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Pen Testing with an Army of One

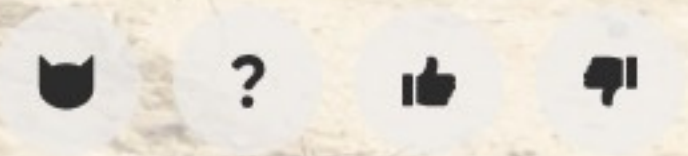
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Pentesting with an army of 1



A person in full tactical gear, including a camouflage hood, balaclava, and a large backpack, is crouching on a dirt path in a wooded area. They are holding a knife in their right hand and have a watch on their left wrist. The background shows a line of trees and a clear sky.

Does anyone here feel like an army of one?



Session Goals, You will know:

- Difference between pen testing and vulnerability scanning
- Why you should do pen tests
- Know how to act on the results
- Evaluate pen test providers

Who makes up your infosec team?

- Fully outsourced
- Just me, I wear all the hats
- Shared responsibility, no role
- Dedicated role(s)
- You need an infosec team?



Definitions

Vulnerability Scanning
vs
Penetration Testing

Vulnerability Scan

A vulnerability scan is an automated process that systematically identifies weaknesses in a system, network, or application.

It relies on specialized tools to scan for known vulnerabilities without actively attempting to exploit them.

The primary goal is to provide a comprehensive inventory of potential security issues. - CoPilot AI

PenTest

In a penetration test, experts simulate real-world attacks to

identify vulnerabilities and actively attempt to exploit them. Pen tests go beyond mere identification; they assess the impact and risk associated with each vulnerability.

By mimicking the tactics of malicious actors, pen testers provide a more accurate picture of an organization's security posture. -CoPilot AI

Does your company conduct Pen Tests?

0
No testing at all

0
No. just vulnerability scans

0
Yes, every few years

0
Yes, annually

0
Multiple times a year

A large, glowing neon 'P' outline is centered in the upper half of the image. The neon is a mix of white, yellow, and orange, with a bright light at the top of the vertical stroke. The background is a dark, dimly lit tunnel with walls covered in colorful graffiti. A spotlight illuminates the floor in the center of the tunnel.

Why Pen Tests?

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CRITICAL	Bash Incomplete Fix Remote Code Execution Vulner...	Gain a shell remotely	3	
CRITICAL	Bash Remote Code Execution (CVE-2014-6277 / CV...	Gain a shell remotely	3	
CRITICAL	Bash Remote Code Execution (Shellshock)	Gain a shell remotely	3	
CRITICAL	CentOS 4 / 5 / 6 : firefox (CESA-2012:0079)	CentOS Local Security Checks	1	
CRITICAL	CentOS 4 / 5 : firefox / xulrunner (CESA-2011:1164)	CentOS Local Security Checks	1	
CRITICAL	CentOS 4 / 5 : krb5 (CESA-2011:1851)	CentOS Local Security Checks	1	
CRITICAL	CentOS 5 / 6 / 7 : bash (CESA-2014:1293)	CentOS Local Security Checks	1	
CRITICAL	CentOS 5 / 6 / 7 : bash (CESA-2014:1306)	CentOS Local Security Checks	1	
CRITICAL	CentOS 5 / 6 : java-1.6.0-openjdk (CESA-2013:0770)	CentOS Local Security Checks	1	
CRITICAL	CentOS 5 / 6 : java-1.6.0-openjdk (CESA-2013:1014)	CentOS Local Security Checks	1	
CRITICAL	CentOS 5 / 6 : samba (CESA-2012:0465)	CentOS Local Security Checks	1	
CRITICAL	CentOS 5 : java-1.6.0-openjdk (CESA-2012:0730)	CentOS Local Security Checks	1	

Scan Details

Name: Lab Scan

Status: Completed

Scanner: Local Scanner

Start: Today at 5:31 PM

End: Today at 6:01 PM

Elapsed: 30 minutes

Vulnerabilities

Critical

High

Medium

Low

Info

Is this really bad or not?

