

SYNC 3.15.89

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Description: This is an assessment of the software SYNC 3.15.89 (Evidence_SYNC_Setup.exe). Initially, was identified a few red flags regarding the timestamp and the size of the raw data. Further analysis revealed the presence of a TLS call back function and connections with suspicious files and websites.

The main components reviewed in the software included the sync.exe, taskkill.exe, imm32.dll, driver package installers and the msixec.exe files.

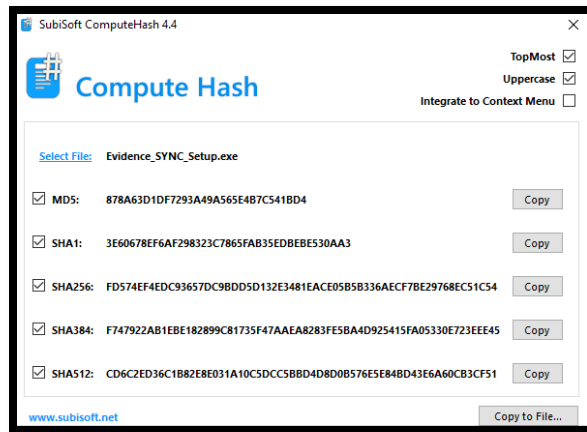
The software was considered malicious and vulnerable to documented attacks techniques such as process injection and query registry.

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File Identification

File version	
Company name	TASER International
Internal name	
Comments	This installation was built with Inno Setup.
Legal copyright	
Legal trademarks	
Original filename	
Product name	SYNC
Product version	3.15.89
File description	SYNC Setup
Private build	
Special build	



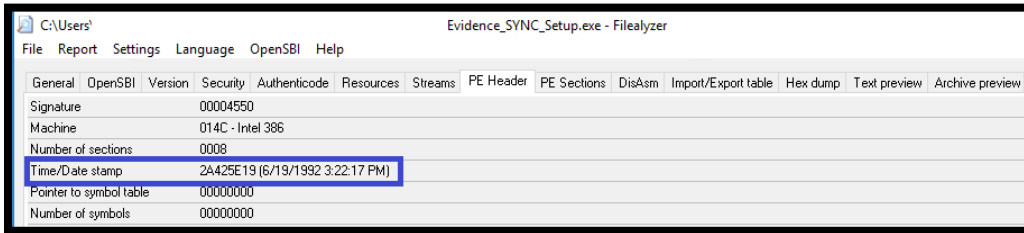
Initial Assessment

- The size and timestamp were considered suspicious in the static analysis¹:

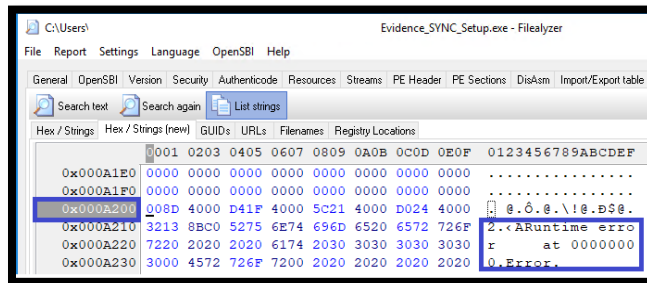
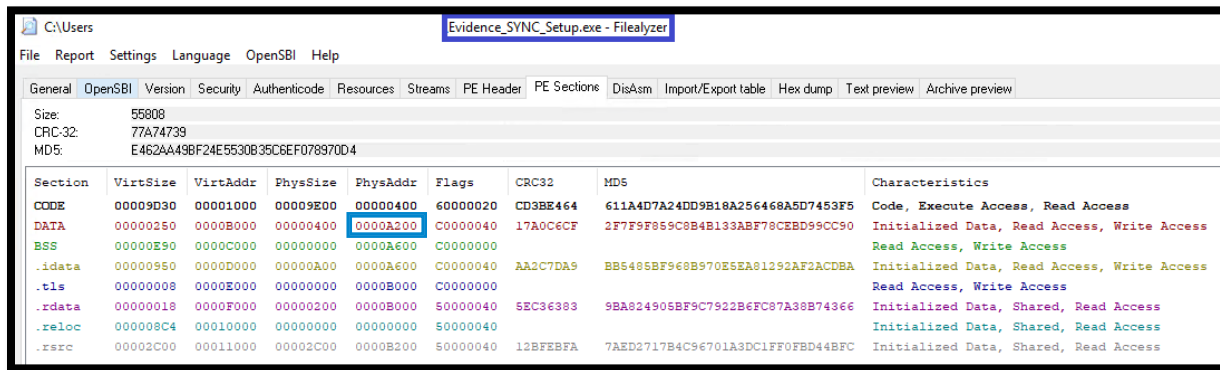
DETECTOR	RESULT
Optional Header LoaderFlags field is valued illegal	Clean ✓
Non-ascii or empty section names detected	Clean ✓
Illegal size of optional Header	Clean ✓
Packer detection on signature database	Unknown ?
Based on the sections entropy check! file is possibly packed	Clean ✓
Timestamp value suspicious	Suspicious !
Header Checksum is zero!	Clean ✓
Entry point is outside the 1st(.code) section! Binary is possibly packed	Clean ✓
Optional Header NumberOfRvaAndSizes field is valued illegal	Clean ✓
Anti-vm present	Clean ✓
The Size Of Raw data is valued illegal! Binary might crash your disassembler/debugger	Suspicious !
TLS callback functions array detected	Clean ✓

