



NAC@ACK

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Agenda



- Part 1 Introduction (very short)
 - Some marketing buzz on Cisco NAC
- Part 2 NAC Technology
 - All you need to know about NAC (in order to hack it)
- Part 3 Security Analysis
 - Delving into the security flaws of Ciscos' NAC solution
- Part 4 Approaching NAC@ACK
 - The stony road towards a working exploit
- Part 5 Showtime





Part 1 - Introduction



Why is Cisco selling Cisco NAC?



- Because customers are willing to pay for it ,-)
- But why are customers willing to pay for it?
- Because Cisco makes some pretty cool promises... see next slide





From: http://www.cisco.com/go/nac



NAC Business Benefits

Dramatically improves security

- · Ensures endpoints (laptops, PCs, PDAs, servers, etc.) conform to security policy
- Proactively protects against worms, viruses, spyware, and malware; focuses operations on prevention, not reaction

Extends existing investment

- Enables broad integration with multivendor security and management software
- Enhances investment in network infrastructure and vendor software
- Combining with Cisco Security Agent enables "trusted QoS" capabilities that classify mission-critical traffic at the endpoint and prioritize it in the network

Increases enterprise resilience

- · Comprehensive admission control across all access methods
- · Prevents non-compliant and rogue endpoints from impacting network
- · Reduces OpEx related to identifying and repairing non-compliant, rogue, and infected systems

Comprehensive span of control

· Assesses all endpoints across all access methods, including LAN, wireless connectivity, remote access, and WAN



The idea behind Cisco NAC

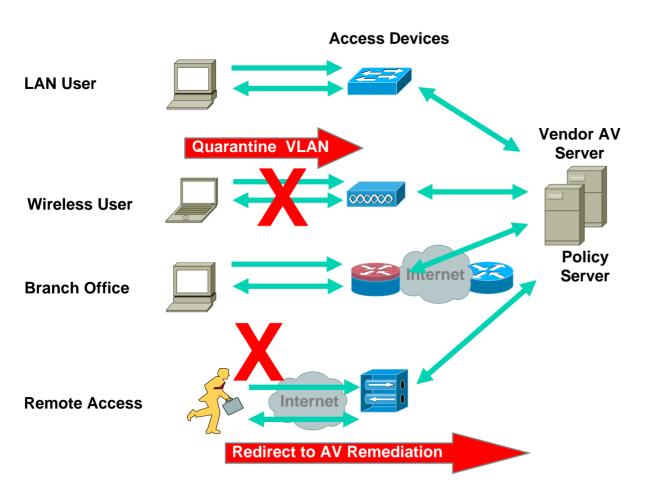


- Grant access to the network based on the grade of compliance to a defined (security) policy. So it is first of all a compliance solution and not a security solution.
- Security Policy can usually be broken down to:
 - Patch level (OS & Application)
 - AV signatures & scan engine up to date
 - No "unwanted" programs (e.g. I33t t00ls)
 - Desktop Firewall up & running
- If a client is non-compliant to the policy [and is not whitelisted somewhere – think network-printers], restrict access.



Policy based Access...





- 1. Access Device detects new client.
- 2. Access Device queries the client for an agent and relays information to a backend policy server.
- 3. Policy Server checks received information against defined rules and derives an appropriate access-level
- 4. Access-Device enforces restrictions



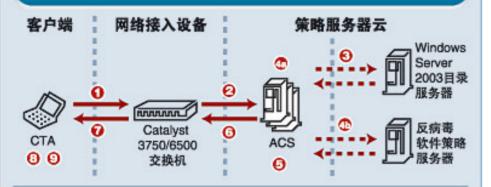
Part 2 – NAC Technology



What is Cisco NAC?



NAC over 802.1x工作原理



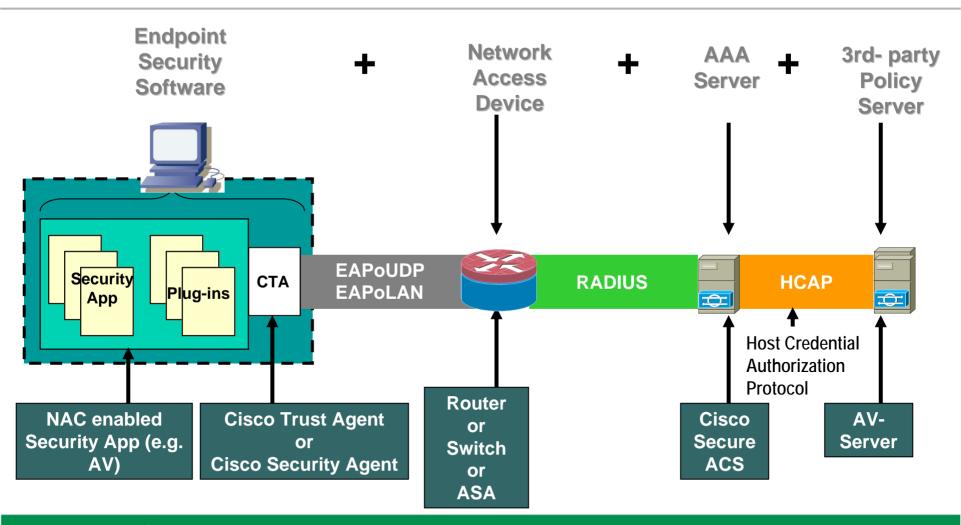
- ◆ CTA将身份认证信息和主机安全信息发给交换机(借助802.1x)。
- ② 交換机将认证信息发送给ACS。
- ❸ ACS收到信息开始验证工作。与目录服务器交互、确认用户权限。
- ♠ ACS检查入网计算机Service Pack, Hotfix, CSA版本等。
- ◆ ACS与第三方反病毒策略服务器进行交互,确认用户的健康状况。
- 根据AD和反病毒策略服务器反馈的信息进行判断,认证。
- ③ 根据验证的结果向交换机下发策略,若为健康计算机划分到VLAN 100,不 健康计算机划分到隔离VLAN。添加每用户ACL。
- 将认证结果告知终端上的CTA软件。
- ① CTA获知计算机的状态,健康或不健康,是否通过认证。
- CSA从CTA处获知计算机状态,并决定是否限制应用,并记录到系统日志, 发送给MARS。





