Setting up an Open Source Threat Detection Program

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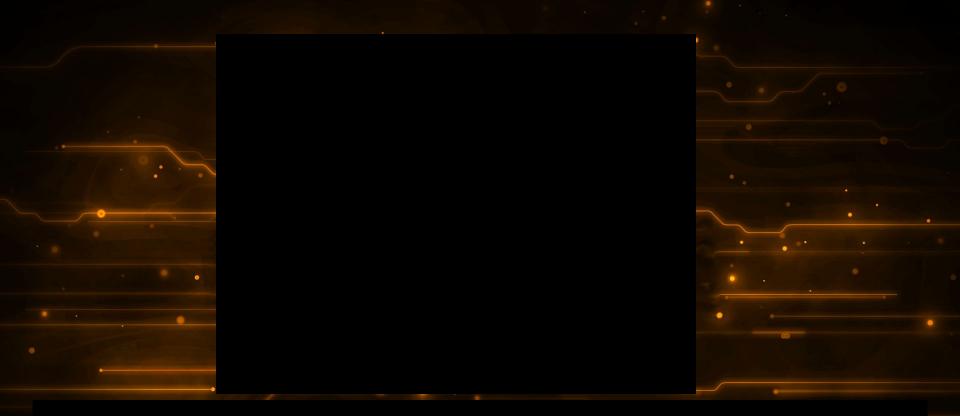
Who am I

- VP of Data Security.
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- Defcon Group Organizer DC801.
- Blackhat NOC Team.



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- www.801labs.org





https://www.reddit.com/r/Utah/comments/e2pfcy/brian_head_utah_getting_nuked/

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Prerequisite

- Familiarity with Linux, Apache, MySQL, PHP (LAMP).
 - Linux Operating Systems CLI
 - Apache Server Config
 - Understanding of ModSecurity
 - http://obscuritysystems.com/slides/modsecurity.pdf
 - Understanding of HTTP POST and GET
 - http://www.w3schools.com/tags/ref_httpmethods.asp
 - Understanding of ELK stack and/or other log monitoring tools.
 - <u>http://www.slideshare.net/prajalkulkarni/attack-monitoring-using-elasticsearch-logstash-and-kibana</u>

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The Strategic Offensive Principle of War.

"The best defense is a good offense"

Instead of a passive attitude offense will preoccupy the opposition and ultimately hinder its ability to mount an opposing counterattack, leading to a strategic advantage.

My Definition of Security

There is no such thing as "Security".

The state of being free from danger or threat.

I define something as secure when the "work" of obtaining it is more than it's worth.

A clearer definition is still difficult to obtain.

Obscurity

The state of being unknown, inconspicuous, or unimportant.

The quality of being difficult to understand.

A thing that is unclear or difficult to understand.

Don't be default.

Outrunning the Bear

"You don't have to run faster than the bear to get away.

You just have to run faster than the guy next to you."

-Jim Butcher

So Why Are We Turtling and Teching

Turtling is a gameplay strategy that emphasizes heavy defense, with little or no offense. Ostensibly, turtling minimizes risk to the turtling player while baiting opponents to take risks in trying to overcome the defenses. In practice, however, games are often designed to punish turtling through various game mechanics.

In every RTS, time is the most valuable resource. In every RTS, time is the most valuable resource.

http://www.gamesradar.com/how-to-play-rts-games-competitively-for-newbies/

What is Counter Hacking?

• Counterintelligence

 Activities designed to prevent or thwart spying, intelligence gathering, and sabotage by an enemy or other foreign entity.

• Counter Hacking

 Activities designed to prevent or thwart threat actors who seek to compromise digital systems that can involve malicious computer techniques other than just blocking or ignoring attackers. -My Definition



I Know You're Listening/ Digital Image xkcd./ 11/19/2016 <<u>https://xkcd.com/525</u>>

Counter Hacking Debate

- Should we Counter Hack and attack the attackers?
- Is Counter Hacking Legal?
- Do we get a return on investment on Counter Hacking?
- What do we gain by attacking back?
- What do we lose?



Think

This Presentation is the "how" not the "why".

You should carefully consider what your doing before implementing or following any of technical demonstrations I am going to cover.

Think about what you're doing before you put on the zebra suit.



