

Let's Learn: In-Depth Reversing of Qakbot "qbot" Banker Part 1

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Goal: Reverse engineer and analyze the Qakbot banker with the focus on its core functionality, new configuration, and decoded template.

```
#Emotet and #Qakbot
Invoice-75301.doc [Old Template]
5f894602e88263e34dcdbb2eb2da3078

polysorce.com/newsletter/En_us/Invoice/Invoice-75301

Payload download exe"png" files, signed by thawte, Inc

Use Invoke-DOSfuscation pic.twitter.com/TGkaQzAUBR
— \_(O_0)_/ (@pollo290987) July 25, 2018
```

Malware Sources:

Invoice-75301.doc([5f894602e88263e34dcdbb2eb2da3078](#))

Original Signed Packed Qakbot Banker

([805f48f1295e28cc82c180844e3165d6](#))

- Unpacked Qakbot Core x86 ([95ec8de64002fc5de7c04ceba04702da](#))
 - Qbot Communicator Dll x86 ([7dad18c4d149849c727fe39eee184fe8](#))
 - Qbot Inject Dll x64 ([03e78339b09aa5e9885c24b2e8af84f4](#))
 - Qbot persistence script ([c4eaff27f786204627c5b2b915e9c801](#))

Background

While investigating one notable infection chain distribution (thanks to [@pollo290987](#)), linked to both Emotet Loader and Qakbot Banker, I decided to take a deeper dive into the QakBot binary and its related component with the focus on core functionality. Qakbot is one of the oldest but yet-still-active bankers on the financial malware landscape operating since 2009. Qbot is a credential-stealing financial malware known to target customers of financial institutions for account takeover fraud (ATO). The malware has worm capabilities to self-replicate through shared networks, drives, and removable media, and is notable for active directory bruteforcing as detailed by [IBM X-Force](#).

Outline:

The following functions of interest will be analyzed:

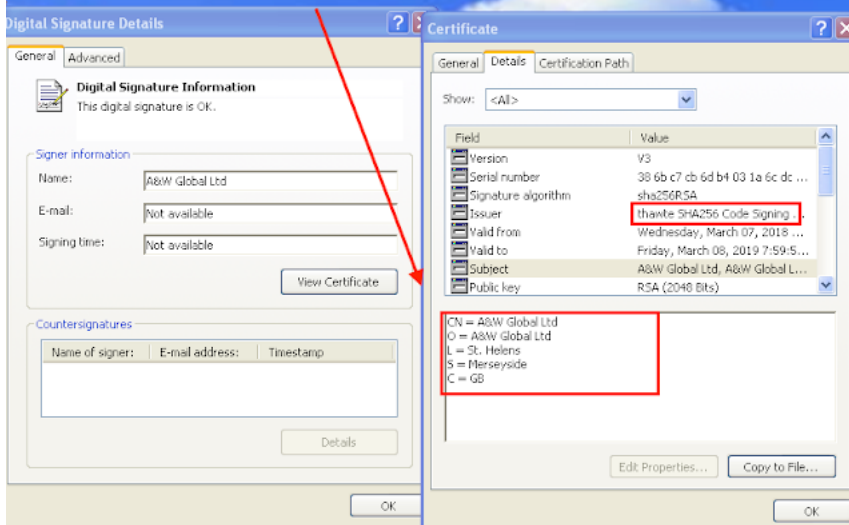
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I. Packed Digitally Signed Qakbot Loader

The malware initial packed loader is digitally signed with Thawte in order to bypass possible trust-based detection with the following company "A&W Global Ltd."

```
CN = A&W Global Ltd
O = A&W Global Ltd
L = St. Helens
S = Merseyside
C = GB
```

7-29-2018: Qakbot Packed Loader -> Digital Signature for "A&W Global Ltd"



The initial loader simply self-injects and unpacks the core malware in memory. The module can be retrieved via scanning mapped memory region and dumping the unmapped executable, which would be the Qakbot core component. One of the notable details behind the banker execution is that the malware overwrites the launched executable with the Calculator utility in %WINDIR%\System32 via the CreateProcessA. More specifically, the qbot uses the calc.exe utility to invoke a ping command that will repeat six times in a loop:

```
|hwnd = NULL
|operation = NULL
|FileName = "cmd.exe"
|Parameters = " /c ping.exe -n 6 127.0.0.1 & type "C:\Windows\System32\calc.exe" > "PATH_TO_QBOT"
|DefDir = NULL
\IsShown = 0
```

II. Unpacked Core Qakbot

The unpacked core qbot, coded in Microsoft Visual C++, was compiled on January 29, 2018 06:25:49 with 9 imported DLL libraries with the five usual sections (.text -> .rsrc) with no anomalies. The coding style of Qakbot reveals heavy reliance of the developer on Ansi equivalent Microsoft API calls, which likely speaks to the older code base since most of the recent malware relies more on Unicode API equivalents. The bot primarily coordinates injection functions and control via IPC (inter-process communication) with named pipes.

The Qakbot code reveals a lot of functionality including its Domain Generation Algorithm with domain TLD ("com;net;org;info;biz;org"), which version was well-documented by [Johannes Bader](#). The qbot also communicates via FTP with available credentials. The qbot checks the machine speed by downloading a sample via "https://cdn[.]speedof[.]me/sample4096k[.]bin?r=0.%u."

Notably, the malware also "relaxes" Windows Defender and disables in registry via "SubmitSamplesConsent" and alters "SpynetReporting."

