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Lab - Gather System Information After an Incident

Objectives

- Collect system information after an incident has occurred.
- View logs for potential intrusions.

Background / Scenario

When an incident occurs in an organization, people responsible must know how to respond. An organization needs to develop an incident response plan and put together a Computer Security Incident Response Team (CSIRT) to manage the response. In this lab, you will gather system information and review logs after an incident has occurred. Doing these tasks immediately after the incident is important because any data residing in RAM will be gone when the system is shut down.

Required Resources

PC with the **CSE-LABVM** installed in VirtualBox

Instructions

Step 1: Open a terminal window in the CSE-LABVM.

- a. Launch the CSE-LABVM.
- b. Double-click the **Terminal** icon to open a terminal.

Step 2: Collect volatile information of the compromised system.

In this step, you will create a file called **report.txt** that includes a variety of system information that can be used for incident analysis. This report can then be transferred to a USB drive, emailed, or uploaded to a cloud server to preserve the information. Then the system can be taken down.

a. Switch to the root user with the **sudo su** command. Enter **password** as the root password.

cisco@labvm:~\$ sudo su

[sudo] password for cisco: password

root@labvm:/home/cisco#



b. Enter the **echo** command, and then specify a heading for a newly created file named **report.txt**. Enter the **cat** command to review the new file.

root@labvm:/home/cisco# echo Incident Investigator Report > report.txt

root@labvm:/home/cisco#cat report.txt

Incident Investigator Report

root@labvm:/home/cisco#

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root@labvm:/home/cisco# echo Incident Investigator Report > report.txt
root@labvm:/home/cisco# cat report.txt
Incident Investigator Report
root@labvm:/home/cisco#
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c. Enter the **date** command and redirect the date and timestamp to the **report.txt** file. Be sure to use the double angle brackets (>>) to append to the **report.txt** file. Otherwise, you will replace the previous content.

Note: To better document the content stored in report.txt, use the **echo** command to add a subheading as shown here for **Start Date and Time**. Each substep will specify a subheading for you to append before you gather information.

root@labvm:/home/cisco# echo =====Start Date and Time===== >> report.txt

root@labvm:/home/cisco# date >> report.txt

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root@labvm:/home/cisco# echo =====Start Date and Time==== >> report.txt
root@labvm:/home/cisco# date >> report.txt
```

d. Enter the **uname** command to print system information. Use the **-a** option to append all system information to the **report.txt** file.

root@labvm:/home/cisco#echo =====System Information==== >> report.txt

root@labvm:/home/cisco# uname -a >> report.txt

```
root@labvm:/home/cisco# echo =====System Information===== >> report.txt
root@labvm:/home/cisco# uname -a >> report.txt
```

e. Enter the **ifconfig -a** command and append all network interface information to the **report.txt** file.

root@labvm:/home/cisco#echo =====Network Interfaces===== >> report.txt

root@labvm:/home/cisco#ifconfig -a >> report.txt

