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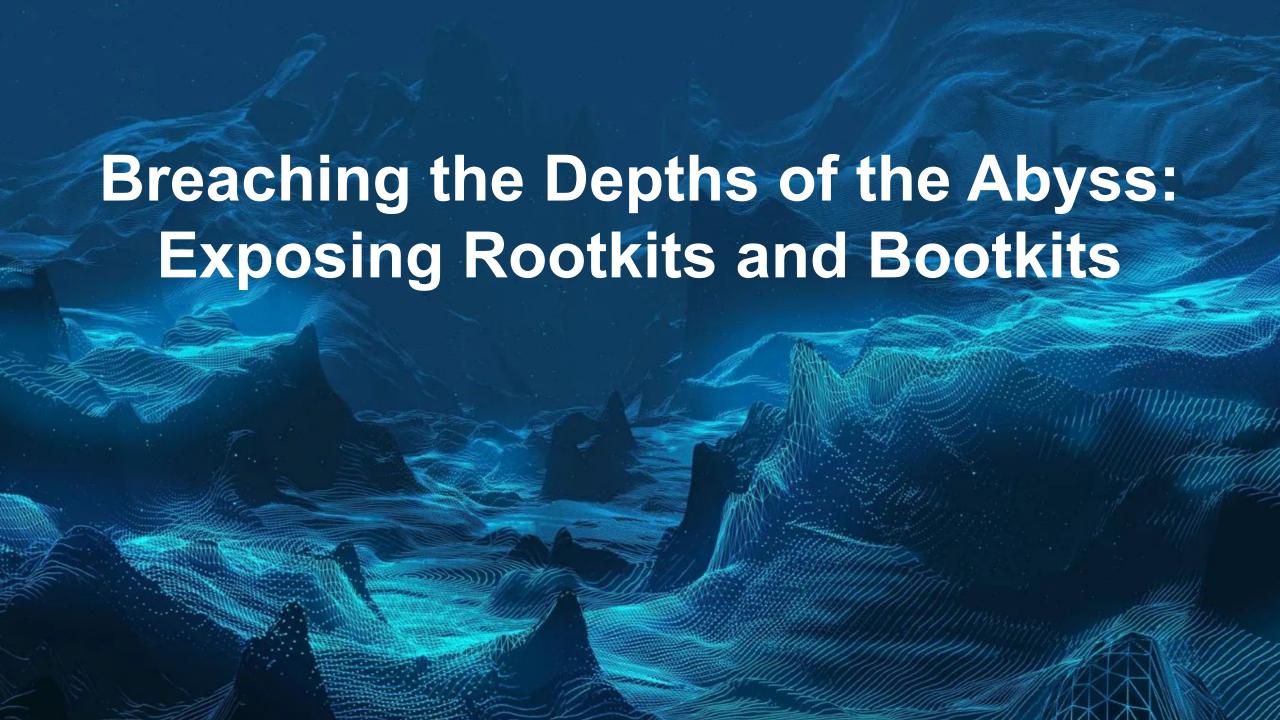
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### Introduction



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### Agenda

- Problem
- What do drivers buy an adversary?
- LOLDrivers
- Bootloaders & Bootkits
- Key Takeaways





### Problem

Problem:
Hunting drivers as
Windows Rootkits is hard

- High volume
- Low reward
- Inability to determine good/bad
- Level 12 Threat Hunting





### Problem

As the trend of adversaries exploiting drivers becomes increasingly prevalent, we find ourselves in the midst of a new era of "Bring Your Own Vulnerable Driver" attacks.



#### 'Bring your own vulnerable driver' attack technique is becoming popular among threat actors

Updated on: 19 January 2023 📮

Hackers backdoor Windows devices in Sliver and BYOVD attacks

By Bill Toulas

February 6, 2023

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**APTs adopt Vulnerable Drivers** 

Various different APTs and Threat actors have been adopting vulnerable drivers to bypass security controls

**SCATTERED SPIDER Exploits Windows** Security Deficiencies with Bring-Your-Own-**Vulnerable-Driver Tactic in Attempt to Bypass Endpoint Security** 

January 10, 2023 CrowdStrike Intelligence Team Research & Threat

In part one on North Korea's UNC2970, we covered UNC2970's tactics, techniques and procedures (TTPs) and tooling that they used over the course of multiple intrusions. In this installment, we will focus on how UNC2970 utilized Bring Your Own Vulnerable Device (BYOVD) to further enable their operations.



## Windows Drivers: What does it buy the adversary?

- Windows will load signed/unsigned, old and new
- Kernel level persistence, defense evasion
- Hard to prevent (AV)
- Hard to detect

Windows is getting "better" though

Defender/WDAC blocks most LOLDrivers

HVCI is there





### LOLDrivers: Curated list of known evil

- Detection: Sigma, Sysmon, yara
- Prevention: WDAC, Sigma, ClamAV
- 1000+ drivers
- Full enrichment

loldrivers.io



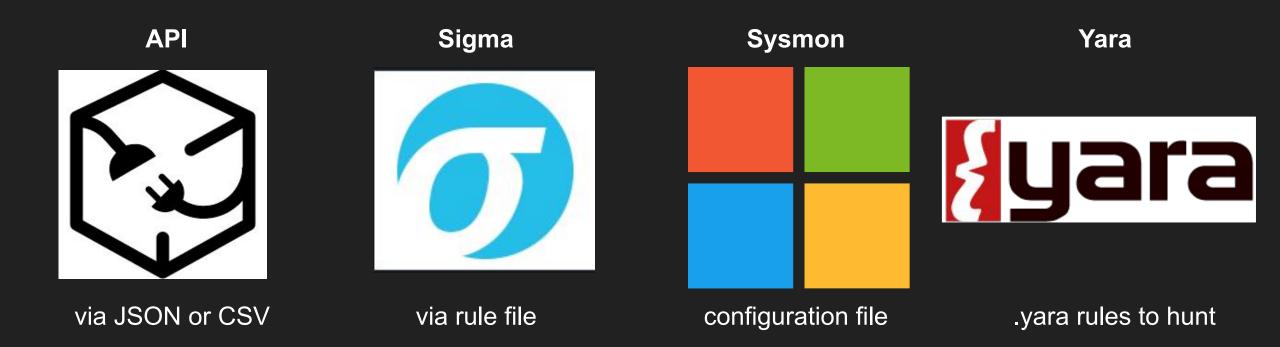


### Living Off The Land Drivers

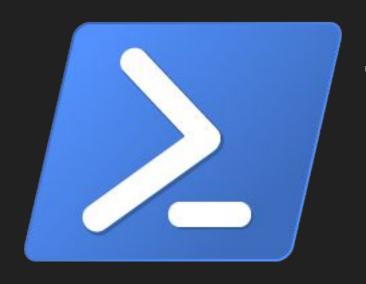
Living Off The Land Drivers is a curated list of Windows drivers used by adversaries to bypass security controls and carry out attacks. The project helps security professionals stay informed and mitigate potential threats.



### LOLDrivers: Curated list of known evil



### LOLDrivers Scanner



### https://t.ly/rY5oc

Suggested Folders:

C:\WINDOWS\inf

C:\WINDOWS\System32\drivers

C:\WINDOWS\System32\DriverStore\FileRepository

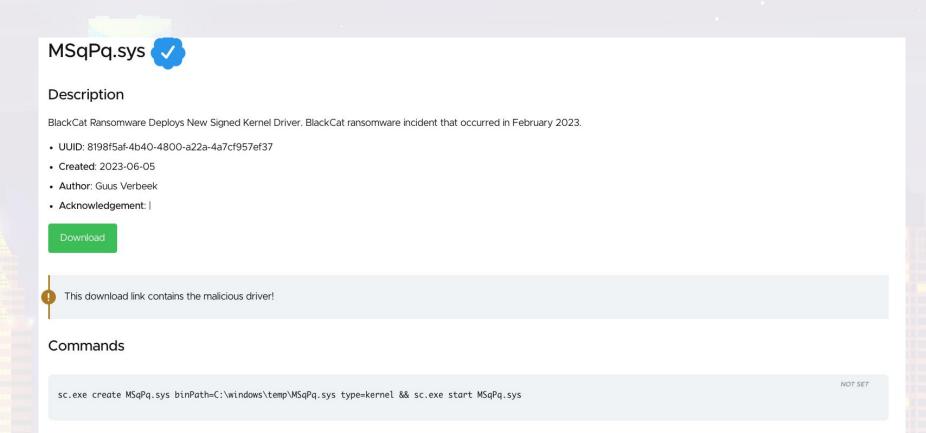
### LOLDrivers: Walkthrough

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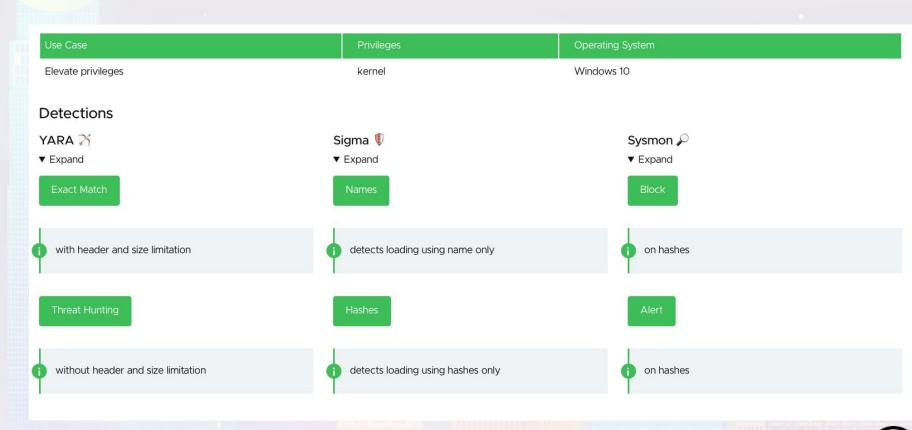
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### LOLDrivers: Walkthrough







### LOLDrivers: Walkthrough



#### Known Vulnerable Samples

Property	Value	
Filename	MSqPq.sys	
MD5	97539c78d6e2b5356ce79e40bcd4d570	
SHA1	f6793243ad20359d8be40d3accac168a15a327fb	
SHA256	56066ed07bad3b5c1474e8fae5ee2543d17d7977369b34450bd0775517e3b25c	
Authentihash MD5	e66ea646261c73baee310361524fbb7c	
Authentihash SHA1	12d1ff0396dc1ffe15ad4fcb42319f6d4ee99393	
Authentihash SHA256	0527451d72ba02db8479ea69689350cc563b939bb2cc685386719ab32b7e2772	
RichPEHeaderHash MD5	b3c2084dcf3f40c0653c0d83ed93d1ec	
RichPEHeaderHash SHA1	98192b19393d287eeaa3c6cb52aa97723a66d136	
RichPEHeaderHash SHA256	783d7f55f46700737aafd36725d14b1c98049d9c0179f13143227d1e285d624b	

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#### Certificates

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#### **Imports**

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#### ImportedFunctions

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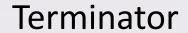
#### ExportedFunctions

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#### Signature

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### Windows Drivers: Rapid Response



Terminator antivirus killer is a vulnerable Windows driver in disguise

#### By Sergiu Gatlan

May 31, 2023

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However, as a CrowdStrike engineer revealed in a Reddit post, Terminator just drops the legitimate, signed Zemana anti-malware kernel driver named zamguard64.sys or zam64.sys into the

folder with a random name between 4 and 10 characters.





### Windows Drivers: Rapid Response

The rise of GMER
BlackOut
NimBlackOut





#### Pricing:

I'm selling the all in one version for \$1.5k only for the first 5 people, then the price will be \$3k. \$300 for one build for a specific AV/EDR/XDR. The following EDRs cannot be sold alone: SentinelOne, Sophos, CrowdStrike, Carbon Black, Cortex, Cylance.



#### Description

Driver used by the GMER application. Which is an application that detects and removes rootkits

- UUID: 7ce8fb06-46eb-4f4f-90d5-5518a6561f15
- Created: 2023-05-22
- Author: Michael Haag
- Acknowledgement: hfiref0x | hfiref0x

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### Windows Drivers: Rapid Response

Undocumented driver-based browser hijacker RedDriver targets Chinese speakers and internet cafes

By Chris Neal

TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023 13:07



#### Description

Cisco Talos has identified multiple versions of an undocumented malicious driver named "RedDriver," a driver-based browser hijacker that uses the Windows Filtering Platform (WFP) to intercept browser traffic. RedDriver has been active since at least 2021. RedDriver utilizes HookSignTool to forge its signature timestamp to bypass Windows driver-signing policies. Code from multiple open-source tools has been used in the development of RedDriver's infection chain, including HP-Socket and a custom implementation of ReflectiveLoader. The authors of RedDriver appear to be skilled in driver development and have deep knowledge of the Windows operating system. This threat appears to target native Chinese speakers, as it searches for Chinese language browsers to hijack. Additionally, the authors are likely Chinese speakers themselves.

