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Quick analysis focusing on most important of a Malware or a Threat

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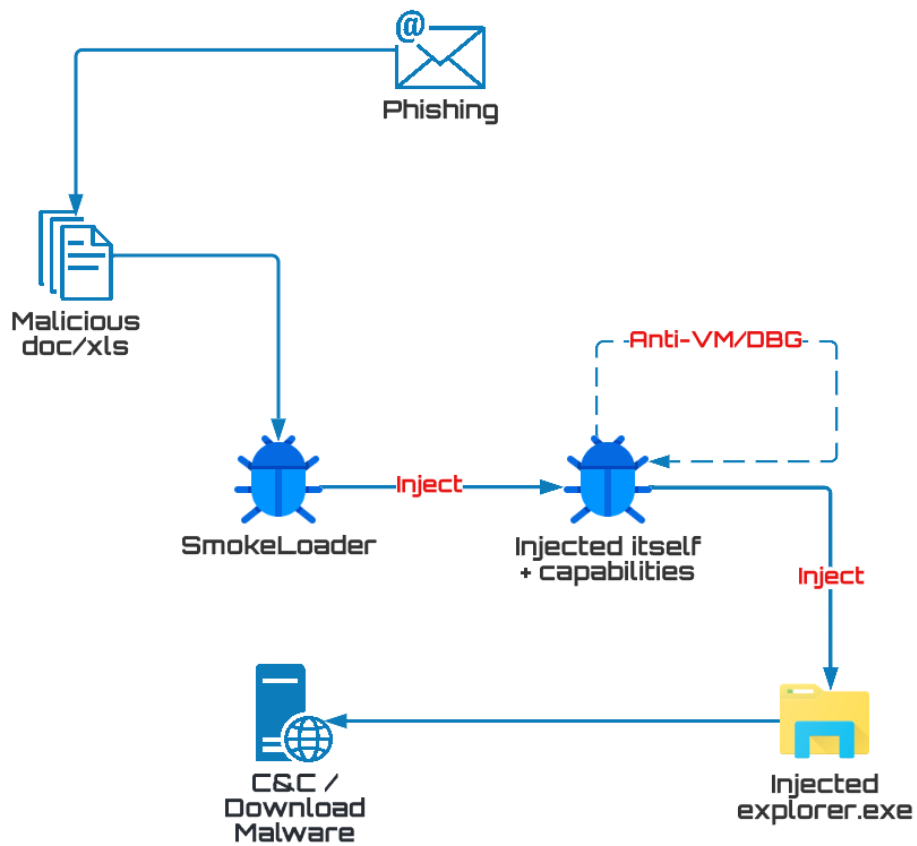