Scenario

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So what do we do about something weird going on in our environment ?

How do we go about catching people that are poking around looking to cause trouble?

What if our Intrusion Detection System (IDS) misses the attack?

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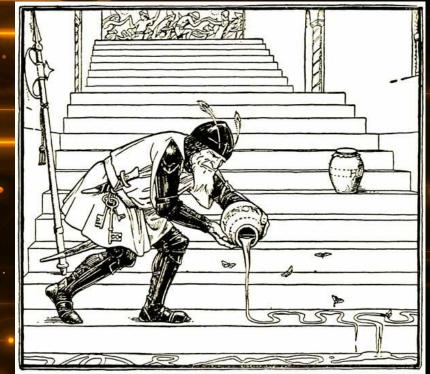
Clown Attempting to Opening Door with Knife. The SUN 10th October 2016 <https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/1945219/terrifying-moment-clown-armed-with-a-knife-is-caught-on-cctv-at-2am-trying-to-break-into-home/>

What is a Honey Pot?

Honey Pots are fake servers or systems setup to gather information about an attacker's methods and techniques.

https://www.sans.org/security-resources/i dfaq/what-is-a-honeypot/1/9

http://tywkiwdbi.blogspot.com.es/2011/09/soldier-lays -honey-trap.html



The Soldier Lays a Honey Trap

Detection Honeypot

- Are used to detect threats.
- Complement IDS systems.
- Can help detect false negatives.
- Can detect new or unknown attacks.
- Can provided a clean environment for Incident Response



Research Honeypot

- Adds value by providing a platform from which you can collect information about the threats seeking to gain access to your system.
- The lessons learned from a research honeypot can be applied to improve intrusion prevention.



STEP BACK PLEASE

we're trying to fix this

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Honey Pot Pros

- Decrease the rate of false positives, which often plague network IDS.
- Low false positives, high success.
- Able to confuse attackers.
- Help train your security team.
- Understand the intruder's intentions by observing his interactions.

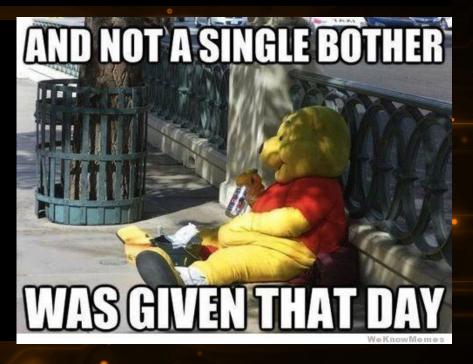


Honey Pot Cons

They don't add value to prevention.

They do not block attacks.

If done incorrectly they can lead to a compromise of data and systems in your organization.



Active Defense



http://weheartit.com/entry/group/40000111

Actively Responding to Attacks.

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SET IT, AND FORGET IT

Environment Setup

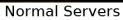


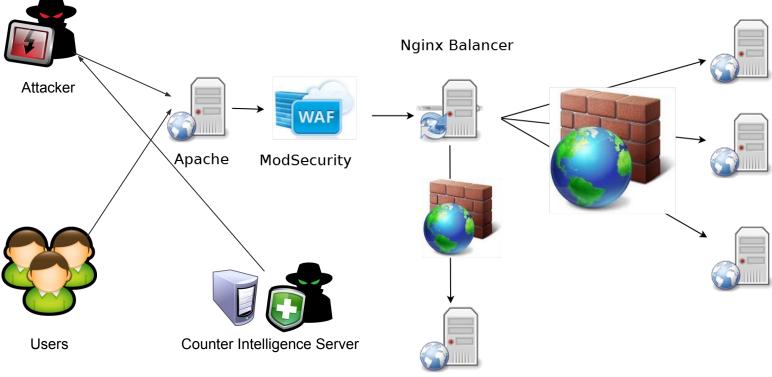
Monitoring and Detection

- Setup ELK or another monitoring engine for the purpose of logging malicious actions.
- Setup ModSecurity to detect and redirect traffic before it hits your web application.
- Setup Reverse Proxy to redirect "Clowns" to honey load balancer.
- Setup Nginx to handle proxy conditions.



