

[SOC-AI-AGENT]

Automated Investigation Report

Alert ID: 5023fdde-cfde-4763-86c5-2a1c9eb7065d | Generated: 2026-02-13 03:56:07 UTC

Executive Summary

Verdict: NEEDS_ESCALATION (33.45% confidence) — suspicious activity requiring human review. Key factors: IOC de96a6e69944335375dc1ac238336066889d9ffc7d73628ef4fe1b1b160ab32c flagged by 1 source(s) (risk score: 100.0). IOC 04029e121a0cfa5991749937dd22a1d9 flagged by 1 source(s) (risk score: 70.0). IOC 1.0.0.0 flagged by 1 source(s) (risk score: 51.5).

Verdict

NEEDS_ESCALATION

Alert Details

Field	Value
Alert Type	sysmon
Timestamp	2024-01-15T09:17:46.531000
Classification	c2_communication
Initial Severity	HIGH
Source IP	10.0.2.47
Destination IP	198.51.100.73

Source Host	FINANCE-WS04.corp.acme.local
User	ACME\mthompson
Process	C:\Users\mthompson\AppData\Local\Temp\payload.exe
Command Line	"C:\Users\mthompson\AppData\Local\Temp\payload.exe"
Parent Process	C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe

Investigation Timeline

Triage — Complete

Classified as c2_communication. Severity: HIGH.

IOC Extraction — Complete

Extracted 17 IOCs: {'sha256': 1, 'md5': 4, 'url': 2, 'ipv4': 2, 'domain': 2, 'file_path_windows': 6}

Enrichment — Complete

Enriched 17 IOCs across threat intel sources.

Correlation — Complete

No related investigations found. This appears to be a new, isolated alert.

Att&ck Mapping — Complete

Matched 6 techniques across 4 tactics.

Verdict — Complete

NEEDS_ESCALATION (confidence: 33.5%)

IOC Enrichment Results

IOC	Type	Risk Score	Sources Flagged	Summary

				VT: 0/76 detections. Type: Win32 EXE, Names: powershell.exe, PowerShell.EXE, POWERSHELL OTX: 18 pulses reference this IOC. Tags: february, cain, iocs, choose upytc, powershell
de96a6e69944335375dc [REDACTED] 8336066889d9ffc 100.0 628ef4fe1b1b160a172c	70.0	1 / 3		VT: 0/76 detections. Type: Win32 EXE, Names: powershell.exe, CPU.exe, xkn.exe OTX: 7 pulses reference this IOC. Tags: 16 23, wcry, cobalt strike, 67 152, 27 7265
f2c0e8a5bd10dbc167e8 [REDACTED] 65e0b4bef	0.0	0 / 3		OTX: 0 pulses reference this IOC. Tags: none
4a8b2c6d0e2f4a6b8c0d [REDACTED] f6a8b0c2d	0.0	0 / 3		OTX: 0 pulses reference this IOC. Tags: none
b18cc5c6e8e7a408b83a [REDACTED] 8c89c0053	0.0	0 / 3		OTX: 0 pulses reference this IOC. Tags: none

				VT: 0/94 engines flagged URL as malicious.
		http://schemas.microsoft.com/win/2004/08/events/event  0.0	0 / 3	
198.51.100.73		0.0	0 / 5	VT: 0/93 engines flagged as malicious. AS: N/A, Country: N/A AbuseIPDB: Abuse confidence 0%, 0 reports. ISP: None, Usage: Reserved, Country: None OTX: 0 pulses reference this IOC. Tags: none GreyNoise: IP not observed scanning the internet

					VT: 0/93 engines flagged as malicious. AS: CLOUDFLARENENET, Country: N/A AbuseIPDB: Abuse confidence 3%, 1 reports. ISP: APNIC and Cloudflare DNS Resolver project, Usage: Content Delivery Network, Country: AU OTX: 50 pulses reference this IOC. Tags: archivesha1, archivesha256, powershell, desktop, look GreyNoise: IP not observed scanning the internet
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malware-c2.evil.com		0.0	0 / 4	
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C:\Program		0.0	0 / 0	
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MITRE ATT&CK Mapping

Tactic	Technique ID	Technique Name	Evidence
Execution	T1059.001	Command and Scripting Interpreter: PowerShell	powershell.exe

Defense Evasion	T1027.010	Obfuscated Files or Information: Command Obfuscation	-EncodedCommand
Defense Evasion	T1036.005	Masquerading: Match Legitimate Name or Location	\Temp\payload.exe 1.0.0.0 svchost
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Initial Access	T1566	Phishing	Enrichment tag: phishing
Command and Control	T1090	Proxy	Enrichment tag: known-distributor

Attack chain analysis:

1. **Initial Access**: Phishing (T1566)
2. **Execution**: Command and Scripting Interpreter: PowerShell (T1059.001)
3. **Defense Evasion**: Obfuscated Files or Information: Command Obfuscation (T1027.010), Masquerading: Match Legitimate Name or Location (T1036.005), Masquerading (T1036)
4. **Command and Control**: Proxy (T1090)

Reasoning Chain

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Suspicious command pattern: -[Ee]ncoded[Cc]ommand|FromBase64String

No historical correlation data available.

Attack chain spans 4 MITRE ATT&CK tactics, indicating a sophisticated multi-stage attack.

Matched 6 MITRE ATT&CK technique(s) across 4 tactic(s).

No temporal risk factors identified.

Score Breakdown

Component	Score	Weight	Weighted Score
Enrichment	100	35.0%	35.0
Behavioral	30.0	25.0%	7.5
Correlation	0.0	20.0%	0.0
Mitre	73	15.0%	10.9
Temporal	0.0	5.0%	0.0

Recommended Response Actions

1. Escalate to senior analyst for manual review.
2. Gather additional context from the host and user.
3. Monitor traffic to/from 10.0.2.47 for additional indicators.
4. Do not take destructive action until further analysis is complete.

Raw Evidence

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