

- <u>merlin-cli</u> command line interface over gRPC to connect to the Merlin Server facilitating multi-user support
- Supported Agent C2 Protocols: http/1.1 clear-text, http/1.1 over TLS, HTTP/2, HTTP/2 clear-text (h2c), http/3 (http/2 over QUIC)
- Peer-to-peer (P2P) communication between Agents with bind or reverse for SMB,
 TCP, and UDP
- Configurable agent data encoding and encryption transforms: AES, Base64, gob, hex, JWE, RC4, and XOR
 - JWE transform use <u>PBES2_HS512_A256KW</u> PBES2 (RFC 2898) with HMAC SHA-512 as the PRF and AES Key Wrap (RFC 3394) using 256-bit keys for the encryption scheme
- Configurable agent authenticators:
 - None: No authentication
 - OPAQUE: Asymmetric Password Authenticated Key Exchange (PAKE)
- Encrypted JWT for message authentication
- Configurable Agent message data <u>padding</u> to combat beaconing detections based on a fixed message size
- Execute .NET assemblies in-process with invoke-assembly or in a sacrificial process with execute-assembly
- Execute arbitrary Windows executables (PE) in a sacrificial process with execute-
- Various shellcode execution techniques: CreateThread, CreateRemoteThread, RtlCreateUserThread, QueueUserAPC
- Integrated Donut, sRDI, and SharpGen support
- Dynamically change the Agent's JA3 hash
- Mythic support
- Documentation & Wiki

An introductory blog post can be found here: https://medium.com/@Ne0nd0g/introducing-merlin-645da3c635a

Supporting Repositories:

- Merlin Agent Agent source code
- Merlin Agent DLL Agent DLL source code
- Merlin CLI Command line interface for Merlin
- Merlin Documentation Documentation source code
- Merlin on Mythic Merlin agent for Mythic Framework
- Merlin Docker Base Docker image for for Merlin images
- Merlin Message A Go library for Merlin messages exchanged between a Merlin Server and Agent

Ouick Start

- 1. Download the latest version of Merlin Server from the releases section
 - The Server package contains compiled versions of the CLI and Agent for all the major operating systems in the data/bin directory
- 2. Extract the files with 7zip using the x function The password is: merlin
- 3. Start Merlin
- 4. Start the CLI
- 5. Configure a listener
- 6. Deploy an agent. See <u>Agent Execution Quick Start Guide</u> for examples
- 7. Pwn, Pivot, Profit

```
mkdir /opt/merlin;cd /opt/merlin
wget https://github.com/NeOndOg/merlin/releases/latest/download/
7z x merlinServer-Linux-x64.7z
sudo ./merlinServer-Linux-x64
./data/bin/merlinCLI-Linux-x64
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Mythic

Merlin can be integrated and used as an agent with the $\underline{\text{Mythic}}$ a collaborative, multiplatform, red teaming framework.

Visit the Merlin on Mythic repository in the MythicAgents organization to get started.

Misc.

- To compile Merlin from source, view the Custom Build page
- For a full list of available commands:
 - Main Menu
 - Listener Menu
 - Agent Menu
 - Module Menu
- View the Frequently Asked Questions page
- View the <u>Blog Posts</u> page for additional information

Slack

Join the #merlin channel in the <u>BloodHoundGang</u> Slack to ask questions, troubleshoot, or provide feedback.

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