

Big-Game Stealing Practical Detection Engineering & Validation for an Underrated Threat

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Agenda

- Benefits (& Limitations) of the Approach
- Infostealer Threat Landscape
- Practical, Threat-Informed Detection & Validation
 - Guidance, Resources, & Workflows for 3 Example Cases:
 - Emulating & Detecting a Top CTI Technique
 - Spotting an Outlier
 - Branching Out: Technique Variations

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Career intelligence researcher & analyst

- Purple teamer
- OSINT + data viz

Expanding my “technical” skill & understanding through practical applications

- MITRE ATT&CK®, Atomic, Sigma, logging

Cyber Threat Intelligence Director @ Tidal Cyber

- Threat-Informed Defense: *Systematic application & deep understanding of adversary tradecraft and technology to assess, organize, and optimize your defenses*



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THREAT-INFORMED DEFENSE

Threat-Informed Detection & Validation

Benefits (& Limitations) of the Approach



Benefits (& Limitations) of the Approach

Provides focus in an extremely wide (and growing) threat landscape

- Prioritize relevant threats, de-escalate would-be fires, alleviate burnout!

Expedites workflows, while retaining relevance

A step towards “proactive”?

Gateway & springboard for further skill development

Not a silver bullet (nothing is)

A Serious Threat for Enterprises

Infostealer Threat Landscape



What are Infostealers?

Information- & credential-stealing malware (“infostealers”)

- Usernames, PWs, cookies, tokens, financial details (esp. crypto), user/system info

Most often malware-as-a-service (“MaaS”)

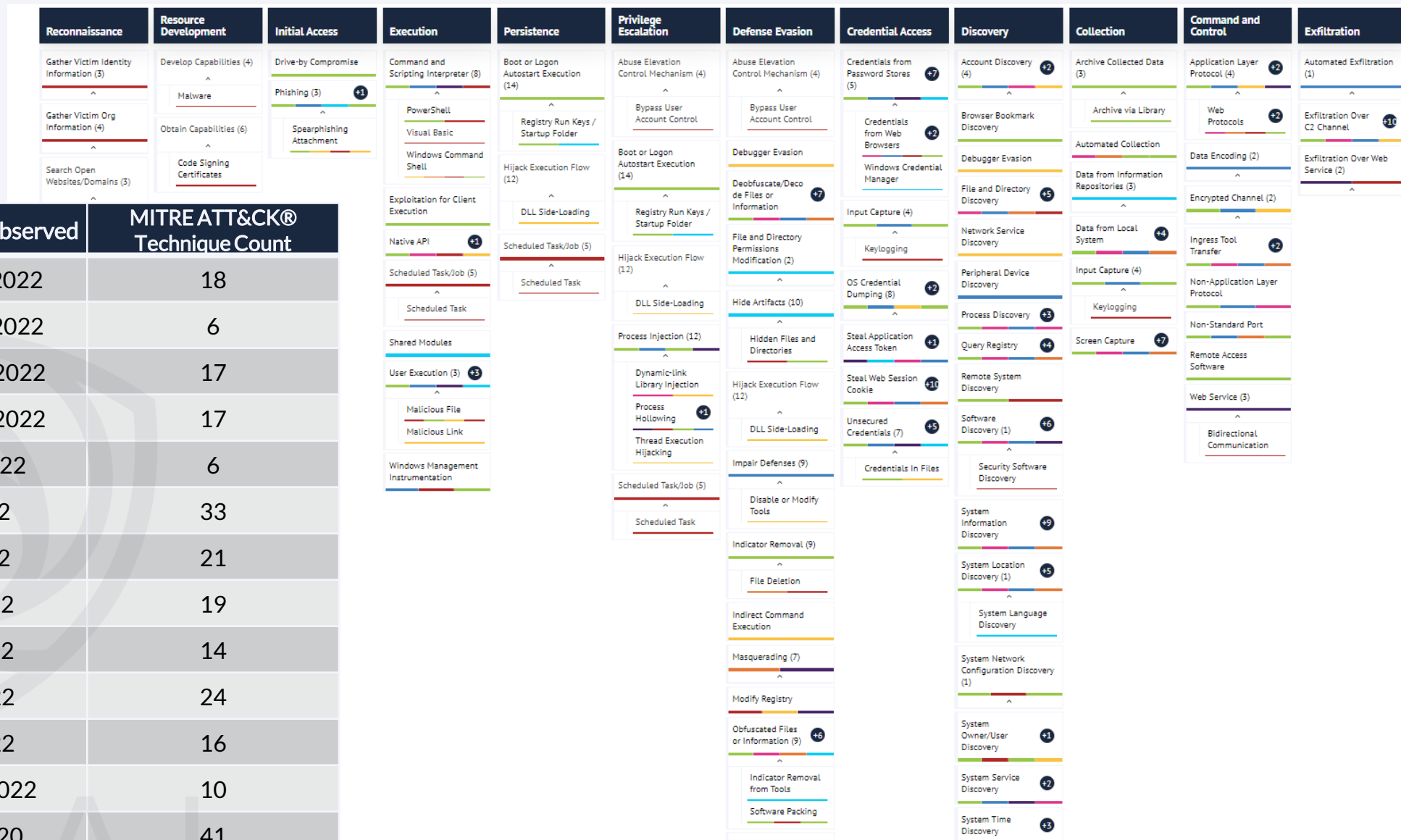
A low-cost & low-skill entry point into profitable cybercrime, driving up adoption

A rich underground ecosystem has developed to support infostealers

- Malware developers, team administrators, traffic generators, log parsers/distributors, **automated marketplaces** for stolen credential resale