A. QakBot Decryption XOR Routine

Once executed, however, Qakbot leverages XOR decryption function with & 0x3f coupled with Windows API call MultiByteToWideChar to convert byte to unicode strings while iterating through the encoded blob.

```

000393 .text:0040438 cmp [ebp+var_8], 0Ch ; 7-27-2018: QakBot Decrypt String Function
000394 .text:004043C ja short loc_40445F ;
000395 .text:0040442 mov esi, 0C0h ;
000396 .text:0040443 loc_404443: ; CODE XREF: Func_create_event_decryption+071j
000397 .text:0040443 push 1Fh ; cchWideChar
000398 .text:0040448 push eax, [ebp+WideCharStr] ;
000399 .text:0040449 push eax ; lpWideCharStr
000400 .text:0040449 push 0FFFFFFFh ; cbMultiByte
000401 .text:004044B push dword ptr [edi-4] ; lpMultiByteStr
000402 .text:004044E push ebx ; dwFlags
000403 .text:0040450 call ds:MultiByteToWideChar ; CodePage
000404 .text:0040456 dec esi ;
000405 .text:0040457 jnz short loc_404443 ;
000406 .text:0040459 mov esi, dword_41453C ;
000407 .text:004045F loc_40445F: ; CODE XREF: Func_create_event_decryption+81j
000408 .text:004045F mov ecx, [ebp+var_4] ; func_create_event_decryption+9C7j
000409 .text:0040462 lea eax, [esi+ecx] ;
000410 .text:0040465 and ecx, 3Fh ;
000411 .text:0040468 mov cl, byte_413168[ecx] ;
000412 .text:004046E xor [eax], cl ;
000413 .text:0040470 jnz short loc_40447B ;
000414 .text:0040472 inc eax ;
000415 .text:0040473 inc [ebp+var_8] ;
000416 .text:0040476 mov [edi], eax ;
000417 .text:0040478 add edi, 4 ;
000418 .text:004047B loc_40447B: ; CODE XREF: Func_create_event_decryption+0A7j
000419 .text:004047B inc [ebp+var_4] ;

```

7-29-2018: QakBot Decoded Template XOR Routine

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000393 .text:0040444: func_create_event_decryption:loc_404443
.....V.....\NetCancelConnection2\END.FindWindow.GetFileAttributes\nt611.d11.0
VirtualProtect.image/jpeg Software\Microsoft\Office\Outlook\Outlook\account-Manager\Accounts.InternetQueryData\available.DnsQuery_M.ch
E132.d11.qbot_conf_path="%s"-username="%s"-ws2_32.d11.0SERPROF.ILE.CreateFile\..d11..cfg..png.oSockets.Module32First.CloseServi
relandie.HttpSendRequest.HttpSendRequestXa.dumprep.exe.CertProcCertificateChainEngine.dnsrslur.dll.Btderender.LookUpAccount
Si66.StringIndex.%s?P-%s.Microsoft\Security-Essentials.RegOpenKeyEx.HttpOpenRequestU.HttpOpenRequestM:String.WebOpenEnum.Fsh
ook32.d11.NTUSER.DAT.GenuineIntel.CertAddCertificateContextToStore.nlor_snop1.RegCloseReg.CertEnumSystemStore.Process32Next.PostH
essageH.FtpOpenFile.Passport.NetVx.P5.LdrLoadDll.SendMessage8.Http.CertOpenStore.If.Modified.Since.Kerne132.d11.Initializing.da
tabase.../c:\QBot.Net\GetDCName..jpeg.Upgrade-91-ta-f1.Sh1011.dll.Morton.PE.Read.com.net.carg;Intgiz;org.NMDE2.GetModuleFileName
& Software\Microsoft\Internet-account-Manager\Accounts.RegOpenKeyEx.%82%1.SR2%1.SR2%1.SR2%1.txt.82B0E67-9F16-b7
48-8672-95FF5E77908.RedHat-0rt10.vindbg.exe.ChromeUpdate.exe.msdev.exe.dbgview.exe.collydbg.exe.ctfmon.exe;Proxifier.exe;nav.e
xe;Microsoft.Notes.exe;ShellExperienceHost.exe.umat.exe.UnregisterClassA.IEHP.-cert_name[%s%$].SMTP-Port:POP3-Port:IMAP-Port:
SMTP-Email-Address:SMTP-Server:POP3-Server:POP3-User-Name:SMTP-User-Name:SMTP-Email-Address:NNTP-User-Name:NNTP-Server:IMAP-Server
IMAP-User-Name:IMail:HTTP-User:HTTP-Server-URL:POP3-User:IMAP-User:HTTPMail-User-Name:HTTPMail-Server:SMTP-User:001e6687:001e
6608.FreeSid.CreateRemoteThread.h1.antiivirus.CS20X.InternetWriteFile.Upgrade-server-nemury.CreateThread.CreateService6.SetInDFFF
ile.Common-Files.utsapi32.d11.1.Symantec-Shared.RegEnumKeyEx.TAB.ShootIndep.abe2869f-9b47-4cd9-a358-c22904dha7f7.WebtAddConnect
ion2U.USER-FindTextFile.p-article.RegEnumValue.open.srootkit.Ftp.CreateServiceM.FtpBeletFileM.MSFFreeMemory.11.CertEnumCe
rtificatesInStore.HttpOpenRequest.InternetReadFileXa.UpdateWindow.Upgrade-Reglay.CertGetCertificateChain.R1.sandobog.-ext_ip[%s
]-hostname[%s]-hostname[%s]-user[%s]-domain[%s]-is_admin[%s]-os[%s]-qbot_session[%s]-install_line[%s]-exe[%s]-prog_id[%
s]-.PeekMessage.ZoSetDlgItemEntries.aabdeefgijjkinnoopqrstuvxyz.Upgrade-Printing.FindClose.Software\Microsoft\Windows-NIX\Current

