Let's Talk Endpoint Monitoring

IBM QRadar Endpoint Content Extension

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Announcements

Threat Content Pack 1.2.0

- This update introduces a new AQL function to detect Homograph attacks from events or flows. Read more about homograph attacks here: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IDN_homograph_attack
- Added two new rules for DNS Queries:
 - Suspicious DNS Query Length
 - Suspicious program initiating DNS Query
- Download: https://exchange.xforce.ibmcloud.com/hub/extension/IBMQRadar:IBMContentPackageInternalThreat

QRadar Security Analytics Self Monitoring 1.1.0

This content pack assists with monitoring changes in QRadar.

- This update includes new custom property extractions for Offense Closed Comment, Offense Closed Reason, and Offense IDs.
- New rule for 'unusally high or low offenses' detected.
- New Saved Searches: Number of Offenses Created, QRadar Audit: Offenses Closed Reason, QRadar Audit: Top Offenses Closed Reason

New report for closed offenses

How do you differentiate between normal and suspicious activity?

Bad actors make use of

- Account creation, permissions management, and other management tasks using PowerShell are all part of legitimate workflows
- Bad actors make use of the same activity, and it can be difficult to disambiguate between normal and malicious activity
- Detecting suspicious activity requires complex logic to avoid creating additional work for the analyst

Normal

- Privilege modification
- File Downloads
- Script Execution
- Hidden file creation

Suspicious

- Communication with suspicious URL / IP
- Disable security tools
- Process masquerading
- Application shimming

IBM **Security QRadar**Endpoint Content Extension

Endpoint Content Extension

- Monitor and secure endpoints in your security deployment
- Optimized for Windows and Linux log sources types
- Recommended configurations for Windows and Linux

Key capabilities

- 25 Building Blocks
- New and updated custom event properties for Windows and Linux
- 19 Custom Rules
- 16 Reference sets
- MITRE ATT&CK® Coverage with the Use Case Manager

Benefits

- Logic provided in the building blocks will save you time and effort
- Tunable reference sets that are flexible for your deployment
- Lightweight content management
- Meaningful detections, to reduce false positives.
- Built in guidance and recommendations

Configuration for Windows Endpoint Monitoring

You must configure your Windows endpoints to monitor security events with Sysmon, add the SwiftonSecurity Sysmon configuration, tune Sysmon event IDs 1 and 7 in the XML file, and install Sysmon as an administrator.

Audit monitoring

- Security Events
- Sysmon
- Powershell Auditing

Dependencies

- IBM QRadar Custom Properties for Microsoft Windows
- Windows Security Event Log DSM

Required downloads

- Sysmon: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sysinternals/downloads/sysmon
- Sysmon configuration from SwiftonSecurity: https://github.com/SwiftOnSecurity/sysmon-config

Configuration

- Enable audit process tracking (on success events) in the Local Security Policy.
- Enable Powershell auditing options 'Script Block Logging'.
- Increase the maximum payload size in QRadar.

Configuration for Linux Endpoint Monitoring

You must configure your Linux endpoints with updated rules in auditd. It is recommended to backup your auditd rules before you modify Linux endpoints.

Auditd monitoring

- Process execution
- Process creation
- File monitoring

Note: You must restart auditd to load any rule changes. For example:

service auditd restart

Dependencies

- IBM QRadar Custom Properties for Linux
- Linux OS DSM

```
root@ip-172-31-10-190:~# vi /etc/audit/rules.d/audit.rules
-a exit,always -F arch=b64 -S execve
-a exit,always -F arch=b32 -S execve
-a exit,always -F arch=b64 -S fork -S vfork -S clone
-a exit,always -F arch=b32 -S fork -S vfork -S clone
-w ∕boot -p wa
-w /etc/pam.d -p wa
-w /etc/shadow -p wa
-w /etc/passwd -p wa
-w /etc/rsyslog -p wa
-w /etc/openldap -p wa
-w /etc/sysconfig/syslog -p wa
-w /etc/syslog.conf -p wa
-w /etc/sysconfiq/network-scripts -p wa
-w /etc/default/ufw -p wa
-w /etc/sudoers -p wa
root@ip-172-31-10-190:~# service auditd restart
```

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Demo 1: Windows detection example

Scenario 1

An attacker connects to a Windows environment, modifies registry entries to redirect a legitimate program to a PowerShell environment, and proceeds to a group discovery.



