# Xtreme RAT analysis

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We received an email with an invoice from Apple (in french).

Of course we never bought something from Apple!!!!

The link of the invoice seems to be :
http://www.apple.com/clients/download/facture50522231823v.zip

But when we put our mouse on the link we can see the real link:
http://editionslabonte.com/plugins/Facture147778.zip

We think that the Website “editionslabonte.com” was compromised and the attacker puts the malware on it. We sent an email to the administrator and we do not have a feedback for the moment.

Le message du mail :

Subject: Suivi de votre commande : Colis remis au transporteur
Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2012 06:11:44 +0100

Chère Client(e),

Pour faire suite à notre précédent mail, nous avons le plaisir de vous informer que votre commande est validée.
suite à votre commande n°EO202608527 passée sur le site apple.com et expédiée. Nous vous transmettons la facture correspondante.
Vous trouverez votre facture 50522231823V en télérèglement concernant votre commande EO202608527 du 3 jan 2012 sur le lien suivant :

http://www.apple.com/clients/download/facture50522231823v.zip

Ce message confirme que vous avez acheté les articles suivants :
Apple - Macbook - Ordinateur portable 13" - Intel Core 2 Duo - 250 Go - RAM 2048 Mo - MacOS X 10.6 - Jusqu'à 10h d'utilisation - NVII

Montant total de la commande : EUR 995,11
Infos livraison : Commande expédiée en 1 colis
Mode de livraison : Prioritaire

## Tools

- A debugger for dynamic analysis (in our case OllyDbg)
- LordPE in order to dump a memory page
- Volatility in order to analyse memory dump

## Zip archive

The md5 of the archive is e0aa33dc57aa3eee43cb61933eb3241c.

Virustotal score : 5/42

So we downloaded the .zip file.

```
rootbsd@alien:~/Samples$ unzip -l Facture147778.zip
Archive:  Facture147778.zip
  Length      Date    Time    Name
---------  ---------- -----   ----
   176128  2012-07-14 03:05   Facture147778.pdf            .scr
---------                     -------
   176128                     1 file
```

The .zip contains one file. To trick the user, the attacker adds several space before the extension .scr, some users may thought that the file is really a .pdf.

## First binary

```
rootbsd@alien:~/Samples$ yara -r packer.yara Facture147778.pdf\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \
.scr
java Facture147778.pdf            .scr
NETexecutableMicrosoft Facture147778.pdf            .scr
```

The file is a .NET binary.

With the strings command, we find somethink that looks like a base64.

We extract the base64 :

```
rootbsd@alien:~/Samples$ cat base64.dmp
TVqQAAMAAAAEAAAA//8AALgAAAAAAAAAQAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAA4AAAAA4fug4AtAnNIbgBTM0hVGhpcyBwcm9ncmFtIGNhbm5vdCBiZSBydW4gaW4gRE9TIG1v
ZGUuDQ0KJAAAAAAAAACZtmjHqtcGlN3XBpTd1waUpssKlNzXBpReywiU3NcGlDXIDJTW1waUNcgC
lNnXBpQe2FuU1NcGlN3XB5Tg1waUNcgNlNzXBpRl0QCU3NcGlFJpY2jd1waUAAAAAAAAAABQRQAA
TAEEAKYPc0oAAAAAAAAAAOAADwELAQYAAEIAAACUAAAAAAAAdE8AAAAQAAAAYAAAAABAAAAQAAAA
AgAABAAAAAAAAAAEAAAAAAAAAAAQAQAABAAAAAAAAAIAAAAAABAAABAAAAAAEAAAEAAAAAAAABAA
[...]
W1EPulAAAAIAAQAgAEAAAQABADQBAAAFAAAAAQAEACAgEAABAAQA6AIAAAEAEBAQAAEABAAoAQAA
AgAgIAAAAQAgAKgQAAADABAQAAABACAAaAQAAAMAUEEAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAA=
```

We decode this file.

```
rootbsd@alien:~/Samples$ cat base64.dmp | base64 -d > base64.out
rootbsd@alien:~/Samples$ file base64.out
base64.out: PE32 executable for MS Windows (GUI) Intel 80386 32-bit
```

This base64 is a PE32 executable.

## Second binary

We use yara to identify the binary:

```
rootbsd@alien:~/Samples$ yara -r packer.yara base64.out
rootbsd@alien:~/Samples$
```

This binary doesn’t use a well-known packer. So we decided to unpack it manually.

