

SO-Investigation Report



Introduction

This report involves the investigation of two pcap files and two emails, through the report we will cover the investigation process, tools, and key findings.

Tools Used

1. Security Onion

We are running Security Onion, using Oracle virtual box for facilitating the investigation process and to make use of all the tools brought with Security Onion.

2. <https://www.encryptomatic.com/viewer/>

We have used this website to help view the emails and download their attachments.

3. Virus Total, Cisco Talos, hybrid-analysis.com.

We have used the tools above for malware file(s) analysis.

4. SGUIL

We have used SGUIL, to view any alerts that may help us and facilitate the investigation process.

5. Wireshark

We have used Wireshark for packet analysis and host identification.

6. Kibana

We have used Kibana to help us with filtering and further investigation.

First Case Investigation

Overview of Victim(s) Information

Start and End Time of The Malicious Activity

The start date of the malicious activity is:

December 14th 2017, 23:03:58 PM.

The last malicious activity was recorded on:

December 14th 2017, 23:14:47 PM.

Victim Email

chris.lyons@supercarcenterdetroit.com

Victim PC Host Name

Chris-Lyons-PC

Victim PC MAC Address

00:22:15:d4:9a:e7

Victim PC IP Address

10.1.1.97

Types of Noted Malicious Activities

Phishing, Malware Installation, and Data Exfiltration.

Indicators of Malicious Activity

- Installed malware on the victim's PC.
- Huge post requests to a large number of websites.

Summary

On December 14th, 2017, a phishing email was sent to chris.lyons@supercarcenterdetroit.com containing a malicious attachment, "Proforma Invoice P101092292891 TT slip pdf.rar.zip." Upon opening the attachment, a Formbook malware was installed on the victim's PC (Chris-Lyons-PC, IP: 10.1.1.97, MAC: 00:22:15:d4:9a:e7). This malware initiated data exfiltration by sending large encoded POST requests to multiple domains.

Email Investigation

We started by uploading the mail to www.encryptomatic.com/viewer/, we can identify this mail as a phishing mail, for further investigation and confirmation let's view the downloaded attachment "Proforma Invoice P101092292891 TT slip pdf.rar.zip".

Upload and View a .EML, .MSG or winmail.dat message

Choose File No file chosen

(max 75 MB)

View

File: 2017-12-14-malicious-email-1814-UTC.eml 316446 bytes

Fw: Re: Pl no. SO-P101092262891

From:	Le Huong-accounts <LeHuong-accounts@gmail.com>
To:	chris.lyons@supercarcenterdetroit.com
Sent time:	14 Dec, 2017 6:14:14 PM
Attachments:	Proforma Invoice P101092292891 TT slip pdf.rar.zip

Dear all,

We've made balance payment for attached invoice on 14/12/2017.
Our below forwarder will contact your side for pickup arrangement:

EVO Logistics Pte Ltd
No 7, Airline Road, #05-08, Cargo Agent Building E, Singapore 819834.
PIC: Lucy Tiew (Email: lucy@evvtlogistics.com.sg)

There's no need to send the original Tax Invoice or Declaration Letter together with the goods.

Thank you,
Huong Le

Email Attachment Analysis

Uploading to Virus Total

We can easily see that the attachment “Proforma Invoice P101092292891 TT slip pdf.rar.zip” is malicious.


The screenshot shows the VirusTotal analysis interface. At the top, a red circle indicates a 'Community Score' of 54 out of 65. Below this, a message states '54/65 security vendors flagged this file as malicious'. The file's SHA-256 hash is displayed as 435bfc4c3a3c887fd39c058e8c11863d5dd1f05e0c7a86e232c93d0e979fdb28. The file size is 223.10 KB, and it was last analyzed 5 days ago. The analysis shows the file is a ZIP archive containing a PDF document. The 'DETECTION' tab is active, showing a list of security vendors and their results. The 'COMMUNITY' tab is also visible, showing a list of popular threat labels and family labels. The 'DETECTION' tab shows a list of security vendors and their results, including Acronis (Static ML), Alibaba, Antiy-AVL, Avast, and Avira (no cloud). The 'COMMUNITY' tab shows a list of popular threat labels and family labels, including trojan.noon/hplok and trojan.generic.D232CB01.