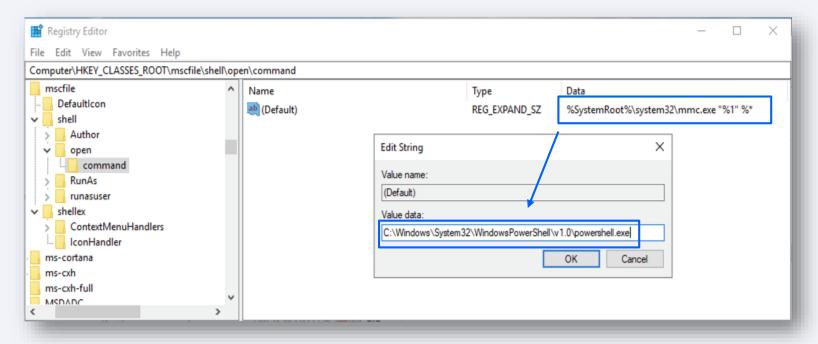
Target an elevated process to tamper with

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eventvwr.exe	3120 RegOpenKey	HKCU\Software\Classes\mscfile\shell\open\command	NAME NOT FO	UND High
eventvwr.exe	3120 🌋 RegQuery Key	HKCR\mscfile\shell\open	SUCCESS	High
eventvwr.exe	3120 🌋 RegOpenKey	HKCR\mscfile\shell\open\command	SUCCESS	High
eventvwr.exe	3120 🌋 RegQuery Key	HKCR\mscfile\shell\open\command	SUCCESS	High
eventvwr.exe	3120 KegQueryKey	HKCR\mscfile\shell\open\command	SUCCESS	High

Time of Day Process Name	PID Operation	Path	Result	Detail
1:42:33.4060730 PM mmc.exe	5440 RegOpenKey	HKCU\Software\Classes\CLSID\{43136EB5-D36C-11CF-ADBC-00AA00A80033}\InprocServer32	NAME NOT FOUND	Desired Access: Maxi
1:42:33.4060900 PM mmc.exe	5440 RegQueryValue	HKCR\CLSID\{43136EB5-D36C-11CF-ADBC-00AA00A80033}\InprocServer32\Class	NAME NOT FOUND	Length: 12
1:42:33.4063794 PM mmc.exe	5440 RegOpenKey	HKCU\Software\Classes\CLSID\{43136EB5-D36C-11CF-ADBC-00AA00A80033}\InprocServer32	NAME NOT FOUND	Desired Access: Read
1:42:33.4064587 PM mmc.exe	5440 RegOpenKey	HKCU\Software\Classes\CLSID\{43136EB5-D36C-11CF-ADBC-00AA00A80033}\InprocServer32	NAME NOT FOUND	Desired Access: Maxi.
1:42:33.4097155 PM mmc.exe	5440 RegOpenKey	HKCU\Software\Classes\CLSID\{B3FD5602-EB0F-415E-9F32-75DA391D6BF9}\InprocServer32	NAME NOT FOUND	Desired Access: Read
1:42:33.4098354 PM mmc.exe	5440 RegOpenKey	HKCU\Software\Classes\CLSID\{B3FD5602-EB0F-415E-9F32-75DA391D6BF9}\InprocServer32	NAME NOT FOUND	Desired Access: Maxi.
1:42:33.4098914 PM ammc.exe	5440 RegOpenKey	HKCU\Software\Classes\CLSID\{B3FD5602-EB0F-415E-9F32-75DA391D6BF9}\InprocServer32	NAME NOT FOUND	Desired Access: Maxi.
1:42:33.4099087 PM mmc.exe	5440 RegQueryValue	HKCR\CLSID\{B3FD5602-EB0F-415E-9F32-75DA391D6BF9}\InprocServer32\Class	NAME NOT FOUND	Length: 12

