





ABOUT ME (STEPHAN BERGER)



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Spending probably too much time on



Luckily I have an excellent team covering my back

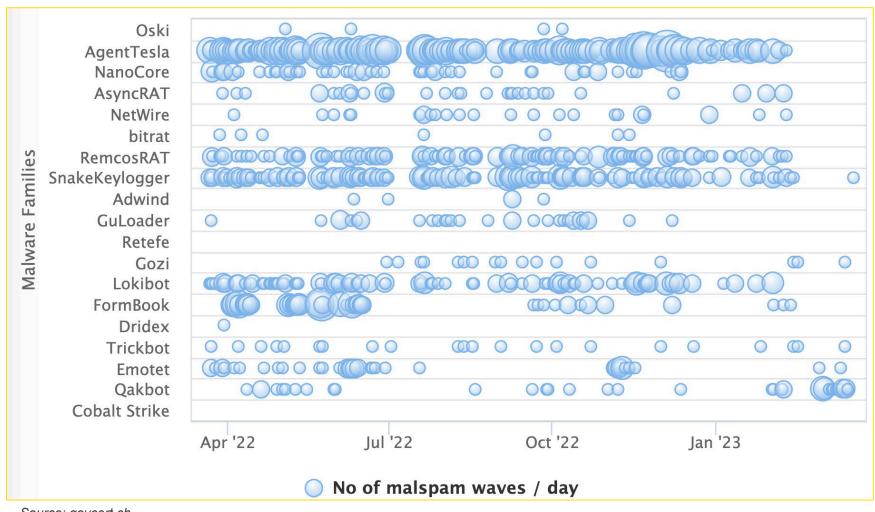




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MALWARE EVENTS IN SWITZERLAND



Source: govcert.ch



TOP 10 MALWARE SAMPLES (GOVCERT.CH)

TOP IO MALWARE SAMPLES analyzed by GovCERT.ch in April 2022				IP IO MALWARE SAMPLES Alyzed by GovCERT.ch in May 202				P IO MALWARE SAMPLES lyzed by GovCERT.ch in June 202			
		3 weeks ago last week			3 weeks ago	last week			3 weeks ago		last week
1	Agent Tesla aka AgenTesla, AgentTesla, Negasteal	41.5%	1	Agent Tesla aka AgenTesla, AgentTesla, Negasteal	47.7%	≥ 39.5%	1	Agent Tesla aka AgenTesla, AgentTesla, Negasteal	37.1%	\ ~	33.0 %
2	Xloader / Formbook aka Formbook	30.9% ~ 25.8%	2	Xloader / Formbook aka Formbook	17.8%	≈ 23.0%	2	Xloader / Formbook aka Formbook	20.2%	_ ^	~ 21.6 %
3	404 Keylogger aka 404KeyLogger, Snake Keylogger	10.6%	3	404 Keylogger aka 404KeyLogger, Snake Keylogger	12.5%	• 12.7 %	3	404 Keylogger aka 404KeyLogger, Snake Keylogger	6.90%	/ *	≈ 18.0 %
4	Loki Password Stealer (PWS) aka Burkina, Loki, LokiBot	1.32% ✓	4	Loki Password Stealer (PWS) aka Burkina, Loki, LokiBot	7.68%	~8.46%	4	Remcos aka RemcosRAT, Remvio, Socmer	2.30%	/ ≋	€ 6.00%
5	Nanocore RAT aka Nancrat, NanoCore	3.08% ~ 2.76%	5	Ave Maria aka AVE_MARIA, AveMariaRAT, Warzone RAT		NEW 5.17 %		Emotet aka Geodo, Heodo	7.36%	\ *	≈ 6.00%
6	Emotet aka Geodo, Heodo	1.65% ✓	6	Remcos aka RemcosRAT, Remvio, Socmer	3.36%	^ 3.76%	6	Ave Maria aka AVE_MARIA, AveMariaRAT, Warzone RAT		NEV	Ew 3.00%
7	Ave Maria aka AVE_MARIA, AveMariaRAT, Warzone RAT	NEW 1.84 %	7	Emotet aka Geodo, Heodo	0.96%	3.35 %	•	Loki Password Stealer (PWS) aka Burkina, Loki, LokiBot	12.4%	*	3.00 %
8	CloudEyE aka GuLoader, vbdropper	0.88%	8	QakBot aka Pinkslipbot, Qbot, Quakbot	1.23%	/	8	RedLine Stealer	1.38%	/ ≈	€ 2.40%
	AsyncRAT	0.44%	9	AsyncRAT		NEW 0.94%		QakBot aka Pinkslipbot, Qbot, Quakbot	1.54%	\	€ 2.40%
10	QakBot aka Pinkslipbot, Qbot, Quakbot	1.20%	10	RedLine Stealer	0.96%	> ≥ 0.47%	10	Nanocore RAT aka Nancrat, NanoCore	0.92%	/ ^	≈ 1.20 %
Names a	and aliases according to Malpedia. The percentages show the on of analyses from the total number of analyses.	NCSC / GovCERT.ch CC BY-SA		and aliases according to Malpedia. The percentages show the tion of analyses from the total number of analyses.		NCSC / GovCERT.ch CC BY-SA 2.0		and aliases according to Malpedia. The percentages show the on of analyses from the total number of analyses.		NCSC / G	GovCERT.ch CC BY-SA

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TOP 10 MALWARE FAMILIES (GOVCERT.CH)

