

Balancing the Pwn Trade Deficit Series: APT Secrets in Asia

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There is no national secret here 😊

**We welcome spies and SS here.
Spies/SS are human, too :)**

Why we are here again

- Last year, Val Smith, Colin Ames and I (Anthony) have worked together on analyzing China-made malware, making first east-meets-west research and studies. We continue this effort.
- This year, we have dealt with many targeted attack cases, we would like to share the case studies with you and the correlation analysis with my Taiwanese research fellows.
- We are happy about this presentation is accepted in first-round selection of DEFCON 19, however, it is rejected in Blackhat with reviewer comment: “*We are curious about your automated analysis.*” - Thank you for their comment ;-)

Who we are?

- **Anthony Lai (a.k.a Darkfloyd)**
 - He works on code audit, penetration test, crime investigation and threat analysis and acted as security consultant in various MNCs. His interest falls on studying exploit, reverse engineering, analyse threat and join CTFs, it would be nice to keep going and boost this China-made security wind in malware analysis and advanced persistent threat areas.
 - He found security research group called VXRL in Hong Kong and has been working as visiting lecturer in HK Polytechnic University on hacking course :)
 - Spoken at Blackhat USA 2010, DEFCON 18 and Hack In Taiwan 2010/2011

- **Benson Wu**

- He currently works as Postdoctoral Researcher from Research Center for Information Technology Innovation at Academia Sinica in Taiwan.
- He focuses research on malware and threat analysis, code review, secure coding and SDLC process implementation. He graduated from National Taiwan University with PhD degree in Electrical Engineering. He had spoken at NIST SATE 2009, DEFCON 18 (with Birdman), OWASP China 2010, and wrote the "Web Application Security Guideline" for the Taiwan government.

- **Jeremy Chiu (a.k.a Birdman)**

- He has more than ten years of experience with host-based security, focusing on kernel technologies for both the Win32 and Linux platforms. In early 2001 he was created Taiwan's first widespread trojan BirdSPY. The court dropped charges after Jeremy committed to allocate part of his future time to assist Taiwan law enforcement in digital forensics and incidence response.
- Jeremy specializes in rootkit/backdoor design. Jeremy also specializes in reverse engineering and malware analysis, and has been contracted by law enforcements to assist in forensics operations. Jeremy is a sought-after speaker for topics related to security, kernel programming, and object-oriented design

- **PK**
 - Peikan (aka PK) has intensive computer forensic, malware and exploit analysis and reverse engineering experience. He has been the speaker in Syscan and HIT (Hack In Taiwan) and convey various training and workshop for practitioners.

Agenda

- APT Vs Malware
- Case Studies
- Research Methodology
- Clustering Analysis and Results

Abstract

- APT (Advanced Persistent Threat) means any targeted attacks against any specific company/organization from an or/and a group of organized attack party(ies).
- Other than providing the case studies, we would like to present and analyze APT from the malicious email document, throughout our automated analysis, we could identify and cluster the correlation among the samples featured with various exploit, malware and Botnet .

Major APT Activity: Targeted-Attack Email

- We have observed there are three major types of Targeted-Attack Email:
 1. Phishing mail: Steal user ID and password
 2. Malicious script: Detect end-use computing environment
 3. Install and deploy Malware (Botnet) !



APT Attack Vs Traditional Botnet Activities

	APT Botnet Activities	Traditional Botnet Activities
Distribution	With organized planning	Mass distribution over regions
Cause damage?	No	No
Targeted or not?	Targeted (only a few groups/organizations)	Not targeted (large area spreadout)
Target Audience	Particular organization/company	Individual credentials including online banking account information
Attack Effective Duration	Long duration	Relative Short
Frequency of attacks	Many times	Once or twice
Weapon	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 0-day Exploit• Drop Embedded Malware	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use existent multiple exploits• URL Download Malware
AV Detection Rate	Detection rate is lower than 10% if the sample comes out within one month	Detection rate is around 95% if the sample comes out within one month

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Remarks: IPS, IDS and Firewall cannot help and detect in this area

Part 1: Case Studies: Against a Political Party in Hong Kong



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Case 1: Calling from Mr. X

- Mr. X is one of the key persons of political party in Hong Kong.
- He dropped us an email as he feels suspicious on an attachment called meeting.zip and it contains two files, agenda.doc and minutes.doc
- It looks like a member meeting agenda.
- The email targets all committee members in his organization.
- Mr. X said he always got this kind of mails before 4 June, 1 July and election.



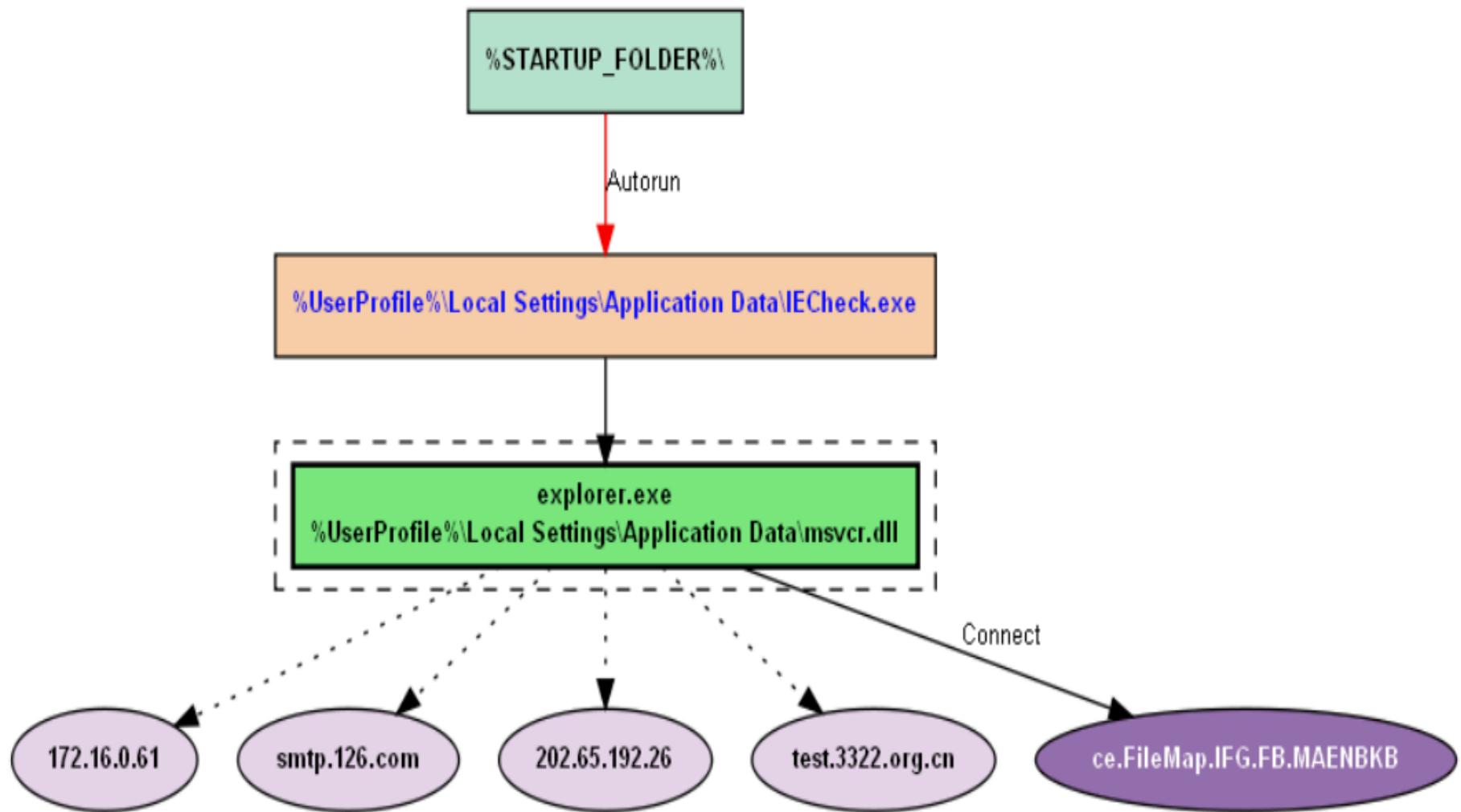
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Analysis

- Running analysis in our Xecure analyzer engine
- Basically, it is not a fake.doc but a PE file and minutes.doc is a document shortcut .lnk file which triggers to execute agenda.doc



Xecure Analyzer Engine



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%UserProfile%\Local Settings\Application Data\IECheck.exe

(D24BB2618C181EFF733801BAFF14D4AF)

Malware Family

Build Time 2011-05

Malware Type **China Spyware**

Severity



- Behavior
- This Malware has been identified the following behavior: **DLL-Injection (Target: explorer.exe), Fake Program functions.**

- Modules
- Base=02470000 Size=00039000
explorer.exe

- Files
- [EXE] **%UserProfile%\Local Settings\Application Data\IECheck.exe** (Copyright (C) Microsoft Corp. 1997-2005)
D24BB2618C181EFF733801BAFF14D4AF

- [DLL] **%UserProfile%\Local Settings\Application Data\msvcr.dll** (Microsoft)
2353BD4D09909CFB672814E0D40FEE4E

- Autoruns
- %STARTUP_FOLDER%\

- 172.16.0.61
- 202.65.192.26
- ce.filemap.ifg.fb.maenbkb
- smtp.126.com
- test.3322.org.cn

Network

Analysis - CnC location

- Connect to remote IP address in Hong Kong at 8080 port.
- It is still alive ☺



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Analysis – CaptureBAT

Recorded in chronological order

C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Local Settings\Application Data\ws2help.PNF was added by “Agenda.doc”

C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Local Settings\Application Data\msvcr.dll was added by “Agenda.doc”

C:\WINDOWS\system32\netstat.exe was [written/accessed] by “Agenda.doc”

C:\WINDOWS\inf\1.txt was deleted by “Agenda.doc”

C:\WINDOWS\system32\netstat.exe was modified by “Agenda.doc”



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C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Local Settings\Application Data\IECheck.exe was added by “Agenda.doc”

C:\WINDOWS\system32\ipsecstap.dat was added by “explorer.exe”

C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Start Menu\Programs\\Startup\Internet Explorer Security Check.lnk was added by
“explorer.exe”



Analysis - Regshot

Files added

C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Local Settings
 \Application Data\IECheck.exe

C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Local Settings
 \Application Data\msvcr.dll

C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Local Settings
 \Application Data\ws2help.PNF

C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\My Documents
 \My Pictures\ @_D.tmp

C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Start Menu
 \Programs\Startup\Internet Explorer Security Check.lnk

C:\WINDOWS\system32\2525

C:\WINDOWS\system32\ipsecstap.dat

Files deleted

C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Desktop
 \Democracy Depot meeting\Sample\Agenda.doc

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Analysis - Target popular IM and emails

The screenshot shows four windows of the IDA Pro debugger, each displaying assembly code for different functions related to IM and email handling.

- Top Left Window:** Shows assembly code for a function named loc_404FB1. The code uses ebx, ecx, and esi registers. It includes calls to ??4CString@@QAEABU0QPBD@Z (CString::operator=(char const *)) and strstr. The assembly code is:

```
loc_404FB1:
mov    ecx, [ebp+var_4]
lea    eax, [ebp+FindFileDialog.cFileName]
push   eax
call   ??4CString@@QAEABU0QPBD@Z ; CString::operator=(char const *)
lea    eax, [ebp+FindFileDialog.cFileName]
push   offset aQQ      ; "QQ"
push   eax              ; char *
call   esi ; strstr
pop    ecx
test   eax, eax
pop    ecx
short loc_405038
```
- Bottom Left Window:** Shows assembly code for a function that handles Foxmail. The assembly code is:

```
lea    eax, [ebp+FindFileDialog.cFileName]
push   offset aFoxmail ; "Foxmail"
push   eax              ; char *
call   esi ; strstr
pop    ecx
test   eax, eax
pop    ecx
short loc_405038
```
- Middle Right Window:** Shows assembly code for a function that handles Messenger. The assembly code is:

```
lea    eax, [ebp+FindFileDialog.cFileName]
push   offset aMessenger ; "Messenger"
push   eax              ; char *
call   esi ; strstr
pop    ecx
test   eax, eax
pop    ecx
short loc_405038
```
- Bottom Right Window:** Shows assembly code for a function that handles file operations. The assembly code is:

```
lea    eax, [ebp+FindFileDialog]
push   eax              ; lpFindFileDialog
push   edi              ; hFindFile
call   ds:FindNextFileA
test   eax, eax
jnz   short loc_405038

[Call to GetLastError]
call   ds:GetLastError
cmp    eax, 12h
jnz   short loc_405038

[Push and Pop EBX]
push   1
pop    ebx
```

Below the windows, the Windows taskbar is visible, showing the Start button, a search bar with 'ally...', and several pinned icons including Process, Calculator, Democracy, Win, FileInst..., and IDA C... .

Analysis - Injection to explorer.exe

IDA - C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Desktop\Democracy Depot meeting\Agenda.idb (Agenda.doc) - [IDA View-A]

File Edit Jump Search View Debugger Options Windows Help

IDA View-A Hex View-A Exports Imports Names Functions Strings Structures Enums

The image shows the IDA Pro interface with several assembly code snippets displayed in callout boxes. The code is written in Intel x86 assembly language.

