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- The SOC is an educational exhibit sponsored by NetWitness[®], a RSA Security LLC company (“NetWitness”) and Cisco Systems, Inc. (“Cisco”) that monitors network activity during the course of the RSA Conference event.
- By connecting to Moscone Center WIFI or using the RSAC mobile application, all RSAC attendees (including e.g., sponsors, exhibitors, guests, employees) accepted the following terms and conditions: *“THE WIRELESS NETWORK AVAILABLE AT THE MOSCONE CENTER IS AN OPEN, UNSECURED 5 GHZ NETWORK. NETWITNESS AND CISCO SYSTEMS WILL BE USING DATA FROM THE MOSCONE WIRELESS NETWORK FOR AN EDUCATIONAL DEMONSTRATION ON A WORKING SOC. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU USE APPROPRIATE SECURITY MEASURES, SUCH AS UTILIZING A VPN CONNECTION, INSTALLING A PERSONAL FIREWALL AND KEEPING YOUR OPERATING SYSTEM UP-TO-DATE WITH SECURITY PATCHES. WE RECOMMEND TURNING OFF YOUR WIRELESS ADAPTER WHEN NOT IN USE AND ENSURING AD-HOC (PEER-TO-PEER) CAPABILITIES ARE DISABLED ON YOUR DEVICE.”*
- Additionally, RSA Conference advised attendees of the educational SOC in printed materials and onsite signage.
- The SOC is not a true security operations center. The infrastructure at the event is managed by the Moscone Center, except for Cisco Umbrella DNS, and only has a SPAN of the network traffic from the Moscone Center wireless network (named .RSACONFERENCE). There are limited logfiles from Cisco Firepower Threat Defense Intrusion Detection System (IDS) because it is not inline; however, the primary data is a real-time mirror of the traffic traversing the wireless network.
- The SOC goal is to use technology to educate RSAC attendees about what happens on a typical open, unsecured wireless network. The education comes in the form of SOC tours, an RSAC session and the publication of a Findings Report issued by sponsors RSA and Cisco.
- The RSAC SOC team is not part of the RSAC security team. As such, the RSAC SOC acted as an educational exercise only and was not intended to protect, mitigate or remediate any issue uncovered during the SOC educational exercise.
- “The network” is a typical network that users connect to for internet access, similar to networks in hotels, airports or coffee shops. The network used during RSAC is an open network offered by the Moscone Center.
- The findings of this report and any security issues identified relate to user activity, not the network itself.
- Data collected by the RSAC SOC has been wiped and a certificate of completion is held by RSAC.

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THE NETWORK

The RSA CONFERENCE wireless network is a flat network with no (as in zero) host isolation. This alone is an important statement and a great starting point for understanding wireless networks and the risks associated with connecting to them. A flat network without host isolation means that anyone with an IP address can theoretically communicate to any other devices on the network. Host isolation provides a device a one-way route out to the internet, but no routes within the network. Knowing which type of network you are attaching to can be discovered by identifying your IP address and trying to ping another IP address on that network. If you get a response, you are on a network without host isolation; if you get a “request timed out” response, you are probably isolated

TECHNOLOGY USED IN THE RSACSOC

The RSAC SOC team deployed the NetWitness® Platform XDR that included the NetWitness® Network, NetWitness® Logs and NetWitness® Orchestrator components for true XDR. Along with Cisco SecureX XDR, Cisco Secure Malware Analytics (formerly Cisco Threat Grid), Cisco Talos Intelligence, Cisco Firepower Threat Defense Intrusion Detection and Cisco Umbrella®

Also, donated licenses from IBM X-Force Exchange, Recorded Future and alphaMountain.ai, along with a half dozen open-source threat intelligence.

NetWitness® Platform XDR collects all the raw network traffic from a switch port analyzer (SPAN) from the Moscone Center network, generates metadata and visually prioritizes threats occurring in real time. It inspects every network packet session for threat indicators at time of collection and enriches this data with threat intelligence and business context.

For suspicious files that might be malicious, NetWitness® Platform XDR checks a community anti-virus (AV) lookup, some static analysis and its own network intelligence. NetWitness Orchestrator® built on ThreatConnect then sends the files to Cisco Secure Malware Analytics for dynamic malware analysis.

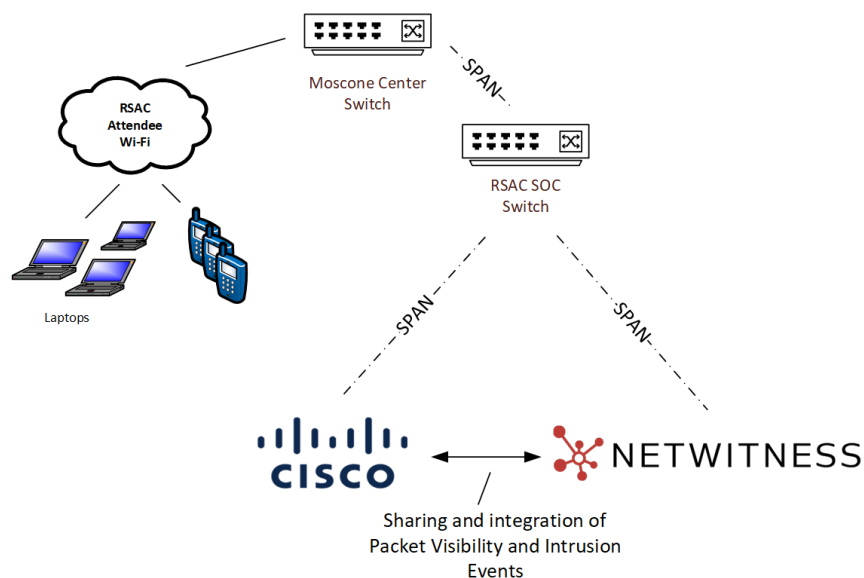
Secure Malware Analytics combines advanced sandboxing with threat intelligence in one unified solution to protect organizations from malware. It analyzes the behavior of a file against millions of samples and billions of malware artifacts. With Secure Malware Analytics, the RSAC SOC team had a global and historical view of the malware, its activity and how large a threat it posed to the RSAC network.

Secure Malware Analytics identifies key behavioral indicators of malware and their associated campaigns, which enabled the RSAC SOC team to save time by quickly prioritizing attacks with the biggest potential impact. The built-in Glovebox user interaction tool makes it possible to safely interact with samples and observe malware behavior directly.

Cisco Secure Firewall Firepower Threat Defense IDS receives the same network SPAN as RSA NetWitness® Network. The IDS inspects all wireless guest traffic from event attendees, configured in monitor-only mode. Firepower Threat Defense offers breach detection, threat discovery and security automation. Rich contextual information (such as applications, operating systems, vulnerabilities, intrusions, and transferred files) serves the SOC to help uncover threats lurking on the network. The Malware Analysis of the Secure Firewall Threat Defense also sends sample to Secure Malware Analytics for analysis.

Cisco Umbrella provided visibility into DNS activity, with default security blocking turned off. We also use Cisco SecureX XDR, which integrates threat intelligence from the Cisco Talos intelligence team and other sources, along with correlating sightings of indicators of compromise / observables from NetWitness® and the Cisco Secure Firewall / Firepower logs and Umbrella DNS queries.

Below shows a visual representation of the technology used at the RSAC SOC.



THE STATISTICS

A commonly requested RSAC SOC Findings session, attendees requested more statistics. The RSAC SOC team tried their best to provide more statistics and refined context and granularity.

2022 Stats from **~19,000** attendees (down from ~39,000 in 2020)

Total packets captured: **11.8 billion** (down from 12.7 billion)

Total logs captured: **108 million** (up from 88.3 million)

Total sessions: 187.3 million

Total unique devices: 13,253

Total packets written to disk: **7.39 terabytes** (down from 8.08 terabytes)

Total logs written to disk: 50.8 gigabytes

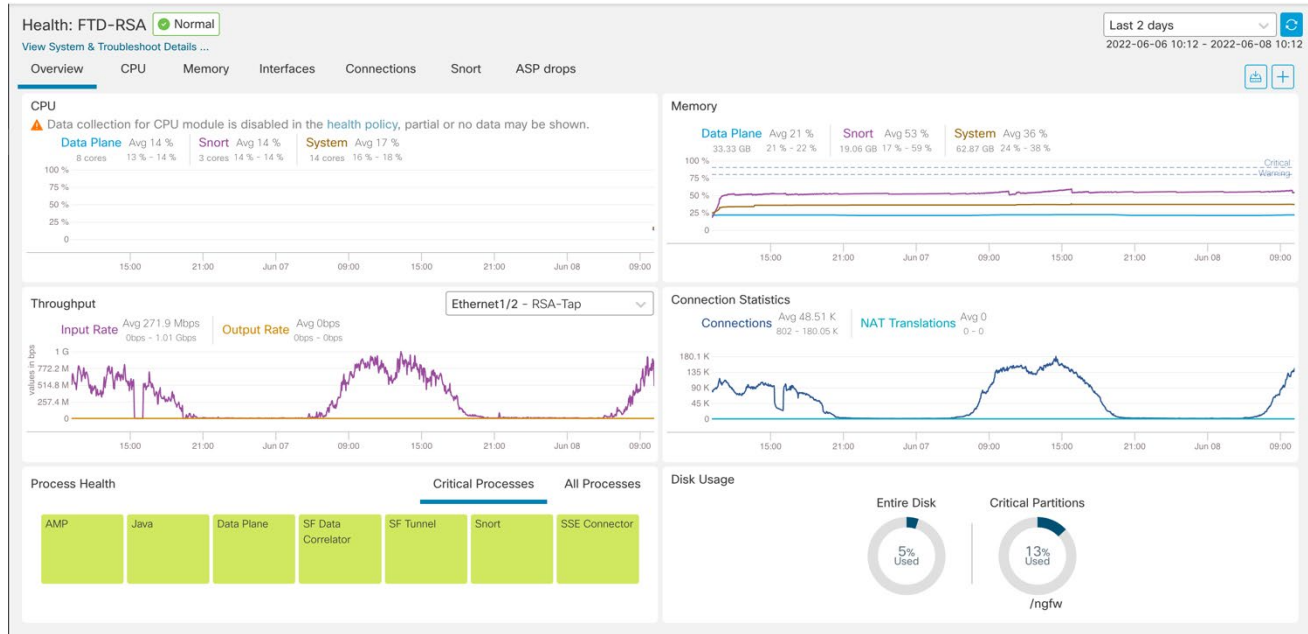
Peak bandwidth utilization: 1.35 Gbps (equivalent to 1.30 Gbps)

DNS Requests: **~46 million** (up from 37 million)

Total cleartext username/passwords: **55,525** (down from 96,361)

Unique devices/accounts with cleartext usernames/passwords: **2,210** (up from 2,178)

Total files sent for malware analysis: **570+** (down from +10,000)



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Total logs written to disk: 50.52 gigabytes

Peak bandwidth utilization: 1.3 Gbps

DNS Requests: 37 million

Total cleartext username/passwords: 96,361

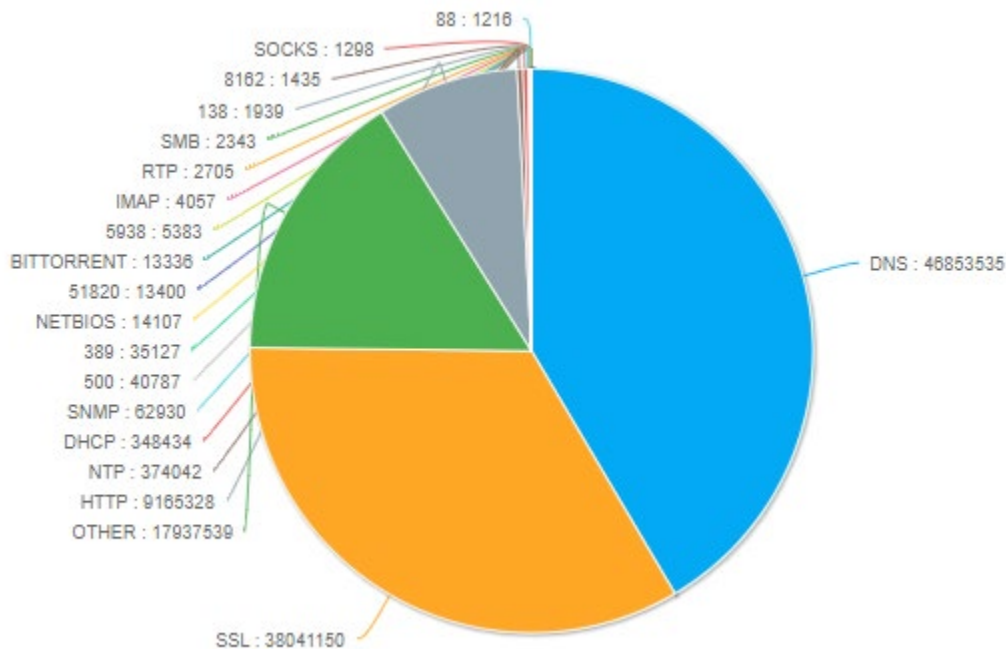
Unique devices/accounts with cleartext usernames/passwords: 2,178

Total files sent for malware analysis: 10,000+

THE DATA

The RSAC SOC started analyzing all wireless traffic on Monday, June 6, 2022, and collected traffic through Thursday, June 9, 2022, at 3p.m. There were 187,301,858 sessions during this period. Which was 2.5 times the amount of traffic collected from RSAC 2019. This corresponds to a bandwidth utilization of 1.35 Gbps vs. 2020 of 1.3 Gbps and 740 Mbps in 2019.

Historically speaking, events where this team has provided services such as in the United States and the United Kingdom, the average percentage of encrypted vs. unencrypted traffic has varied from 60-78 percent encrypted and 22-40 percent unencrypted. For RSAC 2022, the SOC saw an uptick in the amount of encrypted traffic, at 80 percent, from 78 percent in both RSAC 2019 and 2020. 55,029,102 of the 70,440,998 sessions were encrypted.



Encrypted vs. Unencrypted

Encryption of traffic is relevant because of the amount of information that RSAC attendees leak. The unencrypted traffic presents a number of threats to both individuals and organizations. A company or person does not need NetWitness® Platform XDR, Cisco Firepower or Cisco Malware Analytics to view unencrypted traffic, as any attendee, with the help of a quick internet search, can collect a subset of this data on a personal device. NetWitness and Cisco allow the RSAC SOC to collect all the data and easily analyze the top threat categories, as well as understand if any of those threats are seen by other attendees. Think of this as north-south and east-west. Encrypting traffic does not necessarily make one more secure, but it does stop individuals from giving away their credentials, and organizations from giving away corporate asset information in the clear.

