

# Extracting Multiple Streams From OLE Files

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Reader Martin asks us for some help extracting embedded content from a submitted [malicious document](#).

These are the streams inside the document, listed with [oledump.py](#):

```
@SANS_ISC C:\Demo>oledump.py Encomenda_Fornecedor_255.xls.zip
1:      114 '\x01CompObj'
2:      244 '\x05DocumentSummaryInformation'
3:      200 '\x05SummaryInformation'
4:      114 'MBD020BC545/\x01CompObj'
5:       62 'MBD020BC545/\x01ole'
6:     66101 'MBD020BC545/Package'
7:      93 'MBD020BC546/\x01CompObj'
8:       62 'MBD020BC546/\x01ole'
9:    141190 'MBD020BC546/CONTENTS'
10:     93 'MBD020BC547/\x01CompObj'
11:       62 'MBD020BC547/\x01ole'
12:    62293 'MBD020BC547/CONTENTS'
13:     93 'MBD020BC548/\x01CompObj'
14:       64 'MBD020BC548/\x01ole'
15:    78265 'MBD020BC548/CONTENTS'
16:      99 'MBD020BC549/\x01CompObj'
17:    45180 'MBD020BC549/Package'
18:      93 'MBD020BC54A/\x01CompObj'
19:       64 'MBD020BC54A/\x01ole'
20:    78265 'MBD020BC54A/CONTENTS'
21:      114 'MBD020BC54B/\x01CompObj'
22:    708 'MBD020BC54B/\x05DocumentSummaryInformation'
23:   372 'MBD020BC54B/\x05SummaryInformation'
24:  97808 'MBD020BC54B/Workbook'
25:      93 'MBD020BC54C/\x01CompObj'
26:       64 'MBD020BC54C/\x01ole'
27:    78265 'MBD020BC54C/CONTENTS'
28:      114 'MBD020BC54D/\x01CompObj'
29:    708 'MBD020BC54D/\x05DocumentSummaryInformation'
30:   372 'MBD020BC54D/\x05SummaryInformation'
31:  97808 'MBD020BC54D/Workbook'
32: !      0 'MBD020BC54D/_VBA_PROJECT_CUR/VBA/Sheet1'
33: !      0 'MBD020BC54D/_VBA_PROJECT_CUR/VBA/ThisWorkbook'
34: !      0 'MBD020BC54D/_VBA_PROJECT_CUR/VBA/_VBA_PROJECT'
35:     99 'MBD020BC54E/\x01CompObj'
36:  45121 'MBD020BC54E/Package'
37:     20 'MBD020BC54F/\x01ole'
38:   1482 'MBD020BC54F/\x01ole10native'
39:  323014 'Workbook'
40:    522 '_VBA_PROJECT_CUR/PROJECT'
41:    104 '_VBA_PROJECT_CUR/PROJECTwm'
42: m    977 '_VBA_PROJECT_CUR/VBA/Sheet1'
43: m    977 '_VBA_PROJECT_CUR/VBA/Sheet2'
44: m    977 '_VBA_PROJECT_CUR/VBA/Sheet3'
45: m    985 '_VBA_PROJECT_CUR/VBA/ThisWorkbook'
46:  2644 '_VBA_PROJECT_CUR/VBA/_VBA_PROJECT'
47:    553 '_VBA_PROJECT_CUR/VBA/dir'

@SANS_ISC C:\Demo>
```

The streams to extract are those where the stream name includes Package, CONTENTS, ... .

This can be done with oledump as follows: oledump.py -s 6 -d sample.vir > extracted.vir

-s 6 selects stream 6, and -d produces a binary dump which is written to a file via file redirection (>).

This has to be repeated for every stream that could be interesting.

But I also have another method, that involves less repeated commands.

First, we let oledump.py analyze the file, and produce JSON output. This JSON output contains all the streams (id, name and content) and can be consumed by other tools I make, like [file-magic.py](#), a tool to identify files based on their content.

