

Command and Scripting Interpreter: Unix Shell, Sub-technique T1059.004 - Enterprise

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[S0504 Anchor](#)

[Anchor](#) can execute payloads via shell scripting.^[3]

[S0584 AppleJeus](#)

[AppleJeus](#) has used shell scripts to execute commands after installation and set persistence mechanisms.^{[4][5]}

[G0096 APT41](#)

[APT41](#) used Linux shell commands for system survey and information gathering prior to exploitation of vulnerabilities such as CVE-2019-19871.^[6]

[G0143 Aquatic Panda](#)

[Aquatic Panda](#) used malicious shell scripts in Linux environments following access via SSH to install Linux versions of Winnti malware.^[7]

[S1184 BOLDMOVE](#)

[BOLDMOVE](#) is capable of spawning a remote command shell.^[8]

[S1161 BPFDoor](#)

[BPFDoor](#) can create a reverse shell and supports vt100 emulator formatting.^[9]

[S0482 Bundlore](#)

[Bundlore](#) has leveraged /bin/sh and /bin/bash to execute commands on the victim machine.^[10]

[S0077 CallMe](#)

[CallMe](#) has the capability to create a reverse shell on victims.^[11]

[S1224 CASTLETAP](#)

[CASTLETAP](#) has the ability to spawn BusyBox command shell in victim environments.^[12]

[S0220 Chaos](#)

[Chaos](#) provides a reverse shell connection on 8338/TCP, encrypted via AES.^[13]

[S1105 COATHANGER](#)

[COATHANGER](#) provides a BusyBox reverse shell for command and control. [\[14\]](#)

[S0369 CoinTicker](#)

[CoinTicker](#) executes a bash script to establish a reverse shell. [\[15\]](#)

[G1052 Contagious Interview](#)

[Contagious Interview](#) has targeted macOS victim hosts using a bash downloader coremedia.sh and a bash script cloud.sh. [\[16\]](#)

[S0492 CookieMiner](#)

[CookieMiner](#) has used a Unix shell script to run a series of commands targeting macOS. [\[17\]](#)

[S1153 Cuckoo Stealer](#)

[Cuckoo Stealer](#) can spawn a bash shell to enable execution on compromised hosts. [\[18\]](#)

[S0021 Derusbi](#)

[Derusbi](#) is capable of creating a remote Bash shell and executing commands. [\[19\]\[20\]](#)

[S0600 Doki](#)

[Doki](#) has executed shell scripts with /bin/sh. [\[21\]](#)

[S0502 Drovorub](#)

[Drovorub](#) can execute arbitrary commands as root on a compromised system. [\[22\]](#)

[S0377 Ebury](#)

[Ebury](#) can use the commands `Xcsh` or `Xcls` to open a shell with [Ebury](#) level permissions and `Xxsh` to open a shell with root level. [\[23\]](#)

[S0401 Exaramel for Linux](#)

[Exaramel for Linux](#) has a command to execute a shell command on the system. [\[24\]\[25\]](#)

[C0053 FLORAHOX Activity](#)

[FLORAHOX Activity](#) has executed multiple Bash controller scripts to provide command line inputs for FLORAHOX traversal configurations. [\[26\]](#)

[S0410 Fysbis](#)

[Fysbis](#) has the ability to create and execute commands in a remote shell for CLI. [\[27\]](#)

[S1198 Gomir](#)

[Gomir](#) reads command line arguments and parses them for functionality when executed from a Linux shell, and can execute arbitrary strings passed to it as shell commands. [\[28\]](#)

[S0690 Green Lambert](#)

[Green Lambert](#) can use shell scripts for execution, such as `/bin/sh -c .` [\[29\]\[30\]](#)

[S0601 Hildegard](#)

[Hildegard](#) has used shell scripts for execution. [\[31\]](#)

[S1203 J-magic](#)

The [J-magic](#) agent is executed through a command line argument which specifies an interface and listening port. [\[32\]](#)

[S0265 Kazuar](#)

[Kazuar](#) uses `/bin/bash` to execute commands on the victim's machine. [\[33\]](#)

[S0599 Kinsing](#)

[Kinsing](#) has used Unix shell scripts to execute commands in the victim environment. [\[34\]](#)

[S0641 Kobalos](#)

[Kobalos](#) can spawn a new pseudo-terminal and execute arbitrary commands at the command prompt. [\[35\]](#)

[C0035 KV Botnet Activity](#)

[KV Botnet Activity](#) utilizes multiple Bash scripts during botnet installation stages, and the final botnet payload allows for running commands in the Bash shell. [\[36\]](#)

[S0451 LoudMiner](#)

[LoudMiner](#) used shell scripts to launch various services and to start/stop the QEMU virtualization. [\[37\]](#)

[S1016 MacMa](#)

