Final Engagement

Attack, Defense & Analysis of a Vulnerable Network

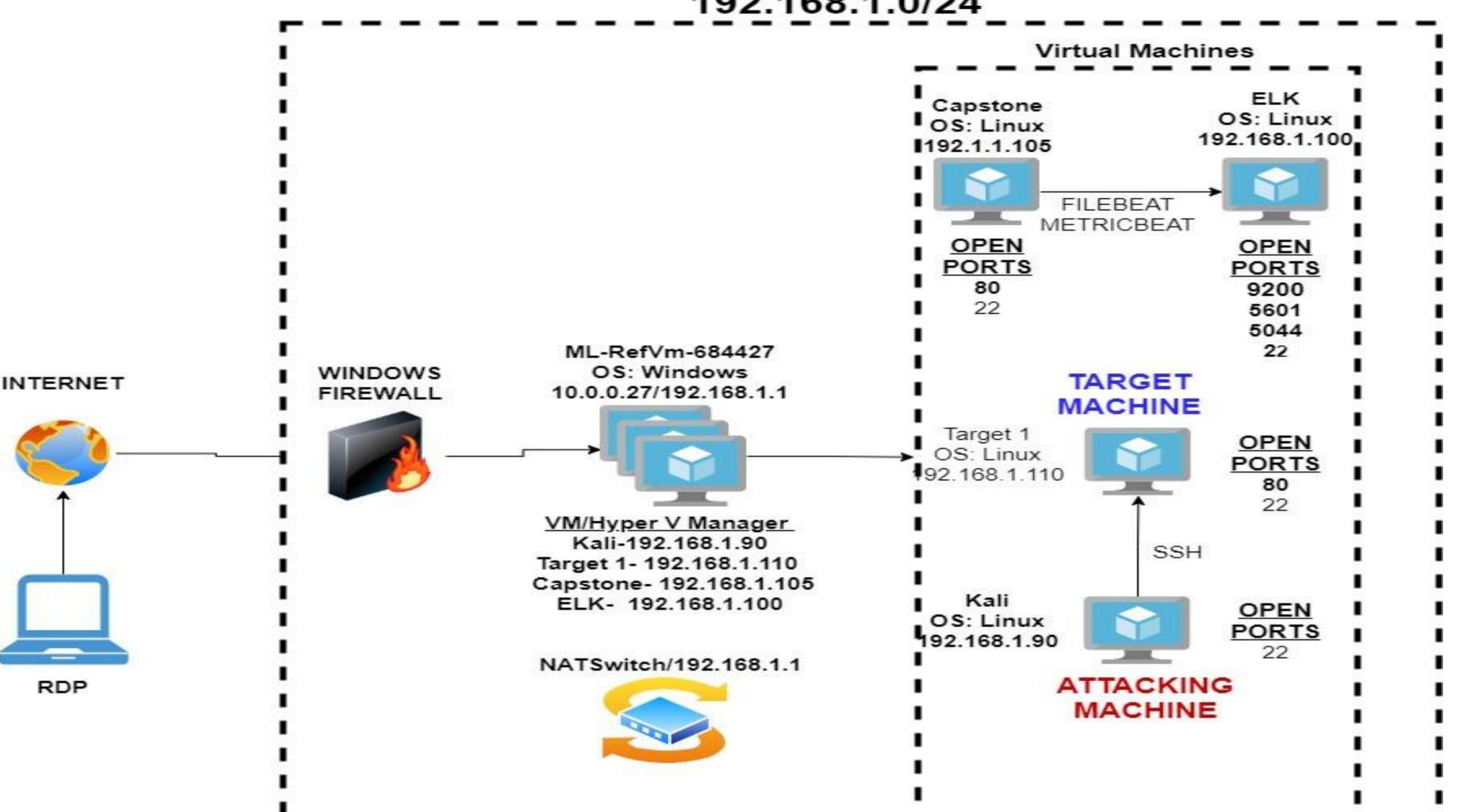
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Network Topology

Azure Netwrok 192.168.1.0/24



Network

Addr**Network**

Address Range: 192.168.1.0/24

Gateway: 192.168.1.1

Machines

IPv4: 192.168.1.90 OS: Debian Kali 5.4.0

Hostname: Kali

IPv4: 192.168.1.110 OS: Debian GNU/Linux 8 Hostname: Target 1

IPv4: 192.168.1.105 OS: Ubuntu 18.04 Hostname: Capstone

IPv4: 192.168.1.100 OS: Ubuntu 18.04 Hostname: ELK

Critical Vulnerabilities: Target 1

Our assessment uncovered the following critical vulnerabilities in Target 1.

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Exploits Used

Exploitation: Nmap Scan

Summarize the following:

- To exploit this vulnerability we used the command: nmap-sV 192.168.1.0/24
- This exploit revealed the ip address of target one(192.168.1.110) and it's open ports of 80 and 22

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Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.110
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Host is up (0.00093s 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)

Service Info: Host: TARGET1; OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel

Exploitation: Wordpress User Enumeration

Summarize the following:

- We exploited the vulnerability by sunnring Wpscan --url 192.168.1.110/wordpress --enumerate u
 - Allowed attacker to gain user and password hash information from table in wordpress site.

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File Actions Edit View Help
[+] Enumerating Users (via Passive and Aggressive Methods)
Brute Forcing Author IDs - Time: 00:00:00 ♦ (0 / 10) 0.00% ETA: ??:??:?
Brute Forcing Author IDs - Time: 00:00:00 ♦ (1 / 10) 10.00%
Brute Forcing Author IDs - Time: 00:00:00 ♦ (2 / 10) 20.00%
Brute Forcing Author IDs - Time: 00:00:00 ♦ (3 / 10) 30.00% ETA: 00:00:0
Brute Forcing Author IDs - Time: 00:00:00 ♦ (7 / 10) 70.00% ETA: 00:00:0
Brute Forcing Author IDs - Time: 00:00:00 ♦ (9 / 10) 90.00% ETA: 00:00:0
Brute Forcing Author IDs - Time: 00:00:00 ♦ (10 / 10) 100.00% Time: 00:00
:00
[i] User(s) Identified:
  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)
[!] No WPVulnDB API Token given, as a result vulnerability data has not bee
[!] You can get a free API token with 50 daily requests by registering at h
ttps://wpvulndb.com/users/sign_up
   Finished: Sat Apr 24 11:07:27 2021
   Requests Done: 48
  ] Cached Requests: 4
[+] Data Sent: 10.471 KB
[+] Data Received: 284.802 KB
[+] Memory used: 113.992 MB
[+] Elapsed time: 00:00:02
root@Kali:~#
                                ip6-allrouters ip6-loopback
               ff02::2
                                                                localhost
:: 1
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Exploitation: Weak/ Unsalted hashes

