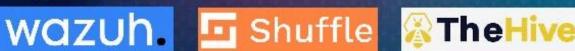
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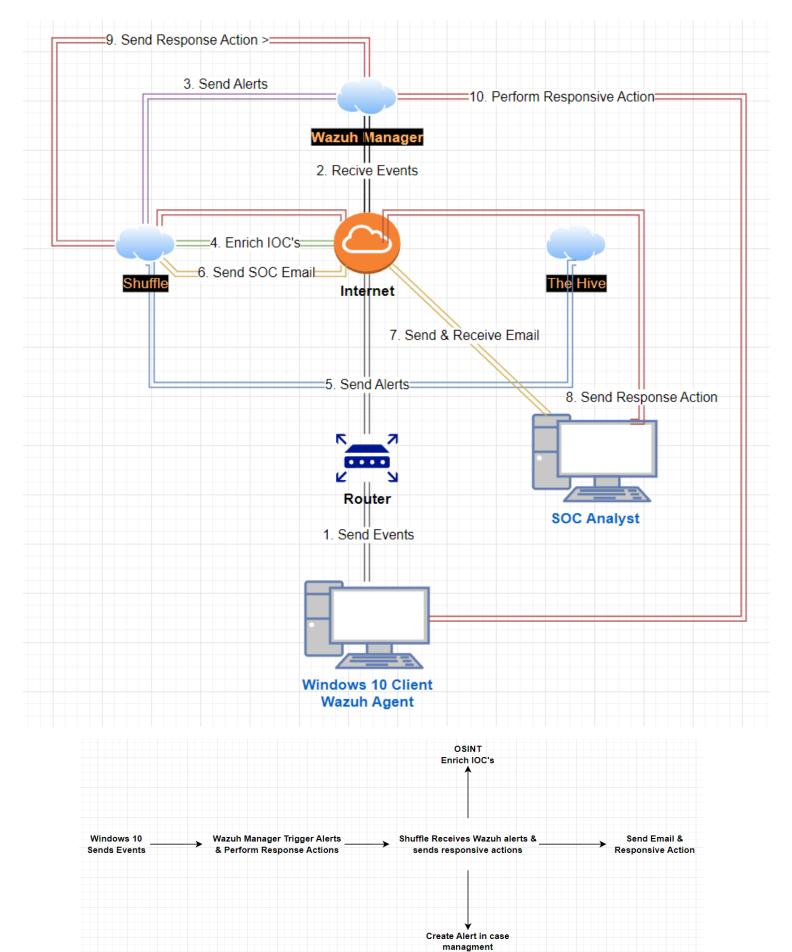








Project Diagram



By the end of this SOC Automation Project, I'm going to have a fully functional live telemetry ingesting/digesting lab while implementing automation & orchestration

I'll be using:

- Wazuh (SIEM/XDR)
- Shuffle (SOAR)
- The Hive (CaseManagmentSystem)

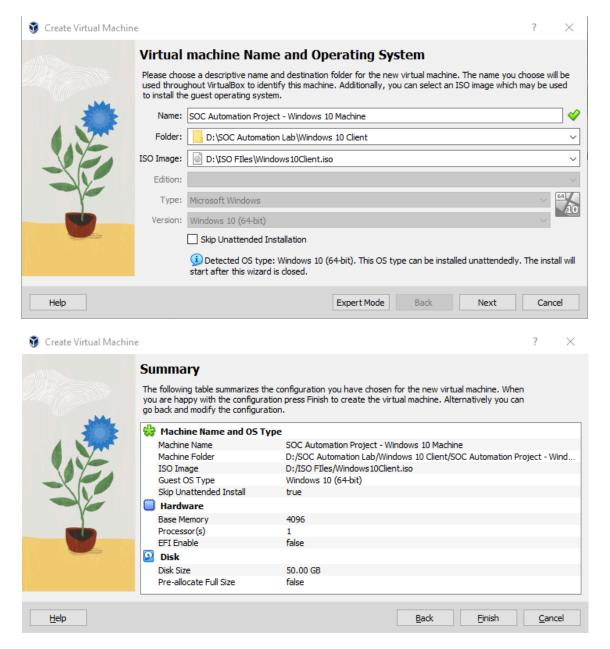
While sending alerts in real time to the SOC analyst via email

I'll also do live testing and creating custom Wazuh rules using the Mimikatz penetration testing tool & Investigating Sysmon logs

Part 1: Setting up VMs

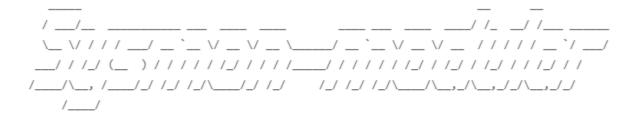
- Windows 10 w/Sysmon
- Wazuh Server (SIEM/XDR)
- TheHive Server (IR Platform)

I'll start with the Windows 10 Client w/Sysmon using VirtualBox, this will act as the Wazuh Agent



I'll be using the Olaf Hartong Sysmon Modular config file from

https://github.com/olafhartong/sysmon-modular/blob/
master/sysmonconfig.xml



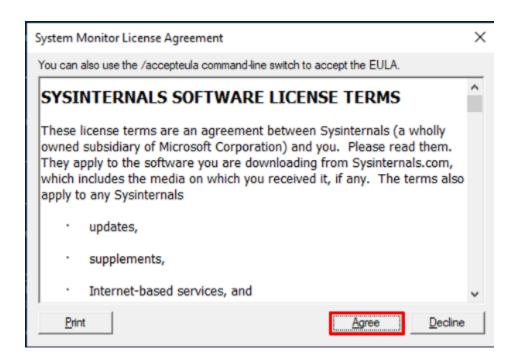
by Olaf Hartong

Running PowerShell with admin privileges to install

```
PS C:\Users\WazuhAgent\Downloads\Sysmon> dir
    Directory: C:\Users\WazuhAgent\Downloads\Sysmon
Mode
                       LastWriteTime
                                                  Length Name
                                                   -----
               8/17/2024 1:02 AM
8/17/2024 1:02 AM
8/17/2024 1:02 AM
8/17/2024 1:02 AM
8/17/2024 1:06 AM
                                                     7490 Eula.txt
                                                 8480560 Sysmon.exe
4563248 Sysmon64.exe
4993440 Sysmon64a.exe
                                                  253169 sysmonconfig.xml
PS C:\Users\WazuhAgent\Downloads\Sysmon> .\Sysmon64.exe
System Monitor v15.15 - System activity monitor
By Mark Russinovich and Thomas Garnier
Copyright (C) 2014-2024 Microsoft Corporation
Using libxml2. libxml2 is Copyright (C) 1998-2012 Daniel Veillard.
Sysinternals - www.sysinternals.com
Usage:
                              Sysmon64.exe -i [<configfile>]
Install:
Install: Sysmon64.exe -i [<configfile>]
Update configuration: Sysmon64.exe -c [<configfile>]
Install event manifest: Sysmon64.exe -m
Print schema: Sysmon64.exe -s
                             Sysmon64.exe -u [force]
Uninstall:
```

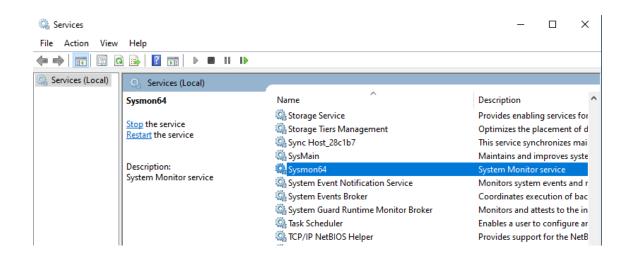
Making sure the right configurations are installed

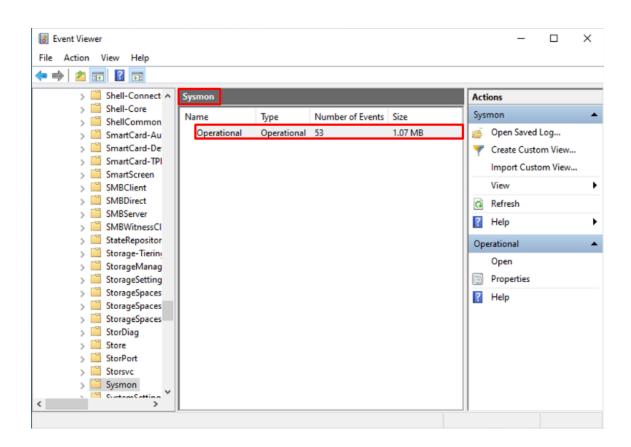
PS C:\Users\WazuhAgent\Downloads\Sysmon> .\Sysmon64.exe -i .\symonconfig.xml _



```
Loading configuration file with schema version 4.90
Configuration file validated.
Sysmon64 installed.
SysmonDrv installed.
Starting SysmonDrv.
SysmonDrv started.
Starting Sysmon64..
Sysmon64 started.
PS C:\Users\WazuhAgent\Downloads\Sysmon> _
```