Overview

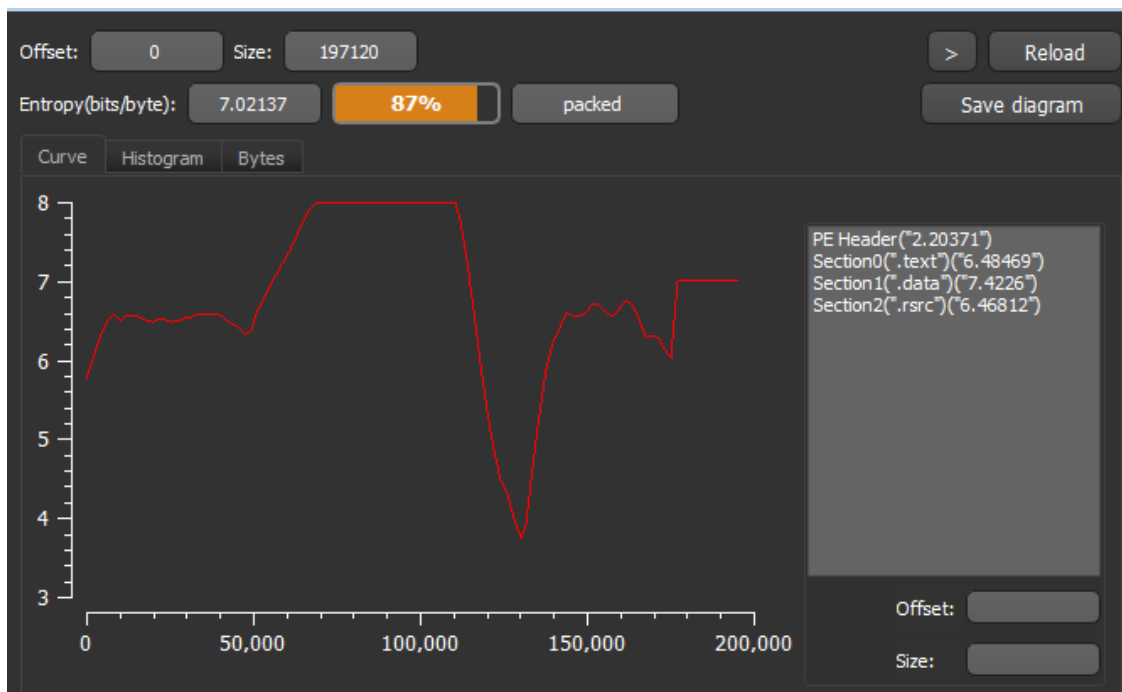
SmokeLoader is a malware that generally acts as a backdoor and is commonly used as a loader for other malware. Attributed to the criminal group Smoky Spider, a group that uses SmokeLoader and Sasfis, loader and downloader respectively. SmokeLoader has been used as a bot in infrastructures and contains strong evasion capabilities as well as Anti-Analysis, Anti-VM and Anti-DBG techniques.

Technical Analysis

SmokeLoader appears on systems usually through phishing, although it can be loaded by other PUP/PUA or malware. The main execution will revolve around a document that will spawn the SmokeLoader which will run, in most of its versions, a version of itself in a suspended state to inject code, after which it will execute an *explorer.exe* that it will inject again in order to perform the malicious C&C actions or download other files using legitimate software.



The samples that have been found have in most cases been detected as packed, due to the high level of entropy contained in their sections.



At the initial point, we see how it tries to load libraries in RunTime, something really useful since it prevents us from being able to discern its intentions if we perform a basic static analysis, so it will obtain new functionalities during its execution.

DLL runtime load

```

sub_403910 proc near
var_8= dword ptr -8
var_4= byte ptr -4

sub esp, 8
push offset dword_4790E0 ; lpLibFileName
call ds:LoadLibrary
push offset ProclName ; lpProcName
push eax ; hModule
mov dword_4790C8, eax
mov word_4233CD, 74h
mov ProclName, 74726956h
mov dword_4233C4, 586C6175h
mov dword_4233C8, 65746F72h
mov byte_4233CC, 63h
call ds:GetProcAddress
mov dword_4768C8, eax
mov [esp+var_8], 20h
add [esp+var_8], 20h
mov ecx, [esp+var_8]
mov edx, dwBytes
lea eax, [esp+var_4]
push eax
mov eax, dword_4768E0
push ecx
push edx
push eax
call dword_4768C8
add esp, 8
retn
sub_403910 endp

```

00403910	E9 904700	push 6b48d5999d04db64c7f91fa311bfffecae938dd50095a7a5fb7f2229	4790E0:"kernel32.dll"
00403911	FF 15 30304000	call dword ptr [eax]	ds:LoadLibrary
00403912	50	push eax	
00403914	A3 C8904700	mov dword ptr [eax], eax	4790C8
00403929	46 1C705 C0334200 7400	mov word ptr [eax], 74	74:"t"
00403932	C705 C0334200 566972	mov dword ptr [eax], 74726956	
0040393C	C705 C4334200 75616C	mov dword ptr [eax], 756C6175	
00403946	C705 C0334200 740F74	mov dword ptr [eax], 65746F72	
00403950	C605 CC334200 63	mov byte ptr [eax], 63	63:"c"
00403957	FF 15 93104000	call dword ptr [eax]	GetProcAddress
0040395D	A3 C8684700	mov dword ptr [eax], eax	4768C8
00403962	C70424 20000000	mov dword ptr [eax], 20	[esp:"kernel32.dll",
00403969	830424 20	add dword ptr [eax], 20	[esp:"kernel32.dll",
0040396D	8B0C24	mov ecx, dword ptr [eax]	[esp:"kernel32.dll",
00403970	8B15 DC904700	mov edx, dword ptr [eax]	[esp:"kernel32.dll",
00403976	8D424 04	lea eax, dword ptr [esp+8]	
0040397A	50	retn	

