Threat Investigation with VMware ATP



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Why you should be concerned about Lateral Security ?



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Today's Security Realities Operational Inefficiencies and Unmitigated Risks





Today's Security Realities Freedom of Movement







Source 1 – 2022 VMware Global Threat Report, Source 2 - 2023 Verizon Data Breach Investigation report, 3 – 2023 IBM Cost of Data Breach Report



Today's Security Realities You cannot protect what you cannot see













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Today's Security Realities Legacy Solutions



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Turning on the Lights With VMware Security Intelligence and ATP



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It is a black box for most Network Security teams



VMware Security Intelligence

Real-Time Flow Visibility, Network Traffic Analysis and Firewall Planning



Security Intelligence Data Platform



Security Intelligence Visualization



Security Intelligence Security Policy Recommendations

Security Intelligence Network Traffic Analysis

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VMware Security Intelligence Bolted-on versus Built-in Model for Analytics



Duplicate/Mirror traffic to Analytics solutions

High Capex and Opex implications

Limited coverage due to performance and cost implications



Analytics (Flows, IDS, DPI) done on each compute No Network Changes, Taps and Packet Brokers

Complete network coverage

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VMware Security Intelligence Finding Security Relevance with Traditional Analytics solutions





VMware Security Intelligence Scalable Contextual Visualization



- Security Intelligence provides Visualization of all NSX inventory and flows at <u>scale</u>
- Enables visibility of flow status in Group and VM communication maps.
- Highlighting a specific group will show related flows
- Rich filtering to drill down into more specific views



VMware Security Intelligence Network Traffic Analysis



- Detection of anomalous network behavior everywhere in the network
- Machine-learning based detection of traffic anomalies with threatcentric models
- Applied to enriched flow and endpoint context collected by NSX intelligence
- 14 Detectors including, DNS Tunneling, Remote Services
- Every hypervisor is a sensor
- No need for TAPs, Monitoring Networks or network rearchitecture



VMware Security Intelligence Network Traffic Analysis: Domain Generation Algorithm

class BazarBackdoor(AbstractDgaGenerator): """BazarBackdoor Domain Generation Algorithm."""

```
VALID_CHARS = ["abcde", "cdef", "efgh", "ghi", "ijk", "klm"]
```

```
def generate(self, date):
    """Generate BazarBackdoor domains given a date."""
    month = date.month
    year = date.year
    date_str = "{0:02d}{1:04d}".format(12 - month, year - 18)
    valid_chars = [list(_) for _ in BazarBackdoor.VALID_CHARS]
    for part1 in itertools.product(*valid_chars):
        domain = "".join(part1)
```

```
for i, c in enumerate(part1):
    domain += chr(ord(c) + int(date_str[i]))
domain += ".bazar"
yield domain
```

- DGA is a hard-to-detect C2 technique
- Tries to connect to randomly generated domains, until it connects to a domain registered by the c2 servers
- Not readily detectable by signatures nor reputation-based solutions
- Yields an observable pattern of network traffic
- I.e. a series of failed DNS lookups to seemingly random domain, followed by a single successful connection to a random domain

Detect anomalies in the DNS lookups performed by an internal host that may be caused by DGA malware

<u>Command</u> and Control

To communicate with the dark side



VMware Security Intelligence

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VMware Lateral Security

Security Intelligence
Visibility | Micro-Segmentation Planning

Advanced Threat Prevention IDS/IPS | NTA | NDR | Sandbox

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Gateway Firewall

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Micro Segmentation Segment Zones



"Outdated security technology and processes and too many alerts or false negatives with detection software are listed among the top obstacles"

Scale Venture Partners 2020 Cybersecurity Perspectives



VMware Advanced Threat Prevention Network Detection and Response: Connecting the Attack Chain



- Scoring and Correlation of IDPS, Malware and Anomaly events into intrusion campaigns
- "Connect the attack chain" capability
- Provides security teams high fidelity by constantly correlating signals from distributed network sensors
- Correlation into threat campaigns rather than events allows SOC operators to focus on triaging only a small set of actionable threats.

VMware Advanced Threat Prevention Network Detection and Response: Connecting the Attack Chain



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Today's Security Realities Paradigm Shift in Ransomware Attacks

Maze Ransomware

Sophisticated Ransomware

<u>Maze</u> ransomware, previously known as "ChaCha", was discovered in May 2019. In addition to encrypting files on victim machines for impact, <u>Maze</u> operators conduct information stealing campaigns prior to encryption and post the information online to extort affected companies.

