

Triaging Windows Event Logs for Ransomware Investigations

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Abstract

Ransomware attacks on organizations will disrupt their day-to-day operations causing significant inconvenience, especially if they provide critical services to the people. With the increasing number of ransomware attacks, it is of paramount importance to identify the ransomware characteristics during the preliminary investigation stage. This is critical in a heavily networked infrastructure where if the ransomware has been detected in one system, it could still spread to other systems in the network or continue residing in them. This has to be done in a fast and timely manner to prevent the spread or other similar attacks. Using the newest operating system, Windows 11 with its inbuilt Microsoft Defender Anti-Virus, 37 ransomware variants from the different families were tested. Windows Events logs generated and forwarded to a centralized log server were analyzed for logs generated during detection, removal or successful execution or other characteristics. In summary 28 out of 37 variants were detected by the Microsoft Defender and generated event logs with Event ID 1116 and 1117 containing critical information like signature name, path, detection name, and user. The remaining 9 variants were undetected and generated logs with Event ID 1, 1000 or 1109 where it either crashed (1 variant), could not run due to compatibility issues (4 variants), memory issue (1 variant), or executed and encrypted files successfully (3 variants). This is useful for forensics investigators during the triage period to focus on these event logs to get the necessary information to track down the origin and path of ransomware and also scanning the network where the ransomware could still be residing in other devices that may have failed execution. The info would also aid in the post-investigation phase where the necessary teams like Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) teams to get more information about the ransomware and build different use cases for early detection and prevention by the Security Operations Centers (SOCs).

1. Introduction

Close to 37% of organizations globally have been affected by ransomware in 2021 (Kerner, n.d.). Ransomware attacks could cause havoc in an organization as it could bring their operations to their knees if important files key to their day-to-day operations were rendered useless. To recover, organizations may choose to pay the ransom. These are business side decisions, but as an incident responder, it is essential at the triage level to isolate the key events that led to the attack to stop the spread of ransomware in the network if necessary and also to prevent it from being repeated.

In an organization with numerous computers deployed, most would have established a log forwarding mechanism to collect logs in a centralized server. Some may have dedicated personnel using log visualization software like Splunk to view the logs. In the event of a ransomware attack, incident responders at the triage stage could leverage on the collected logs to find key indicators of the ransomware and their characteristics. If a common ransomware like RAAS (ransomware-as-a-service) or attacker reusing code from a popular ransomware is being used there is even a possibility of the decryption software already being available thus eliminating the need to pay the ransom. But more importantly, the triage information can be used to prevent the spread of the ransomware which could be dormant in some computers or could have failed in the execution but still reside within the network.

This paper explores the common event logs generated by ransomware by executing actual ransomware samples on virtual machines mimicking an enterprise setup where there is a log forwarding setup and logs are being forwarded to a log server. By mapping the common event logs, it will help incident responders for their triage investigation into ransomware incidents.

2. Ransomware

2.1. Ransomware Attacks

Ransomware is a type of malware (Checkpoint, n.d.) designed to cause inconvenience to an organization by preventing them from continuing their day-to-day operation. This can

be achieved by either blocking access to their system or encrypting their files (Kaspersky, n.d.). In order to access their systems or decrypt the files, the organization would then have to pay a ransom to the perpetrators.

2.2. Types of Ransomware

As mentioned above, there are a few types of ransomware that can be used to achieve the purpose of getting ransom payments. The 2 main types are Crypto ransomware and Locker's ransomware. This causes actual damage to the system and affects the organizations directly. There are also other types like Scareware or Doxware that, without damaging the files, just flood the screen with pop-ups or threatening police-themed messages (CrowdStrike, 2021) to solicit payments.

2.2.1. Crypto Ransomware

For this paper, the focus is on Crypto ransomware. This type encrypts the key files within a system, thus making it unusable to the organization or user. If essential files like PDFs, Office documents, or database files are encrypted, then an organization or an individual may not be able to continue their day-to-day activities. It may be even more devastating if it leads to financial loss. To regain back the files, a decryptor or decryption key is required which can be obtained by paying the perpetrator in bitcoins thus the name Crypto ransomware. For this paper ransomware samples were downloaded from vx-underground, a popular website that hosts malware samples. Ransomware samples are also part of their database and various samples can be found in their website (vx-underground, n.d.). A total of 37 ransomware variants from the different families were downloaded. As there were multiple versions, the latest version is downloaded. If there are multiple latest versions, then the biggest size version was downloaded. The list is as below:

N/o	Ransomware Used	N/o	Ransomware Used
1	AvosLocker	21	LorenzRansomware
2	BandarChorRansomware	22	MagniberRansomware
3	BlackBastaRansomware	23	MementoRansomware
4	BlackCatRansomware	24	MidasRansomware

5	CerberRansomware	25	NightSkyRansomware
6	ClownicRansomware	26	NokoyawaRansomware
7	CubaRansomware	27	OnyxRansomware
8	CuratorRansomware	28	PandoraRansomware
9	DeadBoltRansomware	29	PhobosRansomware
10	DearCryRansomware	30	RansomExx
11	DecafRansomware	31	RookRansomware
12	DiavolRansomware	32	SFileRansomware
13	EvilNominatusRansomware	33	SamsamRansomware
14	HaronRansomware	34	SugarRansomware
15	HiveRansomware	35	SynAckRansomware
16	KoxicRansomware	36	WhiteRabbitRansomware
17	KrusRansomware	37	YanluowangRansomware
18	LockBitRansomware		
19	LockyRansomware		
20	LokiLockerRansomware		

3. Windows Event Logs

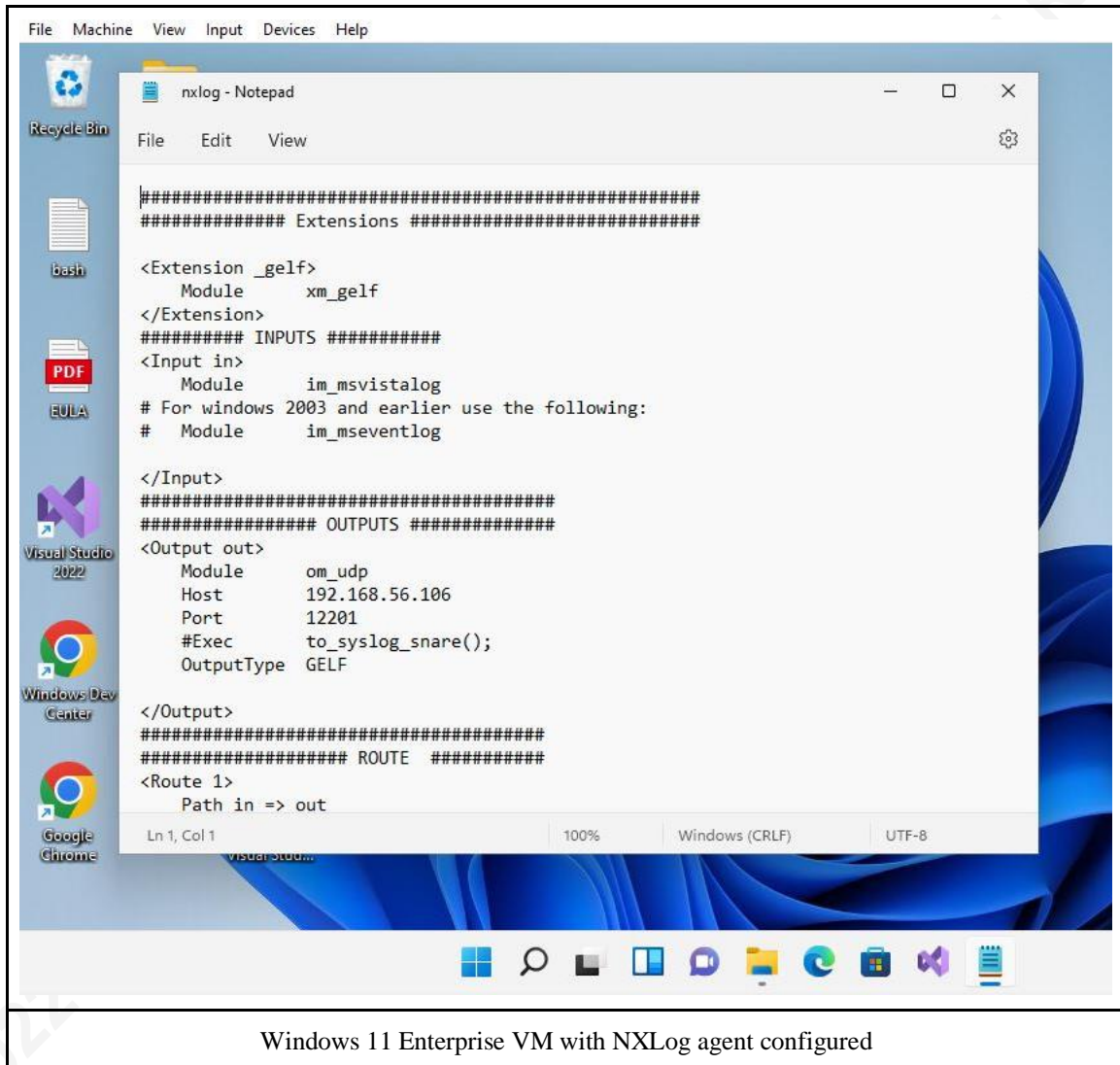
3.1. Windows Event Logs Forwarding

Windows Event logs are a comprehensive record of system, security, and application (Gillis, 2018) logs generated by the Windows Operating Systems or the applications running. In the event of forensic investigations, these logs can provide investigators with the necessary details like applications involved, login timestamps for users, and system events of interest (Fortuna, 2017) for analysis.

In the event of a ransomware attack, the system may become unstable thus making viewing of Windows Event Logs through the Event Viewer application infeasible. Thus, Windows Event Logs forwarder was set up to collect the Event Logs. SIEM (Security Information and Event Management) solutions are a popular choice for organizations (IBM, n.d.) for automated real-time data collection of logs for analysis and compliance from their various endpoints.

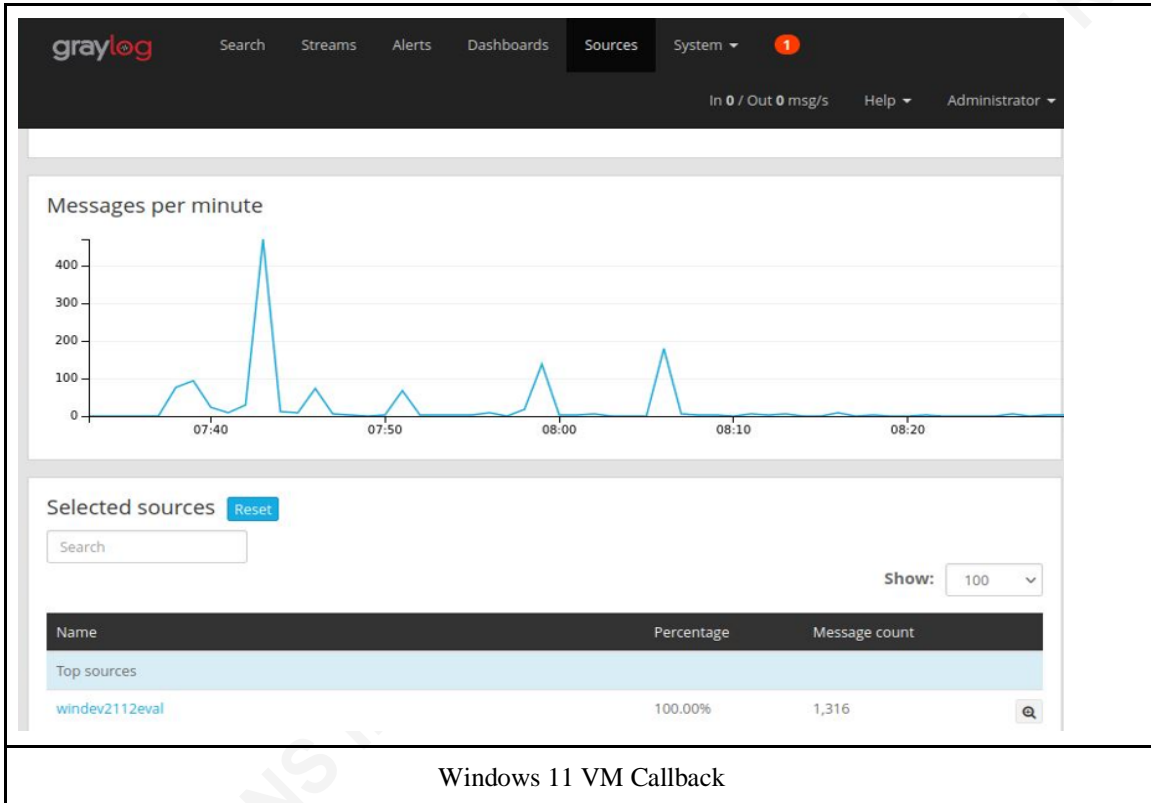
For this paper, GrayLog was used to collect the Windows Event Logs generated by the test machine. GrayLog server was set up on a Ubuntu 20.04.4 virtual machine. Further prerequisites like MongoDB and Elasticsearch were also installed and configured following instructions found online (Waderni, 2017). Subsequently, the GrayLog web interface can be accessed at <http://127.0.0.1:9000>. See Annex C for the GrayLog server login interface.

