



Penetration Test Report

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Executive Summary

Aegis Security recently conducted an internal penetration test on REDACTED to assess their security posture. The test was performed by simulated attackers attempting to compromise REDACTED internal network, systems, and applications. This process allowed Aegis Security to identify vulnerabilities and assess the effectiveness of the REDACTED current security controls.

During the engagement, Aegis identified a significant issue with poor access control on file shares. This issue allowed the assessment team to access personally identifiable information (PII) and client information. This issue was caused by a lack of proper user access controls, which resulted in unauthorized individuals being able to access sensitive data. To address this issue, Aegis recommends that REDACTED implement stronger access controls on their file shares. This could include the use of access control lists, user permissions, and other measures to ensure that only authorized individuals have access to sensitive data.

It is important to note that the vulnerabilities identified during this engagement are not the only vulnerabilities that may exist in REDACTED systems. New vulnerabilities may emerge over time, and it is important for REDACTED to conduct regular security assessments to identify and address any potential vulnerabilities in their systems. This will help ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of their data and systems.

Good Practices

Good Practice	Description
Strong Passwords	One of the good security controls implemented by REDACTED was the use of strong passwords for all users. Strong passwords are important because they are more difficult for attackers to guess or crack, making it harder for them to gain unauthorized access to the system. By requiring users to create and use strong passwords, REDACTED is helping to protect their systems and data from unauthorized access.
Limited Administrative Permissions	No users on the REDACTED network had excessive administrative permissions. Administrative permissions allow users to perform certain actions on the system, such as installing software or making changes to system settings. By limiting the number of users who have excessive administrative permissions, REDACTED is helping to prevent privilege escalation, which is the process of using legitimate access to gain unauthorized access to other resources. This is important because it helps to reduce the risk of a malicious actor using legitimate access to gain further access on the network.
Small Internal Footprint	REDACTED has a small internal footprint, which means they have a limited number of internal systems and networks. This is a good security control because it helps to reduce the attack surface, which is the total number of potential vulnerabilities that an attacker could exploit. A smaller attack surface means there are fewer potential vulnerabilities for an attacker to target, making it harder for them to gain unauthorized access to the system. By keeping their internal footprint small, REDACTED is helping to protect their systems and data from potential threats.

Scope and Methodology

The scope of the engagement included testing the security of REDACTED software and physical hardware. Specifically, Aegis Security conducted an internal penetration test on REDACTED systems and networks to identify vulnerabilities and assess the effectiveness of their current security controls.

Aegis was provided with one domain account for testing purposes, which allowed the assessment team to perform both authenticated and unauthenticated enumeration and exploitation on the network. This allowed them to test REDACTED defenses from multiple possible entry points.

Social engineering was not included in the scope of the engagement. This means Aegis Security did not attempt to manipulate or deceive individuals within the organization in order to gain access to their systems or data.

Overall, the scope of the engagement was focused on identifying vulnerabilities and testing the effectiveness of the REDACTED current security controls. By conducting this assessment, REDACTED can take steps to address any identified vulnerabilities and improve their overall security posture.

Risk Identification

Vulnerability severity ratings are used to identify the potential impact of a vulnerability on a system or network. These ratings help organizations prioritize their efforts to address vulnerabilities and protect their systems and data. There are typically four levels of severity:

Critical	A critical severity vulnerability is one that poses a significant and immediate risk to the system or network. This type of vulnerability is also very likely to occur and could allow an attacker to compromise sensitive data, disrupt operations, or gain unauthorized access to the system. It is important to address critical severity vulnerabilities as soon as possible to minimize the risk of a successful attack.
High	A high severity vulnerability is one that poses a significant risk to the system or network. While not as severe as a critical vulnerability, it is still important to address high severity vulnerabilities in a timely manner to minimize the risk of a successful attack.
Medium	A medium severity vulnerability is one that poses a moderate risk to the system or network. While not as severe as a critical or high severity vulnerability, it is still important to address medium severity vulnerabilities to minimize the risk of a successful attack.
Low	A low severity vulnerability is one that poses a minimal risk to the system or network. While it is important to address low severity vulnerabilities, they typically have a lower priority compared to vulnerabilities with higher severity ratings.