Security vendors' analysis	Threat categories	Family labels
Acronis (Static ML)	Suspicious	Win-Trojan/VBKrypt.RP02.X1828
Alibaba	Trojan:Package/phishing.8	Trojan:Win/Injector.UVU
Antiy-AVL	HackTool[VirTool]/Win32.VBInject	Trojan.Generic.D232CB01
Avast	Win32:Evo-gen [Trj]	Win32:Evo-gen [Trj]
Avira (no cloud)	HIDDENEXT/Worm.Gen	Trojan.GenericKD.36883201

Uploading to Cisco Talos

Trojan.PWS.Stealer.20273 is an interesting finding since it aligns with the IDS Alert of SGUIL.

FILE REPUTATION



Malicious

TALOS WEIGHTED FILE REPUTATION SCORE

Score not available.

Think this reputation is incorrect?

Submit a File Reputation Ticket

SHA256

9A9D7A41C404B9044A82727996D53222D996F03D71E4839245DBEEAF4C685F77

Clicking the above SHA256 will redirect you to Cisco ThreatGrid. This service requires a ThreatGrid subscription.

FILE SIZE	471040 bytes
SAMPLE TYPE	PE32 executable (GUI) Intel 80386, for MS Windows, 3 sections
CISCO SECURE ENDPOINT DETECTION NAME	Formbook::gravity::W32.Malwaregen:Trojan.22ev.1201

*Limited to SHA256 lookup

ASSOCIATED DOMAINS FOR THIS HASH

Domains not available.

DETECTION ALIASES

Win-Trojan/VBKrypt.RP02.X1828

detected

Win32.Evo-gen [Trj]

Gen-Heur.PonyStealer.Cm0@daFRfHob

heuristic

Win.Malware.Noon-6903088-0

win/malicious_confidence_100

Trojan.PWS.Stealer.20273

malicious (high confidence)

Detected

Uploading to hybrid-analysis.com

We can see that the malware was tagged for extracted files.

Falcon Sandbox Reports (12)

SHA256: 9a9d7a41c404b9044a82727996d53222d996f03d71e4839245dbeeaf4c685f77

Multi-Process

Extracted Files

Sample not shared





Network Traffic

TOR analysis

Decrypted SSL traffic

Finished (4)

Rejected/Failed (8)

Timestamp	Input	Threat Level	Analysis Summary
October 31st 2022 22:27:59 (UTC)	Proforma Invoice P101092292891 TT slip pdf.rar.exe	malicious	Threat Score: 100/100 Indicators: 7 20 16 Characteristics:  Malware
October 23rd 2018 00:29:01 (UTC)	Proforma Invoice P101092292891 TT slip pdf.rar.exe	malicious	Threat Score: 88/100 Indicators:  Characteristics:  Malware
March 20th 2018 01:43:39 (UTC)	Proforma Invoice P101092292891 TT slip pdf.rar.exe	malicious	Threat Score: 100/100 Indicators: 15 26 16 Characteristics:  Malware

Overview of The Mail Attachment

The user seems to have installed a malicious attachment “Proforma Invoice P101092292891 TT slip pdf.rar.zip” with the sha256sum:”435bfc4c3a3c887fd39c058e8c11863d5dd1f05e0c7a86e232c93d0e979fdb28”, That seems to be a formbook malware used to steal the users credentials.

