

Step 1: Asset identification, address update, dependencies, patches, and native protections at targeted Server/ Desktop Operating Systems

Task 1

First Ubuntu machine:

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ustudent@uba-ustudent:~$ sudo nmap -sV --script vuln 10.0.2.7
[sudo] password for ustudent:

Starting Nmap 7.60 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-04-01 13:23 EDT
Pre-scan script results:
| broadcast-avahi-dos:
|   Discovered hosts:
|   224.0.0.251
|     After NULL UDP avahi packet DoS (CVE-2011-1002).
|_  Hosts are all up (not vulnerable).

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ustudent@uba-ustudent: ~

Host script results:
smb-vuln-cve-2017-7494:
  VULNERABLE:
    SAMBA Remote Code Execution from Writable Share
      State: LIKELY VULNERABLE
      IDs: CVE:CVE-2017-7494
      Risk factor: HIGH CVSSv3: 7.5 (HIGH) (CVSS:3.0/AV:N/AC:H/PR:L/UI:N/S:U/C:H/I:H/A:H)
        All versions of Samba from 3.5.0 onwards are vulnerable to a remote
        code execution vulnerability, allowing a malicious client to upload a
        shared library to a writable share, and then cause the server to load
        and execute it.

      Disclosure date: 2017-05-24
      Check results:
        Samba Version: 3.X - 4.X
        Writable share found.
          Name: \\10.0.2.7\data
          File written to remote share, but unable to execute payload either due to unknown actual path, or the system
          may be patched.
        Extra information:
          All writable shares:
            Name: \\10.0.2.7\data
        References:
          https://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2017-7494
          https://www.samba.org/samba/security/CVE-2017-7494.html
_smb-vuln-ms10-054: false
_smb-vuln-ms10-061: false
smb-vuln-regsvc-dos:
  VULNERABLE:
    Service regsvc in Microsoft Windows systems vulnerable to denial of service
      State: VULNERABLE
      The service regsvc in Microsoft Windows 2000 systems is vulnerable to denial of service caused by a null de
ference
      pointer. This script will crash the service if it is vulnerable. This vulnerability was discovered by Ron B
owes
      while working on smb-enum-sessions.

Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 77.80 seconds
ustudent@uba-ustudent:~$
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I Discovered a Vulnerability: avahi Packet DoS

Cve -2011-1002

Broadcast-avahi-dos

Host : 224.0.0.251

Cve classification : vulnerability is a buffer overflow vulnerability that affects the Avahi daemon, specifically in the way that the daemon handles incoming packets. It can be exploited by a remote attacker to send specially crafted packets to a vulnerable system, causing a denial of service (DoS) condition by crashing the Avahi daemon.

CVSS) score for CVE-2011-1002 is 7.8, which indicates a High severity vulnerability

Remediation : To remediate this vulnerability, it is recommended to update the affected system with the latest security patches provided by the vendor. The vulnerability was fixed in Avahi version 0.6.30, so updating to that version or a later version should resolve the issue.

Technique IDs:

- T1498.002: Network Denial of Service (DoS) - Avahi Packet Storm
- T1498.003: Network Denial of Service (DoS) - Avahi Reflection Amplification

Tools:

- Metasploit Framework: A penetration testing framework that contains modules for exploiting CVE-2011-1002.
- avahi-dos: A proof-of-concept (PoC) tool that sends specially crafted packets to trigger the DoS vulnerability.

Procedures:

- Send specially crafted packets to the Avahi daemon to trigger the vulnerability and cause the service to crash or become unresponsive.
- Use a tool like Metasploit to automate the exploitation process and launch a DoS attack against the target.
- Amplify the attack by using reflection techniques to send the packets through multiple devices on the network, increasing the volume of traffic and making it harder to trace the source of the attack.

Smb-vuln-cve-2017-7494

SAMBA Remote Code Execution from Writable Share

Classification : known as the SAMBA Remote Code Execution from Writable Share vulnerability, is a critical remote code execution vulnerability that affects the Samba file-sharing software. It allows a remote attacker to execute arbitrary code with root privileges by uploading a shared library to a writable share on a vulnerable system and then causing Samba to load and execute the library.

(CVSS) score for SMB-vuln-cve-2017-7494 is 8.8, which indicates a High severity vulnerability.

Remediation :

To remediate this vulnerability, it is recommended to update the Samba software to a patched version. The vulnerability was fixed in Samba versions 4.6.4, 4.5.10, and 4.4.14, so updating to one of these versions or a later version should resolve the issue

Technique IDs:

- T1190 - Exploit Public-Facing Application
- T1210 - Exploitation for Client Execution

- T1068 - Exploitation for Privilege Escalation
- T1059 - Command and Scripting Interpreter
- T1027 - Obfuscated Files or Information

Tools:

- Samba
- Nmap

Procedures:

- Exploiting the vulnerability by uploading a shared library to a writable share on a vulnerable Samba server and causing Samba to load and execute the library
- Using Metasploit modules to exploit the vulnerability and gain remote code execution
- Using Impacket to exploit the vulnerability and gain remote code execution
- Scanning for vulnerable systems using Nmap scripts
- Leveraging the vulnerability to escalate privileges and gain higher-level access to the targeted system

Also I performed scan using openVas on ubuntu host

Information	Results (5 of 119)	Hosts (1 of 1)	Ports (2 of 9)	Applications (3 of 3)	Operating Systems (1 of 1)	CVEs (2 of 2)	Closed CVEs (0 of 0)	TLS Certificates (0 of 0)	Error Messages (0 of 0)	User Tags (0)
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Vulnerability	Severity	QoD	Host IP	Name	Location	Created				
Anonymous FTP Login Reporting	6.4 (Medium)	80 %	192.168.1.6		21/tcp	Wed, Mar 29, 2023 12:28 AM UTC				
FTP Unencrypted Cleartext Login	4.8 (Medium)	70 %	192.168.1.6		21/tcp	Wed, Mar 29, 2023 12:28 AM UTC				
Telnet Unencrypted Cleartext Login	4.8 (Medium)	70 %	192.168.1.6		23/tcp	Wed, Mar 29, 2023 12:29 AM UTC				
TCP timestamps	2.6 (Low)	80 %	192.168.1.6		general/tcp	Wed, Mar 29, 2023 12:29 AM UTC				
ICMP Timestamp Reply Information Disclosure	2.1 (Low)	80 %	192.168.1.6		general/icmp	Wed, Mar 29, 2023 12:29 AM UTC				

(Applied filter: apply_overrides=0 levels=html rows=100 min_qod=70 first=1 sort=reverse=severity)

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Medium (CVSS: 4.8) NVT: Telnet Unencrypted Cleartext Login
Summary
The remote host is running a Telnet service that allows cleartext logins over unencrypted connections.
Vulnerability Detection Result
Vulnerability was detected according to the Vulnerability Detection Method.
Impact
An attacker can uncover login names and passwords by sniffing traffic to the Telnet service.
Solution:
Solution type: Mitigation
Replace Telnet with a protocol like SSH which supports encrypted connections.
Vulnerability Detection Method
Details: Telnet Unencrypted Cleartext Login
OID: 1.3.6.1.4.1.25623.1.0.108522
Version used: 2020-08-24T08:40:10Z

Summary Reports if the remote FTP Server allows anonymous logins.

Vulnerability Detection Result
It was possible to login to the remote FTP service with the following anonymous .!account(s):
anonymous:anonymous@example.com
ftp:anonymous@example.com
Impact
Based on the files accessible via this anonymous FTP login and the permissions of this account an attacker might be able to:
- gain access to sensitive files - upload or delete files.
Solution:
Solution type: Mitigation
If you do not want to share files, you should disable anonymous logins.
Vulnerability Insight
A host that provides an FTP service may additionally provide Anonymous FTP access as well. Under this arrangement, users do not strictly need an account on the host. Instead the user typically enters 'anonymous' or 'ftp' when prompted for username. Although users are commonly asked to send their email address as their password, little to no verification is actually performed on the supplied data.
Remark: NIST don't see 'configuration issues' as software flaws so the referenced CVE has a severity of 0.0. The severity of this VT has been raised by Greenbone to still report a configuration issue on the target.
Vulnerability Detection Method
Details: Anonymous FTP Login Reporting
OID:1.3.6.1.4.1.25623.1.0.900600
Version used: 2021-10-20T09:03:29Z
References
cve: CVE-1999-0497

Summary
The remote host is running a FTP service that allows cleartext logins over unencrypted connections.
Vulnerability Detection Result
The remote FTP service accepts logins without a previous sent 'AUTH TLS' command .! Response(s):
Anonymous sessions: 331 Please specify the password. Non-anonymous sessions: 331 Please specify the password.
Impact
An attacker can uncover login names and passwords by sniffing traffic to the FTP service.
Solution:
Solution type: Mitigation
Enable FTPS or enforce the connection via the 'AUTH TLS' command. Please see the manual of the FTP service for more information.
Vulnerability Detection Method
Tries to login to a non FTPS enabled FTP service without sending a 'AUTH TLS' command first and checks if the service is accepting the login without enforcing the use of the 'AUTH TLS' command.

Details: FTP Unencrypted Cleartext Login
OID:1.3.6.1.4.1.25623.1.0.108528
Version used: 2020-08-24T08:40:10Z

Low (CVSS: 2.1)
NVT: ICMP Timestamp Reply Information Disclosure

Summary The remote host responded to an ICMP timestamp request.
Vulnerability Detection Result Vulnerability was detected according to the Vulnerability Detection Method.
Solution: Solution type: Mitigation Various mitigations are possible: - Disable the support for ICMP timestamp on the remote host completely - Protect the remote host by a firewall, and block ICMP packets passing through the firewall in either direction (either completely or only for untrusted networks)
Vulnerability Insight The Timestamp Reply is an ICMP message which replies to a Timestamp message. It consists of the originating timestamp sent by the sender of the Timestamp as well as a receive timestamp and a transmit timestamp. This information could theoretically be used to exploit weak time-based random number generators in other services.
Vulnerability Detection Method Details: ICMP Timestamp Reply Information Disclosure OID:1.3.6.1.4.1.25623.1.0.103190 Version used: 2022-11-18T10:11:40Z
References cve: CVE-1999-0524 url: http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc0792.txt cert-bund: CB-K15/1514 cert-bund: CB-K14/0632 dfn-cert: DFN-CERT-2014-0658

Low (CVSS: 2.6) NVT: TCP timestamps
Summary The remote host implements TCP timestamps and therefore allows to compute the uptime.
Vulnerability Detection Result It was detected that the host implements RFC1323/RFC7323. The following timestamps were retrieved with a delay of 1 seconds in-between: Packet 1: 3503625356 Packet 2: 3503626424
Impact A side effect of this feature is that the uptime of the remote host can sometimes be computed.
Solution: Solution type: Mitigation To disable TCP timestamps on Linux add the line 'net.ipv4.tcp_timestamps = 0' to /etc/sysctl.conf. Execute 'sysctl -p' to apply the settings at runtime. To disable TCP timestamps on Windows execute 'netsh int tcp set global timestamps=disabled' Starting with Windows Server 2008 and Vista, the timestamp can not be completely disabled. The default behavior of the TCP/IP stack on these systems is to not use the Timestamp options when initiating TCP connections, but use them if the TCP peer that is initiating communication includes them in their synchronize (SYN) segment. See the references for more information.
AFFECTED Software/OS TCP implementations that implement RFC1323/RFC7323.
Vulnerability Insight The remote host implements TCP timestamps, as defined by RFC1323/RFC7323.
Vulnerability Detection Method Special IP packets are forged and sent with a little delay in between to the target IP. The

responses are searched for a timestamps. If found, the timestamps are reported.

Details: TCP timestamps

OID:1.3.6.1.4.1.25623.1.0.80091

Version used: 2020-08-24T08:40:10Z

References

url: <http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc1323.txt>

url: <http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc7323.txt>

url: <https://web.archive.org/web/20151213072445/http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=9152>

In Windows Vuln Scan

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Target: 10.0.2.4
Command: nmap -sV --script vuln 10.0.2.4
Hosts: 10.0.2.4
OS: Microsoft Windows USA daytime
PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
7/tcp      open  echo
9/tcp      open  discard?
13/tcp     open  daytime
17/tcp     open  qotd
19/tcp     open  chargen
80/tcp     open  http       Microsoft HTTPAPI Httpd 2.0 (SSDP/UPnP)
|_http-csrf: Couldn't find any CSRF vulnerabilities.
|_http-dombased-xss: Couldn't find any DOM based XSS.
|_http-stored-xss: Couldn't find any stored XSS vulnerabilities.
|_http-server-header: Microsoft-IIS/10.0
135/tcp    open  msrpc
139/tcp    open  netbios-ssn
|_smb-vuln-webexec: ERROR: Script execution failed (use -d to debug)
445/tcp    open  microsoft-ds
|_smb-vuln-webexec: ERROR: Script execution failed (use -d to debug)
3389/tcp   open  ms-wbt-server
Service Info: Host: WIN10-USTUDENT; OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows

Host script results:
|_smb-vuln-ms07-029: ERROR: Script execution failed (use -d to debug)
|_smb-double-pulsar-backdoor: ERROR: Script execution failed (use -d to debug)
|_smb-vuln-regsvc-dos: ERROR: Script execution failed (use -d to debug)
|_smb-vuln-conficker: ERROR: Script execution failed (use -d to debug)
|_smb-vuln-ms08-067: ERROR: Script execution failed (use -d to debug)
|_smb-vuln-ms08-025: ERROR: Script execution failed (use -d to debug)
|_smb-vuln-ms10-061: ERROR: Script execution failed (use -d to debug)
|_samba-vuln-cve-2012-1182: ERROR: Script execution failed (use -d to debug)
|_smb-vuln-ms17-010: ERROR: Script execution failed (use -d to debug)
|_smb-vuln-ms10-054: false
|_smb-vuln-cve-2017-7494: ERROR: Script execution failed (use -d to debug)

Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/.
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 309.18 seconds
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CVE-2012-1182

Classification : vulnerability is a buffer overflow vulnerability in the Samba software that allows a remote attacker to execute arbitrary code on a vulnerable system. This vulnerability is triggered by sending a specially crafted packet to a vulnerable system, which can lead to a stack-based buffer overflow and subsequent execution of arbitrary code.

(CVSS) score for CVE-2012-1182 is 5.0, which indicates a Moderate severity vulnerability.

Remediation : To remediate this vulnerability, it is recommended to update the Samba software to a patched version. The vulnerability was fixed in Samba versions 3.6.5, 3.5.15, and 3.4.15, so updating to one of these versions or a later version should resolve the issue.

Technique IDs:

- T1190 - Exploit Public-Facing Application
- T1210 - Exploitation for Client Execution
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- T1059 - Command and Scripting Interpreter

Tools:

- Metasploit Framework

- Samba
- Nmap

Procedures:

- Exploiting the buffer overflow vulnerability by sending a specially crafted packet to a vulnerable Samba server
- Using Metasploit modules to exploit the vulnerability and gain remote code execution
- Scanning for vulnerable systems using Nmap scripts
- Leveraging the vulnerability to escalate privileges and gain higher-level access to the targeted system.

CVE-2017-7494

Classification : The SMB-vuln-cve-2017-7494 vulnerability, also known as the SAMBA Remote Code Execution from Writable Share vulnerability, is a critical remote code execution vulnerability that affects the Samba file-sharing software. It allows a remote attacker to execute arbitrary code with root privileges by uploading a shared library to a writable share on a vulnerable system and then causing Samba to load and execute the library.

(CVSS) score for CVE-2017-7494 is 8.8, which indicates a High severity vulnerability.

Remediation: To remediate this vulnerability, it is recommended to update the Samba software to a patched version. The vulnerability was fixed in Samba versions 4.6.4, 4.5.10, and 4.4.14, so updating to one of these versions or a later version should resolve the issue.