Risk	Impact			
		Low	Medium	High
Likelihood	Low	Low	Low	Medium
	Medium	Low	Medium	High
	High	Medium	High	Critical

INT-02: SMB Signing Disabled		
Risk: High	Impact: High	Likelihood: Medium
Observation		
SMB Signing was disabled on two hosts within the REDACTED network. SMB Signing is a security feature that helps to protect against man-in-the-middle attacks by digitally signing SMB traffic.		
Impact		
When SMB Signing is disabled, it is possible for an attacker to intercept and modify SMB traffic without detection, potentially leading to the compromise of sensitive data or the unauthorized access to systems.		
Affected Hosts		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- desktop-REDACTED- desktop-REDACTED		
Remediation		
It is recommended to enable SMB Signing on all hosts within their network. This can be done through group policy settings or by modifying the registry on affected systems.		

INT-03: Sensitive Data Found in Network Share		
Risk: High	Impact: Medium	Likelihood: High
Observation		
It was observed that sensitive data, including personally identifiable information (PII), was present in a network share that did not require any elevated permissions to access. This means that any user with access to the network could potentially view or modify this data, regardless of their level of access or permissions.		
Impact		
The presence of sensitive data in a network share that is not properly protected is a significant risk because it could potentially result in the unauthorized access, disclosure, or modification of sensitive information. This could lead to reputational damage, financial loss, or legal consequences for <u>REDACTED</u> .		
Affected Share/Folders		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <u>\\REDACTED</u> \BROOKE- <u>\\REDACTED</u> \1.CLIENTS		
Remediation		
It is recommended to implement stronger access controls on network shares to ensure that only authorized users have access to sensitive data. This could include the use of access control lists, user permissions, and other measures to ensure that only authorized individuals have access to sensitive data. It is also important to regularly review and update access controls to ensure that they are effective in protecting sensitive data.		
Evidence		

Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC ☐ C Corporation ☐ S Corporation ☒ Partnership ☐ Trust/estate

Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership)

Instructions on page 3j:
Exempt payee code (if any)

Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any)

(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)

Requester's name and address (optional)

Social security number

Employer id

Part II Certification
Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:
1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue

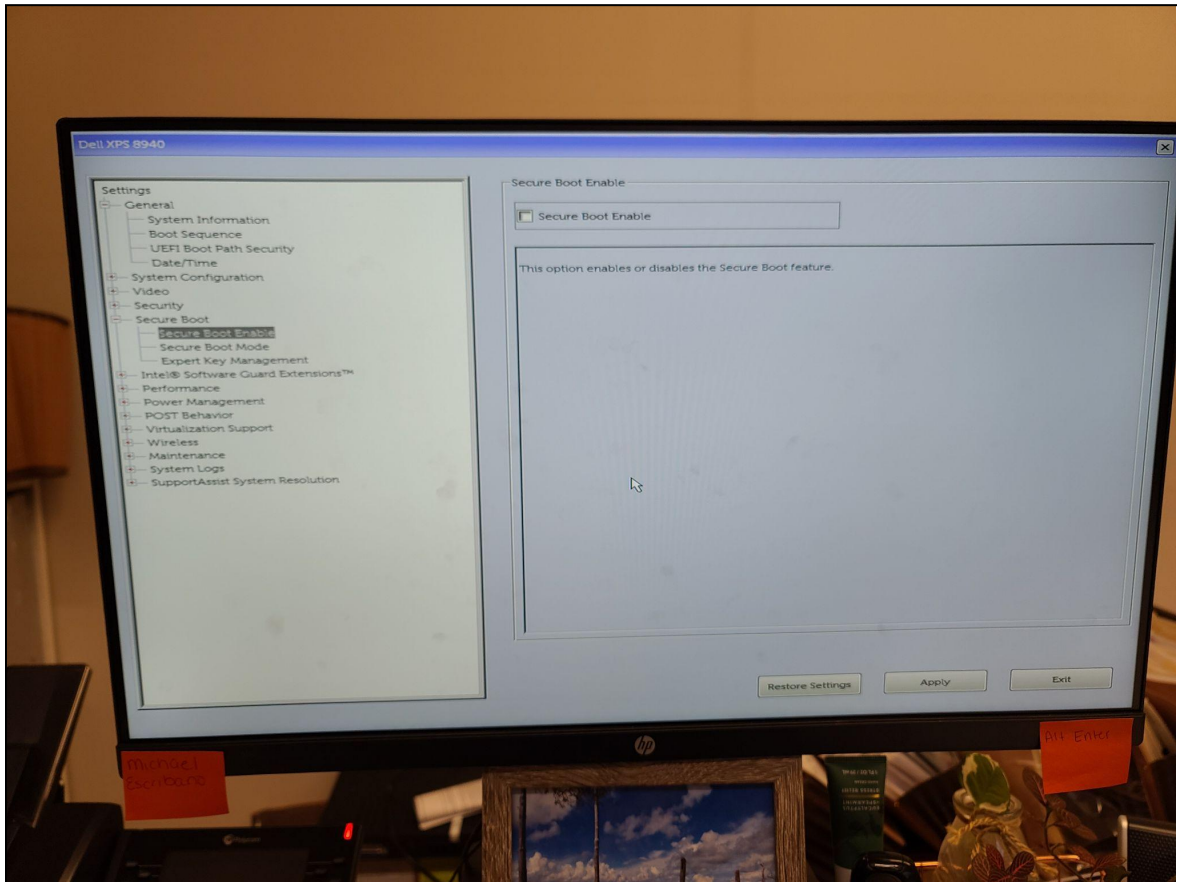
Personally Identifiable Information found on share

