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

For [C0021](#), the threat actors registered domains for use in C2. ^[2]

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

During [C0021](#), the threat actors used HTTP for some of their C2 communications. ^[2]

Enterprise [T1059 .001 Command and Scripting Interpreter: PowerShell](#)

During [C0021](#), the threat actors used obfuscated PowerShell to extract an encoded payload from within an .LNK file. ^{[2][1]}

Enterprise [T1584 .001 Compromise Infrastructure: Domains](#)

For [C0021](#), the threat actors used legitimate but compromised domains to host malicious payloads. ^[1]

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

During [C0021](#), the threat actors deobfuscated encoded PowerShell commands including use of the specific string `'FromBase'+0x40+'String'` , in place of `FromBase64String` which is normally used to decode base64. ^{[2][1]}

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

During [C0021](#), the threat actors used SSL via TCP port 443 for C2 communications. ^[2]

Enterprise [T1105 Ingress Tool Transfer](#)

During [C0021](#), the threat actors downloaded additional tools and files onto victim machines. ^{[1][2]}

Enterprise [T1095 Non-Application Layer Protocol](#)

During [C0021](#), the threat actors used TCP for some C2 communications. ^[2]

Enterprise [T1027 .009 Obfuscated Files or Information: Embedded Payloads](#)

For [C0021](#), the threat actors embedded a base64-encoded payload within a LNK file. ^[1]

[.010 Obfuscated Files or Information: Command Obfuscation](#)

During [C0021](#), the threat actors used encoded PowerShell commands. ^{[2][1]}

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

For [C0021](#), the threat actors used [Cobalt Strike](#) configured with a modified variation of the publicly available Pandora Malleable C2 Profile.^{[2][1]}

Enterprise [T1566 .002 Phishing: Spearphishing Link](#)

During [C0021](#), the threat actors sent phishing emails with unique malicious links, likely for tracking victim clicks.^{[2][1]}

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

For [C0021](#), the threat actors uploaded malware to websites under their control.^{[2][1]}

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

During [C0021](#), the threat actors used `rundll32.exe` to execute the [Cobalt Strike](#) Beacon loader DLL.^[2]

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

During [C0021](#), the threat actors lured users into clicking a malicious link which led to the download of a ZIP archive containing a malicious .LNK file.^[2]

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