Diagram





Honey Server

Apache Reverse Proxy Setup

<VirtualHost *:80>

ServerName mysite ProxyRequests Off ProxyVia Off

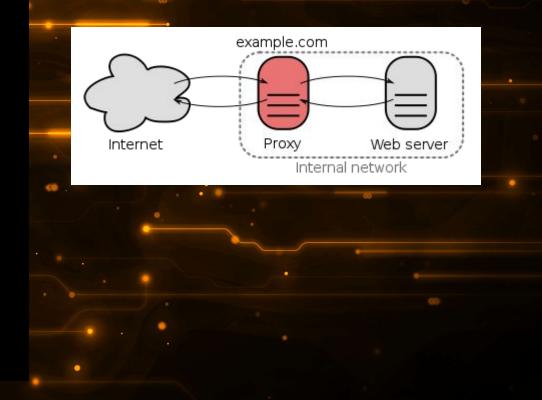
<Proxy *>

Order deny,allow Allow from all

</Proxy>

ProxyPreserveHost off ProxyPass / <u>http://localhost:8080/</u> ProxyPassReverse / http://localhost:8080/

</VirtualHost>



Apache If Statements

If you want to redirect users you need to wrap you ProxyPass and Redirect directives into the newly introduced If statement: <If expression> ProxyPass... </If>

Take a look at <u>http://httpd.apache.org/docs/2.4/mod/core.html#if</u> to find out more about the If directive, and <u>http://httpd.apache.org/docs/2.4/expr.html</u> to learn how to write an Apache expression.

Note that this is only valid in Apache httpd 2.4.

https://serverfault.com/questions/605867/apache-2-4-proxy-for-external-redirect-fo r-internal