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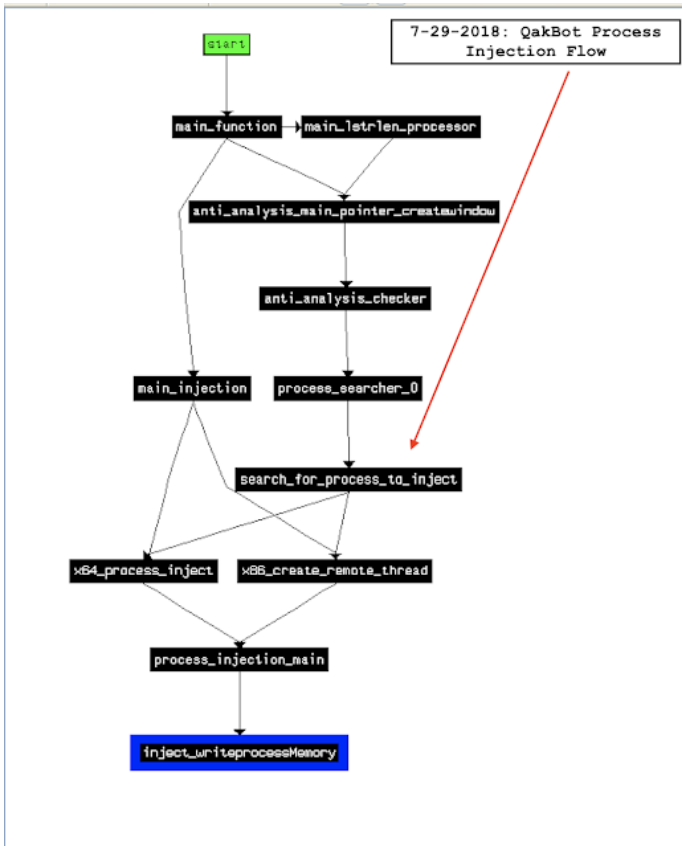
The pseudo-coded C++ template related to the main string deobfuscated is as follows:

```

if ( v14 )
{
WideCharStr = 0;
decrypt_iterate_func(&v13, 0, 62);
if ( v15 <= 12 )
{
v6 = 200;
do
{
MultiByteToWideChar(0, 0, (LPCSTR)*(v5 - 1), -1, &WideCharStr, 31);
--v6;
}
while ( v6 );
v4 = (const CHAR *)dword_41453C; // location of encoded data
}
v7 = &v4[v16]; // v16 = 0x2AA9u
v8 = byte_413168[v16 & 0x3F];
v9 = v8 == v4[v16];
*v7 ^= v8;
if ( v9 )
{
++v15;
*v5 = v7 + 1;
++v5;
}
++v16;
}

```

III. "Explorer" Process Injection

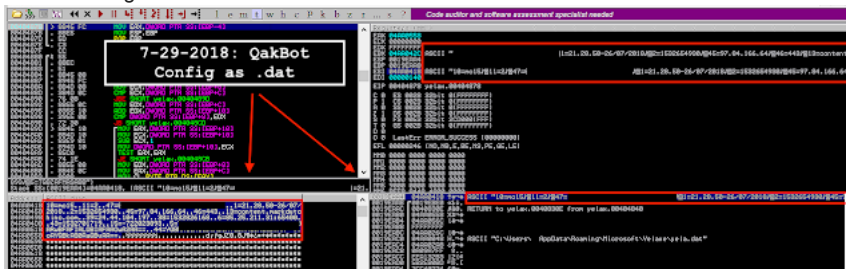


The execution sequence is as follows injecting code into "explorer.exe" in both x86 and x64 variants:

start -> main_function -> main_injection -> x86_create_remote_thread/x64_process_inject -> process_injection_main -> inject_writeprocessMemory

IV. Qakbot Configuration

Qakbot configuration stored as .dat in %APPDATA% as numeric field values as follows:



The config is retrieved as follows via the following call chain:

start -> main_function -> GetDrive_type_func -> net_server_lookup_function -> anti-analysis -> trytoget_sid_user_as -> bot_config -> qbot_conf

Some of the notable Qakbot configurations details were noted by BAE Systems in [2016](#). It appears that the field "10" carries the unique name such as "mc15," which is a possible designation of the qbot botnet.

Qbot Configuration

10=mc15 (possible botnet name)

11=2 (number of hardcoded C2)

47=bot id as uppercase alphanumeric

1=date of qbot install in HH:MM:ss-dd/mm/yyyy

2=victim qbot install

45=C2 IP

46=C2 port

13=C2 domain

39=victim external IP

38=last victim call to C2 (time in Unix)

6=C2 IP:port

43=time of record ((time in Unix)

15=unknown

5=victim network shares

44=victim share credentials

```
00401062  IF ( getfileattributes_func(filename) )
00401063  create_file_1((int)342, (int)0, 0)
00401064  IF ( sub_405970(int)514, (int)2string, &06, 268) )
00401065  {
00401066  path_creator_1w_file("\\", (int)005, 258, 003);
00401067  path_creator_1w_file("\\", (int)004, 248, 003);
00401068  IF ( *(+_D0000 +)(a3 + 12) 6 1) )
00401069  {
00401070  IF ( getfileattributes_func(v3a) )
00401071  {
00401072  IF ( *(+_D0000 +)(a3 + 4) == 2 )
00401073  {
00401074  v11 = (LPCSTR)heap_alloc_func(&4000);
00401075  IF ( v11 )
00401076  {
00401077  wsprintf_filepath(v11, 4824, qbot_conf, (unsigned int)v00);
00401078  sub_405970(v11);
00401079  reg_query_iter_3(4011, 0) sub_405970: "qbot_conf_path"="E:\Users\%AppData%\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Update\%q14.dat"; username=
00401080  }
00401081  }
00401082  create_file_1((int)004, 63string);
00401083  sub_405970(74, &caption);
00401084  sub_405970(70, (LPCSTR)(a3 + 20));
00401085  }
00401086  }
00401087  }
00401088  }
00401089  }
00401090  }
00401091  }
00401092  }
00401093  }
00401094  }
00401095  }
00401096  }
00401097  }
00401098  }
00401099  }
00401100  }
```