Investigating Using SGUIL

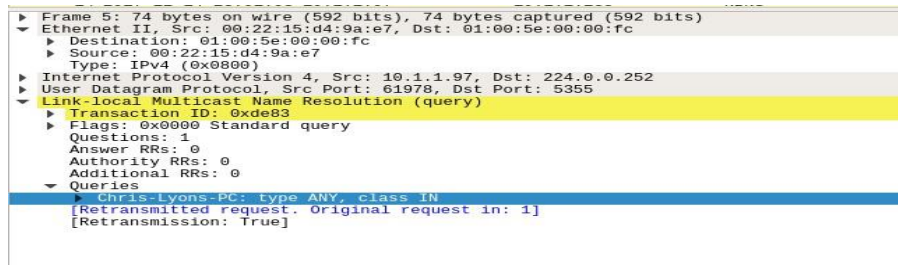
We can find one associated alert, with the formbook malware at the ip “10.1.1.97” and the event message “ET Trojan Formbook 0.3 Checkin”, which upon viewing the transcript seems to be a large encoded post request for the domain “34.233.12.255” which might be a possible data exfiltration, and we can also identify the malware family “password stealer” from the rule.

221	seconds...	5.1182	2017-12-14 23:03:58	10.1.1.97	49160	34.233.12.25	80	6	ET TROJAN Formbook 0.3 Checkin
1	seconds...	5.1463	2017-12-15 00:00:39	10.1.1.213	50269	10.1.1.1	53	17	ET INFO DNS Query for Suspicious gph Domain
4	seconds...	5.1464	2017-12-15 00:00:36	10.1.1.213	50269	10.1.1.213	49168	6	ET POLICY Scanview Keep-alive record
3	seconds...	5.149	2018-08-11 05:15:17	192.168.1.95	54535	192.168.1.6	53	17	ET POLICY DNS Update From External net

IP Resolution		Agent Status		Short Status	
Reverse DNS		Enable External DNS			
Src IP: 10.1.1.97					
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Identifying The Host Using Wireshark

We have investigated the associated pcap file “import1.pcap”, to extract the host information associated with the ip address “10.1.1.97”, host-pc-name: “Chris-Lyons-PC”, host-MAC-address: “00:22:15:d4:9a:e7”.



Further Investigation Using Kibana

We have found out multiple sites, with a huge number of post requests being sent to, which we suspect to be associated data exfiltration, however we failed to identify the motive behind sending the data to multiple domains.

Upon checking the sites on VirusTotal, we found none to be malicious however we still think they are associated with the data exfiltration process.

HTTP - Sites	
Site	Site
108.61.179.223	
www.jvfilmmakers.com	www.kowollik.email
www.sparkyoursukha.com	www.seorowipe.com
www.100placesbandb.com	www.sosssou.com
www.canamultimedia.com	
www.cerebrumfriend.info	www.texowipu14.win
www.ellentscm.info	www.xn--jjq193ajmav75c.com
www.gatinhas.net	www.msftncsi.com
www.gotrkx.com	
www.jufa123.com	

NIDS - Alert Summary			
Alert	Source IP Address	Destination IP Address	Count
ET TROJAN Formbook 0.3 Checkin	10.1.1.97	34.233.12.25	26
ET TROJAN Formbook 0.3 Checkin	10.1.1.97	69.164.223.38	26
ET TROJAN Formbook 0.3 Checkin	10.1.1.97	81.169.145.159	26
ET TROJAN Formbook 0.3 Checkin	10.1.1.97	91.216.107.226	26
ET TROJAN Formbook 0.3 Checkin	10.1.1.97	103.224.212.222	26
ET TROJAN Formbook 0.3 Checkin	10.1.1.97	162.255.119.15	26
ET TROJAN Formbook 0.3 Checkin	10.1.1.97	175.103.55.71	26
ET TROJAN Formbook 0.3 Checkin	10.1.1.97	198.187.29.22	26
ET TROJAN Formbook 0.3 Checkin	10.1.1.97	162.213.255.172	13

The last malicious data exfiltration activity was recorded on December 14th 2017, 22:14:47.

