

Intrusion post-mortem analysis

Summary

In the night from February 26 to February 27, 1991, an intruder accessed the machine **wsinfo11** using the accounts of **wsines** and **wsinae**. The intruder did not gain system privileges. However, it is likely that a copy of the password file was shipped elsewhere. Also, it appears that the system **wsinfo11** was used to attack other systems.

The text that follows presents a timeline of events, based on an analysis of the information that was left behind. Detailed information can be found in appendices at the end of this report.

Alarm: sudden burst of login failures

A sudden burst of login failures for multiple accounts usually indicates that someone is trying to access a system via someone else's account.

```
Feb 26 22:01:26 wsinfo11 in.telnetd[28860]: connect from nts100.win.tue.nl
Feb 26 22:02:10 wsinfo11 login: 2 LOGIN FAILURES FROM nts100.win.tue.nl, wsinpp
Feb 26 22:02:36 wsinfo11 in.telnetd[28862]: connect from nts100.win.tue.nl
Feb 26 22:03:29 wsinfo11 login: 2 LOGIN FAILURES FROM nts100.win.tue.nl, wsdwnb
Feb 26 22:03:38 wsinfo11 login: 1 LOGIN FAILURE FROM nts100.win.tue.nl, exspect1
```

Earlier this week it was found that one of the accounts, **wsdwnb**, was compromised on the system **eutws1.win.tue.nl** (the math department VAX machine).

First login session, 22:03 - 22:21

TCP Wrapper and login accounting records:

```
Feb 26 22:03:42 wsinfo11 in.telnetd[28870]: connect from nts100.win.tue.nl
wsines ttyp0 nts100.win.tue.n Tue Feb 26 22:03 - 22:21 (00:17)
```

At 22:05 the intruder read some news, which is evident from the presence of a **.oldnewsrc** file in the **wsines** home directory. See the appendix for what news groups the intruder looked at, and for a detailed overview of files accessed during the intrusion.

```
-rw-r--r-- 1 wsines 24581 Feb 26 22:05 /home/svin02b/wsines/.oldnewsrc
```

At 22:09, the intruder attempted to log into the file server **svin02**:

```
Feb 26 22:09:34 svin02 rlogind[3941]: connect from wsines@wsinfo11
Feb 26 22:09:36 svin02 login: wsines LOGIN REFUSED FROM wsinfo11
Feb 26 22:09:51 svin02 rsh[3947]: connect from wsines@wsinfo11
```

At 22:16, files owned by user **wswietse** were read (see appendix for a detailed overview of files accessed during the intrusion).

```
-rw-r--r-- 1 wswietse 48 Feb 26 22:16 ~wswietse/.mike
-rw-r--r-- 1 root 57344 Feb 26 22:17 ~wswietse/junk
-rw-r--r-- 1 wswietse 12051 Feb 26 22:19 ~wswietse/incoming/logging-package/article
```

Second login session, 22:21 - 22:29

TCP Wrapper and login accounting records:

```
Feb 26 22:21:32 wsinfo11 in.telnetd[28950]: connect from nts100.win.tue.nl
wsines ttyp0 nts100.win.tue.n Tue Feb 26 22:21 - 22:29 (00:07)
```

Another remote shell access to the file server **svin02**:

```
Feb 26 22:22:04 svin02 rsh[4381]: connect from wsines@wsinfo11
```

Another look at **wswietse**'s files, in this case, articles from mailing lists and news groups:

```
-rw-r--r-- 1 wswietse 211441 Feb 26 22:28 ~wswietse/incoming/bugs-sun/bugs-sun-old
-rw-r--r-- 1 wswietse 2218 Feb 26 22:29 ~wswietse/incoming/bugs-sun/article
-rw-r--r-- 1 wswietse 4993 Feb 26 22:29 ~wswietse/incoming/bugs-sun/bugs-sun-feedback
-rw-r--r-- 1 wswietse 45632 Feb 26 22:29 ~wswietse/incoming/bugs-sun/bugs-sun-new
-rw-r--r-- 1 wswietse 33527 Feb 26 22:29 ~wswietse/incoming/bugs-sun/bugs-sun-old-x
```

