

Implementation of a Security Orchestration, Automation, and Response (SOAR) System

Objective: The primary goal of this project was to implement a Security Orchestration, Automation, and Response (SOAR) system using Tines as the SOAR platform and LimaCharlie as the Endpoint Detection and Response (EDR) solution. The focus was on automating the detection and response to security incidents, thereby improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the Security Operations Center (SOC).

Project Overview:

- **Tool Integration:** Tines was selected as the SOAR platform for its flexibility and ease of use, while LimaCharlie was chosen for its robust EDR capabilities. These tools were integrated to create a cohesive security automation framework.
- **Detection Rules Creation:** Custom detection rules were developed within LimaCharlie to monitor specific security events, such as unauthorized password recovery attempts on Windows machines. These rules were designed to proactively identify potential threats and trigger automated responses.
- **Playbook Design and Implementation:** Automated playbooks, referred to as "stories" in Tines, were designed and implemented to streamline the response process. These playbooks included actions such as sending real-time alerts via email and Slack, and providing the option to isolate compromised systems based on user input.

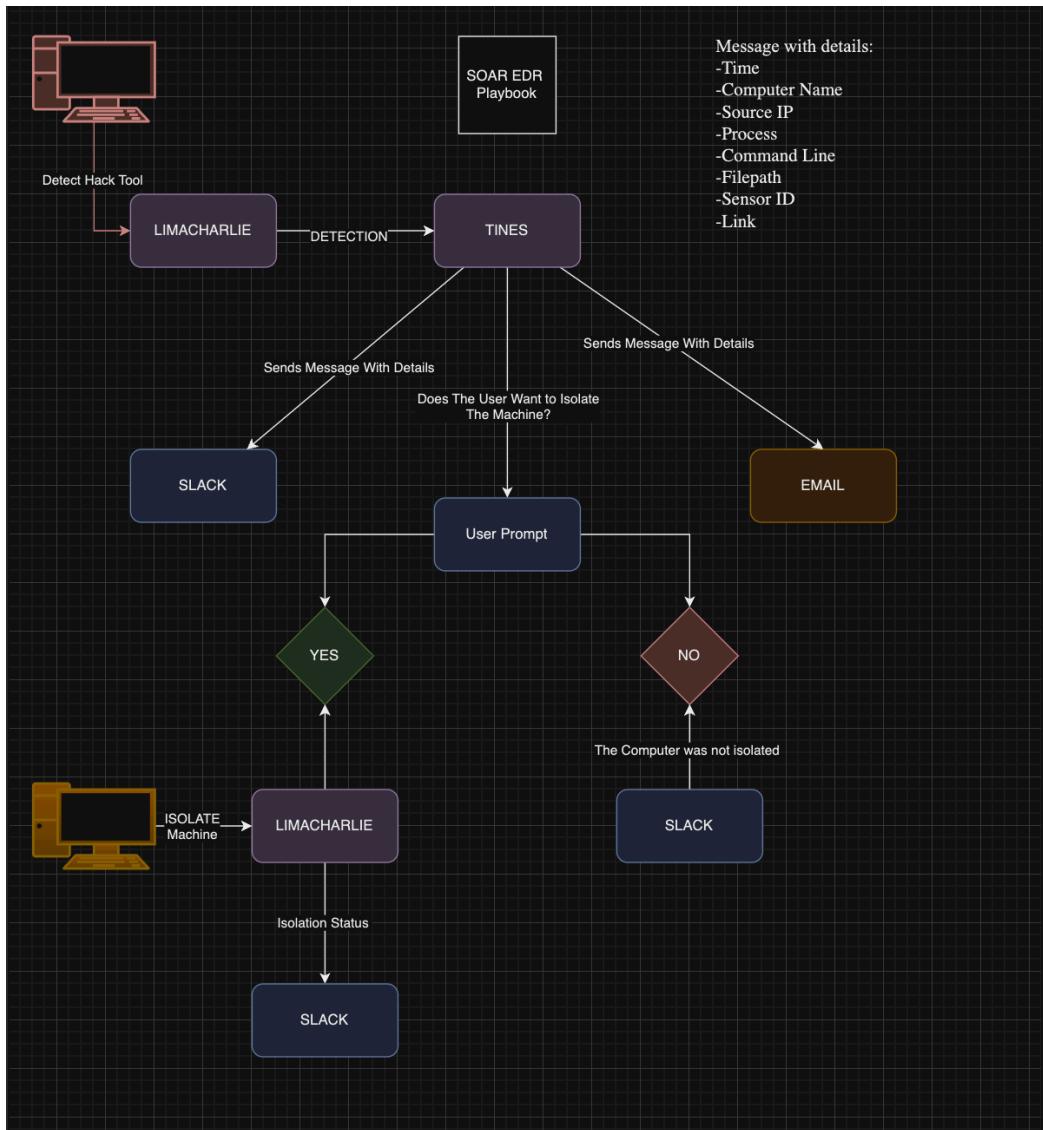
Process and Methodology:

1. **Detection Rule Development:** The first step involved creating detection rules in LimaCharlie that could identify specific malicious activities. These rules were fine-tuned to minimize false positives and ensure accurate threat detection.
2. **SOAR Playbook Creation:** Once the detection rules were in place, the next step was to create automated playbooks in Tines. These playbooks were designed to execute a series of actions when a detection occurred, including sending alerts to security personnel and taking predefined remedial actions.
3. **Tool Integration and Testing:** The integration between LimaCharlie and Tines was tested extensively to ensure seamless communication between the EDR and SOAR platforms. The system was tested with various security scenarios to validate its effectiveness and reliability.
4. **Automation and Optimization:** The automated playbooks were continuously refined and optimized to improve response times and reduce manual intervention. This involved iterative testing and adjustment of the workflows to align with best practices in incident response.

Outcomes and Benefits:

- **Enhanced SOC Efficiency:** The implementation of the SOAR system significantly reduced the time and effort required for security incident detection and response, allowing the SOC to focus on more strategic tasks.
- **Proactive Threat Management:** The custom detection rules and automated playbooks provided a proactive approach to threat management, ensuring that potential security incidents were addressed swiftly and effectively.
- **Scalability and Continuous Improvement:** The system was designed to be scalable, allowing for the addition of new detection rules and playbooks as the threat landscape evolves. Continuous improvement practices were embedded in the workflow to ensure the system remains effective over time.

Conclusion: This project successfully demonstrated the value of integrating SOAR and EDR platforms to enhance security operations. The automation of threat detection and response processes not only improved the efficiency of the SOC but also provided a scalable framework for ongoing security management. The hands-on experience gained from this project is expected to contribute significantly to the advancement of cybersecurity practices within the organization.



The screenshot shows the SOAR platform interface for creating a story:

- Story** tab selected.
- Name**: Your first story.
- Description**: Click to add a tag...
- Tags**: Click to add a tag...
- Credentials**:
 - Slack (3 actions)
 - lima_charlies (2 actions)
- Resources**:
 - Monitoring
- Time saved**: 00:00:00
- Actions** pane:
 - Webhook
 - HTTP Request
 - Receive Email
 - Send Email
 - AI
 - Event Transform
 - Trigger
 - Send to Story
 - Tools
- Story Structure**:
 - Starts with **Webhook: Jdeko Retrieve**.
 - Triggers a **User Prompt** (Type: Slack, Action: Send a message).
 - The **User Prompt** has two triggers:
 - Trigger Yes**: HTTP Request: Isolate Sensor.
 - Trigger No**: HTTP Request: Get Isolation Status.
 - Both triggers lead to **Slack: Send a message**.
- Action Selection**:
 - Select an action: Slack: Send a message.
 - Filter event ID or substring: [Search Bar]
 - Re-emit: [Button]

Detect ⓘ

Expand ↗

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1 events:
2   - NEW_PROCESS
3   - EXISTING_PROCESS
4 op: and
5 rules:
6   - op: is windows
7   - op: or
8     rules:
9       - case sensitive: false
10      op: ends with
11      path: event(FILE_PATH
12      value: \Lazagne.exe
13    - case sensitive: false
14    op: ends with
15    path: event(COMMAND_LINE
16    value: all
17  - case sensitive: false
18  op: contains
19  path: event(COMMAND_LINE
20  value: lazagne
21 - case sensitive: false
22  op: is
23  path: event(HASH
24  value: "467e49f1f795c1b08245ae621c59cdf06df630fc1631dc0059da9a032858a486"
25
26
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Respond ⓘ