A "big overview" picture...







There are 3 different NAC flavours...



NAC-Layer3-IP

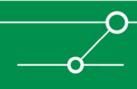
- Access-restrictions are implemented as IP-ACLs
- NAD is a Layer-3 device (e.g. a Router or a VPN-Concentrator/Firewall).
- The communication takes place using PEAP over EAP over UDP (EoU).

NAC-Layer2-IP

- Access-restrictions as IP-ACLs on a VLAN-interface of a switch.
- The communication takes place using PEAP over EAP over UDP (EoU)

NAC-Layer2-802.1x

- Uses 802.1x port control to restrict network access
- Obviously the device enforcing these restrictions is a switch.
- EAP-FAST is used in conjunction with 802.1x.
- This is the only NAC flavour where the client is:
 - authenticated before being allowed on the network
 - restricted from communicating with its local subnet



(Some) Features...



Feature	NAC-L2-802.1x	NAC-L2-IP	NAC-L3-IP
Trigger	Data Link / Switchport	DHCP / ARP	Routed Packet
Machine ID	Yes	No	No
User ID	Yes	No	No
Posture	Yes	Yes	Yes
VLAN Assignment	Yes	No	No
URL Redirection	No	Yes	Yes
Downloadable ACLs	Cat65k only	Yes	Yes



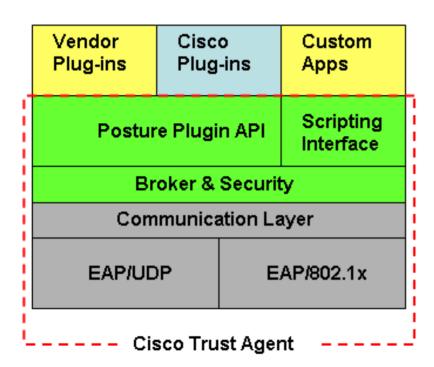
Yet another agent: Cisco Trust Agent



- The Cisco Trust Agent (CTA) is the main component of the NAC framework installed on the clients.
- Its' tasks are to collect "posture data" about the client and forward it to the ACS via the NAD.
- It has a plug-in interface for 3rd party vendors' NACenabled applications.
- It has a scripting interface for self-written scripts.

CTA architecture





- The CTA comes with two plugins by default:
 - Cisco:PA
 - Cisco:Host



Posture Information



- The information collected are Attribute-Value-pairs categorized by
 - Vendor: ID based on IANA SMI assignement
 - Application-Type: see next slide
 - Credential Name: e.g. "OS Version"
 - Value-Format: String, Date, etc.
- For all plug-ins & scripts this information is collected in a plaintext ".inf-file".



Application Types in Cisco NAC



Application-Type ID	Application-Type Name	Usage
1	PA	Posture Agent
2	Host / OS	Host information
3	AV	Anti Virus
4	FW	Firewall
5	HIPS	Host IPS
6	Audit	Audit
32768 – 65536		Reserved for "local use" (custom plug-ins or scripts)



Credentials for Cisco:PA & Cisco:Hosts



Application-Type	Attribute Number	Attribute Name	Value-Type
Posture Agent	3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Agent-Name (PA-Name) Agent-Version OS-Type OS-Version User-Notification OS-Kernel OS-Kernel-Version	String Version String Version String String Version Version
Host	11 6 7 8	Machine-Posture-State Service Packs Hot Fixes Host-FQDN	1 – Booting, 2 – Running, 3 – Logged in. String String String String



Posture Tokens...



- For each plug-in/Application/script an "Application Posture Token" (APT) is derived by the ACS through the configured policy.
- This token is one out of:
 - Healthy, Checkup, Quarantine, Transition, Infected, Unknown (see next slide for definitions of these tokens)
- From all APTs a "System Posture Token" (SPT) is derived

 this corresponds to the APT which will grant the least
 access on the network to the client.
- The SPT is associated with access-restrictions on the ACS (e.g. downloadable ACL, URL-Redirection).



Posture Tokens – well defined



- "Healthy": fully compliant with the admission policy for the specified application.
- "Checkup": partial but sufficient compliance with the admission policy, no need to restrict access, a warning to the user may be issued.
- "Transition": either during boot-time, when not all necessary services have been started or during an audit-process for clientless hosts, temporary access-restrictions may be applied.
- "Quarantine": insufficient compliance with the admission policy, network access is usually restricted to a quarantine/remediation segment.
- "Infected": active infection detected, usually most restrictive network access even up to complete isolation.
- "Unknown": a token can not be determined or no CTA installed on client. This
 may lead to partial access (guest-vlan & internet-access for example).



