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What happened last days and weeks

Agenda

Over the next 5 slides, I will provide you with insights into ongoing activities from the *bad guys*.

Following that, I will share my **Top 12 Items** that you need to check before heading off for the Christmas holidays, if you are responsible for IT security. For all other participants: Sit back, relax, and enjoy.

Merry Christmas!
Your Teams Security SOC Team



Rules of the game



- The hacker needs only one vulnerability, misconfiguration and the hacker has access to a company network.
- A company can catch the hacker with only through command, lateral movement within the network and we are able to detect the hacker.



EDR Silencers and Beyond: Exploring Methods to Block EDR Communication - Part 1

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For red teams and adversary alike it's important to stay hidden. As many companies nowadays have EDR agents deployed those agents are always in focus and tools like EDRSilencer or EDRSandblast use different techniques to prevent further communications of the EDR agent with the log ingestion endpoint.

A few weeks ago Mehmet Ergene and I were discussing other ways to prevent agent communications and ways to detect such tampering. The idea for a a two part blog post was born. While I cover only one "novel" way to







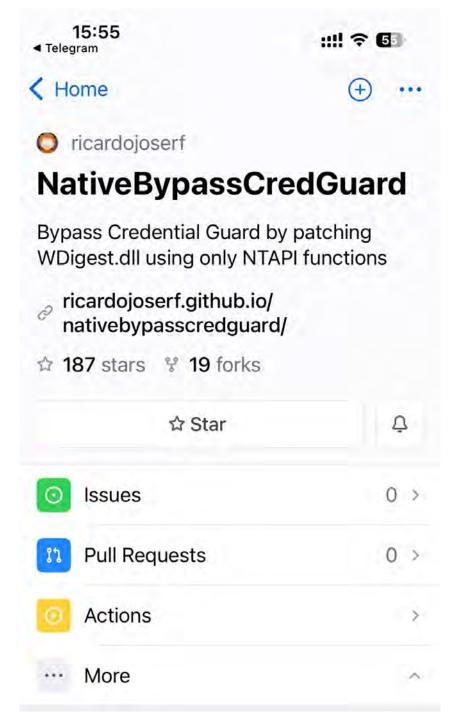
PendingFileRename Operations + Junctions EDR Disable

Credit goes to sixtyvividtails for the ideas demonstrated.

PendingFileRenameOperations allows applications to create file rename operations by creating a registry entry under the

HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Session Manager . Initially I attempted to create this entry, pointing it towards the EDR binary as such in PowerShell, based on the StackOverflow thread https://superuser.com/questions/1700602/using-powershell-to-add-an-entry-to-pendingfilerenameoperations-without disrup.







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7 [Rad @rad9800]

I figured out a new way to completely disable certain EDR products only with Admin privileges in less than 30 lines of code with native applications.

It works by deleting critical application files before they can do anything ••

https://github.com/rad9800/ BootExecuteEDR





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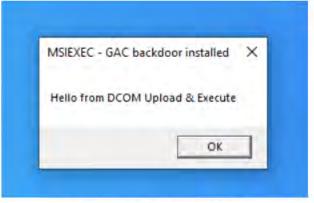


Figure 22: Result on target victim

For the full source code: https://github.com/deepinstinct/DCOMUploadExec





Forget PSEXEC: DCOM Upload & Execute Backdoor

Join Deep Instinct Security Researcher Eliran Nissan as he exposes a powerful new DCOM lateral movement attack that remotely writes custom payloads to create an embedded backdoor.

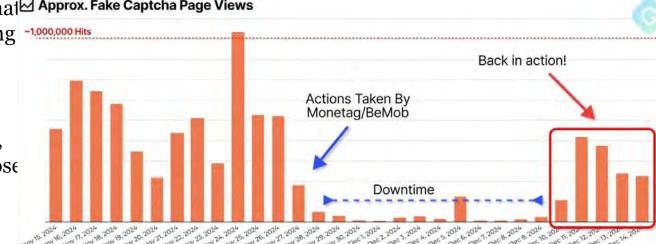




Malicious ads push Lumma infostealer via fake CAPTCHA pages

Lumma Stealer is an advanced information-stealing malware that Approx. Fake Captcha Page Views steals cookies, credentials, passwords, credit cards, and browsing history from Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, Mozilla Firefox, and other Chromium browsers. ♣

The malware can also steal cryptocurrency wallets, private keys, and text files likely to contain sensitive information, such as those named seed.txt, pass.txt, ledger.txt, trezor.txt, metamask.txt, bitcoin.txt, words, wallet.txt, *.txt, and *.pdf.









Backup Backup

- $\sqrt{3}-2-1$
 - ✓ 3x Backup sets
 - ✓ 2x Different Media
 - √ 1x External (offsite / Offline)
- ✓ Remove Backup server from Domain
- ✓ Monitor RDP Access





MFA MFA MFA

- ✓ Each and every Remote access to Company Resources must at least be protected by MFA
- ✓ Only allow initial MFA setup only from trusted locations
- ✓ Logging and Log review





Implement PIM for O365

- ✓ Every admin should work only through PIM in O365.
- ✓ Track and Notify all privilege request and Login





Enable AD and Azure Logging

- ✓ Local AD doesn't log so much because nobody is willing to check logs.
- ✓ Notify Risk-User-Login in Azure
- ✓ Active Monitoring of RDP-Connections





Change KRBTGT User account twice

✓ At least reset your Krbtgt account (twice) before Christmas

https://github.com/microsoftarchive/ New-KrbtgtKeys.psl





Change the Domain-Admin account if you don't have a Tier Level access rights model in place

- ✓ Just for security please change all users in your domain-admin Group if you don't run a Tier Level Model concept
- ✓ In the worst case the hacker can't harvest dom-admin creds from client workstations.





Close attack vectors on Firewall and O365

✓ Block unwanted Countries in which your users don't travel during Christmas time

✓ TIP: Block US besides RU and CN, as well as Africa





EDR has been in use since 2013

✓ At least install it on your critical IT-Systems if you don't have an EDR Client.











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How to make it harder for the attacker State of the art administration

Protect Backup
Solution

No local admin account

Strict Tier Model for users

Cloud Security & Compliance Strategy

Proper Client
Patch
Management

No Internet
Access for Servers

Hardening of IT-Equipment Implement MFA for all external access

Minimum EDR for Defence

Zero Trust Architecture Advanced Logging for Windows systems

Setup smart and clever Honeypots







Something to read

Work smarter Not harder

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Know your limits

Work smarter
Not harder



Source: Internet





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