Third login session, 22:29 - 02:59

TCP Wrapper and login accounting records:

```
Feb 26 22:29:39 wsinfo11 in.telnetd[28988]: connect from nts100.win.tue.nl
wsines ttyp0 nts100.win.tue.n Tue Feb 26 22:29 - 02:59 (04:30)
```

Login as user **wsinae**:

```
Feb 26 22:30:37 wsinfo11 su: 'su wsinae' succeeded for wsines on /dev/tty0
```

Playing with mail:

```
Feb 26 22:38:25 wsinfo11 sendmail[29030]: AA29030:
from=wsines, size=92, class=0
Feb 26 22:38:27 svin02 sendmail[4899]: AA04899:
from=<wsines@info.win.tue.nl>, size=335, class=0
Feb 26 22:38:27 wsinfo11 sendmail[29033]: AA29030: to=xxx\aaaaaaaa\
aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa,
delay=00:00:03, stat=Sent

Feb 26 22:40:52 wsinfo11 sendmail[29045]: AA29045:
from=wsines, size=866, class=0
Feb 26 22:40:52 wsinfo11 sendmail[29045]: AA29045: to=aaaaaaaaaaaa\
aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa\
aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa,
delay=00:00:02, stat=User unknown
```

At 22:56 the serial ports were accessed, possibly to find out if a modem (telephone or local area network) was attached to the machine:

```
crw-rw-rw- 1 root 12, 0 Feb 26 22:56 /export/root/wsinfo11/dev/ttya
crw-rw-rw- 1 root 12, 1 Feb 26 22:56 /export/root/wsinfo11/dev/ttyb
```

According to the process accounting records (appendix) the **telnet** command was used from 22:58 to 02:09. The intruder logged in from **wsinfo11** to **apple-gunkies.ai.mit.edu** (128.52.46.17), witness the login record that was found on the remote system:

```
guest ttyp3 131.155.3.70 Tue Feb 26 16:39 - 16:46 (00:07)
```

The system clock is a bit off there. According to our clocks, that login session would have been from 22:47-22:55, which is a good match with the network router statistics (appendix).

For the remainder of that telnet command the intruder was connected to **131.211.112.44**, an Annex terminal server at Utrecht university.

According to command accounting (appendix) the intruder also made **telnet**, **ftfp** and/or **ftp** connections. According to network router statistics (appendix) the following systems were contacted at the time of intrusion:

- 131.211.112.44 (Utrecht terminal server)
- 128.52.46.35 (**wookumz.ai.mit.edu**). This machine is in a time zone 6 hours away. Login record on the remote system:

```
guest ftp wsinfo11.info.wi Tue Feb 26 20:25 - 20:25 (00:00)
```

- 128.113.55.13 (**crockett1c.its.rpi.edu**). This system had connected to **wsinfo11** earlier that same evening via anonymous FTP. Around 02:06, the intruder probed a number of addresses in 128.113.*.*.

At 02:25 a program was compiled, probably to break passwords, witness the file access time of the include file for password file lookup routines:

```
-r--r--r-- 1 root          563 Feb 27 02:25 /usr/include/pwd.h
```

The program, named **a.out**, was started at 02:28 and was aborted at 02:55 (see appendix for process accounting records).

