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# **Coronet Cybersecurity** Coro platform

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SE Labs tested Coronet Cybersecurity Coro platform against a range of hacking attacks designed to compromise systems and penetrate target networks in the same way as criminals and other attackers breach systems and networks.

Full chains of attack were used, meaning that testers behaved as real attackers, probing targets using a variety of tools, techniques and vectors before attempting to gain lowerlevel and more powerful access. Finally, the testers/ attackers attempted to complete their missions, which might include stealing information, damaging systems and connecting to other systems on the network.

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### Introduction

# **Early Protection Systems** Testing protection against fully featured attacks

There are many opportunities to spot and stop attackers. Products can detect them when attackers send phishing emails to targets. Or later, when other emails contain links to malicious code. Some kick into action when malware enters the system. Others sit up and notice when the attackers exhibit bad behaviour on the network.

Regardless of which stages your security takes effect, you probably want it to detect and prevent before the breach runs to its conclusion in the press.

Our Enterprise Advanced Security test is unique, in that we test products by running a full attack. We follow every step of a breach attempt to ensure that the test is as realistic as possible.

This is important because different products can detect and prevent threats differently.

Ultimately you want your chosen security product to prevent a breach one way or another, but it's more ideal to stop a threat early, rather than watch as it wreaks havoc before stopping it and trying to clean up. Some products are designed solely to watch and inform, while others can also get involved and remove threats either as soon as they appear or after they start causing damage.

For the 'watchers' we run the Enterprise Advanced Security test in Detection mode. For 'stoppers' like **Coro platform** we can demonstrate effectiveness by testing in Protection Mode.

In this report we look at how **Coro platform** handled full breach attempts. At which stages did it detect and protect? And did it allow business as usual, or mis-handle legitimate applications?

Understanding the capabilities of different security products is always better achieved before you need to use them in a live scenario. SE Labs' Enterprise Advanced Security test reports help you assess which are the best for your own organisation.

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# **Executive Summary**

**Coronet Cybersecurity Coro platform** was tested against a range of hacking attacks designed to compromise systems and penetrate target networks in the same way as criminals and other attackers breach systems and networks.

#### We examined its abilities to:

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- Detect highly targeted attacks
- Protect against the actions of highly targeted attacks
- Provide remediation to damage and other risks posed by the threats
- Handle legitimate applications and other objects

Legitimate files were used alongside the threats to measure any false positive detections or other sub-optimum interactions.

#### Coronet Cybersecurity Coro platform

performed well, detecting all of the threats and protecting against the vast majority. It generated no false positives, meaning that it didn't wrongly detect or hamper harmless, legitimate software. This is a great result in a challenging test.

Executive Summary								
Product Tested	Protection Accuracy Rating (%)	Legitimate Accuracy Rating (%)	Total Accuracy Rating (%)					
Coronet Cybersecurity Coro platform	94%	100%	97%					

Green highlighting shows that the product was very accurate, scoring 85% or more for Total Accuracy. Yellow means between 75 and 85, while red is for scores of less than 75%.

For exact percentages, see 2. Total Accuracy Ratings on page 10.

# Enterprise Advanced Security Award

The following product wins the SE Labs award:



# Coro platform

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# **1. How We Tested**

Testers can't assume that products will work a certain way, so running a realistic advanced security test means setting up real networks and hacking them in the same way that real adversaries behave.

In the diagram on the right you will see an example network that contains workstations, some basic infrastructure such as file servers and a domain controller, as well as cloud-based email and a malicious command and control (C&C) server, which may be a conventional computer or a service such as Dropbox, Twitter, Slack or something else more imaginative.

As you will see in the **Threat Responses** section on page 7, attackers often jump from one compromised system to another in so-called 'lateral movement'. To allow products to detect this type of behaviour the network needs to be built realistically, with systems available, vulnerable and worth compromising.

It is possible to compromise devices such as enterprise printers and other so-called 'IoT' (internet of things) machines, which is why we've included a representative printer in the diagram.