¹ https://valkyrie.comodo.com/get_info?sha1=3E60678EF6AF298323C7865FAB35EDBEBE530AA3

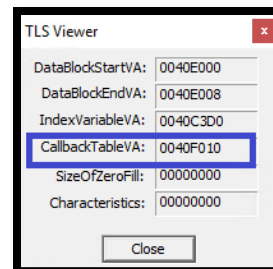
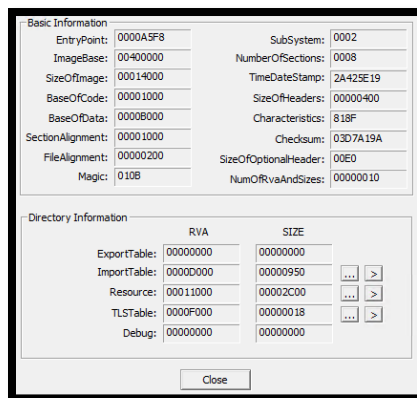
This is the timestamp:



The PE Sections, shows some relevant information such as the size of the raw data and confirm the possibility of processing errors.



- The PE section on the previous item, also shows the BSS section with a zero value and the identification of the TLS section referencing to a callback table.



TLS section² is further identified when the file is decompressed. This could be later referred to the SYNC.exe³ file in the aspects of a TLS call back⁴ function and importation of suspicious application programming interface (API).

Section	VirtSize	VirtAddr	PhysSize	PhysAddr	Flags	CRC32	MD5	Characteristics
.text	00433FBE	00001000	00434000	00000400	60000020	84DFBD91	80C78432D2F19224527EB0FB565B7163	Code, Execute Access, Read Access
.idata	001DB550	00435000	001DB600	00434400	40000040	7F145CAC	80B37F837B21478AEC38267FBBB2C183	Initialized Data, Read Access
.data	00021ACC	00611000	0001BA00	0060FA00	C0000040	6EB15A86	2DA1D2FDSCE3C5C0D564BF2604EBDD0E	Initialized Data, Read Access, Write Access
.tls	00000002	00633000	00000200	0062B400	C0000040	B3AA7578	BF619EAC0CDF3F68D496EA9344137E8B	Initialized Data, Read Access, Write Access
.rsz	00003EB0	00634000	00004000	0062B600	40000040	2B932EBF	5AD8F1E33EBC577117B424FB6B8EC700	Initialized Data, Read Access
.reloc	0006FFE6	00638000	00070000	0062F600	42000040	CC863457	25385B09B81D5F6A2E31058853A45A20	Initialized Data, Discardable, Read Access

The SYNC.exe make changes in the registry locations when decompressed.