```
root@labvm:/home/cisco# echo =====Network Interfaces==== >> report.txt
root@labvm:/home/cisco# ifconfig -a >> report.txt
```

f. The netstat command can collect all the network statistics. Enter the command with the options -ano to collect data on all sockets (-a), IP addresses instead of domain names (-n), and information related to networking times (-o). Append the output to the report.txt file.

root@labvm:/home/cisco# echo =====Network Statistics===== >> report.txt root@labvm:/home/cisco# netstat -ano >> report.txt

root@labvm:/home/cisco# echo =====Network Statistics===== >> report.txt
root@labvm:/home/cisco# netstat -ano >> report.txt

g. The ps command reports a snapshot of the current processes running on the system.
Enter the command with the options -axu to list every process running on the system (-a and -x) and in a user-oriented format (-u). Append the output to the report.txt file.

root@labvm:/home/cisco# echo =====Processes===== >> report.txt root@labvm:/home/cisco# ps axu >> report.txt

root@labvm:/home/cisco# echo =====Processes===== >> report.txt
root@labvm:/home/cisco# ps axu >> report.txt

h. The route command lists the routing table currently used by the system. Enter the command with the option **-n** to list IP addresses instead of trying to determine host names. Append the output to the **report.txt** file.

root@labvm:/home/cisco# echo =====Routing Table=====>> report.txt root@labvm:/home/cisco# route -n >> report.txt

root@labvm:/home/cisco# echo =====Routing Table===== >> report.txt
root@labvm:/home/cisco# route -n >> report.txt

i. Enter the **date** command and append the date and timestamp to the end of the file to complete the report.

root@labvm:/home/cisco# echo =====End Date and Time===== >> report.txt
root@labvm:/home/cisco# date >> report.txt

root@labvm:/home/cisco# echo =====End Date and Time===== >> report.txt
root@labvm:/home/cisco# date >> report.txt

j. Use the **cat** command and pipe the output to the **less** command to view **report.txt** one page or line at a time. Press the **spacebar** to scroll down by page or press **Enter** to scroll down by a single line. Type **q** when finished.

root@labvm:/home/cisco# cat report.txt | less

Incident Investigator Report

=====Start Date and Time=====

Wed 24 Mar 2021 05:06:53 PM UTC

=====System Information=====

```
x86_64 x86_64 GNU/Linux
====Network Interfaces=====
enp0s3: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 10.0.2.15 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 10.0.2.255
    inet6 fe80::a00:27ff:feb5:4bb0 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether 08:00:27:b5:4b:b0 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 47719 bytes 36618515 (36.6 MB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 31406 bytes 3590109 (3.5 MB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
    inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
    inet6::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<host>
    loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
    RX packets 2292 bytes 244651 (244.6 KB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 2292 bytes 244651 (244.6 KB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
====Network Statistics=====
Active Internet connections (servers and established)
<output omitted>
unix 3
         []
                STREAM CONNECTED
                                          22100
                STREAM
                           CONNECTED
                                          18249
unix 3
         []
====Processes=====
USER
          PID %CPU %MEM VSZ RSS TTY
                                              STAT START TIME COMMAND
         1 0.0 0.5 101896 10768 ?
                                     Ss Mar23 0:03/sbin/init
root
         2 0.0 0.0
                         0?
                                S Mar23 0:00 [kthreadd]
root
         3 0.0 0.0
                     0
                         0?
                                I< Mar23 0:00 [rcu_gp]
root
```

Linux labvm 5.4.0-67-generic #75-Ubuntu SMP Fri Feb 19 18:03:38 UTC 2021 x86_64

```
<output omitted>
```

```
root 5319 0.0 0.0 0 0 ? I 16:31 0:00 [kworker/0:2-events]
root 5490 0.0 0.1 11492 3332 pts/1 R+ 17:06 0:00 ps axu
=====Routing Table=====
```

Kernel IP routing table

Destination	Gateway	Genmask		Flag	s Metr	c Ref Use Iface	
0.0.0.0	10.0.2.2	0.0.0.0	UG	100	0	0 enp(0s3
10.0.2.0	0.0.0.0	255.255.255	.0 U	0	0	0 enp	00s3
10.0.2.2	0.0.0.0	255.255.255	.255	UH	100	0 0	enp0s3

====End Date and Time=====

Wed 24 Mar 2021 05:06:53 PM UTC

(END) q

root@labvm:/home/cisco#

root@labvm:/home/cisco# cat report.txt | less

```
Incident Investigator Report
=====Start Date and Time=====
Tue Oct 22 10:02:49 AM UTC 2024
=====System Information=====
Linux labvm 5.15.0-60-generic #66-Ubuntu SMP Fri Jan 20 14:29:49 UTC 2023 x86_64
x86_64 x86_64 GNU/Linux
=====Network Interfaces=====
enp0s3: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
        inet 10.0.2.15 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 10.0.2.255
        inet6 fd00::a00:27ff:fe55:4407 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x0<global>
inet6 fe80::a00:27ff:fe55:4407 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
        ether 08:00:27:55:44:07 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
        RX packets 90 bytes 10795 (10.7 KB)
        RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
        TX packets 106 bytes 10676 (10.6 KB)
        TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
        inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
        inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<host>
        loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
        RX packets 28 bytes 2541 (2.5 KB)
        RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
        TX packets 28 bytes 2541 (2.5 KB)
        TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```