TTP Evolution: Regular stealer development & evolution makes indicator-based approaches to defense challenging





*Only family currently in ATT&CK

Infostealer Family	First Samples Observed	MITRE ATT&CK® Technique Count
RisePro Stealer	December 2022	18
StrelaStealer	November 2022	6
BlueFox Stealer	September 2022	17
Aurora Stealer	September 2022	17
Rhadamanthys Stealer	August 2022	6
Erbium Stealer	July 2022	33
DuckTail	July 2022	21
Raccoon Stealer v2.0	June 2022	19
RecordBreaker	June 2022	14
Prynt Infostealer	April 2022	24
BlackGuard Stealer	April 2022	16
Mars Stealer	February 2022	10
RedLine Stealer	March 2020	41
Raccoon Stealer	April 2019	41
Vidar	December 2018	14
LokiBot*	2015	27

Major & Emerging Infostealers Technique Matrix

app.tidalcyber.com > Community Spotlight

Big-Game Stealing: Increasing Infostealer Threat to “High-Value” Targets

Including Small, Medium, & Large Businesses & Organizations

Increased Intent



Infostealer-derived credentials linked to actors who compromised **multiple major brands** in 2022

Underground marketplaces catering to **high-value log sales**

Established “big-game” actors seeking infostealer capabilities

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Increased Opportunity



Increasing **impersonation of legitimate software** for infostealer initial infections, including **popular business tools**:

- Communication/Messaging
- Remote Access
- Password Management
- Programming
- Browsers/Updates

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Increased Capability



Cookie theft capabilities in most current strains enable session hijacking

Emerging families have **new abilities** to:

- Steal **MFA tokens**
- Target **email accounts**
- Increased **evasion of advanced/enterprise security tools**

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Increased Threat

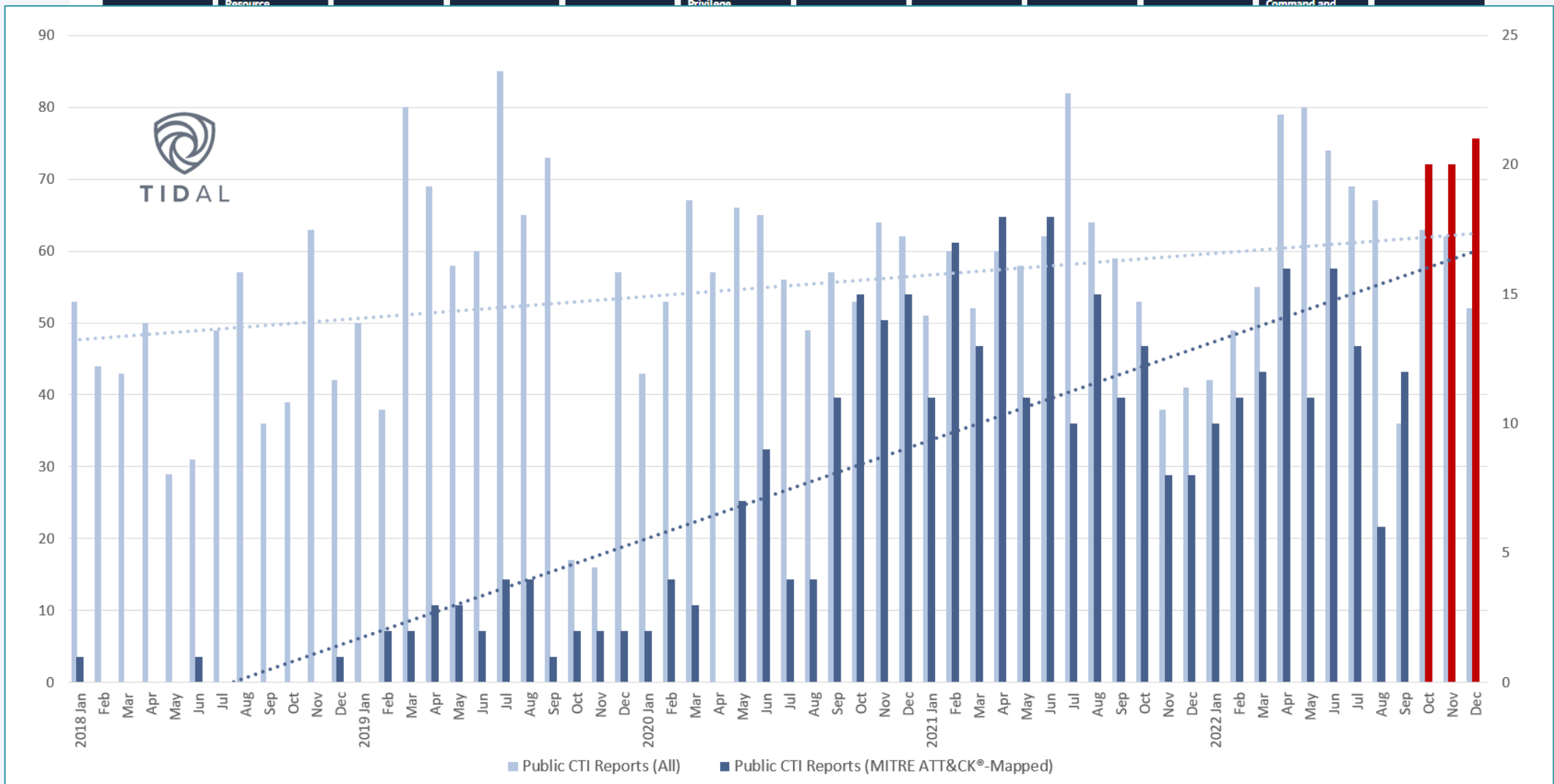


"But they're just Techniques"?!?"

