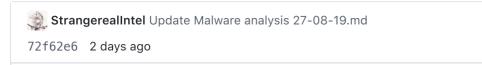
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# Malware analysis about sample of APT Patchwork

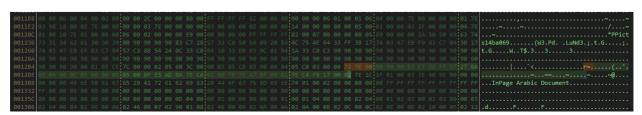
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# Malware analysis

### **Initial vector**

The initial vector is an INP file (format used for the software InPage) with the exploit CVE-2017-12824, we can see here the 0x7E and 0x72 represent a class of type in the stream for use, an ole stream for launch the first binary file.



We can see on the strings on the dll, what extract the file in the temp folder and create a thread for the second PE file.

| ,            |   |         |    |    |        |
|--------------|---|---------|----|----|--------|
| 0x1000207c E | BIN2  | ASCII   |    |    | .rdata |
| 0x10002084 v | vinopen.exe   | UTF16LE | 11 | 24 | .rdata |
| 0x1000209c S | SAMPLE.INP  | UTF16LE | 10 | 22 | .rdata |
| 0x100020b4 F | RSDSXS  | ASCII   | 6  | 7  | .rdata |
| 0x100020cc d | ::\\users\\mz\\documents\\visual studio 2013\\Projects\\Shellcode\\Release\\Shellcode.pdb | ASCII   | 81 | 82 | .rdata |
| 0x100021aa E | xitProcess  | ASCII   | 11 | 12 | .rdata |
| 0x100021b8 F | indResourceA  | ASCII   | 13 | 14 | .rdata |
| 0x100021c8 L | .oadResource  | ASCII   | 12 | 13 | .rdata |
| 0x100021d8 \ | VriteFile   | ASCII   |    |    | .rdata |
| 0x100021e4 S | izeofResource   | ASCII   | 14 | 15 | .rdata |
| 0x100021f6 ( | CreateFileW   | ASCII   | 11 | 12 | .rdata |
| 0x10002204 ( | GetTempPathW  | ASCII   | 12 | 13 | .rdata |
| 0x10002214 L | ockResource   | ASCII   | 12 | 13 | .rdata |
| 0x10002224 I | strcatW   | ASCII   | 8  | 9  | .rdata |
| 0x10002230 ( | CloseHandle   | ASCII   | 11 | 12 | .rdata |
| 0x1000223e 0 | CreateThread  | ASCII   | 12 | 13 | .rdata |
| 0x1000224c k | CERNEL32.dll  | ASCII   | 12 | 13 | .rdata |
| 0x1000225c S | ihellExecuteW   | ASCII   | 13 | 14 | .rdata |
| 0x1000226a 9 | HELL32.dll  | ASCII   | 11 | 12 | .rdata |

```
| push 0 | ; LPSCURITY_ATRIBUTES lpThreadAttributes | push 0 | ; STE_T dectackClse | ; STE_T
```

On the entrypoint of the second PE, we can see the first action is to check the environment in using the anti-forensic technique by the CheckRemoteDebuggerPresent function.

Before go on the others function. We can see that the PE get the name of the user and create their persistence by an RunOnce key in the registry.

(\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\RunOnce Putty explorer.exe CurrentUser C:\file.exe)

After this, this uses the CreateToolhelp32snapshot function for getting a snapshot of all the process an parsed it until this fall on the explorer process.

We can note this check with the IsProcessorFeaturePresent function, for check if and raise an exception for close the program.

```
;-- fcn.004014c2:
(fcn) CallcheckDebug 17
CallcheckDebug (int32_t arg_4h, int32_t arg_8h);
; var int32_t var_324h @ ebp+0x324
; arg int32_t arg_8h @ ebp+0x8
cap ecx, dword [0x403004]
bnd jne 0x4014cd

bnd ret

bnd jmp CheckDebug
```

```
|- CheckDebug 251
CheckDebug (int32_t arg_4h, int32_t arg_8h);
; var int32_t var_324h @ ebp-0x324
; arg int32_t arg_4h @ ebp+0x4
; arg int32_t arg_8h @ ebp+0x8
push ebp
mov ebp, esp
sub esp, 0x324
push 0x17
                                                                             ; 23 ; DWORD ProcessorFeature
          eax, eax
je 0x401514
                                                                        pop ecx
                                                                mov dword [0x403108], eax
mov dword [0x403104], ecx
mov dword [0x403100], edx
mov dword [0x4030fc], ebx
mov dword [0x4030f4], esi
mov dword [0x4030f4], edi
mov word [0x403120], ss
mov word [0x403120], cs
mov word [0x403160] dk
                                                                                                     14], CS
160], ds
160], es
168], fs
164], gs
                                                                mov word
                                                                mov word
                                                                mov word
                                                                mov word [6
                                                                pop dword [0x403118]
mov eax, dword [ebp]
                                                               mov dword [0x40310c], eax
mov eax, dword [arg_4h]
                                                                                                        10], eax
                                                                lea eax, [arg_8h]
                                                                mov eax, dword [var_324h]
mov dword [0x403058], 0x10
                                                               mov dword [0x403058], 0x10
mov dword [0x403058], 0x10
mov davord [0x403014], eax
mov dword [0x403014], eax
mov dword [0x403008], 0xc0
mov dword [0x403006], 1
mov dword [0x403018], 1
                                                                рор еах
                                                                mov dword [eax + 0x40301c], 2
                                                                pop eax
                                                                imul eax, eax, 0
mov ecx, dword [0x403004]
mov dword [ebp + eax - 8], ecx
                                                                push 4
                                                                pop eax
                                                                shl eax,
```

```
mov dword [ebp + eax - 8], ecx
push 0x4020a0
call CheckException
mov esp, ebp
pop ebp
ret
```

