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Exploring the Shadows within Enterprise Networks

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Introduction

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Wires & outliers

- 5 years of continuous network discovery
 - External and internal scans of global networks
 - Passive monitoring of internal & darknets
 - API connections and file imports
- Two focus areas
 - Unexpected network links
 - Outlier analysis at scale
- Security impact



Part 1: Wires



Any system with more than one IP address or interface can undermine your security controls

Wires: Unexpected network links

- Network diagrams rarely match reality
- Unexpected links undermine security
- Finding these reliably is difficult (!)
- A research focus for ~18+ years
 - 2005: 'Rogue Network Links' on full-disclosure
 - 2007: 'Tactical Exploitation' @ BlackHat/DEFCON
 - O 2009: Metasploit: rogue_send/rogue_recv & netbios
 - 0 2018: github.com/hdm/nextnet
 - 2019+ runZero



Unexpected links are common across layers

- Multi-address node crossing security levels
- HTTP load balancer desync and misconfigs
- Layer 4+ proxy exposure of app endpoints
- Layer 3 endpoint & routing exposures
- Layer 2 misconfigs
- Layer 1 PHY bugs

Multi-address nodes crossing security levels

- System with more than one network connection
- Everywhere and rarely audited
 - Conference room equipment with WiFi & ethernet
 - Printers with WiFi/Bluetooth PAN & ethernet
 - Laptops with WiFi or Mobile & ethernet
 - Routers, switches, and VPN gateways
 - IT and network monitoring systems
 - VDI, Citrix, other jump boxes
 - IPv6 and IPv4



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Example: Solarwinds Orion on Windows

- Centrally deployed for network monitoring
- Devices allow SNMP + SSH from Solarwinds
- Solarwinds stores creds in SQL + DPStore

Result

• Full de-segmentation + compromise

Detection

• Two-pass NB scan (137/udp) (metasploit/nextnet)

Two-pass NetBIOS (137/udp) discovery

What is your name?

My name is **Server01**

What are your addresses for Server01?

My addresses are **10.0.0.4** and **192.168.0.5**



Example: Mobile LTE in executive laptop

- Semi-frequently exposed RDP to the internet
- Exposure depended on the provider
- IT didn't realize it was enabled

Result

• Caught before compromise due to weak local user

Detection

• DCERPC EPM internal scan + FP (nmap/runZero)

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Example: IPv6-only exposures (link-local)

- Still a common problem with appliances/devices
- VoIP server exposed redis and mongoDB on IPv6

Result

• Dumped all data from both databases (no auth)

Detection

• FF02::1 UDP ping + TCP SYN scan (nmap/runZero)



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Example: IPv6-only exposures (global)

- ISP anycast 6to4 gateways lead to surprises
- IPv6 GW as 192.88.99.1 can auto-allocate 6to4
- Hosts reachable via the 2002::/16 IPv6 subnet

Result

• External notification of exposed SMB/RDP

Detection

• DCERPC Oxid2Resolver scan (impacket/runZero)

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Tragically undervalued by security teams

- A strangely underappreciated attack vector
- A graveyard of commercialization attempts
- Less exciting than RCE vulnerabilities
- Still a recurring weak point
- Difficult to assess
- Worse in 2023



Detecting multi-address nodes at scale

- Actively scan the network for secondary links
 - Extract encoded fields that expose addresses
 - Send tagged packets, receive from other address
 - Query SNMP devices to leak neighbor info
 - Use IPv6 to identify IPv4 and vice-versa
- Scan/Sniff everything and compare unique attrs
 - Match unique assets across networks



IP forwarding is not just for routers

- System receives a packet meant for another IP
 - Some systems forward by default
 - Bypasses layer-2 controls
- Common examples
 - Linux laptops/servers running containers
 - Many printers across all vendors
- Identify these by sending low TTL packets



IP reflection is still effective after 18 years

- Send a ping that triggers a response
 - Send this from a public IP address
 - Send this to every internal IP address
- Multi-homed machines reply via default route
 - Tricky since not all replies go through NAT
 - Requires an internet-facing monitor



Making sense of the data

- What nodes are in the sensitive networks?
- Do any nodes bridge security levels?
- What controls segmentation?
- Strange, but mostly harmless
 - Use of the N.N.N.N IPs for router p2p links
 - IPs in the non-RFC 1918 ranges (CGNAT, Test)
 - Static IPs shared across many laptops (VoIP)



Found a new network? Keep hunting!

