

Challenge Lab 1 Report

1. Challenge questions Description:

Describe any suspicious activity or outlying data points by using screenshot.

2. Tools used in this report:

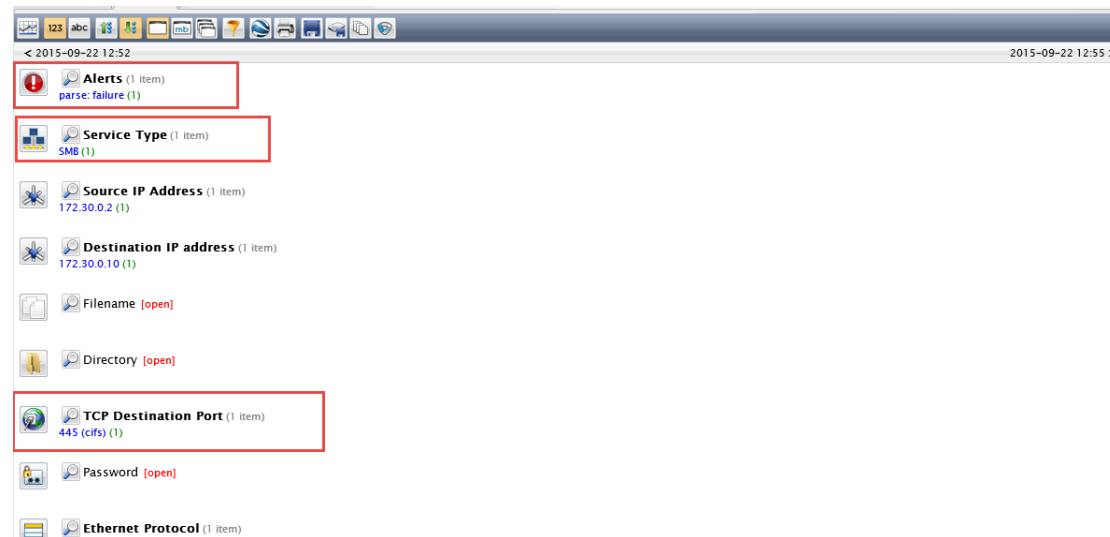
In this report, we use the following three tools to analyze the potential existing threats

- Wireshark -> Capture all the packets over the script communication of Zenmap.
- Zenmap -> Run many scripts to generate network traffic.
- NetWitness Investigator -> Visualize the result of Wireshark.

3. Analysis Report

3.1 Packets transmission error

When I use Wireshark on Vworkstation to capture the network work traffic of student interface, I found that there are two packets were failed to transmit correctly.



By viewing the Alert information we can see that this alert are generated by SMB services which are responsible for the communication among printers, sharing access file ...etc. It uses SMB services (port 445) to communicate between two IP addresses – 172.30.0.2(Source) and 172.30.0.10(Destination). But if we want to know details we need to go back Wireshark.

Wireshark capture showing SMB traffic between 172.30.0.2 and 172.30.0.10. The packet list shows several SMB messages, including Session Setup AndX requests and responses. Packet 12850 is highlighted, showing an error: "STATUS_ACCOUNT_DISABLED". The packet details pane shows the SMB structure, including the Session Setup AndX request. The packet bytes pane shows the raw data.

Filter: `smb`

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
10682	17.8272030	172.30.0.2	172.30.0.10	SMB	222	Negotiate Protocol Request
10710	17.8345790	172.30.0.10	172.30.0.2	SMB	181	Negotiate Protocol Response
12593	82.3986160	172.30.0.2	172.30.0.10	SMB	129	Negotiate Protocol Request
12830	85.5931090	172.30.0.2	172.30.0.10	SMB	107	Negotiate Protocol Request
12831	85.5950430	172.30.0.10	172.30.0.2	SMB	185	Negotiate Protocol Response
12842	85.6348160	172.30.0.2	172.30.0.10	SMB	107	Negotiate Protocol Request
12843	85.8448980	172.30.0.10	172.30.0.2	SMB	181	Negotiate Protocol Response
12848	85.9693030	172.30.0.2	172.30.0.10	SMB	193	Session Setup AndX Request, User: \quest
12848	84.0014150	172.30.0.10	172.30.0.2	SMB	93	Session Setup AndX Response, Error: STATUS_ACCOUNT_DISABLED
12850	84.0930760	172.30.0.2	172.30.0.10	SMB	141	Session Setup AndX Response, Error: STATUS_ACCOUNT_DISABLED
12851	84.0943610	172.30.0.10	172.30.0.2	SMB	93	Session Setup AndX Response, Error: STATUS_ACCESS_DENIED
12859	85.0302160	172.30.0.2	172.30.0.10	SMB	107	Negotiate Protocol Request
12860	85.0325600	172.30.0.10	172.30.0.2	SMB	185	Negotiate Protocol Response
12870	85.4054880	172.30.0.2	172.30.0.10	SMB	107	Negotiate Protocol Request
12871	85.4071850	172.30.0.10	172.30.0.2	SMB	185	Negotiate Protocol Response
12880	85.7236370	172.30.0.2	172.30.0.10	SMB	107	Negotiate Protocol Request
12881	86.7195630	172.30.0.10	172.30.0.2	SMB	185	Negotiate Protocol Response

Frame 12850: 141 bytes on wire (1128 bits), 141 bytes captured (1128 bits) on interface 0

