

The background image is a scenic night landscape featuring a winding road through rugged mountains. The road is illuminated by red lights, creating a glowing trail against the dark blue and purple hues of the night sky. In the distance, a city or town is visible with numerous small lights. The foreground shows rocky terrain and some sparse vegetation.

Inside Out: Deconstructing macOS Application Security

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Windows

Windows Defender Antivirus

The screenshot shows the Windows Security application window. On the left, a sidebar menu lists several security categories: Home, Virus & threat protection (which is selected and highlighted in blue), Account protection, Firewall & network protection, App & browser control, Device security, Device performance & health, and Family options. At the bottom of the sidebar is a Settings icon. The main content area is titled "Virus & threat protection" and contains the following sections:

- Current threats:** States "No current threats." and provides details about the last scan (3/25/2021 2:00 AM, quick scan), 0 threats found, a scan duration of 6 minutes 46 seconds, and 45023 files scanned. It includes a "Quick scan" button and links to "Scan options", "Allowed threats", and "Protection history".
- Virus & threat protection settings:** States "No action needed." and includes a "Manage settings" link. It also links to "Change your privacy settings", "View and change privacy settings for your Windows 10 device", "Privacy settings", "Privacy dashboard", and "Privacy Statement".
- Virus & threat protection updates:** States "Security intelligence is up to date." and includes a "Last update: 3/25/2021 2:47 PM" link.

On the right side of the main content area, there is a "Windows Community videos" section with a "Learn more about Virus & threat protection" link, and a "Have a question?" section with a "Get help" link. There is also a "Who's protecting me?" section with a "Manage providers" link, and a "Help improve Windows Security" section with a "Give us feedback" link.

Microsoft Smart Screen

Windows protected your PC

Windows SmartScreen prevented an unrecognized app from starting. Running this app might put your PC at risk.

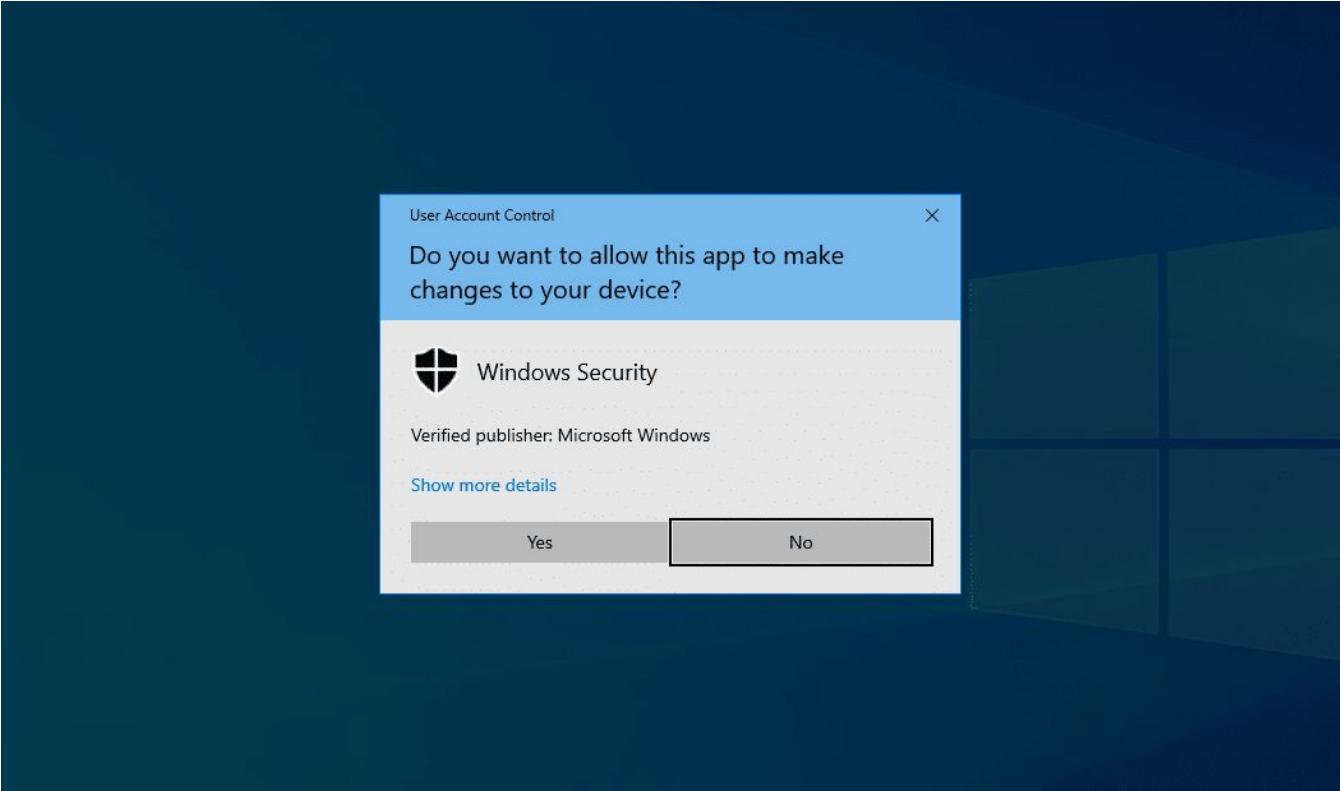
App: abcdef.exe

Publisher: Unknown Publisher

Run anyway

Don't run

User Account Control



Built-In macOS Application Security

macOS Application Security



Gatekeeper



XProtect



MRT



Notarization



File Quarantine

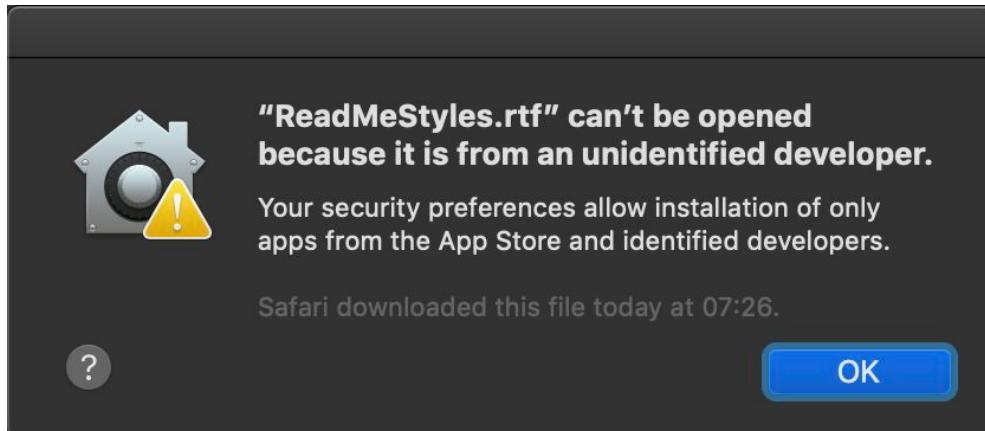


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File Quarantine

File Quarantine

- ❑ Predecessor of **Gatekeeper**
- ❑ OS X Leopard (10.5)
- ❑ Extended Attribute-(XA)
 - ❑ **com.apple.quarantine** attribute is added to the files downloaded from the internet.
- ❑ File Quarantine is designed to **notify users** when an application **downloaded** from the Internet is run for the first time.



File Quarantine

- Files that have @ at the end of their permissions flags have extended attributes.

```
+ Downloads ls -l |grep -i "@"  
-rw-r--r--@ 1 fatiherdogan staff 111043 Feb 17 16:17 1676634086_2431.csv  
-rw-r--r--@ 1 fatiherdogan staff 13669 Jul 31 18:12 1st conditional.docx  
-rw-r--r--@ 1 fatiherdogan staff 719 Dec 9 2022 25619_Prevention_20_Oct_2022_Thu_09_09_40_AM.csv  
-rw-r--r--@ 1 fatiherdogan staff 47592 Jul 27 23:19 365cb889-4f0f-4209-9019-7aa52e653162.png  
-rw-r--r--@ 1 fatiherdogan staff 385602 Mar 9 11:07 435f4055-4eea-433f-a937-6adebc8884f6.png  
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-rw-r--r--@ 1 fatiherdogan staff 174423 Mar 19 21:56 52744_19_Mar_2023_Sun_01_14_34_PM.csv  
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drwx-----@ 7 fatiherdogan staff 224 Aug 9 16:01 7z2301-mac  
-rw-r--r--@ 1 fatiherdogan staff 1805532 Aug 9 16:01 7z2301-mac.tar.xz  
-rw-r--r--@ 1 fatiherdogan staff 181756 Dec 8 2022 80367B48D2FE91E9289CD07A38FB7000.zip
```

xattr

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```
→ Downloads xattr CleanMyMacX.dmg  
com.apple.macl  
com.apple.metadata:kMDItemWhereFroms  
com.apple.quarantine
```

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→ Downloads xattr -p com.apple.quarantine CleanMyMacX.dmg  
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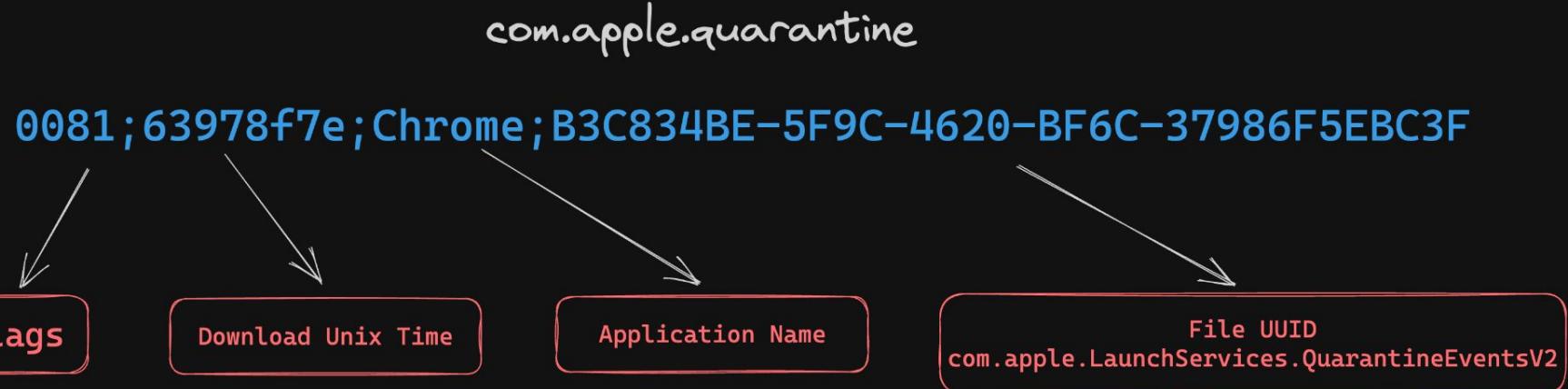
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XA Values - com.apple.quarantine



QuarantineEventsV2 Database - com.apple.quarantine

- ❑ com.apple.LaunchServices.QuarantineEventsV2 SQLite database.
- ❑ The database is located at;
 - ❑ [~/Library/Preferences/com.apple.LaunchServices.QuarantineEventsV2](#).

```
→ ~ sqlite3 ~/Library/Preferences/com.apple.LaunchServices.QuarantineEventsV2
SQLite version 3.39.5 2022-10-14 20:58:05
Enter ".help" for usage hints.
sqlite> .schema
CREATE TABLE LSQuarantineEvent ( LSQuarantineEventIdentifier TEXT PRIMARY KEY NOT NULL, LSQuarantineTimeStamp REAL, LSQuarantineAgentBundleIdentifier TEXT, LSQuarantineAgentName TEXT, LSQuarantineDataURLString TEXT, LSQuarantineSenderName TEXT, LSQuarantineSenderAddress TEXT, LSQuarantineTypeNumber INTEGER, LSQuarantineOriginTitle TEXT, LSQuarantineOriginURLString TEXT, LSQuarantineOriginAlias BLOB );
CREATE INDEX LSQuarantineEventIndex ON LSQuarantineEvent ( LSQuarantineEventIdentifier );
CREATE INDEX LSQuarantineTimeStampIndex ON LSQuarantineEvent ( LSQuarantineTimeStamp );
sqlite> .tables
LSQuarantineEvent
sqlite>
sqlite>
```

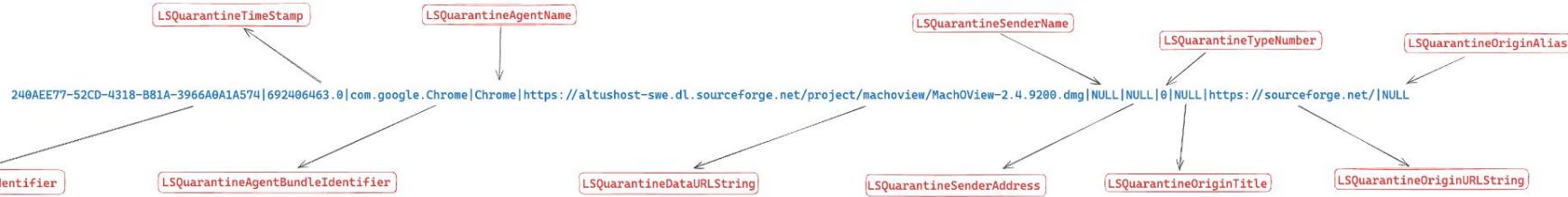
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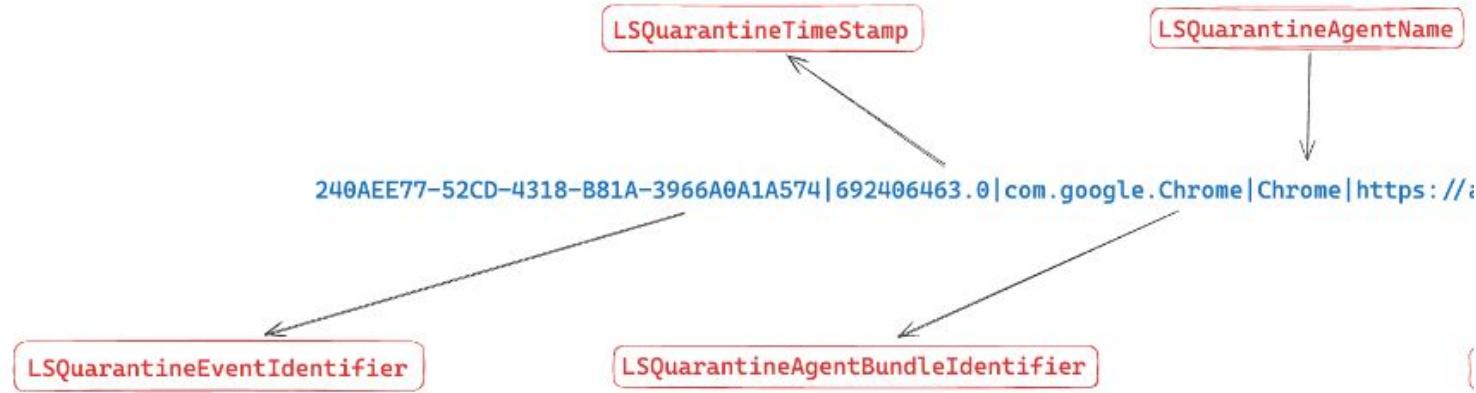
QuarantineEventsV2 Database - com.apple.quarantine

