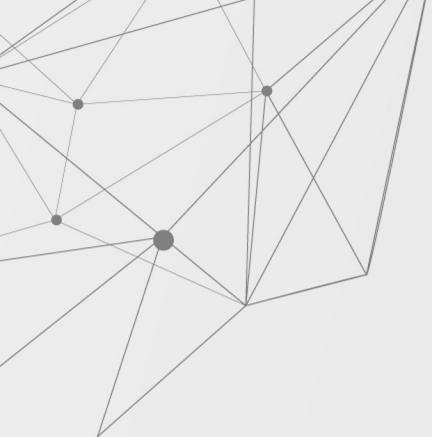




Star Gazing

Using A Galaxy of YARA Methods to Pursue an Apex Actor



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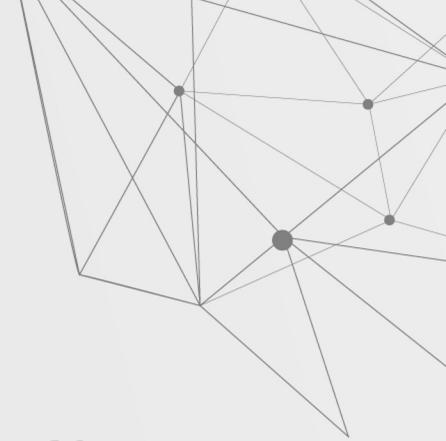
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IDGAF about catching Future Samples

Personal Research; Not Reflective of My Employer

This talk is a journey in exploring malware similarity via YARA



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@ConnorSecurity

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@stvemillertime

@wxs

@qutluch

@TheQueenofELF

@jgrosfelt

@craiu

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@notareverser

@BitsofBinary

@williballenthin

@cbecks2

@CyberOverDrive

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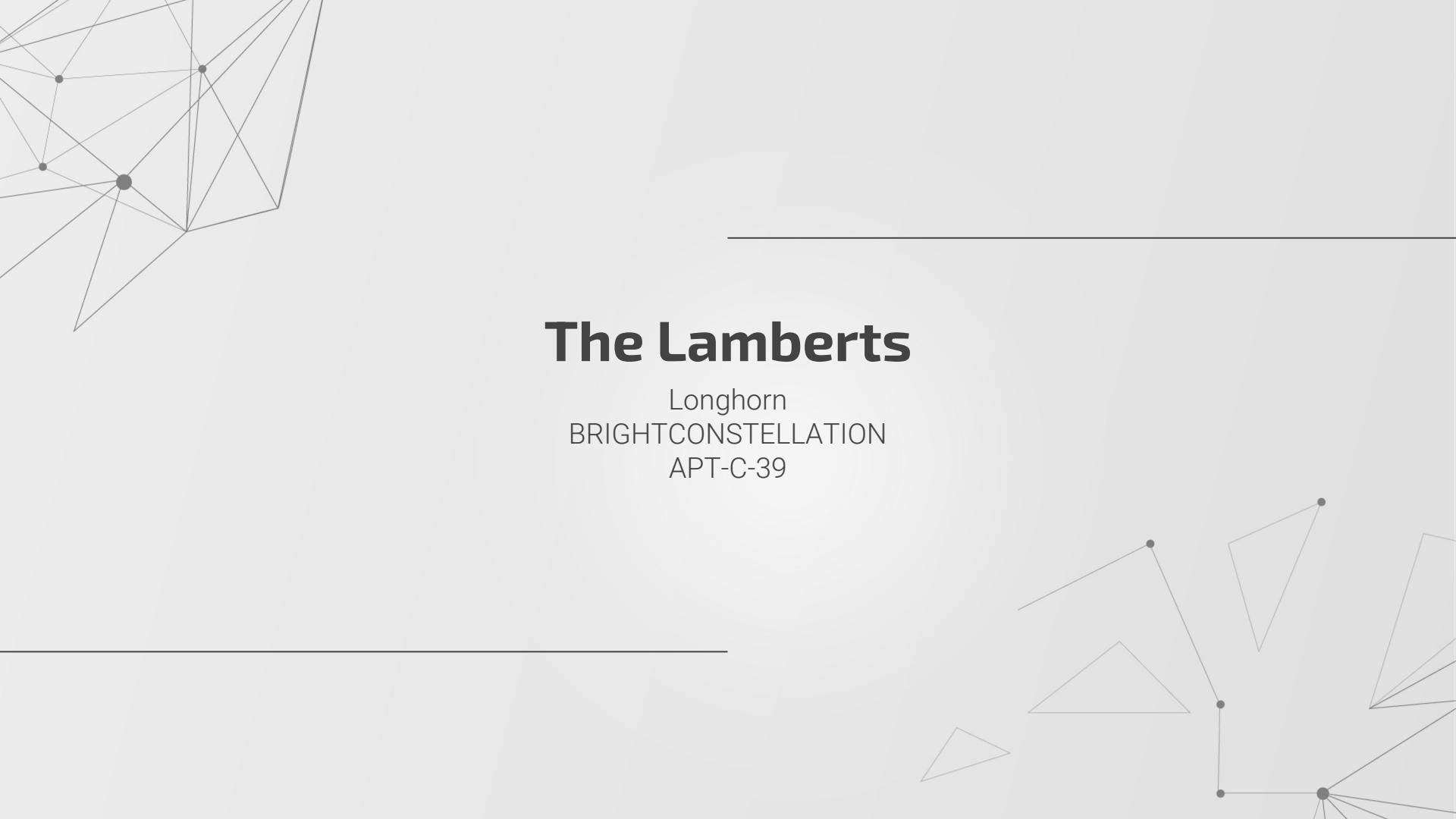
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Insikt Group

& MANY MORE





The Lamberts

Longhorn
BRIGHTCONSTELLATION
APT-C-39

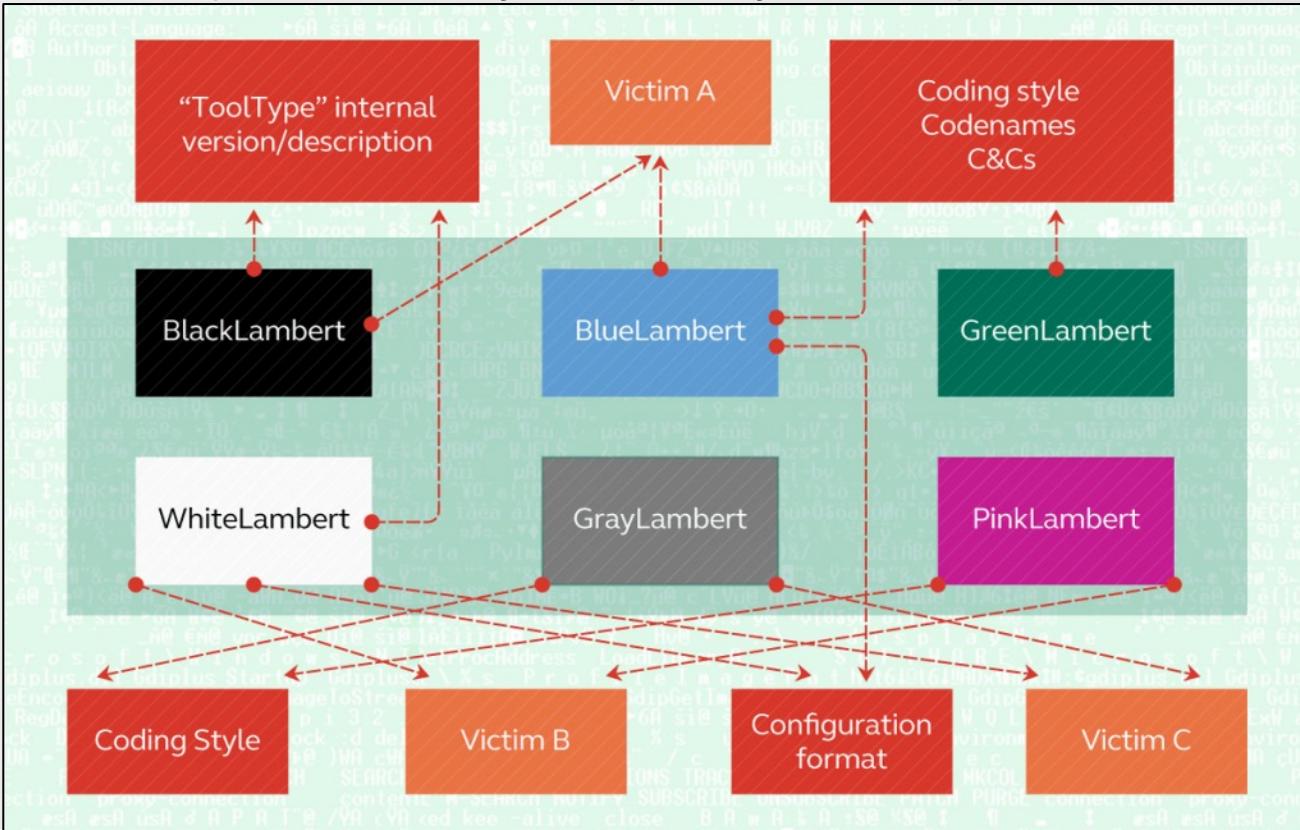
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THE PROBLEM



PROBLEM

50+ samples linked by Kaspersky but no public evidence



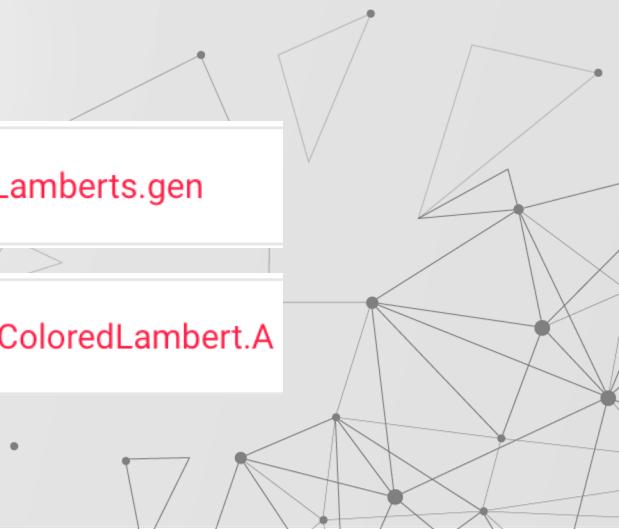
PROBLEM

Lots of colors of Lambert

But most knowledge is in private reporting + breadcrumbs

1 AV signature name

Kaspersky	❗ HEUR:Trojan.Multi.Lamberts.gen
ESET-NOD32	❗ A Variant Of Win32/ColoredLambert.A



A large, abstract network graph is visible in the background, composed of numerous small, semi-transparent gray dots connected by thin gray lines. It forms several distinct clusters and some isolated nodes.

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CLUSTERING TIME

STARTING PLACE

Name	Date Modified	Size
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INITIAL METHODOLOGY

(Ab)use PE Format to Find Feature Overlaps

Use YARA's console to print overlaps YARA already knows

Use Ronnie to produce table for viewing

Find something resilient



TOOLING CHOICES

Initial Tools:

YARA

Binary Refinery

Python

Ronnie.py <3 Steve Miller

Behavioral Analysis was largely useless anyway



INITIAL METHOD

HASHING

Section
Resource
IMP + RH

PE FEATURES

GEOMETRY

Overlay
Sizes
Entropy

NAMES

DLL / PDB
VERSION
RSRC / SECT

INITIAL SAMPLE SURFACE AREA

[:great-job:] LIGHT WEIGHT! Heres the sorted table:

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SURFACE AREA

```
rule imphash
{
    condition:
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}
```

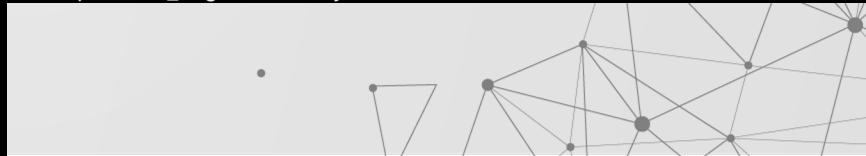
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 3 pe.imphash() == a5f2981ac470d17bc79355655444f478
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 2 pe.imphash() == d1e0d0c068313e63bbd192c5b8ac5d58
```

SURFACE AREA

```
rule richheaderhash
{
    condition:
        console.log("hash.md5(pe.rich_signature.clear_data) == |", hash.md5(pe.rich_signature.clear_data))
}
```

```
$ yara ~/Desktop/evil.yar Lamberts/ -r | sort | uniq -c | sort -rn
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6 hash.md5(pe.rich_signature.clear_data) == 2a3f6381e856430d41e25b46f95a2daa
5 hash.md5(pe.rich_signature.clear_data) == bfa45b9a0b5adf3ea4aa9609fd215437
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3 hash.md5(pe.rich_signature.clear_data) == d60e5ccda3e19fab0430bc2bbaed7101
3 hash.md5(pe.rich_signature.clear_data) == bd4f08587ead9f643e4218ccf01950cb
3 hash.md5(pe.rich_signature.clear_data) == 7b5c7e6ecd6b150f3fbc67976bdbaa41
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2 hash.md5(pe.rich_signature.clear_data) == 1787f6b0c4f6b7ed29c9aae81f74ea5d
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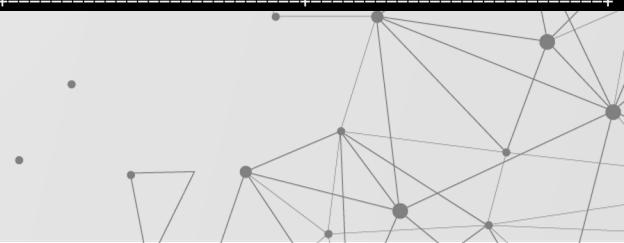
EXPORT SURFACE AREA

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7bfa16de414bddd6e02aeb9c5f1fbc586	DllCanUnloadNow			ServiceMain
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325b008aec81e5aaa57096f05d4212b5	dialog	initDialog	show	

EXPORT SURFACE AREA

hash.md5	pe.export_details[0].name	pe.export_details[1].name	pe.export_details[2].name	pe.export_details[3].name	pe.export_details[4].name
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7260cd78fbe583da47f992fcfa5bb4137	DllInstall	DllRegisterServer	HandlerEx	ServiceMain	_IsOperandReg@8
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DELAYED IMPORT SURFACE AREA

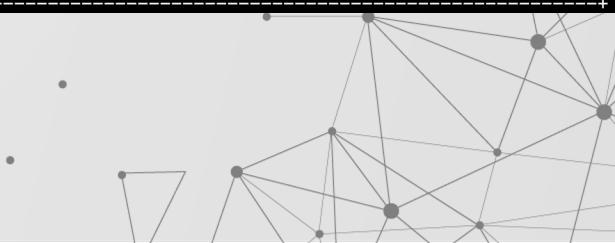
pe.number_of_delayed_imports	pe.number_of_delayed_imported_functions	pe.delayed_import_details[0].library_name	pe.delayed_import_details[0].functions[0].name
1	4	ADVAPI32.dll	LookupPrivilegeValueW
1	4	ADVAPI32.dll	LookupPrivilegeValueW
3	15	SHLWAPI.dll	PathRemoveExtensionW
3	15	SHLWAPI.dll	PathRemoveExtensionW
3	15	SHLWAPI.dll	PathRemoveExtensionW
3	15	SHLWAPI.dll	PathRemoveExtensionW
3	89	pdh.dll	PdhGetFormattedCounterArrayW
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6	49	USER32.dll	wsprintfW
6	59	SHLWAPI.dll	StrCmpIW
6	64	SHLWAPI.dll	PathAppendW
7	88	ADVAPI32.dll	RegCloseKey
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DEV FINGERPRINTS SURFACE AREA

[:great-job:] LIGHT WEIGHT! Heres the sorted table:

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0faf02a82b0f978037c4aedeb886a1		
116f4e1288862c4f8714e133cf45a1e8	~DT4569.tmp	
fbf386dd6f3c6cb027daa8b48d1f1c73	winlib.dll	
6870f4548fe2f9c5fe22b3ecb0a12c6c		C:\\\\VCcode\\\\aaa\\\\x64\\\\Debug\\\\aaa.pdb
42793c3ed137f999b525b102b52d432	sfxrar.exe	D:\\\\Projects\\\\WinRAR\\\\sfx\\\\build\\\\sfxrar32\\\\Release\\\\sfxrar.pdb
03bc7a8584fadceceb3d948304b531c3f	a.dll	a
23df2b8320cd5954aa6700819cdb0faa	a.dll	a
5f060940b231db5ba3fff4cb12abb7f7		a
c55a70c3413818cb5be7913002c1c486	a.dll	a
d6f6ffd281709e4f03cef21b1fec5f25		a
db6862153b4d1a010e858803e92586d7	acpid.sys	acpid.pdb
c06d422656ca69827f63802667723932		c:\\\\users\\\\bot\\\\fluxwire-cmake\\\\delta\\\\mswin-x86\\\\build\\\\base\\\\cmake\\\\ddk_node\\\\objfre_wxp_x86\\\\i386\\\\node.pdb
e0127cc8567b0d8d8bb6d205a258283b	hiddrv.sys	hiddrv.pdb
95db8d2f033a30d239f109a9e9d05cf6	mnmfdf.sys	mnmfdf.pdb
8eb5c5ed448288ee3b7536f571284631		x
ab3dd8522484795b00e22bb068a3c921		x
e3625e12e95611c5a27e2c96744049ad	library.dll	x



VERSION INFORMATION

52d750ab9e557cf4f358a63593be6e99	CompanyName	ACARD Technology Corp.
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4a16643a1c0ddb03f4833d28f80edcad	CompanyName	BIOS Innovations
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452d86e050ad691dfc46a7abc0ef8a2f	CompanyName	Microsoft Corporation
517d86f7f494a9d7f2405020b44521eb	CompanyName	Microsoft Corporation
5483c7da065e548aa2f189592484190d	CompanyName	Microsoft Corporation



SHARED CHUNKS

```
$ yara ~/Desktop/evil.yar Lamberts/ -r | sort | uniq -c | sort -rn
16 section hash d41d8cd98f00b204e9800998ecf8427e
 9 resource hash 78c1666916c7e5d7e70d094efbb52ca987f70ac66c907f40f36472e3b0e2bf7f
 7 section hash a1d25fab0f0999169575e729273ac450
 7 section hash 97ce0f6491eda9e959ad7a31f7c5f292
 7 section hash 858cb90d03013fac19c46c642c1611f0
 6 section hash ade88025b419858a8c8cb9da7c7f5173
 6 section hash 9f2ba27d2524b238cb3ce52046c6774a
 6 section hash 9749856b31ec6a427016d7007d70a9f0
 6 section hash 92c98668604ed21149b03e31495acc1b
 6 section hash 06918aea158501659ba39942b836c34f
 6 overlay hash cd7cbf283d421cbf1d19f0376cbc806201a5a7b3
 5 section hash e5cdb6e07b6684e73be979c811012b52
 5 section hash bb64d581a5d7f9c414f2d8d57ef63eee
 5 section hash 7b1dd2c61803a4e05ffd83f241dde3c6
 5 section hash 52e2298e4d6acfdf9ebeaeea8e57ba57
 5 section hash 452b6fc2259f4b05f0f2bf7676beaf28
 5 section hash 196a75ebab89a7d6d4941d65828dd06b
 5 section hash 07a16c1689d4dabe67b14d0bb5e35f8d
 5 resource hash d9e7bdd805880c1a4cc245d8ef4ac433f851d02831a96dfe1c75f8d7f8aaaf6c3
 5 resource hash c3675aa8f4cbb131096bc70d001c9759fac2c1d66e9dfe7d33f21a802ed600be
 5 resource hash a302c696826b1ddf9a7e4914a933707834c1707e259283848c4590a3de4a035b
```



