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Inside the Takedown of the Rubella Macro Builder Suspect



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What is a Macro Builder?

And why should McAfee care...

Rubella Macro Builder cybercrimeware kit receives lower price, new capabilities

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Russian hackers have taken a shine to a new

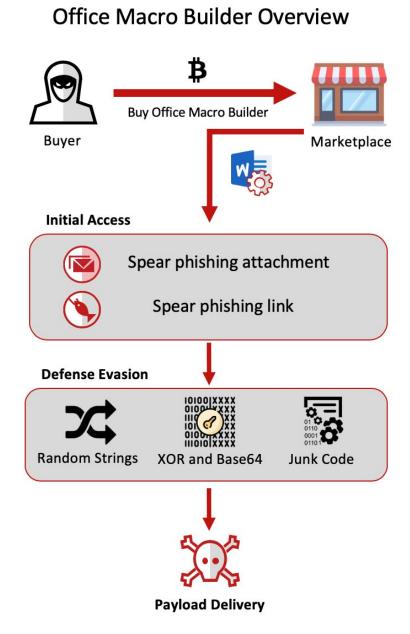
Gootkit

cybercrimeware kit called Rubella Macro Builder that is being touted as fast, cheap and capable of beating a basic antivirus defensive system.



What is a Macro Builder?

- Specialized toolkit to weaponize
 MS office documents
- Outsourcing Expertise
 - Macro building
 - Obfuscation
 - AMSI evasion
- Facilitating (Spear)phishing on a larger scale.
- Middle-man function





MITRE ATTACK Techniques of Threats against Retail

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|---|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|----------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| mitre-mobile-attack Initial access (11 items) | mitre-attack mitre-pre Execution (34 items) | -attack Persistence (63 items) | Privilege escalation (32 items) | Defense evasion (74 items) | Credential access (24 items) | Discovery (25 items) | Lateral movement (21 items) | Collection (14 items) | 0 Command and control (22 items) | Exfiltration (10 items) | 9 ✓ YShow Impact (16 items) |
| Spearphishing Attachment | User Execution | Scheduled Task | Scheduled Task | Obfuscated Files or Information | Credential Dumping | System Information Discovery | Remote File Copy | Automated Collection | Commonly Used Port | Automated Exfiltration | Data Encrypted for Impact |
| Spearphishing Link | PowerShell | New Service | New Service | Scripting | Account Manipulation | Account Discovery | Pass the Hash | Email Collection | Standard Application Layer Protocol | Exfiltration Over Command and Control Channel | System Shutdown/Reboot |
| Valid Accounts | Scripting | Registry Run Keys / Startup Folder | Process Injection | Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information | Brute Force | Permission Groups Discovery | Remote Desktop Protocol | Input Capture | Data Encoding | Data Encrypted | Account Access Removal |
| Drive-by Compromise | Scheduled Task | Account Manipulation | Access Token Manipulation | Modify Registry | Credentials from Web Browsers | Process Discovery | AppleScript | Clipboard Data | Connection Proxy | Exfiltration Over Alternative Protocol | Data Destruction |
| Exploit Public-Facing Application | Command-Line Interface | Create Account | DLL Search Order Hijacking | Mshta | Hooking | Domain Trust Discovery | Application Access Token | Data Staged | Remote Access Tools | Data Compressed | Defacement |
| External Remote Services | Mshta | DLL Search Order Hijacking | Hooking | Code Signing | Input Capture | File and Directory Discovery | Application Deployment Software | Data from Information Repositories | Remote File Copy | Data Transfer Size Limits | Disk Content Wipe |
| Supply Chain Compromise | Rundll32 | Hooking | Startup Items | Disabling Security Tools | Private Keys | Virtualization/Sandbox Evasion | Component Object Model and Distributed COM | Data from Local System | Uncommonly Used Port | Exfiltration Over Other Network Medium | Disk Structure Wipe |
| Trusted Relationship | Execution through API | Startup Items | Valid Accounts | Connection Proxy | Credentials in Files | Network Sniffing | Distributed Component Object Model | Screen Capture | Web Service | Exfiltration Over Physical Medium | Endpoint Denial of Service |
| Hardware Additions | Execution through Module Load | Valid Accounts | Accessibility Features | File Deletion | Network Sniffing | Query Registry | Exploitation of Remote Services | Audio Capture | Data Obfuscation | Scheduled Transfer | Firmware Corruption |
| Replication Through Removable Media | Exploitation for Client Execution | Accessibility Features | Application Shimming | Process Injection | Bash History | Security Software Discovery | Internal Spearphishing | Data from Cloud Storage Object | Multi-Stage Channels | Transfer Data to Cloud Account | Inhibit System Recovery |
| Spearphishing via Service | Windows Management Instrumentation | Application Shimming | Bypass User Account Control | Rundli32 | Cloud Instance Metadata API | System Network Configuration Discovery | Logon Scripts | Data from Network Shared Drive | Standard Non- Application Layer Protocol | | Network Denial of Service |
| | Compiled HTML File | Bootkit | Exploitation for Privilege Escalation | Web Service | Credentials in Registry | System Network Connections Discovery | Pass the Ticket | Data from Removable Media | Custom Command and Control Protocol | | Resource Hijacking |
| | Graphical User | Browser Extensions | Path Interception | Access Token | Exploitation for | System Owner/User | Remote Services | Man in the Browser | Domain Generation | | Runtime Data |