The role of the RSAC SOC around this issue is to help educate RSAC attendees about the information that is readily available on a public wireless network. In the past, we have spoken to many people on SOC tours about their mobile applications. We have seen mobile applications such as dating and home security video camera applications streaming data in the clear. Authentication to the apps was secure, but once authenticated, the data went back to an insecure transport—and we could see it all. Fortunately, many of

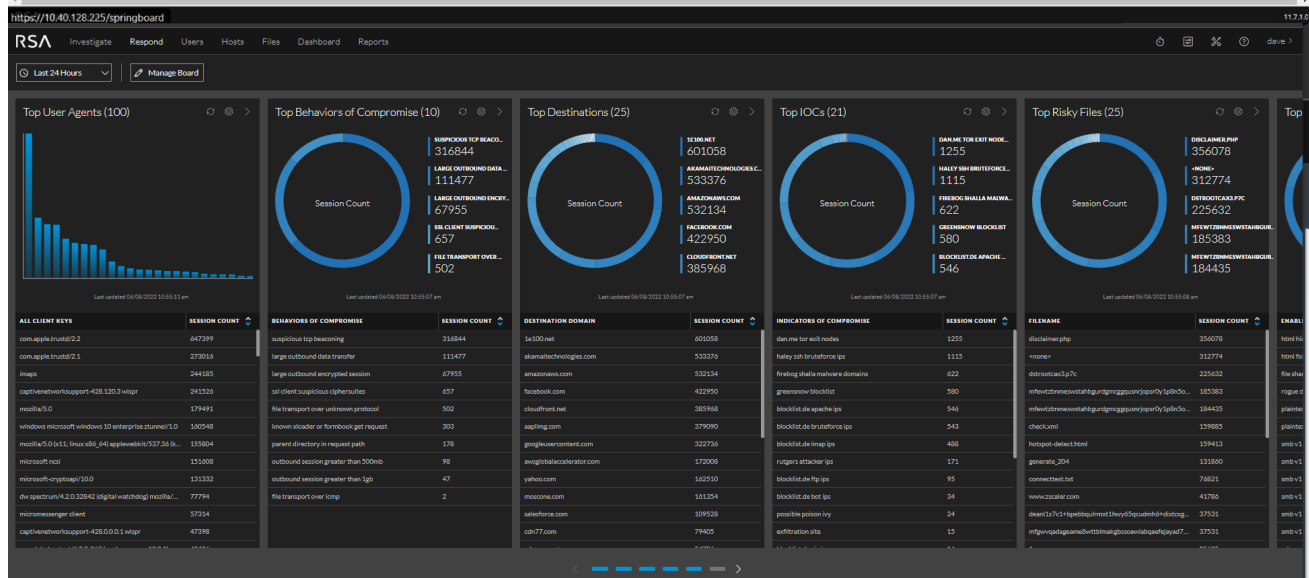
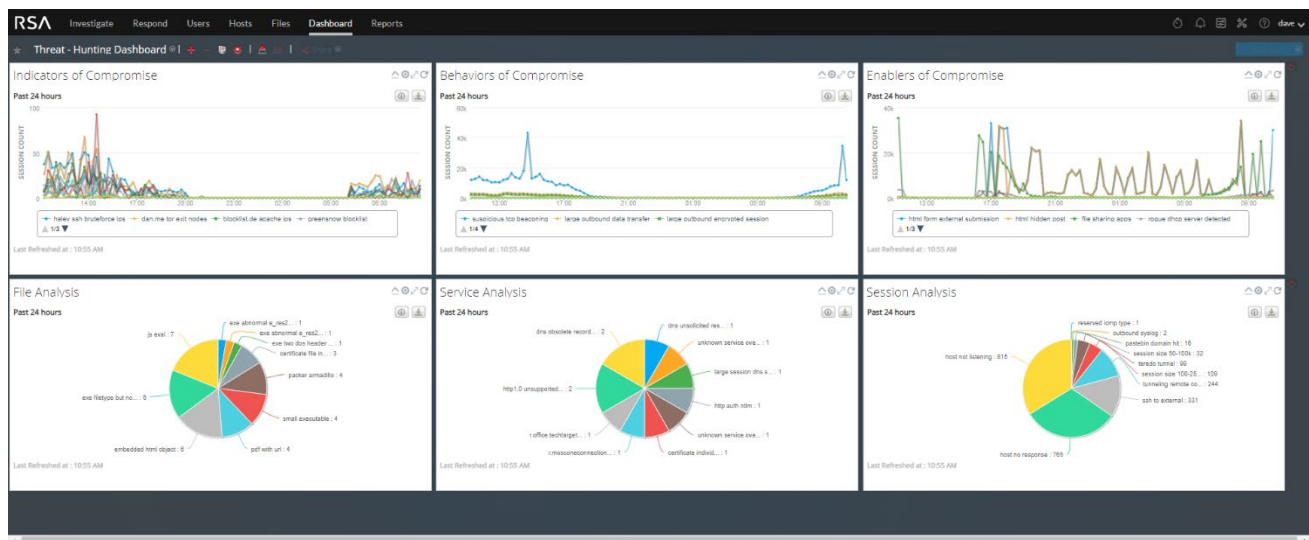
these applications, but not all, have been secured and are now using secure protocols post-authentication to secure viewing.

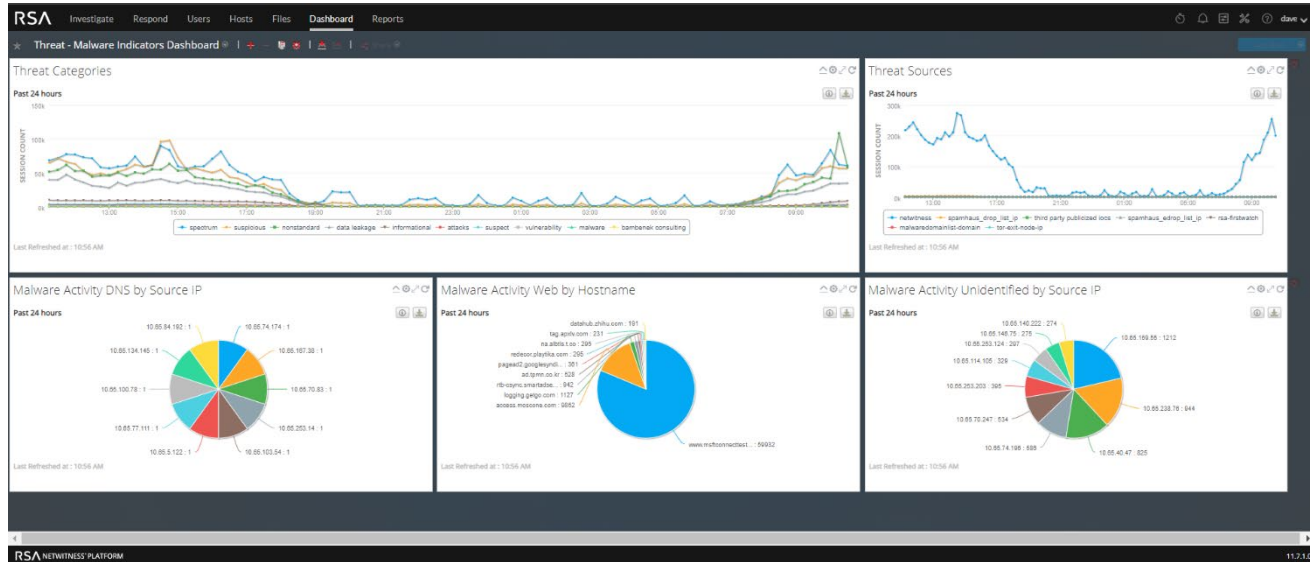
Cleartext Usernames and Passwords

Cleartext usernames and passwords continue to pose a problem. The RSAC SOC saw 55,525 cleartext passwords (down from 96,361 in 2020) from 2,210 unique accounts (up from 2,178 in 2020). Both are an improvement from 2019, when nobody on the RSAC SOC team wanted to figure out the number because it exceeded the counter that maxed out at 100,000+. There is a lot to discuss when throwing out a number this large for a four-day conference of security professionals on a public wireless network, so let's dig in.

Cleartext Usernames and Passwords: SNMP

Almost 80 percent of the 96,361 cleartext usernames and passwords came from corporate devices using older Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) versions 1 and 2. This is not necessarily a high-fidelity threat; however, it does leak information about the device as well as the organization it's trying to communicate with. SNMPv3 adds security to the protocol, so this is something organizations can implement to avoid prying eyes.





Cleartext Usernames and Passwords: POP3/IMAP2/HTTP

Removing SNMP from the cleartext username and password totals, we can start to focus on the attendees' security posture.



The above image is made up of actual passwords that were seen on the wireless network at RSAC in years past. Security conferences typically have many vendors displaying their wares on the expo floor. RSAC is no

exception, and some of these cleartext usernames and passwords appeared to be from demo environments. Looking at other protocols, the majority of the cleartext usernames and passwords came from older protocols such as POP3, IMAP2, HTTP and FTP.

The use of POP3, IMAP2 and HTTP could provide an interesting conversation about who, what, where and why. It is difficult to send email in cleartext these days, and analyzing these incidents found similarities. Most of this traffic was to and from hosted domains. This means email services on domains that are family names or small businesses. The RSAC SOC team plans to work with RSAC to help notify those who are sending email in cleartext.

Cleartext Usernames and Passwords: Password Security, Protocol Insecurity

Further investigation into the POP3, IMAP2 and HTTP protocols raised some interesting questions about users and their lack of understanding about password strength vs. protocol. Most major online email providers use Secure Socket Layer (SSL) security, and these providers, for the most part, are not in cleartext. So, what's the issue?

Once again, within the cleartext username and password data, there were passwords that were very complex. This means the passwords were long, and they had upper- and lower-case, numeric and special characters. Password security is very important, but if we do not understand the protocols we use, our efforts in security education are wasted. The passwords are complex (red rectangles in the image above), but it doesn't matter because they were sending the data in cleartext. Ultimately, you have to understand your device and its protocols, and use strong passwords—because as strong as some of these were, they were in cleartext.

Who's Watching the Watchers?

RSAC 2022 saw the return of video feeds over port 80 from home security devices. Six years ago, the SOC team reported that authentication to many of these apps was secure, but post-authentication, the traffic reverted to port 80 and in the clear. Four to five years ago, we noticed post-authentication traffic maintained an SSL connection, which was great. This traffic could simply indicate older equipment or a vendor that has not implemented this type of security. Below you will see various image a photo that was traversed the RSAC wireless network in the clear, along with the geo location down to three meters.

service	id	type	source	destination	service	first packet time	last packet time	packet size	payload size	packet count	flags
NW-HU - Broker	123399301	Network Session	10.65.██████████	62120 82.65.██████████	:5000 80	2022-06-08T16:27:22.731	2022-06-08T16:27:23.567	67,878 bytes	62,374 bytes	82	Keep, Assembled, App Meta, Network Meta

Request & Response | Top To Bottom | View Web | Actions

Request

```
GET /██████████surveillanceStation.Snapshot&version=1&method=GetPushServSnapshot&supportMol1Encrypt=true&snapshotId=207498_sId=ZT1bHne55ZT2dJ1Y_rPEQ0r6FAzqLD0U5HFQkufpz09u5YQ2n7R3QaF0pKd1wHv1kL3F957w0PhwKd00ZIEE (host: 82.65.██████████:5000)
```

Response

Content-Type: image/jpeg



```
"ip": "82.65.██████████",  
"country_name": "France",  
"state_prov": "Ile-de-France",  
"city": "Paris",  
"latitude": "48.██████████",  
"longititude": "2.██████████",  
"time_zone": "Europe/Paris",  
"isp": "Free SAS",  
"currency": "Euro",  
"country_flag": 
```

We observed a Smart Pet Camera, widely available in major online platforms and retailers, that allowed you to talk to your dog, see videos and give out treats.

Smart Pet Camera: Dog Treat Dispenser Full HD WiFi Pet Camera with Night Vision for Pet Viewing, Two Way Audio Communication Designed for Dogs

★★★★★ 1 review



We were alerted to the traffic going over port 80.

06/07/2022 13:48 | 06/07/2022 16:47 -07:00

Filter Events >> x 5 Events

Summary List Download Create Incident

GROUP EVENTS

	COLLECTION TIME	TYPE	THEME	SIZE	SUMMARY	
<input type="checkbox"/>	06/07/2022 14:50:08	⊕	80 [HTTP]	6 KB	ip.src=10.65.161.120	ip.dst=10.65.161.120
<input type="checkbox"/>	06/07/2022 14:50:08	⊕	80 [HTTP]	1 KB	ip.src=10.65.161.120	ip.dst=10.65.161.120
<input type="checkbox"/>	06/07/2022 14:50:08	⊕	80 [HTTP]	1 KB	ip.src=10.65.161.120	ip.dst=10.65.161.120
<input type="checkbox"/>	06/07/2022 15:54:58	⊕	80 [HTTP]	7 KB	ip.src=10.65.161.120	ip.dst=10.65.161.120
<input type="checkbox"/>	06/07/2022 15:54:59	⊕	80 [HTTP]	1 KB	ip.src=10.65.161.120	ip.dst=10.65.161.120

All results loaded.

Filter criteria:
Source IP Address (1): ip.src = 10.65.161.120 (5)
Destination IP address (1): ip.dst = 47.254.44.196 (5)
TCP Destination Port (1): tcp.dstport = 8088 (5)

The username (full email address) was transmitted in the clear, with an encrypted password. However, the IOT device responded with the device's admin user and password in clear text.

Event Reconstruction

service	id	type	source	destination	service	first packet time	last packet time	packet size	payload size	packet count	flags
NW-PKH - Concentrator	104743931	Network Session	10.65.1.65329	47.254.1.5:8088	80	2022-06-07T14:50:08.096	2022-06-07T14:50:11.356	6,602 bytes	4,236 bytes	35	Keep, Assembled, App Meta, Network Meta

Request

```
GET /Server/server.php?cmd=randomuserid: [redacted]@gmail.com&platform=mail&app= [redacted]
```

Response

```
{ "cmd": "1002", "code": "20000", "msg": "f6a2451b" }
```

Request

```
GET /Server/server.php?cmd=login&platform=mail&userid= [redacted]@gmail.com&passwd= [redacted]&app= [redacted]
```

