Vidar Stealer

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS REPORT

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Overview

The malware from the Vidar family appears as an EXE file. This malicious software can access personal information, cryptocurrency wallet data, and cookie information on infected computers. It was first discovered in late 2018 and has been regularly updated and improved since then. The malware can be spread through malicious links or attachments sent via email, downloaded fake files or applications, malvertising, and social engineering attacks.

Analysis of sample.exe

File Name	sample.exe
MD5	701477F861BDE9756D5FC3ACE9D2F019
SHA256	2E0F06DF176B574CD8F629F8E0D32FDEDC72DD20
File Type	PE32/EXE

The MD5, SHA-1, and SHA-256 hashes of the malware are listed in the table. The original name is

48aa1381548b2590a3ae1d740852fdefdf51c46666ee2d86e50aeae66afbda60.exe, but it has been renamed to sample.exe for ease of analysis.

Dynamic Analysis

```
mov dword ptr [ebp+var_820+4], edx
push 42h; 'B'
push 77Eh
lea eax, [ebp+var_7B0]
push eax
push offset a3h8w2npbk4nrdu; "3h8W2nPBk4nRDUrB6Y0h0HLpyqaFdsG77R2qmHs"...
call sub_401080
```

Figure 2. The string used by the malware

When the malware is examined, the string named

3h8W2nOBk4nRDUrB6Y0HLpyqaFdsG77R2qmHs draws attention. When the function it calls is examined, it is seen that it is a harmless Shellcode that performs jump operations in memory. It is understood that this string was inserted to confuse.

Figure 3. Jump operations in Memory

```
push 42h; 'B'
push 5AE00h
push offset unk_418008
push offset aTsuyxh4r2bmpl6; "tsUYxh4R2BMPl6IVK7msKOJi8MeYnj3B4ogS6KP"...
call sub_401000
```

Figure 4. The string used by the malware

When the malware is examined, another string named tsUYxh4R2BMPl6IVK7msKOJi8MeYnj3B4ogS6KP stands out. This string is assigned to the function named sub_401000.

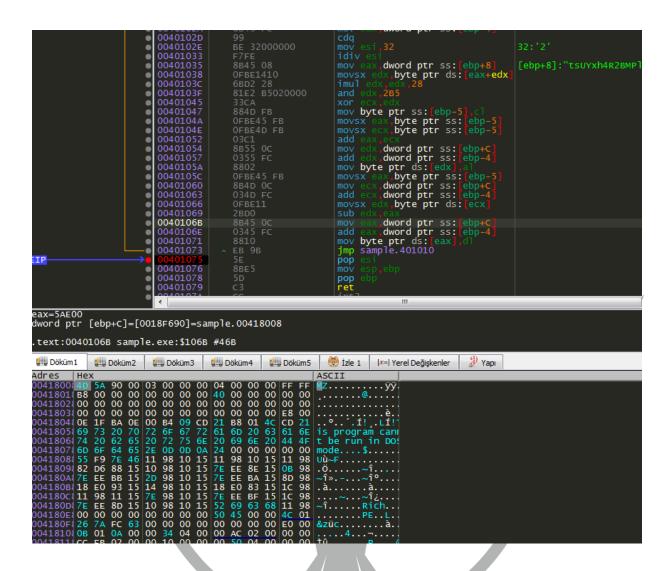


Figure 5. Injected PE file

Upon entering and examining the function **sub_401000**, it is understood that a PE file is injected into sample.exe with the pop esi instruction. The dump was followed in the memory map and then saved as **SAMPLE_00418000.EXE**. The .exe file that was recorded was analyzed statically and dynamically.

Analysis of sample_00418000.exe

File Name	sample_00418000.exe
MD5	35EBCE61CD83460135893269B991E740
SHA256	DA39750642B84880BD1E882E3EF53C7E72C42366
File Type	PE32/EXE

The MD5 and SHA-256 information of the dropped .exe file is given in the table. It is named sample_00418000.exe for ease of analysis.