- Agent Tesla
 - Formbook
 - 404 Keylogger
 - Loki Password Stealer
 - Ave Maria RAT
 - Remcos
 - Nanocore RAT
 - QakBot
 - Redline Stealer
 - Netwire RAT

Source: April 2022 – December 2022



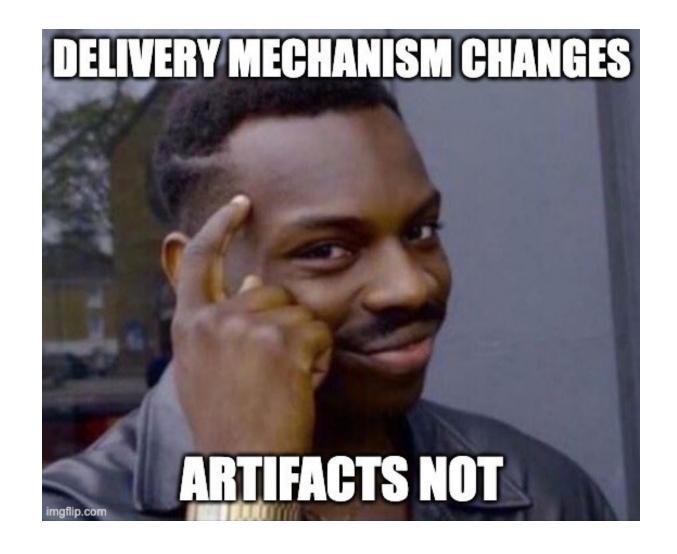












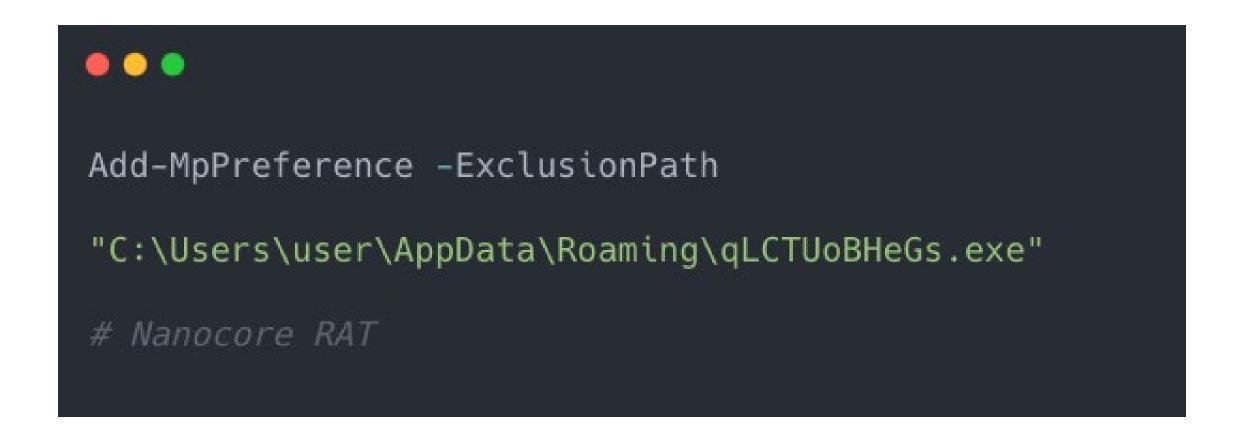


SAMPLES: VX-UNDERGROUND

Bazaar.2022.09.7z	6596122460	2022-10-17 22:49:31
Bazaar.2022.10.7z	10390770357	2022-11-01 12:02:31
Bazaar.2022.11.7z	10385352800	2022-12-02 06:57:17
Bazaar.2022.12.7z	10117808288	2023-01-01 07:02:50
Bazaar.2023.01.7z	10584395712	2023-02-01 08:36:56
Bazaar.2023.02.7z	9919966899	2023-03-01 23:14:34
Bazaar.2023.03.7z	6219214521	2023-04-05 22:06:25



IOC #1: DEFENDER EXCLUSIONS



AT	FB	404	LPS	AM	RC	NCR	QB	RLS	NWR
\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	X	\checkmark	X	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	X





× Event 5007, Windows Defender General Details Microsoft Defender Antivirus Configuration has changed. If this is an unexpected event you should review the settings as this may be the result of malware. Old value: New value: HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows Defender\Exclusions\Paths\C:\Users \user\AppData\Roaming\gLCTUoBHeGs.exe = 0x0 Log Name: Microsoft-Windows-Windows Defender/Operational Source: Logged: Windows Defender 3/23/2023 8:08:56 PM Event ID: Task Category: None 5007 Keywords: Level: Information