SMB Signing not required

Language: English ▾

MEDIUM

Nessus Plugin ID 57608

Information

Dependencies

Dependents

Changelog

Synopsis

Signing is not required on the remote SMB server.

Description

Signing is not required on the remote SMB server. An unauthenticated, remote attacker can exploit this to conduct man-in-the-middle attacks against the SMB server.

Solution

Enforce message signing in the host's configuration. On Windows, this is found in the policy setting 'Microsoft network server: Digitally sign communications (always)'. On Samba, the setting is called 'server signing'. See the 'see also' links for further details.

See Also

<http://www.nessus.org/u?df39b8b3>

<http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/cc731957.aspx>

<http://www.nessus.org/u?74b80723>

<https://www.samba.org/samba/docs/current/man-html/smb.conf.5.html>

<http://www.nessus.org/u?a3cac4ea>

Plugin Details

Severity: Medium

ID: 57608

File Name: smb_signing_disabled.nasl

Version: 1.20

Type: remote

Family: Misc.

Published: 1/19/2012

Updated: 10/5/2022

Supported Sensors: Nessus

Risk Information

CVSS Score Rationale: Based on analysis of vulnerability

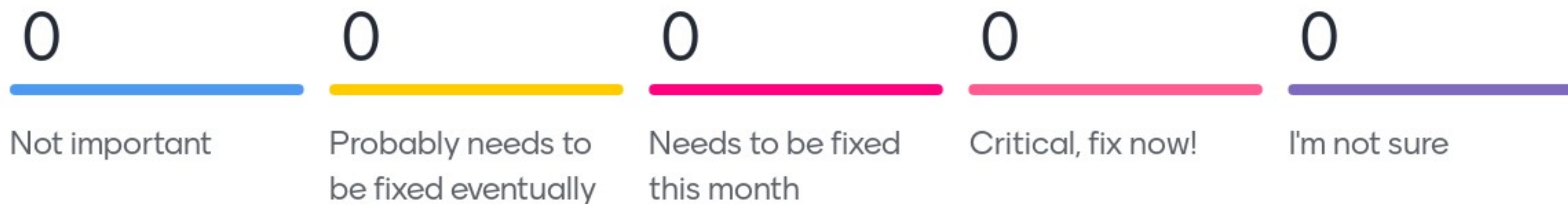
CVSS v2

Risk Factor: Medium

What about this one?



How critical is it to fix this vulnerability?



Language: English ▾

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Link-Local Multicast Name Resolution (LLMNR) Service Detection

Language:

English ▾

INFO

Nessus Plugin ID 160301

Information

Dependencies

Dependents

Changelog

Synopsis

Verify status of the LLMNR service on the remote host.

Description

The Link-Local Multicast Name Resolution (LLMNR) service allows both IPv4 and IPv6 hosts to perform name resolution for hosts on the same local link

Solution

Make sure that use of this software conforms to your organization's acceptable use and security policies.

See Also

<http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/bb878128.aspx>

Plugin Details

Severity: Info

ID: 160301

File Name: llmnr-win-detect.nasl

Version: 1.4

Type: local

Agent: windows

Family: [Service detection](#)

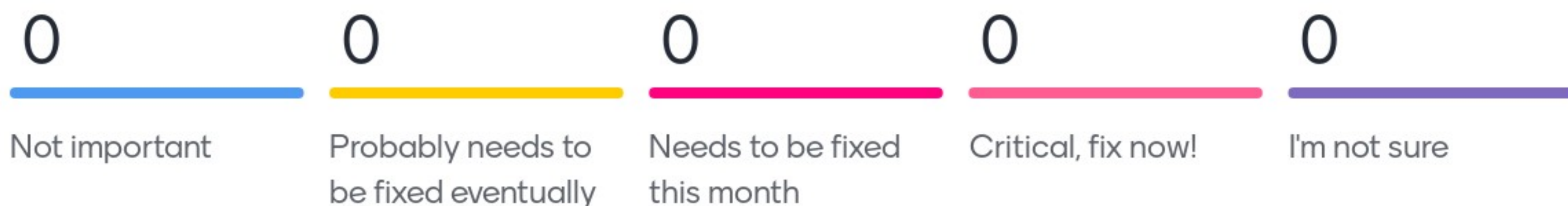
Published: 4/28/2022

Updated: 12/29/2022

Supported Sensors: Nessus Agent, Nessus

What about this one?

