CTF Challenge Answers: Incident Response



Incident Response Report: Hunt the IoT monkey device

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Challenge:

Due to the recent attention to IoT devices being able intrude your network and spy, thought I'll make this challenge as close as possible to a real-world incident – $\underline{\text{News}}$ Links

"HALB Corporation is a Fortune 500 company who has 12 office locations across the globe. Especially 5 offices in Australia. They celebrated their new year by gifting every employee a sponge monkey doll. Most of the employees kept the doll in their cubical.

A Intel was received to the company's investigations team stating that one of the monkey doll is an IoT device that is capable of intruding the network and steal information. An incident responder started his hunt for this device by capturing traffic at the internet perimeter. He was able to identify some strange traffic and confirm the presence of the device within the network. He immediately called in for help from other incident responders for further analysis"

The HALB corp management team is after the following details

- 1. collect basic Information on this IoT device (Trivial)
- 2. Retrieve the "complete" information sent from this IoT device.(Challenging)
- 3. Find the IoT device location to which branch office.(Tough)

Executive Summary:

1. The IoT device Basic information

```
IP Address: 10.11.0.5

MAC Address: 00:12:9f:12:33:44

Destination Address: 198.91.81.7

Destination domain: hunt.pcriot.com
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2. Retrieve the complete information

the capability to take snapshots with hidden camera. Not sure about the further capabilities of this device. All the data collected has been base64 encoded with added cruft to evade detection. Retrieved information: root\$./startshell-1 IEEE 802.11abgn ESSID: "HALB-Guest" Mode: Managed Frequency: 2.412 GHz Cell: 3C:D4:C7:6F:B5:4B Tx-Power=20 dBm Retry short limit:7 RTS thr:off Fragment thr:off Encryption key:off Power Management:off no wireless extensions. 10 no wireless extensions. eth0 root\$./wlan0-scan wlan0 Scan completed: Cell 01 - Address: 00:7F:28:35:9A:C7 Channel:1 Frequency: 2.412 GHz (Channel 1) Quality=29/70 Signal level=-81 dBm Encryption key:on ESSID: "CHC" Bit Rates: 1 Mb/s; 2 Mb/s; 5.5 Mb/s; 11 Mb/s; 6 Mb/s 9 Mb/s; 12 Mb/s; 18 Mb/s Bit Rates: 24 Mb/s; 36 Mb/s; 48 Mb/s; 54 Mb/s Mode:Master Extra:tsf=000000412e67cddf Extra: Last beacon: 5408ms ago IE: Unknown: 00055837335A36 IE: Unknown: 010882848B960C121824 IE: Unknown: 030101 IE: Unknown: 200100 IE: IEEE 802.11i/WPA2 Version 1 Group Cipher : CCMP Pairwise Ciphers (1) : CCMP Authentication Suites (1): PSK IE: Unknown: 2A0100 IE: Unknown: 32043048606C IE: Unknown: DD180050F2020101040003A4000027A4000042435E0062322F00 IE: Unknown: DD0900037F01010000FF7F IE: Unknown: DD0A00037F0401000000000

The device has performed a reconnaissance on the HALB Guest Network and has

IE: Unknown: 0706555320010B1B

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Cell 02 - Address: 48:5D:36:08:68:DC
Channel: 6
Frequency: 2.412 GHz (Channel 1)
Quality=59/70 Signal level=-51 dBm
Encryption key:on
ESSID: "HALB-CORP"
Bit Rates: 1 Mb/s; 2 Mb/s; 5.5 Mb/s; 11 Mb/s; 18 Mb/s
24 Mb/s; 36 Mb/s; 54 Mb/s
Bit Rates: 6 Mb/s; 9 Mb/s; 12 Mb/s; 48 Mb/s
Mode: Master
Extra:tsf=00000021701d828b
Extra: Last beacon: 4532ms ago
IE: Unknown: 000F736F6D657468696E67636C65766572
IE: Unknown: 010882848B962430486C