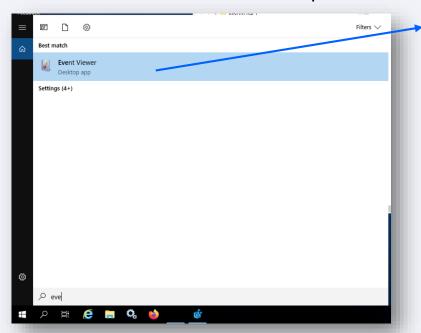
- Enumerate possible candidates using SysInternals Process Monitor
- Find a high integrity process

Fileless user account control (UAC) bypass

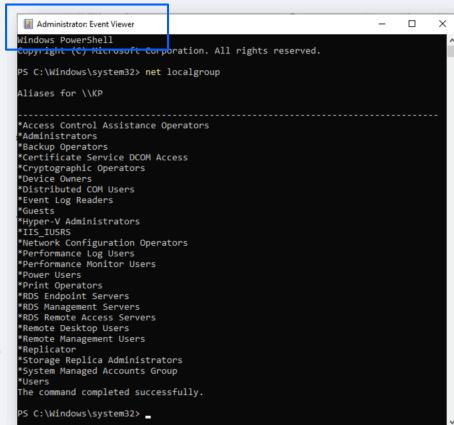


- Microsoft Management Console (mmc.exe) loads Microsoft Console files (.msc)
- Replace the executable with PowerShell

Execute PowerShell script or command



- PowerShell will be loaded instead of Event Viewer
- Attacker can execute malicious or discovery commands



Component Object Model (COM) Hijacking

	Event Name	Registry Key (custom)	Registry Value Data (custom)	Object Name Lowercase (custom)	Process Path (custom)	Process Name (custom)
o	Suspicious Activity Followed by End	N/A	N/A	null	C:\Windows\System32\net.exe	net.exe
•	Process Create	N/A	N/A	c:\windows\system32\net.exe	C:\Windows\System32\net.exe	net.exe
0	Process Create	N/A	N/A		C:\Win\ows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe	
•	Potential COM Hijacking	N/A	N/A	null	C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe	powershell.exe
0	Process Create	N/A	N/A	c:\windows\system32\windowspowershell\v1.0\powershell.exe	C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe	powershell.exe
	RegistryEvent (Value Set)	$HKCR\sc file\shell\sc hell\sc $	$C: \label{lem:condition} C: \label{lem:condition} Windows Power Shell \ v1.0 \ power shell. exe$	c:\windows\system32\windowspowershell\v1.0\powershell.exe	N/A	regedit.exe

Detection in QRadar:

- 1. Behavior through process path
 - registry modification
 - process creation
- 2. Specific registries
 - ddeexec
 - InprocServer32
 - clsid for .exe drop target

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Demo 2: Linux detection example

Scenario 2

An attacker connects to a Linux environment, disables the antivirus, and creates a hidden space to drop a virtual bomb on the system.