[MacMa](#) can execute supplied shell commands and uses bash scripts to perform additional actions. [\[38\]\[39\]](#)

[S0198 NETWIRE](#)

[NETWIRE](#) has the ability to use `/bin/bash` and `/bin/sh` to execute commands. [\[40\]\[41\]](#)

[S1107 NKAbuse](#)

[NKAbuse](#) is initially installed and executed through an initial shell script. [\[42\]](#)

[C0048 Operation MidnightEclipse](#)

During [Operation MidnightEclipse](#), threat actors piped output from stdout to bash for execution. [\[43\]\[44\]](#)

[S0402 OSX/Shlayer](#)

[OSX/Shlayer](#) can use bash scripts to check the macOS version, download payloads, and extract bytes from files.

[OSX/Shlayer](#) uses the command `sh -c tail -c +1381...` to extract bytes at an offset from a specified file.

[OSX/Shlayer](#) uses the `curl -fsL "$url" >$tmp_path` command to download malicious payloads into a temporary directory. [\[45\]\[46\]\[47\]\[48\]](#)

[S0352 OSX OCEANLOTUS.D](#)

[OSX OCEANLOTUS.D](#) uses a shell script as the main executable inside an app bundle and drops an embedded base64-encoded payload to the `/tmp` folder. [\[49\]\[50\]](#)

[S1109 PACEMAKER](#)

[PACEMAKER](#) can use a simple bash script for execution. [\[51\]](#)

[S0587 Penguin](#)

[Penguin](#) can execute remote commands using bash scripts. [\[52\]](#)

[S1123 PITSTOP](#)

[PITSTOP](#) has the ability to receive shell commands over a Unix domain socket. [\[53\]](#)

[S0279 Proton](#)

[Proton](#) uses macOS' `.command` file type to script actions. [\[54\]](#)

[S1108 PULSECHECK](#)

[PULSECHECK](#) can use Unix shell script for command execution. [\[51\]](#)

[C0055 Quad7 Activity](#)

[Quad7 Activity](#) has enabled the creation of an access-controlled command shell `/bin/sh` on compromised routers. [\[55\]\[56\]](#)

[C0056 RedPenguin](#)

During [RedPenguin](#), [UNC3886](#) used malware capable of launching an interactive shell. [\[57\]\[58\]](#)

[S1219 REPTILE](#)

[REPTILE](#) can deploy components automatically with shell scripts. [\[59\]](#)

[S1222 RIFLESPINE](#)

[RIFLESPINE](#) can execute commands with `/bin/sh`. [\[59\]](#)

[G0106 Rocke](#)

[Rocke](#) used shell scripts to run commands which would obtain persistence and execute the cryptocurrency mining malware. [\[60\]](#)

[G1015 Scattered Spider](#)

[Scattered Spider](#) has used the command shell to upload and install the Teleport remote access tool to a compromised vCenter Server Appliance. [\[61\]](#)

[G1041 Sea Turtle](#)

[Sea Turtle](#) used shell scripts for post-exploitation execution in victim environments. [\[62\]\[63\]](#)

[S0468 Skidmap](#)

[Skidmap](#) has used `pm.sh` to download and install its main payload. [\[64\]](#)

[S1163 SnappyTCP](#)

[SnappyTCP](#) creates the reverse shell using a pthread spawning a bash shell. [\[62\]](#)

[G0139 TeamTNT](#)

[TeamTNT](#) has used shell scripts for execution. [\[65\]\[66\]](#)

[S0647 Turian](#)

[Turian](#) has the ability to use `/bin/sh` to execute commands. [\[67\]](#)

[G1048 UNC3886](#)

[UNC3886](#) has used a bash script to install malicious vSphere Installation Bundles (VIBs). [\[68\]](#)

[G1047 Velvet Ant](#)

[Velvet Ant](#) used a custom tool, VELVETSTING, to parse encoded inbound commands to compromised F5 BIG-IP devices and then execute them via the Unix shell. [\[69\]](#)

[S1217 VIRTUALPITA](#)

[VIRTUALPITA](#) has the ability to spawn a bash shell for script execution. [\[68\]](#)

[G1017 Volt Typhoon](#)

[Volt Typhoon](#) has used Brightmetricagent.exe which contains a command- line interface (CLI) library that can leverage command shells including Z Shell (zsh). [\[70\]](#)

[S0466 WindTail](#)

[WindTail](#) can use the `open` command to execute an application. [\[71\]](#)

[S0658 XCSSET](#)

[XCSSET](#) uses a shell script to execute Mach-o files and `osacompile` commands such as, `osacompile -x -o xcode.app main.applescript`. [\[72\]](#)

[S1114 ZIPLINE](#)

[ZIPLINE](#) can use `/bin/sh` to create a reverse shell and execute commands. [\[73\]](#)

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