Major Infostealers ▾

- Raccoon Stealer
- Raccoon Stealer v2
- RedLine Stealer
- StrelaStealer
- BlueFox Stealer
- Vidar Stealer
- Mars Stealer
- Lokibot
- LokiBot Recent C...

Shared by TropChaud



Software Packing

System Time Discovery

A Practical Approach

Threat-Informed Detection & Validation



Major & Emerging Infostealers
Summary of Select TTPs

How to prioritize?

Technique "density" is a great start, but just one approach

Technique ID	Technique Name	Tactic	Count from CTI	Mapped Data Components	# Sigma Analytics	# Atomic Tests
T1539	Steal Web Session Cookie	Credential Access	20	2	2	2
T1555.003	Credentials from Web Browsers	Credential Access	19	4	3	16
T1082	System Information Discovery	Discovery	16	4	14	24
T1027	Obfuscated Files or Information	Defense Evasion	15	4	84	8
T1113	Screen Capture	Collection	14	2	6	6
T1518	Software Discovery	Discovery	14	5	2	6
T1041	Exfiltration Over C2 Channel	Exfiltration	13	5	3	1
T1083	File and Directory Discovery	Discovery	12	3	17	6
T1057	Process Discovery	Discovery	11	3	5	5
T1204	User Execution	Execution	11	11	8	0
T1528	Steal Application Access Token	Credential Access	10	1	10	1
T1614	System Location Discovery	Discovery	9	4	0	0
T1012	Query Registry	Discovery	8	4	10	2
T1218.011	Rundll32	Defense Evasion	1	4	32	13

Threat-Informed Detection & Validation: Tools for Getting Started

mitre-attack / attack-navigator Public Watch 87

<> Code Issues 48 Pull requests 21 Actions Projects Security Insights

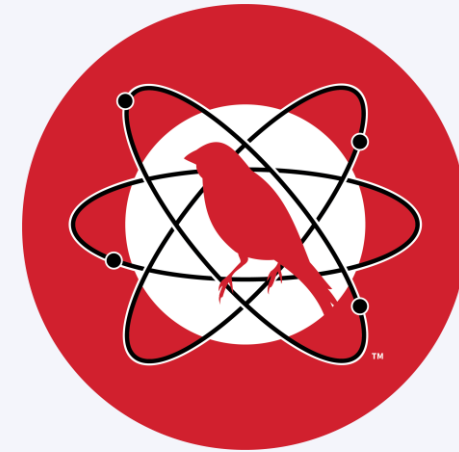
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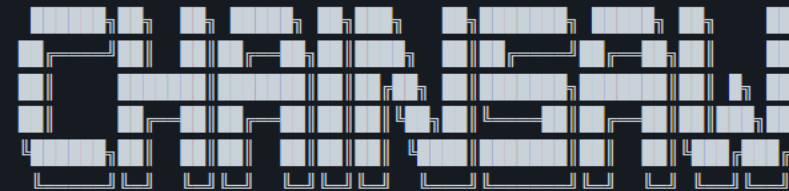
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```
1 # attack_layers_simple.py - the "hello, world" for ATT&CK Navigator layer generation
2 # Takes a simple CSV file containing ATT&CK technique IDs and counts of groups, software and articles/reports
3 # and generates an ATT&CK Navigator layer file with techniques scored and color-coded based on an algorithm
4 # This sample is intended to demonstrate generating layers from external data sources such as CSV files.
5
```



```
$ ./chainsaw hunt -r rules/ evt_x_attack_samples -s sigma/rules --mapping mappings/sigma
```



By Countercept (@FranticTyping, @AlexKornitzer)

