

# Malware Analysis: rainbowmagic



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Report

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# 01 Executive Summary

From the time of inception of Trojan Malware, there has been development in many variants and types of Trojan. A trojan is a malware which is disguised as legitimate software, in order to bypass defense mechanism against malware. Once Trojan is activated, it can block, delete, modify, copy and disrupt computing and network performance.

In this report, analysis of Rainbow Magic malware is conducted, demonstrating how the malware affects system (Windows) by using techniques such as bypassing OS protections, using anti-reversing tricks, stealing sensitive information such as documents and login credentials and encrypting data on the system for ransom. Analysis is drafted using malware analysis tools such as Cuckoo Sandbox, JoeSandbox, VirusTotal and Any.run also the report contains analysis of network traffic(*pcap file*) obtained from a passive network tap using Wireshark, PacketTotal. Furthermore, report specifies recommendations for defenses against the malware. Lastly the Appendix holds screenshots from analysis supporting the report.[6]

## 02 Identification

**Sample Analyzed:** Unknown.exe @ 2019\_NCI\_Project\_infected.zip

**File Metadata File Name:** Unknown.exe

**File Type :** PE32 executable (console) Intel 80386, for MS Windows, UPX compressed

**File Size :** 368.0KB

**MD5:** 25d562f46c14c5267d56722f6a43b8ed

**SHA1:** 7cd4d6f44bdb71d24574d0b4bc326abd006eb510

**SHA256:** a635f37c16fc05e554a6c7b3f696e47e8eaf3531407cac27e357851cb710e615

**SHA512:** 02f4829f913fcc4d93d8bcf80f1be95fed7249351ec8022fe99ded7c6437e62e0a224db86411717d35db7c8e497933e4633970c46205622358d75172a95ae7ae

File Type: 32-bit Windows executable

**CRC32:** 30DC4FAC

**ssdeep:**6144:XR/o988gWaraDqRrgwKzBe31i4SgfHysWTx92ItFc87t1VEaj:B+ImRrgwK0IRysiG+Utt

Name	AV
TROJ_DROPPER.XXTXG	TrendMicro
Mal/Generic-S	Sophos AV
Ransom.TeslaCrypt	Symantec
Generic.ml	Palo Alto Networks
Trojan:Win32/Tiggre!rfn	Microsoft
Ransom.FileCryptor	Malwarebytes
Trojan-Ransom.Win32.Blocker.jyqs	Kaspersky
W32/Blocker.JYQS!tr	Fortinet
Ransom:Win32/Blocker.a3d3eaf9	Alibaba

Source: VirusTotal [7]

**Yara:** UPX - (no description)

- suspicious\_packer\_section - The packer/protector section names/keywords
- UPX - (no description)
- win\_registry - Affect system registries
- Str\_Win32\_Wininet\_Library - Match Windows Inet API library declaration
- Str\_Win32\_Internet\_API - Match Windows Inet API call

Source: Cuckoo Sandbox [4]

As per the classification of malware, it is a possible case of Evader, Ransomware or Spyware.

## 03 Setup

### Malware Lab Setup

#### Introduction

Analysis of a Malware requires an isolated lab, in order to study the execution and behaviour of the Malware in a contained environment, as not to infect the production

system. In order to do this, virtualization software is used. Added advantage of snapshots is achieved i.e. basically images of VM in a given point of time to which it can be restored.

## Setting up Virtual Machine (VMware)

Given the variety of Virtualization tools available, VMware was chosen by me because of user-friendly GUI Console and the ability to take multiple snapshots. During the analysis of the Malware, execution of the Malware will take place on the Windows Virtual Machine, use of VM because it can be reverted back to a clean state while it would not be possible to achieve the same using a physical machine.

### Step 1: VM Setup

#### **Victim VM: Windows 7 x86**

- Here Windows 7 OS is chosen as the subject malware(Petya) affects Windows Platform.
- Configuration: Windows 7 x86 (32 bit); 4GB RAM
- Snapshot: For restoring stable state after a malfunction. A Snapshot is taken of the fresh installation while it is still clean, it looks at the state of registry and file system.

#### **REMnux VM**

- For reverse-engineering malicious software, as it has various tools for malware analysis, for external analysis.
- Simulating Virtual Network Gateway for Victim Machine for monitoring network behaviour of the malware
- Updating tools present in REMnux

```
sudo update-remnux full
sudo reboot now
```

- Snapshot is taken for regressing to stable state
- Configuring **inetsim.conf** with sudo privileges for starting DNS service and binding IP address

#### **Flare VM**

- For local tools on Windows 7(Victim) Machine, for local analysis
- On IE, script is executed using ActiveX or using Powershell for downloading repository from Fireeye.

## Step 2: Network Setup

- Blocking Host System's communication with the Virtual Machine(i.e isolating the virtual machine from the production machine) by using dedicated network for managing acquisition of malware in the system.
- Setting up isolated network by creating a custom network (Static IP) with a dedicated network adaptor, assigning both Windows 7 and REMnux VM to it.
- Configuring network adaptor on Windows 7 to REMnux IP address for Default Gateway IP and Preferred DNS IP.