CVE-2017-7494:

Technique IDs:

- T1059.001 - Command and Scripting Interpreter: PowerShell
- T1027 - Obfuscated Files or Information
- T1024 - Custom Cryptographic Protocol
- T1210 - Exploitation for Client Execution
- T1068 - Exploitation for Privilege Escalation
- T1055 - Process Injection

Tools:

- Metasploit Framework
- Impacket

- Nmap
- Samba

Procedures:

- Exploiting the vulnerability using a specially crafted packet to execute arbitrary code on a vulnerable system
- Uploading a shared library to a writable share on a vulnerable system and causing Samba to load and execute the library
- Using Metasploit modules to exploit the vulnerability and gain remote code execution
- Using Impacket to exploit the vulnerability and gain remote code execution
- Using Nmap scripts to detect vulnerable systems

Also I performed openVas on windows machine

High (CVSS: 10.0)
NVT: Check for discard Service
<p>Summary The remote host is running a 'discard' service. This service typically sets up a listening socket and will ignore all the data which it receives. This service is unused these days, so it is advised that you disable it.</p>
<p>Vulnerability Detection Result The discard service was detected on the target host.</p>
<p>Solution: Solution type: Mitigation - Under Unix systems, comment out the 'discard' line in /etc/inetd.conf and restart the inetd process - Under Windows systems, set the following registry key to 0: HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\SimpTCP\Parameters\EnableTcpDiscard Then launch cmd.exe and type: net stop simptcp net start simptcp To restart the service.</p>
<p>Vulnerability Detection Method Checks if a vulnerable version is present on the target host. Details: Check for discard Service OID:1.3.6.1.4.1.25623.1.0.11367 Version used: 2020-10-01T11:33:30Z</p>

High (CVSS: 10.0)
NVT: SMB Brute Force Logins With Default Credentials
Summary
A number of known default credentials are tried for the login via the SMB protocol.
Vulnerability Detection Result
It was possible to login with the following credentials via the SMB protocol to .the 'IPC\$' share. <User>:<Password> operator:1234
Solution:
Solution type: Mitigation Change the password as soon as possible.
Vulnerability Detection Method
Tries to login with a number of known default credentials via the SMB protocol.
Details: SMB Brute Force Logins With Default Credentials
OID:1.3.6.1.4.1.25623.1.0.804449
Version used: 2022-04-11T14:03:55Z
References
cve: CVE-1999-0503
cve: CVE-1999-0504
cve: CVE-1999-0505
cve: CVE-1999-0506

Medium (CVSS: 5.0)
NVT: DCE/RPC and MSRPC Services Enumeration Reporting
Summary
Distributed Computing Environment / Remote Procedure Calls (DCE/RPC) or MSRPC services running on the remote host can be enumerated by connecting on port 135 and doing the appropriate queries.
Vulnerability Detection Result
Here is the list of DCE/RPC or MSRPC services running on this host via the TCP p .rotocol: Port: 1536/tcp
Impact
An attacker may use this fact to gain more knowledge about the remote host.
Solution:
Solution type: Mitigation Filter incoming tra-c to this ports.
Vulnerability Detection Method
Details: DCE/RPC and MSRPC Services Enumeration Reporting
OID:1.3.6.1.4.1.25623.1.0.10736
Version used: 2022-06-03T10:17:07Z

Medium (CVSS: 4.3)
NVT: SSL/TLS: Deprecated TLSv1.0 and TLSv1.1 Protocol Detection
Summary
It was possible to detect the usage of the deprecated TLSv1.0 and/or TLSv1.1 protocol on this system.
Vulnerability Detection Result
In addition to TLSv1.2+ the service is also providing the deprecated TLSv1.0 and .! TLSv1.1 protocols and supports one or more ciphers. Those supported ciphers c .an be found in the 'SSL/TLS: Report Supported Cipher Suites' (OID: 1.3.6.1.4.1 .25623.1.0.802067) VT.
Impact
An attacker might be able to use the known cryptographic aws to eavesdrop the connection

between clients and the service to get access to sensitive data transferred within the secured connection.

Solution:

Solution type: Mitigation

It is recommended to disable the deprecated TLSv1.0 and/or TLSv1.1 protocols in favor of the TLSv1.2+ protocols. Please see the references for more information.

AFFECTED Software/OS

All services providing an encrypted communication using the TLSv1.0 and/or TLSv1.1 protocols.

Vulnerability Insight

The TLSv1.0 and TLSv1.1 protocols contain known cryptographic flaws like:

- CVE-2011-3389: Browser Exploit Against SSL/TLS (BEAST)
- CVE-2015-0204: Factoring Attack on RSA-EXPORT Keys Padding Oracle On Downgraded Legacy Encryption (FREAK)

Vulnerability Detection Method

Check the used TLS protocols of the services provided by this system.

Details: SSL/TLS: Deprecated TLSv1.0 and TLSv1.1 Protocol Detection

OID:1.3.6.1.4.1.25623.1.0.117274

Version used: 2021-07-19T08:11:48Z

References

cve: CVE-2015-0204

cve: CVE-2011-3389

Medium (CVSS: 5.0)

NVT: Check for Quote of the Day (qotd) Service (TCP)

Summary

The Quote of the Day (qotd) service is running on this host.

Vulnerability Detection Result

Vulnerability was detected according to the Vulnerability Detection Method.

Impact

An easy attack is 'pingpong' which IP spoofs a packet between two machines running qotd.

This

will cause them to spew characters at each other, slowing the machines down and saturating the network.

Solution:

Solution type: Mitigation

- Under Unix systems, comment out the 'qotd' line in /etc/inetd.conf and restart the inetd process

- Under Windows systems, set the following registry keys to 0 :

HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\SimpTCP\Parameters\EnableTcpQotd

HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\SimpTCP\Parameters\EnableUdpQotd

Then launch cmd.exe and type :

net stop simptcp

net start simptcp

To restart the service.

Vulnerability Insight

A server listens for TCP connections on TCP port 17. Once a connection is established a short message is sent out the connection (and any data received is thrown away). The service closes the connection after sending the quote.

Remark: NIST don't see 'configuration issues' as software flaws so the referenced CVE has a severity of 0.0. The severity of this VT has been raised by Greenbone to still report a configuration

issue on the target.

Vulnerability Detection Method

Details: Check for Quote of the Day (qotd) Service (TCP)

OID:1.3.6.1.4.1.25623.1.0.10198
Version used: 2021-10-20T09:03:29Z
References
cve: CVE-1999-0103

Medium (CVSS: 5.0)
NVT: echo Service Reporting (TCP + UDP)
Summary
An echo Service is running at this Host via TCP and/or UDP.
Vulnerability Detection Result
Vulnerability was detected according to the Vulnerability Detection Method.
Solution:
Solution type: Mitigation
Disable the echo Service.
Vulnerability Insight
The echo service is an Internet protocol defined in RFC 862. It was originally proposed for testing and measurement of round-trip times in IP networks. While still available on most UNIX-like operating systems, testing and measurement is now performed with the Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP), using the applications ping and traceroute.
Remark: NIST don't see 'configuration issues' as software flaws so the referenced CVE has a severity of 0.0. The severity of this VT has been raised by Greenbone to still report a configuration issue on the target.
Vulnerability Detection Method
Details: echo Service Reporting (TCP + UDP)
OID:1.3.6.1.4.1.25623.1.0.100075
Version used: 2021-10-20T09:03:29Z
References
cve: CVE-1999-0635

Low (CVSS: 2.1)
NVT: ICMP Timestamp Reply Information Disclosure
Summary
The remote host responded to an ICMP timestamp request.
Vulnerability Detection Result
Vulnerability was detected according to the Vulnerability Detection Method.
Solution:
Solution type: Mitigation
Various mitigations are possible:
- Disable the support for ICMP timestamp on the remote host completely
- Protect the remote host by a firewall, and block ICMP packets passing through the firewall in either direction (either completely or only for untrusted networks)
Vulnerability Insight
The Timestamp Reply is an ICMP message which replies to a Timestamp message. It consists of the originating timestamp sent by the sender of the Timestamp as well as a receive timestamp and a transmit timestamp. This information could theoretically be used to exploit weak time-based random number generators in other services.

Vulnerability Detection Method
 Details: ICMP Timestamp Reply Information Disclosure
 OID:1.3.6.1.4.1.25623.1.0.103190
 Version used: 2022-11-18T10:11:40Z

References

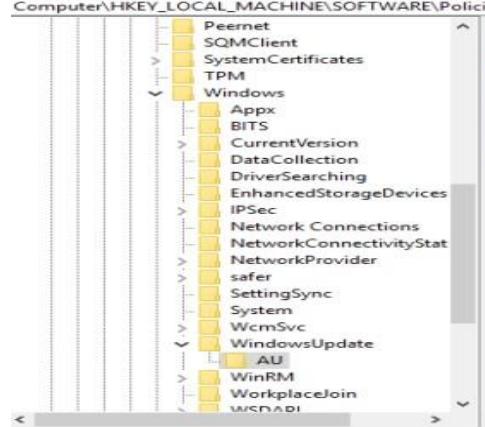
cve: CVE-1999-0524
 url: <http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc0792.txt>
 cert-bund: CB-K15/1514
 cert-bund: CB-K14/0632
 dfn-cert: DFN-CERT-2014-0658

TASK 2

In Windows

Computer\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\WindowsUpdate\AU

Name	Type	Data
(Default)	REG_SZ	(value not set)
AlwaysAutoReb...	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)
AutoInstallMino...	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)
DetectionFrequen...	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)
EnableFeaturedS...	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)
IncludeRecomm...	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)
NoAutoUpdate...	REG_DWORD	0x00000001 (1)



Configure Automatic Updates

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Comment:

Previous Setting Next Setting

Not Configured Enabled Disabled (Selected)

Supported on: Windows XP Professional Service Pack 1 or At least Windows 2000 Service Pack 3

Options:

Configure automatic updating:

The following settings are only required and applicable if 4 is selected.

Install during automatic maintenance

Scheduled install day:

Scheduled install time:

If you have selected "4 - Auto download and schedule the install" for your scheduled install day and specified a schedule, you also have the option to limit updating to a weekly, bi-weekly or monthly occurrence, using the options below:

Help:

Specifies whether this computer will receive security updates and other important downloads through the Windows automatic updating service.

Note: This policy does not apply to Windows RT.

This setting lets you specify whether automatic updates are enabled on this computer. If the service is enabled, you must select one of the four options in the Group Policy Setting:

2 = Notify before downloading and installing any updates.

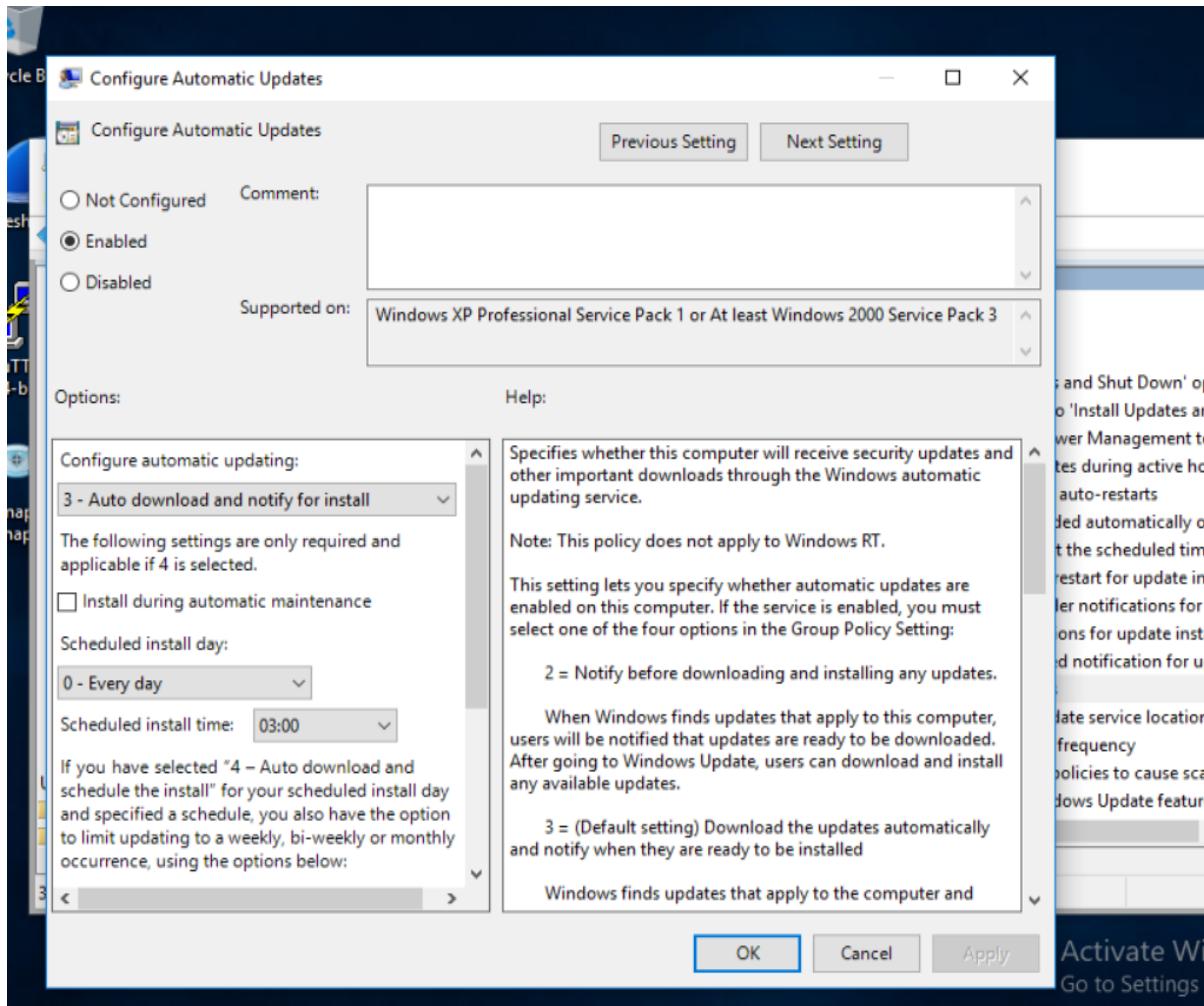
When Windows finds updates that apply to this computer, users will be notified that updates are ready to be downloaded. After going to Windows Update, users can download and install any available updates.

3 = (Default setting) Download the updates automatically and notify when they are ready to be installed

Windows finds updates that apply to the computer and

No, Software Updates weren't configured correctly.

To remediate it



My Assessment

I would consider this a serious security risk that needs to be addressed as soon as possible. It represents a significant security risk that requires immediate attention and remediation to minimize the risk of a security incident or breach.

In Ubuntu :

The Package manager Repositories aren't configured correctly

```
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$ apt-cache policy
Package files:
 100 /var/lib/dpkg/status
    release a=now
 500 http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic/multiverse i386 Packages
    release v=18.04,o=Ubuntu,a=bionic,n=bionic,l=Ubuntu,c=multiverse,b=i386
    origin us.archive.ubuntu.com
 500 http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic/multiverse amd64 Packages
    release v=18.04,o=Ubuntu,a=bionic,n=bionic,l=Ubuntu,c=multiverse,b=amd64
    origin us.archive.ubuntu.com
 500 http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic/universe i386 Packages
    release v=18.04,o=Ubuntu,a=bionic,n=bionic,l=Ubuntu,c=universe,b=i386
    origin us.archive.ubuntu.com
 500 http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic/universe amd64 Packages
    release v=18.04,o=Ubuntu,a=bionic,n=bionic,l=Ubuntu,c=universe,b=amd64
    origin us.archive.ubuntu.com
 500 http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic/restricted i386 Packages
    release v=18.04,o=Ubuntu,a=bionic,n=bionic,l=Ubuntu,c=restricted,b=i386
    origin us.archive.ubuntu.com
 500 http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic/restricted amd64 Packages
    release v=18.04,o=Ubuntu,a=bionic,n=bionic,l=Ubuntu,c=restricted,b=amd64
    origin us.archive.ubuntu.com
 500 http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic/main i386 Packages
    release v=18.04,o=Ubuntu,a=bionic,n=bionic,l=Ubuntu,c=main,b=i386
    origin us.archive.ubuntu.com
 500 http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic/main amd64 Packages
    release v=18.04,o=Ubuntu,a=bionic,n=bionic,l=Ubuntu,c=main,b=amd64
    origin us.archive.ubuntu.com
Pinned packages:
```

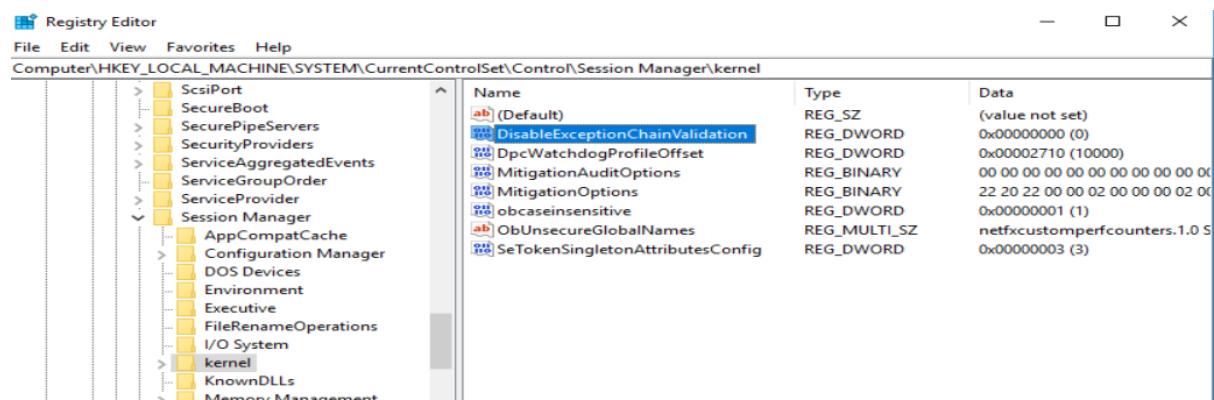
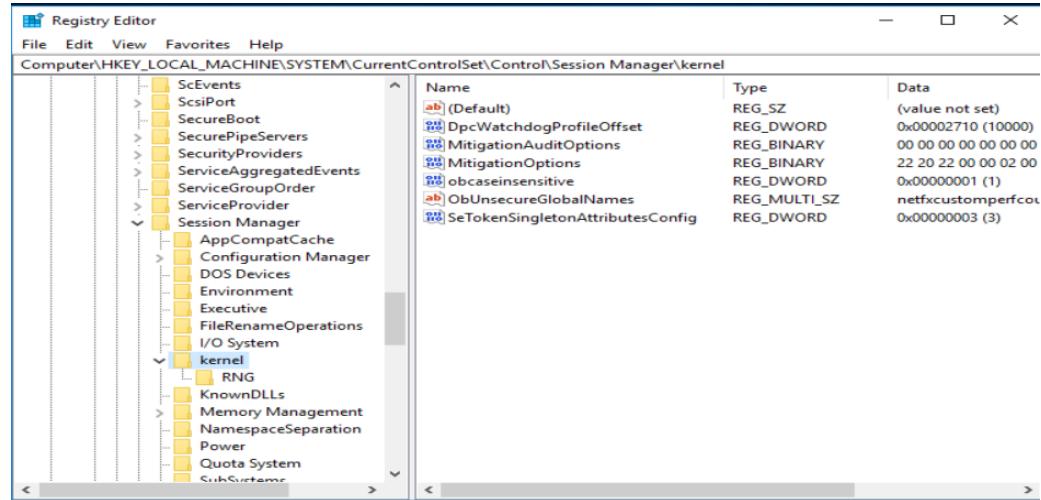
to remediate it