For the test machine that is the client, a Windows 11 Enterprise VM was downloaded from Microsoft's developer website (Microsoft, n.d.) used together with NXLog. It is an open-source log collection tool that is used as a log collector agent installed on the test machine. Below is the screenshot showing the nxlog agent configured to call back to the Graylog server. The im_msvistalog module reads all events from the local Windows Event Logs (Nxlog, n.d.).



Windows 11 Enterprise VM with NXLog agent configured

Below are the screenshots showing the callback from the Windows 11 VM back to the GrayLog server.



Windows 11 VM Callback

Individual event IDs and details can also be seen by choosing individual messages.

The screenshot shows the Graylog 'Messages' page. It includes a navigation bar with 'Search', 'Streams', 'Alerts', 'Dashboards', 'Sources', and 'System'. A notification badge shows '1'. Below the navigation bar, a status bar indicates 'In 0 / Out 0 msg/s', 'Help', and 'Administrator'. The main content area features a 'Messages' section with 'Previous', '1', and 'Next' navigation buttons. A table displays individual messages:

Timestamp	source	EventID
2022-04-21 08:58:32.000	WinDev2112Eval	5
Process terminated: RuleName: - UtcTime: 2022-04-21 08:58:32.2		
2022-04-21 08:58:32.000	WinDev2112Eval	5
Process terminated: RuleName: - UtcTime: 2022-04-21 08:58:32.2		
2022-04-21 08:57:24.000	WinDev2112Eval	5
Process terminated: RuleName: - UtcTime: 2022-04-21 08:57:24.5		
2022-04-21 08:56:30.000	WinDev2112Eval	1
Process Create: RuleName: - UtcTime: 2022-04-21 08:56:30.432		
2022-04-21 08:56:30.000	WinDev2112Eval	4624
An account was successfully logged on.		

Individual Message with the Event ID and details

4. Scope

The scope of this paper is to focus on Windows Event logs generated when a ransomware was being executed. Microsoft Defender which is the default security software in Windows operating system is used as the Anti-Virus (AV) solution. There are numerous Anti-Virus solutions in the market, and Microsoft Defender is one of the prominent ones that comes together with the operating systems like Windows 10 and Windows 11. There has been increasing adoption of Microsoft Defender in enterprise environments where over 50% of Windows 10 devices are using it (Anderson, 2018).

Windows 11 is used to mimic an enterprise terminal as it is the newest operating system from Microsoft. Windows has a global market share of close to 75% (Statista, 2022) and enterprises adoption rate of Windows 11 is increasing with most estimated to go onboard by 2023 (Mearian, 2021). Annex C contains the screenshots showing the versions of Windows 11 and Microsoft Defender used for the testing. The default setting for the in-built Windows Exploit Protection was used together with the real-time protection in Microsoft Defender turned on. See Annex C for the screenshots.

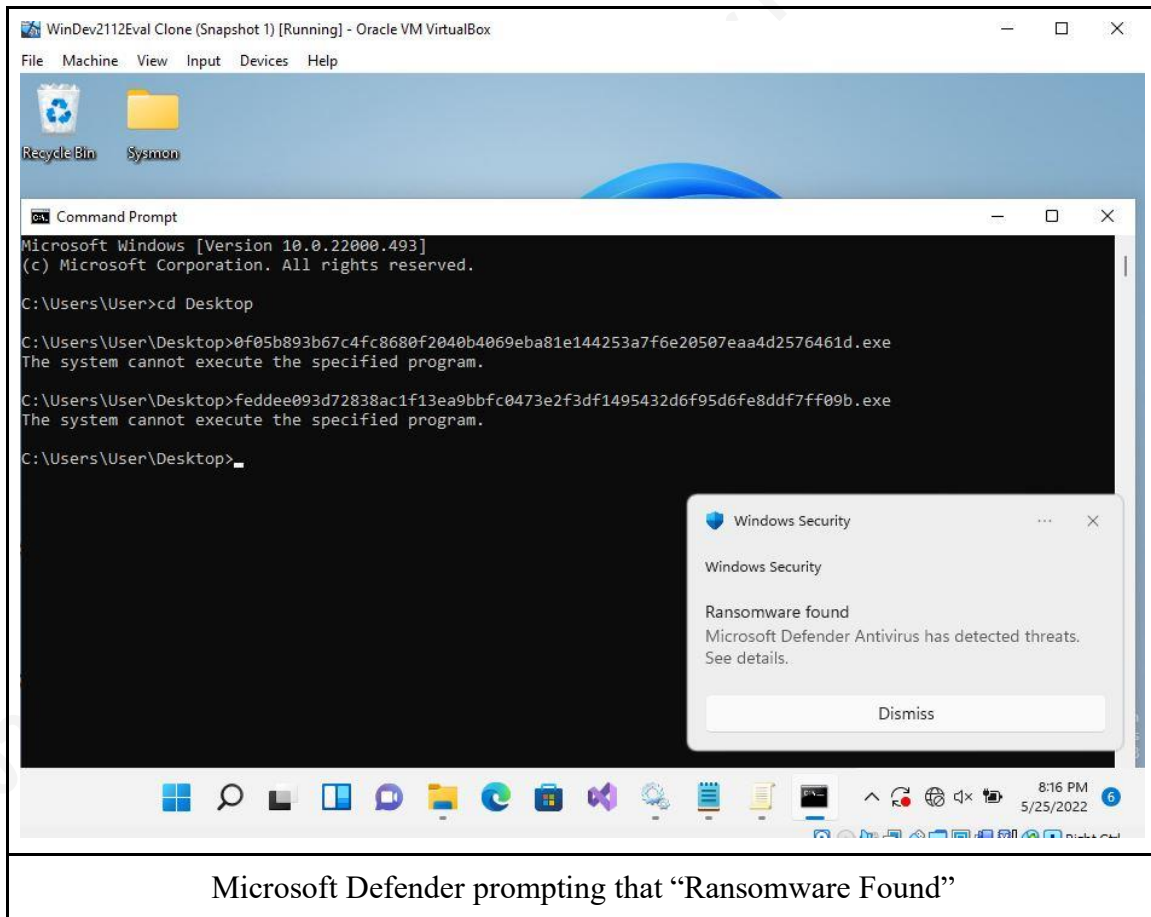
The testing follows the steps listed below:

1. Ransomware extracted and executed (through cmd: <name>.exe) on Windows 11 VM.
2. Take note of the behavior. Detected and removed by Defender? Files encrypted?
3. Take note of event logs forwarded to Graylog server.
4. Revert Windows 11 VM (using Snapshot taken before execution) if ransomware was successfully executed.
5. Repeat for all the 37 ransomware samples.

5. Findings

By following the five steps in the testing methodology as described above, five main occurrences were observed.

The first is Microsoft Defender successfully detects the ransomware and removes it from the system like shown in the screenshot below.



Two main Windows Event Logs were generated for this occurrence. Event ID 1116 and Event ID 1117. Event ID 1116's symbolic name is "MALWAREPROTECTION_STATE_MALWARE_DETECTED" and it means, "The antimalware platform detected malware or other potentially unwanted software." (Microsoft, 2022). Event ID 1117's symbolic name is "MALWAREPROTECTION_STATE_MALWARE_ACTION_TAKEN" and it means, "The antimalware platform performed an action to protect your system from malware or

other potentially unwanted software.” (Microsoft, 2022). This is consistent with the observations from the Graylog server. Screenshot below shows the forwarded event logs after the sfile ransomware has been executed. The 3rd column shows the event IDs and the 5th column shows the process ID.

2022-05-26 03:16:38.000	WinDev2112Eval	1116	WARNING	Microsoft Defender Antivirus has detected malware or other poten
2022-05-26 03:16:38.000	WinDev2112Eval	1117	INFO	Microsoft Defender Antivirus has taken action to protect this ma
2944	Microsoft-Windows -Windows Defender			
2944	Microsoft-Windows -Windows Defender			

Received Event Logs in Graylog server

Upon clicking on the individual log more details are shown. A key detail is the full message field that explains about the ransomware quarantined like the name etc. The full message for sfile ransomware as shown below shows that it is the “Ransom:Win32/Morsp.ST!MTB” variant.

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full_message
Microsoft Defender Antivirus has taken action to protect this machine from malware or other potentially unwanted so
For more information please see the following:
https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?linkid=37020&name=Ransom:Win32/Morsp.ST!MTB&threatid=2147762665&enterprise=0
Name: Ransom:Win32/Morsp.ST!MTB
ID: 2147762665
Severity: Severe
Category: Ransomware
Path: file: C:\Users\User\Desktop\feddee093d72838ac1f13ea9bbfc0473e2f3df1495432d6f95d6fe8ddf7ff09b.exe
Detection Origin: Local machine
Detection Type: Concrete
Detection Source: Real-Time Protection
User: NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM
Process Name: C:\Windows\explorer.exe
Action: Quarantine
Action Status: No additional actions required
Error Code: 0x00000000
Error description: The operation completed successfully.
Security intelligence Version: AV: 1.363.305.0, AS: 1.363.305.0, NIS: 1.363.305.0
Engine Version: AM: 1.1.19100.5, NIS: 1.1.19100.5

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Full Message field from EventID 1117 for sfile ransomware

The second occurrence is the ransomware crashing and thus not being able to be executed. In an enterprise scenario, this is also a relevant scenario as even though the ransomware crashed being executed in that particular system it could be pivoted till it finds a suitable system and then being executed. The screenshot below shows such an occurrence where the ransomexx ransomware crashes when executed.

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cmd Command Prompt - fe564fb38a99dbb94cc8a66d8955b0b7f8e67bf0a5eb820c4a5d0c3efb96c1e5.exe
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.22000.493]
(c) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\Users\User>cd Desktop
C:\Users\User\Desktop>0f05b893b67c4fc8680f2040b4069eba81e144253a7f6e20507eaa4d2576461d.exe
The system cannot execute the specified program.

C:\Users\User\Desktop>feddee093d72838ac1f13ea9bbfc0473e2f3df1495432d6f95d6fe8ddf7ff09b.exe
The system cannot execute the specified program.

C:\Users\User\Desktop>FFA28DB79DA...F4.exe
The system cannot execute the specified program.

