VideoScribe v3.1.0 Assessment

Date: August 26th, 2018.

Description: These were vulnerabilities found during the installation and download of the VideoScribe software v3.1.0. The software may allow that unverifiable Object Linking and Embedding (OLE) streams in combination with suspicious websites succeed in an arbitrary code injection. The event could be triggered by packed icon files in the *.msi file or a PE executable files embedded in the software that revealed itself as a document (*.doc) file, suggesting some degree of file impersonation.

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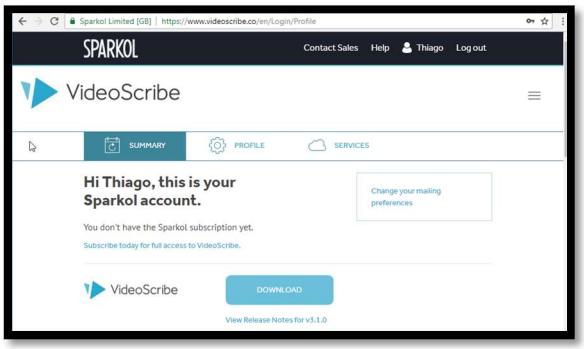
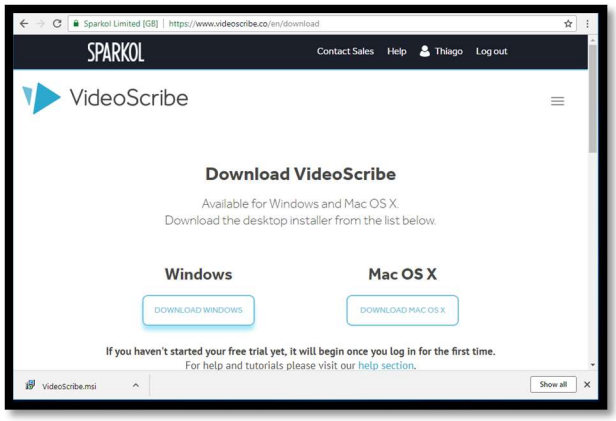
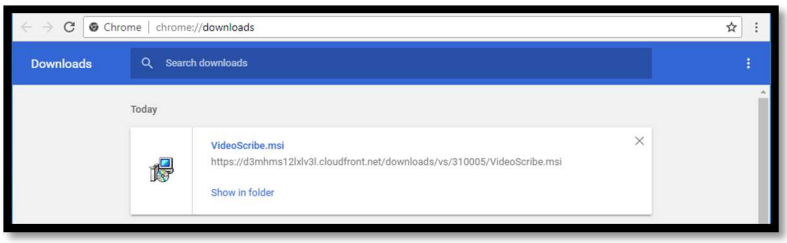
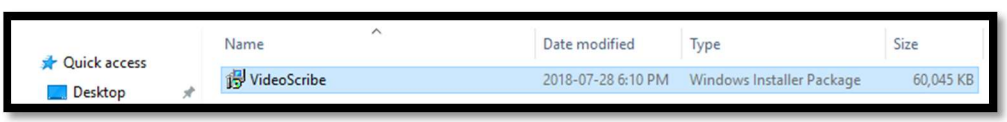
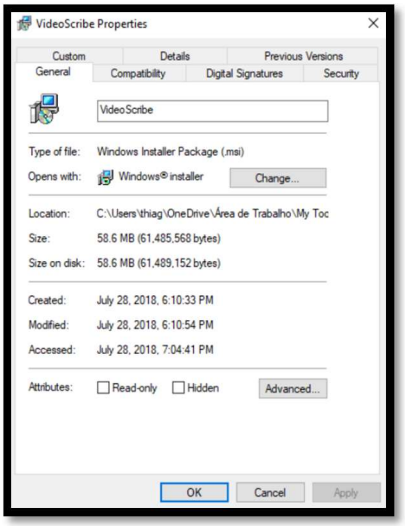
1. File Identification

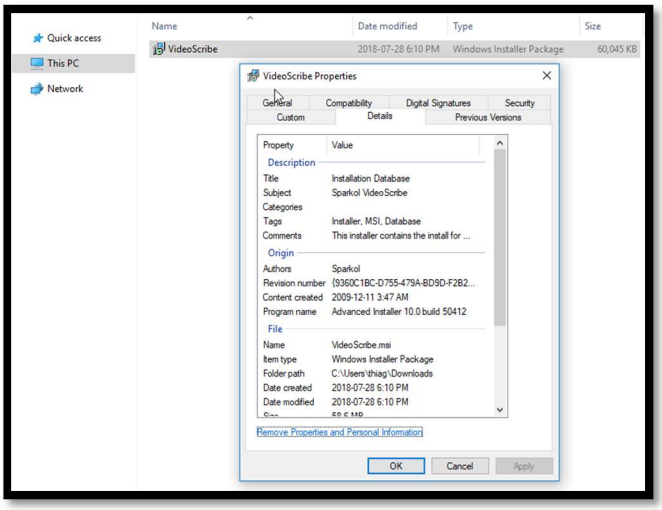









VideoScribe Properties
Custom
Details
Previous Versions
General
Compatibility
Digital Signatures
Security
VideoScribe
Type of file: Windows Installer Package (.msi)
Opens with: Windows® installer
Change...
Location: C:\Users\thiag\OneDrive\Área de Trabalho\My Toc
Size: 58.6 MB (61,485,568 bytes)
Size on disk: 58.6 MB (61,489,152 bytes)
Created: July 28, 2018, 6:10:33 PM
Modified: July 28, 2018, 6:10:54 PM
Accessed: July 28, 2018, 7:04:41 PM
Attributes: Read-only Hidden
Advanced...
OK
Cancel
Apply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Name
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VideoScribe Properties
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Property
Value
Description
Title
Installation Database
Subject
Sparkol VideoScribe
Categories
Tags
Installer, MSI, Database
Comments
This installer contains the install for ...
Origin
Authors
Sparkol
Revision number
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2009-12-11 3:47 AM
Program name
Advanced Installer 10.0 build 50412
File
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Item type
Windows Installer Package
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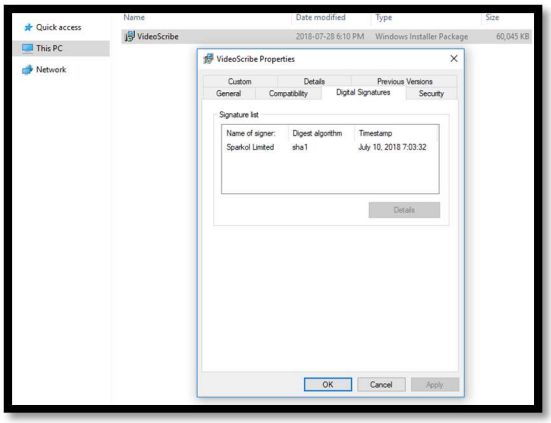
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Details
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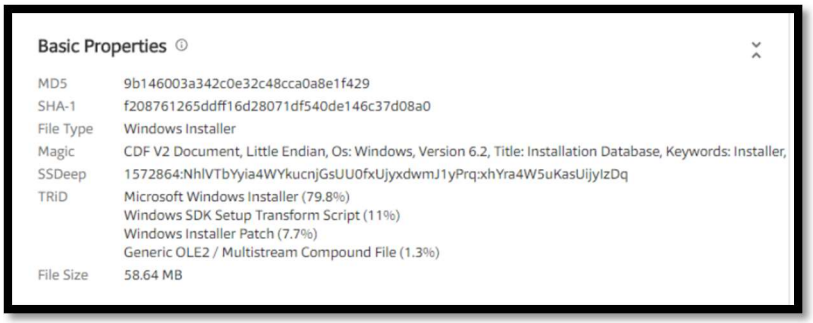
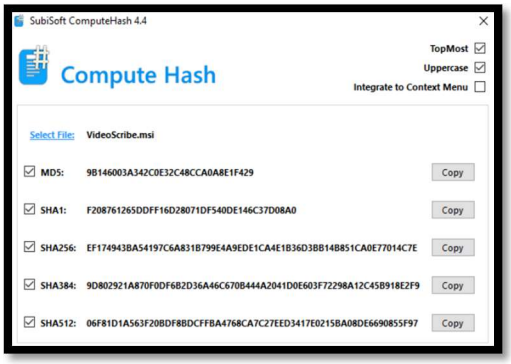
2. File Properties



