Stealer, No Stealing! A Practical Guide to Building & Validating Detections With Adversary Intelligence

Adversary Village: Adversary Guru Series

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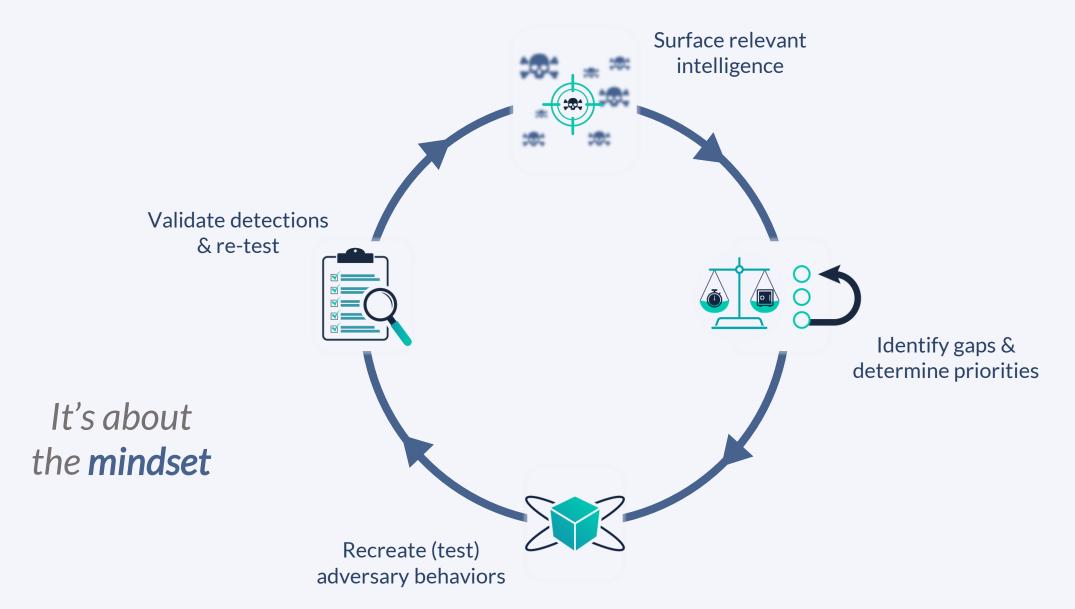
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Troubleshooting extended displays, or evading defenses deep in a target environment?

(Optimistic) Agenda

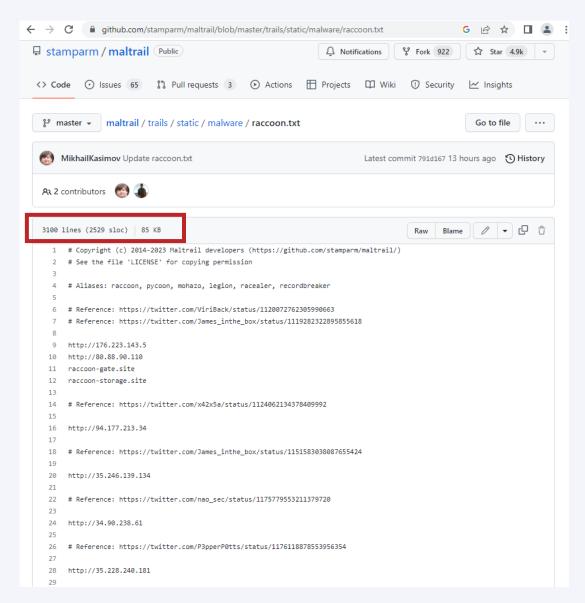
Threat-Informed Detection Validation (Micro Purple Teaming)





The Value of TTP Intelligence

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TTPs

Major Infostealers: Top Common TTPs

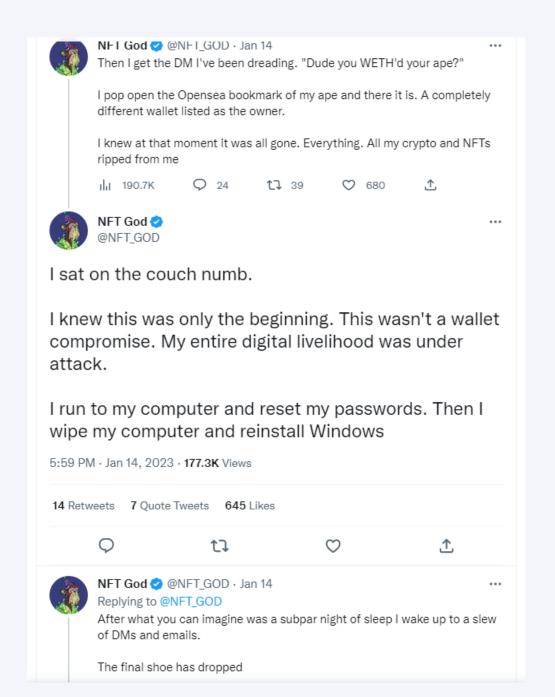
Infostealer Family	First Samples Observed	MITRE ATT&CK® Technique Count
RisePro Stealer	December 2022	18
StrelaStealer	November 2022	6
BlueFox Stealer	September 2022	17
Aurora Stealer	September 2022	17
Rhadamanthys Stealer	August 2022	22
Erbium Stealer	July 2022	33
DuckTail	July 2022	21
Raccoon Stealer v2.0	June 2022	19
RecordBreaker	June 2022	14
Prynt Infostealer	April 2022	24
BlackGuard Stealer	April 2022	16
Mars Stealer	February 2022	10
RedLine Stealer	March 2020	41
Raccoon Stealer	April 2019	41
Vidar	December 2018	14
LokiBot	2015	27



CTI Tools

Applying Cyber Threat Intelligence for Defensive Gap Identification









Big-Game Stealing: Increasing Infostealer Threat to "High-Value" Targets

Including Small, Medium, & Large Businesses & Organizations

Increased Intent



Increased Capability









Increased Opportunity







Infostealer-derived credentials linked to actors who compromised multiple major brands in 2022

Underground marketplaces catering to high-value log sales

Established "big-game" actors seeking infostealer capabilities

Increasing impersonation of legitimate software for infostealer initial infections, including popular business tools:

Communication/Messaging Remote Access Password Management **Programming** Browsers/Updates

Cookie theft capabilities in current strains enable session hijacking

Emerging families have new abilities to:

Steal MFA tokens

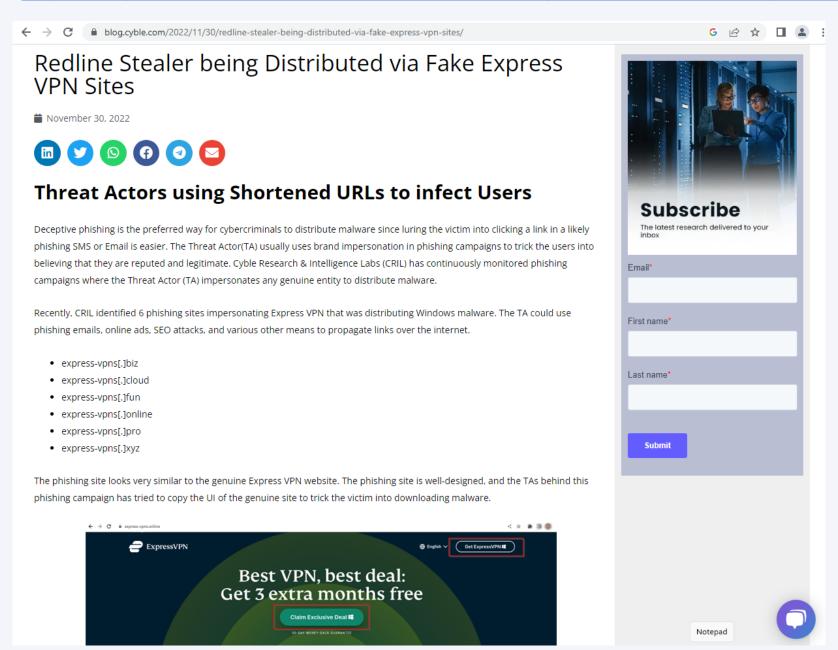
Target email accounts

Increased evasion of advanced/enterprise security tools



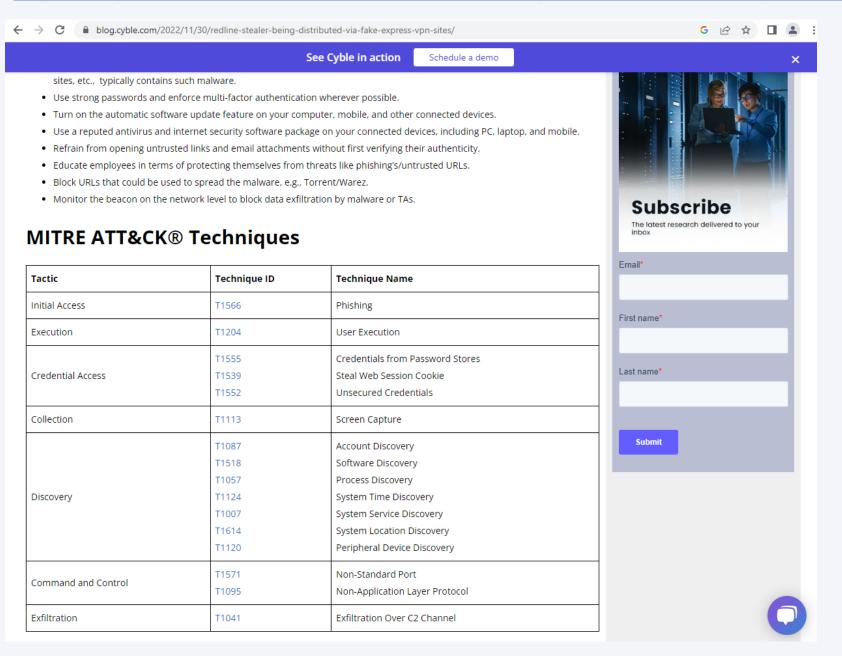


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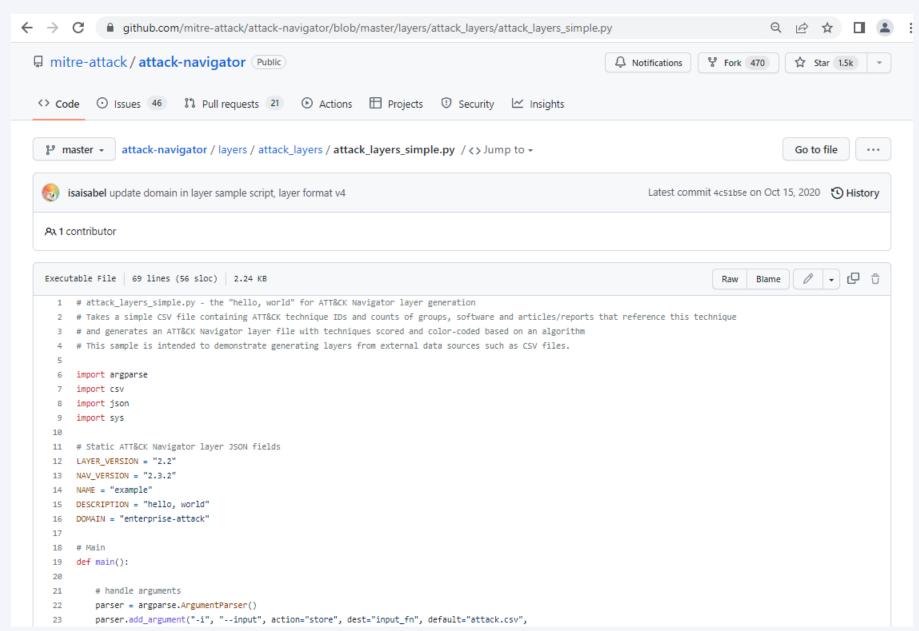


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Essential tool in the arsenal: https://github.com/mitre-attack/attack-navigator/blob/master/layers/attack_layers/attack_layers_simple.py





	Α	В
1	techID	count
2	T1566	1
3	T1204	1
4	T1555	1
5	T1539	1
6	T1552	1
7	T1113	1
8	T1087	1
9	T1518	1
10	T1057	1
11	T1124	1
12	T1007	1
13	T1614	1
14	T1120	1
15	T1571	1
16	T1095	1
17	T1041	1
40		

attack_layers_simple.py*



*Consider additional fields, like:

tactic comment

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redline_techniques.json 🗵
        "name": "redline_techniques",
        "versions": {
          "attack": "11",
          "navigator": "4.6.1",
          "layer": "4.3"
        "domain": "enterprise-attack",
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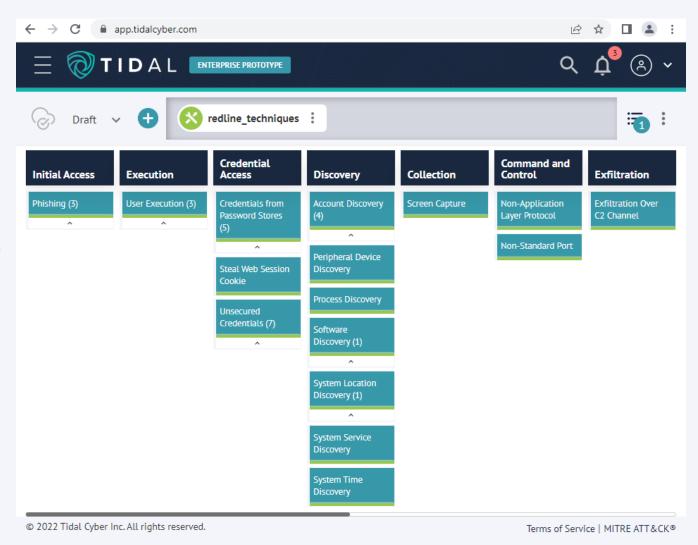




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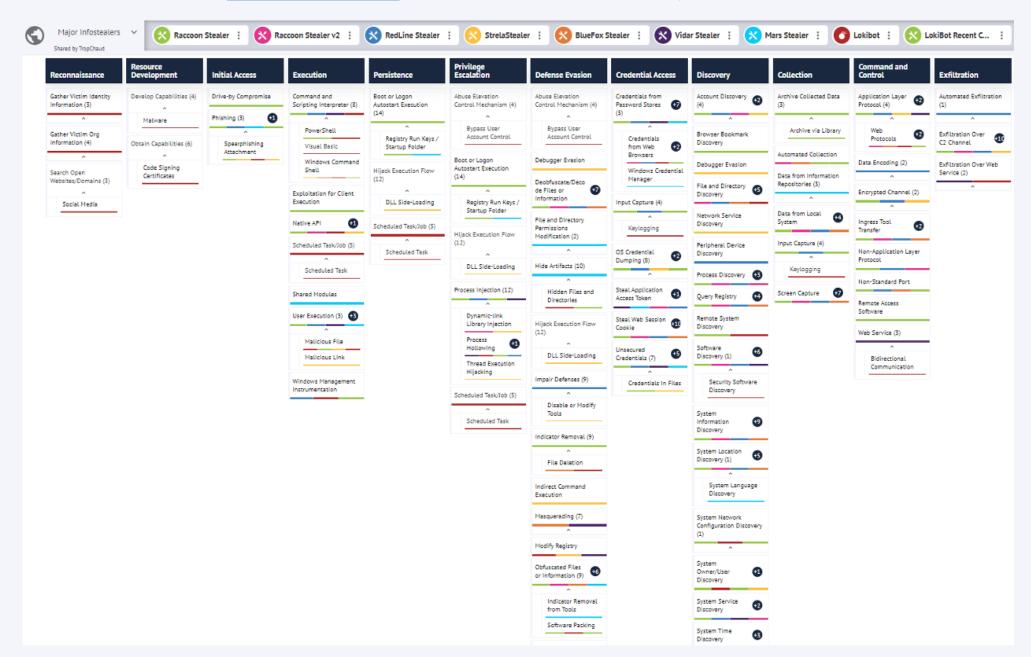