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How did it start for us?:

Hunting for Gandcrab Ransomware but catching
Rubella...

Linking the adversary to their tools

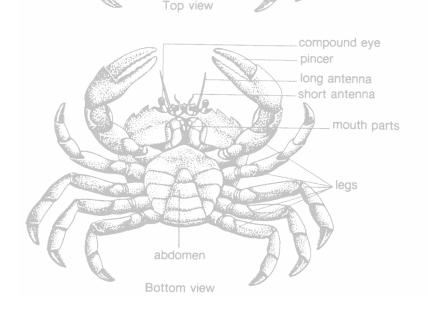
Hunting for Gandcrab ransomware but catching Rubella...

 Looking at relationships between cybercriminals on Cyber criminal forums

Affiliates research of Gandcrab ransomware

 One particular affiliate was a user of the Rubella Macro Builder





cephalothorax









 Байт
 Цитата(Rubella @ 5.11.2018, 22:28)

 Байт
 Finally, bypassed f ____g AMSI...

 Группа: Пользователь
 http://prntscr.com/leqgz4

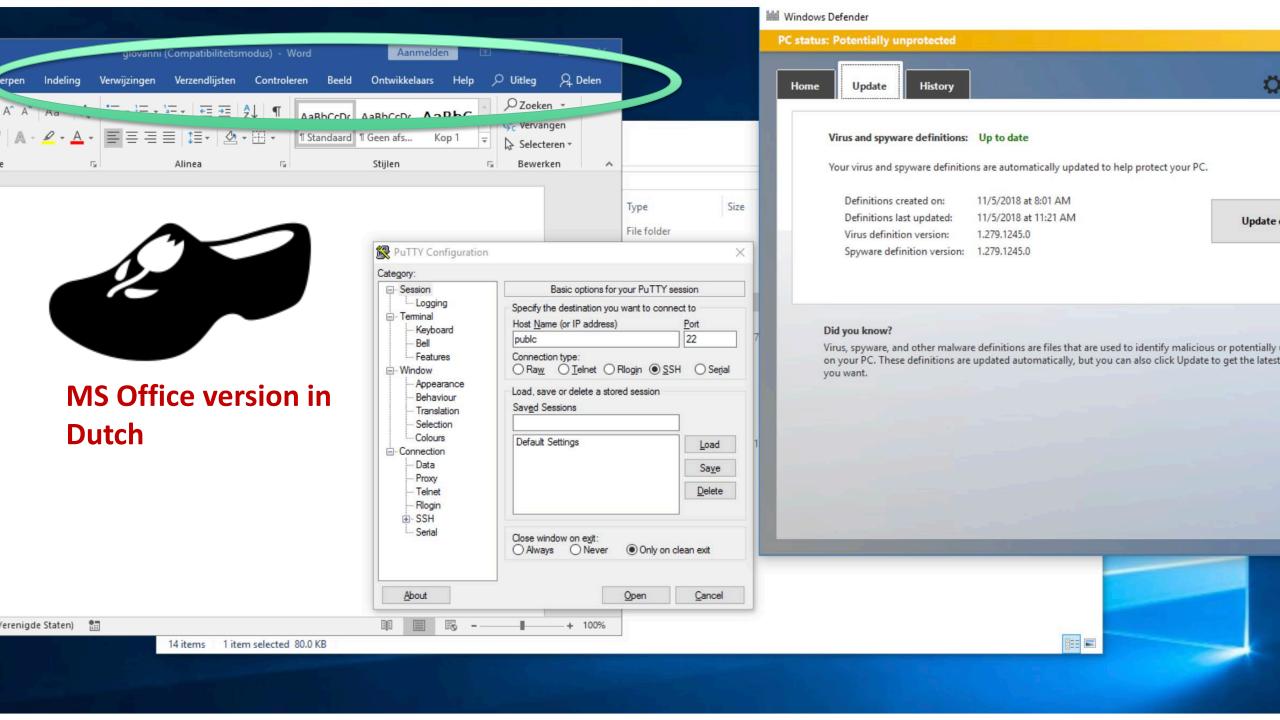
 Сообщений: 4
 Регистрация: 23.02.2018

reply jabber dude ...

Пользователь №: 85 767 Деятельность: другое

Репутация: <u>1</u> (0% - хорошо)

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WHY WOULD YOU USE RUBELLA?