At 02:55 the intruder exited from a C shell process, and unknowingly left behind a history of the last 40 executed commands (appendix):

```
-rw-r--r-- 1 wsines        390 Feb 27 02:55 /home/svin02b/wsines/.history
```

At the end of this login session the intruder read some more news with the **rn** command:

```
-rw-r--r-- 1 wsines        28 Feb 27 02:57 /home/svin02b/wsines/.rnlst  
-rw-r--r-- 1 wsines      24581 Feb 27 02:59 /home/svin02b/wsines/.newsrsc
```

Appendix: deleted files below ~wsines

The names of deleted files were obtained by comparing the list of existing file names (**ls -f**) with output from the **strings** command. Note: only the names of deleted files are known, not the time when those files were removed or what their contents were:

```
hosts.equiv  
p.p  
esu  
xxx.o  
l.outa29332  
a.out  
icon
```

Appendix: news groups read by the intruder

News groups and article numbers were obtained by comparing the contents of successive **.newsrsc** files (the previous version is renamed to **.oldnewsrsc**). Interesting is the **soc.culture.french** group. The others are not surprising.

```
soc.culture.french: 2665-2706  
alt.security: 1558-1592  
alt.hackers: 163-228  
alt.security.index: 8
```

Appendix: network router statistics

What follows are byte counts of traffic between **wsinfo11** and remote systems that coincided with the intrusion, including an anonymous FTP session by 128.113.55.13 (**crockett1c.its.rpi.edu**) that may or may not be related to the intrusion.

Statistics are aggregated over 30-minute intervals. The data format is: internet address, bytes-received, bytes-sent, (hostname if known).

```
SAMPLE 91-02-26 21:50:07  
  
SAMPLE 91-02-26 22:20:07  
  
SAMPLE 91-02-26 22:50:07  
128.52.46.17          8518      4067    (apple-gunkies.ai.mit.edu)  
128.113.55.13        1069      2080    (anonymous FTP session)  
  
SAMPLE 91-02-26 23:20:07  
128.52.46.17          12447     6239    (apple-gunkies.ai.mit.edu)  
131.211.112.44      132941    69777   (Utrecht terminal server)  
128.113.55.13        12742    187763  (anonymous FTP session)  
  
SAMPLE 91-02-26 23:50:07  
131.211.112.44        171367    62929   (Utrecht terminal server)  
  
SAMPLE 91-02-27 00:20:07  
131.211.112.44        230738    70866   (Utrecht terminal server)
```

```
SAMPLE 91-02-27 00:50:08
 131.211.112.44      219883      107761 (Utrecht terminal server)

SAMPLE 91-02-27 01:20:07
 131.211.112.44      246390      85645 (Utrecht terminal server)

SAMPLE 91-02-27 01:50:07
 131.211.112.44      152983      120045 (Utrecht terminal server)

SAMPLE 91-02-27 02:20:07
 131.211.112.44      122679      61868 (Utrecht terminal server)
 129.140.10.74        56          0 (Ithaca.NY.NSS.NSF.NET)
 128.113.55.13       229093      15050 (crockett1c.its.rpi.edu)

SAMPLE 91-02-27 02:50:07
 128.113.1.1         856         752 (nyser1-gw.rpi.edu)
 128.113.1.2         0           40 (nyser2-gw.rpi.edu)
 128.113.24.31       3092        991 (ts.its.rpi.edu)
 128.113.55.1        0           120 (non-existent system?)
 128.113.55.10       0           40 (non-existent system?)
 128.113.55.11       0           40 (crockett1a.its.rpi.edu)
 128.113.55.12       0           40 (crockett1b.its.rpi.edu)
 128.113.55.13       163690      27220 (crockett1c.its.rpi.edu)
 128.113.55.14       200         250 (crockett1d.its.rpi.edu)
 128.113.55.20       0           40 (non-existent system?)
 128.52.46.35        18542       1790 (wookumz.ai.mit.edu)
 131.211.112.44      18820       12948 (Utrecht terminal server)

SAMPLE 91-02-27 03:20:08
 128.113.4.44        0           120 (non-existent system?)

SAMPLE 91-02-27 03:50:07
```