FIN6 is a cybercrime group that has stolen payment card data and sold it for profit on underground marketplaces. This group has aggressively targeted and compromised point of sale (PoS) systems in the hospitality and retail sectors.

https://attack.mitre.org/groups/G0037/ Associated Groups: Magecart Group 6, ITG08, Skeleton Spider



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VMware Advanced Threat Prevention Malware Prevention



- Detection & Prevention of known and unknown malicious files
- Windows and Linux Support
- Hash lookup, Local (static) analysis and cloud-based dynamic analysis
- Guest-introspection based
 file-extraction and blocking for
 DFW
- No hairpinning, networklatency or re-architecture



VMware Advanced Threat Prevention Malware Prevention: Local and Cloud Analysis

Local Analysis

Prefiltering of clearly Benign Files

Prefiltering of obvious Malicious Files

 File signature, file structure, URLs, JS scripts, VBA macros, XL4 code, key strings Structure analysis, YARA rules, Images analysis (OCR), etc

Determines if Cloud Analysis is needed



Cloud Analysis

Files are sent to the NSX Advanced Threat Prevention Service (Lastline New Next-Gen Sandbox Cloud)

Behavior Analysis

High-Visibility– Full visibility into malware actions (disk, memory, network, cpu instruction)

Hard to fingerprint – outside the guest OS instrumentation

Faster File Analysis – than previous Sandbox generation

Resistant to evasion – dynamically responds to evasion tricks (such as dormant code in memory)

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"60% of breach victims said they were breached due to an unpatched known vulnerability where the patch was not applied"

Ponemon Institute



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VMware Advanced Threat Prevention

Intrusion Detection and Prevention: Preventing Exploits at every workload



Distributed & Built-in Analysis – scales linearly with workloads, no blind-spots

Curated Signature Distribution – fewer false positives, lower computational overhead on host

Context-based Threat Detection and scoring – reduced need for signature tuning, better alert prioritization

Policy & State Mobility - simplify operations, eliminate stale / redundant policies



VMware Advanced Threat Prevention

Intrusion Detection and Prevention: Virtual Patching with the Distributed IDPS



Patching Dilemma

Patching everything is difficult and resource intensive

Patching cycles are lengthy and often require maintenance window/downtime

Patches may not be available for older systems

Virtual Patching

Compensating control by front-ending vulnerable workloads with a dedicated IDPS signature set

Protection regardless of where the attack comes from

Provides protection from network exploits until actual software patch is applied



VMware Advanced Threat Prevention

Intrusion Detection and Prevention: Signatures

| | VMware Distributed and Gateway IDPS |
|--|---|
| Signature Sources | Trustwave Spiderlab SLR, Emerging Threat ET, NSX |
| Signature Curation | VMware TAU |
| Signature Update Check Frequency | 20 Minutes |
| Typical Signature Set Release Cadence | ~ Every day |
| Detection Mechanism | Signatures, LUA Scripts |
| Signature Severities | Critical, High, Medium, Low, Suspicious |
| Default VMware Action | Alert Drop Reject (majority) |
| Event Details | Attacker/Target, Severity, Product/Users/VMs affected, CVSS/CVE, Attack Target, Attack Type, Detailed Attack History, Bytes, Action taken, Impact Score, Mitre Tactic & Technique (only in UI) |
| Event Scoring | Confidence, Risk, Impact/Severity, CVSS |
| Event Promotion | Promotion of information al events to threat events based on context (NDR) |

VMware Advanced Threat Prevention ATP/NDR Portfolio

VMware ATP

Available for VMware Firewall

No dedicated sensors required: distributed firewall and gateway firewall are 'sensors'

IDS/IPS, NTA, sandboxing included

Aligned with MITRE ATT&CK framework

VMware ATP Standalone

Standalone product deployed on-prem

Sensors deployed to tap traffic; additional components (Engine, Mgr, Data Nodes) reqd. for data processing

