

# Darkhotel, DUBNIUM, Zigzag Hail, Group G0012

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Enterprise [T1547 .001 Boot or Logon Autostart Execution: Registry Run Keys / Startup Folder](#)

[Darkhotel](#) has been known to establish persistence by adding programs to the Run Registry key.<sup>[1]</sup>

Enterprise [T1059 .003 Command and Scripting Interpreter: Windows Command Shell](#)

[Darkhotel](#) has dropped an mspaint.lnk shortcut to disk which launches a shell script that downloads and executes a file.<sup>[2]</sup>

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

[Darkhotel](#) has decrypted strings and imports using RC4 during execution.<sup>[2][6]</sup>

Enterprise [T1189 Drive-by Compromise](#)

[Darkhotel](#) used embedded iframes on hotel login portals to redirect selected victims to download malware.<sup>[1]</sup>

Enterprise [T1573 .001 Encrypted Channel: Symmetric Cryptography](#)

[Darkhotel](#) has used AES-256 and 3DES for C2 communications.<sup>[6]</sup>

Enterprise [T1203 Exploitation for Client Execution](#)

[Darkhotel](#) has exploited Adobe Flash vulnerability CVE-2015-8651 for execution.<sup>[4]</sup>

Enterprise [T1083 File and Directory Discovery](#)

[Darkhotel](#) has used malware that searched for files with specific patterns.<sup>[6]</sup>

Enterprise [T1105 Ingress Tool Transfer](#)

[Darkhotel](#) has used first-stage payloads that download additional malware from C2 servers.<sup>[4]</sup>

Enterprise [T1056 .001 Input Capture: Keylogging](#)

[Darkhotel](#) has used a keylogger.<sup>[1]</sup>

Enterprise [T1036 .005 Masquerading: Match Legitimate Resource Name or Location](#)

[Darkhotel](#) has used malware that is disguised as a Secure Shell (SSH) tool.<sup>[4]</sup>

Enterprise [T1027 .013 Obfuscated Files or Information: Encrypted/Encoded File](#)

[Darkhotel](#) has obfuscated code using RC4, XOR, and RSA. <sup>[2][6]</sup>

Enterprise [T1566 .001 Phishing: Spearphishing Attachment](#)

[Darkhotel](#) has sent spearphishing emails with malicious RAR and .LNK attachments. <sup>[2][6]</sup>

Enterprise [T1057 Process Discovery](#)

[Darkhotel](#) malware can collect a list of running processes on a system. <sup>[2]</sup>

Enterprise [T1091 Replication Through Removable Media](#)

[Darkhotel](#)'s selective infector modifies executables stored on removable media as a method of spreading across computers. <sup>[1]</sup>

Enterprise [T1518 .001 Software Discovery: Security Software Discovery](#)

[Darkhotel](#) has searched for anti-malware strings and anti-virus processes running on the system. <sup>[2][4]</sup>

Enterprise [T1553 .002 Subvert Trust Controls: Code Signing](#)

[Darkhotel](#) has used code-signing certificates on its malware that are either forged due to weak keys or stolen.

[Darkhotel](#) has also stolen certificates and signed backdoors and downloaders with them. <sup>[1][2]</sup>

Enterprise [T1082 System Information Discovery](#)

[Darkhotel](#) has collected the hostname, OS version, service pack version, and the processor architecture from the victim's machine. <sup>[2][6]</sup>

Enterprise [T1016 System Network Configuration Discovery](#)

[Darkhotel](#) has collected the IP address and network adapter information from the victim's machine. <sup>[2][6]</sup>

Enterprise [T1124 System Time Discovery](#)

[Darkhotel](#) malware can obtain system time from a compromised host. <sup>[8]</sup>

Enterprise [T1080 Taint Shared Content](#)

[Darkhotel](#) used a virus that propagates by infecting executables stored on shared drives. <sup>[1]</sup>

Enterprise [T1204 .002 User Execution: Malicious File](#)

[Darkhotel](#) has sent spearphishing emails in an attempt to lure users into clicking on a malicious attachments. <sup>[2][6]</sup>

Enterprise [T1497 Virtualization/Sandbox Evasion](#)

[Darkhotel](#) malware has employed just-in-time decryption of strings to evade sandbox detection. <sup>[8]</sup>

### [.001 System Checks](#)

[Darkhotel](#) malware has used a series of checks to determine if it's being analyzed; checks include the length of executable names, if a filename ends with `.Md5.exe`, and if the program is executed from the root of the C:\ drive, as well as checks for sandbox-related libraries.<sup>[8][4]</sup>

### [.002 User Activity Based Checks](#)

[Darkhotel](#) has used malware that repeatedly checks the mouse cursor position to determine if a real user is on the system.<sup>[8]</sup>

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