Sample inf-File for Trendmicro AV

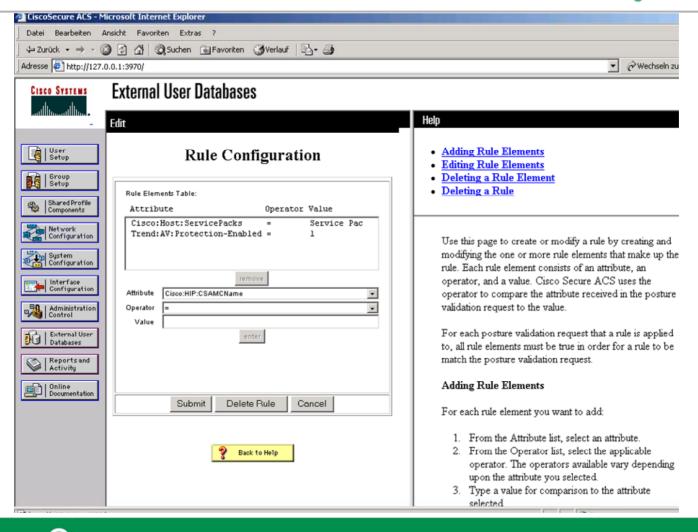


[main] dll=tmabpp.dll	
PluginName=tmabpp.dll VendorID=6101 VendorIDName=TrendMicro, Inc AppList=av	The name of the plug-in. In case of a script this would be ctascriptPP.dll and the vendorid would be "Cisco" for scripts.
[av]	
AppType=3 AppTypeName=Antivirus AttributeList=attr1,attr2,attr3,attr4,attr5,attr6,attr7,attr8,attr9,att attr1= 1, Unsigned32, Application-Posture-Token attr2=2, Unsigned32, System-Posture-Token attr3=3, String, Software-Name attr4=4, Unsigned32, Software-ID attr5=5, Version, Software-Version attr6=6, Version, Scan-Engine-Version attr7=7, Version, Dat-Version attr8=8, Time, Dat-Date attr9=9, Unsigned32, Protection-Enabled attr10=10, String, Action	r10,attr11,attr12,attr13,attr14
attr11=32768, String, OSCE-Srv-Hostname Priva attr12=32769, OctetArray, Client-GUID attr13=32770, Ipv4Address, Client-IP	te Credentials from the Vendor
attr14=32771, OctetArray, Client-MACddd	



Sample Policy on Cisco ACS

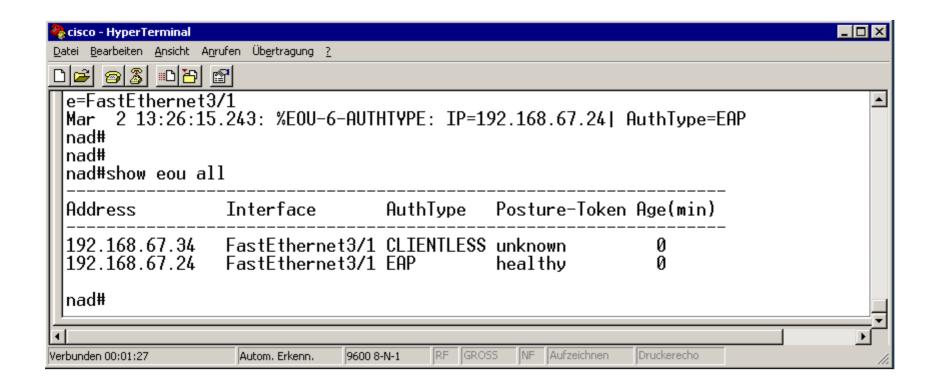






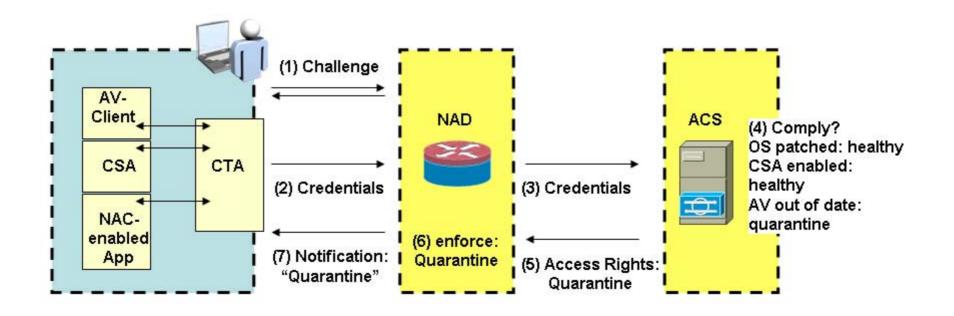
And the resulting SPT on a NAD





General Communication Flow







Transport Mechanisms...