SHARED FEATURES



EXPORT NAMES

PARADOX
MARIANASTRENGTH

MEDDLER
CUTTINGTIES
RATIONLIST

RESOURCE HASH



~PDB PATH

WHITEWASHED
BLACKBOX
MARIANASTRENGTH

SHARED RESOURCE

```
$ emit CUTTINGTIES/2c84d4bdd3e892435ceca91a98ebbf21295f596155b2e52be3823b5f9ab2a123 | perc STRING | peek
```

```
01.106 kB; 39.38% entropy; data
```

```
000: 00 00 0A 00 53 00 6D 00 61 00 72 00 74 00 20 00 43 00 61 00 72 00 64 00 11 ...S.m.a.r.t...C.a.r.d..  
019: 00 53 00 6D 00 61 00 72 00 74 00 20 00 43 00 61 00 72 00 64 00 20 00 48 00 .S.m.a.r.t...C.a.r.d..H.  
032: 65 00 6C 00 70 00 65 00 72 00 14 00 53 00 6D 00 61 00 72 00 74 00 20 00 43 e.l.p.e.r...S.m.a.r.t...C  
04B: 00 61 00 72 00 64 00 20 00 49 00 6E 00 73 00 65 00 72 00 74 00 69 00 6F 00 .a.r.d...I.n.s.e.r.t.i.o.  
064: 6E 00 12 00 53 00 6D 00 61 00 72 00 74 00 20 00 43 00 61 00 72 00 64 00 20 n...S.m.a.r.t...C.a.r.d..  
07D: 00 52 00 65 00 6D 00 6F 00 76 00 61 00 6C 00 DD 00 4D 00 61 00 6E 00 61 00 .R.e.m.o.v.a.l...M.a.n.a.  
096: 67 00 65 00 73 00 20 00 61 00 63 00 63 00 65 00 73 00 73 00 20 00 74 00 6F g.e.s...a.c.c.e.s.s...t.o  
0AF: 00 20 00 73 00 6D 00 61 00 72 00 74 00 20 00 63 00 61 00 72 00 64 00 73 00 ..s.m.a.r.t...c.a.r.d.s.  
0C8: 20 00 72 00 65 00 61 00 64 00 20 00 62 00 79 00 20 00 74 00 68 00 69 00 73 ..r.e.a.d...b.y...t.h.i.s  
0E1: 00 20 00 63 00 6F 00 6D 00 70 00 75 00 74 00 65 00 72 00 2E 00 20 00 49 00 ...c.o.m.p.u.t.e.r....I.
```

```
$ emit RATIONALIST/6bd99bc2e343e24409e593d7fe785e59ede4b35f527c2e110a2551dde9025b40 | perc STRING | peek
```

```
01.106 kB; 39.38% entropy; data
```

```
000: 00 00 0A 00 53 00 6D 00 61 00 72 00 74 00 20 00 43 00 61 00 72 00 64 00 11 ...S.m.a.r.t...C.a.r.d..  
019: 00 53 00 6D 00 61 00 72 00 74 00 20 00 43 00 61 00 72 00 64 00 20 00 48 00 .S.m.a.r.t...C.a.r.d..H.  
032: 65 00 6C 00 70 00 65 00 72 00 14 00 53 00 6D 00 61 00 72 00 74 00 20 00 43 e.l.p.e.r...S.m.a.r.t...C  
04B: 00 61 00 72 00 64 00 20 00 49 00 6E 00 73 00 65 00 72 00 74 00 69 00 6F 00 .a.r.d...I.n.s.e.r.t.i.o.  
064: 6E 00 12 00 53 00 6D 00 61 00 72 00 74 00 20 00 43 00 61 00 72 00 64 00 20 n...S.m.a.r.t...C.a.r.d..  
07D: 00 52 00 65 00 6D 00 6F 00 76 00 61 00 6C 00 DD 00 4D 00 61 00 6E 00 61 00 .R.e.m.o.v.a.l...M.a.n.a.  
096: 67 00 65 00 73 00 20 00 61 00 63 00 63 00 65 00 73 00 73 00 20 00 74 00 6F g.e.s...a.c.c.e.s.s...t.o  
0AF: 00 20 00 73 00 6D 00 61 00 72 00 74 00 20 00 63 00 61 00 72 00 64 00 73 00 ..s.m.a.r.t...c.a.r.d.s.  
0C8: 20 00 72 00 65 00 61 00 64 00 20 00 62 00 79 00 20 00 74 00 68 00 69 00 73 ..r.e.a.d...b.y...t.h.i.s  
0E1: 00 20 00 63 00 6F 00 6D 00 70 00 75 00 74 00 65 00 72 00 2E 00 20 00 49 00 ...c.o.m.p.u.t.e.r....I.
```

SURFACE AREA

13 Families Clustered

Still ~35-ish Files

More to Do!

< > BRIGHTCONSTELLATION	
	Name
>	AMERICANDREAM
>	BACKBURNER
>	BLACKBOX
>	CUTTINGTIES
>	GRIPPINGCURRENT
>	INTERNALCANNON
>	MARIANASTRENGTH
>	MEDDLER
>	MERIDIAN
>	PARADOX
>	RATIONALIST
>	SEVENTHTRUMPET
>	WHITEWASHED

REPEAT

Using just features does not :

- Express how samples related to one-another
- Account for updated versions of the same tool
- Provide resilient detection



04

LET'S GET WEIRD

Evolving our YARA Methods





CAN YARA FIND CODE?

HOW LAZY CAN I BE?

Opening a hex editor takes eyeballs
Disassembly takes skill (not guilty)

But YARA knows some things – like where some code is



CODE EXECUTING SECTIONS

Sections that YARA knows have code AND can execute

```
rule Sector_Hashing {  
  
    condition:  
        for any var_sect in pe.sections: (  
            var_sect.characteristics and (pe.SECTION_CNT_CODE or pe.SECTION_MEM_EXECUTE)  
            and  
            console.log("SECTOR HASH",  
            hash.md5(var_sect.raw_data_offset, 0x100))  
        )  
}
```

Give us a partial-section (sector) hash
thanks David Cannings & Qutluch <3 <3

BLOCKS OF CODE

```
[\$ yara ~/Desktop/evil.yar Lamberts/ -r | sort | uniq -c | sort -rn
 17 section hash d41d8cd98f00b204e9800998ecf8427e
   8 SECTOR hash d99eb1e503cac3a1e90450d0c07e3ffc
   7 section hash a1d25fab0f0999169575e729273ac450
   7 section hash 97ce0f6491eda9e959ad7a31f7c5f292
   7 section hash 858cb90d03013fac19c46c642c1611f0
   7 SECTOR hash 2ee541d7be730e72f7b8557218782850
   6 section hash ade88025b419858a8c8cb9da7c7f5173
   6 section hash 9f2ba27d2524b238cb3ce52046c6774a
   6 section hash 9749856b31ec6a427016d7007d70a9f0
   6 section hash 92c98668604ed21149b03e31495acc1b
   6 section hash 06918aea158501659ba39942b836c34f
   6 SECTOR hash 51a9e4c7561700dc9e54babd20e9a804
```

BLOCKS OF CODE

```
rule APT_ZZ_BrightConstellation_RATIONALIST_SectorHash
{
    condition:
        for any var_sect in pe.sections:
            (hash.md5( var_sect.raw_data_offset, 0x100 ) == "d99eb1e503cac3a1e90450d0c07e3ffc" )
}
```



CAN WE DO BETTER?

ENTRY POINT & EXPORTS

```
rule EntryPoint_Partial_Hash
{
    condition:
        console.log("EntryPoint_Partial_Hash: ", hash.md5(pe.entry_point, 20))
}

rule Export_Partial_Hash
{
    condition:
        for all thing in pe.export_details:(
            thing.offset != 0x0 and
            console.log("ExportFunc_Partial_Hash: ", hash.md5(thing.offset, 20)))
}
```

SAVE A HEADACHE

Put most of the YARA rule in output of the console logging

```
rule Export_Partial_Hash
{
    condition:
        for all thing in pe.export_details:
            thing.offset != 0x0 and
            console.log("rule ExportFunc_Partial_Hash { condition: for any thing in pe.export_details:( thing.offset != 0x0 and
                hash.md5(thing.offset, 20) == ", hash.md5(thing.offset, 20)))
}
```

Ignore format strings (newline/tabs) to sort properly



TIGHTER CLUSTERS

```
rule APT_ZZ_BrightConstellation_MARIANASTRENCH_ExportFunc_Partial_Hash {
    condition:
        for any thing in pe.export_details:
            thing.offset != 0x0 and
            hash.md5(thing.offset, 20) == "e14e7ac2c4957c6752979ea8644a6099"
    }
}
```

The screenshot shows two windows from the OllyDbg debugger. The left window is titled 'Listing' and displays assembly code for the HandlerEx function. The right window is titled 'Decompile' and shows the corresponding C decompilation.

Assembly Listing (Left):

```
*****  
undefined4 __stdcall HandlerEx(int param_1)  
int  
    EAX:4             <RETURN>  
    Stack[0x4]:4  param_1  
0x12e8 3  HandlerEx  
Ordinal_3  
lpHandlerProc_100012e8  
HandlerEx  
100012e8 8b 44 24 04  MOV     EAX,dword ptr [ESP + param_1]  
100012ec 48          DEC     EAX  
100012ed 74 0a        JZ      LAB_100012f9  
100012ef 48          DEC     EAX  
100012f0 74 44        JZ      LAB_10001336  
100012f2 48          DEC     EAX  
100012f3 74 35        JZ      LAB_1000132a  
100012f5 48          DEC     EAX  
100012f6 48          DEC     EAX  
100012f7 75 1b        JNZ    LAB_10001314  
  
LAB_100012f9:  
100012f9 33 c0        XOR    EAX,EAX  
100012fb a3 8c 52        MOV    [DAT_1000528c],EAX  
    00 10  
10001300 c7 05 84        MOV    dword ptr [DAT_10005284],0x1  
    52 00 10  
    01 00 00 00  
1000130a c3 94 52        MOV    [DAT_10005294],EAX  
    00 10  
1000130f a3 98 52        MOV    [DAT_10005298],EAX  
    00 10
```

C Decompilation (Right):

```
/* WARNING: Globals starting with '_' overlap smaller symbols at the same address */  
/* lpHandlerProc parameter of RegisterServiceCtrlHandlerEx */  
*/  
undefined4 HandlerEx(int param_1)  
{  
    /* 0x12e8 3  HandlerEx */  
    if (param_1 != 1) {  
        if (param_1 == 2) {  
            _DAT_10005284 = 7;  
            goto LAB_10001314;  
        }  
        if (param_1 == 3) {  
            _DAT_10005284 = 4;  
            goto LAB_10001314;  
        }  
        if (param_1 != 5) goto LAB_10001314;  
    }  
    _DAT_1000528c = 0;  
    _DAT_10005284 = 1;  
    _DAT_10005294 = 0;  
    _DAT_10005298 = 0;  
LAB_10001314:  
    SetServiceStatus(hServiceStatus_1000529c,(LPSERVICE_STATUS)&lpServiceStatus_10005280;  
    return 0;  
}
```

SOME WINS!



EXPORT HASHING

CUTTINGTIES
MARIANASTRENGTH
BLOODLETTER

ENTRYPOINT HASHING

BLACKBOX
INVISIBLEENEMY
MARIANASTRENGTH
RATIONALIST
EXISTENCE

DATA DIR HASHING

- AMERICANDREAM
- **INVISIBLEENEMY**
- MARIANASTRENGTH

SECTOR HASHING

BACKBURNER
BLOODLETTER
PARAMOUNT
SEVENTHTRUMPET
WHITEWASHED
AMERICANDREAM



OUTFOX OURSELVES

NOT CODE BUT

We could hash each PE data directory?

Why? Cause Wes questioned if it would work

```
$ yara ~/Desktop/Testing/code_overlap_brrrr.yar Lamberts/ -r | sort | uniq -c | sort -rn | grep -v d41d8cd98f00b204e9800998ecf8427e | grep pe.data_directories
9 hash.md5(pe.rva_to_offset(pe.data_directories[pe.IMAGE_DIRECTORY_ENTRY_RESOURCE].virtual_address),pe.data_directories[pe.IMAGE_DIRECTORY_ENTRY_RESOURCE].size) == df212b863f4d8f862d3090b75aa7e7d5
9 hash.md5(pe.rva_to_offset(pe.data_directories[pe.IMAGE_DIRECTORY_ENTRY_EXPORT].virtual_address),pe.data_directories[pe.IMAGE_DIRECTORY_ENTRY_EXPORT].size) == 39f247ca938e8fbe15ec5560bf3c400d
9 hash.md5(pe.rva_to_offset(pe.data_directories[pe.IMAGE_DIRECTORY_ENTRY_DELAY_IMPORT].virtual_address),pe.data_directories[pe.IMAGE_DIRECTORY_ENTRY_DELAY_IMPORT].size) == bfbe2be892e4cc41f5f0f6e621e33c0f
6 hash.md5(pe.rva_to_offset(pe.data_directories[pe.IMAGE_DIRECTORY_ENTRY_TLS].virtual_address),pe.data_directories[pe.IMAGE_DIRECTORY_ENTRY_TLS].size) == 3e4d06eef1df446e9be15d6e425d9c3
6 hash.md5(pe.rva_to_offset(pe.data_directories[pe.IMAGE_DIRECTORY_ENTRY_IMPORT].virtual_address),pe.data_directories[pe.IMAGE_DIRECTORY_ENTRY_IMPORT].size) == 49d845b4a643044c8797dd8c25e0d978
6 hash.md5(pe.rva_to_offset(pe.data_directories[pe.IMAGE_DIRECTORY_ENTRY_IAT].virtual_address),pe.data_directories[pe.IMAGE_DIRECTORY_ENTRY_IAT].size) == 9c08b392f7a8577f997faac5eeccc0eeb
6 hash.md5(pe.rva_to_offset(pe.data_directories[pe.IMAGE_DIRECTORY_ENTRY_BASEREL0].virtual_address),pe.data_directories[pe.IMAGE_DIRECTORY_ENTRY_BASEREL0].size) == d484dba4f272a335039295e20cca78fd
5 hash.md5(pe.rva_to_offset(pe.data_directories[pe.IMAGE_DIRECTORY_ENTRY_LOAD_CONFIG].virtual_address),pe.data_directories[pe.IMAGE_DIRECTORY_ENTRY_LOAD_CONFIG].size) == 5e1477de2b9cf70fa363599481915c0f
5 hash.md5(pe.rva_to_offset(pe.data_directories[pe.IMAGE_DIRECTORY_ENTRY_IMPORT].virtual_address),pe.data_directories[pe.IMAGE_DIRECTORY_ENTRY_IMPORT].size) == 390aad75ea9c6c47e88ef1f1ceec13871
5 hash.md5(pe.rva_to_offset(pe.data_directories[pe.IMAGE_DIRECTORY_ENTRY_IMPORT].virtual_address),pe.data_directories[pe.IMAGE_DIRECTORY_ENTRY_IMPORT].size) == 268a2a7064f3aa9bfc14a84cbdc7634
5 hash.md5(pe.rva_to_offset(pe.data_directories[pe.IMAGE_DIRECTORY_ENTRY_IMPORT].virtual_address),pe.data_directories[pe.IMAGE_DIRECTORY_ENTRY_IMPORT].size) == 093ce688523835d93407bc1fd65add38
```

```
rule APT_ZZ_BrightConstellation_INTERNALCANNON_Data_Dir_CONFIG {
    condition:
        hash.md5(
            pe.rva_to_offset(
                pe.data_directories[pe.IMAGE_DIRECTORY_ENTRY_LOAD_CONFIG].virtual_address),
                pe.data_directories[pe.IMAGE_DIRECTORY_ENTRY_LOAD_CONFIG].size)
            == "b0ec5ec4a00eff6f182d0e042481033b"
    }
```



WHAT IF ... ??

What if we hash the ENDS of the sections that can execute code??

```
rule_end
{
    condition: for any var_sect in pe.sections: (
        hash.md5((
            (var_sect.raw_data_offset+var_sect.raw_data_size) - 0x100
            , 0x100 ) == "89d30305ecf9937fec80e52e9ded52c9"
    )
}
```



WHAT IF ... ??

You find incorrect overlaps

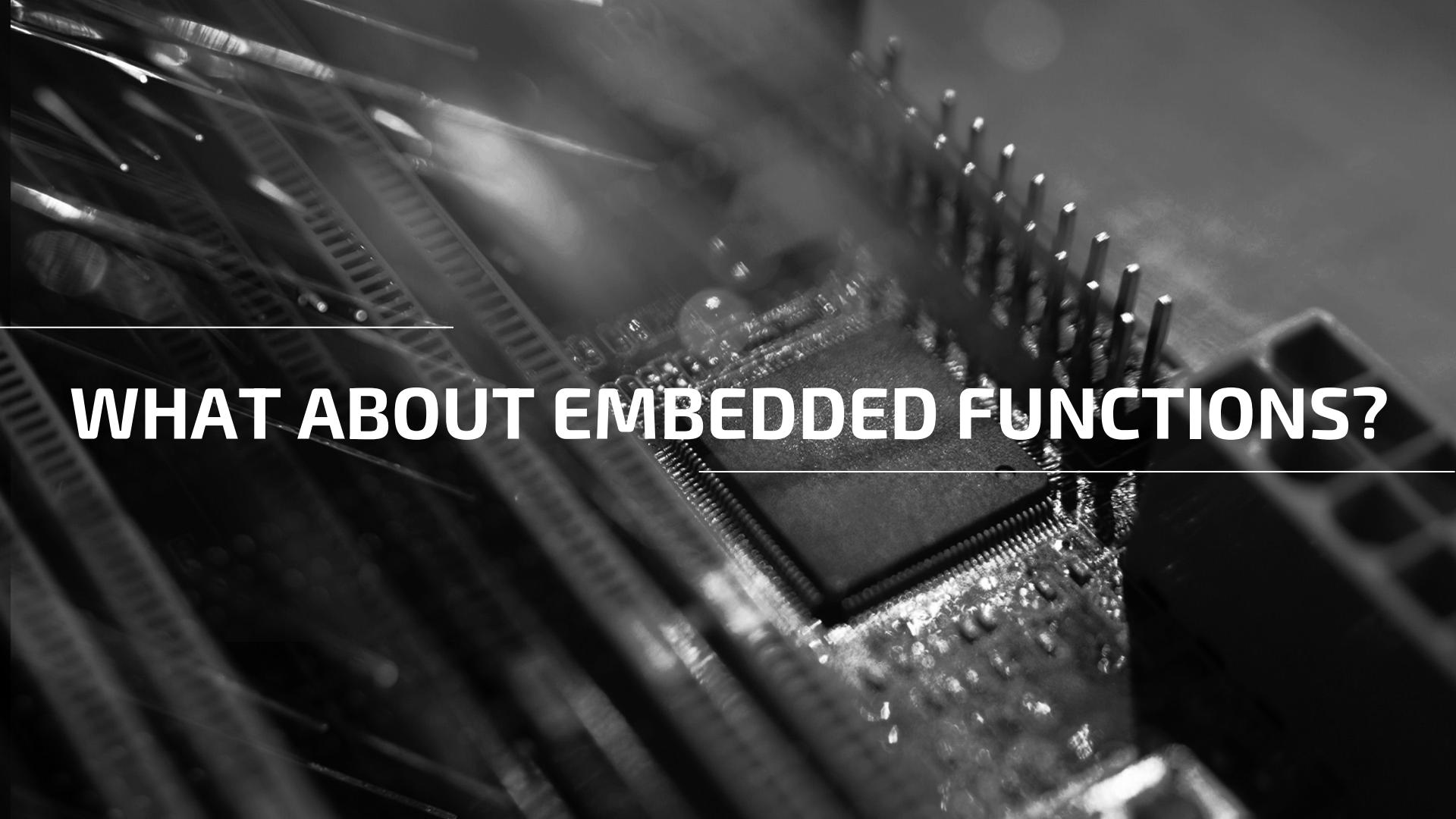
```
[\$ emit 1eede29007619d207842ddcaadf41b17b47a456004df43189d1f6cf54a3b785b | vsect .rsrc | snip 0x194f9: | peek -W 25
```

```
00.263 kB; 34.36% entropy; ASCII text, with no line terminators
```

```
000: 41 44 44 49 4E 47 58 58 50 41 44 44 49 4E 47 50 41 44 44 49 4E 47 58 58 50  ADDINGXXPADDINGPADDINGXXP
019: 41 44 44 49 4E 47 50 41 44 44 49 4E 47 58 58 50 41 44 44 49 4E 47 50 41 44  ADDINGPADDINGXXPADDINGPAD
032: 44 49 4E 47 58 58 50 41 44 44 49 4E 47 50 41 44 44 49 4E 47 58 58 50 41 44  DINGXXPADDINGPADDINGXXPAD
04B: 44 49 4E 47 50 41 44 44 49 4E 47 58 58 50 41 44 44 49 4E 47 50 41 44 44 49  DINGPADDINGXXPADDINGPADDI
064: 4E 47 58 58 50 41 44 44 49 4E 47 50 41 44 44 49 4E 47 58 58 50 41 44 44 49  NGXXPADDINGPADDINGXXPADDI
07D: 4E 47 50 41 44 44 49 4E 47 58 58 50 41 44 44 49 4E 47 50 41 44 44 49 4E 47  NGPADDINGXXPADDINGPADDING
096: 58 58 50 41 44 44 49 4E 47 50 41 44 44 49 4E 47 58 58 50 41 44 44 49 4E 47  XXPADDINGPADDINGXXPADDING
0AF: 50 41 44 44 49 4E 47 58 58 50 41 44 44 49 4E 47 50 41 44 44 49 4E 47 58 58  PADDINGXXPADDINGPADDINGXX
0C8: 50 41 44 44 49 4E 47 50 41 44 44 49 4E 47 58 58 50 41 44 44 49 4E 47 50 41  PADDINGPADDINGXXPADDINGPA
0E1: 44 44 49 4E 47 58 58 50 41 44 44 49 4E 47 50 41 44 44 49 4E 47 58 58 50 41  DDINGXXPADDINGPADDINGXXPA
```

Good at finding specific volume of padding?





