Investigation(Aside): OilRig Case Study

Webshells used and their respective goals

Webshell	Goal
HyperShell	TwoFace loader which when decrypted, **drops the webshell, HighShell**.
HighShell v5.0	• Variant of the TwoFace payload with two exceptions in the user interface, a **version number** and a means of displaying **error messages and command results**. • Also includes a **salt value** applied to the actor-provided password for authentication. • Another variant of HighShell v5.0 introduced an **explorer tab** to navigate the file system of the compromised server.
HighShell v7.1	• Expanded to **split main functionality** across multiple tabs, 'Command', 'Explorer', 'Upload', 'SQL Server' and 'Change Time'.
HighShell v8.6.2/v8.8.5	• **Enhanced user interface** • Includes a **front end** user interface that interacts with a back end script via AJAX web requests. • **New executable modules '7za'** to archive files from the Explorer tab, '**nbtscan**' to scan the network for systems to build an IP list it can interact with and '**rx**' for remote execution. • The **Network downloader** functionality to allow the actor to quickly upload user files from remote victim systems and rapidly check for the creation of new files by network users. • The **spy check** feature that compares the SHA256 hash of the HighShell front end to notify the actor to avoid using the webshell in the event of modification of the webshell.
Minion	• Variant of HighShell. • **Extends functionality** by including modules '**Hobocopy**', a backup/copy tool and '**Tardigrande**' a port-scanning, screenshot tool.

Logical abstraction to get to writing indicators of compromise

IOC	Tool Used	Data required to analyse	Logical abstraction to get to IOC
Poison Frog / Myleftheart[.]com		dropper **sonfrog.ps1**' which alls the poison frog nts '**hUpdater.ps1**' uses HTTP for C2 and '**dUpdater.ps1**' that uses DNS tunneling for C2.	• For the agent, there should be a server that would allow the actor to interact with the compromised system. • Both of the poison frog agent scripts were configured to use this domain as its C2 server.
office365-management[.]com (185.162.235[.]29) **msoffice-cdn[.]com (185.162.235[.]121)**	DNS Hijacking Script	An example adversary IP for the legitimate domain to be redirected to.	• The examination of the Class C IP block of 185.162.235[.]0/24 showed these domains which were previously identified as C2 servers for OilRig.
185.162.235[.]106	DNS Hijacking Script	Analysis of the IP.	• The analysis of this IP provided possible relationships to previous OilRig infrastructure. • The examination of the hosting provider showed that this IP was associated with an Iranian hosting provider called NovinVPS. • The autonomous system name of the IP showed that the allocation was controlled by Serverius Holding B.V., which was previously associated with OilRig.
185.161.209[.]57 / 185.161.210[.]25	Administrative panel for a VPS account on DeltaHost	Screenshots of web browser sessions into VPS administrative panels.	• These IPs were listed in the panel and were in the same range as an IP associated with the DNSpionage campaign.

			• The combination of the use of DeltaHost and IPs belonging to a fairly small range.
OopsIE payload / 193.111.152[.]13		eenshots of web wser sessions into S administrative els.	• Observation of an organisation targetted by OilRig downloading a zip archive '[redacted]-ITsoftwareUpdate.exe', a variant of the OopsIE Trojan from this address, suggesting the server was in use by OilRig at the time.
164.132.67[.]216	Glimpse (backdoor)	Screenshots of remote desktop (RDP) sessions showing the Glimpse panel.	• Screenshot in leak of RDP session with a server running the Glimpse C2.
142.234.157[.]21	Scarecrow (backdoor)	Screenshots of web browser sessions displaying the Scarecrow panel.	• The server of this backdoor is hosted on this address and it is evident in the snapshot that multiple systems were compromised.