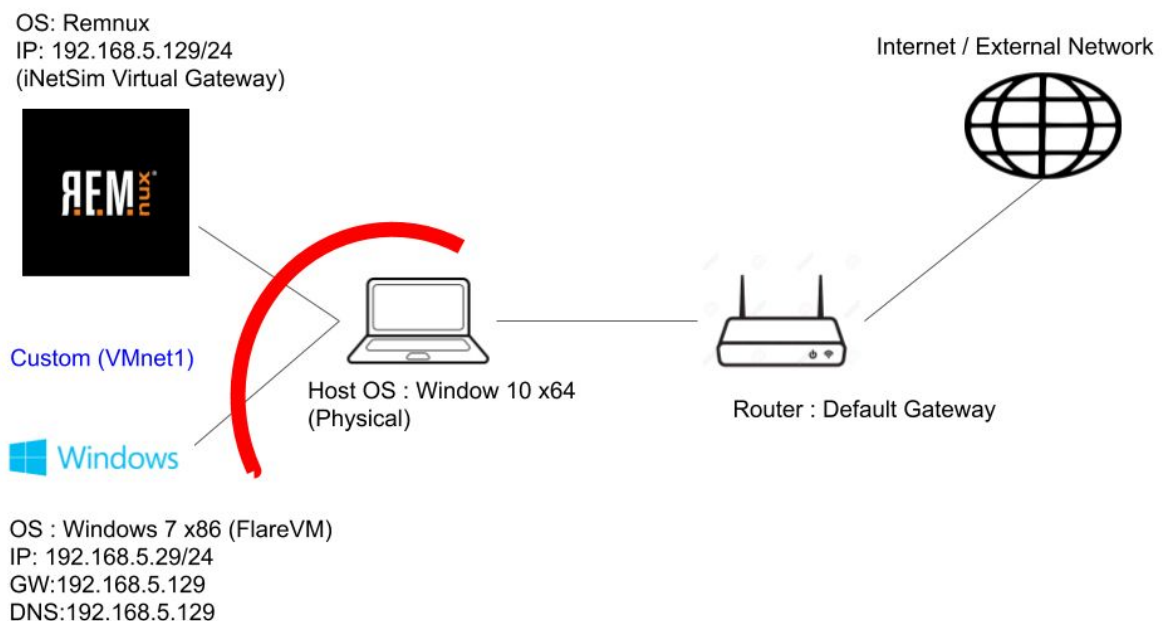


Figure : Network Diagram for Malware Lab

## Step 3: Lab Testing

- Connectivity check using PING tool for Windows 7 and REMnux
- iNetSim status, check through victim browser
- Check for No Connectivity between the Host and Virtual Machine
- Turn off Firewall and Updates for Windows 7
- Make Hidden files visible and lower security measures

## Step 4: Malware Analysis Tool

For learning behaviour of malware,

- Monitoring System Processes: For understanding the workflow of any execution during the process lifecycle, using tools such as Windows Process Explorer(for monitoring system resources), SysInternal suite, RegShot(for changes made to registry), Process Monitor(for real time changes made to file system) etc.

- Network Traffic Analysis: For analysing network traffic when malware communicates with external network, using tools such as Wireshark, netcat and FakeNet-NG.
- Detecting Local Changes: Basically for understanding what changes happen on the disk and the memory, using tools such as OSSEC, TRIPWIRE, AFICK.
- Debugger: For understanding state of execution within a program like changes made to memory locations, registers and arguments required, using tools such as OllyDbg, x64dbg, Windbg.
- Online Tools: VirusTotal, Malwr, ThreatMiner, Joe Sandbox. (for detail research)

## 04 Methodology

At the time of performing malware analysis, the malware lab was not attached to the external network except for the lab network. Malware was obtained from moodle.ncirl.ie. Malware lab was kept isolated from the host/production environment. Malware lab consists of Windows Client (Victim), Remote Linux Server(DHCP,DNS,tcpdump) and Cuckoo Sandbox(for the required tools for malware analysis). A baseline of the system was taken before executing the malware, in order to run comparison of the infected system with baseline system. Snapshot was taken ensuring Host-Only network.[8]

### Static Analysis(Code):

Initial step of malware analysis was to run it against various AV scans. After scanning, malware was opened in Hex-Editor for identifying malware type and to determine if malware attempts to use packer application like UPX. UPX for unpacking applications and decompression of the file. A copy of malware was made as repacking the uncompressed file may not function properly. Applications (Wireshark, Windows Process Explorer, Process Monitor and RegShot) for monitoring system and network for insightful information such as protocols, ports, files, IP addresses, processes etc were used to understand the inner workings. Malware was then disassembled for reviewing calls made to DLL and system changes done by malware.

### Dynamic Analysis(Behavioral):

For analysing the behavior of malware, it was executed on the system and the changes it made were monitored. It was made sure that patches and fixes were installed on the VM before execution. Tools such as *ResourceMonitor*, *TCPEye* and *WinPcap* are installed for understanding the flow of background processes, for monitoring if a new listener is installed on the system, if it tries to access tools such as telnet, netcat or browser. For monitoring if any backdoor is being installed. [8]

## Internet Investigation(OSINT: Open Source Intelligence):

The Internet is a significant instrument for wide range of investigations and intelligence gathering. Which include research carried on Trojan, Ransomware and Extender, whitepapers by cybersecurity consultancies such as *SANS Institute, Cisco, Symantec, Norton*. Online Static and Dynamic analysis was carried out using online sandboxes such as *JoeSandbox, VirusTotal, CuckooOnline and Any.run*. Online sandbox provide safer environment and comprehensive reports from the publically submitted information.

