

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 <a href="Invoke-Obfuscation">Invoke-Obfuscation</a> framework, you can pick up some of the tasks in that table and develop Sigma rules for them. You will need to use <a href="regular expression value modifier">regular expression value modifier</a>, 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.commu date: 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).Downloadscr
# 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}
```

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\*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^*\$  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  $\$env:comspec[(\s*\d{1,3}\s*,){2}]$  covers only one example (5th):



- 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 <a href="regex101">regex101</a> 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)

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1	TOKEN\COMMAND\1 TOKEN\ARGUMENT\2 TOKEN\MEMBER\2	TOKEN\COMMAND\1 IN`V`o`Ke-eXp`ResSIOn (Ne`\V IN`V`OKE-exPRE`Ss`i`oN (n`e\V IN`VOke-expr`eSS`ioN (NE`w-V TOKEN\ARGUMENT\2 Invoke-Expression (New-Objet
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3	TOKEN\COMMAND\3	&("{3}{4}{2}{1}{0}{5}"-f'o','essi' .("{0}{3}{2}{1}{4}" -f'I','-Ex','oke .("{2}{3}{0}{1}"-f'o','n','Invoke- &("{2}{3}{0}{4}{1}"-f 'e','Expres
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		\${ENv:`path}
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		SET-Variable ('V'+'IR') ([TyPE]
		Set-itEM vaRiAbLE:YsB ( [tYPe senv:path")
8	TOKEN\TYPE\2	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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# **STRING OBFUSCATION**

Task #	Option	Results	Comments
10	STRING\1	Covered by the	These options
	STRING\2	Invoke-	can
	31KIING (Z	Obfuscation	Concatenate
	STRING\3	author himself, even for the	entire command
		method	Reorder entire
		commented out	concatenating
		in the code:	Reverse entire
			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@123~32z40T91k105T110~116-116"\$( SET-ItEM 'vARiABLE:oFs' ")"+[STrIng' ( '73%110q118q111<107x101K45!6' inVoKe-ExPResSion ( -jOiN((73, 110,1)))
12	ENCODING\2	Partialy covered by the same Sigma  -joIn ( '49_6e-76_6fP6b_65{2d!45_78} ( '49}6eU76w6f:6b:65U2dV45w78V7   IEX([StRIng]::jOin(",('49>6ex76~6f>6  "\$( sEt-ITeM 'VarIABle:ofs' ") " +[STrin
13	ENCODING\3	Partialy covered by the same Sigma  IEX ( -jOIn ('111x156P166<157C153  [STRinG]::JOiN(",( (111,156 ,166 , 157  INvOkE-EXpReSsION ( " \$( sET-vAriAl)

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	ENCODING\4	Partialy covered by the same Sigma
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	ENCODING\6	Partialy covered by the same Sigma
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16		[sTrinG]::JoIn( '', ([Char[]]( 100 ,67 , 91
		[STriNg]::JOin(",('87G112V104I113A1
		Example 1
17	ENCODING\7	Example 2
