

## T1036.003 - Rename System Utilities

## **Description from ATT&CK**

Adversaries may rename legitimate system utilities to try to evade security mechanisms concerning the usage of those utilities. Security monitoring and control mechanisms may be in place for system utilities adversaries are capable of abusing. (Citation: LOLBAS Main Site) It may be possible to bypass those security mechanisms by renaming the utility prior to utilization (ex: rename rund1132.exe). (Citation: Endgame Masquerade Ball) An alternative case occurs when a legitimate utility is copied or moved to a different directory and renamed to avoid detections based on system utilities executing from non-standard paths. (Citation: F-Secure CozyDuke)

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### Atomic Test #1 - Masquerading as Windows LSASS process

Copies cmd.exe, renames it, and launches it to masquerade as an instance of Isass.exe.

Upon execution, cmd will be launched by powershell. If using Invoke-AtomicTest, The test will hang until the 120 second timeout cancels the session

Supported Platforms: Windows

Attack Commands: Run with command\_prompt!

copy %SystemRoot%\System32\cmd.exe %SystemRoot%\Temp\lsass.exe
%SystemRoot%\Temp\lsass.exe /B



#### **Cleanup Commands:**

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## Atomic Test #2 - Masquerading as Linux crond process.

Copies sh process, renames it as crond, and executes it to masquerade as the cron daemon.

Upon successful execution, sh is renamed to crond and executed.

Supported Platforms: Linux

Attack Commands: Run with sh!

cp /bin/sh /tmp/crond
/tmp/crond

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# Atomic Test #3 - Masquerading - cscript.exe running as notepad.exe

Copies cscript.exe, renames it, and launches it to masquerade as an instance of notepad.exe.

Upon successful execution, cscript.exe is renamed as notepad.exe and executed from non-standard path.

Supported Platforms: Windows

Attack Commands: Run with command\_prompt!

copy %SystemRoot%\System32\cscript.exe %APPDATA%\notepad.exe /Y
cmd.exe /c %APPDATA%\notepad.exe /B

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#### **Cleanup Commands:**

del /Q /F %APPDATA%\notepad.exe >nul 2>&1

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## Atomic Test #4 - Masquerading - wscript.exe running as svchost.exe

Copies wscript.exe, renames it, and launches it to masquerade as an instance of svchost.exe.

Upon execution, no windows will remain open but wscript will have been renamed to svchost and ran out of the temp folder

Supported Platforms: Windows

Attack Commands: Run with command\_prompt!

copy %SystemRoot%\System32\wscript.exe %APPDATA%\svchost.exe /Y
cmd.exe /c %APPDATA%\svchost.exe /B

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#### **Cleanup Commands:**

del /Q /F %APPDATA%\svchost.exe >nul 2>&1

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## Atomic Test #5 - Masquerading - powershell.exe running as taskhostw.exe

Copies powershell.exe, renames it, and launches it to masquerade as an instance of taskhostw.exe.

Upon successful execution, powershell.exe is renamed as taskhostw.exe and executed from non-standard path.

Supported Platforms: Windows

Attack Commands: Run with command\_prompt!

copy %windir%\System32\windowspowershell\v1.0\powershell.exe %APPDATA%\taskhostw.ex
cmd.exe /K %APPDATA%\taskhostw.exe

#### **Cleanup Commands:**

del /Q /F %APPDATA%\taskhostw.exe >nul 2>&1

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## Atomic Test #6 - Masquerading - non-windows exe running as windows exe

Copies an exe, renames it as a windows exe, and launches it to masquerade as a real windows exe

Upon successful execution, powershell will execute T1036.003.exe as svchost.exe from on a non-standard path.

Supported Platforms: Windows

#### Inputs:

Name	Description	Туре	Default Value
outputfile	path of file to execute	path	(\$env:TEMP + "\svchost.exe")
inputfile	path of file to copy	path	PathToAtomicsFolder\T1036.003\bin\T1036.003.exe

#### Attack Commands: Run with powershell!

```
copy #{inputfile} #{outputfile}

$myT1036_003 = (Start-Process -PassThru -FilePath #{outputfile}).Id
Stop-Process -ID $myT1036_003
```

#### **Cleanup Commands:**

```
Remove-Item #{outputfile} -Force -ErrorAction Ignore
```

Dependencies: Run with powershell!

