

USB DRIVE-BY

An employee picked up a worm on their work machine after plugging their USB device into a communal computer at a print shop, giving the attackers access to the internal network.

DETECTION

Endpoint Analysis

Endpoint Security Protection Analysis

TOOLS

USB Rubber Ducky

Bash Bunny



<https://redcanary.com/blog/raspberry-robin/>

<https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/T1091/>

COMPILED AFTER DELIVERY

The attackers assembled their files on an endpoint by delivering text-based source code and using that compromised system's native compiler.

DETECTION

Endpoint Analysis

Endpoint Security Protection Analysis

TOOLS

GCC

csc.exe

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<https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/T1027/004/>

GATEKEEPER BYPASS

The attackers bypassed Apple's Gatekeeper functionality and tricked a user into downloading a malicious file on a macOS endpoint.

DETECTION

Endpoint Analysis

Endpoint Security Protection Analysis

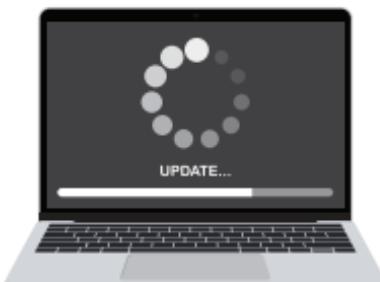
Network Threat Hunting - Zeek/RITA Analysis

TOOLS

certutil

codesign

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OBFUSCATED PAYLOAD DELIVERY

The attackers installed a malicious executable that evaded signature-based analysis by encoding and splitting its payload.

DETECTION

Endpoint Analysis

Endpoint Security Protection Analysis

Memory Analysis

TOOLS

ADVobfuscator

Manual fuzzing/string splitting

Base64 encoding



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RFID THEFT

The attackers used a Flipper Zero to copy the Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) signal from an IT employee's entry badge and gained physical access to the server room.

DETECTION

Physical Security Review
User and Entity Behavior Analytics (UEBA)

TOOLS

Flipper Zero



<https://docs.flipperzero.one/>

DISABLING WINDOWS DEFENDER

The attackers use PowerShell commands and scripts to disable Windows Defender, enabling them to bypass file inspection controls designed to prevent malware.

DETECTION

Endpoint Analysis

Endpoint Security Protection Analysis

SIEM Log Analysis

TOOLS

Cobalt Strike

BloodHound

Atomic Red Team™



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PROCESS INJECTION

The attackers inject their payload into a legitimate, privileged process.

DETECTION

Endpoint Analysis

Endpoint Security Protection Analysis

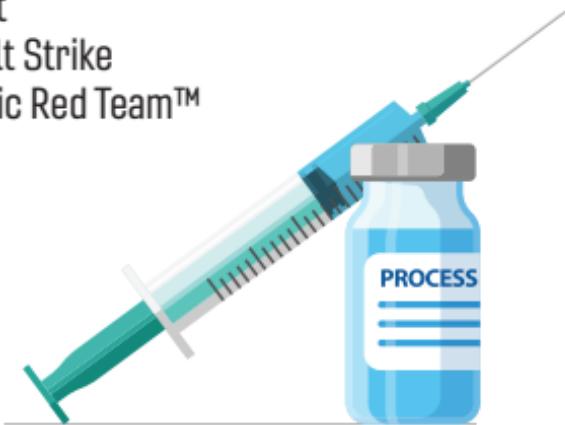
Memory Analysis

TOOLS

Donut

Cobalt Strike

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<https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/T1055/>

LSASS CREDENTIAL DUMP

The attackers dump the contents of the Local Security Authority Subsystem Service (LSASS) process memory, gaining access to legitimate account credentials.

DETECTION

Endpoint Analysis

Endpoint Security Protection Analysis

Memory Analysis

User and Entity Behavior Analytics (UEBA)

TOOLS

Mimikatz

ProcDump

comsvcs.dll

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<https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/T1003/001/>

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APPLICATION CONTROL BYPASS

The attackers use Rundll32 to execute malicious code while avoiding detection.

