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Case Study: Ransomware Attack on All-India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)

November 2022, the premier medical institute in the country, All India Institute of Medical Sciences New Delhi (AIIMS) was crippled by a major cyberattack. Most of its servers stopped working as also the eHospital network. All functions including the emergency, out-patient, in-patient and laboratory wings had to be shifted to manual management.

RANSOMWARE ATTACK ON AIIMS

DEVELOPMENTS SO FAR

- On 23 November 2022, patients and doctors complained about the hospital's services working slowly or not at all. As a result, the hospital was forced into working in a manual mode.
- The National Informatics Centre investigated the issue and found signs of a ransomware attack on the hospital's servers.
- The attack corrupted all the files stored on the main and backup servers of the hospital.
- The cyber-attack derailed many day-to-day activities at AIIMS, with OPD
 registrations and blood sample reports being halted at the premier institute.
 While AIIMS was able to restart some of these services, records were being
 kept manually causing delays and inconvenience to medical personnel and
 patients alike.
- The breach in security has particularly affected the e-hospital application, which was provided and managed by NIC since 2011-12, stopping the online functioning of OPD, emergency, and other patient care services on the AIIMS premises.
- On 30 November 2022, AIIMS decided to get four new servers from the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) so it can resume its e-hospital facility for patients.
- On 16 December 2022, replying to another question in the Lok Sabha, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare said
- All the data for e-Hospital had been retrieved from a backup server and restored on new servers. Most of the functions of e-Hospital application such as patient registration, appointment, admission, discharge etc. had been restored after two weeks of the attack.

 Probe agencies have still not located the person, organisation and exact physical location linked to the cyberattack. However, they have tracked a server address in China, which could be an indication towards state sponsored cyber warfare which was already flagged by various cyber threat intelligence firms.

IMPACTS AND RAMIFICATIONS

- The organisation's critical data is encrypted so that they cannot access files, databases, or applications stored on the main and backup servers of the hospital.
- The cyberattack has frozen everyday work at AIIMS, including appointments and registration, billing, laboratory report generation, etc.
- The exploited databases also contained personally identifiable information of patients and healthcare workers and administrative records on blood donors, ambulances, vaccination and caregivers, and employee log-in credentials.
- The data breach has reportedly compromised the data of nearly 3–4 crore patients, including sensitive data and medical records of several VIPs including former prime ministers, ministers, bureaucrats, and judges,

RESPONSE OF SECURITY AGENCIES

- **Multi-agency investigation**: The extent and threat of the attack was so much that multiple agencies like Delhi Police, the Centre's Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In), the Ministry of Home Affairs, and even the National Investigation Agency have joined the probe.
- A case of extortion and cyber terrorism was registered by the Intelligence Fusion and Strategic Operations (IFSO) unit of the Delhi Police since the attackers made an undisclosed (allegedly Rs. 200 Crore) demand to be sought in cryptocurrency in exchange for a key that would decrypt the data.
- The Delhi Police's use of the provisions of section 66 (F) of the Information Technology Amendment Act 2008 identifying this incident as a case of cyber terrorism is significant and indicates a much larger ambit than a typical ransomware case.
- The Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) and National Informatics Centre worked on the hospital's servers to restore functionality.

FINDINGS

- CERT-In, the country's premier cybersecurity agency, has found that the hackers had two Protonmail addresses "dog2398" and "mouse63209".
- They also found that 'dog2398' and 'mouse63209' were generated in the first week of November 2022 in Hong Kong. They also found that another encrypted file was sent from China's Henan.
- The targeted servers were infected with three ransomwares: Wammacry, Mimikatz and Trojan.
- The investigation also revealed that the main server and applications responsible for OPD services were down as all the system files in the home directory were encrypted by changing their extension to .bak9 a new file that encrypted the extension files of the system.
- As per CERT-In's preliminary diagnosis, the cyberattack was the result of an "unorganised ICT (information and communications technology) network without centralised monitoring or system administration".
- This means the infected devices were connected to each other and the data on all of them could be accessed from every connected device and no team was monitoring who was accessing these systems.

CYBERATTACK ON CRITICAL INFORMATION (CI) INFRASTRUCTURE

- In India, while health is not specified directly as a CI, an organisation like AIIMS New Delhi could be counted as a "strategic and public enterprise" as it treats crores of patients, including the top leadership of the country. It also handles and stores very sensitive medical research data. It is a natural target for cyber attackers and ransom seekers because the data available here is more precious than even oil.
- The ransomware attack on AIIMS is the first such attack on an Indian healthcare institution even as such institutions have been a favoured target of ransomware over the past few years.
- The Information Technology Act of 2000 defines "Critical Information Infrastructure" as a "computer resource, the incapacitation or destruction of which shall have debilitating impact on national security, economy, public health or safety".
- The government, under the Act, has the power to declare any data, database, IT network or communications infrastructure as CII to protect that digital asset.

