



ATT&CK as a Teacher

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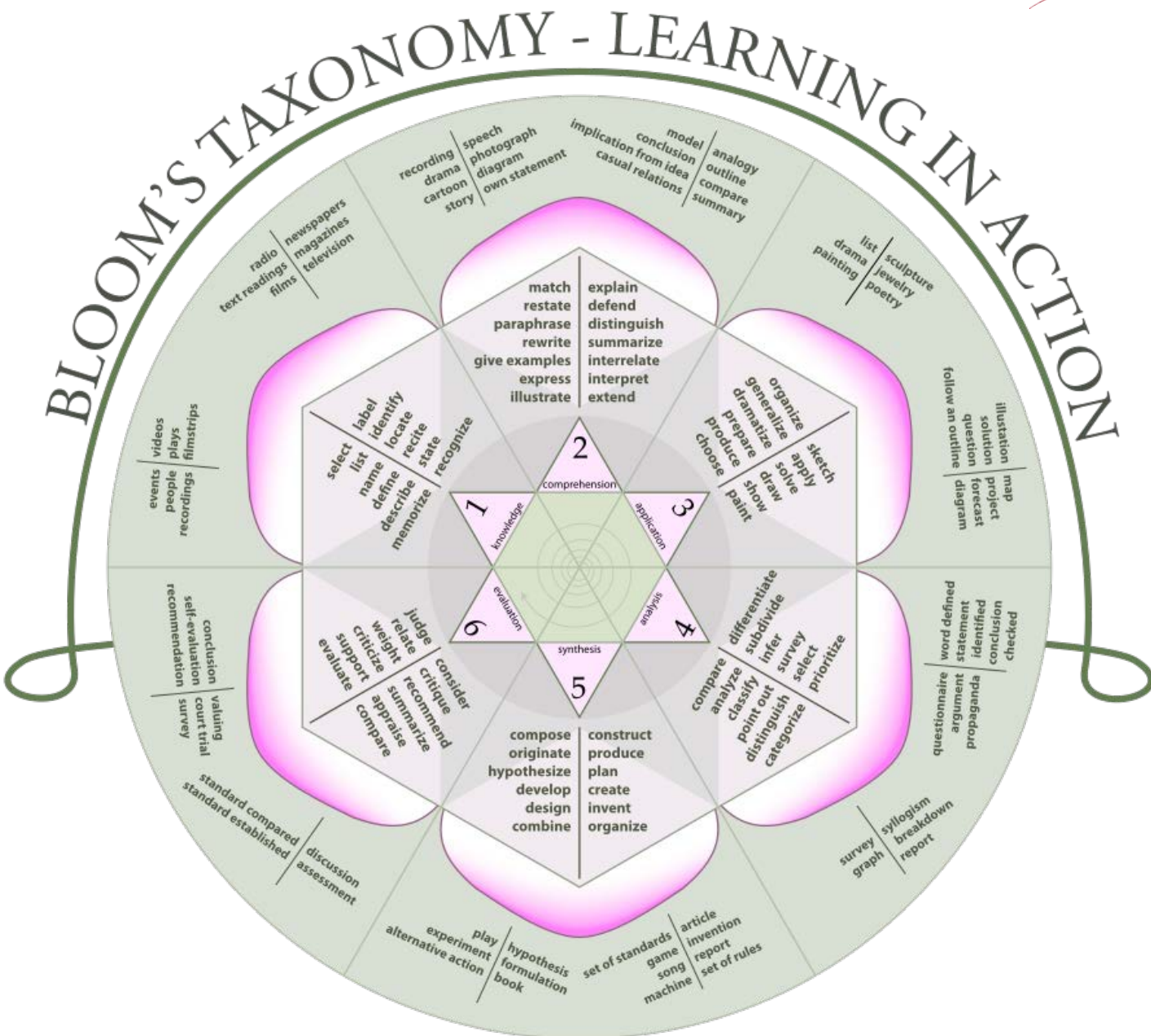
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Learning Objectives

Bloom's Taxonomy

1. Knowledge
2. Comprehension
3. Application
4. Analysis
5. Synthesis
6. Evaluation



Separating Techniques

Categories

T**Techniques Only**

- Not really an exploit
- Requires the use of other techniques to be truly viable
- Example – Graphical User Interface