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$ sudo apt-get update
Get:1 http://archive.canonical.com/ubuntu bionic InRelease [10.2 kB]
Hit:2 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic InRelease
Hit:3 http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic-updates InRelease
Get:4 http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic-backports InRelease [83.3 kB]
Get:5 http://archive.canonical.com/ubuntu bionic/partner Sources [1,280 B]
Get:6 http://archive.canonical.com/ubuntu bionic/partner i386 Packages [1,588 B]
Get:7 http://archive.canonical.com/ubuntu bionic/partner amd64 Packages [1,592 B]
Get:8 http://archive.canonical.com/ubuntu bionic/partner Translation-en [1,004 B]
Get:9 http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic-backports/universe Sources [6,600 B]
Get:10 http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic-backports/main Sources [10.5 kB]
Fetched 116 kB in 2s (67.4 kB/s)
Reading package lists... Done
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$ sudo apt-get upgrade
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
Calculating upgrade... Done
0 upgraded, 0 newly installed, 0 to remove and 0 not upgraded.
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$
```

Task 3- Native Protections and Software Inventory

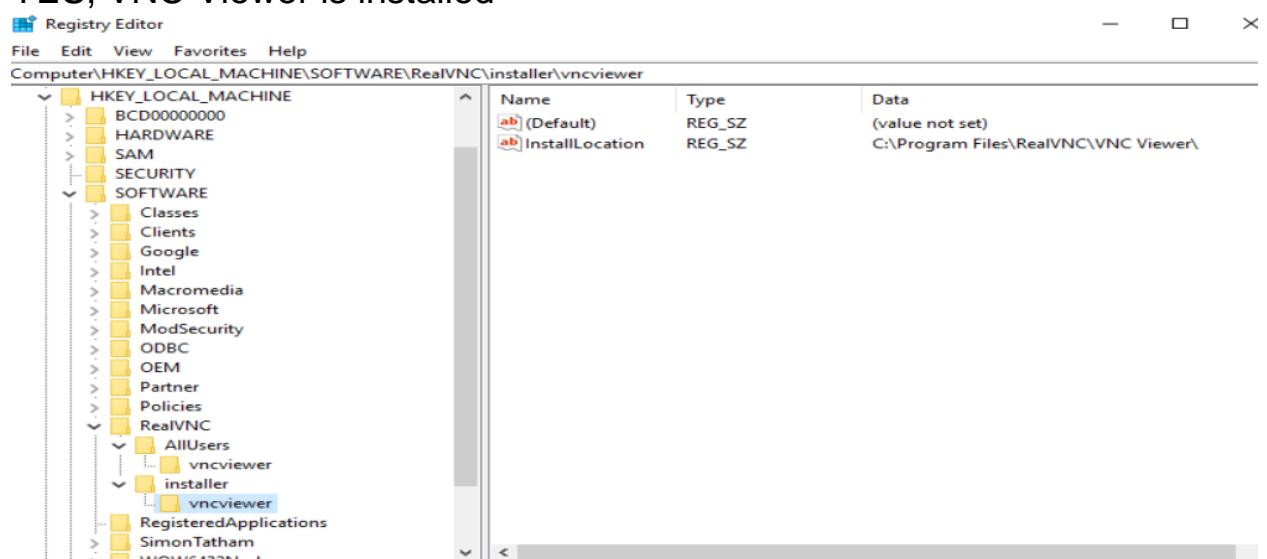
In windows :

Ensure 'Enable Structured Exception Handling Overwrite Protection'



No, The System Isn't Compliant

YES, VNC Viewer is installed

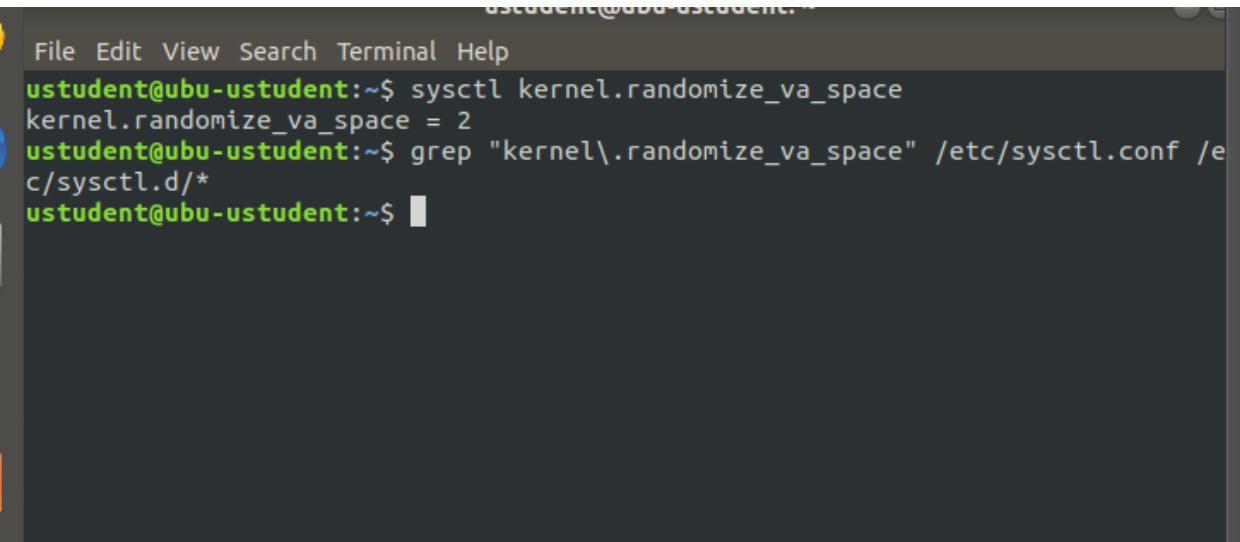


In UBUNTU :

1.6.1 Ensure XD/NX support is enabled

```
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$ journalctl | grep 'protection: active'
Sep 26 13:59:39 ubu-ustudent kernel: NX (Execute Disable) protection: active
Sep 26 14:14:17 ubu-ustudent kernel: NX (Execute Disable) protection: active
Sep 26 14:19:04 ubu-ustudent kernel: NX (Execute Disable) protection: active
Sep 26 15:11:14 ubu-ustudent kernel: NX (Execute Disable) protection: active
Sep 26 15:14:20 ubu-ustudent kernel: NX (Execute Disable) protection: active
Sep 26 15:15:51 ubu-ustudent kernel: NX (Execute Disable) protection: active
Sep 26 15:36:27 ubu-ustudent kernel: NX (Execute Disable) protection: active
Sep 26 19:42:51 ubu-ustudent kernel: NX (Execute Disable) protection: active
Sep 27 09:42:18 ubu-ustudent kernel: NX (Execute Disable) protection: active
Sep 27 10:25:06 ubu-ustudent kernel: NX (Execute Disable) protection: active
Sep 27 10:29:55 ubu-ustudent kernel: NX (Execute Disable) protection: active
Sep 27 11:04:27 ubu-ustudent kernel: NX (Execute Disable) protection: active
Sep 27 11:07:41 ubu-ustudent kernel: NX (Execute Disable) protection: active
Sep 27 11:50:26 ubu-ustudent kernel: NX (Execute Disable) protection: active
Sep 27 21:29:42 ubu-ustudent kernel: NX (Execute Disable) protection: active
Sep 28 11:55:22 ubu-ustudent kernel: NX (Execute Disable) protection: active
Sep 28 12:42:02 ubu-ustudent kernel: NX (Execute Disable) protection: active
Sep 28 22:35:02 ubu-ustudent kernel: NX (Execute Disable) protection: active
Mar 27 06:54:20 ubu-ustudent kernel: NX (Execute Disable) protection: active
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$
```

1.6.2 Ensure address space layout randomization (ASLR) is enabled



A screenshot of a terminal window titled "ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~". The window shows the following command history:

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$ sysctl kernel.randomize_va_space
kernel.randomize_va_space = 2
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$ grep "kernel\.randomize_va_space" /etc/sysctl.conf /etc/sysctl.d/*
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$
```

According to these checks the native protections is applied

We could list the package installed on ubuntu machine from this command

“dpkg –get-selections”

--

tightVNC is Installed on Ubuntu machine

```
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$ apt list | grep tightvnc
WARNING: apt does not have a stable CLI interface. Use with caution in scripts.

tightvnc-java/bionic,bionic 1.2.7-9 all
tightvncserver/bionic,now 1.3.10-0ubuntu4 amd64 [installed]
xtightvncviewer/bionic,now 1.3.10-0ubuntu4 amd64 [installed]
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$
```

While these applications can be useful for remote administration, they can also pose security risks if not properly configured.

In general, any software that enables remote access to a computer can potentially create a security vulnerability. VNC and TightVNC are no exception. If attackers are able to gain access to a computer running VNC or TightVNC, they could potentially access sensitive data, install malware, or take control of the computer.

Task 4

I Performed Network Asset Inventory From Ubuntu on the whole network
.:“sudo nmap -sV 10.0.2.0/24”

```
ustudent@ubu-ustudent: ~
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
Not shown: 999 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
53/tcp    open  tcpwrapped
MAC Address: 52:54:00:12:35:00 (QEMU virtual NIC)

Nmap scan report for 10.0.2.2
Host is up (0.0023s latency).
Not shown: 983 filtered ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
135/tcp   open  msrpc        Microsoft Windows RPC
445/tcp   open  microsoft-ds?
646/tcp   closed ldp
666/tcp   closed doom
1001/tcp  open  webpush?
1024/tcp  closed kdm
1095/tcp  closed nicelink
1641/tcp  closed invision
2383/tcp  closed ms-olap4
2909/tcp  closed funk-dialout
5357/tcp  open  http         Microsoft HTTPAPI httpd 2.0 (SSDP/UPnP)
8400/tcp  closed cvd
9110/tcp  closed unknown
10621/tcp  closed unknown
24800/tcp  closed unknown
34571/tcp  closed unknown
54328/tcp  closed unknown
MAC Address: 52:54:00:12:35:00 (QEMU virtual NIC)
Service Info: OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows
```

```
Nmap scan report for 10.0.2.3
Host is up (0.00086s latency).
All 1000 scanned ports on 10.0.2.3 are filtered
MAC Address: 08:00:27:78:5B:35 (Oracle VirtualBox virtual NIC)

Nmap scan report for 10.0.2.4
Host is up (0.0010s latency).
Not shown: 990 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
7/tcp      open  echo
9/tcp      open  discard?
13/tcp     open  daytime      Microsoft Windows USA daytime
17/tcp     open  qotd         Windows qotd (English)
19/tcp     open  chargen
80/tcp     open  http         Microsoft IIS httpd 10.0
135/tcp    open  msrpc        Microsoft Windows RPC
139/tcp    open  netbios-ssn  Microsoft Windows netbios-ssn
445/tcp    open  microsoft-ds Microsoft Windows 7 - 10 microsoft-ds (workgroup:
WORKGROUP)
3389/tcp   open  ms-wbt-server Microsoft Terminal Services
MAC Address: 08:00:27:32:E0:5E (Oracle VirtualBox virtual NIC)
Service Info: Host: WIN10-USTUDENT; OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows
```

```
Nmap scan report for ubu-ustudent (10.0.2.5)
Host is up (0.0000040s latency).
Not shown: 991 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
13/tcp     open  daytime
17/tcp     open  qotd?
21/tcp     open  ftp          vsftpd 2.0.8 or later
22/tcp     open  ssh          OpenSSH 7.6p1 Ubuntu 4 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
23/tcp     open  telnet       Linux telnetd
37/tcp     open  time         (32 bits)
80/tcp     open  http         Apache httpd 2.4.29 ((Ubuntu))
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)
1 service unrecognized despite returning data. If you know the service/version,
please submit the following fingerprint at https://nmap.org/cgi-bin/submit.cgi
?new-service :
SF-Port17-TCP:V=7.60%I=7%D=3/27%Time=6421903A%P=x86_64-pc-linux-gnu%r(NULL
SF:,13,"You'll\x20be\x20sorry\.\.\.\n");
Service Info: Host: Welcome; OSs: Unix, Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel

Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nma
p.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 256 IP addresses (5 hosts up) scanned in 388.51 seconds
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$ █
```

My Recommendation to Mitigate any Potential issues :

1. Use automated tools: Use automated network scanning tools to identify and document all the assets on the network. This can help reduce the likelihood of missing critical assets and can save time and effort.
 2. Categorize assets: Categorize assets based on their criticality, location, and sensitivity. This can help prioritize security measures and make it easier to identify and manage potential risks.
 3. Update asset inventory regularly: Update the asset inventory on a regular basis to ensure that it remains accurate and up-to-date. This can help identify new assets that may have been added to the network or identify assets that are no longer in use.
 4. Perform vulnerability scanning: Perform vulnerability scanning on the identified assets to identify potential security risks. This can help identify vulnerabilities that can be used to exploit the assets.
 5. Conduct risk assessment: Conduct a risk assessment on the identified assets to identify the potential impact and likelihood of various security risks. This can help prioritize security measures and identify areas that need additional attention.
 6. Implement access controls: Implement access controls to limit access to critical assets only to authorized users. This can help prevent unauthorized access and reduce the likelihood of a successful attack.
 7. Secure remote access: Ensure that remote access to assets is secure by using secure protocols like VPNs, implementing two-factor authentication, and limiting remote access to only authorized users.
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Step 2: Assess Access Management at Targeted Assets

Task 1 :

In Ubuntu :

There's a NO VLANs

```
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$ cat /etc/network/interfaces
# interfaces(5) file used by ifup(8) and ifdown(8)
auto lo
iface lo inet loopback
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$ ip link show
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN mode DEFAULT
    group default qlen 1000
        link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00:00
2: enp0s3: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc fq_codel state UP
    mode DEFAULT group default qlen 1000
        link/ether 08:00:27:78:d3:b5 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$
```

Also there's no Policies it's the default policies

```
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$ sudo iptables -L
Chain INPUT (policy ACCEPT)
target     prot opt source                 destination
target     prot opt source                 destination

Chain FORWARD (policy ACCEPT)
target     prot opt source                 destination
target     prot opt source                 destination

Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT)
target     prot opt source                 destination
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$ sudo iptables -L -v
Chain INPUT (policy ACCEPT 43 packets, 8373 bytes)
  pkts bytes target     prot opt in      out      source                 destination
Chain FORWARD (policy ACCEPT 0 packets, 0 bytes)
  pkts bytes target     prot opt in      out      source                 destination
Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT 45 packets, 6145 bytes)
  pkts bytes target     prot opt in      out      source                 destination
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$
```

And there's no Anonymous access

```
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$ sudo smbstatus

Samba version 4.7.6-Ubuntu
PID      Username  Group          Machine          Pro
tocol Version Encryption          Signing

-----
Service     pid      Machine          Connected at          Encryption
          Signing

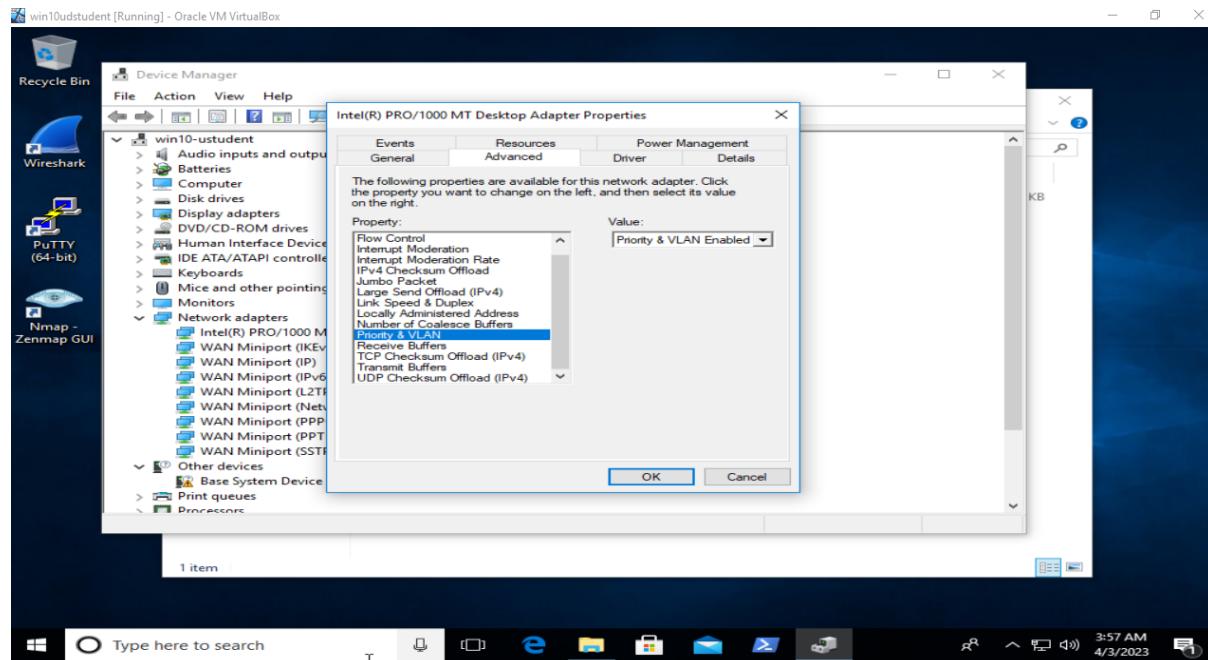
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No locked files
```

My Assessment : This may pose a security risk as it can allow unauthorized access or attacks on the system.