To unpack it, we use OllyDBG.

We are suprised by a lot of exception when we tried to debug the sample.

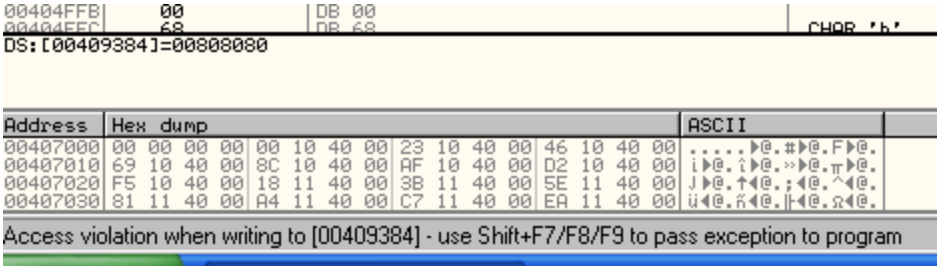
In fact this malware volontary uses and traps exceptions to be unpacked.

So as usual, we add breakpoint on VirtualAlloc & VirtualAllocEx calls:

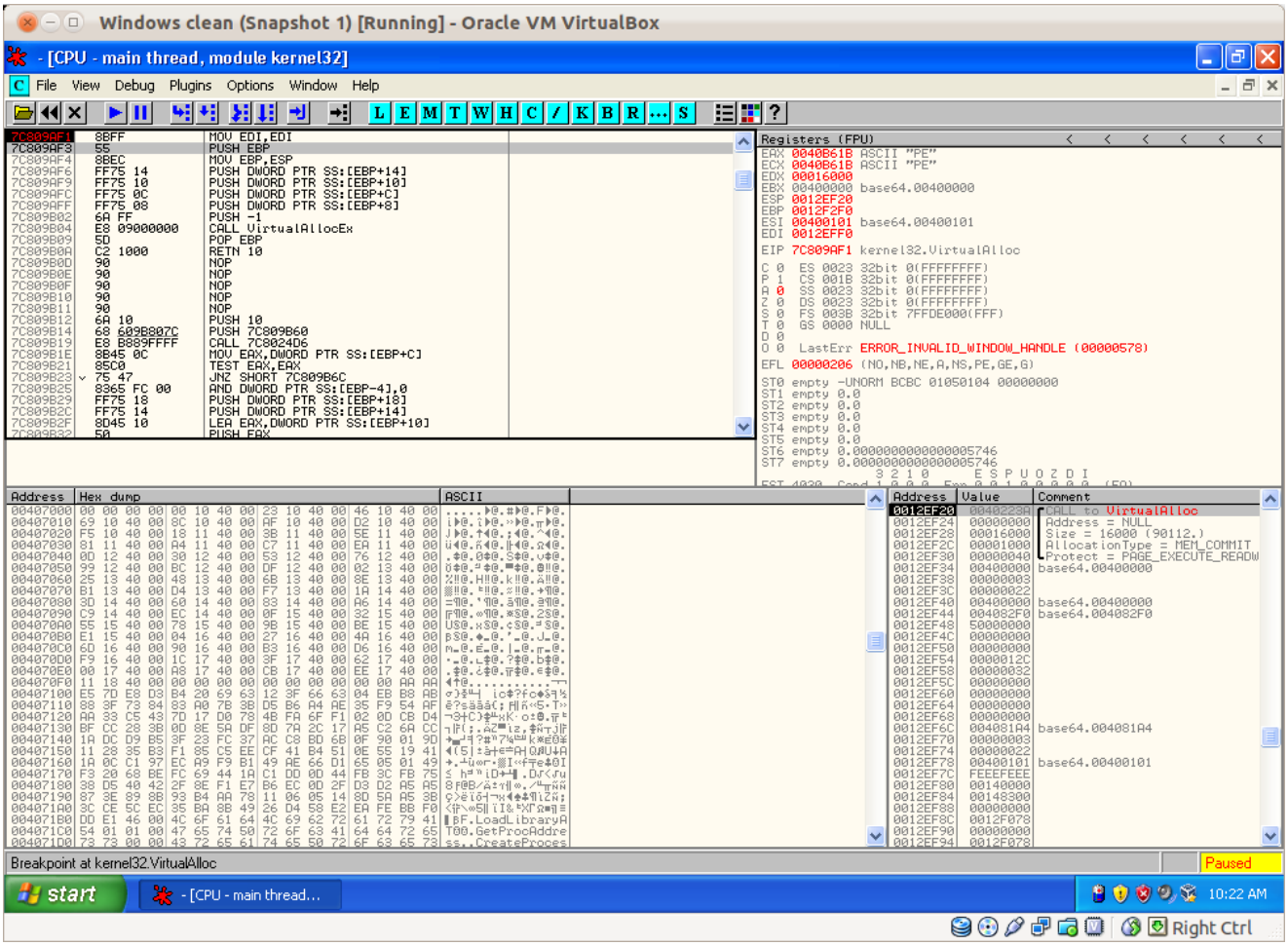
- View
- Executable modules
- right click on kernel32.dll -> View names
- F2 on VirtualAlloc & VirtualAllocEx

