Hacked LAB (Cyber Defenders) - Walkthrough

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Story: A soc analyst has been called to analyze a compromised Linux web server. Figure out how the threat the compromised Linux web server. actor gained access, what modifications were applied to the system, and what persistent techniques were utilized. (e.g. backdoors, users, sessions, etc).

- I attempted to mount the 'E01' file on my Kali system but was unsuccessful. I used FTK Imager to tackle this issue

Q1: What is the system timezone?

You can find the file system timezone in the /etc/timezone file

Name	Size	Туре	Date Modified
subgid	1	Regular File	4/16/2016 1:09:24 PM
subgid-	1	Regular File	4/3/2016 4:36:02 PM
subuid	1	Regular File	4/16/2016 1:09:24 PM
subuid-	1	Regular File	4/3/2016 4:36:02 PM
sudoers	1	Regular File	2/10/2014 7:20:40 PM
sysctl.conf	3	Regular File	4/1/2013 2:25:31 AM
imezone timezone	1	Regular File	4/3/2016 4:33:16 PM
ucf.conf	2	Regular File	7/1/2013 1:01:00 AM
updatedb.conf	1	Regular File	6/20/2013 2:13:07 PM
upstart-xsessions	1	Regular File	4/11/2014 9:52:46 PM
vtrgb	1	Symbolic Link	4/3/2016 4:05:51 PM
wgetrc	5	Regular File	2/7/2014 6:04:20 PM
zsh_command_not_found	1	Regular File	6/26/2012 6:16:49 PM

Q2: Who was the last user to log in to the system?

 To address this question, I exported the 'wtmp' file which located at '/var/log/wtmp' and used 'utmpdump' to parse it.

[0] [02023] [] [l [hca/ r	and the latest and th] [0.0.0.0	[2012 10 03111112142,340402100100]
[7] [02999] [ts/1] [mail] [pts/1] [192.168.210.131] [192.168.210.131]	[2019-10-05T11:21:04,107187+00:00]
[8] [02999] [] [] [pts/1] [0.0.0.0]	[2019-10-05T11:21:45,539577+00:00]
[7] [03108] [ts/1] [mail] [pts/1] [192.168.210.131] [192.168.210.131]	[2019-10-05T11:23:34,640343+00:00]
[8] [03108] [] [] [pts/1] [0.0.0.0]	[2019-10-05T11:24:11,772124+00:00]

Q3: What was the source port the user 'mail' connected from?

 I exported the auth.log file located at /var/log/auth.log and filtered it by the user mail to find the last logged-in activity.

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Line 2321: Oct 5 13:21:11 VulnoSv2 su[3055]; pam_unix(suisession): session opened for user root by mail(uid=0)

Line 2331: Oct 5 13:21:30 VulnoSv2 sudo: mail: TTY=pts/1; PWD=/var/mail; USER=root; COMMAND=/bin/su -

Line 2332: Oct 5 13:21:30 VulnoSv2 sudo: pam_unix(sudo:session): session opened for user root by mail(uid=0)

Line 2342: Oct 5 13:21:30 VulnoSv2 sud(5021; pam_unix(suisession): session opened for user root by mail(uid=0)

Line 2342: Oct 5 13:221:45 VulnoSv2 sshd(2999): pam_unix(sshd:session): session closed for user mail

Line 2344: Oct 5 13:223:44 VulnoSv2 sshd(3108): pam_unix(sshd:session): session opened for user mail by (uid=0)

Line 2344: Oct 5 13:223:34 VulnoSv2 sshd(3108): pam_unix(sshd:session): session opened for user mail by (uid=0)

Line 2344: Oct 5 13:223:34 VulnoSv2 sudo: mail: TTY=pts/1; PWD=/var/mail; USER=root; COMMAND=/bin/su -

Line 2346: Oct 5 13:23:39 VulnoSv2 sudo: mail: TTY=pts/1; PWD=/var/mail; USER=root; COMMAND=/bin/su -

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Q4: How long was the last session for user 'mail'? (Minutes only)

. In the 'auth.log' logs, it shows that the duration of the last session was one minute.

Q5: Which server service did the last user use to log in to the system?

In the 'auth.log' logs, it shows the user logged in via 'sshd'.

Q6: What type of authentication attack was performed against the target machine?

. In the 'auth.log' logs, we are able to see multiple failed logins to 'Root' user via SSH which

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Indicates that is a "Brute-Force' attack

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Q7: How many IP addresses are listed in the '/var/log/lastlog' file?

 To address this question, I exported the 'lastlog' file located at '/var/log/lastlog'. After running the strings command on it, I discovered that the file contains only two IP addresses.

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(kali⊕kali)-[~/Desktop]
strings lastlog
 3*Wttv1
]pts/1
192.168.210.131
2*Wpts/0
192.168.56.101
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Q8: How many users have a login shell?

• In the 'passwd' file which located in /etc/passwd, we are able to identify which users have a login shell (5)

Q9: What is the password of the mail user?