17		Example 3
		Example 4

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	Example 2	
10	18 ENCODING\8	Example 3
		Example 4

# **COMPRESS OBFUSCATION**

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Task #	Option	
	COMPRESS\1	Partialy covered by the same Sigma function so they can maintain zero d
		(neW-obJECT sYSTEm.io.CompReSSiO [sysTEm.COnVErT]::frOMBase64strIn( ) ,[sYsTEM.IO.compReSSiON.cOMPRe!  ForEAcH{ \$reADToEND()} )  IEx
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# **PS LAUNCHER OBFUSCATION**

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		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
		pOWErsHEII -nOpROfILE "Invoke-I
		PowErsHELL -NopROFil "Invoke-Ex
		LAUNCHER\PS\5 -Command POWERshElL -c "Invoke-Expression

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#### CMD LAUNCHER OBFUSCATION

Task #	Option	
		Options LAUNCHER\CMD\0 - obfuscation methods for PS ke only hunt for CMD indicators:
		cMD /c poWersHEII
		C:\wINDOWs\SYstEM32\CmD.E
		cMd.EXe /c PoweRSHell -nonin
21	LAUNCHER\CMD\*	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\SySwOv

## WMIC LAUNCHER OBFUSCATION

Task #	Option	
22	LAUNCHER\WMIC\*	Options LAUNCHER\WMIC\0 obfuscation methods for PS k only hunt for WMIC indicator
		WMIC "ProcESs" CaLL CREATE
		wMIC.exE 'PRoceSS' 'caLL' crEa
		c:\wINdoWS\sYstEM32\wbem\
		wmic 'pRoCEss' "caLL" cReaTE '
		WMIC PrOCESS "caLL" 'cReAte
		C:\windoWS\sysTEm32\wbem\

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## **RUNDLL LAUNCHER OBFUSCATION**

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Task #	Option	
		Options LAUNCHER\RUND obfuscation methods for PS only hunt for RUNDLL indic
		C:\wINDoWs\systEm32\RUn
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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

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c:\wiNdOWS\sYSteM32\CMD.e (New-Object Net.WebClient).Dc sEt-Item (\"Var\" + \"IAbIE:v\" + f'ROnM','E','ENvi','nt' ) ); \${exEcuTIONCoNtEXT}.\"InVo`ki GCi (\"VAR\" + \"iABIE:v\" +\"yi 'IE','Ria','EnviROnMeN','GET','b',' {1}{2}{0}\" -f 's','Pr','Oces') )))"

CMD.ExE/C"sEt iXH=Invoke-Exp Net.WebClient).DownloadString [TyPE]( \"{1}{0}{2}\"-F 'oN','enviR {1}\" -f'aB','e','i','GETEN','viRon','l f 'P','S','ROCES' )) )^|. ( \"{1}{0}\'

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(New-Object Net.WebClient).Dc
SET-iteM ( 'VAR' + 'i'+ 'A' + 'blE
'iRoN','mENT','e','nv') );
\${exECUtIONCOnTEXT}.\"IN`VC
GEt-VAriAble ( 'a' + 'o6I0') -vaL
f'e','gETenvIR','NtvaRla','BL','ON
{1}\" -f'pRoC','esS') )))"

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Object Net.WebClient).Downloa
\${m`FLj`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',

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'INv','KEscri','o','Pt' ).Invoke( ( \$r
f'tVarIAB','ge','Le','meN','tenvIrC
'cEs','s','PRO' ))) )"



#### STDIN+ LAUNCHER OBFUSCATION

Task #	Option	