The macro has been FUD for 4 weeks already and has the longest FUD times on the market.



Has many options to customize your output



Can be attached in GMAIL



A limit of 10 customs makes sure that it will stay undetected for a longer period of time.

500\$/MONTH

This includes 10 reFUDs (more than you will ever need) and complete customer support

THE ONLY PAYMENT METHOD IS BITCOIN (BTC)

If you'd like to purchase Rubella or ask me a question about the product, you can contact me on jabber.

Rubella@exploit.im

TERMSOFFIER

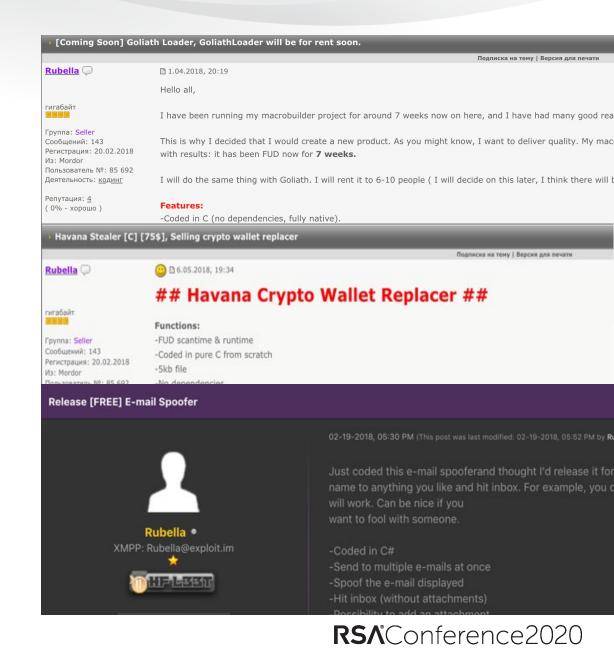
-Do not try to crack, leak, reverse engineer or anything which does not seem appropriate to Rubella Builder.
 -Reselling/sharing of macros generated by your Rubella builder is strictly forbidden.

-You are not allowed share your license. One license is for one customer.

