



Report on Ransomware Analysis

Security and Forensics Lab 2

Subham Sanket Rout

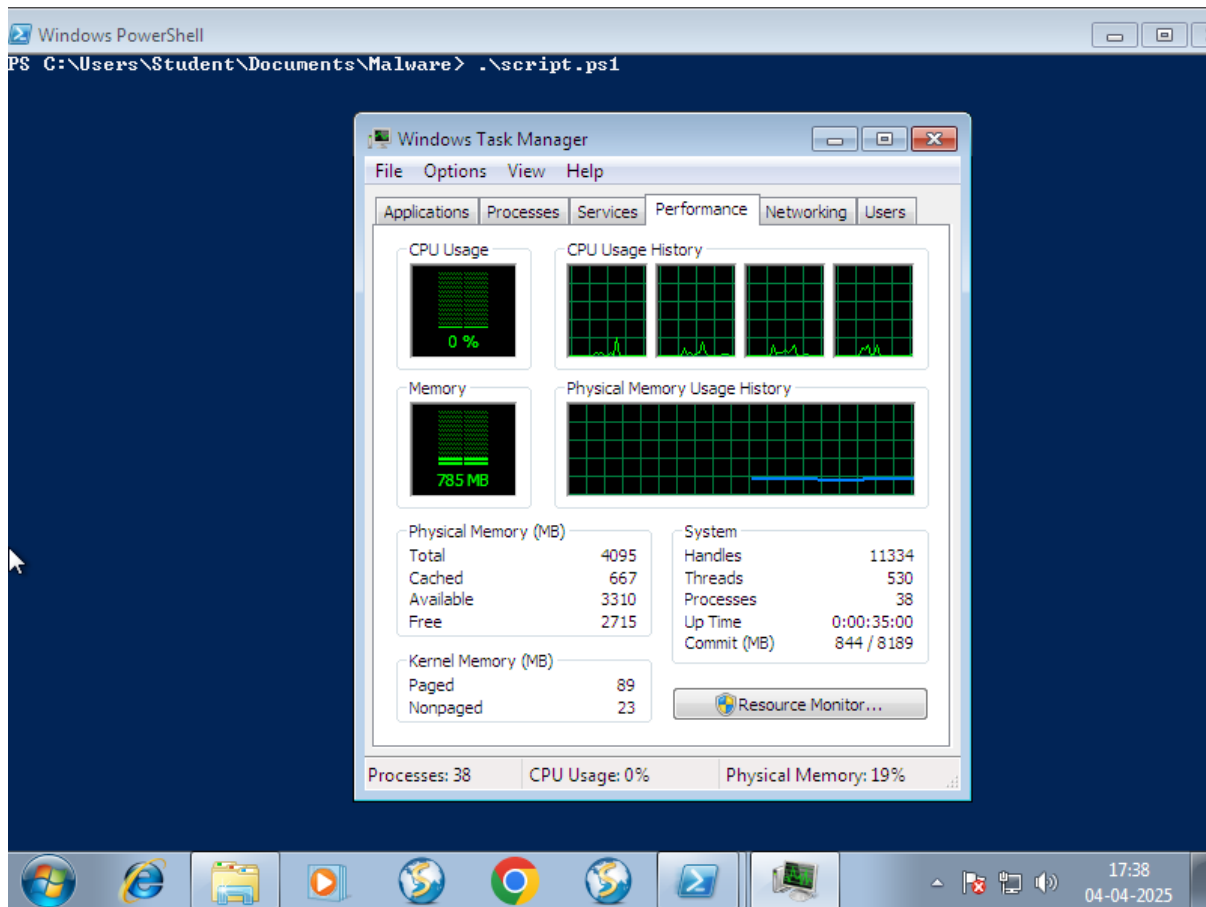
24CS06017

M.Tech (CSE) 1st Year

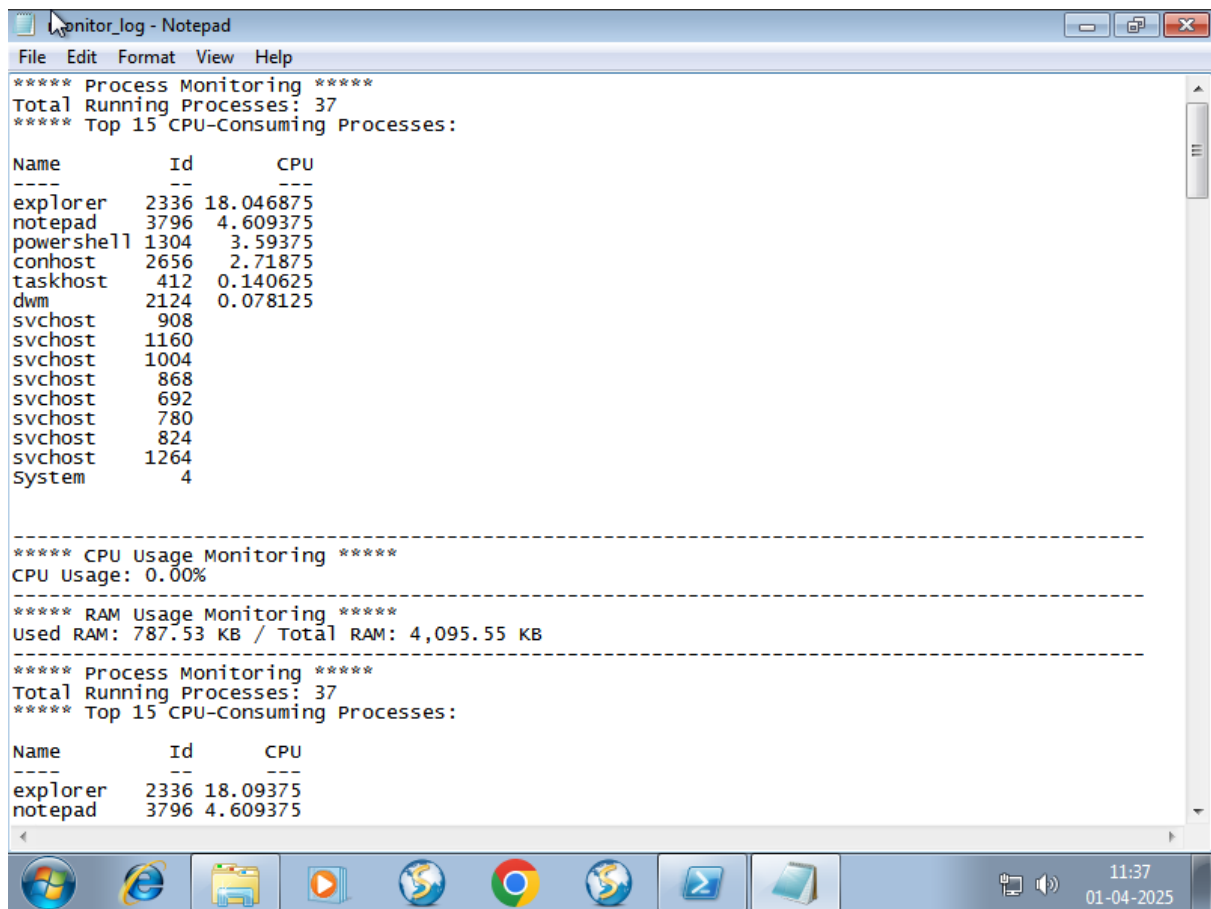
System status before execution of any malware.

We measured the system's status such as CPU usage, physical memory usage and number of processes being executed while the system was idle and before we executed any of the Malwares. In addition to that we captured a screenshot of how the "File Explorer" looks like just for reference to look out for any changes after we execute any Malware.

- **Screenshot of the Task Manager showing the CPU usage and Memory usage when system is idle and no malware has been executed.**



- **Screenshot of the Logfile showing the CPU usage, memory usage and number of processes. when system is idle and no malware has been executed.** (The Logfile displays the output of the PowerShell script that has been executed.)



The screenshot shows a Notepad window titled "monitor_log - Notepad" with a menu bar (File, Edit, Format, View, Help). The text inside the window is as follows:

```
***** Process Monitoring *****
Total Running Processes: 37
***** Top 15 CPU-Consuming Processes:

Name      Id      CPU
-----
explorer   2336   18.046875
notepad    3796   4.609375
powershell 1304    3.59375
conhost    2656    2.71875
taskhost   412     0.140625
dwm        2124    0.078125
svchost    908
svchost    1160
svchost    1004
svchost    868
svchost    692
svchost    780
svchost    824
svchost    1264
system     4

-----
***** CPU Usage Monitoring *****
CPU Usage: 0.00%
-----
***** RAM Usage Monitoring *****
Used RAM: 787.53 KB / Total RAM: 4,095.55 KB
-----
***** Process Monitoring *****
Total Running Processes: 37
***** Top 15 CPU-Consuming Processes:

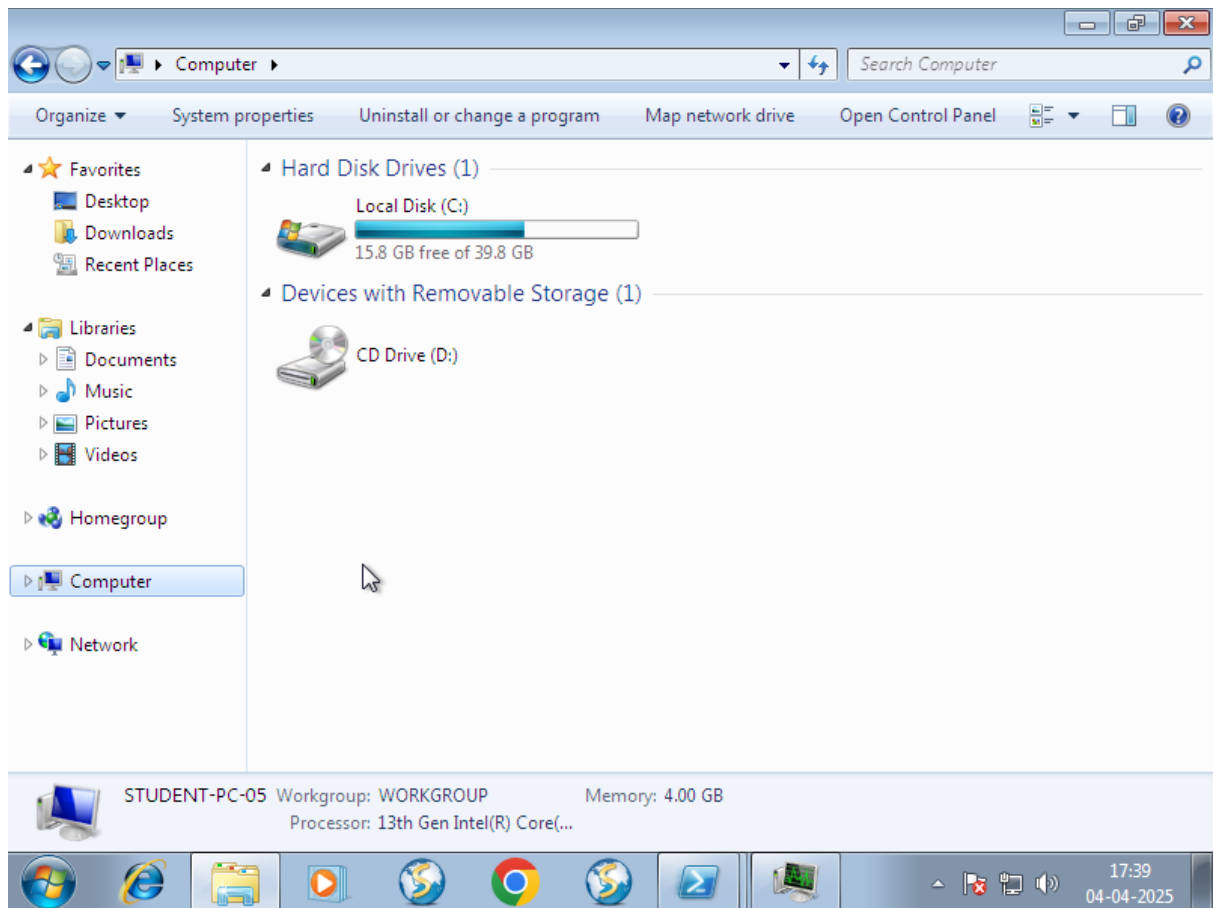
Name      Id      CPU
-----
explorer   2336   18.09375
notepad    3796   4.609375
```

The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows several icons (Windows Start, Internet Explorer, File Explorer, VLC, Google Chrome, Firefox, and a folder icon) and a system tray with a clock showing 11:37 and the date 01-04-2025.

Since, after executing the Malwares, most of them were encrypting all the files inside the system, including the log files too, so I decided to print the output of the script to the PowerShell console. That will be mostly remain unaffected during the Malware execution.

Moreover, I wrote another PowerShell script to detect any real-time changes that is being done to the file system, here particularly, it will monitor the "C:\\" drive. That will track the any changes when any Malware tampers the file system.

- The screenshot of how the File Explorer looks like.



- Malwares which manipulate the number of processes.

1. WannaCry

After executing the malware, we noticed that the PowerShell console showed a slight increase in number of processes.

```

Windows PowerShell
***** Process Monitoring *****
Total Running Processes: 40
***** Top 15 CPU-Consuming Processes:
***** CPU Usage Monitoring *****
CPU Usage: 4.00%

***** RAM Usage Monitoring *****
Used RAM: 1,178.11 KB / Total RAM: 4,095.55 KB

***** Monitoring at 2025-04-04 17:37:29 *****
***** Process Monitoring *****
Total Running Processes: 40
***** Top 15 CPU-Consuming Processes:
***** CPU Usage Monitoring *****
CPU Usage: 54.00%

***** RAM Usage Monitoring *****
Used RAM: 1,294.62 KB / Total RAM: 4,095.55 KB

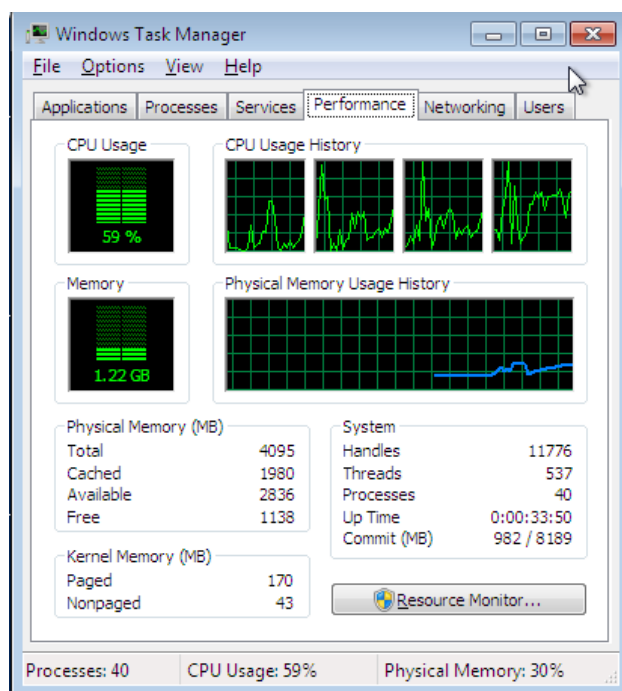
***** Monitoring at 2025-04-04 17:37:35 *****
***** Process Monitoring *****
Total Running Processes: 39
***** Top 15 CPU-Consuming Processes:
***** CPU Usage Monitoring *****
CPU Usage: 68.00%

***** RAM Usage Monitoring *****
Used RAM: 1,483.39 KB / Total RAM: 4,095.55 KB

***** Monitoring at 2025-04-04 17:37:41 *****
***** Process Monitoring *****
Total Running Processes: 39
***** Top 15 CPU-Consuming Processes:
***** CPU Usage Monitoring *****
CPU Usage: 24.00%

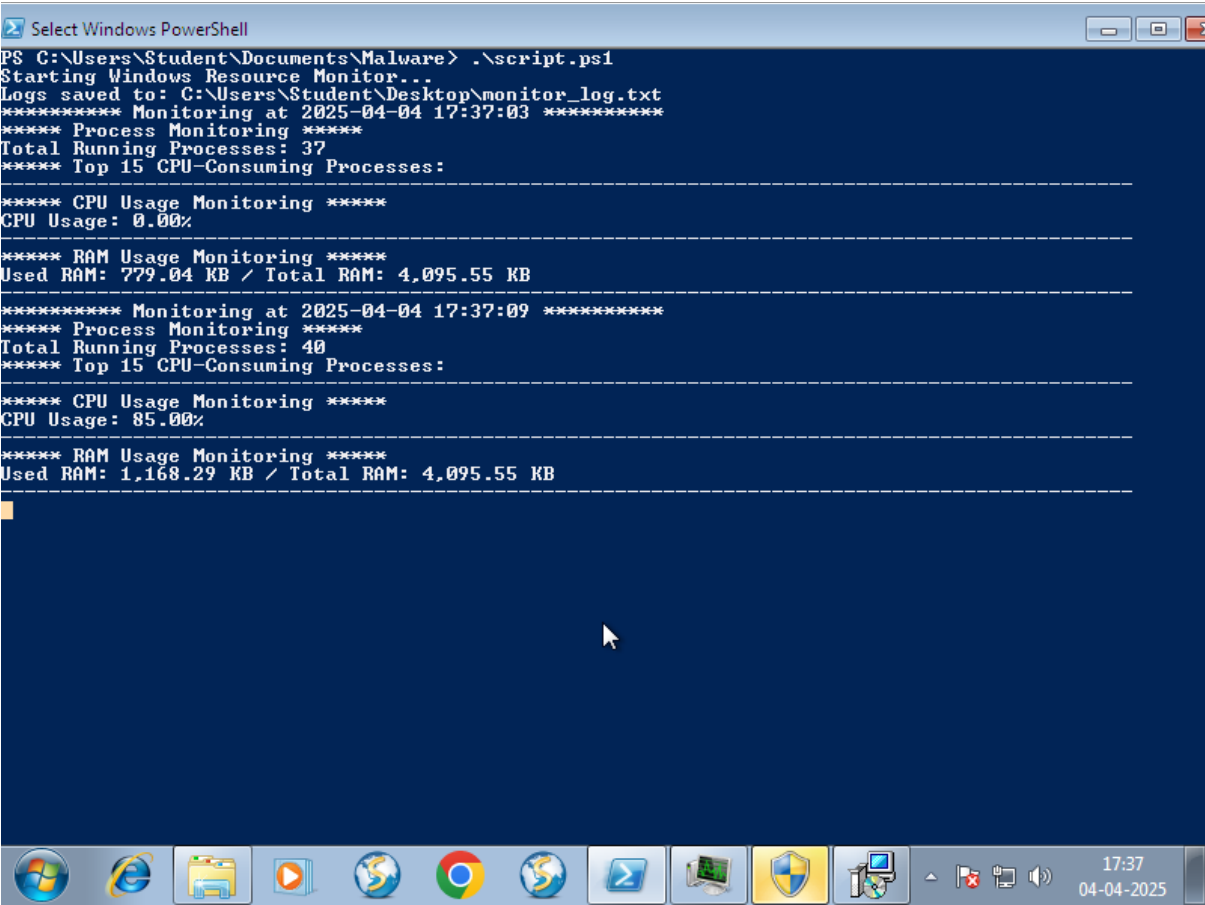
***** RAM Usage Monitoring *****
Used RAM: 1,362.10 KB / Total RAM: 4,095.55 KB
  
