

Analysis Report for: C5EB1E0C27D2E9F0AD0D2960A6623059.exe.c

Overall Functionality

This C code, likely decompiled from malware, implements a complex series of operations involving file system manipulation, resource extraction, string processing, and potentially process creation and management. It heavily relies on Windows API functions, suggesting it's designed to run on a Windows system. The code appears to unpack and execute embedded resources, creating temporary files and directories along the way, then possibly interacting with the system in a malicious manner based on environmental variables and command line arguments. The extensive use of obfuscation techniques like many small functions with cryptic names makes a precise determination of the malware's ultimate goal extremely difficult, but the operations suggest fileless and potentially polymorphic capabilities.

Function Summaries

Due to the large number of functions (368) and their obfuscated names, providing a detailed summary for each is impractical. However, I will provide summaries for the most significant functions based on their apparent roles and the use of Windows API calls.

* ``start()``: This is the main function of the program. It initializes various data structures, calls numerous subroutines, and orchestrates the overall execution flow of the malware. The function seemingly performs setup, initialization, and core malicious routines.

* ``sub_14000125D()``: Performs various cleanup operations, including destroying a heap and freeing thread local storage. Likely a cleanup routine executed before program termination.

* ``sub_140001284()``: This function performs a custom encryption/decryption or obfuscation routine on a buffer. It uses a series of XOR operations based on intermediate calculations from input data.

* ``sub_140001735()``: This seems to be a crucial function processing data possibly read from a resource, creating temporary files, modifying and potentially encrypting the files, and writing data. It has extensive file system interactions.

* ``sub_1400021EA()``: Performs actions related to library loading, resource enumeration, and potentially execution of other routines.

* ``sub_1400026BB()``: Handles command-line arguments and processes strings. It uses Windows API functions such as ``GetCommandLineW``, ``PathQuoteSpacesW``, and performs data transformation which may be involved in some form of payload execution.

* ``sub_140002853()``: Displays a message box, likely an error message or deceptive dialog. Likely a routine that is used to interact with user.

* ``sub_140002930()``: A program termination routine which cleans up files and directories and sets the exit code before program termination.

* ``sub_1400029C8()``: Executes a file using ``ShellExecuteExW``, indicating a potential attempt to execute a second-stage payload.

* ``sub_14000350F()``: Loads and unpacks a resource from the main executable.

* ``sub_14000433F()``: Performs operations that seem to prepare and execute a secondary part of the malware, creating temporary directories and files.

* ``sub_14000593C()``: The most suspicious function, likely the main execution point of the malicious payload. It performs file system operations (creating, deleting, renaming) and possibly executes external commands.

* ``sub_140006960()``: Writes data to a file, likely after some form of processing or decryption.

* ``sub_140007284()``: Creates a new thread with a specified entry point, handling thread management. This is highly suspicious because it suggests the creation of separate threads for executing additional malicious tasks.

* ``sub_14000B574()``: Displays a message box. This might be a decoy message box.

* ``sub_14000C4D0()``: Installs a vectored exception handler to catch and handle any exceptions during execution. This is defensive mechanism for the malware.

Control Flow

The control flow is extremely complex and obfuscated, making detailed analysis for all functions impractical. The ``start()`` function calls a large number of subroutines in a seemingly sequential manner, but there are conditional branches based on various checks such as whether environmental variables are set, the existence of files, and results of different file and network operations. Many functions have nested loops, often iterating through arrays or strings. The overall pattern suggests a staged attack, where each stage's execution depends on successful completion and appropriate conditions in the prior stage.

Data Structures

The code utilizes several key data structures:

* ``hHeap``: A heap handle used for dynamic memory allocation.

- * `qword_140019710`: A large array, possibly containing error codes and their corresponding messages.
- * `dword_14001A930`: A massive array, seemingly used in a custom cryptographic or hashing algorithm.
- * Various arrays and structures used for internal data manipulation, many of them temporary and used by only one or a few functions.
- * Thread-local storage (TLS) is used extensively to store data which suggests there are many tasks are running in parallel.

****Malware Family Suggestion****

Based on the observed functionality—resource extraction, file system manipulation, thread creation, command execution, and obfuscation techniques—this malware exhibits characteristics of a sophisticated, polymorphic fileless malware. It is highly likely to be a variant of a downloader, dropper, or some other form of malicious loader. Pinpointing a precise family would require further analysis, dynamic analysis, and potentially sandbox execution to see the actual behaviour of the malware. More advanced reverse-engineering and sandboxing techniques will be needed to fully assess this code's functionality.