

System Network Connections Discovery, Technique T1049 - Enterprise

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[G0018 admin@338](#)

[admin@338](#) actors used the following command following exploitation of a machine with [LOWBALL](#) malware to display network connections: `netstat -ano >> %temp%\download` [\[6\]](#)

[G0138 Andariel](#)

[Andariel](#) has used the `netstat -naop tcp` command to display TCP connections on a victim's machine. [\[7\]](#)

[G0006 APT1](#)

[APT1](#) used the `net use` command to get a listing on network connections. [\[8\]](#)

[G0022 APT3](#)

[APT3](#) has a tool that can enumerate current network connections. [\[9\]](#)[\[10\]](#)[\[11\]](#)

[G0050 APT32](#)

[APT32](#) used the `netstat -anpo tcp` command to display TCP connections on the victim's machine. [\[12\]](#)

[G0082 APT38](#)

[APT38](#) installed a port monitoring tool, MAPMAKER, to print the active TCP connections on the local system. [\[13\]](#)

[G0096 APT41](#)

[APT41](#) has enumerated IP addresses of network resources and used the `netstat` command as part of network reconnaissance. The group has also used a malware variant, HIGHNOON, to enumerate active RDP sessions. [\[14\]](#) [\[15\]](#)

[G1023 APT5](#)

[APT5](#) has used the BLOODMINE utility to collect data on web requests from Pulse Secure Connect logs. [\[16\]](#)

[S0456 Aria-body](#)

[Aria-body](#) has the ability to gather TCP and UDP table status listings. [\[17\]](#)

[S0638 Babuk](#)

[Babuk](#) can use "WNetOpenEnumW" and "WNetEnumResourceW" to enumerate files in network resources for encryption. [\[18\]](#)

[G0135 BackdoorDiplomacy](#)

[BackdoorDiplomacy](#) has used NetCat and PortQry to enumerate network connections and display the status of related TCP and UDP ports. [\[19\]](#)

[S1081 BADHATCH](#)

[BADHATCH](#) can execute `netstat.exe -f` on a compromised machine. [\[20\]](#)

[S0089 BlackEnergy](#)

[BlackEnergy](#) has gathered information about local network connections using [netstat](#). [\[21\]](#)[\[22\]](#)

[S0335 Carbon](#)

[Carbon](#) uses the `netstat -r` and `netstat -an` commands. [\[23\]](#)

[G0114 Chimera](#)

[Chimera](#) has used `netstat -ano | findstr EST` to discover network connections. [\[24\]](#)

[S0154 Cobalt Strike](#)

[Cobalt Strike](#) can produce a sessions report from compromised hosts. [\[25\]](#)

[S0244 Connie](#)

[Connie](#) executes the `netstat -ano` command. [\[26\]](#)

[S0575 Conti](#)

[Conti](#) can enumerate routine network connections from a compromised host. [\[27\]](#)

[S0488 CrackMapExec](#)

[CrackMapExec](#) can discover active sessions for a targeted system. [\[28\]](#)

[S0625 Cuba](#)

[Cuba](#) can use the function `GetIpNetTable` to recover the last connections to the victim's machine. [\[29\]](#)

[S0567 Dtrack](#)

[Dtrack](#) can collect network and active connection information. [\[30\]](#)

[S0038 Duqu](#)

The discovery modules used with [Dugu](#) can collect information on network connections. [\[31\]](#)

[G1006 Earth Lusca](#)

[Earth Lusca](#) employed a PowerShell script called RDPConnectionParser to read and filter the Windows event log "Microsoft-Windows-TerminalServices-RDPClient/Operational" (Event ID 1024) to obtain network information from RDP connections. [Earth Lusca](#) has also used [netstat](#) from a compromised system to obtain network connection information. [\[32\]](#)

[S0554 Egregor](#)

[Egregor](#) can enumerate all connected drives. [\[33\]](#)

[S0363 Empire](#)

[Empire](#) can enumerate the current network connections of a host. [\[34\]](#)

[S0091 Epic](#)

[Epic](#) uses the `net use`, `net session`, and `netstat` commands to gather information on network connections. [\[35\]\[36\]](#)

[G1016 FIN13](#)

[FIN13](#) has used `netstat` and other net commands for network reconnaissance efforts. [\[37\]](#)

[S0696 Flagpro](#)

[Flagpro](#) has been used to execute `netstat -ano` on a compromised host. [\[38\]](#)

[S1144 FRP](#)

[FRP](#) can use a dashboard and U/I to display the status of connections from the FRP client and server. [\[39\]](#)

[C0007 FunnyDream](#)

During [FunnyDream](#), the threat actors used [netstat](#) to discover network connections on remote systems. [\[40\]](#)

[G0093 GALLIUM](#)

[GALLIUM](#) used `netstat -oan` to obtain information about the victim network connections. [\[41\]](#)