C:\Users\User\Desktop>96f7df1c984...5b.exe
The system cannot execute the specified program.

C:\Users\User\Desktop>fe564fb38a99dbb94cc8a66d8955b0b7f8e67bf0a5eb820c4a5d0c3efb96c1e5
fe564fb38a99dbb94cc8a66d8955b0b7f8e67bf0a5eb820c4a5d0c3efb96c1e5' is not recognized as an internal
command.

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Ransomexx ransomware unable to start and crashes

The event log generated is Application Event ID 1000. Screenshots below show the event log and full message field containing details of the crash.

The screenshot displays a Windows Event Viewer entry for an Application event (ID 1000) with an ERROR level. The event details include:

- Received by:** Windows Event - UDP on P 1f9e6551 / graylogserver-VirtualBox
- Category:** Application Crashing Events
- Channel:** Application
- EventID:** 1000
- EventReceivedTime:** 2022-05-25 20:35:48
- EventType:** ERROR

The full message field contains the following details:

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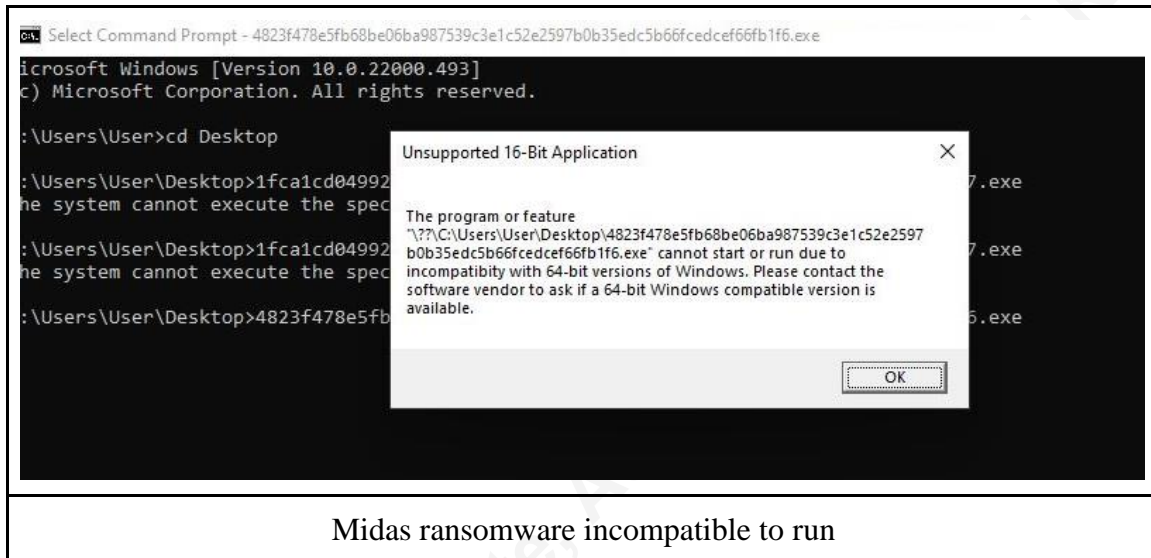
full_message
Faulting application name: fe564fb38a99dbb94cc8a66d8955b0b7f8e67bf0a5eb820c4a5d0c3efb96c1e5, version: 0.0.0.0, time stamp: 0x00000000
Faulting module name: ntdll.dll, version: 10.0.22000.469, time stamp: 0x4ae92803
Exception code: 0xc0000005
Fault offset: 0x00031401
Faulting process id: 0x27c8
Faulting application start time: 0x01d870b1b0718b0c
Faulting application path: C:\Users\User\Desktop\fe564fb38a99dbb94cc8a66d8955b0b7f8e67bf0a5eb820c4a5d0c3efb96c1e5.exe
Faulting module path: C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\ntdll.dll
Report Id: fe32c208-1628-46b9-b5d4-5e39b6ca3e86
Faulting package full name:
Faulting package-relative application ID:
    
```

Additional fields shown include:

- level:** 3
- message:** Faulting application name: fe564fb38a99dbb94cc8a66d8955b0b7f8e67
- source:** WinDev2112Eval
- timestamp:** 2022-05-26T03:35:48.000Z

Event ID 1000 showing the details of the ransommexx ransomware app crash

The third occurrence is similar to the App crashing occurrence as above but in this case due to incompatibility issues like 16-bit application which is incompatible to run on a 64-bit system like the midas ransomware as shown in the screenshot below.



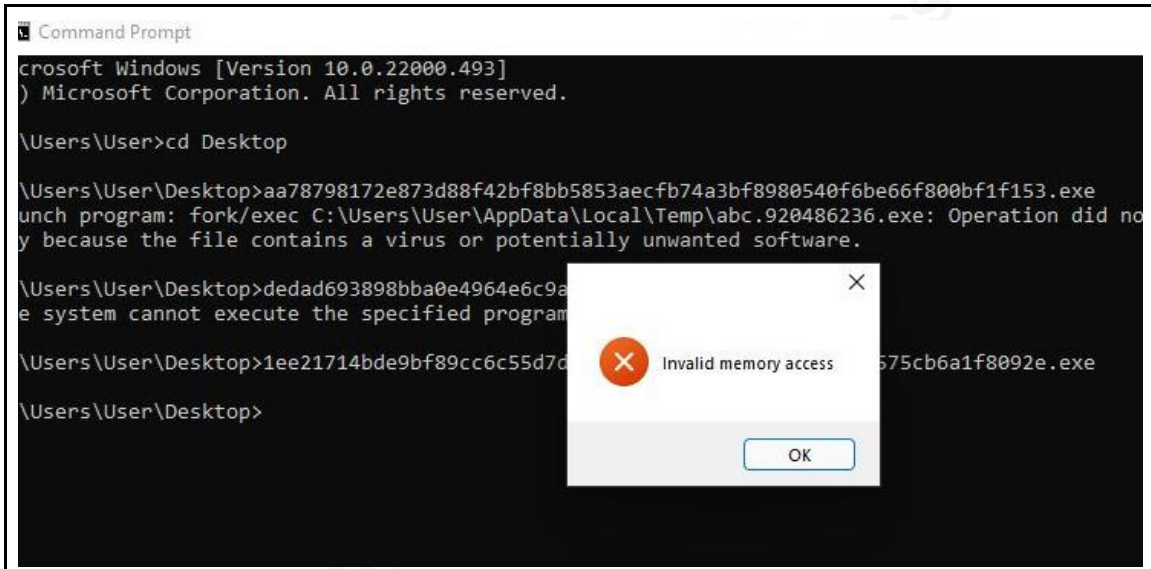
This is also a relevant occurrence as like in the second occurrence the ransomware could still pivot till it finds a compatible system to be executed. For incompatible apps, event log with event ID 1109 is generated as shown below.

Timestamp	source	ApplicationName	CommandLine	EventID	EventType	Full Message
2022-05-26 07:21:27.000	WinDev2112Eval			1109	INFO	<p>The program or feature "\\??\C:\Users\User\Desktop\4823f478e5fb68</p> <p>751cdf91-dcc4-11ec-b61e-08002732adbd</p> <p>Received by Windows Event - UDP on IP 1f9e6551 / graylogserver-VirtualBox</p> <p>Channel Application</p> <p>Stored in Index graylog_0</p> <p>EventID 1109</p> <p>Routed into streams • All messages</p> <p>EventReceivedTime 2022-05-26 00:21:27</p> <p>EventType INFO</p> <p>Keywords 36028797018963970</p> <p>OpcodeValue 0</p> <p>ProcessID 2256</p> <p>RecordNumber 3246</p> <p>Severity INFO</p> <p>SeverityValue 2</p> <p>SourceModuleName in</p> <p>SourceModuleType im_msvisualog</p> <p>SourceName Wow64 Emulation Layer</p> <p>full_message The program or feature "\\??\C:\Users\User\Desktop\4823f478e5fb68be06ba987539c3e1c52e2597b0b35edc5b66fcedcef66fb1f6.exe" cannot start or run due to incompatibility with 64-bit versions of Windows. Please contact the software vendor to ask if a 64-bit Windows compatible version is available.</p> <p>level 6</p> <p>message The program or feature "\\??\C:\Users\User\Desktop\4823f478e5fb68</p> <p>source WinDev2112Eval</p> <p>timestamp 2022-05-26T07:21:27.000Z</p>

Event log with event ID 1109 generated by midas ransomware

The fourth occurrence is the ransomware not being able to run at all due to memory access error or could not be launched at all. These could be due to corrupted application thus even if it could pivot into other systems, it may not be able to be executed. In this scenario no logs were also generated other than the generic info event log with event ID 1 that shows

the execution of an application. See screenshot below for the evilnominatus ransomware that has memory access error and the event log generated.



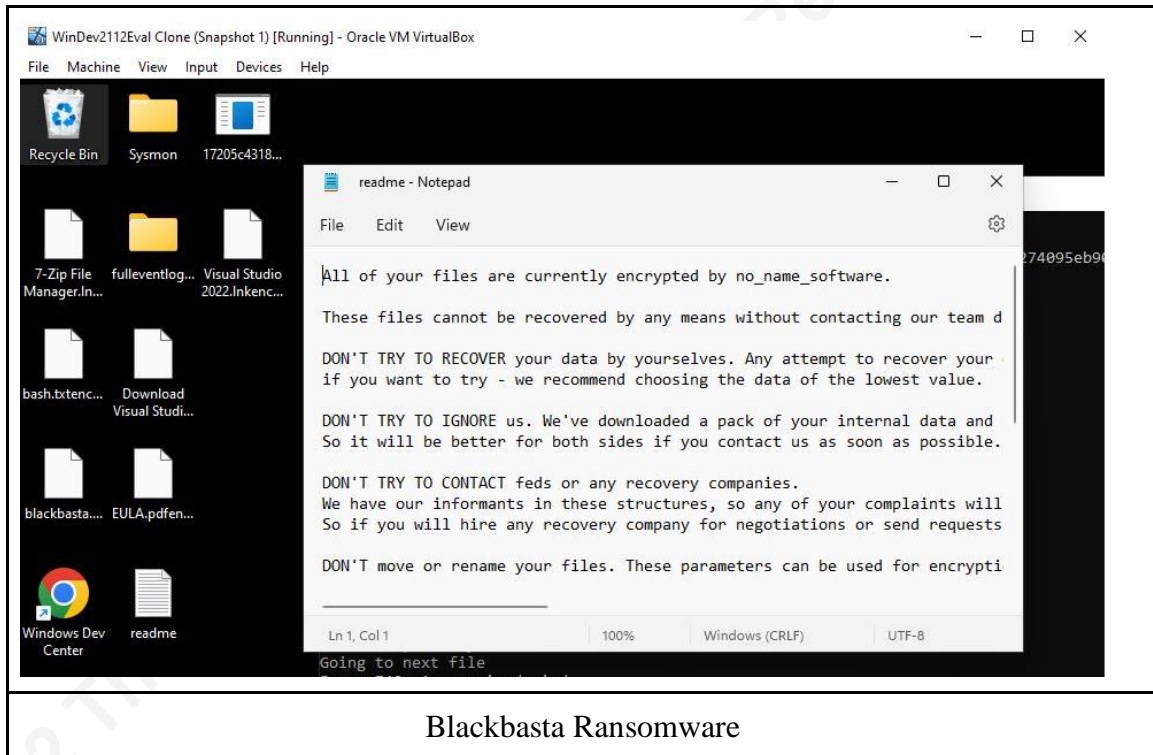
Evilnominatus ransomware with "Invalid memory access" error

Timestamp	source	ApplicationName	CommandLine	EventID	EventType	Full
2022-05-26 08:38:26.000	WinDev2112Eval		"C:\Users\User\Desktop\ 1ee21714bde9bf89cc6c5 5d7dac5686ad0e85f231 c2ba7f91d575cb6a1f809 2e.exe"	1	INFO	
Process Create: RuleName: - UtcTime: 2022-05-26 08:38:26.156						

Event Log with Event ID 1 generated with generic info

The fifth and the final observation is when the ransomware has been successfully executed and encrypts the user files with a ransom note. This shows that even when running the latest operating system like Windows 11 with the latest Microsoft Defender AV solution it is still possible to be affected by ransomware. Three ransomwares from the 37 tested were able to be executed. There are blackbasta, koxic and nokoyawa. Screenshots below showing the successful execution and display of ransom note from the three ransomwares. For blackbasta, Microsoft Defender was able to detect it as a ransomware due to the ransom

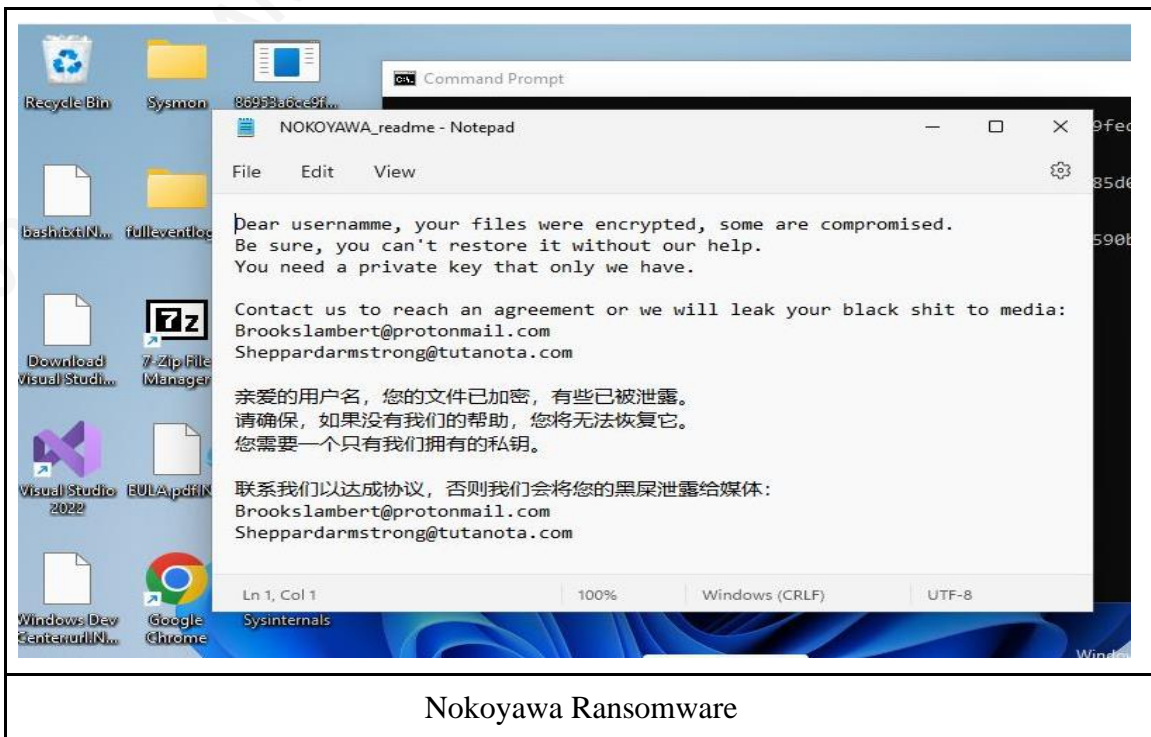
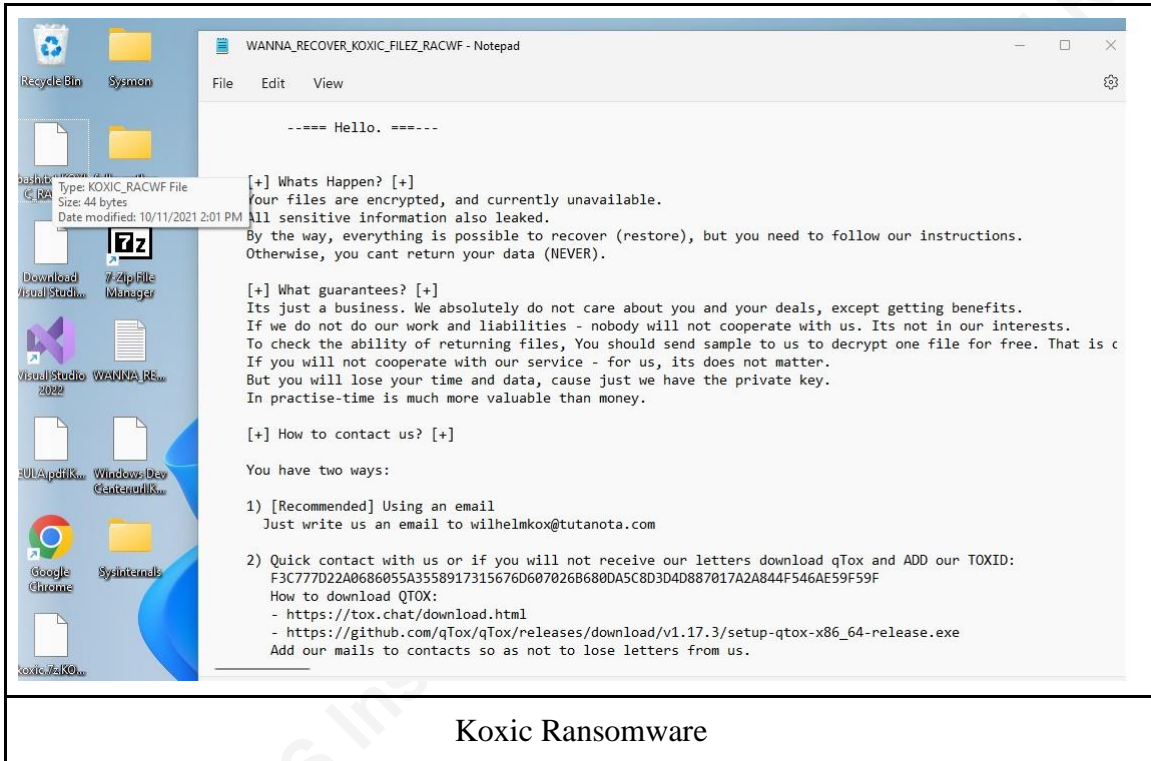
note created based on the full message content, thus it was after the ransomware was successfully executed but it didn't remove the ransomware nor prevent it from being executed. Thus, only the event log with event ID 1116 was detected. But for koxic and nokoyawa, these were also not detected.



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full_message
Microsoft Defender Antivirus has detected malware or other potentially unwanted software.
For more information please see the following:
https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?linkid=37020&name=Behavior:Win32/Ransomware!Note.L&threatid=2147785254&enterprise=0
Name: Behavior:Win32/Ransomware!Note.L
ID: 2147785254
Severity: Severe
Category: Suspicious Behavior
Path: behavior:_pid:9260:273448463567947; process:_pid:9260,ProcessStart:132980297900558793
Detection Origin: Unknown
Detection Type: Concrete
Detection Source: Unknown
User:
Process Name: C:\Users\User\Desktop\17205c43189c22dfcb278f5cc45c2562f622b0b6280dcd43cc1d3c274095eb90.exe
Security intelligence Version: AV: 1.363.305.0, AS: 1.363.305.0, NIS: 1.363.305.0
Engine Version: AM: 1.1.19100.5, NIS: 1.1.19100.5
    
```