Summarize the following:

- Through enumerating the wordpress site the users Steven and Michael along with their hashed passwords were discovered. These hashes were put into a wp_hashes.txt then cracked using the John command
- This exploit allowed the discovery of Stevens credentials. Since Steven was part of the sudoers file escalation to

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Shell No.1
File Actions Edit View Help
root@Kali:~#
                                ip6-allrouters ip6-loopback
:: 1
                ff02::2
                                                                localhost
                                ip6-localhost Kali
                ip6-allnodes
ff02::1
root@Kali:~# john wp_hashes.txt
Using default input encoding: UTF-8
Loaded 2 password hashes with 2 different salts (phpass [phpass ($P$ or $H$) 256/256 AVX2 8×3])
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 any other key for status
Warning: Only 30 candidates buffered for the current salt, minimum 48 needed for performance.
Warning: Only 26 candidates buffered for the current salt, minimum 48 needed for performance.
Warning: Only 45 candidates buffered for the current salt, minimum 48 needed for performance.
Warning: Only 35 candidates buffered for the current salt, minimum 48 needed for performance.
Warning: Only 45 candidates buffered for the current salt, minimum 48 needed for performance.
Warning: Only 43 candidates buffered for the current salt, minimum 48 needed for performance.
Almost done: Processing the remaining buffered candidate passwords, if any.
Warning: Only 25 candidates buffered for the current salt, minimum 48 needed for performance.
Warning: Only 23 candidates buffered for the current salt, minimum 48 needed for performance.
Proceeding with wordlist:/usr/share/john/password.lst, rules:Wordlist
0g 0:00:00:30 77.66% 2/3 (ETA: 13:13:16) 0g/s 4176p/s 8302c/s 8302C/s 3samantha..3foster
0g 0:00:00:31 79.94% 2/3 (ETA: 13:13:16) 0g/s 4169p/s 8289c/s 8289C/s 7racoon..7artist
0g 0:00:00:32 82.24% 2/3 (ETA: 13:13:16) 0g/s 4167p/s 8287c/s 8287C/s 9barnyard..9macha
0g 0:00:00:33 84.65% 2/3 (ETA: 13:13:16) 0g/s 4168p/s 8290c/s 8290C/s 6metal..6chicago
0g 0:00:00:34 87.17% 2/3 (ETA: 13:13:17) 0g/s 4175p/s 8306c/s 8306C/s 8alyssa..8nicolas
0g 0:00:00:35 89.59% 2/3 (ETA: 13:13:17) 0g/s 4176p/s 8310c/s 8310C/s Treks..alberted
0g 0:00:00:37 94.42% 2/3 (ETA: 13:13:17) 0g/s 4180p/s 8314c/s 8314C/s Acropolised.. Aliened
Proceeding with incremental:ASCII
0g 0:00:00:38 3/3 0g/s 4149p/s 8253c/s 8253C/s 123456
0g 0:00:00:39 3/3 0g/s 4112p/s 8185c/s 8185C/s melith..asdan
0g 0:00:00:40 3/3 0g/s 4099p/s 8156c/s 8156C/s 110110..sarie1
0g 0:00:00:41 3/3 0g/s 4092p/s 8142c/s 8142C/s 120607..100688
0g 0:00:00:42 3/3 0g/s 4083p/s 8131c/s 8131C/s abby92..abance
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Avoiding Detection

Stealth Exploitation of Nmap Scan

Monitoring Overview

- Excessive Http Request Size Monitor
- This alert monitors the http.request.bytes
- This alert fires off when the sum of http.request.bytes reaches above 3500 bytes in the last minute.

Stealth Exploitation of WordPress User Enumeration

Monitoring Overview

- Excessive Http Errors
- This alert measures http.response.status_code
- This alert fires when the number of http.response.status_code exceeds 400 in the last 5 minutes.