Appendix: files/directories sorted by read/execute time

```
-rw-r--r-- 1 wsines      294 Feb 26 22:04 /home/svin02b/wsines/.profile
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root       6912 Feb 26 22:04 /usr/ucb/lastcomm
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root       5544 Feb 26 22:04 /usr/ucb/leave
-rw-r--r-- 1 wsines     5275 Feb 26 22:05 /home/svin02b/wsines/.rnsoft
-rw-r--r-- 1 root     1697544 Feb 26 22:10 /var/adm/wtmp
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root      4760 Feb 26 22:10 /usr/ucb/from
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root      5704 Feb 26 22:10 /usr/ucb/last
-rw-r--r-- 1 root      5846 Feb 26 22:11 /var/adm/messages.0
-rw-r--r-- 1 root      2935 Feb 26 22:12 /var/adm/messages.1
-rw-rw-r-- 1 359        18 Feb 26 22:15 /home/svbs01b/rcjvdb/.forward
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root     49152 Feb 26 22:15 /usr/sccs/get
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root     24576 Feb 26 22:15 /usr/ucb/sccs
-rw-r--r-- 1 wswietse   48 Feb 26 22:16 ~wswietse/.mike
-rw-r--r-- 1 root     57344 Feb 26 22:17 ~wswietse/junk
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root      3224 Feb 26 22:18 /usr/ucb/head
-rw-r--r-- 1 wswietse  12051 Feb 26 22:19 ~wswietse/incoming/logging-package/article
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root      5216 Feb 26 22:21 /usr/bin/ypcat
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root        20 Feb 26 22:22 /etc/.login -> /usr/share/etc/login
-rw-r--r-- 1 root       997 Feb 26 22:22 /export/root/wsinfoll/etc/fbtab
-rw-r--r-- 1 root      2866 Feb 26 22:22 /export/root/wsinfoll/etc/gettytab
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root        22 Feb 26 22:23 /etc/magic -> ../usr/share/etc/magic
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root     32768 Feb 26 22:23 /usr/bin/file
-rwsr-xr-x 1 root     24576 Feb 26 22:26 /usr/bin/sunview1/sv_release
-rw-r--r-- 1 root        684 Feb 26 22:27 /usr/share/lib/terminfo/u/unknown
-rw-r--r-- 1 wsines     273 Feb 26 22:28 /home/svin02b/wsines/.sun
-rw-r--r-- 1 wswietse  211441 Feb 26 22:28 ~wswietse/incoming/bugs-sun/bugs-sun-old
-rw-r--r-- 1 wswietse   2218 Feb 26 22:29 ~wswietse/incoming/bugs-sun/article
-rw-r--r-- 1 wswietse   4993 Feb 26 22:29 ~wswietse/incoming/bugs-sun/bugs-sun-feedback
-rw-r--r-- 1 wswietse  45632 Feb 26 22:29 ~wswietse/incoming/bugs-sun/bugs-sun-new
-rw-r--r-- 1 wswietse  33527 Feb 26 22:29 ~wswietse/incoming/bugs-sun/bugs-sun-old-x
-rwxr-xr-x 1 wsinae    1779 Feb 26 22:30 /home/svin02b/wsinae/.cshrc
-rw-r--r-- 1 wsinae   200713 Feb 26 22:32 /home/svin02b/wsinae/News/m
-rw-r--r-- 1 root       1024 Feb 26 22:38 /var/yp/info.win.tue.nl/protocols.bynumber.pag
-rw-r--r-- 1 root       1024 Feb 26 22:40 /export/root/wsinfoll/etc/aliases.pag
-rwxr-xr-x 1 bin      16384 Feb 26 22:42 /usr/lib/makekey
```

```
-r--r--r-- 1 root          2200 Feb 26 22:55 /export/root/wsinfo11/etc/ttys
crw-rw-rw- 1 root          12,  0 Feb 26 22:56 /export/root/wsinfo11/dev/ttya
crw-rw-rw- 1 root          12,  1 Feb 26 22:57 /export/root/wsinfo11/dev/ttyb
-rw-r--r-- 1 root            183 Feb 27 00:23 /export/root/wsinfo11/.history
-rw-rw-r-- 1 root        147348 Feb 27 02:09 /export/root/wsinfo11/var/adm/wtmp
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root       1401990 Feb 27 02:09 /export/root/wsinfo11/vmunix
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root         24576 Feb 27 02:10 /usr/ucb/tftp
-rw-r--r-- 1 root           725 Feb 27 02:13 /export/root/wsinfo11/etc/mstab
-rw-r--r-- 1 wsines        1066 Feb 27 02:13 /home/svin02b/wsines/.cshrc
-rw-r--r-- 1 wsines         390 Feb 27 02:14 /home/svin02b/wsines/.history
-rw-r--r-- 1 wsines       24581 Feb 27 02:14 /home/svin02b/wsines/.oldnewsr
-rw-r--r-- 1 wswietse      1162 Feb 27 02:17 ~wswietse/lib/cuckoo.clock
-rw-r--r-- 1 wswietse       152 Feb 27 02:18 ~wswietse/.pet
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root           7 Feb 27 02:25 /export/root/wsinfo11/lib -> usr/lib
-r--r--r-- 1 root          563 Feb 27 02:25 /usr/include/pwd.h
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root           7 Feb 27 02:28 /usr/sys -> kvm/sys
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root           9 Feb 27 02:43 /home/svin02a/local/SPARC/src -> /auto/src
-rw-r--r-- 1 root       104112 Feb 27 02:45 /export/root/wsinfo11/etc/psdatabase
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root         8560 Feb 27 02:46 /usr/ucb/rusers
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root         3680 Feb 27 02:46 /usr/ucb/rwho
-rw-r--r-- 1 wsines         28 Feb 27 02:56 /home/svin02b/wsines/.rnlst
-rw-r--r-- 1 wsines       24581 Feb 27 02:59 /home/svin02b/wsines/.newsr
```