IE: Unknown: 030106
IE: Unknown: 0706555320010B1E
IE: Unknown: 2A0100
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Channel: 6
Frequency: 2.412 GHz (Channel 1)
Quality=62/70 Signal level=-49 dBm
Encryption key:off
ESSID: "HALB-Guest"
Bit Rates: 1 Mb/s; 2 Mb/s; 5.5 Mb/s; 11 Mb/s; 18 Mb/s
24 Mb/s; 36 Mb/s; 54 Mb/s
Bit Rates: 6 Mb/s; 9 Mb/s; 12 Mb/s; 48 Mb/s
Mode: Master
Extra:tsf=00000021701d8913
Extra: Last beacon: 5936ms ago
IE: Unknown: 000F736F6D657468696E67636C65766572
IE: Unknown: 010882848B962430486C
IE: Unknown: 030106
IE: Unknown: 0706555320010B1E
IE: Unknown: 2A0100
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root$ ./sweep
10.11.0.12
10.11.0.45
10.11.0.64
10.11.0.89
10.11.0.92
10.11.0.121
10.11.0.1
10.11.0.3
10.11.0.62
10.11.0.78
10.11.0.90
10.11.0.32
10.11.0.87
10.11.0.61
10.11.0.42
10.11.0.98
10.11.0.151
10.11.0.25
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10.11.0.13

root\$./capture

root\$./transfer,NAME=/root/Pictures/snapshot CURRENT.jpg



3. Location of the device was retrieved by the geo co-ordinates in the image's metadata, to be the spencer street office



Technical Detail:

File: "internet perimeter.pcap"

md5: 449f068399889883fd2d2a93a0bafc41

A quick check on the summary of the overall traffic collected reveals that "10.11.0.5" is been sending out a huge number of data outside

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Address A	Address B	Packets	Bytes	Packets A→B	Bytes A→B
10.11.5.15	216.58.220.142	200	15 600	200	15 600
10.11.5.2	179.60.193.36	200	15 800	200	15 800
10.11.1.14	216.58.220.97	8 441	751 249	8 441	751 249
10.11.0.5	198.91.81.7	8 241	3 198 383	8 241	3 198 383
1.2.3.4	10.11.2.24	8 318	640 486	0	0
8.8.8.8	10.11.0.12	77	5 929	0	0

Details on other IP:

- 10.11.0.12 8.8.8.8 (Google)
- 10.11.2.24 1.2.3.4 (Halbcorp domain)
- 10.11.1.14 216.58.220.97 (memoryexploit.blogspot.com.au "My blog" :-p)
- 10.11.5.2 179.60.193.36 (facebook)
- 10.11.5.15 216.58.220.142 (youtube)

our suspicious traffic from 10.11.0.5 is towards 198.91.81.7 - hunt.pcriot.com with some strange data after the domain request in every single packet sent. chances can be this request traffic can be used to tunnel the data along with domain request.

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0060	00	00	00	05	00	08	58	6с			35						Xl hm5d2xhb
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hunt.pcriot.com - does not have any details other than some funny videos

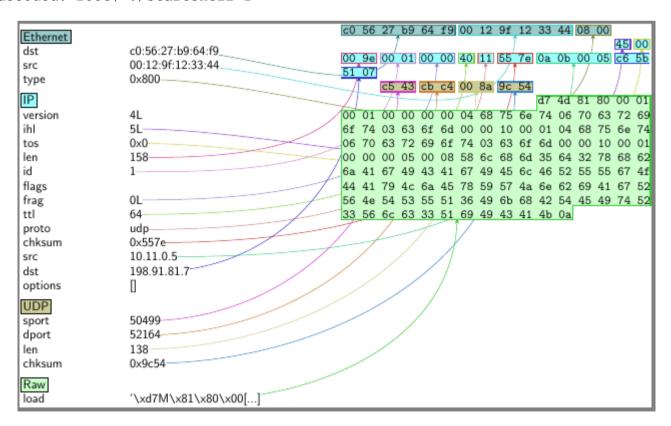
Let's deep dive into dissecting and analysing more on this specific traffic. (Export traffic only from 10.11.0.5 and dissect with Scapy)

Based on the "==" at the end we are able to determine that the data is base64 encoding

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cm9vdCQgLi9zdGFydHNoZWxsLTEK==
decoded: root$ ./startshell-1==
```

looks like the == was manually added. since without that even the base64 math satisfies

cm9vdCQgLi9zdGFydHNoZWxsLTEK
decoded: root\$./startshell-1



After inspecting the other samples our suspicious data sits on the same section of the packets " RAW - load ". Chances these packets may be injected with data by the device to hide information in base64 format

But our encode information starts after specific number of bytes and ends before the " \n " as per the red highlights below

>>> pkt[1].load 'dB\x81\x80\x00\x01\x00\x01\x00\x00\x00\x00\x04hunt\x06pcriot\x03com\x00\x00\x10\x00\x01\x04hunt\x06pcriot\x03 com\x00\x00\x10\x00\x01\x00\x00\x00\x05\x00\x08\n'

