

Risk-based Vulnerability Management





Most VM programs are stale and generally viewed as either ineffective or broken!





"There is no such thing as "being secure" there's just operating at an acceptable level of risk."





The Four Key Questions





Figure 2. Number of Vulnerabilities During The Past Decade



Source: IBM X-Force/Analysis Gartner (June 2018)

Gartner Market Guide for Vulnerability Assessment, Craig Lawson, Prateek Bhajanka, June 19, 2018



TOP 10 VULNERABILITIES USED BY CYBERCRIMINALS IN 2018

Of the top 10 Only 4 have "Critical" CVSS Score



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CVE	CVSSv2 Score
CVE-2018-8174	7.6
CVE-2018-4878	7.5
CVE-2017-11882	9.3
CVE-2017-8750	7.6
CVE-2017-0199	9.3
CVE-2016-0189	7.6
CVE-2017-8570	9.3
CVE-2018-8373	7.6
CVE-2012-0158	9.3
CVE-2015-1805	7.2





VULNERABILITIES DISCLOSED IN 2019





CVSS – SHORTCOMINGS

 "CVSS is designed to identify the technical severity of a vulnerability. What people seem to want know, instead, is the risk a vulnerability or flaw poses to them, or how quickly they should respond to a vulnerability."



TOWARDS IMPROVING CVSS SOFTWARE ENGINEERING INSTITUTE | CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY December 2018



WHAT'S THE MISSING INGREDIENT?





TERMINOLOGY

Predictive Prioritization:

The **process** of re-prioritizing vulnerabilities based on the probability they will be leveraged in an attack.

 Vulnerability Priority Rating (VPR): The <u>output</u> of the Predictive Prioritization process. VPR is the number that indicates the remediation priority (0 through 10, with 10 being the highest severity) of an individual vulnerability.



A DATA SCIENCE APPROACH UNDERSTANDING THE MODEL

- 150 different aspects in 7 groups
- Past threat pattern
- CVSS
- NVD

- Past hostility
- Vulnerable software
- Exploit code
- Past threat source

Over 140,000 vulnerabilities tracked Forecasts probability of exploit in near term future Updated daily



SOME OF WHAT'S IN THE MODEL

- CVE Age
- No. Words in NVD Description
- Days Since NVD Last Modified
- Number of References
- CVSS v3 Base Score
- CVSS v3 Exploitability Score
- CVSS v3 Impact Score
- Total Affected Software
- CWE



- Distinct days with cyber exploits
- Days since last cyber exploit
- Total cyber exploit events
- Days since first cyber exploit
- Days since last cyber attack



- Days since last ExploitDB entry
- Days since first ExploitDB entry
- Days since last Exploit tool entry
- Total ExploitDB entries
- Total Exploit tool entries



VPR Framework

VPR Framework: How does it Work?





VPR vs CVSS scores

- VPR score is dynamic and reflects threat intelligence collected on a daily basis
- VPR score is provided weeks before a CVSS score is made public
- Often time-lag between when a CVE is published and when a CVSS score is derived





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Top Five Vulnerabilities in 2018

CVE	CVSSv2 Score (Acccording to NVD)	CVSSv3 Score (Acccording to NVD)	VPR (Vulnerability Priority Rating)
CVE-2018-8174 Windows VB Script	7.6	7.5	9.9
CVE-2018-4878 Adobe Flash	7.5	9.8	9.5
CVE-2017-11882 MS Office Memory Corruption	9.3	7.8	9.9
CVE-2017-8750 Internet Explorer Memory Corruption	7.6	7.5	9.4
CVE-2017-0199 MS Office/Wordpad Remote Code Execution	9.3	7.8	9.9

Extracted from the Recorded Future Report "Top Ten Vulnerabilities of 2018" 03/19/19



Vulnerabilities / Plugin #97737

VPR SCORE CHARACTERISTICS



MS17-010: Security Update for Microsoft Windows SMB Server (4013389) (ETERNALBLUE) (ETERNALCHAMPIO...