The techniques that we choose for each test case are largely dictated by the real-world behaviour of online criminals. We observe their tactics and replicate what they do in this test. To see more details about how the specific attackers behaved, and how we copied them, see **Hackers vs. Targets** on page 9 and, for a really detailed drill down on the details, **4. Threat Intelligence** on pages 13 to 16 and **Appendix C: Attack Details**.

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This example of a test network shows one possible topology and ways in which enterprises and criminals deploy resources

### **Threat Responses**

# Full Attack Chain: Testing Every Layer of Detection and Protection

Attackers start from a certain point and don't stop until they have either achieved their goal or have reached the end of their resources (which could be a deadline or the limit of their abilities). This means, in a test, the tester needs to begin the attack from a realistic first position, such as sending a phishing email or setting up an infected website, and moving through many of the likely steps leading to actually stealing data or causing some other form of damage to the network.

If the test starts too far into the attack chain, such as executing malware on an endpoint, then many products will be denied opportunities to use the full extent of their protection and detection

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abilities. If the test concludes before any 'useful' damage or theft has been achieved, then similarly the product may be denied a chance to demonstrate its abilities in behavioural detection and so on.

#### **Attack Stages**

The illustration (below) shows some typical stages of an attack. In a test each of these should be attempted to determine the security solution's effectiveness. This test's results record detection and protection for each of these stages.

We measure how a product responds to the first stages of the attack with a detection and/ or protection rating. Sometimes products allow threats to run but detect them. Other times they might allow the threat to run briefly before neutralising it. Ideally they detect and block the threat before it has a chance to run. Products may delete threats or automatically contains them in a 'quarantine' or other safe holding mechanism for later analysis.

Should the initial attack phase succeed we then measure post-exploitation stages, which are represented by steps two through to seven below. We broadly categorise these stages as: Access (step 2); Action (step 3); Escalation (step 4); and Post-escalation (steps 5-7).

**In figure 1.** you can see a typical attack running from start to end, through various 'hacking' activities. This can be classified as a fully successful breach.



Figure 1. A typical attack starts with an initial contact and progresses through various stages, including reconnaissance, stealing data and causing damage.

**In figure 2.** a product or service has interfered with the attack, allowing it to succeed only as far as stage 3, after which it was detected and neutralised. The attacker was unable to progress through stages 4 and onwards.

It is possible for an attack to run in a different order with, for example, the attacker attempting to connect to other systems without needing to escalate privileges. However, it is common for password theft (see step 5) to occur before using stolen credentials to move further through the network. It is also possible that attackers will not cause noticeable damage during an attack. It may be that their goal is persistent presence on the systems to monitor for activities, slowly steal information and other more subtle missions.

In figure 3. the attacker has managed to progress as far as stage five. This means that the system has been seriously compromised. The attacker has a high level of access and has stolen passwords. However, attempts to exfiltrate data from the target were blocked, as were attempts to damage the system.

#### Attack Chain: How Hackers Progress



Figure 2. This attack was initially successful but only able to progress as far as the reconnaissance phase



Figure 3. A more successful attack manages to steal passwords but wholesale data theft and destruction was blocked

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# Hackers vs. Targets

When testing services against targeted attacks it is important to ensure that the attacks used are relevant. Anyone can run an attack randomly against someone else. It is the security vendor's challenge to identify common attack types and to protect against them. As testers, we need to generate threats that in some way relate to the real world.

All of the attacks used in this test are valid ways to compromise an organisation. Without any security in place, all would succeed in attacking the target. Outcomes would include systems infected with ransomware, remote access to networks and data theft.

But we didn't just sit down and brainstorm how we would attack different companies. Instead we used current threat intelligence to look at what the bad guys have been doing over the last few years and copied them quite closely. This way we can test the services' abilities to handle similar threats to those faced by global governments, financial institutions and national infrastructure.

The graphic on this page shows a summary of the attack groups that inspired the targeted attacks used in this test. If a service was able to detect and protect against these then there's a good chance they are on track to blocking similar attacks in the real world. If they fail, then you might take their bold marketing claims about defeating hackers with a pinch of salt.

