

Indian Health Service

Incident Response Modernization:
How Incident Response Procedures
Prevent Industry Average \$10M
Breaches

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What is an “Incident”?

Any unauthorized access, use, disclosure, or destruction of digital information or data.

Examples:

- Data breaches
- Cyber attacks
- Malware infections
- Phishing scams
- Insider threats
- Any other malicious activity that compromises the security and confidentiality of digital information.



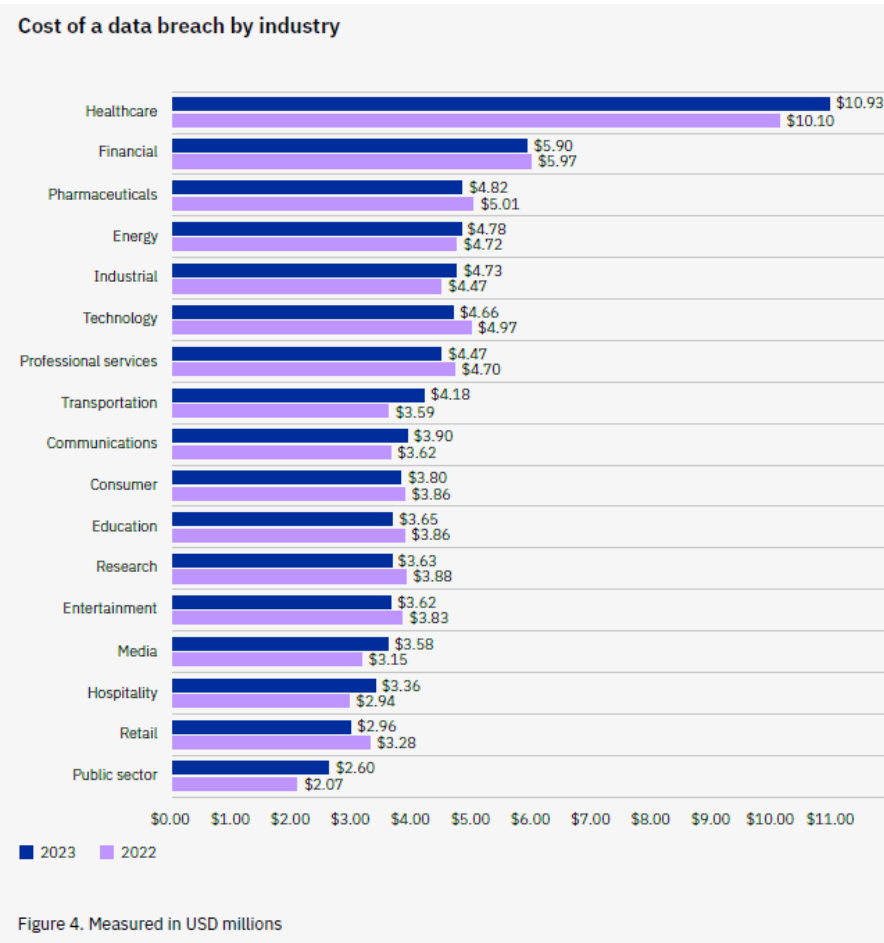
Cost of an Incident

IBM Security - “Cost of a Data Breach Report 2023”

- Average cost of a ransomware attack is \$4.5 million
- Healthcare data breach costs are up 53% since 2020
- Average cost of a data breach for Healthcare and Public Health sector is \$10.9 million
- 1.5M average cost savings by organization with high levels of IR planning and testing.



Cost of an Incident



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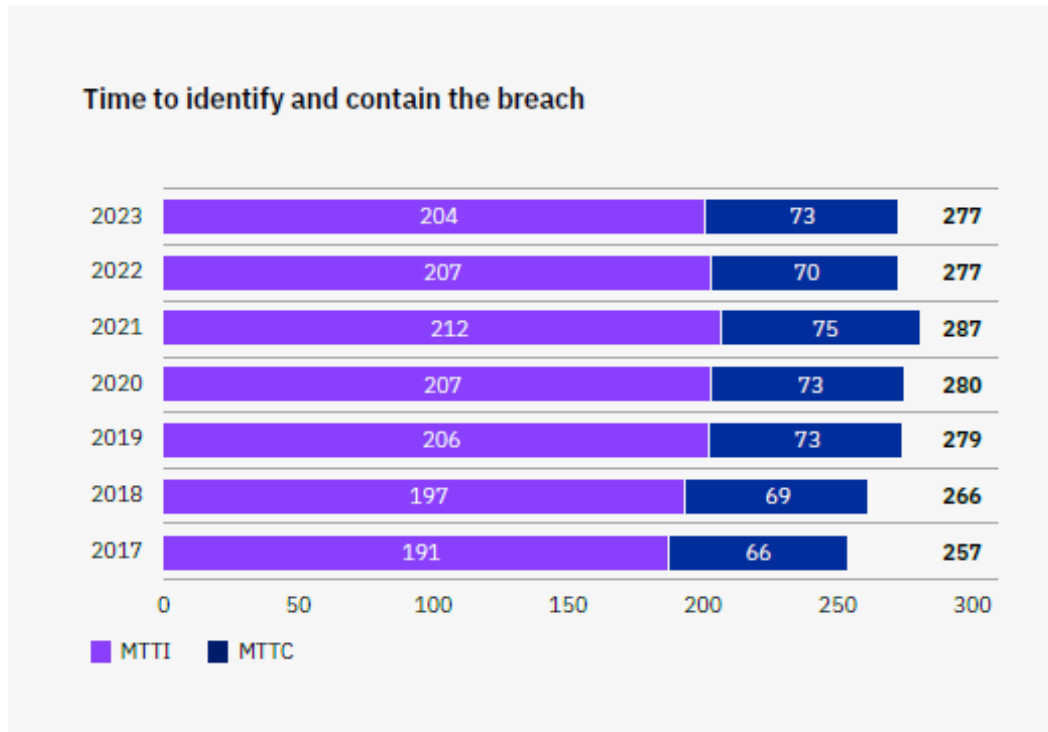
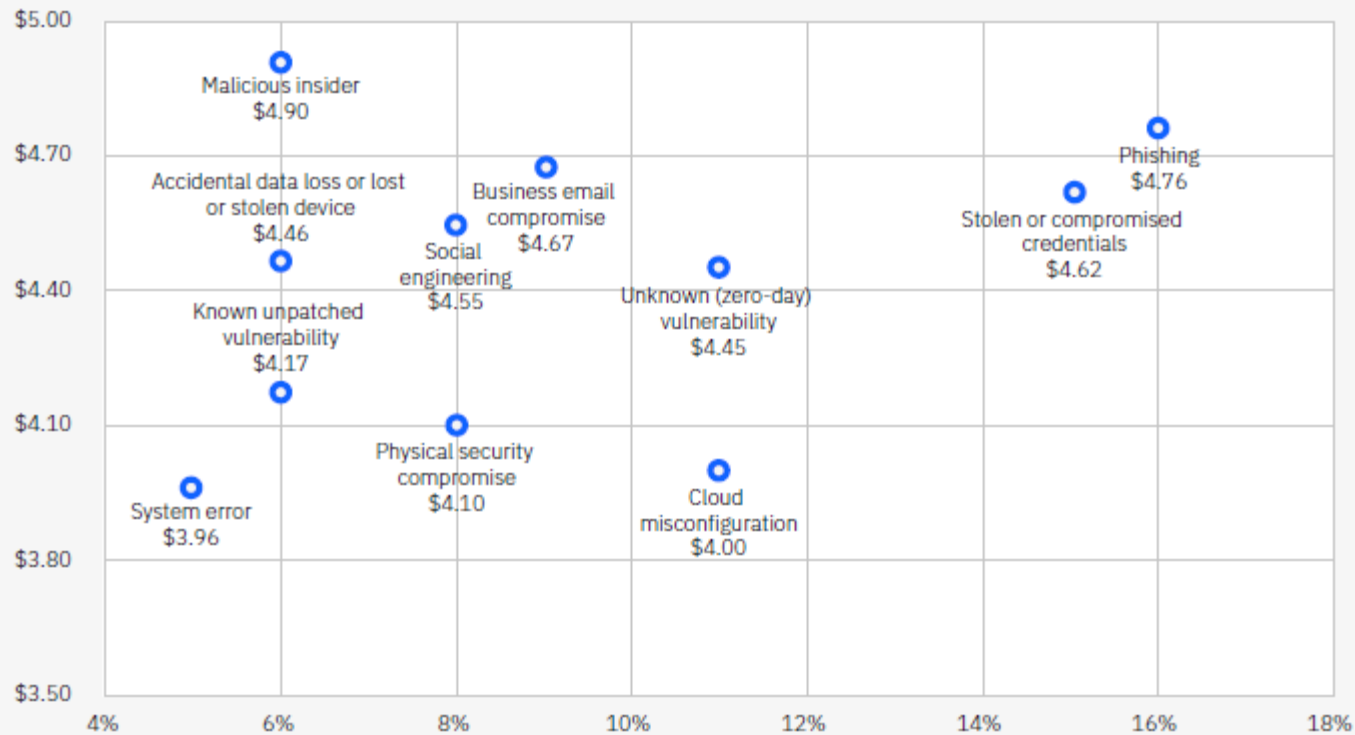