```

We verified this by using the task manager too:

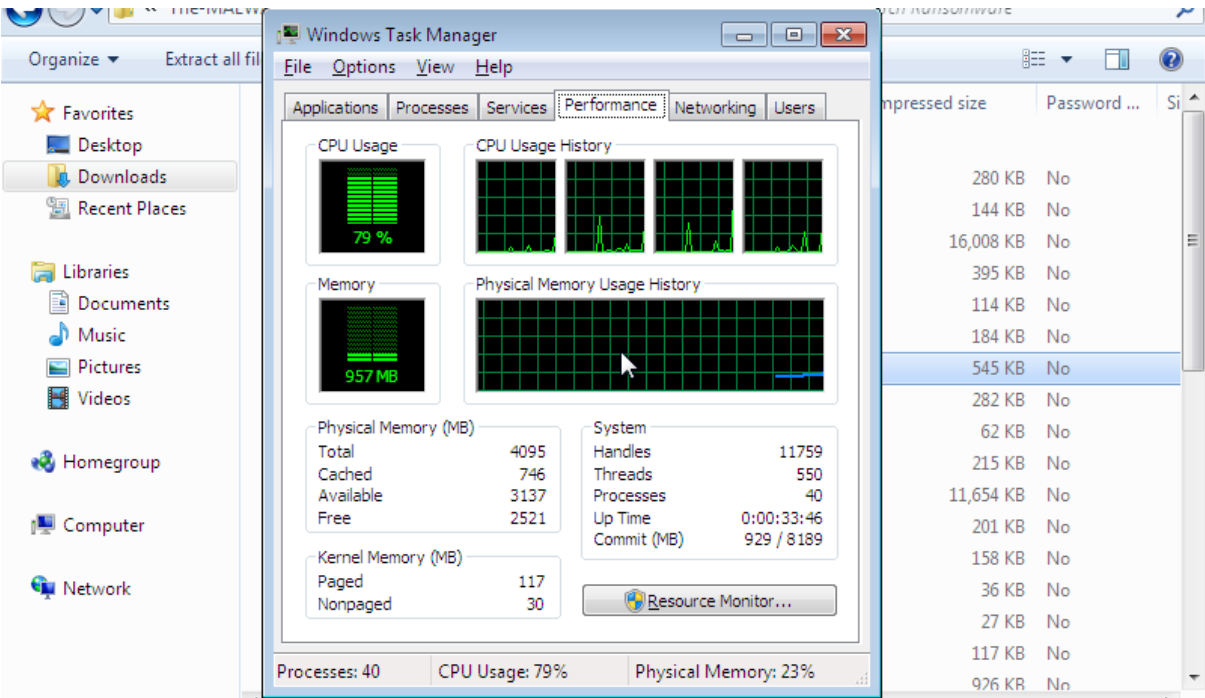


2. CoronaVirus

After executing the malware, we noticed that the PowerShell console showed a slight increase in number of processes.

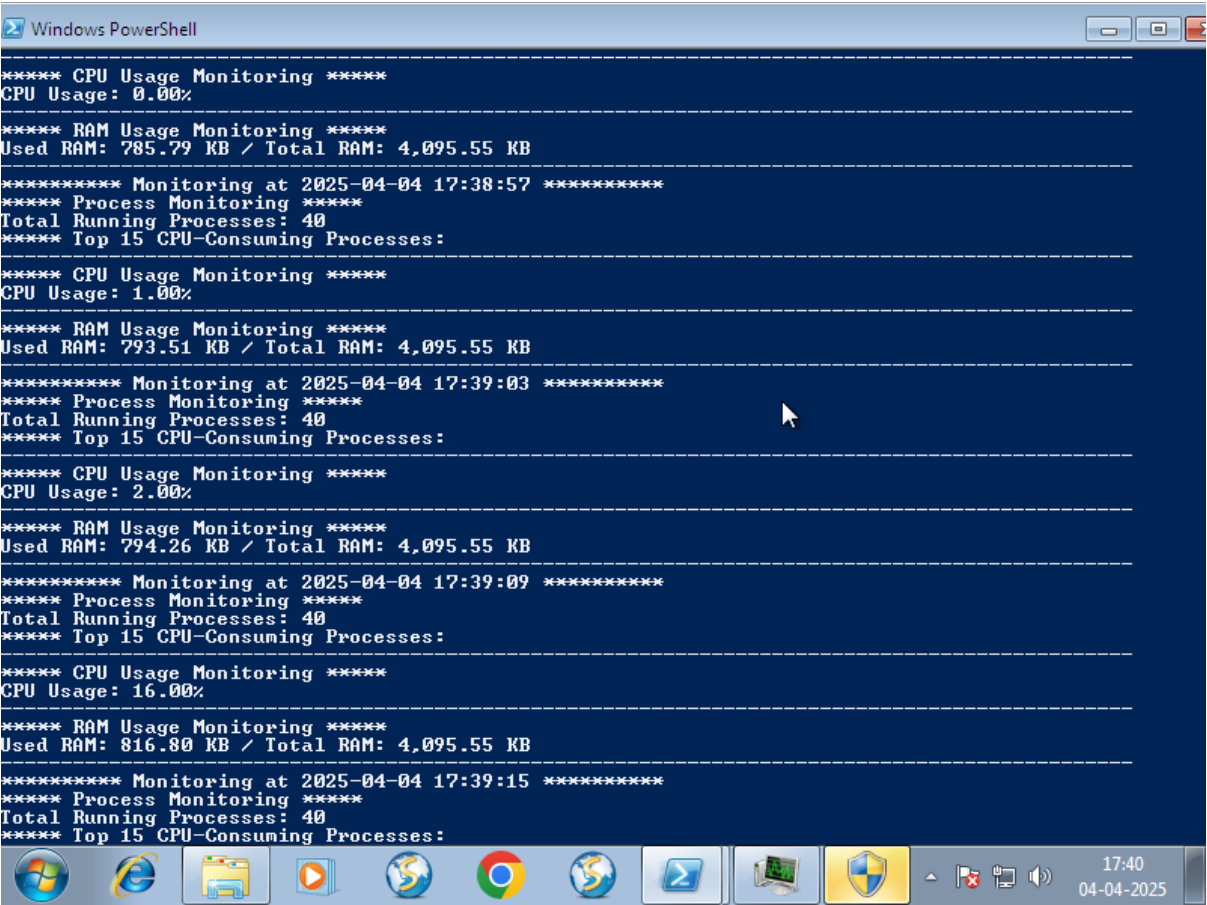


We verified this by using the task manager too:

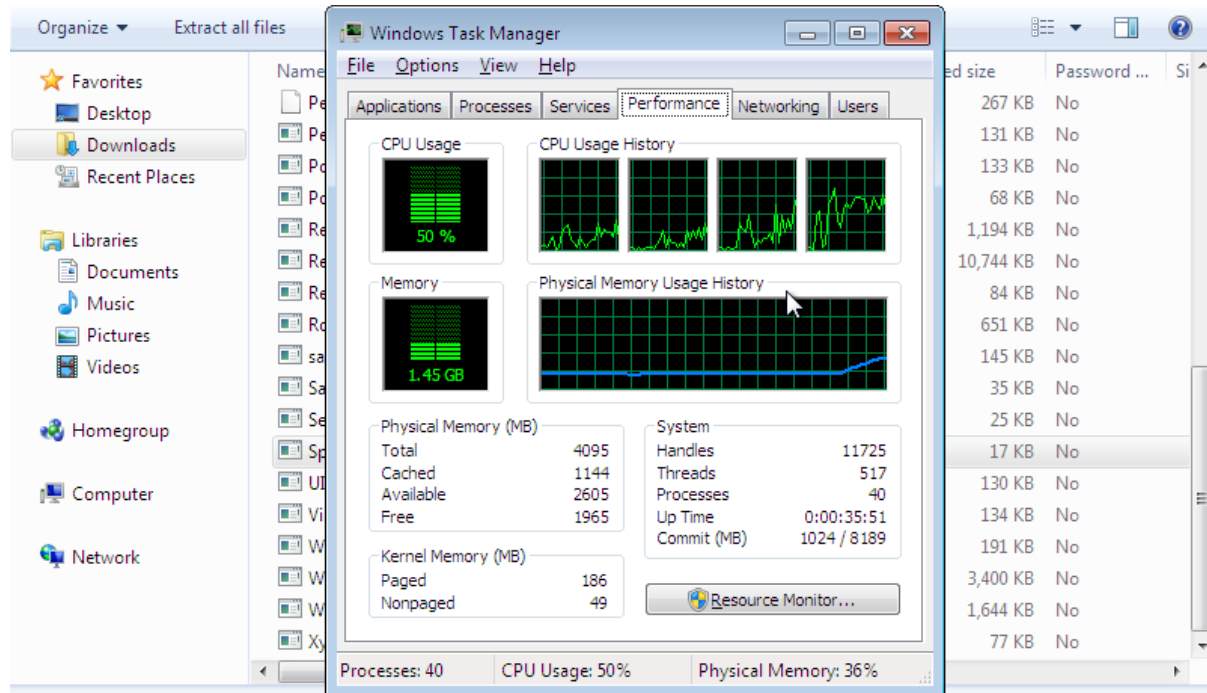


3. SporaRansomware

After executing the malware, we noticed that the PowerShell console showed a slight increase in number of processes.

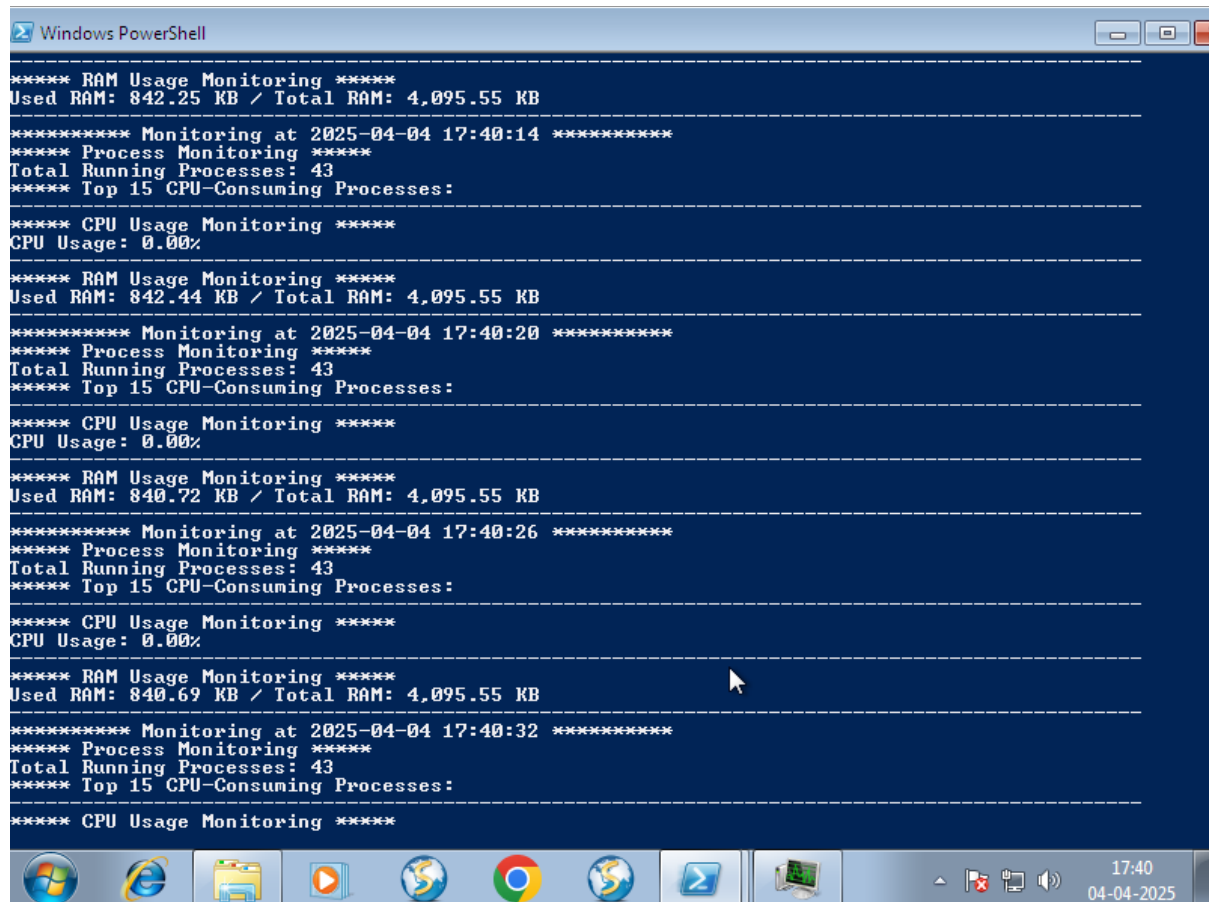


We verified this by using the task manager too:



4. WinlockerVB6Blacksod

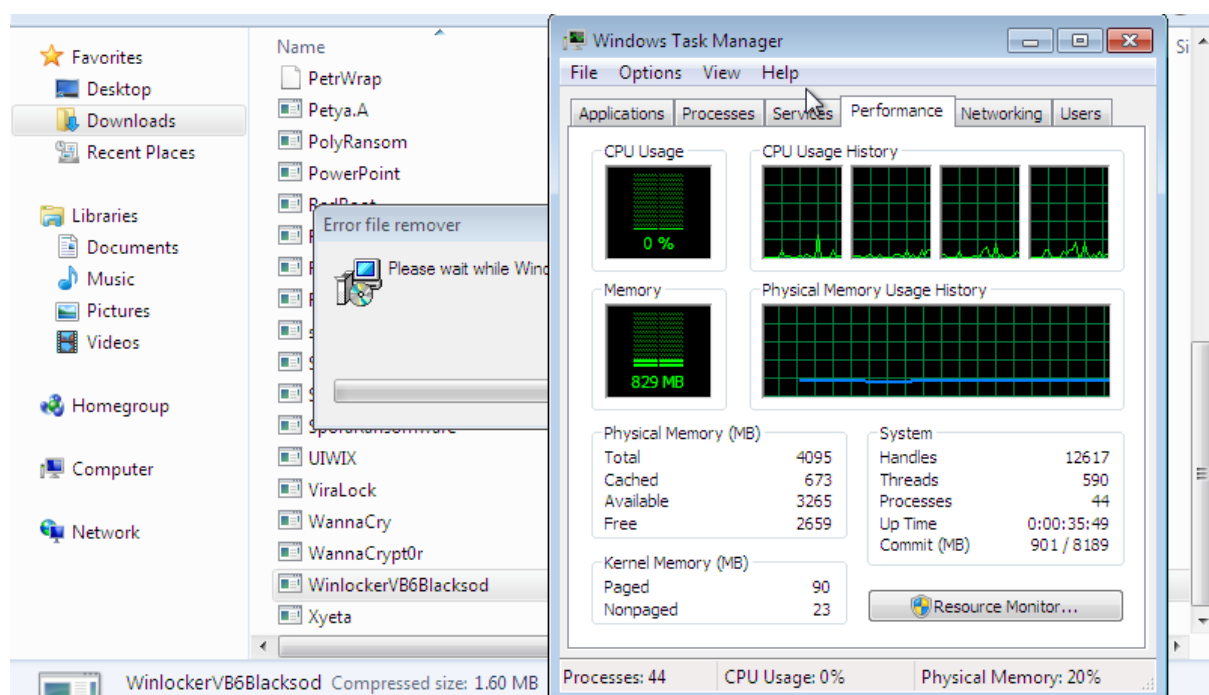
After executing the malware, we noticed that the PowerShell console showed a significant increase in number of processes.



```
Windows PowerShell

***** RAM Usage Monitoring *****
Used RAM: 842.25 KB / Total RAM: 4.095.55 KB
-----
***** Monitoring at 2025-04-04 17:40:14 *****
***** Process Monitoring *****
Total Running Processes: 43
***** Top 15 CPU-Consuming Processes:
-----
***** CPU Usage Monitoring *****
CPU Usage: 0.00%
-----
***** RAM Usage Monitoring *****
Used RAM: 842.44 KB / Total RAM: 4.095.55 KB
-----
***** Monitoring at 2025-04-04 17:40:20 *****
***** Process Monitoring *****
Total Running Processes: 43
***** Top 15 CPU-Consuming Processes:
-----
***** CPU Usage Monitoring *****
CPU Usage: 0.00%
-----
***** RAM Usage Monitoring *****
Used RAM: 840.72 KB / Total RAM: 4.095.55 KB
-----
***** Monitoring at 2025-04-04 17:40:26 *****
***** Process Monitoring *****
Total Running Processes: 43
***** Top 15 CPU-Consuming Processes:
-----
***** CPU Usage Monitoring *****
CPU Usage: 0.00%
-----
***** RAM Usage Monitoring *****
Used RAM: 840.69 KB / Total RAM: 4.095.55 KB
-----
***** Monitoring at 2025-04-04 17:40:32 *****
***** Process Monitoring *****
Total Running Processes: 43
***** Top 15 CPU-Consuming Processes:
-----
***** CPU Usage Monitoring *****
```

We verified this by using the task manager too:



5. ViraLock

After executing the malware, we noticed that the PowerShell console showed a significant increase in number of processes.

```
Windows PowerShell
***** Process Monitoring *****
Total Running Processes: 54
***** Top 15 CPU-Consuming Processes:
***** CPU Usage Monitoring *****
CPU Usage: 60.00%
***** RAM Usage Monitoring *****
Used RAM: 927.88 KB / Total RAM: 4,095.55 KB
***** Monitoring at 2025-04-04 17:41:26 *****
***** Process Monitoring *****
Total Running Processes: 47
***** Top 15 CPU-Consuming Processes:
***** CPU Usage Monitoring *****
CPU Usage: 49.00%
***** RAM Usage Monitoring *****
Used RAM: 938.29 KB / Total RAM: 4,095.55 KB
***** Monitoring at 2025-04-04 17:41:32 *****
***** Process Monitoring *****
Total Running Processes: 47
***** Top 15 CPU-Consuming Processes:
***** CPU Usage Monitoring *****
CPU Usage: 38.00%
***** RAM Usage Monitoring *****
Used RAM: 917.86 KB / Total RAM: 4,095.55 KB
***** Monitoring at 2025-04-04 17:41:38 *****
***** Process Monitoring *****
Total Running Processes: 51
***** Top 15 CPU-Consuming Processes:
***** CPU Usage Monitoring *****
CPU Usage: 55.00%
***** RAM Usage Monitoring *****
Used RAM: 932.92 KB / Total RAM: 4,095.55 KB
PS C:\Users\Student\Documents\Malware>
```

We verified this by using the task manager too:

Organize Extract all files

★ Favorites

Desktop

Downloads

Recent Places

Libraries

Documents

Music

Pictures

Videos

Homegroup

Computer

Network

Name

PetrW

Petya

PolyR

Power

RedBo

RedEy

Rense

Rokku

satan

Satan

Seftac

Spora

UIWIX

ViraLo

Wann

Wann

Winlo

Xyeta

Windows Task Manager

File Options View Help

Applications

Processes

Services

Performance

Networking

Users

CPU Usage

43 %

Memory

934 MB

CPU Usage History

Physical Memory Usage History

Physical Memory (MB)

Total

4095

Cached

702

Available

3160

Free

2524

Kernel Memory (MB)

Paged

93

Nonpaged

25

System

Handles

12354

Threads

565

Processes

49

Up Time

0:00:37:46

Commit (MB)

1079 / 8189

Resource Monitor...

