

Sigma rules heavily rely on process execution (with command-line) events (Windows Event Log Security Event ID 4688 and Sysmon

Event ID 1).

Many of them provide detection of malicious PowerShell oneliners.

At the same time, the presence of Sigma rules for Powershell Obfuscation Indicators detection is quite limited.

There are a five Sigma rules for PowerShell obfuscation detection, developed by Thomas Patzke (<a href="https://example.com/other-text-align: center-text-align: cent

- Suspicious XOR Encoded PowerShell Command Line (812837bb-b17f-45e9-8bd0-0ec35d2e3bd6)
- Suspicious XOR Encoded PowerShell Command Line (bb780e0c-16cf-4383-8383-1e5471db6cf9)
- Suspicious PowerShell Parameter Substring (<u>36210e0d-5b19-485d-a087-c096088885f0</u>)
- CrackMapExec PowerShell Obfuscation (6f8b3439-a203-45dc-a88b-abf57ea15ccf)
- CrackMapExec Command Execution (058f4380-962d-40a5afce-50207d36d7e2)

At the same time, there and only three Sigma rules (developed by Daniel Bohannon, @danielhbohannon) that are focusing on detection of one of the obfuscation functions (<u>obfuscated IEX</u> invocation) provided by Invoke-Obfuscation framework.

There are at least 30 more obfuscation methods that Invoke-Obfuscation framework provides.

We would like to collaborate on Sigma rules development in this area.

Solution

We developed a table with pre-generated PowerShell commands, obfuscated by the Invoke-Obfuscation framework, you can pick up some of the tasks in that table and develop Sigma rules for them. You will need to use regular expression value modifier, provided by Sigma converter (sigmac).

Here is an example of <u>Sigma rule</u> that utilizes a regular expression value modifier (| re):

```
title: Invoke-Obfuscation obfuscated IEX invocation id: 4bf943c6-5146-4273-98dd-e958fd1e3abf description: "Detects all variations of obfuscated power status: experimental author: Daniel Bohannon (@Mandiant/@FireEye), oscd.commudate: 2019/11/08 tags:
```

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- attack.defense_evasion
    - attack.t1027
logsource:
    product: windows
    service: process_creation
detection:
    selection:
        - CommandLine|re: '\$PSHome\[\s*\d{1,3}\s*\]\s*\
        - CommandLine|re: '\$ShellId\[\s*\d{1,3}\s*\]\s*
        - CommandLine|re: '\$env:Public\[\s*\d{1,3}\s*\]
        - CommandLine|re: '\$env:ComSpec\[(\s*\d{1,3}\s*
        - CommandLine re: '\*mdr\*\W\s*\)\.Name'
        - CommandLine | re: '\$VerbosePreference\.ToString
        - CommandLine|re: '\String\]\s*\$VerbosePreferen
    condition: selection
falsepositives:
   - Unknown
level: high
```

The approach

We developed a table with pre-generated PowerShell commands, obfuscated by the <u>Invoke-Obfuscation</u> framework. The description of the approach is following.

Original code (before obfuscation)

```
# command example
Invoke-Expression (New-Object Net.WebClient).Downloader
# variable example
$env:path
# type token example
[Scriptblock]::Create("Write-Host $env:path")
```

The main goal is to detect the obfuscation method itself, not a specific command

Some of the obfuscation methods are already covered by Sigma rules, developed by the Invoke-Obfuscation author. He used the following regexes in the rules:

```
\$PSHome\[\s*\d{1,3}\s*\]\s*\+\s*\$PSHome\[\$ShellId\[\s*\d{1,3}\s*\]\s*\+\s*\$ShellId\[\$env:Public\[\s*\d{1,3}\s*\]\s*\+\s*\$env:Public\[\$env:ComSpec\[(\s*\d{1,3}\s*,){2}
```