Like this:

```
@SANS_ISC C:\Demo>oledump.py --jsonoutput Encomenda_Fornecedor_255.xls.zip | file-magic.py --jsoninput
'\x01CompObj'      data
'\x05DocumentSummaryInformation'      data
'\x05SummaryInformation'      data
'MBD020BC545/\x01CompObj'      data
'MBD020BC545/\x01Ole'      data
'MBD020BC545/Package'      Microsoft Word 2007+
'MBD020BC546/\x01CompObj'      data
'MBD020BC546/\x01Ole'      data
'MBD020BC546/CONTENTS'      PDF document, version 1.7
'MBD020BC547/\x01CompObj'      data
'MBD020BC547/\x01Ole'      data
'MBD020BC547/CONTENTS'      PDF document, version 1.7
'MBD020BC548/\x01CompObj'      data
'MBD020BC548/\x01Ole'      data
'MBD020BC548/CONTENTS'      PDF document, version 1.4
'MBD020BC549/\x01CompObj'      data
'MBD020BC549/Package'      Microsoft Excel 2007+
'MBD020BC54A/\x01CompObj'      data
'MBD020BC54A/\x01Ole'      data
'MBD020BC54A/CONTENTS'      PDF document, version 1.4
'MBD020BC54B/\x01CompObj'      data
'MBD020BC54B/\x05DocumentSummaryInformation'      data
'MBD020BC54B/\x05SummaryInformation'      data
'MBD020BC54B/Workbook'      data
'MBD020BC54C/\x01CompObj'      data
'MBD020BC54C/\x01Ole'      data
'MBD020BC54C/CONTENTS'      PDF document, version 1.4
'MBD020BC54D/\x01CompObj'      data
'MBD020BC54D/\x05DocumentSummaryInformation'      data
'MBD020BC54D/\x05SummaryInformation'      data
'MBD020BC54D/Workbook'      data
'MBD020BC54D/_VBA_PROJECT_CUR/VBA/Sheet1'      empty
'MBD020BC54D/_VBA_PROJECT_CUR/VBA/ThisWorkbook'      empty
'MBD020BC54D/_VBA_PROJECT_CUR/VBA/_VBA_PROJECT'      empty
'MBD020BC54E/\x01CompObj'      data
'MBD020BC54E/Package'      Microsoft Excel 2007+
'MBD020BC54F/\x01Ole10native'      data
'MBD020BC54F/\x01Ole10native'      data
'Workbook'      data
'_VBA_PROJECT_CUR/PROJECT'      ASCII text, with CRLF line terminators
'_VBA_PROJECT_CUR/PROJECT.wm'      data
'_VBA_PROJECT_CUR/VBA/Sheet1'      data
'_VBA_PROJECT_CUR/VBA/Sheet2'      data
'_VBA_PROJECT_CUR/VBA/Sheet3'      data
'_VBA_PROJECT_CUR/VBA/ThisWorkbook'      data
'_VBA_PROJECT_CUR/VBA/_VBA_PROJECT'      data
'_VBA_PROJECT_CUR/VBA/dir'      data

@SANS_TSC C:\Demo>
```

file-magic.py identified the content of each stream; data, Word, PDF, ...

