

## BTLO –Secure Shell | Writeup

### Scenario:

Hey! We had a SSH service on a system and noticed unusual change in size of the log file. Don't panic, it was the new IT guys' daughter who said she was able to break into the system. I had given her permission to test some of these services. I am giving you the log file, can you solve the following queries?

Is it an internal or external attack, what is the attacker IP?

Ans. . Internal:192.168.1.17

```
(rehan@kali)-[~]
$ cd Downloads

(rehan@kali)-[~/Downloads]
$ ls
3720a36c8b24f7d88f951df9061d35d21252eec.zip  sshlog.log  sshlog.zip

(rehan@kali)-[~/Downloads]
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9040 2021-04-29 23:42:22.442 Connection from ::1 port 63678 on ::1 port 22
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584 2021-04-29 23:59:22.817 Connection from 192.168.1.17 port 53742 on 192.168.1.20 port 22
7860 2021-04-29 23:59:23.208 Connection from 192.168.1.17 port 53744 on 192.168.1.20 port 22
```

How many valid accounts did the attacker find, and what are the usernames?

Here's some of accounts attacker tried to logged in

```
920 2021-04-30 00:22:20.793 debug2: languages stoc: [preauth]
920 2021-04-30 00:22:20.793 debug2: first_kex_follows 0 [preauth]
920 2021-04-30 00:22:20.793 debug2: reserved 0 [preauth]
920 2021-04-30 00:22:20.793 debug2: peer client KEXINIT proposal [preauth]
920 2021-04-30 00:22:20.793 debug2: KEX algorithms: diffie-hellman-group-exchange-sha256,diffie-hellman-group-exchange-sha1,diffie-hellman-group14-sha1,diffie-hellman-group1-sha1 [preauth]
920 2021-04-30 00:22:20.793 debug2: host key algorithms: ssh-rsa,ssh-dss [preauth]
920 2021-04-30 00:22:20.793 debug2: ciphers ctos: aes128-ctr,aes192-ctr,aes256-ctr,aes256-cbc,rijndael-cbc@lysator.liu.se,aes192-cbc,aes128-cbc,blowfish-cbc,arcfour128,arcfour,cast128-cbc,3des-cbc [preauth]
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920 2021-04-30 00:22:20.793 debug2: MACs ctos: hmac-sha2-256,hmac-sha2-512,hmac-sha1,hmac-sha1-96,hmac-md5,hmac-md5-96,hmac-ripemd160,hmac-ripemd160@openssh.com [preauth]
920 2021-04-30 00:22:20.793 debug2: MACs stoc: hmac-sha2-256,hmac-sha2-512,hmac-sha1,hmac-sha1-96,hmac-md5,hmac-md5-96,hmac-ripemd160,hmac-ripemd160@openssh.com [preauth]
920 2021-04-30 00:22:20.793 debug2: compression ctos: none [preauth]
920 2021-04-30 00:22:20.793 debug2: compression stoc: none [preauth]
920 2021-04-30 00:22:20.793 debug2: languages ctos: [preauth]
920 2021-04-30 00:22:20.793 debug2: languages stoc: [preauth]
920 2021-04-30 00:22:20.793 debug2: first_kex_follows 0 [preauth]
920 2021-04-30 00:22:20.793 debug2: reserved 0 [preauth]
920 2021-04-30 00:22:20.793 debug1: kex: algorithm: diffie-hellman-group-exchange-sha256 [preauth]
920 2021-04-30 00:22:20.793 debug1: kex: host key algorithm: ssh-rsa [preauth]
920 2021-04-30 00:22:20.793 debug1: kex: client->server cipher: aes128-ctr MAC: hmac-sha2-256 compression: none [preauth]
920 2021-04-30 00:22:20.793 debug1: kex: server->client cipher: aes128-ctr MAC: hmac-sha2-256 compression: none [preauth]
920 2021-04-30 00:22:20.793 debug1: expecting SSH2_MSG_KEX_DH_GEX_REQUEST [preauth]
4436 2021-04-30 00:22:20.803 debug3: receive packet: type 32 [preauth]
920 2021-04-30 00:22:20.803 debug3: receive packet: type 34 [preauth]
920 2021-04-30 00:22:20.803 debug1: SSH2_MSG_KEX_DH_GEX_REQUEST received [preauth]
4436 2021-04-30 00:22:20.803 debug2: bits set: 1043/2048 [preauth]
920 2021-04-30 00:22:20.803 debug3: mm_request_send entering: type 0 [preauth]
920 2021-04-30 00:22:20.803 debug3: mm_request_receive entering
920 2021-04-30 00:22:20.803 debug3: monitor_read: checking request 0
920 2021-04-30 00:22:20.803 debug3: mm_answer_moduli: got parameters: 2048 2048 2048
```

Since lets grep the authenticated account attacker tries to use

```
(rehan@kali)-[~/Downloads]
$ cat sshlog.log | grep "userauth-request for user" | cut -d " " -f 8 | sort -u
2021-04-30
50
admin
administrator
chris
guest
jake
janet
meghan
netadmin
root
sammy
sophia
ssh-connection
sysadmin
test
user
<username>
web
webadmin
```

The accounts deleted and didn't exist anymore

```
(rehan@kali)-[~/Downloads]
$ cat sshlog.log | grep "does not exist" | cut -d " " -f 13 | sort -u
admin
chris
jake
janet
meghan
netadmin
not
root
sammy
sysadmin
test
user
<username>
web
webadmin
```

Ans. 1: Sophia

How many times did the attacker login to these accounts?