Import custom Technique Set





Scale it! app.tidalcyber.com > Community Spotlight > "Major Infostealers" Matrix





Major Infostealers: Top Common TTPs

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Rank	Technique ID	Technique Name	Tactic	Count from CTI	Mapped Data Sources	# Sigma Analytics	# Atomic Tests
1	T1539	Steal Web Session Cookie	Credential Access	16	2	1	2
2 (Tie)	T1113	Screen Capture	Collection	13	2	6	6
2 (Tie)	T1082	System Information Discovery	Discovery	13	3	14	23
3	T1057	Process Discovery	Discovery	11	3	5	5
6 (Tie)	T1012	Query Registry	Discovery	8	4	10	2
6 (Tie)	T1083	File and Directory Discovery	Discovery	8	3	11	6
8	T1007	System Service Discovery	Discovery	6	3	3	3
9 (Tie)	T1528	Steal Application Access Token	Credential Access	5	1	8	1
9 (Tie)	T1555.003	Credentials from Web Browsers	Credential Access	5	4	2	16
9 (Tie)	T1106	Native API	Execution	5	2	12	4

How to

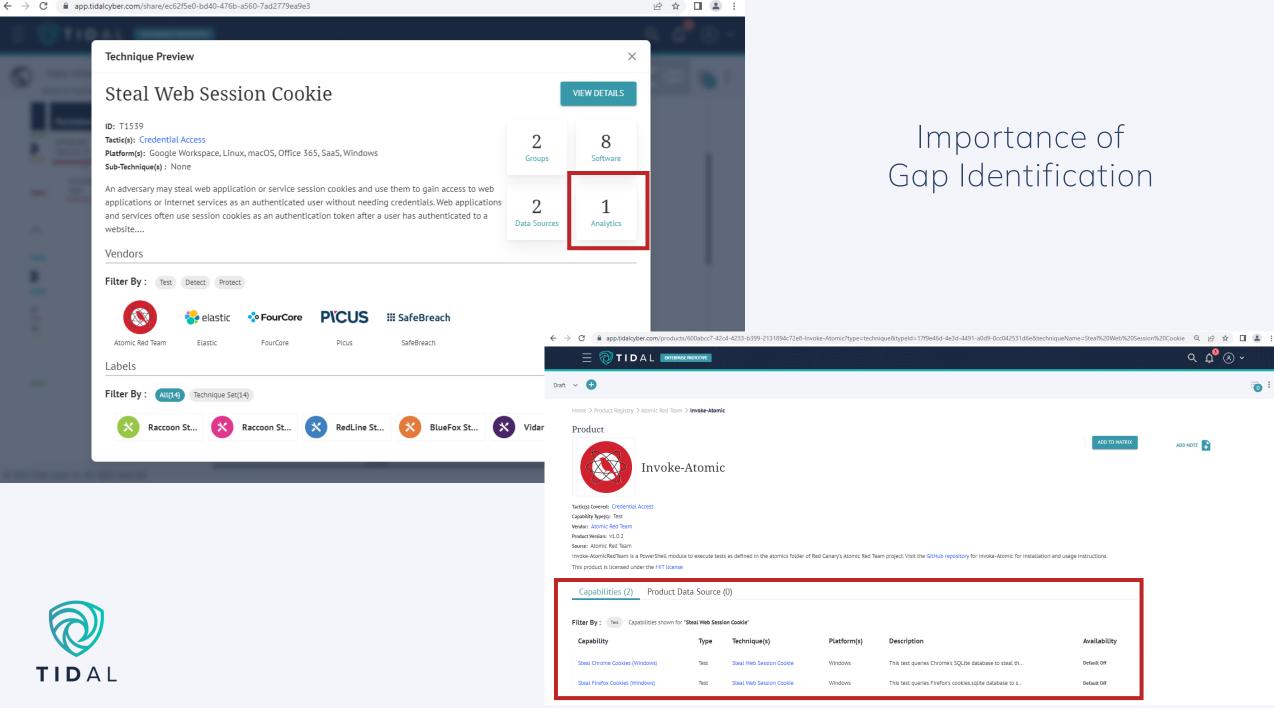
prioritize??

Technique "density"

is a great start, but

just one approach





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Gap identified!!



