

.. /Wsreset.exe

UAC bypass

Used to reset Windows Store settings according to its manifest file

Paths:

C:\Windows\System32\wsreset.exe

Resources:

- <https://www.activecyber.us/activelabs/windows-uac-bypass>
- <https://twitter.com/ihack4falafel/status/1106644790114947073>
- <https://github.com/hfiref0x/UACME/blob/master/README.md>

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Detections:

- Sigma:
https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/683b63f8184b93c9564c4310d10c571cbe367e1e/rules/windows/process_creation/proc_creation_win_uac_bypass_wsreset_integrity_level.yml
- Sigma:
https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/6312dd1d44d309608552105c334948f793e89f48/rules/windows/process_creation/proc_creation_win_uac_bypass_wsreset.yml
- Sigma:
https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/683b63f8184b93c9564c4310d10c571cbe367e1e/rules/windows/registry/registry_event/registry_event_bypass_via_wsreset.yml#
- Splunk:
https://github.com/splunk/security_content/blob/18f63553a9dc1a34122fa123deae2b2f9b9ea391/detections/endpoints/wsreset_uac_bypass.yml
- IOC: wsreset.exe launching child process other than mmc.exe
- IOC: Creation or modification of the registry value
HKCU\Software\Classes\AppX82a6gwre4fdg3bt635tn5ctqjf8msdd2\Shell\open\command
- IOC: Microsoft Defender Antivirus as Behavior:Win32/UACBypassExp.T!gen

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During startup, wsreset.exe checks the registry value
HKCU\Software\Classes\AppX82a6gwre4fdg3bt635tn5ctqjf8msdd2\Shell\open\command for the command to run.
Binary will be executed as a high-integrity process without a UAC prompt being displayed to the user.

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Use case: Execute a binary or script as a high-integrity process without a UAC prompt.
Privileges required: User

Operating systems: Windows 10, Windows 11
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