WHAT ABOUT EMBEDDED FUNCTIONS?

FIND CALLED FUNCTIONS

```
rule console_entrypoint_called_funcs {
    condition:
        for all i in (pe.entry_point .. pe.entry_point+25):
            (
                uint8(i) == 0xe8
                and console.log("called function partial hash: ",
                    hash.md5((int32(i+1)) + (i+5), 14))
            )
}
```

FIND CALLED FUNCTIONS FROM EXPORTS

```
rule console_export_called_funcs {  
  
    condition:  
        for all exp in pe.export_details: (  
            for all i in (exp.offset .. exp.offset+25):  
                (  
                    uint8(i) == 0xe8  
                    and console.log("called function in export hash: ",  
                        hash.md5((int32(i+1)) + (i+5), 14))  
                )  
        )  
}
```

FIND CALLED FUNCTIONS FROM EXPORTS

```
rule APT_ZZ_BrightConstellation_ESCAPEARTIST_ExportFunc_Calls
{
    condition:
        for any exp in pe.export_details: (
            for any i in (exp.offset .. exp.offset+25):
                (
                    uint8(i) == 0xe8
                    and (
                        hash.md5((int32(i+1)) + (i+5), 14) == "ae7bcdd3baca438db51eeb78b318106e"
                    )))
}
```

DWORD		DWORD __stdcall Ordinal_1(void)	
		EAX:4 <RETURN>	
	0x4678 1	Ordinal_1	
00404678 8b ff	MOV	EDI,EDI	
0040467a 56	PUSH	ESI	
0040467b 6a 01	PUSH	0x1	
0040467d ff 35 68 ca 44 00	PUSH	dword ptr [DAT_0044ca68]	
00404683 e8 5a 7a 00 00	CALL	FUN_0040c0e2	
00404688 8b f0	MOV	ESI,EAX	
0040468a 56	PUSH	ESI	
0040468b e8 ff ec 02 00	CALL	FUN_0043338f	

```
1  DWORD Ordinal_1(void)
2 {
3     DWORD DVar1;
4
5     /* 0x4678 1 */
6     DVar1 = FUN_0040c0e2(DAT_0044ca68,1);
7     FUN_0043338f(DVar1);
8     return DVar1;
9 }
10
11 }
12 }
```

FIND CALLED FUNCTIONS FROM EXPORTS

```
rule APT_ZZ_BrightConstellation_ESCAPEARTIST_ExportFunc_Calls
{
    condition:
        for any exp in pe.export_details:
            for any i in (exp.offset .. exp.offset+25):
                (
                    uint8(i) == 0xe8
                    and (
                        hash.md5((int32(i+1)) + (i+5), 14) == "ae7bcdd3baca438db51eeb78b318106e"
                    )));
}
```

0043338f	8b ff	MOV	EDI, EDI
00433391	55	PUSH	EBP
00433392	8b ec	MOV	EBP, ESP
00433394	ff 75 08	PUSH	dword ptr [EBP + param_1]
00433397	68 00 02	PUSH	0x200
	00 00		
0043339c	68 80 27	PUSH	DAT_00452780
	45 00		
004333a1	6a 00	PUSH	0x0
004333a3	68 c0 2d	PUSH	DAT_00402dc0
	40 00		
004333a8	e8 03 7e	CALL	FUN_0043b1b0
	00 00		
004333ad	83 c4 10	ADD	ESP, 0x10
004333b0	50	PUSH	EAX
004333b1	ff 15 94	CALL	dword ptr [->MSVCRT.DLL::printf]
	11 40 00		

IDIOTIC ITERATION

```
rule funcs_on_funcs_on_funcs {
    condition:
        for all i in (pe.entry_point+15 .. pe.entry_point+30):
            (
                uint8(i) == 0xe8
                and
                    for all j in ((int32(i+1) + (i+5)) .. ((int32(i+1) + (i+5)) + 30)):
                        (
                            uint8(j) == 0xe8 and
                            console.log("teriarty_func_hash: ", hash.md5((int32(j+1) + (j+5)), 15))
                        )
        )
}
```

USE CASE?

Introduces provenance: detect function & where it came from

May be a useful last resort?

Testing on absolute calls (0xff) was useless -> usually pointers to imported Win APIs



MORE WINS!

EXPORT CALLED FUNC HASHING

BLACKBOX

ESCAPEARTIST

ENTRYPOINT CALLED FUNC HASHING

BLACKBOX

GRIPPINGCURRENT

INVISIBLEENEMY

RATIONALIST

TERTIARY FUNCTION HASHING

BLACKBOX



Name	Date Modified	Size	Kind
>  AMERICANDREAM	Today at 8:58 AM	--	Folder
>  BACKBURNER	Today at 8:58 AM	--	Folder
>  BLACKBOX	Today at 8:58 AM	--	Folder
>  BLOODLETTER	Today at 8:58 AM	--	Folder
>  COMPOSURE	Today at 8:59 AM	--	Folder
>  CUTTINGTIES	Today at 8:59 AM	--	Folder
>  ESCAPEARTIST	Today at 8:59 AM	--	Folder
>  EXISTENCE	Today at 8:59 AM	--	Folder
>  GRIPPINGCURRENT	Today at 8:59 AM	--	Folder
>  INTERNALCANNON	Today at 9:00 AM	--	Folder
>  INVISIBLEENEMY	Today at 9:00 AM	--	Folder
>  LEVELER	Today at 9:00 AM	--	Folder
>  LIGHTHOUSE	Today at 9:00 AM	--	Folder
>  MARIANASTRENGTH	Today at 9:00 AM	--	Folder
>  MEDDLER	Today at 9:00 AM	--	Folder
>  MERIDIAN	Today at 9:00 AM	--	Folder
>  PARADOX	Today at 9:00 AM	--	Folder
>  PARAMOUNT	Today at 9:00 AM	--	Folder
>  RATIONALIST	Today at 9:00 AM	--	Folder
> SEVENTHTRUMPET	Today at 9:01 AM	--	Folder
> WHITEWASHED	Today at 9:01 AM	--	Folder



05

STARING AT THE ABYSS

Using Python-based Tooling to Draw Our Linkages



REALLY FIND CODE

We MUST disassemble

```
[0x10007aa0]> it
md5 0ca4f3e99e9a6f834bf6eaf8209a8147
sha1 35a643db002e99c33c4d0d64ddab8e39413c89dd
sha256 dfbb00453b75ec47540dbb9df61910944ecbebcf4d78dff0dbd72e10f404279a
[0x10007aa0]> s sym.mdmmm.exe_DllCanUnloadNow
[0x10007aa0]> pd
28: sym.mdmmm.exe_DllCanUnloadNow (int32_t arg_8h);
    ; var int32_t var_4h @ ebp-0x4
    ; arg int32_t arg_8h @ ebp+0x8
    0x10007aa0      55          push    ebp
    0x10007aa1      8bec        mov     ebp, esp
    0x10007aa3      51          push    ecx
    0x10007aa4      8b4508     mov     eax, dword [arg_8h]
    0x10007aa7      50          push    eax           ; int32_t arg_8h
    0x10007aa8      e863feffff call   fcn.10007910
    0x10007aad      83c404     add    esp, 4
    0x10007ab0      8945fc     mov    dword [var_4h], eax
    0x10007ab3      8b45fc     mov    eax, dword [var_4h]
    0x10007ab6      8be5        mov    esp, ebp
    0x10007ab8      5d          pop    ebp
    0x10007ab9      c20400     ret    4
    0x10007abc      cc          int3
    0x10007abd      cc          int3
```

```
[0x10007aa0]> it
md5 5b92b64e41353ecf11ddd908d365ad45
sha1 e08fa05a9f08e99b948873755075a24889d165d3
sha256 8b7acdbc63e63d6c4273163abb58e3cb17d2d67758dcb3533df8e6967c137a7a
[0x10007aa0]> s sym.mdmmm.exe_DllCanUnloadNow
[0x10007aa0]> pd
28: sym.mdmmm.exe_DllCanUnloadNow (int32_t arg_8h);
    ; var int32_t var_4h @ ebp-0x4
    ; arg int32_t arg_8h @ ebp+0x8
    0x10007aa0      55          push    ebp
    0x10007aa1      8bec        mov     ebp, esp
    0x10007aa3      51          push    ecx
    0x10007aa4      8b4508     mov     eax, dword [arg_8h]
    0x10007aa7      50          push    eax           ; int32_t arg_8h
    0x10007aa8      e8ce770000 call   fcn.0040be93
    0x10007aad      83c404     add    esp, 4
    0x10007ab0      8945fc     mov    dword [var_4h], eax
    0x10007ab3      8b45fc     mov    eax, dword [var_4h]
    0x10007ab6      8be5        mov    esp, ebp
    0x10007ab8      5d          pop    ebp
    0x10007ab9      c20400     ret    4
    0x10007abc      cc          int3
    0x10007abd      cc          int3
```

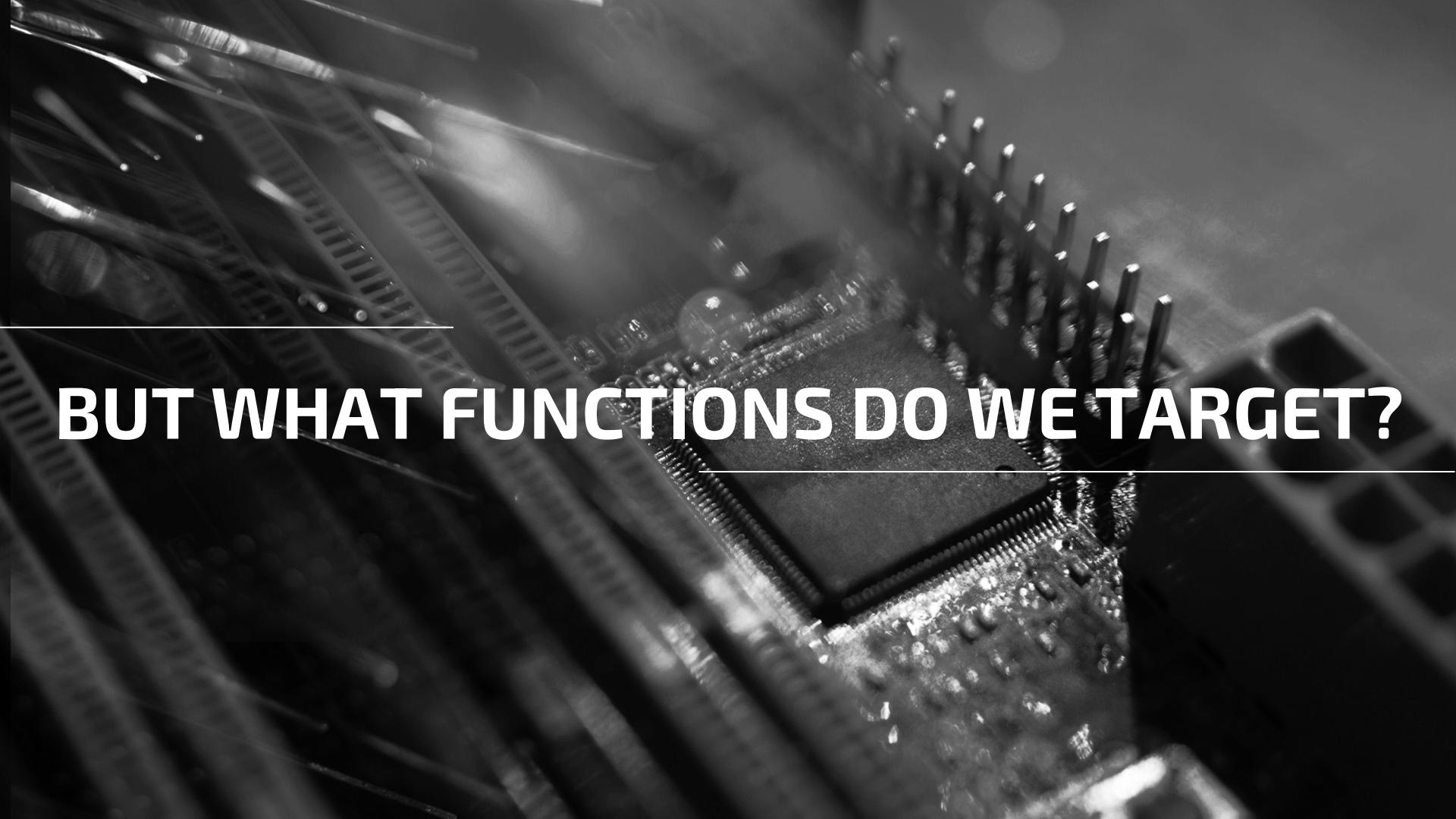
And account for changes to addresses

ID FUNCS WITH RIZIN

```
[0x004158ae]> afll
addr      name   size xrefsTo xrefsFrom calls nbbs edges cc cost noreturn min bound  range max bound  locals args frame loops
-----+
0x004158ae entry0 435  9     45       16    42    60    20  208  false    0x00415606 690  0x004158b8 6     0     44    4
0x0040d49a main   310  5     32       14    21    33    14  141  false    0x0040d49a 310  0x0040d5d0 8     0     40    0
```

```
[0x004158ae]> afll~$!3:2
Do you want to print 678 lines? (y/N) y
addr      name   size xrefsTo xrefsFrom calls nbbs edges cc cost noreturn min bound  range max bound  locals args frame loops
-----+
0x00415474 fcn.00415474      59  133  1     0     1     0     1   21  false    0x00415474 59  0x004154af 5     1     24    0
0x004154af fcn.004154af      17  132  0     0     1     0     1   11  false    0x004154af 17  0x004154c0 1     0     0     0
0x0040ebb7 fcn.0040ebb7      31  103  2     2     3     2     3   22  false    0x0040ebb7 31  0x0040ebd6 0     1     12    0
0x00411225 fcn.00411225      192 94   5     2     17    24    9   96  false    0x00411225 192  0x004112e5 3     1     32    0
0x00402f10 fcn.00402f10      134 90   1     1     9     11    6   63  false    0x00402f10 243  0x00403003 1     1     24    0
0x0040eb7d fcn.0040eb7d      20  62   2     2     1     0     1   14  false    0x0040eb7d 20  0x0040eb91 0     1     12    0
0x0040eb26 fcn.0040eb26      5   47   1     0     1     1     0   2   false    0x0040eb26 5    0x0040eb2b 0     0     8     1
0x00403440 fcn.00403440      93  46   8     6     9     13    6   63  false    0x00403440 93  0x0040349d 0     1     16    0
0x00401320 fcn.00401320      627 28   33    5    68    90   63  331  false    0x00401320 627  0x00401593 0     1     24    4
0x0040ead0 fcn.0040ead0      30  27   0     0     4     5     3   18  false    0x0040ead0 30  0x0040eaf8 0     3     4     0
0x00410f98 fcn.00410f98      20  26   2     2     1     0     1   14  false    0x00410f98 20  0x00410fac 0     1     12    0
0x00407416 fcn.00407416      22  26   2     1     1     0     1   10  false    0x00407416 22  0x0040742c 0     2     12    0
0x00410fac fcn.00410fac      20  25   2     2     1     0     1   14  false    0x00410fac 20  0x00410fc0 0     1     12    0
```





BUT WHAT FUNCTIONS DO WE TARGET?

