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1 Introduction

The configuration guide offers a step-by-step walkthrough of the methodologies and practices showcased in the master's thesis. It provides readers with insights on how to set up, tweak, and utilize the tools essential for the research study. To start with, our setup process involves the establishment of a Kali Linux Virtual Machine. This ensures we have a versatile and powerful platform to conduct our desired experiments for the AWSNeo Framework, our main developed solution. Additionally, the guide delves into comprehensive details about setting up AWS and constructing an AWS infrastructure using CloudGoat. This aids in effectively testing the AWSNeo Framework.

2 System Specifications

2.1 For a local setup, here's the hardware and OS you'll need:

- CPU: AMD Ryzen 7 4800H, running at 2900 Mhz with 8 cores and Radeon Graphics.
- Memory: A 16GB DDR4 RAM clocked at 3200MHz.
- Drive: An SSD with a capacity of 512GB.
- OS: 64-bit version of Windows 11, Kali 2022.3

2.2 Software Packages and Tools for the local run

- Terraform ≥ 0.14
- AWS CLI
- Python 3.11.4
- IAM-Flaws
- weirdAAL
- CloudGoat

2.3 AWS Requirement:

• AWS account with Administrator Access

3 Configuring VirtualBox and Kali Linux

1. VirtualBox Installation: Follow the official VirtualBox documentation to install it (Krishnaraj, 2021).

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2. Networking Method: For the project, use the 'Bridged Adapter' method in VirtualBox. This ensures the virtual machine operates as a unique entity on your network (Mucci, 2021).

3. Downloading Kali Linux Image: Obtain the appropriate Kali Linux virtual machine image from its official website.

4. Kali Configuration on VirtualBox(Rutger, 2021):

- Launch VirtualBox and initiate a new virtual machine.
- Designate the Kali Linux image you downloaded as the installation source.
- Allocate an 80 GB virtual hard drive for Kali.
- Assign 5 CPU processors.
- Dedicate 8 GB of RAM.
- Ensure that the 'Bridged Adapter' option is selected in the network settings.

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5. Enabling Hardware Virtualization: Activate hardware virtualization in your system's BIOS/UEFI settings to optimize the performance of your Kali virtual machine within VirtualBox.

6. Booting Up Kali Linux: Start your Kali Linux virtual machine. When prompted, log in using the default Kali Linux credentials or those provided on the download page

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4 Configuration of AWS Account and Services and Tools

4.1 Setting Up Your AWS Account (kuppusamy, 2022)

1. AWS Account Creation: Refer to the AWS official documentation to set up an AWS account.

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2. Setting Up an Admin Group: Navigate to the IAM (Identity and Access Management) section and create a group for administrative access (Rosales, 2023).

3. Granting Permissions: In the permissions section, attach the predefined 'AdministratorAccess' policy. And

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4. Creating an IAM User: Create a new IAM user with console access and access key and secret and add them to the 'Administrator' group.

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5. **Creating IAM User for Testing:** Now create another IAM User with console access and access key and secret for Framework testing Purpose

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5. Custom IAM User Configuration: Create another IAM user and assign them a custom permission policy for IAM reconnaissance and exploitation scenarios.

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6. **Configuring AWS CLI:** Configure AWS Administrator user into AWS CLI on Kali Linux using AWS configure command

4.2 Configuring tools

4.2.1 AWS CLI

1. Install awscli from Kali Linux CLI

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2. Configure AWS Administrator user into AWS CLI on Kali Linux using AWS configure command.



4.2.2 CloudGoat

1. Cloning the Repository: First, head over to the Rhino Security Labs GitHub page and find the CloudGoat repository(Cloudgoat, 2023). Clone it onto your machine, so you've got your own local copy.

2. Navigate to the Directory: Once you've cloned it, navigate into the CloudGoat folder. This will be our workspace for the next steps.