SECURITY PARAMETERS

The incident described in the news report appears to be a ransomware attack on the servers of the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS). Here's a breakdown of the attack and the potential violations of the CIA Triad (Confidentiality, Integrity, Availability):

1. Confidentiality:

Violation: The confidentiality of sensitive medical data was compromised as the attackers gained unauthorized access to AIIMS servers and encrypted approximately 1.3 terabytes of data. This data likely included patient records, which should remain confidential.

2. Integrity:

Violation: The integrity of the data was compromised as the ransomware encrypted the data on the servers. Ransomware attacks typically involve encryption, and the integrity of the data can be compromised if the decryption keys are not readily available.

3. Availability:

Violation: The availability of critical healthcare services and data was disrupted. The attack caused operational disruption due to non-functionality of critical applications, impacting patient care and hospital operations. It took two weeks to restore most of the functions, which is a significant availability issue.

Regarding measures to prevent such attacks in the future, several steps can be taken:

- **Making threat analysis a norm**: Vulnerability report should be generated followed by an audit which will highlight the loopholes in the cyber-attack preparedness of the organisation. An annual review of the software should also be conducted, as and when the software is changed/updated.
- Capacity building: The capacity enhancement for the NCIIPC and CERT-In needs to be undertaken in areas like AI/ML, Blockchain, IoT, Cloud, Automation to address the emerging sophisticated nature of threats and attacks. Sectoral CERTs also have to be set up for many areas including health.
- '3-2-1 backup' approach: Healthcare entities must save 3 copies of each type of data in 2 different formats, including 1 offline. This is an industry best practice to make healthcare institutes cyber secure.

- Enhanced budgetary allocation: A minimum allocation of 0.25% of the annual budget, which can be raised up to 1% to be set aside for cyber security as recommended by the National Cyber Security Strategy. An organisation like AIIMS New Delhi could be counted as a "strategic and public enterprise" as it deals with crores of patients, including the top leadership of the country.
- Crisis Management: For adequate preparation to handle a crisis, cyber security drills can be undertaken which include real-life scenarios with their ramifications. A National Gold Standard should be created, which ensures that Indian hardware and software companies adhere to the highest safety protocols.
- Cyber Diplomacy: On countering cyber-attacks, the cyber security preparedness of key regional blocks like BIMSTEC and Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) must be ensured via programs, exchanges and industrial support.
- Awareness generation: The general public needs to be made aware of what value their personal data holds or what vulnerabilities it could generate if accessed illegally.
- **Network Segmentation**: Properly segment the network to limit lateral movement for attackers. In this case, improper network segmentation was cited as a reason for the compromise.
- **Security Patching**: Keep all systems and software up-to-date with the latest security patches to protect against known vulnerabilities.
- Implement Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA): MFA can add an extra layer of security to prevent unauthorized access even if credentials are compromised.
- **Incident Response Plan:** Develop and regularly update an incident response plan to guide actions in the event of a cyberattack. This should include communication protocols and steps for data recovery.
- **Cybersecurity Audits:** Regularly conduct cybersecurity audits and vulnerability assessments to identify and address weaknesses in the infrastructure.
- Collaboration with CERT-In and Law Enforcement: Cooperate with cybersecurity agencies like CERT-In and law enforcement agencies to investigate and respond to cyberattacks effectively.
- Implement Intrusion Detection Systems (IDS) and Intrusion Prevention Systems (IPS): These can help detect and block malicious activities in real-time.

CYBER SECURITY ARCHITECTURE IN INDIA LEGAL FRAMEWORK

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ACT,2000

- The provisions of the IT Act deal with evidentiary value of electronic transactions, digital signatures, cyber-crimes, cyber security and data protection.
- It intends to give legal recognition to e-commerce and e-governance and facilitate its development as an alternate to paper based traditional methods.

OTHER LAWS

Several other laws complement the IT Act in governing cyberspace in India:

- Indian Contracts Act: Defines the legality of online contracts.
- Sale of Goods Act, 1930: Addresses the sale of goods in online transactions.
- Competition Act, 2002: Addresses competition-related issues in cyberspace.
- Consumer Protection Act, 1986: Protects consumer rights in online transactions.
- Indian Copyright Act: Protects intellectual property rights in the digital domain.
- Trade Marks Act: Provides protection for trademarks in cyberspace.