Now we run the malware with F9

A lot of exception must be pass. Use shift+F9 to pass it.

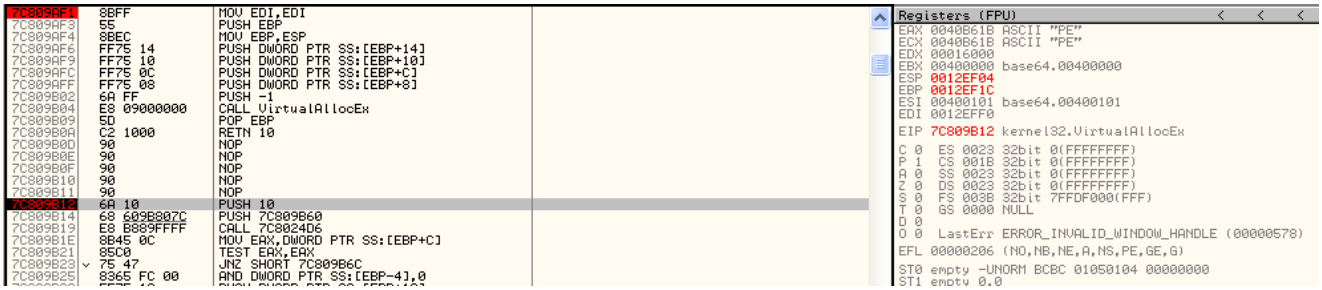



Now the application is break at kernel32.VirtualAllocEx :



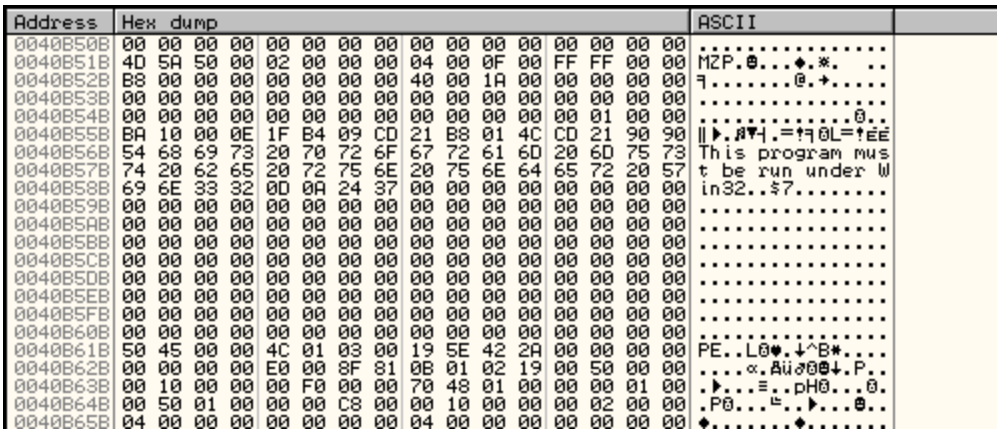

Execute the binary until the next RET with Ctrl+F9.

Now we can see the allocated address of the memory in the EAX register: 0x40B61B.



Right click on the EAX value, and click on “Follow in dump”.