Dynamic Analysis

```
FF15 BC404100
                                         dword ptr ds: [<&GetSystemTimeAsFileTime>]
0040DA73
             8B75 FC
0040DA79
                                            dword ptr ss: [ebp-4
0040DA7C
                                            dword ptr ss: ebp-8
                                    call dword ptr ds:[<&GetCurrentProcessId>]
0040DA7F
             FF15 18404100
0040DA85
0040DA87
             FF15 68404100
                                    call dword ptr ds:[<&GetCurrentThreadId>]
0040DA8D
                                    call dword ptr ds:[<&GetTickCount>]
0040DA8F
             FF15 B8404100
0040DA95
             33F0
0040DA97
             8D45 F0
                                   lea:
                                           dword ptr ss:[ebp-10]
0040DA9A
                                   push
0040DA9B
                                    call dword ptr ds: [<&QueryPerformanceCounter>]
             FF15 B4404100
```

Figure 6. APIs used by malware

In the first phase, the malware collects general information about the system. The APIs it uses are given in the table below.

	Gets the current system date and time.		
GetSystemTimeAsFileTime	The information is in Coordinated		
	Universal Time (UTC) format.		
GetCurrentProccessId	Gets the process identifier of the calling		
	process		

GetCurrentThreadId	Gets the thread identifier of the calling
	thread
GetTickCount	Gets the number of milliseconds (up to
	49.7 days) since system initialization.
QueryPerformanceCounter	Gets the current value of the
	performance counter with a high
	resolution (<1us) timestamp that can be
	used for time interval measurements.

Figure 7. Impossible Disassembly Technique

When the dropped .exe file is examined in the Disassembler program, it is understood that the Impossible Disassembly technique is used. This technique is an Anti-Disassembly technique that aims to make reverse engineering difficult. As shown in the figure, data bytes are added to the conditional skip directive. These data bytes are designed to prevent the disassembly algorithm from disassembling the actual instruction after the jump instruction. The B8 opcode in the figure is not used at all because it is skipped. Since the disassembler cannot make sense of these parts, it misinterprets them. This technique is often used in malware and other unsafe software.

```
| instruction | 1 | instruction | 1 | instruction | 2 | instruction | 3 | instructio
```

Figure 8. Impossible Disassembly technique before decoding

We analyze the impossible disassembly technique by replacing the B8 opcode in the figure with 90, that is, by filling it with NOP.

Figure 9. After analyzing the Impossible Disassembly technique

In this way, the malware can be analyzed without getting stuck in the Disassembler.

To avoid malware that uses Impossible Disassembly tactics:

- Download software from trusted sources.
- Keep the software up to date.
- Use an antivirus program.
- Analyze your computer's software with special tools designed for reverse engineering.

Figure 10. Telegram bot URL address

The dropped .exe file contains the URL address of the telegram bot used for the C&C server.

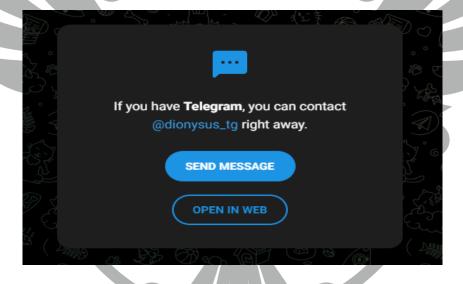


Figure 11. Telegram bot

```
        00E3E7C0 | 00E3E7C1 | 8BEC | 00E3E7C3 | 51 | 00E3E7C4 | 33C0 | 00E3E7C4 | 33C0 | 00E3E7C4 | 6A 35 | 00E3E7C6 | 6A 35 | 00E3E7C8 | C746 14 0F000000 | 00E3E7CF | 8946 10 | 00E3E7D2 | 00E3E7D2 | 08 66 FAE7A00 | 00E3E7D2 | 08 66 FAE7A00 | 00E3E7D2 | 08 68 60FAE7A0 | 00E3E7D7 | 8BCE | 00E3E7D7 | 8BCE | 00E3E7D7 | 8BCE | 00E3E7D2 | 8806 | 00E3E7D2 | 8806 | 00E3E7D3 | 8806 | 00E3E7E3 | 8BCG | 00E3E7E3 | 00E3E7
```

Figure 1. Steam URL address

The dropped .exe file contains the steamcommunity URL address.