Buhalla is a nextesting tool. Law not reconneitle for anything you do using Buhalla

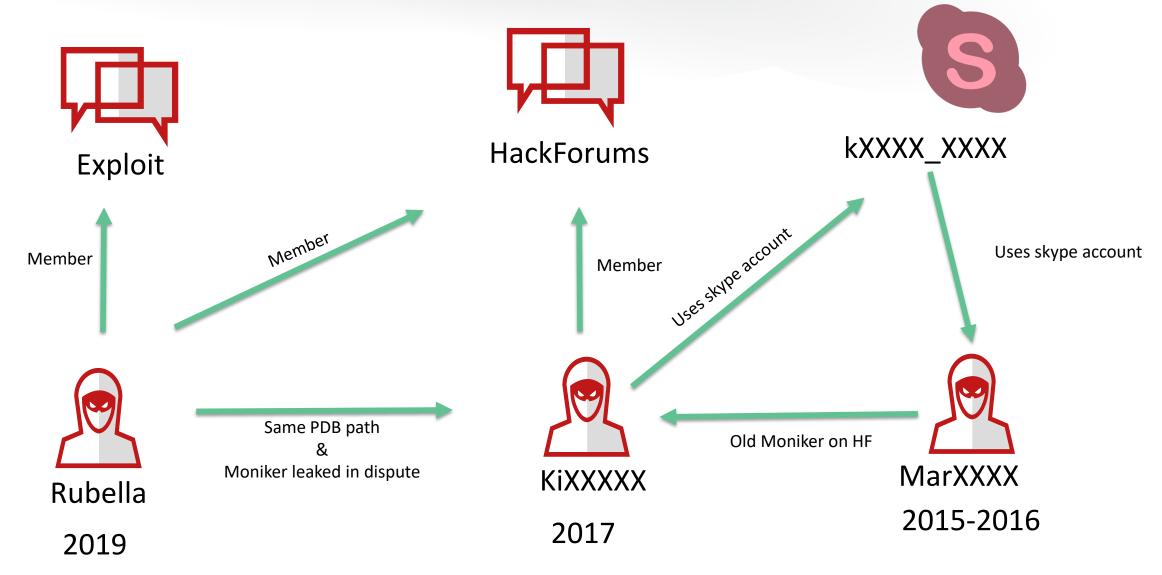
So who is Rubella?

- Postings
 - A seller on the Notorious Exploit forum.
- Interests
 - Tantalus Ransomware-as-a-Service
 - Goliath Loader, 2nd stage Implants
 - Havana Cryptowallet stealers
 - Stolen Credit card and Gift cards
 - Email spoofing software
- Monikers (new and old) going back to 2014
 - Rubella, KiXXX, codXXX, MarXXXX