```
[+] Loading detection rules from: ../../rules/, /tmp/sigma/rules
[+] Loaded 129 detection rules (198 not loaded)
[+] Loading event logs from: ../../evt_x_attack_samples (extensions: .evt_x)
[+] Loaded 268 EVT_X files (37.5 MB)
[+] Hunting: [=====] 268/268
```



Example 1: Emulating & Detecting (Instances of) a Top CTI Technique

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Blogpost

CTI Cybercrime Dark Web

Aurora: a rising stealer flying under the radar

SEKOIA.IO analysed Aurora in depth and share the results of our investigation in this article.

Threat & Detection Research Team November 21, 2022 2183

MALWARE bazaar by ABUSE|CN Browse Upload Hunting API Export Statistics FAQ About Login

Tag: AuroraStealer Alert

Firstseen: 2022-11-24 18:42:41 UTC

Lastseen: 2023-02-16 03:50:17 UTC

Sightings: 88

Date	# of malware samples
2022-12-16	1
2022-12-17	1
2022-12-18	1
2022-12-19	1
2022-12-20	1
2022-12-21	1
2022-12-22	1
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2022-12-24	1
2022-12-25	1
2022-12-26	1
2022-12-27	1
2022-12-28	1
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2023-02-13	1
2023-02-14	1
2023-02-15	12
2023-02-16	13

MITRE ATT&CK TTPs

- Execution T1059.003 – Command and Scripting Interpreter: Windows Command Shell
- Execution T1047 – Windows Management Instrumentation
- Defence Evasion T1027 – Obfuscated Files or Information
- Defense Evasion T1140 – Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information
- Credential Access T1539 – Steal Web Session Cookie
- Credential Access T1555.003 – Credentials from Password Stores: Credentials from Web Browsers
- Discovery T1012 – Query Registry
- Discovery T1082 – System Information Discovery
- Discovery T1083 – File and Directory Discovery
- Discovery T1614 – System Location Discovery
- Collection T1005 – Data from Local System
- Collection T1113 – Screen Capture

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MITRE ATT&CK script: csv to Navigator json

https://github.com/mitre-attack/attack-navigator/blob/master/layers/attack_layers/attack_layers_simple.py

The screenshot shows the TIDAL security dashboard interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the TIDAL logo, a search icon, and buttons for 'LOGIN' and 'SIGN UP'. Below the navigation bar, there is a header for the current draft, 'Aurora Stealer', with a plus sign and a close icon. The main content area is a grid of TTPs categorized into seven columns: Execution, Defense Evasion, Credential Access, Discovery, Collection, Command and Control, and Exfiltration. Each category contains a list of TTPs with their respective counts in parentheses. For example, under Execution, there are 'Command and Scripting Interpreter (8)', 'Windows Command Shell', 'User Execution (3)', and 'Windows Management Instrumentation'. Under Defense Evasion, there are 'Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information', 'Obfuscated Files or Information (9)', and 'Virtualization/Sandbox Evasion (3)'. Under Credential Access, there are 'Credentials from Password Stores (5)', 'Credentials from Web Browsers', 'Input Capture (4)', 'OS Credential Dumping (8)', 'Steal Application Access Token', 'Steal Web Session Cookie', 'Unsecured Credentials (7)', and 'Credentials in Registry'. Under Discovery, there are 'Account Discovery (4)', 'File and Directory Discovery', 'Query Registry', 'Software Discovery (1)', 'System Information Discovery', 'System Location Discovery (1)', and 'Virtualization/Sandbox Evasion (3)'. Under Collection, there are 'Automated Collection', 'Data from Local System', 'Input Capture (4)', and 'Screen Capture'. Under Command and Control, there are 'Application Layer Protocol (4)', 'Web Protocols', 'Ingress Tool Transfer', 'Non-Application Layer Protocol', and 'Non-Standard Port'. Under Exfiltration, there is 'Exfiltration Over C2 Channel'. A teal arrow points from the text below towards the 'Windows Management Instrumentation' TTP in the grid.

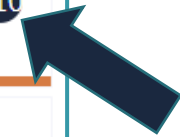
Reconnaissance	Resource Development	Initial Access	Execution	Persistence	Privilege Escalation	Defense Evasion	Credential Access	Discovery	Collection	Command and Control	Exfiltration
Gather Victim Identity Information (3)	Develop Capabilities (4)	Drive-by Compromise	Command and Scripting Interpreter (8)	Boot or Logon Autostart Execution (14)	Abuse Elevation Control Mechanism (4)	Abuse Elevation Control Mechanism (4)	Credentials from Password Stores (5) +7	Account Discovery (4) +2	Archive Collected Data (3)	Application Layer Protocol (4) +2	Automated Exfiltration (1)
Gather Victim Org Information (4)	Malware	Phishing (3) +1	PowerShell	Registry/Run Keys / Startup Folder	Bypass User Account Control	Bypass User Account Control	Credentials from Web Browsers +2	Browser Bookmark Discovery	Archive via Library	Web Protocols +2	Exfiltration Over C2 Channel +10
Search Open Websites/Domains (3)	Obtain Capabilities (6)	Spearphishing Attachment	Visual Basic	Hijack Execution Flow (12)	Debugger Evasion	Debugger Evasion	Windows Credential Manager	Debugger Evasion	Automated Collection	Data Encoding (2)	Exfiltration Over Web Service (2)
Social Media	Code Signing Certificates		Windows Command Shell	DLL Side-Loading	Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information +7	Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information	Input Capture (4)	File and Directory Discovery +5	Data from Information Repositories (3)	Encrypted Channel (2)	
			Exploitation for Client Execution	Scheduled Task/Job (5)	File and Directory Permissions Modification (2)	File and Directory Permissions Modification (2)	Keylogging	Network Service Discovery	Data from Local System +4	Ingress Tool Transfer +2	
			Native API +1		Hide Artifacts (10)	Hide Artifacts (10)	OS Credential Dumping (8) +2	Peripheral Device Discovery	Input Capture (4)	Non-Application Layer Protocol	
					Process Injection (12)	Process Injection (12)	Steal Application Access Token +1	Process Discovery +3	Keylogging	Non-Standard Port	
					Dynamic-Link Library Injection	Dynamic-Link Library Injection	Steal Web Session Cookie +10	Query Registry +4	Screen Capture +7	Remote Access Software	
					Process Hollowing +1	Process Hollowing +1	Unsecured Credentials (7) +5	Remote System Discovery			
					Thread Execution Hijacking	Thread Execution Hijacking	Credentials In Files	Software Discovery (1) +6			
					Scheduled Task/Job (5)	Scheduled Task/Job (5)		Security Software Discovery			
					Scheduled Task	Scheduled Task		System Information Discovery +9			
								System Location Discovery (1) +5			
								System Language Discovery			
								System Network Configuration Discovery (1)			
								System Owner/User Discovery +1			
								System Service Discovery +2			
								System Time Discovery +3			

Credential Access

- Steal Application Access Token +6
- Steal Web Session Cookie +14
- Unsecured Credentials (7) +6
- Credentials In Files
- Credentials in Registry

Discovery

- Software Discovery (1) +8
- Security Software Discovery
- System Information Discovery +10
- System Location Discovery (1) +5
- System Language Discovery



Technique Preview

System Information Discovery

VIEW DETAILS

ID: T1082
Tactic(s): [Discovery](#)
Platform(s): IaaS, Linux, macOS, Network, Windows
Sub-Technique(s): None

39
Groups

291
Software

3
Data Sources

14
Analytics

An adversary may attempt to get detailed information about the operating system and hardware, including version, patches, hotfixes, service packs, and architecture. Adversaries may use the information from [System Information Discovery](#) during automated discovery to shape follow-on behaviors, including whether or not the adversary fully infects the target and/or attempts specific actions...

Vendors

Filter By: Test Detect Protect

Atomic Red Team

AttackIQ

Cyberreason

Elastic

FourCore

IBM Security

Picus

SafeBreach

SCYTHE

Sentinel

Labels

Filter By: All(14) Technique Set(13) Software(1)

Raccoon St...
Raccoon St...
RedLine Ste...
BlueFox St...
Mars Stealer

Atomic Test #25 - System Information Discovery with WMIC

Identify system information with the WMI command-line (WMIC) utility. Upon execution, various system information will be displayed, including: OS, CPU, GPU, and disk drive names; memory capacity; display resolution; and baseboard, BIOS, and GPU driver products/versions. <https://nwgat.ninja/getting-system-information-with-wmic-on-windows/> Elements of this test were observed in the wild used by Aurora Stealer in late 2022 and early 2023, as highlighted in public reporting: <https://blog.sekoia.io/aurora-a-rising-stealer-flying-under-the-radar> <https://blog.cyble.com/2023/01/18/aurora-a-stealer-using-shapeshifting-tactics/>

Supported Platforms: Windows

auto_generated_guid: 8851b73a-3624-4bf7-8704-aa312411565c

Attack Commands: Run with `command_prompt!`

