

TickTock Challenge

Sherlock Scenario
Gladys is a new joiner in the company, she has recieved an email informing her that the IT department is due to do some work on her PC, she is guided to call the IT team where they will inform her on how to allow them remote access. The IT team however are actually a group of hackers that are attempting to attack Forela.

Task 1:
What was the name of the executable that was uploaded as a C2 Agent?

I checked the user gladys files and found TeamViewer which I assumed maybe the hackers use to gain the initial access
I found the TeamViewer15_Logfile.log and opened it and searched for .exe

2023/05/04 11:21:30.830	4428	4688	G3	tvnetwork::StreamManagerInternals::ReadStreamParameters: type=6 (StreamType_File,
2023/05/04 11:21:30.996	4428	6012	G3	Write file C:\Users\gladys\Desktop\merlin.exe
2023/05/04 11:21:34.398	4428	6012	G3	Download from "merlin.exe" to "C:\Users\gladys\Desktop\merlin.exe" (10.95 MB)

Answer: merlin.exe

Task 2:
What was the session id for in the initial access?

While checking the logs inside the TeamViewer15_Logfile.log I found the session id

TeamViewer15_Logfile.log				
1	2023/05/04 11:35:27.303	5716	2436	D3 SettingsIPCReception receive a SYNCHRONISE Settings command : UserSettings
2	2023/05/04 11:35:27.303	5716	2436	D3 IpcRemoteSettingsHandler::HandleCommand UserSettings process sends sync settings response to network.
3	2023/05/04 11:35:27.304	5716	5840	D3 Received Control_InitIPC_Response processtype=1
4	2023/05/04 11:35:27.305	5716	5840	D3 Received Control_InitIPC_Response runningProcesses=7
5	2023/05/04 11:35:27.309	5716	2436	D3 Received Control_InitIPC_Response processtype=2
6	2023/05/04 11:35:27.309	5716	2436	D3 IPCConnection: all processes 7 completely initialized
7	2023/05/04 11:35:27.313	5716	824	D3 InterProcessBase::ConnectToOtherProcess: Process connected to service.
8	2023/05/04 11:35:27.427	5716	824	D3 InterProcessBase::SecureNetwork created
9	2023/05/04 11:35:27.427	5716	824	D3 OptOutManager::[]ResultCB: Send message result 0
10	2023/05/04 11:35:27.431	5716	4376	D3 InterProcessBase::SetReadyToProcessCommands(i)
11	2023/05/04 11:35:27.432	5716	3108	D3 LoginDesktopWindowImpl::GuiThreadFunction(i): ChangeThreadDesktop(i): SetThreadDesktop to winlogon successful
12	2023/05/04 11:35:27.433	5716	5840	D3 SessionManagerDesktop: IncomingConnection: Connection incoming, sessionID = -2102926010
13	2023/05/04 11:35:27.433	5716	5840	D3 CParticipantManagerBase::SetMyParticipantIdentifier(i): pid=[1764218403,-2102926010]
14	2023/05/04 11:35:27.434	5716	5840	D3!! InterProcessBase::ProcessControlCommand Command 39 not handled
15	2023/05/04 11:35:27.434	5716	5840	D3 IpcRouterClock: received router time: 20230504T103558.360315
16	2023/05/04 11:35:27.435	5716	4292	D3 CLogin::run(i), session id: -2102926010

Answer: -2102926010

Task 3:
The attacker attempted to set a BitLocker password on the C: drive what was the password?