Figure 5. Measured in days



Cost of an Incident

Cost and frequency of a data breach by initial attack vector



Cost of an Incident

Non-monetary costs:

Reputation

- Local community, state, national... global? – United Kingdom National Health Service

Second order patient harm

- Sensitive patient data online

Distrust



Cost of an Incident

OPM Breaches of 2015

- 21.5 million individuals SSNs from background checks affecting past, present, and prospective employees
- 4.2 million current and former employees full name, birth date, home address, and social security numbers

USPS Breach of 2018

- USPS Informed Visibility System API privilege mismanagement
- 60 million user accounts containing e-mail address, username, user ID, account number, stress address, phone number, authorized users, mailing campaign data, and more.



Importance of Cybersecurity to the IHS Mission

Protecting the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of patient data is a foundational building block to successful patient care in modernity.

Failure can lead to negative patient outcomes related to:

- Loss of health records
- Loss of integrity via tampering with data resulting in patient harm
- Loss of access to critical services during times of emergency or critical care



So What Can We Do?

“An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure”



Harden Devices

Limit access to ports to minimally expected traffic using host firewalls. Sometimes application firewalls can be an additional helpful layer.

Examples:

RPMS to EHR

CT to DICOM Gateways



Segment Devices

Group “like” devices and control access to them bi-directionally. Use VLANs with Access Control Lists or Network Firewalls to limit accessibility.

Examples:

Vital Sign Monitors

CT Scanners

Nurse Workstations



Least Privilege Access Control

Networking Layer

The minimum required connectivity between devices.

User Access Layer

The minimum required access on a per user basis required to function in their role and responsibility.



Maintain Configuration and Data Backups

Take full system backups on a regular basis to limit total impact during a cybersecurity event.

Store backups on a segregated secured network, consider a copy of backups for storage offsite for critical systems.

Provides agility reducing total downtime during catastrophic events, regardless of if operation or cybersecurity related.



Patch Devices

Maintain up-to-date patch levels.

Security flaws exist everywhere, once public knowledge, expect exploitation.

Common Types of Critical Vulnerabilities:

- Remote Code Execution
- Privilege Escalation
- Denial of Service



Patch Devices

Binding Operational Directive 22-01: Reducing the Significant Risk of Known Exploited Vulnerabilities (KEV)

3 weeks to patch

IHS places devices that are found extremely errant of this directive into a protective quarantine until mitigated or a Plan Of Action and Milestone



Develop an Incident Response Plan

Know who to contact

- Report cybersecurity incidents to Incident@ihs.gov
- Notify your Site and Area Information System Security Officers
- Anyone primary points of contacts that manage operations that are affected by the incident

Document backup retrieval and recovery procedures

- How long does a restore from backup take?
- Is the backup on site (data transfer speed limitations) or held off site (physically shipped to location)?

Document interconnectivity of systems to report lateral risk and operational impact

- RPMS <-> EHR
- CT Scanners <-> DICOM Gateways



Write Continuing Security Support Into Your Contracts

The assumption of inherent security or “good out of the box” is wrong.

Always ask about security support for medical devices.

Medical devices age into vulnerabilities, write SLA support for fixing these vulnerabilities into contracts.

Medical Devices more critical to IHS mission -> Goal: Highest Security and Support

THE FDA’S ROLE IN MEDICAL DEVICE CYBERSECURITY

<https://www.fda.gov/media/123052/download>



Security Orchestration Automation Response (SOAR)

Goals

False positive reductions

Time savings

Metrics

Ticketing

Human error reduction homogenization

Workflows/Playbooks

Real world examples



Security Orchestration Automation Response (SOAR)

What is it?

