

Security Talk Incident Response

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What is Incident Response?

- Response by person or team to an attack
- Organized reaction
- Pre-planned as much as possible



AIC Triad with Incident Response

- Availability
 - How long of an outage is this going to create?
- Integrity
 - Can we trust the recovery of a compromised system?
- Confidentiality
 - Was our private information compromised?



What to do During an Incident

- Preparation
- Identification
- Communication
- Containment
- Recovery and Analysis

Preparation

- 90% of Incident Response is in preparation
- Identification of System and Data owners
- Categorization of Systems and Data
- Communication Plans and Lists
- Backups and Patches

Identification

- Intrusion Detection System (IDS)
 - Network Based
 - Host Based
- Logs make sure they are time sync'ed
- Event Correlation
- Confirmation

Communication

- Immediately deploy SIRT (explained below)
- Audit Trail
 - Log all communication
 - Follow communication path policy
- Sign communications
- Communicate soon and often

Containment

- Intrusion Prevention System (IPS)
- Firewall
- Service Interruption
- High Availability
- Cost of Downtime

Recovery

- Disaster Recovery Plan (DRP)
- Business Continuity Plan (BCP)
- System and Data Recovery
- Mitigation of risks to avoid re-contamination

Analysis

- Root Cause Analysis (RCA)
- Cost of Incident
- Speed and Cost Effectiveness of Response
- Update Plan



Examples

- Virus
- System Compromise
- Network Device Compromise
- Compromise of Confidential Data

Virus

- Identification
 - Mass mailing, communication with C&C
 - Bootable virus scanner
- Containment
 - Remove computer from network, physical or logical
 - Containment practices should be known by user

Virus

- Recovery
 - Full Cleansing of machine
 - Possible rebuild and scan of all data files
- Analysis
 - How did the virus infect the system?
 - How can we mitigate this risk in the future?



System Compromise

- Identification
 - HIDS, NIDS
 - System trending
- Containment
 - Can this system be removed from the network?
 - How can we best preserve the current system state?



System Compromise

- Recovery
 - Fix the system
 - Re-image system or fix and re-image system
- Analysis
 - What was the cost of compromise (resources, time)?
 - How can we mitigate this risk in the future?



Network Device Compromise

- Similar to System Compromise
- Could cause outage to a number of services
- May be easier to physically replace the device



Compromise of Confidential Data

- Communication to data owner and customer
- Issue new data if possible (credit card number)
- Trace data usage to find thief
 - Credit record
 - honeypots



Security Incident Response Team (SIRT)

aka. CIRT, CERT, SERT

- Three types of team members
 - Managers
 - Fixers/Solvers
 - Communicators
- Dynamic Team on as-needed basis (HR & PR)

SIRT Charter

- Identify team members (permanent/transient)
- Formalize scope and responsibility
- Describe organizational structure
- Plan communication
 - Between members and Human Resources
 - Public Relations and Law Enforcement



SIRT Recovery Goals

- Protect and Proceed
 - Get back online as soon as possible
- Pursue and Prosecute
 - Balance compromising sensitive data versus catching the perpetrator



SIRT Response

- SIRT determines false alarms
- May include environmental incidents
- SIRT authorizes investigation
 - Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle
 - Pristine crime scene investigation



Questions?

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