

Cridex Memory Analysis

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Part 1: Image Identification

I first installed the Volatility memory forensics tool. It can be found at: `https://www.volatilityfoundation.org/releases`. You can also you pre-loaded VM's such as Kali Linux or SIFT.

We have our memory sample and now we have to identify what kind of image it is. We can use the *imageinfo* plugin to get information on our sample.

```
root@kali:~/Downloads# volatility -f cridex.vmem imageinfo
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
INFO    : volatility.debug      : Determining profile based on KDBG search...
INFO    : Suggested Profile(s) : WinXPSP2x86, WinXPSP3x86 (Instantiated with WinXPSP2x86)
        AS Layer1 : IA32PagedMemoryPae (Kernel AS)
        AS Layer2 : FileAddressSpace (/root/Downloads/cridex.vmem)
        PAE type  : PAE
        DTB       : 0x2fe000L
        KDBG      : 0x80545ae0L
Number of Processors : 1
Image Type (Service Pack) : 3
        KPCR for CPU 0 : 0xffffdff000L
        KUSER_SHARED_DATA : 0xffffdf0000L
Image date and time   : 2012-07-22 02:45:08 UTC+0000
Image local date and time : 2012-07-21 22:45:08 -0400
```

This info gives us the start we need when we do further analysis using different plugins. We will use the parameter --profile=PROFILE. In our case it will be *--profile=WinXPSP2x86*.

Note: *imageinfo* will give you *suggestions* as to what the profile might be.

Part 2: Identify Rogue Processes

There are several plugins in Volatility that allow us to see the processes that are running. Some of these include: *psscan*, *pstree*, *pslist*, *psxview*.

We can see what processes were previously terminated and processes that have been unlinked by a rootkit by using *psscan*.

Offset(P)	Name	PID	PPID	PDB	Time created	Time exited
0x0000000002029ab8	svchost.exe	908	652	0x079400e0	2012-07-22 02:42:33 UTC+0000	
0x000000000202a3b8	lsass.exe	664	608	0x079400a0	2012-07-22 02:42:32 UTC+0000	
0x00000000020ab28	services.exe	652	608	0x07940080	2012-07-22 02:42:32 UTC+0000	
0x000000000207bda0	reader_sl.exe	1640	1484	0x079401e0	2012-07-22 02:42:36 UTC+0000	
0x00000000020b17b8	spoolsv.exe	1512	652	0x079401c0	2012-07-22 02:42:36 UTC+0000	
0x000000000225bda0	wuauctl.exe	1588	1004	0x07940200	2012-07-22 02:44:01 UTC+0000	
0x00000000022e8da0	alg.exe	788	652	0x07940140	2012-07-22 02:43:01 UTC+0000	
0x00000000023dea70	explorer.exe	1484	1464	0x079401a0	2012-07-22 02:42:36 UTC+0000	
0x00000000023dfda0	svchost.exe	1056	652	0x07940120	2012-07-22 02:42:33 UTC+0000	
0x00000000023fcda0	wuauctl.exe	1136	1004	0x07940180	2012-07-22 02:43:46 UTC+0000	
0x0000000002495650	svchost.exe	1220	652	0x07940160	2012-07-22 02:42:35 UTC+0000	
0x0000000002498700	winlogon.exe	608	368	0x07940060	2012-07-22 02:42:32 UTC+0000	
0x00000000024a0598	cssrss.exe	584	368	0x07940040	2012-07-22 02:42:32 UTC+0000	
0x00000000024f1020	smss.exe	368	4	0x07940020	2012-07-22 02:42:31 UTC+0000	
0x00000000025001d0	svchost.exe	1004	652	0x07940100	2012-07-22 02:42:33 UTC+0000	
0x0000000002511360	svchost.exe	824	652	0x079400c0	2012-07-22 02:42:33 UTC+0000	
0x00000000025c89c8	System	4	0	0x002fe000		

