

Reaper - Walkthrough

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Story:  
Our SIEM alerted us to a suspicious logon event which needs to be looked at immediately .  
The alert details were that the IP Address and the Source Workstation name were a mismatch .  
You are provided a network capture and event logs from the surrounding time around the incident timeframe.  
Corelate the given evidence and report back to your SOC Manager.

- Open Wireshark and 'Event Log Explorer' and load the logs

Task1: What is the IP Address for Forela-Wkstn001?

- To find the answer and filtered 'dns', we can see in the first log a DNS query is asking for the SOA (Start of Authority) record for Forela-Wkstn001.forela.local.  
This query was sent from **172.17.79.129** to the DNS server 172.17.79.4, which responded in the second line.

Since Forela-wkstn001 initiated the query, its IP address is 172.17.79.129.							
Time	Source	Destination	Offset	Protocol	Length	Info	
2024-07-31 04:53:35.588142982	172.17.79.129	172.17.79.4	62521	DNS	88	Standard query 0x1859 SOA Forela-wkstn001.forela.local	
2024-07-31 04:53:35.588917434	172.17.79.4	172.17.79.129	625...	DNS	156	Standard query response 0x1859 SOA Forela-wkstn001.forela.local SOA dc01.forela.local A 172.17.79.4	

Task2: What is the IP Address for Forela-Wkstn002?

- The second way to find the IP of a workstation is the filter 'nbns' (NetBios) a protocol that allows applications on different computers to communicate within a local network when DNS failed.

Time	Source	Destination	Offset	Protocol	Length	Info
172.17.79.136	137	172.17.79.2	137	NBNS	110	Refresh NB FORELA-WKSTN002<20>
172.17.79.136	137	172.17.79.2	137	NBNS	110	Refresh NB FORELA-WKSTN002<20>

Task3: Which user account's hash was stolen by attacker?

- To find the username, we should filter for NTLMSSP in the network traffic. NTLMSSP is part of the NTLM (NT LAN Manager) authentication protocol, which works by exchanging hashed credentials rather than sending plaintext passwords.  
By filtering for NTLMSSP traffic in a PCAP file, we can identify authentication attempts and extract the username associated with the compromised account.

Session Setup Response, Error: STATUS_MORE_PROCESSING_REQUIRED, NTLMSSP_CHALLENGE
Session Setup Response, Error: STATUS_MORE_PROCESSING_REQUIRED, NTLMSSP_CHALLENGE
Session Setup Request, NTLMSSP_NEGOTIATE
Session Setup Response, Error: STATUS_MORE_PROCESSING_REQUIRED, NTLMSSP_CHALLENGE
Session Setup Request, NTLMSSP_AUTH, User: FORELA\arthur.kyle
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Task4: What is the IP Address of Unknown Device used by the attacker to intercept credentials?

- We can identify answer in the same logs, In an NTLM relay attack, the attacker intercepts NTLM authentication requests and relays them to another service to authenticate on behalf of the victim, effectively impersonating them.

The attack involves two main IP addresses:  
**Victim IP:** The IP address of the device that initially sends the NTLM authentication request.  
**Attacker's IP:** The IP address of the device intercepting and relaying the authentication traffic.

The source IP sends an **NTLMSSP\_AUTH** request to an intermediate IP

The **intermediate IP** (Attacker IP) then relays this NTLMSSP\_AUTH request to another server (target server).

The **Attacker IP** will be the one relaying the NTLMSSP messages between the Victim IP and the Target Server.

2024-07-31 04:55:13.569818111	172.17.79.135	48252	172.17.79.129	445	SMB2	664	Session Setup Response, Error: STATUS_MORE_PROCESSING_REQUIRED, NTLMSSP_CHALLENGE
2024-07-31 04:55:13.630854640	172.17.79.135	445	172.17.79.136	501...	SMB2	316	Session Setup Request, NTLMSSP_AUTH, User: FORELA\arthur.kyle
2024-07-31 04:55:32.117951345	172.17.79.135	445	172.17.79.136	501...	SMB2	347	Session Setup Response, Error: STATUS_MORE_PROCESSING_REQUIRED, NTLMSSP_CHALLENGE
2024-07-31 04:55:13.556934771	172.17.79.136	50145	172.17.79.135	445	SMB2	220	Session Setup Request, NTLMSSP_NEGOTIATE

Task5: What was the fileshare navigated by the victim user account?

- In the previous question, we discovered that the user likely made an error with the FileShare name, allowing the attacker to intercept the request.  
To investigate further, we should search for packets where the attacker's IP initiated a connection. These packets will contain information about the requested share.

