Threat Intelligence Platform Implementation and Analysis Report

Introduction

This report documents the implementation and analysis of a Threat Intelligence Platform using OpenCTI. The project includes the setup of the OpenCTI platform, configuration of connectors, and analysis of Indicators of Compromise (IoCs). The goal is to understand threat intelligence through practical implementation and demonstrate the platform's functionality.

OpenCTI Platform Setup

Installation

OpenCTI was installed using Docker for ease of setup and configuration. The following steps were taken:

- 1. **Docker Installation**: Docker was installed on a local machine to containerize the OpenCTI platform.
- OpenCTI Docker Compose: The OpenCTI Docker Compose file was downloaded and configured. This file includes services for the OpenCTI frontend, backend, Redis, Elasticsearch, and MinIO.
- 3. **Environment Configuration**: Environment variables were set up in the .env file to configure database connections, API keys, and other necessary settings.

Platform Configuration

After installation, the platform was accessed via a web browser. Initial setup included:

- User Creation: An admin user was created to manage the platform.
- **Role Configuration**: Roles and permissions were set up to control access to different parts of the platform.

Connector Integration

Connector Configuration

Two connectors were configured to demonstrate data ingestion and export capabilities:

1. ImportDocument Connector:

- **Type**: Files import
- Automatic Trigger: Enabled
- Functionality: This connector automatically imports documents into the OpenCTI platform, allowing for real-time data ingestion from specified sources.

2. ExportFileCsv Connector:

- Type: Files export
- Automatic Trigger: Disabled (Manual)
- Functionality: This connector allows for the manual export of data from OpenCTI into CSV format, useful for offline analysis and reporting.

Documentation of Connector Integration

- Configuration Files: YAML configuration files were created for each connector, specifying source paths, formats, and trigger conditions.
- Logs and Monitoring: Connector logs were monitored to ensure successful data ingestion and export. Screenshots of the connector status and logs were taken as evidence of functionality.

Indicators of Compromise (IoCs) Analysis

IoC 1: Malicious IP Address

- **Description**: A suspicious IP address was identified as part of a known botnet.
- **Detection Method**: The IP was flagged by an internal IDS (Intrusion Detection System) based on known threat intelligence feeds.
- **Threat Indication**: The IP was involved in multiple brute-force attack attempts on the network, indicating a potential coordinated attack.

IoC 2: Phishing Email

- **Description**: A phishing email with a malicious attachment was detected.
- **Detection Method**: The email was analyzed using OpenCTI's email analysis tools, which identified the attachment as a known malware variant.
- **Threat Indication**: The email was part of a larger phishing campaign targeting financial institutions, suggesting a targeted attack.

Platform Usage Demonstration

Data Ingestion

- Process: Data from various sources, including threat feeds and internal logs, was ingested into OpenCTI using the configured connectors.
- **Evidence**: Screenshots of the ingested data within the OpenCTI interface were captured, showing the successful integration of external data sources.

Threat Analysis

- Process: The ingested data was analyzed using OpenCTI's built-in tools to identify patterns and potential threats.
- **Evidence**: Analysis reports and visualizations generated by OpenCTI were documented, demonstrating the platform's capability to provide actionable threat intelligence.

Data Export

- Process: Relevant data was exported using the ExportFileCsv connector for further analysis and reporting.
- **Evidence**: The exported CSV files were reviewed to ensure data integrity and completeness.

Conclusion

The implementation of the OpenCTI platform and the analysis of IoCs demonstrated the practical application of threat intelligence. The platform's ability to ingest, analyze, and export data makes it a valuable tool for identifying and mitigating cyber threats. Proper documentation and evidence of functionality were provided throughout the project to ensure transparency and reproducibility.



