

Analysis Report for: BackdoorMalware.c

Overall Functionality

This C code appears to be a backdoor or malware component designed to connect to a remote command and control (C&C) server, execute commands received from the server, and delete itself. It uses network communication, process creation, and thread management to achieve this. The code is obfuscated, using custom mathematical functions and unclear variable names.

Function Summaries

- ***sub_401000`, `sub_401040`, `sub_401080`***: These functions appear to be custom, obfuscated mathematical functions. They perform bitwise operations and conditional logic on input integers, seemingly for data transformation or encryption/decryption.
- ***sub_4010C0`***: This function takes an integer array (`a1`) and a character array (`a2`) as input. It transforms data from the character array into the integer array, possibly a custom encoding or decoding scheme.
- ***sub_401130`***: This function takes an array of unsigned integers (`a1`) as input and processes them using the previously mentioned mathematical functions (`sub_401000`, `sub_401040`, `sub_401080`). It uses `sub_401190` for conditional logic and returns an integer based on its result. The function likely performs some form of cryptographic operation or data manipulation.
- ***sub_401190`***: This function performs a simple check on the bit patterns of its integer inputs and returns a boolean value, potentially used as a conditional flag within `sub_401130`.
- ***sub_4011E0`, `sub_401220`***: These functions iterate through a byte array, modifying each byte based on the result of calls to `sub_401130`. The manipulation seems to be a custom cryptographic algorithm applied byte-wise.
- ***WinMain`***: The entry point of the program. It loads a string, calls `sub_4012C0`, and exits.
- ***sub_401270`***: Sends data over a socket. It handles sending data in chunks and returns the number of bytes sent successfully or -1 on error.
- ***sub_4012C0`***: Initializes events, memsets some unknown data structure, calls `sub_401320`, waits for an event, and closes an event handle. This appears to be setting up for background operation.
- ***sub_401320`***: The core network communication and command execution function. It parses a command string, establishes a socket connection to a remote server based on hardcoded information and the computer name, sends and receives data, and launches threads for communication and command processing.
- ***sub_401600`***: Creates pipes for inter-process communication. It dynamically allocates memory, creates pipes, then either returns a structure containing the pipe handles or 0 on failure.
- ***StartAddress`***: Creates and manages threads (`sub_401940` and `sub_401A70`). It uses pipes to communicate with a newly created process (`sub_401860`). This is a crucial function for the multi-threaded operation.
- ***sub_401860`***: Creates a `cmd.exe` process using the pipes created by `sub_401600` for input/output redirection. This is how commands received from the network are executed.
- ***sub_401940`***: Receives data from a named pipe, decrypts it using the custom functions, and sends it to the remote server. This manages one side of the pipe communication.
- ***sub_401A70`***: Receives data from the remote server, decrypts it, and writes it to a named pipe. This handles the other end of the pipe communication.
- ***sub_401B50`***: Attempts to delete itself using `cmd.exe` and `del`.
- ***UserMathErrorFunction`***: A dummy function that always returns 0.

Control Flow

The control flow is complex due to the obfuscation and multi-threading. The core logic involves:

1. **Initialization**: `WinMain` calls `sub_4012C0`, setting up the background operation.
2. **Network Connection**: `sub_401320` connects to the C&C server.
3. **Command Execution**: `sub_401320` receives commands from the server and uses `StartAddress` to spawn `cmd.exe` to execute them, managing this through a named pipe.
4. **Data Encryption/Decryption**: Custom functions (`sub_401000` - `sub_401220`) are heavily used to obfuscate data.
5. **Self-Deletion**: Upon receiving an exit command (`aExit`), `sub_401B50` attempts to delete itself.

Data Structures

Arrays: The code uses arrays extensively for data storage and processing. No complex user-defined structures are apparent beyond what's used for standard Windows API calls.

*****Pipes**:** Handles for named pipes are used for communication between threads and processes. This allows for asynchronous operation.
*****Sockets**:** A socket is used for communication with the remote C&C server.

****Malware Family Suggestion****

Based on its functionality, this code strongly resembles a ****Remote Access Trojan (RAT)****. It connects to a remote server, executes commands, and has self-deletion capabilities. The obfuscation techniques used are consistent with those employed by sophisticated malware authors to avoid detection. More specifically, it displays characteristics of a backdoor designed to maintain persistent access to a compromised system.

****Further Analysis Needed****

A more thorough analysis would require:

*****Disassembling the binary**:** This would give a better understanding of the function of the unknown data structure `unk_4030E0`
*****Network traffic analysis**:** Examining the network communication would reveal the C&C server's address and the commands executed.
*****Static and dynamic analysis**:** Using a disassembler/debugger alongside static analysis tools would help reveal more of the obfuscation techniques used.
*****String decryption**:** Deciphering the strings within `byte_403014` and other potentially encoded data would increase clarity.

The provided code is clearly malicious, and further analysis should be conducted in a controlled, secure environment. Never run this code on a production system or a system that's not designed to analyze malicious software.