Processes: 49

CPU Usage: 43%

Physical Memory: 22%

Size

Password ...

Si

267 KB

No

131 KB

No

133 KB

No

68 KB

No

194 KB

No

744 KB

No

84 KB

No

651 KB

No

145 KB

No

35 KB

No

25 KB

No

17 KB

No

130 KB

No

134 KB

No

191 KB

No

400 KB

No

644 KB

No

77 KB

No

- Malwares which manipulate the CPU usage.

1. CoronaVirus

After executing the malware, we noticed that the PowerShell console showed a high spike in CPU Usage.

```

PS C:\Users\Student\Documents\Malware> .\script.ps1
Starting Windows Resource Monitor...
Logs saved to: C:\Users\Student\Desktop\monitor_log.txt
***** Monitoring at 2025-04-04 17:37:03 *****
***** Process Monitoring *****
Total Running Processes: 37
***** Top 15 CPU-Consuming Processes:

***** CPU Usage Monitoring *****
CPU Usage: 0.00%

***** RAM Usage Monitoring *****
Used RAM: 779.04 KB / Total RAM: 4,095.55 KB

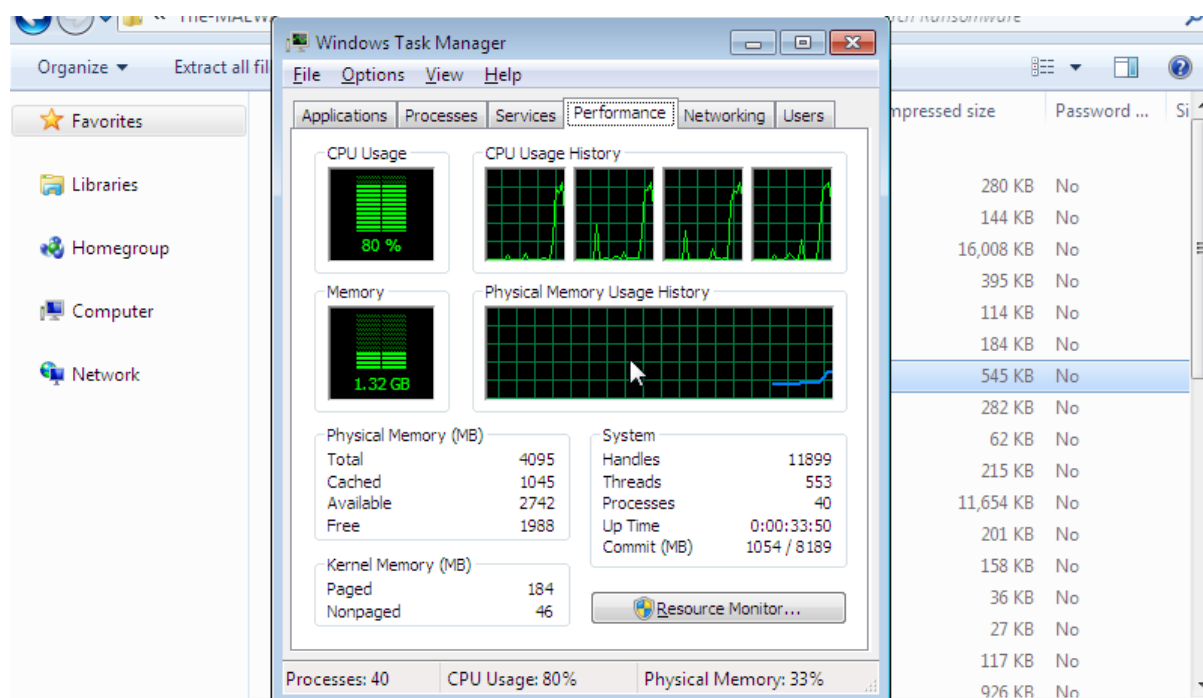
***** Monitoring at 2025-04-04 17:37:09 *****
***** Process Monitoring *****
Total Running Processes: 40
***** Top 15 CPU-Consuming Processes:

***** CPU Usage Monitoring *****
CPU Usage: 85.00%

***** RAM Usage Monitoring *****
Used RAM: 1,168.29 KB / Total RAM: 4,095.55 KB

```

We verified this by using the task manager too:

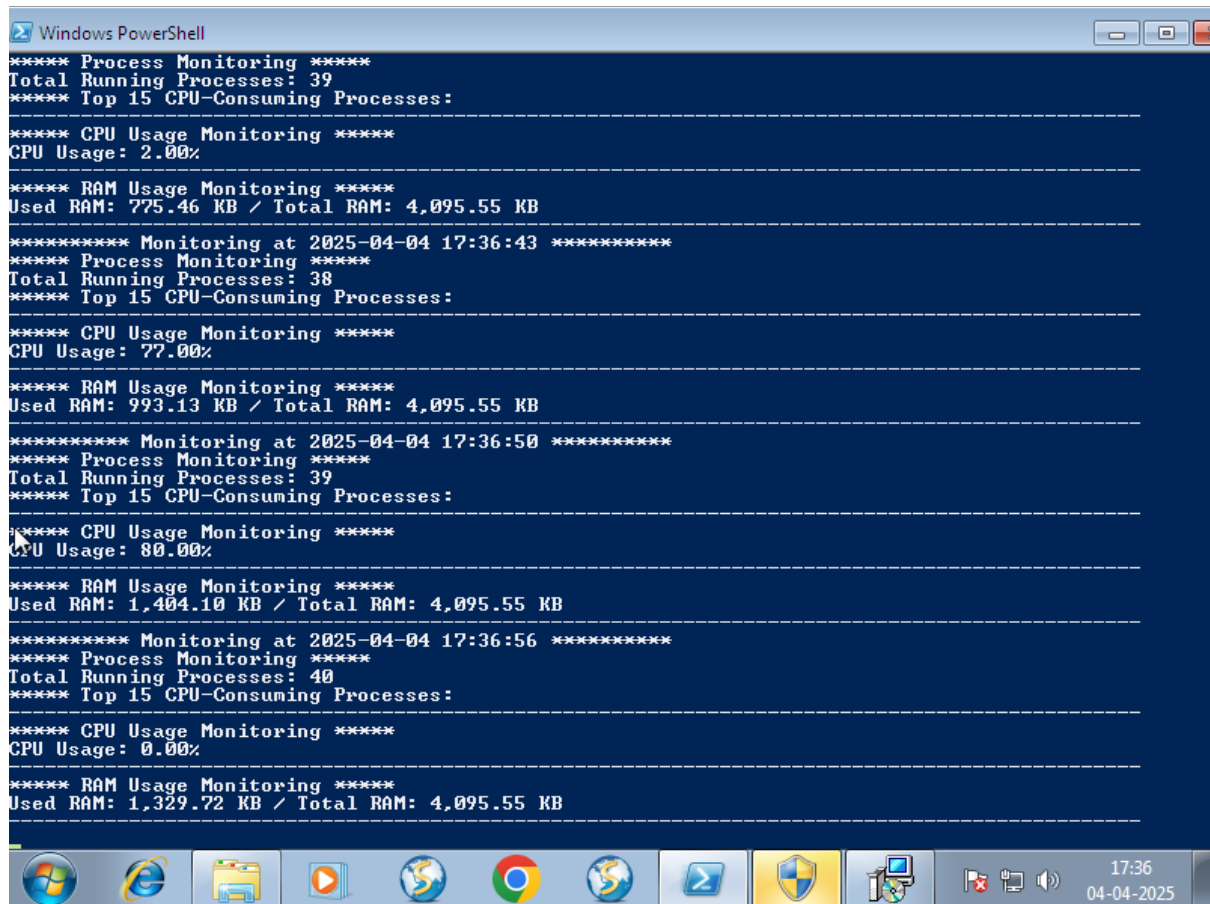


Then a dialogue box containing a message showed like this.



2. WannaCry

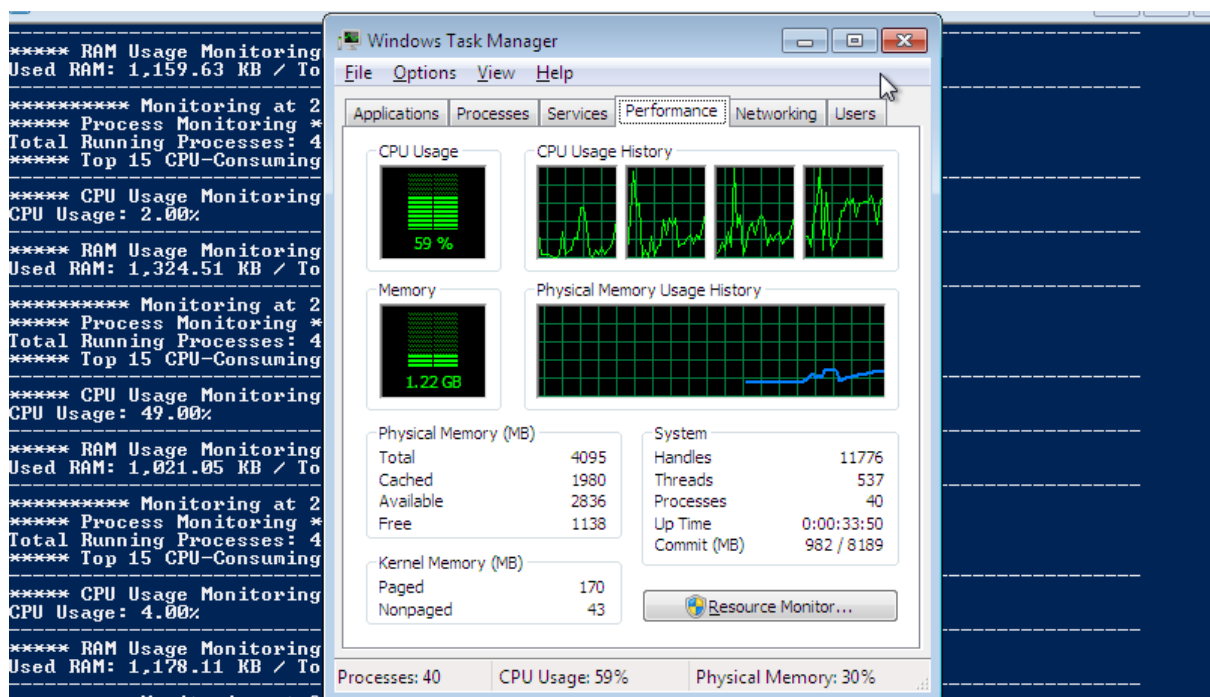
After executing the malware, we noticed that the PowerShell console showed a high spike in CPU Usage.



The screenshot shows a Windows PowerShell window with a dark blue background. It displays a series of system monitoring commands and their outputs. The output includes process monitoring (Total Running Processes: 39, 38, 39, 40), CPU usage monitoring (2.00%, 77.00%, 80.00%, 0.00%), and RAM usage monitoring (Used RAM: 775.46 KB, 993.13 KB, 1,404.10 KB, 1,329.72 KB / Total RAM: 4,095.55 KB). The monitoring is timestamped at 2025-04-04 17:36:43, 17:36:50, and 17:36:56. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 17:36 on 04-04-2025.

```
Windows PowerShell
***** Process Monitoring *****
Total Running Processes: 39
***** Top 15 CPU-Consuming Processes:
***** CPU Usage Monitoring *****
CPU Usage: 2.00%
***** RAM Usage Monitoring *****
Used RAM: 775.46 KB / Total RAM: 4,095.55 KB
***** Monitoring at 2025-04-04 17:36:43 *****
***** Process Monitoring *****
Total Running Processes: 38
***** Top 15 CPU-Consuming Processes:
***** CPU Usage Monitoring *****
CPU Usage: 77.00%
***** RAM Usage Monitoring *****
Used RAM: 993.13 KB / Total RAM: 4,095.55 KB
***** Monitoring at 2025-04-04 17:36:50 *****
***** Process Monitoring *****
Total Running Processes: 39
***** Top 15 CPU-Consuming Processes:
***** CPU Usage Monitoring *****
CPU Usage: 80.00%
***** RAM Usage Monitoring *****
Used RAM: 1,404.10 KB / Total RAM: 4,095.55 KB
***** Monitoring at 2025-04-04 17:36:56 *****
***** Process Monitoring *****
Total Running Processes: 40
***** Top 15 CPU-Consuming Processes:
***** CPU Usage Monitoring *****
CPU Usage: 0.00%
***** RAM Usage Monitoring *****
Used RAM: 1,329.72 KB / Total RAM: 4,095.55 KB
```

We verified this by using the task manager too:

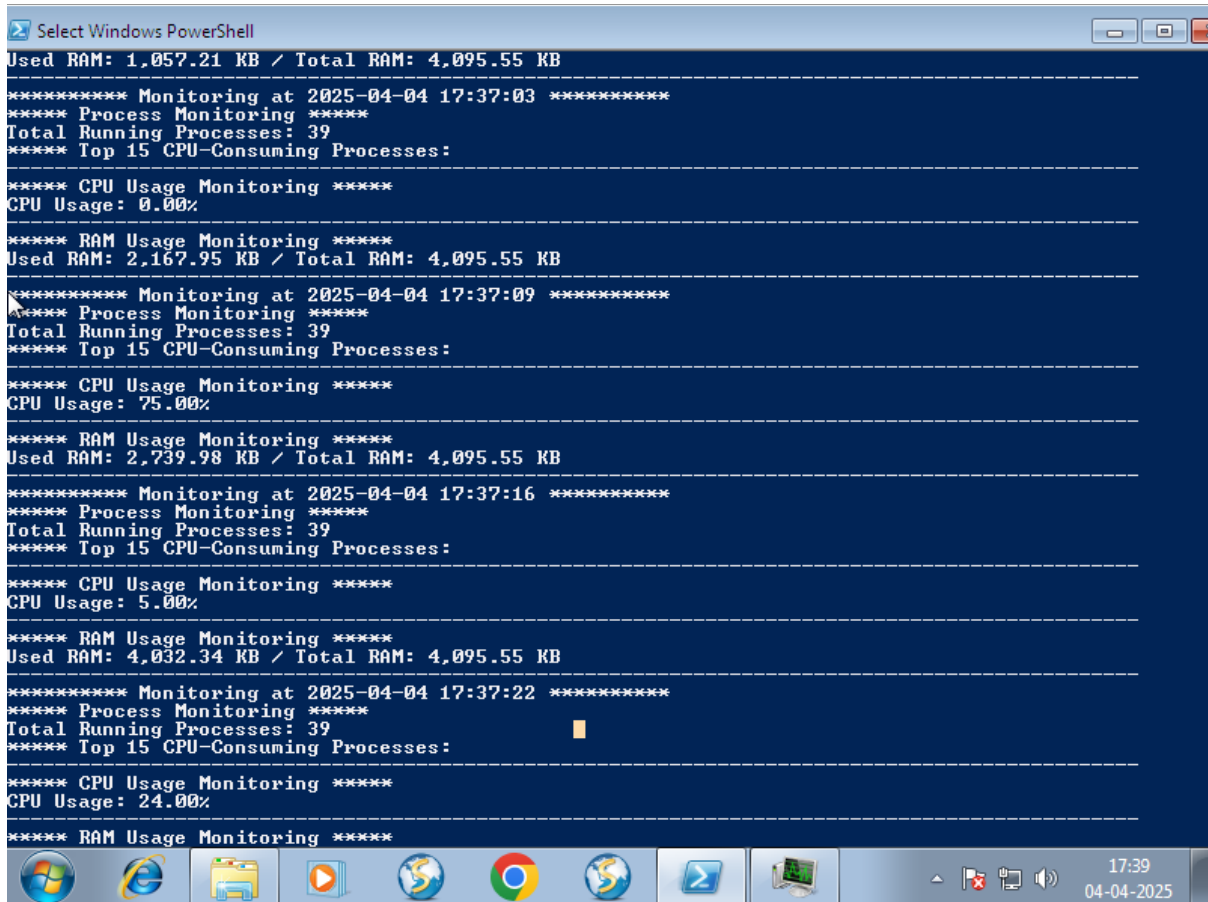


Then a window containing a message showed like this.