=====Network Statistics===== Active Internet connections (servers and established)									
	nd-Q Local Address		State						
Timer									
tcp 0	0 0.0.0.0:631	0.0.0.0:*	LISTEN						
off (0.00/0/0)									
tcp 0	0 127.0.0.53:53	0.0.0.0:*	LISTEN						
off (0.00/0/0)									
tcp 0	0 0.0.0.0:22	0.0.0.0:*	LISTEN						
off (0.00/0/0)									
tcp 0	0 0.0.0.0:21	0.0.0.0:*	LISTEN						
off (0.00/0/0)									
tcp6 0	0 :::23	:::*	LISTEN						
off (0.00/0/0)									
tcp6 0	0 :::22	****	LISTEN						
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	0 :::22	:::*	LISTEN						

USER P	ID 1	%CPU	%MEM	VSZ	DCC	TT1/	CTAT	CTART	T. T. M. E.	
root	1			V 3 Z	K22	TTY	SIAI	START	ITME	COMMAND
		0.4	0.6	101552	12484	?	Ss	09:57	0:02	/sbin/init sp
lash										
root	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	09:57	0:00	[kthreadd]
root	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	I<	09:57		[rcu_gp]
root	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	I<	09:57		[rcu_par_gp]
root	5	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	I<	09:57	0:00	[slub_flushwq
]										
root	6	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	I<	09:57		[netns]
root	8	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	I<	09:57	0:00	[kworker/0:0H
<pre>-events_highpr</pre>	i]									
root	9	0.4	0.0	0	0	?	I	09:57	0:01	[kworker/u4:0
<pre>-events_power_</pre>	eff	icier	nt]							
root	10	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	I<	09:57	0:00	[mm_percpu_wq
]										
root	11	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	09:57	0:00	[rcu_tasks_ru
de_]										
root	12	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	09:57	0:00	[rcu_tasks_tr
ace]										
root	13	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	09:57		[ksoftirqd/0]
root	14	0.1	0.0	0	0	?	I	09:57		[rcu_sched]
root	15	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	09:57		[migration/0]
root	16	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	S	09:57	0:00	[idle_inject/
0]										
root	17	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	I	09:57	0:00	[kworker/0:1-
events]										

=====Routing T Kernel IP rout									
Destination	Gateway	Genmask	Flags	Metric	Ref	Use	Iface		
0.0.0.0	10.0.2.2	0.0.0.0	UG	100	0	0	enp0s3		
10.0.2.0	0.0.0.0	255.255.255.0	U	100	0	0	enp0s3		
10.0.2.2	0.0.0.0	255.255.255.255	UH	100	0	0	enp0s3		
10.0.2.3	0.0.0.0	255.255.255.255	UH	100	0	0	enp0s3		
====End Date and Time=====									
Tue Oct 22 10:	06:40 AM UTC 2024								
(END)									

Step 3: Analyze different log files and learn their importance.

In addition to capturing information stored in RAM, the system also maintains a variety of logs that you should review after an incident. These log files can also be appended to

your **report.txt** file or stored separately off the system in the event the system needs to be wiped. Logs of particular interest include, but are not limited to, the following:

- auth.log logs system authorization information
- btmp.log logs failed login attempts
- wtmp.log logs who is currently logged into the system
- a. Use the **cat** command to view the auth.log and pipe it to the **less** command. Press the **spacebar** to scroll down by page or press **Enter** to scroll down by a single line. Type **q** when finished. Your output will be different.

root@labvm:/home/cisco#cat/var/log/auth.log | less

Mar 18 21:43:57 *labvm sshd*[375]: *Server listening on* 0.0.0.0 *port* 22.

Mar 18 21:43:57 labvm sshd[375]: Server listening on :: port 22.

Mar 18 21:43:57 labvm systemd-logind[366]: New seat seat0.

