

CSI Maui:
Forensics in the Case of the Attacked Browser
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Background
Incident Evaluation
Trace Evaluation





What is Computer Forensics

- Computer forensics involves the preservation, identification, extraction, documentation, and interpretation of computer media for evidentiary and/or root cause analysis
- Network or TCP/IP forensics involves the preservation, extraction, documentation and interpretation of TCP/IP data for evidentiary and/or root cause analysis
- Doesn't prevent computer crime
- After the fact investigation
- Forensics experts follow clear, well-defined mythologies and procedures





What is Network Forensics

- Network forensics entails monitoring network traffic and determining if there is an attack and if so, determine the nature of the attack
- Key tasks include traffic capture, analysis and visualization
- Network forensics systems can be one of two kinds:
 - "Catch-it-as-you-can" systems, in which all packets passing through a certain traffic point are captured and written to storage with analysis being done subsequently in batch mode
 - "Stop, look and listen" systems, in which each packet is analyzed in a rudimentary way in memory and only certain information saved for future analysis





Employee Trust

- Construction Company
- Senior IT person also in charge of security
- •Used cost issue to convince upper management to let him store data at his home rather than pay for external off-site storage
- Conflict arose between the Employee and Employer
- •Employee sent email's to clients of the construction company indicating he had personal information
- •Took 6 months to shut down the rogue employee after the employee used the internet to threatened people at which time the FBI became involved
- Construction company was fundamentally out of business





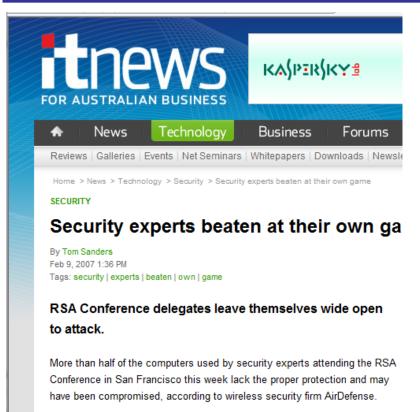
Process Vulnerability

- •Security administrator asked to shut off web security monitoring system as it was interfering with marketing's ability to access the corporate web site for creation and editing.
- •Director said 'switch off' not..... find a work around...find a fix....just 'switch it off'
- •Users quickly found that out that all web controls were no longer active
- •A report surfaced that a user had used a desktop to access porn
- •Due to the use of generic accounts tracking activity to a user was not possible
- •Took 3 months, CCTV, internal and external police to finally catch the culprit
- •To make matters worse the company dropped any further work on a security framework and made the security positions obsolete



Business Service Management for Performance





- RSA conference 2007
- Over half the computers lacked proper protection
 - •Many configured to automatically log on to WiFI networks like 'Linksys' 'T-Mobile'
- Five rogue networks mimicked common hotspot names
 - •These could easily insert man in the middle routines and capture data
- •The RSA conference had a SAFE WIFI network but it was toooooo complex to use and the help desk line was long and slow
- The company scanned all wireless traffic on the first day of the conference and found a total of 623 Wi-Fi enabled notebooks and mobile phones.
- Some 56 per cent of these devices were configured automatically to log-on to networks with common names such as 'Linksys' or 'T-Mobile', a feature known as an open access wireless account.

Attackers could exploit the feature through a so-called man-in-the-middle







2009 Litigation Highlights

Starwood v. Hilton (2009) - Complaint alleging that 2 former Starwood execs looted >100k Starwood computer files.

<u>U.S. v. Chung</u> (2009) — Boeing employee convicted at trial for passing trade secrets to Chinese government for 30 years. Co-defendant convicted and jailed for 24 years; Chung, 74 years old, received 15 years in prison.

-<u>US v. Zhu</u> (2009) – Indictment alleging Chinese national employed as engineer at US environmental company stole software from his employer and sold modified version to Chinese government.

<u>US v. Lee</u> (2009) — Former technical director of paint and coating company quit 2 weeks after return from business trip to China; discovered downloaded trade secrets, deleted files, one way ticket from Chicago to Shanghai.

Vistakon v. Bausch & Lomb (2009) — Subsidiary of J&J alleges that B&L misappropriated trade secrets in an effort to recruit sales force to bring new contact lens product to market quickly.