How critical is it to address this, if at all?



Plugin Details

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Summary

On Monday, Feb 20 2023, Anthony Castano of SpawGlass conducted an autonomous internal pentest using NodeZero. The pentest was launched from 192.168.1.1 at 7:30PM UTC and lasted 2 hours and 24 minutes before it completed at 9:53PM UTC.

NodeZero identified critical impacts during the pentest:

- 1. Host Compromise: Executed man-in-the-middle attacks that led to remote code execution and host compromise on 192.168.1.1 (spawglass.com). Host compromise can allow attackers to gain access to sensitive information, maintain persistence within your network, and obtain lateral movement within your networks.
- 2. Domain User Compromise: Compromised the domain user account for C.Rushing. Once a domain user is compromised, anything that user account has access to should be considered compromised.
- 3. Ransomware Exposure: Compromised credentials with write access to data stores on 192.168.1.1 (spawglass.com) and 192.168.1.2 (spawglass.com). These assets are vulnerable to a ransomware attack. Ransomware is used by attackers to encrypt business-critical data with a secret key, then demand a ransom payment from your company before releasing the key. Ransomware attacks can cause severe disruption to your business operations, even after the ransom is paid, as data stores must be decrypted and all affected services restored.

Fixing the following weaknesses will reduce the organization's cyber risk.

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Overall Exposure Level



NodeZero found 26 attack paths including Host Compromise, Domain User Compromise, Ransomware Exposure and Sensitive Data Exposure.

