IT asset discovery and inventory

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Agenda



IT assets Service discovery by scan Service discovery use minions OS discovery



For all types of admins (network, security, system etc) IT asset registration, service & IP discovery are important concepts.

vm2 10.2	62b91d95afd4800e210b8788	system unit	vm2	10.2	vm2-pc	yorlaacaad @unitel.mn	untrust	low	system unit
vm3-1 10 vm3-pc	62b91d95afd4800e210b8789	system unit	vm3-1	10.2	vm3-pc	.r@unitel.mn	untrust	low	system unit
vm4 10.2000 vm1-pc	62b91d95afd4800e210b878a	system unit	vm4	10. <mark>2</mark>	vm1-pc	Jarras M.r@unitel.mn	untrust	low	system unit

Benefit of IT asset management

- Improved performance
- Increased security
- Reduced costs
- Asset visibility

Another aspect of IT asset management is the need for accurate information. Therefore, when services change, IT assets are replaced, it is necessary to update the Asset register.

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For identify and IT registration, we have several approaches that we can follow. And these approaches also require constant improvements and info updates from IT engineers.



Management

The best-practice approach helps organizations manage their information security by addressing people, processes and technology



Strategy and Operation

The strategy roadmap, objectives, and intended outcomes have been framed using NIST* Cybersecurity Framework

Security Control Layers

All the infrastructure layers we work on are best represented in Defense-in-Depth approach



ID.AM - Assets (e.g., data, hardware, software, systems, facilities, services, people) that enable the organization to achieve business purposes are identified and managed consistent with their relative importance to organizational objectives and the organization's risk strategy

ID.AM-01 - Inventories of hardware managed by the organization are maintained

ID.AM-02 - Inventories of software, services, and systems managed by the organization are maintained



But how do you know changes if you have thousands of IT assets? How to keep accurate IT asset registration info?

Depending on how many addresses and assets you need to manage, you may need to automate this. We tried some automation related IT asset registration use **SALT, PYTHON, POSTGRESQL.**

Our main principle is to detect changes and new asset arrivals based on port and service changes.



Judging from the approaches, if our service discovery provides as much information as possible, it is good and it may be correct to analyze and register it in the asset.



We are doing host and service detection on about 2000 servers using NMAP. So, we used minions on each network pool in order to accelerate the job's time.



For example, we have the following minions, and we created a user with the same name on the minions and saved the following file named pool.txt.

ubuntu@ubuntu:~\$ sudo	salt	'*'	test.ping	
minion_10.21.60.163:				
True				
minion_10.133.3.107:				
True				
10.21.60.38_minion:				
True				

pool.txt

10.133.3.0/24 10.133.10/24

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After that, will command the minions at the same time use below code, and for concurrent jobs use below package.

