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Step 2: Gather basic information.

a. Identify the time frame of the Pushdo Trojan attack, including the date and approximate time.

2017-06-27 from 13:38:34 to 13:44:32

b. List the alerts noted during this time frame associated with the trojan.

ET CURRENT_EVENTS WinHttpRequest Downloading EXE

ET POLICY PE EXE or DLL Windows file download HTTP

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ET CURRENT_EVENTS Terse alphanumeric executable downloader high likelihood of being hostile

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ET POLICY External IP Lookup Domain (myip.opendns .com in DNS lookup)

ET TROJAN Backdoor.Win32.Pushdo.s Checkin

ET TROJAN Pushdo.S CnC response

ET POLICY TLS possible TOR SSL traffic

c. List the internal IP addresses and external IP addresses involved.

Internal IP address:

• 192.168.1.96

External IP addresses:

- 143.95.151.192
- 119.28.70.207
- 145.131.10.21
- 62.210.140.158
- 119.28.70.207
- 208.67.222.222
- 208.83.223.34
- 198.1.85.250

Part 2: Learn about the Exploit

Step 1: Infected host

a. Based on the alerts, what is the IP and MAC addresses of the infected computer? Based on the MAC address, what is the vendor of the NIC chipset?

IP: 192.168.1.96

MAC: 00-15-C5-DE-C7-3B

NIC Vendor: Dell Inc.

b. Based on the alerts, when (date and time in UTC) and how was the PC infected?

2017-06-27 13:38:32 UTC

Through the **Pushdo Trojan**, **gerv.gun** malware got executed.

How did the malware infect the PC?

The user on the PC with the IP address 192.168.1.96 accessed a malicious domain, leading to the installation of malware through the Pushdo trojan. Pushdo is classified as a "downloader" trojan, designed specifically to download and install additional malicious software. Once executed, Pushdo communicates with one of several control server IP addresses embedded in its code. These servers operate on TCP port 80 and mimic Apache web servers. If an HTTP request contains the correct parameters, the server delivers one or more executable files via HTTP. The specific malware downloaded by Pushdo is determined by the value appended to the "s-underscore" segment of the URL.

Pushdo also collects and tracks various details about the victim system, including the IP address, whether the user is an administrator, the primary hard drive's serial number (retrieved using the SMART_RCV_DRIVE_DATA IO control code), whether the filesystem is NTFS, how many times a variant of Pushdo has been executed on the system, and the Windows OS version, as obtained via the GetVersionEx API call.

Step 2: Examine the exploit.

a. Based on the alerts associated with HTTP GET request, what files were downloaded? List the malicious domains observed and the files downloaded.

gerv.gun – matied.com/gerv.gun trow.exe – lounge-haarstudio.nl/oud/trow.exe wp.exe – vantagepointtechnologies.com/wp.exe

Use any available tools in Security Onion VM, determine and record the SHA256 hash for the downloaded files that probably infected the computer?

gerv.gun = 0931537889c35226d00ed26962ecacb140521394279eb2ade7e9d2afcf1a7272 trow.exe = 94a0a09ee6a21526ac34d41eabf4ba603e9a30c26e6a1dc072ff45749dfb1fe1 wp.exe = 79d503165d32176842fe386d96c04fb70f6ce1c8a485837957849297e625ea48 b. Navigate to www.virustotal.com, input the SHA256 hash to determine if these were detected as malicious files. Record your findings, such as file type and size, other names, and target machine. You can also include any information that is provided by the community posted in VirusTotal.

gerv.gun:

- 58 engines detected this file
- File type: Win32 EXE
- File size: 236.00 KB (241664 bytes)
- Names:
 - o gerv.gun
 - test
 - o tmp523799.697
 - tmp246975.343
 - o tmp213582.420
 - o extract-1498570714.111294-HTTP-FG0jno3bJLilzR4hrh.exe
 - o 0931537889c35226d00ed26962ecacb140521394279eb2ade7e9d2afcf1a7272.bin
 - vector.tui
- Target Machine: Intel 386 or later processors and compatible processors

trow.exe:

- 63 engines detected this file
- File type: Win32 EXE
- File size: 323.00 KB (330752 bytes)
- Names:
 - o Pedals
 - Pedals.exe
 - o trow.exe
 - o test3
 - o 2017-06-28_18-18-14.exe
 - bma2beo4.exe
- Target Machine: Intel 386 or later processors and compatible processors

wp.exe:

55 engines detected this file

File type: Win32 EXE

• File size: 300.50 KB (307712 bytes)

Names:

- o wp.exe
- o test2
- o test_3
- 4da48f6423d5f7d75de281a674c2e620.virobj
- wp.exe.x-msdownload
- Target Machine: Intel 386 or later processors and compatible processors

c. Examine other alerts associated with the infected host during this timeframe and record your findings

ET POLICY External IP Lookup Domain (myip.opendns .com in DNS lookup) – infection started when the user of the **192.168.1.96** host performed a DNS lookup through a malicious domain – destination IP: **208.67.222.222**

Step 3: Report Your Findings

A Windows PC with the IP address 192.168.1.96 accessed a malicious domain for a DNS query and became infected with the Pushdo trojan. Pushdo operates by mimicking an Apache web server, listening on port 80. After infection, it proceeds to download and install additional malware. On the compromised PC, three malicious files were downloaded and installed: *gerv.gun*, *trow.exe*, and *wp.exe*. These files were analyzed on VirusTotal.com using their SHA256 hashes, where they were confirmed as malware by the majority of sources.