[S0237 GravityRAT](#)

[GravityRAT](#) uses the `netstat` command to find open ports on the victim's machine. [\[42\]](#)

[G1001 HEXANE](#)

[HEXANE](#) has used [netstat](#) to monitor connections to specific ports. [\[43\]](#)

[G1032 INC Ransom](#)

[INC Ransom](#) has used RDP to test network connections. [\[44\]](#)

[S0283 jRAT](#)

[jRAT](#) can list network connections. [\[45\]](#)

[G0004 Ke3chang](#)

[Ke3chang](#) performs local network connection discovery using `netstat`. [\[46\]](#)[\[47\]](#)

[S0356 KONNI](#)

[KONNI](#) has used `net session` on the victim's machine. [\[48\]](#)

[S1075 KOPILUWAK](#)

[KOPILUWAK](#) can use `netstat`, `Arp`, and `Net` to discover current TCP connections. [\[49\]](#)

[S0236 Kwampirs](#)

[Kwampirs](#) collects a list of active and listening connections by using the command `netstat -nao` as well as a list of available network mappings with `net use`. [\[50\]](#)

[G0032 Lazarus Group](#)

[Lazarus Group](#) has used `net use` to identify and establish a network connection with a remote host. [\[51\]](#)

[S0681 Lizar](#)

[Lizar](#) has a plugin to retrieve information about all active network sessions on the infected server. [\[52\]](#)

[G0030 Lotus Blossom](#)

[Lotus Blossom](#) has used commands such as `netstat` to identify system network connections. [\[53\]](#)

[S0532 Lucifer](#)

[Lucifer](#) can identify the IP and port numbers for all remote connections from the compromised host. [\[54\]](#)

[S1141 LunarWeb](#)

[LunarWeb](#) can enumerate system network connections. [\[55\]](#)

[S1060 Mafalda](#)

[Mafalda](#) can use the `GetExtendedTcpTable` function to retrieve information about established TCP connections. [\[56\]](#)

[G0059 Magic Hound](#)

[Magic Hound](#) has used `quser.exe` to identify existing RDP connections. [\[57\]](#)

[S0449 Maze](#)

[Maze](#) has used the "WNetOpenEnumW", "WNetEnumResourceW", "WNetCloseEnum" and "WNetAddConnection2W" functions to enumerate the network resources on the infected machine. [\[58\]](#)

[G0045 menuPass](#)

[menuPass](#) has used `net use` to conduct connectivity checks to machines. [\[59\]](#)

[S0443 MESSAGETAP](#)

After loading the keyword and phone data files, [MESSAGETAP](#) begins monitoring all network connections to and from the victim server. [\[60\]](#)

[G0069 MuddyWater](#)

[MuddyWater](#) has used a PowerShell backdoor to check for Skype connections on the target machine. [\[61\]](#)

[G0129 Mustang Panda](#)

[Mustang Panda](#) has used `netstat -ano` to determine network connection information. [\[62\]](#)

[S0102 nbtstat](#)

`nbtstat` can be used to discover current NetBIOS sessions.

[S0039 Net](#)

Commands such as `net use` and `net session` can be used in [Net](#) to gather information about network connections from a particular host. [\[63\]](#)

[S0104 netstat](#)

`netstat` can be used to enumerate local network connections, including active TCP connections and other network statistics. [\[64\]](#)

[S0198 NETWIRE](#)

[NETWIRE](#) can capture session logon details from a compromised host. [\[65\]](#)

[G0049 OilRig](#)

[OilRig](#) has used `netstat -an` on a victim to get a listing of network connections. [\[66\]](#)

[S0439 Okrum](#)

[Okrum](#) was seen using NetSess to discover NetBIOS sessions.^[67]

[C0012 Operation CuckooBees](#)

During [Operation CuckooBees](#), the threat actors used the `net session`, `net use`, and `netstat` commands as part of their advanced reconnaissance.^[68]

[C0014 Operation Wocao](#)

During [Operation Wocao](#), threat actors collected a list of open connections on the infected system using `netstat` and checks whether it has an internet connection.^[69]

[S0165 OSInfo](#)

[OSInfo](#) enumerates the current network connections similar to `net use`.^[9]

[S1091 Pacu](#)

Once inside a Virtual Private Cloud, [Pacu](#) can attempt to identify DirectConnect, VPN, or VPC Peering.^[70]

[S0013 PlugX](#)

[PlugX](#) has a module for enumerating TCP and UDP network connections and associated processes using the `netstat` command.^[71]

[G0033 Poseidon Group](#)

[Poseidon Group](#) obtains and saves information about victim network interfaces and addresses.^[72]

[S0378 PoshC2](#)

[PoshC2](#) contains an implementation of `netstat` to enumerate TCP and UDP connections.^[73]

[S0184 POWRUNER](#)

[POWRUNER](#) may collect active network connections by running `netstat -an` on a victim.^[74]

