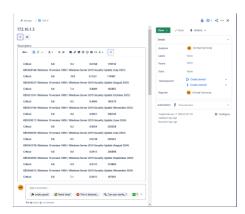
Patched Vulnerabilities - See Mitigations document for in depth step by step

172.16.1.3 - 30m

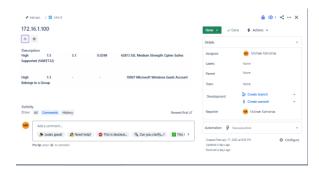
Updated Windows



<u>172.16.1.100 – 20m</u>

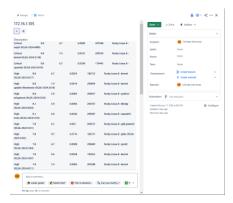
Disabled the Vulnerable Cipher through SCHANNEL

Remove groups from guest in lusrmgr.msc



<u>172.16.1.105 – 15m</u>

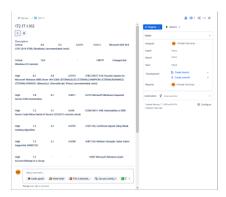
Sudo yum update



Unpatched Vulnerabilities

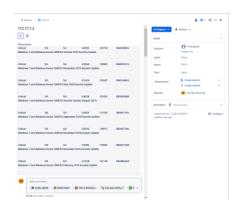
172.17.1.102 - 45m

Needs to be updated to a supported version



<u>172.17.1.2 - 0m</u>

Needs to be updated to a supported version



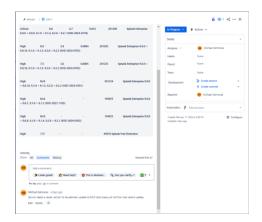
<u>172.16.1.5 – 45m</u>

created folders – SCHANNEL, ciphers, Triple DES 168 – creates bar mitzvah vuln



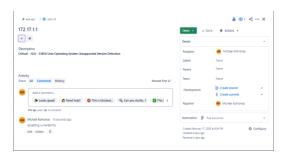
172.16.1.6 - 1.5h

Stopped splunk services → Installed the new version → Restart Splunk



172.17.1.1 / 172.16.1.1 - 0m

Accepting risk as its our firewall and we aren't making changes yet



172.16.1.106



172.16.1.107



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<u>List the top 5 medium vulnerabilities in the priority order and document why they are in your priority. Next to each item in 4 (above), document what you would do to fix each item.</u>

1. SMB Signing Not Required

• Why It's Priority:

o **Risk Level:** High

o **Attack Type:** Man-in-the-Middle (MITM), Credential Theft

o **Affected Hosts:** Multiple hosts, including 172.16.1.100, 172.17.1.102

- Impact: Without SMB signing, attackers can intercept and alter SMB traffic, capturing user credentials or modifying data in transit. This could allow lateral movement and credential theft, leading to domain-wide compromise.
- Reason for Priority: SMB is heavily used in Windows environments. If left unsigned, it enables attackers to impersonate users and escalate privileges, making it a prime target for exploitation in real-world attacks.

• How to Fix It:

- On Windows Servers: Set Group Policy "Microsoft network server: Digitally sign communications (always)" to Enabled.
- o **On Windows Clients:** Set Group Policy "Microsoft network client: Digitally sign communications (if server agrees)" to Enabled.
- Disable SMBv1: If still enabled, disable it (Set-SmbServerConfiguration -EnableSMB1Protocol \$false).

2. Untrusted SSL Certificate

Why It Matters:

o Risk Level: High

o Attack Type: Remote Exploitation, Brute Force, RDP Hijacking

Affected Hosts: 172.16.1.100, 172.17.1.102

- o Impact: Without Network Level Authentication (NLA), attackers can attempt RDP connections without credentials, increasing exposure to brute-force attacks and exploits like BlueKeep (CVE-2019-0708). RDP-based ransomware attacks often exploit this misconfiguration.
- Reason for Priority: RDP is a common attack vector. A compromised RDP session can allow attackers full system control, making this a critical misconfiguration that needs immediate remediation.

How to Fix It:

- On each RDP server: Open System Properties > Remote > Require NLA for connections.
- Via Group Policy: Set "Require user authentication for remote connections by using NLA" to Enabled.
- Set RDP Encryption to High: In Group Policy, configure "Encryption level" to High or "SSL/TLS 1.0".
- Patch RDP for CVE-2019-0708 (BlueKeep): Ensure all servers have the latest security updates.
- o **Restrict RDP Access:** Limit RDP to internal networks or VPN users only.
- Enable Two-Factor Authentication for RDP: Consider using MFA solutions to prevent credential theft-based logins.

3. Use of Self-Signed SSL Certificate

Why It Matters:

o **Risk Level:** Medium-High

o Attack Type: MITM, Downgrade Attacks, Data Decryption

o **Affected Hosts:** 172.16.1.5, 172.16.1.100, 172.16.1.107, 172.17.1.102

- Impact: TLS 1.0 and 1.1 have known vulnerabilities (e.g., BEAST, POODLE).
 Attackers can force downgrade connections, decrypt sensitive data, or steal authentication tokens.
- Reason for Priority: Many modern applications no longer support TLS
 1.0/1.1, making this a compliance issue (PCI DSS, NIST 800-52r2, HIPAA, etc.) and a security risk.

How to Fix It:

- o For Windows servers: Disable TLS 1.0 and 1.1 via registry
 - [HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Securit yProviders\SCHANNEL\Protocols\TLS 1.0]
 - "Enabled"=dword:00000000
- For Linux servers (Apache/Nginx): Update SSL config:
 - ssl_protocols TLSv1.2 TLSv1.3;
- o **Ensure Strong Ciphers:** Remove weak ciphers like RC4, DES, 3DES.

4. TLS 1.0 Still Enabled

Why It Matters:

o Risk Level: Medium

o Attack Type: MITM, Downgrade Attack, Session Hijacking

o Affected Hosts: 172.16.1.1, 172.16.1.105

- Impact: Without HTTP Strict Transport Security (HSTS), users can be forced onto HTTP via SSL stripping, allowing attackers to intercept or modify traffic.
- Reason for Priority: HSTS prevents attackers from downgrading connections, forcing HTTPS. Enabling it is an easy fix that significantly improves security.

How to Fix It:

- o For Apache: Add to .htaccess or httpd.conf:
 - Header always set Strict-Transport-Security "max-age=31536000; includeSubDomains; preload"
- o **For Nginx:** Add to nginx.conf:
 - add_header Strict-Transport-Security "max-age=31536000; includeSubDomains; preload" always;
- o **Ensure All Traffic Uses HTTPS:** Redirect HTTP to HTTPS.

5. NTP Mode 6 Queries Enabled (DDoS Risk)

Why It Matters:

Risk Level: Medium

o Attack Type: Malware Execution, Code Injection

o Affected Hosts: 172.16.1.3, 172.17.1.2

- Impact: Attackers can append malicious code to signed executables, making them appear legitimate. This bypasses signature verification and allows malware execution.
- Reason for Priority: This vulnerability is actively exploited by malware campaigns to bypass security checks, making it an important fix.

• How to Fix It:

- o Apply Microsoft's Security Update for CVE-2013-3900.
- Set the Registry Key to Force Verification:
 - reg add HKLM\Software\Microsoft\Cryptography\Wintrust\Config /v EnableCertPaddingCheck /t REG_DWORD /d 1 /f

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