- UUID: 66813e1f-13c8-4884-931a-62b46350c345
- Created: 2023-07-12

### **Source and Prevalence**

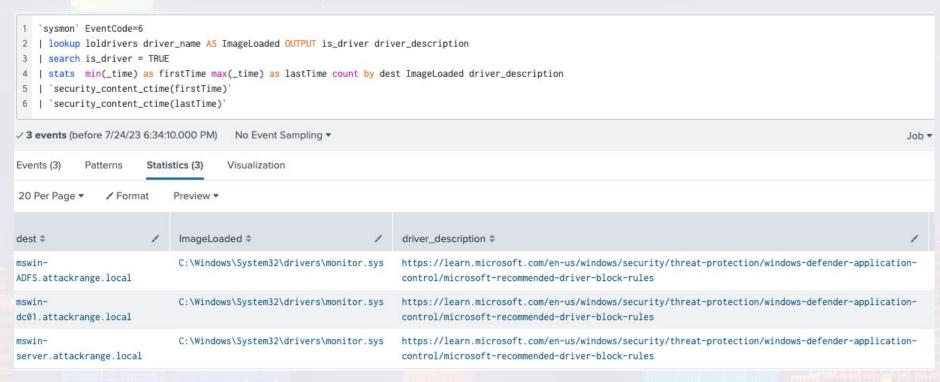
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`sysmon` EventCode=6 | stats min(\_time) as firstTime max(\_time) as lastTime count by ImageLoaded Computer Signed Signature service\_signature\_verified service\_signature\_exists Hashes

	ImageLoaded \$	,	Computer \$	Signed	Signature	service_signature_verified	service_signature_exists
	C:\Temp\dell.sys		win-dc-mhaag-attack- range- 270.attackrange.local	true	Dell Inc.	true	true
	C:\Windows\System32\drivers\mmcss.sys		win-dc-mhaag-attack- range- 270.attackrange.local	true	Microsoft Windows	true	true
	C:\Windows\System32\drivers\mmcss.sys		win-host-mhaag- attack-range-803	true	Microsoft Windows	true	true
	C:\ProgramData\combo12.sys		win-dc-mhaag-attack- range- 270.attackrange.local	true	CAPCOM Co.,Ltd.	true	true
	${\tt C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop\artifact\DriverInstallationPackage\builder\package\ 2\combo2.sys}$		win-dc-mhaag-attack- range- 270.attackrange.local	true	CAPCOM Co.,Ltd.	true	true
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### **LOLDrivers Lookup**





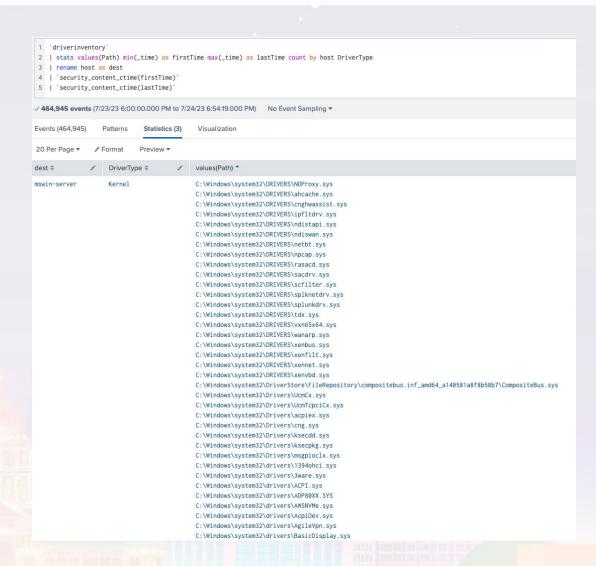


### **Driver Inventory**

With a PowerShell Scripted input on a Splunk Universal Forwarder, we can inventory at scale drivers from all endpoints.

```
[powershell://DriverInventory]
script = driverquery /FO csv /v
schedule = 0 0 * * *
sourcetype = PwSh:DriverInventory
index=win
```