The **pslist** plugin shows the offset, process name, PID, PPID, # of threads, # of handles, and date/time.

pstree is an alternate to **pslist** and can also be used:

Name	Pid	PPid	Thds	Hnds	Time
0x823c89c8:System	4	0	53	240	1970-01-01 00:00:00 UTC+0000
0x822f1020:smss.exe	368	4	3	19	2012-07-22 02:42:31 UTC+0000
0x82298700:winlogon.exe	608	368	23	519	2012-07-22 02:42:32 UTC+0000
0x81e2ab28:services.exe	652	608	16	243	2012-07-22 02:42:32 UTC+0000
0x821dfda0:svchost.exe	1056	652	5	60	2012-07-22 02:42:33 UTC+0000
0x81eb17b8:spoolsv.exe	1512	652	14	113	2012-07-22 02:42:36 UTC+0000
0x81e29ab8:svchost.exe	908	652	9	226	2012-07-22 02:42:33 UTC+0000
0x823001d0:svchost.exe	1004	652	64	1118	2012-07-22 02:42:33 UTC+0000
0x8205bda0:wuauctl.exe	1588	1004	5	132	2012-07-22 02:44:01 UTC+0000
0x821fcda0:wuauctl.exe	1136	1004	8	173	2012-07-22 02:43:46 UTC+0000
0x82311360:svchost.exe	824	652	20	194	2012-07-22 02:42:33 UTC+0000
0x820e8da0:alg.exe	788	652	7	104	2012-07-22 02:43:01 UTC+0000
0x82295650:svchost.exe	1220	652	15	197	2012-07-22 02:42:35 UTC+0000
0x81e2a3b8:lsass.exe	664	608	24	330	2012-07-22 02:42:32 UTC+0000
0x822a0598:cssrss.exe	584	368	9	326	2012-07-22 02:42:32 UTC+0000
0x821dea70:explorer.exe	1484	1464	17	415	2012-07-22 02:42:36 UTC+0000
0x81e7bda0:reader_sl.exe	1640	1484	5	39	2012-07-22 02:42:36 UTC+0000

From this I noticed an odd process that was one of the last processes running named "reader_sl.exe" with the parent process (PPID) being "explorer.exe". Before going further, I ran the **psxview** command which cross reference processes with various lists.

Offset(P)	Name	PID	pslist	psscan	thrdproc	pspcid	cssrss	session	deskthrd	ExitTime
0x02498700	winlogon.exe	608	True	True	True	True	True	True	True	
0x02511360	svchost.exe	824	True	True	True	True	True	True	True	
0x022e8da0	alg.exe	788	True	True	True	True	True	True	True	
0x020b17b8	spoolsv.exe	1512	True	True	True	True	True	True	True	
0x0202ab28	services.exe	652	True	True	True	True	True	True	True	
0x02495650	svchost.exe	1220	True	True	True	True	True	True	True	
0x0207bda0	reader_sl.exe	1640	True	True	True	True	True	True	True	
0x025001d0	svchost.exe	1004	True	True	True	True	True	True	True	
0x02029ab8	svchost.exe	908	True	True	True	True	True	True	True	
0x023fcda0	wuauctl.exe	1136	True	True	True	True	True	True	True	
0x0225bda0	wuauctl.exe	1588	True	True	True	True	True	True	True	
0x0202a3b8	lsass.exe	664	True	True	True	True	True	True	True	
0x023dea70	explorer.exe	1484	True	True	True	True	True	True	True	
0x023dfda0	svchost.exe	1056	True	True	True	True	True	True	True	
0x024f1020	smss.exe	368	True	True	True	True	False	False	False	
0x025c89c8	System	4	True	True	True	True	False	False	False	
0x024a0598	cssrss.exe	584	True	True	True	True	False	True	True	

So, no processes seem to be hidden. If there were processes being hidden we would have seen "False" in the the first two columns (**pslist** and **psscan**).