00403929	C705 F2904700 64006C	mov dword ptr [eax], 6C0064	004790F2:"d11"
0040392E	66:A3 E8904700	mov word ptr [eax], ax	004790EE:"L2.d11"
00403927	C705 E8904700 65006C	mov dword ptr [eax], 65006C	004790E0:"kernel32.dll"
00403931	C705 E8904700 65006C	mov dword ptr [eax], 65006C	004790E4:"e132.d11"
00403938	C705 E4904700 72006E	mov dword ptr [eax], 720072	004790E4:"e132.d11"
00403945	8900 74FC4700	mov dword ptr [eax], 74FC74	
00403953	FF 15 84104000	call dword ptr [eax]	GetProcAddress
00403956	A3 E0684700	mov dword ptr [eax], eax	
0040395E	E8 B5DF4700	call 6b48d5999d04db64c7f91fa311bfffecae938dd50095a7a5fb7f2229	

004034FA	00 C9334200	or eax, 6b48d5999d04db64c7f91fa311bfffecae938dd50095a7a5fb7f222	4233C9:"t11"
00403503	66:C705 C1334200 736	mov word ptr [eax], 6973	004233C1:"simg32.d11"
00403508	A3 C0334200	mov byte ptr [eax], al	004233C0:"msimg32.d11"
00403512	C705 C334200 6D6733	mov dword ptr [eax], 6733676D	004233C7:"ms32.d11"
0040351E	66:C705 CA334200 6C0	mov word ptr [eax], 6C	6C:"1"
00403524	66:C705 C7334200 256	mov word ptr [eax], 256	004233C7:"d11"
0040352C	C3	ret	

In some of the techniques used to hinder the analysis, such as code obfuscation, we find different hidden calls, as well as abuses of RET to reach calls that we will not see statically.

Hidden calls

```

EIP EAX → 005D8D9 E8 01000000 call 55D8DF
           005D8DE C3 ret
           005D8DF 55 push ebp
           005D8E0 8BEC mov ebp,esp
           005D8E2 8D45 C4 lea eax,dword ptr ss:[ebp-3C]
           005D8E5 83EC 3C sub esp,3C
           005D8E8 50 push eax
           005D8E9 E8 0D000000 call 55D8FB
    
```



```

EIP EAX → 005008D7 4D dec ebp
           005008D8 ^ 7A E8 jp 5008C2
           005008DA 0100 add dword ptr ds:[eax],eax
           005008DC 0000 add byte ptr ds:[eax],al
           005008DE C3 ret
           005008DF 55 push ebp
    
```



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           005008E5 83EC 3C sub esp,3C
           005008E8 50 push eax
           005008E9 E8 0D000000 call 55D8FB
    