 26
Impacts

 38
Weaknesses

 14
Credentials

 1
Compromised Host

Top Weaknesses and Impacts



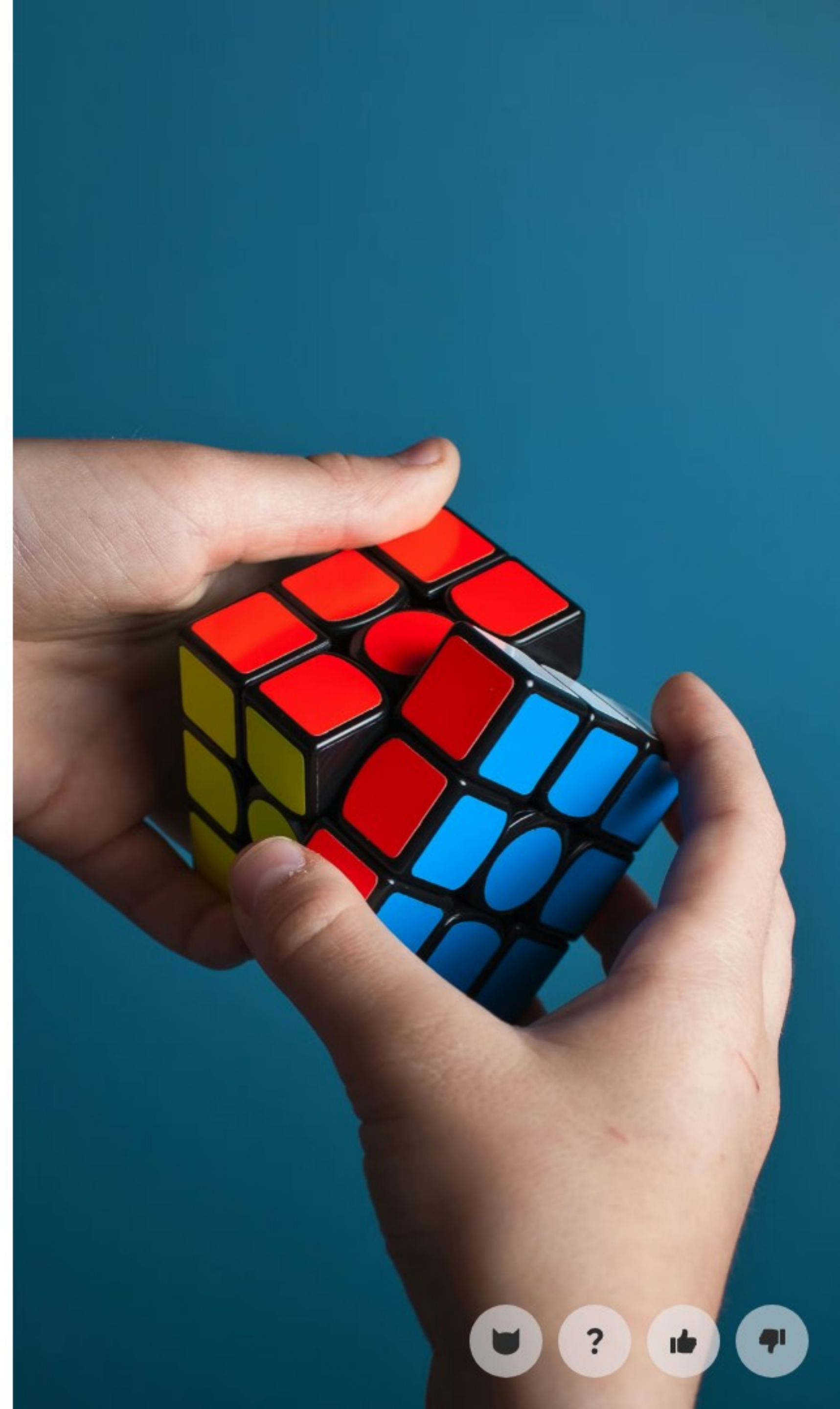
Select an impact or weakness to read about the relationship between Impacts and Weaknesses.

This chart displays the amount of weakness to amount of impact type relationship that exists within your Impact Categories.