Mitigating Detection

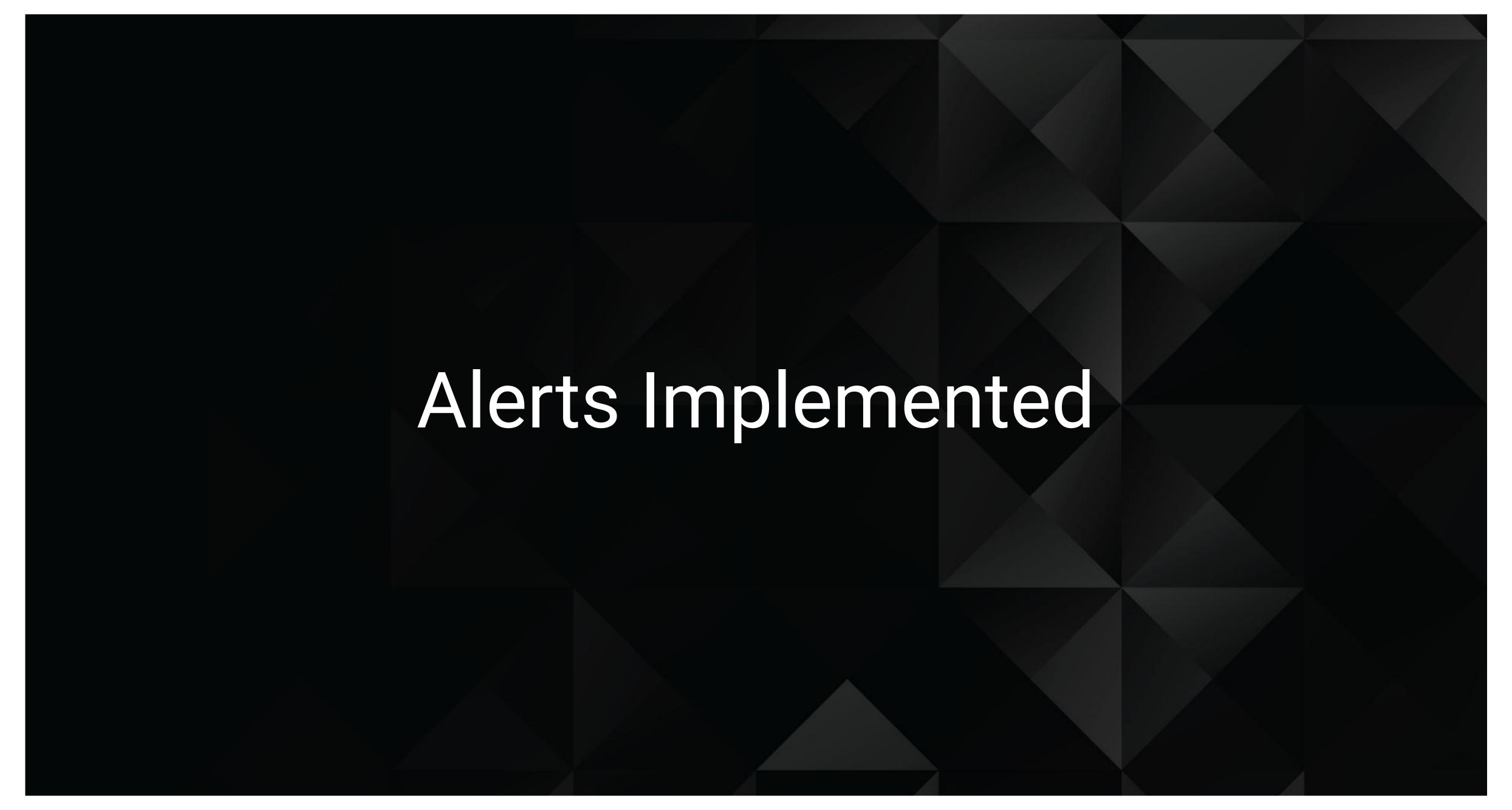
In order to exploit the same vulnerability we could use metasploit or gobuster.
 Note these will most likely trigger other alerts.