The bot id generation function is as follows leveraging "ProductId" value in Registry, coupled with the output of GetComputerNameA and GetVolumeInformationA as follows:

```
v2 = lpString;
*( _DWORD *)v14 = 0;
nSize = 0;
decrypt_iterate_func(lpString, 0, 256);
v12 = 256;
v11 = RegOpenKeyExA(-2147483646, SOFTWARE_path, 0, 131097, &lpString);
if ( !v11 )
    v11 = RegQueryValueExA(lpString, ProductId, 0, 0, v2, &v12);
RegCloseKey(lpString);
if ( v11 )
    *( _WORD *)v2 = 48;
nSize = 256 - lstrlenA(v2);
v3 = lstrlenA(v2);
GetComputerNameA((LPSTR)&v2[v3], &nSize);
if ( !GetVolumeInformationA(&unk_411C48, &v9, 256, v14, 0, 0, &v10, 256) )
    *( _DWORD *)v14 = 0;
v4 = v14[0];
v5 = 256 - lstrlenA(v2);
v6 = lstrlenA(v2);
wsprintf_filepath(&v2[v6], v5, (int)"%u", v4);
lstrcatA((LPSTR)v2, lpString2);
nSize = lstrlenA(v2);
CharUpperBuffA((LPSTR)v2, nSize);
```

Notably, the malware does not appear to store in the config file but rather uses the following config fields for FTP communication:

Qbot Additional Config

3=time of config (time in Unix)

- 22=ftp server1 with credential for C2 communications
- 23=ftp server2 with credential for C2 communications
- 24=ftp server3 with credential for C2 communications
- 25=ftp server4 with credential for C2 communications
- 26=ftp server5 with credential for C2 communications

The croncache is as follows:

12960;5;1532655973|15;8;1532722066|3;1;1532722258|4294967295;23;1532655912|300;13;1532722066|2736;3;1532701702|5;21;1532722066|

V. Qbot Anti-Analysis

The malware check for various anti-virus processes while running the binary.

```

1444 {
1445 v2 = decoder_func(*v0 - 1);
1446 u73 = v2;
1447 if ( v2 )
1448 {
1449 v0[1] = compare_len(v2, 59, 0, (int)v0);
1450 decrypter_func((LPCSTR *)&u73);
1451 }
1452 v0 += 4;
1453 --v1;
1454 }
1455 while ( v1 );
1456 u70 = 0;
1457 u72 = 0u6;
1458 u71 = 16;
1459 process_searcher((int (__cdecl *)(int *, int))process_compare_0, (int)&u70);
1460 v3 = (LPCSTR *)&v9;
1461 u4 = 16;
1462 do
1463 {
1464 if ( *v3 )
1465 lstrlen_function(v3,
1466 v3 += 4;

```

- avgsrvx.exe;avgsvcx.exe;avgsrva.exe
- ccSvcHst.exe
- MsMpEng.exe
- mcshield.ex
- avp.exe
- egui.exe;ekrn.exe
- bdagent.exe;vsserv.exe;vsservpl.exe
- AvastSvc.exe
- coreServiceShell.exe;PccNTMon.exe;NTRTScan.exe.
- SAVAdminService.exe;SavService.exe
- fhoster32.exe
- WRSA.exe
- vkise.exe;isesrv.exe;cmdagent.exe
- ByteFence.exe
- MBAMService.exe
- fmon.exe

Additionally, the malware checks for a plethora of anti-analysis and anti-virtual machines. One of the techniques is used to compare CPUID. This instruction is executed with EAX=1 as input, the return value describes the processors features. The 31st bit of ECX on a physical machine will be equal to 0. On a guest VM it will equal to 1.

```

anti_VM_cpuid((int)&String1);
_EAX = 1;
__asm { cpuid }
v16 = _ECX;
return _ECX == 1 && !strcmpiA(&String1, GenuineIntel);
}

```

DLL (GetModuleHandleA):

- fshook32.dll (F-Secure)
- SbieDll.dll (Sandboxie)
- aswhookx.dll (Avasr)
- sf2.dll (Avst)
- dbghelp.dll
- avcuf32.dll (BitDefender)

For example,

```

BOOL check_as_dll()
{
    return dword_415934 & 0x82 && (GetModuleHandleA(aswhooka_dll) || GetModuleHandleA(aswhooks_dll));
}

```

Anti-Virus:

- Bitdefender
- Microsoft Security Essentials
- Norton
- NOD32
- Symantec
- mcafee
- kaspersky
- Avast
- Trend Micro

Filename check:

- mlwr_smp1
- antivirus
- srootkit (AVG)
- sample.exe
- sample

Anti-Virtual Machine:

- QEMU
- VMware
- vmdebug
- vmx_svga
- VirtIO
- RedHat
- vmacthlp.exe
- vmtoolsd.exe
- SVGA
- VMaudio
- vmrawdsk
- SCSI
- VBoxGuest
- vm3dmp
- vmxnet

Other:

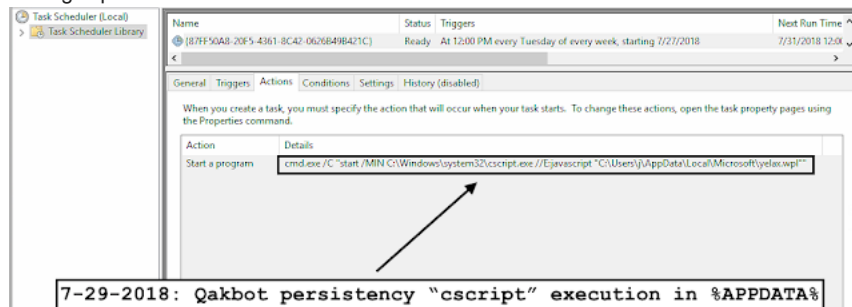
- windump.exe
- artifact.exe

Mutex Check:

_AVIRA_71855

VI. Persistency Mechanism

Qakbot sets run persistence via task scheduler as well as curious JavaScript execution via "cscript.exe //E:javascript" with the qbot loader file ending .wpl