from concurrent.futures import ThreadPoolExecutor

All minions result will write in SALT master to one text named scanoutput.txt.

```
import subprocess
from concurrent.futures import ThreadPoolExecutor
def run command(command):
    process = subprocess.Popen(command, shell=True, stdout=subprocess.PIPE, stderr=subprocess.PIPE)
    stdout, stderr = process.communicate()
    return stdout.decode(), stderr.decode()
commands = [
    "sudo salt '10.21.60.38 minion' cmd.run 'nmap -sV -sS -0 -Pn -iL /home/minion/pool.txt'",
    "sudo salt 'minion 10.133.3.107' cmd.run 'nmap -sV -sS -0 -Pn -iL /home/minion/pool.txt'",
with open("scanoutput.txt", "w") as output_file:
    with ThreadPoolExecutor(max workers=len(commands)) as executor:
        results = executor.map(run command, commands)
        for command, (stdout, stderr) in zip(commands, results):
            output_file.write(f"Command: {command}\n")
            output_file.write("Stdout:\n")
            output file.write(stdout)
            output file.write("\n")
            output file.write("Stderr:\n")
            output file.write(stderr)
            output_file.write("\n")
            output file.write("="*80 + "\n")
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The result looking like that and included ip, service, some service servers etc.

Nmap scan report for 10.133.3.247 Host is up (0.00032s latency). All 1000 scanned ports on 10.133.3.247 are filtered MAC Address: 00:50:56:85:01:11 (VMware) Too many fingerprints match this host to give specific OS details Network Distance: 1 hop

Nmap scan report for 10.133.3.249 Host is up (0.00092s latency). All 1000 scanned ports on 10.133.3.249 are filtered MAC Address: 00:50:56:B5:67:2C (VMware) Too many fingerprints match this host to give specific OS details Network Distance: 1 hop

OS and Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at <u>https://nmap.org/submit/</u> . Nmap done: 256 IP addresses (66 hosts up) scanned in 472.60 seconds

-rw-rw-r-- 1 1000 442926 Jun 14 07:58 scanoutput.txt



After getting the following results, we get the information we need with the code below. We get only port, states and services.

mport re mport psycopg2
<pre>lef parse_scan_report(filename): ip_pattern = re.compile(r"Nmap scan report for (.+)") port_pattern = re.compile(r"(\d+/tcp udp)\s+(\w+)\s+(.+)")</pre>
data = []
<pre>with open(filename, 'r') as file: current_ip = None current_ports = []</pre>
<pre>for line in file: line = line.strip() ip_match = ip_pattern.match(line) port_match = port_pattern.match(line)</pre>
<pre>if ip_match: if current_ip: data.append((current_ip, current_ports))</pre>
<pre>current_ip = ip_match.group(1) current_ports = []</pre>
<pre>elif port_match: port = port_match.group(1) state = port_match.group(2) service = port_match.group(3)</pre>
current_ports.append({'PORT': port, 'STATE': state, 'SERVICE': service})
<pre>if current_ip: data.append((current_ip, current_ports))</pre>
return data



The results are first we written to the main DB using the code below and main db looks like this.

```
for ip, ports in data:
    if ports:
        for port_info in ports:
            port = port_info['PORT']
        state = port_info['STATE']
        service = port_info['SERVICE']
        cursor.execute(
            """
        INSERT INTO services (
        ip, port, state, service)
            VALUES (%s, %s, %s, %s);
        """
```

```
(ip, port, state, service)
```

id		ip	port	state	
1	10.133.3	1	PORT: 3389/tcp	STATE: open	SERVICE ssh OpenSSH 7.6p1 Ubuntu 4ubuntu0.5 (Ub
6992	10.21.60	1	1521/tcp	open	oracle-tns Oracle TNS listener 12.1.0.2.0 (un
104	10.21.60	i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i	22/tcp	closed	ssh
107	10.21.60	l l	2022/tcp	closed	down
108	10.21.60	1	2030/tcp	closed	device2
109	10.21.60	l l	2033/tcp	closed	glogger
110	10.21.60		3389/tcp	open	ms-wbt-server xrdp
111	10.21.60		22/tcp	open	ssh OpenSSH 7.4 (protocol 2.0)
112	10.21.60		111/tcp	open	rpcbind 2-4 (RPC #100000)
113	10.21.60	1	1556/tcp	open	veritas_pbx?
114	10.21.60		5432/tcp	open	postgresql PostgreSQL DB 9.6.0 or later
115	10.21.60		13782/tcp	open	netbackup?
116	10.21.60		22/tcp	closed	ssh
117	10.21.60		80/tcp	open	http nginx 1.20.1
118	10.21.60		2020/tcp	closed	xinupageserver
119	10.21.60		2021/tcp	closed	servexec
120	10.21.60		2033/tcp	closed	glogger
121	10.21.60	1	2034/tcp	open	scoremgr?
122	10.21.60	ļ	3389/tcp	open	ms-wbt-server xrdp
123	10.21.60		22/tcp	closed	ssh
124	10.21.60	ļ	80/tcp	open	http nginx 1.20.1
125	10.21.60		81/tcp	closed	hosts2-ns
126	10.21.60		2020/tcp	closed	xinupageserver
127	10.21.60		2021/tcp	open	servexec?
128	10.21.60	1	2022/tcp	closed	down
129	10.21.60		2030/tcp	closed	device2
130	10.21.60		2033/tcp	closed	glogger
131	10.21.60		2034/tcp	open	scoremgr?
132	10.21.60	8	3389/tcn	open	ms-wbt-server xrdp



From now on, we will only record changes, and only changed data such as service, ip, etc. will be added to the main DB.

We are running a 1 week scheduled scan, and if there are no changes, we will keep the previous base DB. If there is a change, we will know about it and add the change to the main asset.

For this we are using temp DB and temp DB will store the new result and compare it with main DB.