```
wmic cpu get name
wmic MEMPHYSICAL get MaxCapacity
wmic baseboard get product
wmic baseboard get version
wmic bios get SMBIOSBIOSVersion
wmic path win32_VideoController get name
wmic path win32_VideoController get DriverVersion
wmic path win32_VideoController get VideoModeDescription
wmic OS get Caption,OSArchitecture,Version
wmic DISKDRIVE get Caption
```

New test driven by CTI!



To fingerprint the host, Aurora executes three commands on the infected host:

- wmic os get Caption
- wmic path win32_VideoController get name
- wmic cpu get name

Invoke-AtomicRedTeam wiki:
<https://github.com/redcanaryco/invoke-atomicredteam/wiki>

```
PS C:\Windows\system32> Invoke-AtomicTest T1082 -TestNumbers 25
>>
PathToAtomicsFolder = C:\AtomicRedTeam\atomics

Executing test: T1082-25 System Information Discovery with WMIC
Name
12th Gen Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-12700H
Product
VirtualBox
Version
1.2
SMBIOSBIOSVersion
VirtualBox
Name
VirtualBox Graphics Adapter (WDDM)
DriverVersion
6.1.40.4048
VideoModeDescription
1920 x 1065 x 4294967296 colors
Caption
OSArchitecture Version
Microsoft Windows 11 Enterprise Evaluation 64-bit 10.0.22000
Caption
VBOX HARDDISK
No Instance(s) Available.
Done executing test: T1082-25 System Information Discovery with WMIC
PS C:\Windows\system32>
```



Command Prompt

```
C:\Users\User>chainsaw\chainsaw.exe hunt C:\Windows\System32\winevt\ -s sigma\rules\development_rules\ --mapping chainsaw\mappings\sigma-event-logs-all.yml
```

CHAINSAW
By Countercept (@FranticTyping, @AlexKornitzer)

```
[+] Loading detection rules from: sigma\rules\development_rules\
[+] Loaded 1 detection rules
[+] Loading forensic artefacts from: C:\Windows\System32\winevt\ (extensions: .evt, .evtx)
[+] Loaded 364 forensic artefacts (161.1 MB)
[+] Hunting: [=====] 364/364 -
[+] Group: Sigma
```

timestamp	detections	count	Event.System.Provider	Event ID	Record ID	Computer	Event Data
2023-01-16 20:36:57	+ SQLite Chrome Cookie DB Access	1	Microsoft-Windows-Sysmon	1	55391	WinDev2212Eval	CommandLine: C:\Users\User\AppData\Local\Temp\sqlite-tools-win32-x86-3380200\sql

Product: SQLite
 RuleName: technique_id-T1082,technique_name-Command-Line Interface
 TerminalSessionId: 1
 User: WINDEV2212EVAL\User
 UtcTime: 2023-01-16 20:36:57.993





Example 2: Spotting an Outlier Technique

Technique Preview

Rundll32

ID: T1218.011

Tactic(s): [Defense Evasion](#)

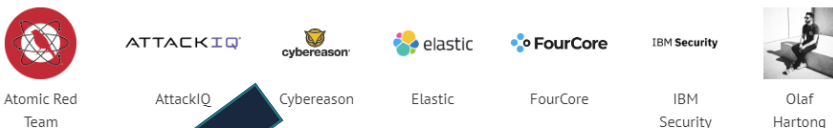
Platform(s): Windows

Parent-Technique: [System Binary Proxy Execution](#)

Adversaries may abuse rundll32.exe to proxy execution of malicious code. Using rundll32.exe, vice executing directly (i.e. [Shared Modules](#)), may avoid triggering security tools that may not monitor execution of the rundll32.exe process because of allowlists or false positives from normal operations. Rundll32.exe is commonly associated with executing DLL payloads (ex: `rundll32.exe {DLLname}, DLLfunction`)....

Vendors

Filter By: [Test](#) [Detect](#) [Protect](#)



Labels

Filter By: [All\(1\)](#) [Technique Set\(1\)](#)

[Rhadamant...](#)

VIEW DETAILS

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Data Sources

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Analytics

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#CybleBlogs

Rhadamanthys: New Stealer Spreading Through Google Ads



Defense Evasion

T1218

T1027

T1497

[Rundll32](#)

Obfuscated Files or Information

Virtualization/Sandbox Evasion

After the check, the shellcode further drops a DLL file named "nsis_unsibcfb0.dll" in the %temp% folder and launches it using the "rundll32.exe" with specific parameters shown in the figure below.

