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Enterprise [T1087 .001 Account Discovery: Local Account](#)

[OilRig](#) has run `net user` , `net user /domain` , `net group "domain admins" /domain` , and `net group "Exchange Trusted Subsystem" /domain` to get account listings on a victim. [\[4\]](#)

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

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Enterprise [T1583 .001 Acquire Infrastructure: Domains](#)

[OilRig](#) has set up fake VPN portals, conference sign ups, and job application websites to target victims. [\[3\]](#)

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

[OilRig](#) has used HTTP for C2. [\[6\]\[17\]\[18\]](#)

During [Outer Space](#), [OilRig](#) used HTTP to communicate between installed backdoors and compromised servers including via the Microsoft Exchange Web Services API. [\[16\]](#)

During [Juicy Mix](#), [OilRig](#) used a VBS script to send POST requests to register installed malware with C2. [\[16\]](#)

[.004 Application Layer Protocol: DNS](#)

[OilRig](#) has used DNS for C2 including the publicly available `requestbin.net` tunneling service. [\[6\]\[17\]\[18\]\[10\]](#)

Enterprise [T1119 Automated Collection](#)

[OilRig](#) has used automated collection. [\[6\]](#)

Enterprise [T1217 Browser Information Discovery](#)

During [Outer Space](#), [OilRig](#) used a Chrome data dumper named MKG. [\[16\]](#)

During [Juicy Mix](#), [OilRig](#) used the CDumper (Chrome browser) and EDumper (Edge browser) data stealers to collect cookies, browsing history, and credentials. [\[16\]](#)

Enterprise [T1110 Brute Force](#)

[OilRig](#) has used brute force techniques to obtain credentials. ^{[17][12]}

Enterprise [T1115 Clipboard Data](#)

[OilRig](#) has used infostealer tools to copy clipboard data. ^[14]

Enterprise [T1059 Command and Scripting Interpreter](#)

[OilRig](#) has used various types of scripting for execution. ^{[1][19][20][7][21]}

[.001 PowerShell](#)

[OilRig](#) has used PowerShell scripts for execution, including use of a macro to run a PowerShell command to decode file contents. ^{[1][22][9][13]}

During [Juicy Mix](#), [OilRig](#) used a PowerShell script to steal credentials. ^[16]

[.003 Windows Command Shell](#)

[OilRig](#) has used macros to deliver malware such as [QUADAGENT](#) and [OopsIE](#). ^{[1][19][20][7][21]} [OilRig](#) has used batch scripts. ^{[1][19][20][7][21]}

[.005 Visual Basic](#)

[OilRig](#) has used VBScript macros for execution on compromised hosts. ^[10]

During [Outer Space](#), [OilRig](#) used VBS droppers to deploy malware. ^[16]

During [Juicy Mix](#), [OilRig](#) used VBS droppers to deliver and establish persistence for the [Mango](#) backdoor. ^[16]

Enterprise [T1586 .002 Compromise Accounts: Email Accounts](#)

[OilRig](#) has compromised email accounts to send phishing emails. ^[3]

Enterprise [T1584 .004 Compromise Infrastructure: Server](#)

During [Outer Space](#), [OilRig](#) compromised an Israeli human resources site to use as a C2 server. ^[16]

During [Juicy Mix](#), [OilRig](#) compromised an Israeli job portal to use for a C2 server. ^[16]

Enterprise [T1543 .003 Create or Modify System Process: Windows Service](#)

[OilRig](#) has used a compromised Domain Controller to create a service on a remote host. ^[14]

Enterprise [T1555 Credentials from Password Stores](#)

[OilRig](#) has used credential dumping tools such as [LaZagne](#) to steal credentials to accounts logged into the compromised system and to Outlook Web Access. ^{[6][17][23][18]}

[.003 Credentials from Web Browsers](#)

[OilRig](#) has used credential dumping tools such as [LaZagne](#) to steal credentials to accounts logged into the compromised system and to Outlook Web Access.^{[6][17][23][18]} [OilRig](#) has also used tool named PICKPOCKET to dump passwords from web browsers.^[18]

During [Juicy Mix](#), [OilRig](#) used the CDumper (Chrome browser) and EDumper (Edge browser) to collect credentials.^[16]

[.004 Windows Credential Manager](#)