National Cyber Security Policy, 2013:

- **Purpose**: The National Cyber Security Policy outlines a comprehensive framework to address cybersecurity issues in India.
- **Vision**: To establish a secure and resilient cyberspace for citizens, businesses, and the government.
- **Mission**: To protect information and information infrastructure, build cybersecurity capacities, reduce vulnerabilities, and minimize damage from cyber incidents.
- Important Features:

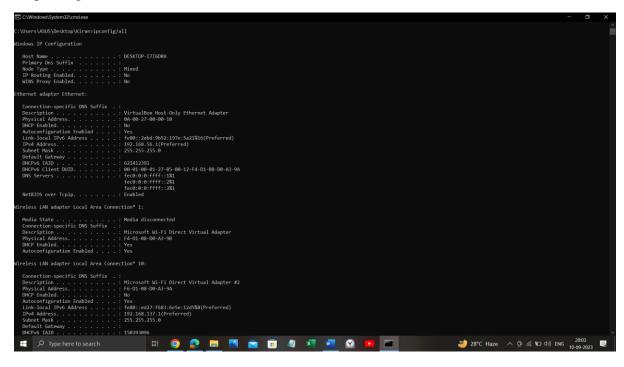
- Creation of a secure cyber ecosystem to generate trust in IT transactions.
- Establishment of the National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Center (NCIIPC) to monitor and protect critical infrastructure.
- Promotion of indigenous technological solutions to reduce reliance on foreign software.
- Testing and certification of ICT products to ensure security.
- Focus on building a skilled cybersecurity workforce.
- Fiscal incentives for businesses adopting standard IT practices.
- Following are some cyber laws cybercrime and stalking

SI. No.	Offences	Sections
1.	Printing etc. of grossly indecent or scurrilous matter or matter intended for blackmail	Sec. 292 A IPC
2.	Making sexually coloured remarks, guilty of the offence of sexual harassment.	Sec. 354 A IPC
3.	Offence of Stalking	Sec. 354 D IPC
4.	Sending defamatory messages by email	Sec. 499 IPC
5.	Criminal intimidation by an anonymous communication	Sec. 507 IPC
6.	Word, gesture or act intended to insult the modesty of a woman	Sec. 509 IPC
7.	Punishment for violation of privacy	Sec. 66E IT Act, 2008
8.	Publishing or transmitting obscene material in electronic form	Sec. 67 IT Act, 2008
9.	Publishing or transmitting of material containing sexually explicit act, etc. in electronic form	Sec. 67 A IT Act, 2008

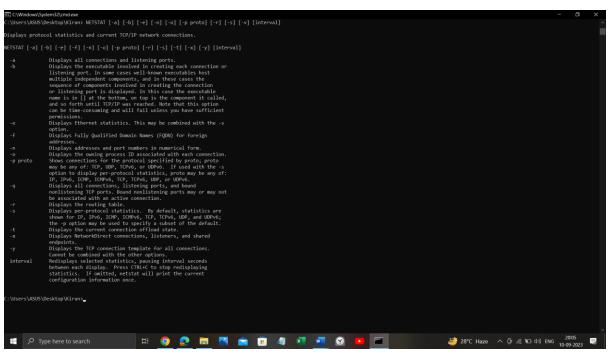
The Conclusion: Cyber-attacks and Ransomware-attacks reflect the still-inadequate protection measures afforded to critical information infrastructure in India. The government needs to step up its data protection efforts through additional measures if it is to prevent such frequent cyberattacks. The absence of awareness of cyber risks among the users and the use of old, legacy technologies are among the factors that add to the vulnerabilities. India also needs to study the evolving tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs) of hackers and criminals to be able to prevent these attacks

Ipconfig: This command is used in Windows operating systems to display information about the computer's network configuration. It provides details such as the computer's IP address, subnet mask, default gateway, and other network-related information. This command is valuable for troubleshooting network connectivity issues and verifying network settings.

1. ipconfig



2. **NETSTAT**: The NETSTAT command, short for "Network Statistics," is a command-line utility available in various operating systems, including Windows and Unix-like systems (e.g., Linux). It is used to display network-related information and statistics about network connections, routing tables, and network interfaces on a computer.