Blackbasta ransomware's event log (event ID 1116) triggered by the ransom note



In this scenario the only event log generated was the generic info event log with event ID 1 that shows the execution of an application as shown below.

Event log with event ID generated for koxic ransomware

6. Summary of Findings

The table below shows the 5 different occurrences and the corresponding event logs generated and their IDs as explained above. The threat name, threat ID and the file hash is also included as it will aid in the post investigation phase where the necessary team can get more information of the ransomware.

Ransomware Name & File Hash	Detection Type	Event Log	Threat Name	Threat ID
AvosLocker: f810deb1ba171cea5b595c6d3f816127fb182833f7a08a98de93226d4f6a336f	Concrete	1116, 1117	Ransom:Win32/AvosLocker.MBK!MTB	2147798265
BandarChorRansomware: B4362FCD75FD071FC8237C543C56DF5736B8E177	Concrete	1116, 1117	Ransom:Win32/Isda.A	2147689536
BlackBastaRansomware: 17205c43189c22dfcb278f5cc45c2562f622b0b6280dcd43cc1d3c274095eb90	Not Detected	1, 1116	Behavior:Win32/Ransomware!Note.L *1116 generated due to the ransom note.	NIL
BlackCatRansomware:	Concrete	1116,	Ransom:Win32/BlackCat.	2147809870

f837f1cd60e9941aa60f7be50a8f2aaaac380f560db8ee001408f35c1b7a97cb		1117	MK!MTB	
CerberRansomware: 772cad26853c7d8ea8f1023f6e3cba219cc9bb1db1cd31ad2b979e59d3d9c631	Concrete	1116, 1117	Ransom:Win32/Aicat.A!MTB	2147809789
ClownicRansomware: 880823dd9df0ca6047cd829a1031e8a167ccec0629fdeac40a097dd555debf7c	Concrete	1116, 1117	Ransom:MSIL/FileCryptor.AB!MTB	2147769543
CubaRansomware: f68cea99e6887739cd82865f9b973664117af14c1a25d4917eec25ce4b26a381	Concrete	1116, 1117	Trojan:Win32/KillAV.SA	2147808492
CuratorRansomware: 4d2c614ba98df43601b6d9551bd26684	Concrete	1116, 1117	Ransom:Win32/Filecoder.AA!MTB	2147774270
DeadBoltRansomware: 444e537f86cbec5a4fcf94c485cc9d286de0ccd91718362cecf415bf362bcf	Concrete	1116, 1117	Ransom:Linux/DeadBolt.A!MTB	2147811548
DearCryRansomware: 0e55ead3b8fd305d9a54f78c7b56741a	Concrete	1116, 1117	Ransom:Win32/DoejoCrypt.A	2147777392
DecafRansomware: 5da2a2ebe9959e6ac21683a8950055309eb34544962c02ed564e0deaf83c9477	Concrete	1116, 1117	Ransom:Win64/Deecaf.A!dha	2147797631
DiavolRansomware: ee13d59ae3601c948bd10560188447e6faaeef5336dcd605b52ee558ff2a8588	Concrete	1116, 1117	Ransom:Win32/Lovaid	2147797706
EvilNominatusRansomware: 1ee21714bde9bf89cc6c55d7dac5686ad0e85f231c2ba7f91d575cb6a1f8092e	Not Detected and Not Executed due to memory error	1	NIL	NIL
HaronRansomware: 5b9dee21841e1b6fd1477008b73729a0	Concrete	1116, 1117	Ransom:MacOS/Filecoder	2147768612