```
sqlite> .headers ON
sqlite> select * from LSQuarantineEvent;
SELECT "LSQuarantineEventIdentifier", "LSQuarantineEventTimeStamp", "LSQuarantineAgentBundleIdentifier", "LSQuarantineAgentName", "LSQuarantineEventDataURLString", "LSQuarantineSenderName", "LSQuarantineSenderAddress", "LSQuarantineTypeNumber", "LSQuarantineOriginTitle", "LSQuarantineOriginURLString", "LSQuarantineOriginAlias", "LSQuarantineEventIdentifier", "LSQuarantineEventTimeStamp", "LSQuarantineAgentIdentifier", "LSQuarantineAgentName", "LSQuarantineEventDataURLString", "LSQuarantineSenderName", "LSQuarantineSenderAddress", "LSQuarantineTypeNumber", "LSQuarantineOriginTitle", "LSQuarantineOriginURLString", "LSQuarantineOriginAlias", "CF9849EE-4961-4153-AB05-A550C9A2553A|688306231, 0|com.google.Chrome|Chrome|https://optimizationguide-pa.googleapis.com/downloads?name=166601169981&target=OPTIMIZATION_TARGET_LANGUAGE_DETECTION|||0|||", "DEFEDEC9-2F2-4920-AC23-505E83628FA0|688306233, 0|com.google.Chrome|Chrome|https://optimizationguide-pa.googleapis.com/downloads?name=1666011733212&target=OPTIMIZATION_TARGET_NOTIFICATION_PERMISSION_PREDICTIONS|||0|||", "21C2D9AB-9D58-4FC9-9A3A-0E2ED48F2430|688306233, 0|com.google.Chrome|Chrome|https://optimizationguide-pa.googleapis.com/downloads?name=1664804683429&target=OPTIMIZATION_TARGET_SEGMENTATION_CHROME_LOW_USER_ENGAGEMENT|||0|||", "805D1846-6232-4D69-AF5D-261722C1791E|688307085, 0|com.google.Chrome|Chrome|https://optimizationguide-pa.googleapis.com/downloads?name=1664804683429&target=OPTIMIZATION_TARGET_PAGE_ENTITIES|||0|||", "F33A63C8-B9B1-43FA-8D00-FE602AA83D2F|688376407, 0|com.google.Chrome|Chrome|https://optimizationguide-pa.googleapis.com/downloads?name=1666616588775&target=OPTIMIZATION_TARGET_NOTIFICATION_PERMISSION_PREDICTIONS|||0|||", "F5C298D5-DCA6-4D9B-90A2-1188808BF65A|688470141, 0|com.google.Chrome|Chrome|https://optimizationguide-pa.googleapis.com/downloads?name=166601491313&target=OPTIMIZATION_TARGET_PAGE_ENTITIES|||0|||", "D0BF8F83-A929-4E08-BD36-7A452B80C2EF|688471202, 0|com.google.Chrome|Chrome|https://desktop-release.notion-static.com/Notion-2.1.4-arm64.dmg|||0|||https://www.notion.so/_2_0_12_.crx|||0|||https://chrome.google.com/|4014632A-79E4-4CEE-A415-6FF16D39C8F9|688551180, 165596||sharingd||ferdogan||6|||", "335087F1-1696-4EDD-87F7-2442D25B9B1C|688892880, 0|com.google.Chrome|Chrome|https://clients2.googleusercontent.com/crx/blobs/Acy1k0Yi59h7F9dRNQ0GGICDdZojXWQTJifcmU3Lcfy7AHypIlHKj8xV_wz60w5t_JzLQoC6NxU-113s1409nVcwOr7GX_-1NDSN_1qb90BNheAMZSmuW0Jwkt79_IMjp5moz85cQf0lMDw/extension_2_0_12_.crx|||0|||https://chrome.google.com/|4014632A-79E4-4CEE-A415-6FF16D39C8F9|688551180, 165596||sharingd||ferdogan||6|||", "81858695-28E7-42A4-AE90-C6633D1C4A98|688899031, 0|com.google.Chrome|Chrome|https://clients2.googleusercontent.com/crx/blobs/Acy1k0Yi59h7F9dRNQ0GGICDdZojXWQTJifcmU3Lcfy7AHypIlHKj8xV_wz60w5t_JzLQoC6NxU-113s1409nVcwOr7GX_-1NDSN_1qb90BNheAMZSmuW0Jwkt79_IMjp5moz85cQf0lMDw/extension_2_0_12_.crx|||0|||https://chrome.google.com/|4014632A-79E4-4CEE-A415-6FF16D39C8F9|688551180, 165596||sharingd||ferdogan||6|||", "992BD938-D50C-4F65-A566-B303B4E932B1|688900958, 540791||sharingd||ferdogan||6|||
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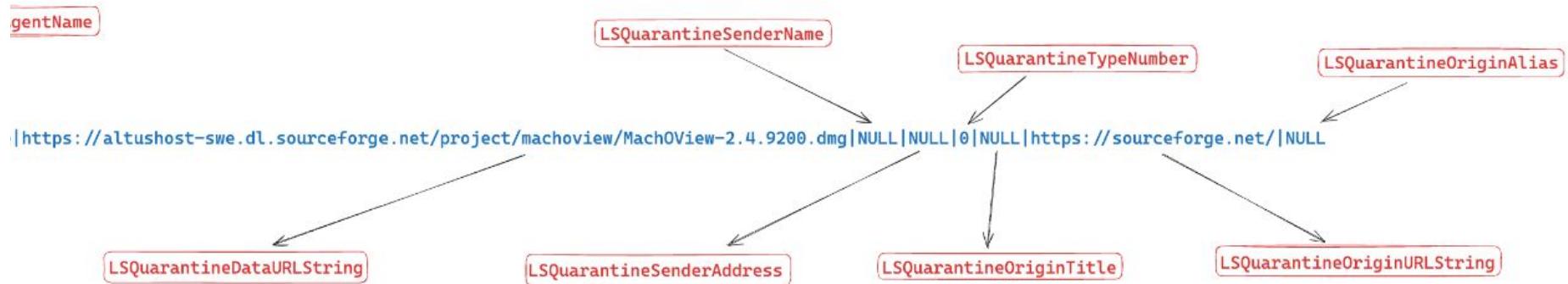
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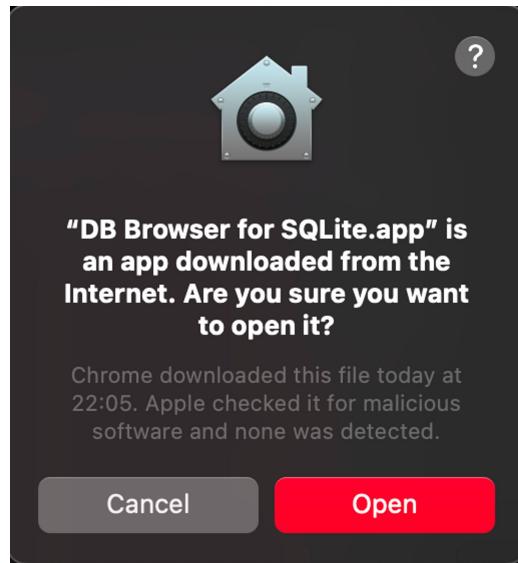
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Gatekeeper

Gatekeeper

- ❑ It designed to run **trusted software** on macOS.
- ❑ When downloading an application from the Internet outside the **AppStore** and opening that application, Gatekeeper confirms that the application comes from the **identified developer** and is known to Apple (**notarization**).



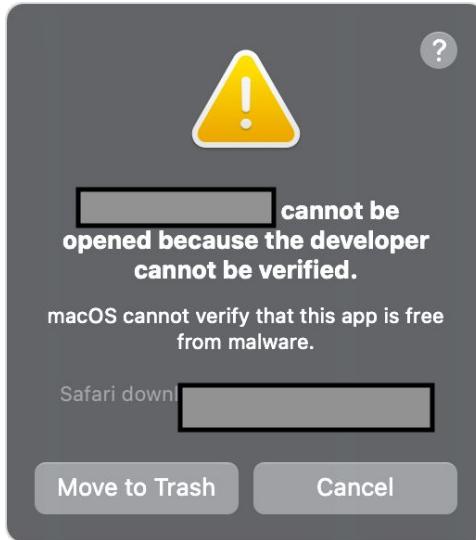
Gatekeeper

- ❑ The operations of the Gatekeeper service are performed at the system level by **spctl - SecAssessment system policy security** macOS binary.
- ❑ The spctl command is used to check whether an application is **signed** and **notarized**. The command returns either "**accepted**" or "**rejected**", depending on the Gatekeeper's evaluation.

```
→ /Applications spctl --verbose=4 --assess --type execute /Applications/Hopper\ Disassembler\ v4.app  
/Applications/Hopper Disassembler v4.app: accepted  
source=Notarized Developer ID
```

Gatekeeper vs File Quarantine

- ❑ The most obvious difference between Gatekeeper and File Quarantine;
 - ❑ it is for a file that is executed, rather than just a file downloaded from the internet and trying to open it.
- ❑ File Quarantine does not perform **signature checks**.
- ❑ Gatekeeper first checks whether the application is signed. It then checks whether the signer is legitimate.



Gatekeeper Database

- ❑ Gatekeeper performs the controls from its own database, and it keeps a **blocklist** for applications.
- ❑ `/Library/Apple/System/Library/CoreServices/XProtect.bundle/Contents/Resources/gk.db`

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CREATE TABLE blocked_hashes (hash BLOB, hash_type INTEGER, flags INTEGER, PRIMARY KEY (hash, hash_type));
CREATE TABLE blocked_teams (team_id TEXT, flags INTEGER, PRIMARY KEY (team_id));
sqlite>
sqlite> .table
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sqlite>
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Gatekeeper Database

- ❑ Blocked team id information is as follows.

```
sqlite> select * from blocked_teams LIMIT 10;
team_id|flags
F9X83Q5222|1
SS3YFP6RJ7|0
QC8B2PF82S|0
UQ5TUCT7AL|0
NZD5N78GXM|0
Q6XAB4776L|0
GQ65ME5KV3|0
8CHL2NLV6W|0
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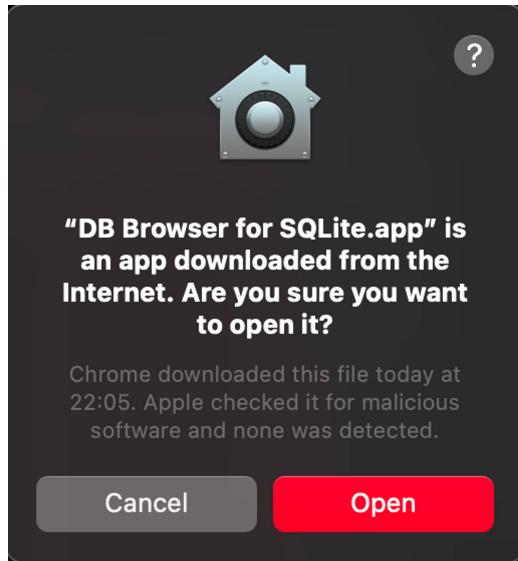
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- ❑ **XProtect is included in File Quarantine technology.**



Malware Detection - XProtect.bundle

❑ Gatekeeper

- ❑ When an application downloaded from the Internet using an application sensitive to File Quarantine technology is opened, a warning appears in front of the user that the application is downloaded from the Internet.



Malware Detection - XProtect.bundle

❑ File Quarantine

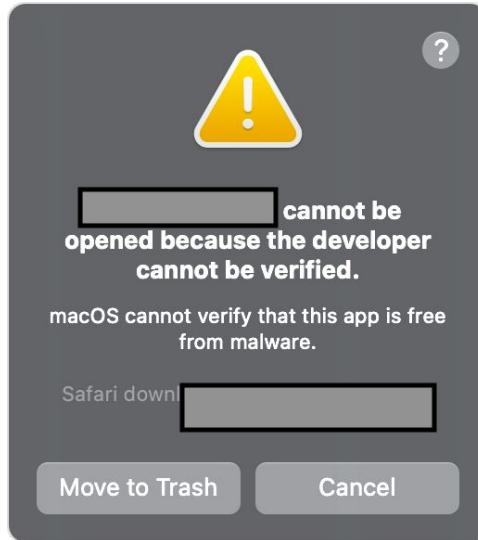
- ❑ When this application downloaded from the Internet is run, File Quarantine technology checks whether the relevant application matches any of the signatures in XProtect.
- ❑ If there is a match, another warning is displayed saying that running the application may harm the system.



Malware Detection - XProtect.bundle

❑ Gatekeeper

- ❑ XProtect checks application files and file hashes against these signatures when the application is first launched or whenever it changes.
- ❑ When XProtect detects a matching signature, it prevents the relevant code from running, and the user is informed of the option to delete the relevant application.



XProtect Files

- ❑ XProtect is included in macOS in **.bundle** format.
- ❑ **/Library/Apple/System/Library/CoreServices/XProtect.bundle**

```
→ XProtect.bundle tree
.
└── Contents
    ├── Info.plist
    └── Resources
        ├── LegacyEntitlementAllowlist.plist
        ├── XProtect.meta.plist
        ├── XProtect.plist
        ├── XProtect.yara
        └── gk.db
    └── _CodeSignature
        ├── CodeDirectory
        ├── CodeRequirements
        ├── CodeRequirements-1
        ├── CodeResources
        └── CodeSignature
    └── version.plist

4 directories, 12 files
→ XProtect.bundle [1]
```

XProtect.yara

- ❑ This file contains Apple's built-in YARA rules.