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# cd 1.CLIENTS
# ls
drw-rw-rw- 0 Thu Dec 8 07:48:26 2022 .
drw-rw-rw- 0 Thu Dec 8 07:48:26 2022 ..
drw-rw-rw- 0 Tue Nov 1 11:57:08 2022 A -
drw-rw-rw- 0 Tue Dec 6 15:03:40 2022 abat
drw-rw-rw- 0 Tue Dec 6 15:03:23 2022 abde
drw-rw-rw- 0 Mon Oct 24 15:39:49 2022 abdu
drw-rw-rw- 0 Tue Dec 6 15:03:39 2022 abel
drw-rw-rw- 0 Mon Oct 24 15:39:49 2022 abel
drw-rw-rw- 0 Mon Oct 24 15:39:50 2022 aben
drw-rw-rw- 0 Wed Oct 26 09:32:38 2022 aben
drw-rw-rw- 0 Tue Dec 6 15:22:35 2022 acev
drw-rw-rw- 0 Fri Sep 30 08:16:24 2022 acev
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drw-rw-rw- 0 Mon Oct 24 15:39:51 2022 acun
drw-rw-rw- 0 Tue Aug 16 15:24:15 2022 adai
drw-rw-rw- 0 Fri Nov 11 12:55:00 2022 adai
drw-rw-rw- 0 Tue Aug 16 15:24:23 2022 adam
drw-rw-rw- 0 Tue Aug 16 15:24:23 2022 adam
drw-rw-rw- 0 Tue Aug 16 15:24:23 2022 adam
drw-rw-rw- 0 Tue Aug 16 15:24:24 2022 adam
drw-rw-rw- 0 Tue Aug 16 15:24:26 2022 adam
drw-rw-rw- 0 Tue Nov 8 09:11:06 2022 adam
drw-rw-rw- 0 Tue Aug 16 15:24:28 2022 adam
drw-rw-rw- 0 Tue Aug 16 15:24:29 2022 addi
drw-rw-rw- 0 Tue Aug 16 15:24:31 2022 addo
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List of clients found on share