We can see a PE value in the bottom left. If we scroll we can see the complete MZ :



| Address | Hex dump | ASCII |
|---|---|---|
| 0040B50B | 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 | ..... |
| 0040B51B | 4D 5A 50 00 02 00 00 00 04 00 0F 00 FF FF 00 00 | MZP.☻...♦.☼.  .. |
| 0040B52B | B8 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 40 00 1A 00 00 00 00 00 | ╕.......@.→..... |
| 0040B53B | 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 | ..... |
| 0040B54B | 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 01 00 00 00 | .....☺.. |
| 0040B55B | BA 10 00 0E 1F B4 09 CD 21 B8 01 4C CD 21 90 90 | ‖►.┤▼┤.=╡╕☺L=!éé |
| 0040B56B | 54 68 69 73 20 70 72 6F 67 72 61 6D 20 6D 75 73 | This program mus |
| 0040B57B | 74 20 62 65 20 72 75 6E 20 75 6E 64 65 72 20 57 | t be run under W |
| 0040B58B | 69 6E 33 32 0D 0A 24 37 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 | in32..$7........ |
| 0040B59B | 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 | ..... |
| 0040B5AB | 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 | ..... |
| 0040B5BB | 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 | ..... |
| 0040B5CB | 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 | ..... |
| 0040B5DB | 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 | ..... |
| 0040B5EB | 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 | ..... |
| 0040B5FB | 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 | ..... |
| 0040B60B | 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 | ..... |
| 0040B61B | 50 45 00 00 4C 01 03 00 19 5E 42 2A 00 00 00 00 | PE..L☺♥.↓^B*.... |
| 0040B62B | 00 00 00 00 E0 00 8F 81 0B 01 02 19 00 50 00 00 | ....∝.Aüå☺☻↓.P.. |
| 0040B63B | 00 10 00 00 00 F0 00 00 70 48 01 00 00 00 01 00 | .►...≡..pH☺...☺. |
| 0040B64B | 00 50 01 00 00 00 C8 00 00 10 00 00 00 02 00 00 | .P☺...╚..►...☻.. |
| 0040B65B | 04 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 04 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 | ♦.......♦....... |

Now we can use lordPE to make a partial dump: - launch LordPE

- right click on the process
- Dump partial
- set the start address to 40B51B
- set the size to 411000 - 40B51B = 5AE5

Now we have a binary with the md5: 18e5ff1d0610341257f33e6fefe4f9a7

## Third binary

We used yara to identify the binary:

```
rootbsd@alien:~/Samples$ yara -r packer.yara base64.stage2.dmp
UPXv20MarkusLaszloReiser base64.stage2.dmp
UPXV200V290MarkusOberhumerLaszloMolnarJohnReiser base64.stage2.dmp
UPX20030XMarkusOberhumerLaszloMolnarJohnReiser base64.stage2.dmp
```

The binary is simply pack with UPX.

```
rootbsd@alien:~/Samples$ upx -o base64.stage2.exe -d base64.stage2.dmp
                       Ultimate Packer for eXecutables
                          Copyright (C) 1996 - 2010
UPX 3.07        Markus Oberhumer, Laszlo Molnar & John Reiser   Sep 08th 2010

        File size         Ratio      Format      Name
   --------------------   ------   -----------   -----------
     46821 <-     23269   49.70%    win32/pe     base64.stage2.exe

Unpacked 1 file.
rootbsd@alien:~/Samples$ file base64.stage2.exe
base64.stage2.exe: PE32 executable for MS Windows (GUI) Intel 80386 32-bit
```

We have got the final binary.

## Fourth binary

We easily identify a well-known RAT:

```
rootbsd@alien:~/Samples$ strings -el base64.stage2.exe  | grep RAT
Xtreme RAT SOFTWARE\XtremeRAT
```

After a quick search on Google, we discovered that the RAT could be buy here: https://sites.google.com/site/nxtremerat/.

The second interesting think is that fact that the RAT is used in Syria : https://www.eff.org/deeplinks/2012/03/how-find-syrian-government-malware-your-computer-and-remove-it/

We can use 3 methods to analyse the binary: the simple, the semi talented method and the full talented method.

### Simple

We execute it, and launch netstat.exe on Windows. The IP of the C&C is 41.103.186.12 and port 2013.