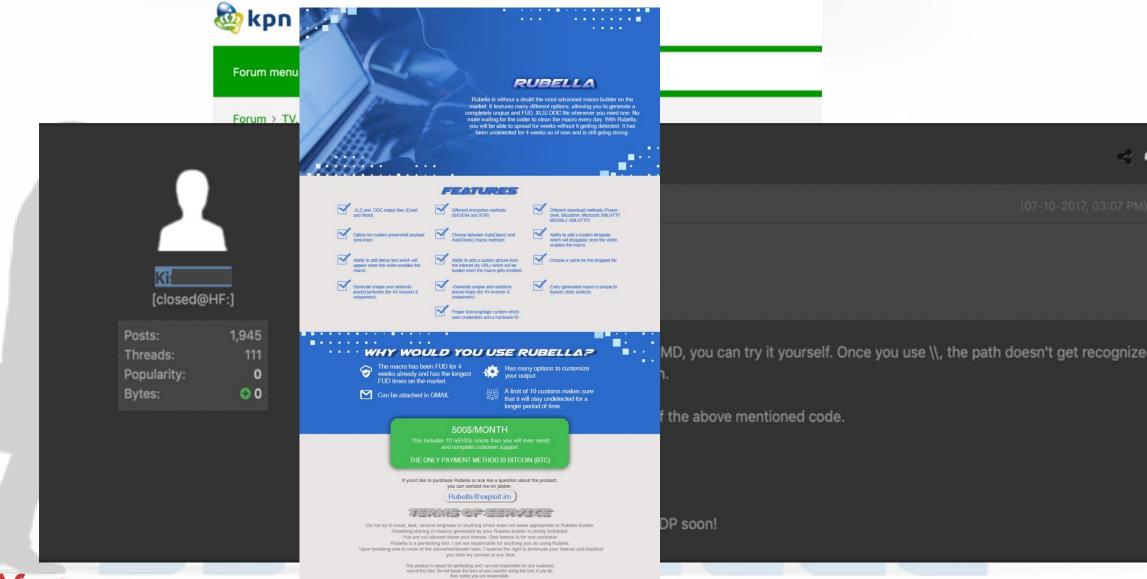


Monikers over time...





Climbing the Criminal Career Ladder





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Working the Human element

"Mister Rubella, Is there anything else you would like to add yourself?"

Meet John Doe

- John is your average SYS Admin
- John got fired recently by company X
- Not a coder nor a skilled hacker

- But... John holds a grudge.. ☺
 - Looking for a Macro Builder and RAT tool to infect his former employer.





Hi

Hi, I saw your stuff online, pretty cool



Rubella

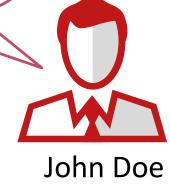




how can i help?



I was looking online for a word macro builder and I found your postings. It seems pretty cool, so that is why I added you to my contacts, might come in handy



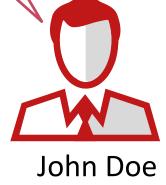
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Okay good you wish to buy

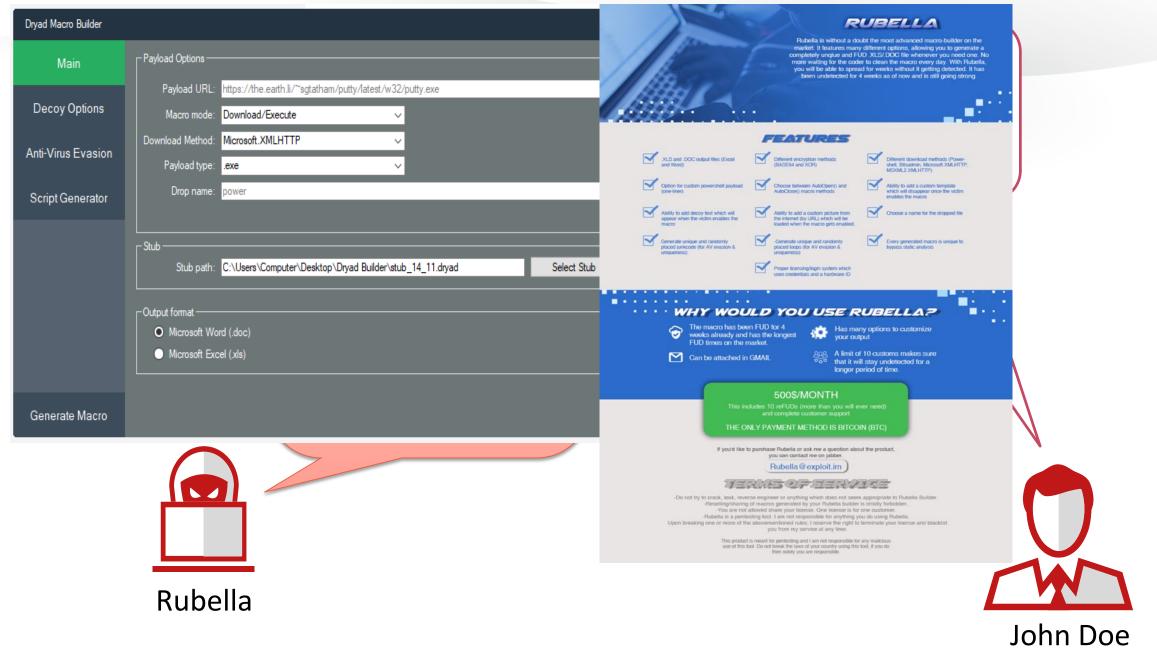
Maybe, but I have to work on my payload













Its different product
But its better than
Rubella

Dryad?
Ok. Don't mind me asking why did you change the name? or is it totally different?













