nodes:	in httpd versions 2.4.1 to 2.4.9, when using the default AcceptFilter for that platform. A remote requests that would leak memory and eventually lead to a denial of service against the server.	
Affected Nodes:	Additional Information:	
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Maintenance schedule X Emergencial update

- Vulnerability classification X Priority patches
- High X Medium X Low? (CVSS / EPSS)

What maximum expected time to apply critical patches?

• External X Internal services

Mitigation/notification process in case of critical vulnerabilities

External X Internal services









Countermeasures

- Patches
 - "Virtual patch"
- Fix configuration
 - Disable specific module
- Update system
- And... "C'est la vie"











What we need to consider about mitigations

Cost of mitigation

- Renew license, buy new version of SW...
- Downtime
- Severity
- Attack surface
 - Systems affected (exposition)
 - Impacted areas

- Fallback plan













Apply mitigations in a controlled environment

- Test environment
 - Used to **TEST** functions, configurations and updates
- Non-production environment
 - Used to VALIDATE functions, configurations and updates in an environment similar of the "production"











Validation process

This step is like a "re-scan" of environment Is recommended that it be executed by same analyst that who does the first execution All premisses are they applied here











Validation process

The same tools and steps must be repeated here

- Collect evidence about mitigations
 - They are fixed vulnerabilities?
- Create final report











Conclusion...

- All areas must be involved in Vulnerability Management process
 - "Time is money..."
- Run different tools bring more quality to the process, but make this more complexity
 Stay update always...









OBRIGADO!!!

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