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# T1036.006 - Space after Filename

## Description from ATT&CK

Adversaries can hide a program's true filetype by changing the extension of a file. With certain file types (specifically this does not work with .app extensions), appending a space to the end of a filename will change how the file is processed by the operating system.

For example, if there is a Mach-O executable file called `evil.bin`, when it is double clicked by a user, it will launch Terminal.app and execute. If this file is renamed to `evil.txt`, then when double clicked by a user, it will launch with the default text editing application (not executing the binary). However, if the file is renamed to `evil.txt`  (note the space at the end), then when double clicked by a user, the true file type is determined by the OS and handled appropriately and the binary will be executed (Citation: Mac Backdoors are back).

Adversaries can use this feature to trick users into double clicking benign-looking files of any format and ultimately executing something malicious.

## Atomic Tests

- [Atomic Test #1 - Space After Filename \(Manual\)](#)
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## Atomic Test #1 - Space After Filename (Manual)

Space After Filename







Supported Platforms: macOS

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Run it with these steps!

- echo '#!/bin/bash\nnecho "print \"hello, world!\"" | /usr/bin/python\nnext' > execute.txt  
&& chmod +x execute.txt
- mv execute.txt "execute.txt "
- ./execute.txt\

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## Atomic Test #2 - Space After Filename

Space after filename.

**Supported Platforms:** macOS, Linux

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**Attack Commands:** Run with **bash** !

```
mkdir -p /tmp/atomic-test-T1036.006
cd /tmp/atomic-test-T1036.006
mkdir -p 'testdirwithspaceend '
/usr/bin/echo -e "%d\na\n#! /usr/bin/perl\nprint \"running T1035.006 with\nchmod +x 'testdirwithspaceend /init '\n'./testdirwithspaceend /init '"
```

**Cleanup Commands:**

```
rm -rf /tmp/atomic-test-T1036.006
```