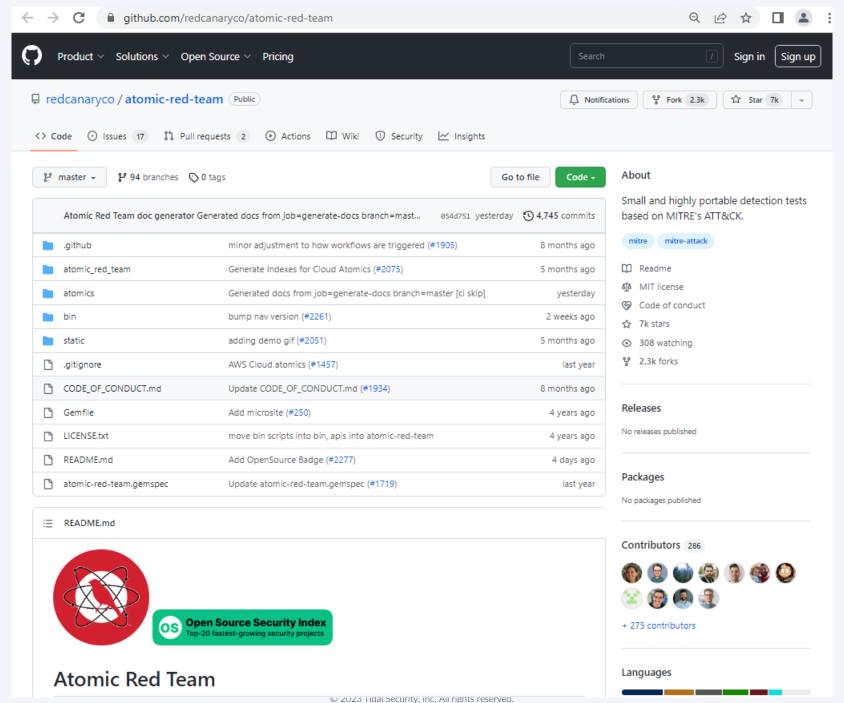
Red Team Tools

Simulating Adversary Behavior & Observing Tested Techniques

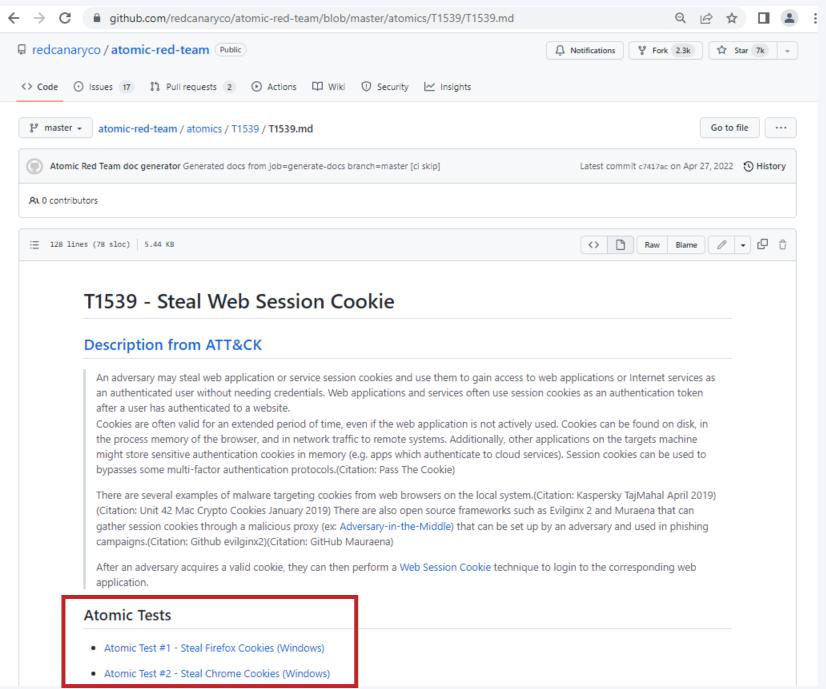


Atomic Red Team How-To

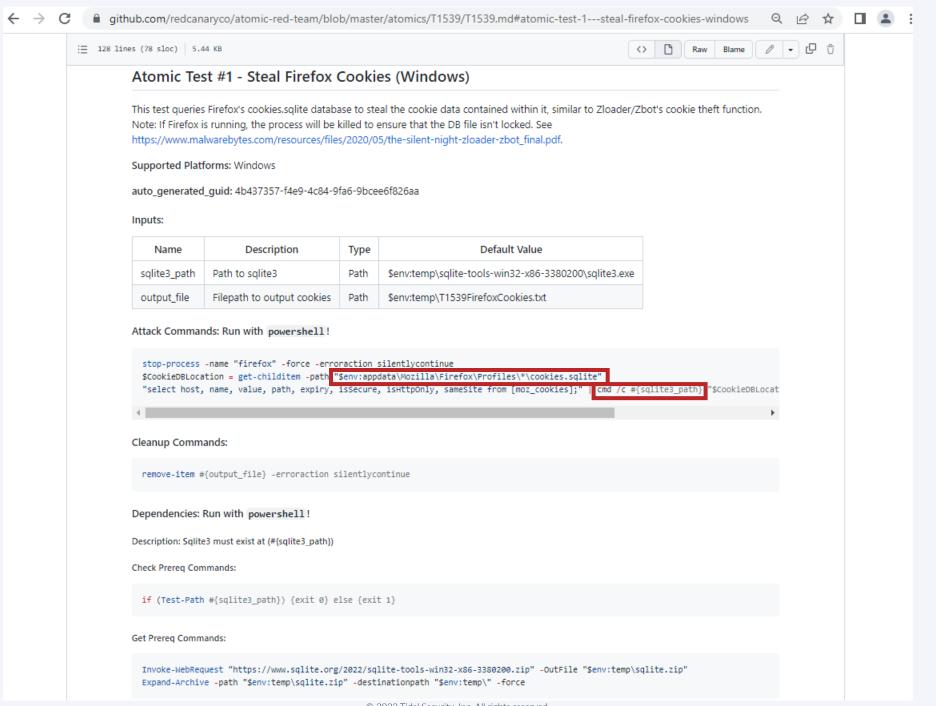








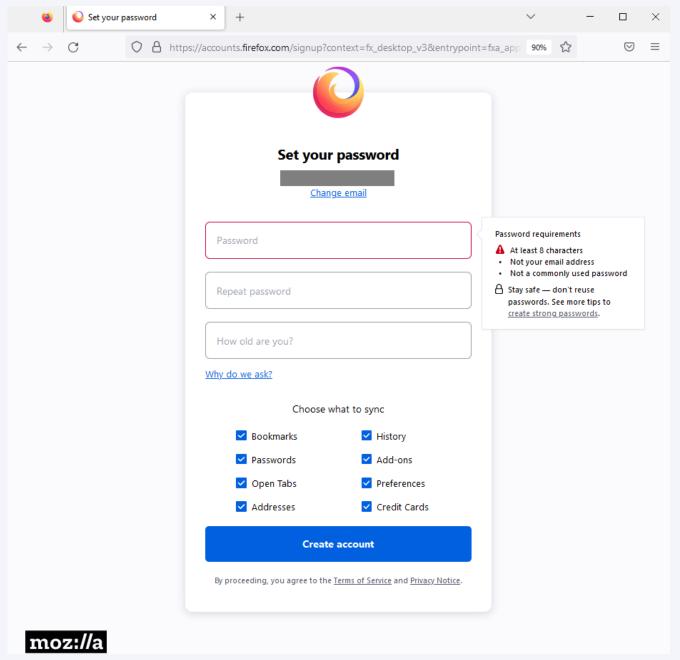












Getting Started with Atomic Red Team testing

Invoke-AtomicRedTeam wiki: https://github.com/redcanaryco/invoke-atomicredteam/wiki



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Windows PowerShell
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Install the latest PowerShell for new features and improvements! https://aka.ms/PSWindows
PS C:\Users\User> Import-Module "C:\AtomicRedTeam\invoke-atomicredteam\Invoke-AtomicRedTeam.psd1" -Force
PS C:\Users\User> Invoke-AtomicTest T1539 -ShowDetails
PathToAtomicsFolder = C:\AtomicRedTeam\atomics
Technique: Steal Web Session Cookie T1539
Atomic Test Name: Steal Firefox Cookies (Windows)
Atomic Test Number: 1
Atomic Test GUID: 4b437357-f4e9-4c84-9fa6-9bcee6f826aa
Description: This test queries Firefox's cookies.sqlite database to steal the cookie data contained within it, similar to Zloader/Zbot's cookie
theft function. Note: If Firefox is running, the process will be killed to ensure that the DB file isn't locked. See https://www.malwarebyte
 .com/resources/files/2020/05/the-silent-night-zloader-zbot final.pdf.
Attack Commands:
Executor: powershell
ElevationRequired: False
Command:
 top-process -name "firefox" -force -erroraction silentlycontinue
 CookieDBLocation = get-childitem -path "$env:appdata\Mozilla\Firefox\Profiles\*\cookies.sqlite"
 select host, name, value, path, expiry, isSecure, isHttpOnly, sameSite from [moz cookies];" | cmd /c #{sqlite3 path} "$CookieDBLocation" | out
Command (with inputs):
 top-process -name "firefox" -force -erroraction silentlycontinue
 CookieDBLocation = get-childitem -path "$env:appdata\Mozilla\Firefox\Profiles\*\cookies.sqlite"
 select host, name, value, path, expiry, isSecure, isHttpOnly, sameSite from [moz_cookies];" | cmd /c $env:temp\sqlite-tools-win32-x86-3380200
qlite3.exe "$CookieDBLocation" | out-file -filepath "$env:temp\T1539FirefoxCookies.txt"
Cleanup Commands:
ommand:
 emove-item #{output file} -erroraction silentlycontinue
Command (with inputs):
 move-item $env:temp\T1539FirefoxCookies.txt -erroraction silentlycontinue
Dependencies:
Description: Sqlite3 must exist at ($env:temp\sqlite-tools-win32-x86-3380200\sqlite3.exe)
Check Prereq Command:
Check Prereq Command (with inputs):
 (Test-Path $env:temp\sqlite-tools-win32-x86-3380200\sqlite3.exe) {exit 0} else {exit 1}
Get Prerea Command:
 nvoke-WebRequest "https://www.sqlite.org/2022/sqlite-tools-win32-x86-3380200.zip" -OutFile "$env:temp\sqlite.zip"
 kpand-Archive -path "$env:temp\sqlite.zip" -destinationpath "$env:temp\" -force
Technique: Steal Web Session Cookie T1539
Atomic Test Name: Steal Chrome Cookies (Windows)
Atomic Test Number: 2
Atomic Test GUID: 26a6b840-4943-4965-8df5-ef1f9a282440
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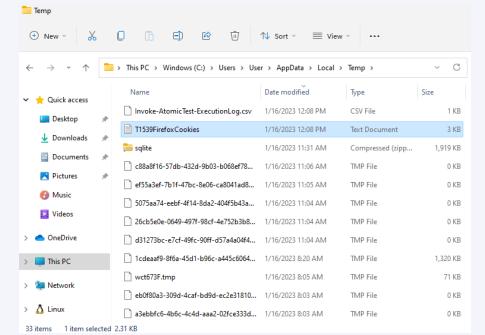
The Fun Stuff!! Carrying out a real-world adversary attack / technique!