[OilRig](#) has used credential dumping tool named VALUEVAULT to steal credentials from the Windows Credential Manager.^[18]

During [Juicy Mix](#), [OilRig](#) used a Windows Credential Manager stealer for credential access.^[16]

Enterprise [T1132 .001 Data Encoding: Standard Encoding](#)

During [Juicy Mix](#), [OilRig](#) used a VBS script to send the Base64-encoded name of the compromised computer to C2.^[16]

Enterprise [T1005 Data from Local System](#)

[OilRig](#) has used PowerShell to upload files from compromised systems.^[13]

Enterprise [T1025 Data from Removable Media](#)

[OilRig](#) has used Wireshark's usbcapcmd utility to capture USB traffic.^[14]

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

During [Juicy Mix](#), [OilRig](#) used browser data and credential stealer tools to stage stolen files named Cupdate, Eupdate, and IUpdate in the %TEMP% directory.^[16]

Enterprise [T1140 Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information](#)

A [OilRig](#) macro has run a PowerShell command to decode file contents. [OilRig](#) has also used [certutil](#) to decode base64-encoded files on victims.^{[1][22][20][24]}

During [Juicy Mix](#), [OilRig](#) used a script to concatenate and deobfuscate encoded strings in [Mango](#).^[16]

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

[OilRig](#) actively developed and used a series of downloaders during 2022.^[25]

For [Outer Space](#), [OilRig](#) created new implants including the [Solar](#) backdoor.^[16]

For [Juicy Mix](#), [OilRig](#) improved on [Solar](#) by developing the [Mango](#) backdoor.^[16]

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

[OilRig](#) used the [PowerExchange](#) utility and other tools to create tunnels to C2 servers. [\[17\]](#)

Enterprise [T1585 .003 Establish Accounts: Cloud Accounts](#)

During [Outer Space](#), [OilRig](#) created M365 email accounts to be used as part of C2. [\[16\]](#)

Enterprise [T1048 .003 Exfiltration Over Alternative Protocol: Exfiltration Over Unencrypted Non-C2 Protocol](#)

[OilRig](#) has exfiltrated data via Microsoft Exchange and over FTP separately from its primary C2 channel over DNS. [\[5\]\[13\]](#)

Enterprise [T1203 Exploitation for Client Execution](#)

[OilRig](#) has exploited CVE-2024-30088 to run arbitrary code in the context of SYSTEM. [\[13\]](#)

Enterprise [T1068 Exploitation for Privilege Escalation](#)

[OilRig](#) has exploited the Windows Kernel Elevation of Privilege vulnerability, CVE-2024-30088. [\[13\]](#)

Enterprise [T1133 External Remote Services](#)

[OilRig](#) uses remote services such as VPN, Citrix, or OWA to persist in an environment. [\[17\]](#)

Enterprise [T1008 Fallback Channels](#)

[OilRig](#) malware ISMAgent falls back to its DNS tunneling mechanism if it is unable to reach the C2 server over HTTP. [\[19\]](#)

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

[OilRig](#) has modified Windows firewall rules to enable remote access. [\[14\]](#)

Enterprise [T1070 .004 Indicator Removal: File Deletion](#)

[OilRig](#) has deleted files associated with their payload after execution. [\[1\]\[20\]](#)

Enterprise [T1105 Ingress Tool Transfer](#)

[OilRig](#) had downloaded remote files onto victim infrastructure. [\[1\]\[13\]](#)

During [Outer Space](#), [OilRig](#) downloaded additional tools to compromised infrastructure. [\[16\]](#)

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

[OilRig](#) has employed keyloggers including KEYPUNCH and LONGWATCH. [\[17\]\[18\]\[14\]](#)

Enterprise [T1036 Masquerading](#)

[OilRig](#) has used .doc file extensions to mask malicious executables. ^[10]

[.005 Match Legitimate Resource Name or Location](#)

[OilRig](#) has named a downloaded copy of the Plink tunneling utility as \ProgramData\Adobe.exe. ^[14]

Enterprise [T1556 .002 Modify Authentication Process: Password Filter DLL](#)

[OilRig](#) has registered a password filter DLL in order to drop malware. ^[13]

Enterprise [T1112 Modify Registry](#)

[OilRig](#) has used reg.exe to modify system configuration. ^{[14][13]}

Enterprise [T1046 Network Service Discovery](#)

