



Cybersecurity

Module 19 Challenge Submission File

Let's Go Splunking!

Make a copy of this document to work in, and then respond to each question below the prompt. Save and submit this completed file as your Challenge deliverable.

Step 1: The Need for Speed

1. Based on the report you created, what is the approximate date and time of the attack?

The date was February, 23 2020 from 14:30 to 22:30 or about 8 hours.

2. How long did it take your systems to recover?

After the last attack at 22:30 the system recovery took about an hour.

Attacker Machine [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox

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ubuntudesktop:8001/en-US/app/search/search?q=search source%3D"server_speedtest.csv" | eval

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	_time	IP_ADDRESS	DOWNLOAD_MEGABITS	UPLOAD_MEGABITS	ratio
1	2020-02-24 20:30:00	198.153.194.2	126.91	26.51	0.2089
2	2020-02-24 18:30:00	198.153.194.2	125.91	25.51	0.2026
3	2020-02-24 16:30:00	198.153.194.1	124.91	24.51	0.1962
4	2020-02-23 23:30:00	198.153.194.2	123.91	8.51	0.0687
5	2020-02-23 23:30:00	198.153.194.1	122.91	7.51	0.0611
6	2020-02-23 22:30:00	198.153.194.1	78.34	6.51	0.0831
7	2020-02-23 20:30:00	198.153.194.2	65.34	4.23	0.0647
8	2020-02-23 18:30:00	198.153.194.2	17.56	3.43	0.195
9	2020-02-23 14:30:00	198.153.194.1	7.87	1.83	0.233
10	2020-02-23 14:30:00	198.153.194.2	12.76	2.16	0.172
11	2020-02-22 23:30:00	198.153.194.2	109.16	9.51	0.0871
12	2020-02-22 22:30:00	198.153.194.2	109.91	8.51	0.0774
13	2020-02-22 20:30:00	198.153.194.2	108.91	7.51	0.0690
14	2020-02-22 18:30:00	198.153.194.2	107.91	13.51	0.1252
15	2020-02-22 16:30:00	198.153.194.2	106.91	12.51	0.1170
16	2020-02-22 14:30:00	198.153.194.1	105.91	11.51	0.1087
17	2020-02-21 23:30:00	198.153.194.1	109.16	10.51	0.09628
18	2020-02-21 22:30:00	198.153.194.1	109.91	9.51	0.0865

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Step 2: Are We Vulnerable?

Provide a screenshot of your report:

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Attacker Machine [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox

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ubuntudesktop:8001/en-US/app/search/search?q=search source%3D"nessus_logs.csv" dest_ip%3D

splunk>enterprise Apps Administrator Messages Settings Activity Help Find

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source="nessus_logs.csv" dest_ip="10.11.36.23" severity=critical | stats count by severity All time

✓ 49 events (before 5/1/23 1:00:59.000 PM) No Event Sampling Job

Events Patterns **Statistics (1)** Visualization

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severity	count
critical	49

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Provide a screenshot showing that the alert has been created:

[Place screenshot here]

The screenshot shows a Splunk alert configuration window on the left and a list of tasks on the right. The alert configuration is for 'Critical Vulnerabilities' with a trigger condition 'Number of Results is greater than 1'. The trigger is set to 'Once' and the throttle is disabled. The trigger action is 'Send email' to 'soc@vandalay.com' with a priority of 'Normal'. The task instructions on the right are as follows:

- For more information on Nessus, refer to the following link: <https://www.tenable.com/products/nessus>.
- Your Task:** Create a report determining how many critical vulnerabilities exist on the customer data server. Then, build an alert to notify your team if a critical vulnerability reappears on this server. To do so, complete the following steps:
 - Upload the following file from the Nessus vulnerability scan:
 - Nessus Scan Results
 - Create a report that shows the **count** of critical vulnerabilities from the customer database server.
 - The database server IP is **10.11.36.23**
 - The field that identifies the level of vulnerabilities is **severity**
 - Build an alert that monitors every day to see if this server has any critical vulnerabilities. If a vulnerability exists, have an alert emailed to **soc@vandalay.com**.
 - In your M19 Submission File, include a screenshot of your report and a screenshot showing that the alert has been created.

Step 3: Drawing the (Base)line

Background: A Vandalay server is also experiencing brute force attacks into their administrator account. Management would like you to set up monitoring to notify the SOC team if a brute force attack occurs again.

Your Task: Analyze administrator logs that document a brute force attack. Then, create a baseline of the ordinary amount of administrator bad logins and determine a

The screenshot shows the Splunk alert configuration page for 'nessus logs'. The alert is configured to report critical vulnerabilities. The trigger condition is 'Number of Results is > 1'. The trigger is set to 'Once' and the throttle is disabled. The trigger action is 'Send email' to 'soc@vandalay.com' with a priority of 'Normal'. The alert is currently disabled.

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nessus logs

This alert will report critical vulnerabilities

Enabled: ☐ Yes ☒ Disable

App: search

Permissions: Private. Owned by ovr1te15. Edit

Modified: May 1, 2023 1:07:41 PM

Alert Type: Scheduled. Weekly, Monday at 6:00. Edit

Trigger Condition: Number of Results is > 1. Edit

Actions: 1 Action Edit

Send email

There are no fired events for this alert.

Step 3: Drawing the (Base)line

1. When did the brute force attack occur?

The brute force attack started at 9:00 am and ended at 2:00 pm with levels tapering off.

2. Determine a baseline of normal activity and a threshold that would alert if a brute force attack is occurring:

My baseline is about 15 failed logins per hour with a high of 32 being the threshold of it being a potential brute force attack.

3. Provide a screenshot showing that the alert has been created:

