MrRobot Lab (Cyber Defenders) - Walkthrough

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Story:

An employee reported that his machine started to act strangely after receiving a suspicious email for a security update The incident response team captured a couple of memory dumps from the suspected machines for further inspection. Analyze the dumps and help the SOC analysts team figure out what happened!

- We received three memory dump files, all with the same profile. Volatility3 caused several issues during the analysis, so I switched to using Volatility2 instead.

POS1 - python2 vol.py -f ../pos01/POS-01-c4e8f786.vmss --profile=Win7SP1x86_23418 Target1 - python2 vol.py -f ../target1/Target1-1dd8701f.vmss --profile=Win7SP1x86_23418
Target2 - python2 vol.py -f ../target2/target2-6186fe9f.vmss --profile=Win7SP1x86_23418

Q1: Machine:Target1 What email address tricked the front desk employee into installing a security update?

 At the beginning of the challenge, I extracted the 'Process Tree' for all machines and noticed that 'OUTLOOK.exe' was running on both the 'Target1' and 'POS1' machines.

I focused my investigation on the 'Target1' machine due to significant 'Cmd.exe' activity, which had executed 'mstsc.exe'—a command-line interface used to launch the Remote Desktop client, along with 'Outlook.exe'.

To dig deeper, I dumped the memory of the 'Outlook.exe' process using the 'memdump' plugin After running 'strings' on the dump and grepping for 'From:', I successfully found the answer!

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(kali@ kali)-[~/Desktop/volatility/Outlook.exe]
  strings 3196.dmp| grep -i 'From:'
    h=mime-version:date:message-id:subject:
The Whit3R0s3 <th3wh1t3r0s3@gmail.com>
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Q2: Machine:Target1 What is the filename that was delivered in the email?

This question was quite challenging.
 I used Bulk Extractor to parse the memory file, which also included the 'Prefetch' data showing executions on the

Since the prefetch file isn't sorted by timestamp, I found several reconnaissance commands and identified a suspicious process that was executed after Outlook.

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ename><header_size>240/beader_size><atime><runs>
es></dirnames>
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Note: You are able to see the executable in the Downloads folder

Q3: Machine: Target 1 What is the name of the rat's family used by the attacker?

In the previous investigation, we discovered that the attacker had delivered an executable named 'AnyConnectInstaller.exe'

I used the 'Dumpfiles' plugin to extract the process associated with it.

After obtaining the process, I computed the MD5 hash and checked it on VirusTotal. The results indicated that the file is widely reported and associated with 'XtremeRAT'.

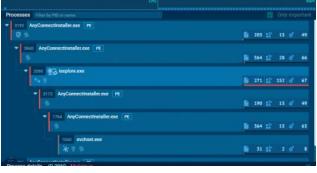


FileScan.IO Analysis:

Q4: Machine:Target1 The malware appears to be leveraging process injection. What is the PID of the process that is

To address this question, I performed a dynamic analysis of the malware using 'AnyRun'.

During the analysis, I identified that the malware injected into the 'lexplore.exe' process, associated with Internet Explorer, which has a PID of 2996.



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0×8561d030:winlogon.exe
0×85d0d030:iexplore.exe
. 0×83f105f0:cmd.exe
0×83fb2d40:cmd.exe
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463 2015-10-09 11:31:27 UTC+0000
33 2015-10-09 11:35:15 UTC+0000
24 2015-10-09 11:39:22 UTC+0000
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Q5: Machine:Target1 What is the unique value the malware is using to maintain persistence after reboot?

To address this question, I consulted the 'VirusTotal' report and navigated to the 'Registry Keys Set' section.
There, I searched for the 'CurrentVersion/Run' key, which indicates startup entries for programs.
I found that the value 'MrRobot' was present.

Registry Keys Set

- + HKEY_CURRENT_USER\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run\MrRobot
- + ♦ HKEY_CURRENT_USER\SOFTWARE\Xtreme\InstalledServer
- + A HKEY_CURRENT_USER\SOFTWARE\Xtreme\PersistInstalledServer
- + 6 HKEY CURRENT USER\SOFTWARE\Xtreme\PersistSettings
- + 6 HKEY CURRENT USER\SOFTWARE\Xtreme\Settings
- + HKEY_CURRENT_USER\SOFTWARE\fhack\FirstExecution

Q6: Machine:Target1 Malware often uses a unique value or name to ensure that only one copy runs on the system What is the unique name the malware is using?