Disable anti-virus

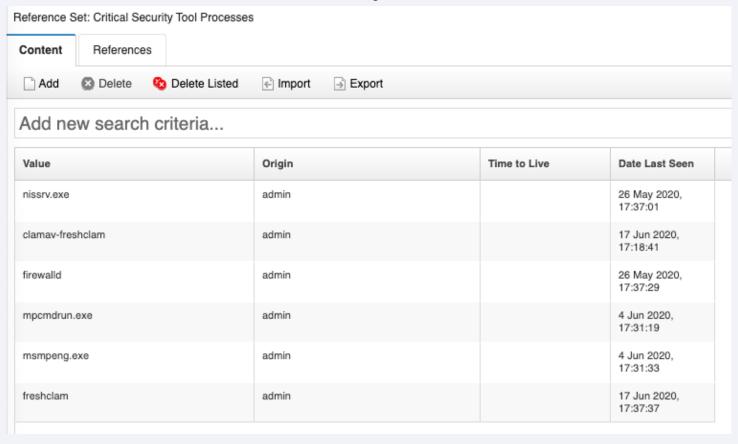
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                                                                                               root@ip-172-31-10-190: ~
 × root@ip-172-31-10-190; ~ (ssh)
root@ip-172-31-10-190:~# service clamav-freshclam stop
root@ip-172-31-10-190:~# service clamav-freshclam status
• clamay-freshclam.service - ClamAV virus database updater
   Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/clamav-freshclam.service; enabled; vendor preset: enabled)
   Active: inactive (dead) since Thu 2020-07-23 13:03:28 UTC; 8s ago
     Docs: man:freshclam(1)
           man:freshclam.conf(5)
           https://www.clamav.net/documents
  Process: 32600 ExecStart=/usr/bin/freshclam -d --foreground=true (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
 Main PID: 32600 (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
Jul 23 13:02:35 ip-172-31-10-190 freshclam[32600]: Thu Jul 23 13:02:35 2020 -> ClamAV update process started at Thu Jul 23 13:02:35 2020
Jul 23 13:02:35 ip-172-31-10-190 freshclam[32600]: Thu Jul 23 13:02:35 2020 -> ^Your ClamAV installation is OUTDATED!
Jul 23 13:02:35 ip-172-31-10-190 freshclam[32600]: Thu Jul 23 13:02:35 2020 -> ^Local version: 0.102.3 Recommended version: 0.102.4
Jul 23 13:02:35 ip-172-31-10-190 freshclam[32600]: Thu Jul 23 13:02:35 2020 -> DON'T PANIC! Read https://www.clamav.net/documents/upgrading-clamav
Jul 23 13:02:35 ip-172-31-10-190 freshclam[32600]: Thu Jul 23 13:02:35 2020 -> daily.cld database is up to date (version: 25881, sigs: 3573651, f-level: 63, builder: raynman)
Jul 23 13:02:35 ip-172-31-10-190 freshclam[32600]: Thu Jul 23 13:02:35 2020 -> main.cvd database is up to date (version: 59, sigs: 4564902, f-level: 60, builder: sigmgr)
Jul 23 13:02:35 ip-172-31-10-190 freshclam[32600]: Thu Jul 23 13:02:35 2020 -> bytecode.cvd database is up to date (version: 331, sigs: 94, f-level: 63, builder: anvilleg)
Jul 23 13:03:28 ip-172-31-10-190 systemd[1]: Stopping ClamAV virus database updater...
Jul 23 13:03:28 ip-172-31-10-190 freshclam[32600]: Thu Jul 23 13:03:28 2020 -> Update process terminated
Jul 23 13:03:28 ip-172-31-10-190 systemd[1]: Stopped ClamAV virus database updater.
root@ip-172-31-10-190:~#
```

QRadar detected clamav-freshclam was stopped

	Event Name	Log Source	Start Time ▼	Low Level Category		Process Name (custom)
•	Critical Security Tool Stopped	Custom Rule Engine-8 :: ip-172-31-42-222	Jul 23, 2020, 1:01:44 PM	Service Stopped	clamav-freshclam	
•	Service (daemon) stop	LinuxTest	Jul 23, 2020, 1:01:44 PM	Service Stopped	clamav-freshclam	



Monitor additional critical security tools





Create a folder with restrictive rights and drop malicious script