E**Exploitable to Anyone**

- Easy to exploit (my mom could probably do it)
- No need for POC malware, scripts, or other tools
- Example – Accessibility Features

A**Additional Steps Required**

- Need some sort of tooling such as Metasploit or POC scripts
- Could be more advanced than those found in green
- Example – Exploitation for *

C**Cost Prohibitive**

- Requires additional infrastructure to be able to exploit
- Some are quite easy, some can be more advanced.
- Example – Web Shell

H**Hard**

- Might require custom DLL/EXE
- In-Depth Understanding of the OS
- Example – Process Injection

Initial Access	Execution	Persistence	Privilege Escalation	Defense Evasion	Credential Access	Discovery	Lateral Movement	Collection	Exfiltration	Command And Control
Drive-by Compromise	CMSTP	Accessibility Features	Access Token Manipulation	Access Token Manipulation	Account Manipulation	Account Discovery	Application Deployment Software	Audio Capture	Automated Exfiltration	Commonly Used Port
Exploit Public-Facing Application	Command-Line Interface	AppCert DLLs	Accessibility Features	Binary Padding	Brute Force	Application Window Discovery	Distributed Component Object Model	Automated Collection	Data Compressed	Communication Through Removable Media
Hardware Additions	Control Panel Items	AppInit DLLs	AppCert DLLs	BITS Jobs	Credential Dumping	Browser Bookmark Discovery	Exploitation of Remote Services	Clipboard Data	Data Encrypted	Connection Proxy
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	Scripting	Hooking	Scheduled Task	File Deletion		System Owner/User Discovery				Standard Cryptographic Protocol
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Use these to leverage other techniques

- Graphical User Interface
- User Execution
- Query Registry
- * Discovery

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- Accessibility Features
- Registry Run Keys / Start Folder
- Image File Execution Options
- PowerShell / Scripting

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- Taint Shared-Content
- Shared Webroot
- Exfiltration / Command and Control

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- Process Injection
- Bootkit / Rootkit
- System / Component Firmware

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Supply Chain Compromise	Graphical User Interface	Browser Extensions	Exploitation for Privilege Escalation	Component Object Model Hijacking	Hooking	Peripheral Device Discovery	Remote File Copy	Data Staged	Exfiltration Over Physical Medium	Domain Fronting
Trusted Relationship	InstallUtil	Change Default File Association	Extra Window Memory Injection	Control Panel Items	Input Capture	Permission Groups Discovery	Remote Services	Email Collection	Scheduled Transfer	Fallback Channels
Valid Accounts	LSASS Driver	Component Firmware	File System Permissions Weakness	DCShadow	Kerberoasting	Process Discovery	Replication Through Removable Media	Input Capture		Multi-hop Proxy
	Mshta	Component Object Model Hijacking	Hooking	Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information	LLMNR/NBT-NS Poisoning	Query Registry	Shared Webroot	Man in the Browser		Multi-Stage Channels
	PowerShell	Create Account	Image File Execution Options Injection	Disabling Security Tools	Network Sniffing	Remote System Discovery	Taint Shared Content	Screen Capture		Multiband Communication
	Regsvcs/Regasm	DLL Search Order Hijacking	New Service	DLL Search Order Hijacking	Password Filter DLL	Security Software Discovery	Third-party Software	Video Capture		Multilayer Encryption
	Regsvr32	External Remote Services	Path Interception	DLL Side-Loading	Private Keys	System Information Discovery	Windows Admin Shares			Remote Access Tools
	Rundll32	File System Permissions Weakness	Port Monitors	Exploitation for Defense Evasion	Replication Through Removable Media	System Network Configuration Discovery	Windows Remote Management			Remote File Copy
	Scheduled Task	Hidden Files and Directories	Process Injection	Extra Window Memory Injection	Two-Factor Authentication Interception	System Network Connections Discovery				Standard Application Layer Protocol
	Scripting	Hooking	Scheduled Task	File Deletion		System Owner/User Discovery				Standard Cryptographic Protocol
	Service Execution	Hypervisor	Service Registry Permissions Weakness	File System Logical Offsets		System Service Discovery				Standard Non-Application Layer Protocol
	Signed Binary Proxy Execution	Image File Execution Options Injection	SID-History Injection	Hidden Files and Directories		System Time Discovery				Uncommonly Used Port
	Signed Script Proxy Execution	Logon Scripts	Valid Accounts	Image File Execution Options Injection						Web Service
	Third-party Software	LSASS Driver	Web Shell	Indicator Blocking						
	Trusted Developer Utilities	Modify Existing Service		Indicator Removal from Tools						
	User Execution	Netsh Helper DLL		Indicator Removal on Host						
	Windows Management Instrumentation	New Service		Indirect Command Execution						
	Windows Remote Management	Office Application Startup		Install Root Certificate						
		Path Interception		InstallUtil						
		Port Monitors		Masquerading						
		Redundant Access		Modify Registry						
		Registry Run Keys / Start Folder		Mshta						
		Scheduled Task		Network Share Connection Removal						
		Screensaver		NTFS File Attributes						
		Security Support Provider		Obfuscated Files or Information						
		Service Registry Permissions Weakness		Process Doppelg�nging						
		Shortcut Modification		Process Hollowing						
		SIP and Trust Provider Hijacking		Process Injection						
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		Valid Accounts		Regsvr32						
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		Windows Management Instrumentation Event Subscription		Rundll32						
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				Software Packing						
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https://github.com/TravisFSmith/mitre_attack

