

# Agile Defensive Technologies IOC Bucket, LLC

## Agenda

- Anatomy of the Attack
- Defense in Depth Capabilities
- Evading Detection through 2014
- Indicators of Compromise (IOC's) what are they?
- Discovering, Building, and Responding with Indicators
- Employing Organizational Intelligence and Open Source Intelligence
- Targeted Hunting Operations with IOC's
- COTS solutions for proactive defense



#### Reconnaissance

Harvesting Email Addresses, Social Networking, Passive Search, IPs,
 Port Scans

#### Weaponization

Developing Exploit with Payload Creation, Malware, Delivery system,
 Decoys

#### Delivery

Spear Phishing, Infected Website, Service Provider, USB

#### Exploitation

Activation, Execute Code, Establish Foothold, 3rd Party Exploitation

#### Installation

Trojan or Backdoor, Escalate Privileges, Root Kit, Establish Persistence

#### **Command & Control**

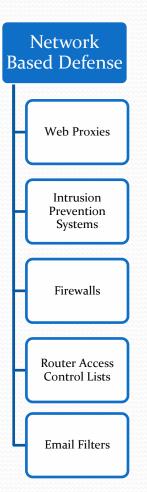
 Command Channel, Lateral Movement, Internal Recon, Maintain Persistence

#### **Actions on Target**

 Expand Compromise, Consolidate Persistence, Identify Targets, Data Exfiltration

## Defense In Depth

#### **Host Based** Defense Signature Based Vendor Anti-Virus Host Based Security System Host Based Intrusion Prevention System Host Based Firewalls Restriction **Policies**





# Current Capabilities and Limitations

- Current Defensive Posture is Reactive
  - Access Control Lists
  - Detection Definitions
  - DNS Blackhole
  - Blacklisting Email Domains
  - File hashes used for malicious file detection
    - Ex. "MD5: 9051c29972c935649d8fa4b823e54dea"
- These adversary attributes can be easily modified to avoid detection and bypass security countermeasures.



### Evasion in 2014

- Memory Injection
- Signature Manipulation(Encoding or Packing)
- Double Encryption
- Traffic Blending(HTTPS, HTTP, DNS)
- PowerShell Injection
- Load Order Hijacking
- Rootkits/Bootkits
- Executable Patching
- Process Hollowing



## **Evasion Demo**



## IOC...What are they?

- IOC Stands for Indicators of Compromise
- Collection of forensic elements...Bread Crumbs
  - Example File or Process attributes
  - The more of these you have the better
- Dynamic detection mechanisms are needed to detect and mitigate Advanced Persistent Threat

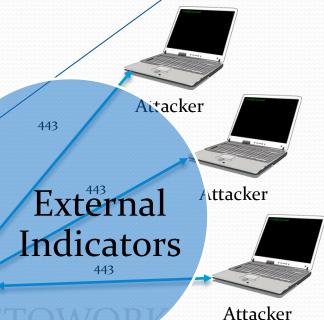


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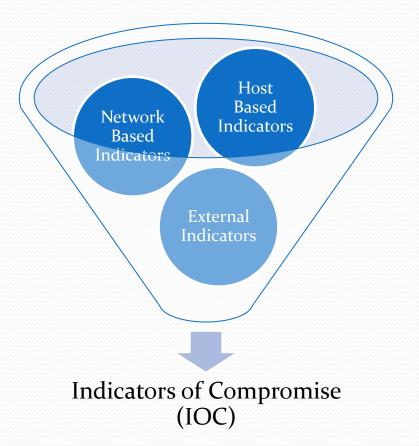
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#### Open IOC

- OpenIOC format developed by Mandiant Corporation
- Indicators
  - The IOC identifies only attacker activity.
  - The IOC is *inexpensive* to evaluate .
  - The IOC is *expensive* for the attacker to evade.
  - Chain multiple artifacts together into one comprehensive signature