There's two successful attempts

```
(rehan@kali)-[~/Downloads]
$ cat sshlog.log | grep "Accepted password"
7176 2021-04-30 00:53:25.023 Accepted password for sophia from 192.168.1.17 port 41990 ssh2
7300 2021-04-30 01:01:11.699 Accepted password for sophia from 192.168.1.17 port 42364 ssh2
```

When was the first request from the attacker recorded?

The attacker first attempt from internal ip to talk with port 22

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```

What is the log level for the log file?



The log levels in the screen like debug1, debug2, debug 3

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8552 2021-04-30 00:52:15.196 debug3: mm_request_send entering: type 6 [preauth]
8552 2021-04-30 00:52:15.196 debug3: mm_sshkey_sign: waiting for MONITOR_ANS_SIGN [preauth]
8552 2021-04-30 00:52:15.196 debug3: mm_request_receive_expect entering: type 7 [preauth]
8552 2021-04-30 00:52:15.196 debug3: mm_request_receive entering [preauth]
8552 2021-04-30 00:52:15.196 debug3: mm_request_receive entering
8552 2021-04-30 00:52:15.197 debug3: monitor_read: checking request 6
8552 2021-04-30 00:52:15.197 debug3: mm_answer_sign
8552 2021-04-30 00:52:15.200 debug3: mm_answer_sign: KEX signature 000002083F3647C0(100)
8552 2021-04-30 00:52:15.200 debug3: mm_request_send entering: type 7
8552 2021-04-30 00:52:15.200 debug3: mm_request_send entering
8552 2021-04-30 00:52:15.200 debug2: monitor_read: 6 used once, disabling now
8552 2021-04-30 00:52:15.200 debug3: send packet: type 31 [preauth]
8552 2021-04-30 00:52:15.200 debug3: send packet: type 21 [preauth]
8552 2021-04-30 00:52:15.200 debug3: set_newkeys: mode 1 [preauth]
8552 2021-04-30 00:52:15.200 debug1: rekey out after 4294967296 blocks [preauth]
8552 2021-04-30 00:52:15.200 debug1: SSH2_MSG_NEWKEYS sent [preauth]
8552 2021-04-30 00:52:15.200 debug1: Sending SSH2_MSG_EXT_INFO [preauth]
8552 2021-04-30 00:52:15.200 debug3: send packet: type 7 [preauth]
8552 2021-04-30 00:52:15.200 debug1: expecting SSH2_MSG_NEWKEYS [preauth]
8552 2021-04-30 00:52:15.201 debug3: receive packet: type 21 [preauth]
8552 2021-04-30 00:52:15.201 debug1: SSH2_MSG_NEWKEYS received [preauth]
8552 2021-04-30 00:52:15.201 debug2: set_newkeys: mode 0 [preauth]
8552 2021-04-30 00:52:15.201 debug1: rekey in after 4294967296 blocks [preauth]
8552 2021-04-30 00:52:15.201 debug1: KEX done [preauth]
8552 2021-04-30 00:52:15.252 debug3: receive packet: type 5 [preauth] become, the more you are able to hear"
8552 2021-04-30 00:52:15.252 debug3: send packet: type 6 [preauth]
8552 2021-04-30 00:52:15.252 debug3: receive packet: type 50 [preauth]
8552 2021-04-30 00:52:15.252 debug1: userauth-request for user sophia service ssh-connection method none [preauth]
8552 2021-04-30 00:52:15.252 debug1: attempt 0 failures 0 [preauth]
8552 2021-04-30 00:52:15.252 debug3: mm_getpwnamallow entering [preauth]
8552 2021-04-30 00:52:15.252 debug3: mm_request_send entering: type 8 [preauth]
8552 2021-04-30 00:52:15.252 debug3: mm_getpwnamallow: waiting for MONITOR_ANS_PWNAM [preauth]
8552 2021-04-30 00:52:15.252 debug3: mm_request_receive_expect entering: type 9 [preauth]
8552 2021-04-30 00:52:15.252 debug3: mm_request_receive entering [preauth]

```

Since Debug

Where is the log file located in Windows?

Lets search deeply with Microsoft documentation

## SyslogFacility

If you need file based logging, use LOCAL0. Logs are generated under `%programdata%\ssh\logs`. For any other value, including the default value, AUTH directs logging to ETW. For more info, see [Logging Facilities in Windows](#).

The screenshot shows a Google search interface. The search bar contains the text "%programdata%\ssh\logs". Below the search bar, there are tabs for "All", "Videos", "Images", "Books", "News", and "More". The search results show "About 121,000 results (0.34 seconds)". The first result is from GitHub, titled "sshd.log is not created #1125 - PowerShell/Win32-OpenSSH". The description of the issue states: "Apr 6, 2018 — I installed openSSH now like described here: ... A valid file in: C:\ProgramData\ssh\logs\sshd.log. Actual output. Only a folder." The search bar also includes icons for voice search, image search, and a magnifying glass icon.