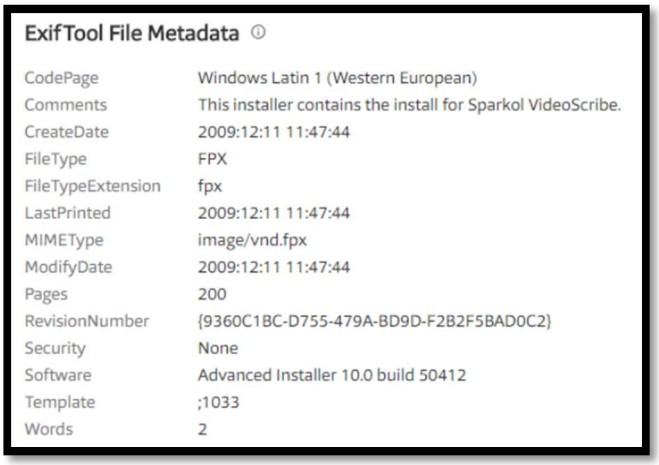
Basic Properties

MD5	9b146003a342c0e32c48cca0a8e1f429
SHA-1	f208761265ddff16d28071df540de146c37d08a0
File Type	Windows Installer
Magic	CDF V2 Document, Little Endian, Os: Windows, Version 6.2, Title: Installation Database, Keywords: Installer,
SSDeep	1572864:NhlVTbYyia4WYkucnjGsUU0fxUjyxdwmJ1yPrq:xhYra4W5uKasUijyIzDq
TRiD	Microsoft Windows Installer (79.8%) Windows SDK Setup Transform Script (11%) Windows Installer Patch (7.7%) Generic OLE2 / Multistream Compound File (1.3%)
File Size	58.64 MB

Source: www.virustotal.com



Source: Compute Hash

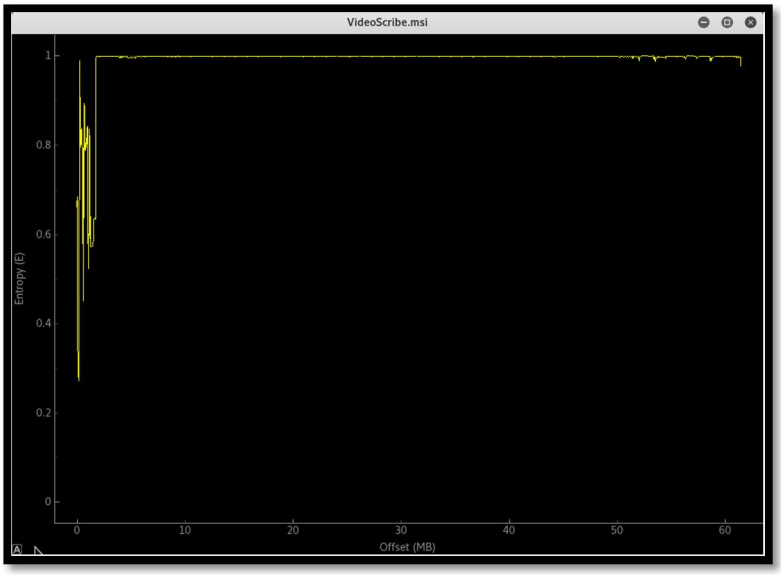


ExifTool File Metadata

CodePage	Windows Latin 1 (Western European)
Comments	This installer contains the install for Sparkol VideoScribe.
CreateDate	2009:12:11 11:47:44
FileType	FPX
FileTypeExtension	fpx
LastPrinted	2009:12:11 11:47:44
MIMEType	image/vnd.fpx
ModifyDate	2009:12:11 11:47:44
Pages	200
RevisionNumber	{9360C1BC-D755-479A-BD9D-F2B2F5BAD0C2}
Security	None
Software	Advanced Installer 10.0 build 50412
Template	;1033
Words	2

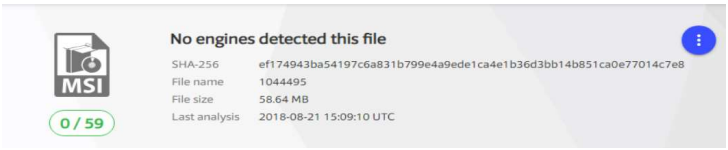
Source: www.virustotal.com

The entropy test below confirms the presence of compressed files.



Source: kali linux.

Which does not allow the detection of malicious files:



Source: Virus Total.

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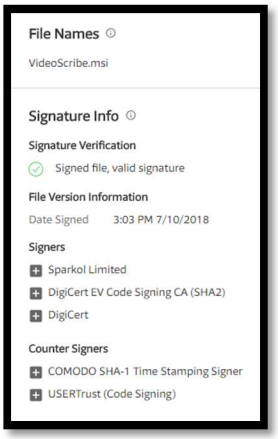

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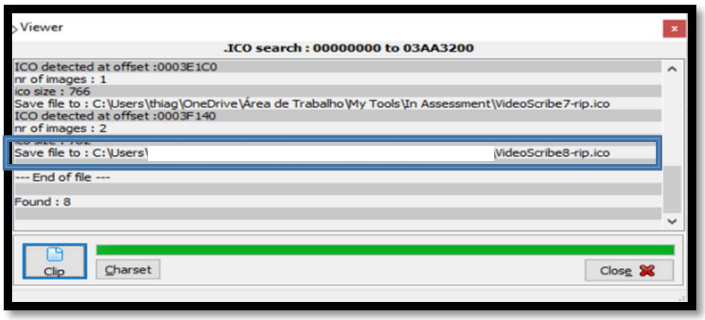
4. Object Linking and Embedding (OLE) streams

Object Linking and Embedding (OLE) structures allow the creation of objects in one application and be linked or embedded in a second application. In this process, data is stored in the streams, including the possibility of malware files.

In general, these objects can be part of a Rich Text Format (*.rtf), Microsoft Word (*.doc), Microsoft Excel (*.xlsx) file and would require attackers to send one of those types of files to the victim computer and would need the user action to open it. In this case, the OLE streams that are included as part of the software installation, and they do not need user action to open it. Then, without the user knowledge, these additional OLE components are also being deployed. The object could be embedded in a file or an icon activated by the user or remaining in a dormant stage.

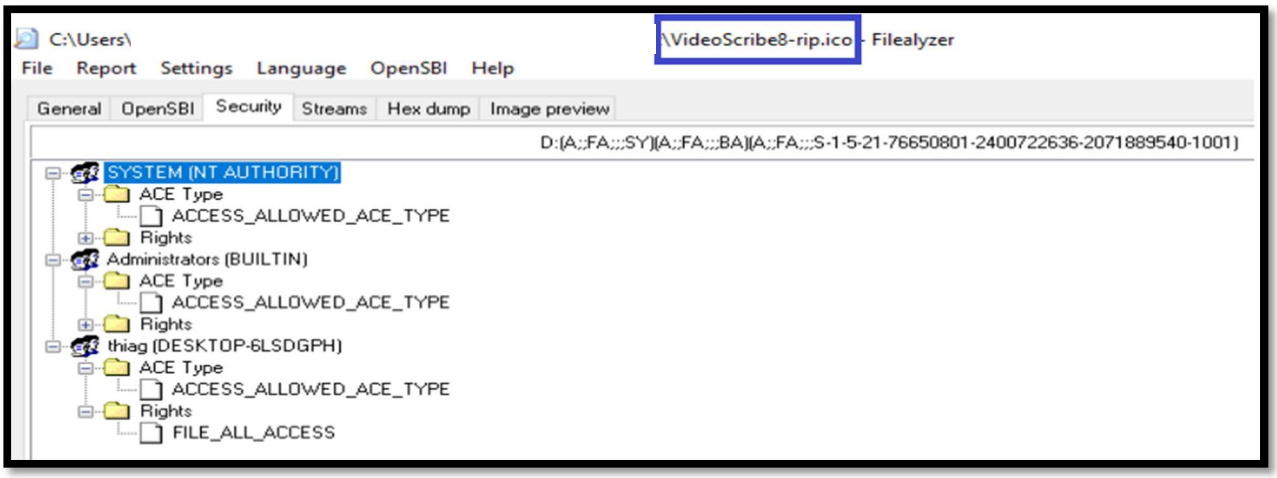
There were 08 hidden icons found in the software. Note that these files were packed. Once unpacked they show an ACCESS_ALLOWED_ACE_TYPE. This structure defines an access-control entry (ACE) for the discretionary access-control list (DACL) that controls access to an object for a specific subject identified by a security identifier (SID). In this case, the icon will grant all possible access rights for a file (FILE_ALL_ACCESS).