```
\*mdr\*\W\s*\)\.Name
\$VerbosePreference\.ToString\(
\String\]\s*\$VerbosePreference
```

These regexes provide detection of the <u>IEX invocation obfuscation</u> function. This function is included into almost every encoding method so they can maintain zero dependencies and work on their own. That's why you'll see similar obfuscation results in different tasks, but it shouldn't distract you from the main goal.

Let's walk through the <u>task 28</u> to get more details on the regex development approach:

- 1. Copy all obfuscated commands examples into <u>Sublime</u> or other text editor of your choice
- Select all examples and lowercase them. In Sublime you can do it by pressing Ctrl+k, Ctrl+l (Windows) / CMD+k, CMD+l (Mac)
- 3. Paste the lowecased examples to the regex editor of your choice
- 4. Start to apply lowercased regexes from existing <u>Sigma rule</u> <u>created by Daniel Bohannon</u> one by one:
 - 4.1. Regex \\$pshome\[\s*\d{1,3}\s*\]\s*\+\s*\\$pshome\[
 covers only one example (9th):
 - 4.2. Regex $\ \$ shellid\ $\ \$ [\s*\d{1,3}\s*\]\s*\+\s*\\$shellid\[covers only one example (3rd):
 - 4.3. Regex \\$env:public\
 [\s*\d{1,3}\s*\]\s*\+\s*\\$env:public\[doesn't cover
 any examples.
 - 4.4. Regex $\sin (s*\d{1,3}\s*,){2}$ covers only one example (5th):

- 4.5. Regex $\mbox{\mbox{\mbox{*}}\name}$ doesn't cover any examples.
- 4.6. Regex \\$verbosepreference\.tostring\(doesn't cover any examples.
- 4.7. Regex \string\]\s*\\$verbosepreference doesn't cover any examples.
- 5. Start to develop your own regex that will cover all of the obfuscation examples of this particular obfuscation method, e.g.:
 - 5.1. Regex .*cmd.*\/c.*\^\|.*powershell.*&&.*cmd.*\/c covers all examples:

This is our main goal - detect the obfuscation method looking for similar patterns in all of it obfuscation examples.

A little tip for the regex development

You can copy all pre-generated obfuscated powershell one-liners from a particular task (that are generated by a specific obfuscation method) and paste them to regex101 web-app for regular expression development. It will simplify the process a lot, and help you to find patterns to detect. (you can save your progress there and even apply a dark theme (:).

One obfuscation method = 3 Sigma rules

Each Sigma rule for a specific PowerShell obfuscation method should be developed for process_creation log category, service creation events (windows system eid 7045, windows sysmon eid 6, windows security eid 4697) and powershell log source. You can follow the approach used for obfuscated IEX invocation rules — there are 3 rules that rely on the same set of regular expressions:

• rules/windows/process_creation/win_invoke_obfuscation_obfu scated_iex_commandline.yml

- rules/windows/powershell/powershell_invoke_obfuscation_obfuscated_iex.yml
- rules/windows/builtin/win_invoke_obfuscation_obfuscated_iex _services.yml

Case Sensitivity

We consider that we're able to apply all regexes as not case sensitive or that all events are lowercased in a log pipeline before indexing in SIEM/LM system.

Tasks

If you would like to assign yourself to some of the Tasks listed below, you should comment on the Issue with a specific Task you are going to solve. This way, the other participants will see that you will work on a particular task so they will do something else and not intersect with you.