25	LAUNCHER\STDIN+\*	Options LAUNCHER\STDIN- just apply different PS keys t so in this task we should onl
		cmd /C"echo\Invoke-Expressi Net.WebClient).DownloadStri \$EXECUTionCOnteXT.iNVoKE
		c:\windows\sYstEm32\CmD.e Net.WebClient).DownloadStri
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#### **CLIP+ LAUNCHER OBFUSCATION**

Task #	Option	
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 /(Object Net.WebClient).Download

-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.CIIF 'xT','TE'),'GeT').\"I`Nvo`Ke\"()) \"{1}{0}\" -f 'ear','CI').\"IN`Voke\

 $\label{eq:cmd/c} Cmd/c"\ echo/Invoke-Expressic Net.WebClient).DownloadString $$\{1\}_{2}_{0}''-f'pe','Ad',(''\{1\}_{0}''-f'\{4\}''-f'ows','y','.F',(''\{0\}_{1}_{2}''-),'S'); ([SySTEM.wiNDows.FoRnf'T','TTeX'),'gE').\"invO`Ke\"()) $$\{0\}_{-f'KE-','o'},(''\{2\}_{1}_{0}''-f'p[System.Windows.Forms.Clipbc),'xt').\"InV`oKe\"('')"$ 

CMD/c " ECho Invoke-Expressi Net.WebClient).DownloadString powershElL -noPRO -sTa ^& (\ ),'A' ) -AssemblyN (\"{0}{3}{2}{1] f'e','ntatio'),'es','re' ); ^& (([Stl + 'x'-JoiN") (([sySTem.WInDO'ftTe','xt'),'ge').\"IN`Vo`Ke\"()) {1}{0}\" -f't,'(\"{0}{1}\" -f'tT','ex'

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{2}{0}\"-f'nC','Pr','esentatio'));
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#### **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\CmE Object Net.WebClient).Downk

{1}{0}\"-f'ex','I')((.(\"{1}{0}\"-f'e','nv',':jXqL')).\"v`AluE\")&&

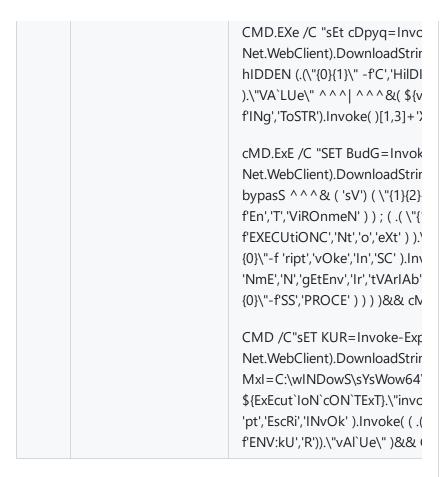
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Object Net.WebClient).Downk
(\"{0}{1}{2}{3}\"-f'g','Et','-VA','F
f'EXECUTIOnCOnT','t','eX')).\"\
{0}\"-f'rlpt','keS','invO','c').Inv
{1}\"-f'eNV:G','jQ')).\"VAI`UE`
%qBZO%"

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

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



#### STDIN++ LAUNCHER OBFUSCATION

Task #	Option	
28	LAUNCHER\STDIN++\*	Options LAUNCHER\STDIN launcher just apply differen LAUNCHER\PS\* (task 10), STDIN++ indicators:  cmD /c "SEt nEp= Invoke-Enter Net.WebClient).DownloadSt vaRIAblE:*XeC*T).valuE.iNvC ([eNViROnMenT]::geTenvIRC)   ^  PowersHEIL (VArIABle 'e) VAL).InVokeCoMmand.InvC  C:\wiNdOWs\SystEm32\cM (New-Object Net.WebClient \${EXECutIoNcOnTExT}.inVokenter Net.WebClient N

([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=Involution 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.iNvc c:\wiNDOwS\syStem32\CM

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## 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.Cliple [System.Windows.Forms.Cliple
		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','gET 'tTe','Se' ),'t' ).\"i`NvoKe\"(' ' )"
		C:\WINDowS\sYsTEM32\CmE C:\WIndOWs\SYSteM32\CLip [System.Reflection.Assembly]: 'ial','N','ame'),'it','h').\"in`VO`K

{2}{1}{0}\"-f'e',(\"{2}{1}{0}\"-f'jOin"); [Windows.Forms.Clipk