[OilRig](#) has used the publicly available tool SoftPerfect Network Scanner as well as a custom tool called GOLDIRONY to conduct network scanning. ^[17]

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

[OilRig](#) has tested malware samples to determine AV detection and subsequently modified the samples to ensure AV evasion. ^{[2][21]}

[.013 Obfuscated Files or Information: Encrypted/Encoded File](#)

[OilRig](#) has encrypted and encoded data in its malware, including by using base64. ^{[1][7][6][9][21]}

During [Outer Space](#), [OilRig](#) deployed VBS droppers with obfuscated strings. ^[16]

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

[OilRig](#) has made use of the publicly available tools including Plink and [Mimikatz](#). ^{[14][13]}

[.003 Obtain Capabilities: Code Signing Certificates](#)

[OilRig](#) has obtained stolen code signing certificates to digitally sign malware. ^[3]

Enterprise [T1137 .004 Office Application Startup: Outlook Home Page](#)

[OilRig](#) has abused the Outlook Home Page feature for persistence. [OilRig](#) has also used CVE-2017-11774 to roll back the initial patch designed to protect against Home Page abuse. ^[26]

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

[OilRig](#) has used credential dumping tools such as [Mimikatz](#) to steal credentials to accounts logged into the compromised system and to Outlook Web Access. ^{[6][17][23][18]}

[.004 OS Credential Dumping: LSA Secrets](#)

[OilRig](#) has used credential dumping tools such as [LaZagne](#) to steal credentials to accounts logged into the compromised system and to Outlook Web Access.^{[6][17][23][18]}

[.005 OS Credential Dumping: Cached Domain Credentials](#)

[OilRig](#) has used credential dumping tools such as [LaZagne](#) to steal credentials to accounts logged into the compromised system and to Outlook Web Access.^{[6][17][23][18]}

Enterprise [T1201 Password Policy Discovery](#)

[OilRig](#) has used net.exe in a script with `net accounts /domain` to find the password policy of a domain.^[27]

Enterprise [T1120 Peripheral Device Discovery](#)

[OilRig](#) has used tools to identify if a mouse is connected to a targeted system.^[10]

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

[OilRig](#) has used `net localgroup administrators` to find local administrators on compromised systems.^{[4][14]}

[.002 Permission Groups Discovery: Domain Groups](#)

[OilRig](#) has used `net group /domain`, `net group "domain admins" /domain`, and `net group "Exchange Trusted Subsystem" /domain` to find domain group permission settings.^[4]

Enterprise [T1566 .001 Phishing: Spearphishing Attachment](#)

[OilRig](#) has sent spearphishing emails with malicious attachments to potential victims using compromised and/or spoofed email accounts.^{[20][7][9][3]}

[.002 Phishing: Spearphishing Link](#)

[OilRig](#) has sent spearphishing emails with malicious links to potential victims.^{[20][3]}

[.003 Phishing: Spearphishing via Service](#)

[OilRig](#) has used LinkedIn to send spearphishing links.^[18]

Enterprise [T1057 Process Discovery](#)

[OilRig](#) has run `tasklist` on a victim's machine and used infostealers to capture processes.^{[4][14]}

Enterprise [T1572 Protocol Tunneling](#)

[OilRig](#) has used the Plink utility and other tools to create tunnels to C2 servers.^{[6][17][18][14]}

Enterprise [T1012 Query Registry](#)

[OilRig](#) has used `reg query "HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Terminal Server Client\Default"` on a victim to query the Registry.^[4]

Enterprise [T1219 Remote Access Tools](#)

[OilRig](#) has incorporated remote monitoring and management (RMM) tools into their operations including [ngrok](#).^[13]

Enterprise [T1021 .001 Remote Services: Remote Desktop Protocol](#)

[OilRig](#) has used Remote Desktop Protocol for lateral movement. The group has also used tunneling tools to tunnel RDP into the environment.^{[6][17][24][14][14]}

[.004 Remote Services: SSH](#)

[OilRig](#) has used Putty to access compromised systems.^[6]

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

[OilRig](#) has created scheduled tasks that run a VBScript to execute a payload on victim machines.^{[20][7][18][10]}

During [Juicy Mix](#), [OilRig](#) used VBS droppers to schedule tasks for persistence.^[16]