NETSTAT [-a] [-b] [-e] [-n] [-o] [-p proto] [-r] [-s] [-v] [interval]

```
C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe - NETSTAT
::\Users\ASUS\Desktop\Kiran>NETSTAT
Active Connections
 Proto
        Local Address
                                Foreign Address
                                                        State
                                                        ESTABLISHED
         127.0.0.1:49671
                                DESKTOP-1716DRH:49672
         127.0.0.1:49672
                                DESKTOP-1716DRH:49671
                                                        ESTABLISHED
                                DESKTOP-1716DRH:49674
         127.0.0.1:49673
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 TCP
                                DESKTOP-1716DRH:49673
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         192.168.1.101:59625
                                whatsapp-cdn-shv-02-bom1:https ESTABLISHED
                                                       CLOSE_WAIT
 TCP
         192.168.1.101:59874
                                a23-54-82-203:https
                                117.18.232.200:https
         192.168.1.101:59879
 TCP
         192.168.1.101:59885
                                13.107.246.48:https
                                                        CLOSE_WAIT
         192.168.1.101:59886
                                                        CLOSE_WAIT
 TCP
                                117.18.232.200:https
 TCP
         192.168.1.101:59889
                                152.199.43.62:https
                                                        CLOSE_WAIT
  TCP
         192.168.1.101:59916
                                185.106.33.48:https
                                                        ESTABLISHED
                                sb-in-f188:5228
         192.168.1.101:59917
                                                        ESTABLISHED
         192.168.1.101:60122
                                bom07s18-in-f14:https
                                                        ESTABLISHED
                                static:https
                                                        ESTABLISHED
         192.168.1.101:60125
  TCP
         192.168.1.101:60146
                                ec2-18-225-20-128:https
                                                         ESTABLISHED
                                                       ESTABLISHED
 TCP
         192.168.1.101:60147
                                54.239.39.208:https
 TCP
                                ec2-18-225-20-128:https ESTABLISHED
         192.168.1.101:60151
 TCP
         192.168.1.101:60154
                                a23-195-74-49:https
                                                        ESTABLISHED
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NETSTAT-b

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C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe - NETSTAT -a
::\Users\ASUS\Desktop\Kiran>NETSTAT -b
The requested operation requires elevation.
 :\Users\ASUS\Desktop\Kiran>NETSTAT -a
Active Connections
 Proto Local Address
                                Foreign Address
                                                        State
  TCP
        0.0.0.0:135
                                DESKTOP-I7I6DRH:0
                                                        LISTENING
                                DESKTOP-I7I6DRH:0
  TCP
        0.0.0.0:445
                                                        LISTENING
                                DESKTOP-I7I6DRH:0
  TCP
        0.0.0.0:2869
                                                        LISTENING
                                DESKTOP-I7I6DRH:0
                                                        LISTENING
  TCP
        0.0.0.0:3306
                                DESKTOP-I7I6DRH:0
  TCP
        0.0.0.0:5040
                                                        LISTENING
                                DESKTOP-I7I6DRH:0
        0.0.0.0:5357
                                                        LISTENING
        0.0.0.0:7250
                                DESKTOP-I7I6DRH:0
                                                        LISTENING
        0.0.0.0:33060
                                DESKTOP-I7I6DRH:0
                                                        LISTENING
  TCP
  TCP
        0.0.0.0:49664
                                DESKTOP-I7I6DRH:0
                                                        LISTENING
        0.0.0.0:49665
                                DESKTOP-I7I6DRH:0
                                                        LISTENING
                                DESKTOP-I7I6DRH:0
  TCP
        0.0.0.0:49666
                                                        LISTENING
                                DESKTOP-I7I6DRH:0
        0.0.0.0:49667
                                                        LISTENING
                                DESKTOP-1716DRH:0
        0.0.0.0:49668
                                                        LISTENING
                                DESKTOP-I7I6DRH:0
        0.0.0.0:49669
                                                        LISTENING
                                DESKTOP-I7I6DRH:0
  TCP
        127.0.0.1:5354
                                                        LISTENING
                                DESKTOP-I7I6DRH:49672
        127.0.0.1:49671
                                                        ESTABLISHED
  TCP
                                DESKTOP-1716DRH:49671
  ТСР
        127.0.0.1:49672
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                                DESKTOP-I7I6DRH:49674
  ТСР
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         127.0.0.1:49674
                                DESKTOP-I7I6DRH:49673
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                                DESKTOP-I7I6DRH:0
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                                whatsapp-cdn-shv-02-bom1:https ESTABLISHED
         192.168.1.101:59874
                                a23-54-82-203:https
                                                        CLOSE_WAIT
         192.168.1.101:59879
                                117.18.232.200:https
                                                        CLOSE_WAIT
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NETSTAT-e

NETSTAT -n

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... C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe
::\Users\ASUS\Desktop\Kiran>NETSTAT -n
Active Connections
 Proto Local Address
                                  Foreign Address
                                                          ESTABLISHED
         127.0.0.1:49671
                                 127.0.0.1:49672
 TCP
         127.0.0.1:49672
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                                                          ESTABLISHED
 TCP
         192.168.1.101:59625
                                  31.13.79.53:443
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 TCP
         192.168.1.101:59874
                                 23.54.82.203:443
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                                                          CLOSE_WAIT
 TCP
         192.168.1.101:59879
                                 117.18.232.200:443
 TCP
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 TCP
         192.168.1.101:59889
                                 152.199.43.62:443
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                                 185.106.33.48:443
 TCP
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                                  74.125.130.188:5228
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         192.168.1.101:60125
                                  157.90.91.75:443
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  TCP
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         192.168.1.101:60146
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 TCP
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                                 23.195.74.49:443
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         192.168.1.101:60165
                                 18.225.20.128:443
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         192.168.1.101:60167
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         192.168.1.101:60177
192.168.1.101:60204
                                 18.225.20.128:443
67.220.224.104:443
 TCP
                                                          ESTABLISHED
                                                          CLOSE WATT
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NETSTAT-o

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C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe - NETSTAT -o
:\Users\ASUS\Desktop\Kiran>NETSTAT -o
Active Connections
        Local Address
                              Foreign Address
                                                                    PID
 Proto
                                                    State
        127.0.0.1:49671
                              DESKTOP-1716DRH:49672
                                                    ESTABLISHED
                              DESKTOP-I7I6DRH:49671
        127.0.0.1:49672
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                              DESKTOP-I7I6DRH:49674
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                              DESKTOP-I7I6DRH:49673
 TCP
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        192.168.1.101:59625
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                                                    CLOSE_WAIT
        192.168.1.101:59874
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 TCP
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 TCP
        192.168.1.101:59879
                              117.18.232.200:https
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        192.168.1.101:59885
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        192.168.1.101:59889
                              152.199.43.62:https
                                                    CLOSE_WAIT
                                                                    11732
```