C:\WINdOws\sYsTeM32\Cmd |CLIp&&C:\WINdOws\sYsTeN |CLIp&&C:\WINdOws\sYsTeN | Assem ( \"{1}{3}{0}{4}{2}\" -f'e f'rlab','L'),'va','e' ) ( \"{1}{0}{4}{: ).\"va`IUe\".\"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`(

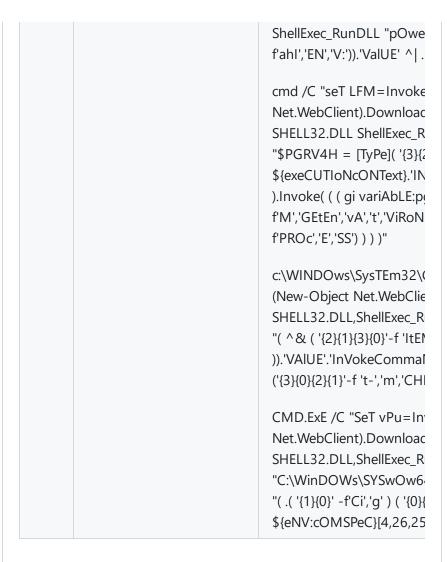
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-ST -WINdOwStY HiddeN \${L
f'd','Loa' ),'l',( \"{0}{1}\"-f 'N','aı
'ws.','Forms','y','st','Windo','S',
).\"inVO`kE\"( )) ^^^|^^& (
).\"In`V`OKe\"( )[1,3]+'x'-JOIn
).\"iN`VOke\"( )"

c:\WINdoWS\SYsteM32\cmd. |C:\wInDows\sYSTEM32\ClIp. ST ^^&(\"{0}{2}{1}\"-f ( \"{0} 're','nCo','entatio' ) ) ; ([WINd( ^^| . ( ( [sTRING]\${ve`RBosE {1}\"-f't','Text' ),'e','S' ).\"In`VO

CMd/C " ecHo Invoke-Expres C:\wiNdows\system32\Cllp.E: -Sta . (\"{1}{0}{2}\" -f 'T',( \"{0} 'tem','s.F','.','Window' ),'Sys','o [wiNDOWs.fOrmS.cllPbOARd [Windows.Forms.Clipboard]::(

## **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}'-fex','i' )"  C:\wIndows\sysTEM32\c\ Object Net.WebClient).Dc ,ShellExec_RunDLL "POWA {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( 'gSj',( '{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



#### MSHTA++ LAUNCHER OBFUSCATION

Task #	Option	
31	LAUNCHER\MSHTA++\*	Options LAUNCHER\MSH 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'^ ^8

C:\WinDOwS\SystEm32\cl VBScript:CReATEOBjeCt("V {0}{1}' -f 'P','t','Okescrl','iNv C:\WindOws\SySTeM32\cr Net.WebClient).DownloadS NoLoG ( .('{1}{0}' -f 'ITem',' (WInDow.Close)" 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','G ).'NamE'[3,11,2]-JoIN" )",(9 c:\wiNDoWs\sYStEm32\cm VBSCripT:CreaTEObjeCT("V 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 **(** 1 )





yugoslavskiy mentioned this issue on Sep 14, 2020

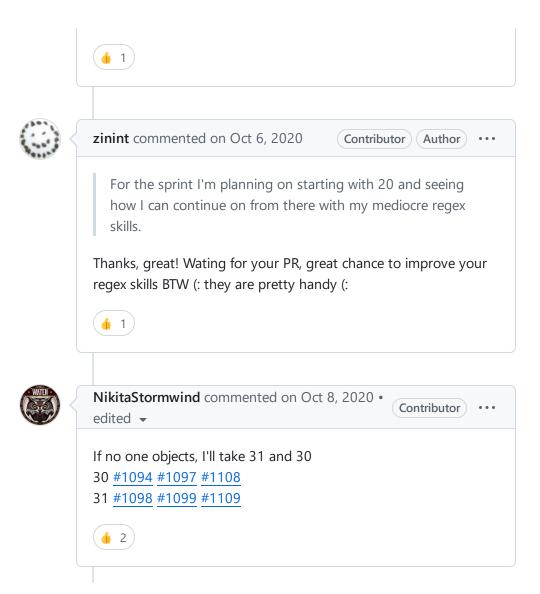
[Rules Development Backlog] Develop Sigma rules for Invoke-Obfuscation #578





Dmweiner commented on Oct 4, 2020

For the sprint I'm planning on starting with 20 and seeing how I can continue on from there with my mediocre regex skills.





NikitaStormwind commented on Oct 8, 2020

(Contributor)

@zinint Do you want the rule to work on a single regular expression as specified in point 5 "Start to develop your own regex that will cover all of the obfuscation examples of this particuar obfuscation method, e.g"? Or you need several regular expressions for different patterns as shown in the examples: rules/windows/process\_creation/win\_invoke\_obfuscation\_obfuscat ed\_iex\_commandline.yml

rules/windows/powershell/powershell\_invoke\_obfuscation\_obfusca ted\_iex.yml

rules/windows/builtin/win\_invoke\_obfuscation\_obfuscated\_iex\_serv ices.yml





zinint commented on Oct 8, 2020 • edited -

Contributor Author

@NikitaStormwind I think we need several regular expressions for different patterns, but I'm open for suggestions (:





**zinint** commented on Oct 8, 2020

Contributor Author

If no one objects, I'll take 31 and 30

No objects, of course, thanks for joining!