Response

```
{ "cmd": "1003", "code": "20000", "msg": [{"devid": "XK8XXG186SN1FW7V111A", "devusr": "admin", "devpw": "[redacted]", "devconn": "p2p", "devchnl": "0", "devstream": "main", "devalias": "Dog Camera", "devtype": "pack", "unitype": "TSD01", "tzsec": "", "location": "", "sndeffect": "yes", "pelid": "61ad791d27a4c2d070e/cd7477351075"}] }
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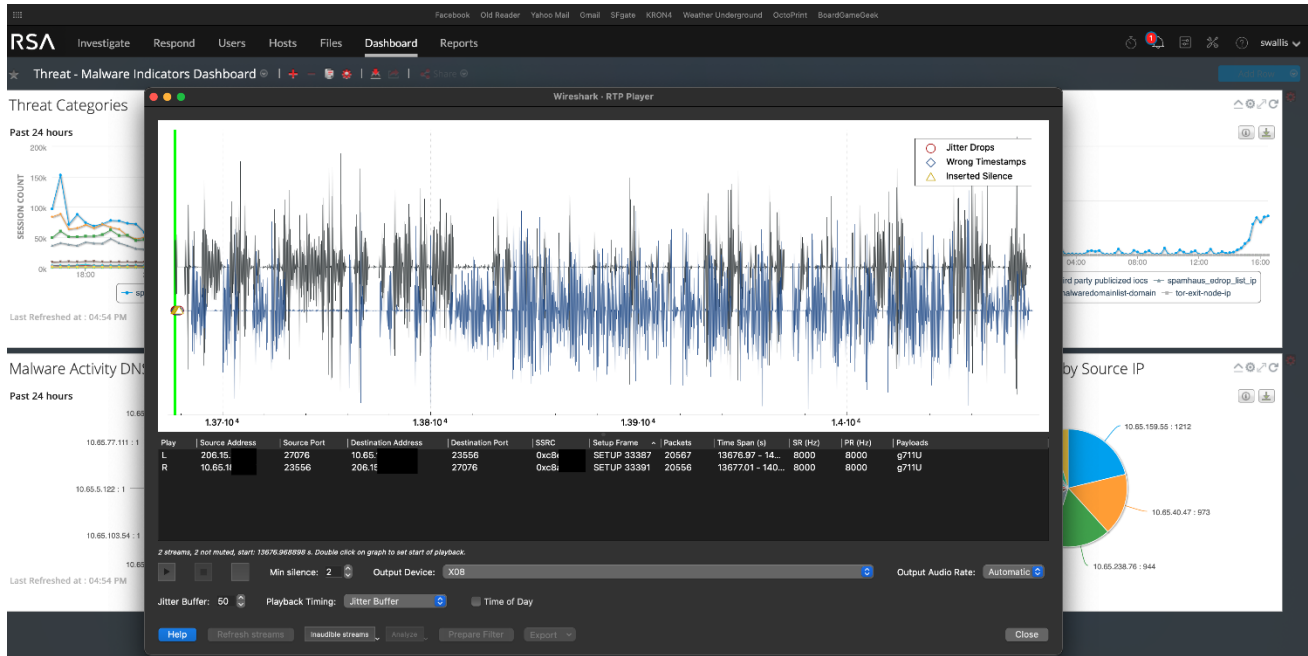
Voice over IP

The SOC team members saw clear text Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) Control Channel (setting up audio call) under user activity in the Cisco Secure Firewall Management Center.

Time	Event	Username	Realm	Discovery Application	Authentication Type	IP Address	Start Port	End Port	Description	VPN Session Type	VPN Group Policy	VPN Connection Profile	VPN Client Public IP	VPN Client Country
2022-06-07 16:03:47	New User Identity	1704	46.98	Discovered Identities	SIP	No Authentication								
2022-06-07 16:03:47	User Login	1704	46.98	Discovered Identities	SIP	No Authentication	3.13							
2022-06-07 15:44:13	New User Identity	1602	46.98	Discovered Identities	SIP	No Authentication								
2022-06-07 15:44:13	User Login	1602	46.98	Discovered Identities	SIP	No Authentication	3.20							
2022-06-07 12:21:51	User Login	E206	ee.com;reboot=1	Discovered Identities	SIP	No Authentication	10.6							
2022-06-07 12:16:05	New User Identity	+393	onepower.com	Discovered Identities	SIP	No Authentication								
2022-06-07 12:16:05	User Login	+393	onepower.com	Discovered Identities	SIP	No Authentication	206							
2022-06-07 12:11:08	User Login	7865	power.com	Discovered Identities	SIP	No Authentication	10.6							
2022-06-07 12:10:45	New User Identity	3934	onepower.com	Discovered Identities	SIP	No Authentication								
2022-06-07 12:10:45	User Login	3934	onepower.com	Discovered Identities	SIP	No Authentication	206							
2022-06-07 11:41:54	New User Identity	E206	ee.com;reboot=1	Discovered Identities	SIP	No Authentication								
2022-06-07 11:41:54	User Login	E206	ee.com;reboot=1	Discovered Identities	SIP	No Authentication	67.8							
2022-06-07 11:39:16	User Login	7865	power.com	Discovered Identities	SIP	No Authentication	10.6							
2022-06-07 08:23:38	New User Identity	7865	power.com	Discovered Identities	SIP	No Authentication								
2022-06-07 08:23:38	User Login	7865	power.com	Discovered Identities	SIP	No Authentication	10.6							
2022-06-06 13:41:47	New User Identity	5103	70;x-vsresult=32	Discovered Identities	SIP	No Authentication								
2022-06-06 13:41:47	User Login	5103	70;x-vsresult=32	Discovered Identities	SIP	No Authentication	64.1							
2022-06-06 11:28:13	New User Identity	7327	3.6	Discovered Identities	SIP	No Authentication								
2022-06-06 11:28:13	User Login	7327	3.6	Discovered Identities	SIP	No Authentication	10.6							

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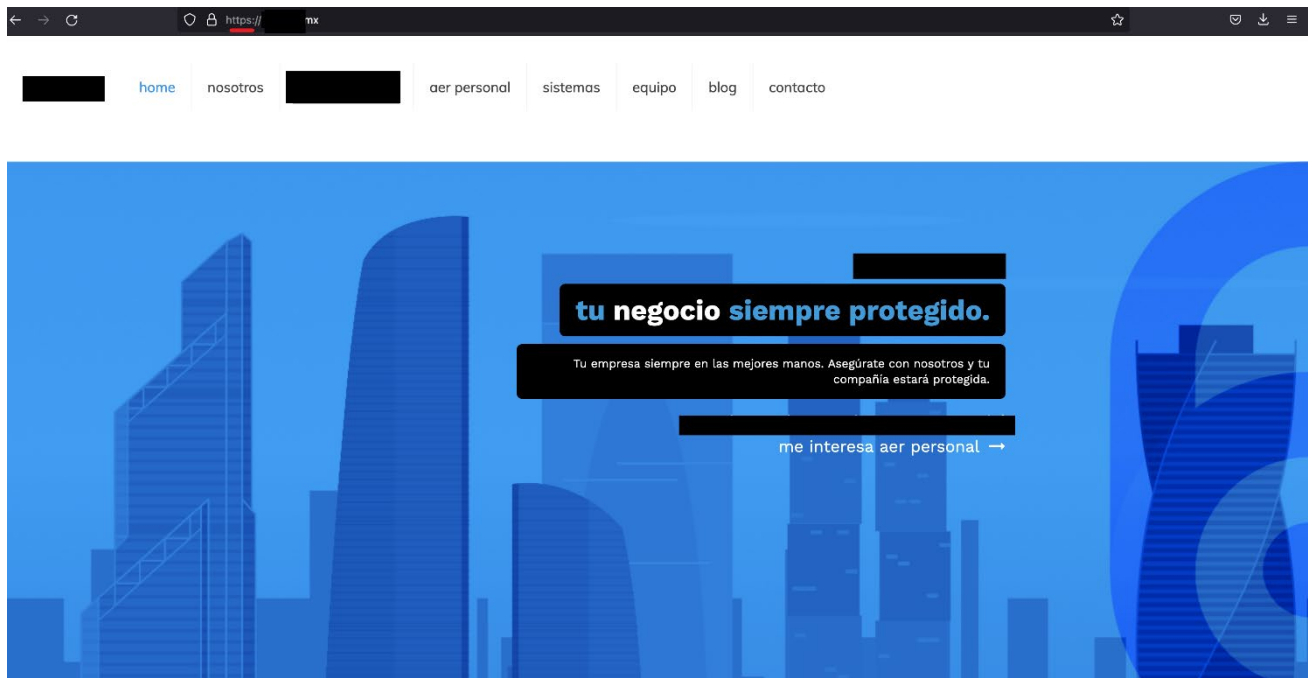
We could see their phone number and the connection with a SIP provider. The team correlated the time and IPs, very quickly finding the RTP/RTSP stream (Audio) using NetWitness®, decoded and was able to replay the conversations.



An excerpt: [00: 05: 10.250] - Speaker 1 – “Tomorrow morning we fly, say at 14:15 to 21:00.”

HTTPS -> HTTP

We are trained as security professionals to look for the HTTPS:// in the browser bar, especially when working with private information like our health care and that of our family.



Unfortunately, misconfigured security implementations will sometimes flip over to insecure HTTP, without warning or the user realizing. We observed a PDF downloaded to an iPhone over in secure HTTP 1.1 protocol.

The screenshot shows a network analysis tool interface. On the left, there is a 'Filter Events' sidebar with several filters applied: 'Service Type (1)' set to '80 [HTTP] (1)', 'Source IP Address (1)' set to '10.65.97.19 (2)', 'Destination IP address (1)' set to '35.162.52.104 (2)', 'TCP Destination Port (1)' set to '80 [http] (1)', 'Destination Port' set to 'ip.dstport', and 'Hostname Aliases (1)'. The main panel is titled 'Network Event Details' and shows a 'REQUEST' tab. The request details are as follows:

```
GET [redacted] Beneficios/Polizas/[redacted] i55.pdf HTTP/1.1
Host: [redacted] mx
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (iPhone; CPU iPhone OS 15_5 like Mac OS X) AppleWebKit
/605.1.15 (KHTML, like Gecko) Version/15.5 Mobile/15E148 Safari/604.1
Accept-Language: es-MX,es-419;q=0.9,es;q=0.8
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Connection: keep-alive
```

Below the request, the response is shown as 'RESPONSE' with the following details:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/pdf
Last-Modified: Wed, 18 May 2022 01:29:00 GMT
Accept-Ranges: bytes
ETag: "05677a6566ad81:0"
Server: Microsoft-IIS/8.0
```

The PDF was a certificate of insurance from a major medical insurance company, and contained the personal information of an entire family.

Certificado de Seguro de

Nombre y Domicilio del Contratante [REDACTED] DE R.L. DE C.V.				Póliza No. M09 [REDACTED]	Certificado No. [REDACTED] 18
Nombre del asegurado Titular: [REDACTED]				Subgrupo 004	
Sexo: MASCULINO	Estado Civil: NO APLICA	Fecha de Nacimiento: Día Mes Año [REDACTED]	Fecha de Ingreso a la colectividad asegurada Día Mes Año [REDACTED]	Vigencia de la póliza Desde las 12:00 hrs. Hasta las 12:00 hrs. Día Mes Año Día Mes Año 04 04 2022 04 04 2023	

RELACION DE ASEGURADOS

Nombre(s), apellido paterno y apellido materno	Sexo	Parentesco	Fecha de Nacimiento	Fecha de Antigüedad al Seguro
[REDACTED]	MASC.	TIT.	[REDACTED]	01 06 20 [REDACTED]
	FEM.	CONY.		01 06 20 [REDACTED]
	FEM.	HIJO		01 06 20 [REDACTED]

Características del Seguro Contratado

Características del plan

TIPO DE PLAN CONTRATADO	EJ ECUTIVO
SUMA ASEGURADA	50,000 U. M. A. M.
SUMA ASEGURADA INTERNACIONAL GERENTES	300,000.00 D.L.S.
DEDUCIBLE	4 U. M. A. M.
COASEGURO	10%
HONORARIOS QUIRURGICOS	G. U. A. [REDACTED]
TRE01	
EMERGENCIA EN EL EXTRANJERO ZONA " B "	AMPARADA
DERECHO DE CONVERSIÓN	AMPARADO
ASISTENCIA INTEGRAL	AMPARADA

POP3 – Chewing threw email

While reviewing submitted samples in Cisco Secure Malware Analytics observed a `Receipt.PDF` submitted for analysis. The name was enough to warrant a look at the video of the detonation. It was a receipt for renewal of a CISSP designation.



311 Park Place Blvd
Ste 400
Clearwater, FL 33759
United States
www.isc2.org
membersupport@isc2.org
www.isc2.org/contactus

Date	January 26, 2022
Receipt Number	000175 [REDACTED]
Customer Name	[REDACTED] CISSP
Billing Street	[REDACTED]
Billing City	[REDACTED]
Billing State	[REDACTED]
Billing Postal Code	[REDACTED]
Billing Country	United States
Payment Type	Credit Card
Total	USD 125.00
Balance	USD 0.00

Description	Subscription Term	Total
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The discovery sparked an investigation that confirmed dozens of emails from and to the person were downloaded across the open network in the unsecure protocol.

06/06/2022 15:30 - 06/07/2022 15:29 | ip.dst = 129.159. [redacted] x

Network Event Details | Text | Packet | File | Host | **Email** | Web ↗

EXPAND ALL EMAILS

1 of 42 messages

FROM DoorDash <no-reply@doordash.com>
TO [redacted]
SUBJECT Ship nationwide favorites this Valentine's Day

2 of 42 messages

FROM "Amazon.com" <shipment-tracking@amazon.com>
TO [redacted]
SUBJECT Your Amazon.com order #111-5528769-5062626 has shipped

3 of 42 messages

FROM stores123 - Amazon Marketplace <hhs28d14n0x8jxh@marketplace.amazon.com>
TO [redacted]
SUBJECT [Threadid:8174448] Order ID 111-5528769-5062626

4 of 42 messages

FROM "service@paypal.com" <service@paypal.com>
TO [redacted]
SUBJECT You've got a money request

11 of 54 events

A quick internet search revealed the person was a Chief Information Officer at a public corporation. One email alerted the SOC team to the email client in use: K-9, an Android based, open source email client, to help users "chew threw their email..."

SUBJECT Re: Have you been playing Wordle?

> ADDITIONAL HEADER DETAILS

4/6

On Wed, Jan 26, 2022, 14:16 [redacted] > wrote:
There's only one per day. You will like this. Read the rules, and you'll start to get it after the first few. The word of the day is the same for everyone.

<https://www.powerlanguage.co.uk/wordle/>

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Sent from my Android device with K-9 Mail. Please excuse my brevity.

Among the attachments were documents that contained the cell phone number of the person. It appeared the issue was likely a configuration problem with the email client, rather than a security flaw. The SOC lead for NetWitness® called the person on the phone, leaving a detailed message. The next day, after the 10:30am SOC tour, the person knocked on the SOC door and identified themselves as receiving the voice mail.

The SOC team showed the person the emails and attachments, and then walked them through the configuration settings for both send and receive. It was observed that the "TLS" setting was unchecked for both send and receive. Transport Layer Security (TLS) is an encryption protocol that protects Internet communications and replaced Secure Socket Layer (SSL) in 1999.

After the setting was enabled, the person confirmed they could both send and receive email. The SOC also confirmed that the emails were now encrypted and not able to be read/downloaded on the open network.

Spear Phishing Bait

In the SOC, we saw a lot of personal identifying information and business documents that could be used to craft a spear phishing campaign.

The US Department of Defense defines a spear phishing attack "...as an attempt to acquire sensitive information or access to a computer system by sending counterfeit messages that appear to be legitimate. 'Spear phishing' is a type of phishing campaign that targets a specific person or group and often will include information known to be of interest to the target, such as current events or financial documents. Like other social engineering attacks, spear phishing takes advantage of our most basic human traits, such as a desire to be helpful, provide a positive response to those in authority, a desire to respond positively to someone who shares similar tastes or views, or simple curiosity about contemporary news and events. These messages are delivered via e-mail and are designed to convince the user to open a malicious link or attachment, exposing the target to malicious software." Source:

https://www.dni.gov/files/NCSC/documents/campaign/Counterintelligence_Tips_Spearphishing.pdf

In one example, the private intranet share for a corporation was accessed and accessible over the internet. Non-disclosure agreement, contracts and business communications were all available in the clear.

Código de Seguridad: XXXXXXXXXX

VERSIÓN CLAUSULADO 06-04-2021-1317-P-05-PPSUS2R000000065-D001

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OBJETO DE CONTRATO

We also saw other contracts and official documents, for example a funding request and information for computer equipment procurement for a school district.

Emergency Connectivity Fund FCC Form 471

Application Information

Nickname AP145 [REDACTED]
Application Number ECF20 [REDACTED]
Funding Year 2022

Billed Entity

[REDACTED] SCHOOL DISTRICT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] 687-[REDACTED]

Billed Entity Number 13 [REDACTED]
FCC Registration Number 001 [REDACTED]
Applicant Type School District

Contact Information

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]-374-[REDACTED]
[REDACTED].com

Consulting Firms

Name	Consultant Registration Number	Phone	Email
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] 54	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED].com

Entity Information

BEN	Name	Total Student Count	Urban or Rural
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] SCHOOL DISTRICT [REDACTED]	1286	Urban

The document was downloaded with a GET request from an S3 bucket.

If contained all the information needed to mount a spear phishing campaign against the school district.

of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. § 3501, et seq. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 4.5 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, completing, and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the reporting burden to the Federal Communications Commission, Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Washington, DC 20554. We also will accept your comments via the email if you send them to PRA@FCC.gov. DO NOT SEND COMPLETED WORKSHEETS TO THESE ADDRESSES.

Authorized Person

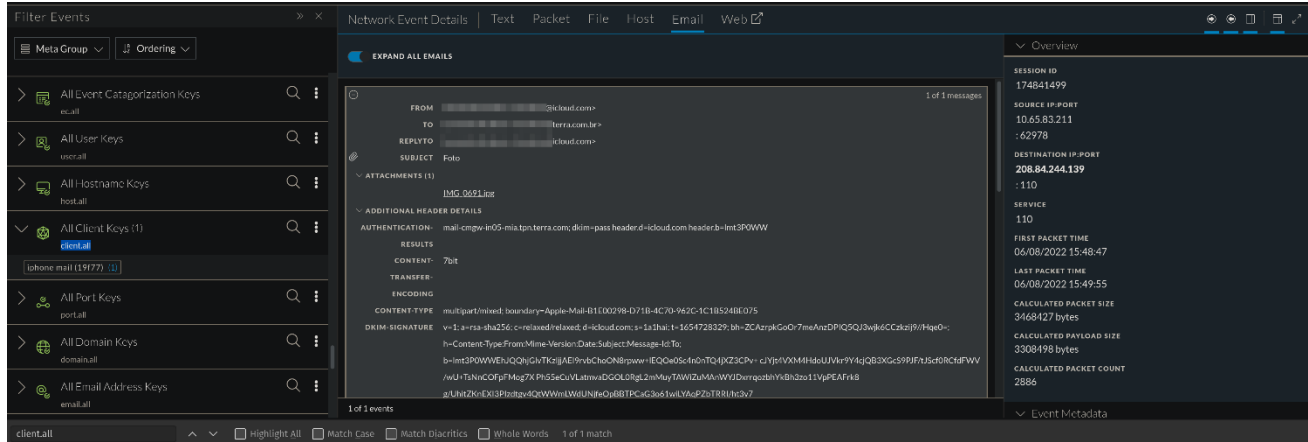
Title: Chief Technology Officer Name: [REDACTED]
Phone: [REDACTED] 687-[REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED].org
Address: [REDACTED] Employer: [REDACTED] SCHOOL DISTRICT [REDACTED]

Certified Timestamp

13-May-2022 20:15:04 EDT

How do you make iPhone email insecure?

One thing that really stumped us in the SOC, was the observation of an emailed photo from an iPhone.



Perhaps the iOS was out of date? We could not find another scenario where an iPhone could be set to send an email in an unsecure protocol. What do you think?