>>> pkt[2].load

'\xd7M\x81\x80\x00\x01\x00\x01\x00\x00\x00\x00\x04hunt\x06pcriot\x03com\x00\x00\x10\x00\x01\x04hunt\x06pcriot\ x03com\x00\x00\x10\x00\x01\x00\x00\x00\x05\x00\x08<mark></mark>Xlhm5d2xhbjAgICAgIElFRUUg0DAyLjExYWJnbiAgRVNTSUQ6IkhBTEItR3V lc3QiICAK<mark>\</mark>n'

>>> pkt[4].load

'\xf52\x81\x80\x00\x01\x00\x01\x00\x00\x00\x00\x04hunt\x06pcriot\x03com\x00\x00\x10\x00\x01\x04hunt\x06pcriot\x03com\x00\x00\x10\x00\x01\x04hunt\x06pcriot\x03com\x00\x00\x10\x00\x01\x00\x00\x00\x05\x00\x05\x00\x08\Xlhm5TW9kZTpNYW5hZ2VkICBGcmVxdWVuY3k6Mi40MTIgR0h6ICBDZWxs0iAzQzpENDpDNzo2RjpCNTo0QiAgIAo=\n'

quick test on one of the packets, get our needed information

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>>> pkt[4].load[60:-1]
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'Xlhm5TW9kZTpNYW5hZ2VkICBGcmVxdWVuY3k6Mi40MTIgR0h6ICBDZWxs0iAzQzpENDpDNzo2RjpCNTo0QiAgIAo='

Time to automate & unravel the information . bring in the pythons :-p

quick code to iterate through every packet and extract the information. in the below code hunt.pcap is the specific suspicious IP's pcap file. "scapy.all" is imported to dissect the packet as we did in the pcap file

Results:

```
WARNING: No route found for IPv6 destination :: (no default route?)
root$ ./startshell-1

Traceback (most recent call last):
   File "./pcap_decode.py", line 9, in <module>
        p_data=base64.b64decode(pkt.load[60:-1])
   File "/usr/lib/python2.7/base64.py", line 76, in b64decode
        raise TypeError(msg)
TypeError: Incorrect padding
```

The first data got decode successfully but the code ended with error "incorrect padding" for the next data in the packet
So let's pipe the output before base64 conversion and inspect further

The encoded data that caused the error: Xlhm5d2xhbjAqICAqIElFRUUqODAyLjExYWJnbiAqRVNTSUQ6IkhBTEItR3Vlc3QiICAK

Decoding into base64 with HEX view for deeper look

Xlhm5d2xhbjAgICAgIElFRUUgODAyLjExYWJnbiAgRVNTSUQ6lkhBTEltR3Vlc3QiICAK

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69 characters in total - "not divisible by 4"

If it's a base64 it should be multiples of 4. so something wrong with this data

"chances the attacker might have added some cruft to make the make the decode throw some garbage to evade detection from the platforms" or "some random data which we might need to exclude in the decode" or "this might not be base64 at all"

let's sample more of these odd numbered characters to see if they have any pattern of noise

```
cm9vdCQqLi9zdGFydHNoZWxsLTEK==
     Xlhm5d2xhbjAgICAgIElFRUUgODAyLjExYWJnbiAgRVNTSUQ6IkhBTEItR3Vlc3QiICAK
5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 12 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 30
     Xlhm5TW9kZTpNYW5hZ2VkICBGcmVxdWVuY3k6Mi40MTIgR0h6ICBDZWxsOiAzQzpENDpDNzo2RjpCNTo0QiAgIAo=
     Xlhm5VHgtUG93ZXI9MjAgZEJtICAgCg==
     Xlhm5UmVOcnkgc2hvcnQgbGltaXQ6NyAgIFJUUyBOaHI6b2ZmICAgRnJhZ21lbnQgdGhyOm9mZgo=
     Xlhm5RW5jcnlwdGlvbiBrZXk6b2ZmCq==
     Xlhm5UG93ZXIqTWFuYWdlbWVudDpvZmYK
     Xlhm5ICAgICAgCg==
     Xlhm5bG8gICAgICAgIG5vIHdpcmVsZXNzIGV4dGVuc2lvbnMuCg==
     Xlhm5Cg==
     Xlhm5ZXRoMCAgICAgIG5vIHdpcmVsZXNzIGV4dGVuc2lvbnMuCg==
     cm9vdCQqLi93bGFuMC1zY2FuCq==
     Xlhm5d2xhbjAgICAgIFNjYW4gY29tcGxldGVkIDoK
     Xlhm5Q2VsbCAwMSAtIEFkZHJlc3M6IDAw0jdG0jI40jM10jlB0kM3Cg==
     Xlhm5Q2hhbm5lbDoxCg==
     Xlhm5RnJlcXVlbmN50jIuNDEyIEdIeiAoQ2hhbm5lbCAxKQo=
```