VII. Yara Signatures

```

rule crimeware_win32_qbot_unpacked_core {
  meta:
  description = "Detects unpacked Qakbot core"
  author = "@VK_Intel"
  date = "2018-07-29"
  hash = "95ec8de64002fc5de7c04ceba04702da"
  strings:
  $s0 = "powershell.exe" fullword ascii
  $s1 = "%s\\%d.exe" fullword ascii
  $s2 = "%s\\system32\\" fullword ascii
  $s3 = "000223" fullword ascii
  $s5 = "000001" fullword ascii
  $s6 = "000111" fullword ascii
  $s7 = "000005" fullword ascii
  $s8 = "Akernel32" fullword ascii
  $s9 = "ipconfig netstat" fullword ascii
  $s10 = "Win32_Process" fullword ascii
  $s11 = "NtQuerySystemInformation" fullword ascii
  condition:
  uint16(0) == 0x5a4d and filesize < 500KB and all of them
}

rule crimeware_win32_qbot_communicatorDll {
  meta:
  description = "Detects Qakbot Communicator DLL"
  author = "@VK_Intel"
  date = "2018-07-29"
  hash = "7dad18c4d149849c727fe39eee184fe8"
  strings:
  $s0 = "powershell.exe" fullword ascii
  $s1 = "User-Agent: Microsoft-Windows/%u.%u UPnP/1.0" fullword ascii
  $s2 = "\\.\pipe\%ssp" fullword ascii
  $s3 = "http://www.ip-adress.com" fullword ascii
  $s4 = "%s\\%s.exe" fullword wide
  $s5 = "POST %s HTTP/%s" fullword ascii
  $s6 = "urn:schemas-upnp-org:service:WANCommonInterfaceConfig:1" fullword ascii
  $s7 = "HOST: %s:1900" fullword ascii
  $s8 = "GetPortMappingNumberOfEntries" fullword ascii
  $s9 = "GetSpecificPortMappingEntry" fullword ascii
  $s10 = "%s\\tmp_%u.exe" fullword ascii
  $s11 = "GetConnectionTypeInfo" fullword ascii
  $s12 = "\\AppData\LocalLow\\" fullword ascii
  $s13 = "%s\\-%s.tmp" fullword ascii
  $s14 = "%s\\system32\\" fullword ascii
  condition:
  uint16(0) == 0x5a4d and filesize < 200KB and 10 of them
}

rule crimeware_win64_qbot_injectedDll {
  meta:
  description = "Detects Qakbot Inject DLL"
  author = "@VK_Intel"
  date = "2018-07-29"
  hash = "03e78339b09aa5e9885c24b2e8af84f4"
  strings:
  $s0 = "chrome.dll" fullword ascii
  $s1 = "\\.\pipe\%ssp" fullword ascii
  $s2 = "content-security-policy-report-only" fullword ascii
  $s3 = "\\AppData\LocalLow\\" fullword ascii
  $s4 = "content-security-policy" fullword ascii
  $s5 = "cookie=[" fullword ascii
  $s6 = "referer=[" fullword ascii
  $s7 = "X-Frame-Options" fullword ascii
  $s8 = "user.js" fullword wide

  $op0 = { e8 99 b0 00 00 44 8b 5d c4 44 01 5b 18 41 80 3e }
  $op1 = { e8 f1 ec ff ff 48 89 84 24 98 }
  $op2 = { 48 8b 53 28 48 8b c8 e8 ca 6a 00 00 eb 03 41 8b }
  condition:
  uint16(0) == 0x5a4d and filesize < 421KB and all of ($s*) and 1 of ($op*)
}

```

VIII. Indicators of Compromise (IOCs)

A. The observed list of C2 servers

66.189.228[.]49;0;995
70.169.12[.]141;0;443
150.200.247[.]87;0;443
71.77.22[.]206;0;443
76.73.202[.]82;0;443
74.88.210[.]56;0;995
97.97.160[.]42;0;443
146.135.9[.]64;0;443
71.190.202[.]120;0;443
47.223.85[.]33;0;443
98.26.2[.]182;0;443
50.111.32[.]211;0;443
68.207.33[.]232;0;2222
68.173.55[.]51;0;443
76.186.82[.]51;0;443
67.197.104[.]90;0;443
73.40.24[.]158;0;443
50.42.189[.]206;0;993
65.116.179[.]83;0;443
50.32.243[.]36;0;443
185.219.83[.]73;0;443
72.133.105[.]155;0;443
216.201.159[.]118;0;443
68.207.43[.]173;0;443
216.218.74[.]196;0;443
96.248.15[.]254;0;995
75.189.235[.]216;0;443
98.103.2[.]226;0;443
24.100.46[.]201;0;2222
24.11.50[.]136;0;443
75.109.193[.]173;0;2087
73.106.122[.]121;0;443
173.160.3[.]209;0;443
70.118.18[.]242;0;443
24.163.66[.]146;0;443
173.248.24[.]230;0;443
68.129.231[.]84;0;443
174.48.72[.]160;0;443
216.93.143[.]182;0;995
184.180.157[.]203;0;2222
68.49.120[.]179;0;443
75.109.193[.]173;0;1194
75.109.193[.]173;0;8443
98.16.70[.]197;0;2222
47.134.236[.]166;0;443
105.227.20[.]203;0;443
97.70.129[.]250;0;443
24.228.185[.]224;0;2222
72.174.25[.]139;0;443
24.209.137[.]134;0;443
98.225.141[.]232;0;443
67.197.97[.]144;0;443
173.81.42[.]136;0;21
24.155.191[.]156;0;995
97.84.210[.]38;0;2222
93.108.180[.]227;0;443
190.185.219[.]110;0;443
63.79.135[.]0;0;443
96.73.55[.]193;0;993
207.178.109[.]161;0;443
99.197.182[.]183;0;443
67.83.122[.]112;0;2222
50.198.141[.]161;0;2078
47.40.29[.]239;0;443
12.2.201[.]35;0;443
76.176.7[.]41;0;443
75.127.141[.]50;0;995
71.210.153[.]133;0;443
189.175.147[.]195;0;443
73.231.147[.]128;0;443
73.130.229[.]200;0;443
67.11.27[.]100;0;443
12.196.116[.]242;0;443
216.21.168[.]27;0;32101
24.6.31[.]163;0;443
216.21.168[.]27;0;995
96.40.85[.]72;0;443
69.129.12[.]186;0;21
71.172.250[.]114;0;443
73.152.213[.]187;0;80
68.226.136[.]96;0;443
71.222.141[.]81;0;61200
76.182.33[.]43;0;2222

