

Assessment of the incident response processes in a Distributed Infrastructure

EGI CSIRT

SSC-19.03









Developing Operational Security in Distributed Infrastructures





EGI: Advanced Computing for Research



EGI-CSIRT / Infrastructure Map







EGI CSIRT / Infrastructure Numbers



- current NGIs, Sites, ...https://goc.egi.eu/portal/
- Production Sites 450 (certified 343)
- NGIs 39 (some consist of multiple countries)





EGI CSIRT / Policy Framework



Policy Framework



Policy framework in EGI provides CSIRT with:

- Have the infrastructure responsive to vulnerabilities
- Have the infrastructure ready to contribute in Incident Response (IR), logs etc
- Have the infrastructure to actively contribute in IR, information sharing
- Have a possibility to enforce actions (escalations)





EGI CSIRT / Operational Setup



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Interfacing to other CSIRTs



TI, External Audit / Interfacing to other CSIRTs





- Numbers are constantly changing
- candidate (12)
- listed (119) (2009)
- accredited (97) (2012)
- certified (8) (2014)

Ready for an interactive self assessment? check: https://check.ncsc.nl/questionnaire/



EGI CSIRT Mission



The EGI Computer Security and Incident Response Team (EGI-CSIRT) provides operational security for the EGI Infrastructure. This includes responding to computer security incidents affecting the infrastructure, which is carried out by co-ordinating the incident handling activities in the NGIs/EIROs, RCs, VOs, and where applicable interacting with partner Infrastructures CSIRTs and CSIRT communities with which EGI-CSIRT has a trust relationship.

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Incident Prevention





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- Handover, follow up in RT-IR
- Security Dashboard: Results from Monitoring, SVG
- Communication end points in Goc-DB, ... are tested







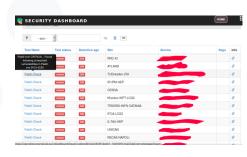
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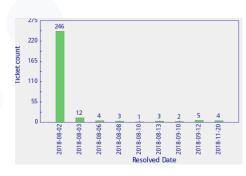
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Communication Challenge 2018



- First EGI-wide challenge (past challenges: NGI)
- Workflow similar to Trusted-Introducer challenges
- Verification of GOC-DB security contacts:
 - Using RT-IR: signed email, ticket accessible
 - Asking to click on a single link
- EGI Operation helping to recover broken contacts



Communication Challenge 2018 Results



- 23/272 clicks within 1 minute (8%)
- 101/272 clicks within 10 minutes (37%)
- 179/272 clicks within 1 hour (66%)
- 214/272 clicks within 4 hours (79%)
- 234/272 clicks within 1 day (86%)
- 252/272 clicks within 4 days (93%)
- 261/272 clicks within 7+ days (96%)
- 2 clicks at 39 days...
- 9 without direct clicks

Working-hour wise, these numbers are even better!





Incident Response



Incident Response in EGI



Incidents: Incomplete list ...

	EGI-20150925-01	stole ssh user pw / root compromise / bitcoin mi
Ì	EGI-20150519-01	Vulnerable VA in appdb, Root compromise clou
	EGI-20140113-01	BitCoin Mining using grid technology
Ì	EGI-20110418-01	stolen ssh credentials
Ì	EGI-20110301-01	bruteforce ssh quite a few of this type
	EGI-20110121	web server misconfig
Ì	EGI-20100929-01	stolen ssh credentials
Ì	EGI-20100722	bruteforce ssh
Ì	EGI-20100707-01	stolen ssh credentials/remote vulns in CMSes
Ì	EGEE-20091204	stolen ssh credentials/X keyboard sniffing
Ì	GRID-SEC-001	stolen ssh credentials



Incident Response in EGI



Actions, Incident Response Procedure

- Incident is detected/reported, gets recorded in ticket sysem
- affected ResourceCenter(s) get contacted, asked for confirmation
- Warning / heads up gets issued infrastructure wide when needed
- Local team is responsible for incident resolution (close out report)
- EGI forensics experts support local team on request



Incident Response in EGI



Incidents: How they spread out ...

- following IPs, tough ... NRENS are good at that
- looking at layers 6/7 . . . Grid Security teams can provide incident forecasts





Security Service Challenges



Security Drills / Motivation



The objective:

The goal of the Security Service Challenges, is to investigate whether sufficient information is available to be able conduct an audit trace as part of an incident response, and to ensure that appropriate communications channels are available.