LET FLOSS DECIDE

Mandiant Tool – Thanks Willi & Moritz for your Help!!

```
$ floss 487c1bdb65634a794fa5e359c383c94945ce9f0806fcad46440e919ba0e6166e -x
CreateNamedPipeA finished with Error-%d
http://%s%
http://toysbagonline.com/reviews
http://purewaterny.com/list
http://pinkgoat.com/input
http://yellowlion.com/remove
http://salmonrabbit.com/find
http://bluecow.com/input

Most likely decoding functions: 487c1bdb65634a794fa5e359c383c94945ce9f0806fcad46440e919ba0e6166e
address      score
-----  -----
0x1000F0C0  1.24067
0x10002020  1.168
0x1000F290  1.09133
0x1000BD70  1.08467
0x10008CE0  1.08467
0x1001E48E  1.07667
0x10002960  1.004
0x100180BC  0.95133
0x10002630  0.872
0x1000F3F0  0.87067
```

```
.text:10001EDC    mov    ds:672030h, eax
.text:10001EE1    push   66AB8Ch
.text:10001EE6    call    sub_1000F0C0
.text:10001EEB    add    esp, 4
.text:10001EEE    mov    ds:672034h, eax
.text:10001EF3    push   66AB7Ch
.text:10001EF8    call    sub_1000F0C0
.text:10001F03    add    esp, 4
.text:10001F08    mov    ds:672038h, eax
.text:10001F0D    push   66AB8Ch
.text:10001F05    call    sub_1000F0C0
.text:10001F0F    add    esp, 4
.text:10001F12    mov    ds:67203Ch, eax
.text:10001F17    push   66AB80h
.text:10001F1C    call    sub_1000F0C0
.text:10001F21    add    esp, 4
.text:10001F24    mov    ds:672040h, eax
.text:10001F29    push   66AB80h
.text:10001F32    call    sub_1000F0C0
.text:10001F33    add    esp, 4
.text:10001F36    mov    ds:672044h, eax
.text:10001F3B    push   66ABC0h
.text:10001F40    call    sub_1000F0C0
.text:10001F45    add    esp, 4
.text:10001F48    mov    ds:672048h, eax
.text:10001F4D    push   66ABD0h
.text:10001F52    call    sub_1000F0C0
.text:10001F57    add    esp, 4
.text:10001F5A    mov    ds:67204Ch, eax
.text:10001F5F    push   66ABE0h
.text:10001F64    call    sub_1000F0C0
.text:10001F69    add    esp, 4
.text:10001F6C    mov    ds:672050h, eax
.text:10001F71    push   66ABF0h
.text:10001F76    call    sub_1000F0C0
.text:10001F7B    add    esp, 4
.text:10001F7E    mov    ds:672054h, eax
```

Direction	Type	Address	Text
Up	p	.text:10001E68	call sub_1000F0C0
Up	p	.text:10001E7A	call sub_1000F0C0
Up	p	.text:10001E8C	call sub_1000F0C0
Up	p	.text:10001E9E	call sub_1000F0C0
Up	p	.text:10001EB0	call sub_1000F0C0
Up	p	.text:10001EC2	call sub_1000F0C0
Up	p	.text:10001ED4	call sub_1000F0C0
Up	p	.text:10001EE6	call sub_1000F0C0
Up	p	.text:10001EF8	call sub_1000F0C0
Up	p	.text:10001FOA	call sub_1000F0C0
Up	p	.text:10001F1C	call sub_1000F0C0
Up	p	.text:10001F2E	call sub_1000F0C0
Up	p	.text:10001F40	call sub_1000F0C0
Up	p	.text:10001F52	call sub_1000F0C0
Up	p	.text:10001F64	call sub_1000F0C0
Up	p	.text:10001F76	call sub_1000F0C0
Up	p	.text:10001F88	call sub_1000F0C0
Up	p	.text:10001F9A	call sub_1000F0C0
Up	p	.text:10001FAC	call sub_1000F0C0
Up	p	.text:10001FBF	call sub_1000F0C0
Up	p	.text:10004C60	call sub_1000F0C0
Up	p	.text:10004D23	call sub_1000F0C0
Up	p	sub_1005230+2D9	call sub_1000F0C0
Up	p	sub_1005230+2F6	call sub_1000F0C0
Up	p	sub_1005230+34A	call sub_1000F0C0
Up	p	sub_1005230+367	call sub_1000F0C0
Up	p	sub_1005230+73D	call sub_1000F0C0
Up	p	sub_1005C30+155	call sub_1000F0C0
Up	p	sub_1005EA0+159	call sub_1000F0C0

Line 1 of 134

FLOSS 2.0

Uses vivisect emulation to find likely decoding functions

Use those functions as a feeder for disassembly

```
def get_floss_funcs(file):
    candidates = []
    vw = viv_utils.getWorkspace(file)
    functions = vw.getFunctions()
    func_features, lib_funcs = floss.identify.find_decoding_function_features(vw, functions)
    # dict from function VA (int) to score (float)
    func_scores = {
        fva: features["score"]
        for fva, features in func_features.items()
    }

    # list of tuples (score (float), function VA (int)) sorted descending
    func_scores = sorted([
        (score, fva)
        for fva, score in func_scores.items()
    ], reverse=True)
    for score, fva in func_scores:
        if score > 0.90: # can we make this a user-input variable? or just take the top 5 highest scoring funcs?
            offset = f"{fva}:x"
            func = offset.lower()
            candidates.append(func)
    return candidates
```

RIZIN

Use Rizin to disassemble

```
class FileAnalysis(object):
    """Holds the strategies and file information as well as the rz pointer
    to the file"""

    def __init__(self, filepath:str, strategies:list):
        self.rz = rp.pipe.open(filepath)
        self.rz.cmd("aaaa")
        self.file_hash = json.loads(self.rz.cmd("itj"))['sha256']
        self.file_path = filepath

        self.strategies = []
        for each in strategies:
            if not issubclass(each, FunctionFinder):
                raise ValueError(f"{type(each)} is not a FunctionFinder")
            self.strategies.append(each)

        self.interesting_function_addrs = defaultdict(list)
        self.functions = []
```

```
def floss_func_parsing(file):
    analysis = FileAnalysis(file, [])
    funclist = processing.get_floss_funcs(file)
    rz = analysis.rz
    rz.cmd('aaaa')
    json_blob = rz.cmd('aflj')
    data = json.loads(json_blob)
    for func in data:
        for name in funclist:
            if name in func['name']:
                if func['size'] > 50:
                    if func['size'] < 600:
                        fun = FunctionFeature(rz, name)
                        print(fun)
                        analysis.functions.append(fun)

    rz.cmd('q')
    return analysis
```

RIZIN

Use Rizin to zignature (masking!)

```
# Get the signature output
raw_data = rz.cmd("zj")
if len(raw_data) == 0:
    raise Exception(f"Failed to get data from signature for {symbol}")

    def masked_asm_str(self) -> str:
        """Return an ascii hex string with ?? masking out parts of the instruction"""
        if self._masked_asm_str is not None:
            return self._masked_asm_str

        ret_str = []
        for x,y in zip(self.bytes, self.mask):
            if x & y == 0:
                ret_str.append("??")
            else:
                ret_str.append(f"{x & y:02X}")
        self._masked_asm_str = " ".join(ret_str)
        return self._masked_asm_str
```

```
rule floss2yar_fcn_00417b22 {
meta:
    author = "floss2yar"
    date = "2022-08-20"
    version = "1.0"
    hash = "39b8f93cdffa0c7a3210b7b39483c535a339fbe150d0d5f36cd0783350d367c3"
```

strings:

```
$fcn_00417b22 = {8B FF 55 8B EC 53 56 8B 75 08 57 8B F9 0F BE 47 08 8A 4E 08 56 88 4F 08 57 88 46 08 E8 ?? ?? ?? ?? 8B 5E 08 8B 57  
08 C1 E3 17 C1 FB 17 33 DA 8B C2 C1 E0 17 B9 ?? ?? ?? ?? C1 F8 1F 23 D9 33 DA 89 5F 08 C1 E0 08 33 46 08 5F 23 C1 31 46 08 5E 5B 5D C2 04 ?  
?}
```

/*

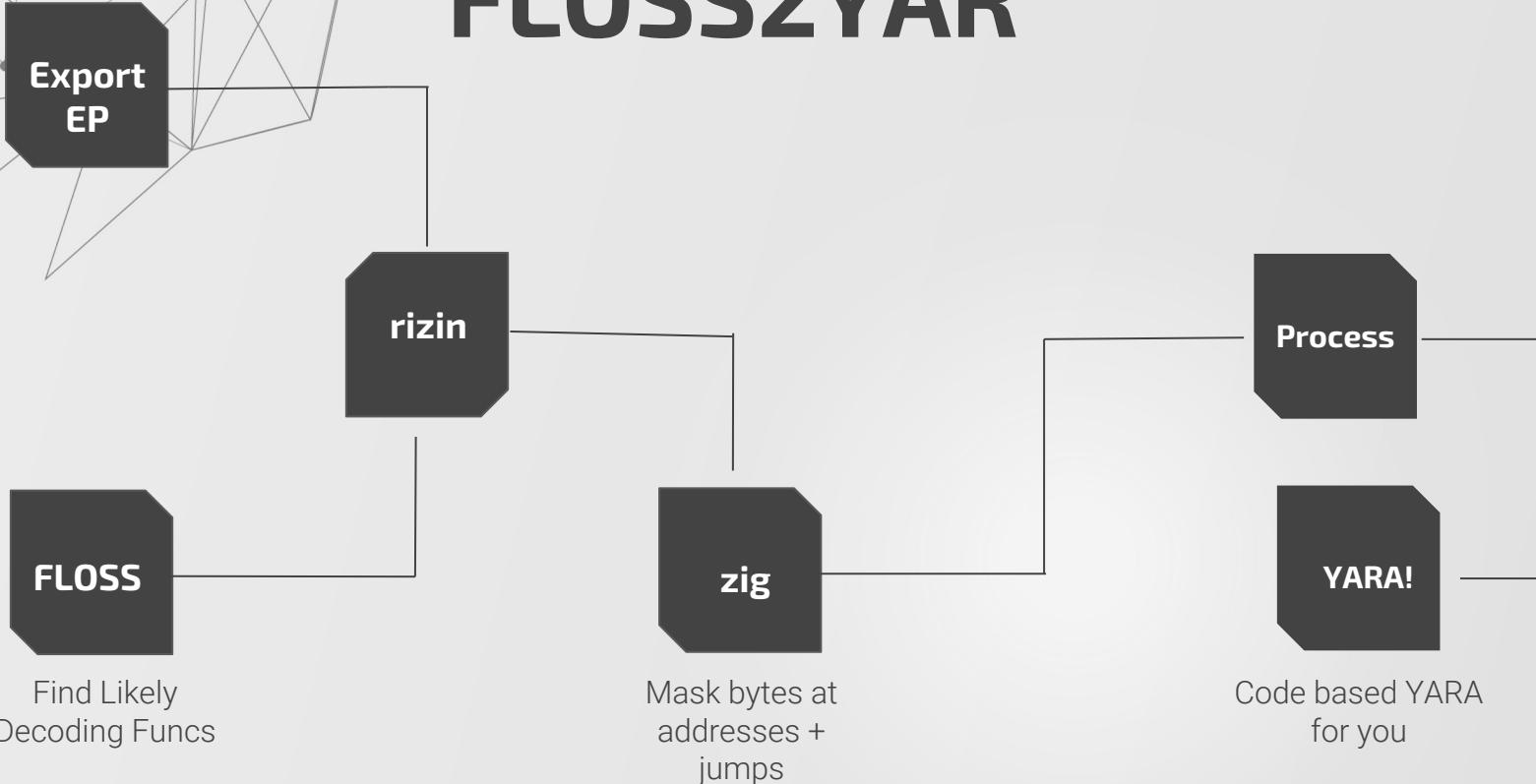
; CALL XREF from fcn.00419d1e @ 0x419d41

```
fcn.00417b22 (int32_t arg_8h);
```

```
; arg int32_t arg_8h @ ebp+0x8
0x00417b22    8bff          mov   edi, edi
0x00417b24    55             push  ebp
0x00417b25    8bec          mov   ebp, esp
0x00417b27    53             push  ebx
0x00417b28    56             push  esi
0x00417b29    8b7508        mov   esi, dword [arg_8h]
0x00417b2c    57             push  edi
0x00417b2d    8bf9          mov   edi, ecx
0x00417b2f    0fbe4708      movsx eax, byte [edi + 8]
0x00417b33    8a4e08        mov   cl, byte [esi + 8]
0x00417b36    56             push  esi           ; int32_t arg_8h
0x00417b37    884f08        mov   byte [edi + 8], cl
0x00417b3a    57             push  edi           ; int32_t arg_ch
0x00417b3b    884608        mov   byte [esi + 8], al
0x00417b3e    e8a0feffff    call  fcn.004179e3
0x00417b43    8b5e08        mov   ebx, dword [esi + 8]
0x00417b46    8b5708        mov   edx, dword [edi + 8]
0x00417b49    c1e317        shl   ebx, 0x17
0x00417b4c    c1fb17        sar   ebx, 0x17
0x00417b4f    33da          xor   ebx, edx
0x00417b51    8bc2          mov   eax, edx
0x00417b53    c1e017        shl   eax, 0x17
0x00417b56    b900010000    mov   ecx, 0x100       ; 256
0x00417b5b    c1f81f        sar   eax, 0x1f
0x00417b5e    23d9          and   ebx, ecx
0x00417b62    89d9          mov   ebx, edx
```



FLOSS2YAR



LIMITATIONS

Can miss functions

May catch legitimate or statically-linked lib functions

No databasing / whitelisting

Future:

- basic blocks
- rules based on capability or functionality



ALTERNATIVES

yara-signator

Binlex

Intezer

KTAE

I built it to learn not compete :)



The Lamberts APT

		push	010
.00016D87:	6A10	push	010
.00016D89:	8811	mov	[ecx],dl
.00016D8B:	8A5001	mov	dl,[eax][1]
.00016D8E:	325301	xor	dl,[ebx][1]
.00016D91:	885101	mov	[ecx][1],dl
.00016D94:	8A5002	mov	dl,[eax][2]
.00016D97:	325302	xor	dl,[ebx][2]
.00016D9A:	885102	mov	[ecx][2],dl
.00016D9D:	8A5003	mov	dl,[eax][3]
.00016DA0:	325303	xor	dl,[ebx][3]
.00016DA3:	885103	mov	[ecx][3],dl
.00016DA6:	8A5004	mov	dl,[eax][4]
.00016DA9:	325304	xor	dl,[ebx][4]
.00016DAC:	885104	mov	[ecx][4],dl
.00016DAF:	8A5005	mov	dl,[eax][5]
.00016DB2:	325305	xor	dl,[ebx][5]
.00016DB5:	885105	mov	[ecx][5],dl
.00016DB8:	8A5006	mov	dl,[eax][6]
.00016DBB:	325306	xor	dl,[ebx][6]
.00016DBE:	885106	mov	[ecx][6],dl
.00016DC1:	8A5007	mov	dl,[eax][7]
.00016DC4:	325307	xor	dl,[ebx][7]
.00016DC7:	885107	mov	[ecx][7],dl
.00016DCA:	8A5008	mov	dl,[eax][8]
.00016DCD:	325308	xor	dl,[ebx][8]
.00016DD0:	885108	mov	[ecx][8],dl
.00016DD3:	8A5009	mov	dl,[eax][9]
.00016DD6:	325309	xor	dl,[ebx][9]
.00016DD9:	885109	mov	[ecx][9],dl
.00016DDC:	8A500A	mov	dl,[eax][00A]
.00016DDF:	32530A	xor	dl,[ebx][00A]
.00016DE2:	88510A	mov	[ecx][00A],dl
.00016DE5:	8A500B	mov	dl,[eax][00B]
.00016DE8:	32530B	xor	dl,[ebx][00B]
.00016DEB:	88510B	mov	[ecx][00B],dl
.00016DEE:	8A500C	mov	dl,[eax][00C]
.00016DF1:	32530C	xor	dl,[ebx][00C]
.00016DF4:	88510C	mov	[ecx][00C],dl

WhiteLambert 1.2 driver
2f60906ca535eb958389e6aed454c2a2

		push	010
.00040D8FB:	6A10	push	010
.00040D8FD:	8811	mov	[ecx],dl
.00040D8FF:	8A5001	mov	dl,[eax][1]
.00040D902:	325301	xor	dl,[ebx][1]
.00040D905:	885101	mov	[ecx][1],dl
.00040D908:	8A5002	mov	dl,[eax][2]
.00040D90B:	325302	xor	dl,[ebx][2]
.00040D90E:	885102	mov	[ecx][2],dl
.00040D911:	8A5003	mov	dl,[eax][3]
.00040D914:	325303	xor	dl,[ebx][3]
.00040D917:	885103	mov	[ecx][3],dl
.00040D91A:	8A5004	mov	dl,[eax][4]
.00040D91D:	325304	xor	dl,[ebx][4]
.00040D920:	885104	mov	[ecx][4],dl
.00040D923:	8A5005	mov	dl,[eax][5]
.00040D926:	325305	xor	dl,[ebx][5]
.00040D929:	885105	mov	[ecx][5],dl
.00040D92C:	8A5006	mov	dl,[eax][6]
.00040D92F:	325306	xor	dl,[ebx][6]
.00040D932:	885106	mov	[ecx][6],dl
.00040D935:	8A5007	mov	dl,[eax][7]
.00040D938:	325307	xor	dl,[ebx][7]
.00040D93B:	885107	mov	[ecx][7],dl
.00040D93E:	8A5008	mov	dl,[eax][8]
.00040D941:	325308	xor	dl,[ebx][8]
.00040D944:	885108	mov	[ecx][8],dl
.00040D947:	8A5009	mov	dl,[eax][9]
.00040D94A:	325309	xor	dl,[ebx][9]
.00040D94D:	885109	mov	[ecx][9],dl
.00040D950:	8A500A	mov	dl,[eax][00A]
.00040D953:	32530A	xor	dl,[ebx][00A]
.00040D956:	88510A	mov	[ecx][00A],dl
.00040D959:	8A500B	mov	dl,[eax][00B]
.00040D95C:	32530B	xor	dl,[ebx][00B]
.00040D95F:	88510B	mov	[ecx][00B],dl
.00040D962:	8A500C	mov	dl,[eax][00C]
.00040D965:	32530C	xor	dl,[ebx][00C]
.00040D968:	88510C	mov	[ecx][00C],dl

BlackLambert font exploit
99ef1e473ac553cf80f6117b2e95e79b

		push	010
.00040C76B:	6A10	push	010
.00040C76D:	8811	mov	[ecx],dl
.00040C76F:	8A5001	mov	dl,[eax][1]
.00040C772:	325301	xor	dl,[ebx][1]
.00040C775:	885101	mov	[ecx][1],dl
.00040C778:	8A5002	mov	dl,[eax][2]
.00040C77B:	325302	xor	dl,[ebx][2]
.00040C77E:	885102	mov	[ecx][2],dl
.00040C781:	8A5003	mov	dl,[eax][3]
.00040C784:	325303	xor	dl,[ebx][3]
.00040C787:	885103	mov	[ecx][3],dl
.00040C78A:	8A5004	mov	dl,[eax][4]
.00040C78D:	325304	xor	dl,[ebx][4]
.00040C790:	885104	mov	[ecx][4],dl
.00040C793:	8A5005	mov	dl,[eax][5]
.00040C796:	325305	xor	dl,[ebx][5]
.00040C799:	885105	mov	[ecx][5],dl
.00040C79C:	8A5006	mov	dl,[eax][6]
.00040C79F:	325306	xor	dl,[ebx][6]
.00040C7A2:	885106	mov	[ecx][6],dl
.00040C7A5:	8A5007	mov	dl,[eax][7]
.00040C7A8:	325307	xor	dl,[ebx][7]
.00040C7AB:	885107	mov	[ecx][7],dl
.00040C7AE:	8A5008	mov	dl,[eax][8]
.00040C7B1:	325308	xor	dl,[ebx][8]
.00040C7B4:	885108	mov	[ecx][8],dl
.00040C7B7:	8A5009	mov	dl,[eax][9]
.00040C7BA:	325309	xor	dl,[ebx][9]
.00040C7BD:	885109	mov	[ecx][9],dl
.00040C7C0:	8A500A	mov	dl,[eax][00A]
.00040C7C3:	32530A	xor	dl,[ebx][00A]
.00040C7C6:	88510A	mov	[ecx][00A],dl
.00040C7C9:	8A500B	mov	dl,[eax][00B]
.00040C7CC:	32530B	xor	dl,[ebx][00B]
.00040C7CF:	88510B	mov	[ecx][00B],dl
.00040C7D2:	8A500C	mov	dl,[eax][00C]
.00040C7D5:	32530C	xor	dl,[ebx][00C]
.00040C7D8:	88510C	mov	[ecx][00C],dl