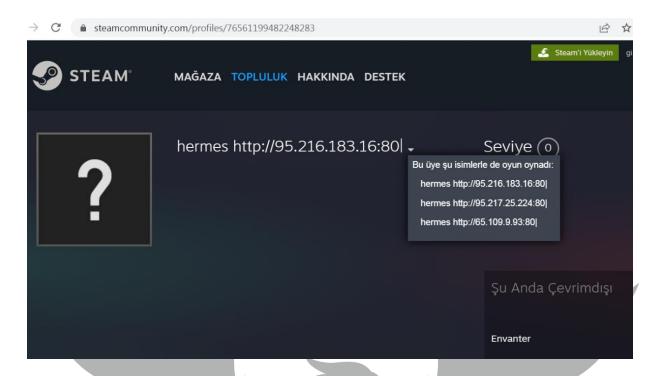


Figure 2. Steam profile page

Using the steamcommunity URL address, the malware sends an HTTP GET request to hermes http[:]//95[.]216[.]183[.]183[.]16[:]80, hermes http[:]//95[.]217[.]25[.]224[:]80, hermes http[:]//65[.]109[.]9[.]93[:]80. With this request,

the malware tries to pull a file named hera.zip from the server.

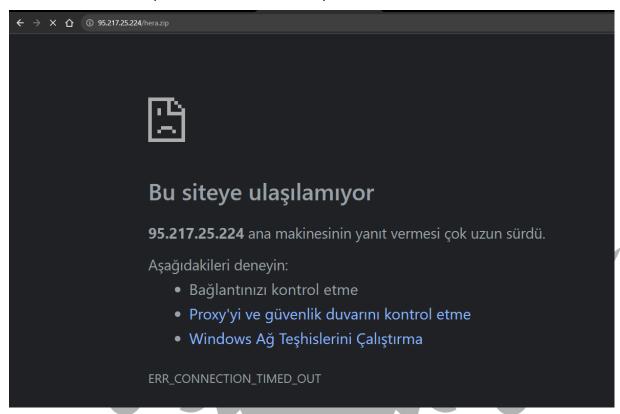


Figure 14. web server to pull hera.zip

It is seen that the server from which the file named hera.zip will be extracted is down.

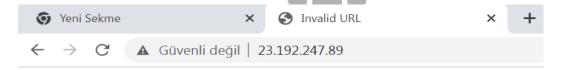
```
696 TCP Receive
696 TCP Receive
696 TCP Receive
gorev(dropped)...
                                                            WIN-L1KDN79P80J.localdomain:49276 -> 149.154.167.99:https
gorev(dropped)...
                                                            WIN-L1KDN79P80J.localdomain:49276 -> 149.154.167.99:https:
                                                            WIN-L1KDN79P80J.localdomain:49276 -> 149.154.167.99:https
gorev(dropped)...
                       696 TCP Connect
696 TCP Send
                                                            WIN-L1KDN79P80J.localdomain:49277 -> a23-192-247-89.deploy.static.akamaitechnologies.com.https://dx.
  gorev(dropped)..
                                                            WIN-L1KDN79P80J.localdomain:49277 -> a23-192-247-89.deploy.static.akamaitechnologies.com.https
  gorev(dropped)...
                       696 TCP Receive
gorev(dropped)...
                                                            WIN-L1KDN79P80J.localdomain:49277 -> a23-192-247-89.deploy.static.akamaitechnologies.com.https://dx.
gorev(dropped)...
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                       696 TCP Receive
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696 TCP Send
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                                                            WIN-L1KDN79P80J.localdomain:49277 -> a23-192-247-89.deploy.static.akamaitechnologies.com.https
  gorev(dropped)...
                                                            WIN-L1KDN79P80J.localdomain:49277 -> a23-192-247-89.deploy.static.akamaitechnologies.com.https
  gorev(dropped).
                        696 KRegQueryKey
                                                            HKLM
 gorev(dropped).
                             RegQueryKey
RegOpenKey
                       696
                                                            HKLM
gorev(dropped)...
                                                            HKLMISOFTWARE\Wow6432Node\Microsoft\Cryptography\Defaults\Provider\Microsoft Enhanced RSA and AES (
gorev(dropped).
                       696
                             RegSetInfoKey
RegQueryValue
                                                            HKLMISOFTWARE\Wow6432Node\Microsoft\Cryptography\Defaults\Provider\Microsoft Enhanced RSA and AES (
gorev(dropped)..
                       696
                                                            HKLMISOFTWARE\Wow6432Node\Microsoft\Cryptography\Defaults\Provider\Microsoft Enhanced RSA and AES (
gorev(dropped)...
```