- Top Left:** push edi ; dwMilliseconds
call ds:Sleep
cmp [ebp+8], ebx
jz short loc_40307C
- Top Right:** loc_403130:
push ebx
lea eax, [ebp-]
jmp short loc_
- Middle Left:** push offset hObject ; "svchost.exe"
- Middle Center:** loc_40307C: ; "explorer.exe"
push offset aExplorer_exe
jmp short loc_40306B
- Middle Right:** loc_40309B: ; int
push dword ptr [ebp+8]
lea eax, [esi+4]
mov ecx, esi
push eax ; hModule
call sub_403FD7
test eax, eax
jnz loc_40318B
- Bottom Left:** loc_40306B: ; "msvcr.dll"
push offset aMsvcr_dll
mov ecx, esi
call sub_403BBF
jmp loc_40318B
- Bottom Center:** push offset aD11UI2 ; "DLL注入失败!"
call ds:OutputDebugStringA
jmp loc_40318B
- Bottom Right:** loc_40317C:
or dword ptr [esi+4], 1
lea ecx, [esi+4]
call sub_404000

Graph overview

100.00% | (-74,10409) | (788,405) | 00002E15 | 00402E15: sub_402B19+2FC

Database for file 'Agenda.doc' is loaded.
Compiling file 'C:\Program Files\IDA Free\idc\ida.idc'...
Executing function 'main'...

LoadLibrary(C:\Program Files\IDA Free\plugins\zynamics_bindiff_3_2.plw) => error code 127
C:\Program Files\IDA Free\plugins\zynamics_bindiff_3_2.plw: can't load file

LoadLibrary(C:\Program Files\IDA Free\plugins\zynamics_binexport_4_0.plw) => error code 127
C:\Program Files\IDA Free\plugins\zynamics_binexport_4_0.plw: can't load file

Search completed

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Infection Path

- Agenda.doc (Dropper)
 - Create IECheck.exe
 - Copy WS2Help.PNF to application data folder.
 - Change netstat.exe
 - Inject code to msocr.dll and then to explorer.exe
 - Create mutex (VistaDLL Running)
 - Detect anti-virus program including Kapersky
 - Target QQ, MSN, sina, foxmail and hotmail



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Analysis - Encoding Scheme

- XOR encoding only
- Encode and decode the traffic

TCPView

File View Debug Plugins Options Window Help

Paused

Process

C CPU - thread 00000794, module msyncr

Address	Hex dump	ASCII
01046000	11 BD 03 01 2B BD 03 01 23 BA 00 01 F7 BC 03 01	4?0+?0#?0?5?0
01046010	DD BC 03 01 C3 BC 03 01 5B BC 03 01 41 BC 03 01	?0?0?0?0?0A?0
01046020	75 BC 03 01 09 BC 03 01 0F BC 03 01 00 00 00 00	0?0-?0?0?0...
01046030	93 3A 01 01 5B BD 03 01 00 00 00 00 01 D1 03 01	?00?0...?0?
01046040	1B D1 03 01 38 00 01 01 00 00 00 00 DD 26 04 01	+?00?00...?0?
01046050	C6 26 04 01 9E 26 04 01 00 00 00 00 19 97 01 01	?0?0?0...+?0
01046060	00 00 00 00 EB 00 00 01 00 00 00 FF FF FF FF?0...
01046070	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 FF FF FF FF
01046080	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 18 FA 09 00	FF FF FF FF
01046090	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00?.
010460A0	19 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	FF FF FF FF
010460B0	FF	00 00 00 00
010460C0	00 00 00 01 00 00 3D 77 FF FF FF FF 34 A6 80 7C	...0.=W
010460D0	65 A6 80 7C E0 F8 09 00 70 1F 00 01 00 00 00 00	e 1?0..p?0...
010460E0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
010460F0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00

Registers (FPU)

```

EAX 000D92C ASCII "GET / HTTP/1.0\r\n"
ECX 10019BC8 msyncr.10019BC8
EDX 00001717
EBX 00000470
ESP 000D02E8
EBP 000D0958
ESI 1001A1CC ASCII "c9273029a6028971214b123
EDI 10019BC8 msyncr.10019BC8
EIP 1000D438 msyncr.1000D438
C 1 ES 0023 32bit 0(FFFFFF)
P 1 CS 001B 32bit 0(FFFFFF)
R 1 SS 0023 32bit 0(FFFFFF)
R2 0 DS 0023 32bit 0(FFFFFF)
S 1 FS 003B 32bit 7FFDA000(FFF)
T 0 GS 0000 NULL
D 0
O 0 LastErr ERROR_ENVVAR_NOT_FOUND (000000
EFL 00000297 (NO,B,NE,BE,S,PE,L,LE)
ST0 empty +UNORM 0014 00000008 00CDF6C8
ST1 empty 0.011221227975763864e-4933
ST2 empty +UNORM 0E91 00090000 7C91005C
ST3 empty -UNORM EFC8 000AEFE8 7C910560
ST4 empty -UNORM EFC0 00000003 00000000
ST5 empty +UNORM 7A88 7C9105C8 00000000
ST6 empty +UNORM 056D 000309B8 7C910551
ST7 empty 0.0092433099442713240e-4933
      3 2 1 0 E S P U O Z D I
FST 0000 Cond 0 0 0 0 Err 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
FCW 027F Prec NEAR,53 Mask 1 1 1 1 1 1

```

EBP=000D0958

Address	Hex dump	ASCII
000D02E8	10001284	RETURN to msyncr.10001284 from
000D02E9	000D92C	ASCII "GET / HTTP/1.0\r\n"
000D02F0	1001A1CC	HSCI "c9273029a6028971214b123
000D02F1	00000020	
000D02F2	00000010	
000D02F3	0006E3D2	
000D02F4	00000084	
000D02F5	00000084	
000D02F6	00000084	
000D02F7	00000084	
000D02F8	00000084	
000D02F9	00000084	
000D02FA	00000084	
000D02FB	00000084	
000D02FC	00000084	
000D02FD	00000084	
000D02FE	00000084	
000D02FF	00000084	
000D0300	00000084	
000D0301	00000084	
000D0302	00000084	
000D0303	00000084	
000D0304	00000084	
000D0305	00000084	
000D0306	00000084	
000D0307	00000084	
000D0308	00000084	
000D0309	00000084	
000D030A	00000084	
000D030B	00000084	
000D030C	00000084	
000D030D	00000084	
000D030E	00000084	
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000D0310	00000084	
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000D031E	00000084	
000D031F	00000084	
000D0320	00000084	
000D0321	00000084	
000D0322	00000084	
000D0323	00000084	
000D0324	00000084	
000D0325	00000084	
000D0326	00000084	
000D0327	00000084	
000D0328	00000084	
000D0329	00000084	

To direct input to this virtual machine, click inside the window or press **⌘-G**

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CPU - thread 00000794, module msocr

```

1000D438 55 PUSH EBP
1000D439 8BEC MOU EBP,ESP
1000D43B 57 PUSH EDI
1000D43C 33FF XOR EDI,EDI
1000D43E 397D 0C CMP DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+C1],EDI
1000D441 v 74 33 JE SHORT msocr.1000D476
1000D443 397D 14 CMP DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+14],EDI
1000D446 v 7E 2E JLE SHORT msocr.1000D476

1000D448 53 PUSH EBX
1000D449 56 PUSH ESI
1000D44A 8B45 08 MOU EAX,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+8]
1000D44D BB 00010000 MOU EBX,100
1000D452 8D3407 LEA ESI,DWORD PTR DS:[EDI+EAX]
1000D455 8EC7 MOV EAX,EDI
1000D457 99 CDQ
1000D458 F7FD 10 IDIV DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+10]
1000D459 8B45 0C MOU EAX,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+C1]
1000D45E 0FBEE002 MOVSX EAX,BYTE PTR DS:[EDX+EAX]
1000D462 3341 04 XOR EAX,DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+4]
1000D465 99 CDQ
1000D466 F7FB IDIV EBX
1000D468 3216 XOR DL,BYTE PTR DS:[ESI]
1000D46A 47 INC EDI
1000D46B 387D 14 CMP EDI,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+14]
1000D46E F6D2 NOT DL
1000D470 8816 MOV BYTE PTR DS:[ESI],DL
1000D472 ^ 7C D6 JL SHORT msocr.1000D44A

1000D474 5E POP ESI
1000D475 5B POP EBX
1000D476 5F POP EDI
1000D477 5D POP EBP
1000D478 C2 1000 RETN 10
1000D47B 55 PUSH EBP
1000D47C 8BEC MOU EBP,ESP
1000D47E 57 PUSH EDI
1000D47F 33FF XOR EDI,EDI
1000D481 397D 0C CMP DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+C1],EDI
1000D484 v 74 35 JE SHORT msocr.1000D48B
1000D486 397D 14 CMP DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+14],EDI
1000D489 v 7E 30 JLE SHORT msocr.1000D48B
1000D48B 53 PUSH EBX
1000D48C F7FF RETN 10

Jump is NOT taken
1000D476=msocr.1000D476

```

Registers (FPU)

EAX	00060920	ASCII "GET / HTTP/1.0\r\n"
ECX	10019BC8	msocr.10019BC8
EDX	00001717	
EBX	00000470	
ESP	000602E0	
EBP	000602E4	
ESI	1001A1CC	ASCII "c9273029a6028971214b123
EDI	00000000	

EIP 1000D446 msocr.1000D446

C 0 ES 0023 32bit 0(FFFFFFF)

P 0 CS 0018 32bit 0(FFFFFFF)

A 0 SS 0023 32bit 0(FFFFFFF)

Z 0 DS 0023 32bit 0(FFFFFFF)

S 0 FS 003B 32bit 7FFDA000(FFF)

T 0 GS 0000 NULL

D 0 LastErr ERROR_ENVVAR_NOT_FOUND (00000000)

EFL 00000202 (NO,NB,NE,A,NS,PO,GE,G)

ST0 empty +UNORM 0014 00000000 00CDF6C8

ST1 empty 0.0112212279757638640e-4933

ST2 empty +UNORM 0E91 00090000 7C91005C

ST3 empty -UNORM EFC8 000AEFE8 7C91056D

ST4 empty -UNORM EFC0 00000003 00000000

ST5 empty +UNORM 7A88 7C9105C8 00000000

ST6 empty +UNORM 0560 000309B8 7C910551

ST7 empty 0.0092433099442713240e-4933

3 2 1 0 E S P U O Z D I

FST 0000 Cond 0 0 0 0 Err 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

FCW 027F Prec NEAR,53 Mask 1 1 1 1 1 1 1

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01046020	75 BD 03 01 A9 BD 03 01 8F BC 03 01 00 00 00 00	?78-?0?0...?0...
01046030	93 3A 01 01 5B BD 03 01 00 00 00 00 00 01 01 03 01	?00!?0...?0?0
01046040	1B D1 03 01 38 08 01 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	+?0?0?0...?0?0
01046050	C6 26 04 01 9E 26 04 01 00 00 00 00 00 19 92 01 01	?0?0?0...?0?0
01046060	00 00 00 00 EB 0A 00 00 01 00 00 00 FF FF FF FF?..
01046070	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 FF FF FF FF?.
01046080	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 18 FA 09 00 FF FF FF FF?.
01046090	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00?.
010460A0	19 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 FF FF FF FF?..?..
010460B0	FF?..?..
010460C0	00 00 00 01 3D 77 FF FF FF FF 34 A6 80 7C	...0..=W
010460D0	65 A6 80 7C E0 F8 09 00 70 1F 00 01 00 00 00 00	e 1?0..p?..0...
010460E0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
010460F0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00

000602E0 10019BC8 msocr.10019BC8

000602E4	00060958	
000602E8	10001284	RETURN to msocr.10001284 from 1
000602EC	0006092C	ASCII "GET / HTTP/1.0\r\n"
000602F0	1001A1CC	ASCII "c9273029a6028971214b123
000602F4	00000020	
000602F8	00000010	
000602FC	0006E3D2	
00060300	00000084	
00060304	000000E6	
00060308	00000000	
0006030C	00000000	
00060310	00000000	
00060314	00000000	
00060318	00000000	
0006031C	00000000	
00060320	00000000	
00060324	ИИИИИИИИ	

start

Process Explorer - Sy...

TCPView - Sysinternal...

Capturing from VMwa...

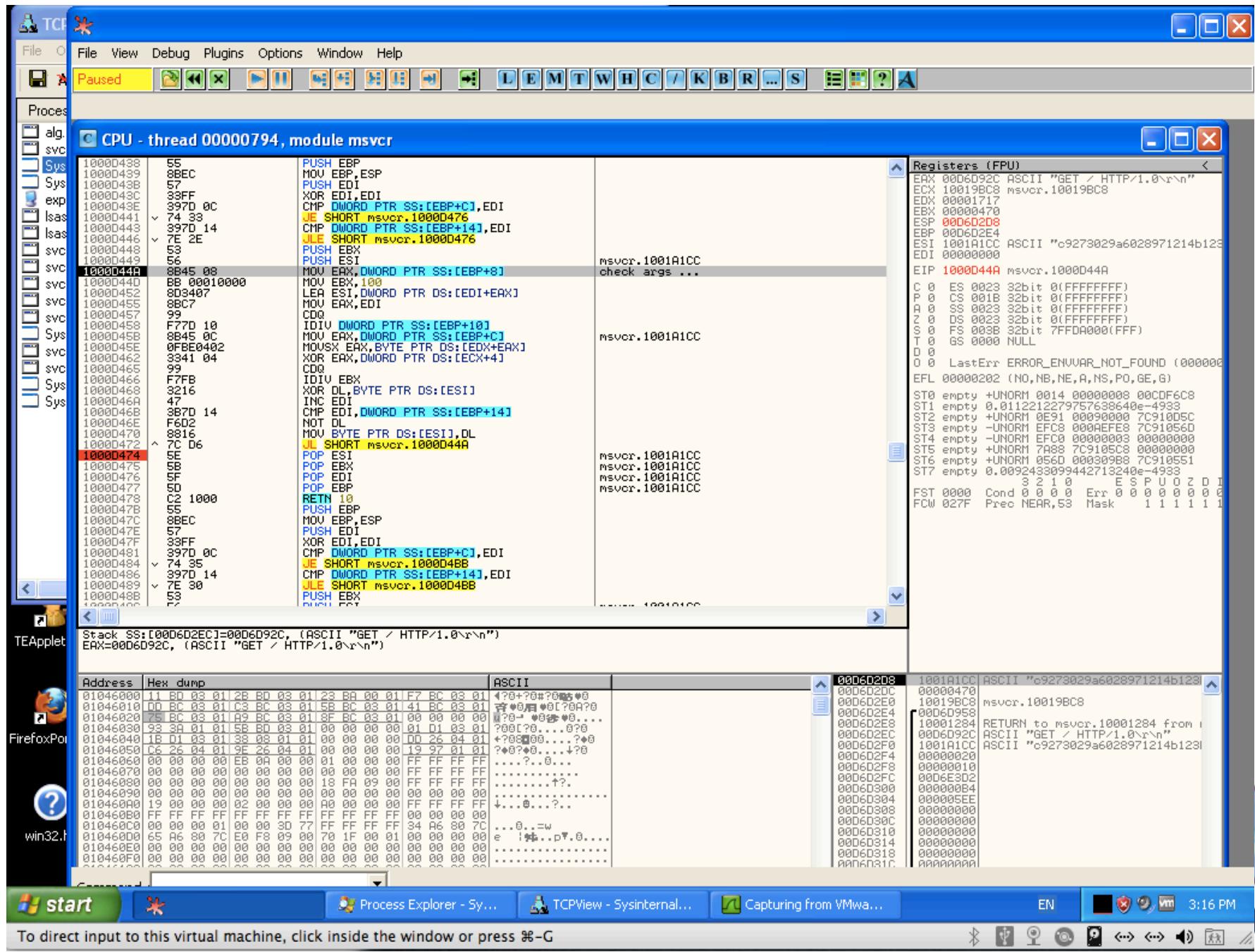
EN

3:15 PM

To return to your computer, press Control-Alt-Space

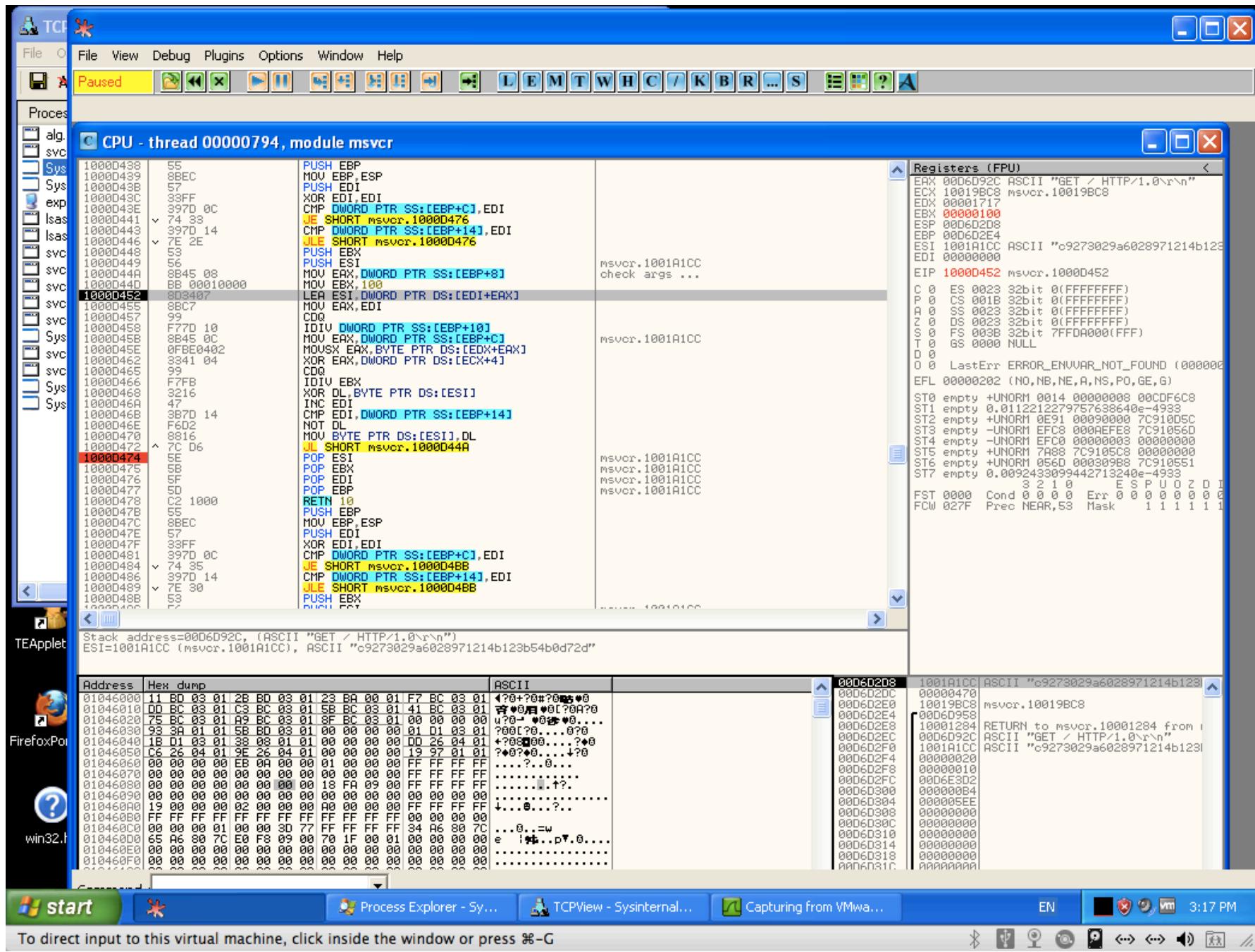
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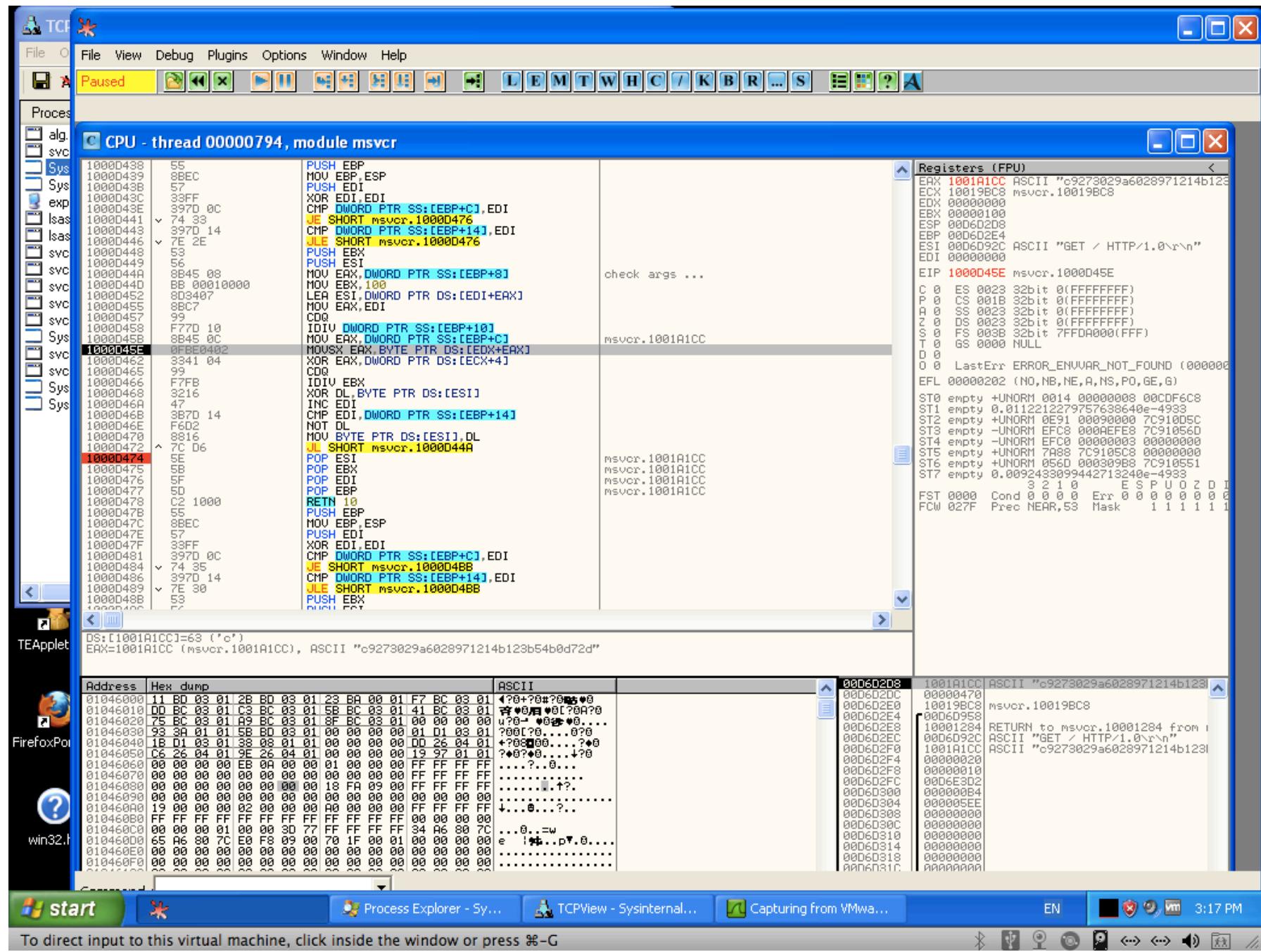
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TCPView