I checked the Sysmon logs and found Base64

Description	x
The description for Event ID (1) in Source (Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon) could not be found. Either the component that raises this event is not installed on the computer or the installation is corrupted. You can install or repair the component or try to change Description Server.	
The following information was included with the event:	
-	
2023-05-04 09:56:32.836	
(5080714d-8150-6453-0d03-000000000700)	
3804	
C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe	
10.0.10240.16384 (th1.150709-1700)	
Windows PowerShell	
Microsoft® Windows® Operating System	
Microsoft Corporation	
Windows PowerShell	
C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe -e	
JABTAGUAYwB1AHIAZQBTAHQAcgBpAG4AZwAgAD0AIABDAG8AbgB2AGUAcgB0AFQAbwAtAFMAZQBjAHUAcgBIAFMAdABYAgkAbgBnACAAlgBjAGUAYQB8A	
GwAeQB8AG8AbgBnAHAAAYQB8AeHMAAbwBvAHIAZAAJACAAJQBBAHMAUABsAGEAaQBwAFQAZQB4AHQAIAAAEYABwByAGMAZQAkAEUAbgBnAGIAbABIAcO	
AgBpAG4ATABvAGMAAbwBvAHIAZAAJACAAJQBBAHMAUABsAGEAaQBwAFQAZQB4AHQAIAAAEYABwByAGMAZQAkAEUAbgBnAGIAbABIAcO	
AAQQAIAHMAAa1ADYAIATAAFUAcwBIAQGAUwBwAGEAYwBIAE8AbgB8AHkAIAAFAAaQBwACAAJABTAGUAYwB1AHIAZQBTAHQAcgBpAG4AZwAgACAAV	
BQAEAYYQBuAQGAUABpAG4AUABYAg8AdABIAGMAdABvAHIA	
C:\Users\gladys\Desktop\	
DESKTOP-R30EAMH\gladys	
(5080714d-427b-6452-6d5d-340000000000)	
0x345d6d	
3	
High	
MD5=190E6E0CDBEF529941D9E5F8F979F5D9,SHA256=8787D48624880012ABDB4425328E762D0361DECE169FE9F1E877A9DF0E00CB,IMPHASH=	
44B4867FED7460EECA5F8EE780488612	
{00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000}	

Decode from Base64 format

Simply enter your data then push the decode button.

JABTAGUAYwB1AHIAZQBTAHQAcgBpAG4AZwAgAD0AIABDAG8AbgB2AGUAcgB0AFQAbwAtAFMAZQBjAHUAcgBIAFMAdABYAgkAbgBnACAAlgBjAGUAYQB8AGwAeQB8AG8AbgBnAHAAAYQB8AeHMAAbwBvAHIAZAAJACAAJQBBAHMAUABsAGEAaQBwAFQAZQB4AHQAIAAAEYABwByAGMAZQAkAEUAbgBnAGIAbABIAcOAgBpAG4ATABvAGMAAbwBvAHIAZAAJACAAJQBBAHMAUABsAGEAaQBwAFQAZQB4AHQAIAAAEYABwByAGMAZQAkAEUAbgBnAGIAbABIAcOAAQQAIAHMAAa1ADYAIATAAFUAcwBIAQGAUwBwAGEAYwBIAE8AbgB8AHkAIAAFAAaQBwACAAJABTAGUAYwB1AHIAZQBTAHQAcgBpAG4AZwAgACAAVBQAEAYYQBuAQGAUABpAG4AUABYAg8AdABIAGMAdABvAHIA

For encoded binaries (like images, documents, etc.) use the file upload form a little further down on this page.

AUTO-DETECT Source character set. Detected: UTF-16LE

Decode each line separately (useful for when you have multiple entries).

Live mode OFF Decodes in real-time as you type or paste (supports only the UTF-8 character set).

DECODE Decodes your data into the area below.

\$SecureString = ConvertTo-SecureString 'reallylongpassword' -AsPlainText -Force
Enable-BitLocker -MountPoint "C:" -EncryptionMethod Aes256 -UsedSpaceOnly -Pin \$SecureString -TPMAndPinProtector

Answer: reallylongpassword

Task 4:
What name was used by the attacker?

Checking the TeamViewer logs, I found the name next to a "participant"

New Participant added in CParticipantManager DESKTOP-R30EAMH ([1764218403,-2102926010])
CParticipantManagerBase participant fritjof olfasson (ID [1761879737,-207968498]) was added with the role 6
New Participant added in CParticipantManager fritjof olfasson ([1761879737,-207968498])

Answer: fritjof olfasson

Task 5:
What IP address did the C2 connect back to?

