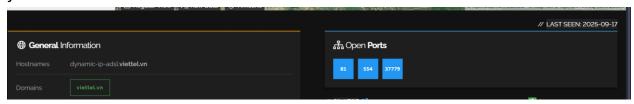
Question 1

1a: Find a device where there is at least one open port and the domain name (URL)

is displayed. If you find multiple such devices, just choose one arbitrarily. Take a screenshot highlighting the domain name and the open ports. Attach the screenshot in

your submission



1b: Using WHOIS (https://who.is/) or Netcraft

(https://sitereport.netcraft.com/), find

the IP address of the domain name you found in Task 1. Take a screenshot highlighting

the IP address and attach it in your submission. Go through the complete report you

retrieved from WHOIS or Netcraft. Do some research online about the vulnerabilities or

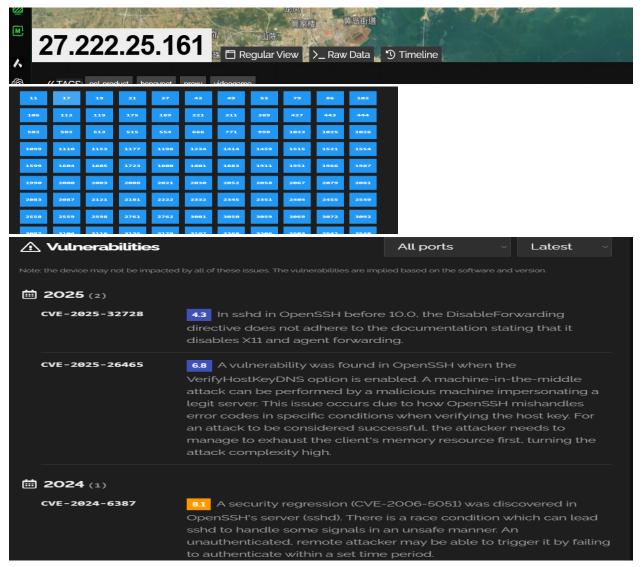
weakness the device has. Briefly describe all the security weakness or vulnerabilities you found.



Weakness and vulnerabilities with this device stem from it having it be addressed from an ADSL address. Which means it has endpoints that in many cases expose secured web services. In doing this the vulnerabilities of the device include the use of default passwords, lack of encryption, outdated firmware/software, and exposure to well-known exploits.

Question 2





2b the device using the IP address **27.222.25.161** is most likely a **residential router or personal computer** connected through China Unicom's network in Qingdao, Shandong Province. Given that it is part of a dynamic IP range, it is typically assigned to individual users rather than enterprises, which makes it more susceptible to opportunistic attacks. Common vulnerabilities for such devices include **exposed open ports**, weak or default

passwords on routers, outdated firmware, and susceptibility to malware or botnet infections. Additionally, if the device hosts any services, it could be vulnerable to **port scanning, DDoS amplification, and spoofing attacks**. Users on such dynamic IPs are often unaware of these weaknesses, leaving personal data, devices, and network security at risk.

2c The attack performed was the machine-in-the-middle attack

The vulnerability described is due to how OpenSSH mishandles error codes in specific conditions when verifying the host key. An attacker could create a fake machine that would impersonate a legit server.

Adversary-in-the-Middle

Sub-techniques (4)

Adversaries may attempt to position themselves between two or more networked devices using an adversary-in-the-middle (AiTM) technique to support follow-on behaviors such as Network Sniffing, Transmitted Data Manipulation, or replay attacks (Exploitation for Credential Access). By abusing features of common networking protocols that can determine the flow of network traffic (e.g. ARP, DNS, LLMNR, etc.), adversaries may force a device to communicate through an adversary controlled system so they can collect information or perform additional actions.^[1]

For example, adversaries may manipulate victim DNS settings to enable other malicious activities such as preventing/redirecting users from accessing legitimate sites and/or pushing additional malware. [2][3][4] Adversaries may also manipulate DNS and leverage their position in order to intercept user credentials, including access tokens (Steal Application Access Token) and session cookies (Steal Web Session Cookie). [5][6] Downgrade Attacks can also be used to establish an AiTM position, such as by negotiating a less secure, deprecated, or weaker version of

ID: T1557

Sub-techniques: T1557.001, T1557.002, T1557.003, T1557.004

- i Tactics: Credential Access, Collection
- Platforms: Linux, Network Devices, Windows, macOS

Contributors: Daniil Yugoslavskiy, @yugoslavskiy, Atomic Threat Coverage project; Mayuresh Dani, Qualys; NEC

Version: 2.5

Created: 11 February 2020 Last Modified: 15 April 2025