Defensive: Critical Vulnerabilities

Critical Vulnerabilities: Target 1

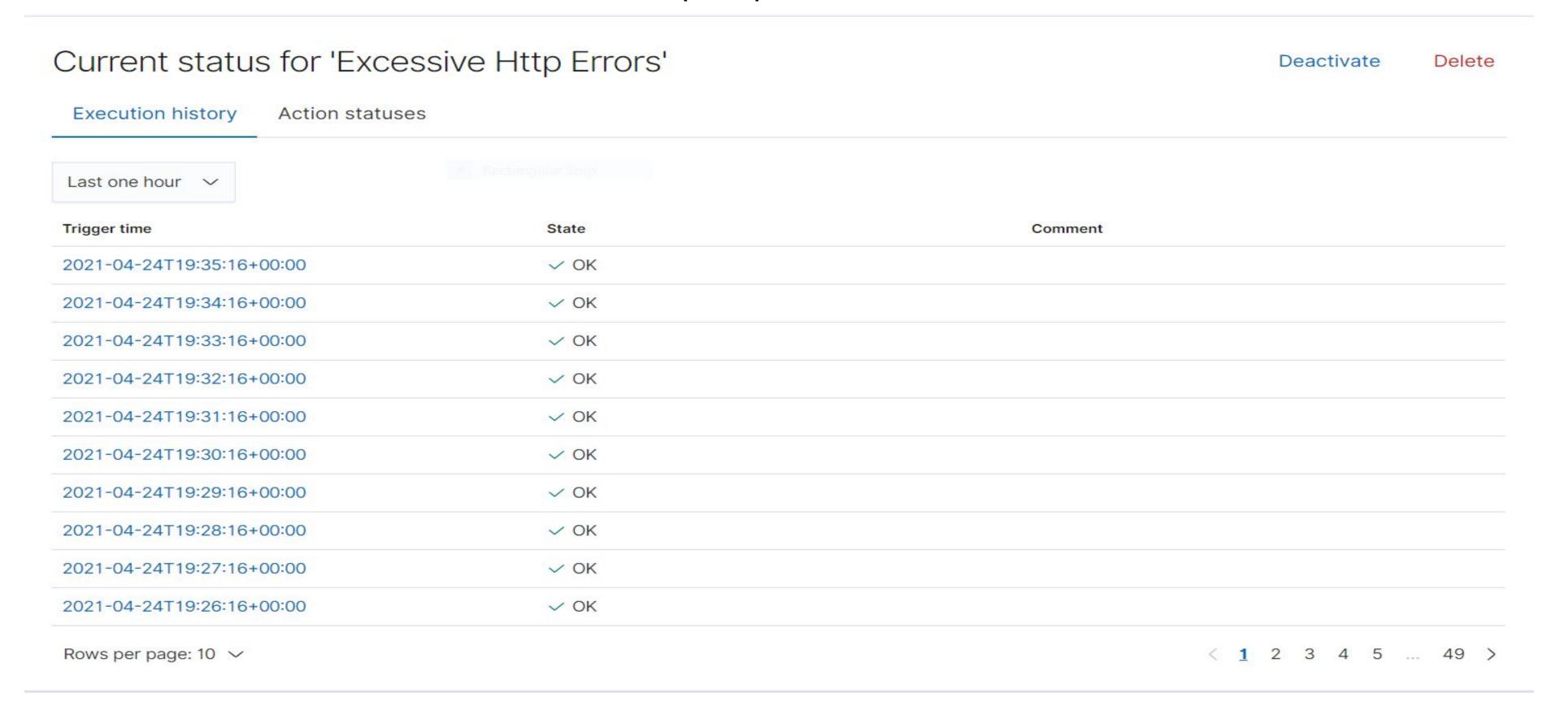
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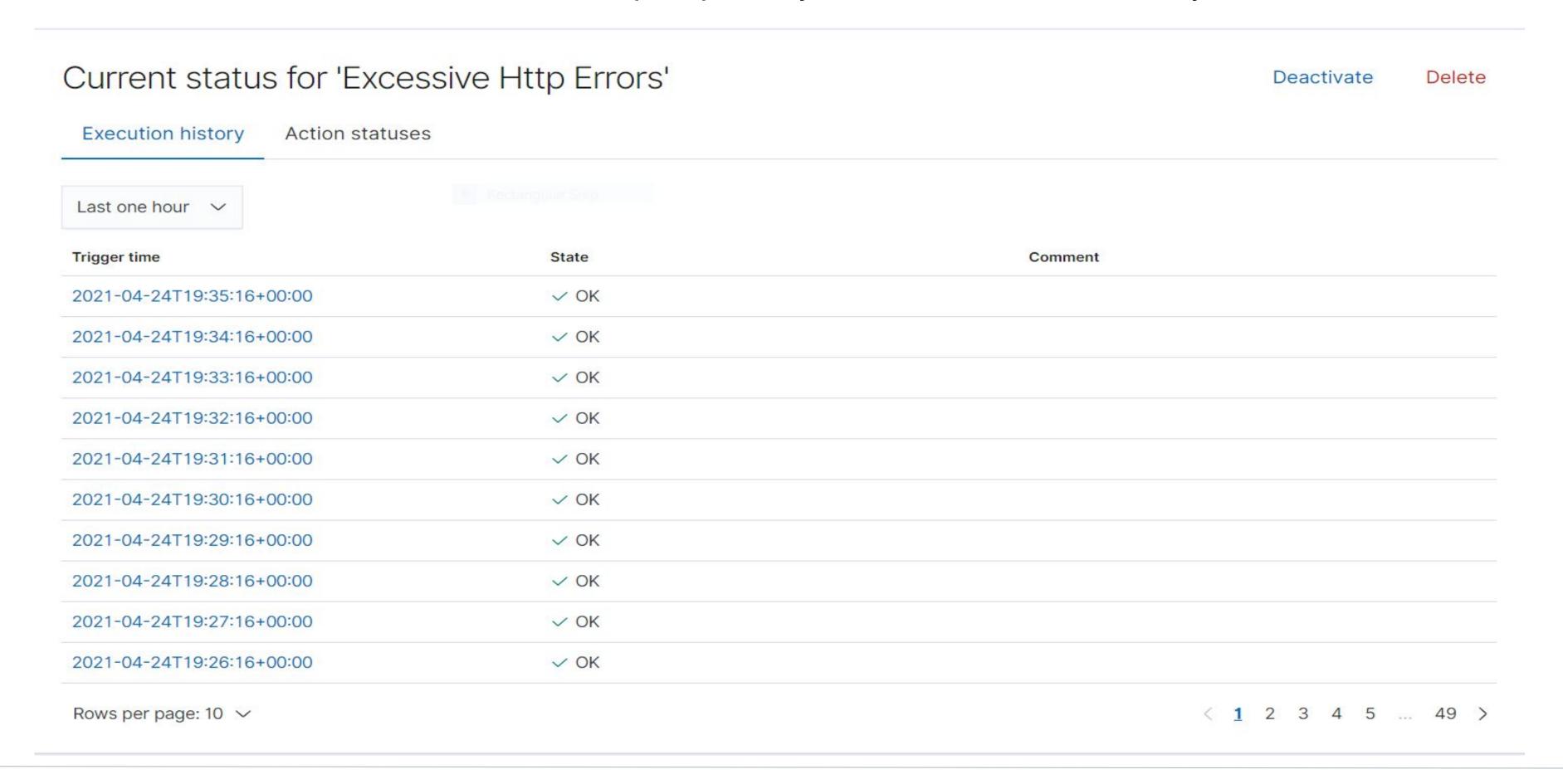