```

As mentioned above, it fetches libraries during runtime and is dedicated to resolving APIs that it could use later on

Resolving APIs

0050D9A9	8B32	mov esi,dword ptr ds:[edx]	esi:"AcquireSRWLockShared", edx:"c/\f"
0050D9AB	58	pop eax	
0050D9AC	50	push eax	
0050D9AD	03F0	add esi,eax	esi:"AcquireSRWLockShared"
0050D9AF	6A 01	push 1	
0050D9B1	FF75 0C	push dword ptr ss:[ebp+C]	esi:"AcquireSRWLockShared"
0050D9B4	56	push esi	
0050D9B5	E8 23000000	call 500900	
0050D9BA	85C0	test eax,eax	
0050D9BC	74 08	je 5009C6	
0050D9BE	83C2 04	add edx,4	edx:"c/\f"
0050D9C1	83C3 02	add ebx,2	
0050D9C4	EB E3	jmp 5009A9	
0050D9C6	58	pop eax	

0050D9A9	8B32	mov esi,dword ptr ds:[edx]	esi:"ActivateActCtx", edx:"x/\f"
0050D9AB	58	pop eax	
0050D9AC	50	push eax	
0050D9AD	03F0	add esi,eax	esi:"ActivateActCtx"
0050D9AF	6A 01	push 1	
0050D9B1	FF75 0C	push dword ptr ss:[ebp+C]	esi:"ActivateActCtx"
0050D9B4	56	push esi	
0050D9B5	E8 23000000	call 500900	
0050D9BA	85C0	test eax,eax	
0050D9BC	74 08	je 5009C6	
0050D9BE	83C2 04	add edx,4	edx:"x/\f"
0050D9C1	83C3 02	add ebx,2	
0050D9C4	EB E3	jmp 5009A9	
0050D9C6	58	pop eax	

