Seccubus

Analyzing vulnerability assessment data the easy way...
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A story about two guys...

Mission: Perform a weekly vulnerability scan of all our public IP addresses
C. Lueless...

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...needs to get up very early
...manually starts his scan and waits...
...finishes the scan and goes back to sleep...
...and analyzes the report in the morning
B. Rightlad

Uses Seccubus...
... he spends the morning configuring Seccubus...
... goes home ...
... Relaxes ...
... the scanning happens at night ...
... and when he wakes up ...
... he can analyze the findings and remediate
Problem description

- Nessus is a very powerful vulnerability scanner
- ‘Free’ (As in beer) TCP/IP security scanner

- Nessus generates a lot of output. Maybe too much?
- Scanning takes a lot of time and is not automated
- A lot of time is spent on analysis
- Nessus GUI is not great for analyzing scans

- Work risk ratio
What is Seccubus...

» Seccubus is a wrapper around vulnerability scanners

» GUI is geared towards analyzing and “ticking-off” findings that have been seen

» Compares consecutive scans

» Supports multiple scanners:
  • Nessus
  • OpenVAS
  • Nikto
  • More to follow
What does Seccubus do differently?

Scanning is started from the command line
» This means it can be started from cron

The findings are stored in a “database”
» Currently the database is a directory structure

Presentation via a WebGUI
» Easy triage via filtering
» Status allows you to “tick-off” findings
What happened under the hood?

The Nessus client was started via the command line.

Results were saved as:
» HTML
» XML (No longer supported as of Nessus 4.x)
» NBE
A Seccubus scan...
Let us commence to week two
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Would the effort be worth it?

Spot the differences…

Week 1

Week 2

Images taken from http://www.art-games.co.uk
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Nessus backend (.NBE) format

Simpel format

<type> | <netwerk> | <ip> | <port> | <plugin ID> | <prio> | <plugin output>

Findings have all fields populated, e.g.:

» results|192.168.157|192.168.157.30|ntp (123/udp)|10884|Security Note

Synopsis :

An NTP server is listening...

For open ports, only the first four fields are populated, e.g.:

» results|192.168.157|192.168.157.20|ssh (22/tcp)
Findings are converted to a directory structure

Findings
» Host
  • Port
    - Pluginid (Portscanner voor open port)
      · Remark – Text entered via web GUI
      · Status - The status given in the web GUI
      · YYYYMMDDhhmss

This tree structure can be easily used to compare consecutive scans
It’s all about status...

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Assigned by Seccubus</th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>NEW</td>
<td>Found for the first time</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CHANGED</td>
<td>Output has changed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GONE</td>
<td>Not found anymore</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Assigned by the User</th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>OPEN</td>
<td>Risk</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NO ISSUE</td>
<td>No risk</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FIXED</td>
<td>Should not trigger again</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HARD MASKED</td>
<td>Ignore this</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Status</td>
<td>Description</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>------------------</td>
<td>--------------------------------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HARD MASKED</td>
<td>Will be ignored</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GONE / FIXED</td>
<td>Keeps its status until found again</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OPEN / NO ISSUE</td>
<td>Keeps its status until output changes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CHANGED</td>
<td>Was NO ISSUE or OPEN, but output changed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NEW</td>
<td>Was GONE or FIXED, but reappeared</td>
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IF IT IS OK, IT IS OK

...WHY MAKE A FUZZ?
The scanning cycle...

(re-)Scan

Assess
- Issue/No Issue
- Solved

Compare

Assign status:
- New
- Changed
- Gone
The delta engine at work
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That's in a name?

Succubus

In seccubus

Seccubus
Just to show you...
Seccubus at Schuberg Philis

Schuberg Philis is a high end provider of managed services for Mission Critical application infrastructure

Security is key...

We focus exclusively on the applications that businesses rely on 24 hours a day, guaranteeing 100% uptime; a focus that we feel is instrumental in providing high-quality services
Our customer profile

» Large sized to medium enterprises
» Operating in regulated markets
» Strong focus on governance and change/risk management
» Balance between control, flexibility and innovation
» Augmenting corporate IT shared service centers or specific business unit as a specialist
» Application partnership with critical application vendors

» Rabobank, ING, ABN Amro, Energy Trading Floors, Deloitte, Bol.com...
Schuberg Philis; some scan statistics

Scans all external IP addresses of all customers it manages monthly
First scan: 28 August 2007
Infrastructures converge to 0 findings
#IP addresses on 4 February 2009: 4038
#Nessus findings January 2009: 8777

Mission Impossible without Seccubus
Other references

Soleus
» Community provider of virtual private servers

Molecular Science Computing Facility in Richland, Washington
» 4800+ nodes

Global provider of air defense, air traffic control, airline and airport operations management, and data integration and distribution
» Approx 450 hosts

Others:
» Dutch ISP
» Treasury Software as a Service provider
» Dutch and US IT service providers
» Bacardi
» Bink.nu – Windows technology blog
» 2 Dutch IT security firms
» Dutch multimedia company

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Recap...

Monthly scanning with Nessus would mean:

» Getting up a night to manually start the scans

» Looking at non-informative findings (e.g. traceroute) every month

» A lot of boring repetitive work, high change of errors

» A lot of work even if there are no changes to the infrastructure
So...

Monthly Seccubus runs means:

» Scans are scheduled via crontab

» Only the findings that need attention get it

» Less errors due to less repetitive work.

» The amount of effort is proportional to the amount of changes

» Risk is proportional to the amount of changes

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Compare

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Dramatic reduction
Why did we develop and release an open source tool?

We needed it!

We decided to give something back because we use a lot of open source tools:
» Nagios
» CFEngine
» Rancid
» MRTG
» RRD tool
» Cacti
» “LAMP”
» CVS
» ……. 
Roadmap...

What is up for next versions of Seccubus?

Have a database backend
» Better performance
» Easier to link multiple findings to a single issue
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Support more scanners
» Nikto (v1.5)
» NMAP (v2.0)
» Metasploit/Metasploit express (v2.1)
» Others?

Open architecture:
» More scanners can be added
» Pluggable authentication?
» Trouble ticket integration?

More “manager” information:
» Graphs
» Dashboards
The ultimate goal...
We need your help...

» Coding

» Requirements

» User interface design

» Report design

» Testers

» Users

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Metasploit Express

@Jabra finished your coding yet?
@seccubus I need an example xml file
for @Jabra if you contact somebody at
RT @Jabra: generating xml test data in the software
the @seccubus va. I think I know a few ppl
 generating xml test data in
the @seccubus change ur slides.... module
mash @Jabra thanks man, this really cool.
Metasploit Express module will be
released during the @seccubus talk at
#defcon #metasploit

about 1 hour ago via mobile web
Retweeted by 2 people

Jabra
Josh Abraham
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New release

V1.5

The DefCon edition
Nikto scanning

» Nikto version 2.1.3 supports .nbe output

» Nikto can be launched natively from the box running Seccubus

» Each line in the Nikto output becomes a finding in Seccubus
Installation package

Version 1.5 can be installed via an RPM package
Seccubus v1.5 can handle Nessus compliance jobs
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