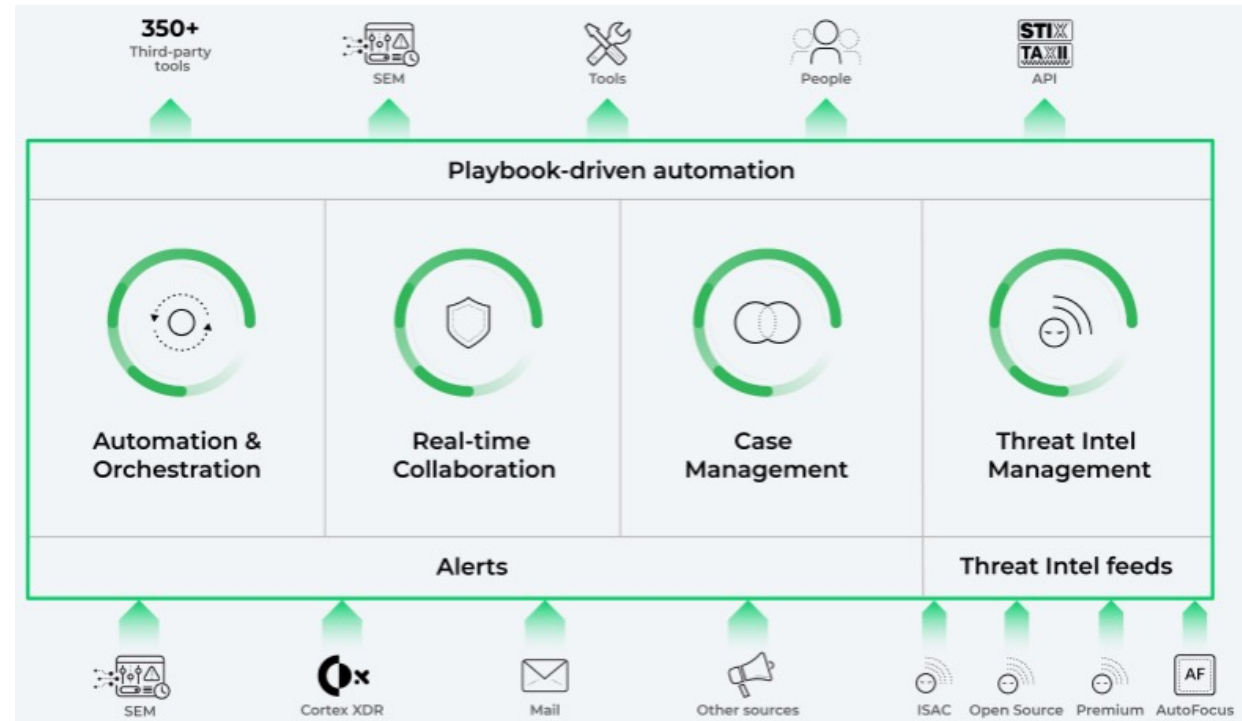
Ideally

- Single pane of glass
- Primary system of record for incident response activities
- Supports automated processes and work flows reducing false positives, labor spent, and homogenizing incident response procedures



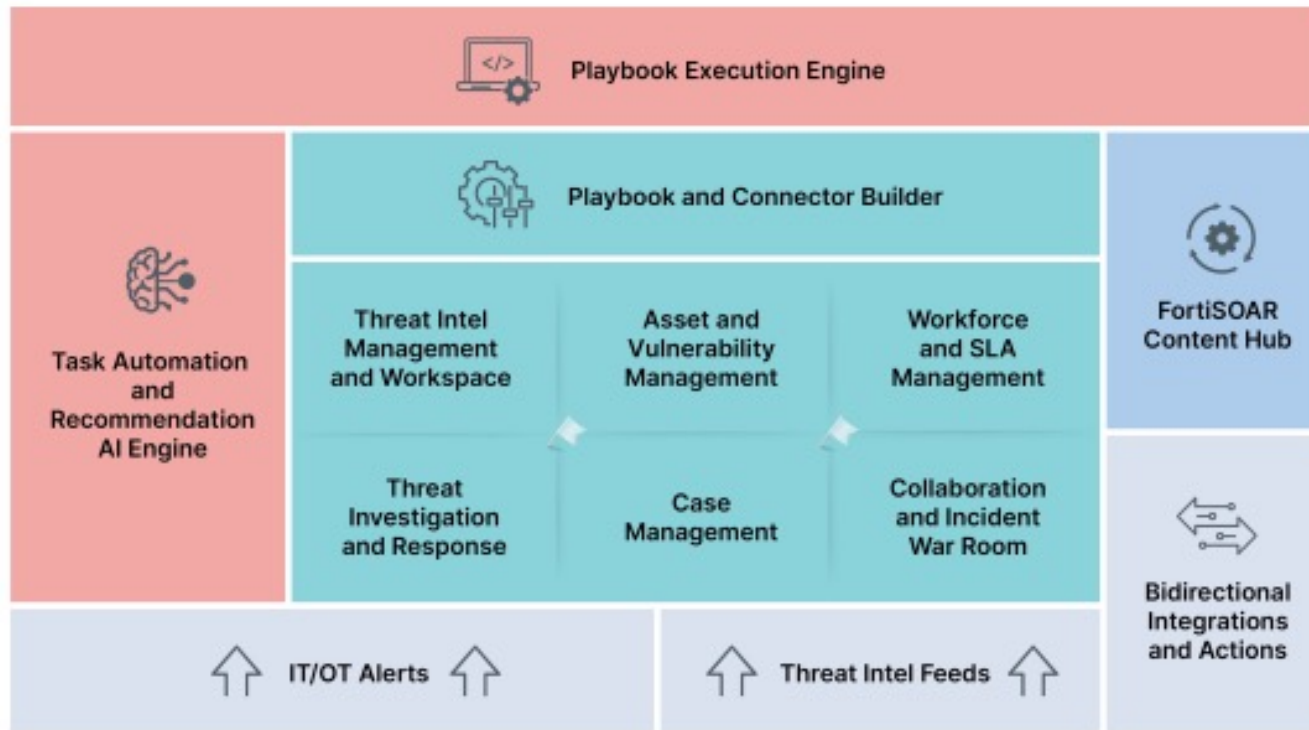
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Vendor Examples



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Security Orchestration Automation Response (SOAR)

Goals

False-positive reduction, human-error reduction, process homogenization

- Workflows/Playbooks

Time savings/Cost savings

- Automation of expected activities for all events of a “type”
 - No reinventing the wheel

Metrics/Ticketing

- Primary system of record



Security Orchestration Automation Response (SOAR)

GOAL - False-positive reduction – Playbooks/Workflows

All relevant details researched, enriched, and contextualized in the ticket before the analyst even opens the ticket.



Security Orchestration Automation Response (SOAR)

GOAL - Human-error reduction – Playbooks/Workflows

Check a hash if it's malicious:

Feed3c477e8158693dca9c5c544efc81c59c3847eb78970671331e2335521375



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fee58693dca9c5c544efc81c59c3847eb78970671331e2335521375d3c477e81

Community Score

! 33 security vendors and no sandboxes flagged this file as malicious

fee58693dca9c5c544efc81c59c3847eb78970671331e2335521375d3c477e81

205aaeb809012203c5ee97c5f4a7f6c3.virus

Size: 132.00 KB | Last Analysis Date: 8 minutes ago

pedll corrupt overlay

Reanalyze Similar More

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COMMUNITY 5

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Popular threat label ! trojan.qakbot/qbot

Threat categories trojan pua

Family labels qakbot qbot r03bc0dh123

Security vendors' analysis ⓘ Do you want to automate checks?

Alibaba	! Trojan:Win32/Qakbot.ce2a806b	Antiy-AVL	! Trojan/Win32.Qakbot
Avast	! Win32:BotX-gen [Trj]	AVG	! Win32:BotX-gen [Trj]
Avira (no cloud)	! TR/AD.KBot.uazeb	Bkav Pro	! W32.AIDetectMalware

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GOAL - Human-error reduction – Playbooks/Workflows

The analyst copy pastes an incomplete hash:

Fee58693dca9c5c544efc81c59c3847eb78970671331e2335521375d3c477e8



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Fee58693dca9c5c544efc81c59c3847eb78970671331e2335521375d3c477e8

C



No matches found

Alternatively, do you want to locate your threat based on static, dynamic, content, attribution or other advanced IoC context? VT Intelligence allows you to search across VirusTotal's entire threat corpus using a [myriad of modifiers](#), [learn more](#).