For more details about each APT group please see **4. Threat Intelligence** on page 13.

Hackers vs. Targets			
Attacker/APT Group	Method	Target	Details
Turla	<b>e</b>		Spearphishing campaigns and in-house espionage tools.
Ke3chang			Custom malware to maintain persistence and data exfiltration from target.
Threat Group-3390			Modified Mimikatz to dump credentials and data exfiltration via Dropbox.
Kimsuky			Initial access by exploiting software vulnerabilities; dumping credentials from web browsers.



# **2. Total Accuracy Ratings**

Judging the effectiveness of an endpoint security product is a subtle art, and many factors are at play when assessing how well it performs. To make things easier we've combined all the different results from this report into one easy-to-understand chart.

The chart below takes into account not only the product's ability to detect and protect against threats, but also its handling of non-malicious objects such as web addresses (URLs) and applications.

Not all protections, or detections for that matter, are equal. A product might completely block a URL, which stops the threat before it can even start its intended series of malicious events. Alternatively, the product might allow a web-based exploit to execute but prevent it from downloading any further code to

the target. In another case malware might run on the target for a short while before its behaviour is detected and its code is deleted or moved to a safe 'quarantine' area for future analysis. We take these outcomes into account when attributing points that form final ratings.

For example, a product that completely blocks a threat is rated more highly than one that allows a threat to run for a while before eventually evicting it. Products that allow all malware infections, or that block popular legitimate applications, are penalised heavily.

Scoring a product's response to a potential breach requires a granular method, which we outline in 3. Response Details on page 11.

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Total Accuracy Ratings								
Product	Total Accuracy Rating	Total Accuracy (%)	Award					
Coronet Cybersecurity Coro platform	1,346	97%	ΑΑΑ					



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# **3. Response Details**

In this test security products are exposed to attacks, which comprise multiple stages. The perfect product will detect and protect against all relevant elements of an attack. The term 'relevant' is important, because if early stages of an attack are countered fully there is no need for later stages to be addressed.

In each test case the product can score a maximum of four points for successfully detecting the attack and protecting the system from ill effects. If it fails to act optimally in any number of ways it is penalised, to a maximum extent of -9 (so -5 points in total). The level of penalisation is according to the following rules, which illustrate the compound penalties imposed when a product fails to prevent each of the stages of an attack.

#### Detection (-0.5)

If the product fails to detect the threat with any degree of useful information, it is penalised by 0.5 points.

#### Execution (-0.5)

Threats that are allowed to execute generate a penalty of 0.5 points.

#### Action (-1)

If the attack is permitted to perform one or more actions, remotely controlling the target, then a further penalty of 1 point is imposed.

Privilege escalation (-2) As the attack impact increases in seriousness, so do the penalties. If the attacker can escalate system privileges then an additional penalty of 2 points is added to the total.

#### Post escalation action (-1)

New, more powerful and insidious actions are possible with escalated privileges. If these are successful, the product loses one more point.

#### Lateral movement (-2)

The attacker may attempt to use the target as a launching system to other vulnerable systems. If successful, two more points are deducted from the total.

#### Lateral action (-2)

If able to perform actions on the new target, the attacker expands his/ her influence on the network and the product loses two more points.

The Protection Rating is calculated by multiplying the resulting values by 4. The weighting system that we've used can be adjusted by readers of this report, according to their own attitude to risk and how much they value different levels of protection. By changing the penalisation levels and the overall protection weighting, it's possible to apply your own individual rating system.

The Total Protection Rating is calculated by multiplying the number of Protected cases by four (the default maximum score), then applying any penalties. Finally, the total is multiplied by four (the weighting value for Protection Ratings) to create the Total Protection Rating.