The Impact of a Digital Crime

- Disruption to organizational routines and processes
- •Direct financial losses through information theft and fraud
- Decrease in shareholder value
- Loss of privacy
- Reputational damage causing brand devaluation
- Loss of confidence in IT
- •Expenditure on information security assets and data damaged, stolen, corrupted or lost in incidents
- Loss of competitive advantage
- Reduced profitability
- •Impaired growth due to inflexible infrastructure/system/application environments
- Injury or loss of life if safety-critical systems fail
- •Theft of trade secrets exceeded \$1 trillion in 2008 and continues to escalate
- •Over 40% of U.S. businesses have reported intellectual property losses in 2008









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Incident Reporting

Law Enforcement report?

Regulatory agency report?

Insurance claim?

Disciplinary action?

Dismissal action?

Vendor report?

Update disaster recovery plan?

Update software to new versions?

Update employee training?

Public Affairs report?

CEO report to employees?





Users Involved

Business Impact

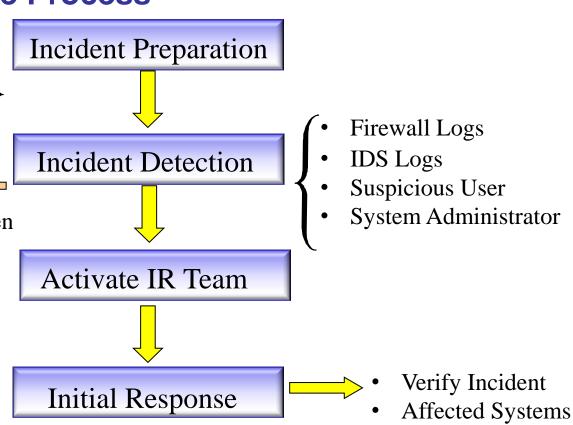
Incident Response Process

- Define Roles
- Establish Policies
- Identify Tools
- Network Preparation

Complete IR Checklist

- Who/What/Where/When
- Incident Description
- Hardware/Software
- Personnel Involved
- Network

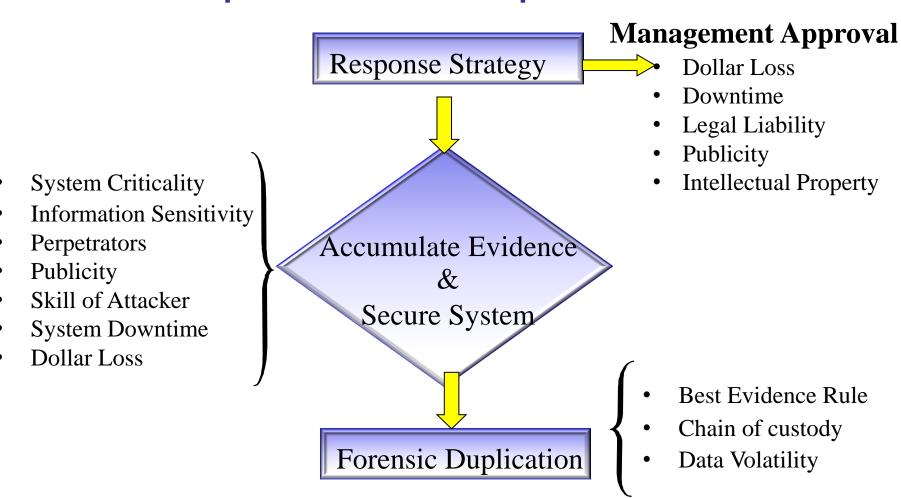
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Is it really and Incident?