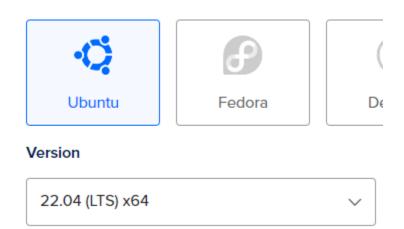
I'll make sure that Sysmon is up and running, by checking EventViewer & Services





Now that I have my Windows Client machine installed along with Sysmon, I'll start installing the Wazuh Server

I'll be using Digital Ocean, which is a cloud infrastructure provider, I'll use Ubunto 22.04

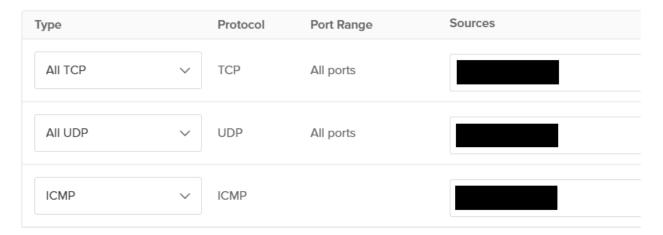


I'll configure the firewall first, I'll be blocking all inbound TCP/UDP traffic except for my personal Lab network

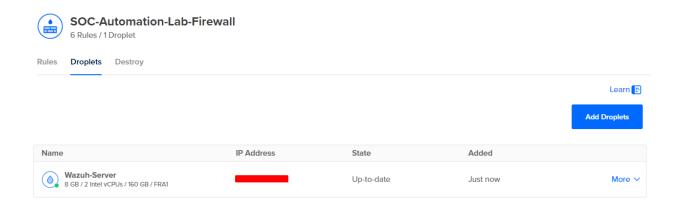


Inbound Rules

Set the Firewall rules for incoming traffic. Only the specified ports will accept inbound connections. All other traffic



I'll link the firewall rules to the Wazuh-Server



I'll use Putty for my SSH to IaaS Cloud connection

```
🗗 root@Wazuh-Server: ~

    del login as: root

   root@
                         password:
  Access denied
💤 root@
                        password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 22.04.4 LTS (GNU/Linux 5.15.0-113-generic x86 64)
 * Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com
 * Management:
                  https://landscape.canonical.com
                   https://ubuntu.com/pro
 * Support:
 System information as of Sat Aug 17 10:09:58 UTC 2024
  System load: 0.0
                                   Processes:
  Usage of /: 1.1% of 154.88GB Users logged in:
 Memory usage: 2%
                                  IPv4 address for eth0:
                                   IPv4 address for eth0:
  Swap usage: 0%
Expanded Security Maintenance for Applications is not enabled.
39 updates can be applied immediately.
29 of these updates are standard security updates.
To see these additional updates run: apt list --upgradable
Enable ESM Apps to receive additional future security updates.
See https://ubuntu.com/esm or run: sudo pro status
```

I'll start by updating and upgrading

```
root@Wazuh-Server:~# dir
snap
root@Wazuh-Server:~# apt-get update && apt-get upgrade -y
Get:1 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-security InRelease [129 kB]
Hit:2 http://mirrors.digitalocean.com/ubuntu jammy InRelease
Hit:3 https://repos-droplet.digitalocean.com/apt/droplet-agent main InRelease
Hit:4 http://mirrors.digitalocean.com/ubuntu jammy-updates InRelease
Hit:5 http://mirrors.digitalocean.com/ubuntu jammy-backports InRelease
Fetched 129 kB in 4s (36.2 kB/s)
Reading package lists... Done
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
```

Using this curl command, I'll install Wazuh 4.7

```
root@Wazuh-Server:~#
root@Wazuh-Server:~#
root@Wazuh-Server:~#
root@Wazuh-Server:~# curl -sO https://packages.wazuh.com/4.7/wazuh-install.sh &&
sudo bash ./wazuh-install.sh -a
17/08/2024 10:34:10 INFO: Starting Wazuh installation assistant. Wazuh version:
4.7.5
17/08/2024 10:34:10 INFO: Verbose logging redirected to /var/log/wazuh-install.1
```

Post installation, I've received a Username & Password for the Wazuh dashboard

```
17/08/2024 10:38:49 INFO: Initializing Wazuh dashboard web application.
17/08/2024 10:38:49 INFO: Wazuh dashboard web application initialized.
17/08/2024 10:38:49 INFO: --- Summary ---
17/08/2024 10:38:49 INFO: You can access the web interface https://<wazuh-dashboard-ip>:443
User:
Password:
17/08/2024 10:38:49 INFO: Installation finished
17/08/2024 10:38:49 INFO: Installation finished
```

Now I can log in into the dashboard of my Wazuh Server



After entering the credentials I was provided, I'm able to use the Wazuh dashboard using the public IP address of my Wazuh server



Next I'll repeat the same process for TheHive Server, and I will apply the firewall rules to it



Before installing the TheHive I'll be installing needed dependencies, I'll also be installing Java/Cassandra/ElasticSearch as prerequisites

Installing Dependencies: CommandLine:

- 8 Dependences
- 9 apt install wget gnupg apt-transport-https git ca-certificates ca-certificates-java curl software-properties-common python3-pip lsb-release

```
root@TheHive-Server:-#
root@TheHive-Server:-# apt install wget gnupg apt-transport-https git ca-certificates ca-certificates-java curl software-properties-common python3-pip lsb-release
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
lsb-release is already the newest version (11.1.0ubuntu4).

1sb-release set to manually installed.
ca-certificates is already the newest version (2023031lubuntu0.22.04.1).
git is already the newest version (12.34.1-lubuntu1.11).
```

Installing Java CommandLine:

- 12 wget -qO- https://apt.corretto.aws/corretto.key | sudo gpg --dearmor -o /usr/share/keyrings/corretto.gpg
- echo "deb [signed-by=/usr/share/keyrings/corretto.gpg] https://apt.corretto.aws stable main" | sudo tee -a /etc/apt/sources.list.d/corretto.sources.list
- 14 sudo apt update
- sudo apt install java-common java-11-amazon-corretto-jdk
- 16 echo JAVA_HOME="/usr/lib/jvm/java-11-amazon-corretto" | sudo tee -a /etc/environment
- 17 export JAVA_HOME="/usr/lib/jvm/java-11-amazon-corretto"

```
root@TheHive-Server:~#
```

Installing Casandra CommandLine:

```
20 wget -q0 - https://downloads.apache.org/cassandra/KEYS | sudo gpg --dearmor -o /usr/share/keyrings/cassandra-archive.gpg
21 echo "deb [signed-by=/usr/share/keyrings/cassandra-archive.gpg] https://debian.cassandra.apache.org 40x main" | sudo tee -a /etc/apt/sources.list.d/cassandra.sources.list
22 sudo apt update
23 sudo apt install cassandra
```

```
After this operation, 57.4 MB of additional disk space will be used.

Get:1 https://apache.jfrog.io/artifactory/cassandra-deb 40x/main amd64 cassandra all 4.0.13 [46.6 MB]

Fetched 46.6 MB in 7s (6585 kB/s)

Gelecting previously unselected package cassandra.

(Reading database ... 72736 files and directories currently installed.)

Preparing to unpack .../cassandra_4.0.13_all.deb ...

Inpacking cassandra (4.0.13) ...

Getting up cassandra (4.0.13) ...

Adding group `cassandra' (GID 121) ...
```

Installing ElasticSearch CommandLine:

```
26 wget -qO - https://artifacts.elastic.co/GPG-KEY-elasticsearch | sudo gpg --dearmor -o /usr/share/keyrings/elasticsearch-keyring.gpg

27 sudo apt-get install apt-transport-https

28 echo "deb [signed-by=/usr/share/keyrings/elasticsearch-keyring.gpg] https://artifacts.elastic.co/packages/7.x/apt stable main" | sudo tee /etc/apt/sources.list.d/elastic-7.x.list

29 sudo apt update

30 sudo apt install elasticsearch
```

```
(Reading database ... 72905 files and directories currently installed.)
Preparing to unpack .../elasticsearch_7.17.23_amd64.deb ...
Creating elasticsearch group... OK
Creating elasticsearch user... OK
Unpacking elasticsearch (7.17.23) ...
Setting up elasticsearch (7.17.23) ...
```

Installing TheHive CommandLine:

- wget -O- https://archives.strangebee.com/keys/strangebee.gpg | sudo gpg --dearmor -o /usr/share/keyrings/strangebee-archive-keyring.gpg
- echo 'deb [signed-by=/usr/share/keyrings/strangebee-archive-keyring.gpg] https://deb.strangebee.com thehive-5.2 main' | sudo tee -a /etc/apt/sources.list.d/strangebee.list
- sudo apt-get update
 sudo apt-get install -y thehive

```
root@TheHive-Server:~# wget -O- https://archives.strangebee.com/keys/strangebee.
gpg | sudo gpg --dearmor -o /usr/share/keyrings/strangebee-archive-keyring.gpg
echo 'deb [signed-by=/usr/share/keyrings/strangebee-archive-keyring.gpg] https:/
/deb.strangebee.com thehive-5.2 main' | sudo tee -a /etc/apt/sources.list.d/stra
ngebee.list
sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get install -y thehive
--2024-08-17 13:14:21-- https://archives.strangebee.com/keys/strangebee.gpg
Resolving archives.strangebee.com (archives.strangebee.com)... 5.196.134.251
Connecting to archives.strangebee.com (archives.strangebee.com) |5.196.134.251|:4
43... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 3179 (3.1K) [text/plain]
Saving to: 'STDOUT'
                   100%[=====>]
                                                3.10K --.-KB/s
```