Nginx Load Balancer

```
upstream webservers{
```

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server 192.168.1.1;
server 192.168.1.2;
server 192.168.1.3;
```

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upstream honeypot {
    server 192.168.1.6;
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server {

access_log_logs/access.log; error_log_logs/error.log; index_index.html; listen_*:80 default;

root /usr/local/nginx/html;

server_name example.com www.example.com;

location / {

proxy_pass http://webservers; if (\$http_user_agent ~ Honey) { proxy_pass http:/honeypot;

Kong and Openresty

Kong is a scalable, open source API Layer (also known as an API Gateway, or API Middleware). Kong runs in front of any RESTful API and is extended through Plugins, which provide extra functionality and services beyond the core platform. OpenResty® is a full-fledged web platform that integrates the standard Nginx core, LuaJIT, many carefully written Lua libraries, lots of high quality 3rd-party Nginx modules, and most of their external dependencies. It is designed to help developers easily build scalable web applications, web services, and dynamic web gateways.

ModSecurity Redirect

SecRuleUpdateActionById 9888816:5 "setvar:ip.proxy_honeypot=1"

SecRule IP:PROXY_HONEYPOT "@eq 1" "id:9999999",phase2,t:none,log,msg:'Send to Honey'. proxy:'<u>http://192.168.1%{REQUST_URI</u>}'

https://github.com/SpiderLabs/ModSecurity/wiki/Reference-Manual-%28v2.x%29#proxy

Fail2ban Centos Iptables Setup

yum install fail2ban yum install fail2ban-systemd systemctl mask firewalld systemctl enable iptables systemctl enable ip6tables systemctl stop firewalld systemctl start iptables systemctl start ip6tables service fail2ban restart

#how you know its working iptables -S
-P INPUT ACCEPT
-P FORWARD ACCEPT
-P OUTPUT ACCEPT
-N f2b-sshd
-A f2b-sshd -j RETURN

vim /etc/fail2ban/jail.d/00-firewalld.conf
[DEFAULT]
#banaction = firewallcmd-ipset
banaction = iptables-multiport

vim /etc/fail2ban/jail.conf
[DEFAULT]
bantime = 3600
banaction = iptables-multiport



- Honey Systems
 - Computer systems for the sole purpose of monitoring or catching malicious actors.
- Honey Token
 - Data in table that if it's accessed we know something is going on.
- Honey Tables
 - Tables in a database that if we see access attempts we know we have a malicious actor.
- Honey Domains
 - \circ $\,$ Sites that are setup to monitor malicious actors.
- Honey Urls
 - \circ $\,$ Urls we know normal users will never use and only malicious actors will hit.
- Honey Files
 - Files we want malicious actors to find.
- Honey Port
 - \circ $\,$ Ports we want malicious actors to try and scan or connect to.

Honey Domains

http://tools.kali.org/information-gathering/fierce



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list.somedomain.com Images1.somedomain.com club.somedomain.com business.somedomain.com update.somedomain.com fw.somedomain.com

Honey Ports

/etc/fail2ban/action.d/iptables-honeyports.local

[INCLUDES] before = common.conf

[Definition] _daemon = kernel failregex = ^%(__prefix_line)s.*HONEYPORT: .*SRC=<HOST> ignoreregex = /etc/fail2ban/action.d/iptables-honeyports.local

[Definition]

actionstart = iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --syn -m multiport -i <honeydev> --dports <honeyports> -j LOG --log-prefix "HONEYPORT: "

actionstop = iptables -D INPUT -p tcp --syn -m multiport -i <honeydev> --dports <honeyports> -j LOG --log-prefix "HONEYPORT: "

actioncheck = actionban = actionunban =

[Init] honeyports = 21,8080,9090,3066, honeydev = enp0s8

Honey Port Denied

iptables -I INPUT -p tcp --dport 22 -i eth0 -m state --state NEW -m recent \ --set

iptables -I INPUT -p tcp --dport 22 -i eth0 -m state --state NEW -m recent \ --update --seconds 60 --hitcount 3 -j DROP

<u>https://debian-administration.org/article/187/Using_iptables_to_rate-limit_incoming</u> <u>_connections</u>

https://brett.is/writing/about/fail2ban-honeypot/

Rate Limiting

#Limit NEW traffic on port 80

Iptables -A INPUT -s 1.1.1.1/32 -p tcp --dport 80 -m state --state NEW -m limit --limit 30/minute --limit-burst 200 -j ACCEPT

#Second rule – Limit established traffic

Iptables -A INPUT -s 1.1.1.1/32 -m state --state RELATED,ESTABLISHED -m limit --limit 50/second --limit-burst 50 -j ACCEPT

User Agent Strings Blocking

#Apache blocking

#module allows you to set internal environment variables according to whether different aspects of the request match regular expressions you specify

SetEnvIfNoCase User-Agent "^Wget" denied

<Directory "/var/www">

Order Allow,Deny Allow from all Deny from env=denied </Directory>

#Dynamic Logging

LogFormat "%a %{User-agent}i" useragent

CustomLog /var/log/httpd/useragents.log useragent

#modsecurity

SecDefaultAction phase:2,pass,status:403,log,auditlog

SecRule REQUEST_HEADERS:User-Agent "!Wget" "phase:2,deny,msg:'get user agent denied"

https://techblog.willshouse.com/2012/01/03/mos t-common-user-agents/

Useragent String & FAIL2BAN

vim /etc/fail2ban/jail.conf

[apache-bad-user-agent] enabled = true port = 80,443 protocol = tcp filter = baduseragent maxretry = 1 bantime = 86400 logpath = /var/log/httpd/useragent.log /etc/fail2ban/jail.conf
[apache-bad-user-agent]
enabled = true
port = 80,443
protocol = tcp
filter = baduseragent
maxretry = 1
bantime = 86400
logpath = /var/log/httpd/useragent.log

Protect Against Brute Force

Block further login attempts after 3 failed attempts

<LocationMatch ^/login> # Initialize IP collection with user's IP address SecAction "initcol:ip=%{REMOTE_ADDR},pass,nolog" # Detect failed login attempts SecRule RESPONSE_BODY "Username does not exist" "phase:4,pass,setvar: ip.failed_logins=+1,expirevar:ip.failed_logins=60" # Block subsequent login attempts SecRule IP:FAILED_LOGINS "@gt 3" deny

</Location>

ModRewrite Traps

RewriteMap badlist txt:~/bad_useragent_list

RewriteCond %{HTTP_USER_AGENT} .* [NC]

RewriteCond \${badlist:%1|white} ^black\$ [NC]

RewriteRule (.*) "/itsatrap.php" [L]

https://perishablepress.com/eight-ways-to-blacklist-with-apaches-mod_rewrite/

http://httpd.apache.org/docs/current/mod/mod_rewrite.html

http://serverfault.com/questions/251988/blocking-apache-access-via-user-agent-st ring

PHP Trap Code