NETSTAT-p

```
C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe
C:\Users\ASUS\Desktop\Kiran>NETSTAT -p

Active Connections

Proto Local Address Foreign Address State
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NETSTAT-r

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C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe
::\Users\ASUS\Desktop\Kiran>NETSTAT -r
Interface List
16...0a 00 27 00 00 10 ......VirtualBox Host-Only Ethernet Adapter
12...f4 d1 08 d0 a3 9b .....Microsoft Wi-Fi Direct Virtual Adapter
 8...f6 d1 08 d0 a3 9a .....Microsoft Wi-Fi Direct Virtual Adapter #2
 6...f4 d1 08 d0 a3 9a ......Intel(R) Dual Band Wireless-AC 8265
 1.....Software Loopback Interface 1
[Pv4 Route Table
Active Routes:
Network Destination
                          Netmask
                                           Gateway
                                                          Interface Metric
         0.0.0.0
                          0.0.0.0
                                        192.168.1.1
                                                       192.168.1.101
                                                                          50
                        255.0.0.0
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       224.0.0.0
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                                                        192.168.56.1
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        224.0.0.0
                         240.0.0.0
                                           On-link
                                                       192.168.1.101
                                                                         306
```

Ping: Ping is A command-line utility that assesses network connectivity by sending packets to a remote host and measuring the time it takes for responses to return. It's a fundamental tool for diagnosing network issues, determining if a server or website is online, and gauging network performance by providing real-time feedback on response times and potential packet loss.

```
C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe

C:\Users\ASUS\Desktop\Kiran>ping www.google.com

Pinging www.google.com [142.251.42.36] with 32 bytes of data:

Reply from 142.251.42.36: bytes=32 time=4ms TTL=120

Reply from 142.251.42.36: bytes=32 time=5ms TTL=120

Reply from 142.251.42.36: bytes=32 time=5ms TTL=120

Reply from 142.251.42.36: bytes=32 time=6ms TTL=120

Ping statistics for 142.251.42.36:

Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),

Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:

Minimum = 4ms, Maximum = 6ms, Average = 5ms
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tracert: The tracert command is one of the key diagnostic tools for TCP/IP. It displays a list of all the routers that a packet must go through to get from the computer where tracert is run to any other computer on the Internet.

The tracert command is a Command Prompt command that's used to show several details about the path that a packet takes from the computer or device you're on to whatever destination you specify. You might also sometimes see the tracert command referred to as the trace route command or traceroute command.

```
C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe
:\Users\ASUS\Desktop\Kiran>Tracert www.google.com
Tracing route to www.google.com [142.251.42.36]
over a maximum of 30 hops:
       1 ms
                 1 ms
                         <1 ms 192.168.1.1
                                Request timed out.
                 5 ms
       4 ms
                          4 ms 113.193.240.161
       5 ms
                 6 ms
                          4 ms
                                74.125.48.53
       9 ms
                          5 ms 172.253.69.227
                          5 ms 142.251.69.43
5 ms bom12s20-in-f4.1e100.net [142.251.42.36]
       5 ms
                 7 ms
       5 ms
                 6 ms
race complete.
:\Users\ASUS\Desktop\Kiran>
```

Arp -a : The arp -a command is used in Windows command prompt or PowerShell to display the ARP (Address Resolution Protocol) cache table for the local computer. The ARP cache contains a list of IP addresses and their corresponding physical MAC (Media Access Control) addresses that the computer has recently communicated with on the local network.

Executing arp -a will provide a list of these cached entries, showing the IP addresses and their associated MAC addresses. This information is helpful for troubleshooting network issues, verifying network connections, and checking the hardware addresses of devices on the local network.

