

1. Identify the offensive traffic.

- Identify the traffic between your machine and the web machine:
  - When did the interaction occur?  
  
April 22nd at 2am
  - What responses did the victim send back?  
  
401- Invalid credentials indicating a brute force attack
  - What data is concerning from the Blue Team perspective?  
  
Unauthorized access through a brute force attack. Indicated by the 401 response code.

2. Find the request for the hidden directory.

- In your attack, you found a secret folder. Let's look at that interaction between these two machines.
  - How many requests were made to this directory? At what time and from which IP address(es)?  
  
16,516 requests from IP address 192.168.1.105
  - Which files were requested? What information did they contain?  
  
The Secret folder
  - What kind of alarm would you set to detect this behavior in the future?  
  
An alarm to trigger after a certain amount of 401 response codes, preventing a brute force in the future.
  - Identify at least one way to harden the vulnerable machine that would mitigate this attack.  
  
Setting a limit on how many failed login attempts are allowed before locking the account.

3. Identify the brute force attack.

- After identifying the hidden directory, you used Hydra to brute-force the target server. Answer the following questions:

- Can you identify packets specifically from Hydra?

Yes

- How many requests were made in the brute-force attack?

16,516 requests

- How many requests had the attacker made before discovering the correct password in this one?

16,508 requests

- What kind of alarm would you set to detect this behavior in the future and at what threshold(s)?

An Alarm for 401 error codes with a threshold in increments of 6,000 requests at a time.

- Identify at least one way to harden the vulnerable machine that would mitigate this attack.

Limit password attempts to 5 attempts and 2-factor authentication.

#### 4. Find the WebDav connection.

- Use your dashboard to answer the following questions:

- How many requests were made to this directory?

106 requests

- Which file(s) were requested?

The shell.php, password.dav files

- What kind of alarm would you set to detect such access in the future?

Alarm indicating when the same file is repeatedly opened

- Identify at least one way to harden the vulnerable machine that would mitigate this attack.

White-listing server IP Addresses

5. Identify the reverse shell and meterpreter traffic.

- To finish off the attack, you uploaded a PHP reverse shell and started a meterpreter shell session. Answer the following questions:

- Can you identify traffic from the meterpreter session?

Yes, through the Errors vs. Successful Transactions table

- What kinds of alarms would you set to detect this behavior in the future?

Alarm for detecting a .php file being uploaded/accessed

- Identify at least one way to harden the vulnerable machine that would mitigate this attack.

White-list specific machines with granted access to the server