INT-04: Weak Domain Password Policy		
Risk: Medium	Impact: Medium	Likelihood: Medium
Observation		
<p>It was observed that the REDACTED domain password policy was weak. While Aegis Security was not able to crack any passwords during the engagement, the password policy required a minimum of only 7 characters along with capital letters, numbers, and symbols. This is lower than industry best practices, which recommend using passwords that are at least 8 characters long and include the complexity requirements mentioned above.</p>		
Impact		
<p>A weak password policy is a significant risk because it allows for the use of weak passwords, which are more vulnerable to being cracked or guessed by an attacker. This could potentially result in unauthorized access to sensitive data or systems.</p>		
Remediation		
<p>It is recommended to increase the minimum password length to at least 8 characters and to prevent common dictionary words in user passwords.</p>		
Evidence		
<pre>PS C:\tools> Get-DomainPolicy Unicode : @{Unicode=yes} SystemAccess : @{MinimumPasswordAge=1; MaximumPasswordAge=180; MinimumPasswordLength=7; PasswordComplexity=1; PasswordHistorySize=4; LockoutBadCount=5; ResetLockoutCount=30; LockoutDuration=30; RequireLogonToChangePassword=0; ForceLogoffWhenHourExpire=0; ClearTextPassword=0; LSANonymousNameLookup=0} KerberosPolicy : @{MaxTicketAge=10; MaxRenewAge=7; MaxServiceAge=600; MaxClockSkew=5; TicketValidateClient=1} Version : @{signature="\$CHICAGO\$"; Revision=1} RegistryValues : @{MACHINE\System\CurrentControlSet\Control\Lsa\NoLmHash=System.Object[]}} Path : \\ch2.local\sysvol\ch2.local\Policies\{31B2F340-016D-11D2-945F-00C04FB984F9}\MACHINE\Microsoft\Windows NT\SecEdit\GptTmpl.inf GPOName : {31B2F340-016D-11D2-945F-00C04FB984F9} GPDisplayName : Default Domain Policy</pre>		
Password policy retrieved from the domain		

INT-05: Unprotected BIOS Settings		
Risk: Medium	Impact: High	Likelihood: Low
Observation		
<p>It was observed that the BIOS settings on one of the employee workstations did not have a password set. The BIOS (Basic Input/Output System) is a low-level software that controls the hardware of a computer system, and it is responsible for booting the operating system.</p> <p>Note: Only one workstation was tested during the assessment. All workstations should be checked for a BIOS password.</p>		
Impact		
<p>Not having a password set for the BIOS is a significant risk because it allows for unauthorized access to the BIOS settings, which could potentially result in the compromise of the system. An attacker could potentially change the boot order of the system, install malicious software, or disable security features.</p>		
Affected Host		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- DESKTOP-REDACTED		
Remediation		
<p>To mitigate this risk, it is recommended to set a password for the BIOS on all workstations. This will help to protect against unauthorized access to the BIOS settings and ensure the integrity of the system.</p>		
Evidence		