• The question requires identifying the "unique name" that the malware uses to ensure only one instance runs on the

system.

This unique identifier could be a mutex, a registry key, or a specific file name.

As before, I reviewed the 'VirusTotal' report and discovered that the malware creates a mutex named 'fsociety0.dat'.

Mutexes Created

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CTF.Asm.MutexDefaultS-1-5-21-1482476501-1645522239-1417001333-500

CTF.Compart.MutexDefaultS-1-5-21-1482476501-1645522239-1417001333-500

CTF.LBES.MutexDefaultS-1-5-21-1482476501-1645522239-1417001333-500

CTF.Layouts.MutexDefaultS-1-5-21-1482476501-1645522239-1417001333-500

Q7: Machine:Target1 It appears that a notorious hacker compromised this box before our current attackers. Name the movie he or she is from

• While navigating the file system using R-Studio, I identified a user named 'Zerocool', which is a character from the movie Hackers.

Q8: Machine:Target1 What is the NTLM password hash for the administrator account?

• I used the 'Consoles' plugin to observe the threat actor's operations, noting that they utilized 'wsc.exe', a password

discovered that the threat actor extracted the 'Administrator' password in plaintext as 'flagadmin@1234' using this

I then used the website https://www.browserling.com/tools/ntlm-hash to convert this password into its NTLM



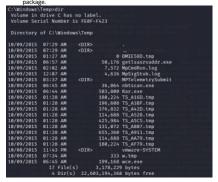
Calculate NTLM Hash Copy to clipboard (undo)

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:\Windows\Temp>wce.exe -w
CE v1.42beta (Windows Credentials Editor) - (c) 2010-2013 Amplia Security - by
ernan Ochoa (hernan@ampliasecurity.com)
se -h for help.
Administrator\front-desk-PC:flagadmin@1234
frontdesk\ALLSAFECYBERSEC:TH⊻VTmpz
FRONT-DESk-PC\ALLSAFECYBERSEC:08077qj:^zctL2T]ljn3<niKZKbqi'(:Le8o07zE>'d8⇔J*P
{;\*51S@0xg:rC:P:z Y!%fUilX8y_36 uNUT3%:Y;qJY,xq/:)%S^f6zDK.)F%H;V?.^Z
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Q9: Machine:Target1 The attackers appear to have moved over some tools to the compromised front desk host. How many tools did the attacker move?

We observed that the attacker tampered with the 'Temp' directory, where we identified several tools they brought

onto the compromised system, including 'Rar.exe', 'nbtscan.exe', 'wce.exe', and 'getlsasrvaddr.exe'. Initially, I believed the answer was '4', but it is actually '3' because some of these files may be part of the same

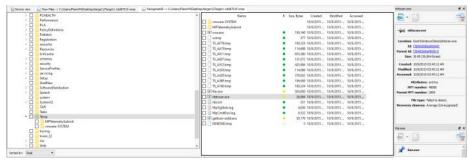


Q10: Machine:Target1 What is the password for the front desk local administrator account?

We already found it in the previous question, flagadmin@1234

O11: Machine:Target1 What is the std create data timestamp for the nbtscan.exe tool?

To address this question, I initially used 'R-Studio' to navigate to the Temp' directory, where I located the mentioned file and viewed the creation time as 2015-09-10 03:45:12'. However, this was the wrong answer. Suspecting that the timestamp was not in UTC, I parsed the MFT using the 'mftparser' plugin in Volatility and found the correct answer.