SINGLE OBFUSCATION

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TOKEN OBFUSCATION

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TOKEN\STRING\1&2 skipped, because there are not any String tokens to obfuscate, but they do Concatenate and Reoder just like TOKEN\ARGUMENT\3&4 (Tasks #4&5)

Task #	Option	
		TOKEN\COMMAND\1 IN`V`o`Ke-eXp`ResSIOn (Ne`V
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_		.('Invok'+'e-'+'Ex'+'pressio'+'
		&('Invok'+'e-'+'Expr'+'ession
	3 TOKEN\COMMAND\3	&("{3}{4}{2}{1}{0}{5}"-f'o','essi'
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6	TOKEN\VARIABLE\1	\${e`Nv:pATh}
		\${ENv:`path}
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_	TOKEN\TYPE\1	sV ("5Y"+"X") ([typE]('SCrlpT
7		SET F9cg ([tYpE]('scr'+'l'+'PT
		SET-Variable ('V'+'IR') ([TyPE]
8	TOKEN\TYPE\2	Set-itEM vaRiAbLE:YsB ([tYPe senv:path")
		set-ITEm ('VAri'+'aBL'+'E'+':Y ('VARI'+'aBL'+'e'+':y'+'7w8O
		SEt-ItEM ('vAriAb'+'l'+'e:p87: ('VaRiab'+'L'+'E:P87Z2')).vaLl

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	9	TOKEN\ALL\1	&("{0}{1}{3}{2}"-f'l','nvoke','es: ("{1}{2}{3}{0}" -f'g','Download!
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STRING OBFUSCATION

Task #	Option	Results	Comments
10	STRING\1	Covered by the	These options
	STRING\2	Invoke- Obfuscation	can Concatenate
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	STRING\3	even for the	Reorder entire
		method	command after
		commented out in the code:	concatenating Reverse entire
		in the code.	command after
		Rule # 1	concatenating
		Rule # 2	
		Rule # 3	
		You'll encounter patterns from these rules further on, that's because the source code	

block is copy/pasted into almost every encoding function so they can maintain zero dependencies and work on their own.	
Again, don't hesitate to check the work done and improve it, if you know how.	

ENCODING OBFUSCATION

Task #	Option	
11	ENCODING\1	Partialy covered by the same Sigma IEx([StrING]::JOin(", ('34@32@36:40l 32P44z52T48u32@44T55_56u44_49 32T44u49R49_54R44T52T49u44~52 116@123~32z40T91k105T110~116 "\$(SET-ItEM 'vARiABLE:oFs' ")"+[STrIr ('73%110q118q111<107x101K45!6' inVoKe-ExPResSion (-jOiN((73 , 110,1)))

		Partialy covered by the same Sigma
		-joln ('49_6e-76_6fP6b_65{2d!45_78
12	ENCODING\2	('49}6eU76w6f:6b:65U2dV45w78V7
		IEX([StRIng]::jOin(",('49>6ex76~6f>6
		"\$(sEt-ITeM 'VarIABle:ofs' '') " +[STrin
		Partialy covered by the same Sigma
		IEX (-jOIn ('111x156P166<157C153
13	ENCODING\3	[STRinG]::JOiN(",((111,156 ,166 , 157
		INvOkE-EXpReSsION (" \$(sET-vAriAl
		[STRINg]::JOIN(", ('111V156~166~1
		Partialy covered by the same Sigma
		iNvOKE-EXPReSsiON (((1001001 , 1 [COnveRT]::toinT16(([sTriNG]\$_) ,2))
14	ENCODING\4	lex ([stRlng]::jOIN(" , ((1001001 , 110 2)-as [CHaR]) })))
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		IEX(-jOIN ('1001001C1101110M111 SPIIT'x'-SPlit 'M' -spLlt'C'-SPLiT'!'-spll
15	ENCODING\5	Partialy covered by the same Sigma
		([rUnTImE.InteropSErvICes.mARShAL] DYANwA3ADQAMwBiAGYANwA1AG))) ieX
		([RuntimE.intEropseRvICes.MArsHAl]:: xAGEAMgAwADMANwAwAGYAYwA(SeCuRESTriNG -K (4514))))) INvOkE
		([rUNTiMe.intEROpSErvIcEs.MaRshaLgBhADEAOAA4ADMAZgA3ADEANgA15,12,5,100,60,48,36,108,163,9,81,20

		Iex(([RUntime.INTerOPSeRVICEs.marSIAZgBmADEAYQBhADkAMABiADIAN