Hidden icons:



Source: Exeinfo PE

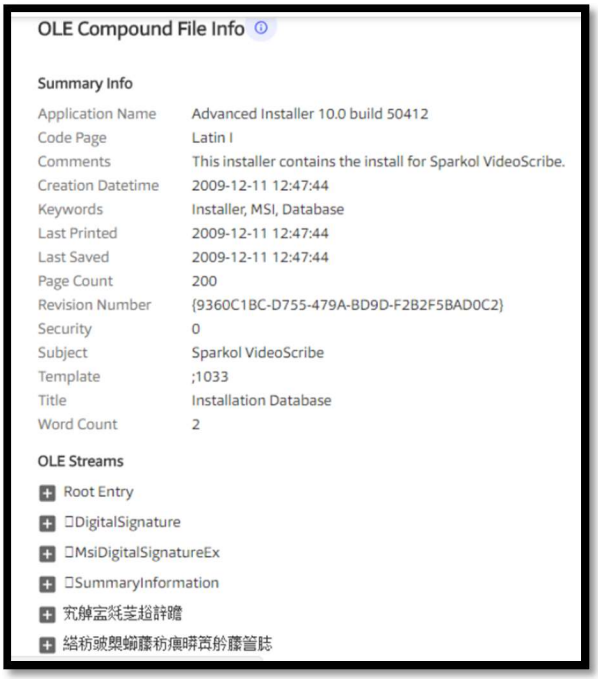
Source: www.virustotal.com

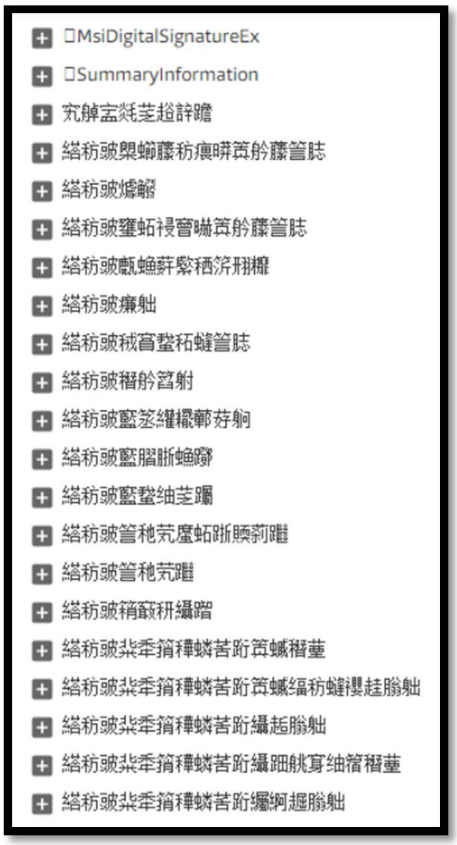


Source: FileAlyzer

By using WinINet.dll special features such as decompression support, credential cache and remote access could enable an unauthorized user to exploit the access through identified OLE Streams and suspicious websites.

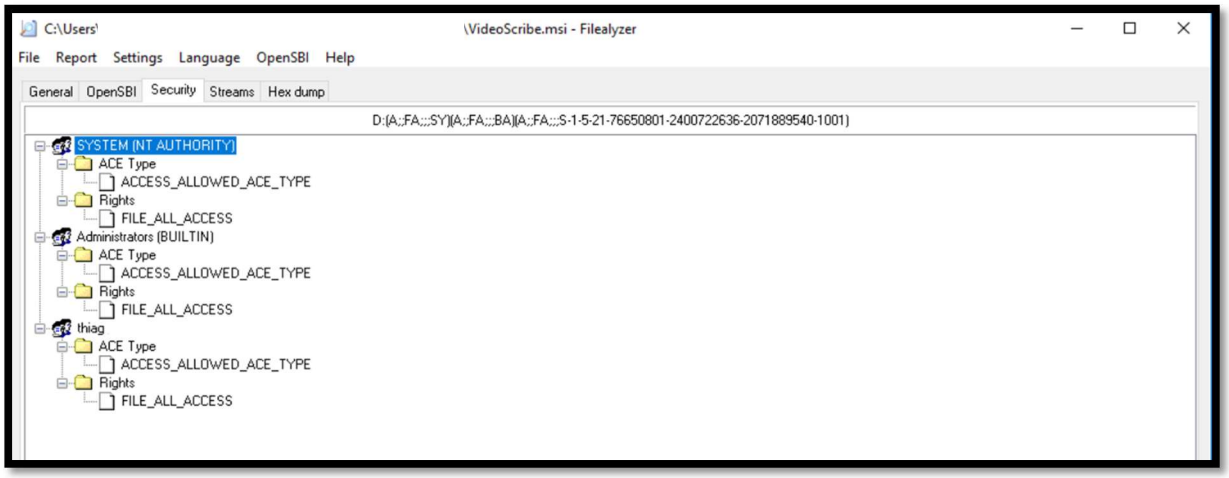
These were the OLE stream found:





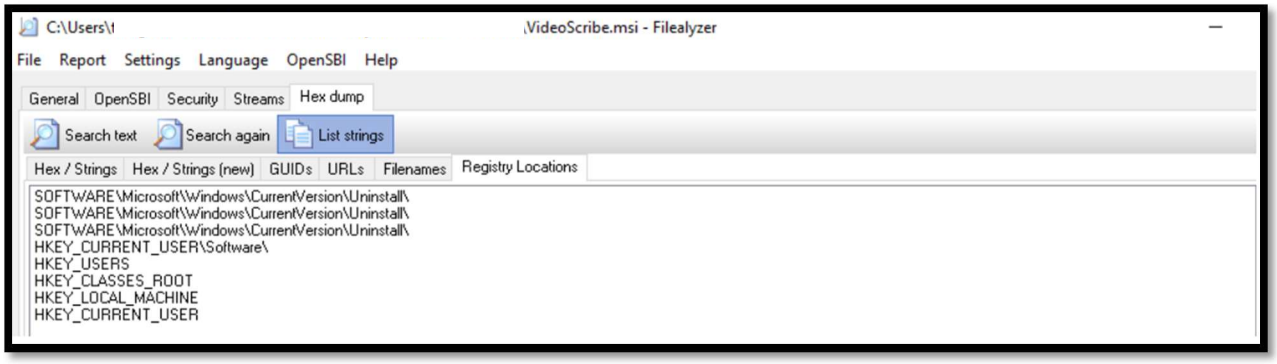
Source: www.virustotal.com

The exploit is successful because during the installation privileges are escalated granting full access.



Source: FileAlyzer

Then the access to Registry Locations such as HKEY_CLASSESS_ROOT allow the merge of default and processing settings to open specific files.