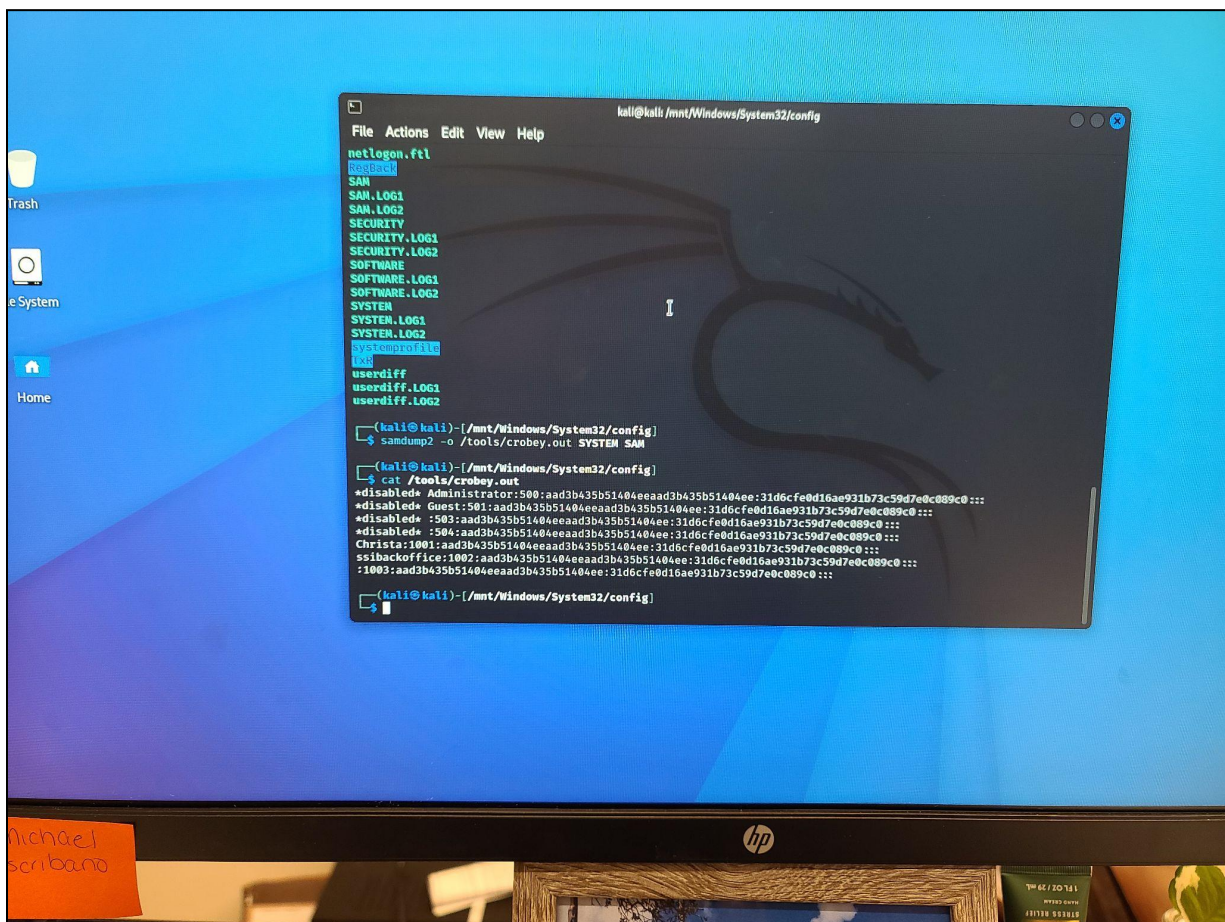


Secure boot was disabled on the workstation

INT-06: Unencrypted Hard Drives		
Risk: Medium	Impact: High	Likelihood: Low
Observation		
A workstation hard drive was not encrypted, which allowed for the booting of a new operating system and the dumping of local hashes. Encrypting hard drives is a security measure that helps to protect the confidentiality and integrity of data by encoding it in a way that can only be accessed with a decryption key.		
Impact		
Not encrypting workstation hard drives is a significant risk because it allows for the potential access, disclosure, or modification of sensitive data. An attacker could potentially boot a new operating system on the workstation and dump the local hashes, which are used to authenticate users on the system. This could potentially result in unauthorized access to sensitive data or systems.		
Affected Host		
- DESKTOP- REDACTED		
Remediation		
It is recommended that workstation hard drives are encrypted using Bitlocker or similar encryption tools.		
Evidence		