Figure 15. Request discarded from local machine

829 646.855253	23.192.247.89	192.168.213.128	TLSv1.2	85 Encrypted Alert
830 646.855305	192.168.213.128	23.192.247.89	TCP	54 49181 → 443 [RST, ACK] Seq=674 Ack=39916 Win=0 Len=0
831 646.856503	23.192.247.89	192.168.213.128	TCP	60 443 → 49185 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460
832 646.856553	192.168.213.128	23.192.247.89	TCP	54 49185 → 443 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=64240 Len=0
833 646.856921	192.168.213.128	23.192.247.89	TLSv1.2	275 Client Hello
834 646.857097	23.192.247.89	192.168.213.128	TCP	60 443 → 49185 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=222 Win=64240 Len=0
835 646.916788	23.192.247.89	192.168.213.128	TLSv1.2	1514 Server Hello
836 646.916788	23.192.247.89	192.168.213.128	TCP	1498 443 → 49185 [PSH, ACK] Seq=1461 Ack=222 Win=64240 Len=1444 [TCP segm
837 646.916858	192.168.213.128	23.192.247.89	TCP	54 49185 → 443 [ACK] Seq=222 Ack=2905 Win=64240 Len=0
838 646.917070	23.192.247.89	192.168.213.128	TLSv1.2	995 Certificate, Certificate Status, Server Key Exchange, Server Hello D
839 646.917092	192.168.213.128	23.192.247.89	TCP	54 49185 → 443 [ACK] Seq=222 Ack=3846 Win=63299 Len=0
840 646.927153	192.168.213.128	23.192.247.89	TLSv1.2	180 Client Key Exchange, Change Cipher Spec, Encrypted Handshake Message
841 646.927426	23.192.247.89	192.168.213.128	TCP	60 443 → 49185 [ACK] Seq=3846 Ack=348 Win=64240 Len=0
842 646.982192	23.192.247.89	192.168.213.128	TLSv1.2	105 Change Cipher Spec, Encrypted Handshake Message
843 646.982246	192.168.213.128	23.192.247.89	TCP	54 49185 → 443 [ACK] Seq=348 Ack=3897 Win=63248 Len=0
844 646.987164	192.168.213.128	23.192.247.89	TLSv1.2	379 Application Data
845 646.987544	23.192.247.89	192.168.213.128	TCP	60 443 → 49185 [ACK] Seq=3897 Ack=673 Win=64240 Len=0

Figure 3. Wireshark screenshot

At the same time, it is seen that the malware also sends requests to the IP address 23[.]192[.]192[.]247[.]89 from the local machine.



Invalid URL

The requested URL "[no URL]", is invalid.

Reference #9.5d161102.1697050990.e66b895

Figure 4. Invalid IP address

Looking at the IP address 23[.]192[.]192[.]247[.]89, it is seen that it is invalid.



Figure 18. string references in the module

```
        00EC1386
        68 D487F000
        push dropped.F087D4

        00EC1389
        A3 3C7EF100
        mov dword ptr ds:[F17E3C].eax

        00EC1399
        E8 86320000
        call dropped.F087E8
        F087E8:"TFFF59DMNKQ"

        00EC1394
        68 E887F000
        push dropped.F087E8
        F087E8:"TFFF59DMNKQ"

        00EC13A4
        BA 0B000000
        mov dword ptr ds:[F17F04].eax
        call dropped.EC4620

        00EC13A4
        E8 69320000
        call dropped.EC4620
        call dropped.F08880

        00EC13B4
        E8 69320000
        push dropped.F08880
        push dropped.F08880

        00EC13B4
        E8 69320000
        push dropped.F08880
        push dropped.F08818

        00EC13B4
        E8 68320000
        push dropped.F08830
        push dropped.F08830

        00EC13C4
        E8 54320000
        call dropped.EC4620
        call dropped.F08838

        00EC13C4
        E8 54320000
        push dropped.F08838
        push dropped.F08838

        00EC13D4
        AB 06000000
        mov dword ptr ds:[F17CD0].eax
        call dropped.EC4620

        00EC13E4
        E8 4088F000
        push dropped.F08846
        push dropped.F08846

        00EC13E4
        E8 22320000
        call dropped.EC4620
        call dropped.F08886
```