BrownLambert
6c466283e7f8757973ba253aa6080d8c

ANCHOR

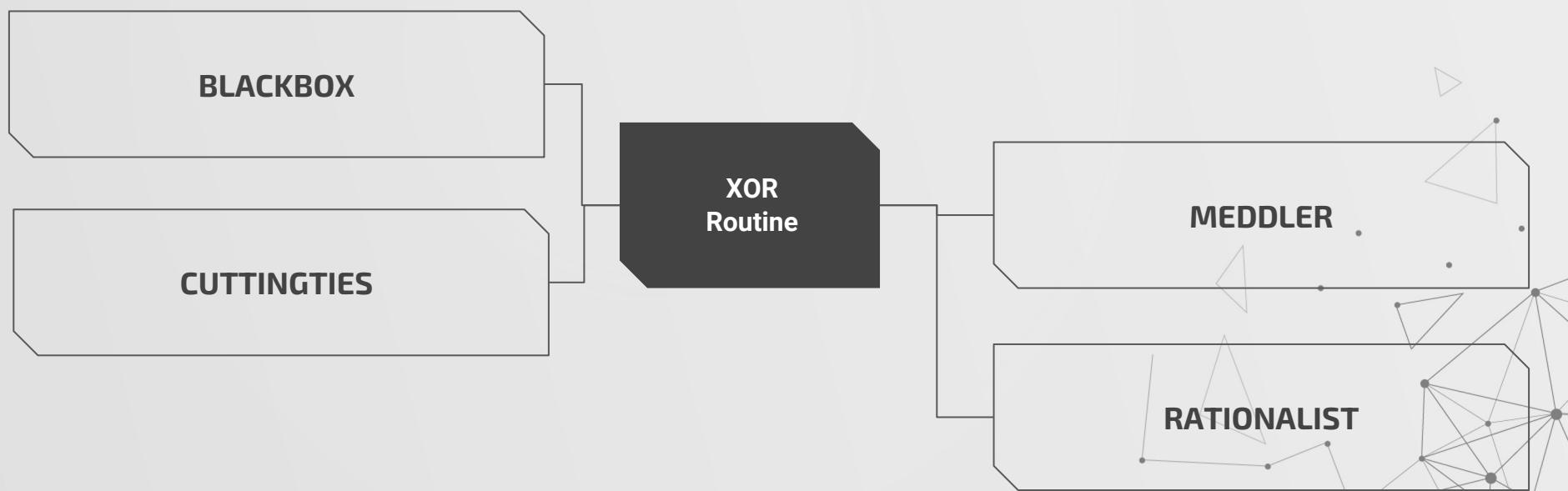
BLACKBOX

CUTTINGTIES

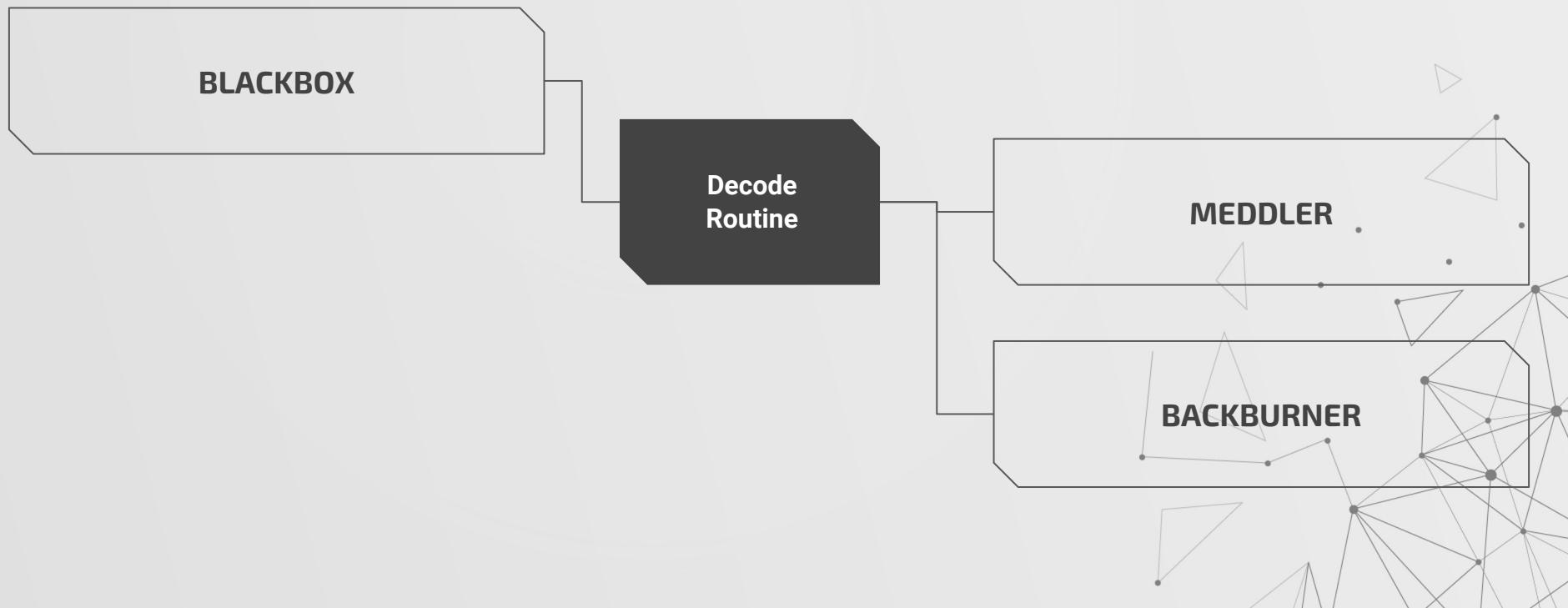
XOR
Routine

MEDDLER

RATIONALIST



ANCHOR



ANCHOR

RATIONALIST

Decode
Routine

MEDDLER

CUTTINGTIES



ANCHOR

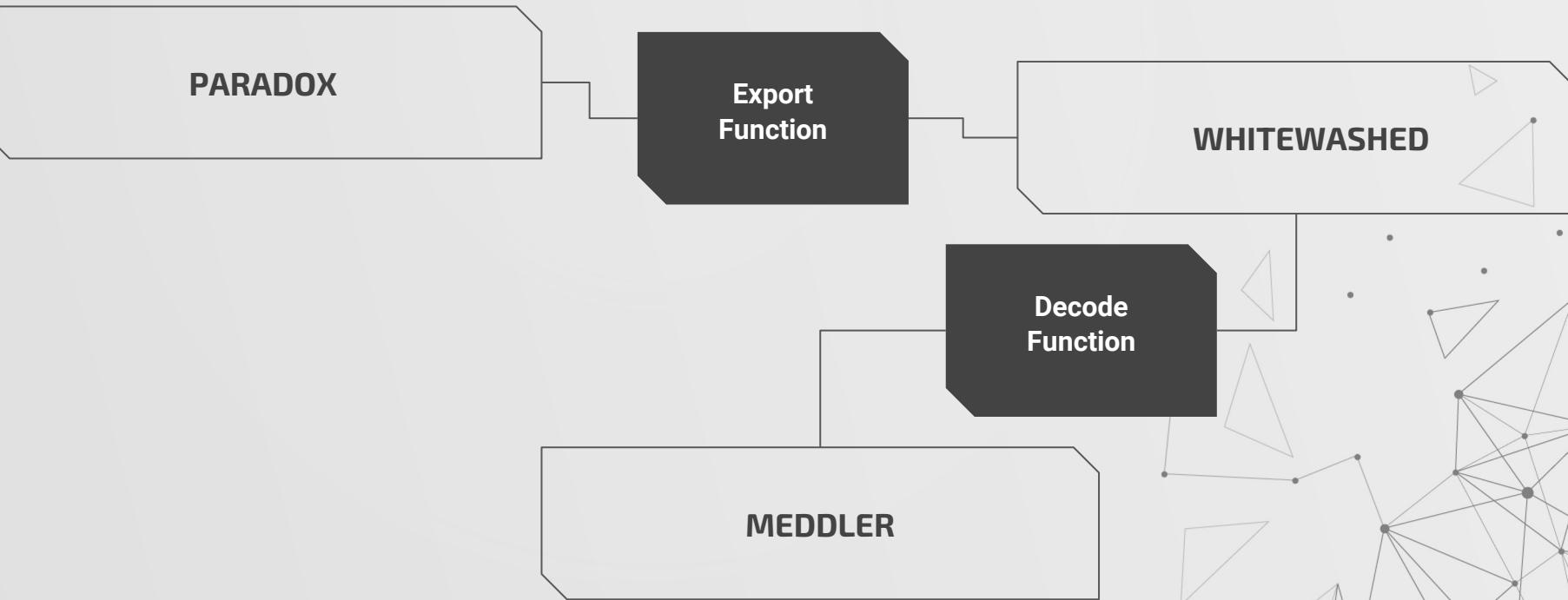
PARADOX

Export
Function

WHITEWASHED

Decode
Function

MEDDLER

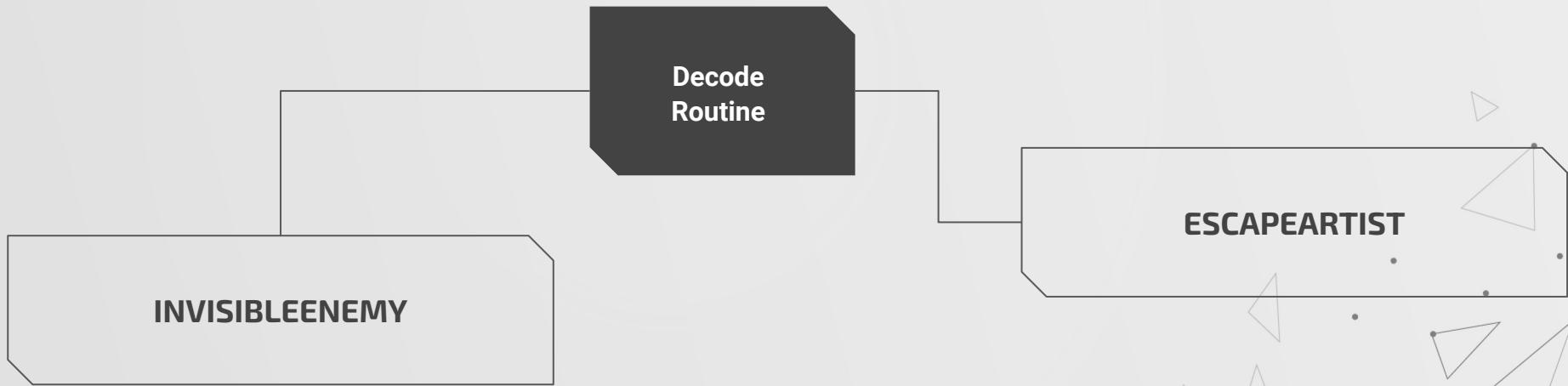


ANCHOR

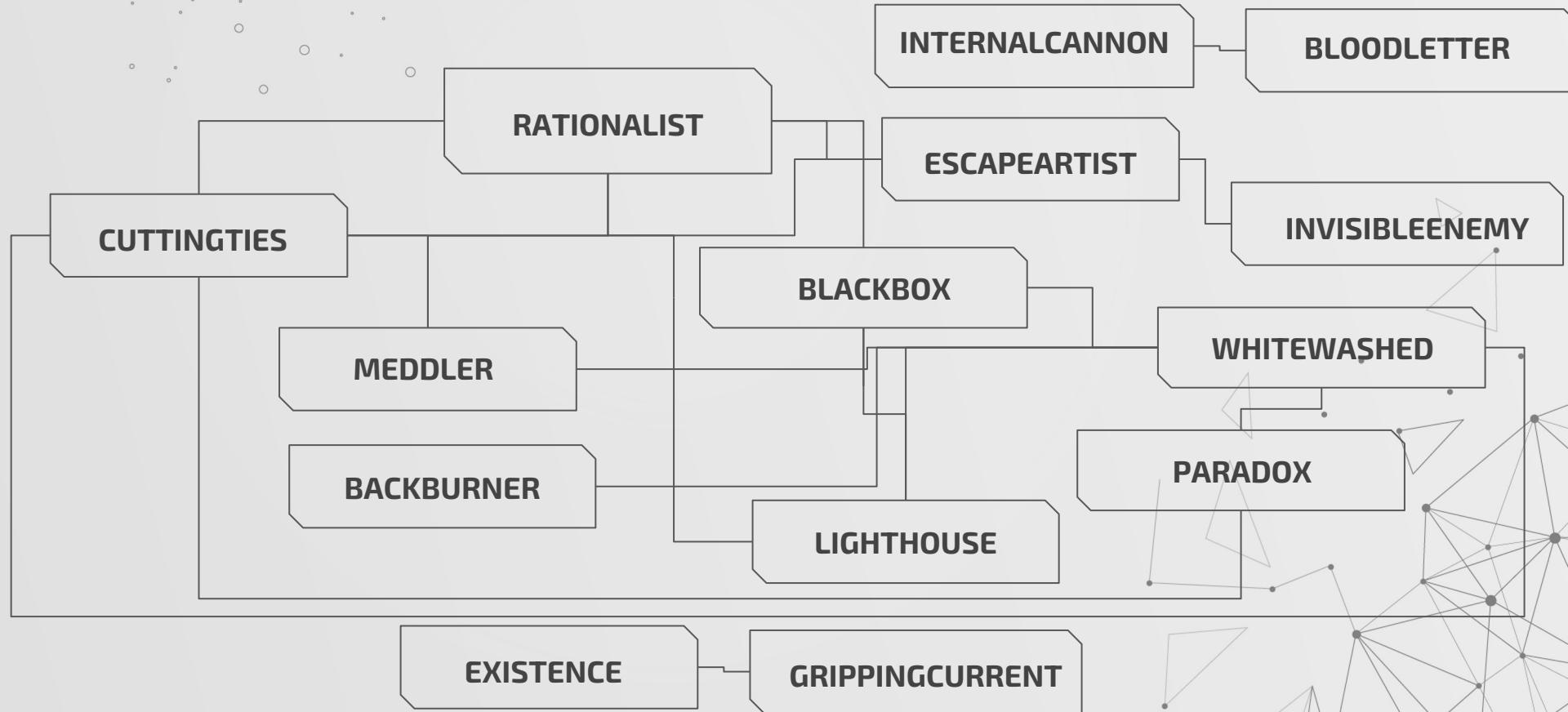
Decode
Routine

INVISIBLEENEMY

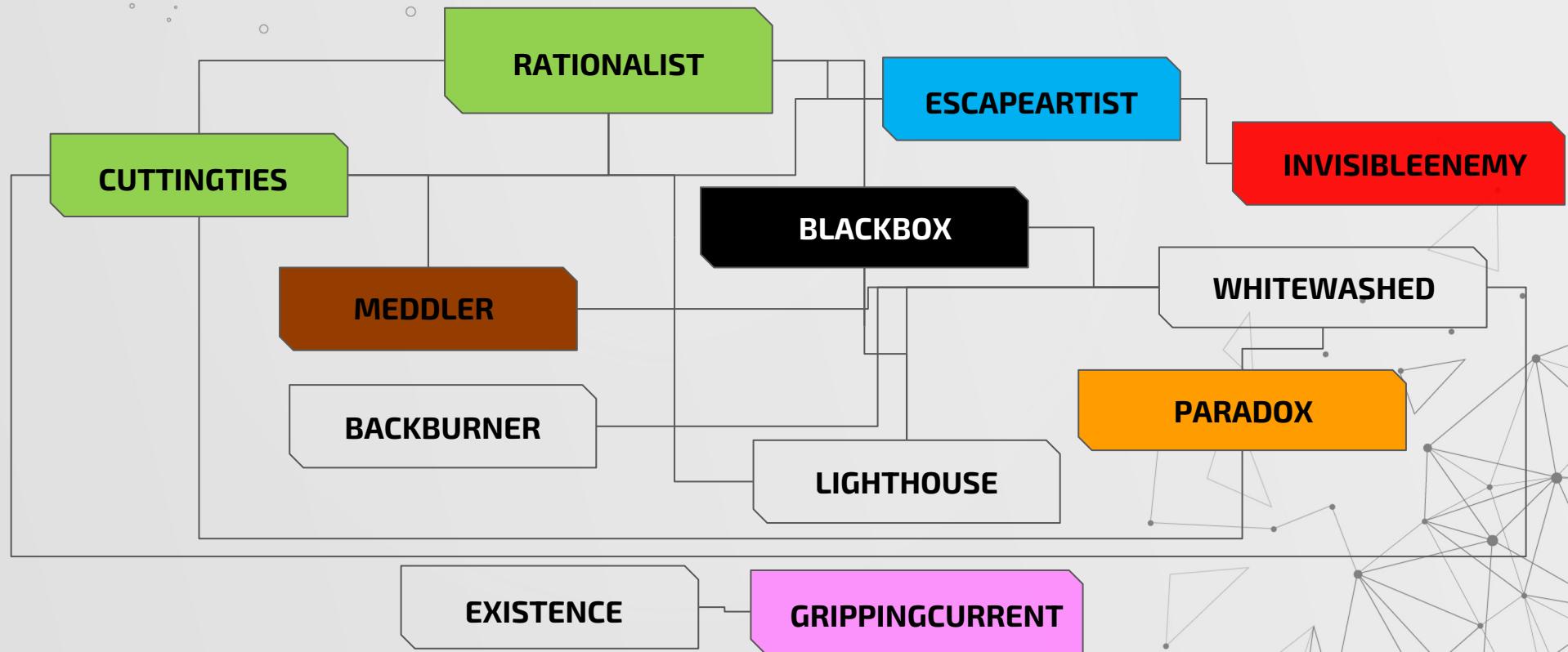
ESCAPEARTIST



CONSTELLATIONS



CONSTELLATIONS



MISSING FAMILIES

AMERICANDREAM

COMPOSURE

MARIANASTRENGTH

MERIDIAN

PARAMOUNT

SEVENTHTRUMPET

21 'Families' Total

14 Families Linked

6 Families Left Out to Dry

*bold indicates single sample



ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATIONS

No reliance on code-signing

Files Usually <300KB

No AV evasion tricks

No user deception (icons)

Some delayed imports

Reliance on Windows services

Plaintext OR Encryption

Nothing execution focused

Spoofing advertising corps

Hide from sysadmin not user

Little timestamp spoofing

Scrub rev. history not PDB path

MIA FAMILIES

Probably Missing:

- TuxedoLambert
- PurpleLambert
- GreyLambert
- CyanLambert
- VioletLambert
- Any modules
- Lambert names that I don't know :D

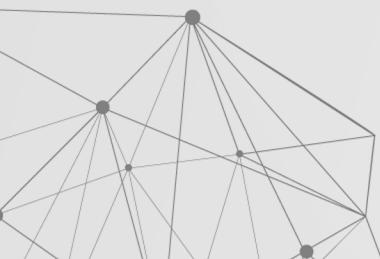


OVERLAP OBSERVATIONS

Same ‘type’ of tooling is what is getting found; creates a bias in this dataset

Author could be overthinking overlaps & the families could be 1-2 big families (or modules)

At limit without data showing how samples interact, how they are loaded, and how they communicate (named pipes)



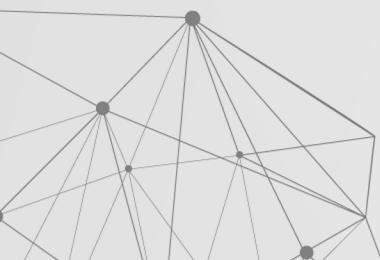
RULES & TOOLS

BRIGHTCONSTELLATION RULES: <https://pastebin.com/tEL8PZdn>

FLOSS2YAR: <https://github.com/g-les/floss2yar>

CONSOLE RULESET:

<https://gist.github.com/g-les/e816389becd93209e588c905f553803a>



OUTLOOK

YARA IS **FLEXIBLE** ENOUGH FOR **WACKY** IDEAS

NOT THE END OF BRIGHTCONSTELLATION
BUT EVEN APEX ACTORS **LEAVE ARTIFACTS**

IF IT DOESN'T EXIST YET, **BUILD IT**





Questions?