Mar 18 21:43:57 labvm systemd-logind[366]: Watching system buttons on /dev/input/event0 (Power Button)

Mar 18 21:43:57 labvm systemd-logind[366]: Watching system buttons on /dev/input/event1 (Sleep Button)

Mar 18 21:43:57 labvm systemd-logind[366]: Watching system buttons on /dev/input/event2 (AT Translated Set 2 keyboard)

Mar 18 21:43:59 labvm sshd[408]: error: kex_exchange_identification: Connection closed by remote host

Mar 18 21:43:59 labvm sshd[407]: Accepted password for cisco from 10.0.2.2 port 57067 ssh2

Mar 18 21:43:59 labvm sshd[407]: pam_unix(sshd:session): session opened for user cisco by (uid=0)

Mar 18 21:43:59 labvm systemd-logind[366]: New session 1 of user cisco.

<output omitted>

(END) q

root@labvm:/home/cisco#

root@labvm:/home/cisco# <u>c</u>at /var/log/auth.log | less

```
|Sep 13 06:25:01 labvm CRON[2982]: pam_unix(cron:session): session opened for use
r root(uid=0) by (uid=0)
Sep 13 06:25:01 labvm CRON[2982]: pam unix(cron:session): session closed for use
r root
Oct 22 16:57:32 labvm systemd-logind[412]: New seat seat0.
Oct 22 16:57:32 labvm systemd-logind[412]: Watching system buttons on /dev/input
/event0 (Power Button)
Oct 22 16:57:32 labvm systemd-logind[412]: Watching system buttons on /dev/input
/event1 (Sleep Button)
Oct 22 16:57:34 labvm systemd-logind[412]: Watching system buttons on /dev/input
/event2 (AT Translated Set 2 keyboard)
Oct 22 16:57:34 labvm sshd[631]: Server listening on 0.0.0.0 port 22.
Oct 22 16:57:34 labvm sshd[631]: Server listening on :: port 22.

Oct 22 16:57:36 labvm useradd[817]: failed adding user 'vboxadd', data deleted

Oct 22 16:57:36 labvm useradd[823]: failed adding user 'vboxadd', data deleted

Oct 22 09:57:42 labvm lightdm: pam_unix(lightdm-greeter:session): session opened
 for user lightdm(uid=113) by (uid=0)
Oct 22 09:57:42 labvm systemd-logind[412]: New session c1 of user lightdm.
Oct 22 09:57:42 labvm systemd: pam_unix(systemd-user:session): session opened fo
r user lightdm(uid=113) by (uid=0)
Oct 22 09:57:44 labvm lightdm: pam_succeed_if(lightdm:auth): requirement "user i
ngroup nopasswdlogin" was met by user "cisco'
Oct 22 09:58:43 labvm lightdm: pam_unix(lightdm-greeter:session): session closed
 for user lightdm
Oct 22 09:58:43 labvm lightdm: pam_unix(lightdm:session): session opened for use
r cisco(uid=1001) by (uid=0)
Oct 22 09:58:43 labvm systemd-logind[412]: New session c2 of user cisco.
Oct 22 09:58:43 labvm systemd-logind[412]: Removed session c1.
Oct 22 09:58:43 labvm systemd: pam_unix(systemd-user:session): session opened fo
r user cisco(uid=1001) by (uid=0)
Oct 22 09:58:48 labvm polkitd(authority=local): Registered Authentication Agent
for unix-session:c2 (system bus name :1.66 [/usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/polkit-mat
e/polkit-mate-authentication-agent-1], object path /org/mate/PolicyKit1/Authenti
cationAgent, locale en_US.UTF-8)
Oct 22 10:01:38 labvm sudo:
                                   cisco : TTY=pts/0 ; PWD=/home/cisco ; USER=root ;
 COMMAND=/usr/bin/su
Oct 22 10:01:38 labvm sudo: pam unix(sudo:session): session opened for user root
(uid=0) by (uid=1001)
Oct 22 10:01:38 labvm su: (to root) root on pts/1
Oct 22 10:01:38 labvm su: pam_unix(su:session): session opened for user root(uid
=0) by cisco(uid=0)
```

b. The **last** command shows a listing of last logged in users. Enter the command with the **f** option to specify the log file. The **btmp** log file shows failed login attempts. Your output will be different.

