

Detection of System Service Discovery Commands Across OS Platforms, Detection Strategy DET0483

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AN1325

Enumeration of services via native CLI tools (e.g., `sc query`, `tasklist /svc`, `net start`) or API calls via PowerShell and WMI.

Log Sources

Mutable Elements

Field	Description
ProcessName	Can be tuned to specific binaries used for service enumeration (e.g., <code>`sc.exe`</code> , <code>`tasklist.exe`</code>).
CommandLineMatch	Filters for variations like <code>`sc query`</code> , <code>`net start`</code> , <code>`Get-Service`</code> .
ParentProcess	Used to suppress known admin scripts or automation jobs.

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Execution of service management commands like `systemctl list-units`, `service --status-all`, or direct reading of `/etc/init.d`.

Log Sources

Mutable Elements

Field	Description
CommandPattern	Includes service enumeration commands like <code>`systemctl`</code> , <code>`service`</code> , or custom scripts.
ExecutionUser	Tunable by user context (e.g., <code>root</code> vs. <code>standard user</code>).
TimeWindow	Used for correlation with privilege escalation or lateral movement.

AN1327

Discovery via `launchctl` commands, or process enumeration using `ps aux | grep com.apple.` to identify daemons and services.

Log Sources

Mutable Elements

Field	Description
CommandLineContent	Tune to recognize `launchctl list`, `launchctl print`, or service grep strings.
ProcessParent	Filter known benign automation or MDM agent invocations.

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