Hex / Strings	Hex / Strings (new)	GUIDs	URLs	Filenames	Registry Locations
SOFTWARE SOFTWARE. HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Microsoft\Internet HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Classes\ HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Classes HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software					

3. Some network security risks were identified, mainly related to two websites:

Hex / Strings	Hex / Strings (new)	GUIDs	URLs	Filenames	Registry Locations
http://www.jrsoftware.org/ishelp/index.php?topic=setupcmdline http://schemas.microsoft.com/SMI/2005/WindowsSettings >true</dpiAware>					

² <https://www.fireeye.com/blog/threat-research/2017/11/ursnif-variant-malicious-tls-callback-technique.html>

³ <https://www.hybrid-analysis.com/sample/c7d3e5cd27afa2d7f613ddeb4f3898ae295eca20b343591d710a8fd4903d0432/5ba103287ca3e147ff34f9c6>

⁴ <https://isc.sans.edu/diary/How+Malware+Defends+Itself+Using+TLS+Callback+Functions/6655>

Which could download or reference to other websites and suspicious files.

Search for one or more entities here + Q

VT Public report
VT Intelligence report
Add a label

Relations

- Contacted IP addresses 20
- Contacted domains 20

Add new node Hide label Full expansion Delete
Pin node Highlight

Detections 37/50 >

Comments 0 >

<http://schemas.microsoft.com/SMI/2005/WindowsSettings?true</dpiAware>>

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NANO-Antivirus Trojan.Win32.Mamianune.cqyws
Microsoft Worm:Win32/Mamianune.gen
MicroWorld-eScan Win32.Mamianune.A
McAfee-GW-Edition Heuristic.LooksLike.Win32.Suspicious.J Edition
McAfee W32/Mamianune.a
Kaspersky Email-Worm.Win32.Mamianune.lf
K7GW Trojan (0040f4851)
K7AntiVirus Trojan (0040f4851)
Ikarus Email-Worm.Win32.Mamianune
GData Win32.Mamianune.A

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VT Public report

Add a label

Relations

Communicating files	20
Downloaded files	20
Referrer files	20
Resolutions	2
Siblings	6
Urls	20

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Pin node Highlight

<http://www.jrsoftware.org/ishelp/index.php?topic=setupcmdline>

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VT Public report

Add a label

Relations

Communicating files	+10
Downloaded files	+10
Referrer files	+10
Urls	+10

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Comments 0

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Analysis

- The software has some anti-detection files like taskkill.exe⁵

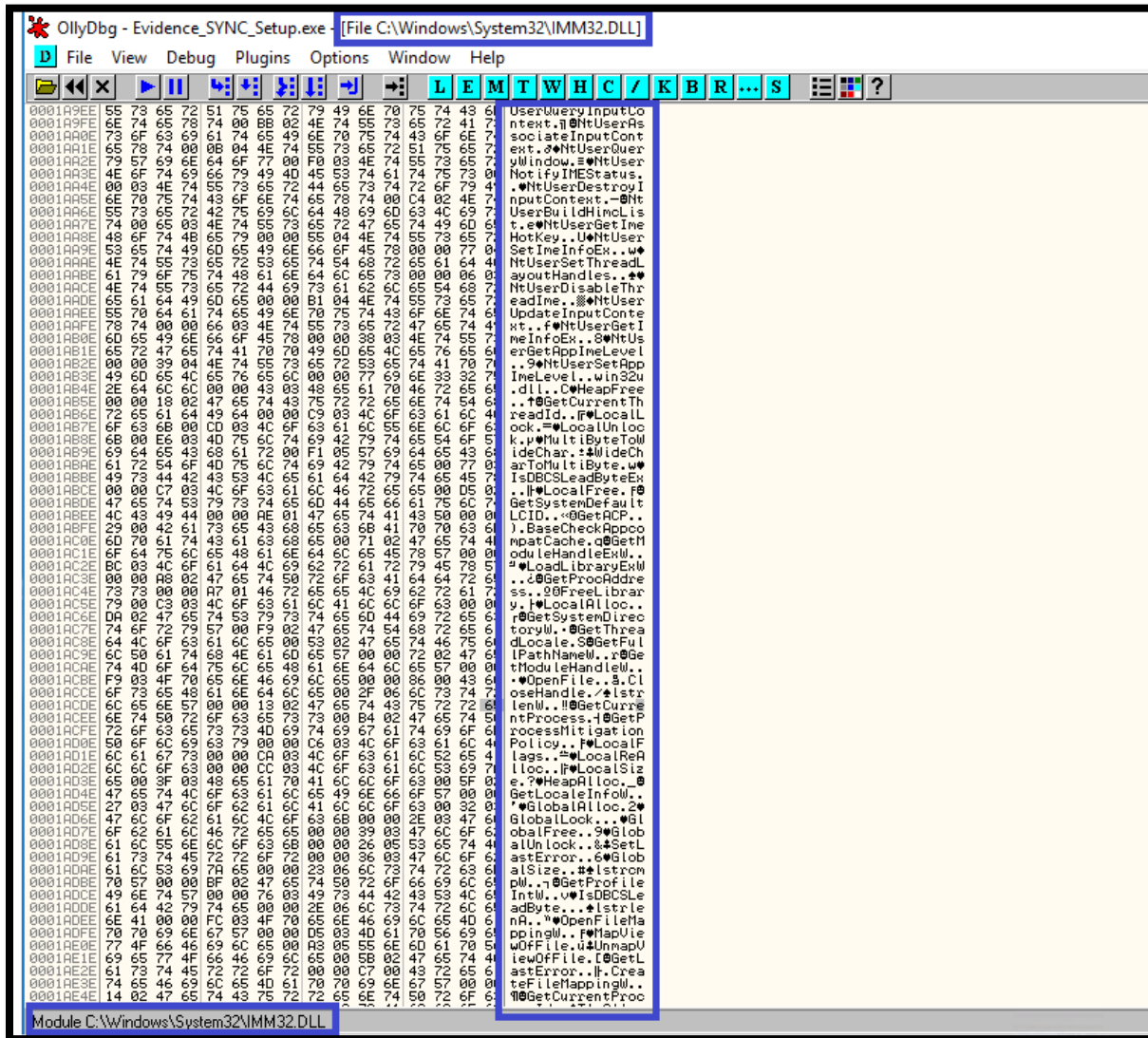
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- The file IMM32.dll⁶ shows a process error and this could adversely impact the computer system:

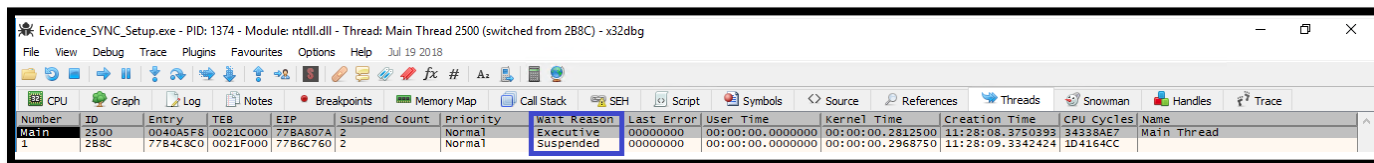
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770A1000	001AE000	KERNELBA	.text	code, exports	Image 01001002	R	RWE
7724F000	00004000	KERNELBA	.data	data	Image 01001002	R	RWE
77253000	00006000	KERNELBA	.idata	imports	Image 01001002	R	RWE
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7725A000	00001000	KERNELBA	.rsrc	resources	Image 01001002	R	RWE
7725B000	00029000	KERNELBA	.reloc	relocations	Image 01001002	R	RWE
772A0000	00001000	nsvcrt		PE header	Image 01001002	R	RWE
772A1000	00001000	nsvcrt	.text	code, exports	Image 01001002	R	RWE
77352000	00006000	nsvcrt	.data	data	Image 01001002	R	RWE
77358000	00002000	nsvcrt	.idata	imports	Image 01001002	R	RWE
7735A000	00001000	nsvcrt	.rsrc	resources	Image 01001002	R	RWE
7735B000	00004000	nsvcrt	.reloc	relocations	Image 01001002	R	RWE
77370000	00001000	RPCRT4		PE header	Image 01001002	R	RWE
77371000	0000E000	RPCRT4	.text	code, exports	Image 01001002	R	RWE
7741F000	00001000	RPCRT4	.data	data	Image 01001002	R	RWE
77420000	00003000	RPCRT4	.idata	imports	Image 01001002	R	RWE
77423000	00001000	RPCRT4	.didat		Image 01001002	R	RWE
77424000	00005000	RPCRT4	.rsrc	resources	Image 01001002	R	RWE
77429000	00007000	RPCRT4	.reloc	relocations	Image 01001002	R	RWE
77600000	00001000	KERNEL32		PE header	Image 01001002	R	RWE
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77720000	00001000	KERNEL32	.rsrc	resources	Image 01001002	R	RWE
77730000	00005000	KERNEL32	.reloc	relocations	Image 01001002	R	RWE
77740000	00001000	oleaut32		PE header	Image 01001002	R	RWE
77741000	00007000	oleaut32	.text	code, exports	Image 01001002	R	RWE
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777CF000	00007000	oleaut32	.reloc	relocations	Image 01001002	R	RWE
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77A90000	00052000				Image 01001002	R	RWE
77AF0000	00004000				Image 01001002	R	RWE
77B00000	00001000	ntdll		PE header	Image 01001002	R	RWE
77B01000	00113000	ntdll	.text	code, exports	Image 01001002	R	RWE
77C14000	00001000	ntdll	RT		Image 01001002	R	RWE
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77C1B000	00003000	ntdll	.idata		Image 01001002	R	RWE
77C1E000	00001000	ntdll	.00cfg		Image 01001002	R	RWE
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77C8B000	00005000	ntdll	.reloc	relocations	Image 01001002	R	RWE
7FE00000	00005000				Map 00041002	R	R
7FFB0000	00023000				Map 00041002	R	R
7FFE0000	00001000				Priv 00021002	R	R
7FFF0000	00001000				Priv 00021002	R	R