24.180.160[.]192;0;443
173.160.3[.]209;0;995
97.70.85[.]248;0;443
24.180.246[.]147;0;443
173.70.44[.]171;0;443
216.21.168[.]27;0;50000
24.180.246[.]147;0;443
96.32.171[.]132;0;443
47.48.236[.]98;0;2222
70.182.79[.]66;0;443
173.80.75[.]177;0;443
24.141.179[.]121;0;443
204.85.12[.]25;0;443
24.175.103[.]122;0;995
24.252.80[.]93;0;443
68.206.135[.]146;0;443
184.174.166[.]107;0;443
71.33.192[.]23;0;995
24.190.226[.]234;0;443
71.10.155[.]97;0;443
24.180.246[.]147;0;443
181.93.205[.]181;0;443
207.243.48[.]26;0;443
68.113.142[.]24;0;465
72.193.162[.]108;0;443
68.59.209[.]183;0;995
98.243.166[.]148;0;443
72.179.39[.]89;0;443
67.76.37[.]105;0;443
174.109.117[.]152;0;443
73.52.101[.]153;0;80
70.21.182[.]149;0;2222
24.180.246[.]147;0;443
65.191.74[.]248;0;443
65.40.207[.]151;0;995
73.183.145[.]218;0;2222
209.213.24[.]194;0;443
68.207.33[.]242;0;443
172.87.188[.]2;0;443
65.132.30[.]18;0;443
104.153.240[.]6;0;2222
24.93.104[.]154;0;443
75.106.233[.]194;0;443
65.191.128[.]99;0;443
65.169.66[.]123;0;2222
71.172.250[.]114;0;443
67.55.174[.]194;0;443
107.15.153[.]110;0;8443
205.169.108[.]194;0;443
47.221.46[.]163;0;443
71.48.218[.]91;0;995
73.74.72[.]141;0;443
71.85.72[.]9;0;443
172.164.17[.]102;0;443
173.191.238[.]124;0;995
47.186.93[.]228;0;443
184.191.61[.]13;0;32100
209.180.154[.]97;0;995
68.133.47[.]150;0;443
75.189.239[.]153;0;443
204.85.12[.]26;0;443
76.101.165[.]66;0;443
97.84.166[.]64;0;443
72.133.75[.]134;0;443
68.207.45[.]236;0;443
104.153.240[.]6;0;2222
206.67.215[.]7;0;443
206.67.215[.]7;0;443

B. Qbot Configuration

10=mc15
11=2
47=REDACTED
1=REDACTED
2=REDACTED
45=97.84.166[.]64
46=443
13=content[.]markdutchinc[.]com
39=REDACTED
38=REDACTED
6=85.25.211[.]31:65400
43=REDACTED
15=-722023893
5=REDACTED
44=REDACTED
3=REDACTED
22=37.60.244[.]211:backup_manager@garciasdrywall[.]com:REDACTED:
23=198.38.77[.]162:backup_manager@worldexpresscargo[.]com:REDACTED:
24=61.221.12[.]26:logger@ostergift[.]com:REDACTED:
25=67.222.137[.]18:logger@grupocrepusculo[.]net:REDACTED:
26=107.6.152[.]61:logger@trussedup[.]com:REDACTED:

IX. Appendix: Full Decoded First-Layer Template

WNetCancelConnection2W
END
FindWindowA
GetFileAttributesW
ntdll.dll
VirtualProtect
image/jpeg
Software\Microsoft\Office\Outlook\OMI
Account
Manager\Accounts
InternetQueryDataAvailable
DnsQuery_W
shell32.dll
qbot_conf_path='%s'
username='%s'
ws2_32.dll
USERPROFILE
CreateFileA
.dll
.cfg
.png
vSockets
Module32First
CloseServiceHandle
HttpSendRequestExW
HttpSendRequestExA
dumprep.exe
CertFreeCertificateChainEngine
dnssrvr.dll
Bitdefender
LookupAccountSidA
StringIndex
%s
/P
%s
Microsoft
Security
Essentials
RegOpenKeyExA
HttpOpenRequestW
HttpEndRequestW
:String
WNetOpenEnumW
fshook32.dll
NTUSER.DAT
GenuineIntel
CertAddCertificateContextToStore
mlwr_smpl
RegCloseKey
CertEnumSystemStore
Process32Next
PostMessageA
FtpOpenFileA
Passport.Net\
/s
LdrLoadDll
SendMessageA
http
CertOpenStore
If-Modified-Since
kernel32.dll
Initializing
database...
/c
QEMU
NetGetDCName
.jpeg
VMware
Vista
f1
SbieDll.dll
Norton
PR_Read
com;net;org;info;biz;org
NOD32
GetModuleFileNameA
Software\Microsoft\Internet
Account
Manager\Accounts
RegQueryValueExA
%02u.%02u.%02u-%02u/%02u/%04u
m1
*.txt

82BD0E67-9FEA-4748-8672-D5EFE5B779B0

Red

Hat

VirtIO

windbg.exe;ChromeUpdate.exe;msdev.exe;dbgview.exe;ollydbg.exe;ctfmon.exe;Proxifier.exe;nav.exe;Microsoft.Notes.exe;ShellExperienceHc

vmnat.exe

UnregisterClassA

TEMP

cert_name=[%s|%s]