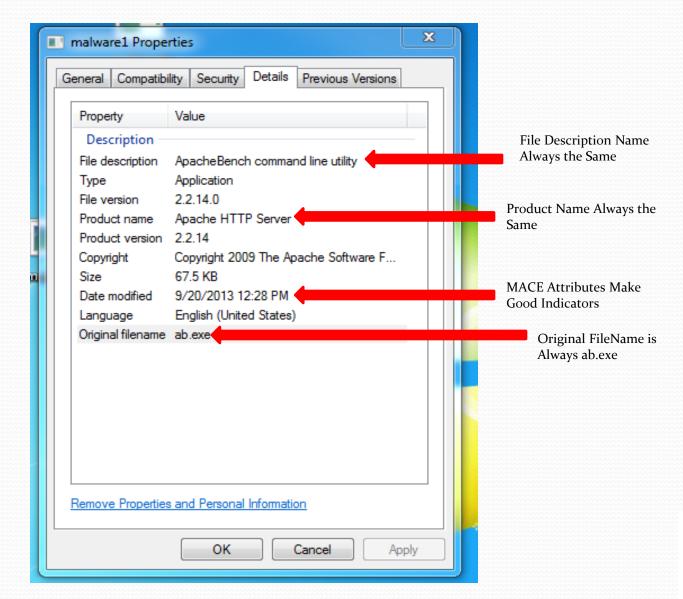


#### **IOC** the Methodology NOT the File

- IOC can detect entropy injected via human creativity
- Looking for methodology:
  - Look for specific locations in the file system.
  - Look for sets of artifacts left by tools or toolkits.
  - Look for signs of adversary activity that does not fit normal system user usage



## Attribute Indicator Collection





# **Strings Indicators**

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## **Anomaly Attributes**

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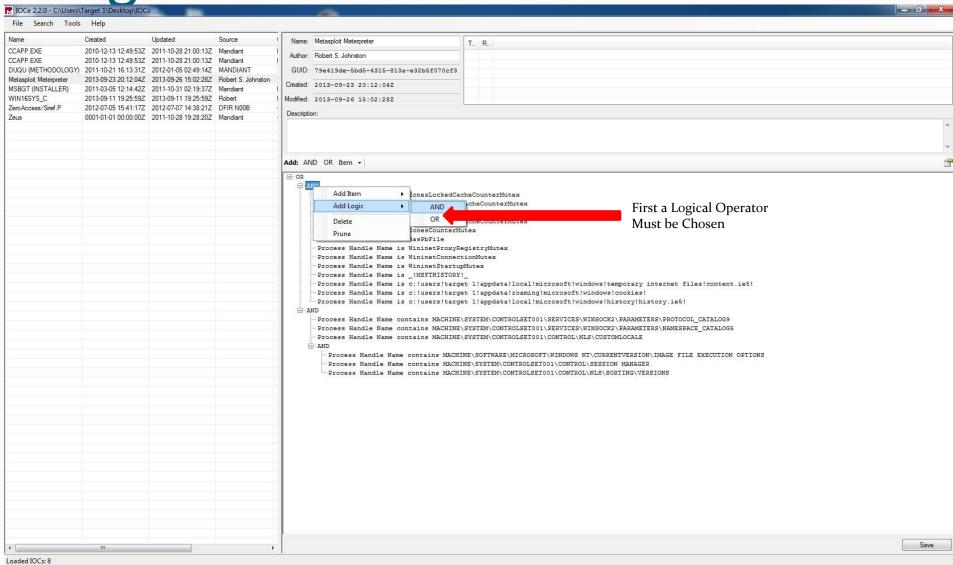
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## Building the IOC

- More than 500 different ways to identify and signature a file
- Series of AND/OR logical expressions differentiate or link indicators in your IOC
- Extremely effective for Incident Response, Identification of lateral movement, Hunting Operations, and Intrusion Detection