File View Debug Plugins Options Window Help

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10000441 v 74 33 JE SHORT msver.10000476
10000443 397D 14 JLE SHORT msver.10000476
10000446 7E 2E PUSH EBX
10000449 53 PUSH ESI
1000044A 8B45 08 MOV EAX,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+8]
1000044D BB 00010000 MOV EBX,100
10000452 803407 LEA ESI,DWORD PTR DS:[EDI+EAX]
10000455 8BC7 MOV EAX,EDI
10000457 99 CDQ
10000458 F77D 10 IDIV DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+10]
1000045B 8845 0C MOV EAX,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+C]
1000045E 0FBEE0402 MOVSX EAX,BYTE PTR DS:[EDX+EAX]
10000462 3341 04 XOR EAX,DWORD PTR DS:[ECX+4]
10000465 99 CDQ
10000466 F7FB IDIV EBX
10000468 3216 XOR DL,BYTE PTR DS:[ESI]
1000046A 47 INC EDI
1000046B 387D 14 CMP EDI,DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+14]
1000046E F6D2 NOT DL
10000470 8816 MOV BYTE PTR DS:[ESI].DL
10000472 ^ 7C D6 JL SHORT msver.1000044A
10000474 5E POP ESI
10000475 58 POP EBX
10000476 5F POP EDI
10000477 5D POP EBP
10000478 C2 1000 RETN 10
1000047B 55 PUSH EBP
1000047C 8BEC MOV EBP,ESP
1000047E 57 PUSH EDI
1000047F 33FF XOR EDI,EDI
10000481 397D 0C CMP DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+C],EDI
10000484 v 74 35 JE SHORT msver.1000048B
10000486 397D 14 CMP DWORD PTR SS:[EBP+14],EDI
10000489 v 7E 30 JLE SHORT msver.1000048B
1000048B 53 PUSH EBX
1000048C F7

```

check args ...

msver.1001A1CC

Registers (FPU)

EAX	00000063
ECX	10019BC8 msver.10019BC8
EDX	00000000
EBX	00000100
ESP	00060208
EBP	000602E4
ESI	0006D92C ASCII "GET / HTTP/1.0\r\n"
EDI	00000000
EIP	10000462 msver.10000462
C 0	ES 0023 32bit 0(FFFFFF)
P 0	CS 001B 32bit 0(FFFFFF)
A 0	SS 0023 32bit 0(FFFFFF)
Z 0	DS 0023 32bit 0(FFFFFF)
S 0	FS 003B 32bit 7FFDA000(FFF)
T 0	GS 0000 NULL
D 0	LastErr ERROR_ENVAR_NOT_FOUND (00000000)
EFL	00000202 (NO,NB,NE,A,NS,PO,GE,G)
ST0	empty +UNORM 0014 00000008 00CDF6C8
ST1	empty 0.112212279757638640e-4933
ST2	empty +UNORM 0E91 00090000 7C9105C0
ST3	empty -UNORM EFC8 000AEFE8 7C910560
ST4	empty -UNORM EFC0 00000003 00000000
ST5	empty +UNORM 7A89 7C9105C8 00000000
ST6	empty +UNORM 0560 00030988 7C910551
ST7	empty 0.0092433099442713240e-4933
	3 2 1 0 E S P U O Z D I
FST	0000 Cond 0 0 0 Err 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
FCW	027F Prec NEAR,53 Mask 1 1 1 1 1 1

DS:[10019BCC]=00000061
EAX=00000063

Address Hex dump ASCII

01046000	11 B0 03 01 2B B0 03 01 23 BA 00 01 F7 BC 03 01	?@?+?#?@?@?@?
01046010	DD B0 03 01 C3 BC 03 01 5B BC 03 01 41 BC 03 01	?@?@?@?@?@?@?
01046020	75 B0 03 01 A9 BC 03 01 8F BC 03 01 00 00 00 00	u?@-?@?@?@?
01046030	93 38 01 01 5B BD 03 01 00 00 00 00 01 D1 03 01	?@?@?@?@?@?
01046040	1B D1 03 01 38 08 01 01 00 00 00 00 00 26 04 01	+?@?@?@?@?@?
01046050	C6 26 04 01 9E 26 04 01 00 00 00 00 00 19 97 01 01	?@?@?@?@?@?
01046060	00 00 00 00 EB 00 00 00 01 00 00 00 FF FF FF FF@?@?
01046070	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 FF FF FF FF@?@?
01046080	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 18 FA 00 00 FF FF FF FF@?@?
01046090	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00@?@?
010460A0	19 00 00 00 02 00 00 00 A0 00 00 00 FF FF FF FF	...@?@?@?@?
010460B0	FF@?@?
010460C0	00 00 00 01 00 00 3D 77 FF FF FF FF 34 A6 80 7C	...@?@?@?@?
010460D0	65 A6 80 7C E8 F8 09 00 70 1F 00 01 00 00 00 00 00	e !@?@?@?@?
010460E0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00@?@?
010460F0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00@?@?

00060208 1001A1CC ASCII "c9273029a6028971214b123"
000602DC 00000470 10019BC8 msver.10019BC8
000602E0 00000471
000602E4 00000472
000602E8 00000473
000602E9 00000474 RETURN to msver.10001284 from i
000602EC 00000475 ASCII "GET / HTTP/1.0\r\n"
000602F0 00000476 ASCII "c9273029a6028971214b123"
000602F4 00000477
000602F8 00000478
000602F9 00000479
000602FA 0000047A
000602FC 0000047B
00060300 0000047C
00060302 0000047D
00060304 0000047E
00060308 0000047F
0006030C 00000480
00060310 00000481
00060314 00000482
00060318 00000483
0006031C 00000484

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TCPView

File View Debug Plugins Options Window Help

Paused

Process

C CPU - thread 00000794, module msocr

Address	Hex dump	ASCII
01046000	11 BD 03 01 2B BD 03 01 23 BA 00 01 F7 BC 03 01	1?0#?0#?0#?0#?
01046010	00 00 03 01 C3 BC 03 01 5B BC 03 01 41 BC 03 01	?#?#?0#?#?0#?#?
01046020	75 BC 03 01 A9 BC 03 01 8F BC 03 01 00 00 00 00	u?#-?#?#?#?
01046030	93 3A 01 01 58 BC 03 01 00 00 00 00 00 01 D1 03 01	?#0#?#?#?#?#?
01046040	1B D1 03 01 38 08 01 01 00 00 00 00 00 2D 04 01	+?#?#?#?#?#?
01046050	C6 26 04 01 9E 26 04 01 00 00 00 00 00 19 97 01 01	?#?#?#?#?#?
01046060	00 00 00 00 EB 00 00 00 01 00 00 00 FF FF FF FF	?#?#?#?#?
01046070	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 FF FF FF FF	?#?#?#?#?
01046080	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 18 FA 09 00 FF FF FF FF	?#?#?#?#?
01046090	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	?#?#?#?#?
010460A0	19 00 00 00 02 00 00 00 A0 00 00 00 FF FF FF FF	+?#?#?#?#?
010460B0	FF	?#?#?#?#?
010460C0	00 00 00 01 00 00 3D 77 FF FF FF FF FF 34 A6 80	7C ...#..=w
010460D0	65 A6 80 7C E0 F8 09 00 70 1F 00 01 00 00 00 00	e !#..p?..#...
010460E0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	?#?#?#?#?
010460F0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	?#?#?#?#?

Registers (FPU)

ERX	00000000
ECX	10019BC8 msocr.10019BC8
EDX	00000002
EBX	00000100
ESP	00D6D2D8
EBP	00D6D2E4
ESI	00D6D92C ASCII "GET / HTTP/1.0\r\n"
EDI	00000000
EIP	10000468 msocr.10000468
C	0 ES 0023 32bit 0(FFFFFF)