Incident Response Process Response





Incident Response Process Improvements

- New Procedures
- Reinstall files
- Reinstall from CD-Rom
- Secure System
 Turnoff unneeded services
 Apply patches
 Strong Passwords

Strong Administration

Recovery

Documentation

- Document everything as it occurs
- Support both criminal and civil prosecution
 - Produce the final report
 - Process improvement

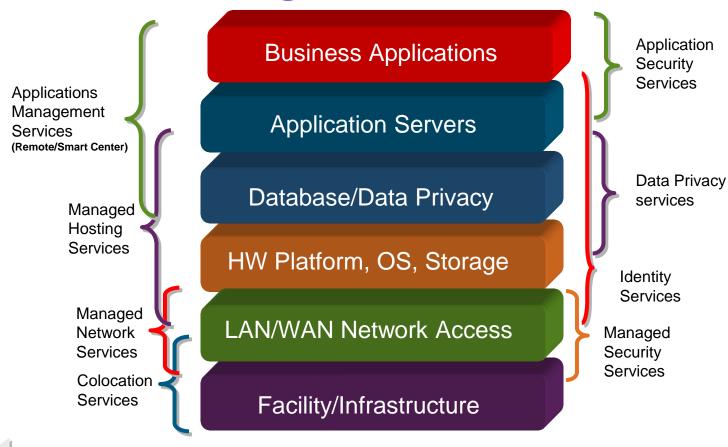


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Elements of Digital Forensics

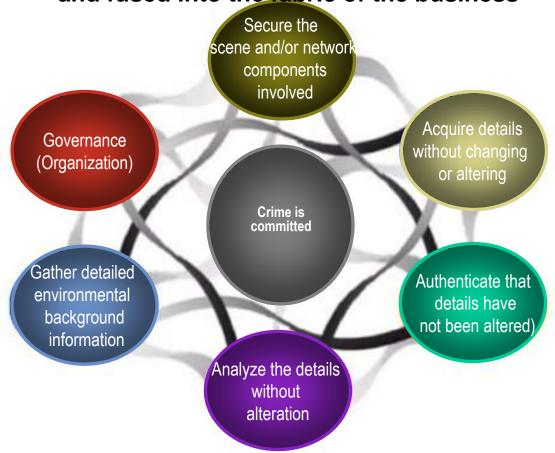


IT Services Risk/Compliance Security



Network Forensics Elements

Security has to be applied within a business context and fused into the fabric of the business





Forensic Tools

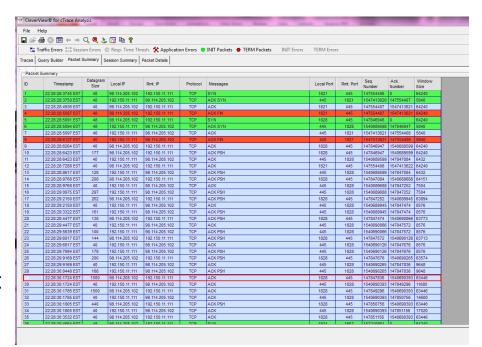
- IDS (Intrusion Detection System) attempts to detect activity that violates an organization's security policy
- Firewall allows or disallows traffic to or from specific networks, machine addresses and port numbers
- Network Forensic Analysis Tools (NFAT) synergizes with IDSs and Firewalls.
 - Preserves long term record of network traffic
 - Allows quick analysis of trouble spots identified by IDSs and Firewalls
 - NFATs must do the following:
 - Capture network traffic
 - Analyze network traffic according to user needs
 - Allow system users discover useful and interesting things about the analyzed traffic





NFAT Tasks

- Traffic Capture
 - What is the policy?
 - What is the traffic of interest?
 - Internal/External?
 - Collect packets
 - Traffic Analysis
 - Organize traffic by session
 - Protocol Parsing and analysis
 - Check for strings, use expert systems for analysis
- Interacting with NFAT
 - Appropriate user interfaces, reports, examine large quantities of information and make it manageable

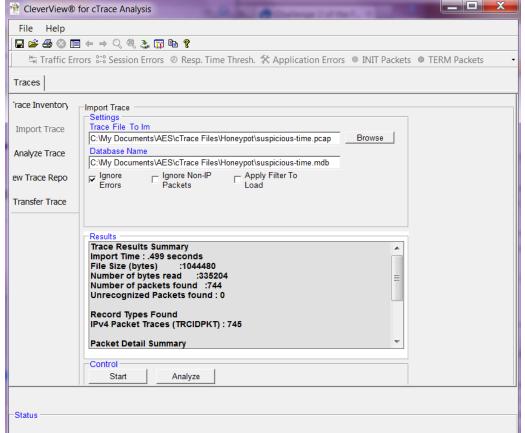




PCAP Attack Situation*

A malware attack is suspected and you need to identify the malicious web

pages.