SMTP

Port;POP3

Port;IMAP

Port;SMTP

Email

Address;SMTP

Server;POP3

Server;POP3

User

Name;SMTP

User

Name;NNTP

Email

Address;NNTP

User

Name;NNTP

Server;IMAP

Server;IMAP

User

Name;Email;HTTP

User;HTTP

Server

URL;POP3

User;IMAP

User;HTTPMail

User

Name;HTTPMail

Server;SMTP

User;001e6607;001e6608

FreeSid

CreateRemoteThread

h1

antivirus

<%02X>

InternetWriteFile

VMware

server

memory

CreateThread

CreateServiceA

SetEndOfFile

Common

Files

wtsapi32.dll

1

Symantec

Shared

RegEnumKeyExA

TAB

ShowWindow

abe2869f-9b47-4cd9-a358-c22904dba7f7

WNetAddConnection2W

USER

FindNextFileW

p=[

artic1e

RegEnumValueW

open

srootkit

ftp

CreateServiceW

FtpDeleteFileA

WTSFreeMemory

11

CertEnumCertificatesInStore

HttpOpenRequestA

InternetReadFileExW

UpdateWindow

VMware

Replay

CertGetCertificateChain

k1

vmdebug

ext_ip=[%s]
dnsname=[%s]
hostname=[%s]
user=[%s]
domain=[%s]
is_admin=[%s]
os=[%s]
qbot_version=[%s]
install_time=[%s]
exe=[%s]
prod_id=[%s]
PeekMessageW
ZwSetLdtEntries
aabcdeefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
VMware
Pointing
FindClose
Software\Microsoft\Windows
NT\CurrentVersion\Windows
Messaging
Subsystem\Profiles
facebook.com/login.php
vmx_suga
mcafee
DestroyWindow
abc
Microsoft
vmacthlp.exe
GetLastError
ReadProcessMemory
ZwQueryInformationThread
k2
Mozilla/5.0
(Windows
NT
6.1;
rv:54.0)
Gecko/20100101
Firefox/54.0
2
InternetGetLastResponseInfoA
APPDATA
RegEnumValueA
dnsapi.dll
VirtualFreeEx
WindowsLive:name=*
ExpandEnvironmentStringsA
CreateDirectoryA
WTSQueryUserToken
cookie=[%s]
WSAConnect
i1
kb
WTSEnumerateSessionsA
PR_Close
DisplayName
Remote
Procedure
Call
(RPC)
Service
kaspersky
WSASetLastError
sample.exe
vmttoolsd.exe
FindNextFileA
ZwQuerySystemInformation
crypt32.dll
CertAddCRLContextToStore
InternetOpenUrlA
SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows
NT\CurrentVersion
HOME
netapi32.dll
CertGetEnhancedKeyUsage
WriteFile
https://cdn.speedof.me/sample4096k.bin?r=0.%u
CredEnumerateW
CreateWindowExA
\Cookies
.
advapi32.dll
WaitForSingleObject

InternetCrackUrlA
%u.%u.%u.%u
000
FindFirstFileA
wpl
url=[%s]
user=[%s]
pass=[%s]
InternetOpenA
POP3
Password;IMAP
Password;NNTP
Password;HTTPMail
Password;SMTP
Password;POP3
Password2;IMAP
Password2;NNTP
Password2;HTTPMail
Password2;SMTP
Password2
.swf
Avast
MiniDumpWriteDump
CertCloseStore
DeleteFileA
\Application
Data\Macromedia\Flash
Player\SharedObjects
GetExitCodeProcess
RegSetValueExA
cmd.exe
artifact.exe
rsaenh.dll
.css
nspr4.dll
NetShareEnum
RegQueryInfoKeyA
RegCreateKeyExA
sbtisht
PFExportCertStore
WSAStartup
If-None-Match
VirtualProtectEx
CertSetCertificateContextProperty
WSACleanup
_qbot
]
b=[
220d5cc1
vmscsi
CreateFileW
connect
LOCALAPPDATA
at.exe
%u:%u
"%s"
/I
AllocateAndInitializeSid
url=[%s]
VMware
VMaudio
i2
image/pjpeg
%H.%M.%S-%d/%m/%Y
dwwin.exe
CryptAcquireCertificatePrivateKey
w1
c1
aswhookx.dll
host=[%s:%u]
user=[%s]
pass=[%s]
AVG
siteadvisor.com;avgthreatlabs.com;safeweb.norton.com
very
big
postdata
%u
bytes
CredEnumerateA
HttpQueryInfoW
VMware
SVGAs

1234567890
InternetReadFileExA
InternetConnectA
Software\Microsoft\Internet
Explorer\IntelliForms\Storage2
CertCreateCertificateChainEngine
SetCurrentDirectoryA
TE
Trend
Micro
vmrawdsk
.gif
CredFree
CreateToolhelp32Snapshot
Process32First
explorer.exe
ChromeUpdate.exe
DeleteService
Cookie:
dwErr=%u
szOldRunMutex='%s'
username='%s'
CertGetCRLContextProperty
AdjustTokenPrivileges
aswhooka.dll
GetCurrentProcessId
SetFilePointer
dwErr=%u
qbot_run_mutex='%s'
username='%s'
InternetOpenW
CharToOemBuffA
PR_SetError
9
wininet.dll
security
NetUserEnum
ZwResumeThread
t=%s
time=[%02d:%02d:%02d-%02d/%02d/%d]
HttpAddRequestHeadersA
mpr.dll
StartServiceA
VBoxVideo
runas
uno
InternetQueryOptionA
OpenProcess
Norton
Internet
Security
application/x-shockwave-flash
ProductId
WNetCloseEnum
OpenThread
%%02X
https://
iphlpapi.dll
aaebcdeefghiojklmnoouprstuuvwxyyz
DELETE
]
cookie_data=[
HttpQueryInfoA
data=[%s]
DeleteUrlCacheEntryW
CertGetNameStringW
InterlockedCompareExchange
InternetSetOptionA
e161255a
nss3.dll
windump.exe
Dnscache
CreateProcessW
CryptUnprotectData
GetClipboardData
svchost.exe
WSAGetLastError
OpenSCManagerW
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxy
Module32Next
.exe
CertFreeCertificateChain
s2