I wanted to see what the open connections on the computer. We can run plugins such as connscan, and sockets.

Offset(V)	PID	Port	Proto	Protocol	Address	Create Time
0x81ddb780	664	500	17	UDP	0.0.0.0	2012-07-22 02:42:53 UTC+0000
0x82240d08	1484	1038	6	TCP	0.0.0.0	2012-07-22 02:44:45 UTC+0000
0x81dd7618	1220	1900	17	UDP	172.16.112.128	2012-07-22 02:43:01 UTC+0000
0x82125610	788	1028	6	TCP	127.0.0.1	2012-07-22 02:43:01 UTC+0000
0x8219cc08	4	445	6	TCP	0.0.0.0	2012-07-22 02:42:31 UTC+0000
0x81ec23b0	908	135	6	TCP	0.0.0.0	2012-07-22 02:42:33 UTC+0000
0x82276878	4	139	6	TCP	172.16.112.128	2012-07-22 02:42:38 UTC+0000
0x82277460	4	137	17	UDP	172.16.112.128	2012-07-22 02:42:38 UTC+0000
0x81e76620	1004	123	17	UDP	127.0.0.1	2012-07-22 02:43:01 UTC+0000
0x82172808	664	0	255	Reserved	0.0.0.0	2012-07-22 02:42:53 UTC+0000
0x81e3f460	4	138	17	UDP	172.16.112.128	2012-07-22 02:42:38 UTC+0000
0x821f0630	1004	123	17	UDP	172.16.112.128	2012-07-22 02:43:01 UTC+0000
0x822cd2b0	1220	1900	17	UDP	127.0.0.1	2012-07-22 02:43:01 UTC+0000
0x82172c50	664	4500	17	UDP	0.0.0.0	2012-07-22 02:42:53 UTC+0000
0x821f0d00	4	445	17	UDP	0.0.0.0	2012-07-22 02:42:31 UTC+0000

Offset(P)	Local Address	Remote Address	Pid
0x02087620	172.16.112.128:1038	41.168.5.140:8080	1484
0x023a8008	172.16.112.128:1037	125.19.103.198:8080	1484

Connscan is a scanner for TCP connections and **sockets** will detect listening sockets for any protocol (TCP, RAW, UDP, etc).

Immediately we are able to see that two TCP connections are being used by the PID 1484 and one of the connections is still open communicating with IP: 41.168.5.140 via port 1038.

I want to take a look at the last commands run on the system so I try using **cmdscan** and **consoles** which returned nothing. I also tried **cmdline** which gave me some interesting information.

```

root@Kali:~/Downloads# volatility -f cridex.vmem --profile=WinXPSP2x86 cmdline
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
-----
System pid: 4
-----
smss.exe pid: 368
Command line : \SystemRoot\System32\smss.exe
-----
cssrs.exe pid: 584
Command line : C:\WINDOWS\system32\cssrs.exe ObjectDirectory=\Windows SharedSection=1024,3072,512 Windows=On SubSystemType=Windows ServerDll=basesrv,1 ServerDll=winsrv:UserServerDllInitialization,3 ServerDll=winsrv:ConServerDllInitialization,2 ProfileControl=Off MaxRequestThreads=16
-----
winlogon.exe pid: 608
Command line : winlogon.exe
-----
services.exe pid: 652
Command line : C:\WINDOWS\system32\services.exe
-----
lsass.exe pid: 664
Command line : C:\WINDOWS\system32\lsass.exe
-----
svchost.exe pid: 824
Command line : C:\WINDOWS\system32\svchost -k DcomLaunch
-----
svchost.exe pid: 908
Command line : C:\WINDOWS\system32\svchost -k rpcss
-----
svchost.exe pid: 1084
Command line : C:\WINDOWS\System32\svchost.exe -k netsvcs
-----
svchost.exe pid: 1056
Command line : C:\WINDOWS\system32\svchost.exe -k NetworkService
-----
svchost.exe pid: 1220
Command line : C:\WINDOWS\system32\svchost.exe -k LocalService
-----
explorer.exe pid: 1484
Command line : C:\WINDOWS\Explorer.EXE
-----
spoolsv.exe pid: 1512
Command line : C:\WINDOWS\system32\spoolsv.exe
-----
reader_sl.exe pid: 1640
Command line : "C:\Program Files\Adobe\Reader 9.0\Reader\Reader_sl.exe"
-----
alg.exe pid: 788
Command line : C:\WINDOWS\System32\alg.exe
-----
wuauclt.exe pid: 1136
Command line : "C:\WINDOWS\system32\wuauclt.exe" /RunStoreAsComServer Local\[3ec]SUSDSb81eb56fa3105543beb3109274ef8ec1
-----
wuauclt.exe pid: 1588
Command line : "C:\WINDOWS\system32\wuauclt.exe"