^{*} Excerpts from the HONEYPOT PROJECT 2010 Forensic Challenge



What Can You Learn from the Trace?

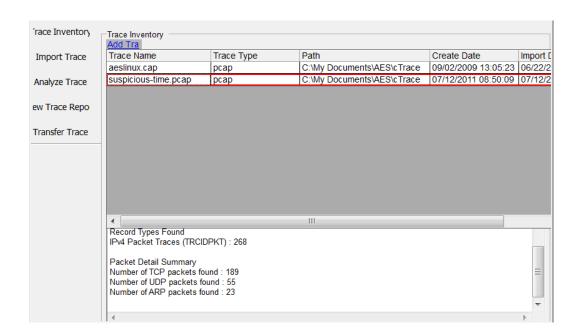
- List the protocols found in the capture.
 What protocol do you think the attack is based on?
- List IPs, host names/domain names.
 What can you discern based on this information? Do you think it is a real situation?
- List all the visited web pages? Which ones might contain malicious javascript and who is connecting to them? Describe the nature of the malicious web pages.
- What are the overall actions performed by the attacker?
- What steps slow the analysis down?
- What Operating Systems, software, and vulnerabilities were involved?





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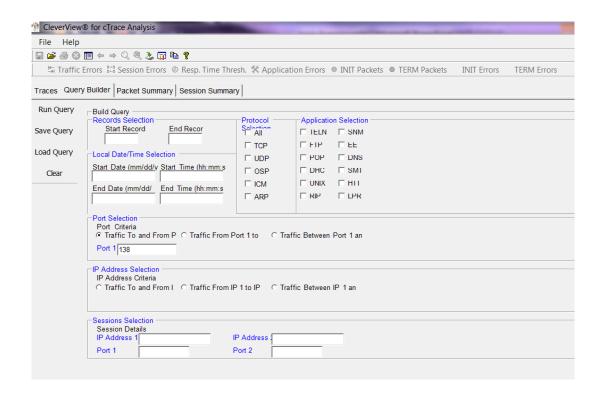


ARP DNS DHCP HTTP NetBIOS

Use Query Builder function to view protocols in trace



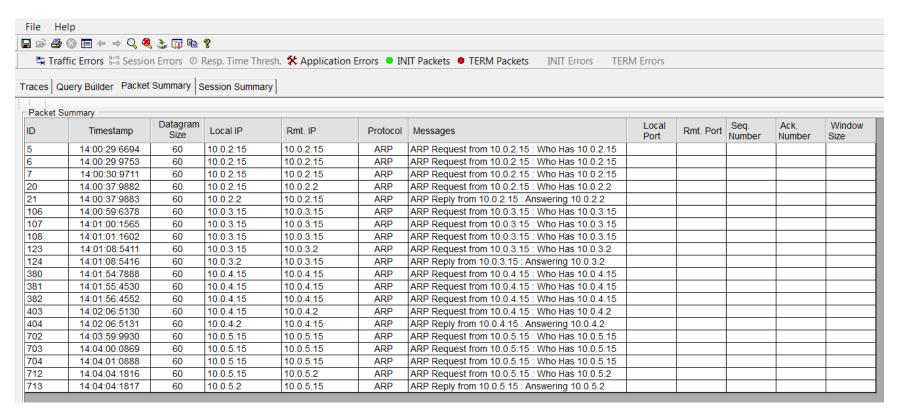
How to Determine Protocols Runing in Trace?