Part 2: Configurations

- Configure TheHive Server
- Configure The Wazuh Server
- Configure Windows 10 Reporting to Wazuh Server

I'll begin with configuring the Cassandra.yaml File

Using the nano command

```
root@TheHive-Server:~# nano /etc/cassandra/
cassandra-env.sh cassandra.yaml hotspot_compiler
cassandra-rackdc.properties commitlog_archiving.properties jvm-clients.options
cassandra-topology.properties cqlshrc.sample jvm-server.options
root@TheHive-Server:~# nano /etc/cassandra/cassandra.yaml

GNU nano 6.2

# Cassandra storage config YAML
```

I'll change the Cluster name to "SocAutoLab"

```
# The name of the cluster. This is mainly used to prevent machines in
# one logical cluster from joining another.
cluster_name: 'SocAutoLab'
```

And I'll change the Listen Address to the public IP address of TheHive Server

```
# Setting listen_address to 0.0.0.0 is always wrong.
# listen_address: 
# Set listen_address OR listen interface, not both. Interfaces must correspond # to a single address, IP aliasing is not supported.
# listen_interface: eth0
```

Change the RPC address to TheHive Public IP address

```
For security reasons, you should not expose this port to the internet. Firewall it if needed.

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```

I'll do the same with the Seed Provider

Next I'll stop Cassandra temporarily in order to remove old files

```
root@TheHive-Server:~#
root@TheHive-Server:~# systemctl stop cassandra.service
```

Removing the old files in the var/lib/cas dir

```
root@TheHive-Server:~# rm -rf /var/lib/cassandra/*
root@TheHive-Server:~#
```

Start Cassandra again after removing old files

```
root@TheHive-Server:~# systemctl start cassandra.service
root@TheHive-Server:~#
root@TheHive-Server:~#
```

Checking if its running, and it is

```
root@TheHive-Server:~# systemctl status cassandra.service

• cassandra.service - LSB: distributed storage system for structured data
Loaded: loaded (/etc/init.d/cassandra; generated)
Active: active (running) since Sat 2024-08-17 13:43:37 UTC; lmin 3s ago
Docs: man:systemd-sysv-generator(8)
Process: 16632 ExecStart=/etc/init.d/cassandra start (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
Tasks: 55 (limit: 9478)
Memory: 2.26
CPU: 14.828s
CGroup: /system.slice/cassandra.service
L16735 /usr/bin/java -ea -da:net.openhft... -XX:+UseThreadPriorities -XX:+HeapDumpOnOutOfMemory
Aug 17 13:43:37 TheHive-Server systemd[1]: Starting LSB: distributed storage system for structured data...
Aug 17 13:43:37 TheHive-Server systemd[1]: Started LSB: distributed storage system for structured data...
Lines 1-13/13 (END)
```

Now that Cassandra is up & running and configured, I'll setup **ElasticSearch** which is used to manage querying data

```
root@TheHive-Server: ~
root@TheHive-Server: ~# nano /etc/elasticsearch/elasticsearch.yml
```

Activating & Changing Cluster.Name and Node.Name And to the public IP for the HiveServer

```
network.host: 64.227.119.244

#

# By default Elasticsearch li

# finds starting at 9200. Set

#

http.port: 9200
```

Cluster Node will be set to 1 node, but this can be scaled but adding more nodes

```
# Bootstrap the cluster using an initial set
#
cluster.initial_master_nodes: ["node-1"]
#
```

Now I'll start and Enable ElasticSearch

```
root@TheHive-Server:~# systemctl start elasticsearch
root@TheHive-Server:~# systemctl enable elasticsearch
Synchronizing state of elasticsearch.service with SysV service script with /lib/systemd/systemd-sysv-install.
Executing: /lib/systemd/systemd-sysv-install enable elasticsearch
Created symlink /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/elasticsearch.service - /lib/systemd/system/elasticsearch.service.
root@TheHive-Server:~#
```

Status is Running

The Hive Configurations:

```
root@TheHive-Server:~# 1s -la /opt/thp
total 12
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 4096 Aug 17 13:14 .
drwxr-xr-x 5 root root 4096 Aug 17 13:14 ..
drwxr-xr-x 5 root root 4096 Aug 17 13:14 thehive
root@TheHive-Server:~#
```

Changing the hive root directory

```
root@TheHive-Server:~# chown -R thehive:thehive /opt/thp
root@TheHive-Server:~# 1s -la /opt/thp
total 12
drwxr-xr-x 3 thehive thehive 4096 Aug 17 13:14 .
drwxr-xr-x 5 root root 4096 Aug 17 13:14 ..
drwxr-xr-x 5 thehive thehive 4096 Aug 17 13:14 thehive
root@TheHive-Server:~#
```

Now it's TheHive user & TheHive group Next I'll configure TheHive .conf file

```
root@TheHive-Server:~# nano /etc/thehive/application.conf
GNU nano 6.2
# TheHive configuration - application.conf
#
```

Change ClusterName + IP Addresses

```
db.janusgraph {
  storage {
    backend = cql
    hostname = ["64.227.119.244"]
    ‡ Cassandra authentication (if configured)
    ‡ username = "thehive"
    ‡ password = "password"
    cql {
        cluster-name = SocAutoLab
        keyspace = thehive
    }
}
index.search {
    backend = elasticsearch
    hostname = ["64.227.119.244"]
    index-name = thehive
}
```

For the service as well

```
# Service configuration
application.baseUrl = "http://64.227.119.244:9000"
play.http.context = "/"
```

Cortex provides response capabilities Misp Used as a CTI (CyberThreatIntelligence) Plat

```
# Both modules are enabled by default. If not used, each one can be disabled by # commenting the configuration line.
scalligraph.modules += org.thp.thehive.connector.cortex.CortexModule
scalligraph.modules += org.thp.thehive.connector.misp.MispModule
```

TheHive is configured and up and running

```
root@TheHive-Server:~# systemctl start thehive root@TheHive-Server:~# systemctl enable thehive
Created symlink /eto/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/thehive.service - /lib/systemd/system/thehive.service.
root@TheHive-Server:~# systemctl status thehive

• thehive.service - Scalable, Open Source and Free Security Incident Response Solutions

Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/thehive.service; enabled; vendor preset: enabled)

Active: active (running) since Sat 2024-08-17 14:16:27 UTC; 32s ago

Docs: https://thehive-project.org

Main PID: 19170 (java)

Tasks: 61 (limit: 9478)

Memory: 568.2M

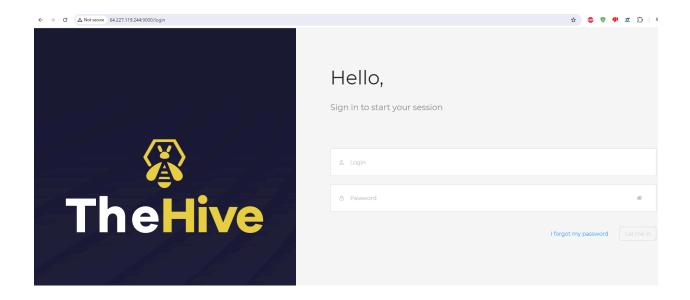
CPU: 33.851s

CGroup: /system.slice/thehive.service

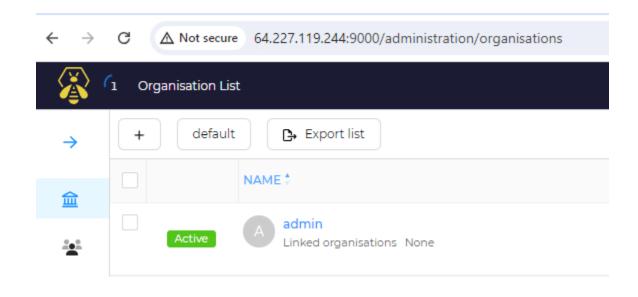
L-19170 java -Dfile.encoding=UTF-8 -Dconfig.file=/etc/thehive/application.conf -Dlogger.file=/etc/thehive/log