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Response Details											
Attacker/ APT Group	Number of Test Cases	Detection	Delivery	Execution	Action	Privilege Escalation	Post Escalation Action	Lateral Movement	Lateral Action	Protected	Penalties
Turla	11	11	5	5	2	0	0	0	0	9	5
Ke3chang	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0
Threat Group-3390	12	12	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	10	3
Kimsuky	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0
Total	47	47	8	7	4	0	0	0	0	43	8

This data shows how the product handled different stages of each APT group. The columns labelled 'Delivery' through to 'Lateral Action' show how many times an attacker succeeded in achieving those goals. A 'zero' result is ideal.

Protection Accuracy Rating Details									
Attacker/ APT Group	Number of Test Cases	Protected	Penalties	Protection Score	Protection Rating				
Turla	11	10	5	37	148				
Ke3chang	12	12	0	48	192				
Threat Group-3390	12	10	3	43.5	174				
Kimsuky	12	12	0	48	192				
Grand Total	47	44	8	176.5	706				

Different levels of protection, and failure to protect, are used to calculate the Protection Rating.

Protection Accuracy Ratings								
Product	Protection Accuracy Rating	Protection Accuracy Rating (%)						
Coronet Cybersecurity Coro platform	706	94%						

Protection Ratings are weighted to show that how products handle threats can be subtler than just 'win' or 'lose'.

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Coronet Cybersecurity Coro platform								
0	188	376	564	752				

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# **4. Threat Intelligence** Turla

This Russia-based threat group targets victims in different countries and across a wide range of industries. These include governmental organisations, notably including embassies and the military. Its main purpose is gathering intelligence.

Reference Link:

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https://attack.mitre.org/groups/G0010/

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Information (1.15)		Virtual Private Server	Hardware			Unix Shell		Kernel Modules and Extensions		SID-History Injection
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Example Turla Attack								
Delivery	Execution	Action	Privilege Escalation	Post-Escalation Action	Lateral Movement	Lateral Action		
	Windows Command Shell	System Information Discovery		Registry Run Keys / Startup Folder	SSH	Archive via Utility		
	Malicious File	File and Directory Discovery		Modify Registry		Exfiltration over C2 Channel		
	Masquerade Task or Service	Process Discovery			- SSH Hijacking			
Spearphishing Attachment	Match Legitimate Name or Location	Query Registry	Bypass UAC	Disable of Modify Tools		Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information		
	PowerShell			Powershell Profile				
	Service Execution	Remote System Discovery						
	Steganography							
					SSH			
Spearphishing Attachment	Malicious File	System Information Discovery	Bypass UAC	Modify Registry	SSH	Exfiltration over C2 Channel		

## **Ke3chang**

Also known as APT 15, Ke3chang is a Chinese threat group that has targeted natural resource businesses and government entities. The group evades detection by abusing tools provided by target systems, and so 'lives off the land'.

#### Reference Link:

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https://attack.mitre.org/groups/G0004/



Example Ke3chang Attack									
Delivery	Execution	Action	Privilege Escalation	Post-Escalation Action	Lateral Movement	Lateral Action			
	Command and Scripting Interpreter	File and Directory Discovery	Valid Accounts	Registry Run Keys /Startup Folder		Keylogging			
	Windows Command Shell	Process Discovery		Ingress Tool Transfer		Automated Collection			
Exploit Public-Facing Application	Right-to-Left Override	System Information Discovery		LSA Secrets	SMB/Windows Admin Shares				
	Web Protocols	System Network Configuration Discovery		LSASS Memory		Automated Exfiltration			
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### **Threat Group-3390**

A China-based APT, Threat Group-3390 has targeted US and UK organisations from a wide range of industries. It has used hundreds of compromised websites in its attacks against natural resource businesses and government entities.