```
<?PHP #random error code
rand = rand(1,3);
if($rand == 1){
    http_response_code(404);
if($rand == 2){
    http_response_code(403);
if(\text{srand} == 3)
    http_response_code(501);
```

Honey Url

61.x.x.236 - - [13/Mar/2016:16:43:16 -0400] "GET //phpmyadmin/scripts/setup.php HTTP/1.1" 301 184 "-" "-" 61.x.x.236 - - [13/Mar/2016:16:43:17 -0400] "GET //phpmyadmin1/scripts/setup.php HTTP/1.1" 301 184 "-" "-" 189.x.x.102 - - [12/Mar/2016:16:15:12 -0500] "HEAD http://192.64.80.52:80/PMA2015/ HTTP/1.1" 301 0 "-" "Mozilla/5.0 Jorgee"

183.x.x.26 - - [14/Feb/2016:01:37:16 -0500] "POST /doLogin.do HTTP/1.1" 301 184 "-" "Mozilla/5.0" POST /loginUl.action 183.x.x.187 - - [08/Jan/2016:18:51:43 -0500] "GET /mail/auth/login HTTP/1.1" 301 184 "-" "Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10_9_4) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko)

- 61.x.x.236 - [13/Mar/2016:16:48:25 -0400] "GET //web/scripts/setup.php HTTP/1.1" 301 184 "-" "-"
- 92.x.x.134 - [15/Feb/2016:01:36:39 -0500] "GET /scripts/moadmin.php HTTP/1.1" 301 184

"http://www.obscuritysystems.com/scripts/moadmin.php" "Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.0; Windows NT 5.1; Q312461)"

http://www.skepticism.us/2015/05/new-malware-user-agent-value-jorgee/

ModSecurity Redirect Blocking

SecFilterSelective REMOTE_ADDR "!192.168.1.2" chain

SecFilterSelective REQUEST_URI "/wp-login.php" log,deny,redirect:http://www.somewhere.com/nologin.html

robots.txt

https://www.dc801.org/robots.txt

Disallow: User-agent: * Disallow: /admin Disallow: /passwords Disallow: /sensitive



Honey Token Detection MySQL

#!/bin/bash

honey_token=\$(grep "ABCDEF" /var/lib/mysql/queries.log | wc -l)

if ["\$honey_token" -gt 1]

then

fi

logger "Honey Token Alert ABCDEF"

mail -s "Honey Token Alert ABCDEF" you@somesite.com <<< "Alert Honey Token"

MySQL Setup

[mysqld]

general-log general-log-file=queries.log log-output=file

https://mariadb.com/kb/en/mariadb/general-quer y-log/ Named pipes

mkfifo the_pipe
reader_command < the_pipe &
writer_command > the_pipe

http://dba.stackexchange.com/questions/3552/h ow-do-i-output-mysql-logs-to-syslog/5106#5106

http://lists.mysql.com/mysql/191664

http://dba.stackexchange.com/questions/3552/h ow-do-i-output-mysgl-logs-to-syslog/3571#3571

Honey Table Detection

Same as a honey token but contains data we know attackers want.

Assuming that your system is compromised. Think as if you're a hacker trying to steal data. What would you try pulling down first?

Create tables that look attractive so that hackers try and dump data.

Such as A_PAN A_SSN A_USERNAMES.

The reason we are using A at the beginning of the table names is due to the fact most SQL injection tools start in alphabetical order when probing to determine database names.

ModSecurity Honey Token Detection

SecRule RESPONSE_BODY "@rx honeytoken" \

"phase:4,log,pass,t:none,msg:'Honey token detected"

Honey File

#!/bin/bash

while true; do

inotifywait -q -e access /root/systempasswords.txt

mail -s "Honey Token Alert systempassword.txt" you@somesite.com <<< "Alert Honey Token"

logger "Honey file has been read"

done

#https://linux.die.net/man/1/inotifywait

Honey Docs

A honey file might contain instructions for using a "Admin portal" that contains username and passwords used as honey tokens.

The document would be placed in a folder such as https://mysecuresite.com/test/