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(kali@ kali)-[~/Desktop/volatility]
$ python2 vol.py -f ../target1/Target1-1dd8701f.vmss --profile-Win75P1×86_23418 mftparser | grep -i 'nbtscan.exe'
volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6.1
2015-10-09 10:45:12 UTC-0000 2015-10-09 10:45:12 UTC-0000 2015-10-09 10:45:12 UTC-0000 2015-10-09 10:47:07 UTC-0000 2015-10-09 10:47:07
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Q12: Machine:Target1 The attackers appear to have stored the output from the nbtscan.exe tool in a text file on a disk called nbs.txt. What is the IP address of the first machine in that file?

I navigate to the 'Temp' directory and opened the file via 'R-Studio' to address this question.



${\bf Q13: Machine:} Target {\bf 1} \ What is the full \ IP \ address \ and \ the \ port \ was \ the \ attacker's \ malware \ using?$

To address this question, I used the 'netscan' plugin and found that the injected process (iExplorer.exe) had an active connection with the IP address '180.76.254.120' over port 22.

| 0×3de98df8 | TCPv4 | 10.1.1.20:49261 | 10.1.1.21:445 | ESTABLISHED | | System |
|------------|-------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------|------|--------------|
| 0×3e0d0df8 | TCPv4 | 10.1.1.20:49208 | 10.1.1.3:80 | ESTABLISHED | 3196 | OUTLOOK.EXE |
| 0×3e0eedf8 | TCPv4 | 10.1.1.20:49205 | 180.76.254.120:22 | ESTABLISHED | 2996 | iexplore.exe |
| 0×3e1e5008 | TCPv4 | 10.1.1.20:49330 | 10.1.1.2:139 | CLOSED | | System |
| 0×3e1f0df8 | TCPv4 | 10.1.1.20:49207 | 10.1.1.3:80 | ESTABLISHED | 3196 | OUTLOOK.EXE |

Q14: Machine:Target1 It appears the attacker also installed legit remote administration software. What is the name of the running process?

 At the beginning of the challenge, when we used 'pstree' plugin I noticed 'TeamViewer.exe' is also running on the compromised host.

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| Ш | . UX54edcDIU:SMSS.exe | 2/6 | 4 | 2 | 30 | Z012-10-09 | 11:30:44 | 010+0000 |
| Ш | 0x84013598:TeamViewer.exe | 2680 | 1696 | 28 | 632 | 2015-10-09 | 12:08:46 | UTC+0000 |
| | . 0x858bc278:TeamViewer_Des | 1092 | 2680 | 16 | 405 | 2015-10-09 | 12:10:56 | UTC+0000 |
| Ш | . 0x84017d40:tv_w32.exe | 4064 | 2680 | 2 | 83 | 2015-10-09 | 12:08:47 | UTC+0000 |
| | 0x85cle5f8:explorer.exe | 2116 | 2060 | 23 | 912 | 2015-10-09 | 11:31:04 | UTC+0000 |
| Ш | . 0x83eb5d40:cmd.exe | 2496 | 2116 | 1 | 22 | 2015-10-09 | 11:33:42 | UTC+0000 |
| | . 0x83f1ed40:mstsc.exe | 2844 | 2116 | 11 | 484 | 2015-10-09 | 12:12:03 | UTC+0000 |
| Ш | . 0x83fb86a8:cmd.exe | 3064 | 2116 | 1 | 22 | 2015-10-09 | 11:37:32 | UTC+0000 |
| Ш | . 0x859281f0:vmtoolsd.exe | 2388 | 2116 | 7 | 164 | 2015-10-09 | 11:31:04 | UTC+0000 |
| | . 0x85cd3d40:OUTLOOK.EXE | 3196 | 2116 | 22 | 1678 | 2015-10-09 | 11:31:32 | UTC+0000 |
| Ш | 0x855f6d40:csrss.exe | 432 | 412 | 11 | 366 | 2015-10-09 | 11:30:48 | UTC+0000 |
| Ш | . 0x83f13d40:conhost.exe | 1624 | 432 | 3 | 81 | 2015-10-09 | 11:35:15 | UTC+0000 |
| | . 0x83fa9030:conhost.exe | 676 | 432 | 3 | 83 | 2015-10-09 | 11:37:32 | UTC+0000 |
| Ш | . 0x83e5cd40:conhost.exe | 916 | 432 | 3 | 83 | 2015-10-09 | 11:33:42 | UTC+0000 |
| | . 0x83fc7c08:conhost.exe | 1824 | 432 | 3 | 85 | 2015-10-09 | 11:39:22 | UTC+0000 |
| | 0x8561d030:winlogon.exe | 480 | 412 | 3 | 115 | 2015-10-09 | 11:30:48 | UTC+0000 |
| | 0x85d0d030:iexplore.exe | 2996 | 2984 | 6 | | 2015-10-09 | | |
| 1 | . 0x83f105f0:cmd.exe | 1856 | 2996 | 1 | 33 | 2015-10-09 | 11:35:15 | UTC+0000 |
| | 0x83fb2d40:cmd.exe | 3784 | 2196 | 1 | 24 | 2015-10-09 | 11:39:22 | UTC+0000 |
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Q15: Machine:Target1 It appears the attackers also used a built-in remote access method. What IP address did they connect to?