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https://attack.mitre.org/groups/G0027/

Reconnaissance 10 techniques	Resourc 7	e Development techniques		Initial Access 9 techniques	1	Execution 3 techniques	
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Example Threat Group-3390 Attack							
Delivery	Execution	Action	Privilege Escalation	Post-Escalation Action	Lateral Movement	Lateral Action	
	PowerShell	Local Account		Registry Run Keys / Startup Folder		Local Data Staging	
	Windows Command Shell	Query Registry		Windows Service	External Remote Services	Archive via Library	
Spearphishing Attachment		System Network Connections Discovery	Bypass UAC	LSA Secrets		Data Transfer Size Limits	
	Exploitation for Client Execution	Domoto System Discovery		Security Account Manager		Exfiltration via C2 Channel	
		Remote System Discovery		Keylogging			
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Spearphishing Attachment	Windows Command Shell	Query Registry	Bypass UAC	Keylogging	External Remote Services	Exfiltration via C2 Channel	

# Kimsuky

This North Korean espionage group has largely focussed on South Korean thinktanks but has also attacked US and European companies. Its interest appear to be mostly around government organisations and research companies working on COVID-19 vaccinations.

#### **References:**

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https://attack.mitre.org/groups/G0094/



#### Example Kimsuky Attack

Delivery	Execution	Action	Privilege Escalation	Post-Escalation Action	Lateral Movement	Lateral Action		
	Visual Basic	File and Directory Discovery		Process Injection	Pass the Hash	Keylogging		
	Code Signing	Process Discovery		Registry Run Keys / Startup Folder		Local Data Staging		
	Web Protocols	System Information Discovery		Scheduled Task	-	Archive via Utility		
Crearshipking Attachment	Windows Command Shell	System Network Configuration Discovery		Query Registry		Data from Local System		
Spearphisning Attachment	Malicious File		Bypass UAC	Ingress Tool Transfer	External Remote Services			
	Masquerading Task or Service	System Service Discovery		LSASS Memory		Exfiltration Over C2 Channel		
				Match Legitimate name or Location				
1				File Deletion				
Spearphishing Attachment	Visual Basic	System Network Configuration Discovery	Bypass UAC	File Deletion	External Remote Services	Keylogging		

# **5. Legitimate Software Rating**

These ratings indicate how accurately the product classifies legitimate applications and URLs, while also taking into account the interactions that the product has with the user. Ideally a product will either not classify a legitimate object or will classify it as safe. In neither case should it bother the user.

We also take into account the prevalence (popularity) of the applications and websites used in this part of the test, applying stricter penalties for when products misclassify very popular software and sites.

Legitimate Software Ratings						
Product	Legitimate Accuracy Rating	Legitimate Accuracy (%)				
Coronet Cybersecurity Coro platform	640	100%				

Coronet Cyb	persecurity Coro platform	I	1	
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0	160	320	480	640

Legitimate Software Ratings can indicate how well a vendor has tuned its detection engine.

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# **6.** Conclusions

This test exposed **Coronet Cybersecurity Coro platform** to a diverse set of exploits, file-less attacks and malware attachments, comprising the widest range of threats in any currently available public test.

All of these attack types have been witnessed in real-world attacks over the previous few years. They are representative of a real and present threat to business networks the world over.

The threats used in this are similar or identical to those used by the threat groups listed in **Hackers vs. Targets** on page 9 and **4. Threat Intelligence** on pages 13 - 16.

It is important to note that while the test used the same types of attacks, new files were used. This exercised the tested product's abilities to detect and protect against certain approaches to attacking systems rather than simply detecting malicious files that have become well-known over the previous few years. The results are an indicator of potential future performance rather than just a compliance check that the product can detect old attacks.

The product detected all of the threats. In the vast majority of cases it also protected against them. The exceptions were four attacks, two of which were similar to attacks from the Turla group and two were similar to Threat Group-3390. Aside from these cases, **Coronet Cybersecurity Coro platform** tended to detect and stop threats early in the attack chain, before they could execute. In Just a few cases the threats were detected as they ran.

In 40 cases out of 47 threats were unable to move beyond the earliest stages of the attack chain, meaning that as soon as the target systems were exposed to the threats, the attacks were detected immediately and were blocked from running. This prevented them from causing any damage, including data theft.

The results are strong and 91% of the attacks (43 out of 47) were stopped from achieving their ultimate goals. With our weighting system, which takes into account the details of when the threats were stopped, this results in a 94% Protection Accuracy Rating.