NAC-Layer2-802.1x

- Uses 802.1x
- Uses EAP-FAST as EAP method
- Uses EAP-TLV to transport posture information

NAC-Layer2-IP

- Uses EAP over UDP (Port 21862 on client & NAD)
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- Uses EAP-TLV to transport posture information

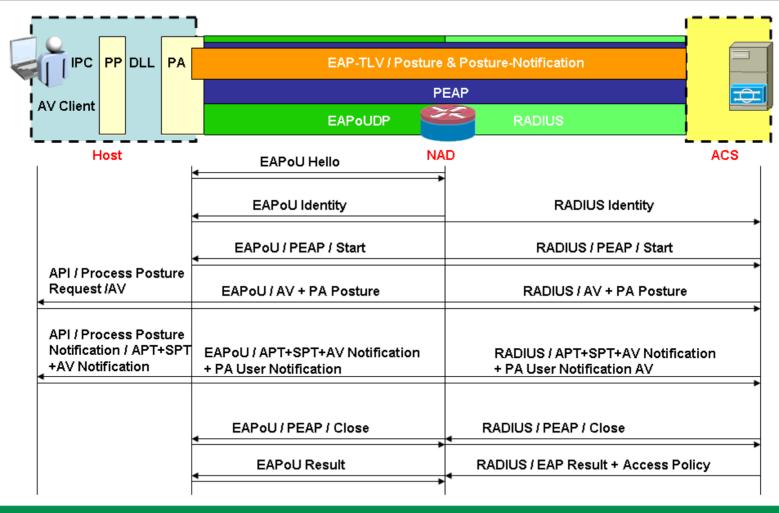
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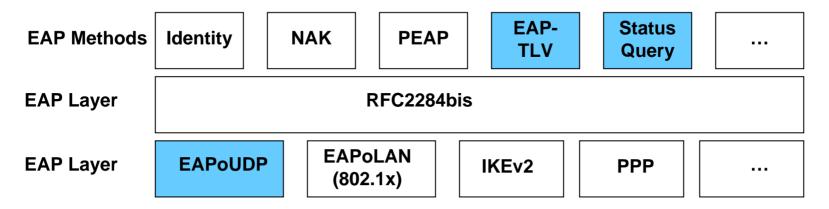






Extensible Authentication Protocol





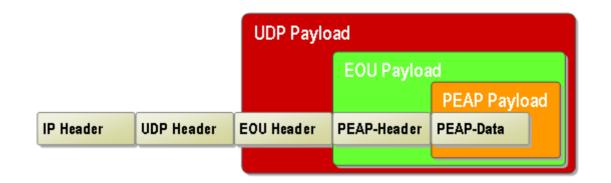
- EAP is a "request-response" Protocol:
 - Exchange of "identity" and "authentication" information between a supplicant and an AAA server.
- New Function

- EAP supports a multitude auf authentication-schemes
 - EAP-MD5
 - EAP-MSCHAP
 - · ...
- EAP has to be "enhanced" for "policy based access restrictions" (aka NAC)
 - EAP-TLV: Attribute-Type-Length-Value-Pair
 - Status Query: new method to get query the state of a client
 - EAPoUDP: EAP Transport over IP (instead of over Layer2 as e.g. 802.1x)