⁵ [https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/previous-versions/windows/it-pro/windows-xp/bb491009\(v=technet.10\)](https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/previous-versions/windows/it-pro/windows-xp/bb491009(v=technet.10))

⁶ <https://www.processlibrary.com/en/directory/files/imm32/22508/>



Then we see that the software shows the presence of two threads that allows to import additional *.dll files.




```

Evidence_SYNC_Setup.exe - PID: 1374 - Module: ntdll.dll - Thread: Main Thread 2500 (switched from 2B8C) - x32dbg
File View Debug Trace Plugins Favourites Options Help Jul 19 2018
CPU Graph Log Notes Breakpoints Memory Map Call Stack SEH Script Symbols Source References Threads
Starting command loop...
Initialization successful!
Loading plugins...
Handling command line...
"C:\Users\... \x32dbg.exe"
Error codes database loaded!
Exception codes database loaded!
NTSTATUS codes database loaded!
Windows constant database loaded!
Reading notes file...
File read thread finished!
Debugging: C:\Users\... Evidence SYNC Setup.exe
Database file: C:\Users\... Evidence_SYNC_Setup.exe.dd32
Process Started: 00400000 C:\Users\... Evidence_SYNC_Setup.exe
Breakpoint at 0040A5F8 (entry breakpoint) set!
DLL Loaded: 77500000 C:\Windows\SysWOW64\ntdll.dll
DLL Unloaded: 004C0000
DLL Unloaded: 77660000
DLL Unloaded: 004C0000
DLL Loaded: 77660000 C:\Windows\SysWOW64\kernel32.dll
DLL Loaded: 770A0000 C:\Windows\SysWOW64\KernelBase.dll
DLL Loaded: 75960000 C:\Windows\SysWOW64\user32.dll
DLL Loaded: 75B00000 C:\Windows\SysWOW64\win32u.dll
DLL Loaded: 75A80000 C:\Windows\SysWOW64\gdi32.dll
DLL Loaded: 74C00000 C:\Windows\SysWOW64\gdi32full.dll
Thread 2B8C created, Entry: ntdll.7784C8C0
DLL Loaded: 75920000 C:\Windows\SysWOW64\msvcp_win.dll
DLL Loaded: 77860000 C:\Windows\SysWOW64\ucrtbase.dll
DLL Loaded: 77740000 C:\Windows\SysWOW64\oleaut32.dll
DLL Loaded: 74430000 C:\Windows\SysWOW64\combase.dll
DLL Loaded: 77370000 C:\Windows\SysWOW64\rpcrt4.dll
DLL Loaded: 743C0000 C:\Windows\SysWOW64\sspicli.dll
DLL Loaded: 743B0000 C:\Windows\SysWOW64\cryptbase.dll
DLL Loaded: 743C0000 C:\Windows\SysWOW64\bcryptprimitives.dll
DLL Loaded: 743B0000 C:\Windows\SysWOW64\sechost.dll
DLL Loaded: 77730000 C:\Windows\SysWOW64\advapi32.dll
DLL Loaded: 772A0000 C:\Windows\SysWOW64\msvcrt.dll
DLL Loaded: 73D10000 C:\Windows\WinSxS\x86_microsoft.windows.common-controls_6595b64144ccf1df_6.0.17134.112_none_42eccc244e44518\comctl32.dll
System breakpoint reached!
Thread switched!
Thread switched!