ATT&CK Navigator

https://raw.githubusercontent.com/TravisFSmith/mitre_attack/master/teaching/All.json

- All.json
- Blue.json
- Green.json
- Orange.json
- Yellow.json
- Red.json

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Create New Layer

Create a new empty layer

Open Existing Layer

Load a layer from your computer or a URL

Upload from local

OR

Load from URL

https://raw.githubusercontent.com/TravisFSmith/mitre_attack/master/teaching/All.json

Create Layer from other layers

Choose layers to inherit properties from

Create Customized Navigator

Create a hyperlink to a customized ATT&CK Navigator

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selection controls

layer controls

technique controls

Initial Access	Execution	Persistence	Privilege Escalation	Defense Evasion	Credential Access	Discovery	Lateral Movement	Collection	Exfiltration	Command And Control
10 items	25 items	41 items	21 items	49 items	16 items	19 items	15 items	13 items	9 items	20 items
Drive-by Compromise	CMSTP	Accessibility Features	Access Token Manipulation	Access Token Manipulation	Account Manipulation	Account Discovery	Application Deployment Software	Audio Capture	Automated Exfiltration	Commonly Used Port
Exploit Public-Facing Application	Command-Line Interface	AppCert DLLs	Accessibility Features	Binary Padding	Brute Force	Application Window Discovery	Distributed Component Object Model	Automated Collection	Data Compressed	Communication Through Removable Media
Hardware Additions	Control Panel Items	AppInit DLLs	AppCert DLLs	BITS Jobs	Credential Dumping	Browser Bookmark Discovery	Exploitation of Remote Services	Clipboard Data	Data Encrypted	Connection Proxy
Replication Through Removable Media	Dynamic Data Exchange	Authentication Shim	AppInit DLLs	Bypass User Account Control	Credentials in Files	File and Directory Discovery	Logon Scripts	Data from Information Repositories	Data Transfer Size Limits	Custom Command and Control Protocol
	Execution through API	Authentication Package	Application Shim	Code Signing	Credentials in Registry	Network Service Scanning	Pass the Hash	Data from Local System	Exfiltration Over Alternative Protocol	Custom Cryptographic Protocol
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	User Execution	LSASS Driver		Image File Execution Options Injection						

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Teaching ATT&CK

In Practice

1. Choose a Tactic (Persistence)

- » Accessibility Features, Change Default File Association, Create Account, Hidden Files and Directories, Image File Execution Options Injection, Logon Scripts, Modify Existing Service, New Service, Office Application Startup, Path Interception, **Registry Run Keys / Start Folder**, Scheduled Task, Screensaver, Service Registry Permission Weakness, Shortcut Modification, Valid Accounts, Winlogon Helper DLL

2. Choose a Technique

- » How can you test/exploit this technique?
- » Follow the mitigation steps, can you still test/exploit it? If not, can you find a way to bypass it?
- » What artifacts are left behind when you test/exploit this? What artifacts are left behind when you bypass?
- » Can you find any which aren't listed on the technique's page?