IDS, NTA, sandboxing included

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| Campaign ID: 8b278b & 2022-04-25 - 2022-04-25 | | Latest sta Exfiltratio | ge: Affected hosts: Threats: State: Open 🗸 |
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| Overview Hosts Timeline History Evidence Sort by: Earliest (by start time) Q Search threats Image: Apr 25, 21:14:46 - Apr 25, 21:14:46 | | Show closed threats | EVIDENCE X File download |
| V R 192.168.100.181 EVIDENCE SUMMARY: 1 type: File download | Latest stage Delivery | OPEN NEXT STEPS V | This alert was raised because host 192.168.100.181 has downloaded a malicious file from 175.45.176.136. |
| Evidence 21:14:46 File download /msteemsupdater.zip Apr 25 Confidence: 80 | Network interactions & network IOCs 175.45.176.136 = 💽 | Supporting data 1 detection events View all threat details > | FILE TYPE CONFIDENCE ZipArchiveFi 80 SHA1 210844e8b0ff0fd2f79e8162e06ced82209dd4ee |
| • Apr 25, 21:14:47 - Apr 25, 21:14:47 | | | Malware Identification <u>Analyst report ></u> |
| Image: Signature Image: Signature | Latest stage Exploitation | OPEN NEXT STEPS V | ANTIVIRUS CLASS ANTIVIRUS FAMILY RANSOMWARE, TROJAN BULZ, CRYPTODEF MALWARE |
| Apr 25, 21:18:12 - Apr 25, 21:21:35 | | | CRYPTOWALL SUSPICIOUS GEOLOCATION QUERY |
| > 192.168.100.181 70 CRYPTOWALL EVIDENCE SUMMARY: 1 type: Signature | Latest stage Command and Control | OPEN NEXT STEPS V | BEHAVIOR OVERVIEW (19) Family Ransomware specific behavior |
| Apr 25, 21:24:56 - Apr 25, 21:42:29 | | | 100 Network Using domain from low-reputation servers |
| Image: Second | Latest stage Lateral Movement | OPEN NEXT STEPS V | (command&control) BO Disable Stopping the Windows Security Center service |
| • Apr 25, 21:24:56 - Apr 25, 21:42:29 | | | Expand for more V |
| Image: Second state | Latest stage Lateral Movement | OPEN NEXT STEPS V | Open in |
| • Apr 25, 21:47:50 - Apr 25, 21:53:15 | | | G Google 😵 Shodan |
| Image: Solution of the second state of the second | Latest stage Command and Control | OPEN NEXT STEPS V | Threatminer Q UrlHaus Expand for more |
| Apr 25, 21:48:14 - Apr 25, 21:48:14 | | | Download details Analyst report > |
| 75 EMPIRE AGENT 192.168.20.211 EVIDENCE SUMMARY: 1 type: Signature | Latest stage Command and Control | OPEN NEXT STEPS V | FILE NAME /msteemsupdater.zip URL http://175.45.176.136/msteemsupdater.zip, |

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| V # 192.168.100.181 EVIDENCE SUMMARY: 1 type: File download | Latest stage Delivery | OPEN NEXT STEPS V | This alert was raised because traffic from host 192.168.100.181 to 34.102.136.180 has matched network signatures for threat command&control. |
| Evidence 21:14:46 <u>File download /msteemsupdater.zip</u> Apr 25 Confidence: 80 | Network interactions & network IOCs | Supporting data 1 detection events View all threat details > | Threat CryptoWall Threat Class command&control Activity Confidence N/A 70 |
| Apr 25, 21:14:47 - Apr 25, 21:14:47 | Latest stage Exploitation | OPEN NEXT STEPS V | First Seen Last Seen |
| Evidence 21:14:47 <u>Signature Ilrules:14696191012</u> Apr 25 Confidence: 90 | Network interactions & network IOCs | Supporting data 1 detection events View all threat details > | Duration: 3 minutes Reference Event Traffic |
| • Apr 25, 21:18:12 - Apr 25, 21:21:35 | | | ¥ 34.102.136.180 |
| 70 CRYPTOWALL Evidence et:2018452 21:18:12 Signature et:2018452 Apr 25 Confidence: 70 | Latest stage Command and Control Network interactions & network IOCs 34.102.136.180 == 🚱 172.67.144.44 == 🚱 | OPEN NEXT STEPS V Supporting data 2 detection events View all threat details > | Detector Summary More details Detector Name et:2018452 Goal auto-generated Detect CryptoWall Check-in. IDS Rule View rule (if available) |
| Apr 25, 21:24:56 - Apr 25, 21:42:29 Apr 25, 21:24:26 Apr 25, 21:24:26 | Latest stage Lateral Movement | OPEN NEXT STEPS V | |
| • Apr 25, 21:24:56 - Apr 25, 21:42:29 | | | |
| ANOMALOUS PSEXEC INTERACTION EVIDENCE SUMMARY: 1 type: Unusual behavior | Latest stage Lateral Movement | OPEN NEXT STEPS V | |