Encapsulation for L2-IP & L3-IP

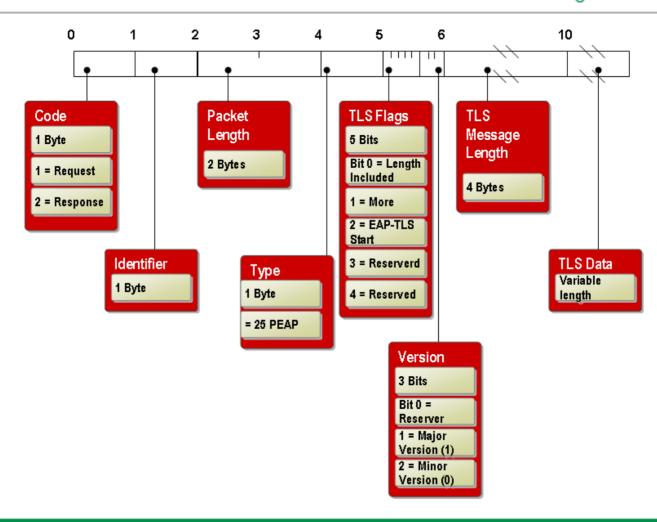






PEAPv1 Frame Format

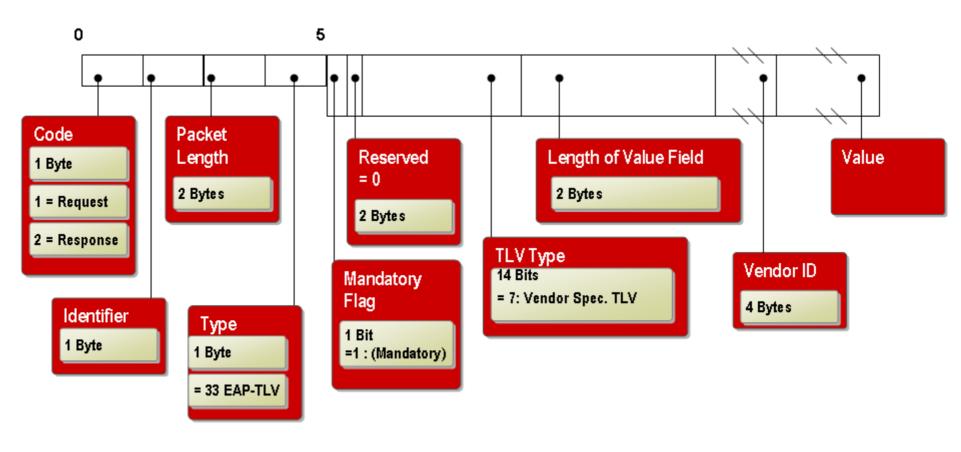






EAP-TLV Vendor Frame Format







Part 3 – Security Analysis



Flawed by Design 1:Client Authentication



	NAC-Layer 3 IP	NAC Layer 2 IP	NAC Layer 2 802.1x
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Client Authentication	No intrinsic Client Authentication. In VPN scenarios there is a "VPN Authentication" which might be considered a "mitigating control".	No intrinsic Client Authentication – and no means of "adding" such on top.	Client Authentication based on 802.1x/EAP-FAST
Restriction of access on local subnet.	It is not possible to restrict access to the local subnet via NAC.	It is not possible to restrict access to the local subnet via NAC.	Access to local subnet can be denied through "port shutdown" via NAC.



Flawed by Design



So 1st design flaw is :

Authorization without Authentication

 This is clearly breaking a "secure by design" approach [for a security product] and is not conforming to "Best Current Practices"



Flawed by Design 2: Epimenides Paradox



Epimenides was a Cretan (philosopher) who made one statement: "All Cretans are liars."

Same paradox applies to Cisco NAC as well:

- The goal is to judge the "compliance"-level of (un)known & untrusted clients.
- This is achieved by asking the (un)known & untrusted client about itself.
- How can the ACS be sure that the client is a Cretan philosopher (a liar)?



So what? Where is the attack?



Posture Spoofing Attack

 We define "posture spoofing" as an attack where a legitimate or illegitimate client spoofs "NAC posture credentials" in order to get unrestricted network access.

Attackers Definition - Insider



- Insider: An insider is a legitimate user of a NAC-protected network. The client has a working installation of the CTA and valid user/machine-credentials for the network. Additionally the inside attacker has the certificate of the ACS installed in its certificate store and if 802.1x is being used, this attacker has valid EAP-FAST-Credentials (PAC).
- The insider simply wants to bypass restrictions placed on his machine (e.g. no "leet tools" allowed and NAC checks list of installed programs).

Attackers Definition - Outsider



 Outsider: An outsider is not a legitimate user of the NACprotected network and wants to get unrestricted access to the network. The outsider has no valid user/machinecredentials and no working CTA installation.



Attack Vectors



Code an "alternative" NAC client

- Definitly possible
- Will not work on 802.1x with EAP-FAST for outsider.
- Currently "development in process" ©

Replace plug-ins with self-written ones

- Definitely possible (be patient for ~50 more slides *just kidding*)
- Works for the "insider" but not for the "outsider".
- Less work than the "alternative client

Abuse the scripting interface

- Not verified yet limitations on "Vendor-ID" and "Application-ID" apply and not (yet) known if these are enforced or can be circumvented
- If possible the easiest way ②



Feasible Attack Vectors



	Insider	Outsider
NAC-L2-802.1x	DLL/Plug-In replacement Scripting Interface CTA replacement	None as to our current knowledge.
NAC-L2-IP	DLL/Plug-In replacement Scripting Interface CTA replacement	CTA replacement
NACL-L3-IP	DLL/Plug-In replacement Scripting Interface CTA replacement	CTA replacement



Part 4 – Approaching NAC@AK



The ugly stuff – working with a structured approach *sigh



- Step 1: Define what you need to know in order to get it working.
- Step 2: Sketch an attack-tree showing steps towards the goal.
- Step 3: Evaluate the components of the attack-tree for feasibility. Get the "tools" & know the "techniques" you need.
- Step 4: Pursue the feasible steps from step 3.
- Step 5: loop to step (1) until you get it working ,-)



Want to know



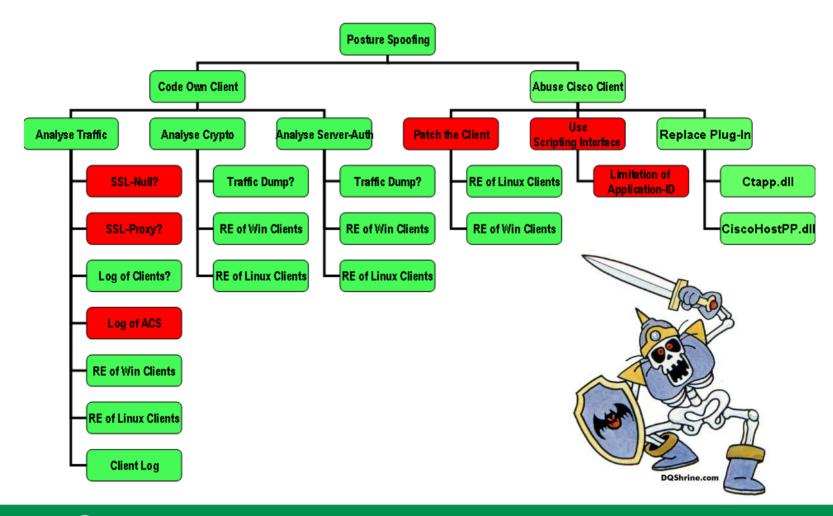
Everything relating to...