Example: Registry Run Keys

How to test/exploit

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Registry Run Keys / Start Folder

Adding an entry to the "run keys" in the Registry or startup folder will cause the program referenced to be executed when a user logs in. The program will be executed under the context of the user and will have the account's associated permissions level.

Adversaries can use these configuration locations to execute malware, such as remote access tools, to maintain persistence through system reboots. Adversaries may also use [Masquerading](#) to make the Registry entries look as if they are associated with legitimate programs.

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Registry Run Keys / Start Folder

	Technique
ID	T1060
Tactic	Persistence
Platform	Windows
Permissions Required	User, Administrator
Data Sources	Windows Registry, File monitoring
CAPEC ID	CAPEC-270

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- [APT29](#) added Registry Run keys to establish persistence.^[2]
- [APT3](#) places scripts in the startup folder for persistence.^[3]
- [APT37](#) malware MILKDROP sets a Registry key for persistence.^[4]
- [BRONZE BUTLER](#) has used a batch script that adds a Registry Run key to establish malware persistence.^[5]
- [Darkhotel](#) has been known to establish persistence by adding programs to the Run Registry key.^[6]
- [FIN10](#) has established persistence by using the Registry option in PowerShell Empire to add a Run key.^{[7][8]}
- [FIN6](#) has used Registry Run keys to establish persistence for its downloader tools known as HARDTACK and SHIPBREAD.^[9]
- [FIN7](#) malware has created a Registry Run key pointing to its malicious LNK file to establish persistence.^[10]
- [Lazarus Group](#) malware attempts to maintain persistence by saving itself in the Start menu folder or by adding a Registry Run key.^{[11][12]}
- [Leviathan](#) has used a JavaScript to create a shortcut file in the Startup folder that points to its main backdoor.^{[13][14]}
- [Magic Hound](#) malware has used Registry Run keys to establish persistence.^[15]
- [MuddyWater](#) has added Registry Run keys to establish persistence.^[16]
- [Patchwork](#) added the path of its second-stage malware to the startup folder to achieve persistence.^[17]
- A dropper used by [Putter Panda](#) installs itself into the ASEP Registry key `HKCU\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run` with a value named McUpdate.^[18]
- [ADVSTORESHELL](#) achieves persistence by adding itself to the `HKCU\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run` Registry key.^{[19][20][21]}
- [BACKSPACE](#) achieves persistence by creating a shortcut to itself in the CSIDL_STARTUP directory.^[22]
- [BADNEWS](#) installs a registry Run key to establish persistence.^[23]
- [BBSRAT](#) has been loaded through DLL side-loading of a legitimate Citrix executable that is set to persist through the registry run key location:
`HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run\ssonsvr.exe`
- [Backdoor.Oldrea](#) adds Registry Run keys to achieve persistence.^[24]
- The [BlackEnergy 3](#) variant drops its main DLL component and then creates a .lnk shortcut to that file in the startup folder.^[25]
- [Briba](#) creates run key Registry entries pointing to malicious DLLs dropped to disk.^[26]
- [CORESHELL](#) has established persistence by creating autostart extensibility point (ASEP) Registry entries in the Run key and other Registry keys, as well as by creating shortcuts in the Internet Explorer Quick Start folder.^[27]
- [ChChes](#) establishes persistence by adding a Registry Run key.^[28]
- One persistence mechanism used by [CozyCar](#) is to set itself to be executed at system startup by adding a Registry value under one of the following Registry keys:
`HKLM\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run\`
`HKCU\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run\`
`HKLM\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\Explorer\Run`
`HKCU\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\Explorer\Run`^[29]
- creates run key Registry entries pointing to a malicious executable dropped to disk.^[30]
- [DownPaper](#) uses PowerShell to add a Registry Run key in order to establish persistence.^[31]
- [DustySky](#) achieves persistence by creating a Registry entry in `HKCU\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run`.^[32]

Example: Registry Run Keys

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Example: Registry Run Keys

Do your own research, what's missing?