Aug 17 14:16:27 TheHive-Server systemd[1]: Started Scalable, Open Source and Free Security Incident Response Solutions.
root@TheHive-Server:~#
```

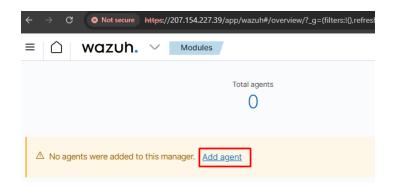
Now TheHive Dashboard is active, after activating and configuring elastic search and Cassandra

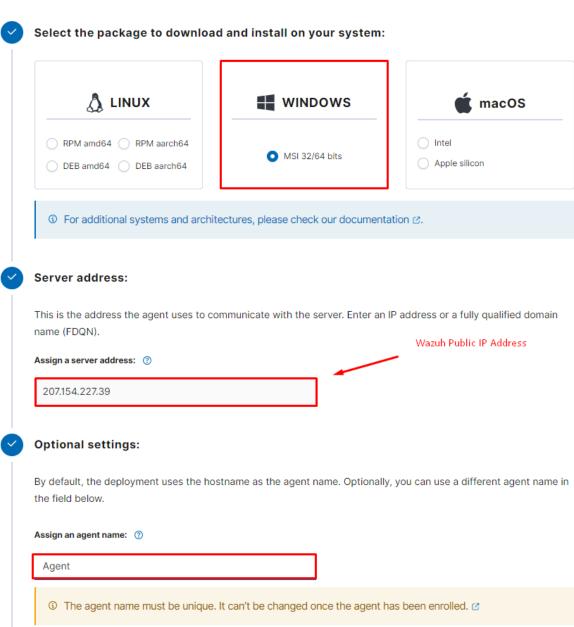


And we have a TheHive dashboard!

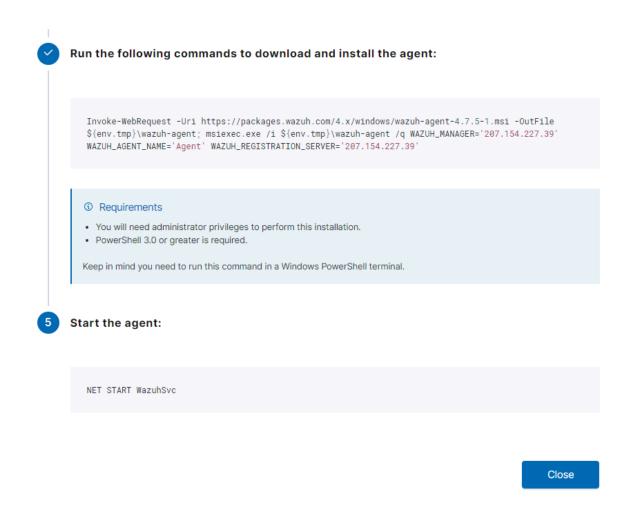


Now I'll configure an agent on the Wazuh Dashboard





Now I will run these following commands with AdminPriv using PowerShell on the Windows10 Client



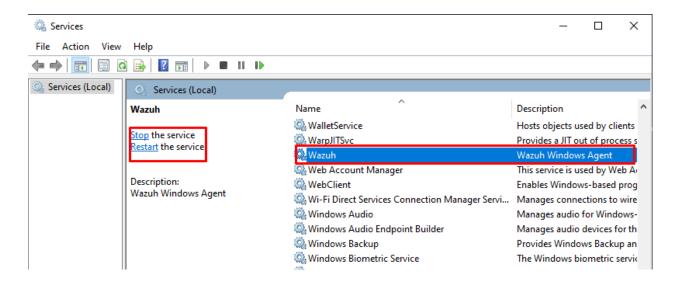
The Wazuh Service is now running on our Client

```
PS C:\Windows\system32> Invoke-WebRequest -Uri https://packages.wazuh.com/4.x/windows/wazuh-agent-4.7.5-1.msi -OutFile $
{env.tmp}\wazuh-agent; msiexec.exe /i ${env.tmp}\wazuh-agent /q WAZUH_MANAGER='207.154.227.39' WAZUH_AGENT_NAME='Agent'
WAZUH_REGISTRATION_SERVER='207.154.227.39'
PS C:\Windows\system32>
PS C:\Windows\system32> NET START WazuhSvc
The Wazuh service is starting.
The Wazuh service was started successfully.

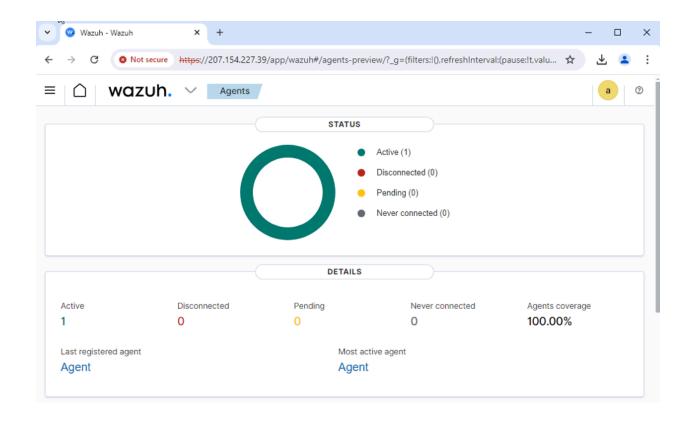
PS C:\Windows\system32> 

PS C:\Windows\system32>
```

We can also see its running in the services



Lets check the Wazuh Dashboard

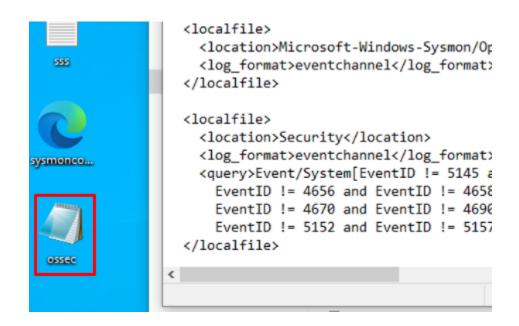


And the Agent is Active and integrated

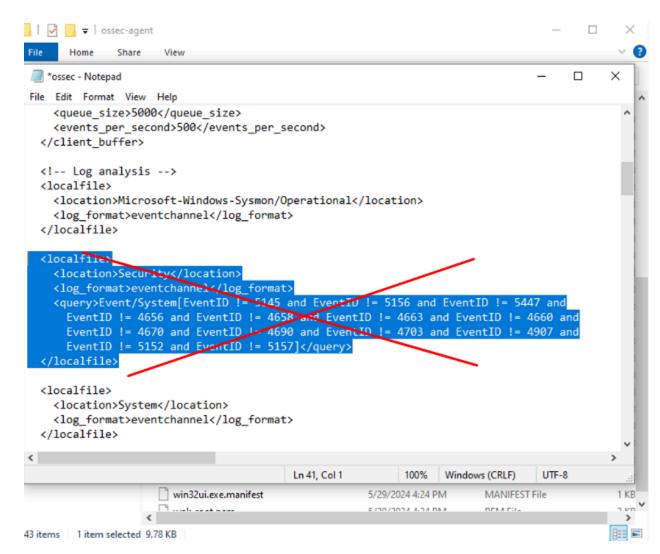
Part 3: Generate & Ingest Telemetry

I'll start by configuring the ossec.conf file on the Client Machine, I'll enable mimikatz log collection as well

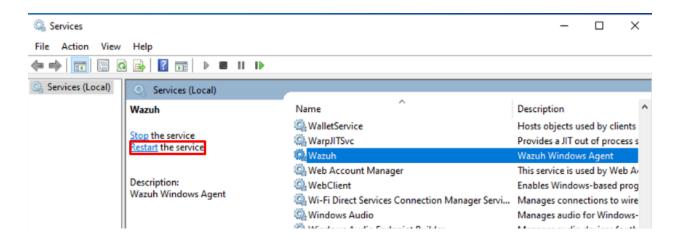
I'll start by making a backup of the ossec.conf file, in case something is misconfigured



Security+System logs removed, I want to focus on Sysmon logs and implementing mimikats



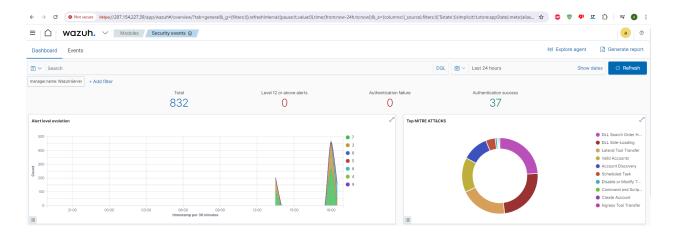
Next I will restart Wazuh to apply the changes



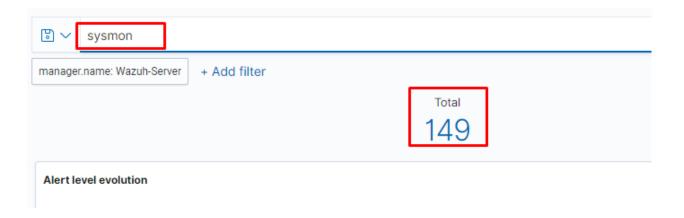
We see the agent is active



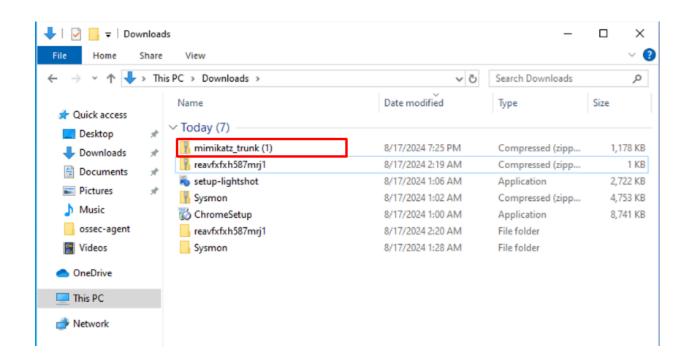
The Dashboard is active and responding



Sysmon Logs are querying



Next I'll download mimikats, mimikats is a PT tool used to extract credentials, I will need to disable the windows defender/create exclusions in order to do this



Mimikats is downloaded after using exclusion and temp disabling chrome defenses

Now I'll configure the Wazuh Server ossec file for better alert filtering, but first a BACKUP

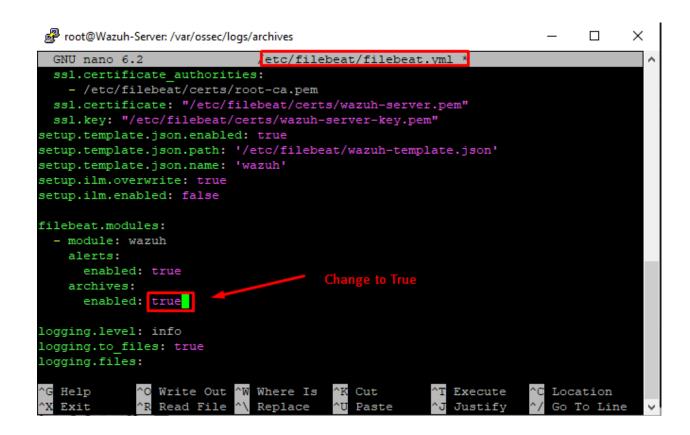
```
Last login: Sat Aug 17 10:29:19 2024 from 147.235.207.170 root@Wazuh-Server:~# root@Wazuh-Server:~# cp /var/ossec/etc/ossec.conf ~/ossec-backup.conf root@Wazuh-Server:~#
```