ARTIFACTS: REGISTRY

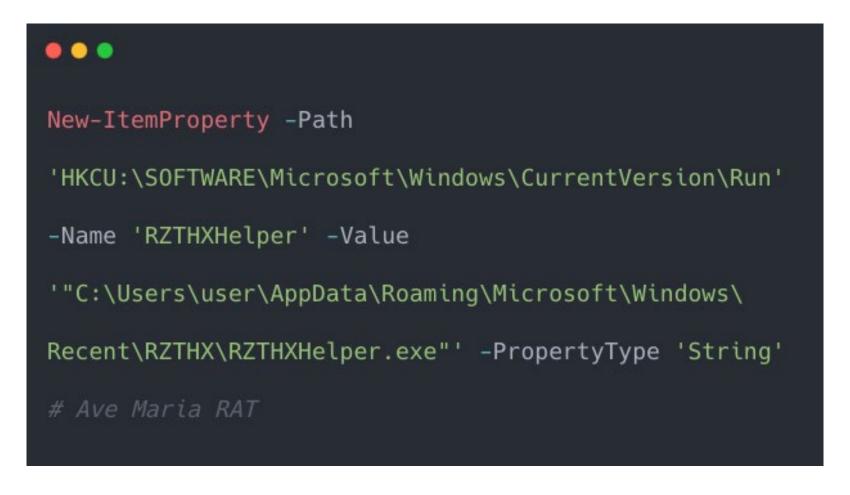


Administrator: Command Prompt

C:\>reg query "HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows Defender\Exclusions\Paths"



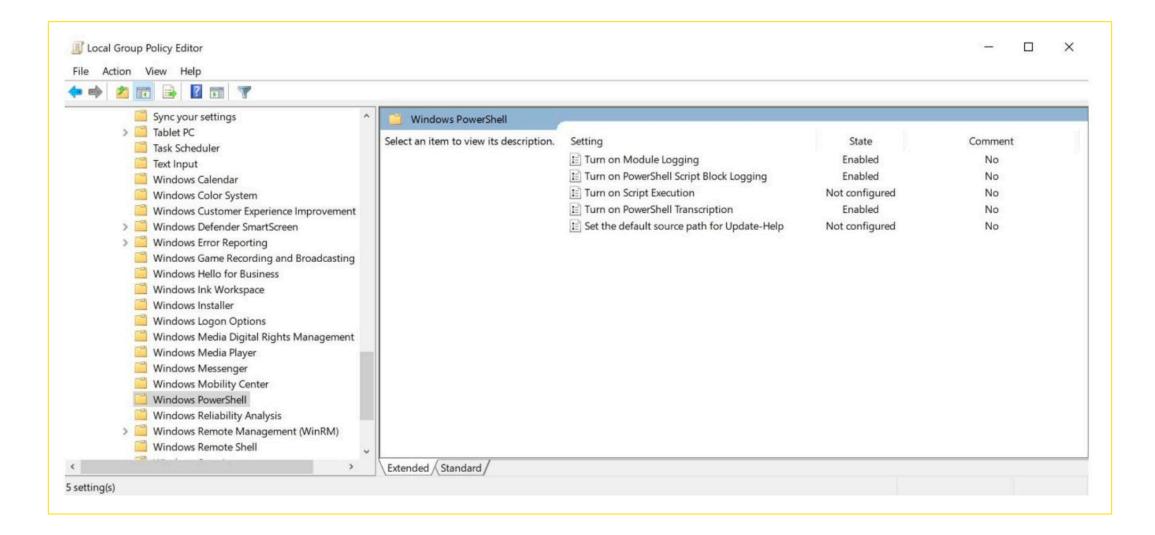
IOC #2: POWERSHELL



AT	FB	404	LPS	AM	RC	NCR	QB	RLS	NWR
(✓)	X	\checkmark	X	(☑)	(☑)	(☑)	X	\checkmark	\checkmark



ARTIFACTS: EVENT 4104







Event 4104, PowerShell (Microsoft-Windows-PowerShell)

General Details

Creating Scriptblock text (1 of 1):

New-ItemProperty -Path 'HKCU:\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run' -Name 'RZTHXHelper' -Value '"C: \Users\user\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Recent\RZTHX\RZTHXHelper.exe"' -PropertyType 'String'

ScriptBlock ID: 95b67aad-91f9-4b1f-b211-0b251060d805

Path:





...



Nasreddine Bencherchali

@nas_bench

PowerShell has a list of suspicious keywords. If found in a script block an automatic 4104 event will be generated regardless of logging policy:) (True for both PWSH 5/7)

Look for EID 4104 with Level 3 (Warning)

Full List: gist.github.com/nasbench/50cd0...

```
// Calling Add-Type
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s true, we log them to the event log despite event log settings.
case 3012981990: return "Add-Type";
case 3359423881: return "DlIImport";

// Doing dynamic assembly building / method indirection
case 2713126922: return "DefineDynamicAssembly";
case 2407049616: return "DefineDynamicModule";
case 2407089017: return "DefineCynamicModule";
case 3276870517: return "DefineCynamicModule";
case 419507039: return "DefineConstructor";
case 1370182198: return "DefineConstructor";
case 1370182198: return "CereateType";
// Calling Add-Type
// Case 3012981990: return "DelineDynamic";
case 3359423881: return "DelineDynamicAssembly";
// Doing dynamic assembly building / method indirection
case 2713126922: return "DefineDynamicAssembly";
case 2407049616: return "DefineDynamicModule";
case 3276870517: return "DefineConstructor";
case 419507039: return "DefineConstructor";
case 1370182198: return "CereateType";
// Cas
```