	ENCODING\6	Partialy covered by the same Sigma
1.0		[sTRIng]::JoIn(", ('66z101J125!100J96
16		[sTrinG]::JoIn(", ([Char[]](100 ,67 , 91
		[STriNg]::JOin(",('87G112V104l113A1
	ENCODING\7	Example 1
17		Example 2
17		Example 3
		Example 4
	ENCODING\8	Example 1
18		Example 2
		Example 3
		Example 4

COMPRESS OBFUSCATION

Task #	Option	
19	COMPRESS\1	Partialy covered by the same Sigma function so they can maintain zero
		(neW-obJECT sYSTEm.io.CompReSSiC [sysTEm.COnVErT]::frOMBase64strInd) ,[sYsTEM.IO.compReSSiON.cOMPRed ForEAcH{ \$reADToEND()}) IEx
		lex(new-oBJeCt sYStem.IO.CoMprES '88wry89O1XWtKChKLS7OzM9T0PB [io.CoMpREssiON.COmpresSionmOD

InvOKE-ExPresSiOn (nEW-ObjeCt SyS [CONvERT]::frOMBASe64stRING('88w [SYSteM.iO.CoMPREssIoN.ComPressiOn.rEADtOend()
IEX (NEw-oBjEcT SYsTEM.io.streamrEa [coNvert]::FROmbase64sTRiNg('88wry [SystEm.lo.cOMpREsSiON.coMPReSSI

PS LAUNCHER OBFUSCATION

Task #	Option	
20	20 LAUNCHER\PS*	LAUNCHER\PS\0 NO EXECUTION poWeRsHEll "Invoke-Expression (Ne POwErShell "Invoke-Expression (Ne LAUNCHER\PS\1 -NoExit PowERsheLl -NOe "Invoke-Express poWerSHEll -NOEXIT "Invoke-Express PoweRsheLl -Noexl "Invoke-Express
		PowerSHEII -nOEX "Invoke-Express LAUNCHER\PS\2 -NonInteractive pOweRShELL -NONinte "Invoke-Express powersheLL -noNiNtEraCTi "Invoke POwerSheLL -nONi "Invoke-Express POWeRSHeLI -NONiNteR "Invoke- LAUNCHER\PS\3 -NoLogo POWeRShelL -Nol "Invoke-Express POWeRSHEIL -noloGo "Invoke-Exp

PoWeRSheLl -NOLO "Invoke-Expre LAUNCHER\PS\4 -NoProfile PoWerSHeLL -NOp "Invoke-Expres pOWeRSHeLI -NOpROFi "Invoke-E pOWErsHEll -nOpROfILE "Invoke-I PowErsHELL -NopROFil "Invoke-Ex LAUNCHER\PS\5 -Command POWERshEIL -c "Invoke-Expression powerSHELL -CO "Invoke-Expressi PoWerShEll -cOMmAn "Invoke-Exp poWeRShEIL -COMmANd "Invoke-LAUNCHER\PS\6 -WindowStyle I POWershEll -wINdOWs HIDden "Ir pOWERsheLL -wIn hIdd "Invoke-E powersHELL -wINd 1 "Invoke-Expr poWerShelL -WinDoW 1 "Invoke-E POwERsHELI -wINDowsTYI 1 "Invo poWeRshell -WIndOWStyL hl "Invo POwERshElL -Wi HiDdEN "Invoke-LAUNCHER\PS\7 -ExecutionPolic pOwerShelL -EXEcUt BYPasS "Invo PoWeRsheLL -Ep bypasS "Invoke-E pOwersHELI -EXec byPaSs "Invoke PoWeRshell -eXecUtIO ByPaSs "Inv

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c:\WINDOws\SYSwOw64\Windows

CMD LAUNCHER OBFUSCATION

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Task #	Option	
		Options LAUNCHER\CMD\0 - obfuscation methods for PS ke only hunt for CMD indicators:
		cMD /c poWersHEll
	21 LAUNCHER\CMD*	C:\wINDOWs\SYstEM32\CmD.E
		cMd.EXe /c PoweRSHell -nonin
21		C:\winDOWs\sYstEM32\cmD.eX
		CMd.exE/c powERsHeLL -nOPR
		cMD/c pOWersHeLI -c
		C:\WiNDoWS\SysTEM32\cMD /
		cmd /c poWERSHeLL -Ep bYPAS
		CMd.exE/CC:\wiNdows\SySwOw

WMIC LAUNCHER OBFUSCATION

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		Options LAUNCHER\WMIC\0 obfuscation methods for PS keep only hunt for WMIC indicator
		WMIC "ProcESs" Call CREATE
		wMIC.exE 'PRoceSS' 'caLL' crEa
	22 LAUNCHER\WMIC*	c:\wINdoWS\sYstEM32\wbem\
22		wmic 'pRoCEss' "caLL" cReaTE '
		WMIC PrOCESS "caLL" 'cReAte
		C:\windoWS\sysTEm32\wbem\
		c:\wINdOWS\systEm32\WbEM
		wMic.Exe "PrOCESS" CAIL crea
		wmlc.eXE "PRoCEss" "cALI" 'Cre

RUNDLL LAUNCHER OBFUSCATION

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Task #	Option	