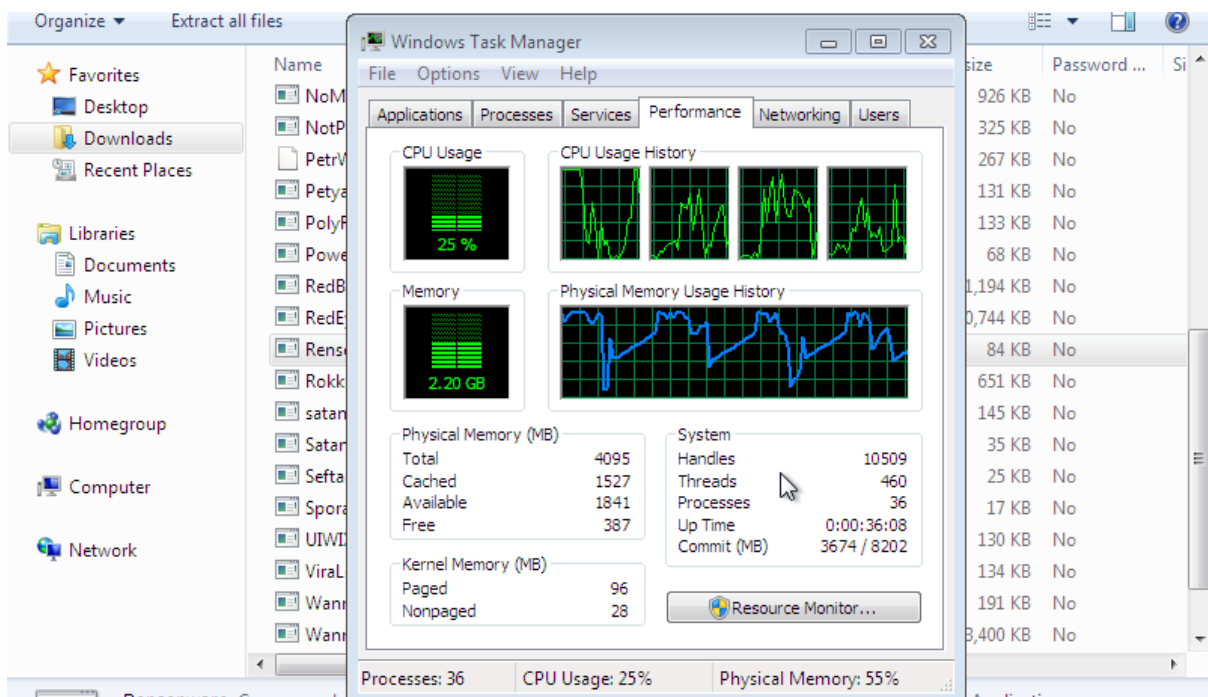
3. Rensenware

After executing the malware, we noticed that the PowerShell console showed a high spike in CPU Usage.



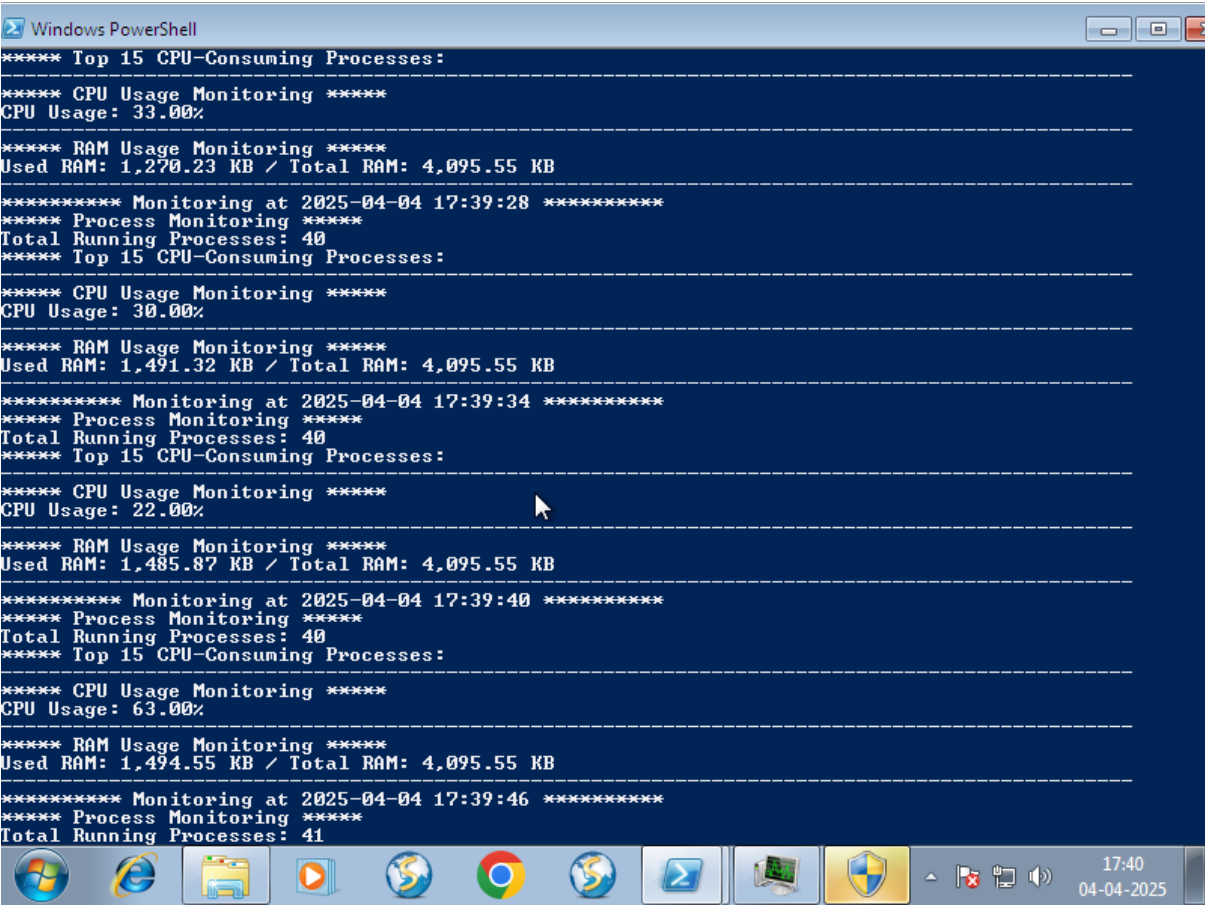
```
Select Windows PowerShell
Used RAM: 1,057.21 KB / Total RAM: 4,095.55 KB
-----
***** Monitoring at 2025-04-04 17:37:03 *****
***** Process Monitoring *****
Total Running Processes: 39
***** Top 15 CPU-Consuming Processes:
-----
***** CPU Usage Monitoring *****
CPU Usage: 0.00%
-----
***** RAM Usage Monitoring *****
Used RAM: 2,167.95 KB / Total RAM: 4,095.55 KB
-----
***** Monitoring at 2025-04-04 17:37:09 *****
***** Process Monitoring *****
Total Running Processes: 39
***** Top 15 CPU-Consuming Processes:
-----
***** CPU Usage Monitoring *****
CPU Usage: 75.00%
-----
***** RAM Usage Monitoring *****
Used RAM: 2,739.98 KB / Total RAM: 4,095.55 KB
-----
***** Monitoring at 2025-04-04 17:37:16 *****
***** Process Monitoring *****
Total Running Processes: 39
***** Top 15 CPU-Consuming Processes:
-----
***** CPU Usage Monitoring *****
CPU Usage: 5.00%
-----
***** RAM Usage Monitoring *****
Used RAM: 4,032.34 KB / Total RAM: 4,095.55 KB
-----
***** Monitoring at 2025-04-04 17:37:22 *****
***** Process Monitoring *****
Total Running Processes: 39
***** Top 15 CPU-Consuming Processes:
-----
***** CPU Usage Monitoring *****
CPU Usage: 24.00%
-----
***** RAM Usage Monitoring *****
```

We verified this by using the task manager too:

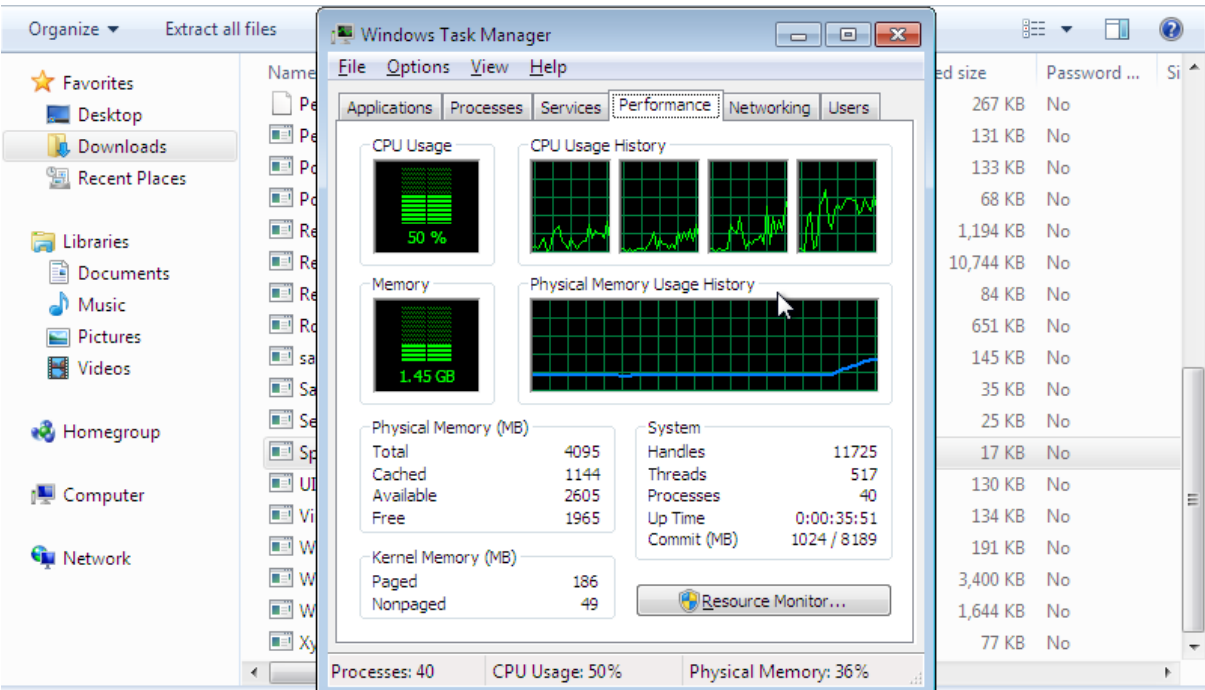


4. SporaRansomware

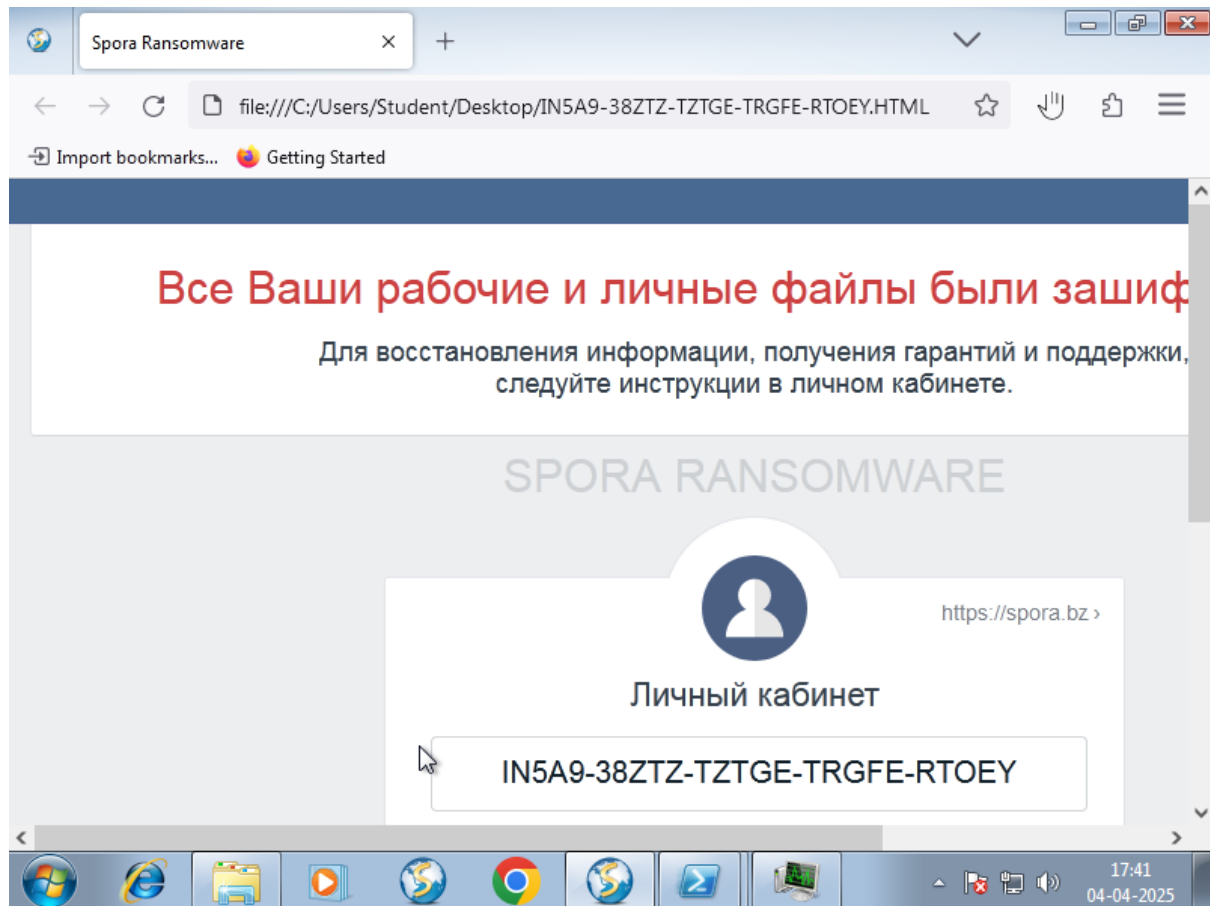
After executing the malware, we noticed that the PowerShell console showed a high spike in CPU Usage.



We verified this by using the task manager too:

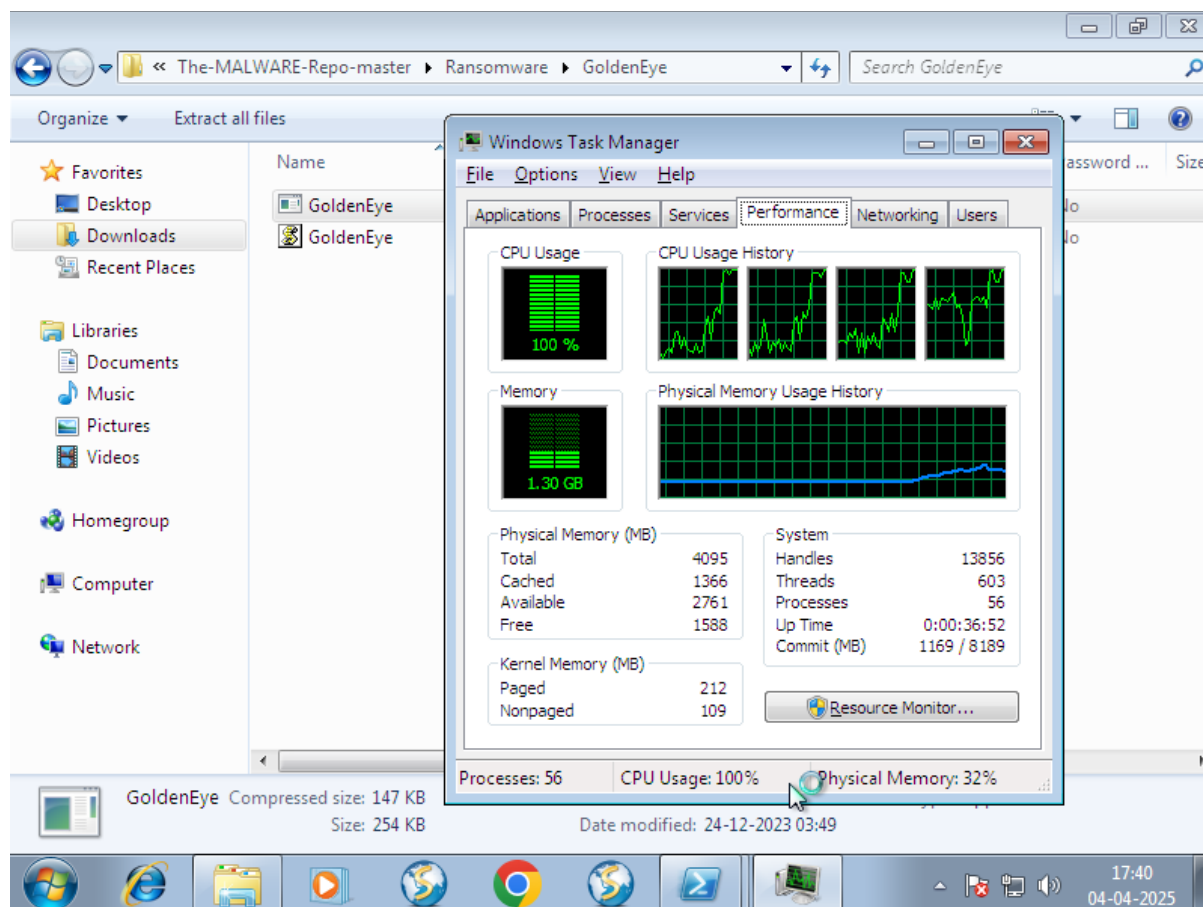


A window showed up which looked like this.



5. GoldenEye

After executing the malware, we noticed that the Task manager showed a spike in CPU usage.



Unfortunately, we couldn't see this using the PowerShell console because the system immediately got shut down and the following message appeared on the screen:

```
Repairing file system on C:
```

```
The type of the file system is NTFS.
```

```
One of your disks contains errors and needs to be repaired. This process  
may take several hours to complete. It is strongly recommended to let it  
complete.
```

```
WARNING: DO NOT TURN OFF YOUR PC! IF YOU ABORT THIS PROCESS, YOU COULD  
DESTROY ALL OF YOUR DATA! PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR POWER CABLE IS PLUGGED  
IN!
```

```
CHKDSK is repairing sector 9728 of 119776 (8%)
```

You became victim of the GOLDENEYE RANSOMWARE!

The harddisks of your computer have been encrypted with an military grade encryption algorithm. There is no way to restore your data without a special key. You can purchase this key on the darknet page shown in step 2.