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Part 2: Outliers



Any system that looks weird is a potential security risk and is worth investigating



Outliers: Security use cases are tricky

- Anomaly detection is rediscovered constantly
- Tough to depend on for many reasons
 - Behavior baselines continuously change
 - Attackers can push/pull the baseline
 - Sometimes the weird is normal
 - Noisy when things go wrong
 - Learning can take too long
- New ML can help, but same core issue



Two ways of identifying bad things fast

- Things that should NOT be shared, but are
 - TLS fingerprints on unrelated services
 - SSH host key fingerprints
 - TCP sequence numbers
- Things that should be shared, but are NOT
 - Operating system name & version
 - Installed software name & version
 - Service ports for SSH & RDP
 - TCP window size



Find the unexpectedly common things

- GROUP BY and COUNT(*) a dynamic field
- Any count over 1 is typically a problem
- Anything encryption related is dodgy
- Uncovers unique host identifiers
 - Serial numbers in exposed fields
 - Hostnames can be mostly-unique
 - Identify multi-address nodes!



Example: SSH host keys

- SSH host keys should be unique per asset
- Duplication leads to weaker security
- Pop any node, now MITM any other

Result

• Locate VMs that share SSH encryption keys

Detection

• SSH scans (ssh-keyscan/nmap/runzero)