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1 - action: report
2   metadata:
3     author: Jdee
4     description: Detects Lazagne(SOAR EDR TOOL)
5     falsepositives:
6       - To The Moon
7     level: medium
8     tags:
9       - attack.credential_access
10    name: jdee - hacktool - lazagne
11

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Test Event

Match. 4 operations were evaluated with the following results:

- true => (is windows) {"op":"is windows"}
- true => (~ends with) {"case sensitive":false,"op":"ends with","path":"event(FILE_PATH","value":"\\Lazagne.exe"}
- true => (or) {"op":"or","rules":[{"case sensitive":false,"op":"ends with","path":"event(FILE_PATH","value":"\\Lazagne.exe"}, {"case sensitive":false,"op":"ends with","path":"event(COMMAND_LINE","value":"all"), {"case sensitive":false,"op":"contains","path":"event(COMMAND_LINE","value":"lazagne"}, {"case sensitive":false,"op":"is","path":"event/HASH","value":"467e49f1f795c1b08245ae621c59cdf06df630fc1631dc0059da9a032858a486"}]}
- true => (and) {"events":[NEW_PROCESS,EXISTING_PROCESS],"op":"and","rules":[{"op":"is windows"}, {"op":"or","rules":[{"case sensitive":false,"op":"ends with","path":"event(FILE_PATH","value":"\\Lazagne.exe"}, {"case sensitive":false,"op":"contains","path":"event(COMMAND_LINE","value":"all"), {"case sensitive":false,"op":"is","path":"event/HASH","value":"467e49f1f795c1b08245ae621c59cdf06df630fc1631dc0059da9a032858a486"}]}]}

PS C:\Users\Administrator\Downloads> .\LaZagne.exe all

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The LaZagne Project
! BANG BANG !

[+] System masterkey decrypted for 078eeecb-0d0c-4fdc-b155-cff3e2ab324a
[+] System masterkey decrypted for 13736182-3735-47b6-b6f6-be0748e78922
[+] System masterkey decrypted for 32877747-029b-4cd8-98ed-fbe923dae921
[+] System masterkey decrypted for 3af9b984-1427-4737-a5a7-af68740a2438
[+] System masterkey decrypted for 3e2a8705-4b41-4ab5-83ba-c75d45ad8fe1
[+] System masterkey decrypted for 43adc280-92a3-4b66-a71c-b4514834ae2b
[+] System masterkey decrypted for 447d8c17-487d-42e2-9b5c-0015318d2ae4
[+] System masterkey decrypted for 4716c57c-3c3f-4658-85e4-d17a1b9bbe01
[+] System masterkey decrypted for 484fd7c7-7186-4fea-95a9-5176dbbf2f3d5
[+] System masterkey decrypted for 4c55dbe1-8196-45a5-9ab0-b26ed163fc01
[+] System masterkey decrypted for 5c3be565-896c-45c2-8524-7e11fa572a30
[+] System masterkey decrypted for 6169ad5b-3847-4cd7-8430-192384fe7a7
[+] System masterkey decrypted for 6b29d08a-203c-4a92-a287-0ad1fb388850

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12:10 AM 8/10/2024

2024-08-10 00:10:34 jdee - hacktool - lazagne ec2amaz-pakf4ja.ec2.internal {"event":{"BASE_ADDRESS":140700213968896,"COMMAND_LINE":"\"C:\\\\Users\\\\Administrator\\\\Downloads\\\\LaZagne.exe\" all"}}

2024-08-10 00:10:34 jdee - hacktool - lazagne ec2amaz-pakf4ja.ec2.internal {"event":{"BASE_ADDRESS":140700213968896,"COMMAND_LINE":"\"C:\\\\Users\\\\Administrator\\\\Downloads\\\\LaZagne.exe\" all"}}

That's all! No more past detections to fetch.

Detections [View Docs]

Select Source Jump to time Select... 2024-08-10 00:32:37 lazagne + Add Filter Delete All

You're up-to-date!