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PS C:\Users\User> Invoke-AtomicTest T1539 -GetPrereqs
PathToAtomicsFolder = C:\AtomicRedTeam\atomics

GetPrereq's for: T1539-1 Steal Firefox Cookies (Windows)
Attempting to satisfy prereq: Sqlite3 must exist at ($env:temp\sqlite-tools-win32-x86-3380200\sqlite3.exe)
Prereq successfully met: Sqlite3 must exist at ($env:temp\sqlite-tools-win32-x86-3380200\sqlite3.exe)
GetPrereq's for: T1539-2 Steal Chrome Cookies (Windows)
Attempting to satisfy prereq: Sqlite3 must exist at ($env:temp\sqlite-tools-win32-x86-3380200\sqlite3.exe)
Prereq already met: Sqlite3 must exist at ($env:temp\sqlite-tools-win32-x86-3380200\sqlite3.exe)
PS C:\Users\User>
```

PS C:\Users\User> Invoke-AtomicTest T1539 -TestNumbers 1
PathToAtomicsFolder = C:\AtomicRedTeam\atomics

Executing test: T1539-1 Steal Firefox Cookies (Windows)
Done executing test: T1539-1 Steal Firefox Cookies (Windows)
PS C:\Users\User>







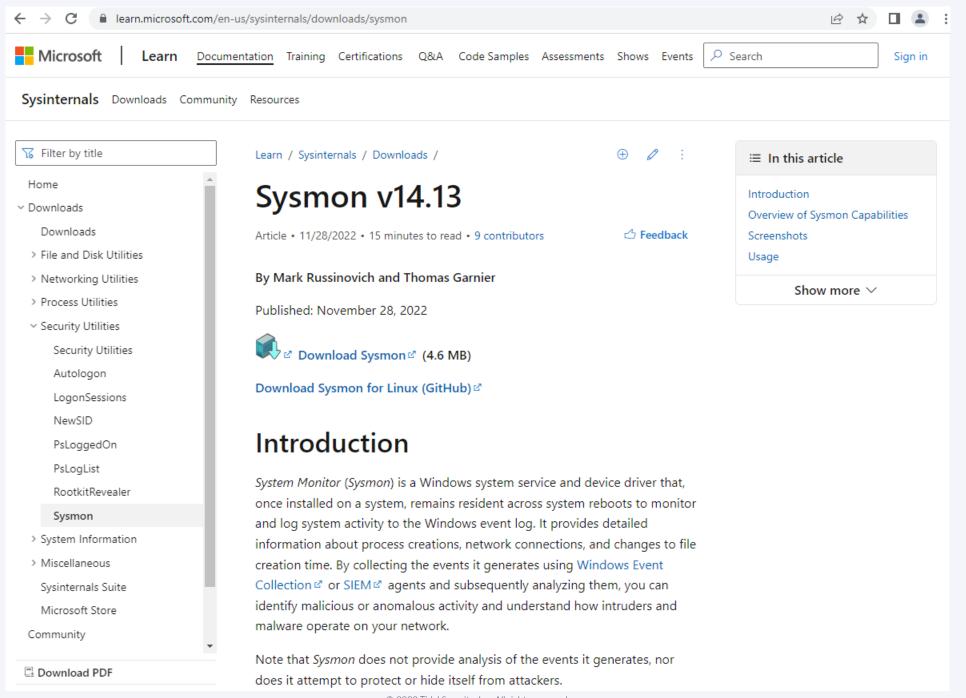
Blue/Purple Team Tools

Closing the Gap: Closing Gaps With (Validated!) Detections

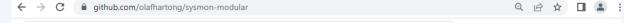


Logging With Sysmon









sysmon-modular | A Sysmon configuration repository for everybody to customise

license MIT maintained yes last commit January 🕜 Build Sysmon config with all modules passing 💕 Follow 15k n 61 ONLINE

This is a Microsoft Sysinternals Sysmon download here configuration repository, set up modular for easier maintenance and generation of specific configs.

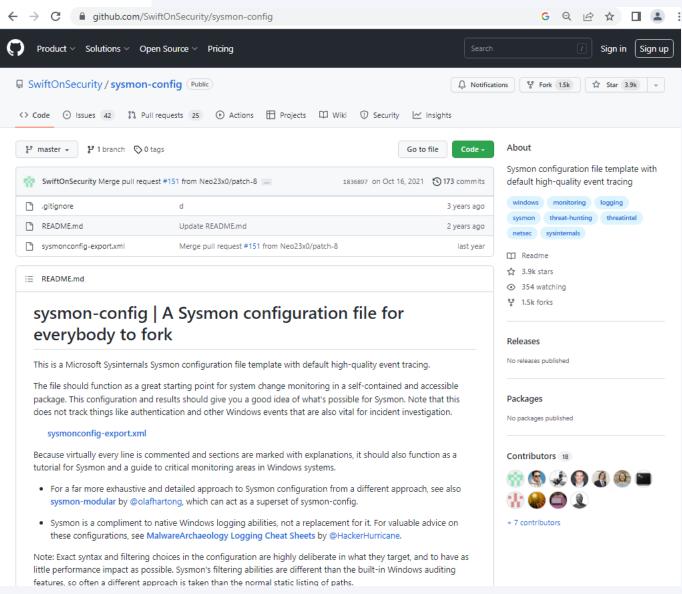
Please keep in mind that any of these configurations should be considered a starting point, tuning per environment is **strongly** recommended.

The sysmonconfig.xml within the repo is automatically generated after a successful merge by the PowerShell script and a successful load by Sysmon in an Azure Pipeline run. More info on how to generate a custom config, incorporating your own modules here

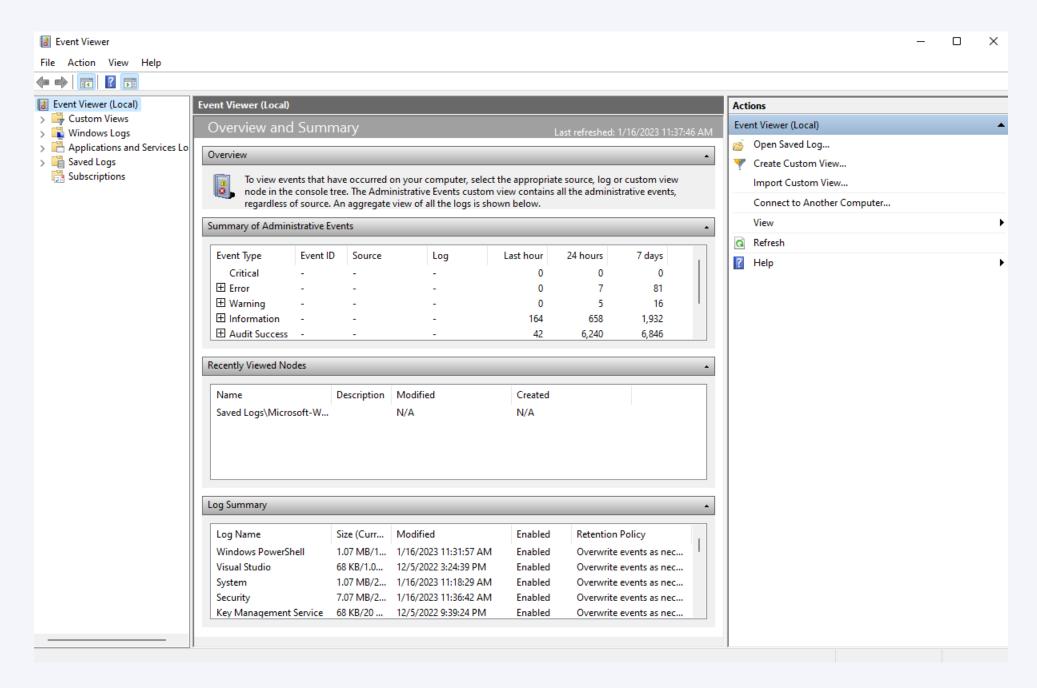
Pre-Grenerated configurations

