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AWL bypass (INF) Execute (INF)

Windows Setup Application Programming Interface

Paths:

c:\windows\system32\setupapi.dll
c:\windows\syswow64\setupapi.dll

Resources:

- <https://github.com/huntresslabs/evading-autoruns>
- <https://twitter.com/pabraeken/status/994742106852941825>
- https://windows10dll.nirsoft.net/setupapi_dll.html

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Detections:

- Sigma: [proc_creation_win_rundll32_setupapi_installhinfsection.yml](#)
- Sigma: [proc_creation_win_rundll32_susp_activity.yml](#)
- Splunk: [detect_rundll32_application_control_bypass_setupapi.yml](#)

AWL bypass

Execute the specified (local or remote) .wsh/.sct script with scrobj.dll in the .inf file by calling an information file directive (section name specified).

```
rundll32.exe setupapi.dll,InstallHinfSection DefaultInstall 128 C:\Tools\shady.inf
```

Use case:

Run local or remote script(let) code through INF file specification.

Privileges required:

User

Operating systems:

Windows 10, Windows 11

ATT&CK® technique:

[T1218.011: Rundll32](#)

Tags:

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Execute

Launch an executable file via the InstallHinfSection function and .inf file section directive.

```
rundll32.exe setupapi.dll,InstallHinfSection DefaultInstall 128 C:\Tools\calc_exe.inf
```

Use case:

Load an executable payload.

Privileges required:

User

Operating systems:

Windows

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