## 05 Analysis

In this study of malware **RAINBOWMAGIC**, it was observed that malware is designed to work as a Trojan. The code is written in C/C++ programming language. Once the program is initiated it delays the analysis by 3x Sleep call for process. After that, the code runs GetAdaptersAddresses function to fetch addresses associated with adaptors present on the local machine. The malware then tries to load library which is not installed on the local machine. It has executable files which are compressed using UPX, which acts as a strategy to escape detection by AntiViruses. It contains functionality to download files from the internet. It contacts web servers via HTTP. Performs DNS lookups. It then adds an entry in the startup folder/Startup which are programs which get executed once the user logs, it gives persistence to the malware. The malware then deletes its own executable file and binaries, by being present on the RAM, as defense evasion. It then modifies the WPAD proxy for intercepting traffic by getting the listing of IP addresses that will be used by the malware for the lateral movement. The malware copies files from one system to another for placing adversary tools over a course of operation. These adversaries tools try to fetch security software, configurations, defensive tools installed on the system. These tools are controlled through the Control and Command channels to bring other tools into the victim network. Encryption standards are employed to conceal C&C traffic. Malware specifies some DLLs which take advantage of legitimate program which are vulnerable to side loaded malicious DLL. It also holds functionality to load and extract PE file embedded resources and ability to enumerate files inside a directory. Malware also holds functionality to check kernel debuggers. Also contains functionality to query CPU information and local system time.

For the dynamic analysis of the malware was done in an isolated environment, so that the malware does not affect the network and production/host machine. However given risk involved in the analysis. Hence for the analysis, JOE SANDBOX and CUCKOO SANDBOX were used. It was observed how the malware works and its propagation in the system and network. The malware file *Unknown.exe*, identified as rainbowmagic.exe and tries to connect with IP addresses, urls and domains. Then this IP address establishes connection with two communicating files(WIN32 Executable), for url opens and establishes connection to <http://definitely-not-evil.com/> and the contracted domains lead up to websites for downloading content.

On execution of the malware on a windows architecture, it initiates execution of unknown.exe, which later initiates processes to execute **dope.exe** (PE32) and



**dope.exe:Zone.Identifier.** Zone.Identifier is a type of file which is used by windows to manage security settings and generally kept hidden[5]. While the initiated dope.exe calls for <http://definitely-not-evil.com/> through a browser and simultaneously runs conhost.exe, after which dope.exe deletes itself. **Conhost.exe** is an important Windows process[1], related to **csrss.exe** (ClientServer Runtime System Service) and **cmd.exe** (Command Prompt) processes. The malware also imports libraries which are capable of obfuscating their behaviour, fetching variables from DLLs; conversion of formatted string into an array of bytes; closing handle of specified registry keys; freeing block of task memory; displaying message dialog box and functions initializing use of wininet for applications.

## 06 Network Traffic Investigation

The resultant traffic was stored in a pcap file which is a dump file for the traffic collected. The pcap file was analysed with wireshark and packettotal.

From the analysis, it can be seen that the sender IP is 192.254.234.118 and target IP is 192.168.122.62 which resolves to HTTP Hostname www.floridablueline.com which redirects to 46.30.45.65 which resolves to good.recycle2learn.com. The traffic observed is facilitating communication for network trojan which has alert signatures indicating 8x8 script; privacy violation; exploit URI; payload URI and cryptowall. An executable file is downloaded via 46.30.45.65 which remotely installs x-shockwave-flash which is used to pop malverts on the victim system, while various DNS are replicated from the sender IP for flashing various malvertises through the flash installed.

## 07 Recommendations

- URL filtering and use of defenders with comprehensive understanding and awareness of policies and controls.
- Disable remote registry services on all the systems in the organisation
- Keep software up-to-date with patches, fixes and updates.
- Use of Firewalls, AV, IDS and IDPS.
- Implementing Defense in depth and diversity
- Implementing the principle of least privilege to minimize exposure.
- Implementing Role Based Access Control
- Monitoring email attachments and scanning for viruses on them.
- Disable autoruns
- Frequently changing passwords
- Regular backups and recovery points
- Checking SSL for ecommerce sites
- Implementing Incident Response Plan as per SANS and NIST, for containment of the breach.

## 08 Conclusions

Various attack vectors are observed which revolve around the identified ***magicrainbow.exe*** malware which are extender, trojans, malvertising, ransomware. In future, for a more detailed understanding dynamic analysis on a redundant stand alone machine can be conducted to gain deep understanding over the malware. The approach used in this malware study is hybrid which involved running dynamic analysis on a sandbox environment over cloud and use of publically available data on the subject rainbow magic malware. It was learned that the malware is produced by **Rainbow Magic, Inc.** and has originated from domain **definitely-not-evil.com**.

