

Phishing Simulation Project with SIEM & EDR Mapping

1. Project Objective

- The objective of this project was to simulate a real-world phishing attack, observe user behavior, and map the attack lifecycle to SOC detection and response mechanisms using SIEM, EDR, and SOAR concepts

2. Lab Environment

- Operating System: Kali Linux (VMware)
- Phishing Framework: GoPhish
- Campaign Type: Credential Harvesting
- Target Test User: (Local Simulation)

3. Attack Simulation Flow

- A phishing email containing a password reset link was simulated using GoPhish. The user opened the email, clicked the malicious link, and submitted credentials on a fake login page. All interactions were tracked and logged by the framework

4. Campaign Results

- Email Sent: 1
- Email Opened: 1
- Link Clicked: 1
- Credentials Submitted: 1

5. SIEM Mapping (Detection & Correlation)

Log Source	Observed Event
Email Gateway	Spoofed sender and phishing email
Web Proxy / Firewall	Access to phishing URL
Application Logs	Credential submission event Potential account misuse

- The SIEM correlates these events to generate a high-severity phishing alert.

6. EDR Mapping (Endpoint Visibility)

EDR Signal	Behavior
Browser Activity	User opened phishing URL
Credential Handling	Password entered into browser

Network Behavior

Suspicious outbound connection

7. SOAR Automated Response

- Upon confirmation of phishing, automated actions would include blocking the phishing URL, resetting the affected user's password, notifying the SOC team, and initiating user awareness training.

8. MITRE ATT&CK; Mapping

Tactic	Technique
Initial Access	Phishing (T1566)
Credential Access	Credential Harvesting

9. Conclusion

- This project demonstrates a complete phishing attack lifecycle and SOC-style detection and response workflow. It highlights practical knowledge of attack techniques, security monitoring, and incident response

