

# Service Stop, Technique T1489 - Enterprise

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## [S1194 Akira\\_v2](#)

[Akira\\_v2](#) can stop running virtual machines. [\[7\]](#)[\[8\]](#)[\[9\]](#)

## [S0640 Avaddon](#)

[Avaddon](#) looks for and attempts to stop database processes. [\[10\]](#)

## [S1053 AvosLocker](#)

[AvosLocker](#) has terminated specific processes before encryption. [\[11\]](#)

## [S0638 Babuk](#)

[Babuk](#) can stop specific services related to backups. [\[12\]](#)[\[13\]](#)[\[14\]](#)

## [S1181 BlackByte 2.0 Ransomware](#)

[BlackByte 2.0 Ransomware](#) can terminate running services. [\[15\]](#)

## [S1068 BlackCat](#)

[BlackCat](#) has the ability to stop VM services on compromised networks. [\[16\]](#)[\[17\]](#)

## [S1096 Cheerscrypt](#)

[Cheerscrypt](#) has the ability to terminate VM processes on compromised hosts through execution of `esxcli vm process kill`. [\[18\]](#)

## [S0611 Clop](#)

[Clop](#) can kill several processes and services related to backups and security solutions. [\[19\]](#)[\[20\]](#)

## [S0575 Conti](#)

[Conti](#) can stop up to 146 Windows services related to security, backup, database, and email solutions through the use of `net stop`. [\[21\]](#)

## [S0625 Cuba](#)

[Cuba](#) has a hardcoded list of services and processes to terminate. [\[22\]](#)

## [S0659 Diavol](#)

[Diavol](#) will terminate services using the Service Control Manager (SCM) API.<sup>[23]</sup>

#### [S0605 EKANS](#)

[EKANS](#) stops database, data backup solution, antivirus, and ICS-related processes.<sup>[24][25][26]</sup>

#### [S1247 Embargo](#)

[Embargo](#) has terminated active processes and services based on a hardcoded list using the

`CloseServiceHandle()` function.<sup>[27]</sup> [Embargo](#) has also leveraged MS4Killer to terminate processes contained in an embedded list of security software process names that were XOR-encrypted.<sup>[28]</sup>

#### [S1211 Hannotog](#)

[Hannotog](#) can stop Windows services.<sup>[29]</sup>

#### [S0697 HermeticWiper](#)

[HermeticWiper](#) has the ability to stop the Volume Shadow Copy service.<sup>[30]</sup>

#### [S0431 HotCroissant](#)

[HotCroissant](#) has the ability to stop services on the infected host.<sup>[31]</sup>

#### [S1139 INC Ransomware](#)

[INC Ransomware](#) can issue a command to kill a process on compromised hosts.<sup>[32]</sup>

#### [G0119 Indrik Spider](#)

[Indrik Spider](#) has used [PsExec](#) to stop services prior to the execution of ransomware.<sup>[33]</sup>

#### [S0604 Industroyer](#)

[Industroyer](#)'s data wiper module writes zeros into the registry keys in `SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services` to render a system inoperable.<sup>[34]</sup>

#### [S1245 InvisibleFerret](#)

[InvisibleFerret](#) has terminated Chrome and Brave browsers using the `taskkill` command on Windows and the `killall` command on other systems such as Linux and macOS.<sup>[35]</sup> [InvisibleFerret](#) has also utilized its `ssh_kill` command to terminate Chrome and Brave browser processes.<sup>[36]</sup>

#### [S0607 KillDisk](#)

[KillDisk](#) terminates various processes to get the user to reboot the victim machine.<sup>[37]</sup>

#### [G1004 LAPSUS\\$](#)

[LAPSUS\\$](#) has shut down virtual machines from within a victim's on-premise VMware ESXi infrastructure. [\[38\]](#)

#### [G0032 Lazarus Group](#)

[Lazarus Group](#) has stopped the MSExchangeIS service to render Exchange contents inaccessible to users. [\[39\]](#)

#### [S1199 LockBit 2.0](#)

[LockBit 2.0](#) can automatically terminate processes that may interfere with the encryption or file extraction processes. [\[40\]](#)

#### [S1202 LockBit 3.0](#)

[LockBit 3.0](#) can terminate targeted processes and services related to security, backup, database management, and other applications that could stop or interfere with encryption. [\[41\]](#)[\[42\]](#)[\[43\]](#)[\[44\]](#)