@greglesnewich
glesnewich (KeyBase)

APPENDIX

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The Actual Families!



BRIGHTCONSTELLATION TELESCOPE

1/1/02 0:00

9/27/04 0:00

6/24/07 0:00

3/20/10 0:00

12/14/12 0:00

9/10/15 0:00

6/6/18 0:00

BACKBURNER

BLACKBOX

BLOODLETTER

CUTTINGTIES

ESCAPEARTIST

EXISTENCE

GRIPPINGCURRENT

INTERNALCANNON

INVISIBLEENEMY

MARIANASTRENGTH

MEDDLER

PARADOX

RATIONALIST

SEVENTHTRUMPET

WHITEWASHED



AMERICANDREAM

SAMPLES

- 75c0b7cdd54fa280a4517d917de370
ec61854c7e319cf0d4b20c8ae580b2
d932
- 635912c7a685aa75a4067ba15ac896
b8fdbaa8593a67f4b04701d0b1c8e0
496d
- Bc04d96757f65f92d25a93d666c5ba
2ec88af1feb571af495456a46b62958
ba4

ALIAS

- DePriMon

FEATURES

- Section hashes
- BASERELOC
- EXCEPTION
- IAT
- Imphash
- Rich Header
- Similar PE Versioning to BLACKBOX
 - Microsoft Unified Security Protocol Provider



BACKBURNER

Driver & Orchestrator (maybe?)

SAMPLES

- ea2ea2ae0d92e9b186ccb313fb8961cf9d6716a
80588a87545f71f2a2b48a63d
- e5eb118f58abdfde6c6b0a694c78e4181e8993d
a5f36e43c855fdfa7976d6893

Pretty-Print Victim Profile

```
OS Version      : %d.%d (build %d)
Driver Version   : %s
Remote Peer Addr  : %d.%d.%d.%d:%d
Local TCP Port    : %d
Current MAC Address : %02x:%02x:%02x:%02x:%02x:%02x
MSS            : %d bytes
NDIS module     : %#x - %#x
```

STRINGS + FEATURES

- Loaded by **WHITEDWASHED**
- \\?\\pipe**ddxpipe**.%d
- **KAPERSKY**
- Extensive commands offered to operator
- Lots of Debug strings:
 - **bye... :(**
 - [read_from_pipe] Pipe timeout (STATUS_PIPE_LISTENING)!
 - %s [parent-pid] <cmdline>
 - Unable to enumerate processes.
 - Unable to find target process.
 - Unable to create named pipe!

ALIAS

- White Lambert Payload

BLACKBOX

SAMPLES

- b8734ada49e290d12a5a178a67e5ae45e1e334
8e54a1f57ef4cdb92ff8c84086
- 39024a39e063227f7d53cb2cf47af72214ba19a
64488acac57e3577e28e0e569
- 425bbe7020fc443a8311099c2b74b1c6419700
317603aae73988adb4113a8bff
- 2156adcaae541ea1718ea52ce07bd1555cdcf25
e9919f3208958f8c195f34286
- 94c9400a7c092d39b053b98d3fb9b241ebd40d
820894fa0AAF806d5f813eba06
- 65bc1695e971256824646f9f316ada2e5442049
3d0d47fd1b6a59d45a32b69d0
- 9ad54b0c8e78b24be55b762fb67aebe5b946e3
5bd0bff3fef9106908cd5c1729
- 1cd9671f38786c16acf6b99288885c52ba3e38
e3cf552dded877d66bb6ca1d4

FEATURES

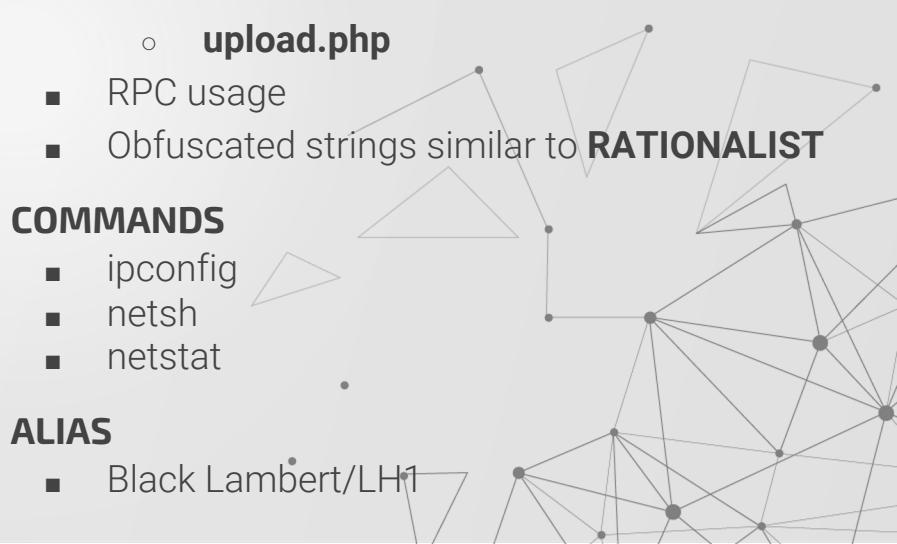
- winlib.dll
- Hardcoded URIs:
 - **&a=mouse**
 - **upload.php**
- RPC usage
- Obfuscated strings similar to **RATIONALIST**

COMMANDS

- ipconfig
- netsh
- netstat

ALIAS

- Black Lambert/LH1



BLOODLETTER

Multi-Stage Multi-Component Plaintext Loader

SAMPLES

- 30246c5a4094bfc775b20a62d5fe267
427a5d27571ffa81ec1c21e6d6d744a
3d
- e505e24282cfde4af060a7b9cb76f89
99a5585a563baf4d8e9911f9d9c3bb
3c3
- 56270e3c685249a16a8d9c43223023
18055c69238b8196b6c19f6629c7f3
78c4
- 41730ccfadf4741ead3c3c144c612f9
38dd43956be91d5abb3e6519c46152
eaa

FEATURES

- .tmp DLL Names
- Embedded Plaintext PEs in RSRC
- Built in 2007; Loader from 2008
- Intermediate Payload Export:
_EE112@16 DLL name: ~EE112.tmp
- Raw TCP Beacon
- **WebAdM** service
- Eventually drops **INTERNALCANNON**

00000000	59	4d	53	47	00	0f	00	00	00	09	00	57	00	00	00	00	YMSG....	...W....
00000010	00	00	00	00	31	c0	80	4d	4e	45	70	c0	801..M	NEp..			

<https://tria.ge/220804-ywmphabgn/behavioral1#report>

COMPOSURE

SAMPLES

- 3762102384a546af47aa40f599fca7
840a5887df5f57301f9fb5c2a0e725c
a2

ALIAS

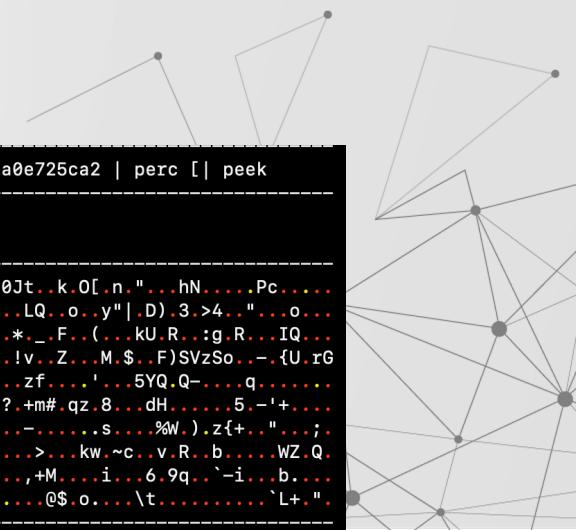
- Grey Lambert ?

```
$ emit Testing/SampleDump/Lamberts/COMPOSURE/3762102384a546af47aa40f599fca7840a5887df5f57301f9fb5c2a0e725ca2 | perc [] peek
00.164 MB; 99.98% entropy; data
path = RCDATA/1024/0

00000000: 30 4A 74 F8 8E 6B 88 4F 5B B0 6E BE 22 A9 C0 C9 68 4E F9 A0 D9 14 0C 50 63 9F 0F 0A C8 05 0Jt..k.0[.n."...hN.....Pc.....
000001E: 03 04 4C 51 BD FB 6F 93 02 79 22 7C 91 44 29 F8 33 EB 3E 34 04 C7 22 C3 A5 98 6F C1 CA 8A ..LQ..o..y"|.D).3.>4.."...o...
000003C: 92 2A 0E 5F A9 46 DF 88 28 F1 D5 EB 6B 55 EF 52 1F 1D 3A 67 F0 52 7F 86 FD 49 51 08 94 9C .*._F..(. .kU.R..:g R...IQ...
000005A: 9C 21 76 D1 96 5A 0E 7F B3 4D D1 24 F5 07 46 29 53 56 7A 53 6F C8 A8 2D 02 7B 55 D7 72 47 !v..Z..M.$..F)SVzSo...-.fU.rG
0000078: 0F CB 7A 66 DA 14 A1 0B 27 C5 FF AF 35 59 51 20 51 2D B2 BA E7 DE 71 1E 9A E3 15 F5 0B FF ..zf.....'...5YQ.Q--...q.....
0000096: 3F F3 2B 6D 23 F3 71 7A 9B 38 F4 1C C9 64 48 C1 9F 86 8B 0F 11 35 B9 2D 27 2B 81 90 DC 8E ?.+m#.qz.8...dH.....5.-'+...
00000B4: 84 F9 2D E3 A8 82 CA 0C 2E 73 C5 BB ED CD 25 57 DC 29 09 7A 7B 2B F9 1C 22 F6 C0 F5 3B DE ...-....s....%W.)z{+..."...
00000D2: ED 8A FE 3E BA BE C7 6B 77 98 7E 63 BB 91 76 DF 52 C5 C6 62 E9 80 D3 97 BC 57 5A 8A 51 9D ...>...kw..~c..v.R..b....WZ.Q.
00000F0: DB F2 2C 2B 4D B6 C9 CB E2 69 80 FE A4 36 1F 39 71 1C CC 60 2D 69 07 EF 19 62 2E 7F F0 BD ,.+M....i...6.9q..`-i...b....
000010E: 20 AF C5 DB 40 24 1F 6F 2E 13 18 D0 5C 74 DB AE E8 DE 13 F1 A2 03 84 14 60 4C 2B 0F 22 AE ...@$.o....\t.....`L+..."
```

FEATURES

- Huawei PE Information
- High entropy resource (name: 1024)



CUTTINGTIES

HTTPS-Based Backdoor

SAMPLEs

- 2c84d4bdd3e892435ceca91a98ebbf
21295f596155b2e52be3823b5f9ab2
a123
- 8b7acdbc63e63d6c4273163abb58e3
cb17d2d67758dc3533df8e6967c13
7a7a
- 83c2fee47f488db956e33d379eae5e0
e3b656c878ddde211ee79d35637cbc
2ce

d1fb6001f75175~17f10d6b0dfc1010

```
GET /login.php?d=https://update.iweb-apps.net&session=806285aa10d300f0d4919ab1164ca398476cd0566cef81c7483f89c90ebd4901 HTTP/1.1
User-Agent: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 6.2; WOW64; Trident/8.0; .NET4.0C; .NET4.0E; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET
CLR 3.0.30729; .NET CLR 3.5.30729; InfoPath.3)
Host: update.iweb-apps.net
Connection: Keep-Alive
Cache-Control: no-cache
```

FEATURES

- mdmm.exe
- Hardcoded C2s in Plaintext Config in .data
- WebBoundary + HTTP Format Strings
- Service: **iwasvc**

ALIAS

- Green Lambert



06.770 kB; 86.99% entropy; data

offset = 0x3C400

path = .data

0000: 44 5F 53 4E 00 69 77 61 73 76 63 00 2D 00 00 00 02 00 00 00 44 5F 53 44 4E 00 49 6E 74 65 D_SN.iwasvc.--.....D_SDN.Inte
001E: 67 72 61 74 65 64 20 57 65 62 20 41 70 70 6C 69 63 61 74 69 6F 6E 20 53 76 63 00 4B 00 00 grated.Web.Application.Svc.K..
003C: 00 02 00 00 00 44 5F 53 44 00 50 72 6F 76 69 64 65 73 20 6D 61 6E 61 67 65 6D 65 6E 74 20D_SD.Provides.management.
005A: 61 6E 64 20 63 6F 6E 66 69 67 75 72 61 74 69 6F 6E 20 66 6F 72 20 69 6E 74 65 67 72 61 74 and.configuration.for.integrat
0078: 65 64 20 77 65 62 20 61 70 70 73 00 15 00 00 00 02 00 00 00 44 5F 53 47 00 6E 65 74 73 76 ed.web.apps.....D_SG.netsv
0096: 63 73 00 17 00 00 00 02 00 00 00 44 5F 49 44 4E 00 70 6E 70 64 33 64 78 30 00 14 00 00 00 cs.....D_IDN.pnpd3dx0....
00B4: 02 00 00 00 44 5F 47 4E 00 43 49 52 43 55 53 00 18 00 00 00 02 00 00 00 44 5F 53 54 4E 00D_GN.CIRCUS.....D_STN.
00D2: 46 49 52 45 45 41 54 45 52 00 23 00 00 00 02 00 00 00 44 5F 54 48 00 68 74 74 70 3A 2F 2F FIREEATER.#.....D_TH.http://
00F0: 77 77 77 2E 67 6F 67 6C 65 2E 63 6F 6D 00 40 00 00 00 02 00 00 00 44 5F 4C 50 00 68 74 www.google.com@.....D_LP.ht
010E: 74 70 73 3A 2F 2F 75 70 64 61 74 65 2E 69 77 65 62 2D 61 70 70 73 2E 6E 65 74 7C 68 74 74 tps://update.iweb-apps.net|htt
012C: 70 73 3A 2F 2F 37 39 2E 31 37 32 2E 31 39 33 2E 32 38 00 18 00 00 00 02 00 00 00 44 5F 53 ps://79.172.193.28.....D_S
014A: 43 4C 00 6C 6F 67 69 6E 2E 70 68 70 00 1A 00 00 00 02 00 00 00 44 5F 53 43 43 00 67 65 74 CL.login.php.....D_SCC.get
0168: 63 6F 6E 66 2E 70 68 70 00 1A 00 00 00 02 00 00 00 44 5F 53 43 46 00 67 65 74 66 69 6C 65 conf.php.....D_SCF.getfile
0186: 2E 70 68 70 00 1A 00 00 00 02 00 00 00 44 5F 53 43 55 00 75 70 6C 6F 61 64 32 2E 70 68 70 .php.....D_SCU.upload2.php
01A4: 00 17 00 00 00 02 00 00 00 44 5F 53 43 45 00 73 68 6F 77 2E 70 68 70 00 19 00 00 00 00 02 00D_SCE.show.php.....

06.770 kB; 86.99% entropy; data

offset = 0x3C400

path = .data

0000: 44 5F 53 4E 00 69 77 61 73 76 63 00 2D 00 00 00 02 00 00 00 44 5F 53 44 4E 00 49 6E 74 65 D_SN.iwasvc.--.....D_SDN.Inte
001E: 67 72 61 74 65 64 20 57 65 62 20 41 70 70 6C 69 63 61 74 69 6F 6E 20 53 76 63 00 4B 00 00 grated.Web.Application.Svc.K..
003C: 00 02 00 00 00 44 5F 53 44 00 50 72 6F 76 69 64 65 73 20 6D 61 6E 61 67 65 6D 65 6E 74 20D_SD.Provides.management.
005A: 61 6E 64 20 63 6F 6E 66 69 67 75 72 61 74 69 6F 6E 20 66 6F 72 20 69 6E 74 65 67 72 61 74 and.configuration.for.integrat
0078: 65 64 20 77 65 62 20 61 70 70 73 00 15 00 00 00 02 00 00 00 44 5F 53 47 00 6E 65 74 73 76 ed.web.apps.....D_SG.netsv
0096: 63 73 00 17 00 00 00 02 00 00 00 44 5F 49 44 4E 00 70 6E 70 64 33 64 78 30 00 14 00 00 00 cs.....D_IDN.pnpd3dx0....
00B4: 02 00 00 00 44 5F 47 4E 00 43 49 52 43 55 53 00 18 00 00 00 02 00 00 00 44 5F 53 54 4E 00D_GN.CIRCUS.....D_STN.
00D2: 46 49 52 45 45 41 54 45 52 00 23 00 00 00 02 00 00 00 44 5F 54 48 00 68 74 74 70 3A 2F 2F FIREEATER.#.....D_TH.http://
00F0: 77 77 77 2E 67 6F 67 6C 65 2E 63 6F 6D 00 40 00 00 00 02 00 00 00 44 5F 4C 50 00 68 74 www.google.com@.....D_LP.ht
010E: 74 70 73 3A 2F 2F 75 70 64 61 74 65 2E 69 77 65 62 2D 61 70 70 73 2E 6E 65 74 7C 68 74 74 tps://update.iweb-apps.net|htt
012C: 70 73 3A 2F 2F 37 39 2E 31 37 32 2E 31 39 33 2E 32 38 00 18 00 00 00 02 00 00 00 44 5F 53 ps://79.172.193.28.....D_S
014A: 43 4C 00 6C 6F 67 69 6E 2E 70 68 70 00 1A 00 00 00 02 00 00 00 44 5F 53 43 43 00 67 65 74 CL.login.php.....D_SCC.get
0168: 63 6F 6E 66 2E 70 68 70 00 1A 00 00 00 02 00 00 00 44 5F 53 43 46 00 67 65 74 66 69 6C 65 conf.php.....D_SCF.getfile
0186: 2E 70 68 70 00 1A 00 00 00 02 00 00 00 44 5F 53 43 55 00 75 70 6C 6F 61 64 32 2E 70 68 70 .php.....D_SCU.upload2.php
01A4: 00 17 00 00 00 02 00 00 00 44 5F 53 43 45 00 73 68 6F 77 2E 70 68 70 00 19 00 00 00 00 02 00D_SCE.show.php.....

ESCAPEARTIST

SAMPLES

- d63b9860475c76da94c058e459b150 ff37a5c6fd7d031f752f3444db65f517 7b
- 9ab910a5591441633dcaac53dd6d74 8c5c64442773261607df0d28db76e1 1c10
- 39b8f93cdffa0c7a3210b7b39483c53 5a339fb150d0d5f36cd0783350d36 7c3

ALIAS

- Blue Lambert ?