We can now let `file-magic.py` produce JSON output, that can then be filtered by another tool: [myjson-filter.py](#):

```
@SANS_ISC C:\Demo>oledump.py --jsonoutput Encomenda_Fornecedor_255.xls.zip | file-magic.py --jsoninput --jsonoutput | myjson-filter.py -l
1: '\x01CompObj' data
2: '\x05DocumentSummaryInformation' data
3: '\x05SummaryInformation' data
4: 'MBD020BC545/\x01CompObj' data
5: 'MBD020BC545/\x01OLE' data
6: 'MBD020BC545/Package' Microsoft Word 2007+
7: 'MBD020BC546/\x01CompObj' data
8: 'MBD020BC546/\x01OLE' data
9: 'MBD020BC546/CONTENTS' PDF document, version 1.7
10: 'MBD020BC547/\x01CompObj' data
11: 'MBD020BC547/\x01OLE' data
12: 'MBD020BC547/CONTENTS' PDF document, version 1.7
13: 'MBD020BC548/\x01CompObj' data
14: 'MBD020BC548/\x01OLE' data
15: 'MBD020BC548/CONTENTS' PDF document, version 1.4
16: 'MBD020BC549/\x01CompObj' data
17: 'MBD020BC549/Package' Microsoft Excel 2007+
18: 'MBD020BC54A/\x01CompObj' data
19: 'MBD020BC54A/\x01OLE' data
20: 'MBD020BC54A/CONTENTS' PDF document, version 1.4
21: 'MBD020BC54B/\x01CompObj' data
22: 'MBD020BC54B/\x05DocumentSummaryInformation' data
23: 'MBD020BC54B/\x05SummaryInformation' data
24: 'MBD020BC54B/Workbook' data
25: 'MBD020BC54C/\x01CompObj' data
26: 'MBD020BC54C/\x01OLE' data
27: 'MBD020BC54C/CONTENTS' PDF document, version 1.4
28: 'MBD020BC54D/\x01CompObj' data
29: 'MBD020BC54D/\x05DocumentSummaryInformation' data
30: 'MBD020BC54D/\x05SummaryInformation' data
31: 'MBD020BC54D/Workbook' data
32: 'MBD020BC54D/_VBA_PROJECT_CUR/VBA/Sheet1' empty
33: 'MBD020BC54D/_VBA_PROJECT_CUR/VBA/ThisWorkbook' empty
34: 'MBD020BC54D/_VBA_PROJECT_CUR/VBA/_VBA_PROJECT' empty
35: 'MBD020BC54E/\x01CompObj' data
36: 'MBD020BC54E/Package' Microsoft Excel 2007+
37: 'MBD020BC54F/\x01OLE' data
38: 'MBD020BC54F/\x01OLE10natiVE' data
39: 'Workbook' data
40: '_VBA_PROJECT_CUR/PROJECT' ASCII text, with CRLF line terminators
41: '_VBA_PROJECT_CUR/PROJECTTwm' data
42: '_VBA_PROJECT_CUR/VBA/Sheet1' data
43: '_VBA_PROJECT_CUR/VBA/Sheet2' data
44: '_VBA_PROJECT_CUR/VBA/Sheet3' data
45: '_VBA_PROJECT_CUR/VBA/ThisWorkbook' data
46: '_VBA_PROJECT_CUR/VBA/_VBA_PROJECT' data
47: '_VBA_PROJECT_CUR/VBA/dir' data

@SANS_ISC C:\Demo>
```

By default, myjson-filter.py produces JSON output (filtered), but with option -l (--list), we obtain a list of the items and can easily observe what the effect of our filtering is (for the moment, we have not yet filtered).

With option -t, we will filter by type (determined by file-magic.py). Option -t takes a regular expression that will be used to select types. Let's go with regular expression data:

```
@SANS_ISC C:\Demo>oledump.py --jsonoutput Encomenda_Fornecedor_255.xls.zip | file-magic.py --jsoninput --jsonoutput | myjson-filter.py -l -t data
1: '\x01CompObj' data
2: '\x05DocumentSummaryInformation' data
3: '\x05SummaryInformation' data
4: 'MBD020BC545/\x01CompObj' data
5: 'MBD020BC545/\x01Ole' data
7: 'MBD020BC546/\x01CompObj' data
8: 'MBD020BC546/\x01Ole' data
10: 'MBD020BC547/\x01CompObj' data
11: 'MBD020BC547/\x01Ole' data
13: 'MBD020BC548/\x01CompObj' data
14: 'MBD020BC548/\x01Ole' data
16: 'MBD020BC549/\x01CompObj' data
18: 'MBD020BC54A/\x01CompObj' data
19: 'MBD020BC54A/\x01Ole' data
21: 'MBD020BC54B/\x01CompObj' data
22: 'MBD020BC54B/\x05DocumentSummaryInformation' data
23: 'MBD020BC54B/\x05SummaryInformation' data
24: 'MBD020BC54B/Workbook' data
25: 'MBD020BC54C/\x01CompObj' data
26: 'MBD020BC54C/\x01Ole' data
28: 'MBD020BC54D/\x01CompObj' data
29: 'MBD020BC54D/\x05DocumentSummaryInformation' data
30: 'MBD020BC54D/\x05SummaryInformation' data
31: 'MBD020BC54D/Workbook' data
35: 'MBD020BC54E/\x01CompObj' data
37: 'MBD020BC54F/\x01Ole' data
38: 'MBD020BC54F/\x01Ole10native' data
39: 'Workbook' data
41: '_VBA_PROJECT_CUR/PROJECTwm' data
42: '_VBA_PROJECT_CUR/VBA/Sheet1' data
43: '_VBA_PROJECT_CUR/VBA/Sheet2' data
44: '_VBA_PROJECT_CUR/VBA/Sheet3' data
45: '_VBA_PROJECT_CUR/VBA/ThisWorkbook' data
46: '_VBA_PROJECT_CUR/VBA/_VBA_PROJECT' data
47: '_VBA_PROJECT_CUR/VBA/dir' data

@SANS_ISC C:\Demo>
```