23	LAUNCHER\RUNDLL*	Options LAUNCHER\RUND obfuscation methods for PS only hunt for RUNDLL indic
		C:\wINDoWs\systEm32\RUn
		c:\WindowS\sysTEm32\RunE
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VAR+ LAUNCHER OBFUSCATION

Task #	Option	
# 24	LAUNCHER\VAR+*	Options LAUNCHER\VAR+\0-just apply different PS keys the 10), so in this task we should c cMD.exe /C "seT SIDb=Invoke-I Net.WebClient).DownloadString f 'eT-vaR','G','iab','IE') (\"{0}{1}\") ((^&\(\"{0}{1}\"-f'g','CI') (\"{0}\") ((^&\(\"{0}{1}\"-f'g','CI') (\"{0}\")) (c:\wiNdOWS\sYSteM32\CMD.e (New-Object Net.WebClient).Dc sEt-Item (\"Var\" + \"IAbIE:v\" + fROnM','E','ENvi','nt')); \${exEcuTIONCoNtEXT}.\"Invoke GCi (\"VAR\" + \"iABIE:v\" +\"ye''IE','Ria','EnviROnMeN','GET','b','{1}{2}{0}\"-f's','Pr','Oces'))))" CMD.ExE/C"sEt iXH=Invoke-Exponded Net.WebClient).DownloadString [TyPE](\"{1}{0}{2}\"-F'oN','enviR {1}\"-f'aB','e','i','GETEN','viRon','If'P','S','ROCES')))^ . (\"{1}{0}\' C:\winDoWs\SySTeM32\cmd.Exponded ('VAR' + 'i'+ 'A' + 'bIE'') ('VAR' + '

C:\WIndoWs\systeM32\cMD /c Object Net.WebClient).Downloa $f(m)^{92} = [TYPE](''(1)^{2}^{0})$ \${mF`LJ`92}::(\"{4}{2}{3}{0}{1}\" -).Invoke((\"{0}{1}\" -f 'qTHS','A' {0}{1}{2}\" -f'Ke-','eXP','rEsSiOn', c:\wiNDOws\systeM32\CmD.ex Object Net.WebClient).Downloa $RiJGI = [TyPe](\(0){2}{1}\) - f'I$ {ExeCutIONConTeXT}.\"iNVo`ked 'INv','KEscri','o','Pt').Invoke((\$r f'tVarIAB','ge','Le','meN','tenvIrC 'cEs','s','PRO'))))" C:\wInDOWS\sYsTEm32\cMD.E (New-Object Net.WebClient).Dc $hIDD (.(\"{0}{2}{1}\"-f'v','E','aRi$ VaLU).\"inV`OKE`CoMMa`Nd\". 'OKES','INV','CRIpt').Invoke((^f'xyp','EnV:')).\"Va`luE\")" C:\wINdOWs\SyStem32\cMD / (New-Object Net.WebClient).Dc EXECuTIOnpoLicY bypasS (.(\"{(f'e','X*XT') -VALuEoNly).\"inV`O f'ip','InVokeScR','T').Invoke((^ { CHIL','EM') (\"{3}{1}{2}{0}\"-f'R cMd.eXE /C "Set prJ=Invoke-Ex Net.WebClient).DownloadString C:\WIndows\SYSWOW64\wINd ^&(\"{1}{0}\" -f 'x','ie') ((.(\"{0}{ 'pr','J','ENV:')).\"v`ALuE\") "

STDIN+ LAUNCHER OBFUSCATION

Task #	Option	
25	LAUNCHER\STDIN+*	Options LAUNCHER\STDIN- just apply different PS keys 1

so in this task we should onl
cmd /C"echo\Invoke-Expressi
Net.WebClient).DownloadStri
\$EXECUTionCOnteXT.iNVoKE
c:\windows\sYstEm32\CmD.e
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Net.WebClient).DownloadStri
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CMd.eXe /c "eCHO/Invoke-Ex
Net.WebClient).DownloadStri
\${EXecUTiONCOnTEXT}.iNVO
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Net.WebClient).DownloadStri
c:\wInDows\SYsteM32\CMd.I
Net.WebClient).DownloadStri
iTeM 'VariABLE:eX*Xt').ValuE.I
c:\wiNDoWS\SySTem32\cmd
Net.WebClient).DownloadStri
\$SHEILID[1]+\$ShELIId[13]+'x
cMD /C "ECHO\Invoke-Expre
Net.WebClient).DownloadStri
C:\wiNdOwS\SYswow64\WInc
'variabLE:EXECuTiONcontext')
)"

CLIP+ LAUNCHER OBFUSCATION

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26 LAUNCHER\CLIP+*

Options LAUNCHER\CLIP+\0 launcher just apply different P LAUNCHER\PS* (task 10), so CLIP+ indicators:

cmD /C "ECho\Invoke-Expressi Net.WebClient).DownloadString {1}{0}\"-f 'ype','-T','Add') -AN (f'C','ore'),'Pre',(\"{1}{0}\" -f 'n',' [System.WIndOwS.CLiPBOARd]),\"I`NvOKE\"()) ^| ^& ([StRI +'x'-JOIN"); [System.Windows f'Cl','ear').\"i`Nv`OkE\"()"

C:\WIndows\SystEm32\CMd /C
Object Net.WebClient).Downloa-st . (\"{1}{0}{2}\"-f(\"{0}{1}\"-f