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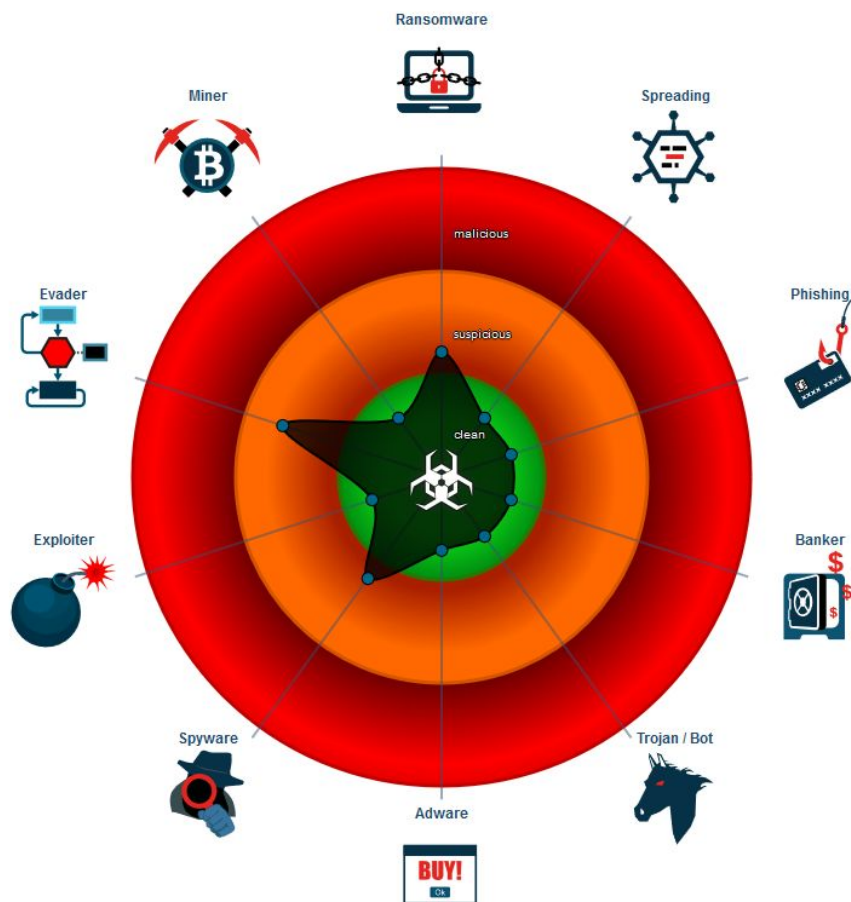
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# 10 Appendix



Classification of Malware Source: JoeSandbox

Startup

- System is w10x64
  - Unknown.exe (PID: 2504 cmdline: 'C:\Users\user\Desktop\Unknown.exe' MD5: 25D562F46C14C5267D56722F6A43B8ED)
    - conhost.exe (PID: 4544 cmdline: C:\Windows\system32\conhost.exe 0x4 MD5: EA777DEEA782E8B4D7C7C33BBF8A4496)
    - dope.exe (PID: 2248 cmdline: dope.exe C:\Users\user\Desktop\Unknown.exe MD5: 25D562F46C14C5267D56722F6A43B8ED)
      - conhost.exe (PID: 4308 cmdline: C:\Windows\system32\conhost.exe 0x4 MD5: EA777DEEA782E8B4D7C7C33BBF8A4496)
  - dope.exe (PID: 968 cmdline: 'C:\Users\user\AppData\Roaming\dope.exe' MD5: 25D562F46C14C5267D56722F6A43B8ED)
    - conhost.exe (PID: 2880 cmdline: C:\Windows\system32\conhost.exe 0x4 MD5: EA777DEEA782E8B4D7C7C33BBF8A4496)
  - dope.exe (PID: 4244 cmdline: 'C:\Users\user\AppData\Roaming\dope.exe' MD5: 25D562F46C14C5267D56722F6A43B8ED)
    - conhost.exe (PID: 2600 cmdline: C:\Windows\system32\conhost.exe 0x4 MD5: EA777DEEA782E8B4D7C7C33BBF8A4496)
- cleanup

Process Execution Flow Source: JoeSandbox

Version Infos	
<b>LegalCopyright</b>	Copyright (C) 2017
<b>InternalName</b>	rainbowmagic.exe
<b>FileVersion</b>	1.0.0.1
<b>CompanyName</b>	Rainbow Magic, Inc.
<b>ProductName</b>	Rainbow Magic Game.
<b>ProductVersion</b>	1.0.0.1
<b>FileDescription</b>	Ranbow Magic Game.
<b>OriginalFilename</b>	rainbowmagic.exe
<b>Translation</b>	0x0409 0x04b0

## Malware Identification

Source: Cuckoo Sandbox

Imports			
<b>Library ADVAPI32.dll:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0x48a99c RegCloseKey</li> </ul>	<b>Library CRYPT32.dll:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0x48a9a4 CryptStringToBinaryA</li> </ul>	<b>Library KERNEL32.DLL:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0x48a9ac LoadLibraryA</li> <li>• 0x48a9b0 ExitProcess</li> <li>• 0x48a9b4 GetProcAddress</li> <li>• 0x48a9b8 VirtualProtect</li> </ul>	<b>Library ole32.dll:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0x48a9c0 CoTaskMemFree</li> </ul>
<b>Library USER32.dll:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0x48a9d0 MessageBoxA</li> </ul>	<b>Library WININET.dll:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0x48a9d8 InternetOpenA</li> </ul>	<b>Library SHELL32.dll:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0x48a9c8 ShellExecuteA</li> </ul>	

## Library Imports

Source: Cuckoo Sandbox

## Signatures

- ❗ A process attempted to delay the analysis task. (1 event)
- ❗ Checks adapter addresses which can be used to detect virtual network interfaces (1 event)
- ❗ The binary likely contains encrypted or compressed data indicative of a packer (2 events)
- ❗ The executable is compressed using UPX (2 events)
- ✖ Installs itself for autorun at Windows startup (1 event)
- ✖ Deletes executed files from disk (1 event)
- ✖ Deletes its original binary from disk (1 event)
- ✖ Sets or modifies WPAD proxy autoconfiguration file for traffic interception (8 events)
- ✖ Generates some ICMP traffic