Time	source_ip	source_port	destination_ip	destination_port	_id
December 14th 2017, 22:14:47.000	10.1.1.97	49212	103.224.212.222	80	HsObfpQ8uh5tBLy9DS8s

Second Case Investigation

Overview of Victim(s) Information

Start and End Time of The Malicious Activity

The start date of the malicious activity is:

14 Dec, 2017 00:39:37 PM.

The last malicious activity was recorded on:

15 Dec, 2017 00:49:28 PM.

Victim Email

darnell@castillomotorsports.com

Victim PC Host Name

Darnell-PC

Victim PC MAC Address

00:08:7c:39:da:12

Victim PC IP Address

10.1.1.213

Types of Noted Malicious Activities

Phishing, Malware Installation, and Suspicious Remote Access.

Indicators of Malicious Activity

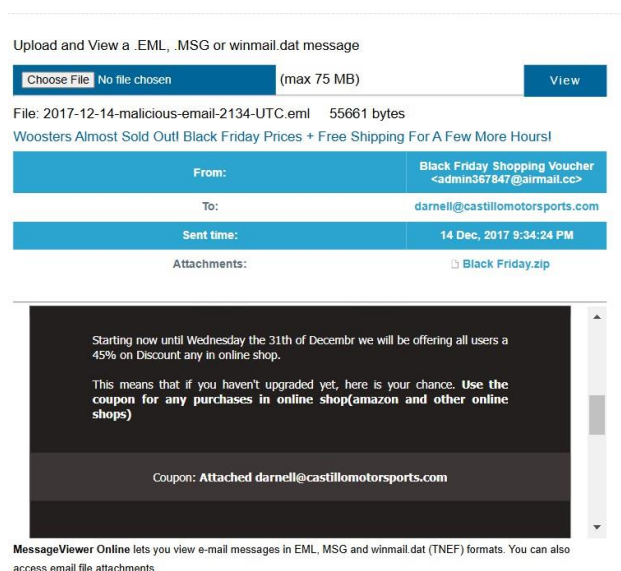
- An installed malware was identified on the victim's PC.
- Visiting a suspicious website.
- Suspicious remote access.

Summary

On December 14th, 2017, a phishing email was sent to darnell@castillomotorsports.com containing a malicious attachment, "Black Friday.zip." Upon opening, a downloader Trojan (BlackFriday.docx,SHA256:a7447db99ba60c2f7bfd9e9bcfadfb05a4fc0ea214450b76ea85d386db1f727b) was executed on the victim's PC (Darnell-PC, IP: 10.1.1.213, MAC: 00:08:7c:39:da:12), The malware acted as a downloader to retrieve additional malicious content from forum.cryptopia.gdn, That then leads to downloading the malwares associated with TeamViewer.

Email Investigation

We started by uploading the mail to www.encryptomatic.com/viewer/, we can identify this mail as a phishing mail, for further investigation and confirmation let's view the downloaded attachment.



Email Attachment Analysis

Note: we have used both the attachment "Black Friday.zip" itself, and the hash using sha256sum "a7447db99ba60c2f7bfd9e9bcfadfb05a4fc0ea214450b76ea85d386db1f727b" of the attachment for the analysis.

Uploading to Virus Total

We can find that the malware was identified as downloader malware, which upon research is used for downloading more malwares.

The screenshot shows the VirusTotal analysis interface for the file 'BlackFriday.docx' (SHA256: a7447db99ba60c277bfd9e9bcbadfb05a4fc0ea214450b76ea85d386db1f727b). The community score is 34/64, indicating it is malicious. The file is categorized as a 'downloader' and 'trojan'. A table lists security vendors' analysis results:

Security vendors' analysis	Threat categories	Family Labels
AhnLab-V3	VBS/Downloader	TrojanDownloader.Office/Donvbs.e6f6b...
AliCloud	Trojan(downloader).Win/Agent.PLK	Trojan.Downloader.DOC.Gen
Arcabit	Trojan.Doc.Downloader.AGL	VBS.Downloader.BEX [Trj]
AVG	VBS:Downloader-BEX [Trj]	Trojan.Doc.Downloader.AGL

Uploading to Cisco Talos

Again VBS/Downloader

The screenshot shows the Cisco Talos File Reputation page for the file 'BlackFriday.docx'. The file is identified as 'Malicious' with a SHA256 hash of A7447DB99BA60C277BFD9E9BCFADF05A4FC0EA214450B76EA85D386DB1F727B. The file size is 48596 bytes, and the sample type is 'Microsoft Word 2007+'. The Cisco Secure Endpoint detection name is 'W32.A7447DB99B-95.SBX.TG'. The Talos Weighted File Reputation Score is 'Score not available'. The page also lists associated domains and detection aliases.