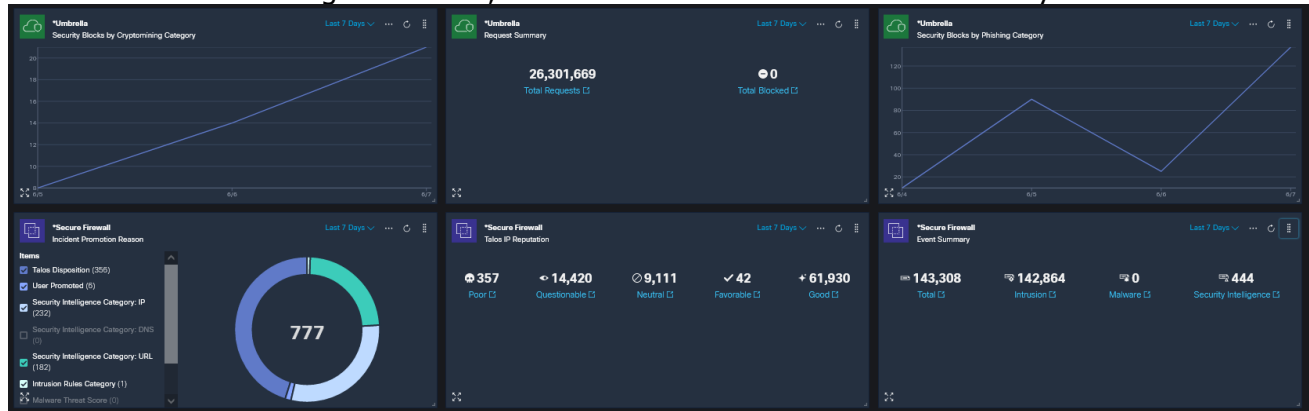


Booth Blues

The RSAC SOC Team discovered several Internet Protocol Televisions (IPTV) that were joined to the RSACONFERENCE network. Some organizations are overlooking many security issues that could have an adverse impact on the ability to execute.

INTEGRATION AND THREAT HUNTING

Cisco SecureX XDR brought Umbrella, Secure Firewall and Secure Malware Analytics.



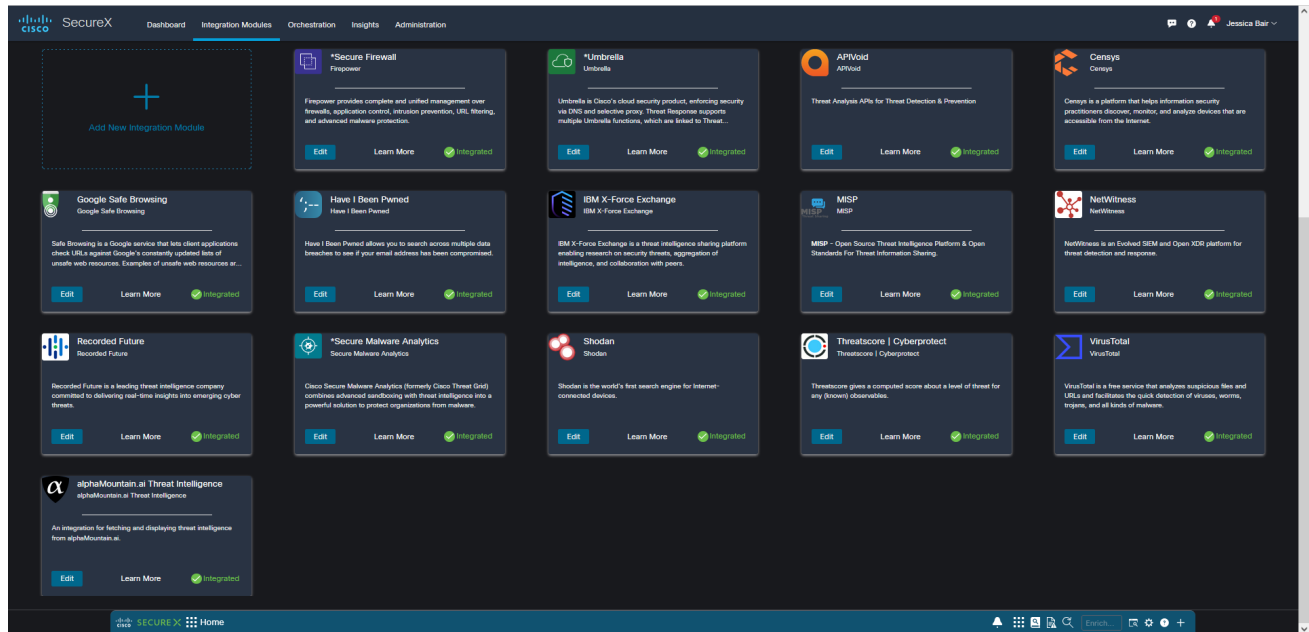
To aid in Threat Hunting, we added threat intelligence from several sources.

Cisco Secure Threat Intelligence

- SecureX threat intelligence
- Cisco Secure Endpoint's File Reputation Database
- Cisco Talos Intelligence

Donated Partner Threat Intelligence

- Recorded Future threat intelligence
- alphaMountain.ai threat intelligence



Open-Source Threat Intelligence (correlated through SecureX)

- APIVoid
- Censys
- Google Safe Browsing
- Have I Been Pwned

- IBM X-Force Exchange
- MISP
- Threatscore | Cyberprotect
- VirusTotal

We also built a custom integration with NetWitness® Logs to visualize Sightings during investigations.

The SOC team had an alert about a Domain hosting a trickbot malware in Umbrella.

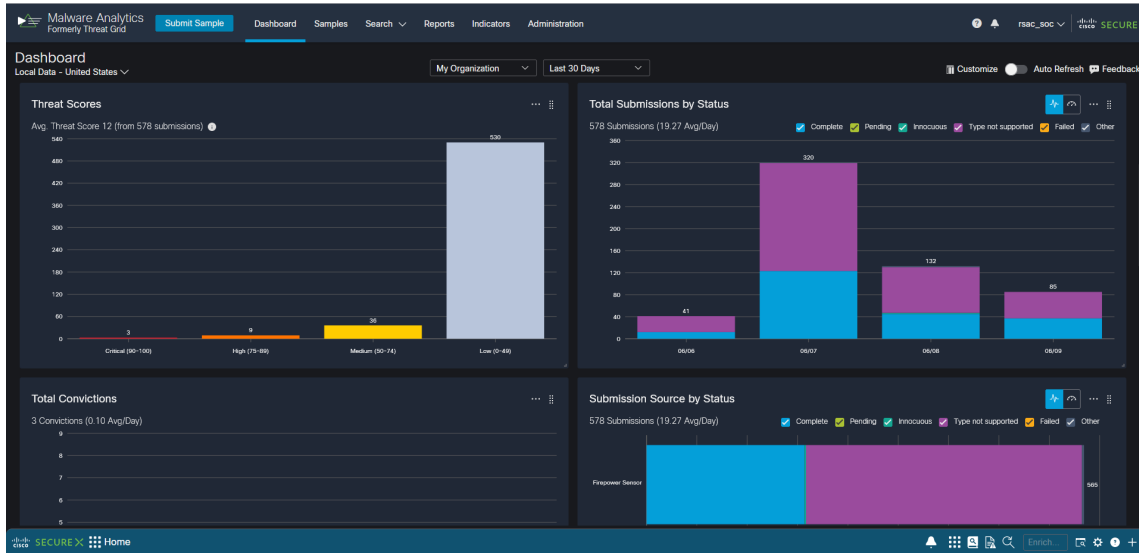
The screenshot shows the Cisco Umbrella Activity Search interface. At the top, there's a search bar with filters for domain, identity, or URL. The search results are filtered for the domain 'clarkentalss.com'. The main table displays DNS activity with columns for Request, Identity, Policy or Ruleset Identity, Destination, Internal IP, External IP, Action, Categories, and Application. The table shows multiple entries for 'DNS' requests to 'clarkentalss.com' from various internal IP addresses, all with an 'Allowed' action and 'Malware' category. On the right, the 'Event Details' panel shows information for a specific event, including the time (Jun 6, 2022 2:27 PM), identity (RSA VAs), policy or ruleset identity (RSA VAs), internal IP address (10.65...), external IP address (199.115.243.162), destination (clarkentalss.com), categories (Malware, Dispute Categorization), application, and application category.

Investigating the domain in SecureX revealed the extent of the threat and the Sightings in the network, showing it was limited to one endpoint, and not the start of a botnet infection at the conference.

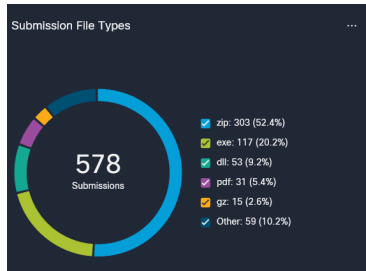
The screenshot shows the Cisco SecureX Threat Response interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Investigate', 'Snapshots', 'Incidents', and 'Intelligence'. The main area is divided into a 'Graph' on the left and 'Results' on the right. The 'Graph' shows a network diagram with various nodes and connections, including 'Malicious URIs', 'Malicious Domains', and 'Malicious IP Addresses'. The 'Results' panel shows details for the target 'clarkentalss.com', including its IP address (566981670), investigation status (3 Investigated), and related entities (40 Related). The 'Sightings' section at the bottom shows a bar chart of sightings over time, with a legend for 'Malicious', 'Suspicious', 'Common', 'Unknown', and 'Clean'.

MALWARE ANALYSIS

The RSAC SOC team sent over 500 potentially malicious files to Secure Malware Analytics via NetWitness® Platform XDR and Secure Firewall, for automated behavioral analysis.



The breakdown of major file types is as follows.



Malicious Behavior

In 2020, on the third full day of the conference, an attendee downloaded over 4,600 malware samples on the open network. We had no such event in 2022 and most of the samples were documents or updates to applications.

To emulate a user automatically during sample analysis, Secure Malware Analytics provides user emulation through playbooks, which are pre-defined steps that simulate user activity. A system with a user present appears vastly different from an automated analysis system (i.e., a sandbox). For example, an automated system may execute a submitted sample, but never change windows or move the mouse. On the other hand, a system with a real user present will have mouse movement and window changes as the user proceeds with a task or attempts to determine why the file they just opened did nothing.

Playbooks automatically simulate user activity during sample analysis, which allows Secure Malware Analytics to behave as if a user were present and operating the keyboard and mouse during analysis.

Submit Sample Submitted to Local Data - United States ✕

Submission Type Upload file Submit URL 👤 Lookup

File Browse...

Options 📄 Options Templates ∨

Tags
zeus, spy-eye, etc...

Access Mark private

Notification Email me when analysis is complete

Virtual Machine Use Best Option ∨
> What is Use Best Option?

Playbook |None ∨
None ✓
Use Best Option
Close Active Window
Conduct Active Window Change
Open Embedded Object in Word Document
Random Cursor Movement with Image Recognition
Visit Website Using Internet Explorer

Network Simulation Network Exit

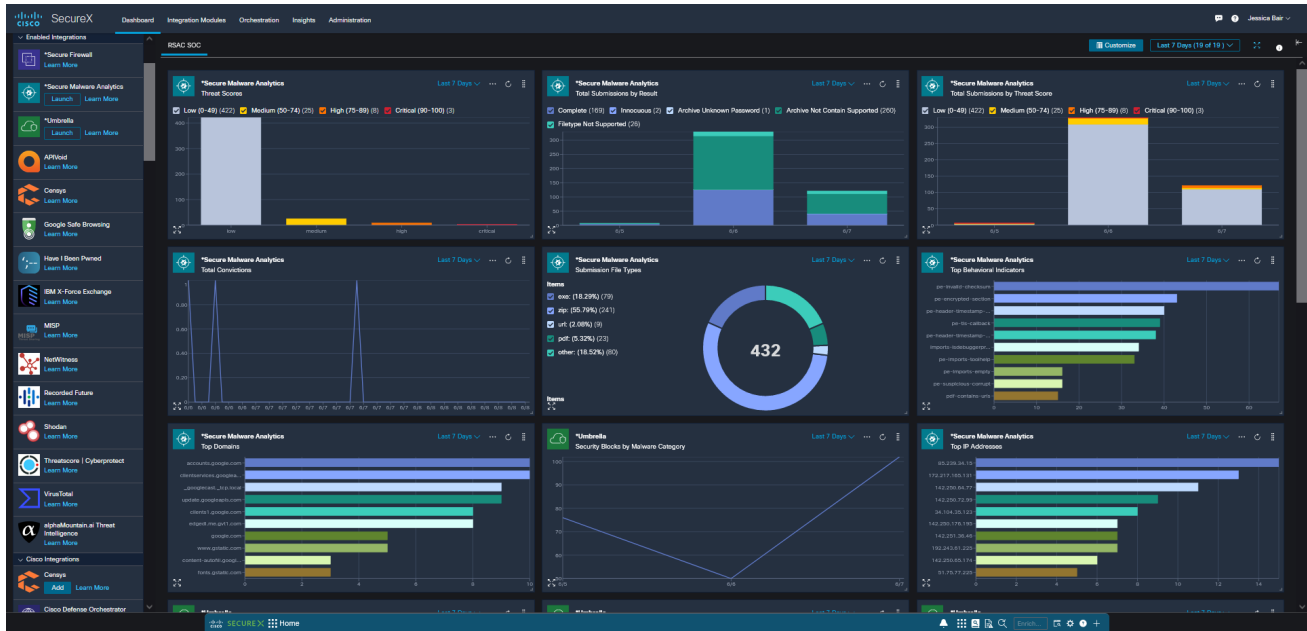
Callback URL
e.g. http://yourserver.com/callback/url, include http:// or https://

Runtime 5 minutes ∨

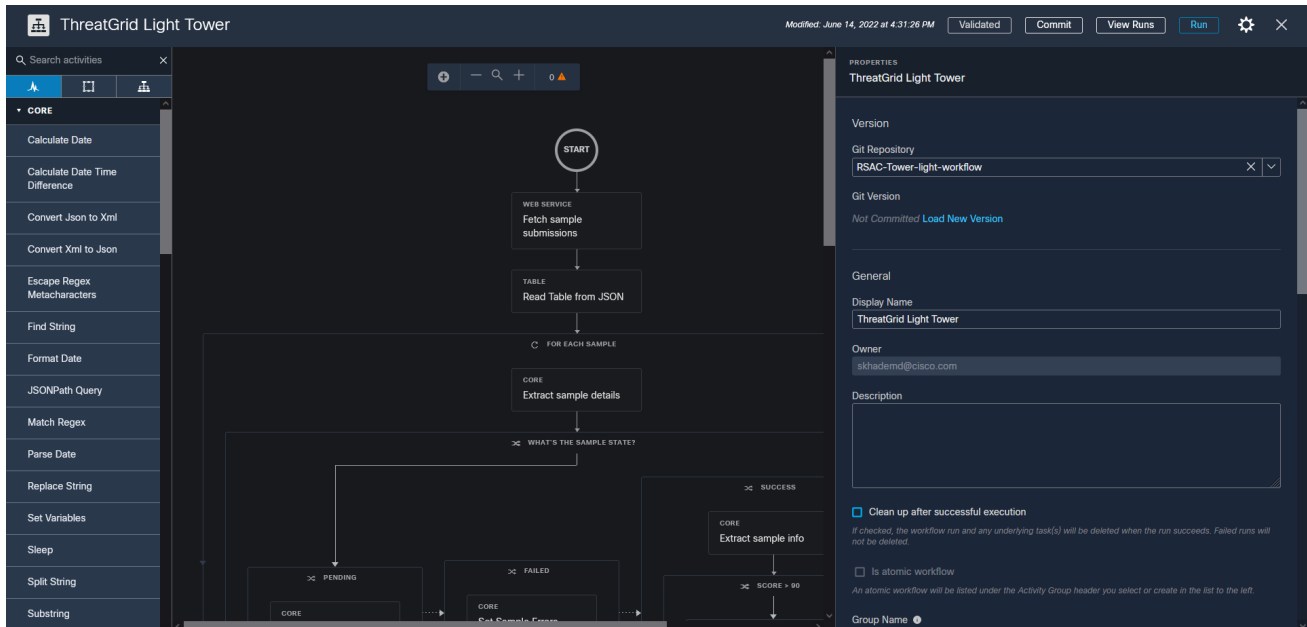
Password

Cancel Submit

We were able to monitor the sample submissions in the SecureX dashboard during the operations.



The team built a custom SecureX orchestration workflow to interact with Secure Malware Analytics.



The workflow caused the light to flash red when a sample had a threat score over 90 and also alert when processing samples.



The light was a welcome addition to the SOC dashboards.



