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Attack and Penetration Testing 101

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Agenda

- Penetration Testing Overview
- Network Vulnerabilities
- Web Application Vulnerabilities
- Resources/Questions

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Disclaimer

- The techniques outlined in this presentation are intended to be performed by authorized individuals only.
- Attempts to perform unauthorized tests are illegal.

About Me

- Paul Petefish - Security Consultant in the Solutionary Consulting Services (SCS) group
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What is a Penetration Test?

- Attack and Penetration Testing is a systematic approach to identifying weaknesses in already deployed targets and exploiting those weaknesses.
- It is a vulnerability assessment followed by exploiting the vulnerabilities found during the assessment.
- “You are trying to break a system, without breaking the system.”

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Why Conduct a Penetration Test?

- How do you know you are secure without testing?
- How do you know if anything works without testing it?
- Penetration tests evaluate how things actually are, not how they should be.
- A penetration test can leverage two or three low to medium risk vulnerabilities and turn the result into a critical vulnerability.
- Compliance (PCI)

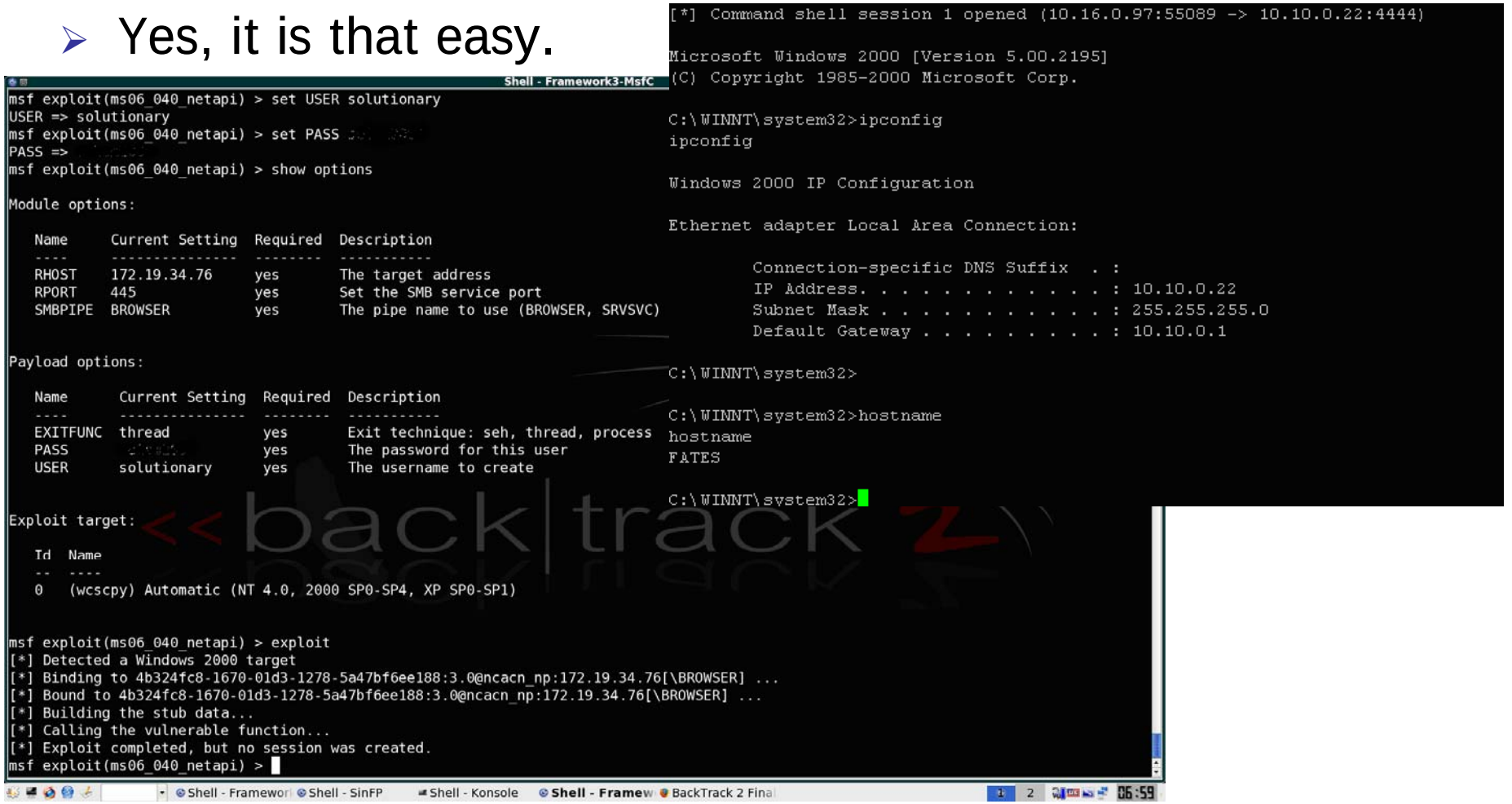
Network Vulnerabilities

Patch Management

- Unpatched/Outdated Services
  - Is there exploit code in the wild?
    - Security focus (bid)
    - Metasploit
    - Milw0rm
    - Google
  - Never exploit without consent or knowing the consequences (crashing the service).

Attack Scenario