# Logical Statements













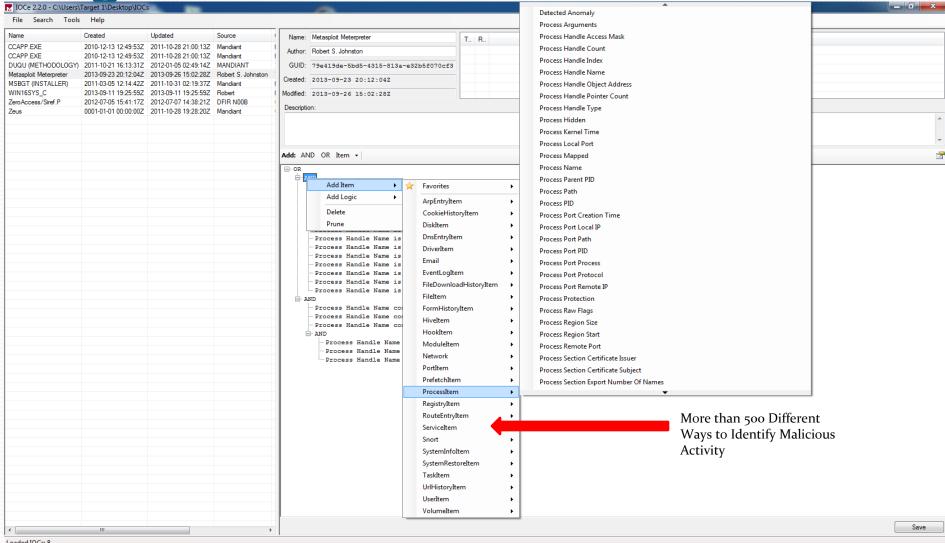








## Signature Statements











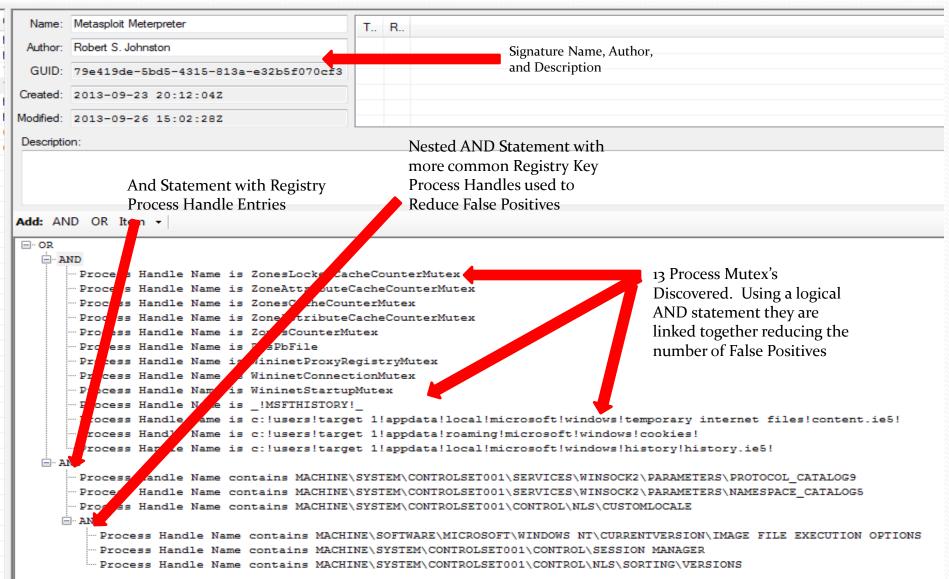








# Metasploit Meterpreter IOC



## Collection and Analysis

- Mandiant Redline/IOC Finder used for both collection and analysis
  - First collect data about the system based upon information outlined in IOC's. Then compare IOC's against collected data.
  - Outputs the report in to an HTML format that is easy to conduct analysis on



### Proactive Malware Detection

#### MIDC FINDER

View by Hosts
View by Indicator

1 host(s) contained matching hits on the searched IOCs.