Query Builder allows viewing only specific common protocols/applications or ports



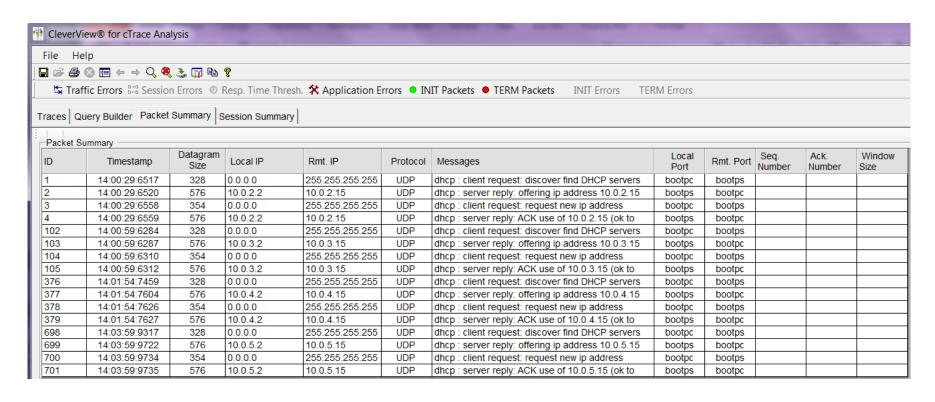
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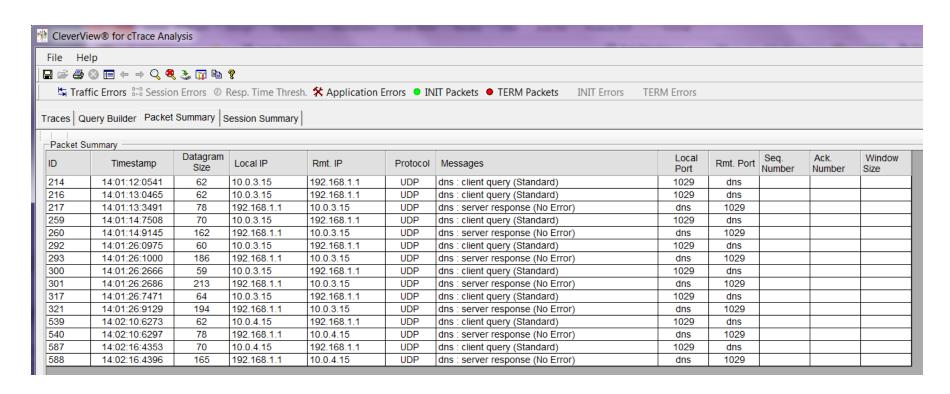
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DHCP was used once per client computer



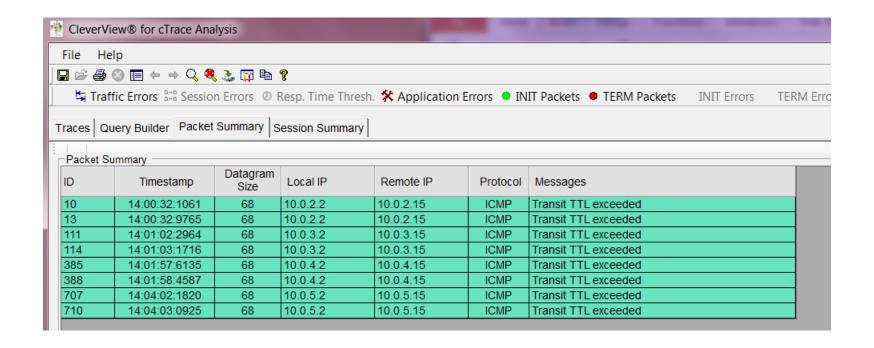
What Can You Learn from this Trace? DNS



DNS was used to resolve WEB Server Names



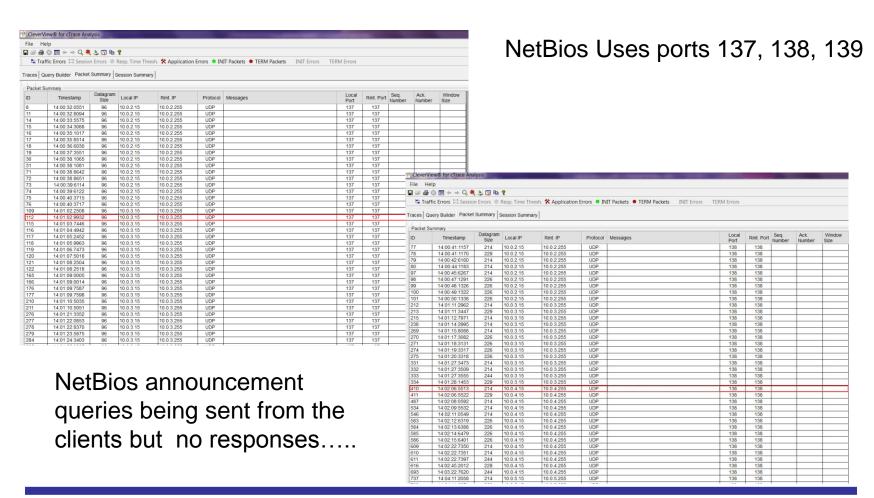
What Can You Learn from this Trace? ICMP