Ofcourse!



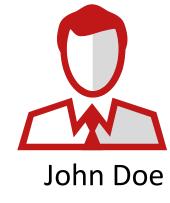


Not really, But I can offer to code a custom bot but it would take some time and it would require a pretty big budget
For private bot in C

cool!! I am looking for a good RAT tool as payload, do you have any advice?









Yes NP. Rubella

Interesting maybe if I have some more money....





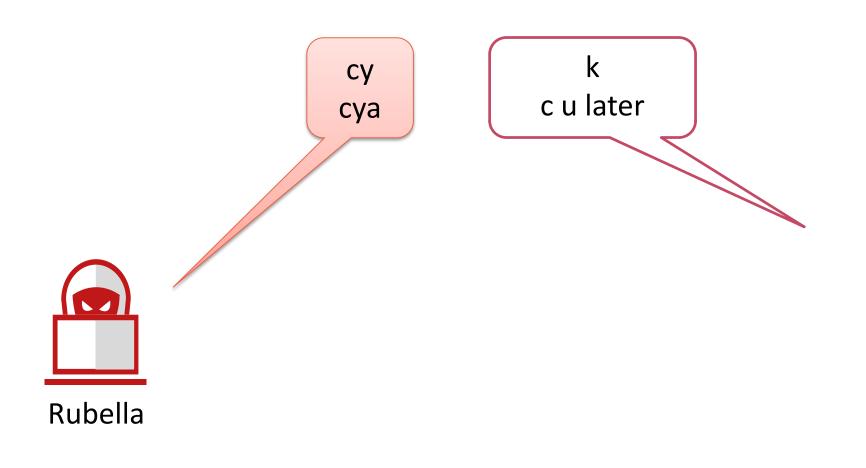


Dont know Different times Thank you so much already, been great chatting. I am certainly interested
When are you online if I want reach out again?











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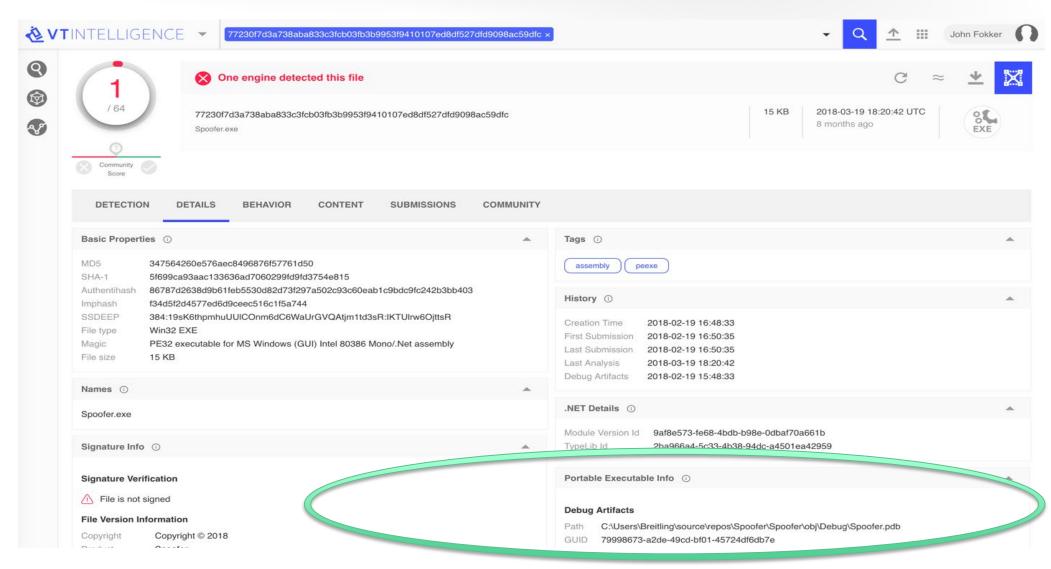