DETECTION

Endpoint Analysis

Endpoint Security Protection Analysis

TOOLS

Cobalt Strike

Metasploit

Rundll32

Atomic Red Team™

RUNDLL32

<https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/T1218/011/>

READ/WRITE WITH CHMOD 777

The attackers turn their attention to your *nix machines and want all the permissions! They're using misconfigured user and group permissions to run in a different user's context.

DETECTION

Endpoint Analysis

Endpoint Security Protection Analysis

User and Entity Behavior Analytics (UEBA)

Cyber Deception

TOOLS

find

chmod

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<https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/T1548/001/>

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PsEXEC ABUSE

The attackers use PsExec to move laterally and gain control of additional systems.

DETECTION

Endpoint Analysis

Endpoint Security Protection Analysis

Network Threat Hunting - Zeek/RITA Analysis

SIEM Log Analysis

TOOLS

Net

PsExec

Atomic Red Team™

A fax machine



<https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/T1021/002/>

LATERAL TOOL TRANSFER

The attackers move a malicious payload from a system they initially compromised to a new host on the same network.

DETECTION

Endpoint Analysis

Endpoint Security Protection Analysis

Network Threat Hunting - Zeek/RITA Analysis

SIEM Log Analysis

TOOLS

PsExec

PowerShell

Cobalt Strike

BITSAdmin



FREE DELIVERY

<https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/T1570/>

AUTHORIZED REMOTE TOOLS

The attackers use an authorized remote administration tool to exfiltrate confidential information.

DETECTION

Endpoint Analysis

Network Threat Hunting - Zeek/RITA Analysis

User and Entity Behavior Analytics (UEBA)

TOOLS

ScreenConnect

rsync

NetSupport

AnyDesk



<https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/T1219/>

CLOUD SERVICES AS EXFIL

The attackers hitch a ride on the application access tokens for your cloud-based resources. It's a good thing they didn't crash your Kubernetes, but not all is well; they leverage your API to exfiltrate data.

DETECTION

User and Entity Behavior Analytics (UEBA)
Server Analysis
Cyber Deception

TOOLS

AADInternals
Peirates



<https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/T1528/>

BLUETOOTH AS EXFIL

The attackers knew you were watching that wired connection closely and got crafty—they exfiltrate all that valuable data via a Bluetooth-enabled device.

DETECTION

Endpoint Analysis
Physical Security Review

TOOLS

Blue Pigeon



<https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/T1011/001/>

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MALICIOUS ACCESS POINT

The attackers hide an access point spoofing a legitimate ESSID in a plant pot in the lobby! Unsuspecting employee devices connect to it when they're nearby. This is a Machine-in-the-Middle (MitM) strategy.

DETECTION

Endpoint Analysis

Endpoint Security Protection Analysis

Network Threat Hunting - Zeek/RITA Analysis

Physical Security Review

TOOLS

WiFi Pineapple®



EVENT-TRIGGERED EXECUTION

The attackers use a permanent WMI event subscription to execute a malicious payload anytime the user logs in.

DETECTION

Endpoint Analysis

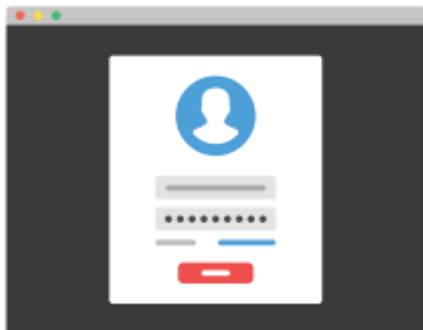
Endpoint Security Protection Analysis

Server Analysis

TOOLS

Cobalt Strike

Atomic Red Team™



<https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/T1047/>

SCHEDULED TASK

The attackers have made themselves immortal by using a scheduled task on a Windows system to persistently run malicious code every 30 minutes.