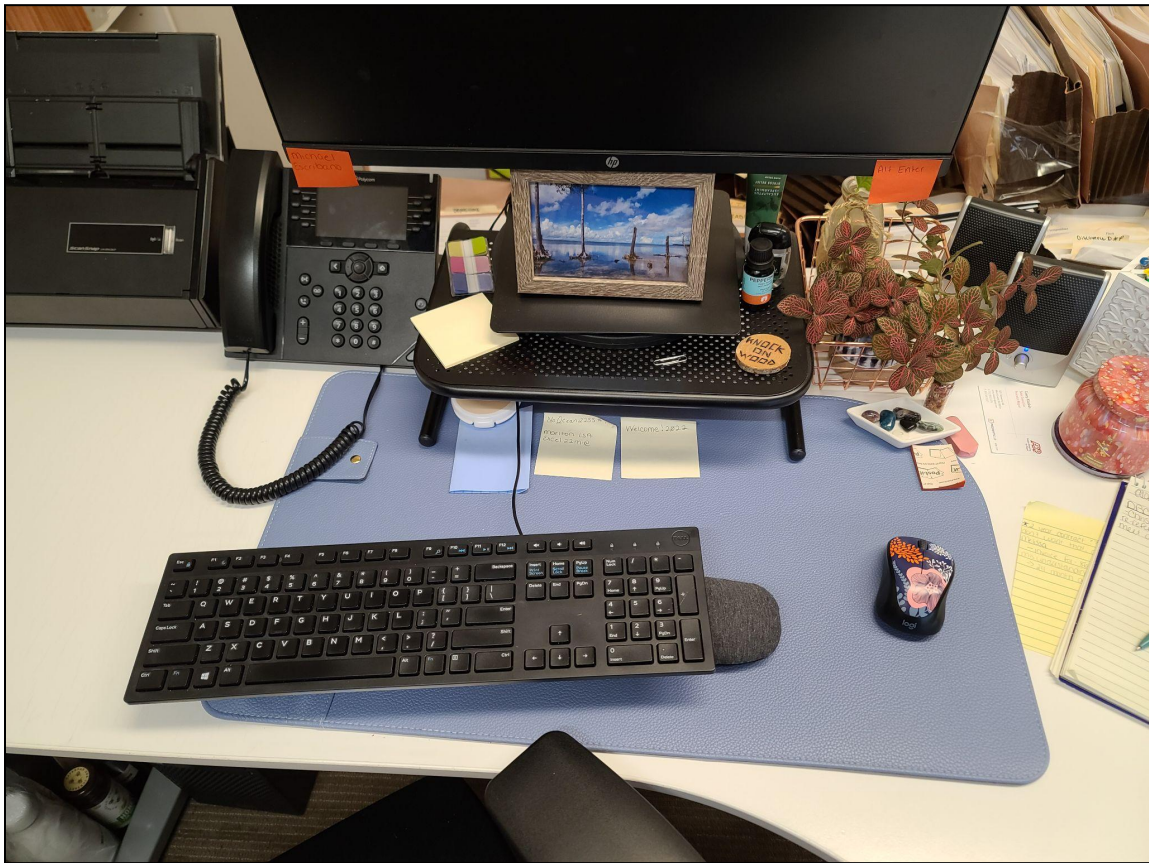


Kali successfully booting on the workstation



Internal drive successfully mounted and NTLM hashes were dumped

INT-07: Passwords Stored on Physical Notes		
Risk: Medium	Impact: High	Likelihood: Low
Observation		
<p>During the pentest, it was observed that there were two sticky notes with passwords written on them underneath an employee's keyboard. The use of sticky notes to store passwords is a security risk because it allows for the potential access, disclosure, or modification of sensitive information. An attacker could potentially find and use these passwords to gain unauthorized access to the system or data.</p>		
Impact		
<p>Given the time and opportunity, an attacker could easily find these notes and use these passwords in password spray attacks on both the domain and other online accounts associated with the affected user.</p>		
Affected User		
<p>- <u>REDACTED</u></p>		
Remediation		
<p>It is recommended that <u>REDACTED</u> implements a password management policy to ensure that passwords are stored in a secure manner. This could include the use of a password manager, the implementation of strong passwords, and the regular review and update of passwords. It is also important for <u>REDACTED</u> to educate employees about good security practices and the importance of protecting sensitive information.</p>		
Evidence		



Two sticky notes with passwords were found under a keyboard

Conclusion

Overall, the results of the penetration test indicate that **REDACTED** has a strong security posture. The testing identified several vulnerabilities and areas for improvement, but no methods of privilege escalation were found.

Overall, the **REDACTED** has implemented strong security controls, such as strong passwords and limited administrative permissions, which have helped to protect their systems and data from potential threats. By addressing the vulnerabilities identified during the test and continuing to implement good security practices, **REDACTED** can further strengthen their security posture and protect their systems and data from potential threats.

Appendix A - Tools Used

Tool	Availability
Nmap	Open Source
Responder	Open Source
Impacket	Open Source
Bloodhound	Open Source
Kali Linux	Open Source