```
import "hash"

private rule Macho
{
    meta:
        description = "private rule to match Mach-O binaries"
    condition:
        uint32(0) == 0xfeedface or uint32(0) == 0xcefaedfe or uint32(0) ==
        0xfeedfacf or uint32(0) == 0xcffaedfe or uint32(0) == 0xcafebabe or
        uint32(0) == 0xebafeca

}

private rule PE
{
    meta:
        description = "private rule to match PE binaries"

    condition:
        uint16(0) == 0x5a4d and uint32(uint32(0x3C)) == 0x4550
}

private rule Dylib
{
    meta:
        description = "private rule to match Dylibs"

    condition:
        ((uint32(0) == 0xfeedface or uint32(0) == 0xfeedfacf) and
        uint8(0xc) == 0x6) or
        (uint32(0) == 0xebafeca and (uint32(0x4000) == 0xfeedface or
        uint32(0x4000) == 0xfeedfacf) and uint8(0x400c) == 0x6)
}

rule XProtect_MACOS_644e18d
{
    meta:
        description = "MACOS.644e18d"
    strings:
        $a = { 63 6f 6e 6e 65 63 74 54 6f 50 72 6f 78 79 4d 61 6e 61 67 65
72 }
        $b = { 63 6f 6e 6e 65 63 74 54 6f 44 65 73 74 69 6e 61 74 69 6f 6e
}
        $c = { 68 65 61 72 74 62 65 61 74 53 65 6e 64 65 72 }
        $d = { 63 6f 6e 6e 65 63 74 54 6f 43 6e 63 }
        $e = { 70 72 6f 78 69 74 2e 63 6f 6d 2f 70 65 65 72 }
    condition:
        Macho and 2 of them
}
```

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}
        $c = { 68 65 61 72 74 62 65 61 74 53 65 6e 64 65 72 }
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        $e = { 70 72 6f 78 69 74 2e 63 6f 6d 2f 70 65 65 72 }
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```
In [1]: import binascii
In [2]: pattern_1 = "636f6e6e656374546f50726f78794d616e61676572"
In [3]: pattern_2 = "636f6e6e656374546f44657374696e6174696f6e"
In [4]: pattern_3 = "6865617274626517453656e646572"
In [5]: pattern_4 = "636f6e6e656374546f436e63"
In [6]: pattern_5 = "70726f7869742e636f6d2f70656572"
In [7]: binascii.unhexlify(pattern_1)
Out[7]: b'connectToProxyManager'
In [8]: binascii.unhexlify(pattern_2)
Out[8]: b'connectToDestination'
In [9]: binascii.unhexlify(pattern_3)
Out[9]: b'heartbeatSender'
In [10]: binascii.unhexlify(pattern_4)
Out[10]: b'connectToCnc'
In [11]: binascii.unhexlify(pattern_5)
Out[11]: b'proxit.com/peer'
In [12]:
```

XProtect.meta.plist

- ❑ This **.plist** file contains information about malicious application plugins (Java, Flash, etc.) and harmful **Safari** extensions.
- ❑ Extension block definitions are made according to the bundle identifier and related **Developer ID** information.

```
<key>ExtensionBlacklist</key>
<dict>
    <key>Extensions</key>
    <array>
        <dict>
            <key>CFBundleIdentifier</key>
            <string>com.searchnt.safari</string>
            <key>Developer Identifier</key>
            <string>6ERPEMN65</string>
        </dict>
        <dict>
            <key>CFBundleIdentifier</key>
            <string>com.shelfsick.safari</string>
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            <string>com.searchtrust.safariext</string>
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            <string>9V6HEQPZK3</string>
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            <string>com.leperdvil.safari</string>
            <key>Developer Identifier</key>
            <string>Y7QR7RXE99</string>
        </dict>
        <dict>
```

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            <key>CFBundleIdentifier</key>
            <string>info.trovi</string>
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            <string>2GLUU75QJH</string>
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    </array>
</dict>
<key>ExtensionBlacklist</key>
<dict>
    <key>Extensions</key>
    <array>
        <dict>
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            <string>com.searchnt.safari</string>
            <key>Developer Identifier</key>
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        </dict>
    </array>
</dict>
```

XProtect.meta.plist

- ❑ This **.plist** file contains information about malicious application plugins (Java, Flash, etc.) and harmful **Safari** extensions.
- ❑ Extension block definitions are made according to the bundle identifier and related **Developer ID** information.

```
<key>ExtensionBlacklist</key>
<dict>
    <key>Extensions</key>
    <array>
        <dict>
            <key>CFBundleIdentifier</key>
            <string>com.searchnt.safari</string>
            <key>Developer Identifier</key>
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            <string>info.trovi</string>
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        </dict>
    </array>
</dict>
```

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE plist PUBLIC "-//Apple//DTD PLIST 1.0//EN"
"http://www.apple.com/DTDs/PropertyList-1.0.dtd">
<plist version="1.0">
<dict>
    <key>ExtensionBlacklist</key>
    <dict>
        <key>Extensions</key>
        <array>
            <dict>
                <key>CFBundleIdentifier</key>
                <string>com.searchnt.safari</string>
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                <key>Developer Identifier</key>
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            </dict>
        </array>
    </dict>
</dict>
```

XProtect.plist

- ❑ This .plist file contains information about the application bundle and the harmful content in it.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE plist PUBLIC "-//Apple//DTD PLIST 1.0//EN"
"http://www.apple.com/DTDs/PropertyList-1.0.dtd">
<plist version="1.0">
<array>
<dict>
<key>Description</key>
<string>OSX.28a9883</string>
<key>LaunchServices</key>
<dict>
<key>LSItemContentType</key>
<string>com.apple.application-bundle</string>
</dict>
<key>Matches</key>
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<dict>
<key>MatchFile</key>
<dict>
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<string>Match</string>
<key>Pattern</key>
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<string>214023247E5E262A28295B5D7B7D3A3B3C3E2C2E31713277336534723574367937
753869396F3070415A5358444346564742484E4A4D4B4C5157455254595549</string>
</dict>
</array>
</dict>
```

XProtect.plist

❑ OSX.GenieoDropper.A

```
<dict>
    <key>Description</key>
    <string>OSX.GenieoDropper.A</string>
    <key>LaunchServices</key>
    <dict>
        <key>LSItemContentType</key>
        <string>com.apple.application-bundle</string>
    </dict>
    <key>Matches</key>
    <array>
        <dict>
            <key>MatchFile</key>
            <dict>
                <key>NSURLNameKey</key>
                <string>mxp.min.js</string>
            </dict>
            <key>MatchType</key>
            <string>Match</string>
            <key>Pattern</key>
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        </dict>
        <dict>
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            <dict>
                <key>NSURLNameKey</key>
                <string>main.js</string>
            </dict>
            <key>MatchType</key>
            <string>Match</string>
            <key>Pattern</key>
            <string>747261636B416E616C79746963734576656E742822657865637574696F6E222C22
4A7352756E22293B</string>
        </dict>
    </array>
</dict>
```

OSX.GenieoDropper.A

```
<key>LaunchServices</key>
<dict>
    <key>LSItemContentType</key>
    <string>com.apple.application-bundle</string>
</dict>
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<key>Matches</key>
<array>
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4A7352756E22293B</string>
    </dict>
</array>
```

OSX.GenieoDropper.A

```
In [1]: import binascii  
  
In [2]: pattern_1 = "66756E6374696F6E204163636570744F666665727328297B"  
  
In [3]: pattern_2 = "747261636B416E616C79746963734576656E742822657865637574696F6E222C224A7352756E22293B"  
  
In [4]: binascii.unhexlify(pattern_1)  
Out[4]: b'function Accept0ffers(){'  
  
In [5]: binascii.unhexlify(pattern_2)  
Out[5]: b'trackAnalyticsEvent("execution","JsRun");'  
  
In [6]:
```

LegacyEntitlementAllowlist.plist

- ❑ This plist file is undocumented by Apple.
- ❑ It is seen that only **cdhash** information is included in the plist.
- ❑ **cdhash:** The code directory hash identifies a specific version of a program. This allows the system to verify that the contents of a binary have not changed since being code-signed.



```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE plist PUBLIC "-//Apple//DTD PLIST 1.0//EN"
"http://www.apple.com/DTDs/PropertyList-1.0.dtd">
<plist version="1.0">
<dict>
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  <array>
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    </data>
    <data>
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    </data>
    <data>
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    </data>
    <data>
      AAUzQNGkVn8nJMreEIqz4P0lahI=
    </data>
    <data>
      AAxqo7k51G/ak+Xg9hNNo61LqVI=
    </data>
    <data>
      ABBEGu7ZCbgrt3IAqg7k15zBR1Q=
    </data>
    <data>
      ABDXjTxbm1MVYk88ANc0Tl7j8Qc=
    </data>
```

XProtect Unified Logs

- Unified logs of XProtect events can be examined as follows.
- `log show -info -backtrace -debug -loss -signpost -predicate 'subsystem == "com.apple.xprotect"'`

```
+ Resources log show -info -backtrace -debug -loss -signpost -predicate 'subsystem == "com.apple.xprotect"'
Filtering the log data using "subsystem == "com.apple.xprotect"""
Timestamp      Thread  Type    Activity          PID   TTL
2023-07-25 10:29:28.333291+0300 0xa99a96  Default  0x0        16243  0  XprotectService: [com.apple.xprotect:xprotect] Using meta-plist from: /Library/Apple/System/Library/CoreServices/XProtect.bundle/Contents/Resources/XProtect.meta.plist
2023-07-25 15:31:28.508133+0300 0xac5616  Default  0x0        33771  0  XProtectBehaviorService: [com.apple.xprotect:behavior] Reported 1 behavioral events
2023-07-26 09:43:53.874430+0300 0xaf2d6d  Error    0x0        49700  0  XprotectService: [com.apple.xprotect:xprotect] File /tmp/KSInstallAction.x3xRLxijsa/m/.patch/goobspatch failed on loadCmd /tmp/KSInstallAction.x3xRLxijsa/m/.patch/liblzma_decompress.dylib, bundleURL: (null)
d resolved to: /private/tmp/KSInstallAction.x3xRLxijsa/m/.patch/liblzma_decompress.dylib, bundleURL: (null)
2023-07-26 09:44:03.464553+0300 0xaf3731  Error    0x0        49700  0  XprotectService: [com.apple.xprotect:xprotect] File /tmp/KSInstallAction.x3xRLxijsa/m/.patch/xzdec failed on loadCmd /tmp/KSInstallAction.x3xRLxijsa/m/.patch/liblzma_decomp
olved to: /private/tmp/KSInstallAction.x3xRLxijsa/m/.patch/liblzma_decompress.dylib, bundleURL: (null)
2023-07-26 09:44:09.309864+0300 0xaf3c79  Default  0x0        51507  0  XProtectBehaviorService: [com.apple.xprotect:behavior] Processed behavioral violation for process redacted event
2023-07-26 15:34:30.055479+0300 0xb3a5df  Default  0x0        76424  0  XProtectBehaviorService: [com.apple.xprotect:behavior] Reported 1 behavioral events
2023-07-27 08:34:08.847517+0300 0xbfee39  Signpost 0x0        49386  0  [spid 0x1, process, begin] XprotectService: [com.apple.xprotect:signposts] XprotectAssessment
2023-07-27 08:34:08.847537+0300 0xbfee39  Signpost 0x0        49386  0  [spid 0x1, process, event] XprotectService: [com.apple.xprotect:signposts] URL: <private>
2023-07-27 08:34:08.847537+0300 0xbfee39  Signpost 0x0        49386  0  [spid 0x1, process, event] XprotectService: [com.apple.xprotect:signposts] AssessmentClass: 0
2023-07-27 08:34:08.847549+0300 0xbfee39  Info     0x0        49386  0  XprotectService: [com.apple.xprotect:xprotect] Xprotect is performing a direct malware and dylib scan: <private>
2023-07-27 08:34:08.891767+0300 0xbfe686  Info     0x0        359   0  syspolicyd: (XprotectFramework) [com.apple.xprotect:xprotect] Invalidated
2023-07-27 08:34:08.891934+0300 0xbfee39  Info     0x0        49386  0  XprotectService: [com.apple.xprotect:xprotect] Invalidated service side
-----
Log - Default: 4, Info: 3, Debug: 0, Error: 2, Fault: 0
Activity - Create: 0, Transition: 0, Actions: 0
+ Resources
```

Malware Removal Tool - MRT

Malware Removal Tool - MRT

- ❑ MRT is another built-in anti-malware tool for macOS.
- ❑ macOS 10.8.3
- ❑ MRT checks the malware database regularly updated by Apple and removes infections.
- ❑ Similar to XProtect, MRT is activated automatically at system startup.
- ❑ **/Library/Apple/System/Library/CoreServices/MRT.app**