{3}\"-f 'tio','nCo',(\"{0}{1}\"-f 'Pr
\${Sh`eL`lid}[13] + 'x')(([wiNDO
{1}\"-f 'get','tE'),'x','t').\"invO`Ke
{1}\"-f (\"{1}{0}\"-f'e','etT'),'xt','!

CmD /c " eCHO/Invoke-Expres
Net.WebClient).DownloadString
STa \${d`SCTG} = [Reflection.Ass
f'adWithP','a'),(\"{1}{0}\" -f 'tia'
)).\"iNVo`ke\"((\"{5}{1}{2}{3}{4}{
); \${EXEcUtIONcontext}.\"i`N`V
([sYSteM.winDoWs.FOrmS.Cllf
'xT','TE'),'GeT').\"I`Nvo`Ke\"())
\"{1}{0}\" -f 'ear','CI').\"IN`Voke\

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{2}{0}\"-f'nC','Pr','esentatio'));
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{1}{3}{0}\"-f'rms','.F','ows','o',(\"
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{0}{1}\"-f 'Se','tT'),'xt').\"InVO`k

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CMd.eXE /C "ECho/Invoke-Exp Net.WebClient).DownloadString C:\wINdowS\SYSwOW64\windous -StA \${Nu`II} = [Reflection.Asse {1}\"-f 'Load','W'),'a','e','ith',(\"{ f'Part','i')).\"I`Nvo`ke\"((\"{2}{0}) 'tem.Window','s','Sys','s','.Form' {0}{2}\" -f'x',(\"{0}{1}\" -f'GETt',' \${eNV`:c`o`MSPEc}[4,24,25]-Joi {0}{1}\"-f 'etT','ext','S').\"INVo`k

VAR++ LAUNCHER OBFUSCATION

Task #	Option	
27	LAUNCHER\VAR++*	Options LAUNCHER\VAR++' just apply different PS keys t so in this task we should only C:\wINDOwS\SYStEM32\CmC Object Net.WebClient).Downk {1}{0}\"-f'ex','I') (((\"{1}{0}\"-f'E','nv',':jXgL')).\"v`AluE\") && c:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM32\CmL (New-Object Net.WebClient).L noeX ^^&(\"{2}{0}{1}\"-f'-I-It) ([TYpE](\"{2}{3}{0}{1}\"-f'e','N [sTrIng]\${VE`Rbo`SepReFER`Er 'RIAbLe:z8j' + 'u2' +'I') .vALL 'IRo','Nm','GETE','ABIE','I','nv','e {0}\"-f'cEss','P','RO'))))&& c:\\ cMD /c "SeT xClr=Invoke-Exp Net.WebClient).DownloadStrir \${L3`V`BF6} = [TypE](\"{0}{2}{ \${ExEcUtionCoNteXt}.\"i`NvOk {1}{0}\"-f'itEM','-ChIld','GeT',' 'V','GEtEn','riA','BLE','IronMen' f'eSs','PROc'))))&& cMD /c % C:\WINdOws\sYStEM32\cMD Object Net.WebClient).Downk (\"{0}{1}{2}{3}\"-f'g','Et','-VA','F f'EXECUTIOnCOnT','t','eX').\"\" {0}\"-f'rIpt','keS','invO','c').Inv {1}\"-f'eNV:G','jQ') .\.\"VAI`UE' %qBZO%"

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'eNVi','Nt','ronme')); (.(\"{2}{
'VaRIa','X*xT','ble',':E')).\"V`ALow
f't','RIp','c','invoKes').Invoke((f'g','et','E','roN','iabLe','NVI','M
{0}{1}\"-f'pRo','cEss'))))&& Complete Co

C:\WINDoWs\SYsTeM32\Cmc
Object Net.WebClient).Downk
^^&(\${s`helL`iD}[1] + \${sh`}
{2}{3}{0}\"-f'V','E','n','v:lzxR')).\
/C %yTW%"

CMD.EXe /C "sEt cDpyq=Invc Net.WebClient).DownloadStrir hIDDEN (.(\"{0}{1}\\" -f'C','HilDI).\"VA`LUe\" ^^\| ^^&(\${v} f'INg','ToSTR').Invoke()[1,3]+''

cMD.ExE /C "SET BudG=Invok Net.WebClient).DownloadStrir bypasS ^^& ('sV') (\"{1}{2} f'En','T','ViROnmeN')); (.(\"{ f'EXECUtiONC','Nt','o','eXt')).' {0}\"-f'ript','vOke','In','SC').In\'NmE','N','gEtEnv','Ir','tVArIAb' {0}\"-f'SS','PROCE'))))&& cN

CMD /C"sET KUR=Invoke-Exp Net.WebClient).DownloadStrir MxI=C:\wINDowS\sYsWow64' \${ExEcut`IoN`cON`TExT}.\"invo 'pt','EscRi','INvOk').Invoke((.(f'ENV:kU','R')).\"vAl`Ue\")&& (

STDIN++ LAUNCHER OBFUSCATION

Task #	Option	
28	LAUNCHER\STDIN++*	Options LAUNCHER\STDIN launcher just apply differer LAUNCHER\PS* (task 10), STDIN++ indicators:
		cmD /c "SEt nEp= Invoke-En Net.WebClient).DownloadSt vaRIAblE:*XeC*T).valuE.iNvC ([eNViROnMenT]::geTenvIR())^ PowersHEIL (VArIABle 'e> VAL).InVokeCoMmand.InvC