Counter Hacking and Intelligence Gathering

Active Cyber Defense Certainty Act (ACDC)

The Active Cyber Defense Certainty Act (ACDC) amends the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act to make limited retaliatory strikes against cyber-miscreants legal in America for the first time. The bill would allow hacked organizations to venture outside their networks to identify an intruder and infiltrate their systems, destroy any data that had been stolen, and deploy "beaconing technology" to trace the physical location of the attacker. - Iain Thomson in San Francisco 13 Oct 2017

https://www.theregister.co.uk/2017/10/13/us_hack_back_law/









I never thought of it this way. It's basically the cyber version of being allowed to murder someone for entering your property.

https://twitter.com/MalwareTechBlog/status/918930856969830400

Section 1030 - Fraud and related activity in connection with computers

A) knowingly causes the transmission of a program, information, code, or command, and as a result of such conduct, intentionally causes damage without authorization, to a protected computer;

(B) intentionally accesses a protected computer without authorization, and as a result of such conduct, recklessly causes damage; or

(C) intentionally accesses a protected computer without authorization, and as a result of such conduct, causes damage and loss.

https://casetext.com/statute/united-states-code/title-18-crimes-and-criminal-procedure/part-i-crimes/chapte r-47-fraud-and-false-statements/section-1030-fraud-and-related-activity-in-connection-with-computers

H.R.3270 - Active Cyber Defense Certainty Act

- Section 3: Exceptions for the Use of Attributional Technology
- Section 4: Exclusion From Prosecution for Certain Computer Crimes for Those Taking Active Cyber Defense Measures
- Section 5: Notification Requirement for the Use of ACDMs
- Section 6: Voluntary Preemptive Review of ACMDs
- Section 7: Annual Report on the Federal Government's Progress in Deterring Cyber Fraud and Cyber-Enabled Crimes

https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/3270

https://www.lawfareblog.com/hackback-back-assessing-active-cyber-defense-certainty-act

Client Side Attacks

"Most attacks are conducted against servers, but as services have become harder to attack, easier targets have been selected. Client-side attacks are a result of this, where an attacker will target the various applications installed on the workstation of an employee within a target organization. " (offensive security)

https://kali.training/topic/types-of-attacks/

Microsoft Office Example

<u>https://blog.cystack.net/word-based-malware-attack/</u>

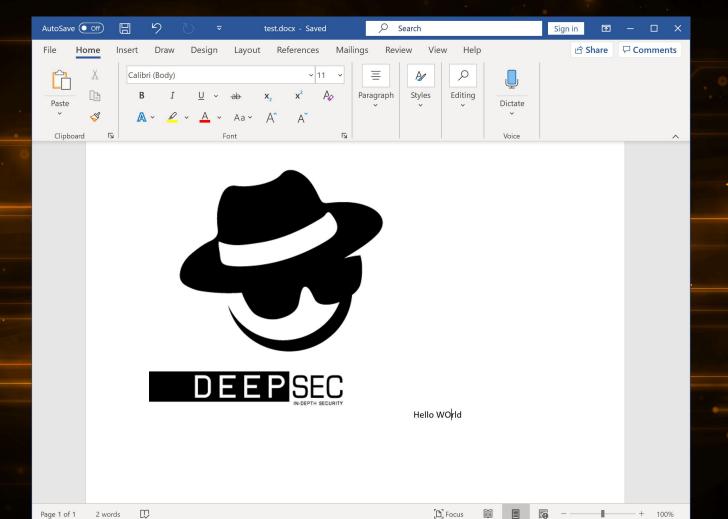
Adobe Example

<u>https://www.offensive-security.com/metasploit-unleashed/client-side-exploits/</u>

SImple Word User Enumeration

By merely embedding an image in a word document, we can enumerate a personal IP address and location by having the document reference images on our web server.

Only works if user isn't using a VPN or TOR.



Word Image Enumeration

root@dev1:/var/www/html

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<?PHP
file_put_contents('/var/logs/server',print_r($_SERVER,true)."\n",FILE_APPEND);
// open the file in a binary mode
$name = 'DeepSec_Hat.png';
$fp = fopen($name, 'rb');
```