Type	Config	Description
default	sysmonconfig.xml	This is the balanced configuration, most used, more information here
verbose	sysmonconfig- excludes-only.xml	This is the very verbose configuration, all events are included, only the exclusion modules are applied. This should not be used in production without validation, will generate a significant amount of data and might impact performance. More information here
super verbose	sysmonconfig- research.xml	A configuration with extreme verbosity. The log volume expected from this file is significantly high, really DO NOT USE IN PRODUCTION! This config is only for research, this will use way more CPU/Memory. Only enable prior to running the to be investigated technique, when done load a lighter config.
MDE augment	sysmonconfig-mde- augmentation.xml	A configuration to augment Defender for Endpoint, intended to augment the information and have as little overlap as possible. This is based on the default/balanced config and will <i>not generate all events</i> for Sysmon, there are comments in the config. In the benefit of IR, consider using the excludes only config and only ingest the enriching events. (Blog with more rationale soon)

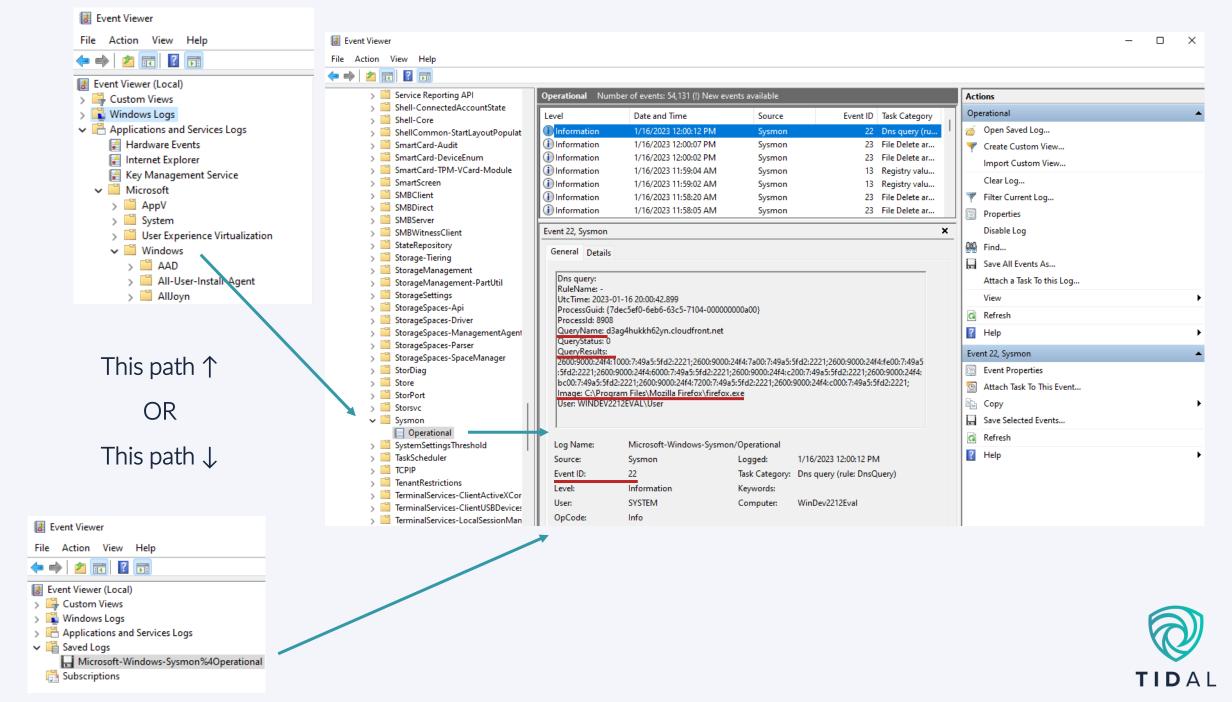
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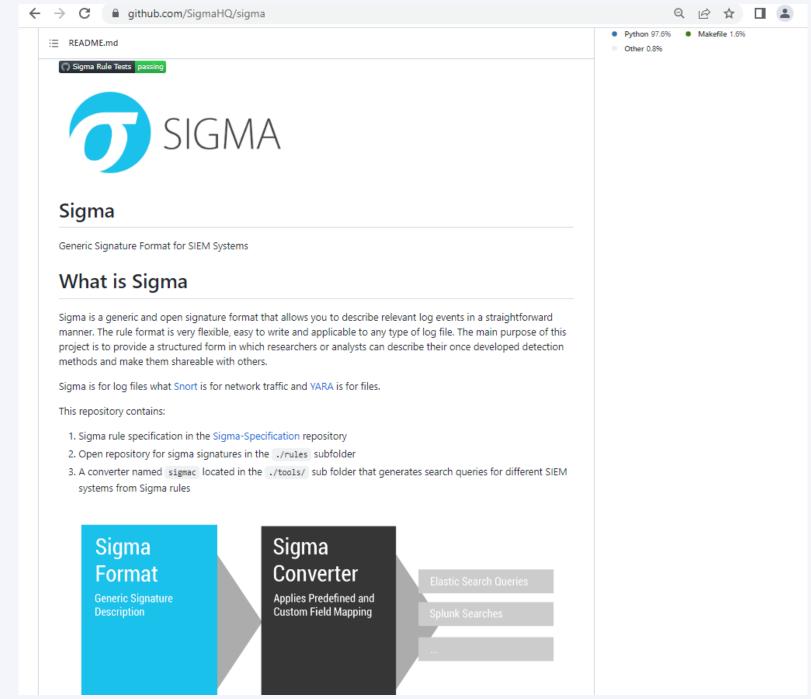


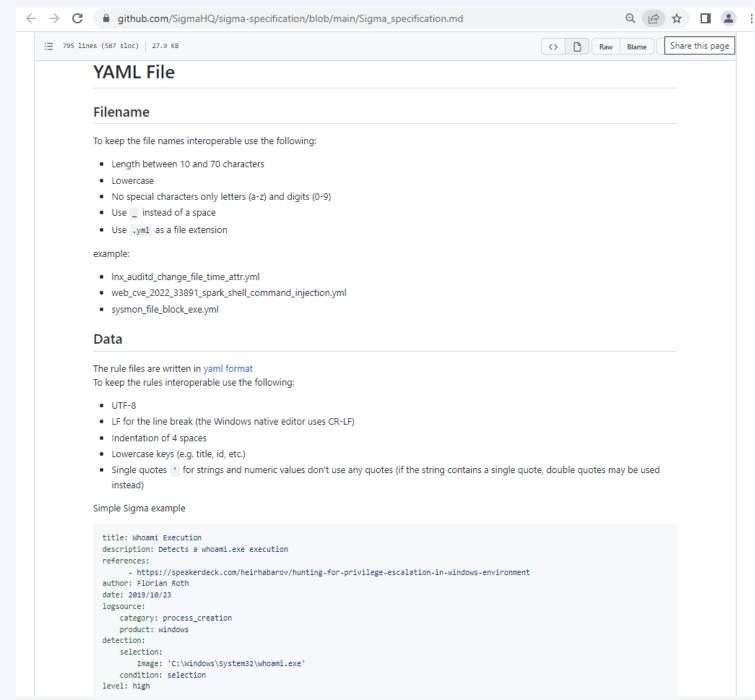


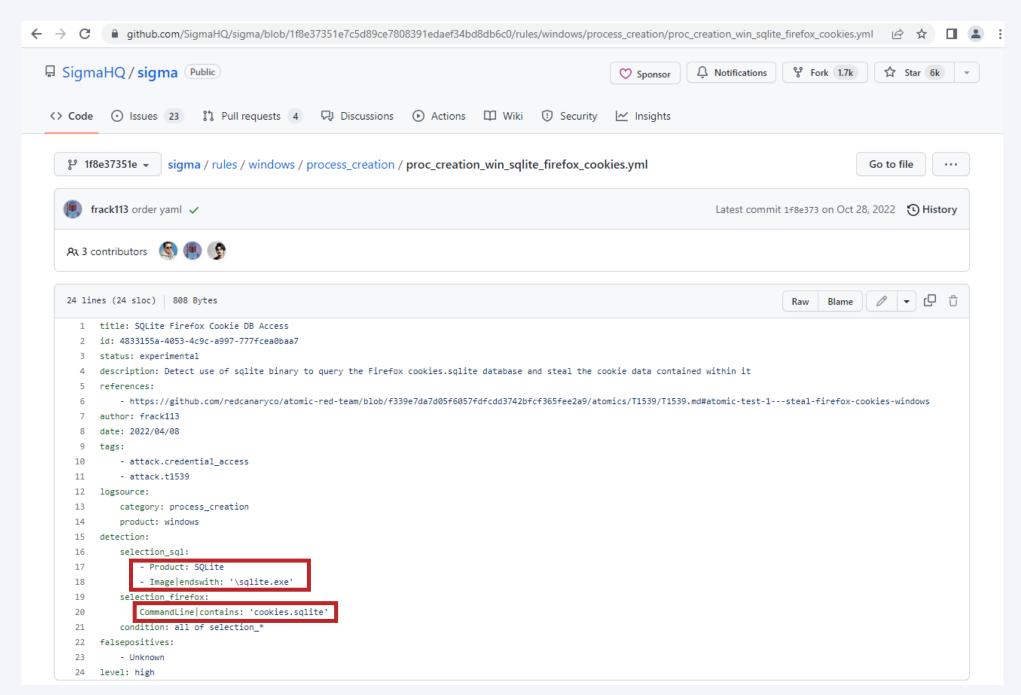


Sigma Rules

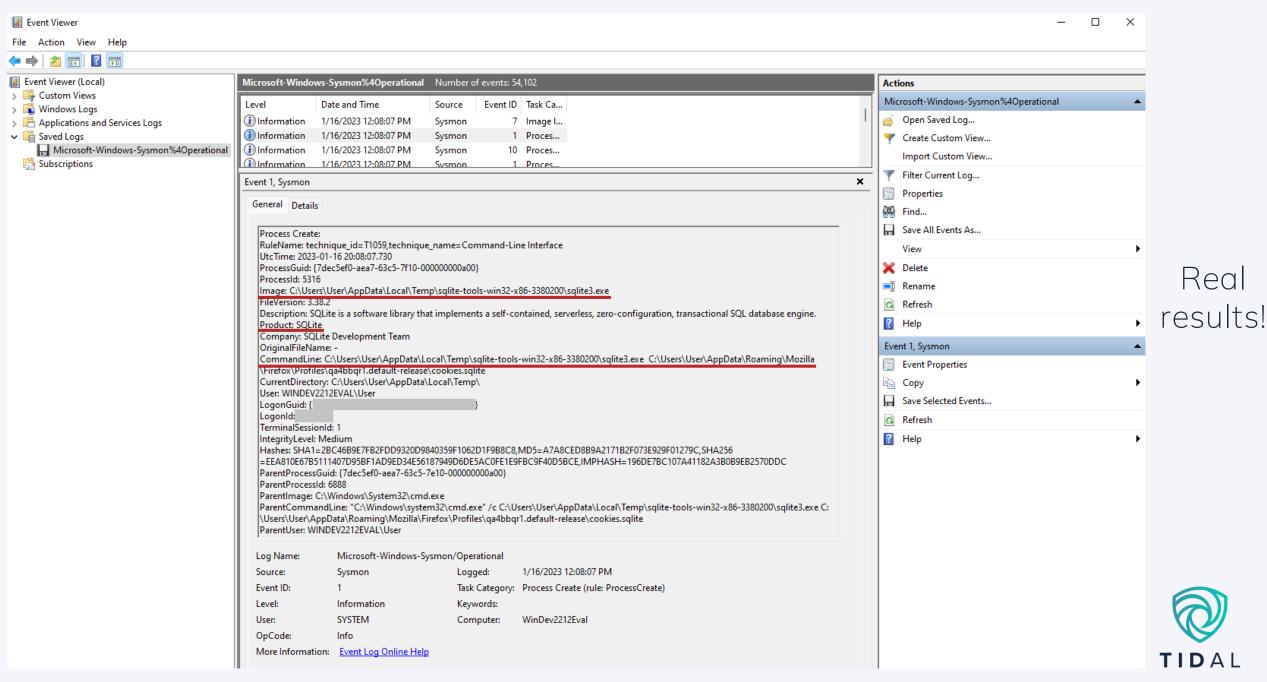












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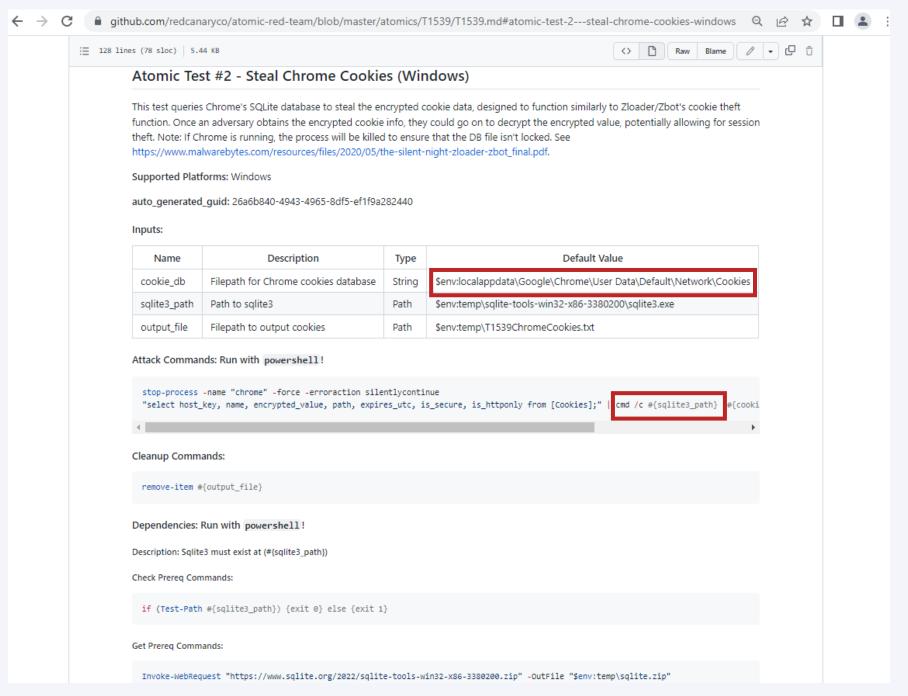
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Let's build something new! With adversary intelligence

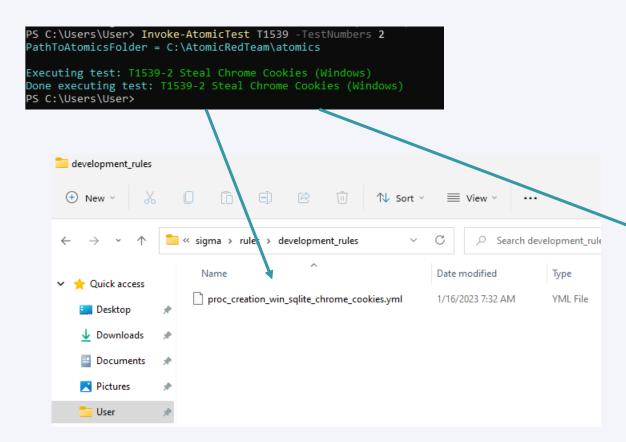
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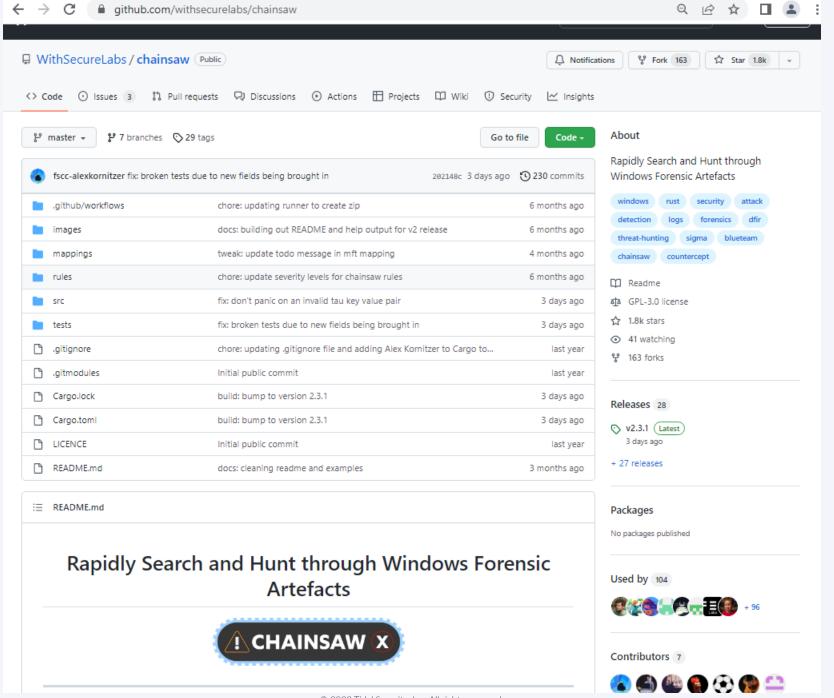
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Product: SQLite			
	ite Development Team		
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Level:	Information	Keywords:	
