

Penetration Testing:- Also known Pen Testing. Penetration Testing is a process of Hacking a System, to evaluate security, Hack value attacks, exploits, zero-day vulnerability & other components such as threats, vulnerabilities and daisy chaining. Penetration Testing is use to find weakness/vulnerability of System, Device and Application s/w to protect Hacker attack. Most of time Hacker enter in a System through port (65535). Penetration Testing help developer to secure the System/Application.

Types of Penetration Testing:-

- (i) Black Box:- The black box is a type of penetration testing or double blind testing in which Pen tester have no prior knowledge of System.
- (ii) Gray Box:- In this type of testing, tester have little bit information about targets such as IP Address.
- (iii) White box:- Tester have complete information about target like ~~open~~ Port, IP Address, MAC Address.

Major Tool for Penetration Testing

- (i) Kali Linux:- Find technical weakness of System, Application, Network & Wi-Fi.
- (ii) Wireshark:- Network Protocol analyzer. Available for Windows, MAC & Linux OS.
- (iii) Nessus:- This is automated Penetration Testing tool.

Penetration Testing Stages:-

- (i) Planning & reconnaissance:- The first stage involved
(a) Defining the Scope & goal of a Test.

Gathering Intelligence (eg Network & domain Names, mail server) to understand how a target works & its potential weaknesses. (2)

(ii) Scanning:- This step help to understand how the target application will respond to various intrusion attempts. This is typically done using

(a) Static analysis:- Inspecting an application code to estimate the way it behaves while running.

(b) Dynamic Analysis:- Inspecting an application's code in a running state. This is more practical way of scanning.

(iii) Exploitation:- This stage uses web application attacks, such as cross-site scripting, SQL Injection and backdoors to uncover a target's vulnerabilities. Testers try and exploit these ~~weakness~~ weaknesses, typically by escalating privileges, stealing data, intercepting traffic etc, to understand the damage they can cause.

(iv) Post Exploitation & Maintaining Access: The goal of this stage is to see if the vulnerability can be used to achieve a persistence presence in the exploited system - long enough for a bad actor to gain in-depth access. The result of the penetration test are then compiled into a report detailing

- Specific vulnerabilities that were exploited.
- Sensitive data that was accessed.
- The amount of time the pen tester was able to remain in the system undetected.

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