WIN-MMEF5GNL950 - 192.168.126.129

Metasploit Meterpreter- (UID: 79e419de)

C:\Users\Target 1\Desktop\IOC Audits\WIN-MMEF5GNL95O\20130926193737\mir.w32processesmemory.577d4738.xml

View Hits +

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Indicates that you have a signature hit AND how it found the signature hit in Process Memory

## Proactive Malware Detection

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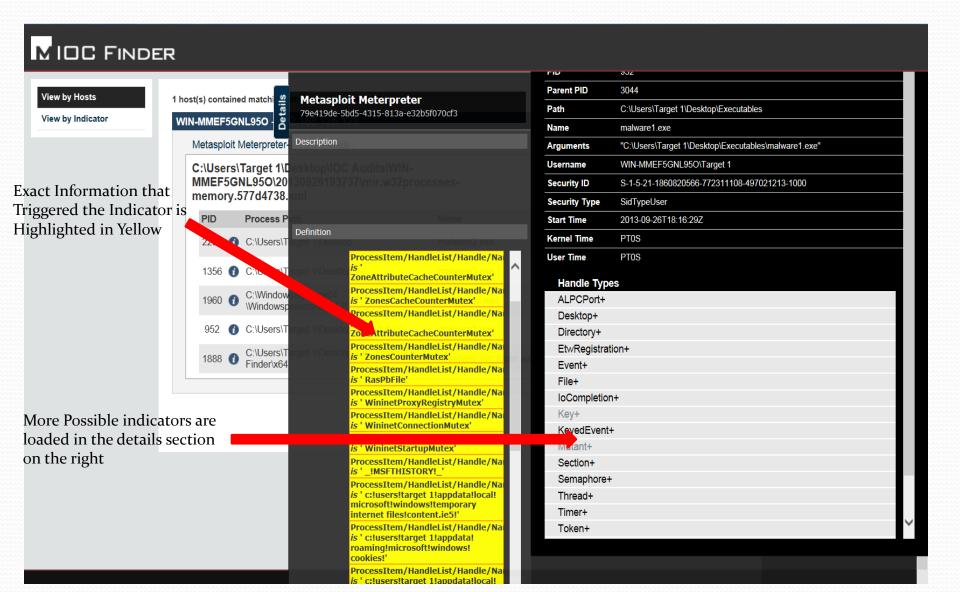
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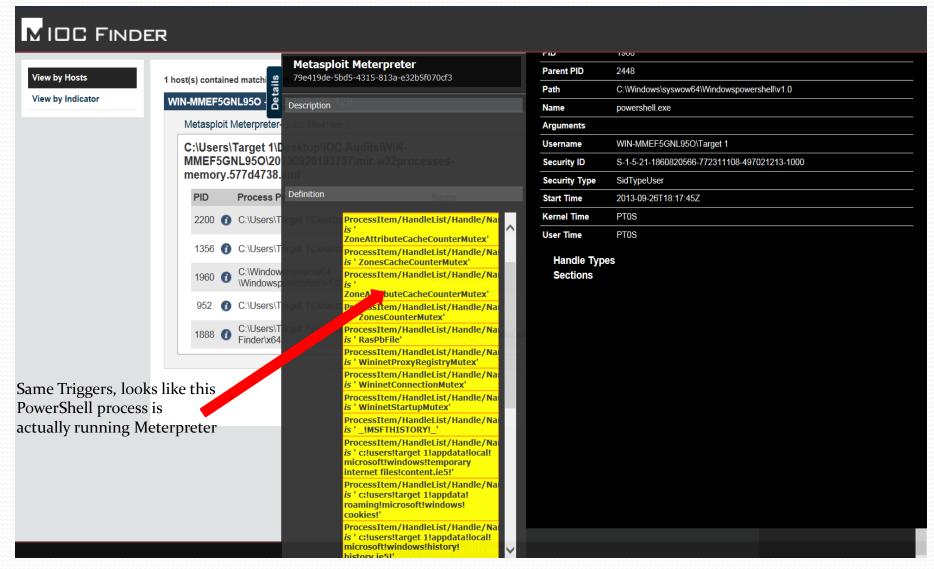
What about PowerShell is this a false Positive???