```
insert_into_temp_table(cursor, data):
for ip, ports in data:
    if ports:
        for port_info in ports:
            port = port info['PORT']
            state = port_info['STATE']
            service = port_info['SERVICE']
            cursor.execute(
                INSERT INTO temp_services (ip, port, state, service)
                VALUES (%s, %s, %s, %s);
                (ip, port, state, service)
   else:
       cursor.execute(
            INSERT INTO temp services (ip, port, state, service)
            VALUES (%s, %s, %s, %s);
            .....
            (ip, 'N/A', 'N/A', 'Currently have not service')
```

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If there is a change, we will update it to the main DB, and if there is a new IP, we will insert it.

```
# Insert/update main table if with new data
cursor.execute(
new_rows = cursor.fetchall()
for ip, port, state, service in new_rows:
    cursor.execute(
        SELECT ip, port, state, service
        FROM services
        WHERE ip = %s AND port = %s;
        (ip, port)
    existing_row = cursor.fetchone()
    if existing_row is None or existing_row != (ip, port, state, service):
        if existing row is not None:
            operation = 'U'
        else:
            operation = 'I'
        if existing row is None or existing row[3] != 'Currently have not service': # Check if the old data was not 'Currently have not service'
            cursor.execute(
                VALUES (%s, %s, %s, %s)
                ON CONFLICT (ip, port) DO UPDATE
                SET state = EXCLUDED.state,
                    service = EXCLUDED.service;
                (ip, port, state, service)
```



And we have an audit DB, and only according to the changes, we can write I and U queries to the audit DB and see the changes as an alert.



GOAL



We can see only changes from auditDB, and it means that we can simplify our work by relying only on changes when renewal assets.



Asset registration is a task that should be regularly reviewed.

If your organization has thousands of assets, you can use this automation to follow up based on changes.

Hopefully this will help you avoid having to recheck assets that haven't changed at all.



If you install minion-service at all assets, you can track service from master. But we need to exclude the default linux service, for example, we excluded it as follows.



And should run this command: sudo salt '*' cmd.run 'systemctl list-units --type=service --state=running | grep -v -F -f /home/minion/default_service.txt'



We took the services of the minions with that code and wrote it to the DB. After that also use AuditDB as above and you can track service changes.

<pre>cmd = "sudo salt '*' cmd.run 'systemctl list-unitstype=servicestate=running </pre>	gre	o -v -F -f /home/m	inion/default_service.txt	1.0			
<pre>def parse_salt_output(output): minion_data = {} current_minion = None</pre>							
<pre>for line in output.splitlines(): if re.match(r'^minion_', line) or re.match(r'^\d+\.\d+\.\d+\.\d+', line): current_minion = line.strip(':') minion_data[current_minion] = [] elif "LOAD = Reflects" in line or "ACTIVE = The high-level" in line or "SU continue elif current_minion and line.strip() and not line.startswith('LOAD') and not # Parse the service data parts = line.split(maxsplit=4) if len(parts) == 5: minion_data[current_minion].append(parts) </pre>	B	= The low-level" he.startswith('UNI	in line or "loaded units T'):	listed	'in line	•:	