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windows autorun registry

windows autorun locations

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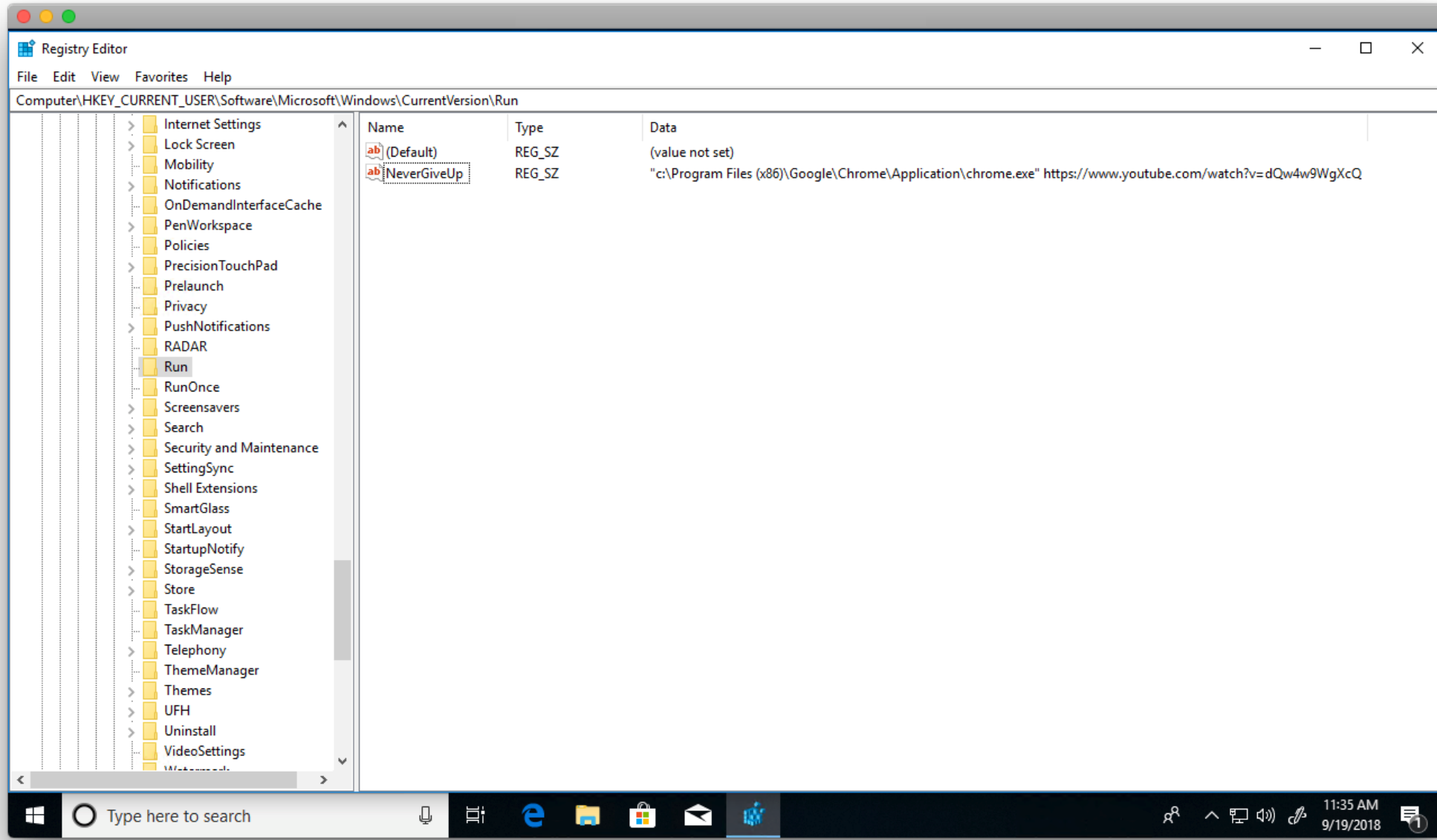
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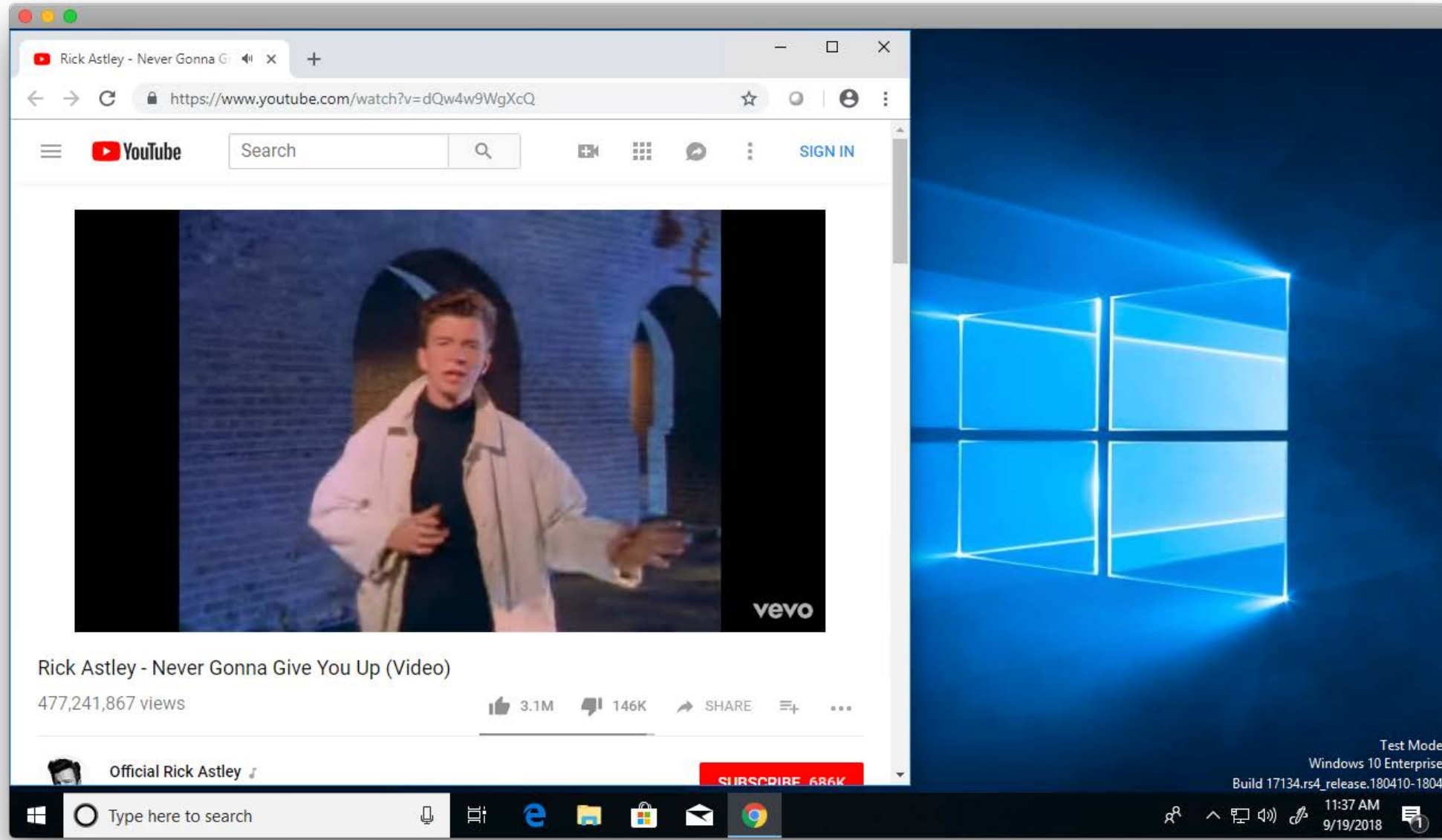
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Test it



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Learning Outcomes

What Did You Learn	
Was it in ATT&CK?	Was it From Original Research

Mitigations	
Did they work?	Can any be added?

Detections	
Did they work?	Can any be added?

Testing Coverage

Source: MITRE/GitHub

- » http://attack.mitre.org/wiki/Adversary_Emulation_Plans
- » <https://github.com/NextronSystems/APTSimulator>
- » <https://github.com/redcanaryco/atomic-red-team>



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