It's an IP from Alger:

```
rootbsd@alien:~/Samples$ whois 41.103.186.12

% This is the AfriNIC Whois server.

% Note: this output has been filtered.

%Information related to '41.103.0.0 - 41.103.255.255'

inetnum:        41.103.0.0 - 41.103.255.255
netname:        RegAlg1
descr:          Region Alger 1
country:        DZ
admin-c:        SD6-AFRINIC
tech-c:         SD6-AFRINIC
status:         ASSIGNED PA
mnt-by:         DJAWEB-MNT
source:         AFRINIC # Filtered
parent:         41.96.0.0 - 41.111.255.255

person:         Security Departement
address:        Alger
phone:          +21321922004
fax-no:         +21321922004
e-mail:         security@djaweb.dz
nic-hdl:        SD6-AFRINIC
source:         AFRINIC # Filtered
```

To be persitent, the malware adds a value (antivirus) in the registry: Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run

The malware is stored in the directory: C:\Windows\Browser\Web.exe

A configuration file is available here: C:\Documents and Settings\rootbsd\Application Data\Microsoft\Windows\S5tVn.cfg

## Semi talented

We can use a memory dump to analyse the binary. We use volatility to analyse the binary:

```
rootbsd@alien:~/Samples$ volatility/vol.py -f output pslist
Volatile Systems Volatility Framework 2.0
 Offset(V)  Name                 PID    PPID   Thds   Hnds   Time
---------- -------------------- ------ ------ ------ ------ -------------------
0x812ed020 System                   4      0     54    247 1970-01-01 00:00:00
0xffbaeb10 smss.exe               368      4      3     19 2012-05-21 15:20:54
0x811248e0 csrss.exe              584    368     10    379 2012-05-21 15:20:54
0x81197248 winlogon.exe           608    368     21    514 2012-05-21 15:20:54
0x811275a8 services.exe           652    608     16    253 2012-05-21 15:20:54
0x8112d7e0 lsass.exe              664    608     23    338 2012-05-21 15:20:54
0xffbd7a78 VBoxService.exe        820    652      8    106 2012-05-21 15:20:54
0x81180c30 svchost.exe            864    652     19    197 2012-05-21 06:20:56
0x811a6b28 svchost.exe            952    652      9    237 2012-05-21 06:20:56
0xffac4218 svchost.exe           1044    652     79   1367 2012-05-21 06:20:56
0xffabbd08 svchost.exe           1092    652      6     76 2012-05-21 06:20:56
0x8116cda0 svchost.exe           1132    652     13    172 2012-05-21 06:20:56
0x8112eca8 spoolsv.exe           1544    652     14    111 2012-05-21 06:20:57
0xffa93b00 explorer.exe          1556   1504     17    477 2012-05-21 06:20:57
0x8112fda0 VBoxTray.exe          1700   1556      6     58 2012-05-21 06:20:57
0xffb95da0 svchost.exe           1904    652      4    106 2012-05-21 06:21:05
0xffa01a98 alg.exe               1076    652      6    107 2012-05-21 06:21:09
0x81178278 wscntfy.exe           1188   1044      1     31 2012-05-21 06:21:11
0x81188da0 wuauclt.exe           1956   1044      8    180 2012-05-21 06:21:51
0x811323c0 wuauclt.exe            248   1044      4    133 2012-05-21 06:22:05
0x8119ada0 svchost.exe           2000   1488      2     41 2012-07-20 19:15:47
0x8118b888 svchost.exe           1404   1488      8    188 2012-07-20 19:15:47
```

The 2 last svchost.exe are stange. The date is not logic.

When you list the dll you can see that the malware change his name to svchost.exe:

```
rootbsd@alien:~/Samples$ ../Pentest/volatility/vol.py -f output -p 2000 dlllist
Volatile Systems Volatility Framework 2.0
************************************************************************
svchost.exe pid:   2000
Command line : svchost.exe
Service Pack 3

Base         Size         Path
0x00400000   0x038000     E:\essai\svchost.exe
0x7c900000   0x0b2000     C:\WINXP\system32\ntdll.dll
0x7c800000   0x0f6000     C:\WINXP\system32\kernel32.dll
0x7e410000   0x091000     C:\WINXP\system32\user32.dll
0x77f10000   0x049000     C:\WINXP\system32\GDI32.dll
0x76390000   0x01d000     C:\WINXP\system32\IMM32.DLL
0x77dd0000   0x09b000     C:\WINXP\system32\ADVAPI32.dll
0x77e70000   0x093000     C:\WINXP\system32\RPCRT4.dll
0x77fe0000   0x011000     C:\WINXP\system32\Secur32.dll
0x7c9c0000   0x818000     C:\WINXP\system32\shell32.dll
0x77c10000   0x058000     C:\WINXP\system32\msvcrt.dll
0x77f60000   0x076000     C:\WINXP\system32\SHLWAPI.dll
0x773d0000   0x103000     C:\WINXP\WinSxS\x86_Microsoft.Windows.Common-
Controls_6595b64144ccf1df_6.0.2600.6028_x-ww_61e65202\comctl32.dll
0x5d090000   0x09a000     C:\WINXP\system32\comctl32.dll
```

