

ADVSTORESHELL, Software S0045 | MITRE ATT&CK®

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

[ADVSTORESHELL](#) connects to port 80 of a C2 server using Wininet API. Data is exchanged via HTTP POSTs. ^[1]

Enterprise [T1560 Archive Collected Data](#)

[ADVSTORESHELL](#) encrypts with the 3DES algorithm and a hardcoded key prior to exfiltration. ^[2]

[.003 Archive via Custom Method](#)

[ADVSTORESHELL](#) compresses output data generated by command execution with a custom implementation of the Lempel–Ziv–Welch (LZW) algorithm. ^[2]

Enterprise [T1547 .001 Boot or Logon Autostart Execution: Registry Run Keys / Startup Folder](#)

[ADVSTORESHELL](#) achieves persistence by adding itself to the `HKCU\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run` Registry key. ^{[1][2][3]}

Enterprise [T1059 .003 Command and Scripting Interpreter: Windows Command Shell](#)

[ADVSTORESHELL](#) can create a remote shell and run a given command. ^{[2][3]}

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

C2 traffic from [ADVSTORESHELL](#) is encrypted, then encoded with Base64 encoding. ^[1]

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

[ADVSTORESHELL](#) stores output from command execution in a .dat file in the %TEMP% directory. ^[2]

Enterprise [T1573 .001 Encrypted Channel: Symmetric Cryptography](#)

A variant of [ADVSTORESHELL](#) encrypts some C2 with 3DES. ^[3]

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

A variant of [ADVSTORESHELL](#) encrypts some C2 with RSA. ^[3]

Enterprise [T1546 .015 Event Triggered Execution: Component Object Model Hijacking](#)

Some variants of [ADVSTORESHELL](#) achieve persistence by registering the payload as a Shell Icon Overlay handler COM object. ^[2]

Enterprise [T1041 Exfiltration Over C2 Channel](#)

[ADVSTORESHELL](#) exfiltrates data over the same channel used for C2. ^[2]

Enterprise [T1083 File and Directory Discovery](#)

[ADVSTORESHELL](#) can list files and directories. ^{[2][3]}

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

[ADVSTORESHELL](#) can delete files and directories. ^[2]

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

[ADVSTORESHELL](#) can perform keylogging. ^{[2][3]}

Enterprise [T1112 Modify Registry](#)

[ADVSTORESHELL](#) is capable of setting and deleting Registry values. ^[3]

Enterprise [T1106 Native API](#)

[ADVSTORESHELL](#) is capable of starting a process using CreateProcess. ^[3]

Enterprise [T1027 Obfuscated Files or Information](#)

Most of the strings in [ADVSTORESHELL](#) are encrypted with an XOR-based algorithm; some strings are also encrypted with 3DES and reversed. API function names are also reversed, presumably to avoid detection in memory. ^{[1][3]}

Enterprise [T1120 Peripheral Device Discovery](#)

[ADVSTORESHELL](#) can list connected devices. ^[2]

Enterprise [T1057 Process Discovery](#)

[ADVSTORESHELL](#) can list running processes. ^[2]

Enterprise [T1012 Query Registry](#)

[ADVSTORESHELL](#) can enumerate registry keys. ^{[2][3]}

Enterprise [T1029 Scheduled Transfer](#)

[ADVSTORESHELL](#) collects, compresses, encrypts, and exfiltrates data to the C2 server every 10 minutes. ^[2]

Enterprise [T1218 .011 System Binary Proxy Execution: Rundll32](#)

[ADVSTORESHELL](#) has used rundll32.exe in a Registry value to establish persistence. ^[3]

Enterprise [T1082 System Information Discovery](#).

[ADVSTORESHELL](#) can run [Systeminfo](#) to gather information about the victim. [\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)

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