```
root@ip-172-31-10-190:~# mkdir -m 700 /etc/pam.d/InnocentFolder
root@ip-172-31-10-190:~# vi /etc/pam.d/InnocentFolder/KillItAll.py
root@ip-172-31-10-190:~# ls -al /etc/pam.d/InnocentFolder/
total 8
drwx----- 2 root root 4096 Jul 23 13:24 .
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 4096 Jul 23 13:19 ..
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 0 Jul 23 13:24 KillItAll.py
```

 QRadar detected creation of hidden folder which is a normal activity by itself but not after antivirus is disabled

Event Name	Start Time ▼	Low Level Category	File Directory (custom)	Filename (custom)	File Permissions (custom)
File Created	Jul 23, 2020, 1:26:34 PM	File Created	/etc/pam.d/InnocentFolder	.KillItAll.py.swp	0100600
File Created	Jul 23, 2020, 1:26:34 PM	File Created	/etc/pam.d/InnocentFolder	.KillItAll.py.swx	0100600
File Created	Jul 23, 2020, 1:26:34 PM	File Created	/etc/pam.d/InnocentFolder	.KillItAll.py.swp	0100600
File Created	Jul 23, 2020, 1:26:34 PM	File Created	/etc/pam.d/InnocentFolder	KillItAll.py	0100644
File Created	Jul 23, 2020, 1:19:29 PM	File Created	/etc/pam.d	InnocentFolder	040700
File Created	Jul 23, 2020, 1:15:27 PM	File Created	/etc/pam.d/InnocentFolder	.KillItAll.py.swx	0100600
File Created	Jul 23, 2020, 1:15:27 PM	File Created	/etc/pam.d/InnocentFolder	.KillItAll.py.swp	0100600
File Created	Jul 23, 2020, 1:15:27 PM	File Created	/etc/pam.d/InnocentFolder	KillItAll.py	0100644
File Created	Jul 23, 2020, 1:15:27 PM	File Created	/etc/pam.d/InnocentFolder	.KillItAll.py.swp	0100600
File Created	Jul 23, 2020, 1:12:10 PM	File Created	/etc/pam.d	InnocentFolder	040700





Another user failed to view contents of the hidden directory

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-10-190:~$ ls -la /etc/pam.d/InnocentFolder/
ls: cannot open directory '/etc/pam.d/InnocentFolder/': Permission denied
ubuntu@ip-172-31-10-190:~$
```

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A&Q

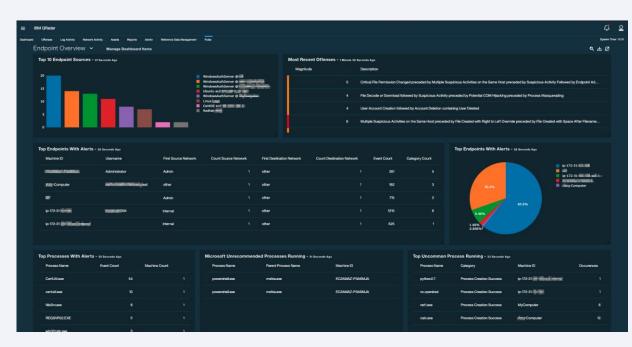
Use the **+Add Question** button to ask the panelists a question.

Common Questions

1. Does the Endpoint Monitoring Content Extension include a Pulse dashboard? Yes!

Endpoint Overview

- Top Endpoint Sources
- Most Recent Offenses
- Top Endpoints with Alerts
- Top Processes with Alerts
- Microsoft
 Unrecommended
 Processes Running
- Top Uncommon Processes Running







2. Do all content extensions include dashboards?

No, there are some older content extensions that do not include Pulse dashboards. The contents list on the X-Force App Exchange identifies if an extension contains a dashboard.

Dashboard

- 1

If I reinstall QRadar, do I need to reinstall my content extensions?

Rules, custom properties, searches, and other packaged information are included in the nightly configuration backup on the QRadar Console. When you restore your QRadar Console's configuration backup, the content is available for use.

4. What happens when I uninstall a content extension?

It depends on your QRadar version. As of QRadar 7.3.3 and later, all content is removed, including reference sets added by the content extension. In QRadar 7.3.2, rules and custom properties added by content extensions are removed during uninstall.

5. Can I download older content extensions?

No, older content extensions are replaced on the IBM X-Force App Exchange. Users can download the latest available version.