HiveRansomware: aa78798172e873d88f42bf8bb5 853aecfb74a3bf8980540f6be6 6f800bf1f153	Concrete	1116, 1117	Ransom:Win64/Hive.E!M TB	2147816425
KoxicRansomware: 699159e695e230a48d94b6103 b48940ed596d0b48fb6d936c0 4d86eed539cecd	Not detected and executed successfull y	1	NIL	NIL
KrusRansomware: df109084e55980239d6d39a3a 52afc372f5251653a3893497e3 017e65c65e2a3	Not detected and not executed due to incompatib ility	1109	NIL	NIL
LockBitRansomware: fc720ba95ab46e6a5f9fd7f6b1f 240cd9b29cd96f6cb075f0459f ac230f7de94	Concrete	1116, 1117	Ransom:Win32/Lockbit.ST A	2147788196
LockyRansomware: E7AAD826559C8448CD8BA 9F53F401182	Not detected and not executed due to incompatib ility	1109	NIL	NIL
LokiLockerRansomware: 4215b5ce91deb97011cba2dd9 4d5bac1a745d6d55f6938b86e2 09eaaf8e655df	Concrete	1116, 1117	Ransom:MSIL/LokiLocker .MK!MTB	2147808650
LorenzRansomware: edc2070fd8116f1df5c8d41918 9331ec606d10062818c5f3de86 5cd0f7d6db84	Concrete	1116, 1117	Ransom:Win32/Lorenz!mc lg	2147811807
MagniberRansomware: e2d3af7acd9bb440f9972b192c bfa83b07abdbb042f8bf1c2bb8 f63944a4ae39	Not detected and not executed due to incompatib ility	1109	NIL	NIL
MementoRansomware: 09a0caadc4df3d4278368f94f5 2007894c2b51d3785d985cb8e	Concrete	1116, 1117	Trojan:Win64/Malgent!MS R	2147782947

42646e8a33b68				
MidasRansomware: 4823f478e5fb68be06ba987539 c3e1c52e2597b0b35edc5b66fc edcef66fb1f6	Not detected and not executed due to incompatibility	1109	NIL	NIL
NightSkyRansomware: 1fca1cd04992e0fcaa714d9dfa9 7323d81d7e3d43a024ec37d1c 7a2767a17577	Concrete	1116, 1117	Ransom:Win64/NightSky! MTB	2147809814
NokoyawaRansomware: 86953a6ce9fb7bf8b7791b9c6b 751120c35ee1df5590ba4ff447 e21c29259e51	Not detected and executed successfully	1	NIL	NIL
OnyxRansomware: a7f09cfde433f3d47fc96502bf2 b623ae5e7626da85d0a0130dc d19d1679af9b	Concrete	1116, 1117	Ransom:MSIL/FileCoder. AD!MTB	2147798231
PandoraRansomware: 5b56c5d86347e164c6e571c86 dbf5b1535eae6b979fede6ed66 b01e79ea33b7b	Concrete	1116, 1117	Ransom:Win64/FileCoder! MSR	2147764332
PhobosRansomware: a91491f45b851a07f91ba5a200 967921bf796d38677786de51a 4a8fe5ddeafd2	Concrete	1116, 1117	Ransom:Win32/Blocker	2147742143
RansomExx: fe564fb38a99dbb94cc8a66d89 55b0b7f8e67bf0a5eb820c4a5d 0c3efb96c1e5	Not detected and crashes	1000	NIL	NIL
RookRansomware: 96f7df1c984c1753289600f7f3 73f3a98a4f09f82acc1be8ecfd5 790763a355b	Concrete	1116, 1117	Ransom:Win64/RookCrypt !MSR	2147805809
SamsamRansomWare: FFA28DB79DACA3B93A283 CE2A6FF24791956A768CB5 FC791C075B638416B51F4	Concrete	1116, 1117	HackTool:Win32/NLBrute	2147723627
SFileRansomware: feddee093d72838ac1f13ea9bbf	Concrete	1116, 1117	Ransom:Win32/Morsp.ST! MTB	2147762665

c0473e2f3df1495432d6f95d6fe8ddf7ff09b				
SugarRansomware: 0f05b893b67c4fc8680f2040b4069eba81e144253a7f6e20507eaa4d2576461d	Concrete	1116, 1117	Ransom:Win32/FileCryptor.MAK!MTB	2147810020
SynAckRansomware: 5b9dee21841e1b6fd1477008b73729a0	Concrete	1116, 1117	Ransom:MacOS/Filecoder	2147768612
WhiteRabbitRansomware: 03e8b29ad5055f1dda1b0e9353dc2c1421974eb3d0a115d0bb35c7d76f50de20	Concrete	1116, 1117	Trojan:Win32/Tnega!MSR	2147754624
YanluowangRansomware: d11793433065633b84567de403c1989640a07c9a399dd2753aaf118891ce791c	Concrete	1116, 1117	Ransom:Win32/Yanluow.S TA	2147794251

Refer to Appendix A for the screenshots of the log details as forwarded to the GrayLog server.

7. Conclusion

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic where Work from Home (WFH) and Remote Work arrangements became common, it also fueled the 105% increase in ransomware attacks in 2021 (Taylor, 2022). In this paper, out of the 37 different ransomware variants tested, 28 variants were detected successfully by Microsoft Defender. The detection generated windows event logs with the event IDs 1116 and 1117. 1 variant was not detected and crashed generating an event log with event ID 1000. 4 variants were also not detected and it could not be executed due to compatibility issues and generated event log with event ID 1109. Another 1 variant could not be executed due to memory issues and also generated the event log with event ID 1. And 3 ransomware variants were able to be executed and could not be detected by Microsoft Defender running on the latest Windows 11 platform. These also generated the event logs with the event ID 1.

Thus, for incident responders doing triage investigations in a ransomware incident, they should look for event logs with the IDs, 1, 1000, 1109, 1116 and 1117. These will cover the different scenarios like successful execution, non-execution due to incompatibility issues but still residing in the system, non-execution due to memory issues or ransomware crashing and, in a scenario, where Microsoft Defender has detected the ransomware and have removed it. These will give them clues and necessary information to determine the next course of action to assist the affected organization in recovering from a ransomware attack.

Future work will include studying how the information from the windows event logs can be incorporated into detection rules like yara or sigma rules in an automated manner that can be used to prevent the spread of ransomware in a network. Similarly, the threat name, threat ID and the file hash will aid in the post investigation phase where the necessary Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) teams can get more information about the ransomware and build different use cases for early detection and prevention by the Security Operations Centers (SOCs) as it has been shown that even with the latest Microsoft Defender with the latest Windows 11 operating system is not immune to known ransomware variants.

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Appendix A

Microsoft Defender Description of Detected Ransomware

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full_message
Microsoft Defender Antivirus has detected malware or other potentially unwanted software.
For more information please see the following:
https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?linkid=37020&name=Ransom:Win32/AvosLocker.MBK!MTB&threatid=2147798265&enterprise=0
Name: Ransom:Win32/AvosLocker.MBK!MTB
ID: 2147798265
Severity: Severe
Category: Ransomware
Path: file:_C:\Users\User\Desktop\f810deb1ba171cea5b595c6d3f816127fb182833f7a08a98de93226d4f6a336f.exe
Detection Origin: Local machine
Detection Type: Concrete
Detection Source: Real-Time Protection
User: WINDEV2112EVAL\User
Process Name: C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe
Security intelligence Version: AV: 1.363.305.0, AS: 1.363.305.0, NIS: 1.363.305.0
Engine Version: AM: 1.1.19100.5, NIS: 1.1.19100.5
    
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AvosLocker

```

full_message
Microsoft Defender Antivirus has detected malware or other potentially unwanted software.
For more information please see the following:
https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?linkid=37020&name=Ransom:Win32/Isda.A&threatid=2147689536&enterprise=0
Name: Ransom:Win32/Isda.A
ID: 2147689536
Severity: Severe
Category: Ransomware
Path: file:_C:\Users\User\Desktop\B4362FCD75FD071FC8237C543C560F573688E177.exe
Detection Origin: Local machine
Detection Type: Concrete
Detection Source: Real-Time Protection
User: WINDEV2112EVAL\User
Process Name: C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe
Security intelligence Version: AV: 1.363.305.0, AS: 1.363.305.0, NIS: 1.363.305.0
Engine Version: AM: 1.1.19100.5, NIS: 1.1.19100.5
    
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Bandarchor

```

full_message
Microsoft Defender Antivirus has detected malware or other potentially unwanted software.
For more information please see the following:
https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?linkid=37020&name=Ransom:Win32/BlackCat.MK!MTB&threatid=2147809870&enterprise=0
Name: Ransom:Win32/BlackCat.MK!MTB
ID: 2147809870
Severity: Severe
Category: Ransomware
Path: file:_C:\Users\User\Desktop\f837f1cd60e9941aa60f7be50a8f2aaaac380f560db8ee001408f35c1b7a97cb.exe
Detection Origin: Local machine
Detection Type: Concrete
Detection Source: Real-Time Protection
User: WINDEV2112EVAL\User
Process Name: C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe
Security intelligence Version: AV: 1.363.305.0, AS: 1.363.305.0, NIS: 1.363.305.0
Engine Version: AM: 1.1.19100.5, NIS: 1.1.19100.5
    
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Blackcat

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full_message
Microsoft Defender Antivirus has detected malware or other potentially unwanted software.
For more information please see the following:
https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?linkid=37020&name=Ransom:Win32/Aicat.A!MTB&threatid=2147809789&enterprise=0
Name: Ransom:Win32/Aicat.A!MTB
ID: 2147809789
Severity: Severe
Category: Ransomware
Path: file: C:\Users\User\Desktop\772cad26853c7d8ea8f1023f6e3cba219cc9bb1db1cd31ad2b979e59d3d9c631.exe
Detection Origin: Local machine
Detection Type: Concrete
Detection Source: Real-Time Protection
User: WINDEV2112EVAL\User
Process Name: C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe
Security intelligence Version: AV: 1.363.305.0, AS: 1.363.305.0, NIS: 1.363.305.0
Engine Version: AM: 1.1.19100.5, NIS: 1.1.19100.5
    
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Cerber

```

full_message
Microsoft Defender Antivirus has detected malware or other potentially unwanted software.
For more information please see the following:
https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?linkid=37020&name=Ransom:MSIL/FileCryptor.AB!MTB&threatid=2147769543&enterprise=0
Name: Ransom:MSIL/FileCryptor.AB!MTB
ID: 2147769543
Severity: Severe
Category: Ransomware
Path: file: C:\Users\User\Desktop\880823dd9df0ca6047cd829a1031e8a167ccec0629fdeac40a097dd555deb7c.exe
Detection Origin: Local machine
Detection Type: Concrete
Detection Source: Real-Time Protection
User: WINDEV2112EVAL\User
Process Name: C:\Windows\explorer.exe
Security intelligence Version: AV: 1.363.305.0, AS: 1.363.305.0, NIS: 1.363.305.0
Engine Version: AM: 1.1.19100.5, NIS: 1.1.19100.5
    
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Clownic

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full_message
Microsoft Defender Antivirus has detected malware or other potentially unwanted software.
For more information please see the following:
https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?linkid=37020&name=Trojan:Win32/KillAV.SA&threatid=2147808492&enterprise=0
Name: Trojan:Win32/KillAV.SA
ID: 2147808492
Severity: Severe
Category: Trojan
Path: file: C:\Users\User\Desktop\f68cea99e6887739cd82865f9b973664117af14c1a25d4917eec25ce4b26a381.exe
Detection Origin: Local machine
Detection Type: Concrete
Detection Source: Real-Time Protection
User: WINDEV2112EVAL\User
Process Name: C:\Windows\explorer.exe
Security intelligence Version: AV: 1.363.305.0, AS: 1.363.305.0, NIS: 1.363.305.0
Engine Version: AM: 1.1.19100.5, NIS: 1.1.19100.5
    
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Cuba

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full_message
Microsoft Defender Antivirus has detected malware or other potentially unwanted software.
For more information please see the following:
https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?linkid=37020&name=Ransom:Win32/Filecoder.AA!MTB&threatid=2147774270&enterprise=0
Name: Ransom:Win32/Filecoder.AA!MTB
ID: 2147774270
Severity: Severe
Category: Ransomware
Path: file: C:\Users\User\Desktop\4d2c614ba98df43601b6d9551bd26684.exe
Detection Origin: Local machine
Detection Type: Concrete
Detection Source: Real-Time Protection
User: WINDEV2112EVAL\User
Process Name: C:\Windows\explorer.exe
Security intelligence Version: AV: 1.363.305.0, AS: 1.363.305.0, NIS: 1.363.305.0
Engine Version: AM: 1.1.19100.5, NIS: 1.1.19100.5
    
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Curator

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full_message
Microsoft Defender Antivirus has detected malware or other potentially unwanted software.
For more information please see the following:
https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?linkid=37020&name=Ransom:Linux/DeadBolt.A!MTB&threatid=2147811548&enterprise=0
Name: Ransom:Linux/DeadBolt.A!MTB
ID: 2147811548
Severity: Severe
Category: Ransomware
Path: file: C:\Users\User\Desktop\444e537f86cbeeea5a4fcf94c485cc9d286de0ccd91718362cecf415bf362bcf.exe
Detection Origin: Local machine
Detection Type: Concrete
Detection Source: Real-Time Protection
User: WINDEV2112EVAL\User
Process Name: C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe
Security intelligence Version: AV: 1.363.305.0, AS: 1.363.305.0, NIS: 1.363.305.0
Engine Version: AM: 1.1.19100.5, NIS: 1.1.19100.5
    
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Deadbolt