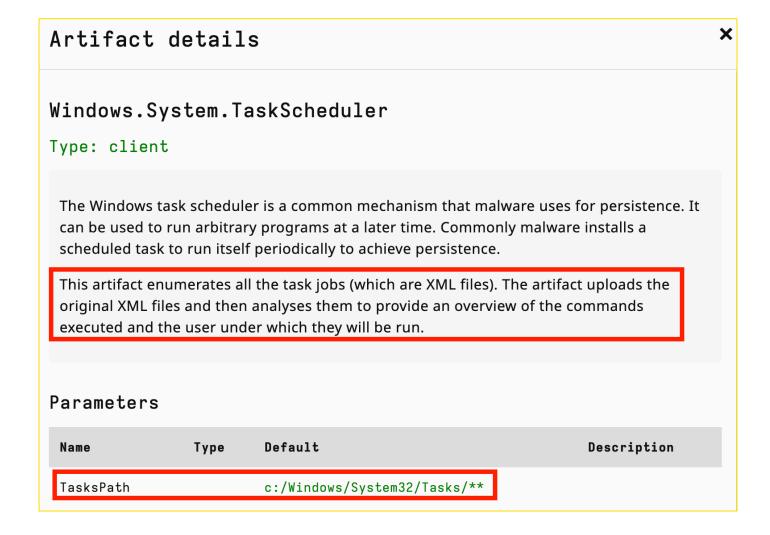
IOC #3: SCHEDULED TASKS



AT	FB	404	LPS	AM	RC	NCR	QB	RLS	NWR
	\checkmark	\checkmark	X	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark



ARTIFACTS: C:/WINDOWS/SYSTEM32/TASKS/*







ARTIFACTS: TASKS WITH COMMAND & LAUNCHSTRING

~	F.CGTB84UHE4H50	Windows.System.TaskSched	uler 2023-04-15T14:2	6:27Z 2023-04-15T14	:27:16Z stbe			
	•	neDrive Standalone Update 709901-3569341773-1001	%localappdata%\Microsoft\OneDriver.exe	\OneDriveStandaloneUpdate				
C:\Win	dows\System32\Tasks\np	ocapwatchdog	<pre>C:\Program Files\Npcap\CheckStatus.bat</pre>					
C:\Win	dows\System32\Tasks\rv	ocgveq/	regsvr32.exe		-s "C:\Users\User\Deskt op\FIRST\qbot.dll"			
C:∖Wind Auto U∣	•	icrosoft\VisualStudio\VSIX	<pre>C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Studio\Installer\resources\app\Se ft.VisualStudio.Setup.Service\VSI</pre>	rviceHub\Services\Microso				



ARTIFACTS: EVENT LOGS

SECURITY.EVTX

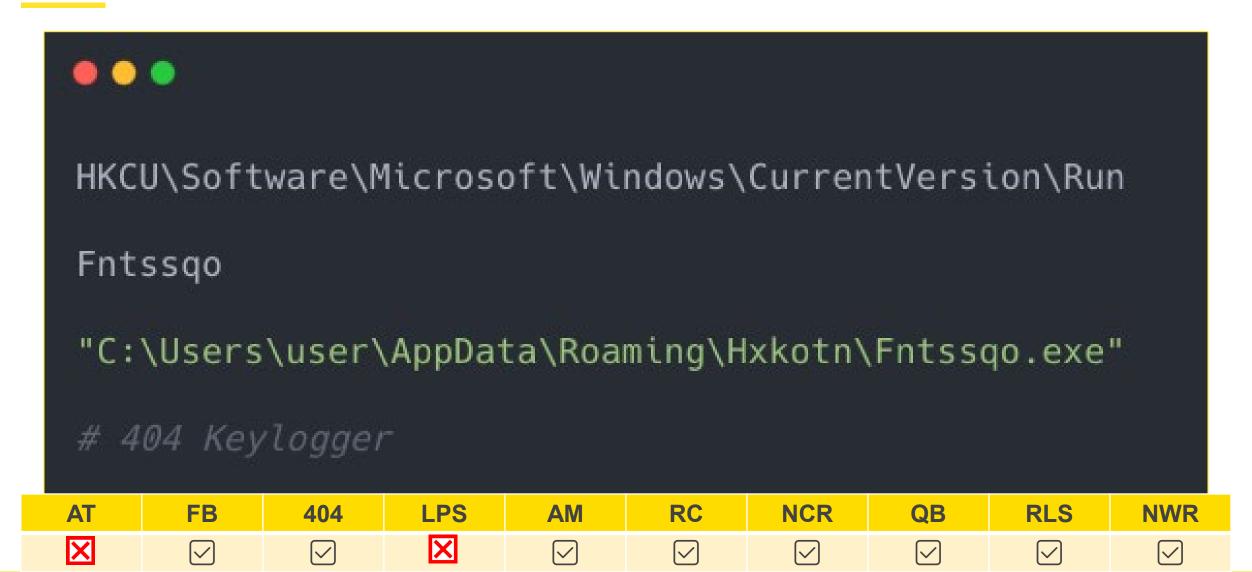
- 4698: A scheduled task was created
- 4699: A scheduled task was deleted
- 4700: A scheduled task was enabled
- 4701: A scheduled task was disabled
- 4702: A scheduled task was updated

MICROSOFT-WINDOWS-TASKSCHEDULER%40PERATIONAL.EVTX

- 140: User <user> updated Task Scheduler task <task_name>
- 141: User <user> deleted Task Scheduler task <task_name>









ARTIFACTS: SYSMON EVENT ID 13 - REGISTRY SET

Event 13, Sysmon

General Details

Registry value set:

RuleName: T1060,RunKey

EventType: SetValue

UtcTime: 2023-04-16 10:17:41.925

ProcessGuid: {f0ddfc6e-cb45-643b-5113-00000001d00}

ProcessId: 844

lmage: C:\Users\malmoeb\AppData\Local\Temp\cckgcf.exe

TargetObject: HKU\S-1-5-21-4008431687-740994179-4145981840-1000\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run\hhtktvn

Details: C:\Users\malmoeb\AppData\Roaming\gswccl\ratotpvvsmo.exe





ARTIFACTS: WHEN IN DOUBT...