```

From these cmdline arguments the file “`reader_sl.exe`” is really suspicious. It seems to reside in [Adobe\Reader 9.0\reader_sl.exe](#) in the C drive of the windows file system. PID 1640 was launched as part of the explorer process and is an Adobe Reader application. But we were able to see an external IP (41.168.5.14:1038) used by the very same process....

We can dig further using the `memdump` and `procdump` plugins. `Memdump` extracts all memory resident pages in a process into an individual file. We can use `-D or -dump-dir=DIR`.

```

root@Kali:~/Downloads# volatility -f cridex.vmem --profile=WinXPSP2x86 procdump -p 1640 --dump-dir .
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
Process(V) ImageBase Name Result
-----
0x81e7bd00 0x00400000 reader_sl.exe OK: executable.1640.exe
root@Kali:~/Downloads# volatility -f cridex.vmem --profile=WinXPSP2x86 procdump -p 1056 --dump-dir .
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
Process(V) ImageBase Name Result
-----
0x821dfda0 0x01000000 svchost.exe OK: executable.1056.exe
root@Kali:~/Downloads# volatility -f cridex.vmem --profile=WinXPSP2x86 memdump -p 1640 --dump-dir .
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
*****
Writing reader_sl.exe [ 1640] to 1640.dmp
root@Kali:~/Downloads# volatility -f cridex.vmem --profile=WinXPSP2x86 memdump -p 1056 --dump-dir .
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
*****
Writing svchost.exe [ 1056] to 1056.dmp

```

***I meant to dump PID 1484 NOT 1056

The first file “`executable.1640.exe`” is a procurement of the executable “`Reader_sl.exe`” and the dump extracted “`1640.dmp`” represents the addressable memory of the processes.

I analyzed these commands using strings and piped it with grep in order to find a correlation with the IP 41.168.5.140. The grep and `-C #NUMBER` command to get the previous and next lines.

The executable “`Reader_sl.exe`” is communicating with the IP 41.168.5.140 using POST requests.

If you run strings and pipe it with less (`strings 1640.dmp | less`) we can see the file. I found a significant amount of banking and financial domains...

Part 3: Hunting for Malicious Activity

Anomalous activity from two processes (explorer.exe and reader_sl.exe) suggests that there might be some code injection. I used the **malfind** plugin to confirm this theory.

```
root@kali:~/Downloads# volatility -f cridex.vmem --profile=WinXPSP2x86 malfind -p 1484
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
Process: explorer.exe Pid: 1484 Address: 0x14600000
Vad Tag: VadS Protection: PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE
Flags: CommitCharge: 33, MemCommit: 1, PrivateMemory: 1, Protection: 6

0x01460000 4d 5a 90 00 03 00 00 00 04 00 00 00 ff ff 00 00  MZ.....
0x01460010 b8 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 40 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  ....@....
0x01460020 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  .....
0x01460030 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 e0 00 00 00 00  .....
```

```
root@kali:~/Downloads# volatility -f cridex.vmem --profile=WinXPSP2x86 malfind -p 1640
Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.6
Process: reader_sl.exe Pid: 1640 Address: 0x003d0000
Vad Tag: VadS Protection: PAGE_EXECUTE_READWRITE
Flags: CommitCharge: 33, MemCommit: 1, PrivateMemory: 1, Protection: 6

0x003d0000 4d 5a 90 00 03 00 00 00 04 00 00 00 ff ff 00 00  MZ.....
0x003d0010 b8 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 40 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  ....@....
0x003d0020 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00  .....
0x003d0030 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 e0 00 00 00 00  .....
```