Uploading to hybrid-analysis.com

Decrypted SSL Traffic, may be in association with "forum.cryptopia.gdn".

The screenshot shows the Falcon Sandbox Reports for the file 'BlackFriday.docx'. The reports are categorized by 'Finished (5)' and 'Rejected/Failed (5)'. The table below summarizes the analysis results:

Timestamp	Input	Threat Level	Analysis Summary
January 31st 2023 12:52:27 (UTC)	Black Friday.docx	malicious	Threat Score: 100/100 Indicators: 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100 Characteristics: Msoffice/malicious_confiden
March 17th 2021 03:15:32 (UTC)	Black_Friday.docx	malicious	Threat Score: 78/100 Indicators: 3 Msoffice/malicious_confiden
September 27th 2019 02:48:49 (UTC)	Black Friday.docx	malicious	Threat Score: 99/100 Indicators: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100 Characteristics: Msoffice/malicious_confiden

Overview of The Mail Attachment

The user seems to have installed a downloader trojan “Black Friday.docx” with the sha256sum: “a7447db99ba60c2f7bfd9e9bcfadfb05a4fc0ea214450b76ea85d386db1f727b”, upon a quick google search we can find that it’s used to download additional content, such as more malware, onto the infected computer.

Investigating Using SGUIL

We can find two associated alerts, with the IP address “10.1.1.213” belonging to Darnell.

The first event message is “ET INFO DNS Query for suspicious gdn Domain”.

The screenshot shows the SGUIL interface. The top pane displays event logs with the following entries:

RT	1	second...	5.1403	2017-12-15 00:39:37	10.1.1.213	55269	10.1.1.1	53	17	ET INFO DNS Query for Suspicious_gdn Domain
RT	4	second...	5.1404	2017-12-15 00:40:56	184.172.60.198	5938	10.1.1.213	49168	6	ET POLICY TeamViewer Keep-alive inbound
RT	3	second...	5.149	2018-08-11 05:15:17	192.168.1.95	54515	192.168.1.6	53	17	ET POLICY DNS Update From External net

The bottom pane shows packet details for the selected event. The packet is a UDP packet from 10.1.1.213 to 10.1.1.1, port 53. The payload is a DNS query for forum.cryptopia.gdn.

Wireshark Analysis

We can find that the user asked for the site “forum.cryptopia.gdn” which has the IP address “185.92.222.9”.

The screenshot shows a Wireshark capture of a DNS query and response. The packet list shows:

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Host	Info
1	2017-12-15 00:39:37	10.1.1.213	10.1.1.1	DNS		Standard query 0x0252 A forum.cryptopia.gdn
2	2017-12-15 00:39:37	10.1.1.1	10.1.1.213	DNS		Standard query response 0x0252 A forum.cryptopia.gdn A 185.92.222.9