```
↳ MRT.app pwd  
/Library/Apple/System/Library/CoreServices/MRT.app
```

```
↳ MRT.app  
↳ MRT.app tree
```

```
.
```

```
└ Contents
```

```
  └ Frameworks  
    └ libswiftAppKit.dylib  
    └ libswiftCore.dylib  
    └ libswiftCoreData.dylib  
    └ libswiftCoreFoundation.dylib  
    └ libswiftCoreGraphics.dylib  
    └ libswiftCoreImage.dylib  
    └ libswiftDarwin.dylib  
    └ libswiftDispatch.dylib  
    └ libswiftFoundation.dylib  
    └ libswiftIOKit.dylib  
    └ libswiftMetal.dylib  
    └ libswiftObjectiveC.dylib  
    └ libswiftQuartzCore.dylib  
    └ libswiftXPC.dylib  
    └ libswiftos.dylib
```

```
  └ Info.plist
```

```
  └ MacOS
```

```
    └ MRT  
      └ mrt-helper
```

```
  └ PkgInfo
```

```
  └ Resources
```

```
    └ Info.plist  
    └ ar.lproj  
      └ Localizable.strings  
      └ locversion.plist
```

```
    └ ca.lproj  
      └ Localizable.strings  
      └ locversion.plist
```

```
    └ cs.lproj  
      └ Localizable.strings  
      └ locversion.plist
```

Reversing MRT Application

```
a0sxatg2a:  
00000001001502b2    db      "OSX.ATG2.A", 0          ; DATA XREF=sub_1000284d0+138  
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00000001001502be    db      "", 0  
00000001001502bf    db      "", 0  
aLibrarylauncha_1001502c0:      // aLibrarylauncha  
00000001001502c0    db      "~/Library/LaunchAgents/com.apple.updater.plist", 0 ; DATA XREF=sub_1000284d0+340  
00000001001502ef    db      "", 0  
aUsersssharedduf:  
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000000010015033f    db      "", 0  
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000000010015030f    db      "", 0  
aLibrarylauncha_100150310:      // aLibrarylauncha  
0000000100150310    db      "~/Library/LaunchAgents/com.apple.updates.plist", 0 ; DATA XREF=sub_1000284d0+641  
000000010015033f    db      "", 0  
aUsersssharedloc:  
0000000100150340    db      "/Users/Shared/.local/kextd" 0          ; DATA XREF=sub_1000284d0+764  
000000010015035b    db      "", 0
```

Reversing MRT Application

```
int sub_1000d0160(int arg0) {
    swift_retain(r13);
    swift_retain(r13);
    *(r13 + 0x40) = Swift.String.init("~/Library/LaunchAgents/com.Mughthesec.plist", 0x2b, 0x1);
    *(r13 + 0x48) = 0x1;
    swift_release(r13);
    *(r13 + 0x50) = Swift.String.init("~/Library/Application Support/com.Mughthesec/Mughthesec", 0x37, 0x1);
    *(r13 + 0x58) = 0x1;
    swift_release(r13);
    swift_retain(sub_1000a2530(arg0 & 0xff));
    swift_retain(rax);
    var_50 = Swift.String.init("OSX.Mughthesec.A", 0x10, 0x1);
    swift_bridgeObjectRetain(0x1);
    swift_beginAccess(rax + 0x10, &var_30, 0x21, 0x0);
    rdi = *(rax + 0x18);
    *(rax + 0x10) = var_50;
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    swift_bridgeObjectRelease(rdi);
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XProtect Remediator

XProtect.app

XProtect Remediator - XProtect.app

- ❑ macOS 12.3
- ❑ XProtect Remediator is reminiscent of **MRT** in the sense that it is an application package, but it contains different binaries for different malware.
- ❑ Different binaries for different malware are in **XProtectRemediator<AMILY_NAME>** format.
- ❑ The main differences between MRT and XProtect Remediator are as follows.
 - ❑ MRT only works during the reboot and login phases.
 - ❑ XProtect Remediator scans at regular intervals.

```
↳ XProtect.app pwd
/Library/Apple/System/Library/CoreServices/XProtect.app
↳ XProtect.app
↳ XProtect.app tree
└── Contents
    └── Info.plist
    └── MacOS
        └── XProtect
            └── XProtectRemediatorAdload
            └── XProtectRemediatorBadGacha
            └── XProtectRemediatorColdSnap
            └── XProtectRemediatorDubRobber
            └── XProtectRemediatorEicar
            └── XProtectRemediatorFloppyFlipper
            └── XProtectRemediatorGenieo
            └── XProtectRemediatorGreenAcre
            └── XProtectRemediatorKeySteal
            └── XProtectRemediatorMRTv3
            └── XProtectRemediatorPirrit
            └── XProtectRemediatorRankStank
            └── XProtectRemediatorRoachFlight
            └── XProtectRemediatorSheepSwap
            └── XProtectRemediatorSnowBeagle
            └── XProtectRemediatorSnowDrift
            └── XProtectRemediatorToyDrop
            └── XProtectRemediatorTrovil
            └── XProtectRemediatorWaterNet
    └── PkgInfo
    └── Resources
        └── com.apple.XProtect.agent.scan.plist
        └── com.apple.XProtect.agent.scan.startup.plist
        └── com.apple.XProtect.daemon.scan.plist
        └── com.apple.XProtect.daemon.scan.startup.plist
        └── com.apple.XprotectFramework.PluginService.plist
        └── libXProtectPayloads.dylib
    └── XPCServices
        └── XProtectPluginService.xpc
            └── Contents
                └── Info.plist
                └── MacOS
                    └── XProtectPluginService
                        └── _CodeSignature
                            └── CodeResources
                            └── version.plist
                └── _CodeSignature
                    └── CodeResources
                    └── version.plist
    └── 10 directories, 34 files
    ↳ XProtect.app
```

XProtect Remediator - XProtect.app



The image shows a debugger interface with two main panes. The left pane displays assembly code for a function named `sub_100118cf0`. The right pane displays the corresponding Swift source code. The assembly code is annotated with comments explaining the Swift code's execution flow.

Assembly (Left Pane):

```
int sub_100118cf0(int arg0, int arg1) {
    var_2C9 = arg0;
    memset(&var_10, 0x0, 0x1);
    memset(&var_18, 0x0, 0x8);
    var_18 = Swift.Array.init(sub_1000c68d0());
    if ((var_2C9 & 0x1) == 0x0) {
        var_300 = Swift.String.init("Agent start.", 0xc, 0x1);
        var_2F8 = Swift._allocateUninitializedArray<A>(0x0,
sub_10000f760(0x100202948));
        Foundation.NSLog(var_300, 0x1, var_2F8);
        swift_bridgeObjectRelease(var_2F8);
        swift_bridgeObjectRelease(0x1);
    } else {
        var_2B8 = Swift.String.init("Daemon start.", 0xd, 0x1);
        var_2E0 = Swift._allocateUninitializedArray<A>(0x0,
sub_10000f760(0x100202948));
        Foundation.NSLog(var_2E0, 0x1, var_2E0);
        swift_bridgeObjectRelease(var_2E0);
        swift_bridgeObjectRelease(0x1);
    }
    sub_100066000(0x1, 0x1);
    swift_beginAccess(&sub_100037c10), &var_30, 0x21, 0x0);
    ({int8_t*)rdi = var_2C9 & 0x1;
    swift_endAccess(&var_30);
    sub_1000f1200();
    var_38 = sub_1000f6e0f(var_2C9 & 0xff);
    Swift.Array.append(&var_38, sub_10000f760(0x10020d908));
    sub_1000a9d70();
    var_40 = sub_1000a8290(var_2C9 & 0xff);
    Swift.Array.append(&var_40, rsi);
    sub_1000a8800();
    var_48 = sub_1000a2d00(var_2C9 & 0xff);
    Swift.Array.append(&var_48, rsi);
    sub_1000a2d00();
    var_50 = sub_1000a9d90(var_2C9 & 0xff);
    Swift.Array.append(&var_50, rsi);
    ...
    Swift.Array.append(&var_288, rsi);
    sub_1000c5210();
    var_2C0 = sub_1000c4110(var_2C9 & 0xff);
    Swift.Array.append(&var_2C0, rsi);
    sub_1000c3200();
    var_2C8 = sub_1000c1cc0(var_2C9 & 0xff);
    Swift.Array.append(&var_2C8, rsi);
    swift_bridgeObjectRetain(var_18);
    sub_100118260(var_18, 0x1);
    swift_bridgeObjectRelease(var_18);
    swift_bridgeObjectRetain(var_18);
    sub_100118260(var_18, 0x0);
    swift_bridgeObjectRelease(var_18);
    if ((var_2C9 & 0x1) != 0x0) {
        sub_10001b90();
        sub_10001c080();
    }
    if ((var_2C9 & 0x1) == 0x0) {
        var_358 = Swift.String.init("Agent finished.", 0xf, 0x1);
        var_350 = Swift._allocateUninitializedArray<A>(0x0,
sub_10000f760(0x100202948));
        Foundation.NSLog(var_358, 0x1, var_350);
        swift_bridgeObjectRelease(var_358);
        swift_bridgeObjectRelease(0x1);
    } else {
        var_340 = Swift.String.init("Daemon finished.", 0x10, 0x1);
        var_338 = Swift._allocateUninitializedArray<A>(0x0,
sub_10000f760(0x100202948));
        Foundation.NSLog(var_340, 0x1, var_338);
        swift_bridgeObjectRelease(var_338);
        swift_bridgeObjectRelease(0x1);
    }
    sub_100066000(0x0, 0x1);
    rax = sub_10011a220(&var_18);
    return rax;
}
```

Swift (Right Pane):

```
loc_10011a184:
lea    rdi, qword [aAgentFinished] ; "Agent finished.", CODE XREF=sub_100118cf0+5147
mov   esi, 0xf
mov   edx, 0x1
call  imp___stubs____$sSS21_builtinStringLiteral17utf8CodeUnitCount7isASCIISSBp_BwBi1_tcfC ; Swift.$
mov   qword [rbp+var_358], rax
mov   qword [rbp+var_348], rdx
lea    rdi, qword [qword_100202940+8] ; argument #1 for method sub_10000f760, 0x100202948
call  sub_10000f760 ; sub_10000f760
mov   rsi, rax
xor   eax, eax
mov   edi, eax
call  imp___stubs____$ss27_allocateUninitializedArrayySayxG_BptBwlF ; Swift._allocateUninitializ
mov   rdi, qword [rbp+var_358]
mov   rsi, qword [rbp+var_348]
mov   qword [rbp+var_350], rax
mov   rdx, qword [rbp+var_350]
call  imp___stubs____$s10Foundation5NSLogyySS_s7CVarArg_pdtF ; Foundation.NSLog(Swift.String, Swift.
mov   rdi, qword [rbp+var_350] ; argument "ptr" for method imp___stubs_swift_bridgeObjectRelease
call  imp___stubs_swift_bridgeObjectRelease ; swift_bridgeObjectRelease
mov   rdi, qword [rbp+var_348] ; argument "ptr" for method imp___stubs_swift_bridgeObjectRelease
call  imp___stubs_swift_bridgeObjectRelease ; swift_bridgeObjectRelease
```