At first, what is identified as just data, doesn't interest us. So we will reverse the selection (v), to select everything that isn't data, like this:

```
@SANS_ISC C:\Demo>oledump.py --jsonoutput Encomenda_Fornecedor_255.xls.zip | file-magic.py --jsoninput --jsonoutput | myjson-filter.py -l -t #v#data
6: 'MBD020BC545/Package' Microsoft Word 2007+
9: 'MBD020BC546/CONTENTS' PDF document, version 1.7
12: 'MBD020BC547/CONTENTS' PDF document, version 1.7
15: 'MBD020BC548/CONTENTS' PDF document, version 1.4
17: 'MBD020BC549/Package' Microsoft Excel 2007+
20: 'MBD020BC54A/CONTENTS' PDF document, version 1.4
27: 'MBD020BC54C/CONTENTS' PDF document, version 1.4
32: 'MBD020BC54D/_VBA_PROJECT_CUR/VBA/Sheet1' empty
33: 'MBD020BC54D/_VBA_PROJECT_CUR/VBA/ThisWorkbook' empty
34: 'MBD020BC54D/_VBA_PROJECT_CUR/VBA/_VBA_PROJECT' empty
36: 'MBD020BC54E/Package' Microsoft Excel 2007+
40: '_VBA_PROJECT_CUR/PROJECT' ASCII text, with CRLF line terminators

@SANS_ISC C:\Demo>
```

I justed added a new option to my myjson-filter.py tool, to easily write all selected items to disk as individual files: option -W (--write).

Option -W requires a value: vir, hash, hashvir or idvir. Value vir instructs my tool to create files with a filename that is the (cleaned) item name and with extension .vir. Like this:

```
@SANS_ISC C:\Demo>oledump.py --jsonoutput Encomenda_Fornecedor_255.xls.zip | file-magic.py --jsoninput --jsonoutput | myjson-filter.py -t #v#data -W vir
Writing: _MBD020BC545_Package_.vir
Writing: _MBD020BC546_CONTENTS_.vir
Writing: _MBD020BC547_CONTENTS_.vir
Writing: _MBD020BC548_CONTENTS_.vir
Writing: _MBD020BC549_Package_.vir
Writing: _MBD020BC54A_CONTENTS_.vir
Writing: _MBD020BC54C_CONTENTS_.vir
Writing: _MBD020BC54D__VBA_PROJECT_CUR_VBA_Sheet1_.vir
Writing: _MBD020BC54D__VBA_PROJECT_CUR_VBA_ThisWorkbook_.vir
Writing: _MBD020BC54D__VBA_PROJECT_CUR_VBA_VBA_PROJECT_.vir
Writing: _MBD020BC54E_Package_.vir
Writing: __VBA_PROJECT_CUR_PROJECT_.vir

@SANS_ISC C:\Demo>
```

So now we have written all streams to disk, that were identified as something else than just plain data.

If you don't find what you are looking for in these files, just use -t data to write all data files to disk, and see if you can find what you are looking for in these files.

For another example of my tools that support JSON, take a look at my blog post "[Combining zipdump, file-magic And myjson-filter](#)".

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