I found the virtual address space and dumped the data using **vaddump** for the two processes. After I had this .dmp I was able to confirm that memory was allocated in the targeted process(es) with the VirtualAllocEx, the injected code was written to the targeted processes via WriteProcessMemory, and malicious thread of execution was spawned via CreateRemoteThread. It seems to be that explorer.exe and reader_sl.exe seem to be injected with the same code.

Using the **apihooks** plugin I was able to see what kind of .dll hook functions (inline) were being injected into the two processes in question (reader_sl.exe and explorer.exe). The functions hooked **ws_32.dll** are pretty much all socket related (probably going over port 8080 like we observed in our socket and connscan), **secure32.dll** functions are related to encrypting/decrypting data in transit. The **ntdll.dll** functions seem to be used for loading a module and resume the thread of the execution of the injected code.

```
Hook mode: Usermode
Hook type: Inline/Trampoline
Process: 1640 (reader_sl.exe)
Victim module: Secur32.dll (0x77fe0000 - 0x77ff1000)
Function: Secur32.dll!DecryptMessage at 0x77fea64a
Hook address: 0x3d9f20
Hooking module: <unknown>
```

```
Hook mode: Usermode
Hook type: Inline/Trampoline
Process: 1640 (reader_sl.exe)
Victim module: WS2_32.dll (0x71ab0000 - 0x71ac7000)
Function: WS2_32.dll!WSARecv at 0x71ab4cb5
Hook address: 0x3d6dd0
Hooking module: <unknown>
```

```
Hook mode: Usermode
Hook type: Inline/Trampoline
Process: 1640 (reader_sl.exe)
Victim module: ntdll.dll (0x7c900000 - 0x7c9af000)
Function: ntdll.dll!LdrLoadDll at 0x7c9163a3
Hook address: 0x3da300
Hooking module: <unknown>
```

```
Hook mode: Usermode
Hook type: Inline/Trampoline
Process: 1640 (reader_sl.exe)
Victim module: ntdll.dll (0x7c900000 - 0x7c9af000)
Function: ntdll.dll!NtResumeThread at 0x7c90db20
Hook address: 0x3da330
Hooking module: <unknown>
```

```
Hook mode: Usermode
Hook type: Inline/Trampoline
Process: 1640 (reader_sl.exe)
Victim module: Secur32.dll (0x77fe0000 - 0x77ff1000)
Function: Secur32.dll!EncryptMessage at 0x77fea5fb
Hook address: 0x3da1e0
Hooking module: <unknown>
```

After taking a look at the domains that "Reader_sl.exe" is communicating with I decided this was likely an IOC and to dig deeper and run some dynamic analysis. I am not currently as capable as I'd like to be with reverse analysis so I decided to use VT and see what kind of results I would get.

List of domains found in 1640.dmp (not complete)