User:	SYSTEM	Computer:	WinDev2212Eval
OpCode:	Info	•	
More Informatio	n: Event Log Online Help	1	

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proc_creation_win_sqlite_chrome_cookies.yml
     title: SQLite Chrome Cookie DB Access
     id: 24c77512-782b-448a-8950-eddb0785fc71
     status: experimental
     description: Detect use of sqlite binary to query the Chrome Cookies database and steal the cookie data contain
    references:
          - https://github.com/redcanaryco/atomic-red-team/blob/84d9edaaaa2c5511144521b0e4af726d1c7276ce/atomics/T153
     author: TropChaud
     date: 2022/12/19
    tags:
10
          - attack.credential_access
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         - attack.t1539
12
    □logsource:
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         category: process_creation
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         product: windows
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              - Image endswith:
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                  - '\sqlite3.exe'
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                  - '\Google\Chrome\User Data\Default\Network\Cookies' # Latest chrome versions
24
                  - '\Google\Chrome\User Data\Default\Cookies' # Older chrome versions
25
         condition: all of selection *
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     falsepositives:
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         - Unknown
     level: high
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Real-Time, Straightforward Detection With Chainsaw







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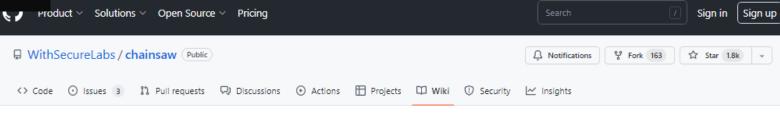
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Welcome to the Chainsaw Wiki!



Chainsaw provides a powerful 'first-response' capability to quickly identify threats within Windows event logs. It offers a generic and fast method of searching through event logs for keywords, and by identifying threats using built-in support for Sigma detection rules, and via custom Chainsaw detection rules.