XProtect Remediator - XProtect.app

- ☐ `log show -info -backtrace -debug -loss -signpost -predicate 'subsystem == "com.apple.XProtectFramework.PluginAPI" && category == "XPEvent.structured"'`

```
* - log show -info -backtrace -debug -loss -signpost -predicate 'subsystem == "com.apple.XProtectFramework.PluginAPI" && category == "XPEvent.structured"'  
Filtering the log data using "subsystem == "com.apple.XProtectFramework.PluginAPI" AND category == "XPEvent.structured""  
Timestamp           Thread  Type    Activity      PID   TTL  
2023-07-25 12:09:44.709808+0300 0xaadfcff Default  0x0        24149  0  XProtectRemediatorSnowDrift: [com.apple.XProtectFramework.PluginAPI:XPEvent.structured] {"caused_by":[], "status_message": "NoThreatDetected", "status_code": 20, "execution_duration": 0.0001219511032104492Z}  
2023-07-25 12:09:44.806791+0300 0xaafdf07 Default  0x0        24150  0  XProtectRemediatorTrovI: [com.apple.XProtectFramework.PluginAPI:XPEvent.structured] {"caused_by":[], "status_message": "NoThreatDetected", "status_code": 20, "execution_duration": 9.1910362243652344e-05}  
2023-07-25 12:09:44.807373+0300 0xaafdf07 Default  0x0        24150  0  XProtectRemediatorTrovI: [com.apple.XProtectFramework.PluginAPI:XPEvent.structured] {"caused_by":[], "status_message": "NoThreatDetected", "status_code": 20, "execution_duration": 1.2040138244628906e-05}  
2023-07-25 12:09:44.807833+0300 0xaafdf07 Default  0x0        24150  0  XProtectRemediatorTrovI: [com.apple.XProtectFramework.PluginAPI:XPEvent.structured] {"caused_by":[], "status_message": "NoThreatDetected", "status_code": 20, "execution_duration": 1.2040138244628906e-05}  
2023-07-25 12:09:50.114298+0300 0xaafdb0b Default  0x0        24151  0  XProtectRemediatorRoachFlight: [com.apple.XProtectFramework.PluginAPI:XPEvent.structured] {"caused_by":[], "status_message": "NoThreatDetected", "status_code": 20, "execution_duration": 0.000110030107425537109}  
2023-07-25 12:10:13.467412+0300 0xaafdb6c Default  0x0        24160  0  XProtectRemediatorMRTV3: [com.apple.XProtectFramework.PluginAPI:XPEvent.structured] {"caused_by":[], "status_message": "Success", "status_code": 0, "execution_duration": 0.00018703937530517578}  
2023-07-25 12:10:13.998327+0300 0xb0022 Default  0x0        24214  0  XProtectRemediatorPirrit: [com.apple.XProtectFramework.PluginAPI:XPEvent.structured] {"caused_by":[], "status_message": "NoThreatDetected", "status_code": 20, "execution_duration": 9.7036361694335938e-05}  
2023-07-25 12:10:15.022154+0300 0xb003d Default  0x0        24217  0  XProtectRemediatorGreenAcre: [com.apple.XProtectFramework.PluginAPI:XPEvent.structured] {"caused_by":[], "status_message": "NoThreatDetected", "status_code": 20, "execution_duration": 0.00013995170593261719}  
2023-07-25 12:10:15.134089+0300 0xb004e Default  0x0        24219  0  XProtectRemediatorFloppyFlipper: [com.apple.XProtectFramework.PluginAPI:XPEvent.structured] {"caused_by":[], "status_message": "NoThreatDetected", "status_code": 20, "execution_duration": 7.2956085205078125e-05}  
2023-07-25 12:10:15.393322+0300 0xb0051 Default  0x0        24220  0  XProtectRemediatorKeySteal: [com.apple.XProtectFramework.PluginAPI:XPEvent.structured] {"caused_by":[], "status_message": "NoThreatDetected", "status_code": 20, "execution_duration": 6.5922737121582031e-05}  
2023-07-25 12:10:15.650702+0300 0xb0056 Default  0x0        24221  0  XProtectRemediatorToyDrop: [com.apple.XProtectFramework.PluginAPI:XPEvent.structured] {"caused_by":[], "status_message": "NoThreatDetected", "status_code": 20, "execution_duration": 0.0001300573348990234}  
2023-07-25 12:10:15.780344+0300 0xb0060 Default  0x0        24223  0  XProtectRemediatorBadGacha: [com.apple.XProtectFramework.PluginAPI:XPEvent.structured] {"process": [{"pid": 3322, "name": "Python"}, "status": null, "action": "report"}]  
2023-07-25 12:10:15.781366+0300 0xb0060 Default  0x0        24223  0  XProtectRemediatorBadGacha: [com.apple.XProtectFramework.PluginAPI:XPEvent.structured] {"process": [{"pid": 3321, "name": "Python"}, "status": null, "action": "report"}]  
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2023-07-25 12:10:15.782375+0300 0xb0060 Default  0x0        24223  0  XProtectRemediatorBadGacha: [com.apple.XProtectFramework.PluginAPI:XPEvent.structured] {"process": [{"pid": 3317, "name": "Python"}, "status": null, "action": "report"}]  
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2023-07-25 12:10:15.788554+0300 0xb0060 Default  0x0        24223  0  XProtectRemediatorBadGacha: [com.apple.XProtectFramework.PluginAPI:XPEvent.structured] {"caused_by": [], "status_message": "NoThreatDetected", "status_code": 20, "execution_duration": 0.00021398067474365234}  
2023-07-25 12:10:22.239344+0300 0xb0069 Default  0x0        24224  0  XProtectRemediatorColdSnap: [com.apple.XProtectFramework.PluginAPI:XPEvent.structured] {"caused_by": [], "status_message": "NoThreatDetected", "status_code": 20, "execution_duration": 0.0013049840927124023}
```

Behavioral Detection Bastion Rules

Behavioral Detection - BastionRules

- ❑ Apple has released a new XProtect module with macOS **Ventura**.
- ❑ With this module, it is seen that XProtect has a behavioral detection feature.
- ❑ **/var/protected/xprotect/XPdb**

```
sqlite> select * from events limit 5;
id|violated_rule|exec_path|exec_cdh|exec_signing_id|exec_team_id|exec_sha256|exec_is_notarized|responsible_path|responsible_cdh|responsible_signing_id|responsible_team_id|responsible_sha256|responsible_is_notarized|reported|profile_hash|dt
181|BastionRule-2|/System/Library/CoreServices/Finder.app/Contents/MacOS/Finder|a2cf1bc3d168da1ddb7e133cb12ad8559899b980|com.apple.finder||14483e1369e992a7794a8861d9de307387c80c3461df457a27a5acf16cdd5dbb|0|/System/Library/CoreServices/Finder.app/Contents/ddb7e133cb12ad8559899b980|com.apple.finder||14483e1369e992a7794a8861d9de307387c80c3461df457a27a5acf16cdd5dbb|0|/System/Library/CoreServices/Finder.app/Contents/182|BastionRule-3|/Library/Application Support/Logitech.localized/LogiOptionsPlus/Logioptionsplus_agent.app/Contents/MacOS/Logioptionsplus_agent|2d56ebf1ec5f830aeba2c7f5f7d7e40f7f2dc4c3|com.logi.cp-dev-mgr|QED4VVPZWA|b9de006b0d3d197ddf982cf67ca6209e0954|/Library/Application Support/Logitech.localized/LogiOptionsPlus/Logioptionsplus_agent.app/Contents/MacOS/Logioptionsplus_agent|2d56ebf1ec5f830aeba2c7f5f7d7e40f7f2dc4c3|com.logi.cp-dev-mgr|QED4VVPZWA|b9de006b0d3d197ddf982cf67ca6209e0954d97940a855fb122571|27319|2023-07-02 19:38:27
183|BastionRule-2|/usr/sbin/lsof|162c8e638c90f2fe3672d89cb134f37a010561e29|com.apple.lsosf||f8a6987f682de1174ece536dea99da730b5103ef4af086a45c9c533068296709|0|/Applications/GlobalProtect.app/Contents/Resources/PanGPS|b1d7ba5c62e6aa44d8d93000758882759076898|bec78b7d501ee3ac0effdd5467390ad7cb0a1bd524ed008998ad83|1|1|599809849390627319|2023-07-02 19:38:29
184|BastionRule-2|/Applications/Slack.app/Contents/MacOS/Slack|7dd86b1ab350424dfc22ec43aaef613e3a3bae0fe|com.tinyspeck.slackmacgap|BQR82RBBHL|f2ca9375f15bf46d98dcc90c5db5f07dacf50de207c1edd061c37db0894336|1|/Applications/Slack.app/Contents/MacOS/Slack|i3a3bae0fe|com.tinyspeck.slackmacgap|BQR82RBBHL|f2ca9375f15bf46d98dcc90c5db5f07dacf50de207c1edd061c37db0894336|1|1|599809849390627319|2023-07-02 19:38:52
185|BastionRule-2|/Library/SystemExtensions/03C1EE2E-EFB-45CD-9C4E-A7E7445112C1|com.crowdstrike.falcon.Agent.systemextension/Contents/MacOS/com.crowdstrike.falcon.Agent|8f33a1a8ffeb0fad520377800c695a864c5f4d8|com.crowdstrike.falcon.Agent|X9E956P446|i3d2ebf8d7cdfaa9dd50cc2744ffcd18adc0|1|/Library/SystemExtensions/03C1EE2E-EFB-45CD-9C4E-A7E7445112C1|com.crowdstrike.falcon.Agent.systemextension/Contents/MacOS/com.crowdstrike.falcon.Agent|8f33a1a8ffeb0fad520377800c695a864c5f4d8|com.crowdstrike.falcon.Agent|e66f5008911f0e790ebf8d7cdfaa9dd50cc2744ffcd18adc0|1|1|5998098849390627319|2023-07-02 19:38:52
sqlite>
```

BastionRules

```
0|id|INTEGER|0||1  
1|violated_rule|TEXT|0||0  
2|exec_path|TEXT|0||0  
3|exec_cdhash|TEXT|0||0  
4|exec_signing_id|TEXT|0||0  
5|exec_team_id|TEXT|0||0  
6|exec_sha256|TEXT|0||0  
7|exec_is_notarized|BOOLEAN|0||0  
8|responsible_path|TEXT|0||0  
9|responsible_cdhash|TEXT|0||0  
10|responsible_signing_id|TEXT|0||0  
11|responsible_team_id|TEXT|0||0  
12|responsible_sha256|TEXT|0||0  
13|responsible_is_notarized|BOOLEAN|0||0  
14|reported|BOOLEAN|0||0  
15|profile_hash|INTEGER|0||0  
16|dt|DATETIME|1|datetime('now')|0
```



```
220  
BastionRule-1  
/Applications/Firefox.app/Contents/MacOS/firefox  
491387df6f565f541b3137d6ee2af689ac74a1ff  
org.mozilla.firefox  
43AQ936H96  
d4a1a2fe728e9826988d803d22cfad2366b05b708860f0ff6e6e90a00820fa8d  
1  
/Applications/Firefox.app/Contents/MacOS/firefox  
491387df6f565f541b3137d6ee2af689ac74a1ff  
org.mozilla.firefox  
43AQ936H96  
d4a1a2fe728e9826988d803d22cfad2366b05b708860f0ff6e6e90a00820fa8d  
1  
1  
5998098849390627319  
2023-07-17 11:28:16
```

XProtect Behavioral Service

```
sqlite> select * from events limit 2;
      id = 503
      violated_rule = macOS.QntDb.Generic
      exec_path =
/System/Library/CoreServices/Spotlight.app/Contents/MacOS/Spotlight
      exec_cdh = 26317b0f7f9ef98f1ed010b91ada7c34ee25bad9
      exec_signing_id = com.apple.Spotlight
      exec_team_id =
      exec_sha256 =
68a9b26e43612a754d51f95fcfc14a004ff6dff343ed95df027319f51910c34f6
      exec_is_notarized = 0
      responsible_path =
/System/Library/CoreServices/Spotlight.app/Contents/MacOS/Spotlight
      responsible_cdh = 26317b0f7f9ef98f1ed010b91ada7c34ee25bad9
      responsible_signing_id = com.apple.Spotlight
      responsible_team_id =
      responsible_sha256 =
68a9b26e43612a754d51f95fcfc14a004ff6dff343ed95df027319f51910c34f6
responsible_is_notarized = 0
      reported = 0
      profile_hash = 5810994513396451325
      dt = 2024-04-14 19:47:10

      id = 504
      violated_rule = macOS.Browser.Generic
      exec_path =
/Applications/Firefox.app/Contents/MacOS/firefox
      exec_cdh = e62be0819844a853790ef2427237cdd07676bc84
      exec_signing_id = org.mozilla.firefox
      exec_team_id = 43AQ936H96
      exec_sha256 =
18b815cf09ee08f3cab164f4cb05f75563b5b62bff68b9930289063c0456d1c1
      exec_is_notarized = 1
      responsible_path =
/Applications/Firefox.app/Contents/MacOS/firefox
      responsible_cdh = e62be0819844a853790ef2427237cdd07676bc84
      responsible_signing_id = org.mozilla.firefox
      responsible_team_id = 43AQ936H96
      responsible_sha256 =
18b815cf09ee08f3cab164f4cb05f75563b5b62bff68b9930289063c0456d1c1
responsible_is_notarized = 1
      reported = 0
      profile_hash = 5810994513396451325
      dt = 2024-04-14 19:47:17
sqlite>
```

Reversing XProtect Daemon

- XPdb and XProtect activities, in general, are handled by the **System Configuration Policy Daemon - syspolicyd**.

```
/* @class SandboxManager */
-(void)registerBastionProfile {
    r15 = self;
    rax = [self->_profileURL path];
    rax = [rax retain];
    var_60 = 0x0;
    r12 = [[NSString stringWithContentsOfFile:rax encoding:0x4 error:r8] retain];
    r14 = [var_60 retain];
    [rax release];
    if (r12 == 0x0) {
        rax = [SPLog exec];
        rax = [rax retain];
        rbx = rax;
        if (os_log_type_enabled(rax, 0x1) != 0x0) {
            rax = *(r15 + 0x10);
            var_50 = 0x8400202;
            *(&var_50 + 0x4) = r14;
            *(int16_t *)(&var_50 + 0xc) = 0x840;
            *(&var_50 + 0xe) = rax;
            _os_log_impl(_mh_execute_header, rbx, 0x1, "Error retrieving profile: %@ at URL %@", registering the default xprotect profile", &var_50, 0x16);
        }
        [rbx release];
        r12 = [*qword_1000d5930 retain];
    }
    var_58 = 0x0;
    rax = [r15 compileSandboxProfileWithVersion:&var_58 withProfile:r12];
    rbx = rax;
    if (rax != 0x0) {
        rax = 0x0;
        asm { bswap rax };
        [r15 unregisterBastionProfile];
        [r15 sendNewBastionProfileVersionToKernel:rax];
        [r15 registerBastionProfile:rbx];
    }
    var_30 = __stack_chk_guard;
    [r12 release];
    [r14 release];
    if (**__stack_chk_guard != var_30) {
        __stack_chk_fail();
    }
    return;
}
```