Ethernet II, Src: d6:14:02:38:a1:39 (d6:14:02:38:a1:39), Dst: ba:2f:9e:6d:77:ae (ba:2f:9e:6d:77:ae)

Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 172.30.0.2 (172.30.0.2), Dst: 172.30.0.10 (172.30.0.10)

Version: 4

Header length: 20 bytes

Differentiated Services Field: 0x02 (DSCP 0x00: Default; ECN: 0x02: ECT(0) (ECN-Capable Transport))

0000 00.. = Differentiated Services Codepoint: Default (0x00)

.... 10 = Explicit Congestion Notification: ECT(0) (ECN-Capable Transport) (0x02)

Total Length: 127

Identification: 0x3ed0 (16080)

Flags: 0x02 (Don't Fragment)

0... .. = Reserved bit: Not set

1... .. = Don't fragment: Set

..0. = More fragments: Not set

Fragment offset: 0

Time to live: 128

Protocol: TCP (6)

Header checksum: 0x0000 [incorrect, should be 0x635e (may be caused by "IP checksum offload"?)]

[Good: False]

[Bad: True]

[Expert Info (Error/Checksum): Bad checksum]

[Message: Bad checksum]

[Severity level: Error]

[Group: Checksum]

Source: 172.30.0.2 (172.30.0.2)

Destination: 172.30.0.10 (172.30.0.10)

[Source GeoIP: Unknown]

[Destination GeoIP: Unknown]

Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: cajo-discovery (1198), Dst Port: microsoft-ds (445), Seq: 193, Ack: 167, Len: 87

Source port: cajo-discovery (1198)

Destination port: microsoft-ds (445)

[Stream index: 5314]

Sequence number: 193 (relative sequence number)

[Next sequence number: 280 (relative sequence number)]

Acknowledgment number: 167 (relative ack number)

Header length: 20 bytes

Flags: 0x018 (PSH, ACK)

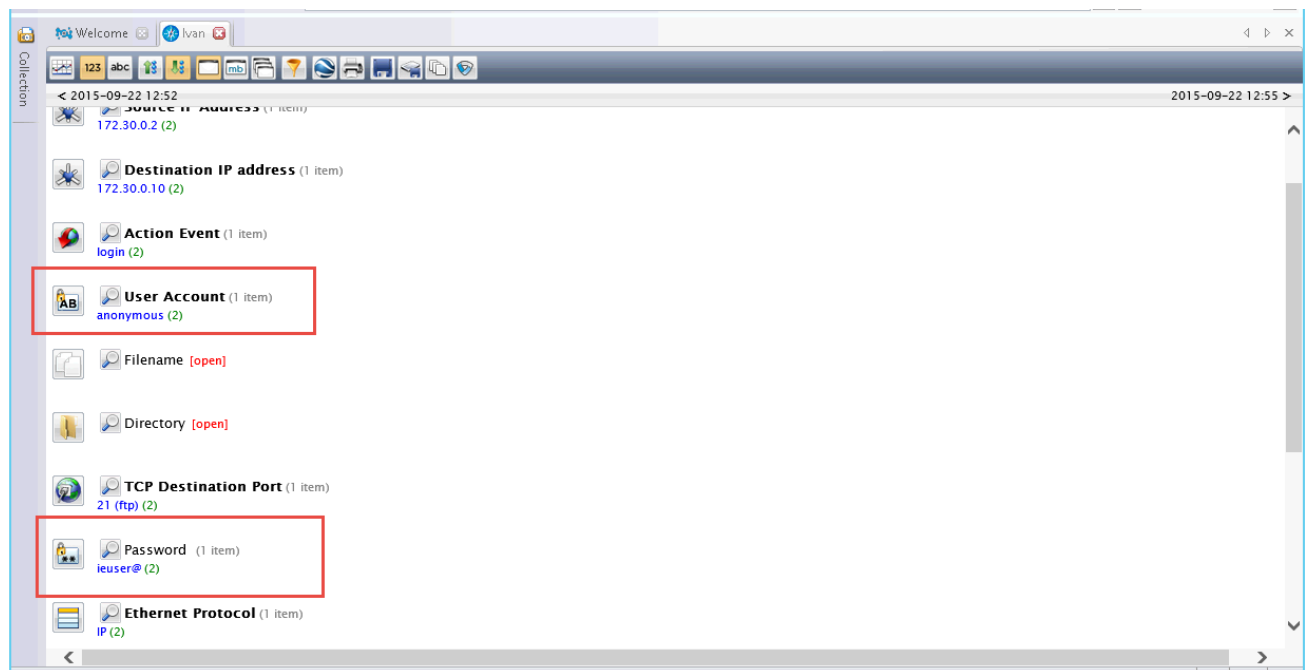
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With the drill down information, I know that the error caused by incorrect packet header checksum and it was sent through SMB services. And the possible reason might be the effect of IP checksum offload. It may be the reason why NetWitness Investigator generates an alert.

In addition, we also found that there are tremendous data transmission activities happened between source IP 172.30.0.2(source) and 172.30.0.10(Destination). Therefore, it indicates that there should be some suspicious activities that are ongoing.

3.2 Clear Password transmission

According to the report of NetWitness Investigator, I found that when the Nmap scripts start, the wireshark captured a clear-text password as follows.



So, through this picture, we know that the password transmitted as clear text and login as anonymous when IP 172.30.0.2 (source) communicate with IP 172.30.0.10 (Destination). Therefore, there is a risk to disclose the password to attacker and some attackers could make a man-in-middle attack or do some other harmful things.