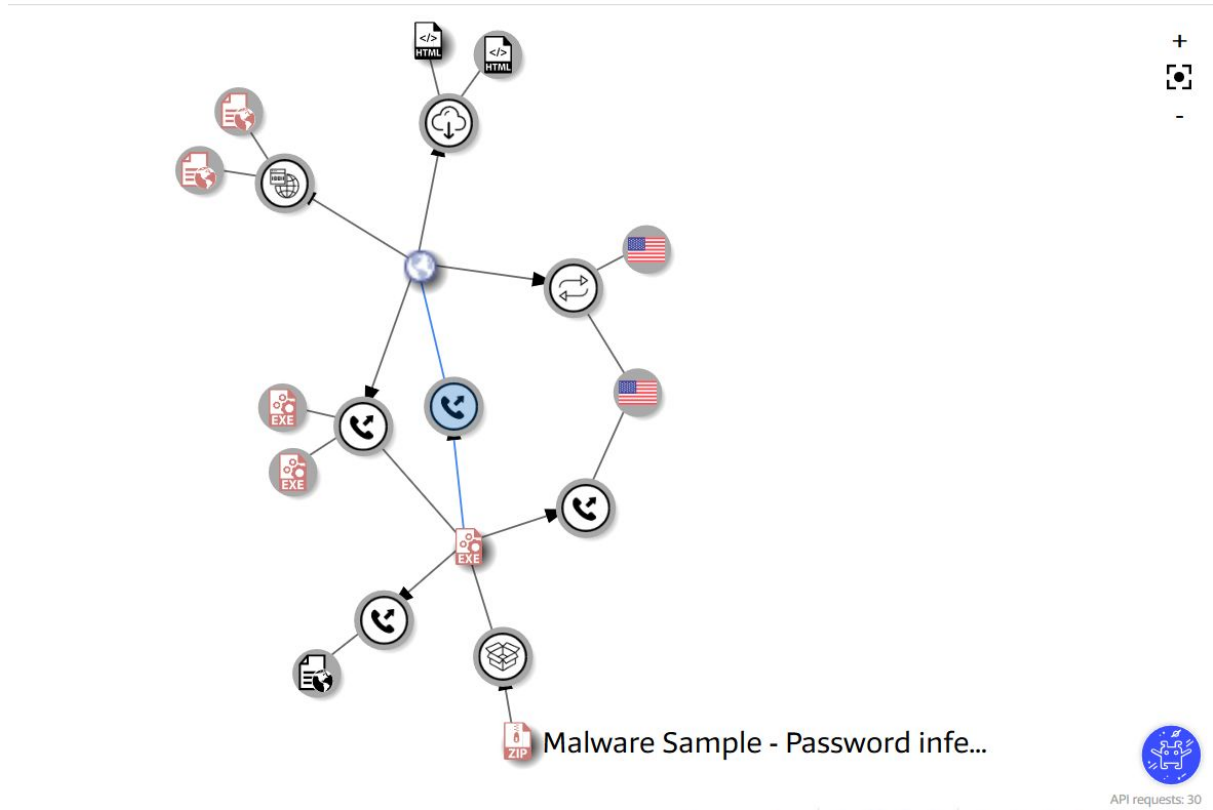
Signature Activity

Source: Cuckoo Sandbox

Match	Associated Sample Name / URL
unknown	request.doc
	FERK444259.doc
	b392e93a5753601db564e6f2dc6a945aac3861bc31e2c1e5e7f3cd4e5bb150a4.js
	Setup.exe
	base64.pdf
	file.pdf
	Spread sheet 2.pdf
	request_08.30.doc
	P_2038402.xlsx
	48b1cf747a678641566cd1778777ca72.apk
	seu nome na lista de favorecidos.exe
	Adm_Boleto.via2.com
	QuitacaoVotorantim345309.exe
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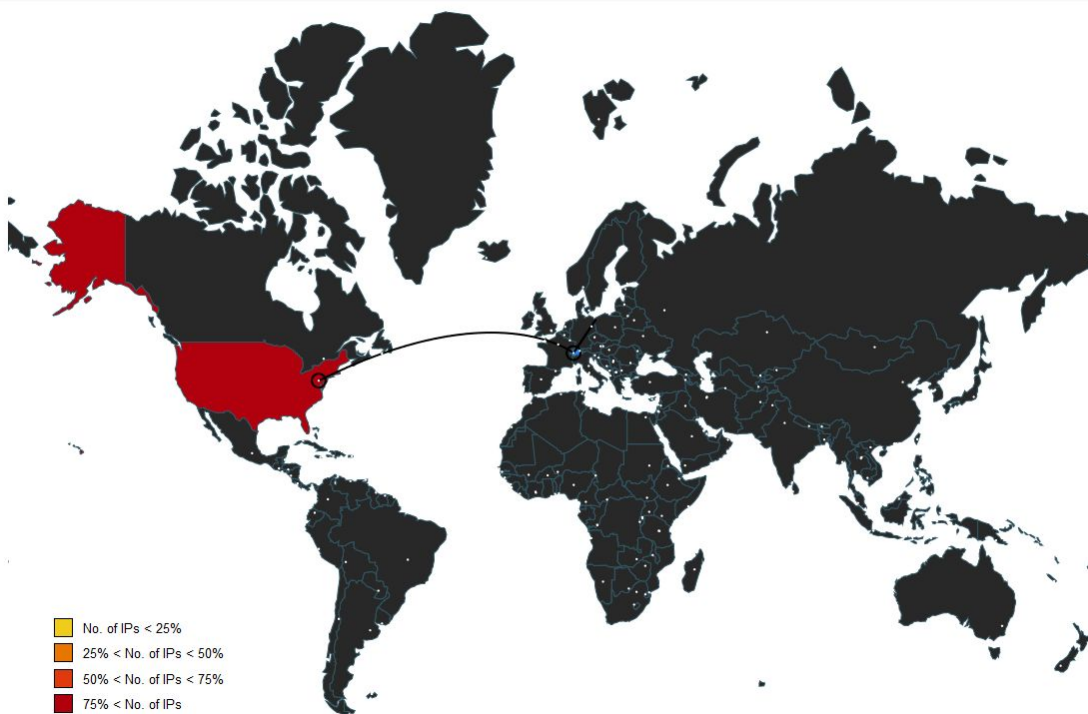
File Matches