```
github.com/SigmaHQ/sigma/blob/master/rules/windows/process_creation/proc_creation_win_malware_rhadamanthys_stealer.yml

SigmaHQ / sigma (Public)

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master - sigma / rules / windows / process_creation / proc_creation_win_malware_rhadamanthys_stealer.yml

nasbench feat: more fixes and updates
Latest commit 68f833 2 weeks ago History
1 contributor

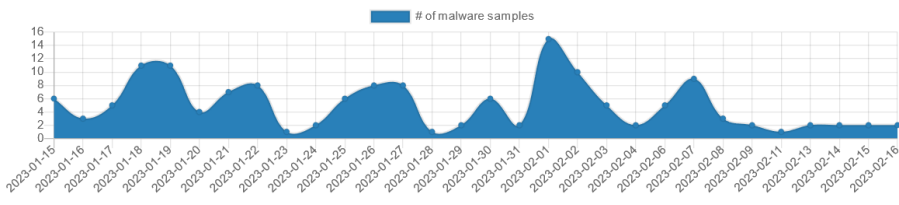
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1 title: Rhadamanthys Stealer Module Launch Via Rundll32.EXE
2 id: 5cdbc2e8-86dd-43df-9e1a-2004745fb45
3 status: experimental
4 description: Detects the use of Rundll32 to launch an NSIS module that serves as the main stealer capability of Rhadamanthys infostealer, as observed in reports and samples in
5 references:
6 - https://e11521989.medium.com/dancing-with-shellcodes-analyzing-rhadamanthys-stealer-3c498966688
7 - https://blog.cyble.com/2023/01/12/rhadamanthys-new-stealer-spreading-through-google-ads/
8 - https://www.joesandbox.com/analysis/790122/0/html
9 - https://twitter.com/anfam17/status/1607477672857288835
10 author: TropChaud
11 date: 2023/01/26
12 modified: 2023/02/05
13 tags:
14 - attack.defense_evasion
15 - attack.t1218.011
16 logsource:
17 category: process_creation
18 product: windows
19 detection:
20 selection_rundll32:
21 - OriginalFileName: 'RUNDLL32.EXE'
22 - Image|endswith: 'rundll32.exe'
23 selection_dll:
24 commandLine|contains: 'nsis_uns'
25 selection_export_function:
26 CommandLine|contains: 'PrintuEntry'
27 condition: all of selection_
28 falsepositives:
29 - Unknown
```

Widely used, but not by these recent stealers

MALWARE bazaar [Browse](#) [Upload](#) [Hunting](#) [API](#) [Export](#) [Statistics](#) [FAQ](#) [About](#) [Login](#)

Tag:	Rhadamanthys Alert
Firstseen:	2022-12-27 09:11:04 UTC
Lastseen:	2023-02-16 08:40:03 UTC
Sightings:	168





Example 3: Technique Variation (Expanding Beyond Emulation)

Technique Preview

Steal Web Session Cookie

ID: T1539
 Tactic(s): [Credential Access](#)
 Platform(s): Google Workspace, Linux, macOS, Office 365, SaaS, Windows
 Sub-Technique(s) : None

An adversary may steal web application or service session cookies and use them to gain access to web applications or Internet services as an authenticated user without needing credentials. Web applications and services often use session cookies as an authentication token after a user has authenticated to a website....

Vendors

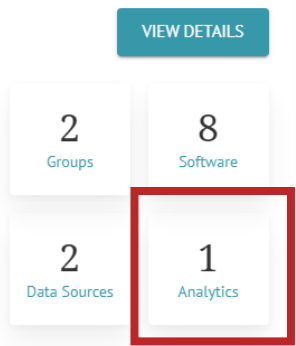
Filter By : Test Detect Protect

Atomic Red Team Elastic FourCore PICUS SafeBreach

Labels

Filter By : All(14) Technique Set(14)

Raccoon St... Raccoon St... RedLine St... BlueFox St... Vidar



Importance of Gap Identification

Home > Product Registry > Atomic Red Team > Invoke-Atomic

Product

Invoke-Atomic

Tactic(s) Covered: [Credential Access](#)
 Capability Type(s): Test
 Vendor: [Atomic Red Team](#)
 Product Version: v1.0.2
 Source: Atomic Red Team

Invoke-AtomicRedTeam is a PowerShell module to execute tests as defined in the atomics folder of Red Canary's Atomic Red Team project. Visit the [GitHub repository](#) for Invoke-Atomic for installation and usage instructions.
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Capabilities (2) Product Data Source (0)

Filter By : Test Capabilities shown for "Steal Web Session Cookie"

Capability	Type	Technique(s)	Platform(s)	Description	Availability
Steal Chrome Cookies (Windows)	Test	Steal Web Session Cookie	Windows	This test queries Chrome's SQLite database to steal th...	Default Off
Steal Firefox Cookies (Windows)	Test	Steal Web Session Cookie	Windows	This test queries Firefox's cookies.sqlite database to s...	Default Off

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T1539 - Steal Web Session Cookie

Description from ATT&CK

An adversary may steal web application or service session cookies and use them to gain access to web applications or Internet services as an authenticated user without needing credentials. Web applications and services often use session cookies as an authentication token after a user has authenticated to a website.

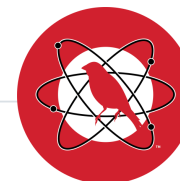
Cookies are often valid for an extended period of time, even if the web application is not actively used. Cookies can be found on disk, in the process memory of the browser, and in network traffic to remote systems. Additionally, other applications on the targets machine might store sensitive authentication cookies in memory (e.g. apps which authenticate to cloud services). Session cookies can be used to bypasses some multi-factor authentication protocols.(Citation: Pass The Cookie)

There are several examples of malware targeting cookies from web browsers on the local system.(Citation: Kaspersky TajMahal April 2019) (Citation: Unit 42 Mac Crypto Cookies January 2019) There are also open source frameworks such as Evilginx 2 and Muraena that can gather session cookies through a malicious proxy (ex: Adversary-in-the-Middle) that can be set up by an adversary and used in phishing campaigns.(Citation: Github evilginx2)(Citation: GitHub Mauraena)

After an adversary acquires a valid cookie, they can then perform a Web Session Cookie technique to login to the corresponding web application.

Atomic Tests

- Atomic Test #1 - Steal Firefox Cookies (Windows)
- Atomic Test #2 - Steal Chrome Cookies (Windows)



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Atomic Test #1 - Steal Firefox Cookies (Windows)

This test queries Firefox's cookies.sqlite database to steal the cookie data contained within it, similar to Zloader/Zbot's cookie theft function.

Note: If Firefox is running, the process will be killed to ensure that the DB file isn't locked. See

https://www.malwarebytes.com/resources/files/2020/05/the-silent-night-zloader-zbot_final.pdf.

Supported Platforms: Windows

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Inputs:

Name	Description	Type	Default Value
sqlite3_path	Path to sqlite3	Path	\$env:temp\sqlite-tools-win32-x86-3380200\sqlite3.exe
output_file	Filepath to output cookies	Path	\$env:temp\T1539FirefoxCookies.txt

Attack Commands: Run with powershell!