### **Driver Dashboard**

New Sys Files						
dest \$	file_create_time \$	file_name \$	file_path \$	count \$	firstTime ‡	lastTime
win-dc-mhaag-attack-range- 270.attackrange.local	2022-05-12T19:55:12- 06:00	combroker.sys	C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop\U- Program\seewolf\combroker.sys	1	2022-05- 12T19:55:12-06:00	2022-0 12T19:5
win-dc-mhaag-attack-range- 270.attackrange.local	2022-05-12T19:55:46- 06:00	\$IOVYWD9.sys	C:\\$Recycle.Bin\S-1-5-21-2059343465-23005999999- 2417073716-500\\$IOVYWD9.sys	1	2022-05- 12T19:55:46- 06:00	2022-0 12T19:5 06:00
win-dc-mhaag-attack-range- 270.attackrange.local	2022-05-12T19:56:42- 06:00	Capcom.sys	C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop\U- Program\seewolf\Capcom.sys	1	2022-05- 12T19:56:42-	2022-0 12T19:5
Sc Create New Kernel Driver						

dest \$	user \$	parent_process_name \$	process_name \$	process \$
win-dc-mhaag- attack-range- 270.attackrange.local	Administrator	cmd.exe	sc.exe	sc.exe create Atomi322 binpath= "C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop\artifact\_DriverInstallationPackage\builder\package 2\combo.sys" type= kernel start= auto displayname= "Atomi322"
win-dc-mhaag- attack-range- 270.attackrange.local	Administrator	cmd.exe	sc.exe	sc.exe create Atomi3222 binpath= "C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop\artifact\_DriverInstallationPackage\builder\package 2\combo2.sys" type= kernel start= auto displayname= "Atomi3222"



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### Audit & Prevent

**Inventory Drivers** 

Enable Windows Attack Surface Reduction rules (can't prevent? Audit!)

Use SecureBoot

**Driver Signing Enforcement** 

Implement Application Control

Windows Defender Application Control or AppLocker

Ensure HVCI is enable





### **Bootloaders & Bootkits**

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### What is a Bootloader or BootKit?

	Bootloader	Bootkit
Purpose	Loads the operating system into memory after startup	Infects the system to gain control before the OS boots up
Location	Stored in non-volatile memory	Infects low-level system areas like MBR or VBR
Effect on system	Essential for system operation	Causes harm, evades detection, and maintains unauthorized access
Interacts with OS	Loads the OS kernel	Manipulates or bypasses the OS

### What is a Bootloader?

A bootloader is a software or set of instructions that loads the operating system into the computer's memory upon startup. It initializes the hardware components and creates an environment for the operating system to run.

#### Key points:

- It prepares the system for operation after the power-on self-test (POST).
- Its main task is to load the kernel of the OS into memory.
- It's stored in non-volatile memory like ROM or EPROM.

### What is a BootKit?

A bootkit is a type of malicious software that infects the computer at a level deep enough to gain control before the operating system has fully booted up. It targets the bootloader and can therefore bypass security measures like antivirus software and OS security features.

#### Key points:

- It infects the system at a lower level (e.g., Master Boot Record or Volume Boot Record).
- It's designed to evade detection and removal.
- It can be used to create persistent and stealthy access to a compromised system.

### Why does this matter?



Bootkits are a serious security threat as they operate at a lower level than most security measures.

Understanding bootloaders can be useful for operating system developers and IT professionals

Knowledge about bootloaders and bootkits can aid in troubleshooting various system issues, including boot failures and malware infections.

Bootloaders and bootkits are integral parts of the larger technological ecosystem.

### What about UEFI and SecureBoot?

**UEFI** (Unified Extensible Firmware Interface) and **Secure Boot** are modern technologies designed to enhance the security and functionality of the system boot process.

**UEFI**: This is a specification that defines a software interface between an operating system and platform firmware. It is designed to replace the Basic Input/Output System (BIOS) firmware interface. UEFI provides several enhancements over BIOS, including:

- Better compatibility with modern hardware.
- Faster boot times.
- Support for booting from larger (>2TB) disks.
  CPU-independent architecture and drivers.

**Secure Boot**: This is a security standard developed by members of the PC industry to help ensure that a device boots using only software that is **trusted** by the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM). When the PC starts, the firmware checks the signature of each piece of boot software, including firmware drivers (Option ROMs) and the operating system. If the signatures are valid, the PC boots, and the firmware gives control to the operating system.