P	0 CS 0018 32bit 0(FFFFFF)
A	0 SS 0023 32bit 0(FFFFFF)
Z	0 DS 0023 32bit 0(FFFFFF)
S	0 FS 003B 32bit 7FFDA000(FFF)
T	0 GS 0000 NULL
D	0 LastErr ERROR_ENVVAR_NOT_FOUND (00000000)
EFL	00000202 (NO,NB,NE,A,NS,PO,GE,G)
ST0	empty +UNORM 0014 00000000 00CDF6C8
ST1	empty 0.0112212279757638640e-4933
ST2	empty +UNORM 0E91 00090000 7C91005C
ST3	empty -UNORM EFC8 000AEFE8 7C91056D
ST4	empty -UNORM EFC0 00000003 00000000
ST5	empty +UNORM 7A88 7C9105C8 00000000
ST6	empty +UNORM 0E6D 000309B8 7C910551
ST7	empty 0.0092433099442713240e-4933
FST	0.0092433099442713240e-4933
FCW	027F Cond 0 0 0 0 Err 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

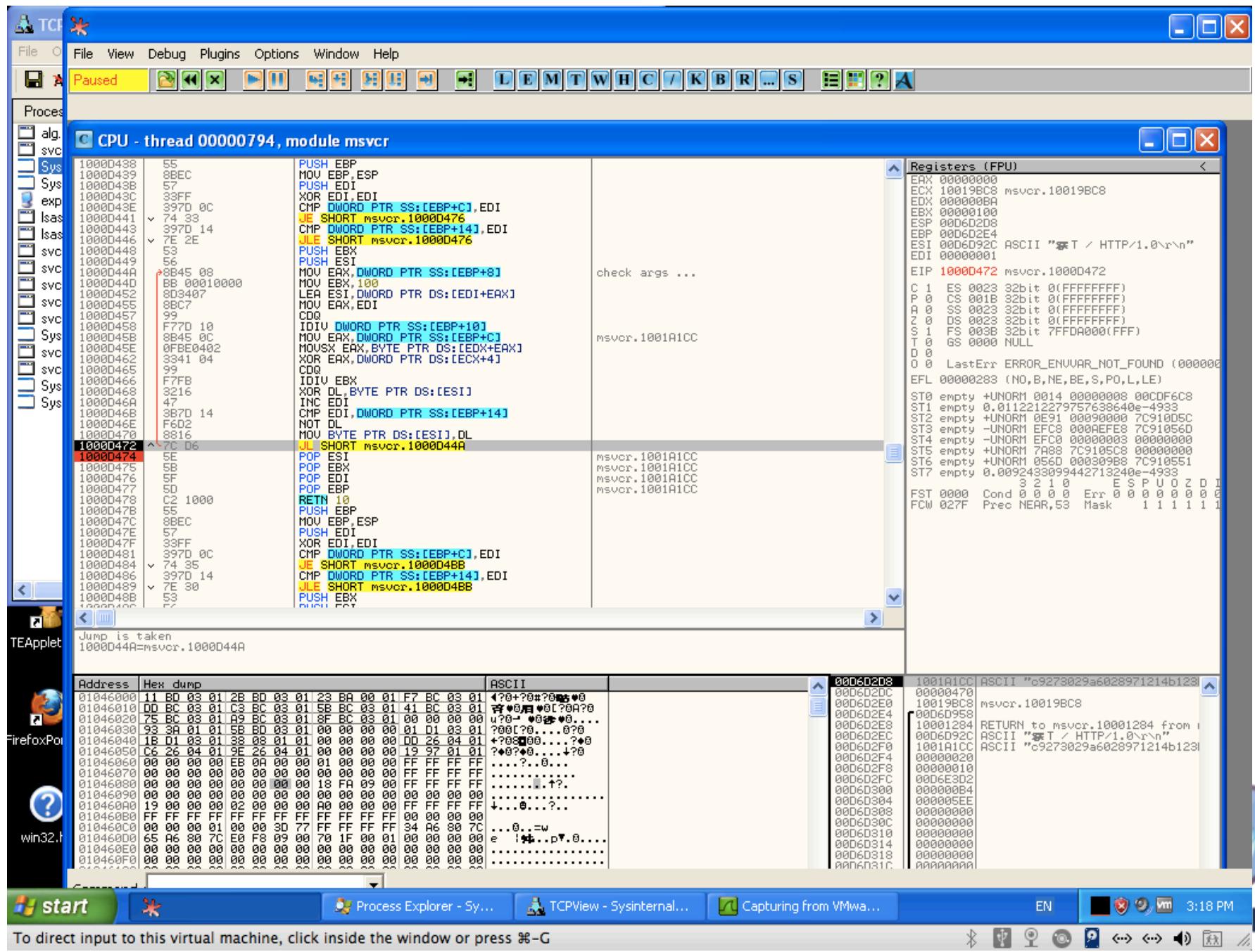
Stack DS:[00D6D92C]=47 (*'G')
 DL=02

0006D2D8 1001A1CC ASCII "c9273029a6028971214b123"
 0006D2D0 00000470
 0006D2E0 10019BC8 msocr.10019BC8
 0006D2E4 0006D958
 0006D2E8 10001284 RETURN to msocr.10001284 from i
 0006D2EC 0006D92C ASCII "GET / HTTP/1.0\r\n"
 0006D2F0 1001A1CC ASCII "c9273029a6028971214b123"
 0006D2F4 00000020
 0006D2F8 00000010
 0006D2FC 0006E3D2
 0006D300 00000084
 0006D304 000000EE
 0006D308 00000000
 0006D30C 00000000
 0006D310 00000000
 0006D314 00000000
 0006D318 00000000
 0006D31C 00000000

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Analysis – What information has been sent to CnC server?

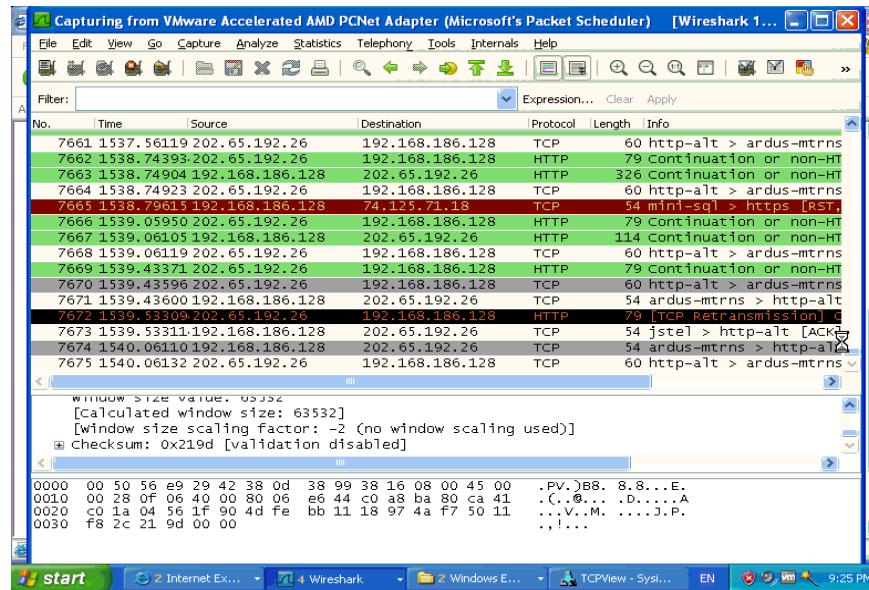
- After decoding the network traffic
 - The host name
 - Installed OS type and patch level
- There should be more information sent to CnC server :)



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Analysis – Found the .cab file

- We have found .bmp file in a compressed .cab file under application folder
- Screenshots are found. What the fxxk that our Wireshark screenshot is captured and sent back to CnC server :)



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Digging into Tiger's Mouth 😊

- We have tried to install QQ, MSN and see what's going on:
 - Binaries are downloaded to the victim in C:\Windows\Debug folder
 - Malware creates more files in C:\Windows\Debug\Data folder
 - Those files are removed shortly.
 - Collected information are saved as file with .dll as extension and send it back to CnC server



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What's going on?

- We have found that CnC server sent an instruction to the victim machine to compress files and send them back to the CnC server.
- There is a traffic sequence number set by the CnC server. Once the sequence number is used or wrong, the machine will not be infected again or CnC server will not send further instruction..
- The files iestorage.dll, SAM.dll and system.dll are actually cab compressed. Just rename the extension as "cab" and decompress them to get the following information.
 - The SAM and system kept the victim machines account information and registry information.
- The iestorage contains a file called "自动表单.txt987654321" which keeps the hacked email accounts and passwords.
- Another file, called drive, it keeps all filenames and time information on the hard disk
 - The APT task force really wants to know what information that the target kept in the victim machine.



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drive - Notepad

File Edit Format View Help

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C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\Microsoft\User Account Pictures\Default Pictures\kick.bmp|6968|2004-09-01 11:09:42
C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\Microsoft\User Account Pictures\Default Pictures\lift-off.bmp|6968|2004-09-01 11:09:42
C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\Microsoft\User Account Pictures\Default Pictures\palm tree.bmp|6968|2004-09-01 11:09:42
C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\Microsoft\User Account Pictures\Default Pictures\pink flower.bmp|6968|2004-09-01 11:09:42
C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\Microsoft\User Account Pictures\Default Pictures\red flower.bmp|6968|2004-09-01 11:09:42
C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\Microsoft\User Account Pictures\Default Pictures\skater.bmp|6968|2004-09-01 11:09:42
C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\Microsoft\User Account Pictures\Default Pictures\snowflake.bmp|6968|2004-09-01 11:09:42
C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\Microsoft\User Account Pictures\guest.bmp|6968|2004-09-01 11:39:17
C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\Sun\0|2011-01-29 17:48:42
C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\Sun\Java\0|2011-01-29 17:48:42
C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\Sun\Java\Java Update\0|2011-01-29 17:48:42
C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\Sun\Java\Java Update\jaureglist.xml|119|2011-01-29 17:48:42
C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\Tencent\0|2011-06-29 16:39:17
C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\Tencent\QQPCMGr\0|2011-06-29 16:39:17
C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\Tencent\QQPCMGr\QMConfig.dat|3072|2011-06-29 16:39:17
C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\VMware\0|2011-01-18 12:32:47
C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\VMware\Compatibility\0|2011-06-19 18:27:23
C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\VMware\Compatibility\native\0|2011-06-19 18:27:23
C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\VMware\Compatibility\native\AUTOEXEC.BAT\0|2011-06-19 18:20:53
C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\VMware\Compatibility\native\boot.ini|211|2011-06-19 18:20:53