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Technical analysis of the Rubella and Dryad Macro Builder

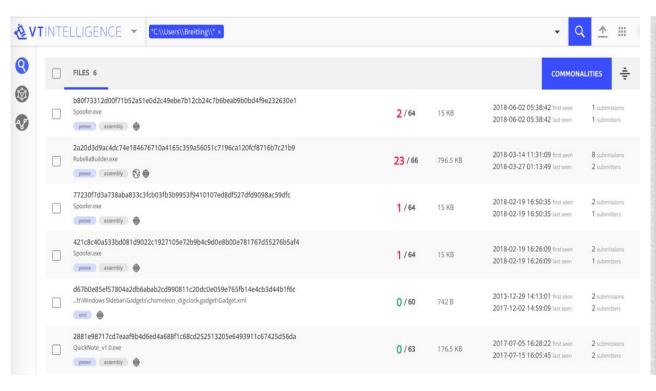
How does it work under the hood

Classic Mistakes...





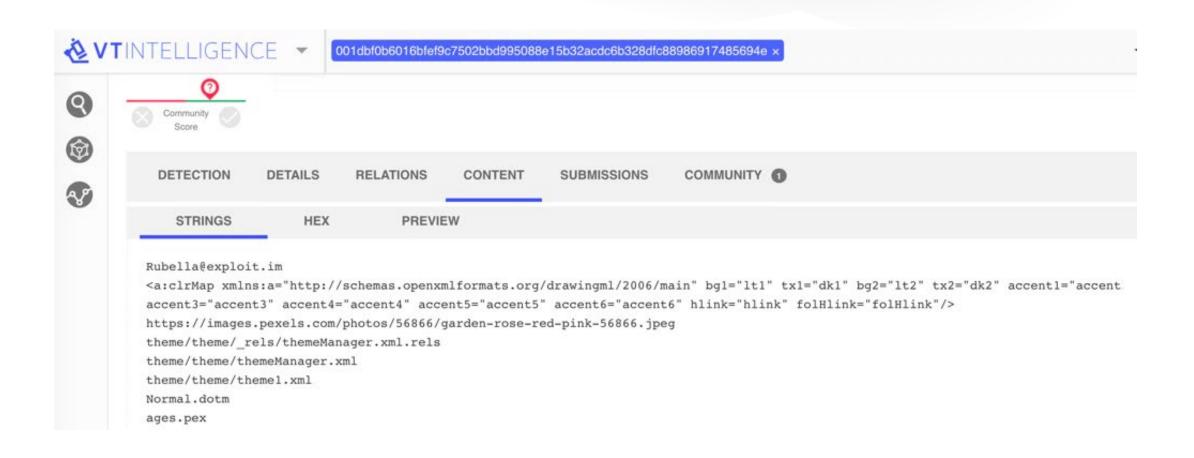
Linking the PDB paths to more Rubella software







Some files even included his JabberID





Comparing Rubella and Dryad

- Both Kits developed in .Net
- No obfuscation in the actual Toolkit
- A built-in licensing function

 Both Kits have been offered to Malware Ops in order to double check that we offer protection.

```
RubellaBuilder (1.1.0.0, msil, .Net Framework v4.0)
               ▶ Netadata
               References
               Resources
                <Root Namespace>
                    Costura
               N (A) Microsoft Office Core
private static string cpuId()
 string str1 = Licensing.identifier("Win32_Processor", "UniqueId");
 if (str1 == "")
   str1 = Licensing.identifier("Win32 Processor", "ProcessorId");
   if (str1 == "")
     string str2 = Licensing.identifier("Win32 Processor", "Name");
     if (str2 == "")
       str2 = Licensing.identifier("Win32 Processor", "Manufacturer");
     str1 = str2 + Licensing.identifier("Win32_Processor", "MaxClockSpeed");
 return str1:
                      <Root Namespace>
                      Costura
                  Oryad Macro Builder
                  Oryad_Macro_Builder.Properties
                  Microsoft.Office.Core
                  Microsoft.Office.Interop.Excel
                  Microsoft.Office.Interop.Word
                Microsoft.Vbe.Interop
```