```
root@Wazuh-Server: ~
                                                                         ×
 GNU nano 6.2
                             /var/ossec/etc/ossec.conf *
Wazuh - Manager - Default configuration for ubuntu 22.04
More info at: https://documentation.wazuh.com
Mailing list: https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/wazuh
Cossec config>
<global>
   <jsonout output>yes</jsonout output>
   <alerts log>yes</alerts log>
   <logall>yes</logall>
   <logall_json>yes /logall_json>
  <email notification>no</email notification>
   <smtp server>smtp.example.wazuh.com</smtp server>
   <email from>wazuh@example.wazuh.com</email from>
   <email to>recipient@example.wazuh.com</email to>
   <email maxperhour>12</email maxperhour>
   <email log source>alerts.log</email log source>
   <agents disconnection time>10m</agents disconnection time>
   <agents disconnection alert time>0</agents disconnection alert time>
            ^O Write Out ^W Where Is
                                      ^K Cut
                                                      Execute
                                                                   Location
  Help
               Read File
                            Replace
                                                       Justify
```

This will make Wazuh archive the log files

```
Last login: Sat Aug 17 10:29:19 2024 from 147.235.207.170
root@Wazuh-Server:~#
root@Wazuh-Server:~# cp /var/ossec/etc/ossec.conf ~/ossec-backup.conf
root@Wazuh-Server:~# nano /var/ossec/etc/ossec.conf
root@Wazuh-Server:~# systemctl restart wazuh-manager.service
root@Wazuh-Server:~# cd /var/ossec/logs/archives/
root@Wazuh-Server:/var/ossec/logs/archives# 1s
2024 archives.json archives.log
root@Wazuh-Server:/var/ossec/logs/archives#
```

Now we want Wazuh to ingest the files, we edit the filebeat.vml file



After configuring the Wazuh Manager, I can edit the Wazuh index patterns



I want Wazuh to be able to Index the archives regardless if they triggered an alert or not

For everything

Step 1 of 2: Define an index pattern

Index pattern name
wazuh-archives-*
Use an asterisk (*) to match multiple indices. Spaces and the ch
X Include system and hidden indices
✓ Your index pattern matches 1 source.

The new Archive Index is aggregating logs as expected

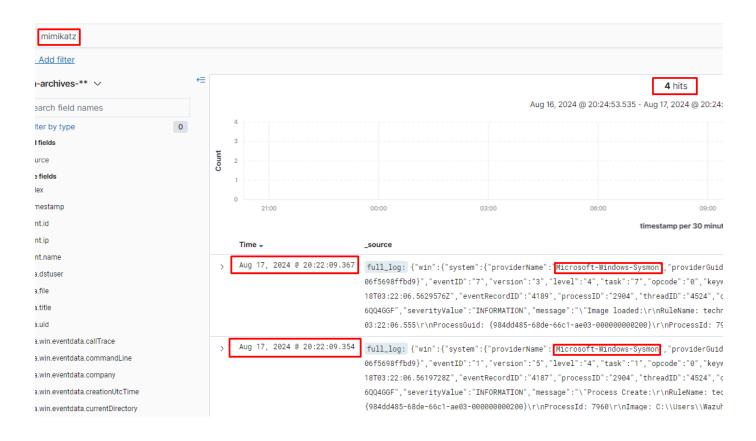


Wazuh is unique because on default it doesn't collect logs unless a specific rule has been met, that's why I changed the configs to make it collect logs regardless if a rule is met.

Now its time to test it, I'll run mimikats on the client and see if we get the alert and logs from our SIEM/XDR Wazuh

```
PS C:\Users\WazuhAgent\Downloads\mimikatz_trunk\x64> .\mimikatz.exe
  .#####.
            mimikatz 2.2.0 (x64) #19041 Sep 19 2022 17:44:08
 .## ^ ##.
            "A La Vie, A L'Amour" - (oe.eo)
            /*** Benjamin DELPY `gentilkiwi` ( benjamin@gentilkiwi.com )
 ## / \ ##
 ## \ / ##
                 > https://blog.gentilkiwi.com/mimikatz
 '## v ##'
                 Vincent LE TOUX
                                              ( vincent.letoux@gmail.com )
  '#####'
                 > https://pingcastle.com / https://mysmartlogon.com ***/
mimikatz # exit
PS C:\Users\WazuhAgent\Downloads\mimikatz_trunk\x64> <mark>get-date</mark>
Saturday, August 17, 2024 8:23:43 PM
PS C:\Users\WazuhAgent\Downloads\mimikatz_trunk\x64>
```

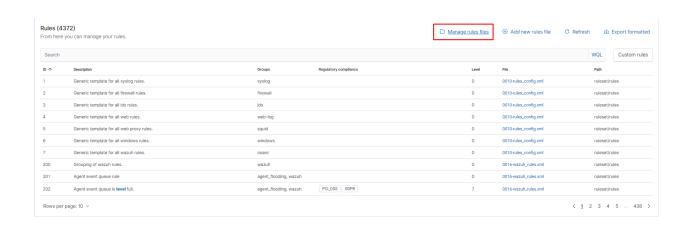
Now let's check if we can see the logs





```
full_log: {"win":{"system":{"providerName":"Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon , "providerGuid":"{5770385f-c22a-43e0-bf4c-
06f5698ffbd9}", "eventID":"7", "version":"3", "level":"4", "task":"7", "opcode":"0", "keywords":"0x80000000000000000000", "systemTime":"2024-08-
18T03:22:06.5629576Z", "eventRecordID":"4189", "processID":"2904", "threadID":"4524", "channel": Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon/Operational , "computer":"DESKTOP-
6QQ4GGF", "severityValue":"INFORMATION", "message":"\"Image loaded:\r\nRuleName: technique_id=T1574.002, technique_name=DLL Side-Loading\r\nUtcTime: 2024-08-18
03:22:06.555\r\nProcessGuid: {984dd485-68de-66c1-ae03-00000000000000}\r\nProcessId: 7960\r\nTmage: C:\\Users\\WazuhAgent\\Downloads\\mimikatz_trunk\\x64\\mimikatz.exe\r\nTmageLoaded:
```

Now I'll create some specific sysmon rules using the Wazuh GUI



I'll build a custom rule using 0800-sysmon_id_1



I'll copy one of these default Wazuh Sysmon_id_1 rules and build my own custom rule detecting mimikatz

< local_rules.xml

```
<!-- Local rules -->
 1
                                            Custom Rules
   <!-- Modify it at your will. -->
   <!-- Copyright (C) 2015, Wazuh Inc. -->
 6 <!-- Example -->
 7 ▼ <group name="local,syslog,sshd,">
 9 +
10
     Dec 10 01:02:02 host sshd[1234]: Failed none for root from 1.1.1.1 port 1066 ssh2
11
     <rule id="100001" level="5">
12 -
                                                                        Added this as the base for my
       <if_sid>5716</if_sid>
13
       <srcip>1.1.1.1</srcip>
14
       <description>sshd: authentication failed from IP 1.1.1.1.</description>
15
        <group>authentication_failed,pci_dss_10.2.4,pci_dss_10.2.5,
16
17
     </rule>
18
19 - <rule id="92000" level="4">
        <if_group>sysmon_event1</if_group>
        <field name="win.eventdata.parentImage" type="pcre2">(?i)\\(c|w)script\.exe</field>
21
22
        <options>no_full_log</options>
        <description>Scripting interpreter spawned a new process</description>
23
        <mitre>
24 -
          <id>T1059.005</id>
25
        </mitre>
26
27
     </rule>
28
29
    </group>
30
```

The New Custom Mimikatz Rule