	id	minion_id	unit	load	active	sub	description
return minion_data	1 2	minion_10.133.3.107	+ UNIT accounts-daemon.service	LOAD	ACTIVE	SUB	- DESCRIPTION Accounts Service
# Execute the Salt command		minion_10.133.3.107	acpid.service	loaded	active	running	ACPI event daemon
result = subprocess.run(cmd, shell=True, stdout=subprocess.PIPE, stderr=subprocess.P	4	minion_10.133.3.107	avahi-daemon.service	loaded	active	running	Avahi mDNS/DNS-SD Stack
	2	minion_10.133.3.107	colord service	loaded	active	running	Cybereason av protection Manage Install and Generate Color Profiles
if result.returncode == 0:	7	minion 10.133.3.107	cups-browsed.service	loaded	active	running	Make remote CUPS printers available locally
output = result.stdout_	8	minion_10.133.3.107	cups.service	loaded	active	running	CUPS Scheduler
minion_data = parse_salt_output(output)		minion_10.133.3.107	cybereason-sensor.service	loaded	active	running	Cybereason sensor end-point protection
	10	minion_10.133.3.107	gdm.service	loaded	active	running	GNOME Display Manager
<pre>for minion_id, services in minion_data.items():</pre>	11	minion_10.133.3.107	Kerneloops.service	Loaded	active	running	Tool to automatically collect and submit kernel crash signatures
for service in services:	13	minion 10.133.3.107	nessusagent service	loaded	active	running	Modem Manager The Nessus Client Agent
cur.execute('''	14	minion 10.133.3.107	NetworkManager.service	loaded	active	running	Network Manager
INSERT INTO service status (minion id. unit. load. active. sub. desc	15	minion_10.133.3.107	rtkit-daemon.service	loaded	active	running	RealtimeKit Scheduling Policy Service
VALUES (%s. %s. %s. %s. %s. %s.):	16	minion_10.133.3.107	salt-minion.service	loaded	active	running	The Salt Minion
	17	minion_10.133.3.107	snapd.service	Loaded	active	running	Snap Daemon
	18	minion_10.133.3.107	SplunkForwarder.service	loaded	active	running	Systemd service file for Splunk, generated by "splunk enable boot-start OpenDSD Secure Shell server
copp commit()	20	minion 10.133.3.107	switcheroo-control.service	loaded	active	running	Switcheroo Control Proxy service
print("Data inserted successfully ")	21	minion_10.133.3.107	sysmon.service	loaded	active	running	Sysmon event logger
also:	22	minion_10.133.3.107	systemd-timesyncd.service	loaded	active	running	Network Time Synchronization
erse.	23	minion_10.133.3.107	user@1000.service	loaded	active	running	User Manager for UID 1000
prunt Error funnting satt command. , result. stderry	24	minion_10.133.3.107	whoopsie.service	loaded	active	running	crash report submission daemon
	25	minion 10 21 60 163	I INTT	LOAD	ACTIVE	SUR	
Close the database connection	27	minion 10.21.60.163	apache2.service	loaded	active	running	The Apache HTTP Server
cur.close()	28	minion_10.21.60.163	containerd.service	loaded	active	running	containerd container runtime
conn.close()	29	minion_10.21.60.163	ModemManager.service	loaded	active	running	Modem Manager