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Grunzero

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		213.184.246.101	тср	22	ssh		SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_7.2p2 Ubuntu-4ubuntu2.8	XN-FATFOT-TTF.BY	👌 Ubuntu Linux 16.04	🛒 Server
		217.21.37.67	тср	22	ssh	R	SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_7.2p2 Ubuntu-4ubuntu2.8	XN-FATFOT-TTF.BY	👌 Ubuntu Linux 16.04	🛒 Server
		217.21.37.68	тср	22	ssh		SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_7.2p2 Ubuntu-4ubuntu2.8	XN-FATFOT-TTF.BY	👌 Ubuntu Linux 16.04	🛒 Server
		217.21.37.69	тср	22	ssh		SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_7.2p2 Ubuntu-4ubuntu2.8	XN-FATFOT-TTF.BY	👌 Ubuntu Linux 16.04	🛒 Server
		217.21.37.70	тср	22	ssh		SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_7.2p2 Ubuntu-4ubuntu2.8	XN-FATFOT-TTF.BY	Å Ubuntu Linux 16.04	🛒 Server
		217.21.37.71	тср	22	ssh		SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_7.2p2 Ubuntu-4ubuntu2.8	XN-FATFOT-TTF.BY	👌 Ubuntu Linux 16.04	🚍 Server
		217.21.37.72	тср	22	ssh		SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_7.2p2 Ubuntu-4ubuntu2.8	XN-FATFOT-TTF.BY	👌 Ubuntu Linux 16.04	🛒 Server
		217.21.37.73	тср	22	ssh		SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_7.2p2 Ubuntu-4ubuntu2.8	XN-FATFOT-TTF.BY	👌 Ubuntu Linux 16.04	🛒 Server
		217.21.37.74	тср	22	ssh	R	SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_7.2p2 Ubuntu-4ubuntu2.8	XN-FATFOT-TTF.BY	👌 Ubuntu Linux 16.04	🛒 Server
		217.21.37.75	тср	22	ssh		SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_7.2p2 Ubuntu-4ubuntu2.8	XN-FATFOT-TTF.BY	Å Ubuntu Linux 16.04	🛒 Server
		217.21.37.76	тср	22	ssh	R	SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_7.2p2 Ubuntu-4ubuntu2.8	XN-FATFOT-TTF.BY	👌 Ubuntu Linux 16.04	🛒 Server
		217.21.37.77	тср	22	ssh		SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_7.2p2 Ubuntu-4ubuntu2.8	XN-FATFOT-TTF.BY	👌 Ubuntu Linux 16.04	🛒 Server
		217.21.37.79	тср	22	ssh		SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_7.2p2 Ubuntu-4ubuntu2.8	XN-FATFOT-TTF.BY	👌 Ubuntu Linux 16.04	🛒 Server
		217.21.37.81	тср	22	ssh		SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_7.2p2 Ubuntu-4ubuntu2.8	XN-FATFOT-TTF.BY	👌 Ubuntu Linux 16.04	🛒 Server
		217.21.37.82	тср	22	ssh		SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_7.2p2 Ubuntu-4ubuntu2.8	XN-FATFOT-TTF.BY	Å Ubuntu Linux 16.04	🛒 Server
		217.21.37.83	ТСР	22	ssh		SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_7.2p2 Ubuntu-4ubuntu2.8	XN-FATFOT-TTF.BY	👌 Ubuntu Linux 16.04	🛒 Server
		217.21.37.84	тср	22	ssh	R	SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_7.2p2 Ubuntu-4ubuntu2.8	XN-FATFOT-TTF.BY	👌 Ubuntu Linux 16.04	🚍 Server
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		134.17.16.213	тср	22	ssh	R	SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_7.4	213-16-17-134-CLOUD.MTS.BY	👌 Centos Linux 7	Server
		134.17.94.105	тср	22	ssh	R	SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_7.4	ATEVI.BY+1	👌 Centos Linux	Server
		134.17.16.48	тср	22	ssh	R	SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_8.0	48-16-17-134-CLOUD.MTS.BY	👌 Centos Linux	Server
		134.17.94.137	тср	22	ssh	R	SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_7.4	137-94-17-134-CLOUD.MTS.BY		
	2	134.17.94.190	тср	22	ssh	R	SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_7.4	IVCPORTAL.BY	Å Centos Linux 7	🕎 Server
	2	134.17.16.113	тср	22	ssh	R	SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_7.4	IMDISTRI.BY+1	👌 Centos Linux	Server
		134.17.16.237	тср	22	ssh	R	SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_7.4	BITRIX+1	👌 Centos Linux 7	👮 Server
		134.17.94.82	тср	22	ssh	R	SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_7.4	VLADYUD.COM+2	👌 Centos Linux 7	🚍 Server
	2	134.17.94.39	тср	22	ssh	R	SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_7.4	INVENTO-LABS.COM+1	Å Fedora Project Linux Fedora Core	Server
		134.17.16.62	тср	22	ssh	R	SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_7.4	62-16-17-134-CLOUD.MTS.BY	👌 Centos Linux	Server
		134.17.16.71	ТСР	22	ssh	R	SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_7.4	71-16-17-134-CLOUD.MTS.BY	👌 Centos Linux	Server
		134.17.16.214	тср	22	ssh	R	SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_7.4	214-16-17-134-CLOUD.MTS.BY	👌 Centos Linux 7	Server
	2	134.17.17.240	тср	22	ssh	R	SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_7.4		👌 Centos Linux 7	👮 Server
	2	134.17.17.241	тср	22	ssh	R	SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_7.4		👌 Centos Linux 7	Server
		134.17.94.33	тср	22	ssh	R	SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_7.4	33-94-17-134-CLOUD.MTS.BY	👌 Centos Linux 7	🚍 Server
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Example: TLS certificate hashes

- TLS certificates shouldn't cross security levels
- Similar impact as shared SSH hostkeys

Result

• Flag cloned Windows and insecure cert sharing

Detection

• TLS scans (sslyze/nmap/runzero)



Find the unexpectedly uncommon things

- Dashboards like to show most common + other
- The interesting stuff is always in other
- Flip your reporting to least common
- Dynamic fields need more...



Calculate outlier as distance from common

- Re-analyze the <u>entire population</u> on every change
- Baseline is conditional on SUM(TopX) > Y%
- Least frequent values mapped to ranks
- Ranks can drive an outlier score
- Simple stat calcs, not AI/ML
- Ignores noisy data



Example: Server-side TCP MSS values

- Only a handful of common values (Win/Lin/Mac)
- Anything else is typically an embedded OS
- Ex: **NOT** 28960, 14480, 65160, 65535

Result

• Immediate detection of all "weird" devices

Detection

• TCP SYN on any open port (nmap/runzero)



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Example: SSH service attributes

- Banners typically tied to OS & version
- Oddball key exchanges and auths
- The least common are usually bad

Result

• Quickly triage embedded and unmanaged devices

Detection

• TCP connect on SSH ports (nmap/runzero)