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CryptFindOIDInfo
DeleteServiceW
Virtual
HD
.ani
.ico
ResumeThread
PostQuitMessage
InternetSetStatusCallback
cnn.com;microsoft.com;baidu.com;facebook.com;yahoo.com;wikipedia.org;qq.com;linkedin.com;mail.ru
GetForegroundWindow
220d5cd0
VirtualAllocEx
InternetReadFile
VMware
SCSI
LocalFree
GetCurrentThreadId
Query_Main
url=[%s]
data=[%s]
3
\sfs2.dll
GetProcAddress
PASS
GetExitCodeThread
DispatchMessageA
0123456789
CryptEnumOIDInfo
iedw.exe
CertFreeCRLContext
RIGHT
user_pref("network.http.spdy.enabled.http2",
false);
CloseHandle
comet.yahoo.com;.hiro.tv;safebrowsing.google.com;geo.query.yahoo.com;googleusercontent.com;salesforce.com;officeapps.live.com;storag
optimizer.com;adworldmedia.com;seekmo.com;r777r.info;sipuku.com;eorezo.com;newasp.com.cn;wpzkq.com;radialpoint.com;owlforce.com;.mi
services.com;zynga.com;.5min.com;netflix.com;tubemogul.com;youtube.com;brightcove.com;mochibot.com;fwrm.net;mendeley.com
PR_OpenTCPSocket
PR_GetNameForIdentity
avcuf32.dll
mutex
_AVIRA_71855
CreateProcessA
referer=[%s]
&dump=
PROGRAMFILES
ReadFile
GetMessageW
dbghelp.dll
h3
InternetGetCookieA
HttpSendRequestA
FtpGetFileA
.jpg
StartServiceW
cert_data=[
%s_%s_%u.zip
SetLastError
.js?
GetCurrentDirectoryA
cookie_name=[
ansfltr
DnsQuery_A
CertFreeCertificateContext
ProfileImagePath
u1
LEFT
NetApiBufferFree
/**
PeekMessageA
metsvc-server.exe
time=[%d:%d:%d-%d/%d/%d]
ex_code=0x%08x
ex_addr=0x%p
ex_module=[%s]
ex_module_base=0x%p
nick=[%s]
th_args=[%08x]
th_flags=[0x%08x]
qbot_version=[%s]
WriteProcessMemory
CertAddCTLContextToStore

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ProgramFiles(x86)
5e7e8100
sample
Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Uninstall
InternetGetCookieExA
Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Internet
Settings\Zones\
%s%s/dupinst.php?n=%s&bg=%s&r=%u
SetEntriesInAclA
ESCAPE
CPEExportKey
ShellExecuteA
https
]
t=[
send
FindFirstFileW
TranslateMessage
AVAST
Software
cryptui.dll
MessageBoxA
rsabase.dll
OpenSCManagerA
WSASend
VMware
Accelerated
8
%%%02x
WNetEnumResourceW
PR_Write
GetMessageA
InternetQueryOptionW
Avast
Global
VMAUDIO
ObtainUserAgentString
urlmon.dll
DefWindowProcA
StackWalk64
DnsQueryExW
PStoreCreateInstance
h2
InternetCloseHandle
cmd
/c
ping
-n
10
localhost
&&
rmdir
/S
/Q
"%s"
RegisterClassExA
DnsQueryExA
i3
RegDeleteValueA
PR_GetError
GetUrlCacheEntryInfoA
10
MoveFileA
NetWkstaGetInfo
HttpEndRequestA
crashdata=
ZwReadFile
HttpSendRequestW
CWSandbox
treasurygateway;ecash.arvest.com;.ntrs.com;tdcommercialbanking.com;olb-
ebanking.com;webinfoplus.mandtbank.com;accessmoneymanager.com;commerceconnections.commercebank.com;schwabinstitutional.com;intellix.
access.com;nj00-wcm;commercial.bnc.ca;/clkccm;/paylinks.cunet.org;e-
facts.org;accessonline.abnamro.com;providentnjolb.com;firstmeritib.com;corporatebanking;firstmeritib.com/defaultcorp.aspx;e-
moneyger.com;jsp/mainWeb.jsp;svbconnect.com;premierview.membersunited.org;each.bremer.com;iris.sovereignbank.com;/wires;/paylinks.ct
eb.ibanking-services.com;cashproonline.bankofamerica.com;/cashplus;/ebanking-services.com;/cashman;/web-cashplus.com;treas-
mgt.frostbank.com;business-eb.ibanking-
services.com;treasury.pncbank.com;access.jpmmorgan.com;tssportal.jpmmorgan.com;kt.key.com;onlineserv/CM;premierview.membersunited.org
achweb.bankofamerica.com;businessaccess.citibank.citigroup.com;businessonline.huntington.com;/cmserver;/goldleafach.com;iachwellsprc

pstorec.dll
VBoxGuest
wpq
ivm-inject.dll

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GetModuleHandleA
BACKSP
url=[%s]
lb=[%s]
data=[%s]
PR_Poll
vm3dmp
vmxnet
norton
GetUrlCacheEntryInFow
.lnk
user32.dll
.js
LdrGetProcedureAddress
SetNamedSecurityInfoA
GetFileAttributesA
LoadLibraryA
Basic
CertDuplicateCRLContext
Software\Microsoft\Windows
Messaging
Subsystem
image/gif
GetVolumeInformationA
SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows
NT\CurrentVersion\ProfileList
b9819c52