C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\VMware\Compatibility\native\CONFIG.SYS\0|2011-06-19 18:20:53
C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\VMware\Compatibility\native\wpa.dbi|2206|2011-06-19 18:27:23
C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\VMware\Compatibility\virtual\0|2011-06-21 17:51:18
C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\VMware\Compatibility\virtual\wpa.dbi|2206|2011-06-30 17:57:25
C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\VMware\VMware Tools\0|2011-06-19 18:27:42
C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\VMware\VMware Tools\manifest.txt|1717|2011-06-19 18:27:48
C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\VMware\VMware Tools\tools.conf\0|2011-06-19 18:27:42
C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\VMware\VMware Tools\tools.old\409\2011-06-19 18:25:44
C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\VMware\VMware Tools\Unity Filters\0|2011-06-19 18:26:30
C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\VMware\VMware Tools\Unity Filters\adobeflashcs3.txt|1433|2010-11-19 17:46:16
C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\VMware\VMware Tools\Unity Filters\adobephotoshopcs3.txt|1712|2010-11-19 17:46:16
C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\VMware\VMware Tools\Unity Filters\googledesktop.txt|491|2010-11-19 17:46:16
C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\VMware\VMware Tools\Unity Filters\microsoftoffice2003.txt|455|2010-11-30 16:00:00
C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application
C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application
C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application
C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Desktop\0|20
C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Desktop\MSN
C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Documents\0|
C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Documents\de
C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Documents\My
C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Documents\My
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----- FoxMail -----
----- Outlook Express -----
----- outlook -----
----- MSN -----
----- ÄääÜÄÖ, ĐĐÄÍ4ÄĐ±í -----

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xÉö' ÅÙ³Æ: Passport.Net
Öµ»òóÄ»§: donaldtsang_1699@hotmail.com
ÅÜ Åé: passi\$me

002
xÉö' ÅÙ³Æ: donaldtsang_1699@gmail.com
Öµ»òóÄ»§: donaldtsang_1699@gmail.com

- **Carrying out the dynamic analysis**
 - The *injected explorer.exe* downloads *fvcwin32.exe*, *acvcwin32.exe* and *avcwin32.exe* and kick started these programs.
 - ***fvcwin32.exe*** is responsible to collect all hard disk file information and create the file "drive" under *C:\windows\debug*
 - ***avcwin32.exe*** is responsible to collect email accounts and passwords, SAM, system info, keeping them under a *%AppData%\temp*. They are removed immediately after compressed and saved under *C:\windows\debug\data*. In addition, it keeps capturing screen for every 1000 ms and saves the image under *C:\windows\debug\data* folder
 - ***acvwin32.exe*** is to capture screenshots for every 1000ms
 - The injected "*msrv.dll*" keep on monitoring the *c:\windows\debug\data* folder and send out any new files under the folder to CnC server, immediately deleting sent files.



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Case Summary (1)

- Target political party in Hong Kong
- CnC server is in Hong Kong.
- The origin is from our mother country, China.
- **This “China-made” APT is NAPT (Non-Advanced Persistent Threat)** as we found some old routines for Win95/98. The “programmer” adds new features to it indeed and even use the same dropper in a separated collected .xls sample.



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Case Summary (2)

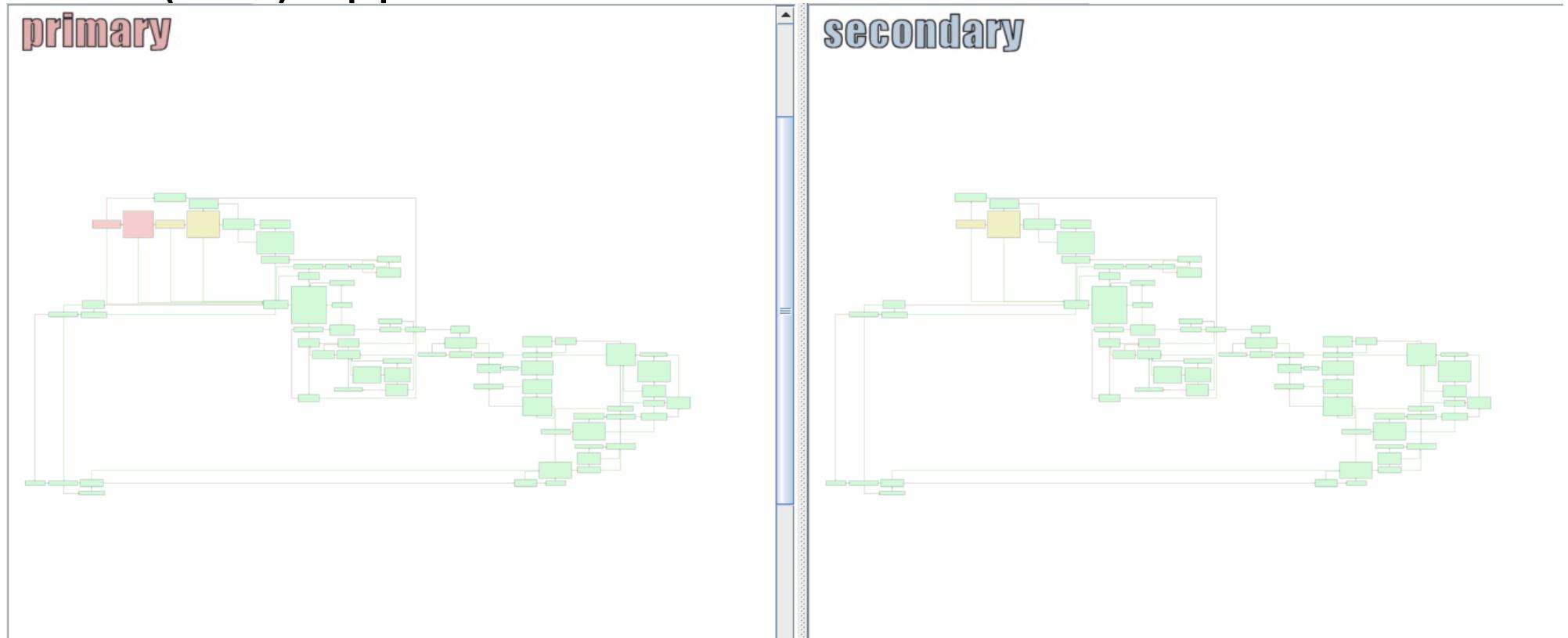
- The ***agenda.doc*** is just packed with UPX.
- Dumping user credentials
- Using XOR instead of complicated encryption routine to encode/decode traffic to prevent from IPS/IDS detection.
- Download payload in different stages and each payload/executable is responsible for a single action.
- Use/Dependent on built-in Windows libraries
- With proper sequence number set up by CnC server to manage the victim,



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Case Summary (3)

- **Same Generator** - The disassembled structure in agenda.doc matches the one in different APT sample (.exe) zipped inside a .chm file



Case Summary (4)

- This detailed case analysis is supplementary to reports published from:
 - Tracking Ghostnet
<http://www.infowar-monitor.net/2009/09/tracking-ghostnet-investigating-a-cyber-espionage-network/>
 - Madiant
<http://www.princeton.edu/~yctwo/files/readings/M-Trends.pdf>
- Feel free to reach me for the sample if you like. ☺
- Meanwhile, do we still need to bother to do same analysis for various samples if they may come from the APT generator/taskforce? It drives our research indeed.

Case 2: Calling from Mr. X Again

- Mr. X get many mails with suspicious attachment on or before 4 June, 1 July and LEGCO election and continue to make enquiry from me.
- The sender seems to be a staff in LEGCO council
- Anti-virus engine engaged by Gmail has not detected any issues.
- Filename written in Chinese is about “Official Reporters’ List for LEGCO Council News”

Hong Kong APT: Open it, man!

----- Forwarded message -----
From: Wong [REDACTED] i@legco.gov.hk>
Date: 2011/6/13