Description: Exe file to copy must exist on disk at specified location (#{inputfile})

#### **Check Prereq Commands:**

```
if (Test-Path #{inputfile}) {exit 0} else {exit 1}
```

#### **Get Prereq Commands:**

```
New-Item -Type Directory (split-path #{inputfile}) -ErrorAction ignore | Out-Null Invoke-WebRequest "https://github.com/redcanaryco/atomic-red-team/raw/master/atomic
```

## Atomic Test #7 - Masquerading - windows exe running as different windows exe

Copies a windows exe, renames it as another windows exe, and launches it to masquerade as second windows exe

Supported Platforms: Windows

#### Inputs:

Name	Description	Туре	Default Value
outputfile	path of file to execute	path	(\$env:TEMP + "\svchost.exe")
inputfile	path of file to copy	path	\$env:ComSpec

#### Attack Commands: Run with powershell!

```
copy #{inputfile} #{outputfile}

$myT1036_003 = (Start-Process -PassThru -FilePath #{outputfile}).Id
Stop-Process -ID $myT1036_003
```

#### **Cleanup Commands:**

```
Remove-Item #{outputfile} -Force -ErrorAction Ignore
```

### Atomic Test #8 - Malicious process Masquerading as LSM.exe

Detect LSM running from an incorrect directory and an incorrect service account This works by copying cmd.exe to a file, naming it lsm.exe, then copying a file to the C:\ folder.

Upon successful execution, cmd.exe will be renamed as Ism.exe and executed from non-standard path.

Supported Platforms: Windows

Attack Commands: Run with command\_prompt! Elevation Required (e.g. root or admin)

```
copy C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe C:\lsm.exe
C:\lsm.exe /c echo T1036.003 > C:\T1036.003.txt
```

#### **Cleanup Commands:**

```
del C:\T1036.003.txt >nul 2>&1
del C:\lsm.exe >nul 2>&1
```

### **Atomic Test #9 - File Extension Masquerading**

download and execute a file masquerading as images or Office files. Upon execution 3 calc instances and 3 vbs windows will be launched.

 $e.g\ SOME\_LEGIT\_NAME.[doc,docx,xls,xlsx,pdf,rtf,png,jpg,etc.].[exe,vbs,js,ps1,etc]\ (Quartelyreport.docx.exe)$ 

Supported Platforms: Windows

### Inputs:

Name	Description	Туре	Default Value
exe_path	path to exe to use when creating	path	C:\Windows\System32\calc.exe

		masquerading files		
	vbs_path	path of vbs to use when creating masquerading files	path	PathToAtomicsFolder\T1036.003\src\T1036.003_masqueradir
	ps1_path	path of powershell script to use when creating masquerading files	path	PathToAtomicsFolder\T1036.003\src\T1036.003_masqueradir

#### Attack Commands: Run with command\_prompt!

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copy #{exe_path} %temp%\T1036.003_masquerading.docx.exe /Y
copy #{exe path} %temp%\T1036.003 masquerading.pdf.exe /Y
copy #{exe_path} %temp%\T1036.003_masquerading.ps1.exe /Y
copy #{vbs_path} %temp%\T1036.003_masquerading.xls.vbs /Y
copy #{vbs_path} %temp%\T1036.003_masquerading.xlsx.vbs /Y
copy #{vbs_path} %temp%\T1036.003_masquerading.png.vbs /Y
copy #{ps1_path} %temp%\T1036.003_masquerading.doc.ps1 /Y
copy #{ps1_path} %temp%\T1036.003_masquerading.pdf.ps1 /Y
copy #{ps1_path} %temp%\T1036.003_masquerading.rtf.ps1 /Y
%temp%\T1036.003_masquerading.docx.exe
%temp%\T1036.003_masquerading.pdf.exe
%temp%\T1036.003_masquerading.ps1.exe
%temp%\T1036.003_masquerading.xls.vbs
%temp%\T1036.003_masquerading.xlsx.vbs
%temp%\T1036.003_masquerading.png.vbs
C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe -File %temp%\T1036.003_mail
C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe -File %temp%\T1036.003_mail
C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe -File %temp%\T1036.003_mail
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#### **Cleanup Commands:**

```
del /f %temp%\T1036.003_masquerading.docx.exe > nul 2>&1
del /f %temp%\T1036.003_masquerading.pdf.exe > nul 2>&1
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del /f %temp%\T1036.003_masquerading.ps1.exe > nul 2>&1
del /f %temp%\T1036.003_masquerading.xls.vbs > nul 2>&1
del /f %temp%\T1036.003_masquerading.xlsx.vbs > nul 2>&1
del /f %temp%\T1036.003_masquerading.png.vbs > nul 2>&1
del /f %temp%\T1036.003_masquerading.doc.ps1 > nul 2>&1
del /f %temp%\T1036.003_masquerading.pdf.ps1 > nul 2>&1
del /f %temp%\T1036.003_masquerading.rtf.ps1 > nul 2>&1
del /f %temp%\T1036.003_masquerading.rtf.ps1 > nul 2>&1
```