3. Installing Terraform: Before we proceed, ensure you've got Terraform (version 0.14 or above) installed. It's a key tool for CloudGoat.





4. Installation of Dependencies: Inside the CloudGoat directory, you'll find a list of requirements to run CloudGoat smoothly. Install all of them.

5. Assign Execution Permissions: By default, CloudGoat not have the execution permissions. So, give it the green light to run on your system.

6. AWS Integration: Now, it's time to connect the dots. Integrate your AWS setup with CloudGoat with same profile name set in the 6th step while configuring AWS.

7. Whitelisting Your IP: To ensure smooth operation, add your IP to CloudGoat's whitelist.

8. Test Execution: Take CloudGoat for a quick spin. Run it and ensure everything looks good.



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4.2.3 IAM-Flaws Installation & Configuration Guide(Nikhil, 2021)

1. Cloning the Repository: Begin by visiting the GitHub page where IAM-Flaws is hosted. Once there, clone the repository to your local system to get your very own copy.

2. Navigate to the Directory: After successfully cloning, navigate into the IAM-Flaws folder.

3. Installing jq: Ensure jq is installed on your system. It's an essential tool for working with JSON data from the command line.

4. Installation of Dependencies: Within the IAM-Flaws directory, there's a list showcasing all the necessary components to run IAM-Flaws . Make sure to get each of them set up.



4.2.4 Pacu Installation & Configuration Guide(RhinoSecurityLabs, 2023.)

1. Navigating to the Code Artifact: Access the provided code artifact for Pacu Folder.

2. Navigate to the Directory Move to 'pacu' folder. Make this your current working directory.

3. Installation of Requirements: Inside the CloudGoat directory, you'll find a list of requirements to run CloudGoat. Install all of them.

4. Resolving Dependencies: During your installation, should you encounter any issues or errors, particularly with policyuniverse, ensure it's installed or updated. Sometimes, specific dependencies can cause issues.

5. Initializing Pacu: With everything set up, it's time to bring Pacu to life. Launch it and when prompted, input the key for a user that doesn't possessAWS IAM administrator privileges.



4.2.5 AWSNeo Setup, Configuration & Execution Guide

1. Navigate to the AWSNeo Directory: Inside the code artifact you've received, there's a folder specifically dedicated to AWSNeo. Make it current directory.

2. Installation of Requirements: Inside the AWSNeo directory, you'll find a list of requirements to run AWSNeo. Install all of them.

3. SET Path for Pacu: set path for pacu in lib/awsneo_shell.py it can be intialize

3. Launching AWSNeo: With the prerequisites in place, it's time to get AWSNeo running. Start the tool as directed, usually with a specific command or by executing the main script.

4. Initializing AWSNeo: To make sure AWSNeo is functioning as expected, test it out by executing `help` and `exit` command.

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Type "help" for available commands.

5 Scenarios

5.1 Scenario 1: IAM _Recon

- Start the AWSNeo
- Run`setaws`
- Configure AWS key
- Run ` IAM_recon` command

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Processing complete. Output written to: output/IAM_recon_20230817_111441.txt Please check vulnerable permissions in: output/IAM_vulnerable_20230817_111441.txt AWSNeos

5.2 Scenario 2: IAM _Exploit

- Start the AWSNeo
- Run`setaws`
- Configure AWS key
- Run `IAM_exploit` command

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5.3 Scenario 3: EC2_SSRF

- Create AWS Infrastructure using the CloudGoat.
- Start the AWSNeo
- Run`set_profile`
- Configure AWS key
- Run `EC2 SSRF` command

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(kali@kali)-[~/configuration/cloudgoat]
$ ./cloudgoat.py create ec2_ssrf
Using default profile "Cloudgoat" from config.yml...
Loading whitelist.txt ...
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Now running ec2_ssrf's start.sh...
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Initializing provider plugins...
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- Finding latest version of hashicorp/null...
- Finding latest version of hashicorp/archive...
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