ICMP reported Transit TTL exceptions

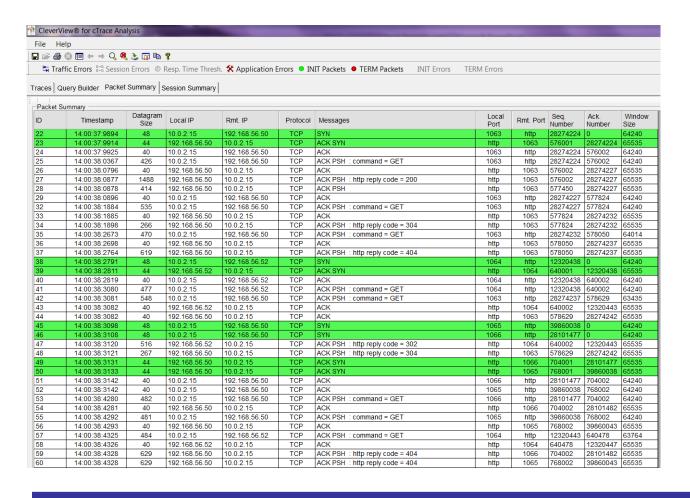


What Can You Learn from this Trace? NetBios





What Can You Learn from this Trace? HTTP



HTTP represents the majority of traffic in the trace



List Key IP Addresses in this Trace - 192.168.56.52

Tools used: CleverView for cTrace Analysis, WHOIS

Clients:

10.0.2.15, 10.0.3.15, 10.0.4.15, 10.0.5.15...all use 8fd12edd2dc1462

Attacker:

192.168.56.52 (hostname: sploitme.com.cn)

Services:

10.0.2.2, 10.0.3.2, 10.0.4.2, 10.0.5.2 (DHCP servers and gateways)

192.168.1.1 (DNS)

Simulated hacked hosts:

192.168.56.51 (hostname: shop.honeynet.sg)

192.168.56.50 (hostname: rapidshare.com.eyu32.ru)

External hosts:

www.honeynet.org, www.google.com www.google.fr, www.google-analytics.com

The clients are most likely VMs, as each has its own subnet, but they share an ethernet adapter, a DNS server (single MAC address, multiple IPs per subnet) and a DHCP server (on a different subnet).

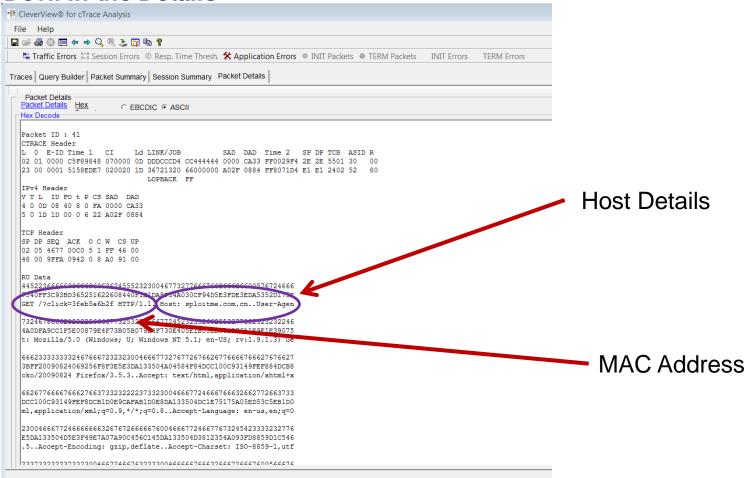
Attacker and hacked hosts reside in the same private subnet. (Not a real-world scenario.)