[Try out VT Enterprise](#)

[Try a new search](#)

Security Orchestration Automation Response (SOAR)

GOAL - Human-error reduction – Playbooks/Workflows

The analyst checks the reputation of an IP:

67.43.234[.]56



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67.43.234.56

9 / 88

9 security vendors flagged this IP address as malicious

67.43.234.56 (67.43.224.0/20)
AS 36666 (GTCOMM)

CA Last Analysis Date 19 hours ago

Similar Graph API

Community Score

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Security vendors' analysis Do you want to automate checks?

Avira	Malware	CRDF	Malicious
Criminal IP	Malicious	CyRadar	Malicious
ESET	Malware	Fortinet	Malware

Security Orchestration Automation Response (SOAR)

GOAL - Human-error reduction – Playbooks/Workflows

The analyst typos the IP:

67.43.234[.]55



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67.43.234.55

Did you intend to search across the file corpus instead? [Click here](#)

0
/ 87

No security vendor flagged this IP address as malicious

67.43.234.55 (67.43.224.0/20)
AS 36666 (GTCOMM)

CA | Last Analysis Date 2 months ago

Community Score

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Security vendors' analysis ⓘ Do you want to automate checks?

0xSI_f33d	? Unrated	Abusix	? Unrated
Acronis	? Unrated	ADMINUSLabs	? Unrated
AICC (MONITORAPP)	? Unrated	AlienVault	? Unrated
alphaMountain.ai	? Unrated	AlphaSOC	? Unrated

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GOAL – Time savings/Cost Savings – Automation

Mastercard presented at Splunk .Conf23 this year touting the success of their SOAR program.

YOY they reported:

- ~80% reduction in false positives
- 6,000+ hours of raw time savings



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Real World Examples: Worming/Reconnaissance Alert

Real Event, Resulted in Ransomware at Non-Federal entity, Pre-detonation Lateral Activity Attempts Observed



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Real World Examples: Worming/Reconnaissance Alert – Triggering Detection

Splunk SIEM runs an alert that detects when an IP address is observed doing an unusual large amount of connections across the network.

```
Potential Worming/Reconnaissance Activity Detected Save Save As ▾ View Create Table View Close
```

```
1 index=ihms_network_security sourcetype="cisco:estreamer:data" dvc IN ( [REDACTED] ) dest_ip IN ( [REDACTED] ) dest_port!=7680 Last 1 hour ▾ 🔍
2 NOT src_ip IN ( [REDACTED] ) NOT ( [REDACTED] AND dest_port=53 OR dest_port=137) ""NOT SRC_IP IN USED FOR TUNING KNOWN GOOD HOSTS""
3 NOT ( [REDACTED] AND dest_port=0)
4 ""Ticket 59118 - Filtering out [REDACTED] due to known false positive ICMP traffic from NAV-06""
5 | fields src_ip dest_ip dest_port
6 | bucket _time span=1h
7 | stats dc(dest_ip) as unique_dest_ip_count by _time src_ip
8 | where unique_dest_ip_count > 1000
```

Every hour, measure connections by src_ip where over 1000 unique destinations were observed. When true, send an alert to generate workflow.



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Real World Examples: Worming/Reconnaissance Alert – Ticket Creation

E-mail arrives into SOAR appliance with subject “Potential Worming/Reconnaissance Activity Detected”.

Based upon that e-mail string, a ticket is opened, a workflow is assigned, and automated actions kick off.

Splunk Cloud <alerts@splunkcloudgc.com>
Splunk Alert: Potential Worming/Reconnaissance Activity Detected

To IHS IRT Incident (IHS/HQ); IHS DIS CSIRT

[If there are problems with how this message is displayed, click here to view it in a web browser.](#)

The alert condition for 'Potential Worming/Reconnaissance Activity Detected' was triggered.

Alert: [Potential Worming/Reconnaissance Activity Detected](#)

[View results in Splunk](#)

_time	src_ip	unique_dest_ip_count
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	3001

If you believe you've received this email in error, please see your Splunk administrator.
splunk > the engine for machine data



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Real World Examples: Worming/Reconnaissance Alert – Automated Action #1

Run a query for each src_ip, determining dest_port traffic patterns:

Potential Worming/Reconnaissance Activity Detected

```
1 index=ihc_network_security sourcetype="cisco:estreamer:data" dvc IN ( [REDACTED] ) dest_ip IN ( [REDACTED] ) src_ip=[REDACTED]
2 | fields src_ip dest_ip dest_port
3 | stats count by dest_port
```

✓ 3,361 events [REDACTED] No Event Sampling

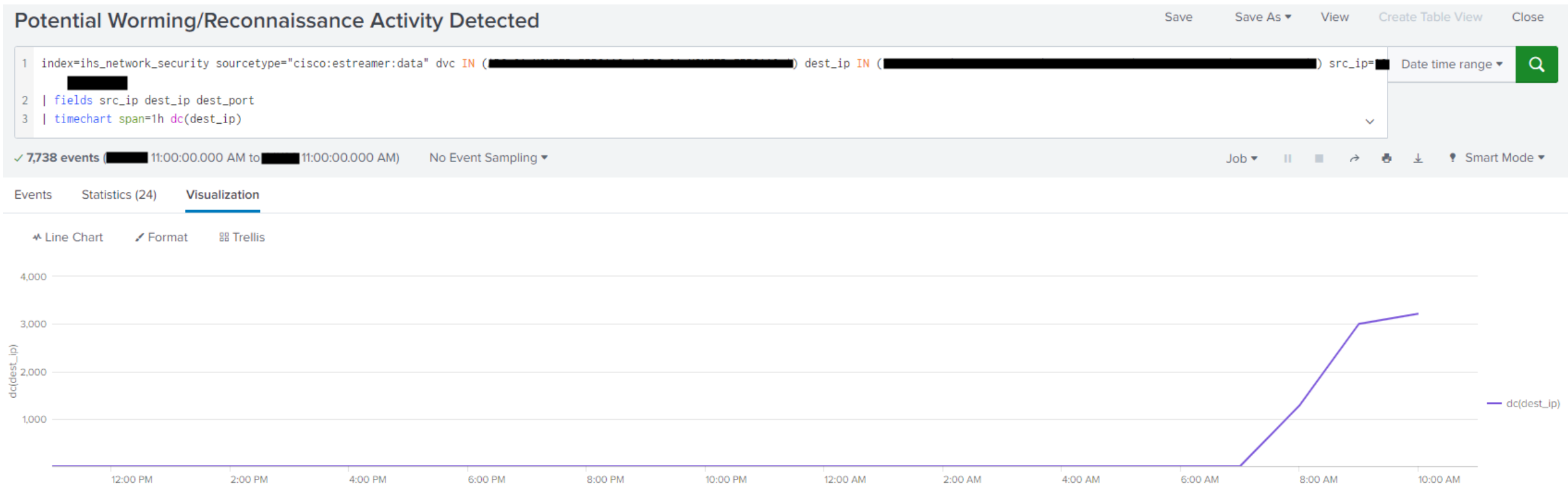
Statistics (4)

dest_port	count
0	3200
161	47
443	48
902	66

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Real World Examples: Worming/Reconnaissance Alert – Automated Action #2

Run a last 24 hour timechart to determine if this is unique traffic or not:



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Real World Examples: Worming/Reconnaissance Alert – Automated Action #3

Where is this Source IP located?