To purchase your key and restore your data, please follow these three easy steps:

1. Download the Tor Browser at "<https://www.torproject.org/>". If you need help, please google for "access onion page".
2. Visit one of the following pages with the Tor Browser:

<http://goldenhjnqvc2l1d.onion/sMvSkp9p>
<http://golden2uqpiqcs6j.onion/sMvSkp9p>

3. Enter your personal decryption code there:

sMvSkp-9pAY4y-m7f7n3-yQ5brv-cffaIS-EwUD5u-hmiBuP-DiDWMu-Ph3xki-rpPkou-
BcMMWi-YbxhUg-oJu5wM-EPgop9-kZz7sN-TXgUUu

If you already purchased your key, please enter it below.

Key: _

- Malwares which manipulate the memory usage.

1. Rensenware

After executing the malware, we noticed that the PowerShell console showed a high spike in memory usage.

```

Windows PowerShell
***** Process Monitoring *****
Total Running Processes: 39
***** Top 15 CPU-Consuming Processes:
***** CPU Usage Monitoring *****
CPU Usage: 75.00%

***** RAM Usage Monitoring *****
Used RAM: 2,739.98 KB / Total RAM: 4,095.55 KB

***** Monitoring at 2025-04-04 17:37:16 *****
***** Process Monitoring *****
Total Running Processes: 39
***** Top 15 CPU-Consuming Processes:
***** CPU Usage Monitoring *****
CPU Usage: 5.00%

***** RAM Usage Monitoring *****
Used RAM: 4,032.34 KB / Total RAM: 4,095.55 KB

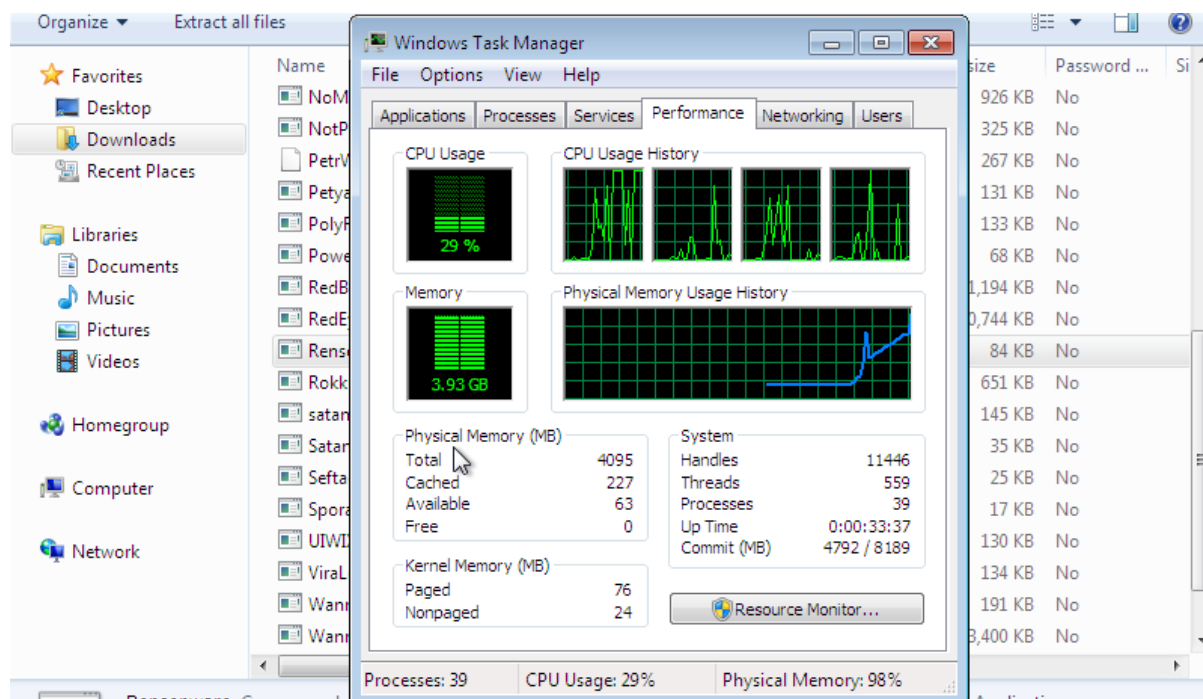
***** Monitoring at 2025-04-04 17:37:22 *****
***** Process Monitoring *****
Total Running Processes: 39
***** Top 15 CPU-Consuming Processes:
***** CPU Usage Monitoring *****
CPU Usage: 24.00%

***** RAM Usage Monitoring *****
Used RAM: 3,424.16 KB / Total RAM: 4,095.55 KB

***** Monitoring at 2025-04-04 17:37:30 *****
***** Process Monitoring *****
Total Running Processes: 39
***** Top 15 CPU-Consuming Processes:
***** CPU Usage Monitoring *****
CPU Usage: 2.00%

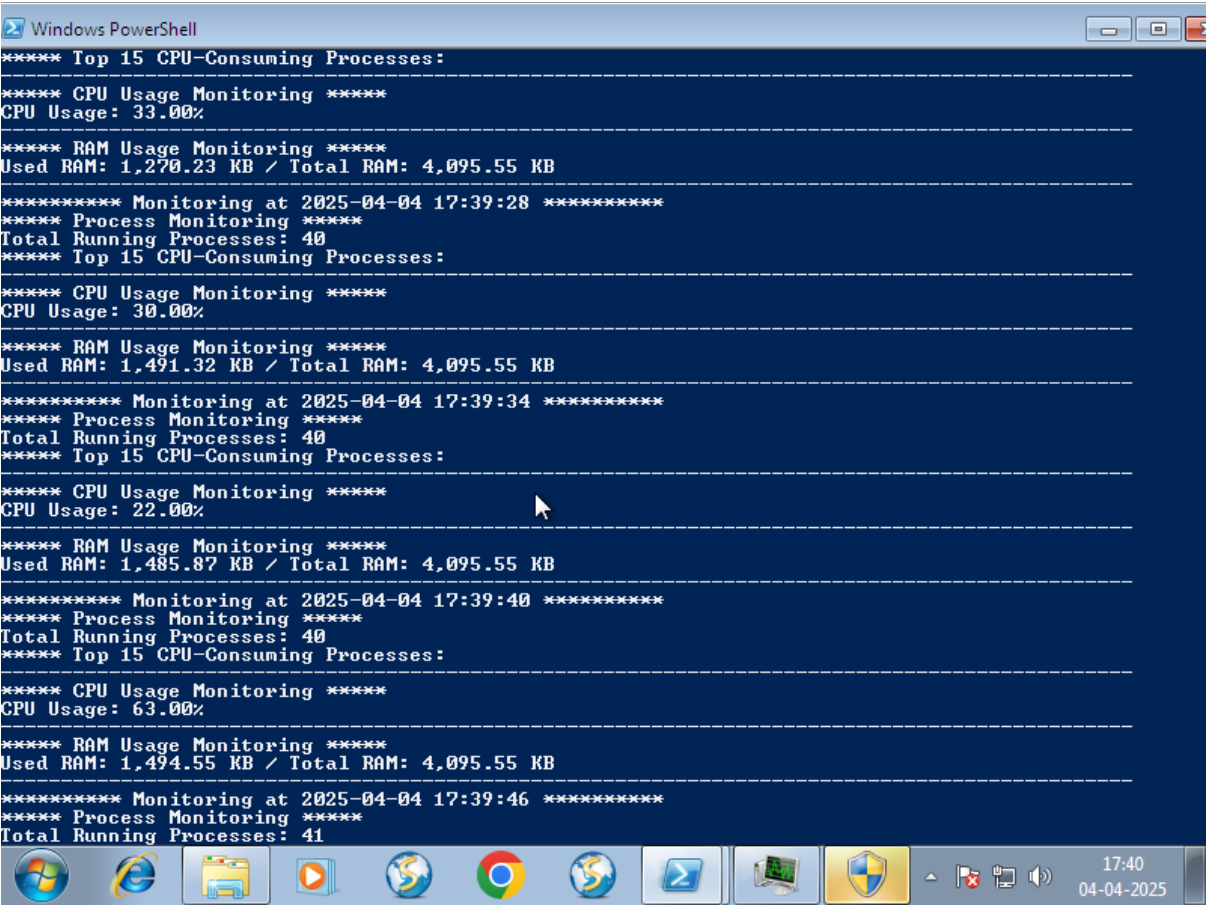
***** RAM Usage Monitoring *****
Used RAM: 3,069.34 KB / Total RAM: 4,095.55 KB
  
```

We verified this by using the task manager too:

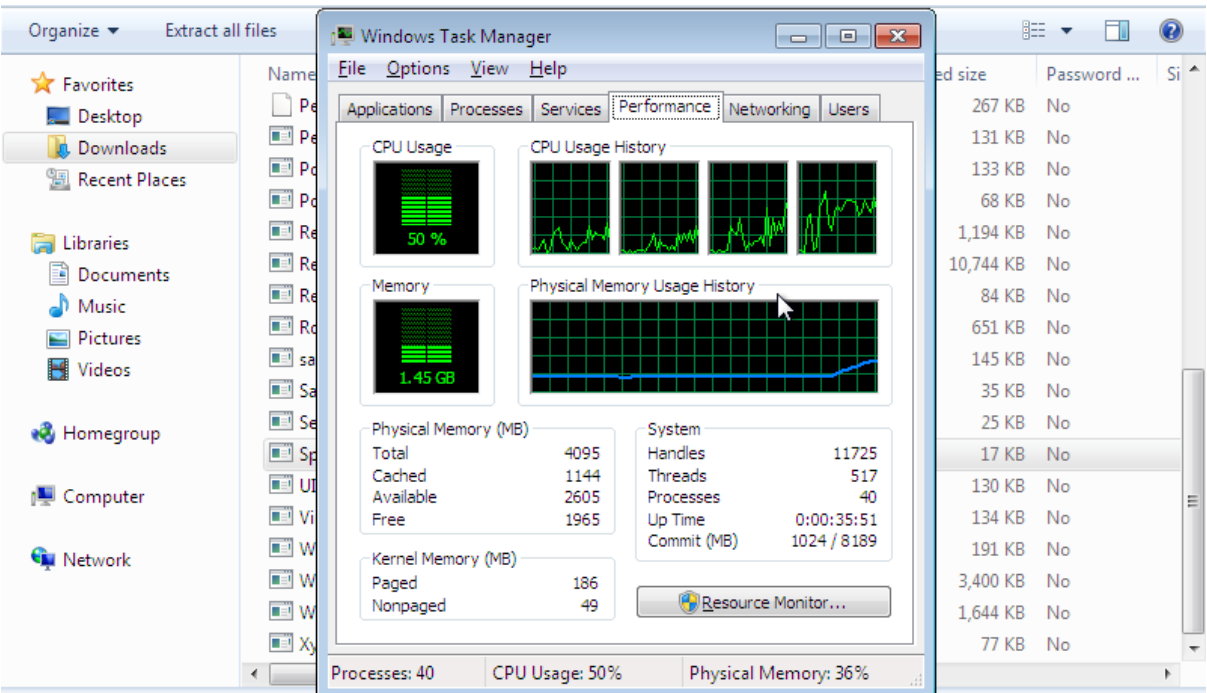


2. SporaRansomware

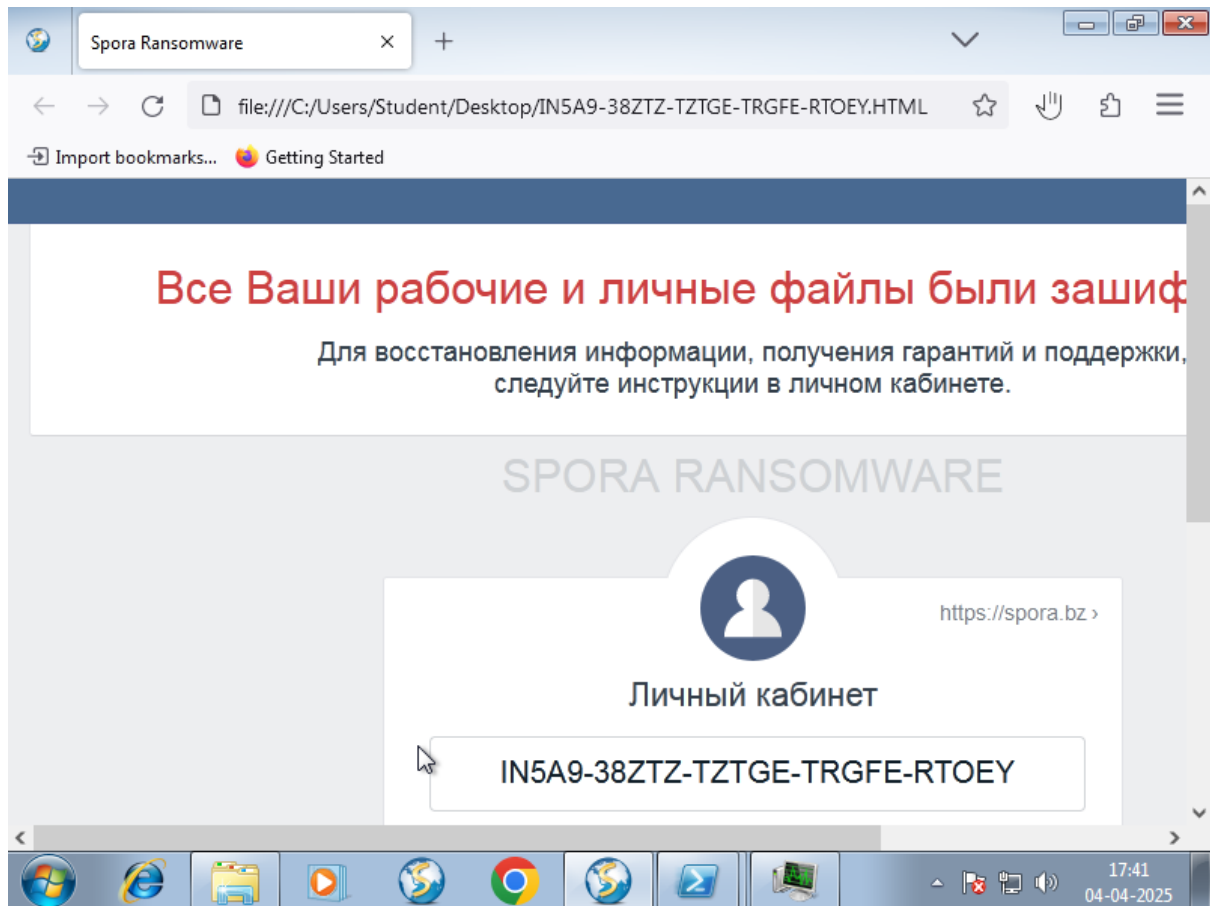
After executing the malware, we noticed that the PowerShell console showed a high memory usage.



We verified this by using the task manager too:

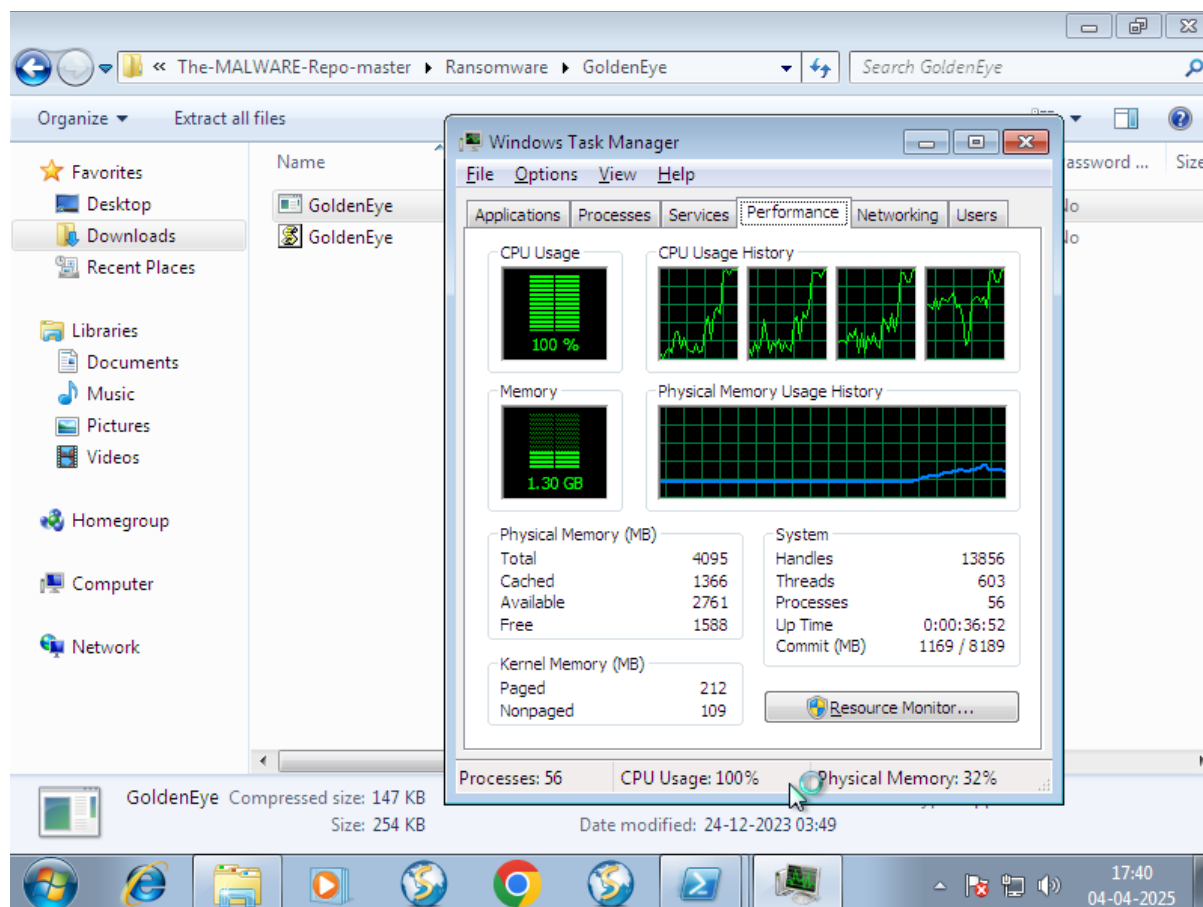


A window showed up which looked like this.