Sometimes products are overly aggressive and detect everything, including threats and legitimate objects. In this test **Coronet Cybersecurity Coro platform** generated no sub-optimal errors, and correctly handled all harmless, legitimate files.

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# Appendices Appendix A: Terms Used

Term	Meaning
Compromised	The attack succeeded, resulting in malware running unhindered on the target. In the case of a targeted attack, the attacker was able to take remote control of the system and carry out a variety of tasks without hindrance.
Blocked	The attack was prevented from making any changes to the target.
False positive	When a security product misclassifies a legitimate application or website as being malicious, it generates a 'false positive'.
Neutralised	The exploit or malware payload ran on the target but was subsequently removed.
Complete Remediation	If a security product removes all significant traces of an attack, it has achieved complete remediation.
Target	The test system that is protected by a security product.
Threat	A program or sequence of interactions with the target that is designed to take some level of unauthorised control of that target.
Update	Security vendors provide information to their products in an effort to keep abreast of the latest threats. These updates may be downloaded in bulk as one or more files, or requested individually and live over the internet.

# Appendix B: FAQs

- A **full methodology** for this test is available from our website.
- The test was conducted between 5th and 25th October 2022.
- The product was configured according to its vendor's recommendations.
- Targeted attacks were selected and verified by SE Labs.
- Malicious and legitimate data was provided to partner organisations once the test was complete.

# What is a partner organisation? Can I become one to gain access to the threat data used in your tests?

A Partner organisations benefit from our consultancy services after a test has been run. Partners may gain access to low-level data that can be useful in product improvement initiatives and have permission to use award logos, where appropriate, for marketing purposes. We do not share data on one partner with other partners. We do not partner with organisations that do not engage in our testing.

We are a customer considering buying or changing our endpoint protection and/ or endpoint detection and response (EDR) product. Can you help?

Yes, we frequently run private testing for organisations that are considering changing their security products. Please contact us at **info@selabs.uk** for more information.

# Appendix C: Product Versions

Turla						
Delivery	Execution	Action	Post-Esclation Action	Post-Escalation Action	Lateral Movement	Lateral Action
Spearphishing Attachment	Asymmetric Cryptography	Domain Groups	Bypass User Account Control	Code Signing Policy Modification	Lateral Tool Transfer	Archive via Utility
	Bidirectional Communication	File and Directory Discovery	Create Process with Token	Disable or Modify Tools	SMB/Windows Admin Shares	Automated Collection
	Indicator Removal from Tools	Internet Connection Discovery		Disable Windows Event Logging	SSH	Automated Exfiltration
	JavaScript	Local Account		Domain Account		Data from Local System
	Mail Protocols	Local Groups		Dynamic-link Library Injection		Data Transfer Size Limits
	Malicious File	Process Discovery		Email Hiding Rules	SSH Hijacking	Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information
	Malicious Link	Query Registry	M	Modify Registry		Exfiltration Over Alternative Protocol
	Masquerade Task or Service	Remote System Discovery		PowerShell Profile		Exfiltration Over C2 Channel
	Match Legitimate Name or Location	System Information Discovery	Token Impersonation/Theft	Registry Run Keys / Startup Folder		Ingress Tool Transfer
Spearphishing Link	PowerShell	System Network Configuration Discovery		Security Software Discovery		Local Data Staging
	Python	System Network Connections Discovery		Windows Credential Manager		
	Service Execution	System Owner/User Discovery		Windows File and Directory Permissions Modification		
	Steganography	System Service Discovery		Windows Management Instrumentation Event Subscription		Scheduled Transfer
	Visual Basic		_	Winlogon Helper DLL		
	Web Protocols					
	Windows Command Shell	System Time Discovery				
	Windows Service					