#### [S0582 LookBack](#)

[LookBack](#) can kill processes and delete services. [\[45\]](#)

#### [S0449 Maze](#)

[Maze](#) has stopped SQL services to ensure it can encrypt any database. [\[46\]](#)

#### [G1051 Medusa Group](#)

[Medusa Group](#) has terminated services related to backups, security, databases, communication, filesharing and websites. [\[47\]](#)[\[48\]](#)[\[49\]](#)

#### [S1244 Medusa Ransomware](#)

[Medusa Ransomware](#) has the capability to terminate services related to backups, security, databases, communication, filesharing and websites. [\[47\]](#)[\[48\]](#)[\[49\]](#) [Medusa Ransomware](#) has also utilized the `taskkill /F /IM <process> /T` command to stop targeted processes and `net stop <process>` command to stop designated services. [\[48\]](#)[\[49\]](#)

#### [S0576 MegaCortex](#)

[MegaCortex](#) can stop and disable services on the system. [\[50\]](#)

#### [S1191 Megazord](#)

[Megazord](#) has the ability to terminate a list of services and processes. [\[9\]](#)

#### [S0688 Meteor](#)

[Meteor](#) can disconnect all network adapters on a compromised host using `powershell -Command "Get-WmiObject -class Win32_NetworkAdapter | ForEach { If ($_.NetEnabled) { $_.Disable() } }" > NUL`. [\[51\]](#)

### [S0457 Netwalker](#)

[Netwalker](#) can terminate system processes and services, some of which relate to backup software. [\[52\]](#)

### [S0365 Olympic Destroyer](#)

[Olympic Destroyer](#) uses the API call `ChangeServiceConfigW` to disable all services on the affected system. [\[1\]](#)

### [S0556 Pay2Key](#)

[Pay2Key](#) can stop the MS SQL service at the end of the encryption process to release files locked by the service. [\[53\]](#)

### [S1058 Prestige](#)

[Prestige](#) has attempted to stop the MSSQL Windows service to ensure successful encryption using

```
C:\Windows\System32\net.exe stop MSSQLSERVER . \[54\]
```

### [S0583 Pysa](#)

[Pysa](#) can stop services and processes. [\[55\]](#)

### [S1242 Qilin](#)

[Qilin](#) can terminate specific services on compromised hosts. [\[56\]](#)[\[57\]](#)[\[58\]](#)

### [S0481 Ragnar Locker](#)

[Ragnar Locker](#) has attempted to stop services associated with business applications and databases to release the lock on files used by these applications so they may be encrypted. [\[59\]](#)

### [S1212 RansomHub](#)

[RansomHub](#) has the ability to terminate specified services. [\[60\]](#)

### [S0496 REvil](#)

[REvil](#) has the capability to stop services and kill processes. [\[61\]](#)[\[62\]](#)

### [S1150 ROADSWEEP](#)

[ROADSWEEP](#) can disable critical services and processes. [\[63\]](#)

### [S0400 RobbinHood](#)

[RobbinHood](#) stops 181 Windows services on the system before beginning the encryption process. [\[64\]](#)

### [S1073 Royal](#)

[Royal](#) can use `RmShutDown` to kill applications and services using the resources that are targeted for encryption. [\[65\]](#)

#### [S0446 Ryuk](#)

[Ryuk](#) has called `kill.bat` for stopping services, disabling services and killing processes. [\[66\]](#)

#### [G0034 Sandworm Team](#)

[Sandworm Team](#) attempts to stop the MSSQL Windows service to ensure successful encryption of locked files. [\[54\]](#)

#### [S0533 SLOTHFULMEDIA](#)

[SLOTHFULMEDIA](#) has the capability to stop processes and services. [\[67\]](#)

#### [S1217 VIRTUALPITA](#)

[VIRTUALPITA](#) can start and stop the `vmsyslogd` service. [\[68\]](#)

#### [S0366 WannaCry](#)

[WannaCry](#) attempts to kill processes associated with Exchange, Microsoft SQL Server, and MySQL to make it possible to encrypt their data stores. [\[69\]](#)[\[3\]](#)

#### [G0102 Wizard Spider](#)

[Wizard Spider](#) has used `taskkill.exe` and `net.exe` to stop backup, catalog, cloud, and other services prior to network encryption. [\[70\]](#)

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