- Metasploit and MS06-040
- Yes, it is that easy.



Build Standards/Configuration Harding

- Administrative Interfaces
  - Look for default passwords on vender site or default password site (one of the most common vulnerabilities in 2008).
  - Try common password combinations (admin:admin, root:root, guest:guest, administrator:administrator, etc..).
  - Do not lockout accounts, do not try the same username with more than two password combinations.
  - Custom application? Beat it up then!
    - Input validation

Attack Scenario

- Weak password on Cisco router (cisco:cisco)
- Used device as a proxy to attack other hosts

```
RCO_INT_T3>telnet 70.89.218.   80
Trying 70.89.218.   , 80 ... Open
GET /etc/passwd HTTP/1.1
Host: 70.89.218.

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Fri, 15 Feb 2008 20:52:30 GMT
Server: Apache
Last-Modified: Fri, 15 Feb 2008 20:40:50 GMT
ETag: "57ea26-5ad-6bf25880"
Accept-Ranges: bytes
Content-Length: 1453
Connection: close
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=UTF-8

root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
                              bin:x:1:1:bin:/bin:/sbin/nologin
                                                          daemon:x:2:2:daem
on:/sbin:/sbin/nologin
                        adm:x:3:4:adm:/var/adm:/sbin/nologin
                                                        lp:x:4:7:lp:/var/spoo
l/lpd:/sbin/nologin
                    sync:x:5:0:sync:/sbin:/bin/sync
```

Build Standards/Configuration Harding

- SNMP Service
  - Public community string
    - Sensitive information, potentially root
  - Private community string
    - Root maybe, Cisco device?, definitely
  - Brute force with Hydra, SNscan
  - Read with Look@Lan or Snmpwalk