```
C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe
C:\Users\ASUS\Desktop\Kiran>arp -a
Interface: 192.168.1.101 --- 0x6
 Internet Address Physical Address
                                             Type
 192.168.1.1
                       c8-3a-35-68-73-e0
                                             dynamic
 192.168.1.255
                       ff-ff-ff-ff-ff
                                             static
                       01-00-5e-00-00-16
 224.0.0.22
                                             static
 224.0.0.251
                       01-00-5e-00-00-fb
                                            static
                       01-00-5e-00-00-fc
 224.0.0.252
                                             static
 239.255.255.250
                       01-00-5e-7f-ff-fa
                                             static
                       ff-ff-ff-ff-ff
 255.255.255.255
                                             static
Interface: 192.168.137.1 --- 0x8
                      Physical Address
 Internet Address
                                             Type
 192.168.137.255
                       ff-ff-ff-ff-ff
                                             static
 224.0.0.22
                       01-00-5e-00-00-16
                                             static
                       01-00-5e-00-00-fb
 224.0.0.251
                                             static
 224.0.0.252
                       01-00-5e-00-00-fc
                                             static
 239.255.255.250
                       01-00-5e-7f-ff-fa
                                             static
                       ff-ff-ff-ff-ff
 255.255.255.255
                                             static
Interface: 192.168.56.1 --- 0x10
 Internet Address
                       Physical Address
                                             Type
 192.168.56.255
                       ff-ff-ff-ff-ff
                                             static
```

Dig : dig command stands for Domain Information Groper. It is used for retrieving information about DNS name servers. It is basically used by network administrators. It is used for verifying and troubleshooting DNS problems and to perform DNS lookups. Dig command replaces older tools such as nslookup and the host.

```
DiG 9.17.19-3-Debian <>>>
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
   → MEADER ← opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 56311
flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 13, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 5
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 4000
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;; ANSWER SECTION:
                               443416 IN
443416 IN
443416 IN
                                                               l.root-servers.net.
                                                    NS
NS
                                                               a.root-servers.net.
                                443416 IN
                                                               b.root-servers.net.
                                443416 IN
443416 IN
                                                    NS
                                                             d.root-servers.net.
                                443416
                                443416
                                         IN
IN
                                                     NS
                                                              f.root-servers.net.
                                                               g.root-servers.net.
h.root-servers.net.
                                443416
                                443416
                                         IN
IN
                                                     NS
                                                               i.root-servers.net.
                                443416
                                                                j.root-servers.net.
;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
                                590967 IN
                                528450 IN
597083 IN
597068 IN
                                                               198.41.0.4
199.7.91.13
192.112.36.4
d.root-servers.net.
g.root-servers.net.
;; Query time: 36 msec
   SERVÉR: 192.168.1.1#53(192.168.1.1) (UDP)
```

```
-(kiran⊛Kali)-[~]
  dig gmail.com
; <>>> DiG 9.17.19-3-Debian <<>>> gmail.com
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
   → HEADER«— opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 45691
flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 1
;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 512
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;gmail.com.
                                               TN
;; ANSWER SECTION:
gmail.com.
                                   300
                                               TN
                                                                       142.250.199.133
;; SERVÉR: 192.168.1.1#53(192.168.1.1) (UDP)
;; WHEN: Sun Sep 10 11:17:22 EDT 2023
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 54
__s dig google.com
; <>>> DiG 9.17.19-3-Debian <>>> google.com
;; global options: +cmd
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; —>HEADER«— opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 40251
;; flags: qr aa rd ra ad; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 0
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;google.com.
                                               IN
;; ANSWER SECTION:
google.com.
                                                                       142.250.183.78
```

The **whois** command is a network utility used to retrieve detailed information about domain names, IP addresses, and network resources from a WHOIS database. When you execute the **whois** command followed by a domain name or IP address, it queries a WHOIS server to provide information such as:

- 1. **Domain Ownership**: For domain names, it reveals details about the domain registrar, domain owner's contact information, and registration and expiration dates.
- 2. **IP Address Information**: For IP addresses, it can display information about the allocation of the IP range, the organization that owns the IP address, and the contact information of the network administrator.
- 3. Name Servers: It shows the authoritative name servers associated with a domain

