

Practical Malware Analysis & Triage Malware Analysis Report

WannaCry Ransomware Malware

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Executive Summary

SHA256 hash 24d004a104d4d54034dbcffc2a4b19a11f39008a575aa614ea04703480b1022c

WannaCry was the malware global epidemic that took place in May 2017. It sperad by combining a Windows vulnerability recently leaked from the National Security Agency's cyber arsenal and some simple programming to hunt down servers that interact with public networks, WannaCry spread itself further than any malware campaign has in the last 15 years. Once it ran in your system, it would encrypt all your files in the systema and would ask for ransom in form of cryptocurrency to decrypt all the files.

It is written in C++ programming language. When it executes it starts by checking for a url which if the malware is able to reach/access it then it doesn't executes and deletes itself from the system. But if the malware is not able to access it then it starts its execution and creates its payload at "C:/Windows/taskche.exe and it starts encrypting the files within your system and those encrypted file would have the .WNCRY extension to it. WannaCry also tries to speard to other Windows with the help of Eternal Blue Vulnerabilty.

Yara rule are attached in Rules & Signatures. Malware sample and hash are given for further examination on VirusTotal.



High-Level Technical Summary

WannaCry consists of two parts: stage 0 executable and an unpacked stage 2 encryption and worm program. It first attempts to contact its kill switch url (hxxp://iuqerfsodp9ifjaposdfjhgosurijfaewerwergwea.local). If the url is contacted it does not executes. But if the url is not contacted or not alive then it unpacks its second payload taskche.exe and creates a service to start the taskche.exe on startup. This executable enrypts all the files, shows popup ransom window and change the background of the Desktop. It creates a random folder inside C:/ProgramData to store all the wanna cry files. It exploits the EternalBlue Vulnerability on port 445 to spread to other computers.

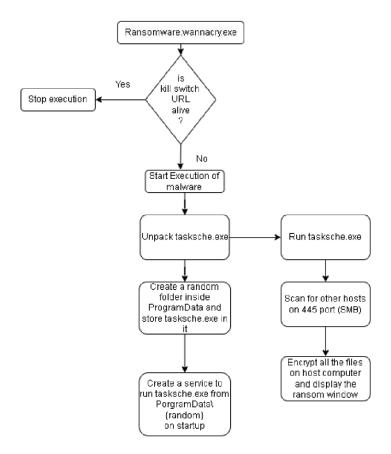


Fig-1 – Flow of Malware



Malware Composition

DemoWare consists of the following components:

File Name	SHA256 Hash
Wannacry.exe	24d004a104d4d54034dbcffc2a4b19a11f39008a575aa614ea04703480b1022c
Taskche.exe	ED01EBFBC9EB5BBEA545AF4D01BF5F1071661840480439C6E5BABE8E080E41AA

Wannacry.exe

The initial executable that tries to contact the url. If url is alive it doesn't execute else unpacks the taskche.exe.

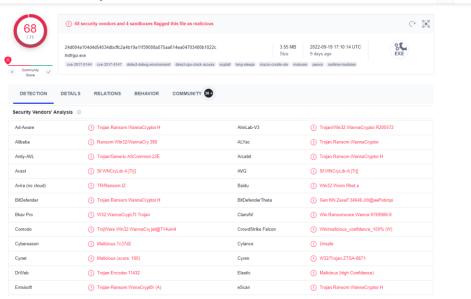
Taskche.exe:

This program is used for presistence. It create random folder for wannacry staging area inside ProgramData. After execution of malware on host, it tries to speard to other computer via smb on port 445. It starts encrypting all the files and after that it displays the ransomware popup message.