- Communication flow
- Packet format
- Data-structures
- Used Crypto
- Used libraries
- Existing interfaces
- Program flow
- Used Authentication
- ...



Attack Tree







Tools & Techniques



Reverse Engineering

■ Reverse Engineering aims at uncovering the constructional elements of a product. IDAPro ② … and Hex-Rays

Packet Sniffing

You all know that - Wireshark/Ethereal

Packet Diffing

Extracting common and differing parts of two packets.

Debugging / API-Monitoring / Function-Hooking

Through attaching a debugger or api-monitor to the running process, it is possible to actually see the contents of the stack while the program is running.

Built-in capabilities

Logging / Debugging capabilites of the product – Cisco is usually _very_ good at that!

RTFM

Read Read Read – often then vendor will tell you a lot about the product.



Big "want to have": Cleartext Packets...



- Communication is encrypted using TLS... packet capture shows encrypted packets.
- Not possible to get cleartext dump with tools (SSLProxy, etc.) TLS over UDP not supported by tools.
- RTFM: Client Log can be enabled and it can dump cleartext payload of packets *g



Cleartext Packet Dump in Log

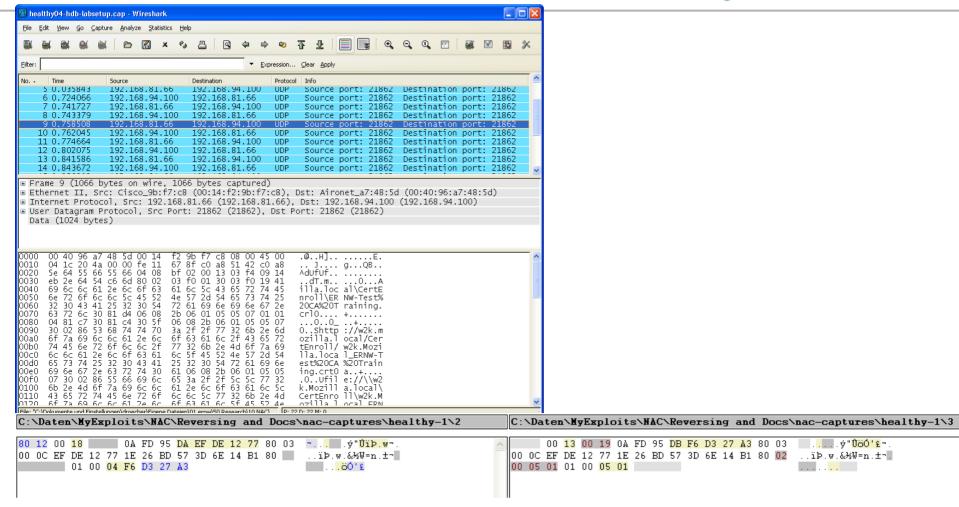


Excerpt from a CTA logfile: Sev=PktDump/13 16:23:13 343 04/26/2006 CTAVSTLV/0x64300016 Request message dump: 6368202D20496872205043206B6F6E6E7463206572666F6C6772656963682061757468656E746 966697A696572742077657264656E20756E6420656E7473707269636874206465722053656375726974792050696F6C6963792E2049687265204E65747A7765726B7A7567616E67207769726420 6E696368742065696E676573636872E46E6B742\800300020001 Sev=Info/4 PAPlugin/0x63200001 66 16:23:13 359 04/26/2006 Application Posture Result = Healthy User Notification: Sev=PktDump 13 16:23:13 359 04/26/2006 "Herzlichen ..." Response message dump: 800300020001 Convert to Hex: Sev=Debug/2 16:23:13.359 04/26/2006 68 %48%65%72%7a%6c%69 EapHandlePacket exit %63%68%65%6e%20 [...snipped...] Sev⊭Info/4 16:23:13.359 04/26/2006 PAPlugin/0x63200002 System Posture Result = Healthy 16:23:13.359 04/26/2006 Sev=Warning/2 PAPlugin/0xA3200012 71 CTAPP received UserMsg Notification: Content = Herzlichen Glueckwunsch - Ihr PC konnte erfolgreich authentifiziert werden und entspricht der Security Piolicy. Ihre Netzwerkzugang wird nicht eingeschränkt!