Subject: 責採訪立法會新聞的記者名單
To: [REDACTED]phk.org

謹此附上專責採訪立法會新聞的記者名單，以供參考。此名單在有需要時將予修訂。

公共資訊總主任



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http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guan_Yu

***“All that is necessary for the triumph
of evil is that good men do nothing” –
Edmund Burke***

Let me take shout: “Grass Root Horse”!
等我向他說聲“草泥馬”!



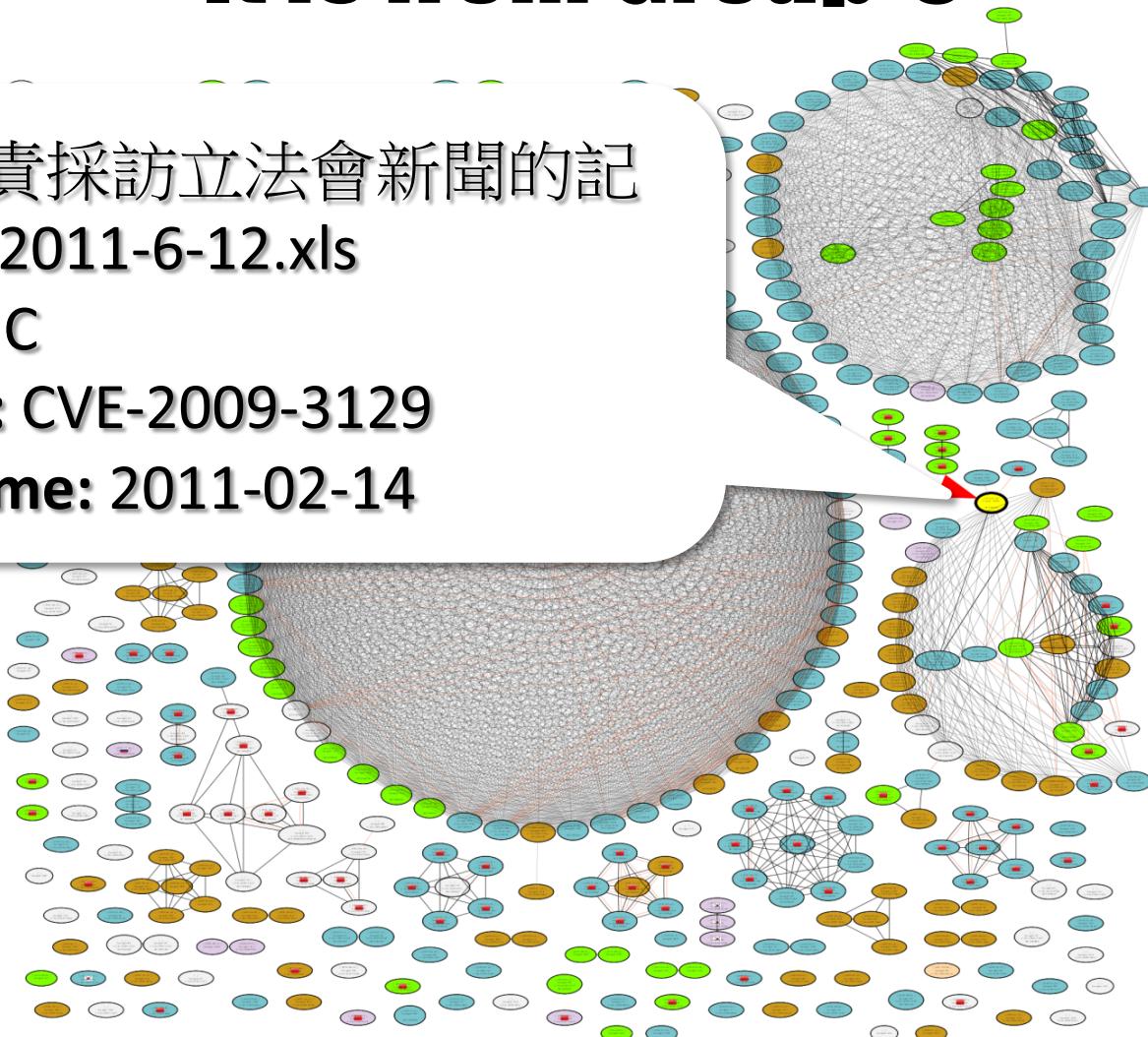
Automated Clustering: It is from Group-C

File: 專責採訪立法會新聞的記者名單2011-6-12.xls

Group: C

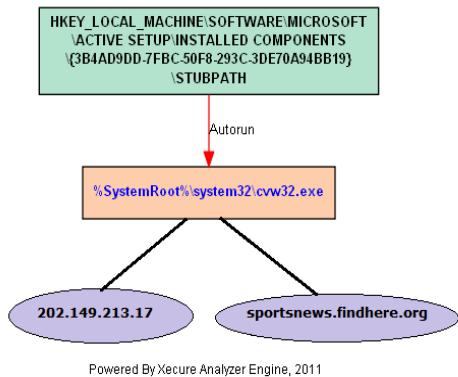
Exploit: CVE-2009-3129

BuildTime: 2011-02-14



Malware of APT Group C

Malware Attack Graph



Malware Fix Suggestion

Malware Analysis Report

Time	2011-06-08 10:28:23
Duration	51 Seconds
Engine	2.9.1

%SystemRoot%\system32\cvw32.exe (8F80831DBF03CC6DECD06D82CE5E4E31)

Malware Family
Build Time
Malware Type
Severity

Behavior

- This Malware has been identified the following behavior: **Code-Injection (Target: IEXPLORE.EXE functions)**.

Modules

- Base=00140000 Size=00001000 IEXPLORE.EXE
- Base=00150000 Size=00001000 IEXPLORE.EXE
- Base=00E60000 Size=00001000 explorer.exe
- Base=03060000 Size=00001000 explorer.exe

Files

- [EXE] **%SystemRoot%\system32\cvw32.exe** 8F80831DBF03CC6DECD06D82CE5E4E31

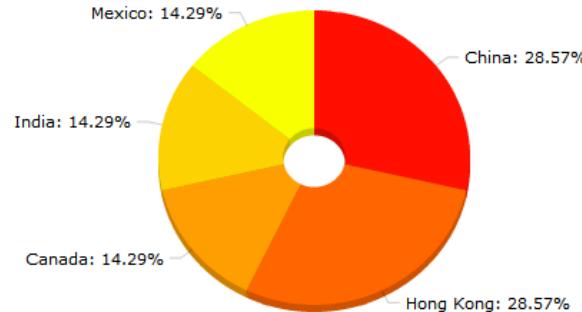
Autoruns

- HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\MICROSOFT\ACTIVE SETUP\INSTALLED COMPONENTS\{3B4AD9DD-7FBC-50F8-293C-3DE70A94BB19}\STUBPATH

Network

- 202.149.213.17
- sportsnews.findhere.org

C&C Location of APT Group C

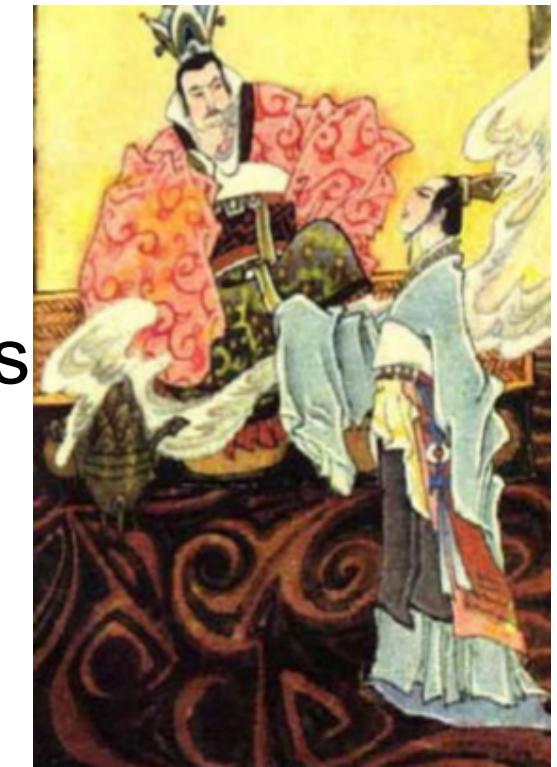


28.5% C&C IP located in China



A Chinese Poem from Cao Zhi (曹植-七步成詩)

- 煮豆燃豆萁
- Cooking beans on a fire kindled with bean stalks,
- 豆在釜中泣。
- The beans weep in the pot.
- 本是同根生
- Originally born from the selfsame roots
- 相煎何太急！
- Why so eager to torture each other!



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Special Thanks

- Special thanks to **Ran2** and **DDL** to analyze those APT samples with me.
- Especially **Ran2** has worked on the analysis with me and got a lot juicy stuff from time to time ☺

Part 2: Research Methodology

Research Direction (1/2)

- **We are not just focusing on a single one-off attack, we tend to observe the entire APT attack plan and trend**
 - Traditionally, we just focus on malware forensics or analyze a single victim's machine. We cannot understand the APT attack plan and its trend indeed.

Research Direction (2/2)

- **Analyze and extract features and characteristics of APT taskforce via:**
 - Malware features
 - Exploit
 - C&C Network
 - Speared Email
 - Victim's background
 - Time of attack

APT File Analysis and Grouping

- ◉ Theoretically, in an information system (i.e. malware analysis system), if we could collect all the attributes/properties of our malicious sample sets, we could identify whether the executable/document/sample is malicious.
- ◉ However, the research issues are insufficient collection in attributes/ characteristics (for example, the malware has been packed and engage various anti-debugging capabilities), so that we get the indiscernibility relation

Standard Analysis Method

○ Static Approach

- Extract signature/features from file format
- Reversing

○ Dynamic Approach

- Execute it under controlled environment and capture/log all the behaviors
- Analyze networking traffic

• Challenge of Dynamic Analysis

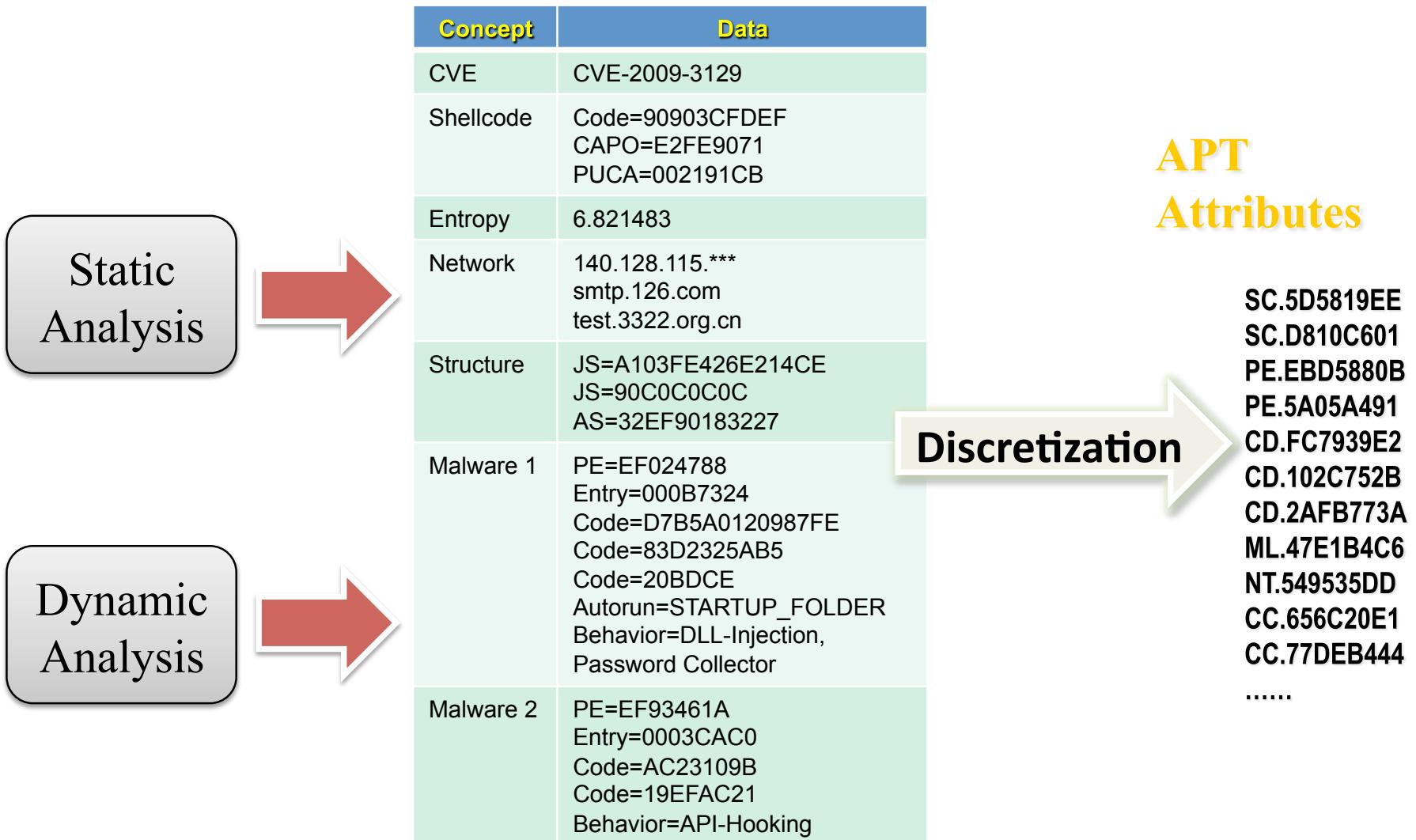


We prefer using static analysis to prevent from Anti-VM, dormant functionality and side effect of master/bot interaction.

What APT Attributes we focused?

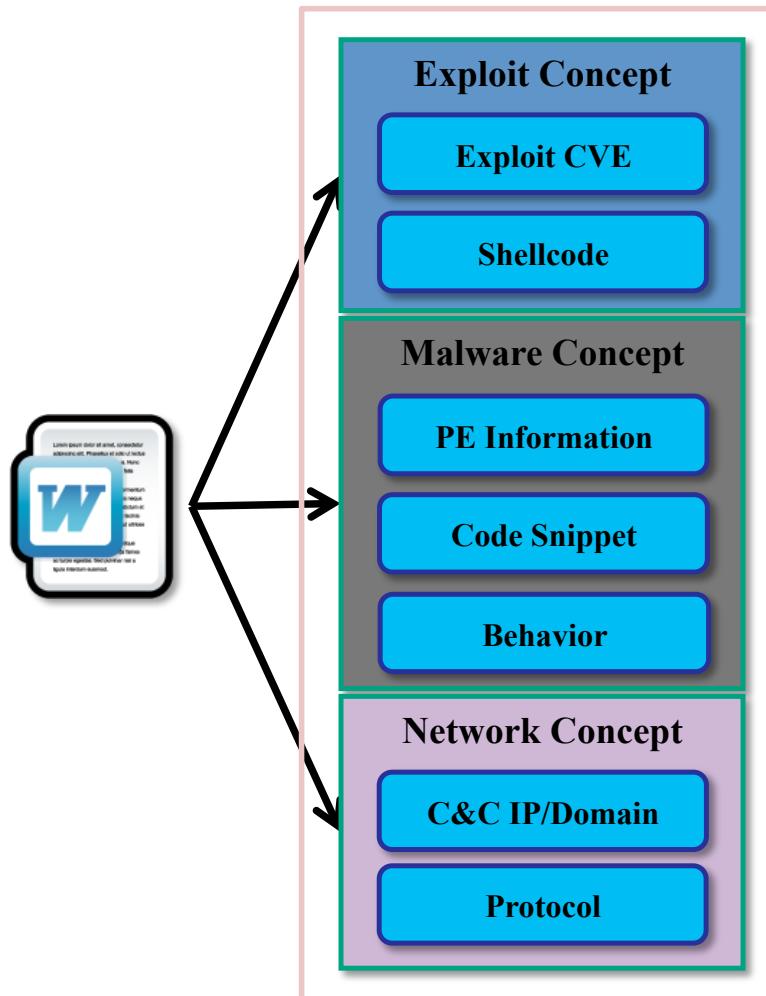
- We work on the analysis on multi-vector basis.
- Throughout static analysis:
 - Extract and review executable, Shellcode and PE header
 - Objects and abnormal structure in file
- Throughout dynamic analysis:
 - Install the system into Windows
 - Scan Process Memory to detect abnormal structure
 - Code-Injection, API Hooking ...
 - Detect any known Code Snippet
 - Rootkit, KeyLogger, Password Collector, Anti-AV...
 - Suspicious strings: email address, domain, IP, URL

Extract Attributes from APT File



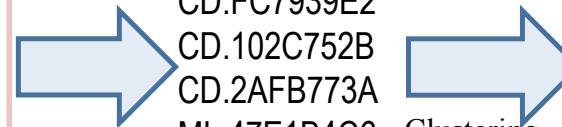
Clustering !

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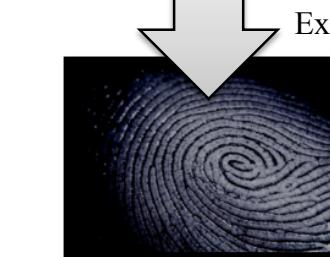
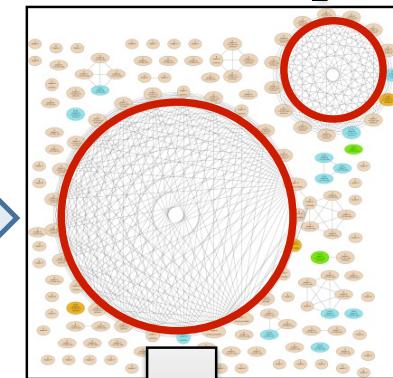


APT Attributes

SC.5D5819EE
SC.D810C601
PE.EBD5880B
PE.5A05A491
CD.FC7939E2
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APT Groups



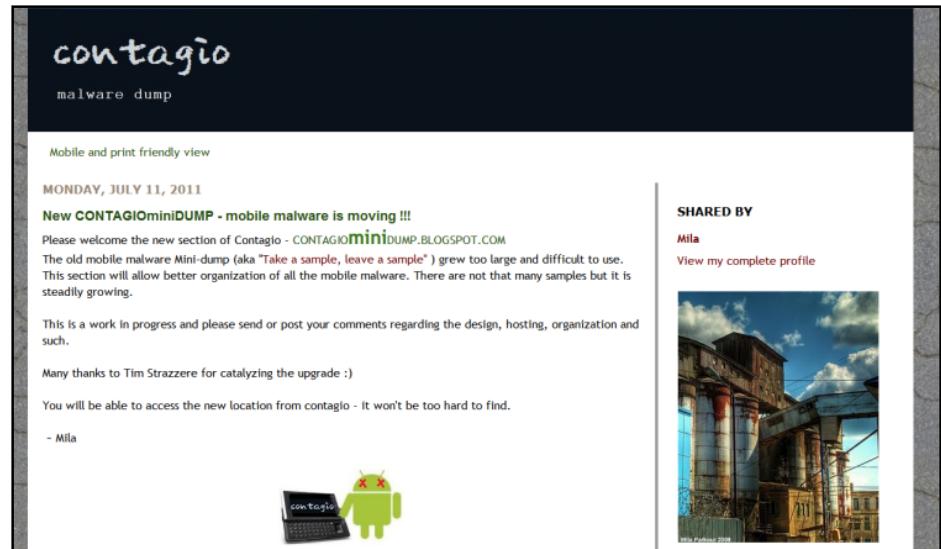
Extract Fingerprints

Save to DB

Part 3: Analysis and Result

Experiment

- Mila's provided APT sample archives are confirmed to malicious
- Those archives are open to public for downloading and analysis (Collection1, 242 APT files)
- The sample archives are used by many researchers
- We highly credit to Mila's samples
- <http://contagiodump.blogspot.com/>



Detection Rate

◎ Xecure Inspector

- 94.6 % (229 / 242)

◎ Definition updated to 2011/6/11

◎ Microsoft Security Essentials

- 21.4 % (52 / 242)

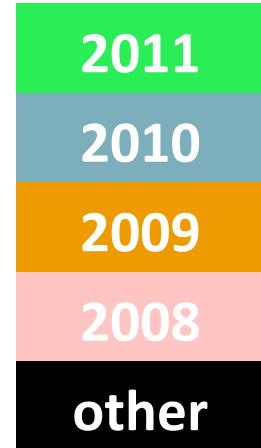
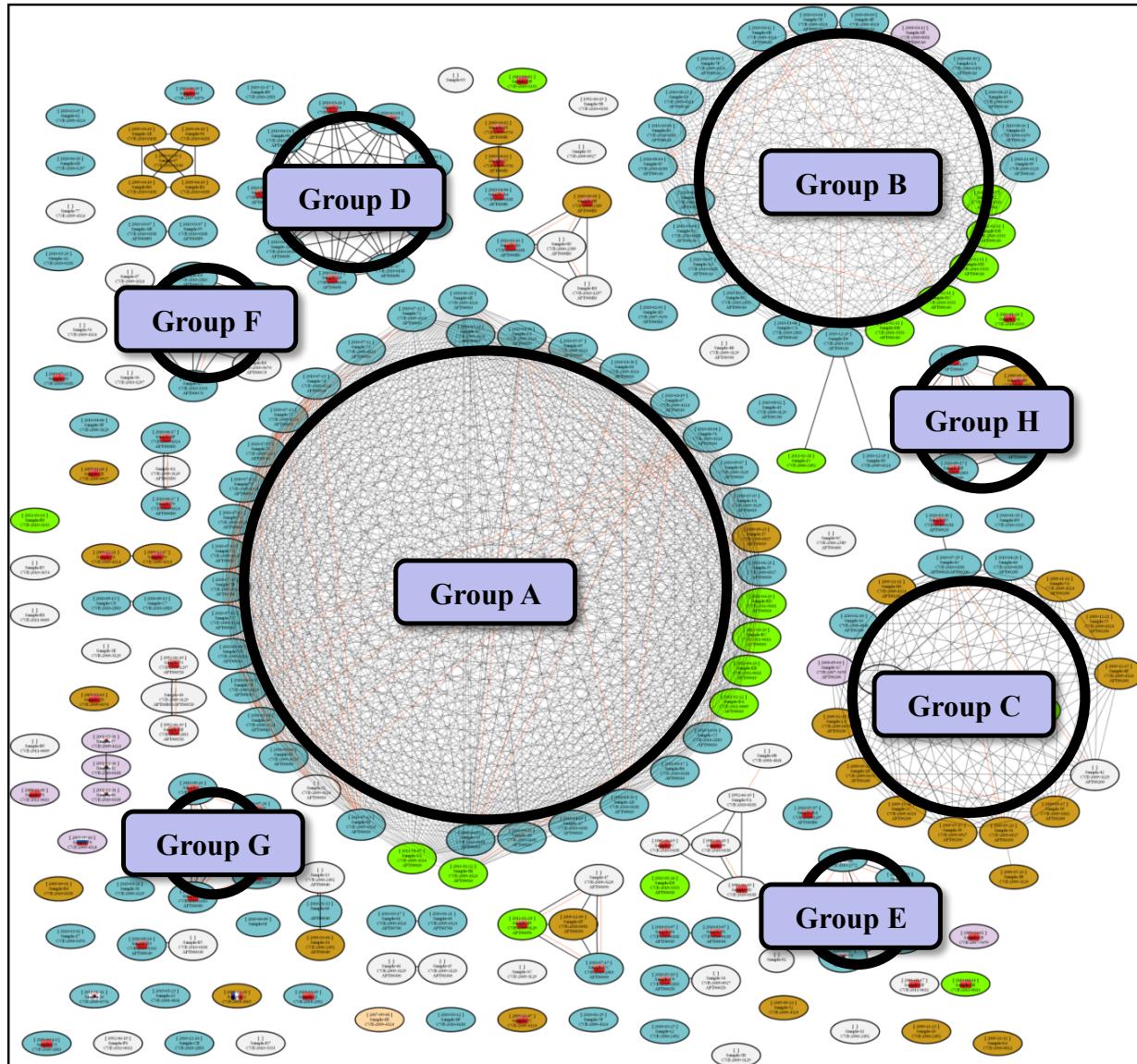
◎ Sophos

- 35.9 % (87/242)

◎ AntiVir

- 56.6 % (137/242)

There are 8 major APT-Taskforce Groups



Groups of Mila Sample Set Collection1

Top 3 APT Taskforce Groups

Group A Active 2009-0923 ~ 2011-0420

Number 40

CVE CVE-2009-4841, CVE-2009-0927, CVE-2009-3129, CVE-2009-4324, CVE-2010-0188, CVE-2010-2833, CVE-2011-0611, CVE-2011-0609

Malware APT00010

C&C IP:23, Domain: 5

Group B Active 2008-0414 ~ 2011-02

Number 26

CVE CVE-2006-6456, CVE-2009-4324, CVE-2010-3333