```
stop-process -name "firefox" -force -erroraction silentlycontinue
$CookieDBLocation = get-childitem -path "$env:appdata\Mozilla\Firefox\Profiles\*\cookies.sqlite"
"select host, name, value, path, expiry, isSecure, isHttpOnly, sameSite from [moz_cookies];" | cmd /c #{sqlite3_path} "$CookieDBLocat
```

Cleanup Commands:

```
remove-item #{output_file} -erroraction silentlycontinue
```

Dependencies: Run with powershell!

Description: Sqlite3 must exist at (#{sqlite3_path})

Check Prereq Commands:

```
if (Test-Path #{sqlite3_path}) {exit 0} else {exit 1}
```

Get Prereq Commands:

```
Invoke-WebRequest "https://www.sqlite.org/2022/sqlite-tools-win32-x86-3380200.zip" -OutFile "$env:temp\sqlite.zip"
Expand-Archive -path "$env:temp\sqlite.zip" -destinationpath "$env:temp\" -force
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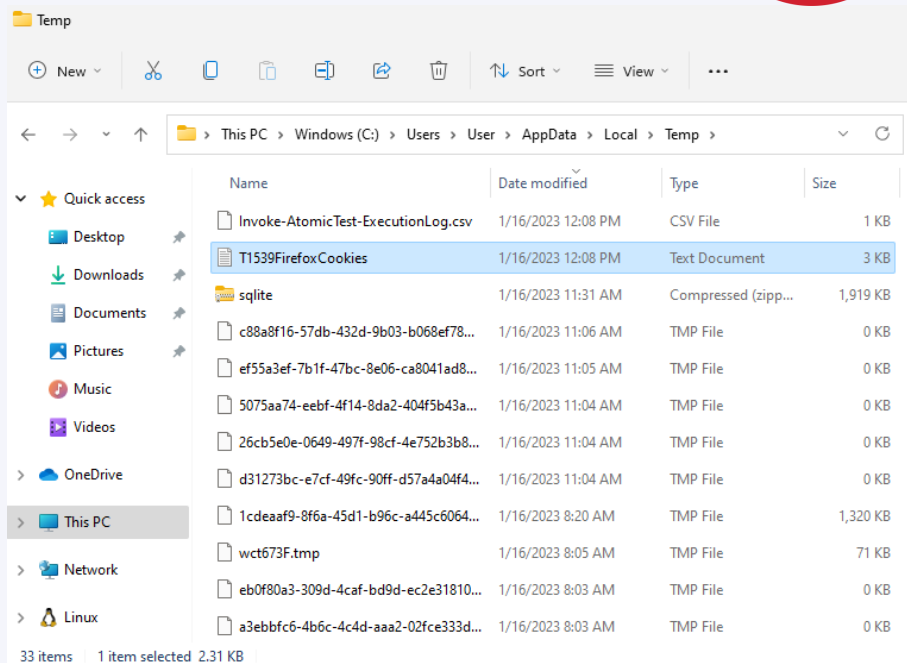
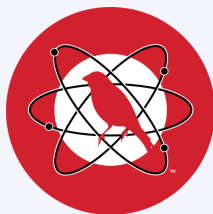


```
PS C:\Users\User> Invoke-AtomicTest T1539 -GetPrereqs
PathToAtomicsFolder = C:\AtomicRedTeam\atomics

GetPrereq's for: T1539-1 Steal Firefox Cookies (Windows)
Attempting to satisfy prereq: Sqlite3 must exist at ($env:temp\sqlite-tools-win32-x86-3380200\sqlite3.exe)
Prereq successfully met: Sqlite3 must exist at ($env:temp\sqlite-tools-win32-x86-3380200\sqlite3.exe)
GetPrereq's for: T1539-2 Steal Chrome Cookies (Windows)
Attempting to satisfy prereq: Sqlite3 must exist at ($env:temp\sqlite-tools-win32-x86-3380200\sqlite3.exe)
Prereq already met: Sqlite3 must exist at ($env:temp\sqlite-tools-win32-x86-3380200\sqlite3.exe)
PS C:\Users\User>
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```
PS C:\Users\User> Invoke-AtomicTest T1539 -TestNumbers 1
PathToAtomicsFolder = C:\AtomicRedTeam\atomics

Executing test: T1539-1 Steal Firefox Cookies (Windows)
Done executing test: T1539-1 Steal Firefox Cookies (Windows)
PS C:\Users\User>
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1 title: SQLite Firefox Cookie DB Access
2 id: 4833155a-4053-4c9c-a997-777fcea0baa7
3 status: experimental
4 description: Detect use of sqlite binary to query the Firefox cookies.sqlite database and steal the cookie data contained within it
5 references:
6   - https://github.com/redcanaryco/atomic-red-team/blob/f339e7da7d05f6057fdfcdd3742bfcf365fee2a9/atomics/T1539/T1539.md#atomic-test-1---steal-firefox-cookies-windows
7 author: frack113
8 date: 2022/04/08
9 tags:
10  - attack.credential_access
11  - attack.t1539
12 logsource:
13   category: process_creation
14   product: windows
15 detection:
16   selection_sql:
17     - Product: SQLite
18     - Image|endswith: '\sqlite.exe'
19   selection_firefox:
20     CommandLine|contains: 'cookies.sqlite'
21   condition: all of selection_*
22 falsepositives:
23   - Unknown
24 level: high
```