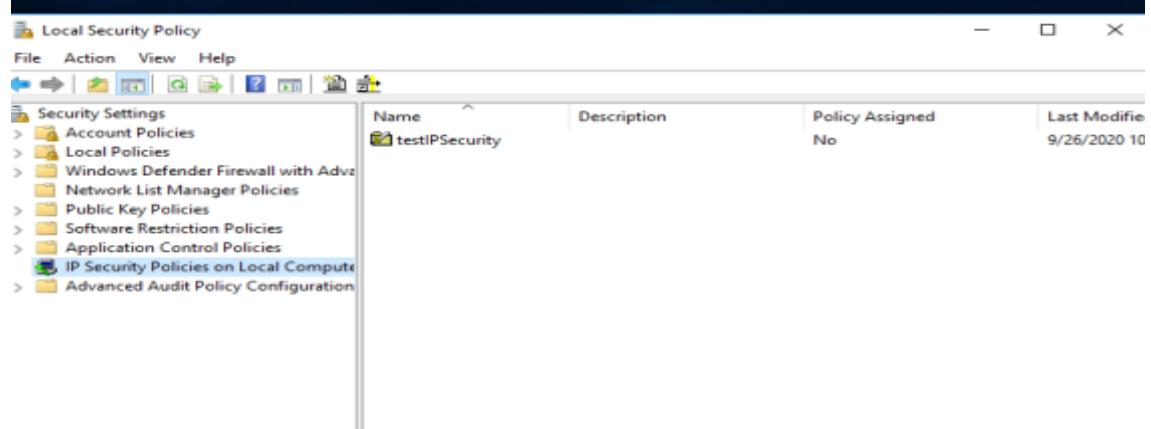
To improve the settings, it is recommended to implement VLANs and IP security policies. VLANs can help segregate network traffic and limit access to specific resources

In Windows Machine

Yes There's VLAN on Windows



There's Policy but not applied



Yes, Anonymous access granted to any shares

This screenshot shows the 'User Rights Assignment' section within the Local Policies category of the Local Security Policy snap-in. It lists various user rights assignments for both clients and servers. One specific setting, 'Network access: Do not allow anonymous enumeration of SAM accounts', is highlighted with a blue selection bar, indicating it is currently enabled.

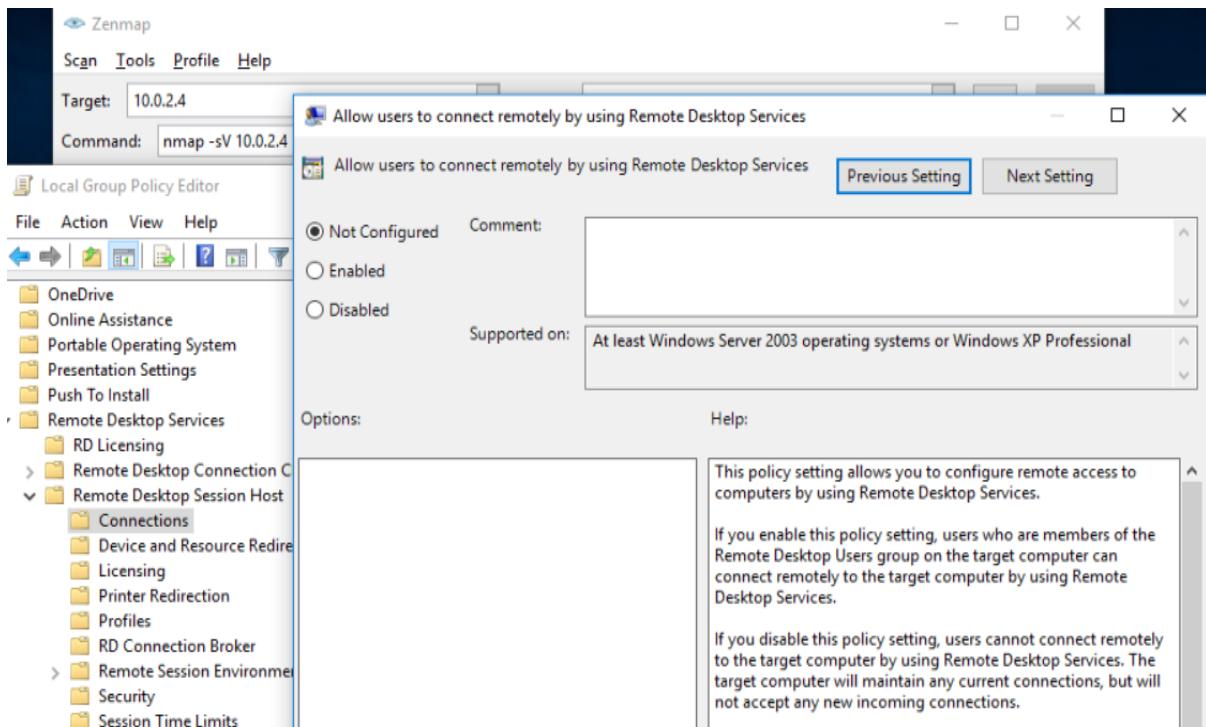
Setting	Status
Microsoft network client: Digitally sign communications (always)	Disabled
Microsoft network client: Digitally sign communications (if server agrees)	Enabled
Microsoft network client: Send unencrypted password to third-party SMB serv...	Disabled
Microsoft network server: Amount of idle time required before suspending ses...	15 minutes
Microsoft network server: Attempt S4U2Self to obtain claim information	Not Defined
Microsoft network server: Digitally sign communications (always)	Disabled
Microsoft network server: Digitally sign communications (if client agrees)	Disabled
Microsoft network server: Disconnect clients when logon hours expire	Enabled
Microsoft network server: Server SPN target name validation level	Not Defined
Network access: Allow anonymous SID/Name translation	Disabled
Network access: Do not allow anonymous enumeration of SAM accounts	Enabled
Network access: Do not allow anonymous enumeration of SAM accounts and ...	Disabled
Network access: Do not allow storage of passwords and credentials for networ...	Disabled

My Assessment and recommendation:

- 1- recommended to use VLANs to segment network traffic and improve security. VLANs help to separate different types of network traffic and reduce the risk of unauthorized access or data leakage.
- 2- recommended to implement IPsec policies to encrypt network traffic and protect against network-based attacks. IPsec provides a way to secure communications between hosts and can be used to enforce security policies such as authentication, integrity, and confidentiality.
- 3- Anonymous access to shares can pose a security risk as it allows anyone to access shared resources without authentication. It is recommended to disable anonymous access and enforce authentication to improve security.

TASK 2

In Windows:



The Remote Services and protocols policy is not configured.

The remote Service protocols are running on the windows Machine:

```
C:\Users\student>netstat -ano
Active Connections
Proto  Local Address          Foreign Address        State      PID
TCP    0.0.0.0:8               0.0.0.0:0             LISTENING  1120
TCP    0.0.0.0:9               0.0.0.0:0             LISTENING  1120
TCP    0.0.0.0:13              0.0.0.0:0             LISTENING  1120
TCP    0.0.0.0:17              0.0.0.0:0             LISTENING  1120
TCP    0.0.0.0:19              0.0.0.0:0             LISTENING  1120
TCP    0.0.0.0:80              0.0.0.0:0             LISTENING  4
TCP    0.0.0.0:135             0.0.0.0:0             LISTENING  764
TCP    0.0.0.0:445             0.0.0.0:0             LISTENING  4
TCP    0.0.0.0:1536            0.0.0.0:0             LISTENING  452
TCP    0.0.0.0:1537            0.0.0.0:0             LISTENING  580
TCP    0.0.0.0:1538            0.0.0.0:0             LISTENING  324
TCP    0.0.0.0:1539            0.0.0.0:0             LISTENING  1528
TCP    0.0.0.0:1540            0.0.0.0:0             LISTENING  984
TCP    0.0.0.0:1542            0.0.0.0:0             LISTENING  572
TCP    0.0.0.0:1543            0.0.0.0:0             LISTENING  2036
TCP    0.0.0.0:3389            0.0.0.0:0             LISTENING  992
TCP    0.0.0.0:5985            0.0.0.0:0             LISTENING  4
TCP    0.0.0.0:47001           0.0.0.0:0             LISTENING  4
TCP    10.0.2.4:1322           20.180.173.20.151:443 ESTABLISHED 984
TCP    10.0.2.4:1732           20.180.173.9:443          ESTABLISHED 1208
TCP    10.0.2.4:1732           20.180.173.20:443         TIME_WAIT  0
TCP    10.0.2.4:5040           0.0.0.0:0             LISTENING  848
TCP    [::]:7                 [::]:0              LISTENING  1120
TCP    [::]:9                 [::]:0              LISTENING  1120
TCP    [::]:13                [::]:0              LISTENING  1120
TCP    [::]:17                [::]:0              LISTENING  1120
TCP    [::]:19                [::]:0              LISTENING  1120
TCP    [::]:80                [::]:0              LISTENING  4
TCP    [::]:135               [::]:0              LISTENING  764
TCP    [::]:445               [::]:0              LISTENING  4
TCP    [::]:1536              [::]:0              LISTENING  452
TCP    [::]:1537              [::]:0              LISTENING  580
TCP    [::]:1538              [::]:0              LISTENING  324
TCP    [::]:1539              [::]:0              LISTENING  1528
```

HTTP, MSRPC, NETBIOS-SSN, MICROSOFT-DS

Also ipv6 is running on windows

```
UDP  [::]:3702      *.*          2004
UDP  [::]:3702      *.*          2004
UDP  [::]:4500      *.*          984
UDP  [::]:5353      *.*          1100
UDP  [::]:5355      *.*          1100
UDP  [::]:62050     *.*          2004
UDP  [:::1]:1900    *.*          2088
UDP  [:::1]:51721   *.*          2088
UDP  [fe80::a54e:b10f:bc6c:615%10]:1900  *.*          2088
UDP  [fe80::a54e:b10f:bc6c:615%10]:51720  *.*          2088

C:\Users\student>ipconfig

Windows IP Configuration

Ethernet adapter Ethernet:

  Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . : home
  Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::a54e:b10f:bc6c:615%10
  IPv4 Address . . . . . : 10.0.2.4
  Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
  Default Gateway . . . . . : 10.0.2.1

Tunnel adapter Teredo Tunneling Pseudo-Interface:

  Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . :
  IPv6 Address . . . . . : 2001:0:2851:782c:24c7:30a3:3ac7:f765
  Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::24c7:30a3:3ac7:f765%7
  Default Gateway . . . . . : ::

C:\Users\student>
```

Activate Windows
Go to Settings to activate Window

1. Disable unnecessary services: Echo, Discard, Daytime, Quote of the Day (QOTD), and Character Generator (CHARGEN) services are rarely used and can be disabled. Disabling these services will reduce the attack surface of your system.
2. Disable insecure protocols: The NetBIOS-SSN protocol (port 138/tcp) is often used by attackers to conduct reconnaissance and launch attacks. You should consider disabling this protocol if it is not required in your environment.
3. Harden the HTTP service: If the HTTP service (port 80/tcp) is required, it should be hardened by applying security patches, using secure configurations, and implementing HTTPS encryption.

In Ubuntu:

remote access service Policy not configured on ubuntu machine because the ufw not active

To list the remote service protocols, we could use “netstat -tupln”

The Remote Service Protocols are Running on Ubuntu Machine:

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$ sudo netstat -tupln
Active Internet connections (only servers)
Proto Recv-Q Local Address          Foreign Address        State      PID/Program name
tcp     0     0.0.0.0:37            0.0.0.0:*           LISTEN    1309/inetd
tcp     0     0.0.0.0:139           0.0.0.0:*           LISTEN    1432/smbd
tcp     0     0.0.0.0:13            0.0.0.0:*           LISTEN    1309/inetd
tcp     0     0.0.0.0:17            0.0.0.0:*           LISTEN    1309/inetd
tcp     0     0.0.0.0:21            0.0.0.0:*           LISTEN    746/vsftpd
tcp     0     0.127.0.0.53:53       0.0.0.0:*           LISTEN    339/systemd-resolve
tcp     0     0.0.0.0:22            0.0.0.0:*           LISTEN    1092/sshd
tcp     0     0.0.0.0:23            0.0.0.0:*           LISTEN    1309/inetd
tcp     0     0.127.0.0.1:631       0.0.0.0:*           LISTEN    762/cupsd
tcp     0     0.0.0.0:445           0.0.0.0:*           LISTEN    1432/smbd
tcp6    0     ::1:139              ::*:                 LISTEN    1432/smbd
tcp6    0     ::1:80               ::*:                 LISTEN    1219/apache2
tcp6    0     ::1:22               ::*:                 LISTEN    1092/sshd
tcp6    0     ::1:631              ::*:                 LISTEN    762/cupsd
tcp6    0     ::1:445              ::*:                 LISTEN    1432/smbd
udp    10752   0.127.0.0.53:53     0.0.0.0.*          LISTEN    339/systemd-resolve
udp    50048   0.0.0.0:68           0.0.0.0.*          LISTEN    1122/dhclient
udp     0     0.0.0.0:69           0.0.0.0.*          LISTEN    1341/in.tftpd
udp    24576   0.10.0.2.255:137      0.0.0.0.*          LISTEN    1311/nmbd
udp     0     0.10.0.2.8:137        0.0.0.0.*          LISTEN    1311/nmbd
udp    24576   0.0.0.0:137          0.0.0.0.*          LISTEN    1311/nmbd
udp     0     0.10.0.2.255:138       0.0.0.0.*          LISTEN    1311/nmbd
udp     0     0.10.0.2.8:138         0.0.0.0.*          LISTEN    1311/nmbd
udp     0     0.0.0.0:138           0.0.0.0.*          LISTEN    1311/nmbd
udp     0     0.0.0.0:161           0.0.0.0.*          LISTEN    1065/snmpd
udp     0     0.0.0.0:45420          0.0.0.0.*          LISTEN    755/avahi-daemon: r
udp     0     0.0.0.0:631           0.0.0.0.*          LISTEN    789/cups-browsed
udp     0     0.0.0.0:58476          0.0.0.0.*          LISTEN    1065/snmpd
udp    18432   0.0.0.0:5353          0.0.0.0.*          LISTEN    755/avahi-daemon: r
udp6    0     ::1:49167             ::*:                 LISTEN    755/avahi-daemon: r
udp6    0     ::1:69                ::*:                 LISTEN    1341/in.tftpd
udp6    0     ::1:161              ::*:                 LISTEN    1065/snmpd
udp6   36096   0.:::5353             ::*:                 LISTEN    755/avahi-daemon: r
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$
```

also ipv6 is running on ubuntu

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$ ifconfig
enp0s3: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST>  mtu 1500
      inet 10.0.2.8  netmask 255.255.255.0  broadcast 10.0.2.255
      inet6 fe80::6796:328e:989d:2318  prefixlen 64  scopeid 0x20<link>
        ether 08:00:27:fb:3c:70  txqueuelen 1000  (Ethernet)
          RX packets 574  bytes 255445 (255.4 KB)
          RX errors 0  dropped 0  overruns 0  frame 0
          TX packets 819  bytes 104954 (104.9 KB)
          TX errors 0  dropped 0  overruns 0  carrier 0  collisions 0
```

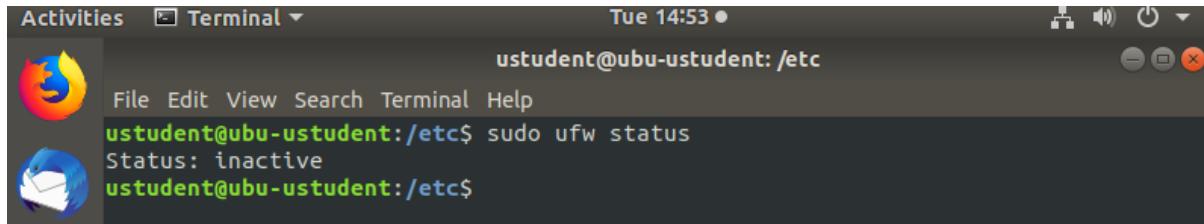
My Recommendation:

1. Only allowing necessary remote access services and protocols, and disabling or blocking all others.
2. Configuring the remote access services and protocols to use secure authentication and encryption methods, such as SSH with key-based authentication and encryption.