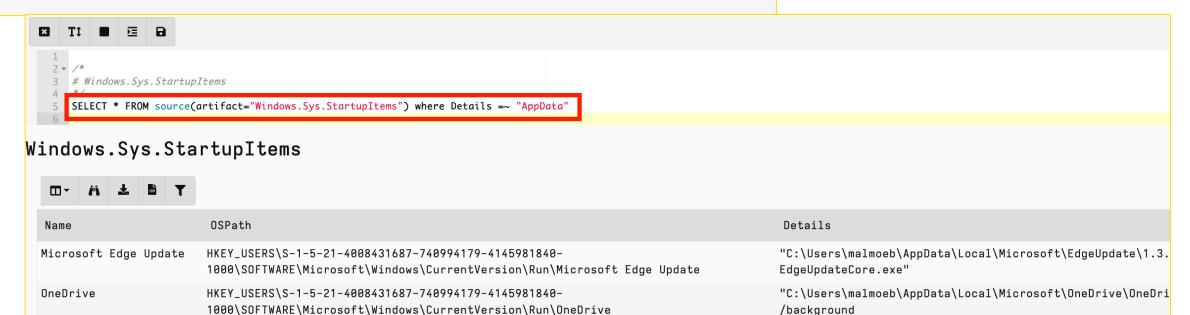
KeyGlobs

hhtktvn

 $\label{thm:local_machine} HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\WOW6432Node\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run*\\ HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\Explorer\Run*\\ HKEY_USERS*\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run*\\ HKEY_USERS*\SOFTWARE\WOW6432Node\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run*\\ HKEY_USERS*\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\Explorer\Run*\\ \end{tabular}$

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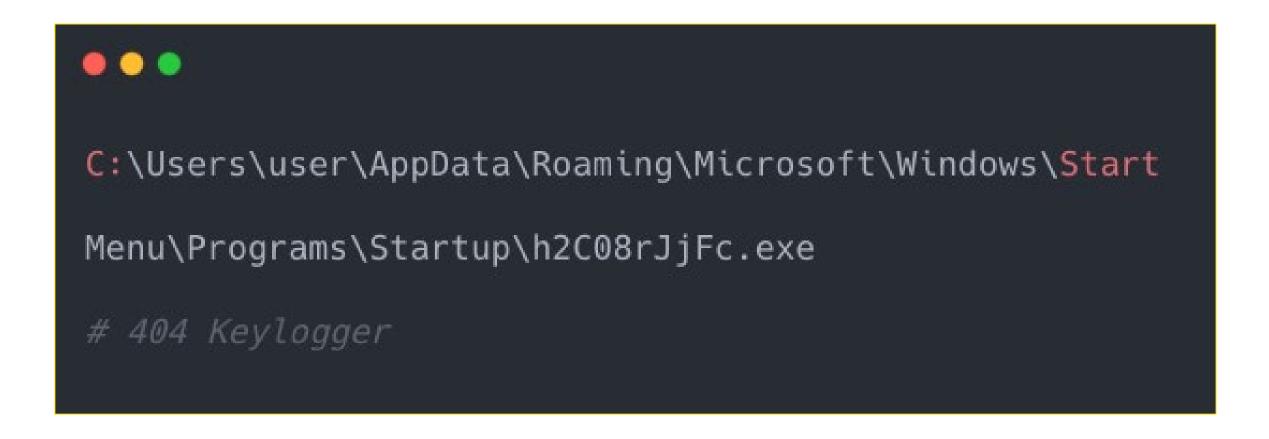
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C:\Users\malmoeb\AppData\Roaming\gswccl\ratotpvvsmo.exe