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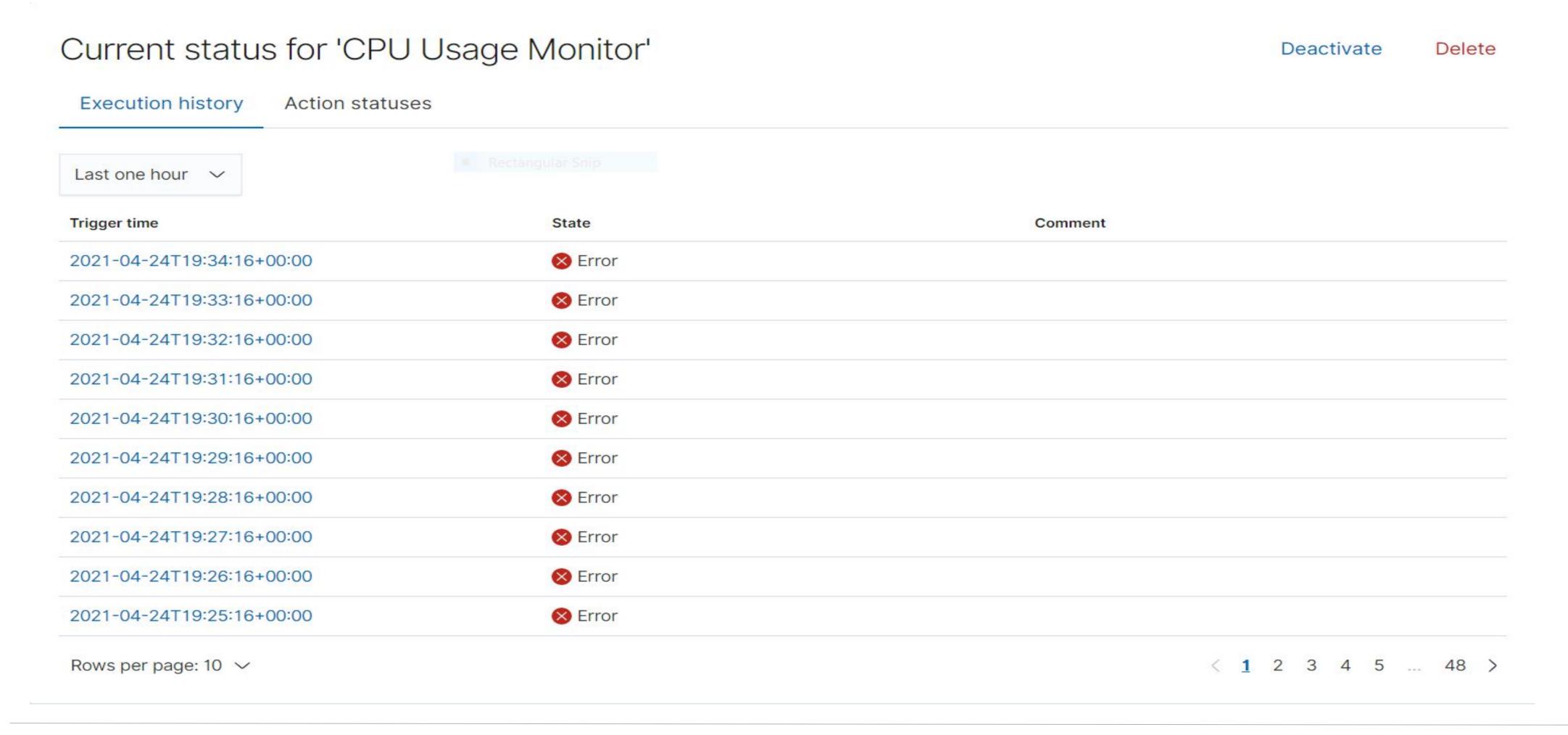
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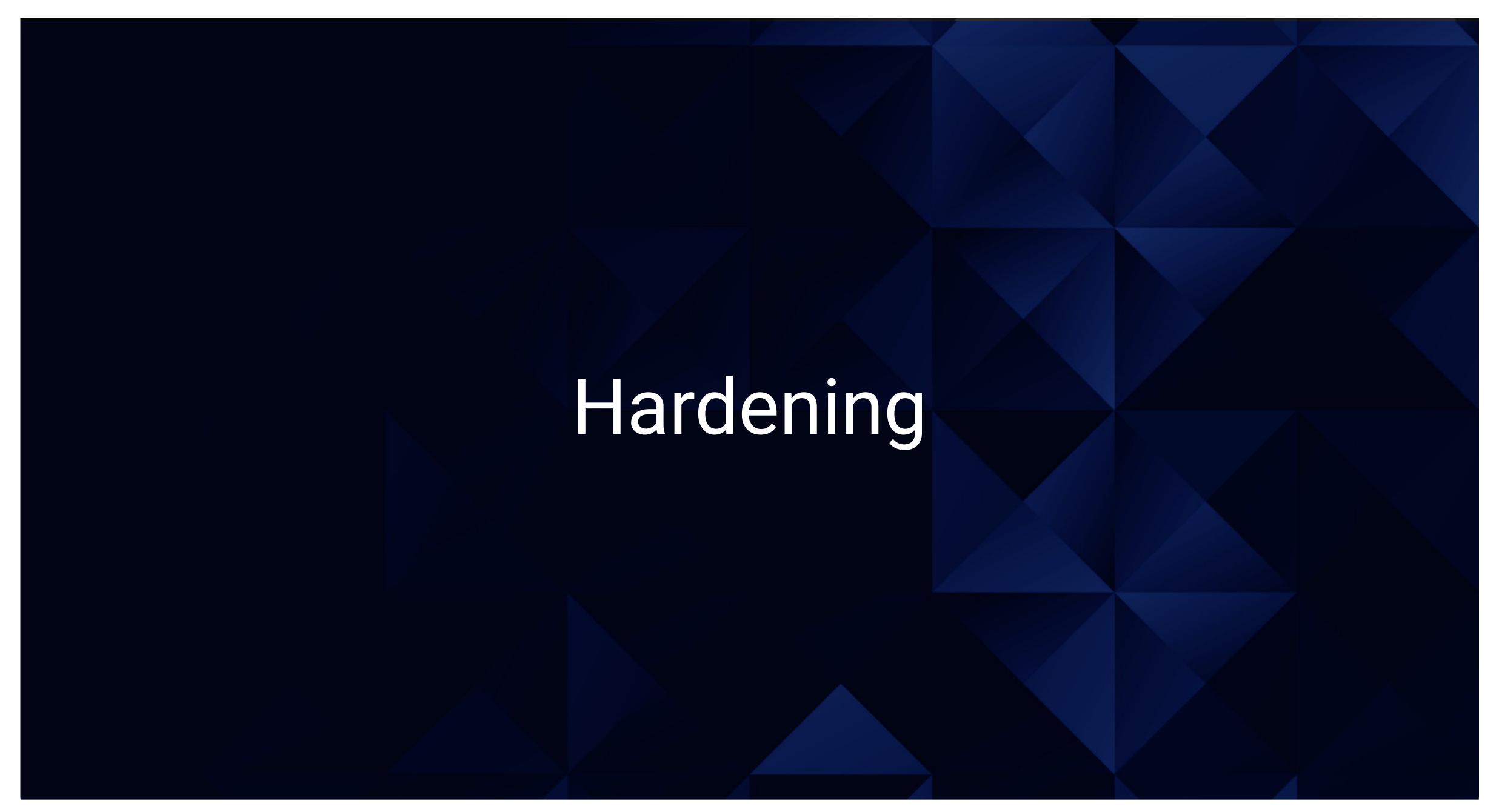
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CPU Usage Monitor