Service Attribute ssh.hostKeyAlgorithms (ssh)

Value	Count
x509v3-sign-rsa	1
ssh-dss ssh-ed25519 ssh-rsa	1
ecdsa-sha2-nistp521 rsa-sha2-256 ssh-dss ssh-ed25519 ssh-rsa	1
ecdsa-sha2-nistp256 ssh-ed25519	1
ecdsa-sha2-nistp256 rsa-sha2-256 rsa-sha2-512	1
rsa-sha2-256 rsa-sha2-512 ssh-dss ssh-rsa	2
ecdsa-sha2-nistp384 rsa-sha2-256 rsa-sha2-512 ssh-rsa	2
ecdsa-sha2-nistp256 rsa-sha2-256 ssh-ed25519 ssh-rsa	2
ecdsa-sha2-nistp256 rsa-sha2-256 ssh-dss ssh-rsa	4
ssh-dss	5
ecdsa-sha2-nistp521	5
ssh-ed25519	6
rsa-sha2-256 rsa-sha2-512 ssh-ed25519	6
ecdsa-sha2-nistp256 rsa-sha2-256 ssh-dss ssh-ed25519 ssh-rsa	6

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Example: Windows domain values

- Obtain through NTLMSSP, SMB, NetBIOS
- The majority are in a known domain
- Everything else is possibly unmanaged

Result

• Find abandoned Windows systems

Detection

• TCP/UDP probes x many protocols (nmap/runzero)



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⊚ ntlmssp.netbiosDomain	🗎 ミ atm-service
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⊚ ntlmssp.timestamp	📋 ミ 0x01d8813faf1a537d
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⊚ protocol	🗎 ミ rdp · tls
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Example: Hardware models

- Pull data from scans, captures, or EDR/MDM APIs
- Review the least common models
- Flag everything else for review

Result

• Find IoT gadgets & end-of-life platforms

Detection

• Fingerprints + integrations (nmap/curl/runzero)



Asset Field HW

Value	Count
iRobot Roomba	1
Zyxel USG310	1
Zyxel USG1100	1
Zyxel USG110	1
Zyxel GS1920	1
Zyxel Firewall	1
ZTE ZXHN H208N	1
Yealink VoIP	1
Yealink SIP-T46U	1
Yealink SIP-T19P_E2	1
Yamaha RX-V781	1
VirtualBox VM	1
Uniview NVR302-16S	1

Is an outlier usually insecure?

- Let's find out by correlating with vulnerability data
- Sample size of 500k hosts with outliers + vulns
- Ranked vulnerabilities from 0-4 (4 = critical)
- Ranked outliers from 0-5 (5 = super weird)



Outlier vs average risk correlation

• Yes, an almost perfect (AVG) correlation!

Outlier Rank (0-5, 5 = weirdest)	Average Risk (0-4, 4 = critical)
0	0.49
1	1.09
2	1.29
3	1.93
4	3.13
5	3.67

Why does this work in general?

- The attributes chosen for outliers are important
 - OS, OS Version, Hardware, Firmware Version
 - Rarity tracks strongly with exposure
 - Systems that have been forgotten
 - Vendor-managed devices



Unusual attributes can be predictive

• TCP MSS, port combinations, IP ToS fields

Asset Field SERVICE_PORTS_TCP

Asset Field SERVICE PORTS UDP

Value	Value
{998,9001,9999}	{88,1434}
{990,2525}	{88,1434,3391}
{9152}	{65,88,111,664,665,666,667,1088,1900}
{9111}	{623,3391}
{eeee}	{623,1900}
{9001,9002,37777}	{57880}
{9000,9092}	(54120)
{8899,37777}	{54160}
{88,8080}	{53,88,3391}
{88,5985}	{53,88,123,1194}
{88,554,8080,37777}	{53,623}
{88,554,6000}	{53,5351}
	{53,5349}

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Do we still need vulnerability scanners?

- Yes! The risk-to-outlier correlation is weaker
- This correlation is still based on averages
- Easy to miss things using outliers alone



Outliers are a high-signal starting point

- You already have this data from existing tools
- Export to CSV, load into Excel/Google Sheets
- Pivot table or otherwise group + count
- Start hunting the weird stuff!



Q & A

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