3. Monitoring and logging all remote access activity, and regularly reviewing the logs for any signs of unauthorized access or other security incidents.
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TASK 3

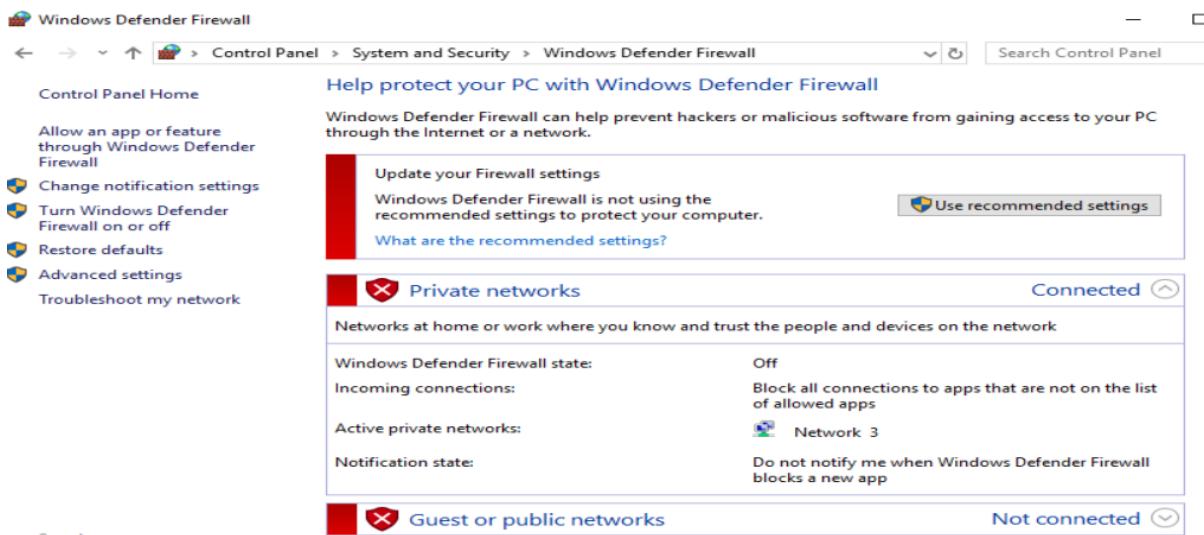
On Ubuntu Machine:



```
Activities Terminal ▾ Tue 14:53 •
ustudent@ubu-ustudent: /etc
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:/etc$ sudo ufw status
Status: inactive
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:/etc$
```

The firewall: inactive

On Windows Machine:



Also not Configured

this means that both machines are currently not protected by a firewall. This could potentially leave them vulnerable to unauthorized access and attacks from malicious actors.

The ports that I suggest being open.

- Port 80 (HTTP): This is the standard port used for web traffic, and is required if you want to host a website on your server.
 - Port 443 (HTTPS): This port is used for secure web traffic (encrypted with SSL/TLS) and is required if you want to host a website with HTTPS enabled.
 - Port 22 (SSH): This port is used for secure shell (SSH) access, and is required if you want to remotely access your server or computer via SSH.
 - Port 53 (DNS): This port is used for DNS traffic, and is required if you want to run a DNS server.
-

Task 4

On Windows

-The users with highest privileges
administrator, student

```
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
C:\Users\student>net localgroup administrators
Alias name      administrators
Comment         Administrators have complete and unrestricted access to the computer/domain
Members
-----
Administrator
student
The command completed successfully.

C:\Users\student>
```

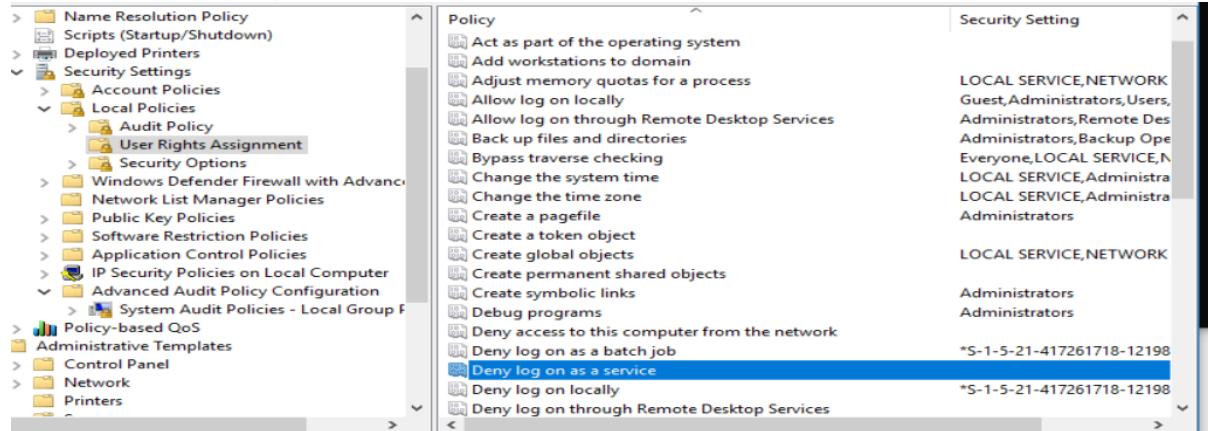
-the PII folders seem have the correct permissions and ownership

```
C:\Users>icacls.exe student
student NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM:(OI)(CI)(F)
                  BUILTIN\Administrators:(OI)(CI)(F)
                  WIN10-USTUDENT\student:(OI)(CI)(F)
                  S-1-5-21-417261718-1219827454-1960118223-1002:(RX)
                  WIN10-USTUDENT\student:(RX)

Successfully processed 1 files; Failed processing 0 files

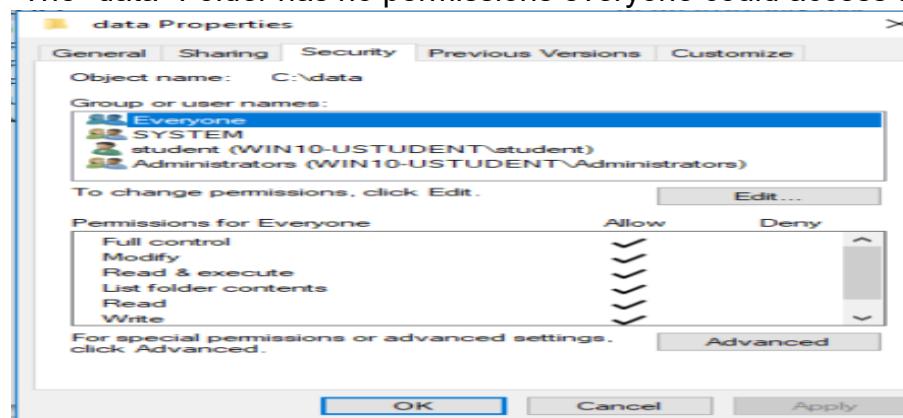
C:\Users>
```

-The default settings seem correct and there's not excessive permissions

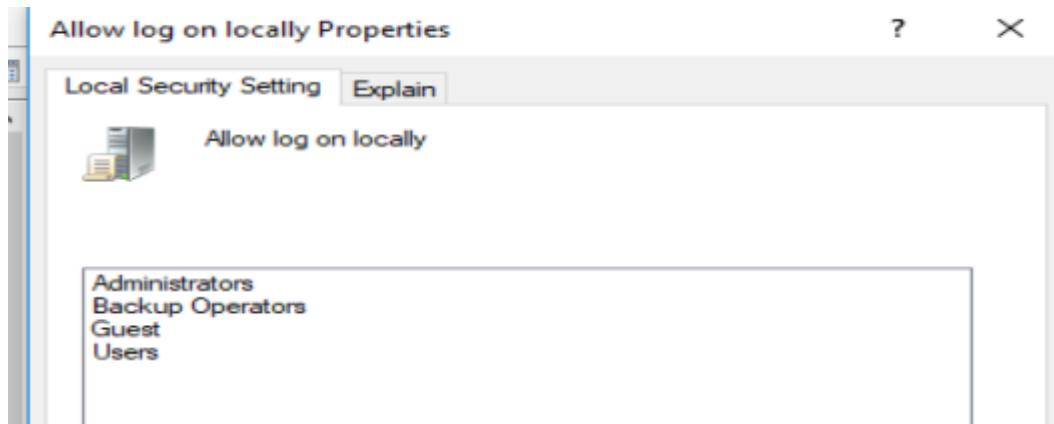


The screenshot shows the Windows Local Security Policy snap-in. On the left, the navigation pane includes 'Name Resolution Policy', 'Deployed Printers', 'Security Settings' (selected), 'Account Policies', 'Local Policies' (selected), 'Audit Policy' (selected), 'User Rights Assignment' (selected), 'Windows Defender Firewall with Advanced Features', 'Network List Manager Policies', 'Public Key Policies', 'Software Restriction Policies', 'Application Control Policies', 'IP Security Policies on Local Computer', 'Advanced Audit Policy Configuration' (selected), and 'System Audit Policies - Local Group Policy'. The main pane displays the 'Audit Policy' settings. A specific policy, 'Deny log on as a service', is highlighted in blue. The right pane shows the security settings for this policy, which are 'Deny' and 'Deny log on as a service'. The security setting is listed as 'S-1-5-21-417261718-1219827454-1960118223-1002'. Other policies listed include 'Act as part of the operating system', 'Add workstations to domain', 'Adjust memory quotas for a process', 'Allow log on locally', 'Allow log on through Remote Desktop Services', 'Back up files and directories', 'Bypass traverse checking', 'Change the system time', 'Create a pagefile', 'Create a token object', 'Create global objects', 'Create permanent shared objects', 'Create symbolic links', 'Debug programs', 'Deny access to this computer from the network', 'Deny log on as a batch job', 'Deny log on locally', and 'Deny log on through Remote Desktop Services'.

-The “data” Folder has no permissions everyone could access the folder.



-Guest Account Are enables, but Not have the administrator privilege, the guest user allowed only to log in locally



ON UBUNTU:

-The user who has the highest privileges : is the root

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:/etc$ groups uststudent
ustudent : uststudent adm cdrom sudo dip plugdev lpadmin sambashare
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:/etc$ groups
ustudent adm cdrom sudo dip plugdev lpadmin sambashare
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:/etc$ users
ustudent
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:/etc$
```

Also the members in the root group has the privilege so uststudent has high privilege

```
# User privilege specification
root    ALL=(ALL:ALL) ALL

# Members of the admin group may gain root privileges
%admin  ALL=(ALL) ALL

# Allow members of group sudo to execute any command
%sudo   ALL=(ALL:ALL) ALL
```

-the PII Folders don't have the correct permissions ownership it should be 700 or 500

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$ sudo stat /home/ustudent/
[sudo] password for ustudent:
  File: /home/ustudent/
  Size: 4096          Blocks: 8          IO Block: 4096   directory
Device: 801h/2049d      Inode: 683954      Links: 20
Access: (0755/drwxr-xr-x)  Uid: ( 1000/ustudent)  Gid: ( 1000/ustudent)
Access: 2023-03-28 07:20:20.360779584 -0400
Modify: 2023-03-28 07:20:12.604779584 -0400
Change: 2023-03-28 07:20:12.604779584 -0400
 Birth: -
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$
```

-The “data” Shared folder has no permissions, its accessible by everyone

```
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~/Documents$ sudo stat data/
  File: data/
  Size: 4096          Blocks: 8          IO Block: 4096   directory
Device: 801h/2049d      Inode: 520898      Links: 2
Access: (0777/drwxrwxrwx) Uid: ( 1000/ustudent)  Gid: ( 1000/ustudent)
Access: 2023-03-28 15:32:24.252792284 -0400
Modify: 2023-03-27 07:20:29.791925251 -0400
Change: 2023-03-27 07:20:29.791925251 -0400
 Birth: -
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~/Documents$
```

-There's Guest user on , but aren't allowed to use 'sudo' commands

```
guest
ftp
telnetd
tftp
user3
user4
user5
Debian-snmp
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~/Documents$
```

Based on the findings:

1. Remove the guest account or limit its privileges: Since the guest account has no administrative privileges, it can be used by an attacker to gain access to your system. To prevent this, you can either remove the guest account entirely or limit its privileges by configuring Group Policy settings.
2. Review the permissions of the "DATA" folder: If the "DATA" folder is shared with no permissions, it means that anyone can access it without any restrictions. This could potentially lead to a data breach. To secure this folder, you should review the permissions and ensure that only authorized users have access to it.
3. Limit the number of accounts with administrative privileges: The more accounts that have administrative privileges, the more vulnerable your system is to attacks. You should limit the number of accounts with administrative privileges to only those who require them.

Step 3: Log Monitoring Setup for Detection at Targeted Assets

Task 1

The attack type: **Bruteforce**

The source IP of attack is: **10.0.2.7**

The Targeted protocol: **telnet**

The password used successfully: **1234**

The user was compromised: **ustudent**

tcp.stream eq 83

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
4530	76.776725	10.0.2.5	10.0.2.7	TELNET	78	Telnet Data ...
4531	76.777102	10.0.2.7	10.0.2.5	TCP	66	32972 → 23 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=13 Win=64256 Len=0 TS...
4583	76.877590	10.0.2.7	10.0.2.5	TELNET	69	Telnet Data ...
4584	76.877599	10.0.2.5	10.0.2.7	TCP	66	23 → 32972 [ACK] Seq=13 Ack=4 Win=29056 Len=0 TS...
4585	76.877667	10.0.2.5	10.0.2.7	TELNET	69	Telnet Data ...
4586	76.877913	10.0.2.7	10.0.2.5	TELNET	78	Telnet Data ...
4589	76.877998	10.0.2.7	10.0.2.5	TCP	66	32972 → 23 [ACK] Seq=16 Ack=16 Win=64256 Len=0 TS...
4592	76.878207	10.0.2.5	10.0.2.7	TELNET	81	Telnet Data ...
4593	76.878352	10.0.2.7	10.0.2.5	TCP	66	32972 → 23 [ACK] Seq=16 Ack=31 Win=64256 Len=0 TS...
4757	77.078952	10.0.2.7	10.0.2.5	TELNET	69	Telnet Data ...
4758	77.079053	10.0.2.5	10.0.2.7	TELNET	69	Telnet Data ...
4759	77.079661	10.0.2.7	10.0.2.5	TELNET	78	Telnet Data ...
4760	77.079847	10.0.2.5	10.0.2.7	TELNET	69	Telnet Data ...

Wireshark · Follow TCP Stream (tcp.stream eq 83) · bruteforce2

```
.... .#..'.#"....  
..#...!.....!.....!...Ubuntu 18.04 LTS  
ubu-ustudent login: ...uussttuuddeenntt  
.  
Password: 1234  
.Last login: Sun Sep 27 23:06:49 EDT 2020 from 10.0.2.7 on pts/11
```

There was a bruteforce attack that targeted the telnet protocol

From ipaddress **10.0.2.7**

And that attack able to compromised ustUDENT user on the machine

Task 2

The source of the initial attack: **10.0.2.7**

Yes, the attacker tried to access the Machine from Compromised device

The service: **NETBIOS ,SMB2 Protocol** on port: **445**

Yes, the attacker able to access a sensitive file at the machine using Mitre ATT&ACK Technique - T1570

```

10.0.2.7 10.0.2.4 SMB2 172 Tree Connect Request Tree: \\win10-ustudent\IPC$  

10.0.2.4 10.0.2.7 SMB2 138 Tree Connect Response  

10.0.2.7 10.0.2.4 SMB2 222 Ioctl Request FSCTL_DFS_GET_REFERRALS, File: \\win10-ustudent\data  

10.0.2.4 10.0.2.7 SMB2 130 Ioctl Response, Error: STATUS_FS_DRIVER_REQUIRED  

10.0.2.7 10.0.2.4 SMB2 126 Tree Disconnect Request  

10.0.2.4 10.0.2.7 SMB2 126 Tree Disconnect Response  

10.0.2.7 10.0.2.4 SMB2 172 Tree Connect Request Tree: \\win10-ustudent\data  

10.0.2.4 10.0.2.7 SMB2 138 Tree Connect Response  

10.0.2.7 10.0.2.4 SMB2 179 Create Request File:  

10.0.2.4 10.0.2.7 SMB2 210 Create Response File:  

10.0.2.7 10.0.2.4 SMB2 163 GetInfo Request FILE_INFO/FileFsAttributeInformation File:  

10.0.2.4 10.0.2.7 SMB2 150 GetInfo Response  

10.0.2.7 10.0.2.4 SMB2 146 Close Request File:  

10.0.2.4 10.0.2.7 SMB2 182 Close Response  

10.0.2.7 10.0.2.4 SMB2 179 Create Request File:  

10.0.2.4 10.0.2.7 SMB2 210 Create Response File:  

10.0.2.7 10.0.2.4 SMB2 163 GetInfo Request FILE_INFO/SMB2_FILE_ALL_INFO File:  

10.0.2.4 10.0.2.7 SMB2 234 GetInfo Response  

10.0.2.7 10.0.2.4 SMB2 146 Close Request File:  


```

The screenshot shows a NetworkMiner capture of SMB traffic. The timeline pane at the top lists several SMB2 messages between two hosts, 10.0.2.4 and 10.0.2.7. The details pane below shows the raw hex and ASCII data for each message. The selected message is a 'Create Request' from 10.0.2.7 to 10.0.2.4, which is highlighted in yellow. The bytes pane at the bottom shows the raw hex and ASCII data for the selected message.

Based on the analysis of the pcap file, it appears that the attacker targeted the SMB protocol to gain access to the victim's machine. The attacker attempted to establish a session using the user account ".student" and was successful in gaining access to the victim's machine.

The attacker then attempted to access the user's data directory, but was denied access. The attacker then turned their attention to the workgroup of the user and was able to gain access to shared data.