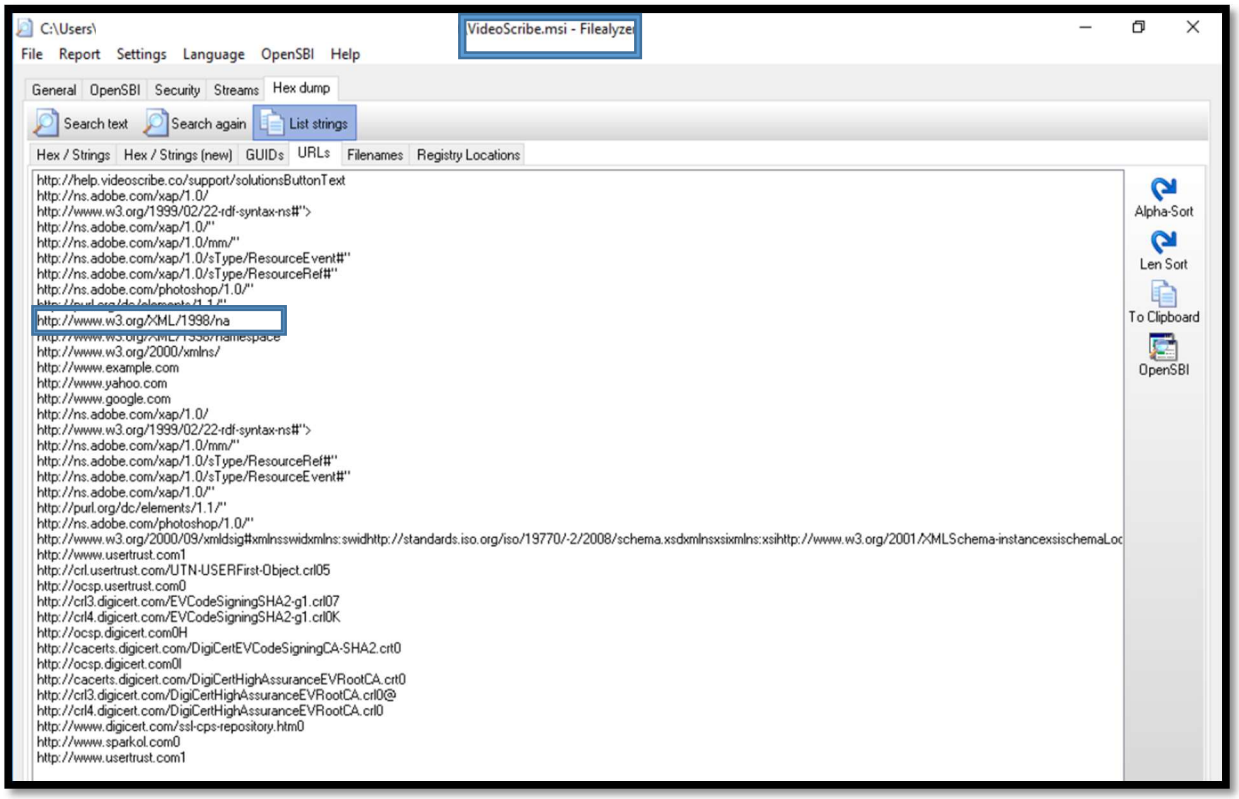


Source: FileAlyzer

5. Suspicious Websites

Suspicious websites were identified among acceptable ones such as www.google.com, for example. One website was selected for follow-up and demonstration.

- Example*: http://ns.adobe.com/photoshop/1.0/*



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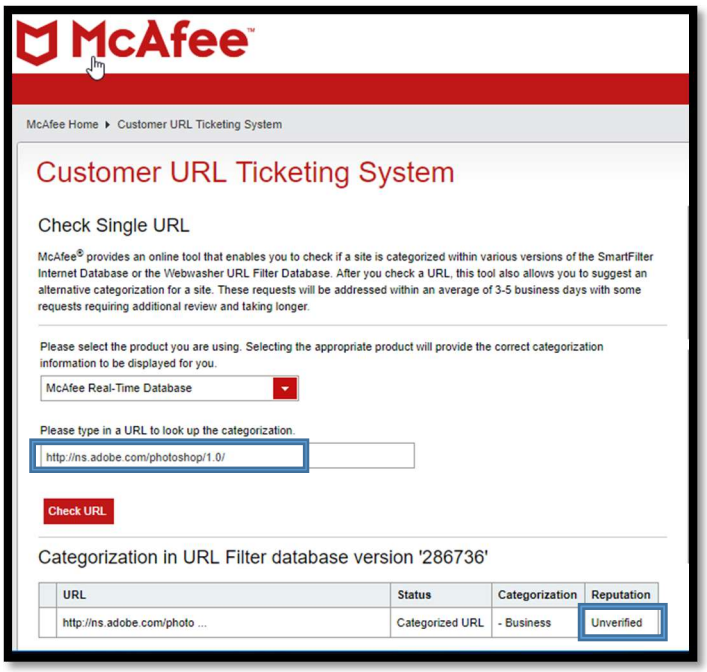
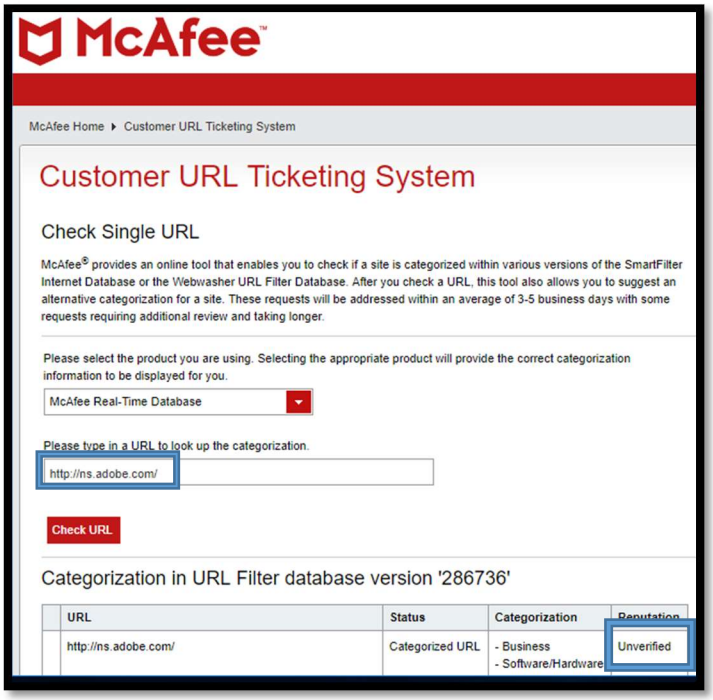
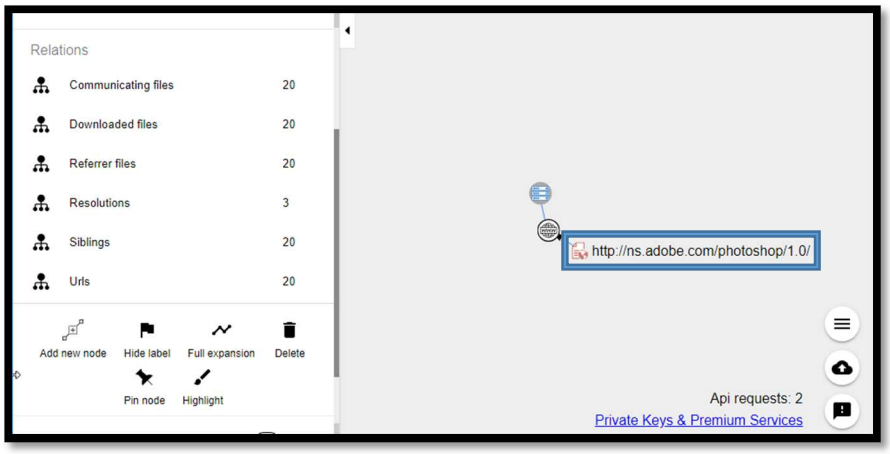