```

full_message
Microsoft Defender Antivirus has detected malware or other potentially unwanted software.
For more information please see the following:
https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?linkid=37020&name=Ransom:Win32/DoejoCrypt.A&threatid=214777392&enterprise=0
Name: Ransom:Win32/DoejoCrypt.A
ID: 214777392
Severity: Severe
Category: Ransomware
Path: file: C:\Users\User\Desktop\0e55ead3b8fd305d9a54f78c7b56741a.exe
Detection Origin: Local machine
Detection Type: Concrete
Detection Source: Real-Time Protection
User: WINDEV2112EVAL\User
Process Name: C:\Windows\explorer.exe
Security intelligence Version: AV: 1.363.305.0, AS: 1.363.305.0, NIS: 1.363.305.0
Engine Version: AM: 1.1.19100.5, NIS: 1.1.19100.5
    
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Dearcry

```

full_message
Microsoft Defender Antivirus has detected malware or other potentially unwanted software.
For more information please see the following:
https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?linkid=37020&name=Ransom:Win64/Deecaf.A!dha&threatid=2147797631&enterprise=0
Name: Ransom:Win64/Deecaf.A!dha
ID: 2147797631
Severity: Severe
Category: Ransomware
Path: file:_C:\Users\User\Desktop\5da2a2ebe9959e6ac21683a8950055309eb34544962c02ed564e0deaf83c9477.exe
Detection Origin: Local machine
Detection Type: Concrete
Detection Source: Real-Time Protection
User: WINDEV2112EVAL\User
Process Name: C:\Windows\explorer.exe
Security intelligence Version: AV: 1.363.305.0, AS: 1.363.305.0, NIS: 1.363.305.0
Engine Version: AM: 1.1.19100.5, NIS: 1.1.19100.5
    
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Decaf

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full_message
Microsoft Defender Antivirus has detected malware or other potentially unwanted software.
For more information please see the following:
https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?linkid=37020&name=Ransom:Win32/Lovaid&threatid=2147797706&enterprise=0
Name: Ransom:Win32/Lovaid
ID: 2147797706
Severity: Severe
Category: Ransomware
Path: file:_C:\Users\User\Desktop\ee13d59ae3601c948bd10560188447e6faaeef5336dcd605b52ee558ff2a8588.exe
Detection Origin: Local machine
Detection Type: Concrete
Detection Source: Real-Time Protection
User: WINDEV2112EVAL\User
Process Name: C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe
Security intelligence Version: AV: 1.363.305.0, AS: 1.363.305.0, NIS: 1.363.305.0
Engine Version: AM: 1.1.19100.5, NIS: 1.1.19100.5
    
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Diavol

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full_message
Microsoft Defender Antivirus has detected malware or other potentially unwanted software.
For more information please see the following:
https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?linkid=37020&name=Ransom:MacOS/Filecoder&threatid=2147768612&enterprise=0
Name: Ransom:MacOS/Filecoder
ID: 2147768612
Severity: Severe
Category: Ransomware
Path: file:_C:\Users\User\Desktop\dedad693898bba0e4964e6c9a749d380.exe
Detection Origin: Local machine
Detection Type: Concrete
Detection Source: Real-Time Protection
User: WINDEV2112EVAL\User
Process Name: C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe
Security intelligence Version: AV: 1.363.305.0, AS: 1.363.305.0, NIS: 1.363.305.0
Engine Version: AM: 1.1.19100.5, NIS: 1.1.19100.5
    
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Haron

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full_message
Microsoft Defender Antivirus has detected malware or other potentially unwanted software.
For more information please see the following:
https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?linkid=37020&name=Ransom:Win64/Hive.E!MTB&threatid=2147816425&enterprise=0
Name: Ransom:Win64/Hive.E!MTB
ID: 2147816425
Severity: Severe
Category: Ransomware
Path: file: C:\Users\User\AppData\Local\Temp\abc.920486236.exe
Detection Origin: Local machine
Detection Type: Concrete
Detection Source: Real-Time Protection
User: WINDEV2112EVAL\User
Process Name: C:\Users\User\Desktop\aa78798172e873d88f42bf8bb5853aecfb74a3bf8980540f6be66f800bf1f153.exe
Security intelligence Version: AV: 1.363.305.0, AS: 1.363.305.0, NIS: 1.363.305.0
Engine Version: AM: 1.1.19100.5, NIS: 1.1.19100.5
    
```

Hive

```

full_message
Microsoft Defender Antivirus has detected malware or other potentially unwanted software.
For more information please see the following:
https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?linkid=37020&name=Ransom:Win32/Lockbit.STA&threatid=2147788196&enterprise=0
Name: Ransom:Win32/Lockbit.STA
ID: 2147788196
Severity: Severe
Category: Ransomware
Path: file: C:\Users\User\Desktop\fc720ba95ab46e6a5f9fd7f6b1f240cd9b29cd96f6cb075f0459fac230f7de94.exe
Detection Origin: Local machine
Detection Type: Concrete
Detection Source: Real-Time Protection
User: WINDEV2112EVAL\User
Process Name: C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe
Security intelligence Version: AV: 1.363.305.0, AS: 1.363.305.0, NIS: 1.363.305.0
Engine Version: AM: 1.1.19100.5, NIS: 1.1.19100.5
    
```

Lockbit

```

full_message
Microsoft Defender Antivirus has detected malware or other potentially unwanted software.
For more information please see the following:
https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?linkid=37020&name=Ransom:MSIL/LokiLocker.MK!MTB&threatid=2147808650&enterprise=0
Name: Ransom:MSIL/LokiLocker.MK!MTB
ID: 2147808650
Severity: Severe
Category: Ransomware
Path: file: C:\Users\User\Desktop\4215b5ce91deb97011cba2dd94d5bac1a745d6d55f6938b86e209eaaf8e655df.exe
Detection Origin: Local machine
Detection Type: Concrete
Detection Source: Real-Time Protection
User: WINDEV2112EVAL\User
Process Name: C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe
Security intelligence Version: AV: 1.363.305.0, AS: 1.363.305.0, NIS: 1.363.305.0
Engine Version: AM: 1.1.19100.5, NIS: 1.1.19100.5
    
```

Lokilocker

```

full_message
Microsoft Defender Antivirus has detected malware or other potentially unwanted software.
For more information please see the following:
https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?linkid=37020&name=Ransom:Win32/Lorenz!mclg&threatid=2147811807&enterprise=0
Name: Ransom:Win32/Lorenz!mclg
ID: 2147811807
Severity: Severe
Category: Ransomware
Path: file: C:\Users\User\Desktop\edc2070fd8116f1df5c8d419189331ec606d10062818c5f3de865cd0f7d6db84.exe
Detection Origin: Local machine
Detection Type: Concrete
Detection Source: Real-Time Protection
User: WINDEV2112EVAL\User
Process Name: C:\Windows\explorer.exe
Security intelligence Version: AV: 1.363.305.0, AS: 1.363.305.0, NIS: 1.363.305.0
Engine Version: AM: 1.1.19100.5, NIS: 1.1.19100.5
    
```

Lorenz

```

full_message
Microsoft Defender Antivirus has detected malware or other potentially unwanted software.
For more information please see the following:
https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?linkid=37020&name=Trojan:Win64/Malgent!MSR&threatid=2147782947&enterprise=0
Name: Trojan:Win64/Malgent!MSR
ID: 2147782947
Severity: Severe
Category: Trojan
Path: file: C:\Users\User\Desktop\09a0ccaadc4df3d4278368f94f52007894c2b51d3785d985cb8e42646e8a33b68.exe
Detection Origin: Local machine
Detection Type: Concrete
Detection Source: Real-Time Protection
User: WINDEV2112EVAL\User
Process Name: C:\Windows\explorer.exe
Security intelligence Version: AV: 1.363.305.0, AS: 1.363.305.0, NIS: 1.363.305.0
Engine Version: AM: 1.1.19100.5, NIS: 1.1.19100.5
    
```

Memento

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full_message
Microsoft Defender Antivirus has detected malware or other potentially unwanted software.
For more information please see the following:
https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?linkid=37020&name=Ransom:Win64/NightSky!MTB&threatid=2147809814&enterprise=0
Name: Ransom:Win64/NightSky!MTB
ID: 2147809814
Severity: Severe
Category: Ransomware
Path: file: C:\Users\User\Desktop\1fca1cd04992e0fcaa714d9dfa97323d81d7e3d43a024ec37d1c7a2767a17577.exe
Detection Origin: Local machine
Detection Type: Concrete
Detection Source: Real-Time Protection
User: WINDEV2112EVAL\User
Process Name: C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe
Security intelligence Version: AV: 1.363.305.0, AS: 1.363.305.0, NIS: 1.363.305.0
Engine Version: AM: 1.1.19100.5, NIS: 1.1.19100.5
    
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NightSky

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full_message
Microsoft Defender Antivirus has detected malware or other potentially unwanted software.
For more information please see the following:
https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?linkid=37020&name=Ransom:MSIL/FileCoder.AD!MTB&threatid=2147798231&enterprise=0
Name: Ransom:MSIL/FileCoder.AD!MTB
ID: 2147798231
Severity: Severe
Category: Ransomware
Path: file: C:\Users\User\Desktop\af7f09cfde433f3d47fc96502bf2b623ae5e7626da85d0a0130dcd19d1679af9b.exe
Detection Origin: Local machine
Detection Type: Concrete
Detection Source: Real-Time Protection
User: WINDEV2112EVAL\User
Process Name: C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe
Security intelligence Version: AV: 1.363.305.0, AS: 1.363.305.0, NIS: 1.363.305.0
Engine Version: AM: 1.1.19100.5, NIS: 1.1.19100.5
    
```

Onyx

```

full_message
Microsoft Defender Antivirus has detected malware or other potentially unwanted software.
For more information please see the following:
https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?linkid=37020&name=Ransom:Win64/FileCoder!MSR&threatid=2147764332&enterprise=0
Name: Ransom:Win64/FileCoder!MSR
ID: 2147764332
Severity: Severe
Category: Ransomware
Path: file: C:\Users\User\Desktop\5b56c5d86347e164c6e571c86dbf5b1535eae6b979fed6ed66b01e79ea33b7b.exe
Detection Origin: Local machine
Detection Type: Concrete
Detection Source: Real-Time Protection
User: WINDEV2112EVAL\User
Process Name: C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe
Security intelligence Version: AV: 1.363.305.0, AS: 1.363.305.0, NIS: 1.363.305.0
Engine Version: AM: 1.1.19100.5, NIS: 1.1.19100.5
    