Task 3

The screenshot shows the Windows Event Viewer interface. The left pane displays a tree view of logs: Custom Views, Server Roles (Web Server, Administrative Events), Windows Logs (Application, Security, Setup, System, Forwarded Events), Applications and Services Log, and Subscriptions. The right pane shows the 'System' log with 2,752 events. A specific event, 'Event 36874, Schannel', is selected. The 'Details' tab is open, showing the following information:

Log Name:	System	Source:	Schannel	Logged:	9/28/2020 11:06:54 PM
Event ID:	36874	Task Category:	None		
Level:	Error	Keywords:			
User:	SYSTEM	Computer:	win10-ustudent		

The 'Description' field contains the error message: "An TLS 1.0 connection request was received from a remote client application, but none of the cipher suites supported by the client application are supported by the server. The TLS connection request has failed."

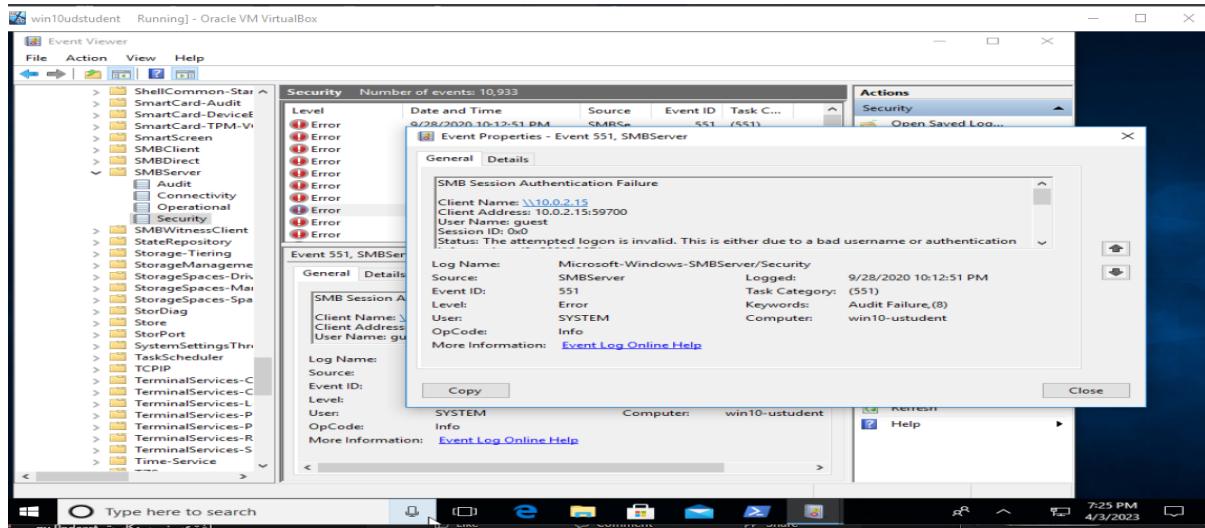
The 'Actions' pane on the right provides options like Open Saved Log..., Create Custom Vie..., Import Custom Vie..., Clear Log..., Filter Current Log..., Properties, Find..., Save All Events As..., Attach a Task To thi..., View, Refresh, Help, Event Properties, Attach Task To This..., Save Selected Event..., Copy, and Refresh.

The screenshot shows the Windows Event Viewer interface. The left pane displays a tree view of logs: Custom Views, Server Roles (Web Server, Administrative Events), Windows Logs (Application, Security, Setup, System, Forwarded Events), Applications and Services Log, and Subscriptions. The right pane shows the 'Security' log with 1 event, filtered by Log: Security; Source: Security. The event, 'Event 4776, Microsoft Windows security auditing', is selected. The 'Details' tab is open, showing the following information:

Log Name:	Security	Source:	Microsoft Windows security	Logged:	4/3/2023 8:41:38 PM
Event ID:	4776	Task Category:	Credential Validation		
Level:	Information	Keywords:	Audit Success		
User:	N/A	Computer:	win10-ustudent		
OpCode:	Info				
More Information:	Event Log Online Help				

The 'Description' field contains the message: "The computer attempted to validate the credentials for an account." The 'Actions' pane on the right provides options like Attach Task To This..., Copy, and Save Selected Event... .

Also there's authentication failure with smb server



There is an issue with windows share.

On ubuntu:

I used "aureport" to filter all logs

The Name of The Attacker's Account is: UNKNOWN

A screenshot of a terminal window on Ubuntu. The user runs the command 'sudo aureport -l --summary --failed -i | more'. The output is a Failed Login Summary Report:
===== total auid =====
499 (invalid user)
253 (unknown user)
42 root
19 UNKNOWN
4 guest
The user then runs 'sudo aureport -l --summary --success -i | more'. The output is a Success Login Summary Report:
===== total auid =====
9 ustUDENT
1 guest
ustUDENT@ubu-ustUDENT:~\$
The terminal window has a dark theme with icons on the left.

My assessment

Yes, these events are definitely enough to start an investigation, as they indicate a potential security breach or unauthorized access to the systems.

Task 4

In Ubuntu: Reviewing the contents of rsyslog.conf and rsyslog.d/*.conf files to ensure appropriate logging is set In addition, run the following command and verify that the

log

files are logging information:

```
# ls -l /var/log/
```

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
# provides UDP syslog reception
#module(load="imudp")
#input(type="imudp" port="514")
# provides TCP syslog reception
#module(load="imtcp")
#input(type="imtcp" port="514")
# provides kernel logging support and enable non-kernel klog messages
module(load="imklog" permitnonkernelfacility="on")

#####
#### GLOBAL DIRECTIVES #####
#####

#
# Use traditional timestamp format.
# To enable high precision timestamps, comment out the following line.
#
$ActionFileDefaultTemplate RSYSLOG_TraditionalFileFormat

# Filter duplicated messages
$RepeatedMsgReduction on

#
# Set the default permissions for all log files.
#
$FileOwner syslog
$FileGroup adm
$FileCreateMode 0640
$FileReadMode 0755
$UMask 0022
$PrivDropToUser syslog
$PrivDropToGroup syslog

#
# Where to place spool and state files
#
$WorkDirectory /var/spool/rsyslog

#
# Include all config files in /etc/rsyslog.d/
#
$IncludeConfig /etc/rsyslog.d/*.conf
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$
```

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
#
# First some standard log files. Log by facility.
#
auth,authpriv.*          /var/log/auth.log
*.auth,authpriv.none      -/var/log/syslog
#cron.*                   /var/log/cron.log
#daemon.*                 -/var/log/daemon.log
kern.*                    -/var/log/kern.log
#lpr.*                     -/var/log/lpr.log
mail.*                    -/var/log/mail.log
#user.*                   -/var/log/user.log

#
# Logging for the mail system. Split it up so that
# it is easy to write scripts to parse these files.
#
#mail.info                -/var/log/mail.info
#mail.warn                -/var/log/mail.warn
mail.err                  -/var/log/mail.err

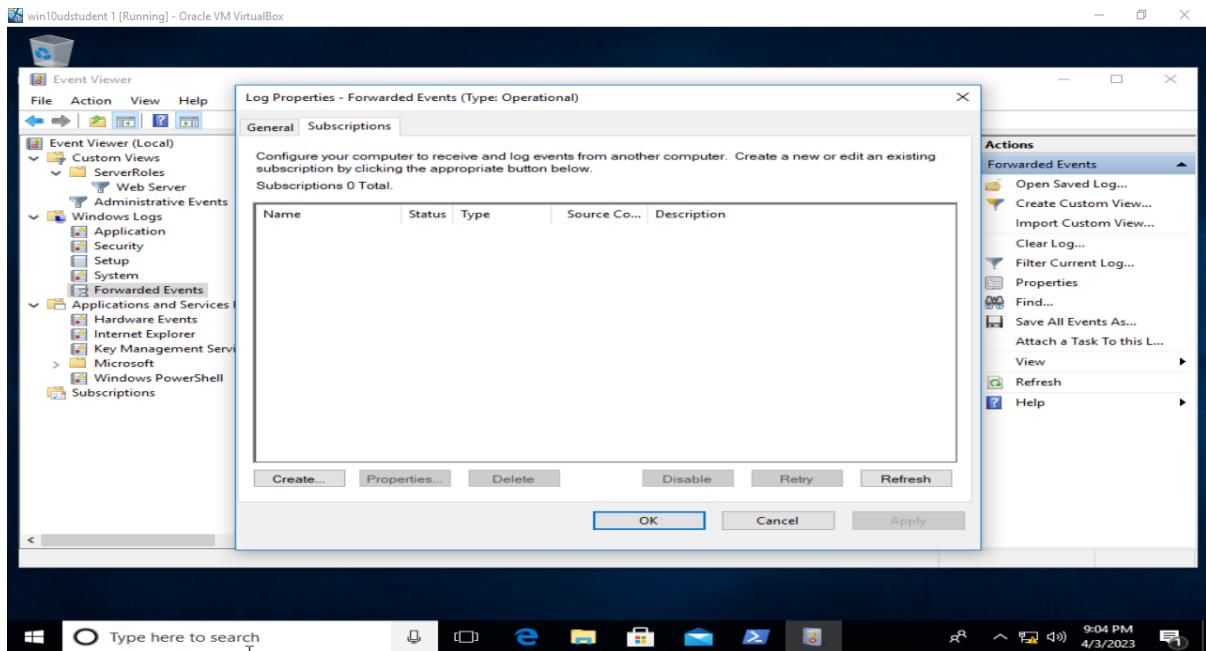
#
# Some "catch-all" log files.
#
#*=debug;\                auth,authpriv.none; \
#   news.none;mail.none    -/var/log/debug
#*=info;*.=notice;*.=warn;\ auth,authpriv.none; \
#   cron,daemon.none; \
#   mail,news.none         -/var/log/messages

#
# Emergencies are sent to everybody logged in.
#
*.emerg                  :omusrmsg:*

#
# I like to have messages displayed on the console, but only on a virtual
# console I usually leave idle.
#
#daemon,mail.*;\           news.=crit;news.=err;news.=notice; \
#   *.=debug;*.=info; \
#   *.=notice;*.=warn      /dev/tty8
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$
```

the machine is not currently configured to forward events to a centralized location In this case, you may need to configure the machine by editing the rsyslog.conf and rsyslog.d/*.conf files to set it up correctly for your SIEM.

IN Windows:



There's no subscriptions.

after checking the event viewer I found that, the machine is not currently configured to forward events to a centralized location using the Windows Event Forwarder. In this case, you may need to configure the machine to use the Windows Event Forwarder and set it up correctly for your SIEM.

Step 4: Assess Authentication Management at Targeted Assets

Task 1

Administrator and remote Desktop users which is “guest” user can remotely access windows machine.

Policy	Security Setting
Access Credential Manager as a trusted caller	Everyone,Administrators,Users,Backup O...
Access this computer from the network	
Act as part of the operating system	LOCAL SERVICE,NETWORK SERVICE,A...
Add workstations to domain	Guest,Administrators,Users,Backup O...
Adjust memory quotas for a process	Administrators,Remote Desktop Users
Allow log on locally	Administrators,Backup Operators
Allow log on through Remote Desktop Services	Everyone,LOCAL SERVICE,NETWORK ...
Back up files and directories	LOCAL SERVICE,Administrators
Bypass traverse checking	Everyone,LOCAL SERVICE,NETWORK ...
Change the system time	LOCAL SERVICE,Administrators
Change the time zone	LOCAL SERVICE,Administrators,Users

Root access permitted at Linux host

```
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$ sudo su -  
root@ubu-ustudent:~#
```

The users with executive permissions on Linux: ustudent

```
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$ sudo -l  
[sudo] password for ustudent:  
Matching Defaults entries for ustudent on ubu-ustudent:  
    env_reset, mail_badpass,  
    secure_path=/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin  
    /snap/bin  
  
User ustudent may run the following commands on ubu-ustudent:  
    (ALL : ALL) ALL  
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$
```

On windows there's no users with executive permissions

Act as part of the operating system	NT SERVICE\ALL SERVICES,IIS APPPOOL\Default...
Log on as a service	
Manage auditing and security log	Administrators

root remote login not allowed after checking /etc/ssh/sshd_config

```
#LoginGraceTime 2m  
#PermitRootLogin prohibit-password  
#StrictModes yes  
#MaxAuthTries 6  
#MaxSessions 10  
  
root@ubu-ustudent:~# ssh 10.0.2.7  
root@10.0.2.7's password:  
Permission denied, please try again.  
root@10.0.2.7's password:  
Permission denied, please try again.  
root@10.0.2.7's password:  
root@10.0.2.7: Permission denied (publickey,password).  
root@ubu-ustudent:~#
```

there are users that should not have remote access via ssh in Linux because **ustudent** has sudo privileges

```
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:/etc/ssh$ ssh uststudent@10.0.2.7
ustudent@10.0.2.7's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 18.04 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.15.0-20-generic x86_64)

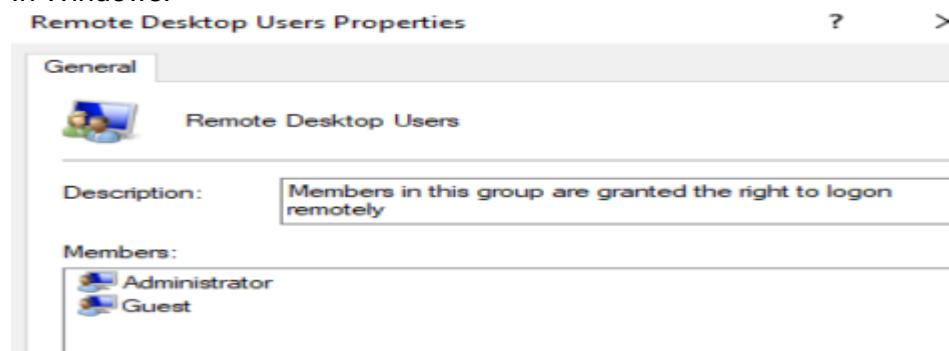
 * Documentation:  https://help.ubuntu.com
 * Management:    https://landscape.canonical.com
 * Support:        https://ubuntu.com/advantage

 * Canonical Livepatch is available for installation.
   - Reduce system reboots and improve kernel security. Activate at:
     https://ubuntu.com/livepatch

0 packages can be updated.
0 updates are security updates.

Welcome Udacity Student
Last login: Sun Sep 27 23:07:17 2020 from 10.0.2.7
```

In Windows:



there is another account that has been given remote desktop access

Summary:

- On the Windows machine, both the **Administrator** and **Remote Desktop Users** group, which includes the **Guest** user, have remote access to the machine. No users have excessive permissions.
- On the Ubuntu machine, the **ustudent** user has executive permissions and root access is permitted. However, remote login as root is not allowed. There are users that should not have remote access via ssh, including **ustudent** who has sudo privileges.

In order to improve the security of both machines, the following recommendations can be made:

- On the Windows machine, it is recommended to remove the **Guest** user from the Remote Desktop Users group to limit access to only administrators. Other non-administrative accounts should not be granted remote access.
- On the Ubuntu machine, it is recommended to disable root login entirely and ensure that only necessary users have ssh access. The **ustudent** account, which has sudo privileges, should not be granted remote access via ssh. Instead, a separate administrative account with limited permissions should be created for remote access.

Task 2

audit the password policies in Ubuntu according to CIS Benchmarks 5.3.1

Audit:

Verify password creation requirements conform to organization policy.

Run the following command to verify the minimum password length is 14 or more characters.

```
# grep '^s*minlen\s*' /etc/security/pwquality.conf  
minlen = 14
```

Run one of the following commands to verify the required password complexity:

```
# grep '^s*minclass\s*' /etc/security/pwquality.conf  
minclass = 4
```

OR

```
# grep -E '^s*[duol]credit\s*' /etc/security/pwquality.conf  
dcredit = -1  
ucredit = -1  
lcredit = -1  
ocredit = -1
```

```
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$ grep -E '^s*[duol]credit\s*' /etc/security/pwquality.conf  
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$ grep '^s*minlen\s*' /etc/security/pwquality.conf  
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$ grep '^s*minclass\s*' /etc/security/pwquality.conf  
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$ grep -E '^s*[duol]credit\s*' /etc/security/pwquality.conf  
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$  
  
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$ grep -E '^s*password\s+(requisite|required)\s+pam_pwquality\.so\s+(\S+\s)*retry=[1-3]\s*(\s+\$|\s*)*(\s+#+.*\s*)?\' /etc/pam.d/common-password  
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$
```

The commands don't return any output which mean it's not applicable After checking the system isn't comply.

To remediate it

Run the following command to install the pam_pwquality module:

```
apt install libpam-pwquality
```

Edit the file /etc/security/pwquality.conf and add or modify the following line for password length to conform to site policy

```
minlen = 14
```

Edit the file /etc/security/pwquality.conf and add or modify the following line for password complexity to conform to site policy

```
minclass = 4
```

OR

```
dcredit = -1  
ucredit = -1  
ocredit = -1  
lcredit = -1
```

Edit the /etc/pam.d/common-password file to include the appropriate options for pam_pwquality.so and to conform to site policy:

```
password requisite pam_pwquality.so retry=3
```

In Windows: we need to *Ensure 'Password must meet complexity requirements'*

Policy	Security Setting
Enforce password history	0 passwords remembered
Maximum password age	42 days
Minimum password age	0 days
Minimum password length	0 characters
>Password must meet complexity requirements	Disabled
Store passwords using reversible encryption	Disabled

The current setting doesn't comply with the windows 10 CIS benchmarks 1.1.5

Overview:

1. Password creation requirements: The password creation requirements should be set to ensure that passwords are strong and difficult to guess. This includes setting a minimum password length, requiring a combination of uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers, and special characters. The specific settings may vary depending on the organization's policy, but typically a minimum length of 8-12 characters is recommended.
2. Password complexity: The password complexity requirements should also be set to ensure that passwords are difficult to guess. This includes requiring a combination of uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers, and special characters. Additionally, common words, phrases, or patterns should be prohibited.
3. Failed login attempts: The number of failed login attempts allowed before sending back a failure should be set to a value that is in line with the organization's policy. Typically, a value of 5-10 failed attempts is recommended, depending on the organization's risk tolerance.