Hacked Site #1 is probably a ripoff of the well-known rapidshare.com. Hacked Site #2 is an e-commerce site, either innocent (but exploited to serve malicious JS) or malevolent.



List Key IP Addresses in this Trace –

Devil in the Details





List the WEB Sites involved and the Malicious Sites?

Tools Used: CleverView for cTrace Analysis: Microsoft Security Bulletins

URL	Comments			
http://rapidshare.com.eyu32.ru/login.php Connected to by 10.0.2.15 and 10.0.3.15	Contains an encrypted iframe to page http://sploitme.com.cn/?click=3feb5a6b2f Decryption is done easily by replacing eval() and document.write() with alert()			
http://sploitme.com.cn/?click=3feb5a6b2f Connected to by 10.0.2.15 and 10.0.3.15	Sends a redirect to http://sploitme.com.cn/fg/show.php?s=3feb5a6b2f Probably this is a traffic distribution system			
http://sploitme.com.cn/fg/show.php?s=3fe b5a6b2f Connected to by 10.0.2.15 with User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows; U; Windows NT 5.1; en-US; rv:1.9.1.3) Gecko/20090824 Firefox/3.5.3	Contains a 404-disguising page with an encrypted javascript, also easily decoded by replacing eval() with alert() The javascript doesn't contain any malicious behaviour, perhaps because the exploit pack doesn't contain an exploit for sent User-Agent (Mozilla/5.0 (Windows; U; Windows NT 5.1; en-US; rv:1.9.1.3) Gecko/20090824 Firefox/3.5.3), which corresponds to Firefox v3.5.3			

http://www.microsoft.com/technet/security/current.aspx



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http://sploitme.com.cn/fg/show.php?s=3feb5a6b2f First request by 10.0.3.15 with User-Agent: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.0; Windows NT 5.1; SV1)	The decoded javascript contains an MDAC exploit (MS06-014) which has its effect (download&execute a binary) on the browser. The version of the browser is Internet Explorer v6 accordingly to the User-Agent			
http://www.honeynet.org/	Contains no malicious content			
http://www.google.com/	Sends a redirect to http://www.google.fr/			
http://www.google.fr/	Although it contains a cryptic javascript, it's no malicious			
http://sploitme.com.cn/fg/show.php?s=3feb5a6b2f Second request by 10.0.3.15	The 404-alike page now doesn't contain any javascript, probably because of an IP ban given by the exploit pack to prevent multiple infections of the same victim			



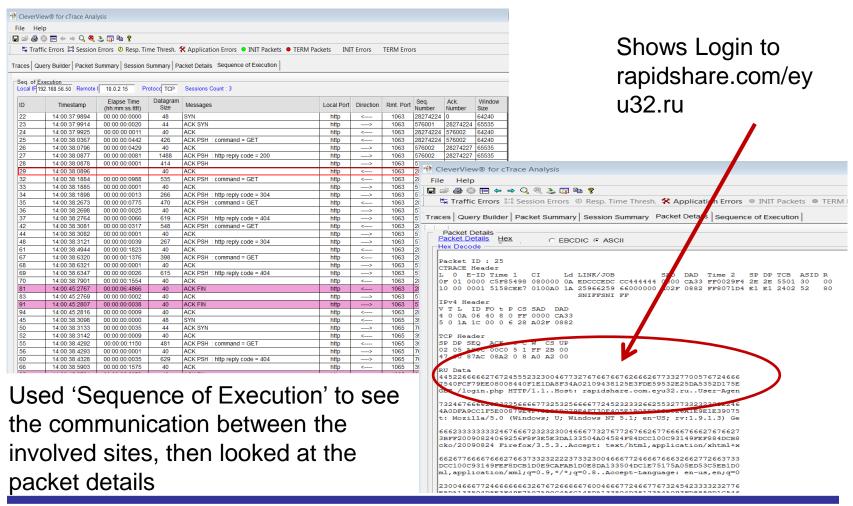
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http://shop.honeynet.sg/catalog/ Requested by 10.0.4.15 http://sploitme.com.cn/?click=84c090bd86	Contains a differently encrypted and inserted iframe to http://sploitme.com.cn/?click=84c090bd86 Decryption: replace document.write() with alert() Redirect to		
Requested by 10.0.4.15	http://sploitme.com.cn/fg/show.php?s=84c090bd86		
http://sploitme.com.cn/fg/show.php?s=84c 090bd86	Malicious javascript contains following exploits: 1. MDAC exploit (MS06-014) 2. IWinAmpActiveX exploit (I think it's not gonna work because of an incorrect "classid")		
Requested by 10.0.4.15 User-Agent: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.0; Windows NT 5.1; SV1)	3. DirectShow exploit (MS09-032) 4. MS Access Snapshot Viewer exploit (MS08-041) 5. Msdds.dll COM exploit (MS05-052) 6. Office Web Components exploit (MS09-043) The exploits are being executed in a chain, one after another. All exploits are targeted to perform a download&exec of the same binary.		
http://sploitme.com.cn/fg/show.php Requested by 10.0.5.15 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; U; Linux i686; en-	The page doesn't contain malicious content for the same reason as http://sploitme.com.cn/fg/show.php?s=3feb5a6b2f by 10.0.2.15		
US; rv:1.6) Gecko/20040614 Firefox/0.8	or because no 's' variable is specified		