FEATURES

- **PDB Path:** a
- PDB Age == 0x01
- **DLL Name:** a.dll
- Multiple Unnamed Exports
- B64-ish STRING resources
- Super high entropy overlay

OVERLAPS:

- ReadFile Func w/ **RATIONLIST**
- Memset Func w/ **CUTTINGTIES**
- sBox w/ **INVISIBLEENEMY**



EXISTENCE

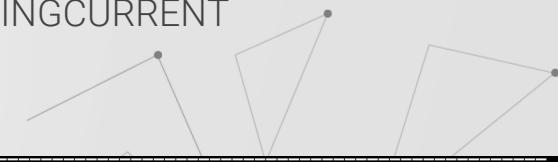
Loader

SAMPLES

- 57e7eff080c057dfc107fca8f4d
9b61adfa797a75a301871fea08
854aa771074
- a8b3f3c21eca80ad47c402114
8bc3aef66a90bcbfdf681c245af
772356fe6b63
- 1960935bae8633167e0102199
a0bb720293994cb885be3f35c
d28cceba476b2c
- 757d1c276e614bfa6e8f181321
3f4c466785d80355bd8bef358
26cff4ce359f9

FEATURES

- **PDB:** x
- PDB Age == 0x02
- Additional PE in .data section
- Loads GRIPPINGCURRENT



```
81.408 kB; 93.40% entropy; data
offset = 0x3A00
path = .data

00000: F5 A1 86 42 00 00 01 04 00 06 03 00 88 FB C5 CF E0 8C 02 00 8D 17 ...B.....
00016: 01 00 02 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 02 02 00 12 00 00 00 ...
0002C: AF 81 D7 F3 FF 26 BF A9 54 00 00 10 00 FF 08 02 02 00 01 00 12 00 ...&T...
00042: 3D 01 EE 04 0F FB 4D 5A 90 00 03 0A AE 04 03 CB FF FF B8 B3 00 00 =...MZ....
00058: C9 40 00 57 F8 77 03 0E 1F BA FF 0E 00 B4 09 CD 21 B8 01 B7 4C 04 .@.W.w....!..L.
0006E: 54 68 FF 69 73 20 70 72 6F 67 72 FF 61 6D 20 63 61 6E 6E 6F FF 74 Th.is.progr.am.canno.t
00084: 20 62 65 20 72 75 6E DB 20 69 02 44 FF 4F 53 20 6D 6F 64 65 2E F6 .be.run..i.D.OS.mode..
0009A: 0D 0D 0A 24 43 0F CB 49 FE FB 61 8F 28 90 32 03 0F 73 5F EE 29 32 ...$C..I..a.(.2..s..)2
000B0: 89 07 FB A8 EE 5B 32 8A 13 1E 91 32 DA C7 0F 5E 32 BB B6 07 4B ED .....[2.....^2...K.
000C6: EC 5D 32 8E 0F 5B 07 8B 23 5A 60 0F DS 59 07 B6 2F 07 C1 0F B1 5C .]2[...#Z`..Y`./..\
```

GRIPPINGCURRENT

Modular Backdoor

SAMPLES

- 4652ae6d417a6c157a673046a442e1f071bca0
eab1b4404f0343b573c361b05a
- 286520e81964ff8b7b38850381369af81e8d69d
cd72e1f3ad176e0b0efa6921f
- 396235673954365297d3c4a4407ae05c1636bf
6c471567b4ff322e6f0a01389c
- c945ad1cf9460da1186174cf01bacb39454ae0
c60bc5a4976af3ba9c7c0c505
- ed8f68085a6486b7a49496246d8d6c029a3ae1
b86d9d157a231083c1f0e48706

ALIAS

- Fluxwire / Corenty / Pink Lambert
- Loaded by EXISTENCE

STRINGS

- Plugins?
 - core_entry
 - plugin_entry
- cache-%08x.dat
- set /a z=%%z%%+1
- if "%%z%%"=="1000" goto Done
- del "%s"
- set /a y=%%y%%+1
- if "%%y%%"=="30" goto End
- if exist "%s" goto Repeat
- PDB Age == 0x01



INTERNALCANNON

SAMPLES

- 91403abcf546fbef310b2ee1603f3280f1b875
695183da4c5f2102fc867fcc9b
- c9cd5c9609e70005926ae5171726a4142ffbcc
cc771d307efcd195dafc1e6b4b
- 3f4304eb9753155926f7dc6287bddadb05a80
c0b8ae6f67e3f69ec7f10ab426f
- 7bb70ab14ad6003d77529f9edf9fa89dfde765
6526f2393c07ae9d03455522f2
- 172e496fc433592c3c7760fb97451106b5188
189987477e5a33b13b5eee685e9
- 1fee6eeb0aa255e46de32c36e8c079abcb9a1c
ae08663568c99f395e6e07a3ca

FEATURES

- Resource names: N1, N2, N3 + types: B1
- Also debug-string heavy

04.744 kB; 99.56% entropy; data
path = B1/N1/0

0000: 6B 42 A1 DF CE 61 DD AE 78 40 5F F1 76 01 21 AF A7 04 2C 96 kB...a.x@_v!...
0014: 56 EE 04 1D FF E6 86 32 9E 2F 00 E1 23 D4 14 CB 4D FF 3B E0 V.....2./..#...M...
0028: 2C E2 DF A6 FB 6A 36 7B BB F1 B1 1E B5 D4 84 46 CD F0 2E 9D ,....j6{.....F...
003C: 10 A4 68 EB 17 FF 6B 74 DD F5 C4 2B 9B E9 90 1E 09 FA BC F8 ..h...kt...+.....
0050: B8 44 AC 4C 78 47 D7 12 87 C1 78 0C 84 4F ED 33 D9 23 57 9F .D.LxG...x..0 3.#W.

00.032 kB; 62.50% entropy; data
path = B1/N2/0

00: DB 8D 6D 95 33 22 8C 55 27 62 A6 D3 6E 54 AF 7D D2 E9 11 C6 ..m.3".U'b..nT}...
14: 68 28 85 A3 F8 9D A9 84 EA 4A 67 41 h(.....JgA

09.736 kB; 99.76% entropy; data
path = B1/N3/0

0000: 7D 12 FB B8 0A 9B 9D 00 60 70 D4 D5 D7 DC D4 8F E5 71 8F EA }.....`p.....q...
0014: E6 FE 1B 7B 72 BE 05 77 2D 7F 5F 57 34 76 AF BB 8A 8E C3 6F ...{r.w-_W4v...o...
0028: 9B AD 4A AE F4 9B C2 45 CC F1 10 8F 10 A2 01 88 1F 26 12 BC ..J.....E.....&...
003C: C9 78 74 76 35 E8 B4 4D DF F1 A6 47 50 BF 53 61 D4 F6 E9 3B .xtv5..M..GP.Sa...;
0050: C0 D5 D4 DA 04 01 70 01 72 51 D0 A3 FE 96 BA 94 84 FB 57 29p.rQ.....W)

INVISIBLEENEMY

HTTP-Based Recon Backdoor

SAMPLES

- e7591998e01cc0bea4643f9c743114b3dcffcb3513b89ed57863f396aeefcce4
- 2cba711f579dec2caaac188db6c22bb2cc83251449a11bfc34112d6f3112b86a
- 21f727338a4f51d79ade48fdfd9e3e32e3b458719bf90745de31b898a80aaa65
- 30b11cd15d64c7a8c21c5173e806cd1b53736dda03cd67037a5401e96afae6f8
- 6790ef2b47a8a05ff4c2942b024f9895da30739253f4e5d5ef1897642289b7fc
- be7bf3c53e7249395e43a4ee7365a7fcfc3cb3a1e4dc053a5336e42f7ed5cc97
- db2054bc4ede207c3bbbedd815ef5637c097cf93c7826bc6cdc2cc0d6a8a07edb

FEATURES

- Certificate in resource (for mTLS?)
- Custom HTTP Headers
 - X-MV-Version: 1.00
 - X-MV-Command
 - Mozilla/5.0 (Windows; U; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 6.0; en-US)
- Port-scanning + Backdoor capabilities
 - /agent/checkin
 - destroy-agent
 - exfil-file
 - run-scanner

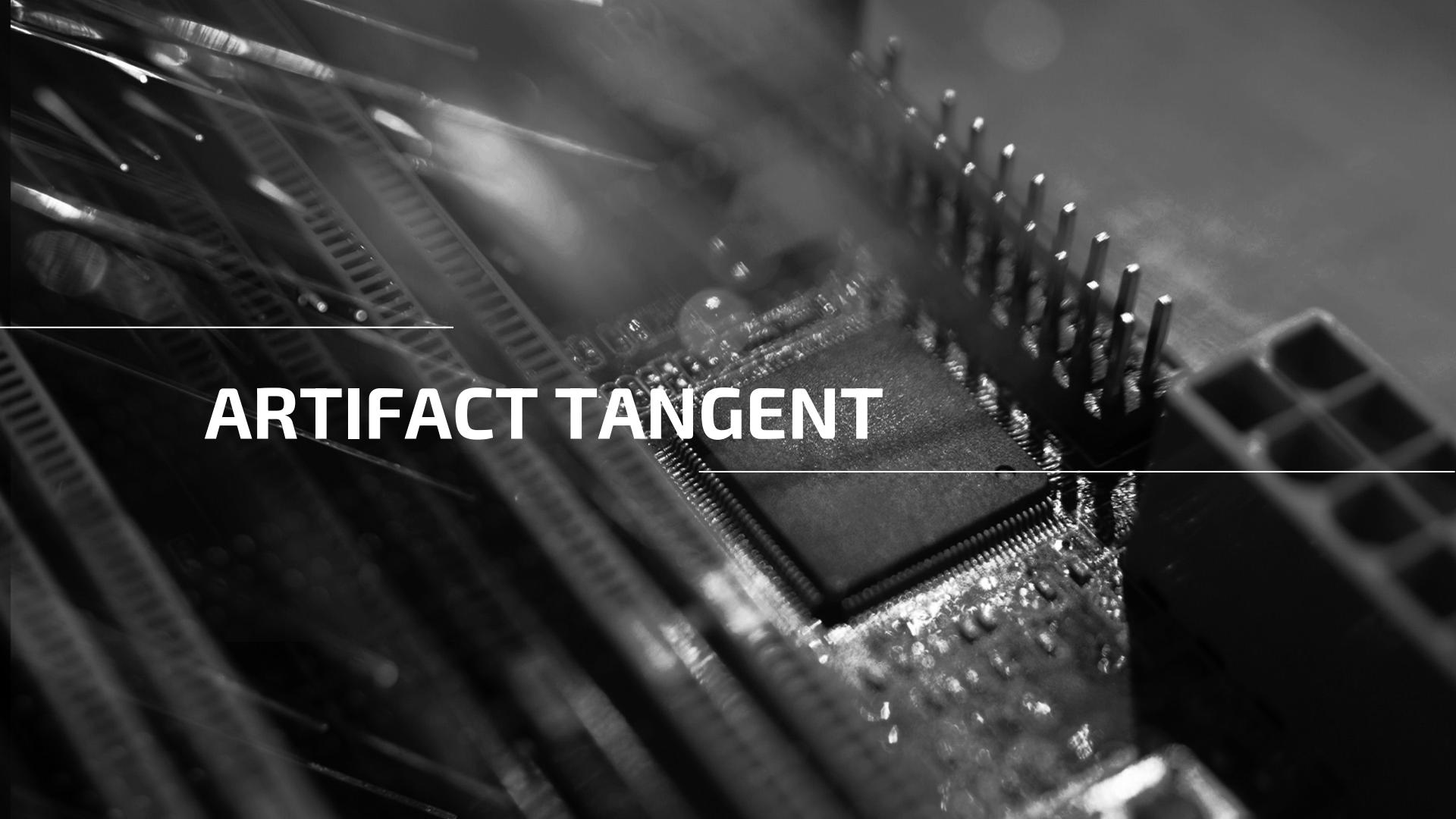
ALIAS

- Red Lambert

PDB Age == 0x70, 0x71

- Updated version of ESCAPEARTIST?
- One compile after another?

```
$ emit Desktop/Testing/SampleDump/Lamberts//INVISIBLEENEMY/e7591998e01cc0be1  
a4643f9c743114b3dcffcb3513b89ed57863f396aeefcce4 | pemeta  
{  
    "Debug": {  
        "PdbPath": "a",  
        "PdbAge": 112  
    },  
    "Header": {  
        "Machine": "I386",  
        "Subsystem": "Windows CUI",  
        "MinimumOS": "Windows Vista",  
        "RICH": [  
            "[007dc627] [object] VS2005 build 50727",  
            "[007bc627] [import] VS2005 build 50727",  
            "[006dc627] [object] VS2005 build 50727",  
            "[006ec627] [object] VS2005 build 50727",  
            "[007cc627] [object] VS2005 build 50727",  
            "[0078c627] [linker] VS2005 build 50727"  
        ],  
        "Type": "EXE",  
        "Bits": 32,  
        "ImageBase": "0x01000000",  
        "ImageSize": 132096  
    },  
    "Version": {  
        "CompanyName": "BIOS Innovations",  
        "FileDescription": "Bios Compatibility Layer",  
        "FileVersion": "6.1.6000.0",  
        "LegalCopyright": "© BIOS Innovations LLC. All rights reserved.",  
        "ProductName": "Bios Compatibility Layer",  
        "ProductVersion": "6.1.6000.0",  
        "LangID": "040904B0",  
        "Charset": "Unicode",  
        "Language": "English (United States)"  
    },  
    "TimeStamp": {  
        "Linker": "2009-12-08 16:00:14",  
        "DbgDir": "2009-12-08 16:00:14"  
    }  
}  
$ $ emit Desktop/Testing/SampleDump/Lamberts/INVISIBLEENEMY/21f727338a4f51d79ade  
e31b898a80aaa65 | pemeta  
{  
    "Debug": {  
        "PdbPath": "a",  
        "PdbAge": 113  
    },  
    "Header": {  
        "Machine": "I386",  
        "Subsystem": "Windows CUI",  
        "MinimumOS": "Windows Vista",  
        "RICH": [  
            "[007dc627] [object] VS2005 build 50727",  
            "[007bc627] [import] VS2005 build 50727",  
            "[006dc627] [object] VS2005 build 50727",  
            "[006ec627] [object] VS2005 build 50727",  
            "[007cc627] [object] VS2005 build 50727",  
            "[0078c627] [linker] VS2005 build 50727"  
        ],  
        "Type": "EXE",  
        "Bits": 32,  
        "ImageBase": "0x01000000",  
        "ImageSize": 132096  
    },  
    "Version": {  
        "CompanyName": "BIOS Innovations",  
        "FileDescription": "Bios Compatibility Layer",  
        "FileVersion": "6.1.6000.0",  
        "LegalCopyright": "© BIOS Innovations LLC. All rights reserved.",  
        "ProductName": "Bios Compatibility Layer",  
        "ProductVersion": "6.1.6000.0",  
        "LangID": "040904B0",  
        "Charset": "Unicode",  
        "Language": "English (United States)"  
    },  
    "TimeStamp": {  
        "Linker": "2009-12-08 19:43:43",  
        "DbgDir": "2009-12-08 19:43:43"  
    }  
}
```



ARTIFACT TANGENT

```
$ emit INVISIBLEENEMY/21f727338a4f51d79ade48fdfd9e3e32e3b458719bf90745de31b898a80aaa65 | pemeta
{
    "Debug": {
        "PdbPath": "a",
        "PdbAge": 113
    },
    "Header": {
        "Machine": "I386",
        "Subsystem": "Windows CUI",
        "MinimumOS": "Windows Vista",
        "RICH": [
            "[007dc627] [object] VS2005 build 50727",
            "[007bc627] [import] VS2005 build 50727",
            "[006dc627] [object] VS2005 build 50727",
            "[006ec627] [object] VS2005 build 50727",
            "[007cc627] [object] VS2005 build 50727",
            "[0078c627] [linker] VS2005 build 50727"
        ],
        "Type": "EXE",
        "Bits": 32,
        "ImageBase": "0x01000000",
        "ImageSize": 132096
    },
    rule INFO_Compiler_VS2005_build_50727 {
        condition:
            pe.rich_signature.toolid(1,0)
            and pe.rich_signature.toolid(123,50727)
            and pe.rich_signature.toolid(109,50727)
            and pe.rich_signature.toolid(125,50727)
            and pe.rich_signature.toolid(110,50727)
            and pe.rich_signature.toolid(126,50727)
            and pe.rich_signature.toolid(124,50727)
            and pe.rich_signature.toolid(120,50727)
    }
}

$ emit ESCAPEARTIST//d63b9860475c76da94c058e459b150ff37a5c6fd7d031f752f3444db65f5177b | pemeta
{
    "Debug": {
        "PdbPath": "a",
        "PdbAge": 1
    },
    "Header": {
        "Machine": "I386",
        "Subsystem": "Windows GUI",
        "MinimumOS": "Windows Vista",
        "RICH": [
            "[005f0fc3] [object] Windows Server 2003 SP1 DDK build 4035 (*",
            "[005d0fc3] [import] Windows Server 2003 SP1 DDK build 4035 (*",
            "[007bc627] [import] VS2005 build 50727",
            "[006dc627] [object] VS2005 build 50727",
            "[007ac627] [export] VS2005 build 50727",
            "[007dc627] [object] VS2005 build 50727",
            "[006ec627] [object] VS2005 build 50727",
            "[007cc627] [object] VS2005 build 50727",
            "[0078c627] [linker] VS2005 build 50727"
        ],
        "Type": "DLL",
        "Bits": 32,
        "ImageBase": "0x00400000",
        "ImageSize": 461312
    }
}
```

MORE PDB ARTIFACTS

```
00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0A 0B 0C 0D 0E 0F
```

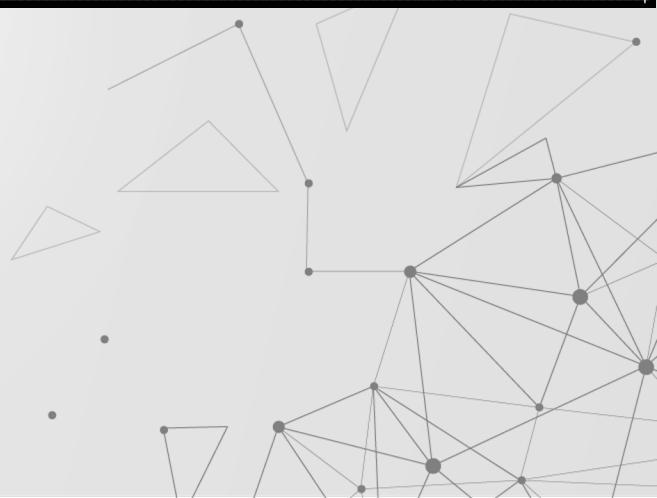
```
52 53 44 53 01 2A AC 7B 54 67 8E 44 93 FF 05 A2 RSDS .*, {Tg, D, ...
35 E4 DE D4 70 00 00 00 61 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 5...p...a...
82 5B 00 00 64 60 00 00 3F A6 01 00 5F A6 01 00 [...]d`...?..._...
E1 A6 01 00 09 A7 01 00 31 A7 01 00 89 A7 01 00 .....1...
B4 A7 01 00 92 A8 01 00 D5 A8 01 00 18 A9 01 00 .....
50 A9 01 00 7B A9 01 00 A3 A9 01 00 F7 A9 01 00 P...{.....
```