3. GoldenEye

After executing the malware, we noticed that the Task manager showed a high memory usage.



Unfortunately, we couldn't see this using the PowerShell console because the system immediately got shut down and the following message appeared on the screen:

```
Repairing file system on C:
```

```
The type of the file system is NTFS.
```

```
One of your disks contains errors and needs to be repaired. This process  
may take several hours to complete. It is strongly recommended to let it  
complete.
```

```
WARNING: DO NOT TURN OFF YOUR PC! IF YOU ABORT THIS PROCESS, YOU COULD  
DESTROY ALL OF YOUR DATA! PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR POWER CABLE IS PLUGGED  
IN!
```

```
CHKDSK is repairing sector 9728 of 119776 (8%)
```

You became victim of the GOLDENEYE RANSOMWARE!

The harddisks of your computer have been encrypted with an military grade encryption algorithm. There is no way to restore your data without a special key. You can purchase this key on the darknet page shown in step 2.

To purchase your key and restore your data, please follow these three easy steps:

1. Download the Tor Browser at "<https://www.torproject.org/>". If you need help, please google for "access onion page".
2. Visit one of the following pages with the Tor Browser:

<http://goldenhjnqvc2l1d.onion/sMvSkp9p>
<http://golden2uqpiqcs6j.onion/sMvSkp9p>

3. Enter your personal decryption code there:

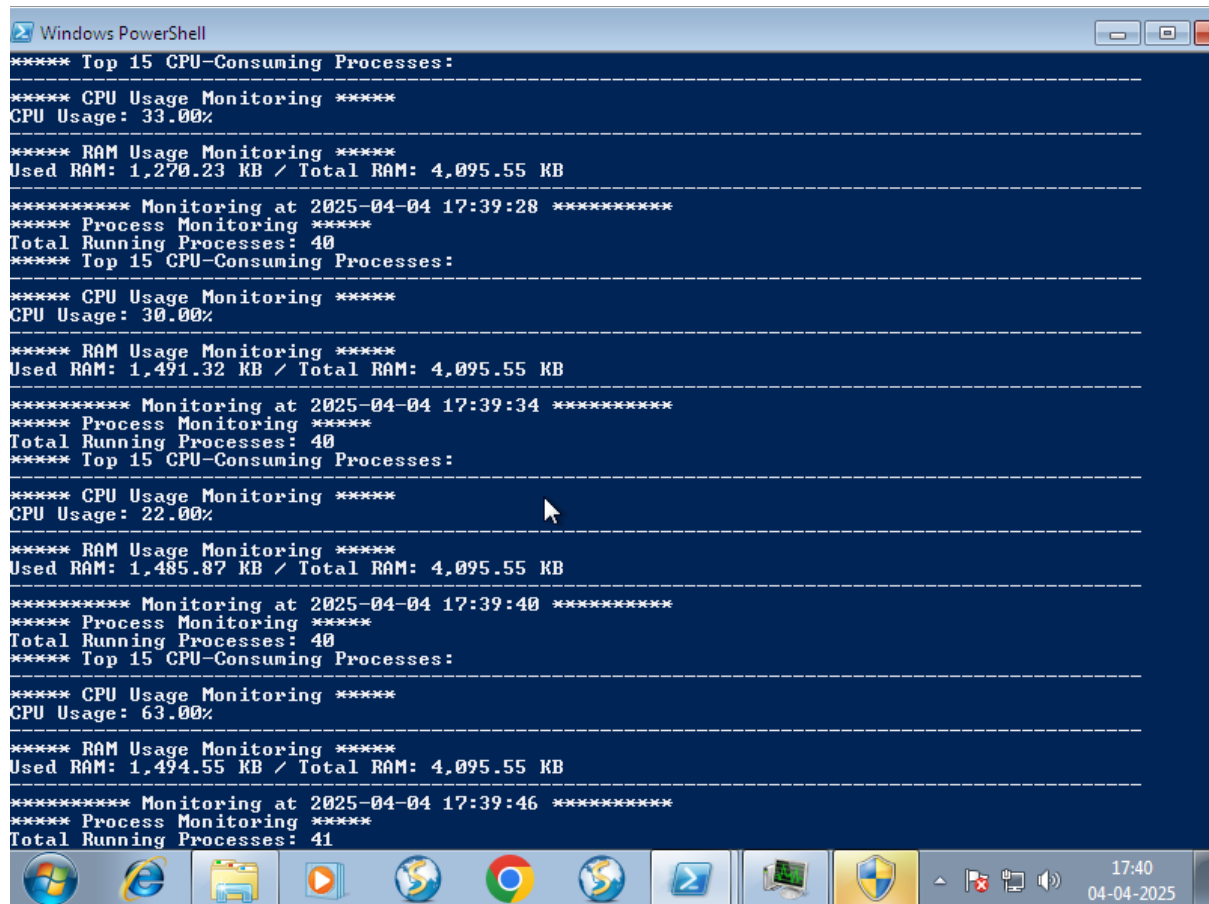
sMvSkp-9pAY4y-m7f7n3-yQ5brv-cffaIS-EwUD5u-hmiBuP-DiDWMu-Ph3xki-rpPkou-
BcMMWi-YbxhUg-oJu5wM-EPgop9-kZz7sN-TXgUUu

If you already purchased your key, please enter it below.

Key: _

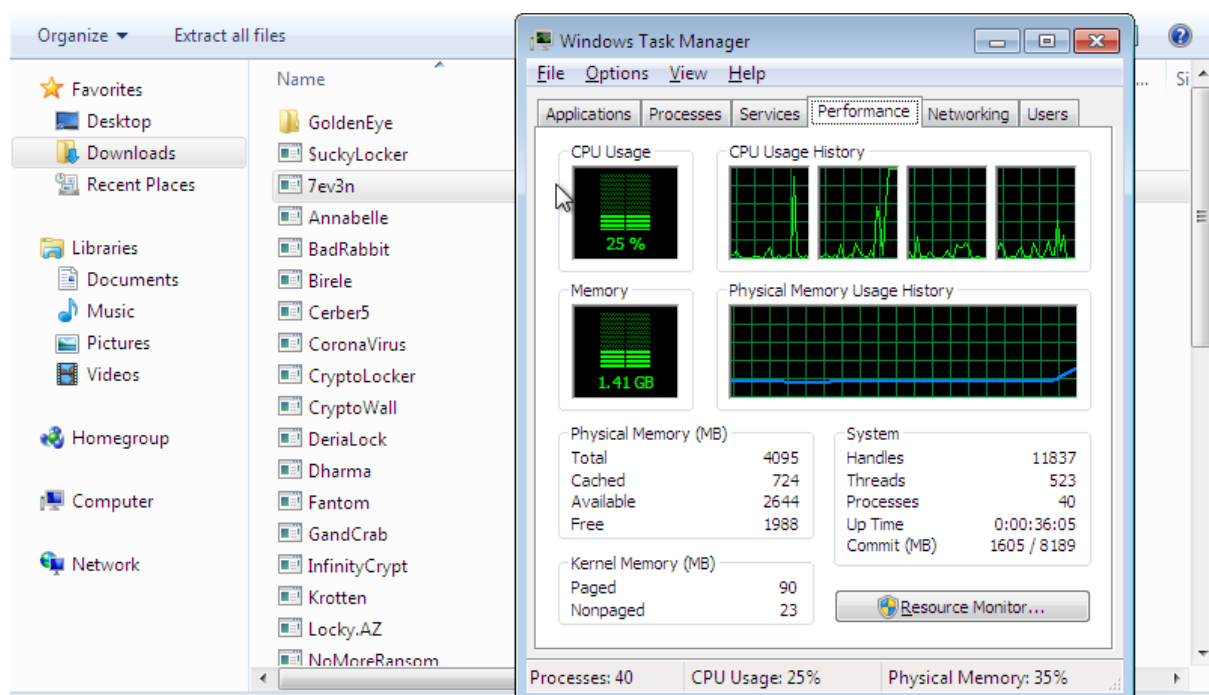
4. 7ev3n

After executing the malware, we noticed that the PowerShell console showed a high memory usage.



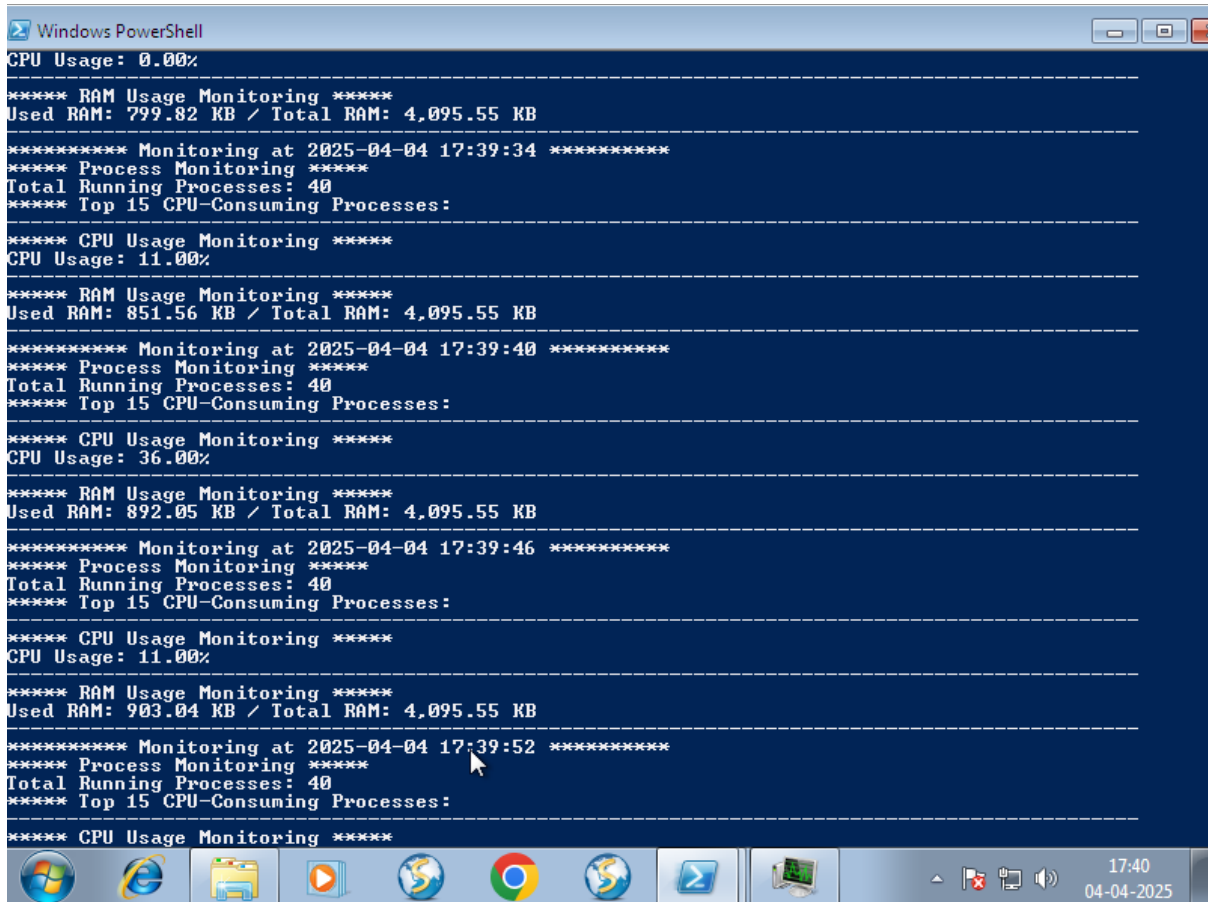
```
Windows PowerShell
***** Top 15 CPU-Consuming Processes:
***** CPU Usage Monitoring *****
CPU Usage: 33.00%
***** RAM Usage Monitoring *****
Used RAM: 1,270.23 KB / Total RAM: 4,095.55 KB
***** Monitoring at 2025-04-04 17:39:28 *****
***** Process Monitoring *****
Total Running Processes: 40
***** Top 15 CPU-Consuming Processes:
***** CPU Usage Monitoring *****
CPU Usage: 30.00%
***** RAM Usage Monitoring *****
Used RAM: 1,491.32 KB / Total RAM: 4,095.55 KB
***** Monitoring at 2025-04-04 17:39:34 *****
***** Process Monitoring *****
Total Running Processes: 40
***** Top 15 CPU-Consuming Processes:
***** CPU Usage Monitoring *****
CPU Usage: 22.00%
***** RAM Usage Monitoring *****
Used RAM: 1,485.87 KB / Total RAM: 4,095.55 KB
***** Monitoring at 2025-04-04 17:39:40 *****
***** Process Monitoring *****
Total Running Processes: 40
***** Top 15 CPU-Consuming Processes:
***** CPU Usage Monitoring *****
CPU Usage: 63.00%
***** RAM Usage Monitoring *****
Used RAM: 1,494.55 KB / Total RAM: 4,095.55 KB
***** Monitoring at 2025-04-04 17:39:46 *****
***** Process Monitoring *****
Total Running Processes: 41
```

We verified this by using the task manager too:



5. GandCrab v5.2

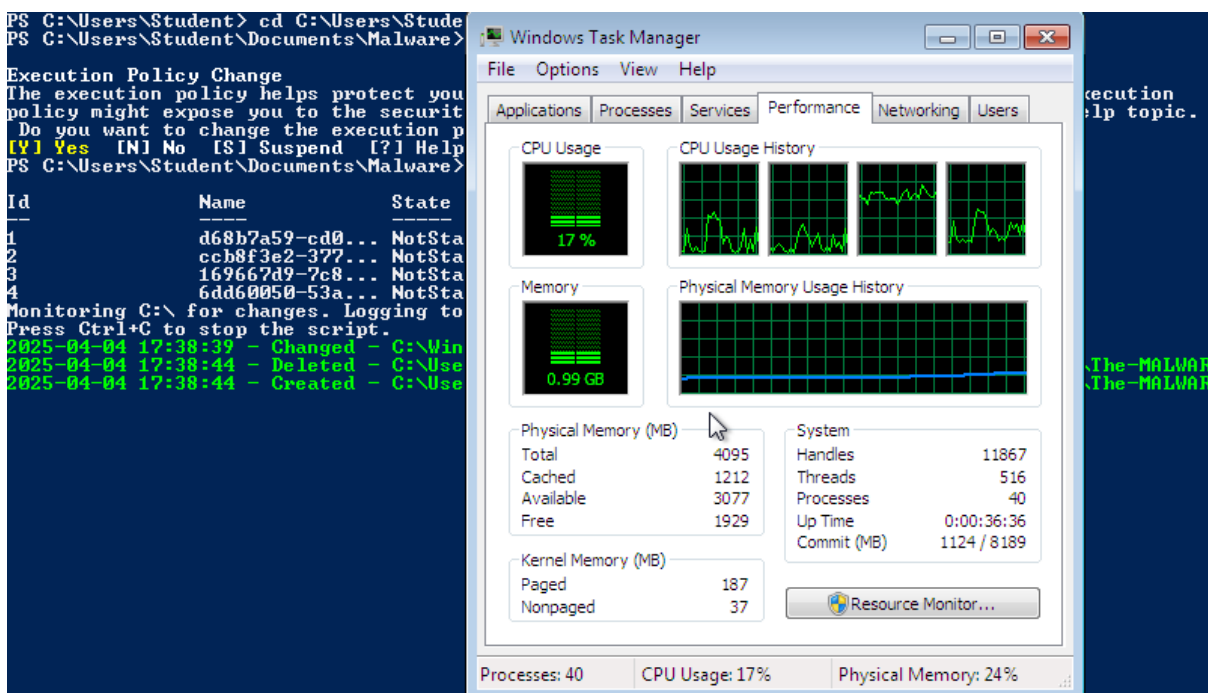
After executing the malware, we noticed that the PowerShell console showed a high memory usage.



The screenshot shows a Windows PowerShell window with a blue background. It displays a series of system monitoring commands and their outputs. The commands include 'CPU Usage', 'RAM Usage Monitoring', 'Process Monitoring', and 'Top 15 CPU-Consuming Processes'. The outputs show varying levels of CPU usage (0.00%, 11.00%, 36.00%, 11.00%) and RAM usage (799.82 KB, 851.56 KB, 892.05 KB, 903.04 KB) over time. The timestamp '2025-04-04 17:39:34' is visible. The taskbar at the bottom shows several icons, including the Start button, Internet Explorer, File Explorer, and various web browsers.

```
Windows PowerShell
CPU Usage: 0.00%
-----
***** RAM Usage Monitoring *****
Used RAM: 799.82 KB / Total RAM: 4.095.55 KB
-----
***** Monitoring at 2025-04-04 17:39:34 *****
***** Process Monitoring *****
Total Running Processes: 40
***** Top 15 CPU-Consuming Processes:
-----
***** CPU Usage Monitoring *****
CPU Usage: 11.00%
-----
***** RAM Usage Monitoring *****
Used RAM: 851.56 KB / Total RAM: 4.095.55 KB
-----
***** Monitoring at 2025-04-04 17:39:40 *****
***** Process Monitoring *****
Total Running Processes: 40
***** Top 15 CPU-Consuming Processes:
-----
***** CPU Usage Monitoring *****
CPU Usage: 36.00%
-----
***** RAM Usage Monitoring *****
Used RAM: 892.05 KB / Total RAM: 4.095.55 KB
-----
***** Monitoring at 2025-04-04 17:39:46 *****
***** Process Monitoring *****
Total Running Processes: 40
***** Top 15 CPU-Consuming Processes:
-----
***** CPU Usage Monitoring *****
CPU Usage: 11.00%
-----
***** RAM Usage Monitoring *****
Used RAM: 903.04 KB / Total RAM: 4.095.55 KB
-----
***** Monitoring at 2025-04-04 17:39:52 *****
***** Process Monitoring *****
Total Running Processes: 40
***** Top 15 CPU-Consuming Processes:
-----
***** CPU Usage Monitoring *****
```

We verified this by using the task manager too:



The screenshot shows the Windows Task Manager window with the 'Performance' tab selected. It displays various system metrics including CPU Usage (17%), Memory (0.99 GB), Physical Memory (MB), and System information. The taskbar at the bottom shows 'Processes: 40', 'CPU Usage: 17%', and 'Physical Memory: 24%'. On the left, a PowerShell window is visible, showing the execution of a script and the resulting system changes.