chase.com	*suntrust.com*
bankofamerica.com	*wellsfargo.com*
pnc.com	*ibanking-services.com*
suntrust.com	*bankonline.umpquabank.com*
wellsfargo.com	*nsbank.com*
ibanking-services.com	*securentry.calbanktrust.com*
bankonline.umpquabank.com	*telepc.net*
nsbank.com	*enterprise2.openbank.com*
securentry.calbanktrust.com	*global1.onlinebank.com*
enterprise2.openbank.com	*firstbanks.com*
BusinessAppsHome	*bxs.com*
global1.onlinebank.com	*hsbc.co.uk*
webexpress	*ablv.com*
webcash	*accessbankplc.com*
firstbanks.com	*alphabank.com.cy*
bxs.com	*baltikums.com*
businesslogin	*baltikums.eu*
otm.suntrust.com	*banesco.com.pa*
fnfgbusinessonline.enterprisebanker.com	*bankaustria.at*
lakecitybank.webcashmgmt.com	*banknet.lv*
bob.sovereignbank.com	*bankofcyprus.com*
directline4biz.com	*bobibanking.com*
e-moneyger.com	*butterfieldonline.ky*
securentrycorp.amegybank.com	*cimbanque.net*
treasurypathways.com	*cs.directnet.com*
weblink.websterbank.com	*directnet.com*
secure7.onlineaccess1.com	*danskebanka.lv*
trz.tranzact.org	*ebank.laiki.com*
onlineaccess1.com	*ebank.rcbc.com*
securereport.texascapitalbank.com	*ebemo.bemobank.com*
ebc_ebc1961	*e-norvik.lv*
tdbank.com	*eurobankefg.com*
online.ovcb.com	*eurobankefg.com.cy*
ebanking-services.com	*ekp.lv*
schwab.com	*fbmedirect.com*
billmelater.com	*hblibank.com*
chase.com	*hellenicnetbanking.com*
bankofamerica.com	*hiponet.lv*
pnc.com	*hkbea*
suntrust.com !!!!	*ibanka.seb.lv*
wellsfargo.com	*ib.baltikums.com*
ibanking-services.com	*geonline.lv*
bankonline.umpquabank.com	*ib.dnb.lv*
nsbank.com	*bib.lv*
securentry.calbanktrust.com	*ib.snoras.com*
telepc.net	*i-linija.lt*
enterprise2.openbank.com	*loyalbank.com*
global1.onlinebank.com	*marfinbank.com.cy*
firstbanks.com	*multinetbank.eu*
bxs.com	*nordea.com*
hsbc.co.uk	*secure.ltbbank.com*
ablv.com	*secure.ltblv.com*
accessbankplc.com	*swedbank.lv*
alphabank.com.cy	*norvik.lv*
baltikums.com	*online.alphabank.com.cy*
baltikums.eu	*online.citadele.lv*
banesco.com.pa	*online.lkb.lv*
bankaustria.at	*cs.directnet.com*
banknet.lv	
bankofcyprus.com	
bobibanking.com	
butterfieldonline.ky	
cimbanque.net	

VirusTotal Analysis:

<https://www.virustotal.com/gui/file/5b136147911b041f0126ce82dfd24c4e2c79553b65d3240ece2dcab4452dc5/details>

The screenshot shows the VirusTotal analysis interface. At the top left is a circular icon with a red '26' and a green '66' below it, indicating the number of engines that detected the file. To the right is a summary card with the file hash '5b136147911b041f0126ce82dfd24c4e2c79553b65d3240ece2dcab4452dc5', the file name 'AcroSpeedLaunch.exe', a 'peexe' button, a size of '28.5 KB', a timestamp of '2019-07-29 18:19:23 UTC', and a '9 days ago' note. A 'Community Score' button is also present. Below this is a table titled 'DETECTION' with columns for 'DETAILS', 'BEHAVIOR', and 'COMMUNITY'. The table lists 15 detections from various engines, each with a status icon (e.g., suspicious, unsafe), behavior type, provider name, and a detailed threat ID.