At the beginning of the challenge, we also noticed that the 'mstdc.exe' process was running, which is related to RDP.
 I used the 'netscan' plugin again and identified an internal RDP connection.

Q16: Machine:Target2 It appears the attacker moved latterly from the front desk machine to the security admins (Gideon) machine and dumped the passwords. What is Gideon's password?

Now we will analyze the 'Target2' machine after the lateral movement by the attacker.
 I used the 'consoles' plugin to examine the attacker's activity on the console and found that they used 'wce.exe' again, saving Gideon's password to a file named 'gideon', wtnp'.
 I then loaded the memory dump into 'R-Studio', navigated to C:\Users\Gideon, and located the mentioned file.



Q17: Machine:Target2 Once the attacker gained access to "Gideon," they pivoted to the AllSafeCyberSec domain controller to steal files. It appears they were successful. What password did they use?

When I used the 'consoles' plugin, we observed the lateral movement to the DC via the 'net' utility. The attacker executed the rar command to create an archive named crownjewlez.rar. The *.txt specifies that the archive includes all xth files in the current directory, and the -hp123qwel@# option sets the password for the archive to 123qwel@#.

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CommandHistory: 0xe9198 Application: cmd.exe Flags: Allocated, Reset
CommandCount: 18 LastAdded: 17 LastDisplayed: 17
FirstCommand: 0 CommandCountMax: 50
ProcessHandle: 0x60
Cmd #0 at 0xe6030: cd c:\Users
Cmd #0 at 0xe6030: cd c:\Users
Cmd #1 at 0xe6030: cd c:\Users
Cmd #1 at 0xe6030: cd c:\Users
Cmd #1 at 0xe6030: cwc.exe -w > gideon/w.tmp
Cmd #3 at 0xe010? who ami
Cmd #5 at 0xe0108: cwc.exe -w > gideon/w.tmp
Cmd #5 at 0xe0260: wcc.exe -w > gideon/w.tmp
Cmd #5 at 0xe0268: whomani
Cmd #5 at 0xe0268: dir
Cmd #6 at 0xe0108: cd;
Cmd #6 at 0xe0108: cd;
Cmd #8 at 0xe0670: cd gideon
Cmd #9 at 0xe0688: dir
Cmd #10 at 0xe0f08: zi
Cmd #10 at 0xe0f08: zi
Cmd #11 at 0xe0f18: cir
Cmd #12 at 0xe0688: cir
Cmd #13 at 0xe0678: cir
Cmd #14 at 0xe0f28: dir
Cmd #15 at 0xe0678: cir
Cmd #16 at 0xe0f28: cir
Cmd #17 at 0xe0608: rar
Cmd #18 at 0xe0608: rar
Cmd #18 at 0xe0608: rar
Cmd #18 at 0xe0678: rar crompiwlez.rar *.txt -hp123qwe18#
Cmd #17 at 0xe0678: rar crompiwlez.rar *.txt

Screen 0xe0038 X:80 Y:300
Dump:
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Q18: Machine:Target2 What was the name of the RAR file created by the attackers?

• We identified the answer to this question in the previous context: crownjewlez.rar.

Q19: Machine:Target2 How many files did the attacker add to the RAR archive?