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Atomic Test #2 - Steal Chrome Cookies (Windows)

This test queries Chrome's SQLite database to steal the encrypted cookie data, designed to function similarly to Zloader/Zbot's cookie theft function. Once an adversary obtains the encrypted cookie info, they could go on to decrypt the encrypted value, potentially allowing for session theft. Note: If Chrome is running, the process will be killed to ensure that the DB file isn't locked. See https://www.malwarebytes.com/resources/files/2020/05/the-silent-night-zloader-zbot_final.pdf.

Supported Platforms: Windows

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Inputs:

Name	Description	Type	Default Value
cookie_db	Filepath for Chrome cookies database	String	<code>\$env:localappdata\Google\Chrome\User Data\Default\Network\Cookies</code>
sqlite3_path	Path to sqlite3	Path	<code>\$env:temp\sqlite-tools-win32-x86-3380200\sqlite3.exe</code>
output_file	Filepath to output cookies	Path	<code>\$env:temp\T1539ChromeCookies.txt</code>

Attack Commands: Run with **powershell**!

```
stop-process -name "chrome" -force -erroraction silentlycontinue  
"select host_key, name, encrypted_value, path, expires_utc, is_secure, is_httponly from [Cookies];" | cmd /c #{sqlite3_path} #{cookie_db}
```

Cleanup Commands:

```
remove-item #{output_file}
```

Dependencies: Run with **powershell**!

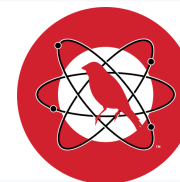
Description: Sqlite3 must exist at (#{sqlite3_path})

Check Prereq Commands:

```
if (Test-Path #{sqlite3_path}) {exit 0} else {exit 1}
```

Get Prereq Commands:

```
Invoke-WebRequest "https://www.sqlite.org/2022/sqlite-tools-win32-x86-3380200.zip" -OutFile "$env:temp\sqlite.zip"
```



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```
1 title: SQLite Chrome Cookie DB Access
2 id: 24c77512-782b-448a-8950-eddb0785fc71
3 status: experimental
4 description: Detect use of sqlite binary to query the Chrome Cookies database and steal the cookie data contain
5 references:
6   - https://github.com/redcanaryco/atomic-red-team/blob/84d9edaaaa2c5511144521b0e4af726d1c7276ce/atomics/T153
7 author: TropChaud
8 date: 2022/12/19
9 tags:
10  - attack.credential_access
11  - attack.t1539
12 logsource:
13  category: process_creation
14  product: windows
15 detection:
16  selection_sql:
17    - Product: SQLite
18    - Image|endswith:
19      - '\sqlite.exe'
20      - '\sqlite3.exe'
21  selection_chrome:
22    CommandLine|contains:
23      - '\Google\Chrome\User Data\Default\Network\Cookies' # Latest chrome versions
24      - '\Google\Chrome\User Data\Default\Cookies' # Older chrome versions
25  condition: all of selection_*
26 falsepositives:
27  - Unknown
28 level: high
29
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Command Prompt

```

Product: SQLite
RuleName: technique_
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erface
TerminalSessionId: 1
User: WINDEV2212EVAL
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UtcTime: 2023-01-16
20:36:57.993

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[+] Loaded 1 detection rules
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[+] Loaded 364 forensic artefacts (161.1 MB)
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[+] Group: Sigma

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Mission accomplished!



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