Potential Worming/Reconnaissance Activity Detected

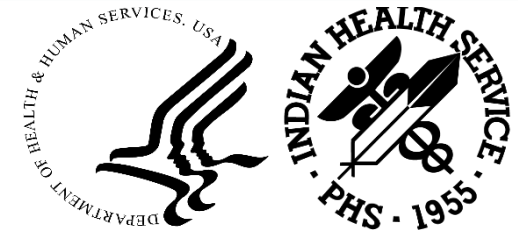
```
1 index=ihc_network_security sourcetype="cisco:estreamer:data" dvc IN ( [REDACTED] ) dest_ip IN ( [REDACTED] ) src_ip=[REDACTED]
2 | lookup ihs_ip_ranges_lookup IP_Range_CIDR as src_ip OUTPUT SiteName AreaName IP_Range_CIDR
3 | stats values(SiteName) values(AreaName) values(IP_Range_CIDR) by src_ip
```

7,738 events ([REDACTED]) No Event Sampling

Events Statistics (1) Visualization

20 Per Page Format Preview

src_ip	values(SiteName)	values(AreaName)	values(IP_Range_CIDR)
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED].0/24



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Real World Examples: Worming/Reconnaissance Alert – Automated Action #4

Collect all “touched” potentially impacted hosts on the identified ports (161, 443, 902) – 161 hosts:

The screenshot displays a Splunk search interface with the following components:

- Search Bar:** Contains the query: `index=ihc_network_security sourcetype="cisco:estreamer:data" dvc IN ([REDACTED]) dest_ip IN ([REDACTED]) src_ip=[REDACTED] dest_port IN ([161 443 902])`
- Actions:** Buttons for Save, Save As, View, and Create are visible in the top right.
- Results Summary:** Shows "161 events" and "No Event Sampling".
- Navigation:** Tabs for Events, Statistics (1), and Visualization are present.
- Field Selection:** A dropdown menu shows "values(dest_ip)" selected.
- Results Table:** A table with a single column labeled "values(dest_ip)" containing five entries, each starting with "10." followed by a redacted IP address.

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Real World Examples: Worming/Reconnaissance Alert – Automated Action #5

Search potentially impacted host list (161 hosts) for vulnerabilities on the identified 161, 443, 902 ports to measure risk of lateral activity and determine focal points.

Potential Worming/Reconnaissance Activity Detected

```
1 index=ihs_tenable port IN (161 443 902) earliest=-7d severity!=informational repository IN (1* 3*)
2 [ search index=ihs_network_security sourcetype="cisco:estreamer:data" dvc IN ( [REDACTED] dest_ip IN ( [REDACTED]
   src_ip=[REDACTED] dest_port IN (161 443 902)
3 | fields dest_ip]
4 | rename repository as Area netbiosName as Hostname plugin_name as Vulnerability dest_ip as "Host IP Address"
5 | stats count by "Host IP Address" Area Hostname pluginID severity Vulnerability
```

✓ 28 events ([REDACTED]) No Event Sampling

Events Statistics (6) Visualization

20 Per Page Format Preview

Host IP Address	Area	Hostname	pluginID	severity	Vulnerability
[REDACTED]	Federal		167509	medium	Dell EMC iDRAC9 < 6.00.30.00 (DSA-2022-265)
[REDACTED]	Federal	D1\ [REDACTED]	88098	medium	Apache Server ETag Header Information Disclosure
[REDACTED]	Federal		41028	high	SNMP Agent Default Community Name (public)
[REDACTED]	Federal		76474	medium	SNMP 'GETBULK' Reflection DDoS
[REDACTED]	Federal		157288	medium	TLS Version 1.1 Protocol Deprecated
[REDACTED]	Federal		51192	medium	SSL Certificate Cannot Be Trusted

Security Orchestration Automation Response (SOAR)

Real World Examples: Worming/Reconnaissance Alert – Manual/Automated Action Using Template #6

Send e-mail to NOSC and CC Area ISSO of order to disconnect the site to prevent further risk to greater IHS mission.

Good afternoon,

The IHS CSIRT is requesting an immediate block on all traffic from [REDACTED] as we are seeing suspicious and potentially malicious signs of scanning behavior from this IP address. [REDACTED] there may be an infected device on the other side of this tribal network that is scanning for SNMP and VMWare related ports across the entire [REDACTED] area.



Security Orchestration Automation Response (SOAR)

Real World Examples: Worming/Reconnaissance Alert – Manual/Automated Action Using Template #7

Send e-mail to Area ISSO requesting assistance contacting local entity.

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

The IHS CSIRT has been receiving a series of worming/reconnaissance alerts on [REDACTED] that are originating from a host in the [REDACTED] network. The majority of this traffic is ICMP traffic that was sent out to over 2000 unique IP Addresses across the [REDACTED] Area. Here are the details from the alert:

_time	src_ip	dest_port	unique_dest_ip_count
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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Please contact the site's IT team to identify what this host is, whether this traffic is known by the system owner, and whether this activity warrants further investigation as evidence of a potentially malicious process. Thank you!



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Real World Examples: Worming/Reconnaissance Alert – Additional Hypotheticals

Quarantine Host?

Run web access logs over last 24 hours? 7 days? To determine potential malicious activity?

Dump process executions, installed software, startup services over last hour, last 4 hours, last 24 hours?

Immediately collect WinEventLog? Send response script to Crowdstrike to automatically dump and collect all WinEventLog

Install Forensic tools and immediately begin grabbing forensic image?



Security Orchestration Automation Response (SOAR)

Real World Examples: Denial of Service Alert – Triggering Detection

RDC DDoS Connection Rate Monitoring

```
1 index=ihs_palo_alto sourcetype=pan:traffic host=[REDACTED] OR host=[REDACTED] dest_zone!=outside
2 | bucket _time span=1m
3 | stats count by _time
4 | stats avg(count) as avg
5 | where avg>100000
```



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Real World Examples: Denial of Service Alert – Ticket Creation

E-mail arrives into SOAR appliance with subject “RDC DDoS Connection Rate Monitoring”.

Based upon that e-mail string, a ticket is opened, a workflow is assigned, and automated actions kick off.