Packet Sniffing & Diffing







RE of the CTA – 1: Used Crypto



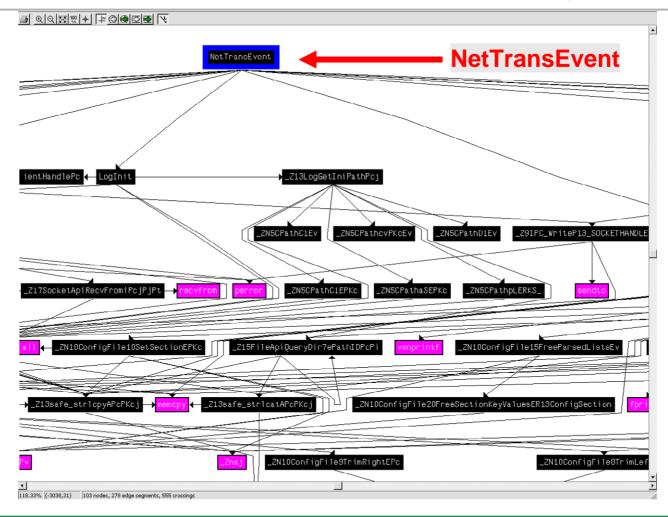
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"" .rdata:1	0000000E	С	FIPS routines
"" .rdata:1	0000000E	С	OCSP routines
"" .rdata:1	00000010	С	engine routines
"" .rdata:1	0000000A	С	func(%lu)
"" .rdata:1	00000009	С	lib(%lu)
"" .rdata:1	0000001C	С	.\\crypto\\engine\\tb_digest.c
"" .rdata:1	0000001B	С	.\\crypto\\engine\\eng_init.c
"" .rdata:1	00000029	С	Stack part of OpenSSL 0.9.7g 11 Apr 2005
"" .rdata:1	00000017	C	.\\crypto\\stack\\stack.c
"" .rdata:1	00000019	C	.\\crypto\\buffer\\buffer.c
"" .rdata:1	00000027	С	RSA part of OpenSSL 0.9.7g 11 Apr 2005
"" .rdata:1	00000017	С	.\\crypto\\rsa\\rsa_lib.c

Used crypto (btw: this version is vulnerable)