6. We use QRadar on Cloud, are content extensions available?

Yes, all content extensions can be installed on QRadar on Cloud.



7. What content extensions are installed by default in QRadar?

In QRadar 7.4.1 more custom properties are available by default, but no extensions are installed by default.

8. Are there any content extensions that are considered 'must have'?

There are currently ~70 content extensions available for QRadar.

- Baseline Maintenance (merged into software updates)
- IBM Security Threat Content
- IBM QRadar Security Analytics Self Monitoring
- IBM QRadar Custom Properties for Linux
- IBM QRadar Custom Properties for Windows

Depending on event sources:

- Amazon AWS Content Extension
- Custom Properties for Microsoft Exchange
- Microsoft Azure

9. Can I edit a rule, search, or other content added by an extension?

Yes, all content added by extensions can be modified. When rules are added, they are owned by SYSTEM, when users modify a rule, it creates a copy under their username. Administrators should be careful when modifying custom properties to understand the impact to other users and performance.



10. We use the Mitre ATT&CK framework, can I view content by tactics?

Yes, the X-Force App Exchange was updated to include Mitre ATT&CK mapping information. This information is also made available in the QRadar Use Case Manager application for users to understand rule coverage and where they might have gaps.

The Use Case Manager app is a default application installed with your QRadar 7.4.1 software update.

MITRE ATT&CK™ Information		
The following adversary tactics and techniques are addressed:		
Tactics	Techniques	
Execution	PowerShell, Command-Line Interface, Rundll32, Service Execution, Scheduled Task	
Privilege Escalation	Process Injection, Service Registry Permissions Weakness, Path Interception, New Service, Bypass User Account Control, Scheduled Task	
Persistence	Hidden Files and Directories, Scheduled Task, New Service	
Defense Evasion	Process Injection, Modify Registry, Bypass User Account Control, Hidden Files and Directories, Rootkit	





11. When updating a content extension to a newer version, I was prompted to 'Overwrite' or 'Keep existing data'. What do I select?

The 'Overwrite' option basically means that all content items in the extension will be imported. Anything marked 'ADD' in the preview is net new to the system, so will be simply added. Anything marked 'REPLACE" is already present on the system, and will be swapped out for the new version of the content bundled in the extension.

For any other content types (saved searches, report templates, custom properties, etc), if you know you've modified any IBM-provided ones, and you see those same items listed in an extension preview, marked as REPLACE, you need to be aware that if you choose the 'Overwrite' option, you will lose those customizations. Support often recommends that users create a copy of those items before proceeding, or just choose the 'Keep existing data' option to preserve your modifications.

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Enhancements and Support

Submitting enhancements

Requests for enhancements (RFEs) allow users to submit features to QRadar Offering teams and product owners for review.

Procedure

- 1. To submit an enhancement: http://ibm.biz/qradarrfesubmit
- 2. Component = Content Packs
- 3. Fill out each section
- 4. Enable public or keep private
- 5. Enabled voting (if public)

What to include in every RFE

- A description of the request
- Your security use case
- Impact on your business and deliverables

What to include for content requests

- Description of collection gap or rules
- Event logs and product versions
- Information for expected functionality or results
- Case number if you have an open case with QRadar Support

Getting help

Content extensions are fully supported by the QRadar team. Users or admins can open cases related to extensions.

- 1. To submit a case: https://www.ibm.com/mysupport
- 2. Select QRadar SIEM.
- 3. Select your account.
- 4. Under QRadar Application or Application Framework, select Content Extensions.