	30	minion_10.21.60.163	multipathd.service	Loaded	active	running	Device-Mapper Multipath Device Controller
	31	minion_10.21.60.163	mysql.service	loaded	active	running	MySQL Community Server
	33	minion 10.21.60 163	open-ym-tools.service	loaded	active	running	Service for virtual machines hosted on VMware
	34	minion 10.21.60.163	packagekit.service	loaded	active	running	PackageKit Daemon
	35	minion_10.21.60.163	postfix@service	loaded	active	running	Postfix Mail Transport Agent (instance -)



You can detect minions OS and model in several ways. Example:

- sudo salt '*' grains.item os osrelease
- sudo salt '*' cmd.run 'cat etc/os-release etc

minion_10.21.60.163:
PRETTY_NAME="Ubuntu 22.04.4 LTS"
NAME="Ubuntu"
VERSION_ID="22.04"
VERSION="22.04.4 LTS (Jammy Jellyfish)"
VERSION_CODENAME=jammy
ID=ubuntu
ID_LIKE=debian
HOME_URL="https://www.ubuntu.com/"
SUPPORT_URL="https://help.ubuntu.com/"
BUG_REPORT_URL="https://bugs.launchpad.net/ubuntu/"
PRIVACY_POLICY_URL="https://www.ubuntu.com/legal/terms-and-policies/privacy-policy"
UBUNTU_CODENAME=jammy
10.21.60.38_minion:
PRETTY_NAME="Ubuntu 22.04.4 LTS"
NAME="Ubuntu"
VERSION_ID="22.04"
VERSION="22.04.4 LTS (Jammy Jellyfish)"
VERSION_CODENAME=jammy
ID=ubuntu
ID_LIKE=debian
HOME_URL="https://www.ubuntu.com/"
SUPPORT_URL="https://help.ubuntu.com/"
BUG_REPORT_URL="https://bugs.launchpad.net/ubuntu/"
PRIVACY_POLICY_URL="https://www.ubuntu.com/legal/terms-and-policies/privacy-policy"
UBUNTU CODENAME=jammy
ubuntuoubuntu:/SNIT\$ sudo salt '*' grains itom os osroloaso



You can also use it in a number of ways, such as adding your OS version to your asset registry or checking for vulnerabilities in that OS version.

In our case we want to check our OS vulnerabilities and for this we used exploitdb's api.

git clone https://github.com/offensive-security/exploitdb.git /opt/exploitdb In -sf /opt/exploitdb/searchsploit /usr/local/bin/searchsploit



We can check available exploits by OS use this code.

import subprocess import re
<pre>salt_command = "sudo salt '*' cmd.run 'cat /etc/os-release'"</pre>
result = subprocess.run(salt_command, shell=True, stdout=subprocess.PIPE, stderr=subprocess.PIPE, text=True)
<pre># Extract stdout from the result output = result.stdout</pre>
<pre>minion_pattern = r'(minion_[\d.]+ \d{1,3}\.\d{1,3}\.\d{1,3}\.\d{1,3}_minion):' version_id_pattern = r'VERSION_ID="([^"]+)"' id_pattern = r'ID=([^\s]+)'</pre>
minion_matches = re.findall(minion_pattern, output) version_id_matches = re.findall(version_id_pattern, output) id_matches = re.findall(id_pattern, output)
<pre>for i, minion in enumerate(minion_matches): version_id = version_id_matches[i] if i < len(version_id_matches) else "Unknown Version" os_id = id_matches[i] if i < len(id_matches) else "Unknown OS"</pre>
<pre>def search_exploits(os_name, os_version): search_term = f"{os_name} {os_version}" result = subprocess.run(['searchsploit', search_term], stdout=subprocess.PIPE, text=True) if result.returncode == 0: print(minion, result.stdout) else: print("Error searching exploits")</pre>
<pre>search_exploits(os_id, version_id)</pre>



Result is looking like below

minion_10.133.3.107 Exploits: No Results
Shellcodes: No Results

minion_10.21.60.163 Exploits: No Results
Shellcodes: No Results