```
Dec 10 01:02:02 host sshd[1234]: Failed none for root from 1.1.1.1 port 1066 ssh2
  <rule id="100001" level="5">
    <if_sid>5716</if_sid>
    <srcip>1.1.1.1
    <description>sshd: authentication failed from IP 1.1.1.1.</description>
    <group>authentication_failed,pci_dss_10.2.4,pci_dss_10.2.5,
  </rule>
                                                       Alert will triggered regardless if attacker changed the file name
  <rule id="100002" level="15">
    <if_group>sysmon_event1</if_group>
    <field name="win.eventdata originalFileName" type="pcre2">(?i mimikatz\.exe</field>
    <description>Mimikatz Usage Detectedk/description>
    <mitre>
      <id>T1003</id>
    </mitre>
  </rule>
                                 credential dumping
</group>
```

Now to test if this works, I'll run Mimikatz after changing the file name to memecats and see if the new rule is triggered

```
PS C:\Users\WazuhAgent\Downloads\mimikatz_trunk\x64> ./memecats.exe
             mimikatz 2.2.0 (x64) #19041 Sep 19 2022 17:44:08
             "A La Vie, A L'Amour" - (oe.eo)
 .## ^ ##.
             /*** Benjamin DELPY `gentilkiwi` ( benjamin@gentilkiwi.com )
 ## / \ ##
 ## \ / ##
                  > https://blog.gentilkiwi.com/mimikatz
 '## v ##'
                  Vincent LE TOUX
                                                 ( vincent.letoux@gmail.com )
                  > https://pingcastle.com / https://mysmartlogon.com ***/
  '#####'
mimikatz # ?
ERROR mimikatz doLocal ; "?" command of "standard" module not found !
Module :
                standard
Full name :
                 Standard module
Description : Basic commands (does not require module name)
           exit - Quit mimikatz

cls - Clear screen (doesn't work with redirections, like PsExec)

answer - Answer to the Ultimate Question of Life, the Universe, and Everything

coffee - Please, make me a coffee!
            sleep - Sleep an amount of milliseconds
          log - Log mimikatz input/output to file
base64 - Switch file input/output base64
          version - Display some version informations
               cd - Change or display current directory
       localtime - Displays system local date and time (OJ command)
        hostname - Displays system local hostname
mimikatz # exit
Bye!
PS C:\Users\WazuhAgent\Downloads\mimikatz_trunk\x64> get-date
Saturday, August 17, 2024 8:53:54 PM
PS C:\Users\WazuhAgent\Downloads\mimikatz_trunk\x64>
```

The new custom rule is working as intended, it was able to alert about mimikatz usage despite a deception attempt



Looking deeper into the log we can see the Original File name mimikats has triggered the alert

@timestamp	2024-08-17T17:53:23.052Z
_id	xkJ4YZEBWkWDxbv6_Ds
agent.id	001
agent.ip	10.0.2.15
agent.name	Agent
data.win.eventdata.commandLine	$\label{lower} $$ \C:\Users\WazuhAgent\Downloads\minikatz_trunk\x64\memecats.exe"$$
data.win.eventdata.company	gentilkiwi (Benjamin DELPY)
data.win.eventdata.currentDirectory	C:\\Users\\WazuhAgent\\Downloads\\mimikatz_trunk\\x64\\
data.win.eventdata.description	mimikatz for Windows
data.win.eventdata.fileVersion	2.2.0.0
data.win.eventdata.hashes	SHA1=E3B6EA8C46FA831CEC6F235A5CF48B38A4AE8D69,MD5=29EFD64DD3C FC49F27A98AE456D8EDF
data.win.eventdata.image	$C:\LSers\WazuhAgent\Downloads\mimikatz_trunk\x64\memecats.exe$
data.win.eventdata.integrityLevel	Medium
data.win.eventdata.logonGuid	{984dd485-4b8f-66c1-3452-040000000000}
data.win.eventdata.logonld	0x45234
data.win.eventdata.originalFileName	mimikatz.exe
data.win.eventdata.parentCommandLine	lem:lem:lem:lem:lem:lem:lem:lem:lem:lem:
data.win.eventdata.parentImage	C:\\Windows\\System32\\WindowsPowerShell\\v1.0\\powershell.exe
data.win.eventdata.parentProcessGuid	{984dd485-6fd1-66c1-2b04-00000000200}
data.win.eventdata.parentProcessId	5536

input.type	log	
location	EventChannel	
manager.name	Wazuh-Server	
rule.description	Mimikatz Usage Detected	
rule.firedtimes	1	
rule.groups	local, syslog, sshd	
rule.id	100002	
rule.level	15	
rule.mail	true	
rule.mitre.id	T1003	
ule.mitre.tactic	Credential Access	
rule.mitre.technique	OS Credential Dumping	
timestamp	2024-08-17T17:53:23.052+00	

Part 4: IMPLEMENTING AUTOMATION (SOAR)

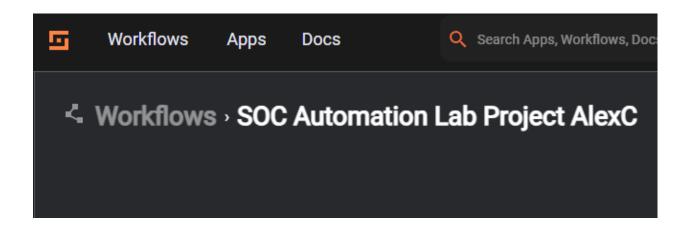
- CONNECT SHUFFLE (SOAR)
- SEND ALERTS TO THE HIVE
- SEND ALERTS VIA EMAIL TO THE SOC ANALYST

By the end of this, I'm going to have a fully functional live telemetry ingesting/digesting lab While implementing automation & orchestration Using:

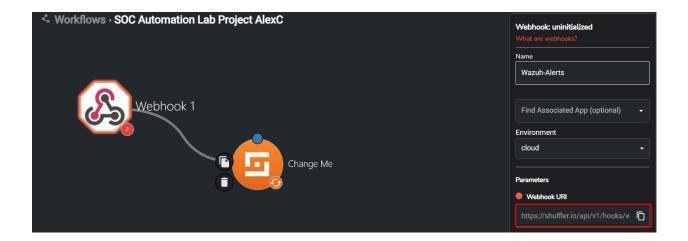
- Wazuh (SIEM/XDR)
- Shuffle (SOAR)
- The Hive (CaseManagmentSystem)

Also sending alerts in real time to the SOC analyst via email

Starting by using a Shuffle account to create "apps" or "triggers"



Next I'm going to copy the Webhook URI, to add it to my ossec conf file on the Wazuh-manager



Now I'm going to use the Wazuh-Server CLI to connect to shuffle by adding an integration tag in the ossec config file, and adding the hook_url

And I'll change it from sent all alerts above 3 to the special mimikatz rule I created

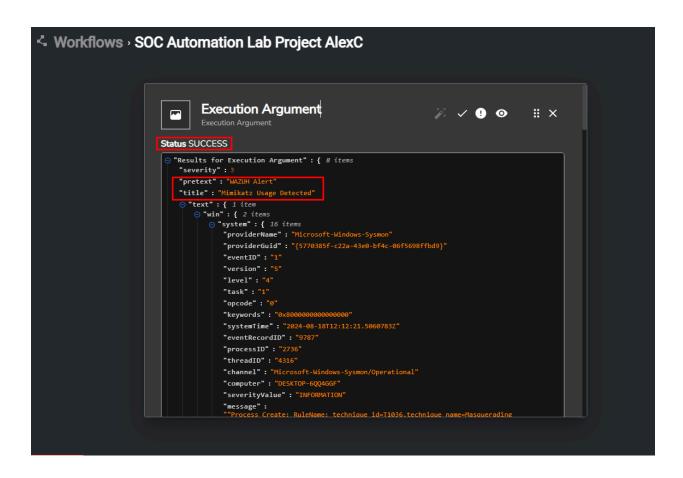
```
<integration>
     <name>shuffle</name>
     <hook_url>http://https://shuffler.io/
     <rule_id>100002</rule_id>
     <alert_format>json</alert_format>
     </integration>
```

Troubleshooting by changing to https:// instead of http://https://