Source: Joe Sandbox



## Malware Spread Graph

Source: VirusTotal



## Geographic Spread Map

Source: JoeSandbox









Virtual Network Editor

Name	Type	External Connection	Host Connection	DHCP	Subnet Address
VMnet0	Bridged	Auto-bridging	-	-	-
VMnet1	Custom	-	-	-	192.168.5.0
VMnet8	NAT	NAT	Connected	Enabled	192.168.26.0

VMnet Information

☐ Bridged (connect VMs directly to the external network)

Bridged to:

☐ NAT (shared host's IP address with VMs)

☒ Host-only (connect VMs internally in a private network)

☐ Connect a host virtual adapter to this network  
 Host virtual adapter name: VMware Network Adapter VMnet1

☐ Use local DHCP service to distribute IP address to VMs

Subnet IP:  Subnet mask:

## VM SET TO HOST ONLY

Network connection

☐ Bridged: Connected directly to the physical network  
☐ Replicate physical network connection state

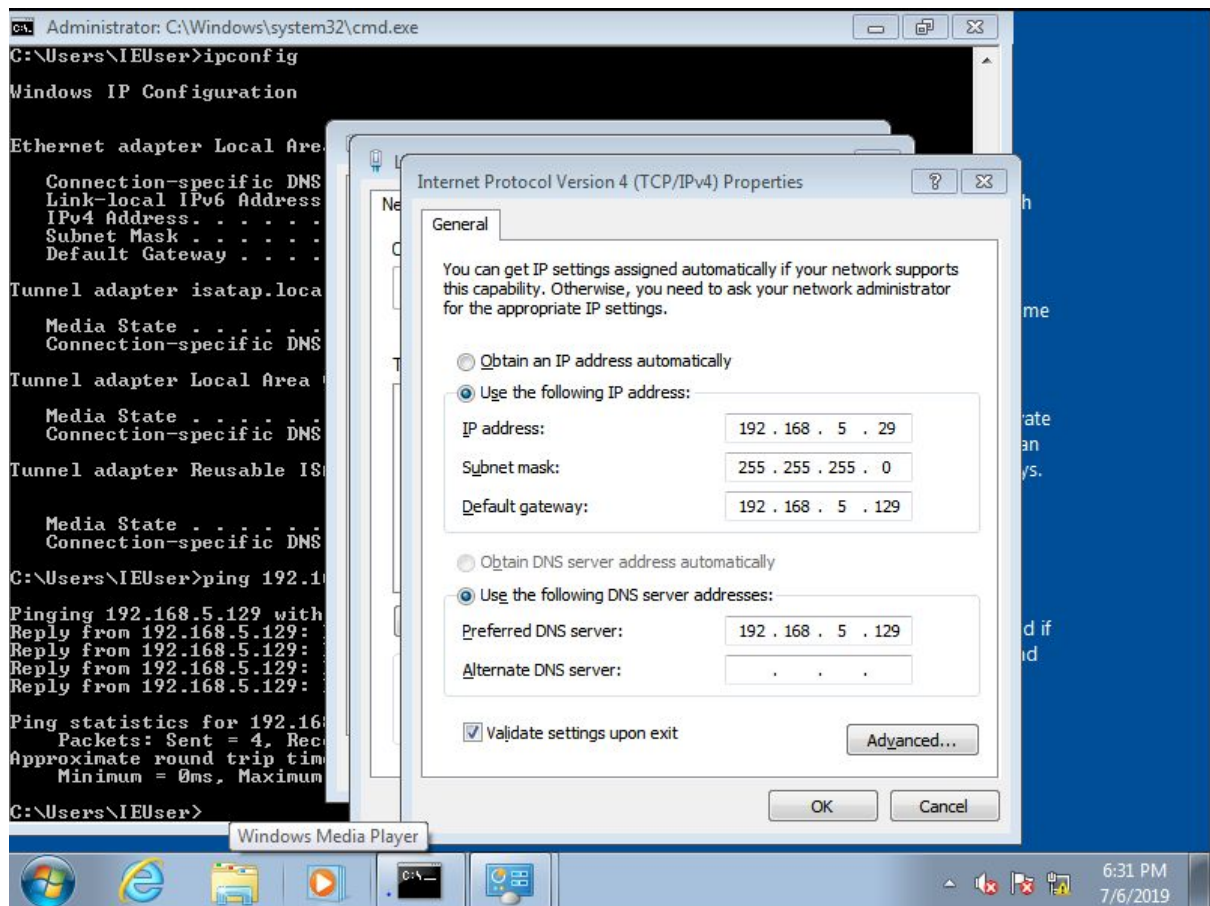
☐ NAT: Used to share the host's IP address