```
Usage: whois [OPTION] ... OBJECT ...
-h HOST, --host HOST
-p PORT, --port PORT
-I
                                                 connect to server HOST
                                                  connect to PORT
                                                  query whois.iana.org and follow its referral hide legal disclaimers
                                                 explain what is being done
display this help and exit
output version information and exit
             --verbose
            --help
--version
These flags are supported by whois.ripe.net and some RIPE-like servers:

-l find the one level less specific match
-L find all levels less specific matches
-m find all one level more specific matches
-M find all levels of more specific matches
-c find the smallest match containing a mnt-irt attribute
                                                 exact match
return brief IP address ranges with abuse contact
turn off object filtering (show email addresses)
turn off grouping of associated objects
return DNS reverse delegation objects too
do an inverse look-up for specified ATTRibutes
only neimany keys are returned
-i ATTR[,ATTR]...
-T TYPE[,TYPE]...
                                                 only primary keys are returned
turn off recursive look-ups for contact information
force to show local copy of the domain object even
                                                  if it contains referral also search all the mirrored databases
-s SOURCE[,SOURCE]...
-g SOURCE:FIRST-LAST
-t TYPE
                                                 search the database mirrored from SOURCE find updates from SOURCE from serial FIRST to LAST
                                                  request template for object of TYPE
                                                  request verbose template for object of TYPE
-q [version|sources|types] query specified server info
```

traceroute: In Linux, the **traceroute** command is used to trace the route that packets take from your computer to a specified destination host or IP address on a network. It helps you identify the path that network traffic follows, including the IP addresses of intermediate routers or hops and the round-trip time for each hop. This command is often used for diagnosing network connectivity issues and identifying network bottlenecks.