```
<integration>
     <name>shuffle</name>
     <hook_url>https://shuffler.io/api/v:
     <rule_id>100002</rule_id>
      <alert_format>json</alert_format>
     </integration>
```

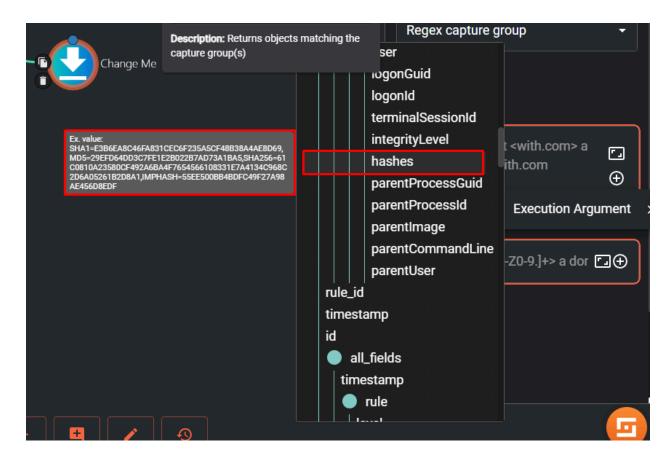
I'll start the webhook and run memecats.exe again on the Client

And It's working, I'm getting the 100002 alert to shuffle + all the information generated by Wazuh itself into shuffle, pretty cool!



Next I will be creating this workflow:

- 1. Mimikatz alert sent to shuffle
- Shuffle receives alert and extracts SHA256 from the file
- 3. Check the reputation score using VirusTotal
- 4. Send Details to TheHive to create an Alert
- Send Email to the SOC Analyst to being investigation
 - I'll start with creating a hash argument



Next, I will use chatGPT to parse the value of SHA256 of the hash

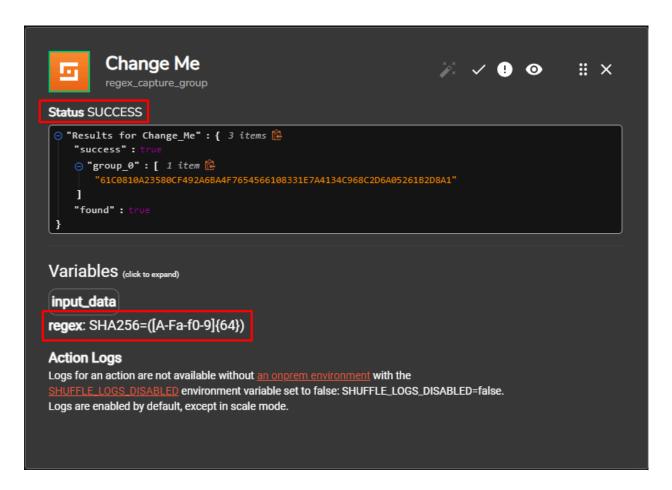
create a regex to parse the sha256 value Ex. value:

"hashes":"SHA1=E3B6EA8C46FA831CEC6F235A5CF48B38A4AE8D69,M
D5=29EFD64DD3C7FE1E2B022B7AD73A1BA5,SHA256=61C0810A235
80CF492A6BA4F7654566108331E7A4134C968C2D6A05261B2D8A1,IM
PHASH=55EE500BB4BDFC49F27A98AE456D8EDF"

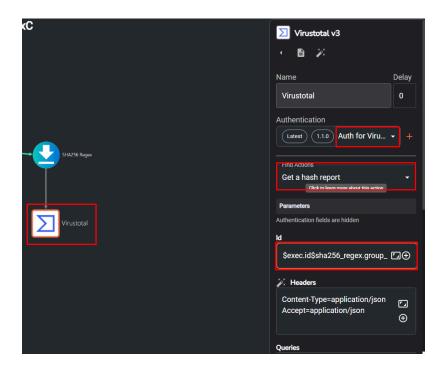
To create a regex that extracts the SHA256 value from the given string, you can use the following pattern:



Success The SHA256 is parsed



Next I will use the VirusTotal API Key and integrated it into shuffle



After alot of time spend on troubleshooting, the Virustotal API is able to integrate with Shuffle

```
NewVirustotal v3 1
                                                            ※ ✓ ! ⊙
                                                                                 # ×
        get_a_hash_report_
Status SUCCESS
 ⊝ "Results for NewVirustotal_v3_1" : { 6 items 🖺
    "status" : 20
    ⊝ "body" : { 1 item ♠
⊝ "data" : { 4 items
          "type": "file"
          ⊝ "links" : { 1 item
             ⊝ "attributes" : { 40 items
            "meaningful_name" : "mimikatz.exe"
             "last_analysis_date": 1723933838
             ① "crowdsourced_yara_results" : [...] 24 items

  "popular_threat_classification" : {...} 3 items

             "reputation": -2
             ⊕ "total_votes" : {...} 2 items
              ⊕ "type_tags" : [...] 5 items
             "size": 1355
             "first_seen_itw_date" : 1663729719
               "sandbox_verdicts": {...} 5 items
             "authentihash":
"d890794d6fbeee1d95191ec05478662ff7f651640d4091618f7bff25086e99b3"
```

We can see that 67 vendors flagged it as Malicious

