# Security incident report

| **Section 1: Identify the network protocol involved in the incident** | |
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| The protocol in place was a HTTP protocol which is not secure as it transfers unencrypted data. The HTTP was found in the URL and visible by the TCP dump with HTTP GET requests which could give an indication that the website is not secure. | |
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| **Section 2: Document the incident** |
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| An admin account for the website was compromised via a brute force attack. A hacker was able to gain access to the admin account to deploy a script in the source code that had prompted users to download a file which led to another website with a different url that had malware injected into it and compromised the users machines. Execution of the file made customers' computers run slow. This was discovered by security analysts after receiving complaints about how the customers' PCs ran slower after running the file. |

| **Section 3: Recommend one remediation for brute force attacks** |
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| To protect against a brute force attack having strong password policies and MFA would prevent this from happening. Having the requirements of a strong password policy would mean that this admin would have changed to a more suitable stronger password rather than having a default one. MFA would add an extra layer of security in the result of a successful attempt of guessing the account password the hacker would need to either somehow get a one time password from the admins sms, email or authenticator app. |

## **Scenario**

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**Review the scenario below. Then complete the step-by-step instructions.**

**You are a cybersecurity analyst for yummyrecipesforme.com, a website that sells recipes and cookbooks. A former employee has decided to lure users to a fake website with malware.**

**The baker executed a brute force attack to gain access to the web host. They repeatedly entered several known default passwords for the administrative account until they correctly guessed the right one. After they obtained the login credentials, they were able to access the admin panel and change the website’s source code. They embedded a javascript function in the source code that prompted visitors to download and run a file upon visiting the website. After embedding the malware, the baker changed the password to the administrative account. When customers download the file, they are redirected to a fake version of the website that contains the malware.**

**Several hours after the attack, multiple customers emailed yummyrecipesforme’s helpdesk. They complained that the company’s website had prompted them to download a file to access free recipes. The customers claimed that, after running the file, the address of the website changed and their personal computers began running more slowly.**

**In response to this incident, the website owner tries to log in to the admin panel but is unable to, so they reach out to the website hosting provider. You and other cybersecurity analysts are tasked with investigating this security event.**

**To address the incident, you create a sandbox environment to observe the suspicious website behavior. You run the network protocol analyzer tcpdump, then type in the URL for the website, yummyrecipesforme.com. As soon as the website loads, you are prompted to download an executable file to update your browser. You accept the download and allow the file to run. You then observe that your browser redirects you to a different URL, greatrecipesforme.com, which contains the malware.**

**The logs show the following process:**

1. **The browser initiates a DNS request: It requests the IP address of the yummyrecipesforme.com URL from the DNS server.**
2. **The DNS replies with the correct IP address.**
3. **The browser initiates an HTTP request: It requests the yummyrecipesforme.com webpage using the IP address sent by the DNS server.**
4. **The browser initiates the download of the malware.**
5. **The browser initiates a DNS request for greatrecipesforme.com.**
6. **The DNS server responds with the IP address for greatrecipesforme.com.**
7. **The browser initiates an HTTP request to the IP address for greatrecipesforme.com.**

**A senior analyst confirms that the website was compromised. The analyst checks the source code for the website. They notice that javascript code had been added to prompt website visitors to download an executable file. Analysis of the downloaded file found a script that redirects the visitors’ browsers from yummyrecipesforme.com to greatrecipesforme.com.**

**The cybersecurity team reports that the web server was impacted by a brute force attack. The disgruntled baker was able to guess the password easily because the admin password was still set to the default password. Additionally, there were no controls in place to prevent a brute force attack.**