Reversing XProtect Daemon

```
000000001000b9d2      db      "SystemPolicyConfiguration", 0          ; DATA XREF=[XPBundle loadFromBundleData:]+801
000000001000b9ec      db      @Version3nnp1;
000000001000b9ec      db      "\n(version 3)\n\n(allow default job-creation file-write-setuid)\n(allow file-test-existence)\n\n(define (system-binary signing-id)\n  (require-all\n    (signing-identifier signing-id)\n    (process-attribute is-platform-binary)))\n\n(define\n  \"(require-any\n    (system-binary \\"com.apple.imgur\\\")\n    (system-binary \\"com.apple.imtransferservices.IMTransferAgent\\\")\n    (system-binary \\"com.apple.fseventsd\\\")\n    (system-binary \\"com.apple.mds\\\")\n    (system-binary \\"com.apple.xprotectframework.plugins.MRTv3\\\")\n    (system-binary \\"com.apple.XProtectFramework.plugins.Pirrit\\\")\n    (system-binary \\"com.apple.mddworker_shared\\\")\n    (system-binary \\"com.apple.jetinary \\"com.apple.diskarbitrationd\\\")\n    (system-binary \\"com.apple.StorageManagement.Service\\\")\n    (system-binary \\"com.apple.dt.IDECacheDeleteAppExtension\\\")\n    (system-binary \\"com.apple.STMExtension.Applications\\\")\n    (system-binary \\"com.apple.imdpersistence.IDMPersistenceAgent\\\"))\n  (define rule-one-offenders\n    (require-any\n      (system-binary \\"com.apple.Safari.PasswordDre
000000001000b0ecc      db      "ry \\"com.apple.Safari.History\\\")\n      (system-binary \\"com.apple.Safari.CacheDeleteExtension\\\")\n      (system-binary \\"com.apple.Finder\\\")\n      (system-binary \\"com.apple.SafariBookmarksSyncAgent\\\")\n      (system-binary \\"com.apple.UserEventAg
000000001000b0fec      db      "m.apple.apkit.xpc.openAndSavePanelService\"\")\n      (system-binary \\"com.apple.SafariNotificationAgent\"\")\n      (system-binary \\"com.apple.dt.SKAgent\"\")\n      (system-binary \\"com.apple.backupd\"\")\n      (system-binary \\"com.apple.STMExtension.De
000000001000b10ec      db      "y \\"com.apple.STMExtension.Mail\\\")\n      (system-binary \\"com.apple.Safari\"\")\n  (define rule-two-offenders\n    (require-any\n      (system-binary \\"com.apple.gistedd\"\")\n      (system-binary \\"com.apple.IMAutomaticHistoryDeletionAgent\"\")
000000001000b10ec      db      "leSMS\"\")\n      (system-binary \\"com.apple.MobileSMS.spotlight\"\")\n      (system-binary \\"com.apple.photolibrary\"\")\n      (system-binary \\"com.apple.Spotlight\"\")\n      (system-binary \\"com.apple.coreduetd\"\")\n      (system-binary \\"com.apple.fileco
000000001000b12ec      db      "ry \\"com.apple.Safari.SandboxBroker\"\")\n      (system-binary \\"com.apple.quicklook.ThumbnailsAgent\"\")\n      (system-binary \\"com.apple.messages.StorageManagementExtension\"\")\n      (system-binary \\"com.apple.corespotlightd\"\")\n      (system-binary \\"com.apple.sh
000000001000b13ec      db      "fine rule-three-offenders\n    (require-any\n      (system-binary \\"com.apple.Safari\"\")\n      (system-binary \\"com.apple.cfprefsd\"\")\n      (system-binary \\"com.apple.mail\"\")\n      (system-binary \\"com.apple.lsdd\"\")\n      (system-binary \\"com.apple.sh
000000001000b14ec      db      "om.apple.dataaccess.dataaccessd\"\")\n      (system-binary \\"com.apple.defaults\"\")\n  (with-filter\n    (require-not (require-any bastion-usual-offenders rule-one-offenders))\n    (allow (with-user-approval \\"BastionRule-1\"\") file\n      (subpath \${ANY_USER_HOME}/Library/Application Support/Firefox/Profiles/"))
000000001000b15ec      db      "ry/Application Support/Google/Chrome/Default/\"\")\n  (allow (with-user-approval \\"BastionRule-1\"\") file\n      (subpath \${ANY_USER_HOME}/Library/Application Support/Firefox/Profiles/"))
000000001000b16ec      db      "(\n  (allow (with-user-approval \\"BastionRule-1\"\") file\n      (subpath \${ANY_USER_HOME}/Library/Safari/"))
000000001000b17ec      db      ")\n  (with-filter\n    (require-not (require-any bastion-usual-offenders rule-two-offenders))\n    (allow (with-user-approval \\"BastionRule-2\"\") file\n      (subpath \${ANY_USER_HOME}/Library/Messages/"))
000000001000b17ec      db      "roval \\"BastionRule-2\"\")\n  file\n      (subpath \${ANY_USER_HOME}/Library/Application Support/Microsoft/Teams/"))
000000001000b18ec      db      ")\n  (allow (with-user-approval \\"BastionRule-2\"\") file\n      (subpath \${ANY_USER_HOME}/Library/Application Support/WhatsAppApp/"))
000000001000b19ec      db      ")\n  (with-filter\n    (require-not (require-any bastion-usual-offenders rule-three-offenders))\n    (allow (with-user-approval \\"BastionRule-3\"\") file\n      (literal \${ANY_USER_HOME}/Library/Preferences/com.apple.LaunchServices.QuarantineEventsV2"))
000000001000b1aec      db      ")\n  (with-filter\n    (require-not (process-attribute is-platform-binary))\n    (allow (with-user-approval \\"BastionRule-4\"\") socket-ioctl\n      (AT_SIOCGIFDESC)))
000000001000b1aec      db      ")\n  , 0
```

```

(version 3)

(allow default job-creation file-write-setuid)
(allow file-test-existence)

(define (system-binary signing-id)
  (require-all
    (signing-identifier signing-id)
    (process-attribute is-platform-binary)))

(define bastion-usual-offenders

  (require-any
    (system-binary \"com.apple.imgur\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.imtransferservices.IMTransferAgent\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.fseventsds\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.mds\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.mdsync\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.XProtectFramework.plugins.MRTv3\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.MRT\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.XProtectFramework.plugins.Pirrit\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.mdworker_shared\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.jetsam_priority\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.diskarbitrationd\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.StorageManagement.Service\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.dt.IDECacheDeleteAppExtension\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.STMExtension.Applications\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.StorageManagement.Service\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.coreservices.uiagent\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.imdpersistence.IMPDPersistenceAgent\")))

(define rule-one-offenders
  (require-any
    (system-binary \"com.apple.Safari.PasswordBreachAgent\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.Safari.History\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.Safari.CacheDeleteExtension\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.Finder\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.SafariBookmarksSyncAgent\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.UserEventAgent\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.appkit.xpc.openAndSavePanelService\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.SafariNotificationAgent\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.dt.SKAgent\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.backupd\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.STMExtension.Developer\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.STMExtension.Mail\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.Safari\")))

(define rule-two-offenders
  (require-any
    (system-binary \"com.apple.suggestd\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.IMAAutomaticHistoryDeletionAgent\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.MobileSMS\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.MobileSMS.spotlight\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.photolibraryd\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.Spotlight\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.coreduetd\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.filecoordinationd\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.Safari.SandboxBroker\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.quicklook.ThumbnailsAgent\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.messages.StorageManagementExtension\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.corespotlightd\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.mdwrite\")))

(define rule-three-offenders
  (require-any
    (system-binary \"com.apple.Safari\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.cfprefs\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.mail\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.lsd\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.sharingd\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.dataaccess.dataaccessd\")
    (system-binary \"com.apple.defaults\")))

(with-filter
  (require-not (require-any bastion-usual-offenders rule-one-offenders))
  (allow (with user-approval \"BastionRule-1\") file*
    (subpath \"${ANY_USER_HOME}/Library/Application Support/Google/Chrome/Default/\"))
  (allow (with user-approval \"BastionRule-1\") file*
    (subpath \"${ANY_USER_HOME}/Library/Application Support/Firefox/Profiles/\"))
  (allow (with user-approval \"BastionRule-1\") file*
    (subpath \"${ANY_USER_HOME}/Library/Safari/\"))

  (with-filter
    (require-not (require-any bastion-usual-offenders rule-two-offenders))
    (allow (with user-approval \"BastionRule-2\") file*
      (subpath \"${ANY_USER_HOME}/Library/Messages/\"))
    (allow (with user-approval \"BastionRule-2\") file*
      (subpath \"${ANY_USER_HOME}/Library/Application Support/Microsoft/Teams/\"))
    (allow (with user-approval \"BastionRule-2\") file*
      (subpath \"${ANY_USER_HOME}/Library/Application Support/S1s-k/\"))
    (allow (with user-approval \"BastionRule-2\") file*
      (subpath \"${ANY_USER_HOME}/Library/Application Support/Wi-FiApp\"))
    (allow (with user-approval \"BastionRule-2\") file*
      (subpath \"${ANY_USER_HOME}/Library/Application Support/Wi-FiApp\"))
  )
)

```

BastionRules

- ❑ There are four types of Bastion rules.
- ❑ For example, with the **BastionRule-1** type rule, it is understood that the application movements in the **~/Library/Application Support** directory are followed.
- ❑ In macOS Ventura, these behaviors are not blocked; they are saved in the XPdb database.

```
(with-filter
  (require-not (require-any bastion-usual-offenders rule-one-offenders))
  (allow (with user-approval \"BastionRule-1\") file*
    (subpath \${ANY_USER_HOME}/Library/Application Support/Google/Chrome/Default/\"))
  (allow (with user-approval \"BastionRule-1\") file*
    (subpath \${ANY_USER_HOME}/Library/Application Support/Firefox/Profiles/\"))
  (allow (with user-approval \"BastionRule-1\") file*
    (subpath \${ANY_USER_HOME}/Library/Safari/\"))

(with-filter
  (require-not (require-any bastion-usual-offenders rule-two-offenders))
  (allow (with user-approval \"BastionRule-2\") file*
    (subpath \${ANY_USER_HOME}/Library/Messages/\"))
  (allow (with user-approval \"BastionRule-2\") file*
    (subpath \${ANY_USER_HOME}/Library/Application Support/Microsoft/Teams/\"))
  (allow (with user-approval \"BastionRule-2\") file*
    (subpath \${ANY_USER_HOME}/Library/Application Support/Slack/\"))
  (allow (with user-approval \"BastionRule-2\") file*
    (subpath \${ANY_USER_HOME}/Library/Application Support/WhatsApp/\"))

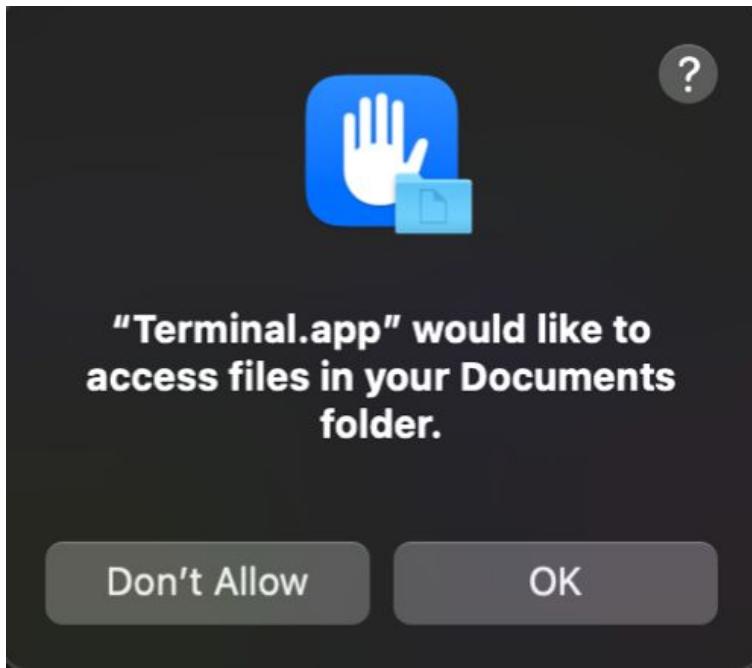
(with-filter
  (require-not (require-any bastion-usual-offenders rule-three-offenders))
  (allow (with user-approval \"BastionRule-3\") file*
    (literal \${ANY_USER_HOME}/Library/Preferences/com.apple.LaunchServices.QuarantineEventsV2\"))
  (with-filter
    (require-not (process-attribute is-platform-binary))
    (allow (with user-approval \"BastionRule-4\") socket-ioctl
      (ioctl-command SIOCIFCREATE SIOCGIFDESC)))
```

Malware Response in Apple

- ❑ When new malware is discovered, the following steps takes.
 - ❑ Any associated Developer ID certificates are revoked.
 - ❑ Notarization revocation tickets are issued for all files (apps and associated files).
 - ❑ XProtect signatures are developed and released.

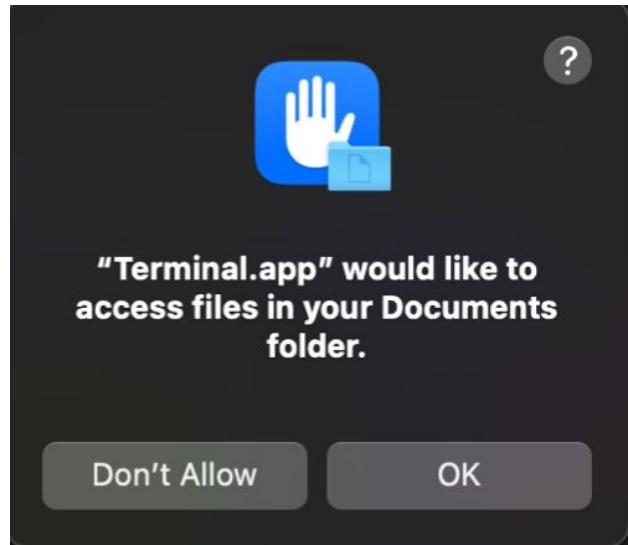


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- ❑ Security protocol focusing on regulating application permissions.
- ❑ Safeguard sensitive features
 - ❑ Location services
 - ❑ Contacts
 - ❑ Photos
 - ❑ Microphone
 - ❑ Camera
 - ❑ Accessibility
 - ❑ **Full Disk Access**



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TCC Daemon

```
→ ~ cat /System/Library/LaunchDaemons/com.apple.tccd.system.plist
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE plist PUBLIC "-//Apple//DTD PLIST 1.0//EN" "http://www.apple.com/DTDs/PropertyList-1.0.dtd">
<plist version="1.0">
<dict>
    <key>Label</key>
    <string>com.apple.tccd.system</string>
    <key>ProgramArguments</key>
    <array>
        <string>/System/Library/PrivateFrameworks/TCC.framework/Support/tccd</string>
        <string>system</string>
    </array>
    <key>MachServices</key>
    <dict>
        <key>com.apple.tccd.system</key>
        <true/>
    </dict>
    <key>POSIXSpawnType</key>
    <string>Adaptive</string>
    <key>EnablePressuredExit</key>
    <true/>
    <key>PublishesEvents</key>
    <dict>
        <key>com.apple.tccd.events</key>
        <dict>
            <key>DomainInternal</key>
            <true/>
        </dict>
    </dict>
</dict>
</plist>
→ ~
```