Execution Policy Change
The execution policy helps protect you from running scripts that might harm your computer. Do you want to change the execution policy for the scripts that are running on this computer?
[Y] Yes [N] No [S] Suspend [?] Help
PS C:\Users\Student\Documents\Malware>

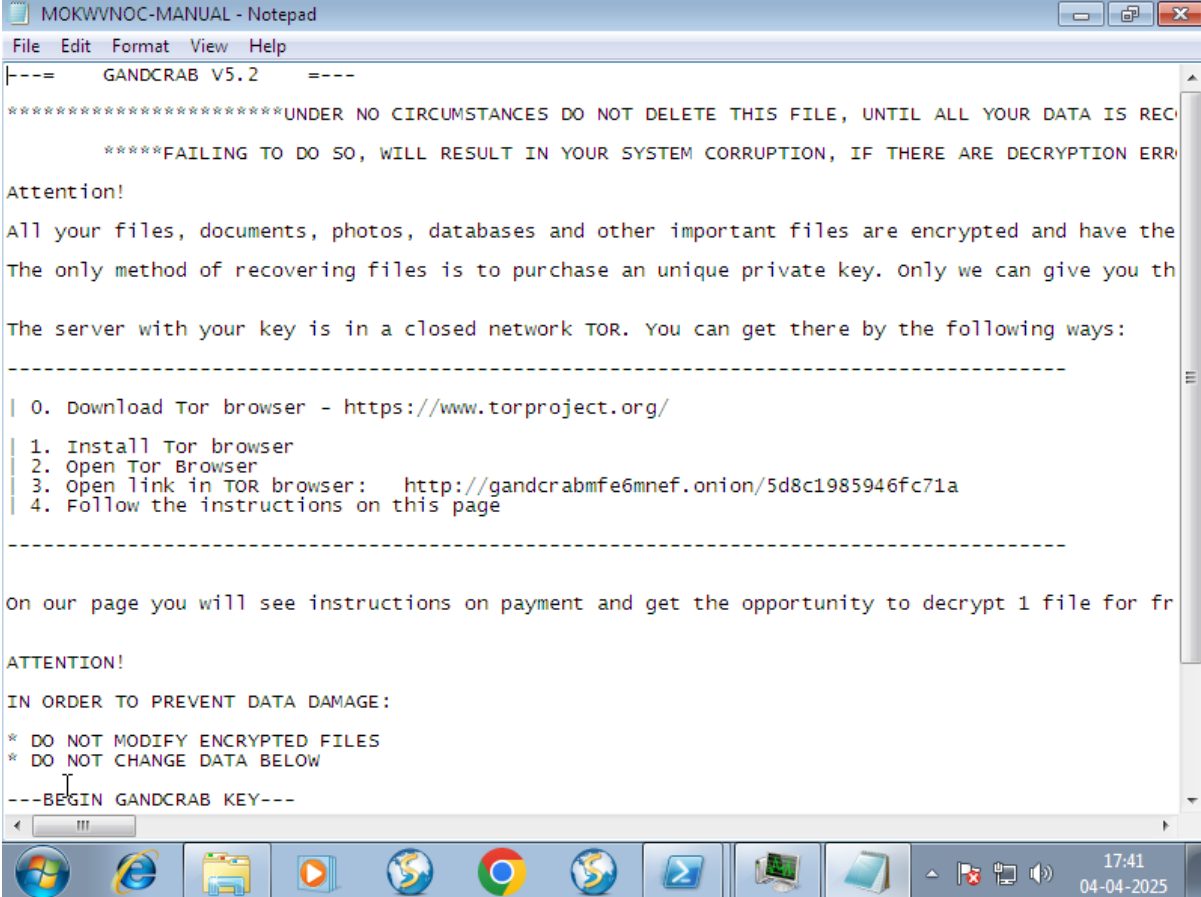
Id	Name	State
1	d68b7a59-cd0...	NotSta
2	ccb8f3e2-377...	NotSta
3	169667d9-7e8...	NotSta
4	6dd60050-53a...	NotSta

Monitoring C:\ for changes. Logging to
Press Ctrl+C to stop the script.
2025-04-04 17:38:39 - Changed - C:\Win
2025-04-04 17:38:44 - Deleted - C:\Use
2025-04-04 17:38:44 - Created - C:\Use

Windows Task Manager
File Options View Help
Applications Processes Services Performance Networking Users
CPU Usage: 17%
Memory: 0.99 GB
Physical Memory (MB): 4095 Total, 1212 Cached, 3077 Available, 1929 Free
System: Handles 11867, Threads 516, Processes 40, Up Time 0:00:36:36, Commit (MB) 1124 / 8189
Resource Monitor...

Processes: 40 CPU Usage: 17% Physical Memory: 24%

A file got created which had the following contents.



The screenshot shows a Notepad window with a menu bar (File, Edit, Format, View, Help) and a text area containing ransomware instructions. The text is as follows:

```
----- GANDCRAB V5.2 -----
*****UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES DO NOT DELETE THIS FILE, UNTIL ALL YOUR DATA IS RECO
*****FAILING TO DO SO, WILL RESULT IN YOUR SYSTEM CORRUPTION, IF THERE ARE DECRYPTION ERR
Attention!
All your files, documents, photos, databases and other important files are encrypted and have the
The only method of recovering files is to purchase an unique private key. Only we can give you th
The server with your key is in a closed network TOR. You can get there by the following ways:
-----
| 0. Download Tor browser - https://www.torproject.org/
| 1. Install Tor browser
| 2. Open Tor Browser
| 3. Open link in TOR browser: http://gandcrabmfe6mnef.onion/5d8c1985946fc71a
| 4. Follow the instructions on this page
-----
On our page you will see instructions on payment and get the opportunity to decrypt 1 file for fr
ATTENTION!
IN ORDER TO PREVENT DATA DAMAGE:
* DO NOT MODIFY ENCRYPTED FILES
* DO NOT CHANGE DATA BELOW
---BEGIN GANDCRAB KEY---
```

The taskbar at the bottom shows several application icons (Internet Explorer, File Explorer, VLC, Firefox, Chrome, etc.) and the system clock displays 17:41 on 04-04-2025.

- Malwares which manipulate the File system.

1. Rensenware

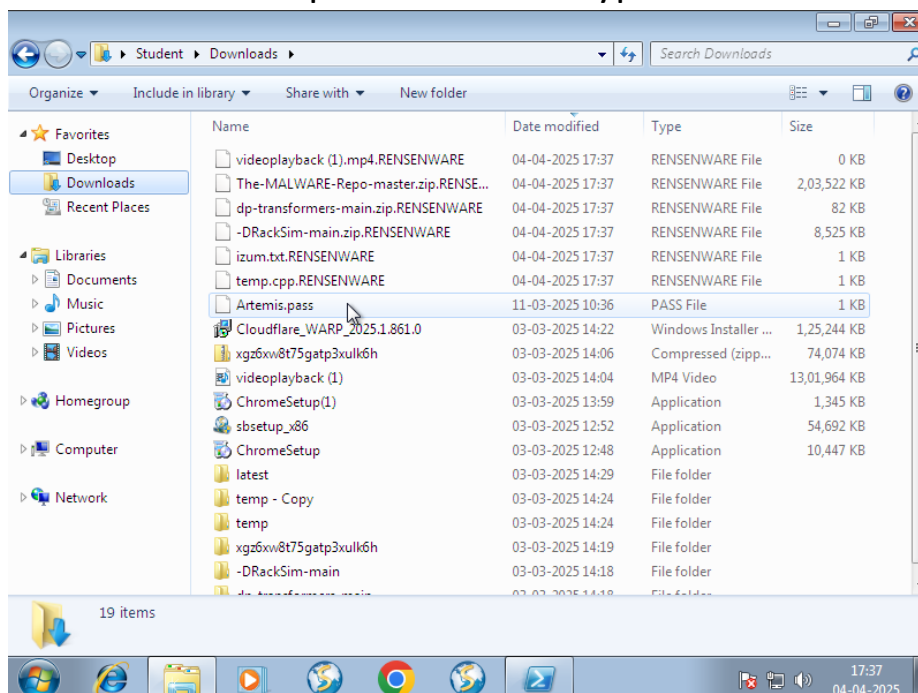
The script which was supposed to detect any changes in the file system showed this:

```

Windows PowerShell
PS C:\Users\Student\Documents\Malware> .\fileSystemChangeScript.ps1

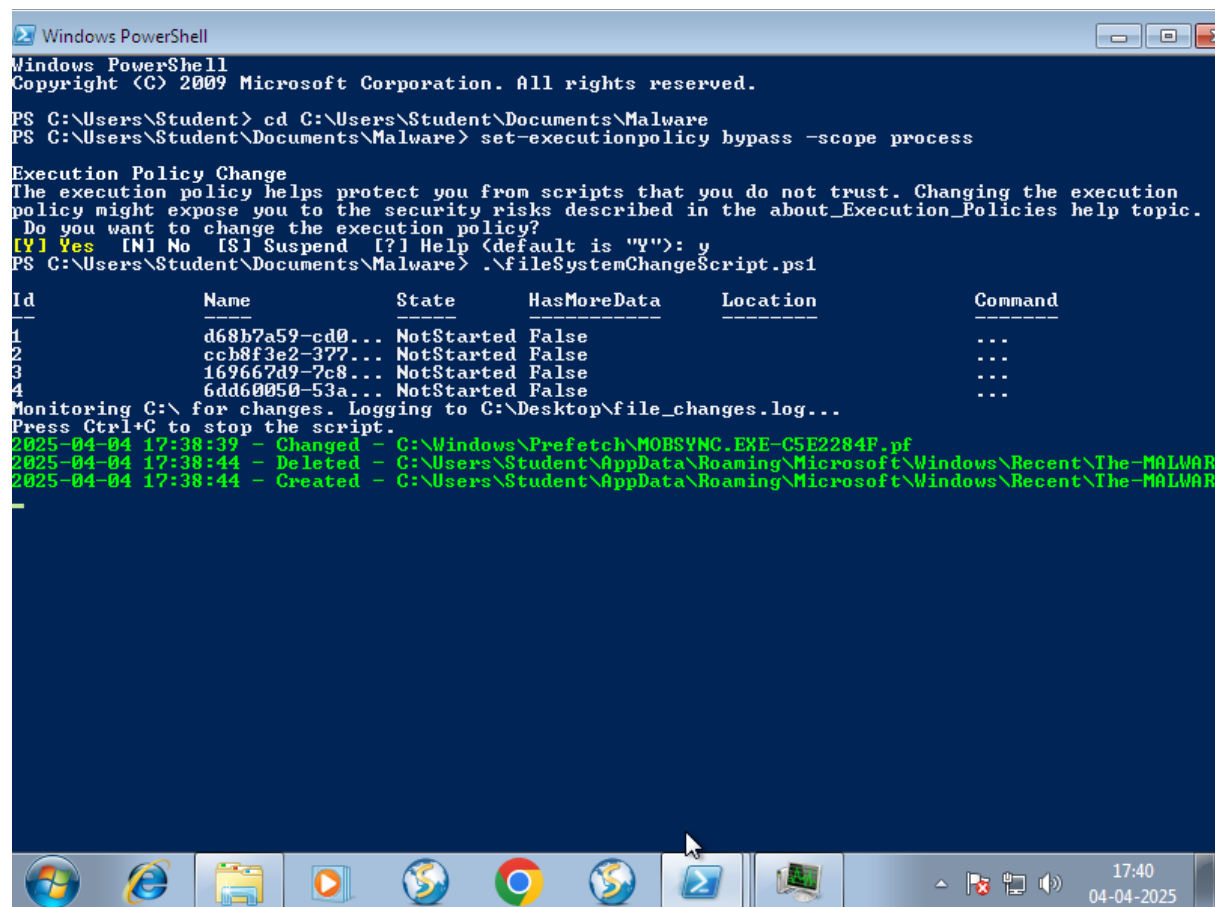
Id      Name                               State      HasMoreData  Location      Command
-----
1       4e759876-160... NotStarted  False
2       c51bddee-876... NotStarted  False
3       0019d40d-7ae... NotStarted  False
4       6849b3b2-775... NotStarted  False
Monitoring C:\ for changes. Logging to C:\Desktop\file_changes.log...
Press Ctrl+C to stop the script.
2025-04-04 17:36:37 - Changed - C:\System Volume Information\Syscache.hve.LOG1
2025-04-04 17:36:47 - Deleted - C:\Users\Student\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Recent\The-MALWARE
2025-04-04 17:36:47 - Created - C:\Users\Student\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Recent\The-MALWARE
  
```

All the files in the File explorer were encrypted and looked like this.



2. GandCrab v5.2

The script which was supposed to detect any changes in the file system showed this:



```
Windows PowerShell
Copyright (C) 2009 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

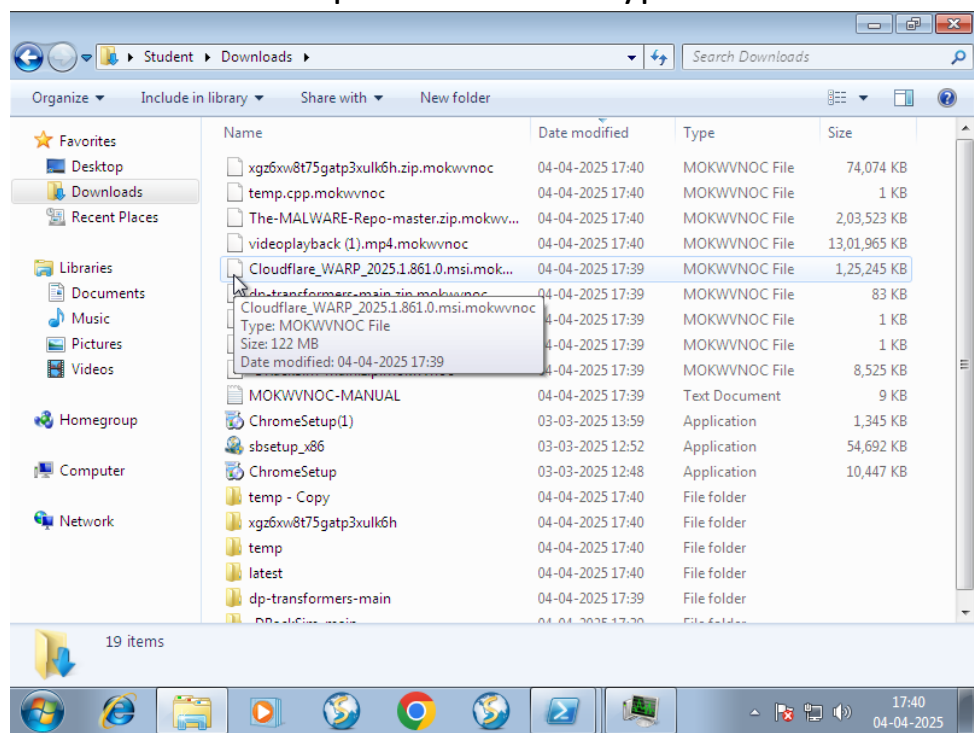
PS C:\Users\Student> cd C:\Users\Student\Documents\Malware
PS C:\Users\Student\Documents\Malware> set-executionpolicy bypass -scope process

Execution Policy Change
The execution policy helps protect you from scripts that you do not trust. Changing the execution
policy might expose you to the security risks described in the about_Execution_Policies help topic.
Do you want to change the execution policy?
[Y] Yes [N] No [S] Suspend [?] Help (default is "Y"): y
PS C:\Users\Student\Documents\Malware> .\fileSystemChangeScript.ps1

Id      Name      State      HasMoreData  Location      Command
-----
1      d68b7a59-cd0... NotStarted False
2      ccb8f3e2-377... NotStarted False
3      169667d9-7c8... NotStarted False
4      6dd60050-53a... NotStarted False

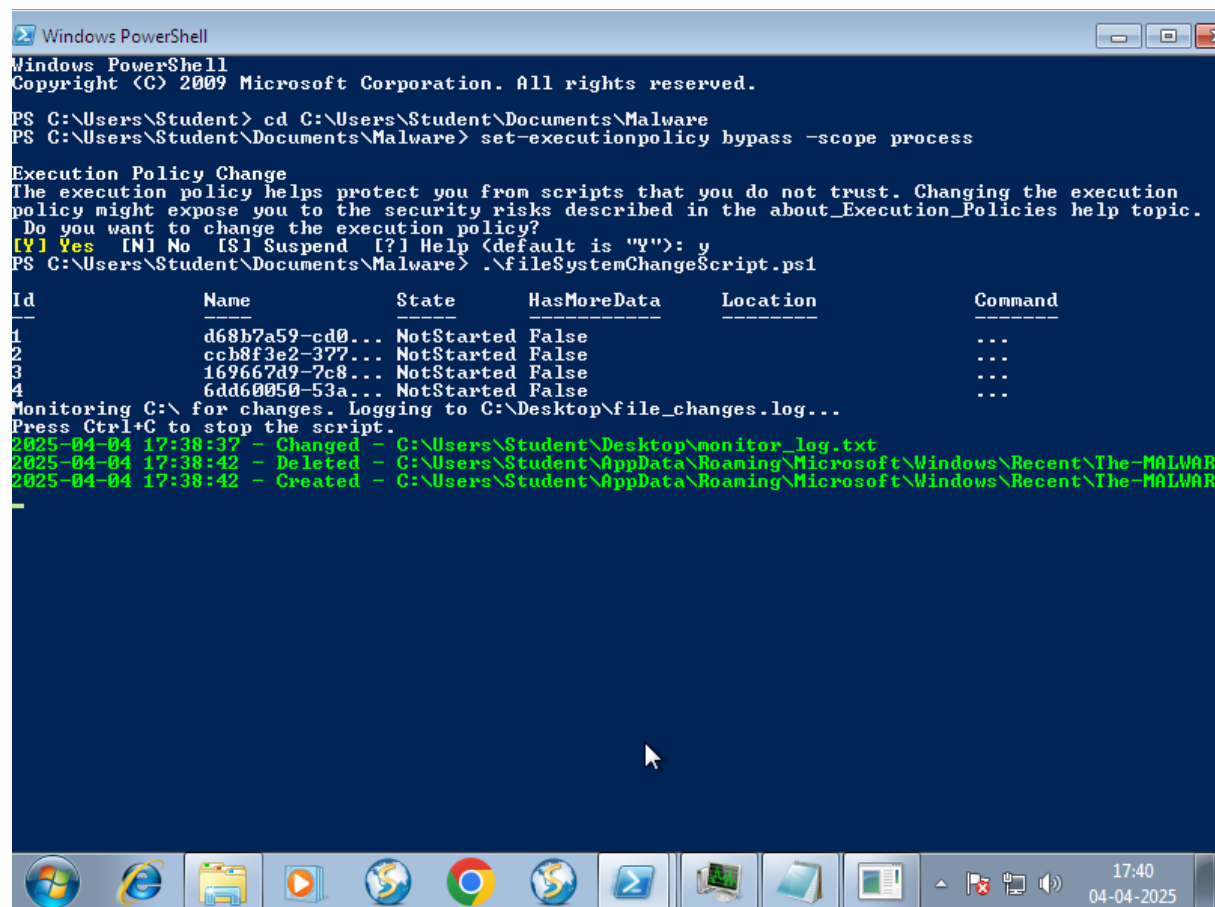
Monitoring C:\ for changes. Logging to C:\Desktop\file_changes.log...
Press Ctrl+C to stop the script.
2025-04-04 17:38:39 - Changed - C:\Windows\Prefetch\MOBSYNC.EXE-C5E2284F.pf
2025-04-04 17:38:44 - Deleted - C:\Users\Student\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Recent\The-MALWAR
2025-04-04 17:38:44 - Created - C:\Users\Student\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Recent\The-MALWAR
```

All the files in the File explorer were encrypted and looked like this.