Obfuscation recipe

- Generating Random Strings,
 Characters and Numbers
- A pinch of Junk Code
- Mixing it all together in a Macro
- Adding the obfuscation recitors to the McAfee detection cookbook

```
internal class JunkCode
  public static string Junk1
    string str1 = RanGen.Rand
    string str2 = RanGen.Rand
    RanGen.RandomVariable(ran
    int int32 = Convert.ToInt
    Convert.ToInt32(RanGen.Ra
    Convert.ToInt32(RanGen.Ra
    string macroCode = "" + '
    return WriteMacro.Press(
  public static string Junk2
    string str1 = RanGen.Rang
    RanGen.RandomVariable(ran
    RanGen.RandomVariable(ran
    Convert.ToInt32(RanGen.Ra
    Convert.ToInt32(RanGen.Ra
    Convert.ToInt32(RanGen.Ra
    string str2 = "";
    if (Convert.ToInt32(RanGe
     str2 = str2 + "Dim " +
     for (int int16 = (int)
       str2 = str2 + str1 +
    return str2;
```

```
RSAC
public static class WriteMacro
 public static string Press(Random random var, string macroCode)
    string str = (string) null;
    if (macroCode != null)
      string[] strArray = macroCode.Split(new string[1]
     }, StringSplitOptions.RemoveEmptyEntries);
      int length = strArray.Length;
     for (int index = 0
        str = index
                                                 == strArray.Length - 1
    return str:
  public static string Inse
                                          om var, string text)
                                                                         t.NewLine +
    return "" + WriteM
   for (int nkValue = Se
                                              junkValue
                      ToInt32
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        case
        cas
                                                                         nt.NewLine;
        default:
          continue;
```



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Arrest, Confession & Discussion

Can early intervention help prevent Cybercrime?

The Arrest

Cybercrime as-a-service, Fraud Management & Cybercrime

Suspected Rubella Toolkit Mastermind **Arrested**

20-Year-Old Allegedly Created and Distributed Malicious Tools on Underground Forums

Scott Ferguson (♥@Ferguson_Writes)







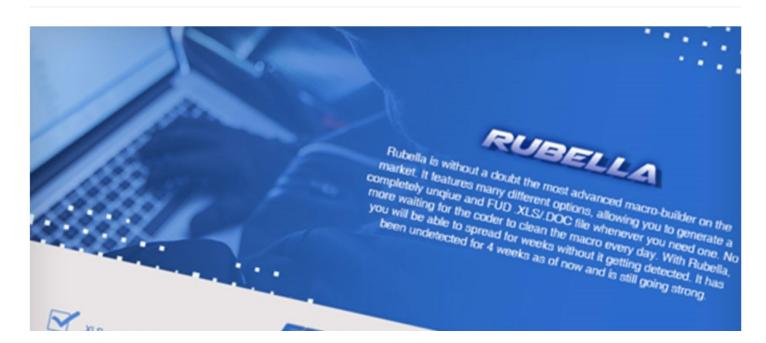














Conclusion and Discussion

- Macro builders form an important link in the cybercriminal attack chain.
- Stopping a Macro builder (or other facilitating service) will impact the business process of hunderds of cybercriminals.

But....

- Rubella has stopped, but at what cost to society?
- Would an early intervention program be an solution?
- Once of prevention against a Pound of IT Sec and Taxpayers costs..



More information

- https://github.com/advanced-threat-research
- https://www.mcafee.com/blogs/other-blogs/mcafeelabs/mcafee-atr-aids-police-in-arrest-of-the-rubella-and-dryadoffice-macro-builder-suspect/?hilite=%27rubella%27



Thank you

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