```

This second thread could be related to the driver installation (dpinst,2) which also execute a search on administrator settings:

Process

Behaviour: Create local thread

Detail info: TargetProcess: %temp%****.exe, InheritedFromPID = 1792, ProcessID = 1348, ThreadID = 1688, StartAddress = 0101884

File

Behaviour: Create file

Detail info: C:\WINDOWS\DPINST.LOG

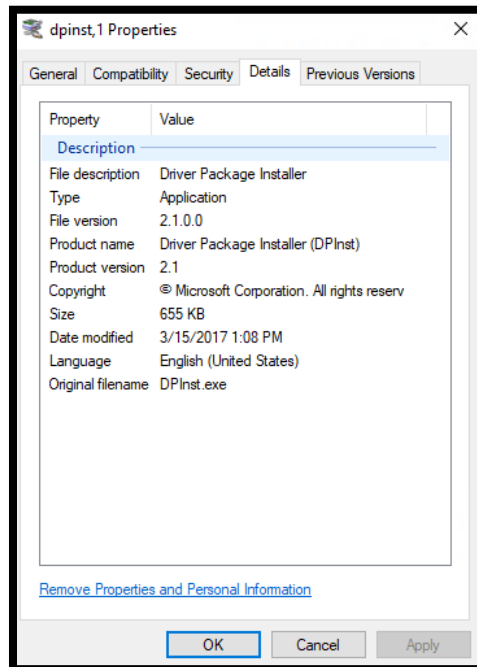
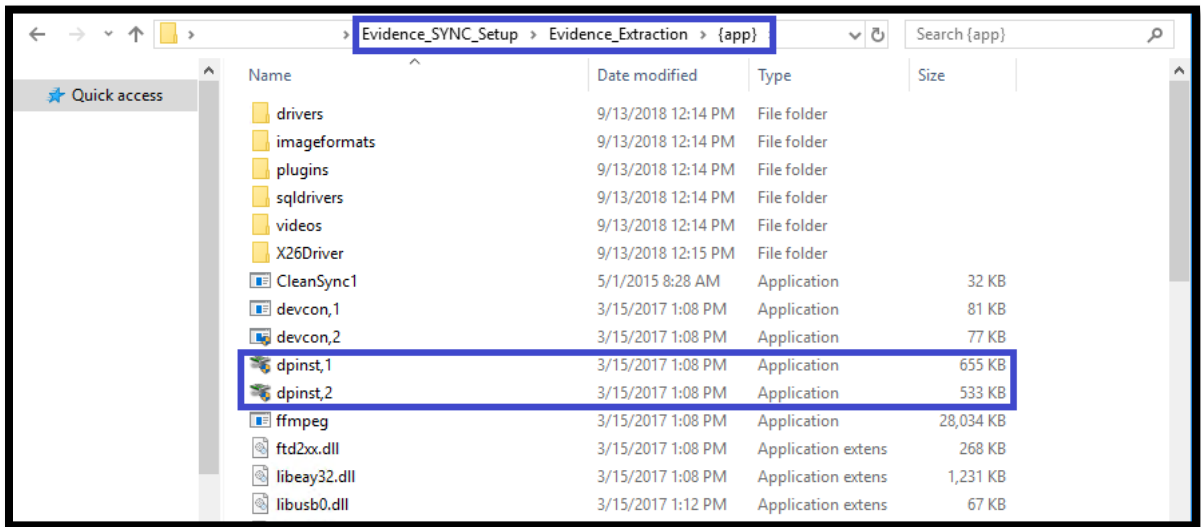
Behaviour: Modify file

Detail info: C:\WINDOWS\DPINST.LOG --> Offset = 0
C:\WINDOWS\DPINST.LOG --> Offset = 2
C:\WINDOWS\DPINST.LOG --> Offset = 102
C:\WINDOWS\DPINST.LOG --> Offset = 160
C:\WINDOWS\DPINST.LOG --> Offset = 228