I used the 'cmdscan' plugin and found commands related to 'conhost.exe' with PID 3048. I dumped the memory of the file, executed strings, and filtered for .txt files since we knew the attacker targeted only text files.

I didn't find any relevant .txt file entries initially, so I referred to a web walkthrough and discovered that I needed to use the -e I option to encode the strings into UTF-16.

I found 3 secrets files

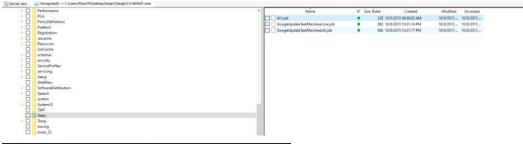
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- (kali@ kali)-[~/Desktop/volatility]
-$ strings -e | 3048.dmp | grep -E 'crownjewlez\.rar|\.txt'

| crownizers.com
| SecretSauce1 txt
| SecretSauce2 txt
| SecretSauce3 txt
| SecretSau
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Q20: Machine:Target2 The attacker appears to have created a scheduled task on Gideon's machine. What is the name of the file associated with the scheduled task?

To address this question, I used 'R-Studio' to navigate to C:\Windows\Tasks and located the suspicious task At1.job.
I then used Volatility to dump the file and employed cat to view the task information.
From this, I found that the related file is 1.bat.

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Q21: Machine:POS What is the malware CNC's server?

 I used the 'netscan' plugin on the 'POS' machine and identified that the infected process (iexplorer.exe) had a network connection to the IP address '54.84.237.92' via port 80.

| 0×3e6cf270 | TCPv4 | 0.0.0.0:49154 | 0.0.0.0:0 | LISTENING | 900 | svchost.exe | |
|------------|-------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|------|--------------|--|
| 0×3e0f90e8 | TCPv4 | 10.1.1.10:64532 | 10.1.1.3:80 | ESTABLISHED | 3376 | OUTLOOK.EXE | |
| 0×3e135df8 | TCPv4 | 10.1.1.10:58751 | 54.84.237.92:80 | CLOSE_WAIT | 3208 | iexplore.exe | |
| 0×3e24c7d0 | TCPv4 | 10.1.1.10:49201 | 23.203.149.112:443 | CLOSE_WAIT | 2464 | jusched.exe | |
| 0×3e611b10 | TCPv4 | -:49887 | 108.162.232.200:491 | 55 CLOSED | 536 | lsass.exe | |
| 0×3e6fe830 | TCPv4 | 10.1.1.10:64530 | 10.1.1.3:80 | ESTABLISHED | 3376 | OUTLOOK, EXE | |
| | | | | | | | |

Q22: Machine:POS What is the common name of the malware used to infect the POS system?

 To be honest, I examined the C2 address '54.84.237.92' using VirusTotal and found that the communication with this malicious process is associated with the 'Dexter' malware family.

Q23: Machine: POS In the POS malware whitelist. What application was specific to Allsafecybersec?

 We already know that the malicious process iexplore.exe has a PID of 3208.
 Using the malfind plugin, which helps detect hidden or injected code/DLLs in user-mode memory, I dumped the memory of the injected process from iexplore.exe with the following command: python2 vol.py -f.-/pos01/POS-01-04e87786.vmss-profile=Win75P1x86_23418 malfind --pid 3208-D.

After we dumped the injected process memory, I ran strings on the memory dump and found the application

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\( \text{5 md5sum process.0*83f324d8.0*50000.dmp} \)
\( 491e1a4b51a09d234c9356822cf521a7 \)
\( \text{process.0*83f324d8.0*50000.dmp} \)
```

```
(kali@ kali)-[~/Desktop/volatility]
$ strings process.0*83f324d8.0*50000.dmp

!This program cannot be run in DOS mode.

Richt
, text
.data
.idata
8.rsrc
8.reloc
8.tissfe_protector.exe
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Q24: Machine:POS What is the name of the file the malware was initially launched from?

To address this question, I used 'Bulk Extractor' to parse the entire memory dump.
 Upon analyzing the prefetch files, I identified a suspicious executable named ALLsafe_update.exe.

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