Features

- Search and extract event log records by string matching, and regex patterns
- Lightning fast, written in rust, wrapping the EVTX parser library by @OBenamram
- Clean and lightweight execution and output formats without unnecessary bloat
- 💧 Document tagging (detection logic matching) provided by the TAU Engine Library
- . Solution of the surface of the sur
- Can be run on MacOS, Linux and Windows



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Overview

- · Why Chainsaw?
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- Hunting
- Output Options

Chainsaw Rules

Contributing

· Supporting Additional Rules

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Command Prompt × Product: SQLite

RuleName: technique id=T1059,technique_n ame=Command-Line Int

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TerminalSessionId: 1 User: WINDEV2212EVAL

\User

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+] 1 Detections found on 1 documents

C:\Users\User>chainsaw\chainsaw.exe hunt C:\Windows\System32\winevt\ -s sigma\rules\development_rules\ --mapping chainsaw\mappings\sigma-event-lo gs-all.yml





一个 Mission accomplished! **个**

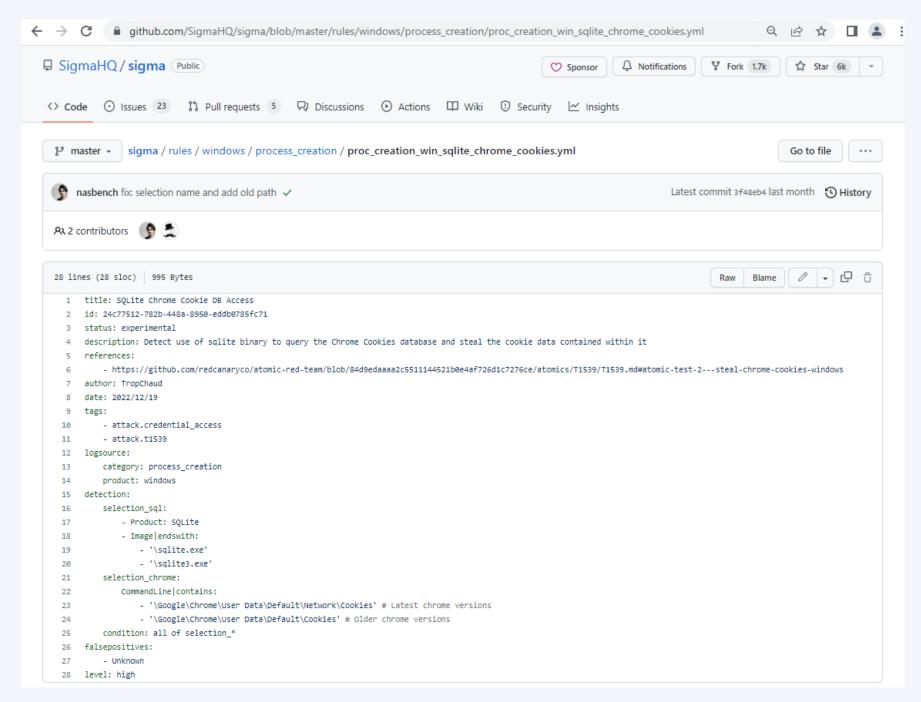


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- [+] Loading detection rules from: sigma\rules\development_rules\
- Loaded 1 detection rules
- Loading forensic artefacts from: C:\Windows\System32\winevt\ (extensions: .evt, .evtx)
- Loaded 364 forensic artefacts (161.1 MB)
- | Hunting: [======] 364/364 -
- +] Group: Sigma

timestamp	detections	count	Event.System.Provider	Event ID	Record ID	Computer	Event Data
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Thank You!

- Huge thanks to the Atomic Red Team & Sigma repository maintainers, and OSS tool (Chainsaw) producers/contributors!
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