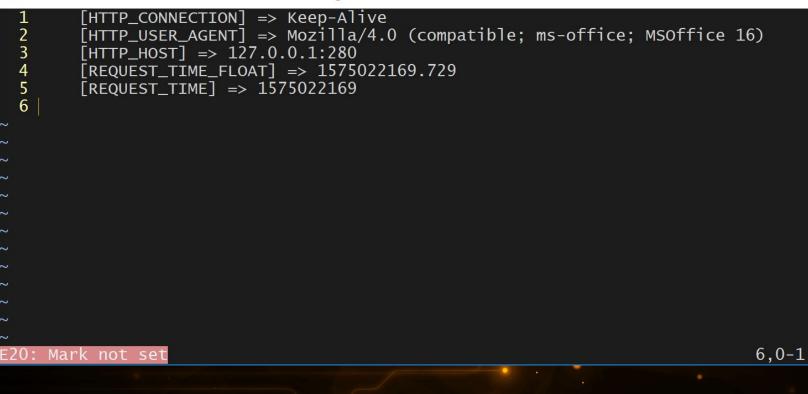
// send the right headers
header("Content-Type: image/png");
header("Content-Length: " . filesize(\$name));

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// dump the picture and stop the script
fpassthru($fp);
exit;
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root@dev1:/var/www/devbox.fuzeflow.com/logs

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BeEF



BeEF is short for The Browser Exploitation Framework. It is a penetration testing tool that focuses on the web browser.

https://github.com/beefproject/beef/wiki

http://beefproject.com/

What can Beef do?

Network Discovery https://github.com/beefproject/beef/wiki/Network-Discovery

Information Gathering https://github.com/beefproject/beef/wiki/Information-Gathering

Social Engineering https://github.com/beefproject/beef/wiki/Social-Engineering

Geolocation

https://github.com/beefproject/beef/wiki/Geolocation

Persistence https://github.com/beefproject/beef/wiki/Persistence

Getting Started Logs Current Browser	
Details Logs Commands Rider XssRays Ipec Network WebRTC	
Category: Browser (6 Items)	
Browser Version: UNKNOWN	5
Browser UA String: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; WOW64; rv:56.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/56.0	~ .
Browser Language: en-US	
Browser Platform: Win32	
Browser Plugins: Shockwave Flash	
Window Size: Width: 2234, Height: 975	
Category: Browser Components (12 Items)	
Flash: Yes	
VBScript: No	•
PhoneGap: No	
Google Gears: No	
Web Sockets: Yes	•
QuickTime: No	
RealPlayer: No	
Windows Media Player: No	
WebRTC: Yes	
ActiveX: No	60
Session Cookies: Yes	
Persistent Cookies: Yes	
∃ Category: Hooked Page (5 Items)	
Page Title: BeEF Basic Demo	
Page URI: http://10.254.10.165:3000/demos/basic.html	
Page Referrer: Unknown	
Host Name/IP: 10.254.10.165	
Cookies: BEEFHOOK=juo7LqsJ4XF0bVbcEjNb7sMVMIg9b3OJkuijbWHxghmaTXW8skttUyQrMxSqUZbH2fws4VgNWO4ZJh6T	
∃ Category: Host (8 Items)	
Host Name/IP: 10.254.10.99	
Date: Tue Oct 10 2017 00:37:35 GMT-0600 (Mountain Standard Time)	

Social Engineer Toolkit

https://www.trustedsec.com/social-engineer-toolkit/

https://github.com/trustedsec/social-engineer-toolkit/raw/master/readme/User_Ma nual.pdf

Spear-Phishing Attack Vector

Java Applet Attack Vector



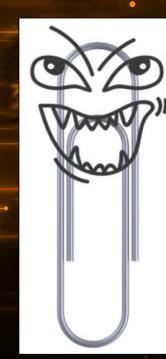
Metasploit Malicious VBA

Metasploit has a couple of built in methods you can use to infect Word and Excel documents with malicious Metasploit payloads.

https://www.offensive-security.com/metasploit-unl eashed/vbscript-infection-methods/

Evil Clippy

https://outflank.nl/blog/2019/05/05/evil-clippy-ms-office-maldoc-assistant/



It looks like your maldoc does not yet bypass AV.

Do you want me to help?

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US Congress mulls first 'hack back' revenge law. And yup, you can guess what it'll let people do

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Offensive Countermeasures: Making Attackers Lives Miserable

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