

03. Brute Force Attack and Solutions

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14:18:32.192571 IP your.machine.52444 > dns.google.domain: 35084+ A?
yummyrecipesforme.com. (24)
14:18:32.204388 IP dns.google.domain > your.machine.52444: 35084 1/0/0 A
203.0.113.22 (40)
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14:20:32.192571 IP your.machine.52444 > dns.google.domain: 21899+ A?
greatrecipesforme.com. (24)
14:20:32.204388 IP dns.google.domain > your.machine.52444: 21899 1/0/0 A
192.0.2.17 (40)
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Section 1: Identify the network protocol involved in the incident

It is the HTTP Protocol. The issue that is faced is happening when trying to connect to the company's website

Section 2: Document the incident

Some users reported that they faced a problem while trying to connect to the company's website `yummyrecipesforme.com`. They reported that while trying to connect, they would get redirected to some other website (`greatrecipesforme.com`) which is completely different. After they are redirected, their computers started downloading a file and ever since then, their computers slowed down and they lost access to their accounts. Cybersecurity analysts used `tcpdump` to troubleshoot. Soon, it was found that the attackers changed the code of the update download and placed a harmful malware instead of it. Also attackers changed the password of the users to gain full control of their accounts.

Section 3: Recommend one remediation for brute force attacks

The best way to stop brute force attacks from being a problem is using MFA (Multi Factor Authentication). Also it must be mandatory for the users to constantly change their passwords every 6 months. Using one password for a long time is going to help hackers to either guess or steal someone's password in the company to gain access.

