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Shhmon — Silencing Sysmon via Driver Unload

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where the Sysmon driver has been unloaded by a user without `fltMC.exe` and the service is still running.

<https://github.com/matterpreter/Shhmon>



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We can use functions supplied in `fltlib.dll` (`FilterFindFirst()` and `FilterFindNext()`) to hunt for a driver at 385201 & unload it. This is similar to the functionality behind `fltMC.exe unload $DriverName` , but allows us to evade command line logging which would be captured by Sysmon before the driver is unloaded.

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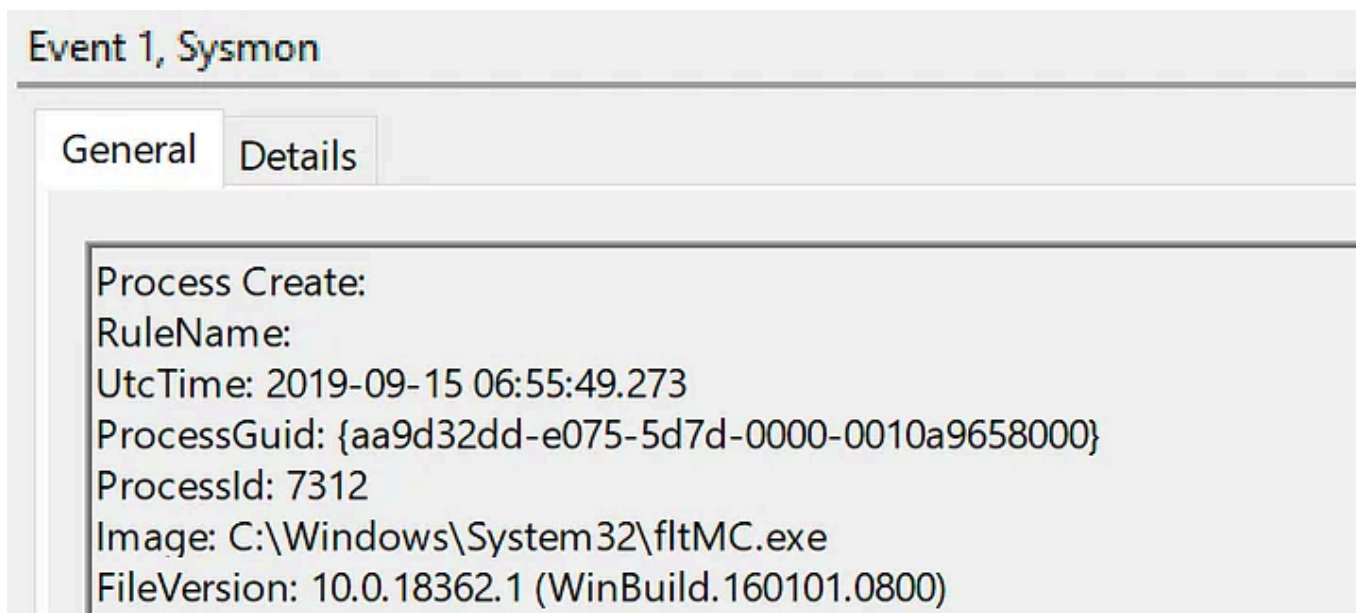
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Windows System Event ID 1

This event will also be generated on unload from the source “FilterManager” stating File System Filter <DriverName\> (Version 0.0, <Timestamp>) unloaded successfully. This event was not observed to be generated during a normal system restart.

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```
reg add "HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\  
<DriverName>\Instances\Sysmon Instance" /v Altitude /t REG_SZ /d  
31337
```

When the system is rebooted, the driver will be reloaded at the newly specified altitude.

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Instance\Altitude , but this adds an additional layer of obfuscation which will need to be accounted for by an attacker.

Note: I have found during testing that if the Sysmon driver is configured to load at an altitude of another registered service, it will fail to load at boot.

Additionally, there may be an opportunity to audit a handle opening on the `\\.\FltMgr` device object, which is done by `fltlib!FilterUnload` , by applying a SACL to the device object.

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