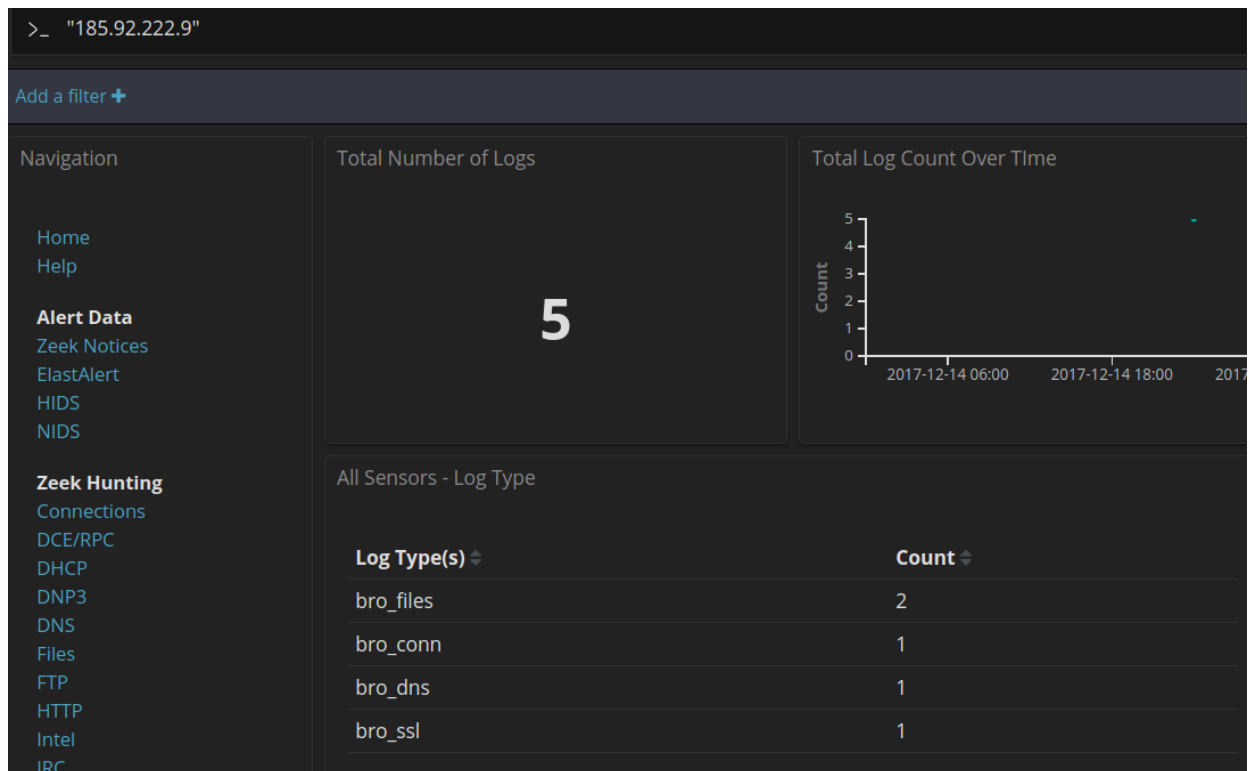
The packet details pane shows the structure of the DNS response:

- Frame 2: 514 bytes on wire (4112 bits), 514 bytes captured (4112 bits)
- Ethernet II, Src: 84:34:97:bd:a1:2c, Dst: 08:08:7c:39:da:12
- Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.1.1.1, Dst: 10.1.1.213
- User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 53, Dst Port: 55269
- Domain Name System (response)
 - Transaction ID: 0x0252
 - Flags: 0x8180 Standard query response, No error
 - Questions: 1
 - Answer RRs: 1
 - Authority RRs: 13
 - Additional RRs: 13
 - Queries
 - Answers
 - forum.cryptopia.gdn: type A, class IN, addr 185.92.222.9
 - Authoritative nameservers
 - Additional records
 - [Request In: 1]
 - [Time: 0.065055000 seconds]

IP Lookup Using Kibana

Upon further investigation, we found that this IP uses SSL, which means that the traffic is encrypted and leaving us with little details about what happened, we

▶ December 15th 2017, 00:39:37.442	10.1.1.213	49158	🔍 185.92.222.9	443
▶ December 15th 2017, 00:39:37.229	10.1.1.213	49158	185.92.222.9	443



The second event message is “ET Policy TeamViewer Keep-alive inbound”.

We assume that the user has installed malware from the site “forum.cryptopia.gdn” which leads to the malware associated with TeamViewer.

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We can see that the user Chris “10.1.1.213” initiated the connection with “184.172.60.198”, upon more investigation we can also find the IP “184.172.60.198” is using port 5938, which upon Google search, we can conclude that it’s acting as a TeamViewer server that our user Chris “10.1.1.213” is trying to connect on.