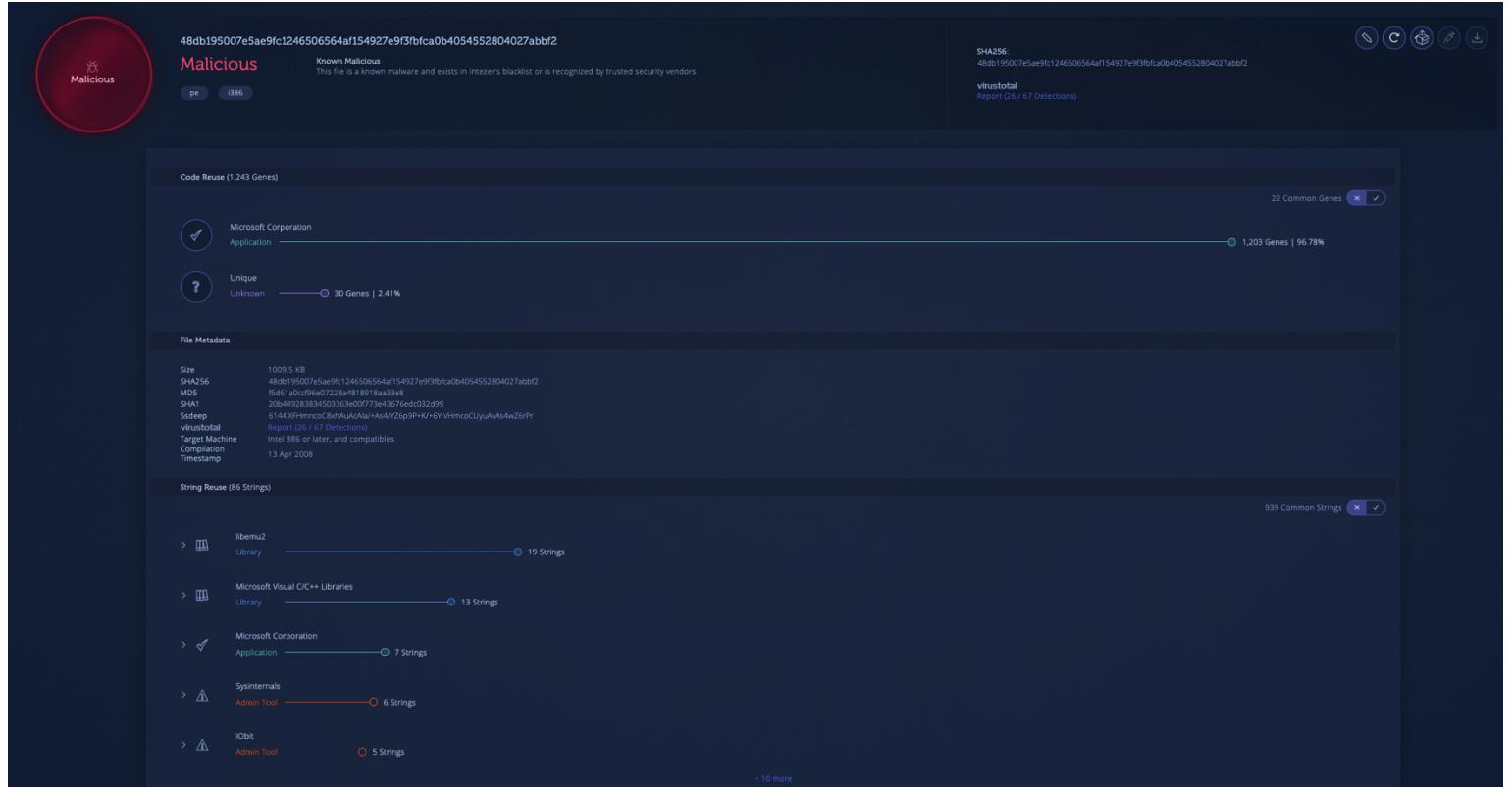
DETECTION	DETAILS	BEHAVIOR	COMMUNITY
Acronis	⚠ Suspicious	Ad-Aware	⚠ Trojan.GenericKD.41512677
AegisLab	⚠ Trojan.Multi.Generic.4!c	Alibaba	⚠ Trojan:Win32/Multiop.1c3efc4f
ALYac	⚠ Trojan.GenericKD.41512677	Arcabit	⚠ Trojan.Generic.D2796EE5
BitDefender	⚠ Trojan.GenericKD.41512677	Comodo	⚠ Malware@#b2ihr9eixiv
Cylance	⚠ Unsafe	Cyren	⚠ W32/Trojan.TRNM-0415
Emsisoft	⚠ Trojan.GenericKD.41512677 (B)	eScan	⚠ Trojan.GenericKD.41512677
FireEye	⚠ Trojan.GenericKD.41512677	Fortinet	⚠ PossibleThreat
GData	⚠ Trojan.GenericKD.41512677	Ikarus	⚠ Trojan.Win32.Patched
Kaspersky	⚠ UDS:DangerousObject.Muti.Generic	MAX	⚠ Malware (ai Score=99)
MaxSecure	⚠ Trojan.Malware.1728101.susgen	McAfee	⚠ RDN/Generic.dx
McAfee-GW-Edition	⚠ RDN/Generic.dx	Microsoft	⚠ Trojan:Win32/Multiop
VBA32	⚠ Adware.Presenoker	VIPRE	⚠ Trojan.Win32.Generic!BT
Webroot	⚠ W32.Trojan.Multiop	ZoneAlarm by Check Point	⚠ UDS:DangerousObject.Muti.Generic