- This alert monitors system.process.cpu.total.pkt
- This alert fires off when the max of system.process.cpu.total.pkt is above 0.5 in the last 5 minutes.





Hardening Against Nmap on Target 1

Explain how to patch Target 1 against Nmap Scans Include:

- To protect the network from nmap scans a "default-deny" rule on the firewall would have to be implemented. This will block all outside traffic thus inhibiting the Nmap scan. From here we can pick and choose which ports to open and from where we will accept traffic.
- sudo ufw default deny incoming
- sudo ufw default deny outgoing

Hardening Against Wordpress Enumeration on Target 1

Explain how to patch Target 1 against WordPress Enumeration:

• By adding this to the functions.php file we can set up our wordpress to check any request made to the author archive. If this request contains an integer for enumeration then the request will be blocked.

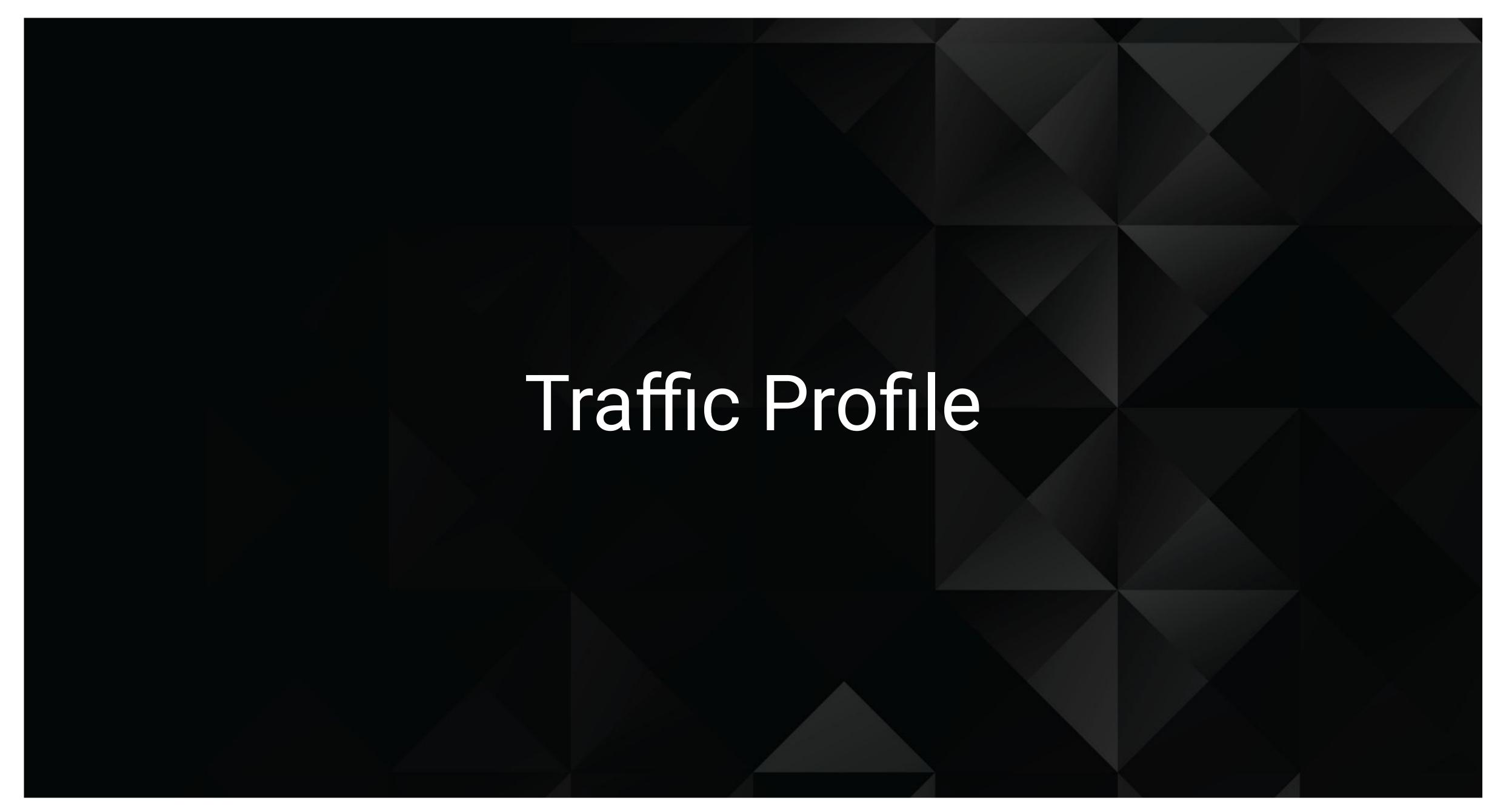
• The plug-in WP Hardening by Astra Security can also be implemented. It is a tool which performs a real-time security audit of your website to find missing security best practices WordPress Version Check, Checking Outdated Plugins, Checking PHP Version, Checking File & Folder Permissions, Database Password Strength, and Checking Firewall Protection

Hardening Against Unprotected and Unsalted Hashes on Target 1

Explain how to patch Target 1 against Unprotected and Unsalted Hashes. Include:

 To harden passwords the password requirements can be more strict such as requiring upper and lowercase numbers, numbers, characters, length, etc.
 Websites like

https://www.symbionts.de/tools/hash/sha256-hash-salt-generator.html may also be used to generate salted passwords



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, 185.243.115.84, 166.62.111.64	Machines that sent the most traffic.
Most Common Protocols	VSS Monitoring Ethernet trailer, HTTP, TCP	Three most common protocols on the network.
# of Unique IP Addresses	808	Count of observed IP addresses.
Subnets	172.16.4.0/24 10.6.12.0/24	Observed subnet ranges.
# of Malware Species	Trojan (june11.dll)	Number of malware binaries identified in traffic.