Subject: Splunk Alert: RDC DDoS Connection Rate Monitoring

Importance: High

The alert condition for 'RDC DDoS Connection Rate Monitoring' was triggered. Connection rate monitoring has determined a potential DDoS event has occurred or is occurring. Please use the below Rockville DDoS Monitoring dashboard to investigate. If there is a positive DDoS event, immediately engage the NOSC for cooperative investigation and event mitigation. [LINK](#)

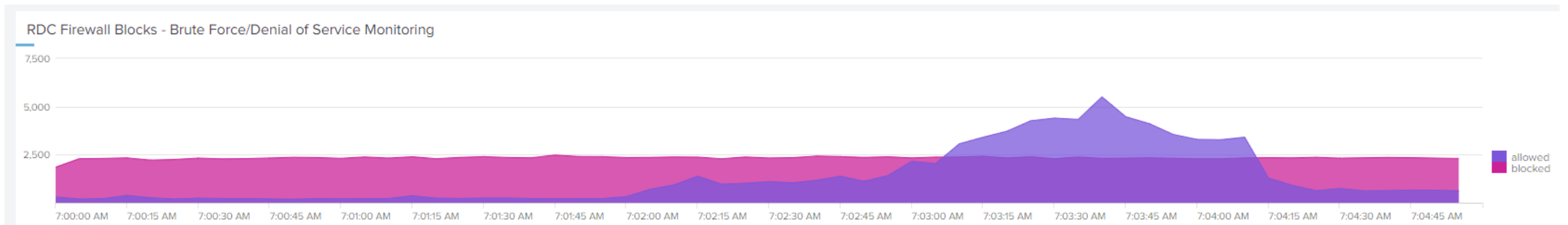
Trigger: Saved Search [RDC DDoS Connection Rate Monitoring]: number of events (1)



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Real World Examples: Denial of Service Alert – Automated Action #1

Timechart of events by action.



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Real World Examples: Denial of Service Alert – Automated Action #2

Average events per minute visual dial:

RDC Average Events per Minute Monitoring



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Real World Examples: Denial of Service Alert – Automated Action #3

Top Source IPs:

DDoS Source IP Monitoring

src_ip ↕	Country ↕	count ↕	percent ↕
100.27.42.165	United States	120127	54.614353
100.27.42.242	United States	7488	3.404333
107.170.237.74	United States	1412	0.641949
192.241.208.106	United States	1312	0.596486
192.241.230.5	United States	1212	0.551022
170.76.165.148	United States	790	0.359164
194.169.217.81	Germany	661	0.300516
89.248.168.235	Netherlands	523	0.237776
77.90.185.80	Germany	479	0.217772
77.90.185.100	Germany	432	0.196404



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Real World Examples: Denial of Service Alert – Automated Action #4

Top Destination IPs:

DDoS Destination IP Monitoring

dest_ip	count	percent
161.223	128054	58.216684
198.45.	60047	27.298930
198.45.	7499	3.409241
198.45.	1618	0.735585
161.223	761	0.345970
161.223	255	0.115930
198.45.	219	0.099563
161.223	210	0.095471
161.223	208	0.094562
198.45.	205	0.093198



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Real World Examples: Denial of Service Alert – Automated Action #5

Top Source Ports:

DDoS Source Port Monitoring			
transport ↕	src_port ↕	count ↕	percent ↕
tcp	59223	59953	27.256195
tcp	59225	59941	27.250740
icmp	0	1397	0.635113
tcp	49371	663	0.301417
tcp	41830	524	0.238224
tcp	53341	479	0.217766
tcp	53418	433	0.196853
tcp	53377	334	0.151845
tcp	52865	282	0.128205
tcp	52791	259	0.117748



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Real World Examples: Denial of Service Alert – Automated Action #6

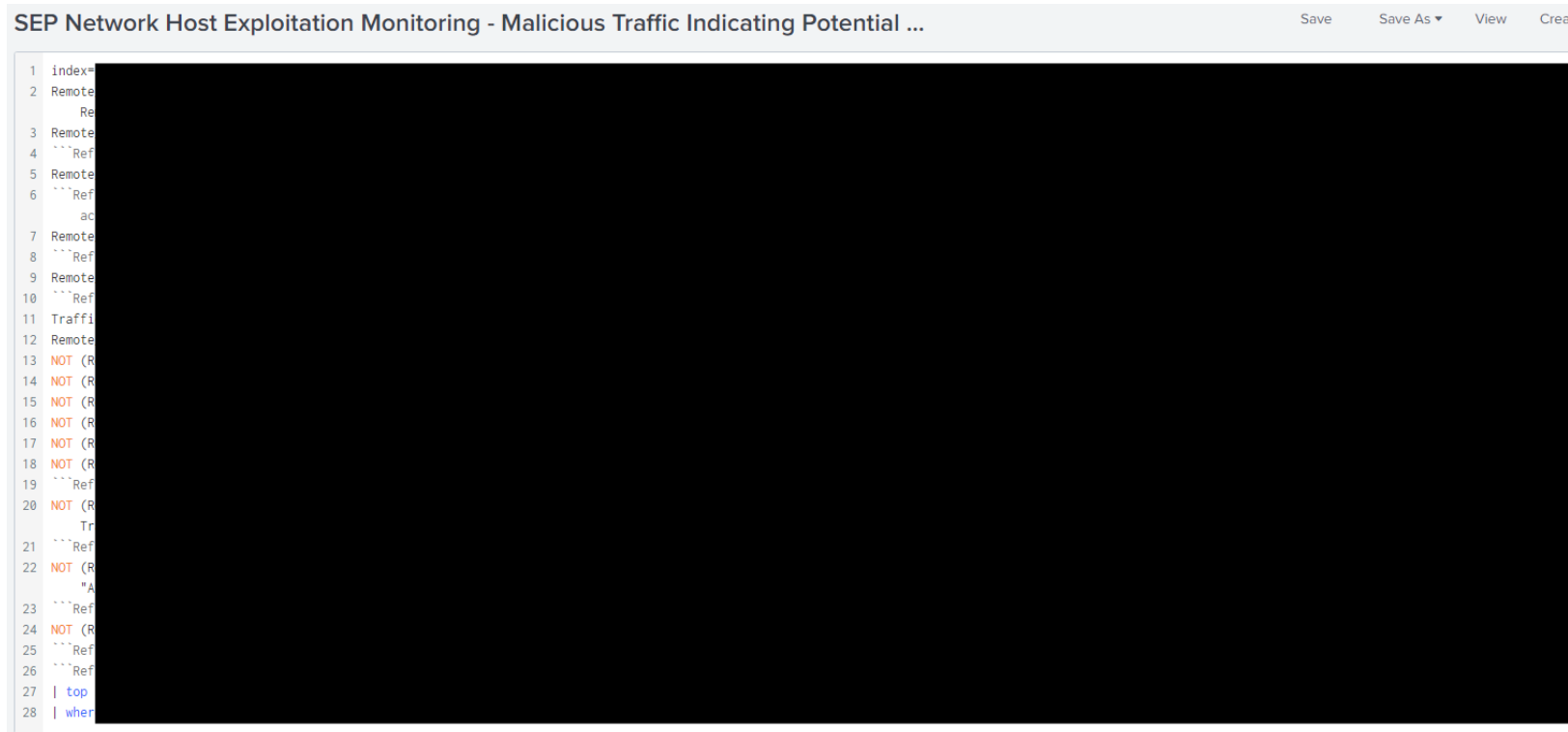
Top Destination Ports:

DDoS Destination Port Monitoring			
transport ↕	dest_port ↕	count ↕	percent ↕
udp	53	58549	26.617900
tcp	443	13284	6.039252
tcp	49443	3685	1.675297
tcp	5672	1629	0.740586
tcp	8040	1609	0.731493
tcp	4200	1549	0.704216
tcp	53	1414	0.642841
icmp	0	1397	0.635113
tcp	80	1348	0.612836
tcp	7680	732	0.332786



Security Orchestration Automation Response (SOAR)

Real World Examples: Network Host Exploitation Monitoring – Triggering Detection



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Real World Examples: Network Host Exploitation Monitoring – Ticket Creation

Remote_Host_IP	CIDS_Signature_String	Traffic_Direction	count
10. [REDACTED]	OS Attack: SMB Validate Provider Callback CVE-2009-3103	Inbound	141



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Real World Examples: Network Host Exploitation Monitoring – Automated Action #1 – Grab RAW logs

SEP Network Host Exploitation Monitoring - Malicious Traffic Indicating Potential ...

```
1 index=sep sourcetype=symantec:ep:security:file Remote_Host_IP=10. [REDACTED] CIDS_Signature_String="OS Attack: SMB Validate Provider Callback CVE-2009-3103"
```



Security Orchestration Automation Response (SOAR)

Real World Examples: Network Host Exploitation Monitoring – Automated Action #1 – Graw RAW logs

i	Event	Impacted Host	Impacted Host IP	Attacker IP
>	2023-08-12 21:51:48,Critical,██████████,Event Description: [SID: 30011] OS Attack: SMB Validate Provider Callback CVE-2009-3103 attack blocked. Traffic has been blocked for this application: SY STEM,Event Type: Intrusion Prevention System Intrusion Detected,Local Host IP: 10.██████████ Local Host MAC: 000000000000,Remote Host Name: ,Remote Host IP: 10.██████████,Remote Host MAC: 000000000000,Inbound,TCP,Blocked,Begin: 2023-08-12 21:51:36,End Time: 2023-08-12 21:51:36,Occurrences: 2,Application: SYSTEM,Location: Default,User Name: none,Domain Name: ,Local Port: 445,Remote Port: 58 146,CIDS Signature ID: 30011,CIDS Signature string: OS Attack: SMB Validate Provider Callback CVE-2009-3103,CIDS Signature SubID: 65536,Intrusion URL: ,Intrusion Payload URL: ,SHA-256: ,MD-5: ,Intensive Protection Level: N/A,URL Risk: N/A,URL Category: N/A			



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Real World Examples: Network Host Exploitation Monitoring – Automated Action #2 – Correlate with Statistical Analysis

SEP Network Host Exploitation Monitoring - Malicious Traffic Indicating Potential D... Save Save As ▾ View Create Table View Close

```
1 index=sep sourcetype=symantec:ep:security:file Remote_Host_IP=10.████████ CIDS_Signature_String="OS Attack: SMB Validate Provider Callback CVE-2009-3103"
2 | stats count by src_ip dest_ip dest_port Host_Name action
3 | rename src_ip as "Attacking IP" dest_ip as "Victim IP" dest_port as "Attacked Port" Host_Name as "Victim Machine" action as Action
```

✓ 247 events (8/10/23 3:00:00.000 AM to 8/13/23 4:00:00.000 AM) No Event Sampling ▾ Job ▾ || ■ → 🖨 ↓ Smart Mode ▾

Events **Statistics (1)** Visualization

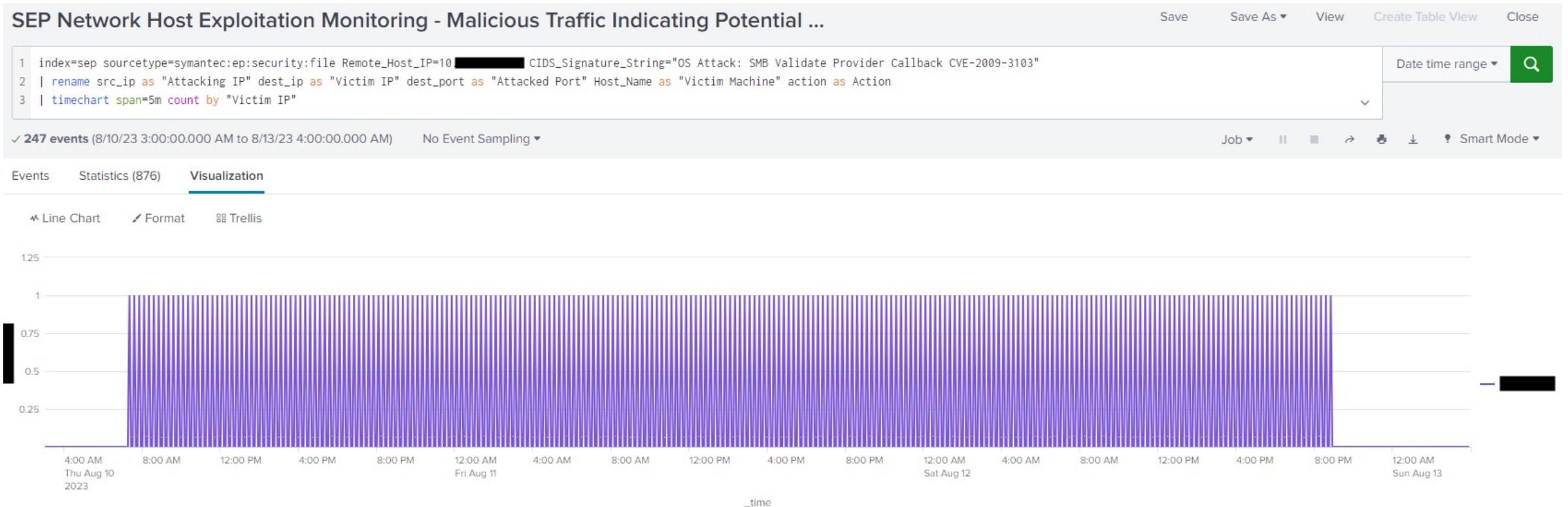
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Attacking IP ▾	Victim IP ▾	Attacked Port ▾	Victim Machine ▾	Action ▾	count ▾
10.████████	10.████████	445	████████	blocked	247



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Real World Examples: Network Host Exploitation Monitoring – Automated Action #3 – Timechart for Patterns



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Real World Examples: Network Host Exploitation Monitoring – Automated Action #4 – Is the Victim Host Vulnerable to the Attack:

SEP Network Host Exploitation Monitoring - Malicious Traffic Indicating Potential D...

```
1 index=ihs_tenable dest_ip=[REDACTED] severity!=informational
2 | stats values(plugin_name) by dest_ip severity
```