```
(kiran® Kali)-[~]
$ traceroute www.google.com
traceroute to www.google.com (142.250.192.4), 30 hops max, 60 byte packets
1 10.0.2.2 (10.0.2.2) 2.711 ms 2.528 ms 2.419 ms
2 ***
3 ***
4 ***
5 ***
6 ***
7 ***
8 ***
9 ***
10 ***
```

Enumerate Remote Systems

Adversaries may attempt to get a listing of other systems by IP address, hostname, or other logical identifier on a network that may be used for Lateral Movement from the current system. Functionality could exist within remote access tools to enable this, but utilities available on the operating system could also be used such as <u>Ping</u> or net view using <u>Net</u>. Adversaries may also use local host files (ex: C:\Windows\System32\Drivers\etc\hosts or /etc/hosts) in order to discover thehostname to IP address mappings of remote systems.

Mitigations

This type of attack technique cannot be easily mitigated with preventive controlssince it is based on the abuse of system features.

Detection

System and network discovery techniques normally occur throughout an operation as an adversary learns the environment. Data and events should not be viewed in isolation, but as part of a chain of behavior that could lead to other activities, such as Lateral Movement, based on the information obtained.

Normal, benign system and network events related to legitimate remote system discovery may be uncommon, depending on the environment and how they are used. Monitor processes and command-line arguments for actions that could be taken to gather system and network information. Remote access tools with built-in features may interact directly with the Windows API to gather information.

Information may also be acquired through Windows system management tools such as Windows Management Instrumentation and PowerShell.

Monitor for processes that can be used to discover remote systems, such as ping.exe and tracert.exe, especially when executed in quick succession

ID	Name	Description			
<u>S0552</u>	AdFind	AdFind has the ability to query Active Directory for computers.			
G0016	APT29	APT29 has used AdFind to enumerate remote systems.			
<u>G0022</u>	APT3	APT3 has a tool that can detect the existence of remote systems.			
<u>G0050</u>	APT32	APT32 has enumerated DC servers using the command netgroup "Domain Controllers" /domain. The group has also used the ping command			
<u>G0087</u>	<u>APT39</u>	APT39 has used NBTscan and custom tools to discover remote systems.			
<u>S0534</u>	Bazar	Bazar can enumerate remote systems using Net View.			
<u>S0570</u>	<u>BitPaymer</u>	BitPaymer can use net view to discover remote systems.			
<u>S0521</u>	BloodHound	BloodHound can enumerate and collect the properties of domain computers, including domain controllers.			
<u>G0060</u>	BRONZE BUTLER	BRONZE BUTLER typically use ping and Net toenumerate systems.			
S0335	Carbon	Carbon uses the net view command.			
<u>G0114</u>	Chimera	Chimera has utilized various scans and queries to find domain controllers and remote services in the target environment.			
<u>S0154</u>	Cobalt Strike	Cobalt Strike uses the native Windows Network Enumeration APIs to interrogate and discover targets in a Windows Active Directory network.			
S0244	<u>Comnie</u>	Comnie runs the net view command			
<u>S0488</u>	<u>CrackMapExec</u>	<u>CrackMapExec</u> can discover active IP addresses, along with the machine name, within a targeted network.			
<u>G0009</u>	Deep Panda	Deep Panda has used ping to identify other machines of interest.			
<u>G0074</u>	Dragonfly 2.0	<u>Dragonfly 2.0</u> likely obtained a list of hosts in the victim environment.			
S0091	<u>Epic</u>	Epic uses the net view command on the victim's machine.			
<u>G0053</u>	FIN5	FIN5 has used the open source tool Essential NetTools to map the network and build a list of targets.			
<u>G0037</u>	FIN6	FIN6 used publicly available tools (including Microsoft's built-in SQL querying tool, osql.exe) to map the internal network and conduct reconnaissance against Active Directory, Structured Query Language (SQL) servers, and NetBIOS.			
<u>G0061</u>	FIN8	FIN8 uses dsquery and other Active Directory utilities to enumerate hosts.			
<u>G0117</u>	Fox Kitten	Fox Kitten has used Angry IP Scanner to detect remote systems.			

<u>G0093</u>	GALLIUM	GALLIUM used a modified version of NBTscan to identify available NetBIOS name servers over the network as well as ping to identify remote systems.	
<u>G0004</u>	Ke3chang	<u>Ke3chang</u> has used network scanning and enumeration tools, including <u>Ping</u> .	
S0599	Kinsing	Kinsing has used a script to parse files like /etc/hosts and SSH known_hosts to discoverremote systems.	
S0236	Kwampirs	Kwampirs collects a list of available servers withthe command net view	
G0077	Leafminer	Leafminer used Microsoft's Sysinternals tools to gather detailed information about remote systems.	
G0045	menuPass	menuPass uses scripts to enumerate IP ranges onthe victim network. menuPass has also issued the	
		command net view /domain to a PlugX implant togather information about remote systems on the network.	
S0233	MURKYTOP	MURKYTOP has the capability to identify remotehosts on connected networks.	
S0590	NBTscan	NBTscan can list NetBIOS computer names.	
S0039	Net	Commands such as net view can be used in Net togather information about available remote systems.	
S0385	njRAT	njRAT can identify remote hosts on connectednetworks.	
S0359	Nltest	Nltest may be used to enumerate remote domain controllers using options such as /dclist and /dsgetdc.	
S0365	Olympic Destroyer	Olympic Destroyer uses Windows Management Instrumentation to enumerate all systems in the network.	
G0116	Operation Wocao	Operation Wocao can use the ping command to discover remote systems.	
S0165	OSInfo	OSInfo performs a connection test to discoverremote systems in the network	
S0097	Ping	Ping can be used to identify remote systems within a network.	
S0428	PoetRAT	PoetRAT used Nmap for remote system discovery.	
S0241	RATANKBA	RATANKBA runs the net view /domain and netview commands.	
S0125	Remsec	Remsec can ping or traceroute a remote host.	

G0106	Rocke	Rocke has looked for IP addresses in the known_hosts file on the infected system and attempted to SSH into them. [46]		
G0034	Sandworm Team	Sandworm Team has used a tool to query ActiveDirectory using LDAP, discovering information about computers listed in AD.		
S0140	Shamoon	Shamoon scans the C-class subnet of the IPs onthe victim's interfaces. [48]		
S0063	SHOTPUT	SHOTPUT has a command to list all servers in the domain, as well as one to locate domain controllers on a domain.		
G0091	Silence	Silence has used Nmap to scan the corporate network, build a network topology, and identifyvulnerable hosts.		
S0018	Sykipot	Sykipot may use net view /domain to display hostnames of available systems on a network.		
S0586	TAINTEDSCRIBE	The TAINTEDSCRIBE command and executionmodule can perform target system enumeration.		
G0027	Threat Group-3390	Threat Group-3390 has used the netview command.		
S0266	TrickBot	TrickBot can enumerate computers and networkdevices.		
G0010	Turla	Turla surveys a system upon check-in to discoverremote systems on a local network using the net view and net view /DOMAIN commands. Turla has also used net group "Domain Computers" /domain, net group "Domain Controllers" /domain, and net group "Exchange Servers" /domain to enumerate domaincomputers, including the organization's DC and Exchange Server.		
S0452	USBferry	USBferry can use net view to gather informationabout remote systems.		
S0366	WannaCry	WannaCry scans its local network segment for remote systems to try to exploit and copy itself to.		
G0102	Wizard Spider	Wizard Spider has used networkdll for network discovery and psfin specifically for financial andpoint of sale indicators. Wizard Spider has also used AdFind and nltest/dclist to enumerate domain computers, including the domaincontroller.		
S0248	yty	yty uses the net view command for discovery.		

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