Behavioral Analysis

Purpose of Traffic on the Network

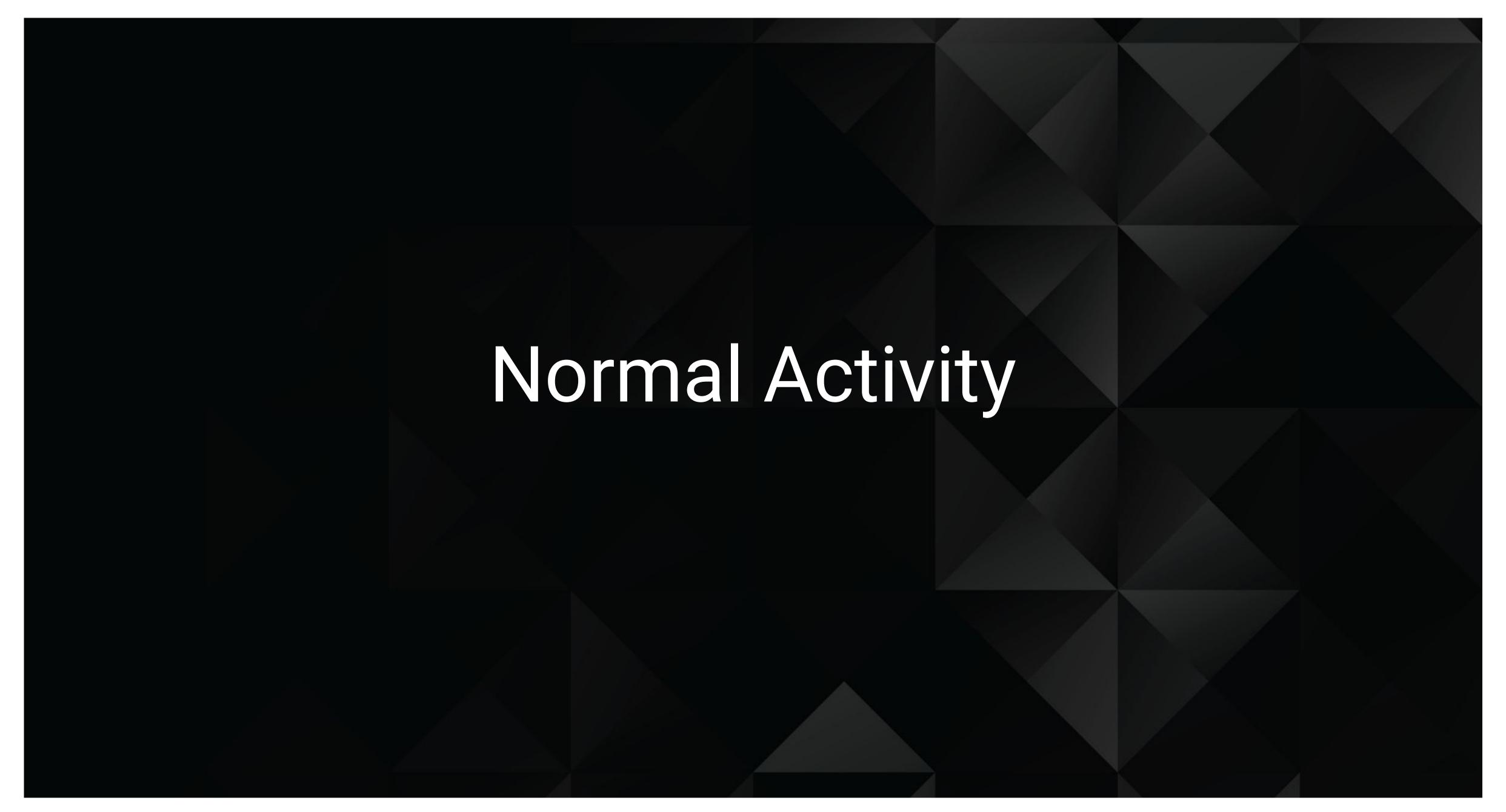
Users were observed engaging in the following kinds of activity.

"Normal" Activity

- Use of websites going through the Wordpress site
- Watching youtube
- Use of APIs for basic browser interactions

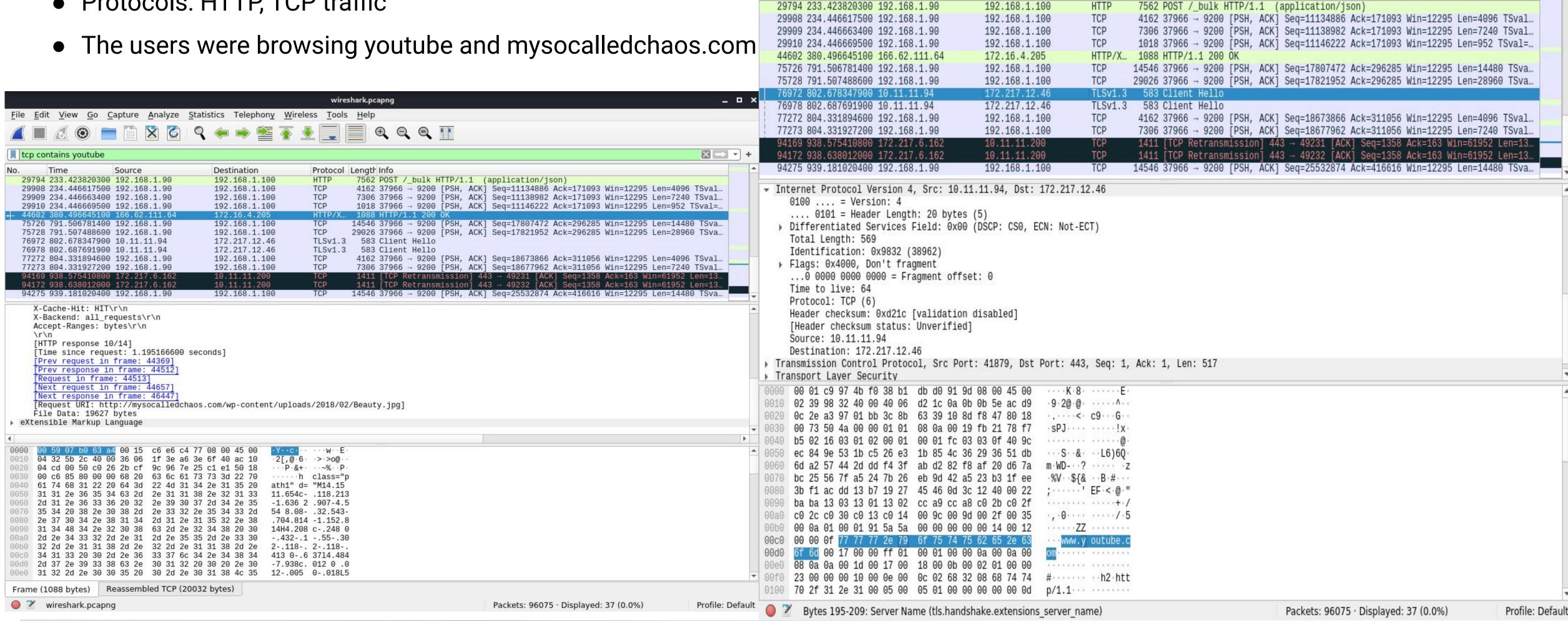
Suspicious Activity

- files.publicdomaintorrents.com used to download "Betty_Boop_Rhythm_on_the_Reservation.avi.torrent"
- http://205.185.125.104/files/june11.dll



Use of Wordpress Site

Protocols: HTTP, TCP traffic



tcp contains youtube

Time

Source

wireshark.pcapng

Protocol Length Info

File Edit View Go Capture Analyze Statistics Telephony Wireless Tools Help

Destination

Standard HTTP Traffic

- Protocols: TCP and HTTP
- Users were browsing http://www.iphonehacks.com
- Interesting files: jquery-migrate.min.js

