Cyber Operations:

Cyber Defense

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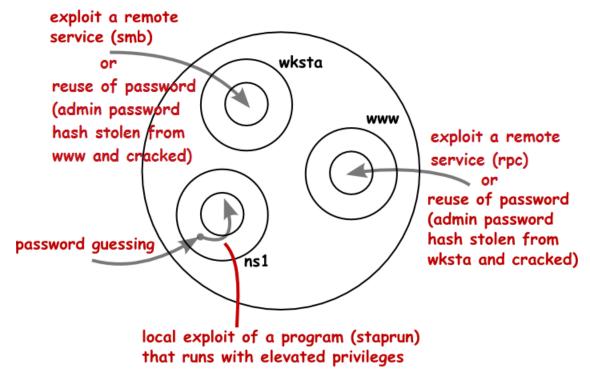
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Cyber Attack Lab

Lets go back and do Part1!

Cyber Attack Lab Debrief

Thoughts... lessons learned...



Please turn in completed lab worksheets.

Learning Targets

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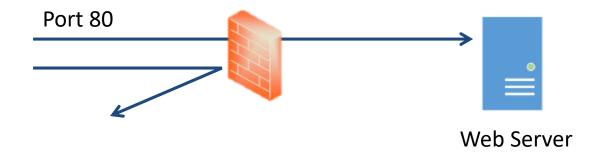
GENERAL PRINCIPLES

General Principles

- Least Privileges
- Defense in Depth
- Vigilance

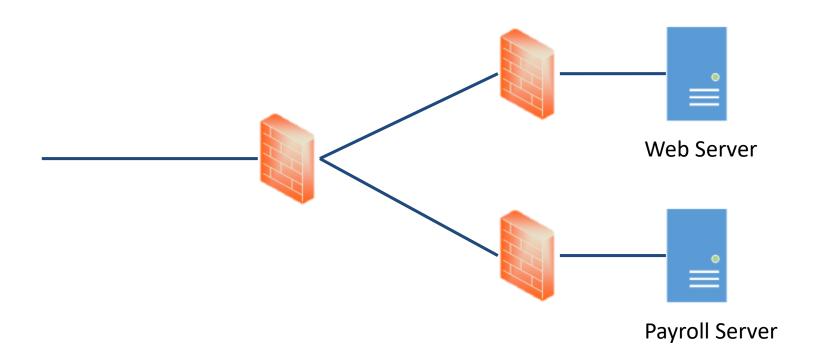
Least Privilege

 Give users and programs the privileges and access they need, and no more



Defense in Depth

Provide multiple layers of defense



Defense in Depth –

Really the best approach...?

- **Sony** Partial loss of \$ 343,750,000 for 1 month of lost services alone. There are currently 55 Lawsuits so far in the U.S. as well as the damage to reputation and brand.
- RSA According to a report in The Washington Post, the cost of the RSA hack which compromised the security of RSA's SecurID products was \$66 million.
- **IMF** The New York Times recently reported "highly confidential information about the fiscal condition of many nations" contain "political dynamite" that could affect global markets..."
- **Citigroup** "Citigroup has been forced to reveal that a recent hack of its network exposed the financial data of more than 360,000 customers"
- ManTech "...the members (Anonymous) posted a 390 MB download that appeared to contain reports related to NATO, the US Army and personnel files."
- **U.S. Military's Predator Drones** the response to the persistent key logger on the armed drones was "We keep wiping it off, and it keeps coming back," a source told the technology magazine. "We think it's benign. But we just don't know." (The Australian, 2011)
- Uber, Target, OPM, Lockheed Martin, etc, etc, etc...



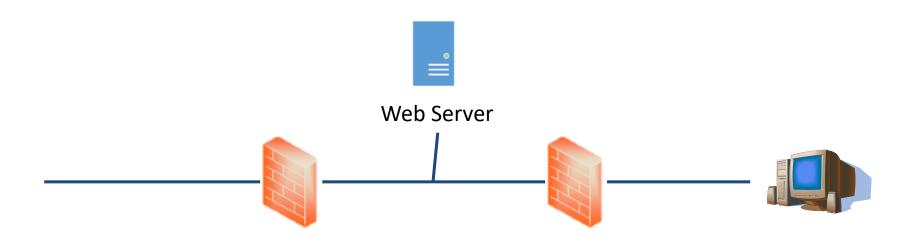
Vigilance

- Maintain awareness of activity on systems
 - Review log files
 - Deploy intrusion detection/prevention systems
 - SIEM
 - security information and event management

BEST PRACTICES

Best Practices

- Remove unnecessary accounts and services
 - Remove unnecessary services
 - Remove old accounts
- Use a demilitarized zone



Best Practices

- Sandbox Services
 - Run services in a protected environment
- Minimize what executes with elevated privileges
 - Processes that run as Administrator
 - People with Administrator/root
- Keep and monitor logs
- Monitor inbound and outbound traffic
 - Source/destination
 - Volume
- Keep Systems Patched

Zero-Days

- The period of time from when a vulnerability is known, and when a patch for that vulnerability is available.
- A zero-day is a vulnerability that attackers can exploit, but no patch exists to correct the vulnerability.
- Since, no patch exists for a zero-day, keeping systems patched will not mitigate the risk of zeroday exploits.

DEFENSE TECHNIQUES

Denial of Service Attacks

- Bock IP address generating traffic
- Add more servers and or bandwidth
 - Geographic separation

Remote Exploitation

- Keep software up to date (patch)
- Disable unnecessary services
- Use firewalls, DMZ's, and NAT
- Use host based firewalls

Password Guessing

- Use strong passwords
 - Long
 - Drawn from a large character set
 - Unusual
 - Not a dictionary word
- Don't reuse passwords
- Change default passwords

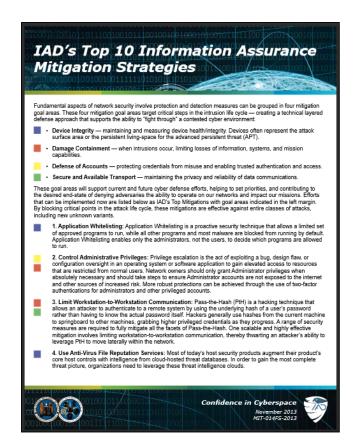
Privilege Escalation

- Prevent password cracking
 - Secure the password file
 - Require strong passwords
 - Store only hashes
- Local Exploitation
 - Patch software
 - Minimize process privilege
 - Eliminate unnecessary software

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Resources





NSA Top 10 Mitigations

SANS Critical Security Controls

Questions?

- Cyber Defense BB HW due 07:45 Monday
- Read Cyber Domain Case Studies Material
 - Be prepared to discuss on Monday