2024-08-10 00:10:35 Use Short Name Path in Command Line ec2amaz-pakf4ja.ec2.internal {"event":{}}

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That's all! No more past detections to fetch.

detection": {
"author": "jonethdee@gmail.com"
"cat": "jdee - hacktool - lazagne"
"detect": {
"event": {
"BASE_ADDRESS": 140700213968896
"COMMAND_LINE":
"C:\\\\Users\\\\Administrator\\\\Downloads\\\\LaZagne.exe\" al
l"
"FILE_IS_SIGNED": 0
"FILE_PATH":
"C:\\\\Users\\\\Administrator\\\\Downloads\\\\LaZagne.exe"
"HASH":
"467e49f1f795c1b08245ae621c59cdf06df630fc1631dc005
9da9a032858a486"
"MEMORY_USAGE": 3805184
" PARENT": {
"BASE_ADDRESS": 140696027529216
"COMMAND_LINE":
"\"C:\\Windows\\\\System32\\\\WindowsPowerShell\\\\v1.0\\\\po
wershell.exe\" "
"FILE_IS_SIGNED": 1
"FILE_PATH":
"C:\\Windows\\\\System32\\\\WindowsPowerShell\\\\v1.
ershell.exe"

Webhook Retrieve Detections

Name: Retrieve Detections

Description: Retriences LimaCharlie detections

Webhook URL: https://divine-night-1139.tines.com/webhook/

Path: 5e3b8df760359071be0e681258f3d8c3

Secret: 02e5fdaab582bb1b1cc1fe1489834bd

Search payload: event 579789492

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{
  "retrieve_detections": {
    "body": {
      "author": "jondethdee@gmail.com",
      "cat": "jdee - hacktool - lazagne",
      "detect": "...",
      "detect_id": "4e8dd1d47-64b8-4ele-b2e0-accf66b6cc98",
      "detect_md": "...",
      "gen_time": 1732355960030,
      "link": "https://app.limacharlie.io/orgs/c173bc5e-cdda-44f7-9174-4",
      "namespace": "general",
      "routing": "...",
      "source": "c173bc5e-cdda-44f7-9174-433592d864d1.2492ea15-a196-40b7",
      "source_rule": "general.Jdee-Lazagne-SOAR-ADE"
    },
    "headers": "...",
    "response": "..."
  }
}
```

Test: Send a message

Events Log Memory Metadata

Copy request as cURL

Search this payload...

[
 {
 "send_a_message": "..."
 }
]

Cancel Test

Slack Send a message

Description

Channel / User ID Required: C07G5PZ50PQ

Message Required

Title: \${jdee_retrieve.body.cat}
Time: \${jdee_retrieve.body.detect.routing.event_time}
Computer: \${jdee_retrieve.body.detect.routing.host_name}
Source IP: \${jdee_retrieve.body.detect.routing.ip}
Username: \${jdee_retrieve.body.detect.event.USERNAME}
File Path: \${jdee_retrieve.body.detect.event.FILE_PATH}
Command Line: \${jdee_retrieve.body.detect.event.COMMAND_LINE}
Sensor ID: \${jdee_retrieve.body.detect.routing.sensor_id}
Detection Link: \${jdee_retrieve.body.link}

Connected Slack

The screenshot shows the Slack interface for the channel '# alerts'. On the left, there's a sidebar with options like Home, More, Channels, Direct messages, Apps, and Tines. The '# alerts' channel is selected. A message from 'Tines APP' at 10:49 PM is displayed, detailing a recent event:

EC2AMAZ-PAKF4JA\Administrator
C:\Users\Administrator\Downloads\LaZagne.exe
"C:\Users\Administrator\Downloads\LaZagne.exe" all
46432b13-ba07-4ea6-846b-c431799b75c4
<https://app.limacharlie.io/orgs/c173bc5e-cdda-44f7-9174-433592d864d1/sensors/46432b13-ba07-4ea6-846b-c431799b75c4/timeline?time=1723260431&selected=f4f1d16064d6ef07f4d08d5d66b6de11>

The message includes a link to the timeline for further investigation.

The screenshot shows an email inbox titled 'Test' with one message. The message is from 'Tines <mail@tines.io>' and was sent at 10:52 PM (0 minutes ago). The subject is 'ALERTS' and the body contains the same alert information as the Slack message, including the file path, command line, sensor ID, and detection link.

ALERTS
A real email body could go here

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ALERTS
Title: jdee - hacktool - lazagne Time: 1723260431937 Computer: ec2amaz-pakf4ja.ec2.internal Source IP: 172.31.36.237 Username: EC2AMAZ-PAKF4JA\Administrator File Path: C:\Users\Administrator\Downloads\LaZagne.exe Command Line: "C:\Users\Administrator\Downloads\LaZagne.exe" all Sensor ID: 46432b13-ba07-4ea6-846b-c431799b75c4 Detection Link: <https://app.limacharlie.io/orgs/c173bc5e-cdda-44f7-9174-433592d864d1/sensors/46432b13-ba07-4ea6-846b-c431799b75c4/timeline?time=1723260431&selected=f4f1d16064d6ef07f4d08d5d66b6de11>

Reply Forward

The screenshot shows a message from the 'Tines APP' at 11:03 PM. The message is titled 'The Computer:' and states: 'ec2amaz-pakf4ja.ec2.internal was not isolated, please investigate'.

Tines APP 11:03 PM
The Computer:
ec2amaz-pakf4ja.ec2.internal
was not isolated, please investigate

ec2amaz-pakf4ja.ec2.internal ✓

Sensor Details

Hostname	Platform
ec2amaz-pakf4ja.ec2.internal	Windows x86 64 bit
Network Access	Kernel
🔒 Isolated 🔗 Rejoin Network	Available
Seal Status	Enrollment Date
Not Sealed 💡 Seal	2024-08-09 05:40:20
Last Time Alive	Internal IP
2024-08-10 05:36:02	172.31.36.237
External IP	Mac Address
18.206.99.207	0E-0B-B2-09-33-C5
Sensor ID	Organization ID
46432b13-ba07-4ea6-846b-c431799b75c4	c173bc5e-cdda-44f7-9174-433592d864d1
Installer ID	Device ID
2492ea15-a196-4bb7-8cf6-cde637402945	N/A

Tags Select tags... Update Tags

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graph TD
    A[Trigger Yes] --> B[HTTP Request Isolate Sensor]
    B --> C[Trigger No]
    C --> D[Slack Send a message]
  