We make a memory dump of the process 1404 :

```
rootbsd@alien:~/Samples$ volatility/vol.py -f output -p 1404 memdump -D .
Volatile Systems Volatility Framework 2.0
************************************************************************
Writing svchost.exe [  1404] to 1404.dmp
```

In the .dmp we have got all necessary information:

```
rootbsd@alien:~/Samples$ strings -a  1404.dmp | grep http://
[...]
http://baloobadjamel.hopto.org:2013/1234567890.functions
[...]
rootbsd@alien:~/Samples$ nslookup baloobadjamel.hopto.org
Server:         192.168.0.254
Address:        192.168.0.254#53

Non-authoritative answer:
Name:   baloobadjamel.hopto.org
Address: 41.103.186.12
```

And we find the IP.

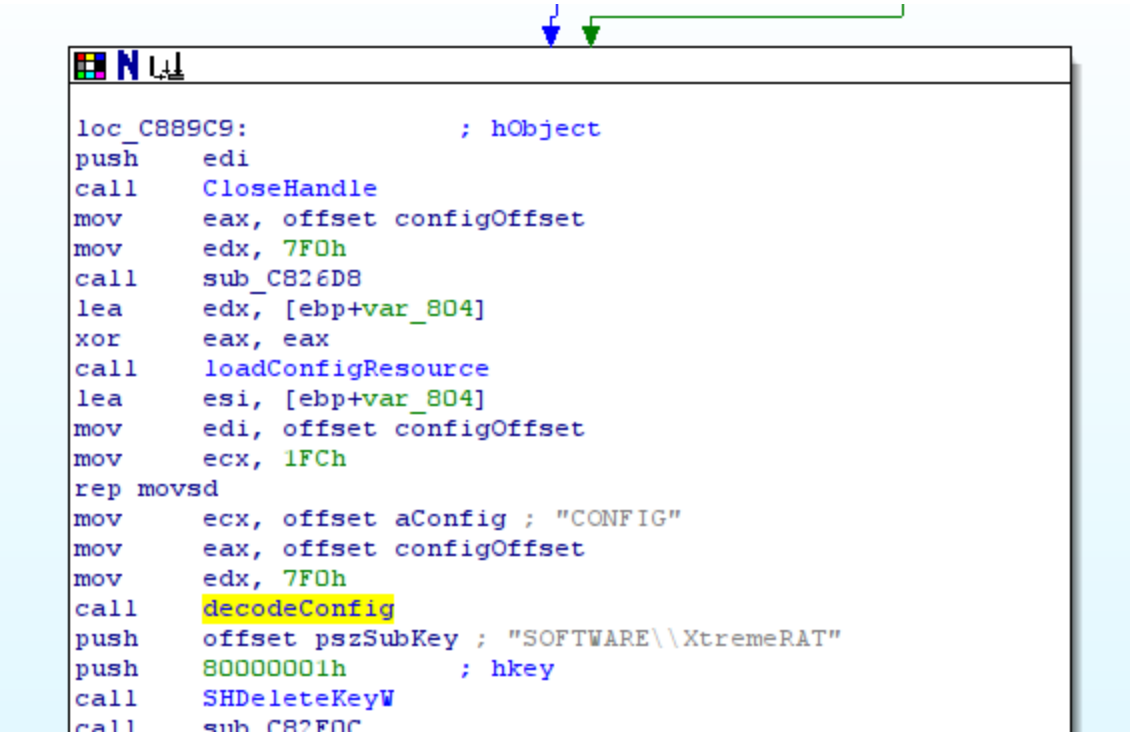
We hope that Djamel Baloodad is not the real name of the owner of the C&C ;)

## Talented

We open the final binary on IDA.

To help us you can find the .idb here

At loc_C889C9, we find two functions sub_C93B1C (loadConfigResource) and sub_C82914 (decondeConfig).