Indicates Process Names that were hits on your signature

## Proactive Malware Detection



# Lets Investigate that PowerShell Process



## Organizational Intelligence

- Government has the unique capability of Intelligence Collection. In Cyber it can be used to our advantage
- Non Government entities Collection Platforms
- SEIM Technology
  - Understanding your own network
    - Essential Elements of Friendly Information
  - Sensor Feeds
  - Anomaly Detection



# SIEM Technology

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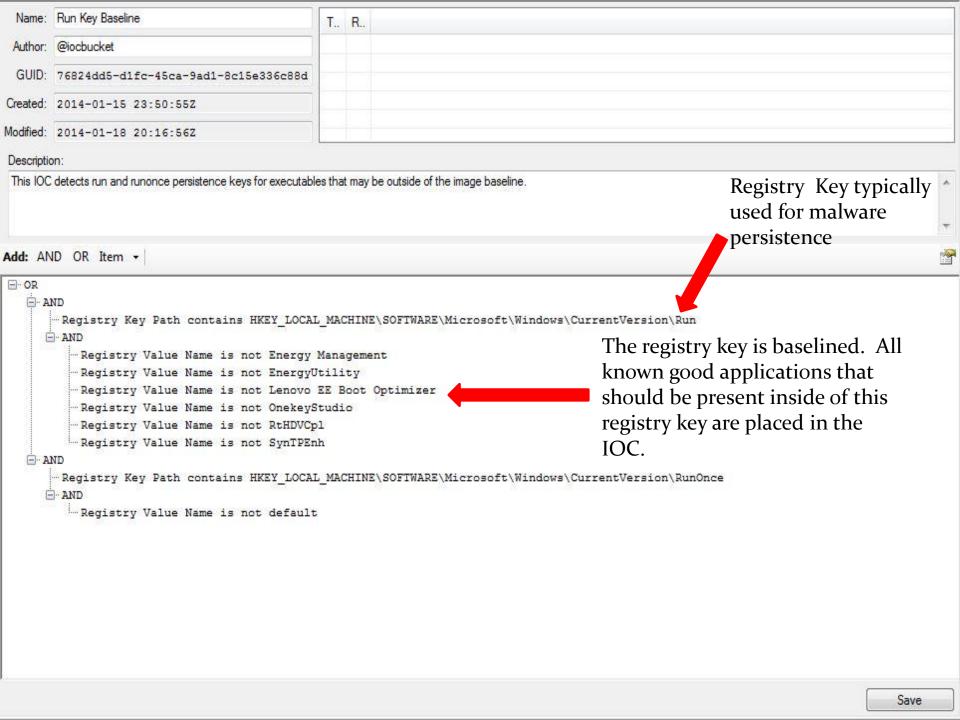
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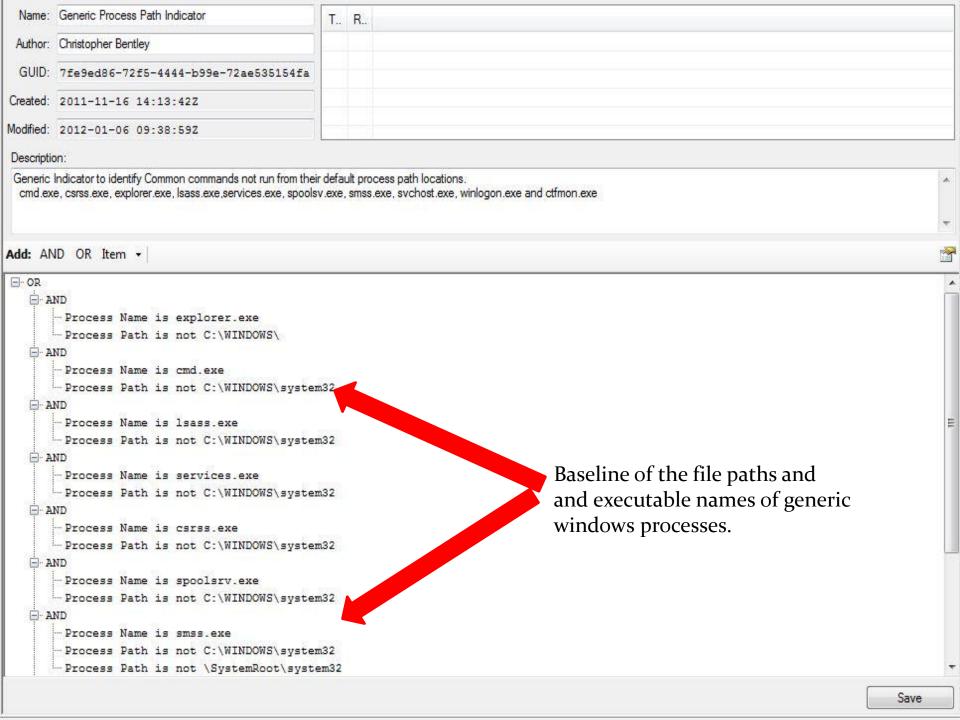
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Applications