		C:\wiNdOWs\SystEm32\cM (New-Object Net.WebClient \${EXECutloNcOnTExT}.inVol ([eNvirOnMEnT]::GETenVIrC poweRSHelL -NoE - && C:\
		CmD.ExE/c "SEt jqP= Invoke Net.WebClient).DownloadSt eXPreSsioN ([enviRONMent]::GEteNVIrC POWerSHELI -NoNinTE \$IN \$sheLlid[1]+\$ShELlid[13]+'>
		cMd.EXE /C "SET RiJ= Invok Net.WebClient).DownloadSt \${eXEcuTIONcOnTEXT}.iNV(eNV:rlj).vaLUe) ^ PoWeRsh 'VArlaBlE:ex*XT').vAlue.Invol cMd.EXE /C%ktpfR%"
		CmD.EXE /C "SeT khW=Involved Net.WebClient).DownloadSt \${EXECuTlonCOntext}.inVO EnV:khW).vaLuE) ^ PoWER!\$Env:cOmSPec[4,26,25]-jOi
		c:\wiNDOwS\syStem32\CM (New-Object Net.WebClient ENv:XjIOW).valUE ^ powers

'vARIaBle:eX*XT').vAlUE.iNvo c:\wiNDOwS\syStem32\CM CMd/C "sEt Guz= Invoke-E Net.WebClient).DownloadSt exprESSiOn (iteM env:gUZ). \${ExecutioncOntexT}.invokE CMd/C%Cpa%" C:\wInDOWS\sYsTEM32\cN Object Net.WebClient).Dow vaRIABIE:E*oNTe*).VaLUe.iN ([eNVirONmENT]::GEtENVir PowershelL -EXecu byPAsS \$eXecutiOnCONTeXT.invoke C:\wInDOWS\sYsTEM32\cN C:\winDowS\SysteM32\Cm Object Net.WebClient).Dow \$eXECutionconTeXt.inVoKE(([ENVirOnment]::geTenVIrO C:\WiNDoWS\SYSwoW64\V ^^^&(\$PShOME[4]+\$psH C:\winDowS\SysteM32\Cmi

CLIP++ LAUNCHER OBFUSCATION

Task #	Option	
29	LAUNCHER\CLIP++*	Options LAUNCHER\CLIP++ same way as LAUNCHER\PS' C:\WINdoWS\sySteM32\CMc Net.WebClient).DownloadStri f'dd-',(\"{0}{1}\" -f 'T','ype'),'A \"{2}{1}{0}\" -f 'rms','Fo','s.'),'i', [sYSteM.wiNDoWS.forMs.ClIF [System.Windows.Forms.Clipt C:\WInDows\System32\cMd C:\wiNDOwS\SyStEm32\cLiP.

{2}\"-f'Ad','d-T','ype') -A (\"{
); \${EXEcUtIONcONtEXT}.\"IN
{1}\"-f'GE',(\"{0}{1}\"-f'TT','EXt
f'le','ar')).\"iN`V`oKe\"()"

C:\wiNdowS\syStEm32\cmd / cllp&&C:\wiNdowS\syStEm32 [System.Reflection.Assembly]: 'hPart','ia')).\"i`NvOke\"((\"{3}{\} \\${eX`Ec`UT`ioN`coNteXt}.\"I`N {0}\"-f'EXt',(\"{1}{0}\" -f 'T','gE1 'tTe','Se'),'t').\"i`NvoKe\"(' ')"

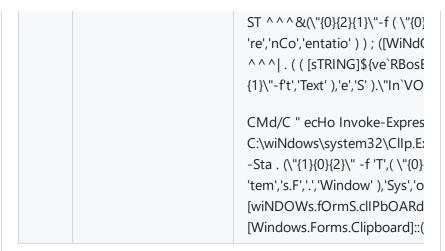
C:\WINDowS\sYsTEM32\CmI C:\WIndOWs\SYSteM32\CLir [System.Reflection.Assembly]: 'ial','N','ame'),'it','h').\"in`VO`K [wIndows.fOrms.cLIPBOArD]: {2}{1}{0}\"-f'e',(\"{2}{1}{0}\"-f' jOin"); [Windows.Forms.Clipk

C:\WINdOws\sYsTeM32\Cmc |CLIp&&C:\WINdOws\sYsTeN Assem (\"{1}{3}{0}{4}{2}\" -f'e f'rlab','L'),'va','e') (\"{1}{0}{4}{:).\"va`|Ue\".\"invok`E`cOmM`/4 {1}\"-f'gEt','Te')).\"i`NVO`ke\" f'Se','tTex')).\"INvo`KE\"(' ')"

CmD/C "Echo/Invoke-Express &&CmD/C poweRshell -ST -c AssemblyNam (\"{0}{3}{1}{2}\ \${exECUtioncONText}.\"iNVO \"{0}{1}\" -f'Ette','Xt')).\"iN`V`(

cmd /C" eChO\Invoke-Expres
-ST -WINdOwStY HiddeN \${\\ f'd','Loa'),'l',(\"{0}{1}\"-f 'N','a\\ 'ws.','Forms','y','st','Windo','S',
).\"inVO`kE\"()) ^^^|^^& (
).\"In`V`OKe\"()[1,3]+'x'-JOIn
).\"iN`VOke\"()"

c:\WINdoWS\SYsteM32\cmd. |C:\wInDows\sYSTEM32\Clip.



RUNDLL++ LAUNCHER OBFUSCATION

Task #	Option	
# 30	LAUNCHER\RUNDLL++*	Options LAUNCHER\RUI launcher just apply diffe (task 10), so in this task v c:\WiNdOws\sySTeM32\c Object Net.WebClient).Dc ShellExec_RunDLL "pOWE ^ . ('{1}{0}'-f'ex','i')" C:\wIndows\sysTEM32\c\ Object Net.WebClient).Dc ,ShellExec_RunDLL "POWE {3}'-F 'O','NVir','E','NmeN' 'v','LE',':EXECu','IoNcOnTe {1}{3}'-f'I','KE','Nvo','sCRIp 'NvIrO','VA','getE','nMEnt f's','Proce','s'))))" c:\wInDOWS\SySTeM32\c Object Net.WebClient).Downloac SHELL32.DLL ShellExec_R [TypE]('{2}{0}{1}' -F'NMen f'pR','EsSio','n','ex','iNVokE

).VAIUe::('{3}{5}{0}{4}{1}{6}).Invoke('qSj',('{1}{0}{2}' -