### **UEFI** Revocation List

UEFI Revocation List files contain the, now-revoked, signatures of previously approved and signed firmware and software used in booting systems with UEFI Secure Boot enabled.

```
SHA 256 FLAT, PE256 Authenticode, Filename, Architecture, Partner, CVEs, Revocation List Date
2DF05C41ACC56D0F4C9371DA62EG6G311C94FB84B4A40BC3738583CCC874D38, C805603C4FA038776E42F263C604B49D96840322E1922D5606A9B08BB5BFFE6F, B00TX64.EFI, 64-bit, Ciscso Systems Inc., CVE-2020–378726B82CA5826F497362042C093385E107CA22383082739FBC5C45E04B0839, 56FB79AAB26EEF900E0CA372FB86A8BB459ACBC59D0AB35E6A632A3D5F88DCB3, boott632.efi, 32-bit, Neverware, CVE-2020–378726648B73808B8EB778B0743582FA81243566870657BC79E0769C94D0AF505F42D74A6A536EA62F01217E4298B145C9E5.3695A31B42FEB5F5A4, boott64.efi, 64-bit, Niray Software AG, CVE-2020–10713; CVE-2020–14871D00448F1DE869EE087B59FF88D11865463715272BCC6C29B005E21DBD02, F277AF4F9BDC913AE8P4F935CC1834E34984C04AE976532C3C808049574D36599C, boott64.efi, 64-bit, Niray Software AG, CVE-2020–10713; CVE-
```

### The Boots

As defenders, how can we learn more about Boot Kits and Loaders?

```
TTTTT H H EEEEE BBBBB 0000 0000 TTTTT SSSS

T H H E B BB 0 00 0 T S

T HHHHH EEEE BBBBB 0 00 0 T SSSSS

T H H EEEE BBBBB 0000 0000 T SSSSS

1. Set BootExecute value to ""autocheck autoche *""

2. Revert BootExecute value to its default ""autocheck autochk *""

3. Display the current BootExecute value

4. Set BootExecute value to a custom value

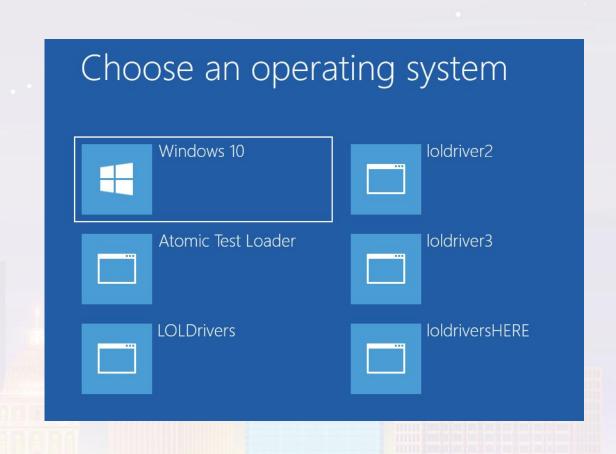
5. Exit

Enter your choice (1-5):
```

https://github.com/MHaggis/notes/blob/master/utilities/theBoots.ps1

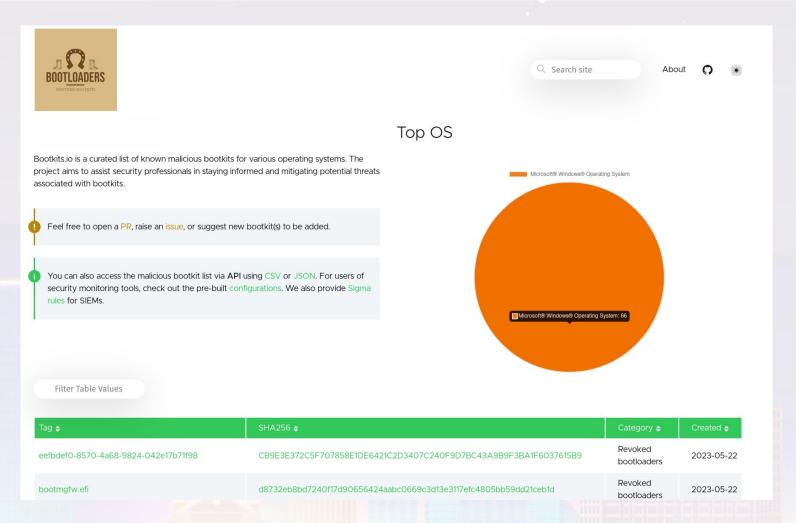
### The Boots

```
Write-Host @"
                       BBBBB 0000 0000 TTTTT SSSSS
         H FEFFE
function Show-Menu {
   Write-Host "1. Set BootExecute value to `"`"autocheck autoche *`"`""
   Write-Host "2. Revert BootExecute value to its default `"`"autocheck autochk *`"`""
   Write-Host "3. Display the current BootExecute value"
   Write-Host "4. Set BootExecute value to a custom value"
   Write-Host "5, Exit"
$exit = $false
while (-not $exit) {
   Show-Menu
   $choice = Read-Host "Enter your choice (1-5)"
   switch ($choice) {
           reg.exe add "HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Session Manager" /v BootExecute /t REG_MULTI_SZ /d "autocheck autoche *" /f
           Write-Host "BootExecute value updated to `"`"autocheck autoche *`"`""
       "2" {
           reg.exe add "HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Session Manager" /v BootExecute /t REG_MULTI_SZ /d "autocheck autochk *" /f
           Write-Host "BootExecute value reverted to its default `"`"autocheck autochk *`"`""
       "3" {
           $value = (Get-ItemProperty -Path "HKLM:\SYSTEM\CurrentControl\Set\Control\Session Manager" -Name "BootExecute").BootExecute
           Write-Host "Current BootExecute value: `"$value`""
       "4" {
           $custom_value = Read-Host "Enter the custom value for BootExecute"
           reg.exe add "HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Session Manager" /v BootExecute /t REG_MULTI_SZ /d "$custom_value" /f
           Write-Host "BootExecute value updated to `"`"$custom_value`"`""
       "5" { $exit = $true }
           Write-Host "Invalid choice. Please enter a number between 1 and 5."
   Write-Host ""
```