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Delivery	Execution	Action	Privilege Escalation	Post-Esclation Action	Lateral Movement	Lateral Action	
Exploit Public-Facing Application	Command and Scripting Interpreter	Domain Account		Registry Run Keys /Startup Folder	SMB/Windows Admin Shares	Archive Collected Data	
	Windows Command Shell	Local Account		Match Legitimate Name or Location		Archive via Utility	
	DNS	File and Directory Discovery		Valid Accounts		Automated Collection	
	Web Protocols	Domain Groups		Keylogging	Service Execution	Sharepoint	
	Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information	Process Discovery		LSA Secrets		Data from Local System	
	Right-to-Left Override	Remote System Discovery	Valid Accounts	LSASS Memory		Remote Email Collection	
External Remote Services	Obfuscated Files or Information	System Information Discovery		NTDS		Keylogging	
		System Language Discovery		Security Account Manager		Automated Exfiltration	
		System Network Configuration Discovery		Golden Ticket			
	Cloud Accounts	System Network Connections Discovery		Windows Service		Exfiltration Over C2 Channel	
		System Owner/User Discovery		la grana Ta al Tana (n.			
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Threat Group-3390							
Delivery	Execution	Action	Privilege Escalation	Post-Esclation Action	Lateral Movement	Lateral Action	
Drive-by Compromise	PowerShell	Local Account	Bypass User Account Control	Registry Run Keys / Startup Folder	Exploitation of Remote Services	Archive via Library	
Exploit Public-Facing Application	Windows Command Shell	Network Service Discovery	Exploitation for Privilege Escalation	Windows Service	Windows Remote Management	Automated Collection	
	Exploitation for Client Execution	Query Registry		DLL Search Order Hijacking	Ingress Tool Transfer	Data from Local System	
	Malicious File	Remote System Discovery		DLL Side-Loading		Local Data Staging	
	Web Protocols	System Network Configuration Discovery	Valid Accounts	Process Hollowing	External Remote Services	Remote Data Staging	
	Obfuscated Files or Information	System Network Connections Discovery		Password Managers		Keylogging	
	Deobfuscate/Decode File or Information			Keylogging		Data Transfer Size Limits	
Spearphishing Attachment	Web Shell			LSA Secrets		Exfiltration to Cloud Storage	
	Software Packing			LSASS Memory			
	Trusted Relationship	Sustam Owner/Liser Discovery		Security Account Manager		Network Share Connection Removal	
		System Owner/Oser Discovery		File Deletion			
	Compromise Software Supply Chain			Windows Management Instrumentation			
				Disable Window Event Logging			
				Modify Registry			

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Delivery	Execution	Action	Privilege Escalation	Post-Esclation Action	Lateral Movement	Lateral Action
Exploit Public-Facing Application	JavaScript	File and Directory Discovery	Reg Wi	Registry Run Keys / Startup Folder	Internal Spearphishing	Archive via Custom Method
Spearphishing Attachment	PowerShell	Process Discovery	]	Windows Service	Remote Desktop Protocol	Archive via Utility
	Python	Security Software Discovery		Process Injection	Pass the Hash	Data from Local System
	Visual Basic	System Information Discovery	]	Process Hollowing	Remote Access Software	Local Data Staging
	Windows Command Shell	System Network Configuration Discovery		Scheduled Task		Email Forwarding Rule
	Malicious File	System Service Discovery	]	Hidden Users		Remote Email Collection
	Malicious Link	Credentials from Web Browsers	]	Hidden Window		Keylogging
	Mshta		]	Disable or Modify System Firewall	External Remote Services	Exfiltration Over C2 Channel
	Web Shell	]	Valid Accounts	Disable or Modify Tools		Exfiltration to Cloud Storage
	Deobfuscated/Decode Files or Information			File Deletion		
	Software Packing	]		Timestomp		
	Obfuscated Files or Information			Local Accounts		
Spearphishing Link	Code Signing			Match Legitimate name or Location		
	Regsvr32			Modify Registry		
	Rundll32			Query Registry		
	Bidirectional Communication	Browser Extensions		Adversary-in-the-Middle		
	File Transfer Protocols	]		Account Manipulation		
	Mail Protocols	]		Keylogging		
	Web Protocols			Multi-Factor Authentication Interception		
	Adversary-in-the-Middle	]		Network Sniffing		
				LSASS Memory		
	Macquerading Task or Service			Credentials in Files		
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