DETECTION

Endpoint Analysis

Endpoint Security Protection Analysis

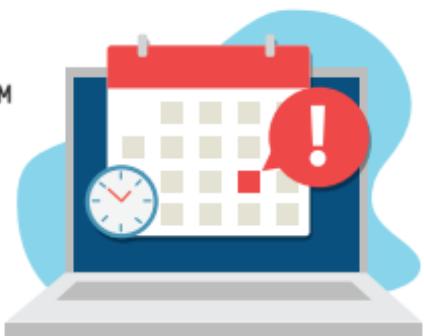
SIEM Log Analysis

TOOLS

Koadic

NetWire

Atomic Red Team™



<https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/T1053/005/>

RENAME PROCESS

The attackers change the name of a system utility to make their malicious executions look benign.

DETECTION

Endpoint Analysis

Endpoint Security Protection Analysis

Memory Analysis

TOOLS

Rundll32

Atomic Red Team™



<https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/T1036/003/>

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SPAWN WEB SHELL

The attackers abuse the Internet Information Services (IIS) worker process to install a web shell on a Windows web server.

DETECTION

Endpoint Analysis

Endpoint Security Protection Analysis

Server Analysis

Network Threat Hunting - Zeek/RITA Analysis

TOOLS

Cobalt Strike

Empire

NetWire

Atomic Red Team™



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<https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/T1059/003/>

CALL A CONSULTANT

Do you want help? Feeling stuck? Rolling badly?
Need a different perspective on the incident?
Then maybe it's time to phone a friend.

You can choose one Consultant Card to help your team with the incident.

The Consultant Card's modifier is effective immediately.



PHYSICAL SECURITY REVIEW

Do you have security cameras? Do you have security guards? Do you have access badges for certain areas in your facilities? Can just anyone access your sensitive IT infrastructure? No? Are you sure?



MISSED PAYDAY

The attackers compromise your email account, email HR, and instruct them to update your direct deposit information, routing your paycheck into a bank account they control.

NOTES

Each of the Defenders must roll a D20 and the person with the lowest number has to get a night job as a bartender and must remain silent for the rest of the session.



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NOT A RED TEAM

The network threat-hunting team has detected C2 beacons on multiple machines in your environment. The attackers can now install additional payloads on the affected machines.

NOTES

Have the Incident Captain draw an additional **Persistence** Card as well as a **Pivot and Escalate** Card.

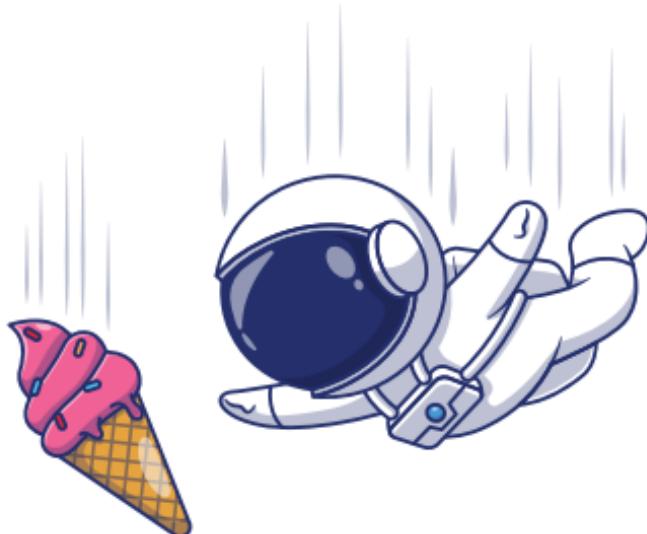


DEEZ REGISTRY KEYZ PLZ?

A wild malicious registry key appears. The bad news: It is on 50 endpoints that are now rampant with malware. The good news: Management cares.

NOTES

The Defenders get **3 additional turns** to help solve the incident and a **Consultant Card** of their choice without rolling a D20.