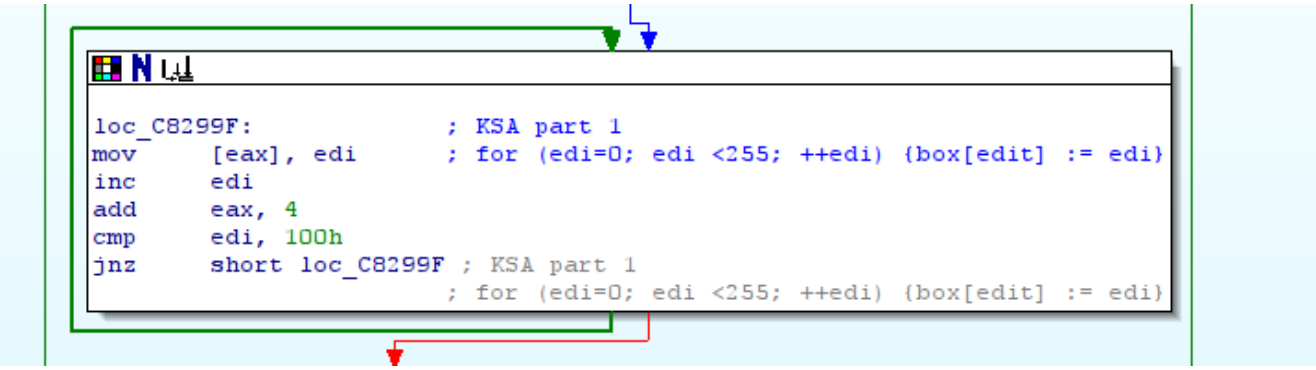

The fisrt function extracts a resource. This resource is the config file (in this case S5tVn.cfg).

The second function decode the configuration file. Two interesting arguments are passed ton the function: the offset of the config file & the word “CONFIG” (in unicode).

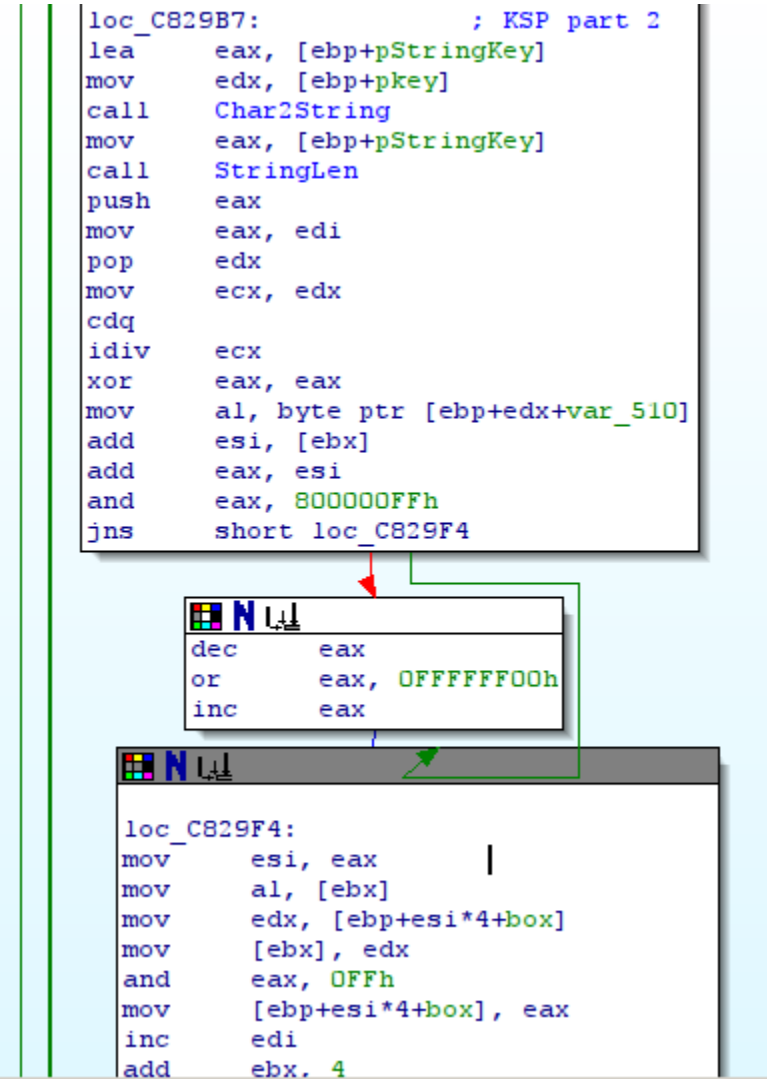
This function is composed of 3 loops. This kind of layout looks like RC4 (RC4) :

- 2 loops KSA (KSA)
- 1 loop for PRGA (PRGA).

