WANNACRY: A COMPLETE COMPROMISE WALKTHROUGH

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AGENDA

• Goals, Expectations and Why
• WannaCry Exploit Overview
• Compromise Walkthrough/Demo
• Demo Recap
• What You Can Do
GOALS EXPECTATIONS AND WHY?

• Presentation goal
  – Understanding how the WannaCry attack worked
  – Understanding how easy it is to go from an exploit of the MS17-010 vulnerability to gaining control of a domain

• Expectations
  – Give a (not too technical) overview of exploits and how they can affect a corporate environment

• Why does this matter?
  – To give context to risks, and to educate!
Ransomware

WannaCry

MS17-010

Eternal Blue / Double Pulsar

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HISTORY OF RANSOMWARE

• PC Cyborg (AIDS Trojans) - 1989
  – Dr. Joseph Popp
  – Affected the healthcare industry
  – Activation of malware was delayed to help keep the culprit anonymous
    • After 90x, the malware went active
  – Message demanded a payment of $189 for a year or $387 for the lifetime of computer
    • P.O. box in Panama
  – Poor encryption made the campaign ineffective
Dear Customer:

It is time to pay for your software lease from PC Cyborg Corporation. Complete the INVOICE and attach payment for the lease option of your choice. If you don’t use the printed INVOICE, then be sure to refer to the important reference numbers below in all correspondence. In return you will receive:

- a renewal software package with easy-to-follow, complete instructions;
- an automatic, self-installing diskette that anyone can apply in minutes.

Important reference numbers: A5599796-2695577-

The price of 365 user applications is US$189. The price of a lease for the lifetime of your hard disk is US$378. You must enclose a bankers draft, cashier’s check or international money order payable to PC CYBORG CORPORATION for the full amount of $189 or $378 with your order. Include your name, company, address, city, state, country, zip or postal code. Mail your order to PC Cyborg Corporation, P.O. Box 87-17-44, Panama 7, Panama.

Press ENTER to continue
EVOLUTION OF RANSOMWARE

• Strength of Encryption

• Methods of transmission
  – Floppy disk to email to self-propagating

• Who’s capable of carrying out these attacks?
  – Used to just be sophisticated attackers and Nation States
  – Ransomware-as-a-Service (RaaS)

• Payment Options
  – Evolution of cryptocurrencies has made it much easier, allowing for the attacker to stay anonymous

• Increasing popularity of IoT will make these ransomware attacks even more detrimental
  – Wearables, household items, etc.
MS17-010

• Takes advantage of a vulnerability in the SMB service

• Microsoft released the patch on March 14th, 2017
  – 10th vulnerability of 2017

• Shadow Brokers released exploit April 15, 2017
  – Eternal Blue - Exploit
  – Double Pulsar – Backdoor

• Mostly seen in internal environments but found externally
  – 40 examples externally

• Gives system privileges, ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES
HOW WANNACRY WORKS

1. Arrive via exploit

2. File delivered via exploit running as a service

3. Drop ransomware file which performs encryption

4. Drop component files for creating ransom note

5. Encrypt local and shared files (targets 176 file extensions)

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HOW WANNACRY SPREAD
AFTERMATH OF WANNACRY RANSOMWARE

- Encrypted 176 different file types
- Over 200,000 victims and more than 300,000 computers affected
- Asked for $300 or $600
- 338 payments at $140,000
- Microsoft made patches for unsupported systems
- Many copycat crimes
LIVE DEMO
• Ran a scan using one of the various tools to identify the MS17-010 vulnerability

• Loaded the attack for MS17-010 on my Linux computer, pointed the attack at the vulnerable machine and executed the attack

• Dumped the passwords and hashes from the domain

• Used the Domain Admin credentials to login to the vulnerable machine
WHAT YOU CAN DO

• How to stop identification of the vulnerability?
  – Don’t have the vulnerability!
  – Keep up to date with your patch management programs

• How do I stop the attacker from dumping passwords?
  – Use the Protected Users group in recent versions of Active Directory (Windows 2012 R2)
  – Limit the number of services running as system

• How do I stop a Domain Admin from logging into systems
  – You cant really
  – BUT you can limit the amount of people on your network with Domain Admin privileges.
  – If they don’t login to machines often, the credentials cannot be dumped
  – DO NOT use a local admin account
  – Try to keep your end users as aware as possible
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