NikitaStormwind commented on Oct 8, 2020 • edited ▼

Contributor

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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





**zinint** commented on Oct 8, 2020 • edited ▼

Contributor Author · · ·

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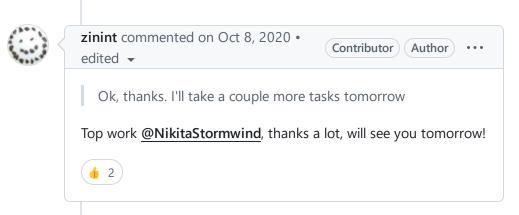
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- rules/windows/process\_creation/win\_invoke\_obfuscation\_obfu scated\_iex\_commandline.yml
- rules/windows/powershell/powershell\_invoke\_obfuscation\_obfuscated\_iex.yml
- rules/windows/builtin/win\_invoke\_obfuscation\_obfuscated\_iex \_services.yml





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[OSCD] Detects Obfuscated Powershell via use Rundll32 in Scripts #30 (4104, 4103) #1094

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[OSCD] Detects Obfuscated Powershell via use Rundll32 in Scripts #30 (process\_creation) #1097

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[OSCD] Detects Obfuscated Powershell via use MSHTA in Scripts #31 (4104, 4103) #1098

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via use MSHTA in Scripts #31 (Services)

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#1109



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- rules/windows/builtin/win\_invoke\_obfuscation\_obfuscate d\_iex\_services.yml

@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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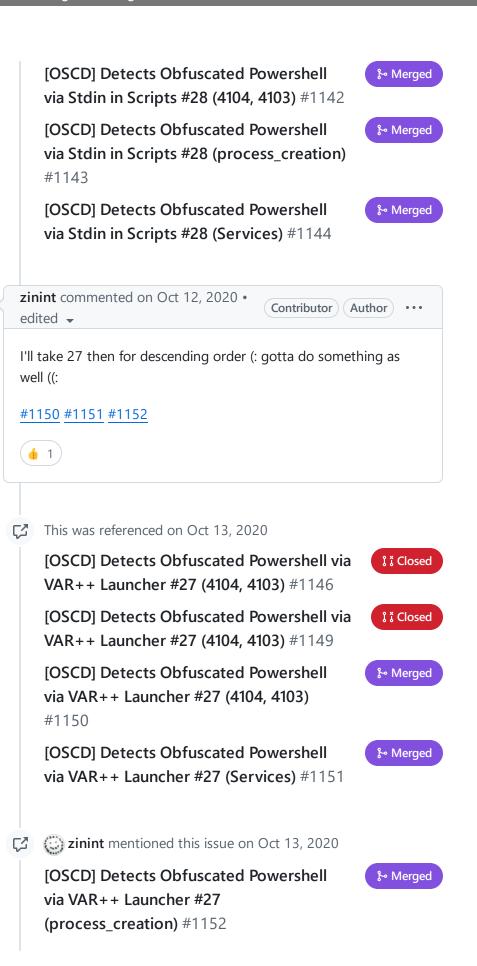
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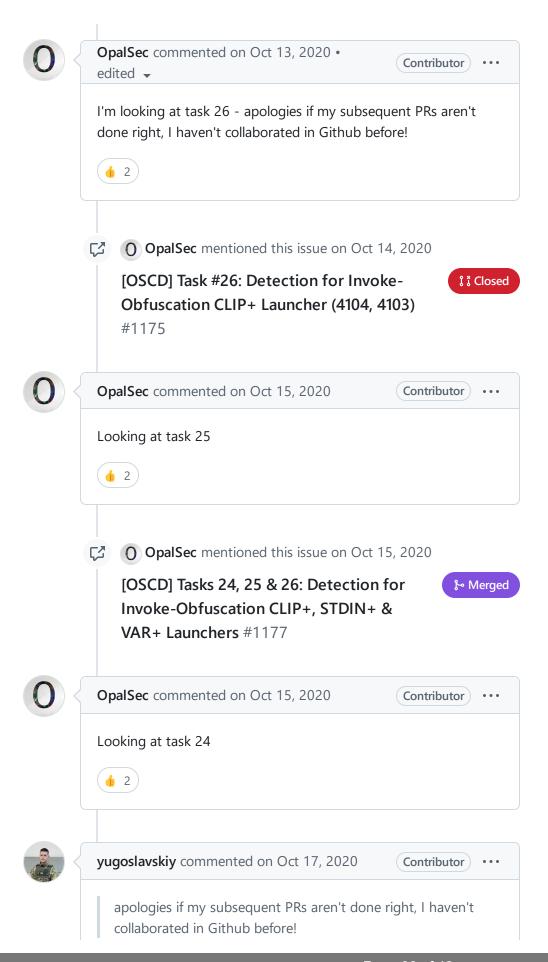
[OSCD] Detects Obfuscated Powershell via use Clip.exe in Scripts #29 (process\_creation) #1113

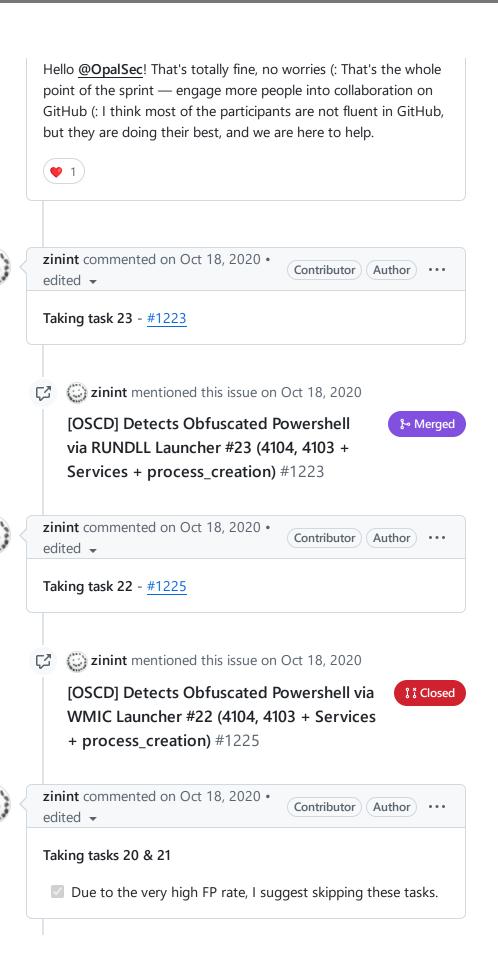
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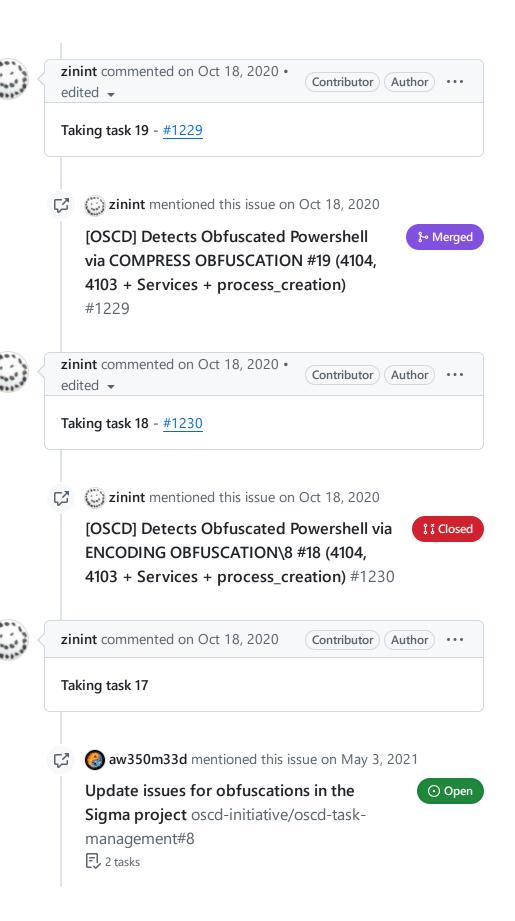
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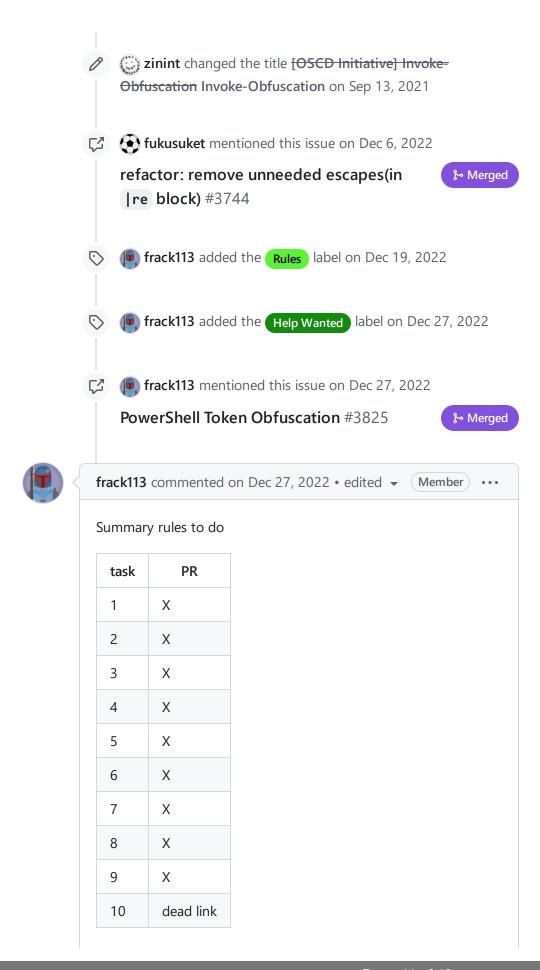
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frack113 commented on Dec 28, 2022

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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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