```

Pandora

```

full_message
Microsoft Defender Antivirus has detected malware or other potentially unwanted software.
For more information please see the following:
https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?linkid=37020&name=Ransom:Win32/Blocker&threatid=2147742143&enterprise=0
Name: Ransom:Win32/Blocker
ID: 2147742143
Severity: Severe
Category: Ransomware
Path: file: C:\Users\User\Desktop\9a1491f45b851a07f91ba5a200967921bf796d38677786de51a4a8fe5ddeafd2.exe
Detection Origin: Local machine
Detection Type: Concrete
Detection Source: Real-Time Protection
User: WINDEV2112EVAL\User
Process Name: C:\Windows\explorer.exe
Security intelligence Version: AV: 1.363.305.0, AS: 1.363.305.0, NIS: 1.363.305.0
Engine Version: AM: 1.1.19100.5, NIS: 1.1.19100.5
    
```

Phobos

```

full_message
Microsoft Defender Antivirus has detected malware or other potentially unwanted software.
For more information please see the following:
https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?linkid=37020&name=Ransom:Win64/RookCrypt!MSR&threatid=2147805809&enterprise=0
Name: Ransom:Win64/RookCrypt!MSR
ID: 2147805809
Severity: Severe
Category: Ransomware
Path: file: C:\Users\User\Desktop\96f7df1c984c1753289600f7f373f3a98a4f09f82acc1be8ecfd5790763a355b.exe
Detection Origin: Local machine
Detection Type: Concrete
Detection Source: Real-Time Protection
User: WINDEV2112EVAL\User
Process Name: C:\Windows\explorer.exe
Security intelligence Version: AV: 1.363.305.0, AS: 1.363.305.0, NIS: 1.363.305.0
Engine Version: AM: 1.1.19100.5, NIS: 1.1.19100.5
    
```

Rook

```

full_message
Microsoft Defender Antivirus has detected malware or other potentially unwanted software.
For more information please see the following:
https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?linkid=37020&name=HackTool:Win32/NLBrute&threatid=2147723627&enterprise=0
Name: HackTool:Win32/NLBrute
ID: 2147723627
Severity: High
Category: Tool
Path: file: C:\Users\User\Desktop\FFA28DB79DACA3B93A283CE2A6FF24791956A768CB5FC791C075B638416B51F4.exe
Detection Origin: Local machine
Detection Type: Concrete
Detection Source: Real-Time Protection
User: WINDEV2112EVAL\User
Process Name: C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe
Security intelligence Version: AV: 1.363.305.0, AS: 1.363.305.0, NIS: 1.363.305.0
Engine Version: AM: 1.1.19100.5, NIS: 1.1.19100.5
    
```

Samsam

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full_message
Microsoft Defender Antivirus has taken action to protect this machine from malware or other potentially unwanted software.
For more information please see the following:
https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?linkid=37020&name=Ransom:Win32/Morsp.ST!MTB&threatid=2147762665&enterprise=0
Name: Ransom:Win32/Morsp.ST!MTB
ID: 2147762665
Severity: Severe
Category: Ransomware
Path: file: C:\Users\User\Desktop\feddee93d72838ac1f13ea9bbfc0473e2f3df1495432d6f95d6fe8ddf7ff09b.exe
Detection Origin: Local machine
Detection Type: Concrete
Detection Source: Real-Time Protection
User: NT AUTHORITY\SYSTEM
Process Name: C:\Windows\explorer.exe
Action: Quarantine
Action Status: No additional actions required
Error Code: 0x00000000
Error description: The operation completed successfully.
Security intelligence Version: AV: 1.363.305.0, AS: 1.363.305.0, NIS: 1.363.305.0
Engine Version: AM: 1.1.19100.5, NIS: 1.1.19100.5
    
```

Sfile

full_message

Microsoft Defender Antivirus has detected malware or other potentially unwanted software.
 For more information please see the following:
<https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?linkid=37020&name=Ransom:Win32/FileCryptor.MAK!MTB&threatid=2147810020&enterprise=0>
 Name: Ransom:Win32/FileCryptor.MAK!MTB
 ID: 2147810020
 Severity: Severe
 Category: Ransomware
 Path: file: C:\Users\User\Desktop\0f05b893b67c4fc8680f2040b4069eba81e144253a7f6e20507eaa4d2576461d.exe
 Detection Origin: Local machine
 Detection Type: Concrete
 Detection Source: Real-Time Protection
 User: WINDEV2112EVAL\User
 Process Name: C:\Windows\explorer.exe
 Security intelligence Version: AV: 1.363.305.0, AS: 1.363.305.0, NIS: 1.363.305.0
 Engine Version: AM: 1.1.19100.5, NIS: 1.1.19100.5

Sugar

full_message

Microsoft Defender Antivirus has detected malware or other potentially unwanted software.
 For more information please see the following:
<https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?linkid=37020&name=Ransom:MacOS/Filecoder&threatid=2147768612&enterprise=0>
 Name: Ransom:MacOS/Filecoder
 ID: 2147768612
 Severity: Severe
 Category: Ransomware
 Path: file: C:\Users\User\Desktop\5b9dee21841e1b6fd1477008b73729a0.exe
 Detection Origin: Local machine
 Detection Type: Concrete
 Detection Source: Real-Time Protection
 User: WINDEV2112EVAL\User
 Process Name: C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe
 Security intelligence Version: AV: 1.363.305.0, AS: 1.363.305.0, NIS: 1.363.305.0
 Engine Version: AM: 1.1.19100.5, NIS: 1.1.19100.5

Synack

full_message

Microsoft Defender Antivirus has detected malware or other potentially unwanted software.
 For more information please see the following:
<https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?linkid=37020&name=Trojan:Win32/Tnega!MSR&threatid=2147754624&enterprise=0>
 Name: Trojan:Win32/Tnega!MSR
 ID: 2147754624
 Severity: Severe
 Category: Trojan
 Path: file: C:\Users\User\Desktop\03e8b29ad5055f1dda1b0e9353dc2c1421974eb3d0a115d0bb35c7d76f50de20.exe
 Detection Origin: Local machine
 Detection Type: Concrete
 Detection Source: Real-Time Protection
 User: WINDEV2112EVAL\User
 Process Name: C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe
 Security intelligence Version: AV: 1.363.305.0, AS: 1.363.305.0, NIS: 1.363.305.0
 Engine Version: AM: 1.1.19100.5, NIS: 1.1.19100.5

Whiterabbit

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full_message
Microsoft Defender Antivirus has detected malware or other potentially unwanted software.
For more information please see the following:
https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?linkid=37020&name=Ransom:Win32/Yanluow.STA&threatid=2147794251&enterprise=0
Name: Ransom:Win32/Yanluow.STA
ID: 2147794251
Severity: Severe
Category: Ransomware
Path: file:_C:\Users\User\Desktop\d11793433065633b84567de403c1989640a07c9a399dd2753aaf118891ce791c.exe
Detection Origin: Local machine
Detection Type: Concrete
Detection Source: Real-Time Protection
User: WINDEV2112EVAL\User
Process Name: C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe
Security intelligence Version: AV: 1.363.305.0, AS: 1.363.305.0, NIS: 1.363.305.0
Engine Version: AM: 1.1.19100.5, NIS: 1.1.19100.5
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Yanluowang

Appendix B

Ransomware tested and their download links

N/o	Ransomware Name	Link to download
1	AvosLocker	https://samples.vx-underground.org/samples/Families/AvosLockerRansomware/Windows/Encryptor/f810deb1ba171cea5b595c6d3f816127fb182833f7a08a98de93226d4f6a336f.7z
2	BandarChorRansomware	https://samples.vx-underground.org/samples/Families/BandarChorRansomware/B4362FCD75FD071FC8237C543C56DF5736B8E177.7z
3	BlackBastaRansomware	https://samples.vx-underground.org/samples/Families/BlackBastaRansomware/Samples/17205c43189c22dfcb278f5cc45c2562f622b0b6280dcd43cc1d3c274095eb90.7z
4	BlackCatRansomware	https://samples.vx-underground.org/samples/Families/BlackCatRansomware/Samples/win/f837f1cd60e9941aa60f7be50a8f2aaaac380f560db8ee001408f35c1b7a97cb.7z
5	CerberRansomware	https://samples.vx-underground.org/samples/Families/CerberRansomware/772cad26853c7d8ea8f1023f6e3cba219cc9bb1db1cd31ad2b979e59d3d9c631.7z
6	ClownicRansomware	https://samples.vx-underground.org/samples/Families/ClownicRansomware/880823dd9df0ca6047cd829a1031e8a167cce0629fdeac40a097dd555debf7c.7z
7	CubaRansomware	https://samples.vx-underground.org/samples/Families/CubaRansomware/Samples/f68cea99e6887739cd82865f9b973664117af14c1a25d4917eec25ce4b26a381.7z
8	CuratorRansomware	https://samples.vx-underground.org/samples/Families/CuratorRansomware/4d2c614ba98df43601b6d9551bd26684.7z