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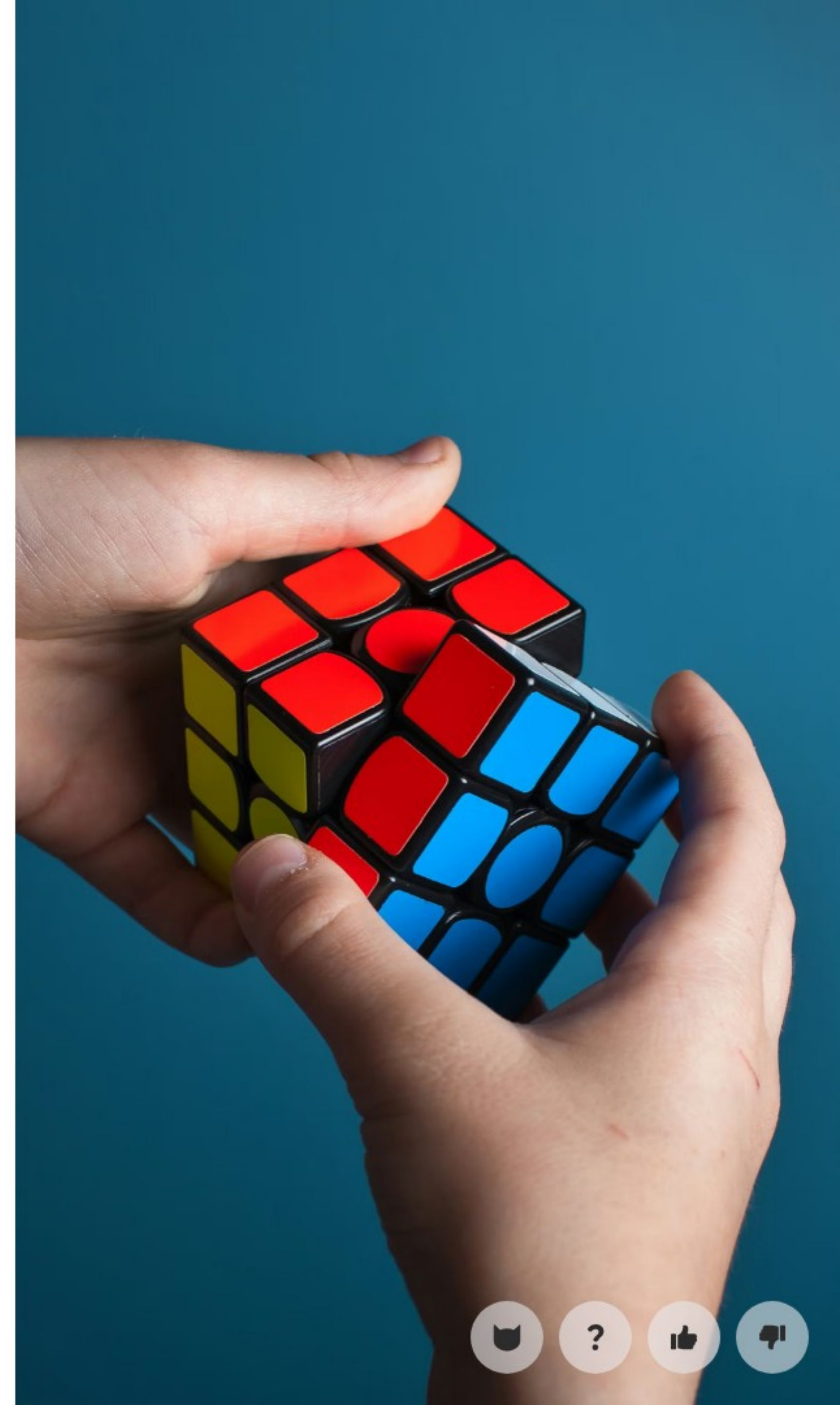


How *easy* is it to fix
LLMNR?



Nessus Information Link LLMNR

[https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/previous-versions//bb878128\(v=technet.10\)?redirectedfrom=MSDN](https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/previous-versions//bb878128(v=technet.10)?redirectedfrom=MSDN)



How do I fix SMB signing or turning off LLMNR?





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SpawGlass' Journey



- Vulnerability Patching Only
- Light Pen Testing
- Full Server Network Pen Testing
- Maintenance and Deviation Detection



Selection of a partner

- Automated Testing
- Actionable Information
- Affordable Pricing

using a custom cron expression. [Learn More](#)

Schedule Name *

Pentest Template *

Select...

Run Every

Week



at

12:00 AM



Repeat On

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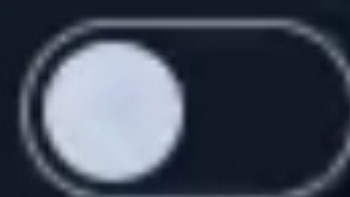
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Advanced Options: CRON Expression



At 12:00 AM, every day.

Next: Jul 29, 2024, 12:00 AM UTC (Local: Jul 28, 2024, 7:00 PM CDT)



ing to critical impacts, including a **Host Compromise** ([.com](#)).

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BASE
SCORE

5
ATTACK
PATHS

ate **19%** of critical impact paths.

e of two components of Microsoft Windows machines that serve as
can spoof a reply as an authoritative source to a victim request and
network. Credential information can be captured in hashed or plaintext

discover the plaintext password for reuse on other systems or the
ns as well. Likewise, a captured plaintext credential can be