Looks like there is a pattern in the odd numbered data. let's give a quick decode ignoring the highlighted pattern

let's now add this logic to our python code

```
#!/usr/bin/python
from scapy.all import *
import base64
file n=open("output.txt",'w')
packets=rdpcap("hunt.pcap")
for pkt in packets:
        p data=pkt.load[60:-1]
        if(p data.startswith('Xlhm5')):
                line = p data[5:]
                deco2=base64.b64decode(line)
                sys.stdout=file n
                print deco2
        else:
                deco1=base64.b64decode(p data)
                sys.stdout=file n
                print decol
```

The changes from previous code are the logic to check for the cruft and remove it before decode. Also I have piped the output to txt file even if the data is not interpreted correctly by my terminal, just for later inspection

Results:

```
root$ ./startshell-1
        IEEE 802.11abgn ESSID: "HALB-Guest"
Mode: Managed Frequency: 2.412 GHz Cell: 3C:D4:C7:6F:B5:4B
Tx-Power=20 dBm
Retry short limit:7
                     RTS thr:off Fragment thr:off
Encryption key:off
Power Management:off
         no wireless extensions.
10
         no wireless extensions.
eth0
root$ ./wlan0-scan
        Scan completed:
Cell 01 - Address: 00:7F:28:35:9A:C7
Channel:1
Frequency: 2.412 GHz (Channel 1)
Quality=29/70 Signal level=-81 dBm
Encryption key:on
ESSID: "CHC"
Bit Rates: 1 Mb/s; 2 Mb/s; 5.5 Mb/s; 11 Mb/s; 6 Mb/s
9 Mb/s; 12 Mb/s; 18 Mb/s
Bit Rates: 24 Mb/s; 36 Mb/s; 48 Mb/s; 54 Mb/s
Mode:Master
Extra:tsf=000000412e67cddf
Extra: Last beacon: 5408ms ago
IE: Unknown: 00055837335A36
IE: Unknown: 010882848B960C121824
IE: Unknown: 030101
IE: Unknown: 200100
IE: IEEE 802.11i/WPA2 Version 1
```

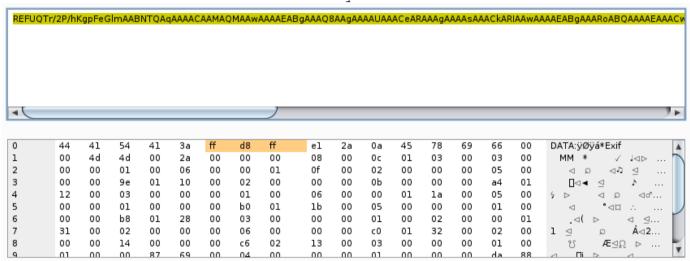
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Group Cipher : CCMP
Pairwise Ciphers (1): CCMP
Authentication Suites (1): PSK
IE: Unknown: 2A0100
IE: Unknown: 32043048606C
IE: Unknown: DD180050F2020101040003A4000027A4000042435E0062322F00
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Mode:Master
Extra:tsf=00000021701d8913
Extra: Last beacon: 5936ms ago
IE: Unknown: 000F736F6D657468696E67636C65766572
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10.11.0.121
10.11.0.1
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10.11.0.3
10.11.0.62
10.11.0.78
10.11.0.90
10.11.0.32
10.11.0.87
10.11.0.61
10.11.0.42
10.11.0.98
10.11.0.151
10.11.0.25
10.11.0.13
10.11.0.48
root$ ./capture
root$ ./transfer,NAME=/root/Pictures/snapshot CURRENT.jpg
DATA: ÿØÿá*
```

Based on the above output looks like the device is capable of running scripts to check on the adapters, perform a wlan scan, sweep on the network & capable of taking a picture with an hidden camera

root\$./transfer,NAME=/root/Pictures/snapshot_CURRENT.jpg DATA:ÿØÿá*

From the last bit of strings shown above. looks like after the snapshot some data is being passed which is successfully decoding, but not human readable. chances that this can be image data. let's perform an Hex view base64 decode to have a closer look at the bits and bytes



based on the above highlights, it's confirmed that the JPEG image is being transferred. Even checking the trailer of the final data packet gives FF D9.

Upon sampling further data section, we kind of got the logic to decode, so the data lines start with "REFUQT" before decode

and starts with "DATA:" after decode. so we need to remove the "DATA:" and group the rest of data as image file.

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Time to teach our python to carve files :-p

As per the logic analysed, the code bits added were checking if the data section starts with 'REFUQ' and strip of the "DATA:" after decoding and save it in a file.

