# Cyberattack on state bodies of Ukraine using PseudoSteel malware (CERT-UA # 4299)

#### **General Information**

The Governmental Computer Emergency Response Team of Ukraine CERT-UA has discovered the SFX-archive "Information\_about\_Loss\_of\_Servicemen\_of\_Ukraine.docx.exe", which contains the lure file "Loss-1001.docx", as well as the UPX-compressed file "goo". compilation date: March 26, 2022.

As a result of the analysis, the mentioned EXE-file is classified as a malicious program PseudoSteel, developed using the C ++ programming language (compiler: Mingw-w64) and functionally provides search on the computer files by extension (\* .txt, \* .doc, \* .docx, \* .pdf, \* .xls, \* .xlsx, \* .ppt, \* .pptx, \* .odt, \* .rtf, \* .zip, \* .rar, \* .7z), as well as their upload to FTP -server. A possible list of file search locations is defined in the configuration (% SYSTEMDRIVE%,% USERPROFILE% \ Documents,% USERPROFILE% \ Desktop,% TMP%, USB devices; it is also possible to specify any path).

With a low level of confidence, the activity is associated with the activities of the group UAC-0010 (Armageddon).

#### Indicators of compromise

#### Files:

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eda76ae28628c64d9e12a86adef6dc69

13eaa638d071e7dc124cf982b8777c6ef50a3d9dc8c57d22d23abe1bae5560f5

878c30bdefb1b76ea10823a6d5a32f89

bab351b5f19ecaa24eaa438dd93decd5587e0b441fc43b78893ca2e207b2cb2f

googleupdate.exe (26.03.2022)

55cafceba527c3e68852b1af071929c0

78b492e211e91b1ef9a4bcd5ba80c9572545d5f3f63d3071e3253dcec3a5d97c

googleupdate.deupx.exe

5d29da2285390164a0a7d80e6ed23da7

c50972c11ffd1da9e0ed670b99296f75ec52933699790285d050c0654c21fda3 Loss-
1001.docx (bait document)
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#### Network:

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ftp [:] // webdavml07.bplaced [.] no: 21
webdavml07.bplaced [.] no
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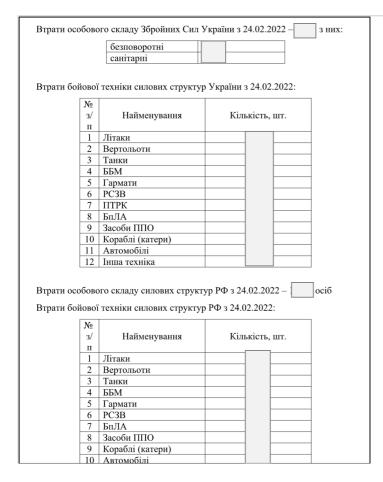
### Processes:

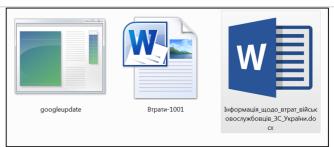
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ping -n 8 127.0.0.1
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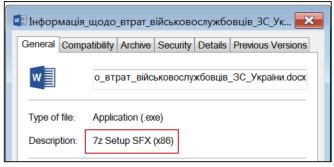
#### Recommendations

We emphasize the need to reduce the attack surface by filtering the output information flows.

## **Graphic images**







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;!@Install@!UTF-8!
RunProgram="hidcon:nowait:googleupdate.exe"
RunProgram="hidcon:nowait:explorer Βτρατи-1001.docx.docx"
RunProgram="hidcon:ping -n 8 127.0.0.1"
GUIMode="2"
#SelfDelete="1"
;!@InstallEnd@!
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