10.21.60.38_minion Exploits: No Results Shellcodes: No Results

If your version is exploitable, it will look like this.

Exploit Title	Path
abrt (Centos 7.1 / Fedora 22) - Local Privilege Escalation	multiple/local/38835.py
CentOS 7.6 - 'ptrace_scope' Privilege Escalation	linux/local/46989.sh
CentOS Control Web Panel 0.9.8.836 - Authentication Bypass	linux/webapps/47123.txt
CentOS Control Web Panel 0.9.8.836 - Privilege Escalation	linux/webapps/47124.txt
entOS Control Web Panel 0.9.8.838 - User Enumeration	linux/webapps/47125.txt
entOS Web Panel 0.9.8.740 - Cross-Site Request Forgery / Cross-Site Scripting	php/webapps/45822.txt
entOS Web Panel 0.9.8.740 - Cross-Site Request Forgery / Cross-Site Scripting	php/webapps/45822.txt
entOS Web Panel 0.9.8.763 - Persistent Cross-Site Scripting	linux/webapps/46349.txt
CentOS Web Panel 0.9.8.789 - NameServer Field Persistent Cross-Site Scripting	linux/webapps/46629.txt
entOS Web Panel 0.9.8.793 (Free) / 0.9.8.753 (Pro) - Cross-Site Scripting	linux/webapps/46669.txt
entOS Web Panel 0.9.8.793 (Free) / v0.9.8.753 (Pro) / 0.9.8.807 (Pro) - Domain Field (Add	linux/webapps/46784.txt
Centos Web Panel 7 v0.9.8.1147 - Unauthenticated Remote Code Execution (RCE)	linux/webapps/51194.txt
Centos WebPanel 7 - 'term' SQL Injection	linux/webapps/48212.txt
inux Kernel (Debian 7.7/8.5/9.0 / Ubuntu 14.04.2/16.04.2/17.04 / Fedora 22/25 / CentOS 7.3	linux_x86-64/local/42275.
inux Kernel (Debian 7/8/9/10 / Fedora 23/24/25 / CentOS 5.3/5.11/6.0/6.8/7.2.1511) - 'ldso	linux_x86/local/42274.c
inux Kernel 2.4/2.6 (RedHat Linux 9 / Fedora Core 4 < 11 / Whitebox 4 / CentOS 4) - 'sock_	linux/local/9479.c
inux Kernel 3.10.0 (CentOS / RHEL 7.1) - 'aiptek' Nullpointer Dereference	linux/dos/39544.txt
inux Kernel 3.10.0 (CentOS / RHEL 7.1) - 'cdc_acm' Nullpointer Dereference	linux/dos/39543.txt
inux Kernel 3.10.0 (CentOS / RHEL 7.1) - 'cypress_m8' Nullpointer Dereference	linux/dos/39542.txt
.inux Kernel 3.10.0 (CentOS / RHEL 7.1) - 'digi_acceleport' Nullpointer Dereference	linux/dos/39537.txt
<pre>.inux Kernel 3.10.0 (CentOS / RHEL 7.1) - 'mct_u232' Nullpointer Dereference</pre>	linux/dos/39541.txt
<pre>Linux Kernel 3.10.0 (CentOS / RHEL 7.1) - 'Wacom' Multiple Nullpointer Dereferences</pre>	linux/dos/39538.txt
inux Kernel 3.10.0 (CentOS / RHEL 7.1) - visor 'treo_attach' Nullpointer Dereference	linux/dos/39539.txt
inux Kernel 3.10.0 (CentOS / RHEL 7.1) - visor clie_5_attach Nullpointer Dereference	linux/dos/39540.txt
inux Kernel 3.10.0 (CentOS 7) - Denial of Service	linux/dos/41350.c
inux Kernel 3.10.0-229.x (CentOS / RHEL 7.1) - 'iowarrior' Driver Crash (PoC)	linux/dos/39556.txt
inux Kernel 3.10.0-229.x (CentOS / RHEL 7.1) - 'snd-usb-audio' Crash (PoC)	linux/dos/39555.txt
Linux Kernel 3.10.0-514.21.2.el7.x86_64 / 3.10.0-514.26.1.el7.x86_64 (CentOS 7) - SUID Posi	linux/local/42887.c
inux Kernel 3.14.5 (CentOS 7 / RHEL) - 'libfutex' Local Privilege Escalation	linux/local/35370.c
inux Kernel 4.14.7 (Ubuntu 16.04 / CentOS 7) - (KASLR & SMEP Bypass) Arbitrary File Read	linux/local/45175.c
Pure-FTPd 1.0.21 (CentOS 6.2 / Ubuntu 8.04) - Null Pointer Dereference Crash (PoC)	linux/dos/20479.pl Activate Windows

Code

https://github.com/Da5hka/inventory