

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

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