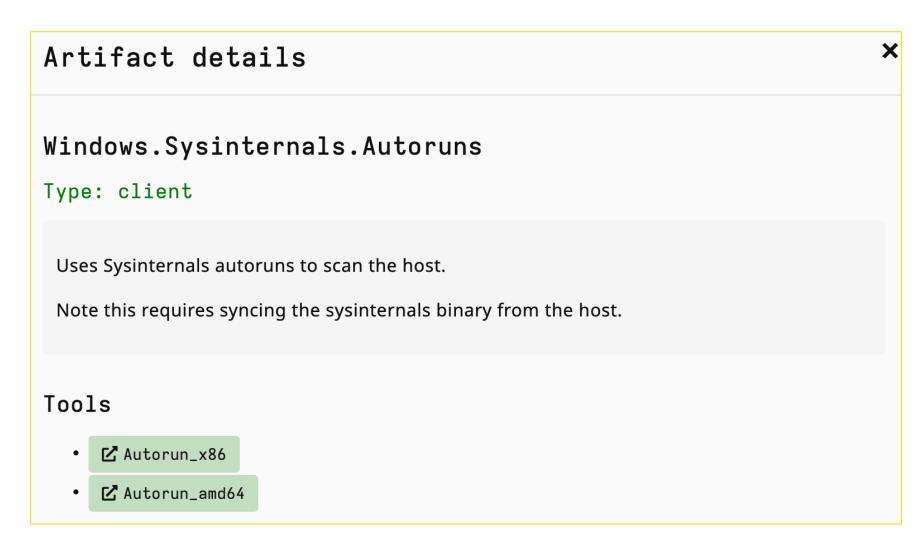




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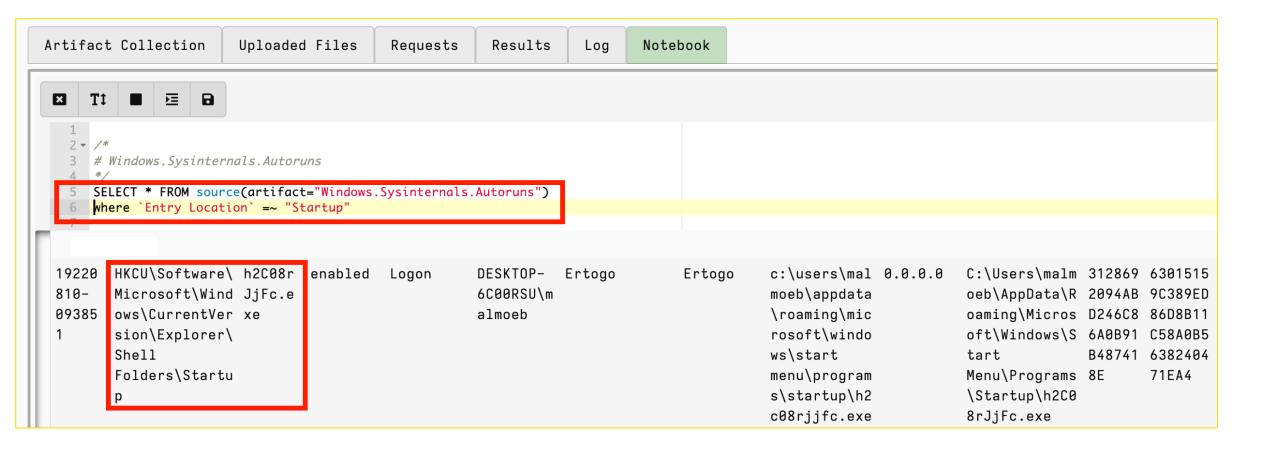