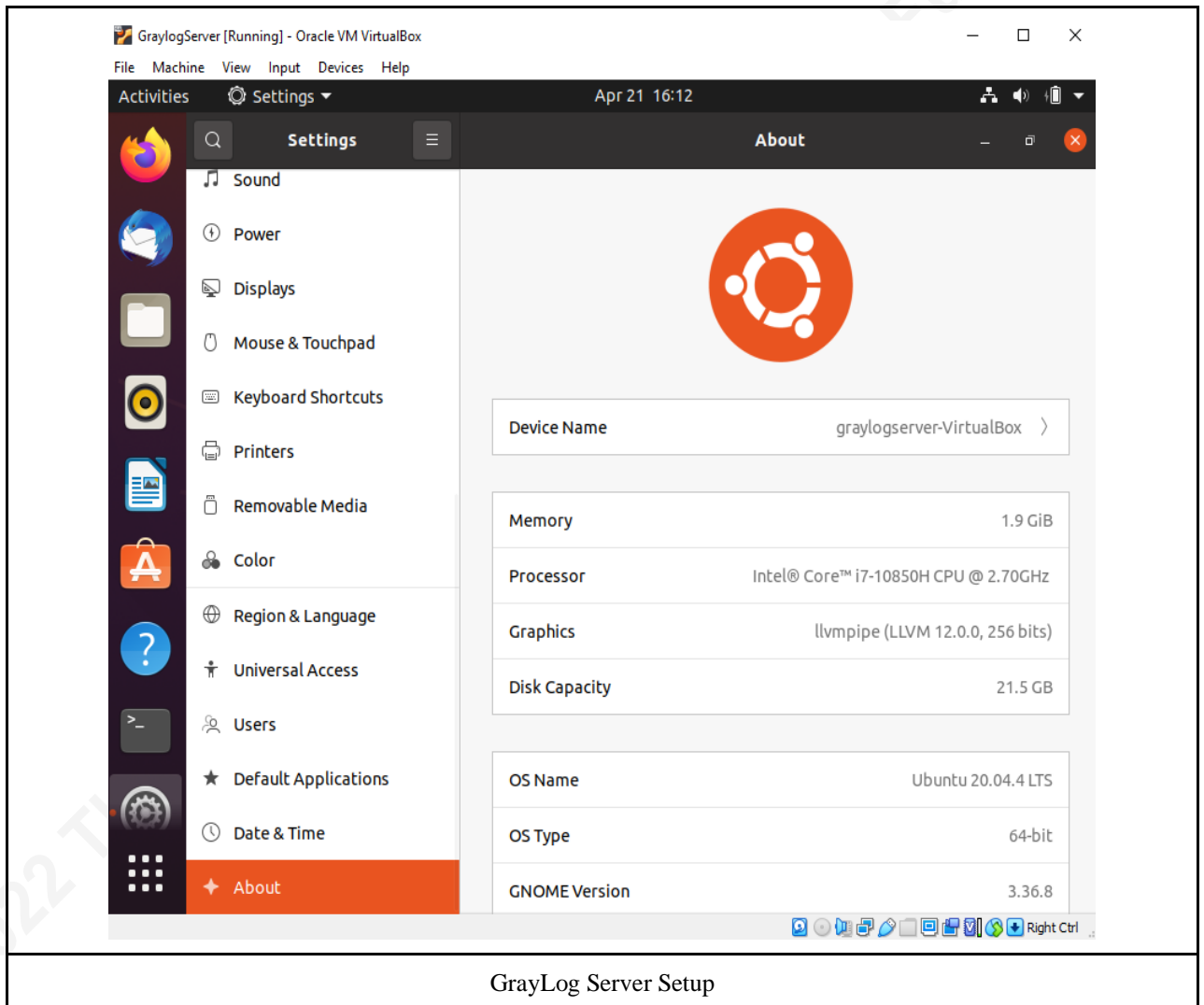
9	DeadBoltRansomware	https://samples.vx-underground.org/samples/Families/DeadBoltRansomware/Samples/444e537f86cbeeea5a4fcf94c485cc9d286de0ccd91718362cecf415bf362bcf.7z
10	DearCryRansomware	https://samples.vx-underground.org/samples/Families/DearCryRansomware/0e55ead3b8fd305d9a54f78c7b56741a.7z
11	DecafRansomware	https://samples.vx-underground.org/samples/Families/DecafRansomware/5da2a2ebe9959e6ac21683a8950055309eb34544962c02ed564e0deaf83c9477.7z
12	DiavolRansomware	https://samples.vx-underground.org/samples/Families/DiavolRansomware/Samples/ee13d59ae3601c948bd10560188447e6faaeef5336dcd605b52ee558ff2a8588.7z
13	EvilNominatusRansomware	https://samples.vx-underground.org/samples/Families/EvilNominatusRansomware/Samples/1ee21714bde9bf89cc6c55d7dac5686ad0e85f231c2ba7f91d575cb6a1f8092e.7z
14	HaronRansomware	https://samples.vx-underground.org/samples/Families/HaronRansomware/dedad693898bba0e4964e6c9a749d380.7z
15	HiveRansomware	https://samples.vx-underground.org/samples/Families/HiveRansomware/v5.1/win/aa78798172e873d88f42bf8bb5853aecfb74a3bf8980540f6be66f800bf1f153.7z
16	KoxicRansomware	https://samples.vx-underground.org/samples/Families/KoxicRansomware/Samples/699159e695e230a48d94b6103b48940ed596d0b48fb6d936c04d86eed539cecd.7z
17	KrusRansomware	https://samples.vx-underground.org/samples/Families/KrusRansomware/Samples/df109084e55980239d6d39a3a52afc372f5251653a3893497e3017e65c65e2a3.7z
18	LockBitRansomware	https://samples.vx-underground.org/samples/Families/LockBitRanso

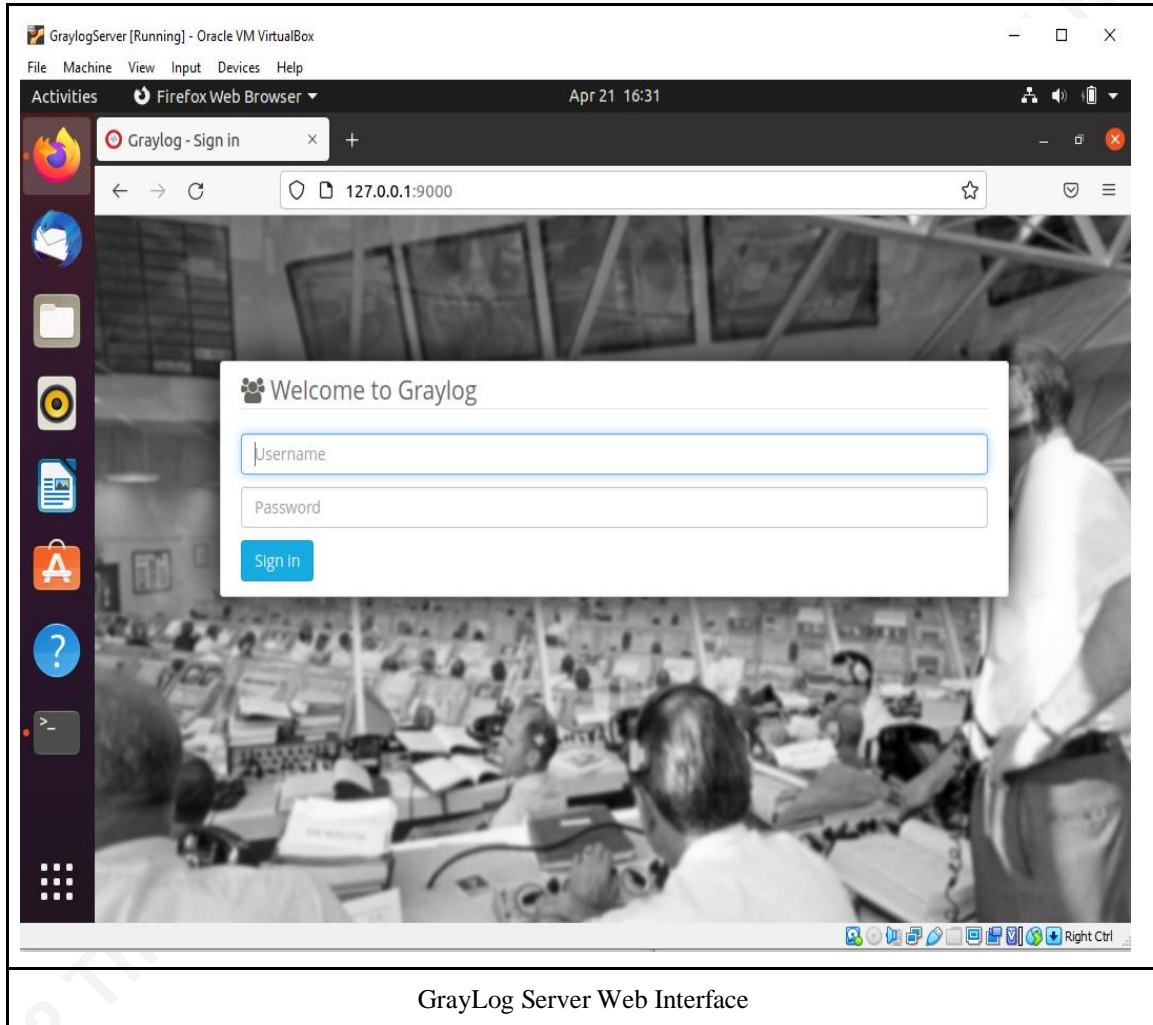
		mware/Samples/fc720ba95ab46e6a5f9fd7f6b1f240cd9b29cd96f6cb075f0459fac230f7de94.7z
19	LockyRansomware	https://samples.vx-underground.org/samples/Families/LockyRansomware/E7AAD826559C8448CD8BA9F53F401182.7z
20	LokiLockerRansomware	https://samples.vx-underground.org/samples/Families/LokiLockerRansomware/Samples/4215b5ce91deb97011cba2dd94d5bac1a745d6d55f6938b86e209eaaaf8e655df.7z
21	LorenzRansomware	https://samples.vx-underground.org/samples/Families/LorenzRansomware/Samples/Encryptor/edc2070fd8116f1df5c8d419189331ec606d10062818c5f3de865cd0f7d6db84.7z
22	MagniberRansomware	https://samples.vx-underground.org/samples/Families/MagniberRansomware/Samples/e2d3af7acd9bb440f9972b192cbfa83b07abdbb042f8bf1c2bb8f63944a4ae39.7z
23	MementoRansomware	https://samples.vx-underground.org/samples/Families/MementoRansomware/Samples/09a0caadc4df3d4278368f94f52007894c2b51d3785d985cb8e42646e8a33b68.7z
24	MidasRansomware	https://samples.vx-underground.org/samples/Families/MidasRansomware/Samples/4823f478e5fb68be06ba987539c3e1c52e2597b0b35edc5b66fcedcef66fb1f6.7z
25	NightSkyRansomware	https://samples.vx-underground.org/samples/Families/NightSkyRansomware/Samples/1fca1cd04992e0fcaa714d9dfa97323d81d7e3d43a024ec37d1c7a2767a17577.7z
26	NokoyawaRansomware	https://samples.vx-underground.org/samples/Families/NokoyawaRansomware/Samples/86953a6ce9fb7bf8b7791b9c6b751120c35ee1df5590ba4ff447e21c29259e51.7z
27	OnyxRansomware	https://samples.vx-underground.org/samples/Families/OnyxRansomw

		are/Samples/a7f09cfde433f3d47fc96502bf2b623ae5e7626da85d0a0130dcd19d1679af9b.7z
28	PandoraRansomware	https://samples.vx-underground.org/samples/Families/PandoraRansomware/Samples/5b56c5d86347e164c6e571c86dbf5b1535eae6b979fed6ed66b01e79ea33b7b.7z
29	PhobosRansomware	https://samples.vx-underground.org/samples/Families/PhobosRansomware/a91491f45b851a07f91ba5a200967921bf796d38677786de51a4a8fe5ddeafd2.7z
30	RansomExx	https://samples.vx-underground.org/samples/Families/RansomExx/fe564fb38a99dbb94cc8a66d8955b0b7f8e67bf0a5eb820c4a5d0c3efb96c1e5.7z
31	RookRansomware	https://samples.vx-underground.org/samples/Families/RookRansomware/Samples/96f7df1c984c1753289600f7f373f3a98a4f09f82acc1be8ecfd5790763a355b.7z
32	SFileRansomware	https://samples.vx-underground.org/samples/Families/SFileRansomware/win/feddee093d72838ac1f13ea9bbfc0473e2f3df1495432d6f95d6fe8ddf7ff09b.7z
33	SamsamRansomware	https://samples.vx-underground.org/samples/Families/SamsamRansomware/FFA28DB79DACA3B93A283CE2A6FF24791956A768CB5FC791C075B638416B51F4.7z
34	SugarRansomware	https://samples.vx-underground.org/samples/Families/SugarRansomware/Samples/0f05b893b67c4fc8680f2040b4069eba81e144253a7f6e20507eaa4d2576461d.7z
35	SynAckRansomware	https://samples.vx-underground.org/samples/Families/SynAckRansomware/5b9dee21841e1b6fd1477008b73729a0.7z
36	WhiteRabbitRansomware	https://samples.vx-underground.org/samples/Families/WhiteRabbitRansomware/Samples/03e8b29ad5055f1dda1b0e9353dc2c1421974eb3d0a115d0bb35c7d76f50de20.7z

37	YanluowangRansomware	https://samples.vx-underground.org/samples/Families/YanluowangRansomware/d11793433065633b84567de403c1989640a07c9a399dd2753aaf118891ce791c.7z
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Appendix C





GrayLog Server Web Interface

System > About

Device specifications Copy

Device name	WinDev2112Eval
Processor	Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-10850H CPU @ 2.70GHz 2.71 GHz
Installed RAM	4.00 GB
Device ID	F62D1A92-AF77-4B6F-AE3E-18312B0AF4B0
Product ID	00329-20000-00001-AA603
System type	64-bit operating system, x64-based processor
Pen and touch	No pen or touch input is available for this display

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Edition	Windows 11 Enterprise Evaluation
Version	21H2
Installed on	12/6/2021
OS build	22000.493
Experience	Windows Feature Experience Pack 1000.22000.493.0

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Antimalware Client Version: 4.18.2203.5
 Engine Version: 1.1.19100.5
 Antivirus Version: 1.363.305.0
 Antispyware Version: 1.363.305.0

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