DOMAIN NAME SERVER (DNS)

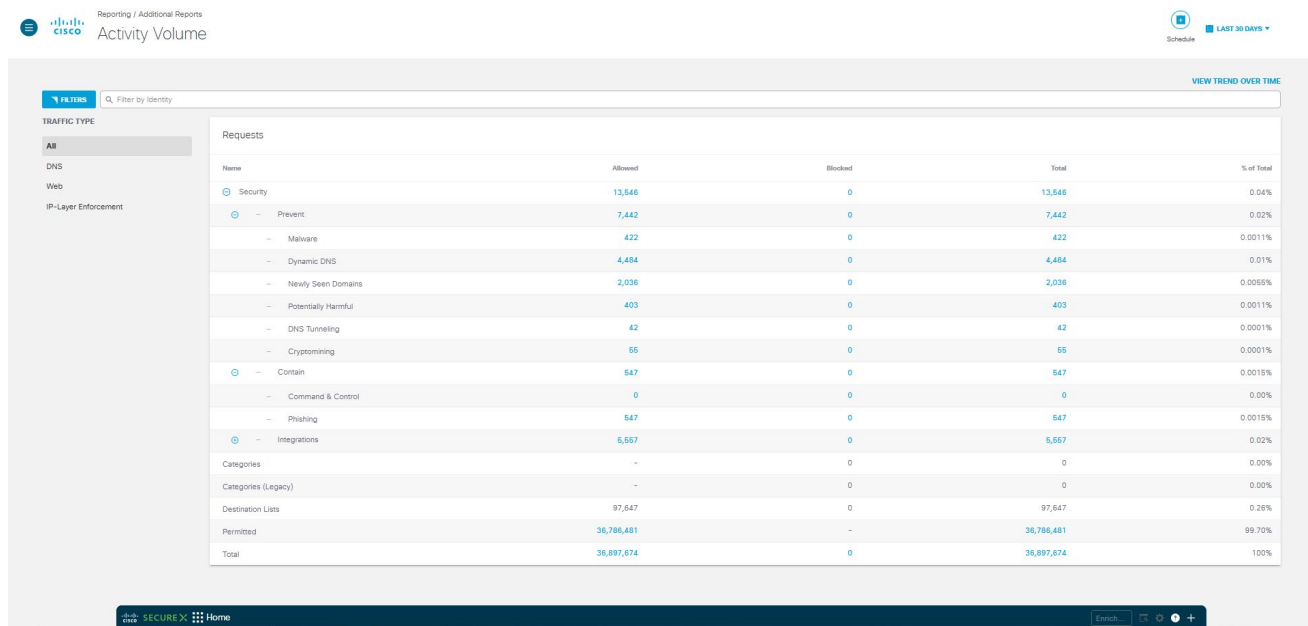
The SOC had complete DNS visibility in 2022, thanks to the support of the Moscone Center agreeing to change their DNS to Cisco Umbrella and installing an Umbrella virtual appliance in the Network Operation Center.

The default security settings for Cisco Umbrella are to block malware, command-and-control callback, and phishing attacks. All blocking was turned off for the conference network.

We saw nearly 37 million DNS requests over the week, of which several thousand would have been blocked for security.

This was almost the same number of DNS request in 2020.

DNS is an area of the RSAC SOC, where preventive and protective measures could be taken, as in a production environment. However, we did not want to block any booth demonstrations, sessions or other training activity that relies on connecting to a malicious domain or IP address.



Domains also could have been blocked for content, such as pornography, terrorism-related, hate/discrimination or other such categories. Again, no blocking occurred and the SOC issued awards to the top domains in the SOC session on 9 June 2022.

- #1 App: Office365
- #1 Chat: WhatsApp
- #1 Cryptomining: NiceHash
- #1 Dating: grindr
- #1 Porn: xvideos

Automate, Automate

Every year, the RSAC SOC team finds more ways to improve efficacy. This year, a Cisco analyst created an automated workflow in SecureX orchestration to post to the RSAC SOC Slack Channel and Webex space when an Umbrella security category was activated with a DNS request or a Firewall rule was triggered in Firepower IDS.

The screenshot displays the SecureX orchestration interface for a workflow titled "RSAC - Umbrella - Search DNS Activity by ID". The workflow is a linear sequence of steps:

- Trigger:** Threat Response - Create Relationship
- TABLE:** Select all data
- PYTHON:** Remove unwanted characters
- ATOMIC:** Webex Teams - Post Message to Room
- ATOMIC:** Slack - Send Message to Channel
- ATOMIC:** ServiceNow - Create Incident
- END:** The workflow concludes with an END node.

The right-hand panel shows the workflow's properties:

- Version:** No Versions Available
- Git Repository:** Select
- Git Version:** No Versions Available
- General:**
 - Display Name:** RSAC - Umbrella - Search DNS Activity by ID
 - Owner:** adisanka.rsac@cisico.com
 - Description:** This workflow searches and returns Cisco Umbrella DNS activity for the last 7 days based on the Umbrella category provided. The data is then parsed and posted in a ServiceNow incident.
 - Target Group:** Default TargetGroup
- Clean up after successful execution:**
 - If checked, the workflow run and any underlying task(s) will be deleted when the run succeeds. Failed runs will not be deleted.
 - Is atomic workflow
- Group Name:** Select

One such Slack trigger was on a phishing domain, crafted to look like Amazon.com to users.

rsac-cisco-secure-events

Activity matching the above category:

Yesterday

categories:Malware, domain:napthepubgmobile.com, identities:RSA VAs, internalip:10.65. [REDACTED] time:00:03:28, verdict:allowed
categories:Malware, domain:unitus.mk.ua, identities:RSA VAs, internalip:10.65. [REDACTED] time:00:03:27, verdict:allowed
categories:Malware, domain:unitus.mk.ua, identities:RSA VAs, internalip:10.65. [REDACTED] time:00:03:27, verdict:allowed
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categories:Malware, domain:napthepubgmobile.com, identities:RSA VAs, internalip:10.65. [REDACTED] time:00:03:27, verdict:allowed
categories:Malware, domain:amazon.ca.jp.cevtjp.cn, identities:RSA VAs, internalip:10.65. [REDACTED] time:00:03:27, verdict:allowed

The following data was returned from Umbrella matching the category: Phishing.

Activity matching the above category:

Investigation identified the IP address of the user and the frequency of the DNS requests.

Reporting / Core Reports
Activity Search

1 DOMAIN amazon.ca.jp.cevtjp.cn

34 Total Viewing activity from Jun 3, 2022 12:00 AM to Jun 9, 2022 7:25 AM Results per page: 50 1 - 34 of 34

Response	Request	Identity	Policy or Ruleset Identity	Destination	Internal IP	External IP	Action	Categories	Date & Time
Allowed	DNS	RSA VAs	RSA VAs	amazon.ca.jp.cevtjp.cn	10.65. [REDACTED]	199.115.243.162	Allowed	Malware, Phishing	Jun 8, 2022 5:03 PM
Allowed	DNS	RSA VAs	RSA VAs	amazon.ca.jp.cevtjp.cn	10.65. [REDACTED]	199.115.243.162	Allowed	Malware, Phishing	Jun 8, 2022 5:03 PM
Allowed	DNS	RSA VAs	RSA VAs	amazon.ca.jp.cevtjp.cn	10.65. [REDACTED]	199.115.243.162	Allowed	Malware, Phishing	Jun 8, 2022 4:46 PM
Allowed	DNS	RSA VAs	RSA VAs	amazon.ca.jp.cevtjp.cn	10.65. [REDACTED]	199.115.243.162	Allowed	Malware, Phishing	Jun 8, 2022 4:46 PM
Allowed	DNS	RSA VAs	RSA VAs	amazon.ca.jp.cevtjp.cn	10.65. [REDACTED]	199.115.243.162	Allowed	Malware, Phishing	Jun 8, 2022 4:46 PM

Pivoting to Umbrella Investigate, we were able to learn more about the phishing domain.

Smart Search

amazon.ca.jp.cevtjp.cn INVESTIGATE

amazon.ca.jp.cevtjp.cn Malware Block List

Threat Threat Type
- -

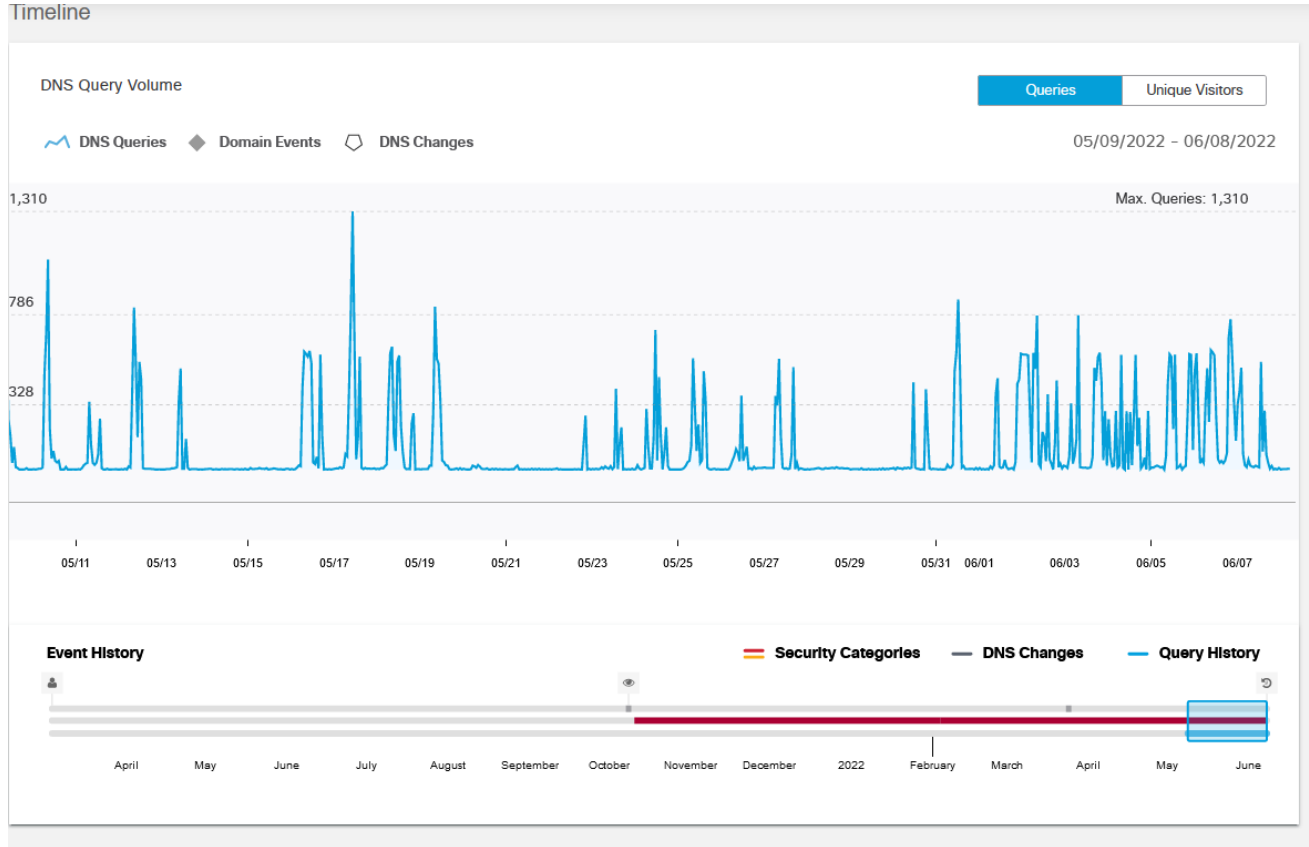
Content Categories Security Categories
- Malware Phishing

Risk Score
100 High Risk
The domain is classified as High Risk due to a combination of high security features.

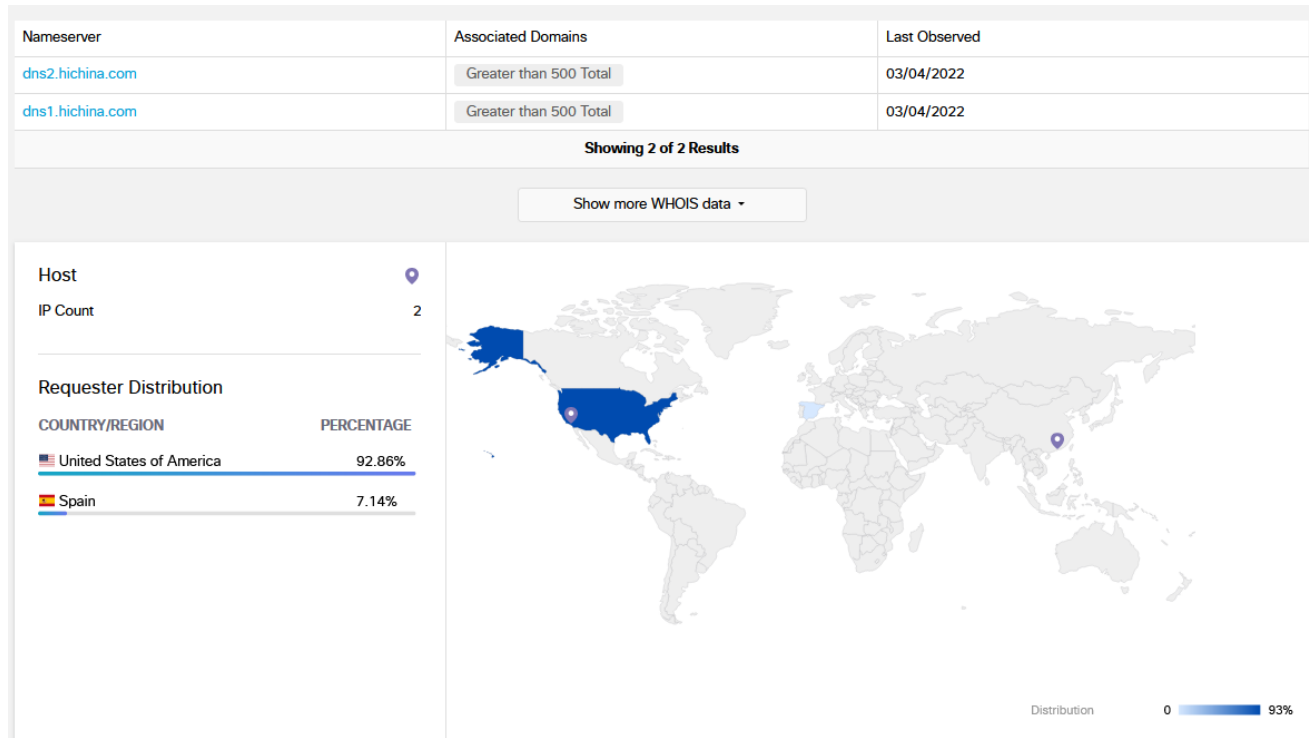
Created on 03/04/2021 (1 years) Registrant Country/Region -

Recent IP IP Country/Region Prefix ASN Network Owner Description

This included the global query volume and that it was not a recently created domain.



The domain was registered in China and primarily targeted the USA, although also Spain.



We dug in deeper with an investigation in SecureX threat response XDR, where we could see the threat intelligence about the domain and related artifacts.

The investigation pointed a demo in the Expo Hall, an acceptable use of the conference network.

The screenshot displays the Cisco SecureX Threat Response Investigate interface. The top navigation bar includes 'SecureX | Threat Response' and 'Investigate' with sub-tabs for 'Snapshots', 'Incidents', and 'Intelligence'. The main area is divided into three sections:

- Graph:** A network diagram showing nodes for 'Target Network 204.44.66.6', 'Suspicious URL http://amazon...', 'Malicious Domain amazon.ca.jp...', 'Malicious IP 204.44.66.6', and 'Suspicious URL https://amazon...'. Arrows indicate relationships between these entities.
- Results:** A list of findings including:
 - 1 TARGET: 586981670 (Network)
 - 1 INVESTIGATED: amazon.ca.jp.c... (Malicious Domain, 8 Sightings in My Environment)
 - 0 OMITTED
 - 4 RELATED: 204.44.66.6 (IP), http://amazon.ca.j... (Suspicious URL), https://amazon.ca... (Suspicious URL), and 10.65.149.127 (IP)
- Sightings:** A bar chart titled 'My Environment (8) Global (27)' showing sighting counts over time from 2022-06-08T15:27:42.000Z to 2022-06-08T16:23:57.000Z. The chart uses a color-coded legend: Malicious (red), Suspicious (purple), Common (green), Unknown (blue), Clean (yellow), and Targets (grey).

