

# 2. Deobfuscation

## 2.1 Analysis

#### 2.1.1 VBA (80')

• Download this *maldoc* <sup>1</sup> .

DO NOT open it in office! Or at least don't enable macros...

- 1. Run *olevba* to extract the obfuscated code inside the maldoc.
- 2. Have a look at the code.
  - 1. How is the execution of the code triggered?
  - 2. What obfuscation techniques have been used?
- 3. See how far you get with manual deobfuscation of the code.
  - 1. Describe the steps you took.
  - 2. Any idea what the VBA part of this malware does?

#### 2.1.1.1 Automated Deobfuscation (40')

Use *ViperMonkey* to analyze the above mentioned maldoc. Compare with the result of your manual analysis. No need to submit any results but make sure you can run *ViperMonkey* and get a result.

https://github.com/ti-ng/re-deobfuscation/raw/master/Sample.doc

#### 2.1.2 PowerShell

#### 2.1.2.1 Language (60')

When you were done with the VBA deobfuscation, you ended up with something like the following excerpt (or to be safe, just get it from here <sup>2</sup>):

#### DOS

1 powershell -w hidden -enc IABTAGUAVAAtAHYAQQBSAGkAYQBCAEwAZQAgACgAIgBUADQ ... CcAKQA=

Any idea what that could be? To get started on analyzing the program designed to be launched in PowerShell, have a look at what the -enc option does!

- 1. Create a CyberChef recipe which gets you as far as possible.
  - You can export the recipe by using "Save Recipe" and copying from "Chef Format".
- 2. What obfuscation techniques have been used?
- 3. What does the PowerShell part of this malware do?

#### 2.1.2.2 Automated Deobfuscation (60')

- 1. Use *PSDecode* to analyze the above mentioned code. Compare with the result of your manual analysis.
- 2. Where did the automated analysis fail? Any idea why?
- 3. Can you overcome this and manually figure out what the malware does?

 $<sup>{\</sup>color{red}{}^2https://github.com/ti-ng/re-deobfuscation/raw/master/PowerShellInput.txt}$ 

2.1. ANALYSIS

### 2.1.3 JavaScript (80')

Download this malware sample  $^3$ .

DO NOT execute the contained JS (at least not if you're on a Windows host).

- 1. Have a look at the code. What obfuscation techniques have been used?
- 2. See how far you get with manual deobfuscation of the code.
  - 1. Describe the steps you took.
  - 2. Can you devise what this malware does?

#### 2.1.3.1 Automated Deobfuscation (40')

- 1. Use *box-js* to analyze the above mentioned maldoc. Compare with the result of your manual analysis.
- 2. How far did the analysis get you? What's missing?

<sup>3</sup>https://github.com/ti-ng/re-deobfuscation/raw/master/Sample.js