Source: www.trustedsource.org



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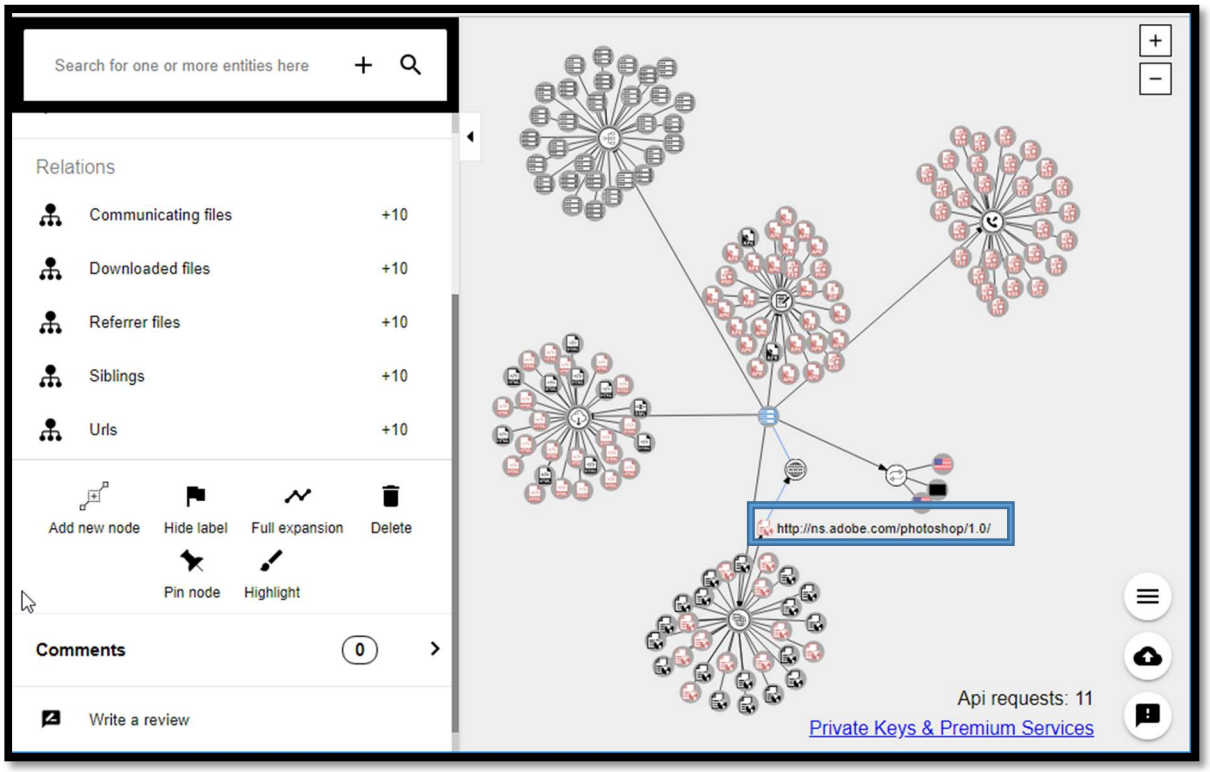

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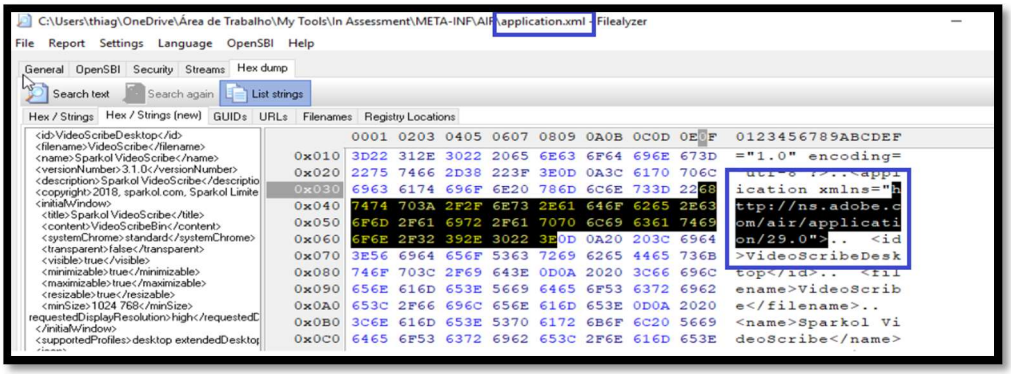
The suspicious websites were identified as part of XML files.

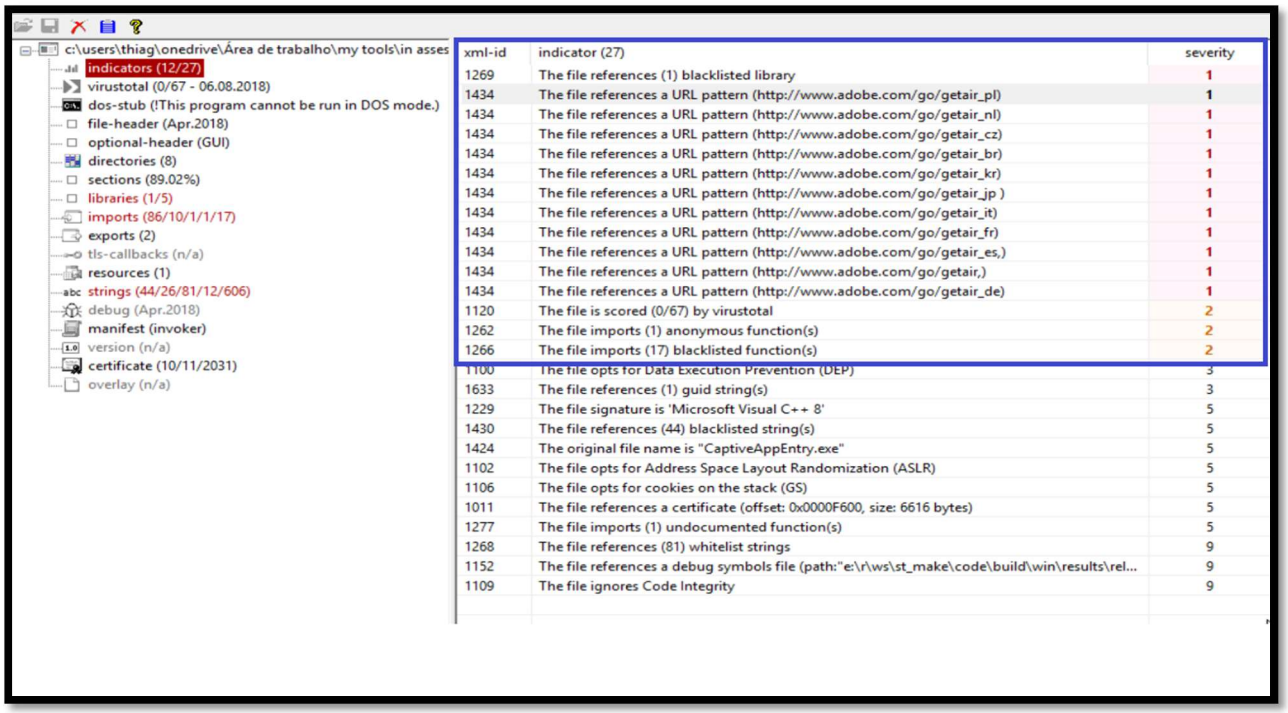


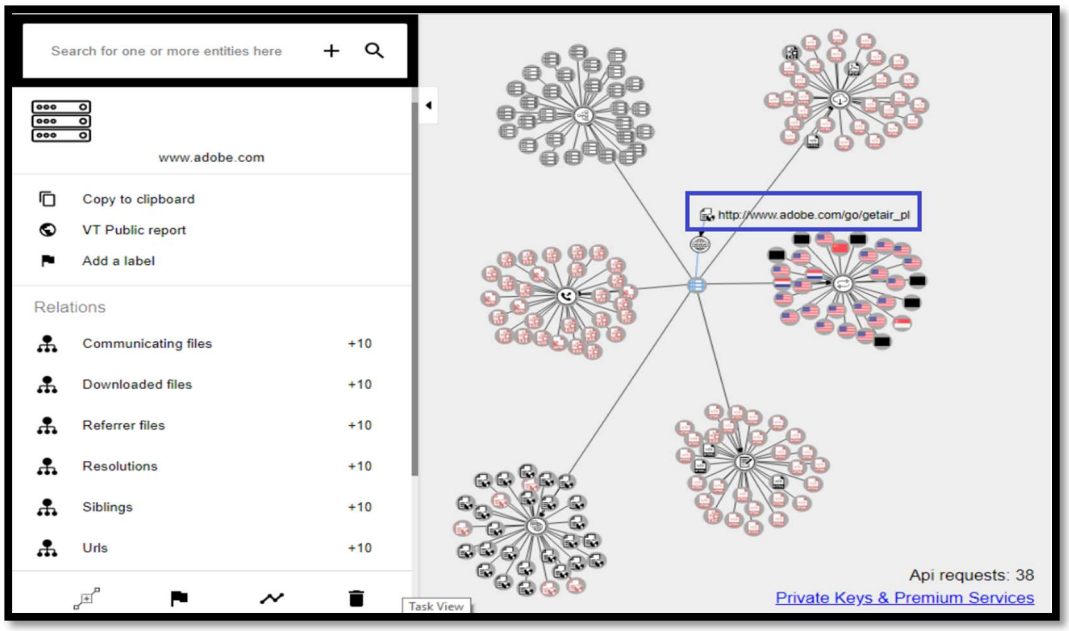
Source: FileAlyzer

6. Files Review

These were suspicious files found in the software by examining the strings using BinText. The first an executable file and list of dynamic-link libraries (dll).