**Default Paths** 



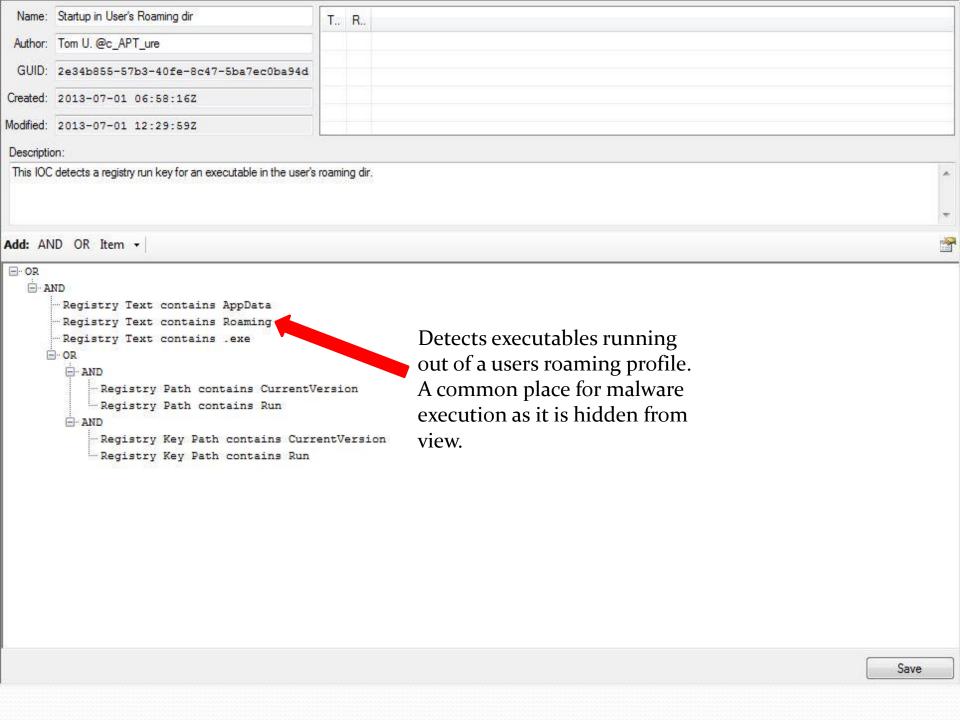




## Hunting aka anomaly detection

- Hunt: Active Defense measure to "patrol" your network for anomalous activity.
- Requirements
  - IOC Repository
  - Method of Distribution
  - Host Sensor Net
  - Method of Rapid Data Collection
  - Method of IOC Comparison





## Open Source Intelligence

- Global community of security experts dedicated to the sharing of information and intelligence
- Network Security Providers are contributing
- All have been submitted to the community and many more