Appendix: files/directories sorted by modification time

```
-rw-r--r-- 1 wsines        24581 Feb 26 22:05 /home/svin02b/wsines/.oldnewsr
crw-rw-rw- 1 root          12,  0 Feb 26 22:56 /export/root/wsinfo11/dev/ttya
crw-rw-rw- 1 root          12,  1 Feb 26 22:56 /export/root/wsinfo11/dev/ttyb
-rw-r--r-- 1 wsines         390 Feb 27 02:55 /home/svin02b/wsines/.history
-rw-r--r-- 1 wsines         28 Feb 27 02:57 /home/svin02b/wsines/.rnlst
-rw-r--r-- 1 wsines       24581 Feb 27 02:59 /home/svin02b/wsines/.newsr
drwxrwxr-x 11 wsines         512 Feb 27 02:59 /home/svin02b/wsines
```

Appendix: shell command history

Note: the last command executed appears at the end of the list. **p.p** is probably the output from a password guessing program (**a.out**) that was running in the background.

```
tail -2 p.p          tail p.p
tail p.p            telnet 128.113.4.44
ls -la p.p         ls -la p.p
vi passwd          tail p.p
tail p.p           vi passwd
wc /etc/passwd     ls -la p.p
cat /etc/passwd    cat p.p
cd /etc/security   kill 0
ls                 ps -x
cd                 taill p.p
rm dead.letter     tail p.p
rm dead*           ls -la
ls -la             rm a.out
rm -rf .b          cat p.p
ls -la            tail p.p
ls robert          kill %1 %2
ls -la            jobs
tail p.p          tail p.p
vi passwd          ps -x
ls -la p.p        lastcomm | head
```

Appendix: process accounting

Unfortunately, process accounting records are reset nightly at 00:15, so no records exist for processes that terminated before that time.

Note: each record is logged when a process exits. The time at the end of each record indicates when the process was started. The last record written is at the top of the list.