Figure 19. assembly view

The malware has a common function for encrypting strings and wallet addresses.

Figure 5. ida and pseudo code view

While many of these were strings used in wallet transactions, the decryption function (EC4620) was used in many parts of the malware.

Figure 21. decryption function

The general structure of the function is as shown in the picture, but it also leaves a message in memory.

Browser plugins targeted by the malware:

Plug-in ID	Plug-in Name
gojhcdgcpbpfigcaejpfhfegekdgiblk	Opera Wallet
pnndplcbkakcplkjnolgbkdgjikjednm	Tronium
egjidjbpglichdcondbcbdnbeeppgdph	Trust Wallet
aholpfdialjgjfhomihkjbmgjidlcdno	Exodus Web3 Wallet
jnlgamecbpmbajjfhmmmlhejkemejdma	Braavos
kkpllkodjeloidieedojogacfhpaihoh	Enkrypt
mcohilncbfahbmgdjkbpemcciiolgcge	OKX Web3 Wallet
epapihdplajcdnnkdeiahlgigofloibg	Sender
gjagmgiddbbciopjhllkdnddhcglnemk	Hashpack
kmhcihpebfmpgmihbkipmjlmmioameka	Eternl
bgpipimickeadkjlklgciifhnalhdjhe	GeroWallet
phkbamefinggmakgklpkljjmgibohnba	Pontem Wallet
ejjladinnckdgjemekebdpeokbikhfci	Petra Wallet
efbglgofoippbgcjepnhiblaibcnclgk	Martian Wallet
cjmkndjhnagcfbpiemnkdpomccnjblmj	Finnie
aijcbedoijmgnlmjeegjaglmepbmpkpi	Leap Terra

YARA Rule

```
import "hash"
rule sample{
meta:
      author="Team3"
      description="Vidar Stealer"
      first date="16.09.2023"
     report date="16.10.2023"
      file name="sample.exe"
strings:
      $dnm_a="3h8W2nPBk4nRDUrB6Y0h0HLpyqaFdsG77R2qmHs6N
8ltqBhW4SbYsSYEyutCXGUpq"
     $dnm_b="http://ocsp.entrust.net00"
     $dnm_c="tsUYxh4R2BMPl6IVK7msKOJi8MeYnj3B4ogS6KPyHbG"
wtYiJEr9efHvkNOaoLGqUp"
     $dnm_d="http://ocsp.digicert.com0X"
     $dnm_e="http://pki.eset.com/csp0"
Condition:
      Hash.md5(0,filesize)=="701477F861BDE9756D5FC3ACE9D2F01
9" or all of them
```

MITRE ATTACK TABLE

Execution	Persistence	Defense Evasion	Credential Access	C&C
Windows Management Instrumentation	Account Manipulation	Deobfuscate/Decode Files or Information	OS Credential Dumping	Encrypted Channel
Native API		Obfuscated Files or Information	Input Capture	Ingress Tool Transfer
		Virtualization/Sandbo x Evasion	Credentials in Registry	Non- Application Layer Protocol
		Process Injection		Application Layer Protocol

Solution Suggestions

- 1. Up-to-date, reliable anti-virus software must be used on the systems,
- 2. Network packets should be filtered and monitored,
- 3. Make sure that the links clicked are correct and reliable,
- 4. More reliable cryptocurrency storage methods such as cold wallets should be preferred,
- 5. Your crypto accounts should use two-factor authentication,
- 6.In case of suspicion, the network should be monitored and intervened accordingly.

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