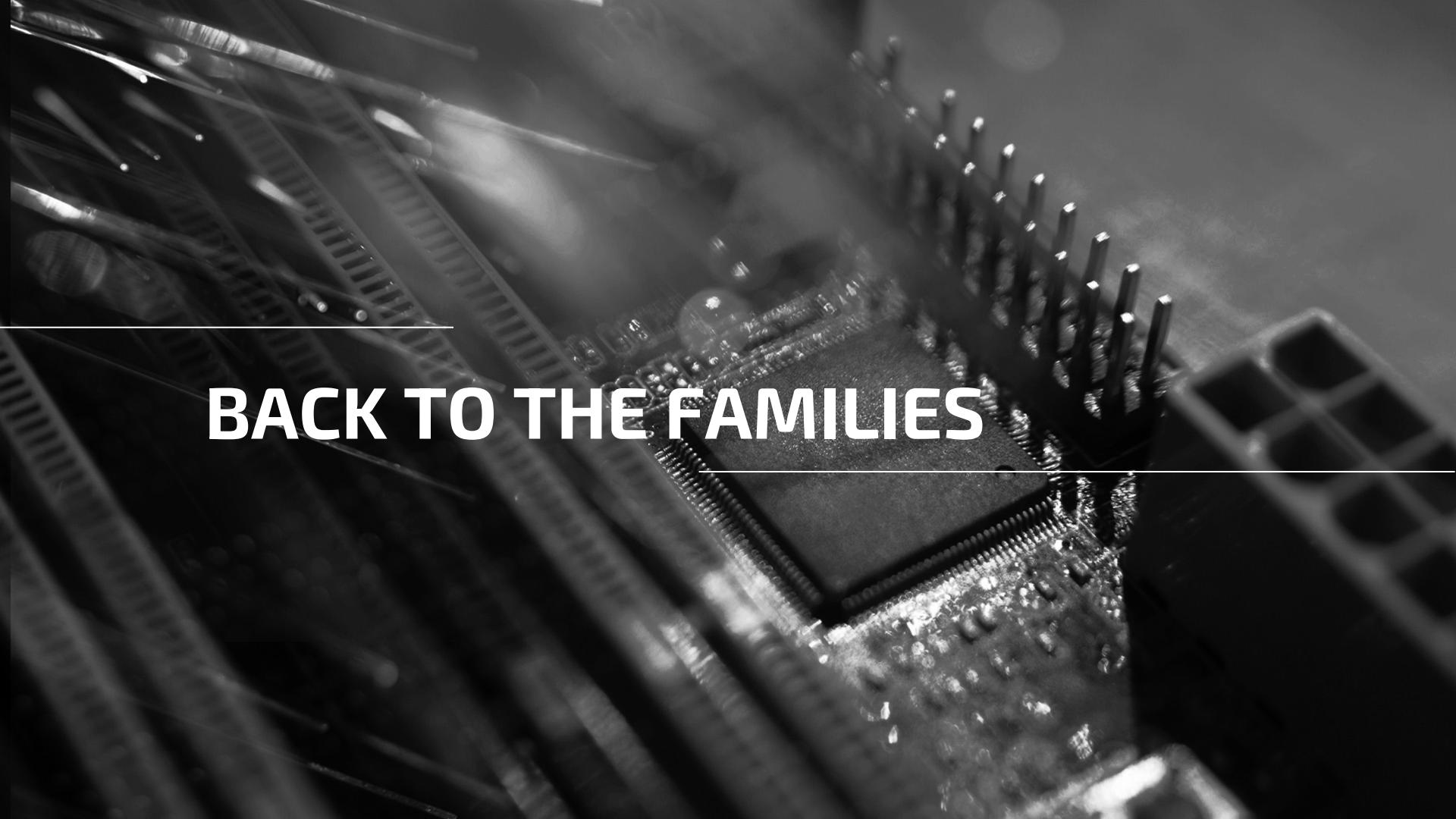
```
14
15 struct CodeView {
16     char signature[4];
17     u128 pdb_guid;
18     u32 age;
19     char pdb_path[];
20 };
21
```

Name	C	Type	Value
▼ codeview	0 0	struct CodeView	{ ... }
signature	0 0	String	"RSDS"
pdb_guid	0 0	u128	7bac2a01-6754-448e-ff93-e435a205d4de
age	0 0	u32	112 (0x70)
pdb_path	0 0	String	"a\x00"

PDB ARTIFACT MINING

```
+-----+-----+
| pe.pdb_path          | uint32(uint32(pe.rva_to_offset(pe.data_directories[pe.IMAGE_DIRECTORY_ENTRY_DEBUG].virtual_address)+(24))+20)
+-----+-----+
| C:\\VCcode\\aaa\\x64\\Debug\\aaa.pdb   |
| a                                     |
| a                                     |
| a                                     |
| a                                     |
| a                                     |
| a                                     |
| acpid.pdb                           |
| c:\\users\\bot\\fluxwire-cmake\\delta\\mswin-x86\\build\\base\\cmake\\ddk_node\\objfre_wxp_x86\\i386\\node.pdb |
| hiddrv.pdb                           |
| mnmdf.pdb                            |
| x                                     |
| x                                     |
| x                                     |
+-----+-----+
```





BACK TO THE FAMILIES

Lighthouse

SAMPLES

- 615193d5b17debdc026c61c67b0cf3eb65d0d
dd68b8fa13bb3b902765be425ed
- Orchestrator?

FEATURES

- Version Info: dlcsvc
- Also runs as service **dlcsvc**
- Lots of **cryptography & communication** references

```
Ç¶Çº Íçº «çº fçº ♥ ¢- ¢> ¢o ¢ diffie-hellman-group1-sha1 ssh-rsa none hmac-sha1 aes128-cbc LiA ▶
► ► █ XIA ¶ ¶ ► x password publickey ssh-connection keys direct-tcpip session TER
M SEGV INT ILL FPE ABRT sftp signal subsystem exec shell pty-req window-change
bïC-_)ONèg|tœø|a;!f"QJ¤yÄ4♦|nò|=:C<0+o|m≥_¶70B5mmQ_T-EΣà|vb^~|LB0³7φkσ \||φε8kvZëfÑ«f$▲|K▼μI(fQ¤μSü
dp %u 65535 \wship6 \ws2_32 freeaddrinfo getnameinfo getaddrinfo %d 75f6bc3298110115 |○ %c | %02x
%04x ▷eA msdefcryptkey 1.1 skey banner ip port ssh-userauth SSH- ▽ Dec Nov Oct Sep Aug Jul Jun
May Apr Mar Feb Jan %s%s%s / . %s .exe .. /c A system error has occurred: %d %~20s %s ▽ User
Domain. ▽ -f has s have █ █ \_ |_ | scr %s %s ..\* .\* ] [ sha1
Provides helper functionality for distributed components. dlcsvc Distributed Link Coordinator -r -i
```



MARIANASTRENCH

SAMPLES

- 4f17835f7647127501417f659dcd80fa0f06b544e48ccc9294306a7230dde6d0
- 5c59c429be0da0757d2b8a3bb2fe5bf cf9f0a1d967508594a32bdb4b2a910003
- 16779abc1adc43713c52b70322865bcb39ee6f36a7e6dd0f2598dd5f9a48673b
- f2d38e3cdf225ba4a0883bc5dd457a2e0b00918d008a19059d88218f89da7441

FEATURES

- DLL Name: dll.dll
- Exports:
 - _IsOperandReg@8
 - _ParseInstruction@16
 - _ParseOperandAddress@8
- Create Service: **NativeService**
- Use of named pipes for internal comms



MEDDLER

SAMPLES

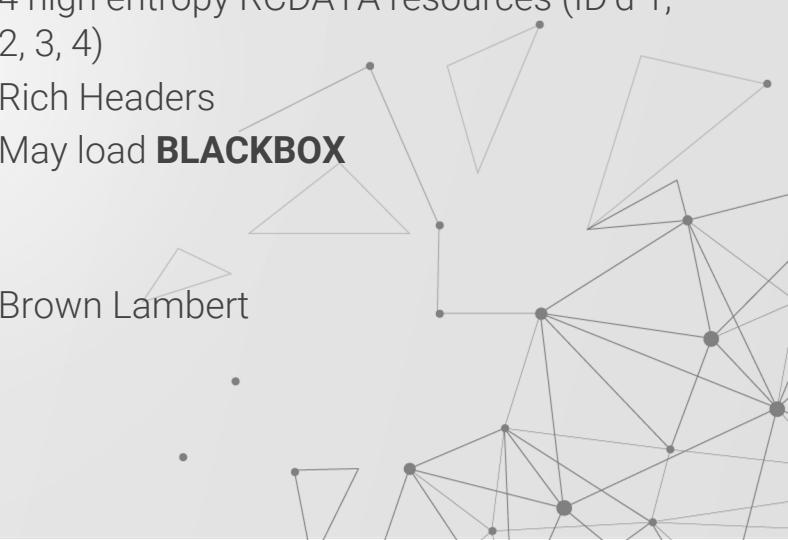
- 6f03586b863b308038c412959dcb2dca1f1ab03c925ba27e23b91dd21385a47b
- f17cb51bf0478f3cfa8a1b10ce40811c44c6e72aa0efb1e13e34eaf1b01d8cbc
- 15d9c9946bd4cea8cdac1d0c3415f6bab8460168c194048deb6b50932e1213fe
- 8d38afe922be801318e9292ed57450e4139315712694b9c27bbcf4818e5783e8
- 65b8bde4e1c8b9a881ee0f1d80756b8427d64ceaa0bfef37f1a7f894622ee00d
- dfa80016b1d56f036c7f73ebb1912cd8b77e39a93b953f81f69635b320eb67cf

FEATURES

- OriginalName: MasStoDb.EXE (Mass Storage DB)
- 4 high entropy RCDATA resources (ID'd 1, 2, 3, 4)
- Rich Headers
- May load **BLACKBOX**

ALIAS

- Brown Lambert



MEDDLER

FEATURES

- 4 high entropy identically sized RCDATA resources (ID'd 1, 2, 3, 4) w/ identical headers

```
[\$ emit MEDDLER/dfa80016b1d56f036c7f73ebb1912cd8b77e39a93b953f81f69635b320eb67cf | perc [| peek -W 25 -l 5
```

```
53.786 kB; 99.96% entropy; data
path = RCDATA/1/0
```

```
0000: 01 00 30 00 00 E1 D1 00 00 00 00 00 00 04 00 00 00 62 8A 9D DE E6 85 22 2E ..0.....b...".
0019: A2 9F 1B 8A 65 37 67 C2 D5 98 28 33 0B 52 B6 8B 45 51 02 01 18 A6 70 B4 85 ...e7g...(3.R.EQ.p..
0032: 92 F8 FE A3 12 DF 8E D7 16 96 E2 49 C6 B5 C3 DD C8 72 65 CB C0 97 AD E9 30 .....I....re...0
004B: 78 F8 F0 F5 1D 9C AA BF 7A FC A9 E9 E0 11 D2 4F 40 BA 81 4D E8 BA A2 F3 24 x.....z.....0@..M...$ 
0064: 8E 9F 7B AD 79 3F 55 02 94 76 91 3B 1D 76 B1 2A F5 DF EE 10 2B 8F A0 1D 5E ..{.y?U..v.;.v.*....+....^
```

```
53.786 kB; 99.96% entropy; data
path = RCDATA/2/0
```

```
0000: 01 00 30 00 00 E1 D1 00 00 01 00 00 00 00 04 00 00 00 62 8A 9D DE E6 85 22 2E ..0.....b...".
0019: A2 9F 1B 8A 65 37 67 C2 D5 98 28 33 0B 52 B6 8B 45 51 02 01 18 A6 70 B4 FE ...e7g...(3.R.EQ.p..
```

MERIDIAN

SAMPLES

- 1f1ac64f7d6a4f5838d4226c34adefb
4d71c92e6644d4693db4a29181830d
394
- d332303937901c126e7e9722e39eaa
d328a8b792ed4e4372ce16cef4b48a
3917

FEATURES

- Driver / Kernel Level Imports
- OriginalName: **shelldri**
- Tiny files, probably driver payload without configuration

```
int entry(undefined8 param_1,undefined8 param_2)
{
    uint uVar1;
    int iVar2;
    uint *puVar3;
    short *psVar4;
    undefined8 *puVar5;
    undefined local_res18 [8];
    code *local_res20;

    if (((DAT_0003f100 == 0) || (DAT_0003f100 == 0x2b992ddfa232)) &&
        (DAT_0003f100 = (_DAT_fffff78000000320 ^ 0x3f100) & 0xffffffffffff, DAT_0003f100 == 0)) {
        DAT_0003f100 = 0x2b992ddfa232;
    }
    DAT_0003f108 = ~DAT_0003f100;
    puVar3 = (uint *)ExAllocatePoolWithTag(1,&DAT_0002ba05,0x5741534a);
    FUN_000117ec((uint *)&DAT_00011970,2,puVar3);
    uVar1 = *puVar3;
    psVar4 = (short *)ExAllocatePoolWithTag(1,uVar1,0x5741534a);
    if (psVar4 != (short *)0x0) {
        iVar2 = RtlDecompressBuffer(0x102,psVar4,uVar1,puVar3 + 1,0x2ba01,local_res18);
        ExFreePoolWithTag(puVar3,0x5741534a);
    }
}
```

PARADOX

SAMPLES

- 7792cededdb61ae249426c2fbb423d
c50e1d5cd11c45155b7b91353cccd89
37a0
- 79f4f0695989020c2b3cdbb9f459635
c995164823868d446654dbc6dbd89c
d52
- 8bade22161bf71a49955a66ec69809
affbd2dde09dc84b94ede57e0d027e8
2e4

ALIAS

- Orange Lambert

FEATURES

- DLLs with no export names
- OriginalName: **avcnet.sys**
- Effort to avoid using WinAPIs

```
void __fastcall FUN_00011383(undefined4 param_1,uint *param_2)
{
    uint uVar1;
    uint uVar2;
    uint uVar3;
    int unaff_ESI;
    uint local_8;

    uVar3 = *param_2;
    uVar2 = param_2[1];
    local_8 = 0xc6ef3720;
    do {
        uVar1 = local_8 + 0x61c88647;
        uVar2 = uVar2 - ((uVar3 >> 5 ^ uVar3 << 4) + *(int *)(&unaff_ESI + (local_8 >> 0xb & 3) * 4) +
                        (local_8 ^ uVar3));
        uVar3 = uVar3 - ((uVar2 >> 5 ^ uVar2 * 0x10) + *(int *)(&unaff_ESI + (uVar1 & 3) * 4) +
                        (uVar1 ^ uVar2));
        local_8 = uVar1;
    } while (uVar1 != 0);
    *param_2 = uVar3;
    param_2[1] = uVar2;
    return;
}
```

PARAMOUNT

SAMPLES

- e6aefbfe8b268334ee052cf8f5ce6916
e0827ffd86d4e86c5e1d72bad3a9010
d

ALIAS

- Maybe DePriMon?

FEATURES

- Exports: PrintDebug / PrintLog
- 2 short, but high entropy resources
- Creates RegKey + Launches service after accessing resources

```
[\$ emit PARAMOUNT/e6aefbfe8b268334ee052cf8f5ce6916e0827ffd86d4e86c5e1d72bad3a9010d | perc [] | peek -W 25

00.061 kB; 54.66% entropy; Non-ISO extended-ASCII text, with no line terminators
path = RCDATA/1738/0

00: E1 B6 B6 DF DF B1 B1 D5 D5 BA BA CD CD BE BE 9E 9E DA DA BF BF D9 D9 B8 B8 .....
19: CD CD A1 A1 D5 D5 F5 F5 A5 A5 D7 D7 BE BE D0 D0 A4 A4 84 84 C9 C9 A6 A6 C8 .....
32: C8 A1 A1 D5 D5 BA BA C8 C8 C8 C8 ......

00.067 kB; 59.50% entropy; Non-ISO extended-ASCII text, with no line terminators
path = RCDATA/2835/0

00: AD EE EE D4 D4 88 88 DF DF B6 B6 D8 D8 BC BC D3 D3 A4 A4 D7 D7 8B 8B F8 F8 .....
19: 81 81 F2 F2 86 86 E3 E3 8E 8E BD BD 8F 8F D3 D3 A4 A4 CD CD A3 A3 CE CE A0 .....
32: A0 D0 D0 A2 A2 D6 D6 F8 F8 9C 9C F0 F0 9C 9C 9C 9C .....
```

RATIONALIST

HTTP-Based Backdoor + Info Stealer

SAMPLES

- 15d2669d1e303b226f206c69554d67d12
1dd6a997b7883ccb081c5b00a3fe259
- 5f88c3ca2bc913d208d96a971ab3afa398
1a0c757cd0da8e57d14dd9f98b98c7
- f3c60150ec27a84f612be0e87abfd643f31
477b631be0901dce0fb47bb354f43

ALIAS

- Green Lambert

FEATURES

- Grabs credentials from Mozilla
- Updated version of **CUTTINGTIES**
- Creates a service: **Netqps**

STRINGS

- Content-Disposition: form-data; name="file";
filename="~up%02X.tmp"
- Content-Type: application/octet-stream
- {%
- %02x%02x%02x-%02x%02x-%02x%02x-
%02x%02x-%02x%02x%02x%02x%02x}
- -----
- %02X%02X%02X%02X%02X%02X

```
GET /login.php?d=https://srv18.banner-add.com&session=318a98e640ab4905c61ae890420b8393e5eb6cf77d5e4b0599083d0915625ea0 HTTP/1.1
User-Agent: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 6.2; WOW64; Trident/8.0; .NET4.0C; .NET4.0E; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.0.30729; .NET CLR 3.5.30729; InfoPath.3)
Host: srv18.banner-add.com
Connection: Keep-Alive
Cache-Control: no-cache
```

SEVENTHTRUMPET

SAMPLES

- c8cf7199468a8ca84adc4b455c4b3a855
d226b2661e869506253fe5336b3ab9
- 7d7191441ef679e4b86ffdffffc98361c2789
f6f2be9fe709c451d2b4f081b36
- 4ef02bd66a8c9417068a5009fb42bf68712
5b1a0bb3eb6c8850c2877f6b9d03a

ALIAS

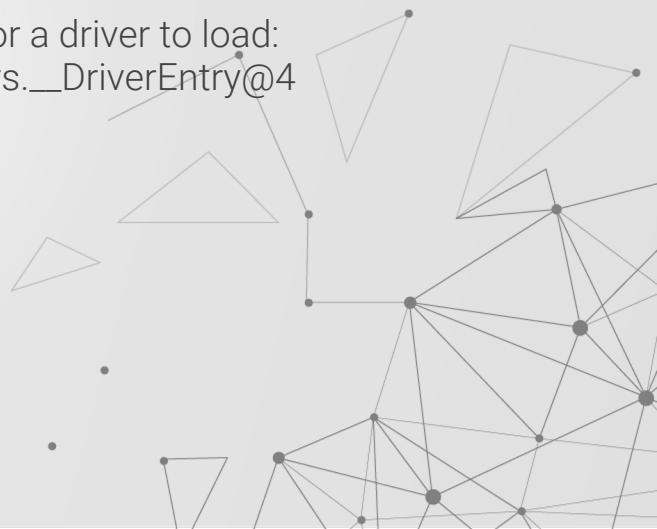
- Gold Lambert

FEATURES

- Only kernel imports
- Linker timestamp from 2002...

STRINGS

- Looks for a driver to load:
acpid.sys._DriverEntry@4



WHITEWASHED

Multi-Stage Loader to Implant a Driver

SAMPLES

- e816b7495dc0730942b37a2198e16e
e6f1e9312d1ab702d6724294f26aade
0aa
- ebd34d687587378705ccaa555626b6
9b167f15446ddb17d949adb18721da
1919
- 3652a7c4ce2387d910519cea4c0114
ea20af0e3c05ffdad4928f79a7e5747
a0d
- e806c60999997757c1e2d62fc7d968
3df03b2cb08da407d0466d9feb4eb5e
457

FEATURES

- Loads a driver from .data into service BiosSrv
- Very similar PDB & DLL Name to **ESCAPEARTIST**
- PDB Age == 0x01

STRINGS

- HTTP Headers

ALIAS

- White Lambert Loader





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