[10.1.1.213:49168_184.172.60.198:5938-6-2061193617.pcap](#)

Port 5938

TCP

UDP

TeamViewer - Remote Desktop

Unofficial

Un-Encrypted

App Risk

Packet Captures

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TeamViewer remote desktop and access protocol

TeamViewer is a tool used to gain access easily to a remote computer without any special kind of network or firewall configuration required, only the TeamViewer client installed at either site.

The machine you're trying to access will first try to connect to the TeamViewer servers via an outbound connection on port 5938, as the connection is outbound it does not require any inbound firewall rules.

In some cases, this port may be blocked, so the protocol will fall back to using the HTTPs port (TCP/443) or finally the HTTP port (TCP/80), typically these are always opened so that clients can get access to internet based web servers.

Identifying The Host Using Wireshark

We have investigated the associated pcap file “2017-12-15-traffic-analysis-exercise-2-of-2.pcap”, to extract the host information associated with the IP address “10.1.1.213”, host-pc-name: “Darnell-PC”, host-MAC-address: “00:08:7c:39:da:12”.

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▶ Frame 7: 70 bytes on wire (560 bits), 70 bytes captured (560 bits) on interface 0
  ▶ Ethernet II, Src: 00:08:7c:39:da:12, Dst: 01:00:5e:00:00:fc
    ▶ Destination: 01:00:5e:00:00:fc
    ▶ Source: 00:08:7c:39:da:12
    ▶ Type: IPv4 (0x0800)
  ▶ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.1.1.213, Dst: 224.0.0.252
    0100 .... = Version: 4
    .... 0101 = Header Length: 20 bytes (5)
    ▶ Differentiated Services Field: 0x00 (DSCP: CS0, ECN: Not-ECT)
    Total Length: 56
    Identification: 0x001e (30)
    ▶ Flags: 0x0000
    Time to live: 1
    Protocol: UDP (17)
    Header checksum: 0xccc5 [validation disabled]
    [Header checksum status: Unverified]
    Source: 10.1.1.213
    Destination: 224.0.0.252
  ▶ User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 55525, Dst Port: 5355
  ▶ Link-local Multicast Name Resolution (query)
    ▶ Transaction ID: 0x6ef8
    ▶ Flags: 0x0000 Standard query
    Questions: 1
    Answer RRs: 0
    Authority RRs: 0
    Additional RRs: 0
  ▶ Queries
    ▶ Darnell-PC: type ANY, class IN
    [Retransmitted request. Original request in: 3]
    [Retransmission: True]
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Further Investigation Using Kibana

Suspicious Logs

We couldn't identify the motivation behind this log, however, the inclusion of PC information within it seems suspicious, We can identify a suspicious URL-encoded request with Darnell-PC Information.

Here is another log, that seems to be a request for a ncsi.txt file, which is associated with checking the network connection.

The Relationship Between The Two Incidents

We believe that those are two separate incidents for the following reasons:

- Usage of different company mails.
Darnell is using the email darnell@castillomotorsports.com
Chris is using the email chris.lyons@supercarcenterdetroit.com
- We have collected no evidence proving any relation between the two incidents.

Perhaps the similarity of the IP Addresses, “10.1.1.9” and “10.1.1.213” comes from the fact that they are private ip addresses, which can be used for different companies.

The similarities between the two incidents are:

- Both incidents started around the same date.

The first incident alert was on 14 Dec 2017 at 23:03:58 PM.

The second incident alert was on 15 Dec 2017 at 00:39:37 PM.

- Both victims were victims of a phishing mail containing malware.
Darnel has installed the malware attachment "Black Friday.zip".
Chris has installed the malware attachment "Proforma Invoice P101092292891 TT slip .pdf.rar.zip".

Mitigation Strategies:

Immediate actions:

- Isolate the infected devices
- Malware removal
- Disabling remote access
- Block the malicious IPs discovered

Long-term actions:

- DNS filtering
- Implement an email gateway solution
- Implement DLP solution
- Install EDR and A/V on endpoint devices