root@labvm:/home/cisco# last -f /var/log/btmp

```
UNKNOWN tty6

Thu Mar 18 21:47 gone - no logout

UNKNOWN tty4

Thu Mar 18 21:47 gone - no logout

UNKNOWN tty3

Thu Mar 18 21:47 gone - no logout

cisco tty1

Thu Mar 18 21:47 gone - no logout

Thu Mar 18 21:47 - 21:47 (00:00)
```

root@labvm:/home/cisco#

```
root@labvm:/home/cisco# last -f /var/log/btmp
cisco
         pts/4
                      localhost
                                        Fri Sep 13 06:09
                                                             gone - no logout
UNKNOWN
                       localhost
                                        Fri Sep 13 05:33
                                                             gone - no logout
         pts/1
UNKNOWN
         pts/1
                       localhost
                                        Fri Sep 13 05:33 - 05:33
                                                                  (00:00)
btmp begins Fri Sep 13 05:33:03 2024
```

c. Enter the **last** command again specifying the **wtmp** file to show who is currently connected to the system. Your output will be different.

```
root@labvm:/home/cisco# last -f /var/log/wtmp
```

```
cisco tty7 :0 Tue Mar 23 19:38 gone - no logout
reboot system boot 5.4.0-67-generic Tue Mar 23 14:38 still running
cisco tty2 Thu Mar 18 21:47 - 21:47 (00:00)
reboot system boot 5.4.0-67-generic Thu Mar 18 21:43 - 22:02 (00:18)
wtmp begins Thu Mar 18 21:43:54 2021
```

```
root@labvm:/home/cisco# last -f /var/log/wtmp
cisco
         tty7
                       :0
                                         Tue Oct 22 09:58
                                                              gone - no logout
                      5.15.0-60-generi Tue Oct 22 16:57
reboot
         system boot
                                                                   running
                                                             still
cisco
         pts/4
                      localhost
                                        Fri Sep 13 06:09 - 06:09
                                                                    (00:00)
                                                                    (00:00)
cisco
         pts/3
                      127.0.0.1
                                        Fri Sep 13 06:03 - 06:04
cisco
         pts/2
                      localhost
                                        Fri Sep 13 05:37 - 05:38
                                                                    (00:01)
                      localhost
                                        Fri Sep 13 05:33 - 05:35
cisco
         pts/1
                                                                    (00:01)
                      :0
                                        Fri Sep 13 05:31 - crash (39+11:26)
cisco
         tty7
         system boot 5.15.0-60-generi Fri Sep 13
reboot
                                                    12:28
                                                             still
                                                                   running
                                         Fri Sep 13 03:21 - 03:29
                       localhost
cisco
         pts/1
                                                                    (00:08)
         pts/1
cisco
                       localhost
                                        Fri Sep 13
                                                    03:16
                                                          - 03:18
                                                                    (00:01)
cisco
         pts/3
                       localhost
                                        Fri Sep 13 03:08 - 03:09
                                                                    (00:00)
         pts/5
                      localhost
                                        Fri Sep 13 03:02 - 03:03
cisco
                                                                    (00:01)
cisco
         pts/4
                      localhost
                                        Fri Sep 13 02:57 - 02:59
                                                                    (00:02)
cisco
         tty7
                       :0
                                         Fri Sep 13 02:13 - crash
                                                                    (10:15)
                      5.15.0-60-generi Fri Sep 13 09:10
reboot
         system boot
                                                            still running
                      5.15.0-60-generi Fri Feb 10 21:10 - 21:31
                                                                    (00:20)
reboot
         system boot
wtmp begins Fri Feb 10 21:10:49 2023
```

d. Enter the **exit** command to switch back to the cisco user.

root@labvm:/home/cisco# exit

cisco@labvm:~\$

```
root@labvm:/home/cisco# exit
exit
cisco@labvm:~$
```