Task 3

Windows Machine doesn't comply with the (FIPS 140-2) policy

Policy	Security Setting
Recovery console: Allow automatic administrative logon	Disabled
Recovery console: Allow floppy copy and access to all drives...	Disabled
Shutdown: Allow system to be shut down without having to...	Enabled
Shutdown: Clear virtual memory pagefile	Disabled
System cryptography: Force strong key protection for user k...	Not Defined
System cryptography: Use FIPS compliant algorithms for en...	Disabled
System objects: Require case insensitivity for non-Windows ...	Enabled
System objects: Strengthen default permissions of internal s...	Enabled
System settings: Optional subsystems	
System settings: Use Certificate Rules on Windows Executabl...	Disabled
User Account Control: Admin Approval Mode for the Built-i...	Not Defined

In Ubuntu

```
ustudent@ubu-ustudent: /proc/sys
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:/proc/sys$ sudo sshd -T | grep ciphers
ciphers chacha20-poly1305@openssh.com,aes128-ctr,aes192-ctr,aes256-ctr,aes256-gcm@openssh.com,aes256-gcm@openssh.com
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:/proc/sys$
```

The systems aren't compliant, we need to configure the system to use FIPS 140-2 compliant cryptographic algorithms and modules. This can typically be done through the system's security policy settings. For Windows, you can use the Local Security Policy editor or Group Policy Editor to configure the system to use FIPS-compliant cryptography. For Ubuntu, you can modify the system-wide OpenSSL configuration file located at /etc/ssl/openssl.cnf.

Task 4

On Ubuntu Machine:

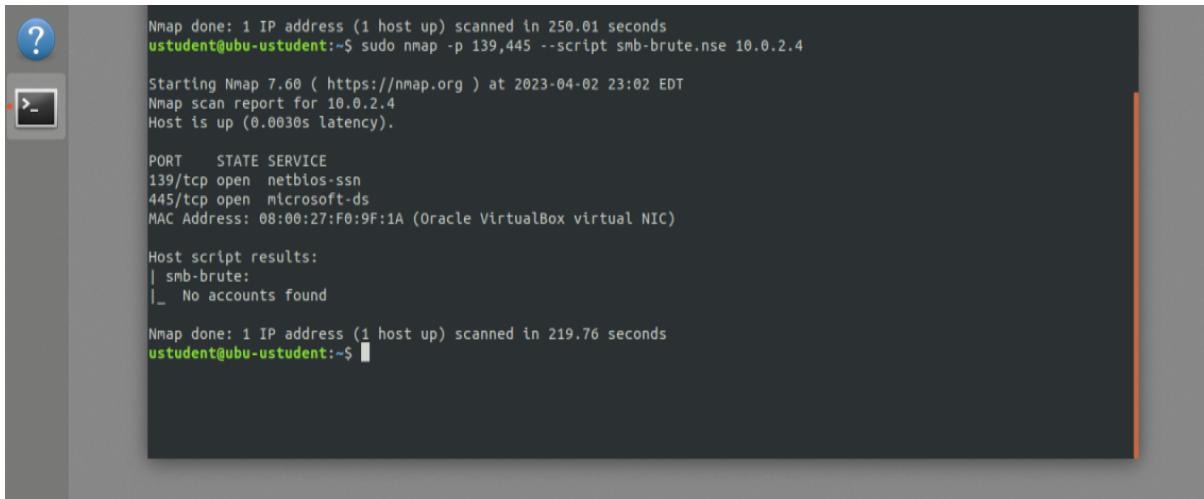
```
ustudent@ubu-ustudent: ~
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$ sudo nmap -p 21 --script ftp-brute 10.0.2.7
Starting Nmap 7.60 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-04-02 10:26 EDT
Nmap scan report for ubu-ustudent (10.0.2.7)
Host is up (0.000032s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE
21/tcp    open  ftp
|_ ftp-brute:
|   Accounts: No valid accounts found
|_ Statistics: Performed 2599 guesses in 612 seconds, average tps: 4.3

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 613.81 seconds
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$
```

- The result of the ftp-brute script indicates that no valid accounts were found on the target FTP server after attempting 2599 guesses. This suggests that the FTP server has strong password protection and the default or common usernames and passwords have not been used.
- The security state of the FTP server seems to be in good condition as the script was unable to successfully authenticate any valid accounts.

On Window Machine:



```
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 250.01 seconds
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$ sudo nmap -p 139,445 --script smb-brute.nse 10.0.2.4

Starting Nmap 7.60 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-04-02 23:02 EDT
Nmap scan report for 10.0.2.4
Host is up (0.0030s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE
139/tcp    open  netbios-ssn
445/tcp    open  microsoft-ds
MAC Address: 08:00:27:F0:9F:1A (Oracle VirtualBox virtual NIC)

Host script results:
| smb-brute:
|_ No accounts found

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 219.76 seconds
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$
```

The results of the `smb-brute` script indicate that no accounts were found during the scan, which means that the script was not able to brute force or guess any valid login credentials for the SMB service on your Windows machine.

From a security perspective, this is a good result because it suggests that your SMB service is not vulnerable to brute force attacks.

The security state of these services can be improved. For example, you can secure the FTP server by enforcing secure authentication methods such as publickey and disabling the use of weak passwords. For the Windows SMB share, you can disable anonymous access and enable message signing to provide better protection against unauthorized access and tampering.

Step 5: Final Report

Windows 10 ENT

Ex

Host	High	Medium	Low	Log
10.0.2.4	3	3	1	1

IP Address: 10.0.2.4

Service	Port	Sensitive Level
discard	9 TCP	High
SMB protocol	445 TCP	High
echo	7 TCP	Medium
SMB	445 TCP	Medium
ICMP	general TCP	Low
HTTP HEADERS	TCP	Log

Expected detail format for vulnerabilities found.

High

1- CVE-1999-0636

Issue

The remote host is running a 'discard' service.

This service is unused these days, so it is advised that you disable it.

Impact

This service typically sets up a listening socket and will ignore all the data which it receives.

Mitigation

Under Windows systems, set the following registry key to 0:

HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\SimpTCP\Parameters\EnableTcpDiscard

Then launch cmd.exe and type:

net stop simptcp

net start simptcp

To restart the service.

Reference

Details: Check for discard Service
OID:1.3.6.1.4.1.25623.1.0.11367
Version used: 2020-10-01T11:33:30Z

High

1- CVE-1999-0503

Issue

A number of known default credentials are tried for the login via the SMB protocol.

Impact

It was possible to login with the following credentials via the SMB protocol to

,!the 'IPC\$' share. <User>:<Password>

operator:1234

Mitigation

Enforce strong password policies: This involves requiring complex passwords that are difficult to guess and ensuring that users change their passwords regularly.

Reference

cve: CVE-1999-0503

cve: CVE-1999-0504

cve: CVE-1999-0505

cve: CVE-1999-0506

High

1- CVE-2017-7494

Issue

known as the SAMBA Remote Code Execution from Writable Share vulnerability

Impact

It allows a remote attacker to execute arbitrary code with root privileges by uploading a shared library to a writable share on a vulnerable system and then causing Samba to load and execute the library.

Mitigation

To remediate this vulnerability, it is recommended to update the Samba software to a patched version.

Reference

Medium

1- CVE-1999-0635

Issue

An echo Service is running at this Host via TCP and/or UDP.

Impact

The echo service is an Internet protocol defined in RFC 862. It was originally proposed for testing

and measurement of round-trip times in IP networks. While still available on most UNIX-like operating systems, testing and measurement is now performed with the Internet Control Message

Mitigation

Solution type: Mitigation
Disable the echo Service.

Reference

cve: CVE-1999-0635

Medium

1- CVE-1999-0635

Issue

It was possible to detect the usage of the deprecated TLSv1.0 and/or TLSv1.1 protocol on this system.

Impact

An attacker might be able to use the known cryptographic flaws to eavesdrop the connection between clients and the service to get access to sensitive data transferred within the secured connection.

Mitigation

It is recommended to disable the deprecated TLSv1.0 and/or TLSv1.1 protocols in favor of the TLSv1.2+ protocols. Please see the references for more information.

Reference

cve: CVE-2015-0204
cve: CVE-2011-3389

Low

1- CVE-1999-0524

Issue

The impact of this vulnerability is that it can allow an attacker to bypass certain security checks and access files or resources that they would not otherwise be able to access.

Impact

The remote host responded to an ICMP timestamp request.

Mitigation

- Disable the support for ICMP timestamp on the remote host completely
- Protect the remote host by a firewall, and block ICMP packets passing through the firewall in either direction (either completely or only for untrusted networks).

Reference

cve: CVE-1999-0524

url: <http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc0792.txt>

cert-bund: CB-K15/1514

cert-bund: CB-K14/0632

dfn-cert: DFN-CERT-2014-0658

Log

8- HTTP Security Headers Detection

Issue

Known security headers are being checked on the host.

Impact

Missing Headers	More Information
Content-Security-Policy	https://owasp.org/www-project-secure-headers/
Content-Security-Policy-Report-Only	https://owasp.org/www-project-secure-headers/
Feature-Policy	https://owasp.org/www-project-secure-headers/
Feature-Policy-Report-Only	https://owasp.org/www-project-secure-headers/
Referrer-Policy	https://owasp.org/www-project-secure-headers/
Referrer-Policy-Report-Only	https://owasp.org/www-project-secure-headers/
X-Content-Type-Options	https://owasp.org/www-project-secure-headers/
X-Content-Type-Options-Report-Only	https://owasp.org/www-project-secure-headers/
X-Frame-Options	https://owasp.org/www-project-secure-headers/
X-Frame-Options-Report-Only	https://owasp.org/www-project-secure-headers/
X-Permitted-Cross-Domain-Policies	https://owasp.org/www-project-secure-headers/
X-Permitted-Cross-Domain-Policies-Report-Only	https://owasp.org/www-project-secure-headers/
X-XSS-Protection	https://owasp.org/www-project-secure-headers/
X-XSS-Protection-Report-Only	https://owasp.org/www-project-secure-headers/

References

<https://owasp.org/www-project-secure-headers/>

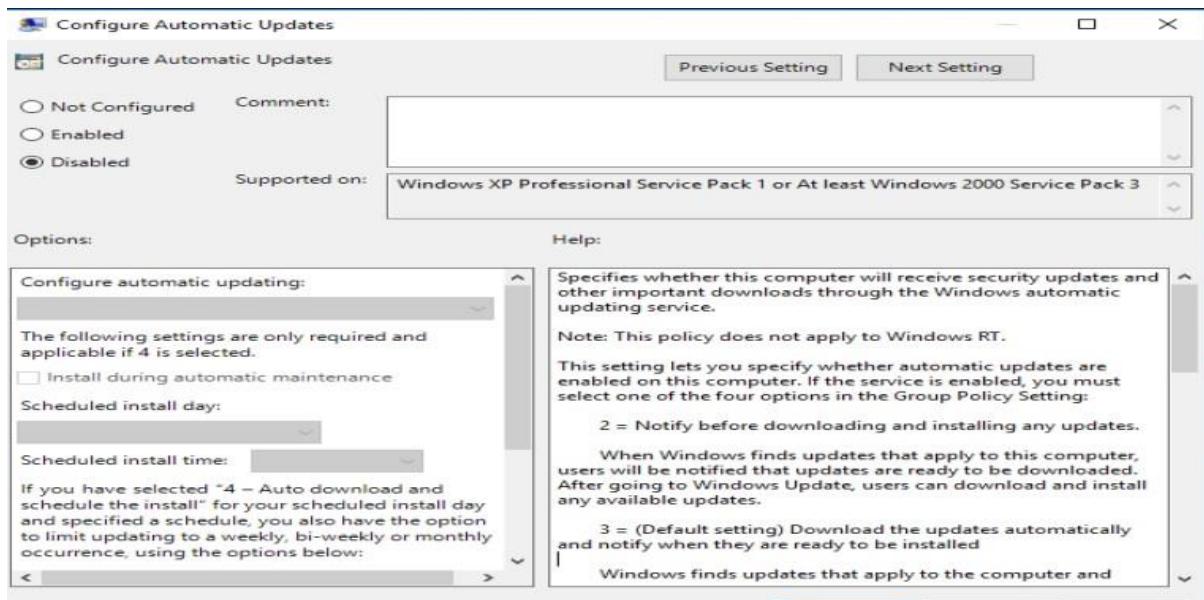
<https://owasp.org/www-project-secure-headers/#div-headers>

<https://securityheaders.io>

Example of control checks & CIS benchmarks Windows 10 ENT

*18.9.102.2 (L1) Ensure 'Configure Automatic Updates' is set to 'Enabled'
(Automated)*

Result: not compliant, the policy is Disabled



Impact: Critical operating system updates and service packs will be installed as necessary.

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3.4 Deploy Automated Operating System Patch Management Tools

Deploy automated software update tools in order to ensure that the operating systems are running the most recent security updates provided by the software vendor.

3.5 Deploy Automated Software Patch Management Tools

Deploy automated software update tools in order to ensure that third-party software on all systems is running the most recent security updates provided by the software vendor.

Ensure 'Enable Structured Exception Handling Overwrite Protection (SEHOP)'

Navigate to the UI Path articulated in the Remediation section and confirm it is set as prescribed. This group policy setting is backed by the following registry location:

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Session Manager\kernel:DisableExceptionChainValidation

Result: not compliant, there's no registry for it

Computer\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\WindowsUpdate\AU			
	Name	Type	Data
	(Default)	REG_SZ	(value not set)
	AlwaysAutoReb...	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)
	AutoInstallMino...	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)
	DetectionFrequ...	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)
	EnableFeaturedS...	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)
	IncludeRecomm...	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)
	NoAutoUpdate	REG_DWORD	0x00000001 (1)

Impact: After you enable SEHOP, existing versions of Cygwin, Skype, and Armadillo-protected applications may not work correctly.

CIS Controls:

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8.3 Enable Operating System Anti-Exploitation Features/ Deploy Anti-Exploit Technologies

Enable anti-exploitation features such as Data Execution Prevention (DEP) or Address Space Layout Randomization (ASLR) that are available in an operating system or deploy appropriate toolkits that can be configured to apply protection to a broader set of applications and executables.

9.3 Perform Regular Automated Port Scans

Perform automated port scans on a regular basis against all systems and alert if unauthorized ports are detected on a system.

Ensure 'Password must meet complexity requirements' is set to 'Enabled'

Result: not compliant.

The screenshot shows the Local Computer Policy snap-in. The left pane displays a tree view of policy categories under Computer Configuration > Security Settings > Account Policies > Password Policy. The right pane lists specific password policy settings with their current values:

Policy	Security Setting
Enforce password history	0 passwords remembered
Maximum password age	42 days
Minimum password age	0 days
Minimum password length	0 characters
Password must meet complexity requirements	Disabled
Store passwords using reversible encryption	Disabled

Impact: If the default password complexity configuration is retained, additional help desk calls for locked-out accounts could occur because users might not be accustomed to passwords that contain non-alphabetic characters. However, all users should be able to comply with the complexity requirement with minimal difficulty

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10.4 Ensure Protection of Backups

Ensure that backups are properly protected via physical security or encryption when they are stored, as well as when they are moved across the network. This includes remote backups and cloud services.

13.6 Encrypt the Hard Drive of All Mobile Devices.

Utilize approved whole disk encryption software to encrypt the hard drive of all mobile devices.

Ubuntu 18.04

Ex

Host	High	Medium	Low	Log
10.0.2.7	2	2	2	1

IP Address: xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx

Service	Port	Sensitive Level
NETBIOS-SSN SAMBA	445 TCP	High
broadcast-avahi-dos	UDP	High
Anonymous FTP Login	21 TCP	Medium
Telnet	23 TCP	Medium
TCP timestamps	General/TCP	Low
ICMP timestamps	General/ICMP	Low

Expected detail format for vulnerabilities found

High

1- cve-2017-7494

Issue

known as the SAMBA Remote Code Execution from Writable Share vulnerability, is a critical remote code execution vulnerability that affects the Samba file-sharing software

Impact

It allows a remote attacker to execute arbitrary code with root privileges by uploading a shared library to a writable share on a vulnerable system and then causing Samba to load and execute the library.

Mitigation

To remediate this vulnerability, it is recommended to update the Samba software to a patched version. The vulnerability was fixed in Samba versions 4.6.4, 4.5.10, and 4.4.14, so updating to one of these versions or a later version should resolve the issue

High

1- Cve-2011-1002

Issue

vulnerability is a buffer overflow vulnerability that affects the Avahi daemon,

Impact

It can be exploited by a remote attacker to send specially crafted packets to a vulnerable system, causing a denial of service (DoS)

Mitigation

To remediate this vulnerability, it is recommended to update the affected system with the latest security patches provided by the vendor.

Reference

NVD (National Vulnerability Database) entry: <https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/CVE-2011-1002>

Red Hat Security Advisory: <https://access.redhat.com/security/cve/cve-2011-1002>

Apache HTTP Server 2.2.18 release notes:

<https://www.apache.org/dist/httpd/Announcement2.2.html#2.2.18>

Medium

1- CVE-2017-1000030

Issue

a remote attacker can bypass authentication and access sensitive data on an FTP server

Impact

Based on the files accessible via this anonymous FTP login and the permissions of this account

an attacker might be able to:

- gain access to sensitive files
- upload or delete files

Mitigation

you should disable anonymous logins.