It was identified the file CaptiveAppEntry.exe. The file shows the same behaviour to connect with suspicious websites and import blacklisted libraries and functions. From hybrid-analysis.com a suspicious behaviour was related to the capacity of this file query the CPU information (Attack-ID-T1082)



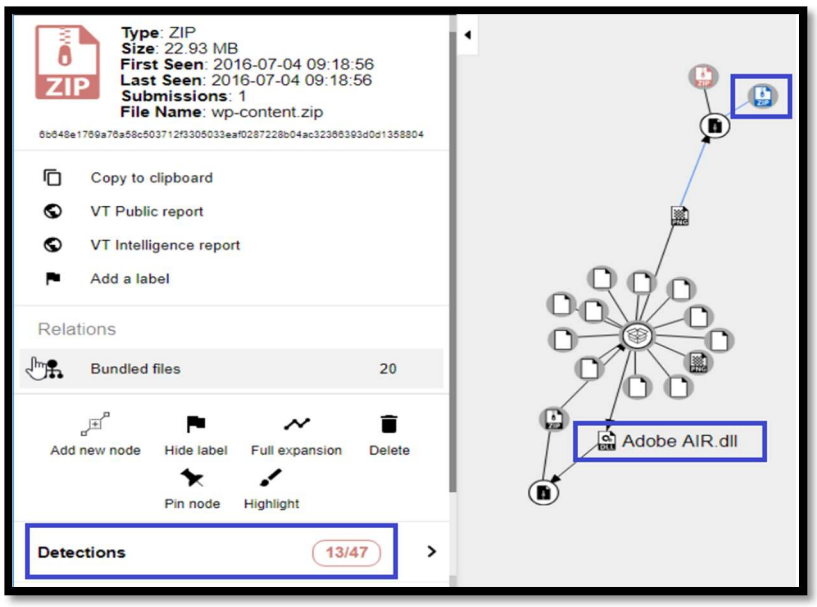


A complete list of DLL files would include:

1. mscoree.dll
2. user32.dll
3. kernel32.dll
4. Nmsi.dll
5. comdlg32.dll
6. ADVAPI32.dll
7. SHELL32.dll
8. ole32.dll
9. OLEAUT32.dll
10. ~1NXmlCfg.dll
11. WININET.dll
12. pWS2_32.dll
13. *NETAPI32.dll*
14. ZSHLWAPI.dll
15. kyZShell32.dll
16. TdB2msi.dll
17. P050dbghelp.dll
18. PSAPI.DLL
19. x86 Kernel32.dll
20. ldDbghelp.dll
21. y3\msi.dll

22. SHLWAPI.dll
23. VjResourceCleaner.dll
24. jJmsi.dll
25. JQExternalUICleaner.dll
26. CABINET.DLL
27. AdobeAIR.dll
28. SL AdobeCP.dll
29. 5L AdobeCP15.dll
30. aLV NPSWF32.dll
31. WebKit.dll

From the analysis of the DLL list, it is possible to identify ordinary libraries and possible malicious ones, such as the item 27 from the list, in which we can observe the connection with a few compressed and malicious files in a close loop:

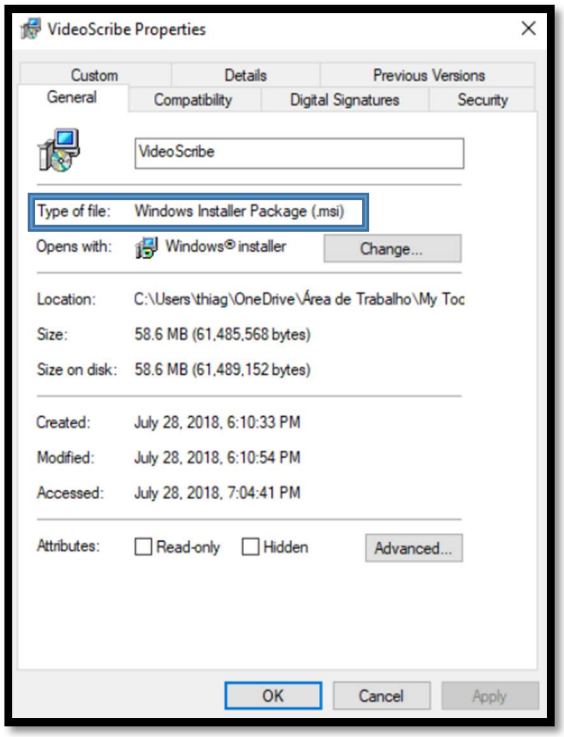


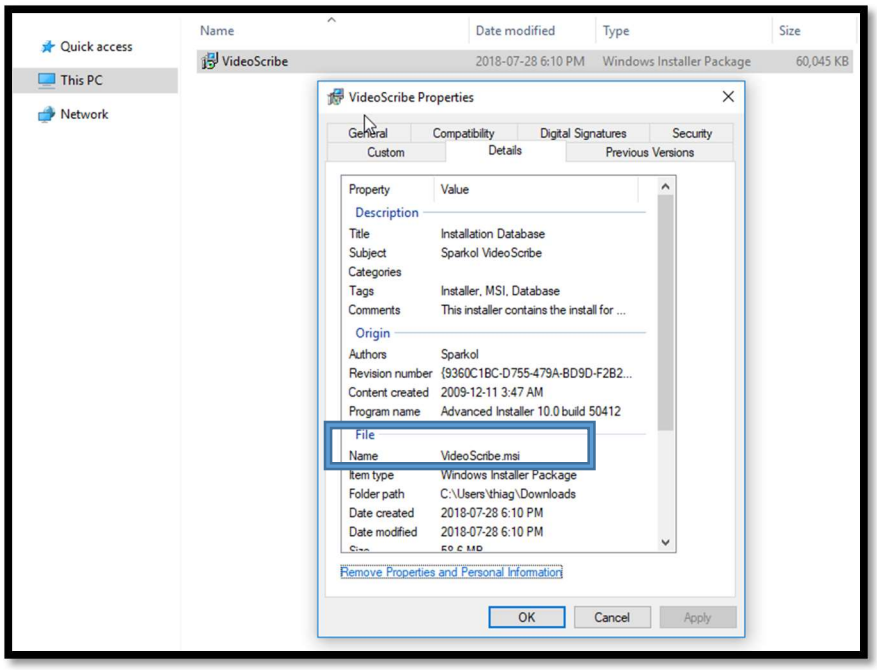
7. Additional Information

Initially, it was thought that the software was part of a possible file impersonation case, but this assumption was cleared directly by Microsoft as not a security breach (MSRC#47003-0461058685).

It was identified a vulnerability in the recognition of *.msi files in Windows 10 during the installation and download of the VideoScribe software. The Windows 10 recognized the file as a Windows Installer Package, however there was no *.msi file in the software or a valid 32-bit / 64-bit Windows module. In this case, Windows 10 would have to issue an error message such as “2766 – The file [2] is an invalid MSI storage file” preventing the installation of the software that includes an extensive list of unverifiable Object Linking and Embedding (OLE) streams and some suspicious websites.