Behaviour: Find file

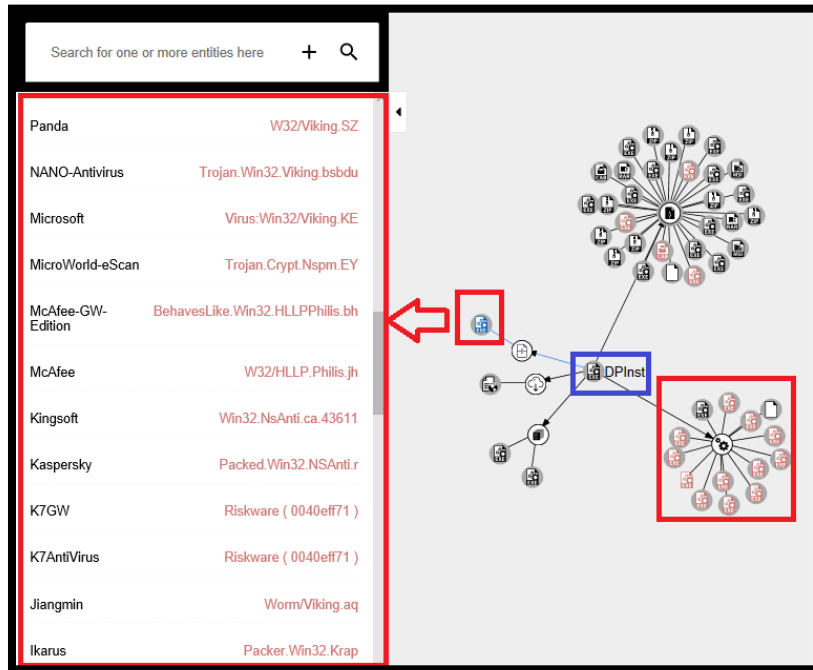
Detail info: FileName = C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Local Settings%\temp%*.*

3. The driver package installer “dpinst,1” (after decompression) could represent some security risks⁷, despite the fact of being whitelisted⁸:

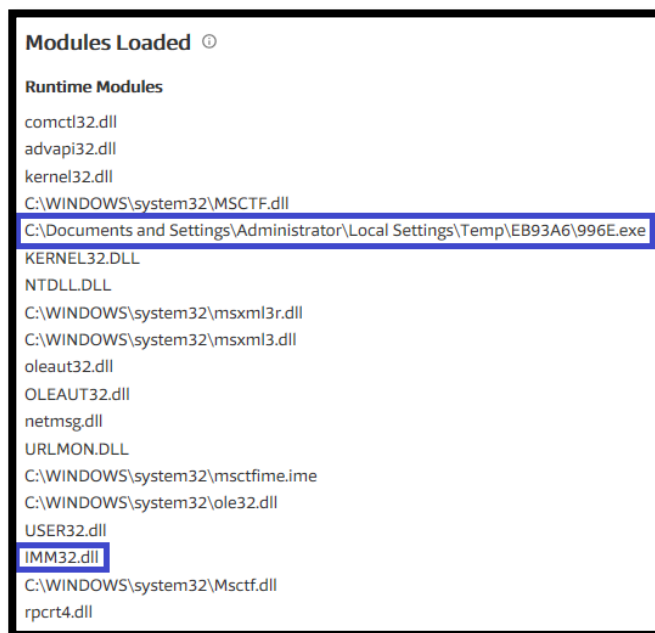


⁷<https://www.virustotal.com/#/file/cdd0b13eefadc1ad1fd815d188c377671c46a6822ee95590aca19f83b112c5f5/relations>

⁸ <https://www.hybrid-analysis.com/sample/cdd0b13eefadc1ad1fd815d188c377671c46a6822ee95590aca19f83b112c5f5/5ba14f497ca3e111c36bf665>