Reference

NVD (National Vulnerability Database) entry: <https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/CVE-2017-1000030>

Red Hat Security Advisory: <https://access.redhat.com/security/cve/cve-2017-1000030>

Debian Security Advisory: <https://www.debian.org/security/2017/dsa-3889>

Medium

1- CVE-2018-7640

Issue

The remote host is running a Telnet service that allows cleartext logins over unencrypted connections

Impact

An attacker can uncover login names and passwords by sniffing traffic to the Telnet service.

Mitigation

Replace Telnet with a protocol like SSH which supports encrypted connections.

Reference

NVD (National Vulnerability Database) entry: <https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/CVE-2018-7640>

Red Hat Security Advisory: <https://access.redhat.com/security/cve/cve-2018-7640>

Debian Security Tracker: <https://security-tracker.debian.org/tracker/CVE-2018-7640>

Low

1- CVE-2018-7750

Issue

The remote host implements TCP timestamps and therefore allows to compute the uptime.

Impact

A side effect of this feature is that the uptime of the remote host can sometimes be computed

Mitigation

To disable TCP timestamps on Linux add the line 'net.ipv4.tcp_timestamps = 0' to /etc/sysctl.conf. Execute 'sysctl -p' to apply the settings at runtime.

To disable TCP timestamps on Windows execute 'netsh int tcp set global timestamps=disabled'

Reference

url: <http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc1323.txt>

url: <http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc7323.txt>

url: <https://web.archive.org/web/20151213072445/http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=9152>

Low

1- CVE-2018-7750

Issue

The remote host responded to an ICMP timestamp request.

Impact

It allows an attacker to send specially crafted ICMP packets with malicious timestamp values to a target system. This can result in a denial-of-service (DoS) condition or remote code execution on the affected system

Mitigation

Various mitigations are possible:

- Disable the support for ICMP timestamp on the remote host completely
- Protect the remote host by a firewall, and block ICMP packets passing through the firewall in either direction (either completely or only for untrusted networks)

Reference

cve: CVE-1999-0524
url: <http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc0792.txt>
cert-bund: CB-K15/1514
cert-bund: CB-K14/0632
dfn-cert: DFN-CERT-2014-0658

Example of Log

Log

3 - Telnet Unencrypted Cleartext Login

Issue

The host is running a Telnet service that allows cleartext logins over unencrypted connections

```
nmap -p 23 -T4 -A -v 10.0.2.5
Initiating OS detection (try #1) against 10.0.2.5
NSE: Script scanning 10.0.2.5.
Initiating NSE at 17:32
Completed NSE at 17:32, 7.03s elapsed
Initiating NSE at 17:32
Completed NSE at 17:32, 0.00s elapsed
Initiating NSE at 17:32
Completed NSE at 17:32, 0.00s elapsed
Nmap scan report for 10.0.2.5
Host is up (0.0022s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
23/tcp      open  telnet  Linux telnetd
MAC Address: 08:00:27:F7:A0:CA (Oracle VirtualBox
virtual NIC)
Warning: OSScan results may be unreliable because we
could not find at least 1 open and 1 closed port
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
Uptime_guess: 48.220 days (since Tue Aug 18 12:16:11
2020)
Network Distance: 1 hop
TCP Sequence Prediction: Difficulty=261 (Good luck!)
IP ID Sequence Generation: All zeros
Service Info: OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel
```

Impact

Attackers can uncover login names and passwords by sniffing traffic to the Telnet service.

Mitigation

Replace Telnet with remote access protocols that support encryption such as SSH.

Reference

<https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/T1021/>

Example of control checks & CIS benchmarks Ubuntu 18.04

Ensure package manager repositories are configured

Result:

```
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$ apt-cache policy
Package files:
 100 /var/lib/dpkg/status
    release a=now
500 http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic/multiverse i386 Packages
    release v=18.04,o=Ubuntu,a=bionic,n=bionic,l=Ubuntu,c=multiverse,b=i386
    origin us.archive.ubuntu.com
500 http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic/multiverse amd64 Packages
    release v=18.04,o=Ubuntu,a=bionic,n=bionic,l=Ubuntu,c=multiverse,b=amd64
    origin us.archive.ubuntu.com
500 http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic/universe i386 Packages
    release v=18.04,o=Ubuntu,a=bionic,n=bionic,l=Ubuntu,c=universe,b=i386
    origin us.archive.ubuntu.com
500 http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic/universe amd64 Packages
    release v=18.04,o=Ubuntu,a=bionic,n=bionic,l=Ubuntu,c=universe,b=amd64
    origin us.archive.ubuntu.com
500 http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic/restricted i386 Packages
    release v=18.04,o=Ubuntu,a=bionic,n=bionic,l=Ubuntu,c=restricted,b=i386
    origin us.archive.ubuntu.com
500 http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic/restricted amd64 Packages
    release v=18.04,o=Ubuntu,a=bionic,n=bionic,l=Ubuntu,c=restricted,b=amd64
    origin us.archive.ubuntu.com
500 http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic/main i386 Packages
    release v=18.04,o=Ubuntu,a=bionic,n=bionic,l=Ubuntu,c=main,b=i386
    origin us.archive.ubuntu.com
500 http://us.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu bionic/main amd64 Packages
    release v=18.04,o=Ubuntu,a=bionic,n=bionic,l=Ubuntu,c=main,b=amd64
    origin us.archive.ubuntu.com
Pinned packages:
```

Impact: Systems need to have package manager repositories configured to ensure they receive the latest patches and updates

Ensure XD/NX support is enabled

Result: XD/NX support is enabled

```
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$ journalctl | grep 'protection: active'
Sep 26 13:59:39 ubu-ustudent kernel: NX (Execute Disable) protection: active
Sep 26 14:14:17 ubu-ustudent kernel: NX (Execute Disable) protection: active
Sep 26 14:19:04 ubu-ustudent kernel: NX (Execute Disable) protection: active
Sep 26 15:11:14 ubu-ustudent kernel: NX (Execute Disable) protection: active
Sep 26 15:14:20 ubu-ustudent kernel: NX (Execute Disable) protection: active
Sep 26 15:15:51 ubu-ustudent kernel: NX (Execute Disable) protection: active
Sep 26 15:36:27 ubu-ustudent kernel: NX (Execute Disable) protection: active
Sep 26 19:42:51 ubu-ustudent kernel: NX (Execute Disable) protection: active
Sep 27 09:42:18 ubu-ustudent kernel: NX (Execute Disable) protection: active
Sep 27 10:25:06 ubu-ustudent kernel: NX (Execute Disable) protection: active
Sep 27 10:29:55 ubu-ustudent kernel: NX (Execute Disable) protection: active
Sep 27 11:04:27 ubu-ustudent kernel: NX (Execute Disable) protection: active
Sep 27 11:07:41 ubu-ustudent kernel: NX (Execute Disable) protection: active
Sep 27 11:50:26 ubu-ustudent kernel: NX (Execute Disable) protection: active
Sep 27 21:29:42 ubu-ustudent kernel: NX (Execute Disable) protection: active
Sep 28 11:55:22 ubu-ustudent kernel: NX (Execute Disable) protection: active
Sep 28 12:42:02 ubu-ustudent kernel: NX (Execute Disable) protection: active
Sep 28 22:35:02 ubu-ustudent kernel: NX (Execute Disable) protection: active
Mar 27 06:54:20 ubu-ustudent kernel: NX (Execute Disable) protection: active
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$
```

CIS Controls:

Version 7

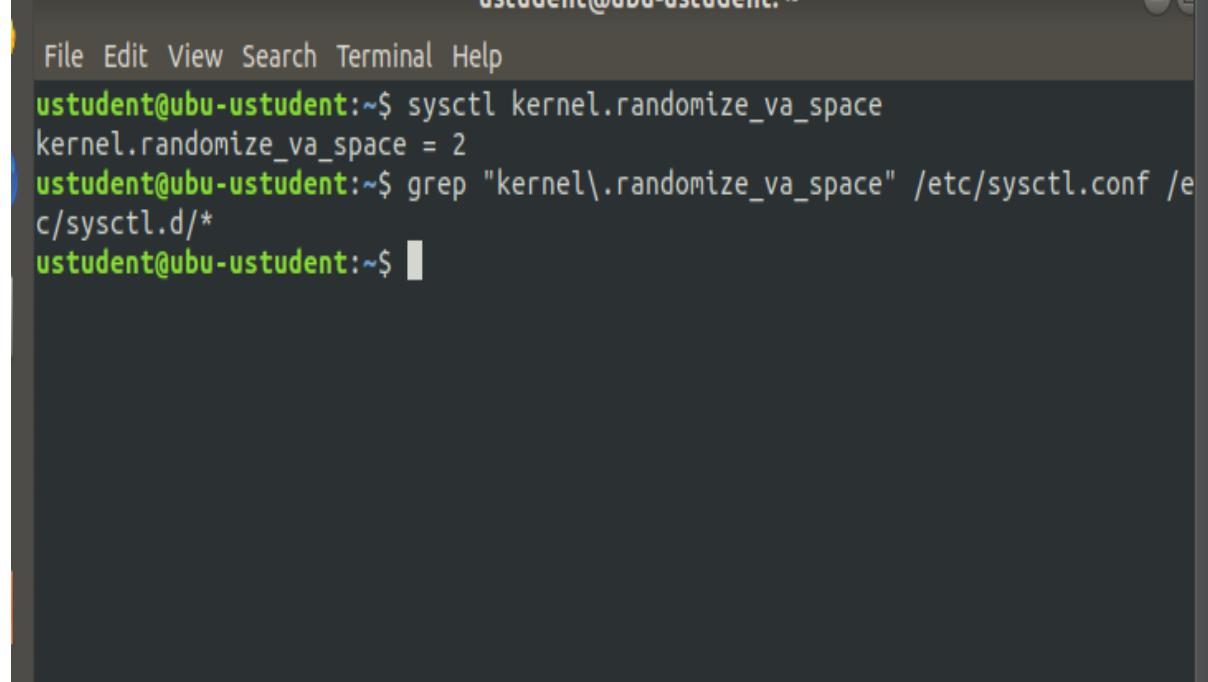
8.3 Enable Operating System Anti-Exploitation Features/ Deploy Anti-Exploit

Technologies

Enable anti-exploitation features such as Data Execution Prevention (DEP) or Address Space Layout Randomization (ASLR) that are available in an operating system or deploy appropriate toolkits that can be configured to apply protection to a broader set of applications and executables.

Ensure address space layout randomization (ASLR) is enabled

Result: address space layout randomization (ASLR) is enabled



A screenshot of a terminal window titled "ustudent@ubu-ustudent". The window shows a command-line interface with the following text:

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$ sysctl kernel.randomize_va_space
kernel.randomize_va_space = 2
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$ grep "kernel\.randomize_va_space" /etc/sysctl.conf /e
c/sysctl.d/*
ustudent@ubu-ustudent:~$
```

CIS Controls:

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8.3 Enable Operating System Anti-Exploitation Features/ Deploy Anti-Exploit Technologies

Enable anti-exploitation features such as Data Execution Prevention (DEP) or Address Space Layout Randomization (ASLR) that are available in an operating system or deploy appropriate toolkits that can be configured to apply protection to a broader set of applications and executables

Ensure logging is configured

Result:

```
ustudent@uba-ustudent: ~
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
# provides UDP syslog reception
#module(load="imudp")
#Input(type="imudp" port="514")
#
# provides TCP syslog reception
#module(load="imtcp")
#Input(type="imtcp" port="514")
#
# provides kernel logging support and enable non-kernel klog messages
#module(load="imklog" permitnonkernelfacility="on")
#####
#### GLOBAL DIRECTIVES #####
#####

#
# Use traditional timestamp format.
# To enable high precision timestamps, comment out the following line.
#
$ActionFileDefaultTemplate RSYSLOG_TraditionalFileFormat
#
# Filter duplicated messages
$RepeatedMsgReduction on
#
# Set the default permissions for all log files.
#
$FileOwner syslog
$FileCreateMode 0640
$DirCreateMode 0755
$UMask 0022
$PrivDropToUser syslog
$PrivDropToGroup syslog

#
# Where to place spool and state files
#
$WorkDirectory /var/spool/rsyslog
#
# Include all config files in /etc/rsyslog.d/
#
$IncludeConfig /etc/rsyslog.d/*.conf
ustudent@uba-ustudent:~$
```

```
ustudent@uba-ustudent: ~
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#
# First some standard log files. Log by facility.
#
auth,authpriv.*          /var/log/auth.log
.*;auth,authpriv.none     -/var/log/syslog
#cron.*                   /var/log/cron.log
#daemon.*                 -/var/log/daemon.log
kern.*                   -/var/log/kern.log
#lpr.*                    -/var/log/lpr.log
mail.*                   -/var/log/mail.log
#user.*                   -/var/log/user.log

#
# Logging for the mail system. Split it up so that
# it is easy to write scripts to parse these files.
#
#mail.info                -/var/log/mail.info
#mail.warn                -/var/log/mail.warn
mail.err                  -/var/log/mail.err

#
# Some "catch-all" log files.
#
#*=.=debug;\              auth,authpriv.none; \
#                           news.none;mail.none    -/var/log/debug
#*=.=info;*.=notice;*.=warn;\ auth,authpriv.none; \
#                           cron,daemon.none; \
#                           mail,news.none      -/var/log/messages

#
# Emergencies are sent to everybody logged in.
#
*.emerg                  :omusrmsg:*

#
# I like to have messages displayed on the console, but only on a virtual
# console I usually leave idle.
#
#daemon,mail.*;\           news.=crit;news.=err;news.=notice; \
#                           *.=debug;*.=info; \
#                           *.=notice;*.=warn      /dev/tty8
ustudent@uba-ustudent:~$
```

Rationale:

A great deal of important security-related information is sent via `rsyslog` (e.g., successful and failed su attempts, failed login attempts, root login attempts, etc.).

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6.2 Activate audit logging

Ensure that local logging has been enabled on all systems and networking devices.

6.3 Enable Detailed Logging

Enable system logging to include detailed information such as an event source, date, user, timestamp, source addresses, destination addresses, and other useful elements.

Ensure password creation requirements are configured

Result: not compliant

```
usstudent@ubu-ustudent:~$ grep -E '^s*[duol]credit\s*' /etc/security/pwquality.conf
usstudent@ubu-ustudent:~$ grep '^s*minlen\s*' /etc/security/pwquality.conf
usstudent@ubu-ustudent:~$ grep '^s*minclass\s*' /etc/security/pwquality.conf
usstudent@ubu-ustudent:~$ grep -E '^s*[duol]credit\s*' /etc/security/pwquality.conf
usstudent@ubu-ustudent:~$ 

usstudent@ubu-ustudent:~$ grep -E '^s*password\s+(requisite|required)\s+pam_pwquality\.so\s+(\S+\s*)*\s*retry=[1-3]\s*(\s+\$|\s*)*(\s+\#\s*)?\$' /etc/pam.d/common-password
usstudent@ubu-ustudent:~$ 
```

Impact: it can have a significant impact on the security of the system or platform that the password is protecting. Password requirements are put in place to ensure that passwords are strong, complex, and difficult for hackers to guess or crack.

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4.4 Use Unique Passwords

Where multi-factor authentication is not supported (such as local administrator, root, or service accounts), accounts will use passwords that are unique to that system.

Step 6: Final Assessment and Recommendations Based on Your Scans and Checks

1. Vulnerabilities: Both machines have vulnerabilities that can be exploited by attackers, such as the NETBIOS-SSN samba vulnerability in Ubuntu and the SMB logon vulnerability in Windows. These vulnerabilities could be used to gain unauthorized access to the network and sensitive information.
2. Misconfigurations: There are several misconfigurations in both machines, such as the lack of software updates, incorrect permissions on PII folders, and anonymous access to shared folders. These misconfigurations could be used by attackers to gain unauthorized access and exfiltrate sensitive data.
3. Non-compliance: Both machines do not comply with certain policies, such as the FIPS 140-2 policy. Non-compliance could result in legal and financial liabilities for NuttyUtility in case of a security breach.
4. Lack of centralization: Both machines are not configured to forward events to a centralized location, making it difficult to monitor and detect security incidents in real-time.

Considering these risks, it is recommended that NuttyUtility implements the following measures before integrating these machines into its network:

1. Vulnerability scanning and patching: Both machines should undergo a thorough vulnerability scan to identify and remediate any vulnerabilities.

2. Configuration hardening: Both machines should be configured to comply with security policies, such as disabling unnecessary services, applying appropriate permissions on PII folders, and disabling anonymous access to shared folders.
3. Compliance auditing: Both machines should be audited for compliance with relevant security policies, such as FIPS 140-2.
4. Centralized logging: Both machines should be configured to forward events to a centralized location to enable real-time monitoring and detection of security incidents.
5. Privileged access management: NuttyUtility should implement a privileged access management (PAM) solution to control and monitor access to privileged accounts on both machines.

By implementing these measures, NuttyUtility can reduce the risk of security breaches and compliance violations associated with integrating these machines into its network.

In conclusion, while integrating these machines into NuttyUtility's network can provide some benefits, it also comes with significant risks that need to be addressed. It is recommended that NuttyUtility implements the measures outlined above before integrating these machines into its network to mitigate these risks. Ultimately, the decision to integrate these machines into the network should be made by the stakeholders based on a careful consideration of the risks and benefits.