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Enterprise [T1087 .002 Account Discovery: Domain Account](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors used the `net` command to retrieve information about domain accounts.^[1]

Enterprise [T1583 .004 Acquire Infrastructure: Server](#)

For [Operation Wocao](#), the threat actors purchased servers with Bitcoin to use during the operation.^[1]

Enterprise [T1071 .001 Application Layer Protocol: Web Protocols](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors' XServer tool communicated using HTTP and HTTPS.^[1]

Enterprise [T1560 .001 Archive Collected Data: Archive via Utility](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors archived collected files with WinRAR, prior to exfiltration.^[1]

Enterprise [T1119 Automated Collection](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors used a script to collect information about the infected system.^[1]

Enterprise [T1115 Clipboard Data](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors collected clipboard data in plaintext.^[1]

Enterprise [T1059 .001 Command and Scripting Interpreter: PowerShell](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors used PowerShell on compromised systems.^[1]

[.003 Command and Scripting Interpreter: Windows Command Shell](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors spawned a new `cmd.exe` process to execute commands.^[1]

[.005 Command and Scripting Interpreter: Visual Basic](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors used VBScript to conduct reconnaissance on targeted systems.^[1]

[.006 Command and Scripting Interpreter: Python](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors' backdoors were written in Python and compiled with py2exe.^[1]

Enterprise [T1555 .005 Credentials from Password Stores: Password Managers](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors accessed and collected credentials from password managers.^[1]

Enterprise [T1005 Data from Local System](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors exfiltrated files and directories of interest from the targeted system.^[1]

Enterprise [T1001 Data Obfuscation](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors encrypted IP addresses used for "Agent" proxy hops with RC4.^[1]

Enterprise [T1074 .001 Data Staged: Local Data Staging](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors staged archived files in a temporary directory prior to exfiltration.^[1]

Enterprise [T1587 .001 Develop Capabilities: Malware](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors developed their own custom webshells to upload to compromised servers.^[1]

Enterprise [T1573 .002 Encrypted Channel: Asymmetric Cryptography](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors' proxy implementation "Agent" upgraded the socket in use to a TLS socket.^[1]

Enterprise [T1585 .002 Establish Accounts: Email Accounts](#)

For [Operation Wocao](#), the threat actors registered email accounts to use during the campaign.^[1]

Enterprise [T1041 Exfiltration Over C2 Channel](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors used the XServer backdoor to exfiltrate data.^[1]

Enterprise [T1190 Exploit Public-Facing Application](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors gained initial access by exploiting vulnerabilities in JBoss webservers.^[1]

Enterprise [T1133 External Remote Services](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors used stolen credentials to connect to the victim's network via VPN.^[1]

Enterprise [T1083 File and Directory Discovery](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors gathered a recursive directory listing to find files and directories of interest.^[1]

Enterprise [T1589 Gather Victim Identity Information](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors targeted people based on their organizational roles and privileges.^[1]

Enterprise [T1562 .004 Impair Defenses: Disable or Modify System Firewall](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors used PowerShell to add and delete rules in the Windows firewall.^[1]

Enterprise [T1070 .001 Indicator Removal: Clear Windows Event Logs](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), the threat actors deleted all Windows system and security event logs using `/Q /c wevtutil cl system` and `/Q /c wevtutil cl security`.^[1]

[.004 Indicator Removal: File Deletion](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), the threat actors consistently removed traces of their activity by first overwriting a file using `/c cd /d c:\windows\temp\ & copy \\<IP ADDRESS>\c$\windows\system32\devmgr.dll \\<IP ADDRESS>\c$\windows\temp\LMAKSW.ps1 /y` and then deleting the overwritten file using `/c cd /d c:\windows\temp\ & del \\<IP ADDRESS>\c$\windows\temp\LMAKSW.ps1`.^[1]

Enterprise [T1105 Ingress Tool Transfer](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors downloaded additional files to the infected system.^[1]

Enterprise [T1056 .001 Input Capture: Keylogging](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors obtained the password for the victim's password manager via a custom keylogger.^[1]

Enterprise [T1570 Lateral Tool Transfer](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors used SMB to copy files to and from target systems.^[1]

Enterprise [T1680 Local Storage Discovery](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors discovered the local disks attached to the system and their hardware information including manufacturer and model.^[1]

Enterprise [T1036 .005 Masquerading: Match Legitimate Resource Name or Location](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), the threat actors renamed some tools and executables to appear as legitimate programs.^[1]

Enterprise [T1112 Modify Registry](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), the threat actors enabled Wdigest by changing the `HKLM\SYSTEM\ControlSet001\Control\SecurityProviders\WDigest` registry value from 0 (disabled) to 1 (enabled).^[1]

Enterprise [T1111 Multi-Factor Authentication Interception](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors used a custom collection method to intercept two-factor authentication soft tokens.^[1]

Enterprise [T1106 Native API](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors used the `CreateProcessA` and `ShellExecute` API functions to launch commands after being injected into a selected process.^[1]

Enterprise [T1046 Network Service Discovery](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors scanned for open ports and used nbtscan to find NETBIOS nameservers.^[1]