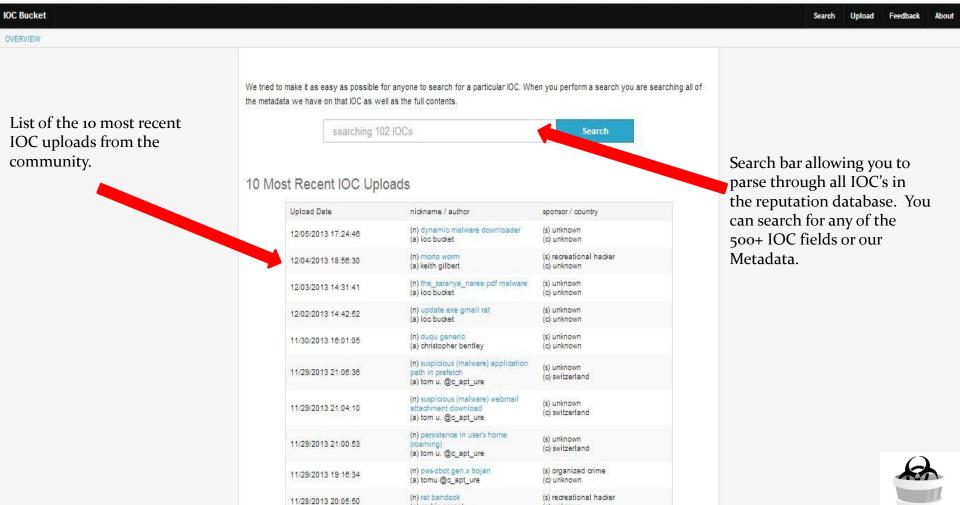


### iocbucket.com

- Largest source of open indicators of compromise on the internet
- Open source Computer Network Counter Intelligence (CNCI) to industrial base
- A centralized open source collection of indicators makes it easy for even the smallest company to attain some intelligence to defend themselves



## iocbucket.com



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## Search Field

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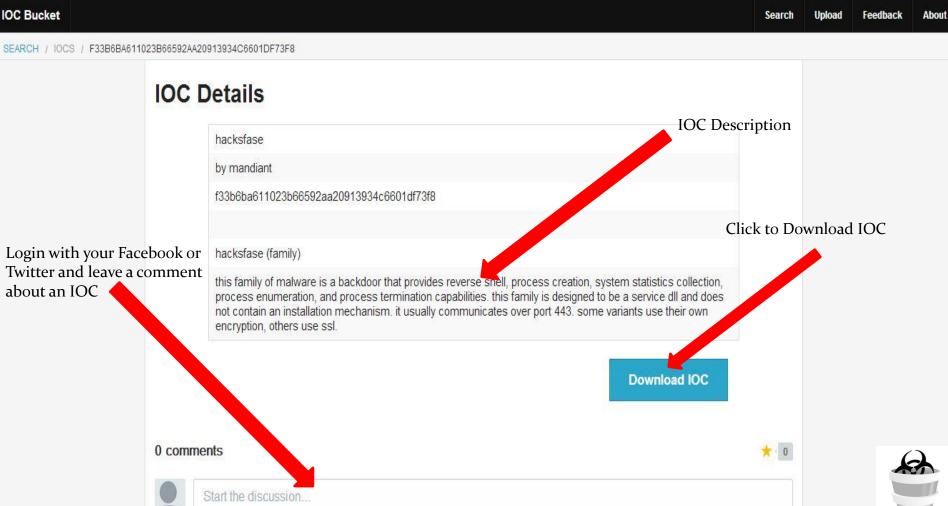
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**IOC Bucket** Upload Feedback About Search SEARCH Search We tried to make it as easy as possible for anyone to search for a particular IOC. When you perform a search you are searching all of the metadata we have on that IOC as well as the full contents. China Search Search for China reveals all Your Search Returned 53 Result(s) of the results in our reputation database with specified strings or Upload Date nickname / author sponsor / country metadata. (s) nation-state sponsered (n) warp 10/25/2013 16:39:36 (a) mandiant (c) china (s) nation-state sponsered (n) tarsip moon 10/25/2013 16:39:15 (a) mandiant (c) china Clicking on the Nickname field will present the (n) hacksfase 10/25/2013 16:09:48 description and make the (c) china (a) mandiant IOC available for download. (n) webc2-div (s) nation-state sponsered 10/25/2013 16:42:21 (a) mandiant (c) china