[S1228 PUBLOAD](#)

[PUBLOAD](#) has used several commands executed in sequence via `cmd` in a short interval to gather information on network connections.^[75]

[S0192 Pupy](#)

[Pupy](#) has a built-in utility command for `netstat`, can do net session through PowerView, and has an interactive shell which can be used to discover additional information.^[76]

[S1032 PyDCrypt](#)

[PyDCrypt](#) has used [netsh](#) to find RPC connections on remote machines. [\[77\]](#)

[S0650 QakBot](#)

[QakBot](#) can use `netstat` to enumerate current network connections. [\[78\]\[79\]](#)

[S0458 Ramsay](#)

[Ramsay](#) can use `netstat` to enumerate network connections. [\[80\]](#)

[S0241 RATANKBA](#)

[RATANKBA](#) uses `netstat -ano` to search for specific IP address ranges. [\[81\]](#)

[S0153 RedLeaves](#)

[RedLeaves](#) can enumerate drives and Remote Desktop sessions. [\[82\]](#)

[S0125 Remsec](#)

[Remsec](#) can obtain a list of active connections and open ports. [\[83\]](#)

[G0034 Sandworm Team](#)

[Sandworm Team](#) had gathered user, IP address, and server data related to RDP sessions on a compromised host. It has also accessed network diagram files useful for understanding how a host's network was configured. [\[84\]\[85\]](#)

[S1085 Sardonic](#)

[Sardonic](#) has the ability to execute the `netstat` command. [\[86\]](#)

[S0445 ShimRatReporter](#)

[ShimRatReporter](#) used the Windows function `GetExtendedUdpTable` to detect connected UDP endpoints. [\[87\]](#)

[S0063 SHOTPUT](#)

[SHOTPUT](#) uses `netstat` to list TCP connection status. [\[88\]](#)

[S0589 Sibot](#)

[Sibot](#) has retrieved a GUID associated with a present LAN connection on a compromised machine. [\[89\]](#)

[S0633 Sliver](#)

[Sliver](#) can collect network connection information. [\[90\]](#)

[S0533 SLOTHFULMEDIA](#)

[SLOTHFULMEDIA](#) can enumerate open ports on a victim machine. [\[91\]](#)

[S0374 SpeakUp](#)

[SpeakUp](#) uses the `arp -a` command. [\[92\]](#)

[S0018 Sykipot](#)

[Sykipot](#) may use `netstat -ano` to display active network connections. [\[93\]](#)

[G0139 TeamTNT](#)

[TeamTNT](#) has run `netstat -anp` to search for rival malware connections. [\[94\]](#) [TeamTNT](#) has also used `libprocesshider` to modify `/etc/ld.so.preload`. [\[95\]](#)

[G0027 Threat Group-3390](#)

[Threat Group-3390](#) has used `net use` and `netstat` to conduct internal discovery of systems. The group has also used `quser.exe` to identify existing RDP sessions on a victim. [\[96\]](#)

[G1022 ToddyCat](#)

[ToddyCat](#) has used `netstat -anop tcp` to discover TCP connections to compromised hosts. [\[97\]](#)

[S0678 Torisma](#)

[Torisma](#) can use `WTSEnumerateSessionsW` to monitor remote desktop connections. [\[98\]](#)

[S0094 Trojan.Karagany](#)

[Trojan.Karagany](#) can use `netstat` to collect a list of network connections. [\[99\]](#)

[G0081 Tropic Trooper](#)

[Tropic Trooper](#) has tested if the localhost network is available and other connection capability on an infected system using command scripts. [\[100\]](#)

[G0010 Turla](#)

[Turla](#) surveys a system upon check-in to discover active local network connections using the `netstat -an`, `net use`, `net file`, and `net session` commands. [\[35\]](#)[\[101\]](#) [Turla](#) RPC backdoors have also enumerated the IPv4 TCP connection table via the `GetTcpTable2` API call. [\[102\]](#)

[S0452 USBferry](#)

[USBferry](#) can use `netstat` and `nbtstat` to detect active network connections. [\[100\]](#)

[G1047 Velvet Ant](#)

[Velvet Ant](#) has enumerated existing network connections on victim devices. [\[103\]](#)

[S0180 Volgmer](#)

[Volgmer](#) can gather information about TCP connection state. [\[104\]](#)

[G1017 Volt Typhoon](#)

[Volt Typhoon](#) has used `netstat -ano` on compromised hosts to enumerate network connections. [\[105\]](#)[\[106\]](#)

[S0579 Waterbear](#)

[Waterbear](#) can use API hooks on `GetExtendedTcpTable` to retrieve a table containing a list of TCP endpoints available to the application. [\[107\]](#)

[S0251 Zebrocy](#)

[Zebrocy](#) uses `netstat -aon` to gather network connection information. [\[108\]](#)

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