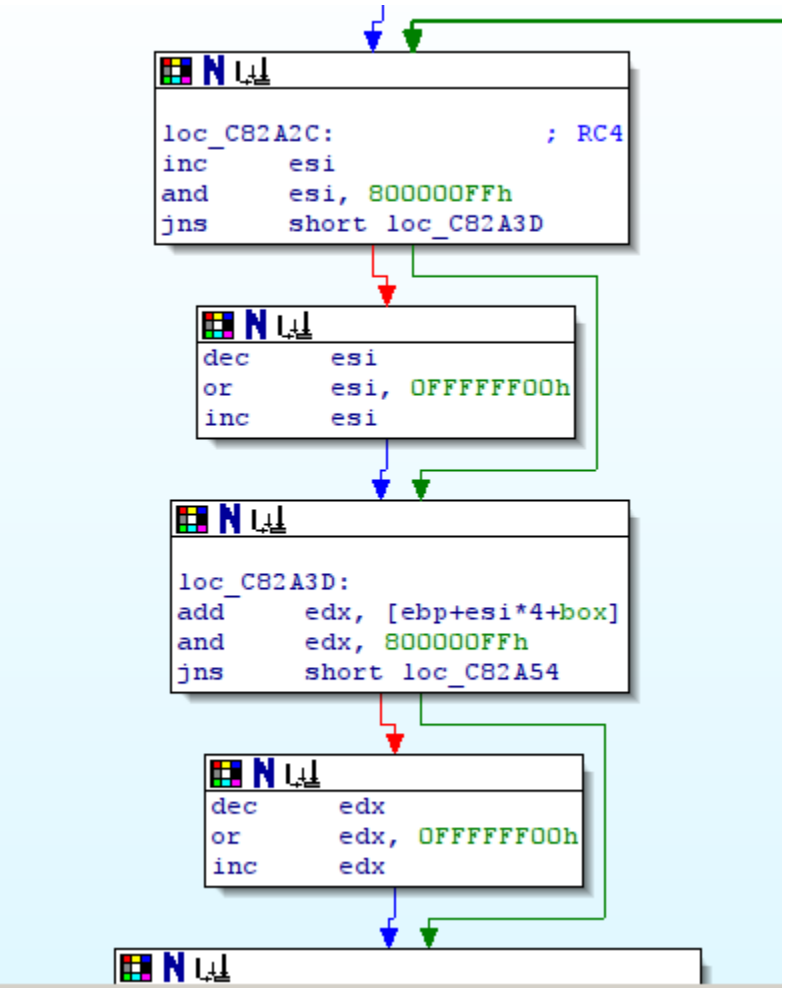
The first loop:



The second loop:




And the final loop:




So the config file is crypted with RC4 with the key “CONFIG”.

To perform a RC4 encryption we need the length of the key. To have this size the developer mades his own function sub_C81AF8 (StringLen) but this function does not support unicode, it returns 6 and not 12. So we must implemente this bug in our tool to decrypt the config file.

A script to decode the config file is available here

```
rootbsd@alien:~/Samples$ ./xtremerat_config.py xtreme.exe | strings -el
baloobadjamel.hopto.org
Spam2013
teSpam2013
Web.exe
Browser
svchost.exe
Antivirus
Antivirus
 P8CWY65J-GY7I-CD3S-7K6Q-BD3A60R037L3
Server
3.5 Private
S5tVn
S5tVnEXIT
S5tVnPERSIST
ftp.ftpserver.com
pData\Local
ftpuser
ftppass
Error
ivateAn unexpected error occurred when starting the program.
Please try again later.
```

We can already see the C&C, the port, etc…

We are working on the format on the configuration file, for the moment we identify this format:

```
rootbsd@alien:~/Samples$ ./xtremerat_config.py -d xtreme.exe
name10: 3.5 PrivateS5tV
name11: stS5tVnEXI
name6: Antivirus
name7: Antivirus
host: baloobadjamel.hopto.org
num: 101
name2: teSpam2013
name3: Web.exe
port: 2013
name8:  P8CWY65J-GY7I-CD3S-7K6Q-BD3A60R037L3
name9: Server
name: Spam2013
name4: Browser
name5: svchost.exe
```