 To address this question, I took the encrypted password of the user from the '/etc/shadow' file and copied only the hash (\$6\$zLaoLV8N \$BNxYZUxvXiZwb3UjBhCxnxd9Mb02DDUF.GfMj1kbLB.s/quBVtMM4QjfOvmZvfqeh7BuLXaRvRSfpQ gNI5prE.) into a text file. The hash, recognized by ChatGPT as SHA512, was then cracked using John the Ripper to discover the password.

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(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop]
john —format-sha512cry
                                                         rypt -wordlist=/usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt hash.txt
Using default input encoding: UTF-8 Loaded 1 password hash (sha512crypt, crypt(3) $6$ [SHA512 128/128 AVX 2x]) Cost 1 (iteration count) is 5000 for all loaded hashes Will run 4 OpenMP threads
Press 'q' or Cttl-C to abort, almost any other key for status forensics (2)
 forensics (?)
1g 0:00:00:28 DONE (2024-09-11 09:07) 0.03467g/s 2041p/s 2041c/s 2041C/s gabriel13..bluedolphin
Use the "--show" option to display all of the cracked passwords reliably
Session completed.
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Q10: Which user account was created by the attacker?

. I filtered the auth.log file for the keyword 'useradd' and found that the command was executed by

Q11: How many user groups exist on the machine?

• To address this question, I exported the /etc/group file and found that there are 58 groups.

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Q12: How many users have sudo access?

• I accessed to the sudoers file which located at '/etc/sudoers' and found there are 2 account with 'root' privileges.

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# User privilege specification
    ALL=(ALL:ALL) ALL
# Members of the admin group may gain root privileges
%admin ALL=(ALL) ALL
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Q13: What is the home directory of the PHP user?

 In the 'Passwd' file you are able to see the home directory of the user mmati-nosmatiwww-data:x:33:33:www-data:/var/www:/usr/sbin/nologin www-usa.k.isJ..swe-usa.k.ival/www.isJ.bbin/inologin
backup:x.38:381bailing List Manager:/var/laskupis/list/pologin
list:x.38:381bailing List Manager:/var/list/usr/sbin/nologin
ircix.39:39sl:radi/var/run/ircdi/usr/sbin/nologin
gnats:x:41:41:Gnats Bug-Reporting System (admin):/var/lib/gnats:/usr/sbin/nohodvix.sho534:65354:6534.

Q14: What command did the attacker use to gain root privilege? (Answer contains two spaces).

 In the 'auth,log', I searched keyword 'COMMAND' and found the command 'sudo su -' which executed by the compromised user

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root: TTY=pts/0; FWD=/tmp; USER=root; COMMAND=/usr/sbin/useradd -d /usr/php -m --system --shell /bin/bash --skel
mail: TTY=pts/1; FWD=/var/mail; USER=root; COMMAND=/bin/su -
mail: TTY=pts/1; TY=pts/1; TY=pts/1; TY=pts/1; TY=pts/1; TY=pts/1; TY=pts/1; TY=pts/1; TY=pts/1; TY=pts
                Line 2280: Oct 5 13:06:38 VulnOSv2 sudo:
                Line 2297: Oct 5 13:14:04 VulnOSv2 sudo:
              Line 2310: Oct 5 13:19:21 VulnOSv2 sudo:
Line 2323: Oct 5 13:21:11 VulnOSv2 sudo:
Line 2331: Oct 5 13:21:30 VulnOSv2 sudo:
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earch "sudo" (630 hits in 1 file of 1 searched) [Normal]
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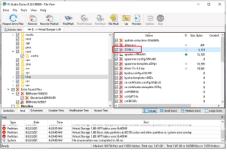
Q15:Which file did the user 'root' delete?

• In the 'Bash_history' file which located at '/root' directory, you are able to see the deletion of the file '37292.c'



Q16:Recover the deleted file, open it and extract the exploit author name.

To address this question, I used 'R-Studio' to recover the file, and found the author is 'rebel'



Q17: What is the content management system (CMS) installed on the machine?

 To address the question of identifying the installed CMS, I accessed the /var/www/html/jabc directory, which is a common directory for CMS installations.

Upon inspecting the contents of the .htaccess file, I found that the installed CMS is **Drupal**

This was confirmed through typical Drupal configurations found within the .htaccess file, which is often used for URL rewrites, access control, and security settings specific to Drupal installations.

Q18: What is the version of the CMS installed on the machine?

 Liust navigated in '/var/www/html/iabc' files and found in the 'profiles/testing/testing.info' file which included the version of the CMS system.

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; Information added by Drupal.org packaging script on 2014-01-15
version = "7.26"
project = "drupal"
datestamp = "1389815930"
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Q19: Which port was listening to receive the attacker's reverse shell?

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192.168.210.131 — (06/ocx/2018:13:01:27 +0200) "POST /sabc/partial/asan/mann/438value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky38value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol-13cky388value/form-opphyshol
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