C:\winDoWS\sYStem32\C Net.WebClient).Downloac SHELL32.DLL,ShellExec_R [strinG]\${VERBoSEPReFEF 'iTe','m','chILD') ('{1}{0}' -

CmD.EXE /c "SEt igfM=In Net.WebClient).Downloac ShellExec_RunDLL "PoWE 'eM','GE','t-child','IT') ('{0 'x','ie')"

C:\wINdoWs\sYsTEm32\C Object Net.WebClient).Dc ShellExec_RunDLL "pOwe f'ahl','EN','V:')).'ValUE' ^|.

cmd /C "seT LFM=Invoke Net.WebClient).Downloac SHELL32.DLL ShellExec_R "\$PGRV4H = [TyPe]('{3}{{\(\alpha\)}{\(\alp

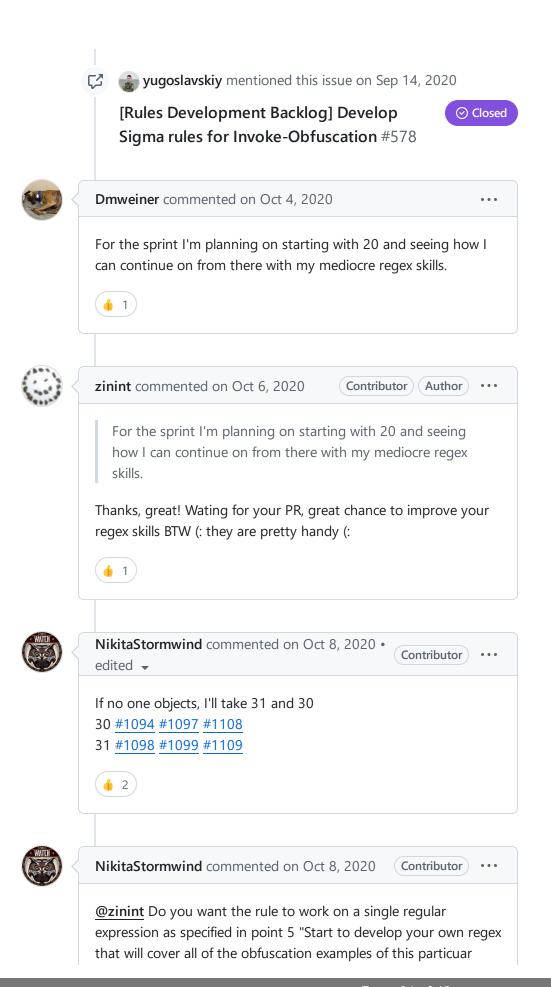
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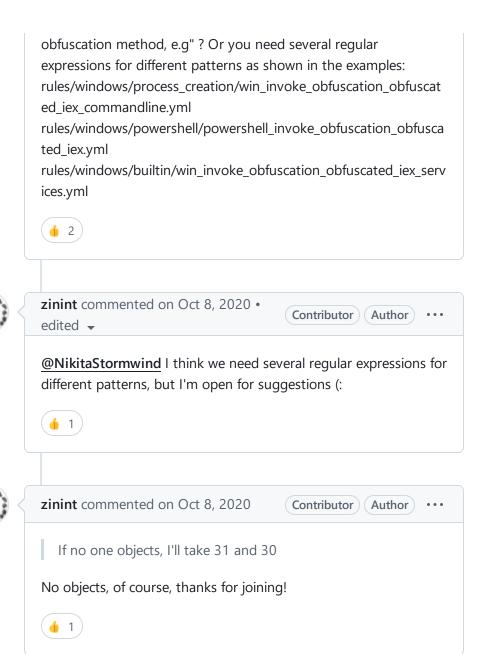
CMD.ExE /C "SeT vPu=In' Net.WebClient).Downloac SHELL32.DLL,ShellExec_R "C:\WinDOWs\SYSwOw6-"(.('{1}{0}' -f'Ci','g') ('{0}{ \${eNV:cOMSPeC}[4,26,25

MSHTA++ LAUNCHER OBFUSCATION

Гask #	Option		

		Options LAUNCHER\MSF LAUNCHER\PS* (task 10)
		c:\winDowS\syStEM32\Cm Net.WebClient).DownloadS '{1}{0}'-f'I','GC') ('{0}{2}{1}' -
		CMD.exE/C "SeT Qsk=Invo VBScRIpT:CREATeObjECt("\ 'Sk','ENV:Q')).'vAlue'^ ^&
		C:\WinDOwS\SystEm32\c\ VBScript:CReATEOBjeCt("V {0}{1}' -f 'P','t','Okescrl','iNv
		C:\WindOws\SySTeM32\cr Net.WebClient).DownloadS NoLoG (.('{1}{0}' -f 'ITem',' (WInDow.Close)"
31	LAUNCHER\MSHTA++*	cMD/C "sET Nkl=Invoke-E VBSCRIPT:CreaTEObjeCT(" 'pT','nvoKEs','cRI','I').Invoke
		C:\WinDOWs\sySTEm32\C Net.WebClient).DownloadS -COMma (.('{1}{0}' -f 'i','Go).'NamE'[3,11,2]-JoIN'')",(9
		c:\wiNDoWs\sYStEm32\cm VBSCripT:CreaTEObjeCT("\ f'E','Nv:spv','K')).'VAIUe' ^
		c:\WIndOws\SYStem32\CN VBScriPt:CREatEObJECT("V {1}' -f'vOkEScRi','Pt','in').In
		cMd /C "sET yAt=Invoke-E VBSCRiPT:CrEaTeOBjECT("\ (.('gV') ('{0}{1}'-f'eX','*xT') f'env','AT',':y')).'vAlUE')",(1
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It depends, but I think they should be a Rule Collection

Saw you PRs, you went with 2 rules, I think that's fine, maybe later we will somehow rearrange that, but for now, that's a nice way, thanks a lot for your time and contribution. I'll get back to you in PRs after I review the rules.

Ok, thanks. I'll take a couple more tasks tomorrow





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- rules/windows/process_creation/win_invoke_obfuscation_obfu scated_iex_commandline.yml
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- rules/windows/builtin/win_invoke_obfuscation_obfuscated_iex _services.yml





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@zinint | I made 3 rules for one task. If the check is successful, I will continue to write other tasks using the same method.

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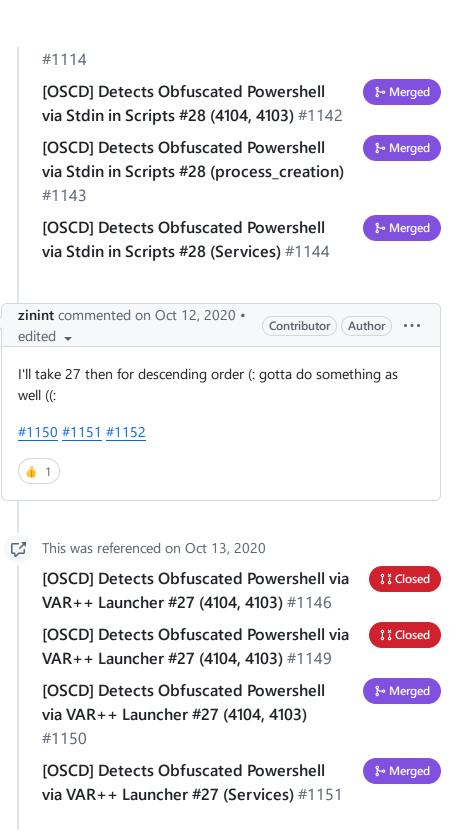
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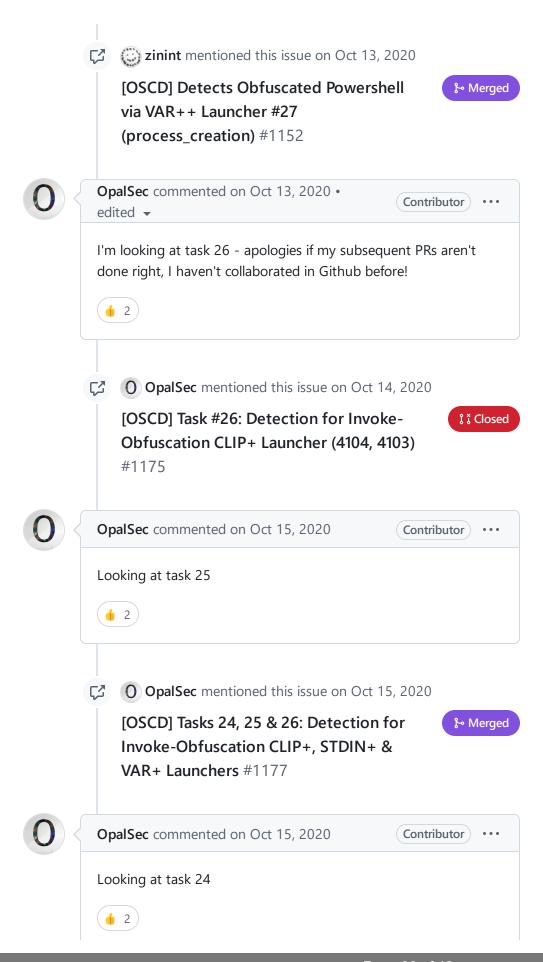
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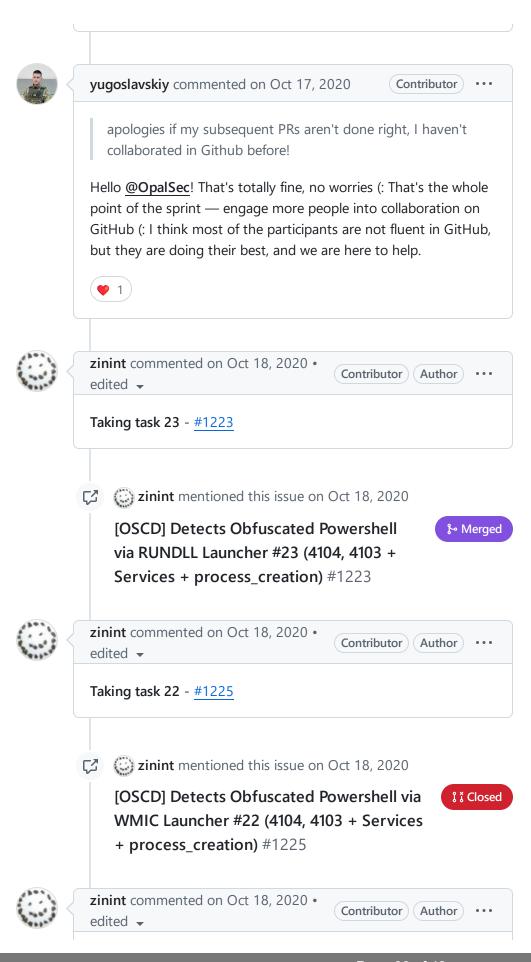
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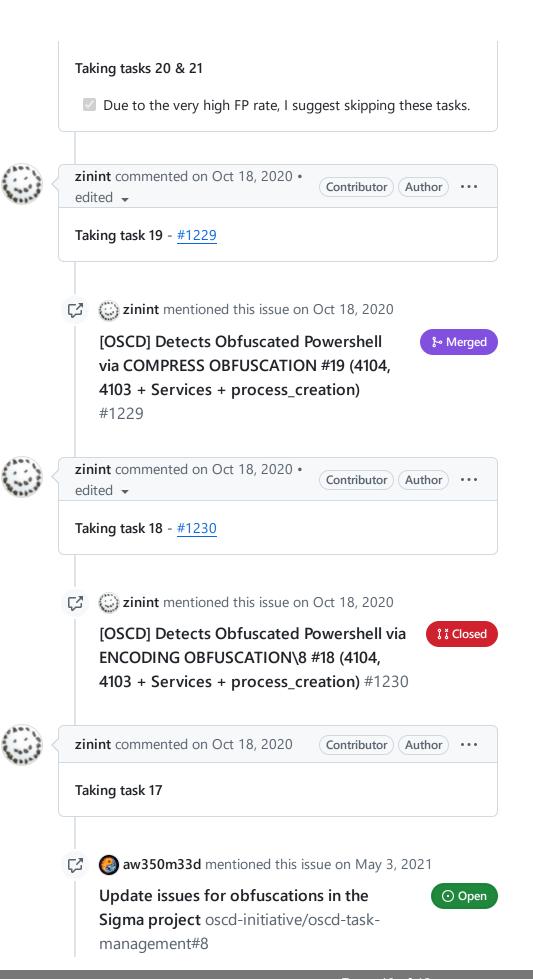
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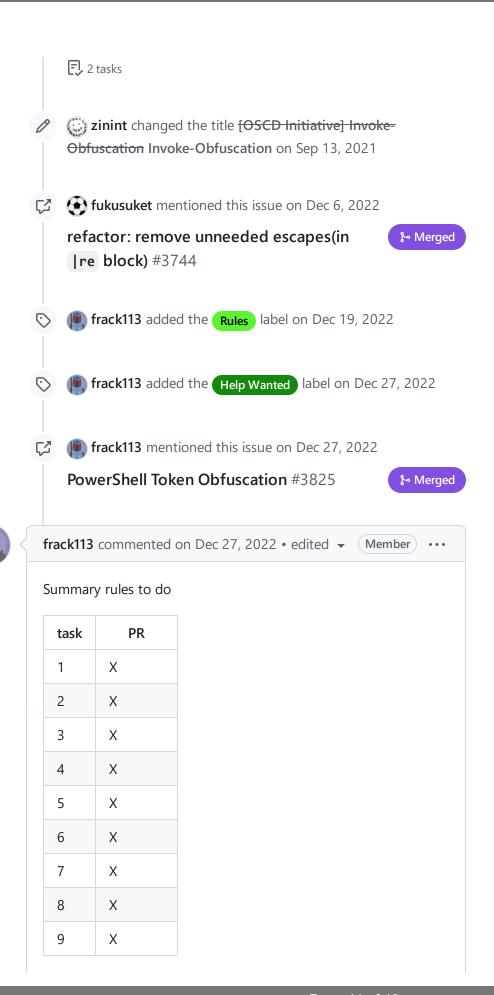
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Most action are detected even if get no alert on the encoding. Need to complex regex to catch then all

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