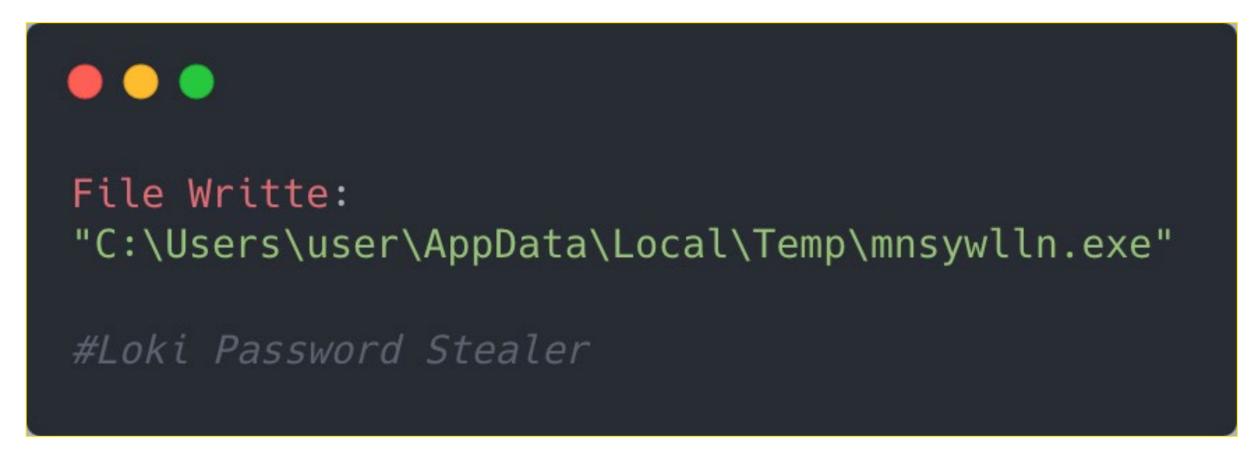








IOC #6: APPDATA



AT	FB	404	LPS	AM	RC	NCR	QB	RLS	NWR
\checkmark									



ARTIFACTS: SYSMON EVENT ID 11 - FILE WRITE



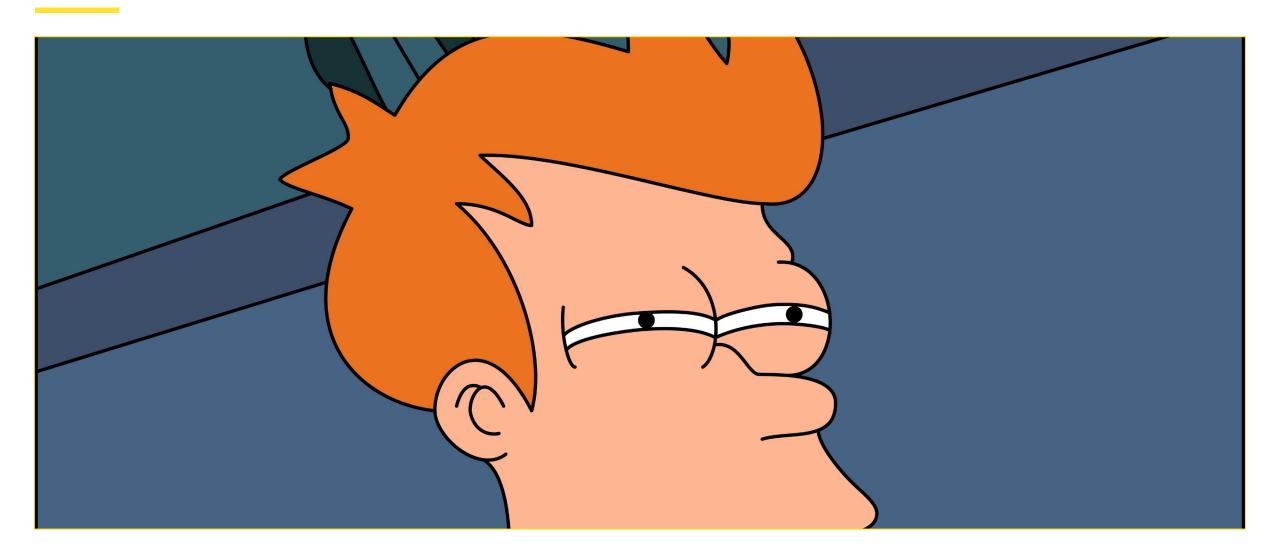


ARTIFACTS: FILEFINDER (VELOCIRAPTOR)

```
Windows.Search.FileFinder
SearchFilesGlobTable
                              Glob C:\Windows\System32\config\systemprofile\**\*.dll
                              C:\Windows\System32\config\systemprofile\**\*.exe
                              C:\Windows\System32\config\systemprofile\**\*.bat
                              C:\Windows\System32\config\systemprofile\**\*.ps1
                              C:\Windows\System32\config\systemprofile\**\*.cmd
                              C:\Windows\Tasks\*.dll C:\Windows\Tasks\*.exe
                              C:\Windows\Tasks\*.bat C:\Windows\Tasks\*.ps1
                              C:\Windows\Tasks\*.cmd C:\Users\**\*.dll
                              C:\Users\**\*.exe C:\Users\**\*.bat C:\Users\**\*.ps1
                              C:\Users\**\*.cmd C:\Windows\Temp\**\*.dll
                              C:\Windows\Temp\**\*.exe C:\Windows\Temp\**\*.bat
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Calculate_Hash
```

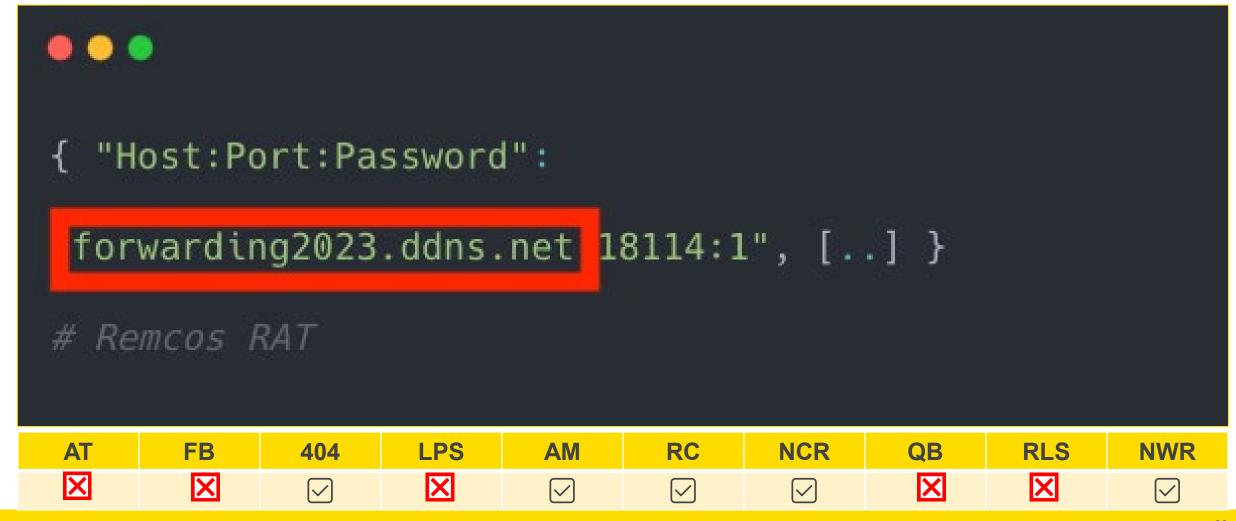


EXTRA MILE: C:\USERS\PUBLIC













PowerShell

GUI

Here's how to install the DNS Server role using the Install-WindowsFeature command.

- 1. Run PowerShell on your computer in an elevated session.
- 2. To install the DNS role, run the following command. The installation doesn't require a reboot.