What to include in your case

- A description of the issue
- Version of the content extension
- The text from the rule or a screen capture
- The payload from the event that triggered the rule
- If performance related, include logs from the QRadar appliance

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Reference Information

Endpoint Monitoring: Building Blocks

BB:BehaviorDefinition

- Admin Privileges Added (Unix)
- Admin Privileges Added (Windows)
- Admin Privileges Removed (Windows)
- Component Object Model Hijacking
- Component Object Model Hijacking Rules
- Critical Security Tool Process Information
- Download Utilities in Events
- Group or Account Discovery
- Hidden File or Folder Created
- Password Policy Discovery (Unix)
- Password Policy Discovery (Windows)
- PowerShell File Download Activity
- Process Killed
- Regular Endpoint Administration
- Run as Superuser or Another User (Unix)
- Run as Superuser or Another User (Windows)
- Suspicious Endpoint Activities
- User Account Added (Unix)
- User Account Added (Windows)
- User Account Deleted (Unix)
- User Account Deleted (Windows)

BB:CategoryDefinition

- File Decode by a Utility
- File Permission Changed
- Files with Sensitive Permissions

BB:DeviceDefinition

Operating System

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Endpoint Monitoring: Rules

- Communication with a Potential Hostile Host
- Communication with a Potential Hostile IP Address
- Credential Dumping Activities Discovered
- Critical File Permission Changed (Unix)
- Critical Security Tool Killed (Unix)
- Critical Security Tool Stopped
- Detection of Malicious IOC
- File Created with Space After Filename
- File Created with Right to Left Override
- File Decode or Download followed by Suspicious Activity
- Potential Component Object Model (COM) Hijacking
- Potential DLL Hijacking
- Potential Malicious Application Shimming
- Process Masquerading (Unix)
- Process Masquerading (Windows)
- Programming Environment Spawned by a Suspicious Process
- Recommended Blocked Process is Running
- Suspicious Activity Followed by Endpoint Administration Task

User Account Creation followed by Account Deletion

Endpoint Monitoring: Reference Sets

- Default Process Name and Process Directories
- Anonymizer IPs
- Botnet C&C IPs
- Botnet IPs
- Critical Security Tool Processes
- Malicious URLs
- Malware Hashes MD5
- Malware Hashes SHA
- Malware IPs
- Malware URLs
- Phishing IPs
- Phishing URLs
- Recommended Blocked Processes
- Sensitive Process Names
- Shims Allowlist
- Pulse_imports

Endpoint Monitoring: Custom Properties

<u>Name</u>	<u>Optimized</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Optimized</u>
 Application 	Yes	 Parent Process Name 	Yes
Architecture	Yes	 Process CommandLine 	Yes
Audit ID	Yes	 Process Name 	Yes
• Call Type	Yes	 Process Path 	Yes
 Command Arguments 	Yes	 Record Number 	No
Encoded File Directory	Yes	 Registry Key 	Yes
Encoded Filename	Yes	 Registry Value Data 	Yes
File Directory	Yes	 Rule Name 	Yes
 File Extension 	Yes	 SHA256 Hash 	Yes
 File Permissions 	Yes	 Target User Name 	Yes
 Filename 	Yes	 Token Elevation Type 	Yes
 Group Name 	Yes	 UrlHost 	Yes
 Machine ID 	Yes	 User ID 	Yes
 MD5 Hash 	No		

Endpoint Monitoring: MITRE ATT&CK™ Information

Tactic	Techniques
Command and Control	(No techniques selected)
Credential Access	Credential Dumping, Credentials in Registry, Account Manipulation
Discovery	Query Registry, Password Policy Discovery, Permission Groups Discovery, Account Discovery
Defense Evasion	Modify Registry, File and Directory Permissions Modification, Disabling Security Tools, Obfuscated Files or Information, Space after Filename, Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information, Component Object Model Hijacking, DLL Search Order Hijacking, Masquerading, Rundll32, Regsvr32, Mshta, BITS Jobs, Hidden Files and Directories, Bypass User Account Control
Privilege Escalation	Service Registry Permissions Weakness, DLL Search Order Hijacking, Application Shimming, Valid Accounts, Bypass User Account Control
Collection	Data from Local System
Persistence	Component Object Model Hijacking, DLL Search Order Hijacking, Application Shimming, Account Manipulation, Create Account, Hidden Files and Directories
Execution	Rundll32, Regsvr32, Mshta, PowerShell, Command-Line Interface

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