Malware APT000A0

C&C IP:23, Domain:4

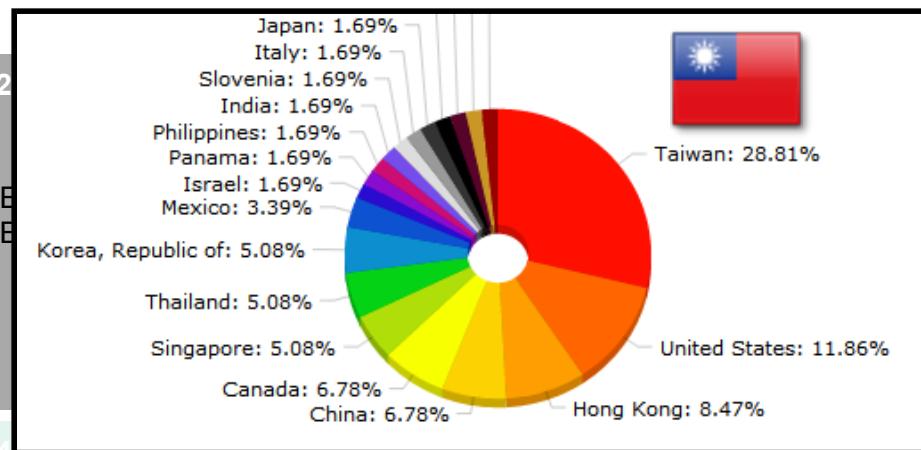
Group C Active 2008-0904 ~ 2011-04

Number 21

CVE CVE-2007-5659, CVE-2008-4841, CVE-2009-1862, CVE-2009-3129, CVE-2009-4324, CVE-2009-0658, CVE-2009-0927,

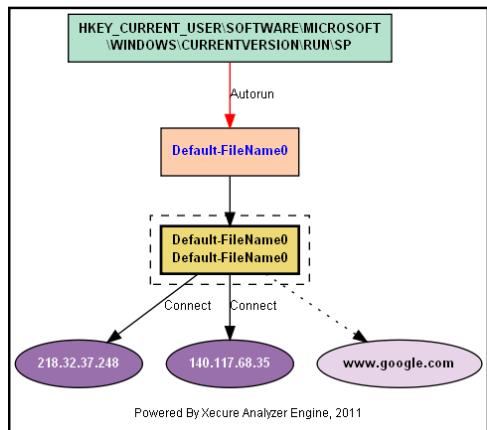
Malware APT00200

C&C IP:5, Domain:11



Malware of APT Group A

Malware Attack Graph



Malware Fix Suggestion

Malware Analysis Report

	Value
Time	2011-06-08 09:49:41
Duration	84 Seconds
Engine	2.9.1

Default-FileName (6DE7186AAD5C3AA496B5BE8EAA2BC838)

Malware Family
Build Time
Malware Type
Severity

2010-07 ★★

Behavior

- This Malware has been identified the following behavior: **Password Collection functions.**

Modules

- Base=00400000 Size=0000C000 Default-FileName

Files

- [EXE] **Default-FileName** 6DE7186AAD5C3AA496B5BE8EAA2BC838

Autoruns

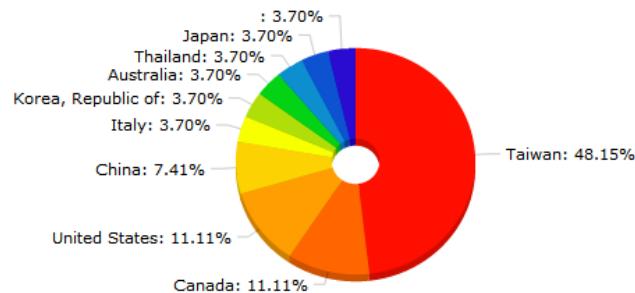
- HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run\SP
 - 140.117.68.35
 - 218.32.37.248
 - www.google.com

Network

Bot Command

/get Remote Local
/rsh [SHELL FILE]
/shr [wins.exe]
/put Local Remote
/run Program
/sleep MINUTES

C&C Location of APT Group A

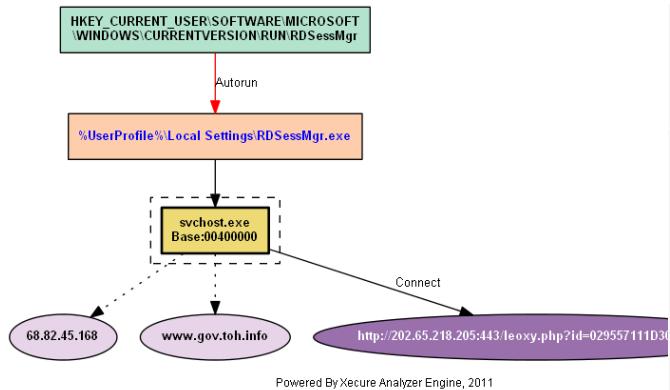


48.1% C&C IP located in Taiwan



Malware of APT Group B

Malware Attack Graph

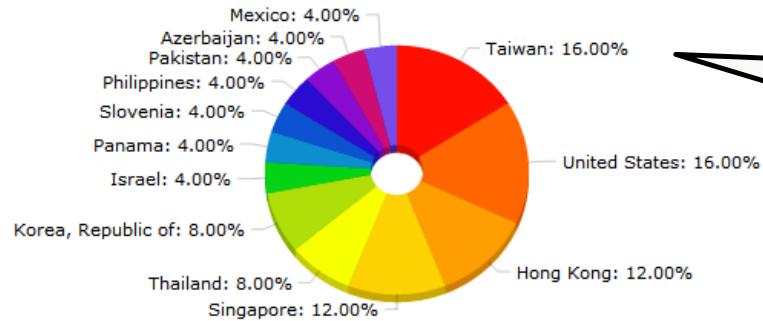


Malware Fix Suggestion

Malware Analysis Report

Time	2011-06-08 09:41:35
Duration	74 Seconds
Engine	2.9.1
Malware Family	F23A421D1DD02D060F35D25341BAB003
Build Time	2010-03
Malware Type	China Spyware
Severity	★★
Behavior	<ul style="list-style-type: none">This Malware has been identified the following behavior: Code-Injection (Target: svchost.exe) functions.
Modules	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Base=00400000 Size=00005000 svchost.exe
Files	<ul style="list-style-type: none">[EXE] %UserProfile%\Local Settings\RDSessMgr.exe F23A421D1DD02D060F35D25341BAB003
Autoruns	<ul style="list-style-type: none">HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run\RDSessMgr
Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none">68.82.45.168http://202.65.218.205:443/leoxy.php?id=029557111D30www.gov.toh.info

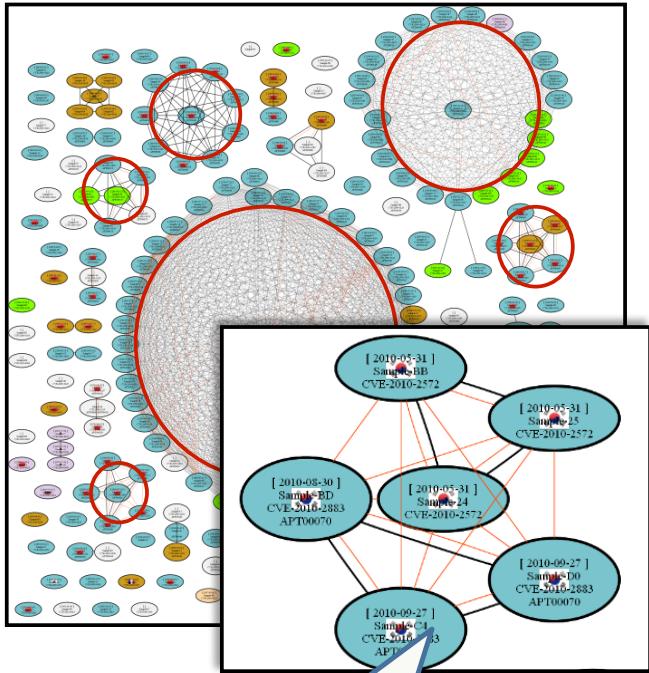
C&C Location of APT Group B



16% C&C IP located in
Taiwan



Malware of Group E



Group-E
Language = Korean



Virustotal is a [service that analyzes suspicious files and URLs](#) and facilitates the quick detection of viruses, worms, trojans, and all kinds of malware detected by antivirus engines. [More information...](#)

0 VT Community user(s) with a total of 0 reputation credit(s) say(s) this sample is goodware. 0 VT Community user(s) with a total of 0 reputation credit(s) say(s) this sample is malware.

File name: xxmalware0000001_E9FAD759.exe_
Submission date: 2011-07-08 08:00:23 (UTC)
Current status: Finished
Result: 1/42 (2.4%)

VT Community
not reviewed Safety score: -

[Print results](#)

Antivirus	Version	Last Update	Result
AhnLab-V3	2011.07.08.01	2011.07.08	-
AntiVir	7.11.11.29	2011.07.08	TR/Dropper.Gen
Antiy-AVL	2.0.3.7	2011.07.08	-

xxmalware0000001_E9FAD759.exe_ - 内容

一般 數位簽章 安全性 詳細資料 以前的版本

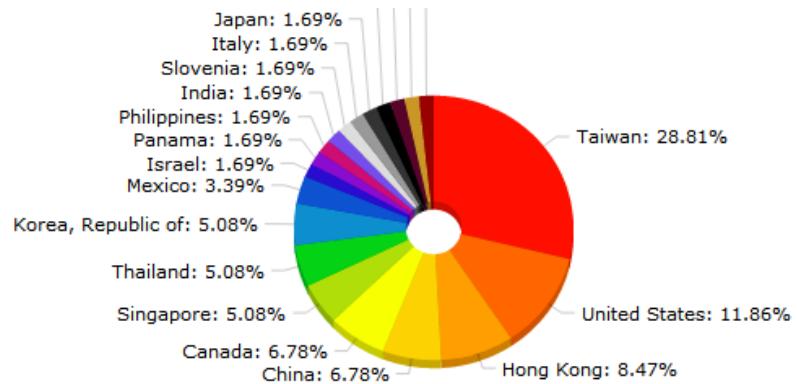
簽章清單

簽署人的名稱:	電子郵件地...	時間戳記
secure2.eecu.com	無法使用	無法使用

詳細資料(D)

確定 取消 套用(A)

All (A,B,C)



Findings from Mila Sample Set (1/2)

- Our analysis against Mila Sample set could identify 8 major APT taskforces.
- There are around 12 different CVEs and exploits are identified.
- We have found that even APT taskforce uses 8-9 different exploits, however, the type of malware used is limited to a few one. There is no surprise at all 😊
- We identify APT Taskforce based on CnC server location and malware they have used. The exploit the taskforce used is not very related to our analysis.

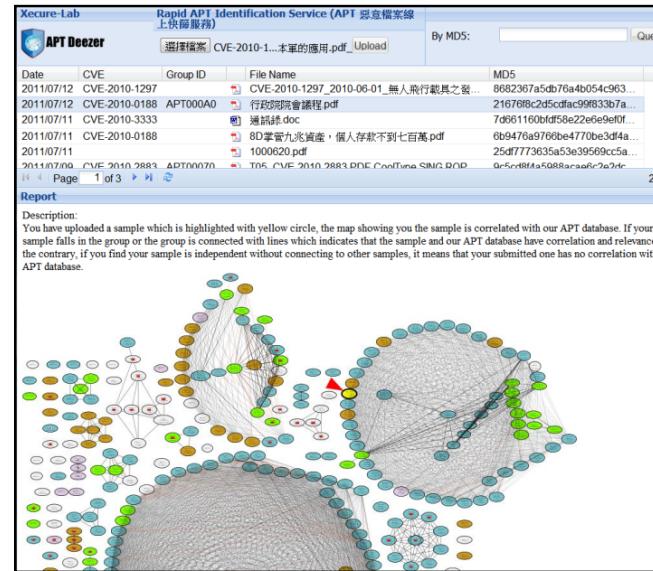
Findings from Mila Sample Set (2/2)

- Language used in APT sample :
24% of the samples is from China 
- 3.9% of the samples is from Korean  ,
- We also found some are from Russia  與 France 
- APT CnC server location Top 3 Ranking:
 - Taiwan (28%) 
 - US
 - Hong Kong (HK is readily another CnC heaven, come on, babe ☺)

Xecure-Lab : APT-Deezer

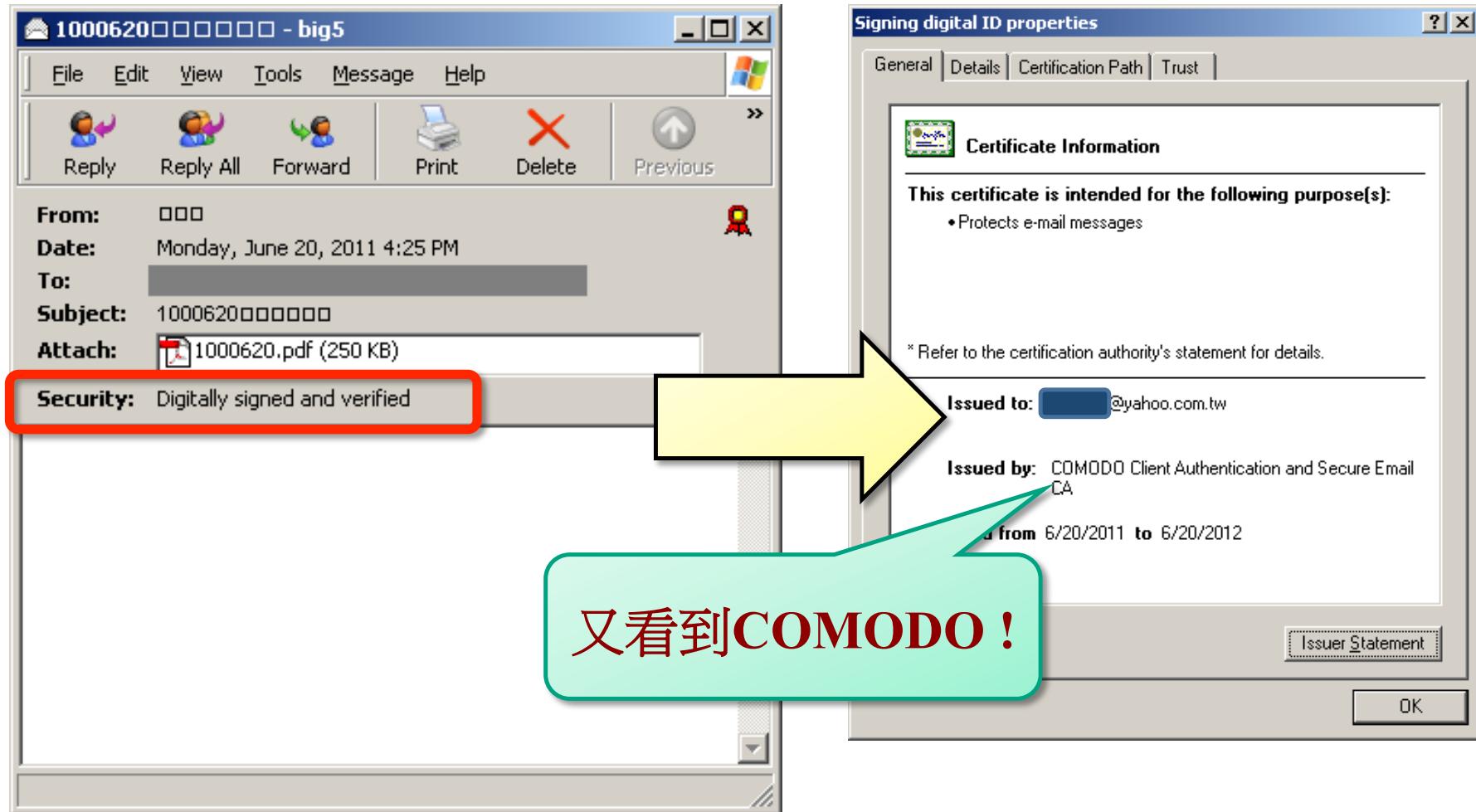
Rapid APT Identification Service

- APT-Deezer provides a free online service to check whether your submitted sample whether it is an APT sample
 - We tak Mila sample set as the base training set
 - Identify Exploit CVE and Malware family
 - Zero-Day Exploit detection and analysis
 - APT Malware sample DNA analysis and comparison
 - APT sample clustering and grouping
 - Support file formats including DOC,PPT,XLS,PDF,RTF
- URL: <http://aptdeezer.xecure-lab.com>

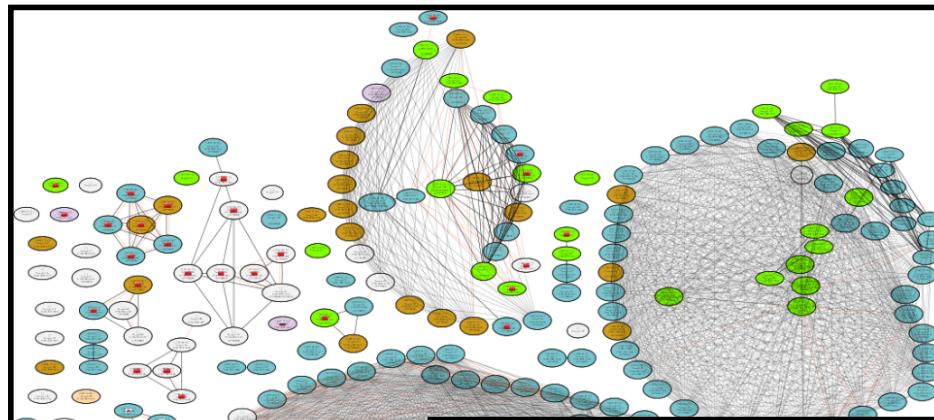


Case Study (1/3)

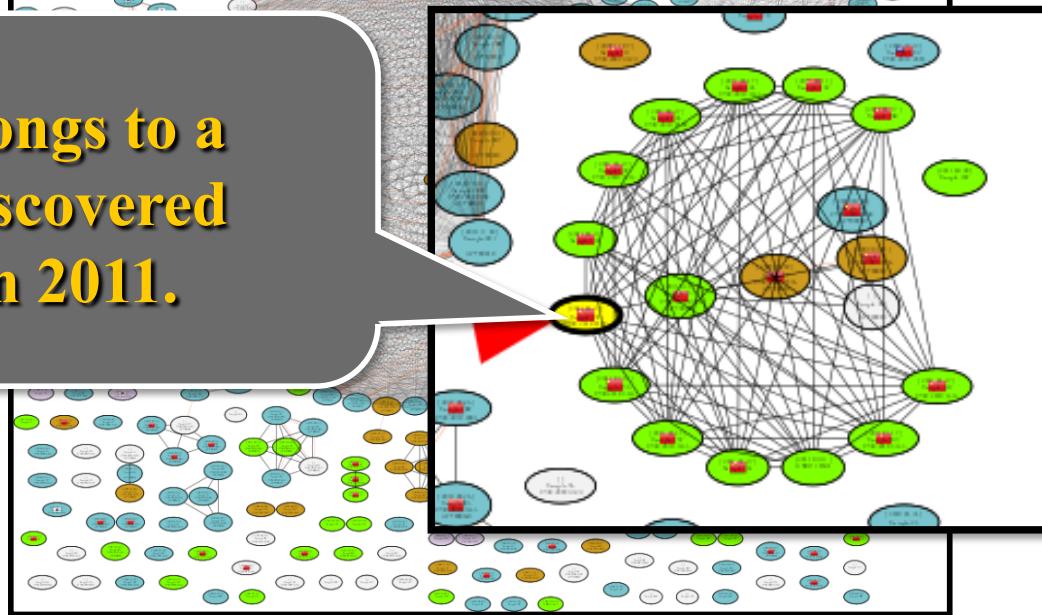
Target Attack Mail has been signed !?



(2/3) Identify the APT Taskforce Group

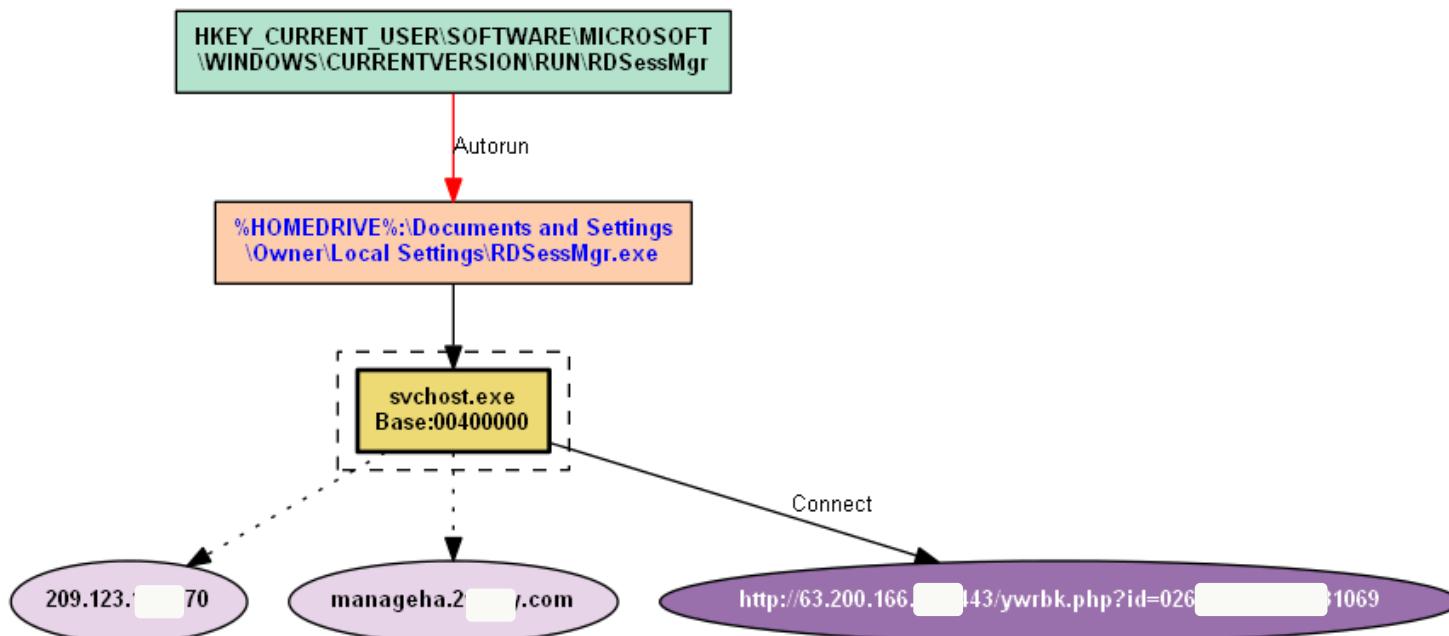


‘100620.pdf’ belongs to a known, newly discovered APT Taskforce in 2011.



(3/3) Identify the APT Taskforce Group

- But Malware is a known family, it is same as APT-Group-B !



Thank you for your listening

- Xecure Lab (<http://www.xecure-lab.com>)
- We keep collecting samples for analysis.
- Enhance the capability to analyze and observe APT DNA family in more accurate manner.
- It is an incremental efforts made to the Malware Analysis community.
- Together, we make homeland secured.

Special Thanks

- Every members in Xecure Research Team and Mila as well as everyone has contributed ideas to us.
- Our family and fellows

Finally

**Blackhat review board members,
are you convinced yet? 😊**