

## **ATT&CK Relation:**

- T1187 Forced Authentication
- PetitPotam

# Indicator of Activity (IOA):

### PetitPotam:

- Network:
  - Inbound network connection over port 445
  - Connection over pipe lsarpc or lsass (lsarpc is points to lsass)
  - Connection over pipe efsrpc
  - Methods:
    - EfsRpcOpenFileRaw (patched by Microsoft via CVE-2021-36942)
    - EfsRpcEncryptFileSrv
    - EfsRpcDecryptFileSrv
    - EfsRpcQueryUsersOnFile
    - EfsRpcQueryRecoveryAgents
    - EfsRpcRemoveUsersFromFile
    - EfsRpcAddUsersToFile
- Host:
  - (Server Side + Attack came from non-domain joined host):
    - Event ID 5145 on Target:
      - ANONYMOUS LOGON
      - Account Domain: NT AUTHORITY
      - Object Type: File
      - Share Name: \\\*\IPC\$
      - Relative Target Name: 1sarpc

- Access Mask: 0x3
- Accesses:
  - ReadData (or ListDirectory)
  - WriteData (or AddFile)
- Event ID 4624 on Target:
  - Logon Type: 3
  - Account Name: Anonymous Logon
  - Account Domain: NT SECURITY
  - Logon Process: NtLmSsp
- For version where the source host is a domain joined host, the data will be similar except 4624 logon will be a domain user over NTLM. Join LogonID from 4624 with LogonID on 5145

#### CVE-2021-43893:

- Network:
  - Inbound network connection over port 445
  - Connection over pipe efsrpc
  - Methods:
    - EfsRpcOpenFileRaw
    - EfsRpcEncryptFileSrv
    - EfsRpcCloseRaw
    - EfsRpcReadFileRaw
    - EfsRpcEncryptFileSrv
- Host:
  - (Server Side):
    - Event ID 5145 on Target:
      - Account Name: domain user
        - Object Type: File
        - Share Name: \\\*\IPC\$

- Relative Target Name: efsrpc
- Access Mask: 0x12019F
- Accesses:
  - READ\_CONTROL
  - SYNCHRONIZE
  - ReadData (or ListDirectory)
  - WriteData (or AddFile)
  - AppendData (or AddSubdirectory or CreatePipeInstance)
  - ReadEA
  - WriteEA
  - ReadAttributes
  - WriteAttributes
- Event ID 4624 on Target:
  - Logon Type: 3
  - Account Name: domain user
  - Process ID: 0x0
  - Elevated Token: Yes
- Sysmon EID 11 on Target:
  - FileName: Name of newly created file
- Join on LogonID for queries.
- Wouldn't be uncommon to see multiple events if the attacker was creating a directory and uploading a file.

# **Prevention Opportunities:**

- Apply MSFT Patch (Read: <a href="https://tiraniddo.dev/2021/08/how-to-secure-windows-rpc-server-and.html">https://tiraniddo.dev/2021/08/how-to-secure-windows-rpc-server-and.html</a> by @tiraniddo to understand better)
- Turn off EFS Service
- Set EFS Service Startup Type to Disabled
- Apply RPC Filter

- Certificate Mitigation: <a href="https://blog.malwarebytes.com/exploits-and-vulnerabilities/2021/07/microsoft-provides-more-mitigation-instructions-for-the-petitpotam-attack/">https://blog.malwarebytes.com/exploits-and-vulnerabilities/2021/07/microsoft-provides-more-mitigation-instructions-for-the-petitpotam-attack/</a>
- Disable NTLM Authentication
- Enable SMB signing
- MSFT Suggestions: <a href="https://support.microsoft.com/en-gb/topic/kb5005413-mitigating-ntlm-relay-attacks-on-active-directory-certificate-services-ad-cs-3612b773-4043-4aa9-b23d-b87910cd3429">https://support.microsoft.com/en-gb/topic/kb5005413-mitigating-ntlm-relay-attacks-on-active-directory-certificate-services-ad-cs-3612b773-4043-4aa9-b23d-b87910cd3429</a>

#### RPC Filter Example:

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rpc
filter
add rule layer=um actiontype=permit
add condition field=if_uuid matchtype=equal data=c681d488-d850-11d0-8c52-00c04fd90
add condition field=auth_type matchtype=equal data=16
add condition field=auth_level matchtype=equal data=6
add filter
add rule layer=um actiontype=block
add condition field=if_uuid matchtype=equal data=c681d488-d850-11d0-8c52-00c04fd90
add filter
add rule layer=um actiontype=permit
add condition field=if_uuid matchtype=equal data=df1941c5-fe89-4e79-bf10-463657acf
add condition field=auth_type matchtype=equal data=16
add condition field=auth_level matchtype=equal data=6
add filter
add rule layer=um actiontype=block
add condition field=if_uuid matchtype=equal data=df1941c5-fe89-4e79-bf10-463657acf
add filter
quit
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- This filter will only allow connections through 681d488-d850-11d0-8c52-00c04fd90f7e & df1941c5-fe89-4e79-bf10-463657acf44d if the authentication type is Kerberos (16) and the authentication type is RPC\_C\_AUTHN\_LEVEL\_PKT\_PRIVACY (6). This is going to prevent NTLM from being used and inturn relay from being performed.
- Due to RPC\_C\_AUTHN\_LEVEL\_PKT\_PRIVACY (6) being set, this will also block <u>CVE-2021-43893</u> as well.
- Another option is a filter James Forshaw created: https://gist.github.com/tyranid/5527f5559041023714d67414271ca742

MSRPC-to-ATTACK/documents/MS-EFSR.md at ddd4608fe8684fcf2fcf9b48c5f0b3c28097f8a3 · jsecurity101/MSRPC-to-ATTACK · GitHub - 31/10/2024 09:06 https://github.com/jsecurity101/MSRPC-to-ATTACK/blob/ddd4608fe8684fcf2fcf9b48c5f0b3c28097f8a3/documents/MS-EFSR.md

### **Notes:**

• Findings were made surrounding the domain joined compromise version of this attack, not the local privilege escalation implementation.

## **Useful Resources:**

- Technique References:
  - https://gist.github.com/tyranid/5527f5559041023714d67414271ca742
  - https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/microsoft/windows-security-update-blockspetitpotam-ntlm-relay-attacks/
  - https://bugs.chromium.org/p/project-zero/issues/detail?id=2228
  - https://msrc.microsoft.com/update-guide/vulnerability/CVE-2021-43893
- Mitigation References: <a href="https://support.microsoft.com/en-gb/topic/kb5005413-mitigating-ntlm-relay-attacks-on-active-directory-certificate-services-ad-cs-3612b773-4043-4aa9-b23d-b87910cd3429"</a>