

Our goal was to create an attack on Sysmon which is difficult to fingerprint as no

Similarly to SysmonQuiet or EvtMute, the idea is to inject code into Sysmon which

redirects the execution flow in such a way that events can be manipulated before being

suspicious events are emitted during the attack.

Description

forwarded to the SIEM.

However, during this attack, no suspicious ProcessAccess events on Sysmon are observable via Sysmon or the Event Log making the detection (supposedly) non trivial.

The attack flow is as follows:

- Suspend all threads of Sysmon.
- Create a limited handle to Sysmon and elevate it by duplication.
- Clone the pseudo handle of Sysmon to itself in order to bypass SACL as proposed by James Forshaw.
- Inject a hook manipulating all events (in particular ProcessAccess events on Sysmon).
- Resume all threads.

Process accessed:
RuleName: technique_id=T1003,technique_name=Credential Dumping
UtcTime: 2022-09-02 13:39:30.615
SourceProcessGUID: {095d1a72-0792-6312-e423-000000001300}
SourceProcessId: 10484
SourceThreadId: 13684
SourceImage: C:\Users\user\Desktop\entenloader.exe
TargetProcessGUID: {095d1a72-0787-6312-e223-000000001300}
TargetProcessId: 2220
TargetImage: C:\Windows\Sysmon64.exe
GrantedAccess: 0x1400
CallTrace: Ente
SourceUser: Ente
TargetUser: NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM

Usage

SysmonEnte is implemented as fully position independent code (PIC) which can be called using the following prototype:

DWORD go(DWORD dwPidSysmon);

A sample loader is included and built during compilation when typing make.

.\EntenLoader.exe <PID Sysmon>

Additionally, SysmonEnte uses indirect syscalls to bypass possible userland hooks.

The open source variant tampers with process access events to Lsass and Sysmon and sets the access mask to a benign one. Additionally, the source user and the callstack is set to **Ente**. You can change these to your needs.

Detections

To our understanding, the SACL bypass by James Forshaw can be identified by configuring a SACL with PROCESS_DUP_HANDLE on Sysmon. Event 4656 should then be emitted upon the instantiation of a handle allowing to clone other handles from Sysmon.

However, configuring such a SACL using well known administration tools appears to be non trivial. A sample program to set such a SACL is included in the folder SACLProtect. Note that Object Access Auditing is not enabled by default.

References

- Implementation by our @testert01 and @thefLinkk
- SysmonQuiet by Scriptidiot
- EvtMute by Batsec
- James Forshaw's SACL Bypass

Trivia

Ente means duck in German.

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