```

75002F48 6C 6C 00 41 63 71 75 69 72 65 53 52 57 4C 6F 63 11.AcquireSRWLoc
75002F58 68 45 78 63 6C 75 73 69 76 65 00 41 63 71 75 69 KEXclusive.Acqui
75002F68 72 65 53 52 57 4C 6F 63 68 53 68 61 72 65 64 00 reSRWLockShared.
75002F78 41 63 74 69 76 61 74 65 41 63 74 43 74 78 00 41 #ActivateActCtx.A
75002F88 64 64 41 74 6F 6D 41 00 41 64 64 41 74 6F 6D 57 ddAtomA.AddAtomW
75002F98 00 41 64 64 43 6F 6E 73 6F 6C 65 41 6C 69 61 73 .AddConsoleAllia
75002FA8 41 00 41 64 64 43 6F 6E 73 6F 6C 65 41 6C 69 61 A.AddConsoleAllia
75002FB8 73 57 00 41 64 64 49 6E 74 65 67 72 69 74 79 4C SW.AddIntegrityL
75002FC8 61 62 65 6C 54 6F 42 6F 75 6E 64 61 72 79 44 65 abelToBoundaryDe
75002FD8 73 63 72 69 70 74 6F 72 00 41 64 64 4C 6F 63 61 scriptor.AddLoca
75002FE8 6C 41 6C 74 65 72 6E 61 74 65 43 6F 6D 70 75 74 lAlternateComput
75002FF8 65 72 4E 61 6D 65 41 00 41 64 64 4C 6F 63 61 6C erNameA.AddLocal
75003008 41 6C 74 65 72 6E 61 74 65 43 6F 6D 70 75 74 65 AlternateCompute
75003018 72 4E 61 6D 65 57 00 41 64 64 52 65 66 41 63 74 #NameA.AddRefAct
75003028 43 74 78 00 41 64 64 53 49 44 54 6F 42 6F 75 6E Ctx.AddSIDToBoun
75003038 64 61 72 79 44 65 73 63 72 69 70 74 6F 72 00 41 daryDescriptor.A
75003048 64 64 53 65 63 75 72 65 4D 65 6D 6F 72 79 43 61 ddSecureMemoryCa
75003058 63 68 65 43 61 6C 6C 62 61 63 68 00 41 64 64 56 checallback.Addv
75003068 65 63 74 6F 72 65 64 43 6F 6E 74 69 6E 75 65 48 ectorContinueH
75003078 61 6E 64 6C 65 72 00 41 64 64 56 65 63 74 6F 72 andler.AddVecto
75003088 65 64 45 78 63 65 70 74 69 6F 6E 48 61 6E 64 6C edExceptionHandl
75003098 65 72 00 41 64 6A 75 73 74 43 61 6C 65 6E 64 61 er.AdjustCallenda
750030A8 72 44 61 74 65 00 41 6C 6C 6F 63 43 6F 6E 73 6F rDate.AllocConso
  
```

At all times, it has control over what is running on the machine, as it subsequently performs various Anti-Vm and Anti-dbg techniques, so having all running processes mapped is always a good technique.

APIs:

CreateFileA
CreateWindowExA
CreateProcessA
WriteProcessMemory
ResumeThread
DefWindowProcA
NtWriteVirtualMemory
RegisterClassExA
GetStartupInfoA
SetThreadContext
GetCommandLineA
PostMessageA
VirtualAllocEx
CloseHandle
VirtualAlloc
VirtualFree
VirtualProtectEx
ExitProcess
GetMessageExtraInfo
WaitForSingleObject
NtUnmapViewOfSection
MessageBoxA
ReadProcessMemory
GetThreadContext
WriteFile
GetModuleFileNameA
GetFileAttributesA
WinExec
GetMessageA

Once it has the libraries, APIs and processes controlled, it creates a process in suspended state, for this it uses `CreateProcessInternalA` that will call `CreateProcessInternalW` entering `0x04` in `dwCreationFlags` to create the process in suspended state.

CREATE_SUSPENDED
0x00000004

The primary thread of the new process is created in a suspended state, and does not run until the `ResumeThread` function is called.

Address	Disassembly	Comment
74F51072	8BFF	mov edi,edi
74F51074	55	push ebp
74F51075	8BEC	mov ebp,esp
74F51077	6A 00	push 0
74F51079	FF75 2C	push dword ptr ss:[ebp+2C]
74F5107C	FF75 28	push dword ptr ss:[ebp+28]
74F5107F	FF75 24	push dword ptr ss:[ebp+24]
74F51082	FF75 20	push dword ptr ss:[ebp+20]
74F51085	FF75 1C	push dword ptr ss:[ebp+1C]
74F51088	FF75 18	push dword ptr ss:[ebp+18]
74F5108B	FF75 14	push dword ptr ss:[ebp+14]
74F5108E	FF75 10	push dword ptr ss:[ebp+10]
74F51091	FF75 0C	push dword ptr ss:[ebp+0C]
74F51094	FF75 08	push dword ptr ss:[ebp+08]
74F51097	6A 00	push 0
74F51099	E8 19940100	call <kernel32.CreateProcessInternalA>
74F5109E	5D	pop ebp
74F5109F	C2 2800	ret 28

6b48d5999d04db6b4c7f91fa311...	0.02	1,332 K	4,024 K	2868
6b48d5999d04db6b4c7f91fa...	Susp...	808 K	128 K	2272

Once the process is created in a suspended state, it proceeds to introduce the binary inside the previously spawned process, which, through Process Hollowing, will unmap data from itself, to write the binary inside, this is usually done through ZwUnmapViewOfSection + VirtualAlloc + ZwWriteVirtualMemory, once introduced into the memory of the process in suspension, it will stop being suspended and will execute it, so the memory file will be detonated.

The screenshot illustrates the Process Hollowing technique. At the top, a tasklist window shows a process with PID 6b48d5999d04db6b4c7f91fa311 in a suspended state. Below this, a memory dump shows the process's memory layout, with a blue arrow pointing to a specific memory address. To the right, an 'Input' window displays a hex dump of the data being injected. At the bottom, an assembly window shows the instructions being executed, including `mov ecx, dword ptr [ecx*7c]` and `push esp`. A 'Process Hollowing' label is placed over the top-left corner of the memory dump area.

[The binary extracted from memory, which will inject explorer.exe, is very interesting, we will follow soon :) 🧑]

_IOC

_SHA256


Ebdebba349aba676e9739df18c503ab8c16c7fa1b853fd183f0a005c0e4f68ae
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