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T1566.001 - Spearphishing Attachment

Description from ATT&CK

Adversaries may send spearphishing emails with a malicious attachment in an attempt to gain access to victim systems. Spearphishing attachment is a specific variant of spearphishing. Spearphishing attachment is different from other forms of spearphishing in that it employs the use of malware attached to an email. All forms of spearphishing are electronically delivered social engineering targeted at a specific individual, company, or industry. In this scenario, adversaries attach a file to the spearphishing email and usually rely upon [User Execution] (<https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/T1204>) to gain execution. Spearphishing may also involve social engineering techniques, such as posing as a trusted source.

There are many options for the attachment such as Microsoft Office documents, executables, PDFs, or archived files. Upon opening the attachment (and potentially clicking past protections), the adversary's payload exploits a vulnerability or directly executes on the user's system. The text of the spearphishing email usually tries to give a plausible reason why the file should be opened, and may explain how to bypass system protections in order to do so. The email may also contain instructions on how to decrypt an attachment, such as a zip file password, in order to evade email boundary defenses. Adversaries frequently manipulate file extensions and icons in order to make

attached executables appear to be document files, or files exploiting one application appear to be a file for a different one.

Atomic Tests

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Atomic Test #1 - Download Macro-Enabled Phishing Attachment

This atomic test downloads a macro enabled document from the Atomic Red Team GitHub repository, simulating an end user clicking a phishing link to download the file. The file "PhishingAttachment.xlsm" is downloaded to the %temp% directory.

Supported Platforms: Windows

auto_generated_guid: 114ccff9-ae6d-4547-9ead-4cd69f687306

Attack Commands: Run with `powershell` !

```
$url = 'https://github.com/redcanaryco/atomic-red-team/raw/master/atomics/T1566.001/PhishingAttachment.xlsm'
[Net.ServicePointManager]::SecurityProtocol = [Net.SecurityProtocolType]::Tls12
Invoke-WebRequest -Uri $url -OutFile $env:TEMP\PhishingAttachment.xlsm
```

Cleanup Commands:

```
Remove-Item $env:TEMP\PhishingAttachment.xlsm -ErrorAction Ignore
```

Atomic Test #2 - Word spawned a command shell and used an IP address in the command line

Get Prereq Commands:

```
Write-Host "You will need to install Microsoft #{ms_product} manually to meet this" 
```