3. Cerber

The script which was supposed to detect any changes in the file system showed this:



```
Windows PowerShell
Copyright (C) 2009 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

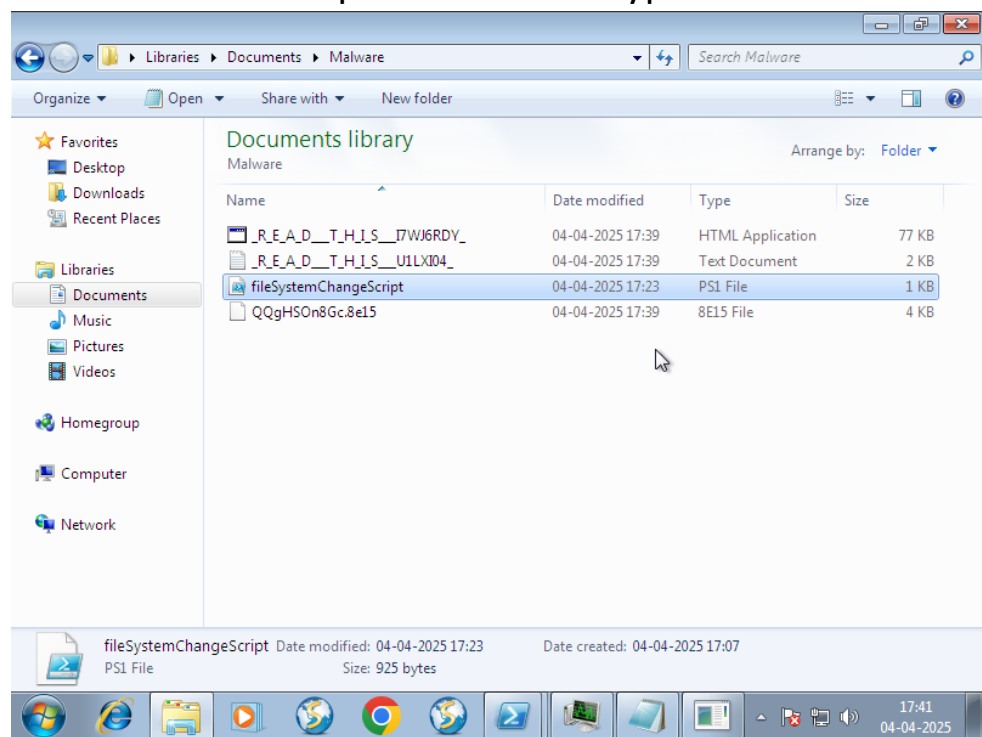
PS C:\Users\Student> cd C:\Users\Student\Documents\Malware
PS C:\Users\Student\Documents\Malware> set-executionpolicy bypass -scope process

Execution Policy Change
The execution policy helps protect you from scripts that you do not trust. Changing the execution
policy might expose you to the security risks described in the about_Execution_Policies help topic.
Do you want to change the execution policy?
[Y] Yes [N] No [S] Suspend [?] Help (default is "Y"): y
PS C:\Users\Student\Documents\Malware> .\fileSystemChangeScript.ps1

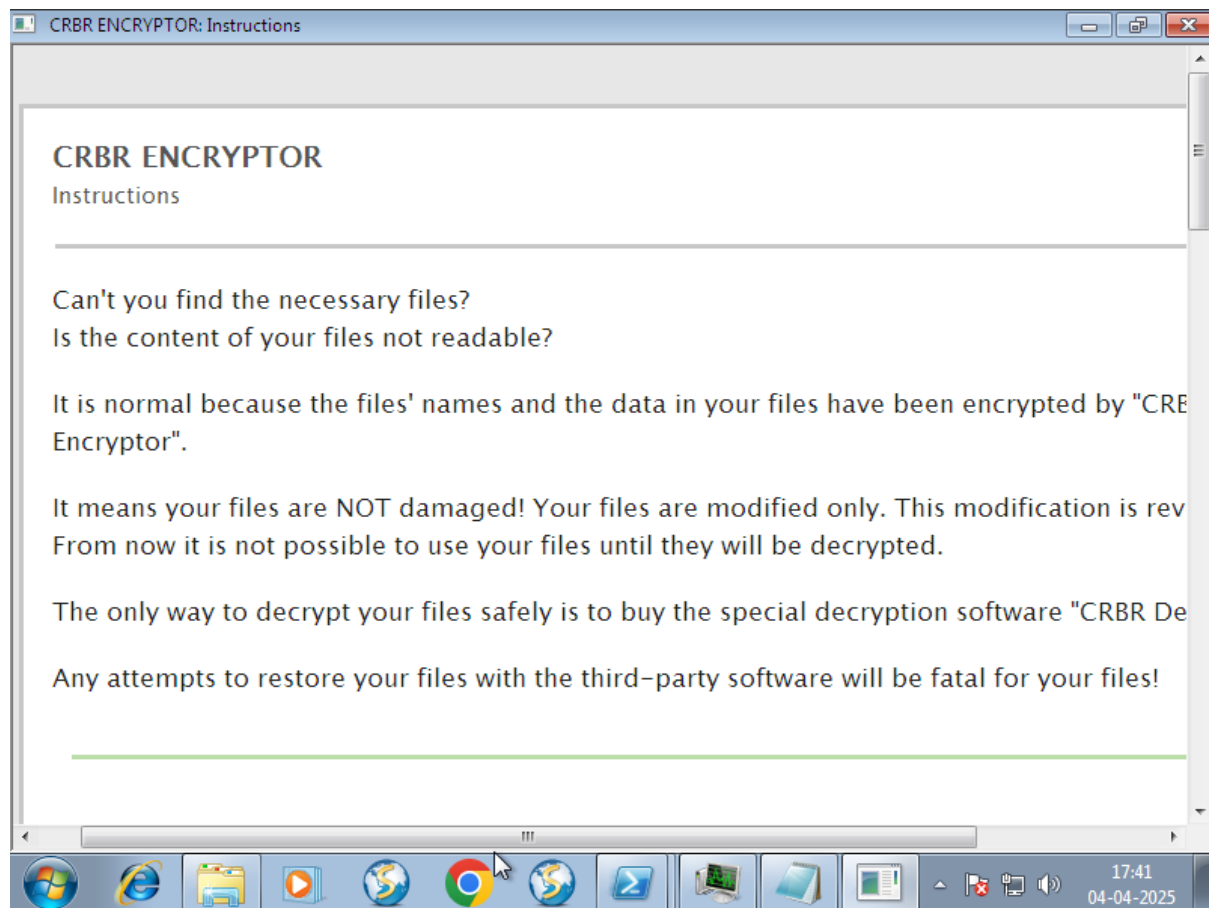
Id      Name                               State      HasMoreData  Location      Command
-----
1       d68b7a59-cd0... NotStarted  False        ...           ...
2       ccb8f3e2-377... NotStarted  False        ...           ...
3       169667d9-7c8... NotStarted  False        ...           ...
4       6dd60050-53a... NotStarted  False        ...           ...

Monitoring C:\ for changes. Logging to C:\Desktop\file_changes.log...
Press Ctrl+C to stop the script.
2025-04-04 17:38:37 - Changed - C:\Users\Student\Desktop\monitor_log.txt
2025-04-04 17:38:42 - Deleted - C:\Users\Student\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Recent\The-MALWAR
2025-04-04 17:38:42 - Created - C:\Users\Student\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Recent\The-MALWAR
```

All the files in the File explorer were encrypted and looked like this.

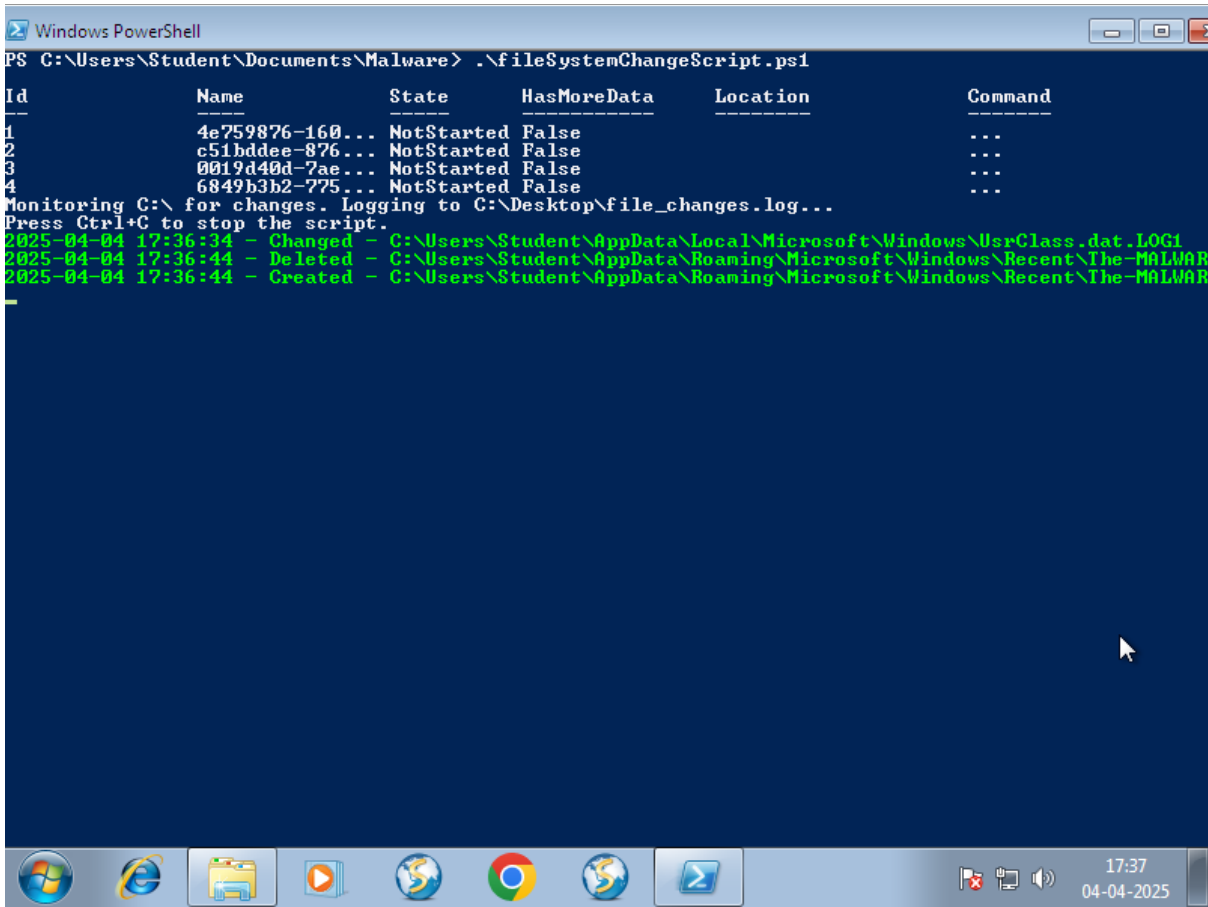


A pop-up window showed up which had the following contents.

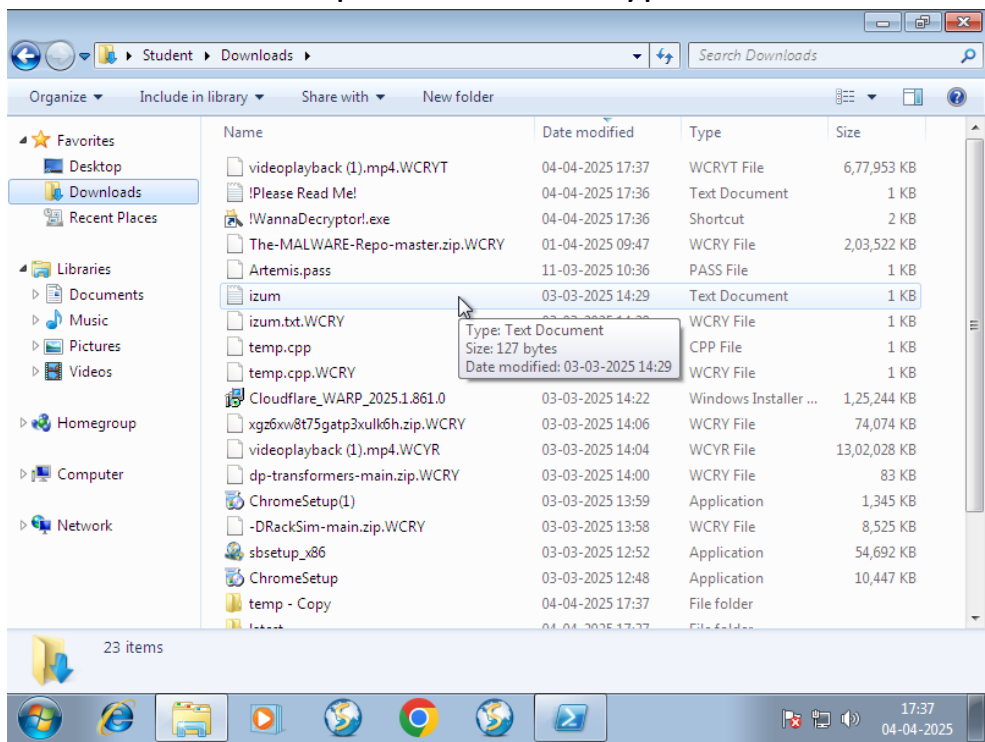


4. WannaCry

The script which was supposed to detect any changes in the file system showed this:

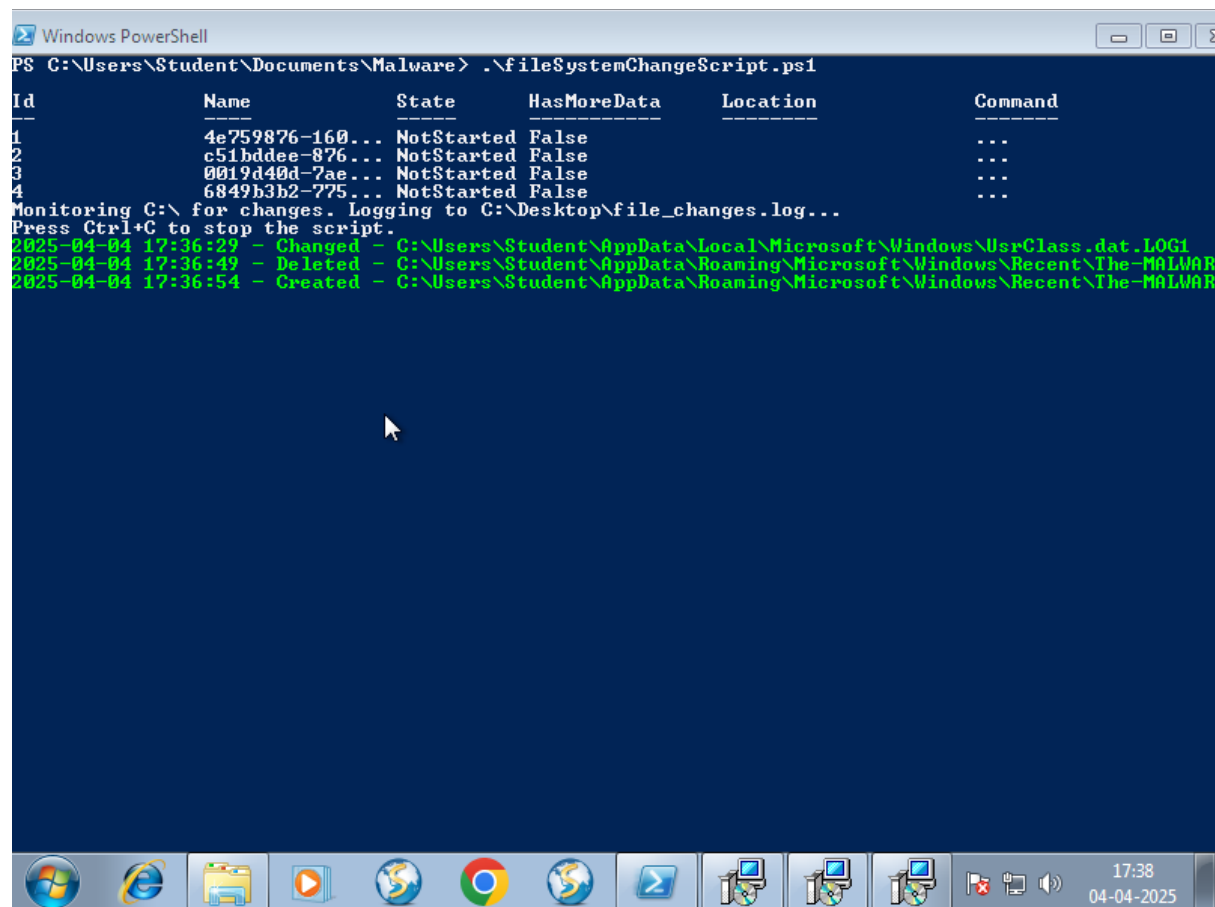


All the files in the File explorer were encrypted and looked like this.



5. CoronaVirus

The script which was supposed to detect any changes in the file system showed this:



All the files in the File explorer were encrypted and looked like this.