How did I get the Detailed Information on Web Sites?





What are the Overall Actions Performed by the Hacker?

- Hacked sites are initialized with javascript code that adds a hidden iframe pointing to sploitme.com/cn?click=x using <u>SQL injections</u> or XSS techniques
- 2. A client surfs to a hacked site and his browser requests sploitme.com.cn/?click=x which is redirected to sploitme.com.cn/fg/show.php?s=X
- 3. A 404 page is displayed which is intended to confuse the client
- 4. The browser executes the javascript which goes through a series of exploits to see if one is successful. (<u>DirectShow</u> is an example)
- 5. If an exploit is successful it executes a file at sploitme.com.cn/fg/load.php?e=X.
- 6. Some of the items performed by this malware:
 - 1. Client computer is a BOT for sending spa,



What Steps Slow Down the Analysis Process?

Iframe's are difficult for human's to understand

Malicious page is disguised to look like a 404 page

Javascript is coded using a polymorphic javascript

The sent exploit set depends on what browser the victim is using

Victim's IP address is 'banned' by the exploit pack. In packet 366 the victim tries to access the show.php file again but gets a 'clean' 404 page



What Operating Systems, software, and Vulnerabilities were involved?

Exploit	Vulnerable Component	Published	Reference	Remedy
1	MDAC RDS.Dataspace ActiveX control	Apr 2006	CVE-2006-0003	MSB-MS06-014
II	AOL IWinAmpActiveX control (AmpX.dll)	May 2009	OSVDB-54706	(none)
III	DirectShow ActiveX control (msvidctl.dll)	Jul 2009	CVE-2008-0015	MSB-MS09-032
IV	Office Snapshot Viewer ActiveX control	Jul 2008	CVE-2008-2463	MSB-MS08-041
V	COM Object Instantiation (msdds.dll)	Aug 2005	CVE-2005-2127	MSB-MS05-052
VI	Office Web Components ActiveX control	Jul 2009	CVE-2009-1136	MSB-MS09-043



Summary

- Forensic science is application of science to questions of interest to the legal profession
- Several unique opportunities give computer forensics the ability to uncover evidence that would be extremely difficult to find using a manual process
- Computer forensics also has a unique set of challenges that are not found in standard evidence gathering, including volume of electronic evidence, how it is scattered in numerous locations, and its dynamic content
- Searching for digital evidence includes looking at "obvious" files and e-mail messages
- Need for information security workers will continue to grow, especially in computer forensics
- Skills needed in these areas include knowledge of TCP/IP, packets, firewalls, routers, IDS, and penetration testing





AES Sessions at Share

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as You Virtualize the Data Center

Aug 10, 2011: 8:00-9:00 9266: IPv6 Basics

Aug 10, 2011: 4:30-5:30 9270: Managing an IPv6 Network

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Desktop

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Examples

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