The software is specified as a *.doc file and it is still possible to detect the PE executable files, possibly associated with the OLE streams identified.

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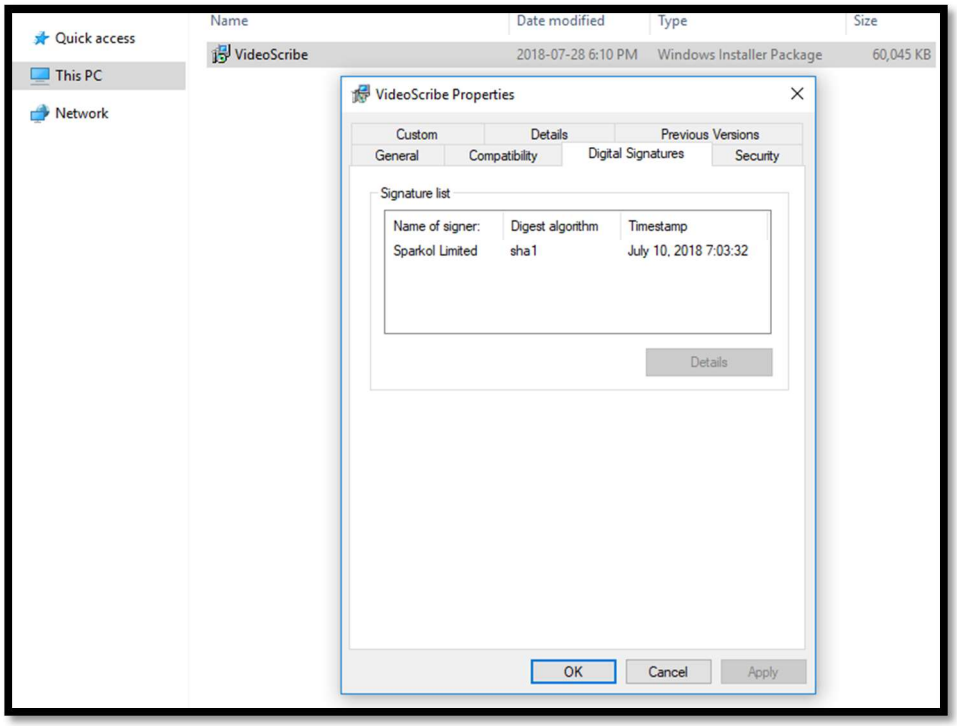
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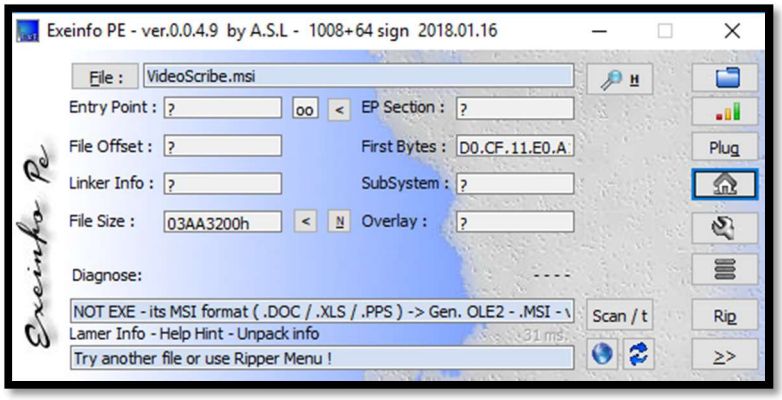

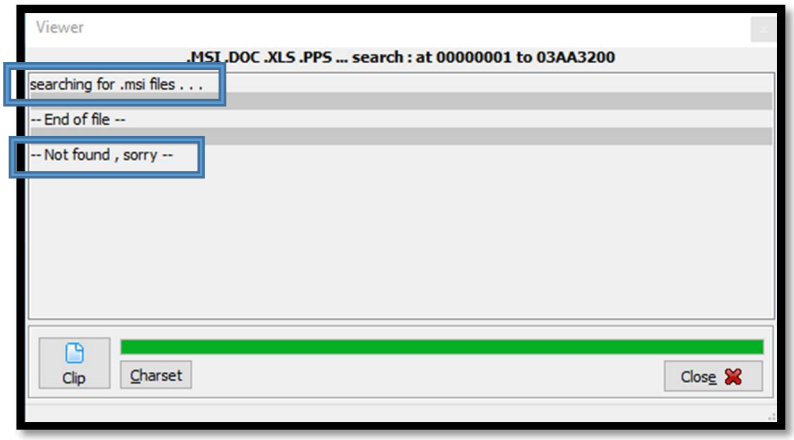

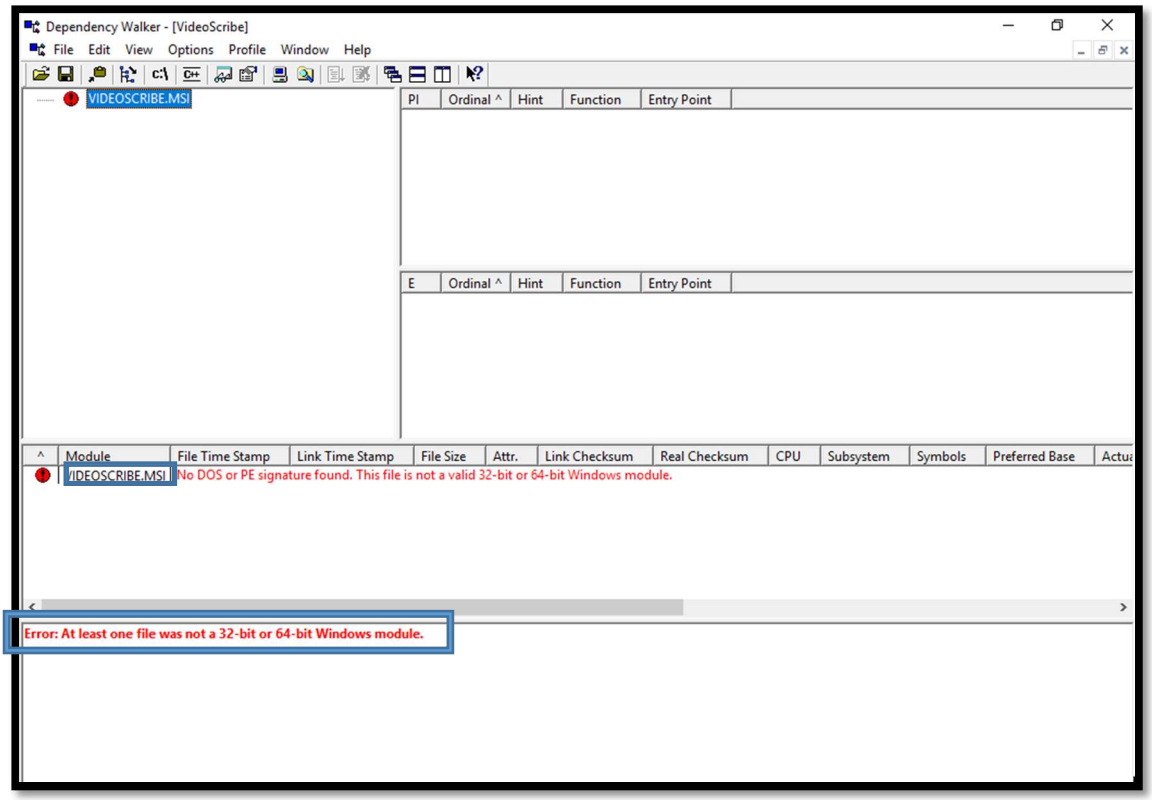
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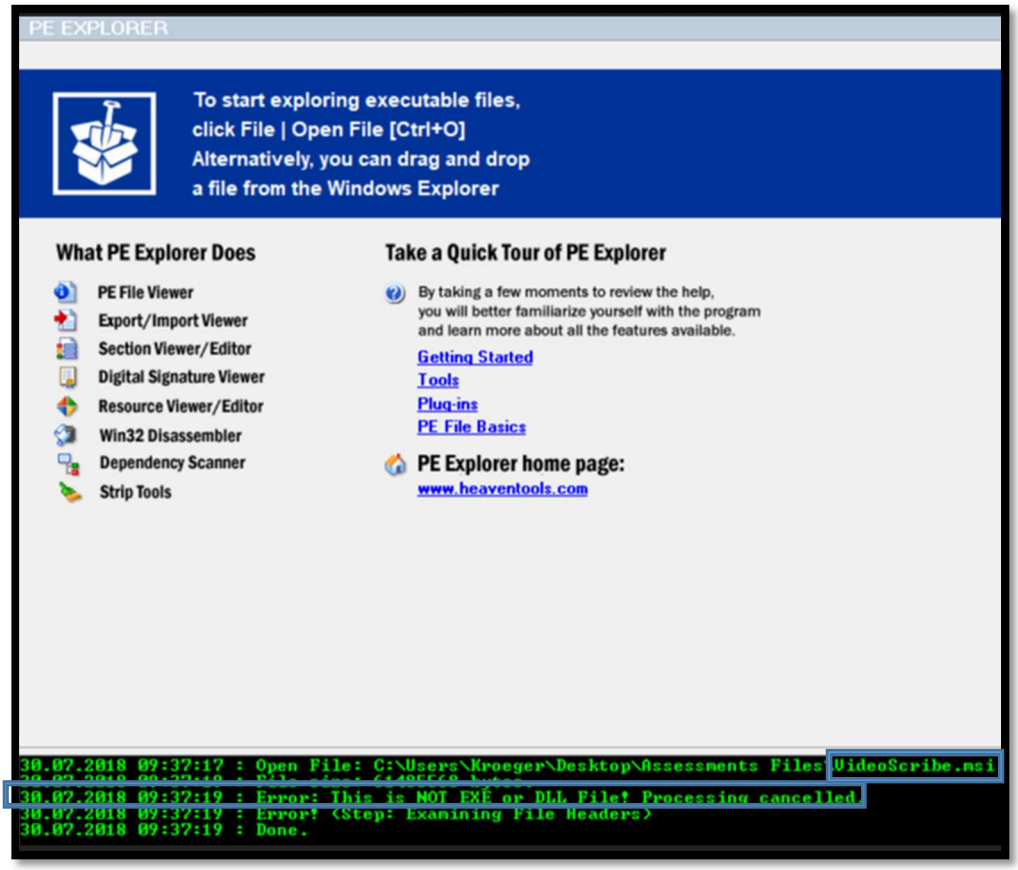
Error: At least one file was not a 32-bit or 64-bit Windows module.