```

Isolate Sensor

Enter event ID or substring Q

Re-emit ✖ ↻

1 event selected

580075559
2024-08-10 06:19:33 UTC 1m ago

580071312
2024-08-10 06:08:15 UTC 12m ago

Search payload: event 580075559 Q

```

{
  "jdee_retrieve": > { ... },
  "user_prompt": > { ... },
  "yes": > { ... },
  "isolate_sensor": > {
    "body": > { ... },
    "headers": > { ... },
    "status": 200,
    "meta": > { ... }
  }
}
  
```

ec2amaz-pakf4ja.ec2.internal ✓

Sensor Details

Hostname	Platform
ec2amaz-pakf4ja.ec2.internal	Windows x86 64 bit
Network Access	Kernel
Allowed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Isolate From Network
Seal Status	Available
Not Sealed	<input type="checkbox"/> Seal
Last Time Alive	Enrollment Date
2024-08-10 05:36:02	2024-08-09 05:40:20
External IP	Internal IP
18.206.99.207	172.31.36.237
Sensor ID	Mac Address
46432b13-ba07-4ea6-846b-c431799b75c4	0E-0B-B2-09-33-C5
Installer ID	Organization ID
2492ea15-a196-4bb7-8cf6-cde637402945	c173bc5e-cdda-44f7-9174-433592d864d1
Tags	Device ID
<input type="text"/> Select tags...	N/A
	Rejoining sensor to the network.

ec2amaz-pakf4ja.ec2.internal ✓

Sensor Details

Hostname	Platform
ec2amaz-pakf4ja.ec2.internal	Windows x86 64 bit
Network Access	Kernel
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Isolated	<input type="checkbox"/> Rejoin Network
Seal Status	Available
Not Sealed	<input type="checkbox"/> Seal
Last Time Alive	Enrollment Date
2024-08-10 06:37:37	2024-08-09 05:40:20
External IP	Internal IP
3.229.174.49	172.31.36.237
Sensor ID	Mac Address
46432b13-ba07-4ea6-846b-c431799b75c4	0E-0B-B2-09-33-C5
Installer ID	Organization ID
2492ea15-a196-4bb7-8cf6-cde637402945	c173bc5e-cdda-44f7-9174-433592d864d1
Tags	Device ID
<input type="text"/> Select tags...	N/A