Description

The remote Windows host is missing a security update. It is, therefore, affected by the following vulnerabilities :

- Multiple remote code execution vulnerabilities exist in Microsoft Server Message Block 1.0 (SMBv1) due to improper handling of certain requests. An unauthenticated, remote attacker can exploit these vulnerabilities, via a specially crafted packet, to execute arbitrary code. (CVE-2017-0143, CVE-2017-0144, CVE-2017-0145, CVE-2017-0146, CVE-2017-0148)

- An information disclosure vulnerability exists in Microsoft Server Message Block 1.0 (SMBv1) due to improper handling of certain requests. An unauthenticated, remote attacker can exploit this, via a specially crafted packet, to disclose sensitive information. (CVE-2017-0147)

ETERNALBLUE, ETERNALCHAMPION, ETERNALROMANCE, and ETERNALSYNERGY are four of multiple Equation Group vulnerabilities and exploits disclosed on 2017/04/14 by a group known as the Shadow Brokers. WannaCry / WannaCrypt is a ransomware program utilizing the ETERNALBLUE exploit, and EternalRocks is a worm that utilizes seven Equation Group vulnerabilities. Petya is a ransomware program that first utilizes CVE-2017-019, a vulnerability in Microsoft Office, and then spreads via ETERNALBLUE.

Solution

Microsoft has released a set of patches for Windows Vista, 2008, 7, 2008 R2, 2012, 8.1, RT 8.1, 2012 R2, 10, and 2016. Microsoft has also released emergency patches for Windows operating systems that are no longer supported, including Windows XP, 2003, and 8.

See Also

https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/security-updates/SecurityBulletins/2017/ms17-010 http://www.nessus.org/u7321523eb http://www.nessus.org/u7065561d0 http://github.com/stamparm/EternalRocks/ https://github.com/stamparm/EternalRocks/

Output

The remote host is missing one of the following rollup KBs : $-\ 4012212$

- 4012215

C:\Windows\System32\drivers\srv.sys has not been patched. Remote version : 6.1.7601.17514 Should be : 6.1.7601.23689

Plugin Details Critical Severity: ID: Vulnerability Priority Rating (VPR) Key Drivers Vulnerability Priority Rating: 9.6 CVSS3 Impact Score: (i) 5.9 Threat Recency: (i) 0 to 7 days Threat Intensity: (i) High Exploit Code Maturity: (i) High Age of Vuln: (i) 366 to 730 days Product Coverage: (i) Low Threat Sources: (i) Others; Security Research

Risk Info

Risk Factor: Critical CVSS v3.0 Base Score: 9.8 CVSS v3.0 Vector: AV:N/AC:L/PR:N/UI:N/S:U/C:H/I:H/A:H CVSS v3.0 Temporal Vector: E:H/RL:C/RC:C CVSS v3.0 Temporal Score: 9.4

CVSS TO VPR: MORE LOW/MEDIUM – FEWER HIGH/CRITICAL



10,214 CVSSv3/v2 High and Critical vulnerabilities become:

- 417 vulnerabilities with a Critical VPR
- 515 vulnerabilities with a High VPR





PRIORITIZING NEAR TERM THREAT





Introducing...Lumin

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Prioritize based on importance of asset AND risks posed by vulnerabilities on the asset

VPR + ACR

VULNERABILITY PRIORITY RATING ASSET CRITICALITY RATING

Leverage machine learning and threat intelligence to prioritize vulnerabilities based on real world risk

Prioritize assets based on indicators of business value and criticality

> Assets and Vulnerabilities to Fix First



Risk Exposure Score



WITH PEERS AND POPULATION FOR STRATEGIC DECISION SUPPORT



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Recommended workflows

Drill down into specific vulnerabilities and assets for business and technical context to enable more effective remediation.



Business Context







Workflow Guidance



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* Gartner, A Guide to Choosing a Vulnerability Assessment Solution, Prateek Bhajanka, Mitchell Schneider, Craig Lawson, April 3, 2019.









RESOURCES

White Papers

Predictive Prioritization: How to Focus on the Vulnerabilities That Matter Most https://www.tenable.com/whitepapers/predictive-prioritization-how-to-focus-on-thevulnerabilities-that-matter-most

Predictive Prioritization: Data Science Lets You Focus on the 3% of Vulnerabilities Likely to Be Exploited https://www.tenable.com/whitepapers/predictive-prioritization-data-science-lets-youfocus-on-3-percent-of-vulnerabilities

Carnegie Mellon University – "Towards Improving CVSS" https://resources.sei.cmu.edu/asset_files/WhitePaper/2018_019_001_538372.pdf

Recorded Future Report "Top Ten Vulnerabilities of 2018" 03/19/19 https://www.recordedfuture.com/top-vulnerabilities-2018/