TCC Daemon

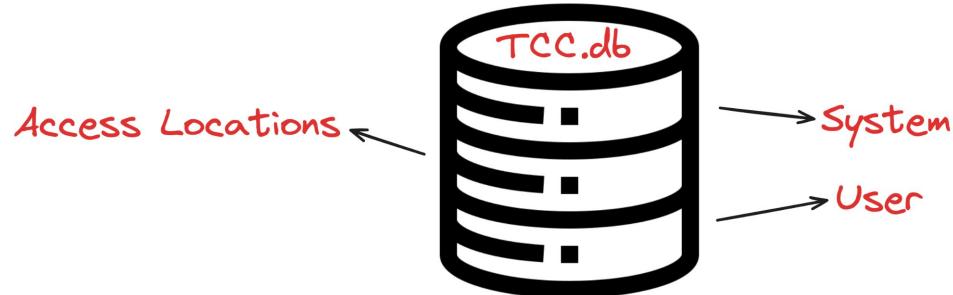
```
→ ~ cat /System/Library/LaunchDaemons/com.apple.tccd.system.plist
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE plist PUBLIC "-//Apple//DTD PLIST 1.0//EN" "http://www.apple.com/DTDs/PropertyList-1.0.dtd">
<plist version="1.0">
<dict>
    <key>Label</key>
    <string>com.apple.tccd.system</string>
    <key>ProgramArguments</key>
    <array>
        <string>/System/Library/PrivateFrameworks/TCC.framework/Support/tccd</string>
        <string>system</string>
    </array>
    <key>MachServices</key>
    <dict>
        <key>com.apple.tccd.system</key>
        <true/>
    </dict>
    <key>POSIXSpawnType</key>
    <string>Adaptive</string>
    <key>EnablePressuredExit</key>
    <true/>
    <key>PublishesEvents</key>
    <dict>
        <key>com.apple.tccd.events</key>
        <dict>
            <key>DomainInternal</key>
            <true/>
        </dict>
    </dict>
    </dict>
</plist>
→ ~
```

TCC Daemon

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<plist version="1.0">
<dict>
    <key>Label</key>
    <string>com.apple.tccd.system</string>
    <key>ProgramArguments</key>
    <array>
        <string>/System/Library/PrivateFrameworks/TCC.framework/Support/tccd</string>
        <string>system</string>
    </array>
    <key>MachServices</key>
    <dict>
        <key>com.apple.tccd.system</key>
        <true/>
    </dict>
    <key>POSIXSpawnType</key>
    <string>Adaptive</string>
    <key>EnablePressuredExit</key>
    <true/>
    <key>PublishesEvents</key>
    <dict>
        <key>com.apple.tccd.events</key>
        <dict>
            <key>DomainInternal</key>
            <true/>
        </dict>
    </dict>
</dict>
</plist>
~
```

TCC Databases

- ❑ System
 - ❑ `/Library/Application Support/com.apple.TCC/TCC.db`
- ❑ User
 - ❑ `$HOME/Library/Application Support/com.apple.TCC/TCC.db`
- ❑ Access Locations
 - ❑ `/var/db/locationd/clients.plist`



TCC Database

```
→ ~ sqlite3 /Library/Application\ Support/com.apple.TCC/TCC.db
SQLite version 3.39.5 2022-10-14 20:58:05
Enter ".help" for usage hints.
sqlite> .tables
access          active_policy      expired
access_overrides admin            policies
sqlite>
```

TCC Database

```
→ ~ sqlite3 /Library/Application\ Support/com.apple.TCC/TCC.db
SQLite version 3.39.5 2022-10-14 20:58:05
Enter ".help" for usage hints.
sqlite> .tables
access          active_policy      expired
access_overrides admin            policies
sqlite>
```

TCC Database

```
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SQLite version 3.39.5 2022-10-14 20:58:05
Enter ".help" for usage hints.
sqlite> .tables
access          active_policy      expired
access_overrides admin            policies
sqlite>
```

TCC Database

```
sqlite> select client, auth_reason, auth_value, service from access;
client|auth_reason|auth_value|service
us.zoom.xos|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
/Library/PrivilegedHelperTools/us.zoom.ZoomDaemon|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.apple.Terminal|4|0|kTCCServiceDeveloperTool
/Applications/Zscaler/Zscaler.app/Contents/PlugIns/ZscalerTunnel|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFile
som.logi.cp-dev-mgr|4|2|kTCCServiceListenEvent
com.logi.cp-dev-mgr|4|2|kTCCServiceAccessibility
com.apple.XProtectFramework.XProtect|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.google.KeyStone.Agent|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.logitech.logitune|4|2|kTCCServiceListenEvent
us.zoom.xos|4|2|kTCCServiceScreenCapture
com.tinyspeck.slackmacgap|4|2|kTCCServiceScreenCapture
com.tinyspeck.slackmacgap|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
us.zoom.ZoomAutoUpdater|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
WhatsApp|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.google.Chrome|4|0|kTCCServiceScreenCapture
com.vmware.fusion|4|2|kTCCServiceAccessibility
WhatsApp|4|0|kTCCServicePostEvent
us.zoom.xos|4|2|kTCCServiceAccessibility
com.vmware.fusion|4|2|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.googlecode.iterm2|4|2|kTCCServiceEndpointSecurityClient
com.apple.Terminal|4|2|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.microsoft.VSCode|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.hnc.Discord|6|0|kTCCServiceListenEvent
com.loom.desktop|6|0|kTCCServiceScreenCapture
net.whatsapp.WhatsApp|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.google.Chrome|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.logi.cp-dev-mgr|4|0|kTCCServiceScreenCapture
/Library/PrivilegedHelperTools/com.microsoft.autoupdate.helper|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.teamviewer.TeamViewer|6|0|kTCCServiceScreenCapture
sqlite>
```

TCC Database

```
sqlite> select client, auth_reason, auth_value, service from access;
client|auth_reason|auth_value|service
us.zoom.xos|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
/Library/PrivilegedHelperTools/us.zoom.ZoomDaemon|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.apple.Terminal|4|0|kTCCServiceDeveloperTool
/Applications/Zscaler/Zscaler.app/Contents/PlugIns/ZscalerTunnel|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFile
som.logi.cp-dev-mgr|4|2|kTCCServiceListenEvent
com.logi.cp-dev-mgr|4|2|kTCCServiceAccessibility
com.apple.XProtectFramework.XProtect|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.google.KeyStone.Agent|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.logitech.logitune|4|2|kTCCServiceListenEvent
us.zoom.xos|4|2|kTCCServiceScreenCapture
com.tinyspeck.slackmacgap|4|2|kTCCServiceScreenCapture
com.tinyspeck.slackmacgap|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
us.zoom.ZoomAutoUpdater|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
WhatsApp|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.google.Chrome|4|0|kTCCServiceScreenCapture
com.vmware.fusion|4|2|kTCCServiceAccessibility
WhatsApp|4|0|kTCCServicePostEvent
us.zoom.xos|4|2|kTCCServiceAccessibility
com.vmware.fusion|4|2|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.googlecode.iterm2|4|2|kTCCServiceEndpointSecurityClient
com.apple.Terminal|4|2|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.microsoft.VSCode|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.hnc.Discord|6|0|kTCCServiceListenEvent
com.loom.desktop|6|0|kTCCServiceScreenCapture
net.whatsapp.WhatsApp|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.google.Chrome|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.logi.cp-dev-mgr|4|0|kTCCServiceScreenCapture
/Library/PrivilegedHelperTools/com.microsoft.autoupdate.helper|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.teamviewer.TeamViewer|6|0|kTCCServiceScreenCapture
sqlite>
```

TCC Database

```
sqlite> select client, auth_reason, auth_value, service from access;
client|auth_reason|auth_value|service
us.zoom.xos|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
/Libra...PrivilegedHelperTools/us.zoom.ZoomDaemon|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.apple.Terminal|4|0|kTCCServiceDeveloperTool
/Applications/Zscaler/Zscaler.app/Contents/PlugIns/ZscalerTunnel|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFile
som.logi.cp-dev-mgr|4|2|kTCCServiceListenEvent
com.logi.cp-dev-mgr|4|2|kTCCServiceAccessibility
com.apple.XProtectFramework.XProtect|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.google.Keystone.Agent|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.logitech.logitune|4|2|kTCCServiceListenEvent
us.zoom.xos|4|2|kTCCServiceScreenCapture
com.tinyspeck.slackmacgap|4|2|kTCCServiceScreenCapture
com.tinyspeck.slackmacgap|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
us.zoom.ZoomAutoUpdater|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
WhatsApp|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.google.Chrome|4|0|kTCCServiceScreenCapture
com.vmware.fusion|4|2|kTCCServiceAccessibility
WhatsApp|4|0|kTCCServicePostEvent
us.zoom.xos|4|2|kTCCServiceAccessibility
com.vmware.fusion|4|2|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.googlecode.iterm2|4|2|kTCCServiceEndpointSecurityClient
com.apple.Terminal|4|2|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.microsoft.VSCode|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.hnc.Discord|6|0|kTCCServiceListenEvent
com.loom.desktop|6|0|kTCCServiceScreenCapture
net.whatsapp.WhatsApp|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.google.Chrome|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.logi.cp-dev-mgr|4|0|kTCCServiceScreenCapture
/Libra...PrivilegedHelperTools/com.microsoft.autoupdate.helper|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.teamviewer.TeamViewer|6|0|kTCCServiceScreenCapture
sqlite>
```

TCC Database

```
sqlite> select client, auth_reason, auth_value, service from access;
client|auth_reason|auth_value|service
us.zoom.xos|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
/Library/PrivilegedHelperTools/us.zoom.ZoomDaemon|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.apple.Terminal|4|0|kTCCServiceDeveloperTool
/Applications/Zscaler/Zscaler.app/Contents/PlugIns/ZscalerTunnel|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFile
som.logi.cp-dev-mgr|4|2|kTCCServiceListenEvent
com.logi.cp-dev-mgr|4|2|kTCCServiceAccessibility
com.apple.XProtectFramework.XProtect|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.google.Keystone.Agent|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.logitech.logitune|4|2|kTCCServiceListenEvent
us.zoom.xos|4|2|kTCCServicescreenCapture
com.tinyspeck.slackmacgap|4|2|kTCCServiceScreenCapture
com.tinyspeck.slackmacgap|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
us.zoom.ZoomAutoUpdater|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
WhatsApp|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.google.Chrome|4|0|kTCCServiceScreenCapture
com.vmware.fusion|4|2|kTCCServiceAccessibility
WhatsApp|4|0|kTCCServicePostEvent
us.zoom.xos|4|2|kTCCServiceAccessibility
com.vmware.fusion|4|2|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.googlecode.iterm2|4|2|kTCCServiceEndpointSecurityClient
com.apple.Terminal|4|2|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.microsoft.VSCode|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.hnc.Discord|6|0|kTCCServiceListenEvent
com.loom.desktop|6|0|kTCCServiceScreenCapture
net.whatsapp.WhatsApp|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.google.Chrome|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.logi.cp-dev-mgr|4|0|kTCCServiceScreenCapture
/Library/PrivilegedHelperTools/com.microsoft.autoupdate.helper|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.teamviewer.TeamViewer|6|0|kTCCServiceScreenCapture
sqlite>
```

TCC Database

```
sqlite> select client, auth_reason, auth_value, service from access;
client|auth_reason|auth_value|service
us.zoom.xos|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
/Library/PrivilegedHelperTools/us.zoom.ZoomDaemon|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.apple.Terminal|4|0|kTCCServiceDeveloperTool
/Applications/Zscaler/Zscaler.app/Contents/PlugIns/ZscalerTunnel|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFile
som.logi.cp-dev-mgr|4|2|kTCCServiceListenEvent
com.logi.cp-dev-mgr|4|2|kTCCServiceAccessibility
com.apple.XProtectFramework.XProtect|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.google.KeyStone.Agent|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.logitech.logitune|4|2|kTCCServiceListenEvent
us.zoom.xos|4|2|kTCCServiceScreenCapture
com.tinyspeck.slackmacgap|4|2|kTCCServiceScreenCapture
com.tinyspeck.slackmacgap|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
us.zoom.ZoomAutoUpdater|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
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us.zoom.xos|4|2|kTCCServiceAccessibility
com.vmware.fusion|4|2|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.googlecode.iterm2|4|2|kTCCServiceEndpointSecurityClient
com.apple.Terminal|4|2|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.microsoft.VSCode|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.hnc.Discord|6|0|kTCCServiceListenEvent
com.loom.desktop|6|0|kTCCServiceScreenCapture
net.whatsapp.WhatsApp|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.google.Chrome|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.logi.cp-dev-mgr|4|0|kTCCServiceScreenCapture
/Library/PrivilegedHelperTools/com.microsoft.autoupdate.helper|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
com.teamviewer.TeamViewer|6|0|kTCCServiceScreenCapture
sqlite>
```

System DB - Applications with Full Disk Access

```
● ● ●  
sqlite> select client, auth_reason, auth_value, service from access where  
service="kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles";  
client|auth_reason|auth_value|service  
/Applications/Zscaler/Zscaler.app/Contents/PlugIns/ZscalerTunnel|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles  
/Library/PrivilegedHelperTools/com.hexnode.hexnodehelper|4|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles  
/Library/PrivilegedHelperTools/com.microsoft.autoupdate.helper|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles  
/Library/PrivilegedHelperTools/us.zoom.ZoomDaemon|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles  
/usr/bin/defaults|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles  
WhatsApp|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles  
com.apple.Terminal|4|2|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles  
com.apple.XProtectFramework.XProtect|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles  
com.google.Chrome|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles  
com.google.Keystone.Agent|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles  
com.microsoft.VSCode|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles  
com.vmware.fusion|4|2|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles  
net.whatsapp.WhatsApp|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles  
us.zoom.ZoomAutoUpdater|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles  
us.zoom.xos|5|0|kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles  
sqlite>
```

User DB - Applications with User Approved Permissions