Attack Scenario

- Netopia Wireless DSL Router
- Username: Admin
- Password: Device serial number (gathered from SNMP public)
- Look@Lan

```
$ ./snmpwalk .....130.190 public
.iso.3.6.1.2.1.1.1.0 = "Netopia 3347NWG v7.5.1r4"
.iso.3.6.1.2.1.1.2.0 = OID: .iso.3.6.1.4.1.304.2.2.19.3343
.iso.3.6.1.2.1.1.3.0 = Timeticks: (40531085) 4 days, 16:35:10.85
.iso.3.6.1.2.1.1.4.0 = ""
.iso.3.6.1.2.1.1.5.0 = "Netopia-3000/24547448"
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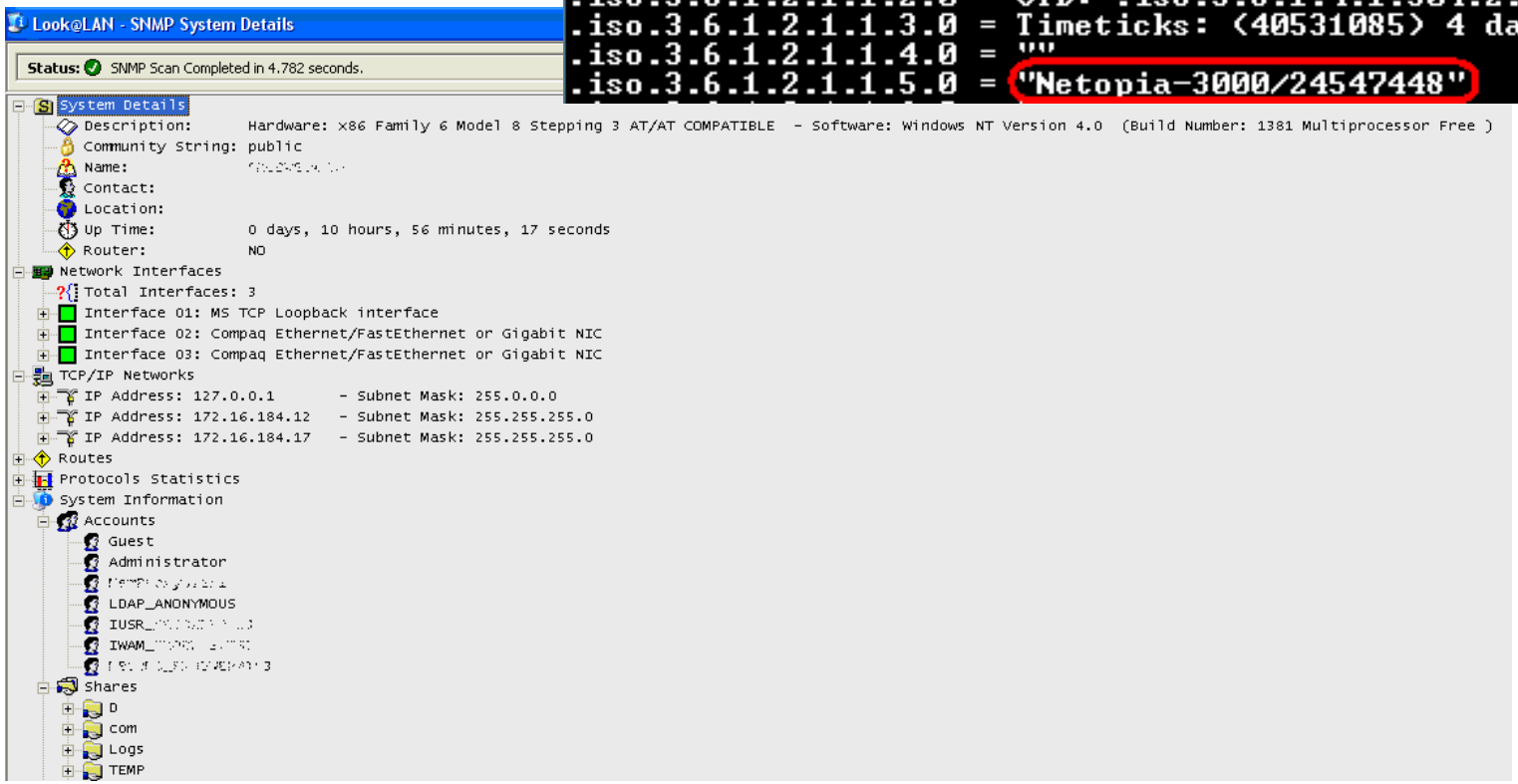


Build Standards/Configuration Harding

- Services
  - Manually inspect all available services.
  - Connect to every service with appropriate client and test for
    - Default/Weak Passwords
    - Information leakage
    - Input Validation
  - Do your research and know the service.
  - Unnecessary services
  - Directory browsing (/admin, /tools, /jmx-console)

Transport Security

- Unencrypted Services
  - FTP, Telnet, HTTP
- Weak Encryption