Enterprise [T1113 Screen Capture](#)

[OilRig](#) has a tool called CANDYKING to capture a screenshot of user's desktop.^[17]

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

[OilRig](#) has used web shells, often to maintain access to a victim network.^{[6][17][24][13]}

Enterprise [T1518 Software Discovery](#)

During [Juicy Mix](#), [OilRig](#) used browser data dumper tools to create a list of users with Google Chrome installed.^[16]

Enterprise [T1608 .001 Stage Capabilities: Upload Malware](#)

[OilRig](#) has hosted malware on fake websites designed to target specific audiences.^[3]

Enterprise [T1553 .002 Subvert Trust Controls: Code Signing](#)

[OilRig](#) has signed its malware with stolen certificates.^[3]

Enterprise [T1195 Supply Chain Compromise](#)

[OilRig](#) has leveraged compromised organizations to conduct supply chain attacks on government entities.^[13]

Enterprise [T1218 .001 System Binary Proxy Execution: Compiled HTML File](#)

[OilRig](#) has used a CHM payload to load and execute another malicious file once delivered to a victim. [\[4\]](#)

Enterprise [T1082 System Information Discovery](#)

[OilRig](#) has run `hostname` and `systeminfo` on a victim. [\[4\]\[5\]\[18\]\[10\]\[14\]](#)

During [Juicy Mix](#), [OilRig](#) used a script to send the name of the compromised host via HTTP `POST` to register it with C2. [\[16\]](#)

Enterprise [T1016 System Network Configuration Discovery](#)

[OilRig](#) has run `ipconfig /all` on a victim. [\[4\]\[5\]](#)

Enterprise [T1049 System Network Connections Discovery](#)

[OilRig](#) has used `netstat -an` on a victim to get a listing of network connections. [\[4\]](#)

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

[OilRig](#) has run `whoami` on a victim. [\[4\]\[5\]\[10\]](#)

Enterprise [T1007 System Service Discovery](#)

[OilRig](#) has used `sc query` on a victim to gather information about services. [\[4\]](#)

Enterprise [T1552 .001 Unsecured Credentials: Credentials In Files](#)

[OilRig](#) has used credential dumping tools such as [LaZagne](#) to steal credentials to accounts logged into the compromised system and to Outlook Web Access. [\[6\]\[17\]\[23\]\[18\]](#)

Enterprise [T1204 .001 User Execution: Malicious Link](#)

[OilRig](#) has delivered malicious links to achieve execution on the target system. [\[20\]\[7\]\[9\]\[3\]](#)

[.002 User Execution: Malicious File](#)

[OilRig](#) has delivered macro-enabled documents that required targets to click the "enable content" button to execute the payload on the system. [\[20\]\[7\]\[9\]\[10\]\[3\]](#)

Enterprise [T1078 Valid Accounts](#)

[OilRig](#) has used compromised credentials to access other systems on a victim network. [\[6\]\[17\]\[24\]\[12\]](#)

[.002 Domain Accounts](#)

[OilRig](#) has used an exfiltration tool named STEALHOOK to retrieve valid domain credentials. [\[13\]](#)

Enterprise [T1497 .001 Virtualization/Sandbox Evasion: System Checks](#)

[OilRig](#) has used macros to verify if a mouse is connected to a compromised machine. [\[10\]](#)

Enterprise [T1047 Windows Management Instrumentation](#)

[OilRig](#) has used WMI for execution. [\[17\]\[14\]](#)

ICS [T0817 Drive-by Compromise](#)

[OilRig](#) has been seen utilizing watering hole attacks to collect credentials which could be used to gain access into ICS networks. [\[28\]](#)

ICS [T0853 Scripting](#)

[OilRig](#) has embedded a macro within spearphishing attachments that has been made up of both a VBScript and a PowerShell script. [\[29\]](#)

ICS [T0865 Spearphishing Attachment](#)

[OilRig](#) used spearphishing emails with malicious Microsoft Excel spreadsheet attachments. [\[29\]](#)

ICS [T0869 Standard Application Layer Protocol](#)

[OilRig](#) communicated with its command and control using HTTP requests. [\[29\]](#)

ICS [T0859 Valid Accounts](#)

[OilRig](#) utilized stolen credentials to gain access to victim machines. [\[30\]](#)

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