PE EXPLORER
To start exploring executable files,
click File | Open File [Ctrl+O]
Alternatively, you can drag and drop
a file from the Windows Explorer
What PE Explorer Does
PE File Viewer
Export/Import Viewer
Section Viewer/Editor
Digital Signature Viewer
Resource Viewer/Editor
Win32 Disassembler
Dependency Scanner
Strip Tools
Take a Quick Tour of PE Explorer
By taking a few moments to review the help,
you will better familiarize yourself with the program
and learn more about all the features available.
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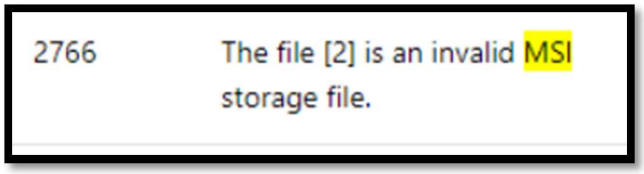
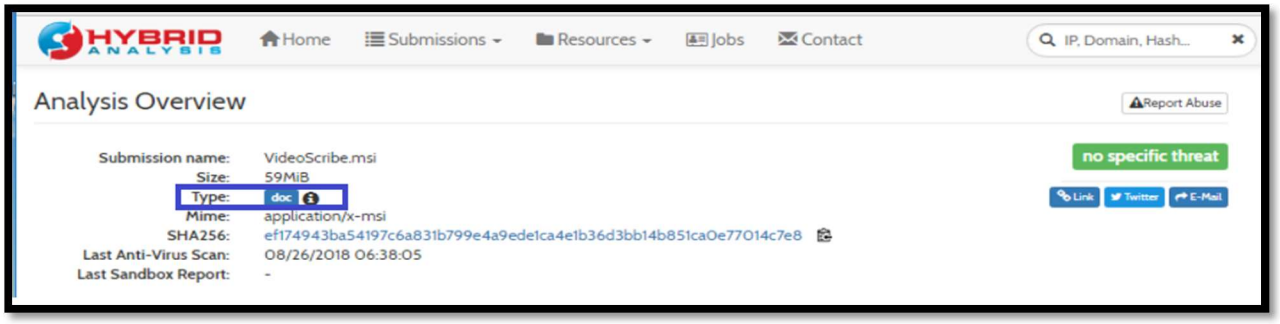
Plug-ins
PE File Basics
PE Explorer home page:
www.heaventools.com
30.07.2018 09:37:17 : Open File: C:\Users\Kroeger\Desktop\Assessments Files\VideoScribe.msi
30.07.2018 09:37:19 : Error: This is NOT EXE or DLL File! Processing cancelled
30.07.2018 09:37:19 : Error! (Step: Examining File Headers)
30.07.2018 09:37:19 : Done.

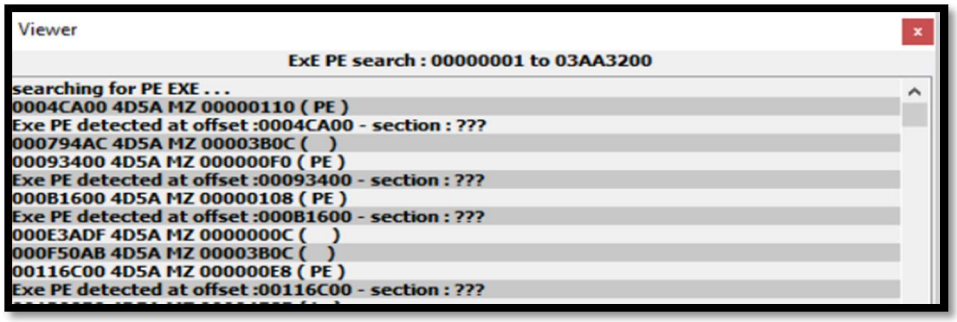
Error Message

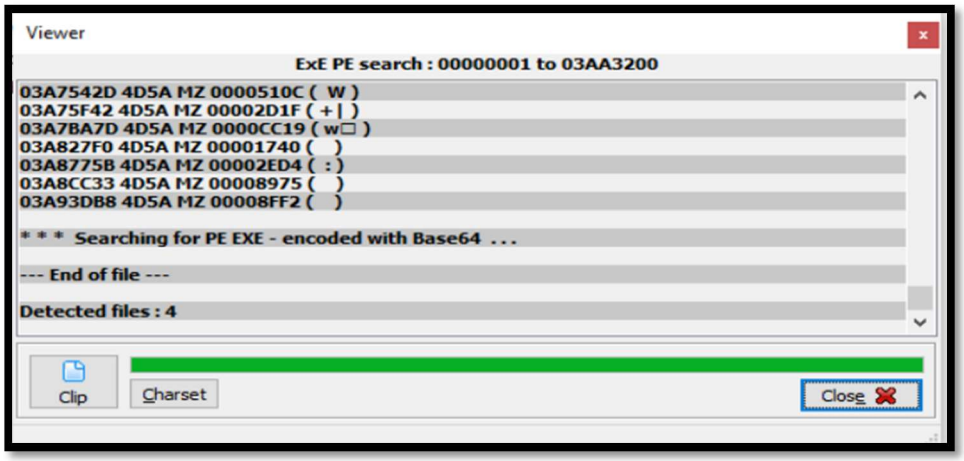


And the software is installed as a Doc file.



And still it is possible to identify the existence of PE exe files in the software:





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