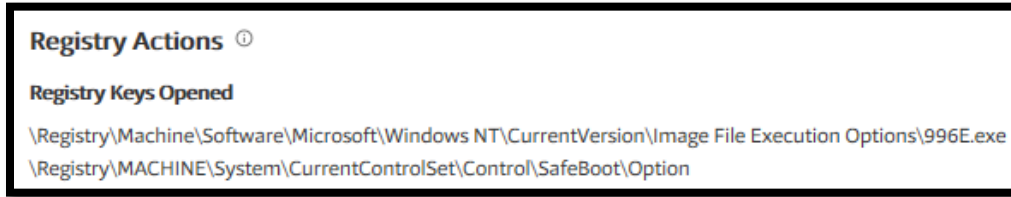
While the driver package installer⁹ “dpinst,2” shows some ambiguous¹⁰ behavior, which could be associated with the file 996E.exe¹¹:



⁹<https://www.virustotal.com/#/file/cf2910e87e064c5b1beec56c6603750bbb579548bafe8b30095920de2f9b4a30/> behavior

¹⁰<https://www.hybrid-analysis.com/sample/cf2910e87e064c5b1beec56c6603750bbb579548bafe8b30095920de2f9b4a30/57d22b4daac2ed54468e6e2d>

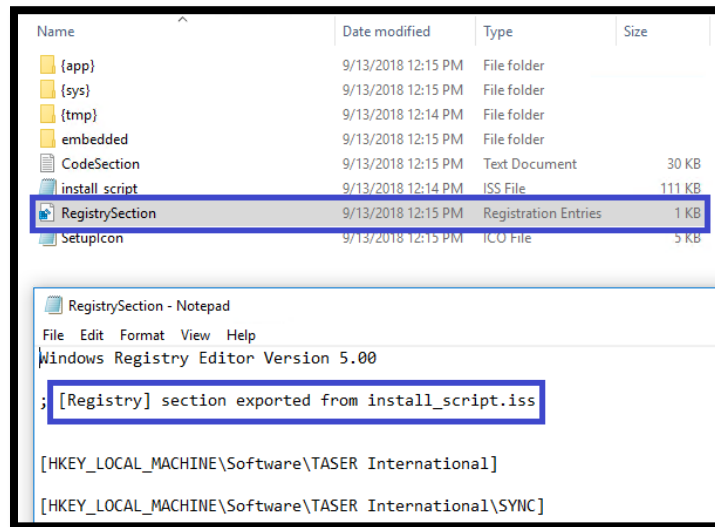
¹¹<http://www.exefilesupport.com/easy-guide-to-remove-996e-exe-from-pc>



And the Kernel32 function DeviceIoControl¹²:

```
@52f937: call dword ptr [004E11ACh] ;DeviceIoControl@KERNEL32.DLL
@52f93d: push esi
```

4. Finally, changes in the registry are possibly due to the file install_script.iss observed after decompressing the executable file.



For instance, there was a change related to the file msixexec.exe¹³ which gives full control over the installation process:

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Uninstall
\{9A2...75} ModifyPath=MsiExec.exe
/X{9A2...75}
```

Further analysis is also recommended for the other registries such as Current User, Classes Root, and Users.

¹² [https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/windows/desktop/aa363216\(v=vs.85\).aspx](https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/windows/desktop/aa363216(v=vs.85).aspx)

¹³ <https://www.advancedinstaller.com/user-guide/msiexec.html>

Attack

These were the identified risks¹⁴:

malicious
Threat Score: 85/100
AV Detection: Marked as clean

Incident Response

Risk Assessment

- Persistence** Writes data to a remote process
- Fingerprint** Reads the active computer name
- Spreading** Opens the MountPointManager (often used to detect additional infection locations)

These are the documented attack techniques identified:

MITRE ATT&CK™ Techniques Detection

Minimal

Initial Access	Execution	Persistence	Privilege Escalation	Defense Evasion	Credential Access	Discovery	Lateral Movement	Collection	Exfiltration	Command and Control
		Hooking 1 1	Hooking 1 1	Modify Registry 1	Hooking 1 1	Application Window Discovery 1			Data Compression 1	
		Kernel Modules and Extensions 1	Process Injection 1 3	Process Injection 1 3		Peripheral Device Discovery 2				
						Process Discovery 1				
						Query Registry 4 1				

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¹⁴ <https://www.hybrid-analysis.com/sample/fd574ef4edc93657dc9bdd5d132e3481eace05b5b336aecf7be29768ec51c54c/5b05353d7ca3e159605736d9>