RE of CTA – 1: Core Function

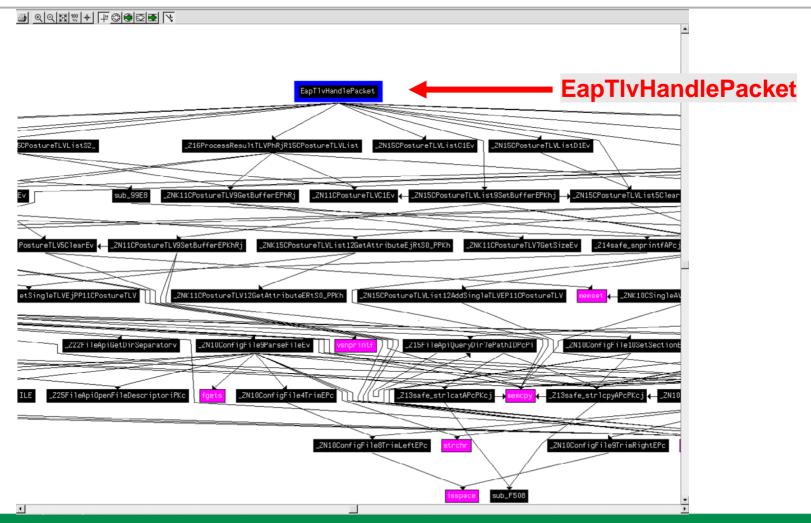






RE of CTA – 2: Core Function

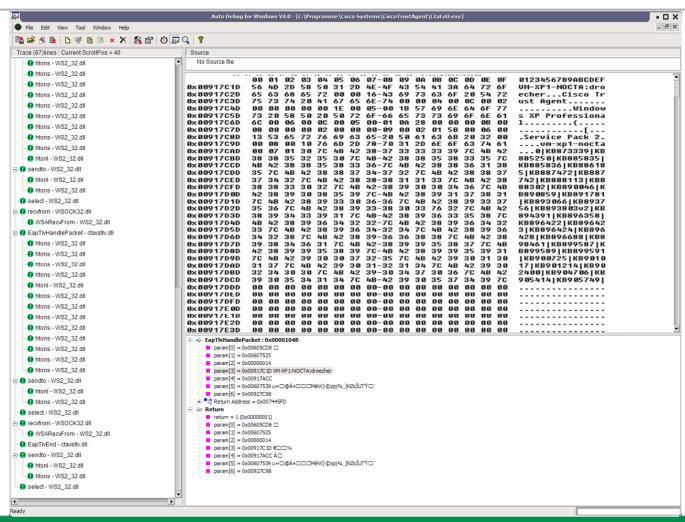






Function Hooking into EapTlvHandlePacket

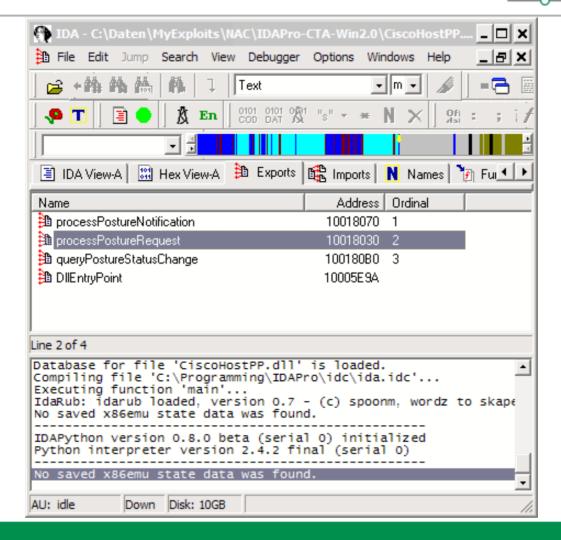






RE of Plug-In 1: Exported Functions







RE of Plug-In 2: Exported Functions



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                   2. processPostureRequest
: int cdecl processPostureRequest(char *pRequest.int ID.char *pAttributeList.int *pNumber)
public processPostureRequest
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processPostureRequest proc near
                                         : Exported entru
                                                            1. processPostureNotification
nRequest= dword ntr 4
ID= dword otr 8
pAttributeList= dword ptr 0Ch
pNumber= dword ptr 10h
                                         : int cdecl processPostureNotification(char *NotifuBuffer.int Status)
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        eax. dword 1002788C
mnu
                                         processPostureNotification proc near
bush
        esi
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mnu
        ecx. [eax+8]
                                         NotifuBuffer= dword ptr 4
mov
        edx. [eax+4]
                                         Status= dword ntr 8
nush
        ecx
nush
        edx
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call
        sub 10018000
                                         bush
                                                 esi
                                                                                            public queryPostureStatusChange
        edx. [esp+0Ch+pNumber]
mnu
                                         .
Mov
                                                 ecx. [eax+8]
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add
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                                                 edx. [eax+4]
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mov
        ecx. dword 1002788C
                                         push
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nush
        edx
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        edx, [esp+8+pAttributeList]
mov
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                                         call
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        eax. [ecx]
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        esi, eax
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call.
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mnu
        eax. esi
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DOD
        esi
                                         retn
                                                                                            retn
retn
                                         processPostureNotification endp
                                                                                            queryPostureStatusChange endp
processPostureRequest endp
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Hex-Rays Decompiler



```
ĦNW
mnu
        ecx. [esp+8134h+hostshort]
mov
        edx. [esp+8134h+hostlonal
                                                          $EHRec$[12]; // [sp+8128h] [bp-Ch]@3
mnu
        eax. [esp+8134h+hostlong+11
and
        ecx. OFFFFh
                          : Logical AND
                                                    timeout.tv sec = 0:
        edx, OFFh
                          : Logical AND
and
                                                    timeout.tv usec = 50000:
bush
        ecx
                                                    readfds.fd arrau[0] = s:
mov
        ecx. [esp+8138h+hostlona+21
                                                    readfds.fd count = 1:
bush
        edx
                                                    if ( mt select data(&readfds, 0, 0, &timeout) <= 0
        edx. Fesn+813Ch+hostlona+31
                                                      II (\sqrt{5} = mt recv data(s. &buf. 32768. (int)hostlong. (int)&hostshort). \sqrt{9} = \sqrt{5} = \sqrt{9} .
mov
        eax. NEFh
                          : Lonical AND
and
                                                      result = -2147483648:
        ecx. NEFh
                          : Indical AND
and
                                                    3
nush
                                                    else
and
        edx. OFFh
                           : Logical AND
                                                    {
bush
        ecx
                                                      mt log data(7, 1661992965, "Received a packet from address %u.%u.%u, port 0x%x", SBYTE3(hostlong[0]));
bush
        edx
                           : char
                                                      v6 = operator new(0x20u):
bush
        offset aReceivedAPacke : "Received a r
                                                      012 = 06:
                                                      *( DWORD *)& $EHRec$[8] = 0;
bush
        63100005h
                           ; int
                                                      if ( 06 )
nush
        7
                           : int
                                                        v1 = sub 405090();
call
        mt log data
                           : Call Procedure
                                                      else
push
                          : unsigned int
call
        ??2@YAPAXT@Z
                           : operator new(uint)
                                                      *( DWORD *)& $EHRec$[8] = -1:
add
        esp. 24h
                          : Add
                                                      v2 = IncomingPacketDump(hostlong, hostshort, &buf, v0);
        Fesp+8134h+var 81141. eax
mov
                                                      03 = 02:
test
                          : Logical Compare
                                                      if ( U2 )
        eax. eax
mov
        [esp+8134h+ $EHRec$.state], 0
                                                        if ( v2 == -2147483613 )
İίΖ
        short loc 4042C6; Jump if Zero (ZF=1
                                                          if ( (*( BYTE *)(v1 + 1) & 0xF) == 2 )
                                                            sub 405E90((u long)hostlong, hostshort, v1);
                                                            mt log data(3, -1559232487, "Send NAK message to %u.%u.%u.%u (port 0x%x) ", SBYTE3(hostlong[0]));
                                                      else
                                                        if ( (*( BYTE *)(v1 + 1) & 0xF) == 2 )
                                                          v3 = sub 405F60((u long)hostlong, hostshort, v1);
                                                          v3 = sub 404B30(hostlong, hostshort, v1);
```



Hex-Rays Decompiler



- First Decompiler that produces more than crap
- Build by Ilfak Guilfanov (think IDAPro ②)
- Actually in Beta State (but already impressing)
- Will be released as commercial Addon for IDA
- Planned: API to support Decompiler Plugins like
 Vulnerability Analyzer and others
- Planned: Type and Function Prototype Recovery
- Planned: Assembler Knowledge not needed anymore
- Further Information at <u>www.hexblog.com</u>
- Thanks to Ilfak for the Beta Version ©



Quick Summary...



- A lot of stuff learned so far...
 - What is used
 - How it works
 - How it interoperates
 - Where to start hacking it

So now its...





Showtime Setup





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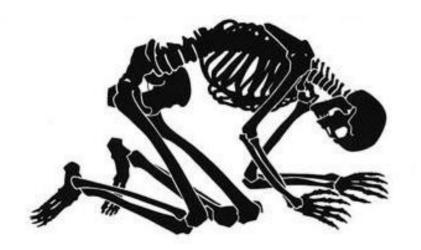


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Thank's for your patience

Time left for `questions & answers`?

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