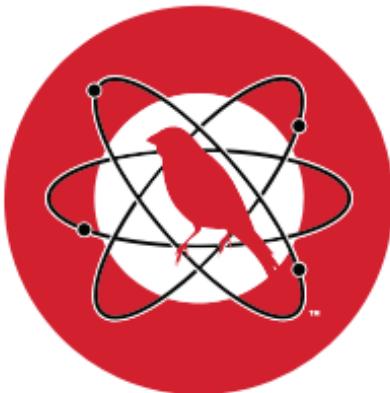


NUCLEAR TEST SITE

Thank goodness the Defenders are Atomic Red Team™ power users and they are prepared for all the endpoint threats.

NOTES

The Defenders receive a **+2 modifier** on **Endpoint Analysis** and **Endpoint Security Protection Analysis** for the rest of the session.



<https://atomicredteam.io/>

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QUISHING

The local burger joint uses a QR code for its menu. How convenient! Unfortunately, a disgruntled ex-analyst knows the Defenders are regulars and put a malicious QR code over the legitimate one. Anyone who scanned it compromised their MFA device, which now needs to be wiped or replaced.

NOTES

The **Endpoint Security Protection Analysis** card is **unavailable** for the next **two turns**.

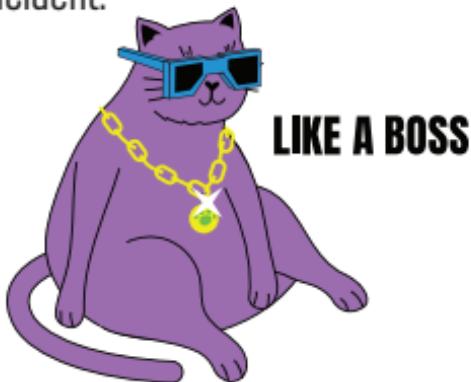


CAT ON KEYBOARD DELETES PRODUCTION DATABASE

Curiosity killed the database entries! A work-from-home administrator left their computer unlocked and, in an attempt to gain additional snuggles, their cat happened to spam out a mass delete on their keyboard. Oops.

NOTES

Each of the Defenders must roll a D20. The first two people to roll an odd number have to go fix the database and must remain silent for the rest of the session. Even number rollers move on to finish the incident.



UNDOCUMENTED SYSTEM

That asset management and discovery project probably shouldn't have been put on hold. An undocumented system was just found on the enterprise domain and we don't really know anything about it. Who knows when this thing was spun up and for what?

NOTES

The machine had 200 Bitcoin from 2010. The Defenders order pizza and discuss if they're going to tell management or not.



SNEAKY SNEAKY RAT

The attackers gain a foothold in the environment via remote access trojan (RAT). Now they're using it to load in external files and tools to further their reach. If this isn't under control soon, you'll have more than just RATs to worry about.

NOTES

Have the Incident Captain pull another set of **Attack Cards**. The Defenders get **five extra turns**.



<https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/T1105/>

ADAM MASHINCHI

The Incident Captain must reveal
the C2 and Exfil Card

SPECIALTIES

Product Management
Colorful but Dubious Metaphors
Command and Control Frameworks
Sketchy Scripts and Silly Websites
Open Source Security Tools
Privacy and Encryption

*"Keep in mind that for the
adversary, tactics,
techniques, and
procedures (TTPs) are side
effects, not the intent."*
- Adam Mashinchi

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CARRIE ROBERTS

The Incident Captain must reveal all cards that list Atomic Red Team™ as a tool

SPECIALTIES

Red Teaming
Security Operations
Adversary Emulation
Training

"Prevention is ideal, but detection is a must."

Anonymous



 @OrOneEqualsOne

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MIKE HAAG

The Incident Captain must reveal all cards that list SIEM as a detection source

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Atomic Testing
Threat Research
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Meme Connoisseur

"I am everywhere and nowhere."

- The Haag

 @M_haggis



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