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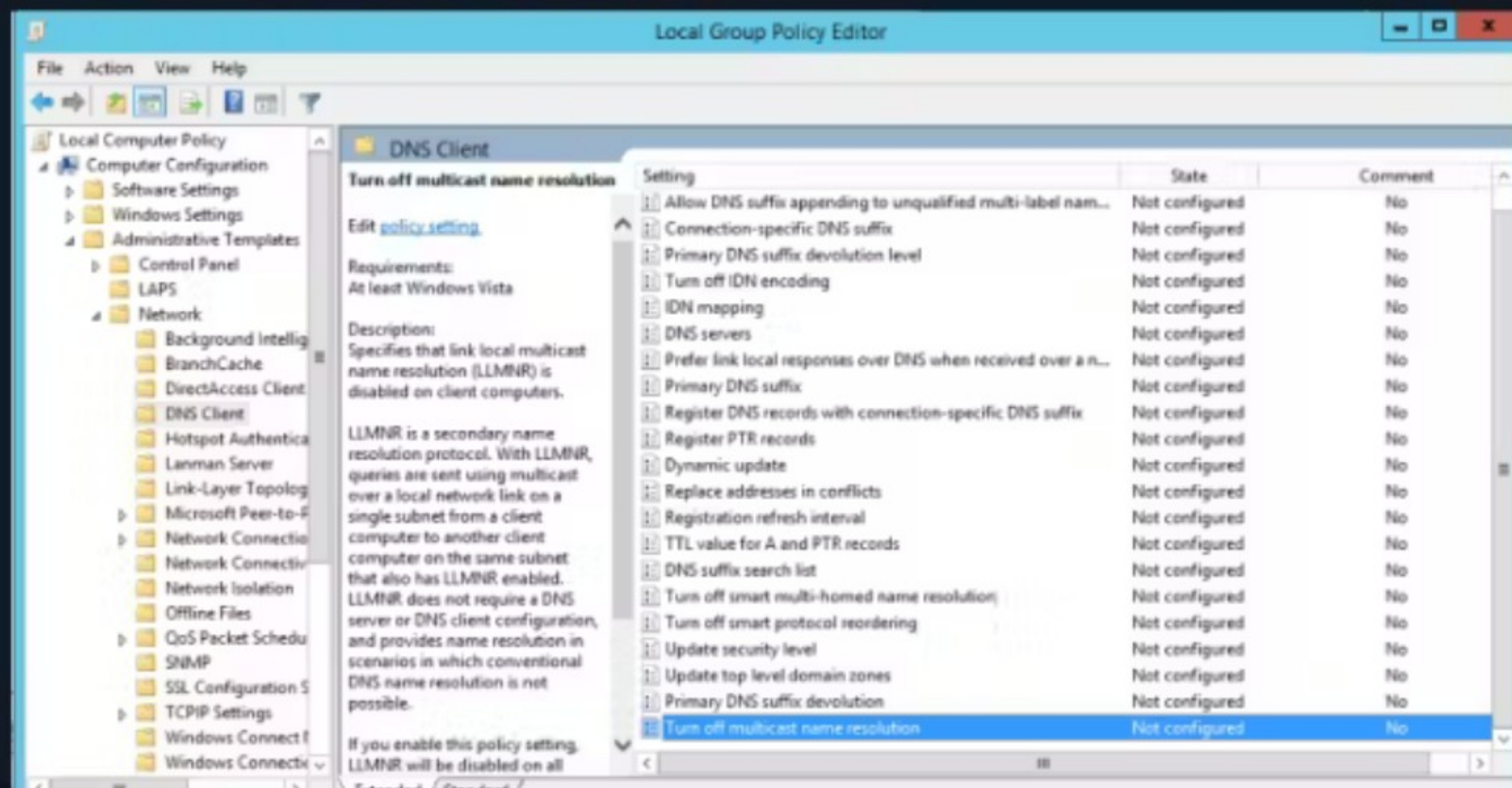
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Option 1: Disable via Group Policy.

1. Open the "Local Group Policy Editor" on the Domain Controller.
2. Navigate to Computer Configuration > Administrative Templates > Network > DNS Client and then selecting "Turn Off Multicast Name Resolution"





Watch out for...

- Branded Nessus scans
- Vague details of tools used
- No after scan support

Continue your learning, recommended podcasts:

- Heavy Strategy
- Security Now
- Packet Protector
- Visit with Horizon3.ai

Questions?