✓ 25 events (8/10/23 3:00:00.000 AM to 8/13/23 4:00:00.000 AM) No Event Sampling ▾

Events (25) **Statistics (3)** Visualization

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dest_ip ↕	severity ↕	values(plugin_name) ↕
10. [REDACTED]	critical	KB5025230: Windows 2022 / Azure Stack HCI 22H2 Security Update (April 2023) KB5026370: Windows 2022 / Azure Stack HCI 22H2 Security Update (May 2023) KB5027225: Windows 2022 / Azure Stack HCI 22H2 Security Update (June 2023) KB5028171: Windows 2022 / Azure Stack HCI 22H2 Security Update (July 2023) KB5029250: Windows 2022 / Azure Stack HCI 22H2 Security Update (August 2023) Microsoft Silverlight Unsupported Version Detection (Windows)
10. [REDACTED]	high	Microsoft Edge (Chromium) < 114.0.1823.106 / 115.0.1901.200 Multiple Vulnerabilities Microsoft Edge (Chromium) < 114.0.1823.67 Multiple Vulnerabilities Microsoft Edge (Chromium) < 114.0.1823.82 Multiple Vulnerabilities Microsoft Edge (Chromium) < 114.0.1901.183 / 115.0.1901.183 Multiple Vulnerabilities Microsoft Windows Update Reboot Required Security Updates for Microsoft .NET Framework (August 2023) Security Updates for Microsoft .NET Framework (June 2023)
10. [REDACTED]	medium	Curl Use-After-Free < 7.87 (CVE-2022-43552)



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Real World Examples: Network Host Exploitation Monitoring – Automated Action #4 – Is the Victim Host Vulnerable to the Attack:

SEP Network Host Exploitation Monitoring - Malicious Traffic Indicating Potential D...

```
1 index=ihs_tenable dest_ip=[REDACTED] pluginID=11936
2 | stats latest(pluginText) by dest_ip plugin_name
```

✓ 2 events (8/10/23 3:00:00.000 AM to 8/13/23 4:00:00.000 AM) No Event Sampling ▾

Events (2) **Statistics (1)** Visualization

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dest_ip ▾	plugin_name ▾	latest(pluginText) ▾
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10 [REDACTED]	OS Identification	<plugin_output> Remote operating system : Microsoft Windows Server 2022 Standard Build 20348 Confidence level : 100 Method : SMB_OS
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Not all fingerprints could give a match. If you think some or all of the following could be used to identify the host's operating system, please email them to os-signatures@nessus.org. Be sure to include a brief description of the host itself, such as the actual operating system or product / model names.



The remote host is running Microsoft Windows Server 2022 Standard Build 20348</plugin_output>



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Real World Examples: Network Host Exploitation Monitoring – Manual Action #1 - Review

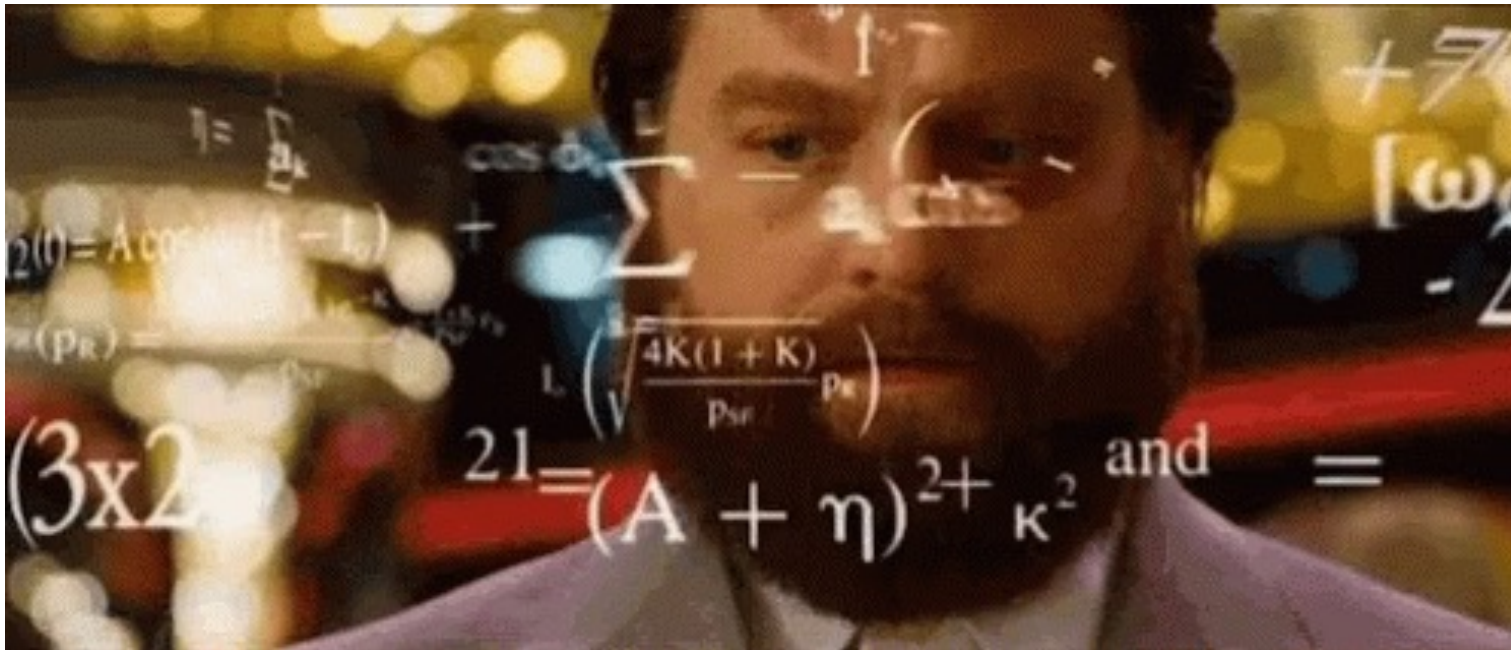
Analyst reviews statistical analysis, timechart, host risk to determine severity.

- What do we know?
 - Host to host traffic
 - Low-ish and consistent volume (once per 15 minutes)
 - Old/obscure vulnerability
 - Modern operating system



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Real World Examples: Network Host Exploitation Monitoring – Results



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False Positive!



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Real World Examples: Network Host Exploitation Monitoring – Hypotheticals

Severity Low – Send FYSA close ticket.

Severity Medium – Request action by ISSO, Local IT, System owner to investigate – ticket remains open until investigation satisfied.

Severity High – Immediately quarantine host, escalate to tier 2+, Scrape WinEventLogs, Etc.

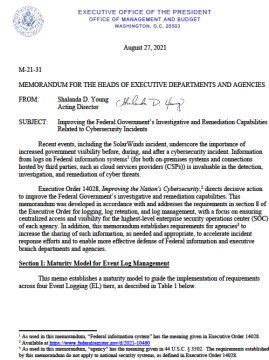


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Appendix C - Over 30 pages of technical details on what data to log and how long it should be retained for cybersecurity incident response investigations.

TL;DR – Log everything and retain it for a long time.



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