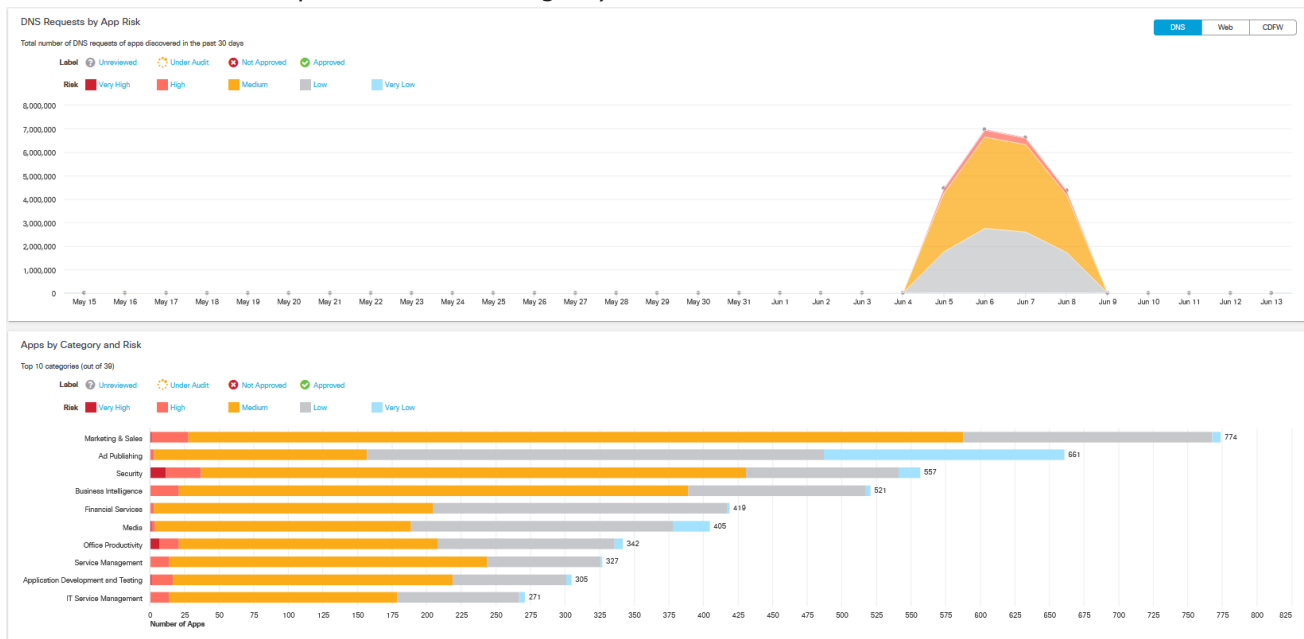
Apps, Apps and more Apps

Over 7,200 applications (up from just 4,000 applications in 2020) were identified by the DNS queries at RSAC 2020.

The screenshot shows the Cisco Umbrella dashboard with the following data:

- Overview:** 7,349 apps discovered. Status: 7,349 unreviewed apps, 0 apps under audit, 0 apps not approved, 0 apps approved.
- Flagged Categories:**
 - Anonymizer:** 28 unreviewed apps. Description: Anonymizer apps introduce risk to your network because they enable users to bypass security controls.
 - P2P:** 22 unreviewed apps. Description: P2P apps represent high risk because they can be used to transmit files infected with viruses and malware.
 - Games:** 100 unreviewed apps. Description: Online games present risk as well as potential productivity loss. In many enterprise environments they are discouraged.

The apps were categorized by risk to an organization in a production environment. A rogue or unauthorized app could have been blocked from the conference, in the event of a major incident—again, one of the ways the SOC can be used for protection in an emergency.

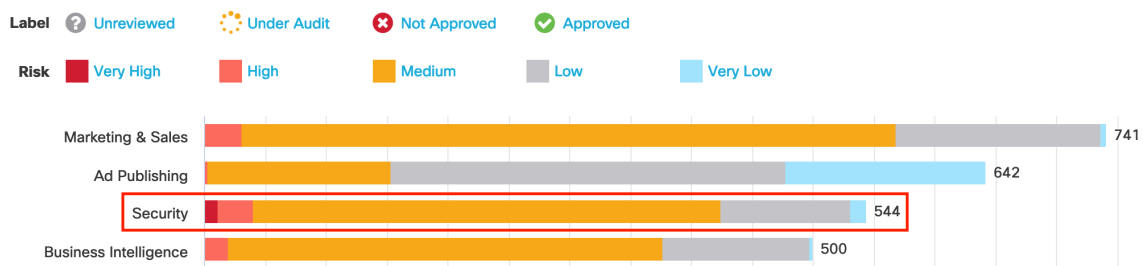


Open Web Proxy

Web security vendors abound at the RSA conference so it's not surprising to see lot of traffic from the show floor destined for cloud proxies of all kinds. We spotted thousands of instances of machines checking in with, sending traffic to, and otherwise utilizing over 500 security solutions. A Cisco Umbrella engineer on the SOC team with a history in web proxies and was naturally interested in examining how some of these solutions communicate with their cloud resources, and what might be visible to anyone listening on the local network.

Apps by Category and Risk

Top 10 categories (out of 39)



Using the Umbrella dashboard to explore the DNS queries made to the "Security" app category, he immediately homed in on the domains he recognized as cloud proxy solutions. The engineer could tell by the DNS queries that some of them were requests directly to a cloud web proxy. These would be HTTP or HTTPS requests destined for the Internet but encapsulated in an HTTP CONNECT request to the cloud security solution, which would service the request to the Internet server.