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## Downloading



# Uploading

**IOC Bucket** Upload Search Feedback About UPLOAD Lets start by giving your IOC a nickname: Conficker Worm Generic **IOC Name** Please select the IOC XML file you would like to contribute to the community: IOC File C:\fakepath\836b03c6-239c-4104-a3e5-93906f16cc91.ioc Please also add any keywords (space separated) you believe people would use to find this IOC: Windows Worm Botnet **Keywords** Previous Next

## Metadata

**IOC Bucket** Search Upload Feedback About UPLOAD What country do you think could be attributed to the activity in this IOC? Country of origin or (optional) Country: attribution Who do you think sponsored the activity in this IOC? Type of Sponsorship: (optional) Sponsor: Nation-State Sponsored, Hacktivist, Organized What type of IOC is this? Crime, Recreational Hacker Script Kiddie, Terrorist Malware Family Type: Organization Type of IOC: Bulk, Investigative, Malware Family, Methodology Contribute Previous

## Virus Total IOC Generator

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#### VIRUS TOTAL STUB GENERATOR

#### **Virus Total Stub Generator**

You can use this tool to create a stub IOC from the details Virus Total has for a given file. To use it simple drop in an address for a file on Virus Total and hit generate.

https://www.virustotal.com/en/file/80c6af8bbca417a22

Generate

#### Notes:

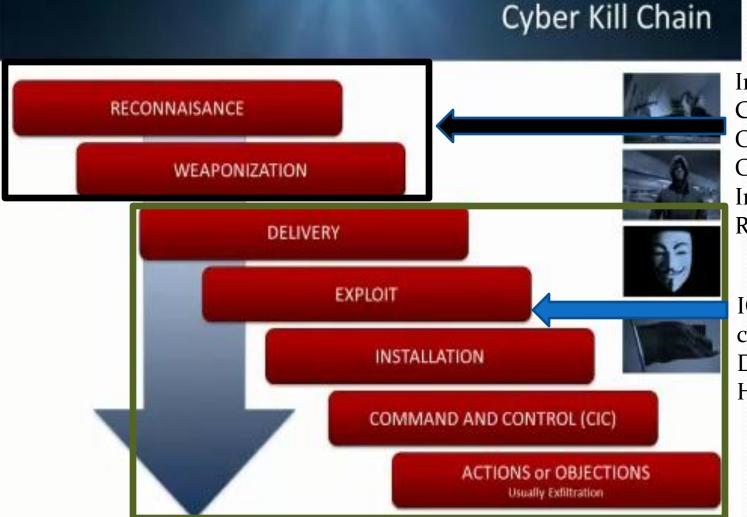
- . This is a stub of an IOC intended to be used as a base to make a more robust IOC.
- . The IOC stub is generated from data provided by Virus Total. Not all files have the same data available.
- . The format of the IOC stub may change frequently as we refine it.

Insert a Virus Total link to Auto Generate an IOC to input into a COTS solution

### **Future Outlook**

- In the next 6 to 8 months iocbucket.com will be the largest online database of OpenIOC's, Yara Rules, CybOX, Snort, etc...
- Malwr.com Rule Generation
- Sandbox Rule Generation

## Integrating Intel and Defense



Intelligence
Collected via
Organizational and
Open Source
Intelligence
Resources.

IOC Signatures to conduct Intrusion Detection and Hunting Operations



## COTS Solutions Integrating IOC's

- Mandiant
  - IOC Finder
  - IOC Editor
  - Redline
- CloudHash Security Host Sentinel
- McAfee Real Time (Tanium)
- Splunk
- CyTech Solutions Cypher
- Many more probably can't name them all



## Questions



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