  - Weak SSL ciphers
  - Self issued SSL certificate

Web Application Vulnerabilities

Input Validation

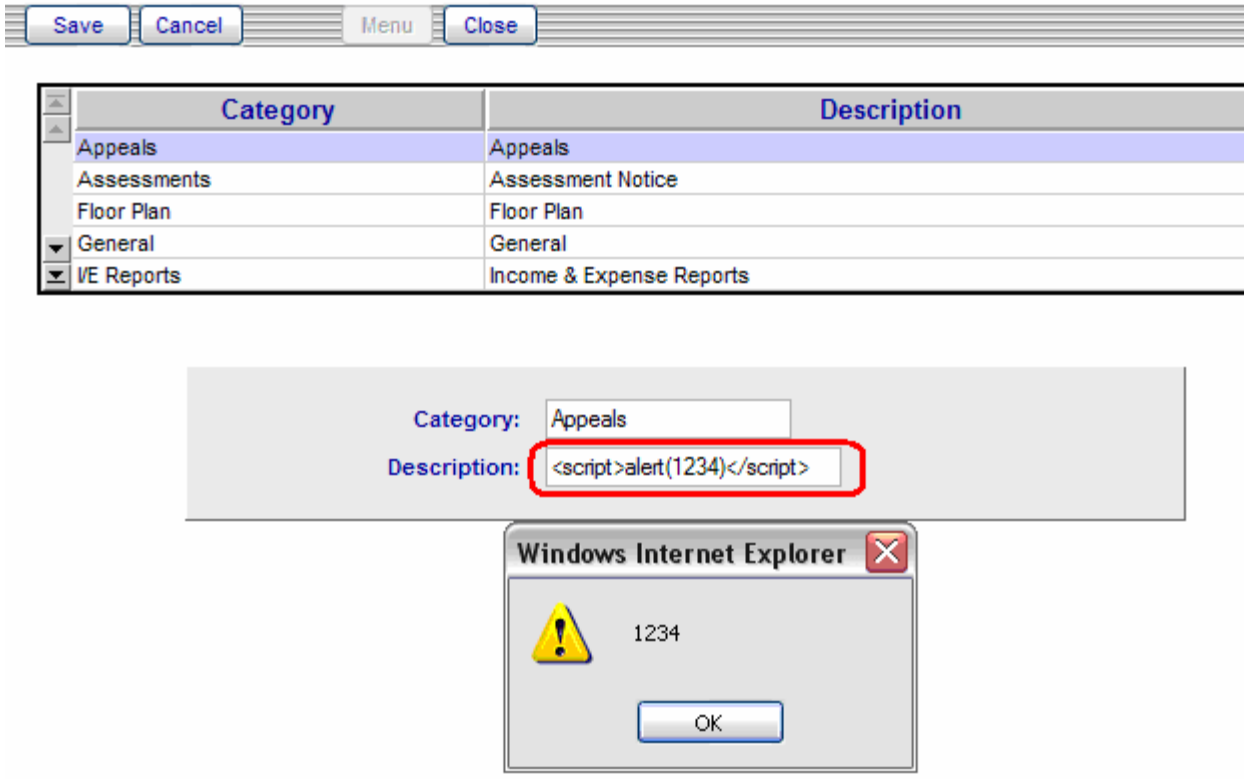
- Client Side
  - Validation normally done with JavaScript
  - Simple to test, just plug in and submit
  - Easy to bypass with Web proxy
- Server Side
  - The Web application checks for input.
  - Check if potentially malicious characters are accepted (()!@#$%^&*";'<>[]{}\|?'").

Input Validation

- Cross-site Scripting (XSS)
  - It is possible to inject code, normally JavaScript, into a Web application.
  - This is bad because you can steal cookies. Cookies contain session IDs, which are equivalent to username/passwords.
  - Deface Website
  - Redirect to a malicious Websites
  - How to test?

Attack Scenario

- Injecting simple JavaScript
- No client or server side input validation

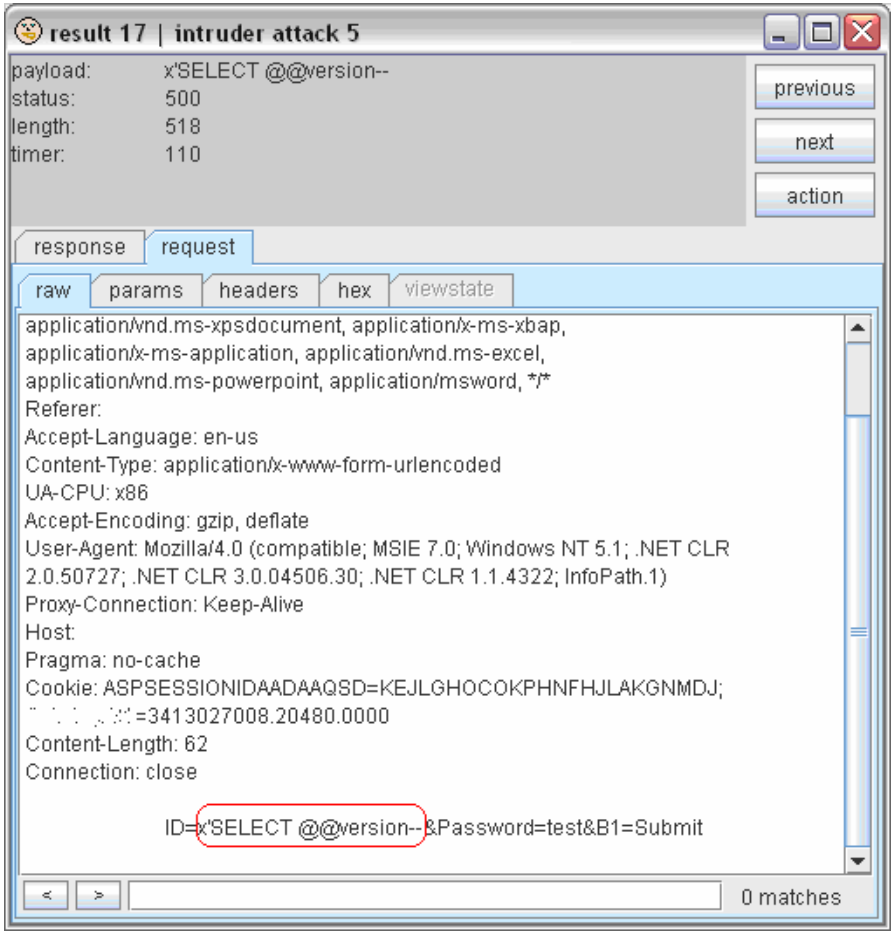


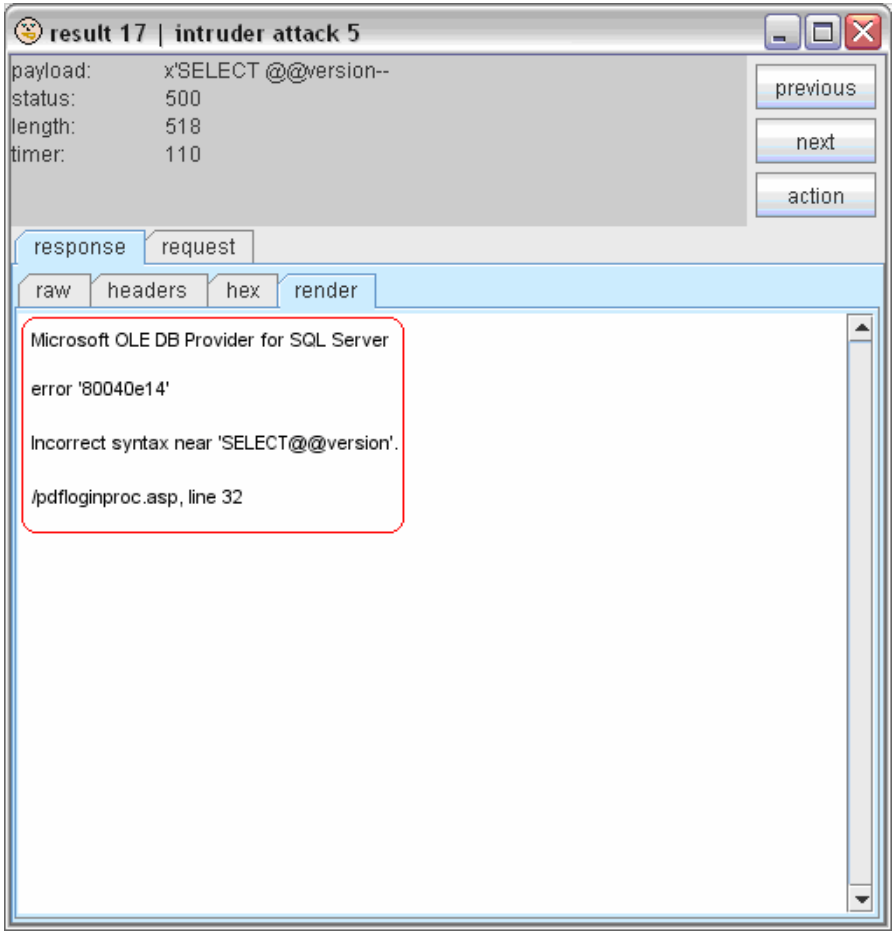
Input Validation

- SQL Injection
  - You can talk directory to the database without being authenticated (You are actually authenticated as the Web application, so you have the same access it does). The attacker has full access to the application database.
  - Tick attack ("p'g'0", p'g"0)
  - Look for SQL error messages (Syntax errors).
  - Blind SQL injection
  - Instead of a handy error message screaming SQL syntax errors, you have to look for more subtle things, such as content length returned.

Attack Scenario

- Injecting SQL query with Burp Suite proxy
- Web application returns syntax error





Cache Control

- Browser Caching
  - The Web application should clean up after itself (no-cache, private).
  - Temporary internet files
- GET Requests
  - Sensitive information should not be passed via GET requests. Use POST instead.
  - Web logs, proxies
  - History

Attack Scenario

- Session ID cached in firewall logs
- Web application caching sensitive documents