The challenges address communication, containment (access control) and forensics.



The Challenge, Preparations



- First discussions with LHCB VO at isgc-2018
- F2F meetings with LHCB/EGI CSIRT
- Align possible IR actions among the security teams. The security teams should act in a predictable way.
- Which information is needed by who, and how can the information be retrieved.
- Announcements at GDB/OMB



The Challenge, SetUp and Roles

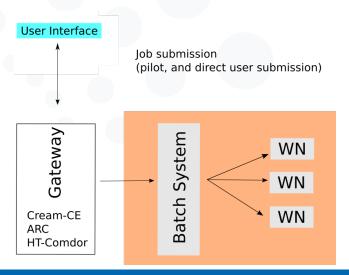


- Incident Coordinator (+ forensics expertise): EGI CSIRT
- Incident handling to be done as "business as usual".
 Security Officer on Duty, Security Contacts at sites and VO.
- Observers (from VO, and EGI CSIRT), know all details of the exercise, only step in when needed.
- Attacker, send malicious jobs, "control" the bots, "add noise" to the exercise when needed.
- "Victims": 1 User
- Incident Responders: CSIRTs at VO and Sites



Security Drills Challenge Generic Job submission

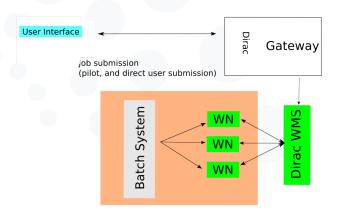






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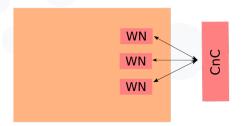






Security Drills TakeOver







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bots have been killed. Green bots are alive RUNNING ON CALC3.T1.GRID.KIAE.RU:8443/CREAM-PBS-LHCB_SINCE_2019-03-12



Security Drills TakeOver



The take over is not really trivial :-) how we did it will be in the next presentation.





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Challenge

Respond to the above created situation





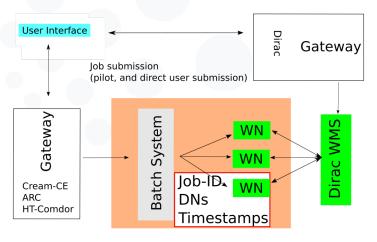


- Observe/Orient
 - Confirm it is an incident.
 - Find out what is the extent of the incident
 - Which DNs are involved, which DNs have to be suspended.
- Decide/Act Stop the incident from further spreading
 - Suspend the DN, prevent more malicious jobs started.
 - Stop malicious jobs
 - Understand the latencies of the various countermeasures.
- Understand the incident, forensics needed.



Security Drills Info gathering

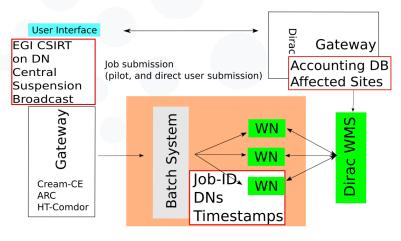






Security Drills IR actions







The Challenge, Timeline I



- 11. March: Submitting jobs to Dirac, and direct submission
- 12. March: Announcement
- 13. March: Report from 1 site, "we saw uncommon activity"
- 14. March: VO informed
- 14. March: One more similar reports received.
- 15. March: adding noise to the incident (miner + dos)
- 15. March: Site is reporting: Problematic UI is LBvobox, user: "Pilot submitter".
- 15. March: 15:15 Broadcast: we have an incident.



The Challenge, Timeline II



- 15.03 15:20 Sites suspend Pilot submitter (this appears to be the miscreant)
- 15.03 16:10 SurfCERT informs Nikhef that they are under attack
- 15.03 16:20 Sites see the implications of suspending the pilot submitter. ("Suspending the VO")
- 15.03 16:30 Sites report the dos script
- 15.03 23:10 last contribution for that day
- 16.03 08:25 additional feedback from one site.



The Challenge, Timeline II



- 18.03 Weekly Meeting: agreed to not interfere with SSC-19.03
- 22.03 End of SSC-19.03 announced, welcoming the final reports.
- 01.04 Evaluation started.



The Challenge, Debriefing



- A lot of data, just started
- Evaluation/Scoring of the sites performance.
- Site Reports, Reports to *Board.
- Check deployed sensors.
- Hands on training.
- Revisit Procedures, Operational tools