PowerShell

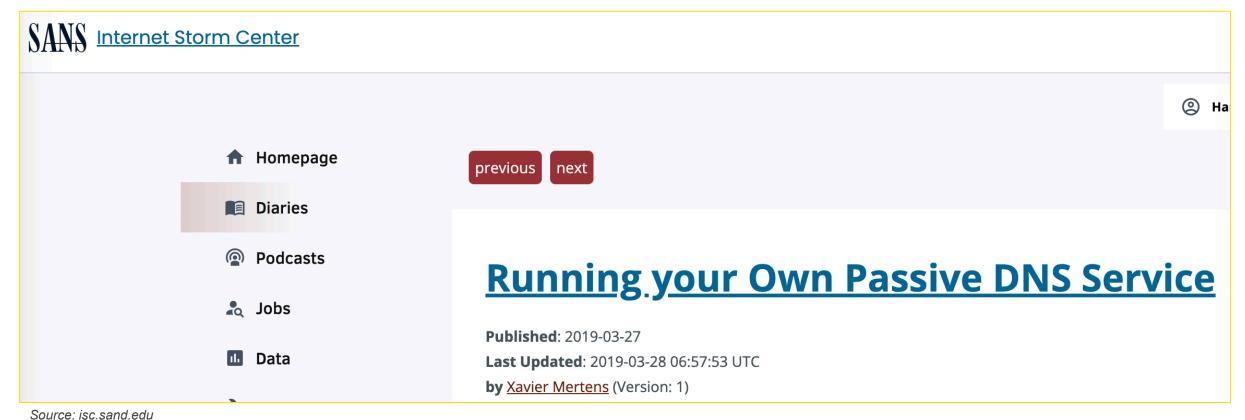
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Install-WindowsFeature -Name DNS

Source: learn.microsoft.com









ARTIFACTS: DNS CACHE

PS C:\Users\User> Get-Dr	nsClientCache -Type A						
Entry	RecordName	Record Type	Status	Section		Data Length	Data
_	forwarding2023.ddns.net		Success	Answer	603024		185.225.73.58

Windows.System.DNSCache

V

Type: client

Windows maintains DNS lookups for a short time in the DNS cache.

This artifact collects DNS cache entries using the WMI class MSFT_DNSClientCache.

Source: Velociraptor



IOC #8: HIGH-PORT || IP-ONLY

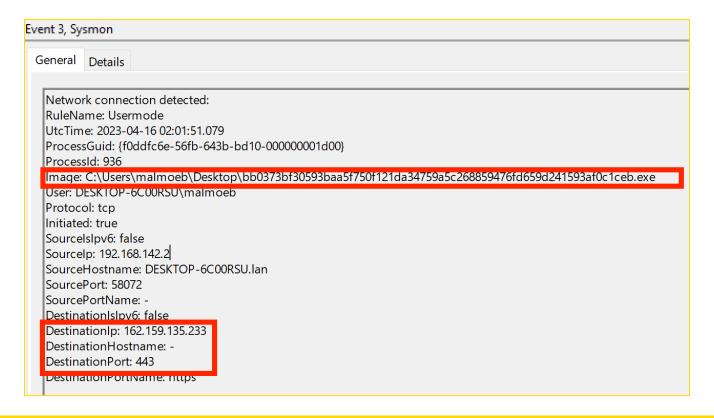




ARTIFACTS: FIREWALL LOGS

MIGHT BE NOISY!

BETTER FILTER ON THE IMAGE (SYSMON EVENT ID 3) 404 Keylogger sample below







	Defender Exclusions	
>_	Powershell	
	Scheduled Tasks	
P	Run Keys	
	Startup Folder	
8	AppData	
i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i	DNS Logs	
	High Port IP Only	



CASE SOLVED: CATCHING EVIL ON THE FLY!





QUESTIONS?

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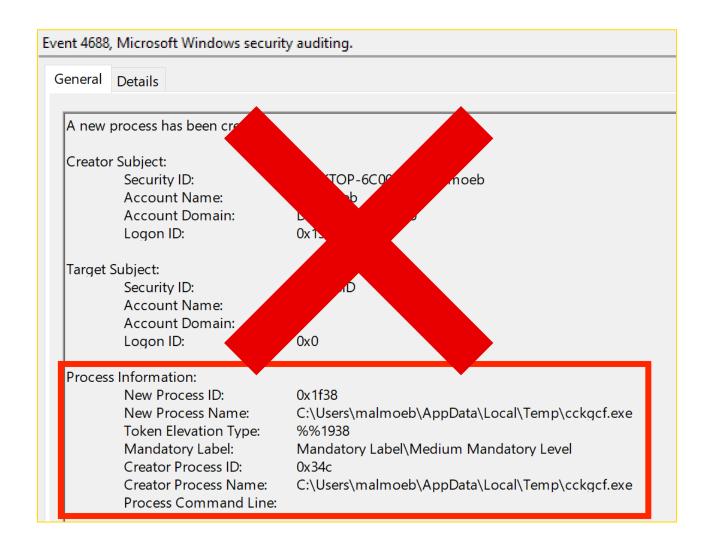


ARTIFACTS: 4688 REGEDIT





ARTIFACTS: «ONLY» PROCESS INFORMATION





EXTRA MILE: THREATFOX

```
curl -X POST https://threatfox-api.abuse.ch/api/v1/
-d '{ "query": "taginfo", "tag": "Netwire"}
```

```
"id": "580073",
"ioc": "51.161.104.138:5005"
threat_type . bothet_cc ,
"threat_type_desc": "Indicator that identifies a botnet command&control server (C&C)",
"ioc_type": "ip:port",
"ioc type desc": "ip:port combination that is used for botnet Command&control (C&C)",
"malware": "win.netwire",
"malware_printable": "NetWire RC",
"malware_alias": "NetWeird,NetWire,Recam"
"malware_malpedia": "nttps:\/\/malpedia.caad.fkie.fraunhofer.de\/details\/win.netwire",
"confidence level": 100,
"first_seen": "2022-05-17 08:48:34 UTC",
"last seen": null,
"reference": null,
"reporter": "abuse_ch",
"tags": [
    "NetWire",
    "RAT"
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