Basic Static Analysis

VirusTotal Analysis



```
String./Floss Output
  TREEPATH_REPLACE__
\\%s\IPC$
Microsoft Base Cryptographic Provider v1.0
%d.%d.%d.%d
mssecsvc2.0
Microsoft Security Center (2.0) Service
%s -m security
C:\%s\qeriuwjhrf
C:\%s\%s
WINDOWS
tasksche.exe
CloseHandle
WriteFile
CreateFileA
CreateProcessA
http://www.iuqerfsodp9ifjaposdfjhgosurijfaewrwergwea.com
!This program cannot be run in DOS mode.
Fig -2 - Kill Switch Url and random paths
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Microsoft Enhanced RSA and AES Cryptographic Provider CryptGenKey CryptDecrypt CryptEncrypt CryptDestroyKey CryptImportKey CryptAcquireContextA cmd.exe /c "%s" 115p7UMMngoj1pMvkpHijcRdfJNXj6LrLn 12t9YDPgwueZ9NyMgw519p7AA8isjr6SMw 13AM4VW2dhxYgXeQepoHkHSQuy6NgaEb94 %s%d Global\MsWinZonesCacheCounterMutexA tasksche.exe TaskStart t.wnry icacls . /grant Everyone:F /T /C /Q attrib +h . WNcry@2o17 GetNativeSystemInfo

Fig -3 - Some imports, ical used for modifying acess control on file ,attrib +h to hide file attribute

DE \/:

F	PE View Ana	alysis		
	pFile	Data	Description	Value
	000001F0	2E 74 65 78	Name	.text
	000001F4	74 00 00 00		
	000001F8	00008BCA	Virtual Size	
	000001FC	00001000	RVA	
	00000200	00009000	Size of Raw Data	
	00000204	00001000	Pointer to Raw Data	
	00000208	00000000	Pointer to Relocations	
	0000020C	00000000	Pointer to Line Numbers	
	00000210	0000	Number of Relocations	
	00000212	0000	Number of Line Numbers	
	00000214	60000020	Characteristics	
			00000020	IMAGE_SCN_CNT_CODE
			20000000	IMAGE_SCN_MEM_EXECUTE
			40000000	IMAGE_SCN_MEM_READ
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Fig - 4- (Unpacked Size)

Import Address Tables

- 11				<u></u>
	0000A130	00000000	End of Imports	MSVCRT.dll
	0000A134	0000A7DC	Hint/Name RVA	0092 InternetOpenA
	0000A138	0000A7C8	Hint/Name RVA	0093 InternetOpenUrlA
	0000A13C	0000A7B2	Hint/Name RVA	0069 InternetCloseHandle
	0000A140	00000000	End of Imports	WININET.dll
	0000A144	80000003	Ordinal	0003
	0000A148	80000010	Ordinal	0010
	0000A14C	80000013	Ordinal	0013
	0000A150	80000008	Ordinal	0008
	00000454	0000000	0.5	000F

Fig -5 - Internet Connection Address/Imports

pFile	Data	Description	Value
0000A000	0000A6F6	Hint/Name RVA	024A StartServiceCtrlDispatcherA
0000A004	0000A6D8	Hint/Name RVA	020C RegisterServiceCtrlHandlerA
0000A008	0000A6C0	Hint/Name RVA	0034 ChangeServiceConfig2A
0000A00C	0000A6AC	Hint/Name RVA	0244 SetServiceStatus
0000A010	0000A69A	Hint/Name RVA	01AD OpenSCManagerA
0000A014	0000A688	Hint/Name RVA	0064 CreateServiceA
0000A018	0000A672	Hint/Name RVA	003E CloseServiceHandle
0000A01C	0000A662	Hint/Name RVA	0249 StartServiceA
0000A020	0000A650	Hint/Name RVA	0096 CryptGenRandom
0000A024	0000A638	Hint/Name RVA	0085 CryptAcquireContextA
0000A028	0000A714	Hint/Name RVA	01AF OpenServiceA
0000A02C	00000000	End of Imports	ADVAPI32.dll

Fig – 6- Encrytying Import Address/Imports



Basic Dynamic Analysis

Analysis with InetSim - ON

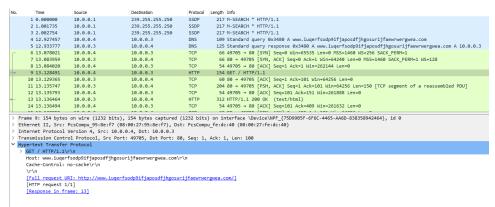


Fig - 7- Network Traffic when malware is executed Here, you can see that it is contacting the url and receving something in return. So, it is not executing in the system.

Analysis with InetSim - Off

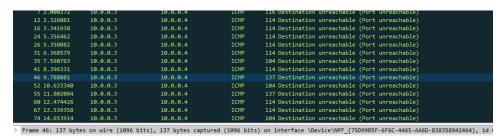


Fig – 8 – Network Traffic when malware execute. The request are unreachable since inetsim is off.





Fig – 9 – After infection, the desktop and payment screen.

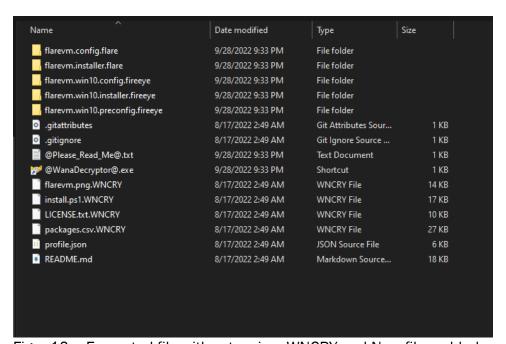


Fig - 10 - Encrypted file with extension .WNCRY and New files added.



services.exe	604	TCP	Listen	0.0.0.0	49669	0.0.0.0	(0	9/28/2022 9:43:03 PM	services.exe	
28 III svchost.exe	1976	TCP	Listen	0.0.0.0	49670	0.0.0.0	(0	9/28/2022 9:43:07 PM	PolicyAgent	
25 Ransomware.wannacr	52	TCP	Syn Sent	169.254.100.188	49714	169.254.29.1	445	5	9/28/2022 9:45:25 PM	mssecsvc2.0	
Ransomware.wannacr			Syn Sent			169.254.30.1			9/28/2022 9:45:25 PM	mssecsvc2.0	
Ransomware.wannacr	52	TCP	Syn Sent	169.254.100.188	49716	169.254.31.1	445	5	9/28/2022 9:45:25 PM	mssecsvc2.0	
28 📧 Ransomware.wannacr	52	TCP	Syn Sent	169.254.100.188	49717	169.254.32.1	445	5	9/28/2022 9:45:25 PM	mssecsvc2.0	
Ransomware.wannacr	52	TCP	Syn Sent	169.254.100.188	49719	169.254.33.1	445	5	9/28/2022 9:45:25 PM	mssecsvc2.0	
Ransomware.wannacr	52	TCP	Syn Sent	169.254.100.188	49720	169.254.34.1	445	5	9/28/2022 9:45:26 PM	mssecsvc2.0	
Ransomware.wannacr	52	TCP	Syn Sent	169.254.100.188	49722	169.254.35.1	445	5	9/28/2022 9:45:26 PM	mssecsvc2.0	
r Ransomware.wannacr	52	TCP	Syn Sent	169.254.100.188	49723	169.254.36.1	445	5	9/28/2022 9:45:26 PM	mssecsvc2.0	
Ransomware.wannacr	52	TCP	Syn Sent	169.254.100.188	49724	169.254.37.1	445	5	9/28/2022 9:45:26 PM	mssecsvc2.0	
■ System	4	TCP	Listen	0.0.0.0	445	0.0.0.0	(0	9/28/2022 9:43:01 PM	System	
■ System	4	TCP	Listen	0.0.0.0	5357	0.0.0.0	(0	9/28/2022 9:43:07 PM	System	

Fig -11 - Taskche.exe tries to locate and infect computer using port 445(SMB)



Fig – 12 – Procmon Process tree for wannacry.

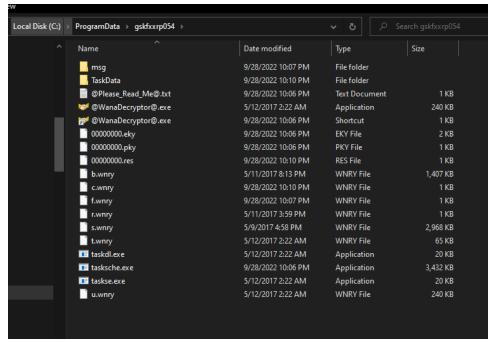


Fig - 13 - New Folder Created with random name in C:/ProgramData/{random name}

10:26: 📧 Ransomware.w	4784	CreateFileMappC:\Windows\SysWOW64\cryptsp.d	II SUCC	ESS	SyncType: SyncTy	
10:26: Ransomware.w	4784	CreateFile C:\Windows\SysWOW64\rsaenh.d	SUCC	ESS	Desired Access: R	
10:26: • Ransomware.w	4784	CreateFile C:\Windows\SysWOW64\vsaenh.d	SUCC	ESS	Desired Access: R	
10:26:	4784	CreateFileMappC:\Windows\SysWOW64\rsaenh.d	I FILE I	OCKED WI	SyncType: SyncTy	
10:26: Ransomware.w	4784	Create File Mapp C:\Windows\SysWOW64\saenh.d	L SUCC	ESS	SyncType: SyncTy	
10:26:	1248	Create File C:\Windows\tasksche.exe	SUCC	ESS	Desired Access: R	
10:26:	1248	CreateFile C:\Windows\tasksche.exe	SUCC	ESS	Desired Access: R	
10:26: Ransomware.w	1248	Create File C:\Windows\tasksche.exe	SUCC	ESS	Desired Access: R	
10:26:	1248	CreateFileMappC:\Windows\tasksche.exe	SUCC	ESS	SyncType: SyncTy	
10:26: Ransomware.w	1248	CreateFileMappC:\Windows\tasksche.exe	FILE	LOCKED WI	SyncType: SyncTy	
10:26: • Ransomware.w	1248	Create File Mapp C:\Windows\tasksche.exe	SUCC	ESS	SyncType: SyncTy	
10:26: Ransomware.w	1248	Create File U:\\Windows\apppatch\sysmain.sdb	SUCC	ESS	Desired Access: G	
10:26: I Ransomware.w	1248	Create File C:\Windows\apppatch\sysmain.sdb	SUCC	ESS	Desired Access: G	
10:26: Ransomware.w	1248	CreateFileMappC:\Windows\apppatch\sysmain.sdb	FILE	OCKED WIL	SyncType: SyncTy	

Fig - 14 - Creation of taskche.exe file



gpsvc	1016	Group Policy Client		
GraphicsPerfSvc		GraphicsPerfSvc		
gskfxxrp054		acldocep054		
👊 gupdate	Start		Service (gupdate)	
👊 gupdatem	Stop		Service (gupdatem)	
104				

Fig – 15- Task Manager. A service named as the random folder created by malware.



Advanced Static Analysis

Cutter