Once the check, this injects with a Process Hollowing for create a process for communicate with the C2 and wait to loader the next malware.

```
puth 6 ; WASTE infraces
pouth 6 ; WASTE infraces
pouth 6 ; * LYNDO Iphandoring
pouth 7 ; * LYNDO Iphandoring
pouth 8 ; * LYNDO Iphandoring
pouth 9 ; * LYNDO
```

At the date of the submission in VT, the C2 is down and the next step can't be analysed.

# Cyber kill chain

The process graph resume the cyber kill chain used by the attacker.



### **Cyber Threat Intel**

Firstly, we can observe that the payload seems be with the Professional version of Inpage (2.21). Inpage is currently used in Pakistan which is consistent with the fact that Patchwork is an Indian APT.

Secondly, we can note the same pdb path what the 360TI analysis.

The C2 is hosted on Amazon CloudFront:

| IP           | Hostname                                      | Route          | ASN     | Organiz       |
|--------------|---|----------------|---------|---------------|
| 99.84.194.39 | server-99-84-194-<br>39.lax3.r.cloudfront.net | 99.84.194.0/23 | AS16509 | Amazor<br>Inc |

This payload is linked at one of the recent events:

• A Delegation of Pakistan Naval Academy visits Azerbaijan (5 April 2019)



# Delegation of Pakistan Naval Academy visits Azerbaijan (PHOTO)



(MENAFN - Trend News Agency) Baku, Azerbaijan, April 5

• The visit of Pakistan Air Force Academy delegation in Azerbaijan (20 June 2019)

### Pakistan Air Force Academy delegation visits Azerbaijan

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The delegation consisting of senior officers of Pakistan, South Africa, Oman, and China, who are undergoing training at the staff courses of the Air Force Academy of Pakistan, paid a visit to Azerbaijan.

### **References MITRE ATT&CK Matrix**

List of all the references with MITRE ATT&CK Matrix

| Enterprise tactics | Technics used                                    | Ref URL                                   |
|--------------------|--|---|
| Execution          | T1064 - Scripting                                | https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/T1064 |
| Persistence        | T1060 - Registry<br>Run Keys / Startup<br>Folder | https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/T1060 |
| Defense<br>Evasion | T1093 - Process<br>Hollowing                     | https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/T1093 |
| Discovery          | T1087 - Account<br>Discovery                     | https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/T1087 |

Note: INP exploit hasn't a current category, the most near category found matching with it is Scripting.

## **Indicators Of Compromise (IOC)**

List of all the Indicators Of Compromise (IOC)

| Indicator                                   | Description  |
|---|--|
| Azerbaijan<br>delegation to<br>pakistan.inp | c0eeddccddbf23844c5e479a3dcc30713b697fa83d7c13feb79ect |
| bin1.dll                                    | 078e316440a540ed8095d12f154770118e28ca67a32c0fcc514564 |
| bin2.exe                                    | 67923d0e9717aec0930ed0e4a3f84b5ba00dee9fc64774be452ce  |
| go.affec.tv                                 | Domain requested                                       |
| 99.84.194.39                                | IP C2  |
| go.affec.tv                                 | Domain C2  |

This can be exported as JSON format Export in JSON

### Links

Original tweet: https://twitter.com/jsoo/status/1166353584923041798

#### Links Anyrun:

Azerbaijan delegation to pakistan.inp

#### **Documents:**

- Recent InPage Exploits Lead to Multiple Malware Families
- InPage zero-day exploit used to attack financial institutions in Asia
- Analysis Of Targeted Attack Against Pakistan By Exploiting InPage Vulnerability And Related APT Groups
- The CheckRemoteDebuggerPresent() anti-debugging technique