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Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.11.11.195, Dst: 12.133.50.22
Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 50158, Dst Port: 80, Seq: 1, Ack: 1, Len: 446

    Hypertext Transfer Protocol

  GET /pictures/283239.png?last_modified=1567008594 HTTP/1.1\r\n
     Referer: http://www.sabethahospital.com/getpage.php?name=whatappendixdo\r\n
     Accept: image/png, image/svg+xml, image/*; q=0.8, */*; q=0.5\r\n
     Accept-Language: en-US\r\n
     Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate\r\n
     User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/70.0.3538.102 Safari/537.36 Edge/18.18362\r\n
     Host: pictures.fasthealth.com\r\n
     Connection: Keep-Alive\r\n
     r n
     [Full request URI: http://pictures.fasthealth.com/pictures/283239.png?last_modified=1567008594]
     [HTTP request 1/1]
     [Response in frame: 81543]
     00 01 c9 97 4b f0 90 b1 1c 95 58 b4 08 00 45 00
                                                        · · · · K · · · · · X · · · E
0010 01 e6 d5 f9 40 00 80 06 ce af 0a 0b 0b c3 0c 85
                                                        0020 32 16 c3 ee 00 50 6f 71 a0 bd f1 4c cd 01 50 18 2 · · · · Poq · · · L · · P ·
                                                       ··Y*··GE T /pictu
     04 00 59 2a 00 00 47 45 54 20 2f 70 69 63 74 75
0040 72 65 73 2f 32 38 33 32 33 39 2e 70 6e 67 3f 6c
                                                        res/2832 39.png?1
0050 61 73 74 5f 6d 6f 64 69 66 69 65 64 3d 31 35 36
                                                       ast_modi fied=156
                                                        7008594 HTTP/1.1
0060 37 30 30 38 35 39 34 20 48 54 54 50 2f 31 2e 31
                                                        ··Refere r: http:
     0d 0a 52 65 66 65 72 65 72 3a 20 68 74 74 70 3a
     2f 2f 77 77 77 2e 73 61 62 65 74 68 61 68 6f 73
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                                                       pital.co m/getpag
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Illegal Download

- Protocol: HTTP, TCP
- User downloaded a Trojan from http://205.185.125.104/files/june11.dll to machine 10.6.12.203
- Interesting File: Trojan junn11.dll

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Frame 18461: 312 bytes on wire (2496 bits), 312 bytes captured (2496 bits) on interface eth0, id 0
Ethernet II, Src: IntelCor_6d:fc:e2 (84:3a:4b:6d:fc:e2), Dst: Cisco_29:41:7d (ec:c8:82:29:41:7d)
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.6.12.203, Dst: 205.185.125.104
Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 49739, Dst Port: 80, Seq: 222, Ack: 489, Len: 258

    Hypertext Transfer Protocol

   GET /files/june11.dll HTTP/1.1\r\n
     Accept: */*\r\n
     Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate\r\n
     User-Agent: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 10.0; WOW64; Trident/7.0; .NET4.0C; .NET4.0E)\r\n
     Host: 205.185.125.104\r\n
     Connection: Keep-Alive\r\n
   Cookie: _subid=3mmhfnd8jp\r\n
     [Full request URI: http://205.185.125.104/files/june11.dll]
     [HTTP request 2/2]
     [Prev request in frame: 18457]
                                                        · · · )A} · : Km · · · · E
     ec c8 82 29 41 7d 84 3a 4b 6d fc e2 08 00 45 00
      01 2a ad fc 40 00 80 06 e9 de 0a 06 0c cb cd b9
                                                        .*..........
0020 7d 68 c2 4b 00 50 04 1f 3f 3d 78 a3 51 8c 50 18
                                                        }h · K · P · · ?=x · 0 · P ·
                                                       ··4···GE T /files
0030 ff ff 34 1f 00 00 47 45 54 20 2f 66 69 6c 65 73
0040 2f 6a 75 6e 65 31 31 2e 64 6c 6c 20 48 54 54 50
                                                        /june11. dll HTTP
0050 2f 31 2e 31 0d 0a 41 63 63 65 70 74 3a 20 2a 2f
                                                        /1.1 · Ac cept: */
0060 2a 0d 0a 41 63 63 65 70 74 2d 45 6e 63 6f 64 69
                                                        * - Accep t-Encodi
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Illegal Download

- Protocol: HTTP, TCP
- User was browsing publicdomaintorrents.com and downloaded torrent
 Betty_Boop_Rhythm_on_the_Reservation.avi.torrent.
- Interesting File: Torrent Betty_Boop_Rhythm_on_the_Reservation.avi.torrent

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Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 49834, Dst Port: 80, Seq: 1, Ack: 1, Len: 535

    Hypertext Transfer Protocol

  GET /bt/btdownload.php?type=torrent&file=Betty_Boop_Rhythm_on_the_Reservation.avi.torrent HTTP/1.1\r\n
     Referer: http://publicdomaintorrents.info/nshowmovie.html?movieid=513\r\n
     User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/64.0.3282.140 Safari/537.36 Edge/17.17134\r\n
     Accept-Language: en-US\r\n
     Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8\r\n
     Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1\r\n
     Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate\r\n
     Host: www.publicdomaintorrents.com\r\n
     Connection: Keep-Alive\r\n
     \r\n
     [Full request URI: http://www.publicdomaintorrents.com/bt/btdownload.php?type=torrent&file=Betty_Boop_Rhythm_on_the_Reservation.avi.torrent]
     [HTTP request 1/1]
     [Response in frame: 30391]
     00 09 b7 27 a1 3e 00 16 17 18 66 c8 08 00 45 00
0010 02 3f 76 d1 40 00 80 06 0c 39 0a 00 00 c9 a8 d7 ·?v·@····9·····
0020 c2 0e c2 aa 00 50 97 b7 b1 25 75 99 6b 48 50 18
                                                        .....P. . %u · kHP ·
0030 ff ff 31 06 00 00 47 45 54 20 2f 62 74 2f 62 74
                                                        ··1···GE T /bt/bt
0040 64 6f 77 6e 6c 6f 61 64 2e 70 68 70 3f 74 79 70
                                                       download .php?typ
0050 65 3d 74 6f 72 72 65 6e 74 26 66 69 6c 65 3d 42
                                                       e=torren t&file=B
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