```
Jun 13 21:37:57           Jun 13 2008 21:26:48: %PIX-5-304001:  Accessed URL  ranch/main.aspx?SessionID=
CA570EA966924A7B97A2BF4509891F87

Jun 13 21:37:57           Jun 13 2008 21:26:48: %PIX-5-304001:  Accessed URL  _frame.asp?sessionid=CA57
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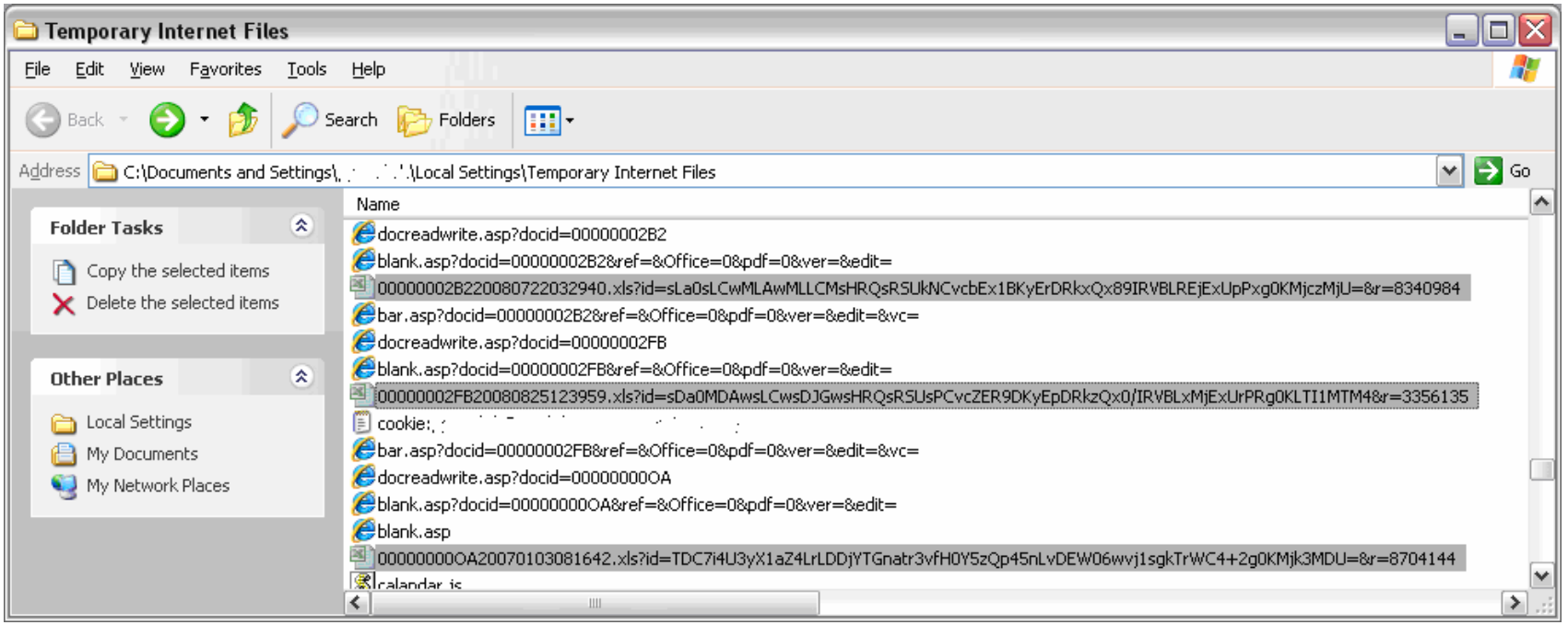

Resources

- Penetration Test Lab
  - VMware with unpatched Windows XP
  - Damn Vulnerable Linux (DVL)
- Metasploit
  - Exploit framework
  - http://www.metasploit.com
- Security Focus
  - Vulnerability and exploit archive
  - http://www.securityfocus.com
- Milw0rm
  - Exploit archive
  - http://www.milw0rm.com

Resources Cont.

- BackTrack
  - Self contained penetration testing live distribution
  - http://www.remote-exploit.org/backtrack.html
- OWASP Testing Guide
  - Web application testing guide
  - http://www.owasp.org
- OWASP WebGoat
  - Self contained vulnerable Web application
  - http://www.owasp.org
- Nessus
  - Vulnerability Scanner
  - http://www.nessus.org

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