Enterprise [T1135 Network Share Discovery](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors discovered network disks mounted to the system using `netstat`.^[1]

Enterprise [T1095 Non-Application Layer Protocol](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors used a custom protocol for command and control.^[1]

Enterprise [T1571 Non-Standard Port](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), the threat actors used uncommon high ports for its backdoor C2, including ports 25667 and 47000.^[1]

Enterprise [T1027 .005 Obfuscated Files or Information: Indicator Removal from Tools](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors edited variable names within the `Impacket` suite to avoid automated detection.^[1]

[.010 Obfuscated Files or Information: Command Obfuscation](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors executed PowerShell commands which were encoded or compressed using Base64, zlib, and XOR.^[1]

Enterprise [T1588 .002 Obtain Capabilities: Tool](#)

For [Operation Wocao](#), the threat actors obtained a variety of open source tools, including JexBoss, KeeThief, and `BloodHound`.^[1]

Enterprise [T1003 .001 OS Credential Dumping: LSASS Memory](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors used ProcDump to dump credentials from memory.^[1]

[.006 OS Credential Dumping: DCSync](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors used `Mimikatz`'s DCSync to dump credentials from the memory of the targeted system.^[1]

Enterprise [T1120 Peripheral Device Discovery](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors discovered removable disks attached to a system.^[1]

Enterprise [T1069 .001 Permission Groups Discovery: Local Groups](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors used the command `net localgroup administrators` to list all administrators part of a local group.^[1]

Enterprise [T1057 Process Discovery](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), the threat actors used `tasklist` to collect a list of running processes on an infected system.^[1]

Enterprise [T1055 Process Injection](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors injected code into a selected process, which in turn launches a command as a child process of the original.^[1]

Enterprise [T1090 Proxy](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors used a custom proxy tool called "Agent" which has support for multiple hops.^[1]

[.001 Internal Proxy](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors proxied traffic through multiple infected systems.^[1]

[.003 Multi-hop Proxy](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors executed commands through the installed web shell via [Tor](#) exit nodes.^[1]

Enterprise [T1012 Query Registry](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), the threat actors executed `/c cd /d c:\windows\temp\ & reg query HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\ to detect recent PuTTY sessions, likely to further lateral movement.[1]`

Enterprise [T1021 .002 Remote Services: SMB/Windows Admin Shares](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors used [Impacket](#)'s `smbexec.py` as well as accessing the C\$ and IPC\$ shares to move laterally.^[1]

Enterprise [T1018 Remote System Discovery](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors used `nbtscan` and `ping` to discover remote systems, as well as `dsquery subnet` on a domain controller to retrieve all subnets in the Active Directory.^[1]

Enterprise [T1053 .005 Scheduled Task/Job: Scheduled Task](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors used scheduled tasks to execute malicious PowerShell code on remote systems.^[1]

Enterprise [T1505 .003 Server Software Component: Web Shell](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors used their own web shells, as well as those previously placed on target systems by other threat actors, for reconnaissance and lateral movement.^[1]

Enterprise [T1518 Software Discovery](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors collected a list of installed software on the infected system.^[1]

[.001 Security Software Discovery](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors used scripts to detect security software.^[1]

Enterprise [T1558 .003 Steal or Forge Kerberos Tickets: Kerberoasting](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors used [PowerSploit](#)'s `Invoke-Kerberoast` module to request encrypted service tickets and bruteforce the passwords of Windows service accounts offline.^[1]

Enterprise [T1082 System Information Discovery](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors discovered the OS versions of systems connected to a targeted network.^[1]

Enterprise [T1016 System Network Configuration Discovery](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors discovered the local network configuration with `ipconfig`.^[1]

[.001 Internet Connection Discovery](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors used a Visual Basic script that checked for internet connectivity.^[1]

Enterprise [T1049 System Network Connections Discovery](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors collected a list of open connections on the infected system using `netstat` and checks whether it has an internet connection.^[1]

Enterprise [T1033 System Owner/User Discovery](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors enumerated sessions and users on a remote host, and identified privileged users logged into a targeted system.^[1]

Enterprise [T1007 System Service Discovery](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors used the `tasklist` command to search for one of its backdoors.^[1]

Enterprise [T1569 .002 System Services: Service Execution](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors created services on remote systems for execution purposes.^[1]

Enterprise [T1124 System Time Discovery](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors used the `time` command to retrieve the current time of a compromised system.^[1]

Enterprise [T1552 .004 Unsecured Credentials: Private Keys](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors used [Mimikatz](#) to dump certificates and private keys from the Windows certificate store.^[1]

Enterprise [T1078 Valid Accounts](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors used valid VPN credentials to gain initial access.^[1]

[.002 Domain Accounts](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors used domain credentials, including domain admin, for lateral movement and privilege escalation.^[1]

[.003 Local Accounts](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors used local account credentials found during the intrusion for lateral movement and privilege escalation.^[1]

Enterprise [T1047 Windows Management Instrumentation](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors has used WMI to execute commands.^[1]

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