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1.Basic Identification

Malware Name: W32.HfsAdware.5066

Type: Adware

Platform: Windows (32-bit)

SHA256 Hash: 27c6adc401e509a9e76633df6d3ccb3e91b3d60ed1cb65d522f32efc9e97f238

2.Checklist-Based Static Analysis Summary

- File Type & Size: Likely a `.exe` binary (PE32)
- Hash Validation: SHA256 matched
- Strings Analysis: Ad-related URLs, registry keys, or system calls
- PE Structure Check: Typical adware imports (Wininet.dll, Shell32.dll, etc.)
- Obfuscation/Packing Detected: Possibly packed (e.g., UPX)
- Suspicious APIs: CreateProcess, RegSetValue, ShellExecute, etc.
- Auto-Startup Persistence: Likely via Windows Run registry keys
- Network Indicators: Connects to ad servers
- Ad Behavior: Browser redirects, ad popups

3.Dynamic Behavior (Expected)

- Drops files in %AppData% or %Temp%
- HTTP communication with ad/tracker domains
- Modifies registry for persistence
- Drops helper .dll/.exe files
- No known Command and Control server interaction

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4.Threat Level: Low to Moderate

-This adware is not directly destructive but can degrade system performance, expose users to ads and potential secondary threats.

5.Recommended Mitigation

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- Manually remove autorun entries and dropped files
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6.Additional Notes

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