Pivoting over to NetWitness® Platform XDR, he was able to search and locate the content of the requests themselves and scrutinize the headers inside.

```
> Frame 4: 921 bytes on wire (7368 bits), 921 bytes captured (7368 bits)
> Ethernet II, Src: Apple_9a:22:fa (5c:52:30:9a:22:fa), Dst: IETF-VRRP-VRID_01 (00:00:5e:00:01:01)
> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.65.118.31, Dst:
> Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 57938, Dst Port: 80, Seq: 1, Ack: 1, Len: 855
> Hypertext Transfer Protocol
< Hypertext Transfer Protocol
> [Expert Info (Warning/Security): Unencrypted HTTP protocol detected over encrypted port, could indicate a dangerous misconfiguration.]
> CONNECT www.linkedin.com:443/ HTTP/1.1\r\n
host: www.linkedin.com:443\r\n
proxy-connection: keep-alive\r\n
user-agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10_15_7) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/102.0.0.0 Safari/537.36\r\n
> [truncated]Proxy-Authorization: Basic aWJz
Connection: close\r\n
\r\n
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When an explicit proxy is configured in an OS or browser, requests are encapsulated in HTTP, even those that ultimately flow over HTTPS (encrypted in a TLS tunnel). Proxies that require authentication can be configured to accept a few different methods to identify the requestor. Basic authentication is the least secure form of this flow and simply accepts a base64 encoded header containing the username and password.

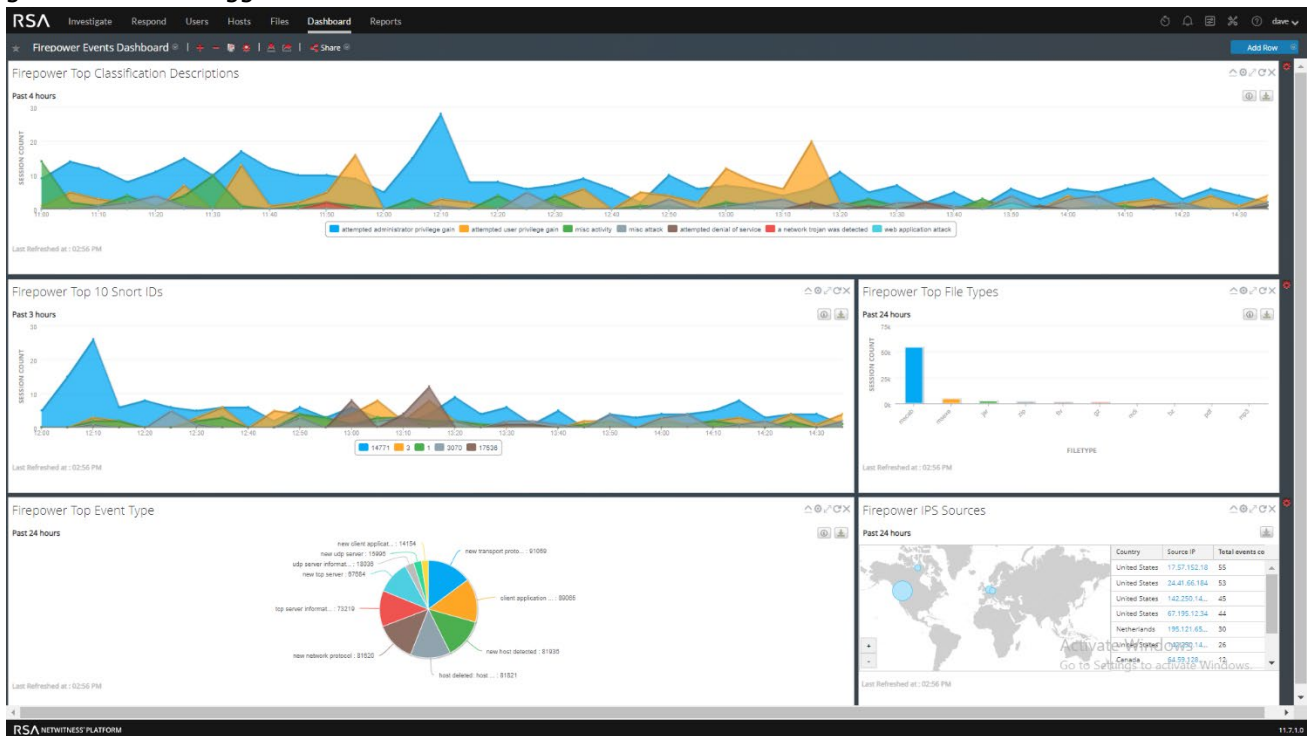
Even this can be done securely if the client utilized some form of encryption or ephemeral generation of the credentials that only the cloud proxy could validate or predict. In this case, none of that was true. By simply extracting the base64 encoded credentials, it is possible for anyone sniffing the network to browse the internet using this proxy server, authenticated as the unsuspecting attendee. There are many ways to leverage an open web proxy that a creative hacker may want to explore, should this misconfiguration be discovered.

INTRUSION DETECTION

A Secure Firewall 4110 appliance, running Firepower Threat Defense software, was set up as the perimeter IDS device. The IDS inspected all wireless guest traffic from event attendees, configured in monitor-only mode. Firepower offers breach detection, threat discovery, malware sample submission to Secure Malware Analytics and security automation. Rich contextual information (such as applications, operating systems, vulnerabilities, intrusions, and transferred files) served the SOC to help uncover threats lurking in the environment.

The Cisco team was able to complete a direct integration of event data into NetWitness® Platform XDR using the Firepower eStreamer protocol. Over 50 million+ events were sent to NetWitness® from Firepower, at an average event rate between 500-1100 events per second. This integration enables NetWitness® users to directly query Firewall data and create mash up visualizations from both data sources.

The analytic below depicts a detailed analysis of Firepower events by volume, threat category and geolocation and triggered Snort rule.



Discovered Applications

Firepower detected many popular applications in use, with Netflix, YouTube (often used for demos), iTunes updates and iPhone backups being the top applications. A lot of visitors were using the VPN to connect back to their company's network using the RSAC Wi-Fi, which explains why IPSEC is the top application.

With the increases in social media activity around the event, Facebook and Twitter were the top two social media platforms used at RSAC, for personal as well as promotional purposes.

Using personal social media and sensitive websites on public Wi-Fi, without VPN, is not recommended because of common security issues.



CISCO FMC - TOP DISCOVERED APPLICATIONS

The top operating systems seen in the network were Linux and Mac OS.



Daily OS counts also help provide a rough number of how many attended the event for that day. However, the wireless session lease was only three hours, which makes it difficult to make more precise daily OS counts. The same user connected to RSAC Wi-Fi could show multiple counts in one day. It is recommended to configure a wireless lease of more than one day to help correlate events for a user the next day.

These statistics are for a public Wi-Fi, which explains why the “Top Server Applications Seen” counts are so low.

The “Risky Applications with Low Business Relevance” count places Facebook at the top, but at events like RSAC, Facebook and other social media are often used as business promotion tools.

Discovered User Activities

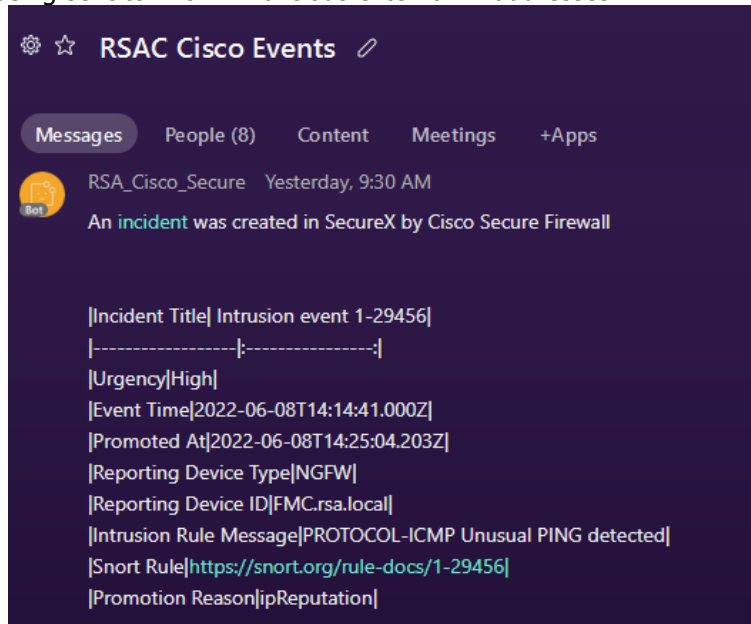
Firepower detected and generated events for many user activities and their details in the network. These activity details were used to identify non-encrypted Email, VoIP (SIP) and File transfers communications and revealed user credentials and actual audio calls. All this was done in collaboration with NetWitness®. Firepower was able to provide user activity details and we were able to retrieve actual data traffic from NetWitness®.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Time	Event	Username	Realm	Discovery Application	Authentication Type	IP Address	Start Port	End Port	Description	VPN Session Type	VPN Group Policy	VPN Connection Profile	VPN Client Public IP	VPN Client Country
▼	2022-06-07 16:03:47	New User Identity	[REDACTED]	Discovered Identities	SIP	No Authentication									
▼	2022-06-07 16:03:47	User Login	[REDACTED]	Discovered Identities	SIP	No Authentication	[REDACTED]								
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Stranger Pings

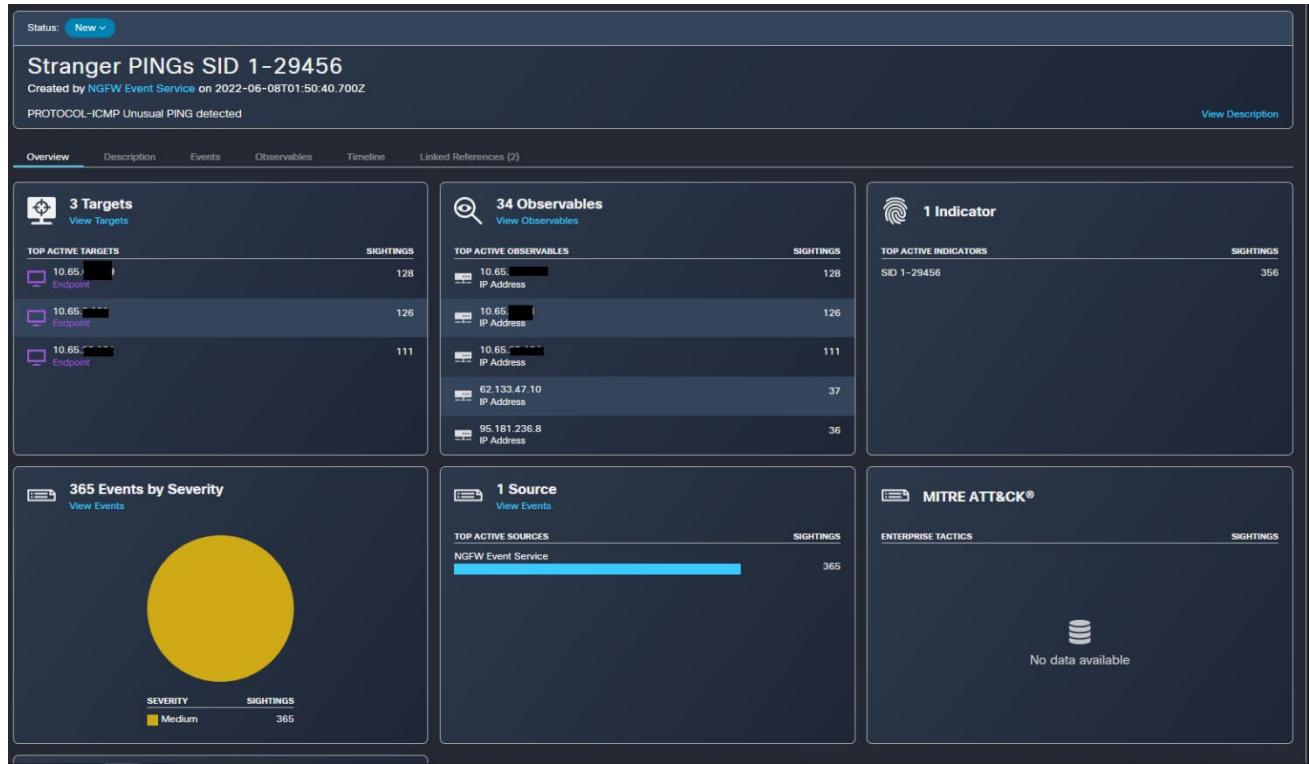
In the RSAC SOC, we are always on alert for indicators that a user is attacking other users within the network or evidence that network is being used to attack the Internet. The SOC had over 365 alerts about non-standard ICMP traffic being sent to known malicious external IP addresses.



All of them involved one or more of the same three SRC IPs. These IPs had also been seen targeting internal IPs with the same malformed traffic.

Impact	Inline Result	Destination IP	Message	Priority	Count
2	Would have dropped	10.65.10.65	PROTOCOL-ICMP Unusual PING detected (1:29456:3)	medium	1,394
2	Would have dropped	8.8.8.8	PROTOCOL-ICMP Unusual PING detected (1:29456:3)	medium	937
2	Would have dropped	47.114.106.204	PROTOCOL-ICMP Unusual PING detected (1:29456:3)	medium	676
2	Would have dropped	10.65.10.65	PROTOCOL-ICMP Unusual PING detected (1:29456:3)	medium	433
2	Would have dropped	10.8.8.2	PROTOCOL-ICMP Unusual PING detected (1:29456:3)	medium	421
2	Would have dropped	10.8.8.3	PROTOCOL-ICMP Unusual PING detected (1:29456:3)	medium	270
2	Would have dropped	208.67.220.220	PROTOCOL-ICMP Unusual PING detected (1:29456:3)	medium	270
2	Would have dropped	10.22.10.22	PROTOCOL-ICMP Unusual PING detected (1:29456:3)	medium	182
2	Would have dropped	138.199.39.5	PROTOCOL-ICMP Unusual PING detected (1:29456:3)	medium	176
2	Would have dropped	10.65.10.65	PROTOCOL-ICMP Unusual PING detected (1:29456:3)	medium	171
2	Would have dropped	138.199.39.4	PROTOCOL-ICMP Unusual PING detected (1:29456:3)	medium	166
2	Would have dropped	138.199.39.3	PROTOCOL-ICMP Unusual PING detected (1:29456:3)	medium	164
2	Would have dropped	1.1.1.1	PROTOCOL-ICMP Unusual PING detected (1:29456:3)	medium	158
2	Would have dropped	10.65.10.65	PROTOCOL-ICMP Unusual PING detected (1:29456:3)	medium	151
2	Would have dropped	10.1.10.1	PROTOCOL-ICMP Unusual PING detected (1:29456:3)	medium	144
2	Would have dropped	52.113.194.132	PROTOCOL-ICMP Unusual PING detected (1:29456:3)	medium	143
2	Would have dropped	10.254.10.254	PROTOCOL-ICMP Unusual PING detected (1:29456:3)	medium	126
2	Would have dropped	10.65.10.65	PROTOCOL-ICMP Unusual PING detected (1:29456:3)	medium	126
2	Would have dropped	10.65.10.65	PROTOCOL-ICMP Unusual PING detected (1:29456:3)	medium	122
2	Would have dropped	10.65.10.65	PROTOCOL-ICMP Unusual PING detected (1:29456:3)	medium	119
2	Would have dropped	10.65.10.65	PROTOCOL-ICMP Unusual PING detected (1:29456:3)	medium	113
2	Would have dropped	138.199.39.2	PROTOCOL-ICMP Unusual PING detected (1:29456:3)	medium	106
2	Would have dropped	95.181.236.5	PROTOCOL-ICMP Unusual PING detected (1:29456:3)	medium	102
2	Would have dropped	84.252.92.5	PROTOCOL-ICMP Unusual PING detected (1:29456:3)	medium	99
2	Would have dropped	10.65.10.65	PROTOCOL-ICMP Unusual PING detected (1:29456:3)	medium	97

Investigation in SecureX revealed that many of the destination IPs for these malformed pings were contacted by two or all three of these sources.



Network analysis revealed that all three IPs have separate MAC addresses, so are not a single device getting new DHCP. Packet analysis revealed extra content in normally unused fields in the ICMP structure.

The investigation revealed known threat intelligence about the destinations and found over a hundred related artifacts with a dozen indicators of maliciousness.

The screenshot shows a security dashboard with the following elements:

- Top navigation: 190 Related, 13 Indicators, 9 Modules.
- Section: Results
- Sub-sections: Details, Threat Context.
- Left sidebar: List of IP addresses with status icons (e.g., Malicious IP Address).
- Main content:
 - Selected IP: 154.16.105.147 (Malicious IP Address).
 - Section: Verdicts (5). Text: "Verdicts are the most current, unexpired judgement (per module) with the highest priority. Learn More".
 - Search data: Find ... (dropdown), Sort by: Start Time Newest (dropdown).
 - Verdicts list:
 - Malicious**: Module: Recorded Future, Expiration: 2022-07-08T23:30:11.000Z (JSON button).
 - Unknown**: Module: *Umbrella, Expiration: 2022-07-08T23:29:45.747Z (JSON button).
 - Suspicious**: Module: alphaMountain.ai Threat Intelligence, Expiration: Expired 2022-06-09T07:29:44.032Z (JSON button).
 - Suspicious**: Module: IBM X-Force Exchange, Expiration: 2022-07-08T23:29:44.000Z (JSON button).

The investigation did not indicate that the pings were part of an attack within or from the network and was closed.

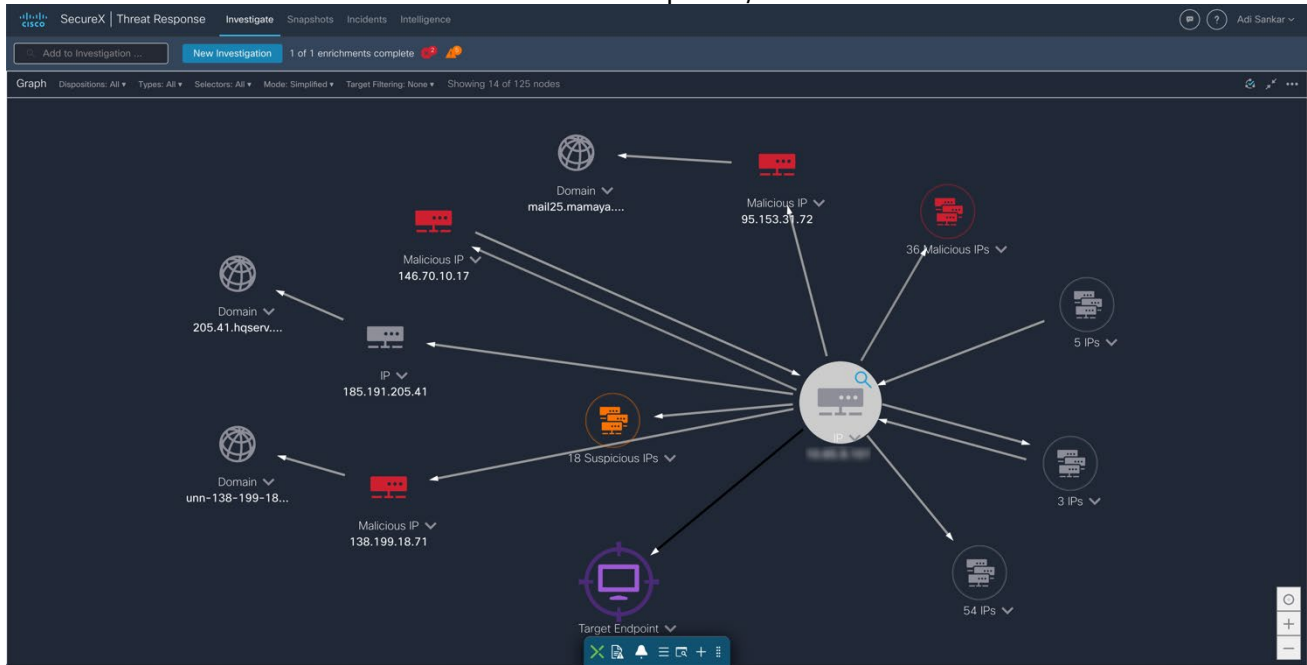
Using the same notification method of Slack/Webex Teams we noticed the one of the same source IP's involved in a slew of intrusion events related to Malware and CnC. To gain contextual insights on the device we were able to pull up the host profile on the Firewall Management Center and realized this apple machine has been involved in other malicious events.

The screenshot shows a host profile page with the following sections:

- Host Profile: Scan Host, Generate Allow List Profile.
- Device Information: IP Addresses, NetBIOS Name, Device (Hops): FTD-RSA (1), MAC Addresses (TTL): A4:5E:60:E6: (Apple, Inc.) (255), Host Type: Host, Last Seen: 2022-06-07 08:57:39, Current User.
- Indications of Compromise (4):

Category	Event Type	Description	First Seen	Last Seen
Impact 2 Attack	Impact 2 Intrusion Event - attempted-user	The host was attacked and is potentially vulnerable	2022-06-06 10:52:00	2022-06-07 09:31:05
CnC Connected	Intrusion Event - malware-cnc	The host may be under remote control	2022-06-06 11:27:17	2022-06-07 09:26:54
Impact 2 Attack	Impact 2 Intrusion Event - attempted-admin	The host was attacked and is potentially vulnerable	2022-06-06 12:29:01	2022-06-07 09:26:39
CnC Connected	Security Intelligence Event - CnC	The host may be under remote control	2022-06-06 19:19:34	2022-06-06 19:19:34
- Operating System: Edit Operating System. Vendor: Apple, Product: Mac OSX, Version: 10.13, Server 10.13, Source: Firepower.
- Servers (14): Table with columns for Protocol, Port, Application Protocol, and Vendor and Version.

To gain broader visibility of what other artifacts this machine has been involved with we conducted an investigation in SecureX threat response. After investigating we can see that this host has had bidirectional communication with a CnC server and over 50 other suspicious/malicious IP's!



Now we wanted to understand why the machine had connected to so many different IP's. Pivoting from the host profile in Firewall Management Center into some of the other events we saw massive amounts of DNS Fast Flux alerts. This is a technique used by attackers to obfuscate what their real IP is. By downloading the packet capture from the Firewall, we could see the TTL in the DNS responses was very short allowing the attackers to rotate amongst a plethora of IP's making it harder to block the malicious communication.

Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
		DNS	176	Standard qu...
		DNS	219	Standard qu...
		DNS	135	Standard qu...
		DNS	212	Standard qu...
		DNS	175	Standard qu...
		DNS	147	Standard qu...
		DNS	215	Standard qu...
		DNS	147	Standard qu...
		DNS	208	Standard qu...

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Domain Name System (response)
Transaction ID: 0xf9fa
Flags: 0x8180 Standard query response, No error
Questions: 1
Answer RRs: 4
Authority RRs: 0
Additional RRs: 0
Queries
Answers
  r3.o.lencr.org: type CNAME, class IN, cname o.lencr.edgesuite.net
    Name: r3.o.lencr.org
    Type: CNAME (Canonical NAME for an alias) (5)
    Class: IN (0x0001)
    Time to live: 62
    Data length: 23
    CNAME: o.lencr.edgesuite.net
  o.lencr.edgesuite.net: type CNAME, class IN, cname a1887.dscq.akamai.net
    Name: o.lencr.edgesuite.net
    Type: CNAME (Canonical NAME for an alias) (5)
    Class: IN (0x0001)
    Time to live: 12222
    Data length: 23
    CNAME: a1887.dscq.akamai.net
  a1887.dscq.akamai.net: type A, class IN, addr 104.114.77.145
    Name: a1887.dscq.akamai.net
    Type: A (Host Address) (1)
    Class: IN (0x0001)
    Time to live: 5
    Data length: 4
    Address: 104.114.77.145
  a1887.dscq.akamai.net: type A, class IN, addr 104.114.77.136
    Name: a1887.dscq.akamai.net
    Type: A (Host Address) (1)
    Class: IN (0x0001)
    Time to live: 5
    Data length: 4
    Address: 104.114.77.136
  
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Packets: 9 - Displayed: 9 (100.0%) - Load time: 0:0.0 Profile: Bluetooth

After all the information was collected the investigation was closed under the assumption that one of the booths was conducting a demo as we continued to see these alerts from the same source IP every day.

File Transfers

File monitoring and analysis yields valuable network monitoring information, as well as providing insight into the types of users in the network. The large number of locally spread malware files indicate that someone was downloading these files locally from inside the network.

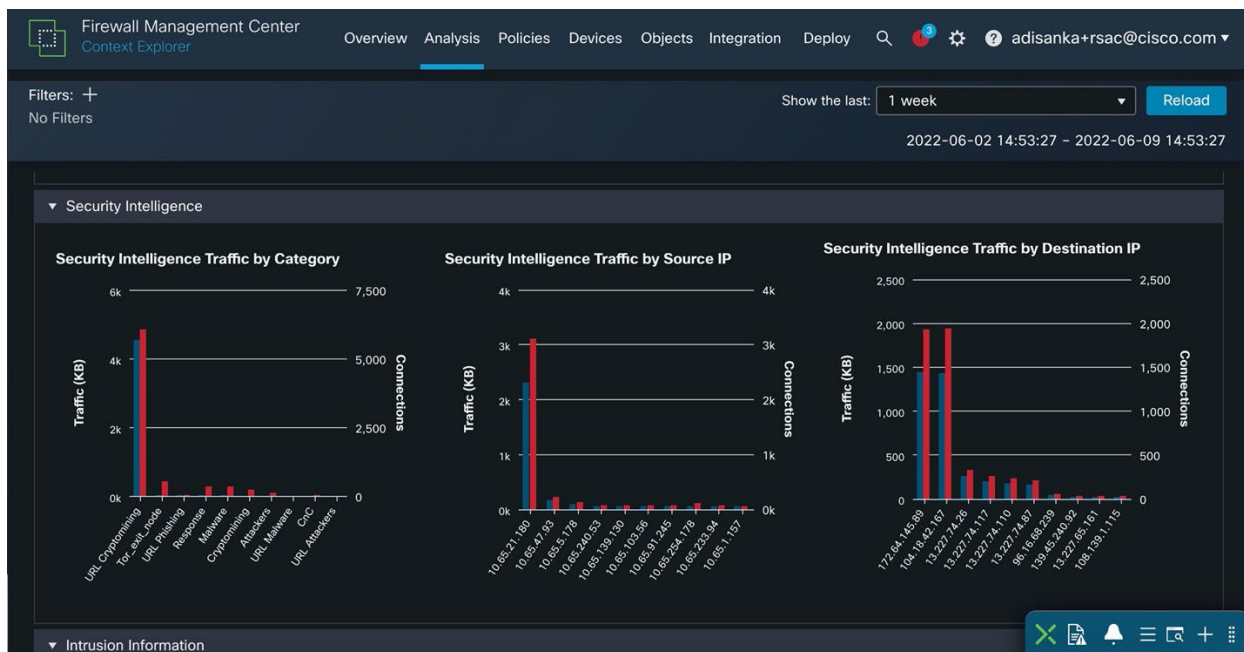
If it was not already known to the SOC who perpetrated the dump, these malware files could also provide other information such as:

- User education covering email security (what to click and what to not click.)
- Target analysis: Is the company network being targeted specifically with these files?

Returning to our RSAC findings, most malware files these days spread with HTTPS, and the RSAC SOC didn't enable any SSL decryption; this may explain why the malware/malicious files count was so low. Still, with the 22 percent of traffic being over HTTP, we were able to catch a good number of these files with the help of our Cisco Secure Cloud Lookup and Talos Intelligence integration.

Intrusion Information

During the conference, several intrusion events were recorded by Firepower. Automated event analysis correlated threat events with contextual host profile data, to identify IPS events requiring immediate investigation. Whenever a working exploit targeted a vulnerable host on the guest network, an Impact 1 event was raised. Intrusion events with the Impact 1 flag are automatically promoted to SecureX incidents and can be investigated directly from the SecureX ribbon in FMC. For the RSAC SOC team, this helped cut through the noise and focus attention to save precious time.



Firewall Management Center

Overview Analysis Policies Devices Objects Integration

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Bookmark This Page | Reporting | Dashboard | View Bookmarks | Search

Predefined Searches

Events By Priority and Classification

No Search Constraints (Edit Search)

2022-06-09 13:16:23 – 2022-06-09 14:19:04 Expanding

Drilldown of Event, Priority, and Classification | Table View of Events | Packets

Jump to...

Message	Priority	Classification	Count
PROTOCOL-IMAP fetch overflow attempt (1:3070:13)	medium	Misc Attack	21
SERVER-WEBAPP Advise denial of service attempt (1:38579:2)	medium	Attempted Denial of Service	5
INDICATOR-COMPROMISE Suspicious_mf dns query (1:39866:4)	low	Misc Activity	8
INDICATOR-COMPROMISE Suspicious_pw dns query (1:28039:7)	low	Misc Activity	2
INDICATOR-COMPROMISE Suspicious_top dns query (1:45687:2)	low	Misc Activity	2
INDICATOR-COMPROMISE Suspicious_ik dns query (1:39867:4)	low	Misc Activity	1
SQL generic sql insert injection attempt - GET parameter (1:13513:19)	high	Web Application Attack	2
SMTP_RESPONSE_OVERFLOW (124:3:2)	high	Attempted User Privilege Gain	18

Incidents

Intrusion event 1-31767

SERVER-OTHER MRLG fastping echo reply memory corruption attempt
New - Created By NGFW Event Service on 2022-06-07 02:59:33 UTC

Summary Observables Timeline Sightings Linked References (1)

Targets (1) - Investigate these Targets

IP - Targeted by 2 unique observables, 2 times in the last 3 days
IP Address - 10.65.9.101
First: 2022-06-07T02:55:34.000Z - Last: 2022-06-07T02:55:34.000Z

Incident Observables (2) - Investigate these Observables

146.70.10.17 - Malicious IP Address - 1 Target - 1 Sighting
First: 2022-06-07T02:55:34.000Z - Last: 2022-06-07T02:55:34.000Z

Incident 1-58431

Many "user privilege gain" attacks were detected, which indicated an attacker was trying to gain access to demo and other networking devices. This also calls attention to why you should never use default passwords. Multiple intrusion events were categorized as high priority.

Firewall Management Center

Overview / Dashboards / Dashboard

Overview Analysis Policies Devices Objects Integration

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Reporting

Application Statistics

Provides application statistics

Connections | **Intrusion Events** | Encrypted Visibility Engine

Show the Last 1 week

Add Widgets

Dropped Events by Application

Application	Dropped/Blocked Events
HTTP	2
Web browser	2
Office 365	1
Unknown	1

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Impact 1 Events by Application

Application	Impact 1 Events
ICMP	1,998
ICMP client	1,998
SSL client	504
HTTPS	460
Unknown	237
SSL	44
Bloomberg	29
HTTP	20
OpenVPN	16
OpenVPN client	16

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Impact 2 Events by Application

Application	Impact 2 Events
ICMP	765,415
ICMP client	765,415
DNS	222,409
RTSP	92,576
RTSP client	92,576
SSL client	82,702
HTTPS	80,865
SNMP	35,318
SNMP client	35,318
Unknown	31,688

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Impact 3 Events by Application

Application	Impact 3 Events
DNS	3,368,349
BitTorrent	168,087
SNMP	111,971
SNMP client	111,971
SSL client	106,452
HTTPS	102,322
ICMP	41,742
ICMP client	41,742
HTTP	37,375
Unknown	29,222

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Impact 4 Events by Application

Application	Impact 4 Events
DNS	1,644,279
ICMP	175,935
ICMP client	175,935
SNMP	35,382
SNMP client	35,382
SSL client	33,770
HTTPS	32,048
HTTP	11,935
IGMP	10,774
IGMP client	10,774

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Impact 0 Events by Application

Application	Impact 0 Events
DNS	130,765
ICMP	25,814
ICMP client	25,814
SSL client	8,415
HTTPS	8,125
SNMP	2,613
SNMP client	2,613
HTTP	2,277
Unknown	2,198
RTSP	1,703

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Total Events by Application

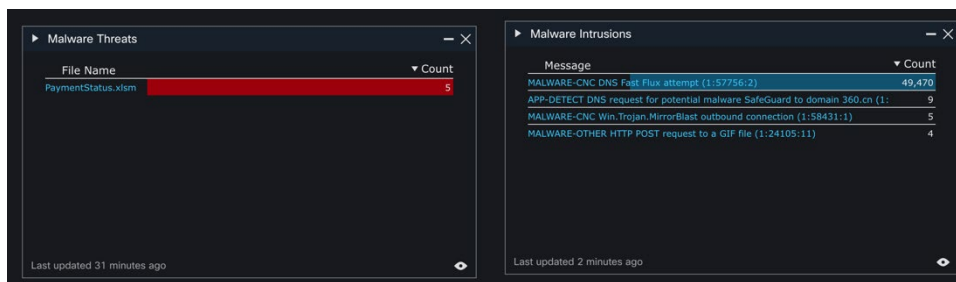
Malware Threats

Cisco Firepower Management Center (FMC) malware event dashboard showed us some serious malware intrusions, as well as threats live from the RSAC network.

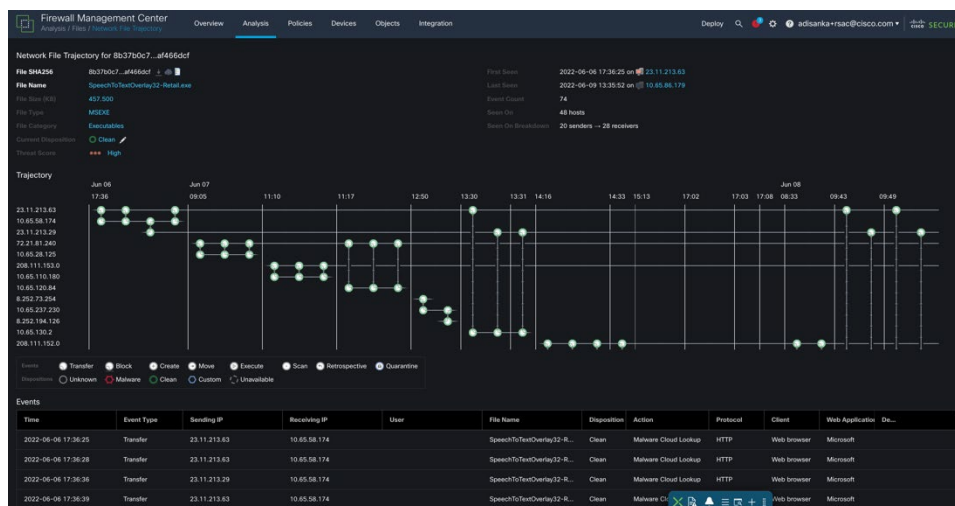
Secure Malware Analytics (formerly Threat Grid) was used in a combination with the Cisco FMC to learn more details about the malware threats, reflected in the "Malware Threats" dashboard as analyzed files. Combining different security products and making them talk to each other creates a more secure and safe environment, along with the help of correlation from different products and their analysis. At times, a single tool may report a completely new "first-time-seen" file as a risk-free file. However, leveraging a combination of security tools can make it possible to dig deeper to see what is really going on.

A huge number of DNS request-based intrusions were seen in the network. Cisco Umbrella can be used along with other security devices to stop these types of attacks, as most of the DNS traffic is cleaned by Cisco Umbrella before it even enters our network/security devices or next-generation firewall devices.

Command-and-control events remain the top type of intrusion events at RSAC in 2022. Command-and-control communications are also used extensively for doing quiet cryptomining in the background of infected devices.

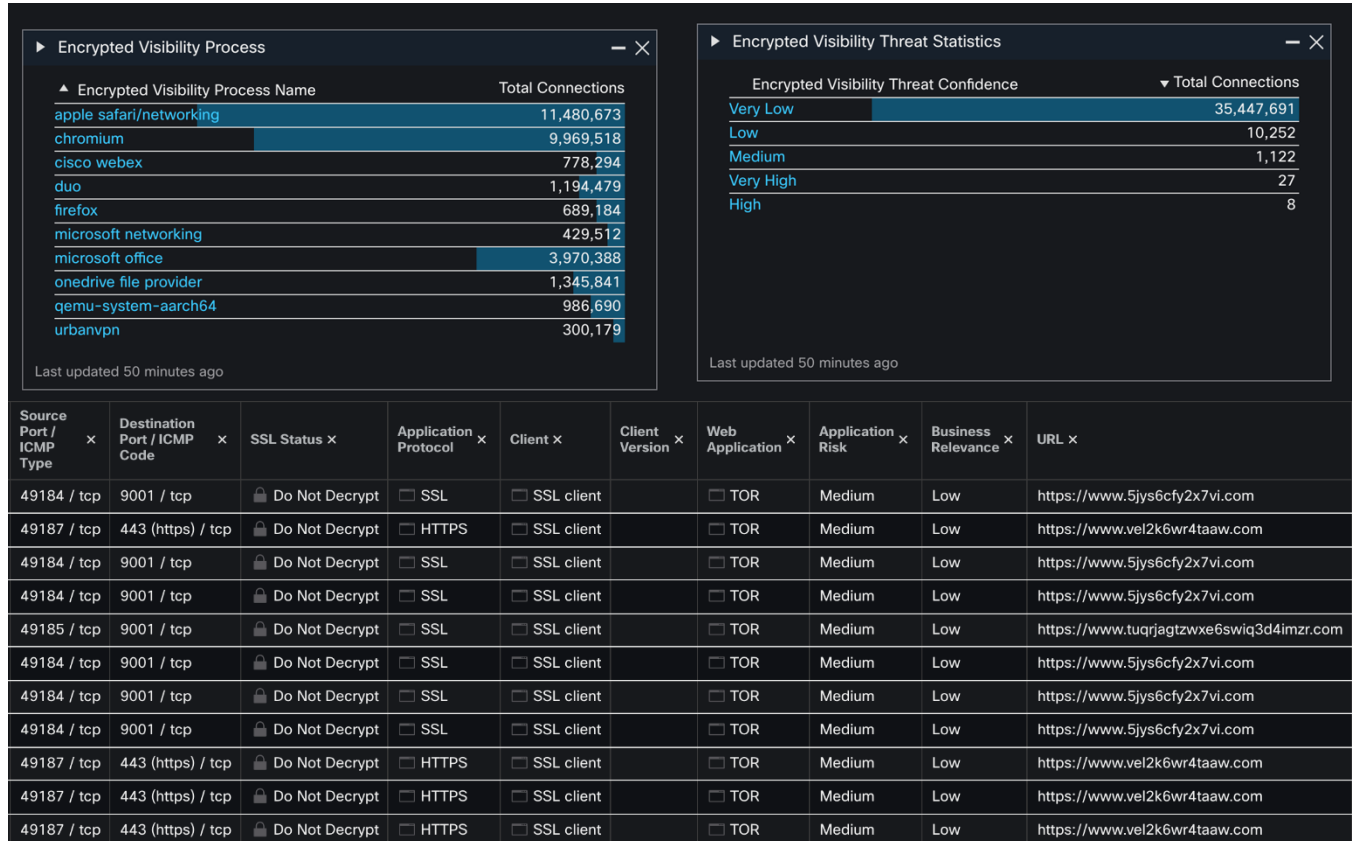


Using Firepower Management File Trajectory we are able to see which hosts are specifically targeted by mapping how the file traversed the network, identifying passing hosts on a time series graph that details potentially infected IPs and the frequency which those hosts were visited. Additionally we can see telemetry on malware signature itself, including threat score, first and last occurrences, hash signature and current disposition.



Firepower Encrypted Visibility Engine (EVE)

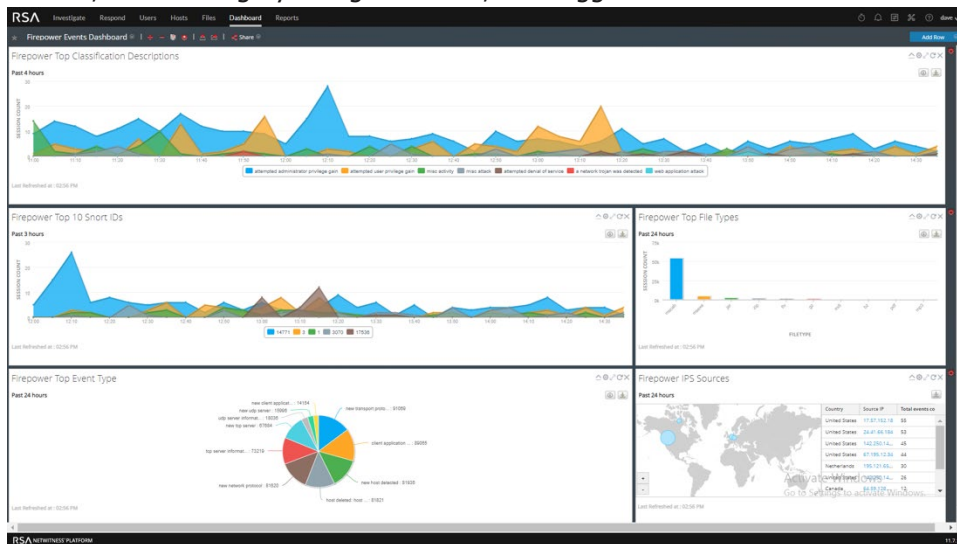
Firepower system also gained visibility into an encrypted session without needing to decrypt it using the Encrypted Visibility Engine (EVE) feature. The engine fingerprints and analyzes encrypted traffic and provides more visibility into encrypted traffic, including protocols such as TLS and QUIC and provides a list of all the applications, micro-apps and processes used within those applications. Firepower also tries to find any potential encrypted vulnerable traffic within that encrypted application traffic and assigns a Threat Confidence Score (0 –100) and categorizes them (Very Low – High). At RSA, Firepower EVE did find TOR client traffic along with URL's which had a Threat Confidence of 90 and was marked as potentially malicious communication.



Firepower and NetWitness® Integration

The Cisco Event Streamer (also known as eStreamer) enables users to stream Firepower System events to external client applications. You can stream host, discovery, correlation, compliance white list, intrusion, user activity, file, malware, and connection data from a Management Center. This year at RSA we took the opportunity to integrate eStreamer data with NetWitness® to provide a cross check validation of events in real time.

The Cisco team was able to complete a direct integration of event data into NetWitness® using the Firepower eStreamer protocol. Over 50 million+ events were sent to NetWitness® from Firepower, at an average event rate between 500-1100 events per second. This integration enables NetWitness® users to directly query Firewall data and create mash up visualizations from both data sources which can be used to identify gaps in policy and coverage between the product lines. The analytic below was created in NetWitness® using Firepower data, and depicts a detailed analysis of events by volume, threat category and geolocation, and triggered Snort rule.



CONCLUSION

Those who have served in the military know there is a difference between concealment and cover. This analogy relates to cleartext vs. encryption. We can all make greater strides in becoming more secure, but we need to learn to stop giving away valuable information that can only hurt us. There's a reason breaches are on the rise. We have valuable information and—based on analysis of this free public wireless network—we are giving away way too much of that information.

The percentage of encrypted traffic rose two percent to 80 percent. Encrypt, encrypt...trust but verify!

We're looking forward to monitoring traffic at next year's RSAC and reporting the results to you. The RSAC SOC team is always looking for ways to educate and assist attendees; and we will continue to explore ways to notify attendees of insecure protocols, cleartext usernames and passwords, malware and cryptomining. See you in 2023!

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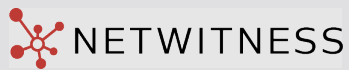
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