```
ecx, [var_14h]
esi
dword [InternetOpenUrlA] ; 0x40a138
    dword [IntermetCloseHandle] ; 0x40a13c
```

Fig – 16 –main function Code in Cutter

The kill Switch URL is located in the main method. When the exe file is executed, it runs the InternetOpenA API which requires a URL and result of is in form of boolean which is stored in the edi.



Once that is stored then it checks the edi value if its true that is the malware was able to contact the url then it would not execute and goto the right side of code.

On the other hand if it did not contact the url then it will goto the left side of code and execute the rest of malware functionality.



Advanced Dynamic Analysis

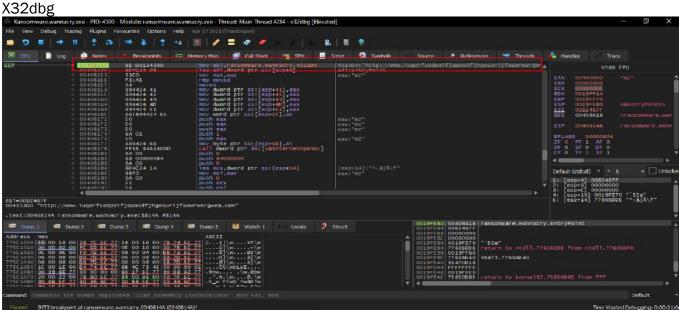


Fig-17 - Set a Break point on the kill switch url

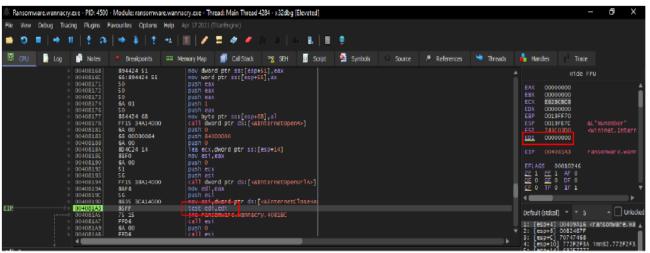


Fig -18 - The kill switch was not found hence EDI value is 0



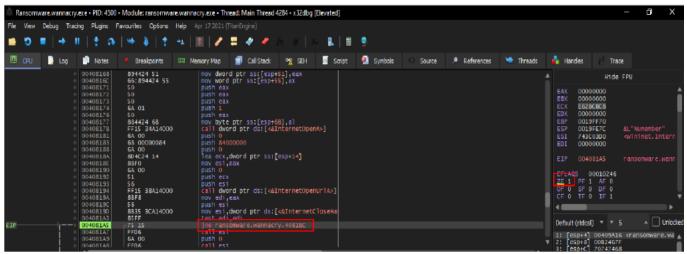


Fig - 19- The zero is elevated to 1 but we change it to 0

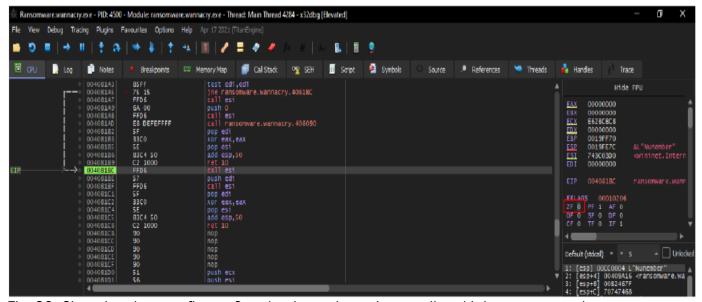


Fig -20 -Changing the zero flag to 0 make the malware jump call and it is not executed



Indicators of Compromise

The full list of IOCs can be found in the Appendices.

Network Indicators

Fig -21 - Initial Connection to kill switch Url

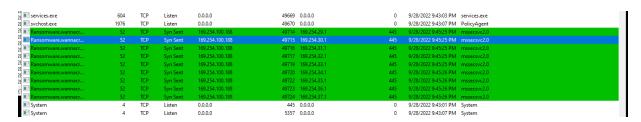


Fig - 22- Locating other machine and exploiting SMB on port 445

Host-based Indicators



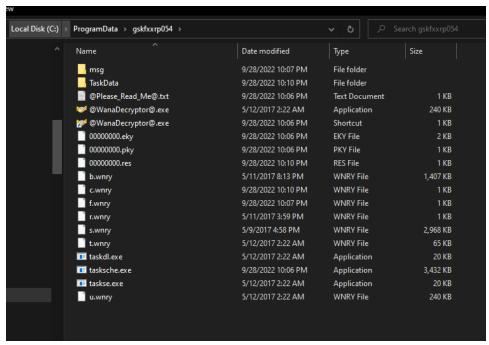


Fig-23 - New Folder Created with random name



Fig- 24- Payment Screen, wannadecrpytor and desktop background changed.



Rules & Signatures

A full set of YARA rules is included in Appendix A.

Appendices

A. Yara Rules

```
rule RansomWare_WannaCry{
   meta:
       last_update = "2022-09-29"
       author = "Vishal Pathal(2sabo3)"
       description= "Yara Rule for WannaCry RansomWare"
       $string1 = "attrib +h ." fullword ascii
       $string2 = "icacls /grant Everyone:F /T /C /Q" fullword ascii
       $string3 = "C:\\%s\\qeriuwjhrf" fullword ascii
       $string4 = "WNcry@2017" fullword ascii
       $string5 = "wnry" fullword ascii
        $url = "www.iuqerfsodp9ifjaposdfjhgosurijfaewerwergwea.local" ascii
       $payload = "taskche.exe" ascii
       $PE_magic_byte = "MZ"
       condition:
            $PE_magic_byte at 0 and
            ($url or 1 of ($string*) or $payload)
```



B. Decompiled Code Snippets

```
byte [var_5bh], al
dword [internetOpenA]
0
0x84000000
             ecx, [var_14h]
esi, eax
           ecx
est
dword [InternetOperUrlA] ; 0x40a138
edf, eax
est
est, dword [InternetCloseHandle] ; 0x40a13c
edf, edf
0x40a1bc
                                                                                    MADEST DC ]
ESI
EGI
EGI
EGI
EGX, ESX
ESI
ESP, 0x50
                           [0x004081a7]
call esi
push 0
call esi
call fcn,
pop edi
xor eax,
pop esi
add esp,
ret 0x10
                                           eax, eax
esi
```