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|---|---|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| Apr 25 Confidence: 70 | | | View all threat details > | EVIDENCE SUMMARY X |
| • Apr 25, 21:47:50 - Apr 25, 21:53:15 | | | | Signature |
| ✓ | BO DGA ACTIVITY EVIDENCE SUMMARY: 1 type: Anomaly | Latest stage Command and Control | OPEN NEXT STE | |
| Evidence | | Network interactions & network IOCs | Supporting data | This alert was raised because traffic from host 192.168.20.211 to 192.168.100.181 has matched network signatures for threat command&control. |
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| Apr 25, 21:48:14 - Apr 25, 21:48:14 | | | | Empire Agent Threat Class command&control |
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| | | | View all threat details > | Duration: < 1 second |
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| Aprizo Comidence. do | | | View all threat details > | Goal auto-generated Detect Possible PowerShell Empire Activity Outbound. |
| Apr 25, 21:53:41 - Apr 25, 22:02:34 | | | | IDS Rule View rule (if available) |
| 192.168.20.211 | 20 SUSPICIOUS REMOTE TASK SCHEDULING EVIDENCE SUMMARY: 1 type: Unusual behavior | Latest stage Lateral Movement | OPEN NEXT STE | |
| Apr 25, 21:53:44 - Apr 25, 21:53:44 | | | | |
| > 🐐 192.168.20.211 | 20 SUSPICIOUS KERBEROS AS_REO RC4 ENCRYPTION EVIDENCE SUMMARY: 1 type: Unusual behavior | Latest stage Credential Access | OPEN NEXT STE | |
| Apr 25, 21:57:58 - Apr 25, 22:06:51 | | | | |
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Today's Security Realities

Lack of Internal Segmentation leads to Unmitigated lateral movement

44%

of breaches perform some form of lateral movement

2-3Hops

and very rarely 4, making for swift closing and laser focused propagation attempts

64%

use of the Samba service, Pass the Hash and the Remote Desktop Protocol

"The Remote Desktop Protocol and SSH connections are probably two of the easiest techniques to perform lateral movement. These intrusion events are particularly difficult to identify as they easily get lost among the events associated with legitimate administrative activity."





VMware Firewall

Distributed Firewall: Prevent Lateral Movement without network changes



- Network-Independent L2 L7 Transparent Firewall
- VM, BM and K8S
- Zones and Infrastructure Segmentation
- Application Isolation and Micro-segmentation
- VLAN and Overlay-backed
- Applied directly to VDS DVPG
- L7 APP-ID
- FQDN/Outbound Filtering
- User-based Firewalling





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VMware Firewall RDP/SSH Attack Vector - The problem



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VMware Firewall RDP/SSH Attack Vector - The solution

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2 FIREWALL RULES

1. Src: [Jump_Pool] to Dst: [Any] [RDP_SSH] Action: Allow

2. Src: [Any] to Dst: [Any] [RDP_SSH] Action: Drop



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VMware Firewall Known Unsecure Protocols - The problem



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VMware Firewall Real-Time Flow Visibility and Firewall Planning with Security Intelligence



Real Time Flow Visibility

Complete visibility into every flow, every process, across all workloads

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Application Grouping

Create application groups and create dependency maps

>80% J in signatures evaluated at each IDS/IPS engine



Policy Formulation

Recommend granular policies for segmentation purposes







VMware Firewall and Advanced Threat Prevention Mapping to NIST Cyber Security Framework



- A risk-based framework that provides a catalog of security controls for organizations to secure their systems.
- A comprehensive catalog of security and privacy controls applicable for Telecom sector.
- A foundation that allows all stakeholders to understand the organization's cyber risk.



VMware Firewall and Advanced Threat Prevention Mapping to NIST Cyber Security Framework

| Identify | Protect | Detect | Respond | Recover |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------|
| | | | لکی VMware Cloud Disas | ster Recovery |
| ر NSX Security – | | | | → |
| | 1 | | 1 | |
| Baseline Network Environment | Network Segmentations | Signature-based & behavior- based detection (Network) | Network Quarantine | Validation of recovery points |
| High Value Assets Tagging | IDS/IPS/Deep Packet Inspection | Signal Correlation Across Detectors | Network Resets | File and folder-level recovery |
| Flow Visualization | Attack Surface Reduction | Sandbox/Malware Detection | Allow/Deny | Delta-based Failback |
| DR Plan Config, Test, Check | Micro-segmentation | Network Anomaly | Failover to Isolated Recovery Environment | Review, Audit & Remediate |
| Application Dependency Mapping | Malware Prevention | | Identify restore point candidates | |



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