### Releasing Today: Bootloaders Project

bootloaders.io theboots.io



### **Bootloaders Project**

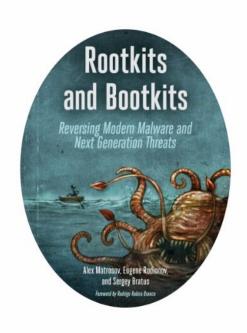
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### Find Bootloaders at Scale

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> bcdedit /enum /v
Windows Boot Manager
identifier
                        {9dea862c-5cdd-4e70-acc1-f32b344d4795}
device
                        partition=C:
description
                        Windows Boot Manager
                        en-US
locale
inherit
                        {7ea2e1ac-2e61-4728-aaa3-896d9d0a9f0e}
bootshutdowndisabled
default
                        {0daf9bba-94c8-11e6-b1fd-0e5bdc9ce43b}
resumeobject
                         {0daf9bb9-94c8-11e6-b1fd-0e5bdc9ce43b}
displayorder
                         [c33d32c6-ede4-11ed-ac06-029797d01917]
                         {0daf9bba-94c8-11e6-b1fd-0e5bdc9ce43b}
toolsdisplayorder
                        {b2721d73-1db4-4c62-bf78-c548a880142d}
timeout
Windows Boot Manager
identifier
                        {c33d32c6-ede4-11ed-ac06-029797d01917}
                        partition=C:
device
description
                        Atomic Boots
locale
                        en-US
                        {7ea2e1ac-2e61-4728-aaa3-896d9d0a9f0e}
inherit
bootshutdowndisabled
default
                        {0daf9bba-94c8-11e6-b1fd-0e5bdc9ce43b}
                         {Odaf9bb9-94c8-11e6-b1fd-0e5bdc9ce43b}
resumeobject
                        {0daf9bba-94c8-11e6-b1fd-0e5bdc9ce43b}
displayorder
toolsdisplayorder
                        {b2721d73-1db4-4c62-bf78-c548a880142d}
timeout
```

```
[powershell://bootloader]
script = (bcdedit /enum /v) -split "------" | % { if ($_ -match "path\s+(.+)") { Write-Output
"Path: $($matches[1])" }; if ($_ -match "identifier\s+(.+)") { Write-Output "Identifier: $($matches[1])" }; if
($_ -match "description\s+(.+)") { Write-Output "Description: $($matches[1])" } }
schedule = 0 0 * * *
sourcetype = PwSh:bootloader
index=win
```

Shout out to: bootkits.io



### [REVERSING MODERN MALWARE AND NEXT GENERATION THREATS] BY ALEX MATROSOV, EUGENE RODIONOV, AND SERGEY BRATUS

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### **Key Takeaways**

LOLDrivers & Bootloaders is here to enhance and help you get ahead
Utilize Detection and Prevention from the projects
Detection can be tricky, think outside the box for inventory
Begin investigating how to integrate with your security stack