I've included the link to the VT report if anyone wants to investigate further and see what kind of details are in the VT analysis.

Next step would be to take a look at the encrypted messages being communicated and also see what kind of data is being exfil from the system. Pretty much the only way I can think of is to reverse engineer the payload that was taken out of the memory regions of PIDs 1640 and 1484 (explorer.exe and reader_sl.exe).

Intezer Analysis:

<https://analyze.intezer.com/#/analyses/66042113-c83f-4276-ae24-0c43e4374204>



Cridex Analysis Takeaways:

System: Windows XP

Malware: Cridex

Attack Technique: Code Injection -> Exfiltration

IOC's I found:

- explorer.exe
- reader_sl.exe
- 41.168.5[.]140:8080
- 125.19.103[.]198:8080
- MD5 12cf6583f5a9171a1d621ae02b4eb626
- SHA-1 61ed2778d7669d6835823369fd04278626303362
- SHA-256 5b136147911b041f0126ce82dfd24c4e2c79553b65d3240ecea2dcab4452dcb5

Notes:

- creates process
- collects exfiltrates data
- communication is encrypted when going out
- is able to traverse the file system and achieve some kind of persistence
- contacts external IP's/hosts

- injected two benign processes with payload

How Can We Analyze Further?

- grep VAD dump for IP's relating to PIDs 1640 and 1484
 - o create graph in Maltego to correlate the IP's with country, designation, DNS, and ASN
- perform reverse analysis of payload in order to better understand what has been taken/is being taken
- To better understand the obfuscated strings we can use a tool from FireEye called Floss
- There is also Rekall made by Google that can also be used to understand Windows memory samples

Part 4: Remediation

Prevention:

- Stop using Windows XP in 2019 😊
- Search in the process dump file for the IP's listed as IOC's
- Analyze each possible infected host to see if it is linked to the malware
- Train employees not to open attachments from suspicious emails

Deletion and Containment

- Use an antivirus that can detect this malware and has a signature in place to catch and delete it.
- Isolate the systems quickly to prevent further spreading

**** I might keep adding to this report as I learn more analysis techniques and become a more comfortable with reverse analysis ****

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- James Quinn (SOC Analyst at Binary Defense): Helped me understand certain concepts and explain to me what I should be looking for, what kind of process to follow, and general windows tips. Also peaked my interest in setting up my own Honeypot lab to see network traffic and collect wild malware samples.
- *The Art of Memory Forensics* by AAron Walters, Andrew Case, Jamie Levy, and Michael Hale Ligh
- Andrea Fortuna for publishing excellent content online about Volatility usage and analyzing malware/memory