☐ Host-only: A private network shared with the host

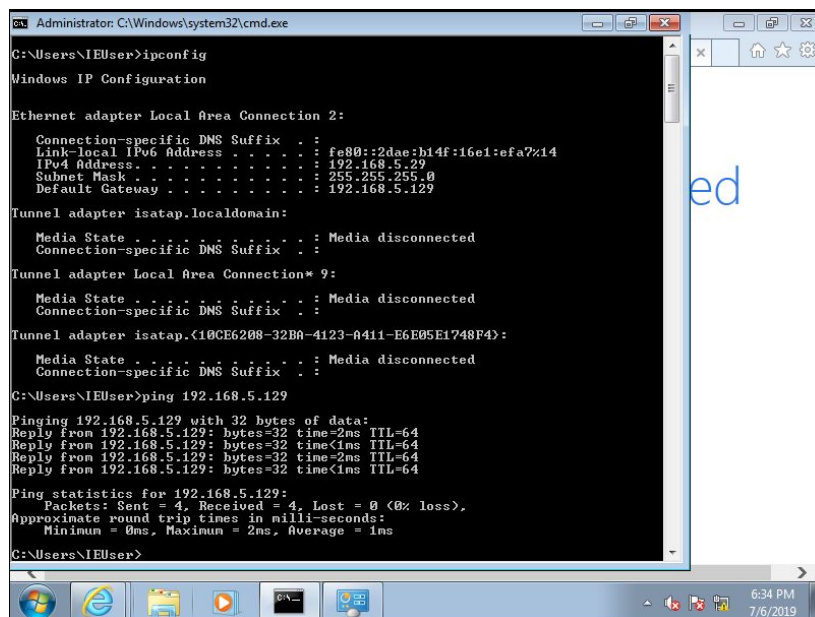
☒ Custom: Specific virtual network

☐ LAN segment:

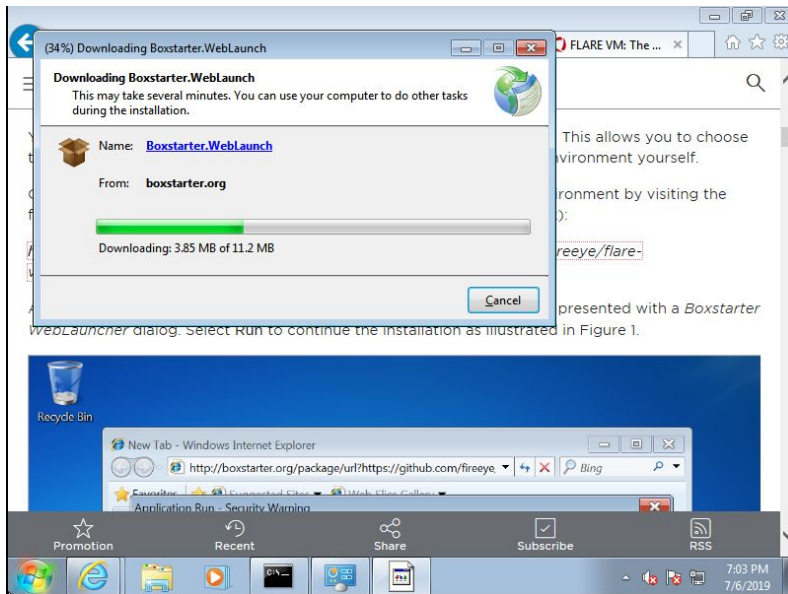
## NETWORK ADAPTOR CONFIGURATION



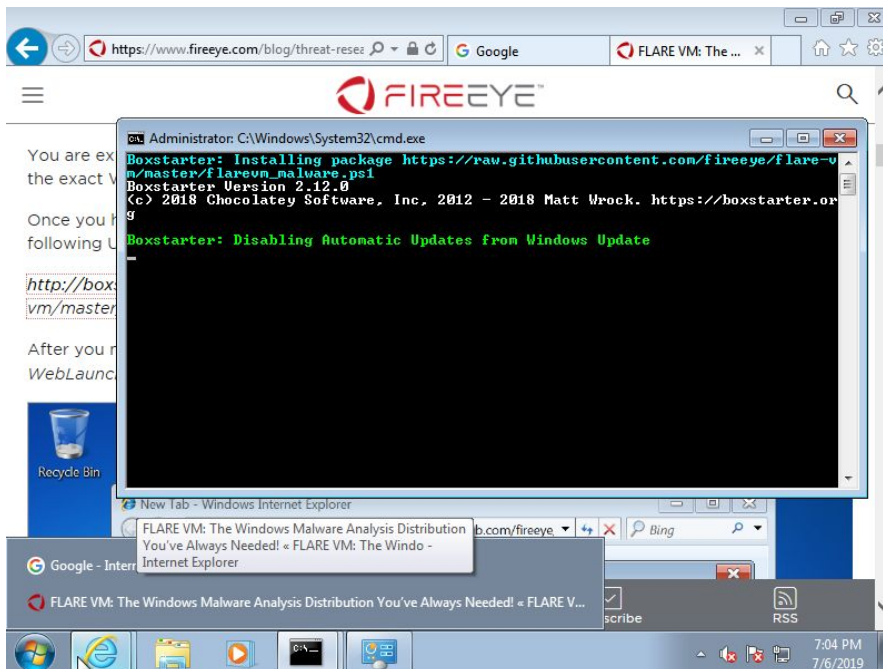
STATIC IP ASSIGNED



CONNECTION CHECK



FLARE SETUP



FLARE VM RUNNING



```
remnux@remnux: ~  
File Edit Tabs Help  
INetSim 1.2.5 (2014-05-24) by Matthias Eckert & Thomas Hungenberg  
Using log directory: /var/log/inetsim/  
Using data directory: /var/lib/inetsim/  
Using report directory: /var/log/inetsim/report/  
Using configuration file: /etc/inetsim/inetsim.conf  
Parsing configuration file.  
Configuration file parsed successfully.  
=== INetSim main process started (PID 1487) ===  
Session ID: 1487  
Listening on: 192.168.5.129  
Real Date/Time: 2019-07-07 13:03:36  
Fake Date/Time: 2019-07-07 13:03:36 (Delta: 0 seconds)  
Forking services...  
* pop3s_995_tcp - started (PID 1494)  
* pop3_110_tcp - started (PID 1493)  
* smtp_25_tcp - started (PID 1491)  
* smtps_465_tcp - started (PID 1492)  
* http_80_tcp - started (PID 1489)  
* https_443_tcp - started (PID 1490)  
* ftps_990_tcp - started (PID 1496)  
* ftp_21_tcp - started (PID 1495)  
done.  
Simulation running.  
█
```

## INETSIM SIMULATION RUNNING

```
remnux@remnux: /etc/inetsim  
File Edit Tabs Help  
remnux@re... remnux@re...  
# dns, http, smtp, pop3, tftp, ftp, ntp, time_tcp,  
# time_udp, daytime_tcp, daytime_udp, echo_tcp,  
# echo_udp, discard_tcp, discard_udp, quotd_tcp,  
# quotd_udp, chargen_tcp, chargen_udp, finger,  
# ident, syslog, dummy_tcp, dummy_udp, smtps, pop3s,  
# ftps, irc, https  
#  
start_service dns  
start_service http  
start_service https  
start_service smtp  
start_service smtps  
start_service pop3  
start_service pop3s  
start_service ftp  
start_service ftps  
#start_service tftp  
#start_service irc  
#start_service ntp  
#start_service finger  
#start_service ident  
#start_service syslog  
#start_service time_tcp  
-- INSERT -- W10: Warning: Changing a readonly file
```

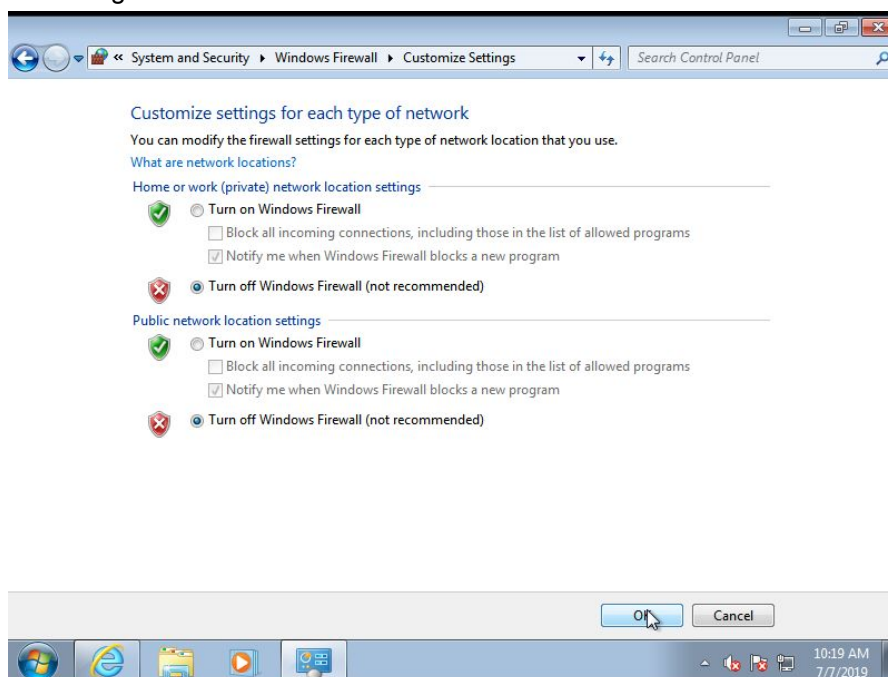
## DNS INETSIM

```
remnux@remnux: /etc/inetsim
File Edit Tabs Help
remnux@re... remnux@re...
#start_service quotd_tcp
#start_service quotd_udp
#start_service chargen_tcp
#start_service chargen_udp
#start_service dummy_tcp
#start_service dummy_udp

#####
# service_bind_address
#
# IP address to bind services to
#
# Syntax: service_bind_address <IP address>
#
# Default: 127.0.0.1
#
service_bind_address 192.168.5.129

#####
# service_run_as_user
#
-- INSERT -- 69, 35-38 2%
```

## IP Binding INETSIM



Firewall turned off

Note: Same Malware Lab setup was used by me in my CA 1, thank you.