```
sqlite> select * from access where client LIKE "%chrome%" and auth_value=2;  
kTCCServiceMicrophone|com.google.Chrome|0|2|2|1|00|||UNUSED||0|1674456929|||UNUSED|0  
kTCCServiceCamera|com.google.Chrome|0|2|2|1|00|||UNUSED||0|1674666426|||UNUSED|0  
kTCCServiceSystemPolicyDownloadsFolder|com.google.Chrome|0|2|2|1|  
00|||UNUSED||0|1675164046|||UNUSED|0  
kTCCServiceBluetoothAlways|com.google.Chrome|0|2|2|1|00|||UNUSED||0|1699338149|||UNUSED|0  
sqlite>
```

TCC Signature Check



```
sqlite> select service, client, auth_reason, auth_value, hex(csreq) from access where service="kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles";
service = kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
client = WhatsApp
auth_reason = 5
auth_value = 0
hex(csreq) =
FADE0C0000000940000001000000060000000200000085768617473417070000000600
0000F0000006000000E0000001000000A2A864886F76364060206000000000000000000
0006000000E00000000000000A2A864886F7636406010D0000000000000000000000B000000
00000000A7375626A6563742E4F5500000000001000000A3537543932337464E330000

service = kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
client = com.apple.Terminal
auth_reason = 4
auth_value = 2
hex(csreq) =
FADE0C0000000300000001000000600000020000012636F6D2E6170706C652E546572
6D696E616C000000000003

service = kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
client = com.google.Chrome
auth_reason = 5
auth_value = 0
hex(csreq) =
FADE0C00000010C00000010000006000000600000060000006000000700000007000
00007000000020000011636F6D2E676F676C652E4368726F6D650000000000000020000
0016636F6D2E676F676C652E4368726F6D652E6265746100000000000020000015636F6D
2E676F676C652E4368726F6D652E6465760000000000000020000018636F6D2E676F67
6C652E4368726F6D652E63616E617279000000F000000E0000001000000A2A864886F7
6364060206000000000000000000E00000000000000A2A864886F7636406010D0000000
0000000000B00000000000000A7375626A6563742E4F5500000000001000000A455148
585A384D3841560000
```

```
service = kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
client = com.google.GoogleUpdater
auth_reason = 5
auth_value = 0
hex(csreq) =
FADE0C0000000A40000001000000600000020000018636F6D2E676F676C652E476F
6F676C65557064617465720000006000000F0000006000000E0000001000000A2A86
4886F76364060206000000000000000006000000E000000000000000A2A864886F76364
06010D000000000000000000000000B000000000000000A7375626A6563742E4F550000000000001
000000A455148585A384D3841560000

service = kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
client = com.googlecode.ilterm2
auth_reason = 4
auth_value = 2
hex(csreq) =
FADE0C0000000C4000000100000060000006000000F00000020000015636F6D2E67
6F676C65636F64652E697465726D320000000000007000000E000000000000000A2A86
4886F7636406010900000000000000000060000006000000E0000001000000A2A8648
86F763640602060000000000000000E00000000000000A2A864886F7636406010D0000
00000000000000B00000000000000A7375626A6563742E4F5500000000001000000A48
3756375859565137440000

service = kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
client = com.microsoft.VSCode
auth_reason = 5
auth_value = 0
hex(csreq) =
FADE0C0000000A00000001000000600000020000014636F6D2E6D6963726F736F6674
2E5653436F64650000006000000F0000006000000E0000001000000A2A864886F763
6406020600000000000000006000000E00000000000000A2A864886F7636406010D00
00000000000000000000000000A7375626A6563742E4F5500000000001000000A5542463854333436473900000
```

TCC Signature Check



```
sqlite> select service, client, auth_reason, auth_value, hex(csreq) from access where service="kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles";
service = kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
client = WhatsApp
auth_reason = 5
auth_value = 0
hex(csreq) =
FADE0C0000000940000001000000060000000200000085768617473417070000000600
00000F0000006000000E0000001000000A2A864886F76364060206000000000000000000
00060000000E00000000000000A2A864886F7636406010D0000000000000000000000B000000
000000000A7375626A6563742E4F5500000000001000000A35375439323337464E330000
```

```
service = kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
client = com.apple.Terminal
auth_reason = 4
auth_value = 2
hex(csreq) =
FADE0C0000000300000001000000600000020000012636F6D2E6170706C652E546572
6D696E616C000000000003
```

```
service = kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
client = com.google.Chrome
auth_reason = 5
auth_value = 0
hex(csreq) =
FADE0C00000010C00000010000006000000060000000600000006000000070000000700
00007000000020000011636F6D2E676F676C652E4368726F6D650000000000000020000
0016636F6D2E676F676C652E4368726F6D652E6265746100000000000020000015636F6D
2E676F676C652E4368726F6D652E6465760000000000000020000018636F6D2E676F67
6C652E4368726F6D652E63616E17279000000F0000000E00000001000000A2A864886F7
6364060206000000000000000000E000000000000000A2A864886F7636406010D0000000
000000000B000000000000000A7375626A6563742E4F5500000000001000000A455148
585A384D3841560000
```

```
service = kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
client = com.google.GoogleUpdater
auth_reason = 5
auth_value = 0
hex(csreq) =
FADE0C0000000A40000001000000600000020000018636F6D2E676F676C652E476F
6F676C65557064617465720000006000000F0000006000000E0000001000000A2A86
4886F7636406020600000000000000006000000E000000000000000A2A864886F76364
06010D00000000000000000000000000B000000000000000A7375626A6563742E4F55000000000000001
000000A455148585A384D3841560000
```

```
service = kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
client = com.googlecode.ilterm2
auth_reason = 4
auth_value = 2
hex(csreq) =
FADE0C0000000C4000000100000060000006000000F00000020000015636F6D2E67
6F676C65636F64652E697465726D320000000000007000000E000000000000000A2A86
4886F763640601090000000000000000000060000006000000E0000001000000A2A8648
86F763640602060000000000000000E0000000000000A2A864886F7636406010D0000
00000000000000B00000000000000A7375626A6563742E4F5500000000001000000A48
3756375859565137440000
```

```
service = kTCCServiceSystemPolicyAllFiles
client = com.microsoft.VSCode
auth_reason = 5
auth_value = 0
hex(csreq) =
FADE0C0000000A00000001000000600000020000014636F6D2E6D6963726F736F6674
2E5653436F64650000006000000F0000006000000E0000001000000A2A864886F763
6406020600000000000000006000000E0000000000000A2A864886F7636406010D00
000000000000000000000000A7375626A6563742E4F5500000000001000000A554246385433343647390000
```



```
#!/bin/bash

declare -a hex_csreqs=()

"FADE0C000000009400000001000000060000000200000008576861747341707000000006
0000000F000000060000000E0000001000000A2A864886F7636406020600000000000000
0000060000000E000000000000000A2A864886F7636406010D00000000000000000000B0000
0000000000A7375626A6563742E4F5500000000001000000A35375439323337464E3300
00"

"FADE0C00000000300000001000000060000000200000012636F6D2E6170706C652E5465
726D696E616C0000000003"

"FADE0C0000000010C00000001000000060000000600000006000000060000000700000007
000000070000000200000011636F6D2E676F6F676C652E4368726F6D652E6265746100000000000020000001636F
6D2E676F6F676C652E4368726F6D652E646576000000000000000000000000000000000000000200000018636F6D2E676F6F
676C652E4368726F6D652E63616E617279000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000
F76364060206000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000
00000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000
00000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000
48585A384D3841560000"

"FADE0C00000000A400000001000000060000000200000018636F6D2E676F6F676C652E47
66F676C6555706461746572000000060000000F000000060000000E000000010000000A2A
864886F76364060206000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000
6406010000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000
010000000A455148585A384D3841560000"

"FADE0C00000000C40000000100000006000000060000000F0000000200000015636F6D2E
676F676C6536F64652E697465726D3200000000000000070000000E0000000000000000000000A2A
864886F763640601090000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000
4886F7636406020600000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000
48375637585956137440000"

"FADE0C00000000A000000001000000060000000200000014636F6D2E6D6963726F736F66
742E5653436F6465000000060000000F000000060000000E000000010000000A2A864886F7
6364060206000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000
000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000
0A554246385433343647390000"
)

for hex_csreq in "${hex_csreqs[@]}"
do
    echo "$hex_csreq" | xxd -r -p > decoded-csreq.bin
    csreq -r -t < decoded-csreq.bin
    echo -e "\n"
done
```



```
→ tcc ./csreq-decode.sh
```

```
identifier WhatsApp and anchor apple generic and certificate
1[field.1.2.840.113635.100.6.2.6] /* exists */ and certificate
leaf[field.1.2.840.113635.100.6.1.13] /* exists */ and certificate leaf[subject.OU] =
"57T9237FN3"
```

```
identifier "com.apple.Terminal" and anchor apple
```

```
(identifier "com.google.Chrome" or identifier "com.google.Chrome.beta" or identifier
"com.google.Chrome.dev" or identifier "com.google.Chrome.canary") and anchor apple
generic and certificate 1[field.1.2.840.113635.100.6.2.6] /* exists */ and certificate
leaf[field.1.2.840.113635.100.6.1.13] /* exists */ and certificate leaf[subject.OU] =
EQHXZ8M8AV
```

```
identifier "com.google.GoogleUpdater" and anchor apple generic and certificate
1[field.1.2.840.113635.100.6.2.6] /* exists */ and certificate
leaf[field.1.2.840.113635.100.6.1.13] /* exists */ and certificate leaf[subject.OU] =
EQHXZ8M8AV
```

```
anchor apple generic and identifier "com.googlecode.ilter2" and (certificate
leaf[field.1.2.840.113635.100.6.1.9] /* exists */ or certificate
1[field.1.2.840.113635.100.6.2.6] /* exists */ and certificate
leaf[field.1.2.840.113635.100.6.1.13] /* exists */ and certificate leaf[subject.OU] =
H7V7XYVQ7D)
```

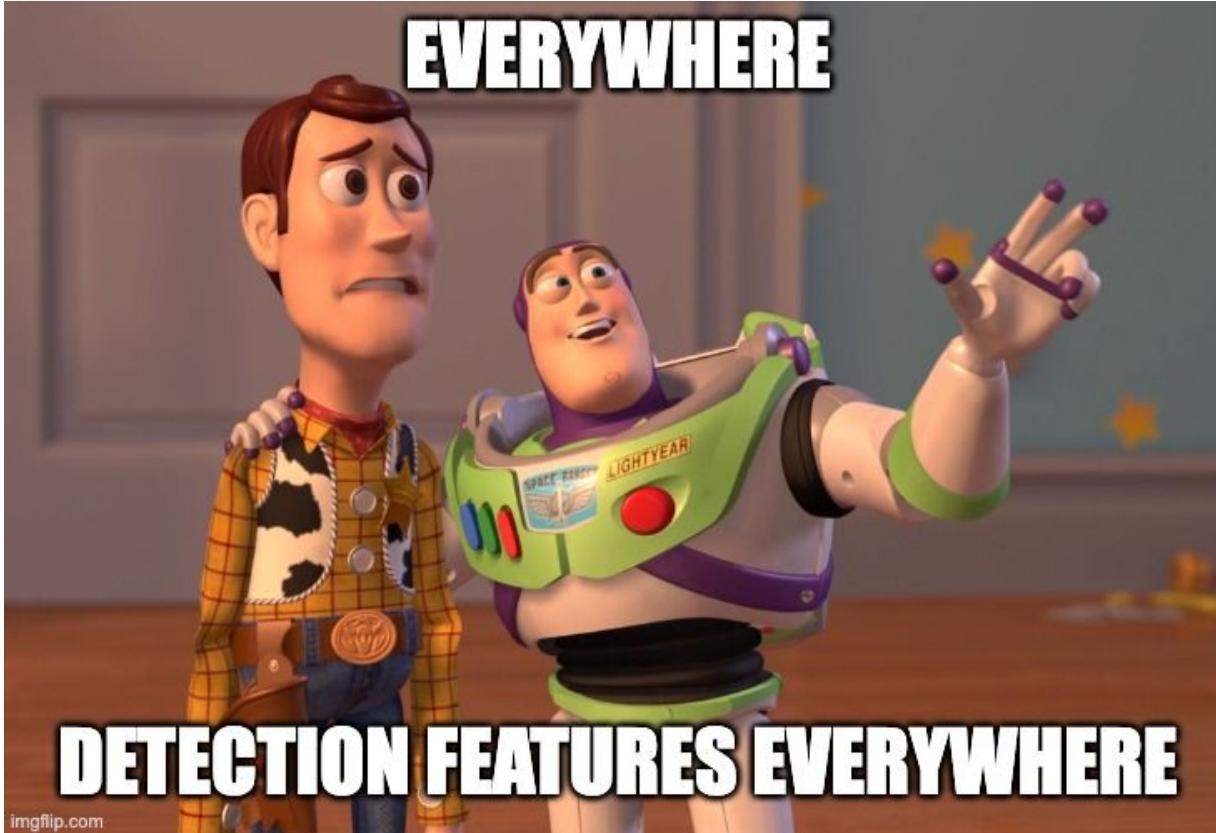
```
identifier "com.microsoft.VSCode" and anchor apple generic and certificate
1[field.1.2.840.113635.100.6.2.6] /* exists */ and certificate
leaf[field.1.2.840.113635.100.6.1.13] /* exists */ and certificate leaf[subject.OU] =
UBF8T346G9
```

Conclusion

Malware Protection



Malware in macOS



Signature-Based Detection



Transparency, Consent, and Control



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