I searched the Sysmon logs for event ID 3

Description
The description for Event ID (3) in Source (Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon) could not be found. Either the component that raises this event is not installed on the computer or the installation is corrupted.You can install or repair the component or try to change Description Server.
The following information was included with the event: Usermode 2023-05-03 12:32:08.844 {5080714d-89ce-6453-c202-000000000700} 5768 C:\Users\gladys\Desktop\merlin.exe DESKTOP-R30EAMH\gladys tcp true false 10.10.0.79 DESKTOP-R30EAMH.forela.local 50970 - false 52.56.142.81 ec2-52-56-142-81.eu-west-2.compute.amazonaws.com 80 http

Answer: 52.56.142.81

Task 6:
What category did Windows Defender give to the C2 binary file?

I checked the Windows Defender logs and checked the event ID 1116

Description
Microsoft Defender Antivirus has detected malware or other potentially unwanted software. For more information please see the following: https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?linkid=37020&name=VirToolWin32/Myrddin.D&threatid=2147812764&enterprise=0 Name: VirToolWin32/Myrddin.D ID: 2147812764 Severity: Severe Category: Tool Path: file: C:\Users\gladys\Desktop\merlin.exe;process: pid:1992,ProcessStart:133276693023911786 Detection Origin: Local machine Detection Type: Concrete Detection Source: System User: NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM Process Name: C:\Users\gladys\Desktop\merlin.exe Security Intelligence Version: AV: 1.389.167.0, AS: 1.389.167.0, NIS: 0.0.0.0 Engine Version: AM: 1.1.20300.3, NIS: 0.0.0.0

Answer: VirTool:Win32/Myrddin.D

Task 7:
What was the filename of the powershell script the attackers used to manipulate time?

I checked the Sysmon logs and searched for ps1

Description
The description for Event ID (11) in Source (Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon) could not be found. Either the component that raises this event is not installed on the computer or the installation is corrupted.You can install or repair the component or try to change Description Server.
The following information was included with the event: - 2023-05-04 10:35:59.964 {5080714d-8a4f-6453-d501-000000000700} 4428 C:\Users\gladys\AppData\Local\Temp\TeamViewer\TeamViewer.exe C:\Users\gladys\Desktop\Invoke-TimeWizard.391 2023-05-04 10:35:59.962 DESKTOP-R30EAMH\gladys

Answer: Invoke-TimeWizard.ps1

Task 8:
What time did the initial access connection start?

I found it on the same answer from task 2 with the session id

2023/05/04 11:35:27.435 5716 4292 D3 CLogin::run(), session id: -2102926010

Answer: 2023/05/04 11:35:27

Task 9:
What is the SHA1 and SHA2 sum of the malicious binary?

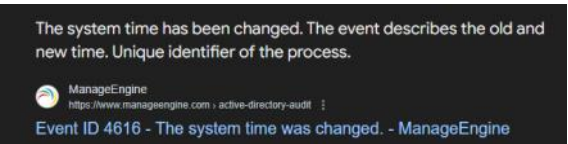
Checking Windows Defender logs from ProgramData "C:\Users\Bubble\Desktop\Collection\C
\ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows Defender\Support" file "MPLog-07102015-052145.log"

30041 SDN:Issuing SDN query for \\?\C:\Users\gladys\Desktop\merlin.exe (\\?\C:\Users\gladys\Desktop\merlin.exe) (sha1=ac688f1ba6d4b23899750b86521331d77ccfb69, sha2=42ec59f760d8b6a50bbc7187829f62c3b6b8e1b841164e7185f497eb7f3b4db9)
30042 SDN:SDN query completed: 00000000

Answer:
ac688f1ba6d4b23899750b86521331d77ccfb69:42ec59f760d8b6a50bbc7187829f62c3b6b8e1b841164e
7185f497eb7f3b4db9

Task 10:
How many times did the powershell script change the time on the machine?

I searched the security logs for event ID 4616 and filtered for only powershell process



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Task 11:
What is the SID of the victim user?

Saw it from the Sysmon logs

Subject: Security ID: S-1-5-21-3720869868-2926106253-3446724670-1003
Account Name: gladys
Account Domain: DESKTOP-R30EAMH
Logon ID: 0x345d6d

Answer: S-1-5-21-3720869868-2926106253-3446724670-1003