```
if(p_data.startswith('REFUQ')):
          deco2=base64.b64decode(p_data)
          if 'DATA' in deco2:
                image_data +=deco2.replace('DATA:', '')
                image = True
          continue

with open('picture_new.jpg','wb') as f:
          f.write(image_data)
```

Results:

Carved Image



Taking a look at the metadata of the image gives us further details

File Name : picture_new.jpg Directory : . : 1663 kB File Size File Modification Date/Time : 2016:02:16 00:42:31+11:00 File Access Date/Time : 2016:02:21 21:47:34+11:00 File Inode Change Date/Time : 2016:02:16 00:46:03+11:00 File Permissions : rw-r--r--File Type : JPEG MIME Type Exif Byte Order : image/jpeg : Big-endian (Motorola, MM) : JPEG (old-style) Compression Make : W00t Camera Model Name : W00t iOS 9 : Rotate 90 CW 0rientation X Resolution : 72 : 72 Y Resolution Resolution Unit : inches Software : 9.2.1 Modify Date Y Cb Cr Positioning : 2016:02:12 18:58:40 : Centered : 1/33 Exposure Time : 2.2 F Number Exposure Program : Program AE IS0 : 125 Exif Version : 0221 Date/Time Original : 2016:02:12 18:58:40 : 2016:02:12 18:58:40 Create Date : Y, Cb, Cr, -: 1/33 : 2.2 Components Configuration Shutter Speed Value Aperture Value : 2.915427986 Brightness Value Exposure Compensation : 0 Metering Mode : Spot Flash : Off, Did not fire Focal Length : 4.2 mm : 1845 969 610 612 Subject Area Run Time Flags : Valid Run Time Value : 27328974285416 Run Time Epoch : 1000000000 Run Time Scale Sub Sec Time Original Sub Sec Time Digitized Flashpix Version : 059 : 059 : 0100 Color Space : sRGB Exif Image Width : 3264 Exif Image Height : 2448 Sensing Method : One-chip color area Scene Type : Directly photographed Exposure Mode : Auto : Auto White Balance Focal Length In 35mm Format : 29 mm

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Scene Capture Type
                                       Standard
Lens Info
                                     : 4.15mm f/2.2
Lens Make
                                     : W00t
Lens Model
                                     : W00t 9 back camera 4.15mm f/2.2
GPS Latitude Ref
                                     : South
GPS Lonaitude Ref
                                     : East
Thumbnail Offset
                                     : 1828
Thumbnail Length
                                     : 8938
                                     : 3264
: 2448
Image Width
Image Height
Encoding Process
                                     : Baseline DCT, Huffman coding
Bits Per Sample
                                     : 8
Color Components
                                     : YCbCr4:2:0 (2 2)
Y Cb Cr Sub Sampling
                                     : 2.2
: 37 deg 49' 4.74" S
: 144 deg 57' 15.13" E
Aperture
GPS Latitude
GPS Longitude
                                     : 37 deg 49' 4.74" S, 144 deg 57' 15.13" E
GPS Position
                                     : 3264x2448
Image Size
Run Time Since Power Up
                                     : 7:35:28
Scale Factor To 35 mm Equivalent: 6.9
                                     : 1/33
Shutter Speed
                                     : 2016:02:12 18:58:40.059
: 2016:02:12 18:58:40.059
Create Date
Date/Time Original
Thumbnail Image
                                     : (Binary data 8938 bytes, use -b option to extract)
Circle Of Confusion
Field Of View
                                     : 0.004 mm
                                     : 63.7 deg
: 4.2 mm (35 mm equivalent: 29.0 mm)
Focal Length
 Hyperfocal Distance
                                       1.84 m
 ight Value
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Looks the hidden cam is capable of storing the geo co-ordinates.

so we have gathered all the information for the management to perform the sweep for the device in the Spencer street office

Game Over :-)