024-07-31 04:55:28.134674644	172.17.79.136	50152	172.17.79.4	445	SMB2	274	Negotiate Protocol Request
024-07-31 04:55:28.137832371	172.17.79.136	50152	172.17.79.4	445	SMB2	3452	Session Setup Request
024-07-31 04:55:28.138614967	172.17.79.136	50152	172.17.79.4	445	SMB2	152	Tree Connect Request Tree: \\DC01\IPC\$
024-07-31 04:55:28.138920446	172.17.79.136	50152	172.17.79.4	445	SMB2	178	Ioctl Request FSCTL_QUERY_NETWORK_INTERFACE_INFO
024-07-31 04:55:28.139015924	172.17.79.136	50152	172.17.79.4	445	SMB2	202	Ioctl Request FSCTL_DFS_GET_REFERRALS, File: \\DC01\Trip
024-07-31 04:55:28.147771119	172.17.79.136	50152	172.17.79.4	445	SMB2	152	Tree Connect Request Tree: \\DC01\Trip
024-07-31 04:55:28.148185020	172.17.79.136	50152	172.17.79.4	445	SMB2	152	Tree Connect Request Tree: \\DC01\Trip
024-07-31 04:55:28.148477024	172.17.79.136	50152	172.17.79.4	445	SMB2	152	Tree Connect Request Tree: \\DC01\Trip
024-07-31 04:55:28.148768705	172.17.79.136	50152	172.17.79.4	445	SMB2	152	Tree Connect Request Tree: \\DC01\Trip
024-07-31 04:55:28.149214285	172.17.79.136	50152	172.17.79.4	445	SMB2	152	Tree Connect Request Tree: \\DC01\Trip
024-07-31 04:55:28.149470182	172.17.79.136	50152	172.17.79.4	445	SMB2	152	Tree Connect Request Tree: \\DC01\Trip
024-07-31 04:55:28.149747678	172.17.79.136	50152	172.17.79.4	445	SMB2	152	Tree Connect Request Tree: \\DC01\Trip
024-07-31 04:55:28.150044761	172.17.79.136	50152	172.17.79.4	445	SMB2	152	Tree Connect Request Tree: \\DC01\Trip

Task6: What is the source port used to logon to target workstation using the compromised account?

- To find the answer, you should filter in the 'Security' logs event ID '4624' and 'arthur' to find the authentication log:

An account was successfully logged on.

Subject:

Security ID: S-1-0-0  
Account Name: -  
Account Domain: -  
Logon ID: 0x0

Logon Information:

Logon Type: 3  
Restricted Admin Mode: -  
Virtual Account: No  
Elevated Token: No

Impersonation Level: Impersonation

New Logon:

Security ID: S-1-5-21-3239415629-1862073780-2394361899-1601  
Account Name: [arthur.kyle](#)  
Account Domain: FORELA  
Logon ID: 0x64a799  
Linked Logon ID: 0x0  
Network Account Name: -  
Network Account Domain: -  
Logon GUID: {00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000}

Process Information:

Process ID: 0x0  
Process Name: -

Network Information:

Workstation Name: FORELA-WKSTN002  
Source Network Address: 172.17.79.135  
Source Port: [40252](#)

Detailed Authentication Information:

Logon Process: NtLmSsp  
Authentication Package: NTLM  
Transited Services: -  
Package Name (NTLM only): NTLM V2  
Key Length: 128

This event is generated when a logon session is created. It is generated on the computer that was accessed.

The subject fields indicate the account on the local system which requested the logon. This is most commonly a service such as the Local Security Authority.

Task7: What is the Logon ID for the malicious session?

- In the same log: 0x64a799

Task8: The detection was based on the mismatch of hostname and the assigned IP Address.  
What is the workstation name and the source IP Address from which the malicious logon occur?

- In the same log:

Network Information:  
Workstation Name: FORELA-WKSTN002  
Source Network Address: 172.17.79.135  
Source Port: 40252

Task9: When did the malicious logon happened. Please make sure the timestamp is in UTC

- In the same log:

- TimeCreated

[ SystemTime ] 2024-07-31T04:55:16.2405897Z

EventRecordID 14610

- Correlation

Task10: What is the share Name accessed as part of the authentication process by the malicious tool used by the attacker?

- Pretty simple, filter in Security logs the event ID '5140' which related to 'A network share object was accessed' and find in the answer in the log:

Description

A network share object was accessed.

Subject:

Security ID: S-1-5-21-3239415629-1862073780-2394361899-1601  
Account Name: arthur.kyle  
Account Domain: FORELA  
Logon ID: 0x64a799

Network Information:

Object Type: File  
Source Address: 172.17.79.135  
Source Port: 40252

Share Information:

Share Name: [\\\\*\IPC\\$](#)  
Share Path: -

Access Request Information:

Access Mask: 0x1  
Accesses: ReadData (or ListDirectory)