```
"creation_date" : 1663602279

(increation_date" : 1663602279

(increation_date" : 67

(increation_date" : 69

(increation_date" : 67

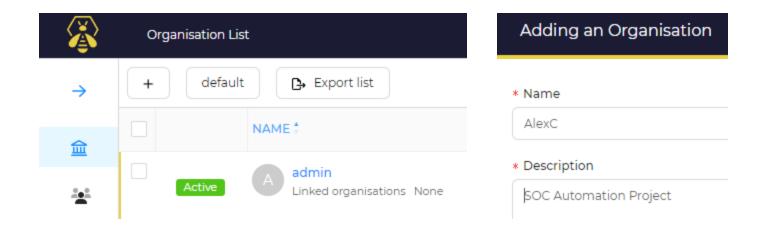
(increation
```

Everything is integrated, Great!

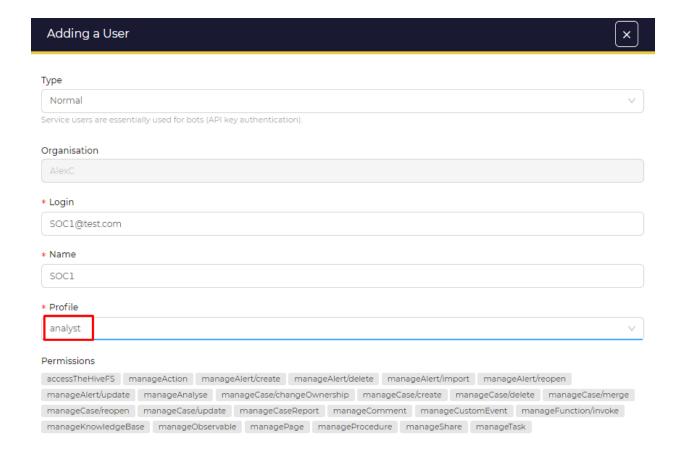


Quick recap: I setup my SOAR platform to receive the Wazuh alerts than performed regex to parse the SHA256 hash & integrated VirusTotal to check the reputation, Next I will send the details to TheHive

I'll login into TheHive GUI, I'll create a new org+new users



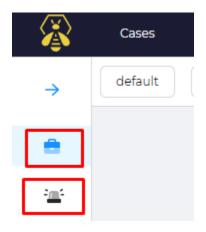
I'll create a new Analyst profile



And I'll create a shuffle user, in a real world scenario there would be least privilege unique profiles for each user/groups, for the purpose of this Lab Project I'll be using the analyst profile

Adding a User
Туре
Service
Service users are essentially used for bots (API key authentication).
Organisation
AlexC
* Login
Shuffle@test.com
* Name
SOAR
* Profile
analyst

I'll copy the SOAR user API key & save it, next I will login into the SOC1@test.com user



Next I will auth TheHive in Shuffle with the APIkey

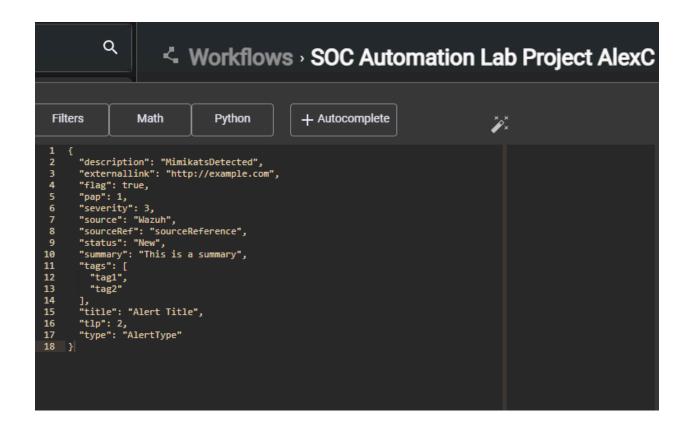
Workflows , SOC Autom	ation Lab Pro	ject AlexC
Authentication for TheH	ve	
What is app authentication? These are required fields for auth TheHive	enticating with	
Name - what is this used for?		-1 .
Auth for TheHive		There is
		Docum
apikey		cor
Ĝ urt		
http://64.227.119.244:9000		
	CANCEL SUBMIT	

And I'll create an mimikatz alert

Now I'll add a new firewall rule in my cloud server in order to allow the Hive proper querying

Туре	Protocol	Port Range	Sources	
All TCP	TCP	All ports	147.235.207.170	More ∨
SSH	TCP	22	147.235.207.170	More ∨
Custom	TCP	9000	All IPv4	More ∨
All UDP	UDP	All ports	147.235.207.170	More ∨

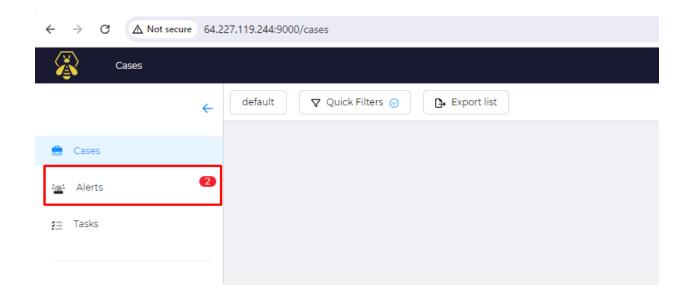
I'll create a custom create alert rule and test to see if the SOC analyst is getting live alerts



Great, it looks like it worked, now to check the SOC analyst station

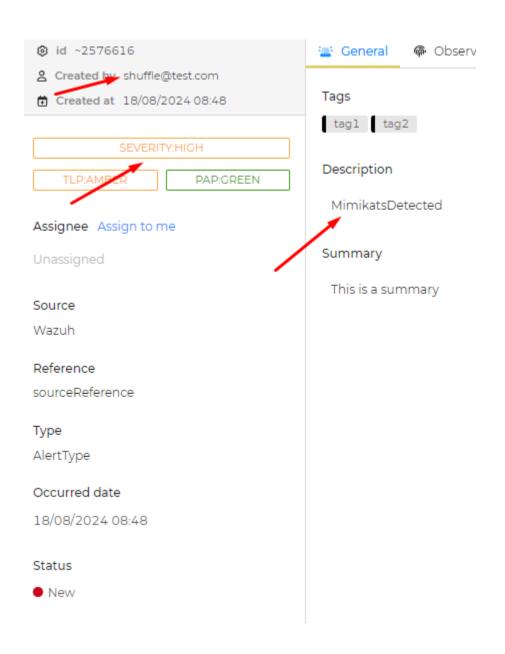
```
TheHive
                                                                 % ✓ ! ⊙
                                                                                        # ×
         post_create_alert
Debug: It looks like the result was successful! If it didn't work, make sure to check if the body you are
sending was correct.
⊝ "Results for TheHive" : { 6 items 🖺
    "status": 201
    ⊝ "body" : { 26 items 🗟
       "_id": "~2576616" 🗟
       "_type": "Alert"
       "_createdBy" : 'shuffle@test.com"
       "_createdAt" : 1723960117727
       "type": "AlertType"
       "source": "Wazuh"
       "sourceRef": "sourceReference"
       "title": "Alert Title"
       "description": MimikatsDetected"
       "severity": 3
       "severityLabel": "HIGH"
       "date": 1723960117709
```

The SOAR has forwarded the alerts automatically to the SOC analyst, AWESOME!

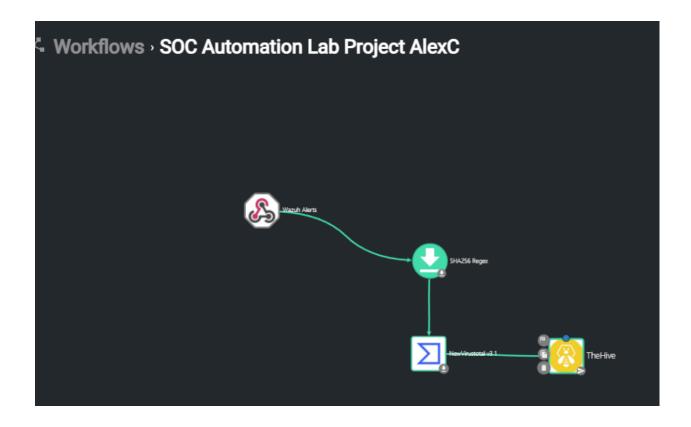


I can see the new alerts from the SOC Analyst dashboard, automatically created and forwarded using our SOAR & Wazuh/TheHive/VirusTotal

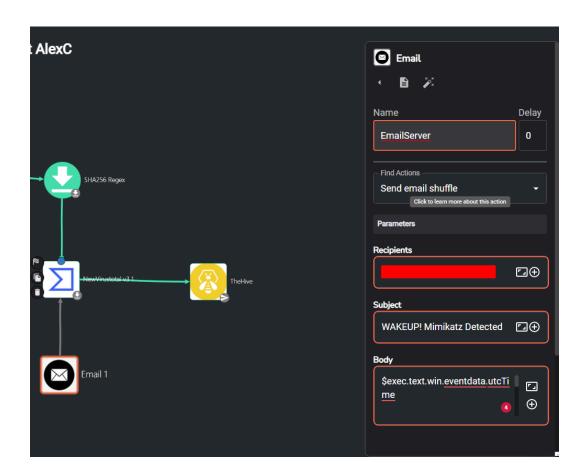




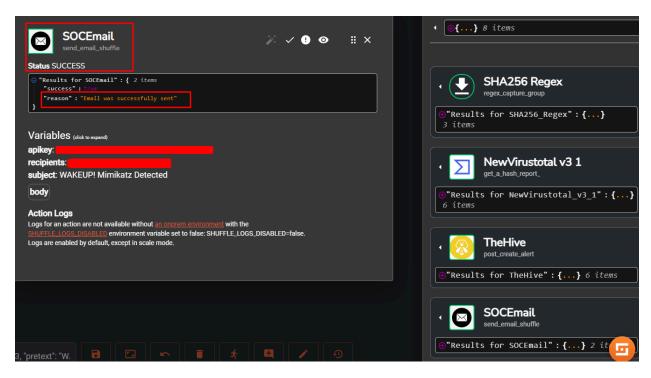
The workflow is working as intended!



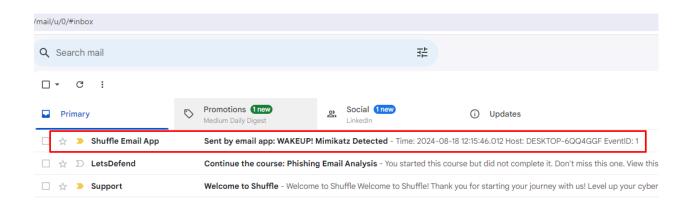
In the next step, I'll add an automated email alert for the SOC Analyst



An email was sent now lets check if it was received



Success, our SOC Anaylst got an automated email for the mimikatz attack



Pretty cool! :)

Sent by email app: WAKEUP! Mimikatz Detected

Shuffle Email App <email-app@shuffler.io>

to me 🔻

Time: 2024-08-18 12:15:46.012

Host: DESKTOP-6QQ4GGF

End of Project Summary

By the conclusion of this SOC Automation Project, I have successfully established a fully operational live telemetry ingesting and digesting environment. This project leverages a robust stack of security tools and systems to enhance SOC (Security Operations Center) capabilities through advanced automation and orchestration.

<u>Components Implemented:</u>

- Wazuh (SIEM/XDR): Deployed as the core SIEM and XDR solution, Wazuh efficiently collects, analyzes, and correlates security data. I have tailored custom rules and configurations to adapt to specific use cases, ensuring comprehensive monitoring and detection of threats.
- **Shuffle (SOAR)**: Integrated Shuffle to automate security workflows and orchestrate responses across the security stack. This includes the creation of automated playbooks and incident response processes, streamlining the handling of security alerts and reducing manual intervention.
- The Hive (Case Management System): Implemented The Hive to manage and track security incidents. This system facilitates detailed case management, including alert aggregation, investigation tracking, and collaboration among SOC analysts.

Real-Time Alerting:

Configured the system to send real-time alerts to SOC analysts via email & live updated dashboards, ensuring that critical security events are promptly communicated and addressed. This real-time notification system is essential for rapid incident response and effective security posture management.

Live Testing and Customization:

- **Mimikatz**: Employed Mimikatz, validating the effectiveness of Wazuh's detection capabilities and refining custom rules based on the test results. This hands-on approach enhanced the SIEM's resilience.
- **Sysmon Log Implementation:** Conducted analysis of Sysmon logs to enhance threat detection & incident investigation. The analysis contributed to the development of more precise detection rules and improved overall system accuracy.

Skills learned:

- **Automation and Orchestration:** Successfully implemented advanced automation and orchestration techniques, significantly enhancing operational efficiency and response times within the SOC environment.
- **Custom Rule Development:** Created and optimized custom rules within Wazuh, tailored to the specific needs of the organization and the threats identified during testing.
- Incident Management: Established effective case management practices with The Hive, ensuring thorough documentation and tracking of security incidents.
- Integration and Testing: Demonstrated proficiency in integrating multiple security tools and performing rigorous live testing to ensure system reliability and effectiveness.